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LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE UNIT FOR DISPLAY COMPRISING PLURALITY OF PIXELS AND DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING SAME

Abstract

A light-emitting diode (LED) unit for a display including a plurality of pixels each including a first light emitting cell, a second light emitting cell, and a third light emitting cell, each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells including a first conductivity type semiconductor layer, an active layer, and a second conductivity type semiconductor layer, a first wavelength converter configured to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting cell, a second wavelength converter configured to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting cell, in which the first, second, and third light emitting cells of each pixel share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/658,378, filed May 8, 2024, which is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/234,271, filed on Aug. 15, 2023, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 12,009,385 on Jun. 11, 2024, which is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/403,793, filed on Aug. 16, 2021, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 11,764,253 on Sep. 19, 2023, which is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/762,357, filed on May 7, 2020, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 11,121,172 on Sep. 14, 2021, which is National Stage Entry of International Application No. PCT/KR2017/012558, filed on Nov. 8, 2017, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

BACKGROUND

Field

[0002] Exemplary embodiments relate to a light emitting diode for a next-generation display and a display apparatus having the same.

Discussion of the Background

[0003] As an inorganic light source, light emitting diodes have been used in various technical fields, such as displays, vehicular lamps, general lighting, and the like. With various advantages of the light emitting diodes, such as longer lifespan, lower power consumption, and faster response, than existing light sources, light emitting diodes have been replacing the existing light sources.

[0004] Conventional light emitting diodes have been generally used as backlight light sources in display apparatuses. However, a micro LED has been developed recently as a next-generation display that directly realizes an image using light emitting diodes.

[0005] In general, a display apparatus displays various colors through mixture of blue, green, and red light. Each pixel of the display apparatus includes blue, green, and red sub-pixels, in which a color of a certain pixel is determined based on the colors of the sub-pixels, and an image is realized through a combination of such pixels.

[0006] In the case of the micro LED display, micro LEDs are disposed at respective sub-pixels, and accordingly, a large number of micro LEDs need to be arranged on a single substrate. However, a micro LED is extremely small, which is 200 μm or less, and further 100 μm or less, and these small sizes cause various problems. In particular, it is difficult to handle the light emitting diode having a small size, and it is also difficult to replace a defective LED from mounted micro LEDs with a good-quality LED.

[0007] The light emitting diode generally emits ultraviolet or blue light, and can be combined with a phosphor to realize green light and red light. In addition, a color filter is used for each sub-pixel to improve the purity of each color, and each of the color filters has a difference in filter efficiency. Accordingly, even if the same light emitting diode is operated to emit light having the same

intensity, differences in the light intensity of the blue sub-pixel, the green sub-pixel, and the red sub-pixel may occur. To overcome the differences, an operating current density of each light emitting diode may be changed, but such may decrease light emitting efficiency of the light emitting diode due to the change in current density.

[0008] The above information disclosed in this Background section is only for understanding of the background of the inventive concepts, and, therefore, it may contain information that does not constitute prior art.

SUMMARY

[0009] Exemplary embodiments provide a light emitting diode for a display that can be easily mounted and replaced and a display apparatus having the same.

[0010] Exemplary embodiments also provide a light emitting diode for a display that is capable of operating light emitting diodes of each sub-pixel under an optimum light emission efficiency condition and a display apparatus having the same.

[0011] Additional features of the inventive concepts will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the inventive concepts.

[0012] An LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment includes a plurality of pixels. Each of the pixels includes: a first light emitting cell, a second light emitting cell, and a third light emitting cell, each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells including a first conductivity type semiconductor layer, an active layer, and a second conductivity type semiconductor layer; pads electrically connected to the first, second, and third light emitting cells to independently drive the first, second, and third light emitting cells; a first wavelength converter that converts a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting cell; and a second wavelength converter that converts a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting cell, in which the first wavelength converter converts a wavelength of light to a longer wavelength than a wavelength of light converted by the second wavelength converter, the second light emitting cell has a larger area than that of the third light emitting cell, and the first light emitting cell has a larger area than that of the second light emitting cell.

[0013] A display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment includes: a circuit board; and a plurality of LED units arranged on the circuit board, in which each of the plurality of LED units includes the LED unit for a display according to the exemplary embodiment above.

[0014] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate exemplary embodiments of the invention, and together with the description serve to explain the inventive concepts.

[0016] FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view illustrating a display apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0017] FIG. 2 is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0018] FIG. 3 is an enlarged plan view of a pixel in the LED unit for a display of FIG. 2.

[0019] FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view taken along line A-A of FIG. 3.

[0020] FIG. 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel in an LED unit for a display according

to another exemplary embodiment.

[0021] FIG. **6** is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0022] FIG. **7** is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0023] FIG. **8** is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0024] FIG. **9** is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0025] FIG. **10** is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0026] FIG. **11** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0027] FIG. **12** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0028] FIG. **13** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0029] FIG. **14** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0030] FIG. **15** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0031] FIG. **16** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0032] FIG. **17** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0033] FIG. **18A** and FIG. **18B** are cross-sectional views illustrating a film including a wavelength converter.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0034] In the following description, for the purposes of explanation, numerous specific details are set forth in order to provide a thorough understanding of various exemplary embodiments or implementations of the invention. As used herein “embodiments” and “implementations” are interchangeable words that are non-limiting examples of devices or methods employing one or more of the inventive concepts disclosed herein. It is apparent, however, that various exemplary embodiments may be practiced without these specific details or with one or more equivalent arrangements. In other instances, well-known structures and devices are shown in block diagram form in order to avoid unnecessarily obscuring various exemplary embodiments. Further, various exemplary embodiments may be different, but do not have to be exclusive. For example, specific shapes, configurations, and characteristics of an exemplary embodiment may be used or implemented in another exemplary embodiment without departing from the inventive concepts.

[0035] Unless otherwise specified, the illustrated exemplary embodiments are to be understood as providing exemplary features of varying detail of some ways in which the inventive concepts may be implemented in practice. Therefore, unless otherwise specified, the features, components, modules, layers, films, panels, regions, and/or aspects, etc. (hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as “elements”), of the various embodiments may be otherwise combined, separated, interchanged, and/or rearranged without departing from the inventive concepts.

[0036] The use of cross-hatching and/or shading in the accompanying drawings is generally provided to clarify boundaries between adjacent elements. As such, neither the presence nor the absence of cross-hatching or shading conveys or indicates any preference or requirement for particular materials, material properties, dimensions, proportions, commonalities between illustrated elements, and/or any other characteristic, attribute, property, etc., of the elements, unless

specified. Further, in the accompanying drawings, the size and relative sizes of elements may be exaggerated for clarity and/or descriptive purposes. When an exemplary embodiment may be implemented differently, a specific process order may be performed differently from the described order. For example, two consecutively described processes may be performed substantially at the same time or performed in an order opposite to the described order. Also, like reference numerals denote like elements.

[0037] When an element, such as a layer, is referred to as being “on,” “connected to,” or “coupled to” another element or layer, it may be directly on, connected to, or coupled to the other element or layer or intervening elements or layers may be present. When, however, an element or layer is referred to as being “directly on,” “directly connected to,” or “directly coupled to” another element or layer, there are no intervening elements or layers present. To this end, the term “connected” may refer to physical, electrical, and/or fluid connection, with or without intervening elements. Further, the D1-axis, the D2-axis, and the D3-axis are not limited to three axes of a rectangular coordinate system, such as the x, y, and z-axes, and may be interpreted in a broader sense. For example, the D1-axis, the D2-axis, and the D3-axis may be perpendicular to one another, or may represent different directions that are not perpendicular to one another. For the purposes of this disclosure, “at least one of X, Y, and Z” and “at least one selected from the group consisting of X, Y, and Z” may be construed as X only, Y only, Z only, or any combination of two or more of X, Y, and Z, such as, for instance, XYZ, XYY, YZ, and ZZ. As used herein, the term “and/or” includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

[0038] Although the terms “first,” “second,” etc. may be used herein to describe various types of elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are used to distinguish one element from another element. Thus, a first element discussed below could be termed a second element without departing from the teachings of the disclosure.

[0039] Spatially relative terms, such as “beneath,” “below,” “under,” “lower,” “above,” “upper,” “over,” “higher,” “side” (e.g., as in “sidewall”), and the like, may be used herein for descriptive purposes, and, thereby, to describe one elements relationship to another element(s) as illustrated in the drawings. Spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of an apparatus in use, operation, and/or manufacture in addition to the orientation depicted in the drawings. For example, if the apparatus in the drawings is turned over, elements described as “below” or “beneath” other elements or features would then be oriented “above” the other elements or features. Thus, the exemplary term “below” can encompass both an orientation of above and below. Furthermore, the apparatus may be otherwise oriented (e.g., rotated 90 degrees or at other orientations), and, as such, the spatially relative descriptors used herein interpreted accordingly.

[0040] The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments and is not intended to be limiting. As used herein, the singular forms, “a,” “an,” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Moreover, the terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “includes,” and/or “including,” when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof. It is also noted that, as used herein, the terms “substantially,” “about,” and other similar terms, are used as terms of approximation and not as terms of degree, and, as such, are utilized to account for inherent deviations in measured, calculated, and/or provided values that would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art.

[0041] Various exemplary embodiments are described herein with reference to sectional and/or exploded illustrations that are schematic illustrations of idealized exemplary embodiments and/or intermediate structures. As such, variations from the shapes of the illustrations as a result, for example, of manufacturing techniques and/or tolerances, are to be expected. Thus, exemplary embodiments disclosed herein should not necessarily be construed as limited to the particular illustrated shapes of regions, but are to include deviations in shapes that result from, for instance,

manufacturing. In this manner, regions illustrated in the drawings may be schematic in nature and the shapes of these regions may not reflect actual shapes of regions of a device and, as such, are not necessarily intended to be limiting.

[0042] Unless otherwise defined, all terms (including technical and scientific terms) used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure is a part. Terms, such as those defined in commonly used dictionaries, should be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art and should not be interpreted in an idealized or overly formal sense, unless expressly so defined herein.

[0043] An LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment includes a plurality of pixels. Each of the pixels includes: a first light emitting cell, a second light emitting cell, and a third light emitting cell, each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells including a first conductivity type semiconductor layer, an active layer, and a second conductivity type semiconductor layer; pads electrically connected to the first, second, and third light emitting cells to independently drive the first, second, and third light emitting cells; a second wavelength converter that converts a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting cell; and a third wavelength converter that converts a wavelength of light emitted from the third light emitting cell, in which the third wavelength converter converts a wavelength of light to a longer wavelength than a wavelength of light converted by the second wavelength converter, the second light emitting cell has a larger area than that of the first light emitting cell, and the third light emitting cell has a larger area than that of the second light emitting cell.

[0044] A plurality of pixels is disposed in one LED unit and three light emitting cells are disposed in each of the pixels to realize light of different colors in each pixel. As such, a plurality of pixels that includes three sub-pixels may be formed using one LED unit. Accordingly, a size of the LED unit is relatively increased compared to that of the conventional micro LED, and thus, it may be easy to mount and replace the LED unit. Further, areas of the light emitting cells are set to be different from one another by considering a conversion efficiency of a wavelength converter and the like, and thus, the light emitting cells may be driven under an optimum light emission efficiency condition.

[0045] As used herein, the term “LED unit” refers to a unit of a light emitting diode mounted on a circuit board. Pixels in one LED unit are physically connected to one another so that the pixels in the LED unit are mounted or replaced together. As such, the pixels in one LED unit may not be separately used. Accordingly, one LED unit includes an element that connects internal pixels to one another, and the element is spaced apart from another LED unit.

[0046] The first, second, and third light emitting cells may emit blue light, the second wavelength converter may convert the blue light into green light, and the third wavelength converter may convert the blue light into red light. Blue light emitted from the first light emitting cell is used without wavelength conversion.

[0047] Area ratios of the second light emitting cell and the third light emitting cell to the first light emitting cell may be set in consideration of a light conversion efficiency of the second wavelength converter and a light conversion efficiency of the third wavelength converter, respectively. In particular, as the light conversion efficiency of the wavelength converter becomes larger, the area of the light emitting cell becomes larger. For example, the area ratios of the second light emitting cell and the third light emitting cell to the first light emitting cell may be inversely proportional to the light conversion efficiency of the second wavelength converter and the light conversion efficiency of the third wavelength converter, respectively.

[0048] The LED unit for a display may further include a first wavelength converter that converts a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting cell to light of a first wavelength, in which the first wavelength converter may convert a wavelength of light to a shorter wavelength than a wavelength of light converted by the second wavelength converter, and the first, second, and third

light emitting cells may emit ultraviolet light.

[0049] The first wavelength converter may convert ultraviolet light into blue light, the second wavelength converter may convert the ultraviolet light into green light, and the third wavelength converter may convert the ultraviolet light into red light.

[0050] Area ratios of the second light emitting cell and the third light emitting cell to the first light emitting cell may be set in consideration of light conversion efficiencies of the first wavelength converter, the second wavelength converter, and the third wavelength converter. For example, the area ratios of the second light emitting cell and the third light emitting cell to the first light emitting cell may be inversely proportional to a light conversion efficiency ratio of the second wavelength converter to the first wavelength converter and a light conversion efficiency ratio of the third wavelength converter to the first wavelength converter, respectively.

[0051] The LED unit for a display may further include a second color filter disposed on the second wavelength converter; and a third color filter disposed on the third wavelength converter. The second color filter may filter light other than green light, and the third color filter may filter light other than red light. The light emitting diode for a display may further include a first color filter disposed on the first wavelength converter, and the first color filter filters light other than blue light.

[0052] Area ratios of the first light emitting cell, the second light emitting cell, and the third light emitting cell may be 1:2:7.

[0053] The first, second, and third light emitting cells of each pixel may share a first conductivity type semiconductor layer. Further, at least two pixels may share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer. The light emitting cells or pixels may share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer, thereby providing an LED unit having a simple manufacturing process and structure.

[0054] At least one pad may be commonly electrically connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layer or the second conductivity type semiconductor layer of the first, second, and third light emitting cells. As such, the number of pads that are required may be reduced.

[0055] The LED unit for a display may further include: ohmic reflection layers disposed on the second conductivity type semiconductor layers of the first, second, and third light emitting cells; a lower insulation layer covering the first, second, and third light emitting cells of the plurality of pixels and including at least one first opening exposing a first conductivity type semiconductor layer and second openings exposing the ohmic reflection layers. In addition, the LED unit for a display may further include: a first pad electrode disposed on the lower insulation layer and electrically connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layer through the first opening of the lower insulation layer; a second pad electrode spaced apart from the first pad electrode to be disposed on the lower insulation layer and electrically connected to the ohmic reflection layer through the second opening; and an upper insulation layer covering the first and second pad electrodes, in which the pads may be connected to the first and second pad electrodes through openings of the upper insulation layer.

[0056] The lower insulation layer may include a distributed Bragg reflector. The lower insulation layer may cover side surfaces of the light emitting cells, and thus, light interference between the light emitting cells may be prevented.

[0057] The pads may include one first pad that are commonly connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layers of the first, second, and third light emitting cells and three second pads that are connected to the second conductivity type semiconductor layers of the first, second, and third light emitting cells, respectively. The one first pad may be commonly connected to first conductivity type semiconductor layers of at least two pixels.

[0058] In another exemplary embodiment, the pads may include first pads connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layers of the first, second, and third light emitting cells, respectively, and one second pad commonly connected to the second conductivity type

semiconductor layers of the first, second, and third light emitting cells. The one second pad may be commonly connected to second conductivity type semiconductor layers of at least two pixels.

[0059] A display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment includes: a circuit board; and a plurality of LED units arranged on the circuit board, in which each of the plurality of LED units is the LED unit for a display according to the exemplary embodiment above.

[0060] The first, second, and third light emitting cells may further be driven in a passive matrix or active matrix manner.

[0061] Hereinafter, exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0062] FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view illustrating a display apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment, FIG. 2 is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to an exemplary embodiment, FIG. 3 is an enlarged plan view of a pixel in the LED unit for a display of FIG. 2, and FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view taken along line A-A of FIG. 3.

[0063] Referring to FIG. 1, the display apparatus includes a circuit board **100** and an LED unit **200** for a display. Although the display apparatus according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment shows a plurality of LED units **200** disposed on the circuit board **100**, the inventive concepts are not necessarily limited thereto, and a single LED unit **200** may be disposed on the circuit board **100**.

[0064] The circuit board **100** includes a circuit for driving light emitting cells in the LED unit **200** in a passive matrix or active matrix manner. For example, to drive the LED unit in a passive matrix manner, the circuit board **100** may be configured as a printed circuit board including passive devices, such as resistors. Alternatively, to drive in an active matrix manner, the circuit board **100** may include active devices, such as thin film transistors.

[0065] The LED unit **200** for a display includes a plurality of pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** as shown in FIG. 2. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, four pixels are shown, but the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and the number of pixels disposed in one LED unit **200** may be two or three, or may be five or more. Each of the pixel **F1**, **F2**, **F3** or **F4** includes three light emitting cells, and wavelength converters are disposed on each of the light emitting cells to realize blue, green, and red light. Structures of the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** are generally the same or similar to each other. Hereinafter, the structure of the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** will be described in detail with reference to the pixel **F1** in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4.

[0066] Referring to FIG. 3 and FIG. 4, the pixel **F1** may include a substrate **21**, first, second, and third light emitting cells **30** (**30a**, **30b**, **30c**), an ohmic reflection layer **31**, a lower insulation layer **33**, first and second pad electrodes **35a** and **35b**, an upper insulation layer **37**, a first wavelength converter **51a**, a second wavelength converter **51b**, a third wavelength converter **51c**, a first color filter **53a**, a second color filter **53b**, a third color filter **53c**, and a light blocking material layer **55** (or a partition wall). Each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** includes a first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, an active layer **25**, and a second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27**. The pixel **F1** also includes sub-pixels **10B**, **10G**, and **10R**, where each of the sub-pixels **10B**, **10G**, and **10R** includes the light emitting cell **30**, the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**, and the color filters **53a**, **53b**, and **53c**.

[0067] The substrate **21** is not particularly limited as long as it is a substrate capable of growing a gallium nitride-based semiconductor layer thereon, such as a sapphire substrate, a gallium nitride substrate, and a SiC substrate. The substrate **21** may be a patterned sapphire substrate. A plurality of pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** may be provided on one substrate **21**, and the substrate **21** may have a rectangular or square shape, but the inventive concepts are not necessarily limited thereto. An overall size of the substrate **21** may vary depending on the number of pixels formed thereon.

[0068] The first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are disposed to be spaced apart from one another. An interval between the light emitting cells in the pixel **F1** may be smaller

than that between the pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4, but in some exemplary embodiments, they may be the same.

[0069] As shown in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4, the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** have different areas from one another. The second light emitting cell **30b** has a greater area than that of the first light emitting cell **30a**, and the third light emitting cell **30c** has a greater area than that of the second light emitting cell **30b**. Areas of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** may be determined in consideration of light conversion efficiencies of the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**, which will be described later.

[0070] The first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** may be disposed adjacent to one another. More particularly, the first light emitting cell **30a** may be adjacent to the second and third light emitting cells **30b** and **30c**, the second light emitting cell **30b** may be adjacent to the first and third light emitting cells **30a** and **30c**, and the third light emitting cell **30c** may be adjacent to the first light emitting cell and the second light emitting cell **30a** and **30b**. As shown in FIG. 3, the first and second light emitting cells **30a** and **30b** may be arranged along the long axis of the third light emitting cell **30c**. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and the light emitting cells may be variously arranged in other forms. For example, one light emitting cell may be disposed between two remaining light emitting cells. The first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** may have substantially a rectangular shape, but the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and may have various shapes.

[0071] Each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** includes the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, the active layer **25**, and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27**. The first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** is disposed under the substrate **21**. The first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** is a layer grown on the substrate **21**, and may be a gallium nitride-based semiconductor layer doped with impurities, such as Si.

[0072] The active layer **25** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** are disposed on the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. The active layer **25** is disposed between the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27**. The active layer **25** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may have an area smaller than that of the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. The active layer **25** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may be partially removed to expose a portion of the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. As shown in FIG. 4, a through hole may be formed through the active layer **25** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** to expose the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. Alternatively, the active layer **25** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may be formed in a mesa shape, and the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** around the mesa may be exposed.

[0073] The active layer **25** may have a single quantum well structure or multiple quantum well structure. A composition and thickness of the well layer in the active layer **25** determines a wavelength of light that is generated. In particular, the active layer **25** may generate ultraviolet or blue light by adjusting the composition of the well layer. In an exemplary embodiment, each of the active layers **25** of the first light emitting cell **30a**, the second light emitting cell **30b**, and the third light emitting cell **30c** is grown on the same substrate **21** under the same conditions, and have substantially the same composition and thickness, thereby emitting light of the same wavelength.

[0074] The second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may be a gallium nitride-based semiconductor layer doped with a p-type impurity, for example Mg. Each of the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may be a single layer, but the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and may be a multiple layer or may include a superlattice layer. The first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, the active layer **25**, and the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** may be grown on the substrate **21** in a chamber using a known method, such as metal organic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) or molecular beam epitaxy (MBE).

[0075] The ohmic reflection layer **31** is in ohmic contact with the second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** of each of the light emitting cell **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**. The ohmic reflection layer **31** may include an ohmic layer such as Ni or ITO, and a reflection layer such as Ag or Al. The ohmic reflection layer **31** may also include a transparent oxide layer such as ITO, and an insulation layer such as SiO₂ between the reflection layers. The reflection layer may connect to the transparent oxide layer through an insulation layer.

[0076] The lower insulation layer **33** covers the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**, and covers side surfaces of the exposed second conductivity type semiconductor layer **27** and the active layer **25**. The lower insulation layer **33** has openings exposing the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23** and the ohmic reflection layer **31**. The lower insulation layer **33** may include a single layer, such as SiO₂ or Si₃N₄, but the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and may include multiple layers. In particular, the lower insulation layer **33** may include a distributed Bragg reflector.

[0077] The first pad electrode **35a** and the second pad electrode **35b** are disposed on the lower insulation layer **33**. The first pad electrode **35a** and the second pad electrode **35b** are disposed on each light emitting cell, the first pad electrode **35a** is electrically connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, and the second pad electrode **35b** is electrically connected to the ohmic reflection layer **31**. The first pad electrode **35a** and the second pad electrode **35b** may be formed together in the same process, and thus, may be located at substantially the same level. In some exemplary embodiments, the second pad electrode **35b** may be omitted.

[0078] In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the first pad electrode **35a** may be disposed to surround the second pad electrode **35b**. Also, the pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** of one sub-pixel may be spaced apart from the pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** of an adjacent sub-pixel. As such, the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** in the LED unit **200** are electrically spaced apart from one another. Furthermore, the pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** in the pixel **F1** are also spaced apart from the pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** in the other pixels **F2**, **F3**, and **F4**. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are electrically connected to one another, and/or the light emitting cells are electrically connected between pixels. This will be described in detail later.

[0079] The upper insulation layer **37** covers the first and second pad electrodes **35a** and **35b**, and has openings exposing the first and second pad electrodes **35a** and **35b**. The upper insulation layer **37** may include a single layer, such as SiO₂ or Si₃N₄, but the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and may include multiple layers. In particular, the lower insulation layer **33** may include a distributed Bragg reflector.

[0080] The first and second bump pads **43a** and **43b** are formed on each of the light emitting cell **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**, and connected to the first and second pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** through the openings of the upper insulation layer **37**, respectively. More particularly, the first bump pad **43a** is connected to the first pad electrode **35a**, and the second bump pad **43b** is connected to the second pad electrode **35b**. Two bump pads **43a** and **43b** are provided for each of the light emitting cell **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**.

[0081] The bump pads **43a** and **43b** occupy a relatively large area, and maximum widths of the bump pads **43a** and **43b** may exceed at least about ½ of a minimum width of the light emitting cell. The bump pads **43a** and **43b** may have a rectangular shape as illustrated, but are not limited thereto, and may have a circular or elliptical shape. The bump pads **43a** and **43b** may be used to mount the LED unit **200** on the circuit board **100**, and may include Au or AuSn, for example.

[0082] A dummy bump pad in addition to the bump pads **43a** and **43b**, may be disposed on at least one light emitting cell. Since the light emitting cells have different areas, the dummy bump pad may be disposed on the light emitting cells **30b** or **30c** that has a relatively large area. The dummy bump pad may be disposed on the upper insulation layer **37** to be electrically isolated from the bump pads **43a** and **43b**. The dummy bump pad may be used as a heat dissipation path for

dissipating heat generated from light emitting cells, thereby improving light efficiency of the LED unit **200**.

[0083] A support member **45** may cover side surfaces of the bump pads **43a** and **43b**. The support member **45** may also cover side surfaces of the dummy bump pad. The support member **45** may include a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin.

[0084] The first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** are disposed on the substrate **21** to face the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** with the substrate **21** therebetween. The first wavelength converter **51a** is disposed on the first light emitting cell **30a**, the second wavelength converter **51b** is disposed on the second light emitting cell **30b**, and the third wavelength converter **51c** is disposed on the third light emitting cell **30c**.

[0085] The first wavelength converter **51a** converts a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting cell **30a**, and the second wavelength converter **51b** converts a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting cell **30b**, and the third wavelength converter **51c** converts a wavelength of light emitted from the third light emitting cell **30c**. More particularly, the second wavelength converter **51b** converts light to have a longer wavelength than a wavelength of light converted by the first wavelength converter **51a**, and the third wavelength converter **51c** converts light to have a longer wavelength than a wavelength of light converted by the second wavelength converter **51b**. For example, the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** may emit ultraviolet light, the first wavelength converter **51a** converts ultraviolet light into blue light, and the second wavelength converter **51b** converts ultraviolet light into green light, and the third wavelength converter **51c** may convert ultraviolet light into red light.

[0086] The first color filter **53a**, the second color filter **53b**, and the third color filter **53c** are disposed on the first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**, respectively, and filter light emitted therefrom. For example, the first color filter **53a** filters light other than blue light, the second color filter **53b** filters light other than green light, and the third color filter **53c** filters light other than red light. By using the first, second, and third color filters **53a**, **53b**, and **53c**, color purity of blue light, green light, and red light may be improved.

[0087] Although the active layer **25** is exemplarily described as emitting ultraviolet light, in some exemplary embodiments, the active layer **25** may emit blue light. In this case, the first wavelength converter **51a** may be omitted, and a transparent resin may be disposed in place of the first wavelength converter **51a**. Meanwhile, the second wavelength converter **51b** converts blue light into green light, and the third wavelength converter **51c** converts blue light into red light.

[0088] The light blocking material layer **55** may be disposed between the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**. The light blocking material layer **55** blocks light from progressing from one wavelength converter to another wavelength converter, thereby preventing light interference between the sub-pixels **10B**, **10G**, and **10R**. The light blocking material layer **55** may include white resin or PSR that is capable of reflecting light. The lower insulation layer **33** may include the distributed Bragg reflector, or the first pad electrode **35a** and/or the second pad electrode **35b** may be disposed to cover sidewalls of the light emitting cells, and thus, light interference between the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** is prevented.

[0089] The pixel **F1** according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment has three sub-pixels **10B**, **10G**, and **10R**, and the sub-pixels are fixed on the substrate **21**. For example, the sub-pixel **10B** may realize blue light by the light emitting cell **10a** or by a combination of the first light emitting cell **10a** and the first wavelength converter **51a**, and the sub-pixel **10G** may realize green light by a combination of the light emitting cell **10b** and the second wavelength converter **51b**, and the sub-pixel **10R** may realize red light by a combination of the third light emitting cell **10c** and the third wavelength converter **51c**.

[0090] In an exemplary embodiment, the pixels **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** include sub-pixels having substantially the same structure as those of the pixel **F1**. Further, the substrate **21**, the lower insulation layer **33**, and the upper insulation layer **37** may be continuously formed over each of the

pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4**.

[0091] According to an exemplary embodiment, it is possible to provide the LED unit **200** having flip-type light emitting cells, and thus, it is possible to improve light emission efficiency of each light emitting cell.

[0092] A plurality of pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** together with the substrate **21** may be mounted on the circuit board **100**. In the case of a conventional micro LED, since the sub-pixels are individually mounted, the number of processes is large and it is difficult to perform the mounting process due to the small size of the individual sub-pixel. However, according to an exemplary embodiment, since one LED unit includes the plurality of pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4**, and the size of the LED unit is relatively larger than that of the conventional micro LED, and thus, the number of mounting processes is reduced, and the mounting process is facilitated.

[0093] The first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** in the illustrated exemplary embodiment have different areas from one another. Also, the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** disposed on the light emitting cells have different areas from one another. A relative area of the light emitting cells may be closely related to light conversion efficiencies of the wavelength converters, and may also be related to color filtering efficiencies of the color filters **53a**, **53b**, and **53c**.

[0094] The wavelength converters may generally include phosphors. For example, beta sialon (β -SiAlON) may be used for emitting green light, and a CASN (CaAlSiN)-based phosphor may be used for emitting red light.

[0095] However, phosphors cannot convert all blue light into green light or red light, and each phosphor has a constant light conversion efficiency. In particular, a red phosphor that converts ultraviolet or blue light of the same wavelength into red light has a smaller light conversion efficiency than that of a green phosphor that converts into green light. Moreover, red light also has lower visibility than green light. As such, when the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are formed to have the same area, the third light emitting cell **30c** of the sub-pixel **10R** that realizes red light has to be driven under a higher current density to implement a sensitivity similar to that of other sub-pixels **10B** or **10G**. The second light emitting cell **30b** of the sub-pixel **10G** that realizes green light also has to be driven under a higher current density than that of the third light emitting cell **30a**. More particularly, there is a difference in current density required for realizing an image for each light emitting cell, and accordingly, the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** that have the same size may not be driven under an optimal light emission efficiency condition.

[0096] In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the light emitting cells are provided with substantially the same or similar current density for driving the light emitting cells by varying the areas of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**, and thus, the light emitting cells may be driven under the optimum light emission efficiency condition.

[0097] The relative areas of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** may be determined in consideration of the relative light conversion efficiency of the first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**. As the light conversion efficiency of the wavelength converter becomes less, the area of the corresponding light emitting cell may be formed to be greater.

[0098] For example, when the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** emit blue light, the first wavelength converter **51a** is omitted, and area ratios of the second light emitting cell **30b** and the third light emitting cell **30c** to the first light emitting cell **30a** may be inversely proportional to the light conversion efficiency of the second wavelength converter **51b** and the light conversion efficiency of the third wavelength converter **51c**, respectively. When the second wavelength converter **51b** includes beta sialon (β -SiAlON) and the third wavelength converter **51c** includes CASN, relative areas ratios of the first light emitting cell **30a**, the second light emitting cell **30b**, and the third light emitting cell **30c** may be about 1:2:7.

[0099] When the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** emit ultraviolet light, the area ratio of the second light emitting cell **30b** and the third light emitting cell **30c** relative to the first light emitting cell **30a** may be inversely proportional to the light conversion efficiency ratio of the second wavelength converter **51b** to the first wavelength converter **51a** and the light conversion efficiency ratio of the third wavelength converter **51c** to the first wavelength converter **51a**, respectively.

[0100] Although, it is described that the area of the light emitting cells is determined in consideration of the light conversion efficiencies of the wavelength converters in the above exemplary embodiment, when filtering efficiencies of the first, second, and third color filters **53a**, **53b**, and **53c** are different from one another, the areas of the light emitting cells may be determined in consideration of the difference in the filtering efficiencies.

[0101] According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the areas of the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are set to be different from one another, and thus, the light emitting cells may be driven under substantially the same current density. As such, the current density may be set with the optimal condition for driving the light emitting cells, thereby improving light emission efficiency.

[0102] FIG. 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0103] Referring to FIG. 5, the LED unit according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment is substantially similar to the LED unit described with reference to FIG. 3 and FIG. 4, except that the substrate **21** is omitted. As such, first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** are disposed on light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** instead of being disposed on the substrate **21**. The substrate **21** may be removed using a technique such as laser lift-off or the like, and roughness may be formed on a surface of an exposed first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**.

[0104] According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, since the substrate **21** is removed, light interference that may be generated between adjacent sub-pixels and between adjacent pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** caused by light transmitted in the lateral direction through the substrate **21** may be further suppressed.

[0105] FIG. 6 is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment. Hereinafter, a region indicated by the bold line represents a pixel that has three light emitting cells.

[0106] Referring to FIG. 6, a plurality of LED units may be arranged on the circuit board **100** of FIG. 1, and accordingly, light emitting cells may be arranged in a matrix form. Pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** in one LED unit **200** may be connected to a scan line and a data line as shown in FIG. 6. The scan line and the data line may be provided in the circuit board **100**, and pad electrodes **35a** and **35b** may be bonded on the circuit board **100** to form a circuit as shown in FIG. 6. More particularly, anodes of three light emitting cells in the pixel **F1** and three light emitting cells in the pixel **F3** are commonly connected to a data line **Vdata1**, and cathodes thereof are connected to scan lines **Vscan1**, **Vscan2**, **Vscan3**, **Vscan4**, **Vscan5**, and **Vscan6** that are different from one another. Anodes of three light emitting cells in the pixel **F2** and three light emitting cells in the pixel **F4** are commonly connected to a data line **Vdata2**, and cathodes thereof are connected to the scan lines **Vscan1**, **Vscan2**, **Vscan3**, **Vscan4**, **Vscan5**, and **Vscan6** that are different from one another. As shown in the drawing, the cathode of each light emitting cell of the pixel **F1** is connected to the same scanning line together with the cathode of each light emitting cell of the pixel **F2**.

[0107] A sub-pixel that emits light may be selected by the scan line and the data line, and images may be realized by sequentially selecting sub-pixels. Also, light intensity emitted from one sub-pixel may be adjusted by using a pulse width modulation (PWM) method or by changing a voltage (or current) between the data line and the scan line.

[0108] FIG. 7 is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0109] Referring back to FIG. 6, the anodes of the light emitting cells in one pixel are connected to the same data line and the cathodes are connected to different scan lines, however, according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. 7, anodes of the light emitting cells are connected to different data lines, and cathodes are connected to the same scan line. Further, pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 in an LED unit are arranged in a matrix form in a driving circuit.

[0110] FIG. 8 is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0111] In FIGS. 6 and 7, the pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 are arranged in a matrix form in the driving circuit, however, according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. 8, anodes of all light emitting cells are connected to the same data line. Pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 may be arranged in a matrix form on the substrate 21, but a circuit as shown in FIG. 8 may also be formed through electrical connection between the pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 and a circuit board 100.

[0112] FIG. 9 is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0113] In FIG. 8, the anodes of all light emitting cells of the pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 are connected to the same data line, however, according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, anodes of all light emitting cells are connected to different data lines from one another within a drive circuit, and cathodes thereof are connected to the same scan line.

[0114] FIG. 10 is a schematic circuit diagram illustrating a driving manner of a display apparatus according to another exemplary embodiment. The circuit diagrams illustrated in the previous exemplary embodiments of FIGS. 6 to 9 are for the passive matrix driving manner, while the circuit diagram according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment is for the active matrix driving manner.

[0115] Referring to FIG. 10, a driving circuit according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment includes two or more transistors Tr1 and Tr2 and a capacitor. When the power is connected to selection lines Vrow1, Vrow2, and Vrow3, and a data voltage is applied to data lines Vdata1, Vdata2, and Vdata3, voltages are applied to corresponding light emitting cells of LED1, LED2, or LED3. In addition, charges are charged in the corresponding capacitors according to values of Vdata1, Vdata2, and Vdata3. Since turn-on state of Tr2 may be maintained by the charging voltage of the capacitor, the voltage of the capacitor may be maintained and the voltage may be applied to the light emitting cells of LED1, LED2, and LED3 even when the Vrow1 is powered off. Further, the current flowing through LED1, LED2, and LED3 may be changed according to the values of Vdata1, Vdata2, and Vdata3. Current may always be supplied through common current supplies Vdd, and thus, continuous light emission is possible.

[0116] The transistors Tr1 and Tr2 and the capacitors may be formed in a circuit board 100. For example, a thin film transistor formed on a silicon substrate may be used for active matrix driving.

[0117] Anodes of the light emitting cells are connected to the transistor Tr2 and cathodes thereof are grounded.

[0118] Although FIG. 10 exemplarily shows a circuit diagram for driving light emitting cells the active matrix, in some exemplary embodiments, other circuits may be used. Further, although the anodes of the light emitting cells are described as being connected to different transistors Tr2 from one another and the cathodes thereof are described as being grounded, in some exemplary embodiments, the anodes of a plurality of light emitting cells may be connected to the same common current supply Vdd, and the cathodes thereof may be connected to different transistors from one another.

[0119] Various circuits for the passive matrix driving and active matrix driving have been described above. In the circuits, the anodes or cathodes of the light emitting cells may be commonly electrically connected. The first, second, and third light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c of the LED unit 200 described above are electrically separated from one another in the LED unit 200, and are electrically connected to one another through the circuit board 100. However, some or all of the light emitting cells in the LED unit 200 may be electrically connected to one another in the LED

unit, and electrical connection thereof will be described below.

[0120] FIG. 11 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel F1 in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0121] Referring to FIG. 11, the pixel F1 according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment is substantially similar to that described with reference to FIG. 4, except that the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c are connected to one another by a first pad electrode 35a.

[0122] More particularly, a single first pad electrode 35a is formed over the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c, and is electrically connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 in each region of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c. Accordingly, cathodes of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c are electrically connected to one another.

[0123] Since the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c are connected to one another by the first pad electrode 35a, it may not be necessary to form bump pads 43a on the respective light emitting cells, and current may be supplied to each of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c using the single bump pad 43a.

[0124] Furthermore, the cathodes of the light emitting cells in at least two of the pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 may be connected to one another by the first pad electrode 35a, and accordingly, the number of bump pads 43a required in the LED unit 200 may be further reduced.

[0125] Since the number of bump pads 43a may be reduced, the possibility of mounting failure while mounting the LED unit 200 on the circuit board 100 may be reduced.

[0126] Although light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c in the illustrated exemplary embodiment are shown as being disposed under the substrate 21, in some exemplary embodiments, the substrate 21 may be omitted as described with reference to FIG. 5.

[0127] FIG. 12 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0128] In FIG. 11, the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c are electrically connected using the first pad electrode 35a, however, light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c in the illustrated exemplary embodiment share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23. More particularly, in FIG. 11, the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 are spaced apart from one another, and the first pad electrode 35a electrically connects the first conductivity type semiconductor layers 23 in the embodiment of FIG. 11. However, the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23. As such, the first pad electrode 35a may be connected to any portion of the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23. For example, the first pad electrode 35a may be connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23 through a through hole as shown in FIG. 11, or the first pad electrode 35a may be connected to the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23 in a region between the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c, or a region around the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c as shown in FIG. 12.

[0129] According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, since the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23, connection regions of the first pad electrode 35a may be selected variously, and thus, light emitting areas of the light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c may be increased within a limited area of the LED unit 200.

[0130] Pixels F1, F2, F3, and F4 may also share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer 23, which will be described in detail later with reference to FIGS. 14 through 17.

[0131] Although light emitting cells 30a, 30b, and 30c of FIG. 12 are shown as being disposed under the substrate 21, in some exemplary embodiments, the substrate 21 may be omitted as described with reference to FIG. 5.

[0132] FIG. 13 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a pixel F1 in an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0133] Referring to FIG. 13, the foregoing exemplary embodiments have described that the cathodes of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are electrically connected to one another, however, in the illustrated exemplary embodiment, anodes of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are electrically connected to one another.

[0134] More particularly, a second conductivity type semiconductor layers **27** of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are electrically connected to one another by a second pad electrode **35b**. In contrast, first conductivity type semiconductor layers **23** of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are electrically separated from one another.

[0135] More particularly, the second pad electrode **35b** may be continuously formed on the first, second, and third light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**, and electrically connected to ohmic reflection layers **31** on each light emitting cell. The second pad electrode **35b** according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment may also surround first pad electrodes **35a**.

[0136] Since the second conductivity type semiconductor layers **27** of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** are connected to one another by the second pad electrode **35b**, bump pads **43b** may not need to be disposed on each light emitting cell, and current may be supplied to each of the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** using a single bump pad **43b**.

[0137] Anodes of the light emitting cells in at least two of the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** may be connected to one another by the second pad electrode **35b**, and accordingly, the number of bump pads **43b** required in the LED unit **200** may be further reduced.

[0138] Since the number of bump pads **43b** may be reduced, the possibility of mounting failure while mounting the LED unit **200** on the circuit board **100** may be reduced.

[0139] Although the light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** in the illustrated exemplary embodiment are shown as being disposed under the substrate **21**, in some exemplary embodiments, the substrate **21** may be omitted as described with reference to FIG. 5.

[0140] FIG. 14 is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0141] As described above with reference to FIG. 12, light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c** in each pixel **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, or **F4** may share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. However, as shown in the drawing, the first conductivity type semiconductor layers may be spaced apart from one another between the pixels.

[0142] According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, since cathodes of the light emitting cells in one pixel are connected to one another, a circuit for connecting the light emitting cells may not need to be provided in a circuit board **100**, and thus, the number of bump pads **43a** may also be reduced. More particularly, one bump pad **43a** and three bump pads **43b** may be disposed for each pixel, and the one bump pad **43a** may be formed at any one of the positions in which the bump pad **43a** may be formed in each pixel (see FIG. 2).

[0143] For passive matrix driving, the cathodes of the light emitting cells in the same pixel will be connected to the same data line or scan line. For active matrix driving, the cathodes of the light emitting cells in the same pixel will be grounded.

[0144] Since the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** are electrically separated from one another, the pixels may be variously arranged in the driving circuit.

[0145] FIG. 15 is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0146] Referring to FIG. 15, in the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the pixel **F1** and the pixel **F3** share one first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, and the pixel **F2** and the pixel **F4** share another first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. Accordingly, a bump pad **43a** that is common to the pixels **F1** and **F3** may be disposed, and a bump pad **43a** that is common to the pixels **F2** and **F4** may be disposed, and thus, the number of the bump pads **43a** may be further reduced than the configuration shown in FIG. 14. In this case, the bump pad **43a** for the pixels **F1** and **F3** and the another bump pad **43a** for the pixels **F2** and **F4** may each be formed at any one of

the positions in which the bump pad **43a** may be formed in shared pixels (see FIG. 2).

[0147] For passive matrix driving, cathodes of light emitting cells in the pixel **F1** and the pixel **F3** will all be connected to the same data line or scan line, and those of light emitting cells in the pixel **F2** and the pixel **F4** will be connected to the same data line or scan line. For active matrix driving, the cathodes of the light emitting cells in the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** will be grounded.

[0148] FIG. **16** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0149] Referring to FIG. **16**, pixels **F1** and **F2** share one first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**, and pixels **F3** and **F4** also share another first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**.

Accordingly, a bump pad **43a** that is common to the pixels **F1** and **F2** may be disposed, and a bump pad **43a** that is common to the pixels **F3** and **F4** may be disposed, and thus, the number of the bump pads **43a** may be further reduced than the configuration shown in FIG. **14**. In this case, the bump pad **43a** for the pixels **F1** and **F2** and the another bump pad **43a** for the pixels **F3** and **F4** may each be formed at any one of the positions in which the bump pad **43a** may be formed in shared pixels (see FIG. 2).

[0150] For passive matrix driving, cathodes of light emitting cells in the pixel **F1** and the pixel **F2** will all be connected to the same data line or scan line, and those of light emitting cells in the pixel **F3** and the pixel **F4** will be connected to the same data line or scan line. For active matrix driving, the cathodes of the light emitting cells in the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** will be grounded.

[0151] FIG. **17** is a schematic plan view illustrating an LED unit for a display according to another exemplary embodiment.

[0152] Referring to FIG. **17**, each of the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** in the LED unit **200** may share a first conductivity type semiconductor layer **23**. Accordingly, a bump pad **43a** that is common to the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** may be disposed, further reducing the number of bump pads **43a** than the configurations shown in FIG. **15** and FIG. **16**. In this case, the bump pad **43a** for the pixels **F1**, **F2**, **F3**, and **F4** may be formed at any one of the positions in which the bump pad **43a** may be formed in shared pixels (see FIG. 2).

[0153] FIG. **18A** and FIG. **18B** are cross-sectional views illustrating a film including a wavelength converter according to exemplary embodiments.

[0154] Referring to FIG. **18A**, the first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** in the above exemplary embodiments may be spaced apart from one another to be individually attached or formed on light emitting cells **30a**, **30b**, and **30c**, but first, second, and third wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** in the illustrated exemplary embodiment are arranged in one layer in one film. A transparent or opaque resin **151** may be disposed in a region between the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**. The opaque resin **151** may function as a light blocking layer **55**.

[0155] When the light emitting cells emit blue light, the first wavelength converter **51a** may be omitted, and in this case, the transparent resin **151** may be disposed at a location where the first wavelength converter **51a** is disposed.

[0156] A film including wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c** may be disposed on each pixel, or one film may cover two or more pixels.

[0157] Referring to FIG. **18B**, the film according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment may be formed as a multi-layer laminated film. For example, a first layer **151a** may include the first wavelength converter **51a**, and a second layer **151b** may include the second wavelength converter **51b**, and a third layer **151c** may include the third wavelength converter **51c**. The first, second, and third layers **151a**, **151b**, and **151c** may be formed as a combination of the transparent resin **151** and the wavelength converters **51a**, **51b**, and **51c**, respectively. When the light emitting cells emit blue light, the first layer **151a** may be omitted.

[0158] The laminated film may be disposed on each pixel, or a single laminated film may cover a plurality of pixels.

[0159] According to exemplary embodiments, a plurality of pixels that includes sub-pixels are

disposed in one LED unit. The sub-pixels include a first, second, and third light emitting cells that emit light of different colors. As such, an LED unit for a display may be easily mounted and replacement of defective units may be facilitated. Furthermore, by varying areas of the first, second, and third light emitting cells, light emitting cells of each of the sub-pixels may be driven under an optimum light emission efficiency condition.

[0160] Although certain exemplary embodiments and implementations have been described herein, other embodiments and modifications will be apparent from this description. Accordingly, the inventive concepts are not limited to such embodiments, but rather to the broader scope of the appended claims and various obvious modifications and equivalent arrangements as would be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Claims

1. A light-emitting diode (LED) unit for a display, comprising: a plurality of pixels each including: a first light emitting cell, a second light emitting cell, and a third light emitting cell, each of the first, second, and third light emitting cells including a first conductivity type semiconductor layer, an active layer, and a second conductivity type semiconductor layer; a first wavelength converter configured to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting cell; and a second wavelength converter configured to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting cell, wherein the first, second, and third light emitting cells of each pixel share the first conductivity type semiconductor layer.
