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Can antireflection optical thin films be used in solar cells?

This paper reviews the latest applications of antireflection optical thin films in different types of solar cells and summarizes the experimental data. Basic optical theories of designing antireflection coatings, commonly used antireflection materials, and their classic combinations are introduced.

Which anti-reflection film is suitable for photovoltaic applications?

Therefore, anti-reflection film with grating has better anti-reflection performance and is appropriate for photovoltaic applications. In addition, grating anti-reflection film prepared by vibration-assisted nanoimprinting can increase the  $J_{sc}$  of solar cells by 4%, from 26.33 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> to 27.38 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Does antireflection coating improve power conversion efficiency of solar cells?

The antireflection coating (ARC) suppresses surface light loss and thus improves the power conversion efficiency (PCE) of solar cells, which is its essential function. This paper reviews the latest applications of antireflection optical thin films in different types of solar cells and summarizes the experimental data.

Can a film improve the performance of solar cells?

They demonstrate that at specific wavelengths, reflection is reduced to 5.3%, and the total conversion efficiency of GaAs solar cells is improved to 28.69%. It is shown that films with a reasonable microstructure can improve the performance of solar cells (Han et al., 2011).

Can anti-reflection thin film be used in inverted perovskite solar cells (p-i-n)?

However, the effect of anti-reflection thin film (ARTF) in inverted perovskite solar cells (PSCs) (p-i-n) has so far remained elusive. Herein, MgF<sub>2</sub> ARTF with different thicknesses (approximately 100, 330, and 560 nm) were deposited on the glass side of FTO conductive glass substrates by vacuum thermal evaporation.

Why is grating anti-reflection film better for photovoltaic applications?

The increase of PCE is explained as a reduction in incident reflection loss by grating anti-reflection film, which promotes the light capture ability of solar cells. Therefore, anti-reflection film with grating has better anti-reflection performance and is appropriate for photovoltaic applications.

Lee et al. show that applying a microscale inverted-pyramidal-structured polydimethylsiloxane (MIPS-PDMS) film to selected areas of transparent crystalline silicon solar cells enhances light absorption, mitigates angle-dependent efficiency reduction, and reduces the temperature increase of the device. These improvements are attributed to the wide-angle anti ...

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The textured surfaces to reduce light reflectivity by using acid-alkali chemical etching and SiNx films are generally necessary for commercial crystalline silicon solar cells. However, this etching process requires a large amount of environmentally harmful acid-alkali solution and has limited options for texture and size. To overcome these disadvantages, a new ...

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We propose a novel triple-layer anti-reflective coating (TLAR) consisting of three layers sandwiched between the upper cover (glass) and the substrate (silicon). The inner three layers ...

Sticker-type anti-reflective (AR) film is a powerful route to achieve the highest efficiency and commercialization of perovskite solar cells (PSCs) by improving the light transition efficiency (LTE). However, conventionally used AR film has high flexural rigidity owing to its limitation of material and thickness, thereby hindering its application to high-efficiency flexible ...

In addition to anti-reflection coatings, other light trapping techniques are also being used, for example, localized surface plasmons using metallic nanoparticles and propagating surface plasmon-polariton waves using surface-relief gratings. <sup>12,13</sup> Furthermore, the texturing of the surface of solar cells is a very well

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