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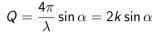
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The reflection and transmission coefficients are thus

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the reflected wave is in phase with the incident wave, almost total transmission



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thus the reflection and transmission coefficients become

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The reflected wave is out of phase with the incident wave, there is only small transmission in the form of an evanescent wave, and the penetration depth is very short.



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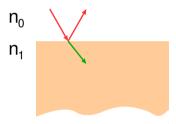
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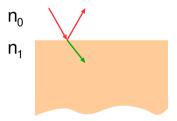


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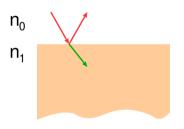
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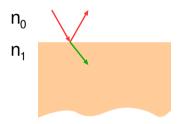


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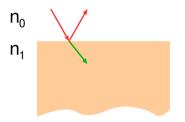
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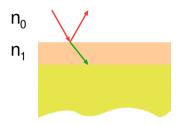
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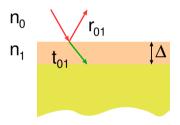
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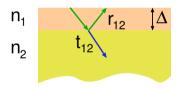
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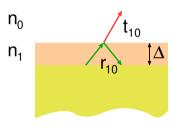


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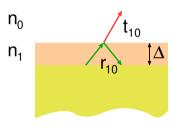
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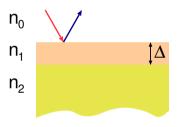


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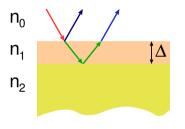


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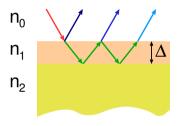


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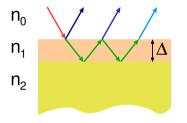
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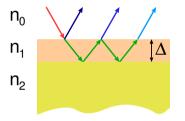
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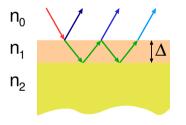
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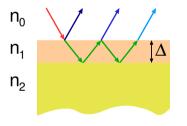
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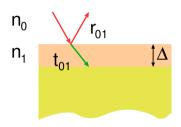
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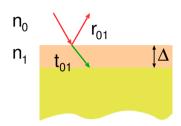
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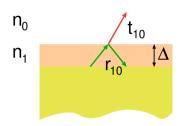


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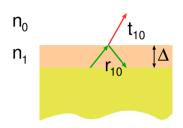
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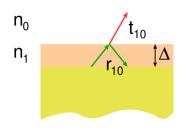
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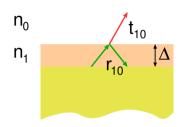
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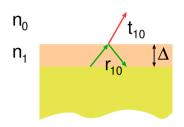
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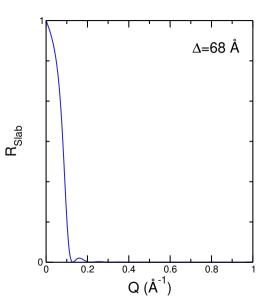
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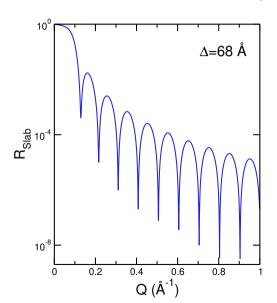
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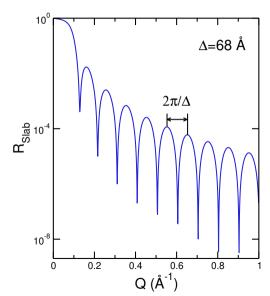
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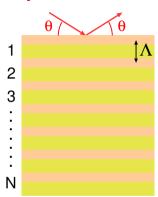
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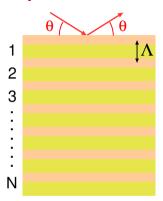
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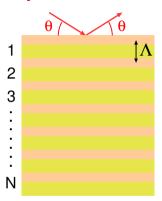


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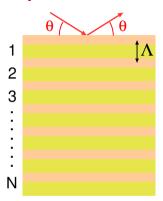


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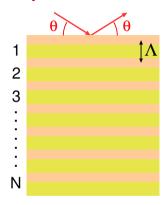
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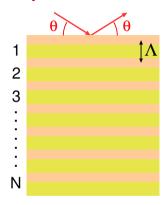
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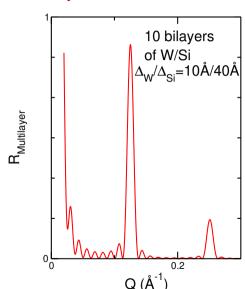
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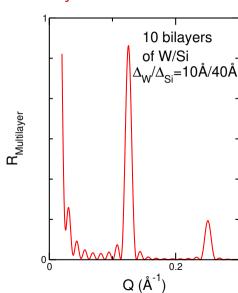


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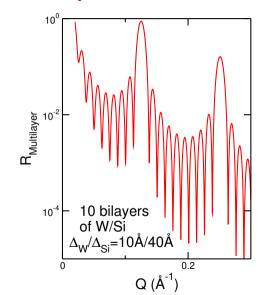
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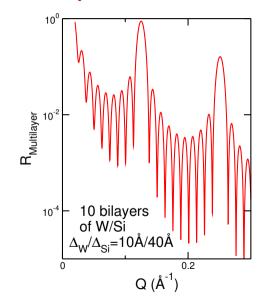


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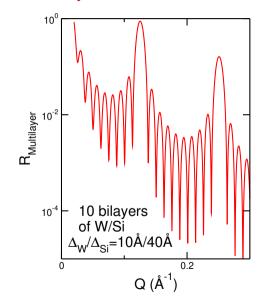
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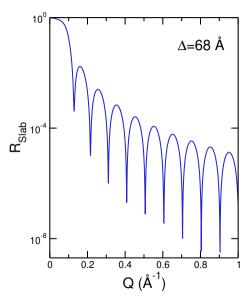
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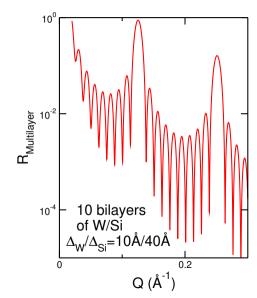
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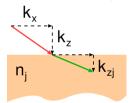


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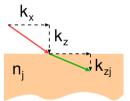
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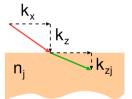
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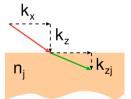
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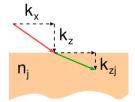
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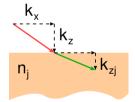
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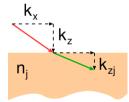
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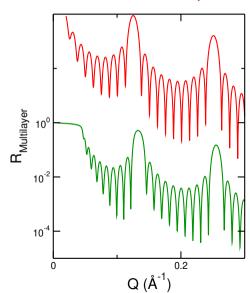
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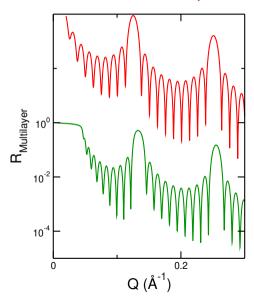


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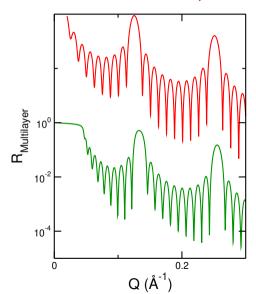
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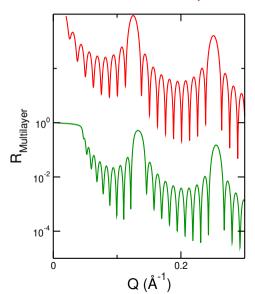


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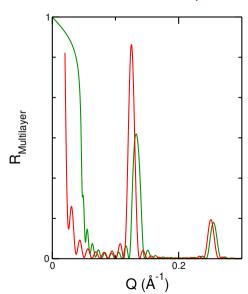
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