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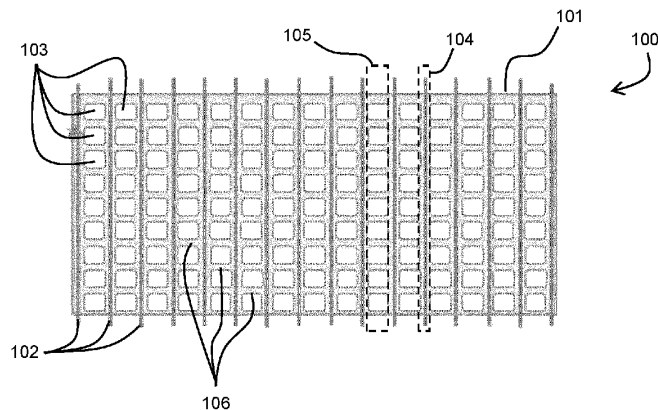


FIG 1

(57) **Abstract:** An electrode assembly (100) for a solar cell. The electrode assembly comprises an insulating optically transparent film (101) comprising a plurality of perforations (103) formed therein, and a plurality of longitudinally extending, laterally spaced conductive wire portions (102) arranged side by side on a surface of the film. One or more of the perforations are formed so as to have at least a portion thereof interposed laterally between two wire portions of the plurality of wire portions. The perforations formed in the film may reduce losses that would otherwise occur due to absorption of light by the film. Also disclosed is a solar cell (107) that includes the electrode assembly described above, a method of forming the electrode assembly, a method of forming the solar cell, and a method of forming a solar module.



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