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# Moving to the Glass Age

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## Abstract

Based on the unique combination of transparency and formability, glass objects have been fabricated since prehistoric times. Over the centuries, glass has become a material of choice for distinctive architectural applications or selective containment of goods. All along the 20th century, a number of technological breakthroughs have propelled glass to being a common feature in everyone's daily environment. In the past 50 years more inventions and more fundamental understanding of the ultimate capabilities of that material have enabled further proliferation of unexpected applications, which are opening a new era, the Glass Age! Examples of such capabilities and applications will be mentioned in the presentation.

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