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The cover picture, is taken from the contribution by Chernev et al. p. 272 and shows infrared images of multilayer polymer film.

