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(RELATED ART)

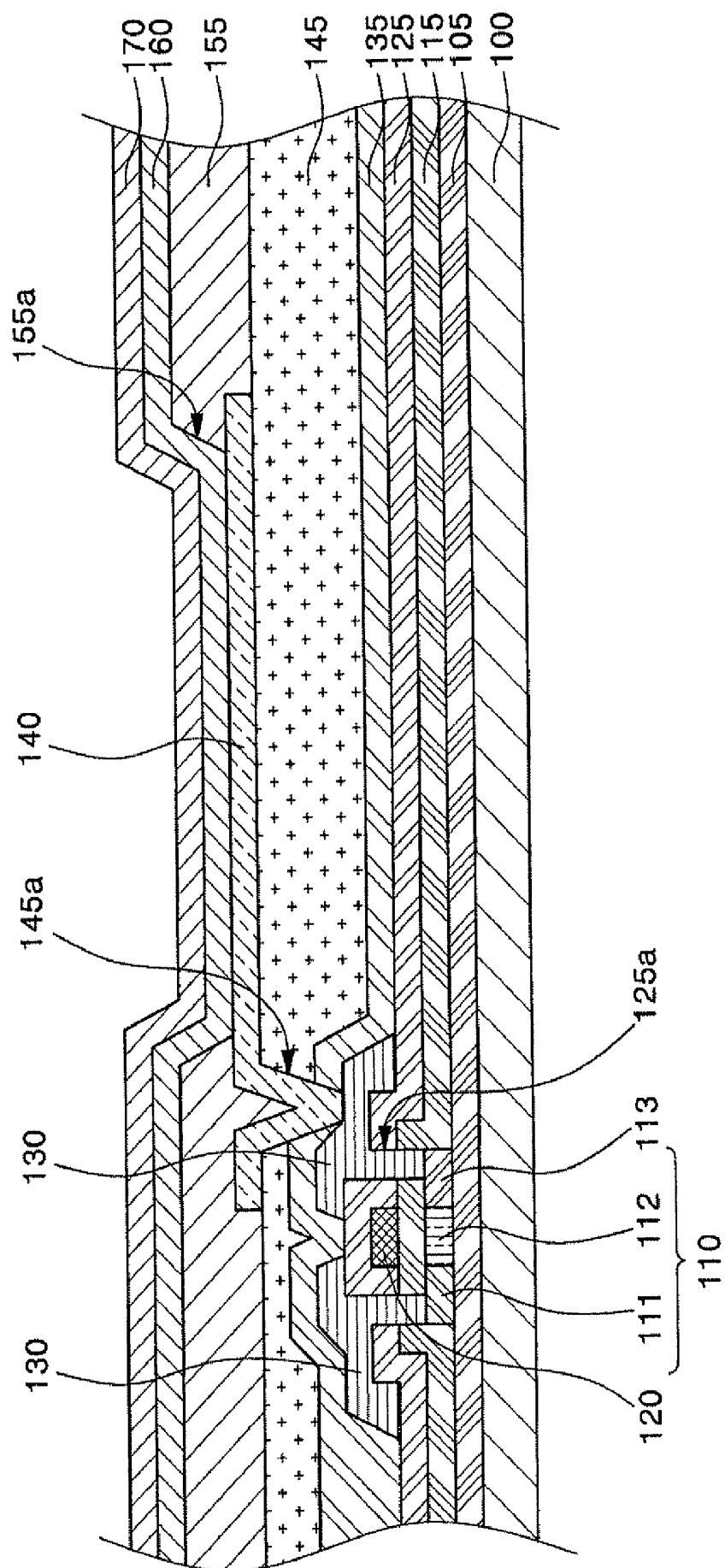


FIG. 2A

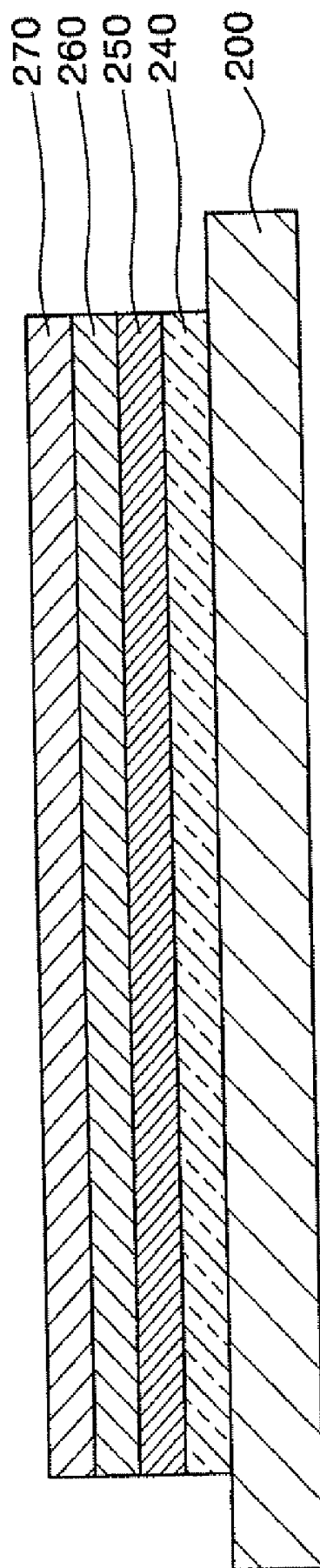


FIG. 2B

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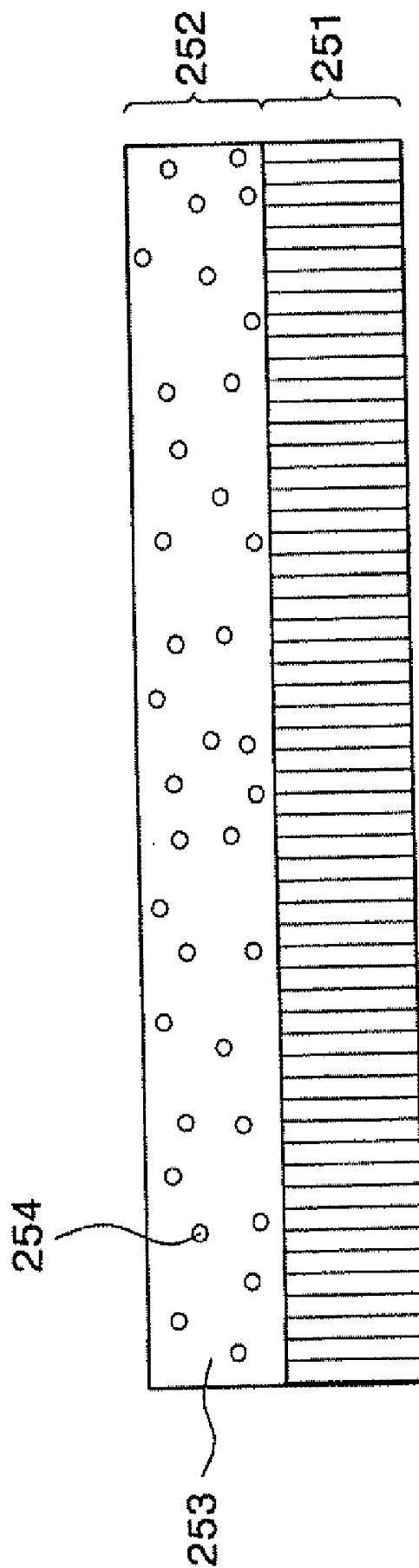


FIG. 3

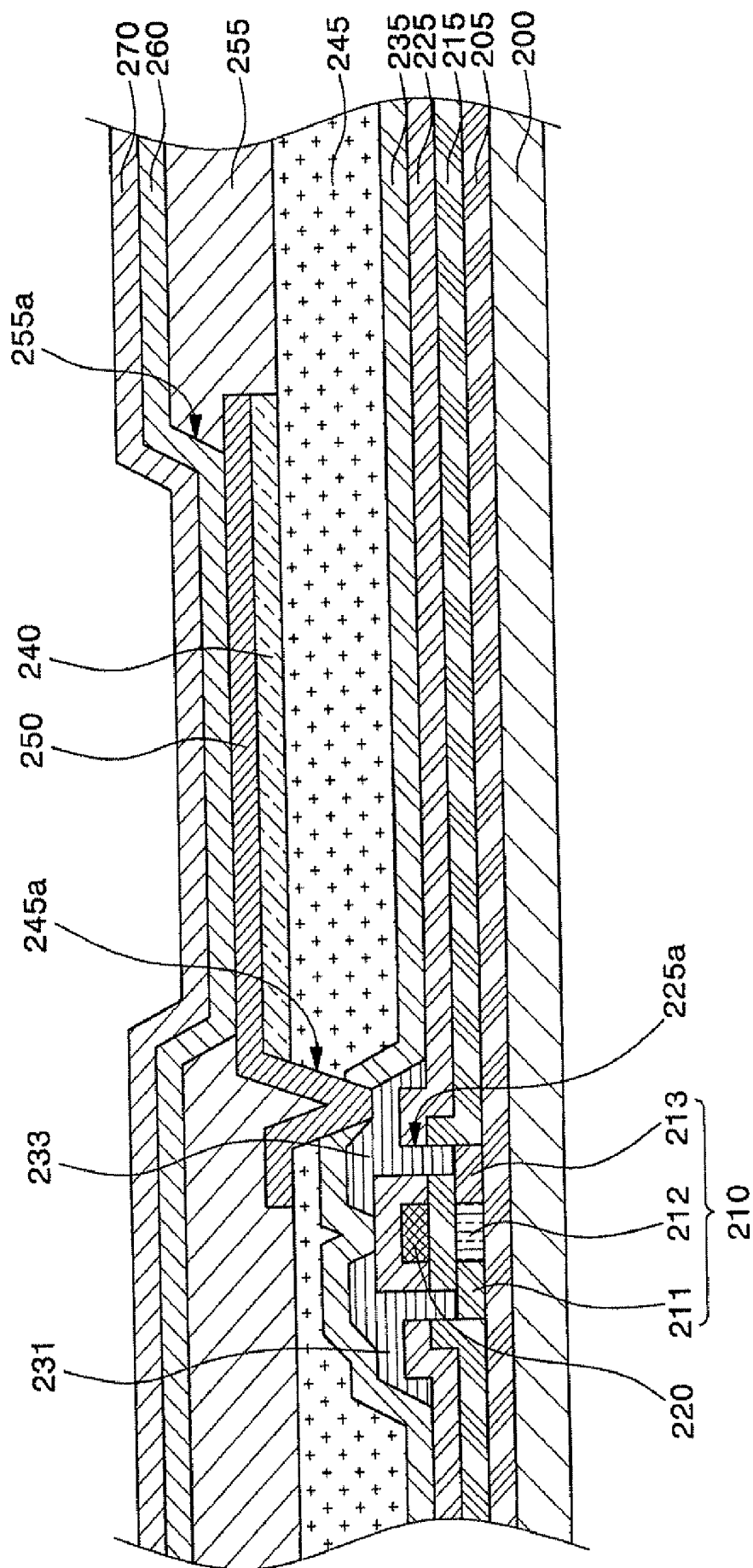


FIG. 4

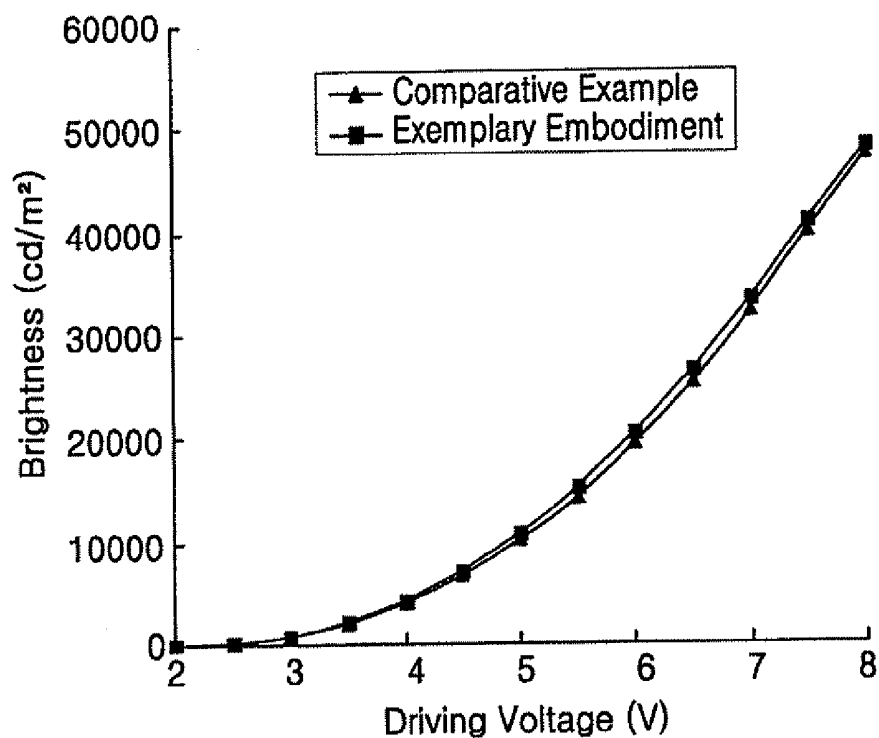


FIG. 5

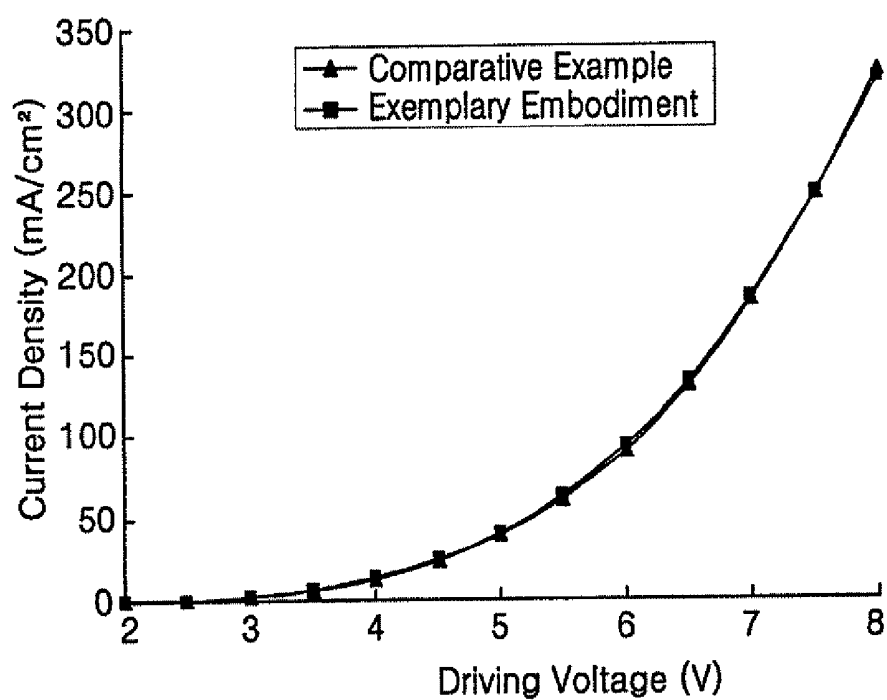


FIG. 6

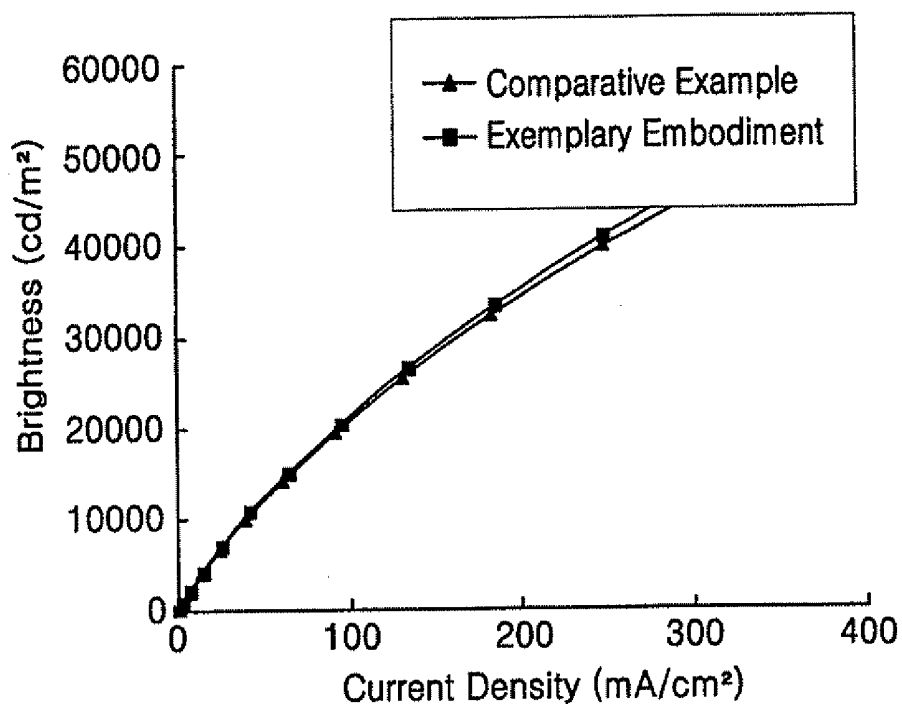
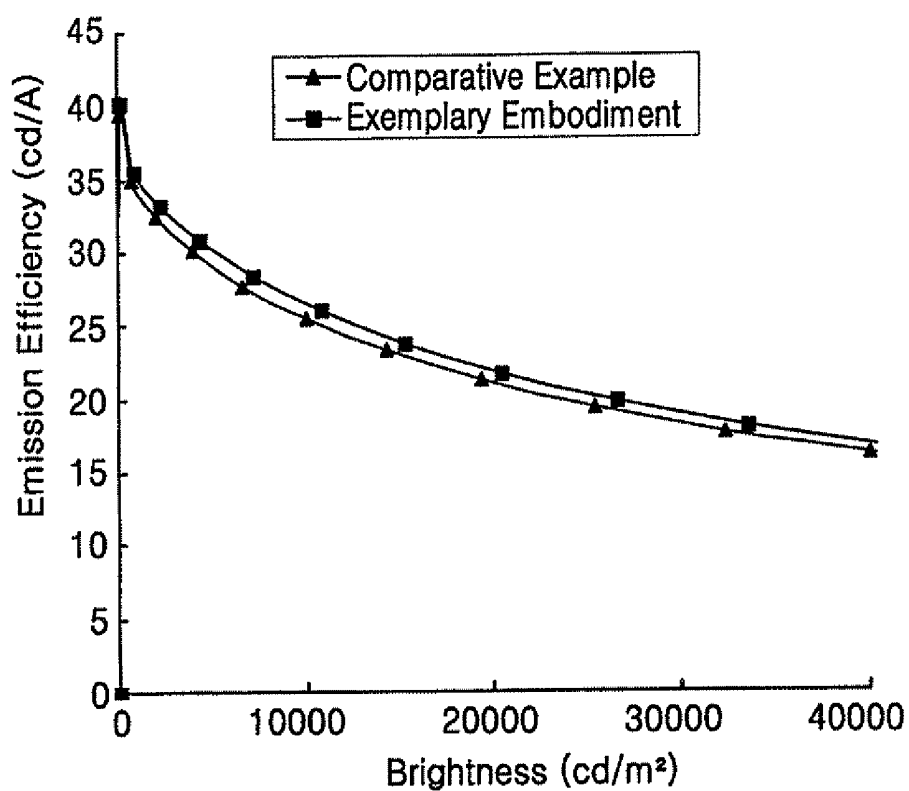


FIG. 7



ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of Korean Application No. 2006-128803, filed Dec. 15, 2006, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Aspects of the present invention relate to an organic light emitting display device (OLED) and a method of fabricating the same, and more particularly, to an OLED in which a cathode is replaced with a charge generation layer, and a method of fabricating the same.

2. Description of the Related Art

An OLED is a display device that uses a phenomenon in which an electron and a hole are injected into an organic layer through a cathode and an anode, and are recombined to generate an exciton, to thereby emit light with a specific wavelength. The OLED has advantages of a wide viewing angle, high brightness, and improved implementation of motion pictures due to a response time that is 30,000 times faster than recently commercialized liquid crystal display device (LCD). The OLED has a stacked structure capable of increasing an emission efficiency of light by the recombination of electrons and holes.

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a typical inverted type OLED. Referring to FIG. 1, a buffer layer 105 is formed on a substrate 100, and an amorphous silicon layer (not shown) is formed on the buffer layer 105, which is then crystallized into a polycrystalline silicon layer (not shown).

The polycrystalline silicon layer is patterned to form a semiconductor layer 110, and a gate insulating layer 115 is formed on an entire surface of the substrate 100 having the semiconductor layer 110. A gate electrode 120 is formed in a region of the gate insulating layer 115, which corresponds to the semiconductor layer 110. A photoresist pattern (not shown) is disposed on the gate electrode 120 as a mask, and then a source region 111, a drain region 113, and a channel region 112 are formed in the semiconductor layer 110 by performing an ion doping process.

An interlayer insulating layer 125 is formed on the entire surface of the substrate 100 having the gate electrode 120. Afterwards, the gate electrode 120 and the interlayer insulating layer 125 are etched, to thereby form a contact hole 125a to expose the source region 111 and the drain region 113. Source and drain electrodes 130 are respectively formed through the contact hole 125a so as to be connected with the source region 111 and the drain region 113.

A passivation layer 135 is formed on the entire surface of the substrate 100 having the source and drain electrodes 130, and a planarization layer 145 is formed on the passivation layer 135. The passivation layer 135 and the planarization layer 145 are etched to form a via hole 145a. A cathode 140 is formed on the planarization layer 145 and is connected to the source and drain electrodes 130 through the via hole 145a.

A pixel defining layer 155 is formed on the cathode 140, and then etched, to thereby form an opening 155a which exposes a part of the cathode 140. An organic layer 160 including an emission layer is formed on the entire surface of

the substrate 100, and includes the opening 155a. An anode 170 is formed on the organic layer 160. Thus, the inverted type OLED is formed.

However, the typical inverted type OLED of FIG. 1 has a problem in which a cathode formed of an alkali metal or an alkali earth metal (having a low work function) is easily oxidized when an anode is formed of ITO or IZO (by sputtering). To overcome this problem, the cathode has to be formed of a material having the same work function as the anode and a strong oxidation resistance. However, it is very difficult to accomplish such requirements with current technology.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Aspects of the present invention provide an organic light emitting display device (OLED) having a charge generation layer in place of a cathode, and a method of fabricating the same.

In an aspect of the present invention, an OLED includes: a substrate; a reflective layer disposed on the substrate; a charge generation layer disposed on the reflective layer to generate electrons and holes; an organic layer disposed on the charge generation layer and including an emission layer; and an anode disposed on the organic layer.

In another aspect of the present invention, a method of fabricating an OLED includes: preparing a substrate; forming a reflective layer on the substrate; forming a charge generation layer on the reflective layer to generate electrons and holes; forming an organic layer including an emission layer on the charge generation layer; and forming an anode on the organic layer.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, an OLED includes: a substrate; a semiconductor layer disposed on the substrate; a gate insulating layer disposed on an entire surface of the substrate including the semiconductor layer; a gate electrode disposed in a region corresponding to the semiconductor layer on the gate insulating layer; an interlayer insulating layer disposed on the entire surface of the substrate including the gate electrode; source and drain electrodes disposed on the interlayer insulating layer, and electrically connected to the semiconductor layer; a passivation layer disposed on the entire surface of the substrate including the source and drain electrodes; a planarization layer disposed on the passivation layer; a reflective layer disposed on the planarization layer; a charge generation layer disposed on the substrate including the reflective layer, and electrically connected to the source or drain electrode, and to generate electrons and holes; an organic layer disposed on the charge generation layer, and including an emission layer; and an anode disposed on the organic layer.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, a method of fabricating an OLED includes: preparing a substrate; forming a semiconductor layer on the substrate; forming a gate insulating layer on an entire surface of the substrate including the semiconductor layer; forming a gate electrode in a region corresponding to the semiconductor layer on the gate insulating layer; forming an interlayer insulating layer on the entire surface of the substrate including the gate electrode; forming source and drain electrodes electrically connected to the semiconductor layer on the interlayer insulating layer; forming a passivation layer on the entire surface of the substrate including the source and drain electrodes; forming a planarization layer on the passivation layer; forming a reflective layer on the planarization layer; forming a charge generation layer electrically connected to the source or drain electrode on the substrate including the reflective layer, and to generate

electrons and holes; forming an organic layer including an organic emission layer on the charge generation layer; and forming an anode on the organic layer.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, an organic light emitting display device (OLED) includes: a substrate; a reflective layer disposed on the substrate and reflecting generated light; a charge generation layer disposed on the reflective layer to generate electrons and holes; an organic layer disposed on the charge generation layer and including an emission layer to generate and emit the light; and an anode disposed on the organic layer, wherein an electric field is applied to the charge generation layer to generate the electrons and holes and not to the reflective layer.

Additional aspects and/or advantages of the invention will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be obvious from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and/or other aspects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the aspects, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a typical inverted type organic light emitting display device (OLED);

FIG. 2A is a schematic cross-sectional view of an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention, and FIG. 2B is a detailed view of a charge generation layer according to an aspect of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of an OLED according to another aspect of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a graph illustrating a relationship between driving voltages and brightnesses in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and Comparative OLED;

FIG. 5 is a graph illustrating a relationship between driving voltages and current densities in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and Comparative OLED;

FIG. 6 is a graph illustrating a relationship between current densities and brightnesses in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and Comparative OLED; and

FIG. 7 is a graph illustrating a relationship between brightnesses and emission efficiencies in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and Comparative OLED.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

Reference will now be made in detail to aspects of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout. The aspects are described below in order to explain the present invention by referring to the figures.

FIG. 2A is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting display device (OLED) according to an aspect of the present invention, and FIG. 2B is a detailed view of a charge generation layer of the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 2A, a reflective layer **240** is formed on a substrate **200**. A charge generation layer **250** is formed on the reflective layer **240**. An organic layer **260** including an emission layer is formed on the charge generation layer **250**. An anode **270** is formed on the organic layer **260**.

In FIG. 2A, the substrate **200** may be a glass substrate, a stainless steel substrate, or a plastic substrate, for example. The reflective layer **240** may be formed of aluminum, silver,

or an alloy thereof, and has an excellent reflection characteristic. In FIG. 2B, the charge generation layer **250** has a structure in which an inorganic compound layer **251** (such as an inorganic metal oxide layer) and a mixed layer **252** (including a material for an electron transport layer **253** and a metal dopant **254**) are sequentially stacked. The charge generation layer **250** may be formed by a vacuum evaporation method.

With reference to FIGS. 2A and 2B, when an electric field is applied to the charge generation layer **250**, electrons are generated from the mixed layer **252** of the charge generation layer **250**. The electrons then tend to travel to the anode **270**. Also, holes are generated from the inorganic compound layer **251**, and then tend to travel in an opposite direction from the anode **270**. Moreover, the charge generation layer **250** prevents or reduces damage to the reflective layer **240**, which may occur during formation of the anode **270**.

The charge generation layer **250** may be formed to a thickness of 70 to 2000 Å. When the thickness of the charge generation layer **250** is less than 70 Å, the charge generation layer **250** cannot sufficiently generate the electrons and holes, and also cannot improve a hole injection efficiency and an electron injection efficiency. However, when the thickness of the charge generation layer **250** is more than 2000 Å, reliability of the OLED device decreases due to occurrence of a cross talk phenomenon caused by the inorganic compound layer **251**, and thereby cause manufacturing time and cost to increase.

The inorganic compound layer **251** is formed to a thickness of 20 to 1000 Å. When the thickness of the inorganic compound layer **251** is less than 20 Å, the inorganic compound layer **251** may not sufficiently generate the holes, and also may not improve the hole injection efficiency. Conversely, when the thickness of the inorganic compound layer **251** is more than 1000 Å, the reliability of the OLED device decreases due to occurrence of the cross talk phenomenon, and thereby cause the manufacturing time and cost to increase.

The inorganic compound layer **251** includes one selected from a group consisting of tungsten oxide (WO_3), vanadium oxide (V_2O_5), molybdenum oxide (MoO_3), beryllium oxide (Be_2O_3), rhenium oxide (Re_2O_7), ferric chloride (FeCl_3), ferric bromide (FeBr_3), ferric iodide (FeI_3), aluminum chloride (AlCl_3), aluminum bromide (AlBr_3), gallium chloride (GaCl_3), gallium bromide (GaBr_3), gallium iodide (GaI_3), indium chloride (InCl_3), indium bromide (InBr_3), indium iodide (InI_3), antimony pentachloride (SbCl_5), arsenic pentafluoride (AsF_5), arsenic trifluoride (AsF_3), and boron trifluoride (BF_3).

The mixed layer **252** is formed of a mixture of a material for an electron transport layer **253** and a metal dopant **254** in a 1:1 ratio, and has a thickness of 20 to 1000 Å. When the thickness of the mixed layer **252** is less than 20 Å, the electrons cannot be sufficiently generated, and the electron injection efficiency cannot be improved. However, when the thickness of the mixed layer is more than 1000 Å, the manufacturing time and cost may increase.

Components for the electron transport layer **253** includes: a metal complex with a quinoline-based structure, such as Almq3 (Alq3, tris(4-methyl-8-quinolinolate)aluminum) and BeBbq2 bis(10-hydroxybenzo[h]-quinolinolate beryllium) or a benzoquinoline-based structure; a mixed ligand complex such as BALq (bis(2-methyl-8-quinolinolate)-(4-hydroxy-biphenyl)-aluminum); or a metal complex with an oxazole or thiazole ligand such as Zn(BOX)2 (bis[2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-benzooxazolate]zinc and Zn(BTZ)2 (bis[2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-benzothiazolate]zinc). Also, in addition to the metal complex, the components for the electron transport layer **253**

may include: an oxadiazole derivative such as PBD (2-(4-biphenyl)-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole) and OXD-7 (1,3-bis[5-(p-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-yl]benzene); a triazole derivative such as TAZ (3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-4-phenyl-5-(4-biphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole) and p-Et-TAZ (3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-(4-biphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole); or a phenanthroline derivative such as BPhen (bathophenanthroline) and BCP (bathocuproin). The metal dopant **254** includes one selected from a group consisting of magnesium, cesium, and lithium.

The organic layer **260** may include at least one layer selected from a group consisting of a hole injection layer, a hole transport layer, a hole blocking layer, an electron transport layer, and an electron injection layer. The hole injection layer serves to facilitate injection of holes into the emission layer of the OLED, and increases the life span of the OLED. The hole injection layer may be formed of an aryl amine-based compound and starburst amines. More specifically, the hole injection layer may be formed of 4,4',4''-tris(3-methylphenylamino)triphenylamine (m-MTDATA), 1,3,5-tris[4-(3-methylphenylamino)phenyl]benzene (m-MTDATB), copper phthalocyanine (CuP), or other compounds. Also, the hole injection layer may be formed of an inorganic material, such as vanadium oxide or tungsten oxide that can be thermally deposited.

The hole transport layer may be formed of an arylene diamine derivative, a starburst compound, a biphenyl diamine derivative with a spiro radical, a trapezoidal compound, or other compounds. More specifically, the hole transport layer may be formed of N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine (TPD) or 4,4'-bis[N-(1-naphthyl)-N-phenyl amino]biphenyl (NPB).

The emission layer may include red (R), green (G), and blue (B) light emitting materials. The red light emitting material may include a low molecular weight material such as Alq3(host)/DCJTb(fluorescent dopant), Alq3(host)/DCM (fluorescent dopant) and CBP(host)/PtOEP(phosphorescent organic metal complex); and a polymer such as a PFO-based polymer and a PPV-based polymer. The green light emitting material may include a low molecular weight material such as Alq3, Alq3(host)/C545t(dopant), CBP(host)/IrPPY(phosphorescent organic material complex); and a polymer such as a PFO-based polymer and a PPV-based polymer. In addition, the blue light emitting material may include a low molecular weight material such as DPVBi, spiro-DPVBi, spiro-6P, distyrylbenzene (DSB), distyrylarylene (DSA); and a polymer such as a PFO-based polymer and a PPV-based polymer.

When hole mobility is higher than electron mobility in the emission layer, the hole blocking layer prevents the holes from moving into the electron injection layer. Here, the hole blocking layer may be formed of one selected from a group consisting of 2-biphenyl-4-yl-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (PBD), spiro-PBD and 3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-4-phenyl-5-(4-biphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole (TAZ).

The electron transport layer may be formed of a metal compound capable of easily receiving electrons, for example, aluminum tri(8-hydroquinoline) (Alq3), which is excellent in stably transporting the electrons provided from the charge generation layer **250**. The electron injection layer may be formed of at least one selected from a group consisting of 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives, 1,2,4-triazole derivatives, and LiF.

The organic layer **260** may be formed by one of a laser induced thermal imaging method, an inkjet-printing method, and a vacuum evaporation method. The anode **270** may be a transparent conductive layer, which is formed of indium tin oxide (ITO), indium zinc oxide (IZO), or indium tin zinc

oxide (ITZO). The anode **270** may be formed by sputtering. Accordingly, the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention is formed as discussed in relation to FIGS. 2A and 2B.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of an OLED according to another aspect of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 3, a buffer layer **205** is formed on a substrate **200**. The substrate **200** is formed of glass, stainless steel, or plastic. The buffer layer **205** may be a silicon nitride layer, a silicon oxide layer, or a multiple layer thereof. Here, the buffer layer **205** prevents or reduces diffusion of moisture or impurities generated from the underlying substrate **200**, or facilitates crystallization of a semiconductor layer **210** to be formed in a subsequent process by controlling a heat transfer rate during the crystallization process.

An amorphous silicon layer (not shown) that is formed on the buffer layer **205** is crystallized into a polycrystalline or single crystal silicon layer (not shown), and patterned, to thereby form the semiconductor layer **210**. The amorphous silicon layer may be formed by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) or physical vapor deposition (PVD). Also, during or after the formation of the amorphous silicon layer, the amorphous silicon layer may be dehydrogenated to lower its hydrogen concentration. The amorphous silicon layer may also be crystallized by at least one technique selected from a group consisting of a rapid thermal annealing (RTA) technique, a solid phase crystallization (SPC) technique, a metal induced crystallization (MIC) technique, a metal induced lateral crystallization (MILC) technique, a super grain silicon (SGS) technique, an excimer laser annealing (ELA) technique, and a sequential lateral solidification (SLS) technique.

A gate insulating layer **215** is formed on the entire surface of the substrate **200** having the semiconductor layer **210**. The gate insulating layer **215** is a silicon oxide layer, a silicon nitride layer, or a multiple layer thereof. A gate electrode **220** is formed by first forming a gate electrode material on a portion of the gate insulating layer **215**. The gate electrode material is formed of one selected from a group consisting of aluminum (Al), an aluminum alloy (Al-alloy), molybdenum (Mo), and a molybdenum alloy (Mo-alloy). The gate electrode material may also be formed of a molybdenum-tungsten (MoW) alloy.

The gate electrode material is patterned to form the gate electrode **220**, and a photoresist pattern (not shown) is temporarily disposed on the gate electrode **220**. Then, a source region **211**, a drain region **213**, and a channel region **212** are formed by an ion doping process using the photoresist pattern as a mask.

An interlayer insulating layer **225** is formed on the entire surface of the substrate **200** having the gate electrode **220**. Here, the interlayer insulating layer **225** may be a silicon nitride layer, a silicon oxide layer, or a multiple layer thereof. A contact hole **225a** exposing the source region **211** and/or the drain region **213** is formed by etching the interlayer insulating layer **225**. Source and drain electrodes **231**, **233** are formed to be connected to the source region **211** and the drain region **213** through the contact hole **225a**, respectively. Here, the source and drain electrodes **231**, **233** may be formed of one selected from a group consisting of Mo, W, MoW, tungsten silicide (WSi₂), molybdenum silicide (MoSi₂), and Al. Thus, a thin film transistor including the semiconductor layer **210**, the gate electrode **220**, and the source and drain electrodes **231**, **233** is formed.

A passivation layer **235** is formed on the entire surface of the substrate **200** having the source and drain electrodes **231**, **233**, and a planarization layer **245** is formed on the passivation layer **235**. The passivation layer **235** may be a silicon

oxide layer or a silicon nitride layer. The planarization layer **245** may be an organic layer, which is formed of one selected from a group consisting of polyimide, benzocyclobutene series resin, and acrylate. Also, the planarization layer **245** may also be an inorganic layer formed of silicate-on-glass.

A via hole **245a** exposing the source and/or drain electrodes **231**, **233** is formed by etching the planarization layer **245**. In other words, the via hole **245a** may expose the source electrode **231**, the drain electrode **233**, or both. A reflective layer **240** is formed on a partial region of the planarization layer **245**. The reflective layer **240** may be formed of Al, silver (Ag), or an alloy thereof, which has an excellent reflection characteristic. The reflective layer **240** is not directly in contact with the source and/or drain electrodes **231**, **233**, nor is it directly in contact with the source and/or drain regions **211**, **213**.

A charge generation layer **250**, which is connected to the source and/or drain electrodes **231**, **233** through the via hole **245a**, is formed on the substrate **200** having the reflective layer **240**. The charge generation layer **250** has a structure in which an inorganic compound layer **251**, and a mixed layer **252** including an electron transport material **253** and a metal dopant **254** are sequentially stacked, and may be formed by evaporation.

When an electric field is applied to the charge generation layer **250**, electrons are generated from the mixed layer **252** of the charge generation layer **250**, and then the electrons tend to travel to the anode **270**. In this case, holes are generated from the inorganic compound layer **251**, and then the holes tend to travel in the opposite direction from the anode **270**. That is, the holes travel to the source and/or drain electrodes **231**, **233**. Moreover, the charge generation layer **250** serves to prevent or reduce damage to the reflective layer **240**, which may occur during the formation of the anode **270** in a subsequent process. The description of the charge generation layer **250** has already been made in relations to FIGS. 2A and 2B, so further explanations will not be repeated.

An organic layer **260** having an emission layer is formed on the charge generation layer **250**. The organic layer **260** may include at least one layer selected from a hole injection layer, a hole transport layer, a hole blocking layer, an electron transport layer, and an electron injection layer. The organic layer **260** may be formed by one of a laser induced thermal imaging method, an inkjet-printing method, and a vacuum evaporation method.

The anode **270** is formed on the organic layer **260**. The anode **270** may be a transparent conductive layer, which is formed of ITO, IZO, or ITZO. The anode **270** may be formed by sputtering. Accordingly, the OLED according to another aspect of the present invention is formed as discussed in relation to FIG. 3.

Although the aspects of the present invention will be described with reference to the following examples, the scope of the present invention is not limited thereto.

<An OLED According to an Aspect of the Present Invention>

A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 3300 Å was formed as a buffer layer on a substrate. A semiconductor layer was formed on the buffer layer to a thickness of 400 Å. A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 1200 Å was formed as a gate insulating layer on the semiconductor layer, and a MoW alloy having a thickness of 1500 Å was formed as a gate electrode on the gate insulating layer. A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 1500 Å was formed as an interlayer insulating layer on the entire surface of the substrate having the gate electrode, and source and/or drain electrodes formed of aluminum having a thickness of 1000 Å were connected to

the semiconductor layer. A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 0.1 μm was formed as a passivation layer on the entire surface of the substrate having the source and drain electrodes, and a planarization layer of acrylate having a thickness of 1 μm was formed on the passivation layer. A reflective layer of Al having a thickness of 2000 Å was formed on the planarization layer. A charge generation layer was formed on the reflective layer by sequentially stacking WO₃ having a thickness of 150 Å, and a mixed layer (made of Alq₃ (available from eRay) and Mg mixed at a 1:1 ratio) having a thickness of 100 Å. An electron transport layer of eRay-Alq₃ having a thickness of 200 Å was formed on the charge generation layer. An emission layer including TMM004 (available from Merck) as a host, and 8% GD33 (available from UDC) as a dopant, was formed on the electron transport layer, and a hole transport layer of IDE320 (available from Idemitsu) having a thickness of 150 Å was formed on the emission layer. Also, a hole injection layer of IDE406 (available from Idemitsu) having a thickness of 750 Å was formed on the hole transport layer. An anode of ITO having a thickness of 0.1 μm was formed on the hole injection layer.

<Comparative OLED>

A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 3300 Å was formed as a buffer layer on a substrate. A semiconductor layer having a thickness of 400 Å was formed on the buffer layer. A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 1200 Å was formed as a gate insulating layer on the semiconductor layer, and a gate electrode of a MoW alloy having a thickness of 1500 Å was formed on the gate insulating layer. A silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 1500 Å was formed as an interlayer insulating layer on the entire surface of the substrate having the gate electrode, and source and drain electrodes of aluminum having a thickness of 1000 Å were connected to the semiconductor layer on the interlayer insulating layer. A passivation layer of a silicon nitride layer having a thickness of 0.1 μm was formed on the entire surface of the substrate having the source and drain electrodes, and a planarization layer of acrylate having a thickness of 1 μm was formed on the passivation layer. A cathode connected to the source and drain electrodes of an alloy of Mg and Ag mixed in a 15:1 ratio and having a thickness of 1500 Å was formed on the planarization layer. An electron transport layer of Alq₃ (available from eRay) having a thickness of 200 Å was formed on the cathode. An emission layer including TMM004 (available from Merck) as a host, and 8% GD33 (available from UDC) as a dopant was formed on the electron transport layer, and a hole transport layer of IDE320 (available from Idemitsu) having a thickness of 150 Å was formed on the emission layer. Also, a hole injection layer of IDE406 (available from Idemitsu) having a thickness of 750 Å was formed on the hole transport layer. An anode of ITO having a thickness of 0.1 μm was formed on the hole injection layer.

FIG. 4 is a graph illustrating a relationship between driving voltages and brightnesses in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and a Comparative OLED. A horizontal axis represents the driving voltages (V), and a vertical axis represents the brightnesses (cd/m²). Referring to FIG. 4, in the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention, when the driving voltages are 5V, 6V, and 7V, the brightnesses are about 10000 cd/m², 20000 cd/m², and 33000 cd/m², respectively. Also, in the Comparative OLED, when the driving voltages are 5V, 6V, and 7V, the brightnesses are about 10000 cd/m², 20000 cd/m², and 33000 cd/m², respectively. Accordingly, it can be noted that the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention shows similar brightnesses to those of the Comparative OLED when the OLED according

to an aspect of the present invention has the same driving voltages as the Comparative OLED, even without a separate cathode.

FIG. 5 is a graph illustrating a relationship between driving voltages and current densities in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and a Comparative OLED. A horizontal axis represents the driving voltages (V), and a vertical axis represents the current densities (mA/cm²).

Referring to FIG. 5, in the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention, when the driving voltages are 5V, 6V, and 7V, the current densities are about 50 mA/cm², 100 mA/cm², and 150 mA/cm², respectively. Also, in the Comparative OLED, when the driving voltages are 5V, 6V, and 7V, the current densities are about 50 mA/cm², 100 mA/cm², and 150 mA/cm², respectively. Accordingly, it can be noted that the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention shows similar current densities to those of the Comparative OLED when OLED according to an aspect of the present invention has the same driving voltages as the Comparative OLED, even when a cathode is replaced with a charge generation layer.

FIG. 6 is a graph illustrating a relationship between current densities and brightnesses in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and a Comparative OLED. A horizontal axis represents the current densities (mA/cm²), and a vertical axis represents the brightnesses (cd/m²).

Referring to FIG. 6, in the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention, when the current densities are 100 mA/cm² and 200 mA/cm², the brightnesses are about 20000 cd/m² and 32000 cd/m², respectively. In the Comparative OLED, when the current densities are 100 mA/cm² and 200 mA/cm², the brightnesses are about 20000 cd/m² and 32000 cd/m², respectively. Accordingly, it can be noted that the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention shows similar brightnesses to those of the Comparative OLED when the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention has the same current densities as the Comparative OLED, even when a cathode is replaced with a charge generation layer.

FIG. 7 is a graph illustrating a relationship between brightnesses and emission efficiencies in an OLED according to an aspect of the present invention and a Comparative OLED. A horizontal axis represents the brightnesses (cd/m²), and a vertical axis represents the emission efficiencies (cd/A).

Referring to FIG. 7, the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention, when the brightnesses are 0 cd/m², 10000 cd/m² and 20000 cd/m², the emission efficiencies are about 40 cd/A, 25 cd/A, and 21 cd/A, respectively. Also, in the Comparative OLED, when the brightnesses are 0 cd/m², 10000 cd/m² and 20000 cd/m², the emission efficiencies are about 40 cd/A, 25 cd/A, and 21 cd/A, respectively. Accordingly, it can be noted that the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention shows similar emission efficiencies to those of the Comparative OLED when the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention has the same brightnesses as the Comparative OLED, even when a cathode is replaced with a charge generation layer.

As described above, the OLED according to an aspect of the present invention does not need to have a separate cathode because of a charge generation layer that generates holes and electrons. Accordingly, defects occurring during formation of an anode decrease, and reliability of the OLED increases.

In other aspects of the present invention, a cathode may be formed in place of the anode, and the OLED may be an anode replaced with a charge generation layer.

In the figures, the dimensions of layers and regions may be exaggerated for clarity. It will also be understood that when a layer or element is referred to as being "on" or "over" another

layer or substrate, it can be directly on the other layer or substrate, or intervening layers may also be present. Further, it will be understood that when a layer is referred to as being "under" or "below" another layer, it can be directly under, or one or more intervening layers may also be present.

Although a few embodiments the present invention have been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in this embodiment without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention, the scope of which is defined in the claims, and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting display device (OLED), comprising:

- a substrate;
- a reflective layer disposed on the substrate;
- a charge generation layer disposed on the reflective layer to generate electrons and holes;
- an organic layer disposed on the charge generation layer and including an emission layer; and
- an anode disposed on the organic layer.

2. The OLED according to claim 1, wherein the reflective layer is formed of aluminum, silver, or an alloy thereof.

3. The OLED according to claim 1, wherein the charge generation layer comprises a plurality of layers.

4. The OLED according to claim 1, wherein the charge generation layer is formed to a thickness of 70 to 2000 Å.

5. The OLED according to claim 1, wherein the organic layer comprises at least one layer selected from a group consisting of a hole injection layer, a hole transport layer, a hole blocking layer, an electron transport layer, and an electron injection layer.

6. The OLED according to claim 3, wherein the plurality of layers comprise an inorganic compound layer, and a mixed layer of an electron transport layer material and a metal dopant.

7. The OLED according to claim 6, wherein the inorganic compound layer is formed to a thickness of 20 to 1000 Å.

8. The OLED according to claim 6, wherein the inorganic compound layer is formed of one selected from a group consisting of tungsten oxide (WO₃), vanadium oxide (V₂O₅), molybdenum oxide (MoO_x), beryllium oxide (Be₂O₃), rhenium oxide (Re₂O₇), ferric chloride (FeCl₃), ferric bromide (FeBr₃), ferric iodide (FeI₃), aluminum chloride (AlCl₃), aluminum bromide (AlBr₃), gallium chloride (GaCl₃), gallium bromide (GaBr₃), gallium iodide (GaI₃), indium chloride (InCl₃), indium bromide (InBr₃), indium iodide (InI₃), antimony pentachloride (SbCl₅), arsenic pentafluoride (AsF₅), arsenic trifluoride (AsF₃), and boron trifluoride (BF₃).

9. The OLED according to claim 6, wherein the mixed layer is formed to a thickness of 50 to 1000 Å.

10. The OLED according to claim 6, wherein the electron transport layer material comprises one selected from a group consisting of a quinoline derivative, a benzoquinoline derivative, an oxazole-based ligand, a thiazole-based ligand, an oxadiazole derivative, and a phenanthroline derivative.

11. The OLED according to claim 6, wherein the metal dopant comprises one selected from magnesium, cesium, and lithium.

12. An organic light emitting display device (OLED), comprising:

- a substrate;
- a semiconductor layer disposed on the substrate;
- a gate insulating layer disposed on an entire surface of the substrate including the semiconductor layer;
- a gate electrode disposed in a region corresponding to the semiconductor layer on the gate insulating layer;

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an interlayer insulating layer disposed on the entire surface of the substrate including the gate electrode;
source and drain electrodes disposed on the interlayer insulating layer, and electrically connected to the semiconductor layer;

a passivation layer disposed on the entire surface of the substrate including the source and drain electrodes;

a planarization layer disposed on the passivation layer;

a reflective layer disposed on the planarization layer;

a charge generation layer disposed on the substrate including the reflective layer, and

electrically connected to the source or drain electrode, and to generate electrons and holes;

an organic layer disposed on the charge generation layer, and including an emission layer; and

an anode disposed on the organic layer.

13. The OLED according to claim 12, wherein the reflective layer is formed of aluminum, silver, or an alloy thereof.

14. The OLED according to claim 12, wherein the charge generation layer comprises a plurality of layers.

15. The OLED according to claim 12, wherein the charge generation layer is formed to a thickness of 70 to 2000 Å.

16. The OLED according to claim 12, wherein the organic layer comprises at least one layer selected from a group consisting of a hole injection layer, a hole transport layer, a hole blocking layer, an electron transport layer, and an electron injection layer.

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17. The OLED according to claim 14, wherein the plurality of layers comprise an inorganic compound layer, and a mixed layer of an electron transport layer material and a metal dopant.

18. The OLED according to claim 17, wherein the inorganic compound layer is formed to a thickness of 20 to 1000 Å.

19. The OLED according to claim 17, wherein the inorganic compound layer is formed of one selected from a group consisting of tungsten oxide (WO_3), vanadium oxide (V_2O_5), molybdenum oxide (MoO_3), beryllium oxide (Be_2O_3), rhenium oxide (Re_2O_7), ferric chloride (FeCl_3), ferric bromide (FeBr_3), ferric iodide (FeI_3), aluminum chloride (AlCl_3), aluminum bromide (AlBr_3), gallium chloride (GaCl_3), gallium bromide (GaBr_3), gallium iodide (GaI_3), indium chloride (InCl_3), indium bromide (InBr_3), indium iodide (InI_3), antimony pentachloride (SbCl_5), arsenic pentafluoride (AsF_5), arsenic trifluoride (AsF_3), and boron trifluoride (BF_3).

20. The OLED according to claim 17, wherein the mixed layer is formed to a thickness of 50 to 1000 Å.

21. The OLED according to claim 17, wherein the electron transport layer material comprises one selected from a group consisting of a quinoline derivative, a benzoquinoline derivative, an oxazole-based ligand, a thiazole-based ligand, an oxadiazole derivative, and a phenanthroline derivative.

22. The OLED according to claim 17, wherein the metal dopant comprises one selected from magnesium, cesium, and lithium.

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提供了一种有机发光显示装置（ OLED ），其不包括单独的阴极，以及制造该有机发光显示装置的方法。 OLED包括：基板；反射层设置在基板上；电荷产生层设置在反射层上；有机层，设置在电荷产生层上并包括发光层；和设置在有机层上的阳极。

