

# Optical Properties of Materials

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# Overview of Talk

- About Me
- Some of our Research at UTS
- Optical Characterisation Facilities at UTS

Most of the topics covered are in collaboration with Geoff Smith, Matt Arnold, Michael Cortie and various students

# My Background

- Applied Physics / Electrical Eng UTS (1998-2004)
- 2000 Started working at UTS as internship (continued part time during undergraduate/honours)
- Physics Honours (2003) + PhD UTS (2005- 2008)
- 1yr Postdoc UNSW (3rdgen PV Group – Si QD solar cells) (2008/9)
- 2.5yr Postdoc UTS (DP: Radiative Cooling) 2009-2012
- 3 Yr Postdoc UTS (Transparent Electrodes for OPV/OLED) (2012-2014)  
CSIRO funded (UQ, UTS and Flinders)
- 2 yr Postdoc UTS (DP: Angular/Spectral control) (2014-2015)
- (2016-) Lecturer UTS School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences  
(currently teach 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year subjects: Applied Electronics and Interfacing/Computational Physics / Measurement and Analysis of Physical Processes)

Most of our research relates to:



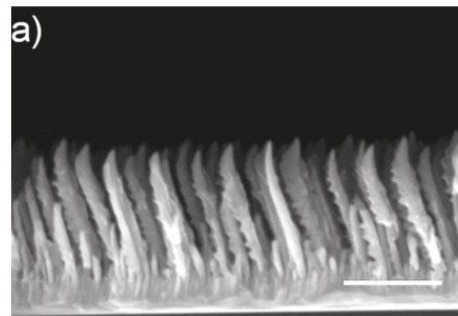
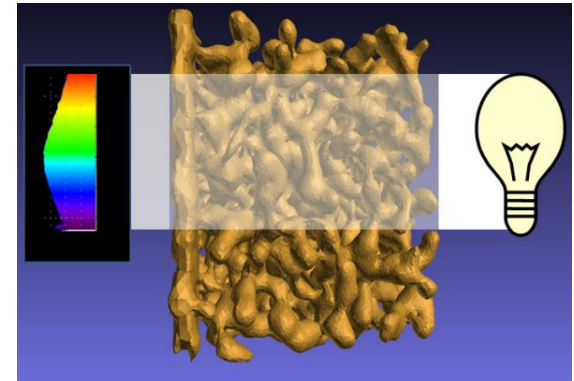
## Optical Properties of Materials

- Nanostructured films
- Spectrally Selective Coatings
- Radiative Cooling
- Paints
- Thermal Performance of Buildings/Surfaces
- Transparent Electrodes
- Optical Characterisation

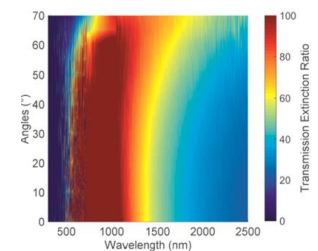
# Optical Properties of materials?

## Does it absorb, transmit or reflect?

- Measurement
- Analysis
- Characterisation
- Fabrication
- Applications



Spontaneous growth of polarizing refractory metal 'nano-fins',  
M C Tai et al 2018 Nanotechnology 29 105702

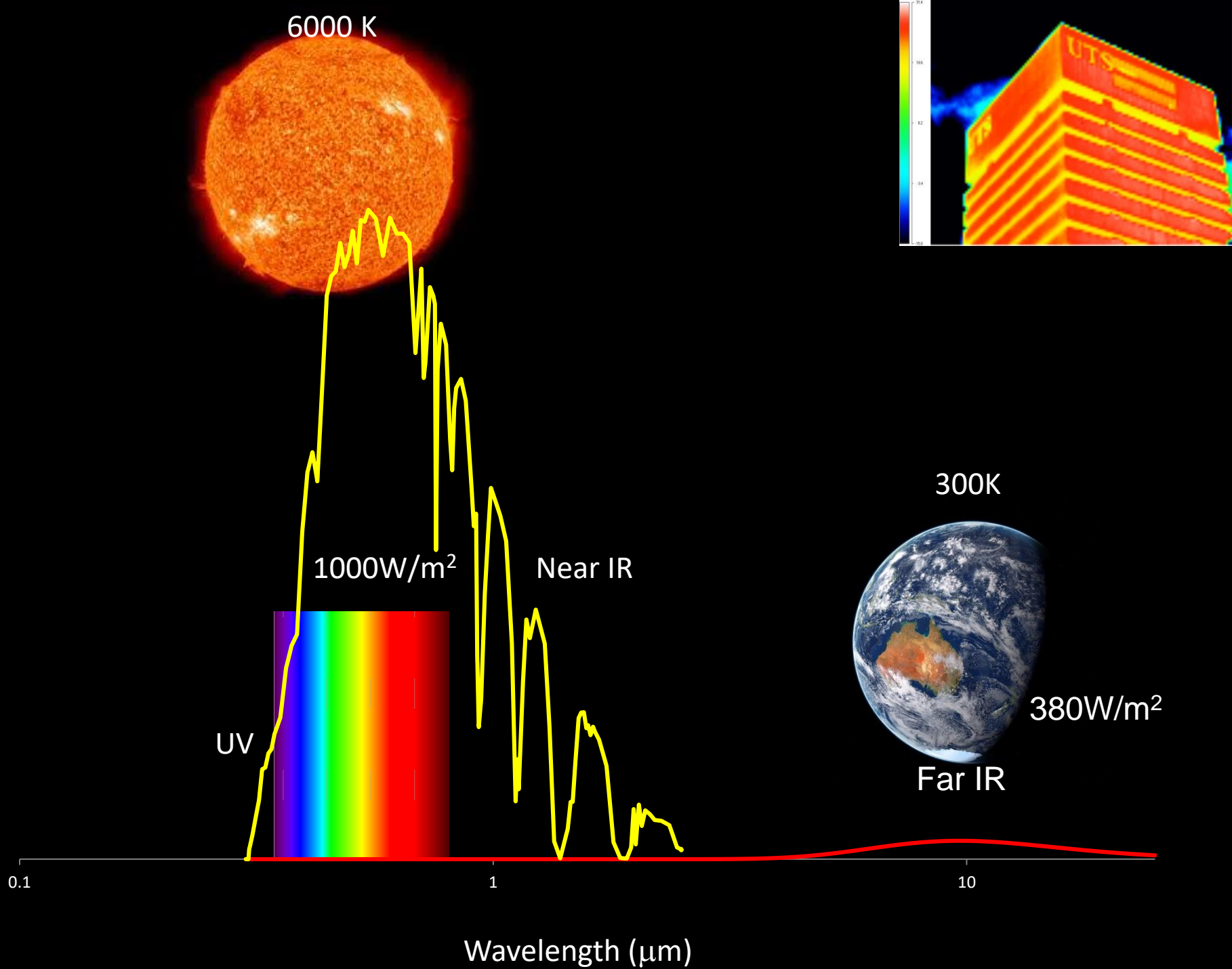


modelling / deposition / characterisation at all scales:

Nano: Materials / Multilayers / plasmonics

Micro: effects of surface structures

Macro: large area applications (building simulation / monitoring / glazing testing)



Manages radiation 3 ways:  
solar in /thermal out/atmospheric in

Total Heat flows:  
(solar and atmospheric)  
in and out

24 hour averages

Infrared:

324 W/m<sup>2</sup> in

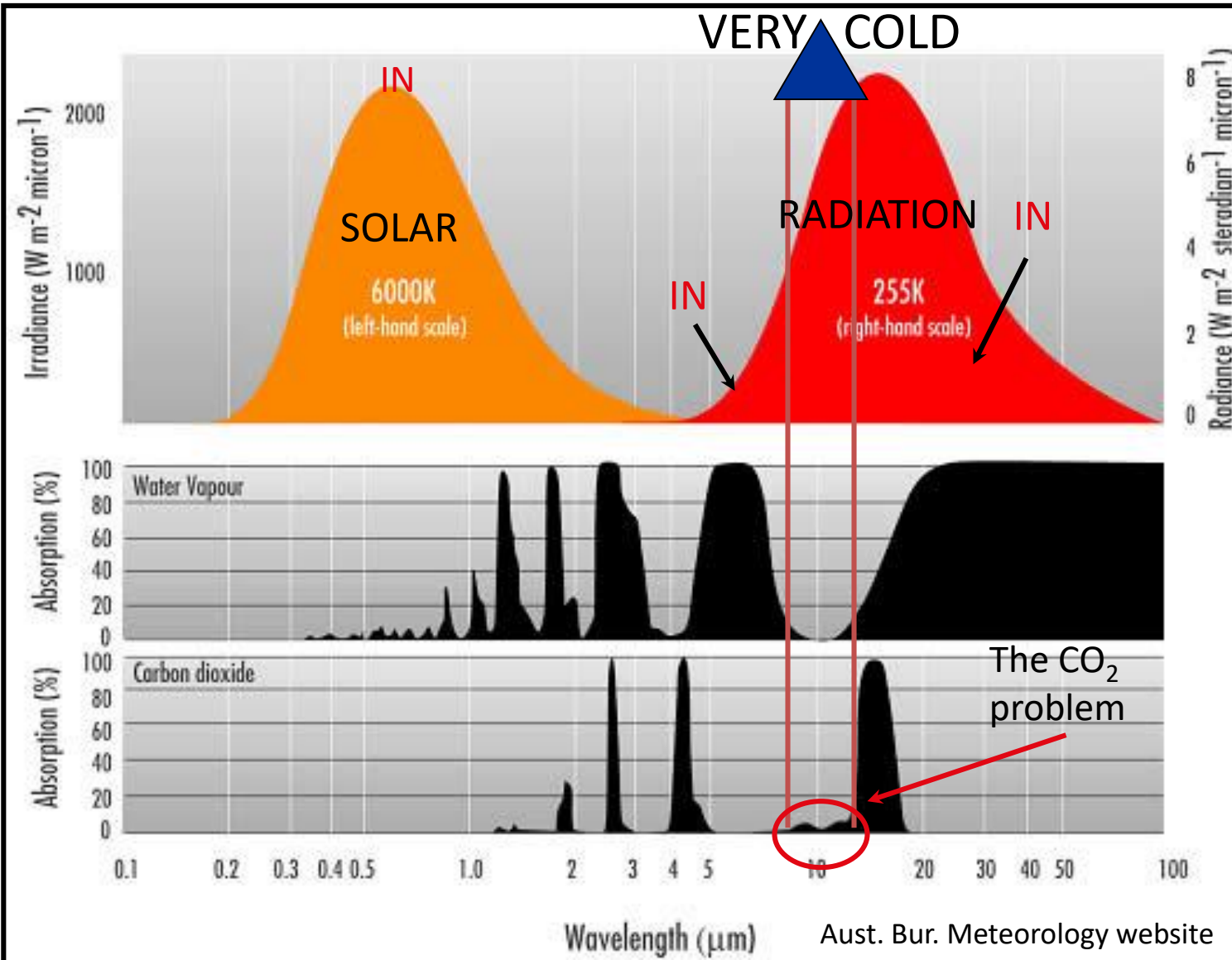
390 W/m<sup>2</sup> out

Solar:

~240W/m<sup>2</sup>

OUT to outer space

VERY COLD



# Spectrally Selective Coatings:

- Solar thermal absorber
  - Black in the solar range – “white” in the infrared
- Cool Paints
  - White in the solar range – “black” in the infrared
- Coloured Cool Paints
  - White in the NIR range – “black” in the infrared
- Sky Window Selective Emitter
  - “black” from 7-13 $\mu$ m

High Temperature Spectrally Selective Solar Absorbers Using Plasmonic AuAl<sub>2</sub>: AlN Nanoparticle Composites, M Bilokur, A Gentle, MD Arnold, MB Cortie, GB Smith, Solar RRL 1 (10)

Extending the applicability of the four-flux radiative transfer method, MA Gali, AR Gentle, MD Arnold, GB Smith, Applied Optics 56 (31), 8699-8709

Optimized cool roofs: Integrating albedo and thermal emittance with R-value, AR Gentle, JLC Aguilar, GB Smith, Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells 95 (12), 3207-3215



# Radiative Cooling: Lumped Equations

- P: Thermal load to pumped away by the system
  - Psol: Absorbed Solar irradiance ( $\sim 0-1000\text{W/m}^2$ )
  - Ppc: Conduction from sample surrounds (parasitic heat loss/gain) [Ufactor (W/K)]
  - Pconv: Convection (will heat or cool depending if T is below or above ambient) ( $\sim \pm 400\text{W/m}^2$ )
  - $\text{PIRout}(T) = \epsilon_h \sigma T_{\text{surface}}^4$  (200-400W/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - $\text{PIRin} = \epsilon_h \sigma T_{\text{sky}}^4 = \epsilon_h \text{HIR}$  (200-400W/m<sup>2</sup>)
- 
- $P(T) = P_{\text{pc}}(T_{\text{surface}}, T_a) + P_{\text{sol}} - \text{PIRout}(T_{\text{surface}}) + \text{PIRin}(T_{\text{sky}}) + P_{\text{conv}}(T_{\text{surface}}, T_a)$

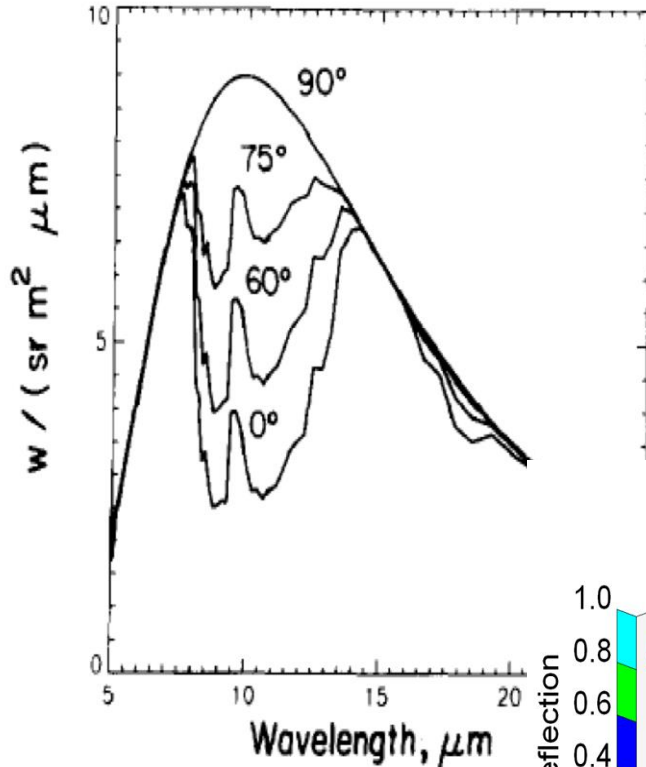
# Thermal Properties of the Sky?

Down-welling sky radiation:  
 ~240-400W/m<sup>2</sup>  
 24h  
 (depending on weather conditions)



4~50um

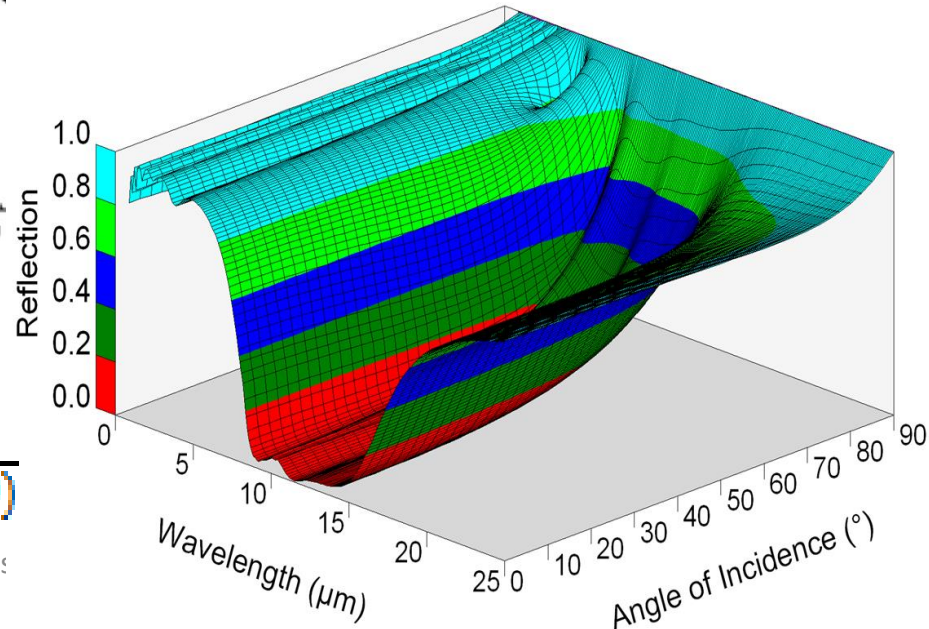
Spectral Radiance of Clear Skies  
 Midlatitude Summer Atmosphere



Near vertical sky -21.6°C  
 semi-humid day

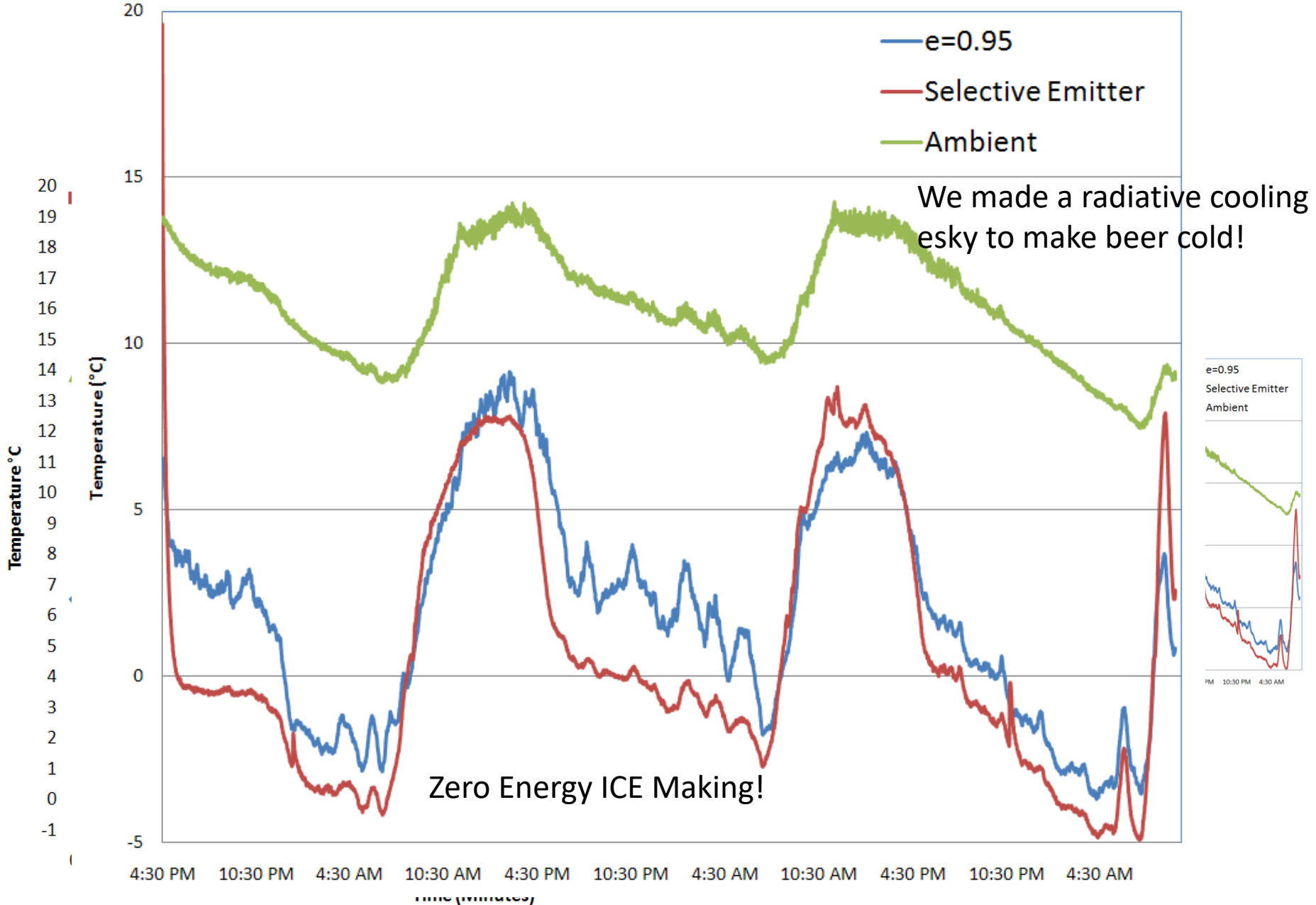


ambient 23.9°C



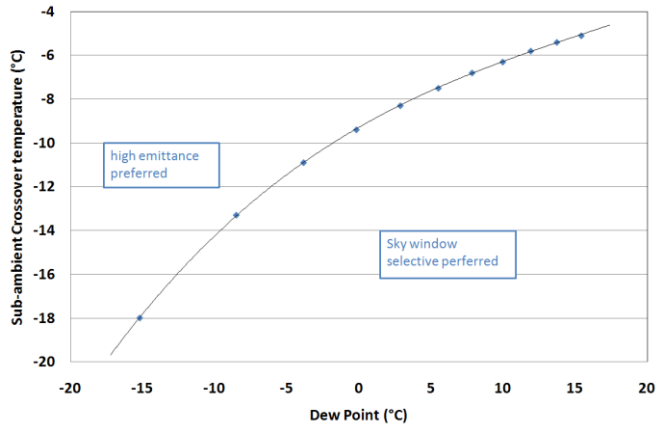
$$T(\theta) = T(\text{Zenith}) \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)}$$

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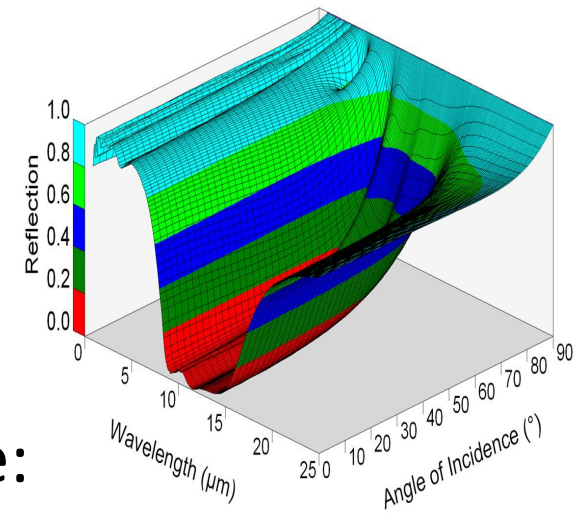
June late afternoon: No direct sun on surfaces  
 Convection suppression: 10um LDPE film

[Performance comparisons of sky window spectral selective and high emittance radiant cooling systems under varying atmospheric conditions](#), AR Gentle, G Smith - Solar2010, the 48th AuSES Annual Conference, 2010

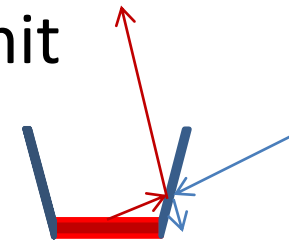


Blackbody or Selective Emitter?

Night Time:



- Depending on the operating temperature:
- Spectrally Selective emitter (Sky window only)
- Angularly-Spectrally Selective emitter (Sky window vertically, reflect at high angles)
- Blackbody Emitter (maximise thermal output)
- Blackbody Emitter with heat mirrors to limit skyview to near the zenith



DAY TIME: The same as night while also minimising absorbed sunlight. Very high solar reflectance ~ ideally higher than 95%.

# What about in summer time in the sun?

## **Passive radiative cooling below ambient air temperature under direct sunlight**

Aaswath P. Raman, Marc Abou Anoma, Linxiao Zhu, Eden Rephaeli & Shanhui Fan  
Nature volume 515, pages 540–544 (27 November 2014)

•850W/m<sup>2</sup>, with glad wrap “convection suppressant”

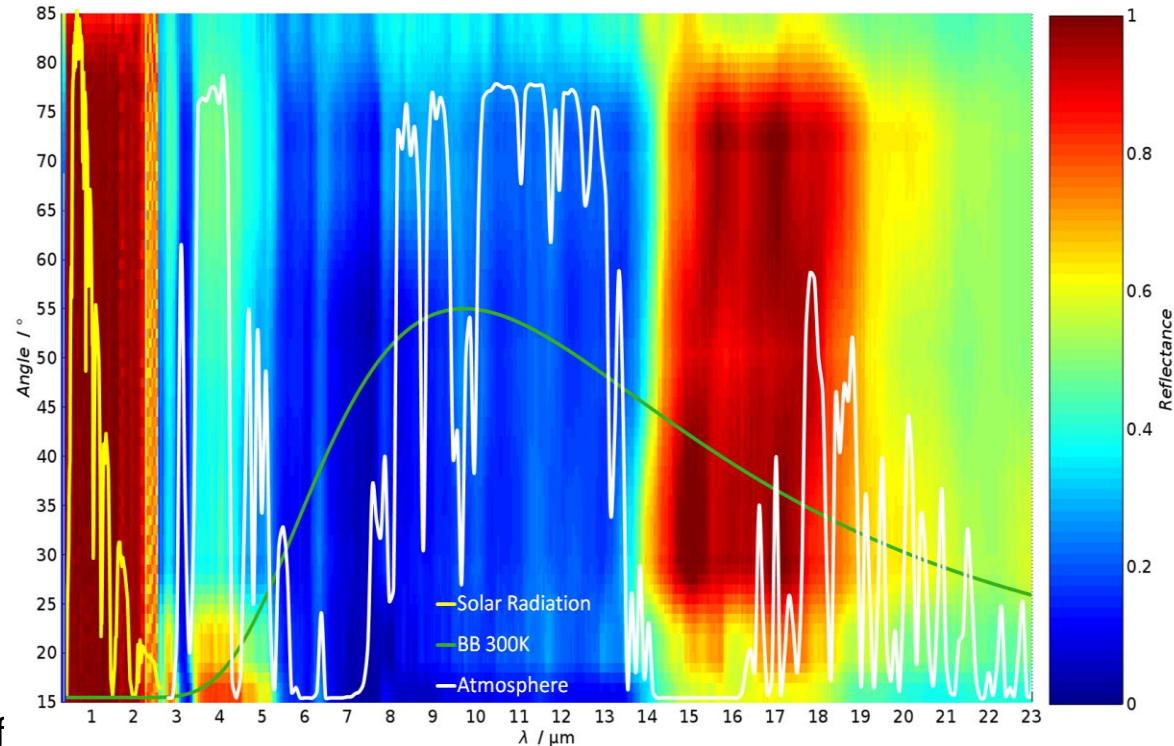
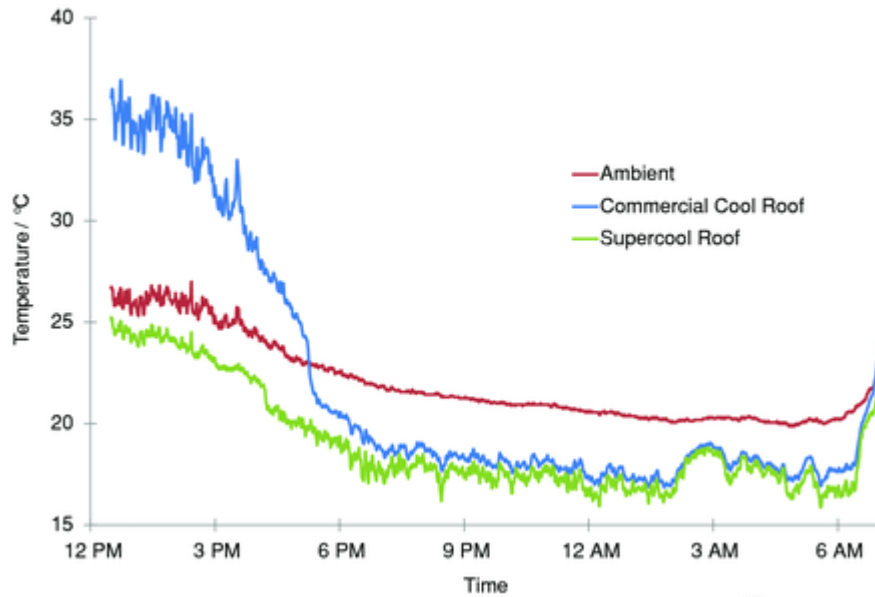
## **A Subambient Open Roof Surface under the Mid-Summer Sun** , Angus R. Gentle and

Geoff B. Smith, *Advanced Science*, Vol 2, Issue 9, 1500119, May 2015

•1060W/m<sup>2</sup>, wind exposed

# A Subambient Open Roof Surface under the Mid-Summer Sun

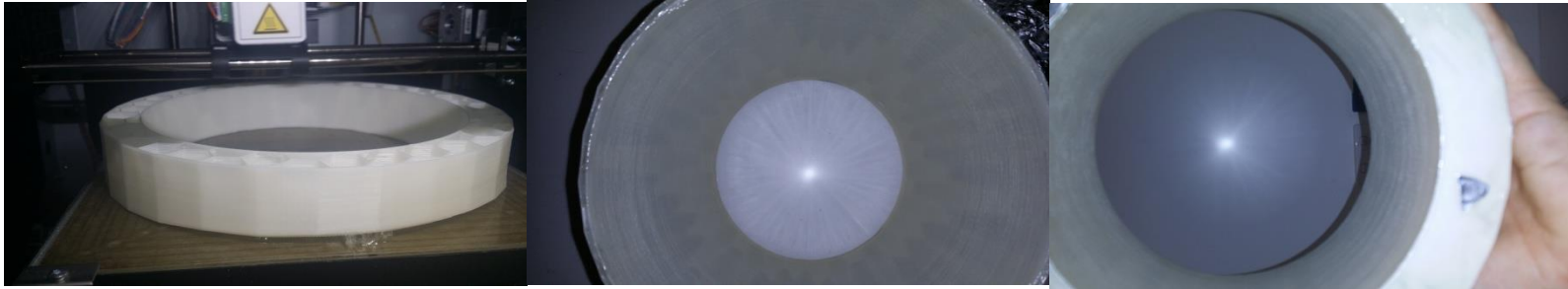
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Super-cool material on a regular cool roof

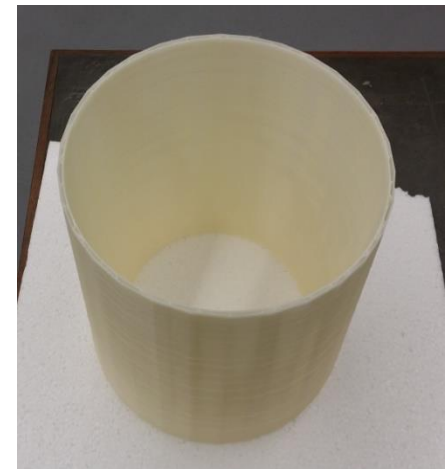


# 3d printed Reflectors?

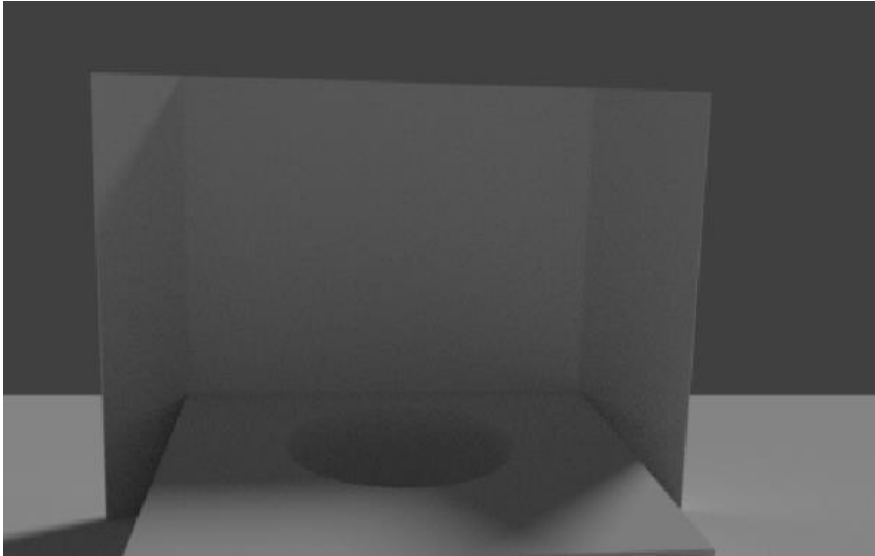


3D print in ABS: 10% infill -> low thermal mass / thermal conductivity structure  
Surface finishing: Acetone to reflow/polish the surface  
Sputtercoat with Silver

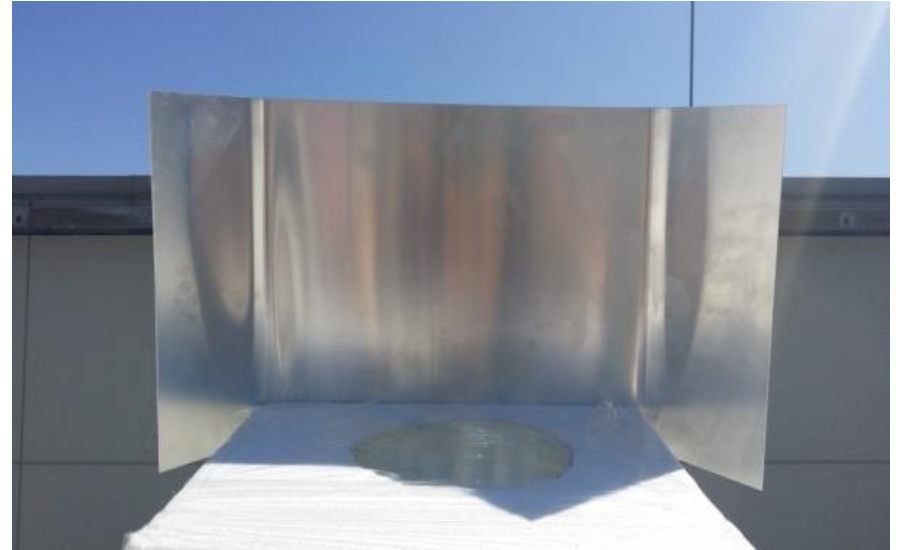
200mm diameter x 200mm height, 140mm base  
Compound Parabola focusing to an area



# Outdoor test rig



Blender Rendered Image

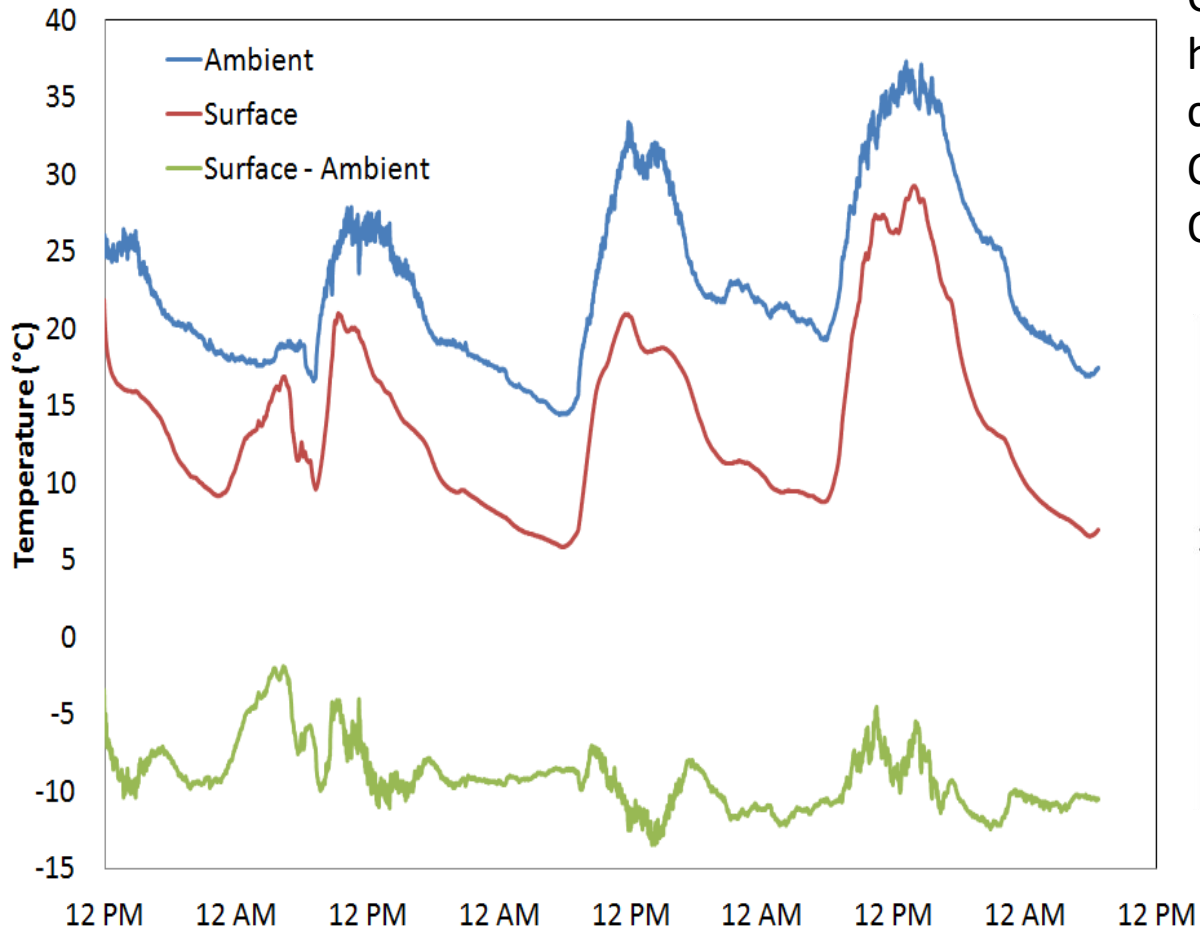


Photo

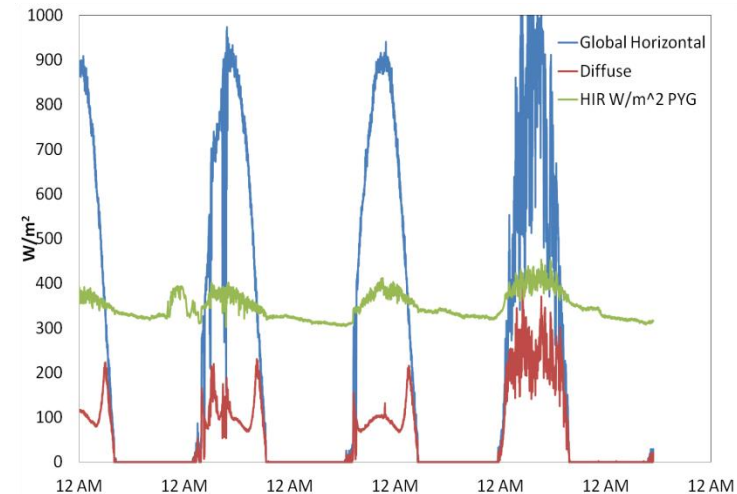
Recessed in 400x400x240mm polystyrene  
Additional northern side aluminium sun shade  
10um polyethylene cover



# Outdoor results

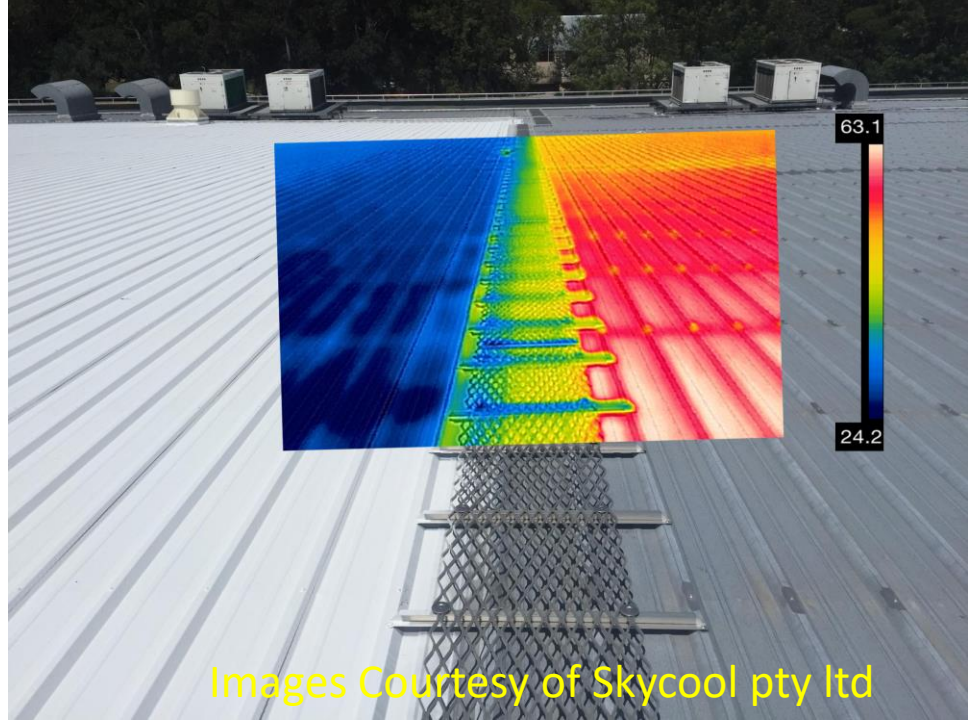
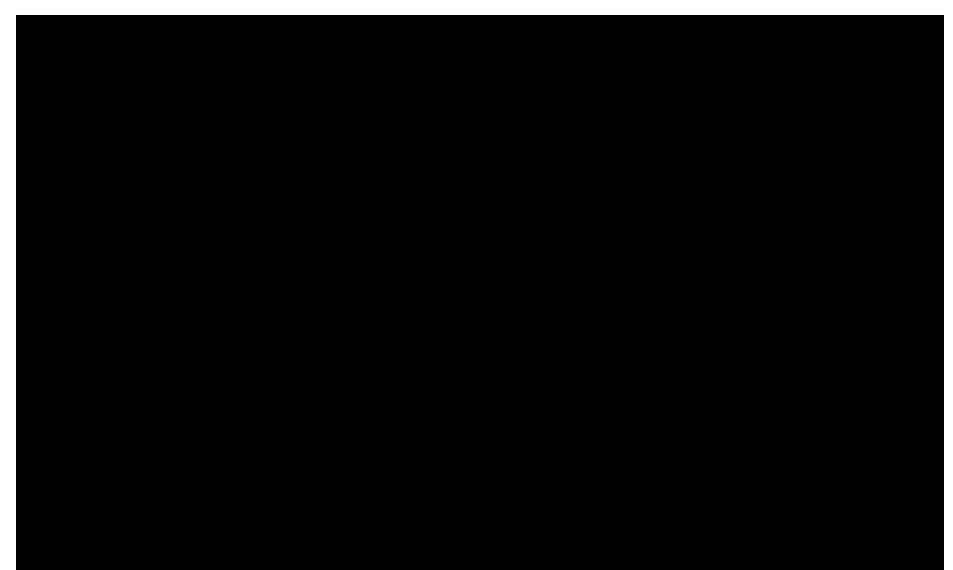
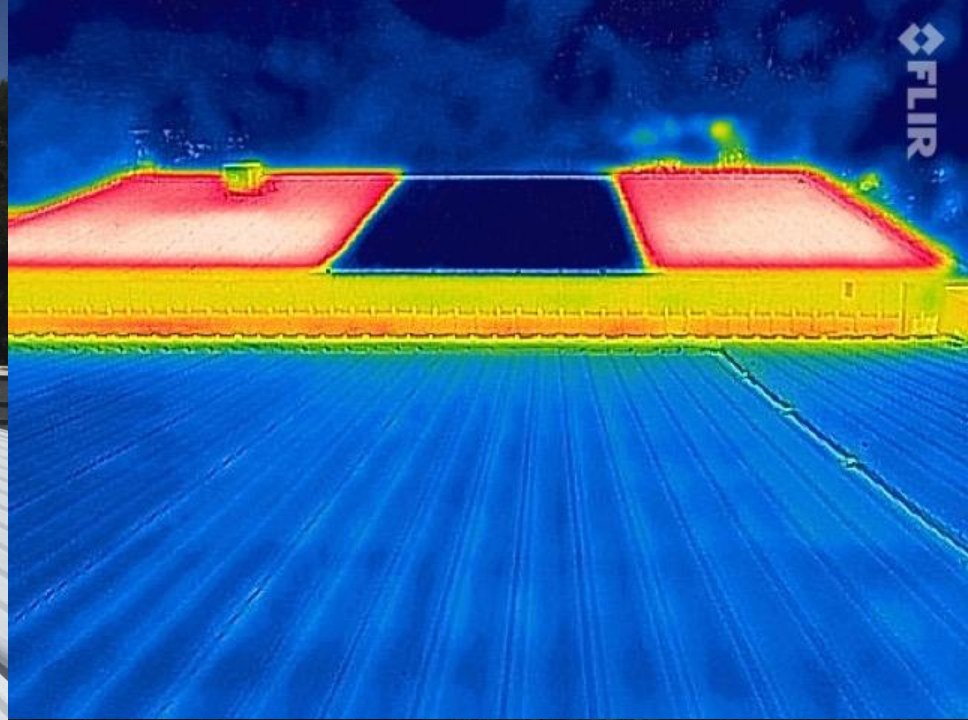


Outdoor test results for near horizontally mounted parabolic cooler, commencing midday 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2015, through to 6am 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015.





Commercial transformation of a large roof  
**hot** to **cool** is fast

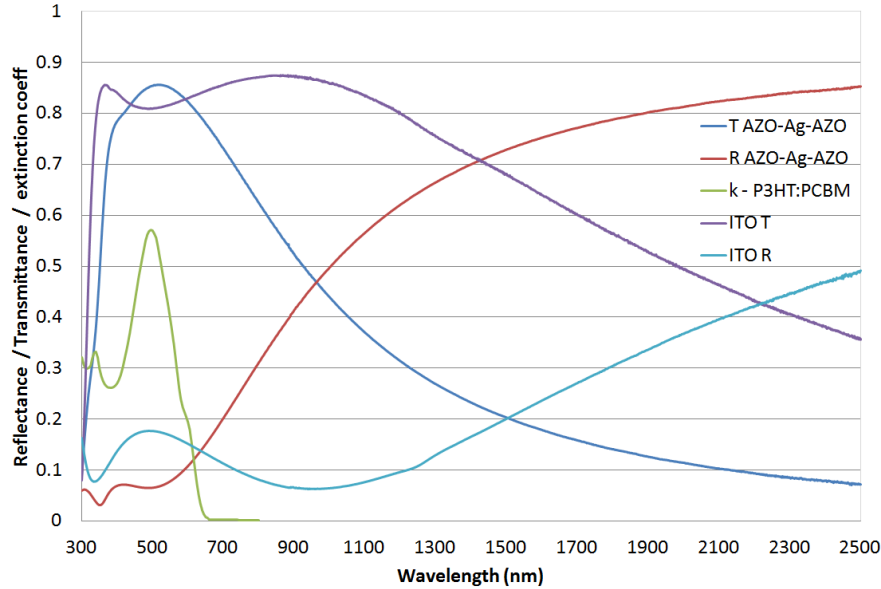


Images Courtesy of Skycool pty ltd

# How does this relate to PV?

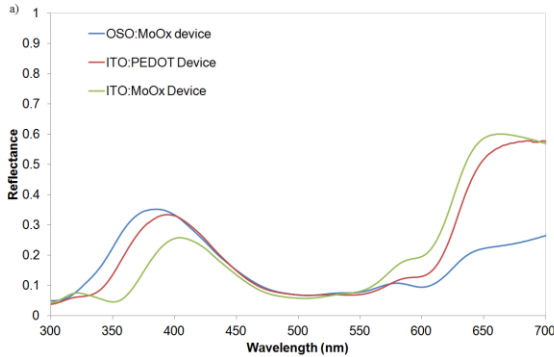
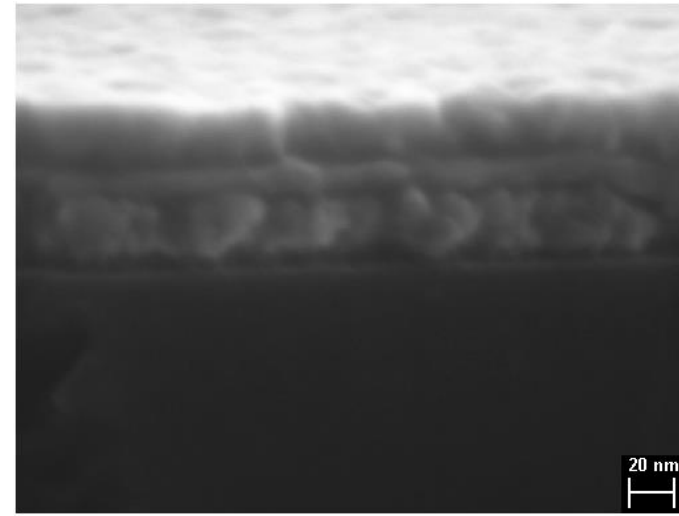
- Cell temperature effects performance
- Similar techniques apply to spectrally improving the thermal efficiency of modules
- Microclimate from roof – encourage PV installation on cool roofs

# Transparent Electrodes



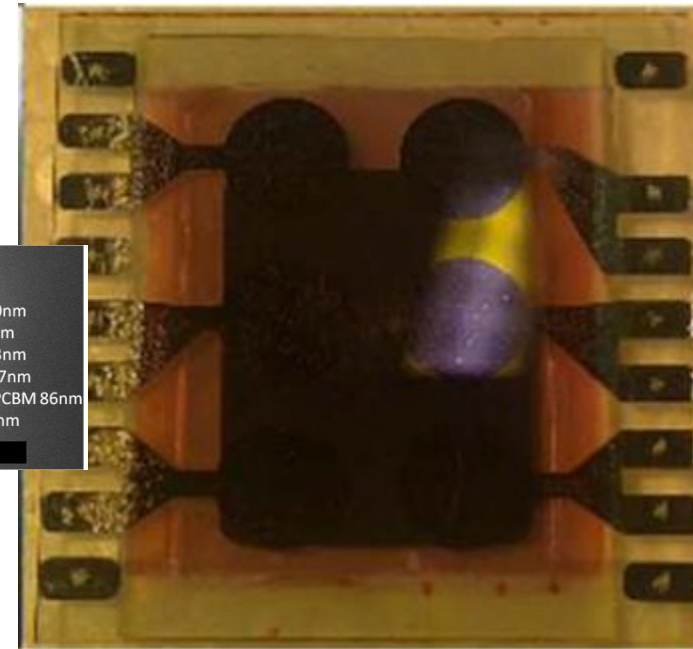
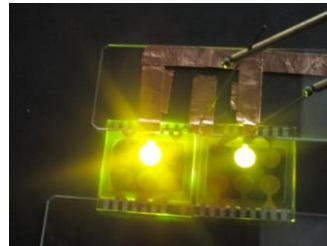
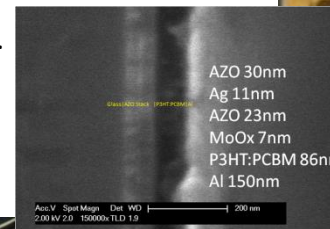
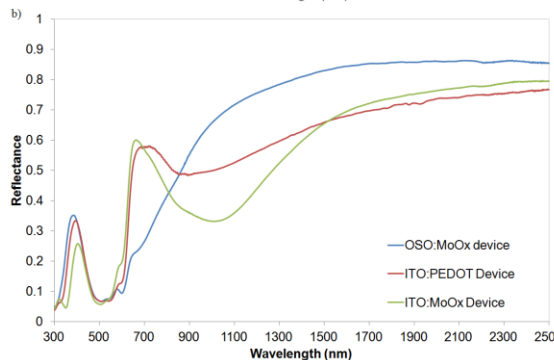
AZO  
Ag  
AZO

8.4 Ohm/Sq



Optimise stack for carrier generation  
not in air Transparency!

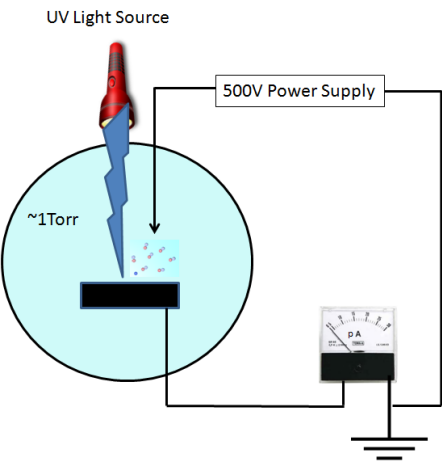
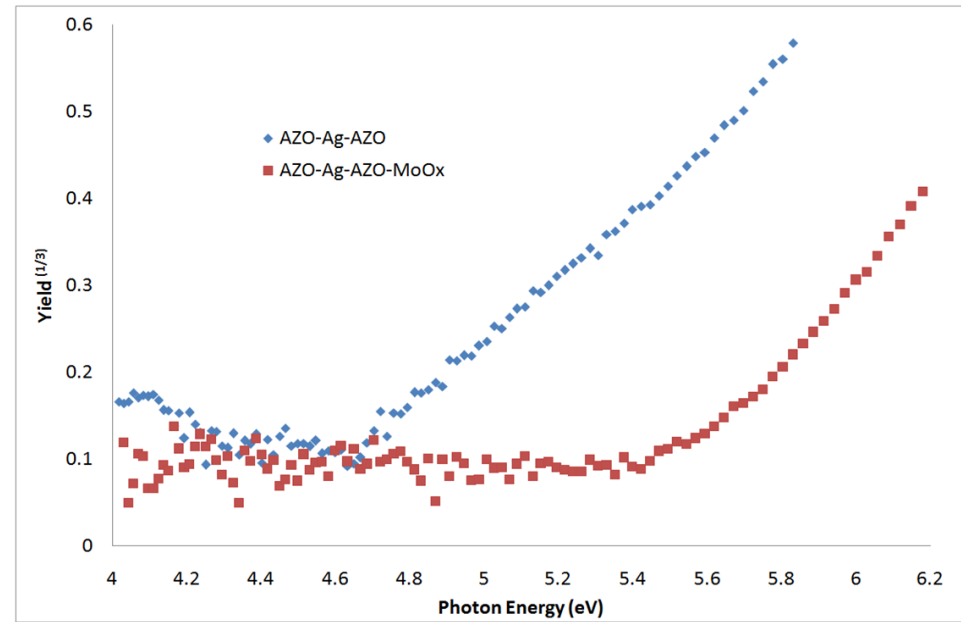
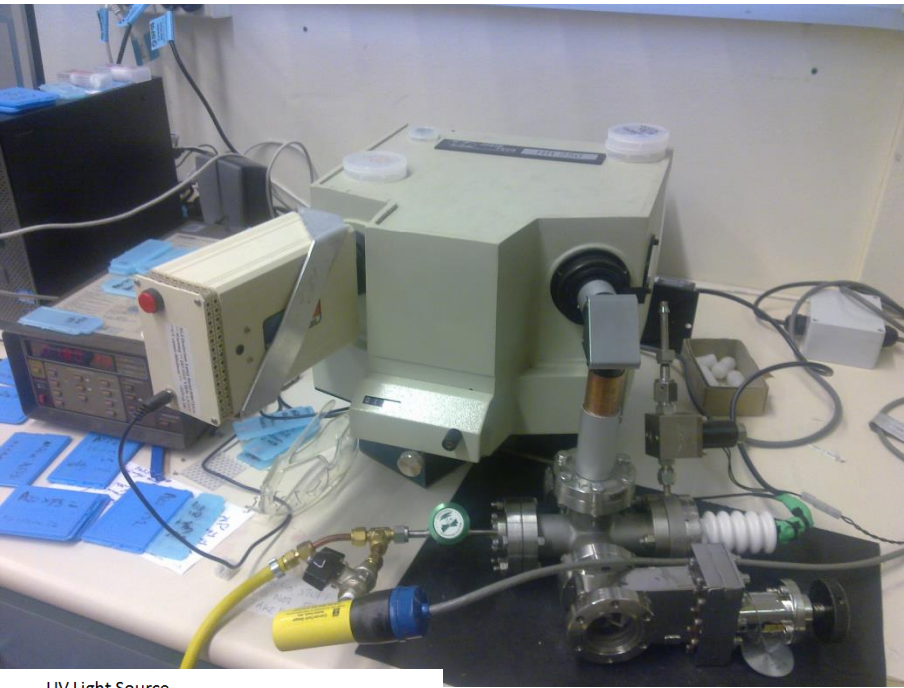
Device Ellipsometry:  
Backside through glass.  
Small spot size  
Multiple Regions



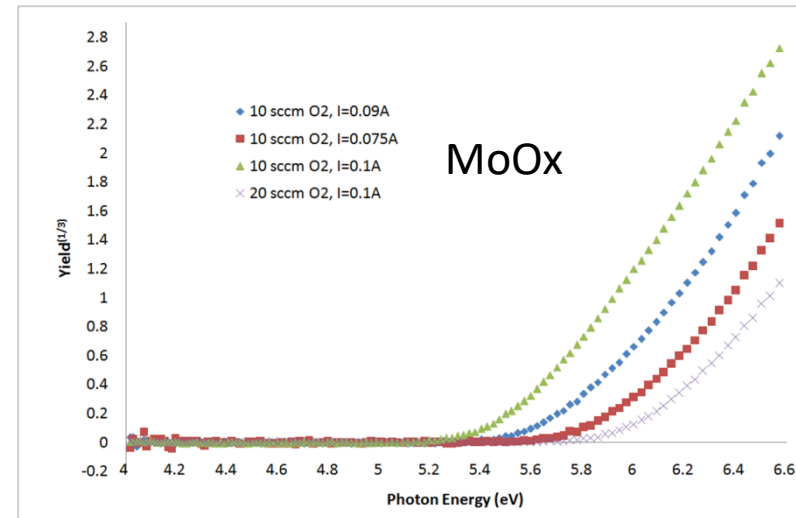
Optimized multilayer indium-free electrodes for organic photovoltaics  
AR Gentle, SD Yambem, GB Smith, PL Burn, P Meredith  
physica status solidi (a) 212 (2), 348-355 (2015)



# Work Function / Ionisation Potential Photoelectron Yield Spectroscopy



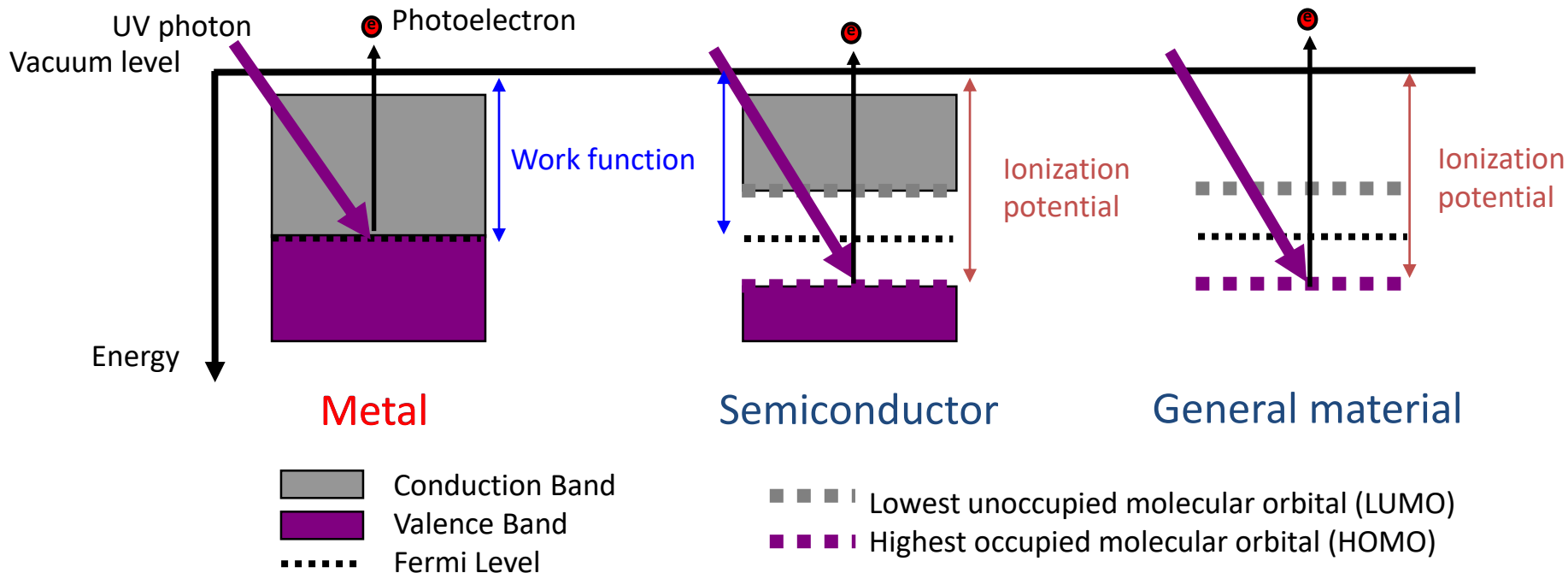
Gas cascade amplified PYS



MoOx

Discharge amplified photo-emission from ultra-thin films applied to tuning work function of transparent electrodes in organic opto-electronic devices, AR Gentle, GB Smith, SE Watkins Applied Surface Science 285, 110-114

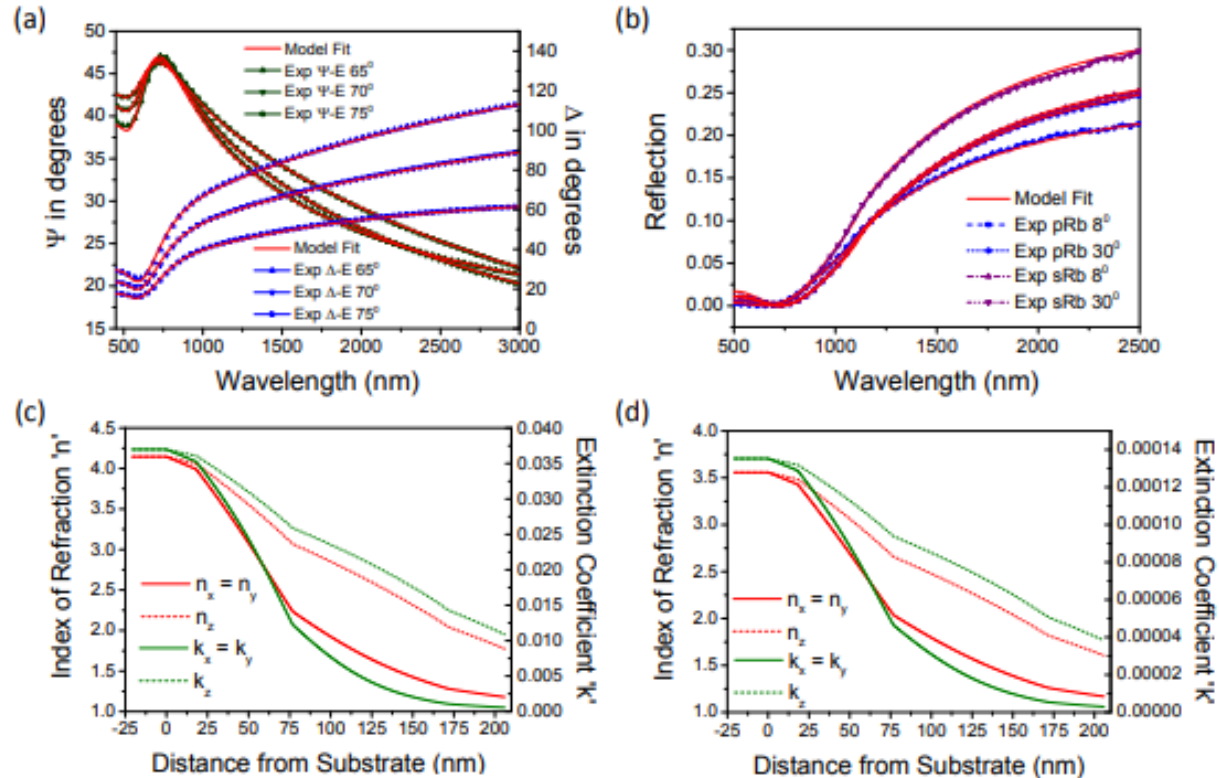
# The relationship between the threshold energy and the energy diagrams



We can estimate the work functions or ionization potentials of the materials from the photoemission threshold energy.

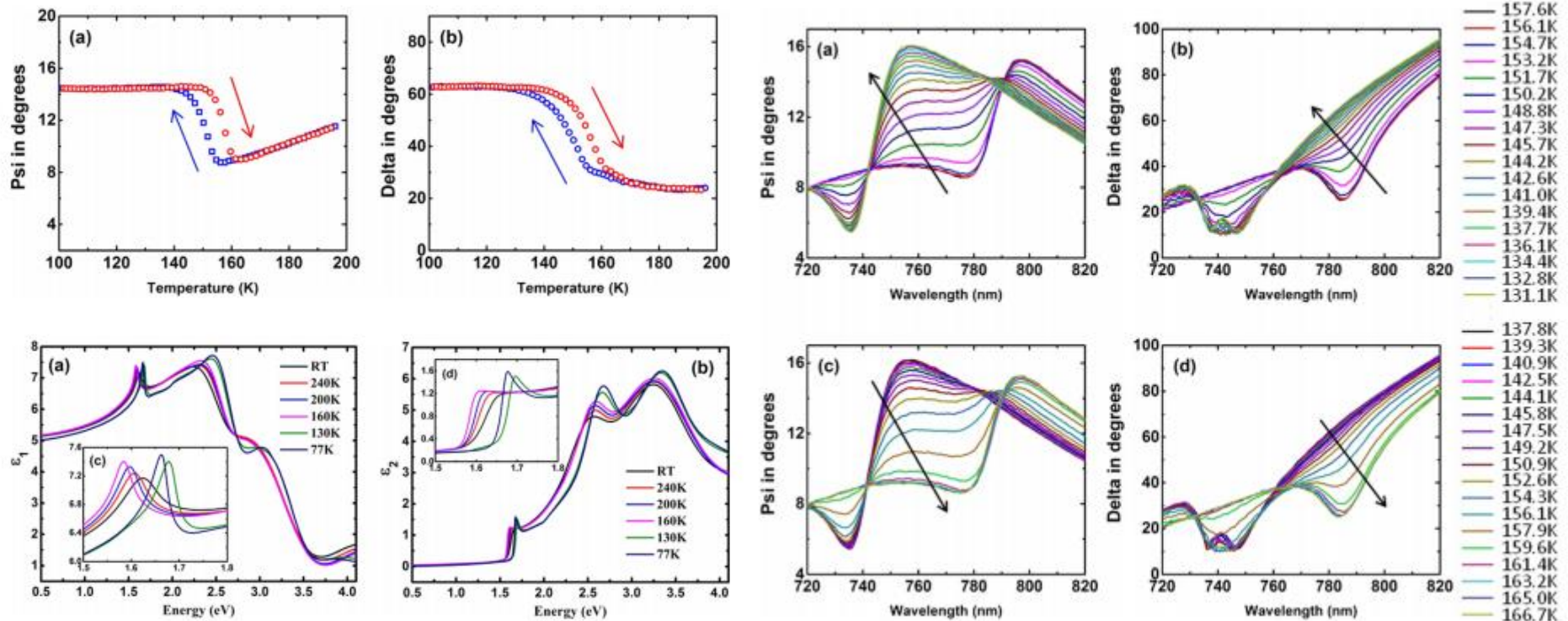
# Black Silicon

Graded Effective Medium:  
Fitting Multi Angle Reflection  
and Ellipsometry Data



Light-induced reflectivity transients in black-Si nanoneedles, P. Ščaje, T. Malinauskas, G.Seniutinas, M.D.Arnold, A.Gentle, I.Aharonovich, G.Gervinskis, P.Michaux, J.S.Hartley, E.L.H.Mayese, P.R.Stoddart, S.Juodkazis, Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells, Volume 144, January 2016, Pages 221-227

# Temperature dependent optical properties of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite by spectroscopic ellipsometry





# UTS Optical Equipment/Techniques

- Ellipsometry
  - Wide Wavelength Range [190nm-3300nm] (Simon, Ivan, Mattias, Ning)
  - Temperature (Ziv, Armin, Jessica, Mattias, Simon)
  - Sample Mapping (Ivan)
  - Small spot size
- Spectrometers
  - Specular/diffuse (Ning)
  - Scattering (David)
- FTIR
  - Variable Angle Reflectance/transmittance  
*/ ellipsometry / temperature stage*
- Rotating Cavity Emisometer
- Photoelectron Yield Spectroscopy: workfunction
- Insitu Monitoring (HT Annealing in Air or Vac with Reflectance)

Always happy to collaborate.

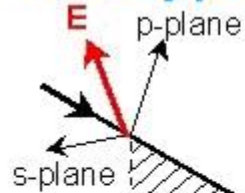
(SPREE folk who have made measurements with us)

Wide range of accessories and happy to make custom stages if its worth while.

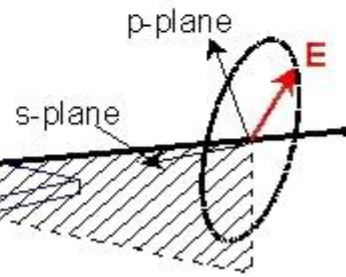
# Ellipsometry

J. A. Woollam Co., Inc

1. linearly polarized light ...



3. elliptically polarized light !



2. reflect off sample ...

$$\rho = \frac{R_p}{R_s} = \tan(\Psi) e^{i\Delta}$$

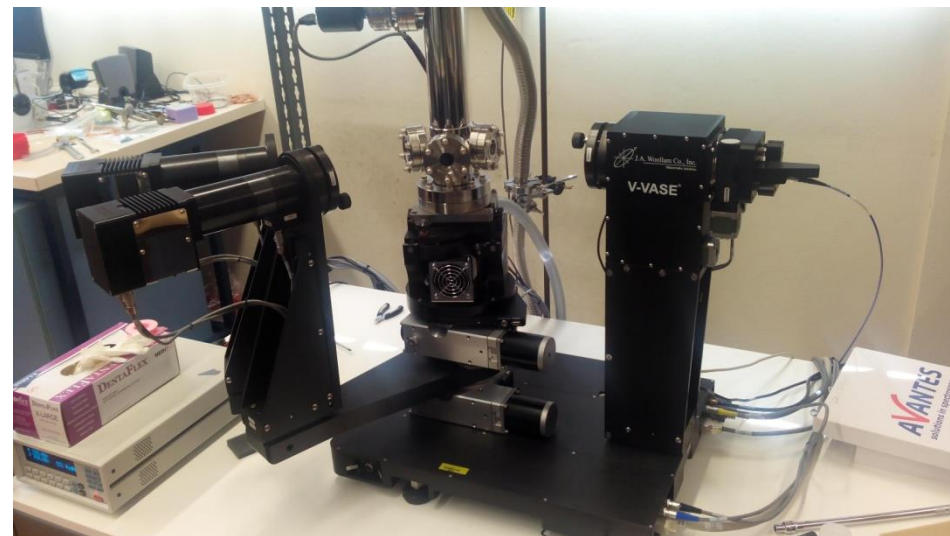
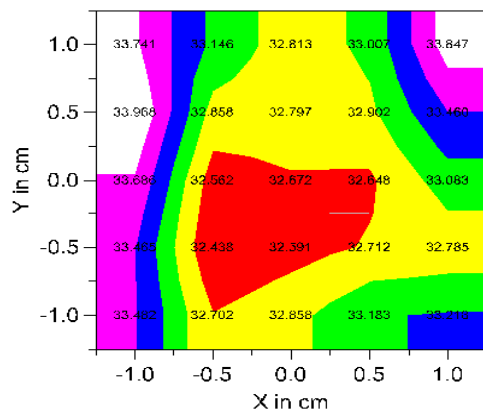
Measurements are fairly straight forward, the trick is fitting the data.

# Woollam V-VASE Ellipsometer

- 190-3500nm → wide spectral range
- Full angular capability → complex multilayers
- Mueller matrix → anisotropy & scattering
- T & R
- 150mm wafer mapping → uniformity
- 4-800K (In Vacuum  $\sim 10^{-8}$ Torr)
- 0-90°C In Air (Homemade temp stage)

## Thickness (nm)

Mean = 33.065  
Min = 32.438  
Max = 33.968  
Std Dev = 0.43725  
Uniformity = 1.3224 %



# Cary 7000 UMS



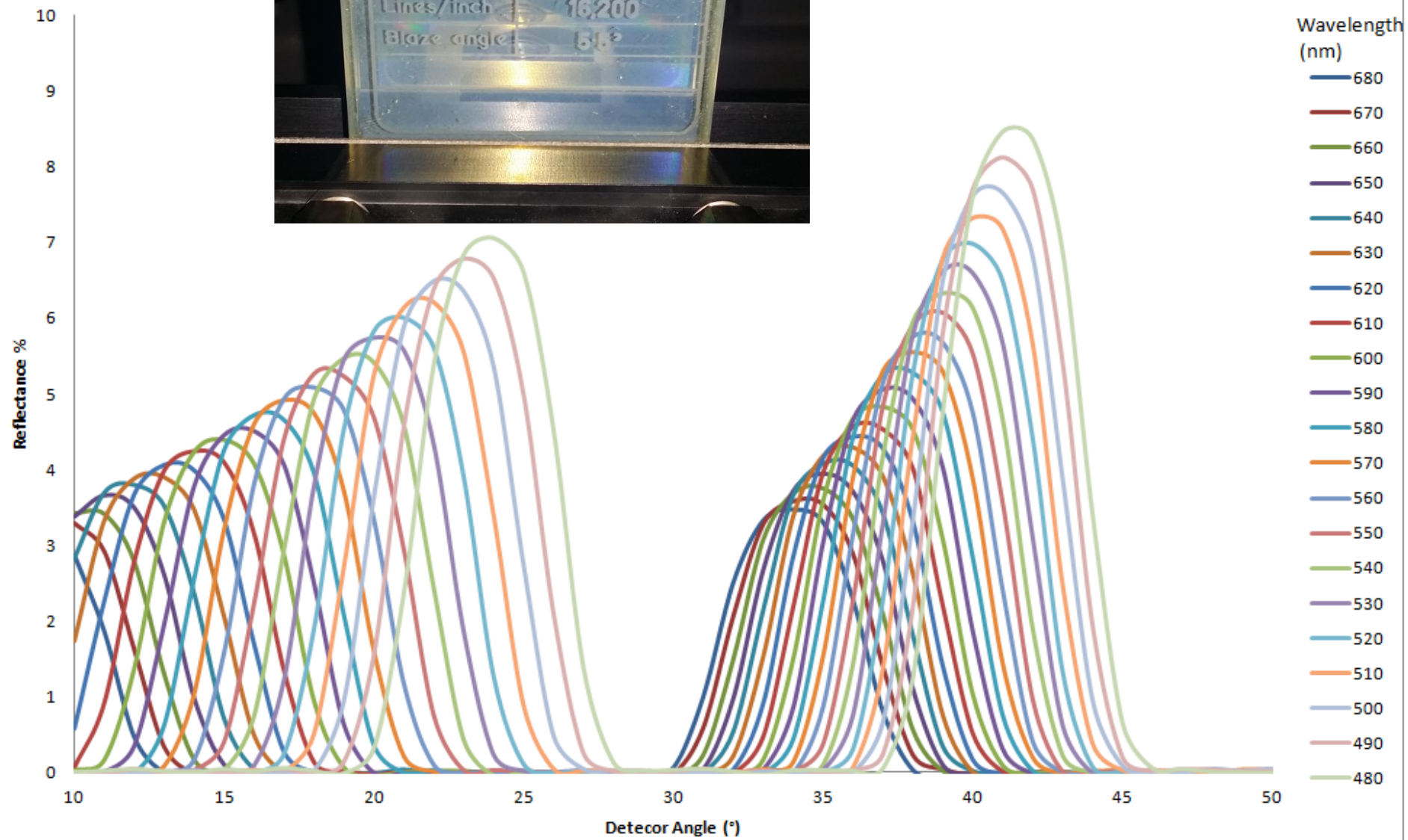
# Various Measurements

- With UMA attached:
  - Reflectance / Transmittance
    - Polarisation
    - Angle
  - Diffuse Samples
    - Scattering (BDRF)
      - Vary Detector and Sample Angle independently
- With Integrating Sphere attached:
  - Hemispherical R/T
    - And Variable angle R/T



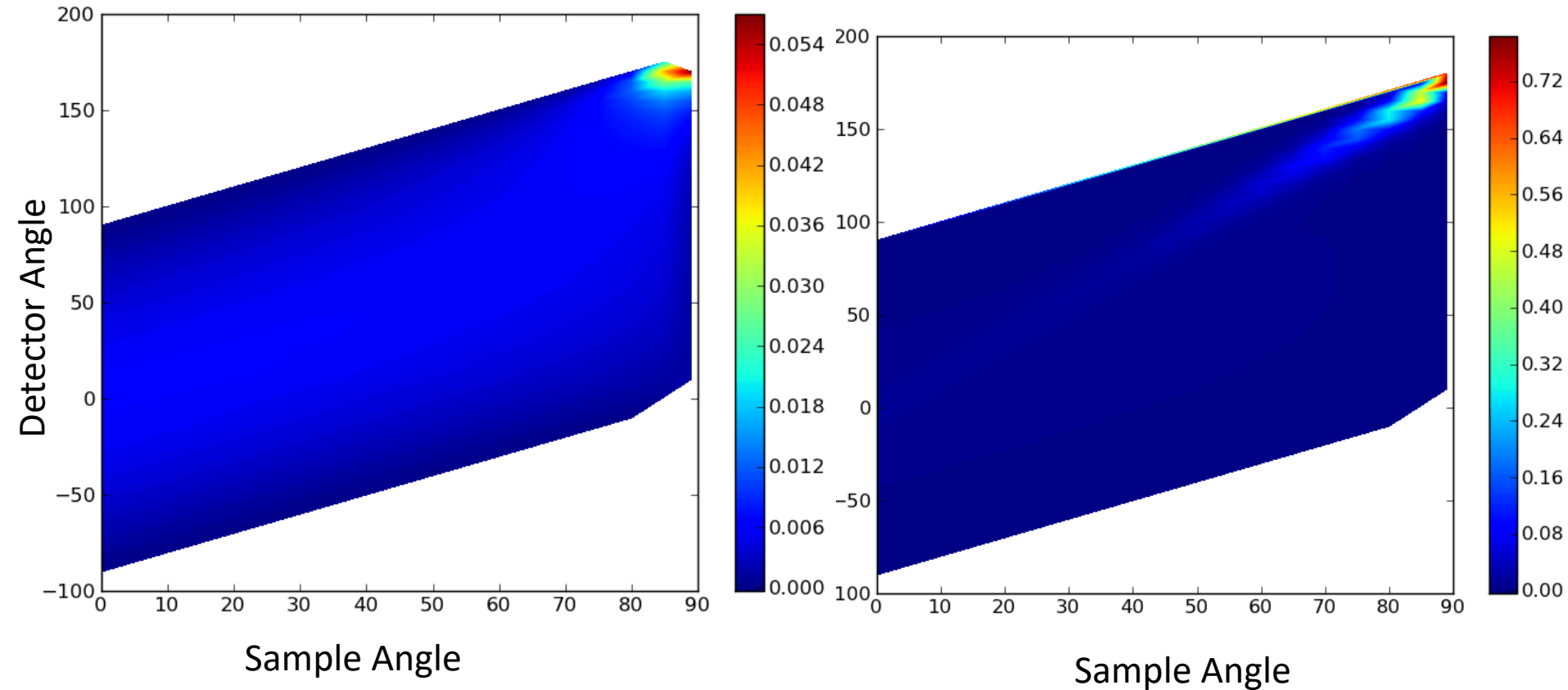
~4 hour measurement

Incident Angle 30°



# Matte Surface / Semi gloss Surface

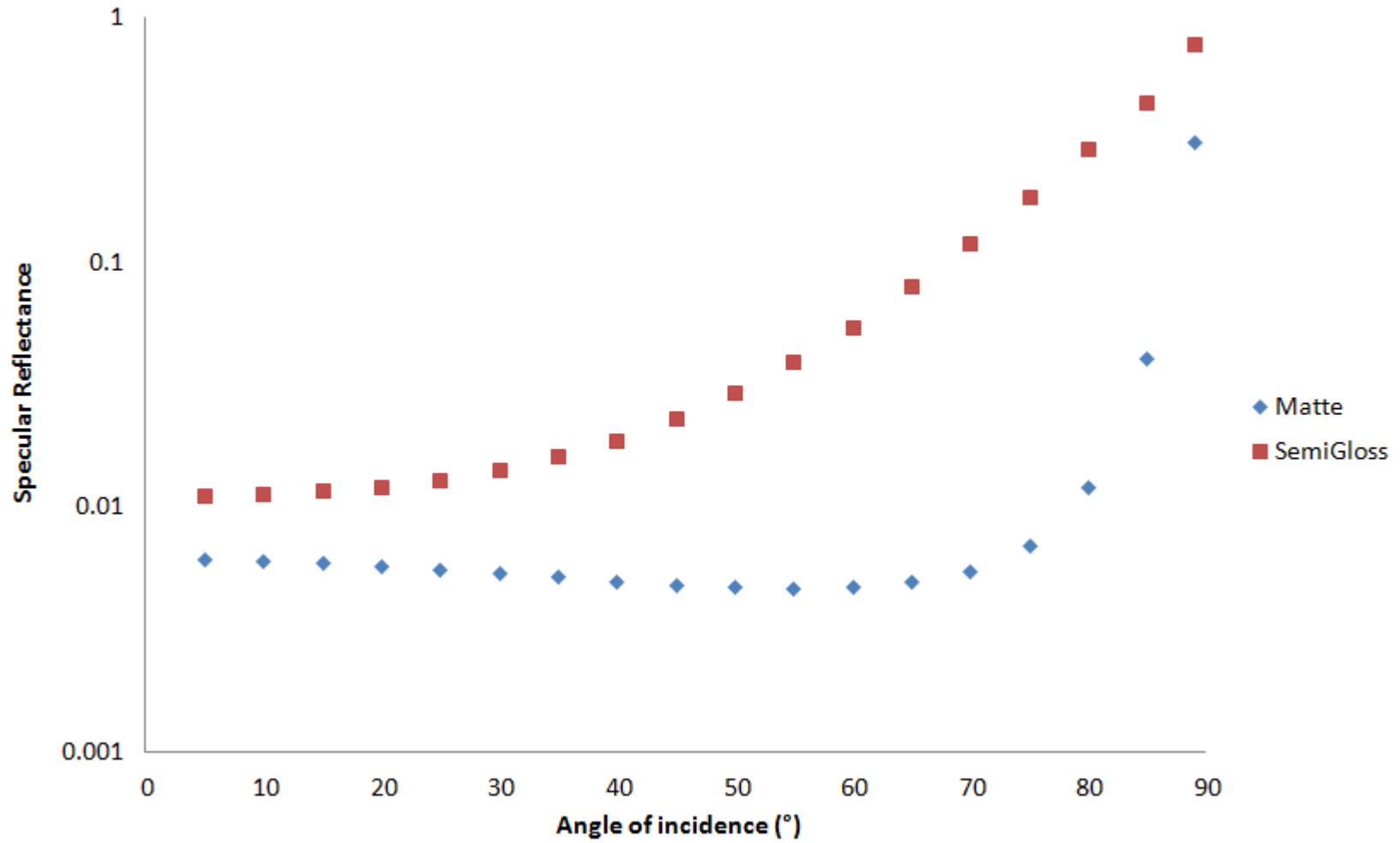
Reflectance



Scan  $\pm 90^\circ$  around sample angle



### Glare from Matte and SemiGloss Paints



Thanks for listening!