

# Optical and Mechanical Properties of Thin Film Metallic Glasses

## 金屬玻璃鍍膜之光學與機械性質

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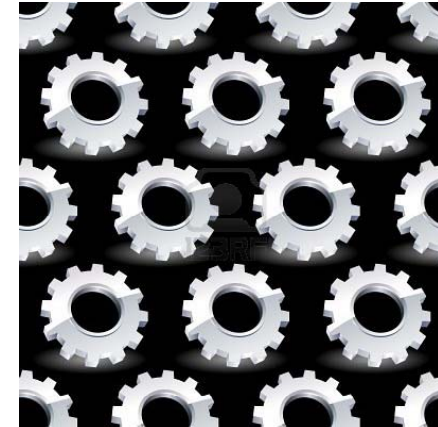
# Aluminum applications



**wheel**



**building**



**gear**



**foil**



**beverage can**



**high reflection sheet**



# High reflection Aluminum sheets

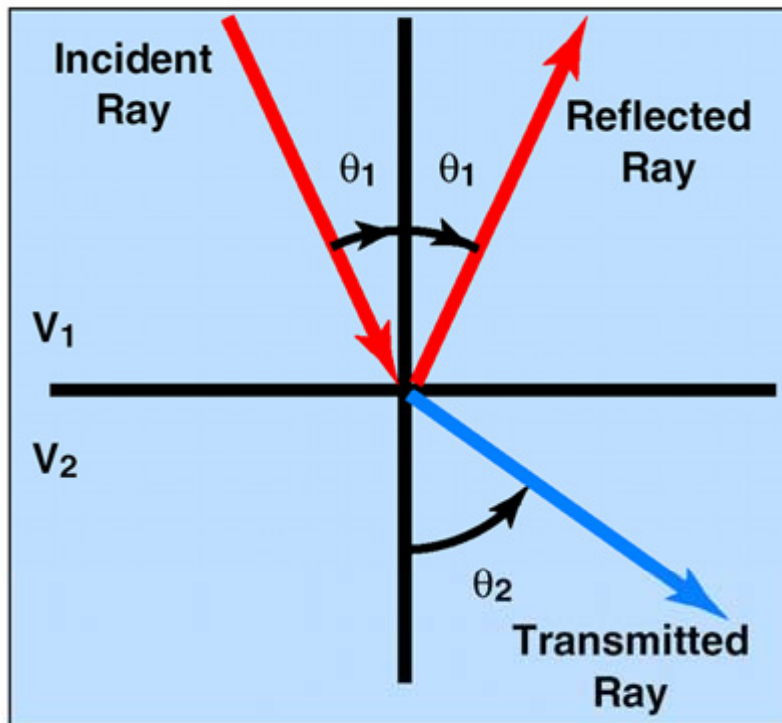
- **Polishing process**

**The difficulties in polishing to mirror level still need to be overcome.**

- **Sputtering process**

**Due to the weakness of corrosion resistance, the additional process such as anodic treatment has to be done for protecting the surface.**

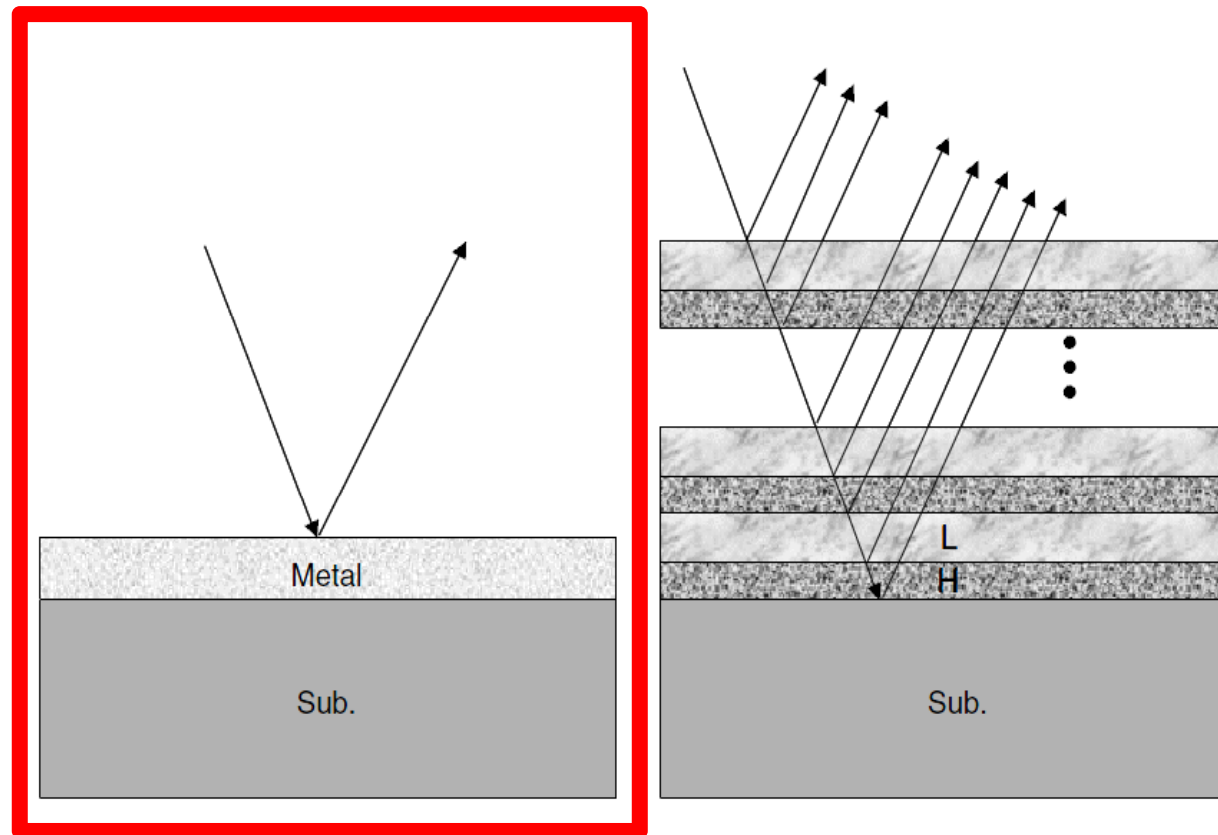
# The rule of reflection and the Snell's law



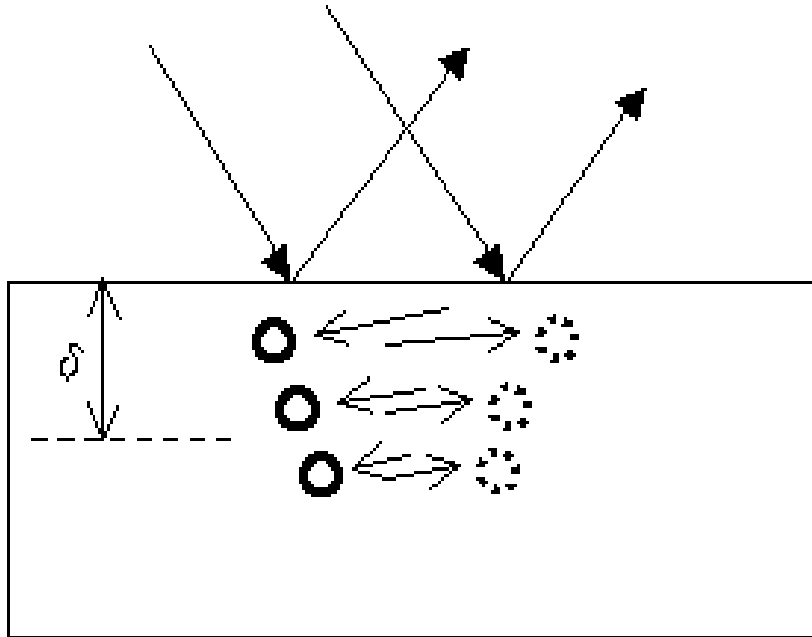
$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$\theta$ : the angle between light and the normal  
 $v$ : speed of light in medium  
 $n$ : refractive index

# High reflection coating



# Skin effect



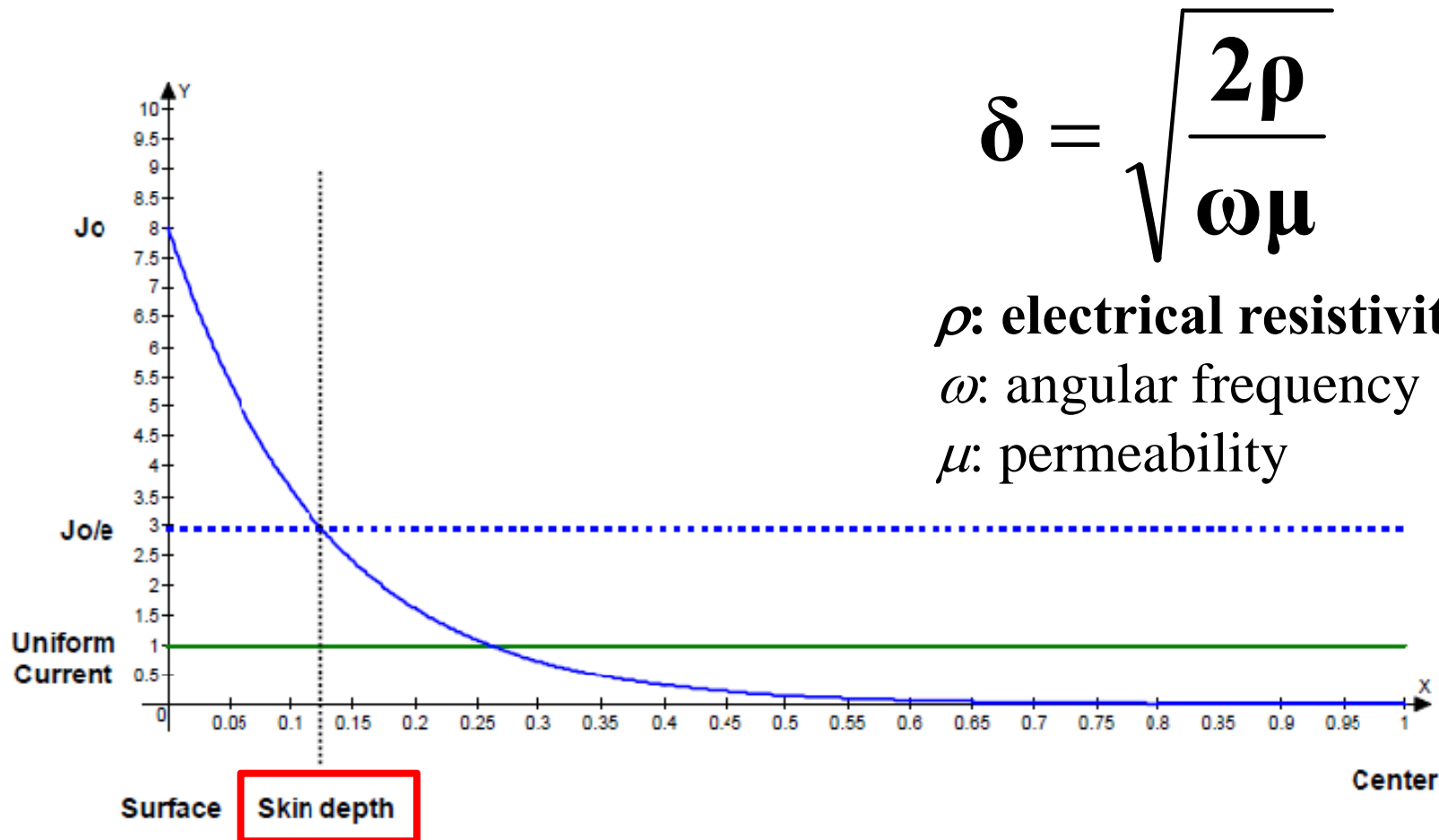
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho}{\omega\mu}}$$

$\rho$ : electrical resistivity

$\omega$ : angular frequency

$\mu$ : permeability

# Skin depth



$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho}{\omega\mu}}$$

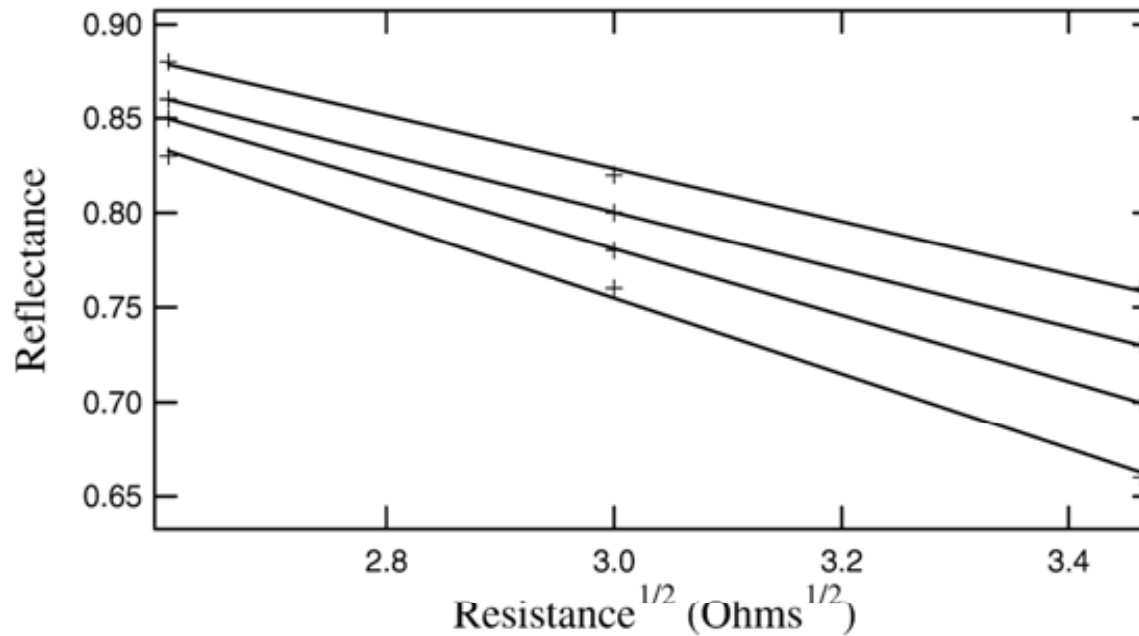
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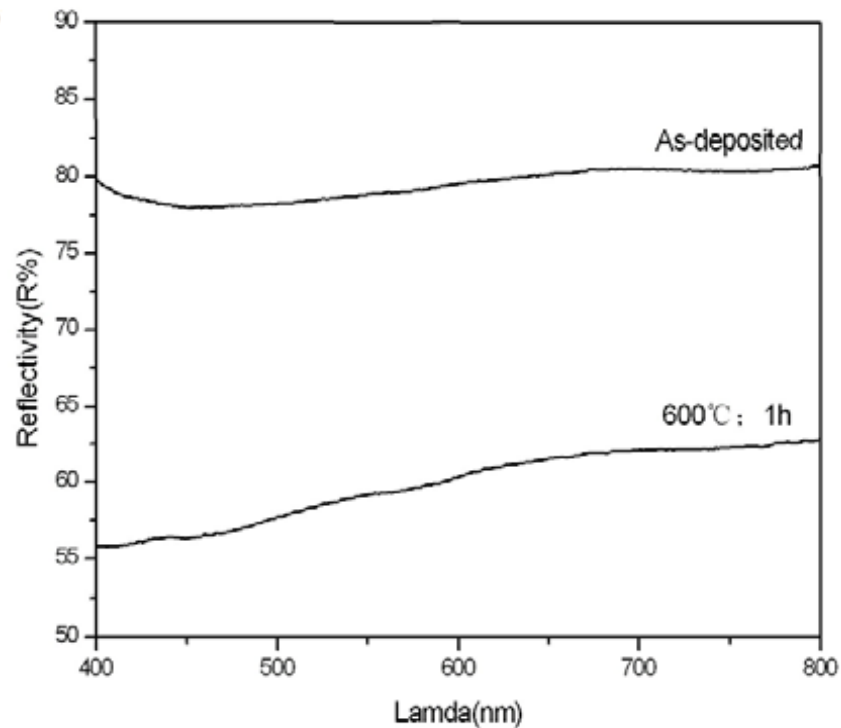
$\mu$ : permeability

# Correlation between reflectance and resistance

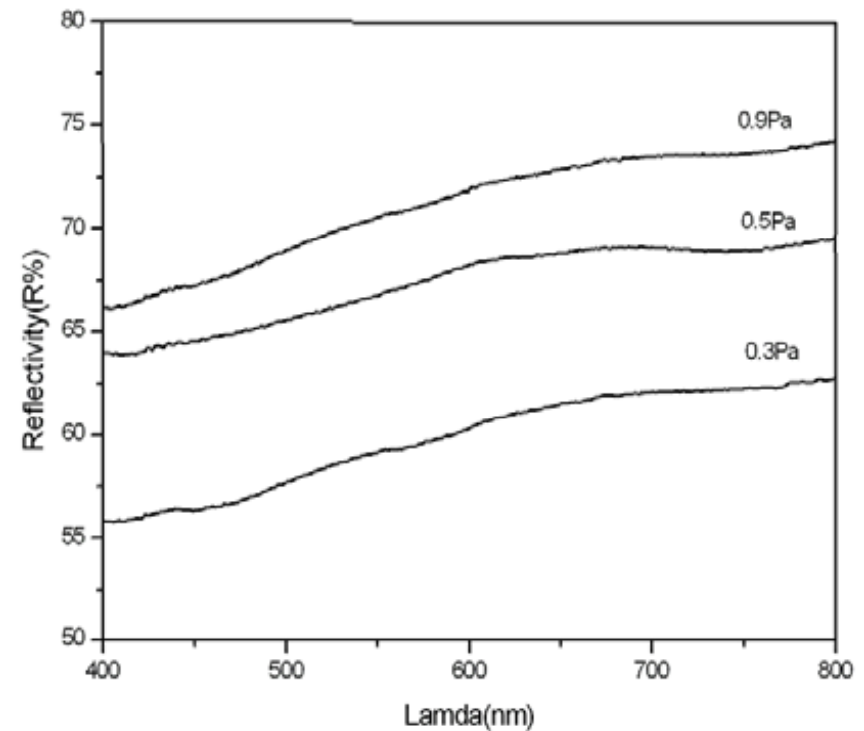
$$R \propto \frac{l}{\delta} \propto \frac{l}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$



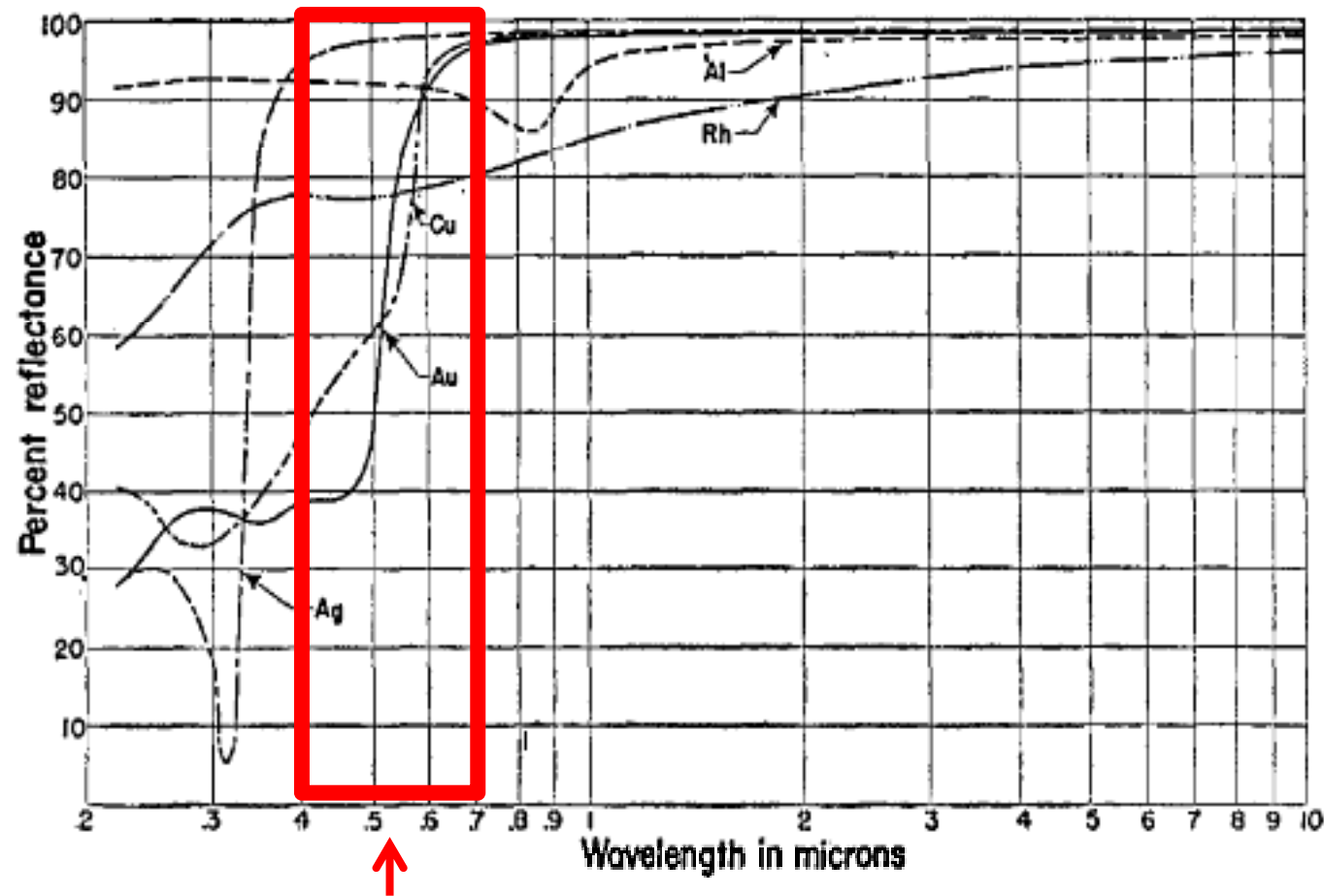
## Reflectivity vs. temperature



## Reflectivity vs. sputtering pressure (working pressure)



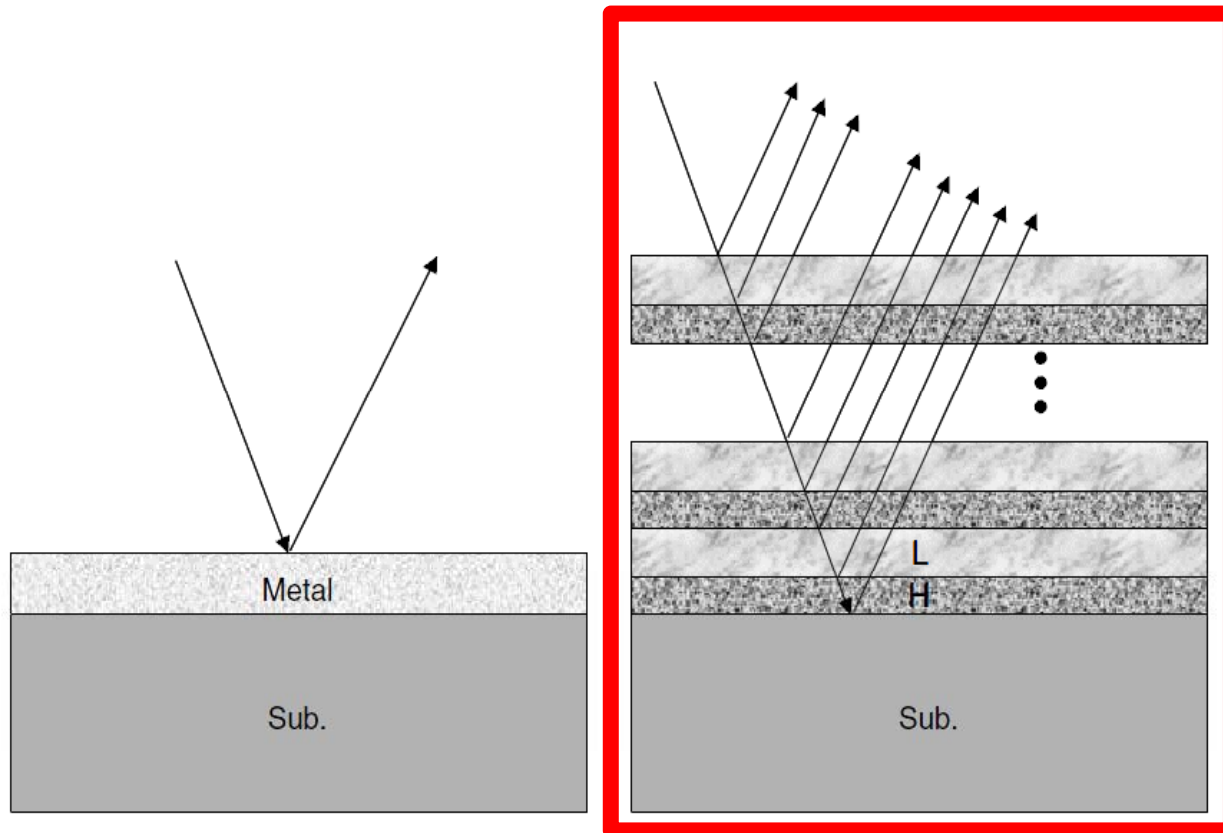
# Reflectance vs. wavelength



Visible spectrum

| <b>Metals</b> | <b>700 nm<br/>reflectivity</b> | <b>550 nm<br/>reflectivity</b> | <b>400 nm<br/>reflectivity</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Al</b>     | <b>0.90</b>                    | <b>0.92</b>                    | <b>0.93</b>                    |
| <b>Ag</b>     | <b>0.97</b>                    | <b>0.96</b>                    | <b>0.97</b>                    |
| <b>Au</b>     | <b>0.96</b>                    | <b>0.84</b>                    | <b>0.39</b>                    |
| <b>Cu</b>     | <b>0.95</b>                    | <b>0.64</b>                    | <b>0.51</b>                    |

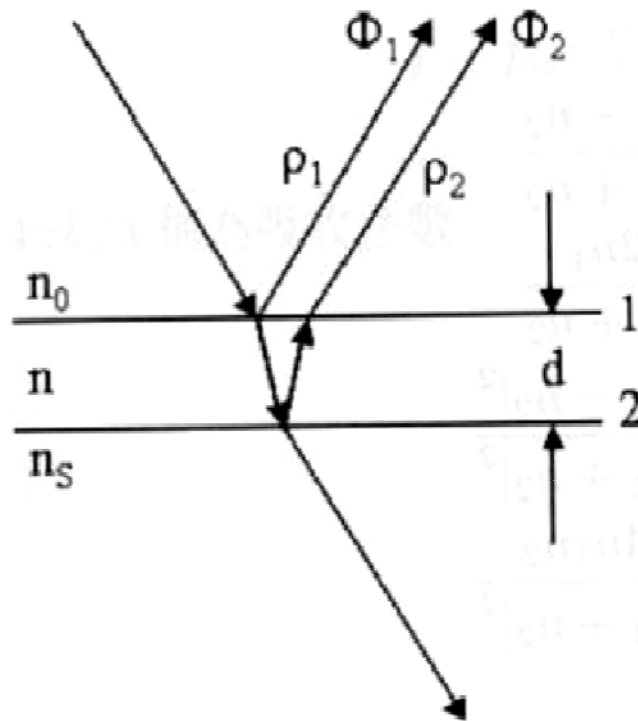
# High reflection coating



**H: high refractive index**

**L: low refractive index**

# Interference



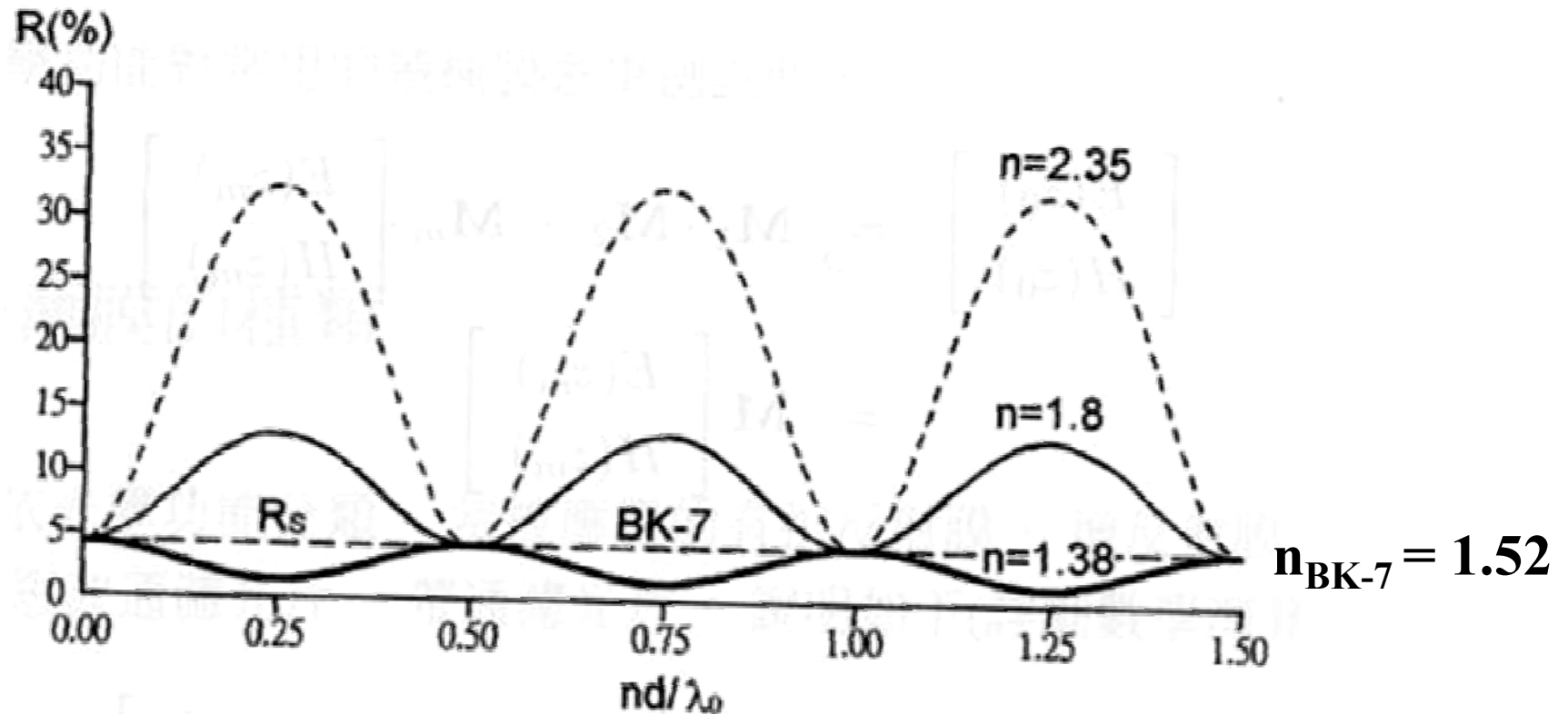
$$nd = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$



Constructive interference

$\lambda$ : wavelength  
 $n$ : refractive index  
 $d$ : film thickness

# Interference

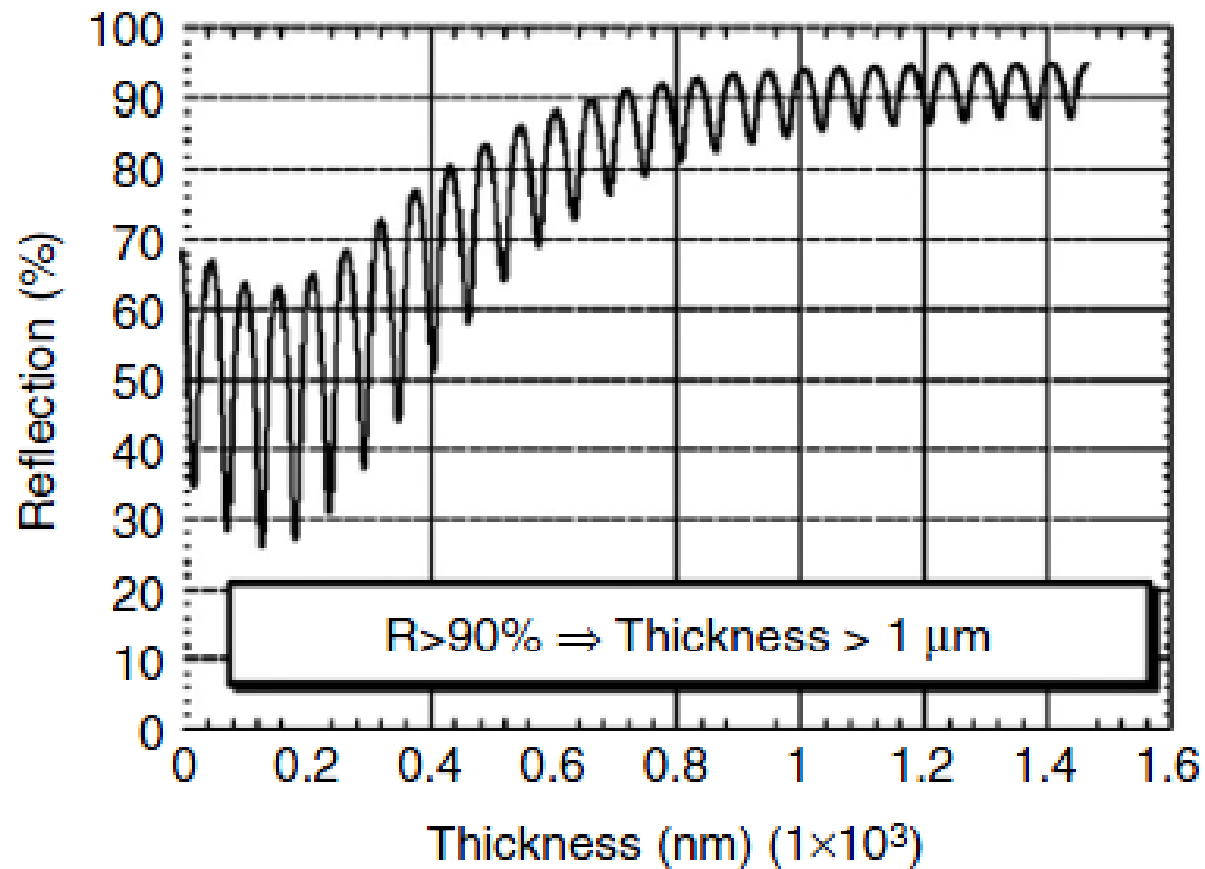


$n > n_s$ : constructive interference  $\rightarrow$  improving reflection

$n < n_s$ : destructive interference  $\rightarrow$  anti-reflection

| <b>Dielectric films</b>            | <b>700 nm<br/>refractive index</b> | <b>650 nm<br/>refractive index</b> | <b>500 nm<br/>refractive index</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub></b>             | <b>2.4907</b>                      | <b>2.4929</b>                      | <b>2.5045</b>                      |
| <b>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b> | <b>1.7630</b>                      | <b>1.7655</b>                      | <b>1.7747</b>                      |
| <b>SiO<sub>2</sub></b>             | <b>1.5404</b>                      | <b>1.5421</b>                      | <b>1.5488</b>                      |
| <b>MgF<sub>2</sub></b>             | <b>1.3759</b>                      | <b>1.3767</b>                      | <b>1.3798</b>                      |

# Dielectric multilayered system



# Motivation

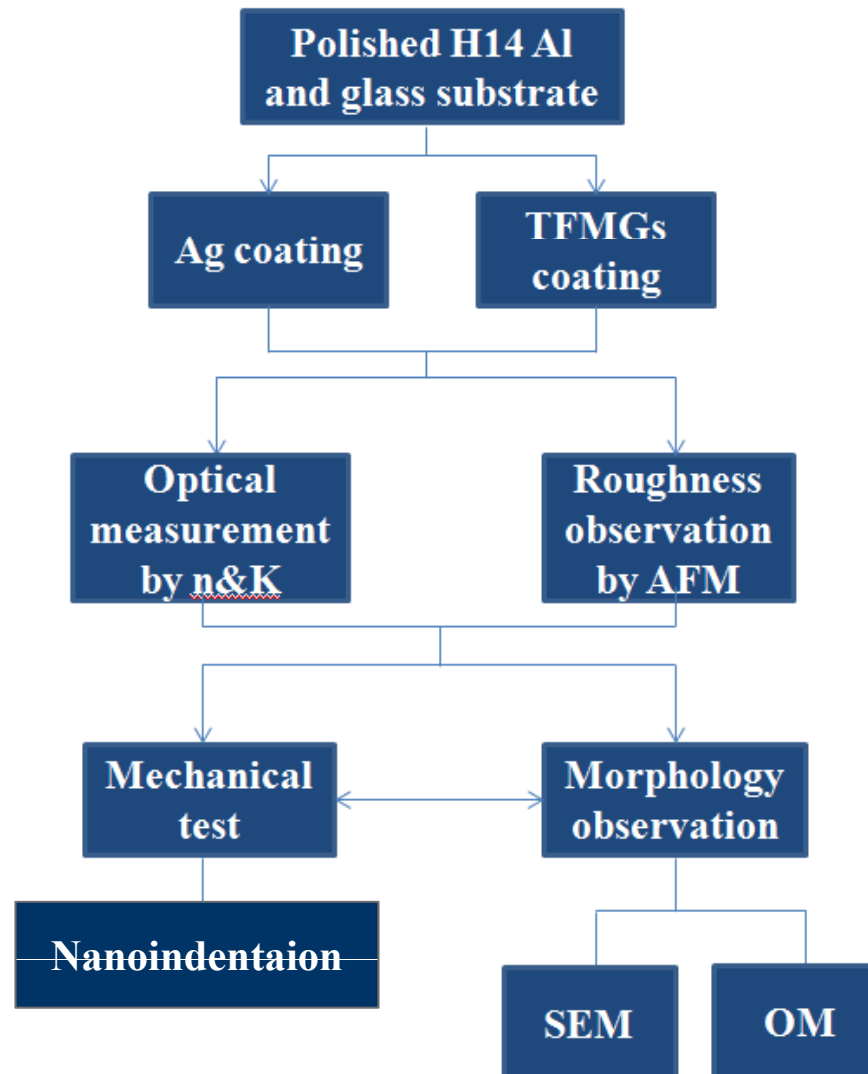
- **The treatment of Al sheet**

**The various thin film systems will be deposited on the surface of Al sheet to improve the optical and mechanical properties.**

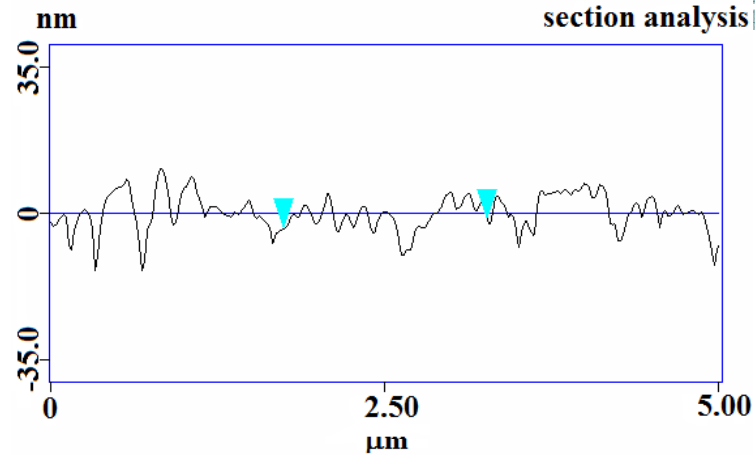
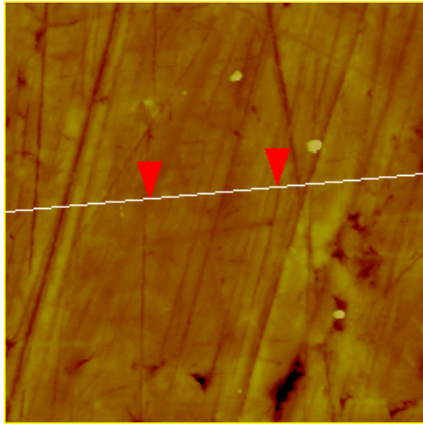
- **The enhancement of reflectivity by sputtering thin film metallic glasses (TFMGs)**

**The probability of TFMGs applied in optical field will be investigated in this study.**

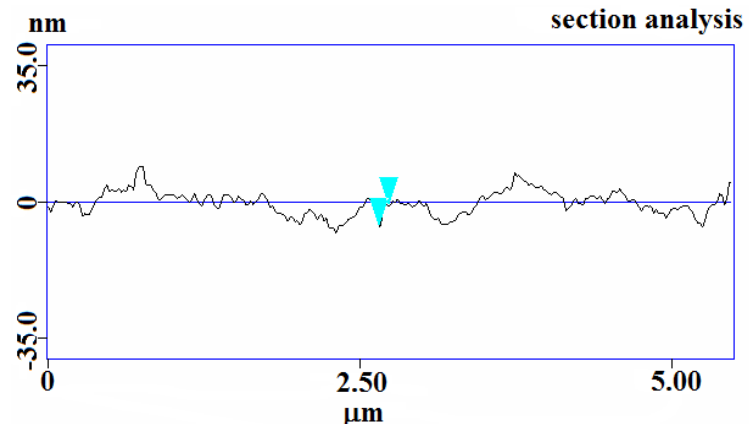
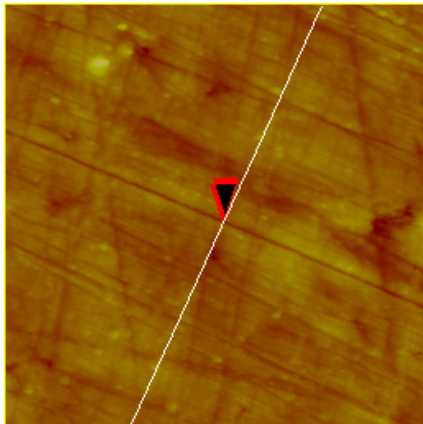
# Flow chart



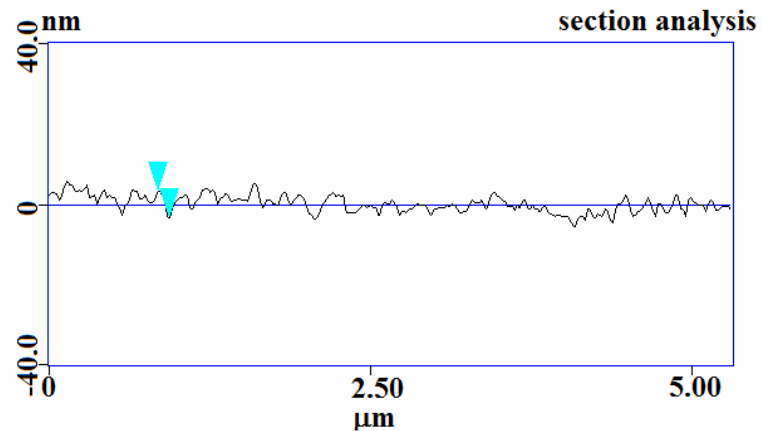
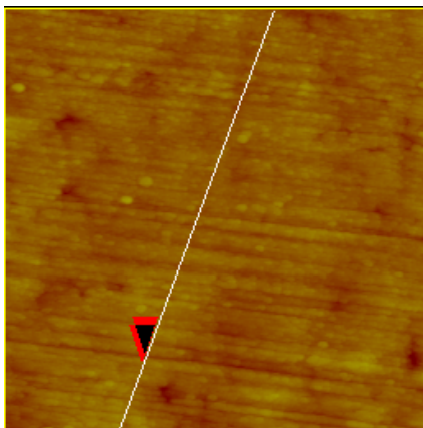
# Ra: average roughness



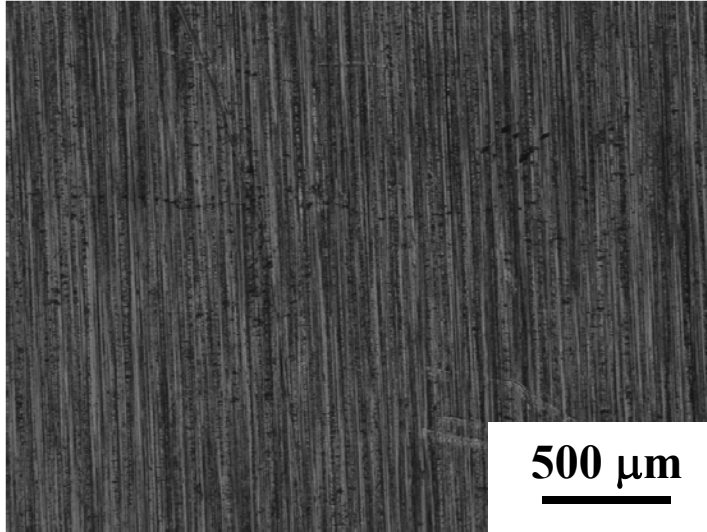
**Rough polishing**  
**Ra = 2.5 nm**



**Fine polishing**  
**Ra = 0.9 nm**

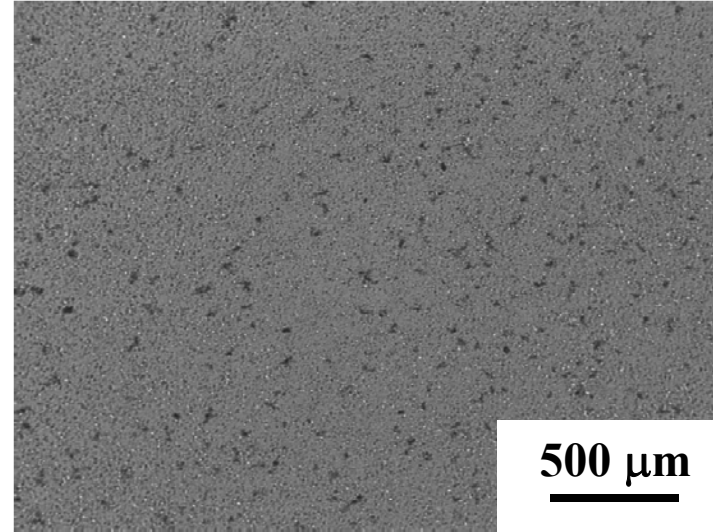


**After Ag coating**  
**Ra = 0.7 nm**



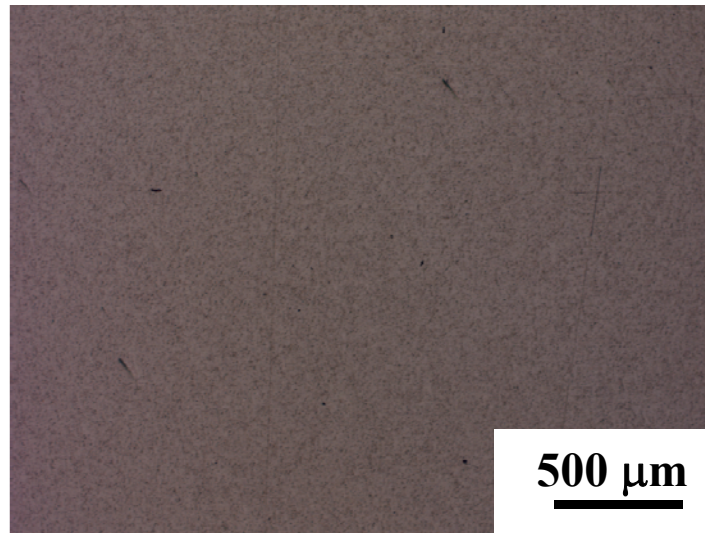
500 μm

**As-cast Al sheet**



500 μm

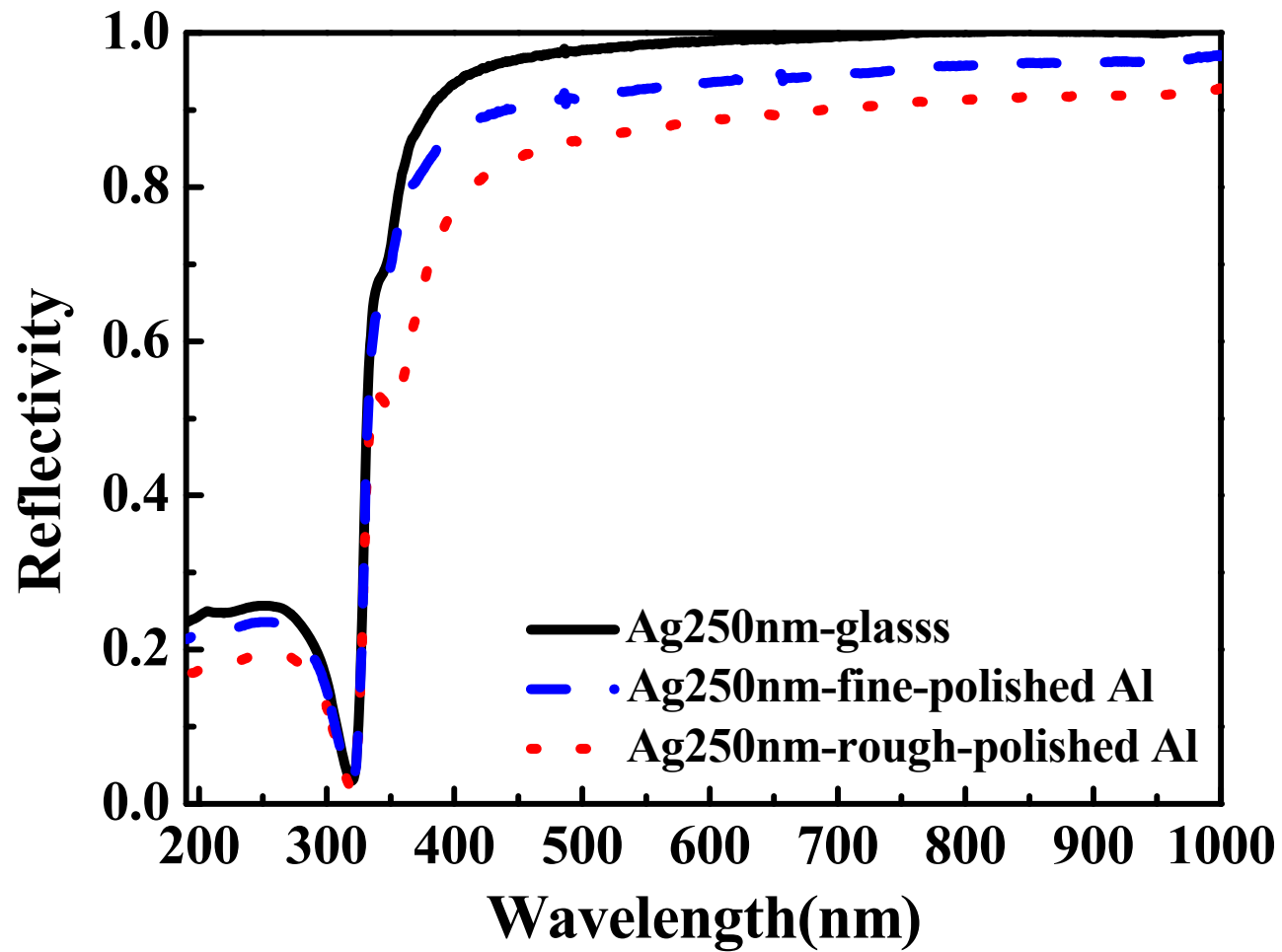
**Rough-polished Al sheet**

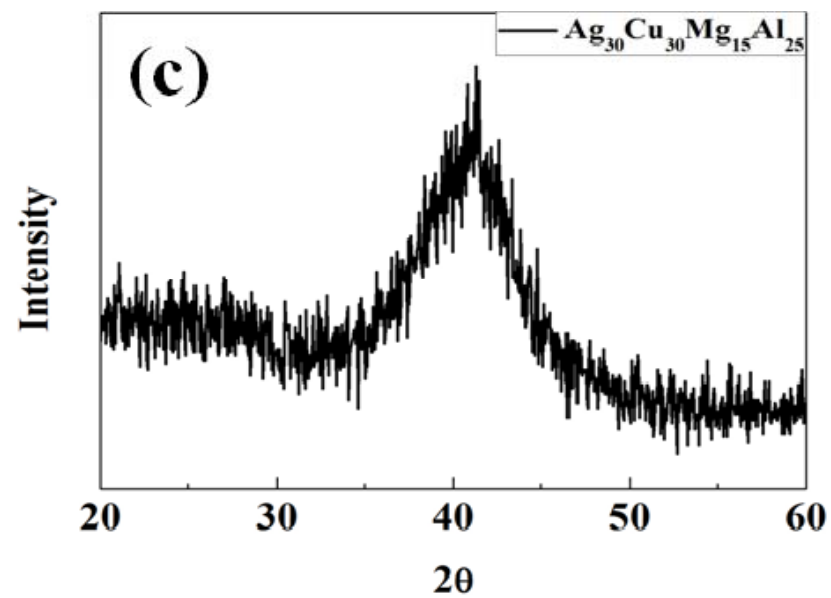
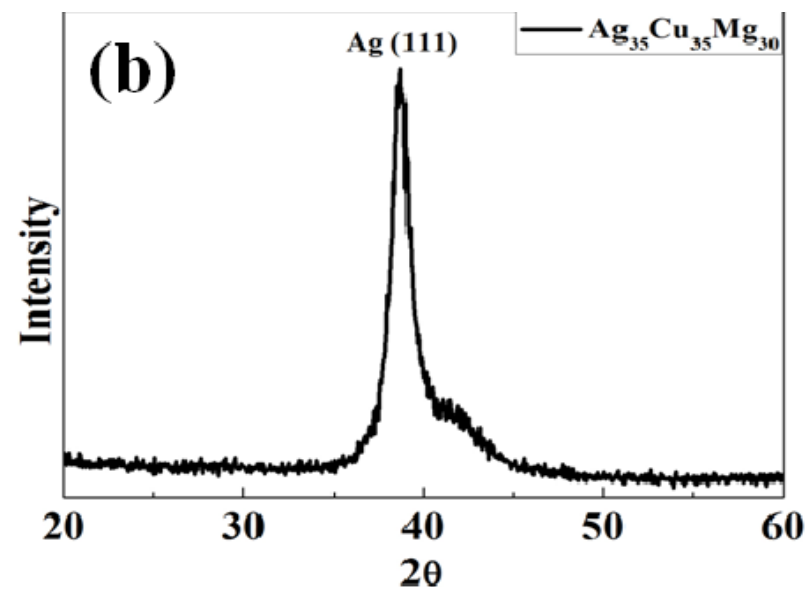
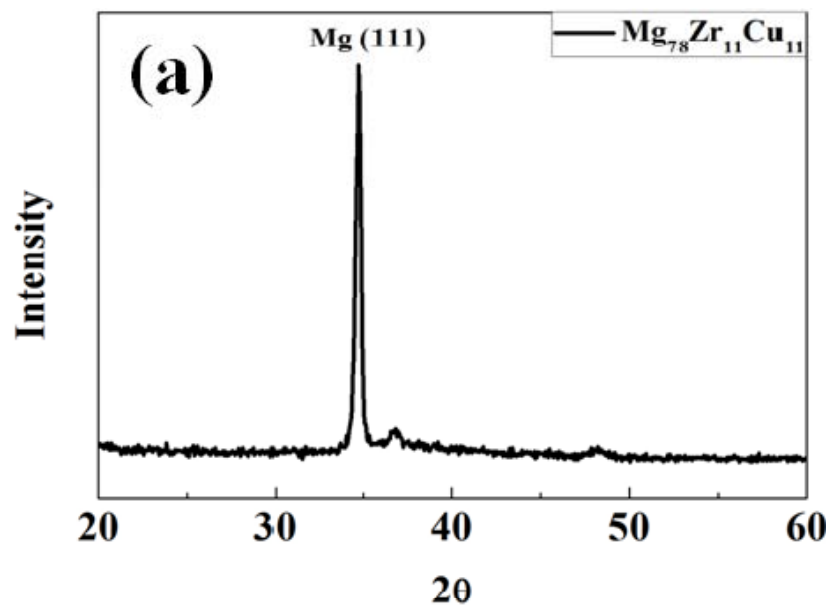


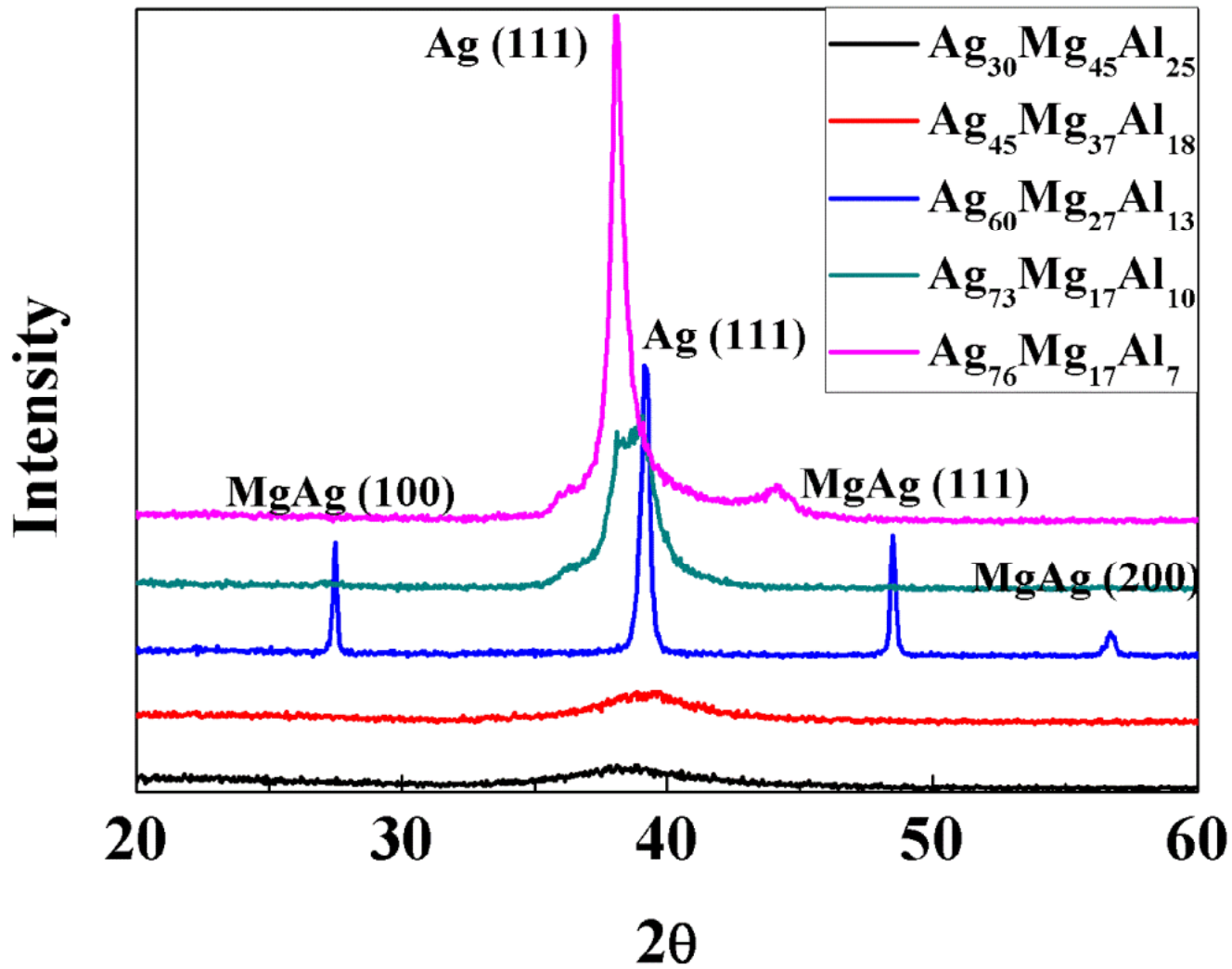
500 μm

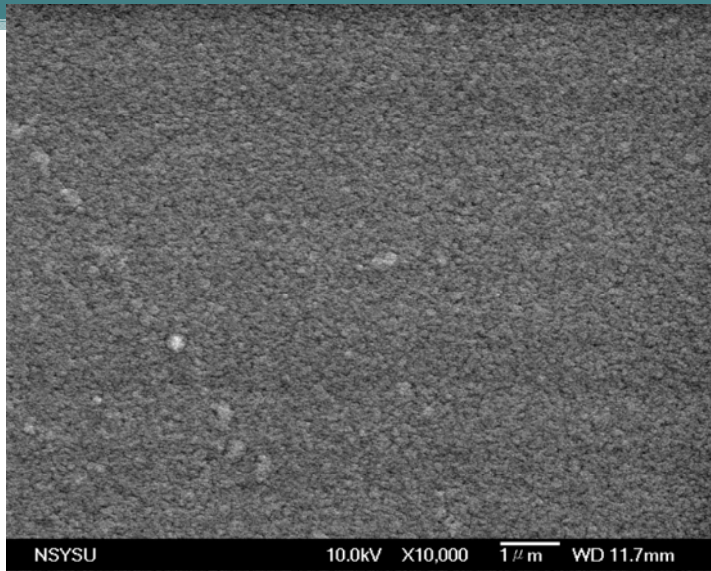
**Fine-polished Al sheet**

# n&K results





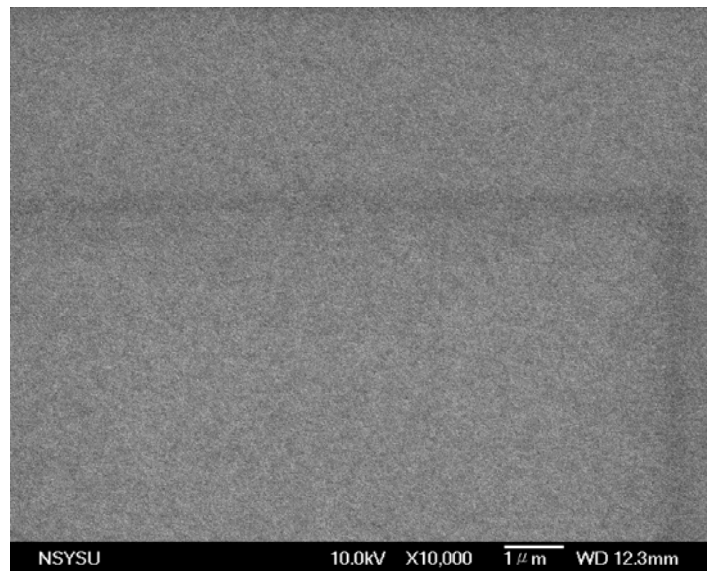




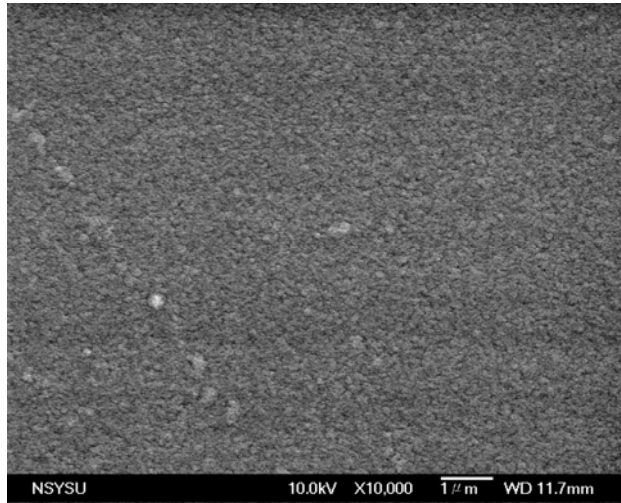
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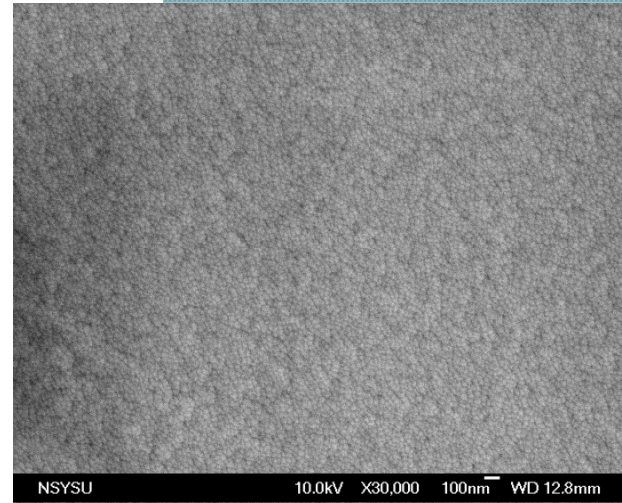
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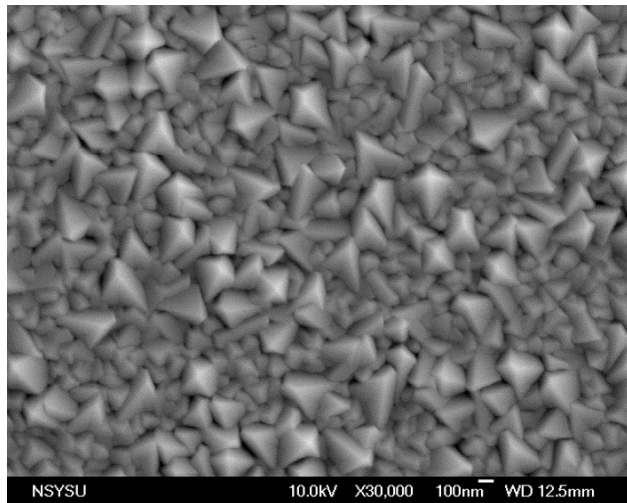
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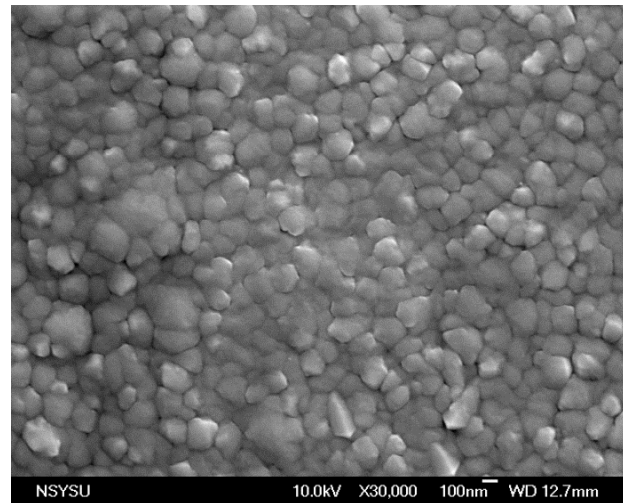
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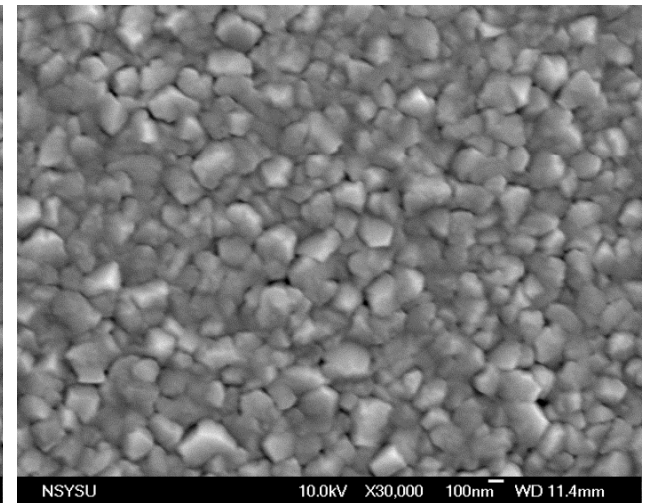
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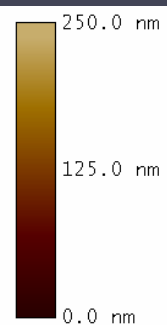
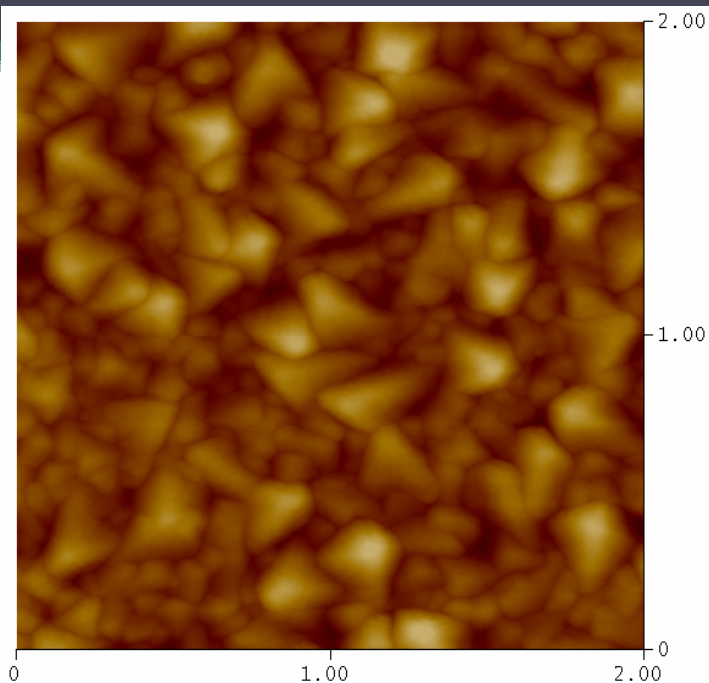
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$\text{Ag}_{73}\text{Mg}_{17}\text{Al}_{10}$



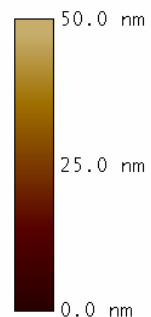
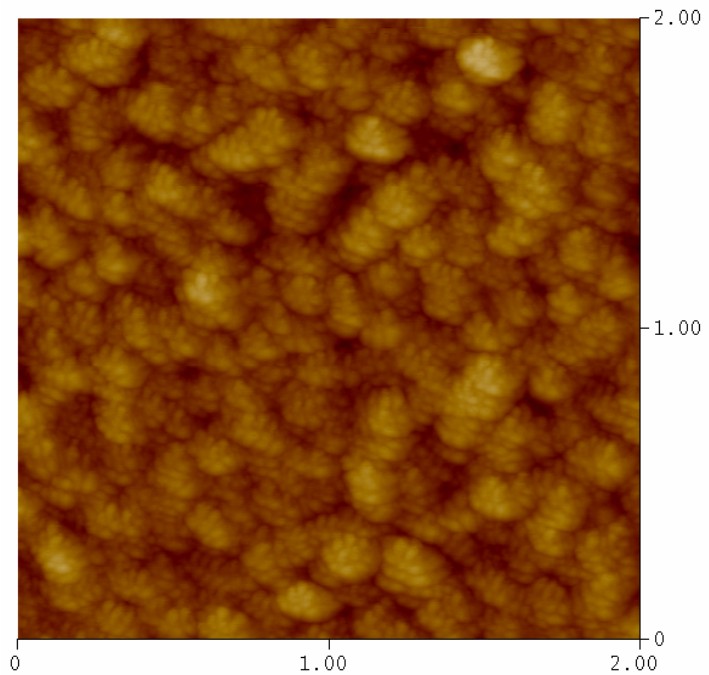
$\text{Ag}_{76}\text{Mg}_{17}\text{Al}_7$



**Ag<sub>60</sub>Mg<sub>27</sub>Al<sub>13</sub>**

**Ra:26.49 nm**

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Scan rate 0.2001 Hz  
Number of samples 512  
Image Data Height  
Data scale 250.0 nm



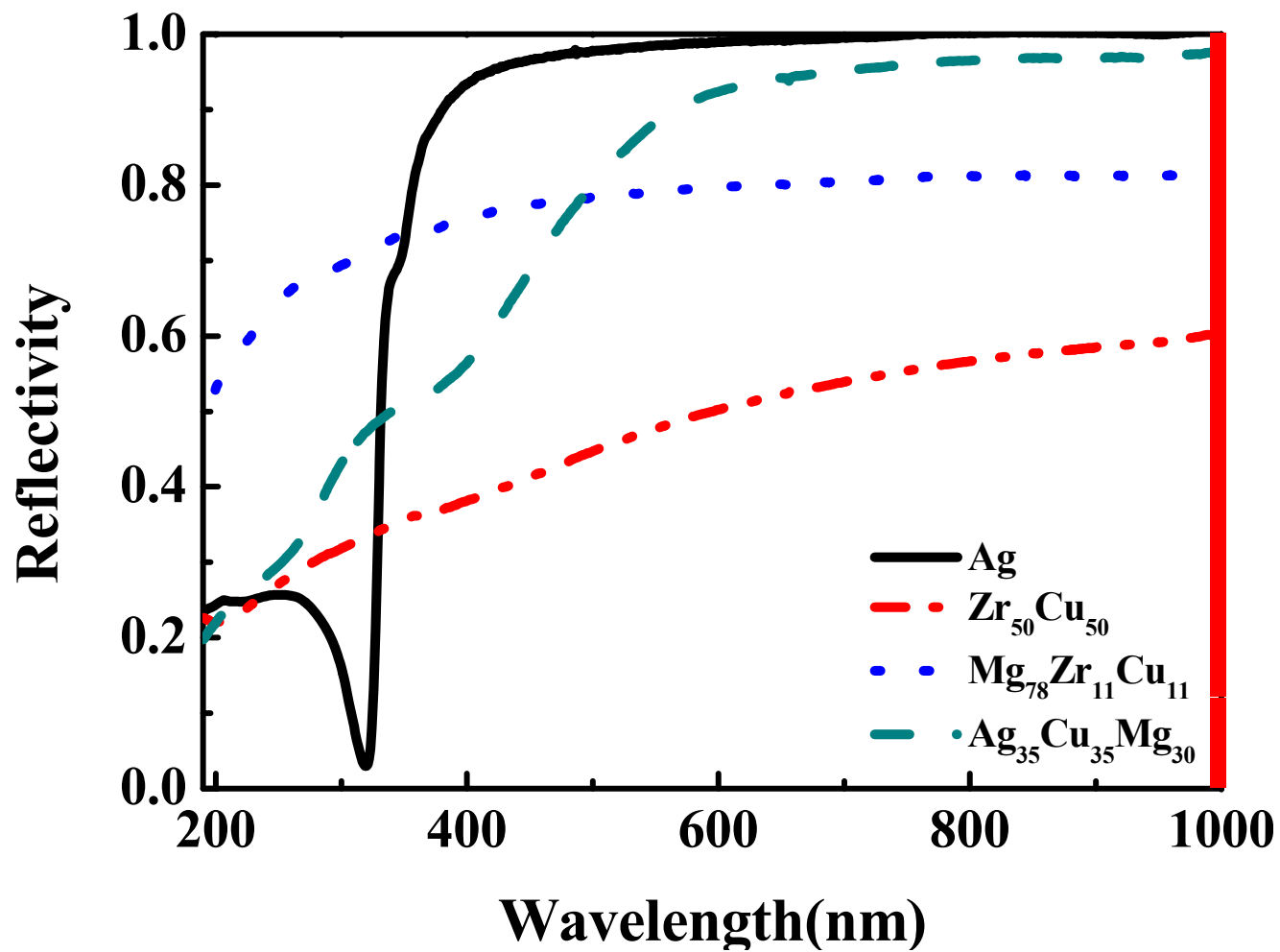
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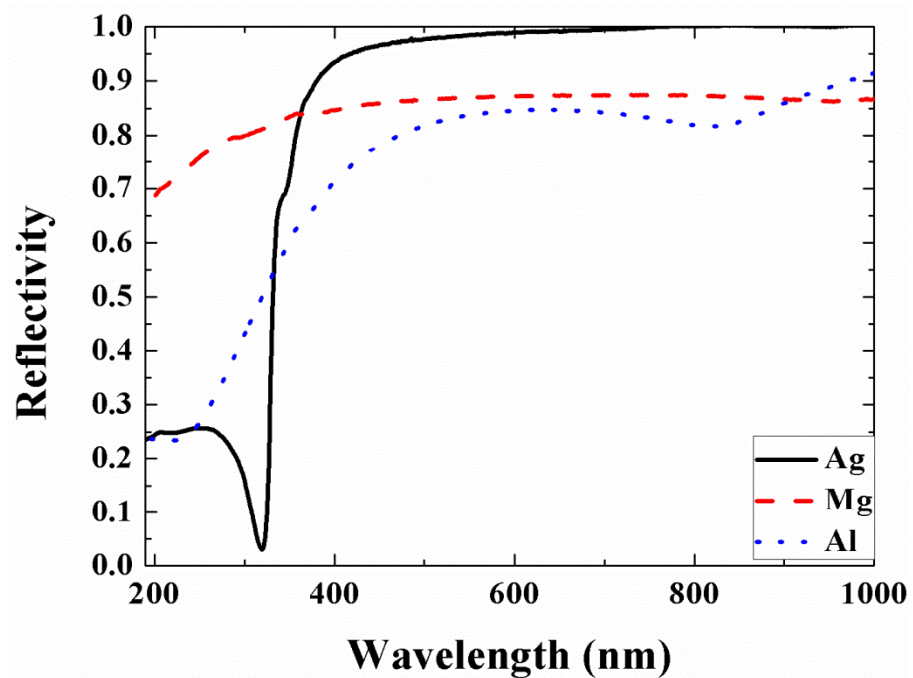
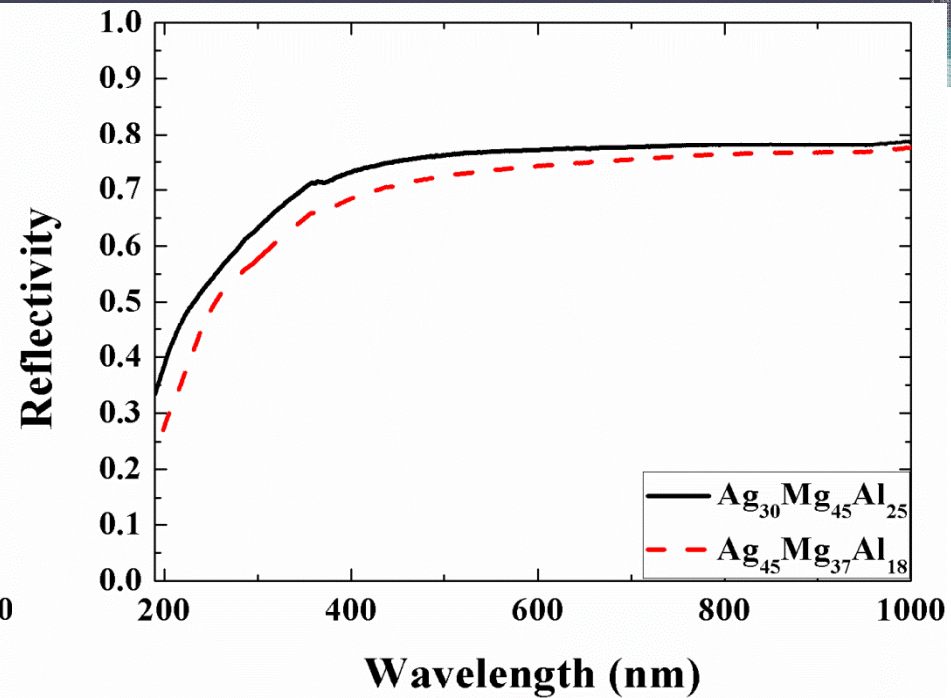
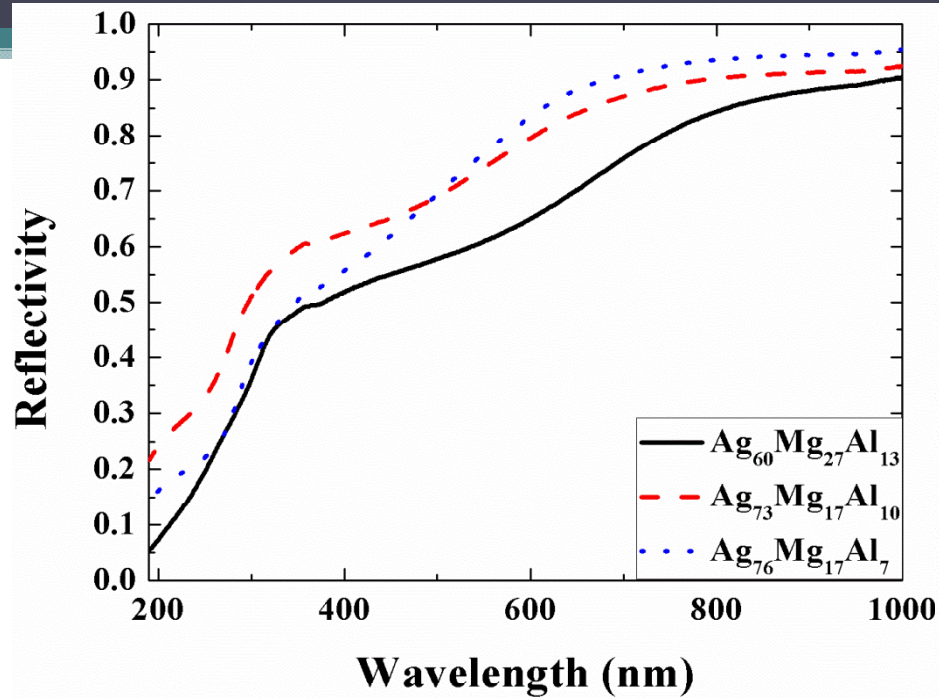
**Ra:4.35 nm**

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$\mu$ m

# n&K results





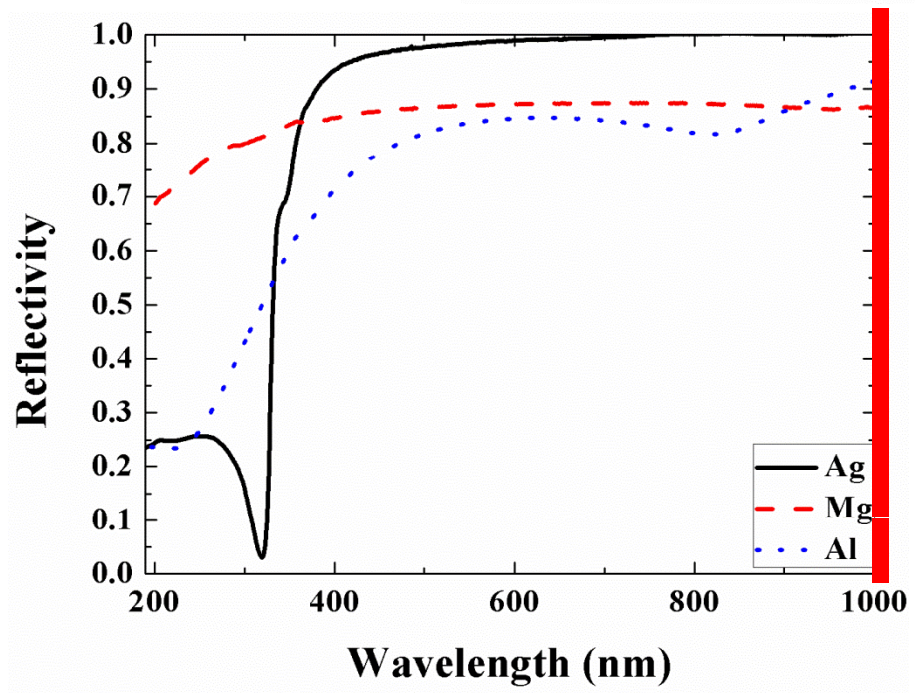
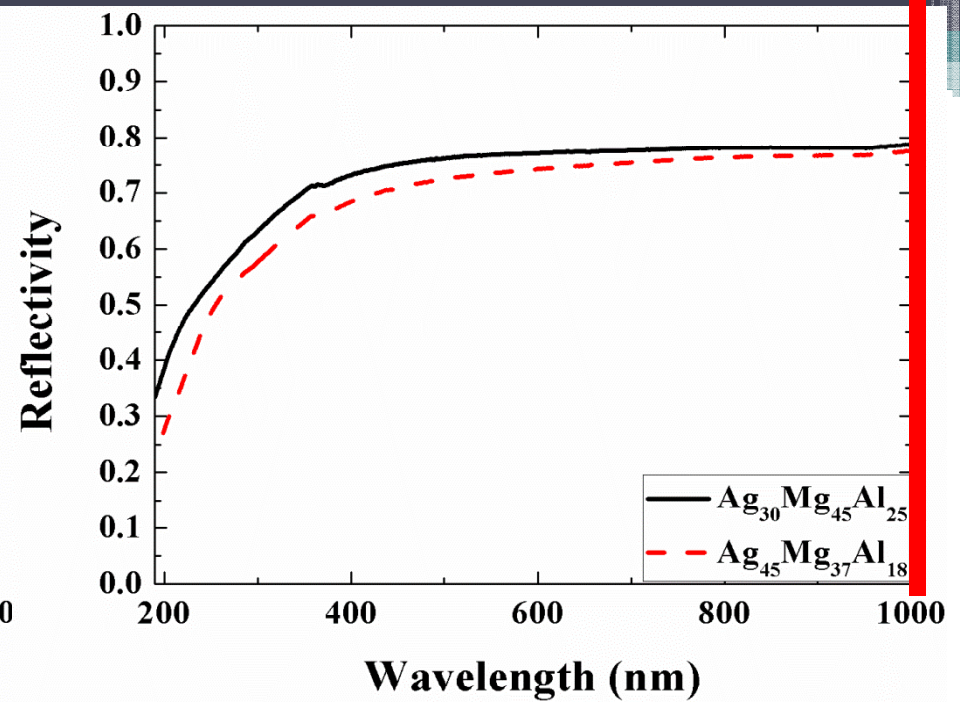
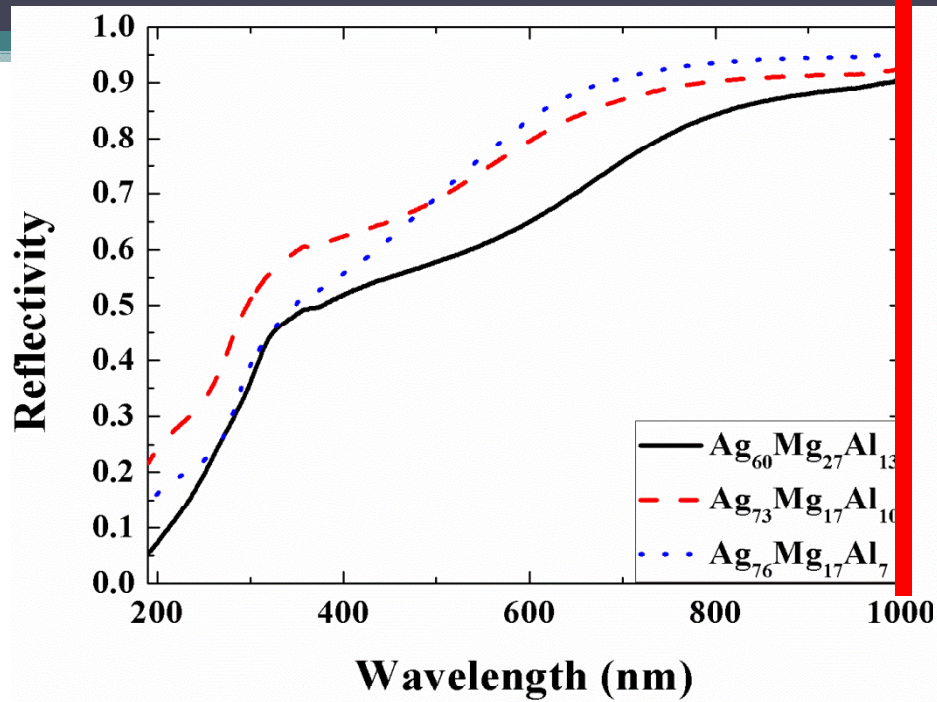


Table 1 Comparison of the electrical resistivity and light reflectivity

|  | Electric resistivity $\rho$ ,<br>$\text{n}\Omega\text{m}^{1/2}$ | Light reflectivity R,<br>at 1000nm |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Ag   | 18  | 0.98                               |
| Cu   | 22  | 0.97                               |
| Al   | 31  | 0.94                               |
| Mg   | 45  | 0.92                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{35}\text{Cu}_{35}\text{Mg}_{30}$ (crystalline)             | 189   | 0.98                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{76}\text{Mg}_{17}\text{Al}_7$ (crystalline)                | 230   | 0.95                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{73}\text{Mg}_{17}\text{Al}_{10}$ (crystalline)             | 286   | 0.92                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{60}\text{Mg}_{27}\text{Al}_{13}$ (crystalline)             | 304   | 0.91                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{45}\text{Mg}_{37}\text{Al}_{18}$ (amorphous)               | 1178  | 0.77                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{30}\text{Mg}_{45}\text{Al}_{25}$ (amorphous)               | 1032  | 0.79                               |
| $\text{Ag}_{30}\text{Cu}_{30}\text{Mg}_{15}\text{Al}_{25}$ (amorphous) | 1120  | 0.77                               |
| $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Cu}_{50}$ (amorphous)                             | 2975  | 0.60                               |

# Light reflection vs. Electrical resistance

