



# Contribution of coherent and incoherent scatter in grating-based phase-contrast imaging

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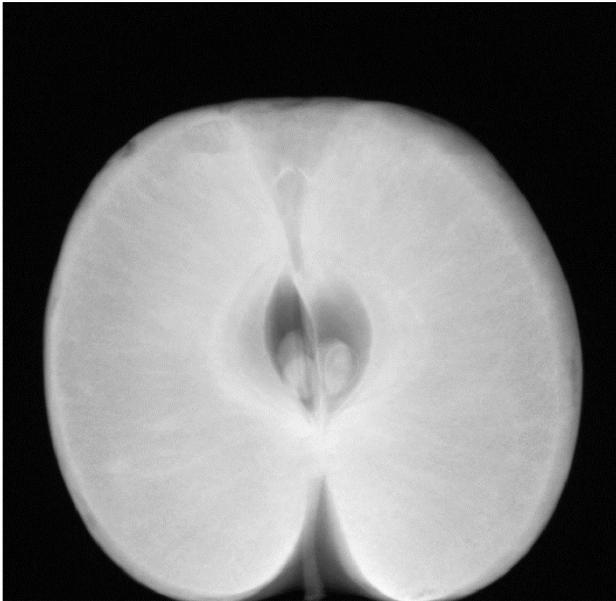
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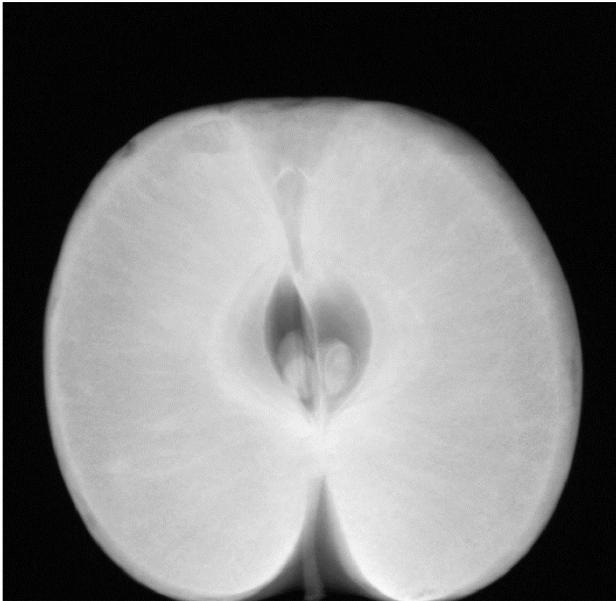


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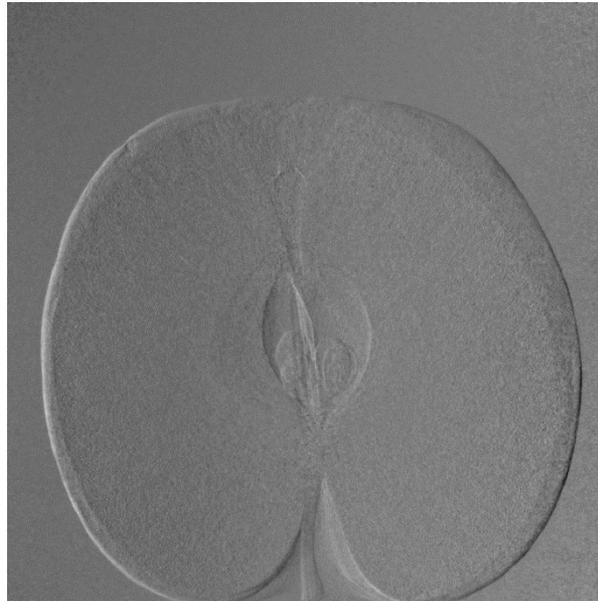
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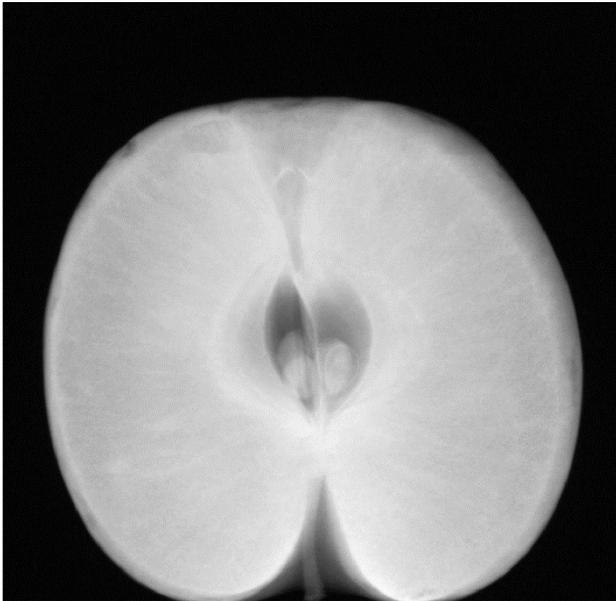


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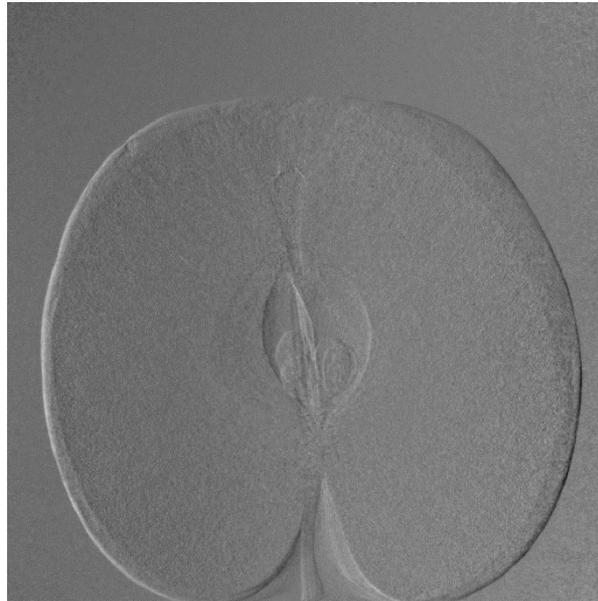
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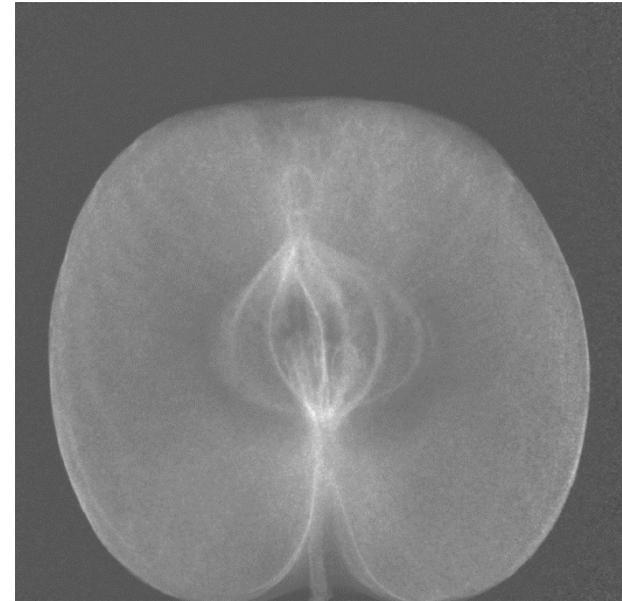
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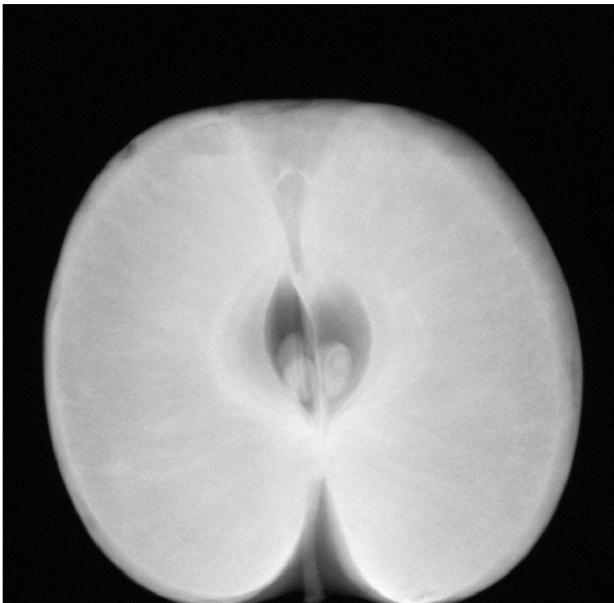
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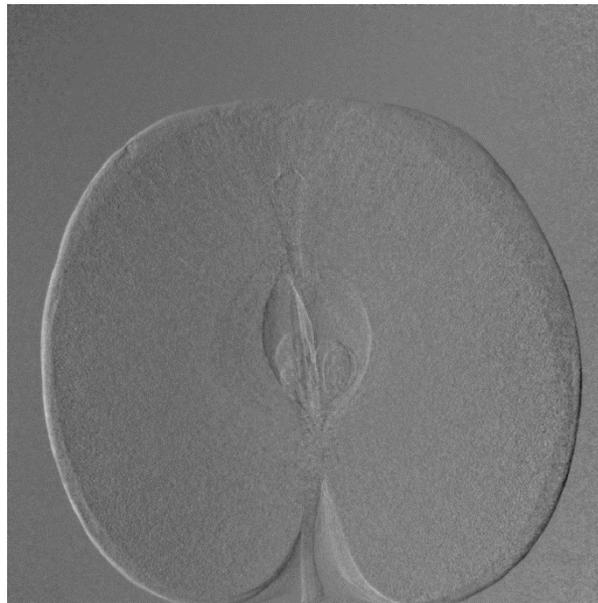
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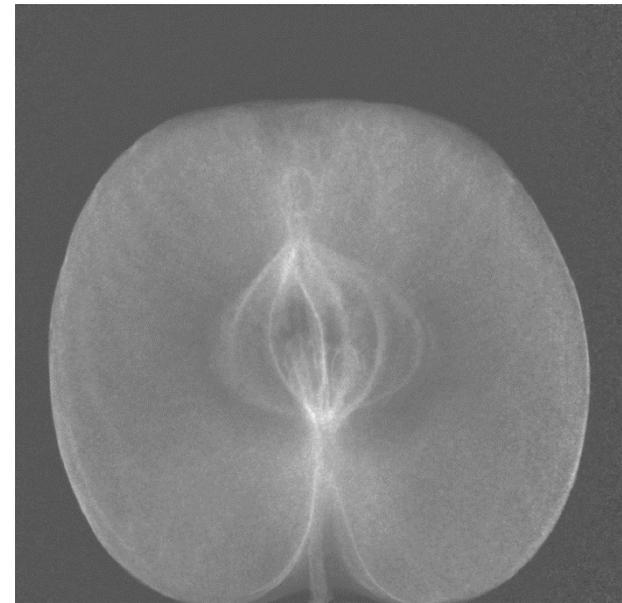
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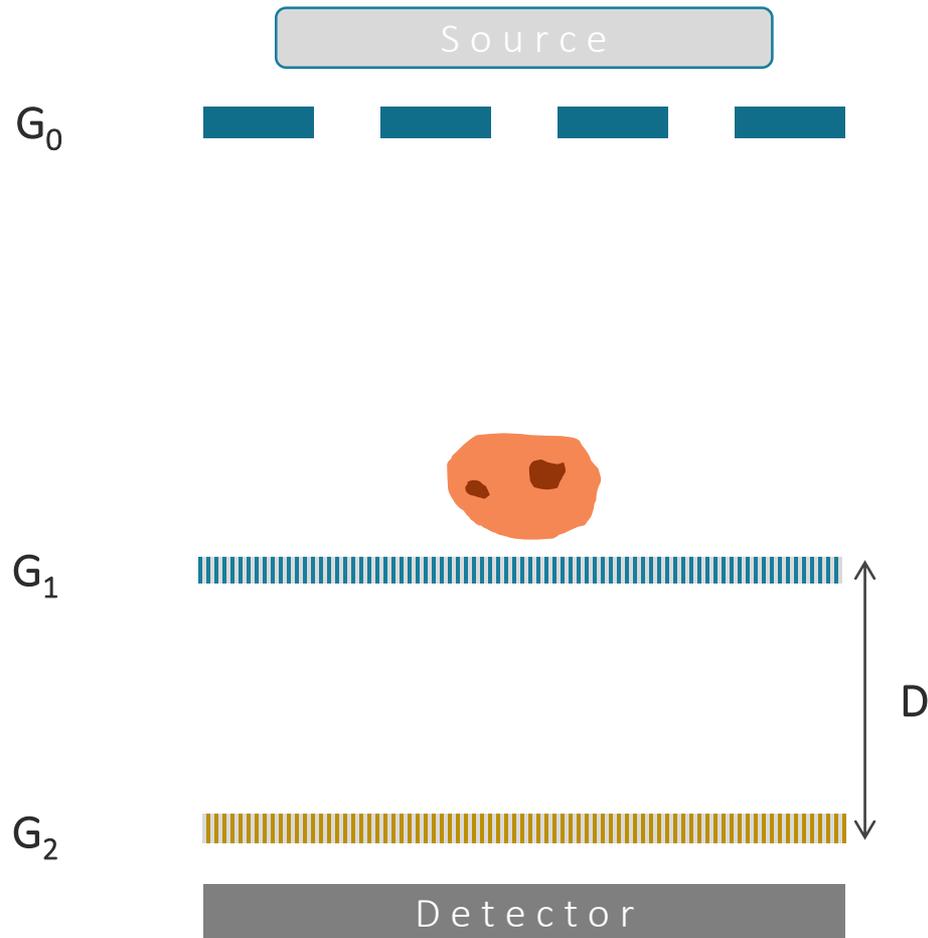


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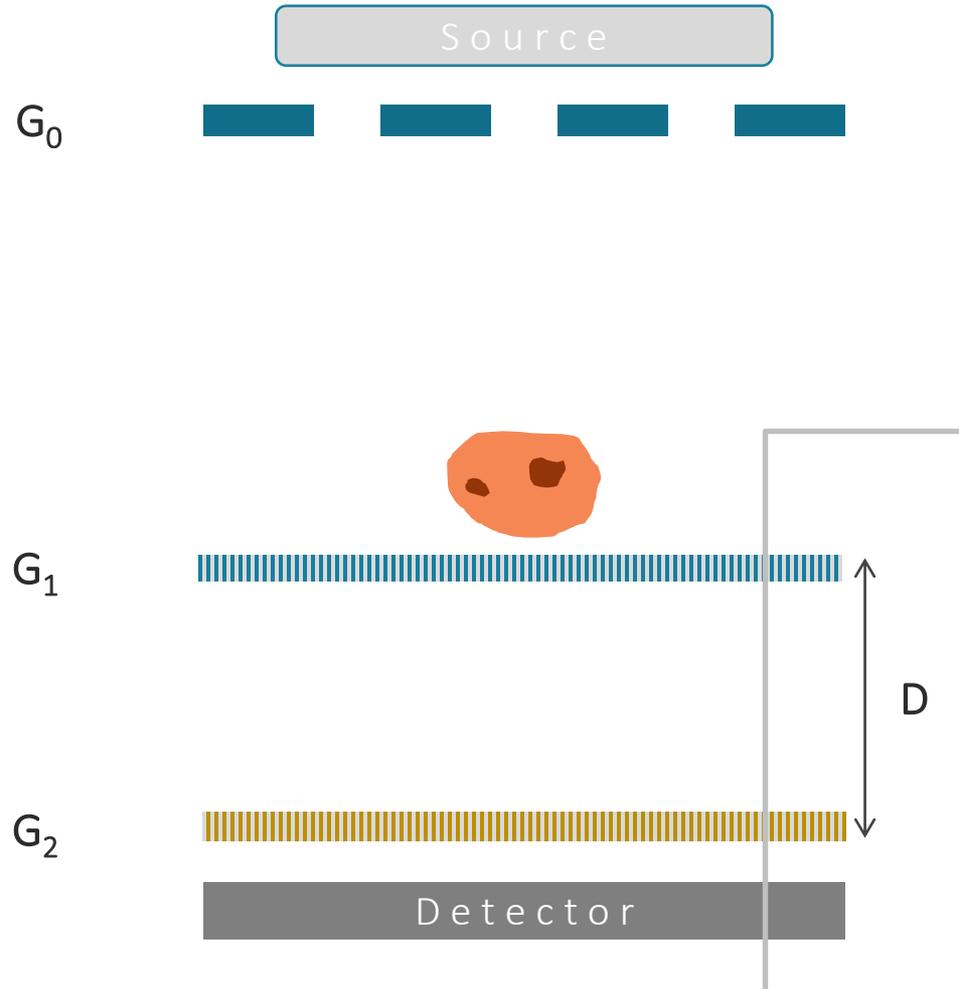
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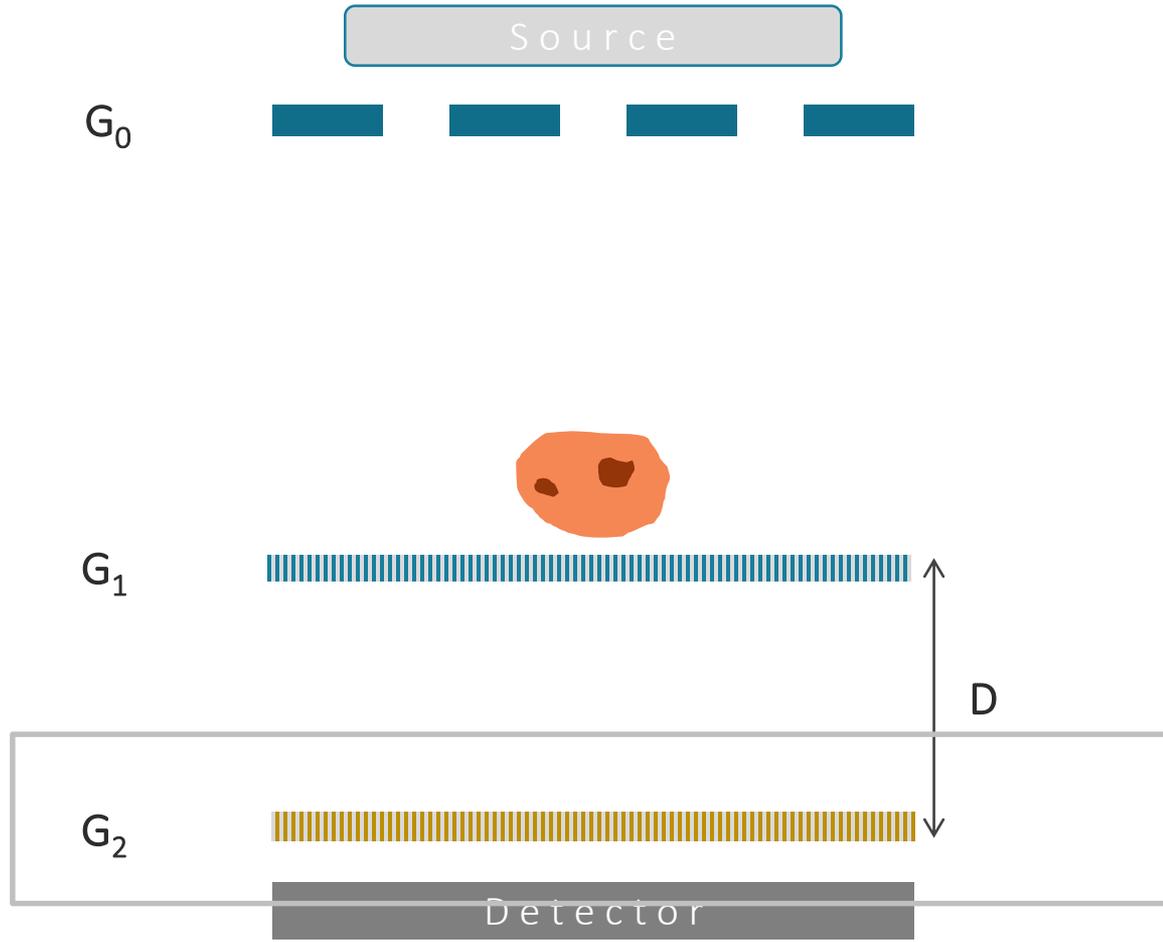
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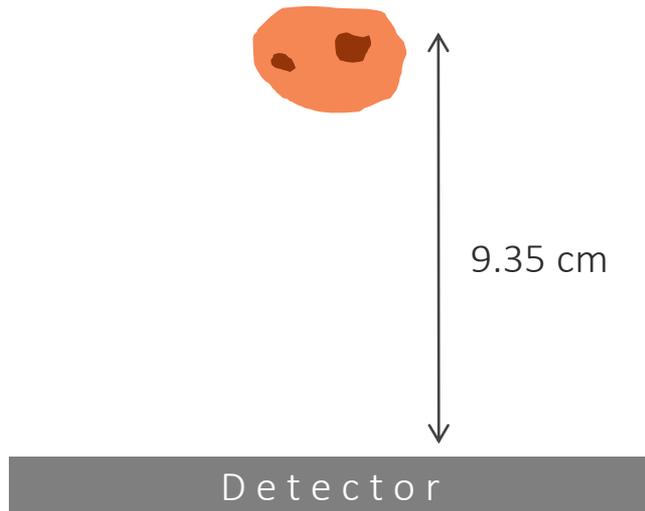
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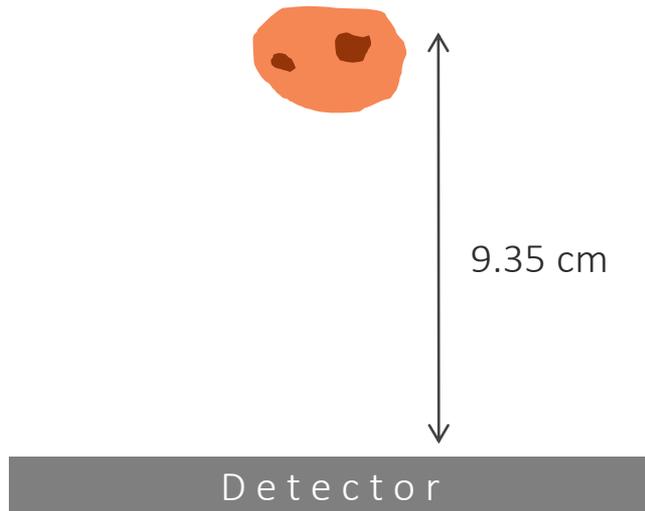
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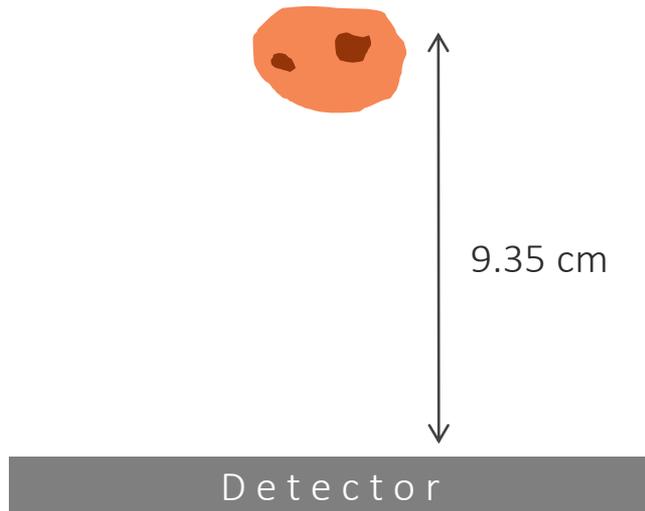


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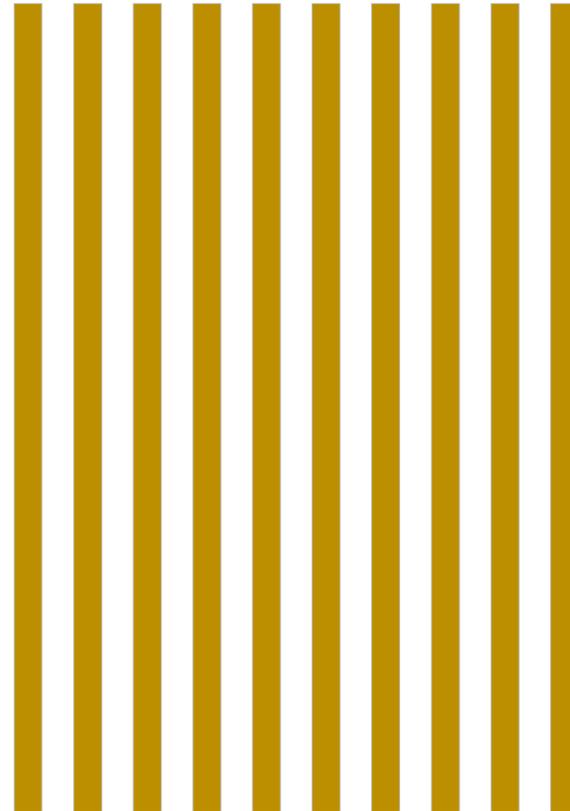


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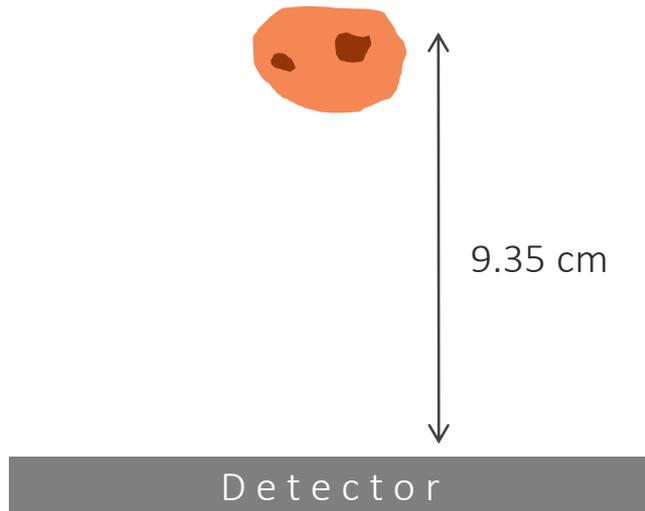


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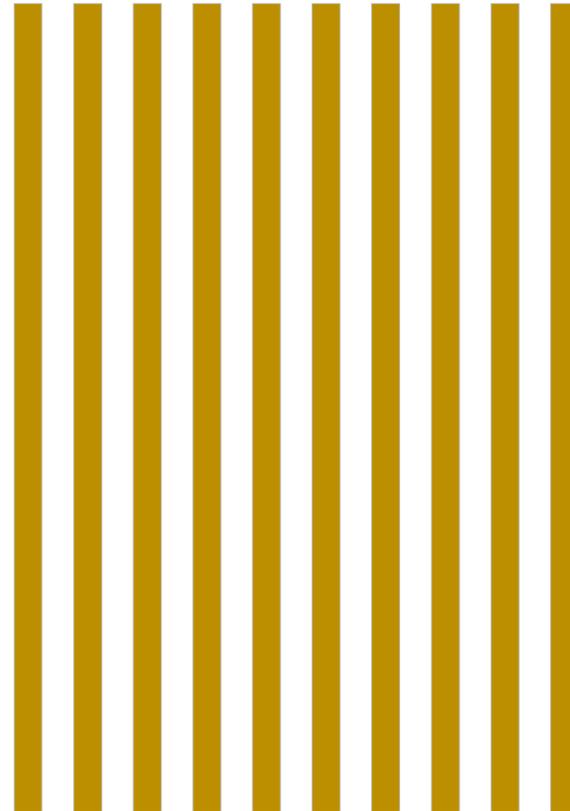


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How significant is the scatter contribution in grating-based phase-contrast imaging?

# MATERIALS & METHODS

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- Incoherent scatter
- Multi Scatter
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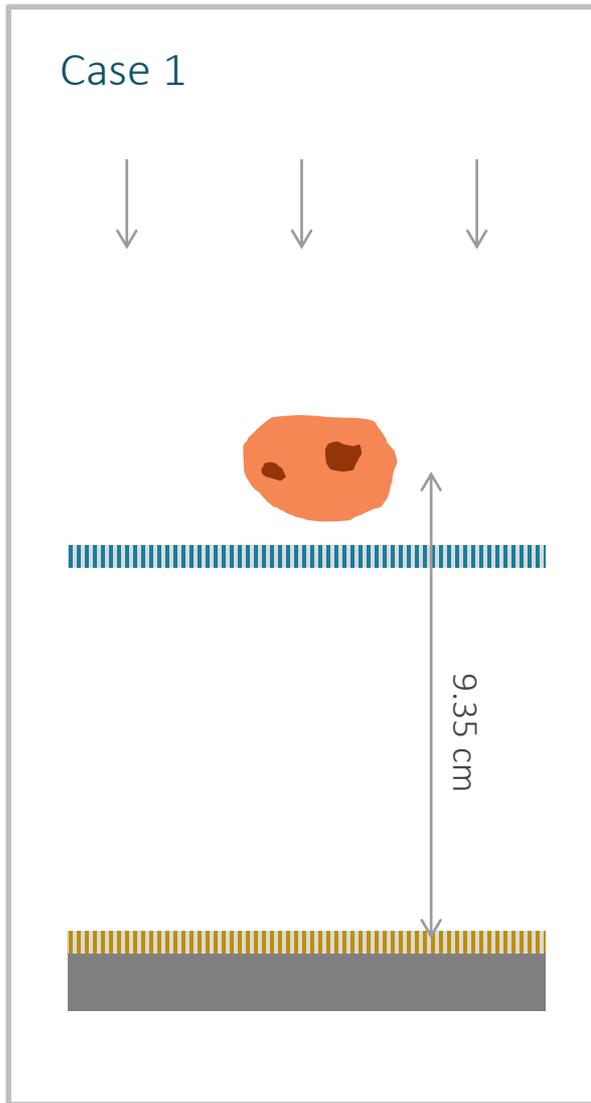
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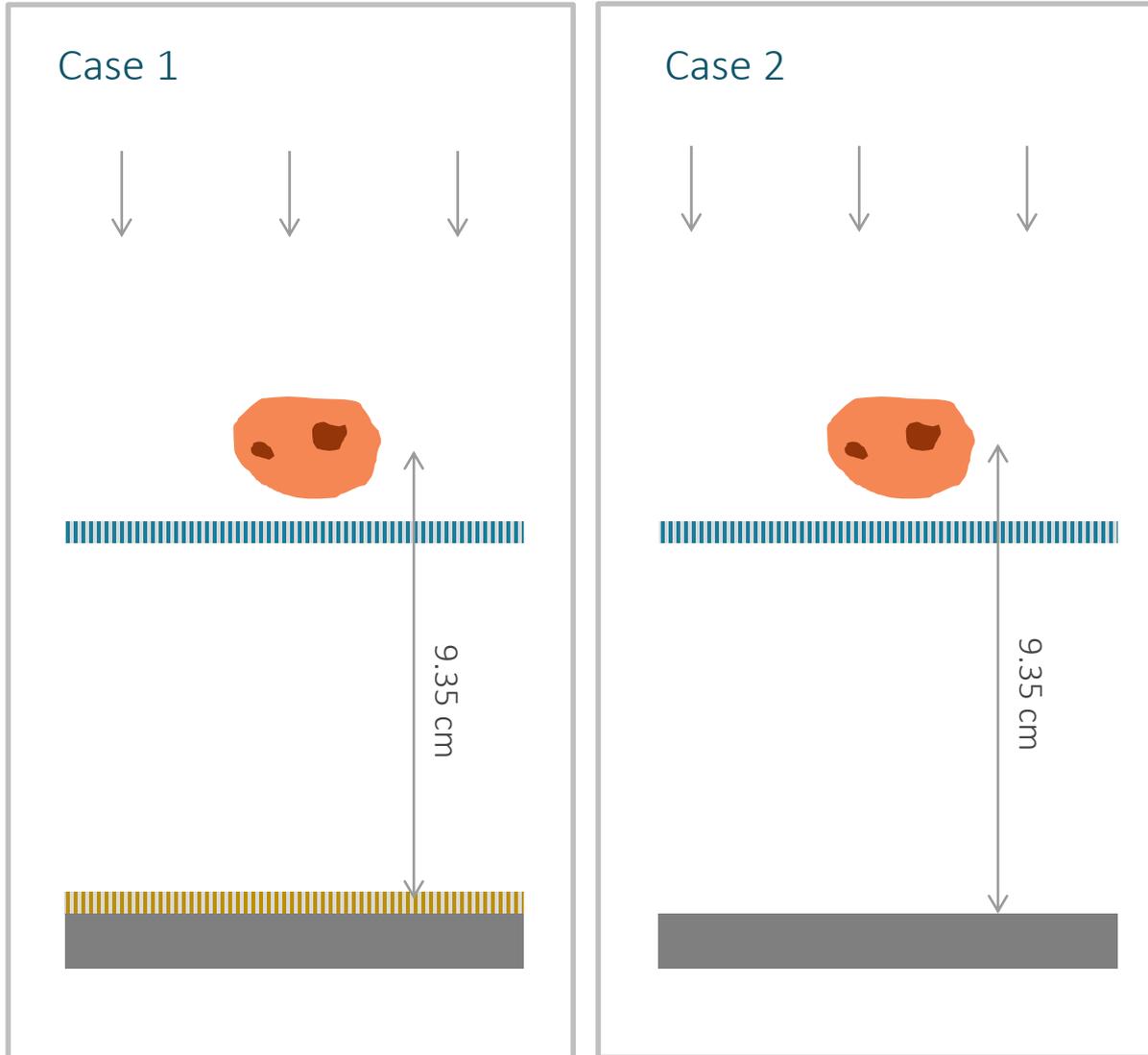
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The impact of large distance and G2 on scatter fractions

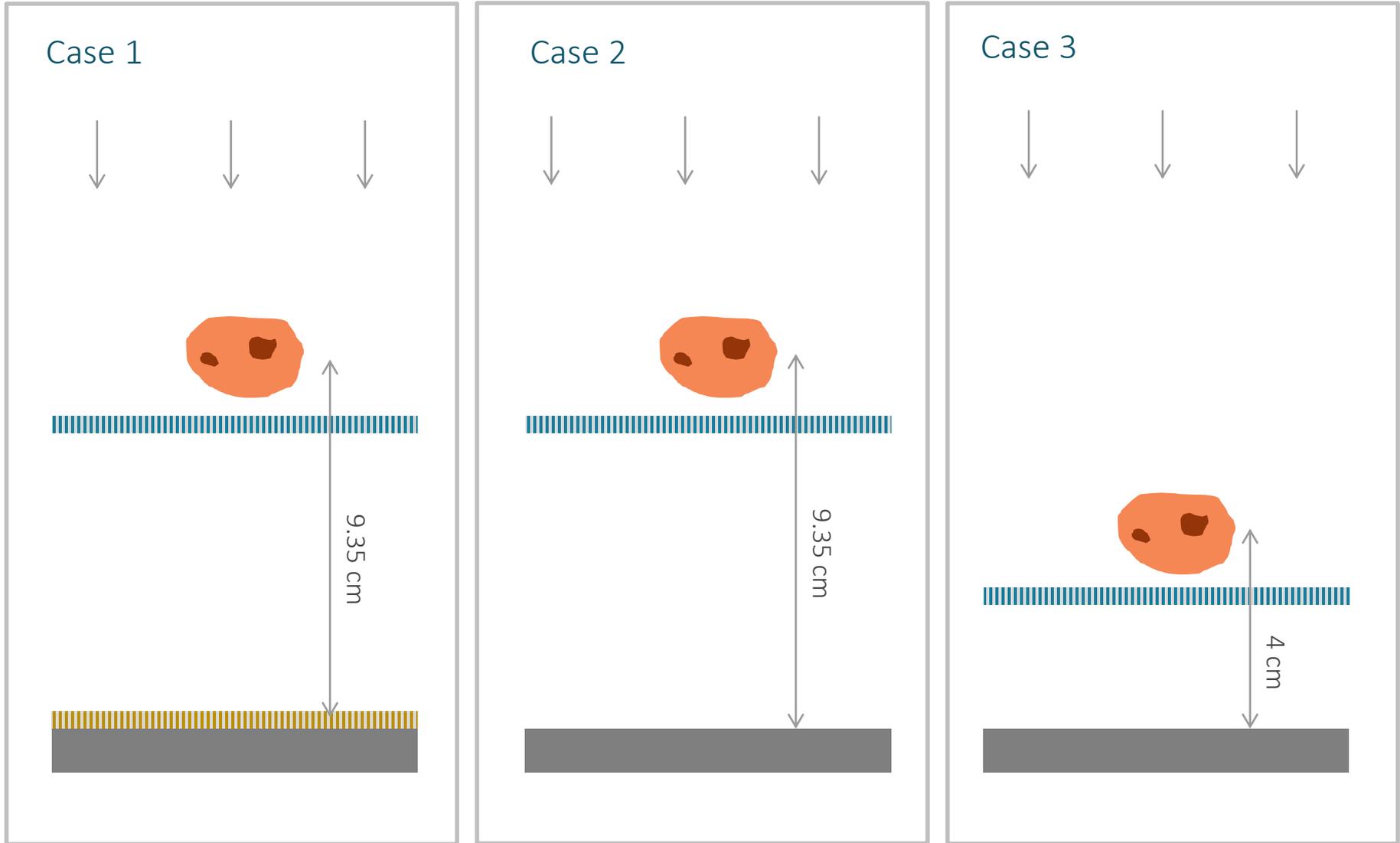
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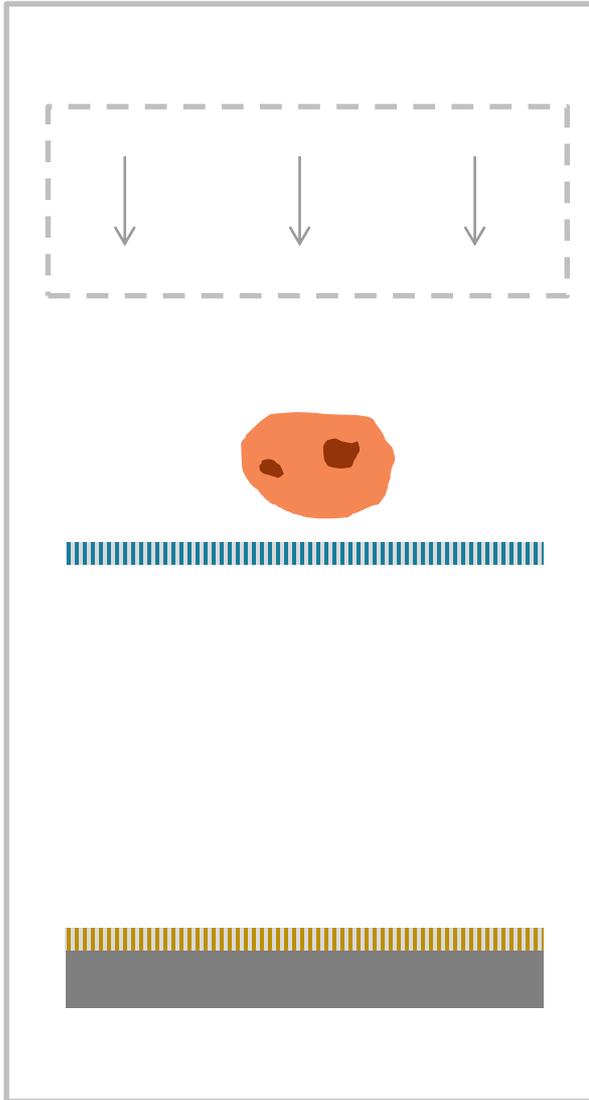


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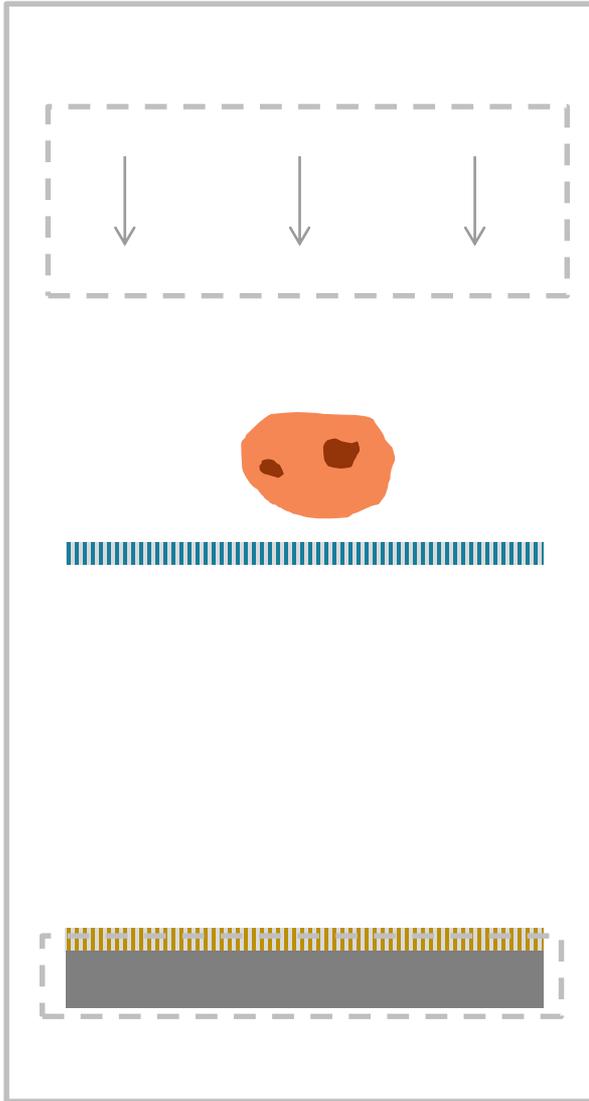
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- 40 kVP tungsten spectrum

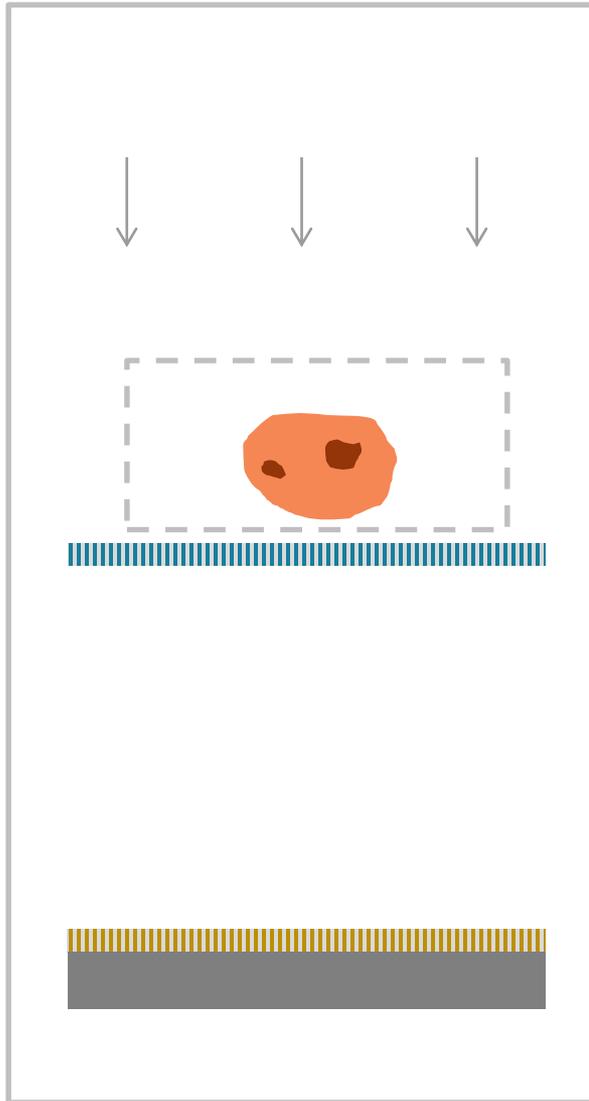


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## Detector

- Energy integrating detector
- $\text{eV}/\text{cm}^3$

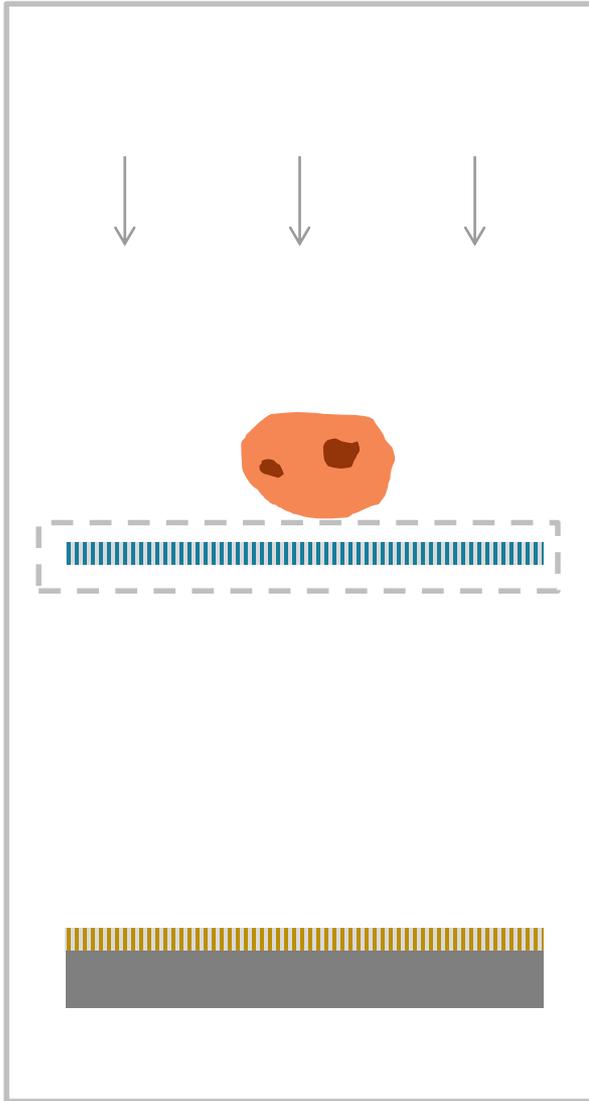


Object 1 : finger

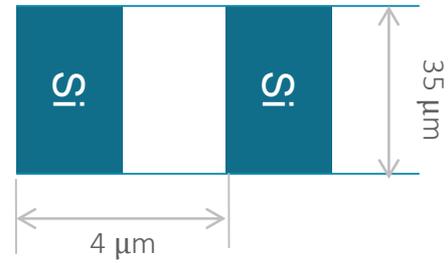


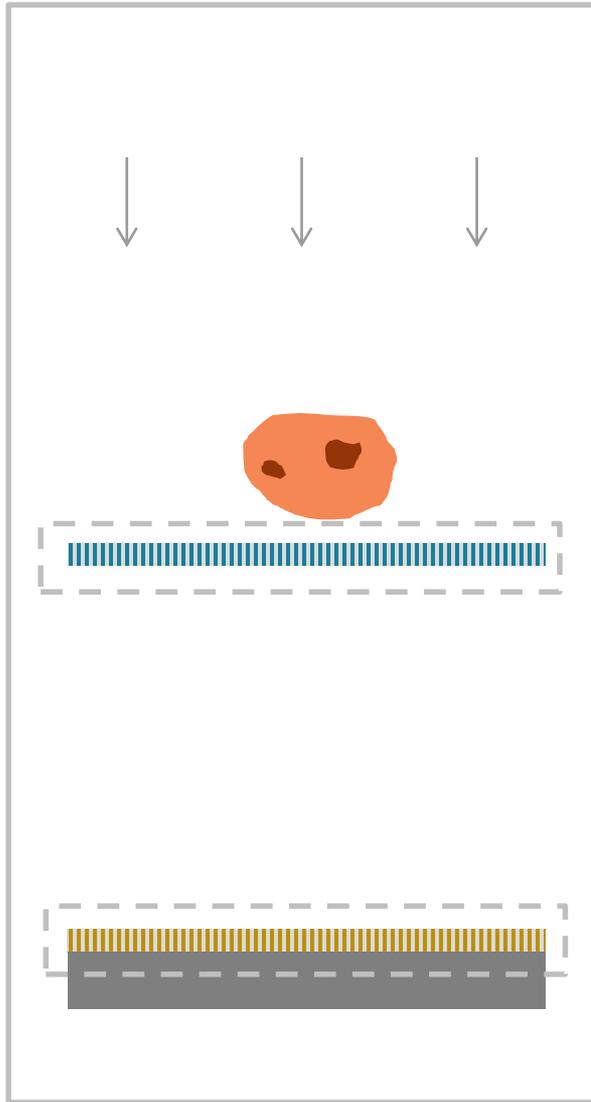
Object 2 : 5 cm tissue slab





Grating G1

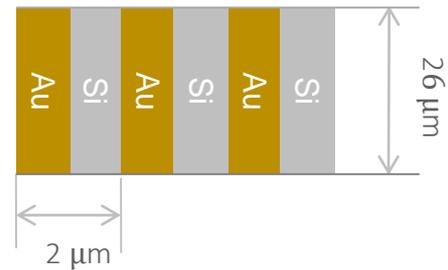




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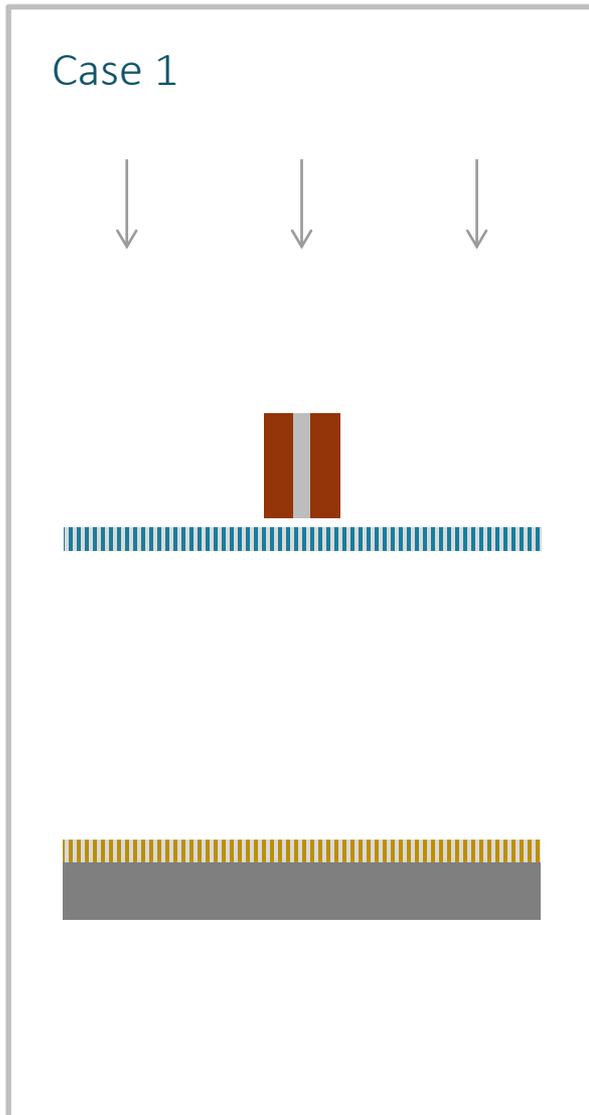
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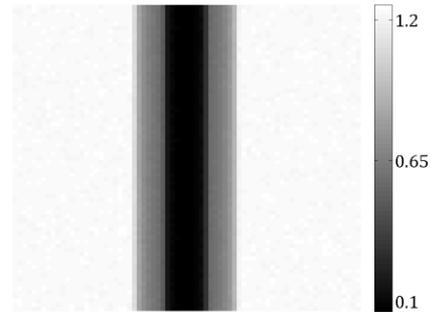
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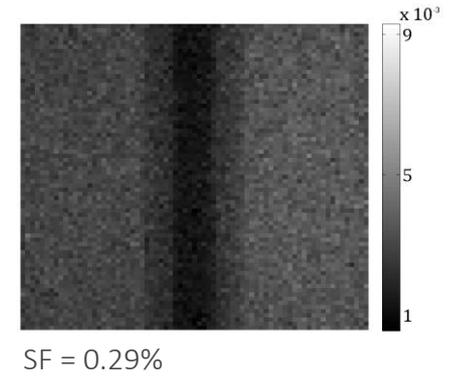




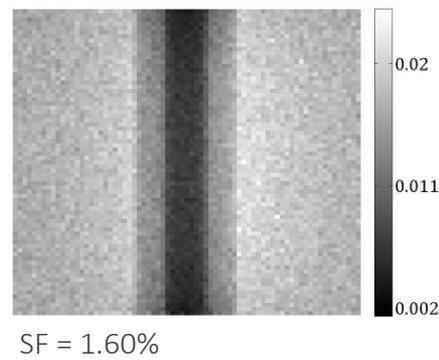
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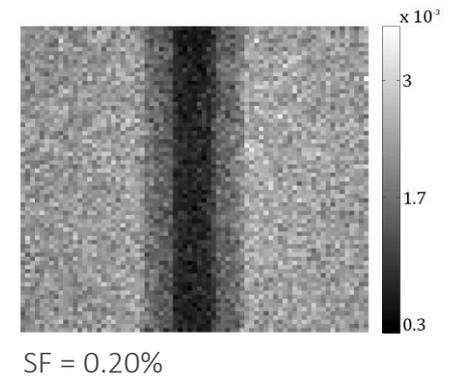
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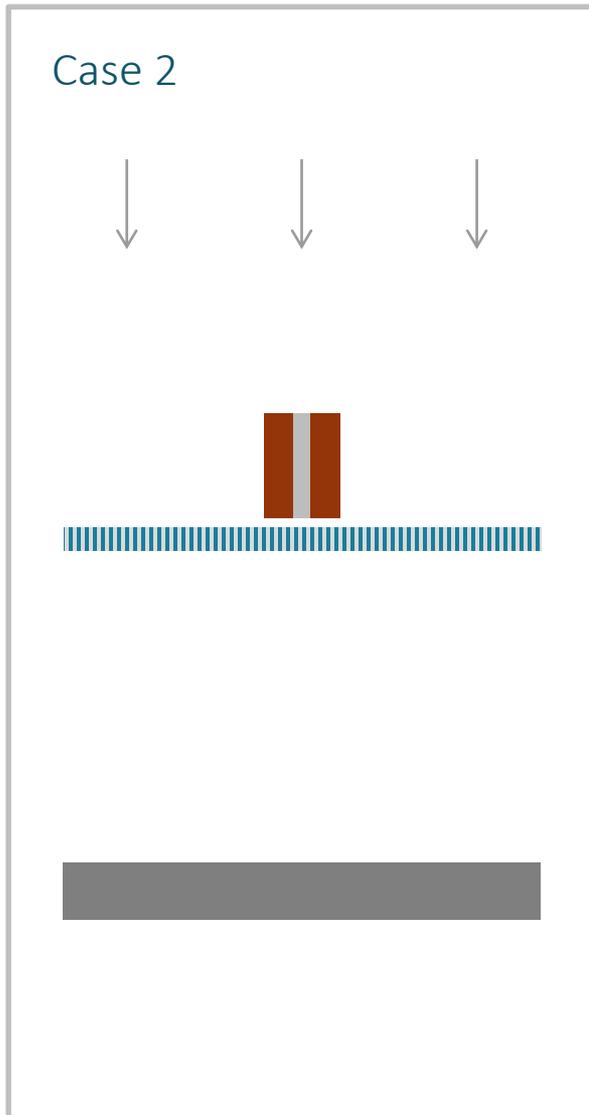


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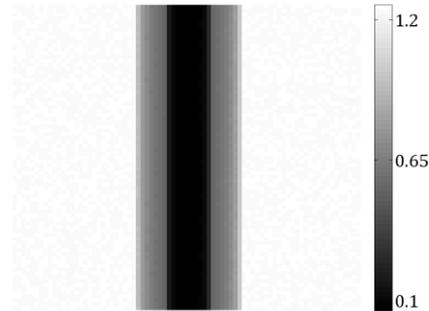


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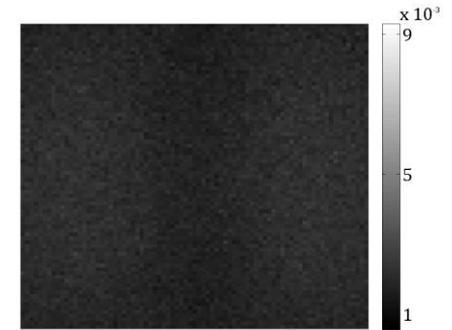




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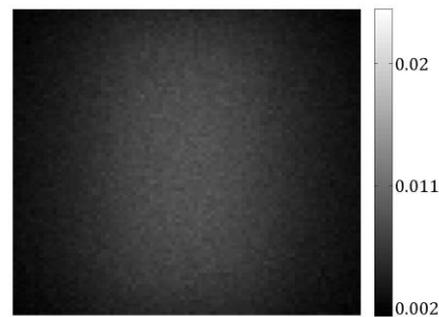


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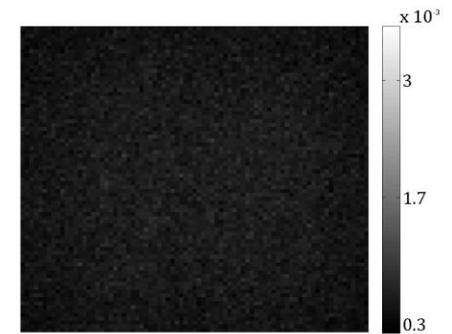
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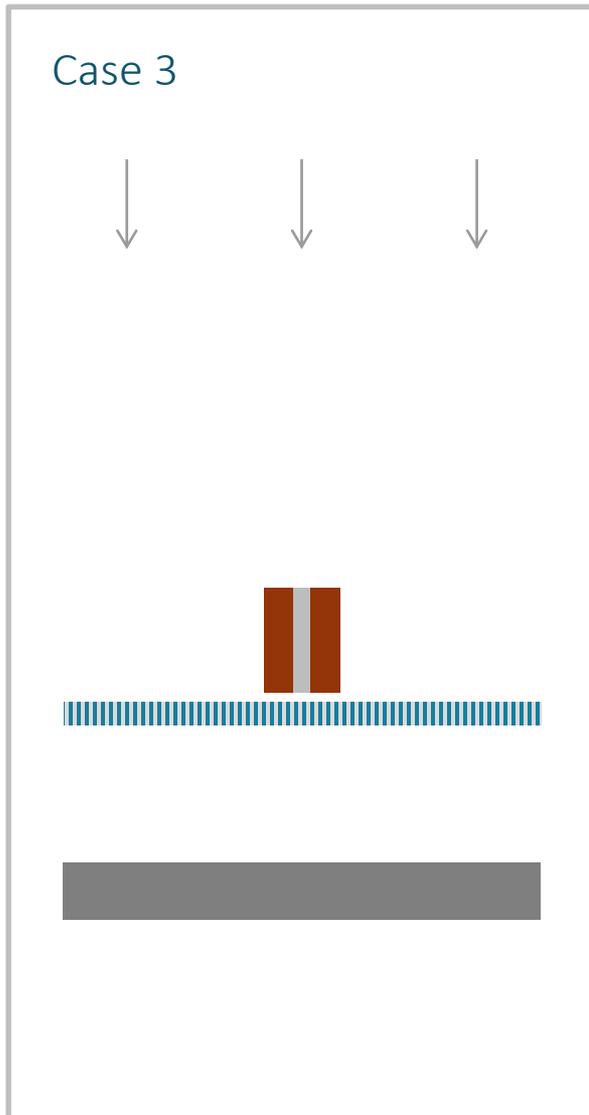


SF = 0.56%

Multi



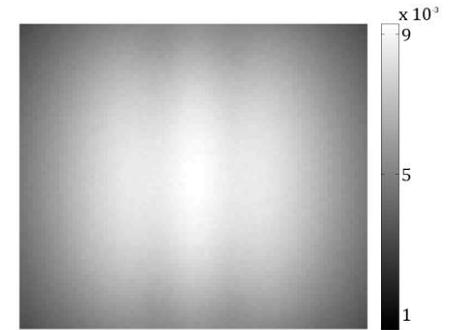
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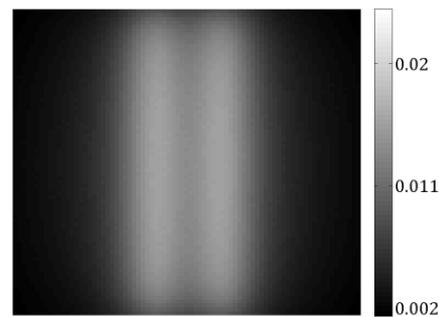


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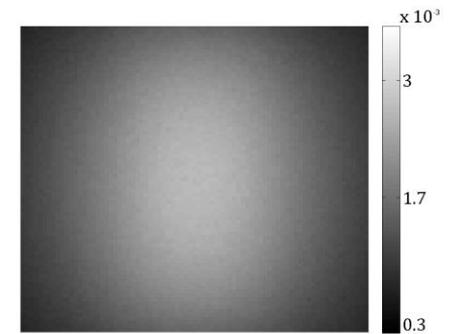
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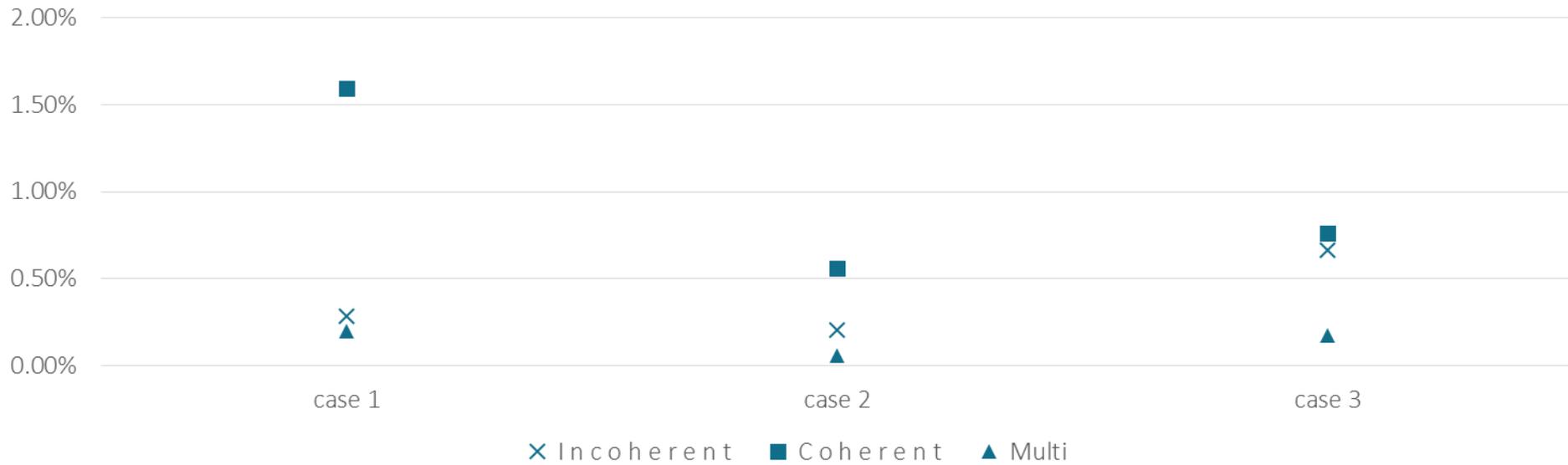
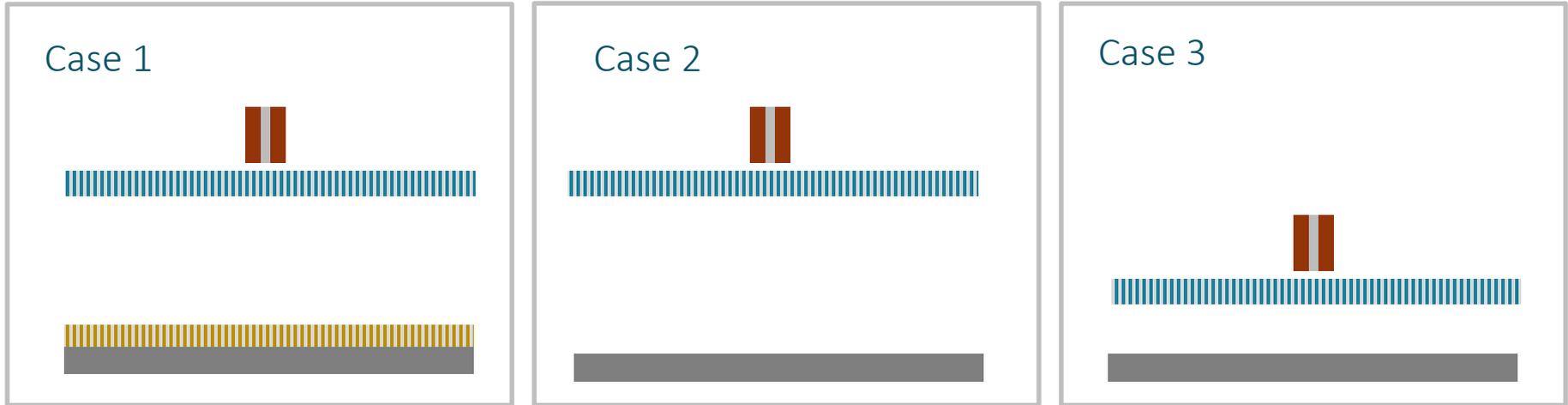


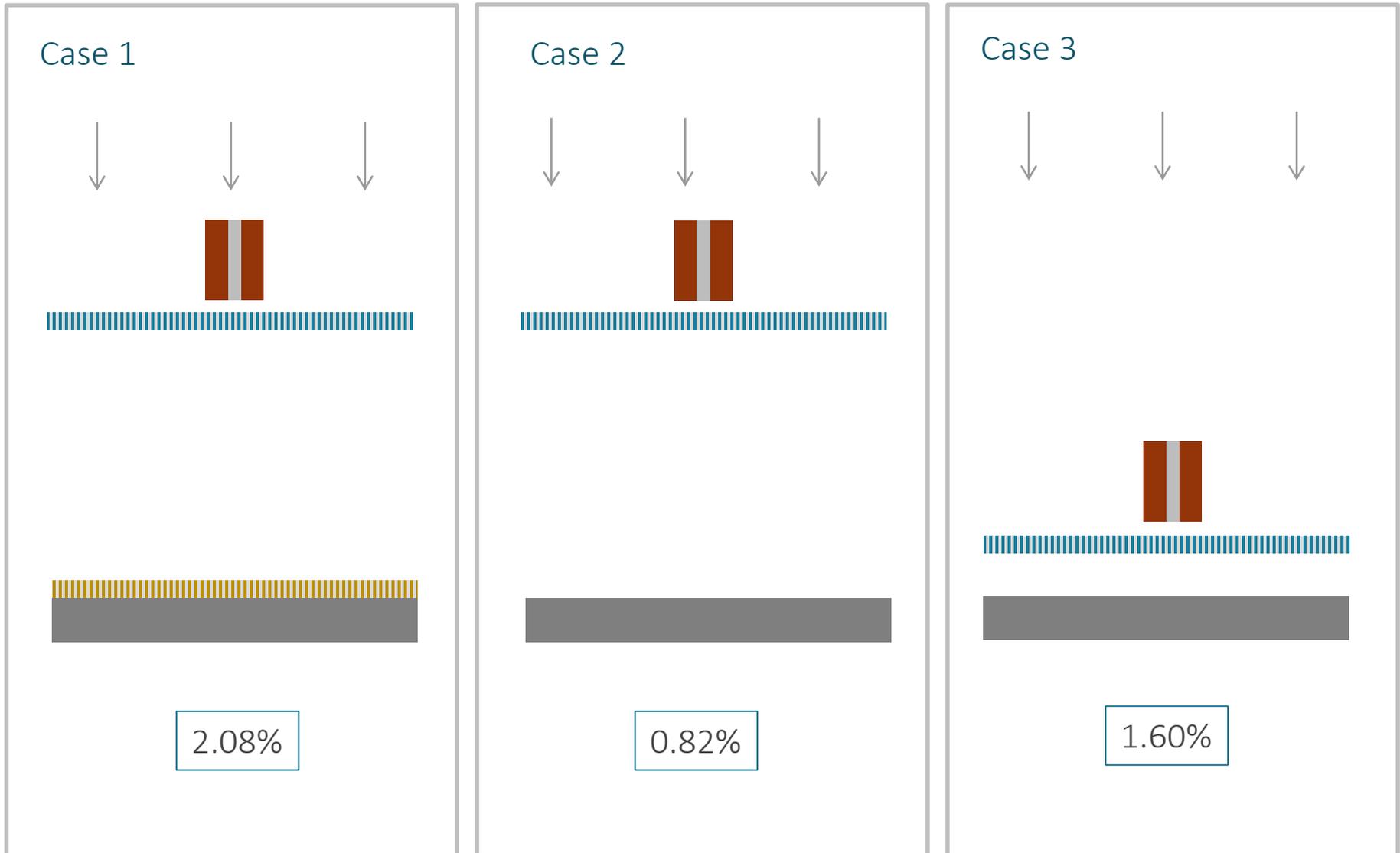
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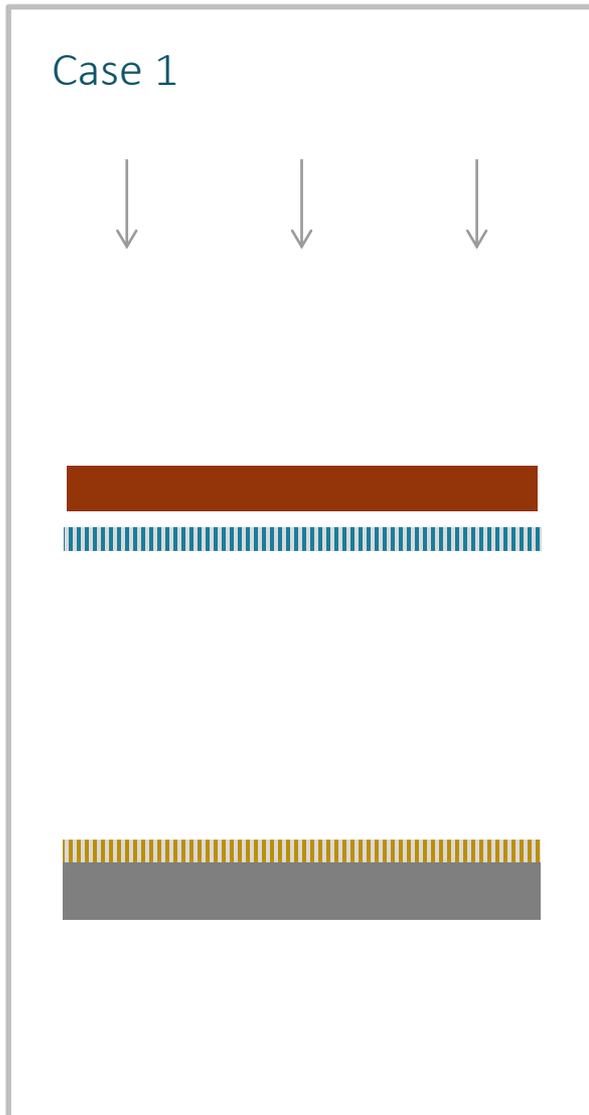


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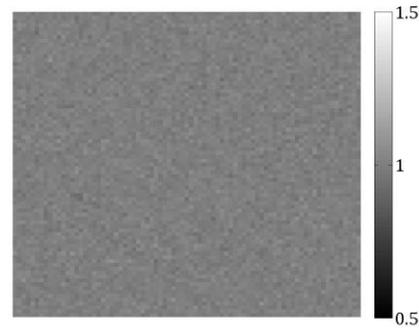




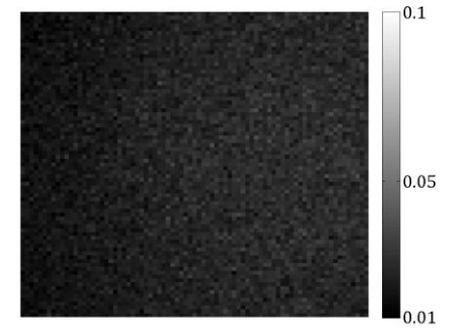




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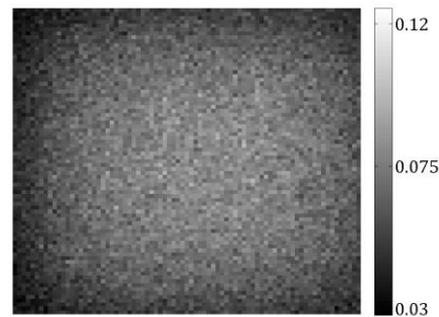


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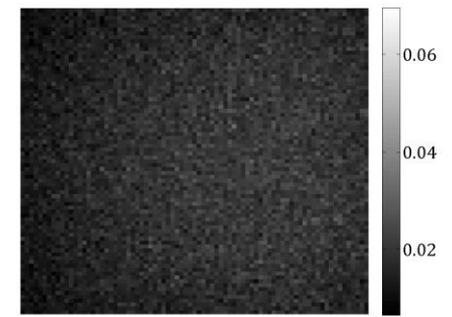
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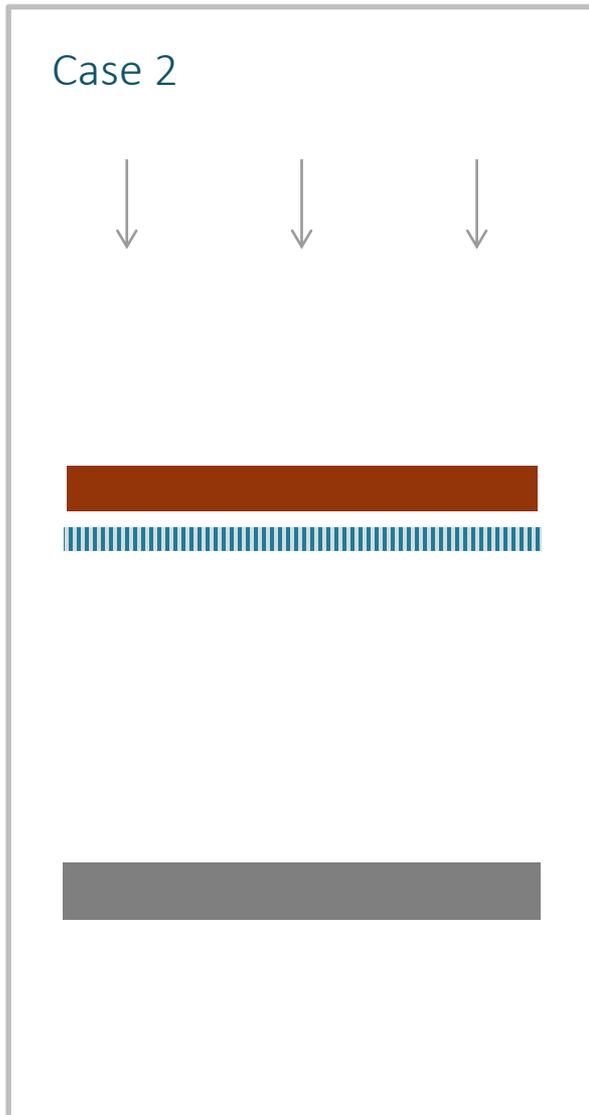


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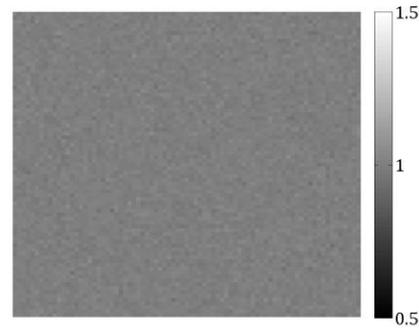
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SF = 1.66%



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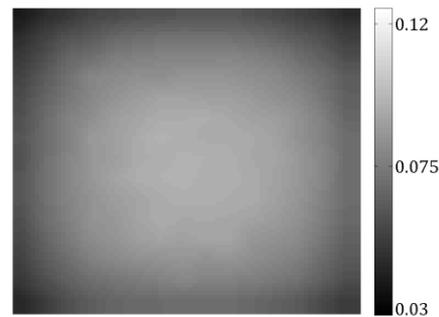


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SF = 2.70%

Coherent

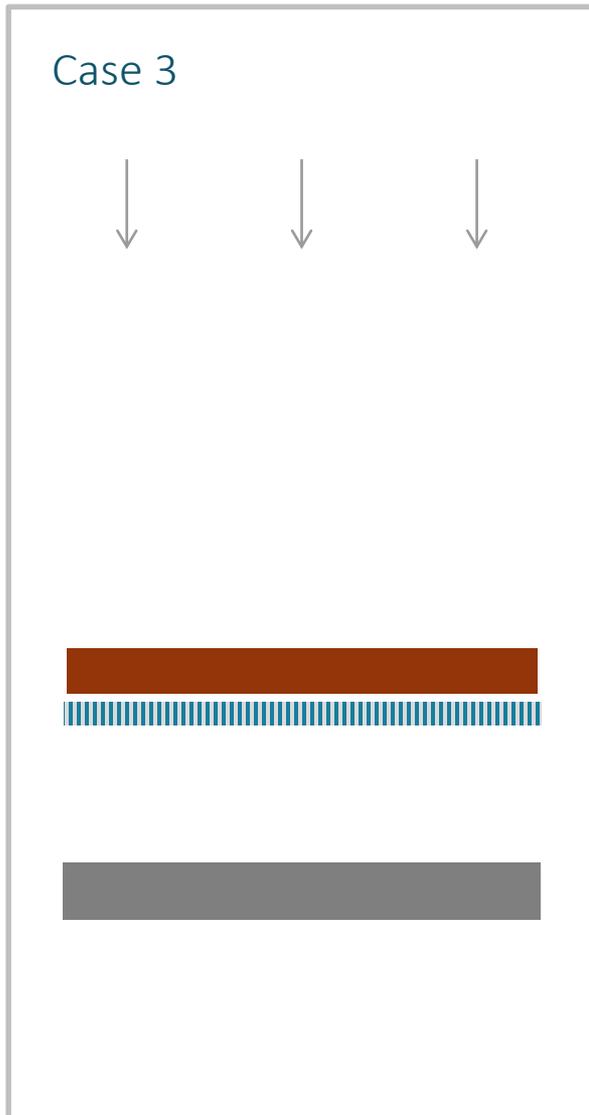


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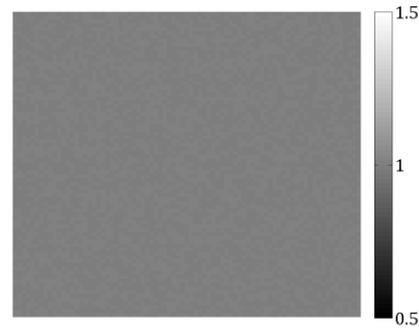
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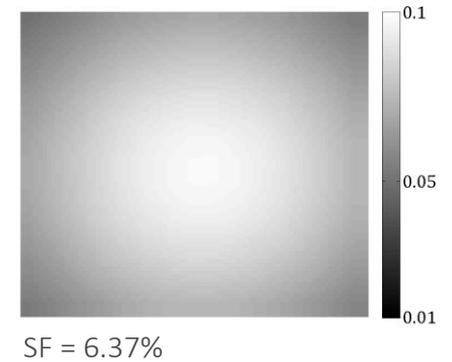
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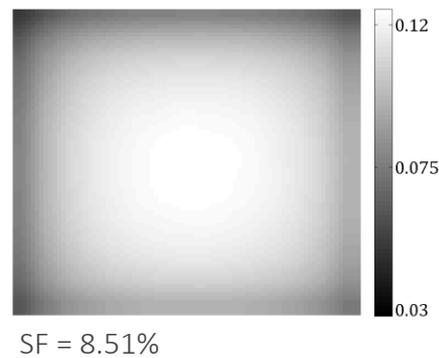
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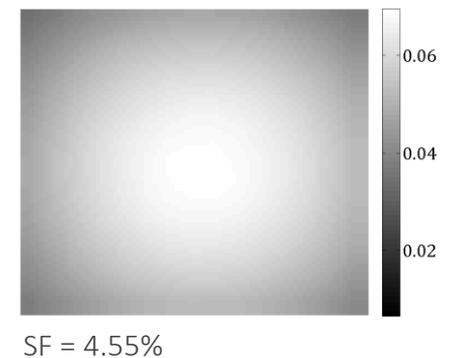
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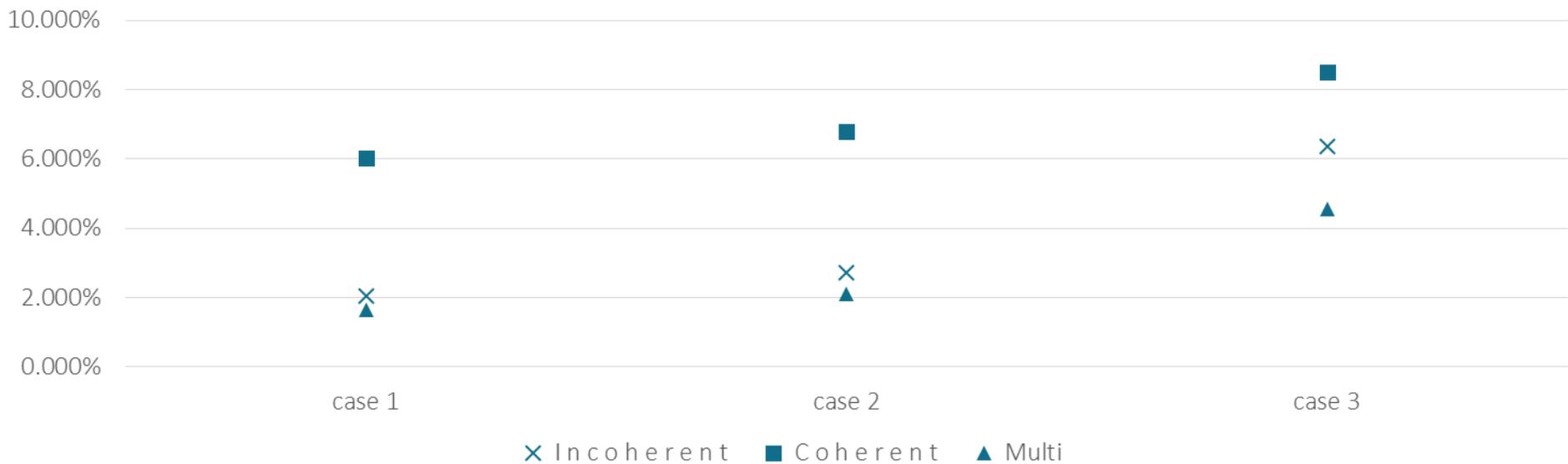
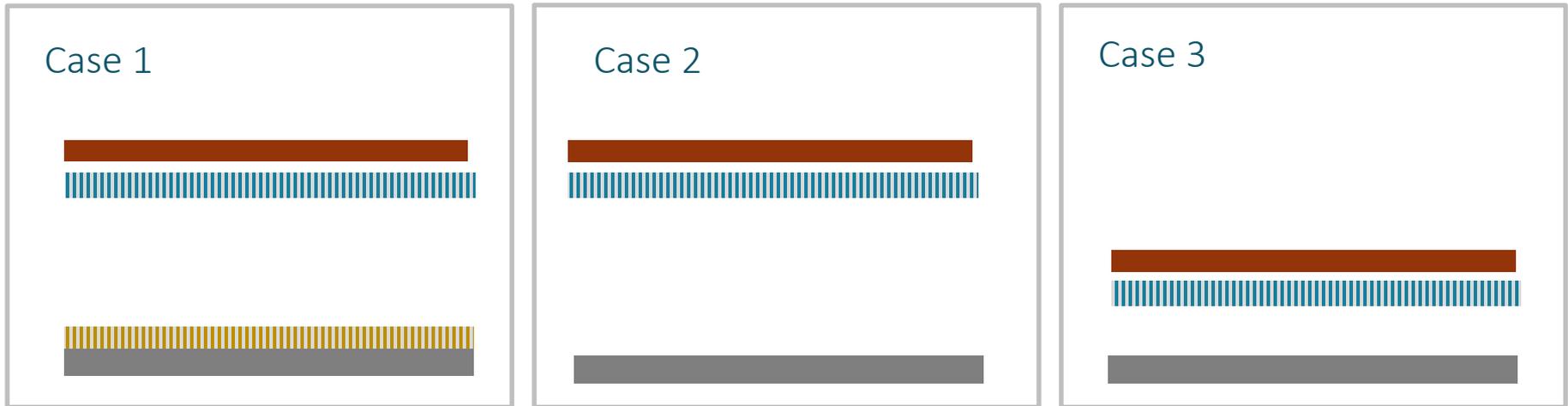


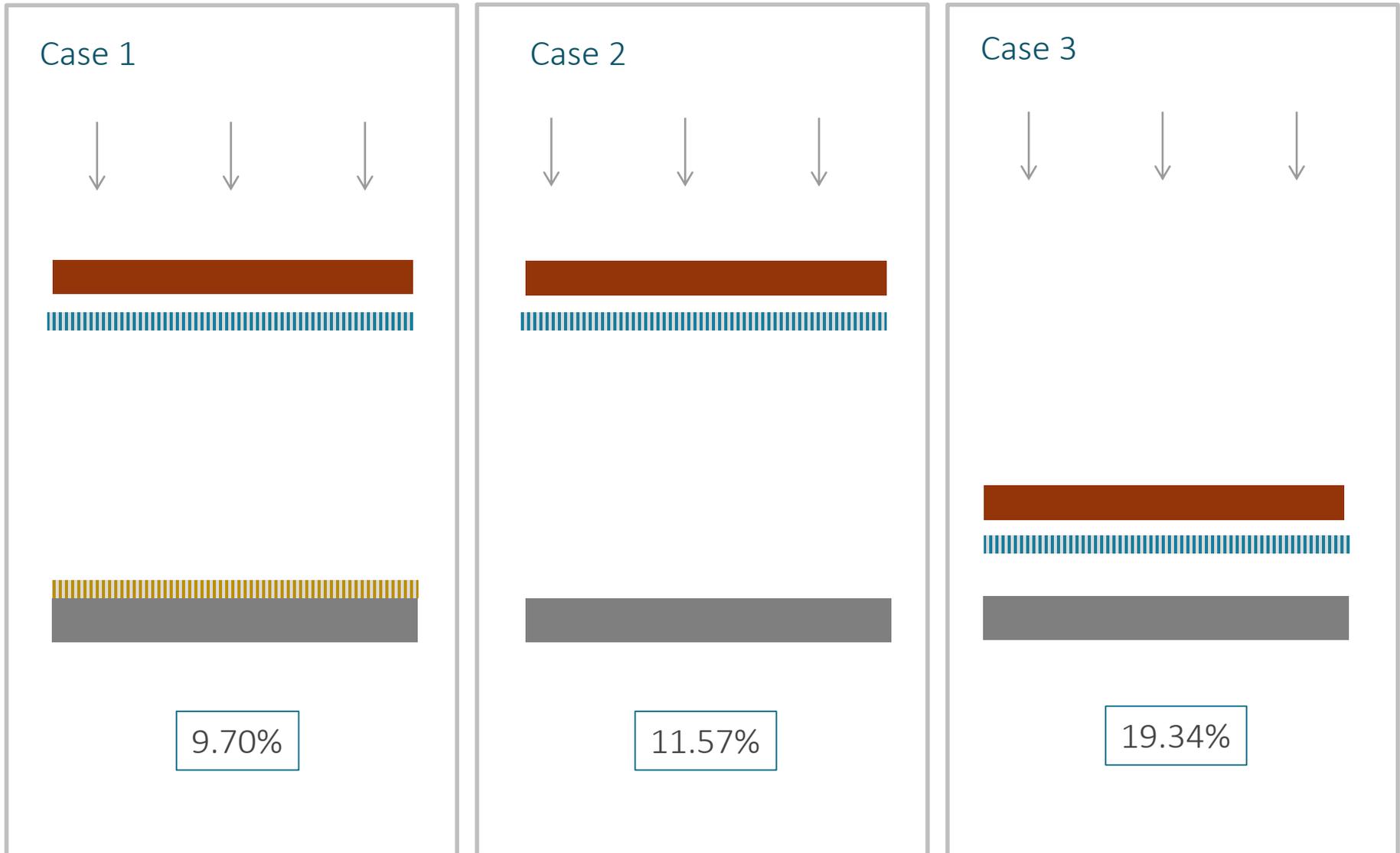
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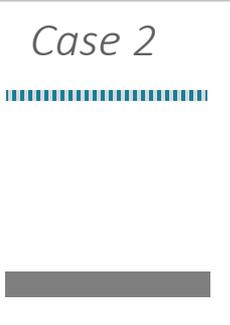
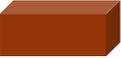
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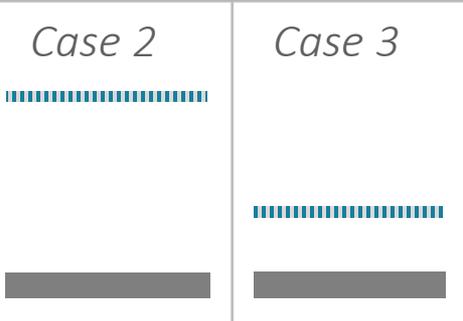
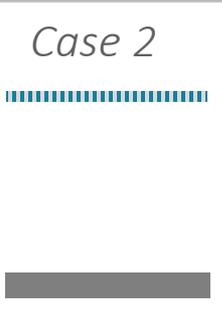
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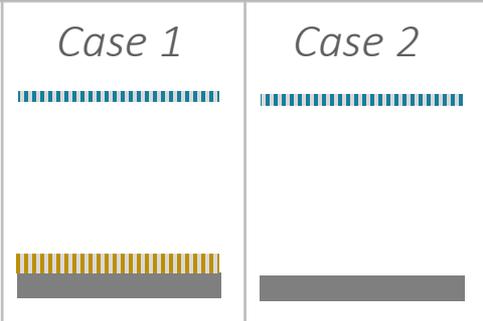
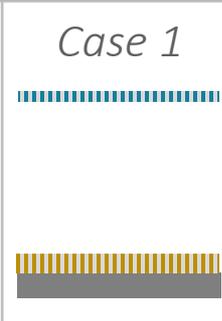
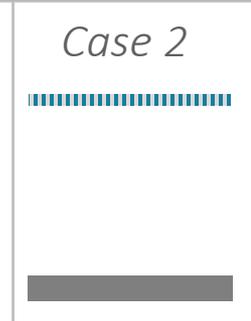
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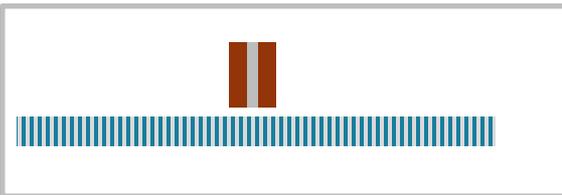
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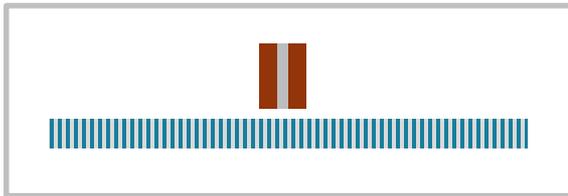
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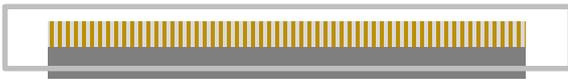
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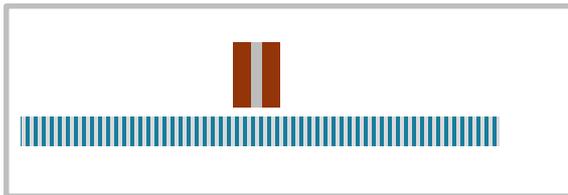
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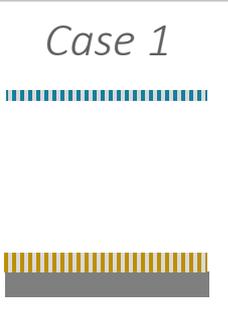
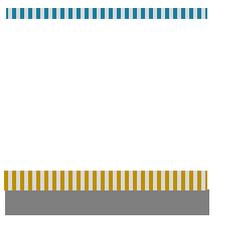
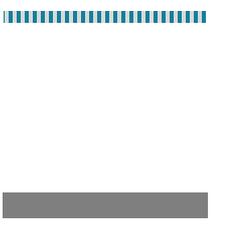
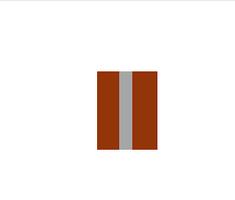
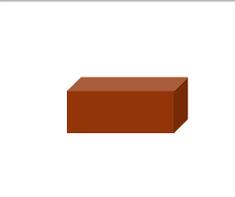
## Case 2 : only object scatter



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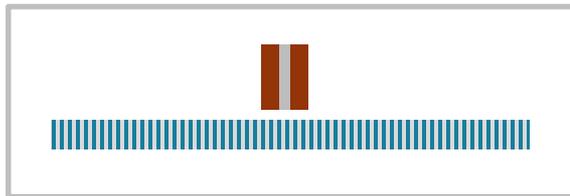


## 2. Grating G2 as anti-scattering grid

	Case 1	Case 2
		
	2.08 %	0.82%
	9.70 %	11.57%

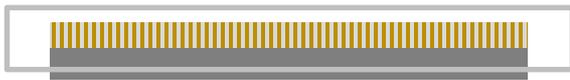
# DISCUSSION

Case 1 : 2 sources of scatter



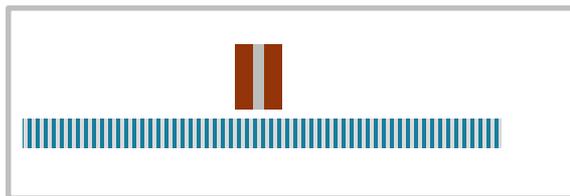
+  $SF_{obj}$

-  $\epsilon SF_{obj}$



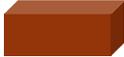
+  $SF_{G2}$

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2. Grating G2 as **an inefficient**  
anti-scattering grid

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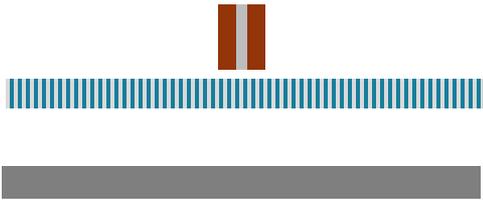
*The more scatter created by the object, the more efficient grating G2 as an anti-scattering grid*

## 2. Grating G2 as an inefficient anti-scattering grid

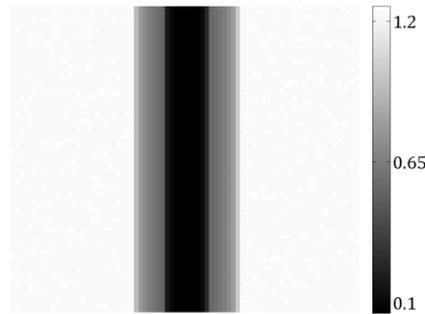
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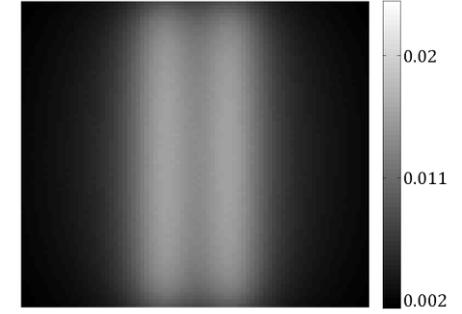
Case 3



Primary

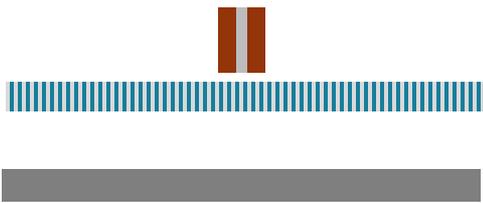


Coherent



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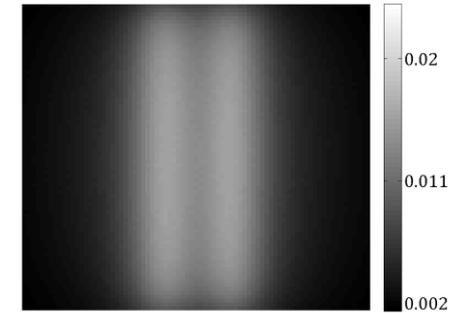
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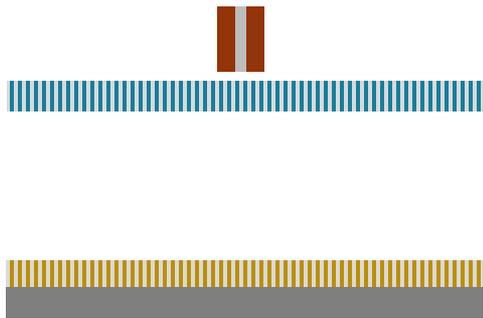
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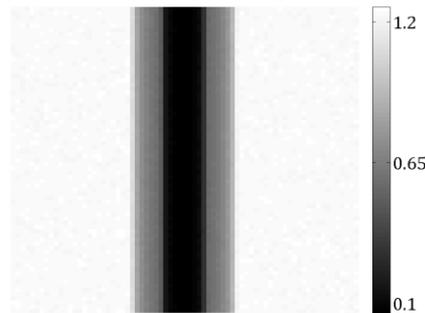
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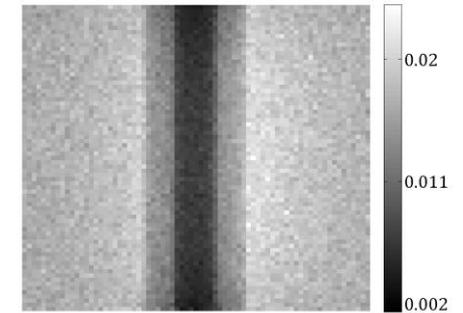
Case 1



Primary



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How significant is the scatter contribution in grating-based phase-contrast imaging?

## Two aspect expected to limit scatter contribution

- Large object-to-detector distance

yes, 50% less scatter

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depends on the object

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## How significant is the scatter contribution?

- For current objects of interest, scatter fractions very low.
- For high scatter objects contribution becomes more important.

Thank you

