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Glass and Energy

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- 1. Glasswool**
- 2. High performance thermal insulating glazing**
- 3. Smart windows**

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Non insulated wall

Non insulated window

Bad insulation means loss of energy and unuseful emission of CO₂

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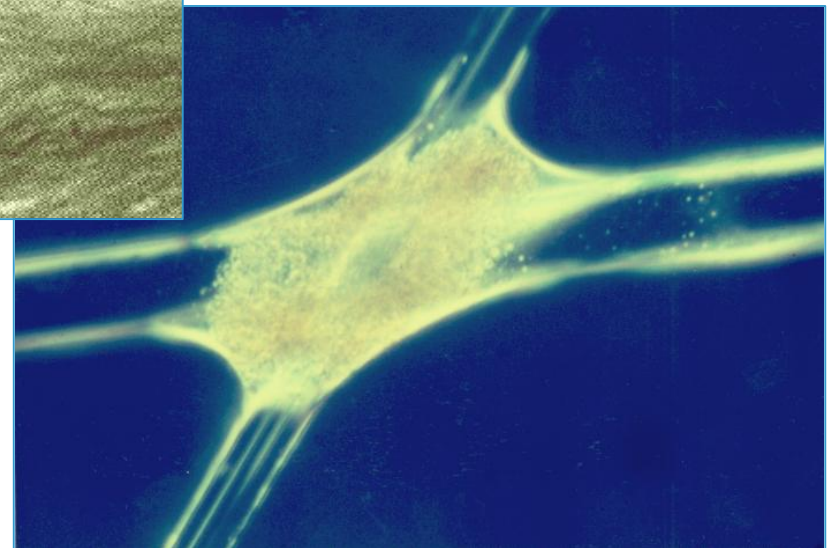
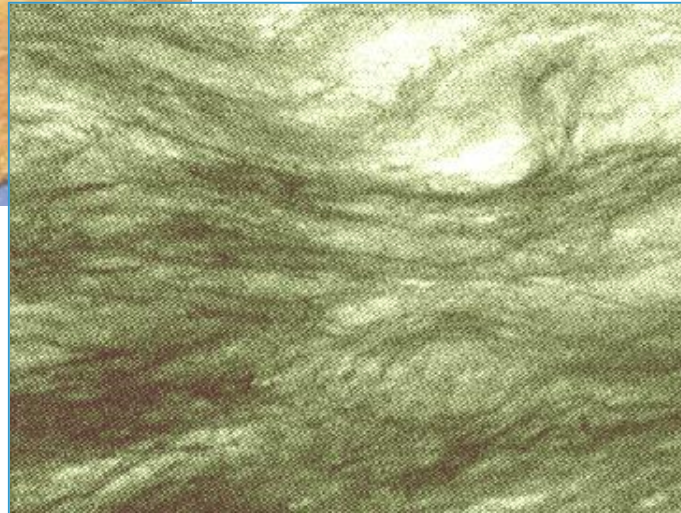
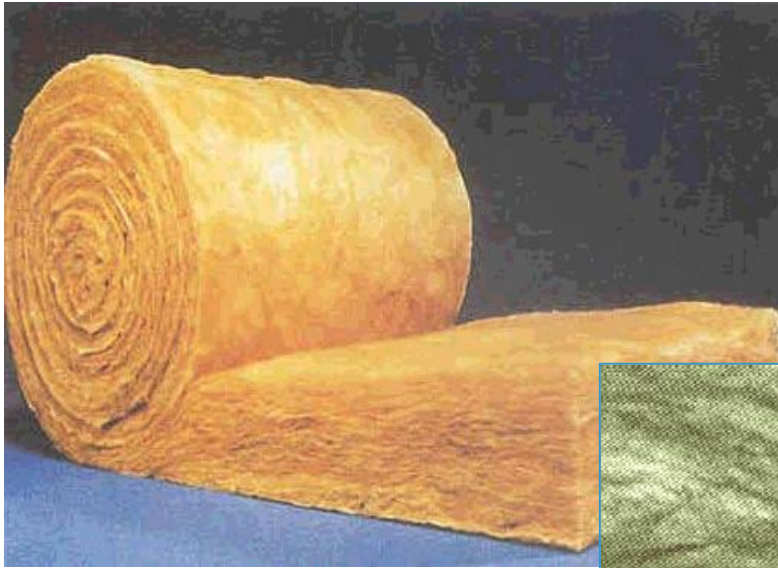
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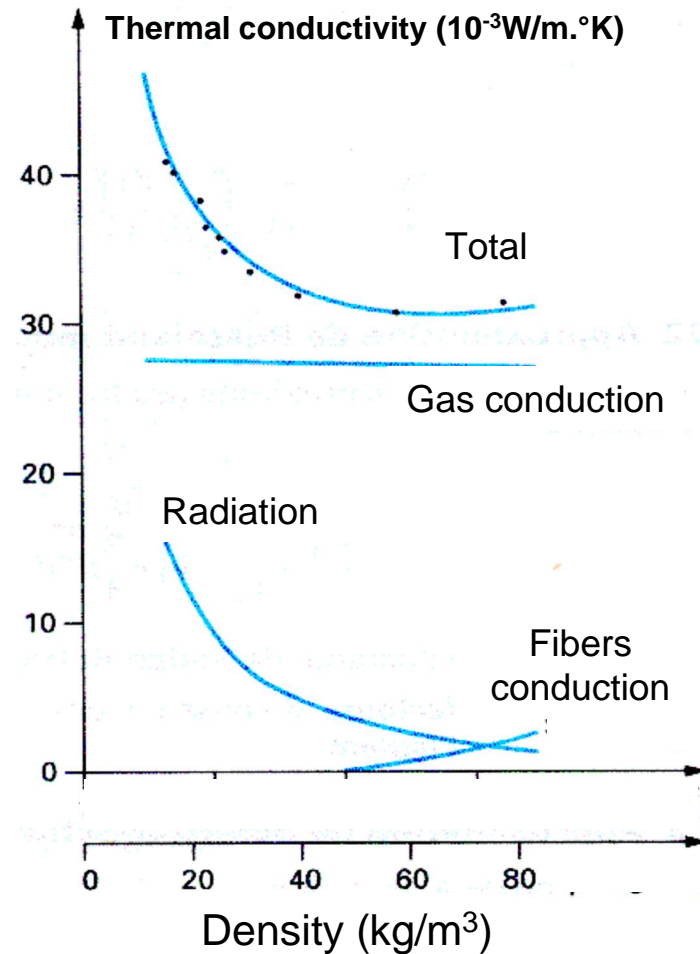
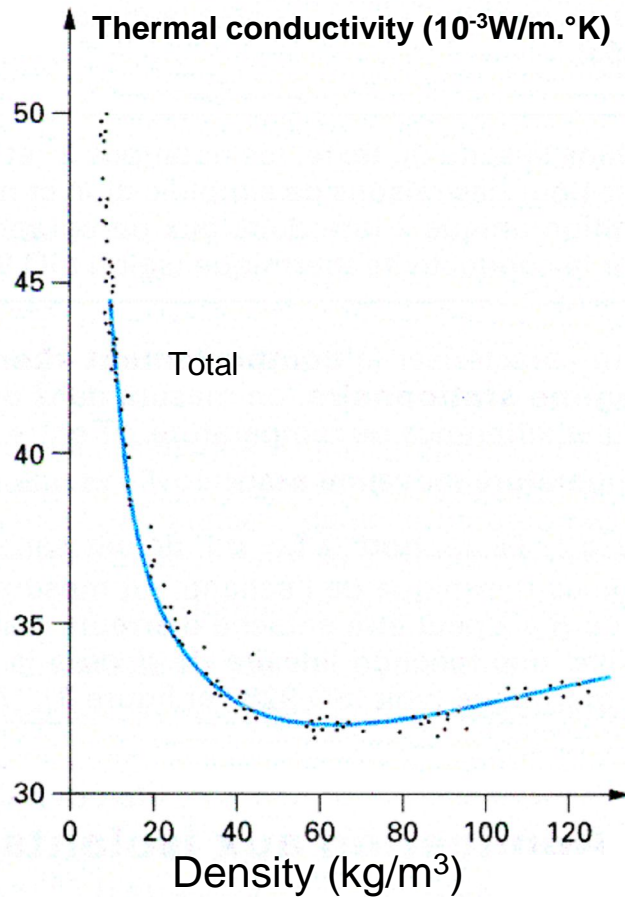
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Principle of thermal insulation in glasswool(1/2)



Principles of thermal insulation in glasswool(2/2)



$$\lambda_{convection} \approx 0$$

$$\lambda_{total} = \lambda_{air\ conduction} + \lambda_{solid\ conduction} + \lambda_{radiation}$$

Fiberglass composition(1/3)

SiO ₂	65
Al ₂ O ₃	2
CaO	8
MgO	2.5
Na ₂ O	17
K ₂ O	1
B ₂ O ₃	4.5

**Typical composition
(oxide weight %)**

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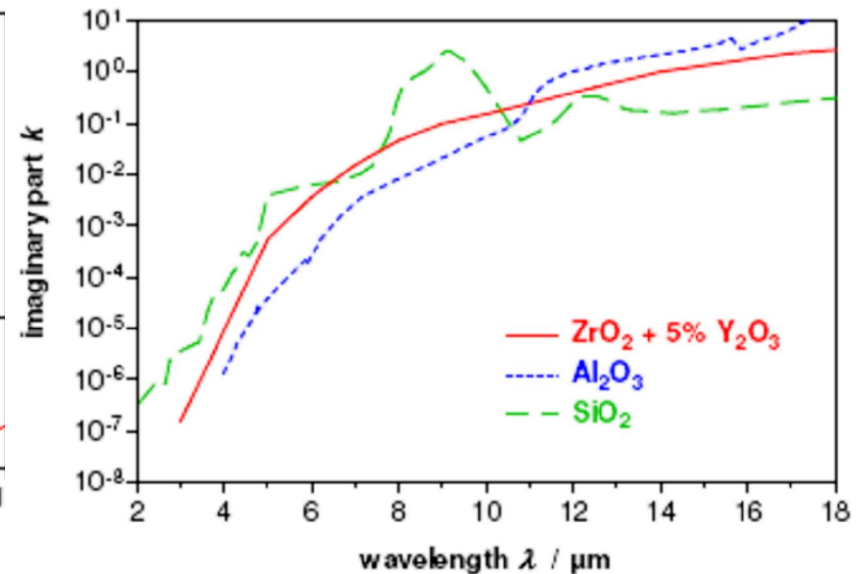
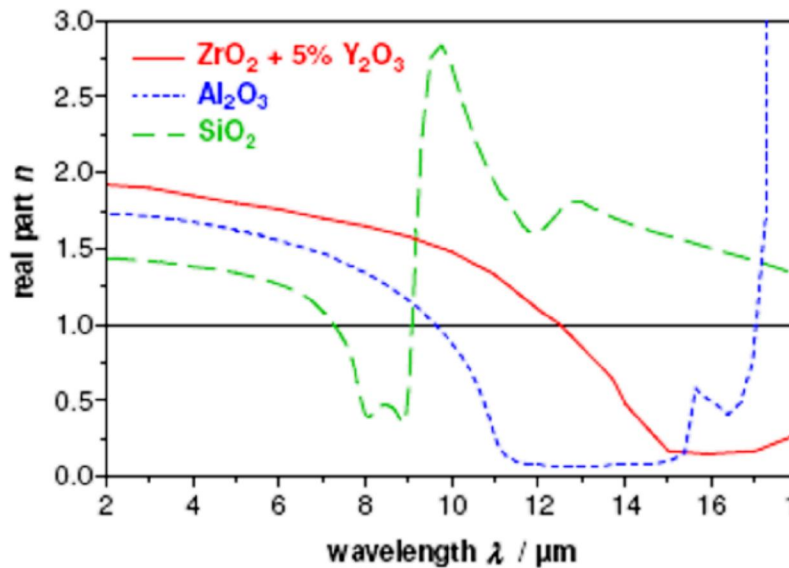
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Fiber glass composition(2/3)

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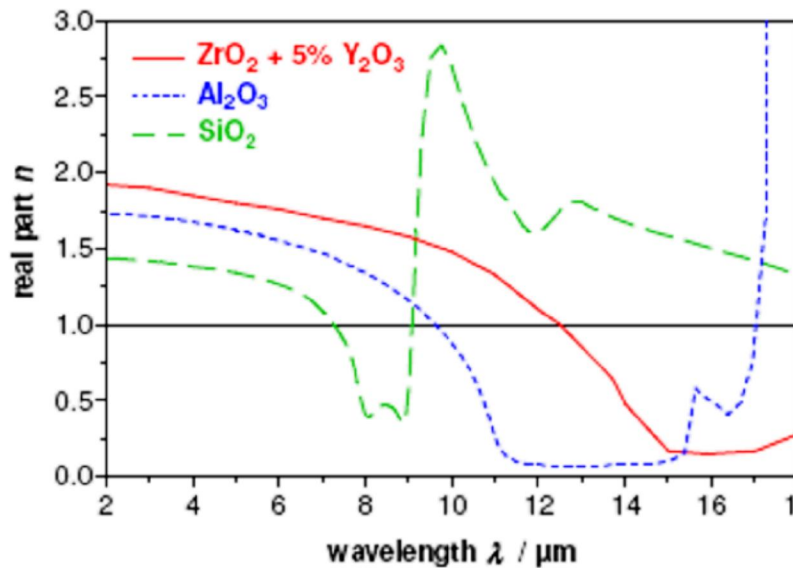


- Boron oxide has strong optical absorption in this wavelength window

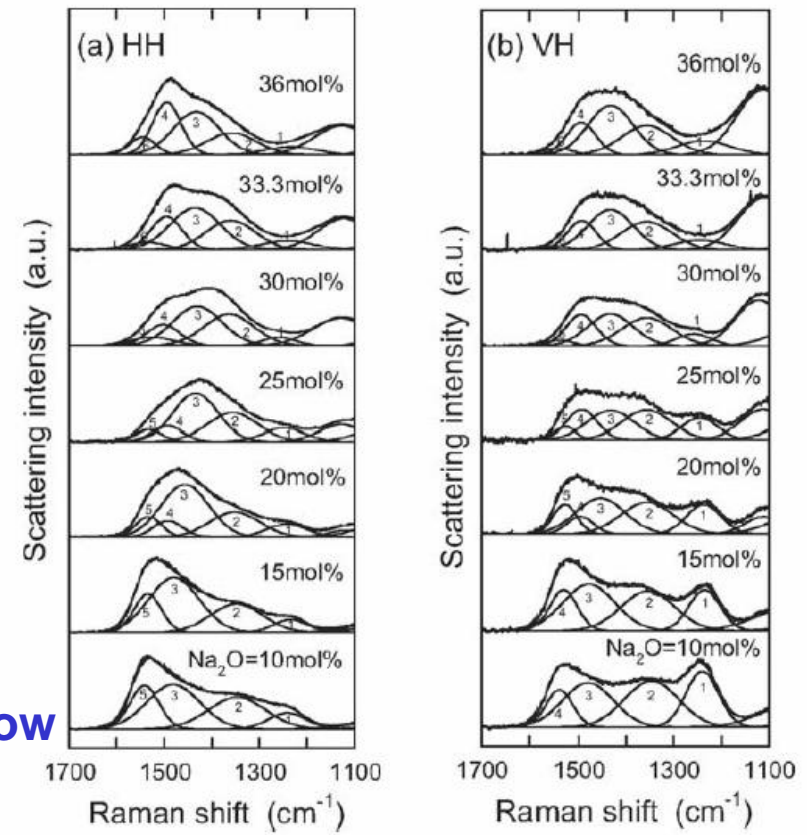
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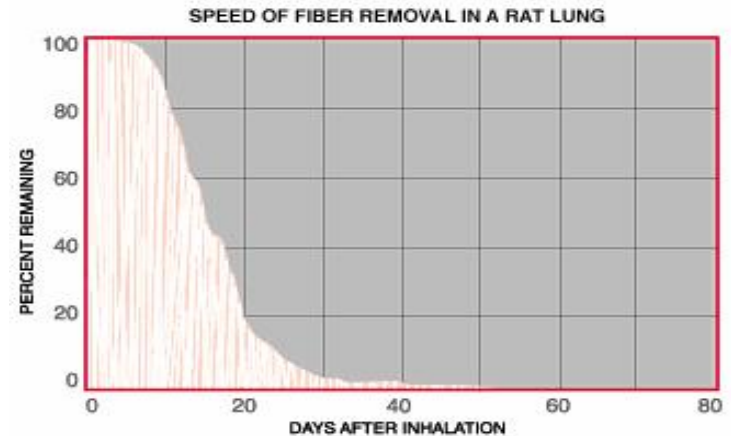
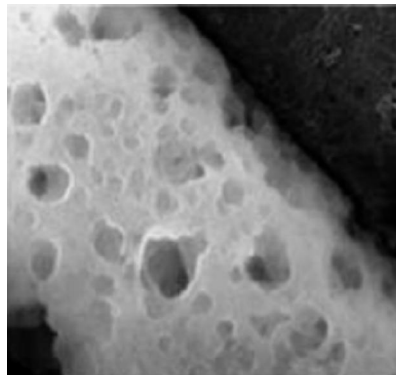
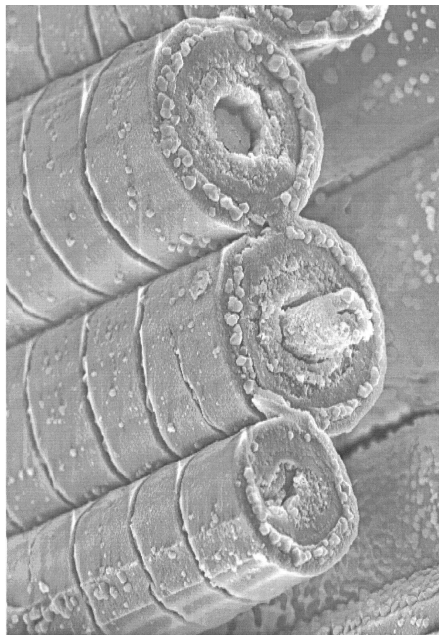
T. Yano (2003)

Fiberglass composition(3/3)

☞ Hydrolitic resistance

- Insulation glass fibers have to be resistant at pH \approx 7 (normal condition in use) AND soluble at pH \approx 4, because this is the pH of macrophages present in lung alveoles. This solubility is called biosolubility. It guarantees that inhaled fibers (with diameter below 1 μ m) do not make any damage of the kind that abestos fibers do.

Al_2O_3 and NaO contains result from these considerations.



crédit : Owens Corning Fiberglass

- Biosolubility at work

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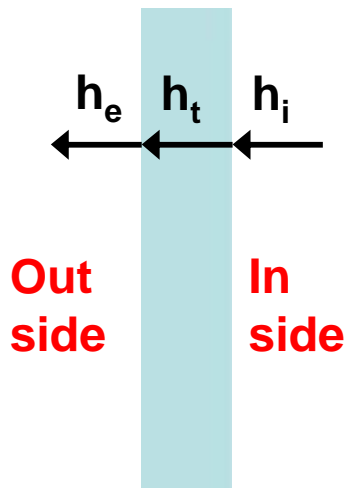
Thermal transfer(1/6)

☞ There are three modes of thermal transfer:

- Conduction
- Convection
- Radiation

☞ Coefficient of thermal transfer across a glazing (in winter):

Thermal flux : $\Phi = K.(T_{inside} - T_{outside})$ $\frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{h_o} + \frac{1}{h_t} + \frac{1}{h_i}$



Using double-glazing decreases h_o and h_t . We are left with h_i to decrease. h_i is mainly a radiation term. It accounts for the radiative energy exchange between the inside glass surface and the rest of the room.

Reminder: thermal transfer(2/6)

☞ Radiative transfer

It works with emission and reception of electromagnetic waves between bodies

When a body is submitted to an electromagnetic radiation of wavelength λ , it transmits a part of it, reflects a part of it, and absorbs a part of it. One has

$$: \quad . T(\lambda) + R(\lambda) + A(\lambda) = 1$$

☞ Black body

The black body is an ideal model body which completely absorbs the radiative energy that it receives : $A(\lambda) = 1, \forall \lambda$.

In other words, the only radiation coming from a B.B. is the radiation that it emits, and it depends only on its temperature T .

Reminder: thermal transfer(3/6)

➡ Planck's law

At temperature θ , and in the wavelength interval $[\lambda, \lambda+d\lambda]$, the energy flux emitted per unit area by a B.B. is given by

$$\varphi(\lambda, \theta) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 [\exp(hc/k\theta\lambda) - 1]}$$

h : Planck's constant

k : Boltzmann's constant

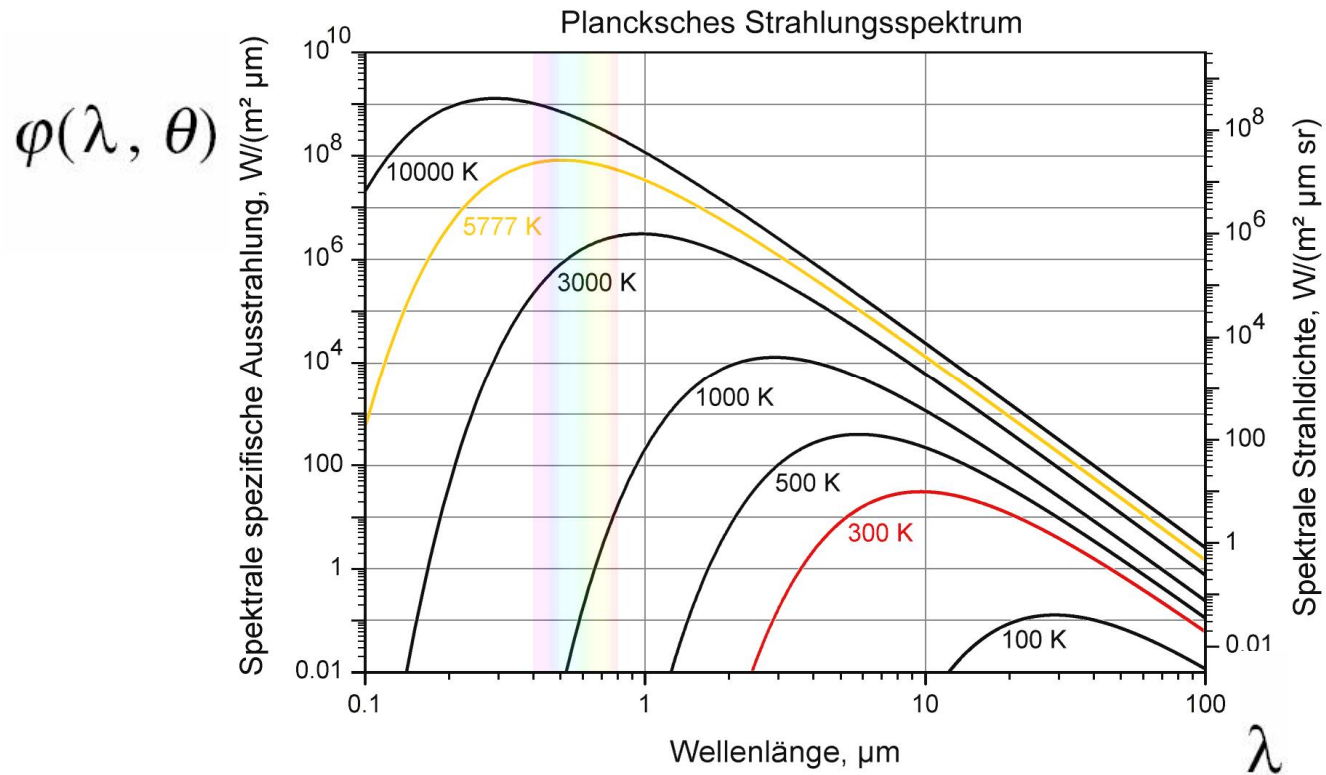
c : light velocity

➡ Wien's law

For every temperature θ , there is a wavelength λ_m for which the radiated energy flux is maximum :

$$\lambda_m \cdot \theta = b \quad \text{with } b = 2,9 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m.K}$$

Reminder: thermal transfer(4/6)



☞ Stephan-Boltzmann law

The total energy flux emitted per unit area by a B.B. at temperature is given by $= \sigma T^4$, with :

$$\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15c^2 h^3} = 5,7 \cdot 10^8 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-4}$$

Reminder: thermal transfer(5/6)

👉 Definition of emissivity :

- **At a given temperature** , a given body emits its own radiation $E^*(\lambda)$, and it absorbs a part $A(\lambda)$ of the radiation $E(\lambda)$ that it receives. At thermal equilibrium :

$$E^*(\lambda) = A(\lambda) E(\lambda) ; \text{ it is Kirchhoff's law}$$

- For a B.B. : $A(\lambda) = 1$, and $E^*_{BB}(\lambda) = E(\lambda)$.

- The emissivity $\epsilon(\lambda)$ of a given body is defined by :

$$\epsilon(\lambda) = E^*(\lambda) / E^*_{BB}(\lambda)$$

- Thus, **at thermal equilibrium** $\epsilon(\lambda) = A(\lambda)$

- In particular,
 - for a transparent body, $\epsilon(\lambda) = 0$
 - for a non-transparent body, $\epsilon(\lambda) = 1 - \tau(\lambda)$
 - for a black body, $\epsilon(\lambda) = 1$

Reminder: thermal transfer(6/6)

👉 emissivity of selected materials at $T = 300\text{K}$ and $\lambda = 10\ \mu\text{m}$:

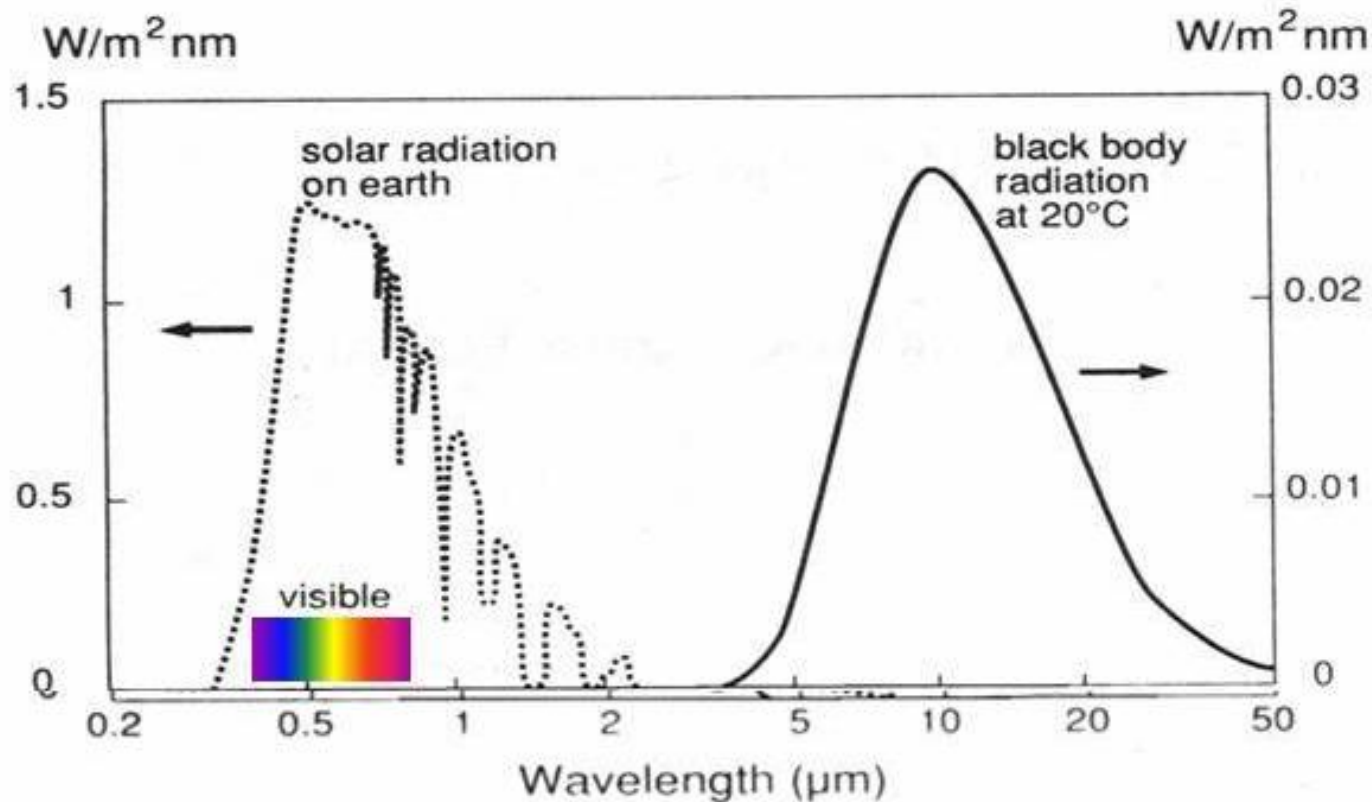
	(300K, 10 μm)
Aluminum, polished	0.04
Aluminum, anodized	0.77
Asphalt	0.93
Brick	0.9
Concrete	0.85
Copper, polished	0.023 - 0.052
Glass	0.92
Iron, polished	0.14 - 0.38
Natural rubber	0.86
Silver, polished	0.02 - 0.03

Principle of low-emissive glazing(1/3)

☞ ambient radiation

Ambient radiation on earth has two major contributions :

- Solar radiation, around 0,6 μm
- Ambient thermic radiation, emitted by our environment, around 10 μm

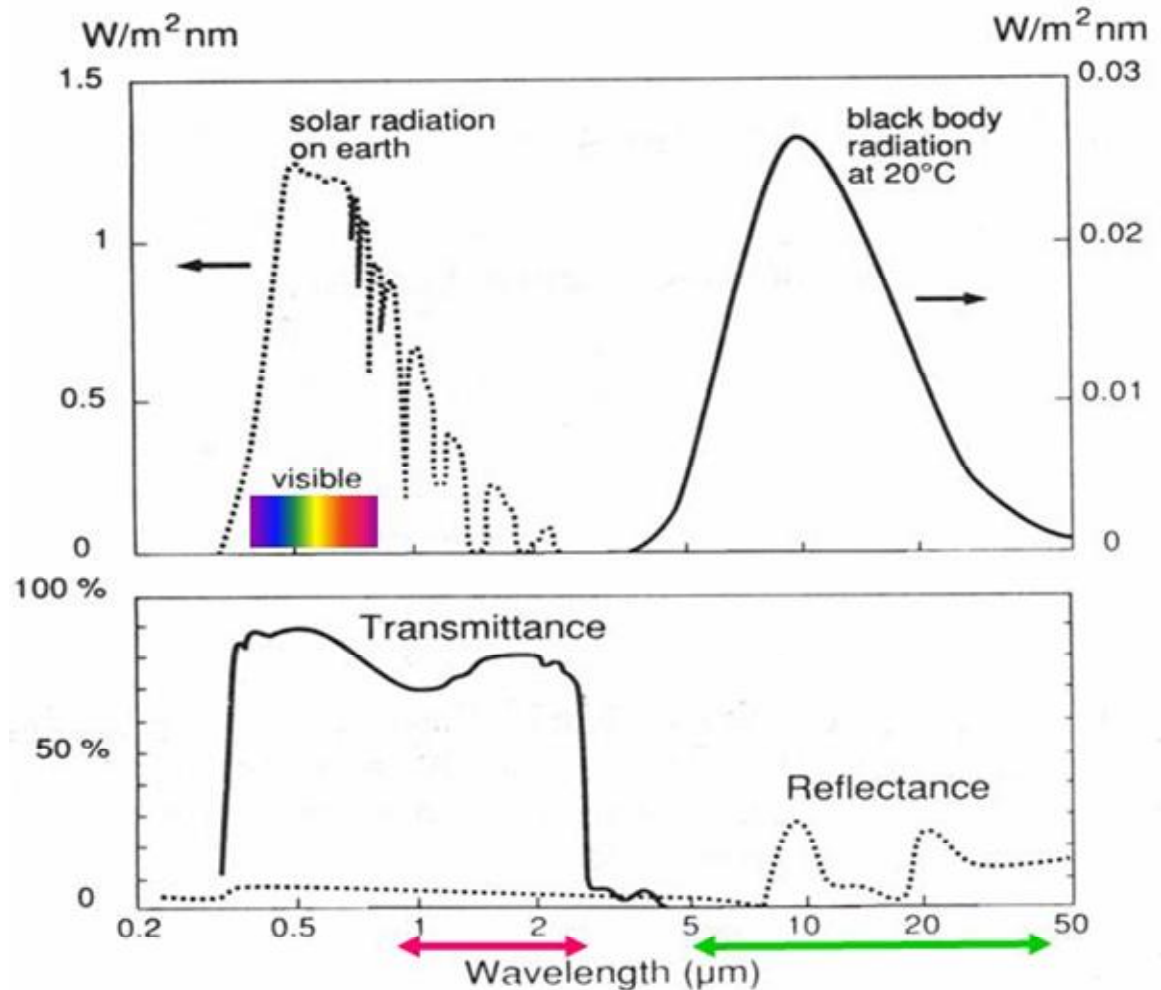


Principle of low-emissive glazing(2/3)

☞ spectral properties of silicate glass

“ glass is transparent in the visible and in the **near-infrared**. There, $\lambda < 2.5 \mu\text{m}$

“ glass is principally absorbing in the **thermal infrared**. There, $\lambda > 2.5 \mu\text{m}$



Principle of low-emissive glazing(3/3)

☞ what we want to do in order to decrease h_i

Transform the inside glass surface, in order that

- . it becomes less emissive (more reflective) in the thermal infrared
- . it remains transparent in the visible

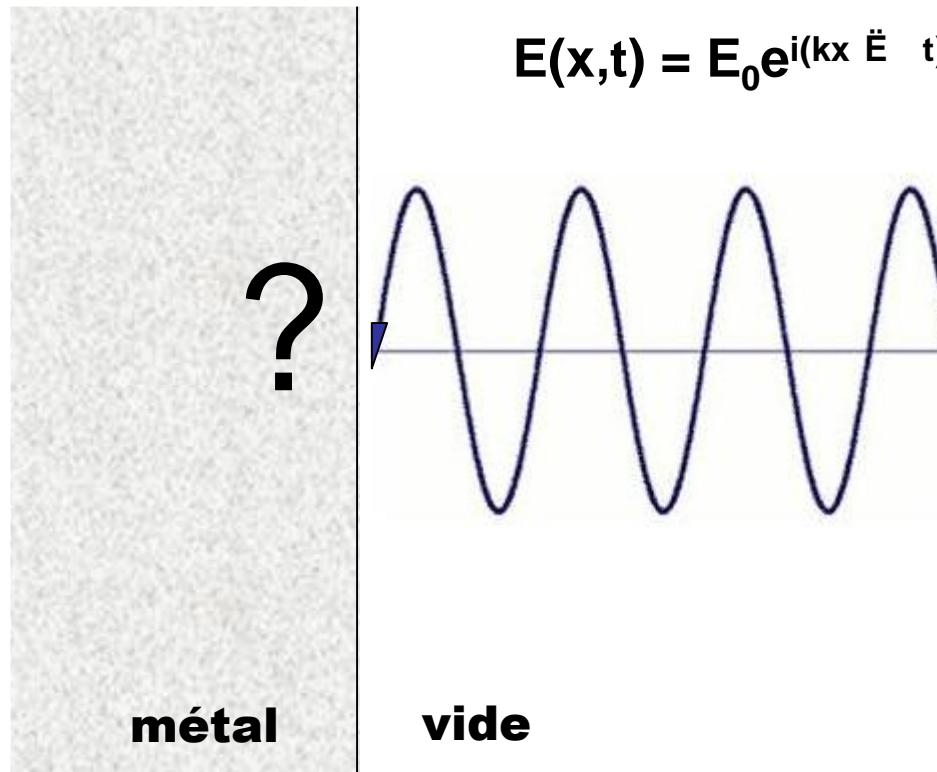
☞ the way to achieve it

Deposit on the inside surface of glass a coating made of a material which is

- . low-emissive (highly reflecting) in the thermal infrared
- . transparent in the visible

Reminders: optical properties of metals(1/8)

👉 Electromagnetic wave at the air-metal interface



Reminders: optical properties of metals(2/8)

Maxwell's equation in a metal

Using Ohm's law, (4) becomes :

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \quad = \text{conductivity}$$

Eliminating B, we get a differential equation for E :

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \mu_0 \sigma \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

One looks for solutions to this equation on the form $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} - i\omega t}$:

$$\rightarrow k = \frac{\omega}{c} \left(1 + \frac{i\sigma}{\omega \epsilon_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

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One concludes that a metal behaves as a medium of complex refractive index

$$\tilde{N}(\omega) = \left(1 + \frac{i\sigma}{\omega\epsilon_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

Note : $\tilde{N}(\omega)$ is a function of ω and can itself be complex

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Reminders: optical properties of metals(3/8)

👉 Drude model

Classical equation of motion for free electrons (masse m , charge $-e$) under an external electric field \vec{E} and submitted to a friction force characterized by a time τ (time between two collisions or relaxation time)

$$m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{m}{\tau} \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = -e\vec{E}(t)$$

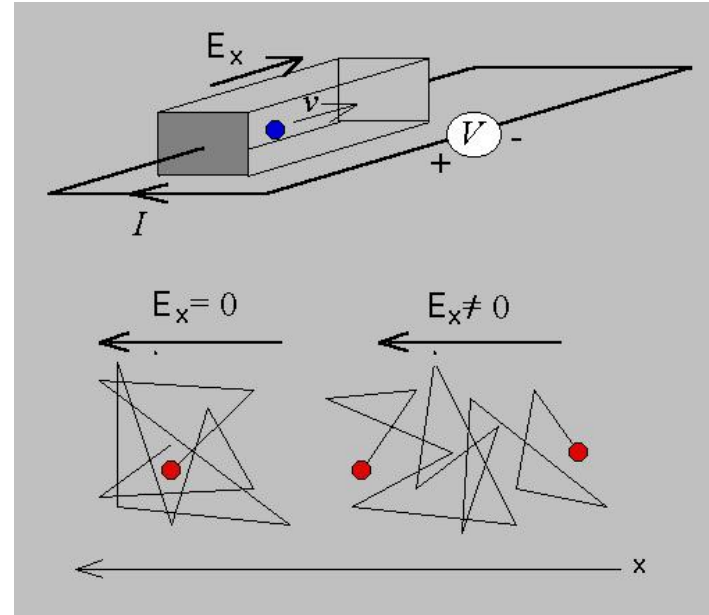
$$m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{m}{\tau} \vec{v}(t) = -e\vec{E}(t)$$

$$\vec{v}(\omega) = \frac{-e\tau}{m} \frac{1}{1-i\omega\tau} \vec{E}(\omega)$$

$$\vec{j}(\omega) = -Ne\vec{v}(\omega) = \frac{Ne^2\tau}{m} \frac{1}{1-i\omega\tau} \vec{E}(\omega)$$

$$= \sigma(\omega) \vec{E}(\omega)$$

N : electron concentration



$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{Ne^2\tau}{m} \frac{1}{1-i\omega\tau} = \sigma_0 \frac{1}{1-i\omega\tau}$$

with

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{Ne^2\tau}{m}$$

Reminder: optical properties of metals(4/8)

$$k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(1 + \frac{Ne^2\tau}{\epsilon_0 m \omega} \frac{i}{1 - i\omega\tau} \right)$$

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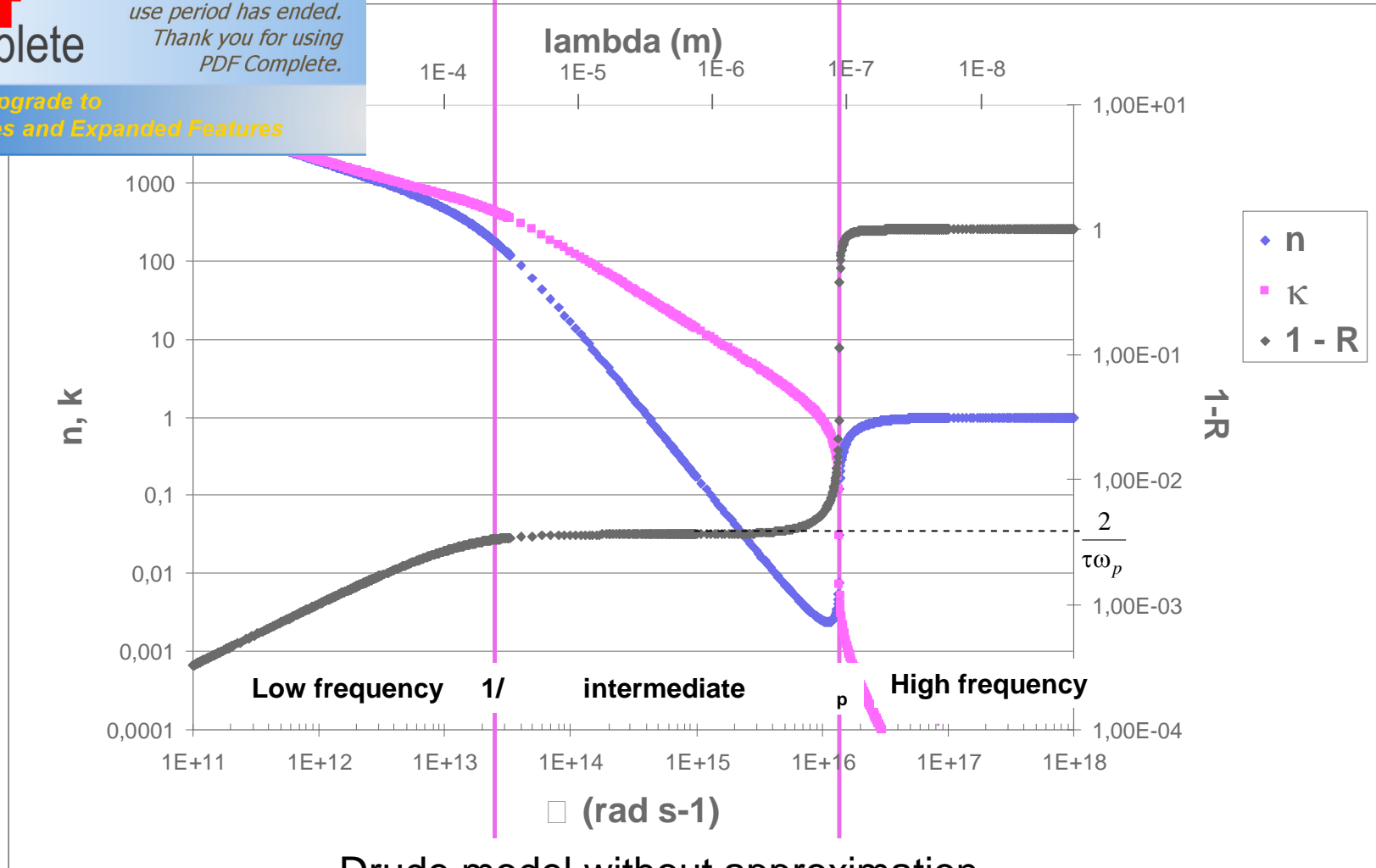
ii). At intermediate frequencies, $1/\tau \ll \omega \ll \omega_p$

$$k \approx i \frac{\omega_p}{c}$$

$$E(x, t) = E_0 e^{-\frac{\omega_p}{c} x} e^{-i\omega t}$$

\rightarrow Refractive index almost purely imaginary $\tilde{N}(\omega) \approx i \frac{\omega_p}{\omega}$

Evanescent wave of
penetration depth e_p
Total reflection

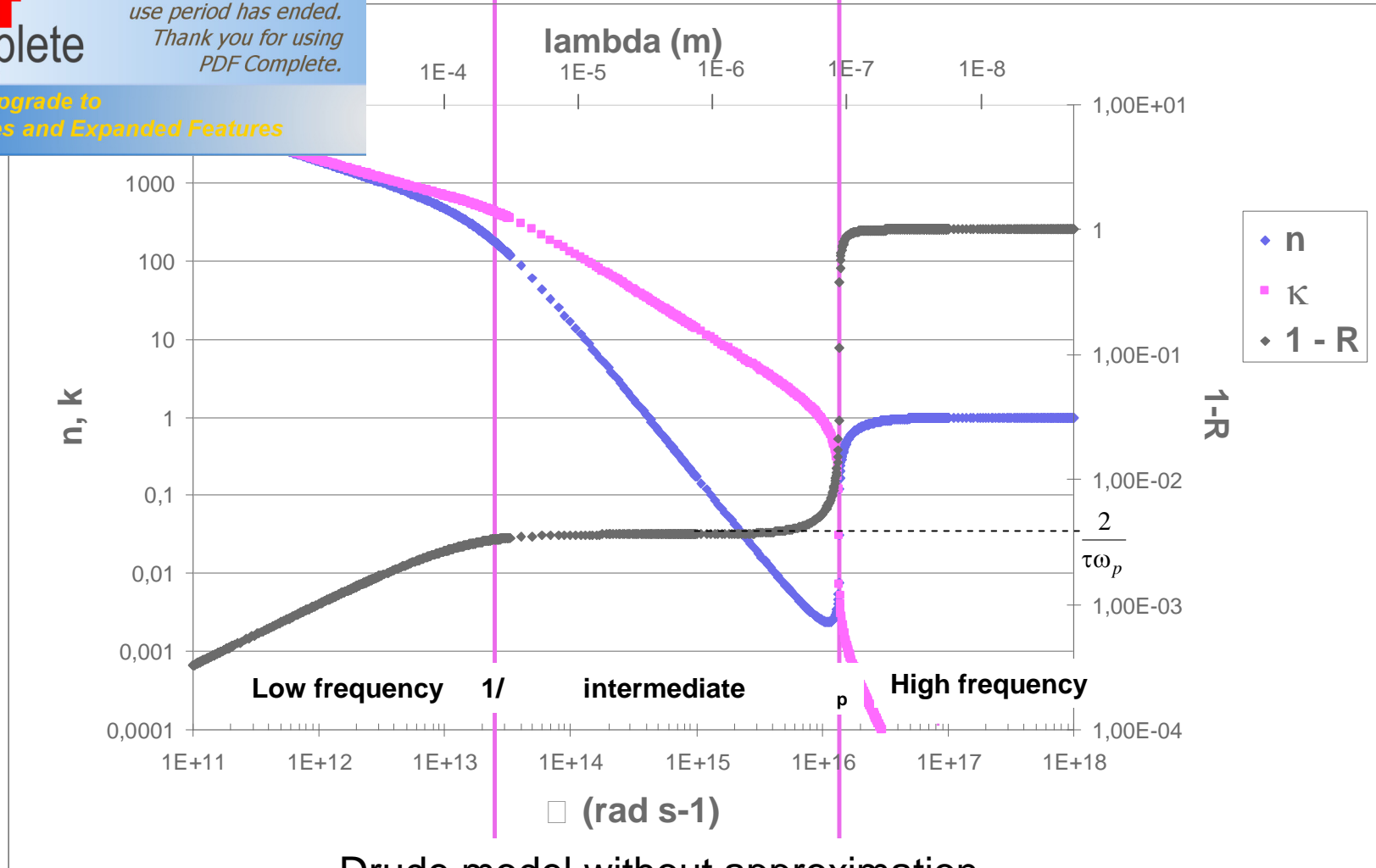


Drude model without approximation

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Reminders: optical properties of metals(6/8)

Exercise

For silver : $\tau = 4.10^{-14}$ sec (at 300 K)
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1. Verify that the « intermediate regime » includes visible and thermal infrared ranges
2. Calculate the penetration depth of the evanescent wave

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Visible light : $\omega_{vis} = 5.10^{15}$ sec⁻¹
Thermal infrared : $\omega_{IR} = 1.10^{14}$ sec⁻¹

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{Ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m}} \rightarrow \omega_p = 1,3 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ sec}^{-1}, \text{ corresponding to } \lambda_p = 145 \text{ nm, in the UV}$$

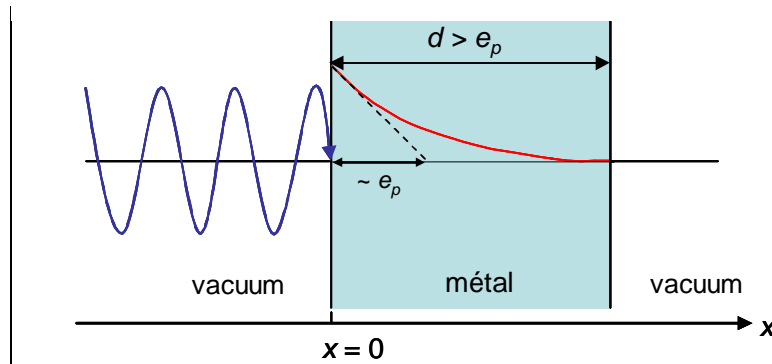
It verifies $1/\tau \ll \omega_{IR} < \omega_{vis} < \omega_p$

Penetration depth of the evanescent wave : $e_p = c/\omega_p = 23 \text{ nm}$

Reminders: optical properties of metals(7/8)

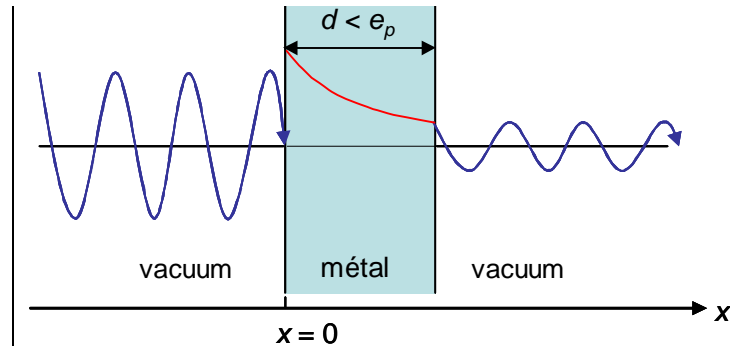
👉 If the metal thickness becomes as small as e_p , a part T of the light intensity is transmitted, the rest of it being reflected.

$$T \approx e^{-2\frac{d}{e_p}} \approx e^{-2\frac{\omega_p}{c}d}$$



$$T = 0$$

$$R = 1$$



$$T > 0$$

$$R = 1 - T$$

Reminders: optical properties of metals(8/8)

☞ Sommerfeld and Drude models

- Sommerfeld model is partly quantum mechanical
- Sommerfeld model uses Fermi-Dirac energy distribution instead of Boltzmann distribution
- In Sommerfeld model dc and ac conductivity and optical properties writes in the same way than in Drude model, e.g. $\sigma_0 = \frac{Ne^2\tau}{m}$, but the meaning is different.
- In particular, n is that of electrons located at the Fermi level.

☞ Matthiessen's rule

- If there are several collision processes, characterized by scattering times $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \dots$, the the effective τ is given by : $\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_1} + \frac{1}{\tau_2} + \frac{1}{\tau_3} + \dots$
- the same holds for the electron mean free path Λ defined by $\Lambda = v_F \tau$ (v_F is the Fermi velocity): $\frac{1}{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_3} + \dots$
- and for the electron mobility μ : $\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu_1} + \frac{1}{\mu_2} + \frac{1}{\mu_3} + \dots$
- resistivity : $\rho = \rho_1 + \rho_2 + \rho_3 + \dots$

Optical properties of metal films(1/5)

For metals, $1/\tau \ll \omega_{IR} < \omega_{vis} < \omega_p$
 We are in the intermediate regime

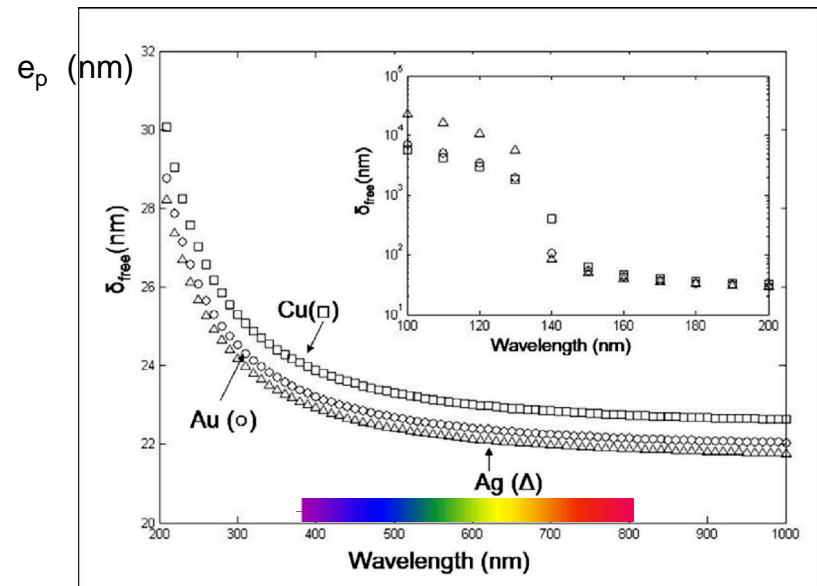
What can we expect from metal films ?

If thin enough (thickness d not very large compared with e_p), a metal film is partly transparent.

By chance, would we get $T_{vis} \gg T_{IR}$ and $R_{IR} \ll R_{vis}$?

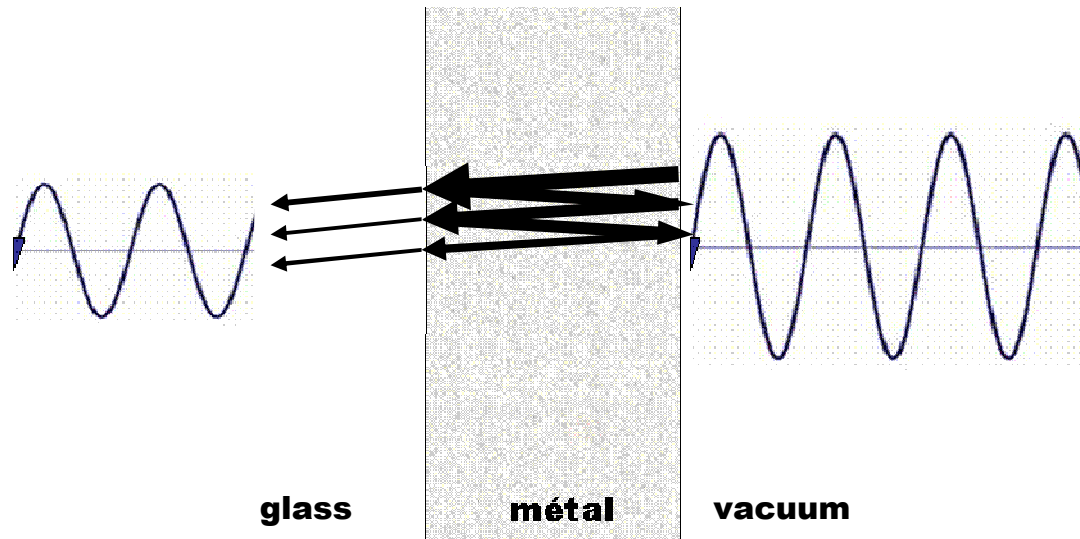
Would such a frequency dependence of T come from e_p ?

No, because $e_p = c/\omega_p$ is almost independent of ω .



Thin metal films(2/5)

👉 We have to go more deeply in the optics of the thin film and consider the situation below, with multiple reflections at both interfaces



Thin metal films(3/5)

👉 The result is

$$T = \frac{(1 - R)^2 + 4R \sin^2 \delta}{\left(e^{\frac{\omega}{c} \kappa d} - e^{-\frac{\omega}{c} \kappa d} \right)^2 + 4R \sin^2 \left(\delta + \frac{\omega}{c} n d \right)}$$

with $R = \frac{(1 - n)^2 + \kappa^2}{(1 + n)^2 + \kappa^2}$, reflection coefficient of the bulk metal,

and

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For d large enough

$$e^{\frac{\omega}{c} \kappa d}$$

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$$\tan \delta = \frac{2\kappa}{n^2 + \kappa^2 - 1}$$

$2/\kappa$, and hence $\sin \delta \approx 2/\kappa$

n and κ are the real and imaginary part of the refractive index

Remind : in the intermediate frequency regime, $n \ll \kappa$ and $\kappa \approx \frac{p}{4} \gg 1$

Optical metal films(4/5)

☞ Thus, in the intermediate frequency regime, and for $d > e_p$, one gets :

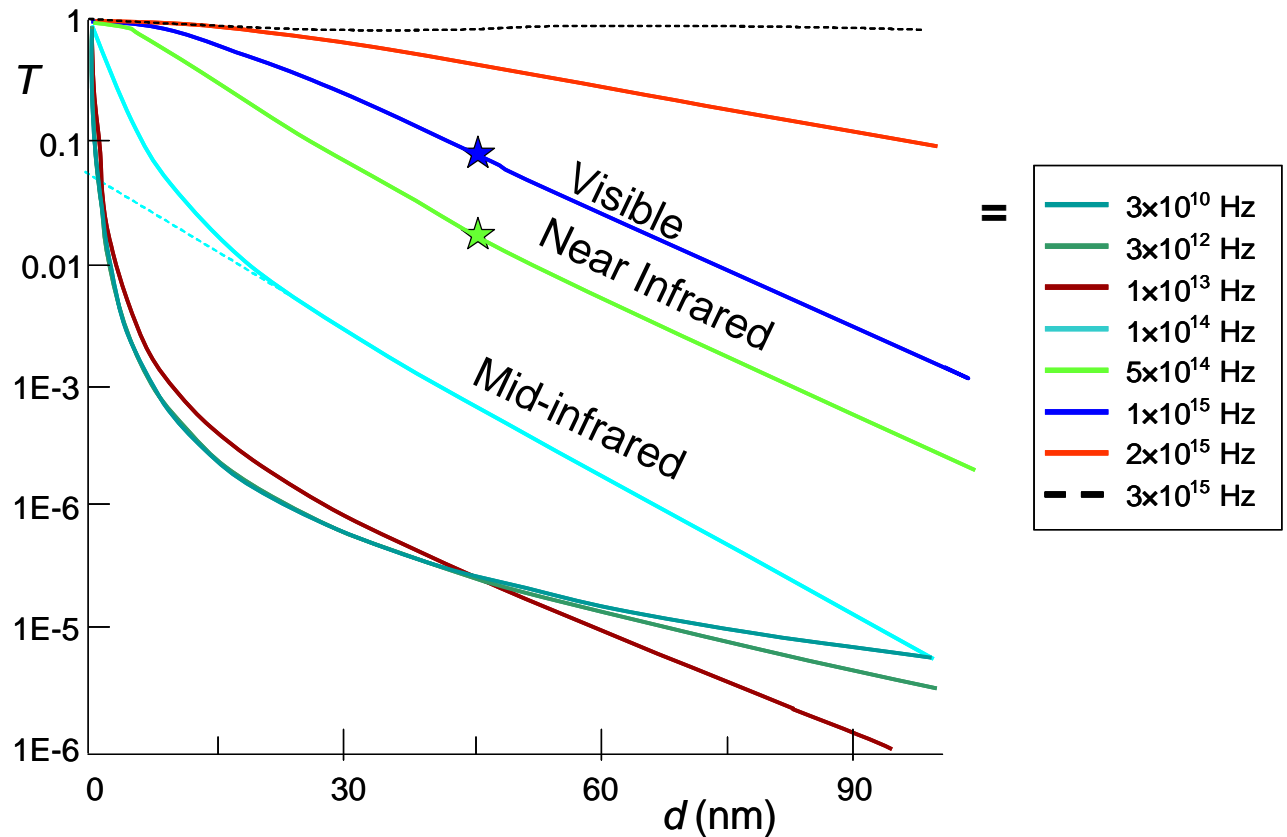
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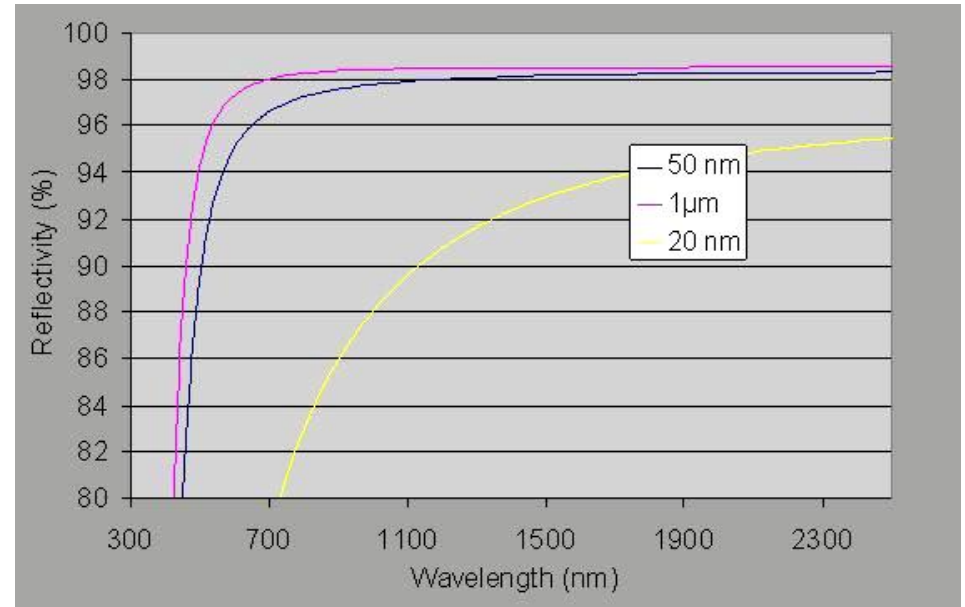
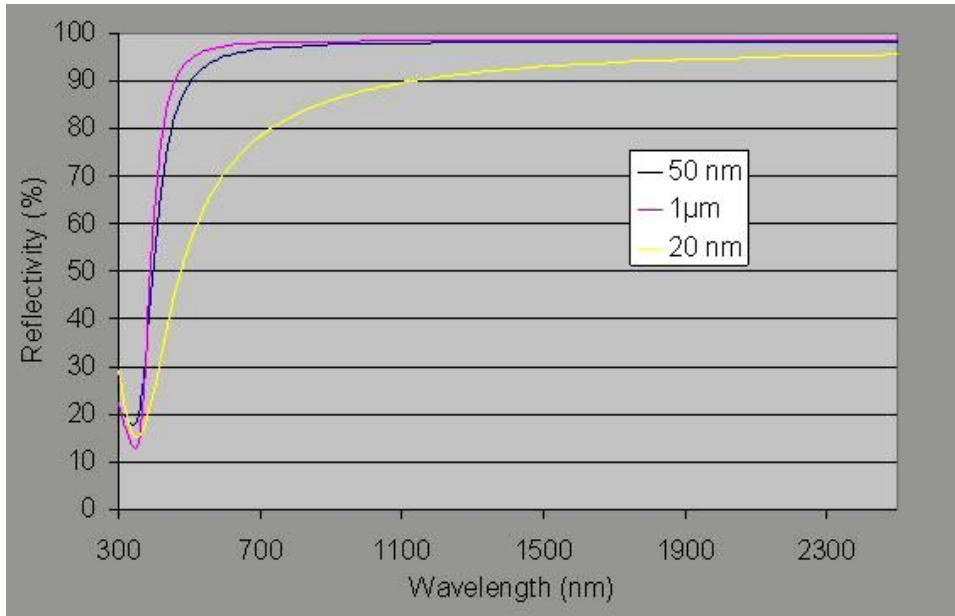
Complete calculation (case of silver)



Optical metal films(5/5)

👉 Experimental results

Reflectivity $R (=1-T)$ for three silver films of thickness $1\ \mu\text{m}$, $50\ \text{nm}$ and $20\ \text{nm}$



Why choosing silver?(1/7)

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Au	5.90
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Mg	1.1
Ca	2.2
Sr	0,44
Ba	0,19
Nb	0,42
Fe	0,24
Zn	0,49
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Sm	?

Why choosing silver?(2/7)

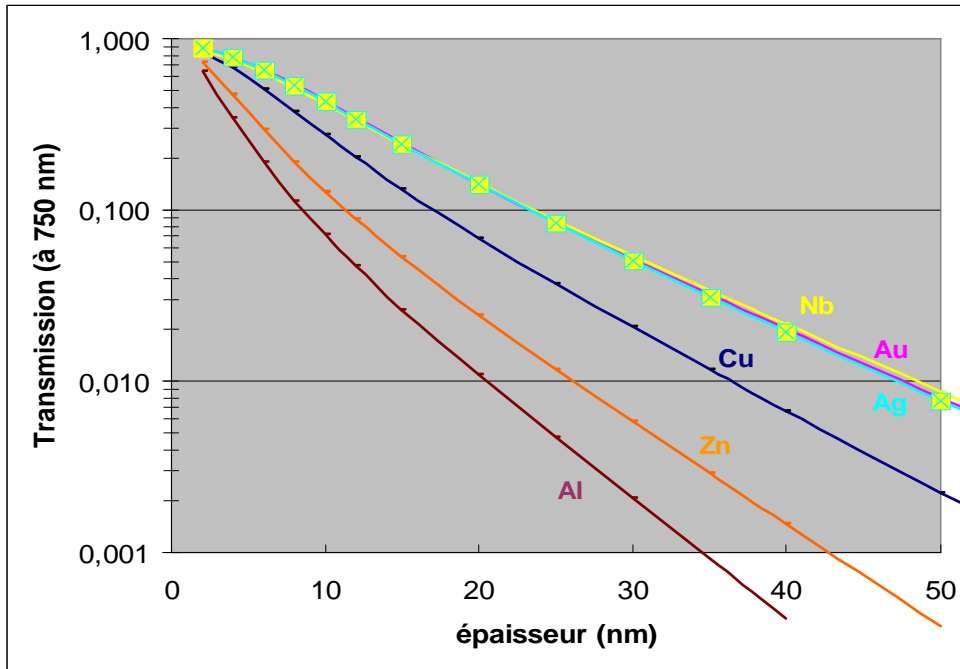
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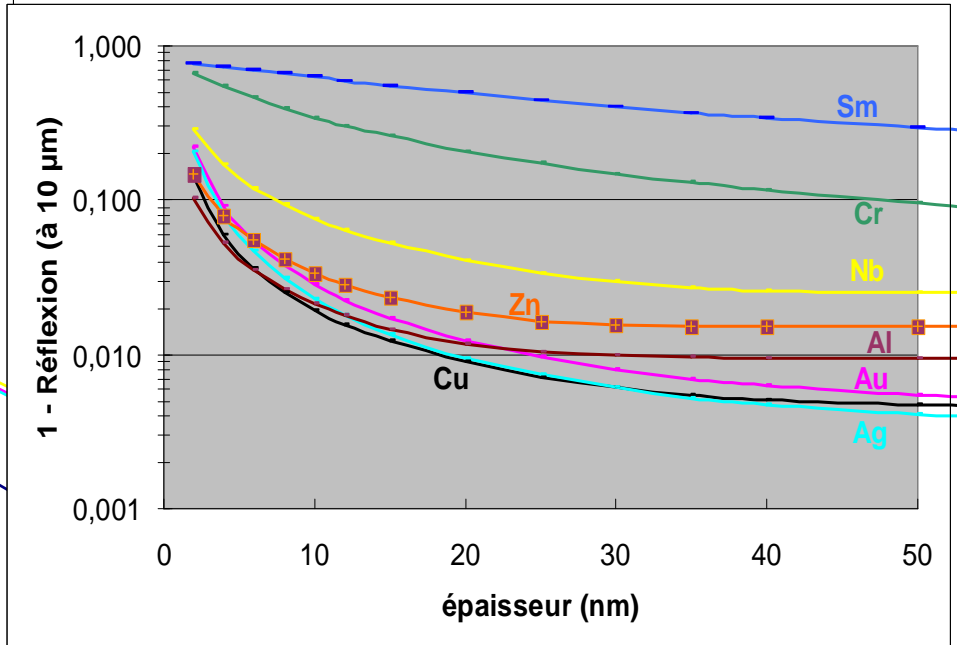
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Why choosing silver ?(3/7)



Transmission at 750 nm



1-Réflexion (at 10µm)

Calculation : Drude's model, no approximation

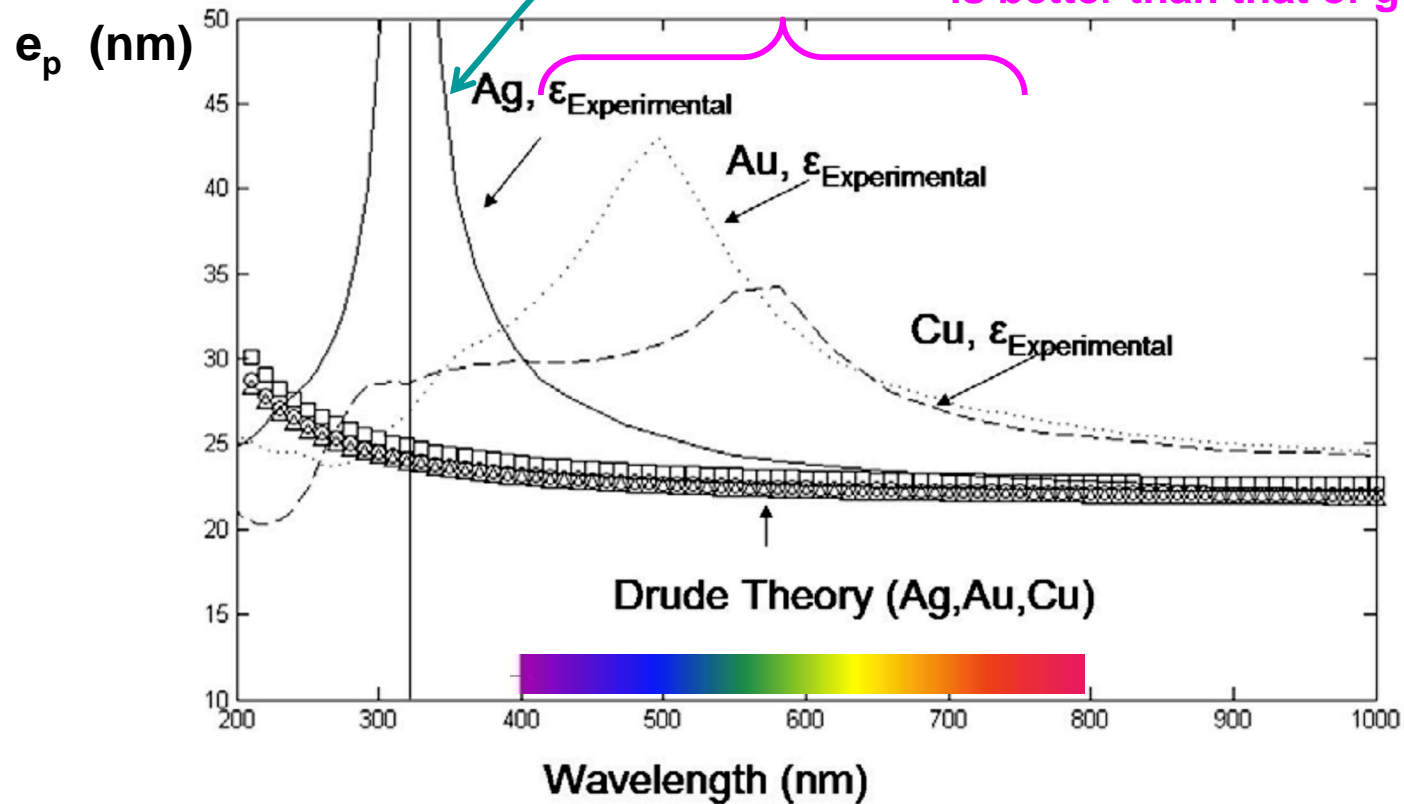


Conclusion

Silver, gold and copper look fine

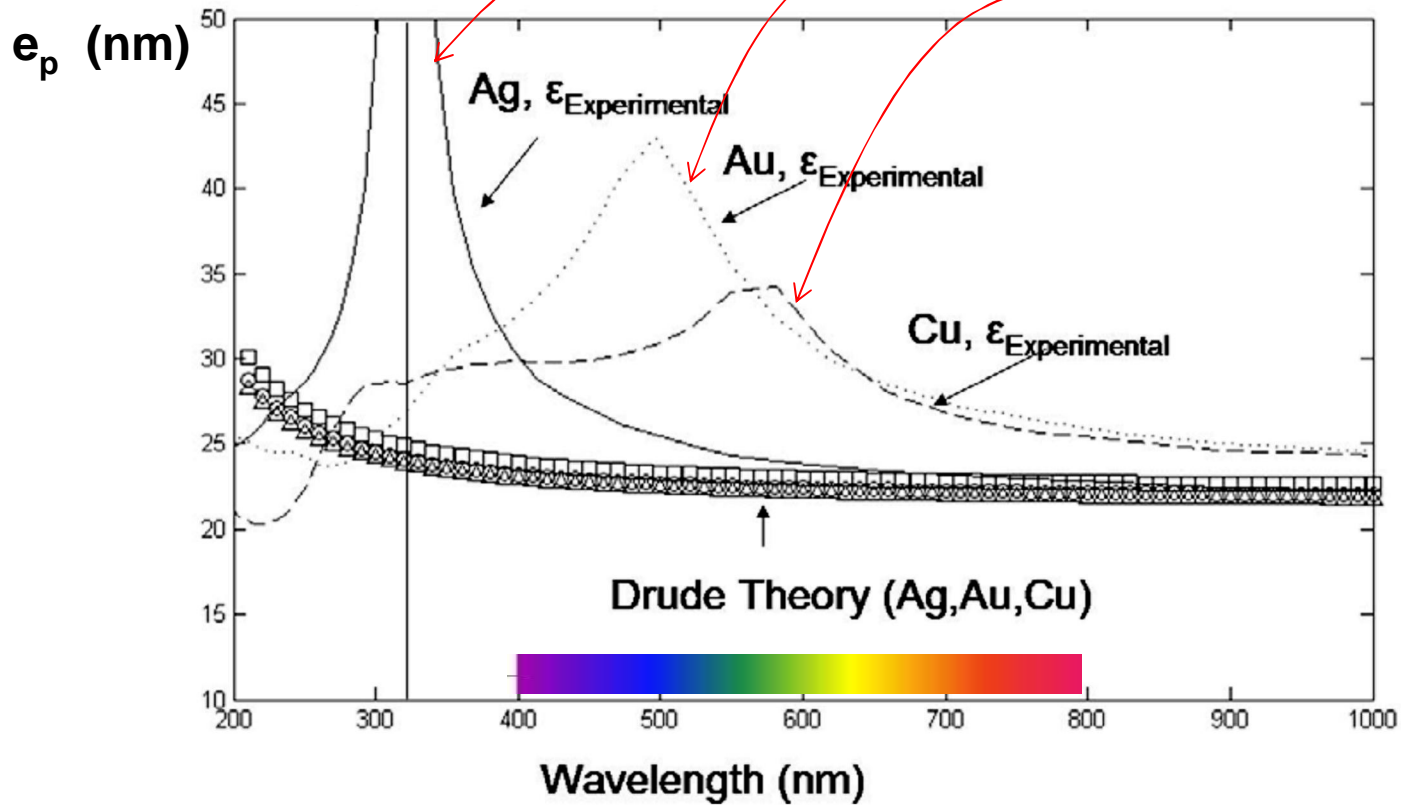
Why choosing silver?(4/7)

1. Of the three metals, silver is the most neutral : almost no frequency dependence in the visible
2. Transmission of silver in the visible is better than that of gold or copper



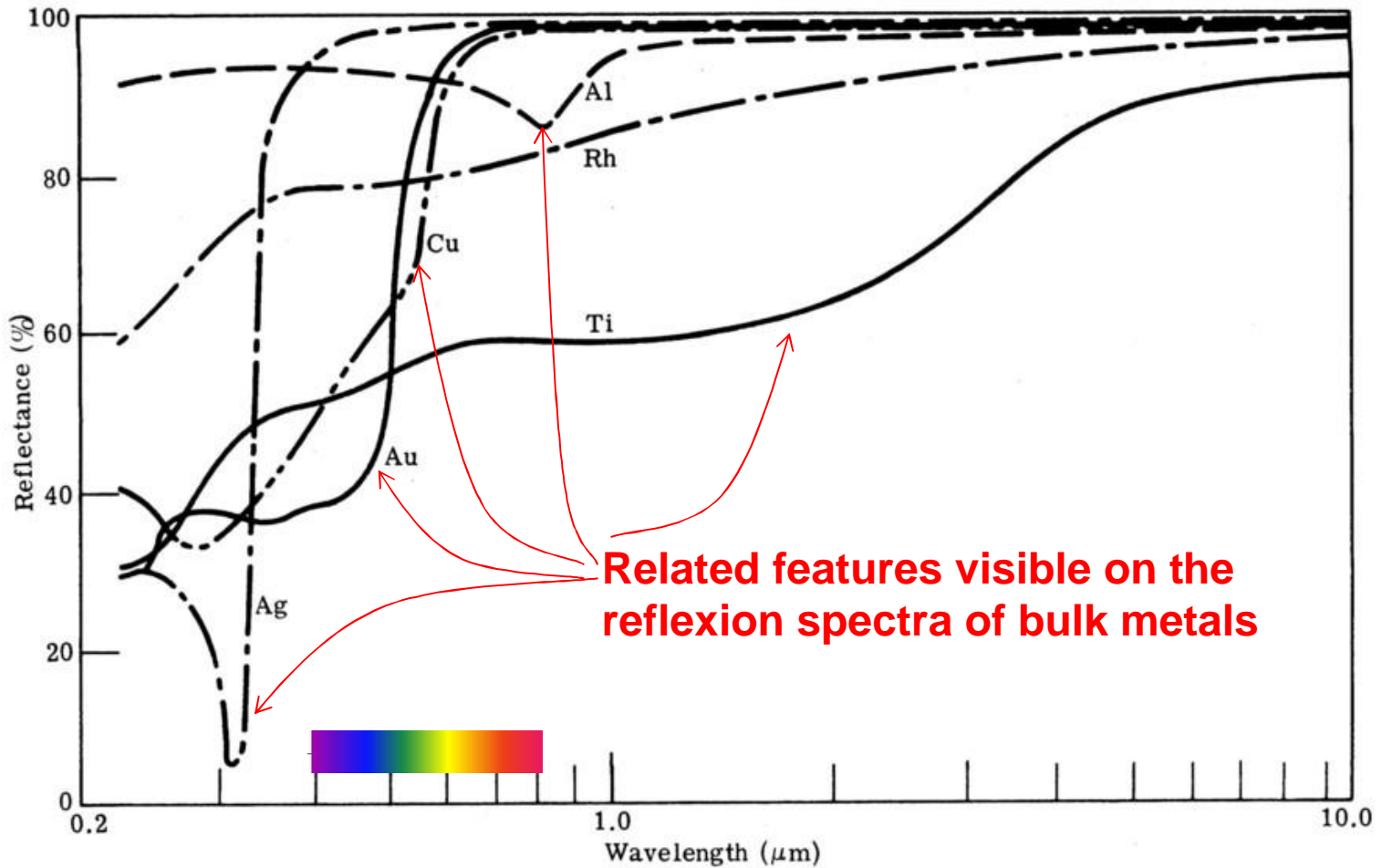
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What does that come from ?



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we need something else

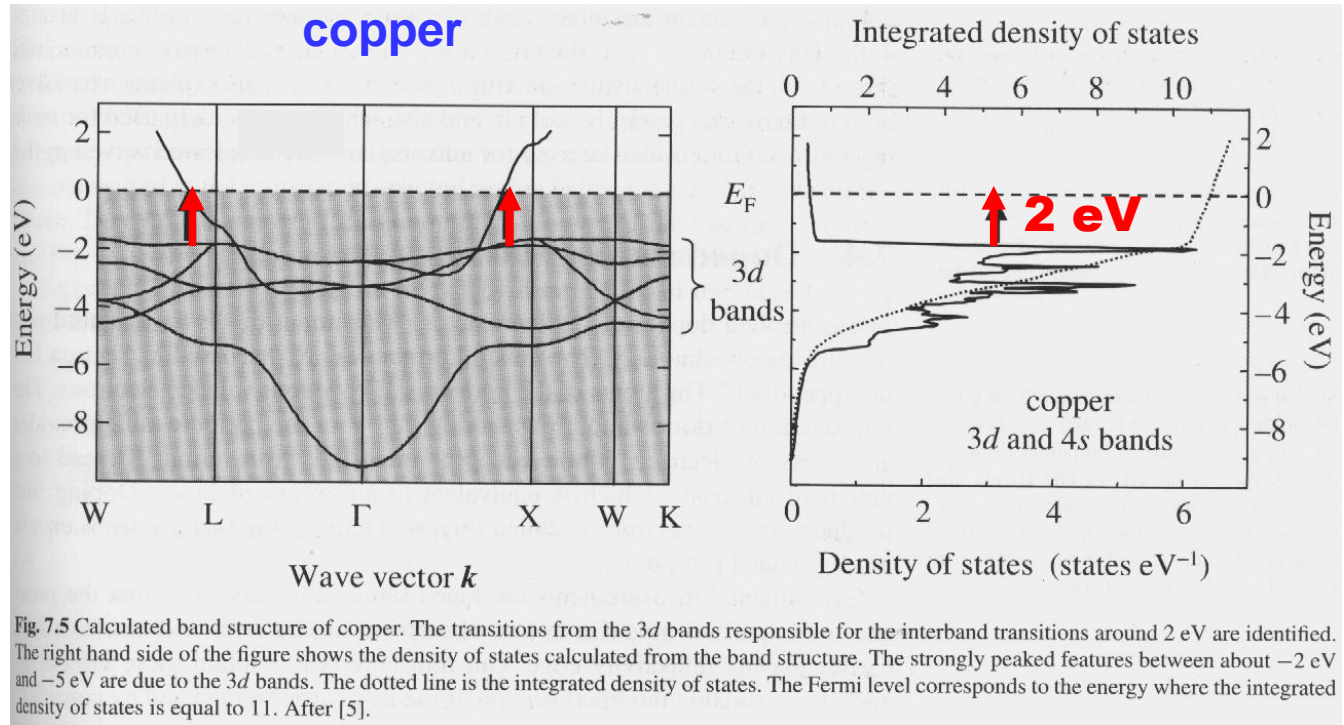
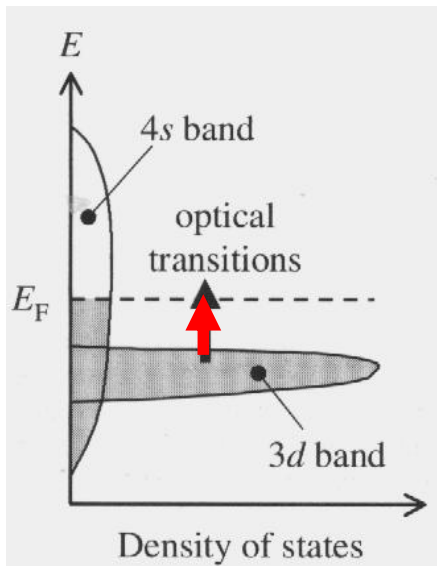
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Why choosing silver?(6/7)

Interband transitions

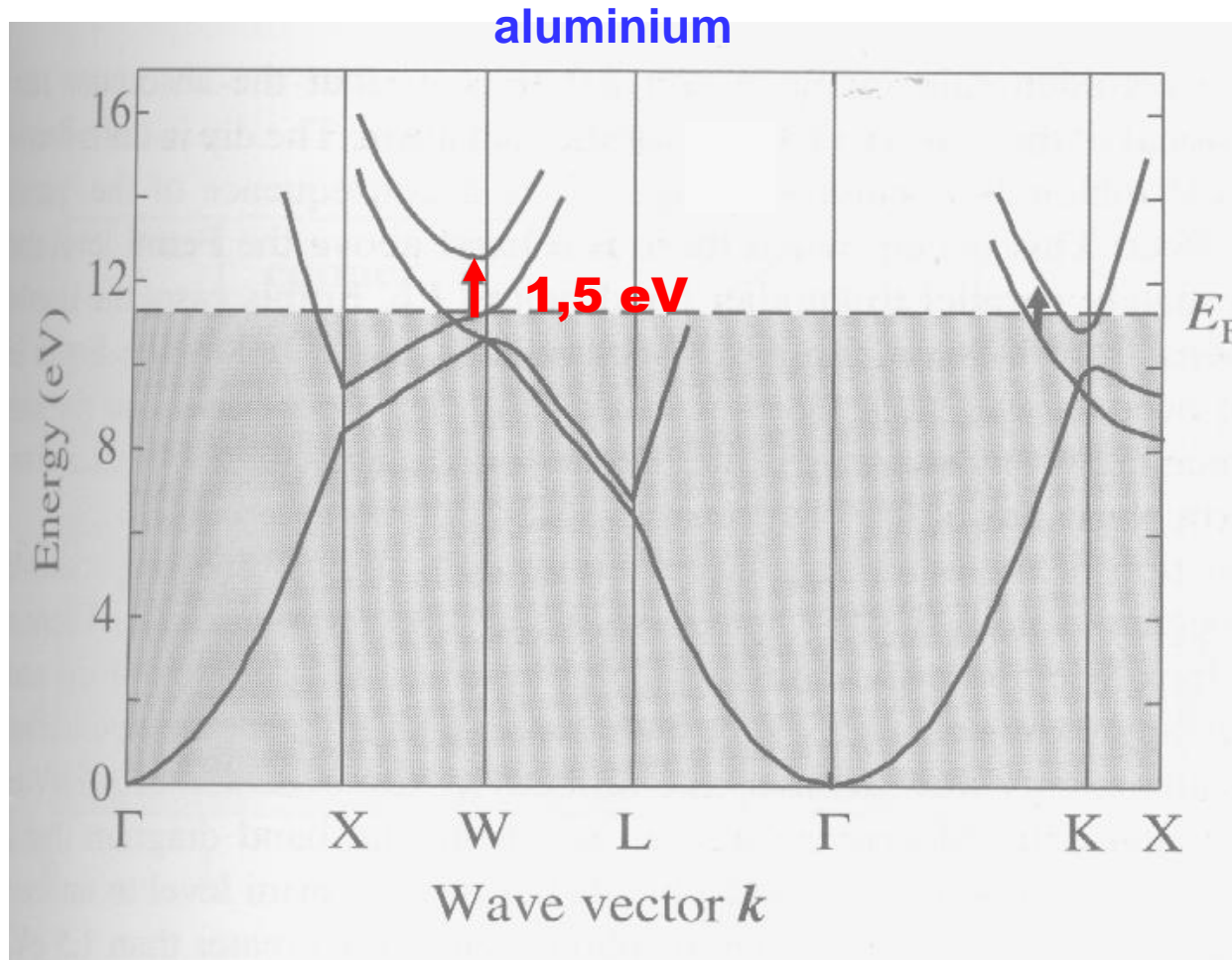


$$E(\vec{k}') = E(\vec{k}) + \hbar\omega$$

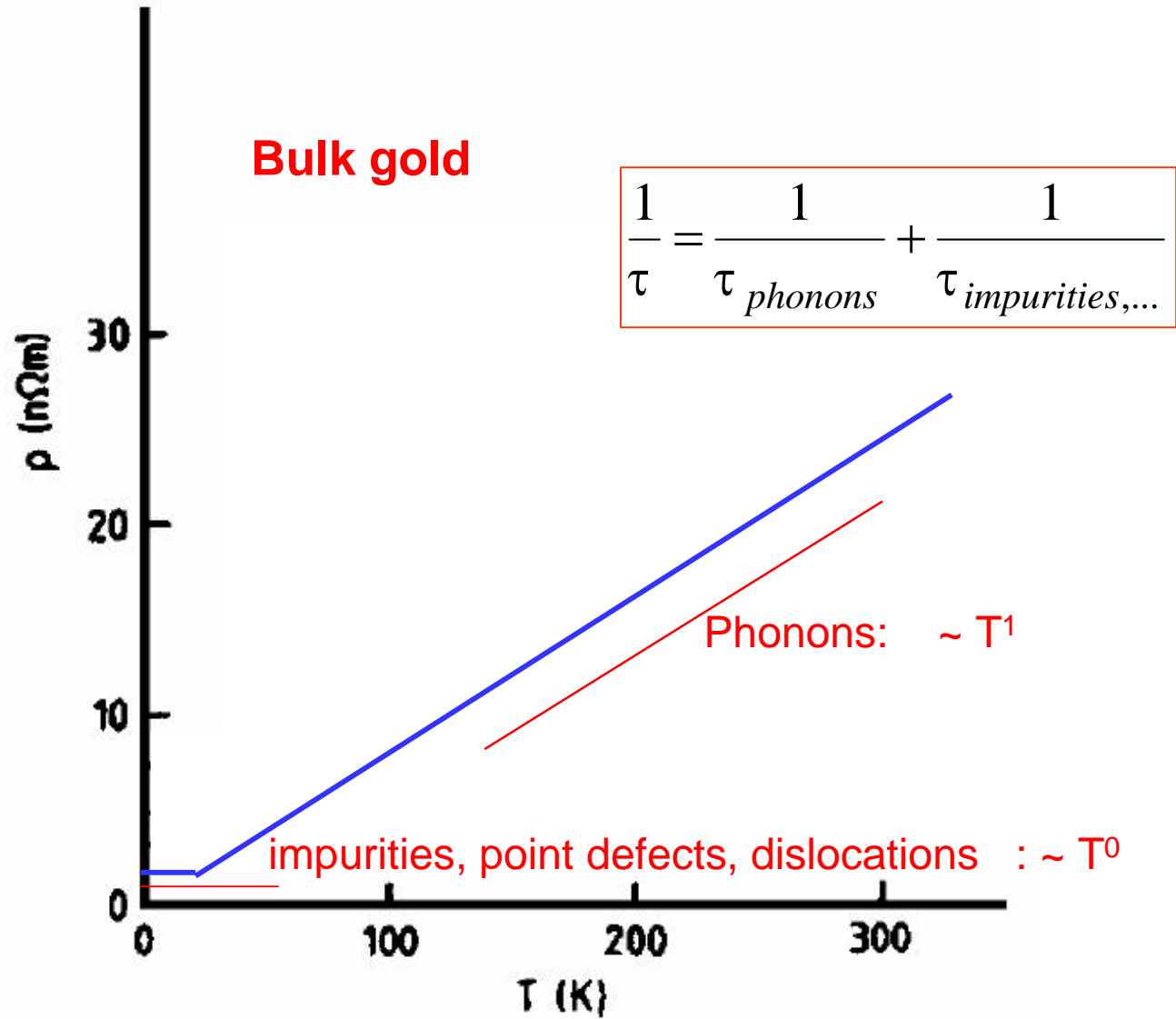
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Why choosing silver?(7/7)

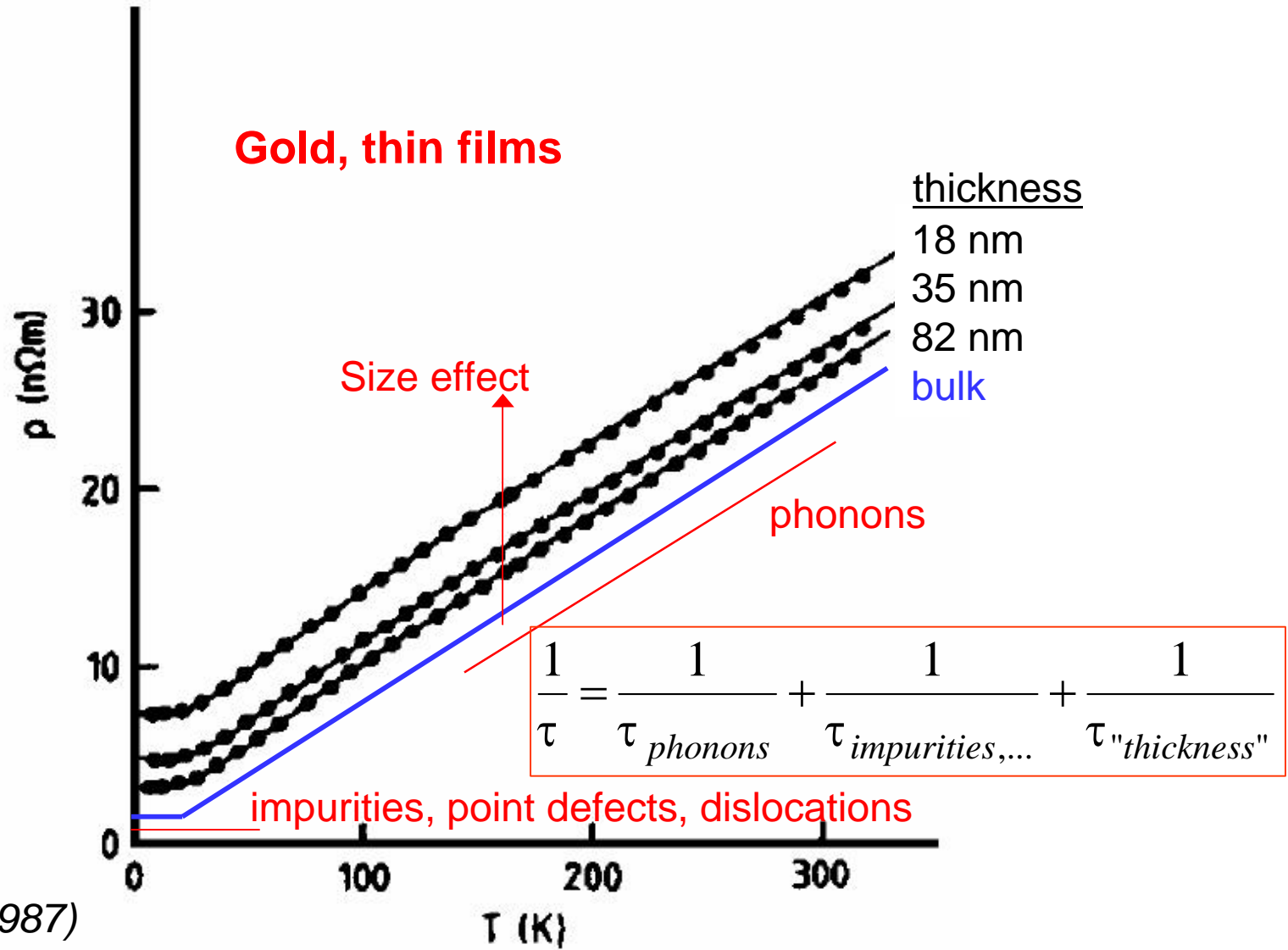
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Electrical resistivity in ultrathin metal films (1/5)



Size effect in ultrathin metal films (2/5)



de Vries (1987)

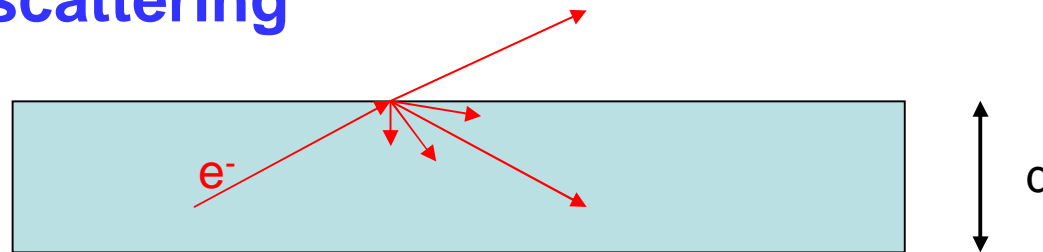
Electron transport in ultrathin metal films (3/5)

👉 Electron mean free path in bulk silver

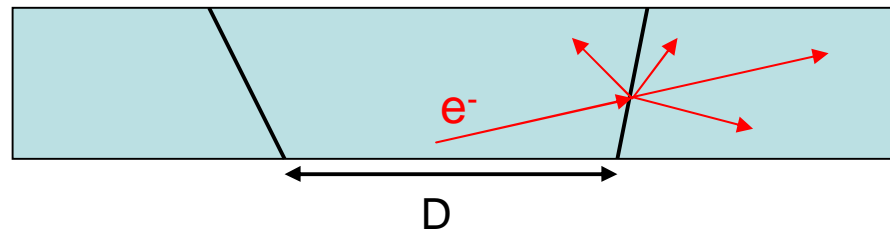
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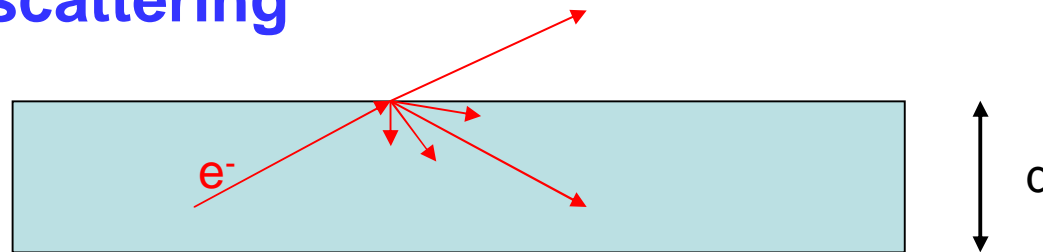
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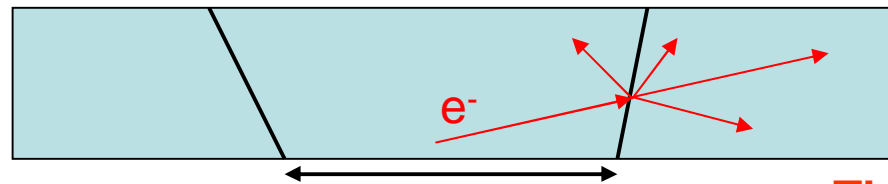
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$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_{phonons}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{impurities,...}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{surface}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{grain\ boundaries}}$$

This decrease of τ affects transport, but also reflectivity of thin films compared with bulk

Size effect in ultrathin metal films (4/5)

➡ Scattering models

- Fuchs-Sondheimer (surface)
$$\frac{1}{\tau_S} = \frac{3}{8}(1-p)\frac{\lambda}{d}\frac{1}{\tau_{bulk}}$$

p : probability for interaction with external surfaces being specular reflection

- Mayadas-Schatzkes (grain boundaries)
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{GB}} = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{\eta}{1-\eta}\right)\frac{\lambda}{D}\frac{1}{\tau_{bulk}}$$

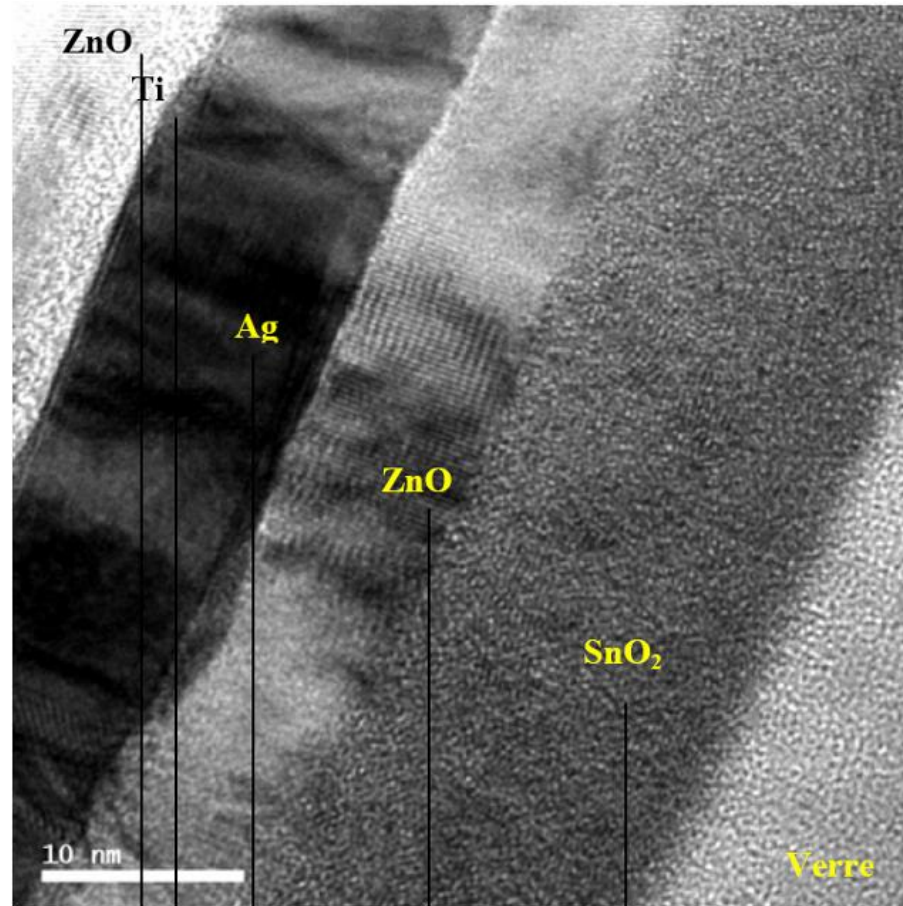
η : probability for direct no-loss transmission at grain boundary

➡ Limiting the size effect means

- keeping p close to 1 and η close to 0
- which means
 - “surfaces as mirrors for electrons
 - “large grains,
 - “grain boundaries transparent to electrons

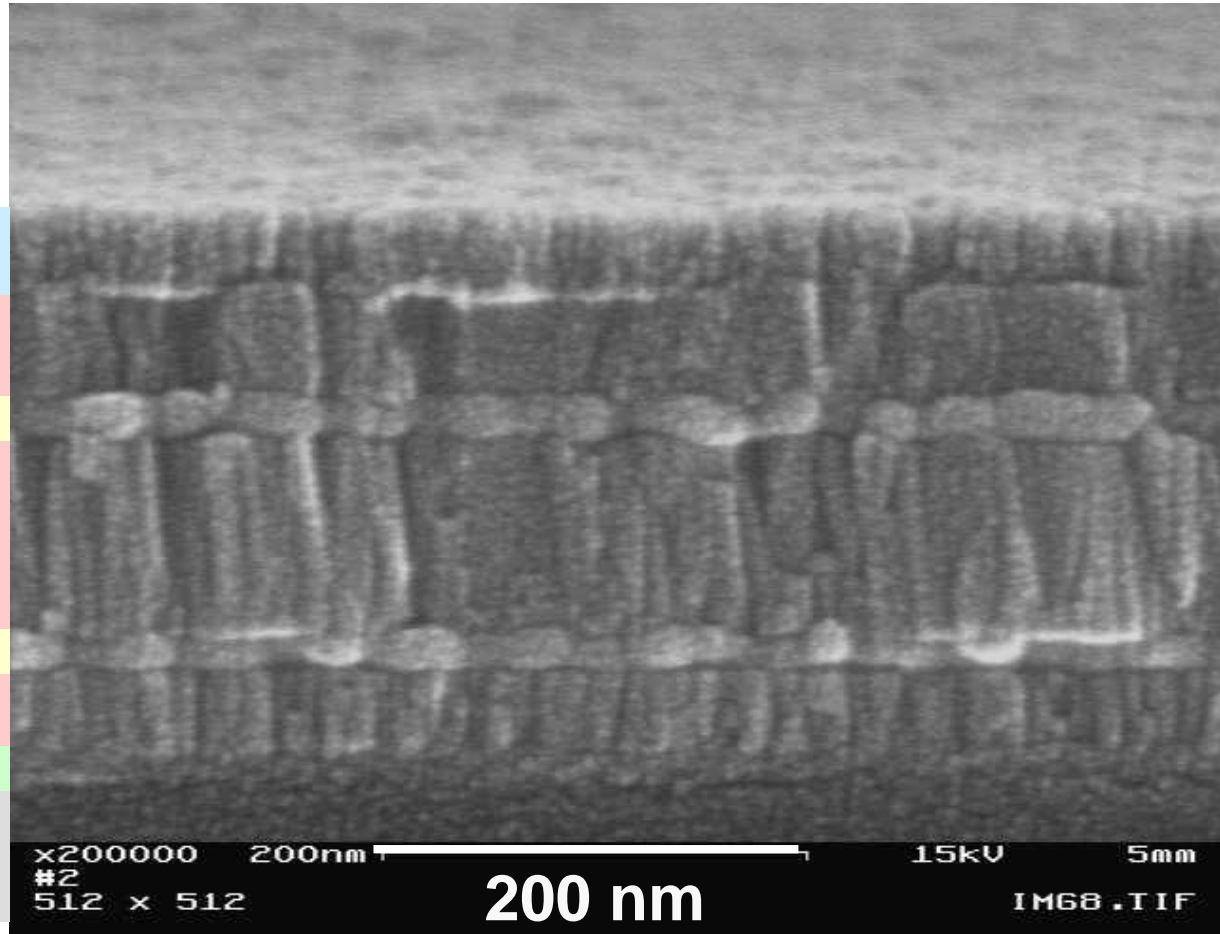
Ag in ultrathin metal films (5/5)

👉 The reality



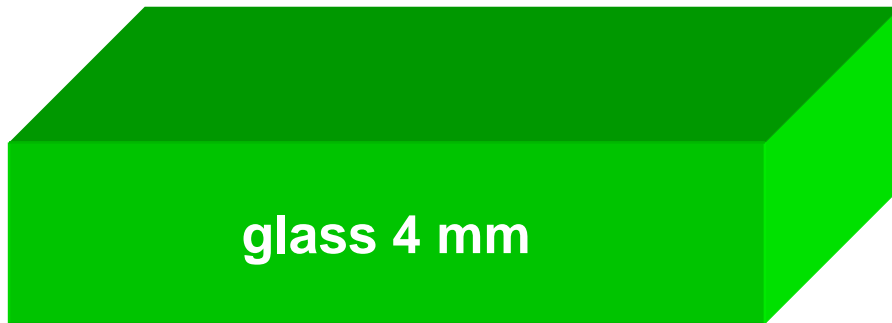
Å not so bad, but there is still place for improvement

silver-based low-emissivity coatings(1/5)

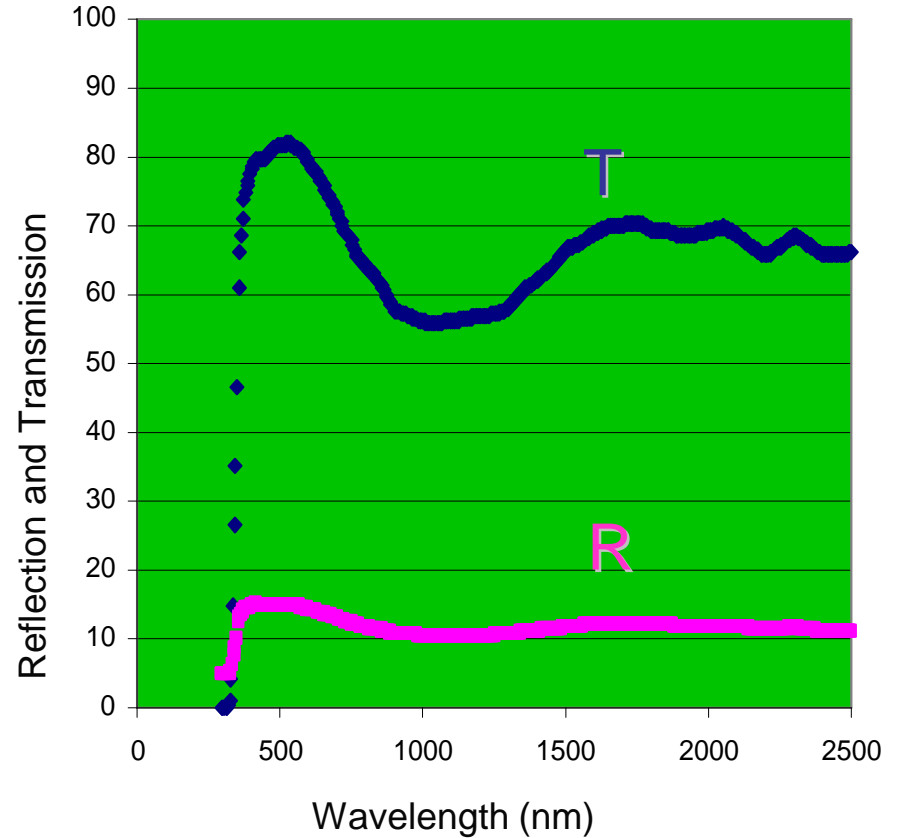


Silver-based low-emissivity coatings(2/5)

👉 Optimization of transmission in the visible

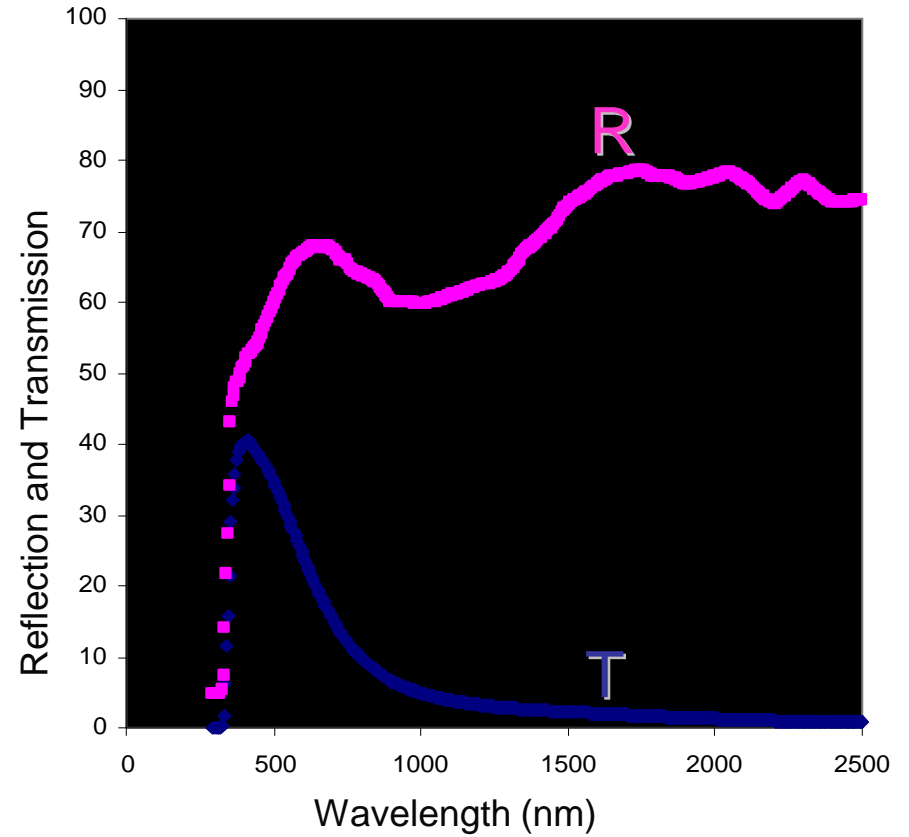


Double glazing unit



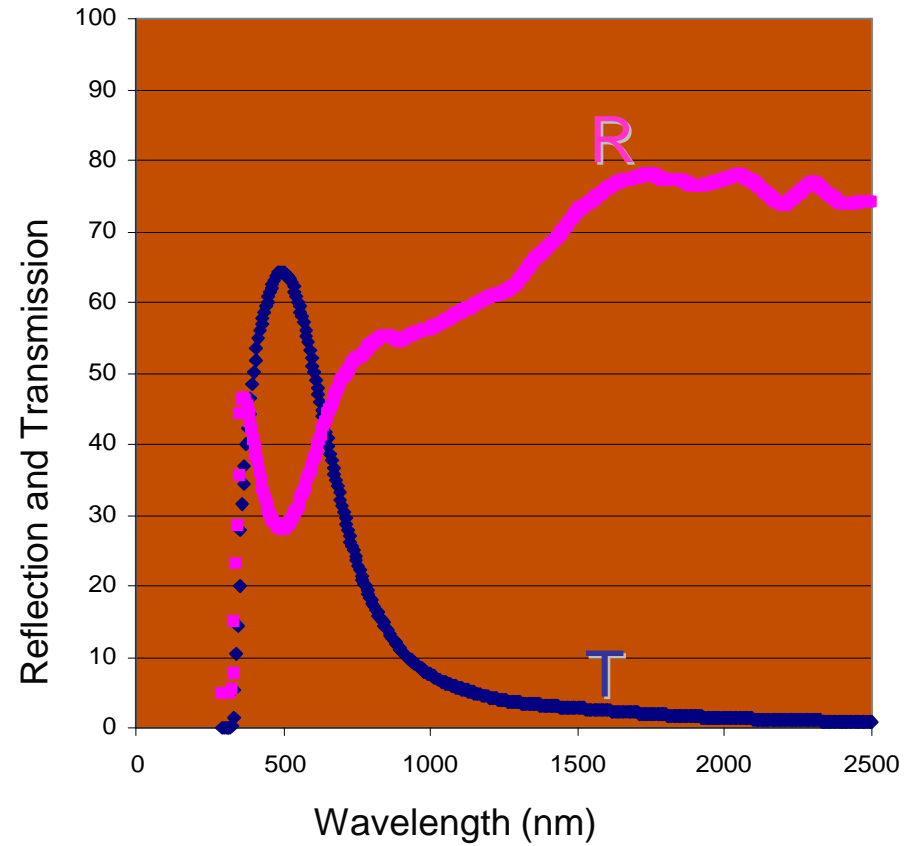
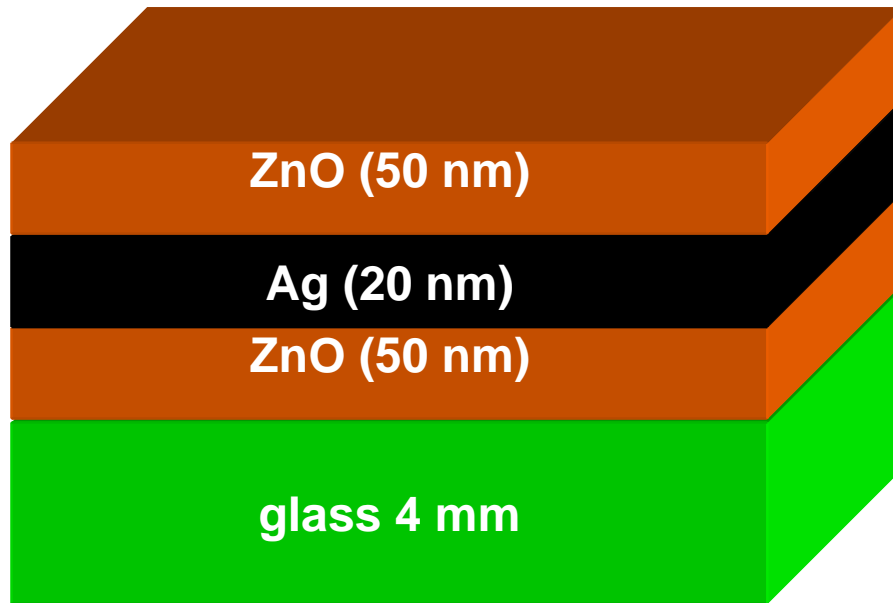
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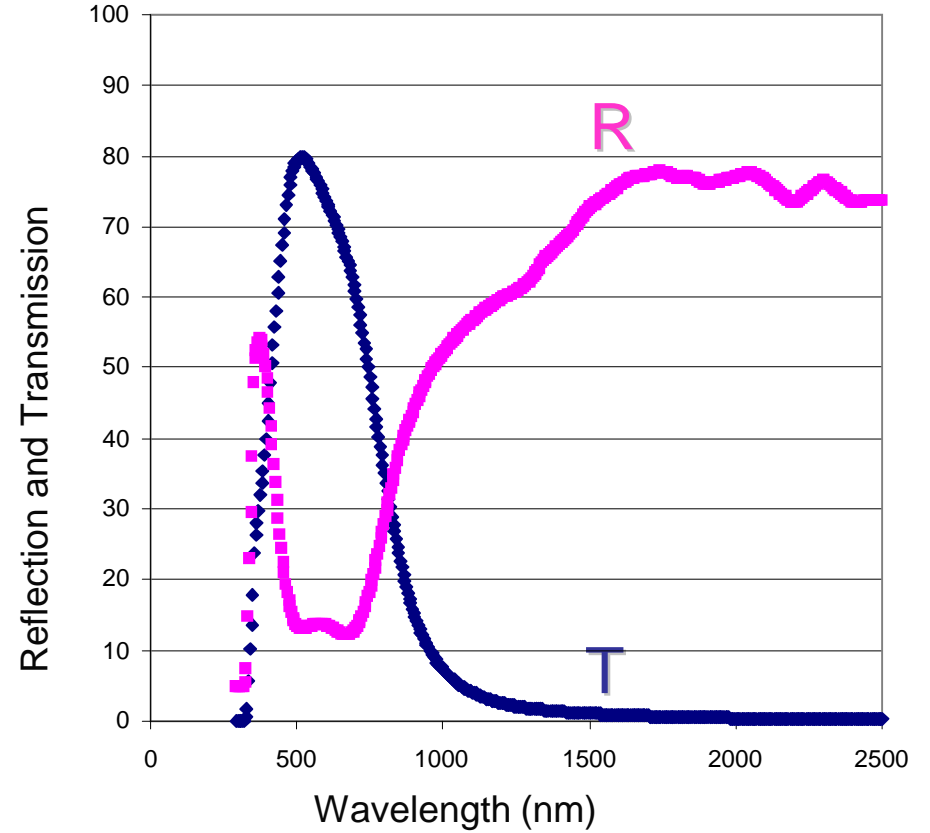
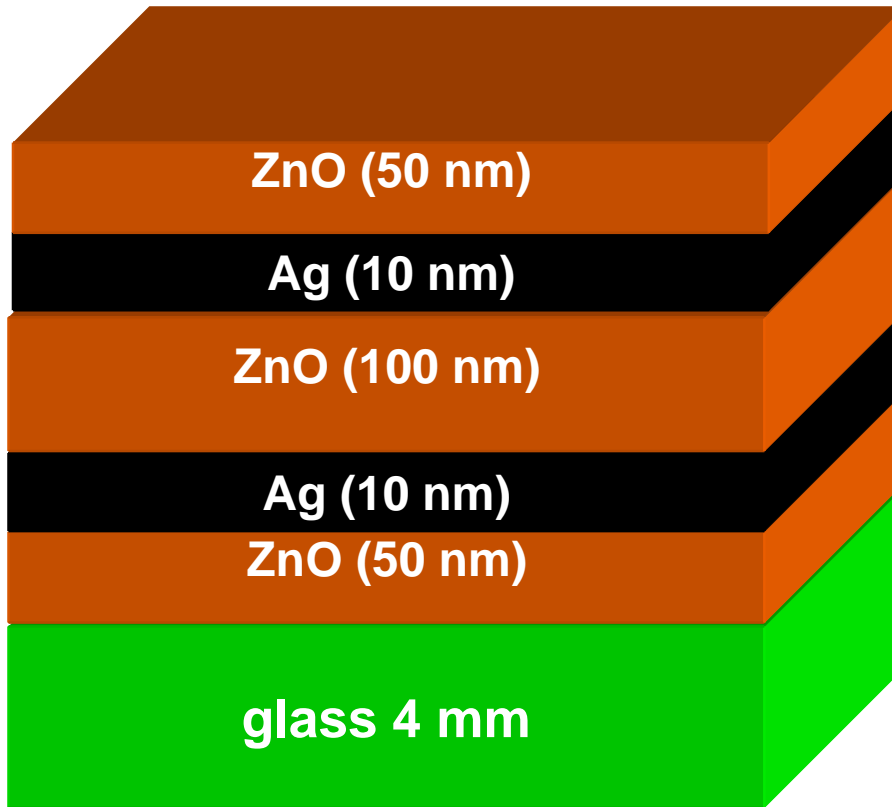
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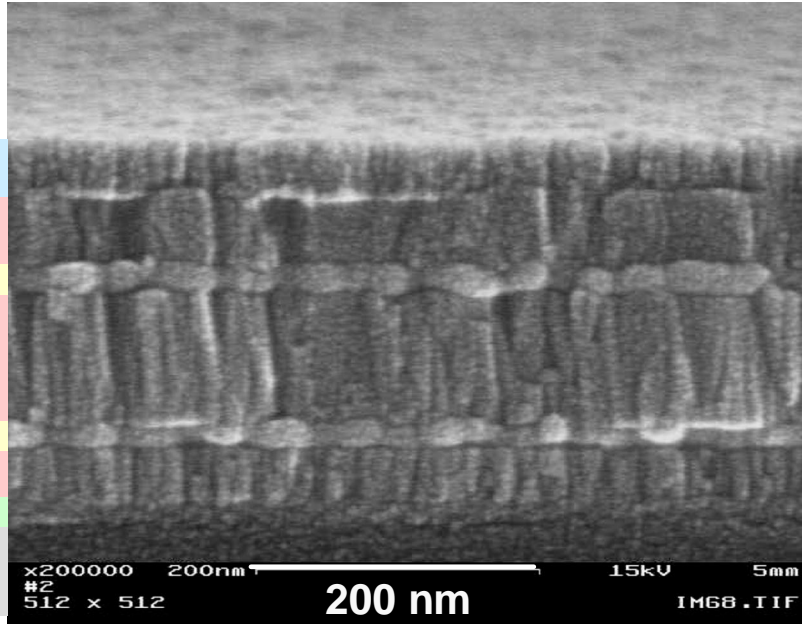
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Silver-based low-emissivity coatings(3/5)

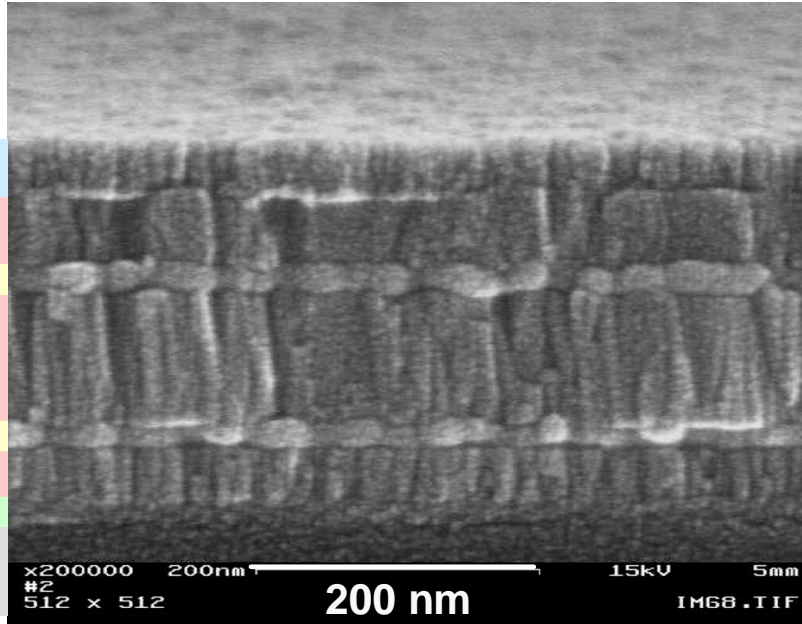
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SnO ₂ - 16 nm
Glass substrate



➡ **Role of the SnO₂ underlayer**
Improve adhesion on glass

Silver-based low-emissivity coatings(4/5)

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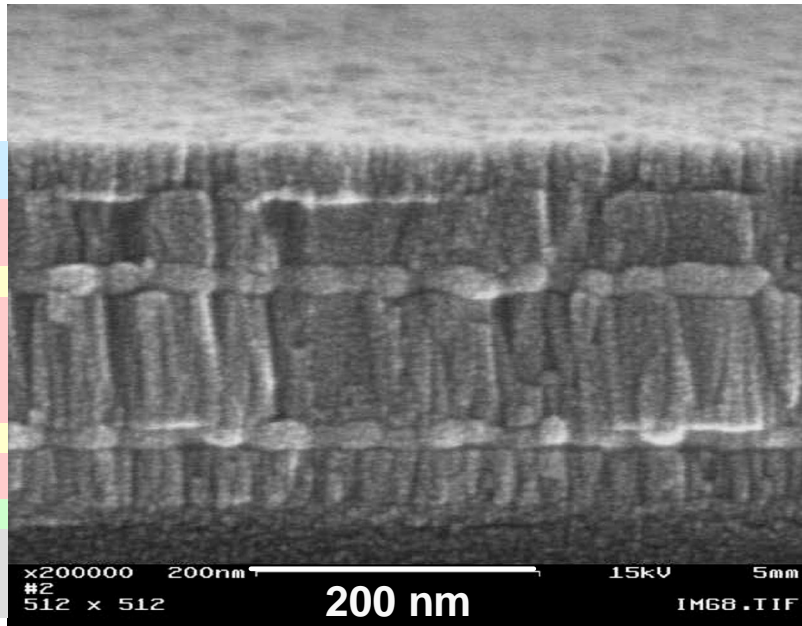


👉 Role of the ZnO layers

- Improve crystallinity of the silver films
- Optical interferences for improving transparency in the visible

Silver-based low-emissivity coatings(5/5)

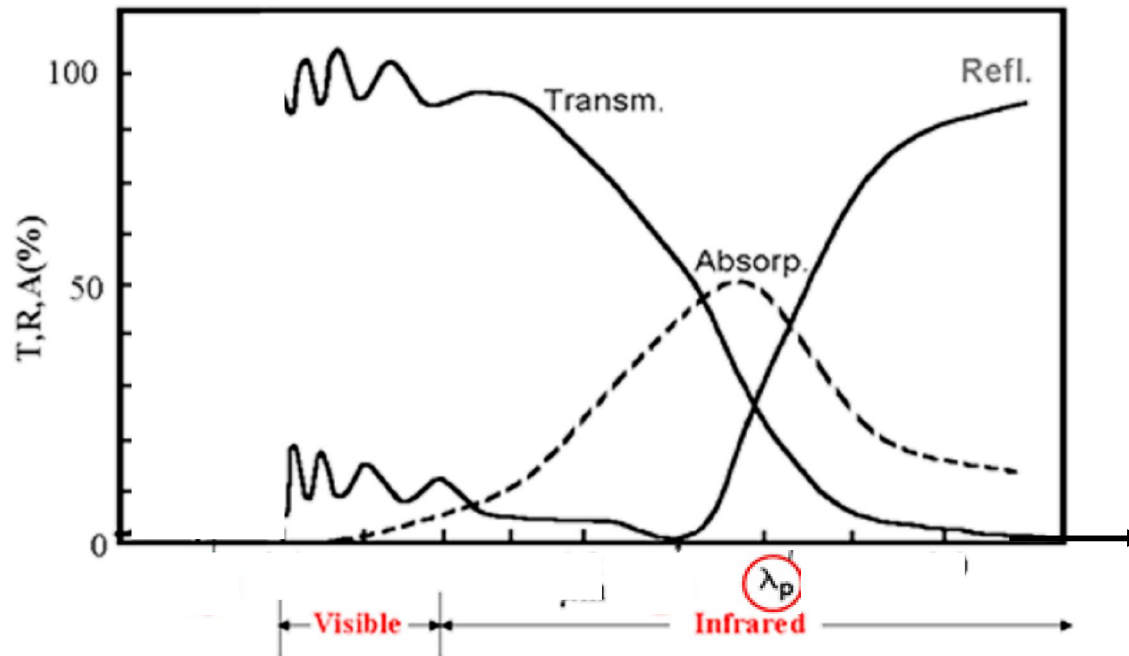
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- 👉 **Role of the Si₃N₄ overlayer**
- **Chemical barrier (H₂O)**
 - **Mechanical protection of Ag layers**

Transmissive semiconducting oxide coating(1/6)

Find a metal such that λ_p is between the visible and the thermal infrared



$$\lambda_p = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega_p} = \frac{2\pi c}{e} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0 m}{N}} \approx 2 \mu m$$

$N \approx 3 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. It can not be a normal metal : $N_{\text{metal}} > 1 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Transmissive semiconducting oxide coating(2/6)

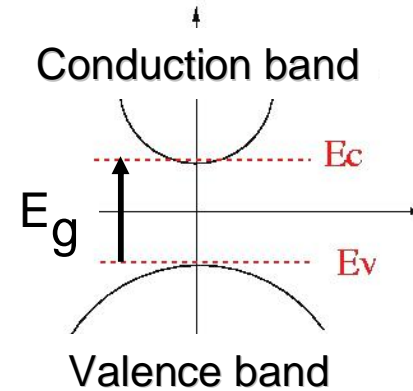
➡ This semiconductor should be very heavily doped
 remind : in semiconductor chips, $N < 1. 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$

➡ This semiconductor should transmit visible light

→ Energy band gap E_g such that

$$\lambda_g = \frac{2\pi\hbar c}{E_g} < 400 \text{ nm}$$

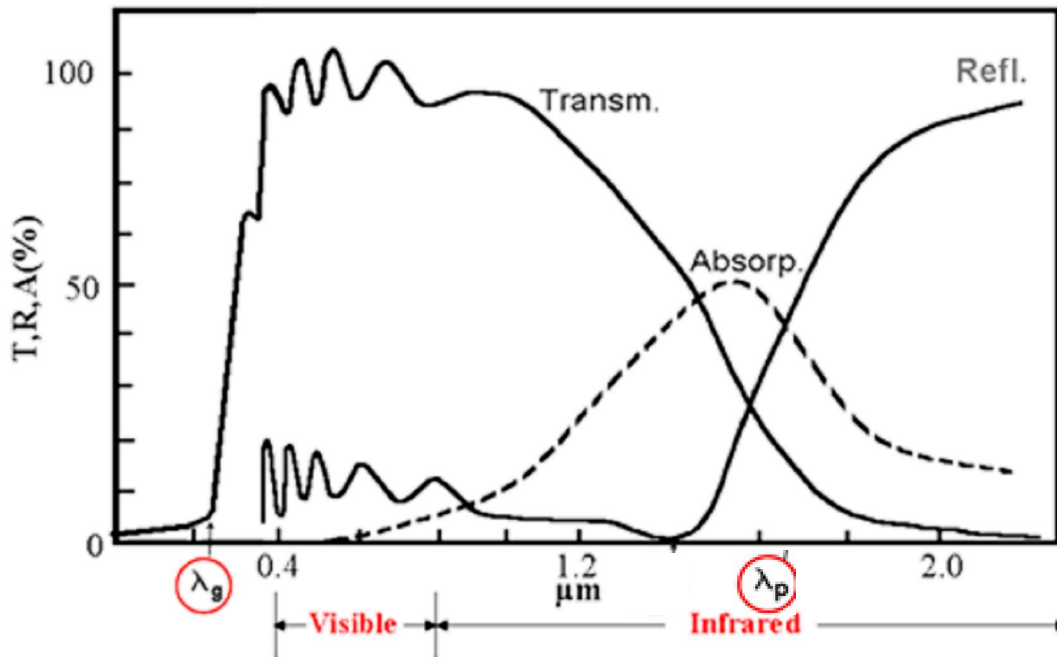
→ $E_g \sim 3 \text{ eV}$



➡ But the bandgap should not be too large,
 because large bandgap semiconductors are not easy to dope

Transmissive semiconducting oxide coating(3/6)

At last, this is what we need :

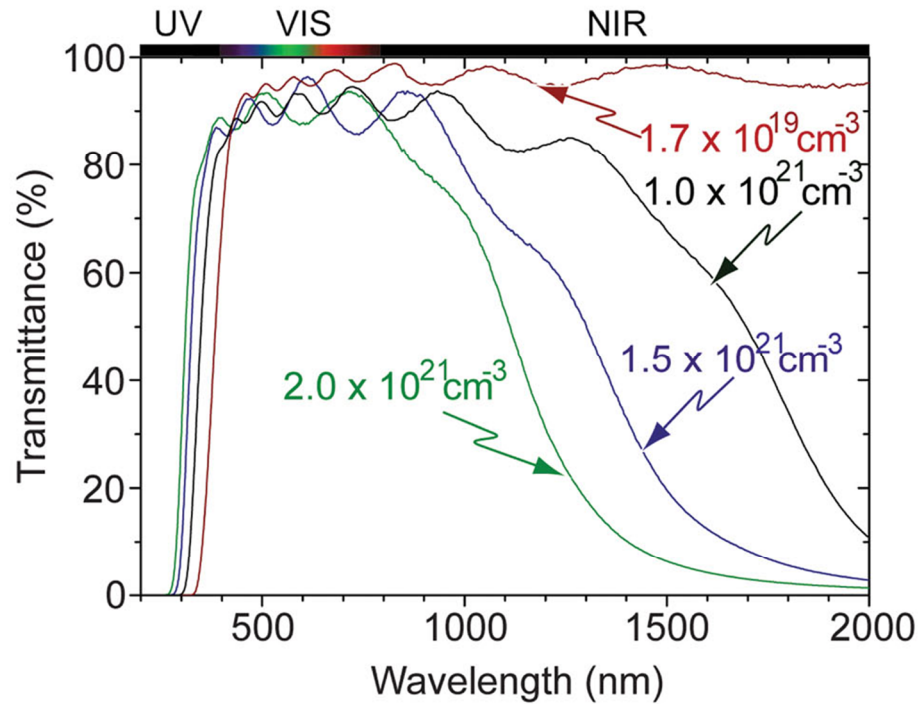


Small-gap oxides represent a natural choice

Material	Symbol	Band Gap (eV)
Cadmium telluride	CdTe	1.49
Diamond	C	5.5
Gallium antimonide	GaSb	0.7
Gallium arsenide	GaAs	1.43
Gallium nitride	GaN	3.1
Germanium	Ge	0.67
Indium arsenide	InAs	0.36
Indium oxide	In ₂ O ₃	3.75
Lead telluride	PbTe	0.29
Silicon	Si	1.11
Silicon carbide	SiC	2.86
Zinc oxide	ZnO	3.37
Aluminum oxide	Al ₂ O ₃	7

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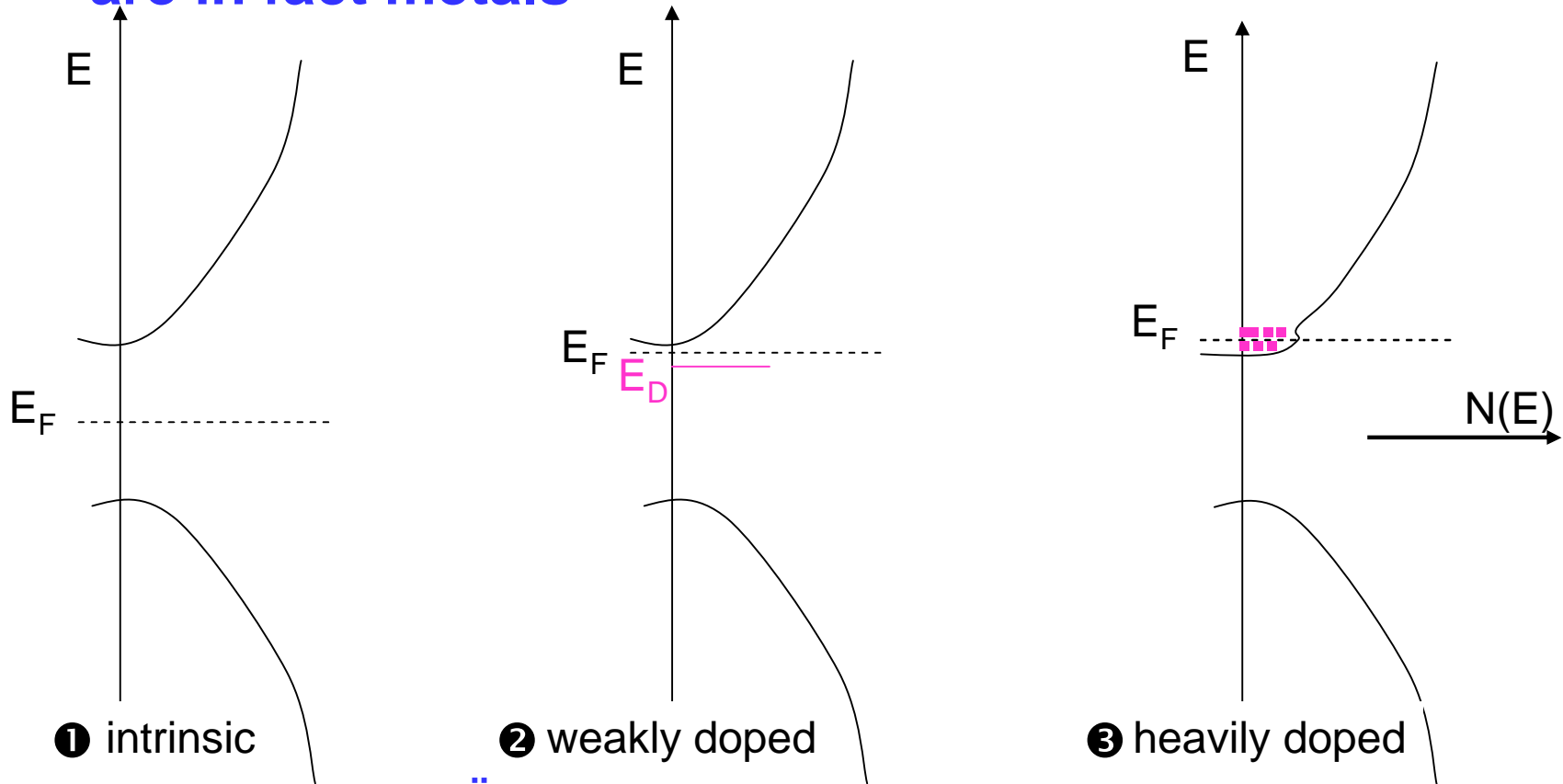
👉 It works well



Tin doped indium oxide (ITO)

Transparent conductive emissive semiconducting oxide coating(5/6)

It works well because heavily-doped semiconductors are in fact metals



There is a non-metal \ddot{E} metal transition from ② to ③ at a critical donor concentration $N_{D,c}$ defined by $a_H^* \cdot N_{D,c}^{1/3} = 0.25$ (Mott criterion). a_H^* is the effective Bohr radius of the hydrogen-like donor center. For most semiconductors, $N_{D,c}$ is between 10^{17} and 10^{19} cm^{-3}

Examples of highly-doped semiconductors(6/6)

☞ Doping mechanism : case of tin-doped indium oxide

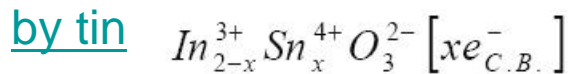
. Two doping mechanisms

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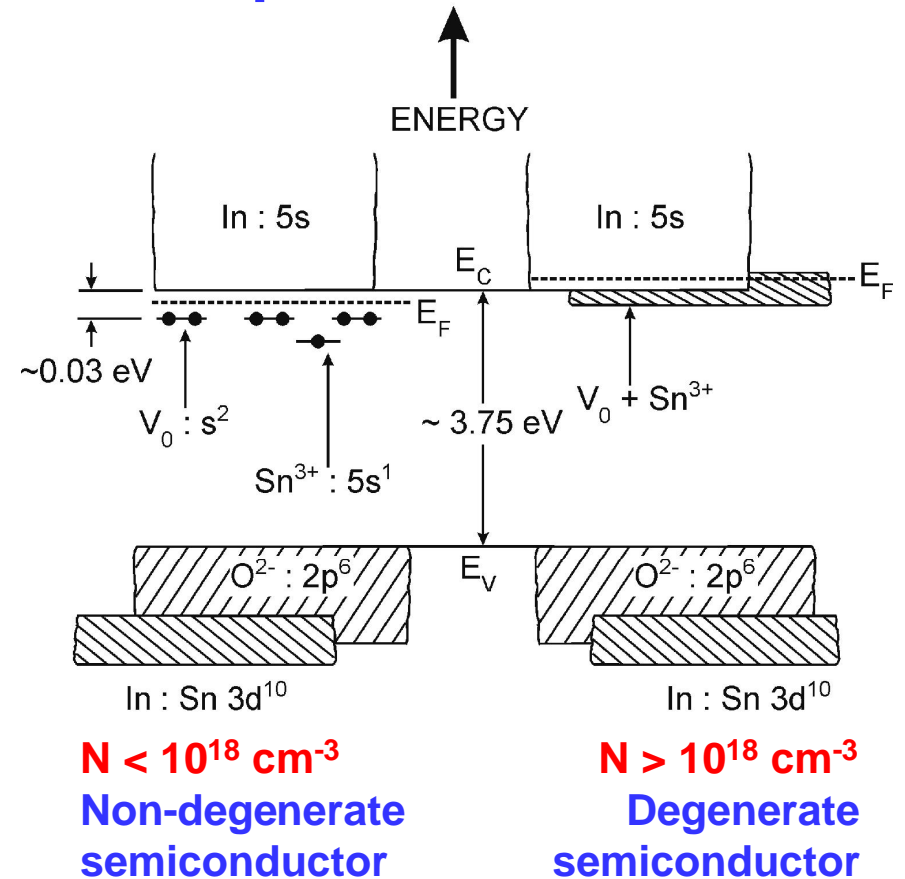


Difficile à contrôler

2. Substitution of indium



. Both are n-type, with low activation energy



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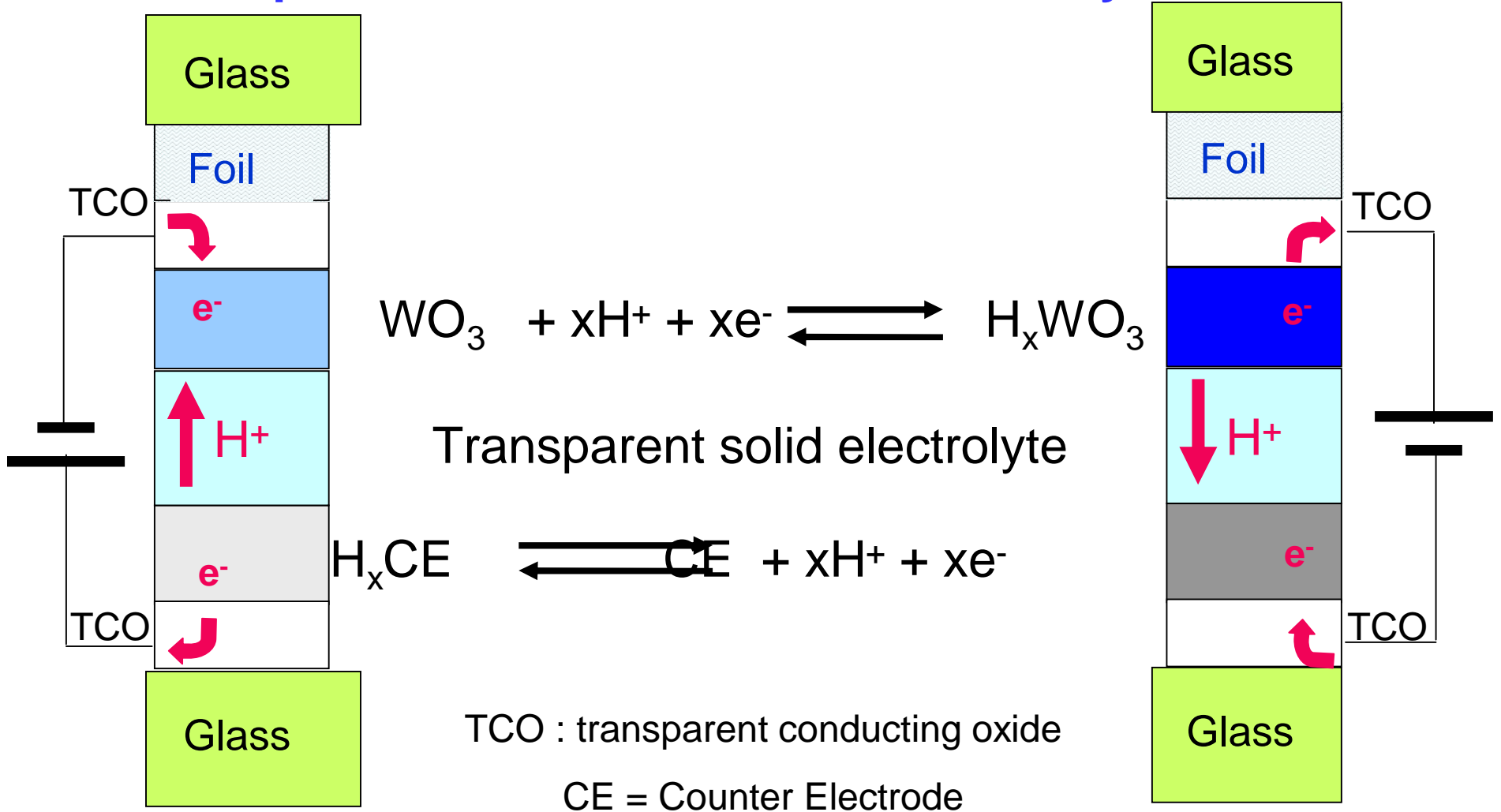
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Electrochromics(1/2)



Electrochromics(2/2)

👉 Principle : all solid state electrochemistry




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Already three generations of photovoltaic cells

First generation Silicon wafers



Second generation

- Amorphous silicon thin films
- CIGS thin films

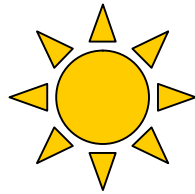


Third generation

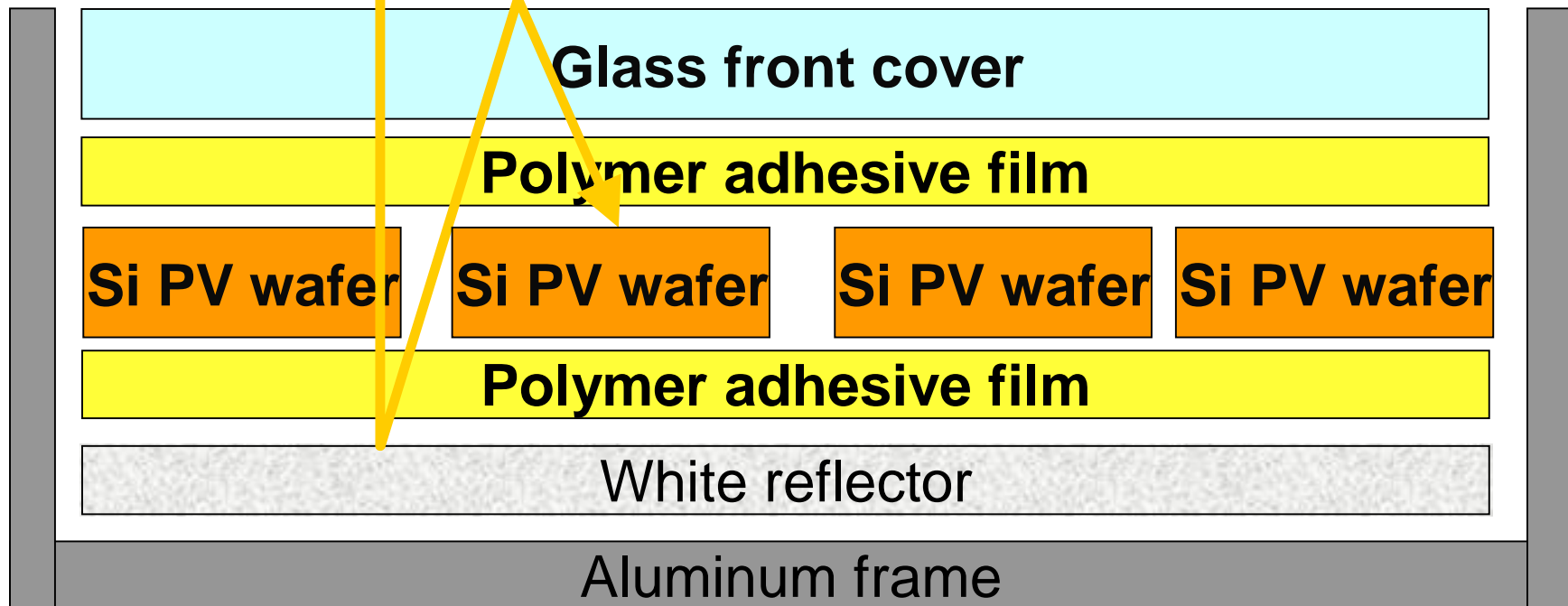
- Dye-sensitized cells
- Electroneconductive polymers



Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(1/8)



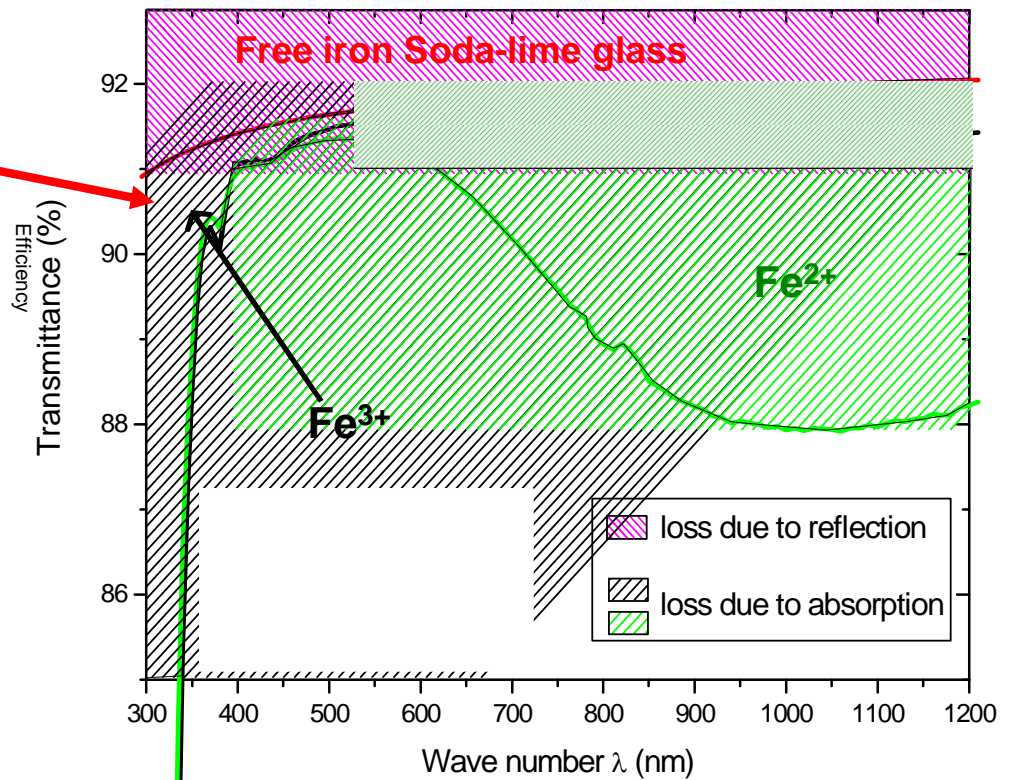
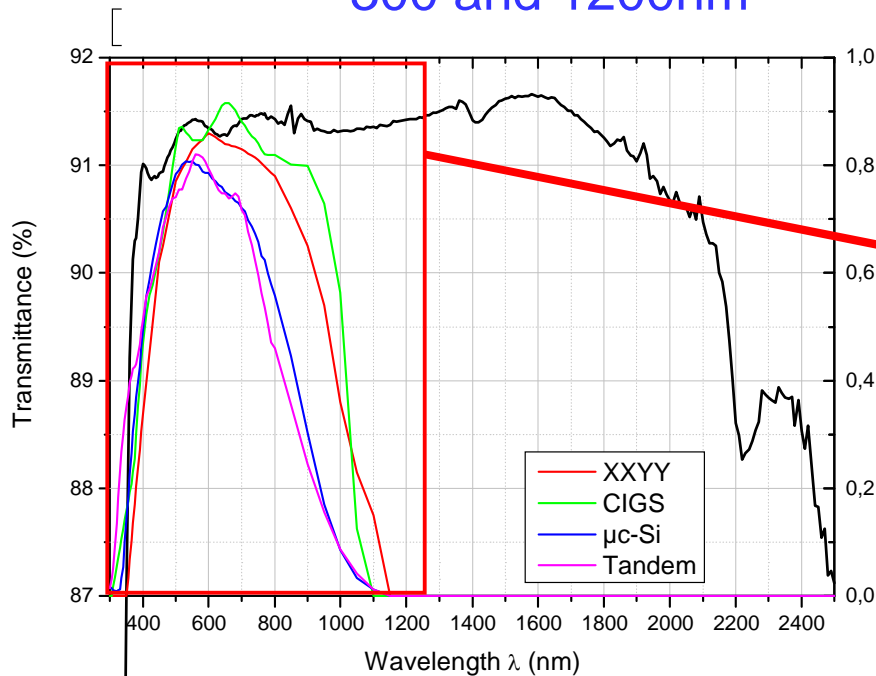
☞ Glass is a transparent durable encapsulant



Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(2/8)

PV solar cells efficient between 300 and 1200nm

Loss of energetic transmission due to reflection and/or absorption



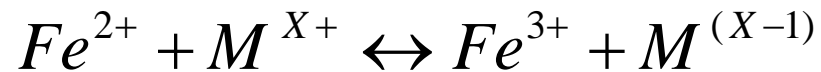
We need pure (low Fe contain), oxydized and low refractive index glass

Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(3/8)

☞ Purity is money

	Fe ₂ O ₃	Raw Material price
Standard glass	700 ppm	63 "/ton
PV glass	100 ppm	100 "/ton

☞ Oxidation is chemistry



M : Sb, Mn, Ce, Å .

☞ Low refractive index is composition

	n
SiO ₂	1.471
Al ₂ O ₃	1.520
K ₂ O	1.575
Na ₂ O	1.590
MgO	1.610
CaO	1.730

Increasing n

Increase SiO₂ and Al₂O₃
Decrease CaO and MgO



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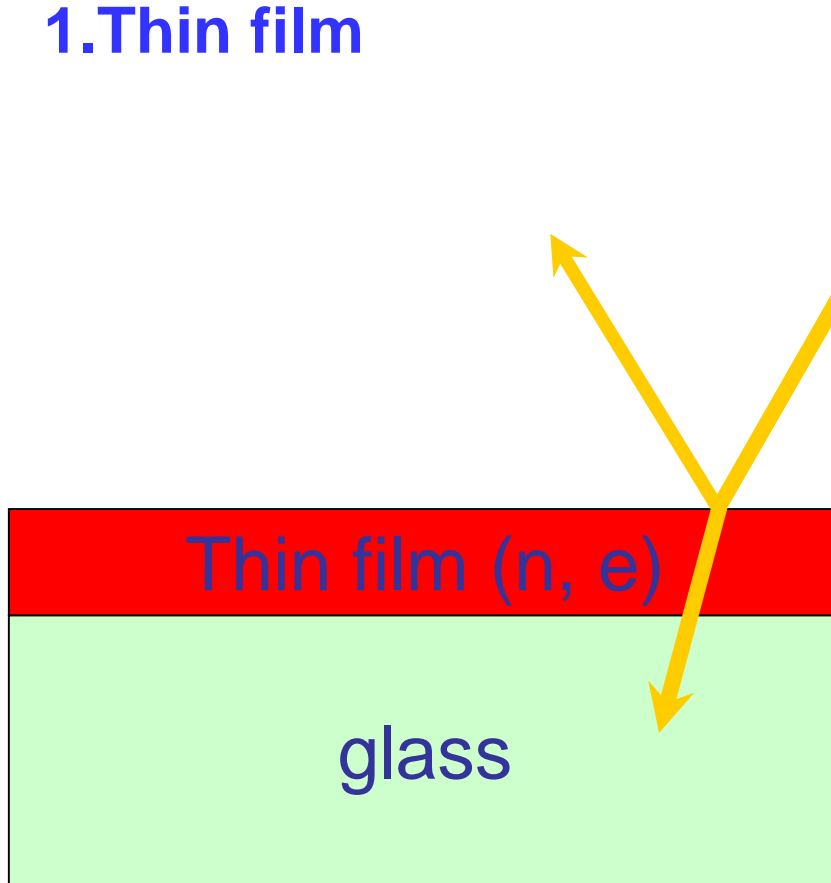
Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(4/8)

☞ Hydrolytic resistance

Mixing sodium and potassium and calcium and magnesium, to get a mixed alkali effect and a mixed alkaline-earth effect. This effects are known to decrease mobility of cations and hence slow down the hydrolytic attack.

Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(5/8)

☞ Surface treatments for anti-reflection and light-trapping : 1.Thin film

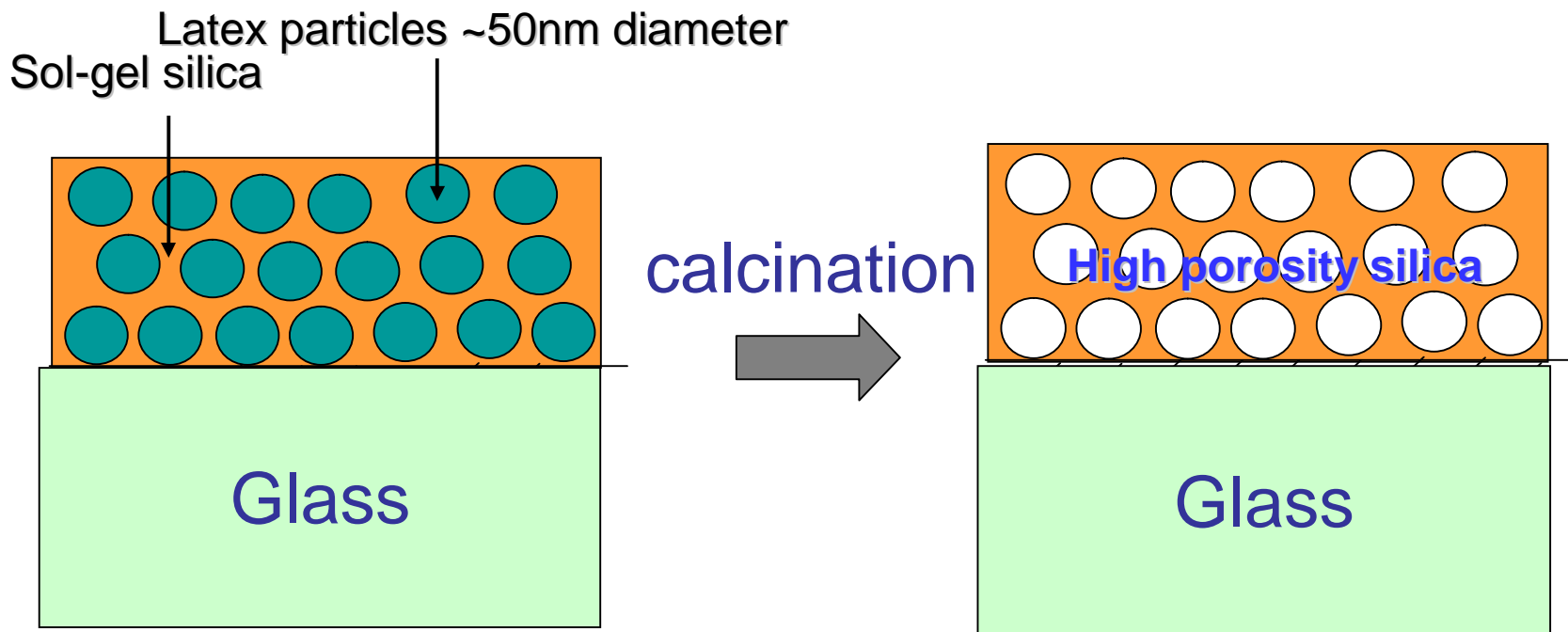


The optimum AR efficiency would be for
 $e = \lambda/4n \sim 100 \text{ nm}$
 $n = (n_{\text{glass}})^{1/2} \sim 1.21$

**No known material display as low a refractive index !
→ We have to design it !**

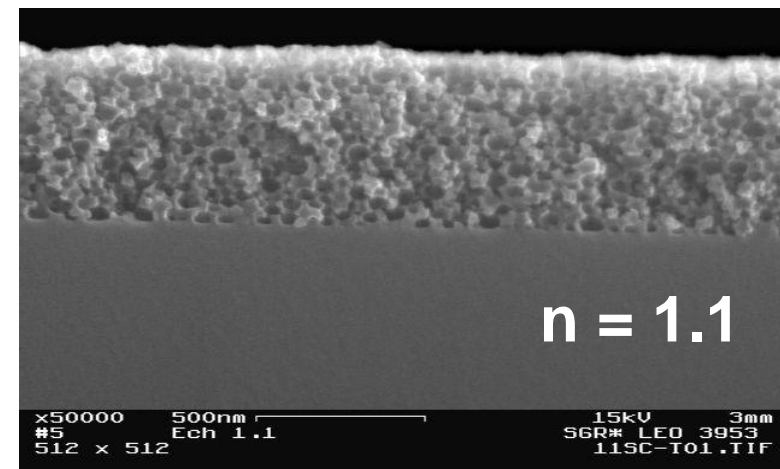
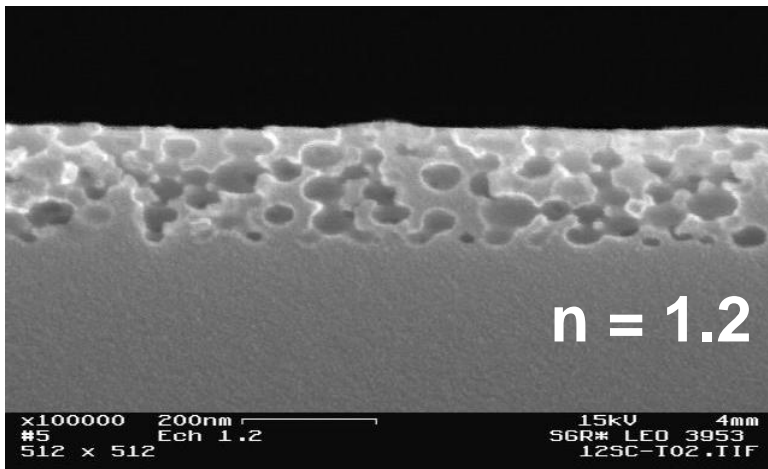
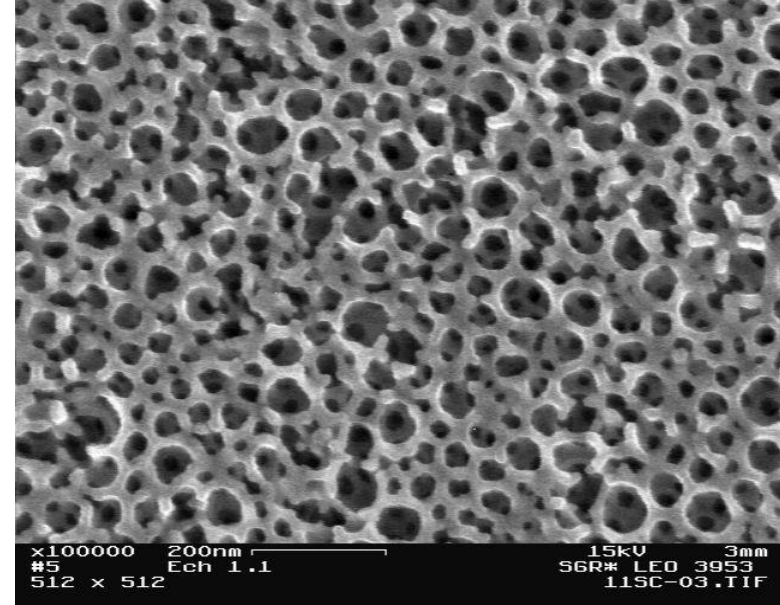
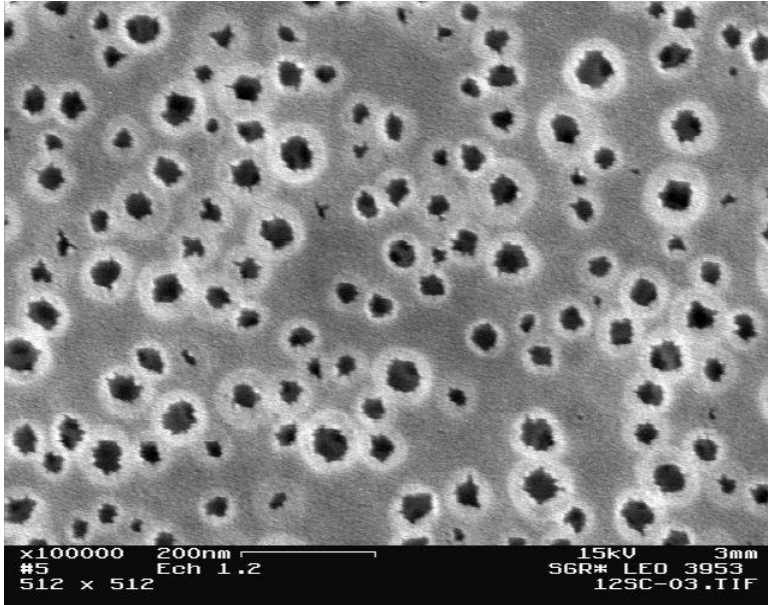
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☞ low refractive index thin film



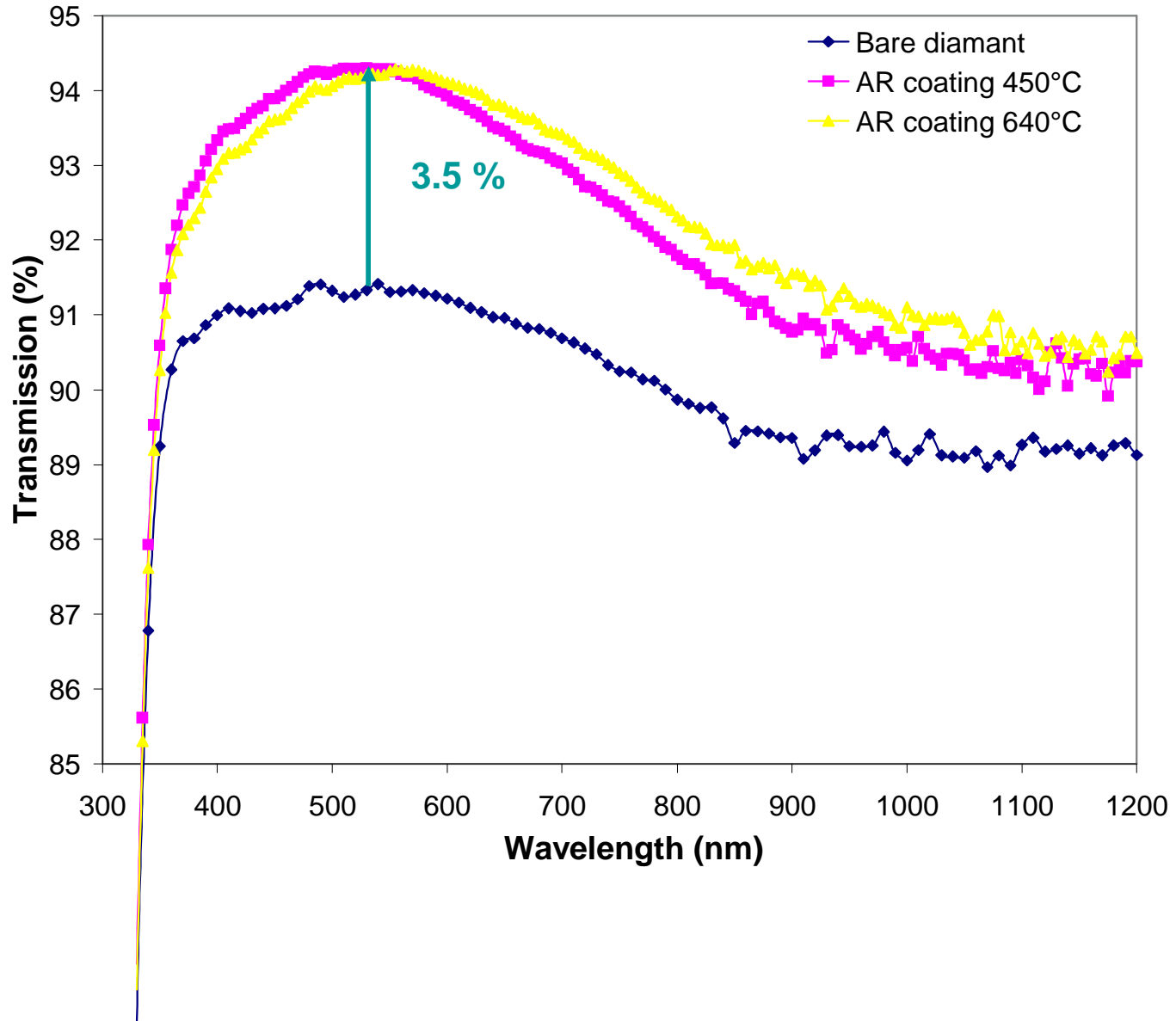
Glass for generation 1 photovoltaics(7/8)

👉 low refractive index mesoporous silica thin films



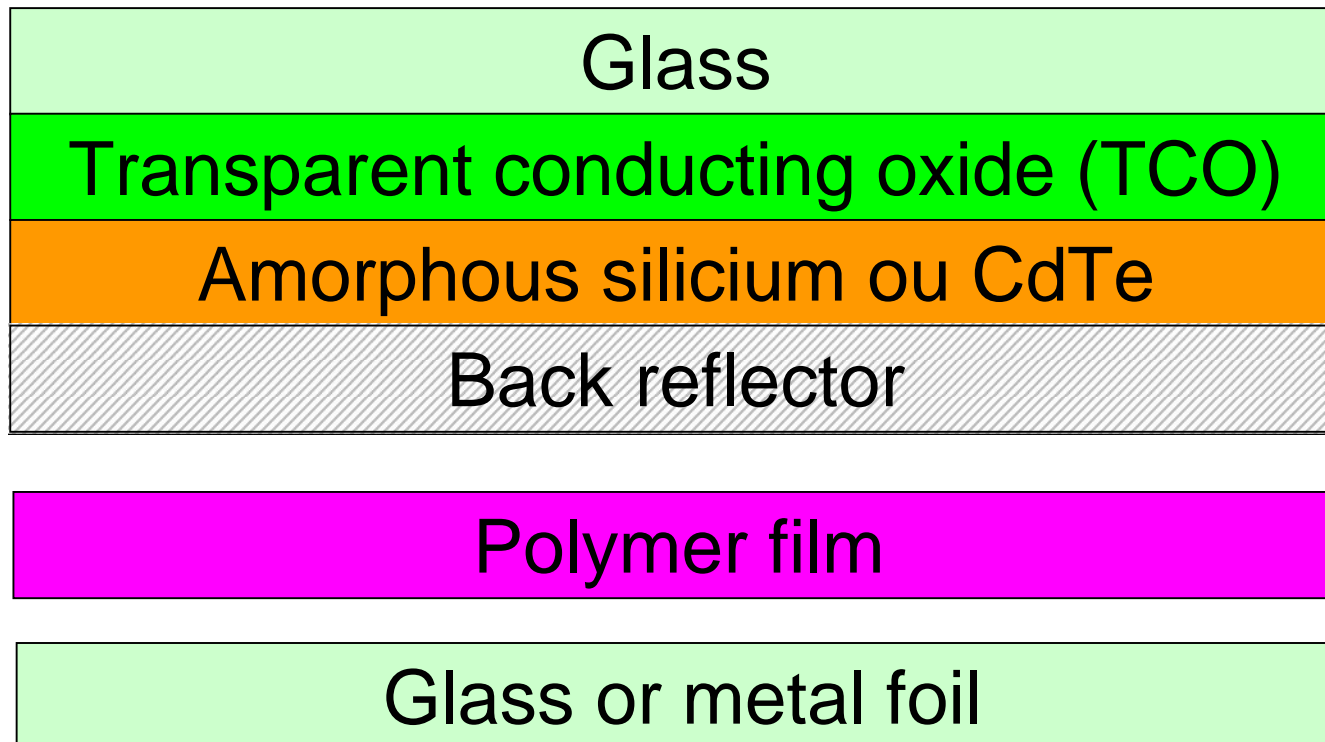
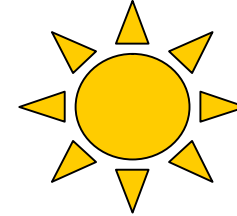
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☞ Transmission gain with AR mesoporous coating



Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(1/10)

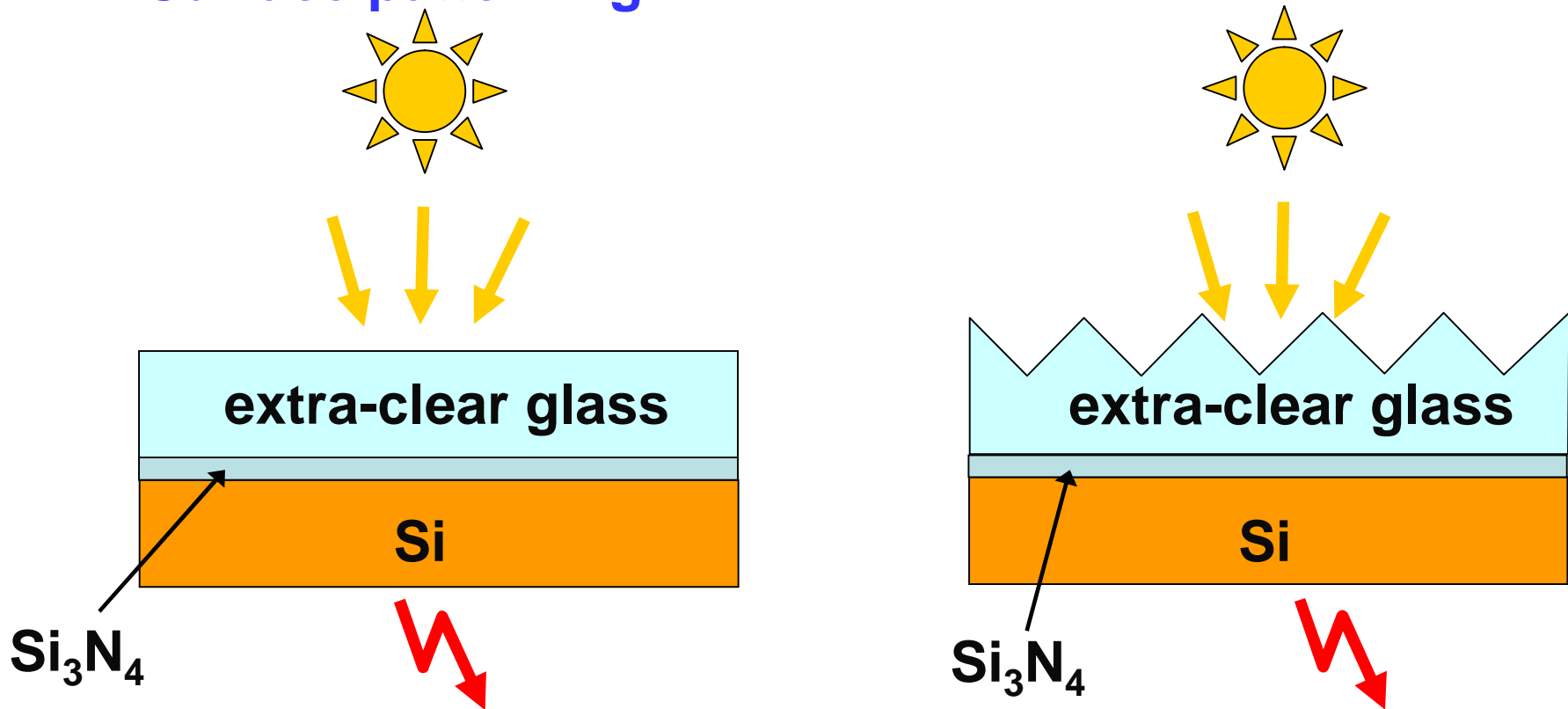
☞ **Glass is a transparent durable encapsulant and a substrate for thin film**



Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(2/10)

☞ Surface treatments for anti-reflection and light-trapping :

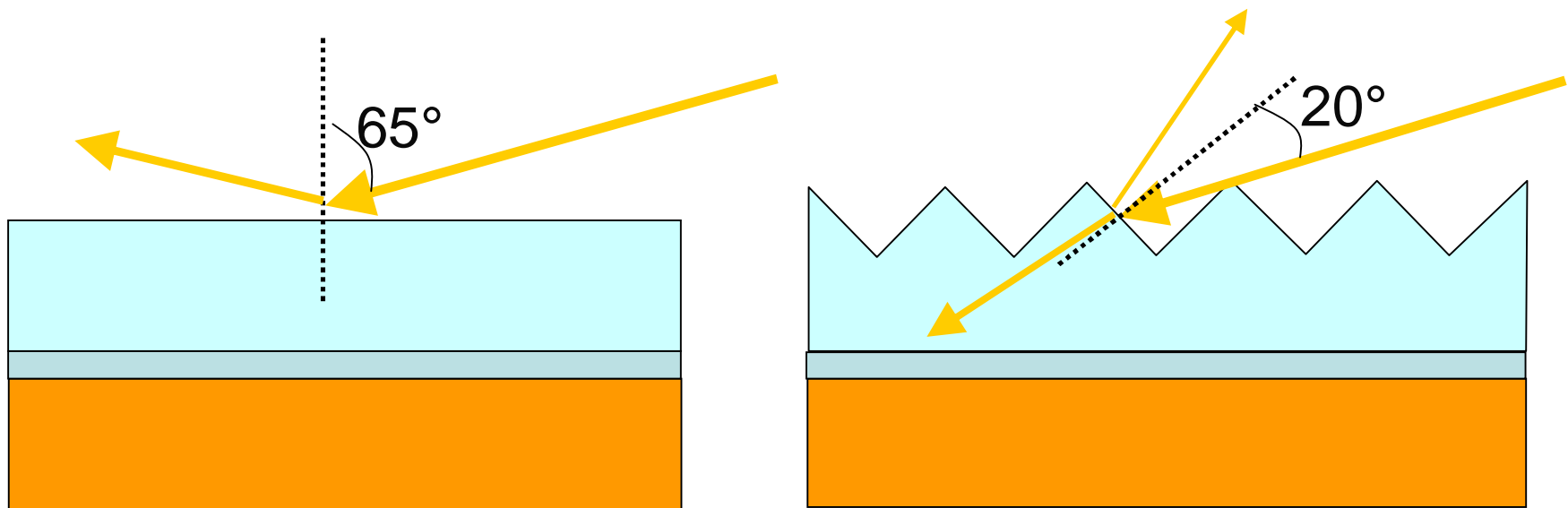
1. Surface patterning



2 effects: anti-reflection and light trapping

Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(3/10)

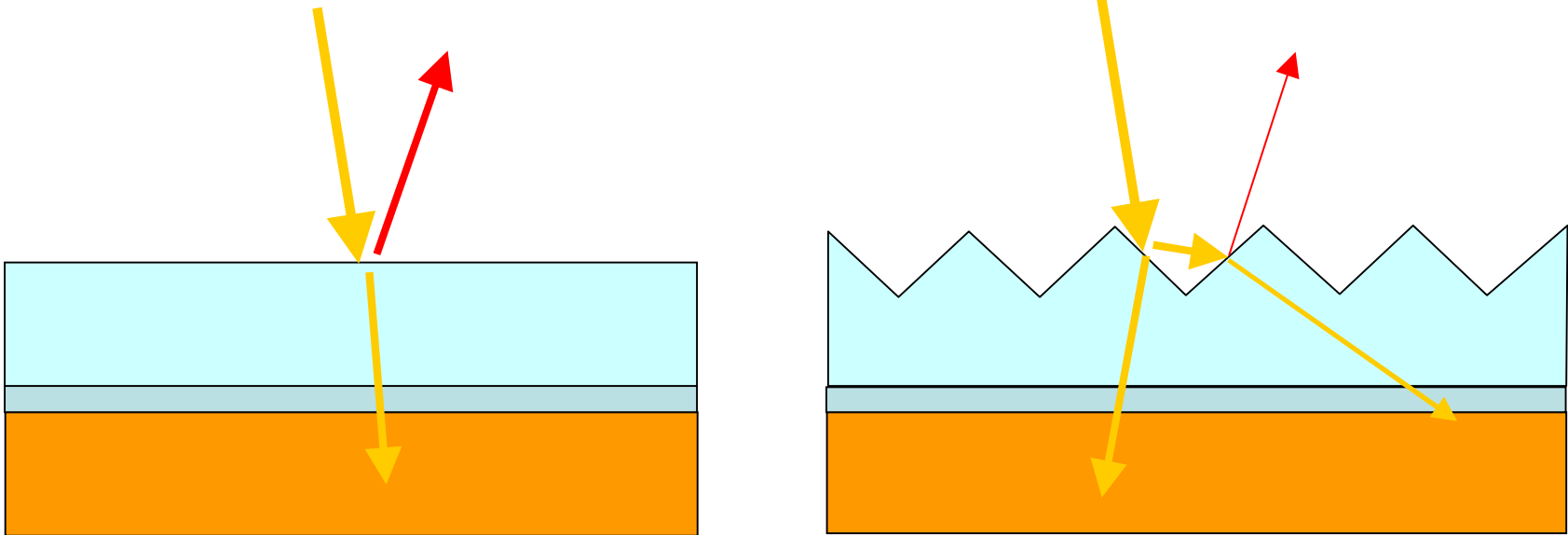
☞ Antireflection



Reduction of the angle of incidence

Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(4/10)

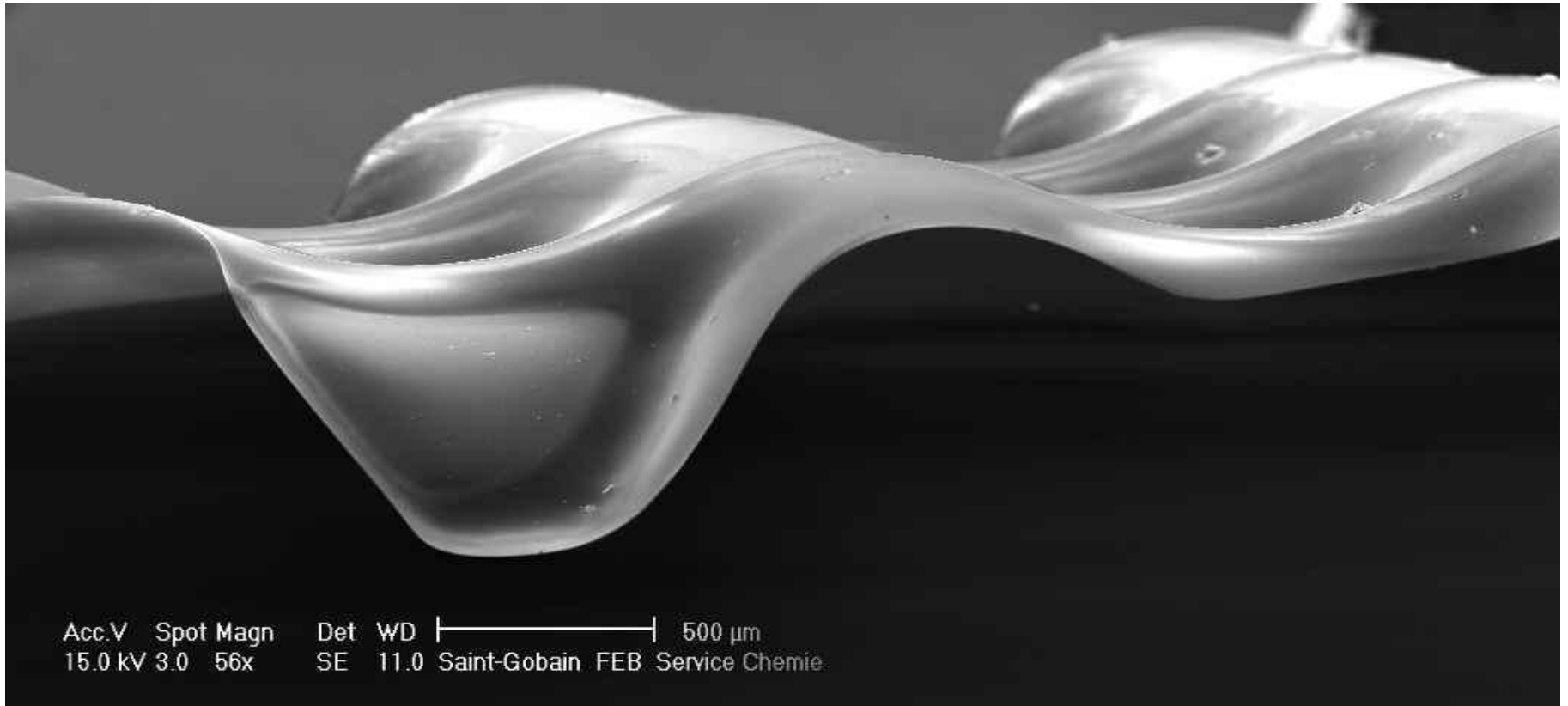
☞ Light trapping



Several reflections are needed to definitively « loose » a light ray

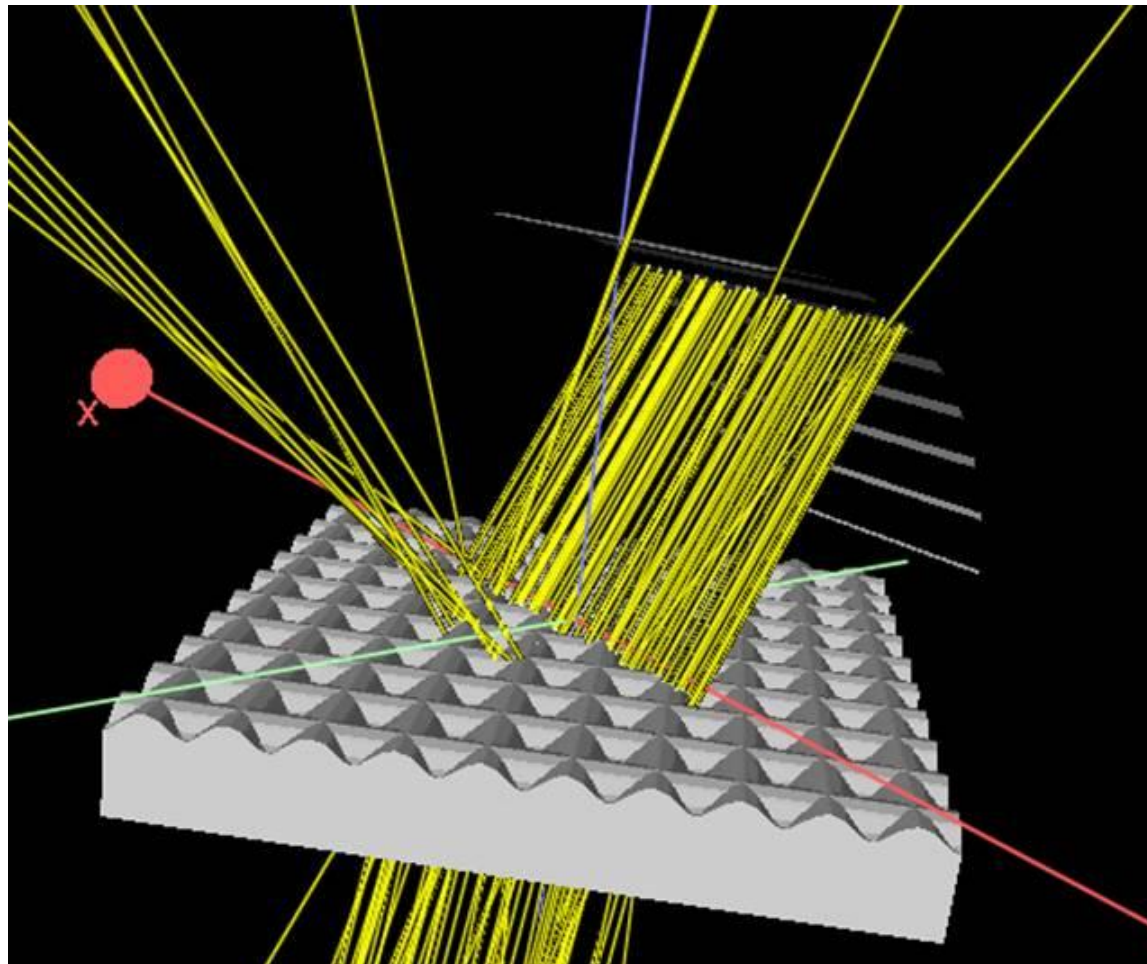
Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(5/10)

👉 Patterned glass



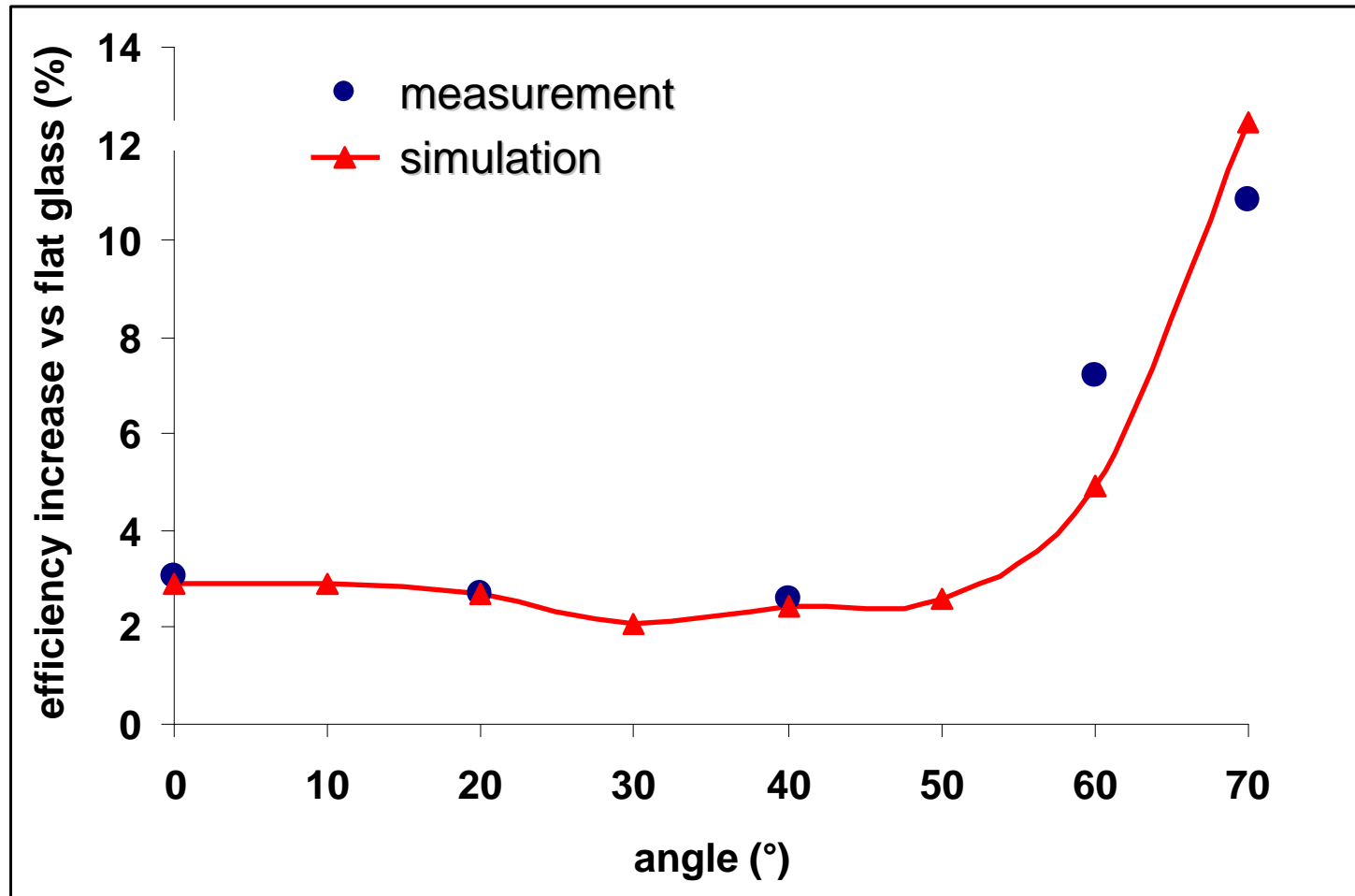
Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(6/10)

👉 Optical simulations of patterned glass (Monte-Carlo ray tracing)



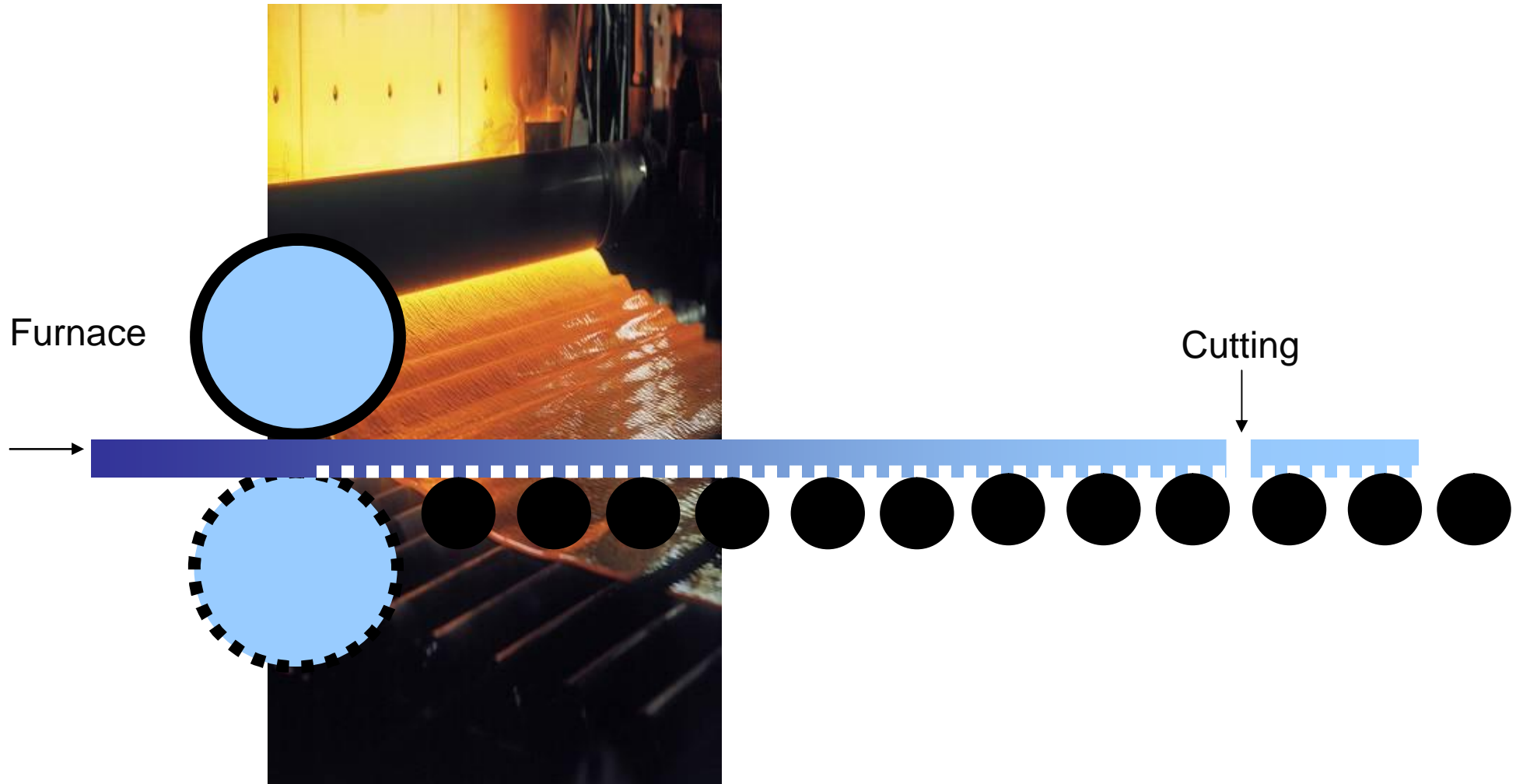
Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(7/10)

👉 Increase of energy conversion efficiency



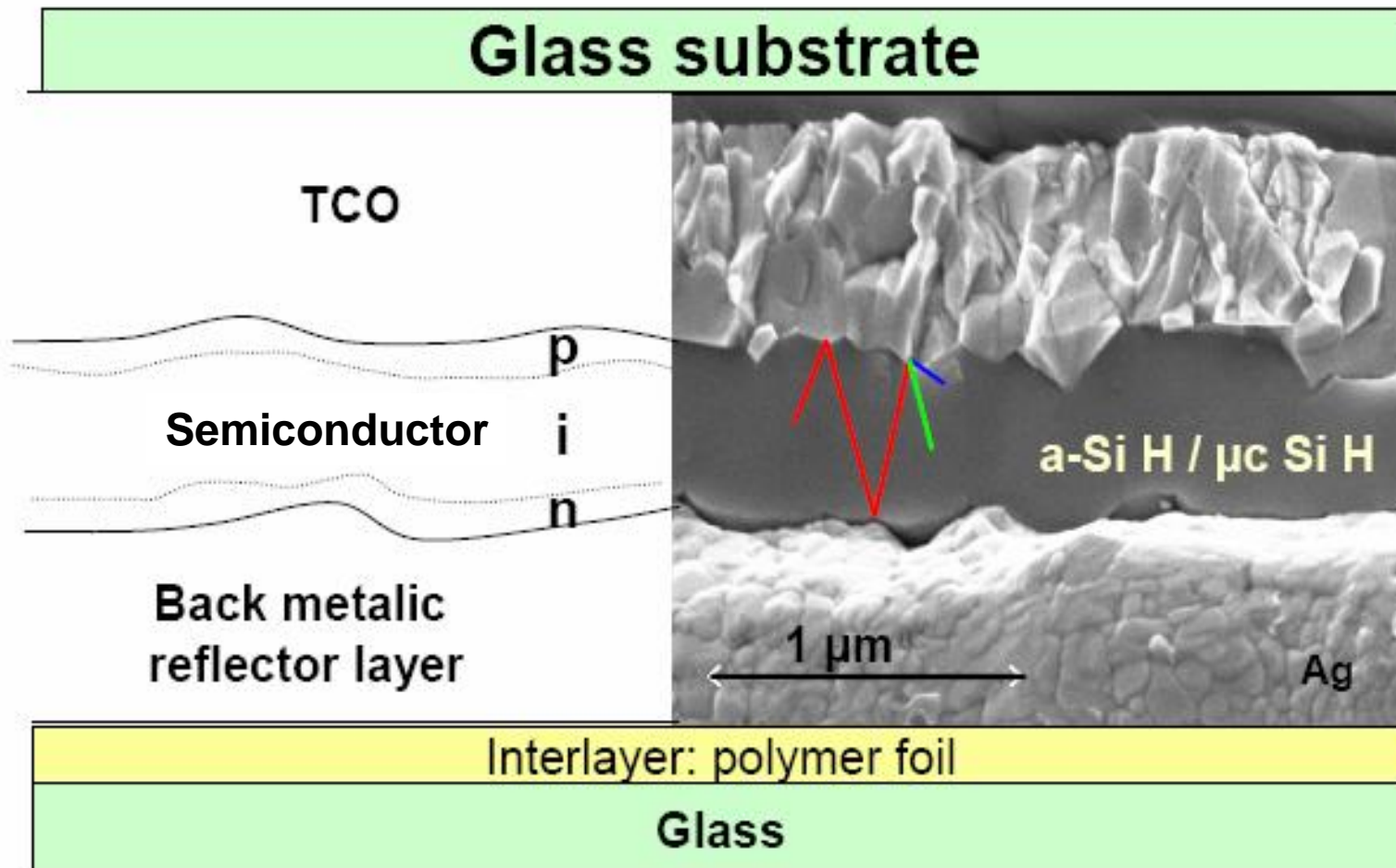
Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(8/10)

☞ Texturation process : lamination between master rolls



Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(9/10)

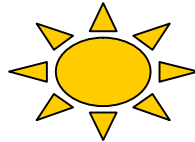
👉 Glass makers master all the technologies needed for the production of Gen 2 solar cells



Glass for generation 2 photovoltaics(10/10)

☞ **Glass makers master all the technologies needed for the production of Gen 2 solar cells**

→ **Some of them become industrial players in solar cells : ex. Avancis, a subsidiary of Saint-Gobain**



Extra-clear Glass

Polymer foil

Transparent conducting oxide (TCO)

Copper-Indium-Selenium

Molybdenum

Standard glass



Agenda :

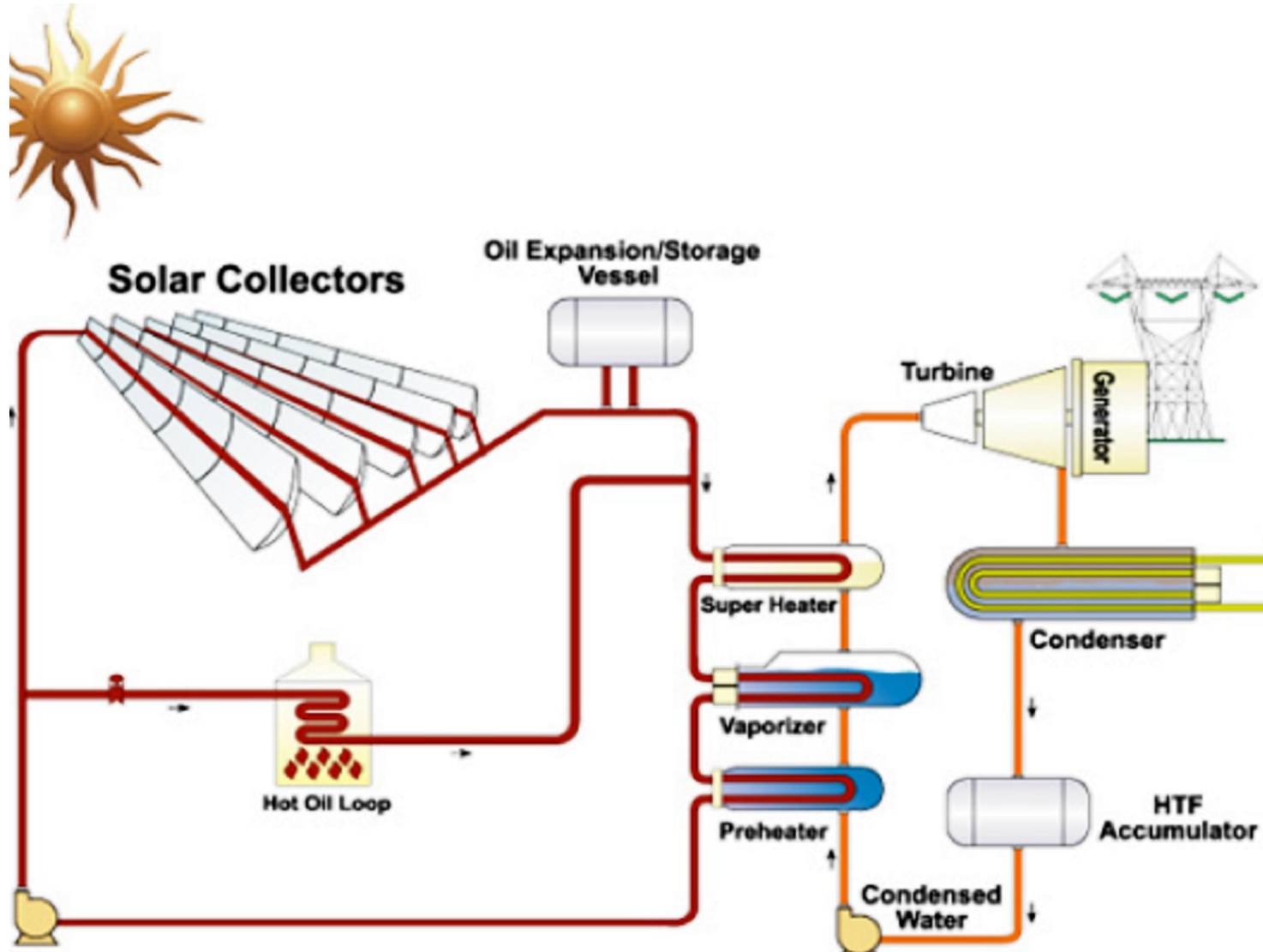
Glass for energy saving in buildings

1. Glasswool
2. High performance thermal insulating glazing
3. Smart windows

Glass for the production of energy

4. Photovoltaics
- 5. Thermal solar
6. Windmills
7. Nuclear fission
8. Nuclear fusion

Concentrated solar power(1/2)



Concentrated solar power(2/2)



☞ **sunlight concentrating
cylindrico-parabolic glass
mirrors**

“Antireflection coating on external
glass surface

“Geometrical tolerance

“Durability of the reflective metal
coating



☞ **absorber tube**

In steel, with envelope tube
consisting of coated, highly-
transparent and robust borosilicate
glass

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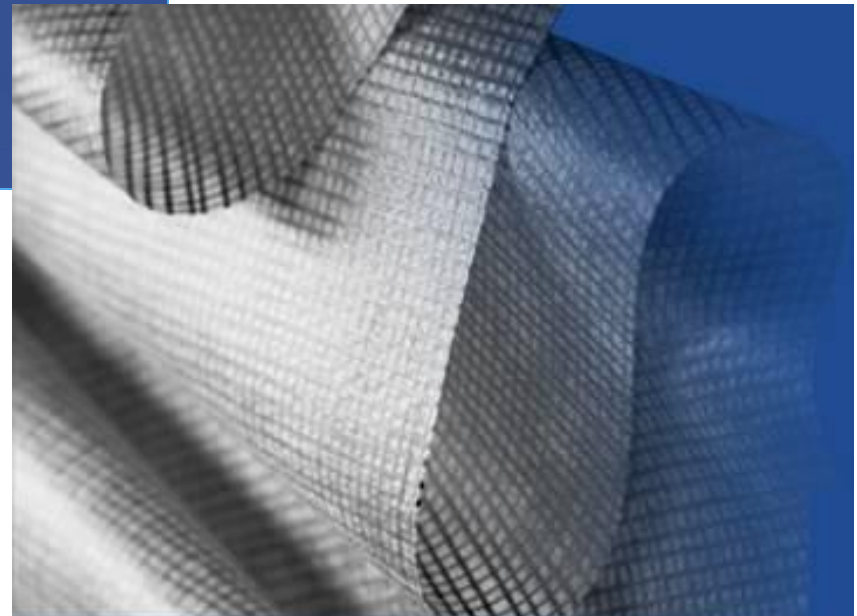
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Reinforcing glass fabrics(1/2)




👉 High modulus glass



Reinforcing glass fabrics(2/2)

	E glass	Typical high modulus glass	
SiO ₂	55.7	59.5	
Al ₂ O ₃	13.2	15.9	←
CaO	23.1	14.8	
MgO	0.2	8.8	←
B ₂ O ₃	6.2	---	
TLiquidus (°C)	1120	1230	


High modulus glass
 Young modulus \hat{A} 94 GPa compared with 85 GPa for E glass.

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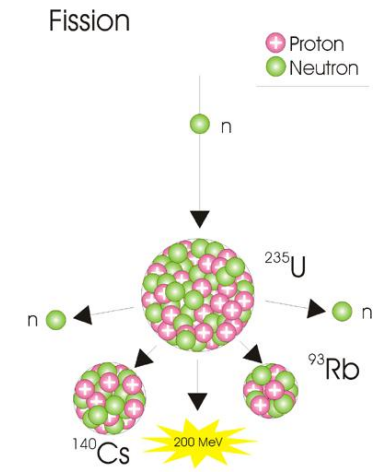
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Glass for inerting nuclear waste(3/3)

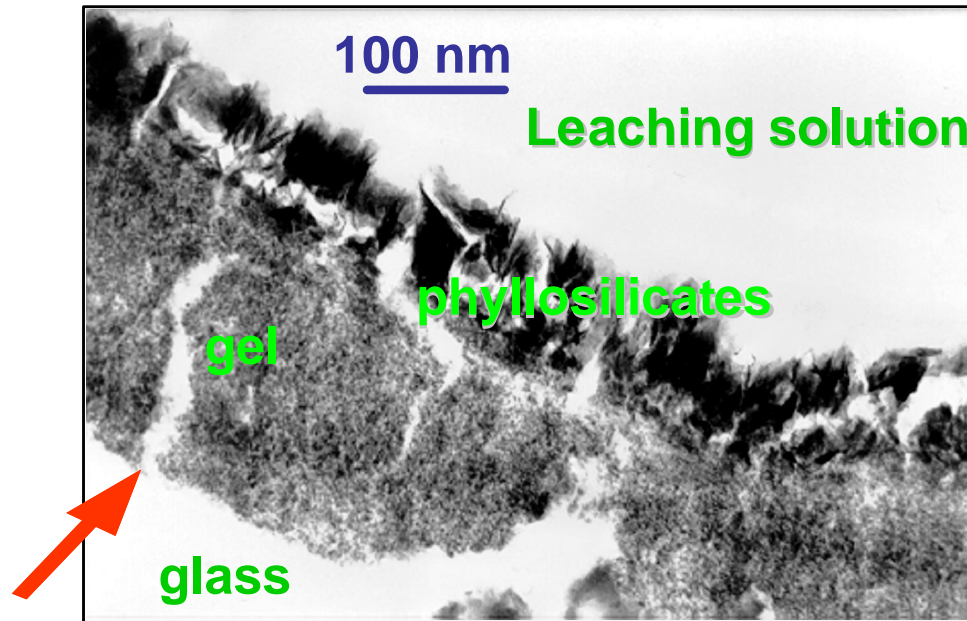
➔ simplified composition of the CEA glass for nuclear waste confinement

Component (weight %)	SON68
Al ₂ O ₃	4.9
B ₂ O ₃	14.0
CaO	4.0
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.9
Li ₂ O	2.0
MgO	~ 0
MoO ₂	1.7
Na ₂ O	9.9
SiO ₂	45.5
ZnO	2.5
Other components*	12.6
Total	100.0



Glass for inerting nuclear waste(1/3)

Crédit : C.E.A.



Glass-gel

☞ **Need for very-long term hydrolytic
resistance**

Process for inerting nuclear waste(2/3)



Elaborate a glass from waste is a compromise

Ability to accomodate the waste
Solubility (Cr, Ru, Rh, Pd, Ce, Pu, SO₄, Cl)
Phase separation (Mo, SO₄, Cl, P)
Devitrification (Mo, P, F, Mg, ...)
Maximize the waste loading

Formulation

Process / Technology

Ease of processing
Melting temperature
Viscosity, reactivity, residence time,
Electrical cond., thermal cond.
Additives needed

Glass performance

Properties for storage/disposal
Thermal stability
Chemical durability
Resistance to self irradiation
Mechanical properties



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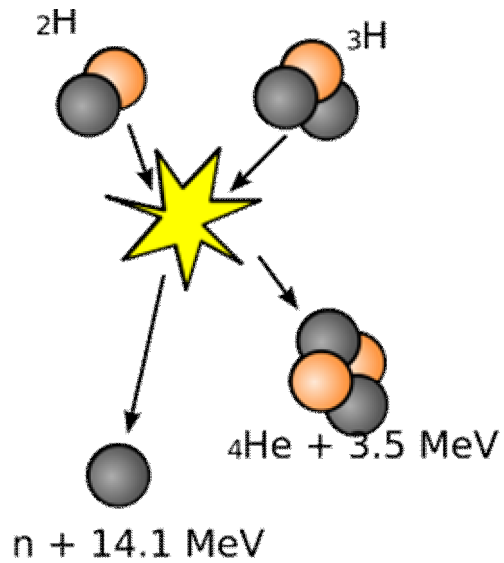
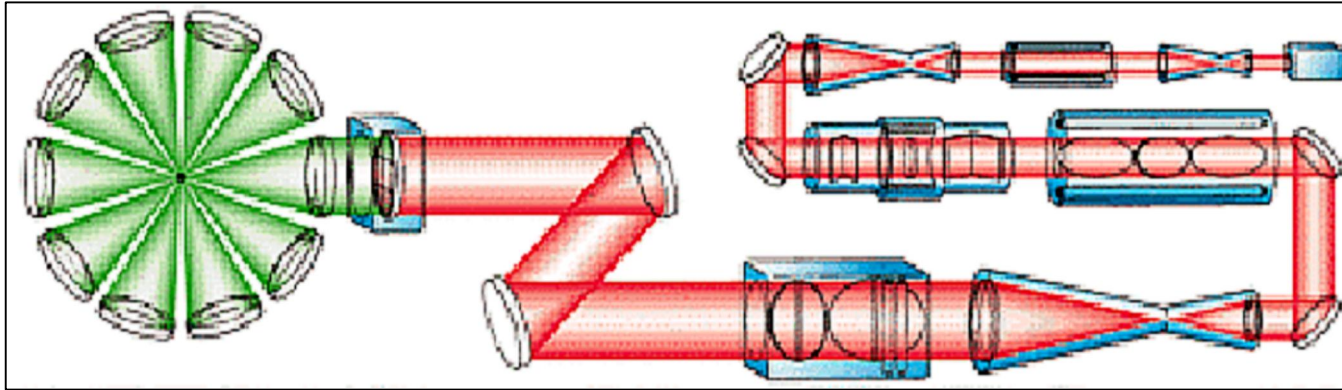
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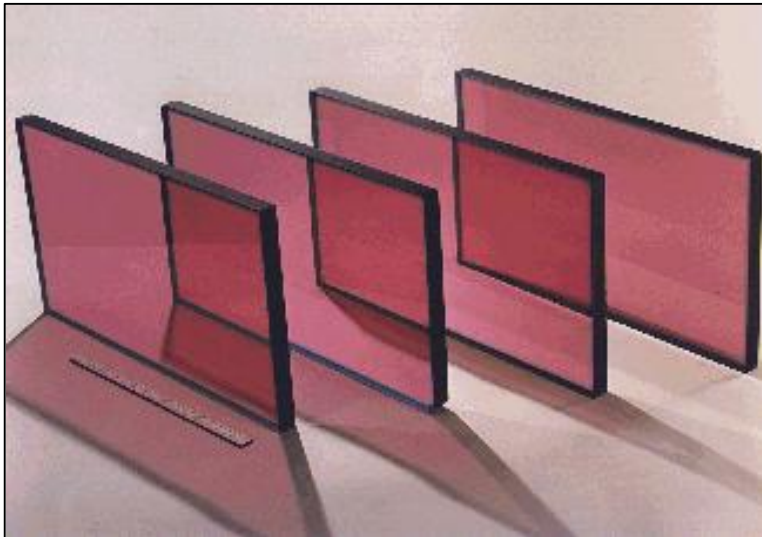
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The energy of the future?(1/3)



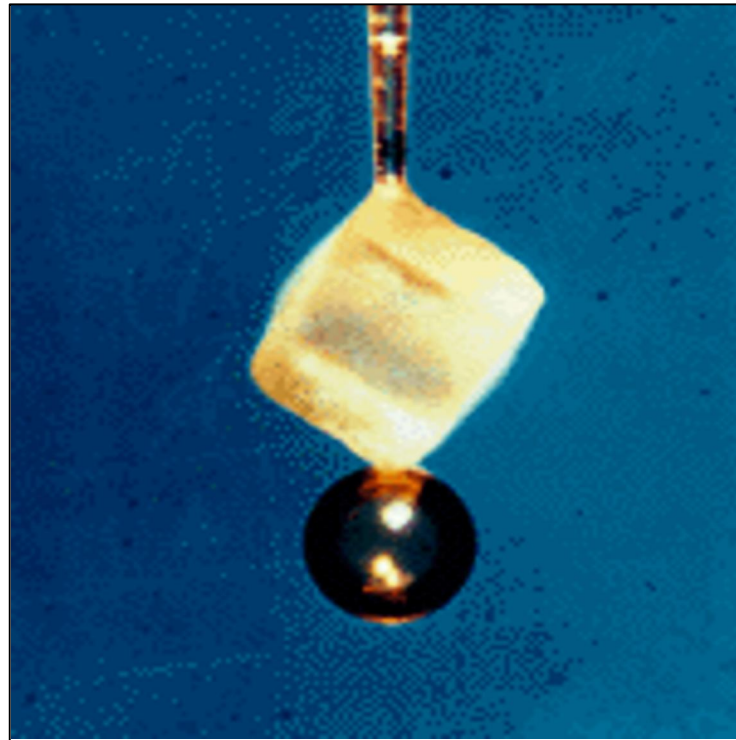
The energy of the future?(2/3)



☞ Each reactor would
require hundreds of tons
of optically amplifier
glass

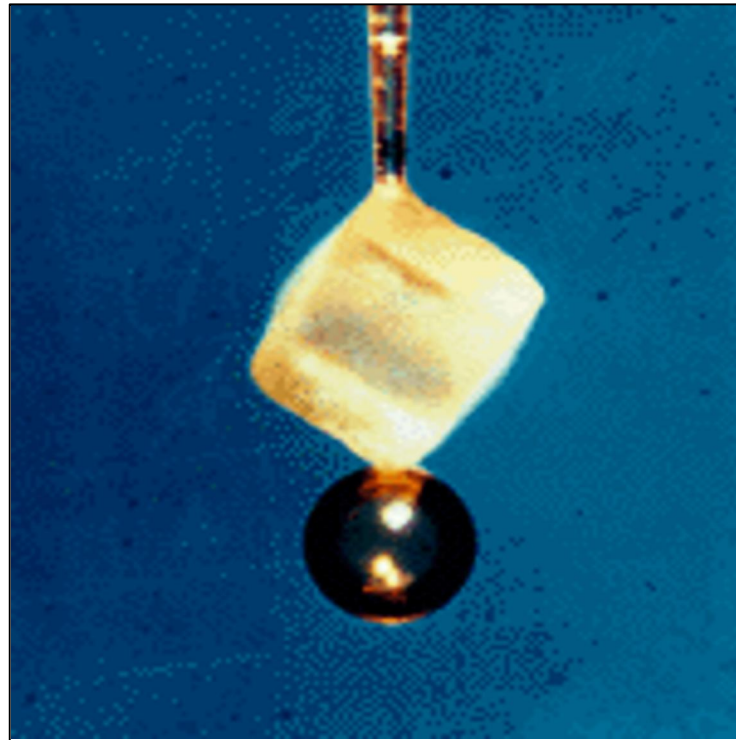


The energy of the future?(3/3)



☞ The deuterium and tritium mixing is encapsulated in this 5 millimeters diameter capsule

The energy of the future?(3/3)



☞ The deuterium and tritium mixing is encapsulated in this 5 millimeters diameter capsule, made of glass of course.



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CONCLUSIONS

- “ **Energy represents a very promising future for glass**
- “ **Thin film science and technology is part of glass science and technology**
- “ **There is another important aspect of relation between energy and glass : energy used for making lass. Melting and fining of glass require a lot of energy. This has to be improved rapidly.**



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