



Matériaux vitreux sous irradiation: le rôle des centres colorés

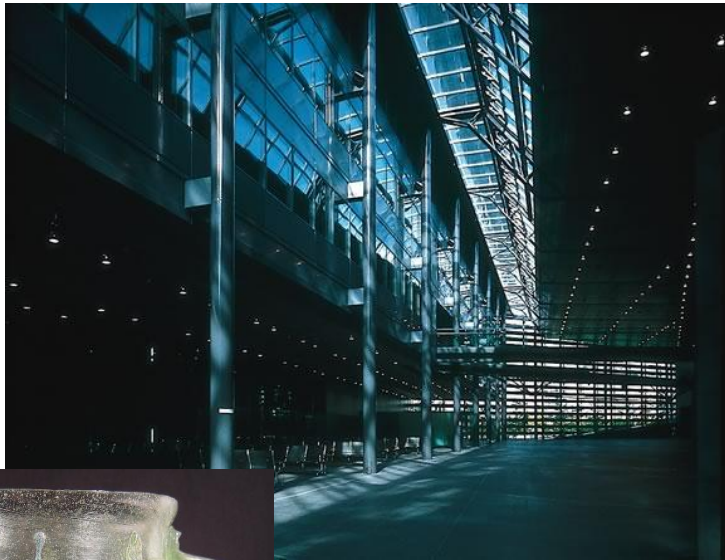
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Verres : domaine d'applications

Optique (lentilles, prisme, fibres...), télécommunication, architecture, médecine...

verres plats, Verres d'emballage, verres de stockage, verres bioactifs (prothèses), verre pour l'isolation ou renforcement mécanique



Verres en milieu radiatif

Nuclear, medical applications

HLW storage glass

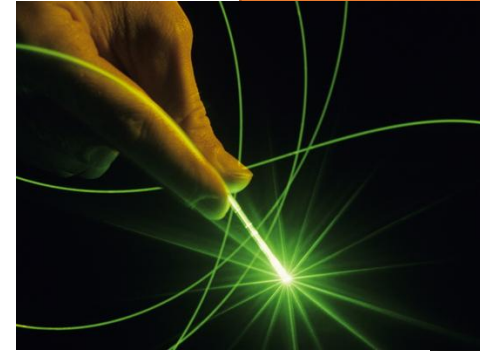
Glass fiber:sensor,

Dosimeters, radiation
shielding



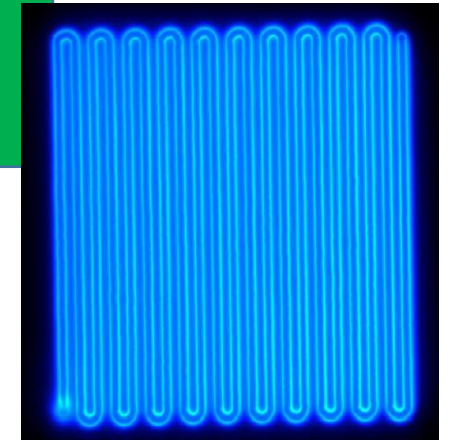
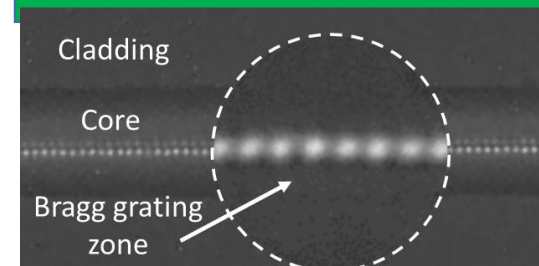
Space applications

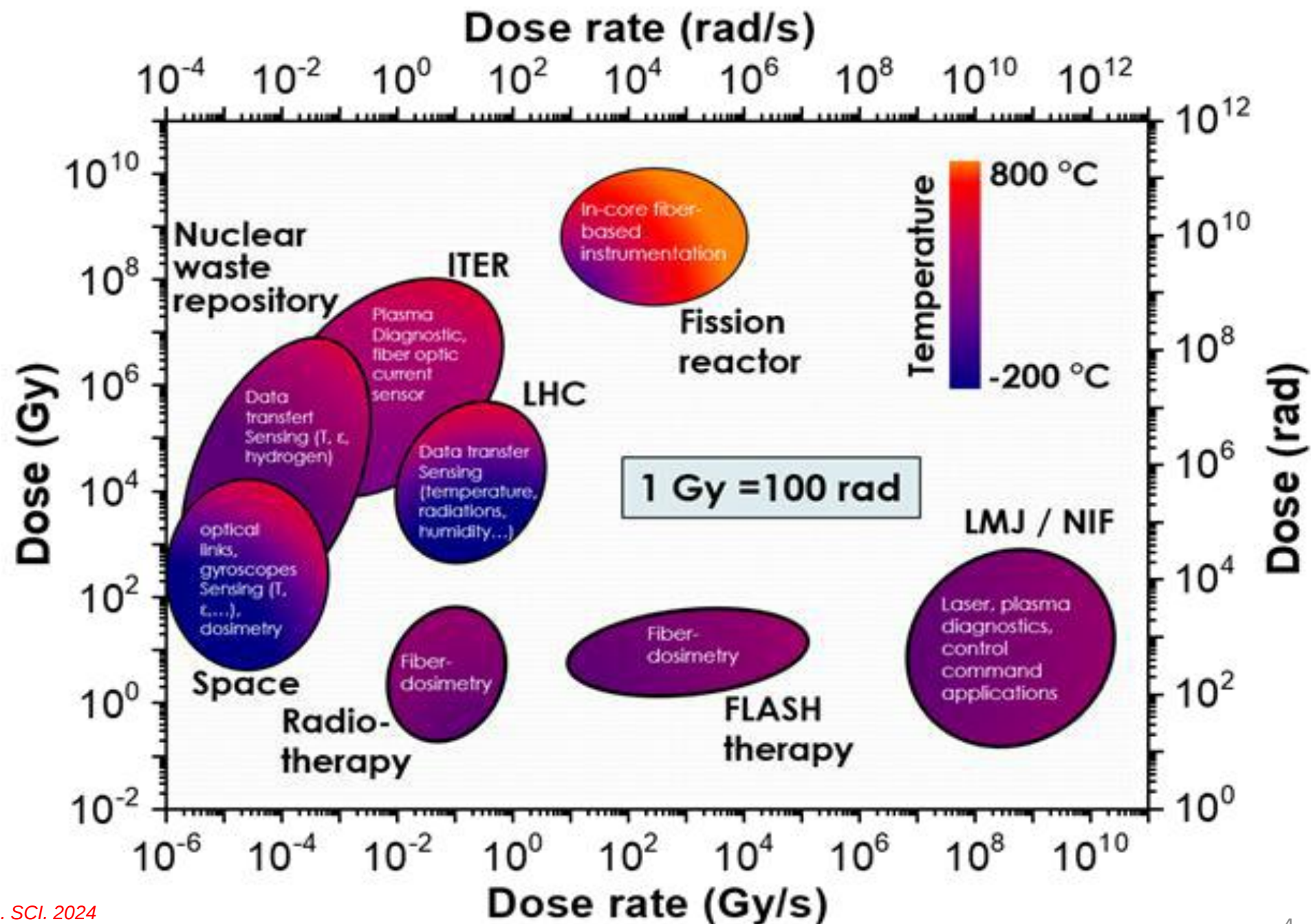
Optical fibers



Glass structuring

Ion, electron beams
UV, fs laser





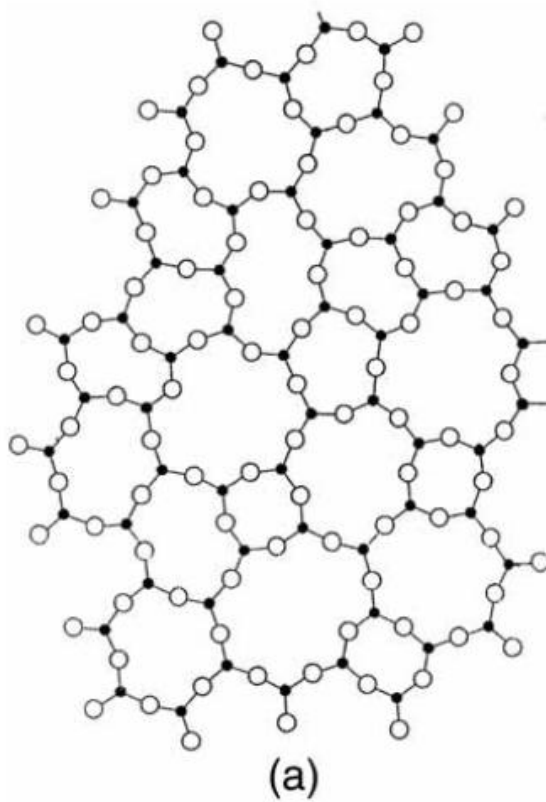
Plan

- **Défauts ponctuels dans la silice**
- **Impact des centres colorés sur les propriétés des verres et leur utilisation**
 - **Coloration, indice, RIA (propriétés optiques)**
 - **Propriétés mécaniques (verres nucléaires)**
 - **Structuration sous irradiation**
 - **Dosimétrie**

Défauts ponctuels dans la silice

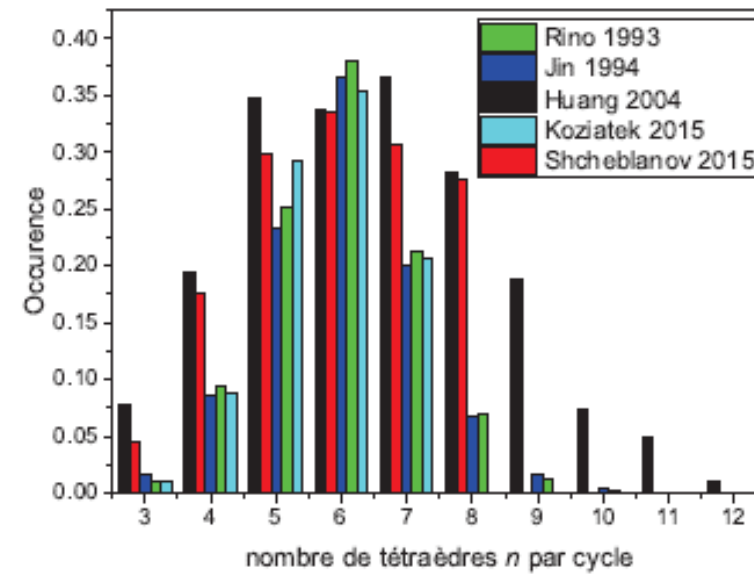
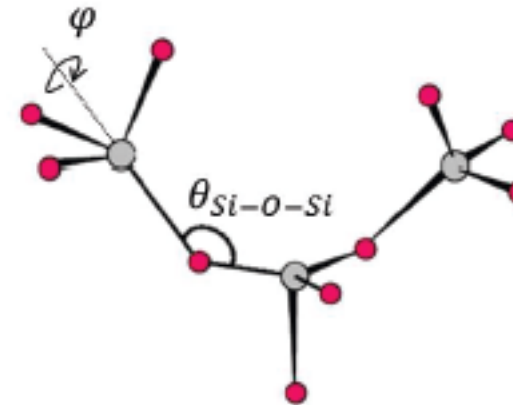
La silice SiO_2

CRN- SiO_2

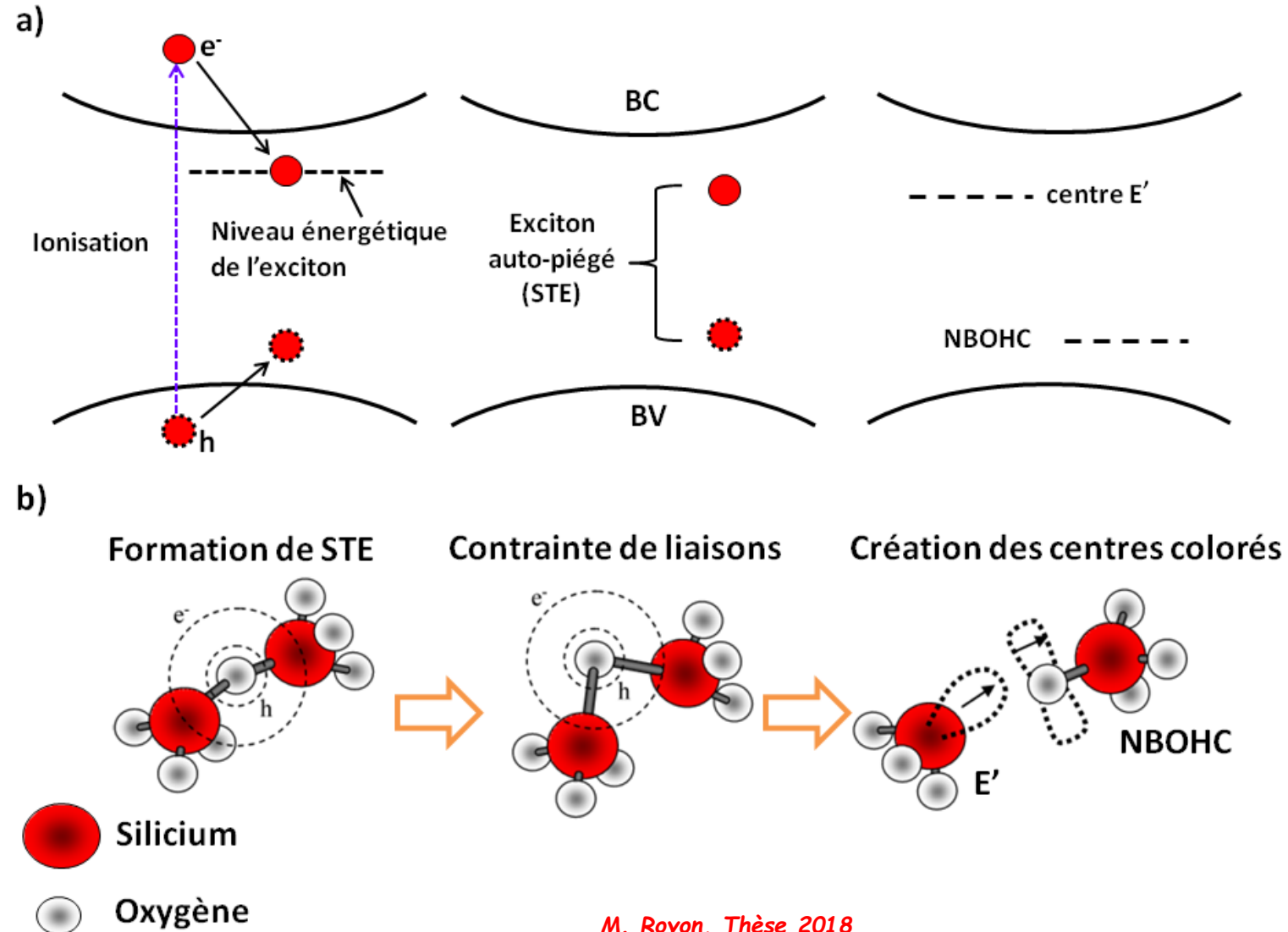


Modèle de Zachariasen 1932

Advances in Physics,
Vol. 56, No. 1, January–February 2007, 1–166



Formation des défauts ponctuels dans la silice



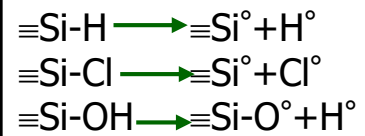
Irradiation-X

Irradiation- β

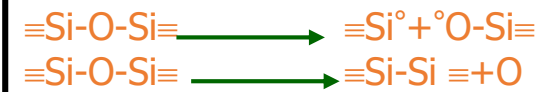
Irradiation- γ

**e-h pairs
excitons**

**Bond breaking
with impurity**



Bond breaking

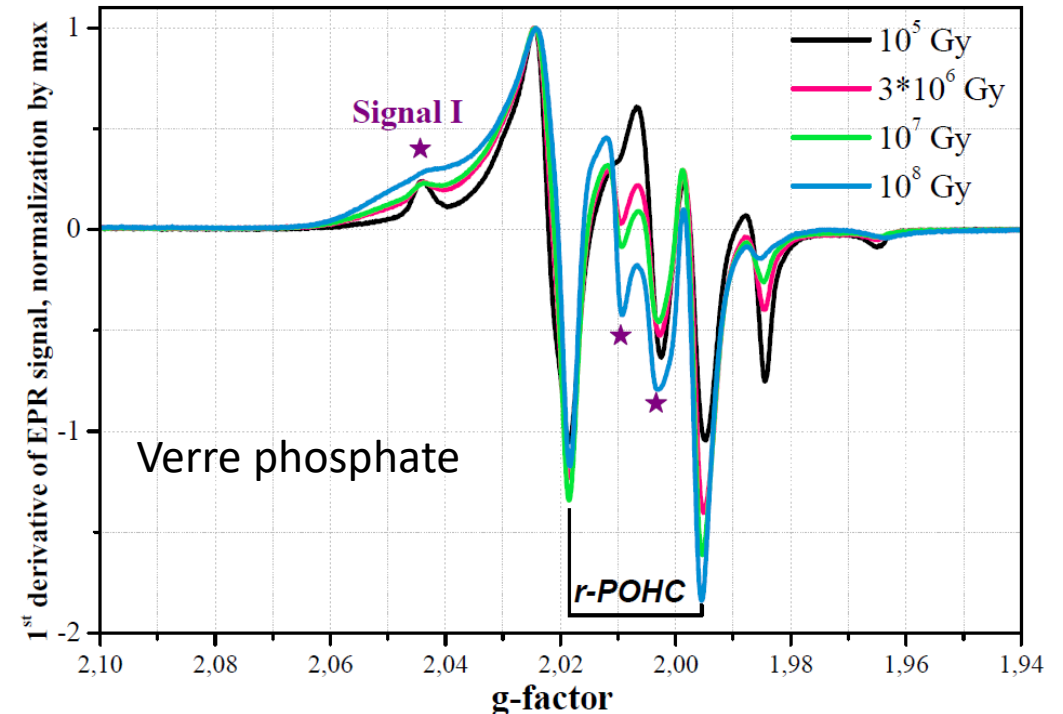


**Trapping on
point defects**

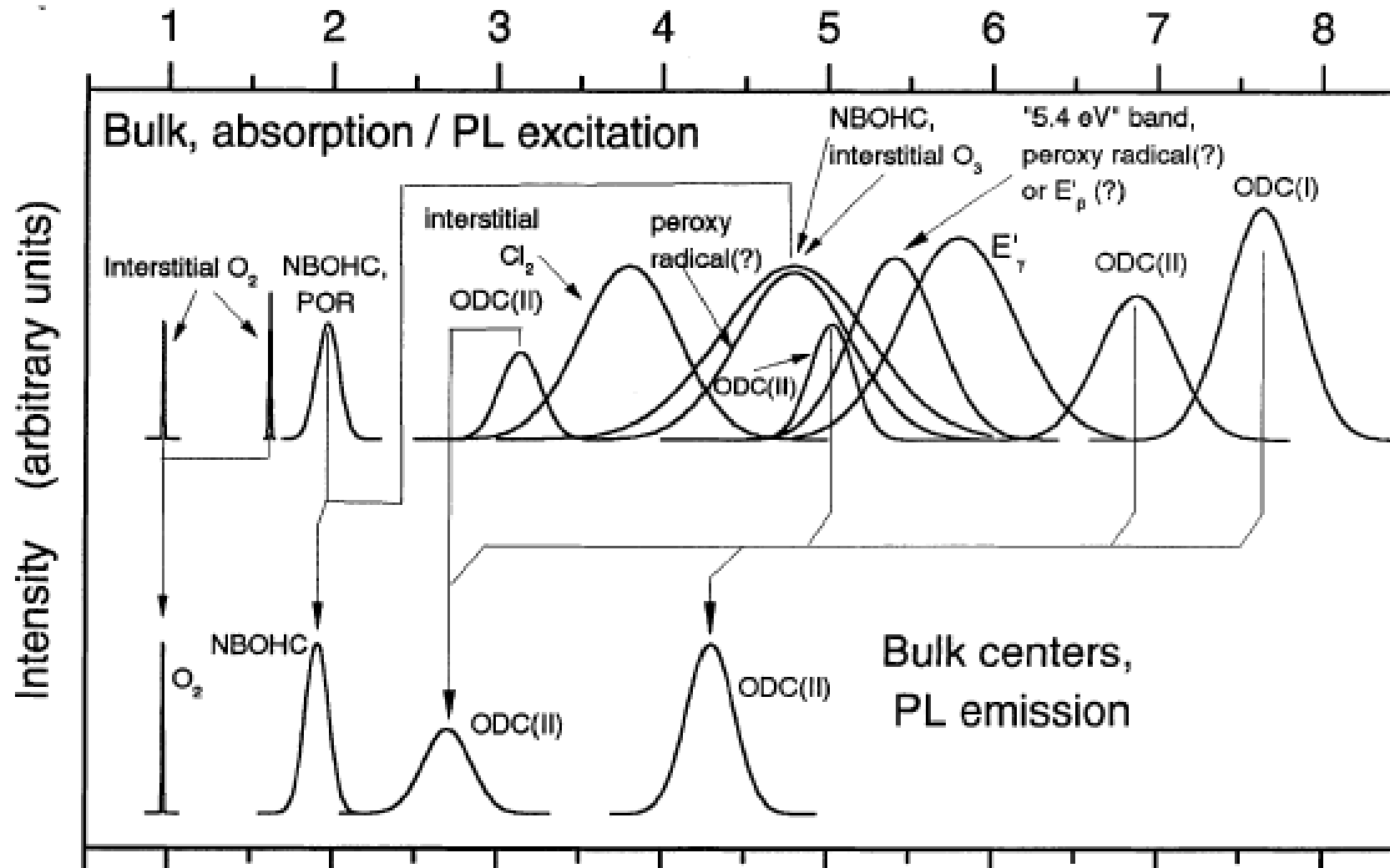


Methods to characterize point defects

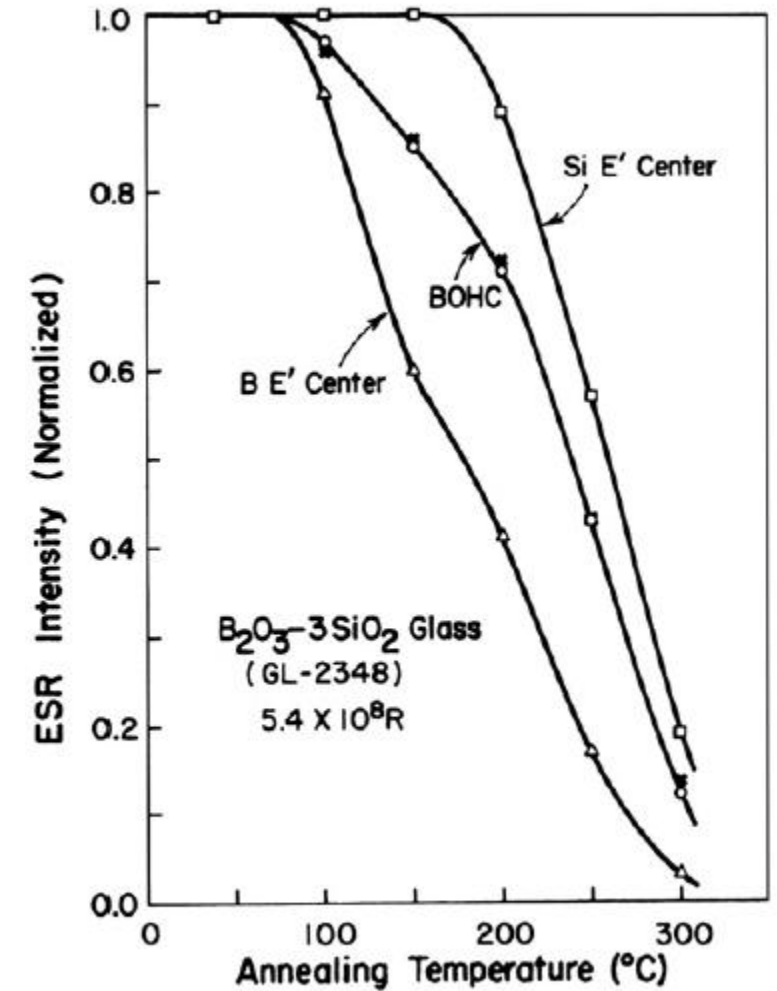
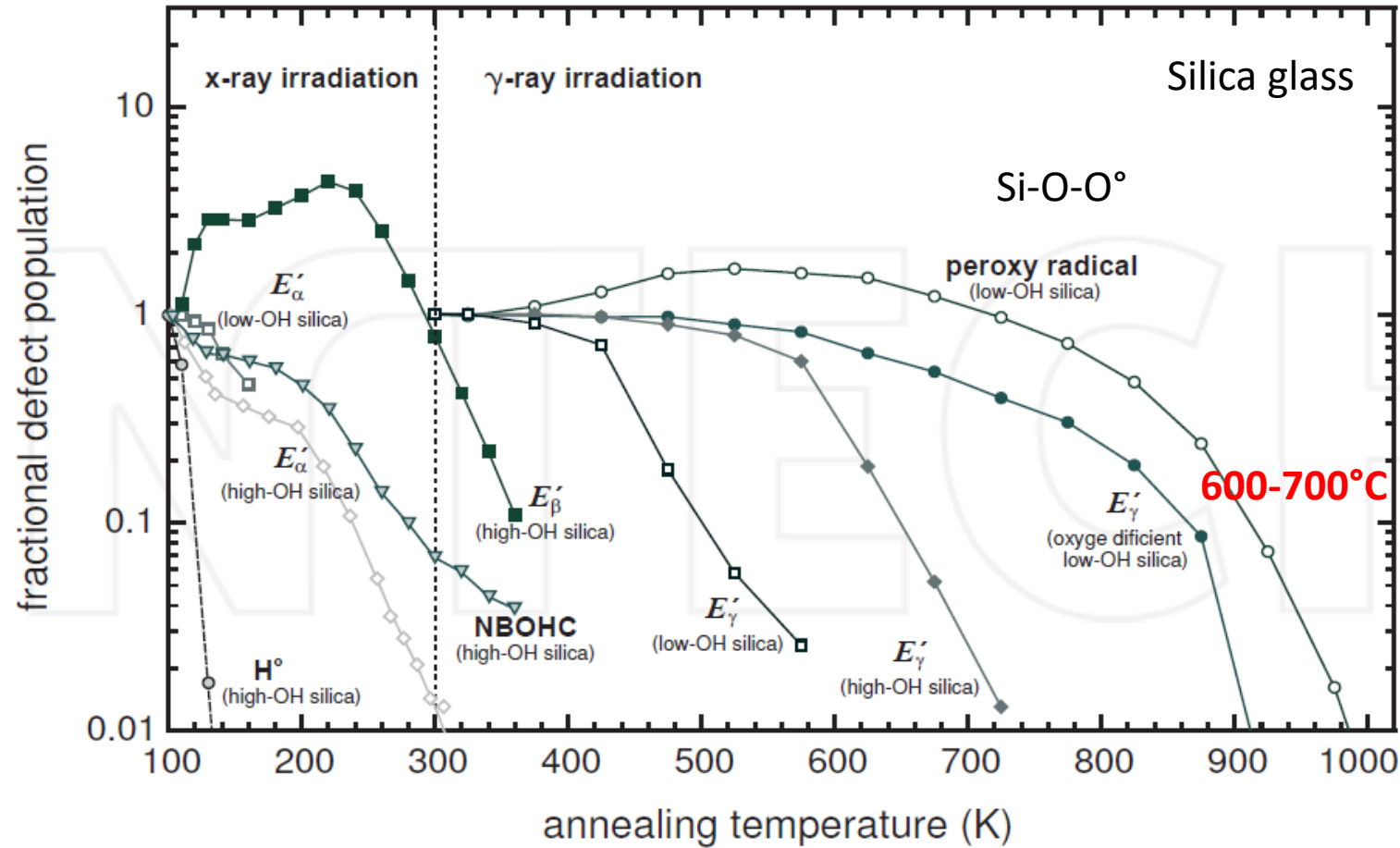
- Absorption optique (quantification)
- Photoluminescence
- **RPE: Résonance Paramagnétique Electronique (identification et quantification)**



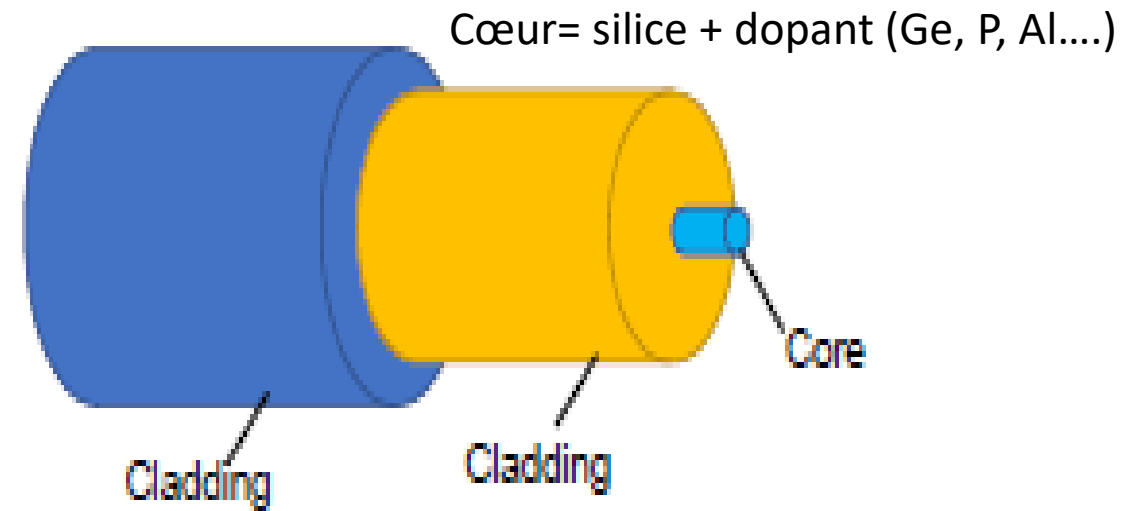
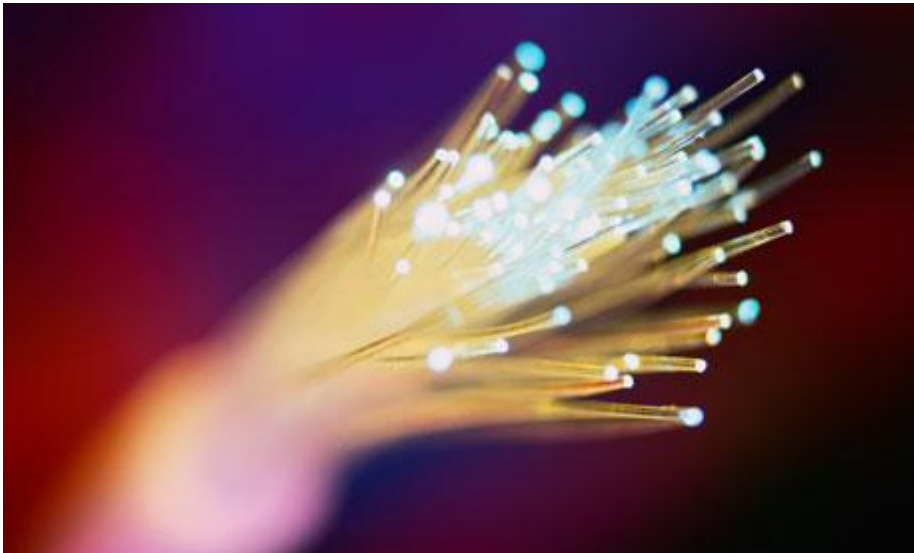
Absorption et emission des défauts dans la silice



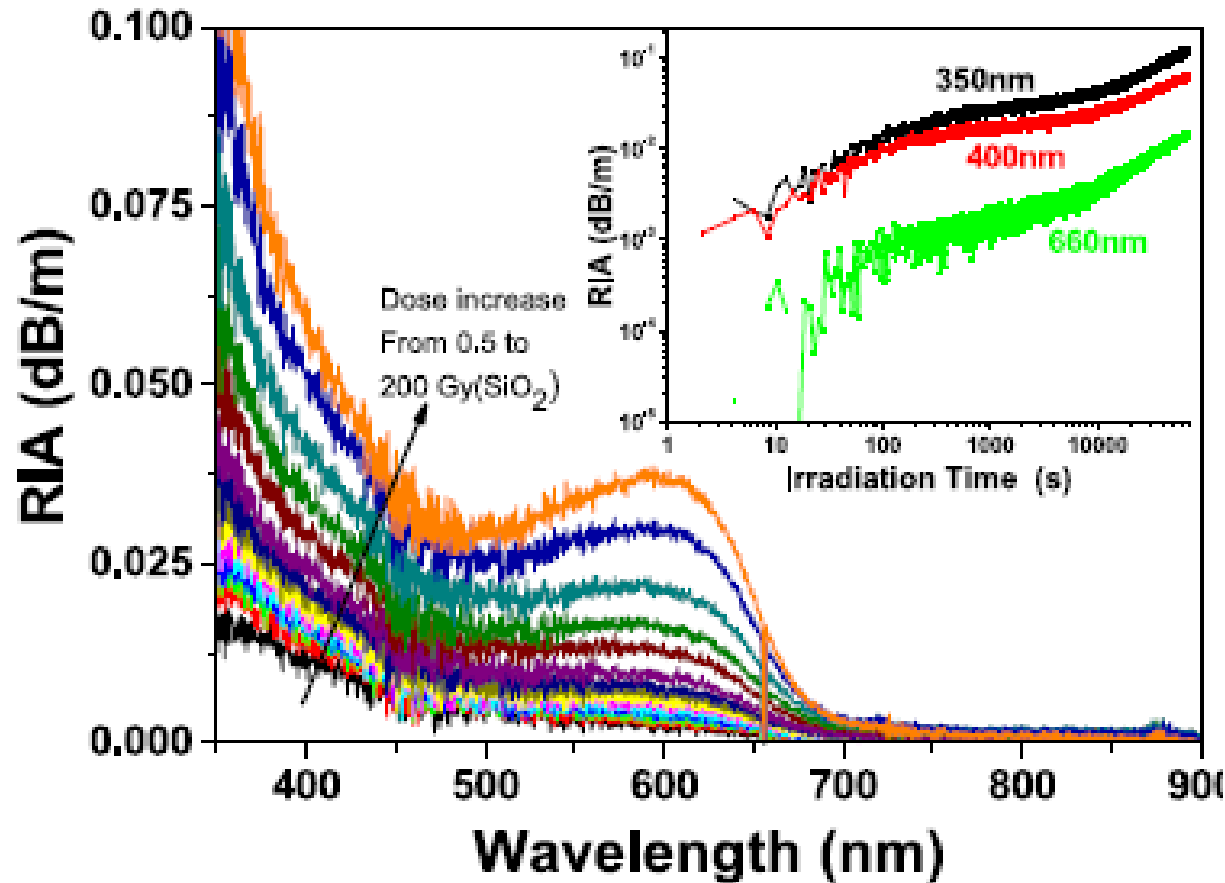
Thermal stability



Impact des défauts ponctuels sur les fibres optiques



Radiation-Induced Attenuation (RIA)



S. Girard et al. J. Opt 2018

Radiation effects

Mainly RIA

But RIE (Cerenkov effect...)

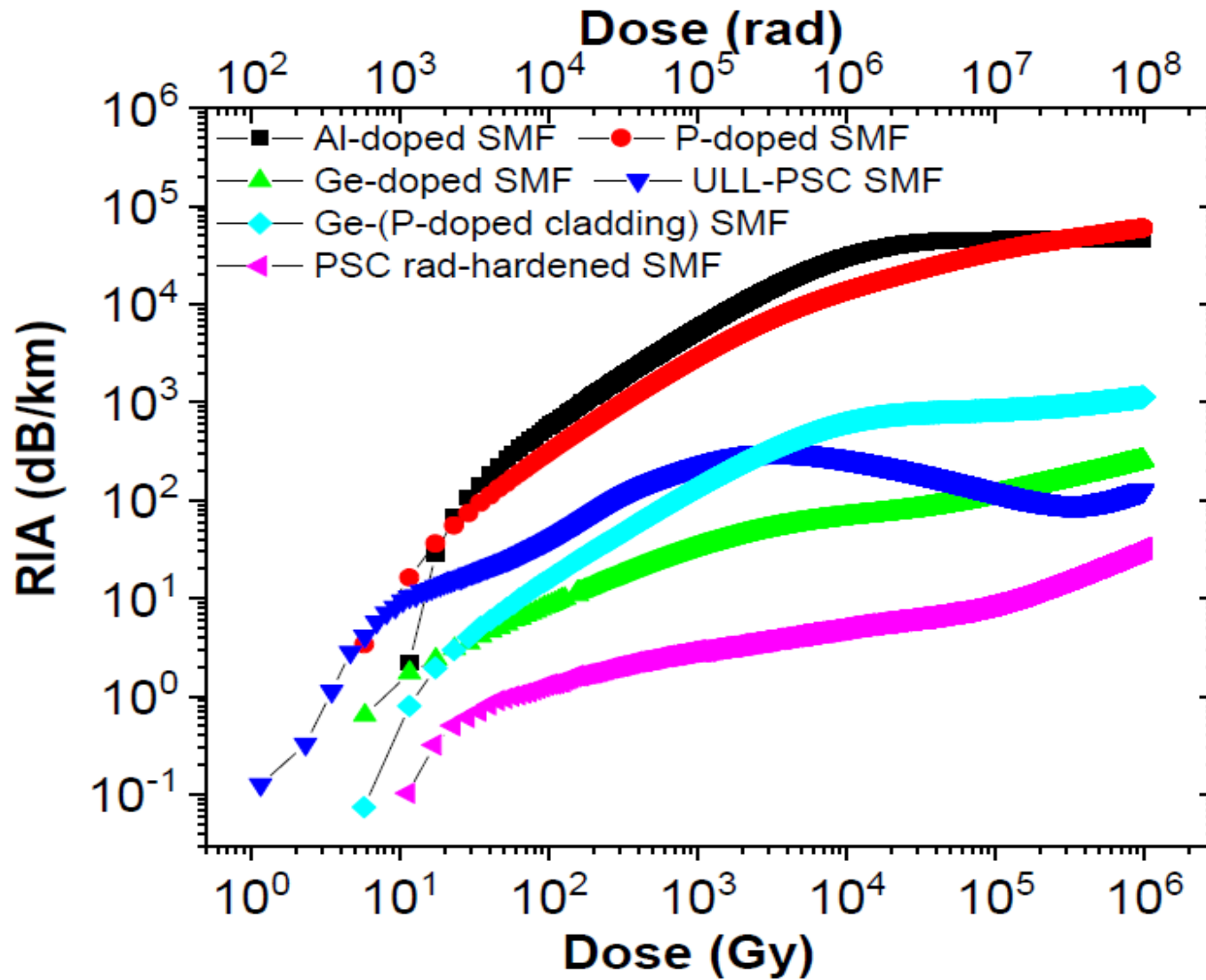
And silica glass compaction so refractive index is modified !

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Overview of Radiation Effects on Silica-Based Optical Fibers and Fiber Sensors

S. Girard, *IEEE Senior Member*, J. Kuhnenn, A. Gusarov, A. Morana, *Member, IEEE*, P. Paillet, *IEEE Fellow*, T. Robin, L. Weninger, *IEEE Student Member*, F. Fricano, *IEEE Student Member*, M. Roche, *IEEE Student Member*, C. Campanella, G. Mélin, D. Lambert, *IEEE Senior Member*, E. Marin, A. Boukenter, and Y. Ouerdane

RIA depends on ionizing dose, dose rate, temperature, wavelength, and nature of **dopants in the fiber**



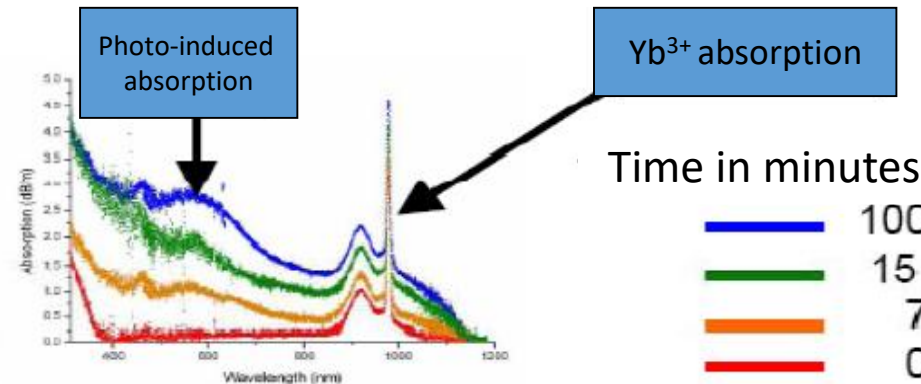
P, Al, Ge give rises to specific point defects

Photodarkening/Radiodarkening: Yb doped laser fibers

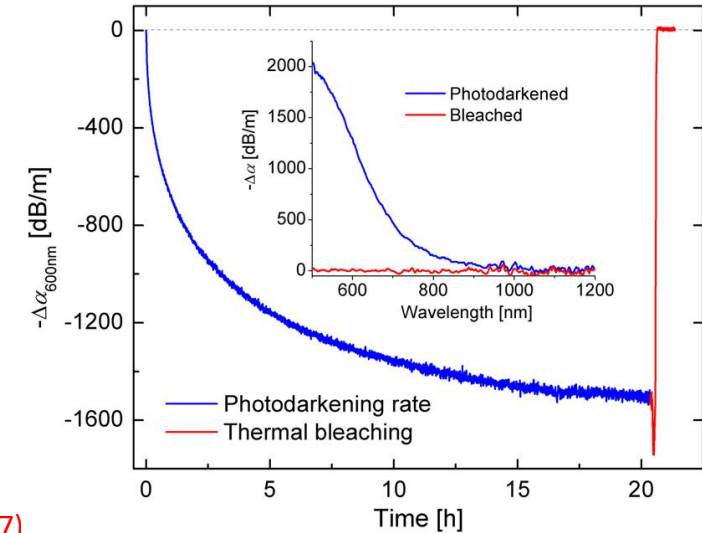
- High power laser fiber (1 μm)

- **Photodarkening**

Formation of color centers under the IR laser pump:
decrease of laser efficiency

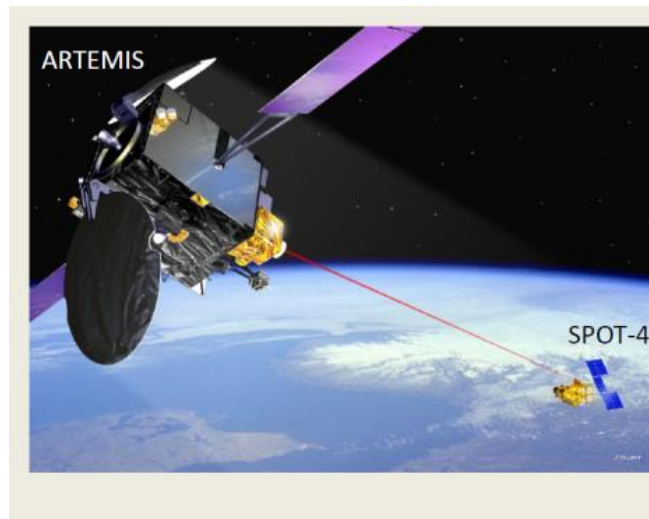


I. Mannek-Hönninger *et al*, OE **15**, 1606 (2007)



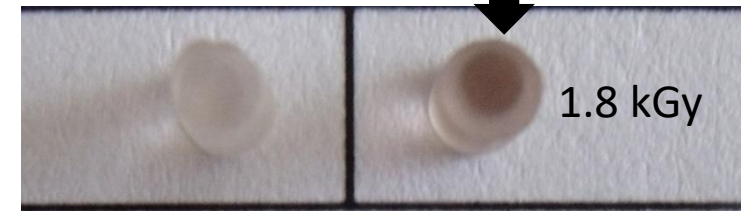
Joan J. Montiel i Ponsoda PhD 2013

- **Radiodarkening:** spatial or nuclear applications

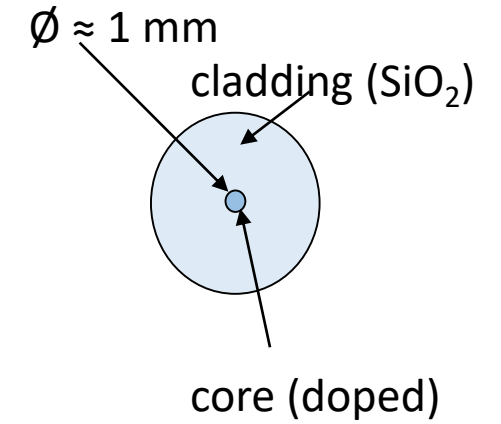
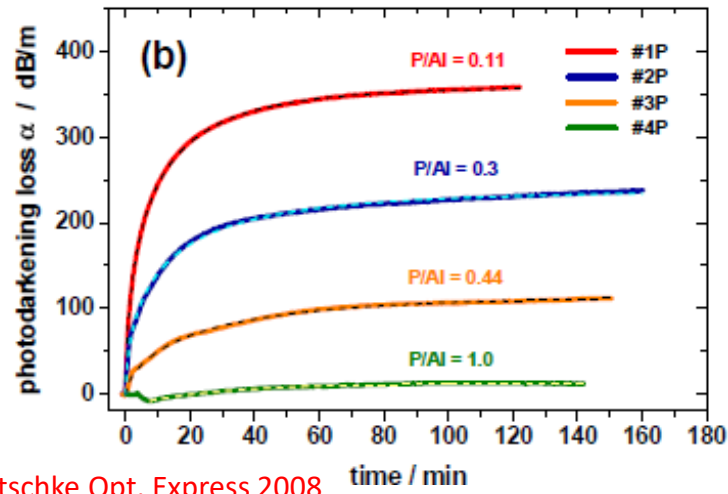


Optical fiber preforms

↓ Gamma rays



P/Al doped silica preform



Al/P decrease



P

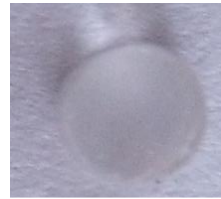
0.3

1

2.8

Al

before gamma irradiation



After gamma irradiation



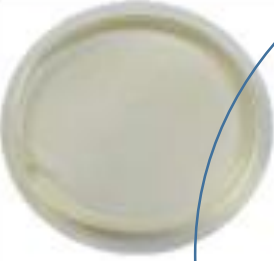
Deschamps et al. Opt. Exp 2013

Al/P < 1 low coloration of the core under gamma radiation at 1800 Gy

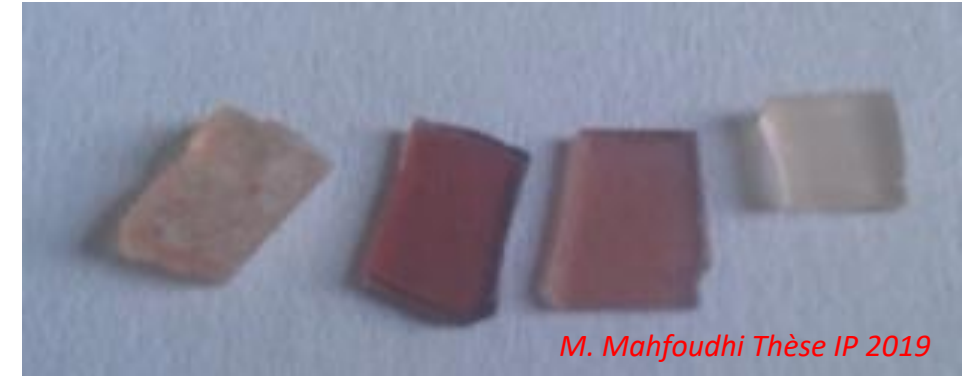
Impact des centres colorés sur les propriétés des verres

Changement de couleur lié aux défauts ponctuels

Borosilicates

NaBaBSi Glass		
0 MGy (~ 10 mm)	0.5 MGy (~3-4 mm)	5 MGy (~ 10 mm thick)
		
LiNaBSi Glass		
0 MGy (~ 10 mm)	0.5 MGy (~3-4 mm)	5 MGy (~ 10 mm thick)
		

Verres phosphates



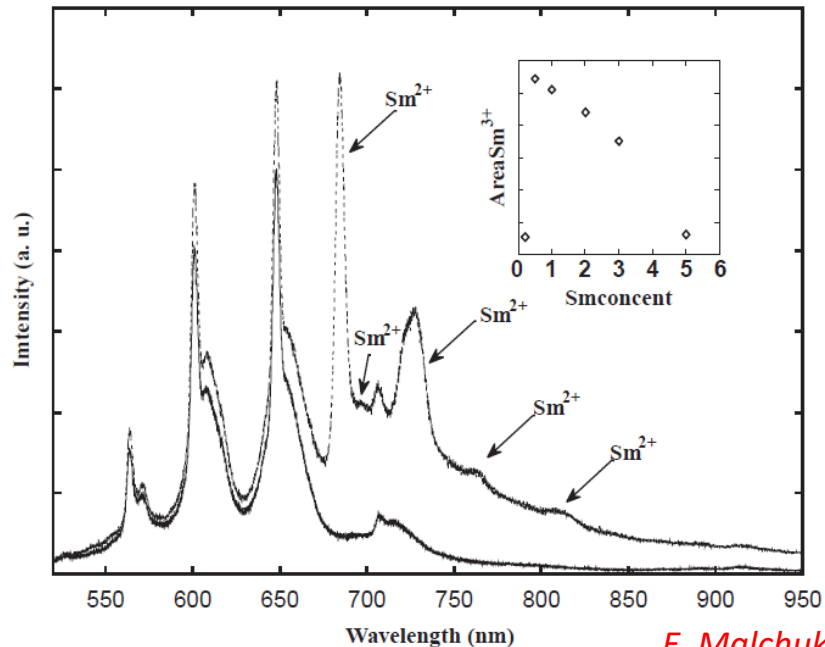
*P. Rautiyal, G. Gupta, R. Edge, L. Leay, A. Daubney, M.K. Patel, A.H. Jones, P.A. Bingham,
Journal of Nuclear Materials, Volume 544 2021*

Verres dopés (ions de transition ou ions TR)

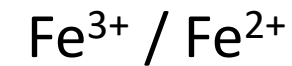
Irradiation: modification des degrés d'oxydation (réduction ou oxydation)

4+/3+ Ce, Tb

3+/2+ Sm, Eu, Tm, Yb...



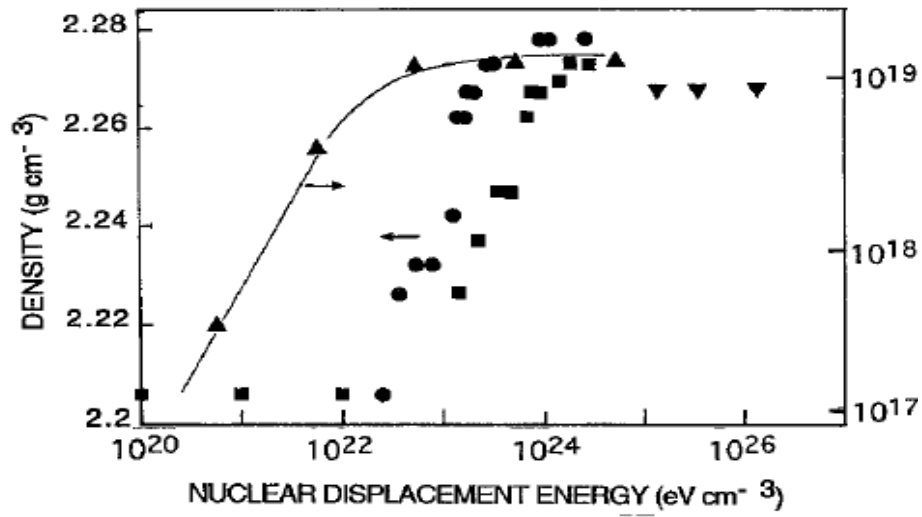
E. Malchukova NIMB 2005



Verre lunaire

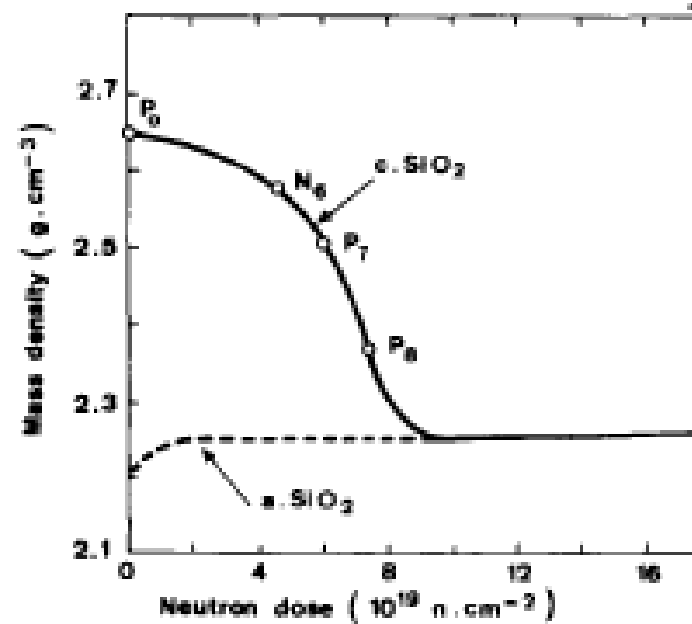
Densification de la silice par irradiation

Ions



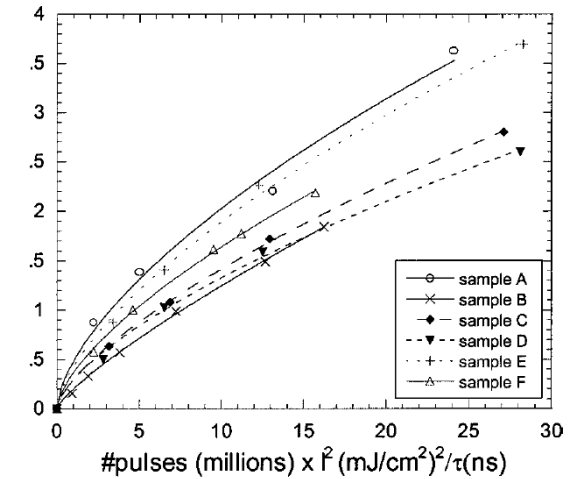
R.A.B. Devine / Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. B 91 (1994) 378–390

Fast neutrons



Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids 167 (1994) 199–204

UV laser



J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 87, No. 7 2000

Density increment < 3-4 %

Ionization or knock on mechanisms

D^n with $n=1$ for neutrons and $2/3$ for ionizing irradiation

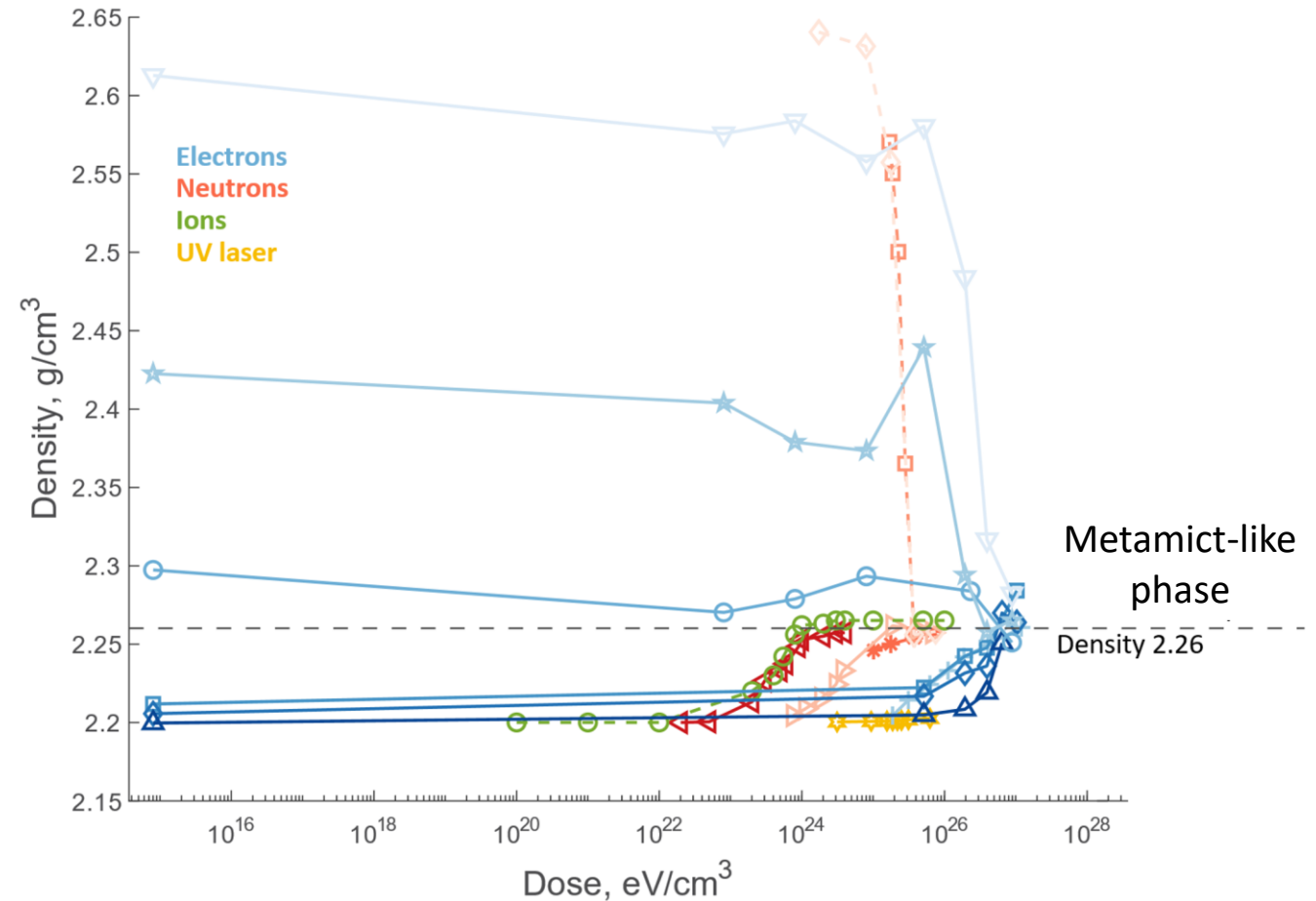
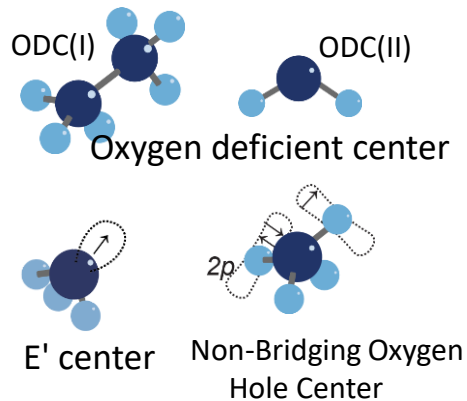
Densification of silica (and relaxation) under radiation

Gamma, X-rays, neutrons, electrons, and ions irradiation

Densification limited to 3%

But also relaxation of densification

Defects formation

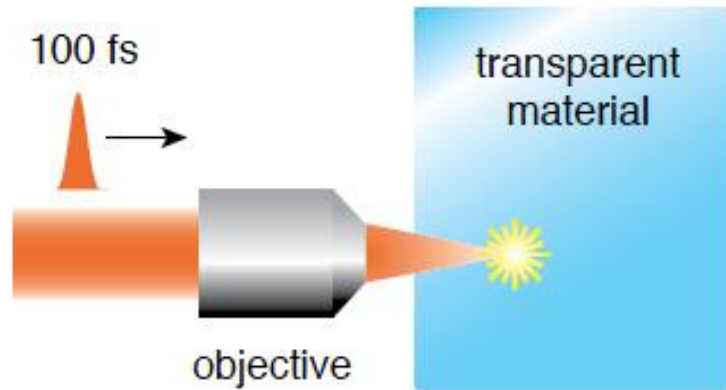


Dependence of silica density on the irradiated dose

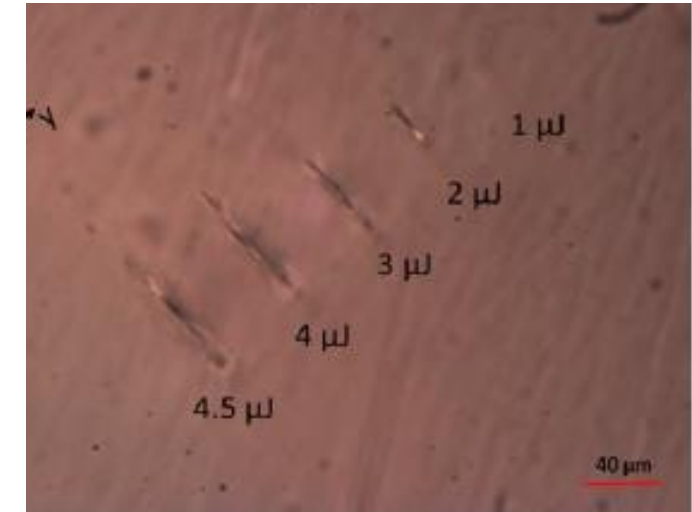
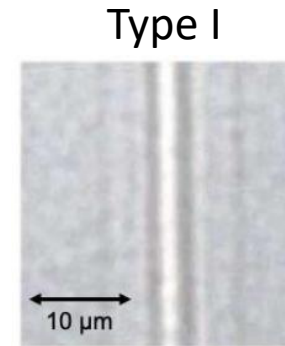
Mobasher M. et al. JNCS, 597 (2022)

Shchedrina et al. 2025 JNCS

SiO₂ refractive index modification under fs laser



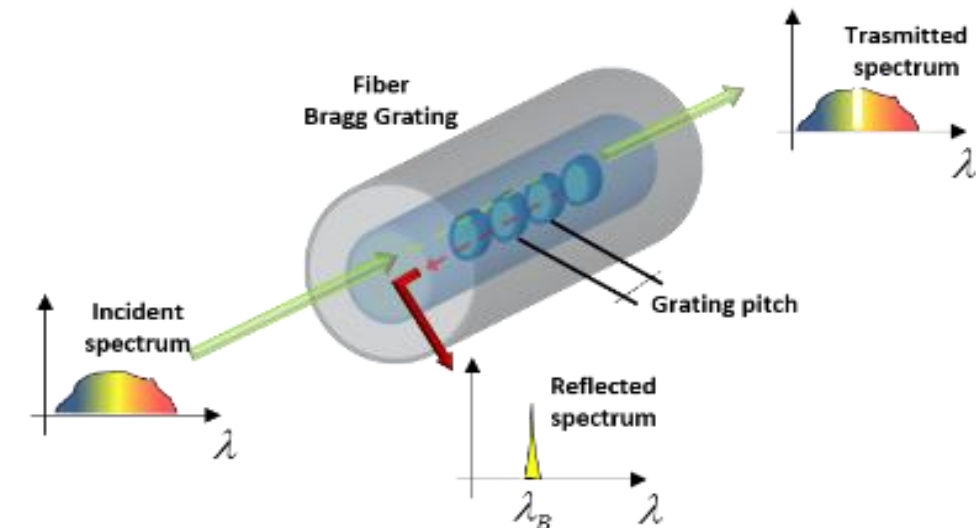
Miura. al, Opt. Lett. (1996)



Mahfoudhi PhD (2019)

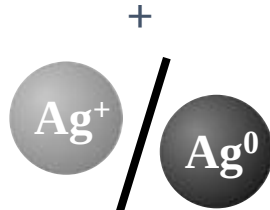
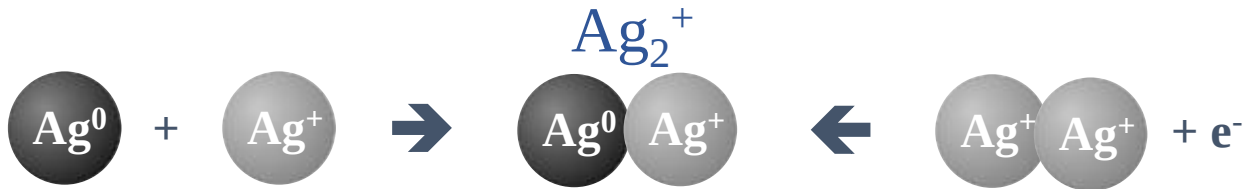
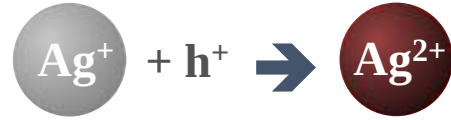
Defects assisted densification

Fabrication des capteurs (P, T)
de type fibre optique à réseau de Bragg

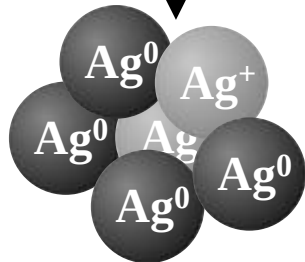


Photostructuration des verres dopés Ag

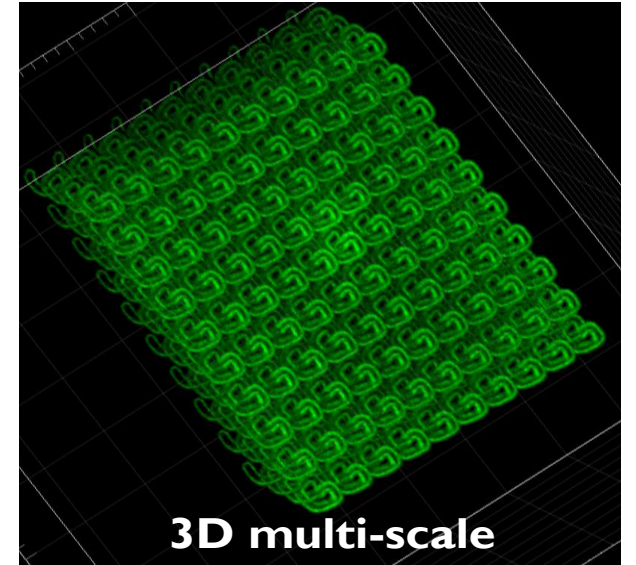
Glass host + ionizing irradiation $\rightarrow e^- + h^+$



Ag_m^{x+}
(cluster $m < 10$)



fs DLW

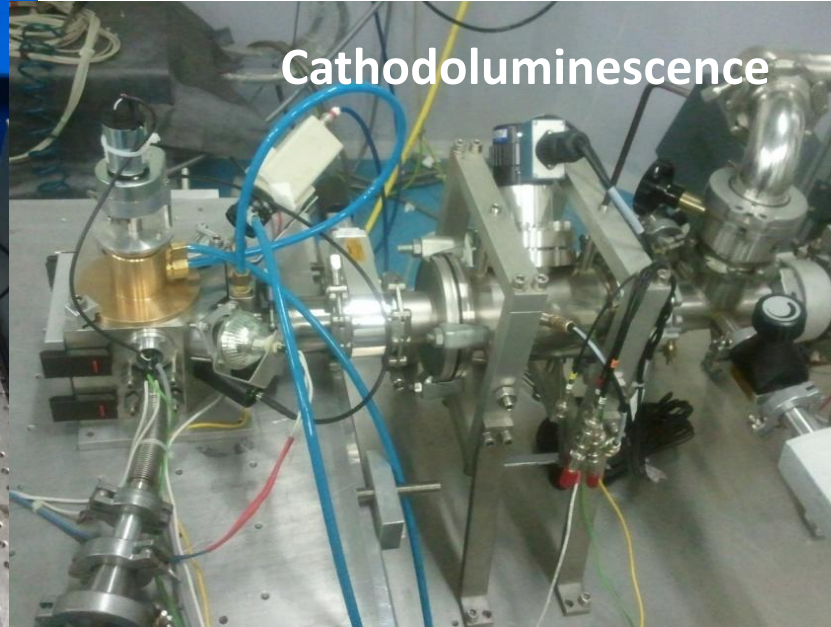
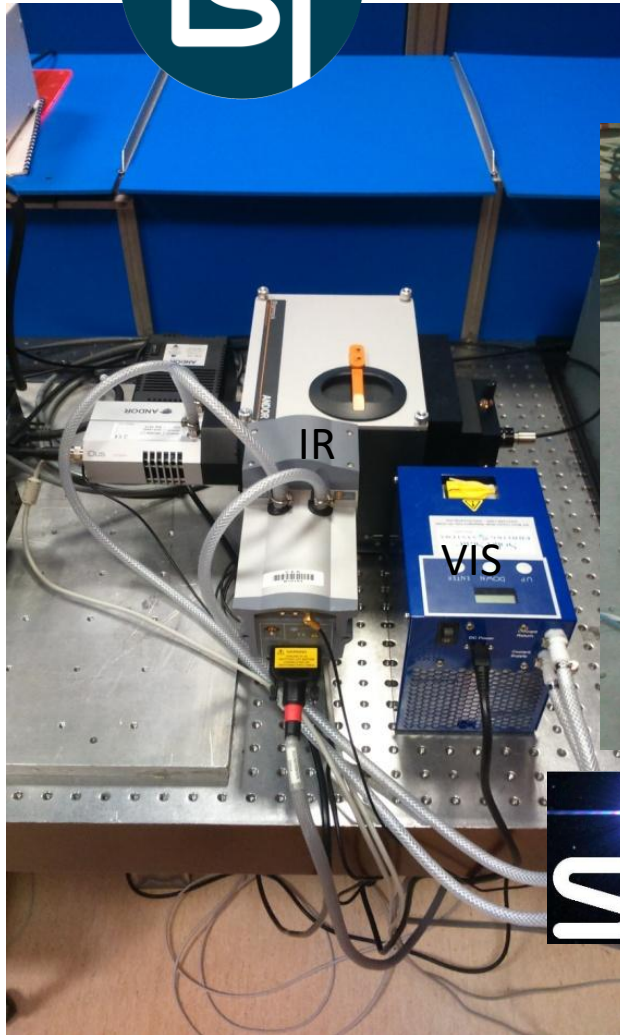


Ag_m^{x+}

*N. Marquestaut et al., Adv. Funct. Mat. 24(37)
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Electron Irradiation

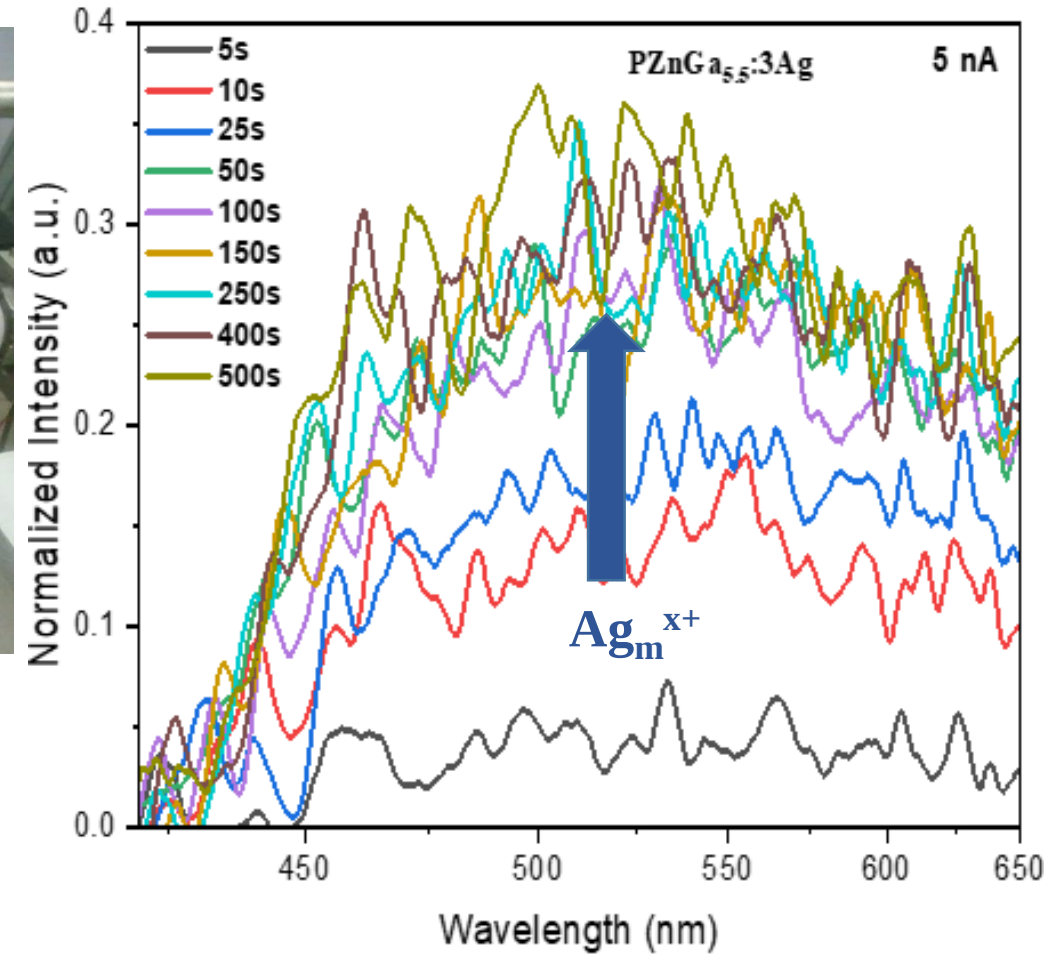


Cathodoluminescence

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Cathodolumuminescence of PZnGa_{5.5}:3Ag



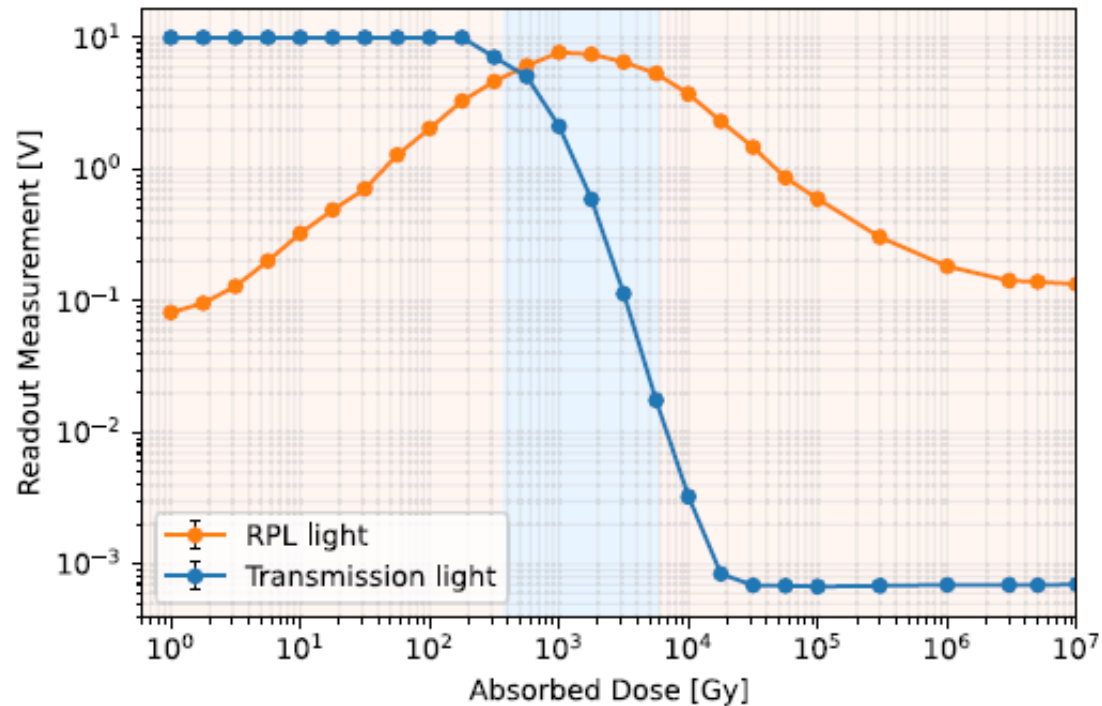
- Accelerator High energy electrons
- Electron energy : 150KeV-**2.5MeV**

Formation of Ag_m^{x+} clusters during the first steps of electron irradiation

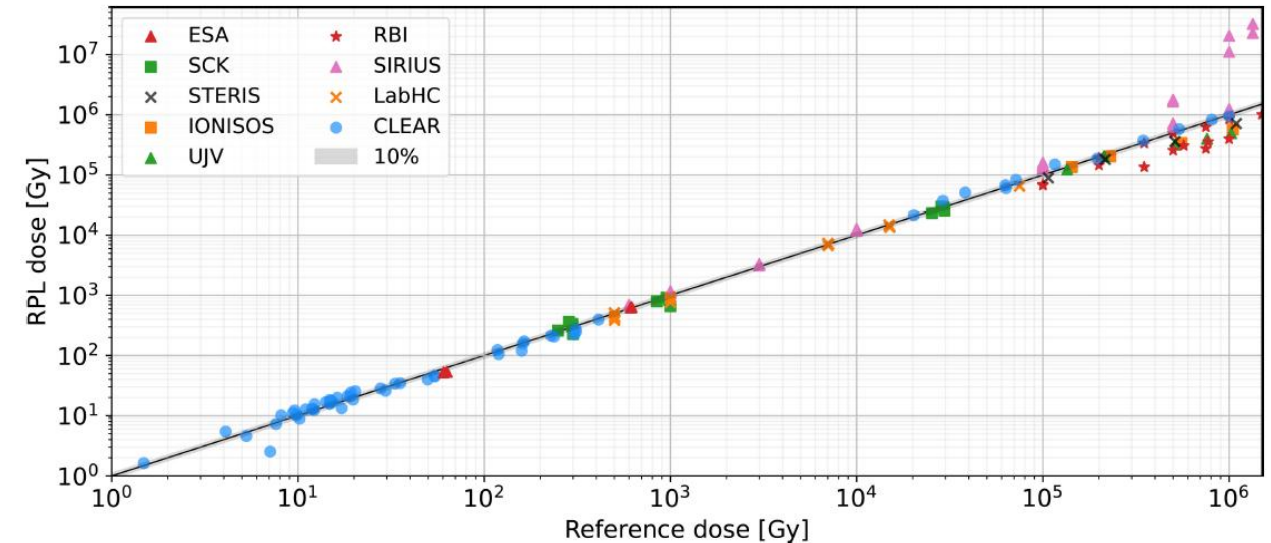
Dosimetrie par RadioPhotoluminescence

LHC-CERN

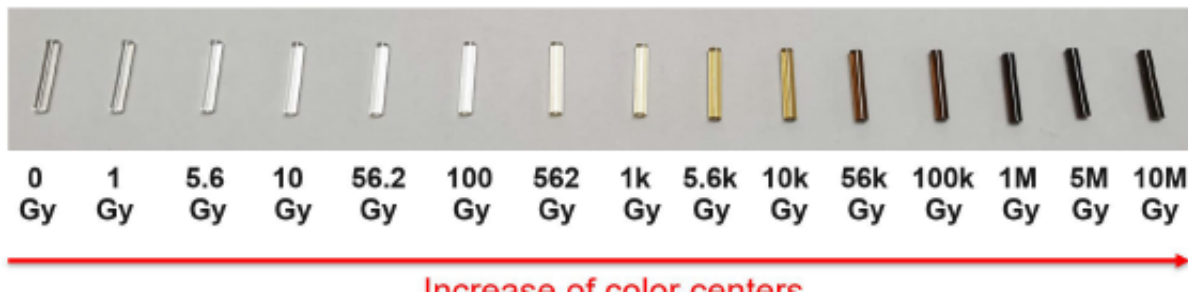
Verres métaphosphates dopés Ag



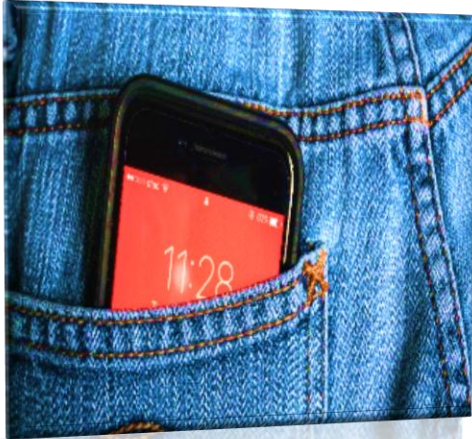
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Dosimetrie par RPE

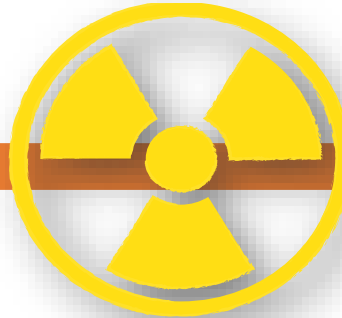


Verre de smartphone

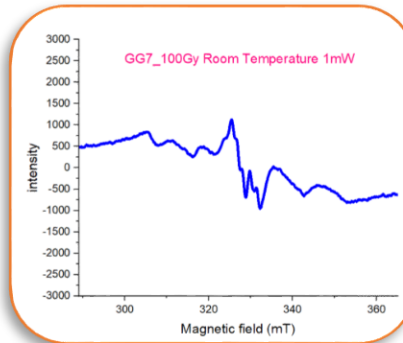


Evaluation de la dose

Méthode automatisée

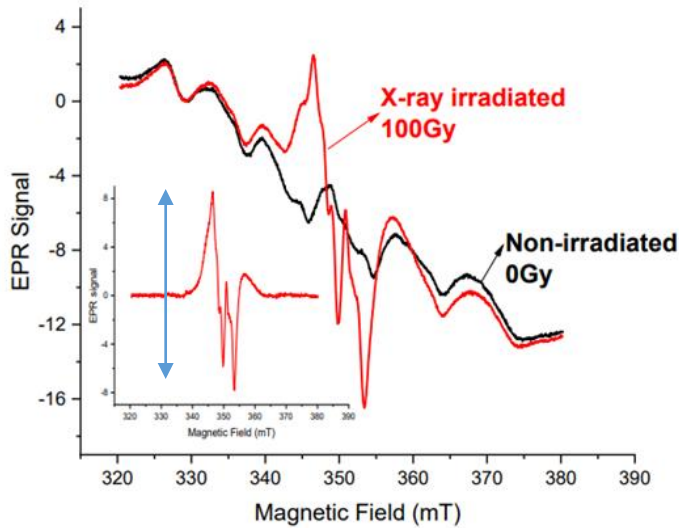


Irradiation



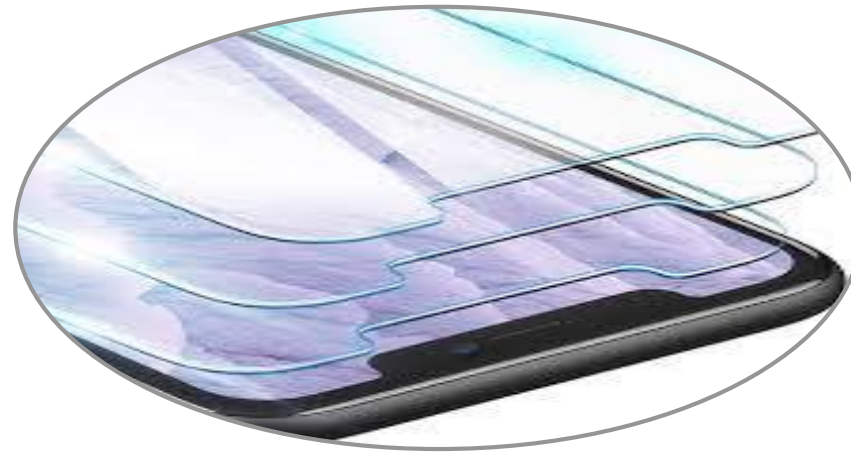


Ecrans tactiles



Projet dosimétrie RPE

Verre de type Alkali Alumino-silicate

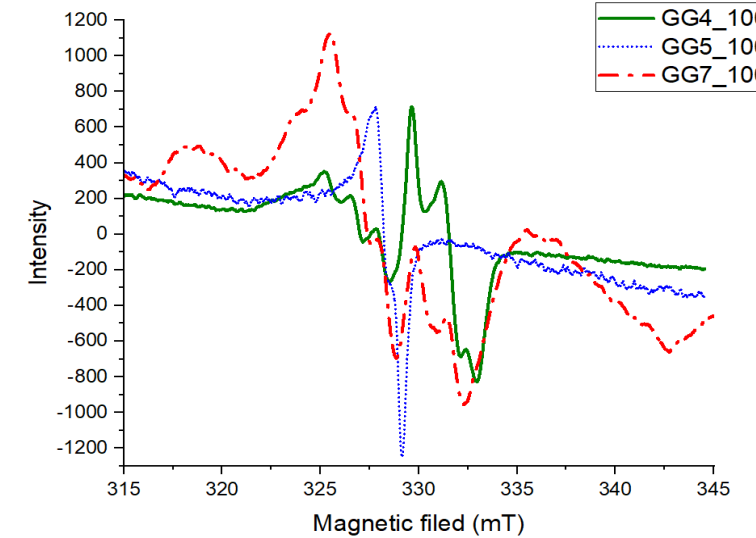
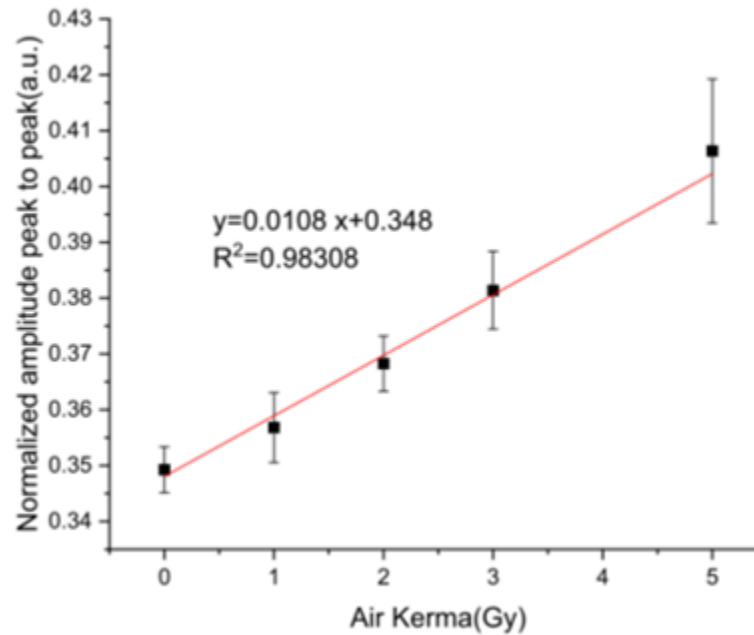


Ecrans de protection

Mobasher et al. Rad. Measurements 2024

Dosimétrie
accident radiologique de grande
ampleur

Thèse M. Mobasher, IP 2024
Thèse A. Gaborit en cours
Collab. ASNR



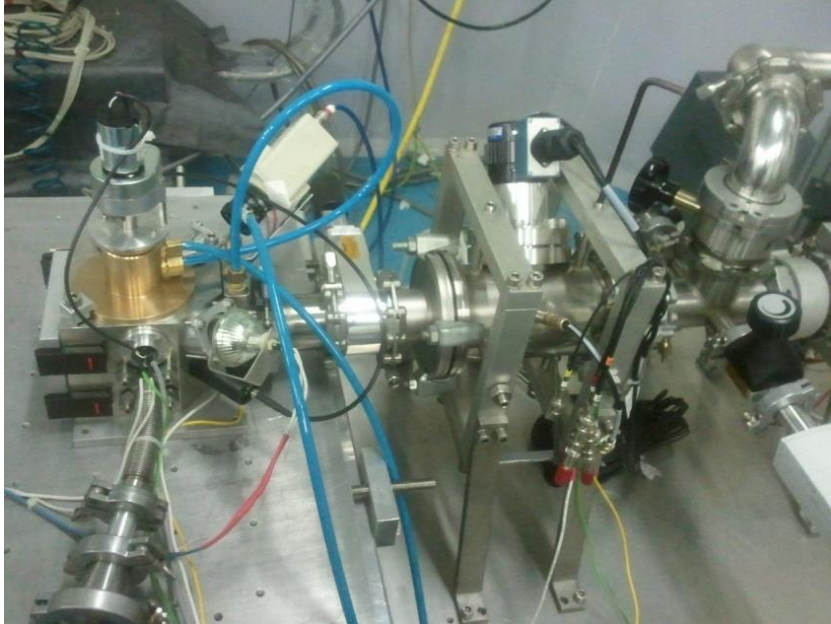
Merci pour votre attention !

Future collaboration avec GenF (start-up de Thalès)/ réacteur à fusion par confinement inertiel

Besoin d'irradiation avec des faisceaux pulsés (ions, électrons..)

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Electron Irradiation

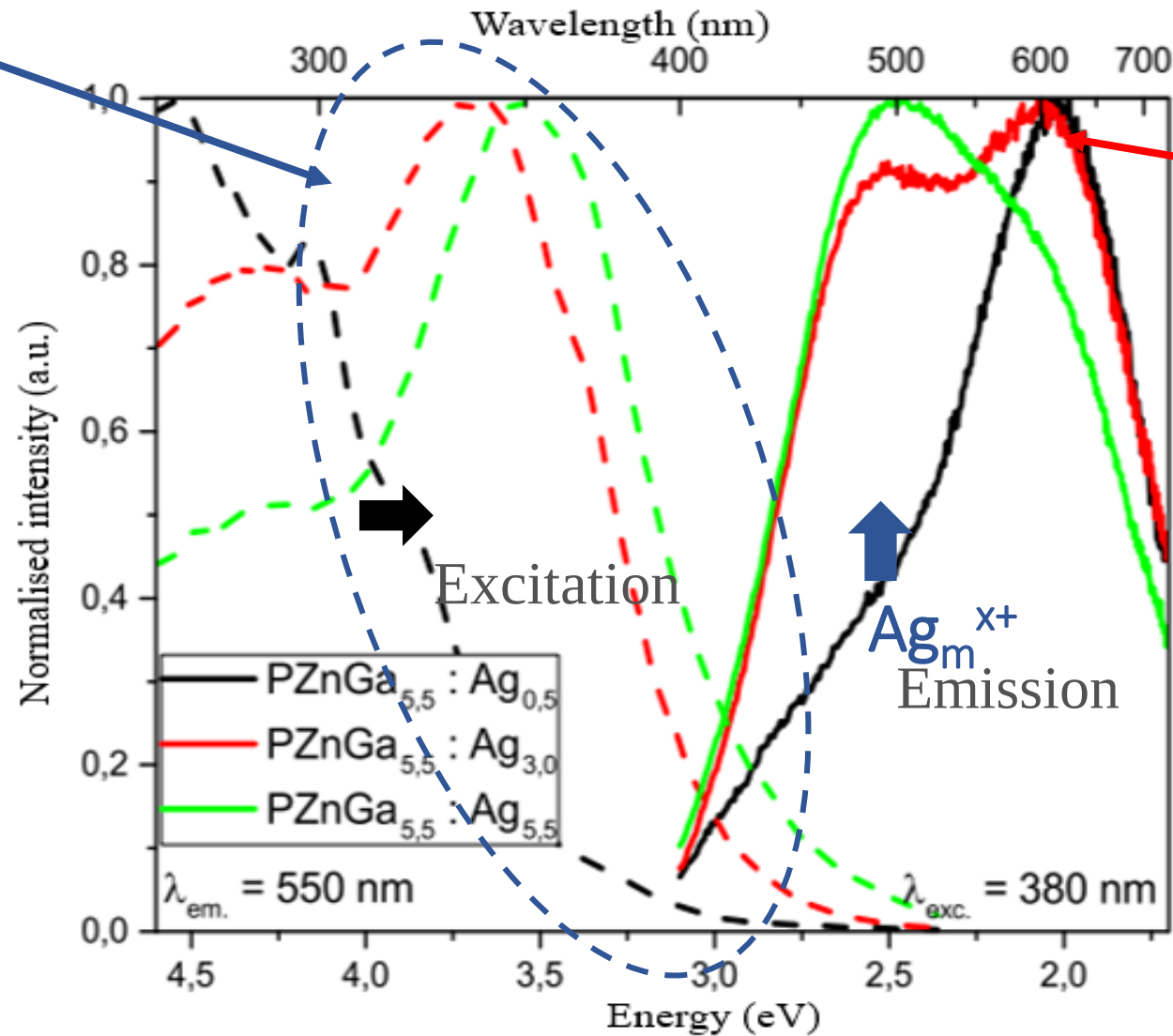


Proposal: octobre de chaque année

- Irradiation Platform with high energy electrons
- Electron energy : 150 keV-**2.5MeV**
- **Temperature 20 K-1200 K**
- Current : 5 nA-10 mA

Excitation and emission spectra of the electron irradiated PZn glass

Ag_m^{x+} and Ag^{2+}



Ag^{2+}

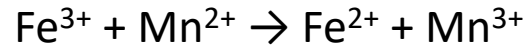
Fouad Alassani
PhD 2023, Bordeaux

F. Alassani et al JNCS 600(1):122009 (2023)

Solarisation des verres au Mn (verres du patrimoine)

Le verre peut se solariser et virer au violet, sous l'effet des photons UV

Réduction de Fe^{3+} en Fe^{2+} et oxydation de Mn^{2+} en Mn^{3+}



Verre Lalique (1931)
chapelle de Douvre-la-Délivrande



Couleur violette
Ions Mn^{3+}

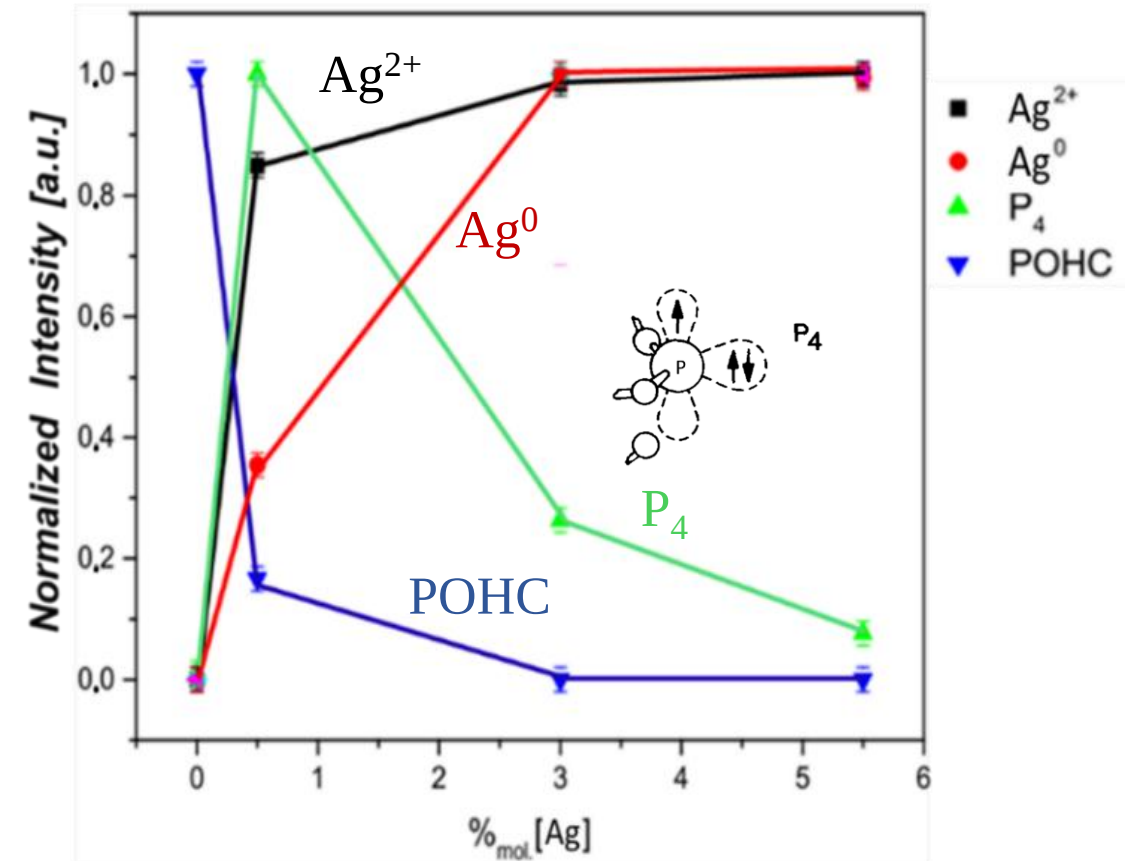
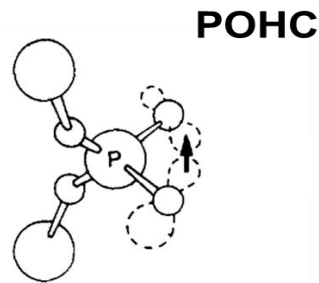
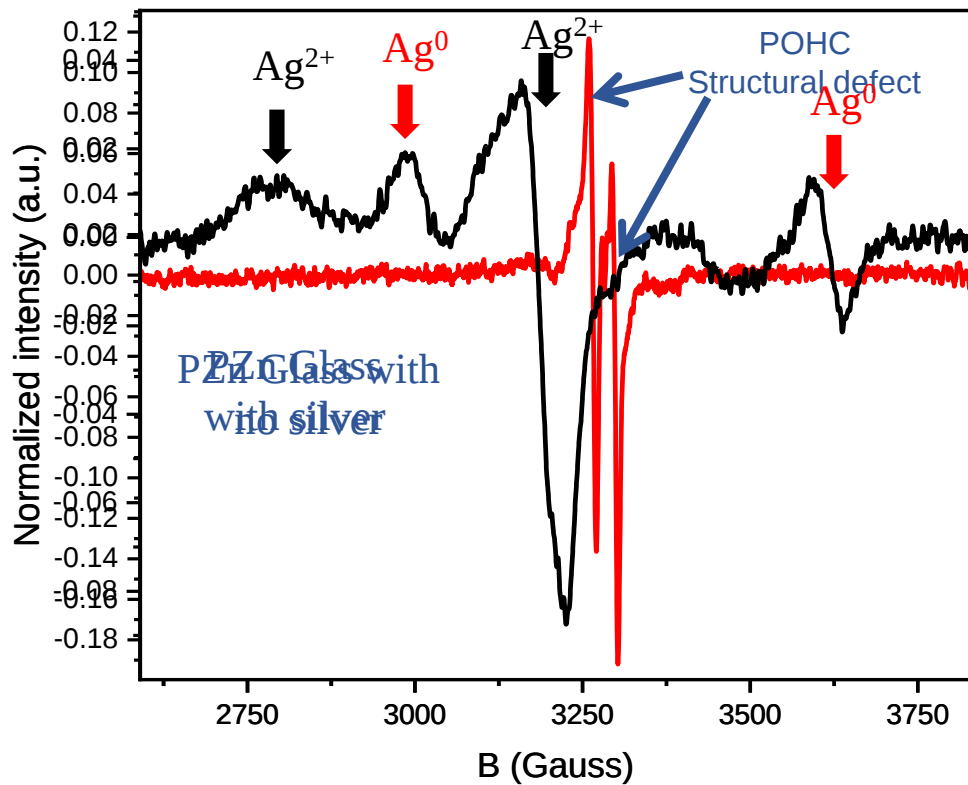
Restauration du verre avec un recuit

le manganèse revient alors à son état d'oxydation stable Mn^{2+} (incolore)

Et pour protéger ces verres d'une nouvelle solarisation: nouveau vitrage classique qui absorbe les UV.

Electron irradiated Zn Phosphate

Evolution of defects with silver content



Inversion of defect populations at high silver concentration

Le verre de la pyramide du Louvre

Transparent, incolore, pas de solarisation

~~Mn~~ pour décolorer

Se (Se^{6+} , Se^{4+} , Se° , Se^{2-})



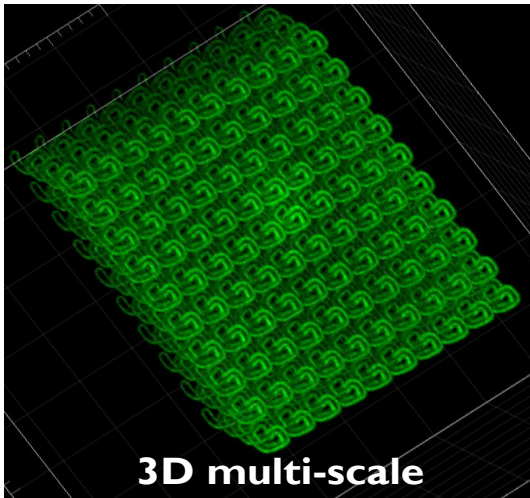
une teneur en sélénium de l'ordre de 1 ppm a été suffisante pour décolorer le verre de la pyramide qui contenait 150 ppm de fer

Le verre de la pyramide du Louvre

P. Lehuédé Techné 49 2020

Interaction of femtosecond laser with glass

fs DLW

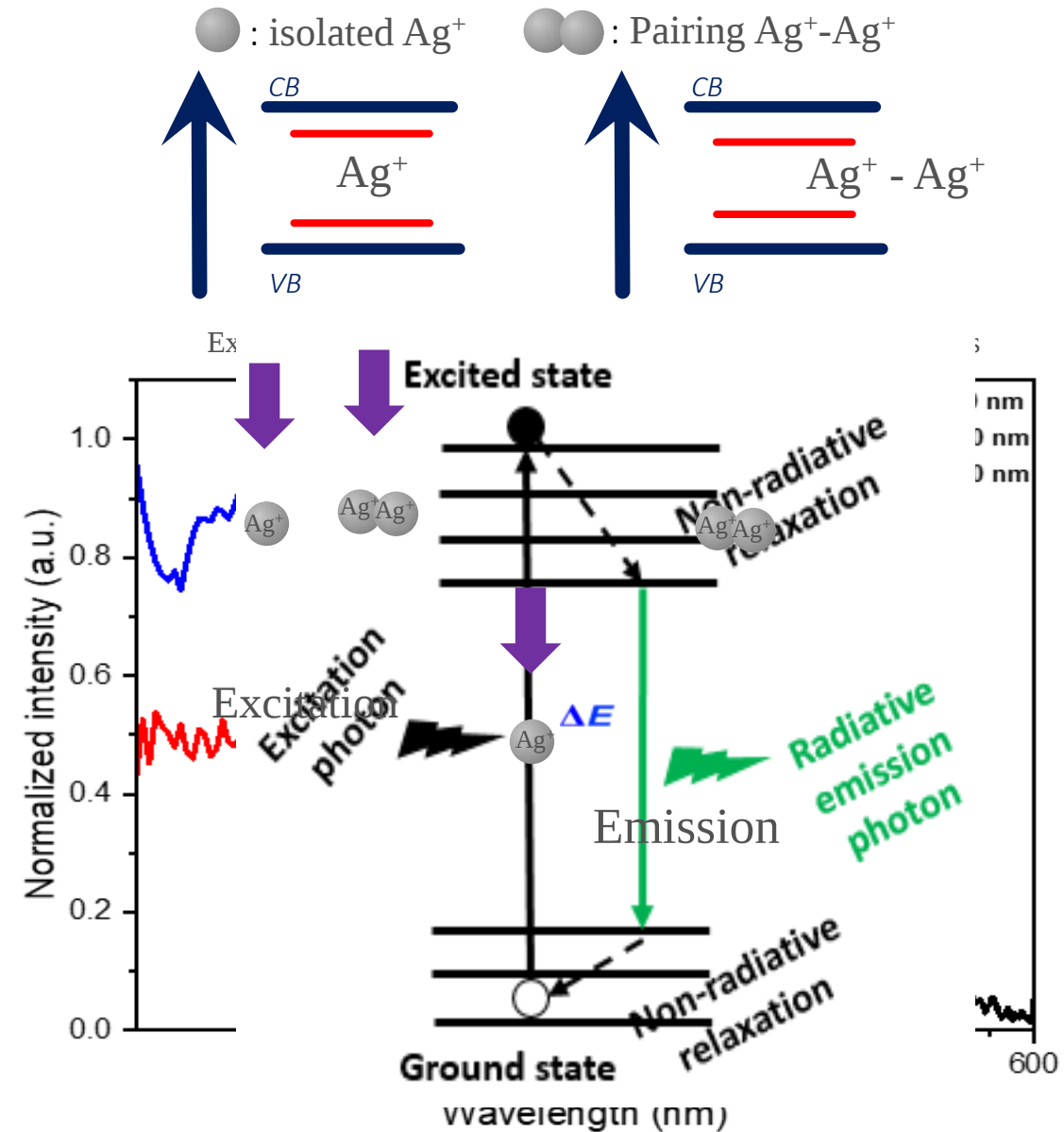


N. Marquestaut et al., *Adv. Funct. Mat.* 24(37) 5824–5832 (2014)



Under UV

Ag doped phosphate glasses



Initial processes of silver clusters formation ?
Higher glass volume: electron irradiation

Aknowledgements

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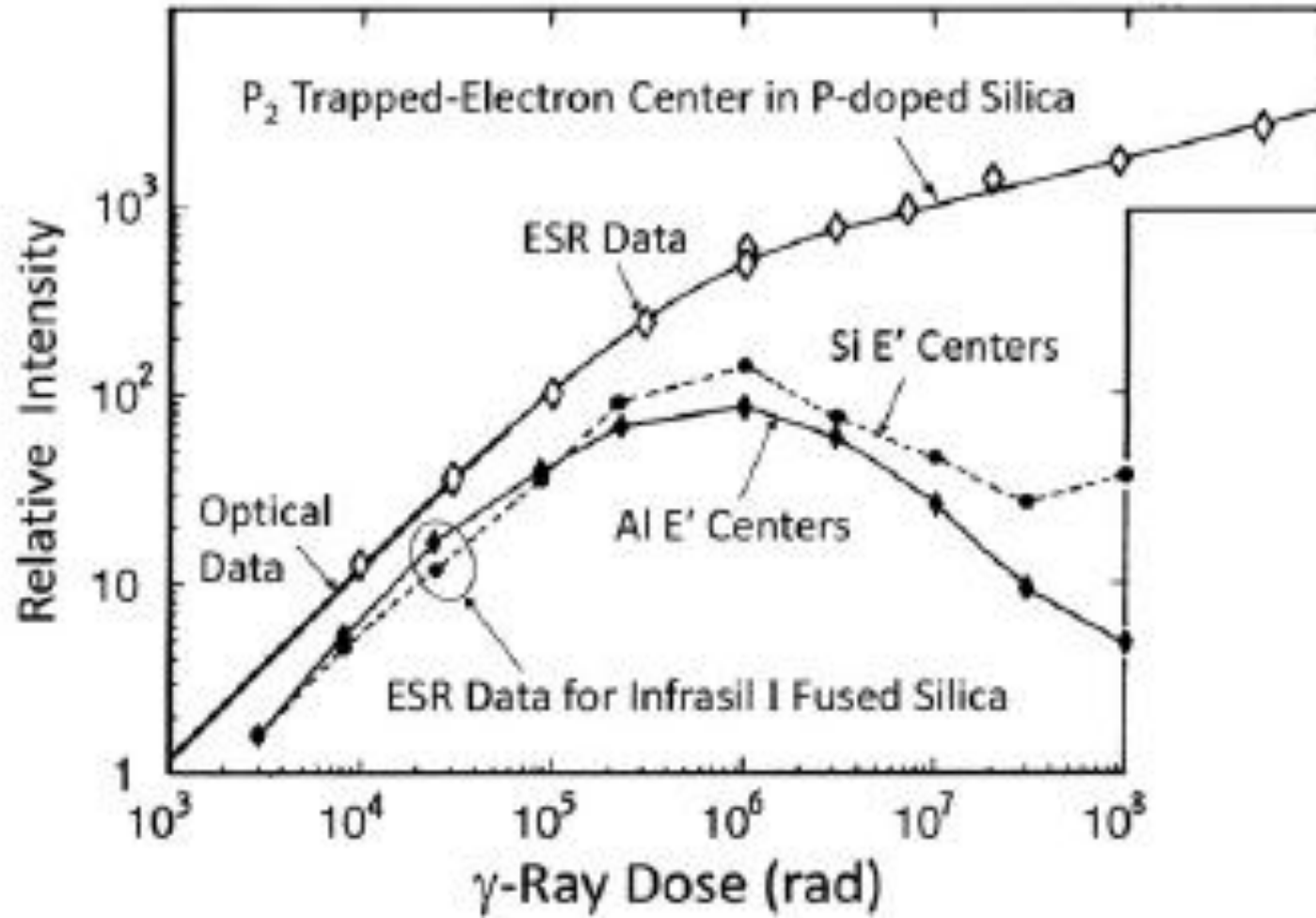
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Dose effect in silica glass



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D^n : $n < 1$ doses $> 10^4$ Gy