



# X-ray Phase Contrast and Dark Field Imaging For Food Applications



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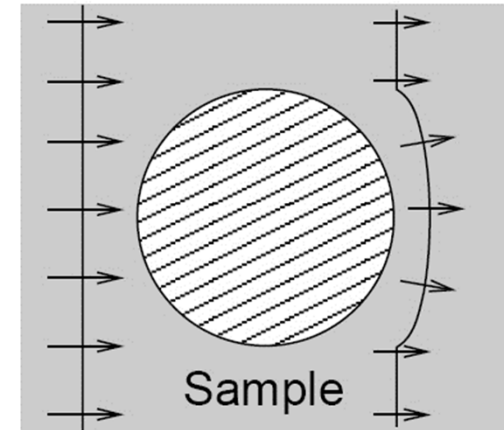
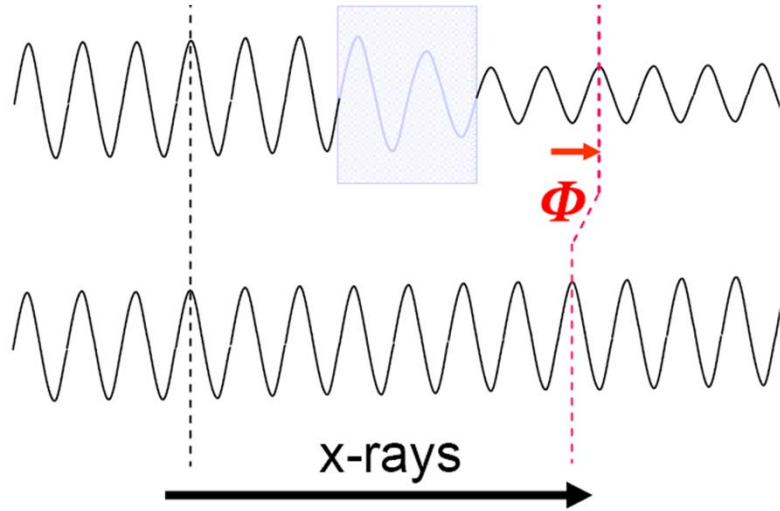
## Outline

- Phase Contrast Imaging
- Motivation : Why food?
- Example : Pork, Sausages
- Detection of Foreign Bodies
- Food Quality
- Cracks and Joints
- Conclusion

**New X-ray Imaging Modalities for High Quality and Safe Food (NEXIM)**



# The Refractive Index



Incident wave

Distorted wave

Phase shift



$$n = 1 - \delta + i\beta$$

$$\delta \sim 10^{-5} \sim \rho E^{-2} \sim Z E^{-2}$$

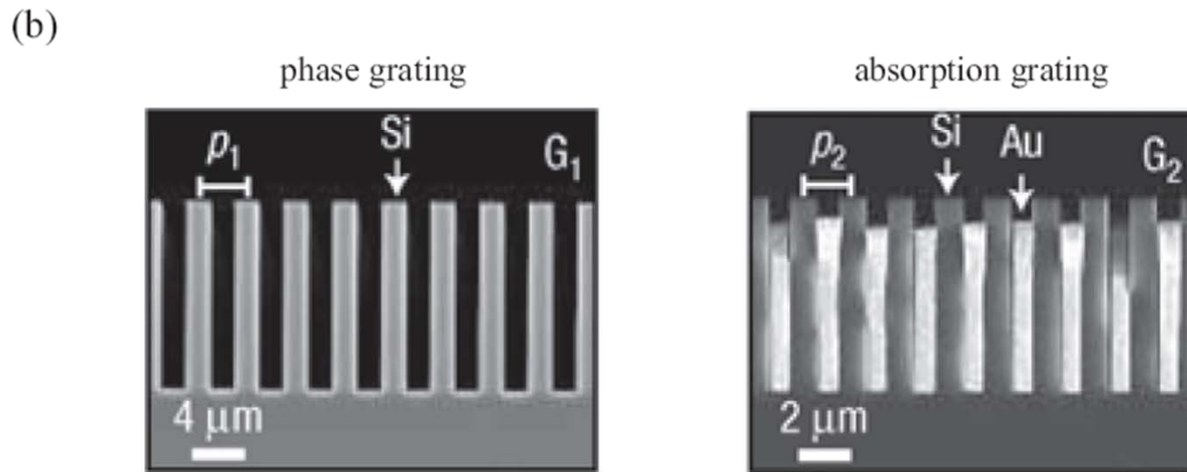
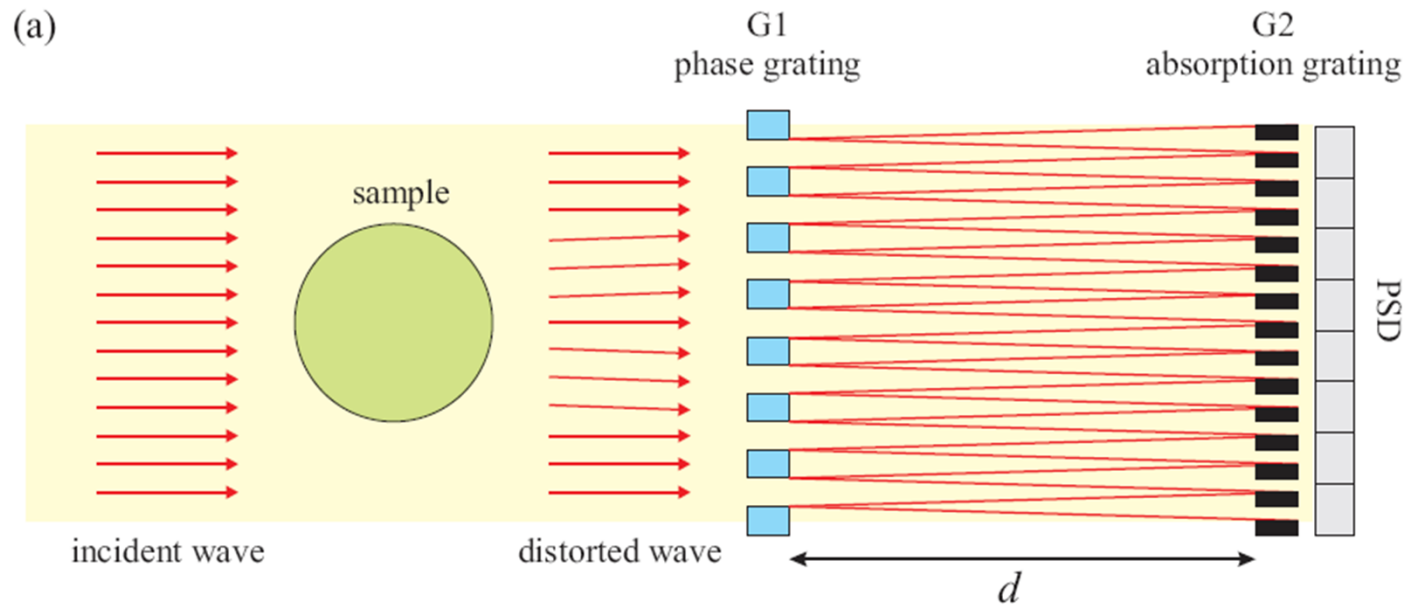
$$\beta \sim 10^{-8} \sim \mu E^{-1} \sim Z^4 E^{-4}$$



Absorption



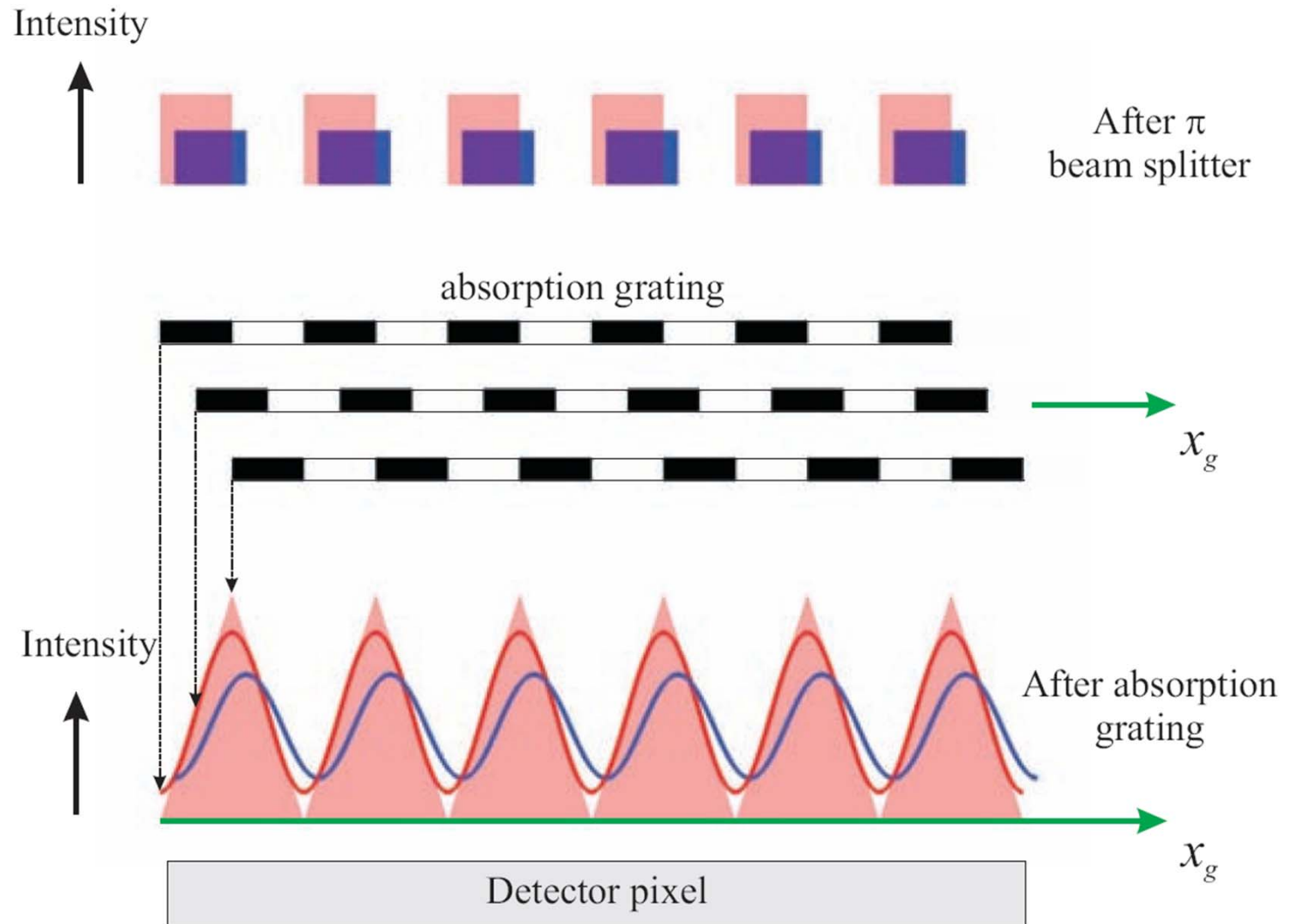
# Grating Interferometry





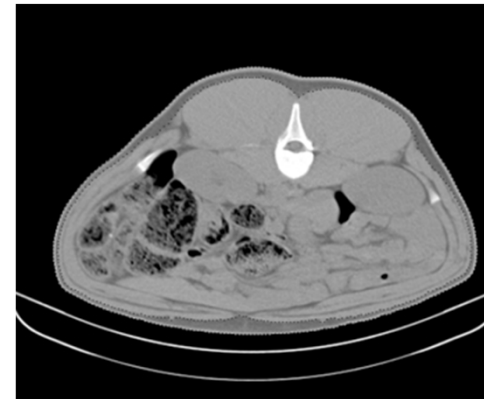


# Measuring Phase Fringes





# Why Food?





# Danish Agricultural export 2010 : 13 Bio €

**D I** Fødevarer

Ole Linnet Juul



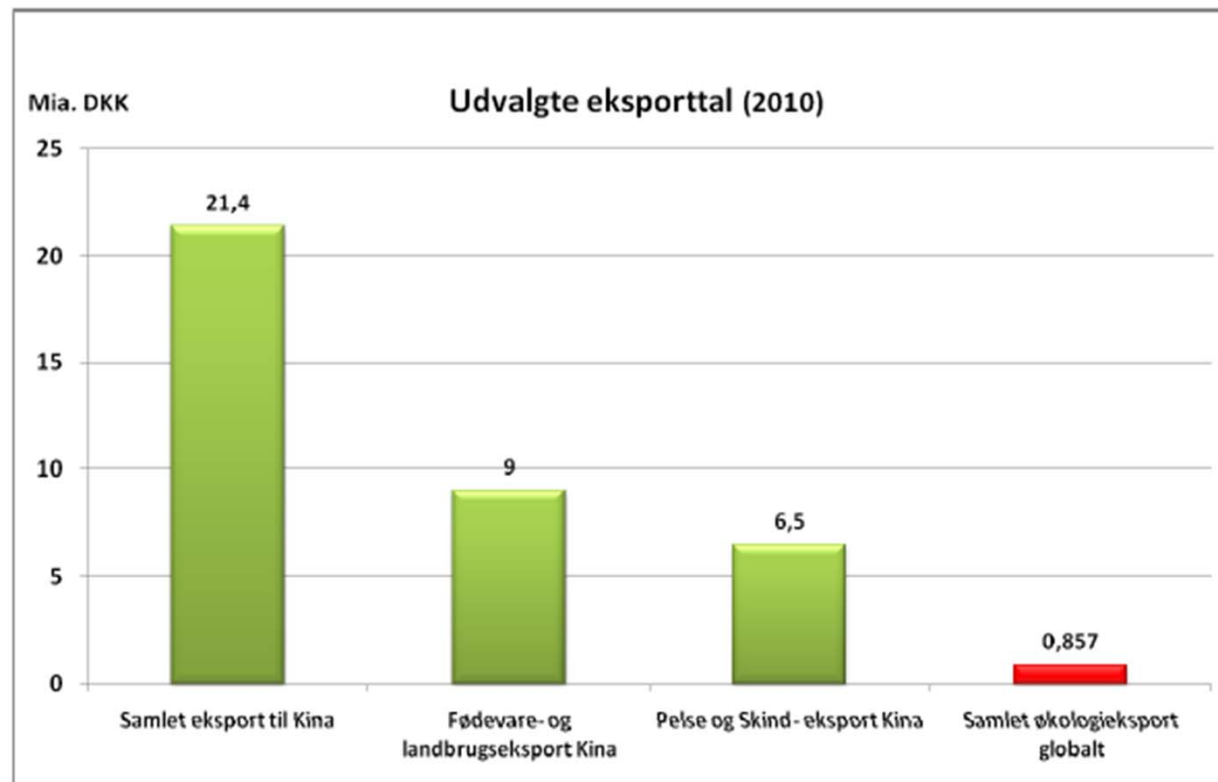
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et fundament for fremtidig  
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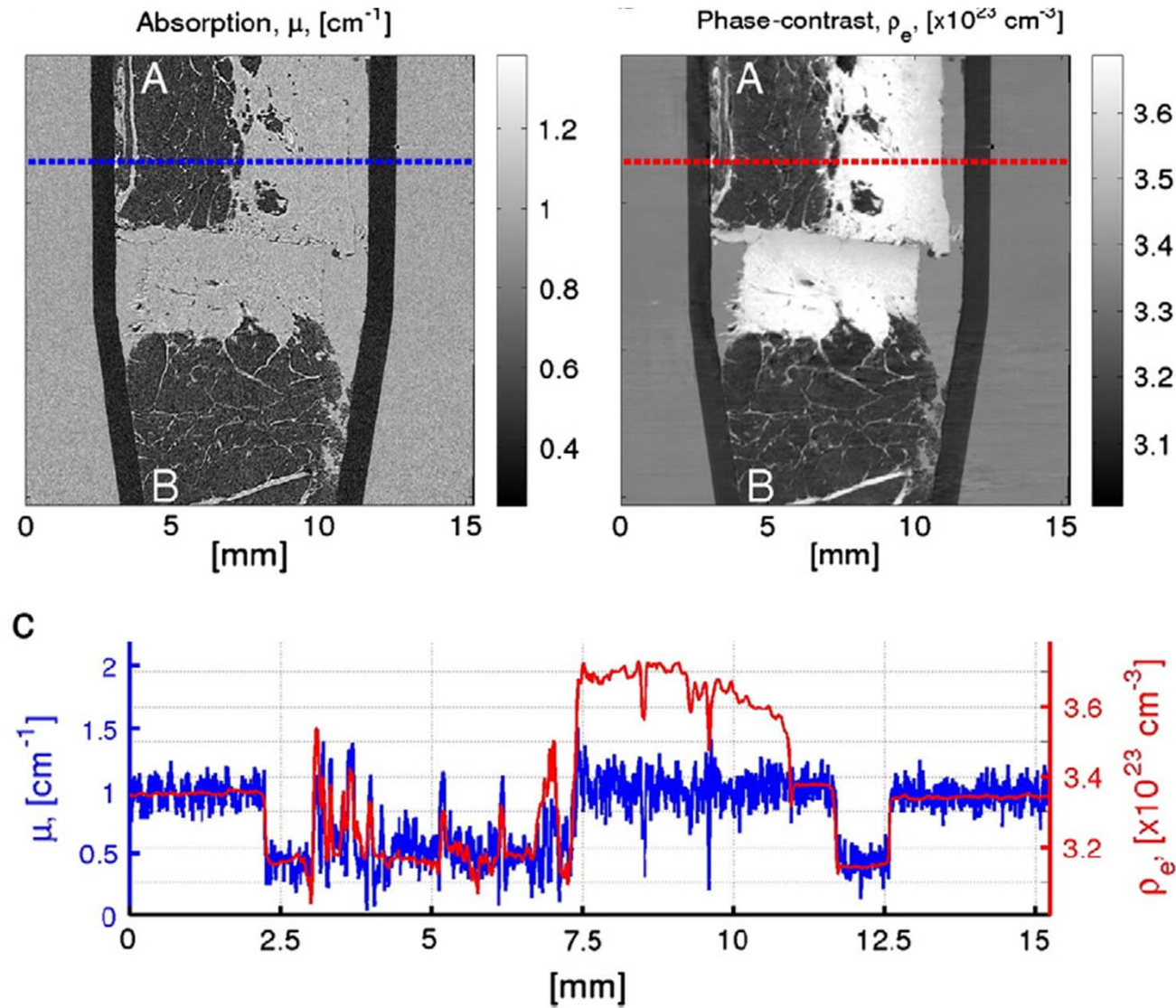
## Globale behov og nicher...





# Pork fat

Synchrotron Radiation ESRF ID19



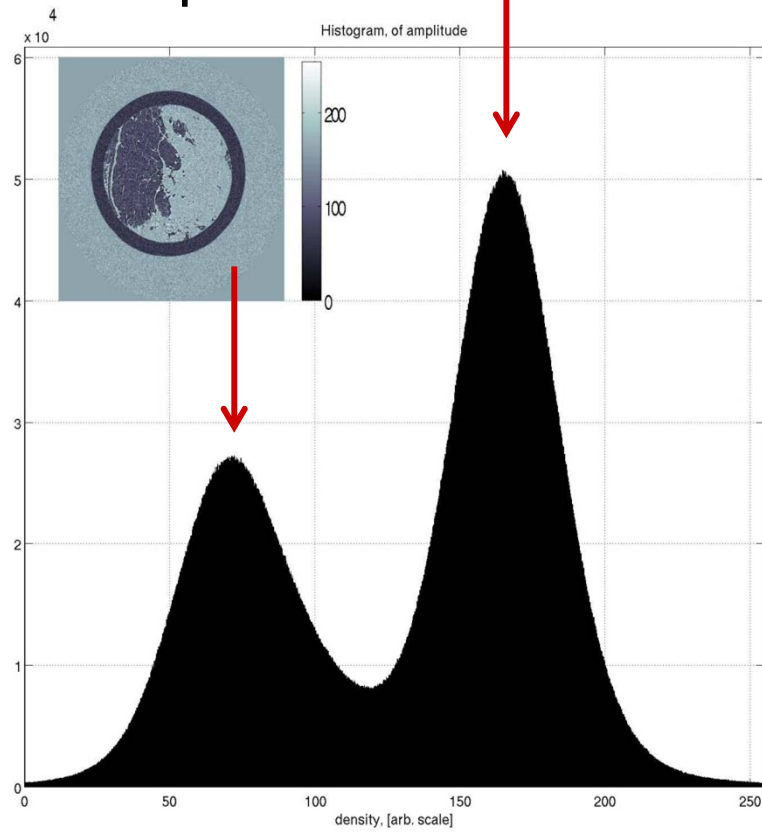




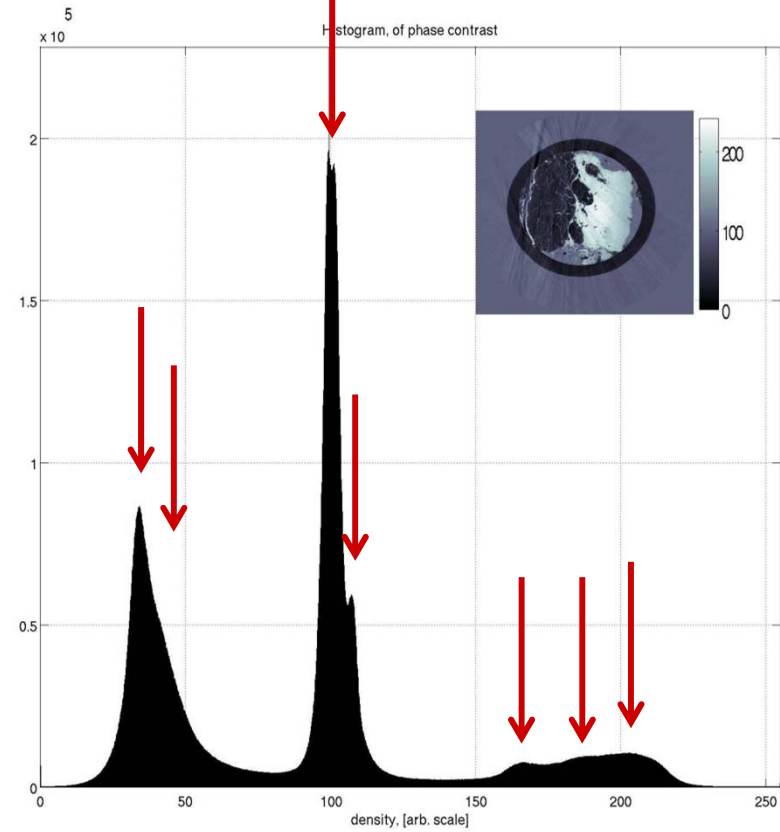
# Histograms

*Sensitivity ~ 3 mg/cm<sup>3</sup>*

## Absorption



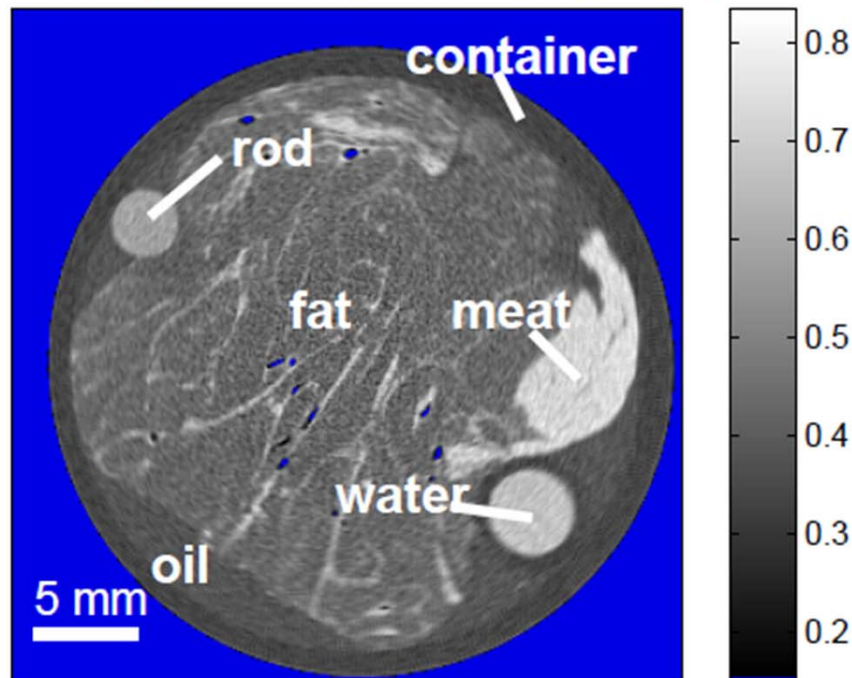
## Phase



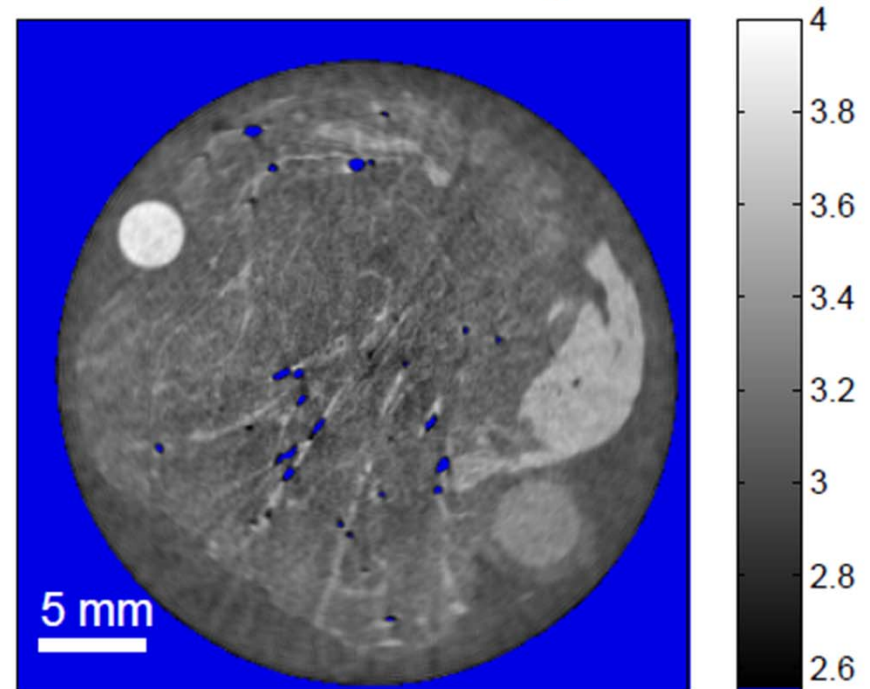


# Can we do better : example pork

(a) Absorption,  $\mu$ , [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]



(b) Phase-contrast,  $\rho_e$ , [ $10^{23}\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]

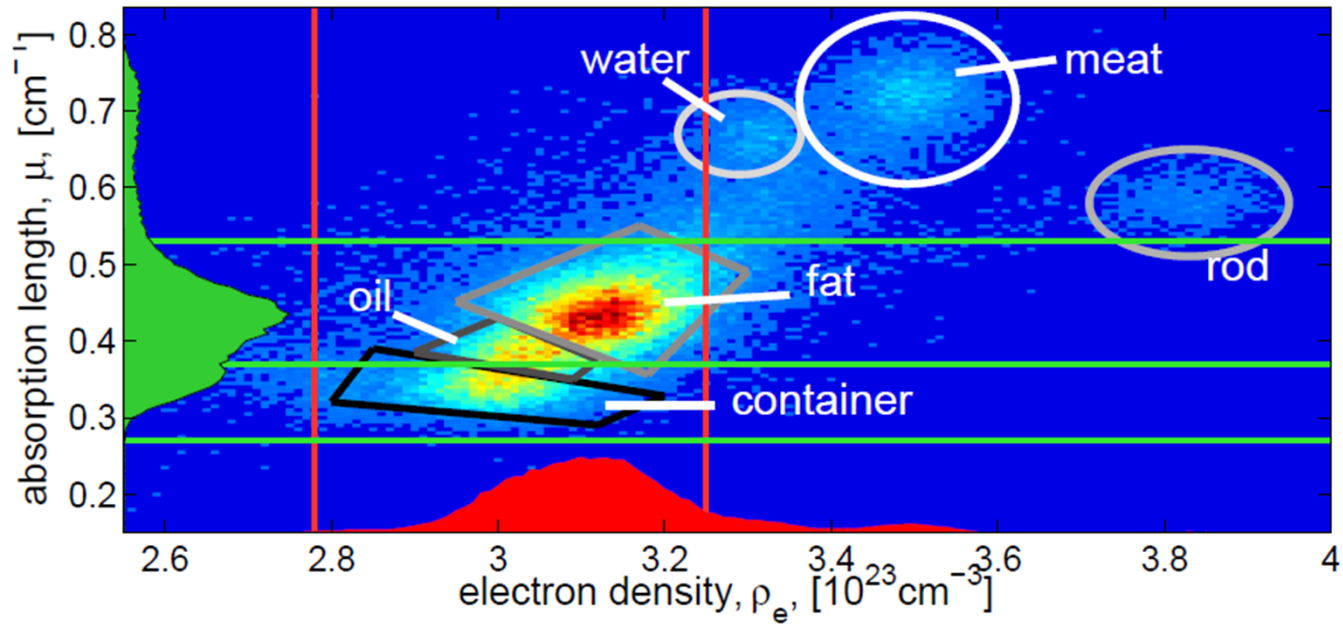


*Data taken at TUM*

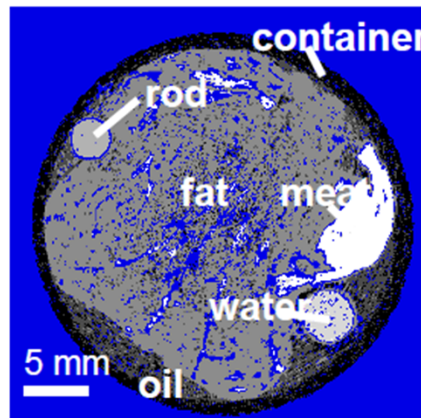


# Multivariate segmentation

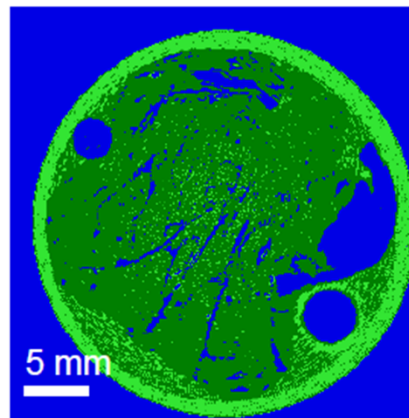
(c) 2d histogram



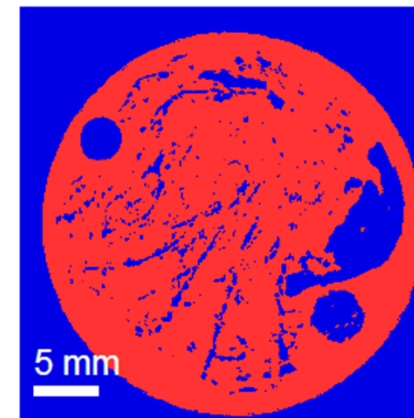
(d) Highlighting



(e) Absorption



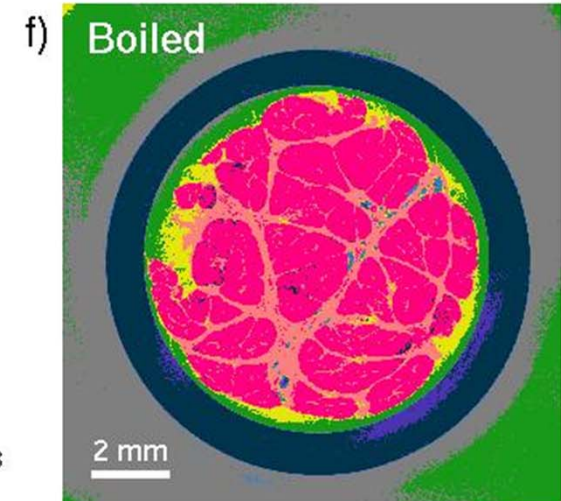
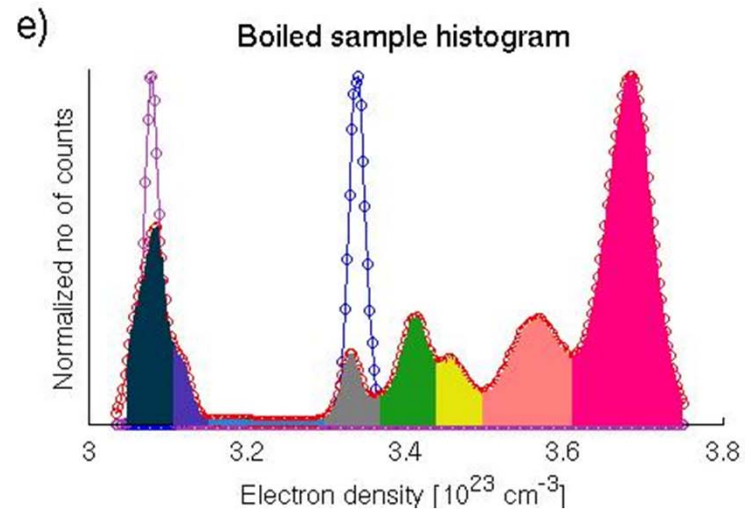
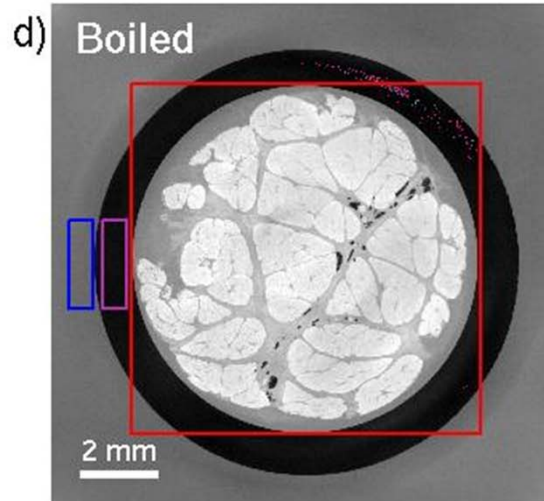
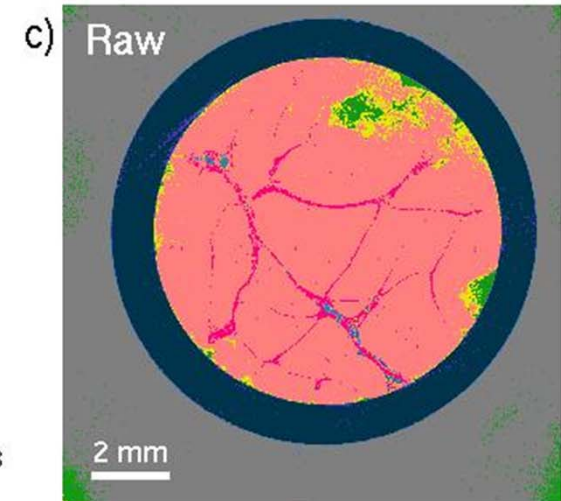
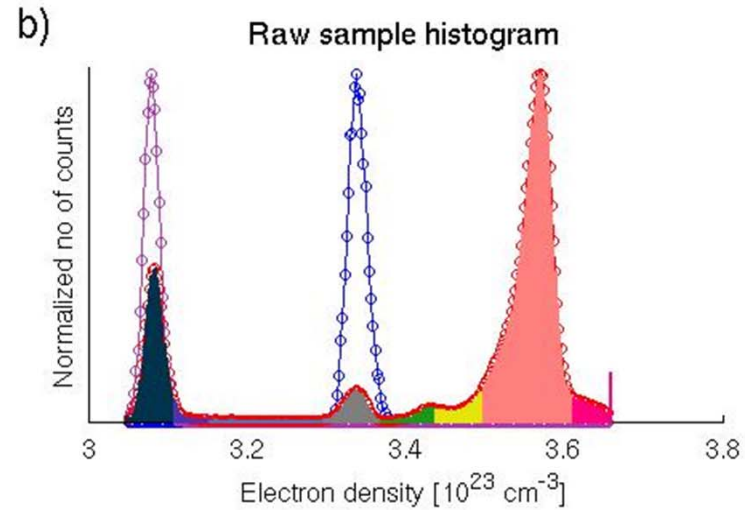
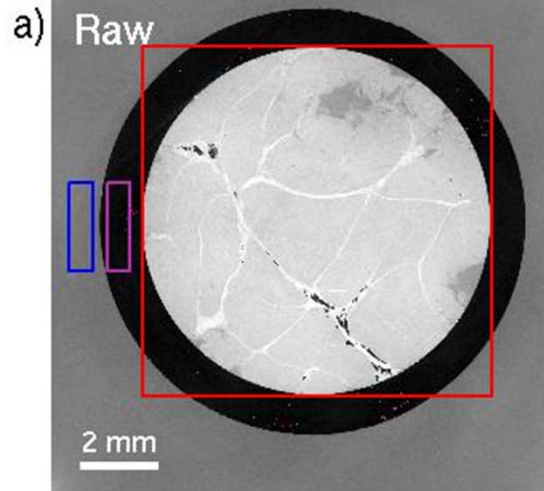
(f) Phase-contrast







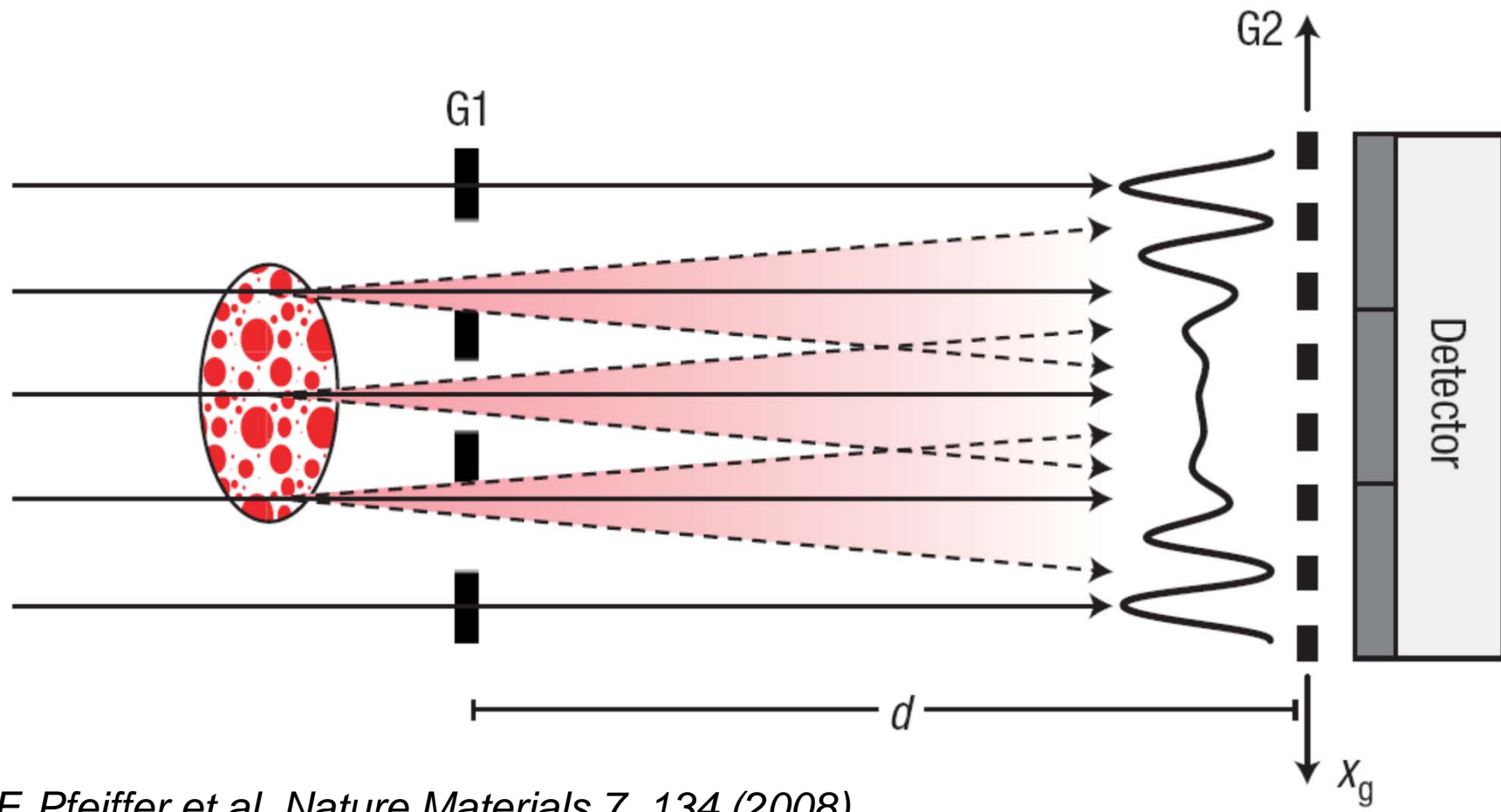
# Phase contrast Meat @ TOMCAT







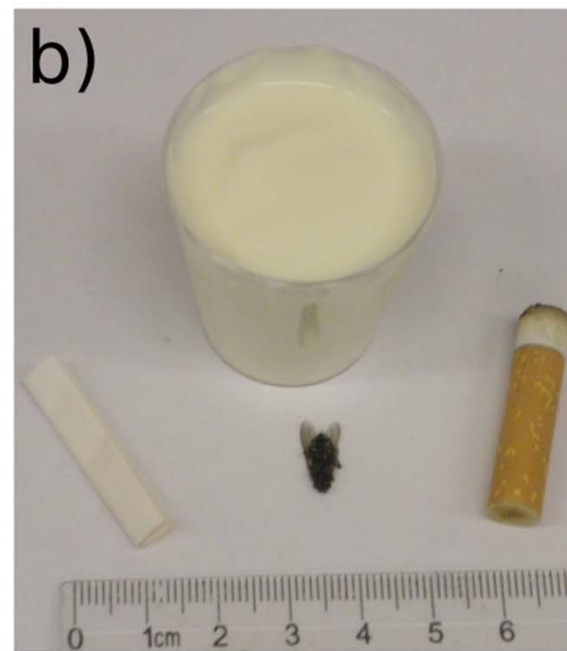
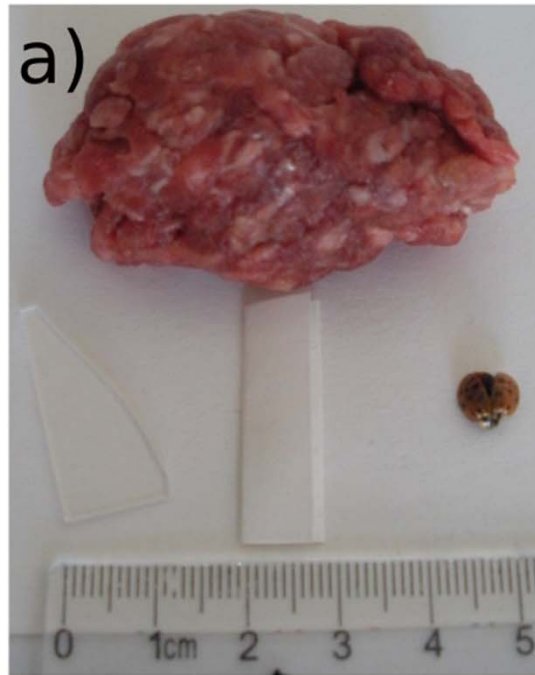
# Dark Field Imaging



*F. Pfeiffer et al. Nature Materials 7, 134 (2008)*



# Detection of Foreign Bodies

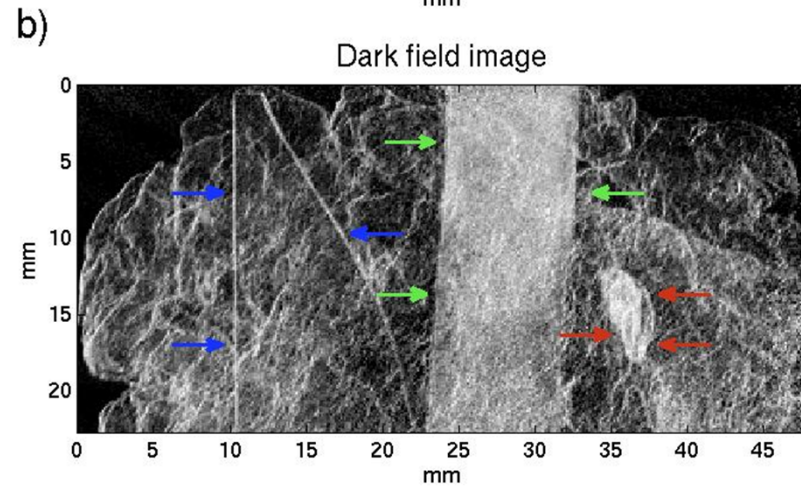
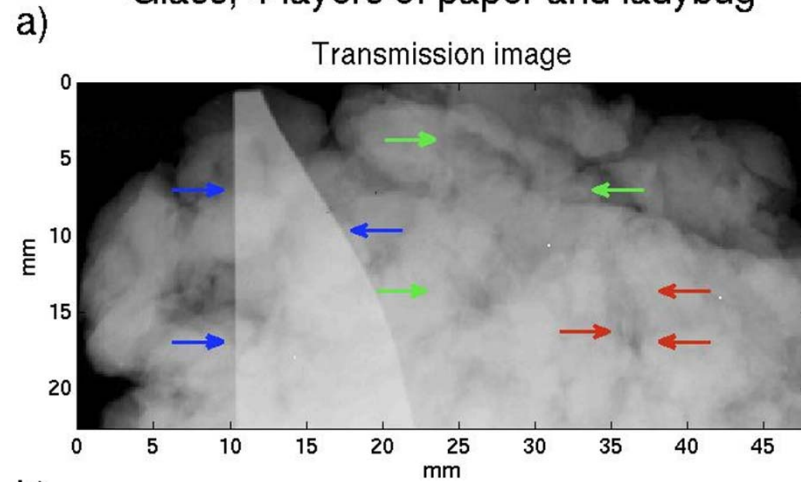




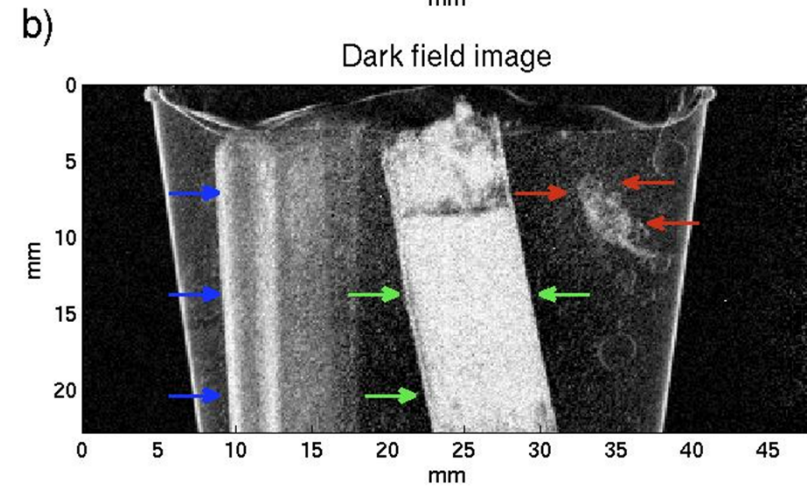
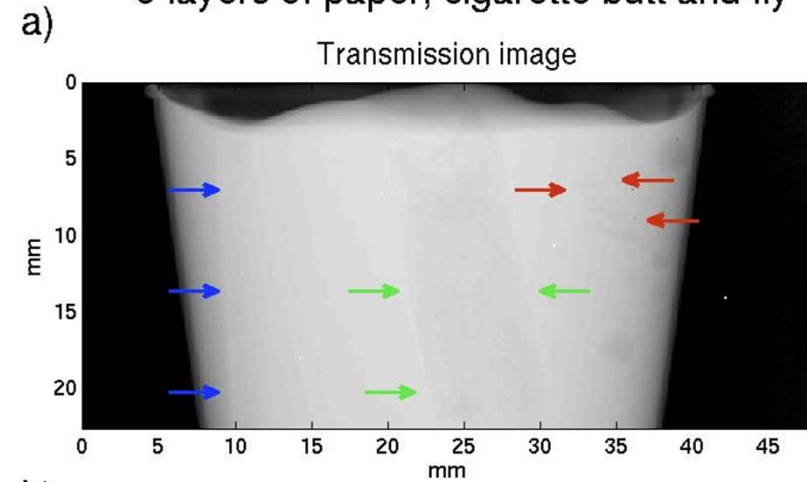
# Foreign body detection

## *Transmission and Dark-field images*

Glass, 4 layers of paper and ladybug

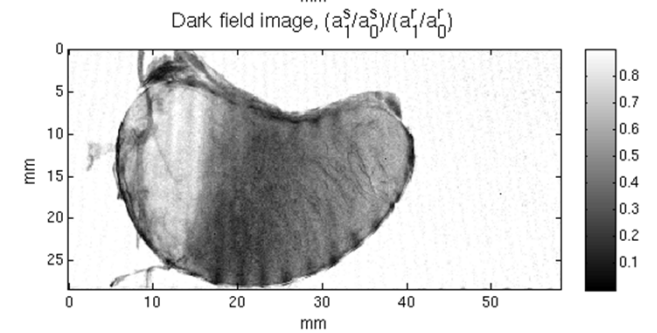
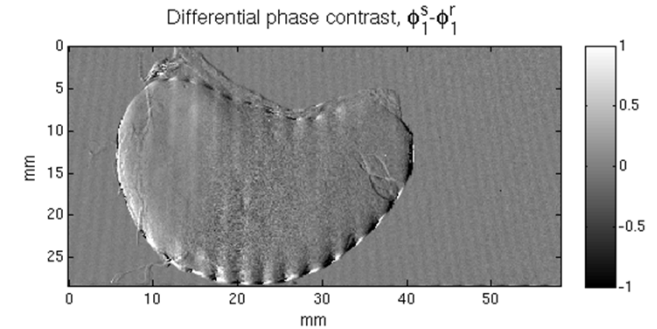
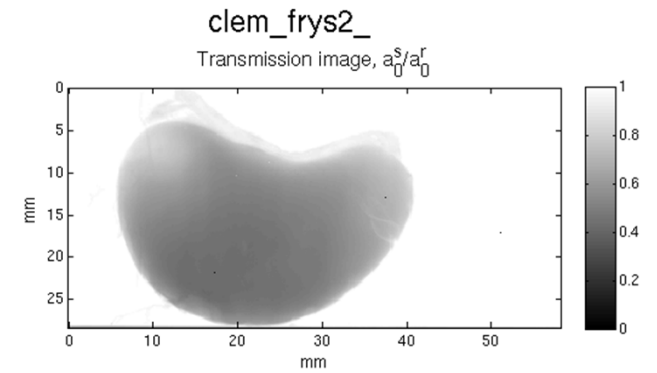
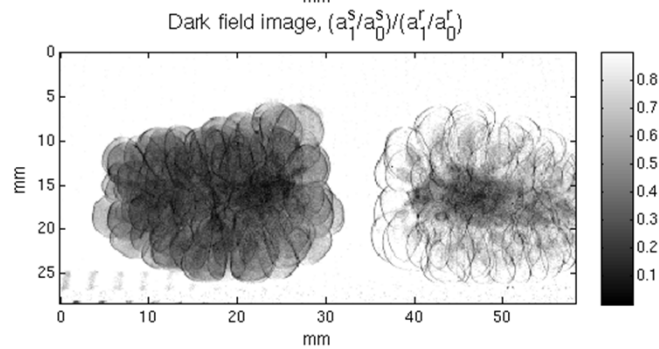
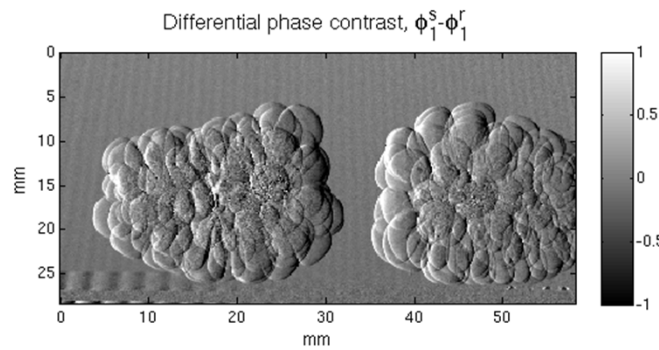
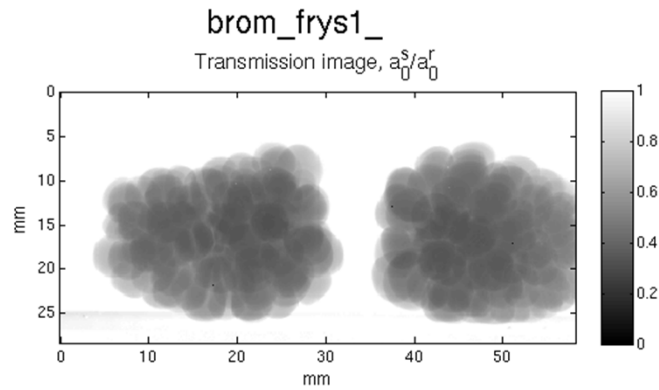


8 layers of paper, cigarette butt and fly





# Frozen Fruits?



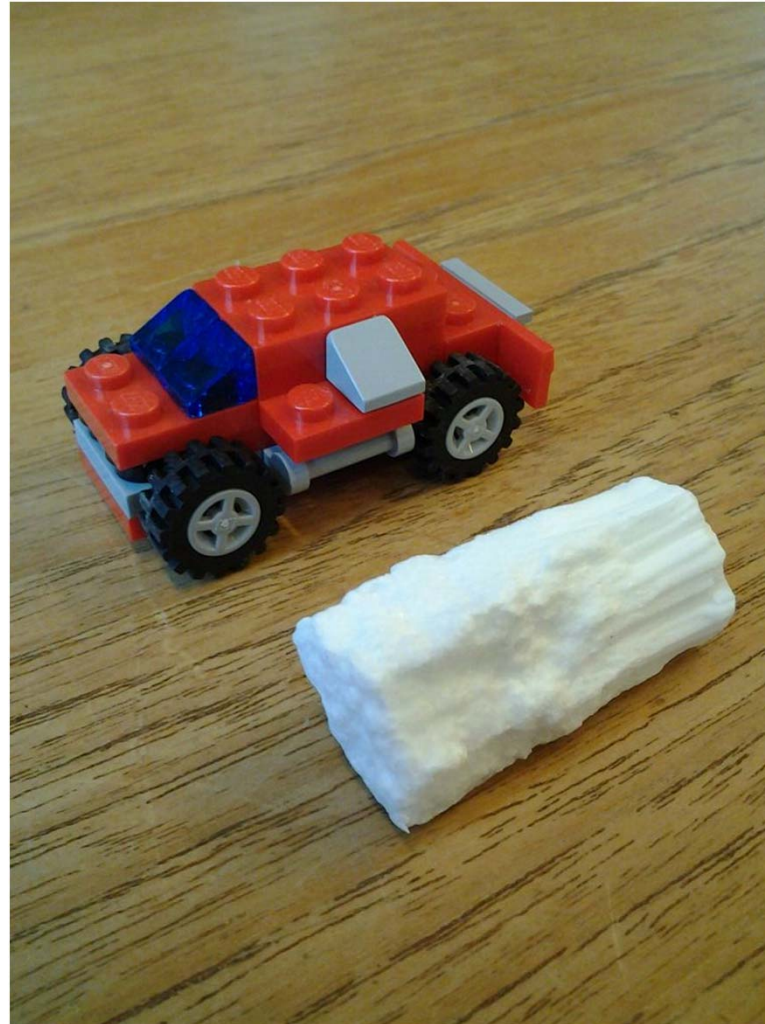




## Can we see sub pixel joints and cracks ?

Legocar

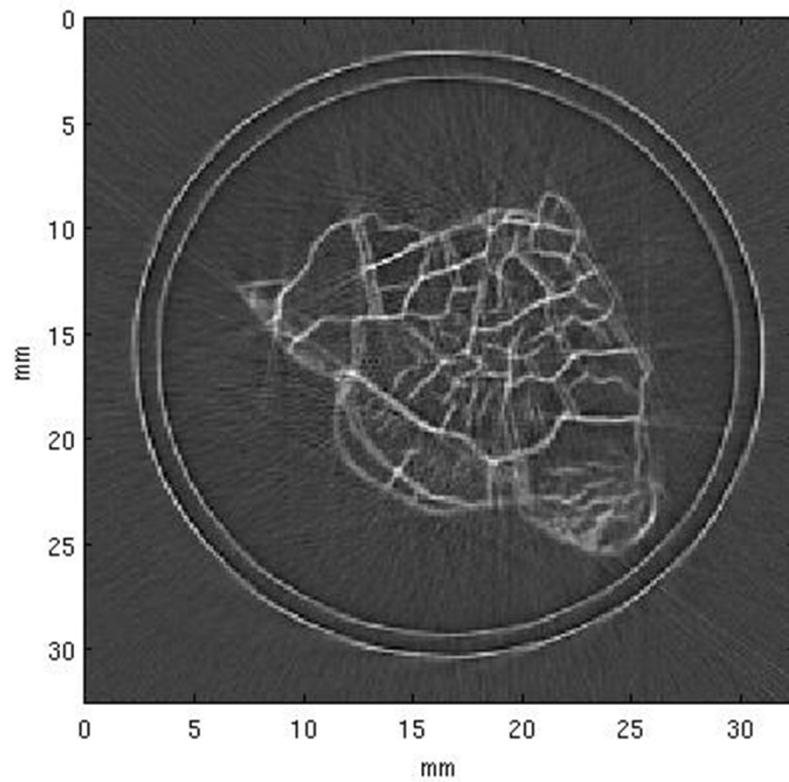
Stearin: quick-frozen in liquid nitrogen to create cracks



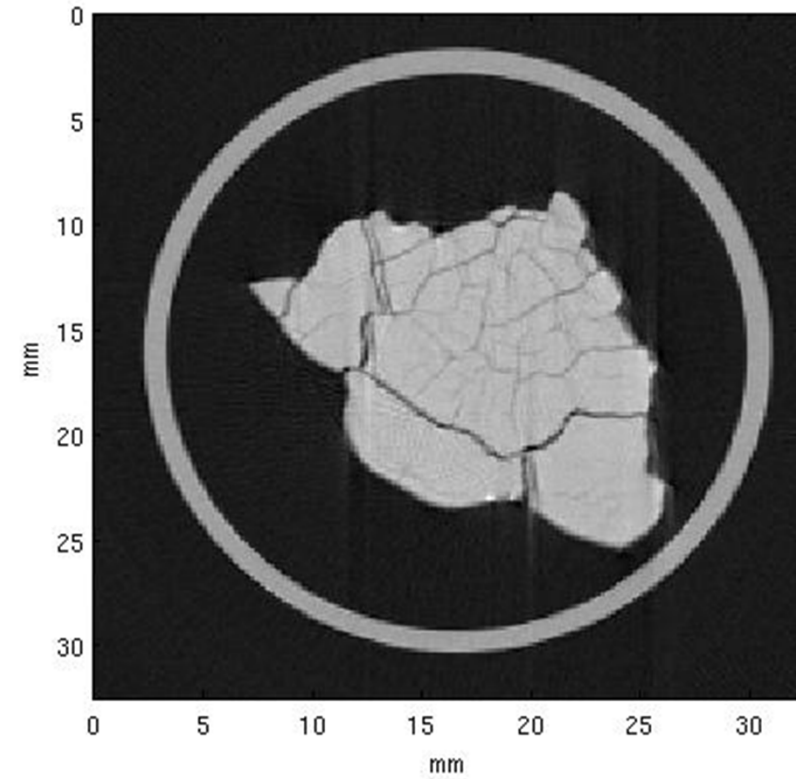


# Stearin sample

Dark field



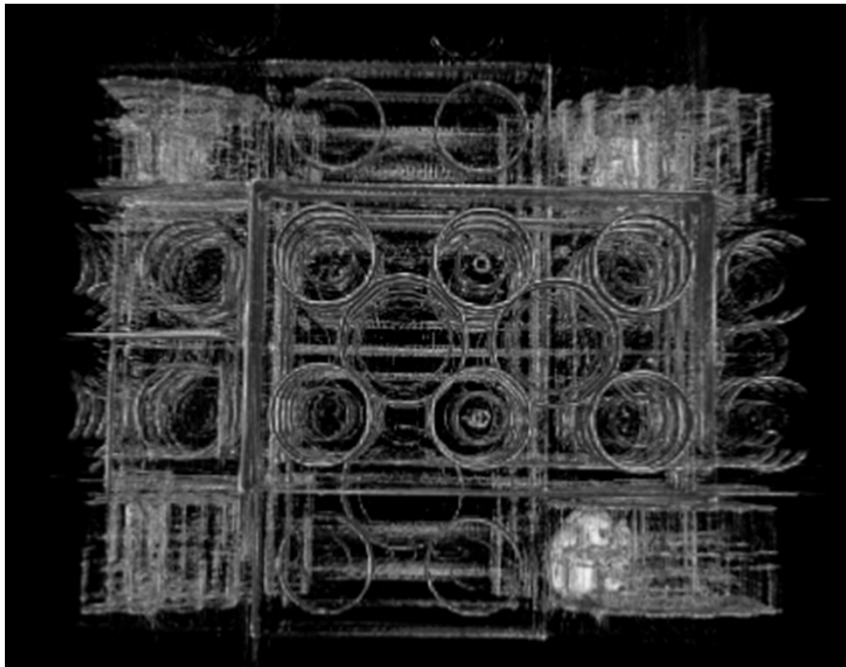
Absorption



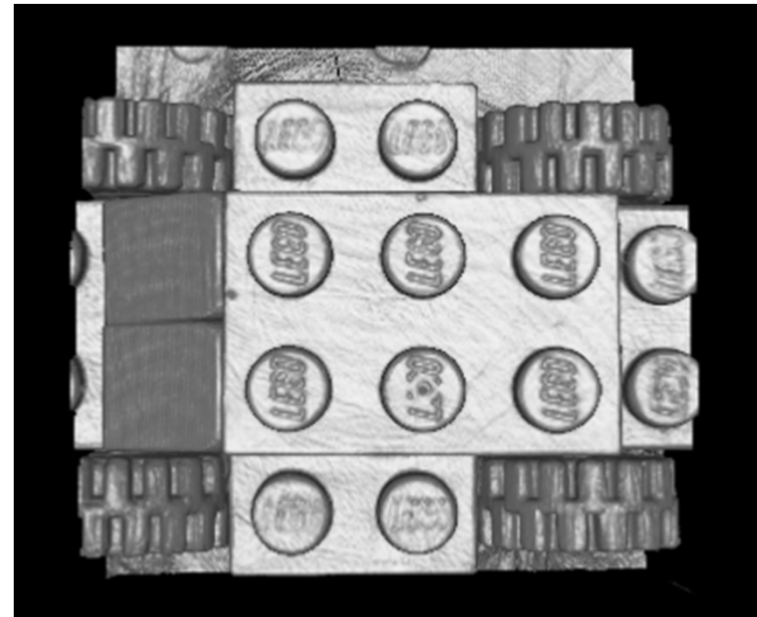


# Legocar in 3D

Dark field



Absorption





## Conclusions and Outlook

Phase contrast works for food  
Better contrast possible  
Excellent results at Synchrotrons

Implementation at lab sources  
Quantification

More applications: Fish, pork, sweets, spring rolls, bakery,...

Conveyer belt solutions?  
Image recognition and image processing?

MAX IV (X-ray) and ESS (neutrons) in Lund very soon





# The NEXIM team



Computerpower, NBI



DMRI  
Practical Experience



X-ray Technology,  
NBI, TUM, Lund



Food Science Life

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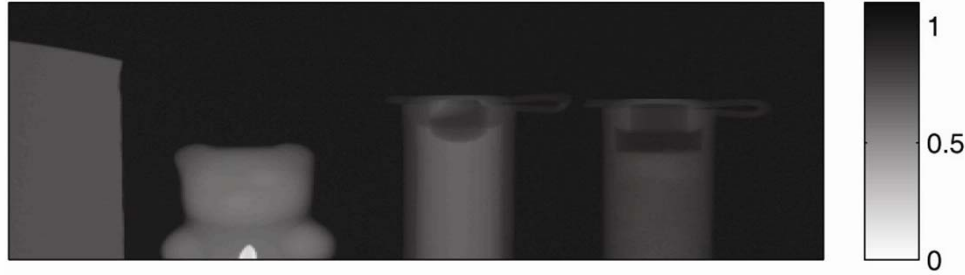
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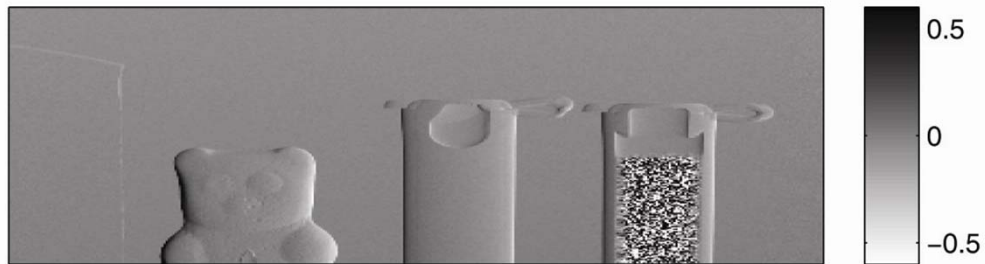


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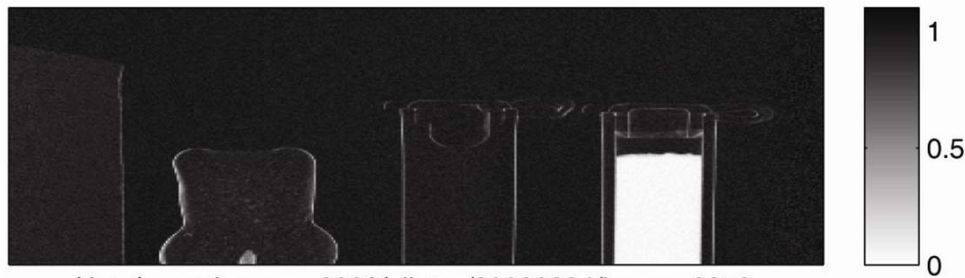
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phase contrast



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