
2008 Solar Annual Review Meeting

Session: CSP Advanced Systems (Tue 4/22/08 2:35-5:15)

Company or Organization: PPG Industries

Funding Opportunity: CSP Advanced Systems - High-Value Mirrors



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Project Description

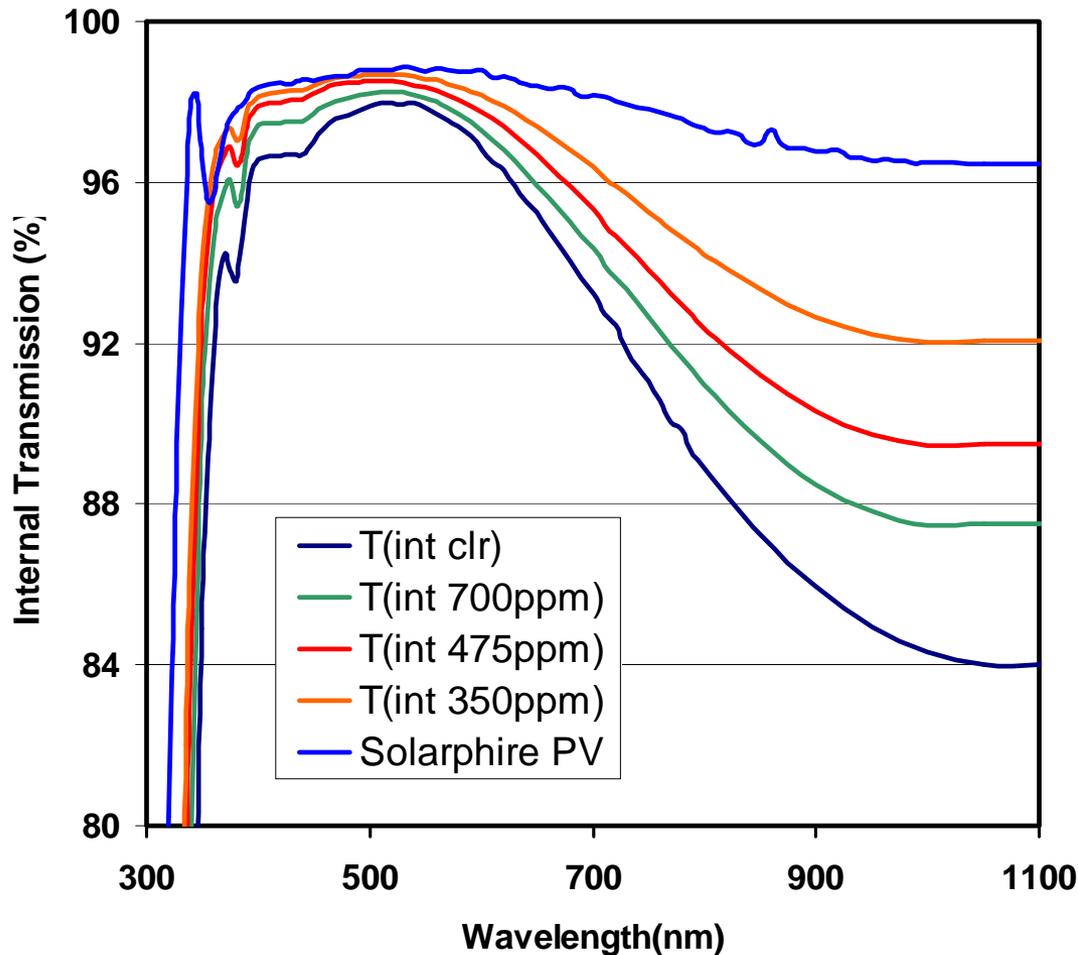


- The goal of this project is to develop and commercialize large-area mirrors with superior value, in terms of cost and performance, to existing mirrors that are currently available on the market
 - **Solarphire® PV** low-iron glass platform
 - Proprietary coating technology
 - PPG's domestic technology and manufacturing base

Solarphire® PV low-iron glass platform



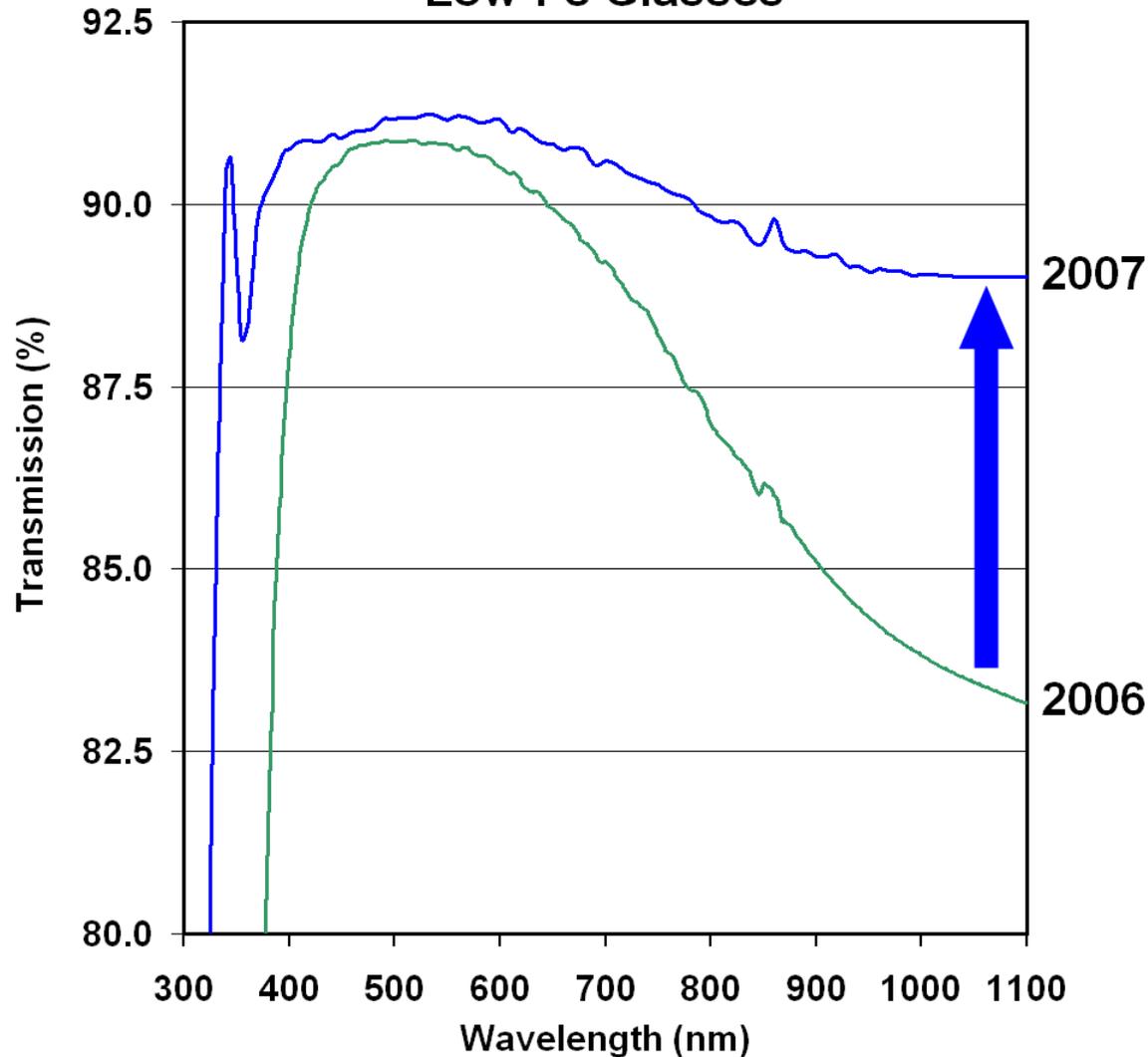
Internal transmission (%T) vs. Iron Content



Solarphire® PV low-iron glass platform



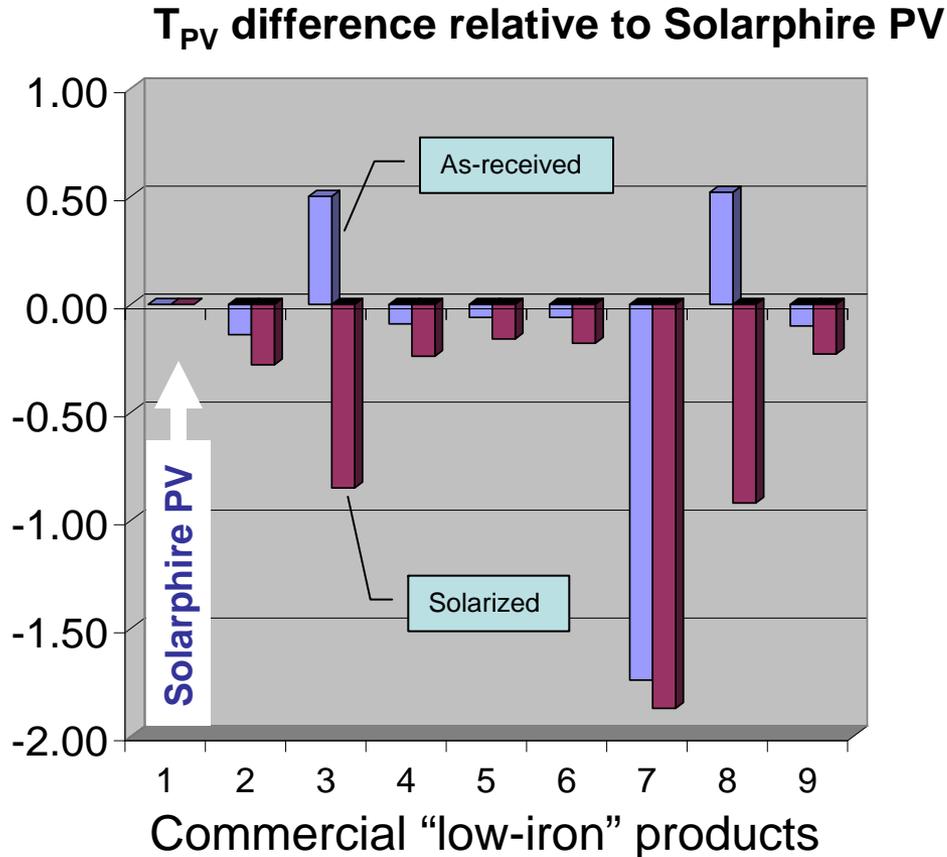
Optical Transmission Spectra for Low-Fe Glasses



Solarphire® PV low-iron glass platform



Highest *measured* post solarized transmittance



- Less than 100 ppm of iron oxide
- Equal or higher transmittance than competing products
- Zero solarization



Major FY08 Activities

- Phase I activities – address technical barriers and demonstrate feasibility
 - Alternate coating materials and structures to achieve optical performance and service lifetime requirements
 - Fabrication processes to produce mirror geometries to address needs of different CSP systems
 - Maintain a large-area / large-volume DFM approach
 - Evaluate LCOE impact using SAM
- Planned Milestones
 - Identify coating system candidates
 - Verify design
 - Evaluate fabrication of different mirror geometries
 - “Go / No Go” decision



Budget – Phase I

Resources (\$)		
Total Project	DOE Funds	Cost Share
\$403K	\$323K	\$80K

Anticipate all funds to be spent in FY'08

FY08 Progress Report



- Project start date of March 1, 2008
- Highlights
 - Durability protocols in place
 - Initial screening begun for protective coatings