

Alignment Sensors



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Outline

(Brief) reminder of the alignment system

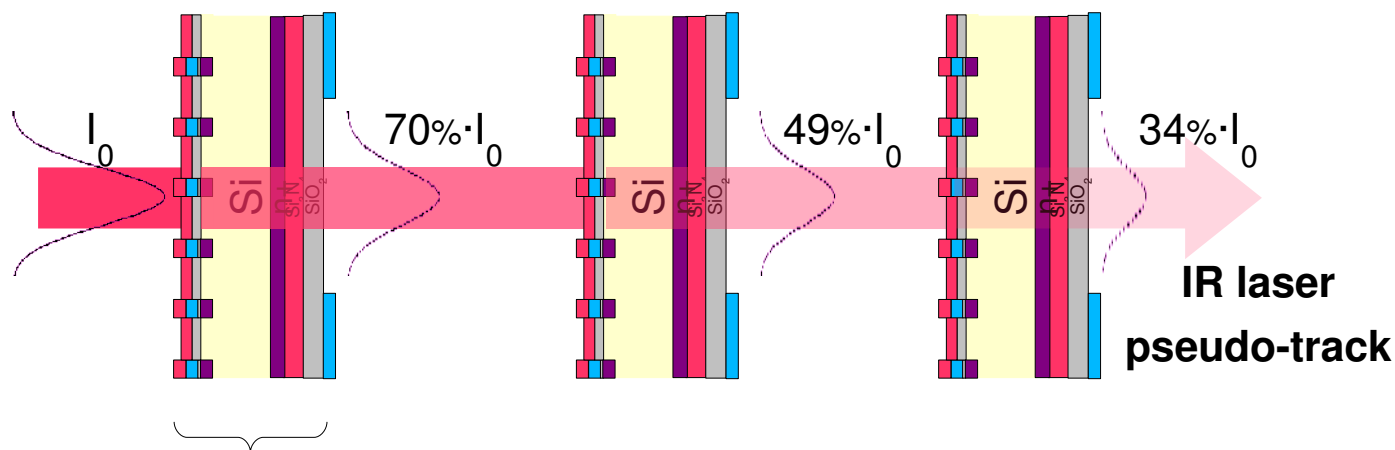
(Optical) characterization of Si μ strip materials

Further details:

[Eudet-memo-2007-32](#)

Latest talk at ECFA08:

[Slides](#)



Si μ strip detector

Currently: $T < 54\%$ (AMS)

Our design goal:

$T = 70\%$ with Al strips

$T = 75-80\%$ with ITO strips

- Novel idea: (hardware) track alignment using IR laser beams
 Further alignment accuracy obtained with real tracks

- Already used by AMS and CMS

- IFCA-CNM enters in SiLC collaboration with 2 handles:
 - implements minimum set of modifications needed to produce alignment friendly sensors
 - study group of modifications that lead to highly transparent alignment sensors



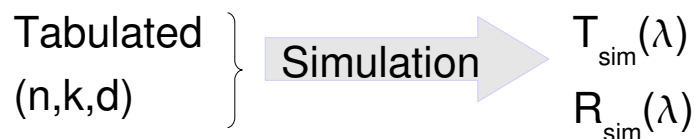
- Developed an optical simulation of the sensor. Includes:
- **interferences** due to multiple reflections in each layer
 - **diffraction** of light by the strips (=diffraction grating)
 - Input needed: $N(\lambda)=(n(\lambda),k(\lambda))$ and layer thickness (d)

Included optimization, featuring:

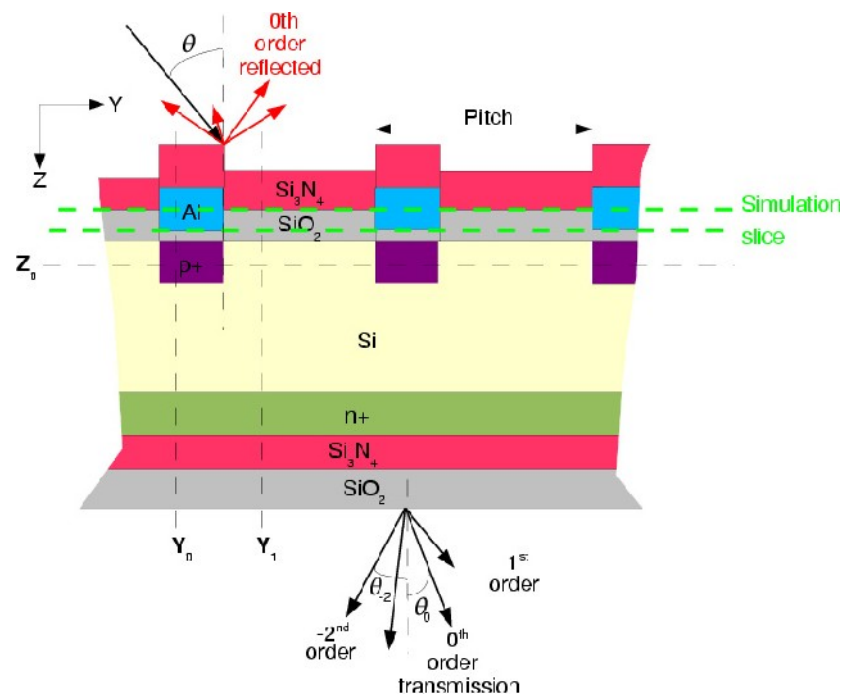
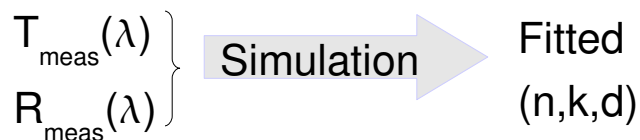
- spectral width of the laser
- thickness tolerance of the layers

Simulation can be used in both directions:

→ from tabulated values we can predict $(T(\lambda),R(\lambda))$



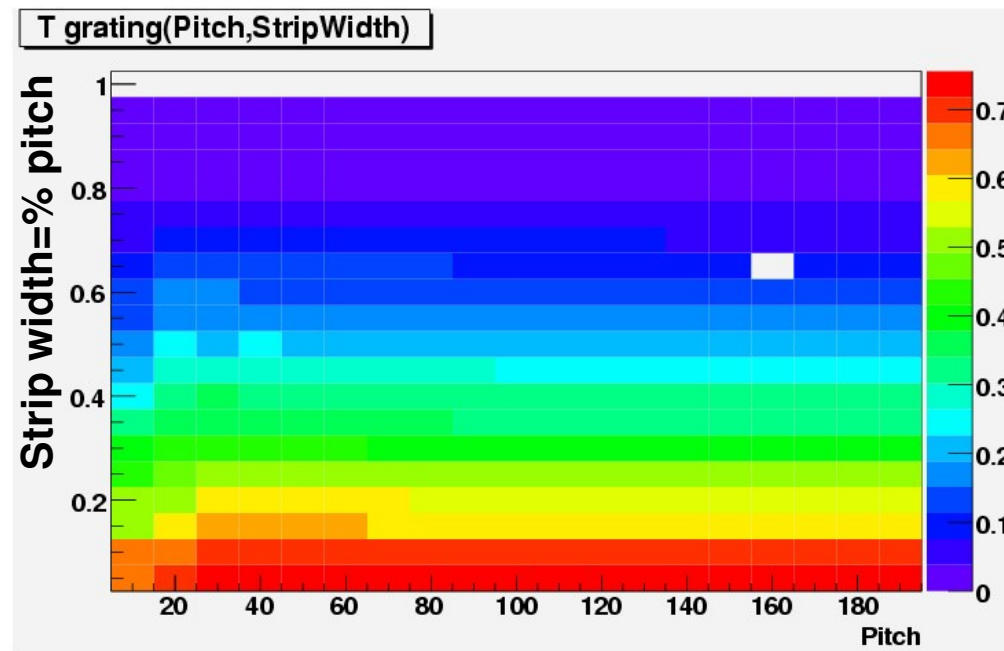
← from measured results we can infer $(N(\lambda),d)$



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- Finding out best **strip width** to **pitch** ratio for maximum %T
- $T(\text{pitch}, \text{strip_width})$, with `strip_width` expressed as percentage of the pitch
Using AI strips:

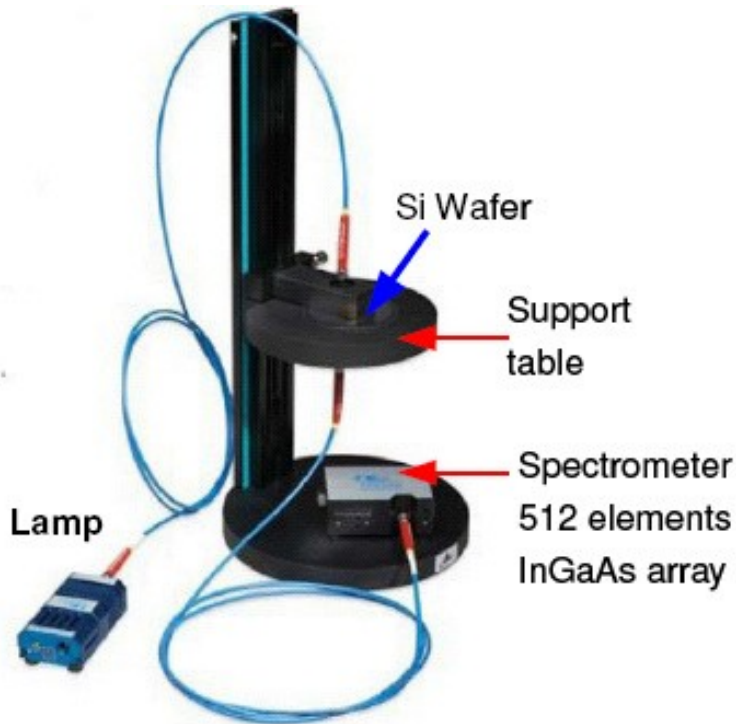


- The less AI, the more transmittance. Good compromise: **strip_width = 10% · Pitch**

- We are now interested in using the simulation in reverse sense. From measured $(T(\lambda), R(\lambda))$ we want to extract the optical constants of the materials

- INB-CNM Barcelona provided us with samples of each of the materials of the sensor (Si , Si_3N_4 , SiO_2 , ...) and different doping levels.

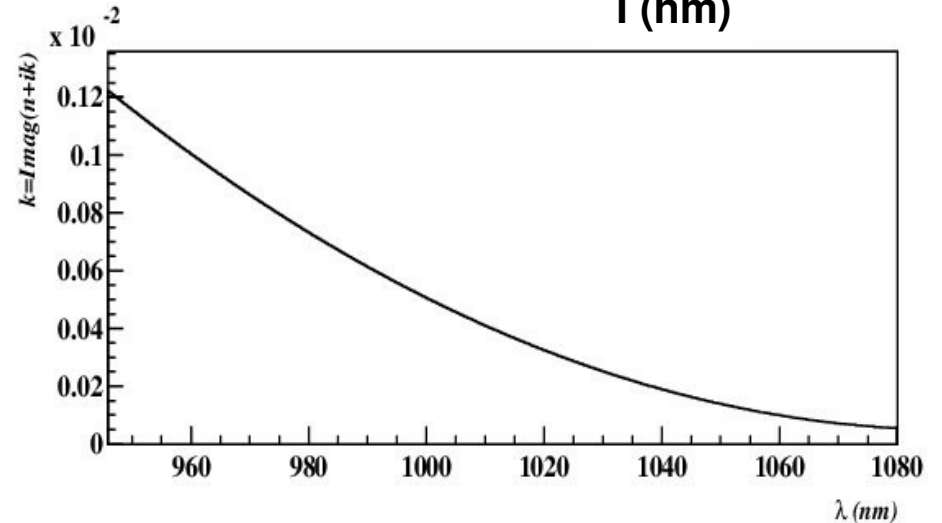
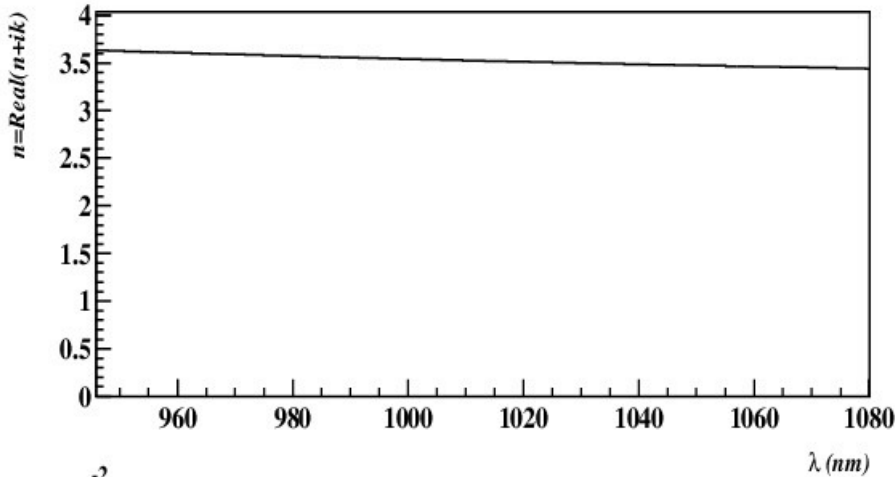
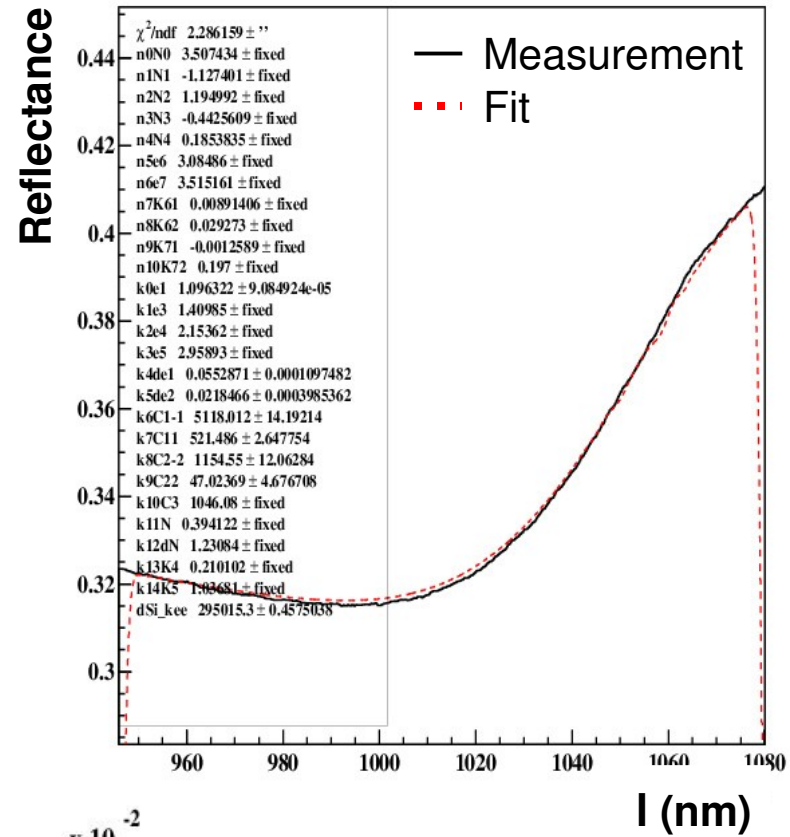
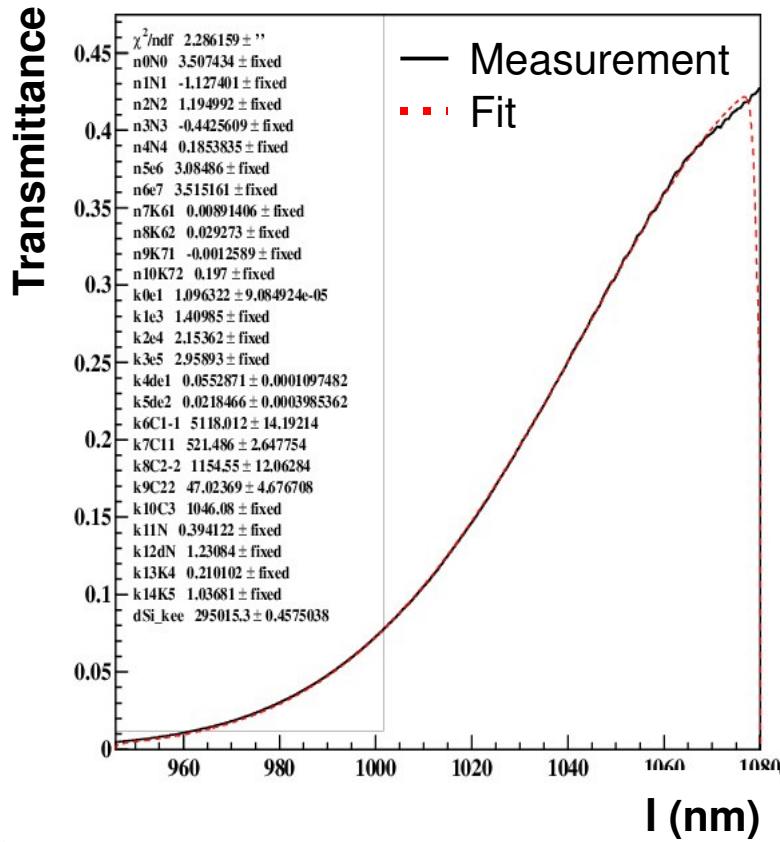
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- Samples measured in Transmittance (%T) and Reflectance (%R) using custom designed grating spectrometer $\lambda=[950,1150]$ nm ; $\sigma_\lambda = 1.2$ nm



- “n” is calculated from %R($\lambda < 970$ nm) data. Then T and R are then fitted simultaneously varying (k,d).

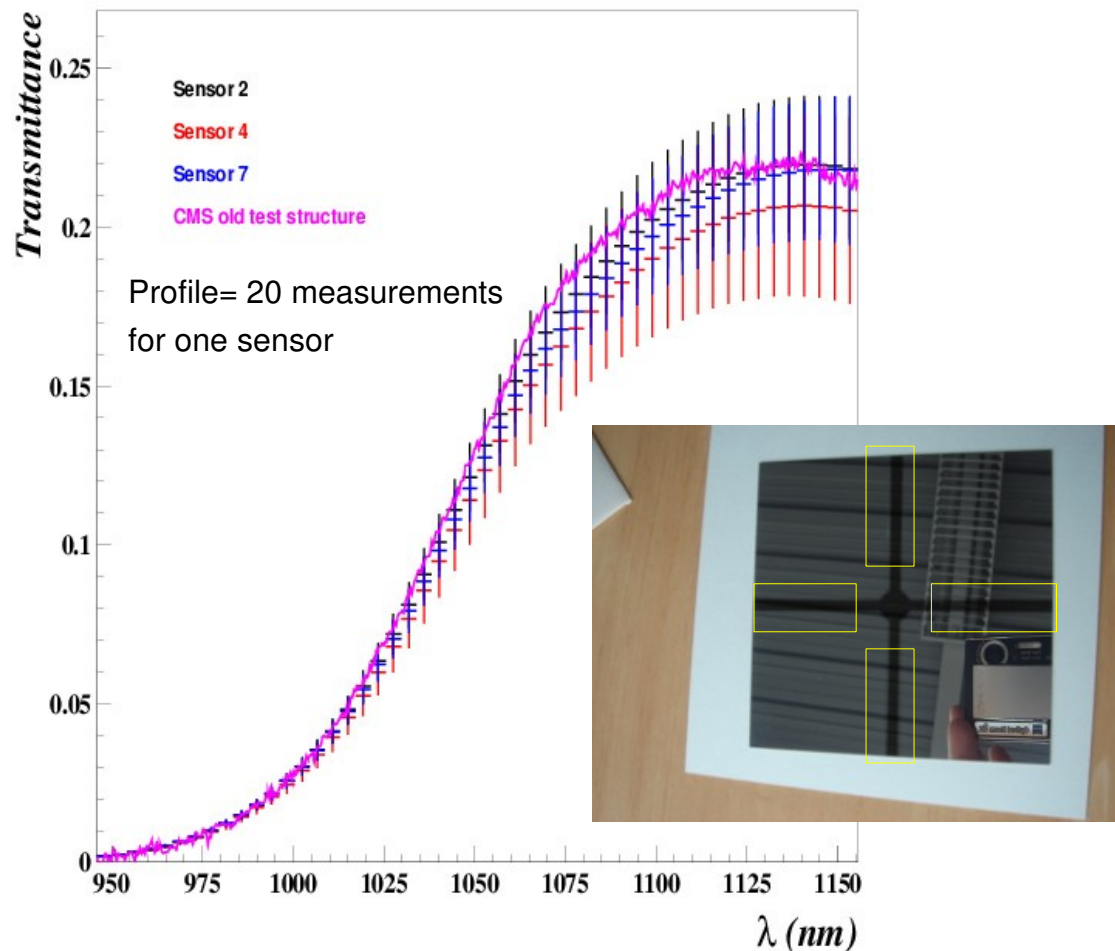
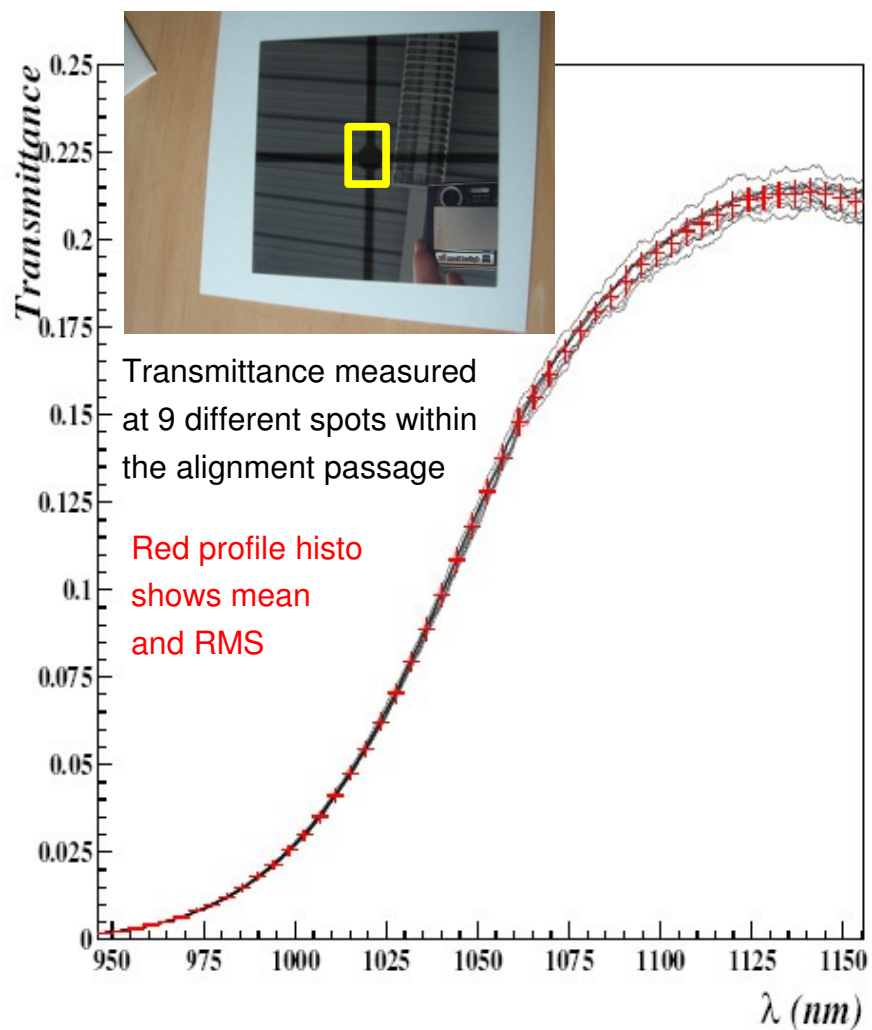




- Still problems extending the fit for λ in [1080,1150] nm.
In this case, it is not possible to fit both %T and %R simultaneously as in the former plot
- Error propagation and detailed error analysis is only partially developed
- We know the error in %T, not in %R (to be measured as $R=1-T$)



- CMS-like sensors: 50 μm pitch, 12.5 μm strip width, 312 μm thick
- They are alignment friendly, but not optimized for transmittance: no Anti-Reflection Coating (ARC).





- Si hybrid alignment systems are simple
- Realistic simulation accounts for interferences and diffraction processes
- Detailed error analysis is ongoing
- Measurements of HPK sensors shows uniformity of 2% within the alignment spot
10% across the alignment cross (not used by the system)
- The good news though, is that the characterization of the materials is the last step before designing the optimized prototype. We are close, but not yet there.

Backup



R&D on transparent Silicon μ strip sensors:

- Together with **IMB-CNM (Barcelona)** design, build and test new IR-transparent Silicon microstrip detectors.
- Consider option of aluminum electrodes or transparent electrodes

AMS-like approach:

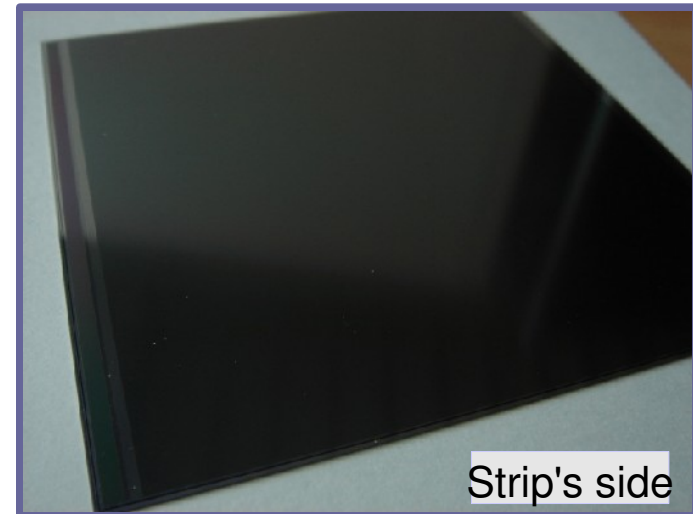
Baseline version: Minimum set of changes for any SiLC sensors. For instance, for the new HPK

Implemented:

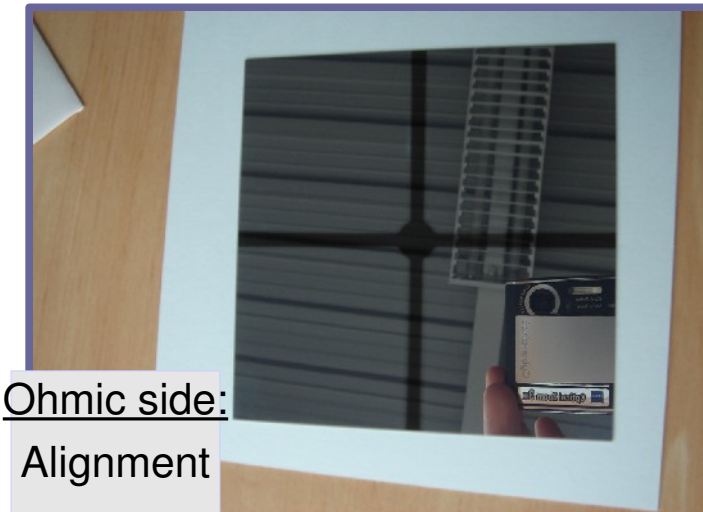
- ~10 mm window where Al back-metalization has been removed

Suggested (not cost effective for small batches):

- Strip width reduction (in alignment window)
- Alternate strip removal (in alignment window)



Strip's side



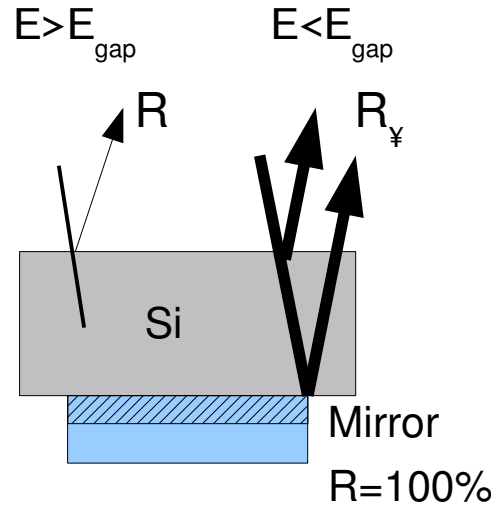
Ohmic side:

Alignment passage

Calculating n



- Considered Si wafer here
- The real part of the refractive index can be calculated easily. Due to Si high absorption for $E > E_{\text{gap}}$, the photons do not reach the bottom surface. Checked with a **mirror** on the Si wafer

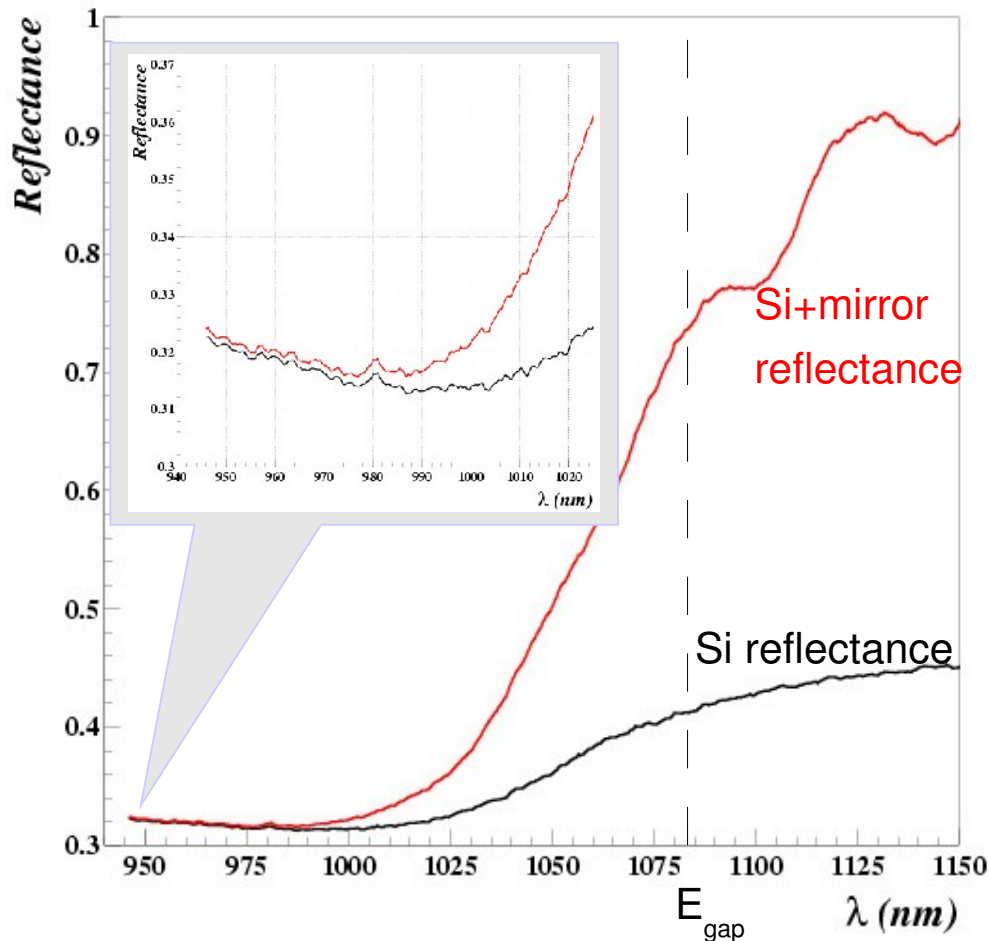


$$R = \frac{(n-1)^2 + k^2}{(n+1)^2 + k^2} \approx \frac{(n-1)^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

↑
($n \sim 3.5, k \sim 10^{-3}$)

Independent of thickness

and $k = \frac{\sigma_R}{\delta R} = \sigma_R \frac{(n+1)^3}{4(n-1)} \approx 10 \sigma_R$



Example of a fit using above formula:

