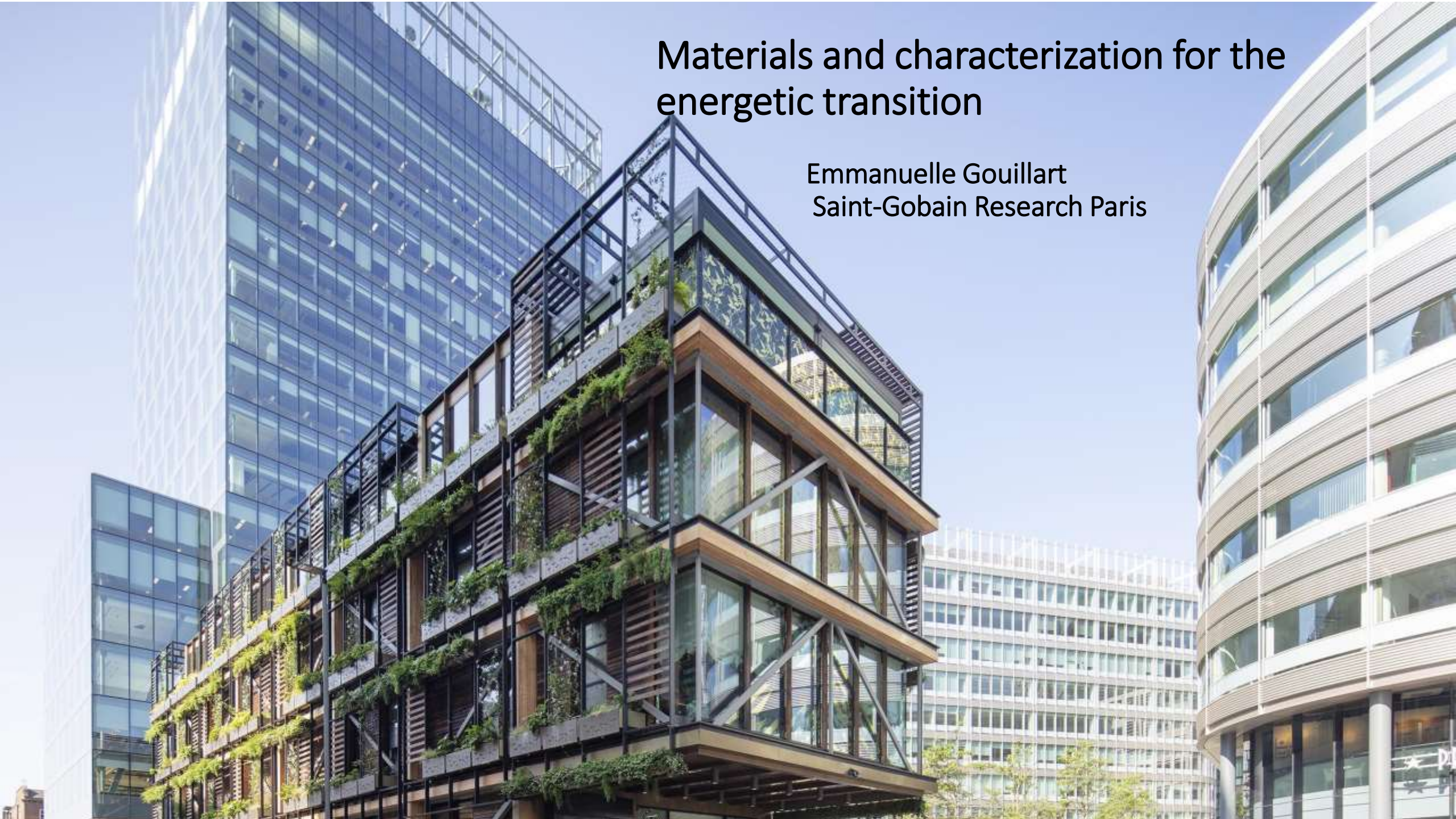


# Materials and characterization for the energetic transition

Emmanuelle Guillard  
Saint-Gobain Research Paris





# OUR MISSION

**Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions for the construction, mobility, healthcare and other industrial application markets.**

These materials can be found everywhere in our living places and daily life:



Housing



Transportation



Infrastructure



Buildings



Healthcare



Industrial applications

Developed through a continuous innovation process, they provide well-being, performance and safety, while addressing the challenges of sustainable construction, resource efficiency and the fight against climate change.



**Commitment:  
carbon neutrality  
in 2050**



# Productions and solutions for construction

PRODUCTS & BUSINESSES



Render

Glass & thin films

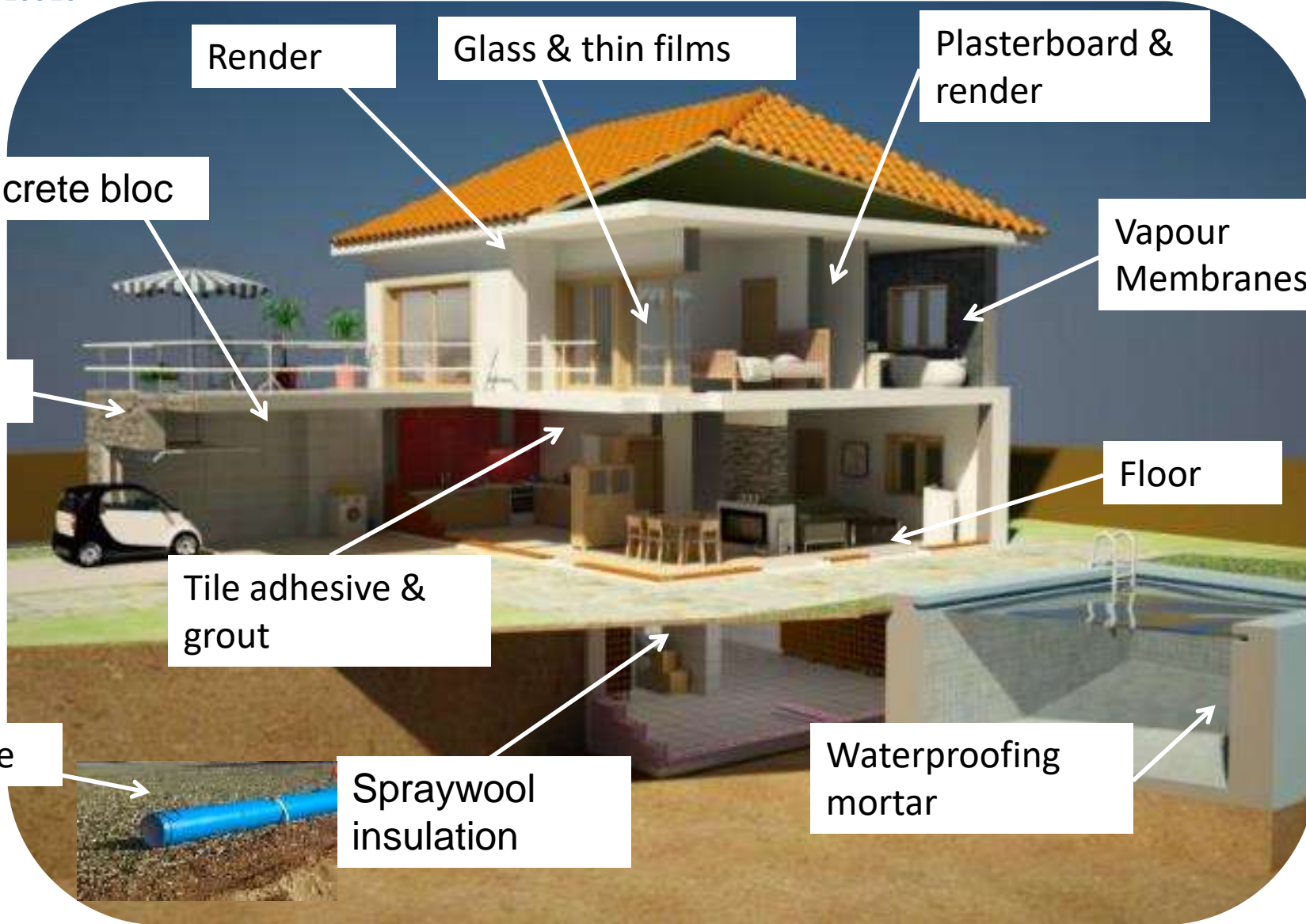
Plasterboard & render

Concrete bloc

Vapour Membranes



Stone facade



Tile adhesive & grout

Floor



Pipe

Spraywool insulation

Waterproofing mortar



# OUR BRANDS & BUSINESSES



## Regional businesses

- **European #1, world n°2:** flat glass
- **World #2:** plaster and plasterboard
- **World #2:** insulation (all insulating materials combined)
- **World #2:** mortars and building chemical solutions
- **A world leader** in ductile iron pipe systems
- **European #1:** distribution of building materials
- **Major player** in the heating-plumbing-sanitaryware market



## Global businesses

- **Leader** in automotive glass
- **World #1:** bearings for automotive applications
- **World #1:** civilian airborne satellite communications radomes
- **Leader** in single-use tubes for the pharmaceutical industry
- **Leader** in specialty abrasive grains (zirconia-based), ceramic balls for micro-grinding, refractories for the glass industry
- **World #1:** fiberglass wall coverings





# BUILD ON OUR INNOVATION CAPABILITIES

## Recognized innovation capabilities

**8** Saint-Gobain Research (SGR) cross-business R&D centers

**2,100** Marketing people

**1 out of 4 products** sold today by Saint-Gobain did not exist 5 years ago

**Over 100** development centers

**Over 3,600** researchers

**Over 400** patents filed each year

## Innovate constantly

### Focus our innovation efforts on customer needs

An open innovation approach: partnerships with start-ups, scientific and academic cooperation, internal venturing.

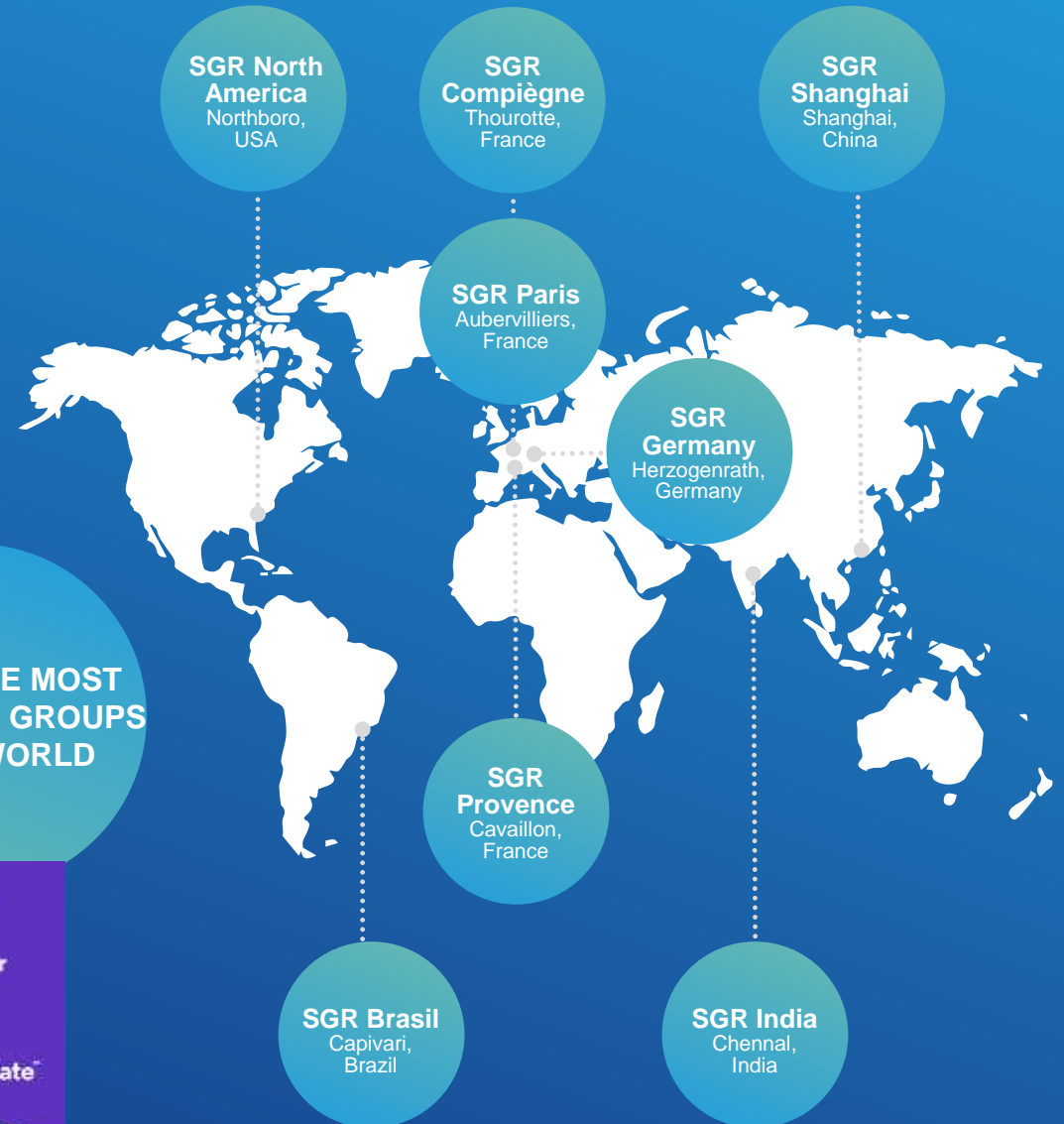
### Explore new business models

Marketplaces, intermediation platforms, product as a service, licensed technologies, concept sales, waste take-back and recycling services...

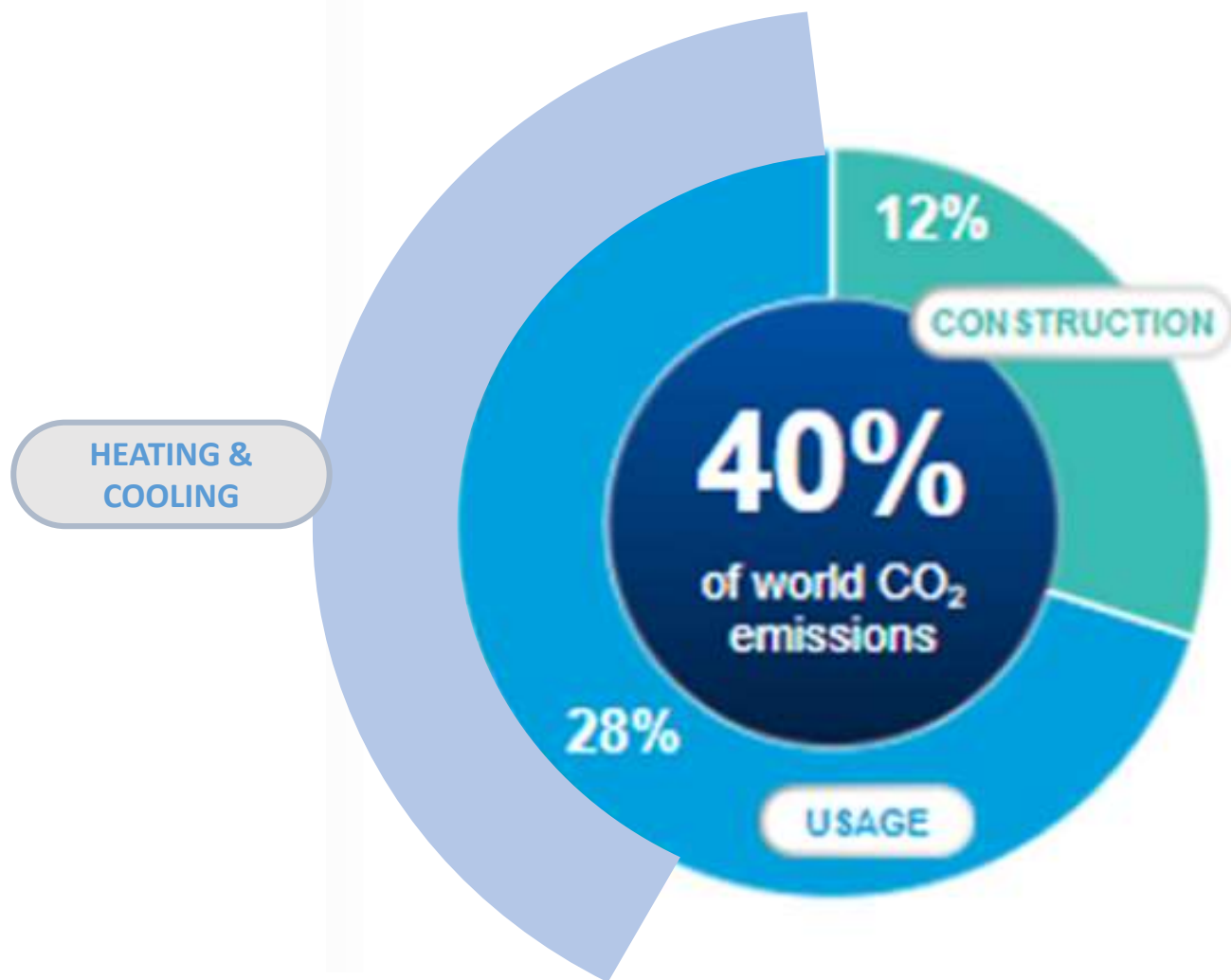
ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE GROUPS IN THE WORLD

Top 100 Global Innovator 2021

Clarivate™



## Building-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# UPSTREAM COMPETENCE CENTER FOR DECARBONATED PROCESSES

Adapting **existing processes** for a reduced footprint

Decarbonate glass raw materials  
Adapt the processes

- Silicate minerals
- More cullet
- Refractories

H2 / hybrid combustion  
Adaptation of chemistry and refractories  
Electrification of gypsum drying

Work on **breakthrough processes**

Beyond the one-pot melting process: multi-tank, preheating, CCU, ...

Beyond flames: how to bring clean energy to large glass volumes?

Electrification  
Disruptive technologies:  
*Low-pressure glass fining, induction / plasma heating*

PROCESS CO2 FOOTPRINT REDUCTION MATERIALS FOR BATTERIES AND H2

Link with R&D Group Initiatives

Combine core competencies and customer-centric approach

Beyond glass: **decarbonation for HPS clients**, thanks to our expertise

## COMPETENCIES

EXPERIMENTS,  
ANALYSES,  
SENSORS,  
MODELLING,  
THERMAL  
TRANSFERS

1/3



2/3

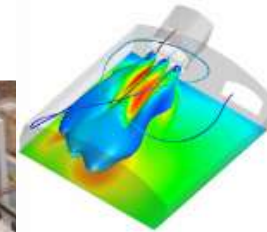
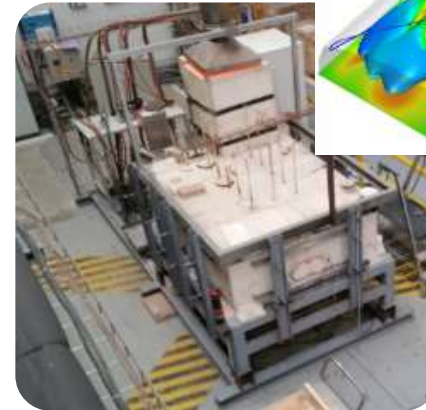
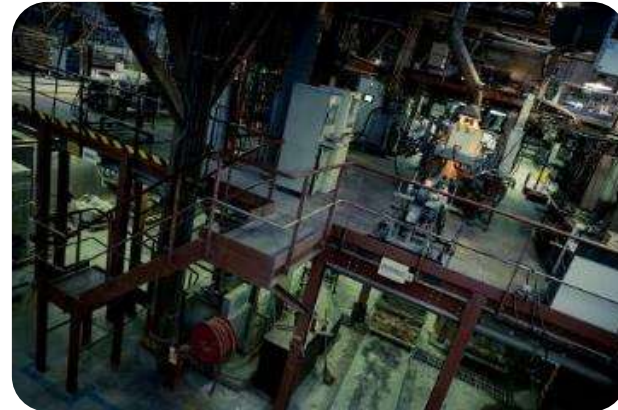




# PRINCIPALES THÉMATIQUES DE R&D SUR L'ELABORATION DES VERRES

Décarbonation de nos procédés verriers

2050  
NET ZERO CARBON



Améliorer la qualité du produit

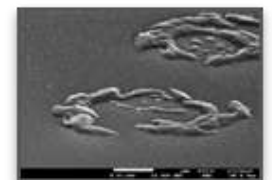
Reactivité de surface, défauts dans le verre, dissolution et biosolubilité des fibres...

Développer de nouvelles formulations

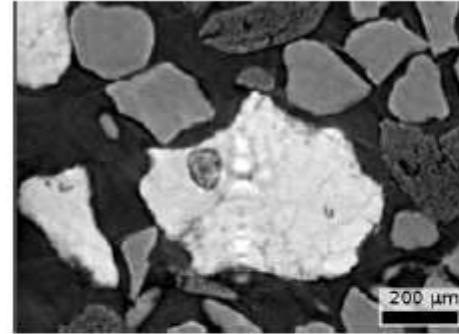
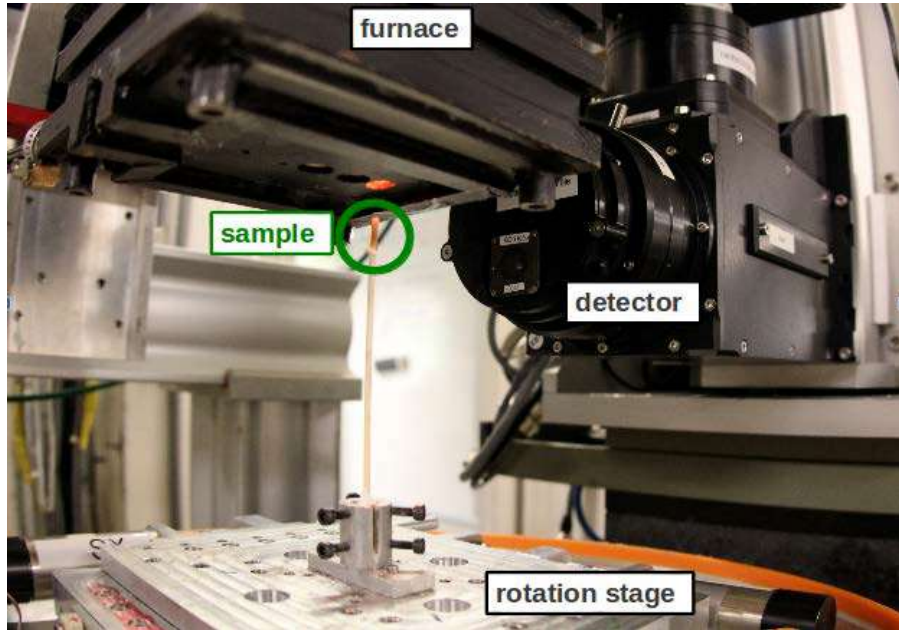
Améliorer les performances et réduire la consommation énergétique des fours verriers

Recyclage des déchets, fusibilité de matières décarbonatées

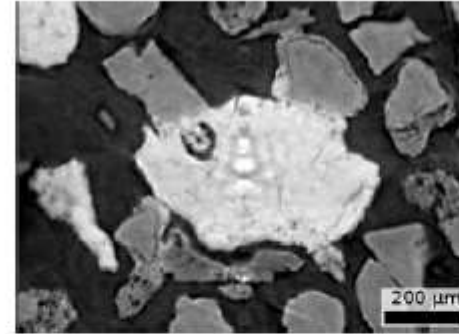
Diminuer les émissions de polluants (CO<sub>2</sub>, CO et NO<sub>x</sub>, ...)



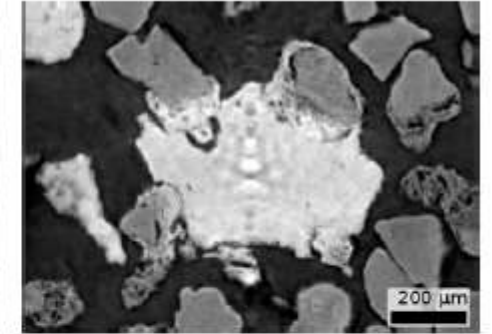
# GEOMETRY AND HETEROGENEITY OF REACTION PATHS IN GLASS BATCH MELTING



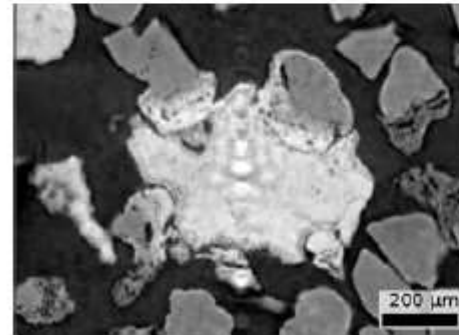
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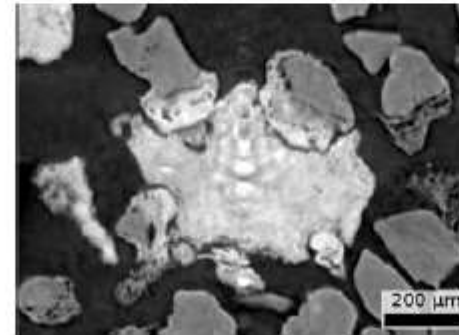
(b)  $t = 12$  s



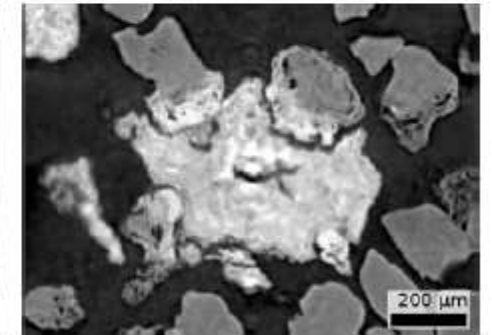
(c)  $t = 18$  s



(d)  $t = 24$  s



(e)  $t = 30$  s



(f)  $t = 36$  s

In situ microtomography experiments at ID19, ESRF

Coll. L. Salvo, P. Lhuissier Simap

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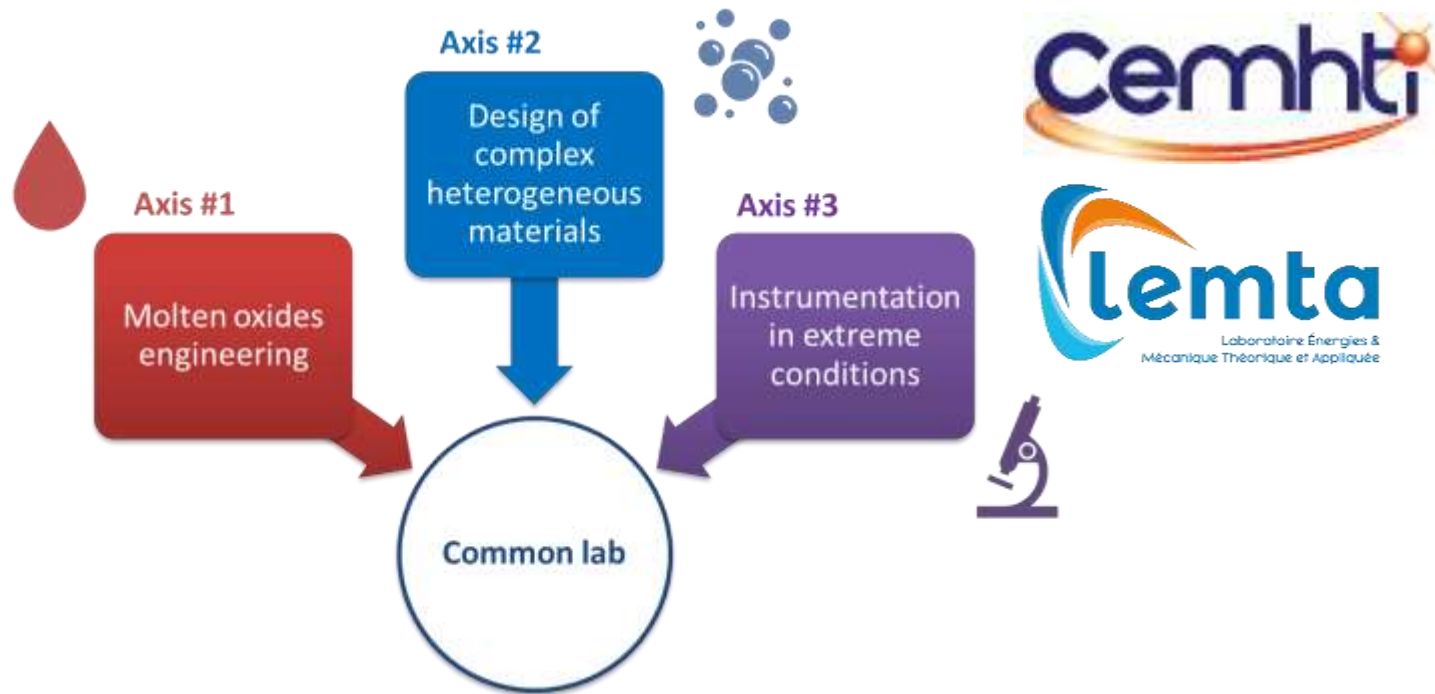
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SAINT-GOBAIN RESEARCH PARIS





# CANOPEE, A JOINT LABORATORY SG, CNRS & UNIVERSITY OF LORRAINE



Workshop July 1st, 2019 @ SGR Paris

Post-doc fellowship at LEMTA (axis #2) “Characterization of thermal properties of complex heterogeneous solid materials at high temperature” – Léa PENAZZI 2021-2022 (18 months)



PhD at LEMTA (axis #3) “Measurement of temperatures and heat fluxes on semi-transparent materials at high temperature by multi-spectral methods” – Kamal ENNASS 2021-2024 (36 months)



# GLASS WOOL



**Cotton candy at 1000°C, 2000 rpm,  
30 tons/day!**





# UPSTREAM COMPETENCE CENTER FOR CONSTRUCTION IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

## COMPETENCIES

CHEMISTRY, FORMULATION, THIN FILMS  
CHARACTERIZATION, MECHANICS, OPTICS  
THERMICS, ACOUSTICS, DESIGN, SOCIOLOGY  
ECO-CONCEPTION, SENSORS, DATA SCIENCE  
MICROBIOLOGY  
...

ALL OUR COMPETENCIES

### Design of low C solutions

New alternative materials (raw earth, wood)  
Decarbonated raw materials  
Lightweight & mechanical properties



MECHANICAL TESTING  
DESIGN  
OFFSITE & MODULAR  
CONSTRUCTION  
GREEN CHEMISTRY  
ADHESION

Link with R&D  
Group  
Initiatives

### Positive impact of our materials

Insulation solutions  
Textured glass – matte façades  
Switchable glass roofs



### New construction modes and techniques

Ease of installation /dismounting  
3D Printing Digitalisation  
Social and Human sciences & testing capabilities



### Material to be repaired or recycled

Assembly / disassembly  
Study the potential of biological processes of separation  
New Industrial processes



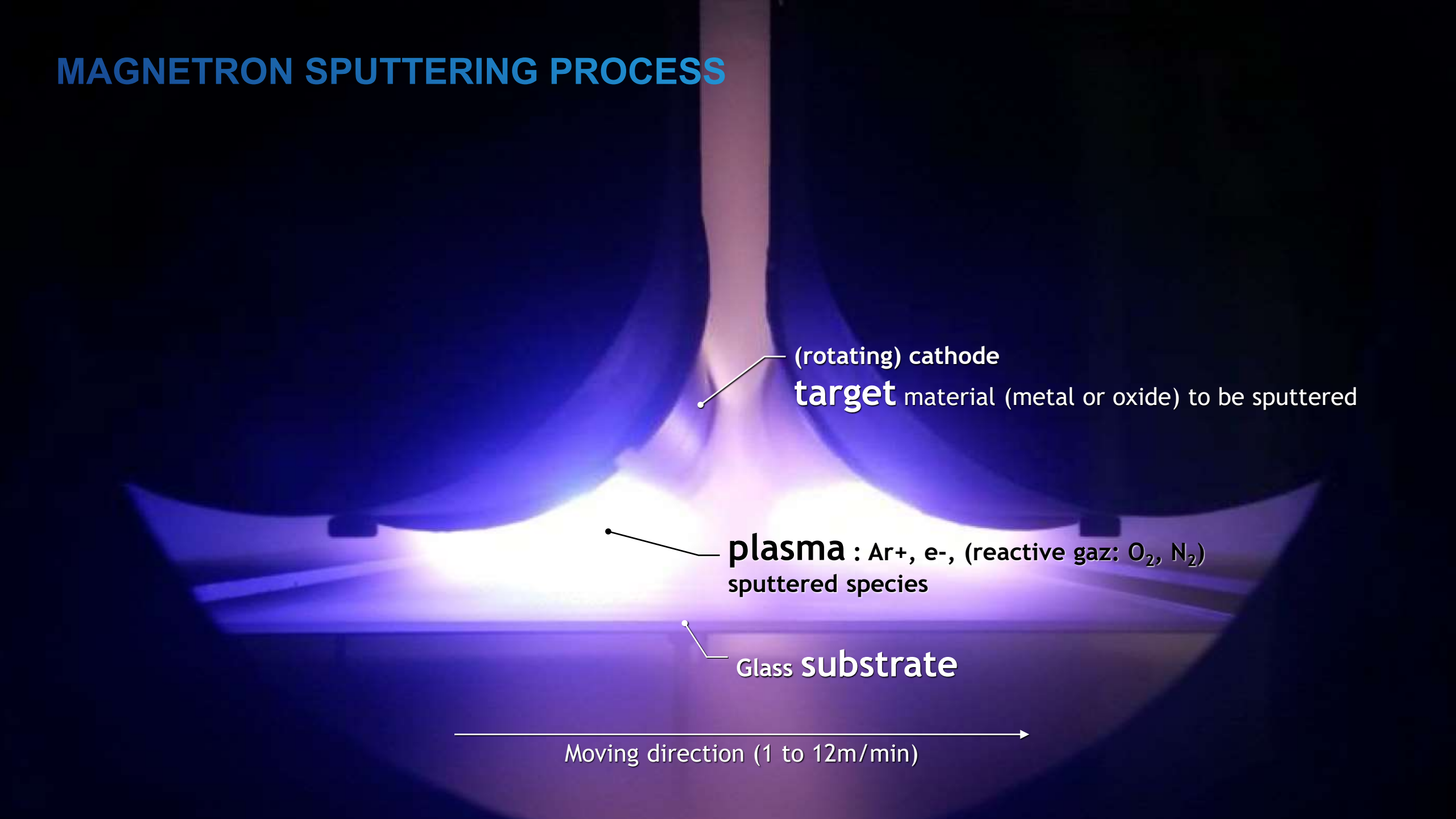
# MAGNETRON SPUTTERING PROCESS

(rotating) cathode  
**target** material (metal or oxide) to be sputtered

**plasma** : Ar<sup>+</sup>, e<sup>-</sup>, (reactive gaz: O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>)  
sputtered species

Glass **substrate**

Moving direction (1 to 12m/min)





Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> - 40 nm

ZnO - 54 nm

Ag - 10 nm

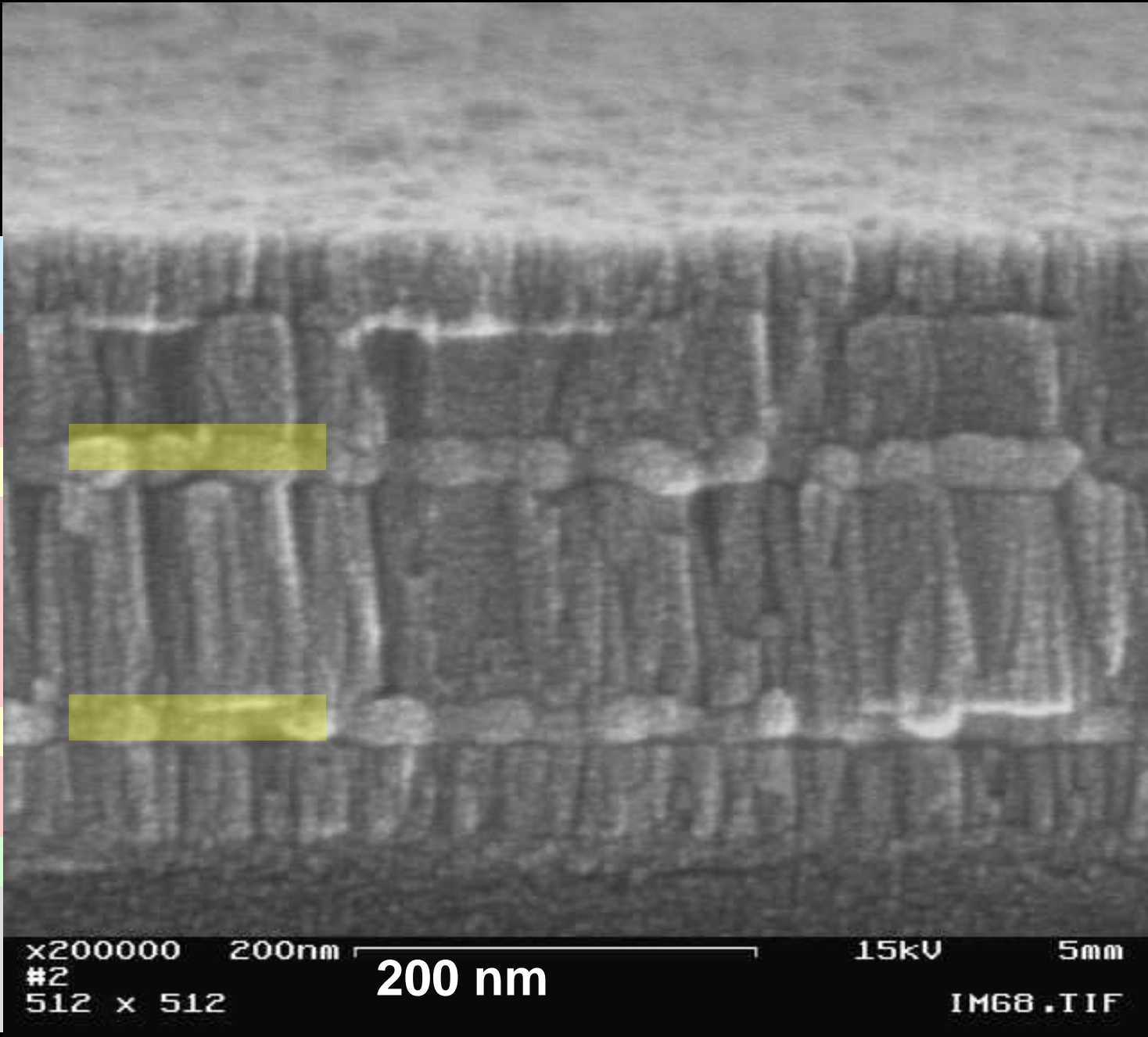
ZnO - 100 nm

Ag - 11 nm

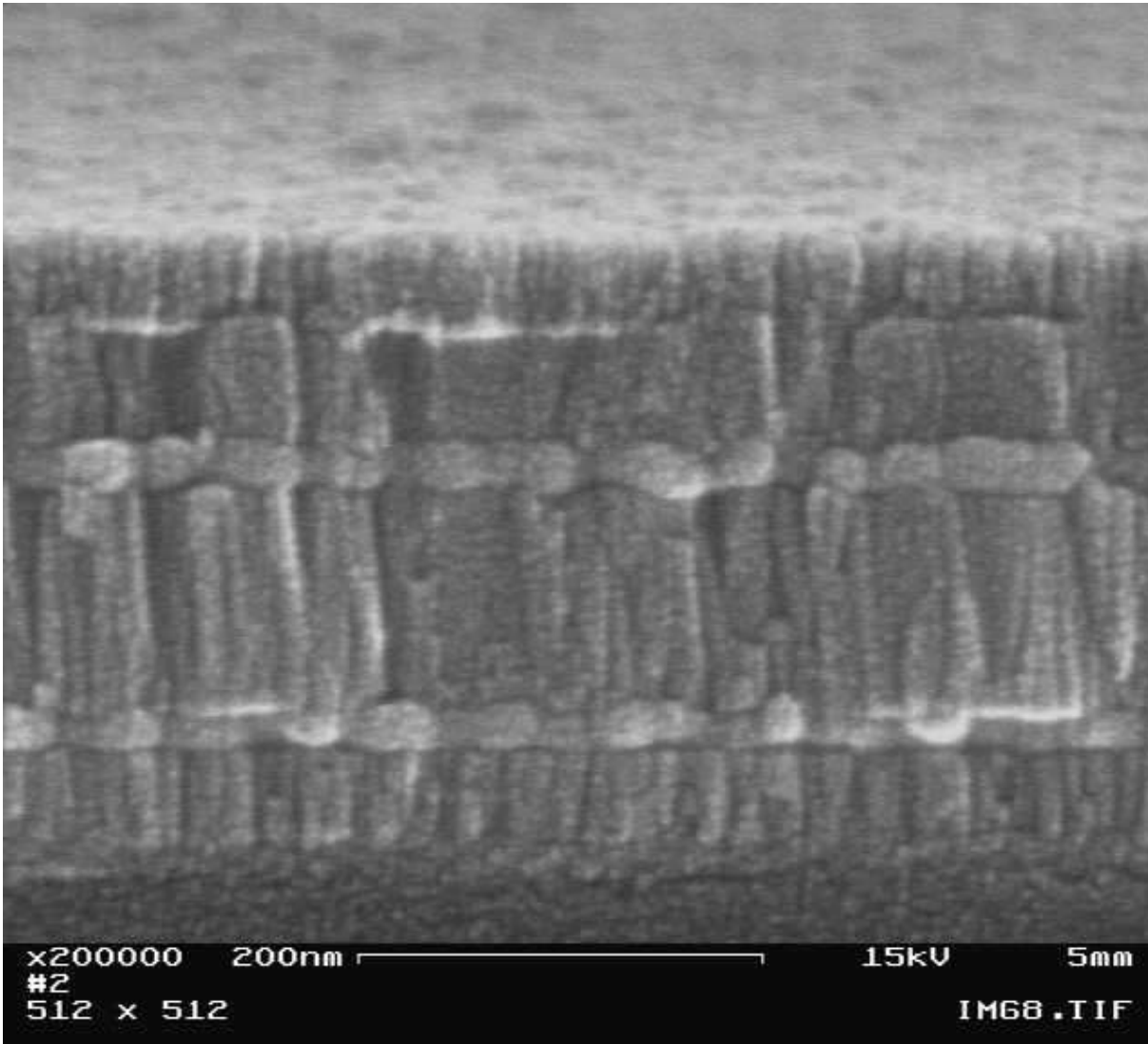
ZnO - 54 nm

SnO<sub>2</sub> - 16 nm

Glass Substrate



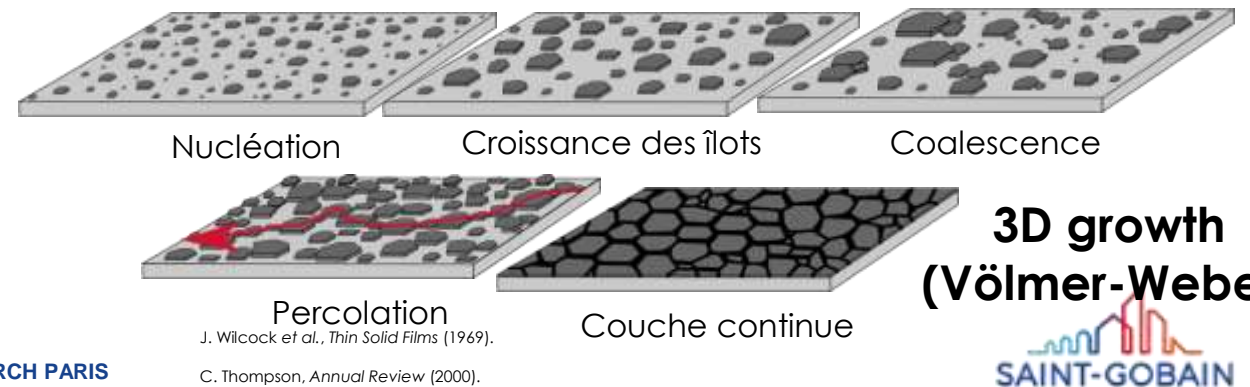
# SILVER-BASED STACKS: ONGOING CHALLENGES



**Product:** optimize selectivity, mechanical resistance, ....

**Materials:**

- How to optimize silver quality? Role of underlayer and process parameters.
- How to control diffusion during heat treatment?





## Product development at SGR Paris



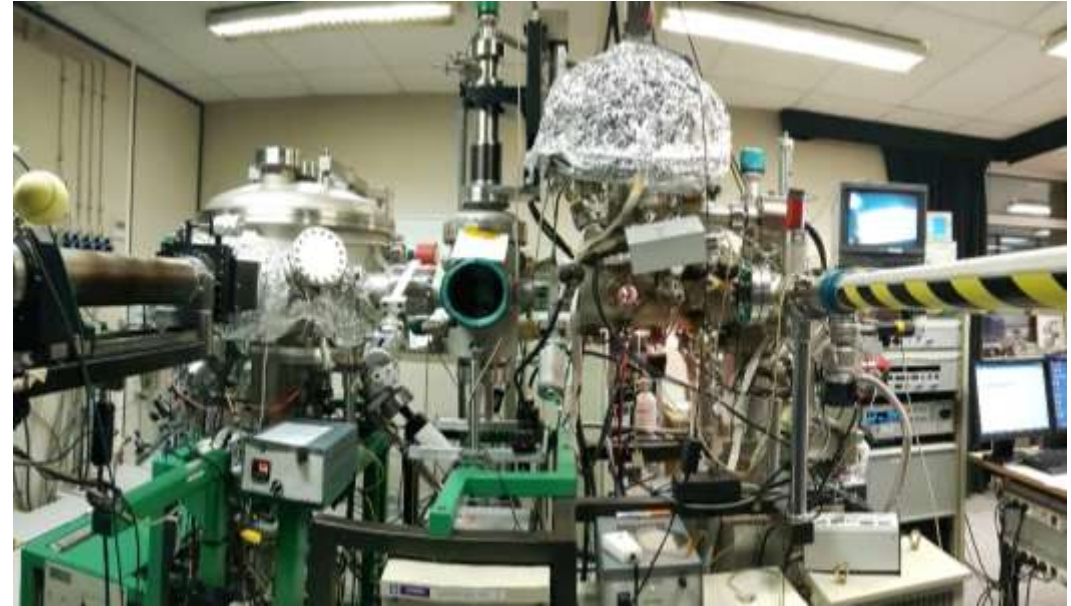
10-20 layers

Continuous deposition with in-line cathodes

R&D set-ups and tests on industrial coaters

Also numerical models for optics and materials

## Academic research in joint unit SVI



Research set-ups

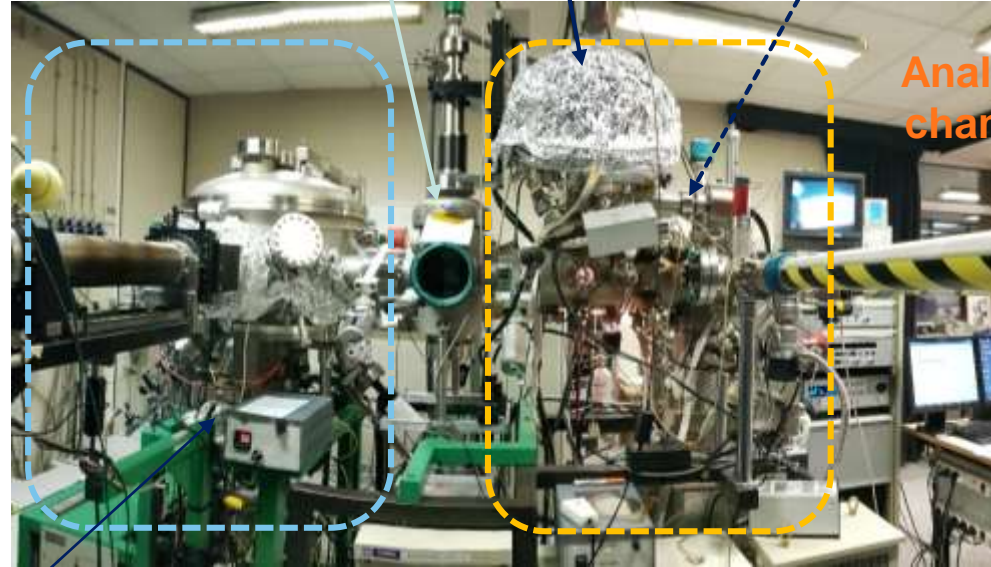
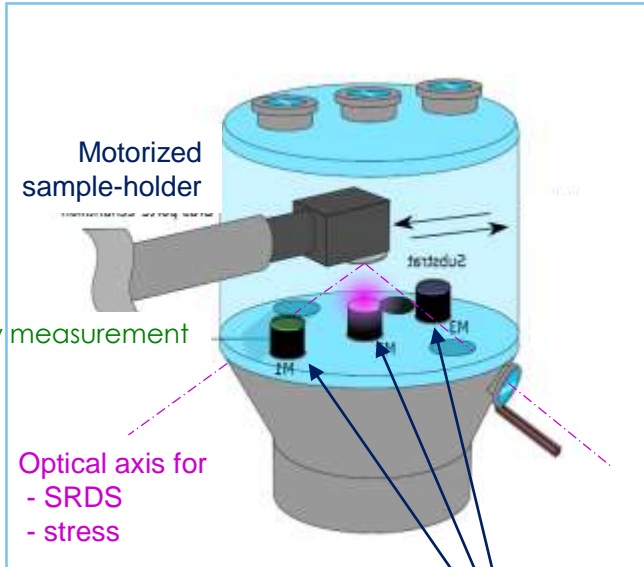
Very simplified stacks (1-3 layers)

Instrumentation for in-situ advanced characterization

# EXPERIMENTAL: SVI SET-UP FOR SPUTTERING & CHARACTERIZATION

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S. Grachev  
Coll. R. Lazzari  
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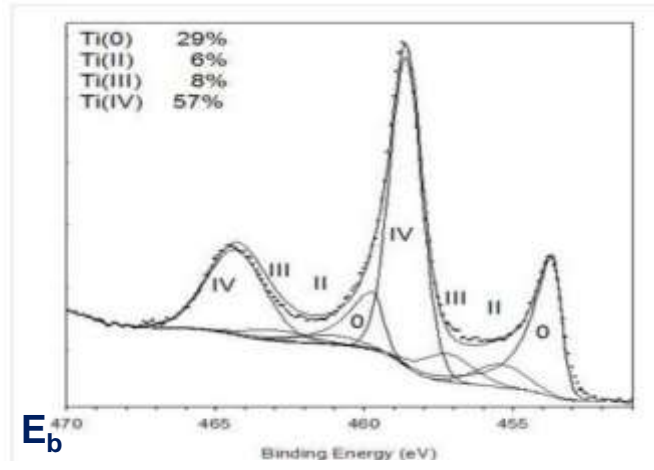
Deposition config.



Magnetron targets

Deposition chamber

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

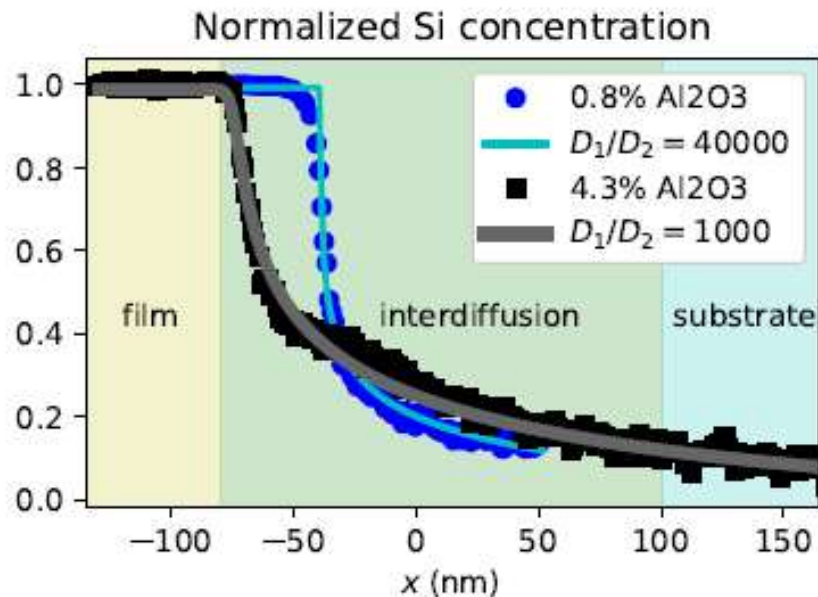


Example of Ti 2p spectra

○ **In situ characterization**

- during the process (layer conductivity, intrinsic stress, optical properties)
- on the final coating without atmospheric contamination (composition, structure)

## Diffusive dissolution of thin film and multicomponent effects



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D \nabla C)$$

$D$  often considered constant, but sometimes this approximation cannot be used

silica thin film

soda-lime glass

smaller  $D$

larger  $D$

High Si diffusivity (& viscosity) ratio between substrate and film  
Using Crank's model to fit profiles :

$$D_{Si} = D_0 \exp(-\beta C_{Si})$$

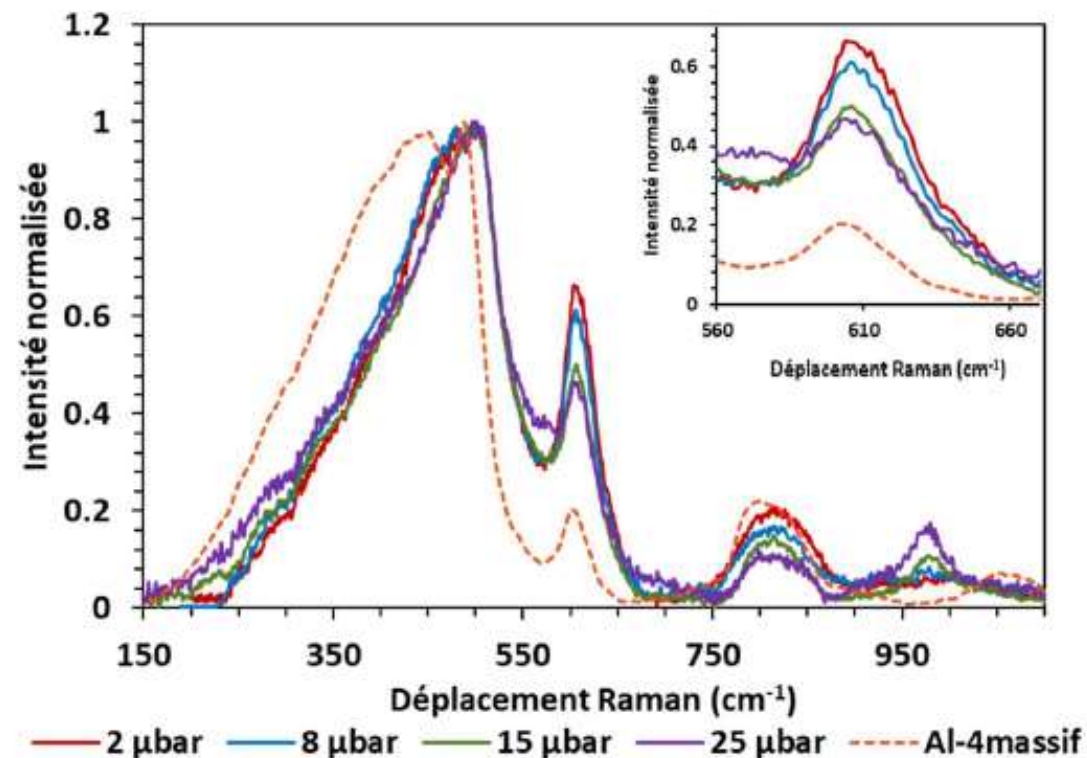
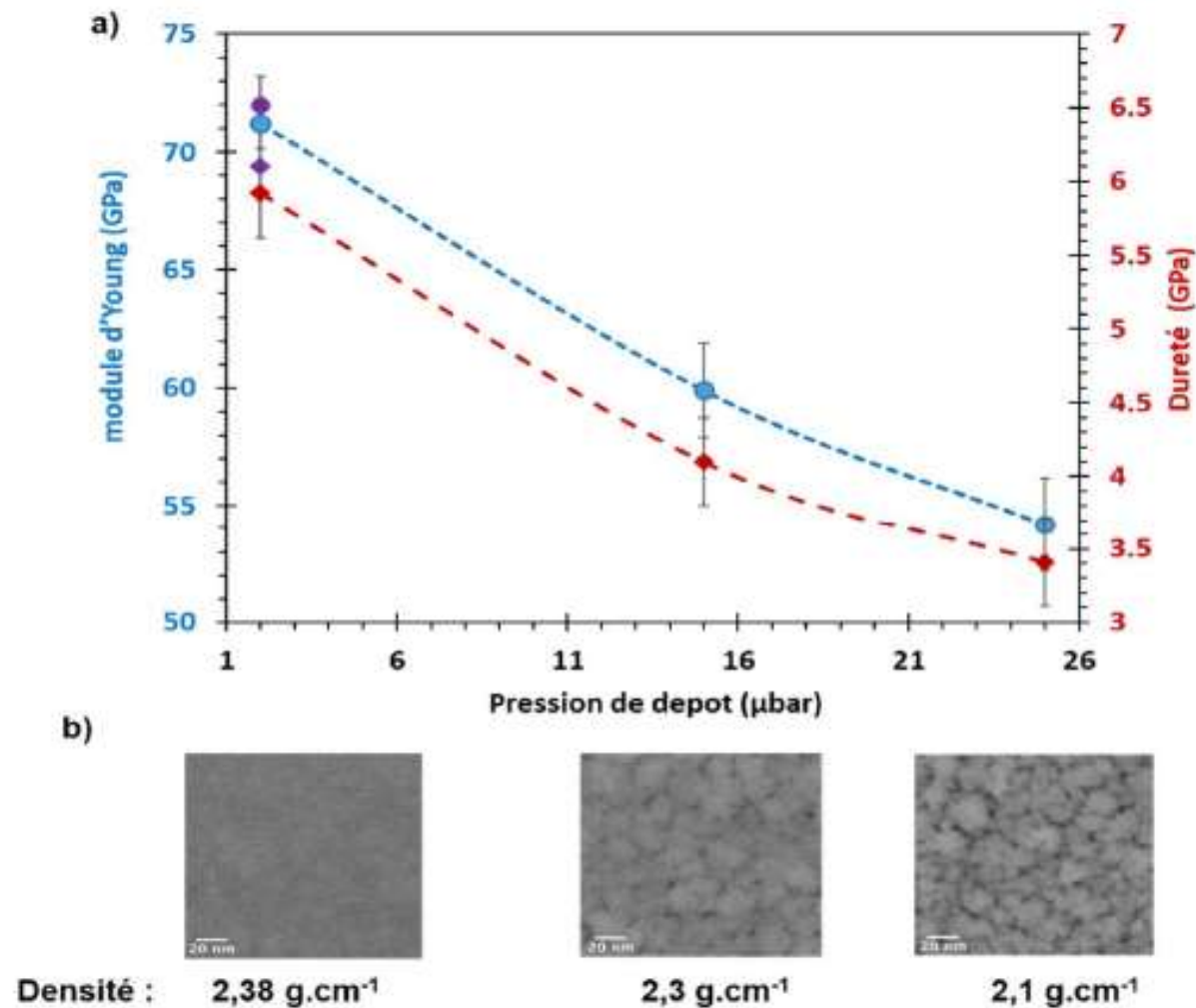
Fitted values of  $\beta$  consistent with Eyring's law and viscosity model

Use bulk eigenvectors to fit profiles

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Fonné et al., JACS  
2017, JACS2018  
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Cormier

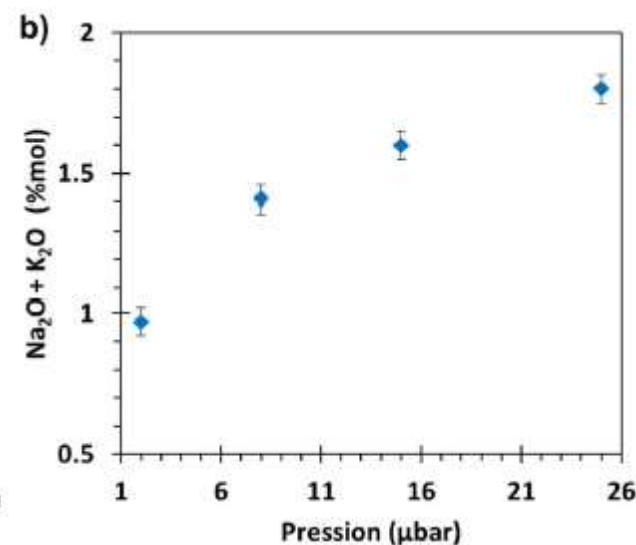
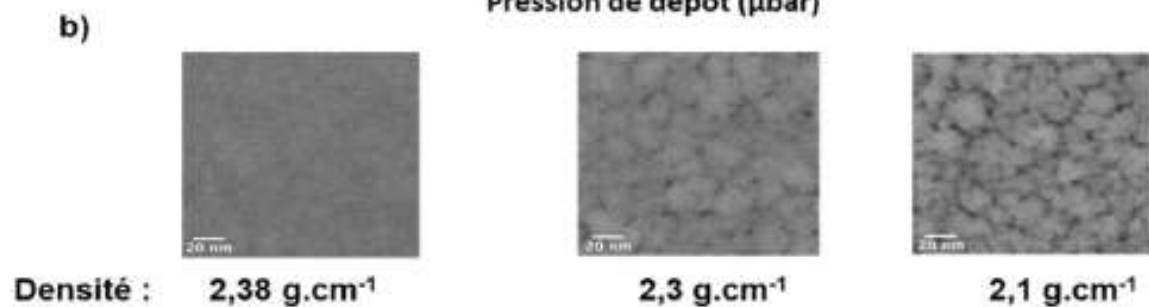
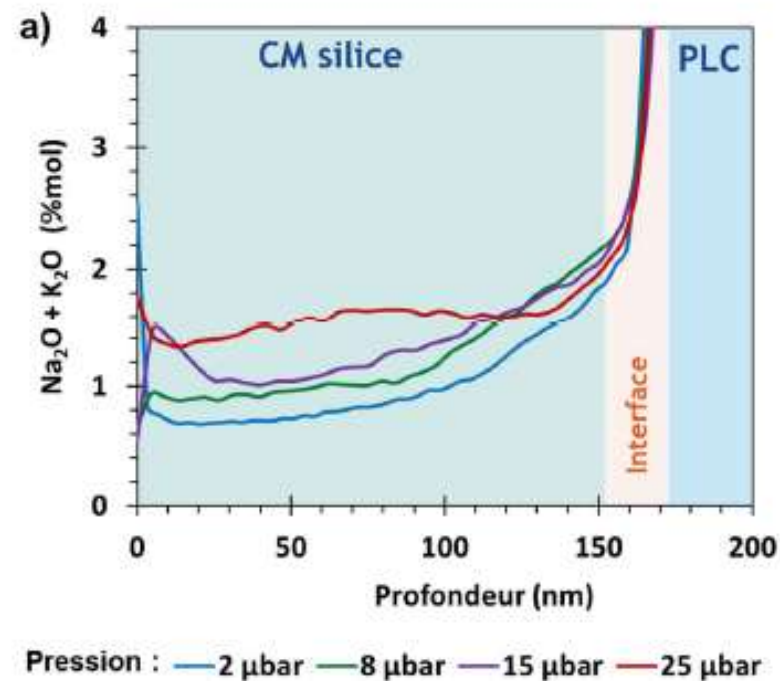
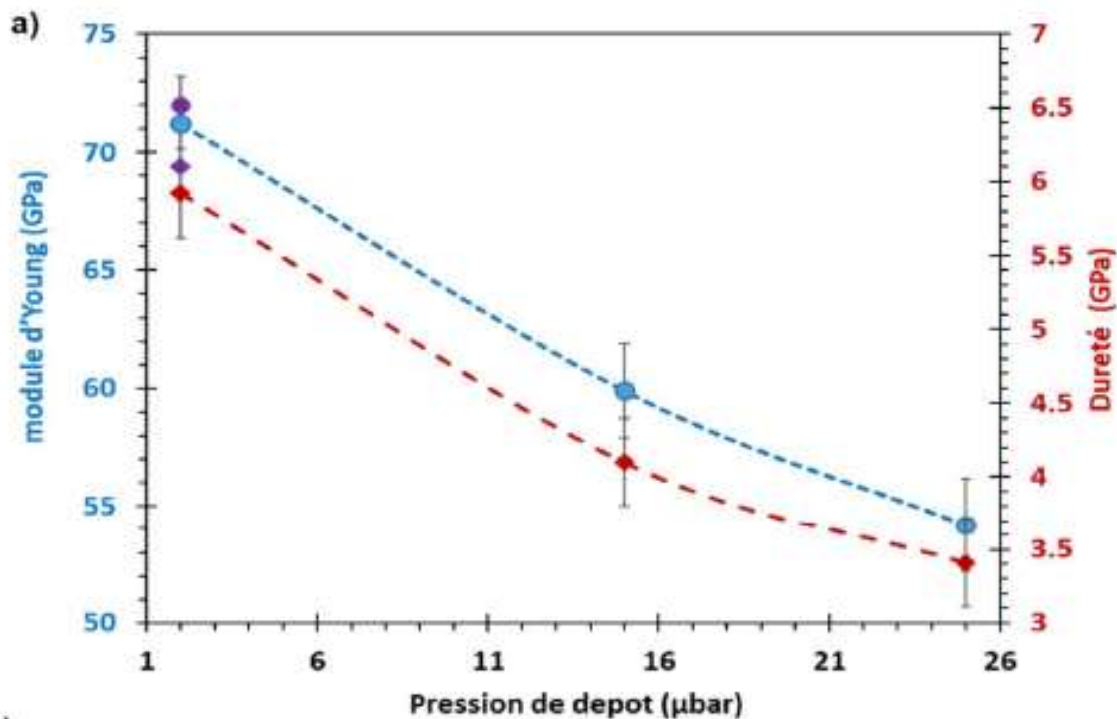


## Silica thin films with different sputtering conditions



MAGI project, L. Cormier (IMPMP), E. Burov (SVI)

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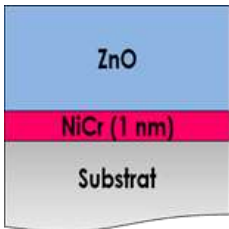
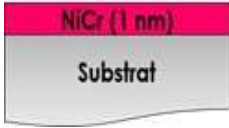


thermodynamics +  
kinetics

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# NiCr thin layer structure

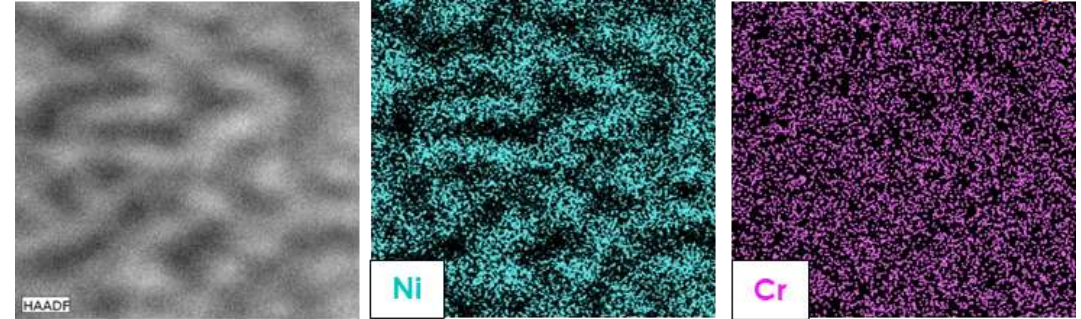


- **Spinodal-type morphology**

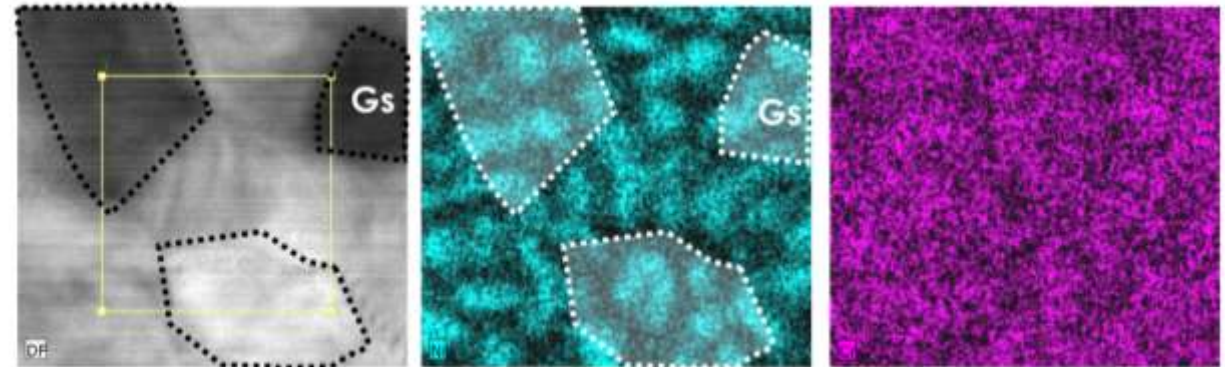
- Consequence of substrate (oxide) surface tension

- **Spinodal-type morphology**

- No impact of the sputtering deposition of zinc oxide (rf/ZnO deposition example)



STEM-HAADF



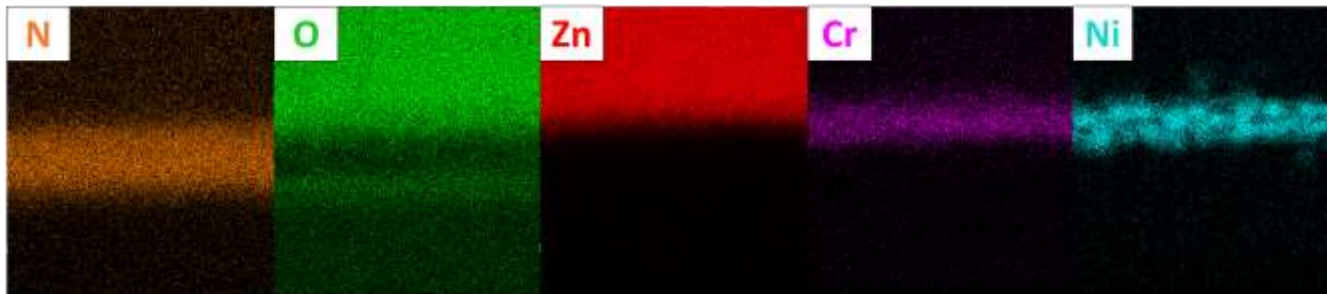
10 nm

STEM-EDS  
cross section

plan-view

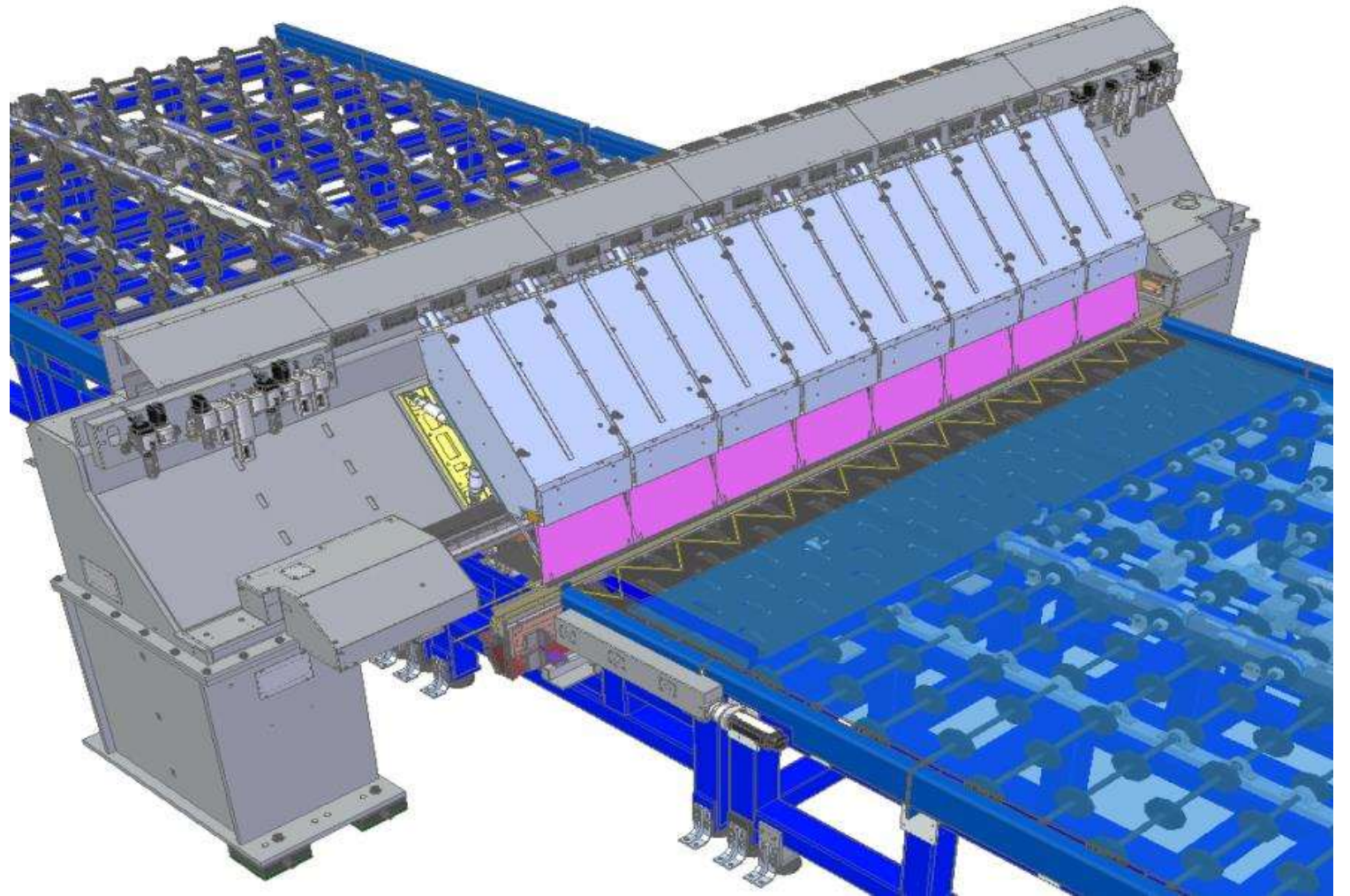
Composition (EPMA)

Element	Ni	Cr
% at.	77.0 ± 0.2	23.0 ± 0.1



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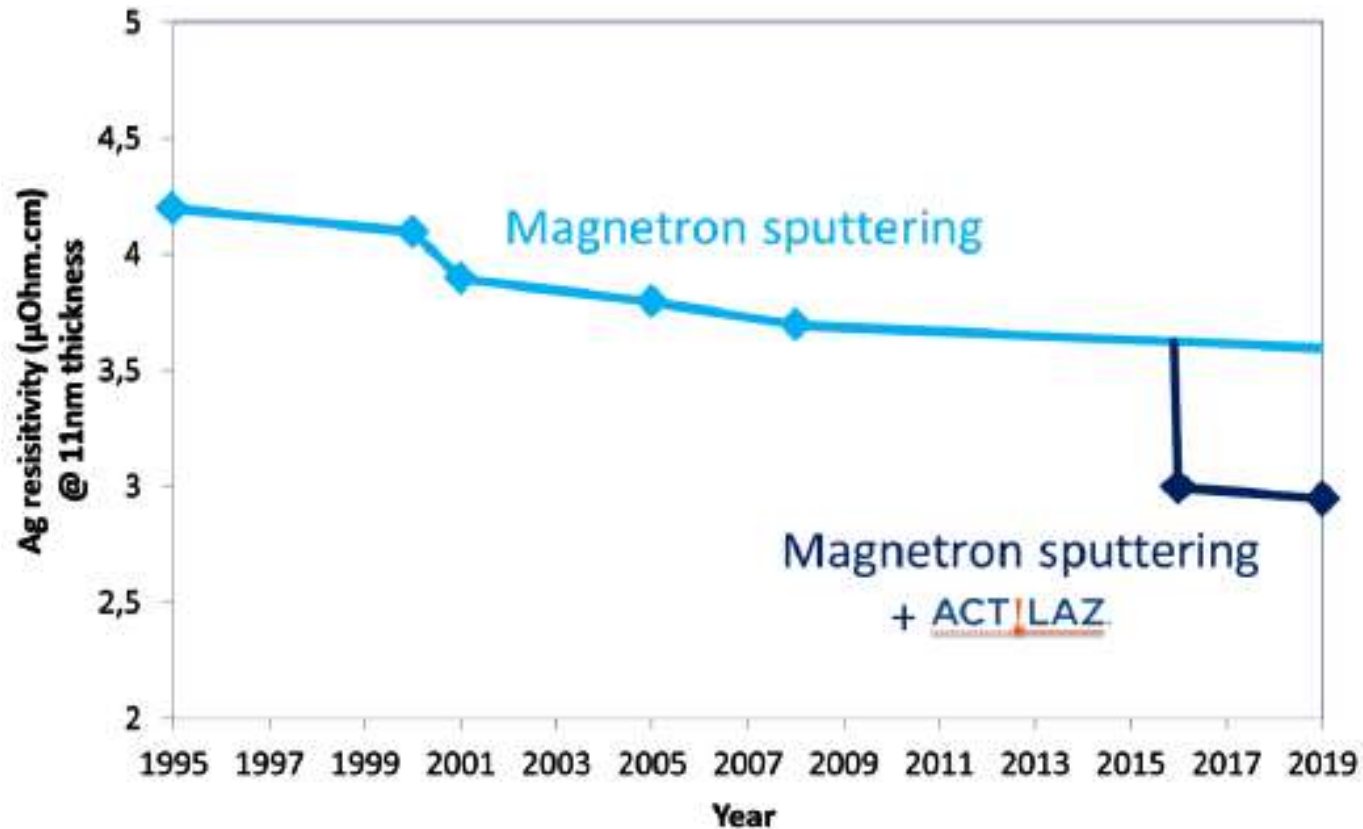
# LASER ANNEALING OF THIN FILM COATINGS ON LARGE AREA GLASS SUBSTRATES



*Developed in collaboration with Trumpf and Manz*



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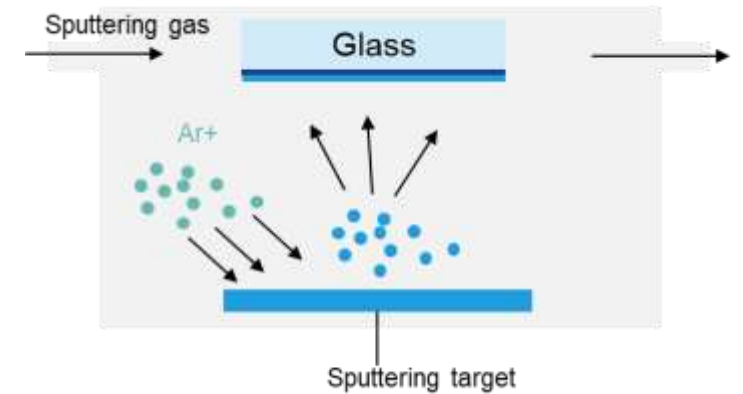
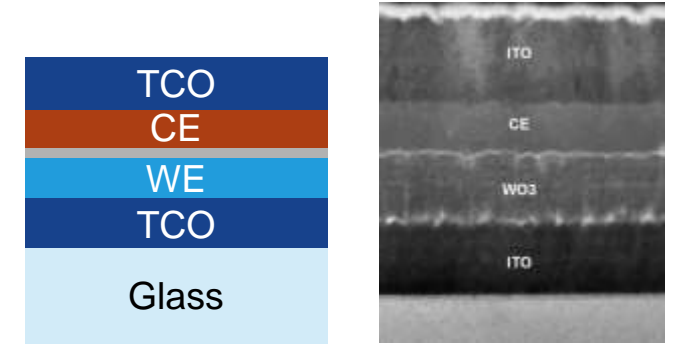
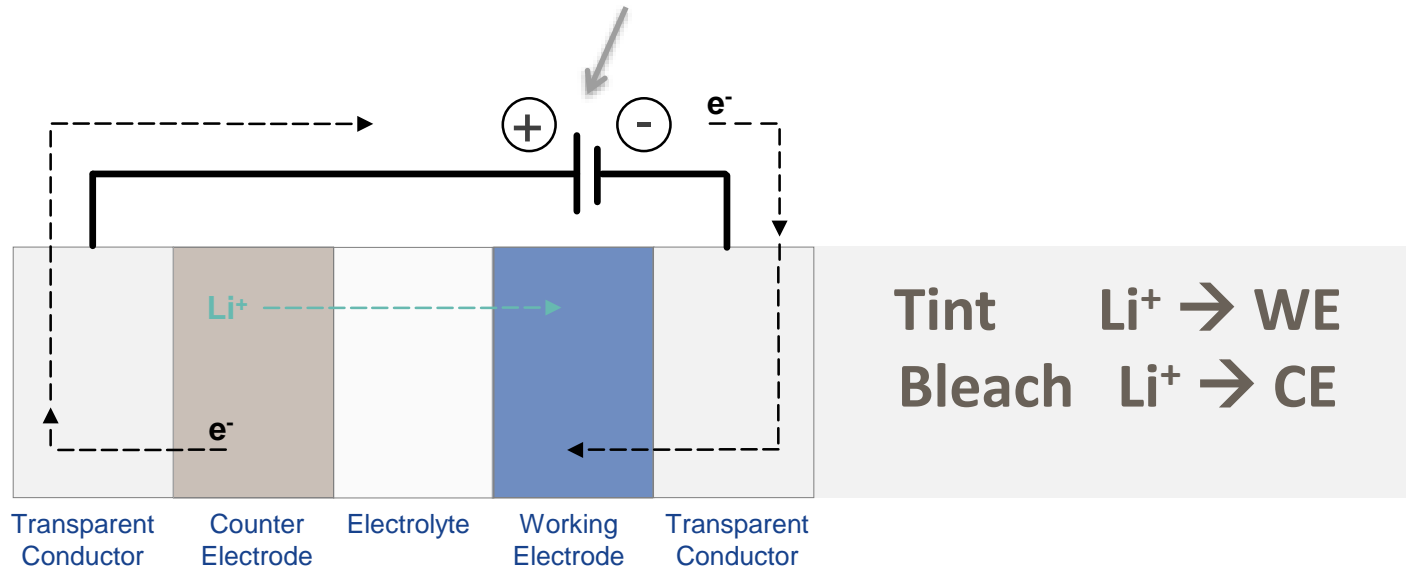


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# PHYSICS OF EC TECHNOLOGY

Thin film Deposition and Electrochemical reactions involved

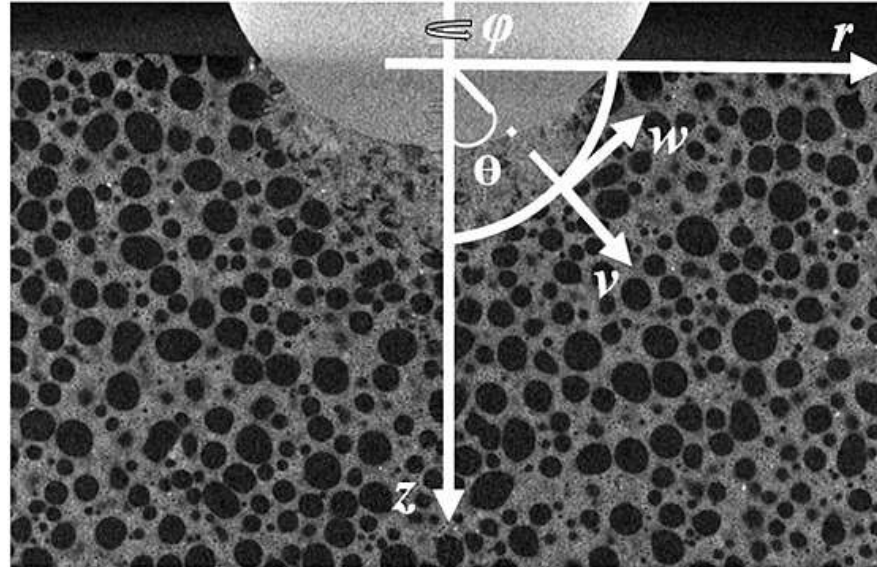
Controls count charge to determine tint state



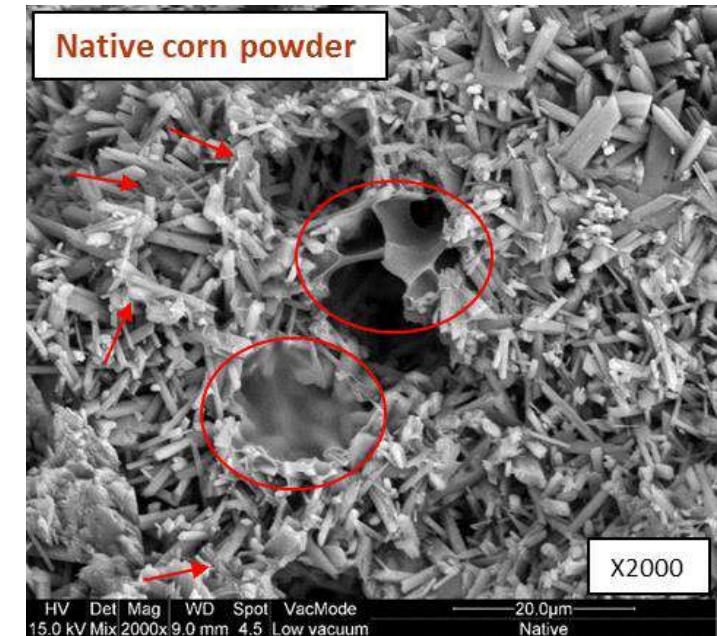
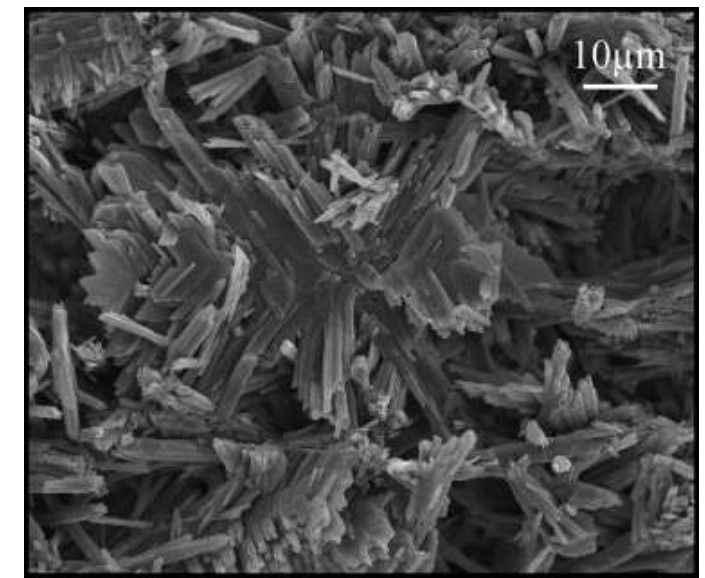
Electrochromic glass act as a lithium ion battery made out of transparent thin coatings on Glass



# GYPSUM BOARDS: MULTISCALE MATERIALS

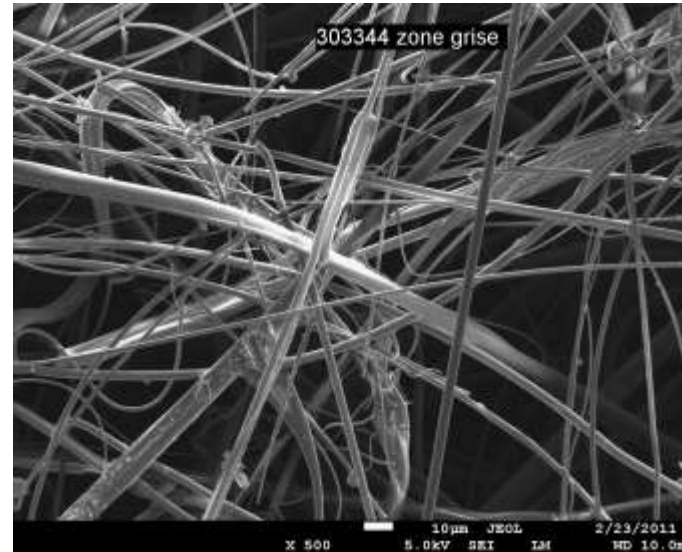


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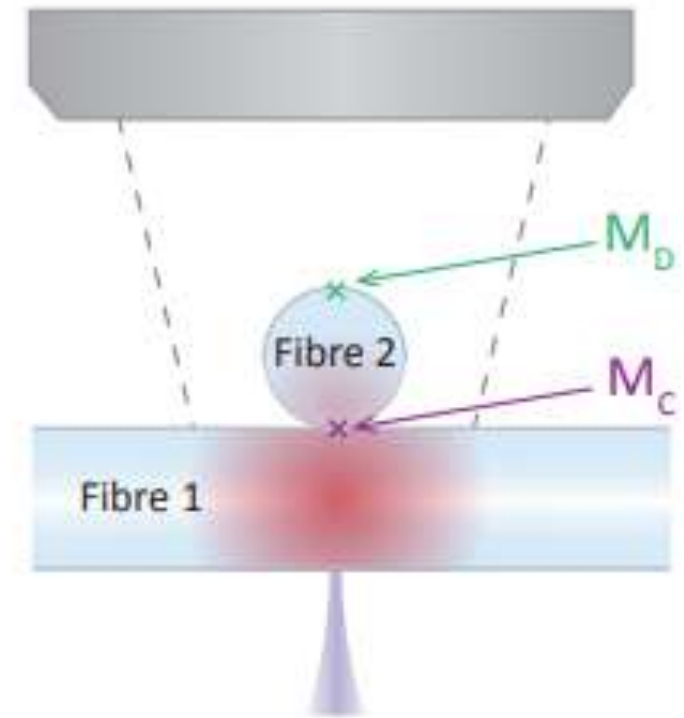
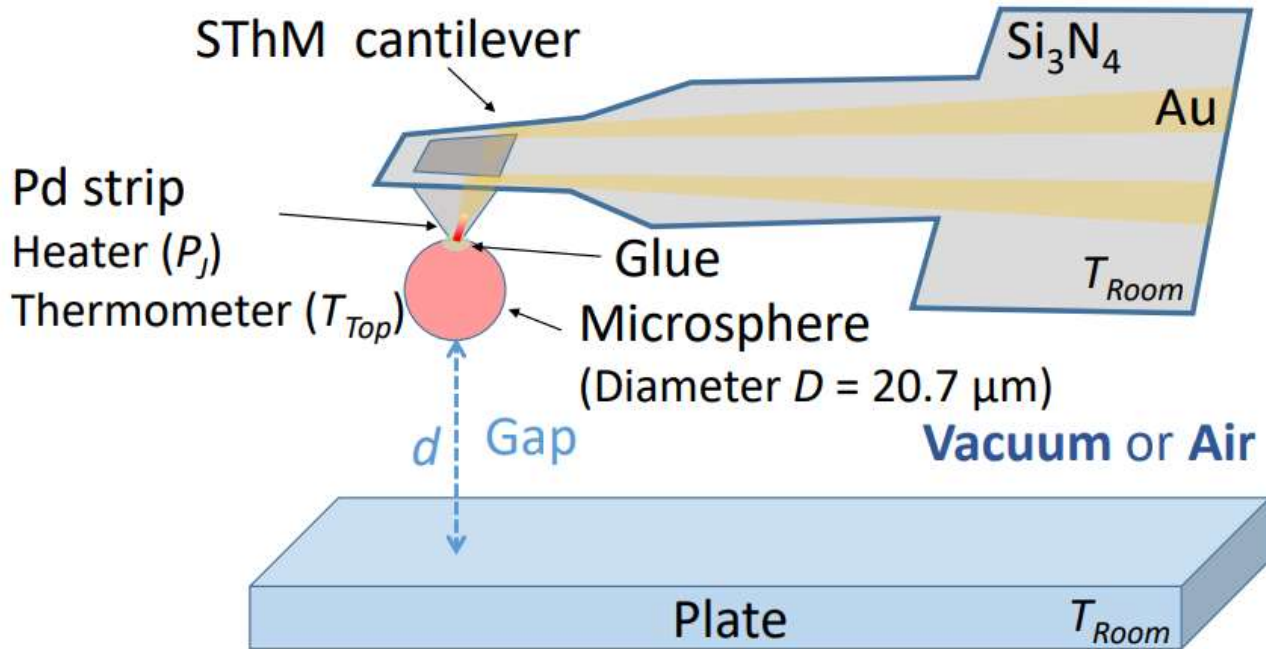
# GLASS WOOL: OPTIMIZING FIBRE ARRANGEMENT FOR THERMAL INSULATION





# MEASURE OF THERMAL CONTACT RESISTANCE

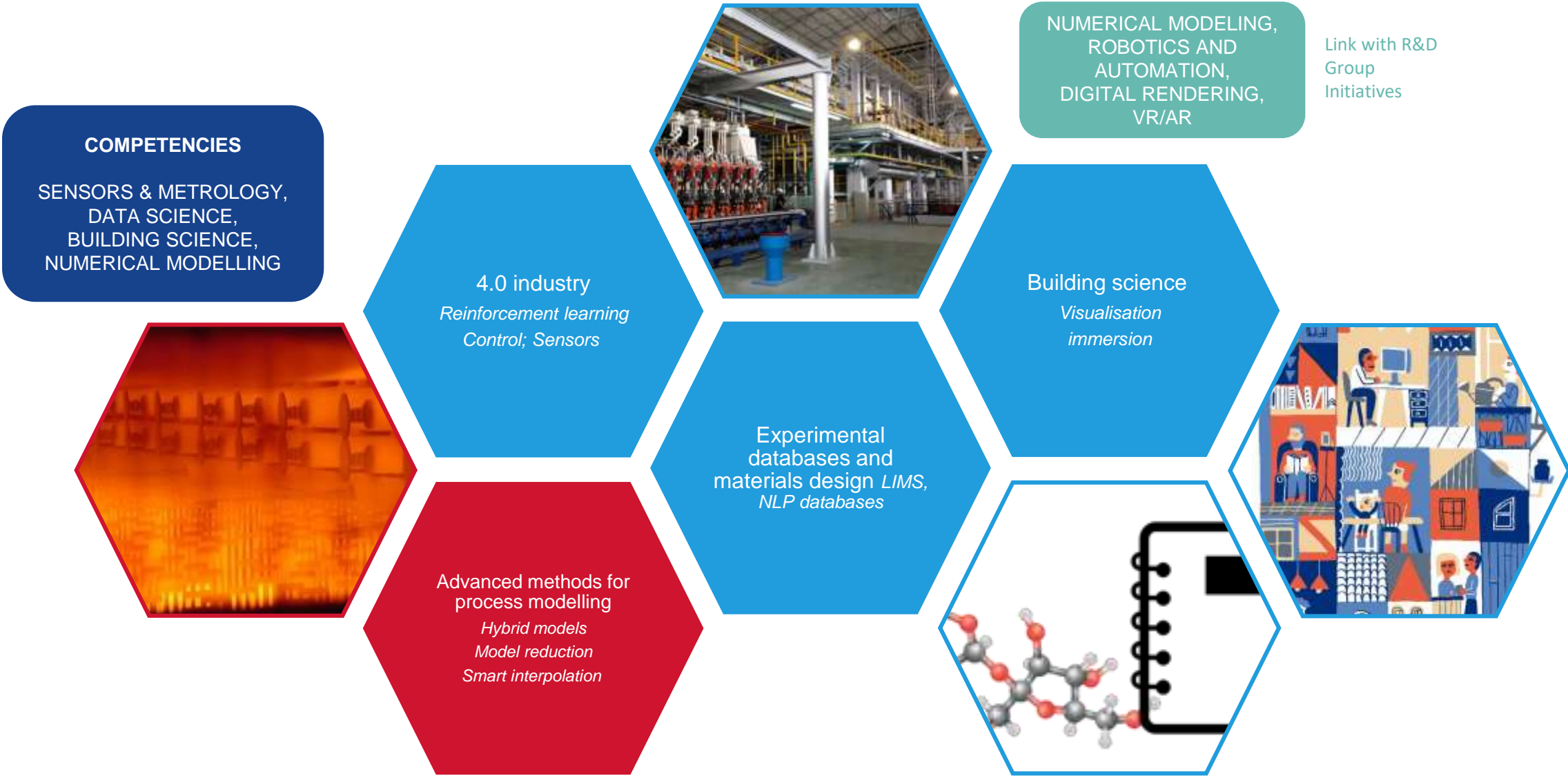
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