Distinguishing Physical and Chemical Sputtering in the DIII-D Divertor by Analysis of C I Lineshapes

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