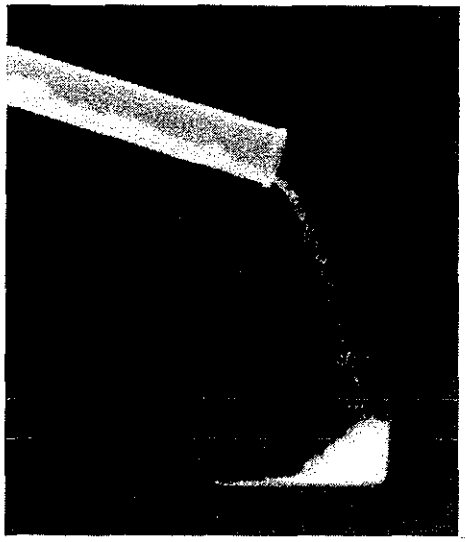

Figure 12:. Radiogram of aluminum grains falling into polypropylene beaker from glass test tube.

5. DISCUSSION

Concerning the spectrum measurement, we obtained fairly clean molybdenum Kα (17.4 keV) and Kβ (19.6 keV) lines. Therefore, we are very interested in the measurement the characteristic rays from nickel, copper, silver, cerium, and tungsten targets; the target element should be selected corresponding to the radiographic objectives. In a medical application, K-series characteristic x rays of cerium are absorbed effectively by an iodine-based contrast medium with a K-edge of 33.2 keV, and enhanced K-edge angiography can be performed.

In this research, the generator produced instantaneous number of K photons was approximately 2×10^8 photons/cm^2 per pulse at 1.0 m from the source. Subsequently, the intensity can be increased by increasing the electrostatic energy in condenser, and monochromatic Kα lines are left using a zirconium filter with a K-edge of 17.9 keV.

Using this flash x-ray generator, the photon energy of characteristic x rays can be selected, and we plan to design a high-speed photon-counting radiography system in order to decrease noise from radiograms. As compared with a steady-state x-ray generator, demonstrations of various monochromatic radiography will be accomplished easily, since the target element can be changed easily.

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