

# VERRES EXOTIQUES

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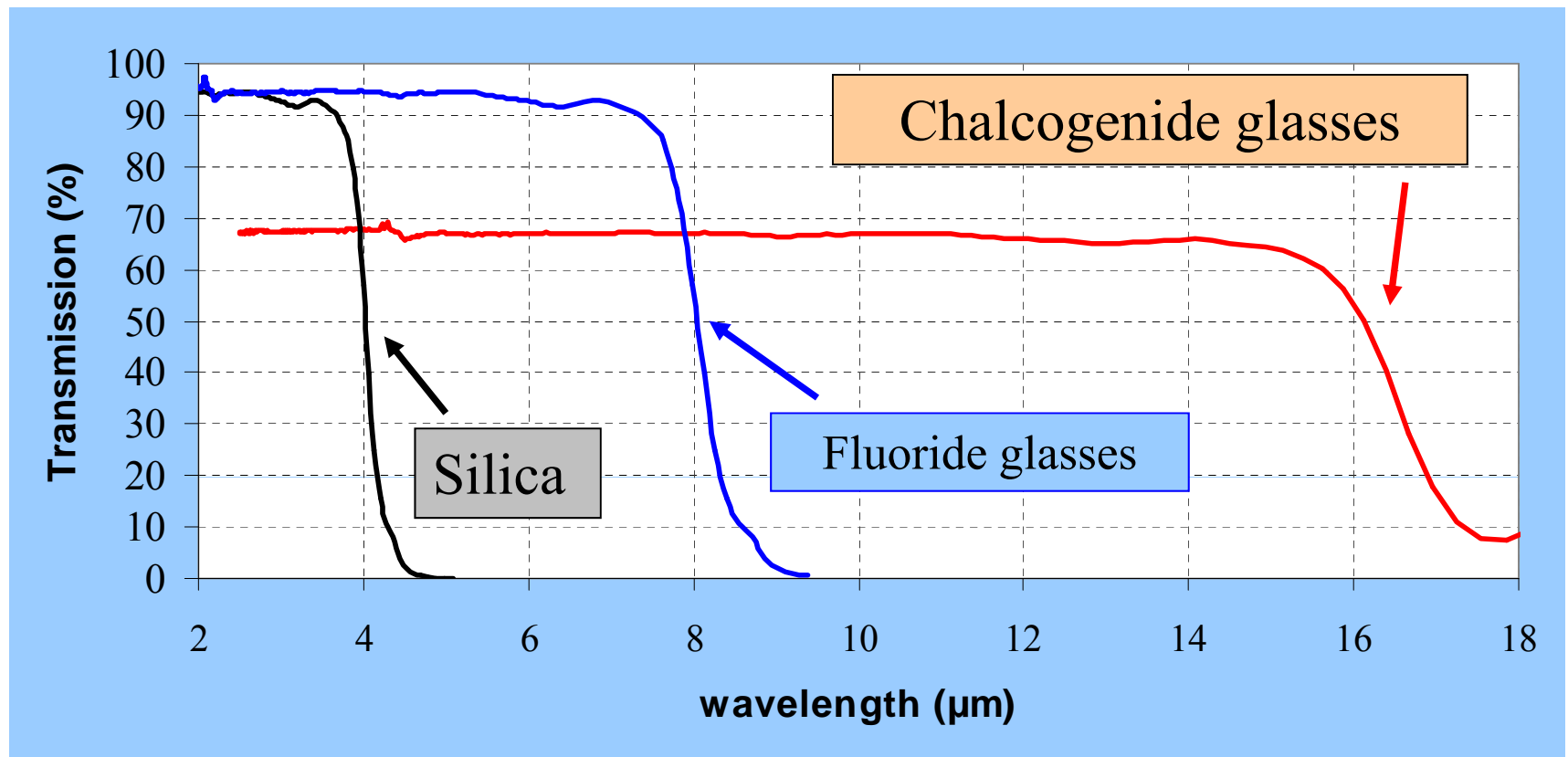
Verres base oxydes →  
Énergies de phonon élevées  
 $W_p = 1100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  pour  $\text{SiO}_2$   
opaque dans le moyen Infrarouge

Chimie d'atomes lourds nécessaire →

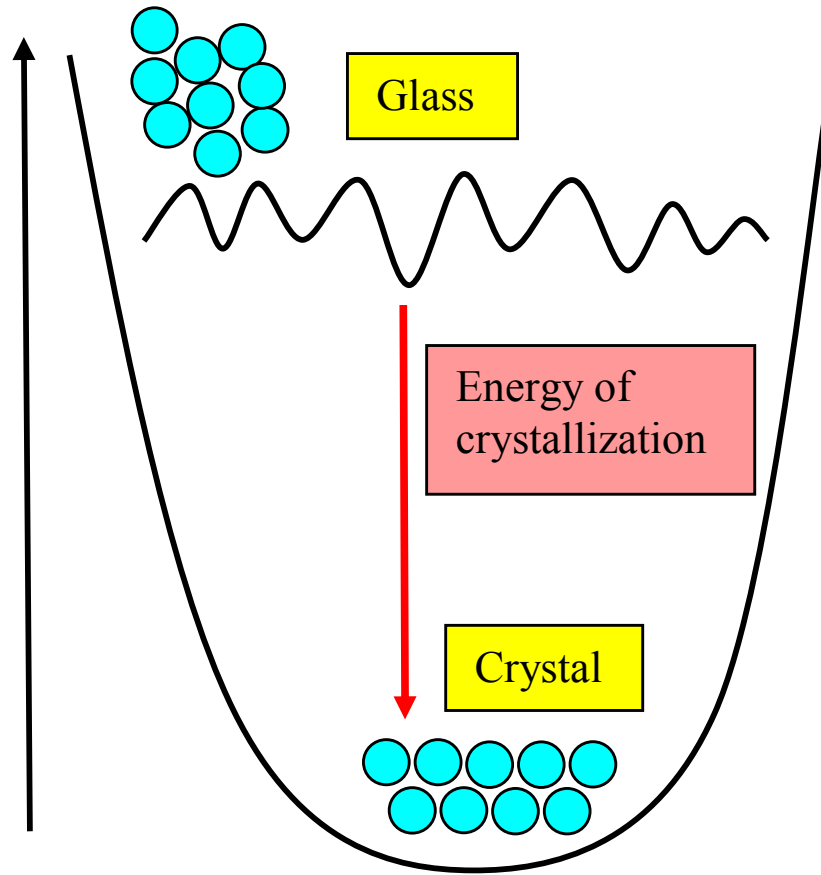
HALOGENURES surtout fluorures

CHALCOGENURES: S, Se, Te

# Transmission of different glasses



# Energy landscape



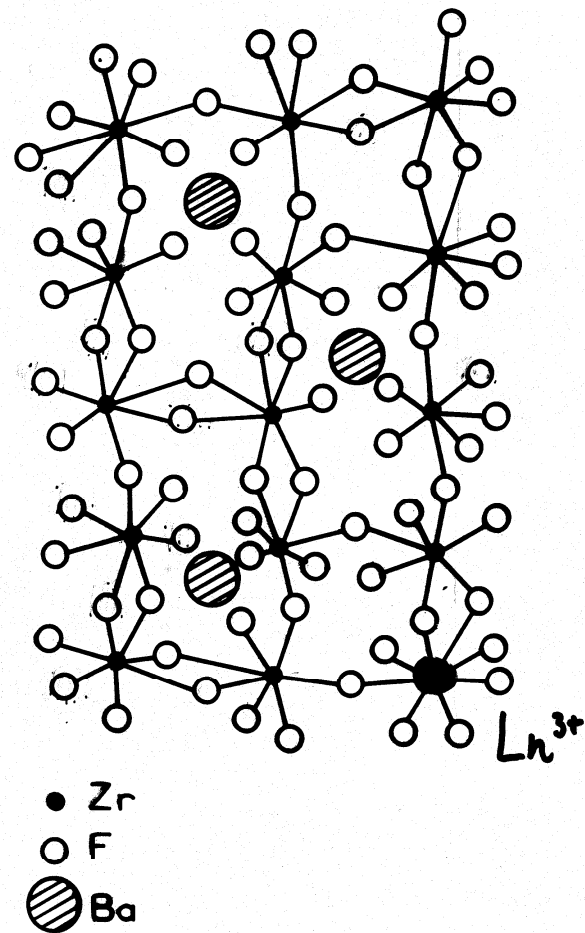
# Fluoride Glass Families

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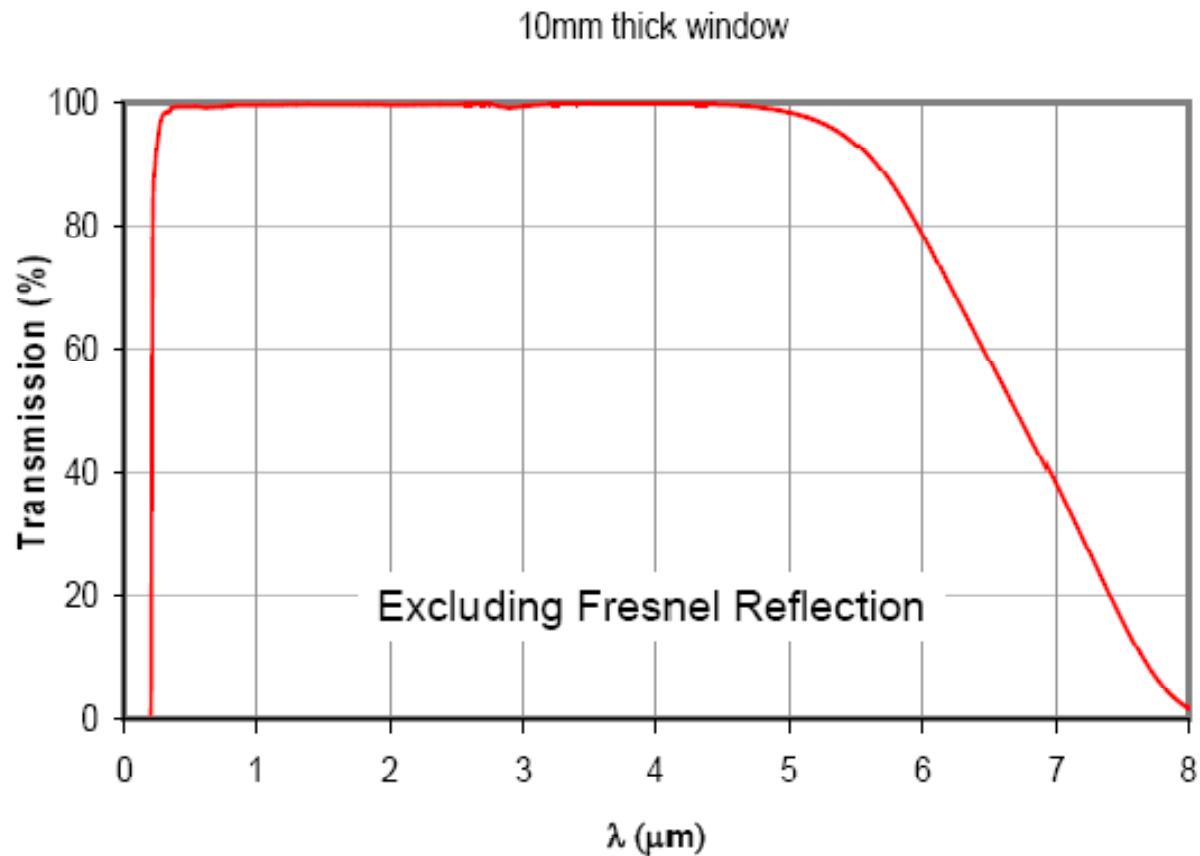
- **Fluorozirconate  $ZrF_4$** 
  - Lowest attenuation
  - High Strength up to 100 kpsi
  - Transmission from 0.3 to 4.3  $\mu m$
- **Fluoroindate  $InF_3$** 
  - Fiber Transmission from 0.3 to 5.5  $\mu m$
- **Fluoroaluminate  $AlF_3$** 
  - Less stable, but high resistance to liquid  $H_2O$
- **Fluorogallate  $GaF_3$ ; Fluorozincate  $ZnF_2$ ; Others**

Hundreds of compositions but only few can be drawn into commercial fibers

# Structure des Verres de Fluorures



# ZBLAN Fluoride Glass Transmission

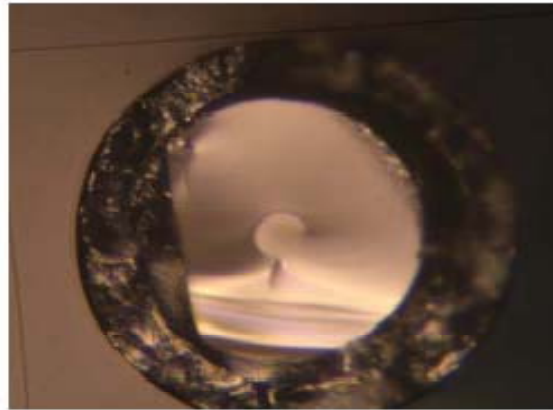


# ZBLAN fibers

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SM fiber 9 um core



D-shaped Fiber



Multimode

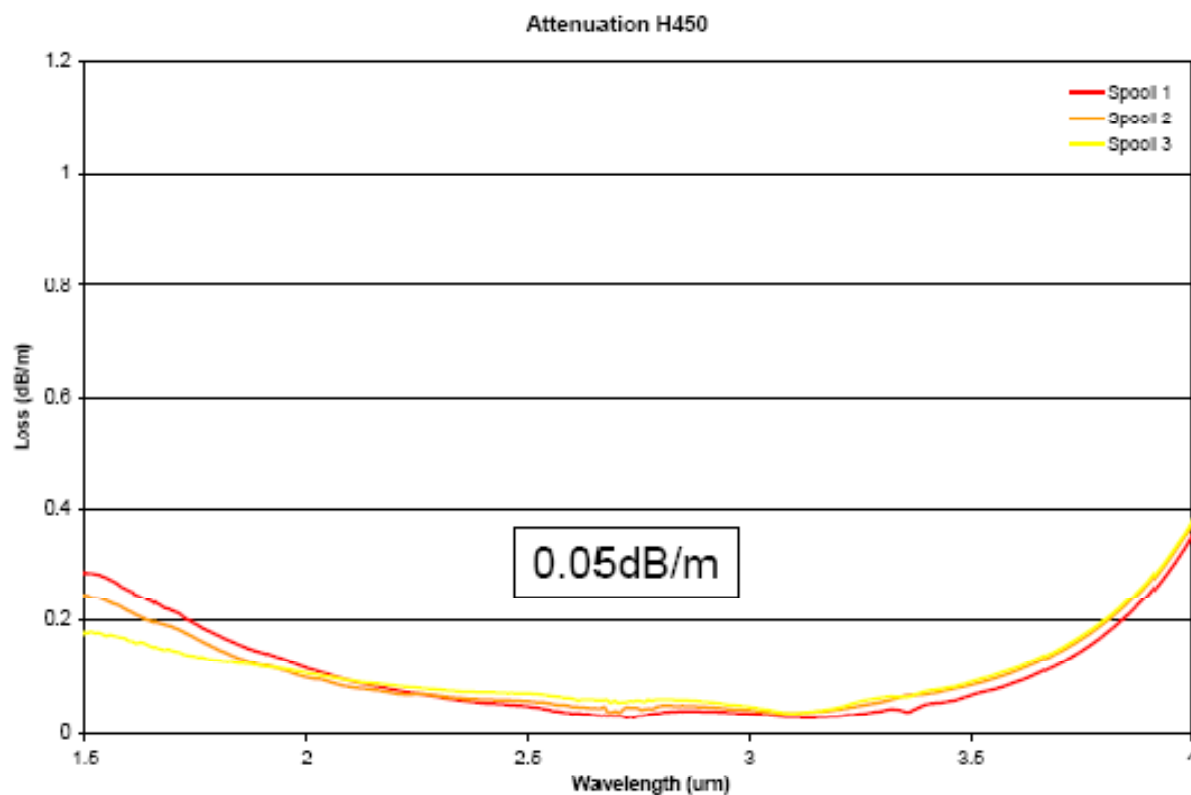


# Type of fluoride fibers

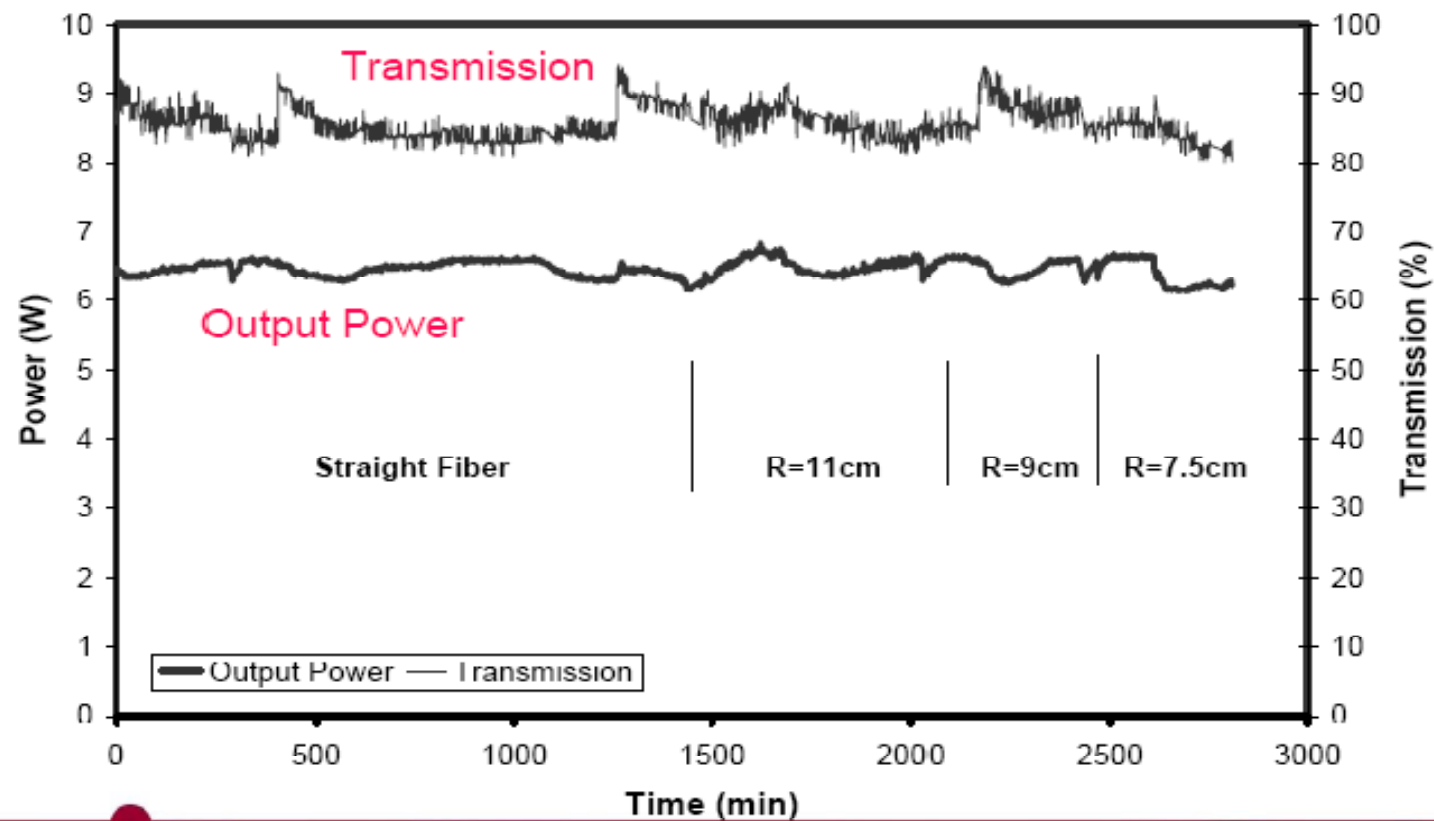
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- Multimode (20 to 800  $\mu\text{m}$  core)
- Single mode (2 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  core)
- Exotics fibers (D, square ....)
- Micro-structured fiber
- Bragg Grating
  
- Na from 0.05 to 0.3 (0.45)

# Typical ZBLAN Fiber attenuation From IRphotonics



# ZBLAN High Power Laser 2.78um Transmission 2.240000 shots



# iCure System From IRphotonics

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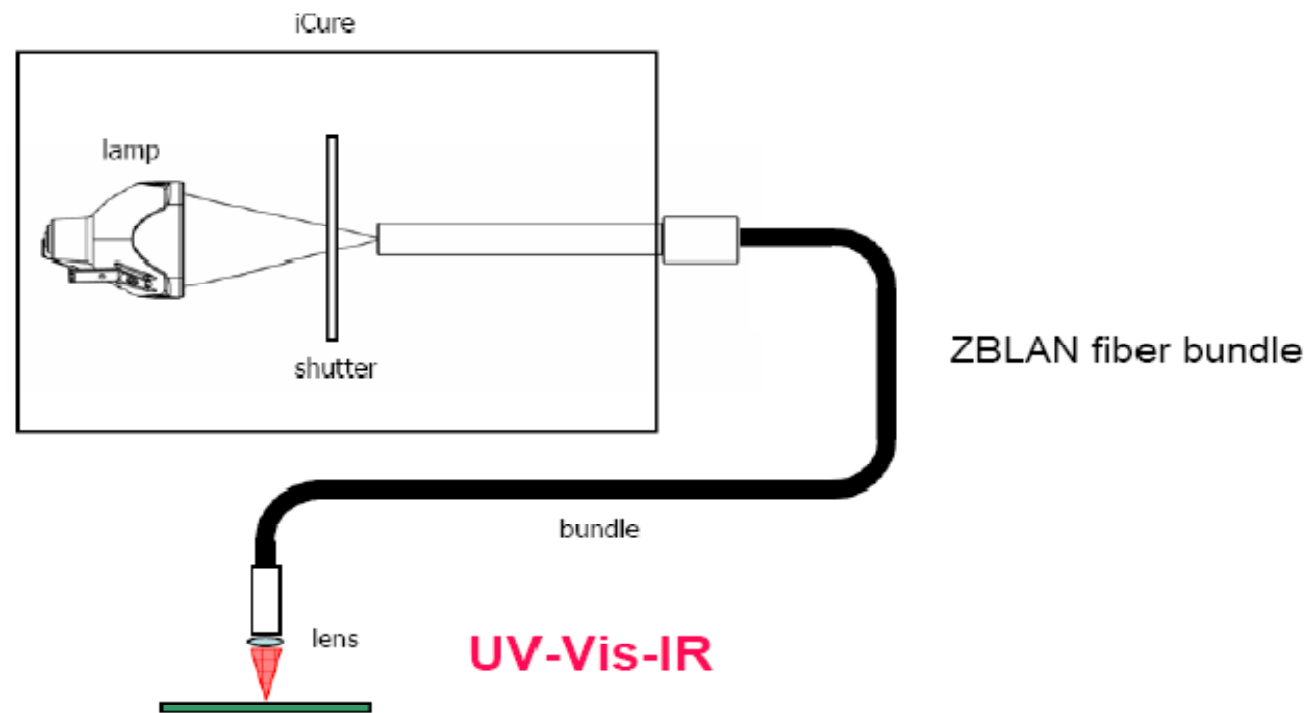
**Spot curing system  
Using Uv-Vis-Ir energy**

**Bundle ZBLAN Fibers**

**Curing time for most epoxies  
5 to 15 s**

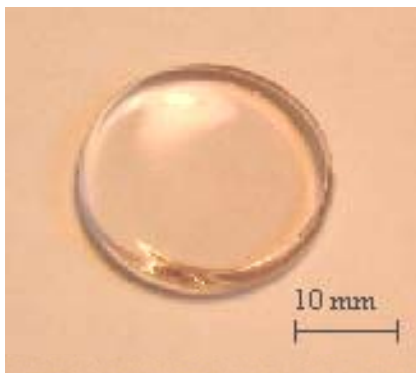


# Thermal Spot Curing: Basics




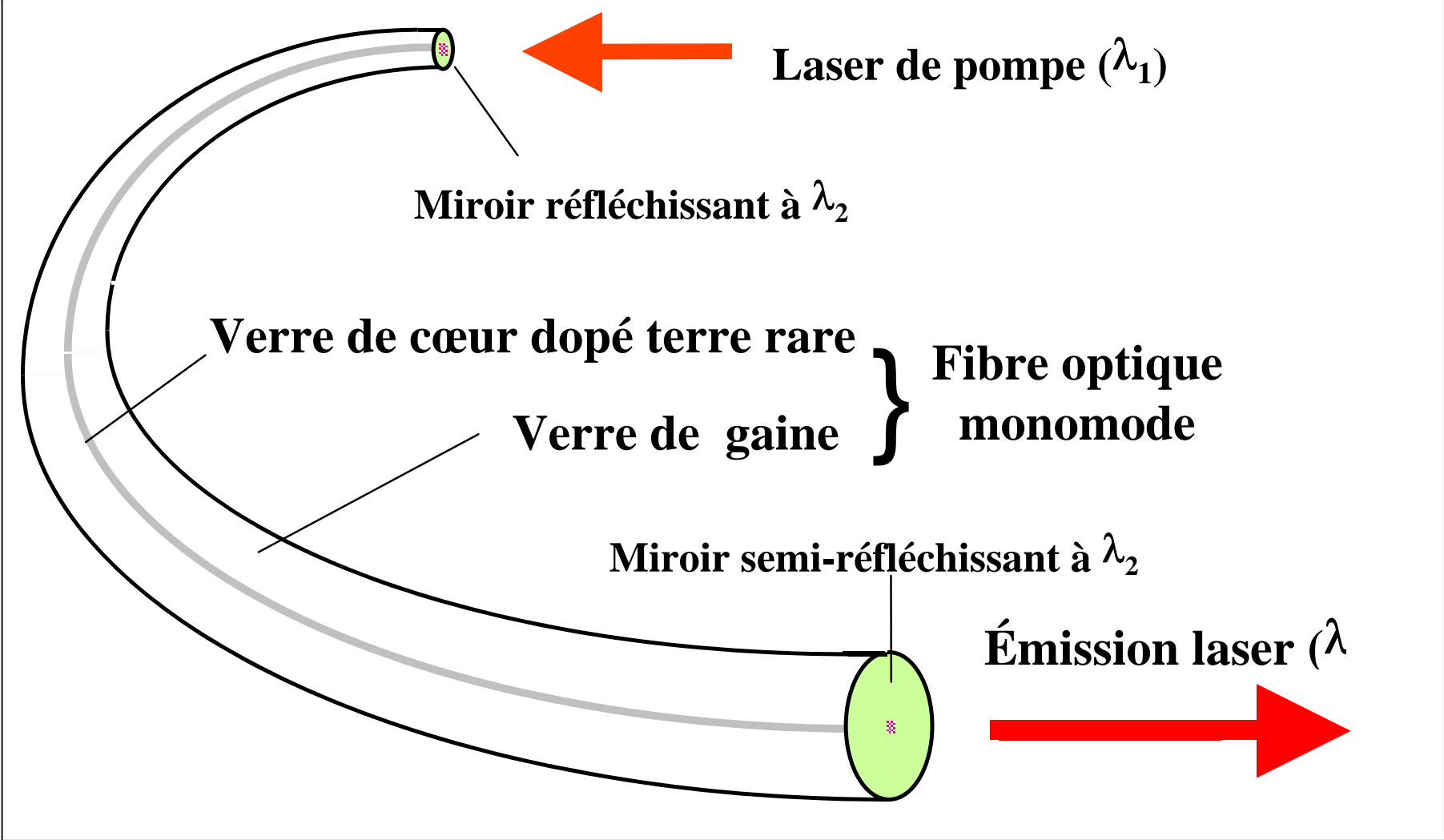
# VERRES DE FLUORURES POUR L'OPTIQUE GUIDÉE

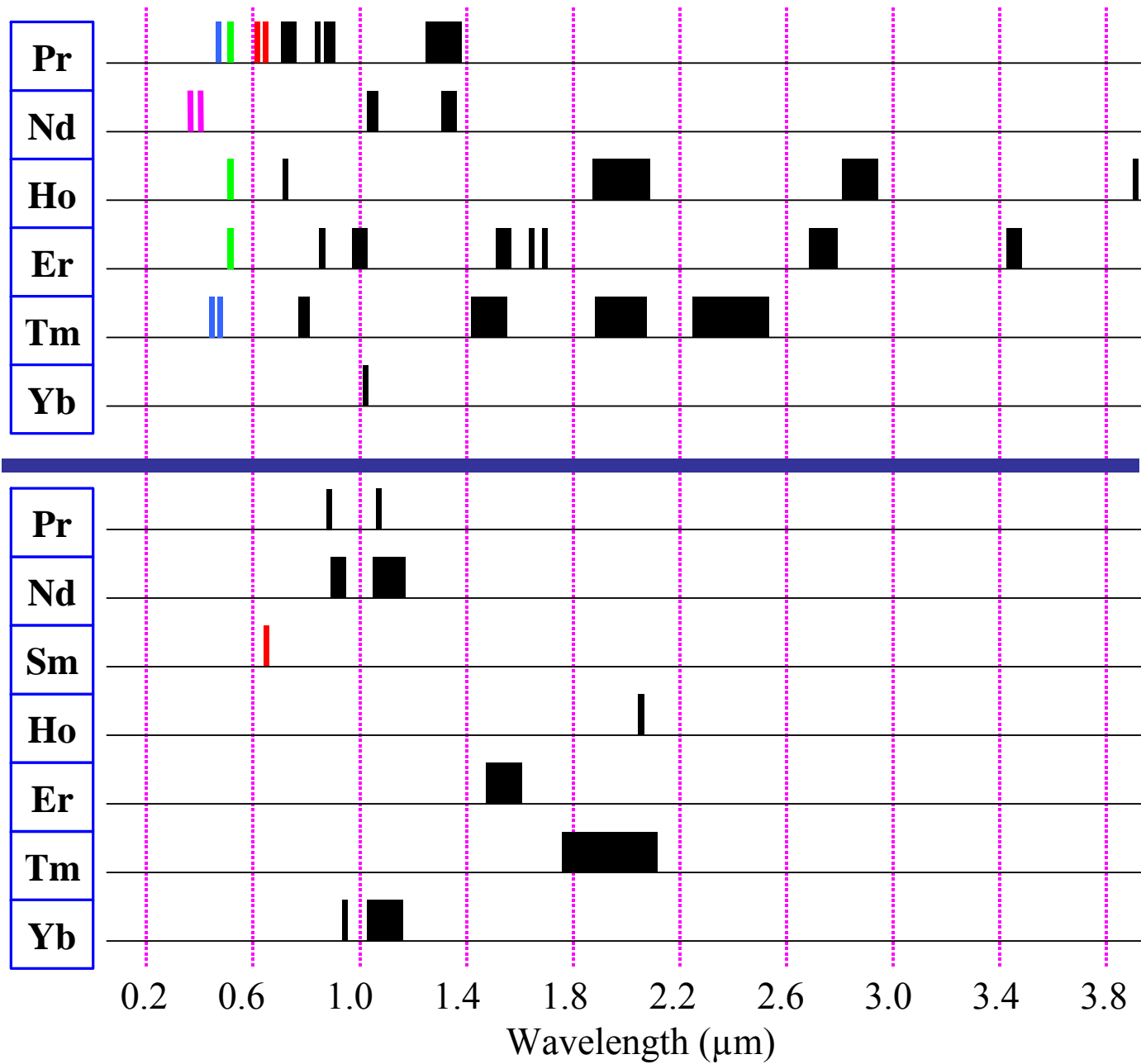
Glass	Composition	T <sub>g</sub> (°C)	T <sub>x</sub> (°C)	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	n <sub>d</sub>	
ZBLAN	ZrF <sub>4</sub> – BaF <sub>2</sub> – LaF <sub>3</sub> – AlF <sub>3</sub> – NaF	262	352	455	1.498	Optical fibers
ZBLA	without NaF	307	392	548	1.516	Channel waveguides
PZG	39 PbF <sub>2</sub> - 29 ZnF <sub>2</sub> - 32 GaF <sub>3</sub>	266	304	543	1.574	



## Fonction active


 Dopage terre rare Ln<sup>3+</sup>:  
 (Nd<sup>3+</sup>, Pr<sup>3+</sup>, Tm<sup>3+</sup>, Er<sup>3+</sup>)





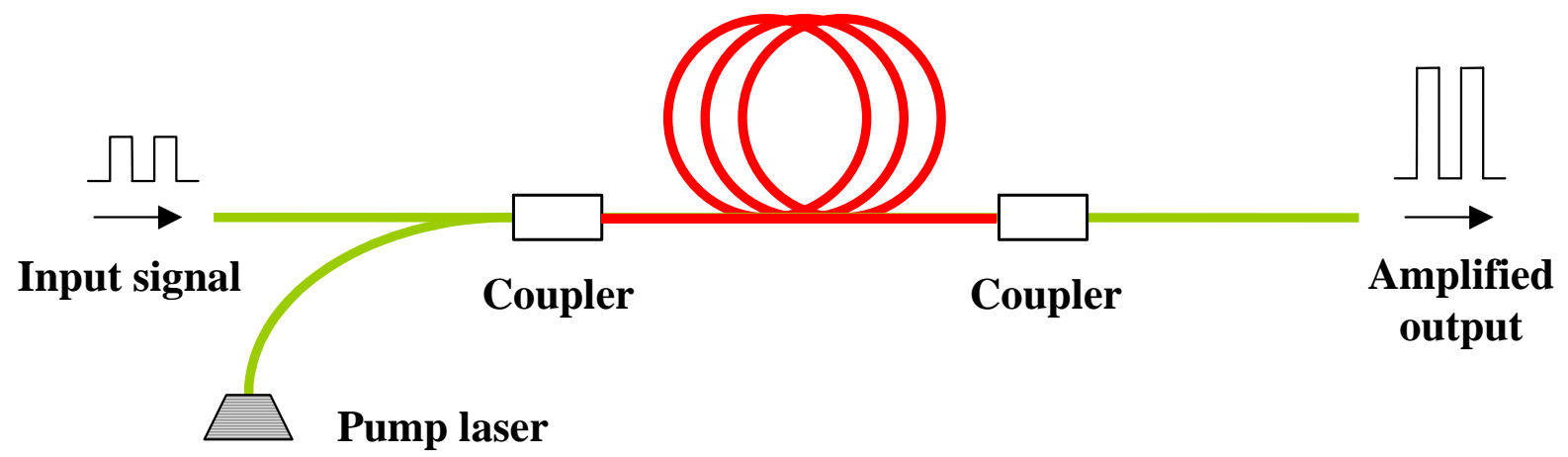
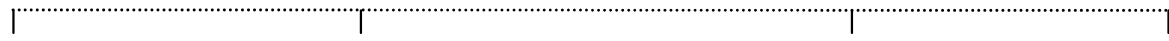
Fluoride glass

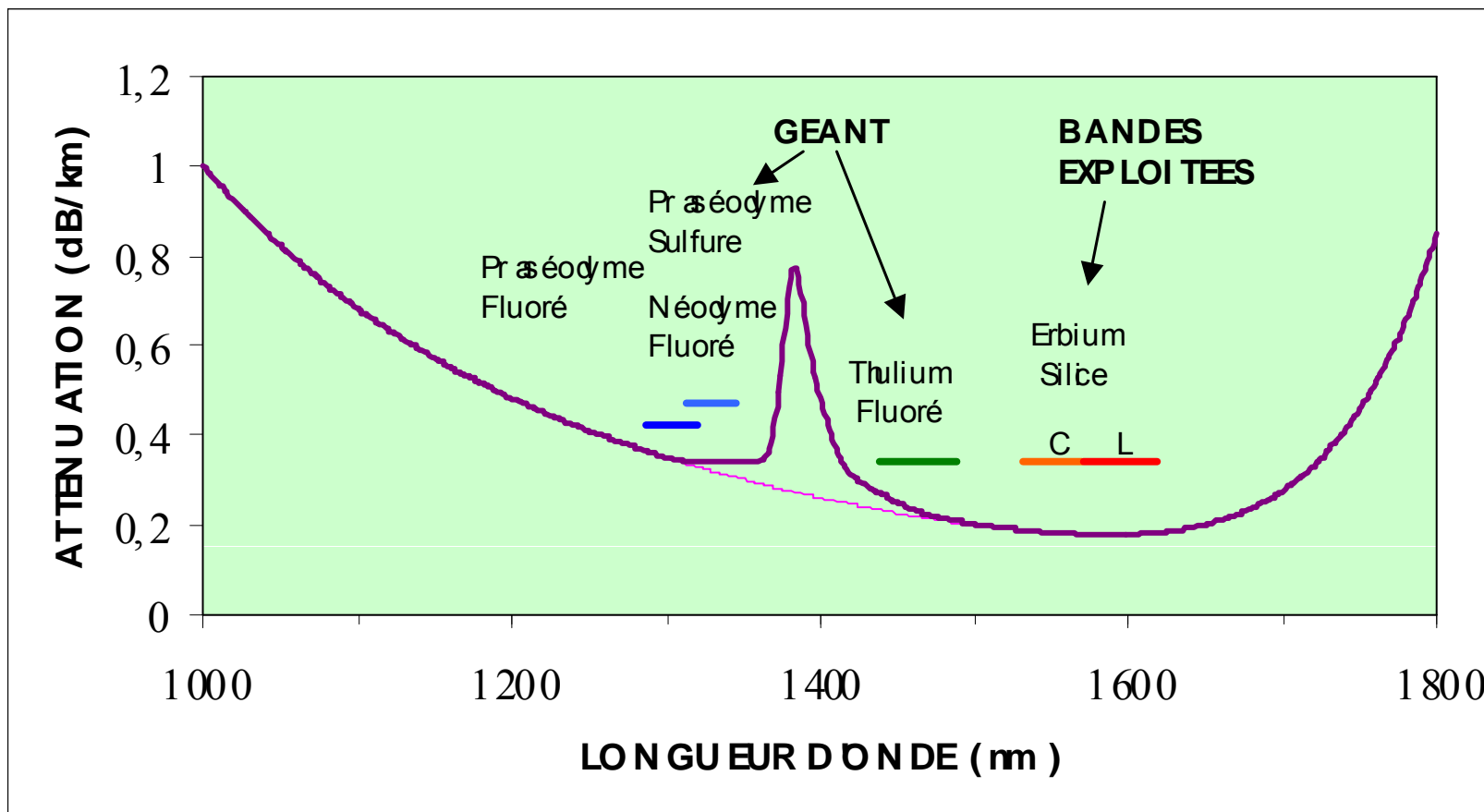
Silica glass





**Line**  
**- silica -**      **Optical amplifier**  
**RE-doped fiber (Er, Tm, Pr)**      **Line**  
**- silica -**





# Chalcogenide glasses

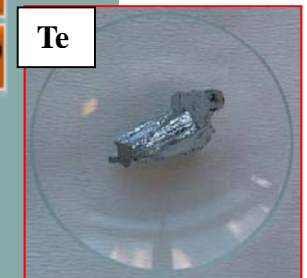
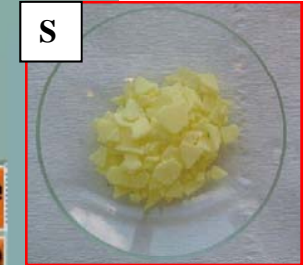


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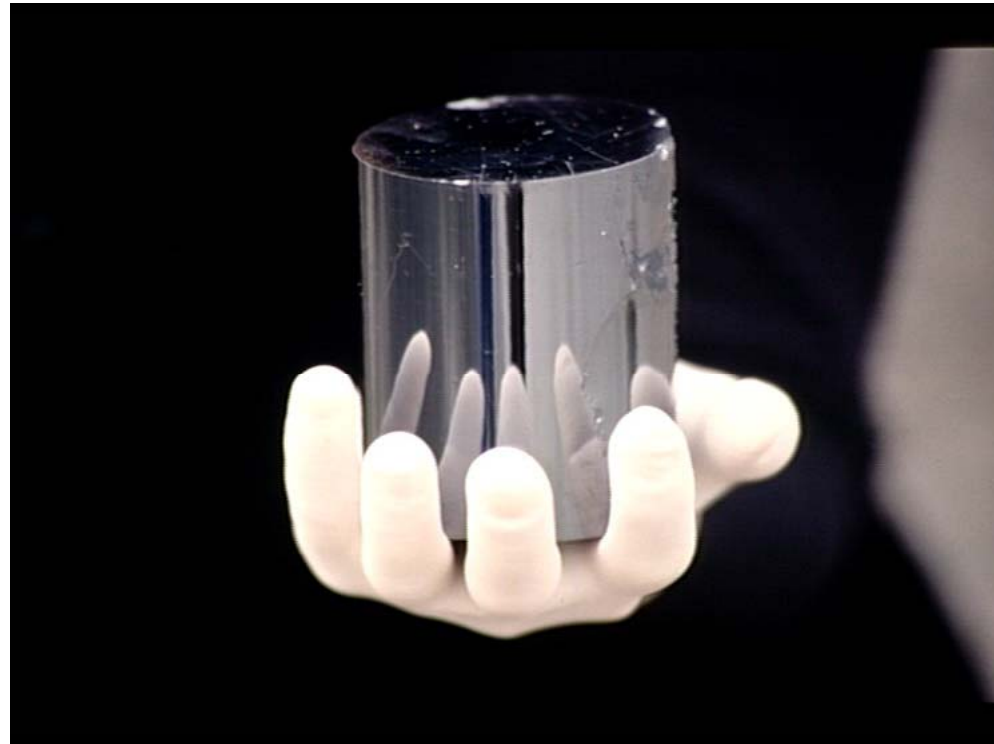
**Tableau périodique des éléments**  
et quelques-unes de leurs applications pratiques

- remplissage des électrons au niveau s
- remplissage des électrons au niveau p
- remplissage des électrons au niveau d
- remplissage des électrons au niveau f

Ia												IIa												IIa	2
1												2												10	18
H												B	C	N	O	F	Ne								
Li	Be											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar								
Na	Mg											Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr								
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr								
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe								
Cs	Ba	Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn								
Fr	Ra	Lr	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Uun	Uuu	Uub	Uut	Uuq	Uup	Uuh	Uus	Uuo								
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb										
		Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No										



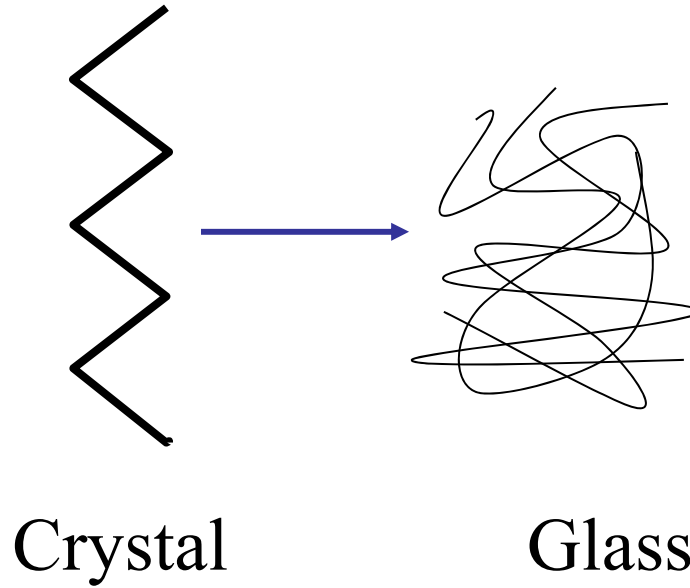
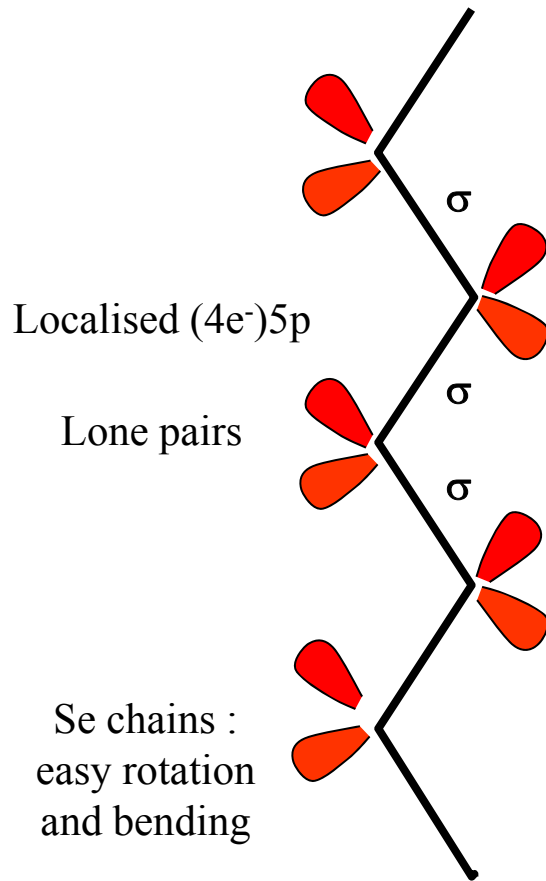
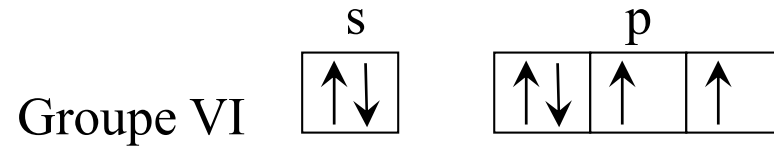
# CHALCOGENIDE GLASS SAMPLE



# Se : a key atom in chalcogenide glasses

- Good glass former
  - low phonon characteristics
  - technical glasses such as AMTIR (Amorphous materials Inc) and GASIR (Umicore IR Glasses) based on combination of Se, Ge, As, Sb.
- Excellent local probes for NMR spectroscopy

# Se



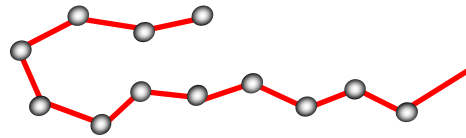
Se melting : 217°C

Viscous liquid

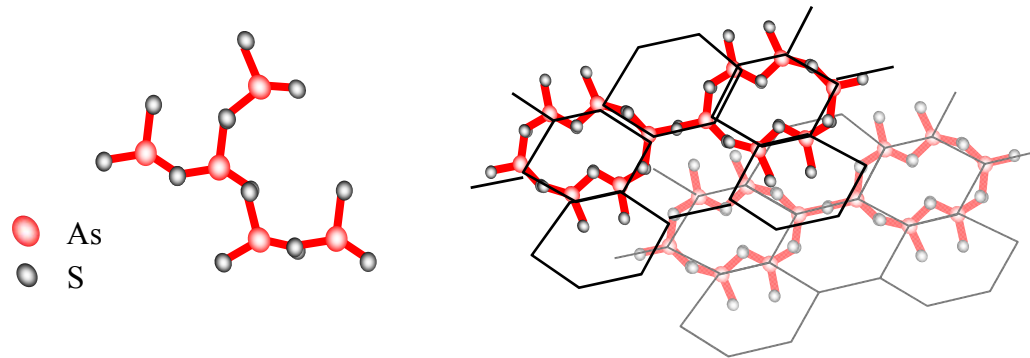
Easy glass forming

# Chalcogenide glasses structural models

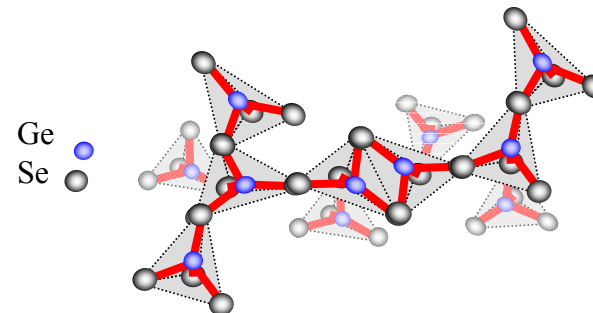
1) 1D spaghetti-type, such as vitreous Se



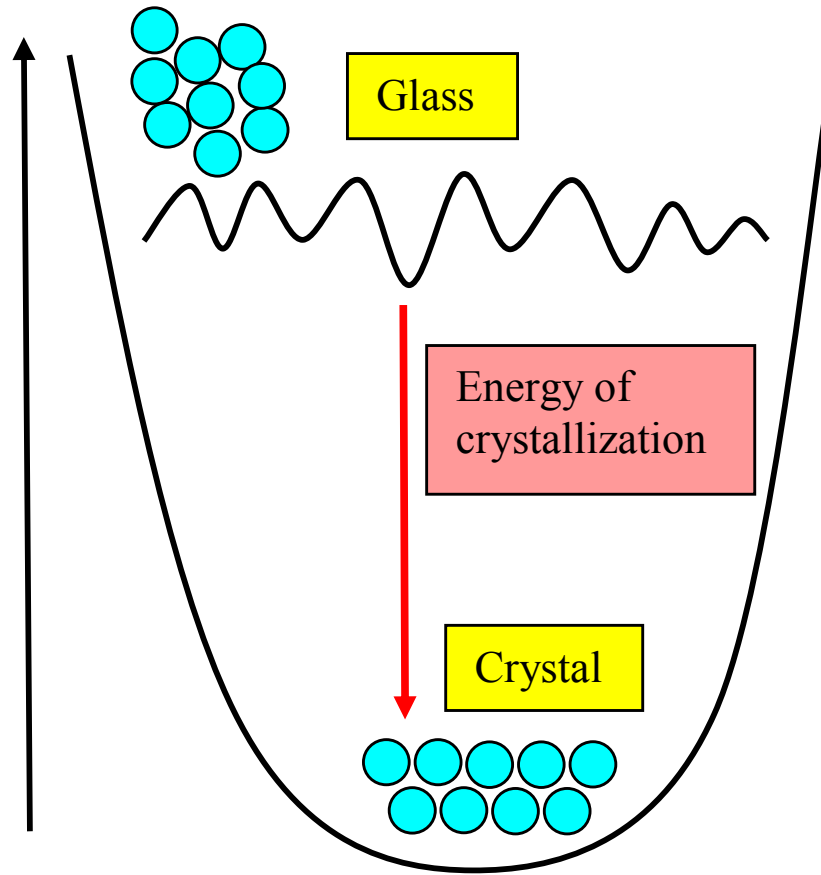
2) 2D distorted planar glasses such as  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$



3) 3D glasses, such as  $\text{GeS}_4$



# Energy landscape



Glass

Energy of crystallization

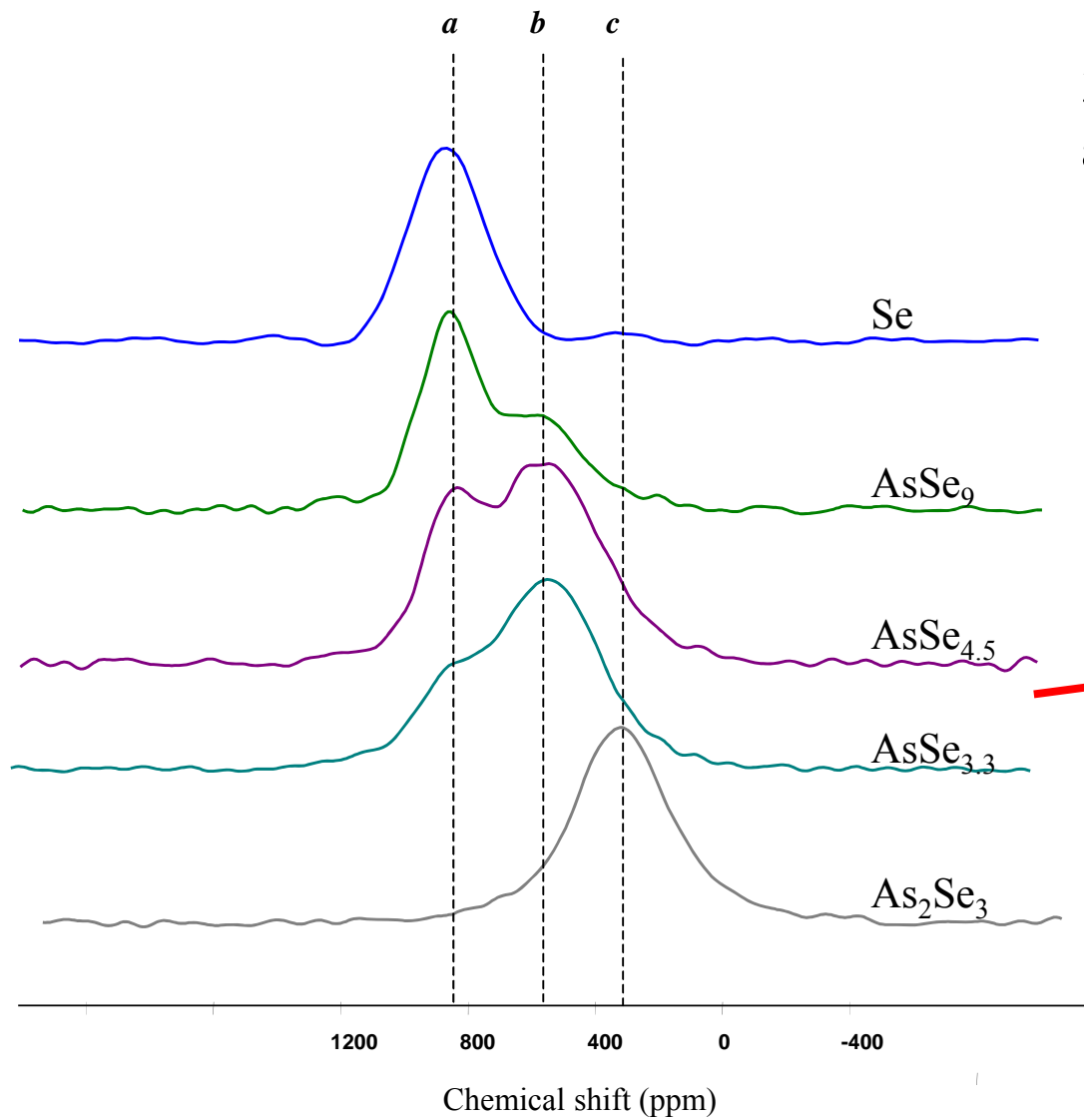
Crystal



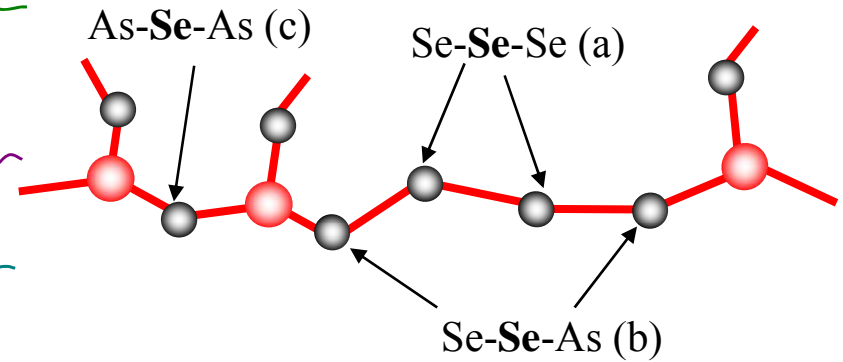
# Se/As/Ge GLASS SAMPLE



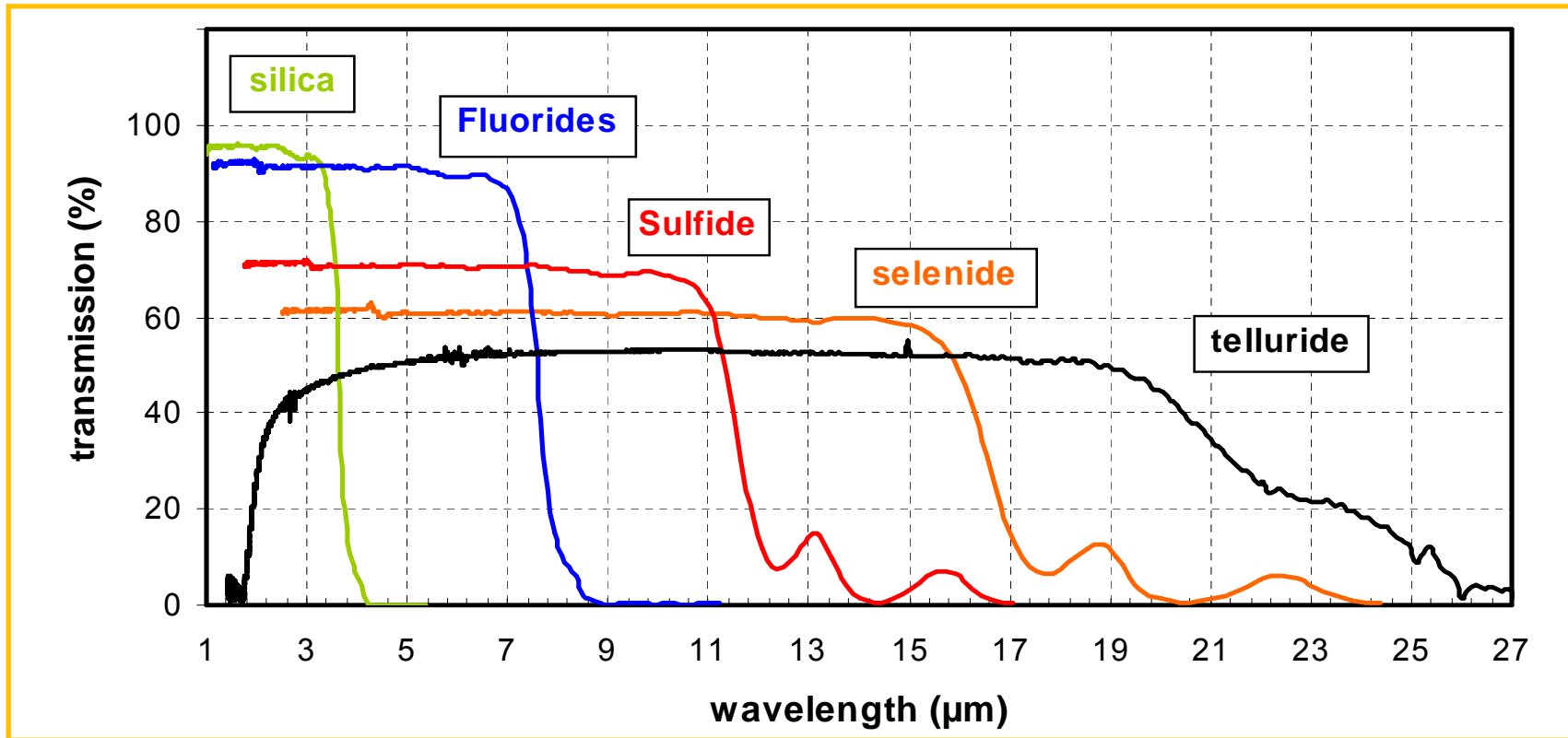
# Se NMR spectra of As/Se chains ramified glasses (1D/2D)



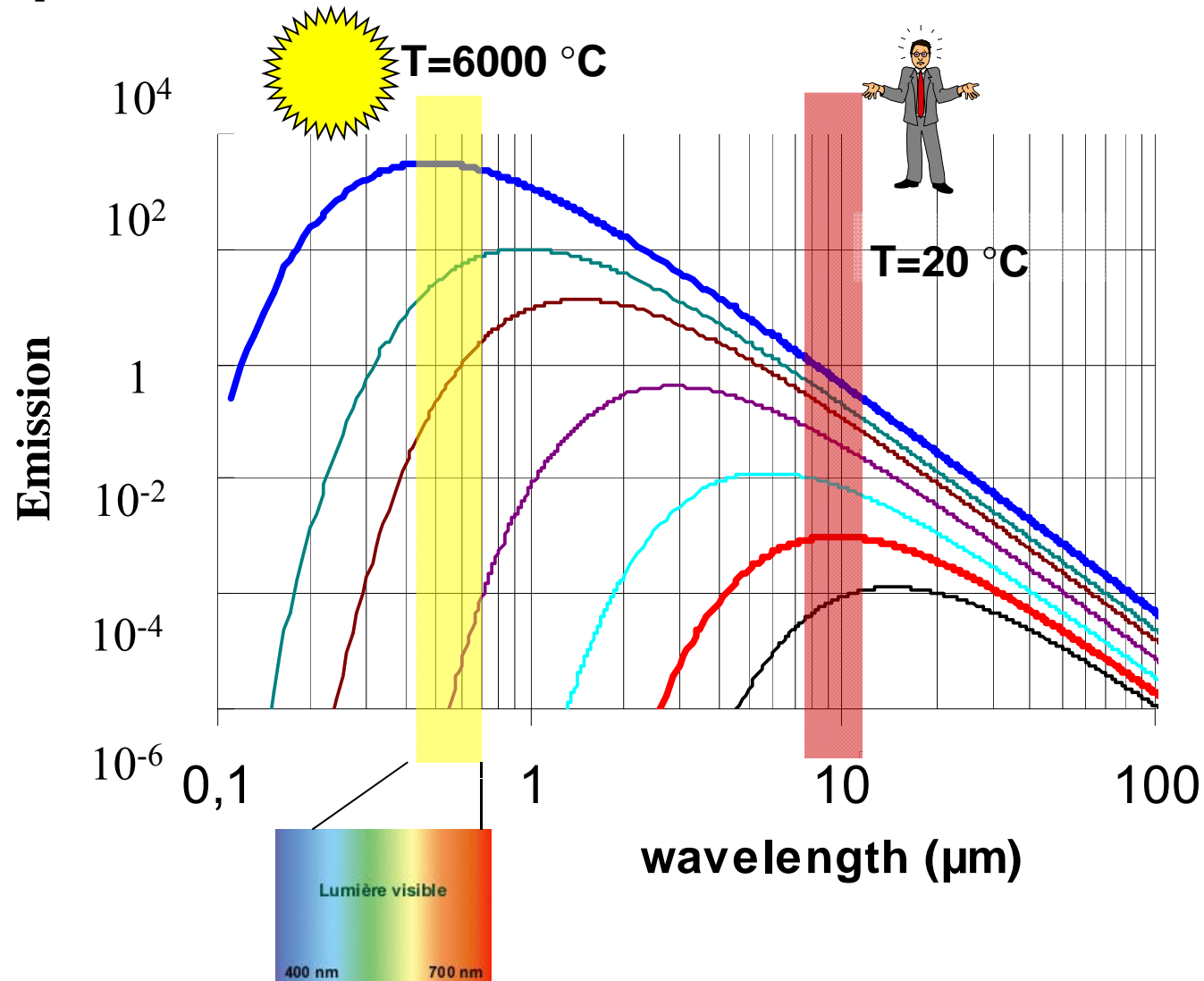
3 types of Se: (a) at 850 ppm , (b) at 550 ppm and (c) at 380 ppm



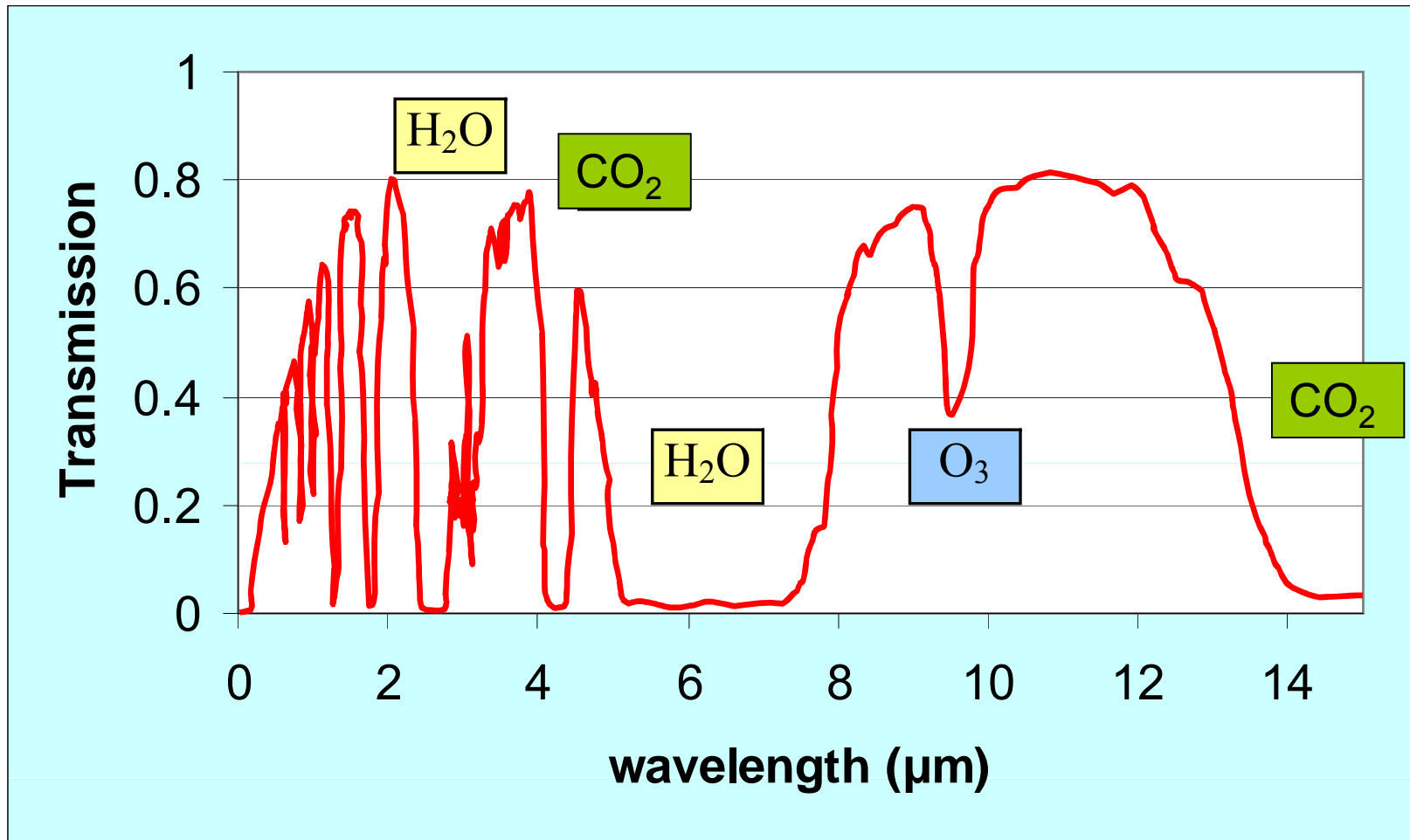
# IR transparency range of different glasses



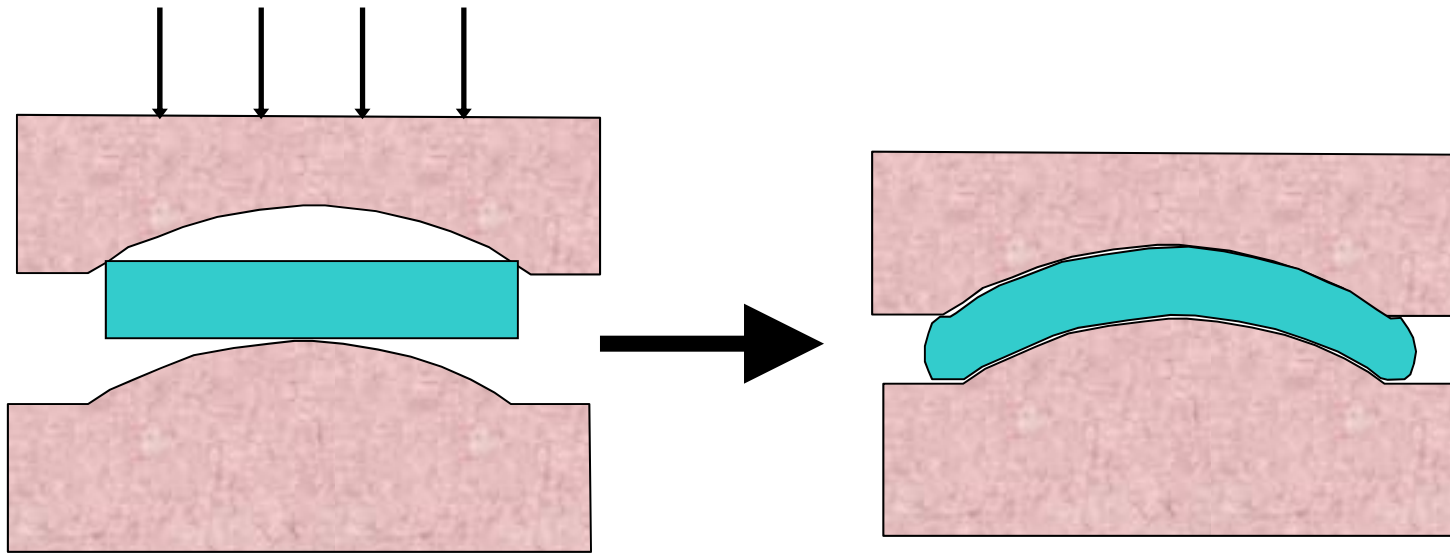
# Spectral emission of black body



# Transmission of atmosphere



# OPTICS MOULDING for THERMAL IMAGING IR CAMERAS





## CHALCOGENIDE MOULDED LENSES

*(left) DIFFRACTIVE*

*(right) ASPHERIC*

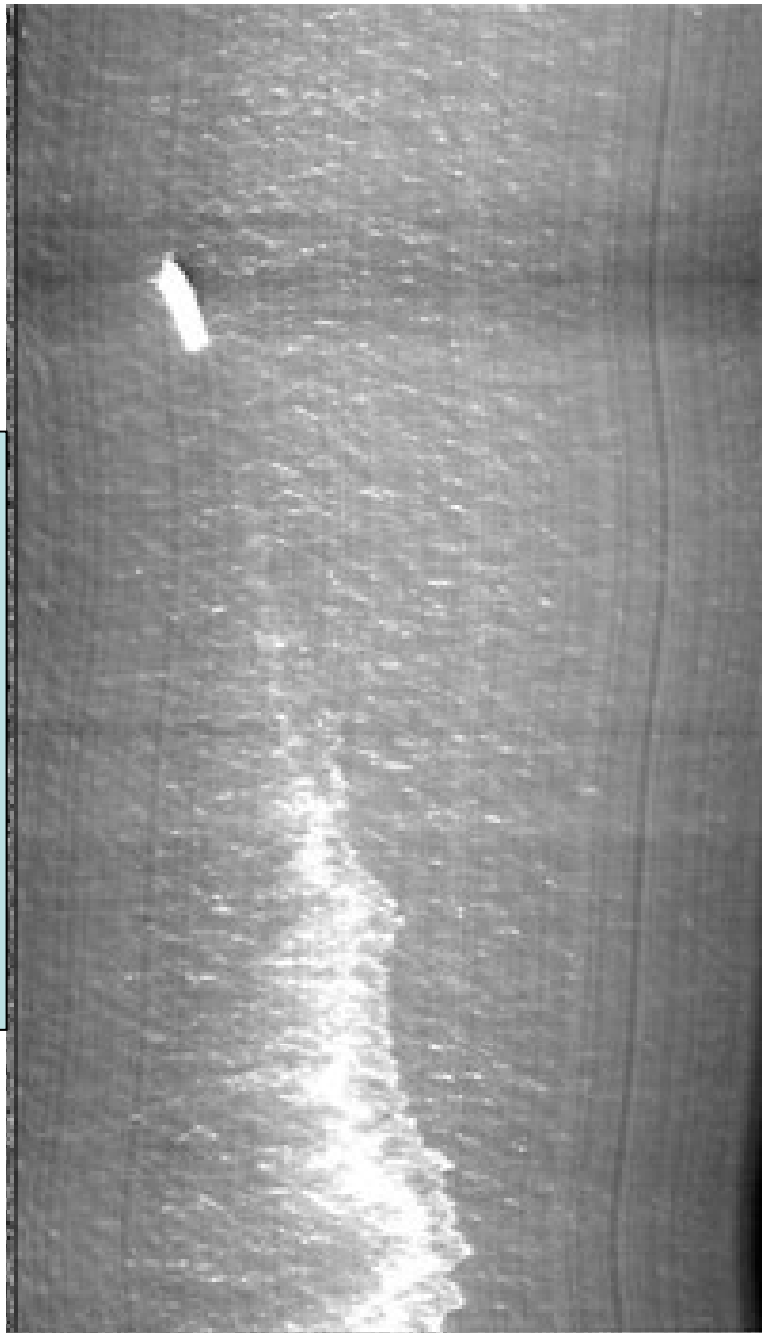


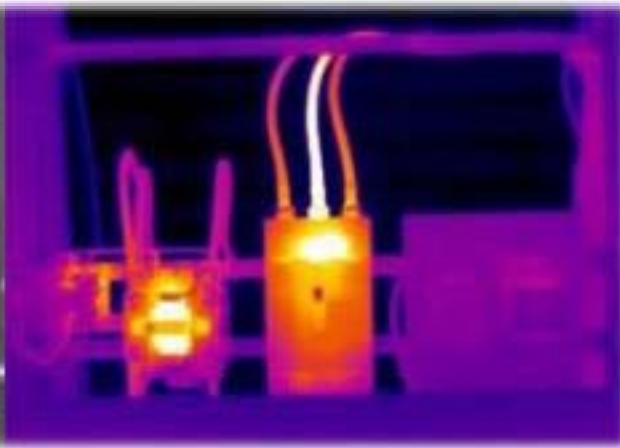
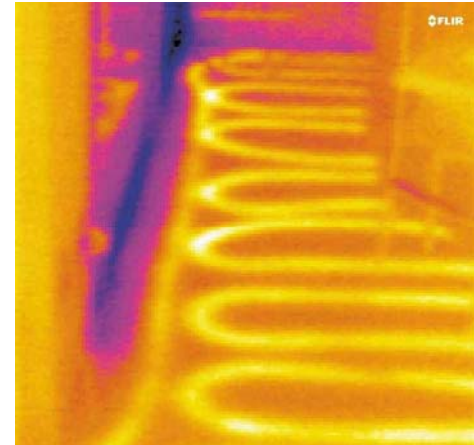
THALES ELVIR INFRARED  
CAMERA equipped with molded  
chalcogenide glass optics





Détection infrarouge  
de jour ou de nuit  
d'une nappe  
d'hydrocarbures  
rejetés par un  
Pétrolier. L'émission  
thermique de l'eau  
est différente de celle  
du polluant

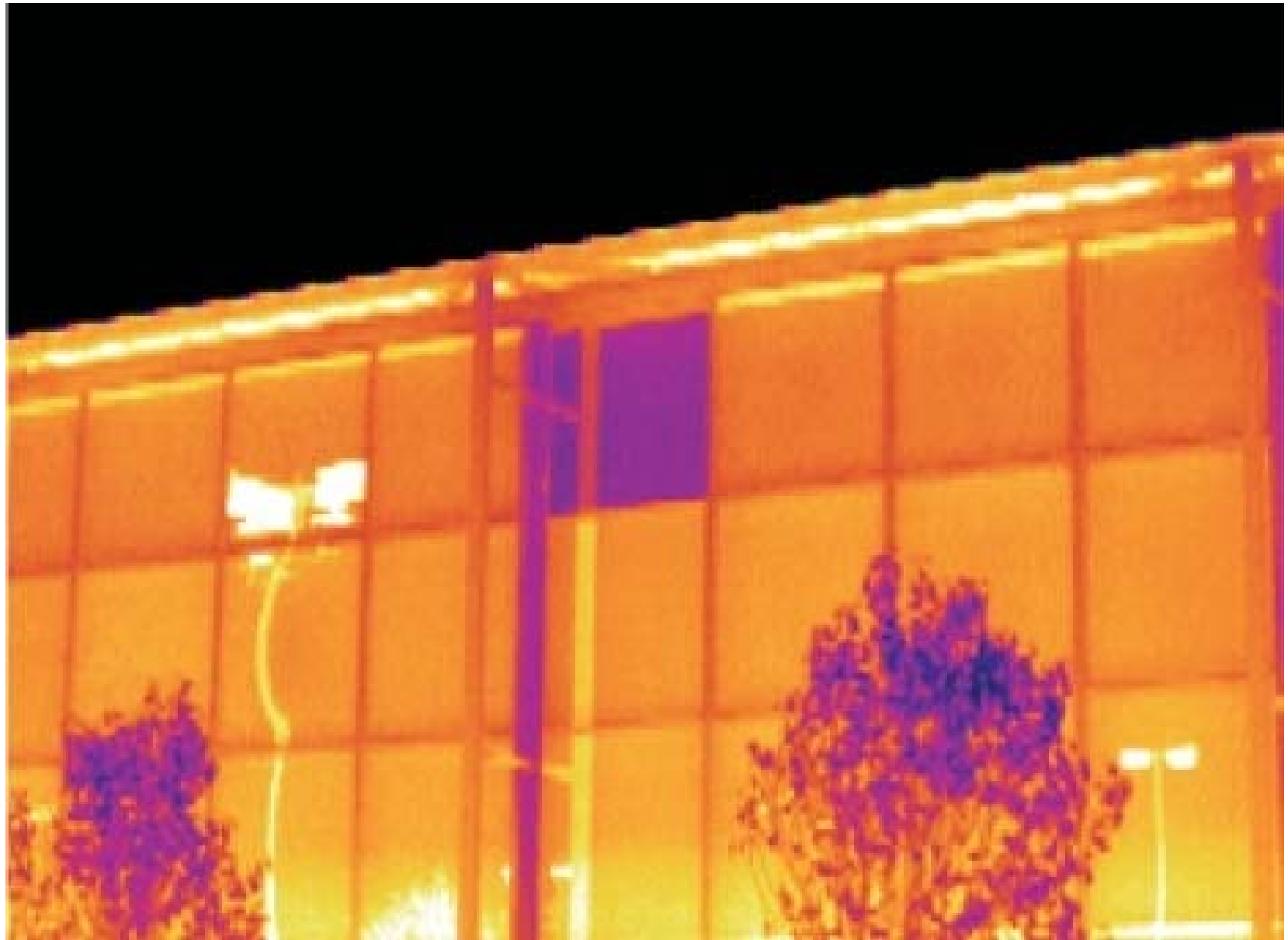












# Detection of overheating on electrical lines





Night vision camera  
For car driving assistance



Chalcogenide glass  
optics



Camera IR  
Pour assistance  
a la conduite de  
nuit.

Image in the visible →

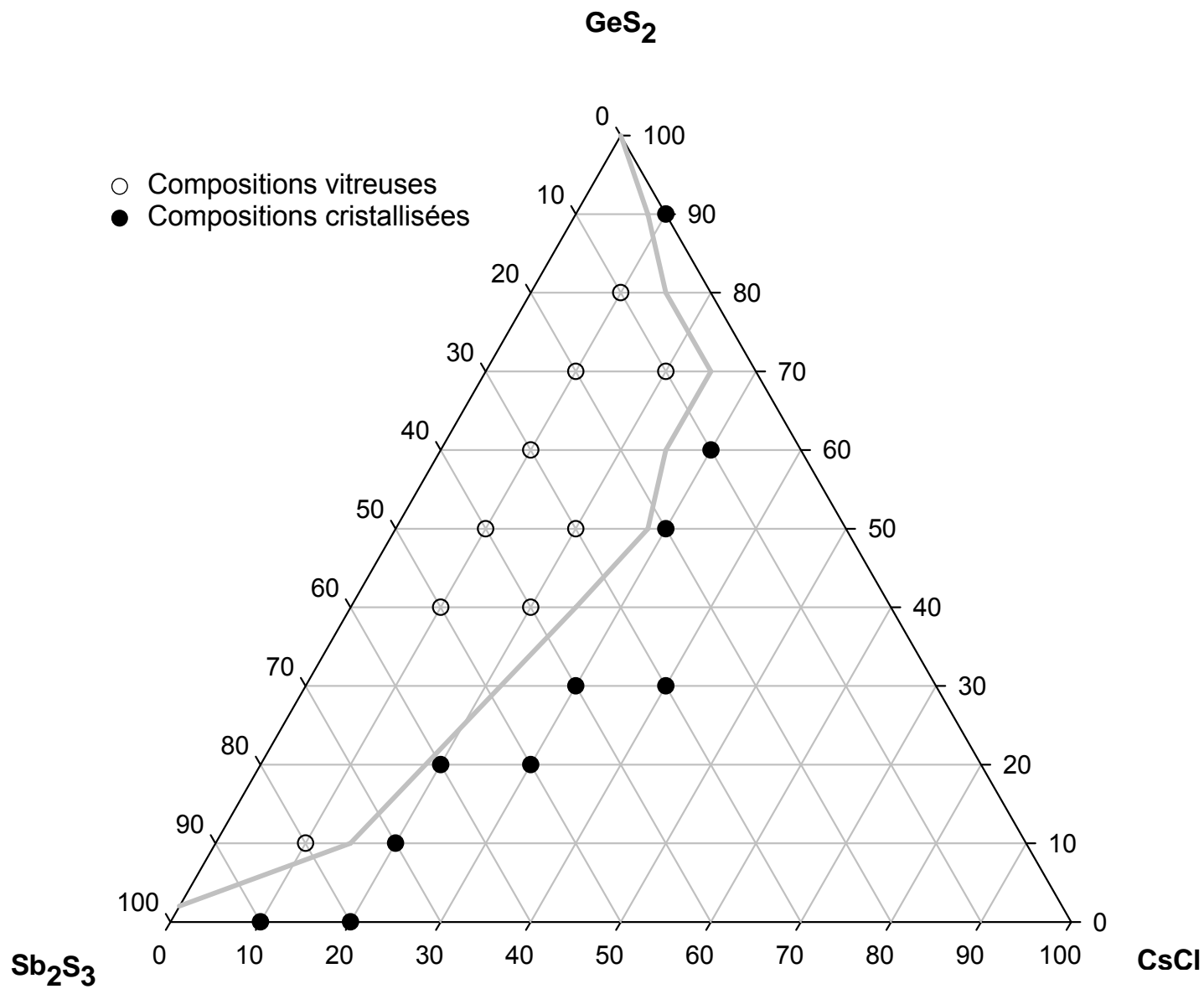


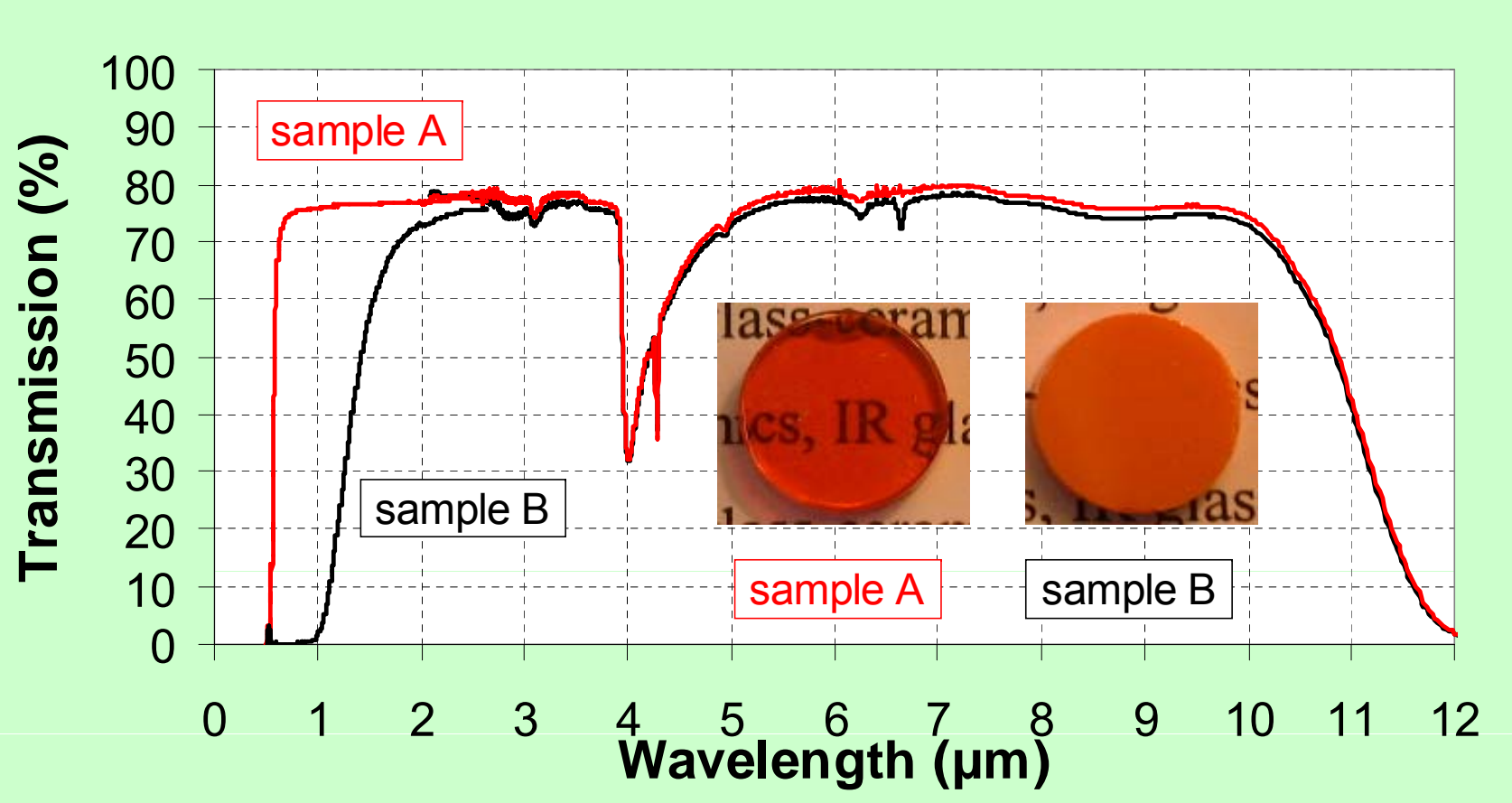
Thermal image in the  
Infrared →



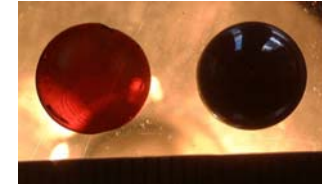
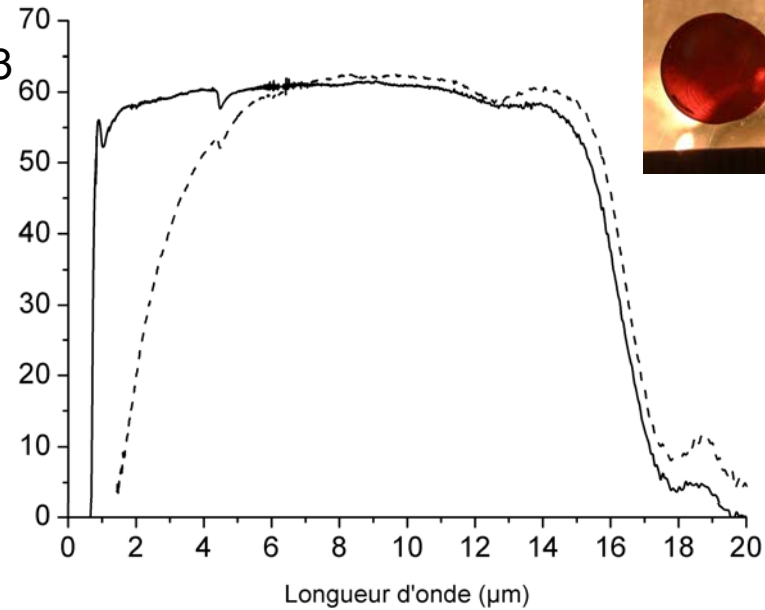
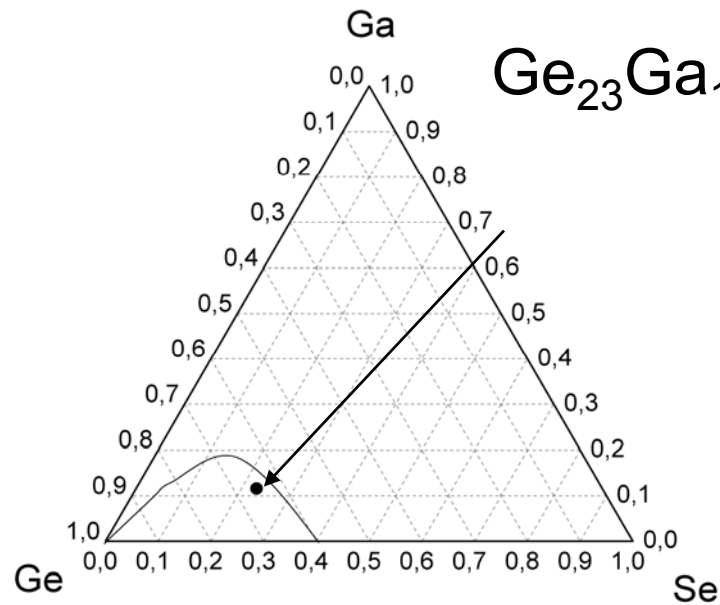








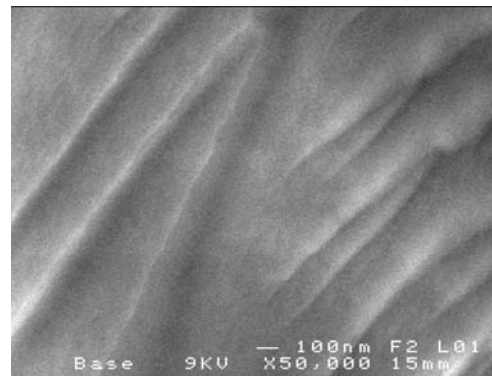
# Verres et vitrocéramiques à base de sélénures: Système Ge-Ga-Se



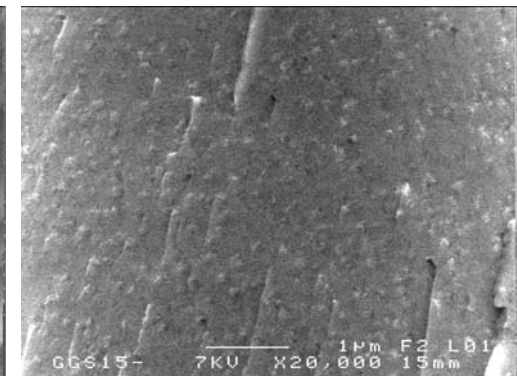
$T_g = 370^\circ\text{C}$

$T_x = 460^\circ\text{C}$

$\lambda_{\text{gap}} = 690 \text{ nm}$



Verre de base



Vitrocéramique

# Advantages of glass ceramics



Glass ceramic



Glass

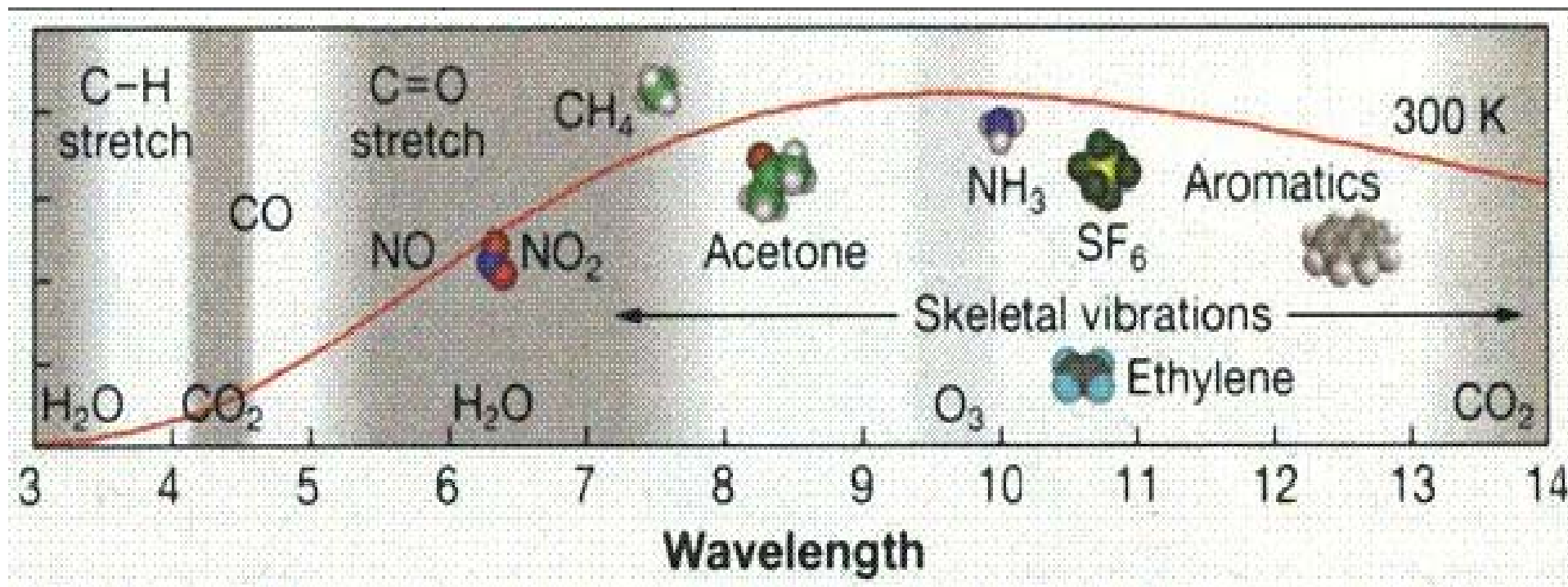
**Resistance to fracture propagation**

Collaboration with LARMAUR, Rennes



Tellurium based glasses for  
biosensors and space

Optical fibers needed  
stable glass candidate  
TAS glass: Te/As/Se

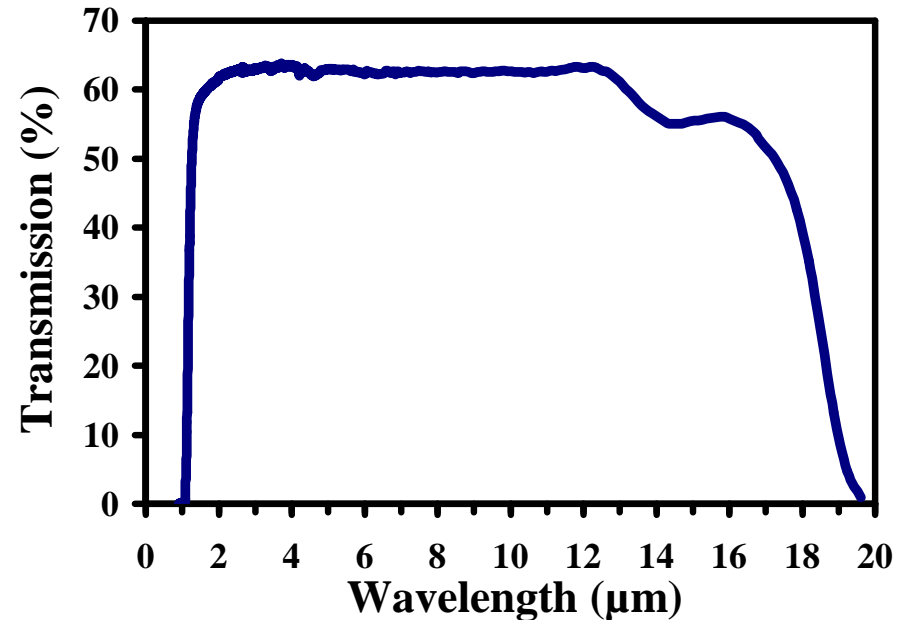
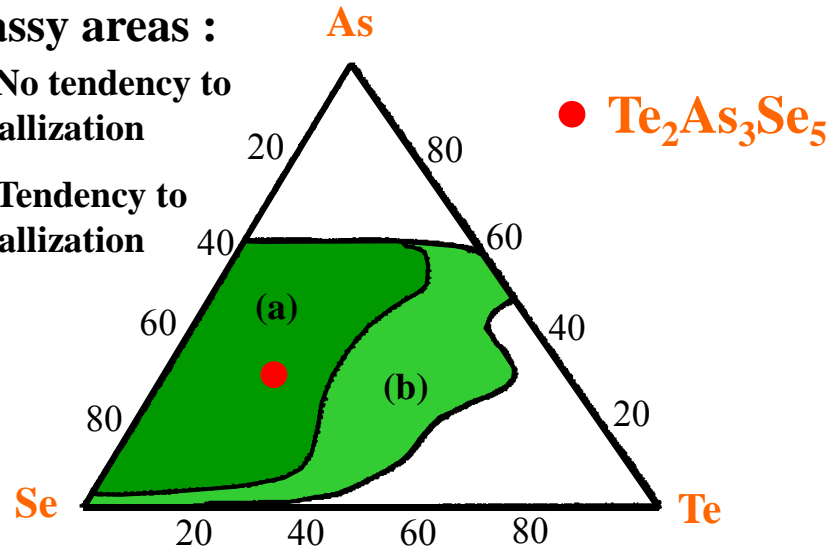


# TAS glass properties

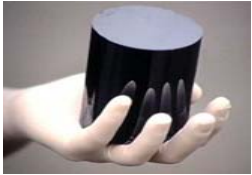
**Glassy areas :**

(a) : No tendency to crystallization

(b) : Tendency to crystallization



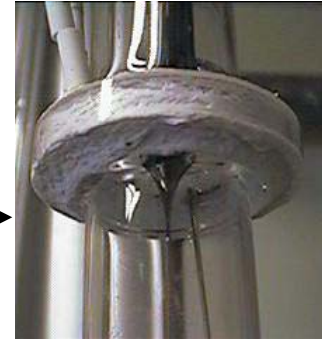
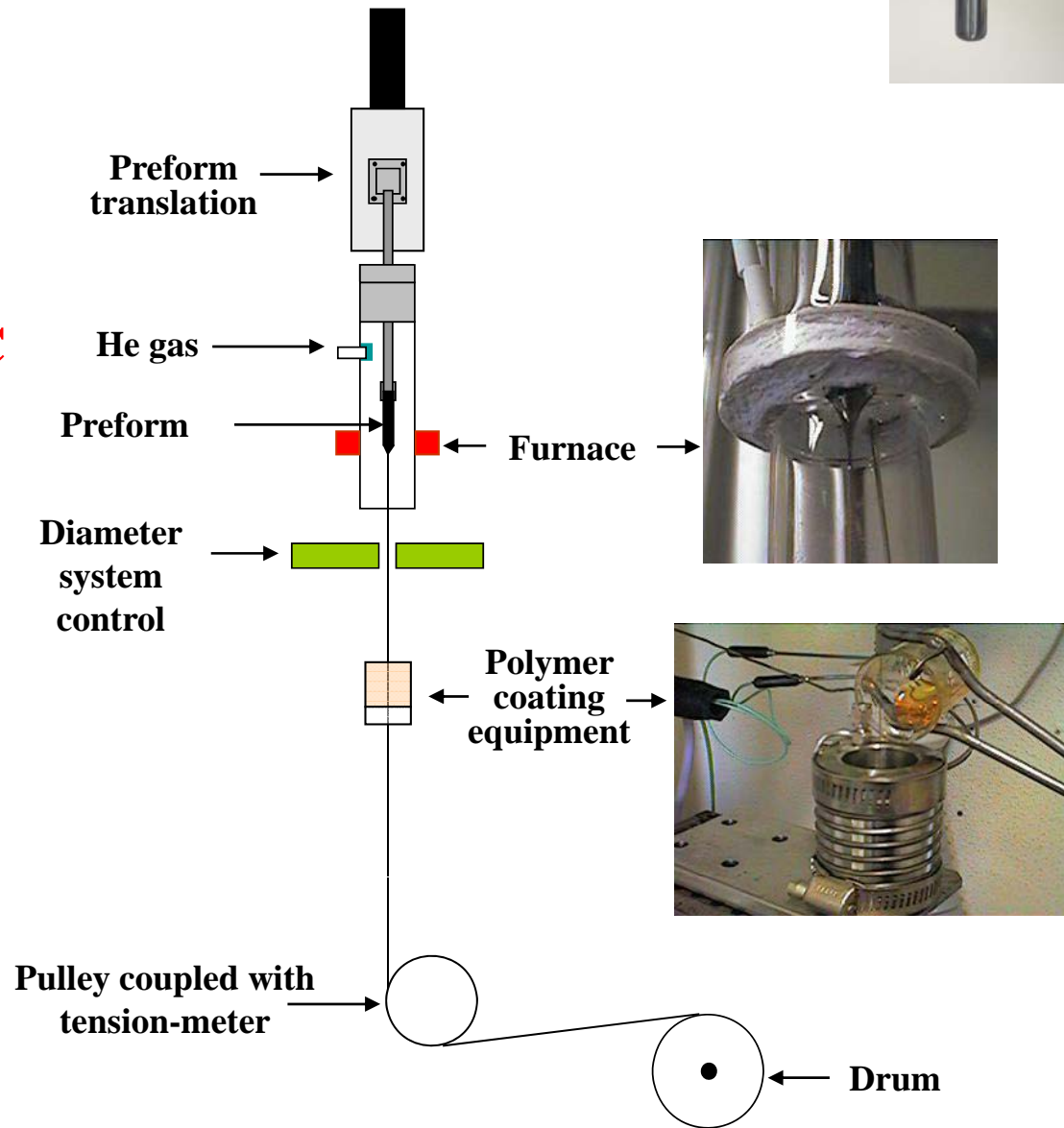
- **Large optical window lying from 2 to 18  $\mu\text{m}$**
- **Excellent resistance to devitrification during the fibering process**
- **Good durability towards water and solvent corrosion**
- **High refractive index (ex.  $\text{Te}_2\text{As}_3\text{Se}_5$  :  $n \sim 2.8$ )**
- **Good candidate for the first window: 4 to 12  $\mu\text{m}$**



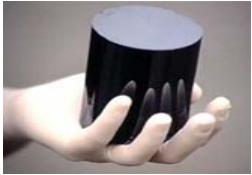
# Optical fiber preparation



- Glass temperatures  $T_g \sim 135 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Fibering temperature  $T_f \sim 270 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



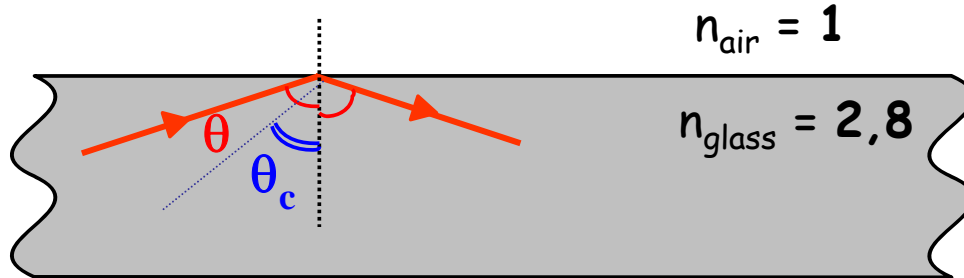
**Drawing tower**



# Fiber Evanescent Wave Spectroscopy Principle

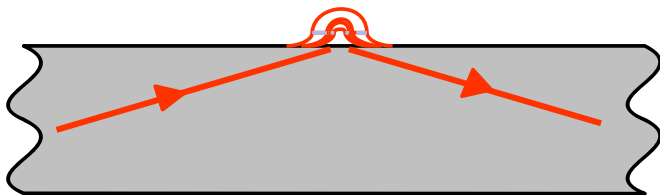


Wave  $\lambda$



Medium which does not absorb  $\lambda$

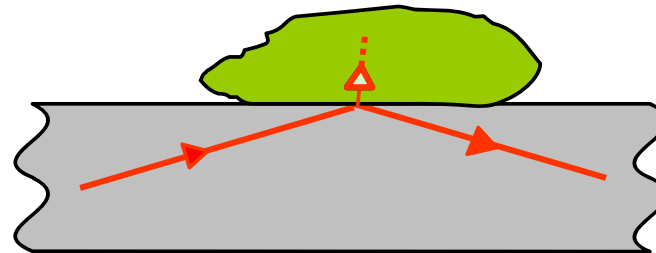
evanescent field without energy loss



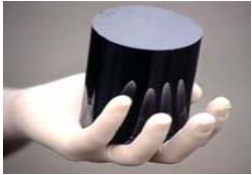
Total Internal Reflection

Medium which absorb  $\lambda$

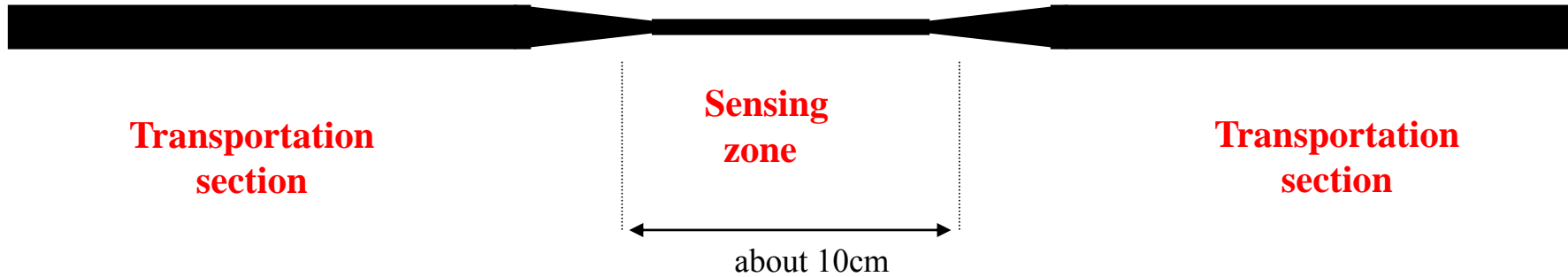
wave attenuation by absorption



Attenuated Total Reflection : ATR



## Tapered fibers (2)

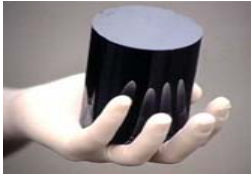


Two routes for tapering locally the fibre :

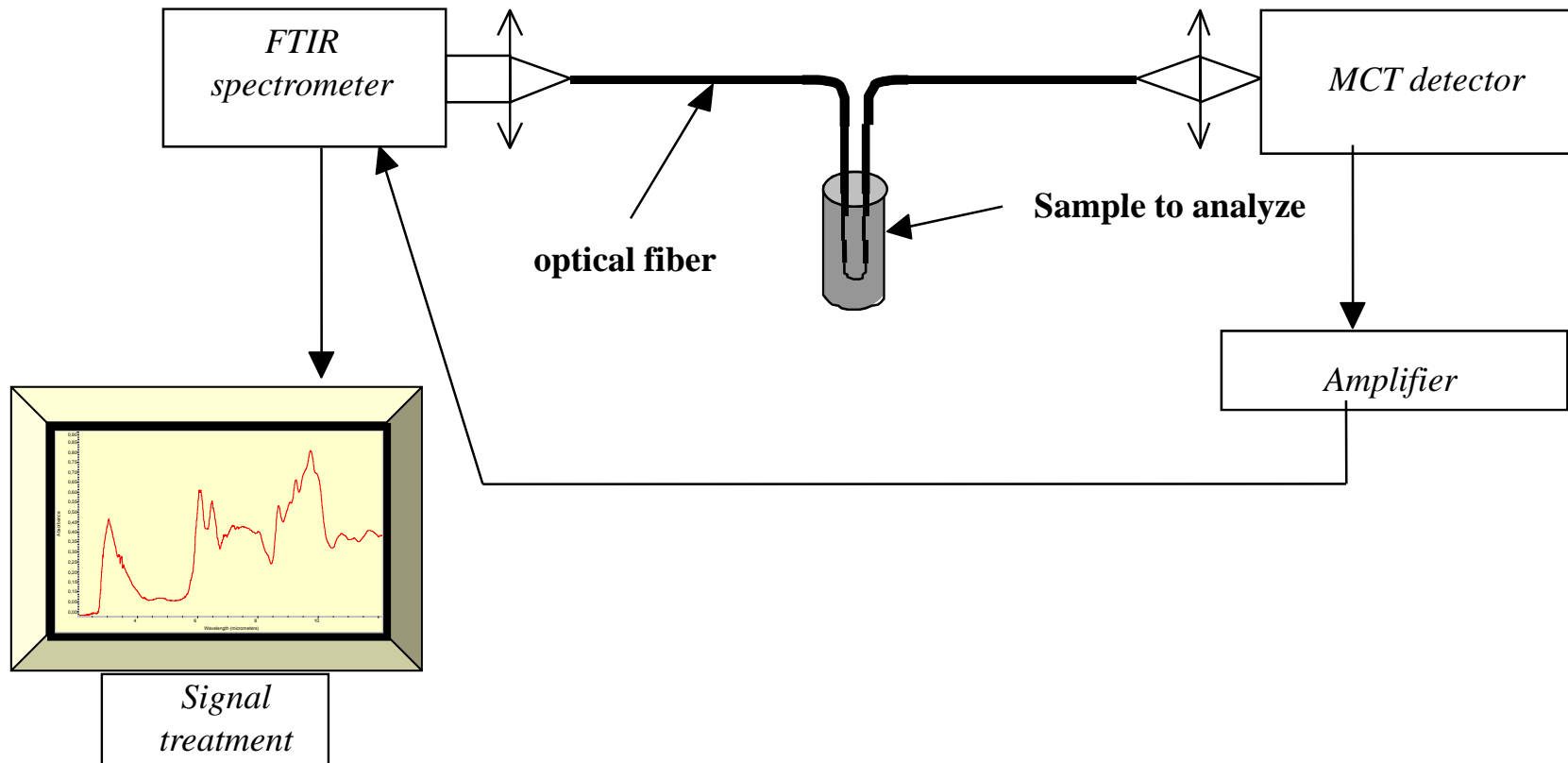
Strong **increase of the fiber speed** during the drawing process

**Chemical etching** using  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  solutions



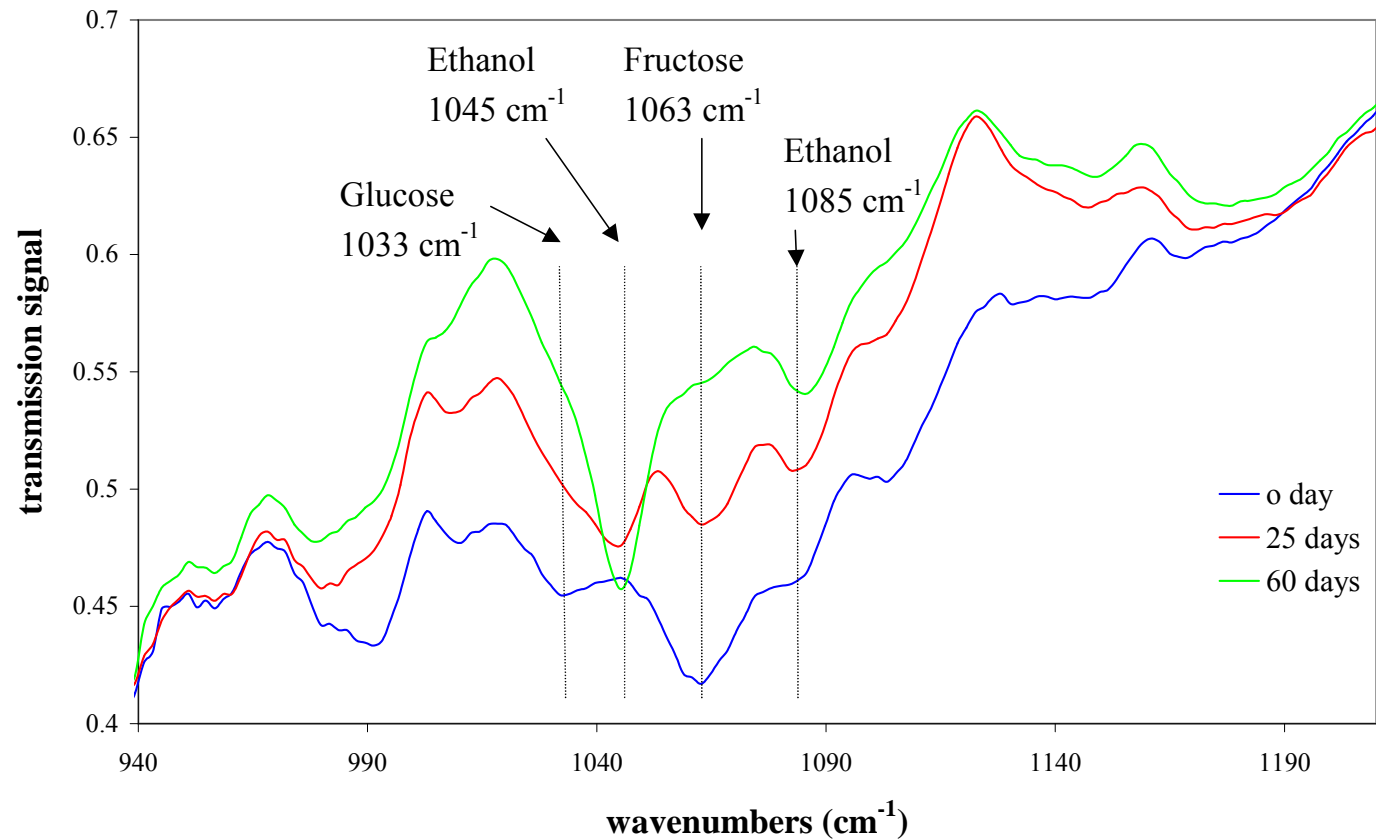


## Experimental set-up



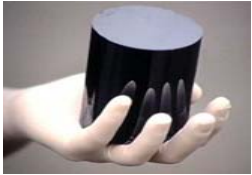
A unique chalcogenide glass fiber aimed at **transmitting** the beam and at **probing** the sample.

# Alcoholic fermentation



Cider fabrication process from apple juice fermentation, in situ control of the transformation of glucose and fructose into ethanol





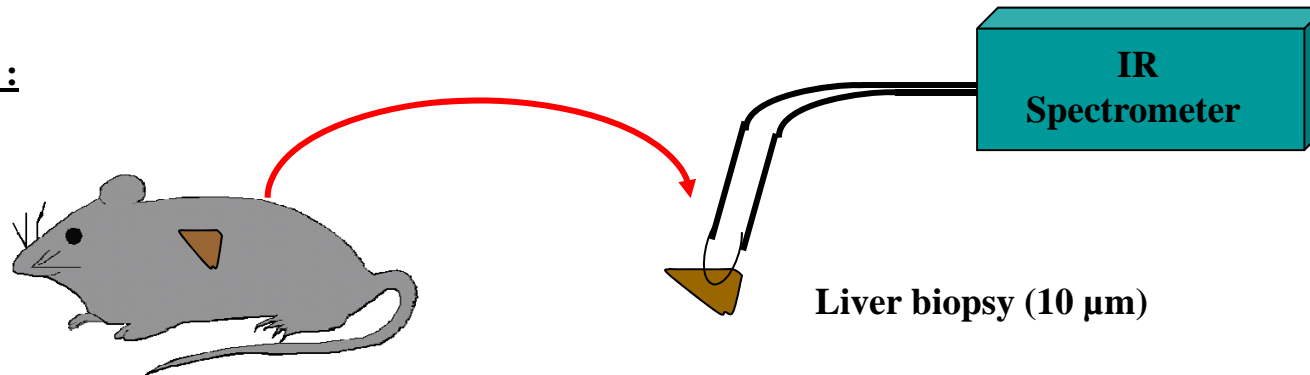
## Study of a biological tissue : mouse liver (1)



**OBJECTIVE :**

Following the effect of a starvation in the liver cells

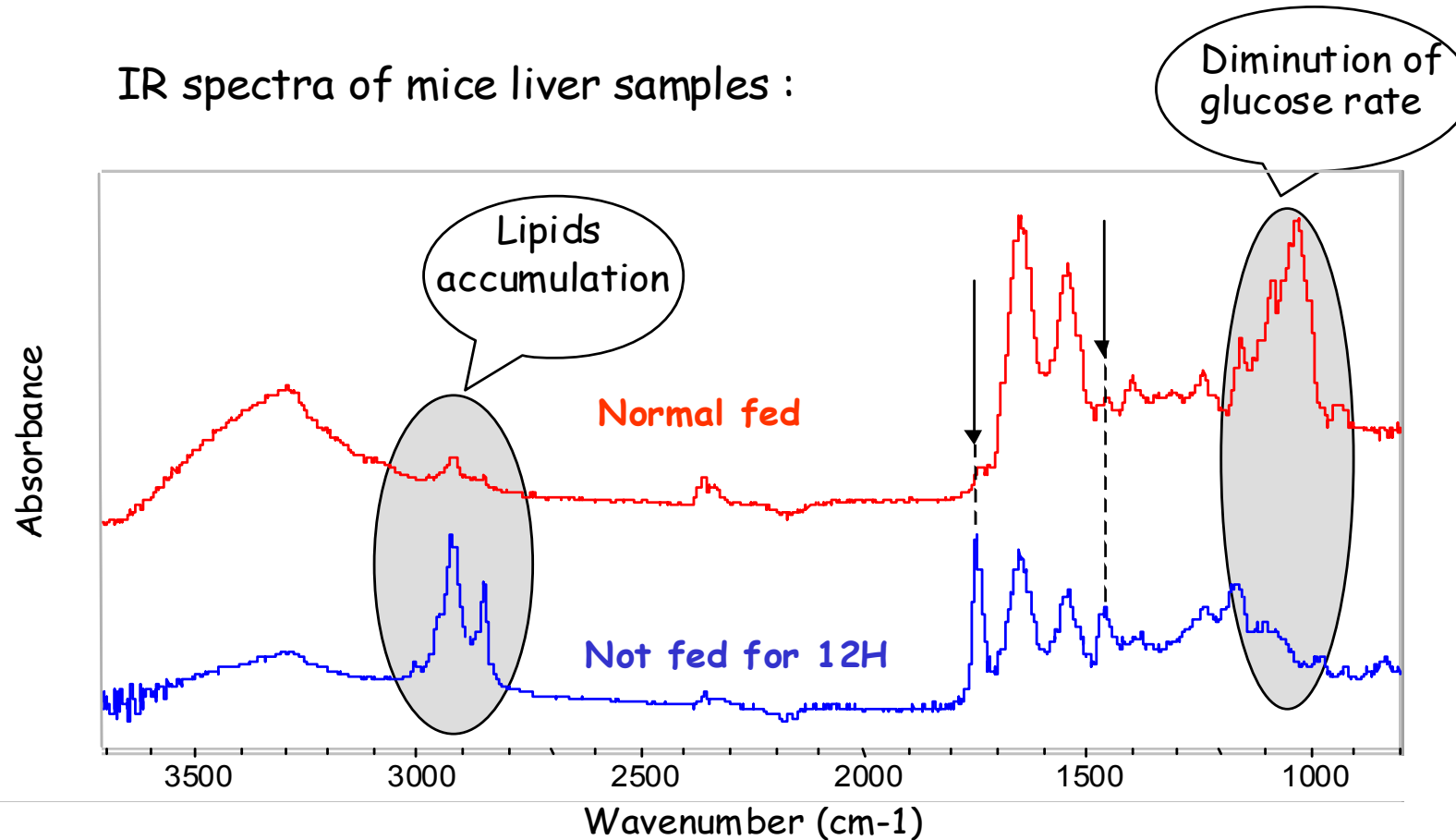
**PRINCIPLE :**



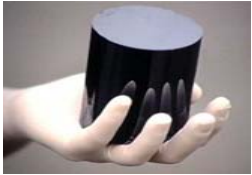
The tissues were merely deposited on the tapered part of the fibre to ensure an optimal contact between the fibre and the tissue

## Study of a biological tissue : the liver

IR spectra of mice liver samples :



↪ Possibility to detect metabolic variations in the liver.



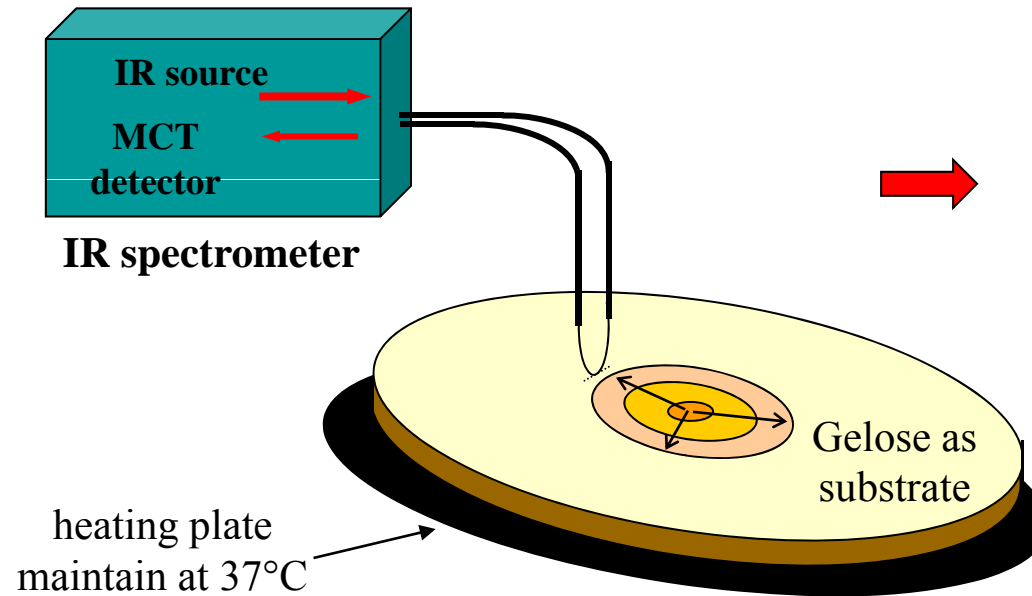
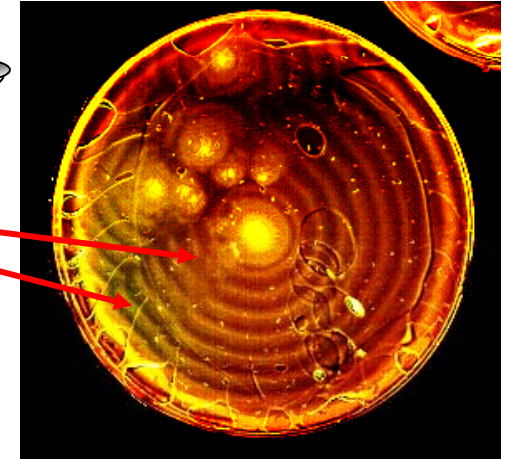
## Study of a bacterial biofilm : Proteus mirabilis (1)



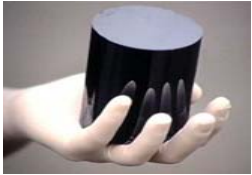
↳ **Opportunist pathogen agent of the human urinary tract**

↳ **Presents two phenotypes : swarming  and vegetative **

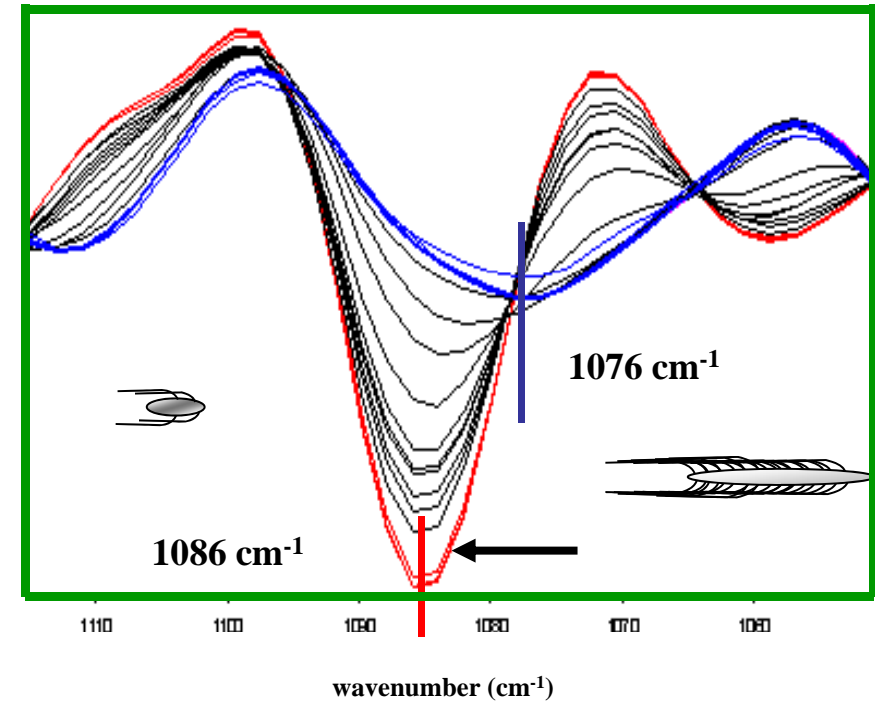
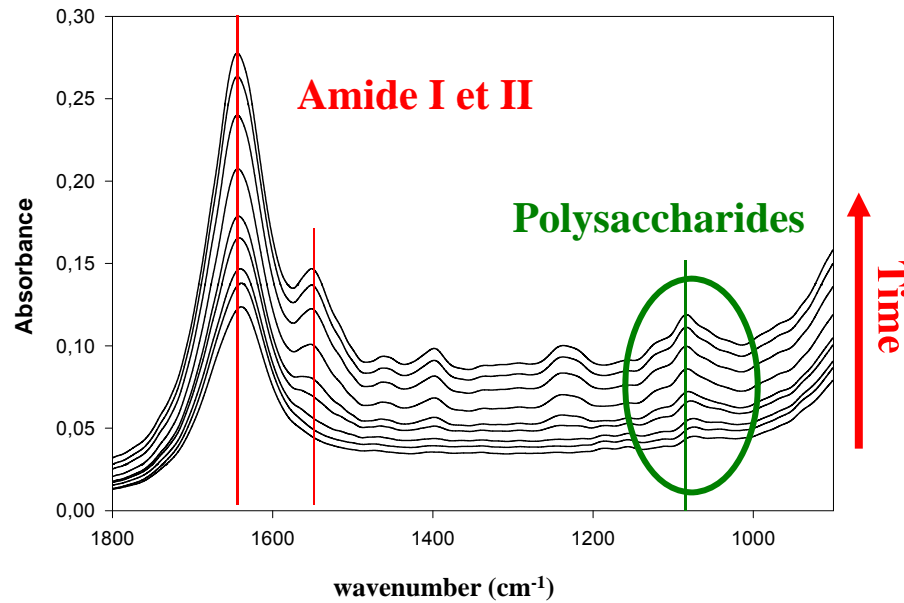
↳ **Their spreading from inoculum exhibit some terraces**




spectra recorded in situ every 15 min.  
during the migration process  
in the Petri plate.



## Study of a bacterial biofilm : *Proteus mirabilis* (2)



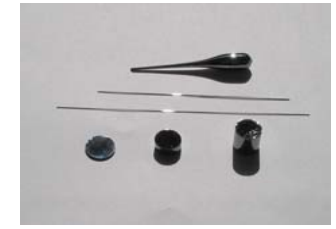
- Increase of the absorbency in agreement with the bio-mass growth

 Detection in real time of the bacteria-sensor contact

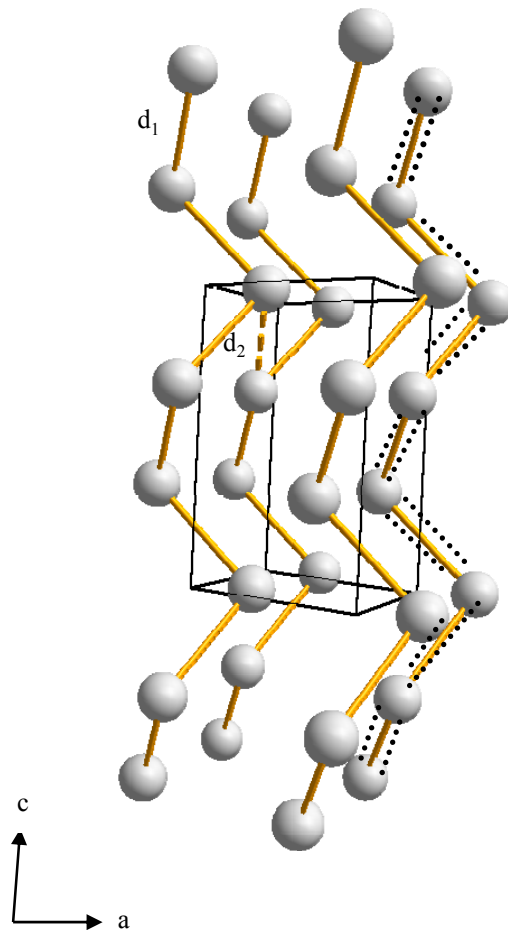
- Shift of the polysaccharides absorption bands

 IR signatures of the both phenotypes

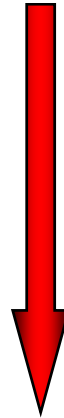
Te structure and bonding, seven order of magnitude in conductivity between Se and Te



Crystalline structure of metallic Te

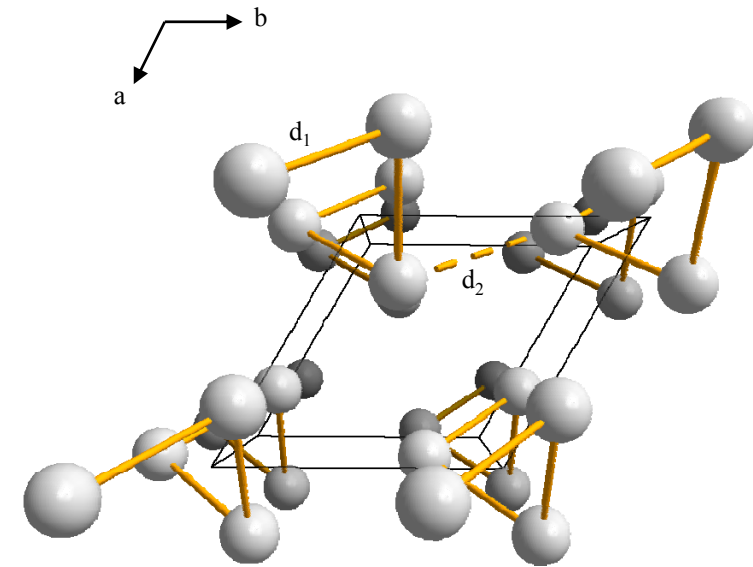


$\pi$  metallic bonding



**RIGIDITY**

- Pure Te  $\rightarrow$  no glass
- Te is not a glass former
- $T_m = 450^\circ\text{C}$ , fluid melt



● Te

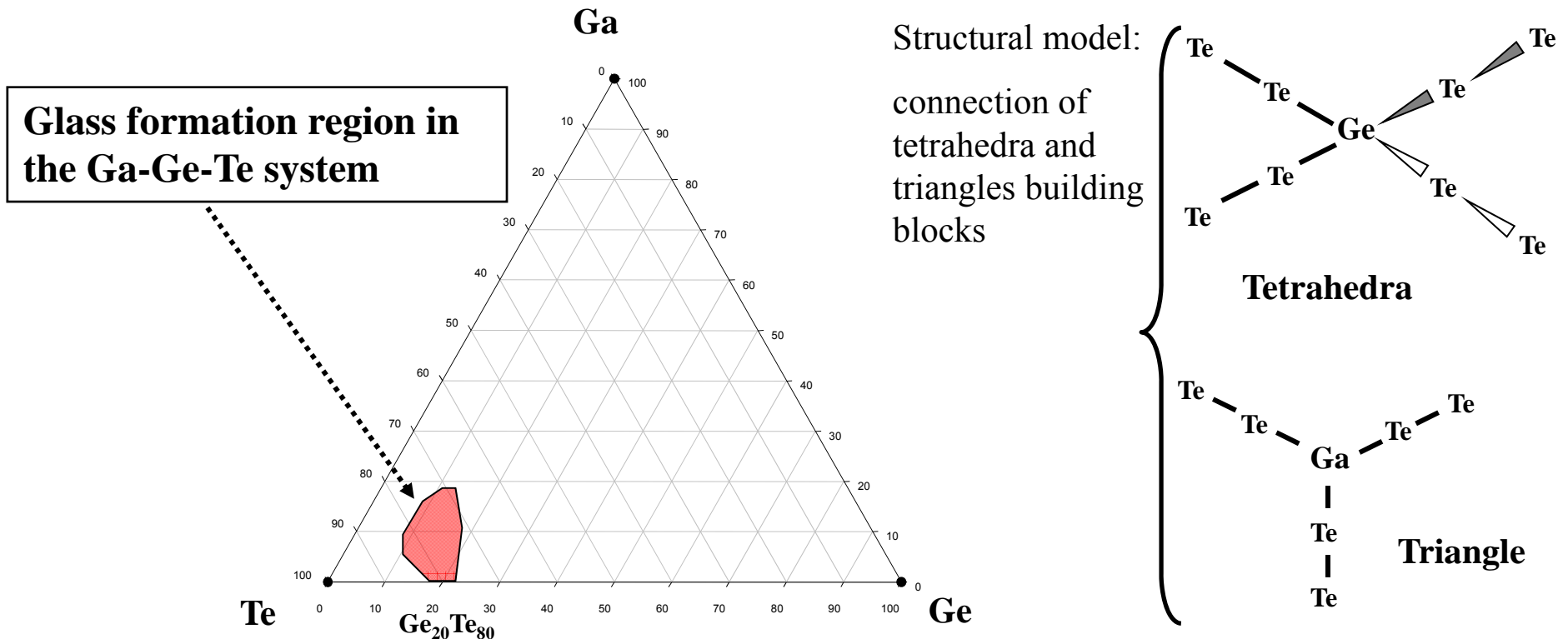
Hexagonal structure

$d_1: 2.83 \text{ \AA}$

$d_2: 3.49 \text{ \AA}$

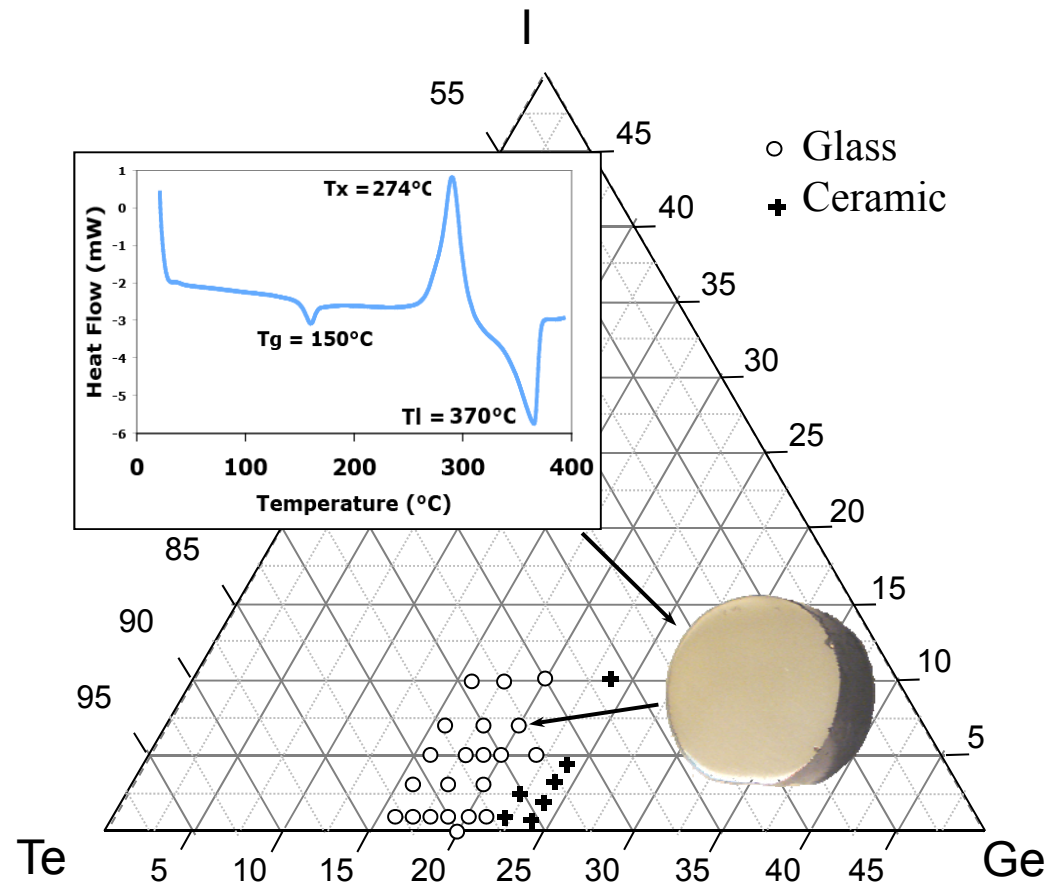
# New optical Tellurium based glasses: Ga-Ge-Te

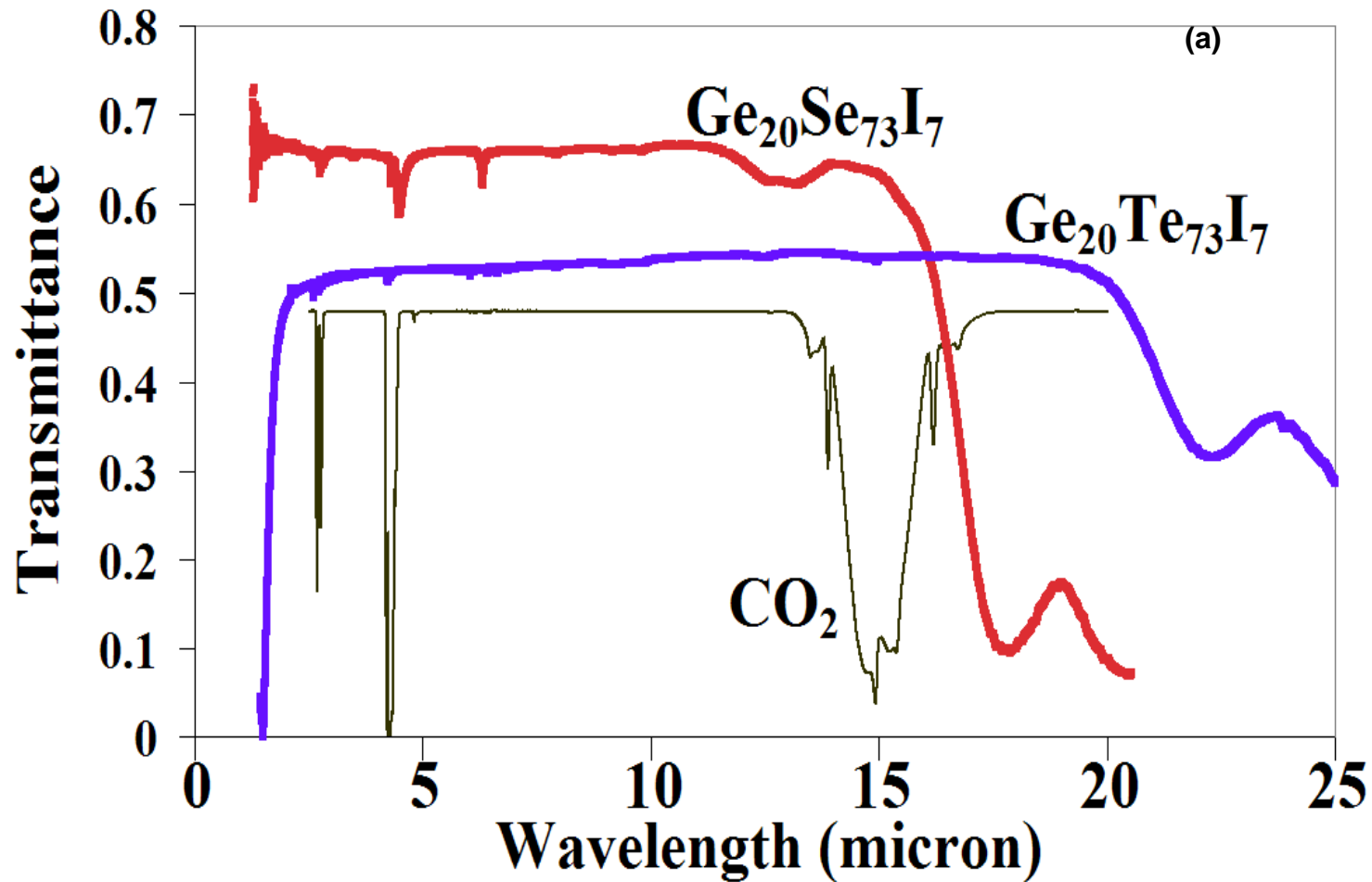
Strategy: suppress the possibility of metallic bond to allow flexibility



⇒ bulk glasses with 70% to 80% of Te

**Glass formation domain in the Ge/Te/I system**  
**The glass to crystal competition is strong**  
 **$T_g = 150^\circ\text{C}$   $T_x = 274^\circ\text{C}$**





**Optical transmission of a Te glass compared to an equivalent Se based glass**

**The 15 $\mu$ m CO<sub>2</sub> absorption band is in the middle of the transparency window**



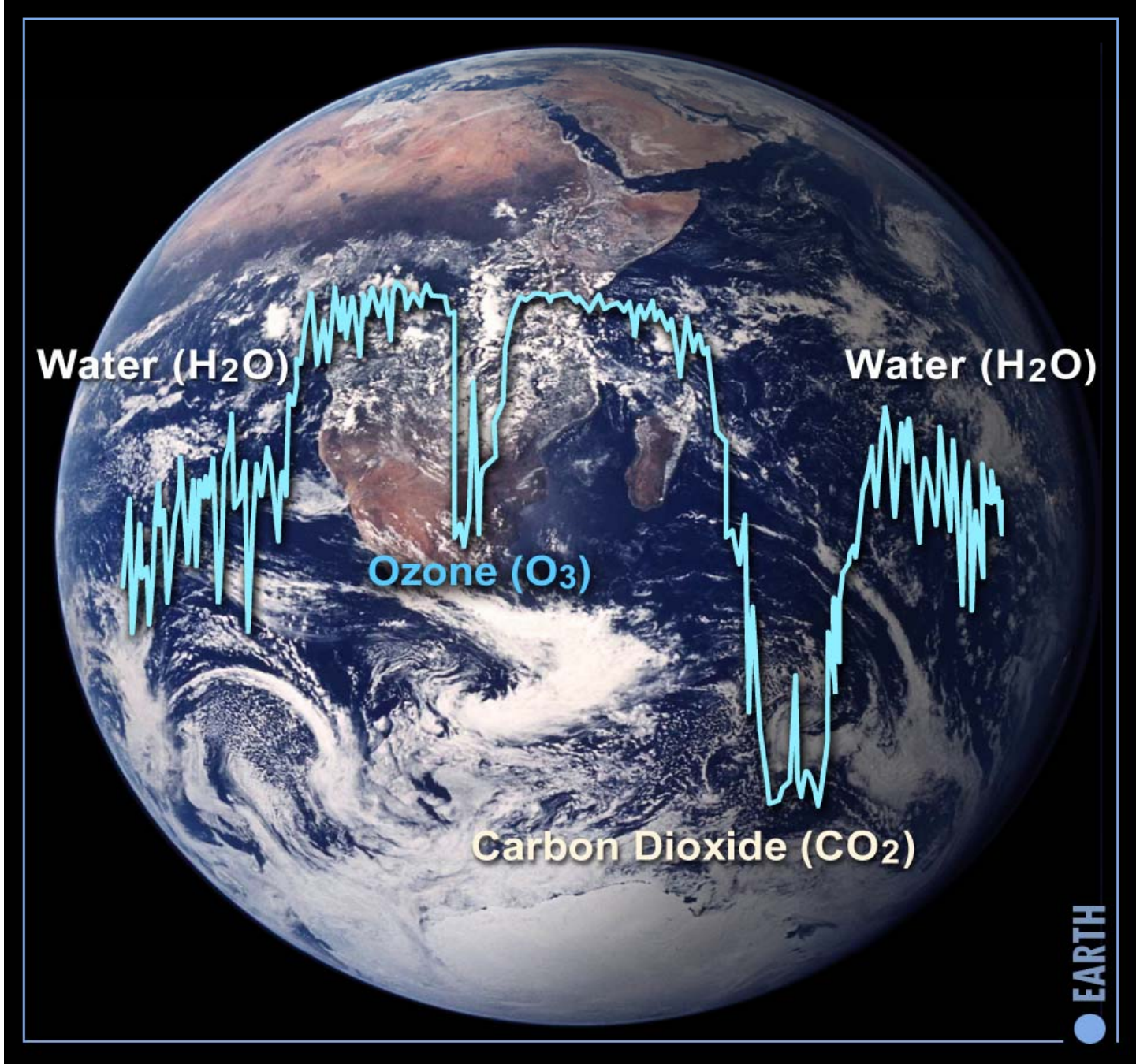
## DARWIN MISSION

ESA, European  
Space Agency

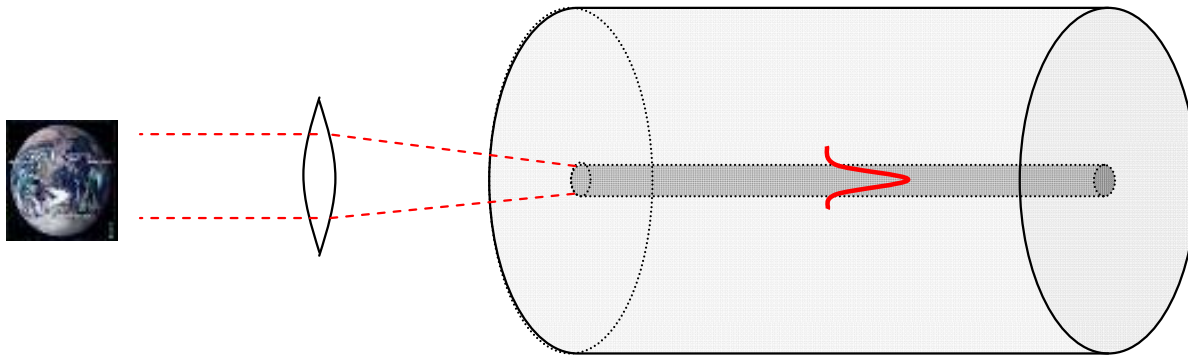
Target: detection of  
biological of  
biological life on  
exoplanets, out of  
the solar system →  
markers are  $H_2O$ ,  $O_3$   
and  $CO_2$  having their  
signature in the IR:  
 $6\mu m$ ,  $10\mu m$ ,  $15\mu m$



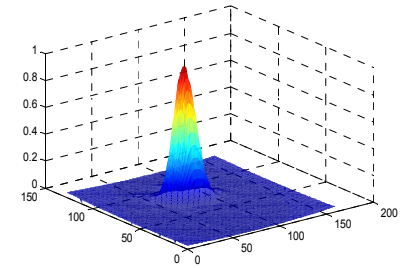
Two windows: 6-10  $\mu m$  for water (vibration) and ozone detection  
10-20  $\mu m$  for carbon dioxide and water (rotation) detection.



# Infrared single mode fibre for wavelength filtering



**Planet emitting IR light**

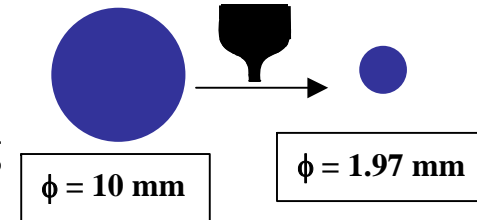


**Gaussian IR light output**

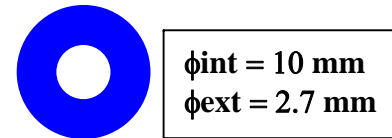
# Rod in tube vacuum method (RTVM)

Preparation of a core glass rod

Reducing the diameter of the core glass by fiber drawing

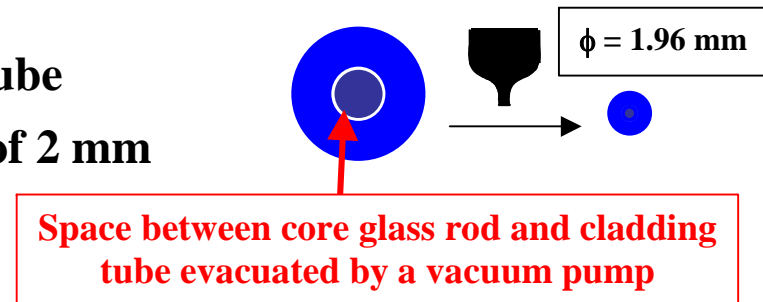


Preparation of a cladding tube of 10 mm

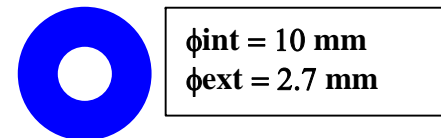


Fixation of the core rod inside the cladding tube

Drawing an intermediate core-cladding rod of 2 mm

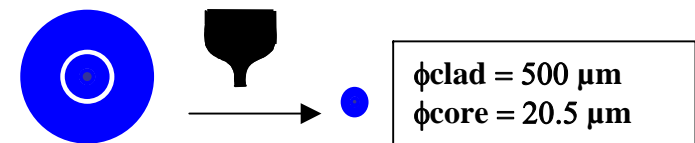


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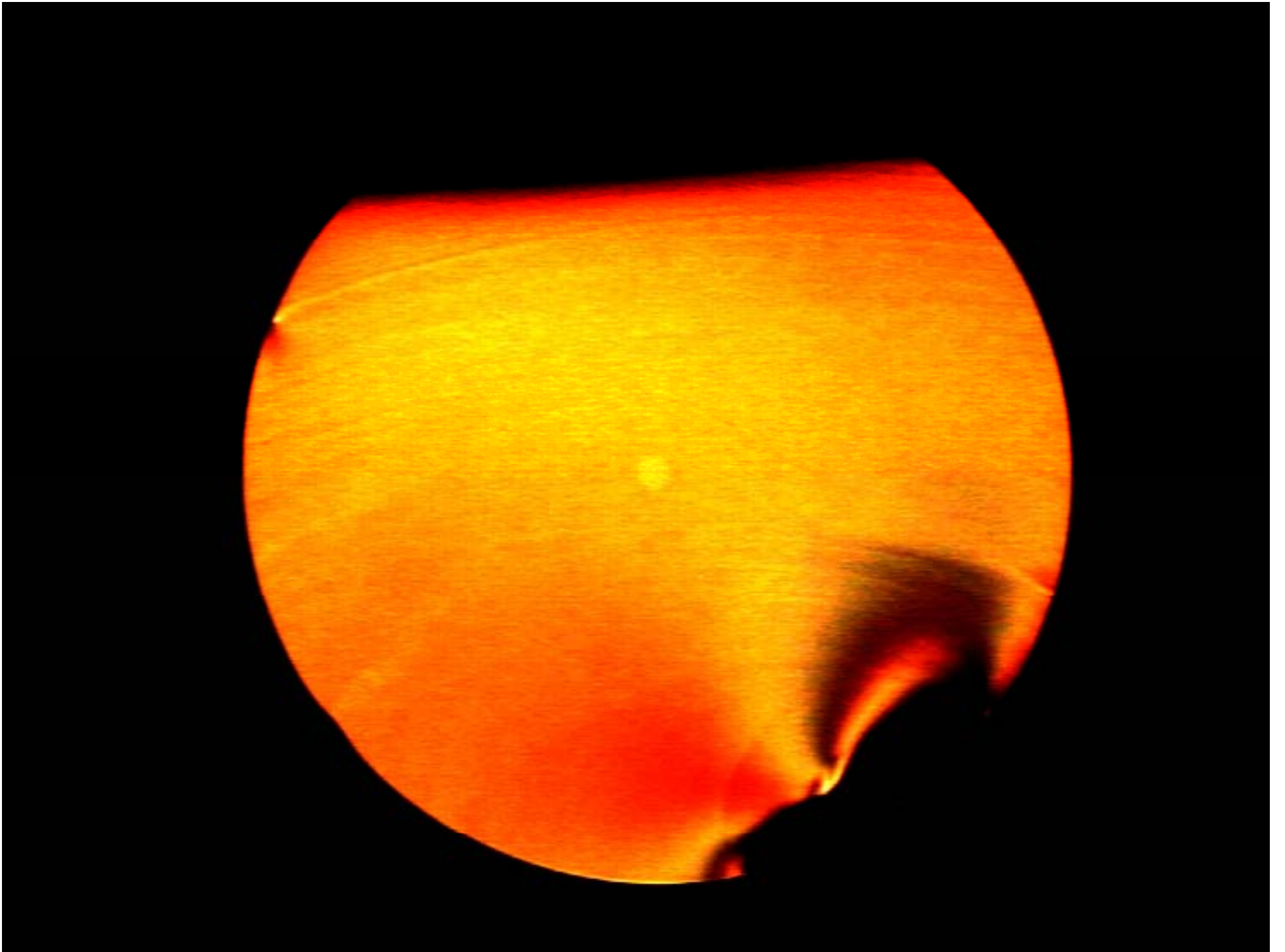


Fixation of the core-cladding rod in the cladding tube

Final fibering process leading to the **final fiber** : TAS#2



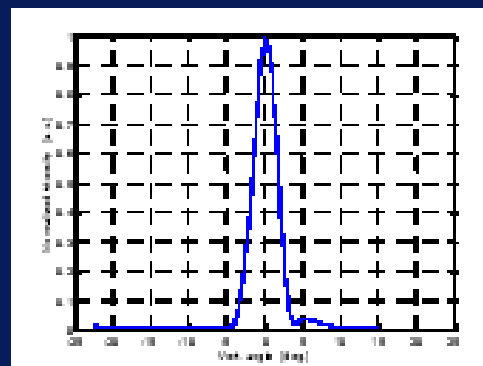
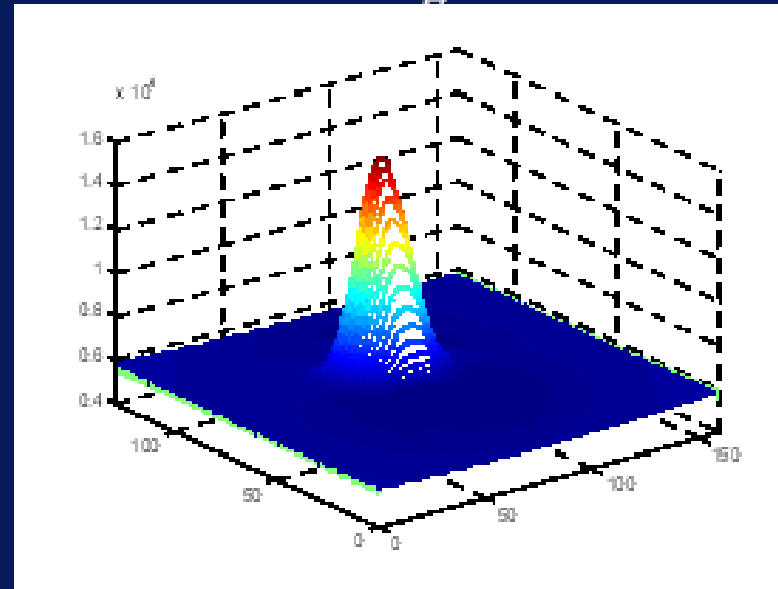
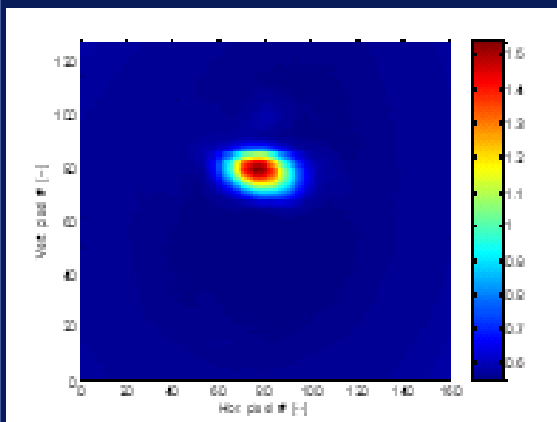
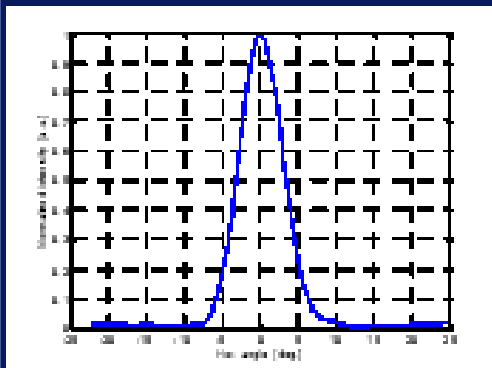




## D: Fiber in single mode operation (1)

- TAS fiber of 23cm, Extra attention for the Gallium coating
- Detector at 10mm from fiber end

Horizontal NA = 0.12



Vertical NA = 0.06

Single mode fibre at 10 $\mu$ m (CO<sub>2</sub> laser)