



Solar accelerated aging test on different coatings:

Evolution of the absorptivity, and next characterization planed

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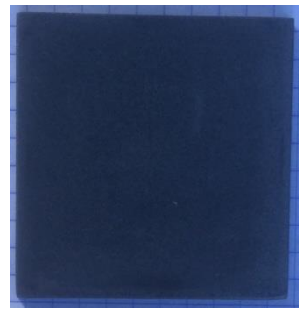
First solar accelerated aging tests on T91 samples, with 4 different coatings :



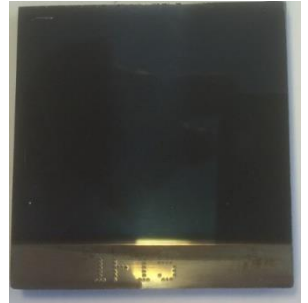
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Protective
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+ Ceramic
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Multi-metallic
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(Cr - Mg)



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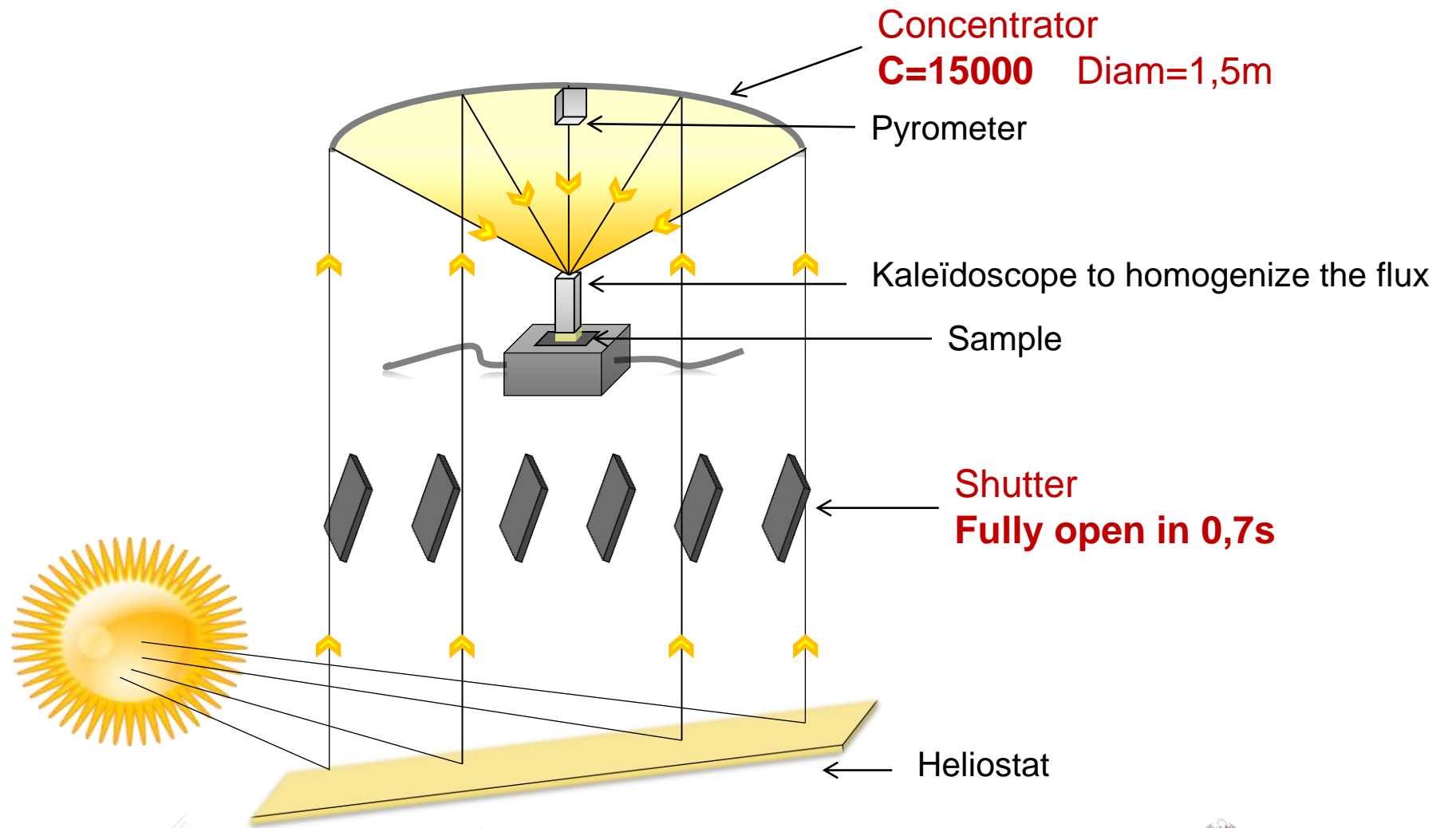
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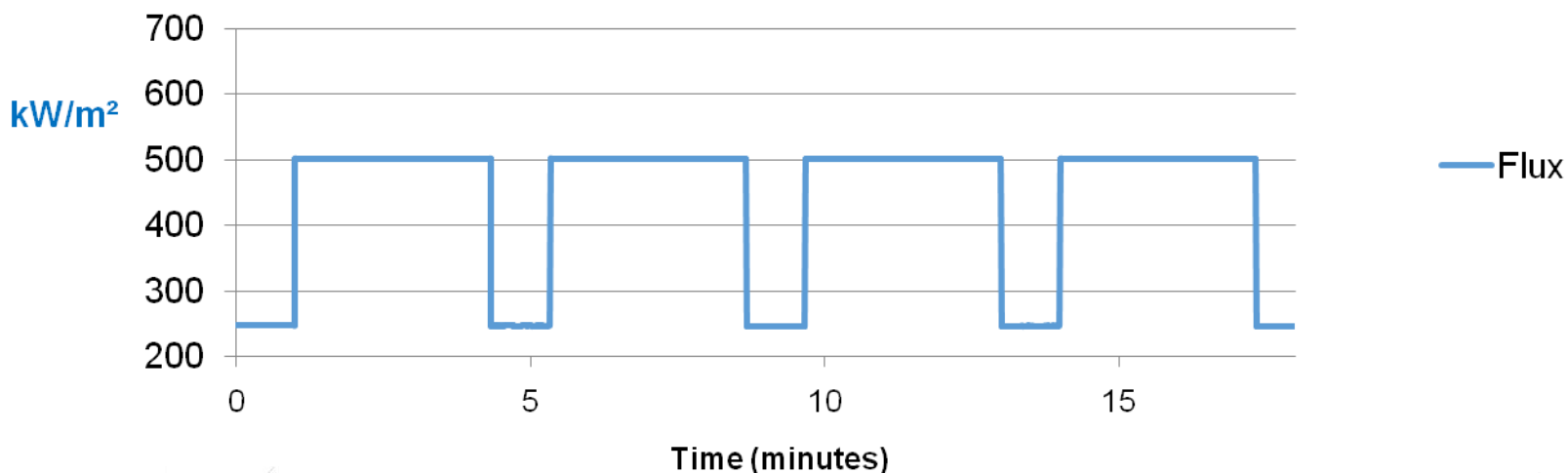


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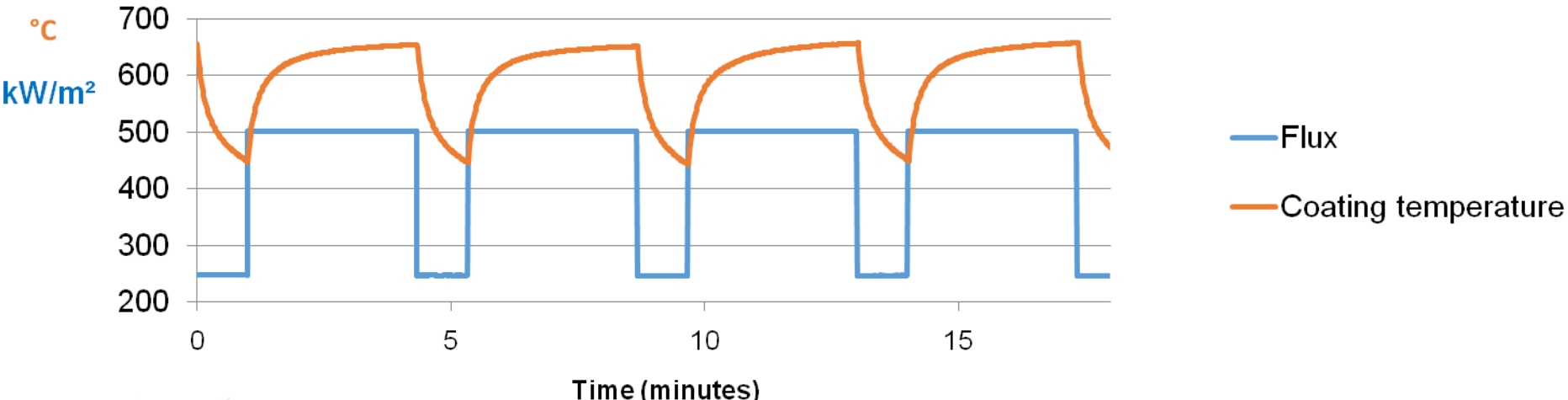


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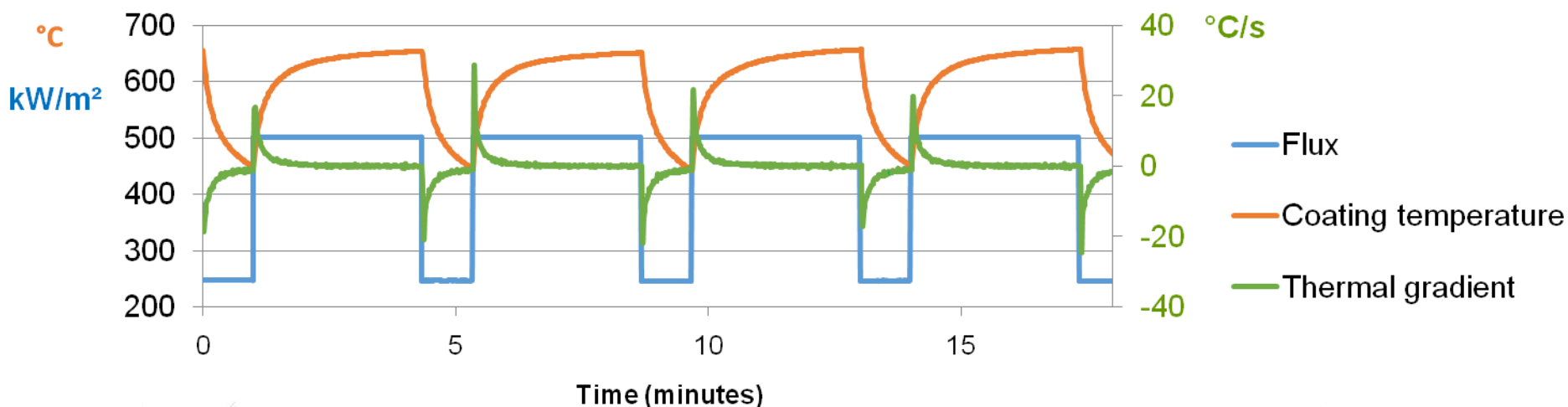


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 - High gradient temperature : about **25°C/s**
- Short cycles : 4 minutes/cycle
 - About 70 cycles/sunny day (high & stable DNI - Direct Normal Irradiation)



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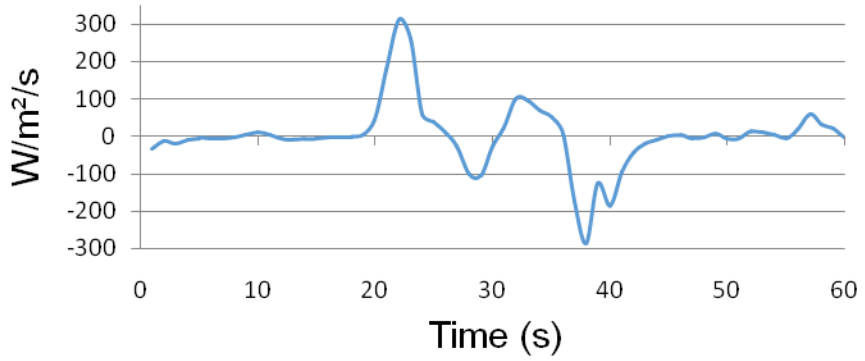
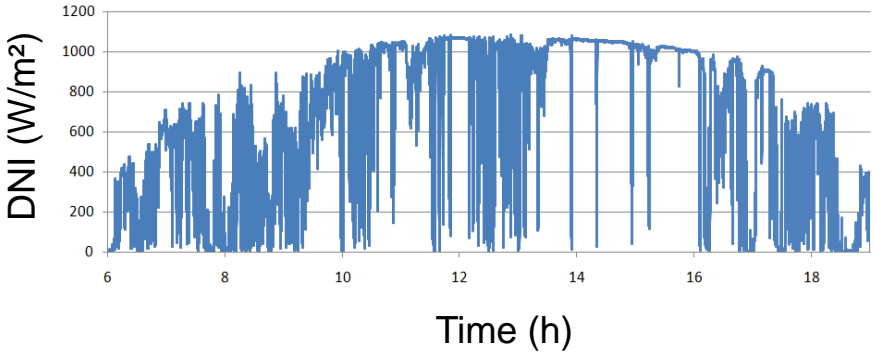


Comparison with gradient flux in real conditions

& Application of a concentrator factor of 700

➤ Example on a cloudy day : 2 april 2017

➔ Variation of 300 and -300 W/m²/s in less than 1 min ➡ 210 kW/m²/s



➤ Study based on 30 consecutive days (January – February 2017)

➔ Flux variation > 250 kW/m²/s : 2 times in 30 days

Cycles applied with the SAAF : about 70 cycles /day

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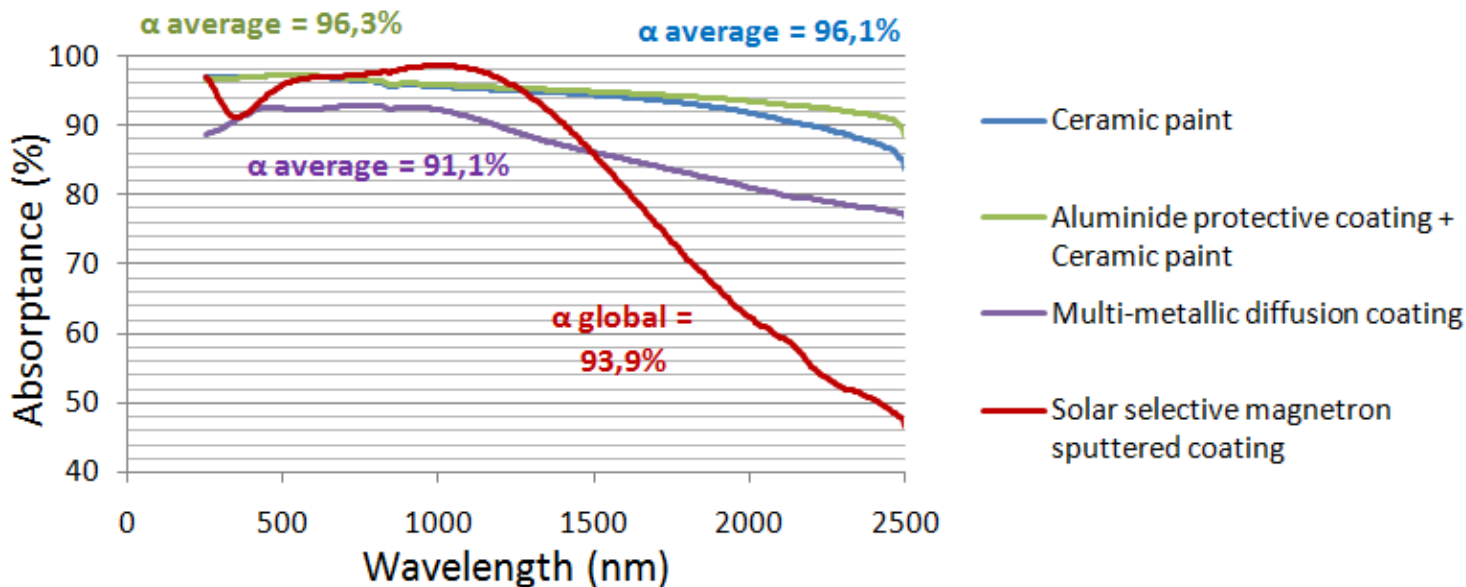
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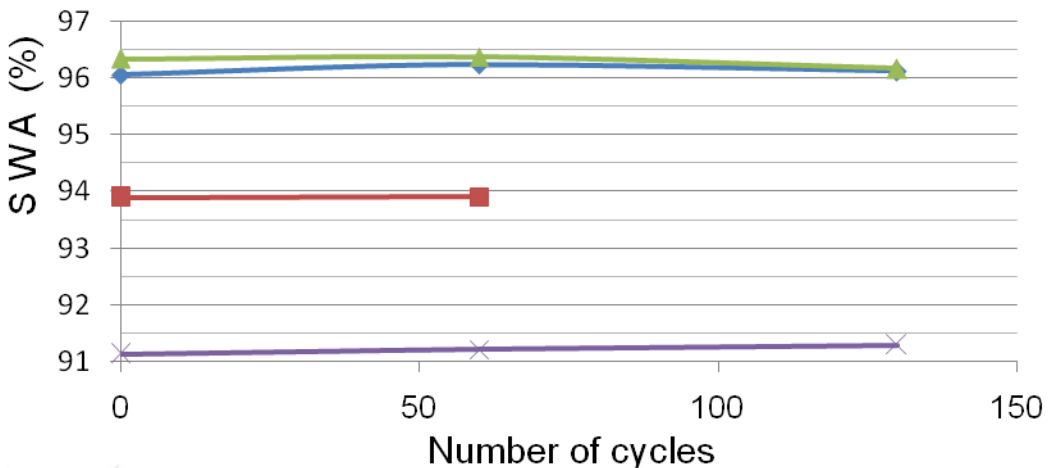
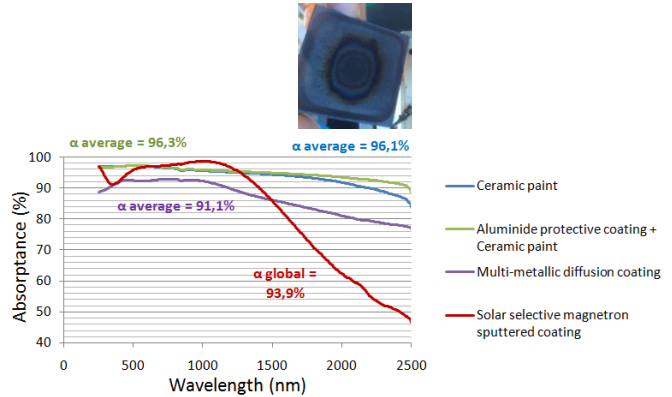
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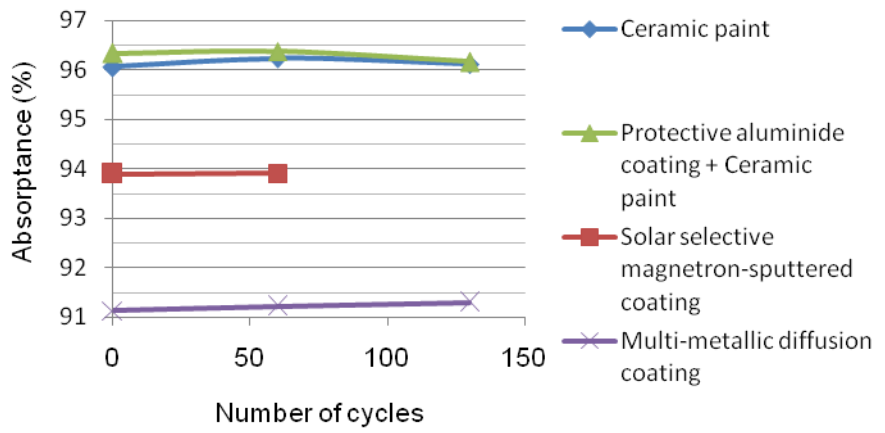
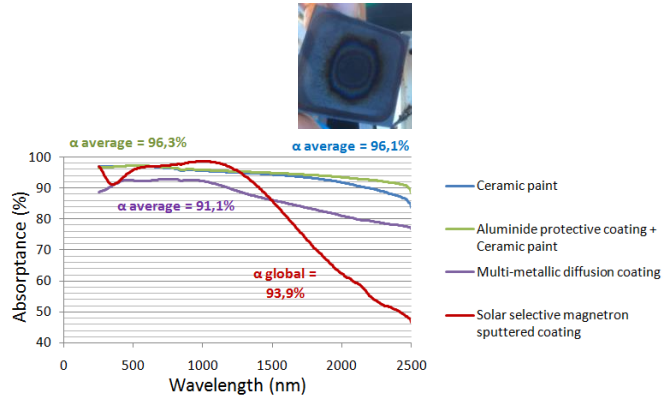
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No significative evolution of the absorptance with these kind of cycles for now

- More cycles ongoing, until 200 at least
- More aggressive tests ongoing



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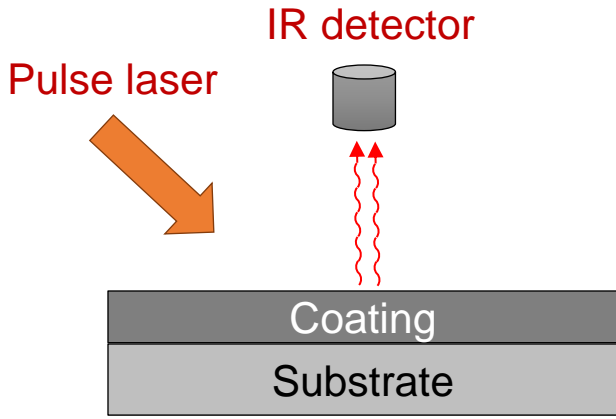
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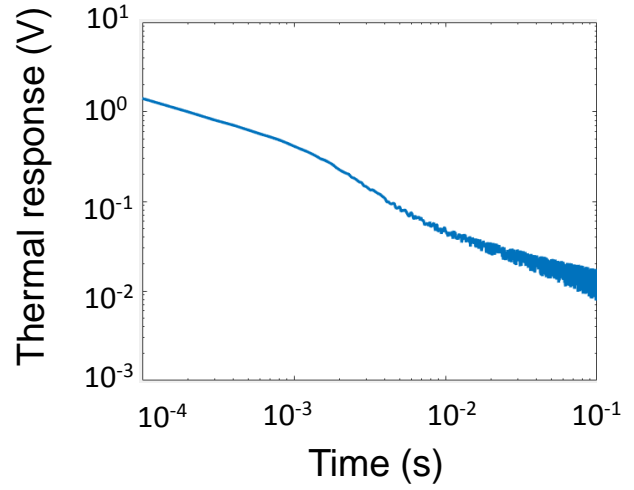
☐ Interesting characteristics

- Evolution of the coating **conductivity**
- Evolution of the coating **diffusivity**
- Evolution of the **Thermal Contact Resistance** between the coating and the substrate

☐ Measuring test bench : photothermal device



→ Data acquisition



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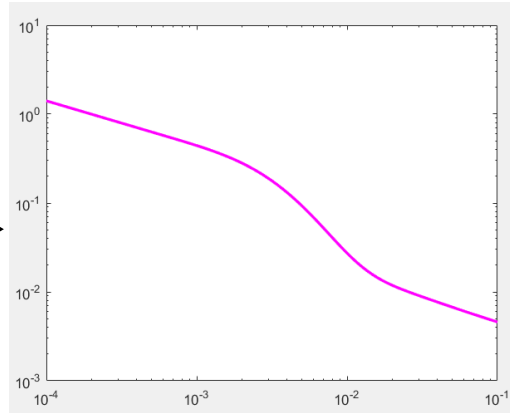


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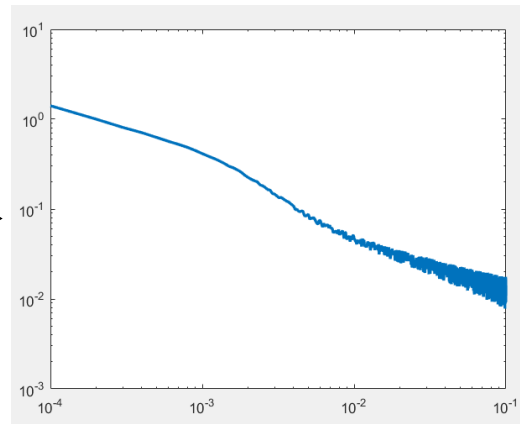
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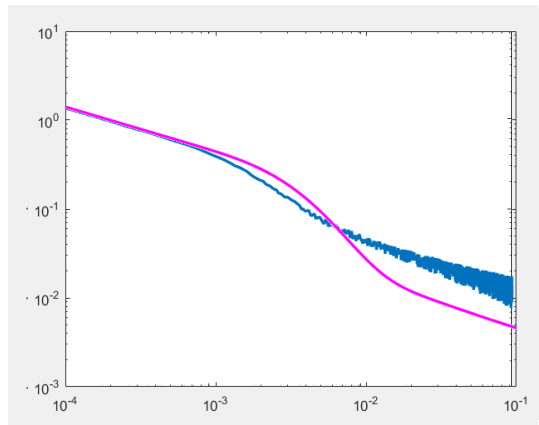


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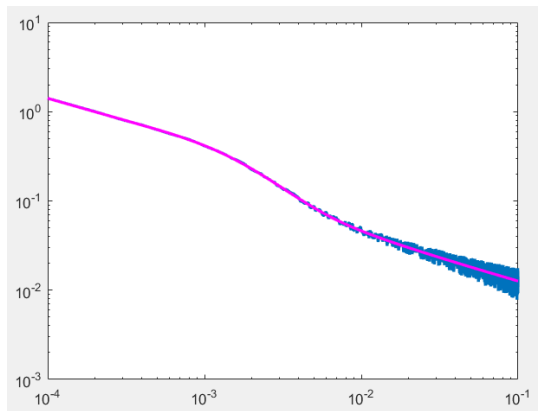
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Minimization of the gap by iteration :
 New values of the parameters $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$



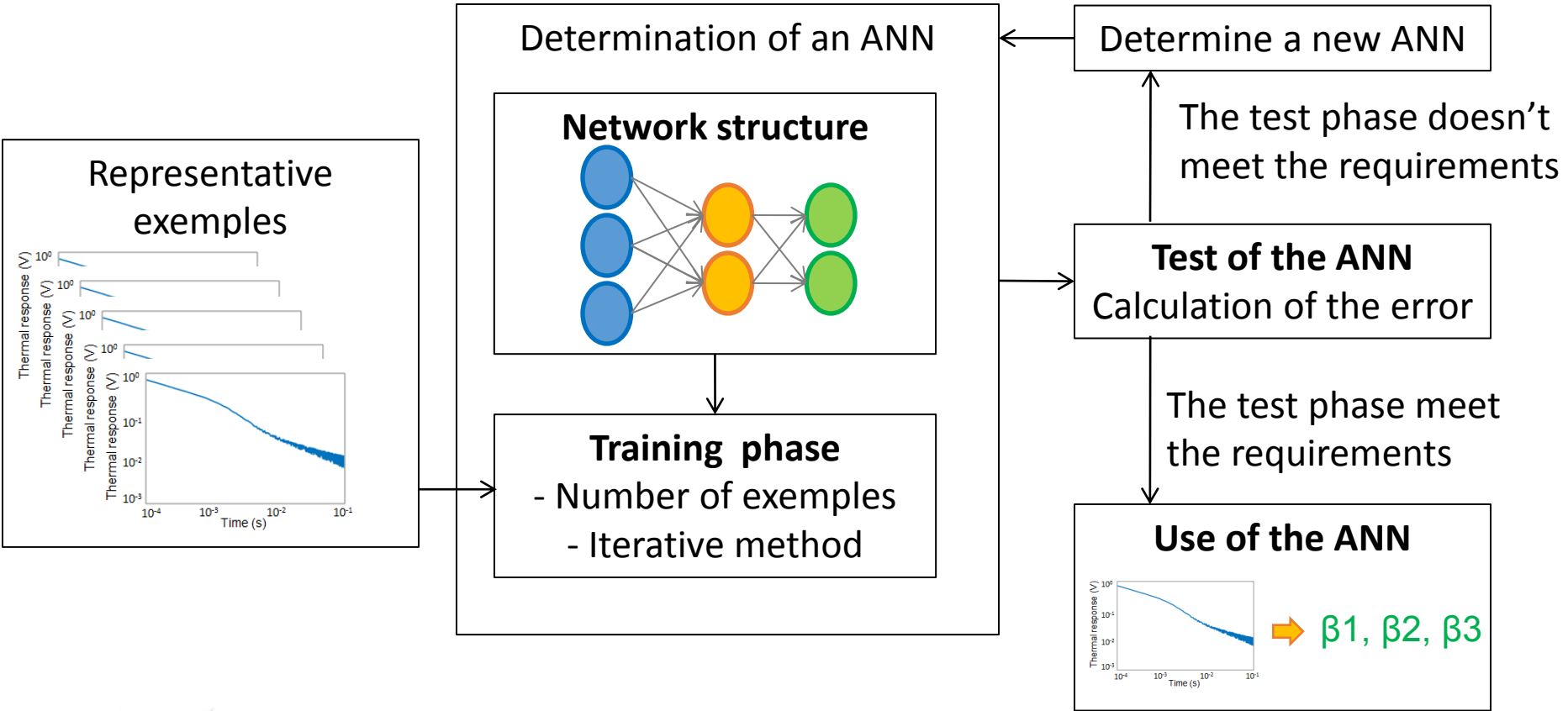
Adjusted parameters :
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- Artificial Intelligence tools : Artificial Neural Network (ANN), connectionist approach





Thank you for your attention

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