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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A vapor deposition apparatus, which is capable of performing a thin film deposition process and improving characteristics of a formed thin film, includes a chamber having an exhaust opening; a stage located in the chamber, and including a plurality of mounting surfaces on which the plurality of substrates may be mounted; and an injection unit having at least one injection opening for injecting a gas into the chamber in a direction parallel with surfaces of the plurality of substrates.

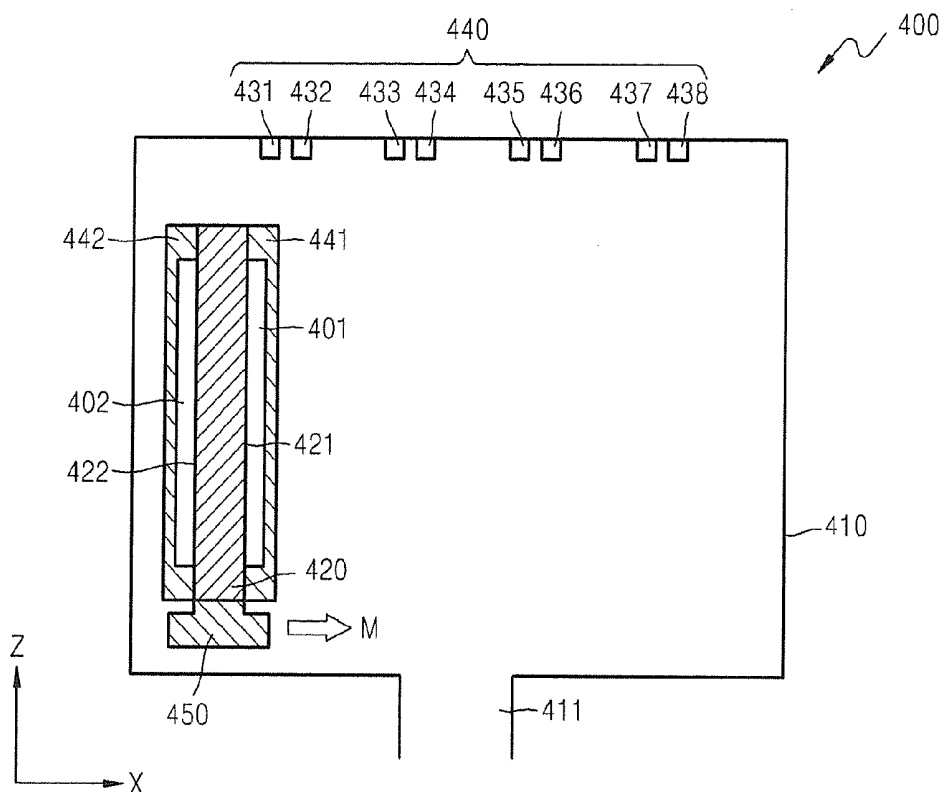


FIG. 1

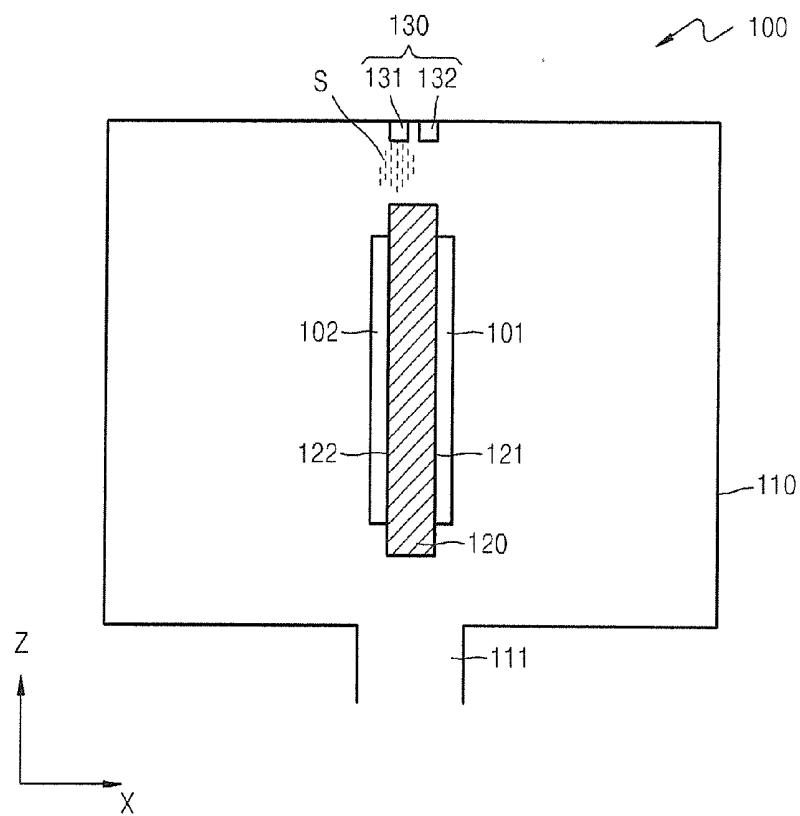


FIG. 2

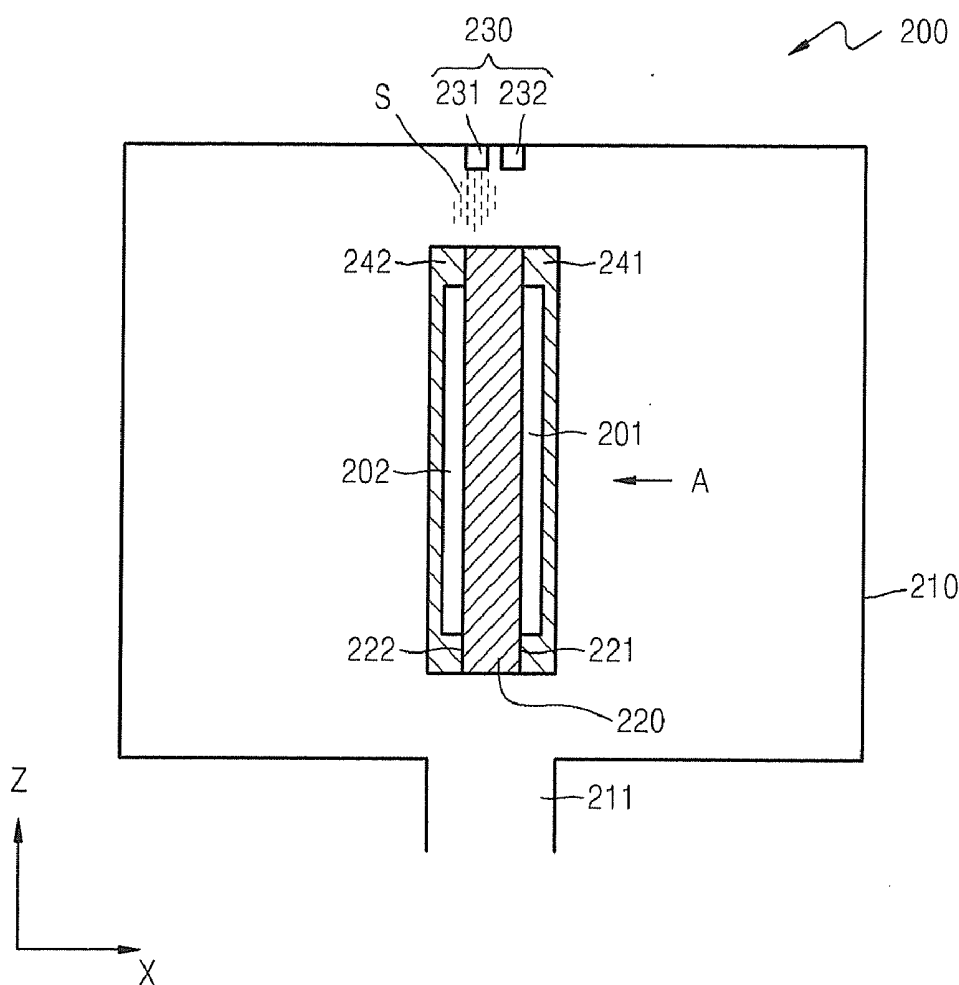


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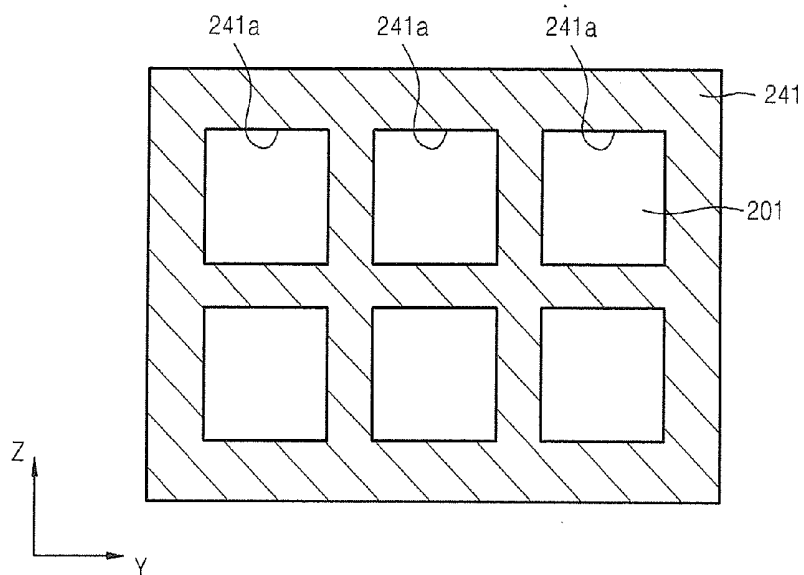


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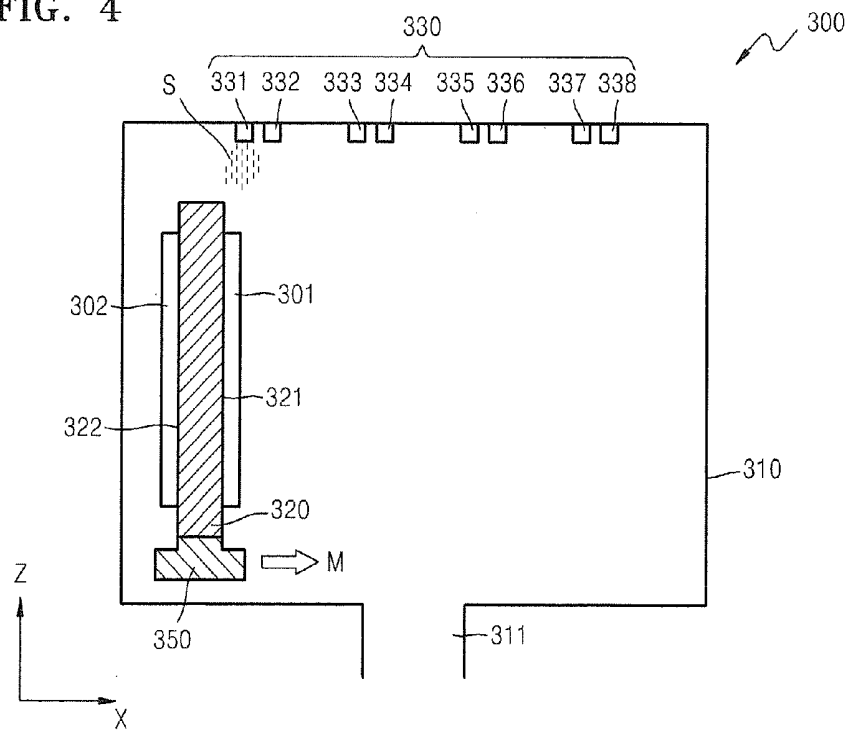


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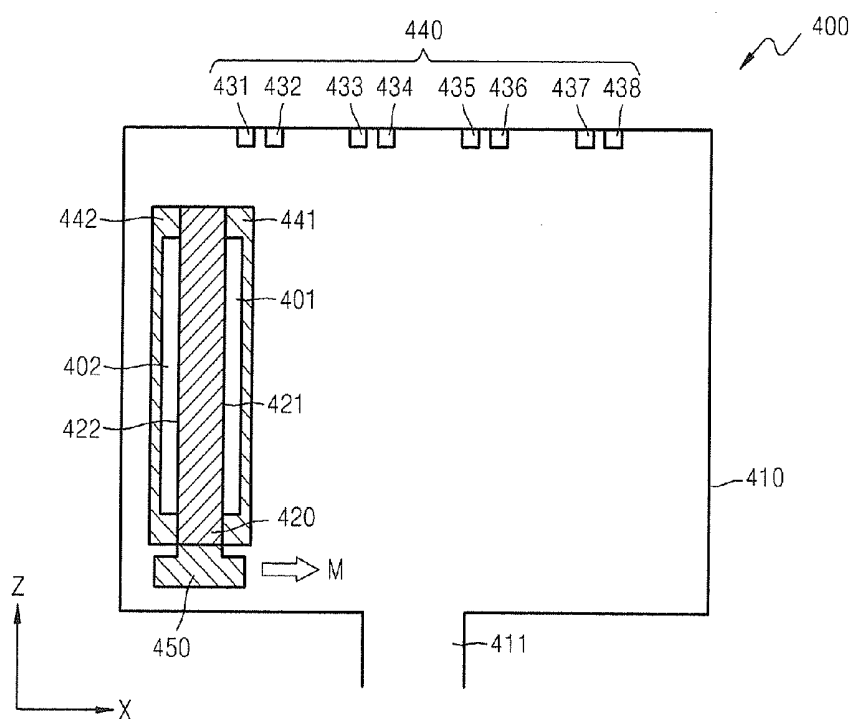


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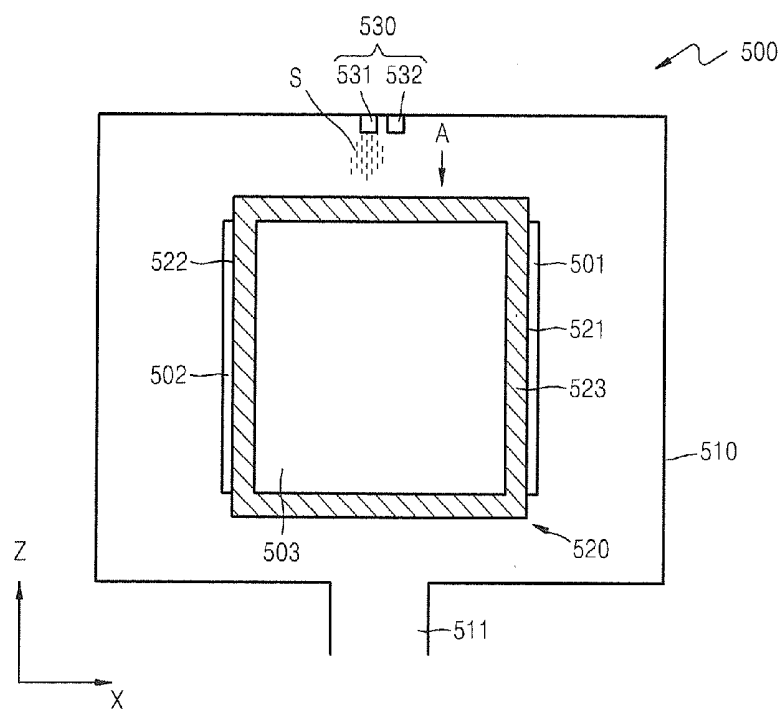


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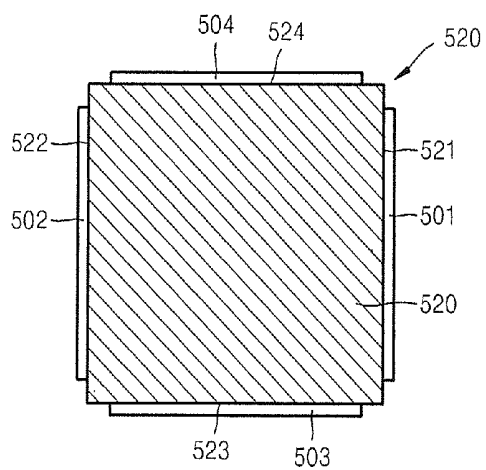
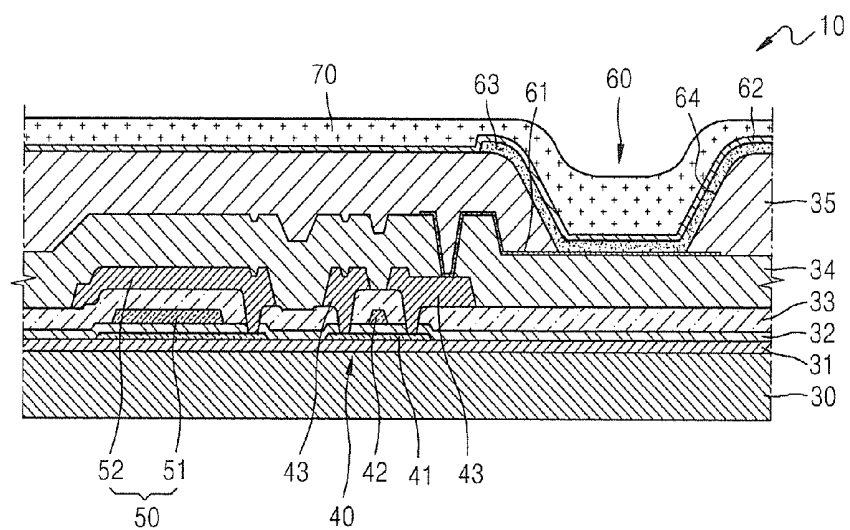


FIG. 8



**VAPOR DEPOSITION APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING ORGANIC LIGHT
EMITTING DISPLAY APPARATUS**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT
APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2011-0069487, filed on Jul. 13, 2011, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

BACKGROUND

[0002] 1. Field

[0003] The present invention relates to a vapor deposition apparatus, a vapor deposition method, and a method of manufacturing an organic light emitting display apparatus.

[0004] 2. Description of Related Art

[0005] Semiconductor devices, display apparatuses, and other electronic devices include a plurality of thin films. The plurality of thin films may be formed using various methods, one of which is a vapor deposition method.

[0006] According to the vapor deposition method, one or more gases are used as a source for forming thin films. The vapor deposition method may include a chemical vapor deposition (CVD) method, an atomic layer deposition (ALD) method, and various other methods.

[0007] Among display apparatuses, organic light emitting display apparatuses are considered to be next generation display apparatuses due to their wide viewing angles, excellent contrast, and fast response speeds.

[0008] Organic light emitting display apparatuses include an intermediate layer having an organic emission layer between a first electrode and a second electrode that face each other, and one or more thin films. A deposition process may be used to form thin films of the organic light emitting display apparatus.

[0009] As the organic light emitting display apparatus increases in size and requires high resolution, it is difficult to form a large sized thin film having desired properties. In addition, there is a limitation in improving efficiency of processes for forming thin films.

SUMMARY

[0010] Exemplary embodiments of the present invention provide a vapor deposition apparatus capable of performing a deposition process efficiently and improving characteristics of thin films, a vapor deposition method, and a method of manufacturing an organic light emitting display apparatus.

[0011] According to an aspect of embodiments according to the present invention, there is provided a vapor deposition apparatus for forming a thin film on a plurality of substrates, the apparatus including: a chamber having an exhaust opening; a stage in the chamber, and including a plurality of mounting surfaces adapted for the plurality of substrates to be mounted thereon; and an injection unit having at least one injection opening for injecting a gas into the chamber in a direction parallel with surfaces of the plurality of substrates.

[0012] The plurality of mounting surfaces may be disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0013] The injection unit may be disposed above the stage.

[0014] The plurality of mounting surfaces may include at least two mounting surfaces that are disposed in parallel with each other.

[0015] The exhaust opening may be coupled to a pump.

[0016] A source gas and a reaction gas may be sequentially injected through the injection opening.

[0017] The injection unit may have a plurality of injection openings through which a source gas and a reaction gas are independently injected.

[0018] The exhaust opening may be closer to the ground than the substrates are.

[0019] The apparatus may further include a mask having a mask opening for forming the thin film on the substrates in a desired pattern, wherein the mask is disposed on the substrates.

[0020] The apparatus may further include a driving unit configured to drive the stage so as to move the substrates while being mounted on the stage in the chamber.

[0021] The driving unit may convey the substrates in a direction perpendicular to surface directions of the substrates, on which the thin film is to be formed.

[0022] The driving unit may reciprocally convey the substrates in a direction perpendicular to surface directions of the substrates, on which the thin film is to be formed.

[0023] The injection unit may have a plurality of injection openings that are separated from each other along a direction in which the substrates are moved so as to perform the deposition process a plurality of times while moving the substrates.

[0024] The mounting surfaces may be respectively located at a side of the stage and an opposite side of the stage.

[0025] The mounting surfaces may be located at all sides of the stage.

[0026] According to another aspect of embodiments according to the present invention, there is provided a vapor deposition method for forming thin films on a plurality of substrates, the method including: mounting the plurality of substrates respectively on a plurality of mounting surfaces of a stage in a chamber; injecting a source gas into the chamber through an injection unit in a direction parallel with surfaces of the substrate, on which thin films are to be formed; performing exhaustion through an exhaust opening of the chamber; injecting a reaction gas into the chamber through the injection unit in a direction parallel with the surfaces of the substrates; and performing an exhaustion through the exhaust opening of the chamber.

[0027] The exhaustion may be performed by a pump.

[0028] The injection unit may have an injection opening, and the source gas and the reaction gas may be sequentially injected through the injection opening.

[0029] The injection unit may have a plurality of injection openings, and the source gas and the reaction gas may respectively be injected through different ones of the injection openings.

[0030] The mounting of the substrates may include placing a mask having an opening for forming the thin films of desired pattern on the substrates.

[0031] The thin film deposition may be performed while moving the substrates in a direction perpendicular to the surfaces of the substrate, on which the thin film is formed, while being mounted on the stage.

[0032] According to another aspect according to embodiments of the present invention, there is provided a method of manufacturing an organic light emitting display apparatus

which includes a plurality of thin films including at least a first electrode, an intermediate layer including an organic emission layer, and a second electrode on a plurality of substrates. The method may include: mounting the plurality of substrates on a plurality of mounting surfaces of a stage in a chamber; injecting a source gas into the chamber through an injection unit in a direction parallel with surfaces of the substrate, on which the thin films are to be formed; performing exhaustion through an exhaust opening of the chamber; injecting a reaction gas into the chamber through the injection unit in a direction parallel with the surfaces of the substrates; and performing exhaustion through the exhaust opening of the chamber.

[0033] The forming of the thin films may include forming an encapsulation layer on the second electrode.

[0034] The forming of the thin films may include forming an insulating layer.

[0035] The forming of the thin films may include forming a conductive layer.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0036] The above and other features and aspects of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

[0037] FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention;

[0038] FIG. 2 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

[0039] FIG. 3 is a diagram of the vapor deposition apparatus seen from a direction A of FIG. 2;

[0040] FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

[0041] FIG. 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

[0042] FIG. 6 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

[0043] FIG. 7 is a diagram of the vapor deposition apparatus seen from a direction A of FIG. 6; and

[0044] FIG. 8 is a schematic cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting display apparatus manufactured by an organic light emitting display apparatus manufacturing method according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0045] Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described as follows with reference to accompanying drawings.

[0046] FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus 100 according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0047] Referring to FIG. 1, the vapor deposition apparatus 100 includes a chamber 110, a stage 120, and an injection unit 130.

[0048] The chamber 110 includes an exhaust opening (e.g., an exhaust hole) 111 on a lower portion thereof. The exhaust

opening 111 is an outlet for exhausting gas, and may be coupled (or connected) to a pump so as to perform the exhaustion process sufficiently.

[0049] Although not shown in FIG. 1, the chamber 110 is controlled by a pump so as to maintain a suitable pressure (e.g., a predetermined pressure). In addition, a heating unit (not shown) for heating inside of the chamber 110 may be disposed on an inner or outer portion of the chamber 110 so as to improve efficiency of a thin film deposition process.

[0050] The stage 120 is disposed in the chamber 110. The stage 120 includes a first mounting surface 121 and a second mounting surface 122. The first and second mounting surfaces 121 and 122 are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts. That is, the first and second mounting surfaces 121 and 122 are disposed perpendicular to ground. To do this, the stage 120 is disposed perpendicularly to the ground.

[0051] First and second substrates 101 and 102 are disposed on the stage 120. In more detail, the first substrate 101 is mounted on the first mounting surface 121 of the stage 120, and the second substrate 102 is mounted on the second mounting surface 122 of the stage 120.

[0052] The first and second mounting surfaces 121 and 122 are in parallel with each other.

[0053] Fixing units (not shown) may be disposed on the first and second mounting surfaces 121 and 122 so that the substrates 101 and 102 may be fixed after being mounted on the first and second mounting surfaces 121 and 122. The fixing unit (not shown) may be a clamp, a compressing unit, an adhesive material, or other materials or devices known to those skilled in the art.

[0054] The injection unit 130 is disposed to be coupled (or connected) to the chamber 110. One or more gases are injected toward the substrates 101 and 102 through the injection unit 130. In more detail, the injection unit 130 includes a first injection opening (e.g., a first injection hole) 131 and a second injection opening (e.g., a second injection hole) 132, and the first and second injection openings 131 and 132 inject the gas in a direction parallel with surface directions of the substrates 101 and 102. That is, the gas is injected through the first and second injection openings 131 and 132 in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0055] In more detail, the first injection opening 131 is used to inject a source gas S, and a second injection opening 132 is used to inject a reaction gas. While the source gas S is being injected through the first injection opening 131, the reaction gas is not injected through the second injection opening 132, and the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening 132 after injecting the source gas S through the first injection opening 131.

[0056] However, the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the injection unit 130 may include only one injection opening. In other embodiments, the source gas S and the reaction gas may be sequentially injected through one injection opening.

[0057] In addition, a plurality of first injection openings 131 and a plurality of second injection openings 132 may be disposed so that the source gas S and the reaction gas may be injected onto (or near) the first and second substrates 101 and 102 separately.

[0058] The first and second injection openings 131 and 132 may be formed to have various shapes. For example, the first and second injection openings 131 and 132 may be formed as

dots, spots, or lines corresponding to widths of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**.

[0059] Operations of the vapor deposition apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment will now be described.

[0060] The first substrate **101** and the second substrate **102** are respectively mounted on the first mounting surface **121** and the second mounting surface **122** of the stage **120**. After that, the source gas **S** is injected through the first injection opening **131** of the injection unit **130**. In more detail, the source gas **S** may be a gas including aluminum (Al) atoms.

[0061] The source gas **S** is adsorbed on upper surfaces (e.g., surfaces opposite the surfaces facing the stage **120**) of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. After that, exhaustion is performed by the exhaust opening **111**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or a multi-layered structure formed of the source gas **S** is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. That is, a single-layer or a multi-layer of Al atoms is formed.

[0062] In addition, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening **132** of the injection unit **130**. As an example, the reaction gas may include oxygen (O) atoms. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. After that, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust hole **111**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or a multi-layered structure formed of the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. That is, a single-layer or a multi-layer of oxygen atoms is formed.

[0063] Therefore, an atom layer having the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure formed of the source gas **S** and the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. That is, an aluminum oxide layer (Al_xO_y, where *x* and *y* may be controlled according to processing conditions) is formed. In the present embodiment, the aluminum oxide layer is formed; however, the present invention is not limited thereto. That is, embodiments of the present invention may be applied to processes for forming oxide layers, organic layers, inorganic layers, other insulating layers, and conductive layers.

[0064] According to the present embodiment, the gas is injected from the injection unit **130** in a direction parallel with the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. In particular, the first and second substrates **101** and **102** are disposed in a direction perpendicular to the ground, that is, a direction in which gravity acts. Therefore, when the gas is injected through the injection unit **130** and adsorbed on the substrates **101** and **102**, an unnecessarily adsorbed amount on the substrates **101** and **102** may be reduced. That is, unnecessary adsorbed components on the substrates **101** and **102** and other unevenly lumped components fall down due to gravity, and thus, the unnecessary amount is reduced. In addition, the unnecessary gas components may be easily removed by the exhaustion process through the exhaust opening **111** disposed on a lower portion of the first and second substrates **101** and **102**. Therefore, after injecting the source gas **S** through the first injection opening **131** of the injection unit **130**, the exhaustion process is performed without performing a purging process using an additional purge gas. After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening **132**, the exhaustion process is performed without performing the purging process using an additional purge gas, and then, the deposition process is finished.

[0065] As a result, efficiency of the deposition process for forming desired thin films may be improved greatly. In addition,

adsorption of unnecessary gas components may be prevented, and mixture of purge gas impurities into the thin films formed on the substrates **101** and **102** may be prevented. Therefore, the thin films may be evenly formed, and have excellent physical and chemical characteristics.

[0066] According to the present embodiment, the first and second mounting surfaces **121** and **122** are formed on both surfaces of the stage **120**, and the first and second substrates **101** and **102** are formed on one stage **120** concurrently (e.g., simultaneously). Therefore, the processing efficiency may be further improved. In addition, the first and second substrates **101** and **102** are disposed on the stage **120** in parallel with each other, and thus, the surfaces on which the first and second substrates **101** and **102** are formed do not face each other, and the thin film deposition processes for forming thin films on the respective surfaces do not affect each other. Thus, uniform and excellent thin films may be formed on both substrates **101** and **102**.

[0067] FIG. 2 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 3 is a diagram of the vapor deposition apparatus seen from a direction A of FIG. 2.

[0068] Referring to FIGS. 2 and 3, a vapor deposition apparatus **200** includes a chamber **210**, a stage **220**, an injection unit **230**, and masks **241** and **242**.

[0069] The chamber **210** includes an exhaust opening (e.g., an exhaust hole) **211** on a lower portion thereof. The exhaust opening **211** is an outlet that exhausts gas, and may be coupled (or connected) to a pump so as to perform the exhaustion sufficiently.

[0070] Although not shown in FIGS. 2 and 3, the chamber **210** is controlled by a pump so as to maintain a suitable pressure (e.g., a predetermined pressure). In addition, a heating unit (not shown) for heating inside of the chamber **210** may be disposed on an inner or outer portion of the chamber **210** so as to improve efficiency of a thin film deposition process.

[0071] The stage **220** is disposed in the chamber **210**. The stage **220** includes a first mounting surface **221** and a second mounting surface **222**. The first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222** are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts. That is, the first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222** are disposed perpendicularly to ground. To do this, the stage **220** is disposed perpendicularly to the ground.

[0072] First and second substrates **201** and **202** are disposed on the stage **220**. In more detail, the first substrate **201** is mounted on the first mounting surface **221** of the stage **220**, and the second substrate **202** is mounted on the second mounting surface **222** of the stage **220**.

[0073] The first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222** are in parallel with each other.

[0074] Fixing units (not shown) may be disposed on the first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222** so that the substrates **201** and **202** may be fixed after being mounted on the first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222**.

[0075] First and second masks **241** and **242** are disposed on the first and second substrates **201** and **202**. In more detail, the first mask **241** is disposed on the first substrate **201**, and the second mask **242** is disposed on the second substrate **202**.

[0076] FIG. 3 shows the first mask **241**. The first mask **241** includes mask openings **241a** each having a suitable shape (e.g., predetermined shape), which is a rectangular shape in FIG. 3, but is not limited thereto. The mask opening **241a** has

a shape that corresponds to a pattern of a thin film that will be formed on the first substrate **201**.

[0077] FIG. 3 shows six mask openings **241a**; however, the present invention is not limited thereto. That is, the number of the mask openings **241a** may be determined according to the number of patterns that will be formed on the first substrate **201**. For example, the first mask **241** may be formed as an open mask having one mask opening **241a**.

[0078] Although not shown in FIGS. 2 and 3, the second mask **242** also includes mask openings (not shown) similar to the first mask **241**. Detailed descriptions of the mask opening (not shown) will not be provided here because the mask opening is substantially similar to the mask opening **241a** of the first mask **241**.

[0079] The injection unit **230** is disposed to be coupled (or connected) to the chamber **210**. One or more gases are injected toward the substrates **201** and **202** through the injection unit **230**. In more detail, the injection unit **230** includes a first injection opening (e.g., a first injection hole) **231** and a second injection opening (e.g., a second injection hole) **232**, and the first and second injection openings **231** and **232** inject the gas in a direction parallel with surface directions of the substrates **201** and **202**. That is, the gas is injected through the first and second injection openings **231** and **232** in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0080] In more detail, the first injection opening **231** is used to inject a source gas S, and a second injection hole **232** is used to inject a reaction gas. While the source gas S is being injected through the first injection hole **231**, the reaction gas is not injected through the second injection hole **232**, and the reaction gas is injected through the second injection hole **232** after injecting the source gas S through the first injection hole **231**.

[0081] However, the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the injection unit **230** may include only one injection opening. The source gas S and the reaction gas may be sequentially injected through the one injection opening.

[0082] In addition, a plurality of first injection openings **231** and a plurality of second injection openings **232** may be disposed so that the source gas S and the reaction gas may be injected onto (or near) the first and second substrates **201** and **202** separately.

[0083] The first and second injection openings **231** and **232** may be formed in various shapes. That is, the first and second injection openings **231** and **232** may be formed as spots, or lines corresponding to widths of the first and second substrates **201** and **202**.

[0084] Operations of the vapor deposition apparatus **200** of the present embodiment will now be described.

[0085] The first substrate **201** and the second substrate **202** are respectively mounted on the first mounting surface **221** and the second mounting surface **222** of the stage **220**. After that, the first mask **241** having the mask openings **241a** corresponding to the pattern of the thin films that will be formed on the first substrate **201**, is disposed on the first substrate **201**. The second mask **242** having the mask openings (not shown) corresponding to the pattern of thin films that will be formed on the second substrate **202**, is disposed on the second substrate **202**.

[0086] After that, the source gas S is injected through the first injection opening **231** of the injection unit **230**. The source gas S is adsorbed on upper surfaces (e.g., surfaces opposite the surfaces facing the stage **220**) of the first and

second substrates **201** and **202**. In particular, the source gas S is adsorbed on portions of the upper surface of the first substrate **201**, which correspond to the mask openings **241a**. In addition, an exhaustion process is performed by the exhaust opening **211**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or a multi-layered structure formed of the source gas S is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **201** and **202**. After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening **232** of the injection unit **230**. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **201** and **202**. In particular, the reaction gas is adsorbed on the portions of the upper surface of the first substrate **201**, which correspond to the mask openings **241a**.

[0087] After that, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **211**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or multi-layered structure is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **201** and **202**. In particular, the atom layer is formed on the portions of the upper surface of the first substrate **201**, which correspond to the mask openings **241a**. Likewise, an atom layer is formed on portions on the upper surface of the second substrate **202**, which correspond to the mask openings (not shown) of the second mask **242**.

[0088] Therefore, the atom layers having the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure including components of the source gas S and the reaction gas are formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **201** and **202**.

[0089] In the present embodiment, the first and second mounting surfaces **221** and **222** are formed on both surfaces of the stage **220**, and the first and second substrates **201** and **202** are concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) mounted on one stage **220**. In addition, the first and second masks **241** and **242** are disposed on the first and second substrates **201** and **202** so that the desired deposition patterns may be formed easily.

[0090] In addition, the first and second masks **241** and **242** function as obstacles for preventing the source gas S or the reaction gas components from being unnecessarily adsorbed on the substrates **201** and **202** when the source or reaction gas is injected into the chamber **210**. In addition, characteristics of the thin film formed by the vapor deposition apparatus **200** are further improved.

[0091] FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **300** according to another embodiment of the present invention.

[0092] Referring to FIG. 4, the vapor deposition apparatus **300** includes a chamber **310**, a stage **320**, an injection unit **330**, and a driving unit **350**.

[0093] The chamber **310** includes an exhaust opening (e.g., an exhaust hole) **311** on a lower portion thereof. The exhaust opening **311** is an outlet that exhausts gas, and may be coupled (or connected) to a pump so as to perform the exhaustion sufficiently.

[0094] Although not shown in FIG. 4, the chamber **310** is controlled by a pump so as to maintain a suitable pressure (e.g., a predetermined pressure). In addition, a heating unit (not shown) for heating inside of the chamber **310** may be disposed on an inner or outer portion of the chamber **310** so as to improve an efficiency of a thin film deposition process.

[0095] The stage **320** is disposed in the chamber **310**. The stage **320** includes a first mounting surface **321** and a second mounting surface **322**. The first and second mounting surfaces **321** and **322** are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts. That is, the first and second mounting

surfaces **321** and **322** are disposed perpendicularly to ground. To do this, the stage **320** is disposed perpendicularly to the ground.

[0096] First and second substrates **301** and **302** are disposed on the stage **320**. In more detail, the first substrate **301** is mounted on the first mounting surface **321** of the stage **320**, and the second substrate **302** is mounted on the second mounting surface **322** of the stage **320**.

[0097] The first and second mounting surfaces **321** and **322** are in parallel with each other.

[0098] Fixing units (not shown) may be disposed on the first and second mounting surfaces **321** and **322** so that the substrates **301** and **302** may be fixed after being mounted on the first and second mounting surfaces **321** and **322**. The fixing unit (not shown) may be a clamp, a compressing unit, an adhesive material, or other materials.

[0099] The driving unit **350** is coupled (or connected) to the stage **320**. The driving unit **350** conveys the stage **320** in a direction **M** shown in FIG. 4, or an opposite direction to the direction **M**. That is, the driving unit **350** conveys the stage **320** in an X-axis direction of FIG. 4. Thus, the first and second substrates **301** and **302** may be moved in a direction perpendicular to upper surfaces (e.g., surfaces opposite the surfaces facing the stage **320**) of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**, that is, the surfaces on which the thin film will be formed.

[0100] The injection unit **330** is coupled (or connected) to the chamber **310**. One or more gases are injected toward the first and second substrates **301** and **302** through the injection unit **330**. In more detail, the injection unit **330** includes a first injection opening (e.g., a first injection hole) **331**, a second injection opening (e.g., a second injection hole) **332**, a third injection opening (e.g., a third injection hole) **333**, a fourth injection opening (e.g., a fourth injection hole) **334**, a fifth injection opening (e.g., a fifth injection hole) **335**, a sixth injection opening (e.g., a sixth injection hole) **336**, a seventh injection opening (e.g., a seventh injection hole) **337**, and an eighth injection opening (e.g., an eighth injection hole) **338**.

[0101] In addition, the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** are arranged along a moving direction of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. That is, the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** are arranged along the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, and are spaced from each other.

[0102] The gas is injected into the chamber **310** through the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** in parallel with surface directions of the substrates **301** and **302**. That is, the gas is injected through the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0103] In more detail, the source gas **S** is injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**, and the reaction gas is injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **332**, **334**, **336**, and **338**.

[0104] While the source gas **S** is being injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**, the reaction gas is not injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **332**, **334**, **336**, and **338**. After injecting the source gas **S** through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**, the reaction gas is injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **332**, **334**, **336**, and **338**.

[0105] In addition, the source gas **S** may be sequentially or concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) injected through the first,

third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**. Likewise, the reaction gas may be injected sequentially or concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **332**, **334**, **336**, and **338**.

[0106] However, the present invention is not limited to the above example. That is, the source gas **S** and the reaction gas may be injected through the same injection openings of the injection unit **330**. For example, the injection unit **330** may include the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**, and the source gas **S** may be sequentially injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **331**, **333**, **335**, and **337**, and then the reaction gas may be injected.

[0107] Although not shown in FIG. 4, the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** may be spaced at regular intervals from each other. For example, after injecting the source gas **S**, the reaction gas may be injected after moving the substrates **301** and **302** by using the driving unit **350**.

[0108] In addition, the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** may be formed to have various shapes, for example, may be formed as spots or lines corresponding to widths of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0109] Operations of the vapor deposition apparatus **300** of the present embodiment will now be described.

[0110] The first substrate **301** and the second substrate **302** are mounted on the first mounting surface **321** and the second mounting surface **322** of the stage **320**.

[0111] After that, the source gas **S** is injected through the first injection opening **331** of the injection unit **330**. The source gas **S** is adsorbed on upper surfaces (i.e., surfaces opposite the surfaces facing the stage **320**) of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. After that, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **311**, and then an atom layer of a single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the source gas **S**, is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0112] After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection hole **332** of the injection unit **330**. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. Then, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **311**, and then, an atom layer of the single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0113] Therefore, the atom layers of the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure formed of the source gas **S** and the reaction gas components are formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0114] After that, the stage **320** is moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, that is, in a direction denoted by the arrow **M**, by using the driving unit **350**. The source gas **S** is injected through the third injection opening **333** of the injection unit. The source gas **S** is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. After that, the exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **311**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the source gas **S** is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0115] In addition, the reaction gas is injected through the fourth injection opening **334** of the injection unit **330**. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. Then, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **311**, and then, an

atom layer of the single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**.

[0116] Through the above processes, the atom layers of the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure including the source gas **S** and the reaction gas components are additionally formed on thin films that are formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **301** and **302** through the first and second injection openings **331** and **332**.

[0117] Then, the stage **320** is moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, that is, in the direction denoted by the arrow **M**, by using the driving unit **350**. Thin films are additionally formed on the first and second substrates **301** and **302** by using the fifth and sixth injection openings **335** and **336**, like the first and second injection openings **331** and **332**.

[0118] After that, the stage **320** is further moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, that is, the direction denoted by the arrow **M**, by using the driving unit **350**. Then, thin films are further formed on the first and second substrates **301** and **302** by using the seventh and eighth injection openings **337** and **338**, like the first and second injection openings **331** and **332**.

[0119] In addition, the deposition process may be further performed in an opposite order of the above processes while moving the stage **320** in the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, that is, in the direction opposite to the arrow **M**, by using the driving unit **350**. After that, the deposition process may be further performed while moving the stage **320** in the X-axis direction of FIG. 4, that is, in the direction denoted by the arrow **M**.

[0120] Through the above processes, thin films of desired thickness may be easily formed on the first and second substrates **301** and **302** in one chamber **310**. That is, a moving distance of the stage **320** may be adjusted according to the desired thickness of the thin film.

[0121] Although not shown in FIG. 4, according to embodiments of the present invention, the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338** may be separated at regular intervals. According to the above arrangement, the gas is sequentially injected through the injection openings **331** through **338**, and then, the driving unit **350** may be moved in the direction denoted by the arrow **M**.

[0122] The gas is injected from the injection unit **330** in a direction parallel with the upper surfaces of the substrates **301** and **302**. In particular, the first and second substrates **301** and **302** are disposed perpendicularly to the ground, that is, in a direction in which gravity acts. Therefore, when the gas is injected through the injection unit **330** and adsorbed on the substrates **301** and **302**, an unnecessarily adsorbed amount on the substrates **301** and **302** may be reduced. That is, unnecessarily adsorbed components on the substrates **301** and **302** and other unevenly lumped components fall down due to gravity, and thus, the unnecessary amount is reduced. In addition, the unnecessary gas components may be easily removed by the exhaustion process through the exhaust opening **311** disposed on a lower portion of the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. Therefore, after injecting the source gas **S** through the first injection opening **331** of the injection unit **330**, the exhaustion process is performed without performing a purging process using an additional purge gas. After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening **332**, the exhaustion process is performed without performing the purging process using an additional purge gas, and then, the deposition process is finished.

[0123] As a result, efficiency of the deposition process for forming desired thin films may be improved greatly. In addition,

adsorption of the unnecessary gas components may be reduced or prevented, and mixture of purge gas impurities into the thin films formed on the substrates **301** and **302** may be reduced or prevented. Therefore, the thin films may be evenly formed, and may have excellent physical and chemical characteristics.

[0124] According to the present embodiment, the first and second mounting surfaces **321** and **322** are formed on both surfaces of the stage **320**, and the first and second substrates **301** and **302** are formed on one stage **320** concurrently (e.g., simultaneously). Therefore, the processing efficiency may be further improved. In addition, the first and second substrates **301** and **302** are disposed on the stage **320** in parallel with each other, and thus, the surfaces on which the first and second substrates **301** and **302** are formed do not face each other, and the thin film deposition processes formed on each of the surfaces do not affect each other. Thus, uniform and excellent thin films may be formed on both substrates **301** and **302** concurrently (e.g., simultaneously).

[0125] In addition, in the present embodiment, the stage **320** is moved by using the driving unit **350**. Therefore, the deposition process is performed while moving the first and second substrates **301** and **302**. That is, the deposition processes are sequentially performed through the first through eighth injection openings **331** through **338**, and thus, a time taken to form the thin film of desired thickness may be greatly reduced and the convenience with respect to performing processes may be improved.

[0126] FIG. 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **400** according to another embodiment of the present invention.

[0127] Referring to FIG. 5, the vapor deposition apparatus **400** includes a chamber **410**, a stage **420**, an injection unit **430**, masks **441** and **442**, and a driving unit **450**.

[0128] The chamber **410** includes an exhaust opening (e.g., an exhaust hole) **411** on a lower portion thereof. The exhaust opening **411** is an outlet that exhausts gas, and may be coupled (or connected) to a pump so as to perform the exhaustion sufficiently.

[0129] Although not shown in FIG. 5, the chamber **410** is controlled by a pump so as to maintain a suitable pressure (e.g., a predetermined pressure). In addition, a heating unit (not shown) for heating inside of the chamber **410** may be disposed on inner or outer portion of the chamber **410** so as to improve efficiency of a thin film deposition process.

[0130] The stage **420** is disposed in the chamber **410**. The stage **420** includes a first mounting surface **421** and a second mounting surface **422**. The first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422** are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts. That is, the first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422** are disposed perpendicular to ground. To do this, the stage **420** is disposed perpendicularly to the ground.

[0131] First and second substrates **401** and **402** are disposed on the stage **420**. In more detail, the first substrate **401** is mounted on the first mounting surface **421** of the stage **420**, and the second substrate **402** is mounted on the second mounting surface **422** of the stage **420**.

[0132] The first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422** are in parallel with each other.

[0133] Fixing units (not shown) may be disposed on the first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422** so that the substrates **401** and **402** may be fixed after being mounted on the first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422**. The

fixing unit (not shown) may be a clamp, a compressing unit, an adhesive material, or other suitable materials known to those skilled in the art.

[0134] First and second masks **441** and **442** are disposed on the first and second substrates **401** and **402**. In more detail, the first mask **441** is disposed on the first substrate **401**, and the second mask **442** is disposed on the second substrate **402**.

[0135] As shown in FIG. 3, the first and second masks **441** and **442** respectively include openings (not shown) each having a suitable shape (e.g., a predetermined shape), which corresponds to a pattern of a thin film that will be formed on each of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**.

[0136] The driving unit **450** is coupled (or connected) to the stage **420**. The driving unit **450** conveys the stage **420** in a direction denoted by an arrow M shown in FIG. 5, or in an opposite direction to the direction M. That is, the driving unit **450** conveys the stage **420** in an X-axis direction of FIG. 5. Thus, the first and second substrates **401** and **402** may be moved in a direction perpendicular to upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**, that is, the surfaces on which the thin film will be formed.

[0137] The injection unit **430** is coupled (or connected) to the chamber **410**. One or more gases are injected toward the first and second substrates **401** and **402** through the injection unit **430**. In more detail, the injection unit **430** includes a first injection opening (e.g., a first injection hole) **431**, a second injection opening (e.g., a second injection hole) **432**, a third injection opening (e.g., a third injection hole) **433**, a fourth injection opening (e.g., a fourth injection hole) **434**, a fifth injection opening (e.g., a fifth injection hole) **435**, a sixth injection opening (e.g., a sixth injection hole) **436**, a seventh injection opening (e.g., a seventh injection hole) **437**, and an eighth injection opening (e.g., an eighth injection hole) **438**.

[0138] In addition, the first through eighth injection openings **431** through **438** are arranged along a moving direction of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**. That is, the first through eighth injection openings **431** through **438** are arranged in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5 to be separated from each other.

[0139] The gas is injected into the chamber **410** through the first through eighth injection openings **431** through **438** in parallel with surface directions of the substrates **401** and **402**. That is, the gas is injected through the first through eighth injection openings **431** through **438** in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0140] In more detail, the source gas S is injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**, and the reaction gas is injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **432**, **434**, **436**, and **438**.

[0141] While the source gas S is being injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**, the reaction gas is not injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **432**, **434**, **436**, and **438**. After injecting the source gas S through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**, the reaction gas is injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **432**, **434**, **436**, and **438**.

[0142] In addition, the source gas S may be sequentially or concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**. Likewise, the reaction gas may be injected sequentially

or concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) injected through the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth injection openings **432**, **434**, **436**, and **438**.

[0143] However, the present invention is not limited to the above example. That is, the source gas S and the reaction gas may be injected through the same injection openings of the injection unit **430**. For example, the injection unit **430** may include the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**, and the source gas S is sequentially injected through the first, third, fifth, and seventh injection openings **431**, **433**, **435**, and **437**, and then the reaction gas may be injected.

[0144] Operations of the vapor deposition apparatus **400** of the present embodiment will be described as follows.

[0145] The first and second substrates **401** and **402** are mounted on the first and second mounting surfaces **421** and **422** of the stage **420**. The first mask **441** having the mask openings (not shown) corresponding to the pattern of the thin films that will be formed on the first substrate **401** is disposed on the first substrate **401**. The second mask **442** having the mask openings (not shown) corresponding to the pattern of the thin film that is to be formed on the second substrate **402** is disposed on the second substrate **402**.

[0146] The source gas S is injected through the first injection opening **431** of the injection unit **430**. The source gas S is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**, in particular, portions corresponding to the mask openings (not shown) of the first and second masks **441** and **442**. After that, an exhaustion process through the exhaust opening **411** is performed, and then, an atom layer of single-layered structure or multi-layered structure including the source gas S, is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**.

[0147] After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening **432** of the injection unit **430**. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**, in particular, on portions corresponding to the mask openings (not shown) of the first and second masks **441** and **442**. Then, an exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **411**, and then, an atom layer of the single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**.

[0148] Therefore, the atom layers of the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure formed of the source gas S and the reaction gas components are formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**, in particular, the portions corresponding to the mask openings (not shown) of the first and second masks **441** and **442**.

[0149] After that, the stage **420** is moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5, that is, in a direction denoted by the arrow M, by using the driving unit **450**. The source gas S is injected through the third injection opening **433** of the injection unit **430**. The source gas S is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**. After that, the exhaustion process is performed through the exhaust opening **411**, and then, an atom layer of a single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the source gas S is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**.

[0150] In addition, the reaction gas is injected through the fourth injection opening **434** of the injection unit **430**. The reaction gas is adsorbed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**. Then, an exhaustion process is

performed through the exhaust opening **411**, and then, an atom layer of the single-layered structure or multi-layered structure formed of the reaction gas is formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402**.

[0151] Through the above processes, the atom layers of the single-layered structure or the multi-layered structure including the source gas S and the reaction gas components are additionally formed on portions corresponding to the mask openings (not shown) of the first and second masks **441** and **442**, on thin films that are formed on the upper surfaces of the first and second substrates **401** and **402** through the first and second injection openings **431** and **432**.

[0152] Then, the stage **420** is moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5, that is, in the direction denoted by the arrow M, by using the driving unit **450**. Thin films are additionally formed on the portions, corresponding to the mask openings (not shown), on the first and second substrates **401** and **402** by using the fifth and sixth injection openings **435** and **436**, like the first and second injection openings **431** and **432**.

[0153] After that, the stage **420** is further moved in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5, that is, the direction denoted by the arrow M, by using the driving unit **450**. Then, thin films are further formed on the portions, which correspond to the mask openings (not shown), of the first and second substrates **401** and **402** by using the seventh and eighth injection openings **437** and **438**, like the first and second injection openings **431** and **432**.

[0154] In addition, the deposition process may be further performed in an opposite order of the above processes while moving the stage **420** in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5, that is, in the direction opposite to the arrow M, by using the driving unit **450**. After that, the deposition process may be further performed while moving the stage **420** in the X-axis direction of FIG. 5, that is, in the direction denoted by the arrow M.

[0155] Through the above processes, thin films of desired thickness may be easily formed on the first and second substrates **401** and **402** in one chamber **410**. That is, a moving distance of the stage **420** may be adjusted according to the desired thickness of the thin film.

[0156] In addition, in the present embodiment, the stage **420** is moved by using the driving unit **450**. Therefore, the deposition process is performed while moving the first and second substrates **401** and **402**. That is, the deposition processes are sequentially performed through the first through eighth injection openings **431** through **438**, and thus, a time taken to form the thin film of desired thickness is greatly reduced and convenience with respect to performing processes is improved.

[0157] The first and second masks **441** and **442** are disposed on the first and second substrates **401** and **402** to form desired patterns easily.

[0158] In addition, the first and second masks **441** and **442** function as obstacles for preventing the source gas S or the reaction gas components from being unnecessarily adsorbed on the substrates **401** and **402** when the source or reaction gas is injected into the chamber **410**. In addition, characteristics of the thin film formed by the vapor deposition apparatus **400** may be further improved.

[0159] FIG. 6 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **500** according to another embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 7 is a diagram of the vapor deposition apparatus seen from a direction A of FIG. 6.

[0160] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7, the vapor deposition apparatus **500** includes a chamber **510**, a stage **520**, and an injection unit **530**.

[0161] The chamber **510** includes an exhaust opening **511** on a lower portion thereof. The exhaust opening **511** is an outlet that exhausts gas, and may be coupled (or connected) to a pump so as to perform the exhaustion sufficiently.

[0162] Although not shown in FIG. 6, the chamber **510** is controlled by a pump so as to maintain a suitable pressure (e.g., a predetermined pressure). In addition, a heating unit (not shown) for heating inside of the chamber **510** may be disposed on an inner or outer portion of the chamber **510** so as to improve efficiency of a thin film deposition process.

[0163] The stage **520** is disposed in the chamber **510**. The stage **520** includes a first mounting surface **521**, a second mounting surface **522**, a third mounting surface **523**, and a fourth mounting surface **524**. The stage **520** has four side surfaces, on which the first through fourth mounting surfaces **521** through **524** are respectively disposed.

[0164] The first through fourth mounting surfaces **521** through **524** are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts. That is, the first through fourth mounting surfaces **521** through **524** are disposed perpendicularly to the ground. To do this, the stage **520** is disposed perpendicularly to the ground.

[0165] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7, the stage **520** has a shape similar to a rectangular parallelepiped. However, the present invention is not limited thereto. That is, the stage **520** may be formed as various polygons having a plurality of side surfaces that are perpendicular to the ground, and the mounting surfaces are disposed on the side surfaces.

[0166] A first substrate **501**, a second substrate **502**, a third substrate **503**, and a fourth substrate **504** are disposed on the stage **520**. In more detail, the first substrate **501** is mounted on the first mounting surface **521** of the stage **520**, the second substrate **502** is mounted on the second mounting surface **522** of the stage **520**, the third substrate **503** is mounted on the third mounting surface **523** of the stage **520**, and the fourth substrate **504** is mounted on the fourth mounting surface **524** of the stage **520**.

[0167] The first and second mounting surfaces **521** and **522** are parallel with each other, and the third and fourth mounting surfaces **523** and **524** are parallel with each other.

[0168] Fixing units (not shown) may be disposed on the first through fourth mounting surfaces **521** through **524** so that the first through fourth substrates **501** through **504** may be fixed after being mounted on the first through fourth mounting surfaces **521** through **524**. The fixing unit (not shown) may be a clamp, a compressing unit, an adhesive material, or other suitable materials known to those skilled in the art.

[0169] The injection unit **530** is disposed to be coupled (or connected) to the chamber **510**. One or more gases are injected toward the substrates **501** and **502** through the injection unit **530**. In more detail, the injection unit **530** includes a first injection opening (e.g., a first injection hole) **531** and a second injection opening (e.g., a second injection hole) **532**, and the first and second injection openings **531** and **532** inject the gas in a direction parallel with surface directions of the substrates **501** and **502**. That is, the gas is injected through the first and second injection openings **531** and **532** in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.

[0170] In more detail, the first injection opening **531** is used to inject a source gas S, and a second injection opening **532** is

used to inject a reaction gas. While the source gas S is being injected through the first injection opening 531, the gas is not injected through the second injection opening 532, and the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening 532 after injecting the source gas S through the first injection opening 531.

[0171] However, the present invention is not limited thereto. That is, the injection unit 530 may include only one injection opening. The source gas S and the reaction gas may be sequentially injected through one injection opening.

[0172] In addition, a plurality of first injection openings 531 and a plurality of second injection openings 532 may be disposed so that the source gas S and the reaction gas may be injected onto (or near) the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504 separately.

[0173] According to the present embodiment, the gas is injected from the injection unit 530 in a direction parallel with the upper surfaces of the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504. In particular, the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504 are disposed in a direction perpendicular to the ground, that is, a direction in which gravity acts. Therefore, when the gas is injected through the injection unit 530 and adsorbed on the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504, an unnecessarily adsorbed amount on the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504 may be reduced. That is, unnecessary adsorbed components on the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504 and other unevenly lumped components fall down due to gravity, and thus, the unnecessary amount is reduced. In addition, the unnecessary gas components may be easily removed by the exhaustion process through the exhaust opening 511 disposed on a lower portion of the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504. Therefore, after injecting the source gas S through the first injection opening 531 of the injection unit 530, the exhaustion process is performed without performing a purging process using an additional purge gas. After that, the reaction gas is injected through the second injection opening 532, the exhaustion process is performed without performing the purging process using an additional purge gas, and then, the deposition process is finished.

[0174] As a result, efficiency of the deposition process for forming desired thin films may be improved greatly. In addition, adsorption of the unnecessary gas components may be reduced or prevented, and mixture of purge gas impurities into the thin films formed on the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504 may be reduced or prevented. Therefore, the thin films may be evenly formed, and have excellent physical and chemical characteristics.

[0175] In addition, according to embodiments of the present invention, four mounting surfaces 521 through 524 are formed on the side surfaces of the stage 520, and four substrates 501 through 504 are mounted on one stage concurrently (e.g., simultaneously). Therefore, the processing efficiency is further improved.

[0176] Also, the first and second substrates 501 and 502 are disposed on one stage 520 in parallel with each other, and the third and fourth substrates 503 and 504 are disposed in parallel with each other. Thus, the surfaces of the four substrates 501 through 504, on which thin films are formed, do not face each other, and thus, the thin film deposition processes respectively performed on each substrate do not affect each other. Therefore, uniform and excellent thin films may be formed concurrently (e.g., simultaneously) on each of the first through fourth substrates 501 through 504.

[0177] FIG. 8 is a schematic cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting display apparatus 10 manufactured by an organic light emitting display apparatus manufacturing method according to an embodiment of the present invention. In more detail, the organic light emitting display apparatus 10 of FIG. 8 is manufactured by using the vapor deposition apparatus 100, 200, 300, 400, or 500 according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0178] Referring to FIG. 8, the organic light emitting display apparatus 10 is formed on a substrate 30. The substrate 30 may be formed of a glass material, a plastic material, or a metal material. A buffer layer 31 that forms a flat surface on an upper portion of the substrate 30 and includes an insulating material for preventing moisture and impurities from infiltrating into the substrate 30, is formed on the substrate 30.

[0179] A thin film transistor (TFT) 40, a capacitor 50, and an organic light emitting device 60 are formed on the buffer layer 31. The TFT 40 includes an active layer 41, a gate electrode 42, and source/drain electrodes 43. The organic light emitting device 60 includes a first electrode 61, a second electrode 62, and an intermediate layer 63.

[0180] In more detail, the active layer 41 (e.g., the active layer having a predetermined pattern) is formed on the buffer layer 31. The active layer 41 may be a p-type or an n-type semiconductor. A gate insulating layer 32 is formed on the active layer 41. The gate electrode 42 is formed on the gate insulating layer 32 to correspond to the active layer 41. An interlayer dielectric 33 is formed to cover the gate electrode 42. The source/drain electrodes 43 are formed on the interlayer dielectric 33 so as to contact a region (e.g., a predetermined region) of the active layer 41. A passivation layer 34 is formed to cover the source/drain electrodes 43, and an insulating layer may be additionally formed on the passivation layer 34 for planarizing the passivation layer 34.

[0181] The first electrode 61 is formed on the passivation layer 34. The first electrode 61 is electrically connected to the drain electrode 43. In addition, a pixel defining layer 35 is formed to cover the first electrode 61. An opening (e.g., a predetermined opening) 64 is formed in the pixel defining layer 35, and the intermediate layer 63 including an organic emission layer is formed on a portion defined by the opening 64. The second electrode 62 is formed on the intermediate layer 63.

[0182] An encapsulation layer 70 is formed on the second electrode 62. The encapsulation layer 70 may include an organic or an inorganic material, or may include the organic and inorganic materials stacked alternately.

[0183] The encapsulation layer 70 may be formed by using the vapor deposition apparatus 100, 200, 300, 400, or 500. That is, the substrate 30 on which the second electrode 62 is formed is conveyed to the chamber, and the vapor deposition process is performed to form the encapsulation layer 70.

[0184] However, the present invention is not limited thereto. That is, other insulating layers of the organic light emitting display apparatus 10 such as the buffer layer 31, the gate insulating layer 32, the interlayer dielectric 33, the passivation layer 34, and the pixel defining layer 35 may be formed by using the vapor deposition apparatus according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0185] Also, various conductive thin films such as the active layer 41, the gate electrode 42, the source/drain electrodes 43, the first electrode 61, the intermediate layer 63, and

the second electrode 62 may be formed by using the vapor deposition apparatus according to embodiments of the present invention.

[0186] According to the vapor deposition apparatus, the vapor deposition method, and the method of manufacturing the organic light emitting display apparatus of embodiments of the present invention, a deposition process may be performed efficiently and characteristics of formed thin films may be improved.

[0187] While the present invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to exemplary embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the following claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A vapor deposition apparatus for forming a thin film on a plurality of substrates, the apparatus comprising:
 - a chamber having an exhaust opening;
 - a stage in the chamber, and comprising a plurality of mounting surfaces adapted for the plurality of substrates to be mounted thereon; and
 - an injection unit having at least one injection opening for injecting a gas into the chamber in a direction parallel with surfaces of the plurality of substrates.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of mounting surfaces are disposed in parallel with a direction in which gravity acts.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the injection unit is disposed above the stage.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of mounting surfaces comprises at least two mounting surfaces that are disposed in parallel with each other.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the exhaust opening is coupled to a pump.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a source gas and a reaction gas are sequentially injected through the injection opening.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the injection unit has a plurality of injection openings through which a source gas and a reaction gas are independently injected.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the exhaust opening is closer to the ground than the substrates are.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a mask having a mask opening for forming the thin film on the substrates in a desired pattern,
 - wherein the mask is disposed on the substrates.
10. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a driving unit configured to drive the stage so as to move the substrates while being mounted on the stage in the chamber.
11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the driving unit conveys the substrates in a direction perpendicular to surface directions of the substrates, on which the thin film is to be formed.
12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the driving unit reciprocally conveys the substrates in a direction perpendicular to surface directions of the substrates, on which the thin film is to be formed.
13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the injection unit has a plurality of injection openings that are separated from

each other along a direction in which the substrates are moved so as to perform the deposition process a plurality of times while moving the substrates.

14. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the mounting surfaces are respectively located at a side of the stage and an opposite side of the stage.

15. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the mounting surfaces are located at all sides of the stage.

16. A vapor deposition method for forming thin films on a plurality of substrates, the method comprising:

- mounting the plurality of substrates respectively on a plurality of mounting surfaces of a stage in a chamber;
- injecting a source gas into the chamber through an injection unit in a direction parallel with surfaces of the substrates, on which thin films are to be formed;
- performing exhaustion through an exhaust opening of the chamber;
- injecting a reaction gas into the chamber through the injection unit in a direction parallel with the surfaces of the substrates; and
- performing an exhaustion through the exhaust opening of the chamber.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the exhaustion is performed by a pump.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the injection unit has an injection opening, and the source gas and the reaction gas are sequentially injected through the injection opening.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein the injection unit has a plurality of injection openings, and the source gas and the reaction gas are respectively injected through different ones of the injection openings.

20. The method of claim 16, wherein the mounting of the substrates comprises placing a mask having an opening for forming the thin films of desired pattern on the substrates.

21. The method of claim 16, wherein the thin film deposition is performed while moving the substrates in a direction perpendicular to the surfaces of the substrates, on which the thin film is formed, while being mounted on the stage.

22. A method of manufacturing an organic light emitting display apparatus comprising a plurality of thin films including at least a first electrode, an intermediate layer comprising an organic emission layer, and a second electrode on a plurality of substrates, the method comprising:

- mounting the plurality of substrates on a plurality of mounting surfaces of a stage in a chamber;
- injecting a source gas into the chamber through an injection unit in a direction parallel with surfaces of the substrate, on which the thin films are to be formed;
- performing exhaustion through an exhaust opening of the chamber;
- injecting a reaction gas into the chamber through the injection unit in a direction parallel with the surfaces of the substrates; and
- performing exhaustion through the exhaust opening of the chamber.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the forming of the thin films comprises forming an encapsulation layer on the second electrode.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein the forming of the thin films comprises forming an insulating layer.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein the forming of the thin films comprises forming a conductive layer.

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一种气相沉积设备，其能够执行薄膜沉积工艺并改善所形成的薄膜的特性，包括具有排气口的腔室;位于腔室中的平台，包括多个安装表面，多个基板可安装在所述安装表面上;注射单元，具有至少一个注入口，用于沿平行于多个基板表面的方向将气体注入腔室。

