

DF optimization for FD2-XA

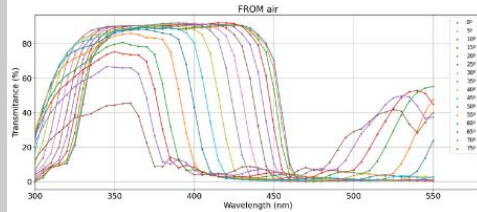
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DF conceptual model

The TC emerges from the interference phenomena in the MLS



Substrate

MLS

Parallel-faces arrangement of materials with alternating refractive indices

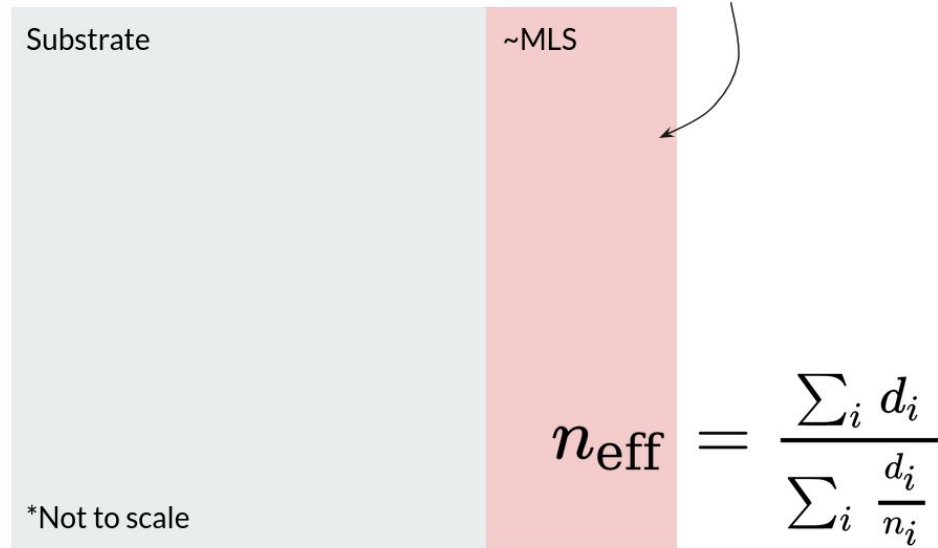
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Different AOI's result in different TCs (we already knew this), but different SM also result in different TCs

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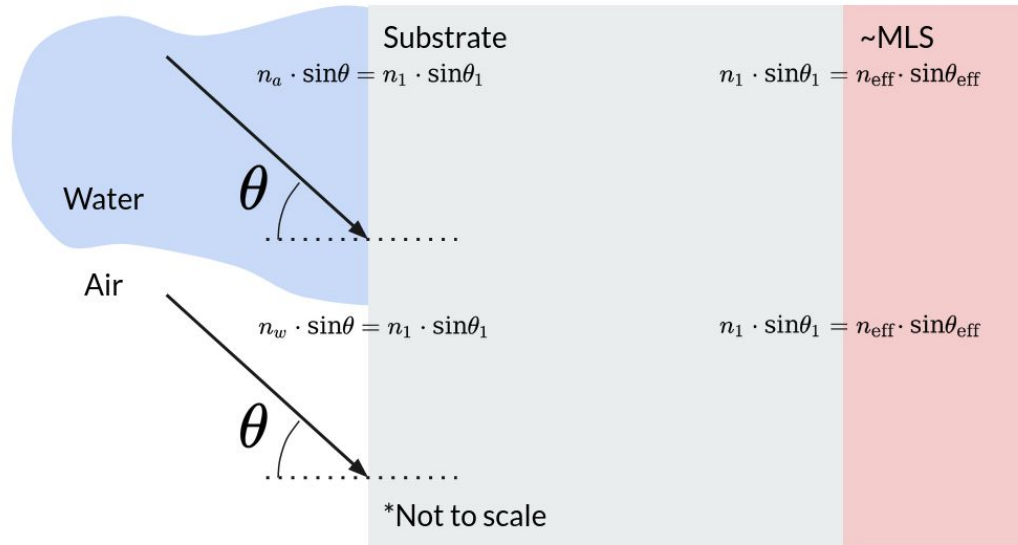
→ Substitute the MLS by an homogeneous volume with an effective refractive index



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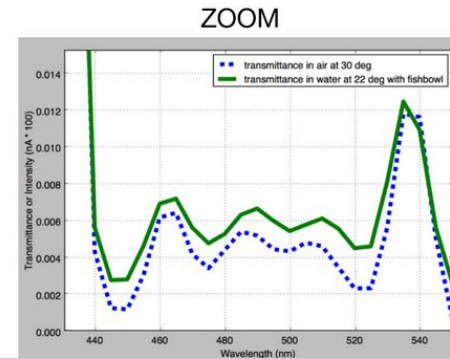
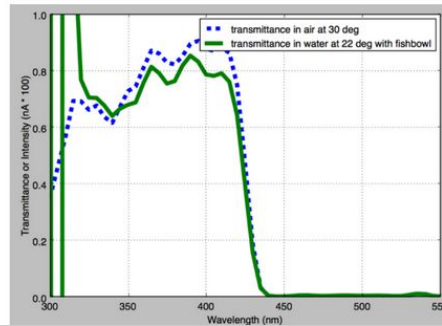
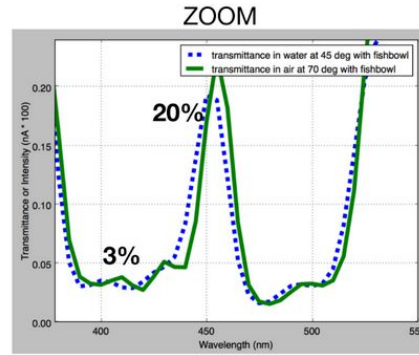
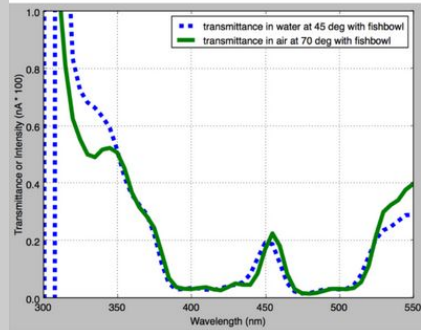


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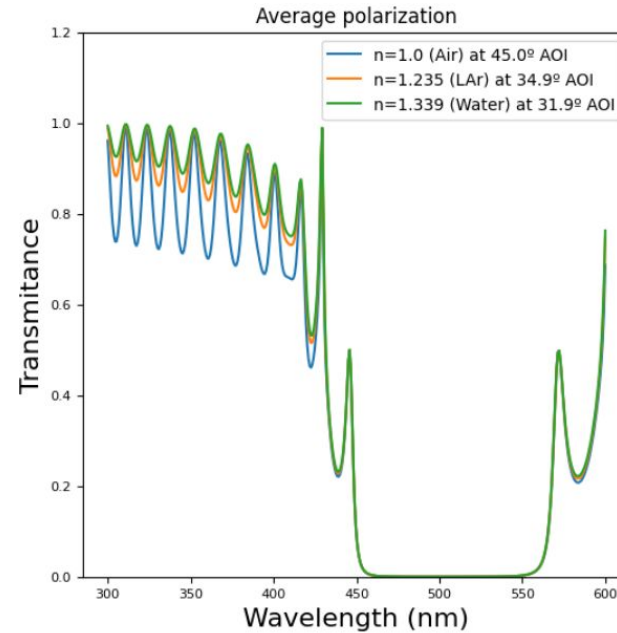
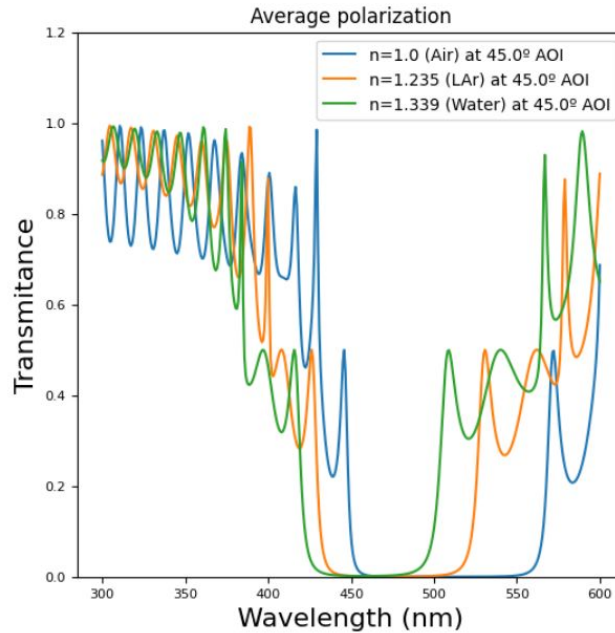
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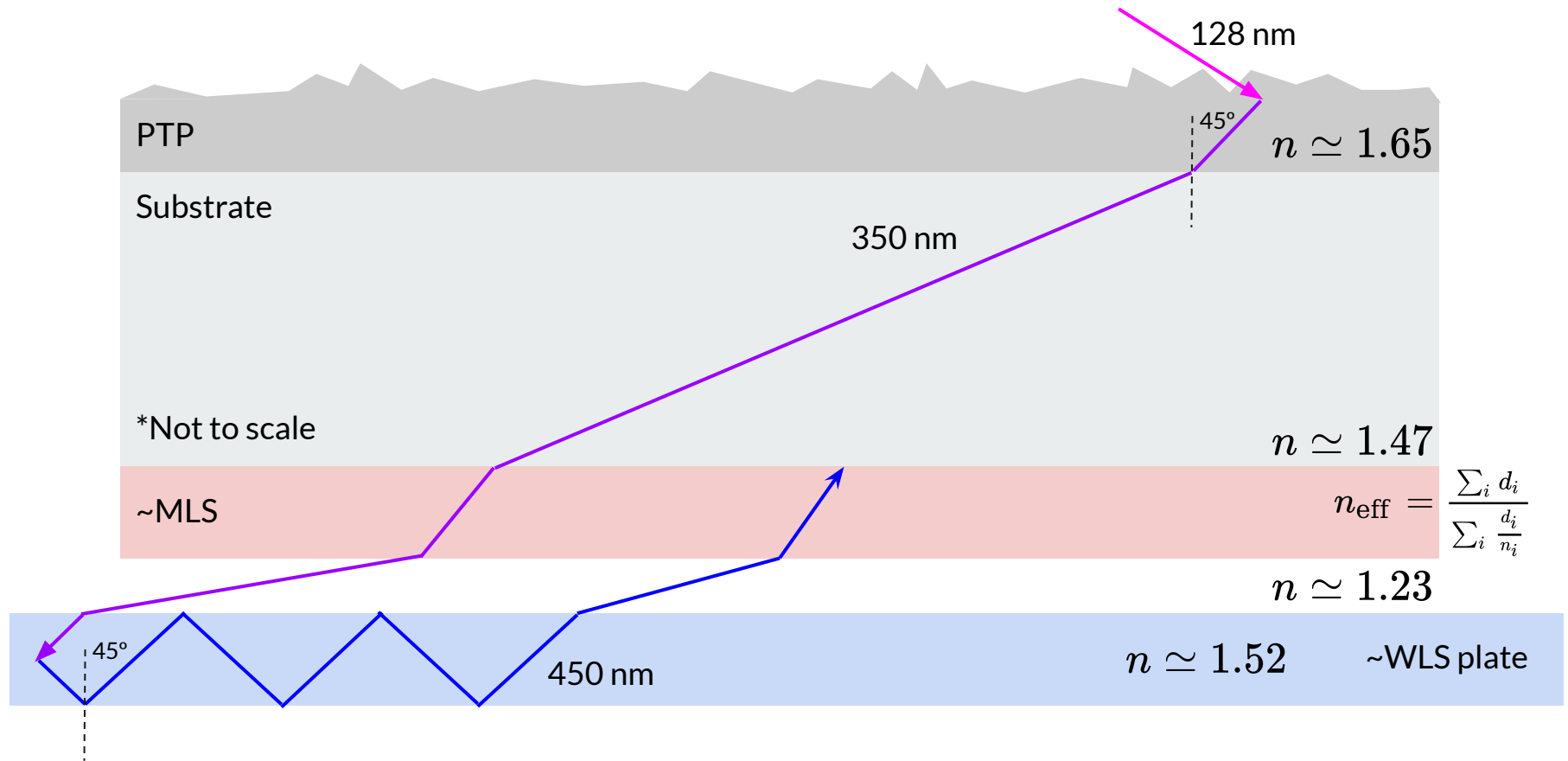
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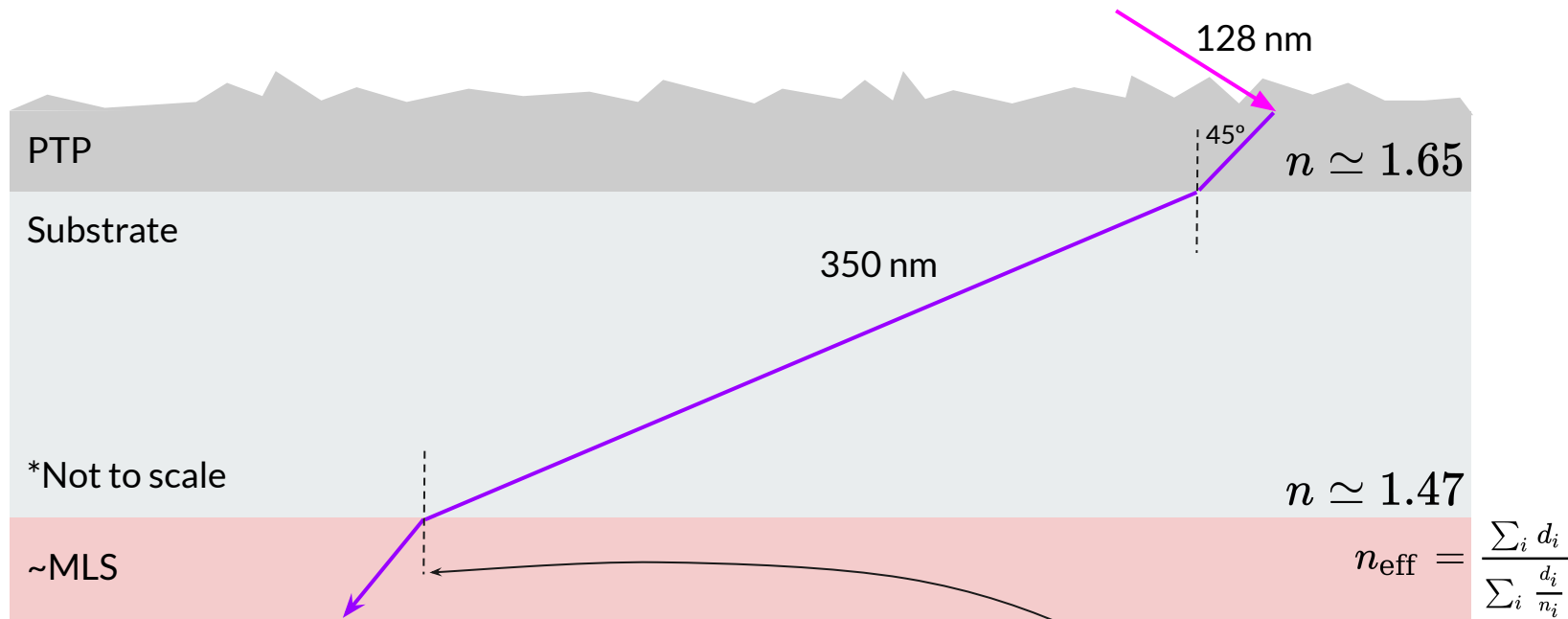


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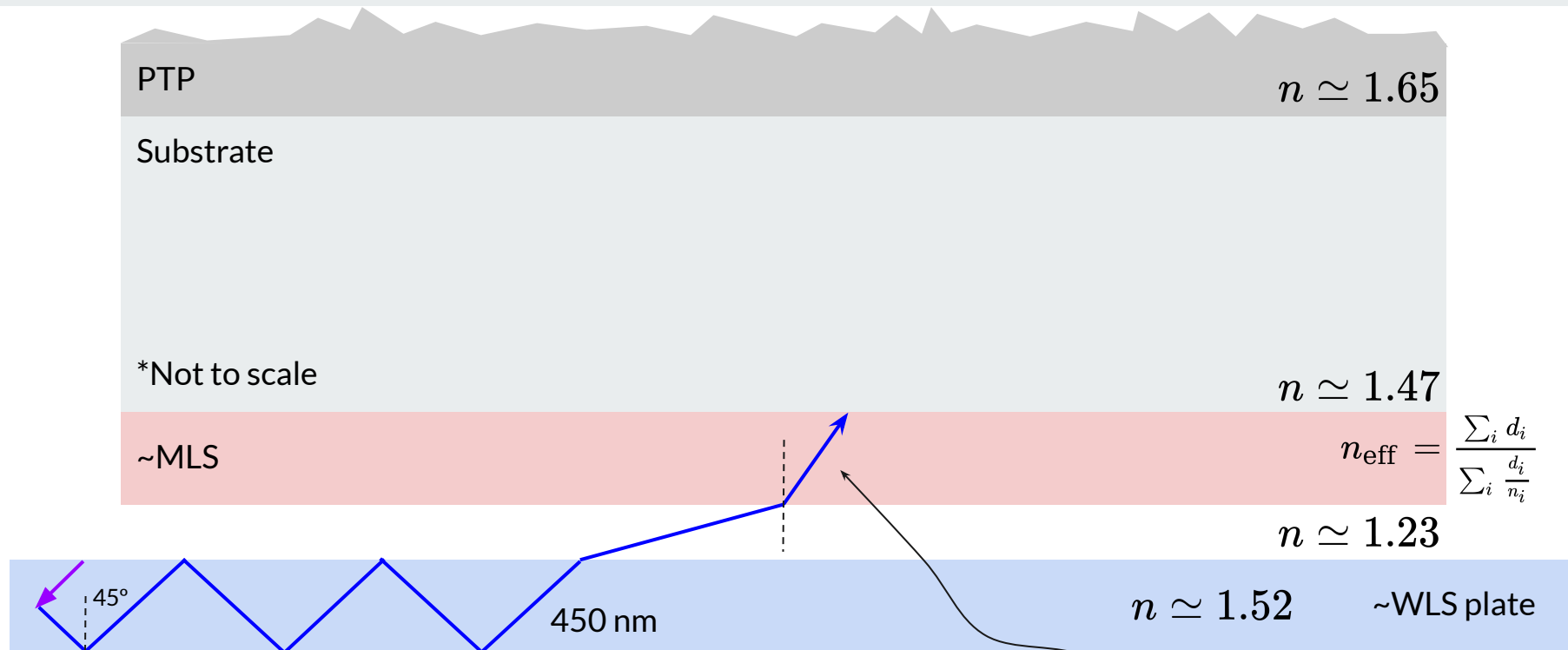
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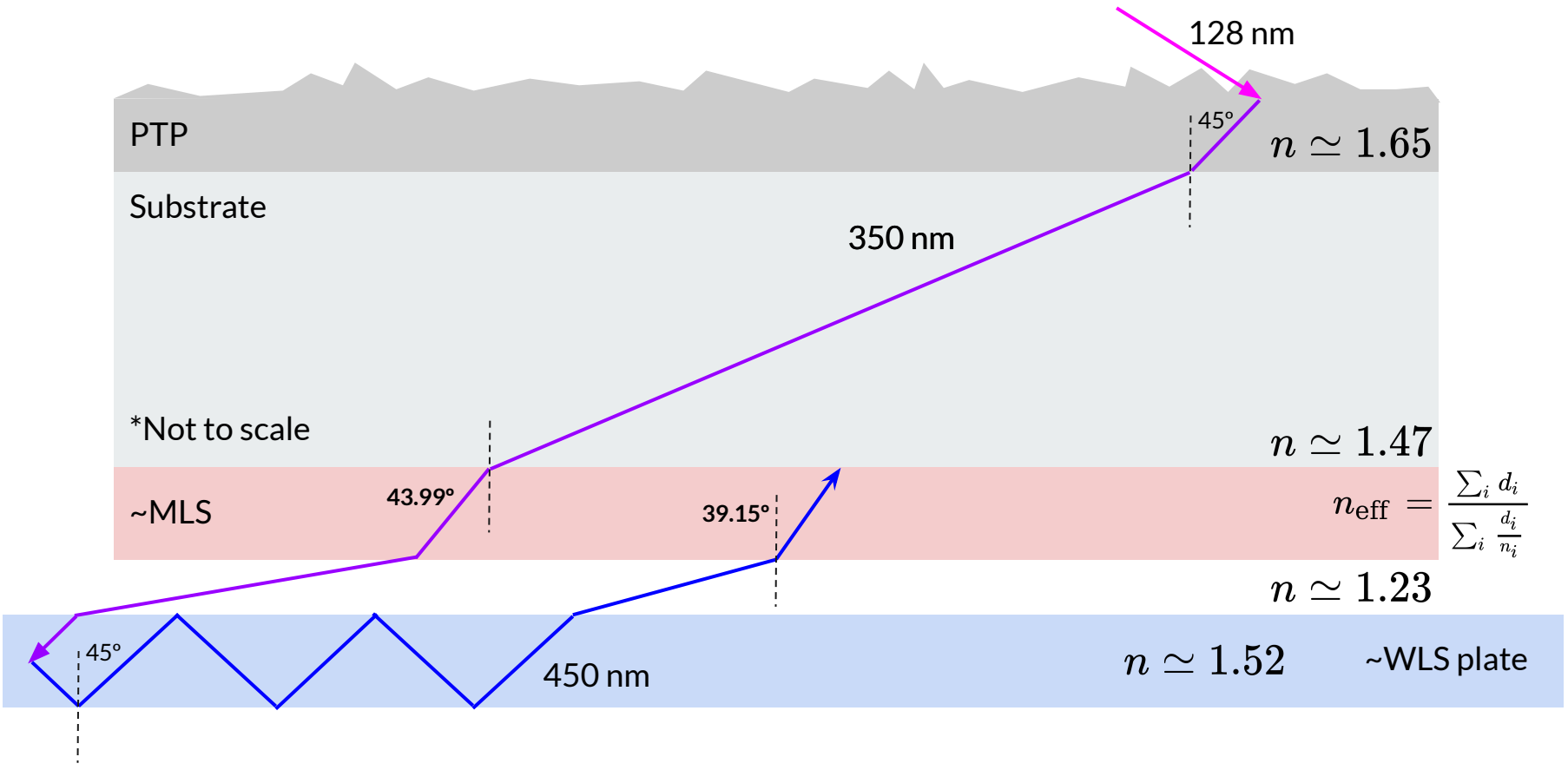
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$$\theta_{\text{G2p}} \simeq 45^\circ \Rightarrow \theta_{\text{MLS}} \simeq \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1.50}{1.68} \sin(45^\circ) \right) = 39.15$$

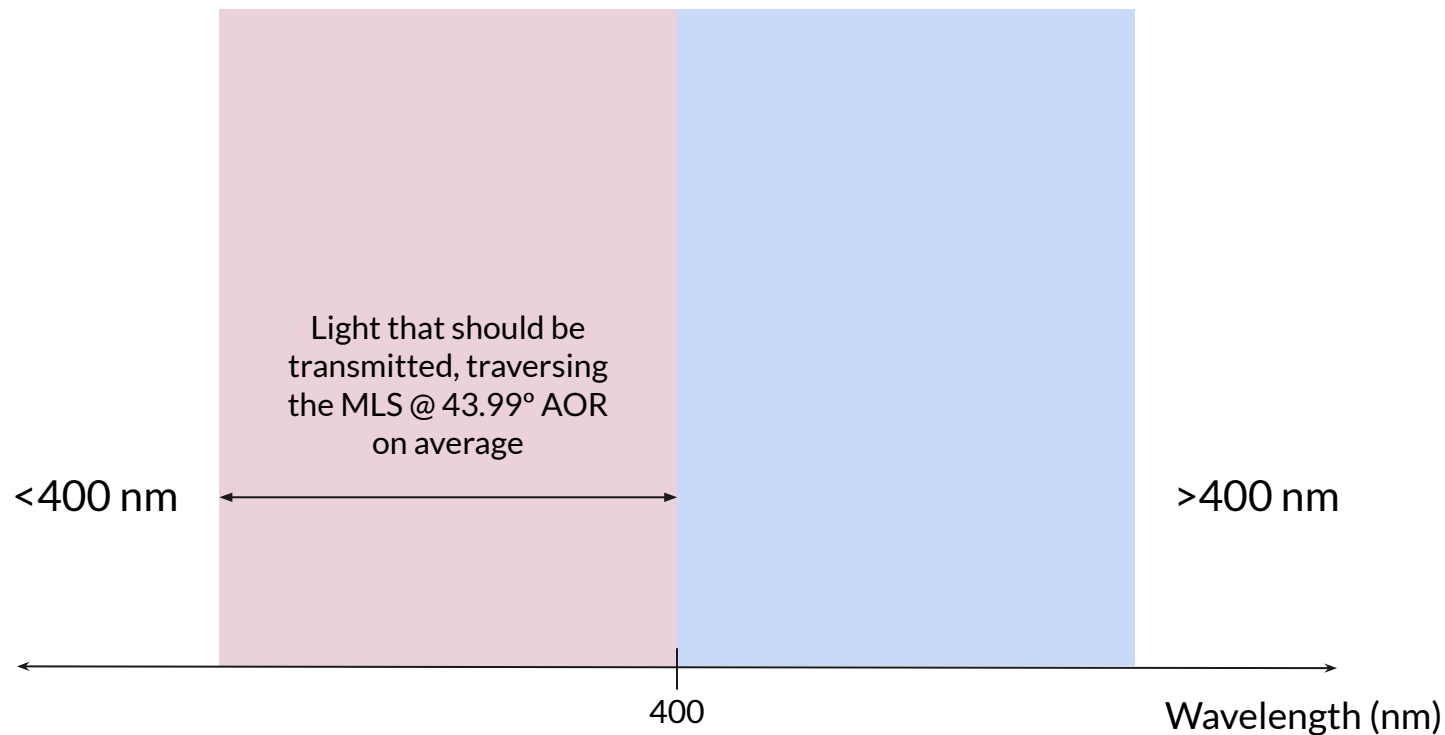
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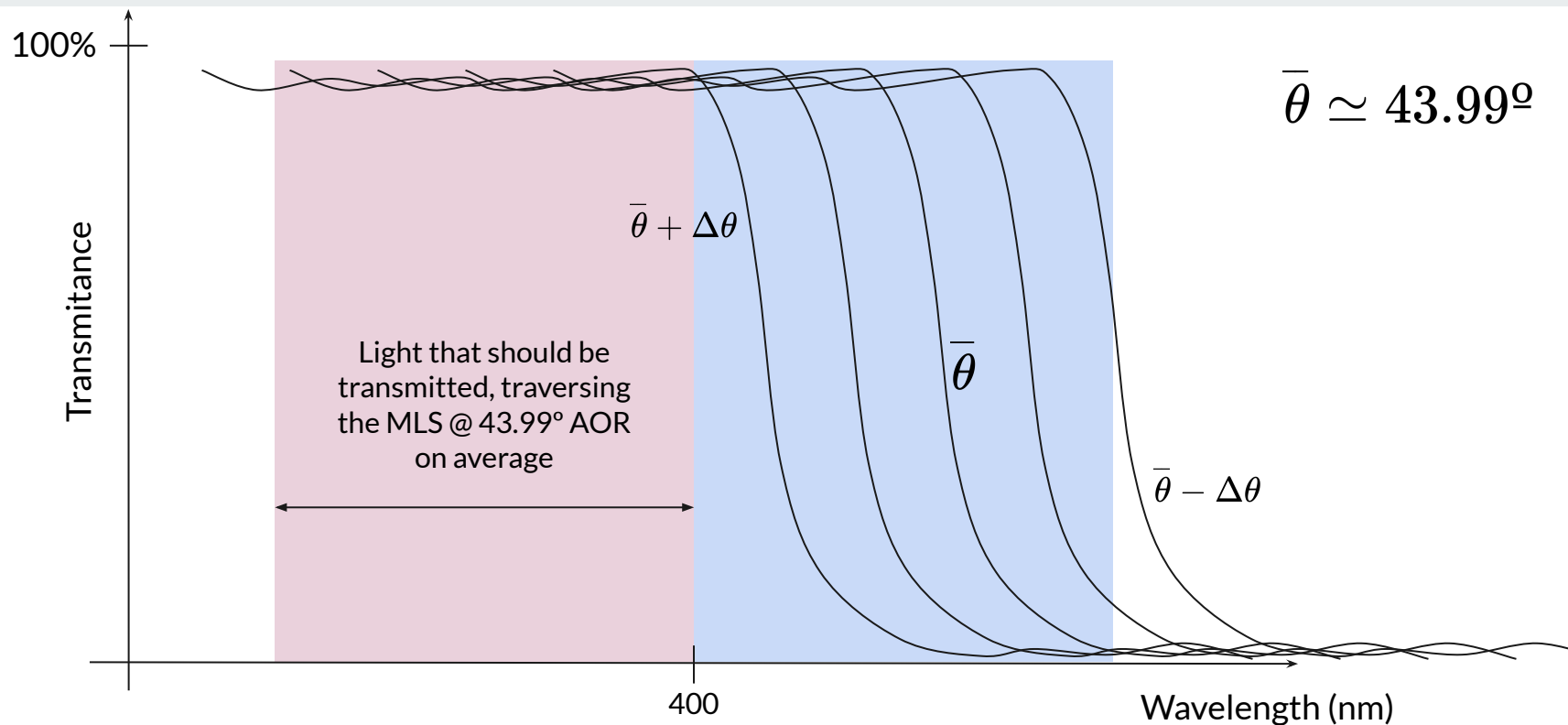


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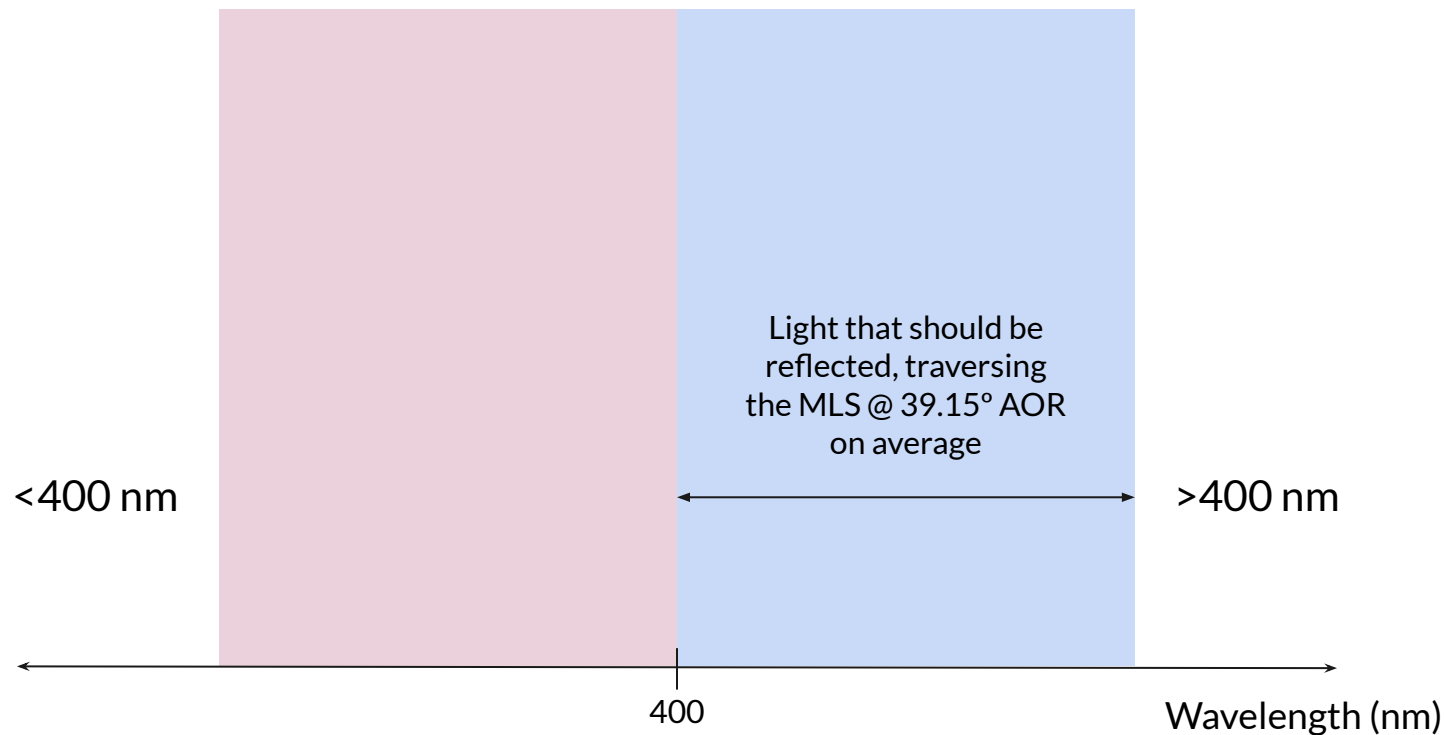


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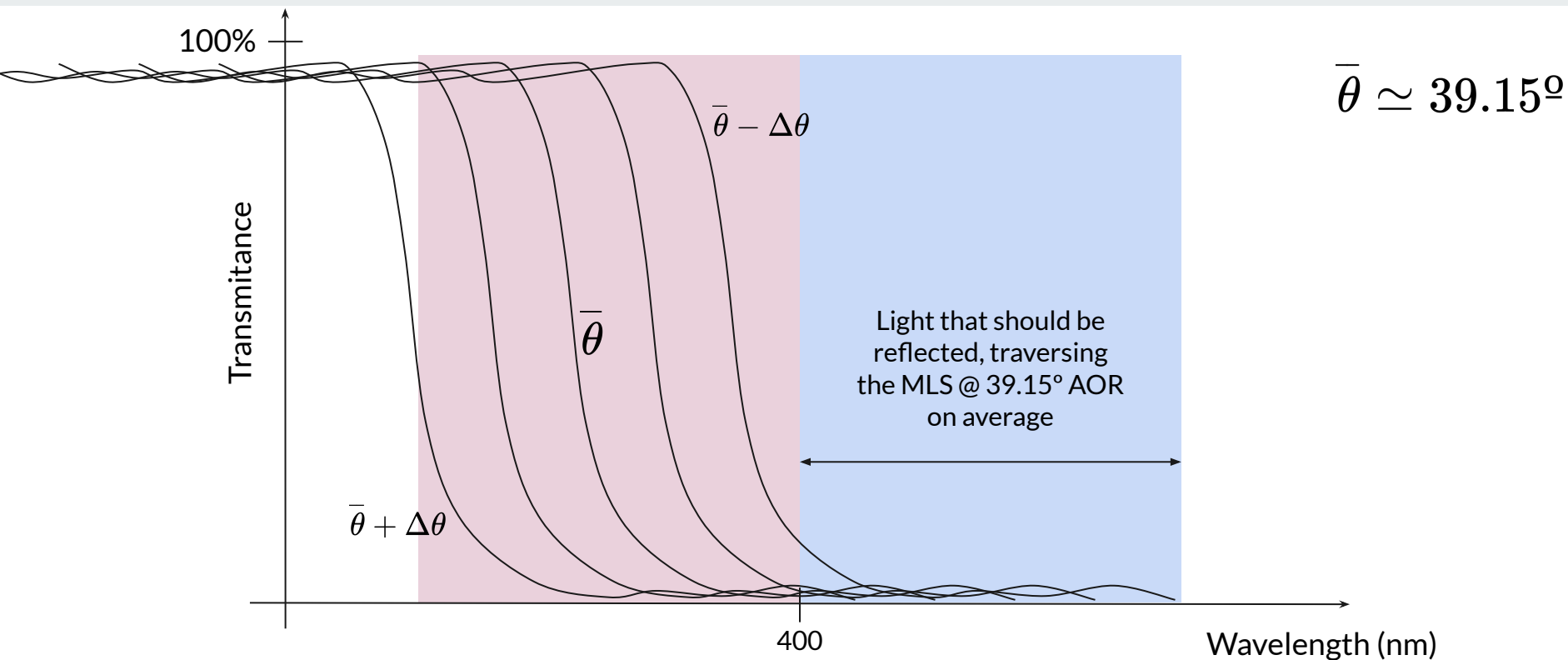


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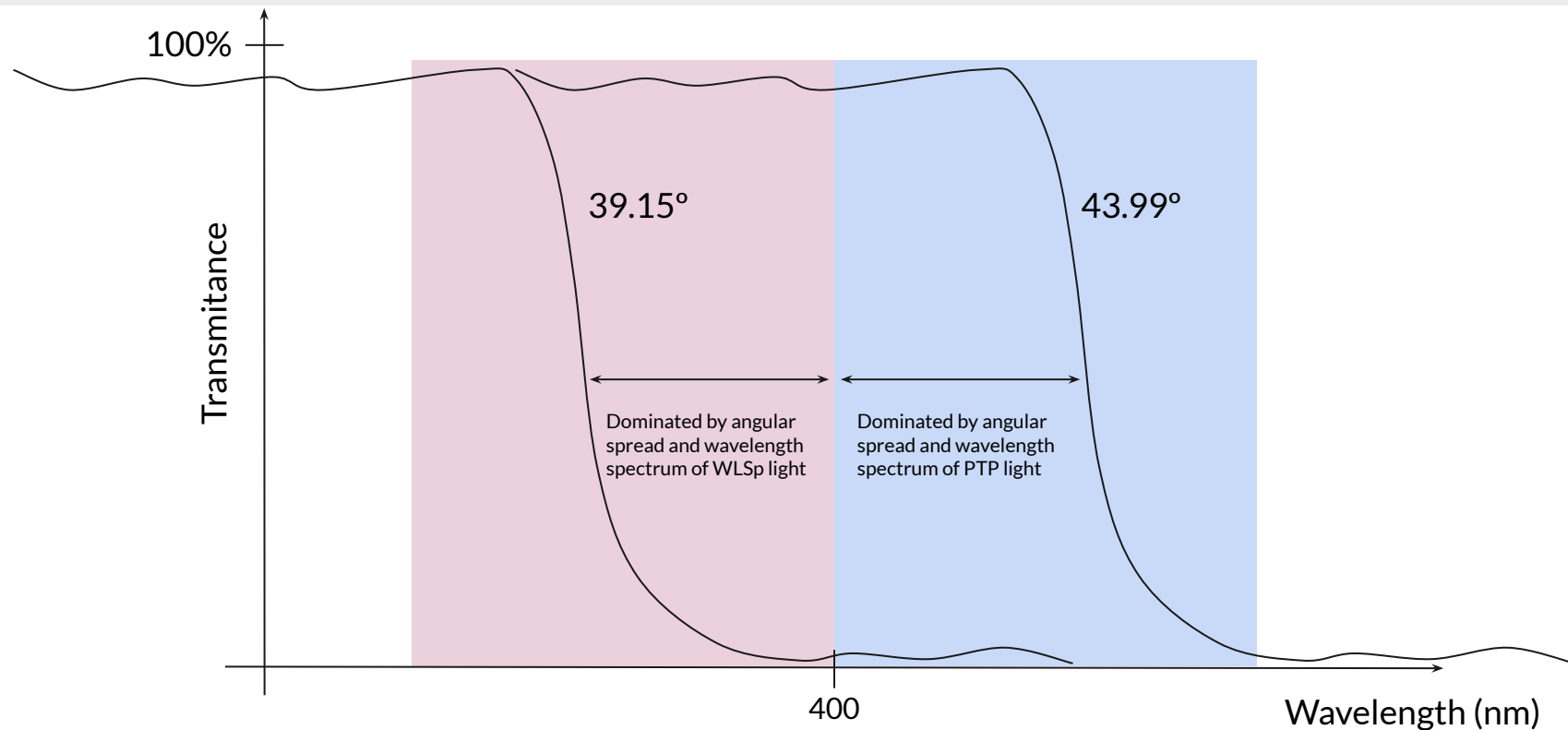


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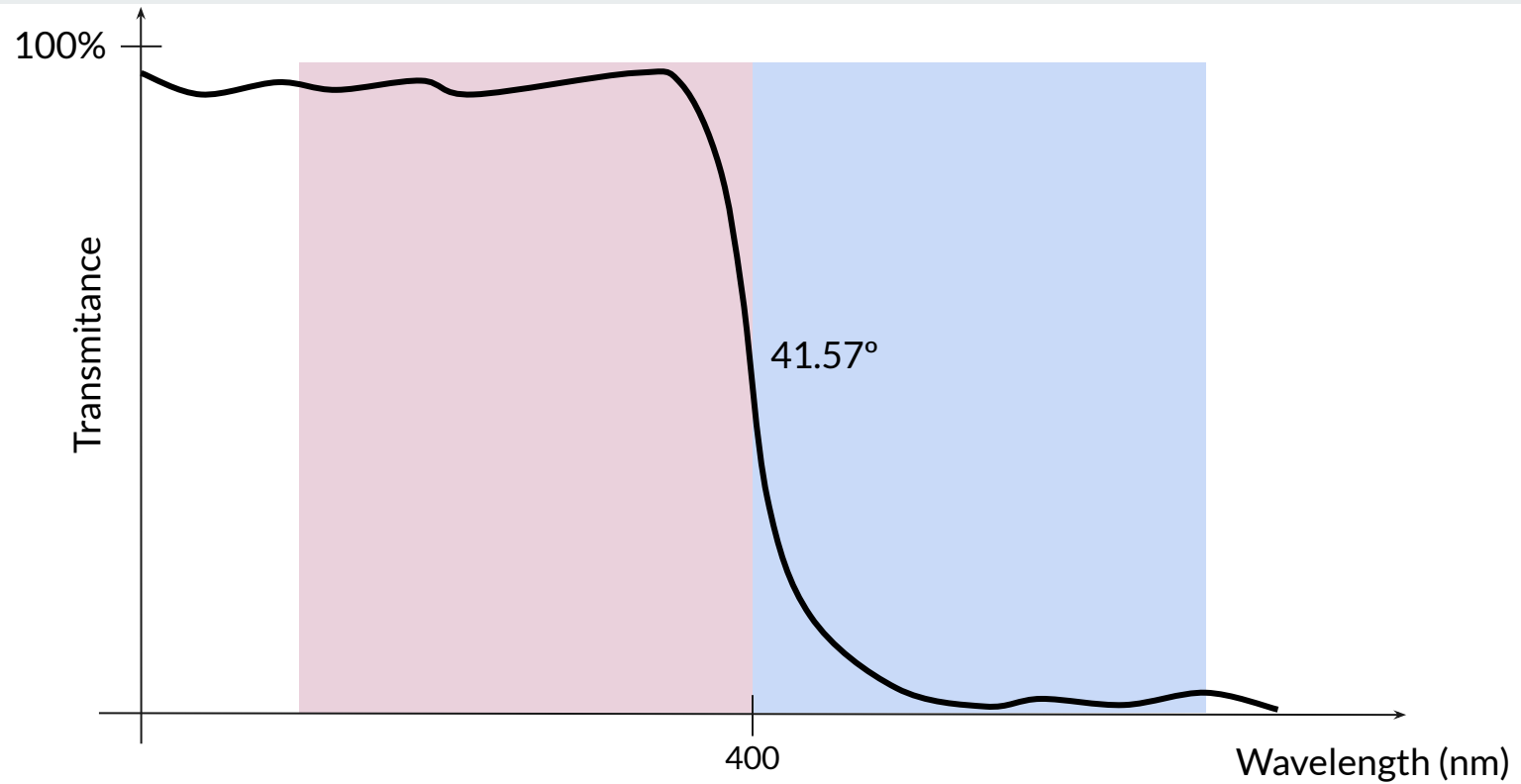
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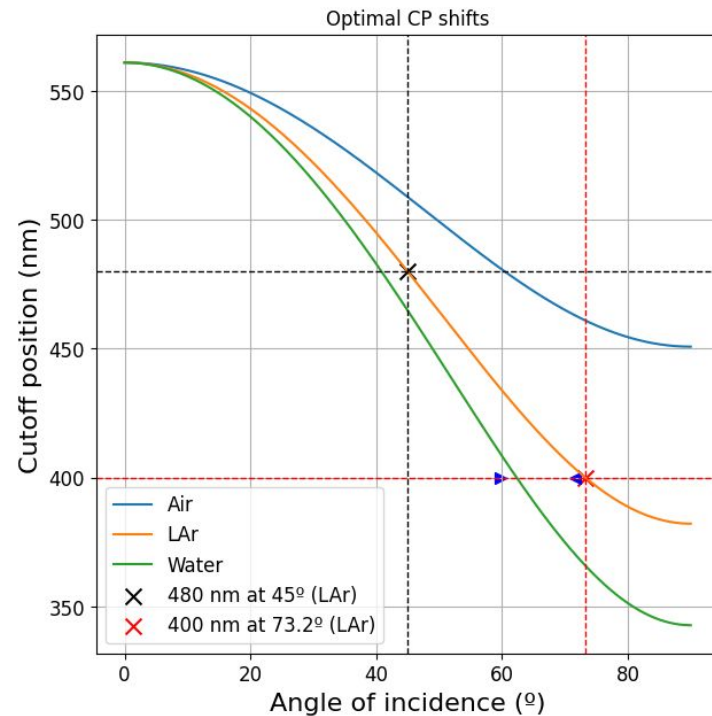
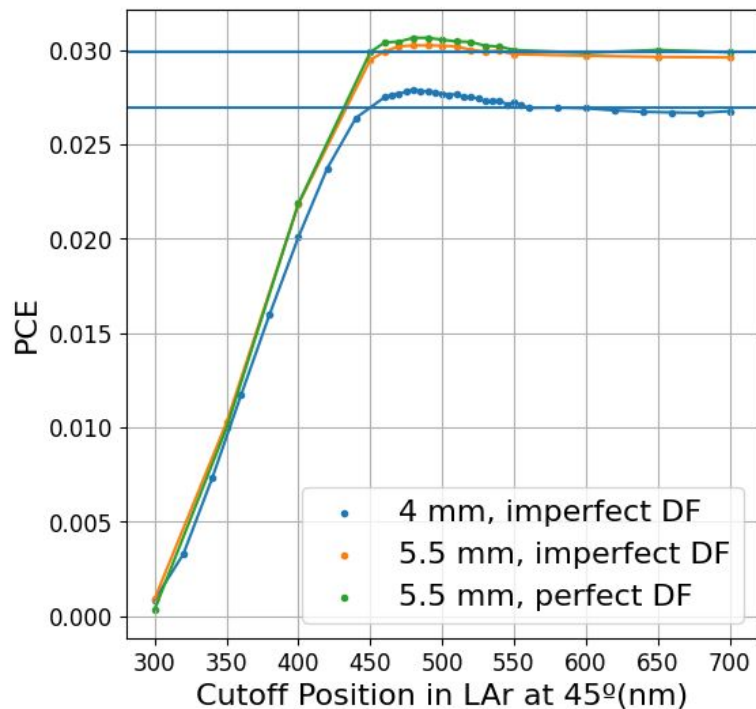
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I.e. what we are stating is that, optimally (approximately) the transmission curve (TC) that has a cutoff at 400 nm should be 'seen by' the photons that traverse the MLS with 41.57° AOR.

$$\theta_{\text{MLS}} = 41.57^\circ \Rightarrow \theta_{\text{LAr}} \simeq \arcsin\left(\frac{1.68}{1.23} \sin(41.57^\circ)\right) \simeq 65^\circ$$

Equivalently, the TC which has a cutoff at 400 nm should be 'seen by' photons that impinge on the DF with 65° AOI from LAr

Simulation results



Conclusions

- The root issue:
 - If we optimize filters for 45° in LAr, we are overlooking the fact that light is emitted at 45° (average) in high-index media, such as PTP (1.65) and G2p WLSp (1.502). Photons will typically have $\gg 45^\circ$ AOI in LAr
- If this is taken into account, filters should be optimized for very high AOI
- However, typically we have observed that higher AOI not only implies an angle shift, but also way worse transmission/reflection specifications.
- This specs. worsening is not captured by the angle shifts introduced in the simulation. Therefore the PCE 'overshoot' over the PCE baseline may not be achievable in practice.

