Predicting localisation of aluminum particles during the post-detonation phase of high metalized explosives

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