

Supplementary

# Effects of insertion of Ag mid-layers on laser direct ablation of transparent conductive ITO/Ag/ITO multilayers: role of effective absorption and focusing of photothermal energy

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## Simulation conditions

### 1. Material properties

Parameters	Material	Value
Specific heat, $C_p$ (Jkg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Glass	880
	Ag	240
	ITO	753
Density, $\rho$ (gcm <sup>-3</sup> )	Glass	2.5
	Ag	10.49
	ITO	7.13
Thermal conductivity, $\kappa$ (Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Glass	0.94
	Ag	429
	ITO	11.5
Absorption coefficient, $\alpha$ (m <sup>-1</sup> ) (at 1064 nm)	Glass	50
	Ag	$1.03 \times 10^7$
	ITO	$4 \times 10^5$
Reflection coefficient, $R$ (at 1064 nm)	Glass	0.04
	Ag	0.64
	ITO	0.01

## 2. Laser beam design (Gaussian beam)

$$Q(x, y, z) = Q_0(1 - R_c) \frac{A_c}{\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y} e^{-\left[ \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right]} \cdot e^{-A_c z} \cdot f(t)$$

( $Q_0$ , total power input;  $R_c$ , reflection coefficient;  $A_c$ , absorption coefficient;  $f(t)$ , 10 ns pulse)

## 3. Specific set parameters of the materials

- Glass substrate: 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- Ag layer thickness: 6, 13, 16 nm
- Laser beam width: 80  $\mu\text{m}$
- Laser beam: 1064 nm (wavelength), duration of 10 ns
- Given pulse energy: 0.39 J/cm<sup>2</sup>