Simultaneous Photonic Doppler Velocimetry and Ultra-high Speed Imaging Techniques to Characterize Pressure Output of Detonators

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