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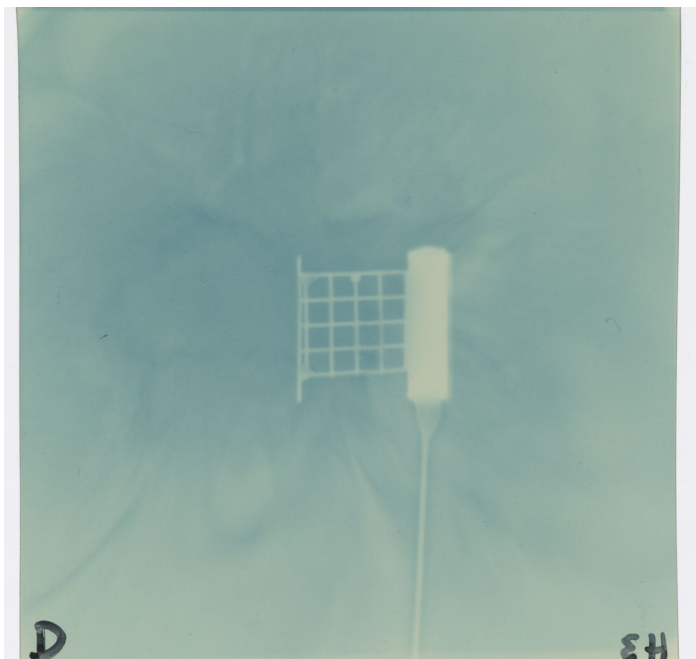


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Abstract

The Multi-Probe 23A experiments took place on the Omega EP laser in December 2022. The experiments consisted of shots alternating between Omega EP's two short-pulse laser beams to generate proton and deuteron beams from a variety of film and foam targets. The backlighter was used in the *pitcher series*, in which deuteron beams were generated to develop a pitcher for a pitcher-catcher neutron radiographic source. The sidelighter was used in the *shielding series*, in which proton beams were generated, and a metal shield, XBLK, was used to mitigate crosstalk between the proton target and image plates located perpendicularly to the proton beam axis. For the pitcher series, we found that we were able to generate a deuteron beam with CD film, but not CD foam, targets. For the shielding series, we found that 6 mm Al vastly outperformed similar thicknesses of Cu and Ta at mitigating the crosstalk, suggesting that electrons, rather than x-rays, are the primary source of crosstalk.

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Goals

The experiment had three primary and three secondary goals.

The primary goals of the experiment were to:

1. Characterize deuteron beam for pitcher concepts used in neutron generation (**Pitcher series**)
2. Mitigate crosstalk on x-ray image plates generated from the proton source using XBLK (**Shielding series**)
3. Measure x-ray energy and angular distribution for various target configurations (**Both series**)

The secondary goals of the experiment were to:

1. Characterize proton beam from Kapton film as radiographic source (**Shielding series**)
2. Determine difference between 500 and 600 nm Kapton targets, if any (**Shielding series**)
3. Interrogate pre-pulse plasma using 4w probe (**Pitcher series**)

Results

Results for the three primary goals of the experiment:

1. Deuteron beams were measured for the CD film target, but only protons were observed for the CD foam targets. Further analysis is needed to determine why deuterons were not observed for the CD foam targets (**Pitcher series**)
2. Al shields outperformed Ta and Cu shields for mitigating the crosstalk. This suggests that the crosstalk is dominated by electrons, not x-rays (**Shielding series**)
3. X-ray spectra were obtained with BMXS-55, the other IP diagnostics on NTA 11/13 were often saturated (**Both series**)

Results for the three secondary goals of the experiment:

1. Radiographs were obtained using Kapton and CD films. Analysis will be performed to determine the quality of the radiographs (**Shielding series**)
2. Initial analysis indicates the 500 nm Kapton targets yielded more consistent radiographs than the 600 nm Kapton targets (500 + 100 nm pieces of tape) (**Shielding series**)
3. Initial analysis suggests that the 4w probe did not yield any useful data, likely due to the small size of the pre-plasma (**Pitcher series**)

Summary of shot day

Shot List

General shot information

| Shot number | Beam | Shot RID | Time | Laser Energy (J) |
|-------------|------|----------|-------|------------------|
| 1 | BL | 38058 | 10:23 | 236 |
| 2 | SL | 38059 | 11:13 | 132.7 |
| 3 | BL | 38060 | 11:53 | 238.5 |
| 4 | SL | 38061 | 13:02 | 136.7 |

| | | | | |
|----|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 5 | BL | 38062 | 13:35 | 467.9 |
| 6 | SL | 38063 | 14:47 | 278 |
| 7 | BL | 38064 | 15:50 | 472 |
| 8 | SL | 38065 | 16:55 | 274.7 |
| 9 | BL | 38066 | 17:37 | 472.5 |
| 10 | SL | 38067 | 19:05 | 281.6 |
| 11 | BL | 38068 | 19:49 | 478.9 |
| 12 | SL | 38069 | 20:40 | 279.3 |

Laser Parameters

| Shot number | Beam | Laser Energy (J) | Laser Spot Size (R_{80} , μm) | Pulse Length (ps) | Intensity (W/cm^2) | A_0 |
|-------------|------|------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | BL | 236 | 18.3 | 0.7 | 2.56361E+19 | 4.6 |
| 2 | SL | 132.7 | 18.1 | 0.7 | 1.47352E+19 | 3.5 |
| 3 | BL | 238.5 | 15.8 | 0.7 | 3.47549E+19 | 5.3 |
| 4 | SL | 136.7 | 18.1 | 0.7 | 1.51794E+19 | 3.5 |
| 5 | BL | 467.9 | 16.1 | 0.7 | 6.56665E+19 | 7.3 |
| 6 | SL | 278 | 17.4 | 0.7 | 3.34033E+19 | 5.2 |
| 7 | BL | 472 | 15.6 | 0.7 | 7.05562E+19 | 7.6 |
| 8 | SL | 274.7 | 17.9 | 0.7 | 3.11885E+19 | 5.1 |
| 9 | BL | 472.5 | 15.5 | 0.7 | 7.15453E+19 | 7.7 |
| 10 | SL | 281.6 | 18 | 0.7 | 3.16177E+19 | 5.1 |
| 11 | BL | 478.9 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 6.39911E+19 | 7.2 |
| 12 | SL | 279.3 | 17.8 | 0.7 | 3.20681E+19 | 5.1 |

Shot notes:

| Shot number | Comment |
|-------------|---|
| 1 | Darkroom tech noted image plate saturation too much to scan, even with sensitivity at 1000. they will erase it for 5 s then rescan |
| 2 | First 2 IP on NTA11 were erased for 5 s |
| 3 | Pixel size scan parameter was wrong on first scan of TPIE. no clear D trace |
| 4 | 6 mm Cu in XBLK, no erasing on NTA behind XBLK |
| 5 | X-ray films erased for 10 s |
| 6 | 10 mm Ta in XBLK, no erasing on NTA behind XBLK |
| 7 | Switch target to CD foil, try to see deuteron, x-ray films erased for 10 s |
| 8 | 6 mm Al in XBLK, no erasing on NTA behind XBLK |
| 9 | TPIE detector to 50 cm ONLY this shot (Checking if deuterons become visible, i.e. if over-filtered. Appears not the case. Final Al filter had been omitted up to this point.) |
| 10 | XBLK: 2 mm Ta 6 mm Al. Swap first RCF stack filter from Cu for 100 μm Al for rest of day. |
| 11 | TPIE filter changed to attenuate ^{12}C in high energy range (200 μm filter) - note no x-ray hole in filter |
| 12 | XBLK: 1 mm Ta 6 mm Al |

Targets

Targets used

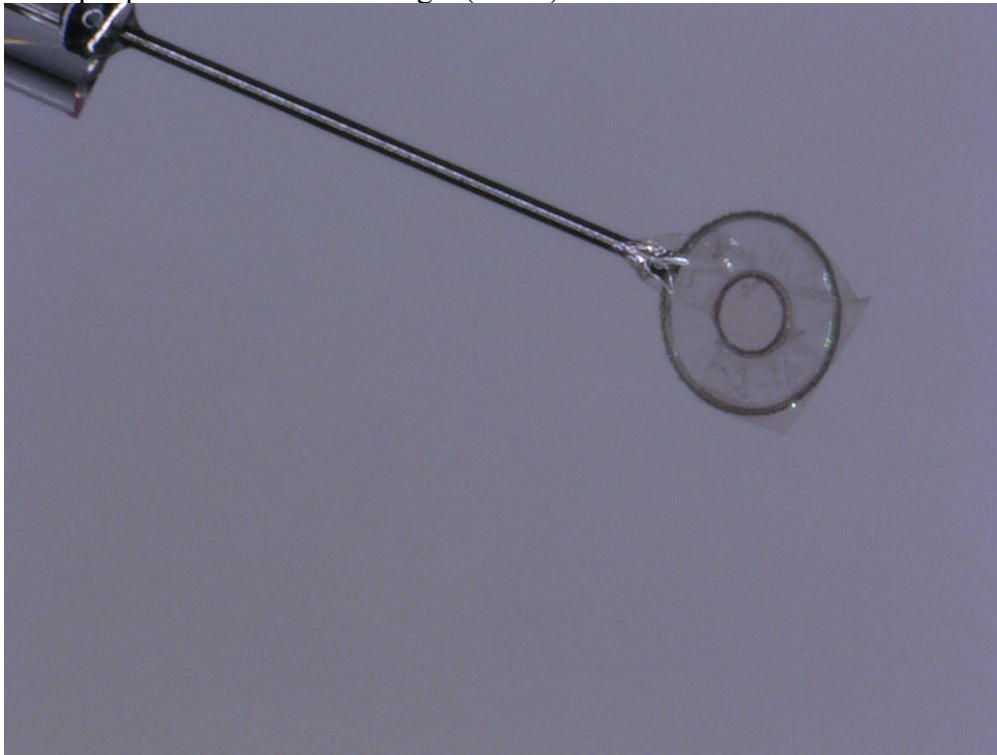
| Shot number | Beam | Target used | Target material | Target thickness/density |
|-------------|------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | BL | FOAM_1 1RED | CD foam + Al | 20μm thick, 25mg/cc |
| 2 | SL | MP-23A_Pro-1_200 | Kapton foil | 600nm |
| 3 | BL | FOAM_2 1Blue | Al + CD foam | 20μm thick, 25mg/cc |
| 4 | SL | MP-23A_Pro-2_300 | Kapton foil | 500nm |
| 5 | BL | FOAM_1 2RED | CD foam + Al | 20μm thick, 25mg/cc |
| 6 | SL | MP-23A_PRO-1_201 | Kapton foil | 600nm |
| 7 | BL | CD Film 14Orange | CD film | 500nm |
| 8 | SL | MP-23A_Pro-2_301 | Kapton foil | 500nm |
| 9 | BL | CD Foam/Al 3Red | CD foam + Al | 20μm thick, 25mg/cc |
| 10 | SL | CD Film 2Pink | CD film | 500nm |
| 11 | BL | CD Film 7Blue | CD film | 500nm (film folded over tiny bit) |
| 12 | SL | CD Film 6Orange | CD film | 300nm |

Sample Target Pictures

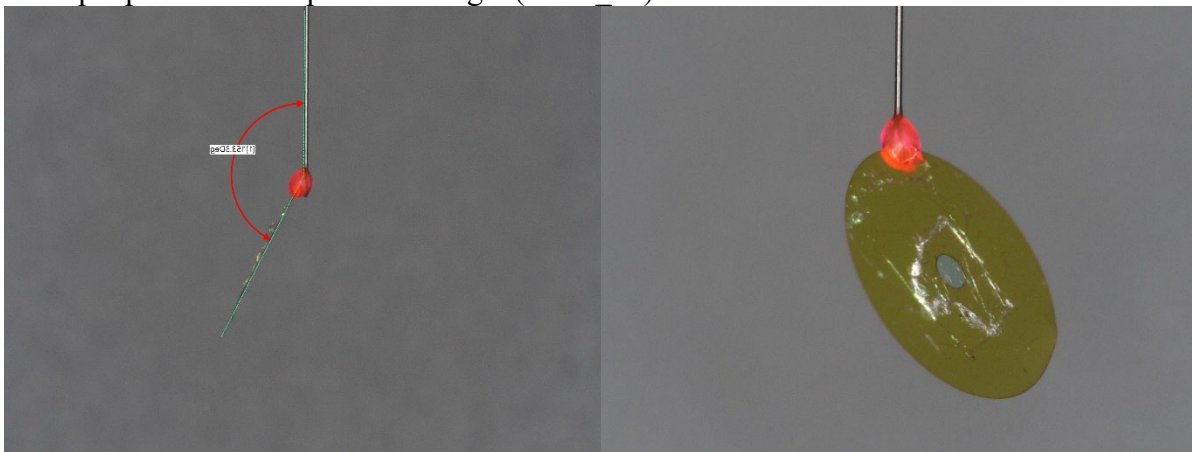
Example pictures of CD foam target (1Blue)



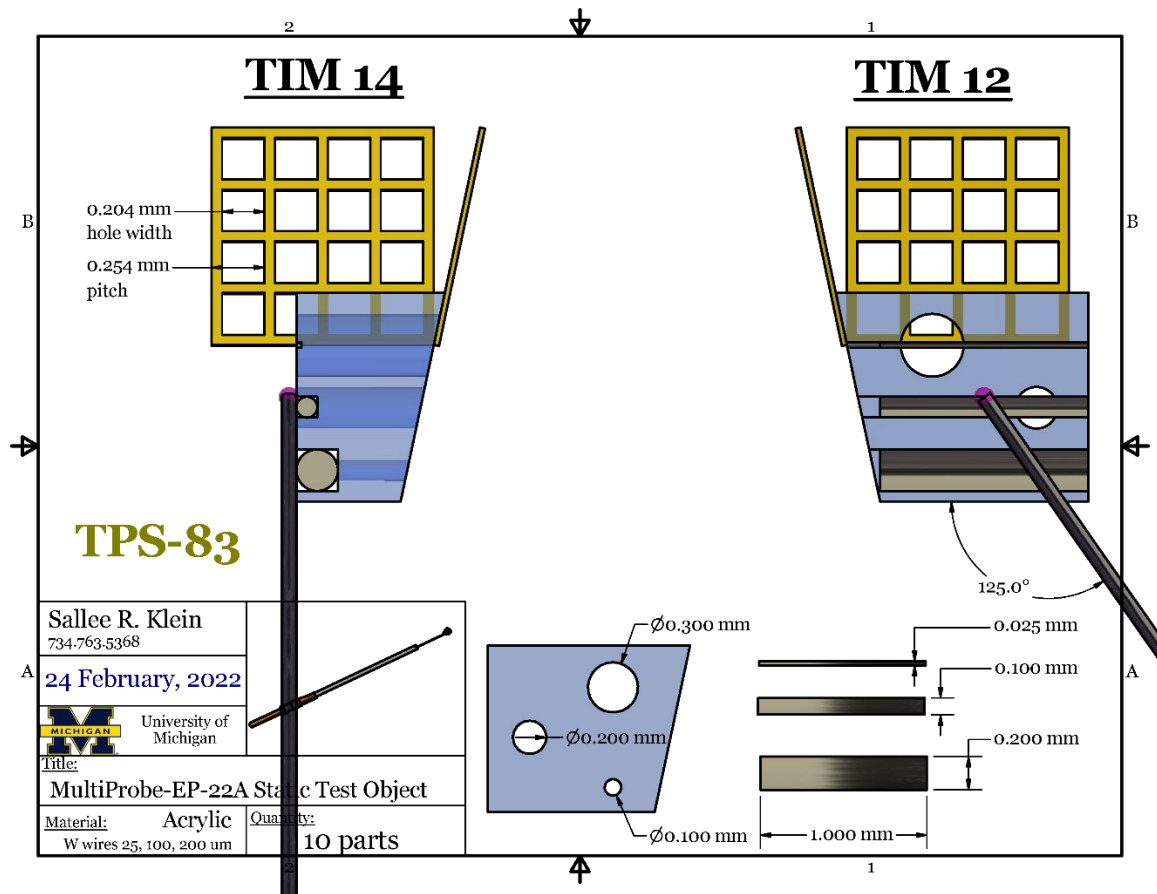
Example pictures of CD film target (2Pink)



Example pictures of Kapton film target (Pro-1 21)



Static test object
Engineering drawing



Example pictures of static object

Example pictures of static object (MP-23_B_100)



Diagnostics

Instruments Used

| | FULL IP SET | |
|---------------|---|---|
| TIM | Shielding Series (Sidelighter) | Pitcher Series (Backlighter) |
| 10 | X-Ray Shield (LANL) | ----- |
| 11 | Image Plate Stack | Image Plate Stack |
| 12 | ----- | TPIE |
| 13 | Image Plate Stack | Image Plate Stack |
| 14 | Dual NTA with RCF/image plate stacks | Dual NTA with IP/PROBIES |
| TPS7 | Sidelighter (x ray thin film) target | Proton source (CH/CD foil/foam) |
| TPS 83 | Static test object | ----- |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Fixed | Shielding Series (Sidelighter) | Pitcher Series (Backlighter) |
| 55 | BMSX-55 | BMSX-55 |
| 30, 71 | ----- | 4w shadowgraphy + interferometer + AFR |

The full diagnostic set was fielded on some shots, and reduced on others to minimize load on dark room.

| | MINIMUM IP SET | |
|---------------|---|---|
| TIM | Shielding Series (Sidelighter) | Pitcher Series (Backlighter) |
| 10 | X-Ray Shield (LANL) | ----- |
| 11 | ----- | ----- |
| 12 | ----- | TPIE |
| 13 | ----- | ----- |
| 14 | Dual NTA with RCF/image plate stacks | Dual NTA with --/PROBIES |
| TPS7 | Sidelighter (x ray thin film) target | Proton source (CH/CD foil/foam) |
| TPS 83 | Static test object | ----- |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Fixed | Shielding Series (Sidelighter) | Pitcher Series (Backlighter) |
| 55 | ----- | ----- |
| 30, 71 | ----- | 4w shadowgraphy + interferometer + AFR |

Definitive information about IP pack, RCF film pack, and step wedges

X-ray Image Plate Pack:

X-ray diagnostics consisted of a combination of IP stacks on TIM NTAs and on BMXS-55. The full suite of x-ray diagnostics was not fielded on all shots, but rather a particular selection of shots to cover a wide range of laser & target parameter space.

For the **sidelighter shots** (shielding series), when we use the FULL IP SET, we had IP stacks on TIM-11, TIM-13, and TIM-14 (orthogonal NTA), and used BMXS-55 as well. For the MINIMUM IP SET, we will only have an IP stack on TIM-14 (orthogonal NTA) to determine the effectiveness of XBLK.

For the **backlighter shots** (pitcher series), when we use the FULL IP SET, we had IP stacks on TIM-11, TIM-13, and TIM-14 (normal NTA), and used BMXS-55 as well. For the MINIMUM IP set, we had no x-ray diagnostics.

For **BMXS-55**, we used the LLE Standard MeV Pack. Note that the BMXS diagnostic does have a set of magnets included. (two magnets, 2"x1"x0.5", with surface fields of 3723 G are separated by about 0.5" to 1").

| BMXS IP Cartridge MeV Filter List | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Layer | Filter Thickness (mm) | Filter Material |
| 1 | 5 | Teflon |
| 2 | 5 | Teflon |
| 3 | 0.1 | Al |
| 4 | 0.5 | IP-1 |
| 5 | 0.1 | Ti |
| 6 | 0.5 | IP-2 |
| 7 | 0.1 | Fe |
| 8 | 0.5 | IP-3 |
| 9 | 0.1 | Cu |
| 10 | 0.5 | IP-4 |
| 11 | 0.1 | Mo |
| 12 | 0.5 | IP-5 |
| 13 | 0.15 | Ag |
| 14 | 0.5 | IP-6 |
| 15 | 0.5 | Sn |
| 16 | 0.5 | IP-7 |
| 17 | 0.5 | Ta |
| 18 | 0.5 | IP-8 |
| 19 | 1.56 | Au |
| 20 | 0.5 | IP-9 |
| 21 | 1 | Pb |
| 22 | 0.5 | IP-10 |
| 23 | 2 | Pb |
| 24 | 0.5 | IP-11 |
| 25 | 3 | Pb |
| 26 | 0.5 | IP-12 |
| 27 | 4 | Pb |
| 28 | 0.5 | IP-13 |
| 29 | 6.4 | Pb |
| 30 | 0.5 | IP-14 |

The angles between each x-ray diagnostic & proton beam are listed below.

Sidelighter:

| Diagnostic | Angle relative to proton beam | Angle relative to x-y plane |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TIM-11 | 88.47 (shifted slightly or retracted) | 51 above |
| TIM-13 | 82.87 (shifted slightly or retracted) | 63 below |
| TIM-14 | 90 | 0 |
| BMXS-55 | 150 | 0 |

Backlighter:

| Diagnostic | Angle relative to proton beam | Angle relative to x-y plane |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TIM-11 | 128 (shifted slightly or retracted) | 51 above |
| TIM-13 | 117 | 63 below |
| TIM-14 | 90 | 0 |
| BMXS-55 | 60 | 0 |

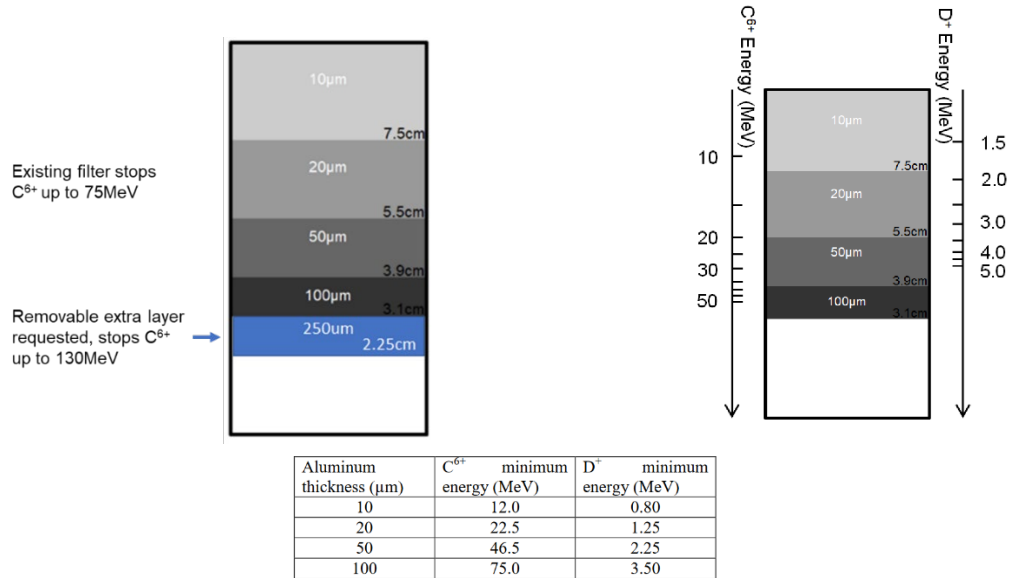
On the NTAs, we used the LANL_6_IP_stack:

| Layer | IP # | Material | Thickness (mm) | Total Thickness (mm) | Notes |
|-------|------|----------|----------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | | Al | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| 2 | | Mylar | 4 | 4.1 | Mylar cut in half laterally (or vertically) |
| 3 | 1 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 4.54 | |
| 4 | | Cu | 0.25 | 4.79 | |
| 5 | 2 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 5.23 | |
| 6 | | Cu | 1 | 6.23 | |
| 7 | 3 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 6.67 | |
| 8 | | Cu | 1 | 7.67 | |
| 9 | 4 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 8.11 | |
| 10 | | Ta | 1 | 9.11 | |
| 11 | 5 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 9.55 | |
| 12 | | Ta | 2 | 11.55 | |
| 13 | 6 | MS-IP | 0.44 | 11.99 | |
| 14 | | Cu | 0.5 | 12.43 | Wrap sides in 0.5 mm Cu too |

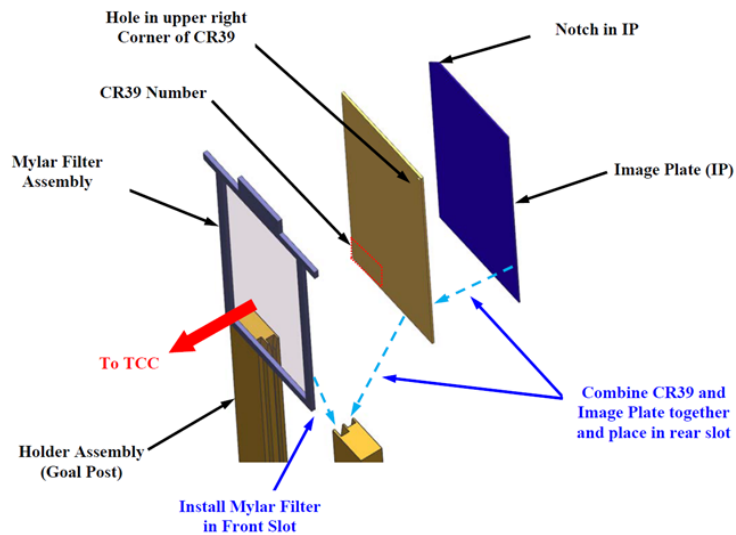
For **PROBIES**, we used the same RCF stack as used in MP21A.

| LANL_75MeV_PROBIES - Pack Assembly by Layer | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Layer | Film Layer | Material | Thickness [μm] | Running Thickness total [μm] | Running Thickness total [mm] | Minimum Proton Energy[MeV] |
| 1 | | PROBIES | | | | |
| 2 | | Sn | 100 | 100 | 0.1 | |
| 3 | 1 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 205 | 0.205 | 4.5 |
| 4 | | Sn | 500 | 705 | 0.705 | |
| 5 | 2 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 810 | 0.81 | 13.8 |
| 6 | | Sn | 500 | 1310 | 1.31 | |
| 7 | 3 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 1415 | 1.415 | 19.9 |
| 8 | | Sn | 500 | 1915 | 1.915 | |
| 9 | 4 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 2020 | 2.02 | 24.8 |
| 10 | | Sn | 500 | 2520 | 2.52 | |
| 11 | 5 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 2625 | 2.625 | 29.1 |
| 12 | | Sn | 500 | 3125 | 3.125 | |
| 13 | 6 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 3230 | 3.23 | 32.9 |
| 14 | | Sn | 1000 | 4230 | 4.23 | |
| 15 | 7 | Film (HD-V2) | 105 | 4335 | 4.335 | 39.5 |
| 16 | | Sn | 1000 | 5335 | 5.335 | |
| 17 | 8 | Film (MD-V3) | 260 | 5595 | 5.595 | 45.6 |
| 18 | | Sn | 1000 | 6595 | 6.595 | |
| 19 | 9 | Film (MD-V3) | 260 | 6855 | 6.855 | 51.2 |
| 20 | | Sn | 1000 | 7855 | 7.855 | |
| 21 | 10 | Film (MD-V3) | 260 | 8115 | 8.115 | 56.3 |
| 22 | | Sn | 1000 | 9115 | 9.115 | |
| 23 | 11 | Film (EBT3) | 280 | 9395 | 9.395 | 61.2 |
| 24 | | Sn | 1500 | 10895 | 10.895 | |
| 25 | 12 | Film (EBT3) | 280 | 11175 | 11.175 | 67.9 |

For **TPIE**, we used a differential Al filter to stop C^{6+} without attenuating D^+ as they have overlapping traces. The filter on the left below was requested as a modification to Arnold Schwemmlein's filter, but due to miscommunication the unmodified filter on the right was used (image and table describing the filter are from Schwemmlein's dissertation). For shot 11 Graeme Scott's filter with 250 μm Al over the entire unfiltered lower portion of the IP.



The Al differential filter was within the mylar filter assembly and SR-IP with to detect the ions (CR39 was not used).



The **TPIE** parameters were as follows:

- Pinhole (\emptyset) 250 μm
- IP in P1 at 10 cm (shot 8 had IP in P2 at 50 cm)
- 5.6 kG magnet
- 10 kV/cm electric field (electrodes set to -5 kV and +5 kV)
- Pixel size: 50 μm

Radio Chromic Film (RCF) Filter Pack

For the sidelighter shots (shielding series), we used an RCF stack within the TIM-14 dual NTA. The RCF stack was used for proton radiography of the static object. This RCF stack (below) is was also fielded in MP22A. On the right lists the minimum proton energy required to reach a given RCF layer.

| Layer | Material | Thickness (mm) | Total Thickness (mm) |
|-------|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Cu | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| 2 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 0.16 |
| 3 | Sn | 0.5 | 0.66 |
| 4 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 0.77 |
| 5 | Sn | 0.5 | 1.27 |
| 6 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 1.38 |
| 7 | Sn | 0.5 | 1.88 |
| 8 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 1.99 |
| 9 | Sn | 0.5 | 2.49 |
| 10 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 2.6 |
| 11 | Sn | 0.5 | 3.1 |
| 12 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 3.21 |
| 13 | Sn | 0.5 | 3.71 |
| 14 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 3.82 |
| 15 | Sn | 1 | 4.82 |
| 16 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 4.93 |
| 17 | Sn | 1 | 5.93 |
| 18 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 6.04 |
| 19 | Sn | 1 | 7.04 |
| 20 | HDV2 | 0.11 | 7.15 |
| 21 | Sn | 1 | 8.15 |
| 22 | MDV3 | 0.26 | 8.41 |
| 23 | Sn | 1 | 9.41 |
| 24 | MDV3 | 0.26 | 9.67 |
| 25 | Sn | 1 | 10.67 |
| 26 | MDV3 | 0.26 | 10.93 |
| 27 | Sn | 1 | 11.93 |
| 28 | MDV3 | 0.26 | 12.19 |

Film #1: 3.9 MeV

Film #2: 13.1 MeV

Film #3: 18.9 MeV

Film #4: 23.7 MeV

Film #5: 28.0 MeV

Film #6: 31.8 MeV

Film #7: 35.3 MeV

Film #8: 41.5 MeV

Film #9: 47.1 MeV

Film #10: 52.3 MeV

Film #11: 57.4 MeV

Film #12: 62.2 MeV

Film #13: 66.8 MeV

Film #14: 71.1 MeV

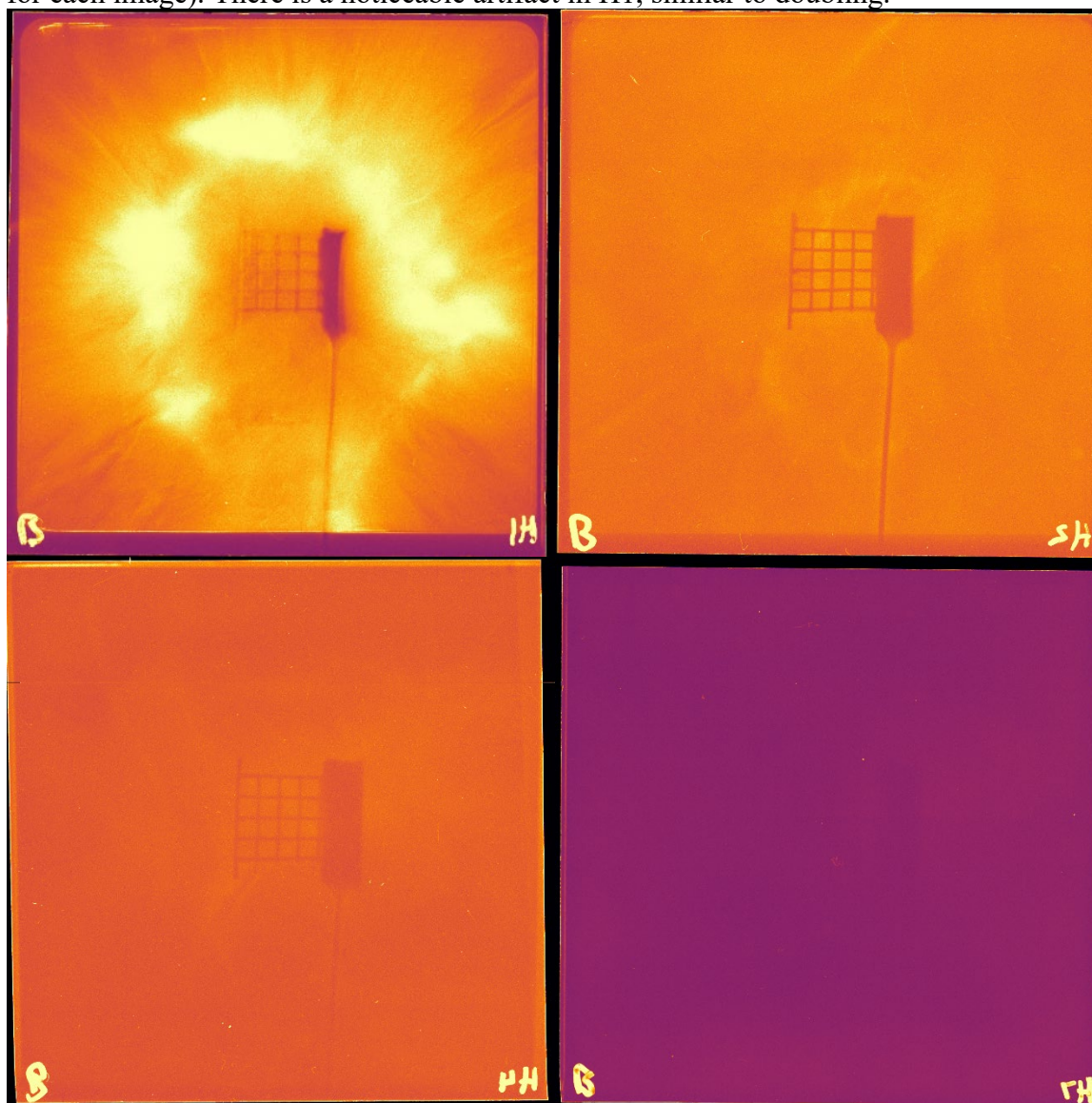
The Cu filter (layer 1) was swapped out for 100 μ m Al for shots 10 & 12.

Diagnostic Measurements

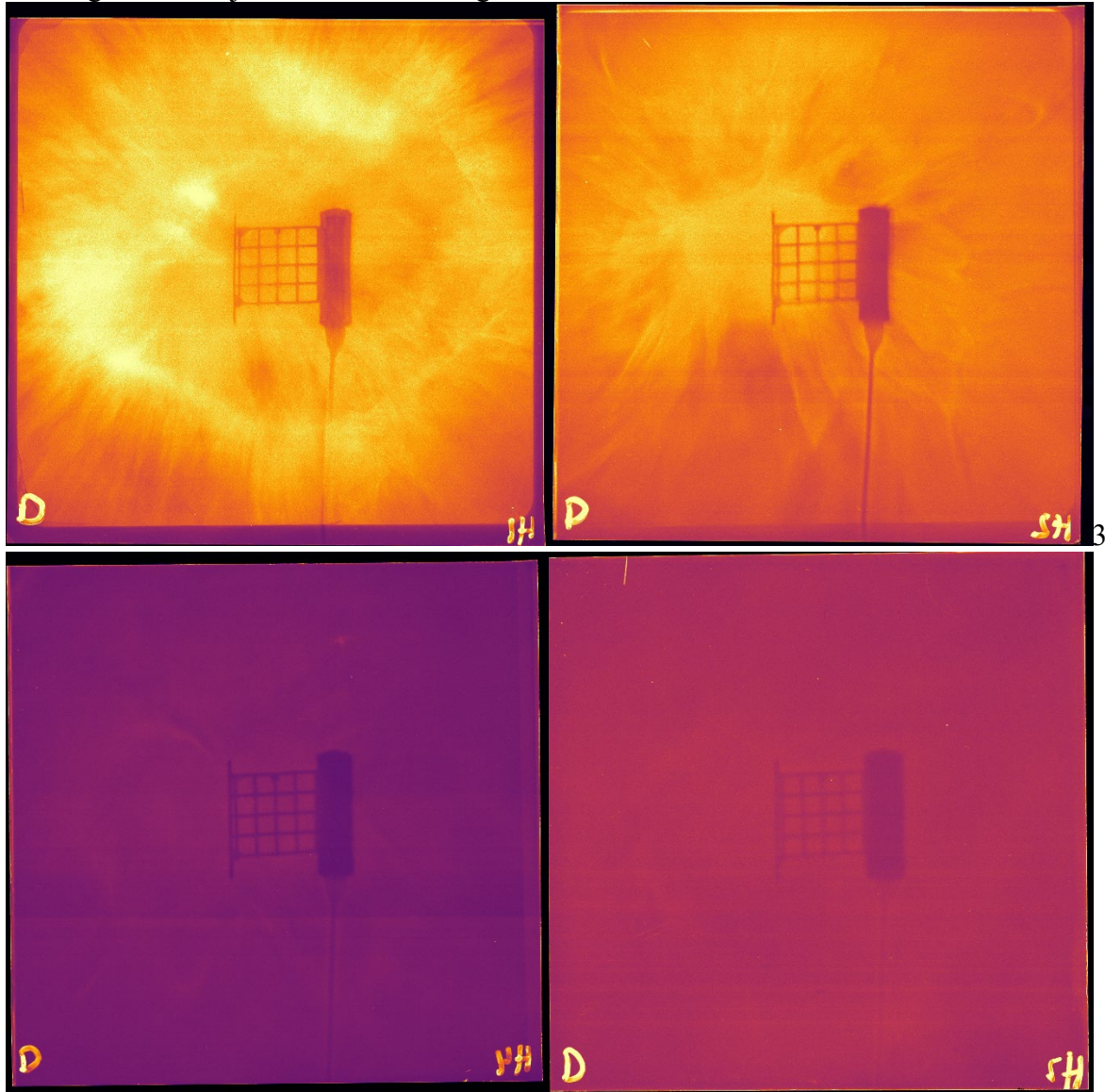
Proton radiography

A qualitative assessment of the protons radiographs is given here as the quantitative assessment is in progress. On most shots, the proton radiographs appear to be of good quality. There does not appear to be a significant difference in proton energy when reducing Kapton thickness from 600 nm to 500 nm, but there was less “doubling” of images observed with the 500 nm Kapton targets. The CD film targets also appear to provide a more uniform beam profile for lower energies as compared to the Kapton targets. Below are a few examples of the proton radiographs that have been scanned with a microdensitometer; flatbed scans of radiographs for all shots are provided in the appendix.

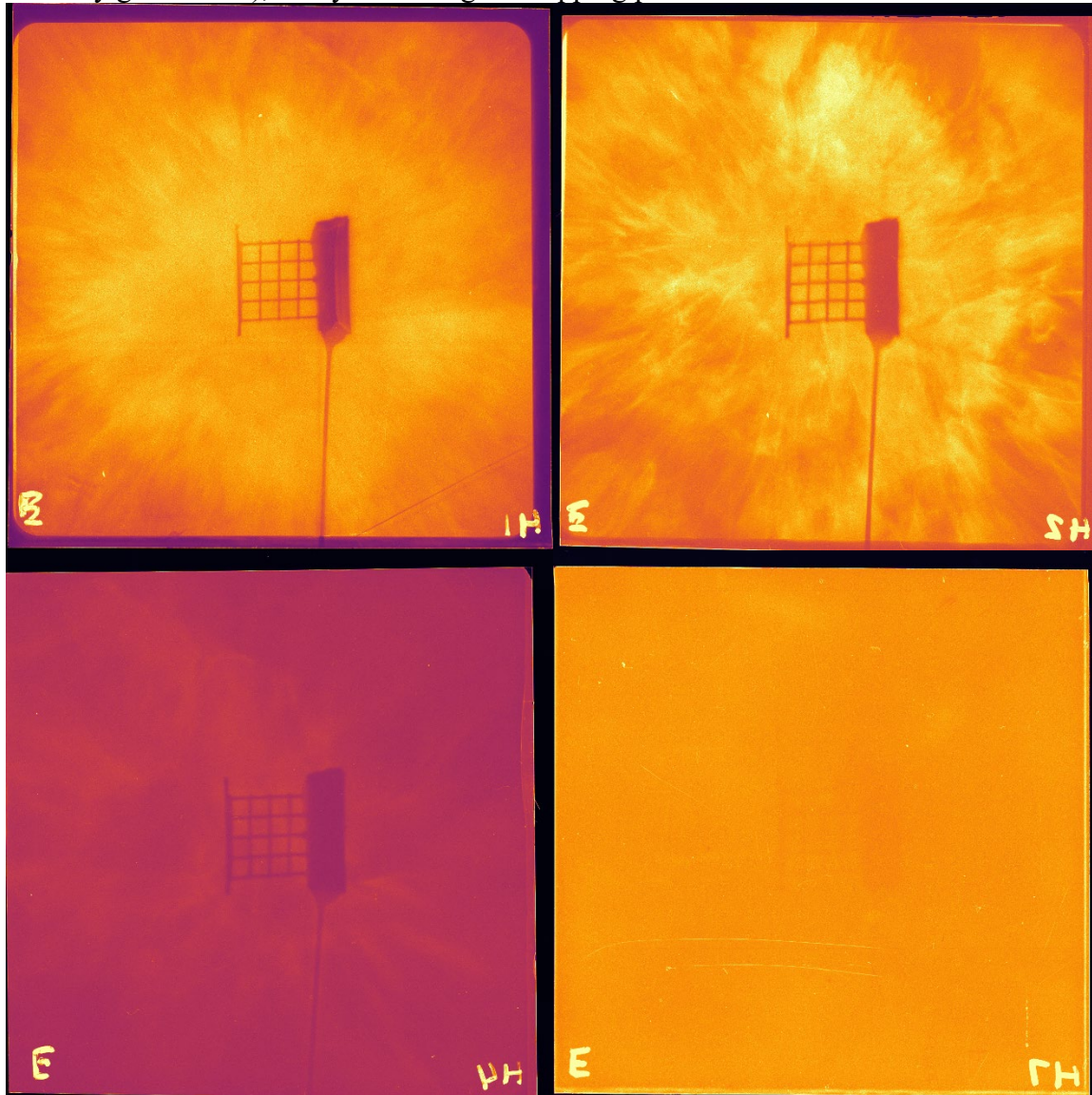
Shot 38059 (600 nm Kapton, 125 J), films H1, H2, H4, H7 (note relative brightness is rescaled for each image). There is a noticeable artifact in H1, similar to doubling.



Shot 38065 (500 nm Kapton, 250 J), films H1, H2, H4, H7. Note that there is no longer substantial doubling on the first piece of film. There is some interesting transparency of the thick 500 μm tungsten wire on the first film. This may be related to charging of the tungsten wire, bending the ion trajectories at low energies.



Shot 38067 (500 nm CD film, 250 J), films H1, H2, H4, H7. Note less noticeable “halo” about center of shot as compared to Kapton film. Not as penetrating as Kapton shot of 38065 (contrast is nearly gone in H7), likely due to higher stopping power of deuterons.



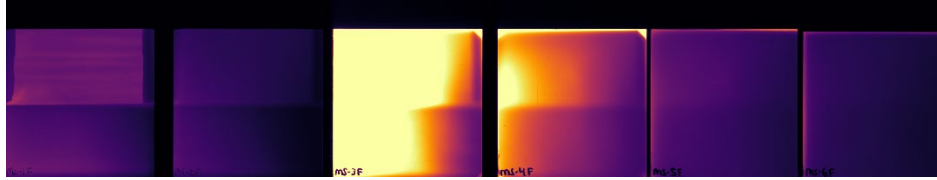
XBLK results

6 shots total on SL with NTA in TIM-14:

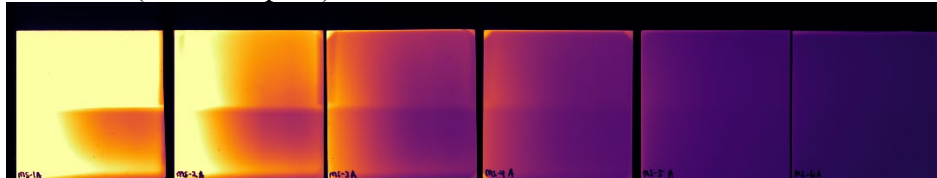
- No shield (125 J, Kapton)*
- 6 mm Cu (125 J, Kapton)
- 10 mm Ta (250 J, Kapton)
- 6 mm Al (250 J, Kapton)*
- 2 mm Ta + 6 mm Al (250 J, CD film)*

- 1 mm Ta + 6 mm Al (250 J, CD film)*
- * = BMXS on for shot

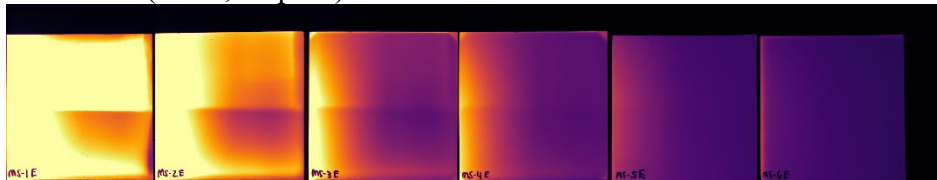
Raw NTA data behind XBLK
No Shield (125 J, Kapton)



6 mm Cu (125 J, Kapton)



10 mm Ta (250 J, Kapton)



6 mm Al (250 J, Kapton)



6 mm Al + 2 mm Ta (250 J, CD Film)



6 mm Al + 1 mm Ta (250 J, CD Film)



Surprisingly, the Al shield vastly outperformed Ta and Cu shields. This result suggests that the crosstalk may be due to electrons < 5 MeV. These electrons will tend to convert to x-rays more efficiently within the higher Z shield materials like Ta and Cu, while being scattered or stopped with much lower x-ray production in Al. Higher energy electrons would not be consistent with the observations as they would penetrate the Al directly. High energy x-rays would not be

stopped by the Al, and x-rays with sufficiently low energies to be stopped in the Al would not penetrate or generate sufficient secondary electrons within the Ta/Cu to explain the data.

Further analysis will be performed to determine whether the source of the crosstalk is indeed these <5 MeV electrons. This will be done by unfolds of the NTA data (simultaneous electron & x-ray unfolding) and through modeling with MCNP.

TPIE & PROBIES results

TPIE and PROBIES were fielded on 6 shots (PROBIES filter was not included on the last shot). Surprisingly, deuteron signals appear below threshold for all of the CD foam targets, while a clear deuteron traces were generated by the CD films. It is not clear what mechanism is preventing deuterons from being detected for the CD foam targets. Potential explanations include:

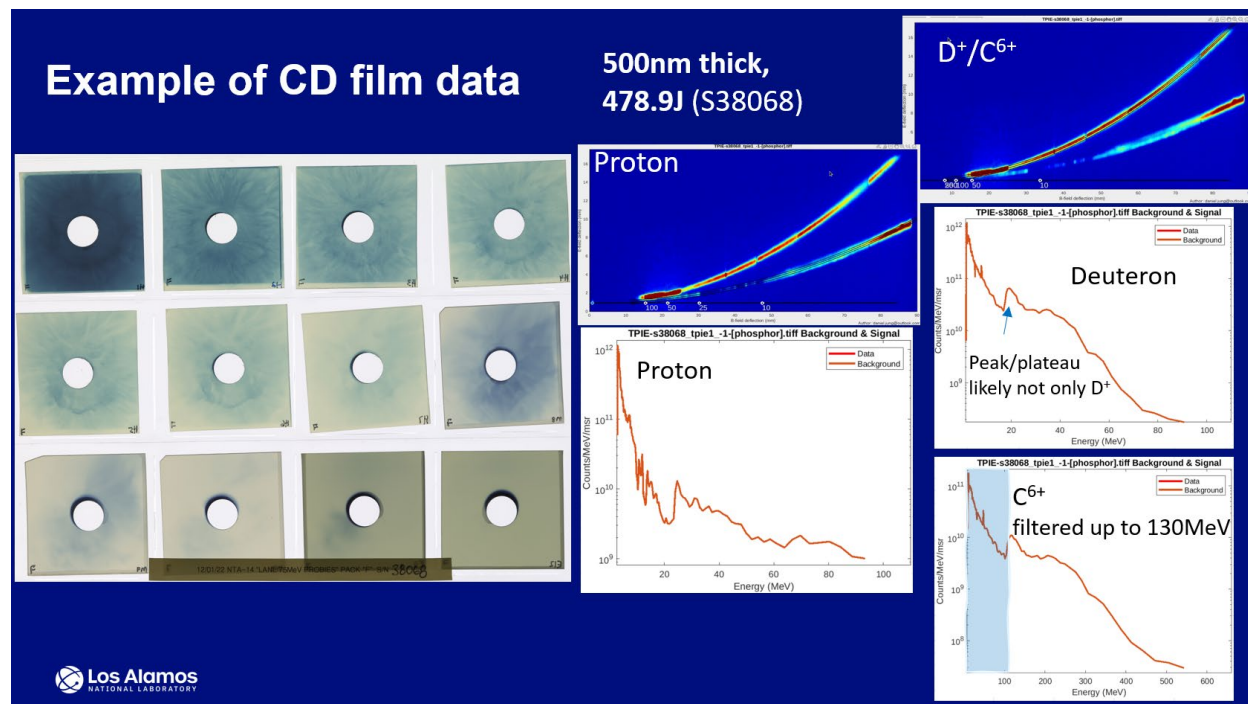
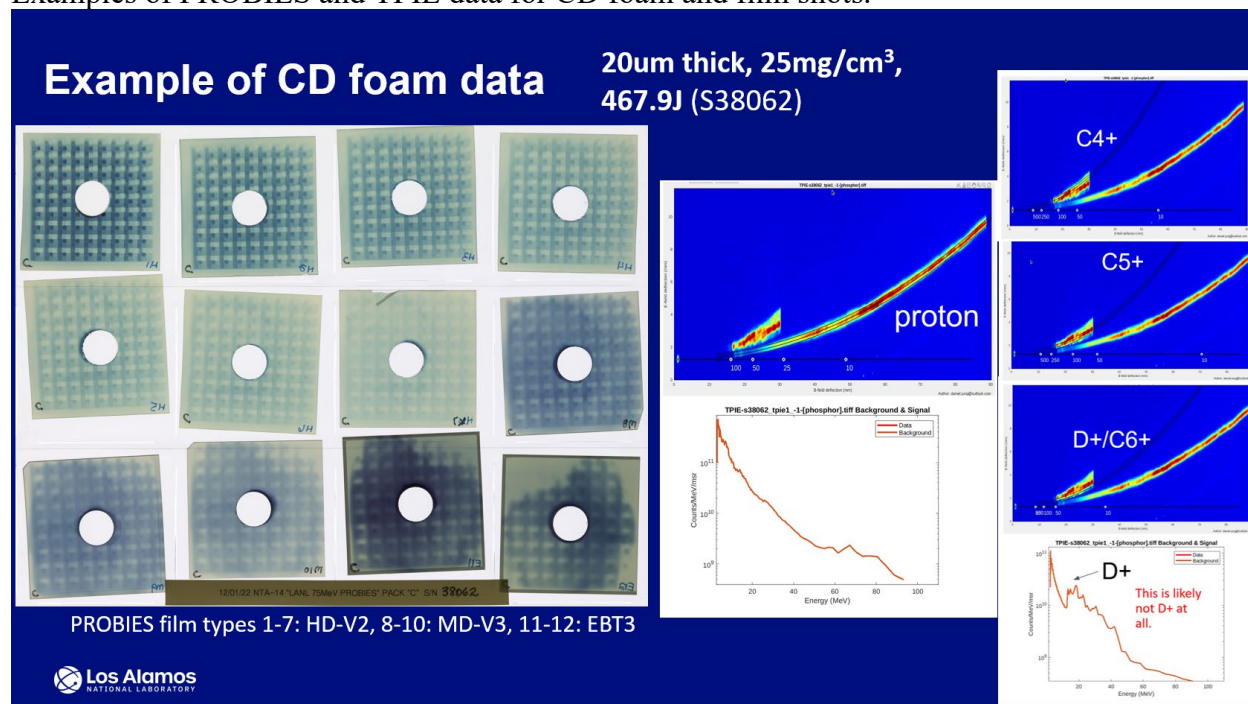
1. D-D fusion burning up the deuterons (fielding neutron detectors could confirm this)
2. Loss of deuterium in target due to high humidity conditions (unlikely given the 96% deuterium content in the CD foam precursor)
3. Preferential acceleration of protons on surface of foams over deuterons (unlikely due to detection of D for CD film, and the presence of high energy $C^{4+,5+}$ in foam TPIE measurements)

Analysis of TPIE data is ongoing, but the table below shows initial observations.

| Shot/Target | Energy | Proton E_{\max} | Deuteron E_{\max} |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| 38058/foam | 236 J | ~55-90 MeV | Not detected |
| 38060/foam | 238.5 J | ~50-90 MeV | Not detected |
| 38062/foam | 467.9 J | ~80-90 MeV | More likely C^{6+} |
| 38066/foam | 472.5 J | ~80-90 MeV | Offset filter, clear C^{6+} observed |
| 38064/film | 472 J | ~80-90 MeV | 80 MeV? C^{6+} contamination above 20 MeV* |
| 38068/film | 478.9 J | ~80-90 MeV | 80 MeV? C^{6+} contamination above 20 MeV* |

*TNSA-like exponential spectrum up to ~20MeV

Examples of PROBIES and TPIE data for CD foam and film shots.



This analysis is not yet quantitative as it does not yet include the effects of the energy shift due to the differential Al filter on IP response.

Pitcher series takeaways

Results

2 full energy shots of CD films produce deuterons as expected

- Exponential-like D^+ spectra measured up to 15-20 MeV
- H^+ measured up to ~80 MeV, but less total H^+ than in the foam

No or few D^+ measured in CD foams (2 shots each low and high energy);

very few C^{6+} ; H^+ energy comparable (or higher) than film target

- H^+ measured up to 40-60 MeV in low energy shots, energy higher from foam+Al target.
- Low energy shots also produce C^{4+} and C^{5+} (C^{5+} in Al+foam only), no C^{6+} ; no or little measured D^+ (for ~1-10 MeV range)
- High energy shots produce H^+ up to 60-80 MeV. More H^+ than film target at around 20 MeV, but steeper exponential (fewer at higher energy); low amount of D^+/C^{6+} may be present.



Hypothesis

• H in foam (likely more on the Al side) is dominant species accelerated. Less acceleration for lower q/m ratio nuclei (D^+ and C^{6+}),

- Counter arguments: lower charge states (C^{4+} , C^{5+}) seen at high energy.

C may only be fully ionized at piston front.

• D concentration in foam may be low and could decrease over time (check with t-fab)

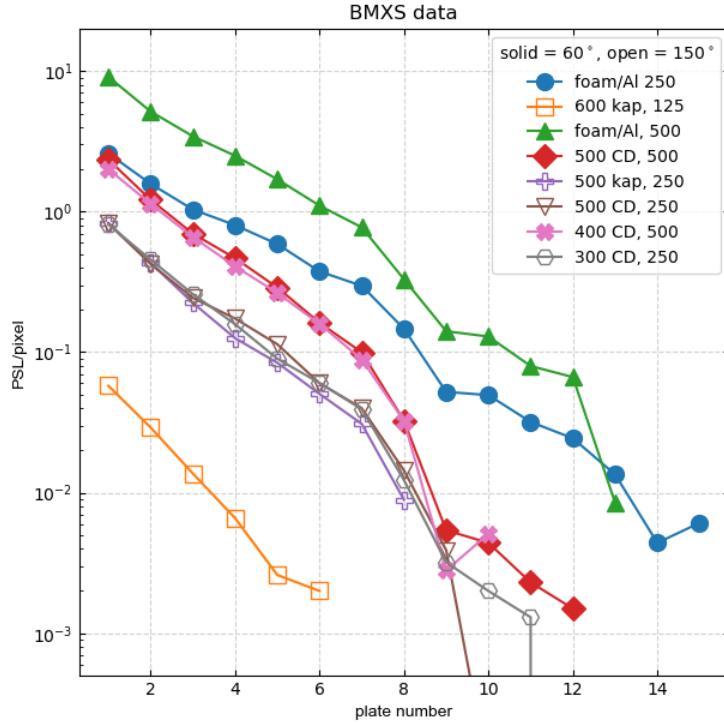
• Literature* suggests **D-D fusion occurs in both driven CD film and foam, generating significant neutron flux without a convertor**. Higher (forward) neutron flux are generated in the foam than in film. **Could accelerated D^+ burn up in the target?** Also, if D acceleration does not reach high energy they are attenuated within target.

*(Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 114801 (2022) - Stabilized Radiation Pressure Acceleration and Neutron Generation in Ultrathin Deuterated

Foils; <https://journals.aps.org/pre/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevE.72.066404>; <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1741-4326/ab1cda/pdf>)

BMXS-55 data

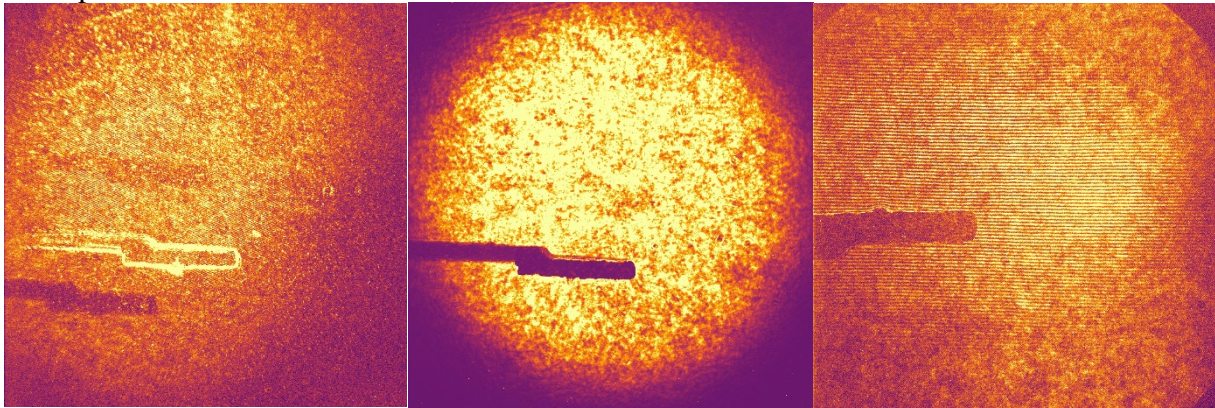
Image plate PSL values for BMXS-55 on each shot. Background subtraction performed, and PSL values < 0 are removed. Preliminary unfolds of the x-ray spectra for each shot are provided in the appendix. Note that these preliminary unfolds use NIST databases to build response matrices rather than MCNP (would not trust unfolds > 1 MeV).



4w probe

No clear signature of the pre-plasma was observed with the 4w probe.

Example data from shot 38060.



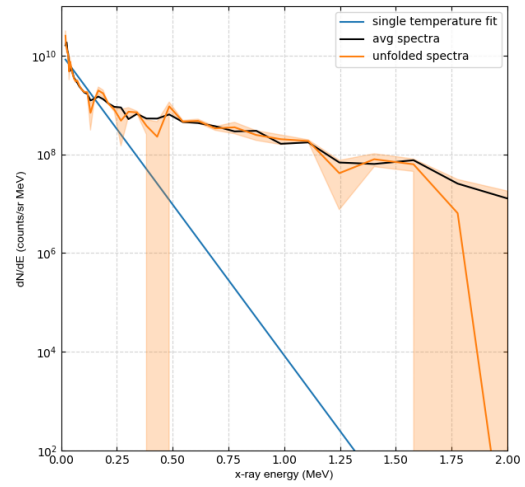
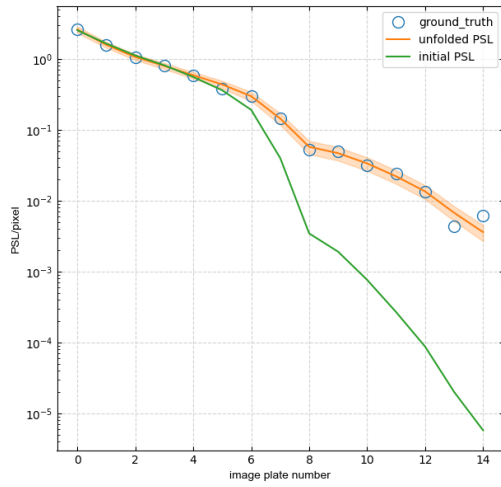
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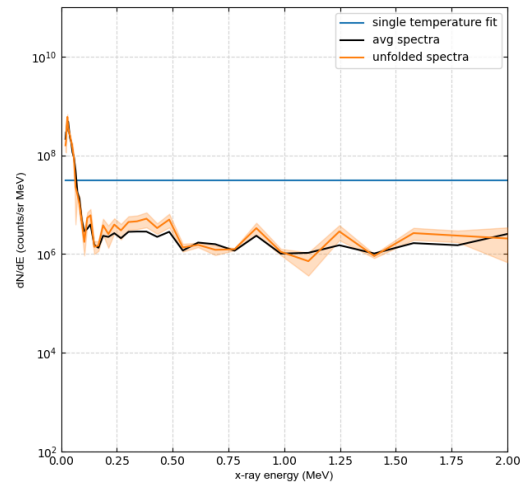
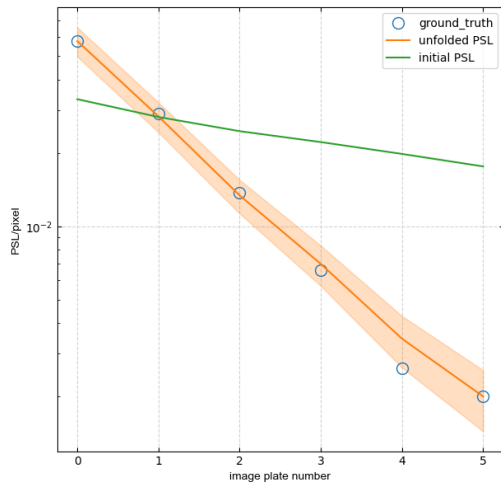
Appendices

Appendix A: BMXS spectral unfolds

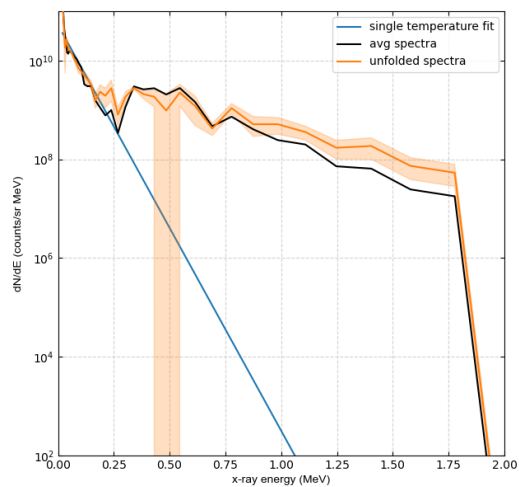
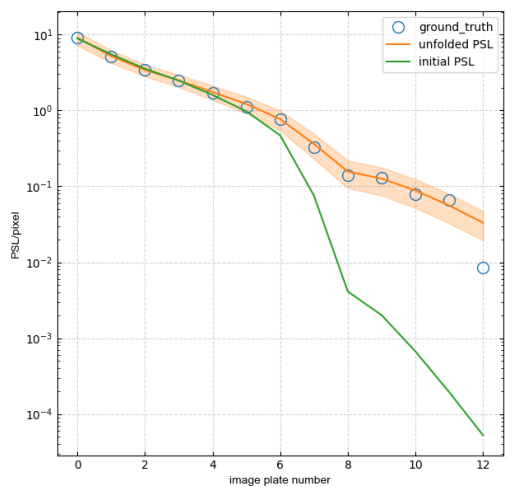
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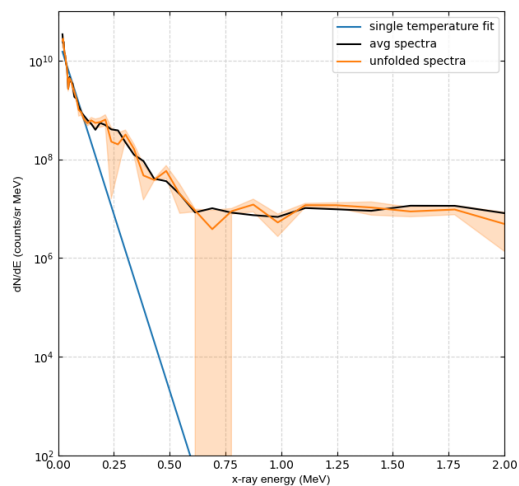
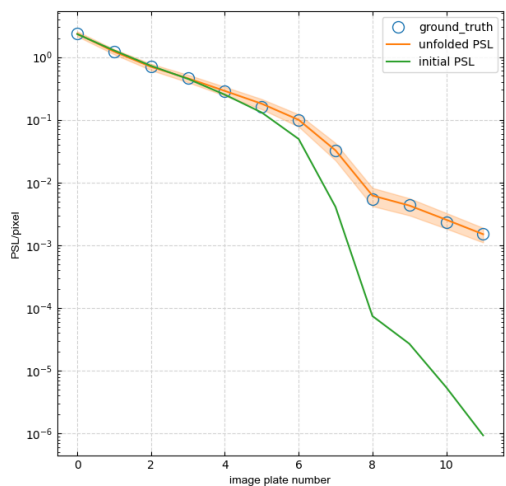
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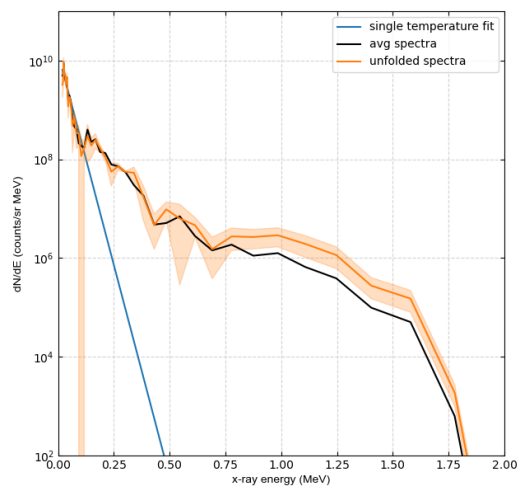
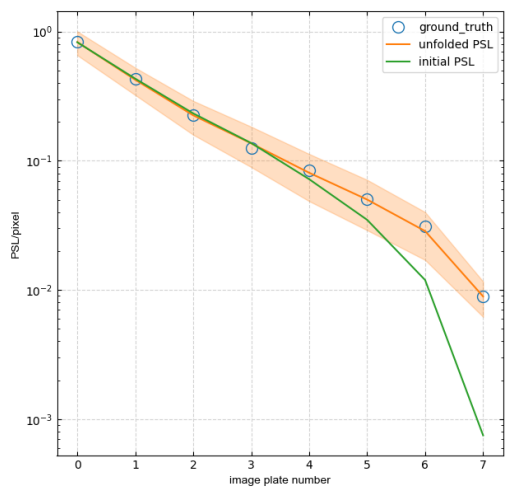
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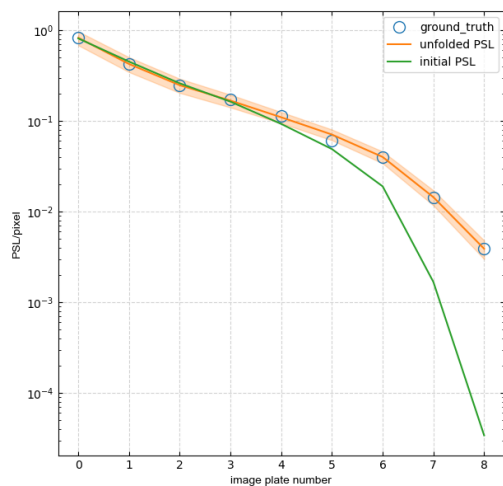
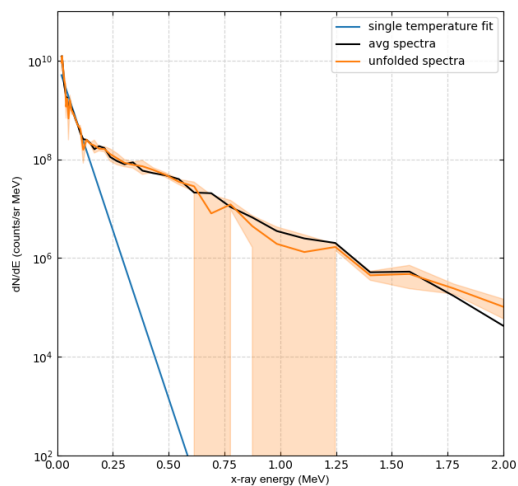
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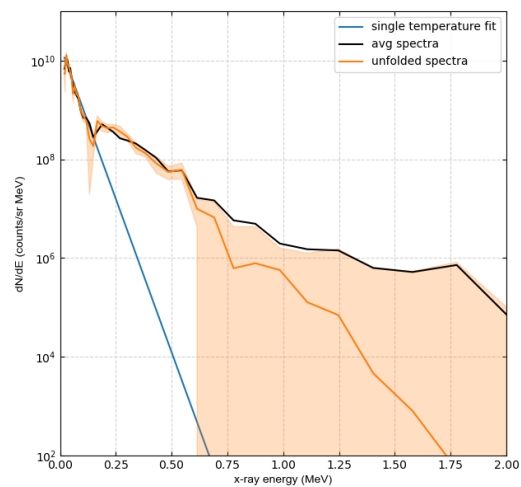
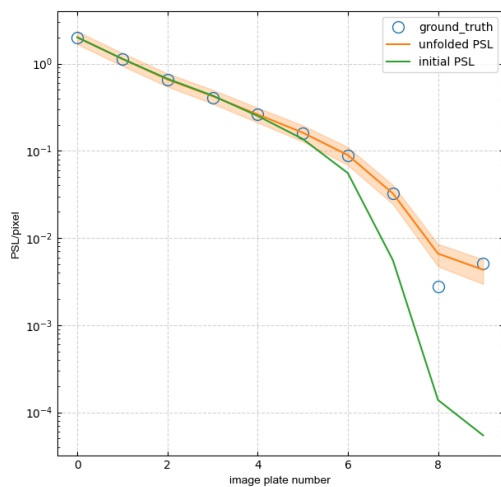
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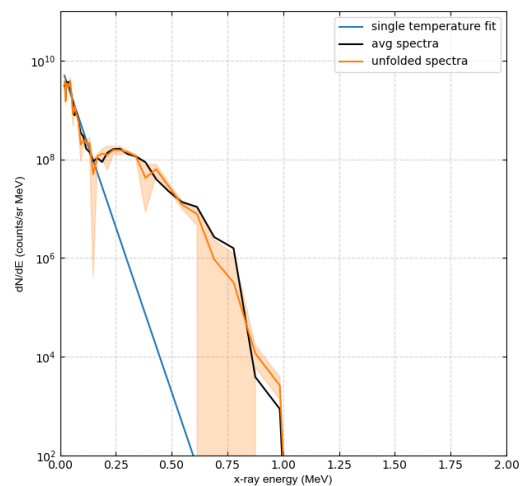
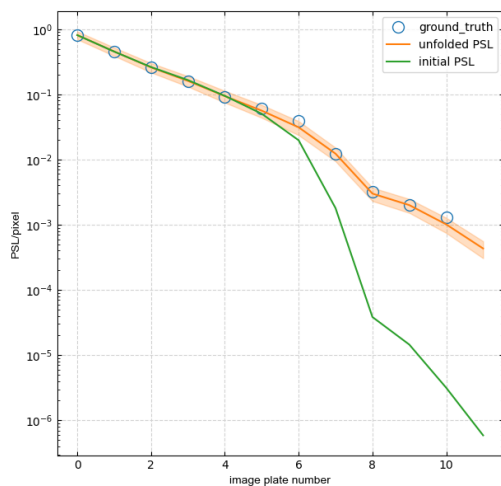
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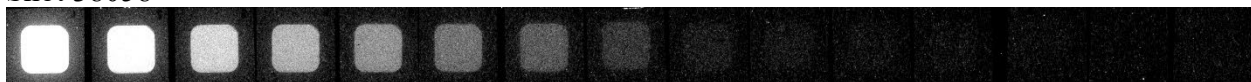


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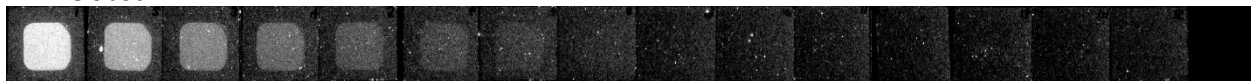


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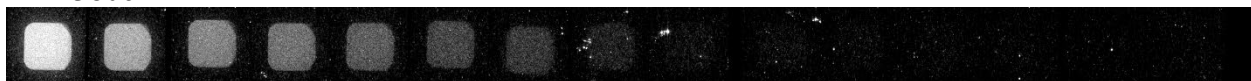
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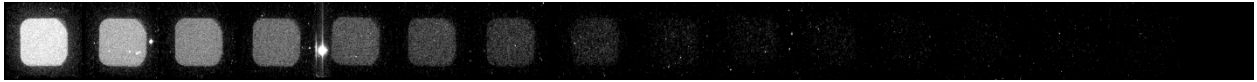
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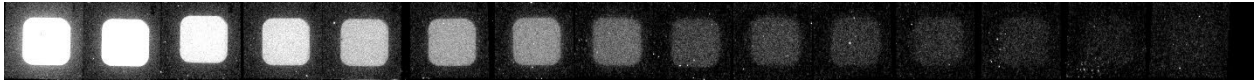
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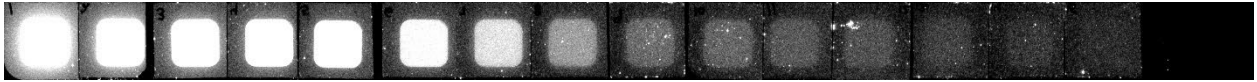
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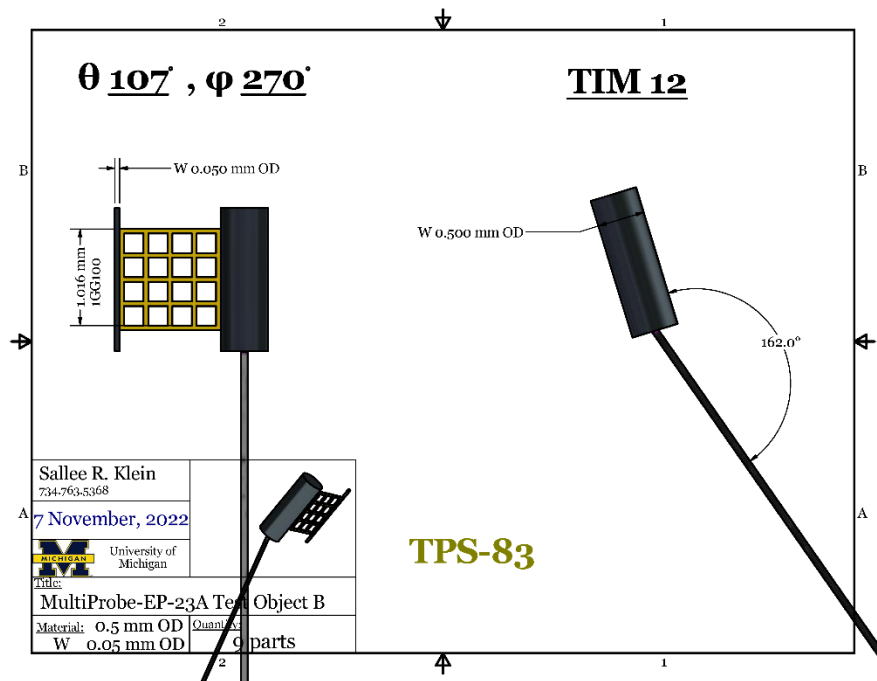


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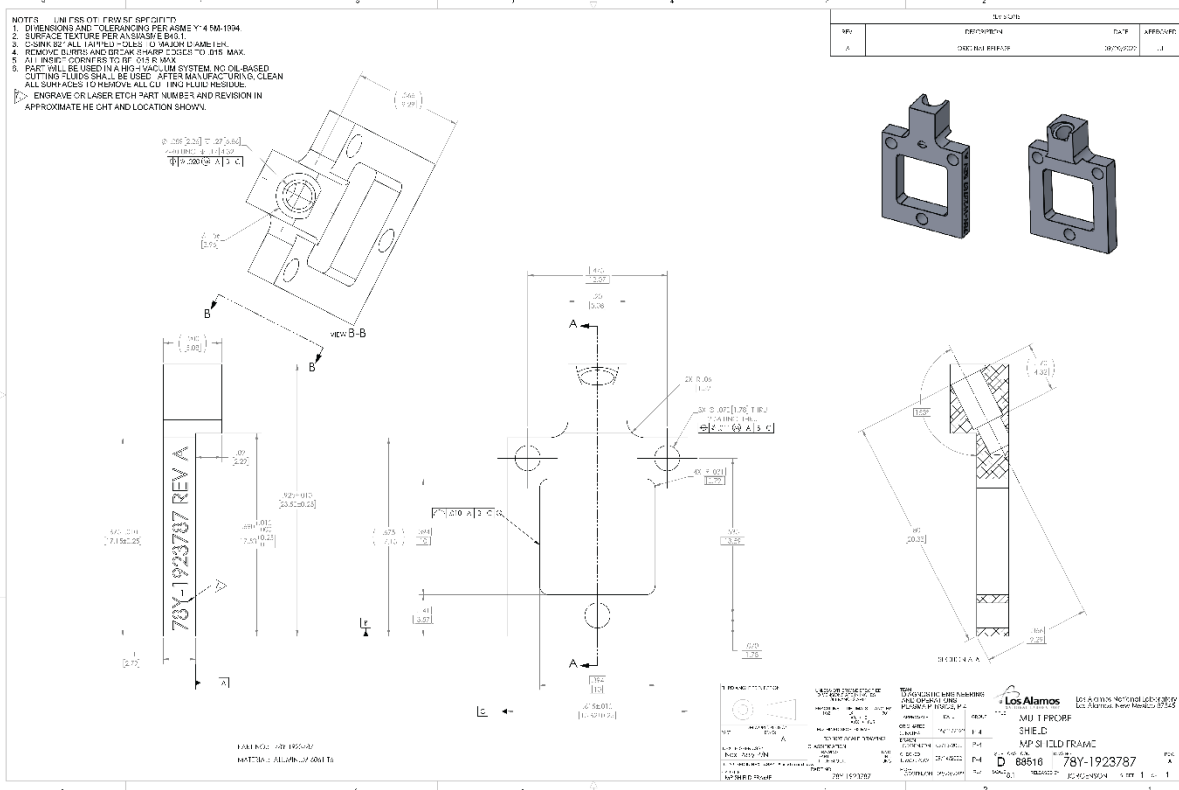
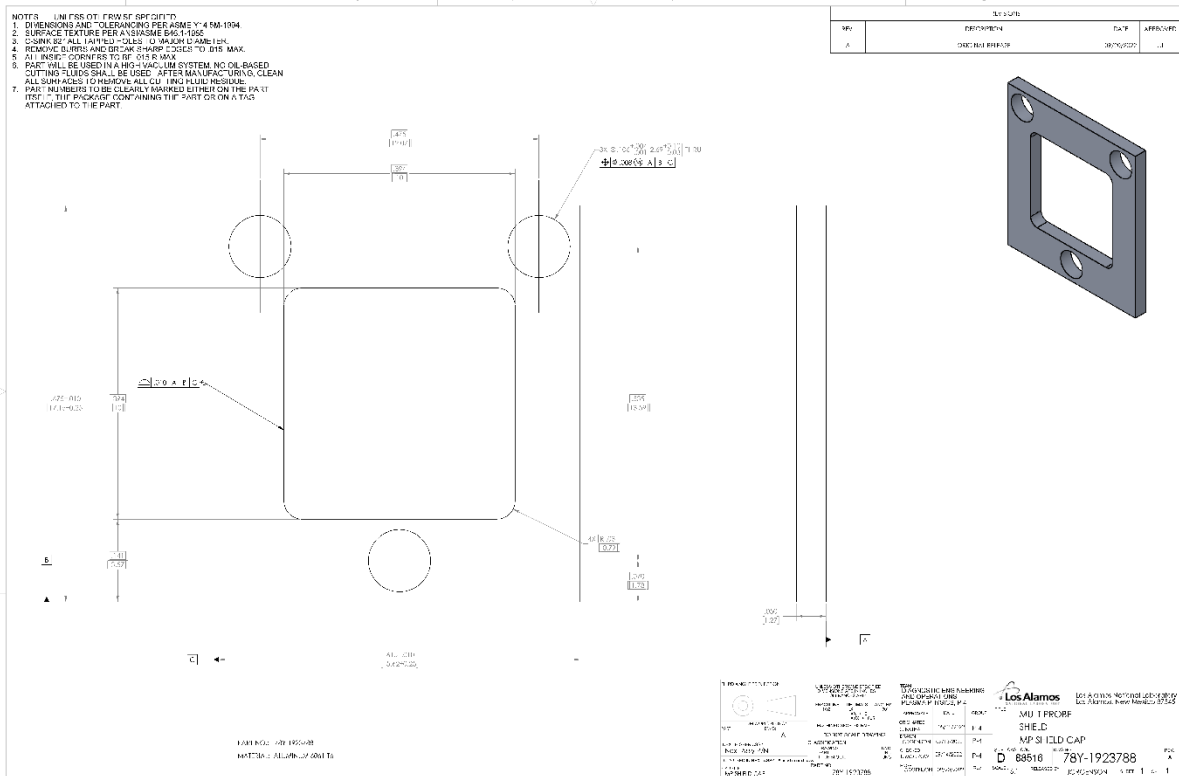


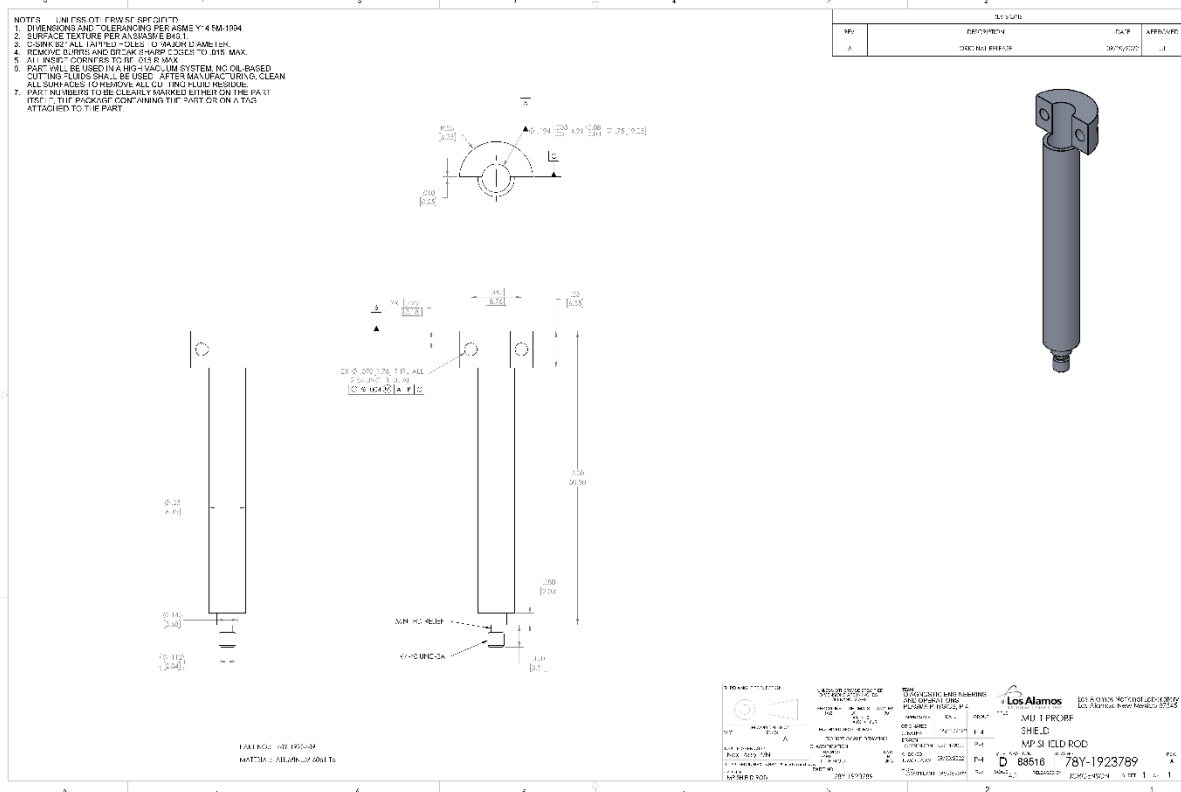
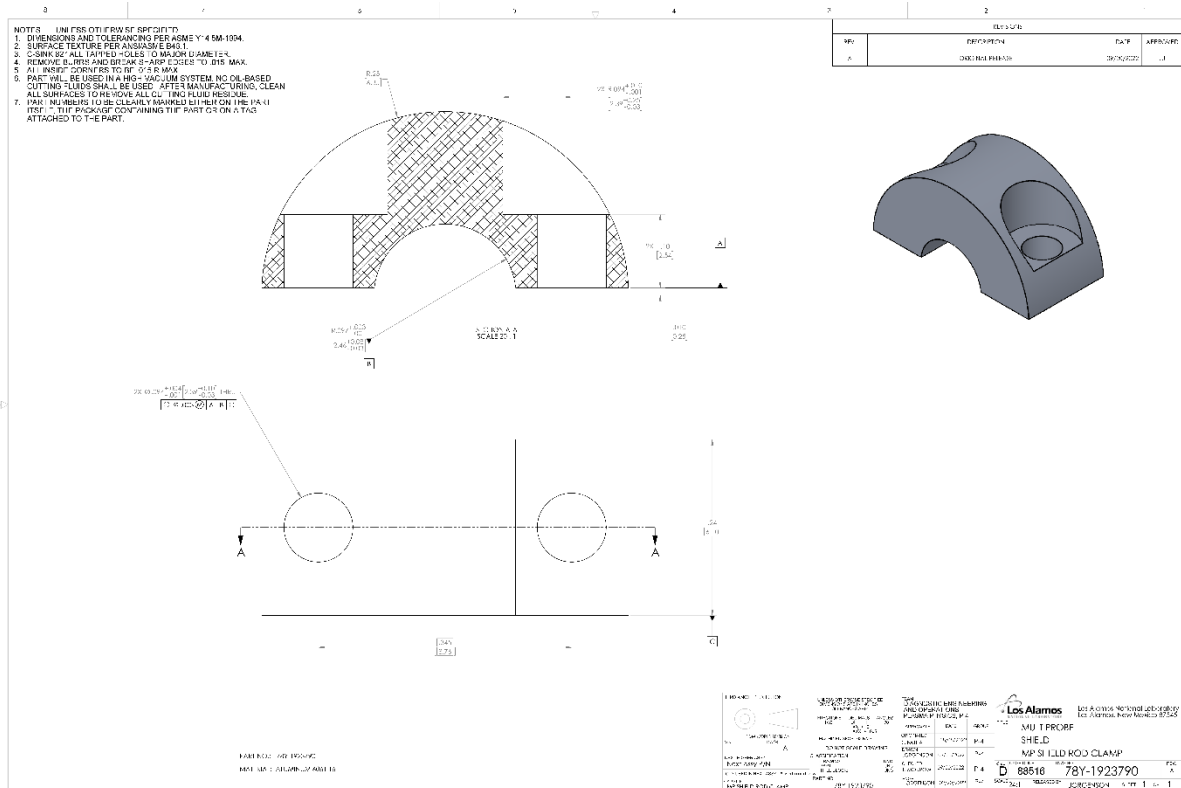
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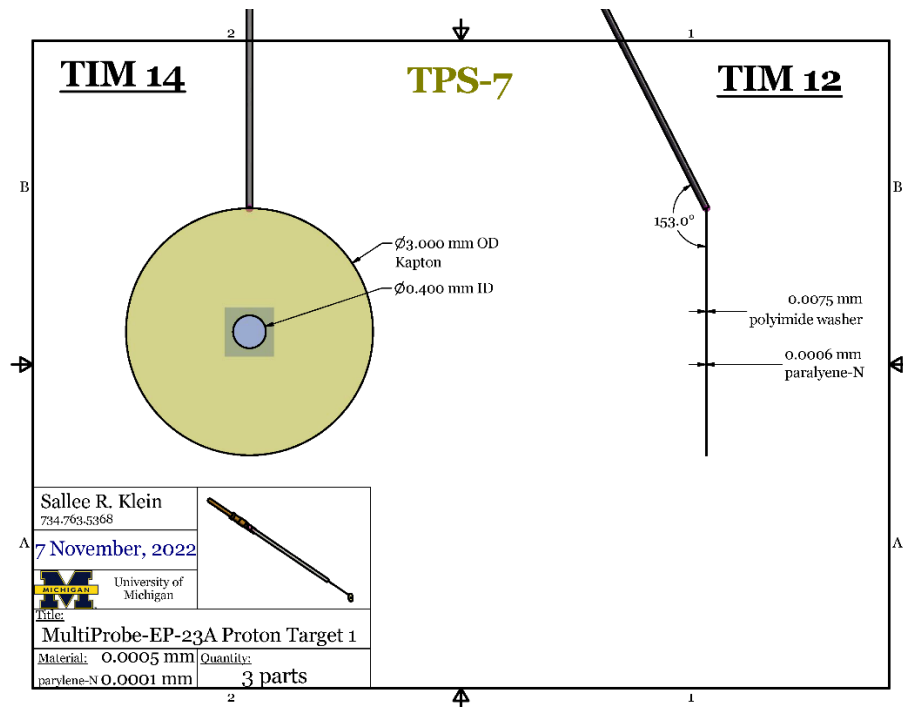


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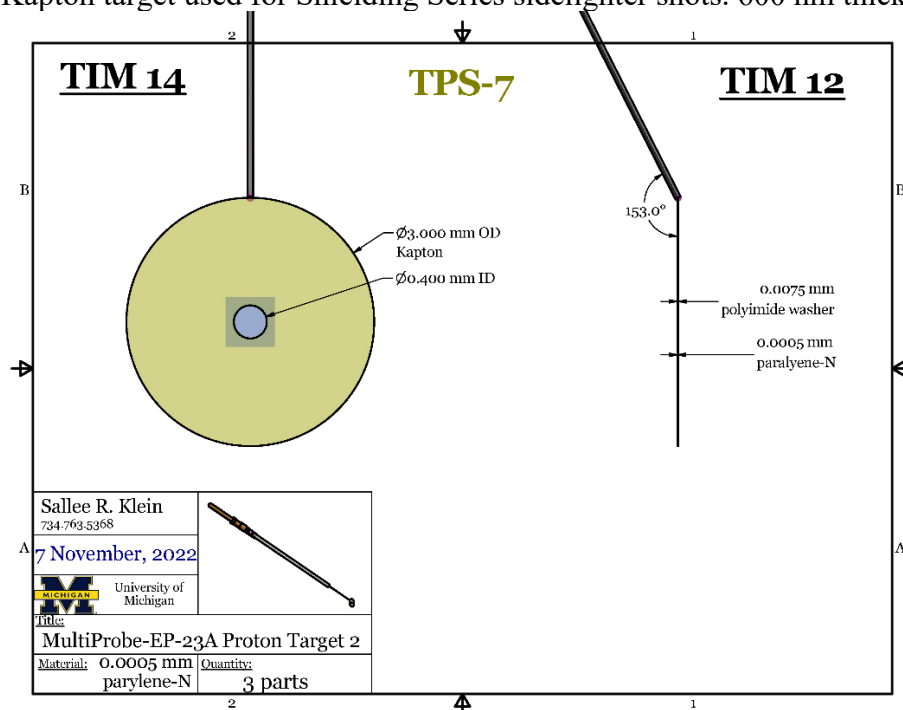




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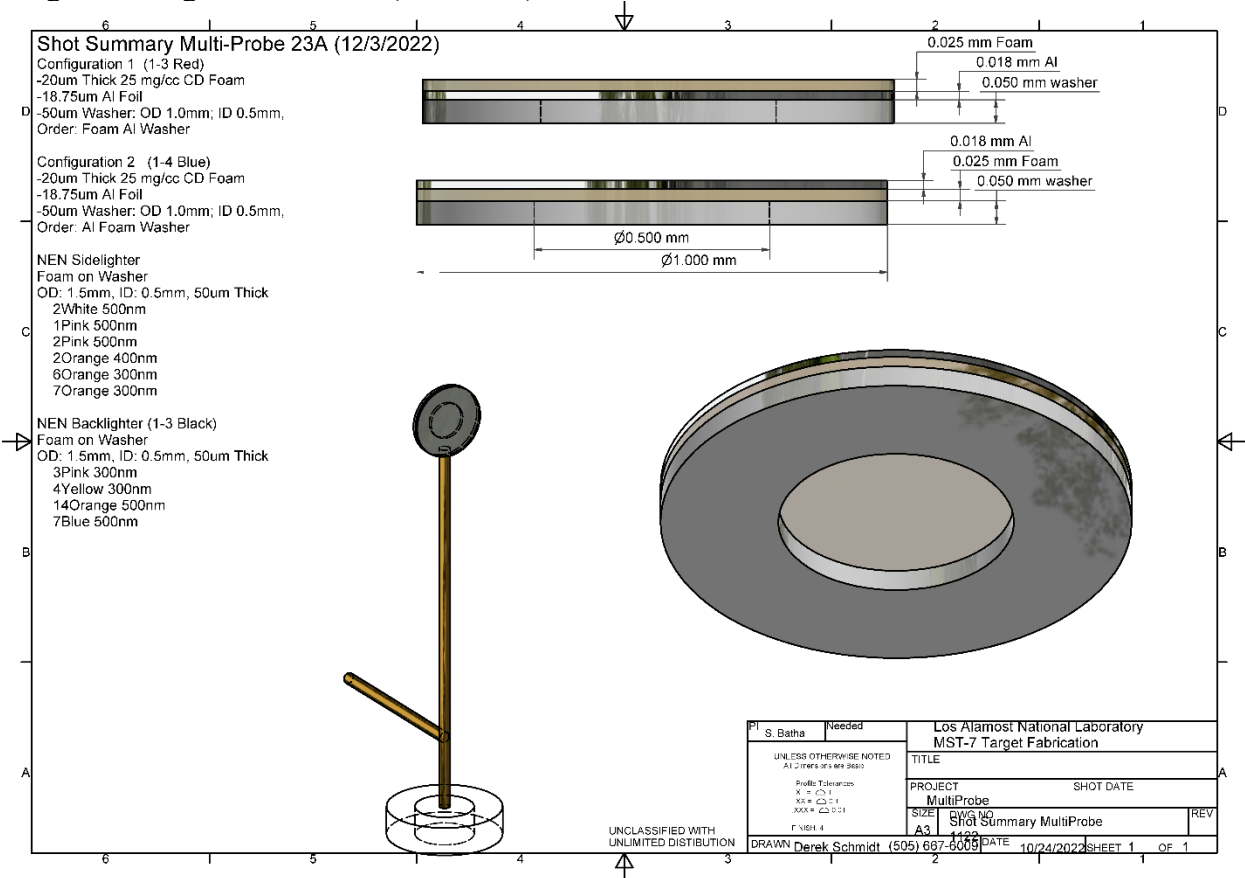


Kapton target used for Shielding Series sidelighter shots. 600 nm thickness. Held with TPS-7



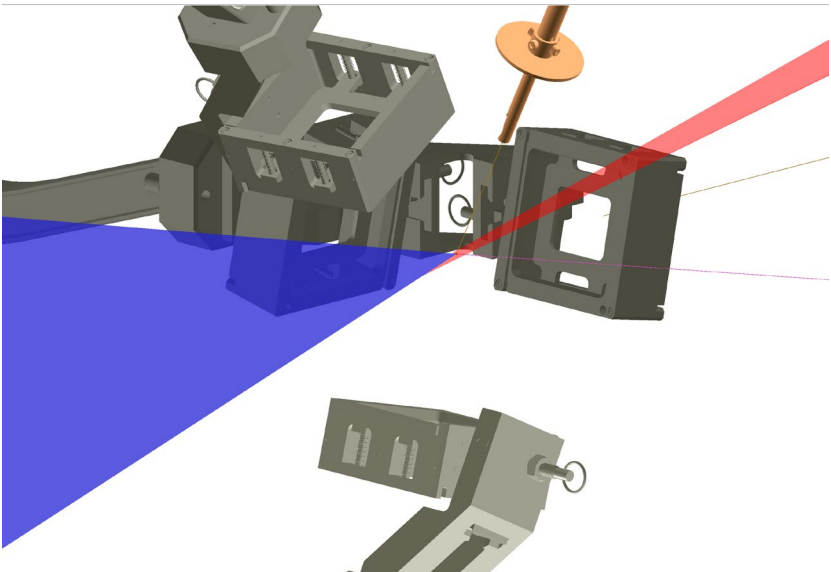
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Target drawings from MST-7 (CD Foam)

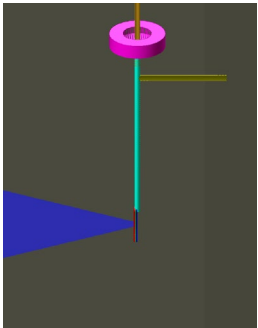


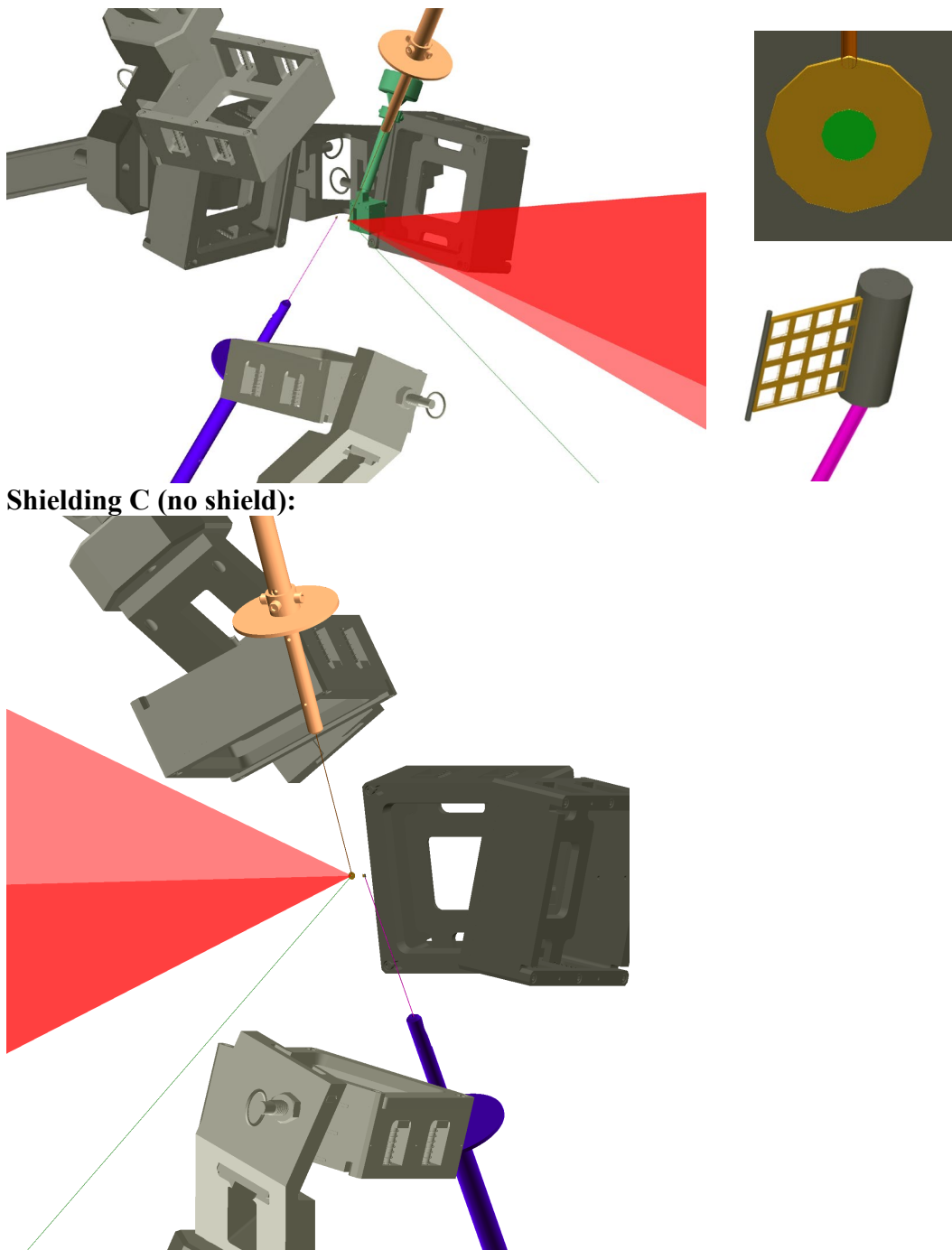
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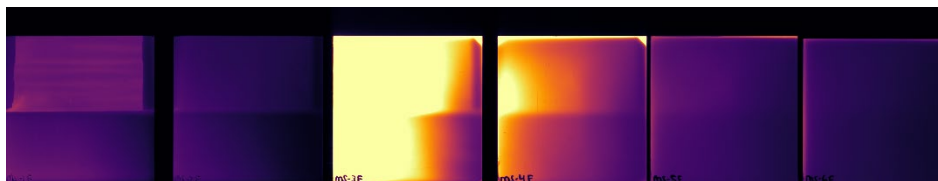


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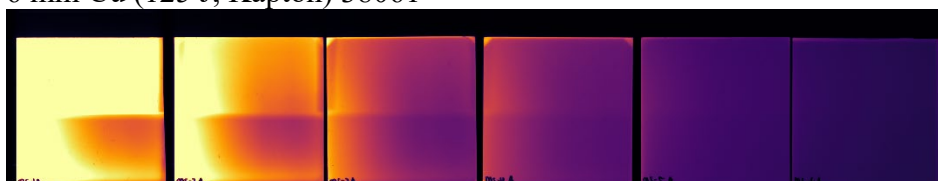




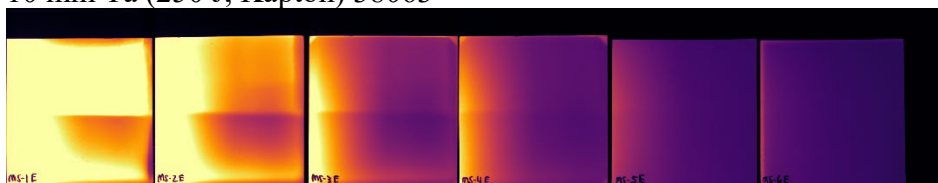
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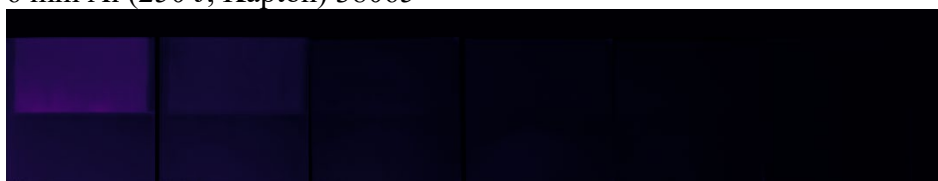
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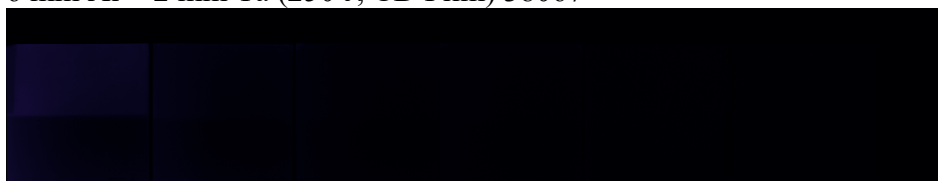
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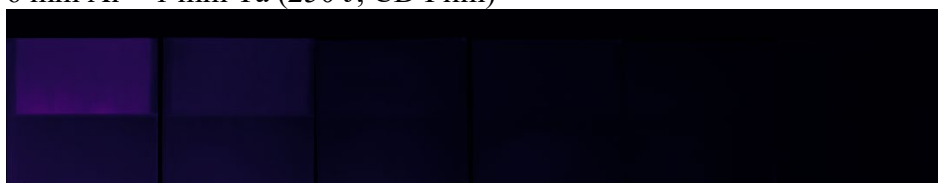
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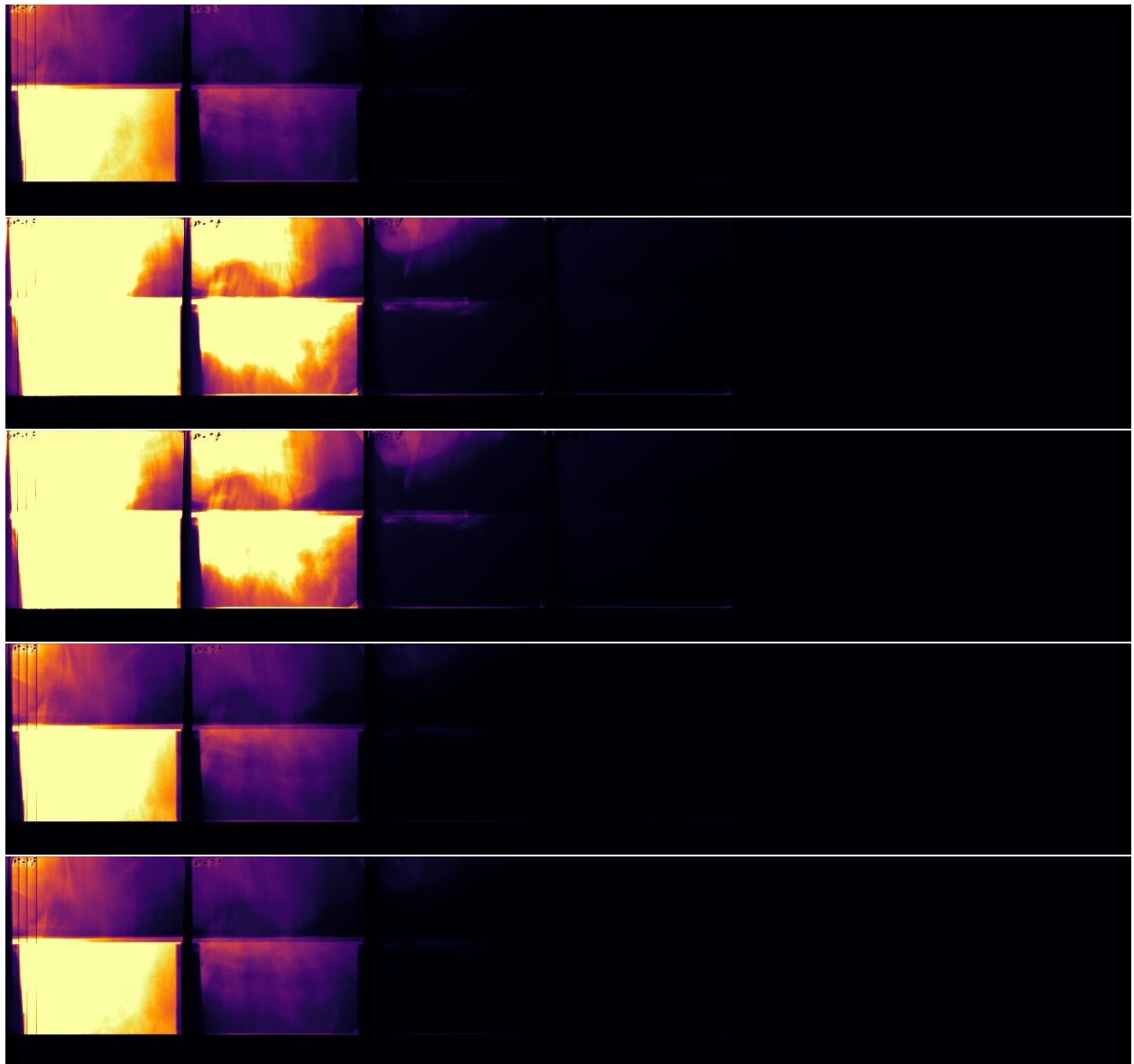
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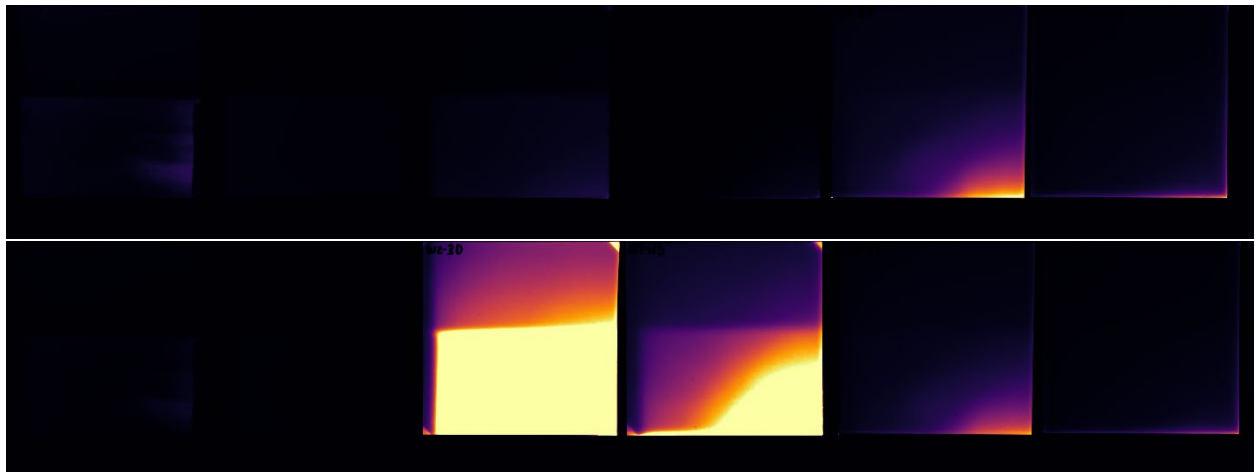
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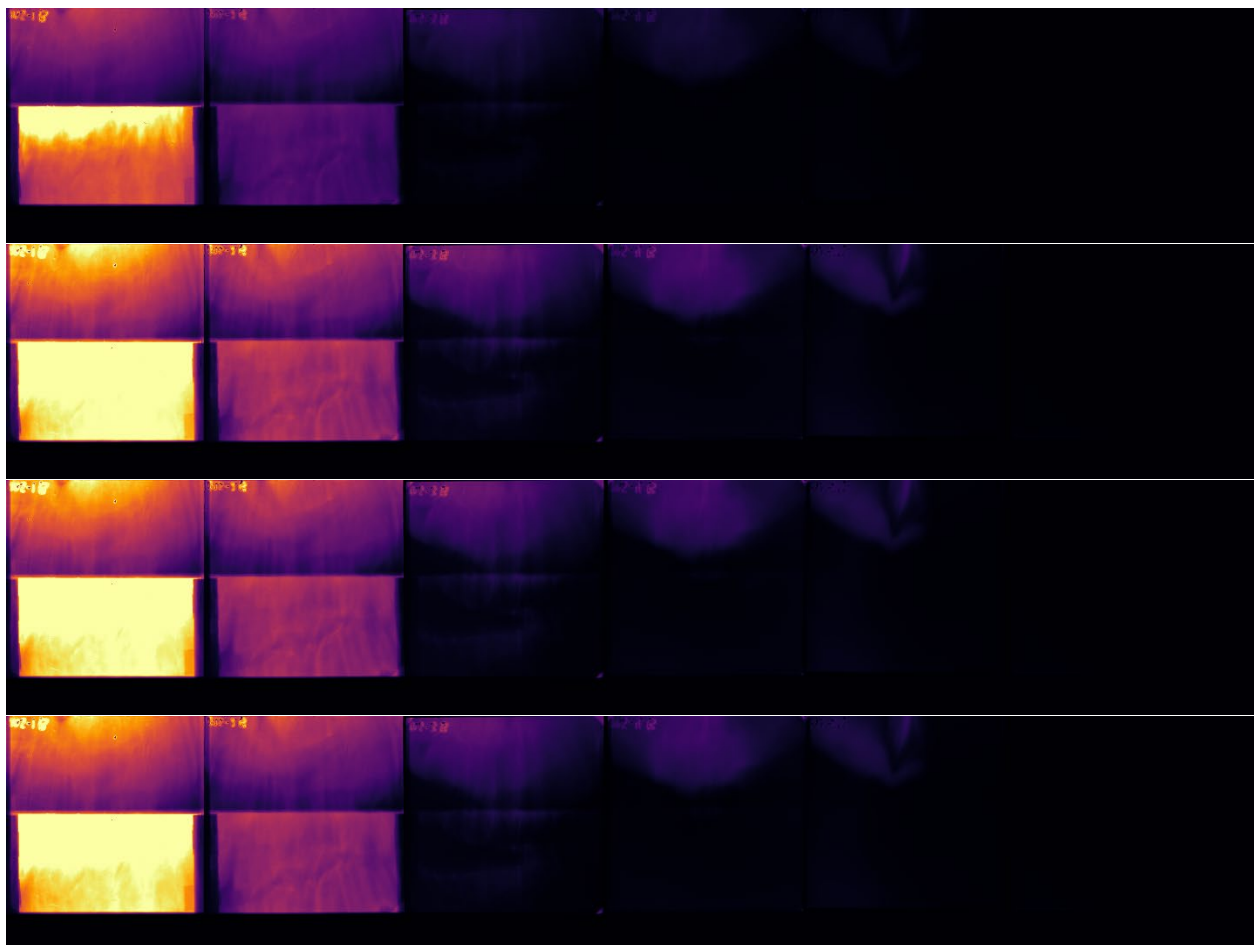
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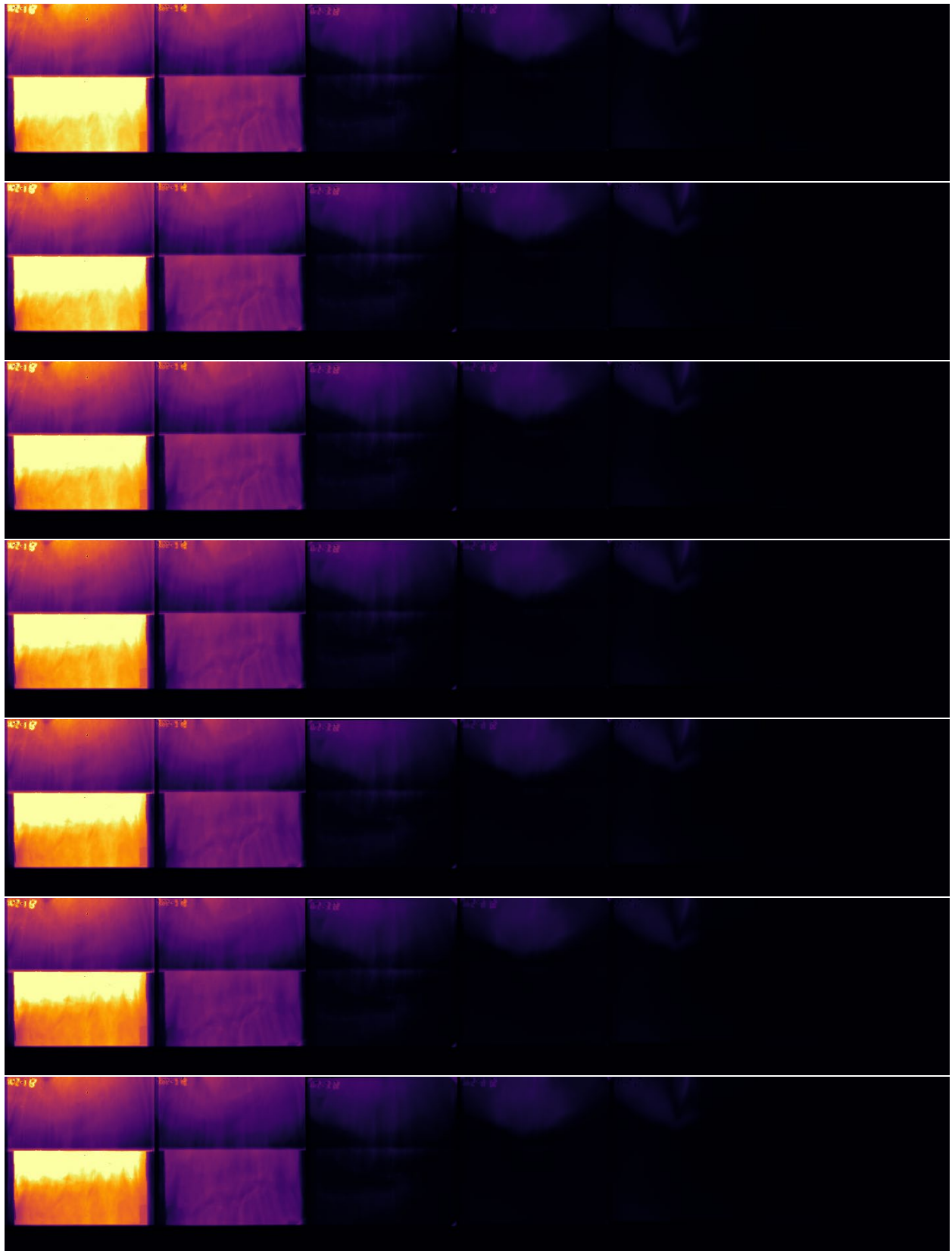


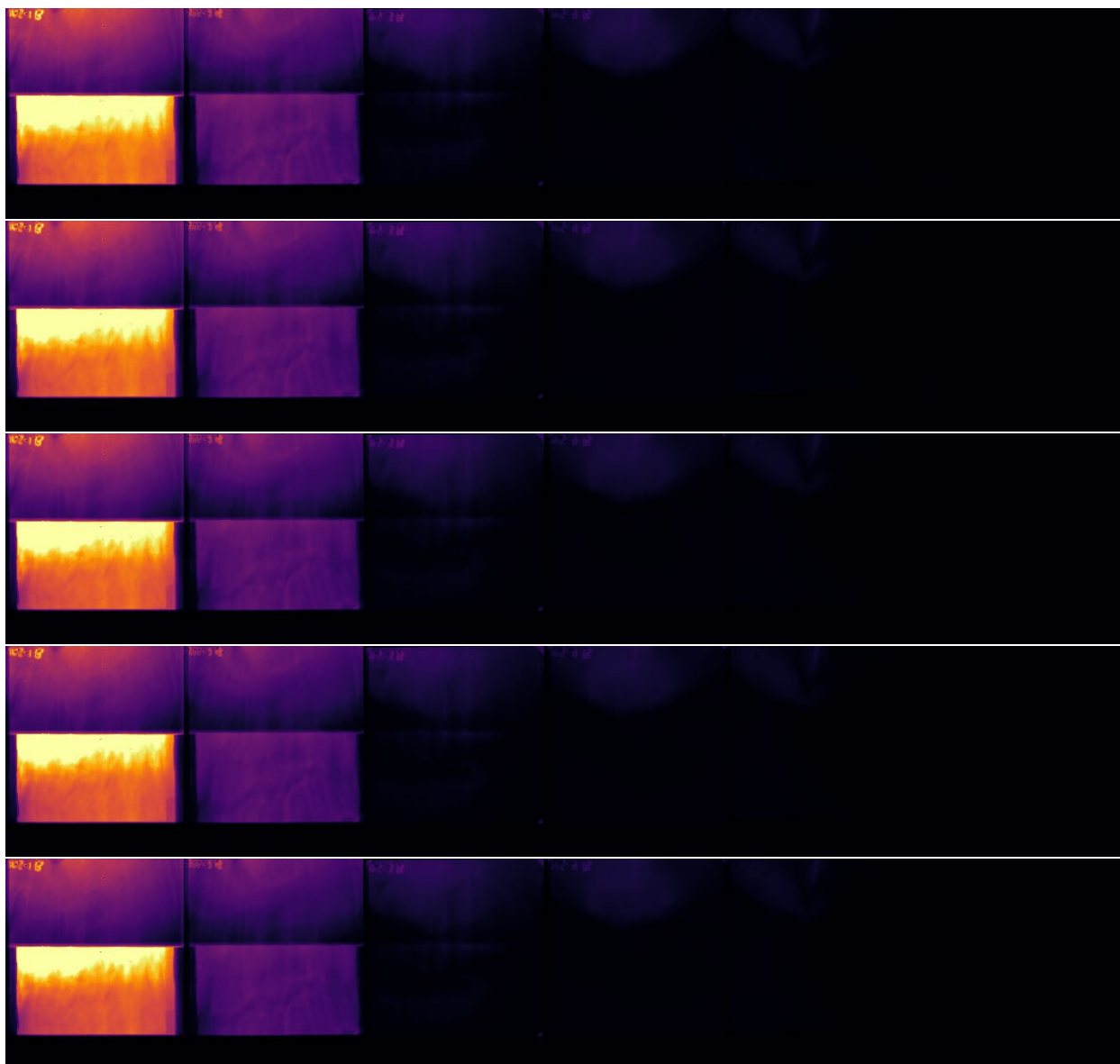
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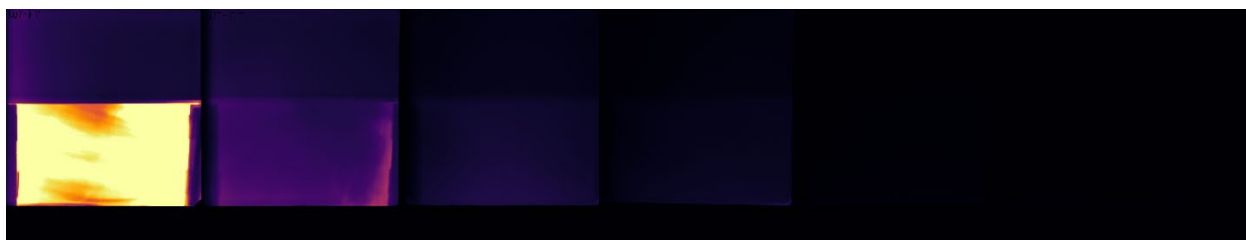




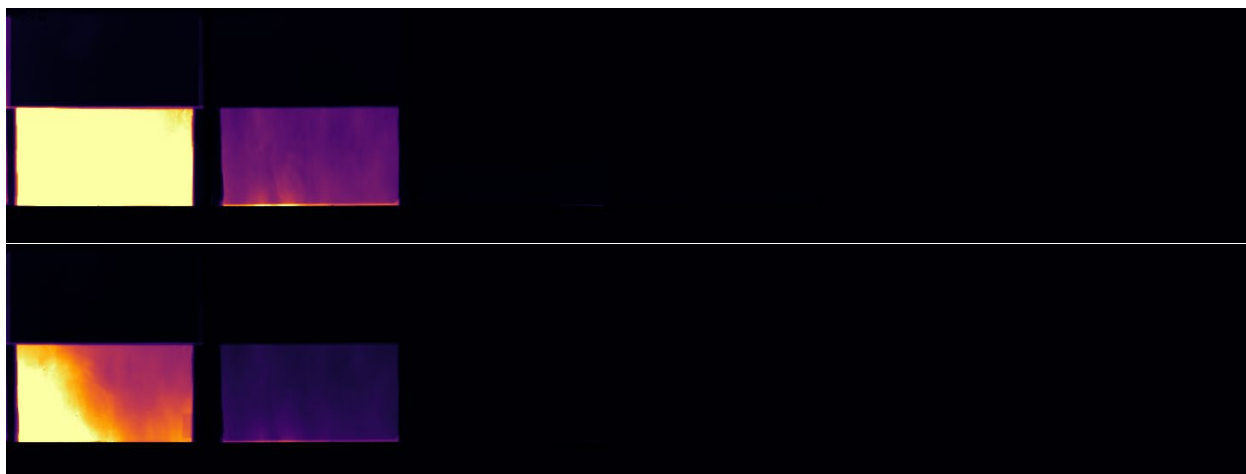
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TPIE data

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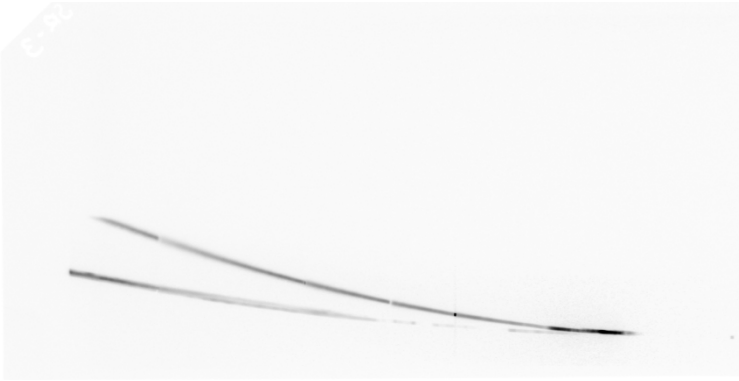
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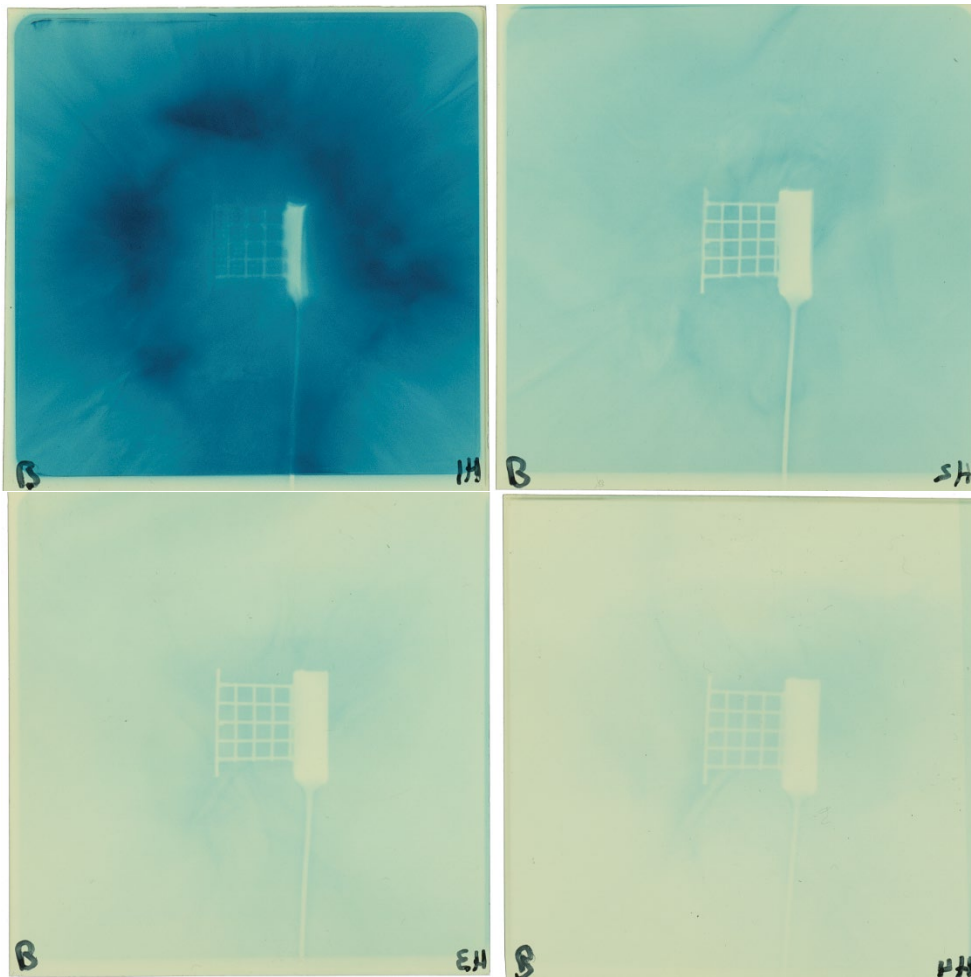
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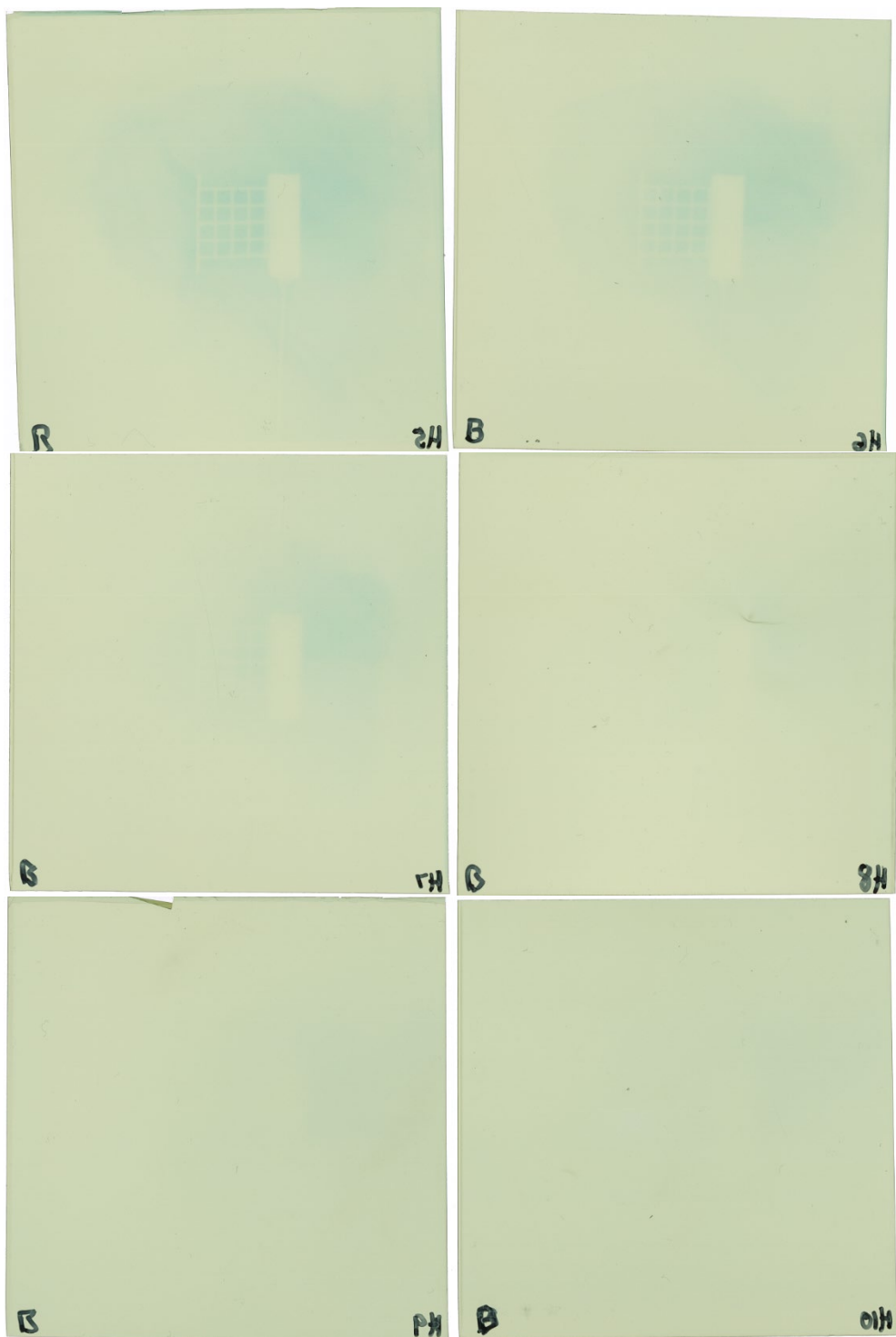


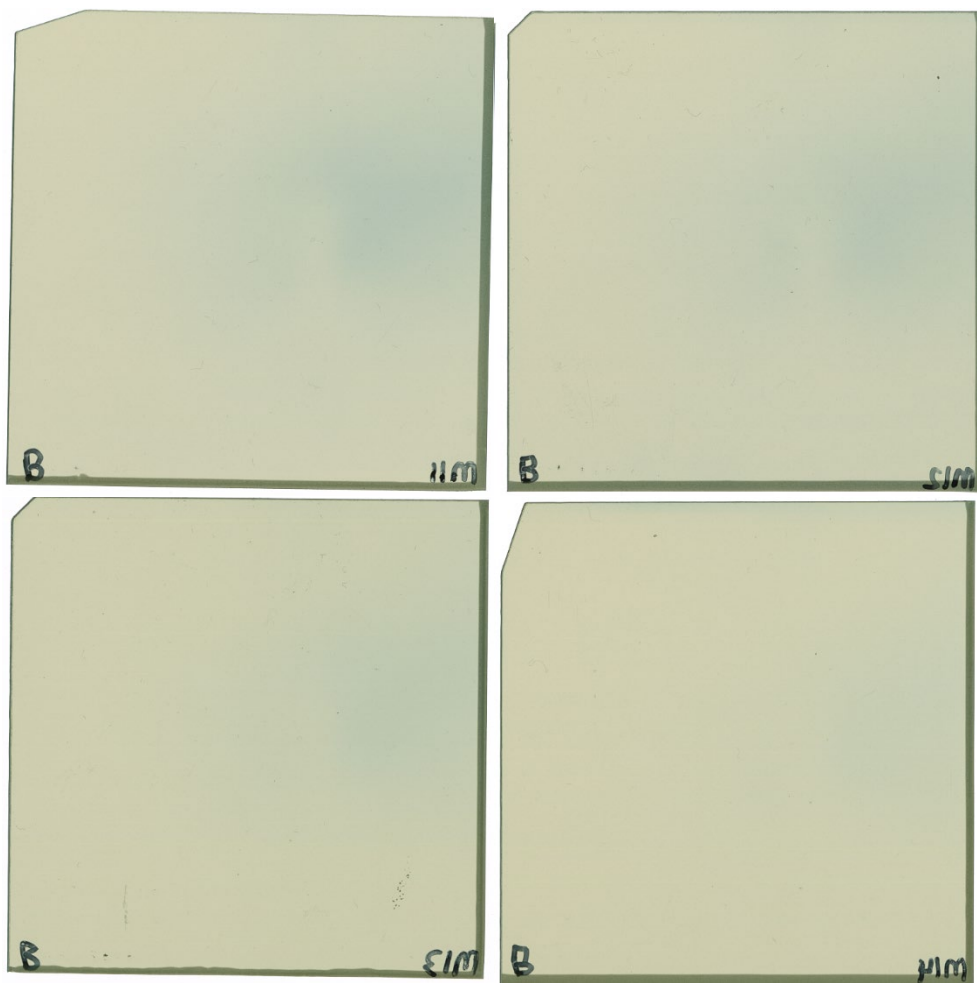
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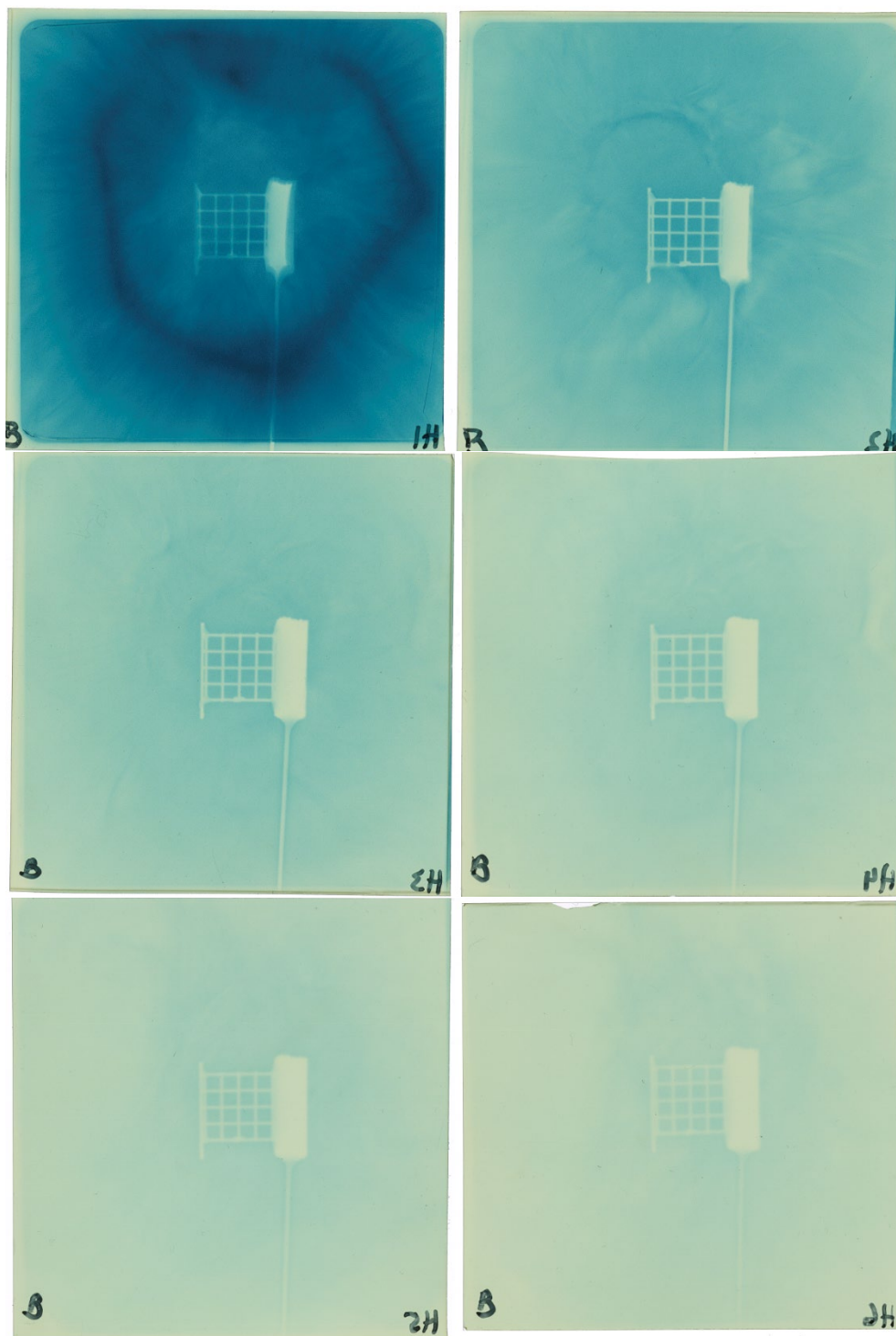
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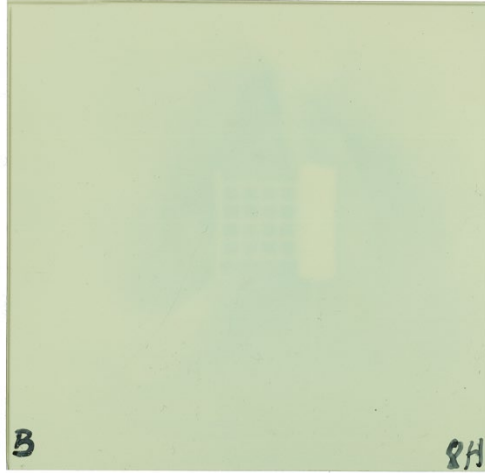
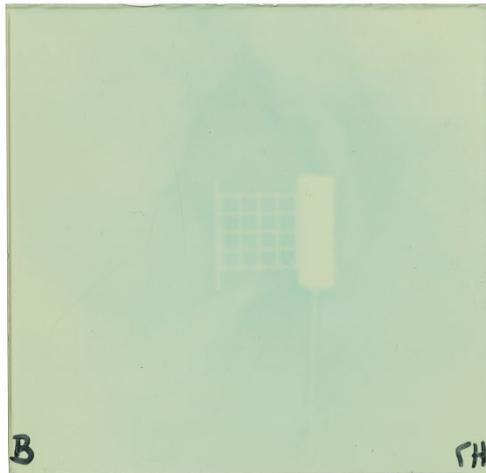


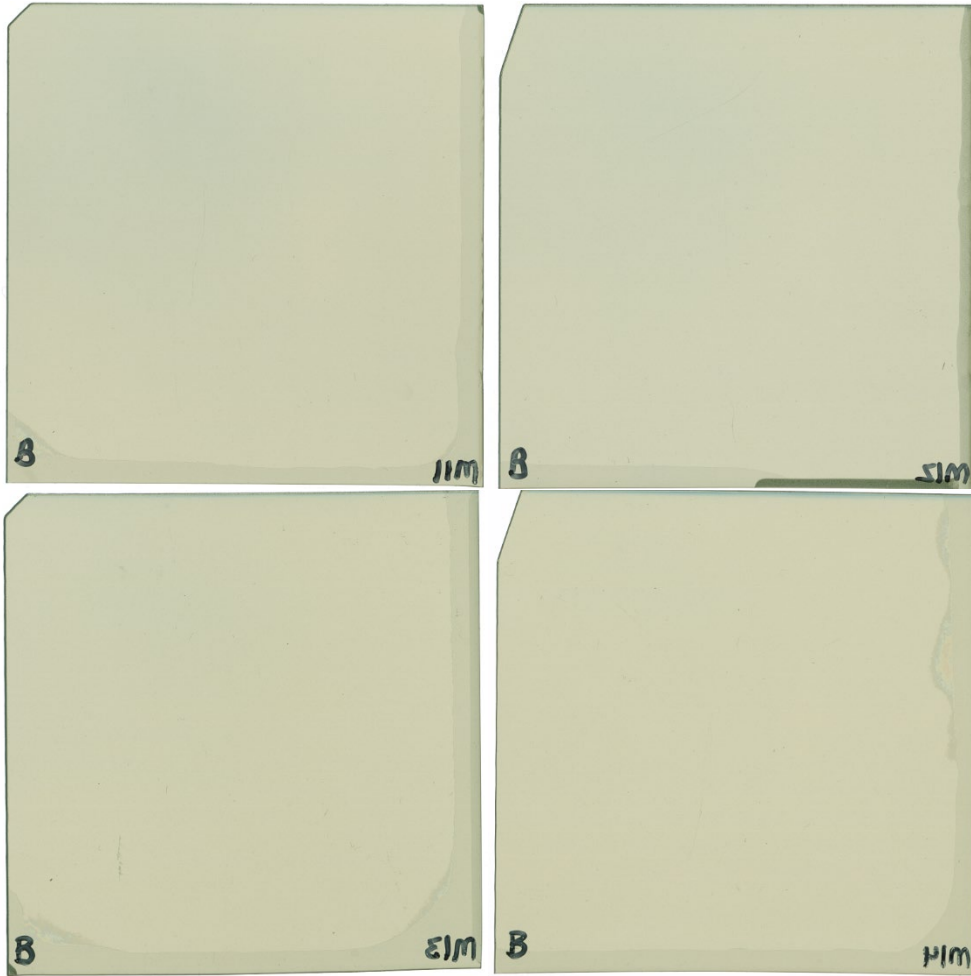




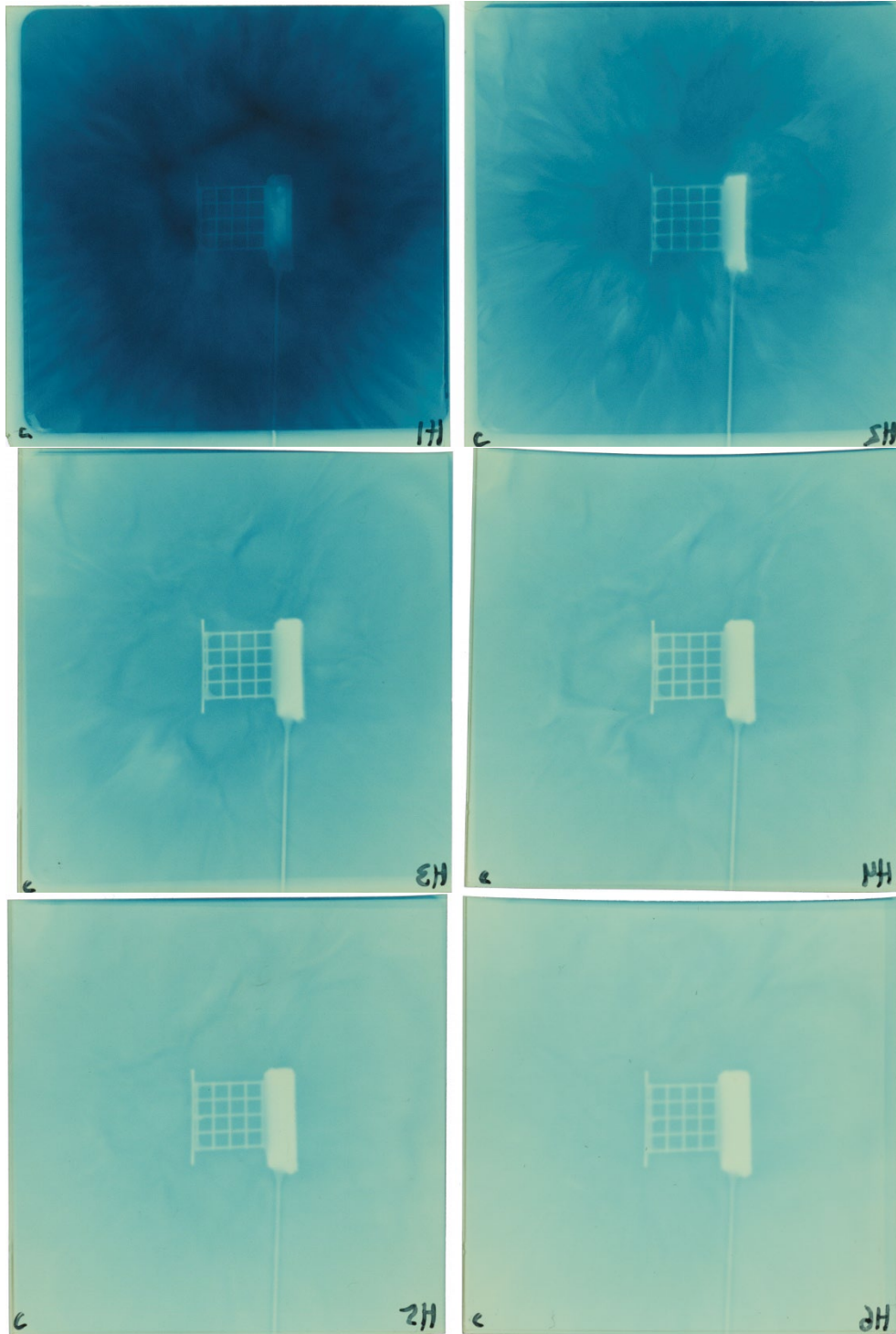
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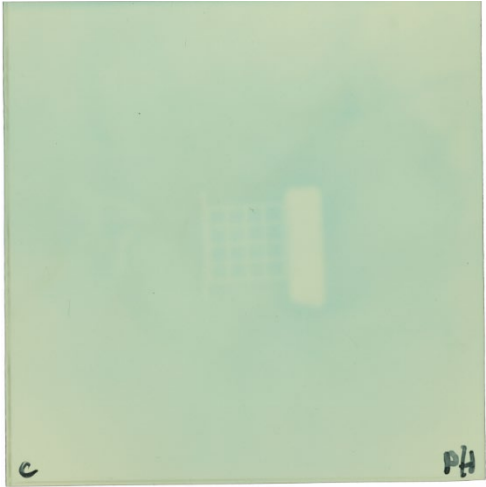
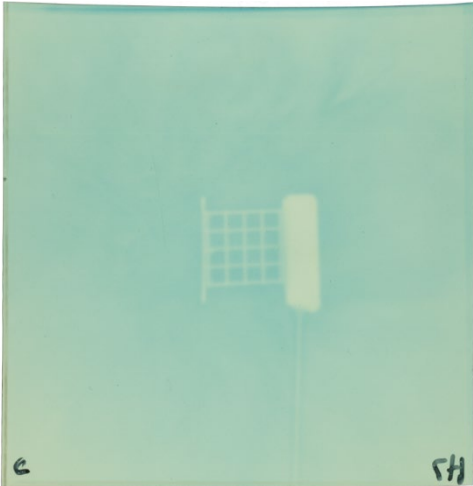


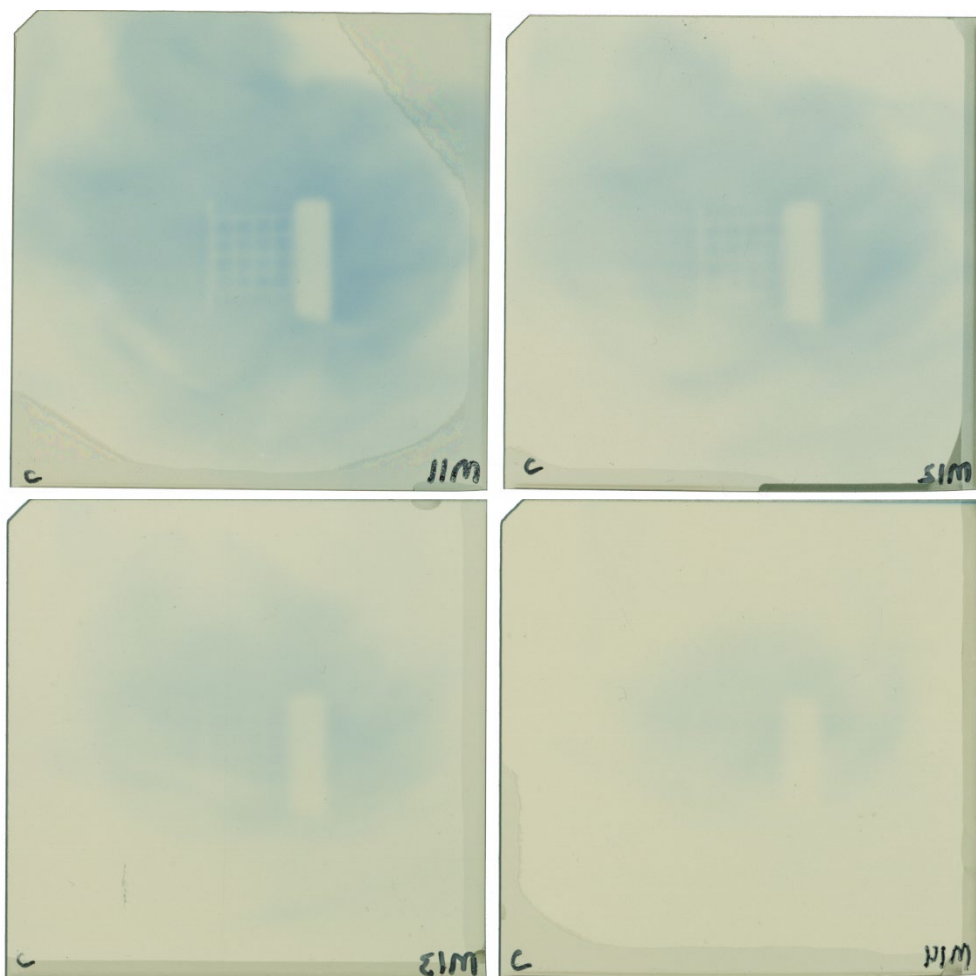




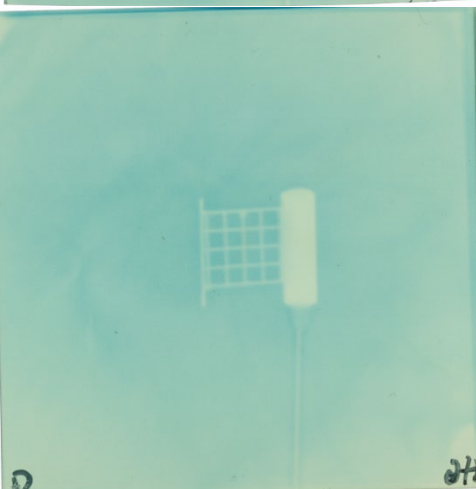
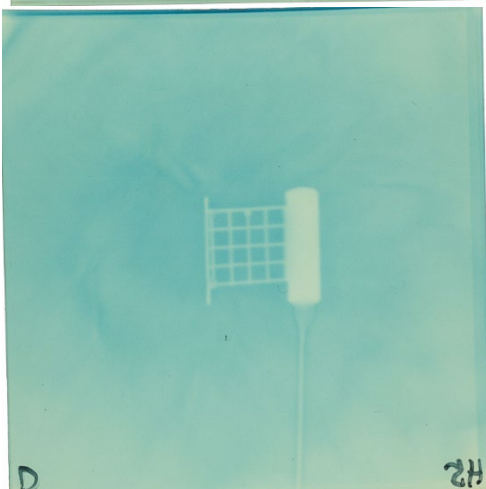
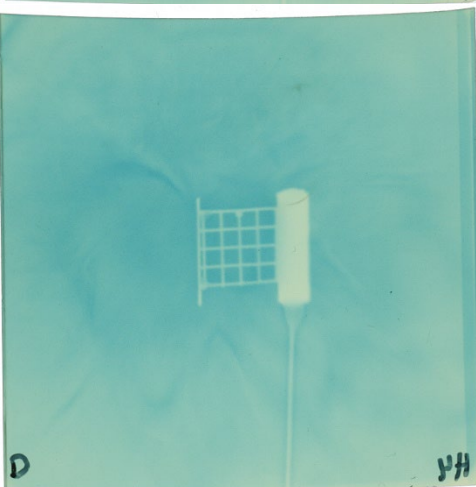
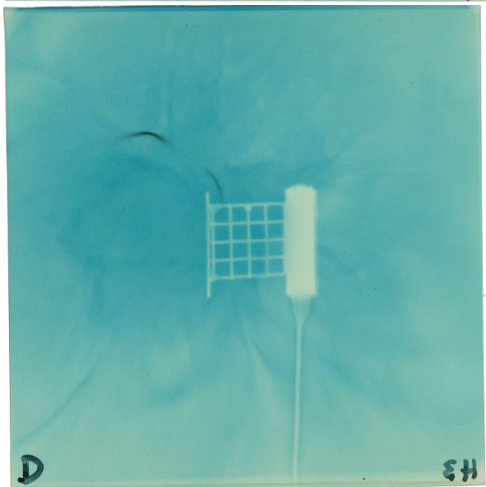
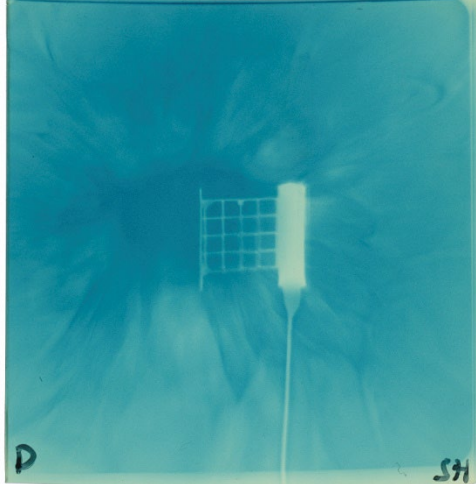
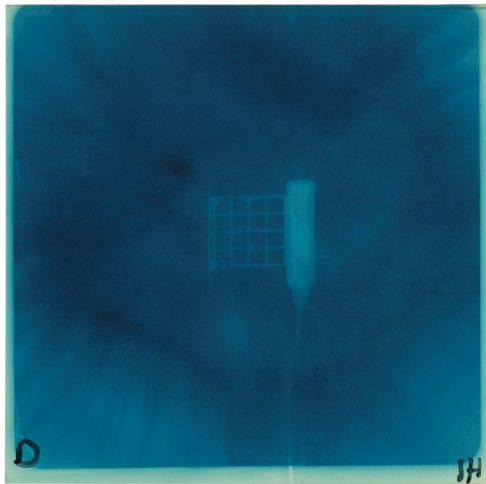
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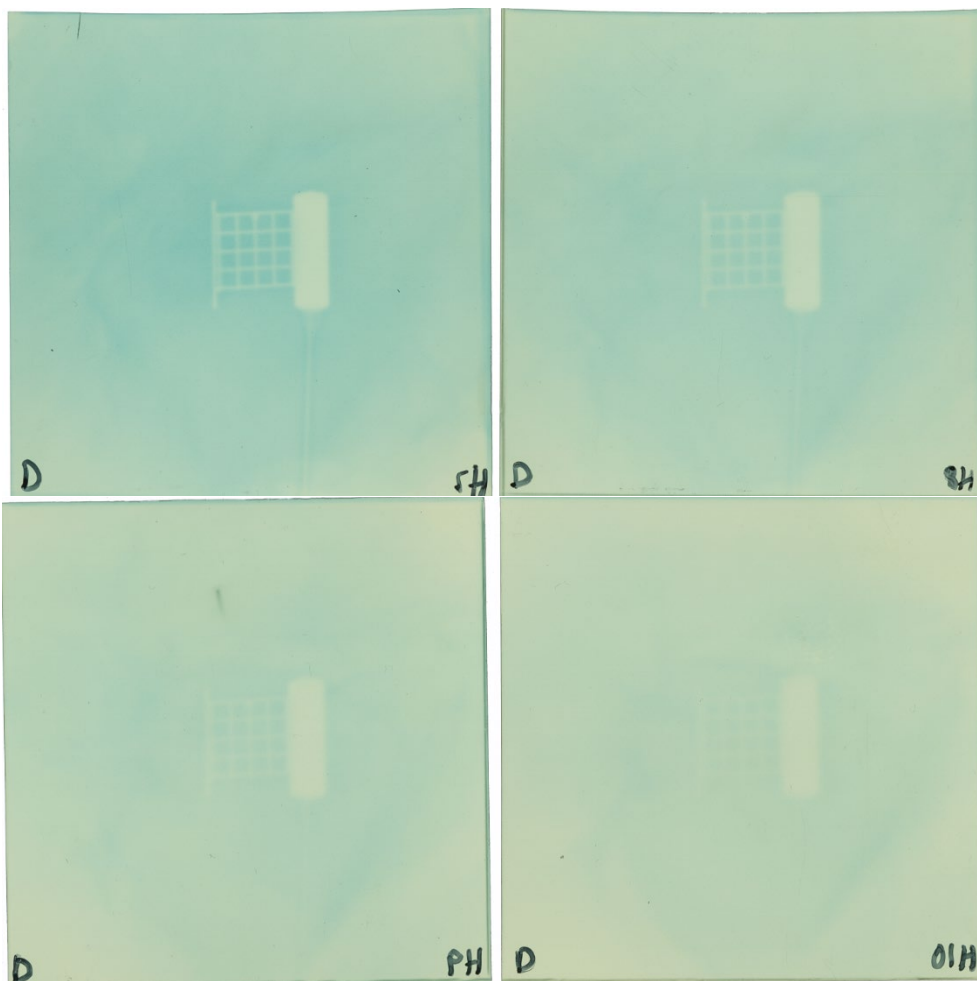


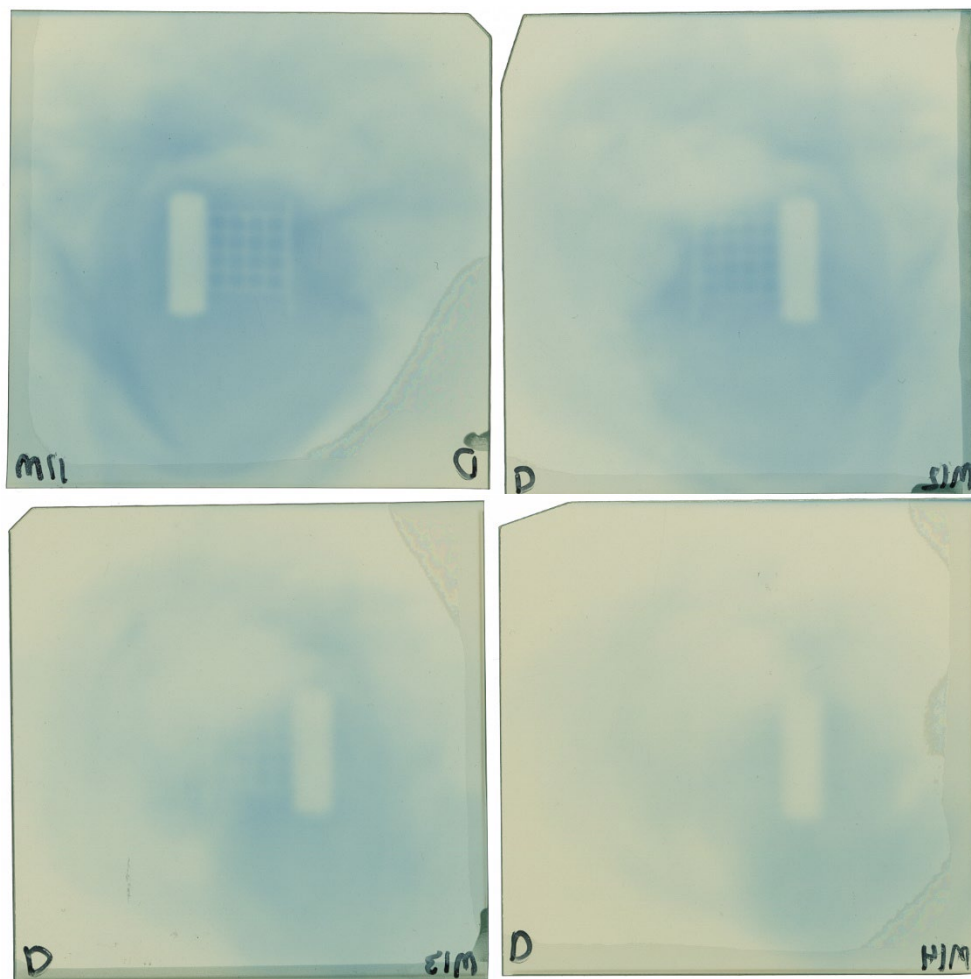




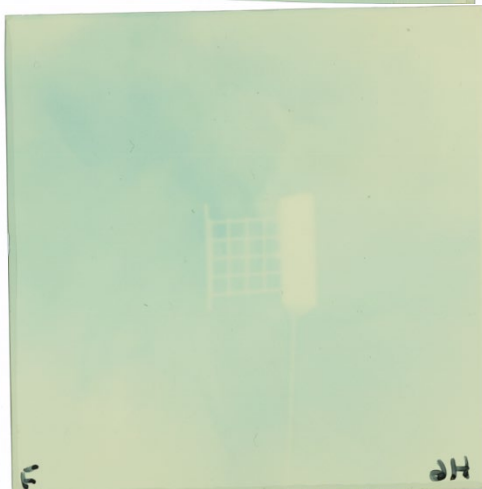
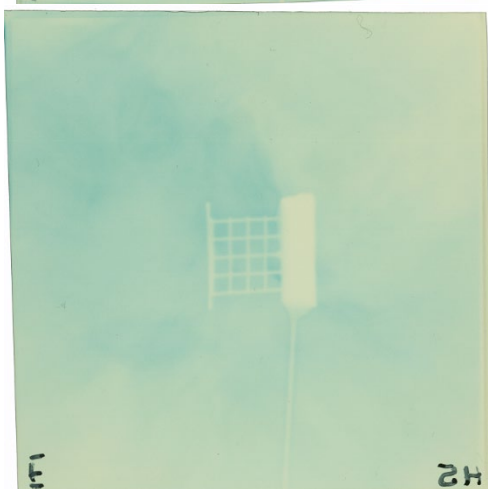
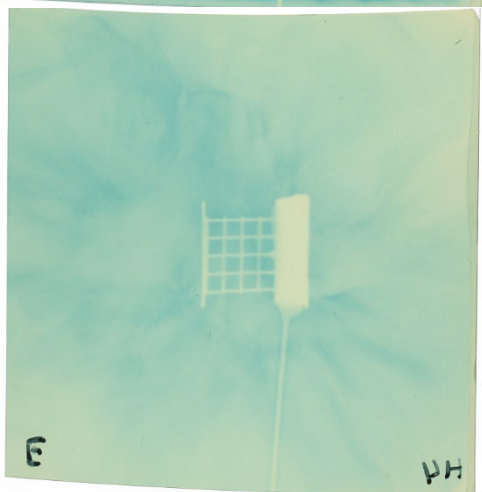
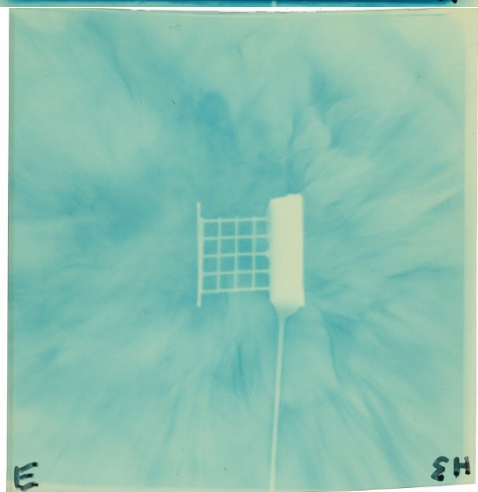
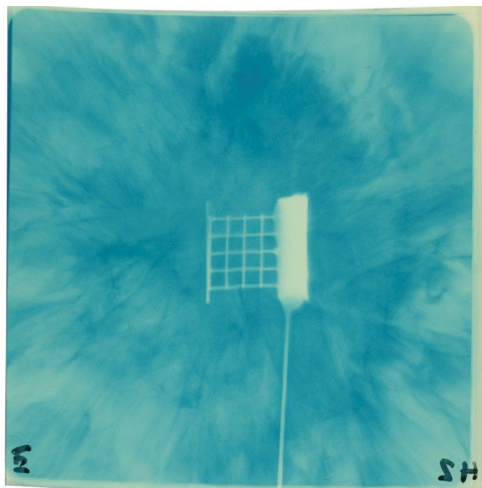
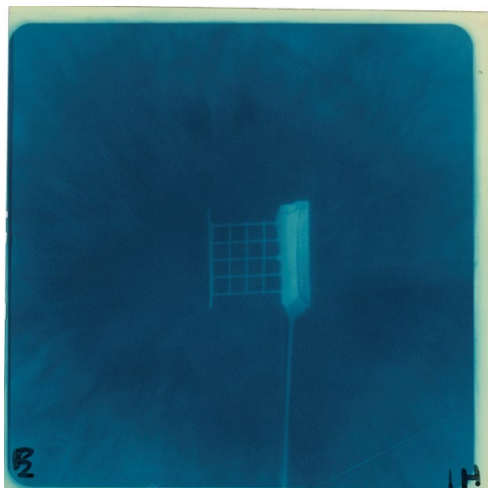
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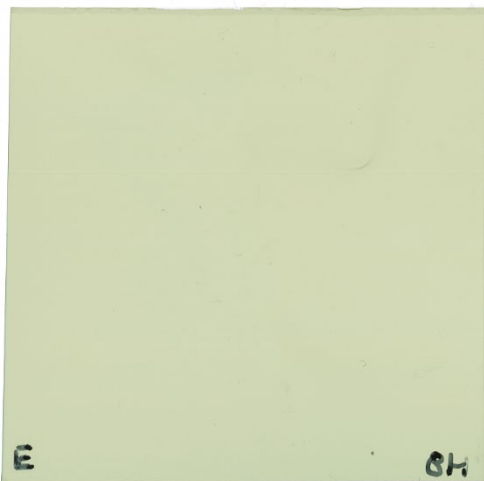


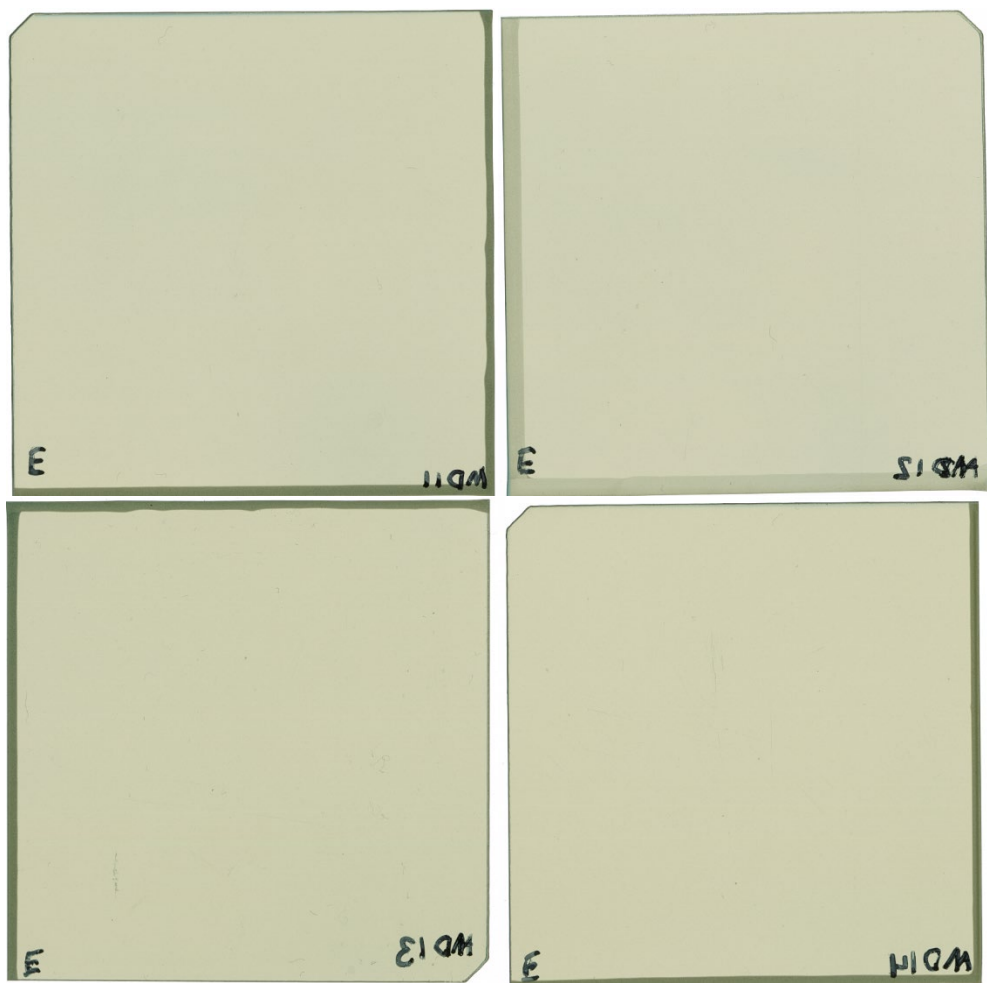




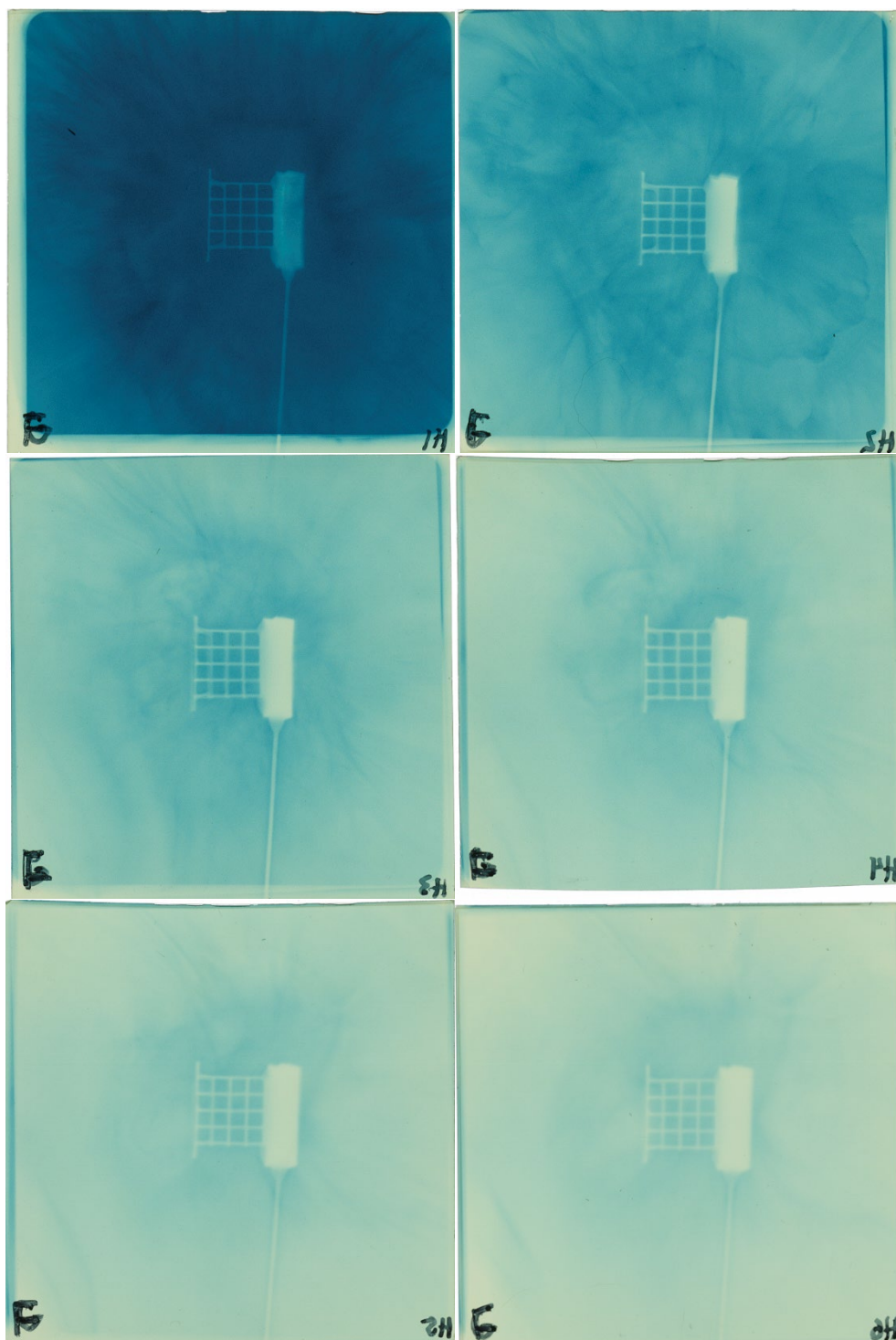
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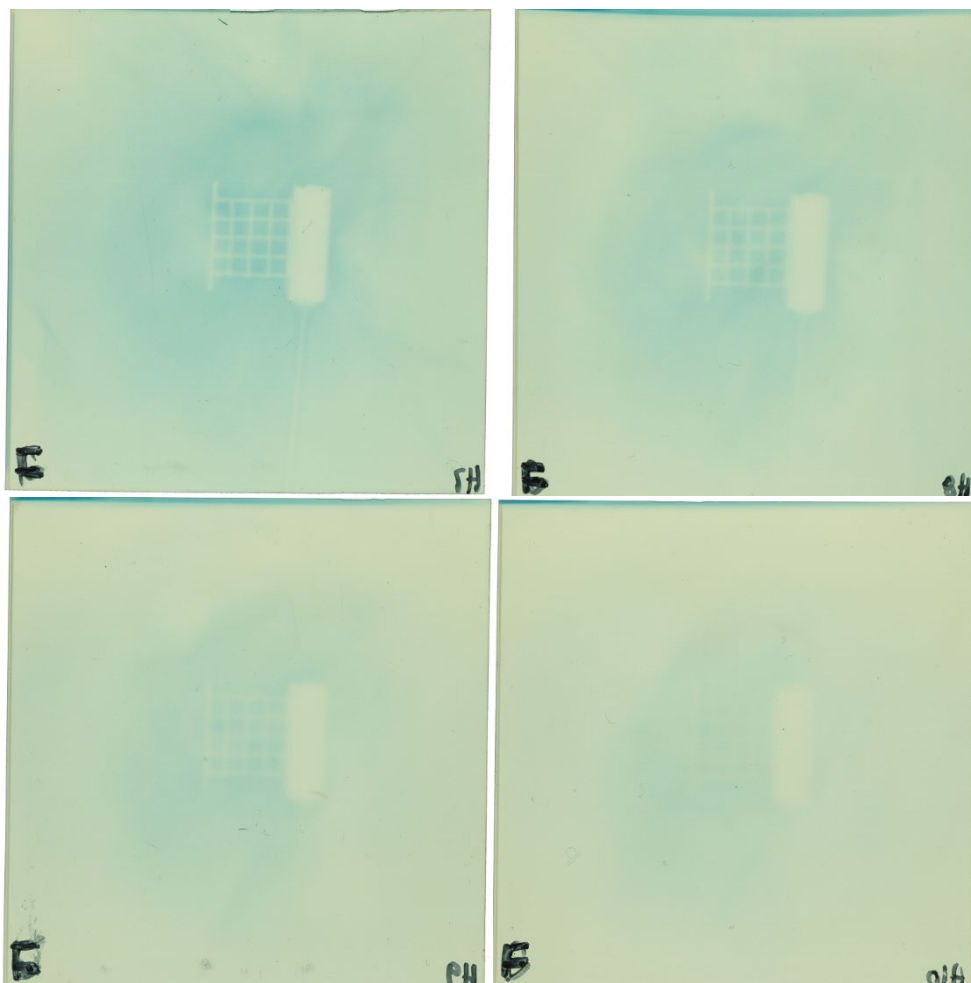


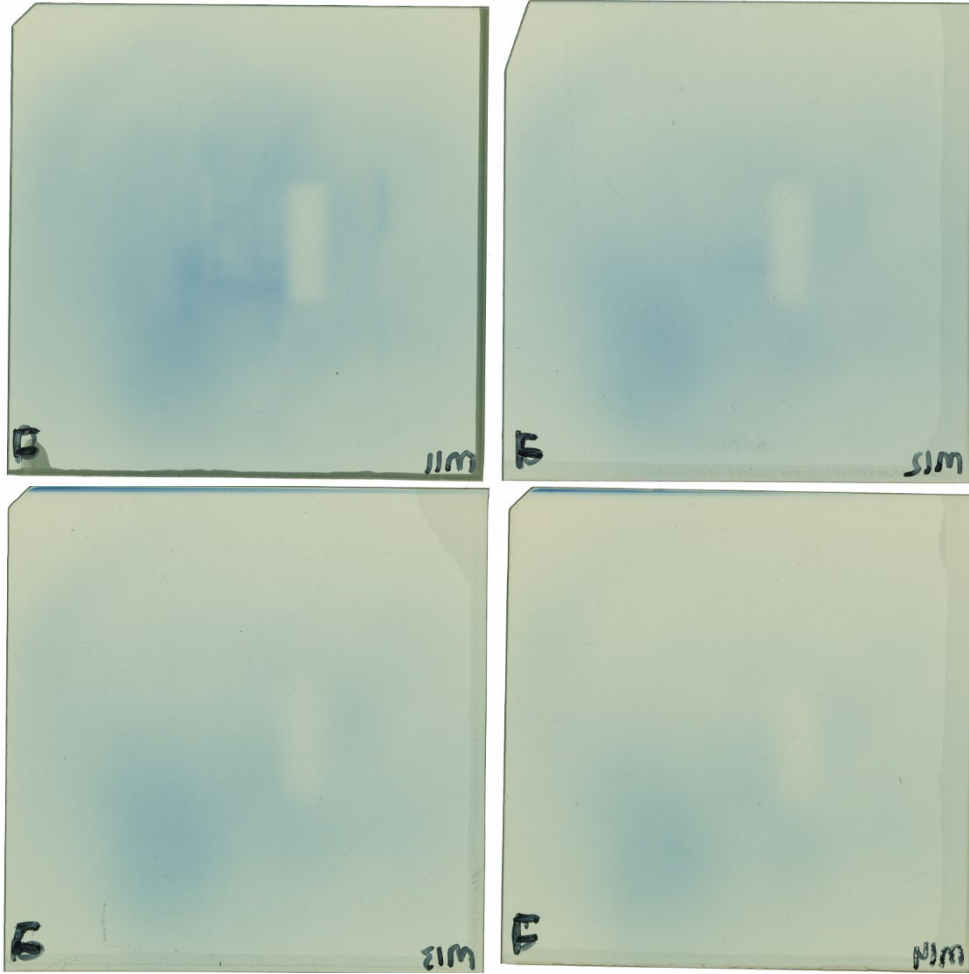




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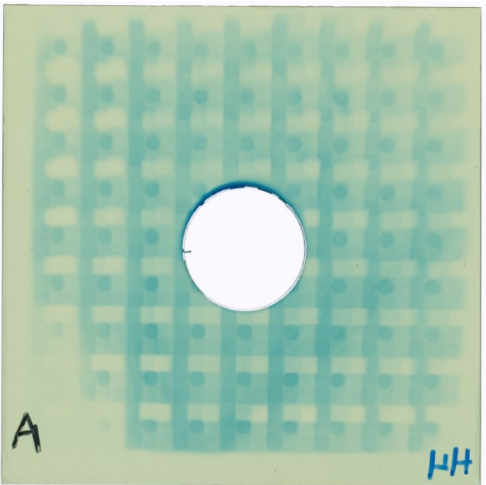
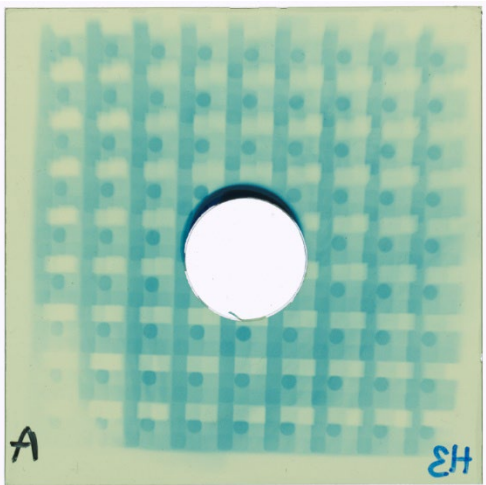
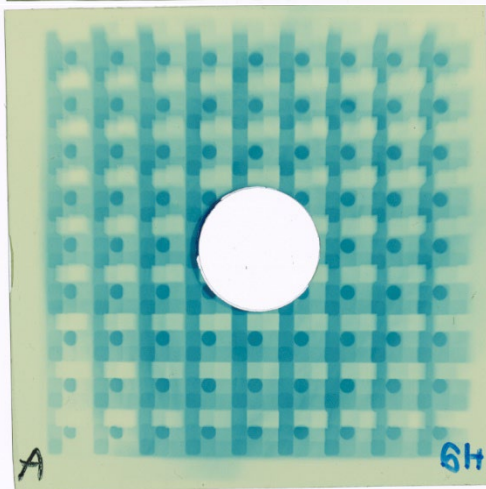
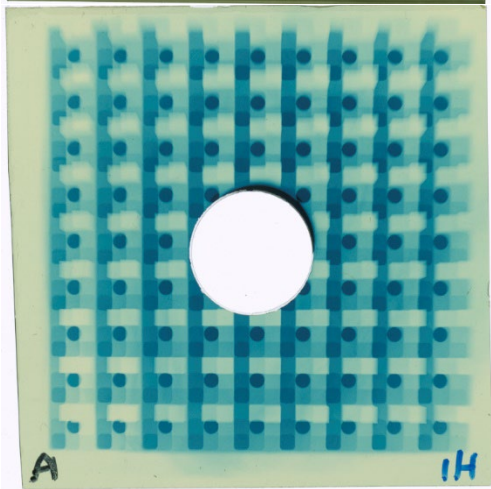
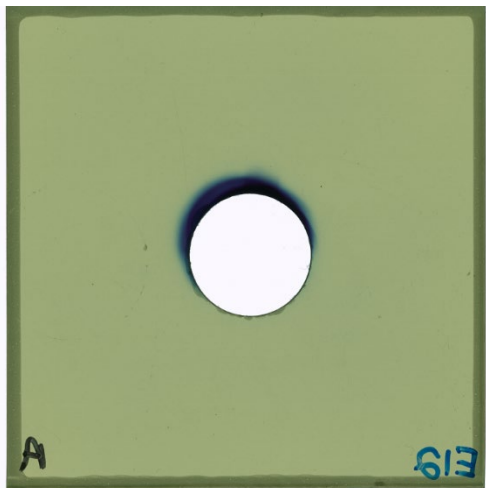
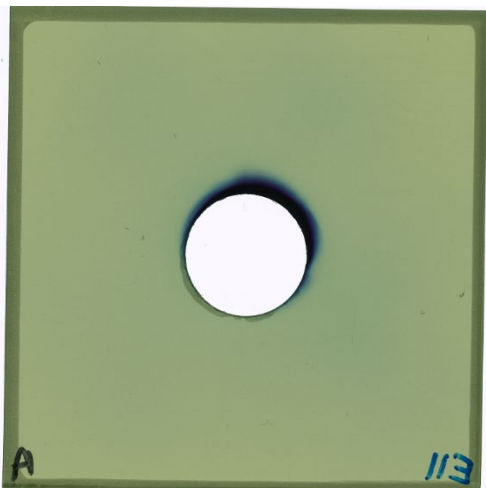


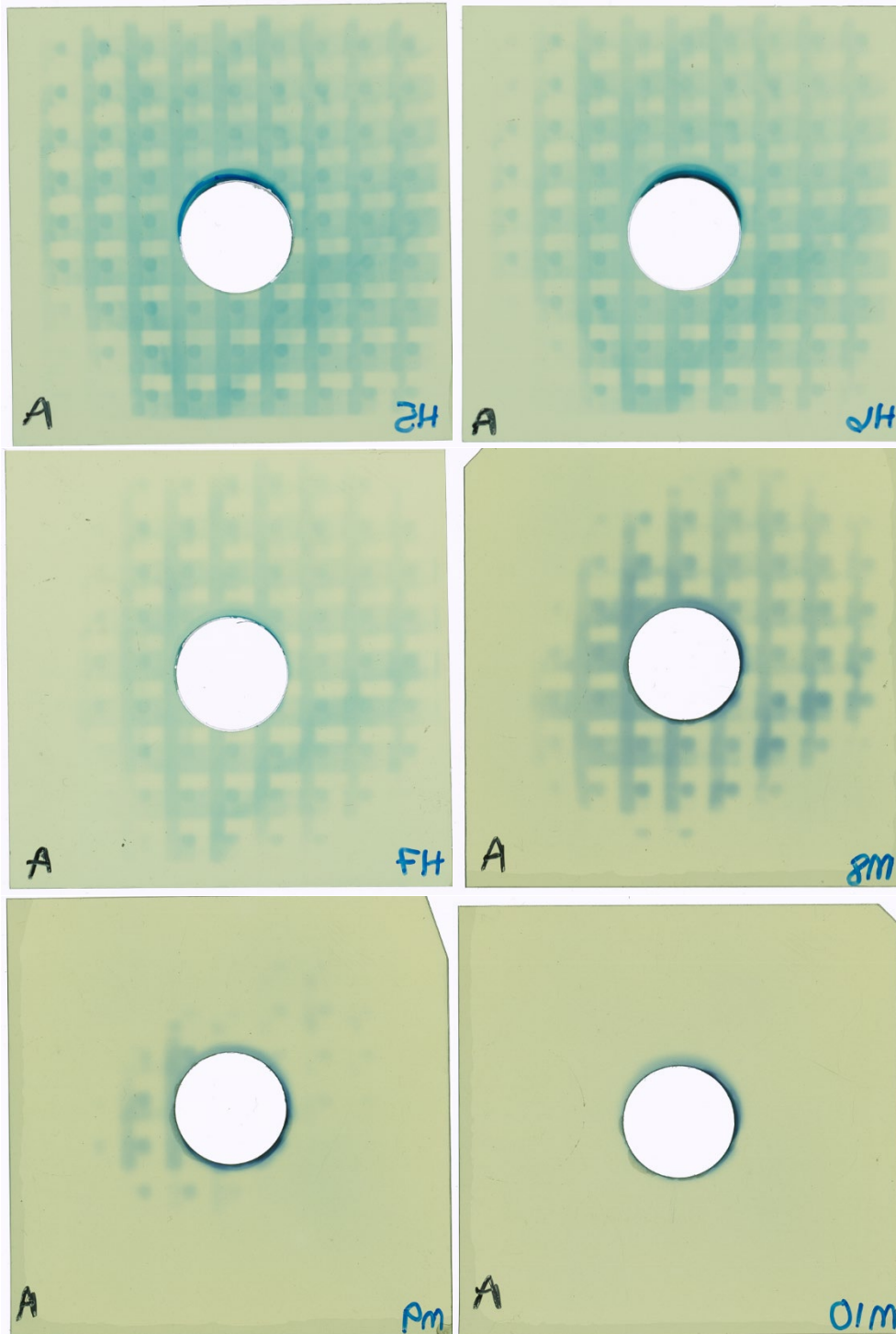




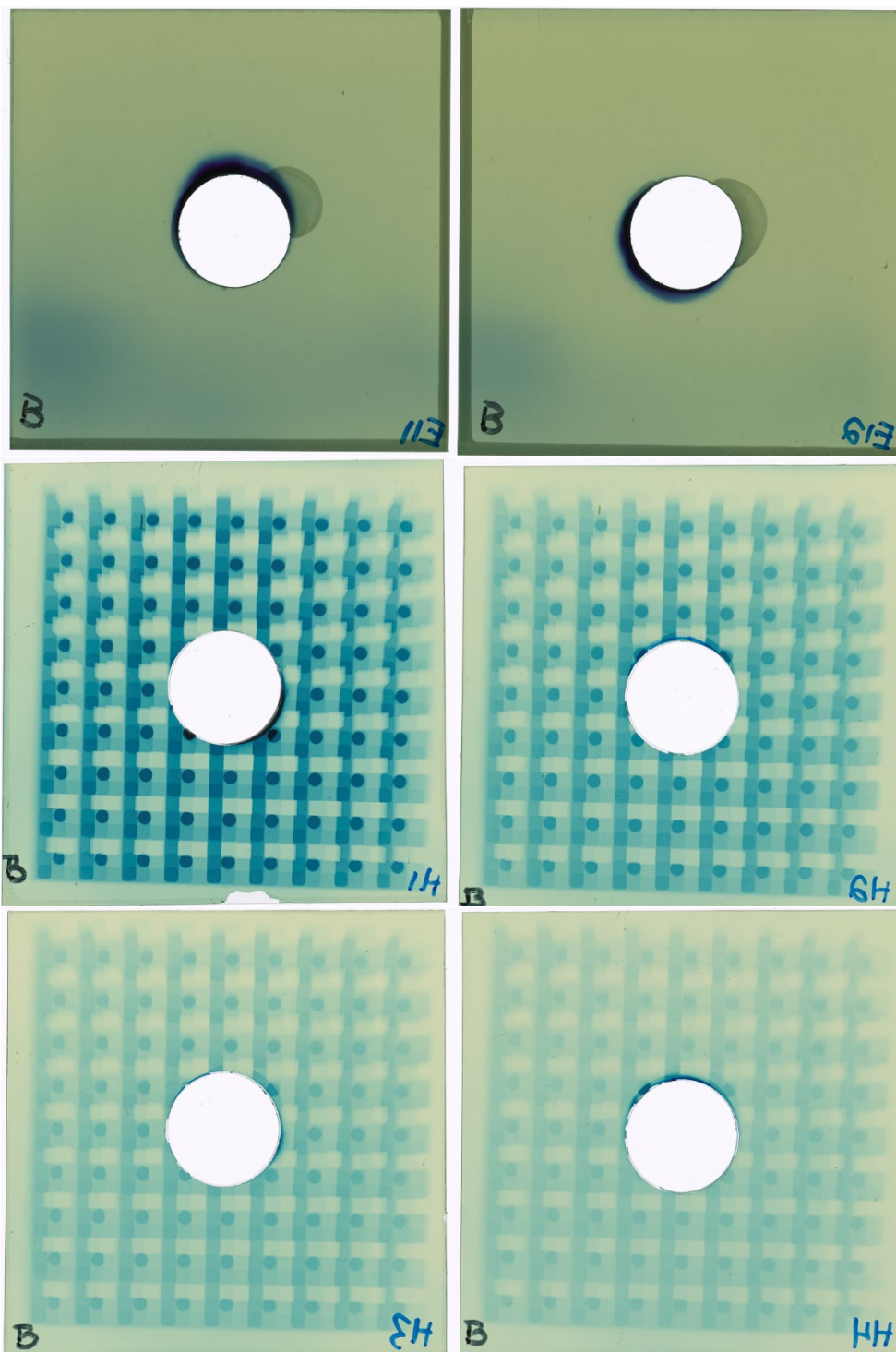
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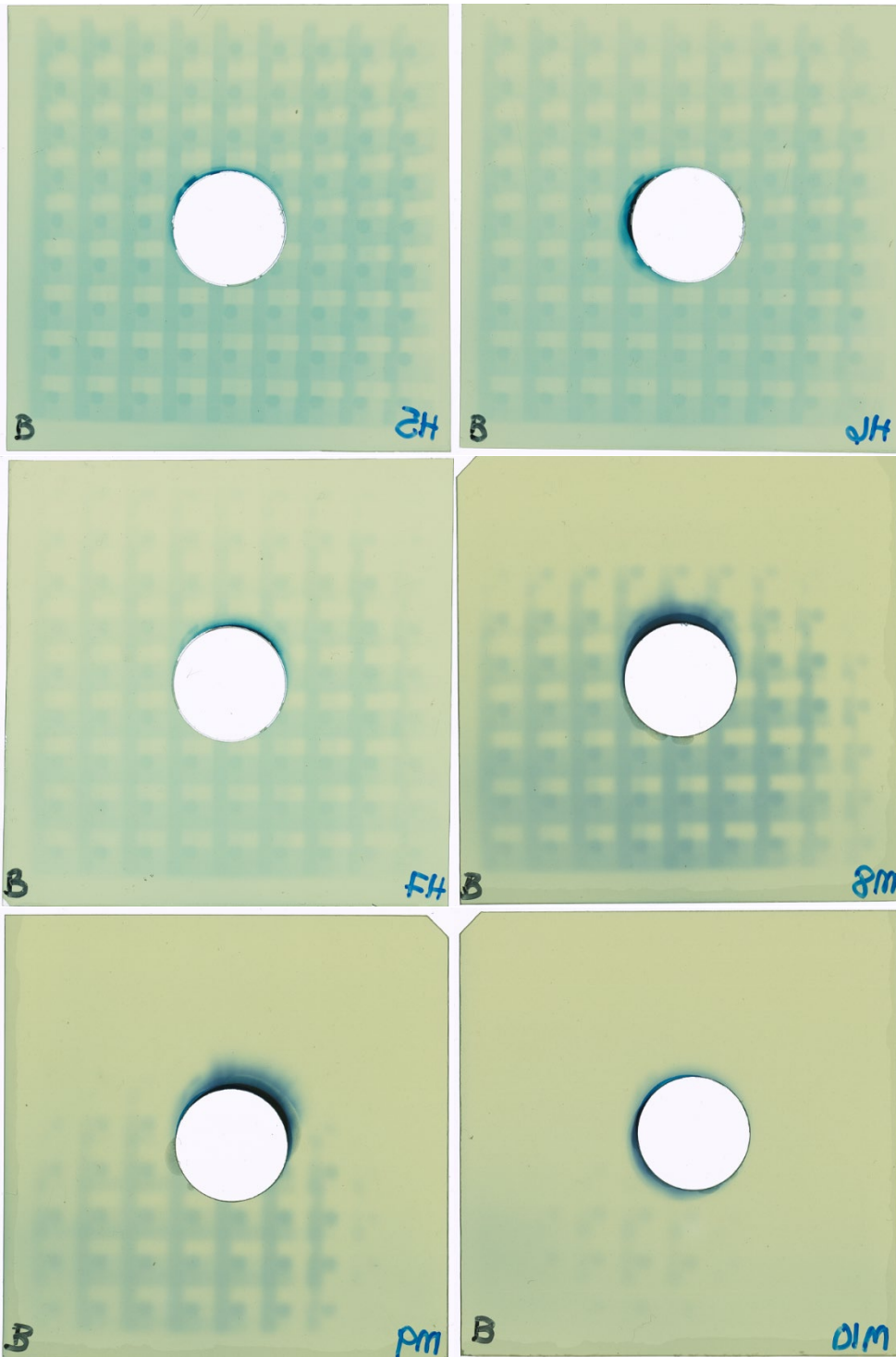
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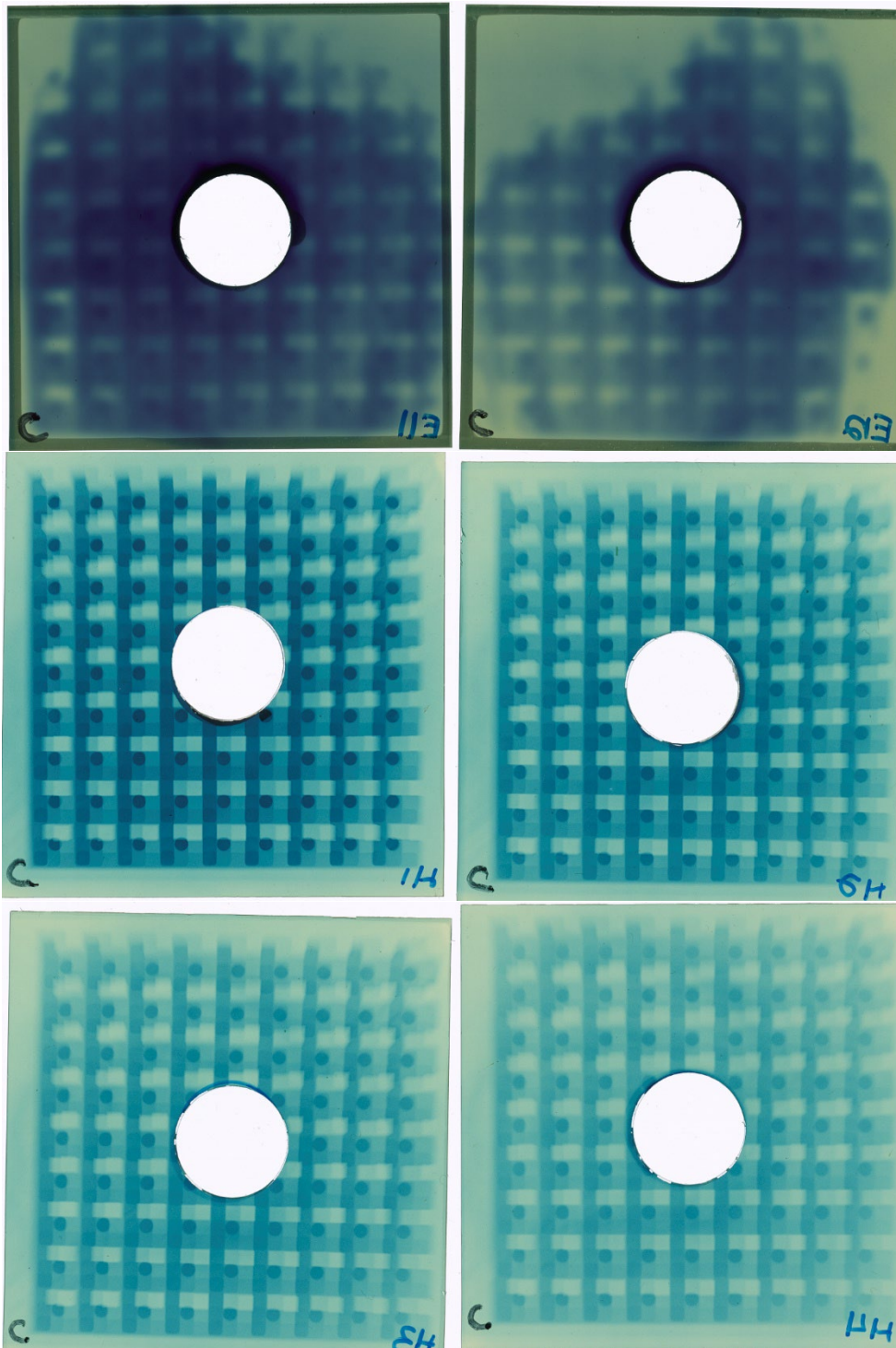


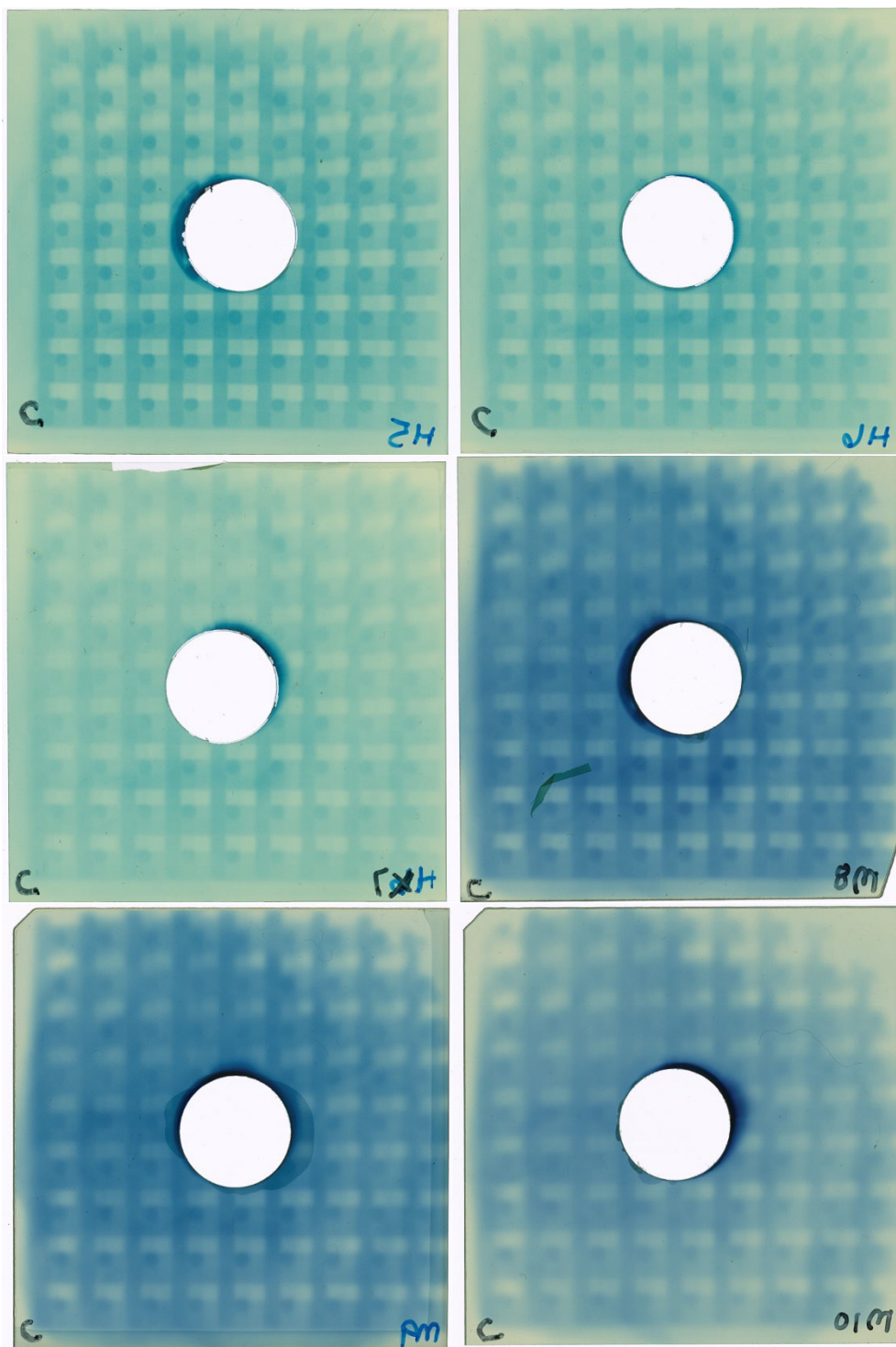
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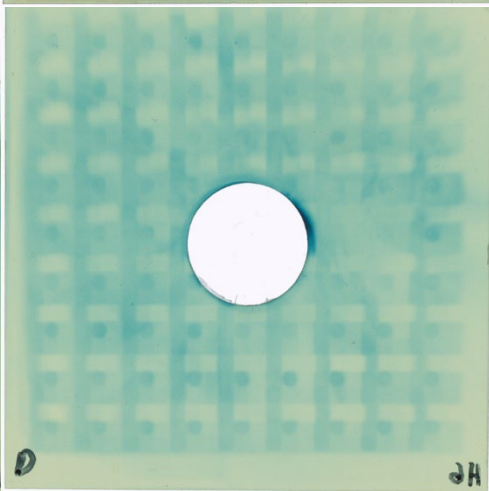
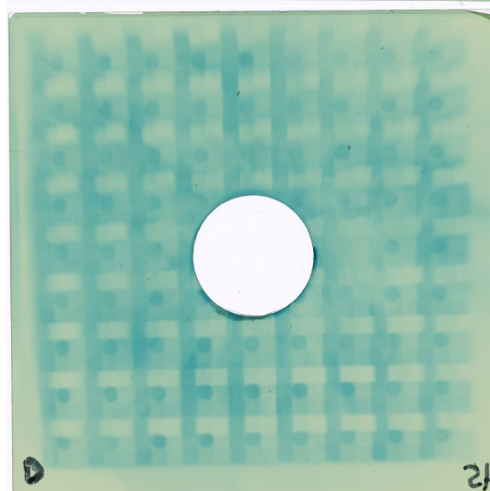
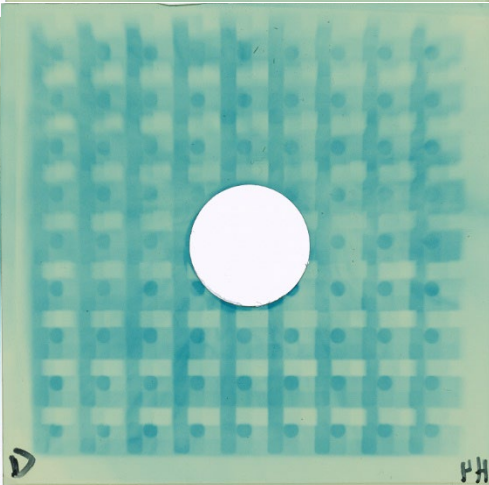
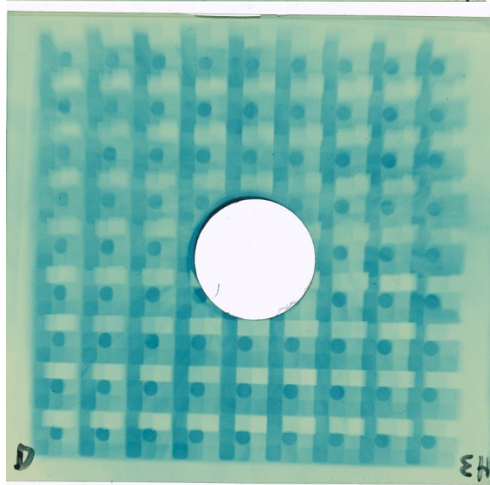
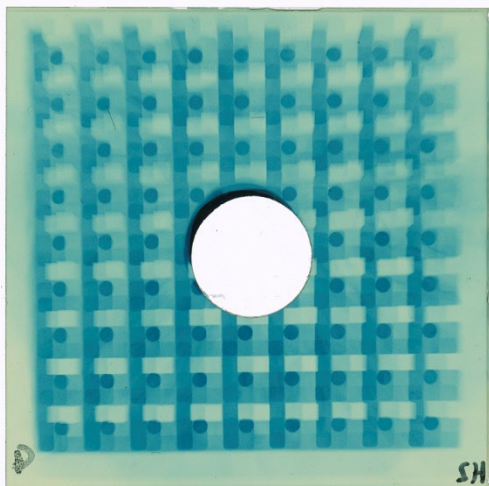
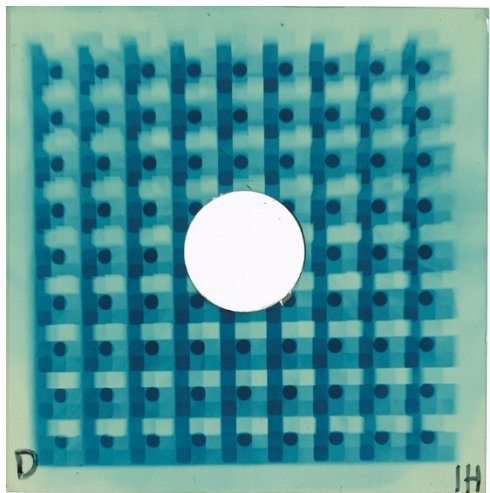


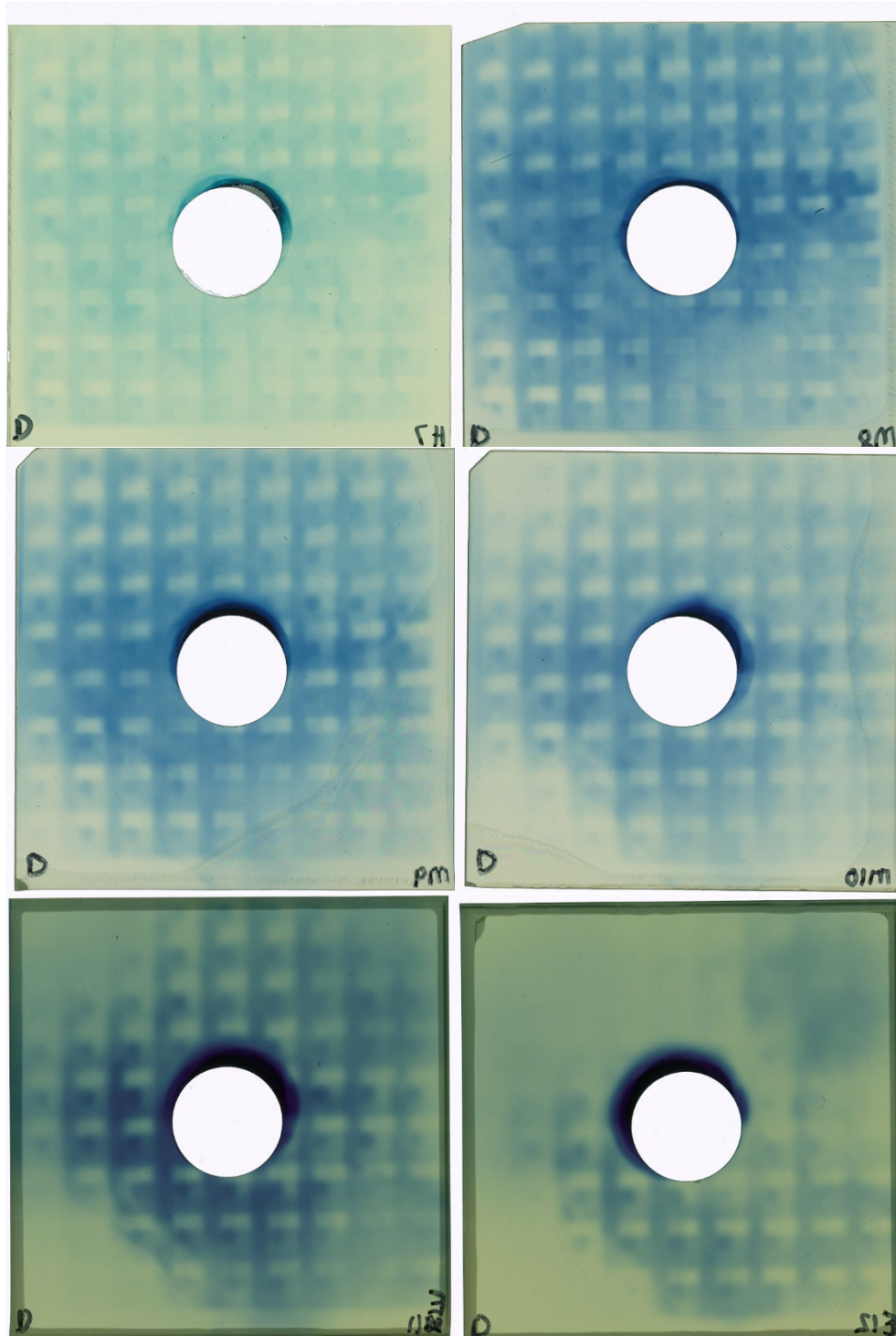
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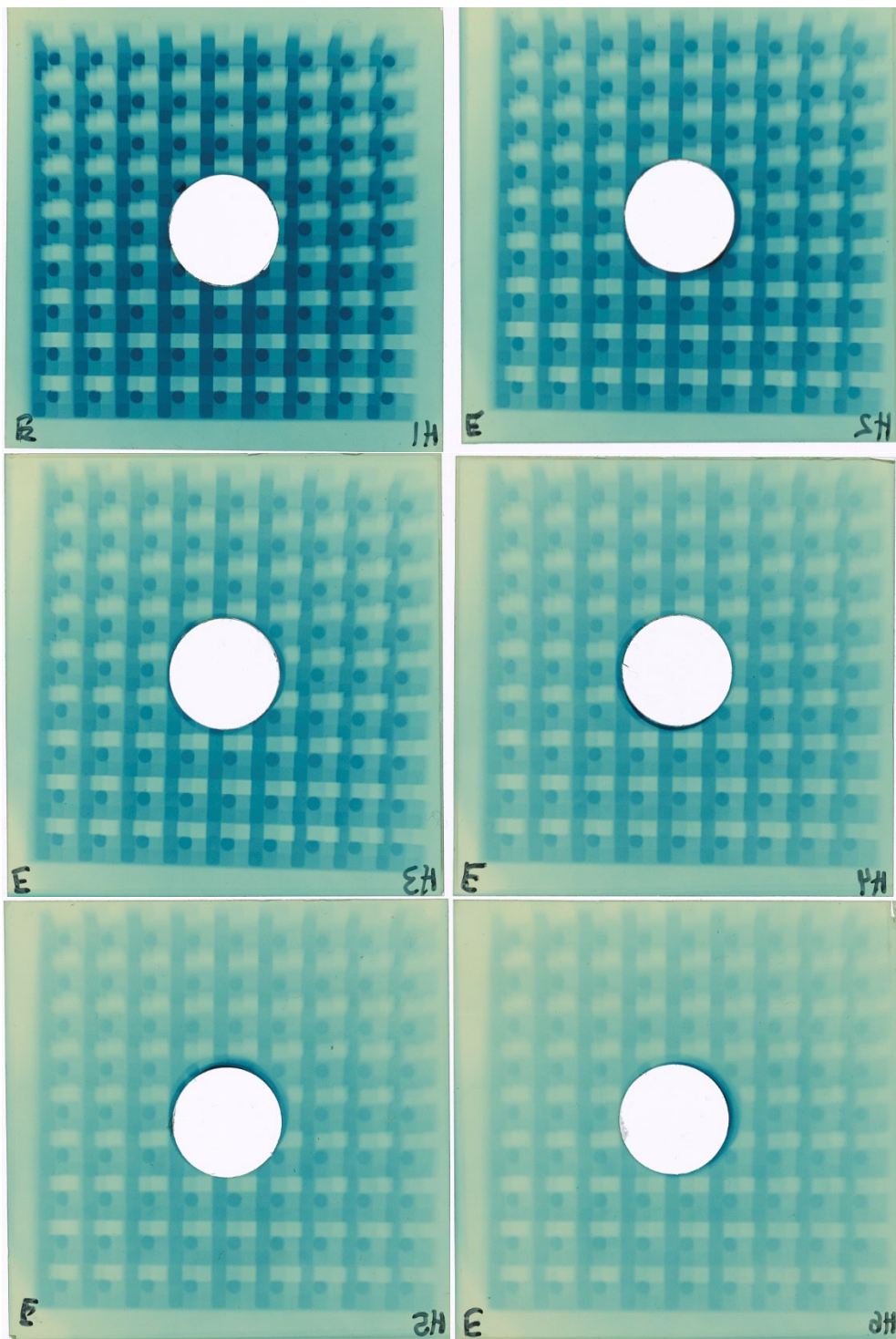


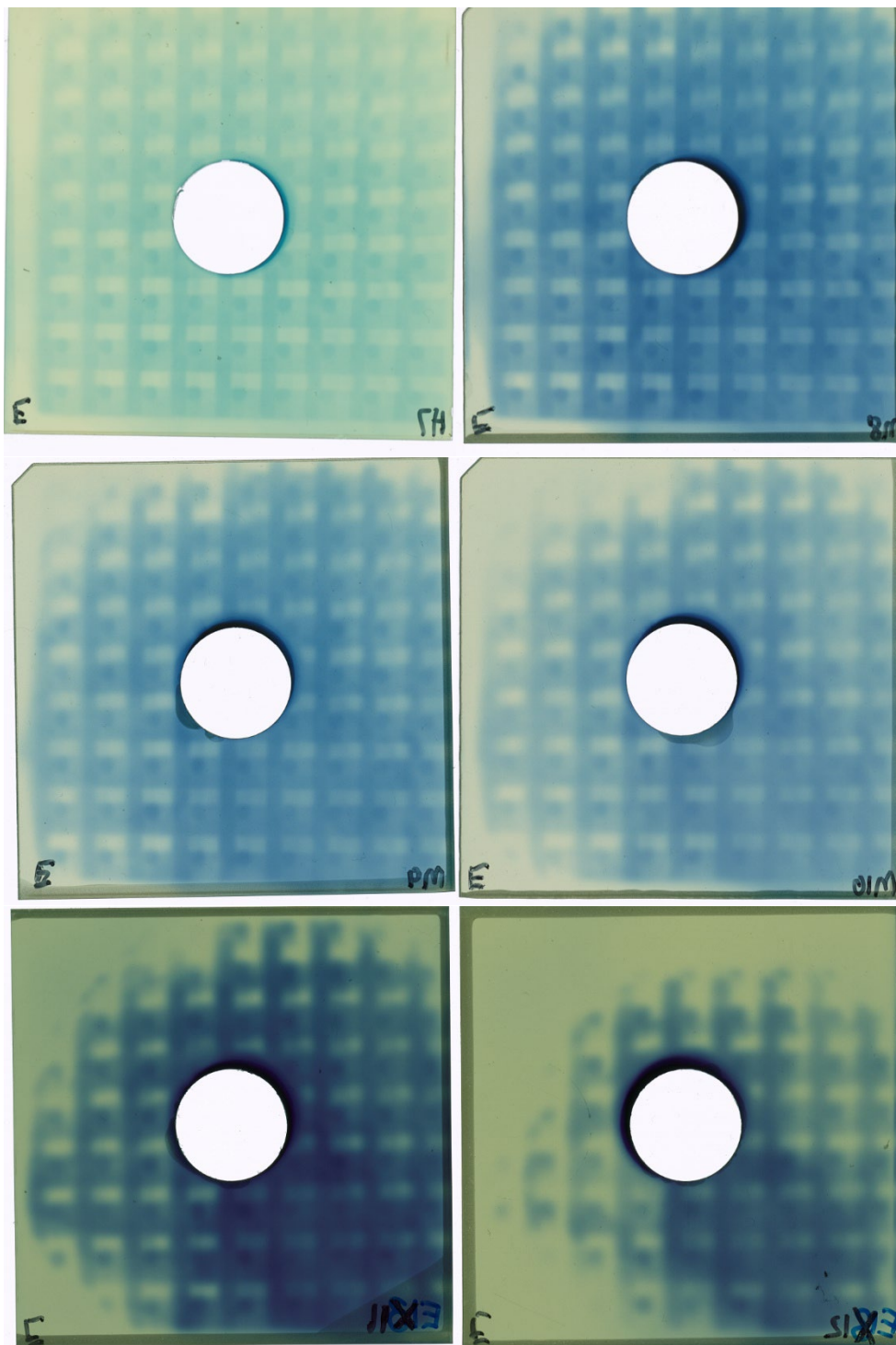
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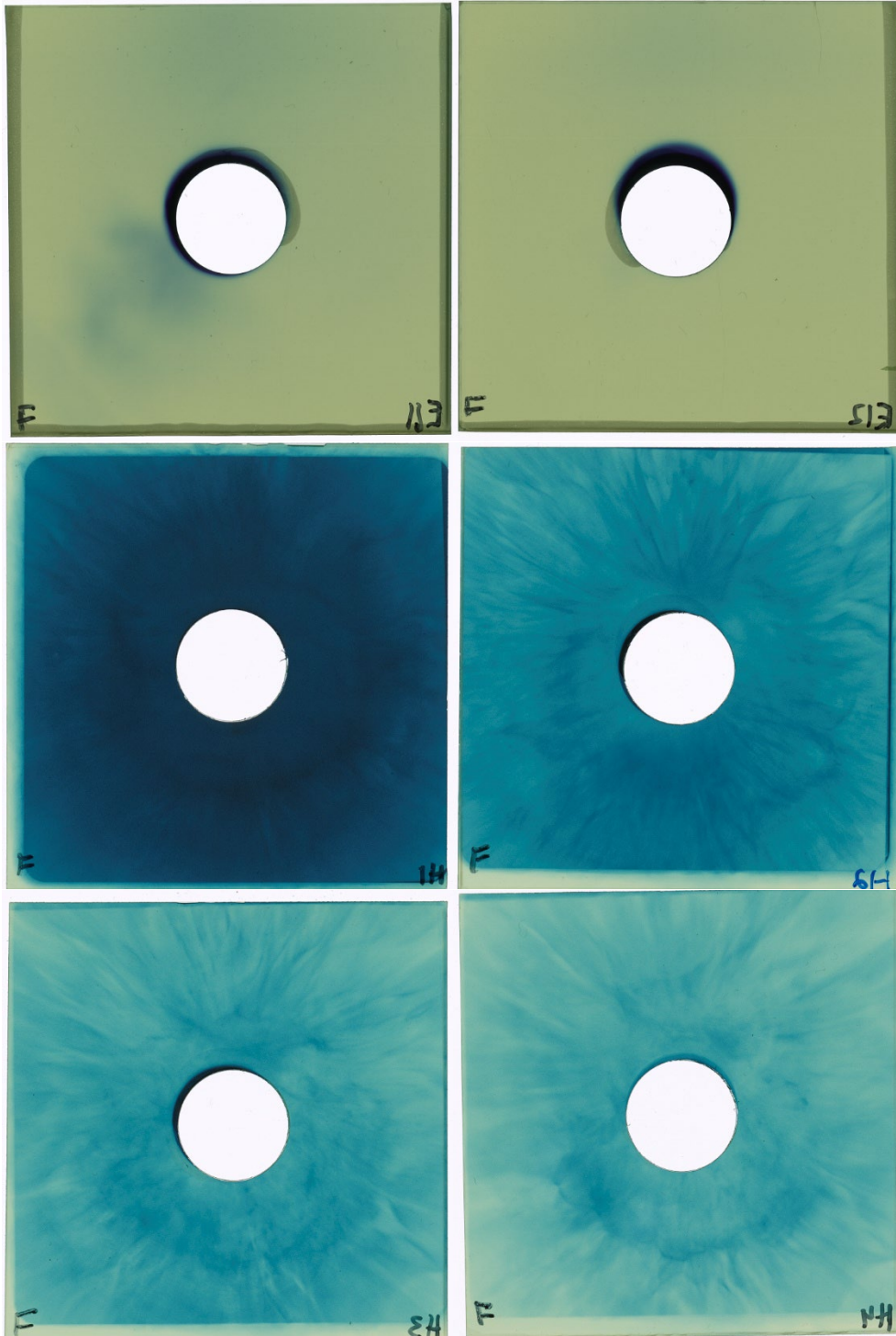


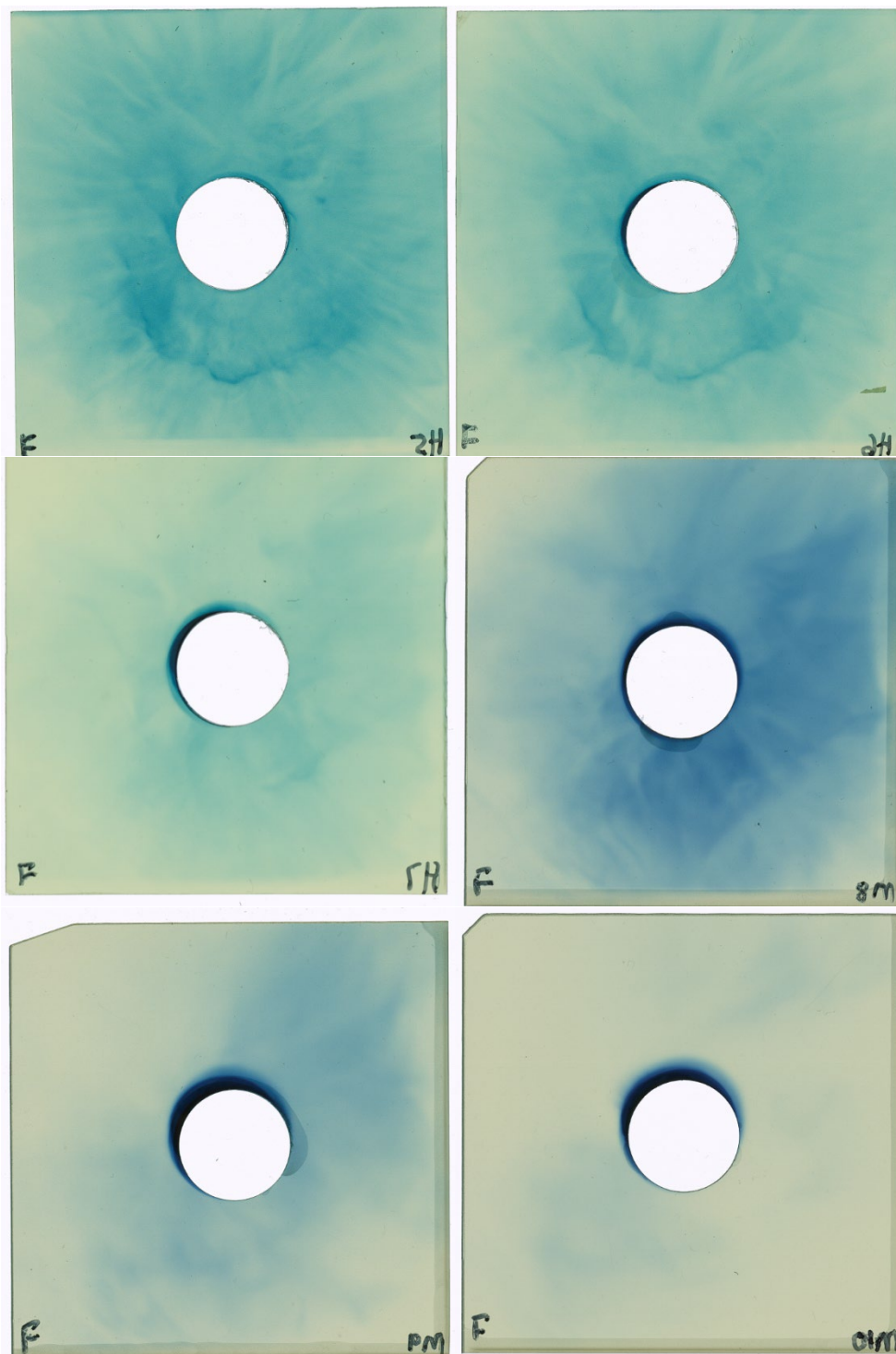
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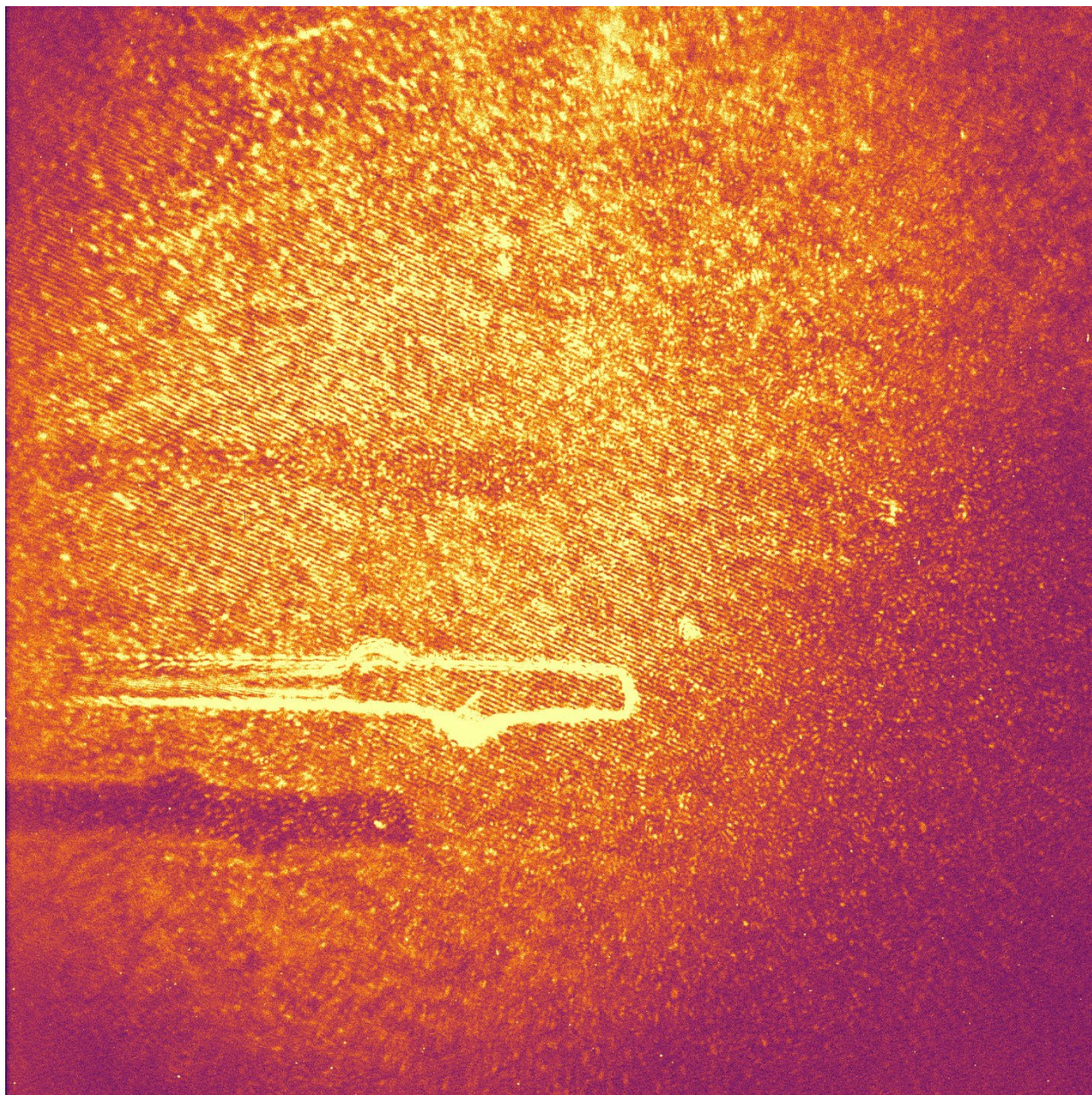


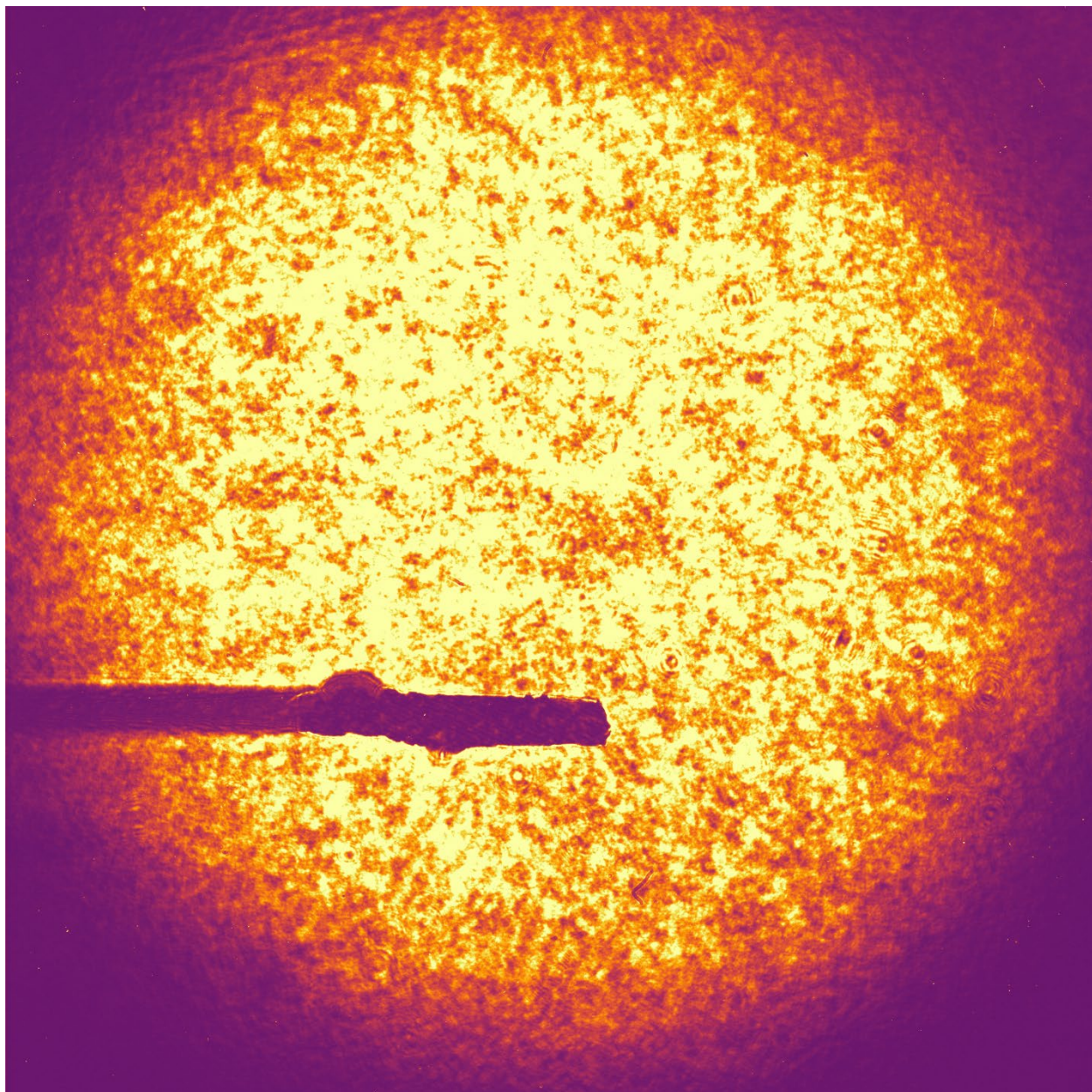
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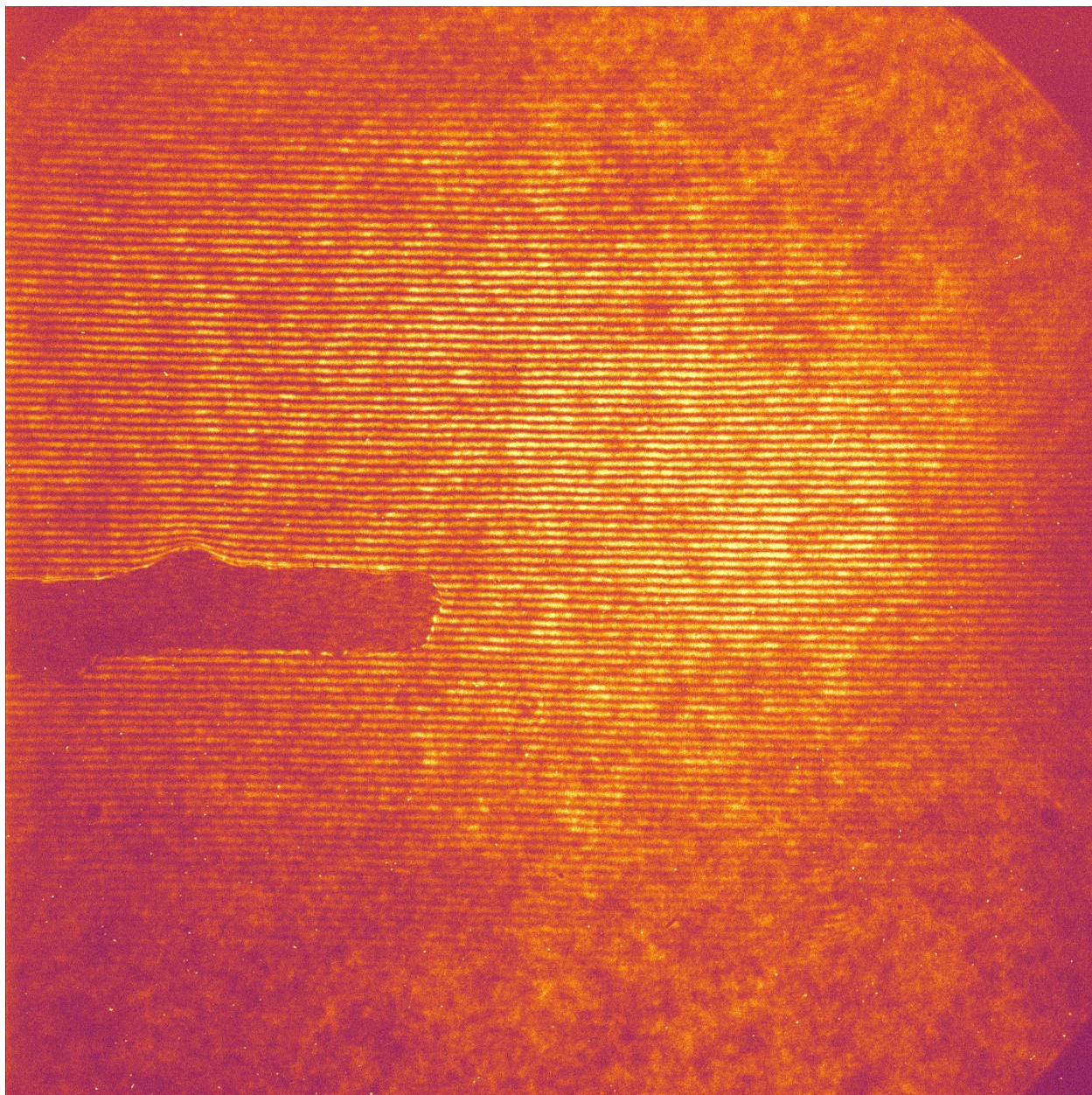




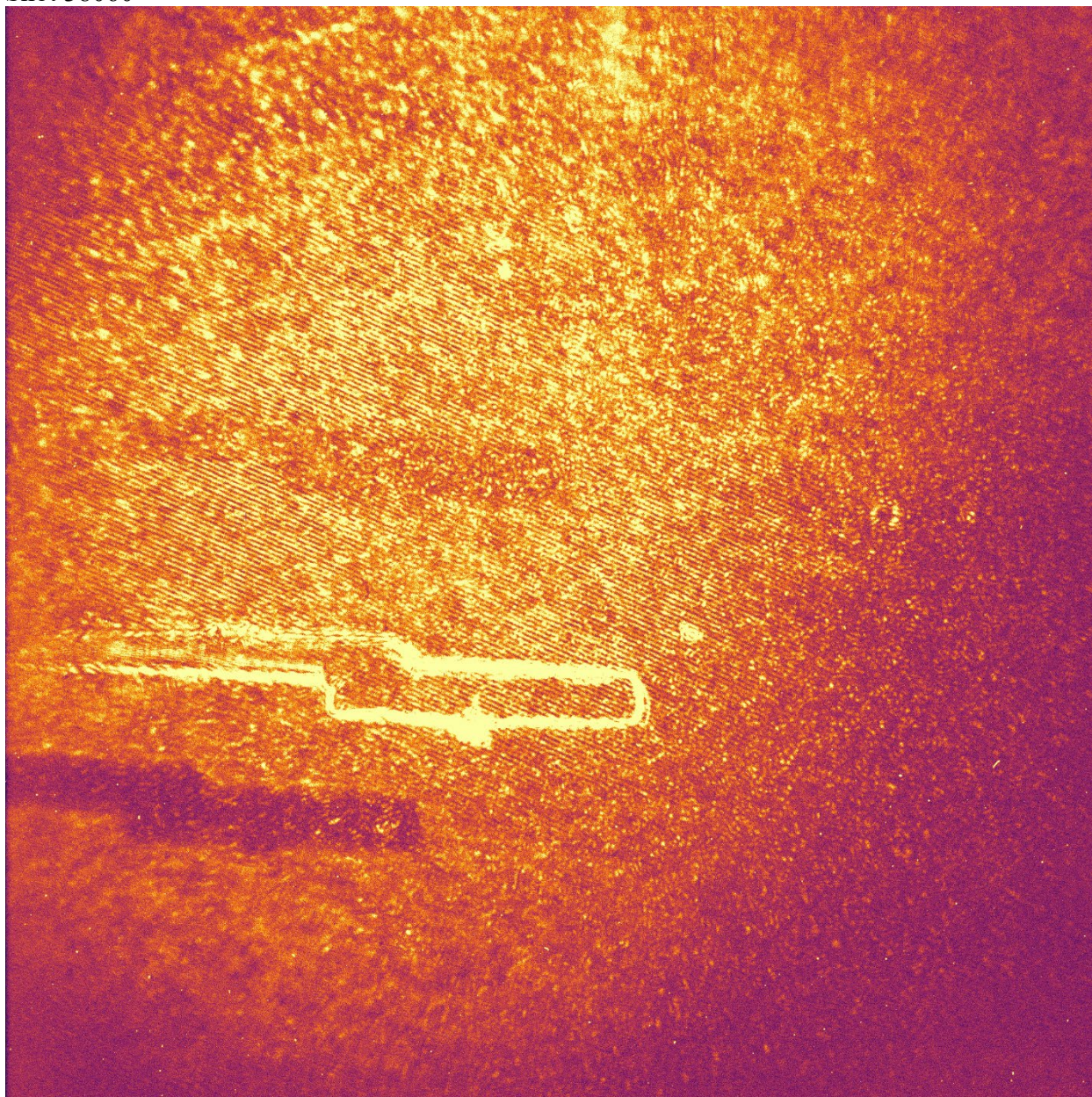
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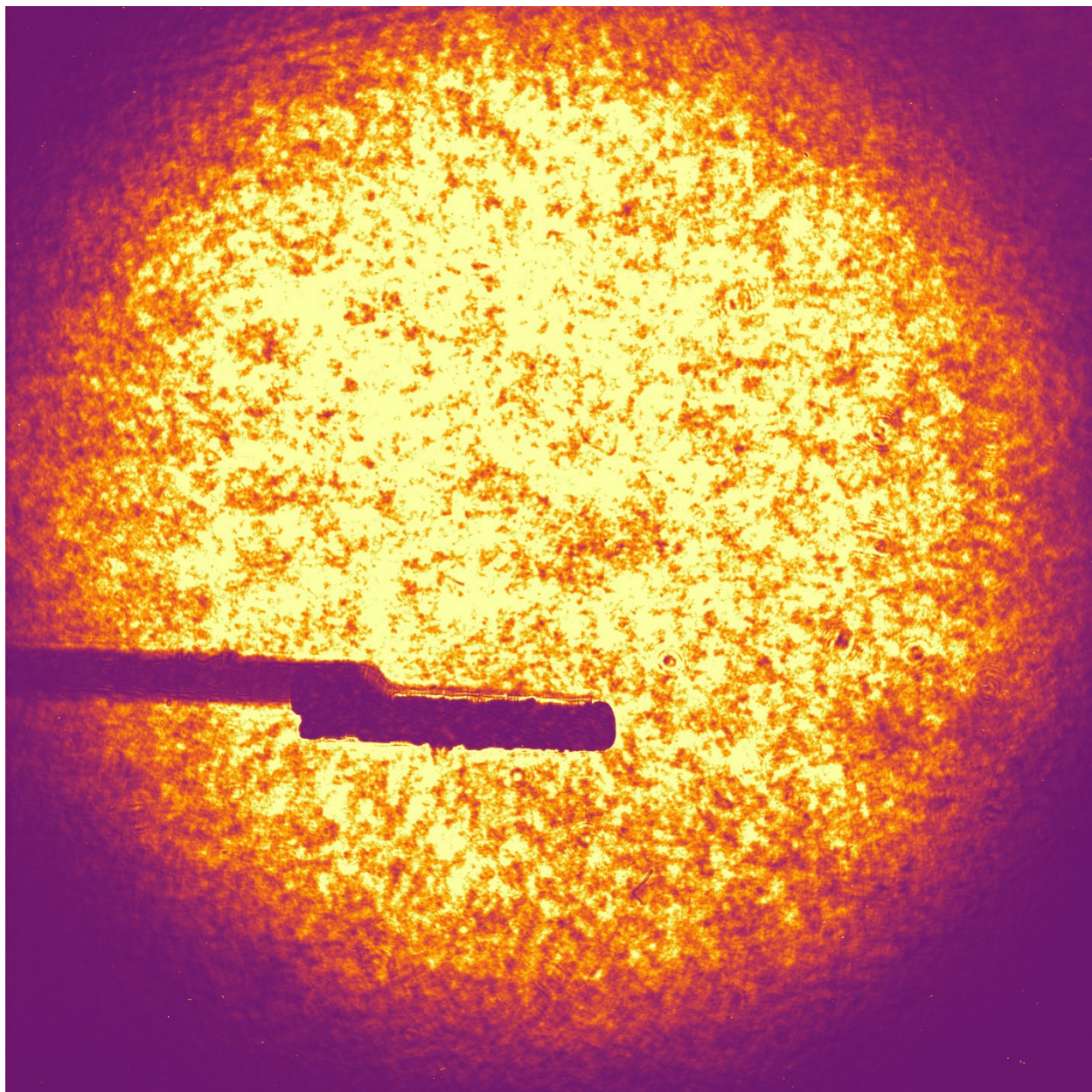


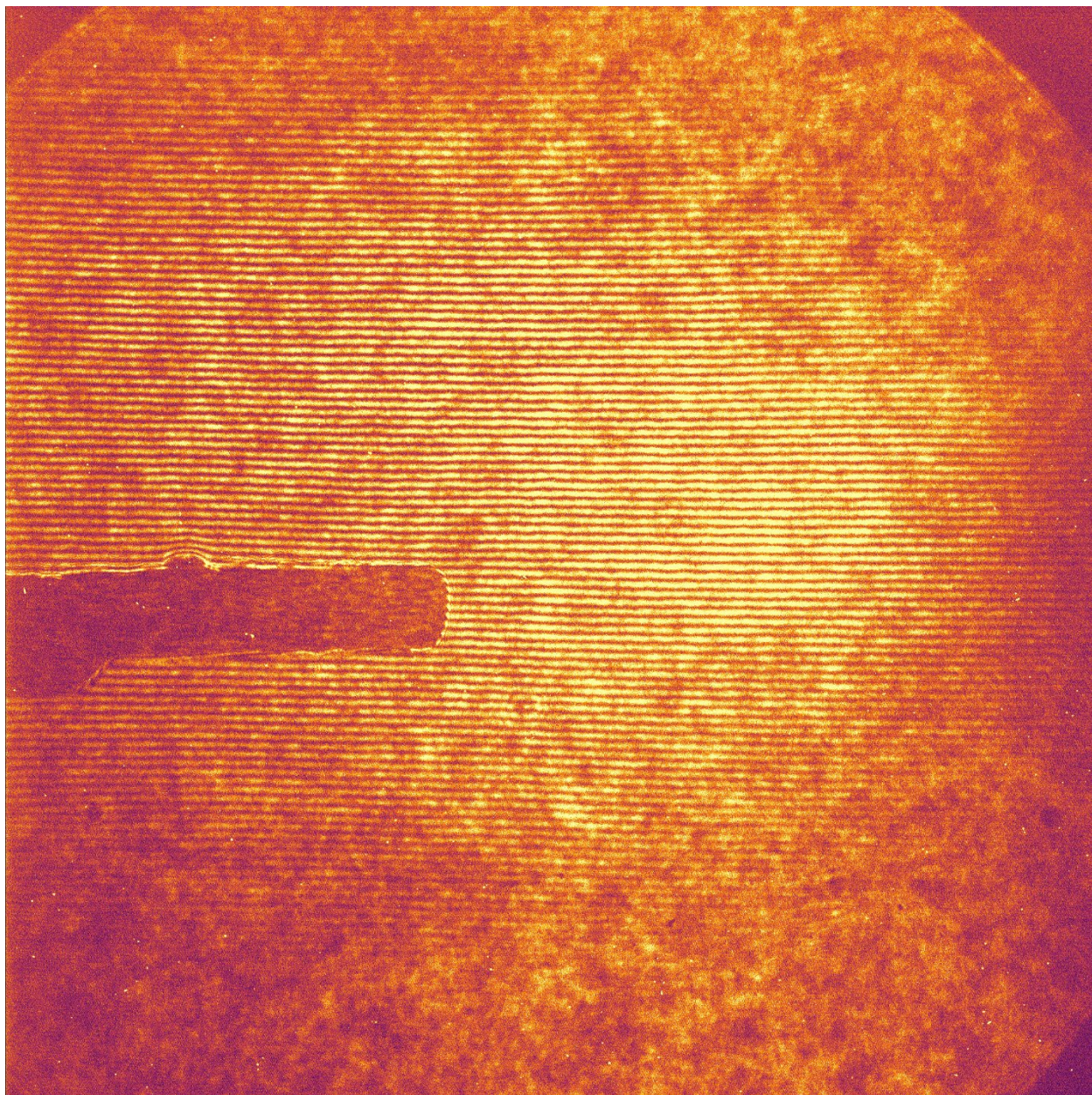




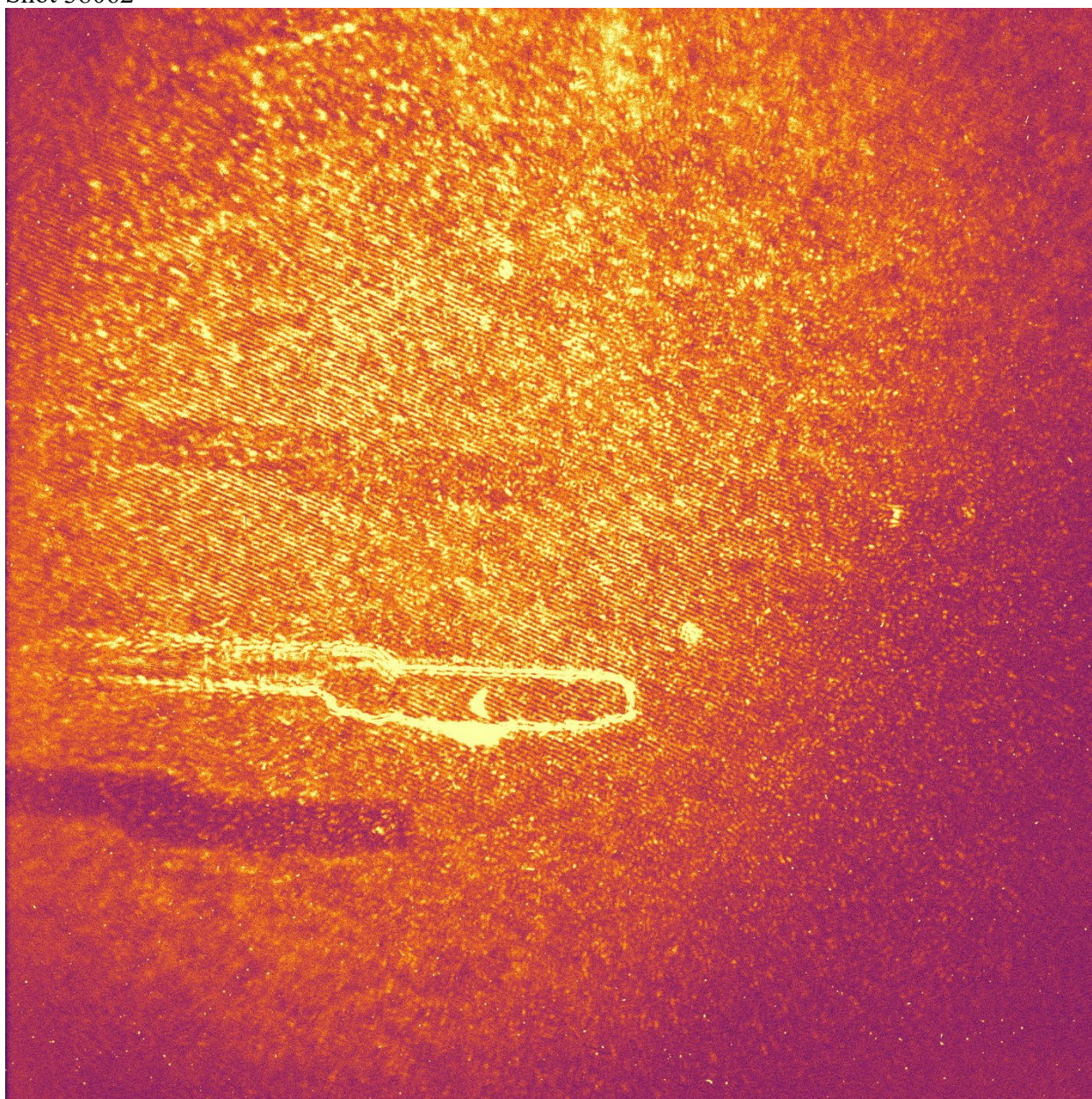
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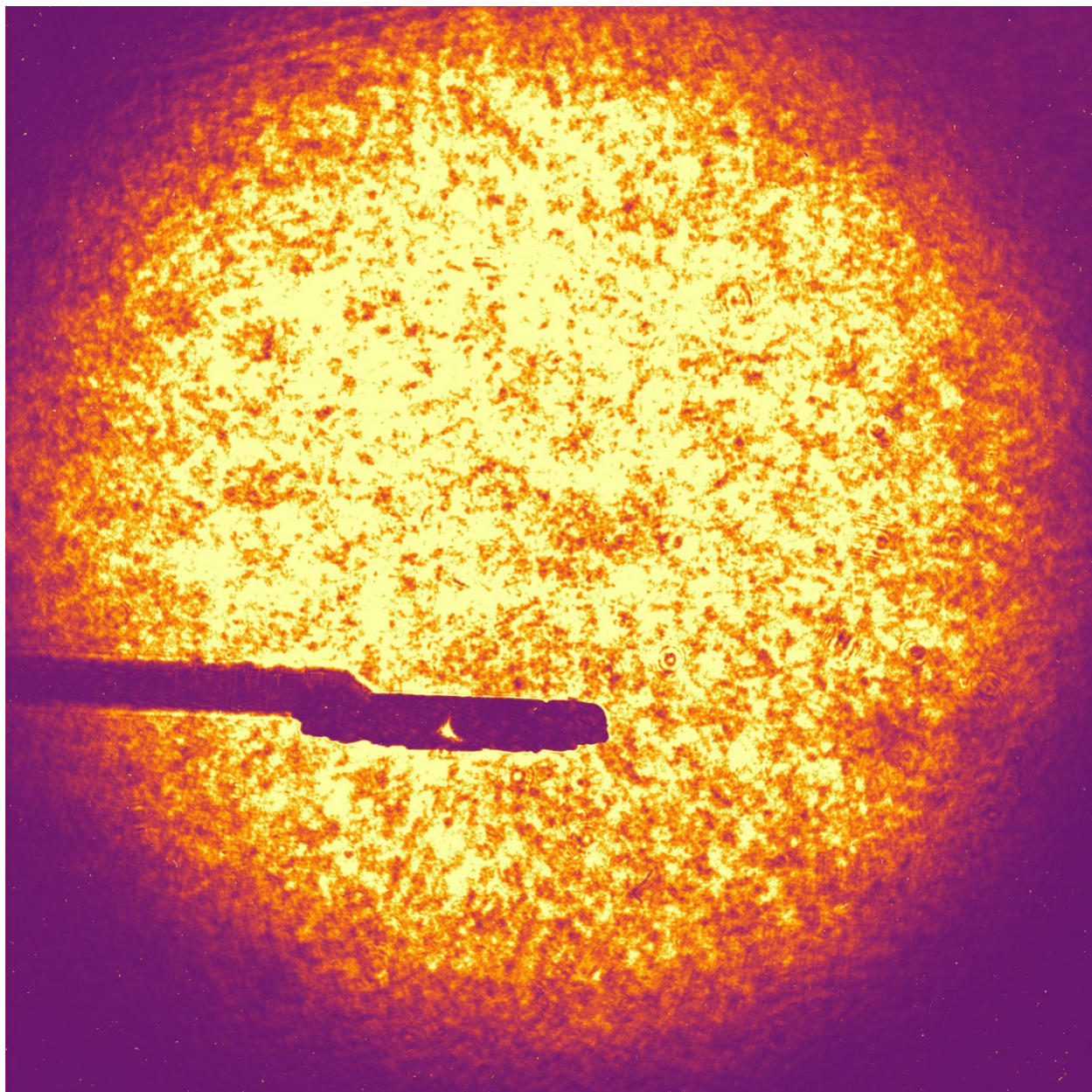


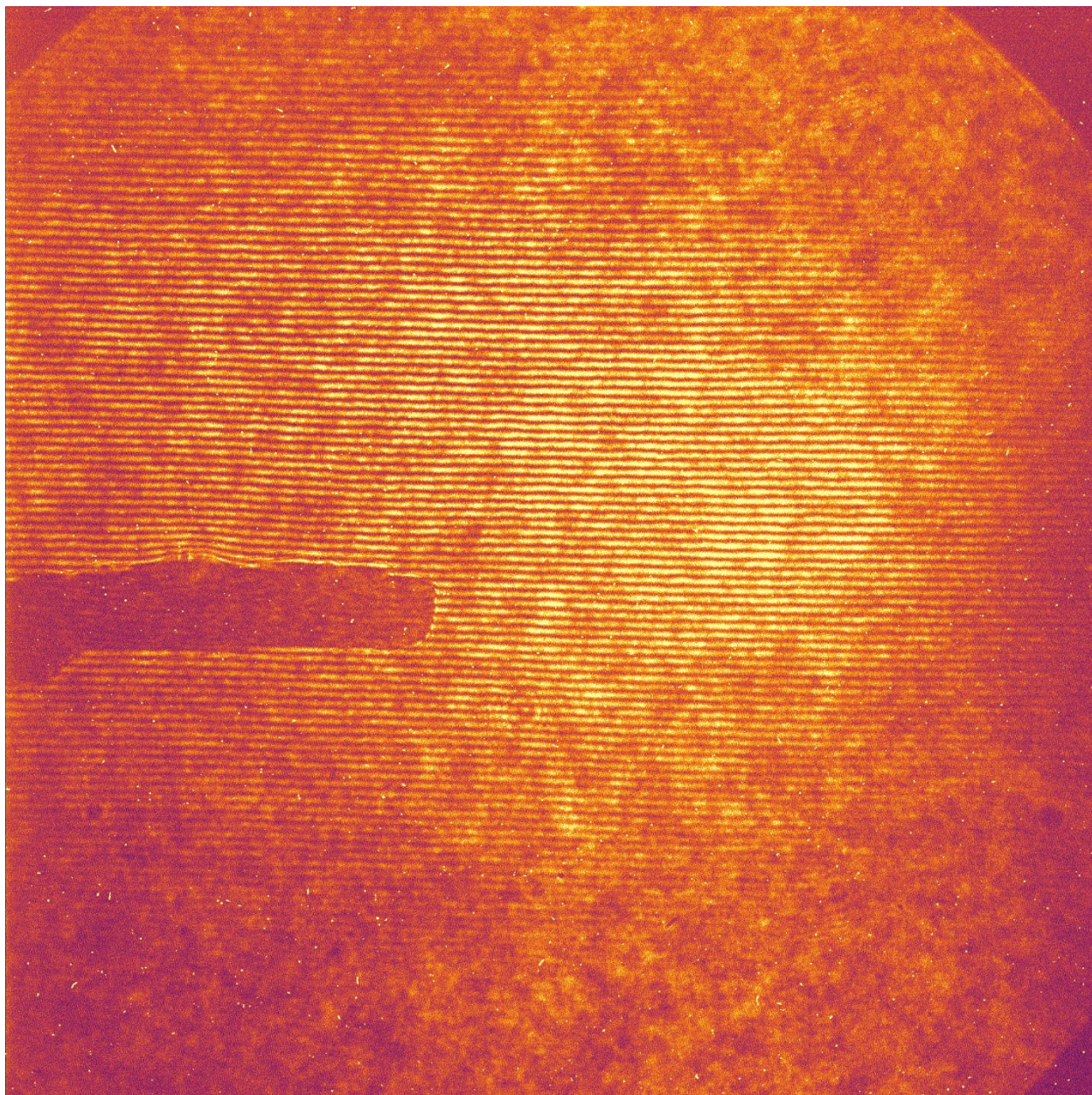




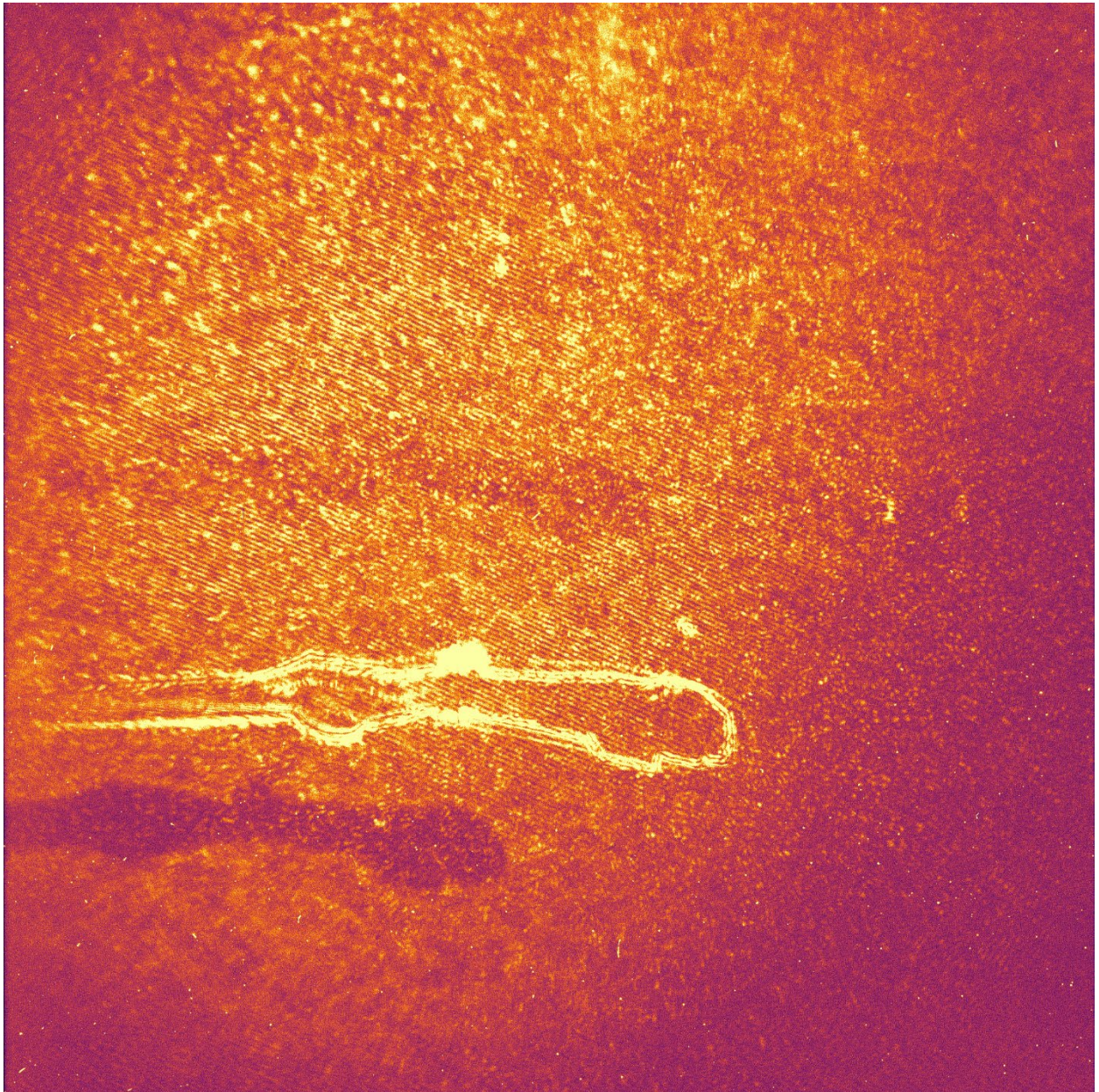
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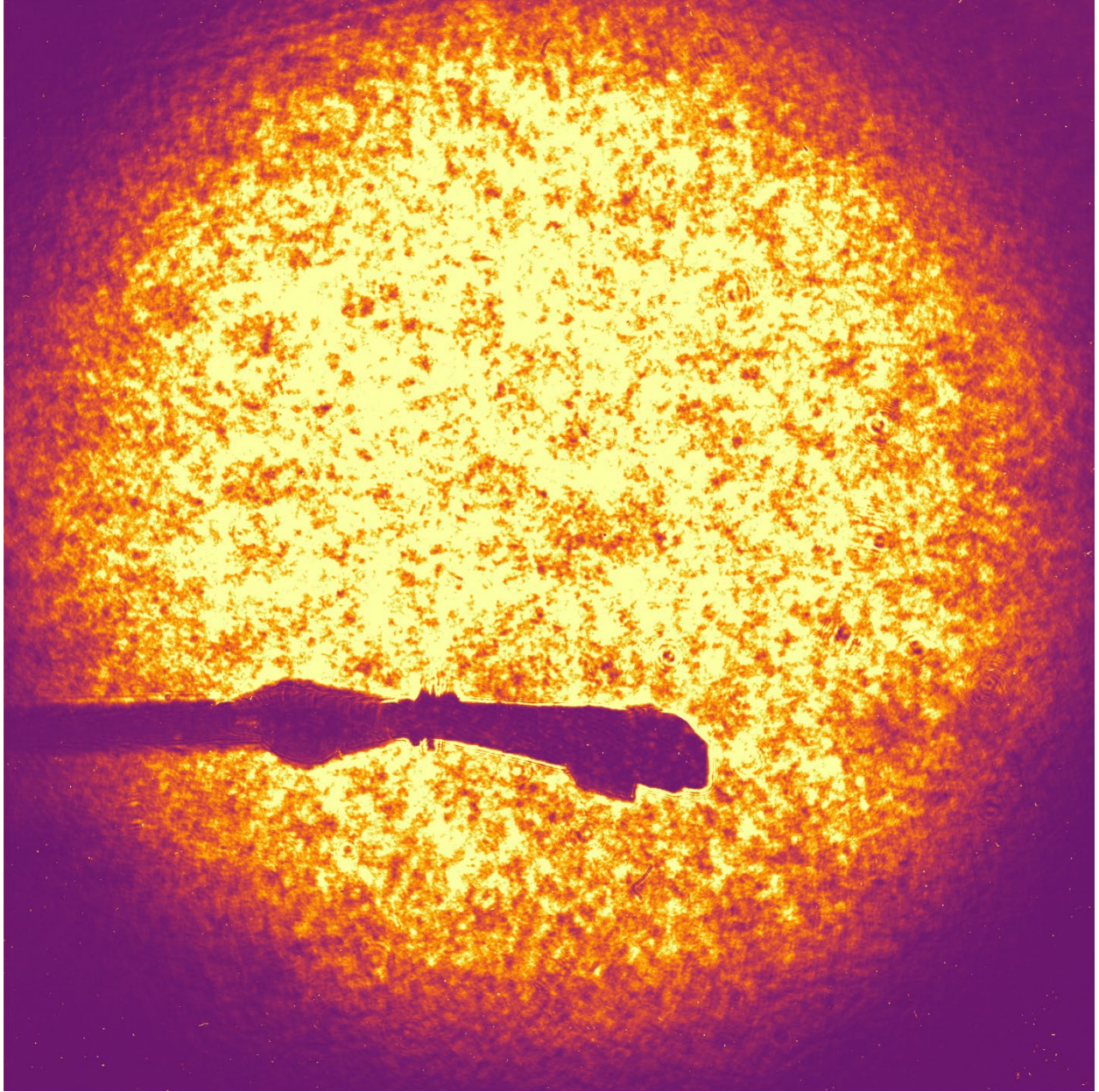


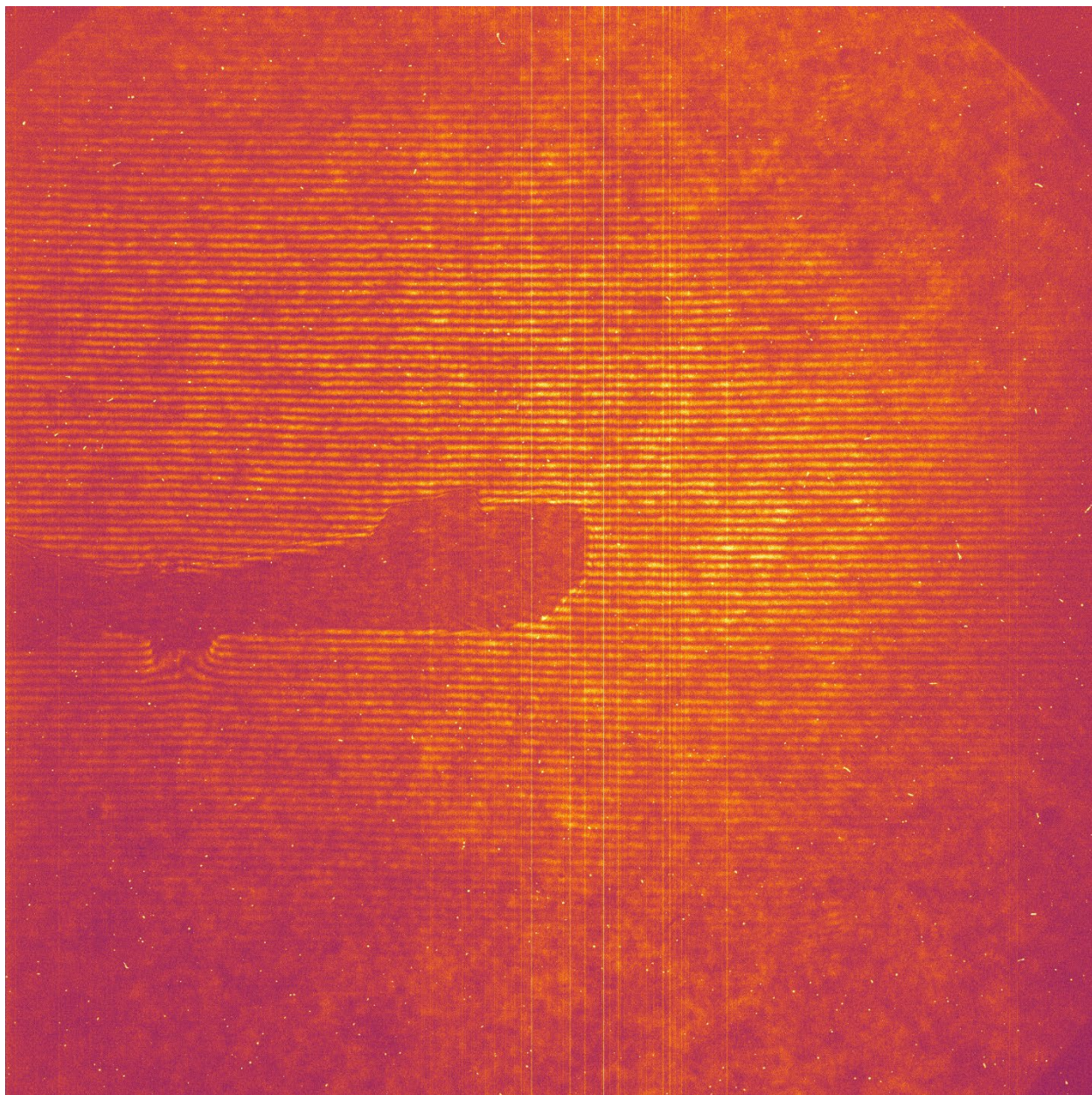


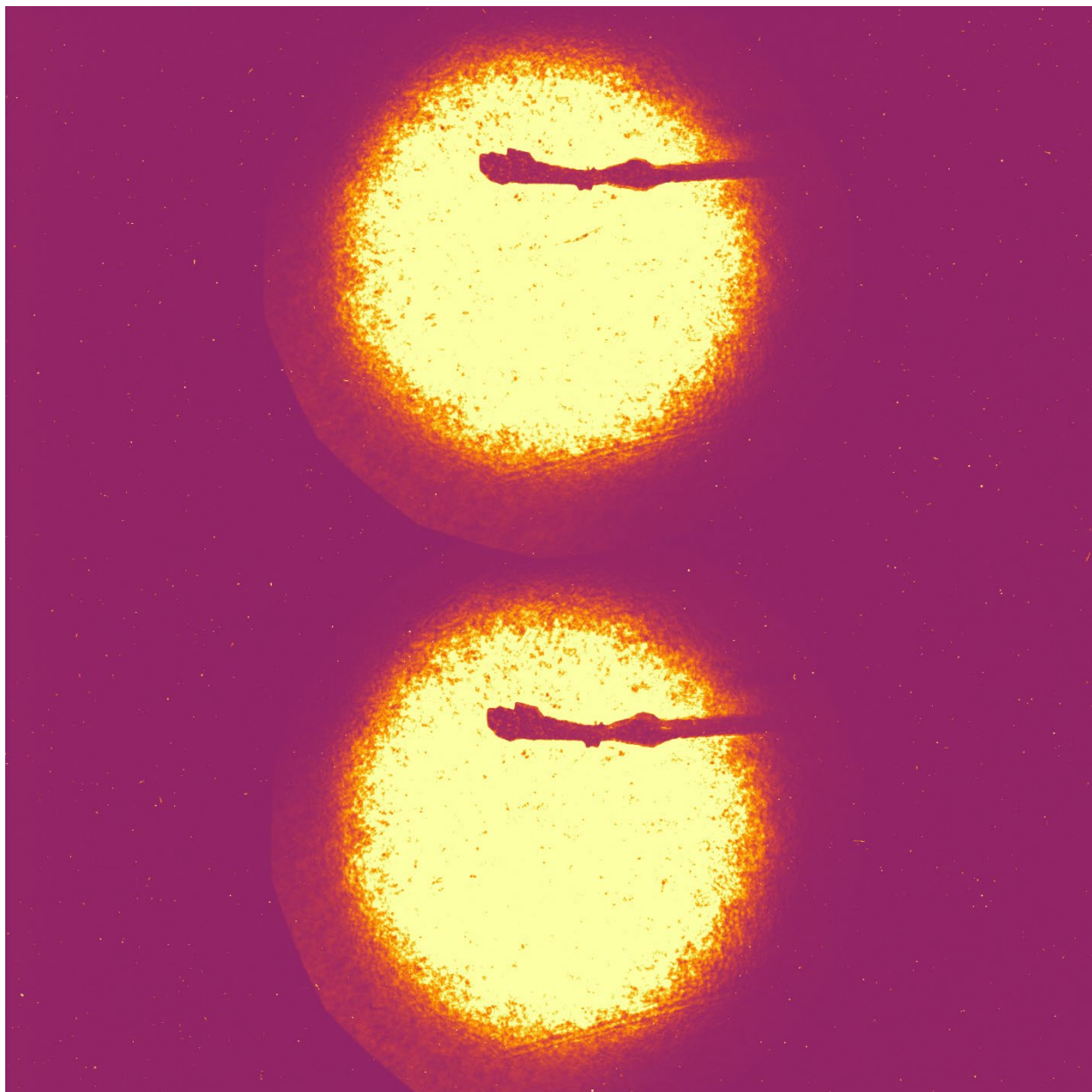


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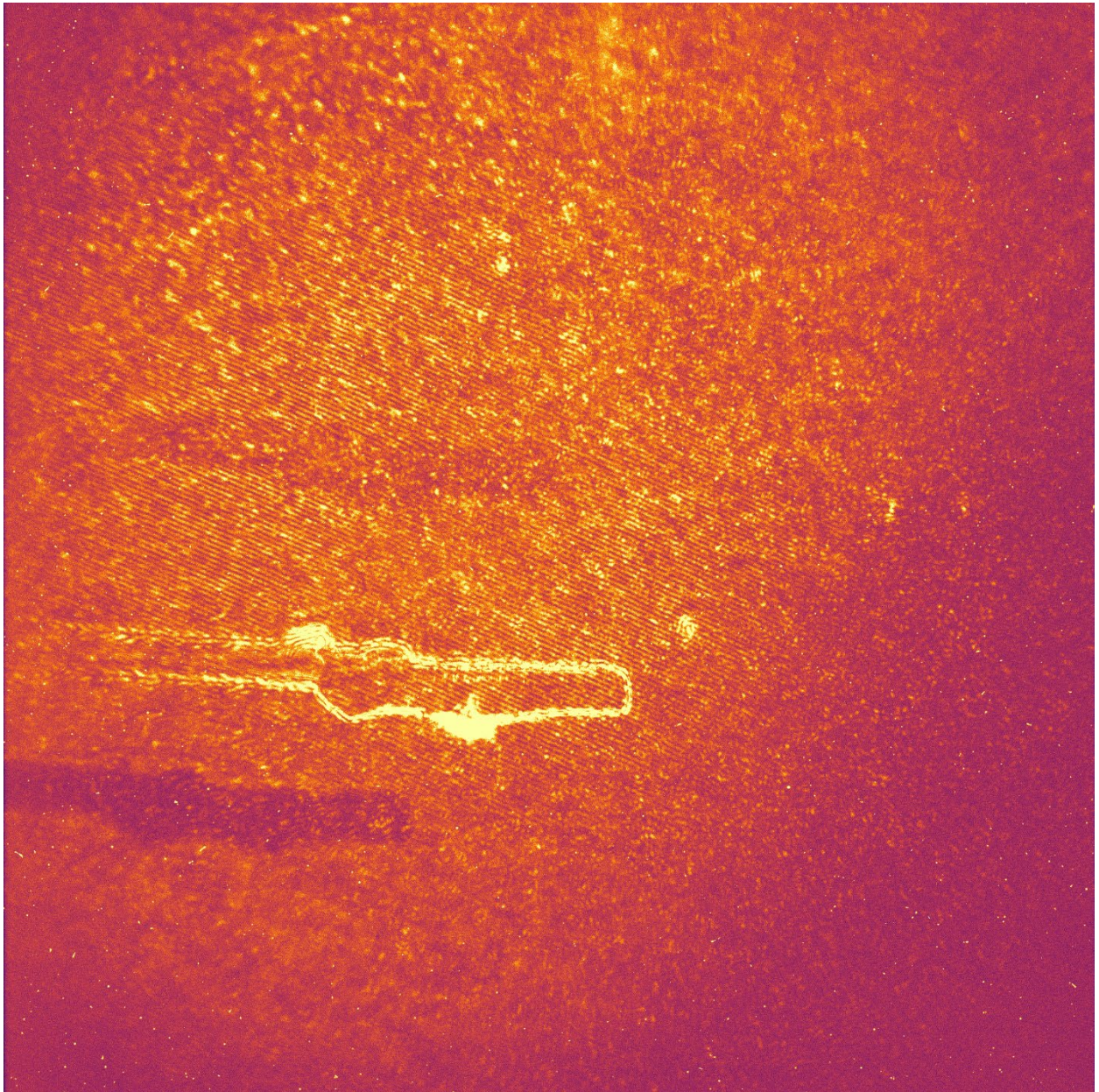


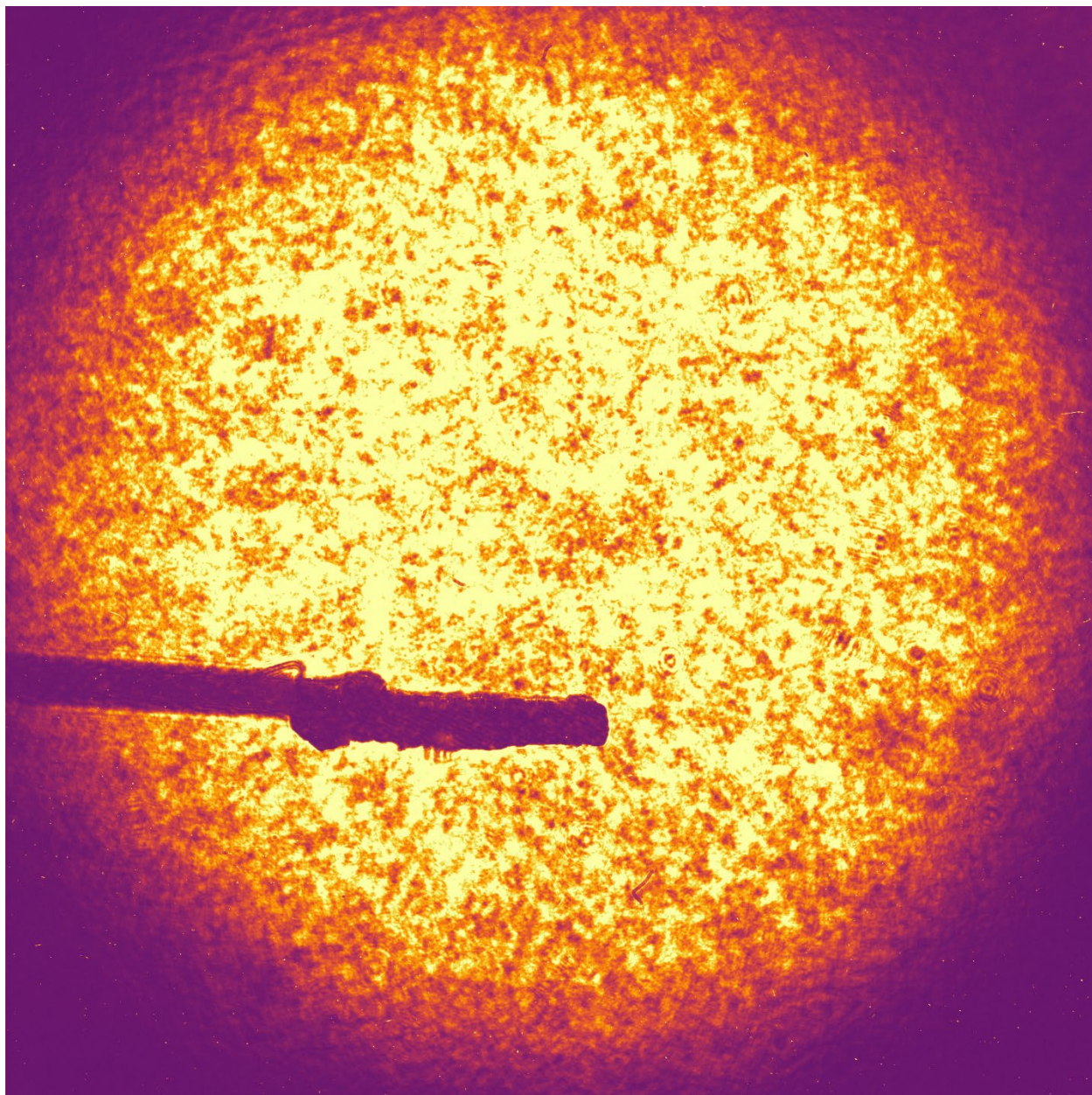


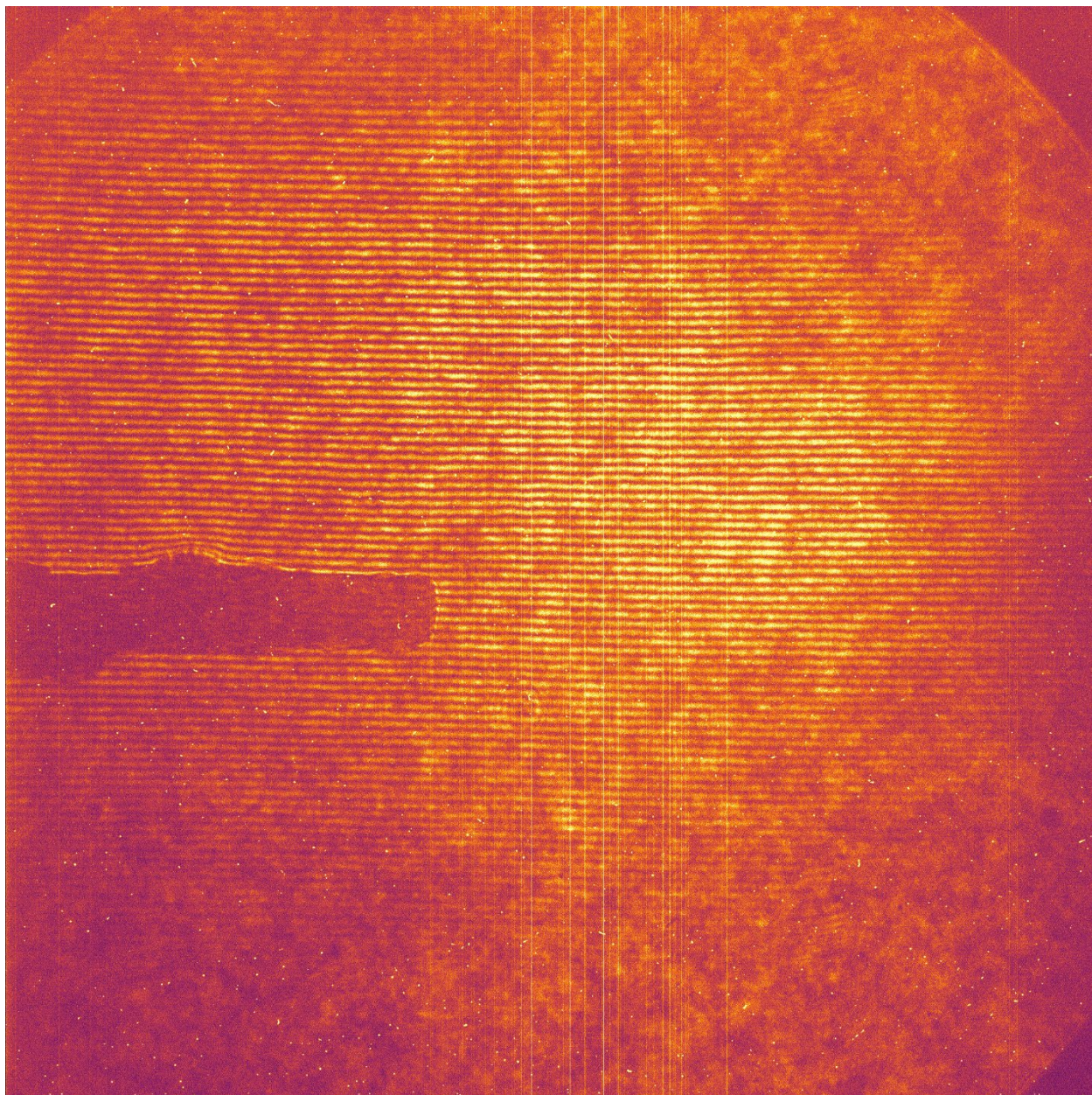


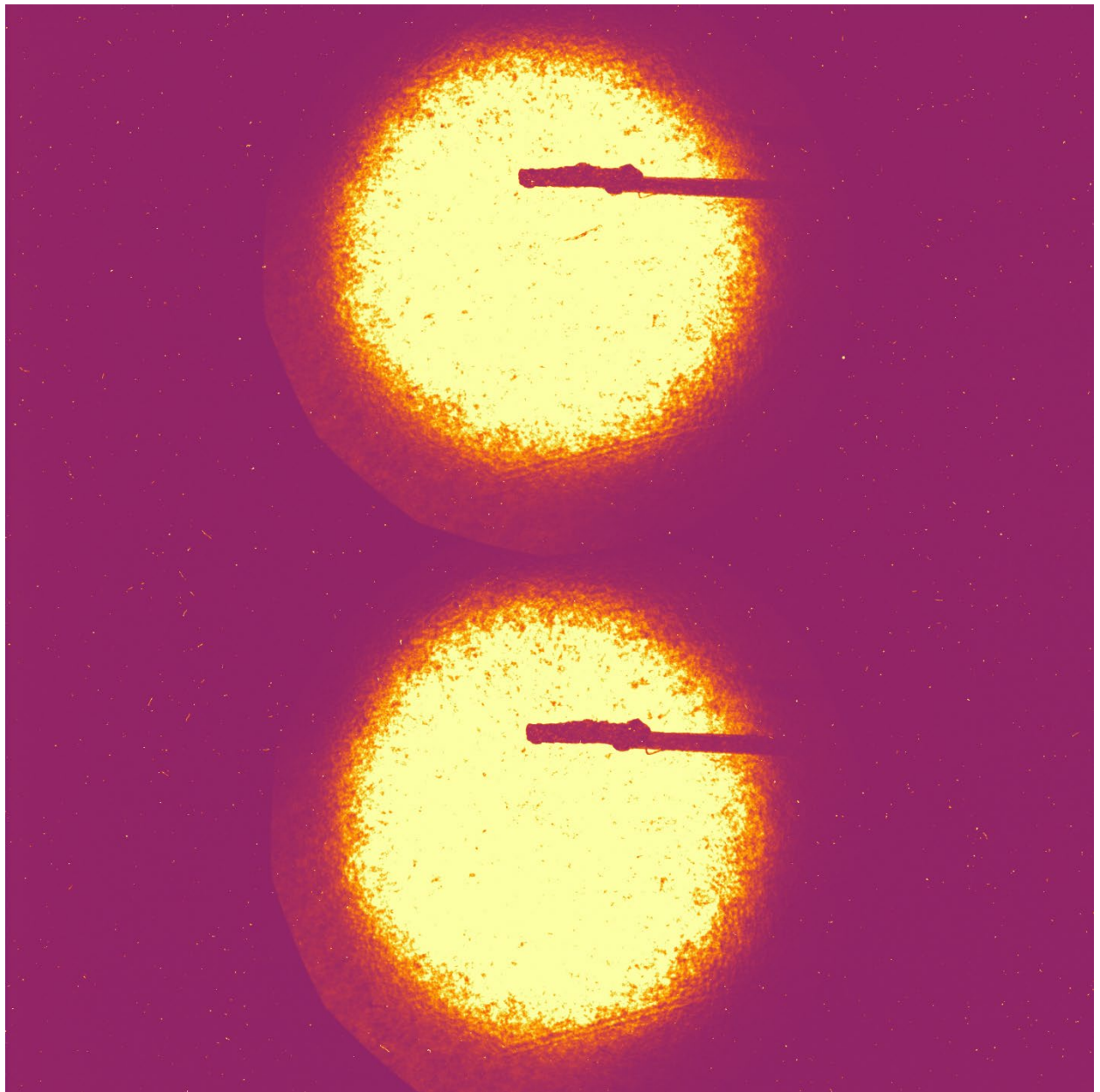


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