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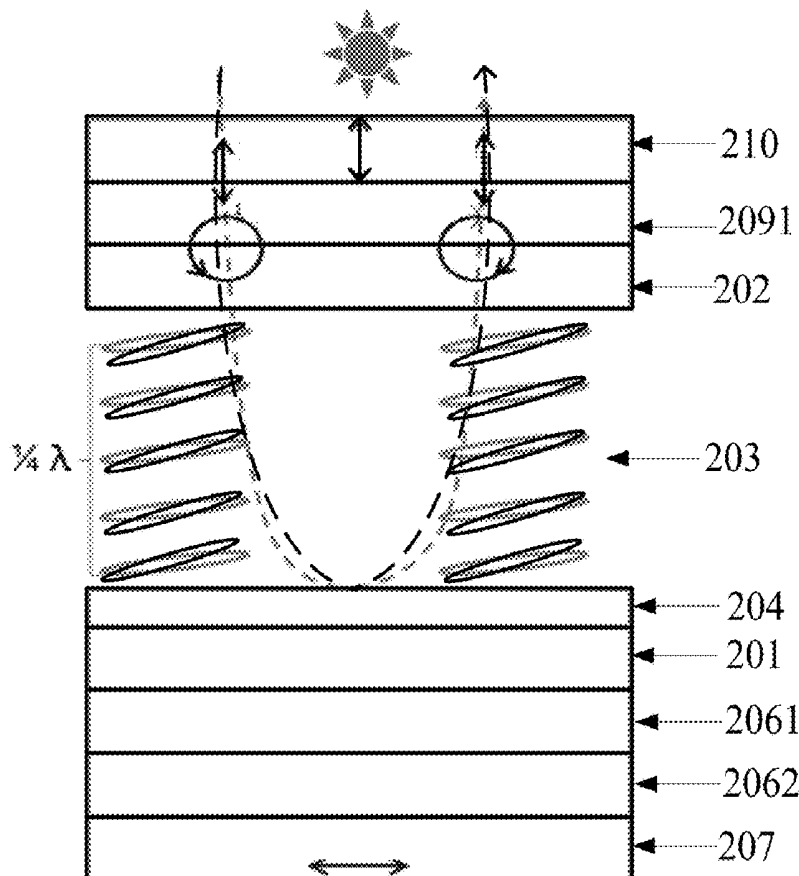
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ABSTRACT

A display panel, a fabricating method thereof, and a display device are disclosed, which relate to the field of display technology. The display panel comprises an array substrate, an assembly substrate, and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the array substrate and the assembly substrate. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. An electrochromic reflective layer is arranged on a side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer, and is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode.



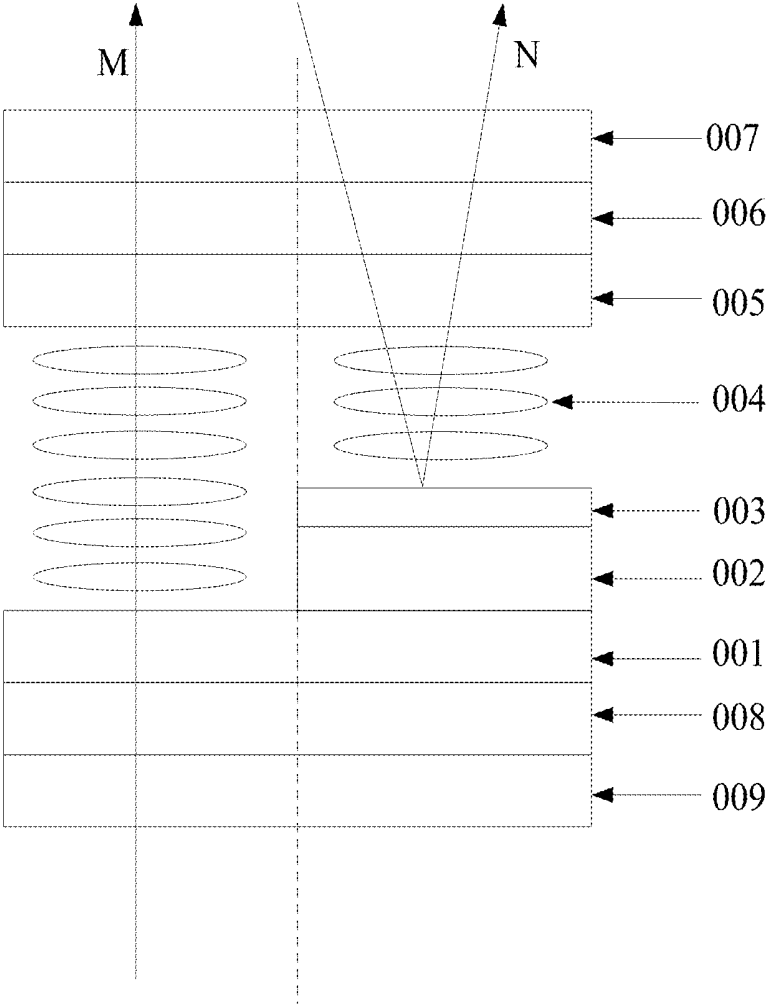


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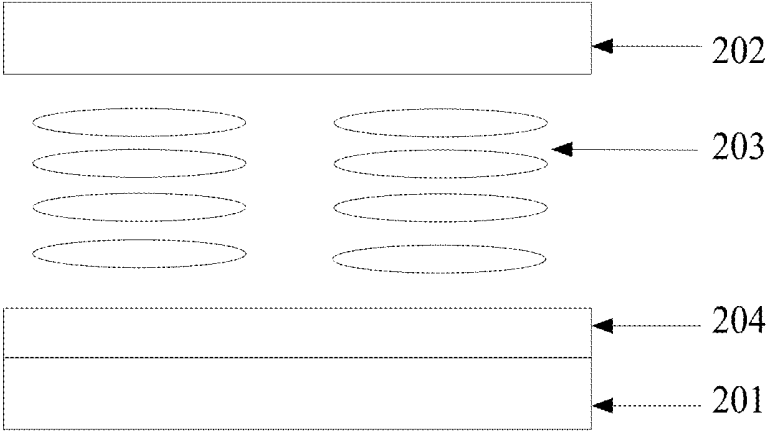


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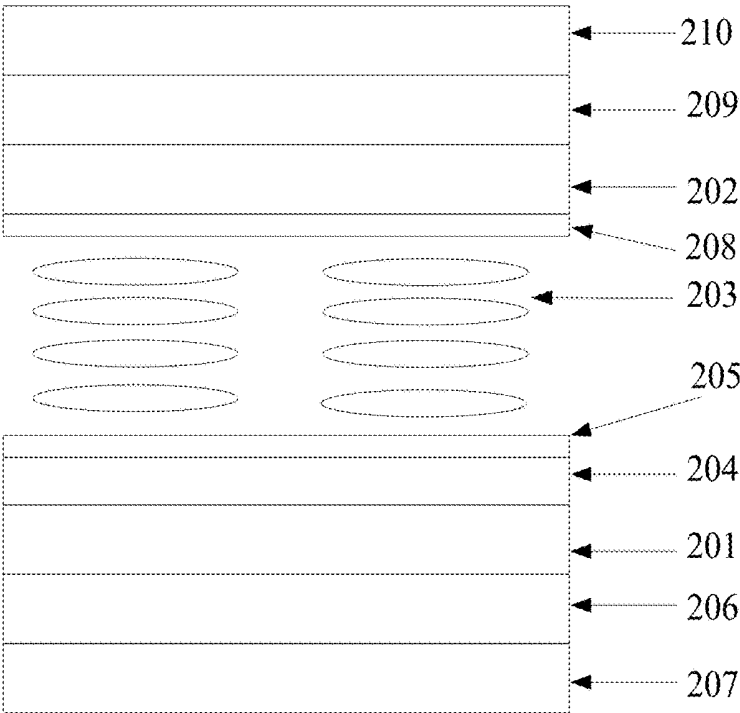


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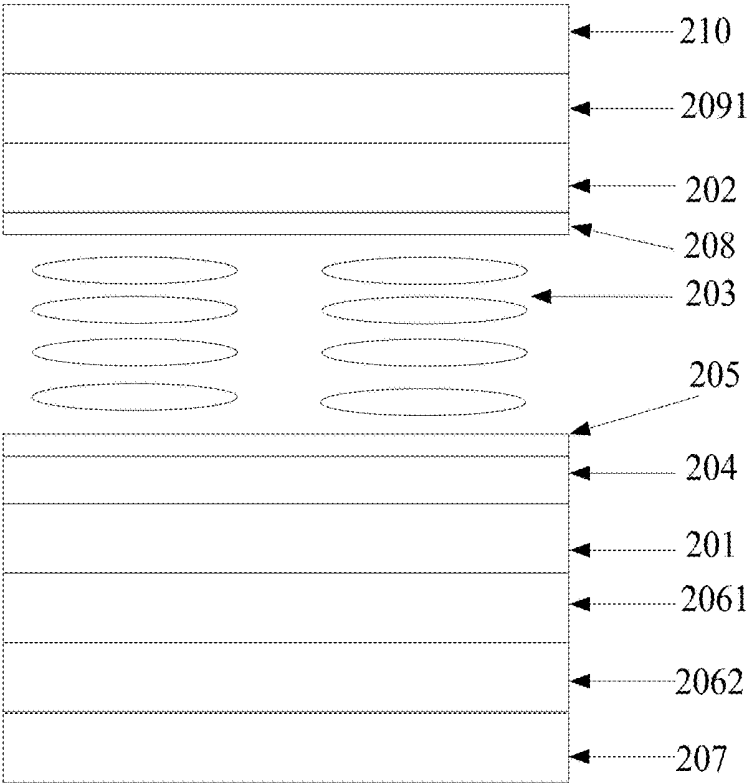


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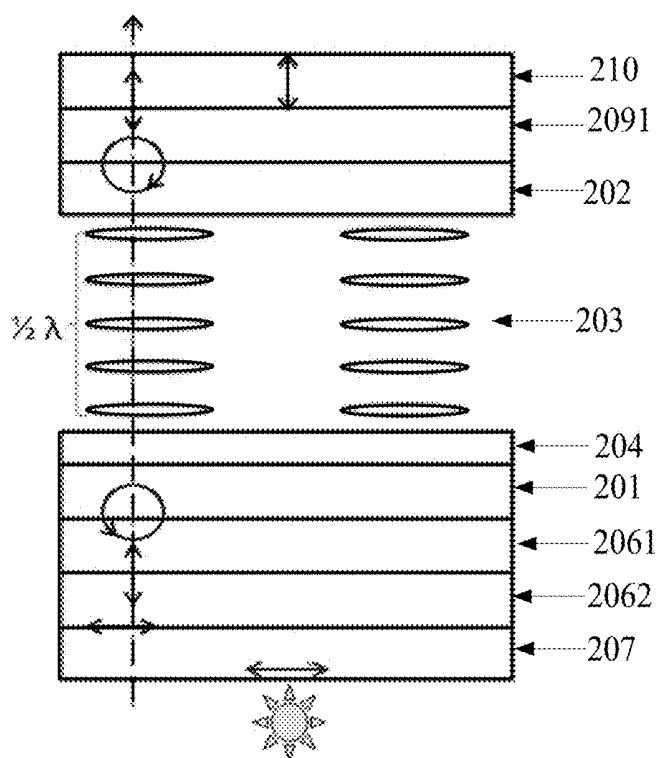


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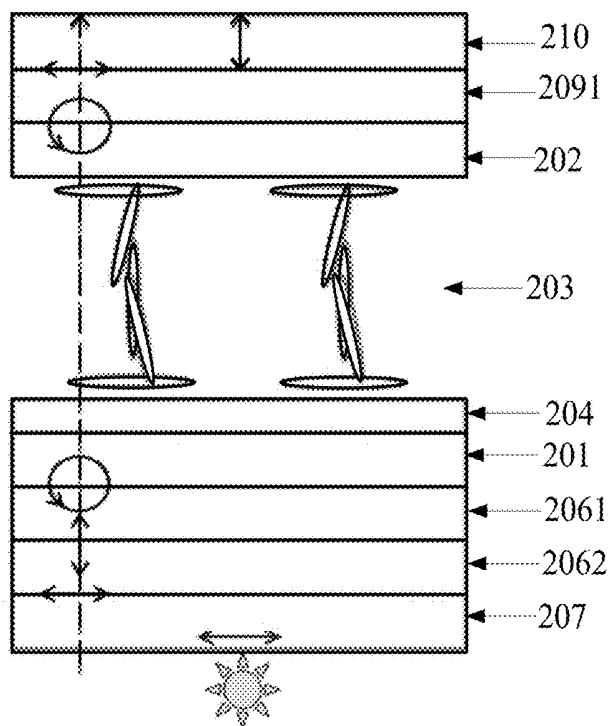


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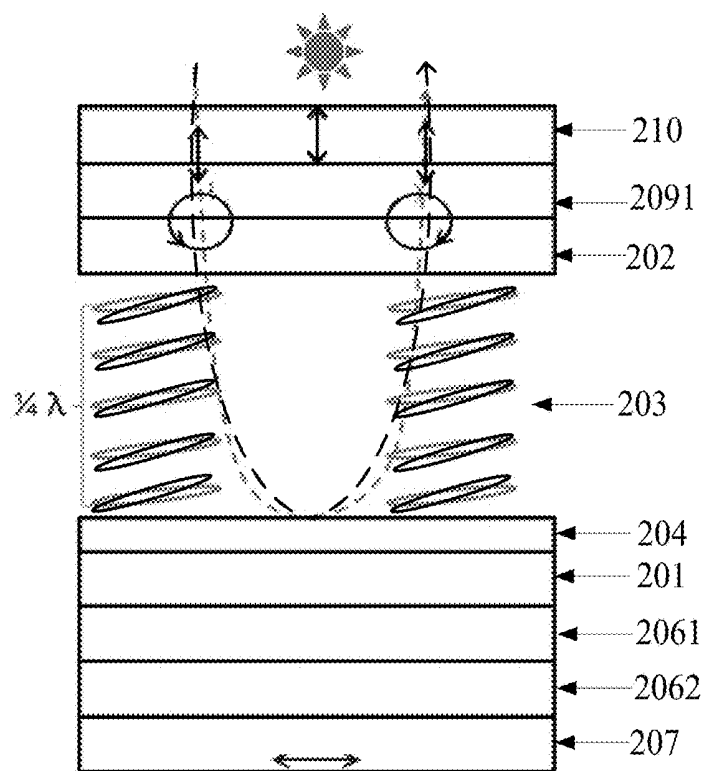


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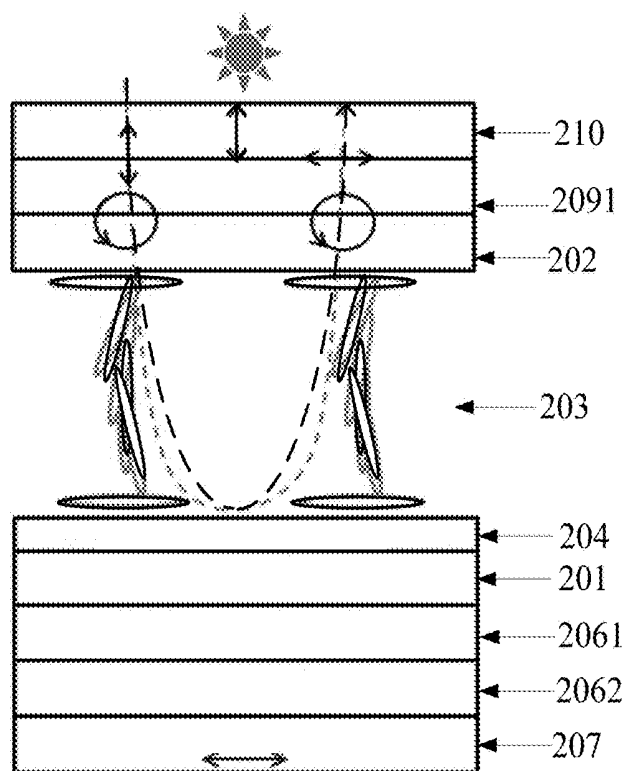


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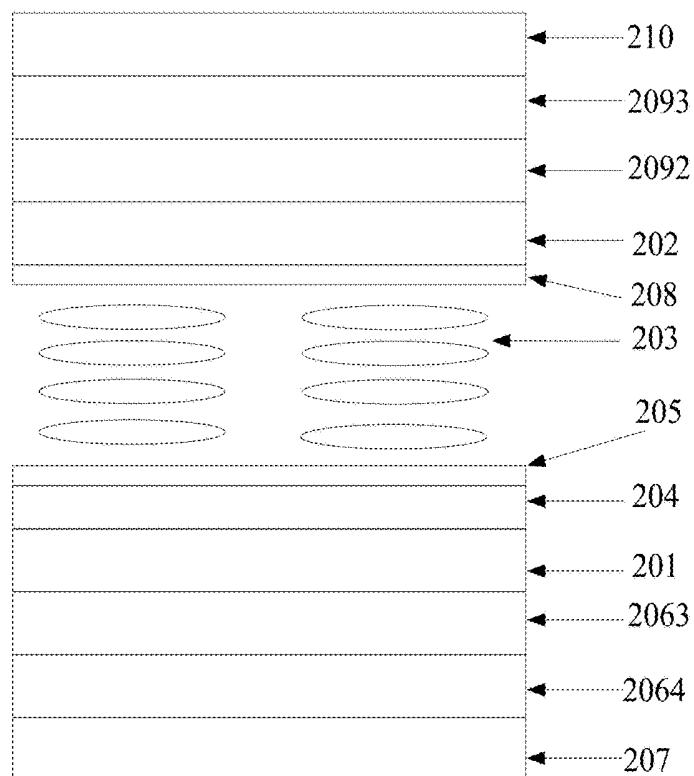


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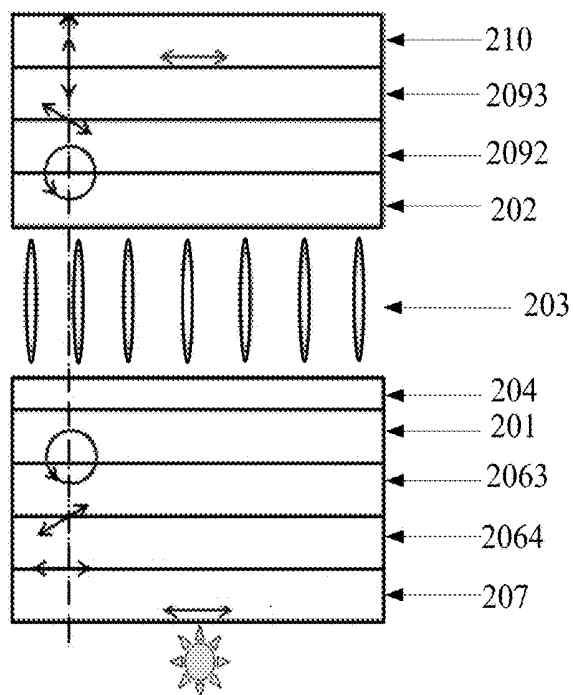


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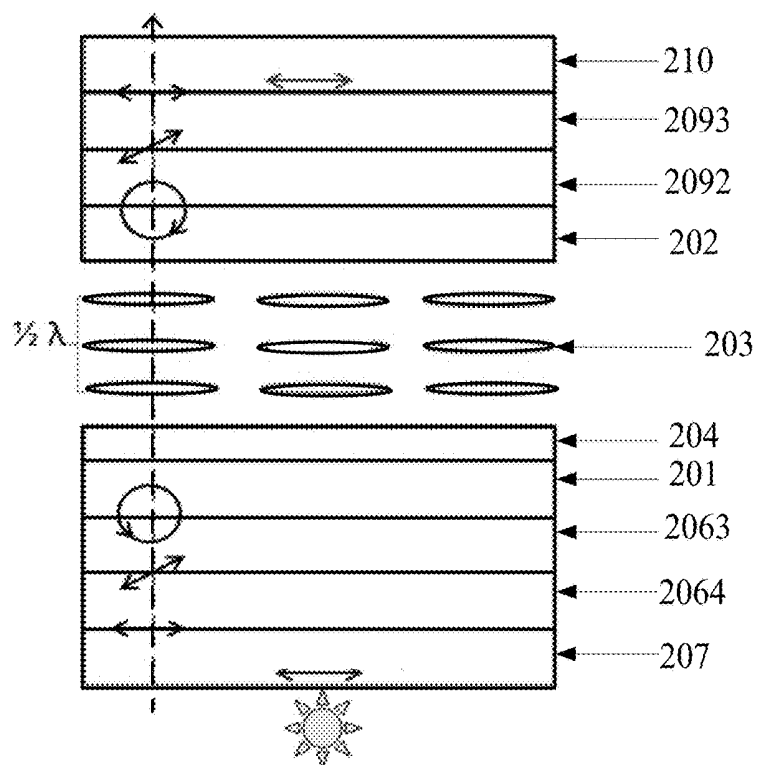


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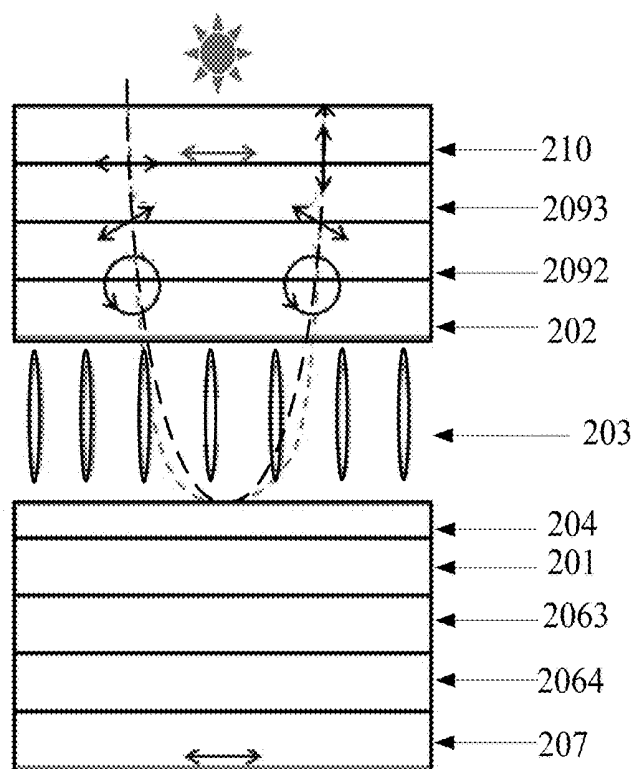


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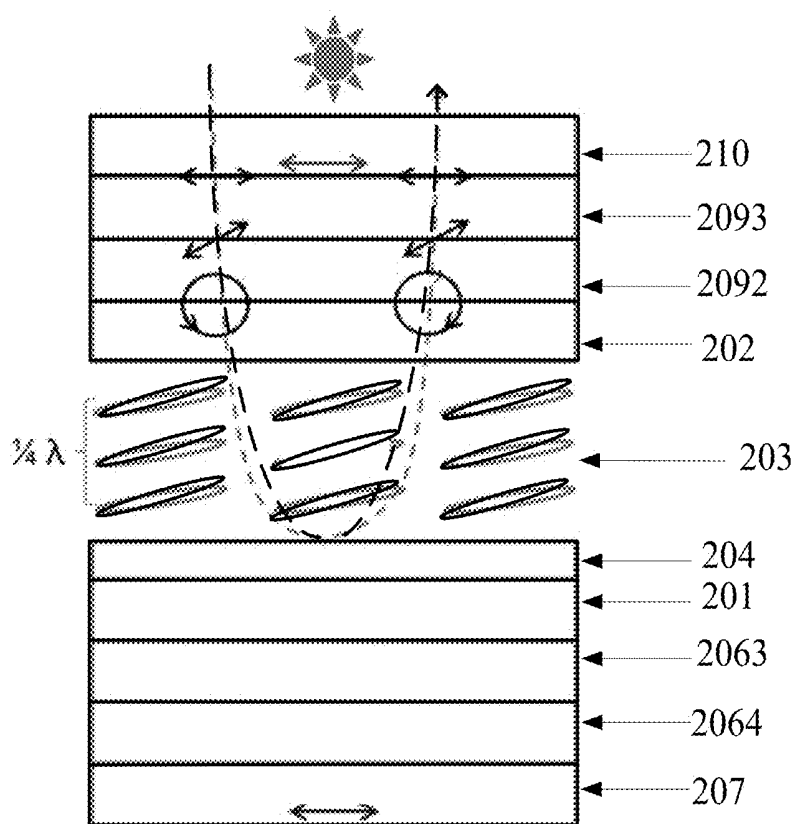


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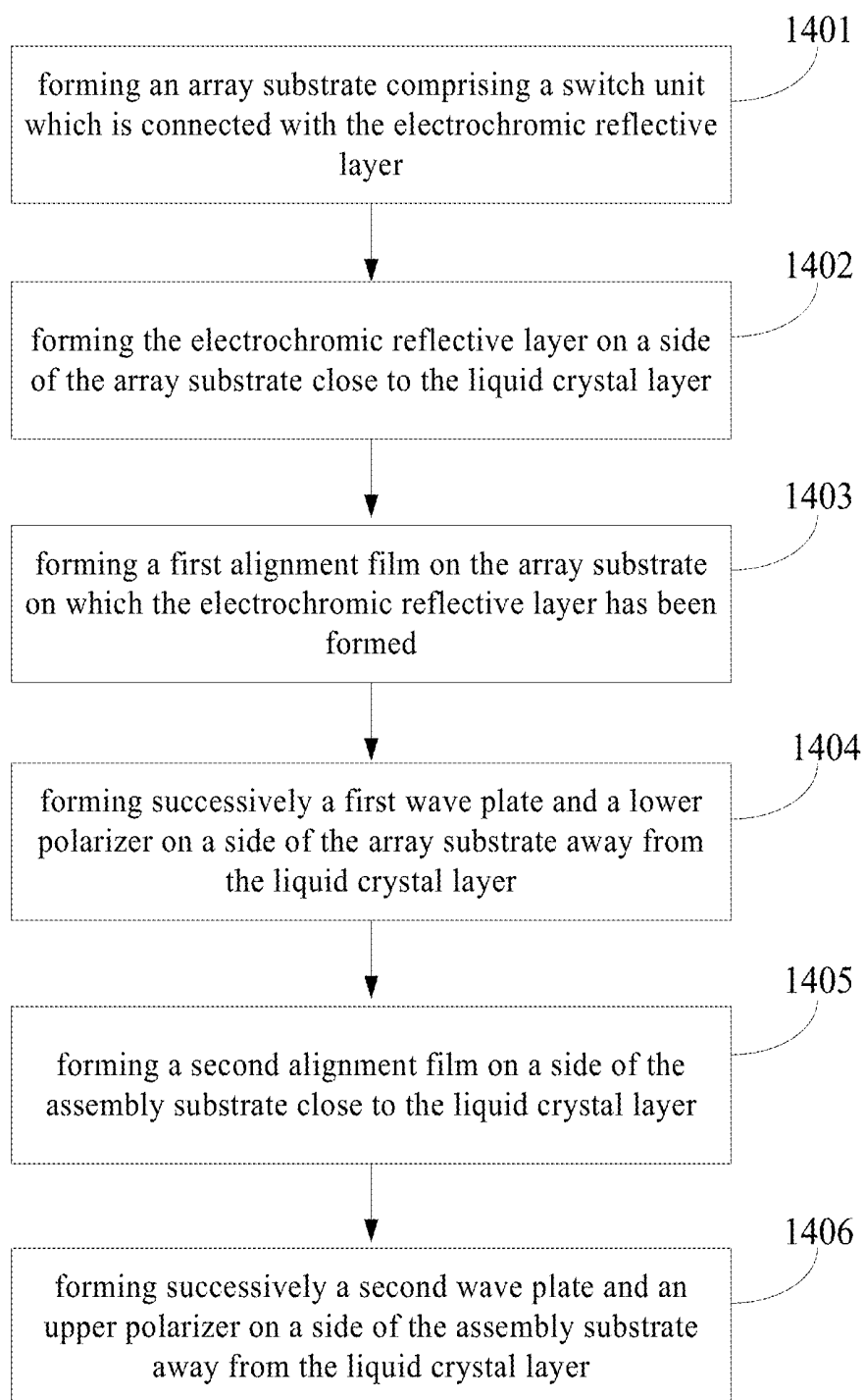


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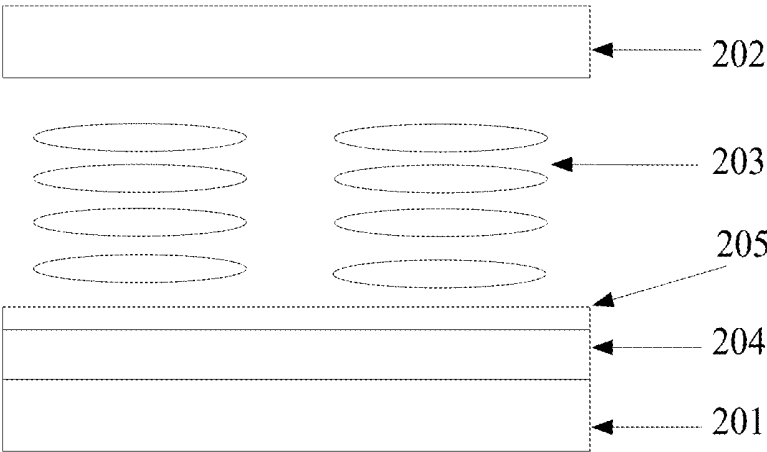


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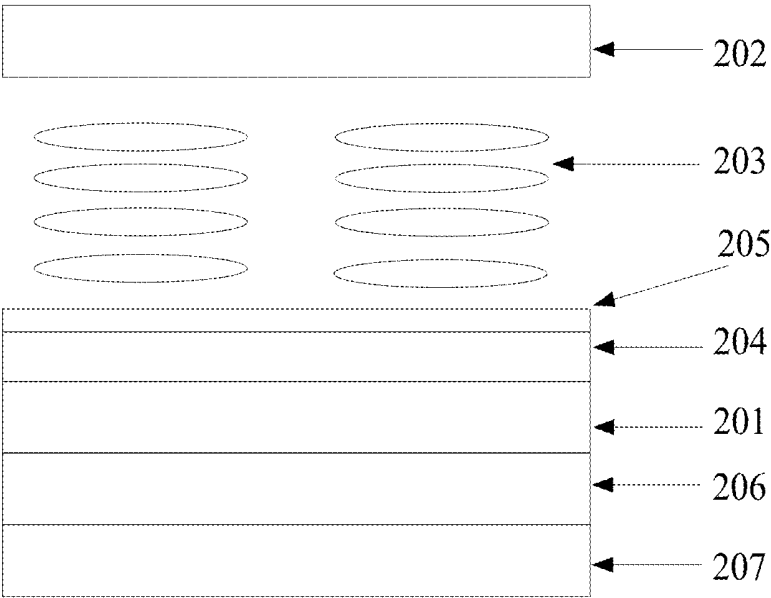


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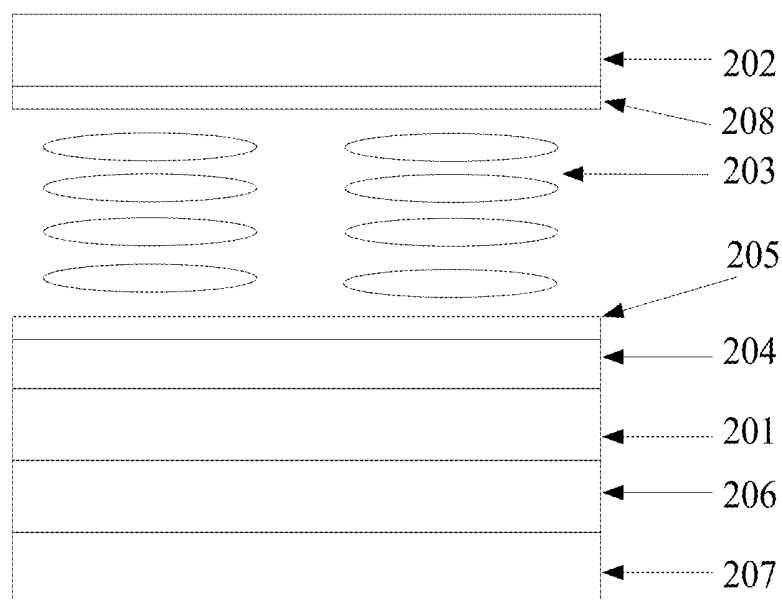


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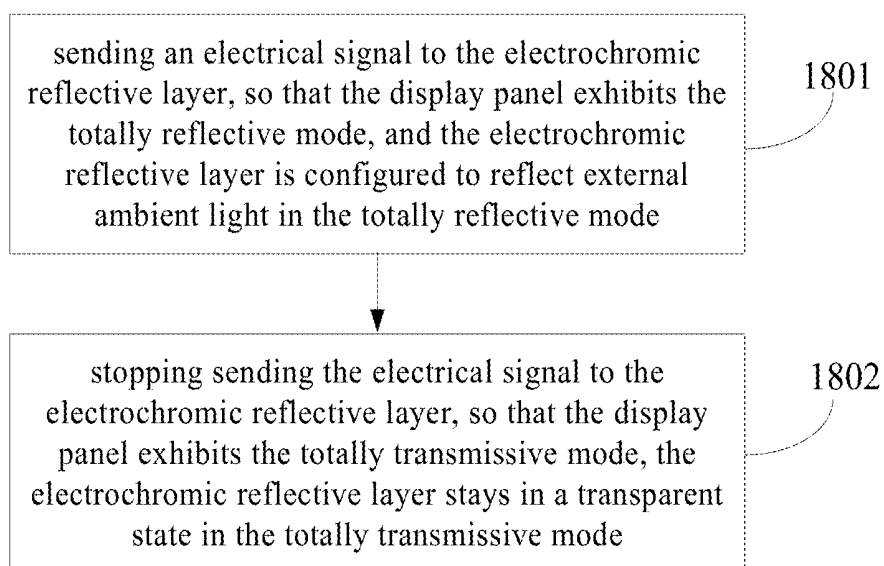


Fig. 18

DISPLAY PANEL, FABRICATING METHOD THEREOF, DRIVING METHOD, DISPLAY DEVICE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application claims the benefit of Chinese Patent Application No. 201510400598.8, filed Jul. 9, 2015, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Embodiments of the present invention relate to the field of display technology, and particularly to a display panel and a fabricating method thereof, a driving method, and a display device.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] A liquid crystal display is a display in which liquid crystal is adopted. On basis of a light source, the liquid crystal display can be classified into a transmissive liquid crystal display, a reflective liquid crystal display, and a transfective liquid crystal display. In the transmissive liquid crystal display, a backlight unit on a back side of a liquid crystal display panel is used as the light source, the light emitted by which passes the liquid crystal display panel and enters human eyes, whereby an image is displayed. In the reflective liquid crystal display, the liquid crystal display panel uses ambient light as the light source, and reflects the external light to display an image. Since there are strict requirements for the intensity of the external light in both the transmissive liquid crystal display and the reflective liquid crystal display, the transfective liquid crystal display emerges. The transfective liquid crystal display not only uses the backlight unit as the light source, but also uses the ambient light as the light source.

[0004] As shown in FIG. 1, in the related art, the liquid crystal display panel of the transfective liquid crystal display comprises a thin film transistor (TFT) substrate 001, as well as a resin layer 002 and a metal reflective layer 003 arranged on a side of the TFT substrate 001 close to the liquid crystal layer 004. A wave plate 008 and a lower polarizer 009 are arranged on a side of the TFT substrate 001 away from liquid crystal layer 004. The liquid crystal display panel further comprises a color filter (CF) substrate (i.e., an assembly substrate) 005. A wave plate 006 and an upper polarizer 007 are arranged on a side of the CF substrate 005 away from the liquid crystal layer 004. Further, alignment films are arranged on a side of the CF substrate 005 close to the liquid crystal layer 004, a side of the TFT substrate 001 close to the liquid crystal layer 004 except the resin layer 002, and a side of the metal reflective layer 003 close to the liquid crystal layer 004. During operation of the liquid crystal display panel, light M emitted by the backlight unit on the back side of the liquid crystal display panel successively passes the lower polarizer 009, the wave plate 008, the TFT substrate 001, the liquid crystal layer 004, the CF substrate 005, the wave plate 006, and the upper polarizer 007, and finally enters human eyes. The ambient light N passes the upper polarizer 007, the wave plate 006, the CF substrate 005, and the liquid crystal layer 004, is incident on and reflected by the metal reflective layer 003, successively passes the liquid crystal layer 004, the CF substrate 005, the wave plate 006, and the upper polarizer

007, and enters human eyes. The region where the resin layer 002 is located is a reflection region, and the region on the TFT substrate 001 apart from the resin layer 002 is a transmission region. As an example, in FIG. 1, the region at the left side of a dotted line is the transmission region, and the region at the right side of the dotted line is the reflection region.

[0005] In the liquid crystal display panel, the reflection region is independent from the transmission region. Since the overall region of the liquid crystal display panel is limited, the light is reflected in a relatively small region of the liquid crystal display panel, and is transmitted in a relatively small region of the liquid crystal display panel. As a result, the liquid crystal display panel has a small aperture ratio, a low transmittance, and a poor quality of the displayed image.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] In order to solve the problem of a poor quality of the displayed image, embodiments of the present invention provide a display panel, a fabricating method thereof, a display device, and an array substrate. The technical solutions are described as follow.

[0007] In a first aspect, it is provided a display panel comprising an array substrate, an assembly substrate, and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the array substrate and the assembly substrate, the display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode, the display panel comprises:

[0008] an electrochromic reflective layer which is formed a side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer,

[0009] the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode.

[0010] For example, the display panel further comprises a switch unit which is electrically connected with the electrochromic reflective layer and configured to control an electrical signal fed to the electrochromic reflective layer.

[0011] For example, the switch unit is a thin film transistor.

[0012] For example, the display panel further comprises:

[0013] a first alignment film which is arranged on the array substrate with the electrochromic reflective layer;

[0014] a first wave plate and a lower polarizer which are arranged successively on a side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer;

[0015] a second alignment film which is arranged on a side of the assembly substrate close to the liquid crystal layer; and

[0016] a second wave plate and an upper polarizer which are arranged successively on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0017] For example, the first wave plate comprises a first quarter wave plate and a first half wave plate;

[0018] the first quarter wave plate, the first half wave plate and the lower polarizer are successively arranged on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0019] For example, the second wave plate comprises a second quarter wave plate;

[0020] the second quarter wave plate and the upper polarizer are arranged on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0021] For example, the liquid crystal layer is an electrically controlled birefringence liquid crystal layer;

[0022] the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

[0023] the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 135 degree;

[0024] the first half wave plate has a polarization angle of 45 degree;

[0025] the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 90 degrees;

[0026] the first alignment film has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree; and

[0027] the second alignment film has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

[0028] For example, the second wave plate further comprises a second half wave plate;

[0029] the second quarter wave plate, the second half wave plate and the upper polarizer are arranged on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0030] For example, the liquid crystal layer is a vertical alignment liquid crystal layer;

[0031] the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

[0032] the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 75 degree;

[0033] the first half wave plate and the second half wave plate have a polarization angle of 15 degree; and

[0034] the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree.

[0035] In a second aspect, it is provided a method for fabricating any of the display panel in the first aspect, comprising:

[0036] forming the electrochromic reflective layer on the side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer;

[0037] when the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and

[0038] when the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive the electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

[0039] For example, before forming the electrochromic reflective layer on the side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer, the method further comprises:

[0040] forming the array substrate comprising a switch unit which is connected with the electrochromic reflective layer and configured to control the electrical signal fed to the electrochromic reflective layer.

[0041] For example, the switch unit is a thin film transistor.

[0042] For example, the method further comprises:

[0043] forming a first alignment film on the array substrate on which the electrochromic reflective layer has been formed;

[0044] forming successively a first wave plate and a lower polarizer on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer;

[0045] forming a second alignment film on the side of the assembly substrate close to the liquid crystal layer; and

[0046] forming successively a second wave plate and an upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0047] For example, the first wave plate comprises a first quarter wave plate and a first half wave plate;

[0048] said forming successively the first wave plate and the lower polarizer on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

[0049] forming successively the first quarter wave plate, the first half wave plate and the lower polarizer on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0050] For example, the second wave plate comprises a second quarter wave plate;

[0051] said forming successively the second wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

[0052] forming successively the second quarter wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0053] For example, the liquid crystal layer is an electrically controlled birefringence liquid crystal layer;

[0054] the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

[0055] the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 135 degree;

[0056] the first half wave plate has a polarization angle of 45 degree;

[0057] the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 90 degrees;

[0058] the first alignment film has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree; and

[0059] the second alignment film has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

[0060] For example, the second wave plate further comprises a second half wave plate;

[0061] said forming successively the second wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

[0062] forming successively the second quarter wave plate, the second half wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0063] For example, the liquid crystal layer is a vertical alignment liquid crystal layer;

[0064] the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

[0065] the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 75 degree;

[0066] the first half wave plate and the second half wave plate have a polarization angle of 15 degree; and

[0067] the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree.

[0068] In a third aspect, it is provided a method for driving any of the display panel in the first aspect, comprising:

[0069] sending an electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and

[0070] stopping sending the electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

[0071] In a fourth aspect, it is provided a display device comprising any of the display panel in the first aspect and a backlight unit.

[0072] Embodiments of the present invention provide a display panel and a fabricating method thereof, a driving method, and a display device. Since an electrochromic reflective layer is arranged between the array substrate and the first alignment film, and acts as a transparent layer in the totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in the totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio and transmittance, and thus increases the quality of the displayed image.

[0073] It is understood that the above general description and the following specific description are exemplary and interpretative, and should not restrict the present invention in any sense.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0074] In order to more clearly illustrate technical solutions in embodiments of the present invention, accompanying drawings for illustrating these embodiments will be briefly introduced. It is apparent that the following drawings merely represent some embodiments of the present invention, and that a person with an ordinary skill in the art can obtain other drawings from these drawings without creative efforts.

[0075] FIG. 1 is a structural view for a display panel in the related art;

[0076] FIG. 2 is a structural view for a display panel in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0077] FIG. 3 is a structural view for another display panel in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0078] FIG. 4 is a structural view for a further display panel in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0079] FIG. 5 is a view for the display panel shown in FIG. 4 operating in a totally transmissive mode;

[0080] FIG. 6 is another view for the display panel shown in FIG. 4 operating in the totally transmissive mode;

[0081] FIG. 7 is a view for the display panel shown in FIG. 4 operating in a totally reflective mode;

[0082] FIG. 8 is another view for the display panel shown in FIG. 4 operating in the totally reflective mode;

[0083] FIG. 9 is a structural view for another display panel in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0084] FIG. 10 is a view for the display panel shown in FIG. 9 operating in the totally transmissive mode;

[0085] FIG. 11 is another view for the display panel shown in FIG. 9 operating in the totally transmissive mode;

[0086] FIG. 12 is a view for the display panel shown in FIG. 9 operating in the totally reflective mode;

[0087] FIG. 13 is another view for the display panel shown in FIG. 9 operating in the totally reflective mode;

[0088] FIG. 14 is a flow chart for a method for fabricating a display panel in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0089] FIG. 15 is a structural view for a first alignment film in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0090] FIG. 16 is a structural view for a first wave plate and a lower polarizer in an embodiment of the present invention;

[0091] FIG. 17 is a structural view for a second alignment film in an embodiment of the present invention; and

[0092] FIG. 18 is a flow chart for a method for driving a display panel in an embodiment of the present invention.

[0093] The above drawings have illustrated specific embodiments of the present invention, and detailed description for these embodiments will be presented hereinafter. These drawings and description do not intend to restrict the scope of the present inventive concept, but to illustrate ideas of the present invention by referring to specific embodiments thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0094] In order to make objects, technical solutions, and advantages of the present invention more clear, implementations of the present invention will further be described in detail hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0095] An embodiment of the present invention provides a display panel. As shown in FIG. 2, the display panel comprises an array substrate 201, an assembly substrate 202, and a liquid crystal layer 203 which is formed between the array substrate 201 and the assembly substrate 202. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. An electrochromic reflective layer 204 is arranged on a side of the array substrate 201 close to the liquid crystal layer 203. The electrochromic reflective layer 204 is configured to reflect external ambient light in a totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in a totally transmissive mode.

[0096] In the display panel according to the embodiment of the present invention, since the electrochromic reflective layer is formed on the array substrate, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in the totally transmissive mode, and a reflective layer in the totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0097] An embodiment of the present invention provides another display panel. As shown in FIG. 3, the display panel comprises an array substrate 201, an assembly substrate 202, and a liquid crystal layer 203 which is formed between the array substrate 201 and the assembly substrate 202. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. An electrochromic reflective layer 204 is arranged on a side of the array substrate 201 close to the liquid crystal layer 203. The electrochromic reflective layer 204 is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode. The display panel further comprises: a switch unit (not shown) which is electrically connected with the electrochromic reflective layer 204, which is configured to control an electrical signal which is fed to the electrochromic reflective layer 204, and which is a thin film transistor; a first align-

ment film **205** which is formed on the array substrate **201** on which the electrochromic reflective layer **204** is formed; a first wave plate **206** and a lower polarizer **207** which are successively arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**; a second alignment film **208** which is arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** close to the liquid crystal layer **203**; and a second wave plate **209** and an upper polarizer **210** which are successively arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**.

[0098] Under the action of an external electric field, an electrochromic reflective layer is subject to a stable and reversible change in its optical properties, such as reflectance, transmittance, and absorbance, so that the electrochromic reflective layer shows a reversible change in its appearance in term of color and transparent degree. An electrochromic material is divided into an inorganic electrochromic material and an organic electrochromic material. The inorganic electrochromic material mainly comprises tungsten trioxide (WO_3). Currently, the electrochromic device in which WO_3 is used as a functional material has been industrialized. The organic electrochromic material mainly comprises polythiophenes and their derivatives, viologens, tetrathiafulvalene, metallo phthalocyanines, or the like. An electrochromic material in which viologens are used as the functional material has been put into practical applications. There are many types of materials for the electrochromic reflective layer, and embodiments of the present invention are not restricted in this regard.

[0099] It is noted that, when an electrical signal is fed to the electrochromic reflective layer, the electrical signal can be fed to the electrochromic reflective layer not only through a transparent conductive layer in a same layer as a gate, but also through a transparent conductive layer in a same layer as a source/drain metal layer. Embodiments of the present invention are not restricted in the manner the electrical signal is fed.

[0100] A wave plate is an optical device in which light is directed through a crystal, polymer, or a liquid crystal so that a phase difference of the incident light is changed, and is also referred to as a phase retardation film. A quarter wave plate is a birefringent mono-crystalline sheet with a certain thickness. When light passes the quarter wave plate in a normal direction, a phase difference between an ordinary light (o light) and an extraordinary light (e light) equals to $\pi/2$ or its odd times. A half wave plate is a birefringent crystal with a certain thickness. When light passes the half wave plate in the normal direction, the phase difference between the ordinary light (o light) and the extraordinary light (e light) equals to π or its odd times. The half wave plate is also referred to as a $1/2$ wave plate.

[0101] For example, as shown in FIG. 4, the first wave plate **206** can comprise a first quarter wave plate **2061** and a first half wave plate **2062**. Accordingly, the first quarter wave plate **2061**, the first half wave plate **2062**, and the lower polarizer **207** are successively arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**. The second wave plate **209** can comprise a second quarter wave plate **2091**. Accordingly, the second quarter wave plate **2091** and the upper polarizer **210** are successively arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**.

[0102] It is noted that the liquid crystal layer can be a liquid crystal layer of various kinds. As an example, the liquid

crystal layer can be an electrically controlled birefringence (ECB) liquid crystal layer, a vertical alignment (VA) liquid crystal layer, and an advanced super dimension switch (Advanced Super Dimension Switch, ADS) liquid crystal layer.

[0103] In the display panel, by means of the electrochromic reflective layer between the array substrate and the first alignment film, a partial deflection effect is used to control the phase delay of liquid crystal. Besides, the phase retardation film i.e., the wave plate, is combined with the electrochromic reflective layer, so that light emitted by the backlight unit or ambient light is parallel with or perpendicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer. When the light emitted by the backlight unit or the ambient light is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer, the light goes through the upper polarizer, and a white color appears on the display panel. When the light emitted by the backlight unit or the ambient light is perpendicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer, the light can not go through the upper polarizer, and a black color appears on the display panel. In this way, the display panel is in a white color state when it transmits light and in a black state when it does not transmit light, and the final image can be displayed on the display panel.

[0104] When the liquid crystal layer is an ECB liquid crystal layer, the corresponding display panel can be shown in FIG. 4. The display panel comprises an array substrate **201**, an assembly substrate **202**, and an ECB liquid crystal layer **203** formed between the array substrate **201** and the assembly substrate **202**. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** close to the liquid crystal layer **203**. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode. The display panel further comprises: a switch unit (not shown) which is electrically connected with the electrochromic reflective layer **204**, is configured to control an electrical signal which is fed to the electrochromic reflective layer **204**, and is a thin film transistor; a first alignment film **205** which is formed on the array substrate **201** on which the electrochromic reflective layer **204** is formed; a first quarter wave plate **2061**, a first half wave plate **2062**, and a lower polarizer **207** which are successively arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**; a second alignment film **208** which is arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** close to the liquid crystal layer **203**; a second quarter wave plate **2091** and an upper polarizer **210** which are successively arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**. Meanwhile, the lower polarizer **207** can have a polarization angle of 0 degree, the first quarter wave plate **2061** and the second quarter wave plate **2091** can have a polarization angle of 135 degree, the first half wave plate **2062** can have a polarization angle of 45 degree, the upper polarizer **210** can have a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the first alignment film **205** has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree, and the second alignment film **208** has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

[0105] When the liquid crystal layer is an ECB liquid crystal layer, the display panel operating in the totally transmissive mode in an embodiment of the present invention is shown by views in FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. At this time,

the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode. The electrochromic reflective layer is not in operating state, and is equivalent to transparent layer. The backlight unit on the back side of the display panel functions as a light source.

[0106] When the display state of an image is a white color state, as shown in FIG. 5, the liquid crystal of the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 is not in its operating state, light from the backlight unit passes the lower polarizer 207 and then is changed to a linearly polarized light parallel with the polarization direction of the lower polarizer 207, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. The linearly polarized light passes the first half wave plate 2062 and is deflected by 2 times an intersection angle between a vibration plane of the linearly polarized light and a principal sectional plane of the wave plate, so that it is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. After passing the first quarter wave plate 2061, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. After passing the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 (equivalent to a half wave plate which realizes a phase delay of $\lambda/2$), the linearly polarized light is changed to a right-handed polarized light. The right-handed polarized light passes the second quarter wave plate 2091 on an outer side of the assembly substrate 202 and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. Since the upper polarizer 210 has a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the linearly polarized light at this time is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, the upper polarizer 210 transmits the linearly polarized light, and the display state of an image is a white color display state.

[0107] It is noted that, for the purpose of changing the left-handed polarized light which has passed the first quarter wave plate 2061 into the right-handed polarized light, the ECB liquid crystal layer can be set to have a same polarization angle as that of the half wave plate. In this way, the ECB liquid crystal layer plays a same role as the half wave plate. In particular, the polarization angle of the ECB liquid crystal layer can be adjusted, by setting the anisotropy coefficient of liquid crystal and the cell gap.

[0108] When the display state of an image is the black state, as shown in FIG. 6, the liquid crystal of the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 is deflected to a state in which the anisotropy coefficient Δn equals to 0. The light from the backlight unit passes the lower polarizer 207 and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the lower polarizer 207, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. The linearly polarized light passes the first half wave plate 2062, is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed into a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. After passing the first quarter wave plate 2061, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. Then, the linearly polarized light passes the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 with $\Delta n=0$ and remains a left-handed polarized light. The left-handed polarized light passes the second quarter wave plate 2091 on an outer side of the assembly substrate 202, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 0 degree. Since the upper polarizer 210 has a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the linearly polarized light at this time is perpen-

dicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, the upper polarizer 210 does not transmit light, and the display state of an image is a black display state.

[0109] When the liquid crystal layer is an ECB liquid crystal layer, a display panel operating in the totally reflective mode in an embodiment of the present invention is shown by views in FIG. 7 and FIG. 8. At this time, the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits a totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode. The electrochromic reflective layer 204 operates and is equivalent to a reflective layer, the backlight unit on the back side of the display panel is turned off, and the ambient light functions as a light source.

[0110] When the display state of an image is a white color state, as shown in FIG. 7, the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 can be controlled by an electric field, so that the liquid crystal is partially deflect and a phase delay of $\lambda/4$ which is equivalent to the quarter wave plate is realized. The ambient light passes the upper polarizer 210 and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 90 degrees. After passing the second quarter wave plate 2091, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light, which then passes the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 and is reflected by the electrochromic layer 204. Upon reaching the assembly substrate 202, the linearly polarized light is changed to a right-handed polarized light. The right-handed polarized light passes the second quarter wave plate 2091 on an outer side of the assembly substrate 202 and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. Since the upper polarizer 210 has a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the linearly polarized light at this time is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, the upper polarizer 210 transmits light, and the display state of an image is a white color display state.

[0111] When the display state of an image is a black state, as shown in FIG. 8, the liquid crystal of the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 is deflected to a state in which the anisotropy coefficient Δn equals to 0, the ambient light passes the upper polarizer 210 and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 90 degrees. After passing the second quarter wave plate 2091, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. After passing the ECB liquid crystal layer 203 with $\Delta n=0$, the linearly polarized light remains a left-handed polarized light. The left-handed polarized light passes the second quarter wave plate 2091 on an outer side of the assembly substrate 202 and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 0 degree. Since the upper polarizer 210 has a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the linearly polarized light at this time is perpendicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer 210, the upper polarizer 210 does not transmit light, and the display state of an image is a black display state.

[0112] As an additional remark, the first alignment film 205 and the second alignment film 208 in FIG. 4 are omitted in FIG. 5-FIG. 8.

[0113] When the liquid crystal layer is a VA liquid crystal layer, a corresponding display panel can be shown in FIG.

9. The display panel comprises an array substrate **201**, an assembly substrate **202**, and a VA liquid crystal layer **203** which is formed between the array substrate **201** and the assembly substrate **202**. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** close to the liquid crystal layer **203**. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode. The display panel further comprises: a switch unit (not shown) which is electrically connected with the electrochromic reflective layer **204**, is configured to control an electrical signal which is fed to the electrochromic reflective layer **204**, and is a thin film transistor; a first alignment film **205** on the array substrate **201** on which the electrochromic reflective layer **204** is formed; a first quarter wave plate **2063**, a first half wave plate **2064** and a lower polarizer **207** which are successively arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**; a second alignment film **208** which is arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** close to the liquid crystal layer **203**; a second quarter wave plate **2092**, a second half wave plate **2093**, and an upper polarizer **210** which are arranged on a side of the assembly substrate **202** away from the liquid crystal layer **203**. Meanwhile, the lower polarizer **207** can have a polarization angle of 0 degree, the first quarter wave plate **2063** and the second quarter wave plate **2092** can have a polarization angle of 75 degree, the first half wave plate **2064** and the second half wave plate **2093** can have a polarization angle of 15 degree, and the upper polarizer **210** can have a polarization angle of 0 degree.

[0114] When the liquid crystal layer is a VA liquid crystal layer, the display panel operating in the totally transmissive mode in an embodiment of the present invention provides is shown by views in FIG. 10 and FIG. 11. At this time, the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is not in its operating state, and is equivalent to a transparent layer. The backlight unit on the back side of the display panel functions as a light source.

[0115] When the display state of an image is a black state, as shown in FIG. 10, the liquid crystal of the VA liquid crystal layer **203** is not in its operating state, light from the backlight unit passes the lower polarizer **207** and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the lower polarizer **207**, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. The linearly polarized light passes the first half wave plate **2064** and is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, so that it is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the first quarter wave plate **2063**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. After passing the VA liquid crystal layer with $\Delta n=0$, the linearly polarized light remains a left-handed polarized light. The left-handed polarized light passes the second quarter wave plate **2092** on an outer side of the assembly substrate **202** and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of -60 degrees. After passing the second half wave plate **2093**,

the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. Since the upper polarizer **210** has a polarization angle of 0 degree, the linearly polarized light at this time is perpendicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, and the display state of an image is a black display state.

[0116] When the display state of an image is a white color state, as shown in FIG. 11, the VA liquid crystal layer **203** is deflected to a maximum angle, which is equivalent to a $\lambda/2$ phase delay realized by a half wave plate. The light from the backlight unit passes the lower polarizer **207** and is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the lower polarizer **207**, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. After passing the first half wave plate **2064**, the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the first quarter wave plate **2063**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. Then, after passing the VA liquid crystal layer, the linearly polarized light is changed to a right-handed polarized light. After passing the second quarter wave plate **2092** on an outer side of the assembly substrate **202**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the second half wave plate **2093**, the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 0 degree. Since the upper polarizer **210** has a polarization angle of 0 degree, the linearly polarized light at this time is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, and the display state of an image is a white color display state.

[0117] When the liquid crystal layer is a VA liquid crystal layer, the display panel operating in the totally reflective mode in an embodiment of the present invention is shown by views in FIG. 12 and FIG. 13. At this time, the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits a totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** operates and is equivalent to a reflective layer, the backlight unit on the back side of the display panel is turned off, and the ambient light functions as a light source.

[0118] When the display state of an image is a black state, as shown in FIG. 12, the liquid crystal of the VA liquid crystal layer **203** is not in its operating state, the ambient light passes the upper polarizer **210** and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. The linearly polarized light passes the second half wave plate **2093**, is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the second quarter wave plate **2092**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. Since the liquid crystal is not in its operating state, i.e., $n=0$, the light which is reflected by the electrochromic reflective layer **204** and reaches the assembly substrate **202** is still a left-handed polarized light. After passing the second quarter wave plate **2092**, the light is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization

direction of -60 degrees. After passing the second half wave plate **2093**, the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 90 degrees. Since the upper polarizer **210** has a polarization angle of 0 degree, the linearly polarized light at this time is perpendicular to the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, and the display state of an image is a black display state.

[0119] When the display state of an image is a white color state, as shown in FIG. 13, the VA liquid crystal layer **203** can be controlled by an electric field, so that the liquid crystal is partially deflected and a phase delay of $\lambda/4$ which is equivalent to the quarter wave plate is realized. The ambient light passes the upper polarizer **210** and then is changed to a linearly polarized light which is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, i.e., the linearly polarized light has a polarization direction of 0 degree. After passing the second half wave plate **2093**, the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the second quarter wave plate **2092**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a left-handed polarized light. The linearly polarized light which is reflected by the electrochromic reflective layer **204** and reaches the assembly substrate **202** is changed to a right-handed polarized light. After passing the second quarter wave plate **2092**, the linearly polarized light is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 30 degrees. After passing the second half wave plate **2093**, the linearly polarized light is deflected by 2 times the intersection angle, and is changed to a linearly polarized light with a polarization direction of 0 degree. Since the upper polarizer **210** has a polarization angle of 0 degree, the linearly polarized light at this time is parallel with the polarization direction of the upper polarizer **210**, and the display state of an image is a white color display state.

[0120] As an additional remark, the first alignment film **205** and the second alignment film **208** in FIG. 9 are omitted in FIG. 10-FIG. 13. Besides, both the first quarter wave plate **2061** in FIG. 4 and the first quarter wave plate **2063** in FIG. 9 are made from a quarter wave plate, although they have different polarization angles, due to the different intersection angles between the polarization axis of the wave plate and an edge of the wave plate in a trimming process. Both the first half wave plate **2062** in FIG. 4 and the first half wave plate **2064** in FIG. 9 are made from a half wave plate, but have different polarization angles, due to the different intersection angles between the polarization axis of the wave plate and an edge of the wave plate in the trimming process. Both the second quarter wave plate **2091** in FIG. 4 and the second quarter wave plate **2092** in FIG. 9 are made from a quarter wave plate, although they have different polarization angles, due to the different intersection angles between the polarization axis of the wave plate and an edge of the wave plate in a trimming process.

[0121] In the display panel of embodiments of the present invention, an electrochromic reflective layer is formed between an array substrate and a first alignment film, a partial deflection effect is used to control phase delay of the liquid crystal, and a phase retardation film i.e., a wave plate, is combined to realize switching between a totally transmissive display and a totally reflect display.

[0122] To sum up, in the display panel of embodiments of the present invention, since an electrochromic reflective layer is arranged between an array substrate and a first alignment film, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in a totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in a totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0123] Embodiments of the present invention provide a method for fabricating a display panel, which is used for fabricating the display panel shown in FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 4, or FIG. 9. The method comprises:

[0124] forming the electrochromic reflective layer on the side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer, when the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and when the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits a totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

[0125] In a method for fabricating a display panel in an embodiment of the present invention, since an electrochromic reflective layer is arranged between an array substrate and a first alignment film, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in a totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in a totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0126] An embodiment of the present invention provides another method for fabricating a display panel, which is used for fabricating the display panel shown in FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 4, or FIG. 9. As shown in FIG. 14, the method comprises the following steps.

[0127] Step **1401**, forming an array substrate comprising a switch unit which is connected with the electrochromic reflective layer.

[0128] The switch unit is configured to control an electrical signal which is fed to the electrochromic reflective layer. The switch unit is a thin film transistor.

[0129] Step **1402**, forming the electrochromic reflective layer on a side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer.

[0130] As shown in FIG. 2, the display panel comprises the array substrate **201**, the assembly substrate **202**, and the liquid crystal layer **203** which is arranged between the array substrate **201** and the assembly substrate **202**. The display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode. The electrochromic reflective layer **204** is arranged on a side of the array substrate **201** close to the liquid crystal

layer 203. When the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and when the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode. The electrochromic reflective layer can realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display.

[0131] Step 1403, forming a first alignment film on the array substrate on which the electrochromic reflective layer has been formed.

[0132] On basis of step 1402, as shown in FIG. 15, the first alignment film 205 is formed on the array substrate 201 on which the electrochromic reflective layer 204 has been formed.

[0133] Step 1404, forming successively a first wave plate and a lower polarizer on a side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0134] On basis of step 1403, as shown in FIG. 16, the first wave plate 206 and the lower polarizer 207 are successively arranged on the side of the array substrate 201 away from the liquid crystal layer 203.

[0135] Step 1405, forming a second alignment film on a side of the assembly substrate close to the liquid crystal layer.

[0136] On basis of step 1404, as shown in FIG. 17, the second alignment film 208 is arranged on the side of the assembly substrate 202 close to the liquid crystal layer 203.

[0137] Step 1406, forming successively a second wave plate and an upper polarizer on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

[0138] On basis of step 1405, as shown in FIG. 3, the second wave plate 209 and the upper polarizer 210 are successively arranged on the side of the assembly substrate 202 away from the liquid crystal layer 203.

[0139] For example, the first wave plate comprises a first quarter wave plate and a first half wave plate.

[0140] Accordingly, step 1404 can comprise:

[0141] forming successively a first quarter wave plate, a first half wave plate, and a lower polarizer on a side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer. The resulting structure formed by this step can be illustrated by the view shown in FIG. 4.

[0142] For example, the second wave plate comprises a second quarter wave plate.

[0143] Accordingly, step 1406 can comprise:

[0144] forming successively a second quarter wave plate and an upper polarizer on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer. The resulting structure formed by this step can be illustrated by the view shown in FIG. 4.

[0145] For example, when the liquid crystal layer is an electrically controlled birefringence liquid crystal layer, the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree, the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 135 degree, the first half wave plate has a polarization angle of 45 degree, the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 90 degrees, the first alignment film has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree, and the second alignment film has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

[0146] Furthermore, the second wave plate further comprises a second half wave plate.

[0147] Accordingly, step 1406 can comprise:

[0148] forming successively a second quarter wave plate, a second half wave plate, and an upper polarizer on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer. The resulting structure formed by this step can be illustrated by the view shown in FIG. 9.

[0149] For example, when the liquid crystal layer is a vertical alignment liquid crystal layer, the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree; the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 75 degree; the first half wave plate and the second half wave plate have a polarization angle of 15 degree; the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree.

[0150] To sum up, in the method for fabricating a display panel of embodiments of the present invention, since an electrochromic reflective layer is arranged between an array substrate and a first alignment film, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in a totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in a totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0151] Embodiments of the present invention provide a method for driving a display panel, which is used for driving the above mentioned display panel. As shown in FIG. 18, the method comprises:

[0152] Step 1801, sending an electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode.

[0153] Step 1802, stopping sending the electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

[0154] To sum up, in the method for driving a display panel of embodiments of the present invention, by sending an electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and stopping sending the electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in the totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in the totally reflective mode. A transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0155] Embodiments of the present invention provide a display device. The display device can comprise the display panel shown in FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 4, or FIG. 9, and a backlight unit. The display device comprises a liquid crystal

panel, a liquid crystal TV, mobile phone, tablet computer, navigator, or the like. In the display panel of embodiments of the present invention, since an electrochromic reflective layer is arranged between an array substrate of the display panel and a first alignment film, the electrochromic reflective layer is equivalent to a transparent layer in a totally transmissive mode and a reflective layer in a totally reflective mode, a transmission region and a reflection region are located at a same region, and the electrochromic reflective layer is combined with a liquid crystal layer to realize switching between the totally transmissive display and the totally reflect display. As compared with the related art, the transmission region and the reflection region are increased in area, which increases the aperture ratio, transmittance, and thus quality of the displayed image.

[0156] Although the present invention has been described above with reference to exemplary embodiments, it should be understood that the described embodiments are merely for illustrative purpose and by no means limiting. All variations, equivalents, modifications that fall within the spirit and principle of the present invention are intended to be embraced in the protection scope of the present invention.

1. A display panel, comprising an array substrate, an assembly substrate, and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the array substrate and the assembly substrate, wherein the display panel has a totally transmissive mode and a totally reflective mode, the display panel comprises:

an electrochromic reflective layer which is arranged on a side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer,

the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode, and to exhibit a transparent state to completely transmit light in the totally transmissive mode.

2. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the display panel further comprises a switch unit which is electrically connected with the electrochromic reflective layer, and configured to control an electrical signal fed to the electrochromic reflective layer.

3. The display panel of claim 2, wherein the switch unit is a thin film transistor.

4. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the display panel further comprises:

a first alignment film which is arranged on the array substrate with the electrochromic reflective layer;

a first wave plate and a lower polarizer which are arranged successively on a side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer;

a second alignment film which is arranged on a side of the assembly substrate close to the liquid crystal layer; and

a second wave plate and an upper polarizer which are arranged successively on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

5. The display panel of claim 4, wherein the first wave plate comprises a first quarter wave plate and a first half wave plate;

the first quarter wave plate, the first half wave plate and the lower polarizer are successively arranged on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

6. The display panel of claim 5, wherein the second wave plate comprises a second quarter wave plate;

the second quarter wave plate and the upper polarizer are arranged on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

7. The display panel of claim 6, wherein the liquid crystal layer is an electrically controlled birefringence liquid crystal layer;

the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree; the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 135 degree; the first half wave plate has a polarization angle of 45 degree;

the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 90 degrees; the first alignment film has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree; and

the second alignment film has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

8. The display panel of claim 6, wherein the second wave plate further comprises a second half wave plate;

the second quarter wave plate, the second half wave plate and the upper polarizer are arranged on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

9. The display panel of claim 8, wherein the liquid crystal layer is a vertical alignment liquid crystal layer;

the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree; the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 75 degree;

the first half wave plate and the second half wave plate have a polarization angle of 15 degree; and

the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree.

10. A method for fabricating the display panel of claim 1, wherein the method comprises:

forming the electrochromic reflective layer on the side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer,

when the electrochromic reflective layer receives an electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and

when the electrochromic reflective layer does not receive the electrical signal, the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein, before forming the electrochromic reflective layer on the side of the array substrate close to the liquid crystal layer, the method further comprises:

forming the array substrate comprising a switch unit which is connected with the electrochromic reflective layer and configured to control the electrical signal fed to the electrochromic reflective layer.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the switch unit is a thin film transistor.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

forming a first alignment film on the array substrate on which the electrochromic reflective layer has been formed;

forming successively a first wave plate and a lower polarizer on a side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer;

forming a second alignment film on a side of the assembly substrate close to the liquid crystal layer; and

forming successively a second wave plate and an upper polarizer on a side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

14. The method of claim **13**, wherein the first wave plate comprises a first quarter wave plate and a first half wave plate;

said forming successively the first wave plate and the lower polarizer on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

forming successively the first quarter wave plate, the first half wave plate and the lower polarizer on the side of the array substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

15. The method of claim **14**, wherein the second wave plate comprises a second quarter wave plate;

said forming successively the second wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

forming successively the second quarter wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

16. The method of claim **15**, wherein the liquid crystal layer is an electrically controlled birefringence liquid crystal layer;

the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 135 degree;

the first half wave plate has a polarization angle of 45 degree;

the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 90 degrees;

the first alignment film has a rubbing orientation of 135 degree; and

the second alignment film has a rubbing orientation of -135 degree.

17. The method of claim **15**, wherein the second wave plate further comprises a second half wave plate;

said forming successively the second wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer comprises:

forming successively the second quarter wave plate, the second half wave plate and the upper polarizer on the side of the assembly substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

18. The method of claim **17**, wherein the liquid crystal layer is a vertical alignment liquid crystal layer;

the lower polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree;

the first quarter wave plate and the second quarter wave plate have a polarization angle of 75 degree;

the first half wave plate and the second half wave plate have a polarization angle of 15 degree; and

the upper polarizer has a polarization angle of 0 degree.

19. A method for driving the display panel of claim **1**, the method comprises:

sending an electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally reflective mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer is configured to reflect external ambient light in the totally reflective mode; and

stopping sending the electrical signal to the electrochromic reflective layer, so that the display panel exhibits the totally transmissive mode, and the electrochromic reflective layer stays in a transparent state in the totally transmissive mode.

20. A display device, comprising the display panel of claim **1** and a backlight unit.

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摘要(译)

公开了一种显示面板及其制造方法和显示装置，涉及显示技术领域。显示面板包括阵列基板，组装基板和设置在阵列基板和组装基板之间的液晶层。显示面板具有完全透射模式和全反射模式。电致变色反射层布置在阵列基板的靠近液晶层的一侧上，并且被配置为以全反射模式反射外部环境光并且呈现透明状态以在完全透射模式下完全透射光。

