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Structural and optical properties of two-step dip-coated CH₃NH₃PbI₃ films deposited on thin flash-evaporated PbI₂ film substrates

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Thin films of methylammonium lead iodide (MAPbI₃) were fabricated under various preparation conditions by a dip-coating method, using an underlying layer of lead iodide (PbI₂) thin films deposited by flash evaporation on microscopic glass slides. The glass/PbI₂ structure was immersed into MAI solution in 2-propanol for different dipping times (10 – 60 min), during which the substrate was slowly rotating. The as-formed dip-coated MAPbI₃ films were exposed for 20 to 40 min to thermal annealing at 85 °C. The annealed dip-coated MAPbI₃ films were characterized at room temperature by X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and UV-Vis spectrophotometry. Their as-measured XRD patterns and SEM micrographs revealed a good degree of crystallinity in the tetragonal-phase structure. Their main Bragg's diffraction peaks became intense and narrow with increasing times of the dipping process and/or of the post-deposition thermal annealing at 85 °C; however, prolonged times of dipping of the MAPbI₃ films into the MAI in 2-propanol solution had an adverse effect on their final film thicknesses and surface coverage. The as-measured room-temperature transmittance spectra of

these MAPbI₃ film/glass systems displayed a semi-steep optical absorption edge near 780 nm, corresponding to bandgap energy of 1.55 eV, assigned to the MAPbI₃ with an optical absorption coefficient of 10⁵ cm⁻¹.

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