

# Optical Handling and Positioning

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**Module 1-2**  
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**Course 1, *Fundamentals of Light and Lasers***



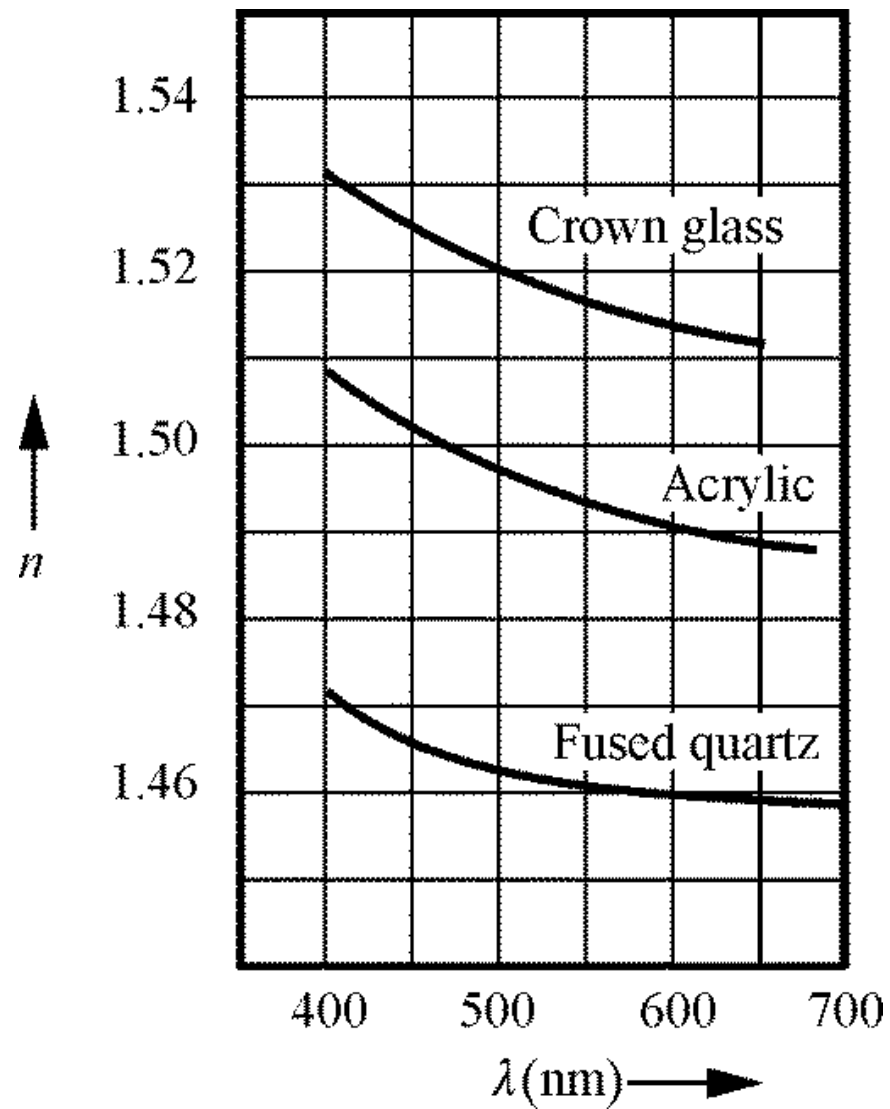
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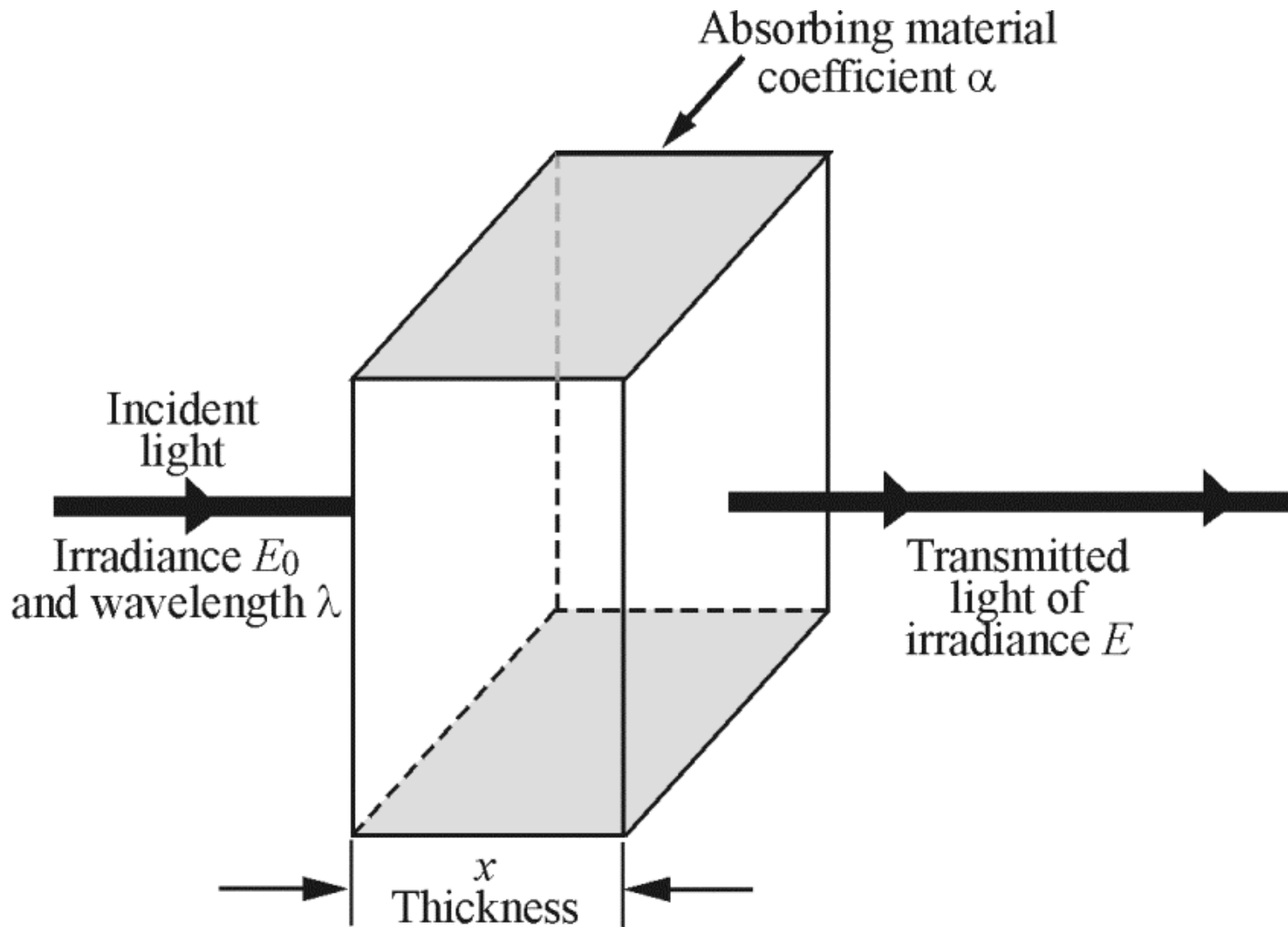
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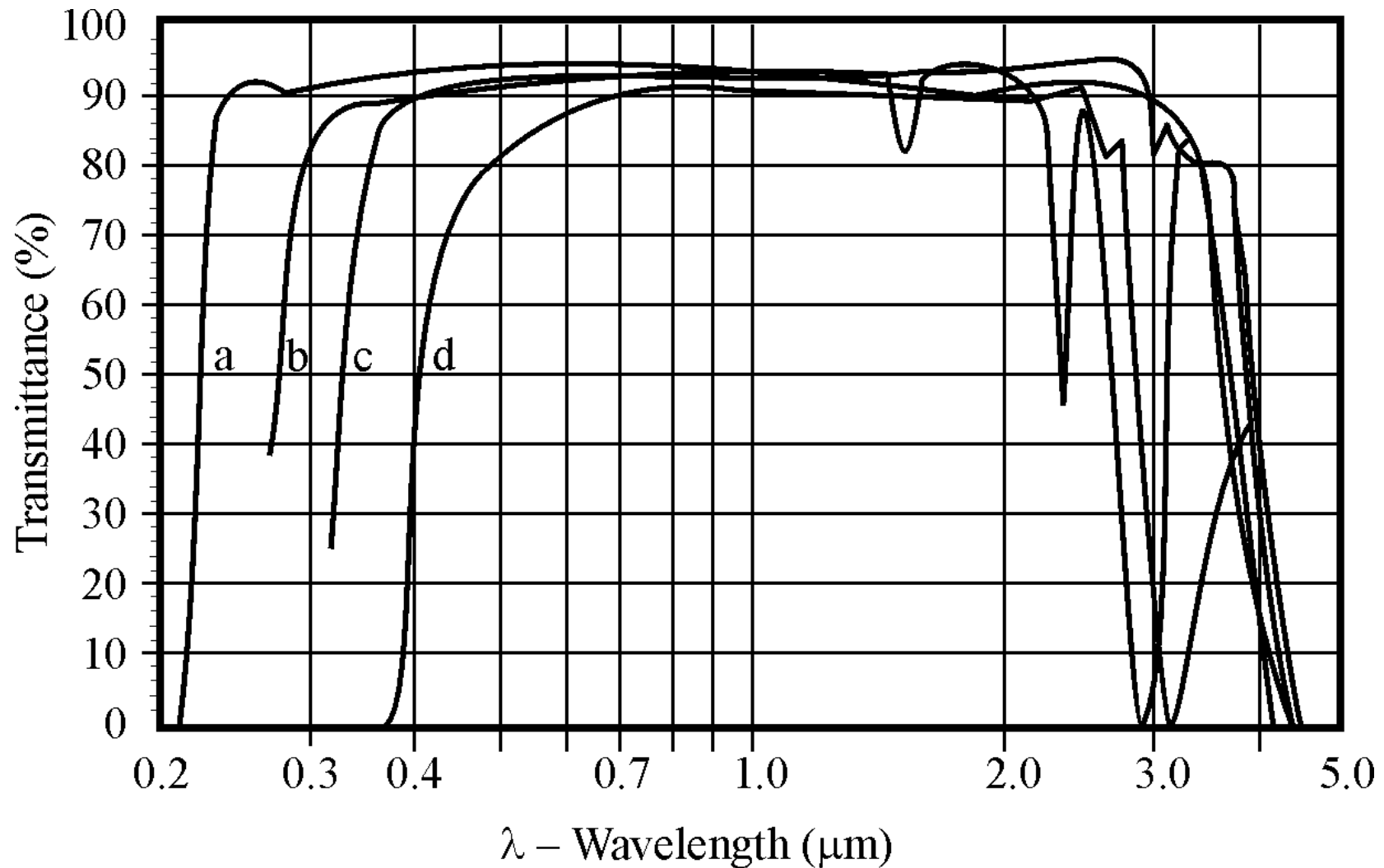
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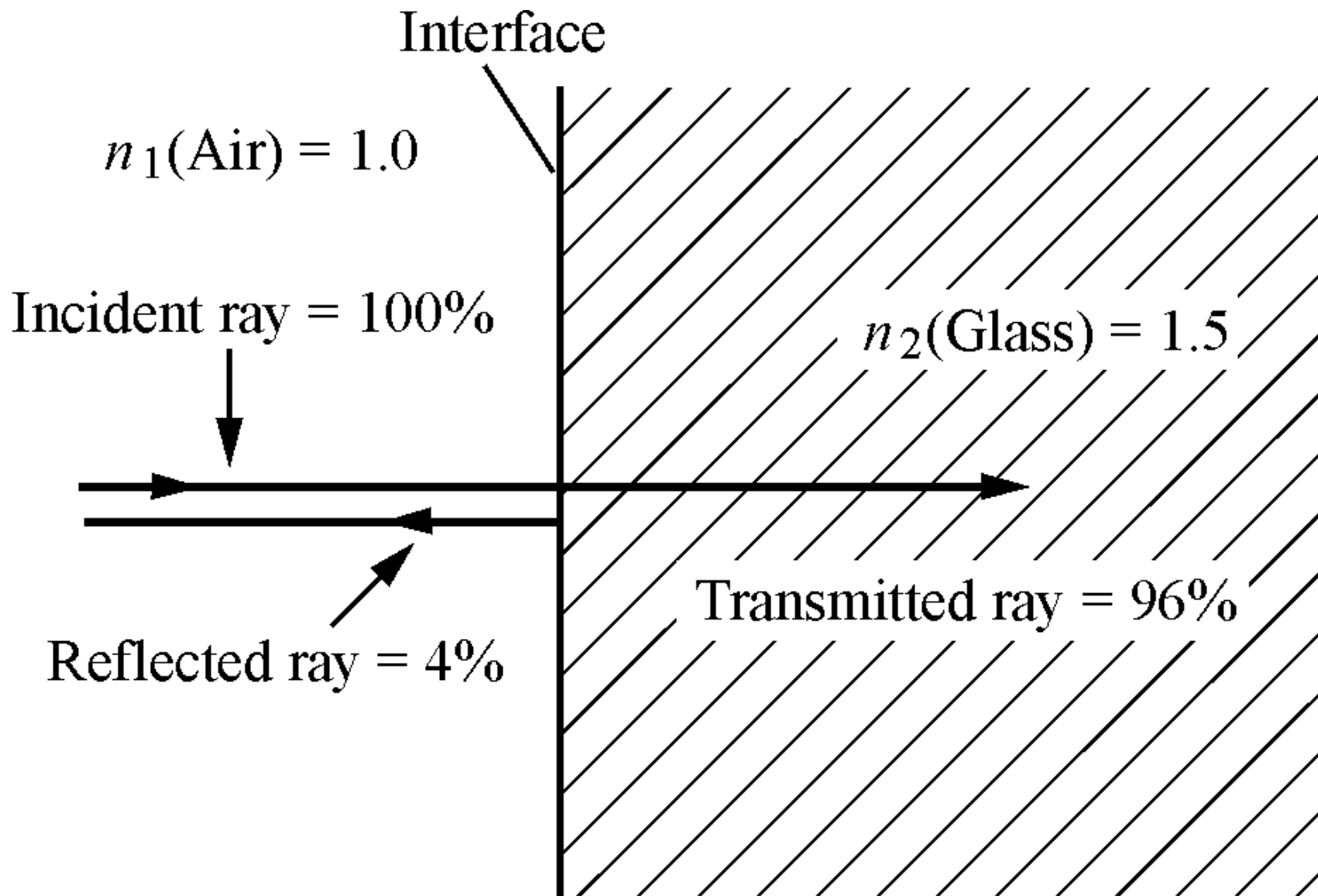
**Figure 2-1** *Refractive index of several optical materials as a function of wavelength*



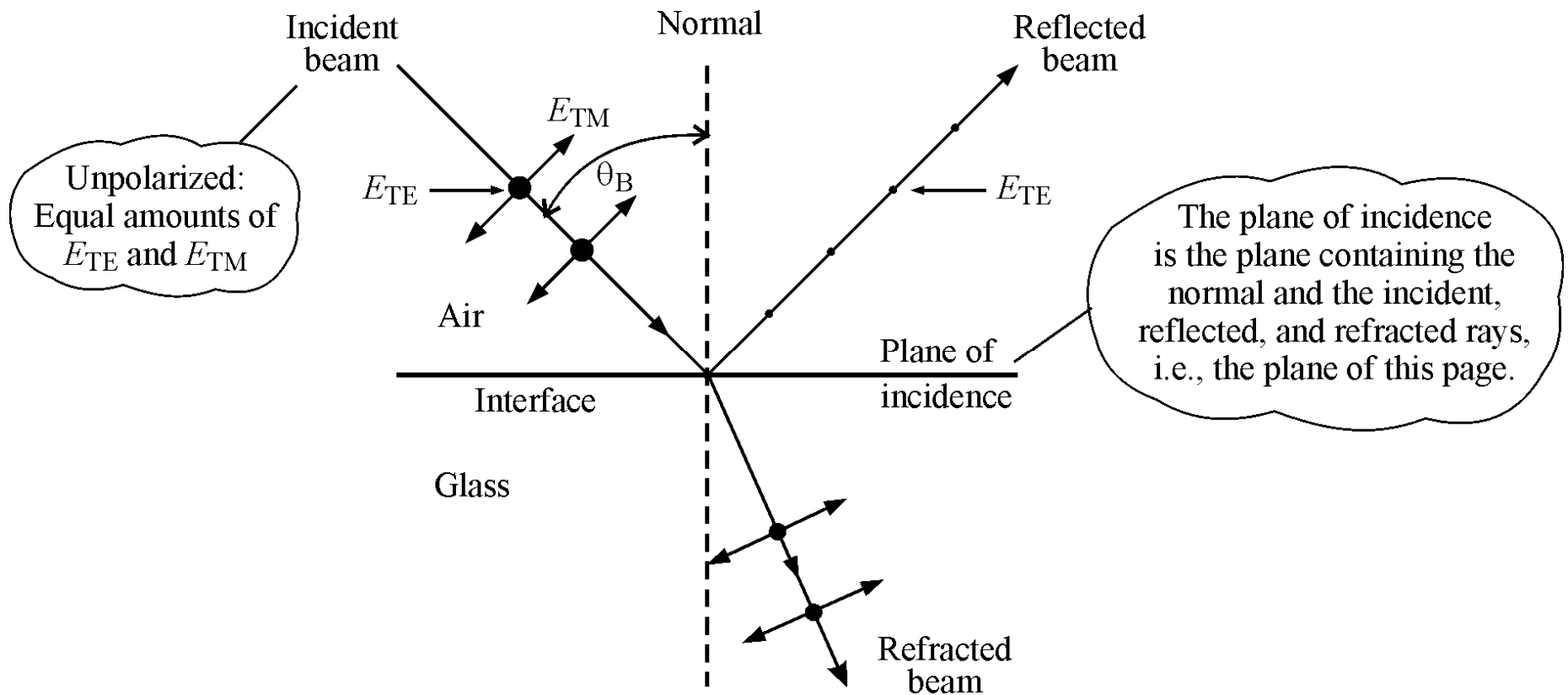
**Figure 2-2** *Absorption of light passing through a transparent medium of thickness  $x$*



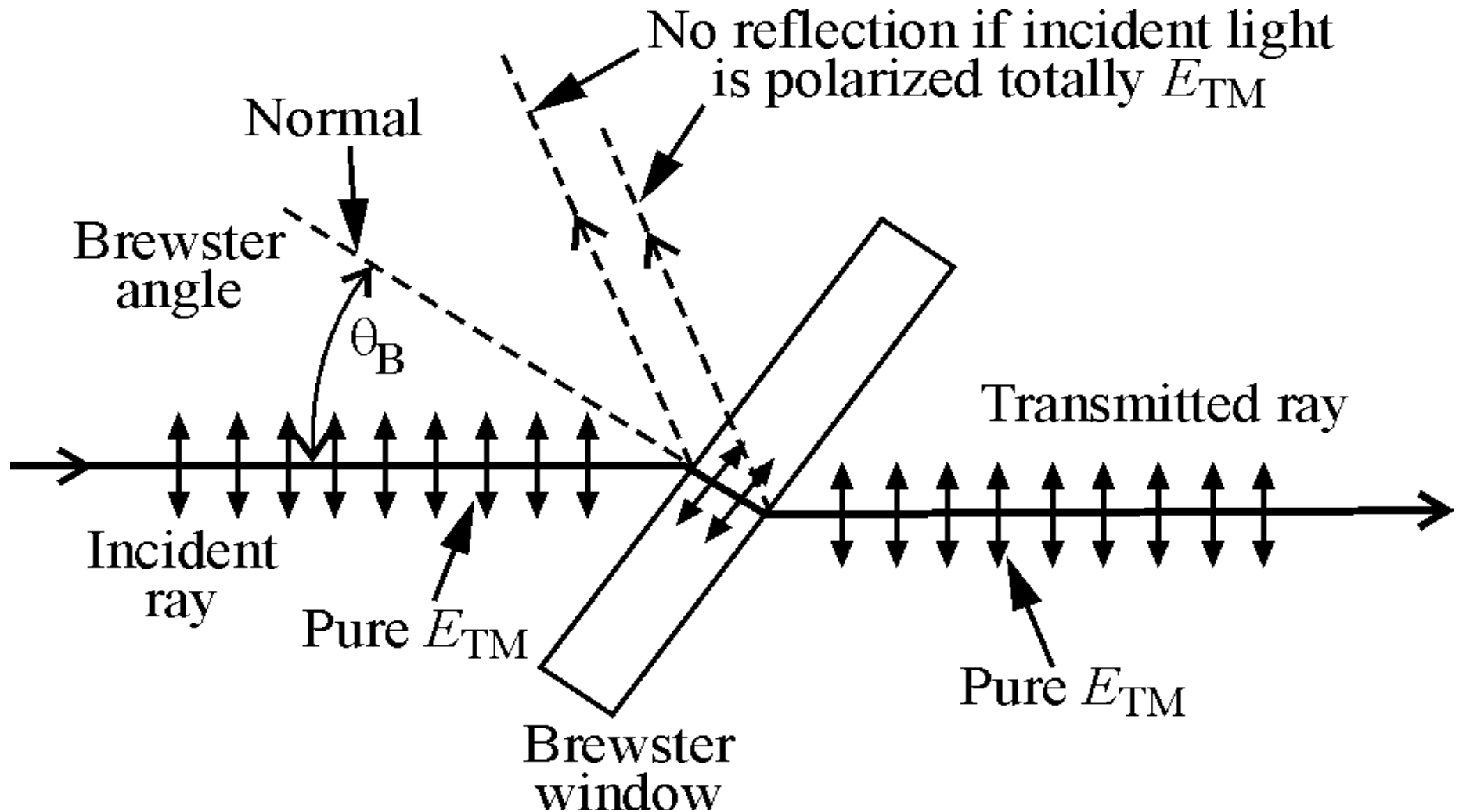
**Figure 2-3** *Transmission characteristics of several optical materials: (a) fused silica, (b) fused quartz, (c) Pyrex, and (d) Zerodur (Source: [www.escoproducts.com](http://www.escoproducts.com))*



**Figure 2-4** *Reflection and transmission of light incident perpendicular to an air-glass interface*

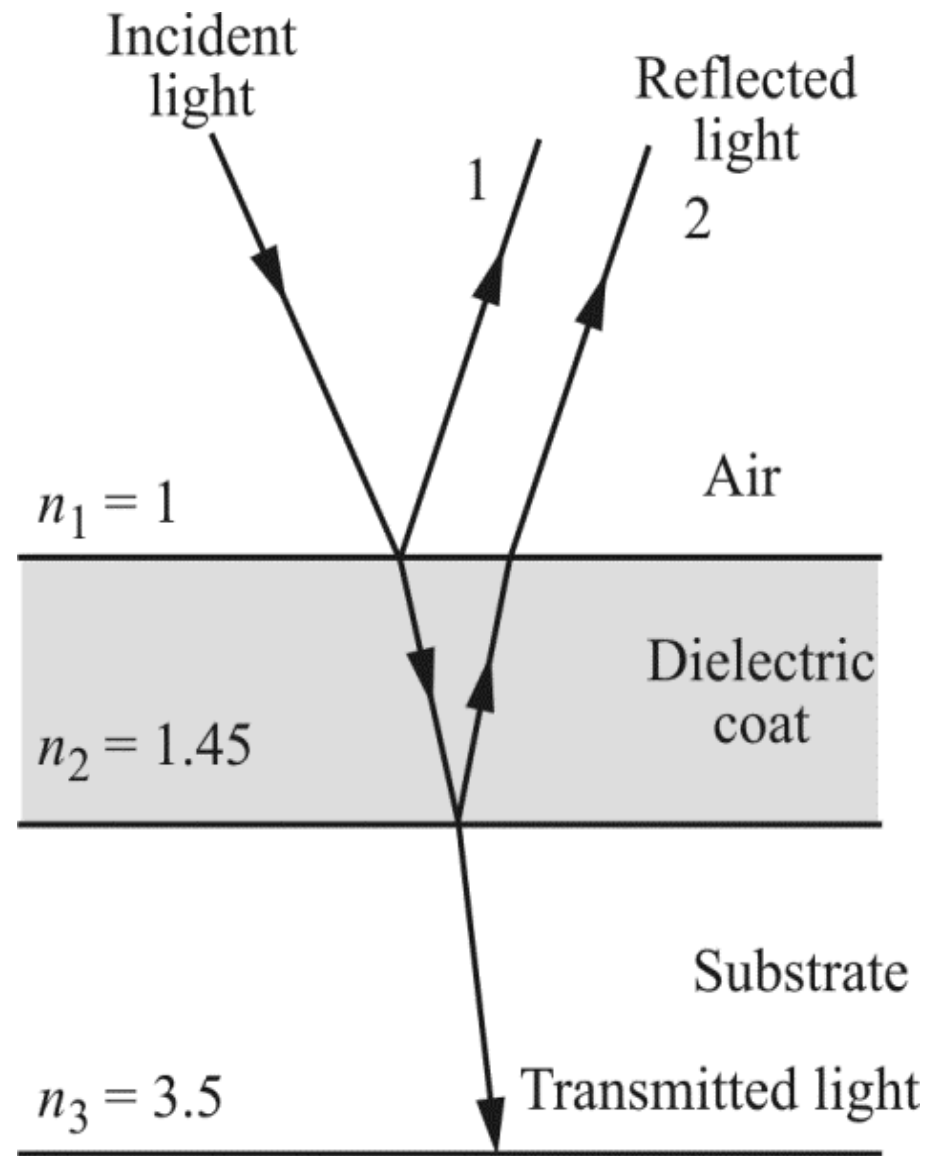


**Figure 2-5** *Reflection and refraction of initially unpolarized light containing equal amounts of  $E_{TE}$  and  $E_{TM}$*

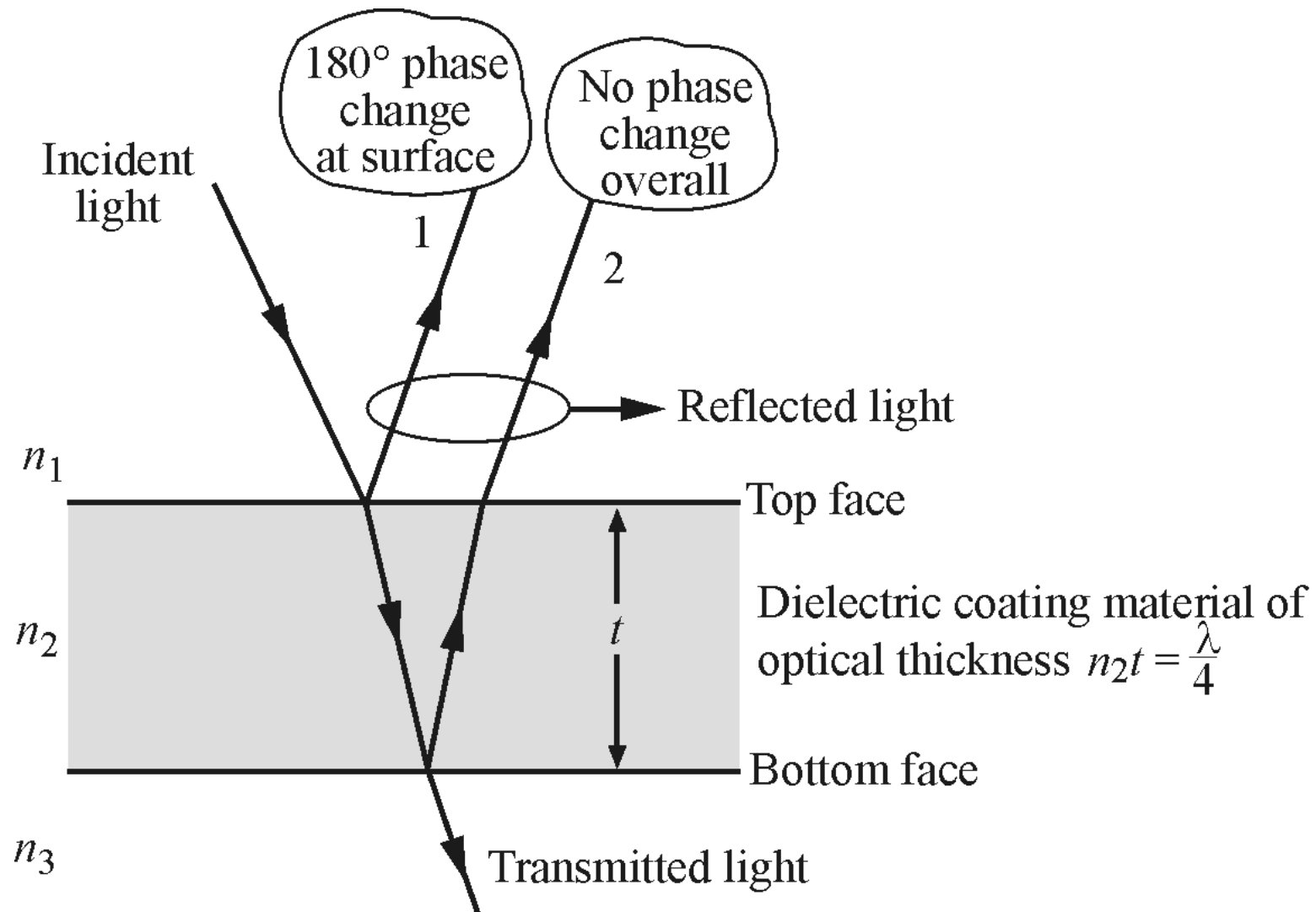


**Figure 2-6** *Absence of reflected light at a Brewster angle of incidence when incident light is totally polarized as  $E_{TM}$*

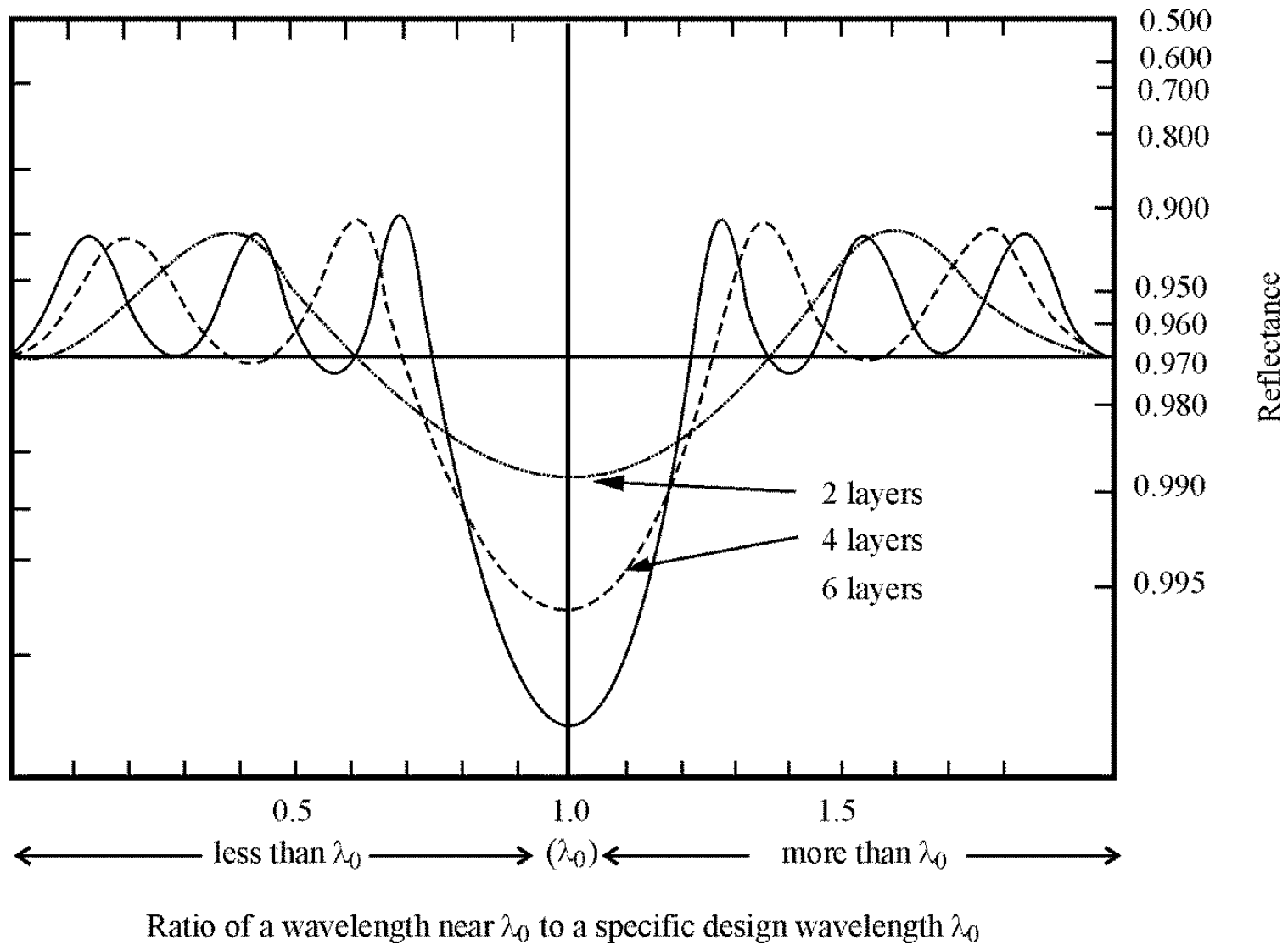




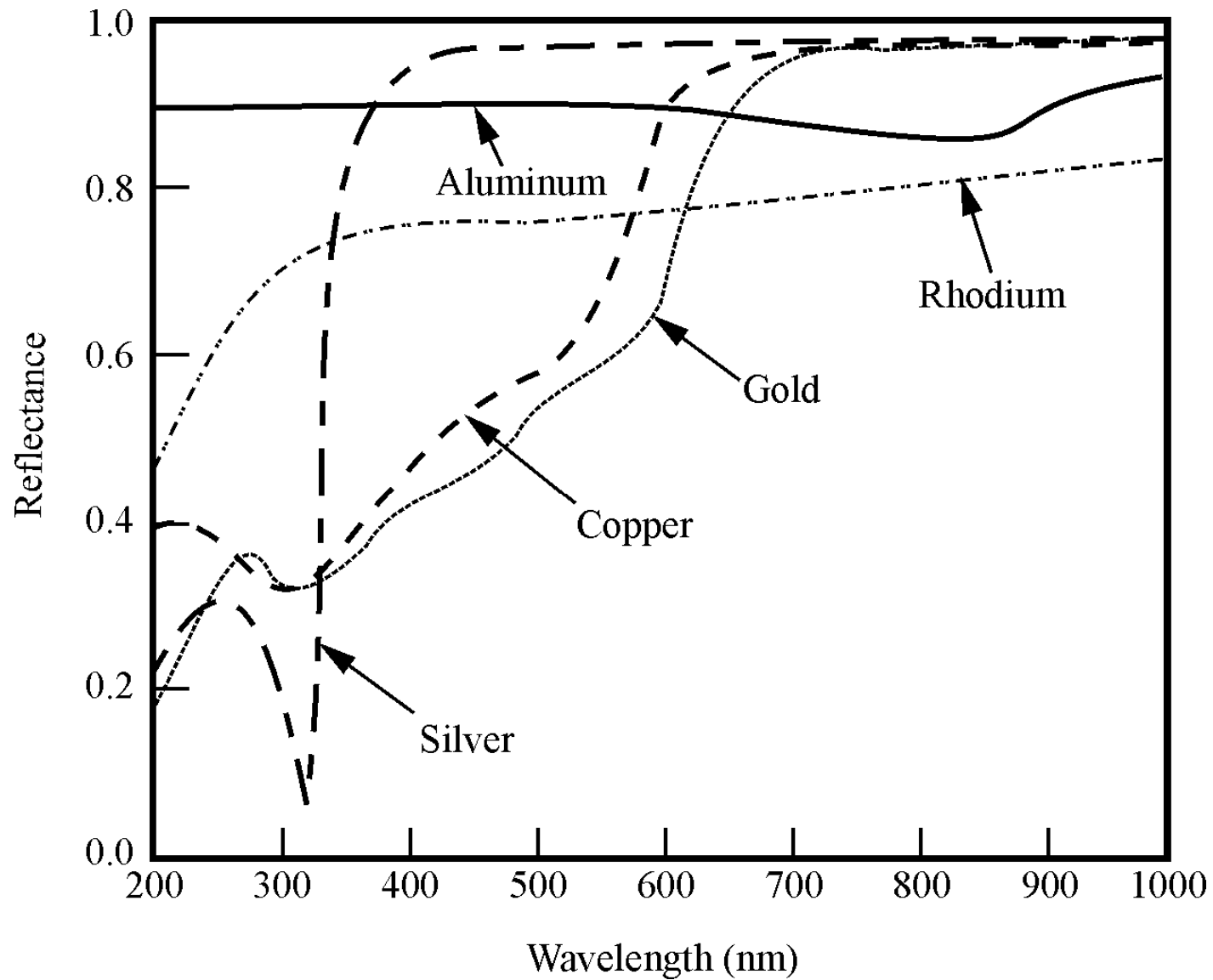
**Figure 2-8** *Reflection at multiple interfaces with different refractive indices*



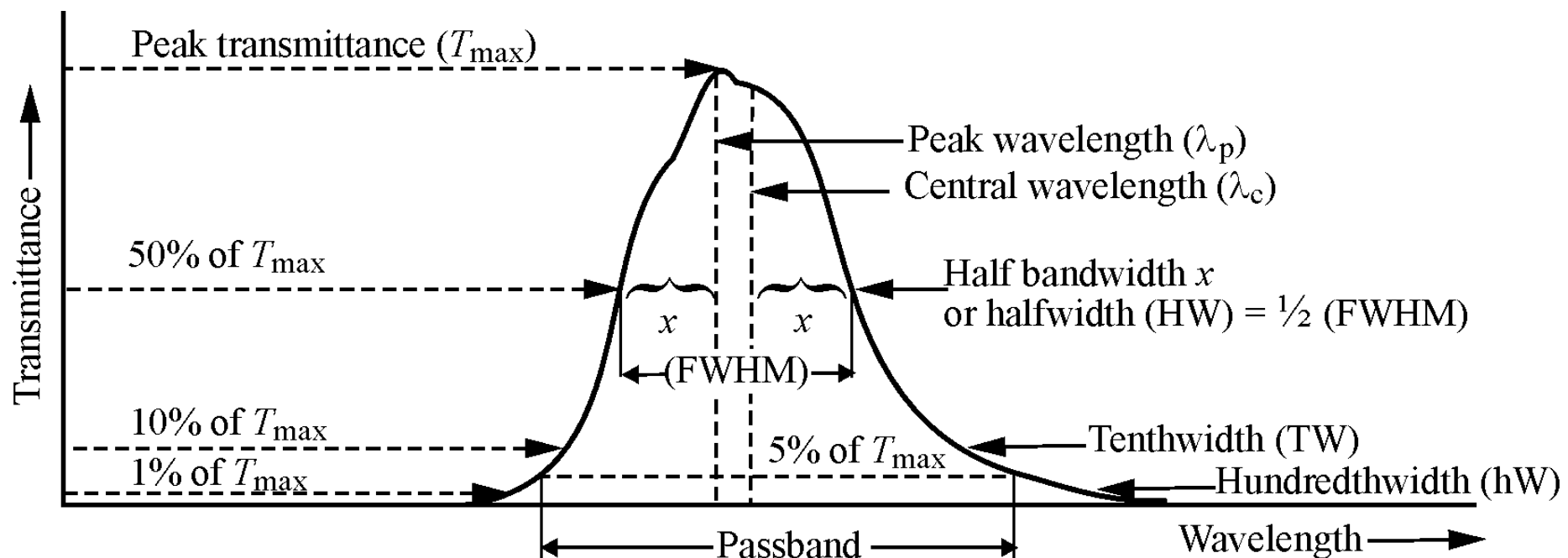
**Figure 2-9** *Reflection at top and bottom interfaces of coating material. Reflected rays 1 and 2 are  $180^\circ$  out of phase, leading to destructive interference and little or no reflected light.*



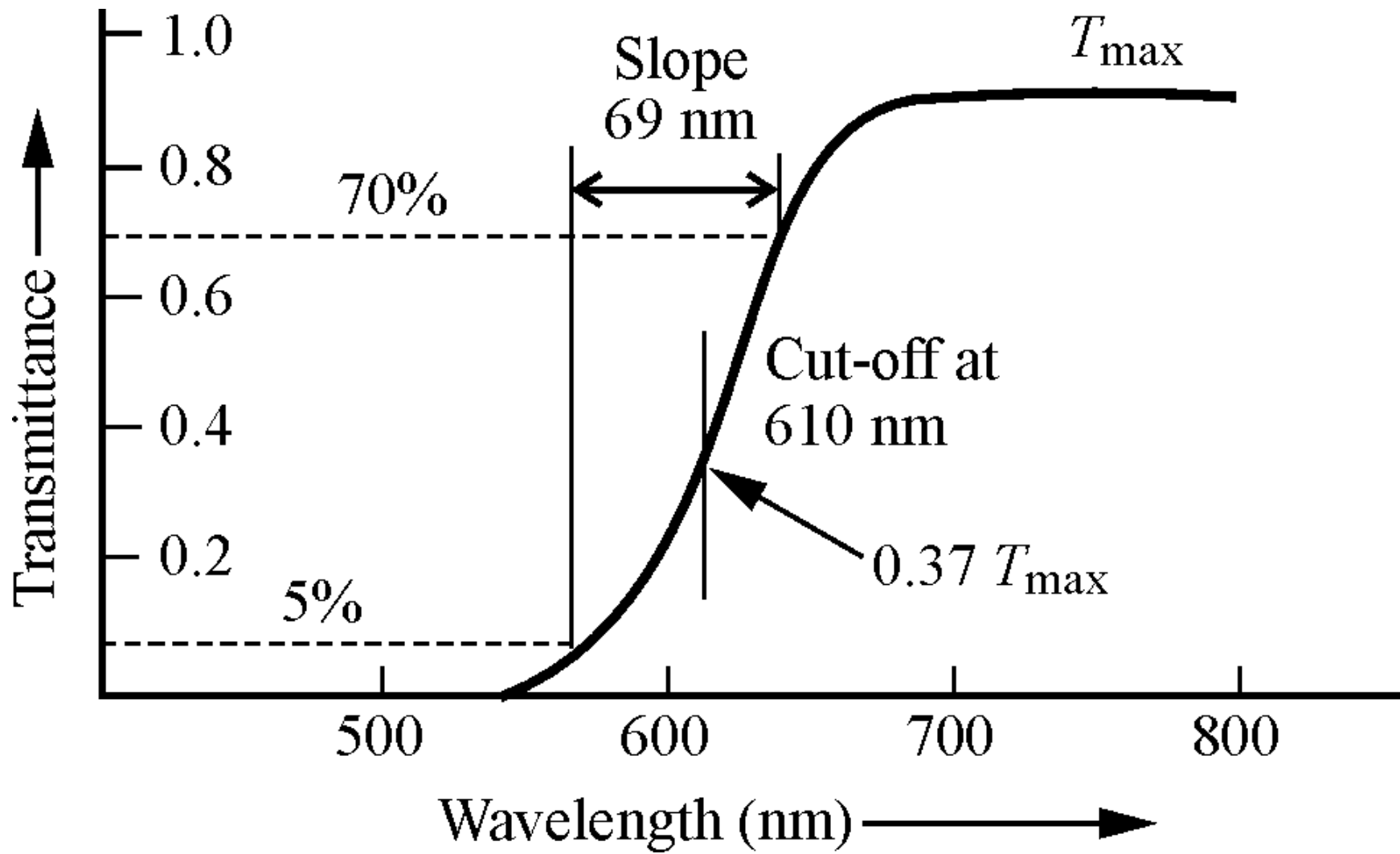
**Figure 2-10** *Increase of reflectivity at a specific wavelength  $\lambda$  after reflection at multiple layers of coating*



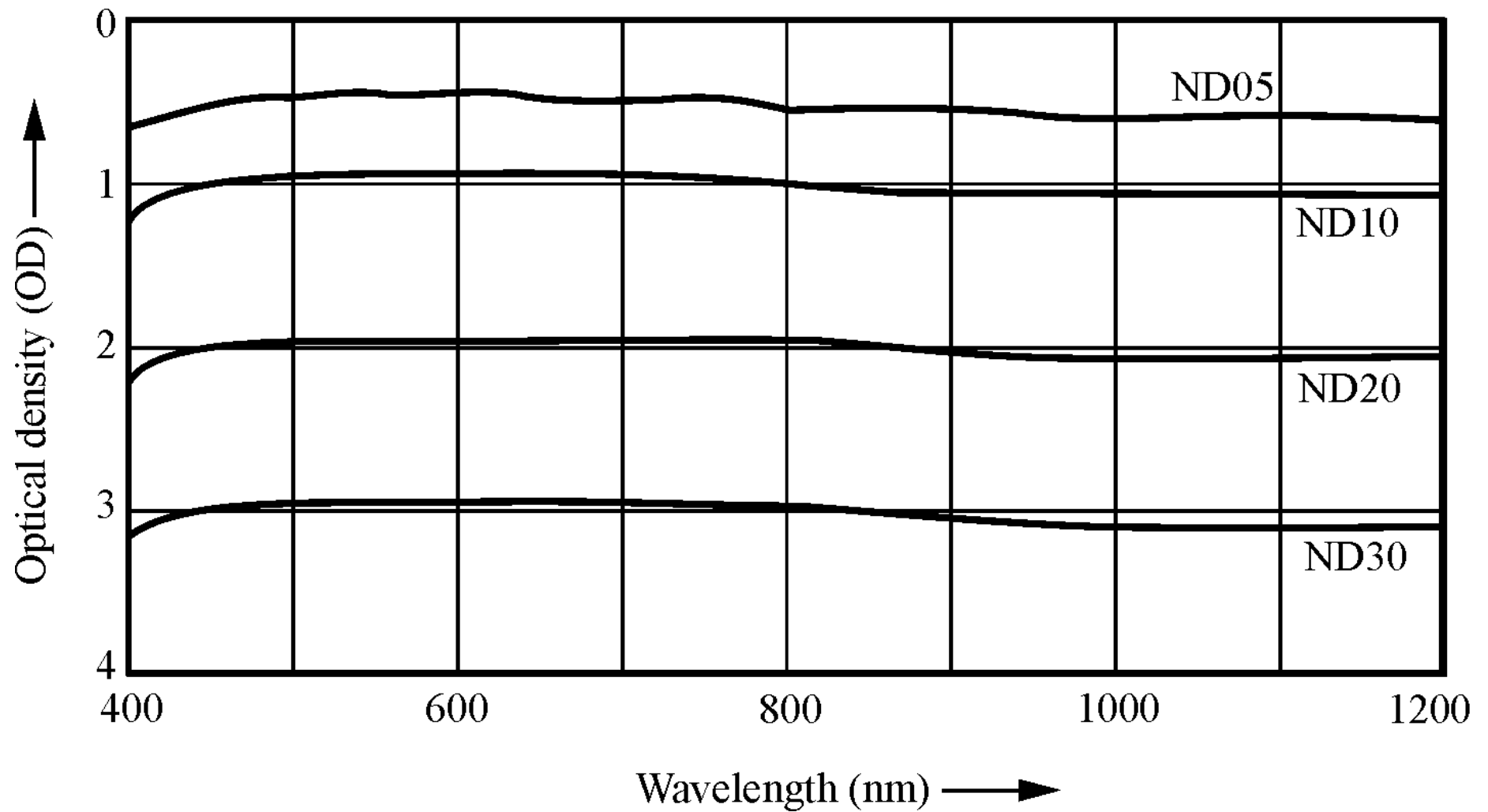
**Figure 2-11** *Reflectance of some metals as a function of wavelength*



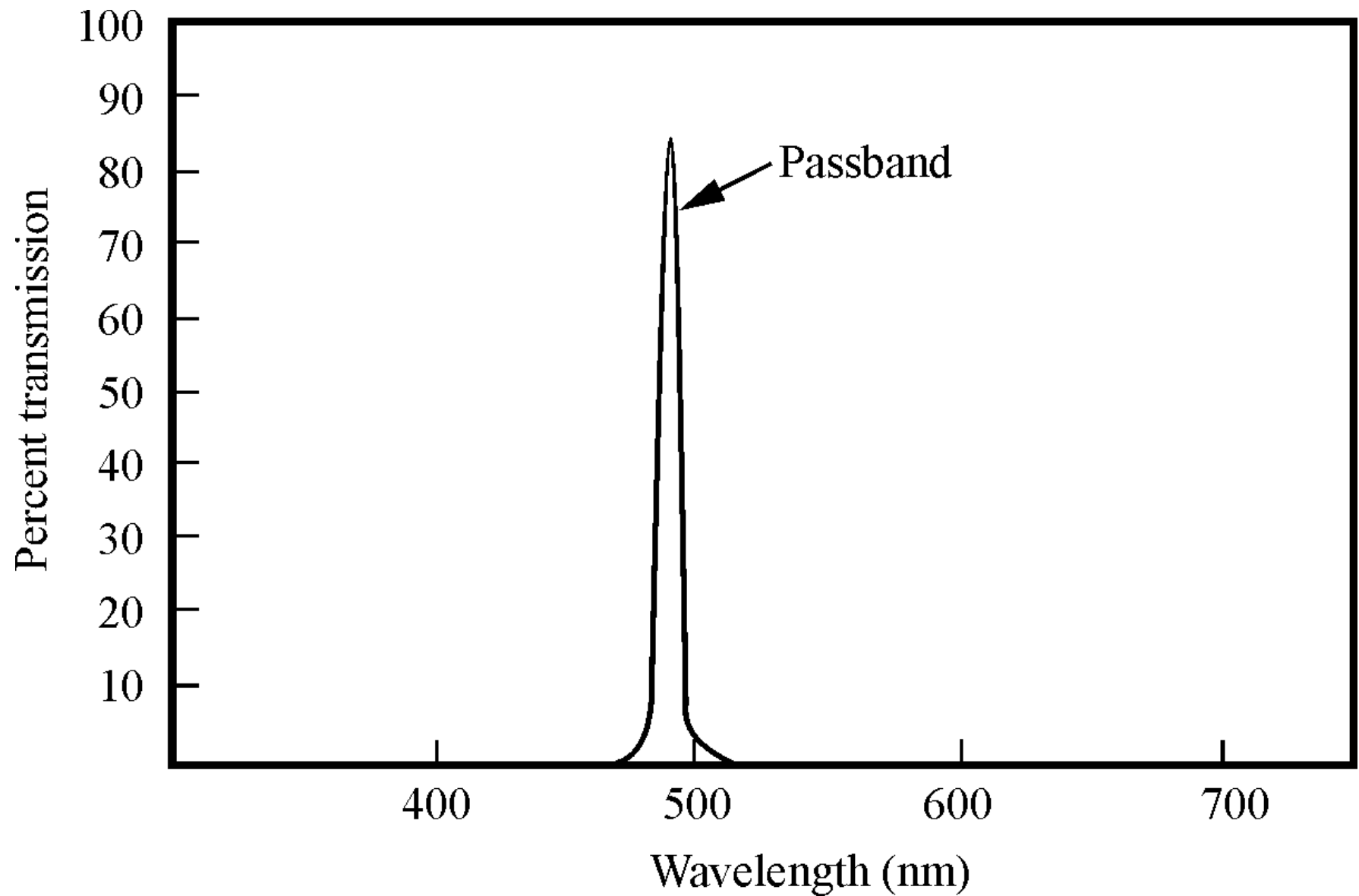
**Figure 2-12** *Properties of a band pass filter*



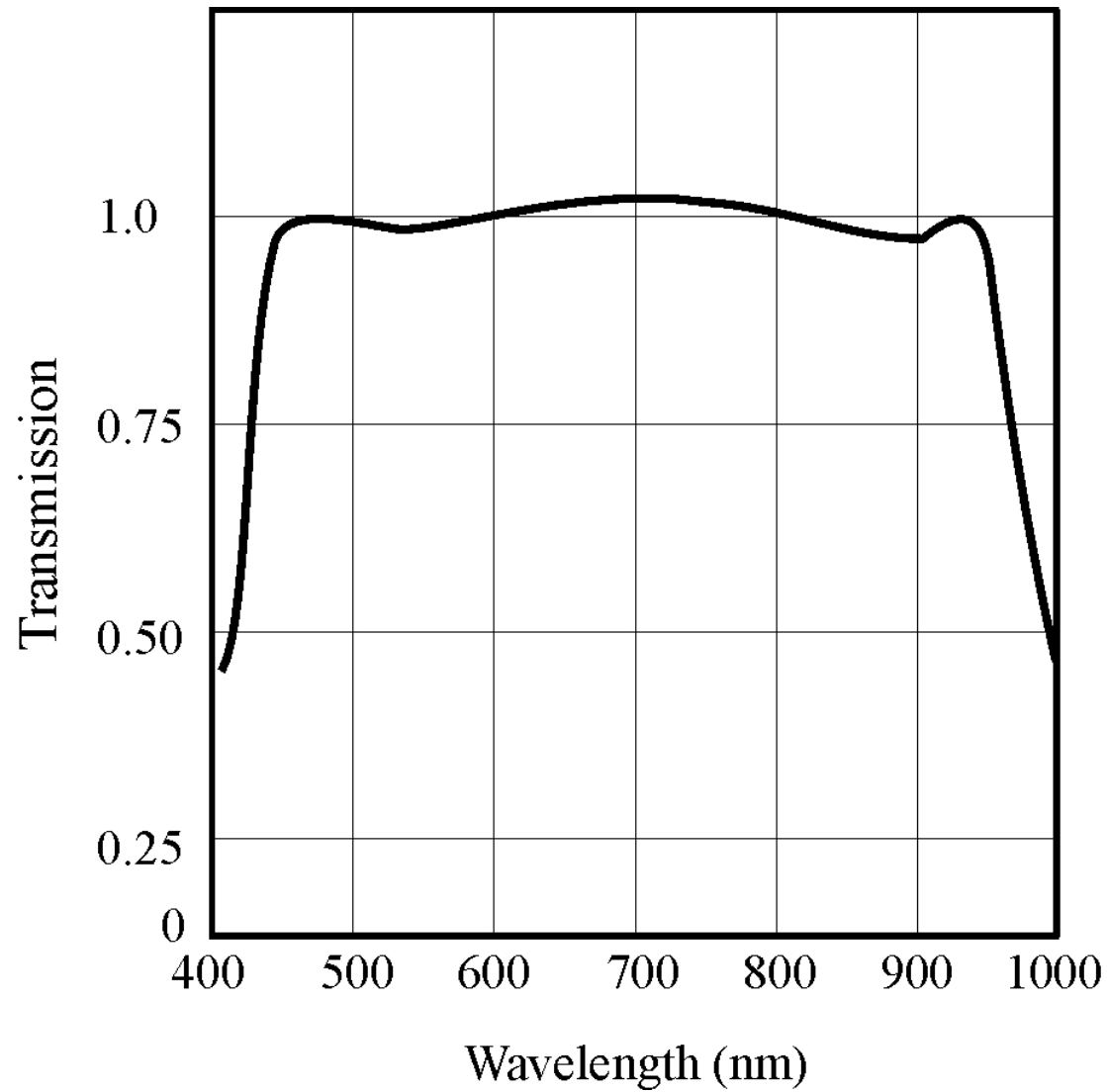
**Figure 2-13** *Properties of a high pass cut-off filter*



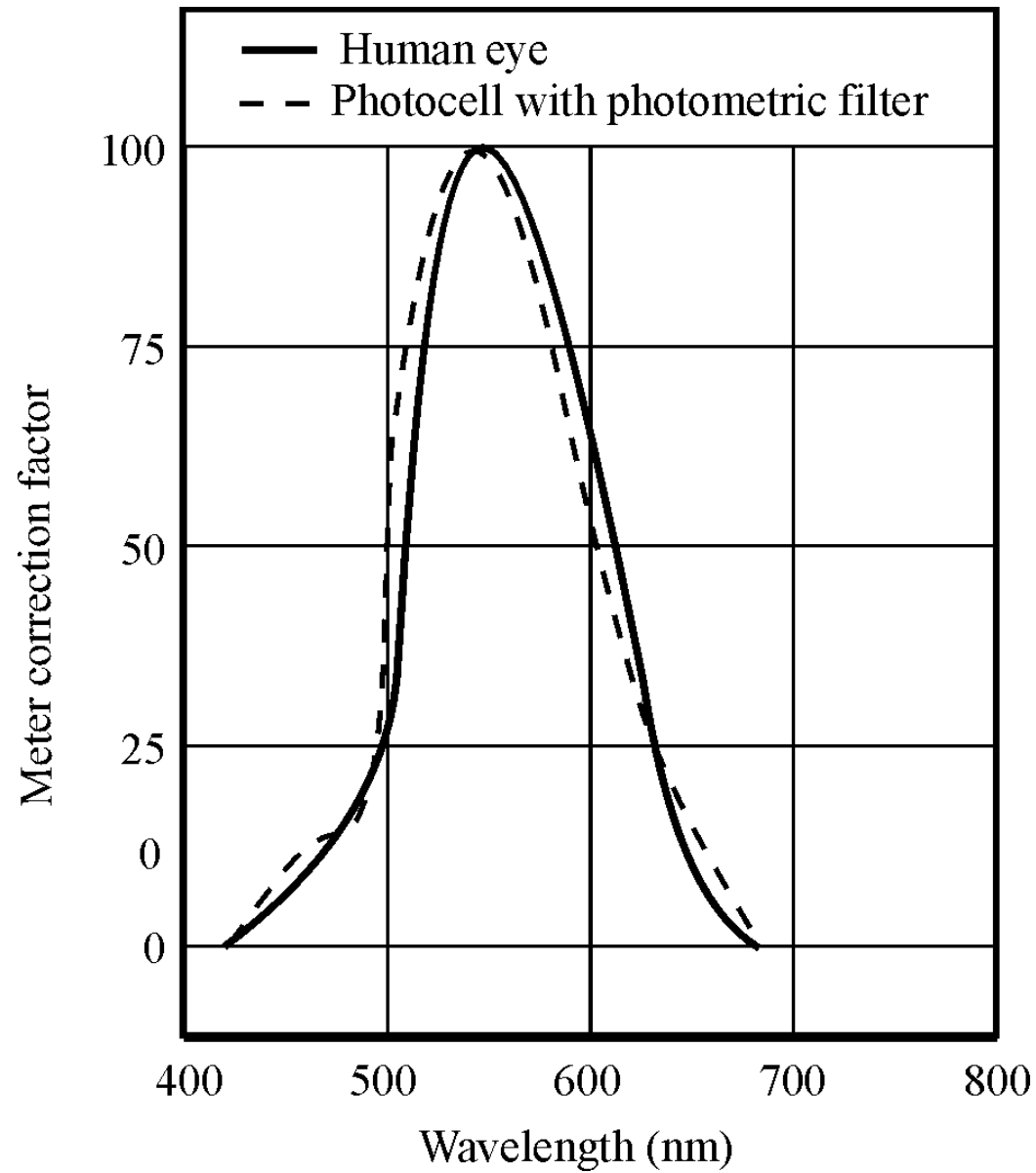
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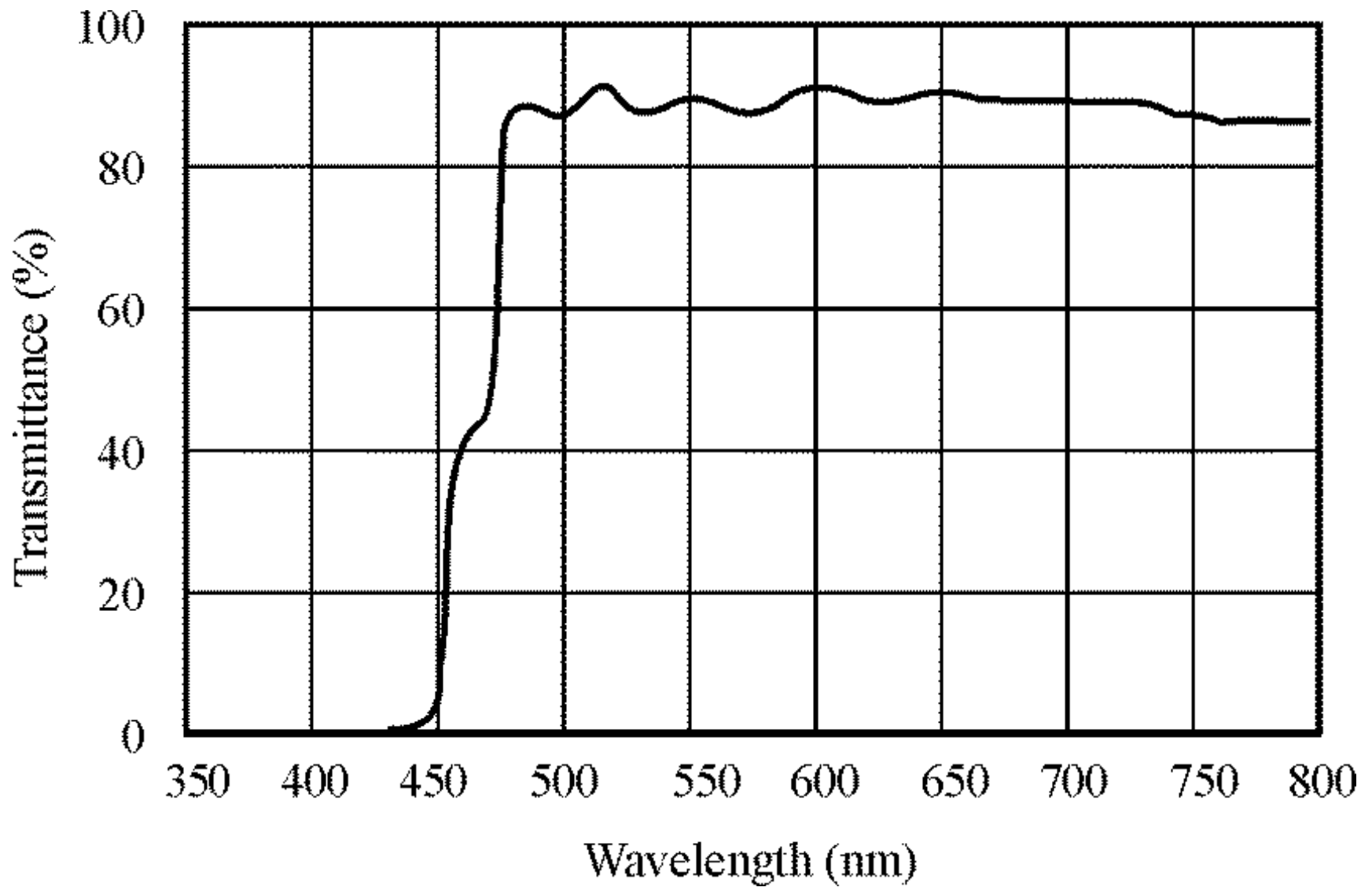
**Figure 2-15** *Percentage of transmission of a specific narrow-band filter*



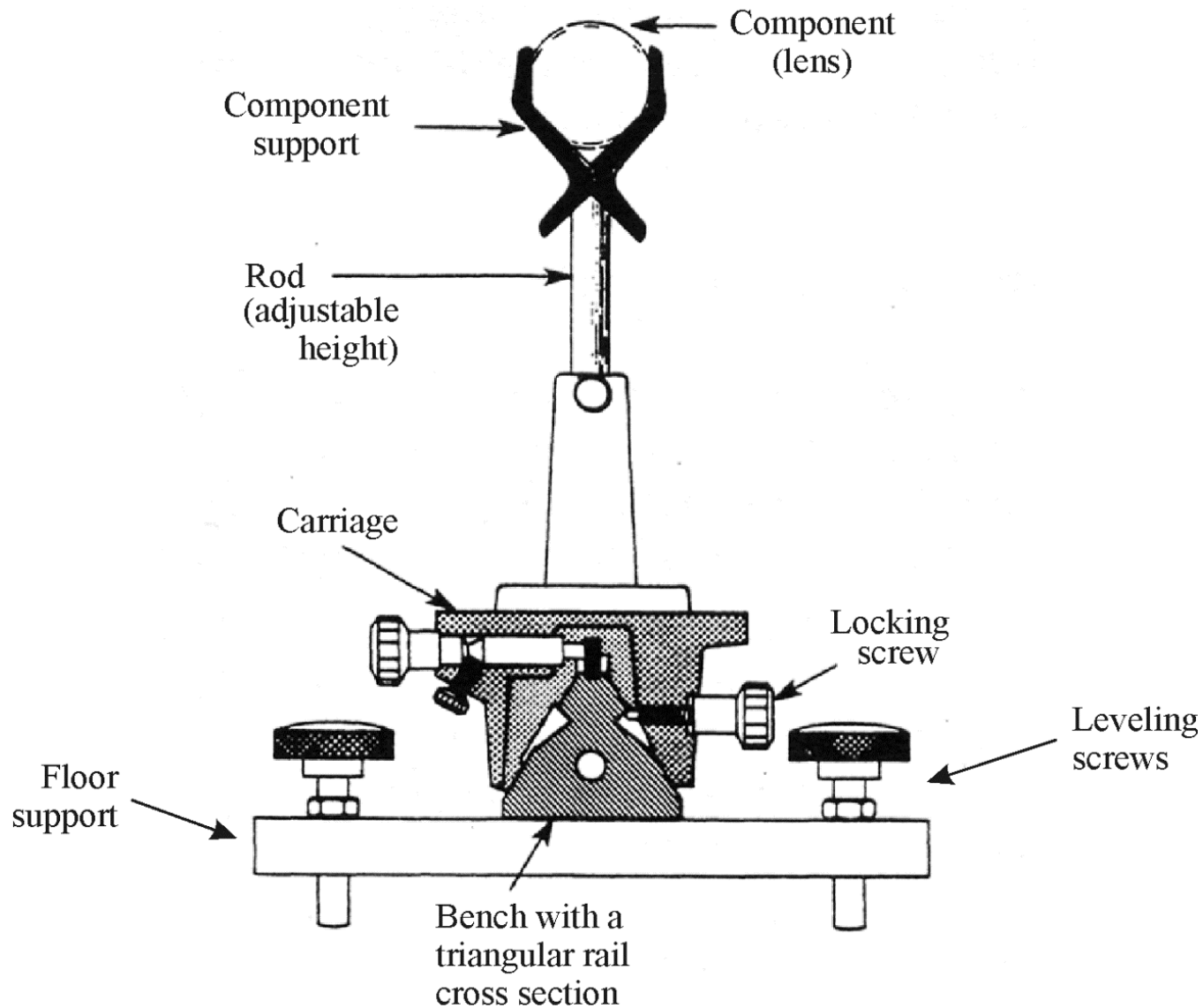
**Figure 2-16** *Transmission characteristics of a radiometric filter showing a nearly uniform transmission between 400 nm and 1000 nm (Image as revised in Fundamentals of Light and Lasers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*<sup>19</sup>



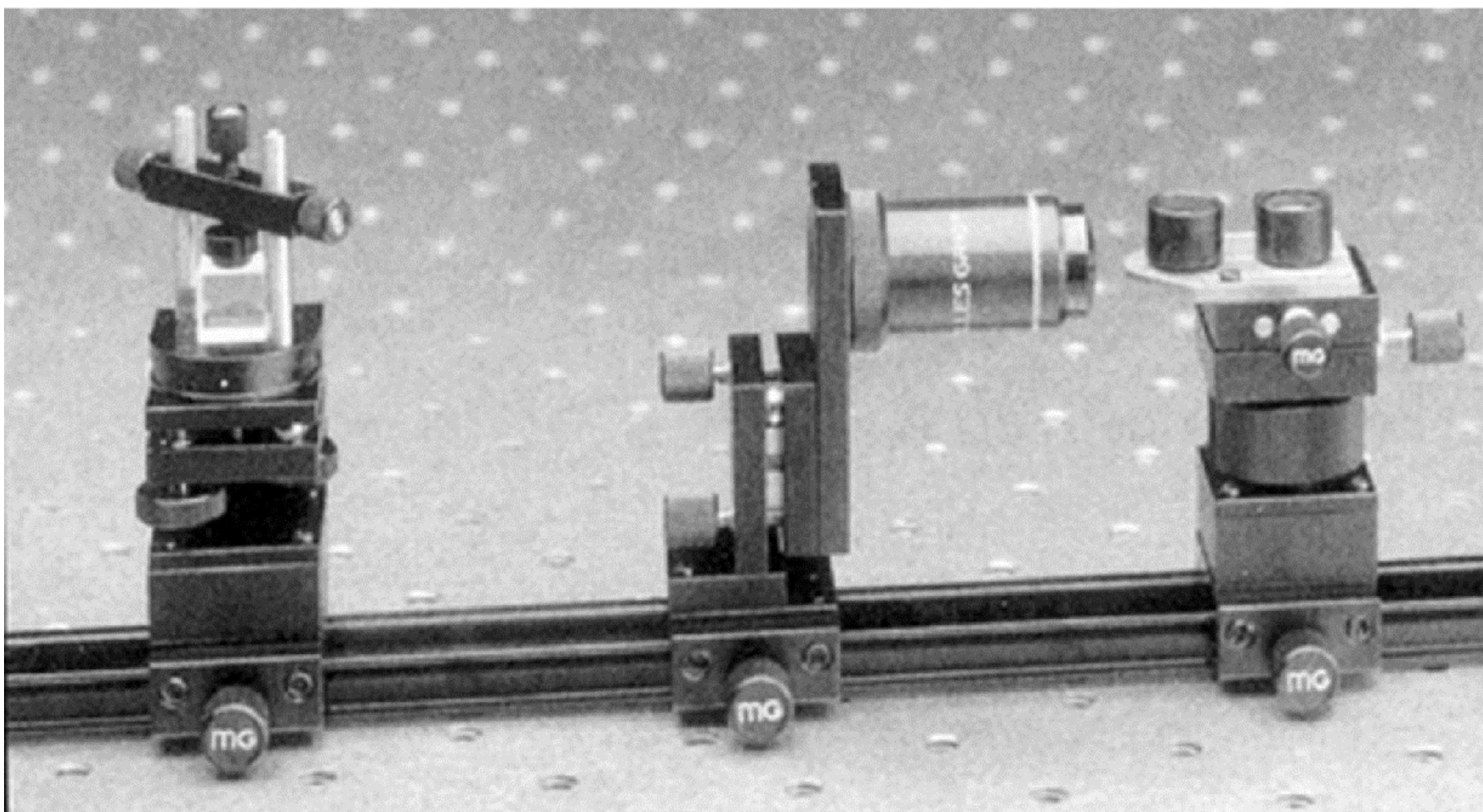
**Figure 2-17** *Transmission characteristics of a photometric filter*



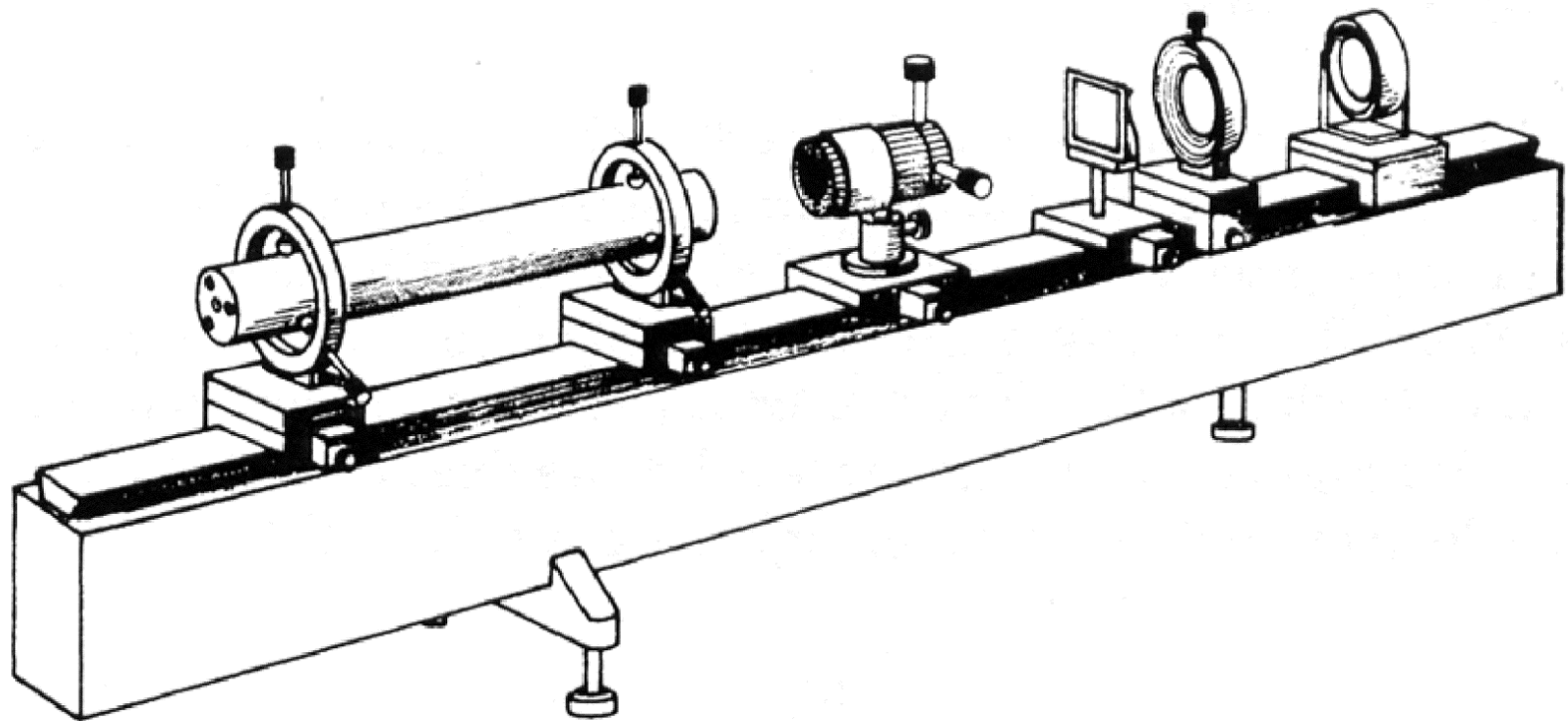
**Figure 2-18** *Transmission characteristics of a safety goggle suitable for protection from CO<sub>2</sub> laser beams*



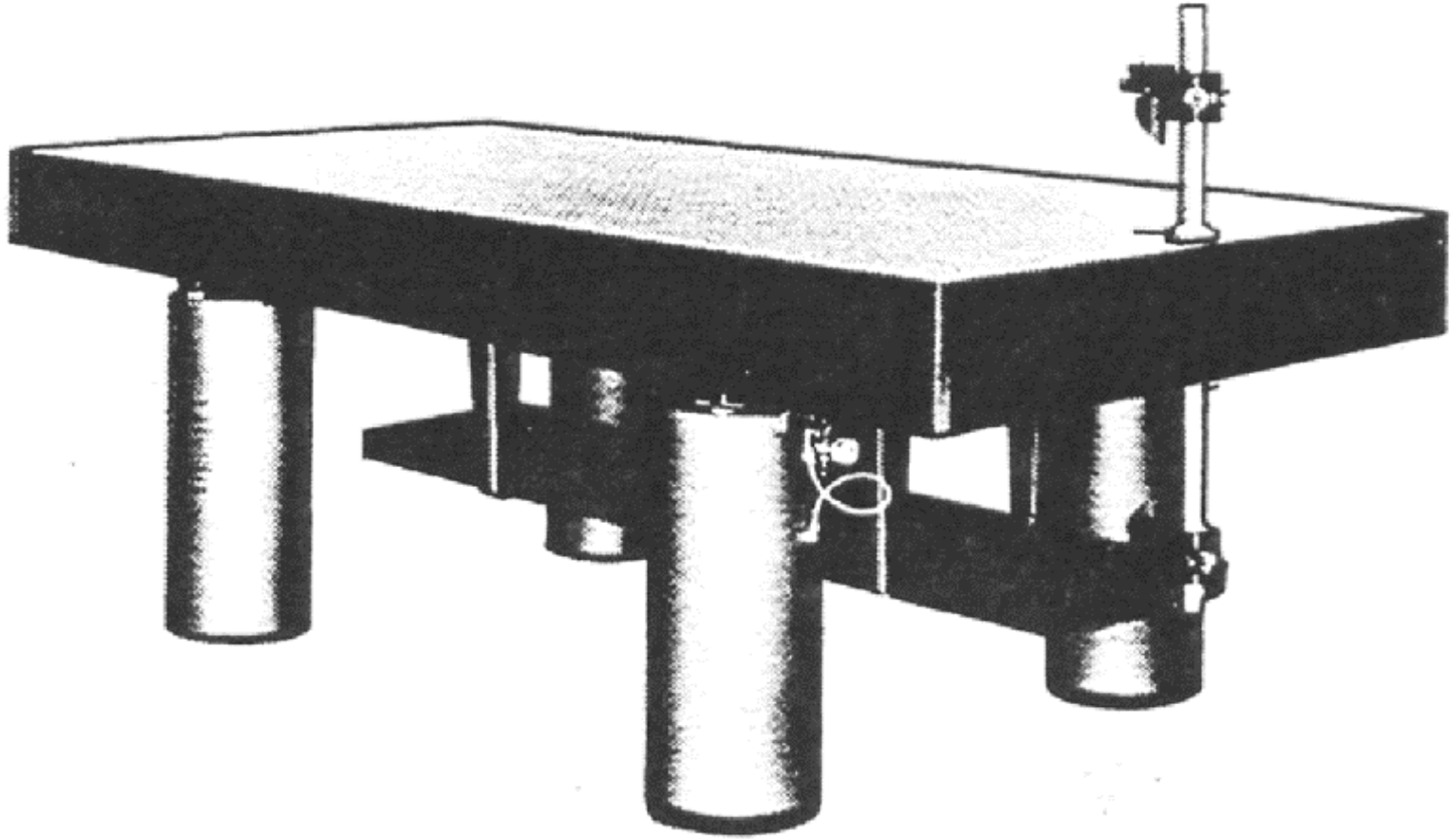
**Figure 2-19** *Cross-sectional view of a triangular optical rail with carriage, adjustable rod, lens support and lens*



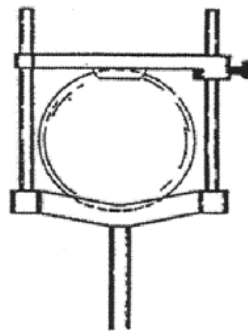
**Figure 2-20** *Double rectangular optical rail*  
(Courtesy: Newport Corporation)



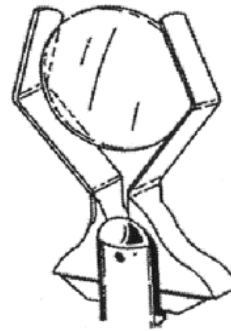
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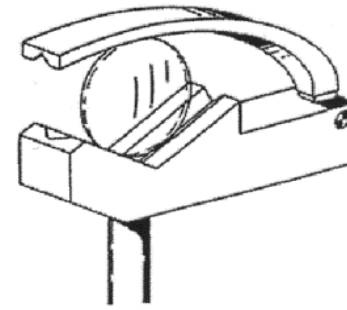
**Figure 2-22** *Isolation table with pneumatic legs*



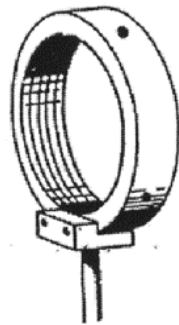
(a) Sliding grip



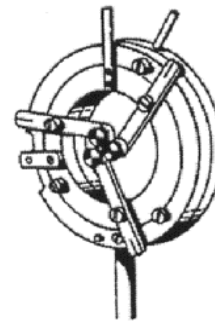
(b) Spring grip



(c) Swing arm

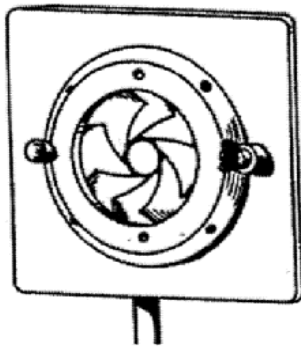


(d) Threaded ring

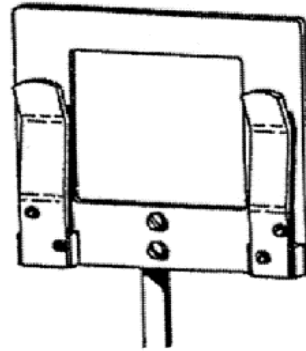


(e) Self-centering

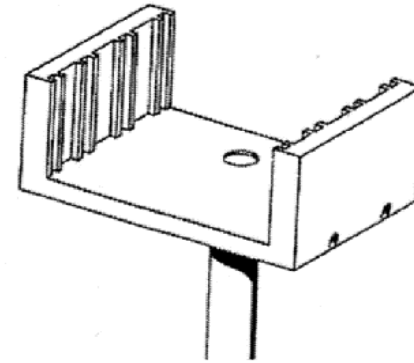
**Figure 2-23** *Different types of lens/mirror mounts*



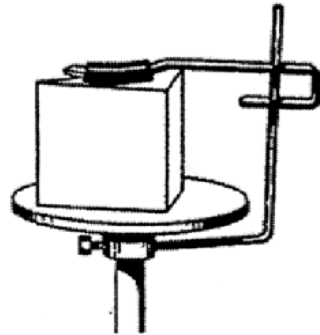
(a) Iris diaphragm



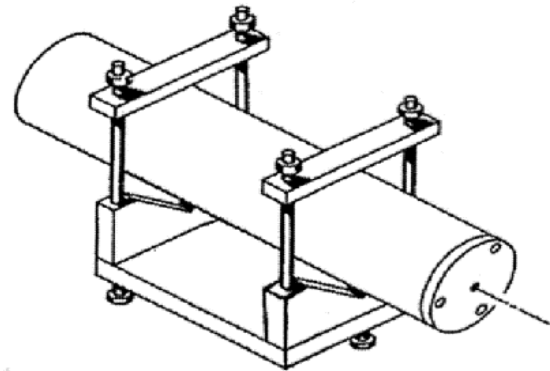
(b) Filter holder



(c) Filter holder

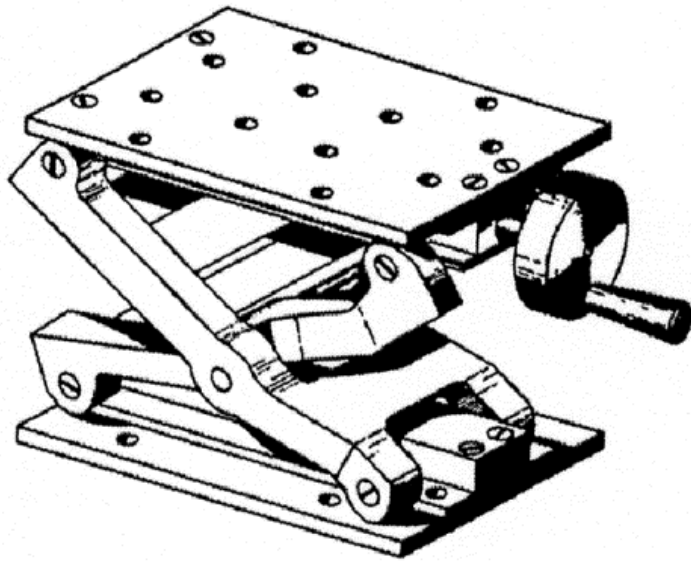


(d) Prism holder

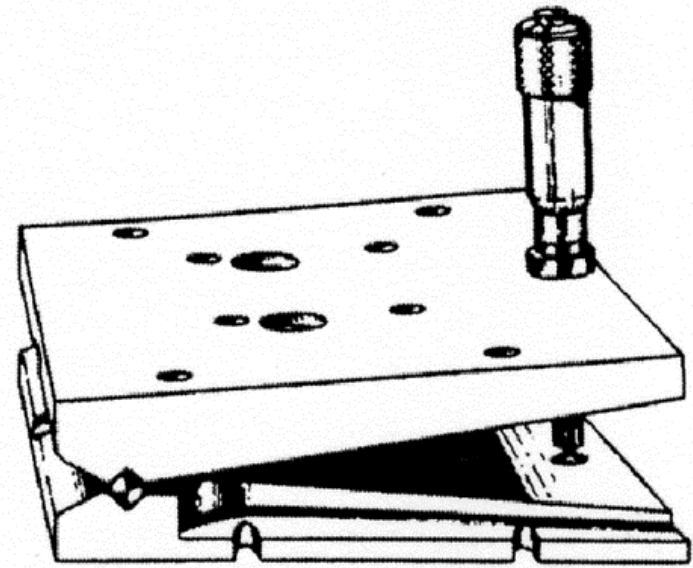


(e) Laser holder

**Figure 2-24** *Other types of holders for optical elements*

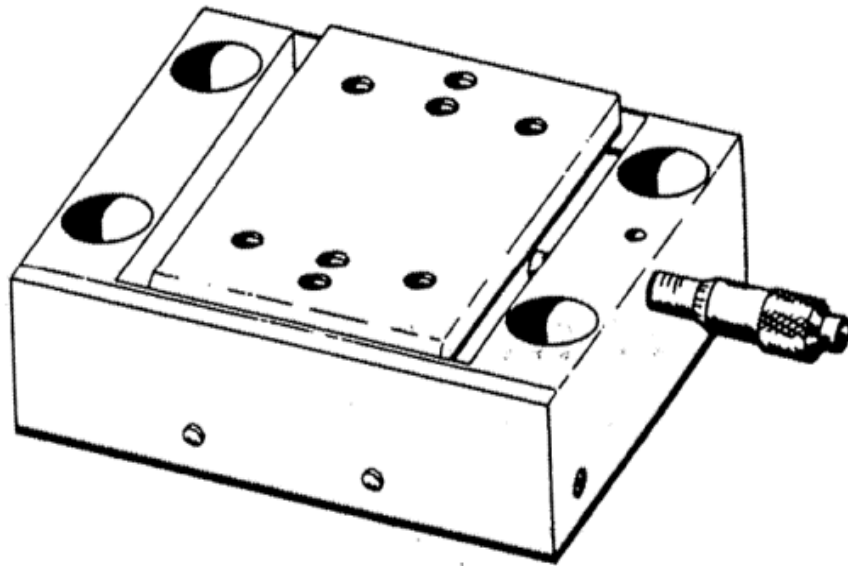


(a) Scissors jack

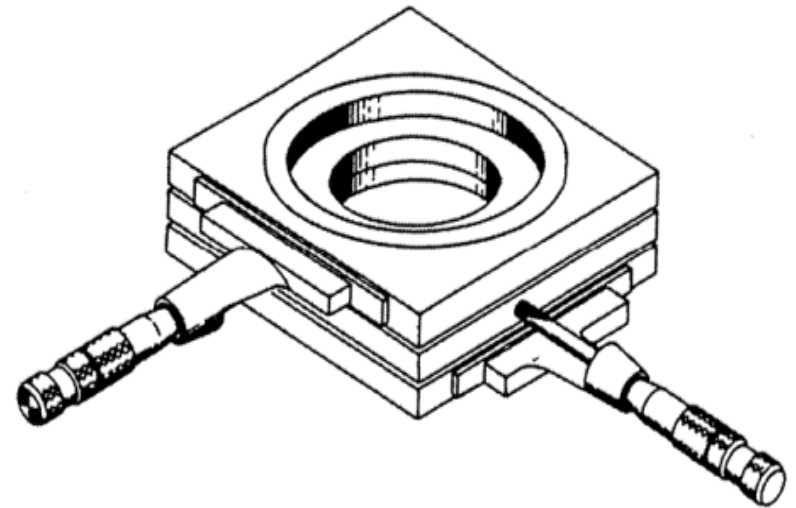


(b) Sine table

**Figure 2-25** *Schematic diagram of a scissors jack and a “sine table”*

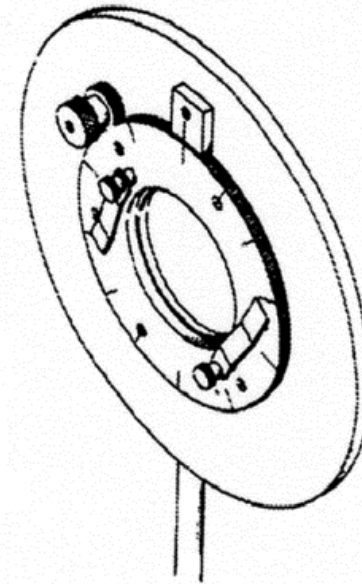
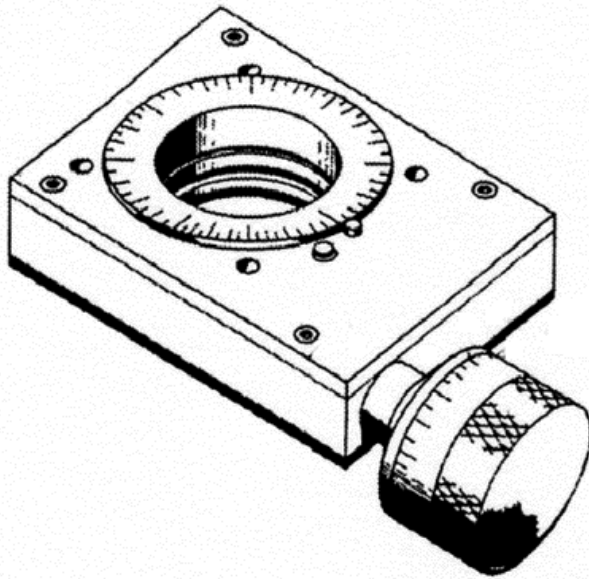


(a) Linear translator

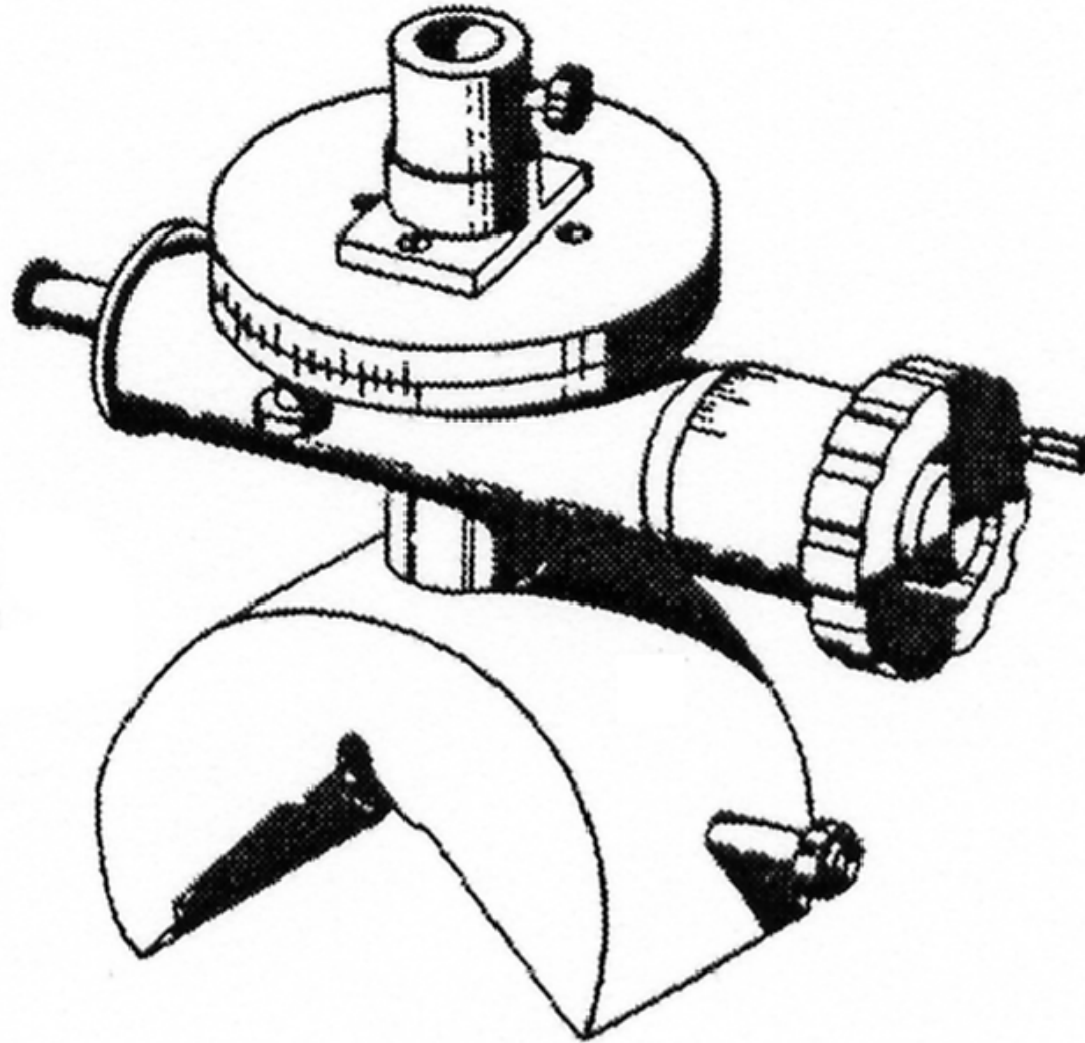


(b) Two-dimensional translator

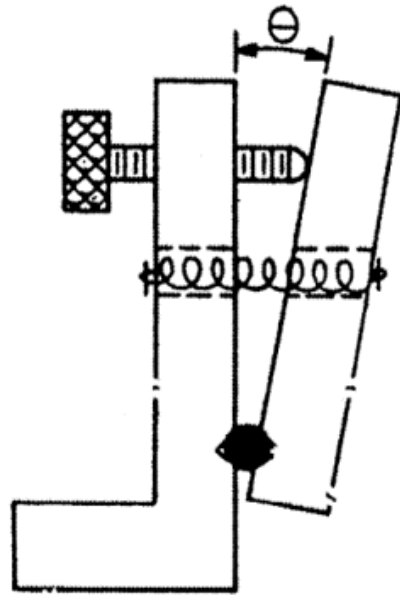
**Figure 2-26** *Schematic diagrams of one-dimensional and two-dimensional translators*



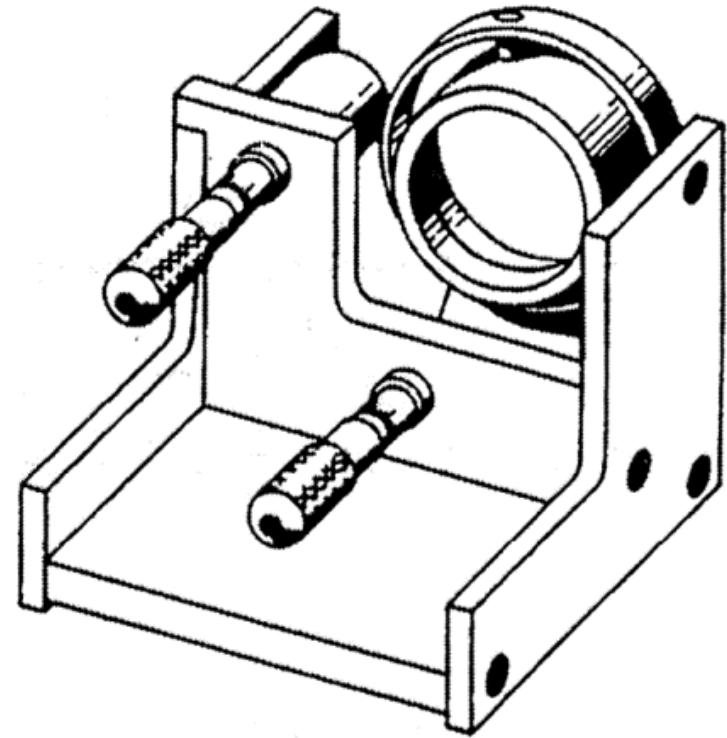
**Figure 2-27** *Picture of a simple rotational stage and a rotational stage of designed to hold Polaroid sheets*



**Figure 2-28** *Combined rotational and translational stage*

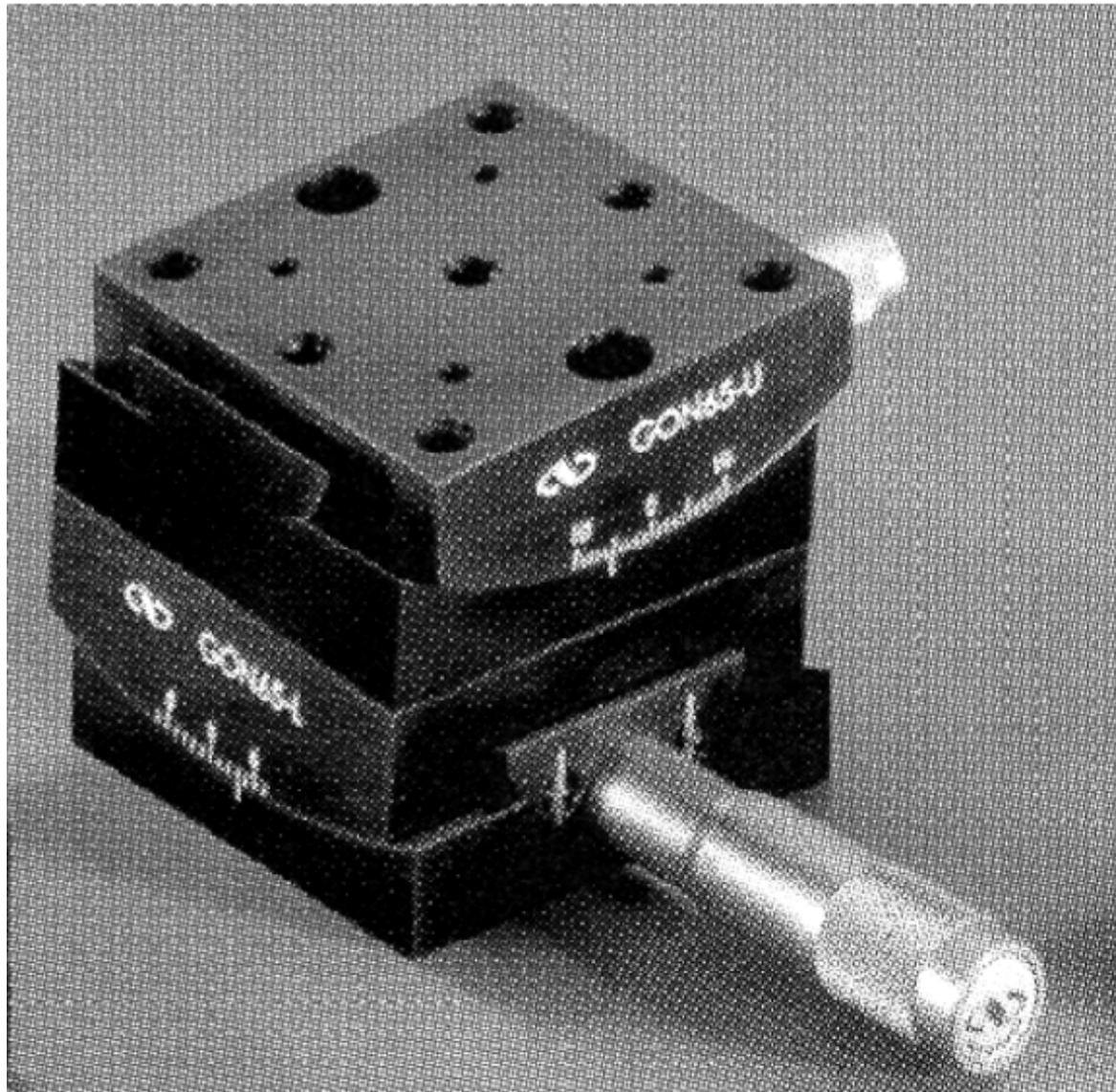


(a) Single-slit tilt

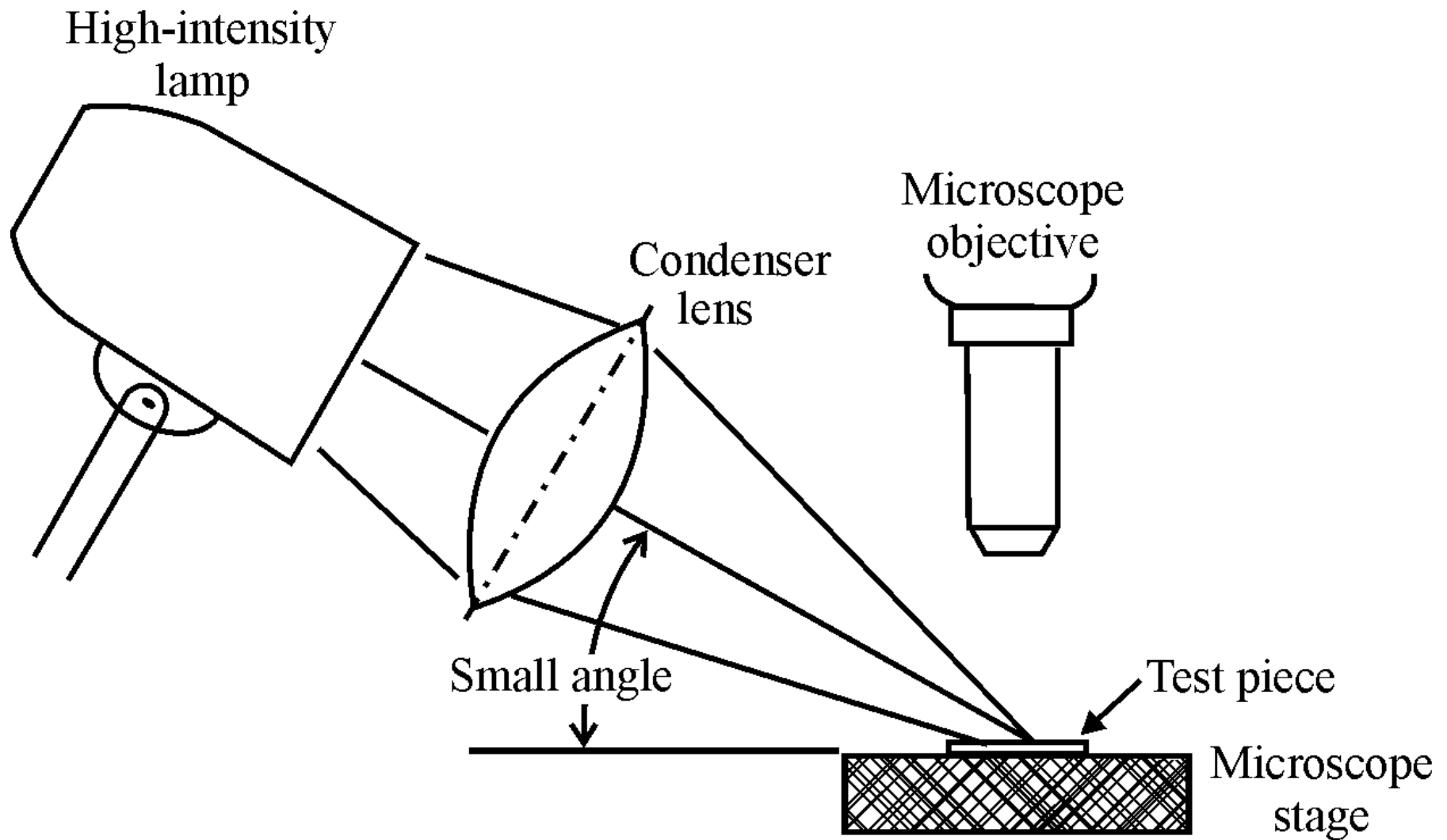


(b) Double-angle tilt

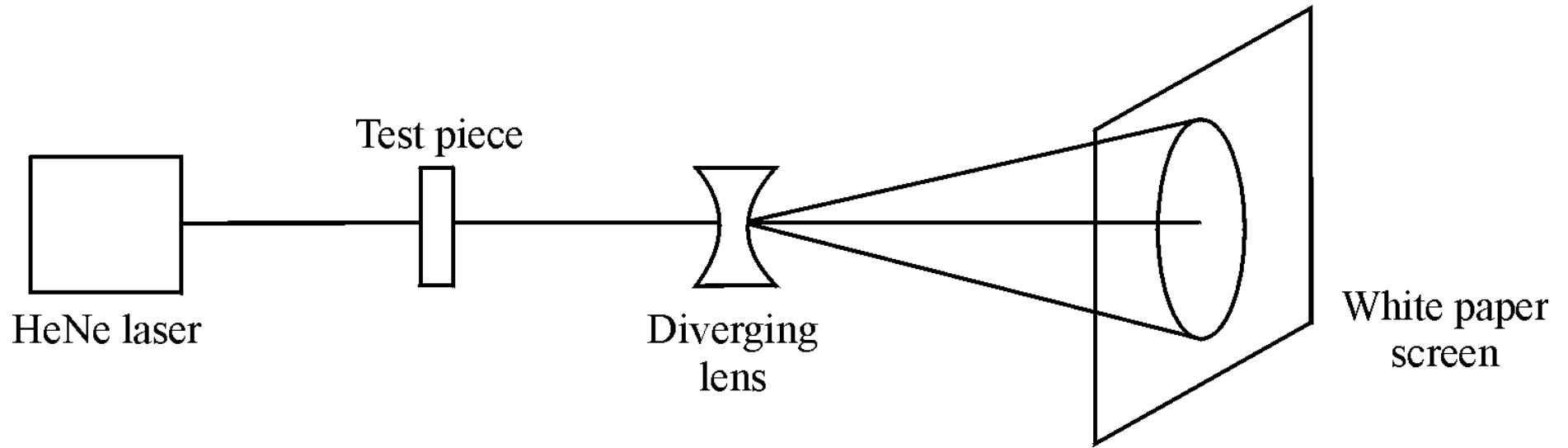
**Figure 2-29** *One and two-dimensional tilting stages*



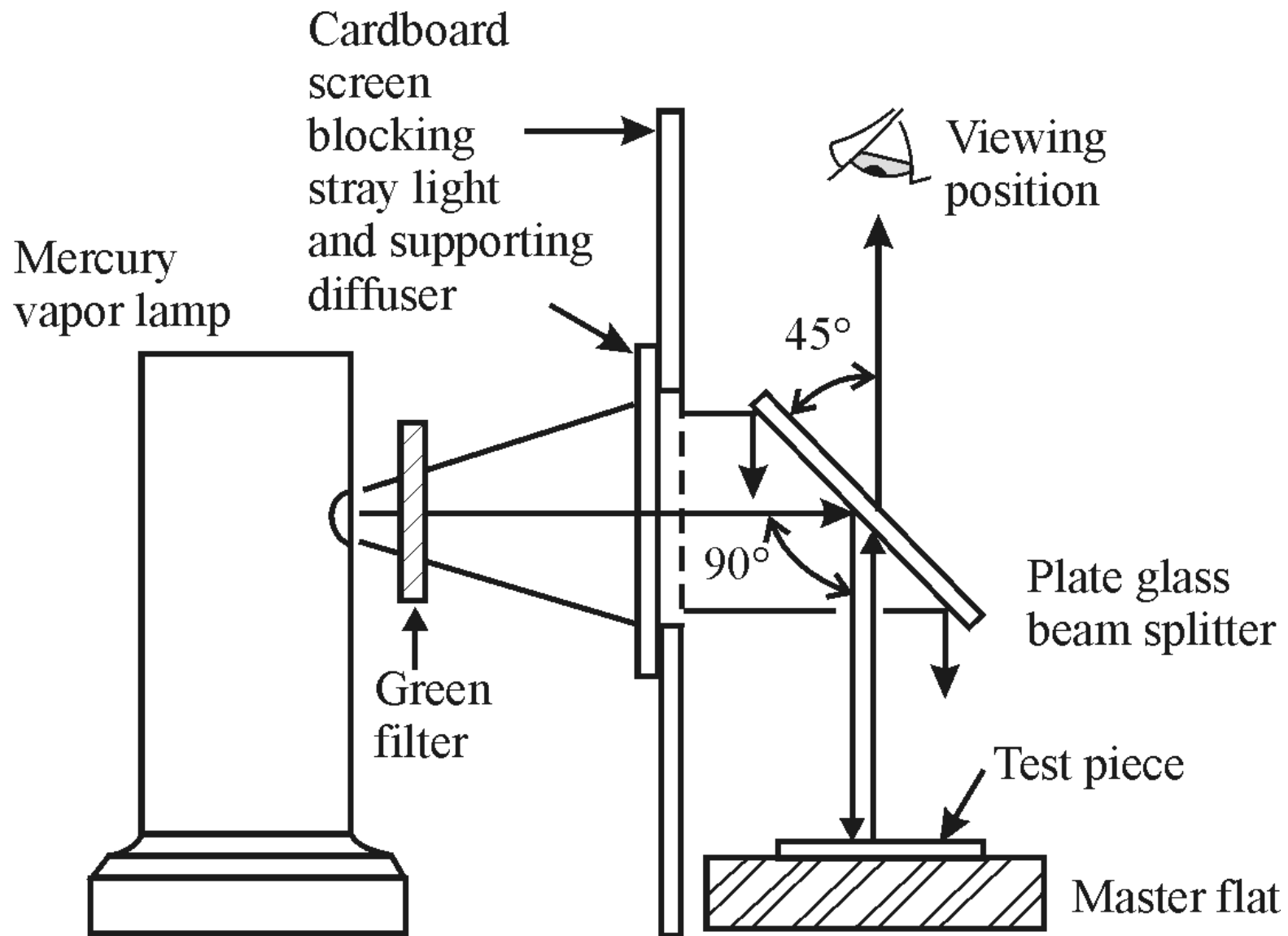
**Figure 2-30** *A commercial goniometer  
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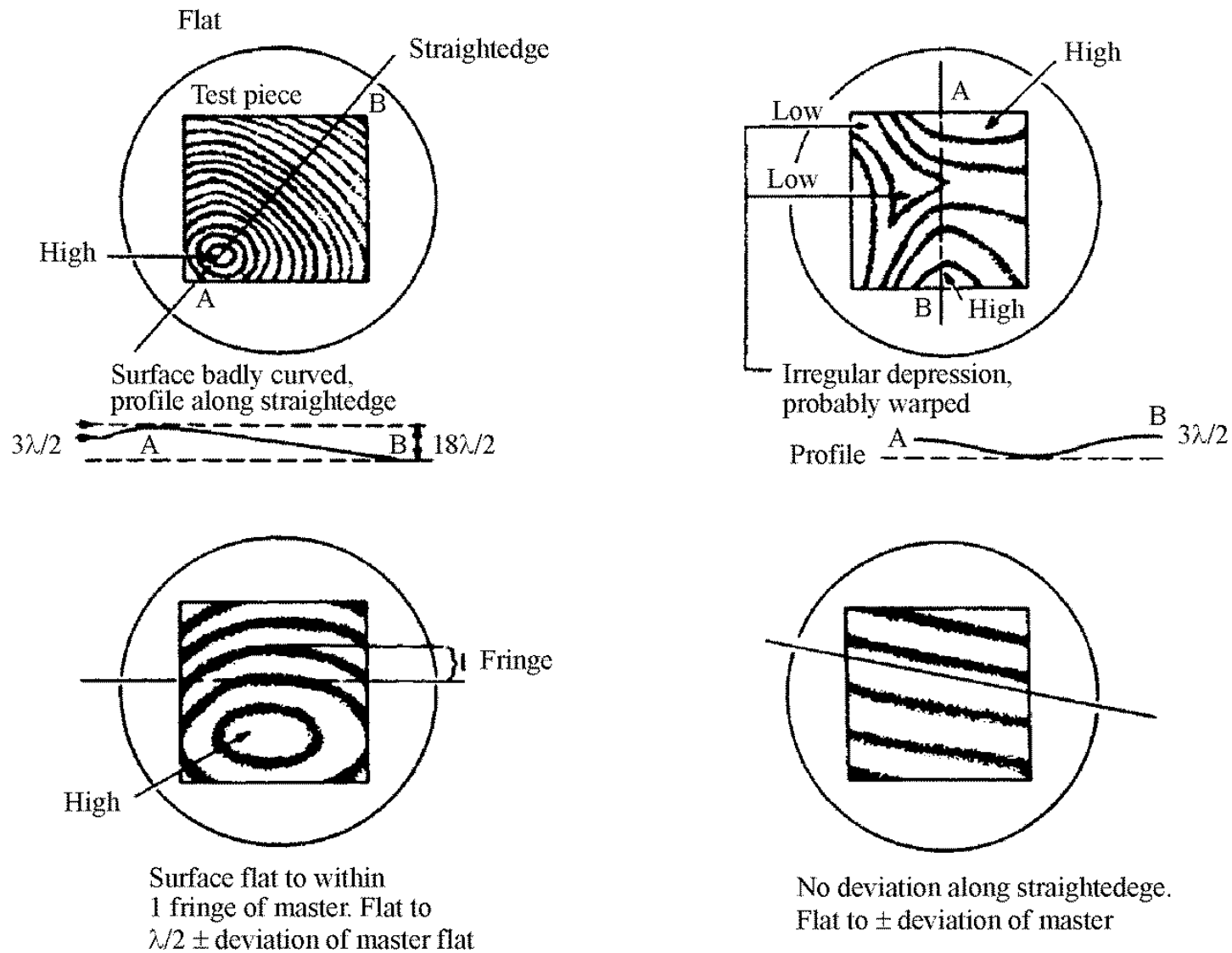
**Figure 2-31** *Schematic diagram for observing surface imperfections on an optical element*



**Figure 2-32** *Schematic diagram of an optical setup used to observe internal defects in an optical element*



**Figure 2-33** *Experimental setup designed to observe interference fringes on a flat optical element*



**Figure 2-34** *Typical interference patterns observed on flat optical test plates of different flatness*