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SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Abstract

The present disclosure relates to a solid-state imaging device and electronic equipment that enable improvement of image quality of a captured image. In the solid-state imaging device, two or more photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector are laminated. The solid-state imaging device is configured to include a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received by the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of the second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens. The technology of the present disclosure can be applied to, for example, a solid-state imaging device that performs imaging.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/447,882, filed 10 Aug. 2023, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/732,003, filed 31 Dec. 2019, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,728,357, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/325,768, filed 12 Jan. 2017, now U.S. Pat. No. 10,554,874, which is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and claims the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2015/069827 having an international filing date of 10 Jul. 2015, which designated the United States, which PCT application claimed the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2014-148837 filed 22 Jul. 2014, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a solid-state imaging device and electronic equipment, and especially relates to a solid-state imaging device and electronic equipment that enable improvement of image quality of a captured image.

BACKGROUND ART

[0003] As a photoelectric conversion device, there is an imaging device using an organic photoelectric conversion film (for example, see Patent Document 1). The organic photoelectric conversion film can perform color separation and light receiving at the same time with a thin film, and thus has a high aperture ratio and basically does not require an on-chip microlens.

[0004] There is also a photoelectric conversion device provided with a photodiode on a silicon layer under an organic photoelectric conversion film, and which detects a phase difference with the photodiode on the silicon layer while acquiring an image with the organic photoelectric conversion film (for example, see Patent Document 2).

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[0005] Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent No. 5244287 [0006] Patent Document 2: Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2011-103335

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Problems to be Solved by the Invention

[0007] However, in the structure disclosed in Patent Document 2, if a focusing point of the on-chip

lens is set to the photodiode on the silicon layer, a radius of curvature of the on-chip lens becomes small, and oblique incident characteristics are deteriorated. Therefore, a light-receiving amount becomes smaller as an image height (distance from an optical center) becomes larger, and sensitivity nonuniformity called shading occurs.

[0008] The present disclosure has been made in view of the foregoing, and enables improvement of image quality of a captured image.

Solutions to Problems

[0009] In a solid-state imaging device according to a first aspect of the present disclosure, two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, and the solid-state imaging device includes a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens.

[0010] Electronic equipment according to a second aspect of the present disclosure includes: a solid-state imaging device in which two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, and a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens is included.

[0011] In the first and second aspects of the present disclosure, two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, and the solid-state imaging device includes a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens.

[0012] The solid-state imaging device and the electronic equipment may be independent devices or may be modules incorporated in another device.

Effects of the Invention

[0013] According to the first and second aspects of the present disclosure, the image quality of a captured image can be improved.

[0014] Note that the effect described here is not necessarily limited, and may be any of effects described in the present disclosure.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0015] FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating an imaging mechanism including a solid-state imaging device according to the present disclosure.

[0016] FIG. 2 is a diagram illustrating a schematic configuration of an upper-side substrate and a lower-side substrate.

[0017] FIG. 3 is a diagram illustrating a schematic configuration of an upper-side substrate and a lower-side substrate.

[0018] FIG. 4 is a sectional configuration diagram of a solid-state imaging device according to a first embodiment.

[0019] FIG. 5 is a sectional configuration diagram illustrating a modification of the first embodiment.

[0020] FIG. 6 is a sectional configuration diagram of a solid-state imaging device according to a second embodiment.

[0021] FIG. 7 is a sectional configuration diagram of a solid-state imaging device according to a

third embodiment.

[0022] FIGS. **8A** and **8B** are diagrams illustrating circuit arrangement configuration examples of a solid-state imaging device having a two-layer laminate structure.

[0023] FIG. **9** is a diagram illustrating a circuit arrangement configuration example of a solid-state imaging device having a three-layer laminate structure.

[0024] FIG. **10** is a sectional configuration diagram of a solid-state imaging device having a three-layer laminate structure.

[0025] FIG. **11** is another sectional configuration diagram of the solid-state imaging device having a three-layer laminate structure.

[0026] FIG. **12** is a diagram for describing focus control of a contrast method.

[0027] FIG. **13** is a sectional configuration diagram of a solid-state imaging device according to a fourth embodiment.

[0028] FIG. **14** is a sectional configuration diagram illustrating a modification of the fourth embodiment.

[0029] FIG. **15** is a block diagram illustrating a configuration example of an imaging apparatus as electronic equipment according to the present disclosure.

MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0030] Hereinafter, embodiments for implementing the present disclosure (hereinafter, referred to as embodiments) will be described. Note that description will be given in the order below. [0031] 1.

First Embodiment (a configuration example in which an upper-side substrate is a front surface irradiation-type substrate) [0032] 2. Second Embodiment (a configuration example in which an

upper-side substrate is a back surface irradiation-type substrate) [0033] 3. Third Embodiment (a configuration example in which photoelectric conversion films are two layers) [0034] 4. Fourth

Embodiment (a configuration example configured with a three-substrate laminate structure) [0035] 5. Fifth Embodiment (a configuration example in which contrast AF is employed) [0036] 6.

Application Examples to Electronic Equipment

1. First Embodiment of Solid-State Imaging Device

<Configuration of Imaging Mechanism>

[0037] FIG. **1** is a diagram illustrating an imaging mechanism including a solid-state imaging device according to the present disclosure.

[0038] A solid-state imaging device **1** according to the present disclosure receives light of an object **3** collected by an optical lens **2**, as illustrated in FIG. **1**.

[0039] The solid-state imaging device **1** is a complex-type solid-state imaging device in which two semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B** are laminated, for example. A photoelectric conversion layer including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector that detects a charge photoelectrically converted by the photoelectric converter is formed on each of the semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B**. A semiconductor of the semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B** is, for example, silicon (Si). An aperture **12** is formed between the two semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B**.

[0040] Note that, hereinafter, the semiconductor substrate **11A** closer to the optical lens **2**, of the two semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B**, is called upper-side substrate **11A**, and the semiconductor substrate **11B** farther from the optical lens **2** is called lower-side substrate **11B**. Further, in a case where the two semiconductor substrates **11A** and **11B** are not especially distinguished from each other, the semiconductor substrate **11A** or **11B** is simply called substrate **11**.

[0041] FIG. **2** is a diagram illustrating a schematic configuration of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B** of the solid-state imaging device **1**.

[0042] A plurality of pixels **21A** is arrayed on the upper-side substrate **11A** in a two-dimensional array manner. An on-chip lens **22** is formed in each of the pixels **21A**. Pixel signals obtained in the plurality of pixels **21A** arrayed on the upper-side substrate **11A** are used as signals for image

generation. Therefore, the upper-side substrate **11A** functions as an image sensor.

[0043] A plurality of pixels **21B** is arrayed on the lower-side substrate **11B** in a two-dimensional array manner. Pixel signals obtained in the plurality of pixels **21B** arrayed on the lower-side substrate **11B** are used as signals for phase difference detection. Therefore, the lower-side substrate **11B** functions as a phase difference detection sensor.

[0044] As illustrated in FIG. 2, opening portions **31** having one pixel size that is the same size as the pixel **21A** of the upper-side substrate **11A** are formed in the aperture **12** at predetermined intervals. Accordingly, there are pixels that transmit incident light to the lower-side substrate **11B** and pixels that do not transmit the incident light to the lower-side substrate **11B**, among the pixels **21A** of the upper-side substrate **11A**.

[0045] For example, as illustrated in FIG. 2, the incident light having passed through one pixel (hereinafter, referred to as transmission pixel) of the upper-side substrate **11A**, the one pixel corresponding to the opening portion **31** of the aperture **12**, is configured to enter 2×2 four pixels of the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0046] Since the pixels **21B** of the lower-side substrate **11B** are the pixels for phase difference detection, the incident light having passed through the transmission pixel of the upper-side substrate **11A** may just be configured to be received by a plurality of pixels, and may be configured to enter 4×4 sixteen pixels, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 3.

[0047] In the phase difference detection, for example, in a case where the light having passed through one transmission pixel enters the 2×2 four pixels of the lower-side substrate **11B**, a focal position can be detected by comparing signals between an upper left pixel and a lower right pixel, and comparing signals between an upper right pixel and a lower left pixel, of the 2×2 four pixels.

[0048] Note that FIGS. 2 and 3 are diagrams for describing relationship between the transmission pixel of the upper-side substrate **11A**, and light receiving pixels of the lower-side substrate **11B**, which receive the incident light from the transmission pixel, and scales of pixel sizes of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B** are different.

[0049] In an image phase difference sensor in which phase difference pixels are arranged in a part of an image sensor having a single layer structure that is not a laminate structure, a condensing point of an on-chip lens is ideally a surface of a photodiode of a silicon layer. However, in reality, the condensing point is a deep position of the silicon layer. Therefore, a condensing point for imaging and a condensing point for phase difference detection are different, and there is a problem that obtaining an ideal condensing point and optimization of a microlens cannot be achieved at the same time.

[0050] Further, if a focusing point of the on-chip lens is set to the surface of the photodiode of the silicon layer, a radius of curvature of the on-chip lens becomes small, and oblique incident characteristics are deteriorated. Therefore, a light-receiving amount becomes smaller as an image height (distance from an optical center) becomes larger, and shading occurs.

[0051] Therefore, in the solid-state imaging device **1** according to the first embodiment, the two substrates **11** are laminated, and the pixels for phase difference detection are arranged on the lower-side substrate **11B**, so that the radius of curvature of the on-chip lens can be made large, and occurrence of the shading can be suppressed.

[0052] Further, the incident light having passed through the one pixel of the upper-side substrate **11A** is received by a plurality of pixels larger than 2×2 pixels. Therefore, multi-viewpoint separation becomes available, and separation performance of the phase difference pixels is improved and performance of phase difference auto focus is improved.

[0053] FIG. 4 is a sectional configuration diagram of the solid-state imaging device **1** in the a-a' line of FIG. 3.

[0054] As illustrated in FIG. 4, the solid-state imaging device **1** is configured such that the front surface irradiation-type upper-side substrate **11A** and the back surface irradiation-type lower-side substrate **11B** are laminated.

[0055] The upper-side substrate **11A** is configured from a silicon layer **51**, and light enters from above of the silicon layer **51**.

[0056] Above the silicon layer **51**, an on-chip lens **22** formed for each of the pixels **21A**, a blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** that photoelectrically converts light with a blue (B) wavelength, a green photoelectric conversion film **52G** that photoelectrically converts light with a green (G) wavelength, and a red photoelectric conversion film **52R** that photoelectrically converts light with a red (R) wavelength are laminated.

[0057] Transparent electrodes **53B**, **53G**, and **53R** are respectively formed on lower surfaces of the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B**, the green photoelectric conversion film **52G**, and the red photoelectric conversion film **52R**, for each of the pixels **21A**. Further, the transparent electrodes **53B**, **53G**, and **53R** are respectively connected with transistor circuits **55B**, **55G**, and **55R** formed on the silicon layer **51** through connection electrodes **54B**, **54G**, and **54R**. A top surface of the silicon layer **51** is protected by an insulating film **56**.

[0058] Note that, in FIG. 4, only the transparent electrode **53B**, the connection electrode **54B**, and the transistor circuit **55B** regarding B, of the transparent electrodes **53B**, **53G**, and **53R**, the connection electrodes **54B**, **54G**, and **54R**, and the transistor circuits **55B**, **55G**, and **55R**, are illustrated with the reference signs, for prevention of complication of the drawing.

[0059] Transparent electrodes to which predetermined voltages such as a power supply voltage and a GND may be formed on respective top surfaces of the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B**, the green photoelectric conversion film **52G**, and the red photoelectric conversion film **52R**.

[0060] The photoelectric conversion film **52** (**52B**, **52G**, or **52R**) functions as a photoelectric converter, and the transistor circuit **55** (**55B**, **55G**, or **55R**) functions as a charge detector that detects a charge photoelectrically converted in the photoelectric converter. The photoelectric conversion film **52** is formed over the entire surface of a light-receiving region. However, the transparent electrode **53** is separately formed for each of the pixels. Therefore, R, G, and B pixel signals can be acquired in units of a pixel.

[0061] The photoelectric conversion film **52** can be configured from, for example, an organic photoelectric conversion film.

[0062] As the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** that photoelectrically converts the light with a B wavelength, an organic photoelectric conversion material containing coumarin dye, tris(8-hydroxyquinolate)Al (Alq3), merocyanine dye, or the like can be used. As the green photoelectric conversion film **52G** that photoelectrically converts the light with a G wavelength, an organic photoelectric conversion material containing rhodamine dye, merocyanine dye, quinacridone, or the like can be used, for example. As the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** that photoelectrically converts the light with an R wavelength, an organic photoelectric conversion material containing phthalocyanine dye can be used.

[0063] Further, the photoelectric conversion film **52** may be configured from an inorganic photoelectric conversion film. The inorganic photoelectric conversion film can be formed of, for example, a CuInSe₂ (CIS-based thin film) that is a semiconductor thin film having a chalcopyrite structure, or a Cu(In, Ga)Se₂ (CIGS-based thin film) that is obtained by dissolving Ga to the CuInSe₂.

[0064] A metal film **61** as the aperture **12** is formed below the silicon layer **51**, and the opening portions **31** are formed in portions of the transmission pixels, of the metal film **61**. The metal film **61** is covered with a protection film **62**.

[0065] Further, a transparent layer **57** that fully transmits the incident light is formed in a region of the silicon layer **51**, the region corresponding to the opening portion **31**. The transparent layer **57** can be formed of SiO₂ that is oxidized silicon (Si), for example. When the silicon layer **51** of the transmission pixel is the transparent layer **57** that does not absorb the light, the light with all wavelengths, which has passed through the three layer-photoelectric conversion film **52**, can be brought to reach the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0066] Note that, in the present embodiment, the photoelectric conversion film **52** as the photoelectric converter is formed above the silicon layer **51**, and no photodiode is formed on the silicon layer **51**. Therefore, the thickness of the silicon layer **51** can be formed to be extremely thin. Therefore, the light can be sufficiently transmitted through the silicon layer **51** as it is, without forming the transparent layer **57**. Therefore, the silicon layer **51** as it is may be used.

[0067] The lower-side substrate **11B** is configured from a silicon layer **70**, and a photodiode (PD) **71** as a photoelectric converter is formed on the silicon layer **70** for each of the pixels by pn junction.

[0068] As illustrated by the solid line arrows in FIG. **4**, a protection film **72** and an intermediate layer **73** are formed according to a focal distance of the on-chip lens **22** such that the light having entered the transmission pixel of the upper-side substrate **11A** can enter the photodiodes **71** of four pixels of the lower-side substrate **11B**. The protection film **72** can be formed of, for example, a silicon oxide film or a silicon nitride film, and the intermediate layer **73** can be formed of, for example, a glass layer. Further, the intermediate layer **73** may be formed of the same material as the protection film **72**.

[0069] Since the lower-side substrate **11B** is a back surface irradiation-type substrate, the lower-side substrate **11B** and the upper-side substrate **11A** are bonded such that a side opposite to the multilayer wiring layer **84** side formed on the silicon layer **70** faces the upper-side substrate **11A** side.

[0070] The multilayer wiring layer **84** includes a plurality of transistor circuits **81** that configures a reading circuit that reads the signal charges accumulated in the photodiodes **71**, one or more layers of wiring layers **82** and an interlayer insulating film **83**, and the like.

[0071] In the solid-state imaging device **1** having the above-described configuration, in the upper-side substrate **11A**, R, G, and B pixel signals are output in each of the pixels **21A**, and the upper-side substrate **11A** functions as a color image sensor. Further, in the lower-side substrate **11B**, phase difference signals obtained by receiving the light having passed through the upper-side substrate **11A** by the plurality of pixels **21B** (multi viewpoints) are output, and the lower-side substrate **11B** functions as a phase difference sensor.

[0072] In a case where the photoelectric conversion film **52** is used as the photoelectric converter in the upper-side substrate **11A**, color separation and light receiving can be performed with the thin film at the same time. Therefore, an aperture ratio is high, and the on-chip lens **22** is basically unnecessary. Therefore, the on-chip lens **22** can be formed to have a long focal distance in accordance with light incident to the plurality of photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B**. Therefore, acquisition of an image signal and the phase difference signal can be realized without deteriorating the oblique incident characteristics.

[0073] That is, according to the first embodiment of the solid-state imaging device **1**, deterioration of the oblique incident characteristics can be suppressed, and occurrence of shading can be decreased. Therefore, image quality of a captured image can be improved.

[0074] In the solid-state imaging device **1**, which region of which pixels of the lower-side substrate **11b** the incident light having passed through the transmission pixel of the upper-side substrate **11A** enters can be arbitrarily adjusted by making an interval between the transmission pixels of the upper-side substrate **11A** large (thinning), by adjusting the thickness of the intermediate layer **73**, or the like. For example, by realizing multi-viewpoints so that the light from one transmission pixel enters 4×4 sixteen pixels, instead of 2×2 four pixels, resolution in a distance direction (phase difference resolution) can be increased, and ranging performance can be improved.

[0075] In the upper-side substrate **11A**, the photoelectric conversion is performed with the photoelectric conversion film **52** formed outside the silicon layer **51**. Therefore, it is not necessary to form a photodiode on the silicon layer **51**, and it is sufficient to form the transistor circuit **55** only. Therefore, the thickness of the silicon layer **51** can be made extremely thin. Accordingly, transmittance of the light with a green (G) wavelength of the silicon layer **51** can be substantially

increased. Therefore, an incident light amount to the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B** can be made large.

[0076] Further, in a case where a transmission pixel region of the silicon layer **51** of the upper-side substrate **11A** is the transparent layer **57** that fully transmits the light, the incident light amount to the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B** can be made larger.

[0077] Note that, in a case where absorptivity of the photoelectric conversion film **52** is high, and the incident light amounts of the R light, the G light, and the B light to the lower-side substrate **11B** are small, near infrared light other than visible light may just be used for the phase difference detection.

<Modification of First Embodiment>

[0078] FIG. **5** is a sectional configuration diagram of a modification of the solid-state imaging device **1** according to the first embodiment.

[0079] Note that, in FIG. **5** and subsequent drawings, a portion corresponding to the embodiment described by then is denoted with the same reference sign, and description of the portion is appropriately omitted.

[0080] As described above, in a case of using a photoelectric conversion film **52** as a photoelectric converter of an upper-side substrate **11A**, an on-chip lens **22** is unnecessary for the photoelectric conversion film **52**. Therefore, the on-chip lens **22** above the laminated photoelectric conversion film **52** can be omitted as long as the solid-state imaging device **1** has some sort of structure for condensing incident light to a lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0081] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **5**, a structure provided with an in-layer lens **91** below an aperture **12**, in place of the on-chip lens **22**, and to condense the incident light to the lower-side substrate **11B** with the in-layer lens **91** can be employed.

[0082] The in-layer lens **91** can be provided above the aperture **12**, or can be arranged in an arbitrary layer other than above, instead of below the aperture **12**. Further, the in-layer lens **91** may be formed only to a transmission pixel, and a region of a pixel where no opening portion **31** is formed may be formed flat. Similarly, the position of the aperture **12** is not limited to below a silicon layer **51**, and may be above the silicon layer **51**.

2. Second Embodiment of Solid-State Imaging Device

[0083] FIG. **6** is a sectional configuration diagram illustrating a second embodiment of a solid-state imaging device **1** according to the present disclosure.

[0084] In the sectional configuration of the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. **4**, a configuration example in which the upper-side substrate **11A** as a front surface irradiation-type substrate and the lower-side substrate **11B** as a back surface irradiation-type substrate are laminated has been described.

[0085] However, the upper-side substrate **11A** may be the back surface irradiation-type substrate, and the lower-side substrate **11B** may be the front surface irradiation-type substrate. That is, as the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B**, whichever of the front surface irradiation-type configuration and the back surface irradiation-type configuration may be employed.

[0086] The second embodiment illustrated in FIG. **6** is a configuration example in which both of an upper-side substrate **11A** and a lower-side substrate **11B** are laminated as back surface irradiation-type substrates. In other words, in the second embodiment of FIG. **6**, the upper-side substrate **11A** is changed to the back surface irradiation-type substrate, compared with the first embodiment of FIG. **4**.

[0087] Since the upper-side substrate **11A** is the back surface irradiation-type substrate, a multilayer wiring layer **103** is formed on a side (below the upper-side substrate **11A** in FIG. **6**) opposite to a side where light of the upper-side substrate **11A** enters. The multilayer wiring layer **103** is configured from one or more layers of wiring layers **101** and an interlayer insulating film **102**.

[0088] Further, in the case where the upper-side substrate **11A** is the back surface irradiation-type substrate, an aperture **12** can be formed in one wiring layer **101**, of the multilayer wiring layer **103**, as illustrated in FIG. **6**.

3. Third Embodiment of Solid-State Imaging Device

[0089] In the sectional configuration of the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. **4**, one layer of the photoelectric conversion film **52** has been provided for each of R, G, and B, and the photoelectric converter has a configuration in which three layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** are laminated.

[0090] However, the photoelectric converter is not limited to the three layers, and can be two layers, one layer, or four or more layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52**.

[0091] FIG. **7** is a sectional configuration diagram illustrating a third embodiment of a solid-state imaging device **1** according to the present disclosure, and illustrates a configuration example in which a photoelectric converter is two layers of photoelectric conversion films **52**.

[0092] Note that, in FIG. **7**, a part of reference signs is omitted due to limitations of space.

[0093] In the third embodiment, the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** are formed above a semiconductor substrate **11A** on a light incident surface side. As an upper photoelectric conversion film **52** of the two layers, a green photoelectric conversion film **52G** that photoelectrically converts light with a green (G) wavelength is formed on the entire surface.

[0094] Meanwhile, as a lower photoelectric conversion film **52** of the two layers, a red photoelectric conversion film **52R** that photoelectrically converts light with a red (R) wavelength and a blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** that photoelectrically converts light with a Blue (B) wavelength are separately formed for each of pixels. The red photoelectric conversion film **52R** and the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** are formed in a checkered manner such that colors (wavelengths) of the light to be photoelectrically converted become different between adjacent pixels in a vertical direction and in a horizontal direction, for example.

[0095] A charge photoelectrically converted by the green photoelectric conversion film **52G** is taken out by a transistor circuit **55G** formed on a silicon layer **51** through a transparent electrode **53G** and a connection electrode **54G** formed in units of a pixel.

[0096] Similarly, a charge photoelectrically converted by the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** is taken out by a transistor circuit **55B** formed on the silicon layer **51** through a transparent electrode **53B** and a connection electrode **54B** formed in units of a pixel. The same applies to the red photoelectric conversion film **52R**.

[0097] In the third embodiment, as for a transmission pixel, that is, a pixel **21A** for which an opening portion **31** is formed in an aperture **12**, the lower photoelectric conversion film **52**, of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52**, is the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** that photoelectrically converts the light with a B wavelength. In this case, the light with an R wavelength, which is the light not absorbed in the upper layer-green photoelectric conversion film **52G** and the lower layer-blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** in the transmission pixel, enters the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0098] Therefore, in the third embodiment, phase difference detection can be performed on the basis of a light-receiving amount of the light with an R wavelength.

[0099] As described above, in a case where the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** and the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** are arranged in a checkered manner on the lower layer-photoelectric conversion film **52**, the pixel **21A** that does not absorb the light with an R wavelength (hereinafter, referred to as R non-absorbing pixel) is arranged in every other pixel, and all of the R non-absorbing pixels can be the transmission pixels.

[0100] For example, assume a case in which there are the pixel **21A** that is the transmission pixel because the opening portion **31** is arranged and the pixel **21A** shaded by the aperture **12** because the opening portion **31** is not arranged, of the plurality of R non-absorbing pixels arranged in a light-receiving region.

[0101] In this case, in the pixel **21A** shaded by the aperture **12**, the light having passed through the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** is reflected toward the side of the photoelectric conversion films **52** again by the aperture **12**. However, in the pixel **21A** for which the opening portion **31** is arranged, the light having passed through the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** passes toward the lower-side substrate **11B**. As a result, a sensitivity characteristic may differ between the transmission pixel and the pixel that is not the transmission pixel, among the same R non-absorbing pixels and its peripheral pixels.

[0102] Therefore, in the third embodiment, to prevent occurrence of a characteristic difference due to existence/non-existence of the opening portion **31**, all of the R non-absorbing pixels are the transmission pixels. To be specific, all of the pixels of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** that are formed of a combination of the green photoelectric conversion films **52G** and the blue photoelectric conversion films **52B**. In the lower layer-photoelectric conversion film **52**, the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** is arranged at intervals of one pixel. Therefore, all of the R non-absorbing pixels can be the transmission pixels. Accordingly, in the third embodiment, the problem that the sensitivity characteristic differs between the same pixels where the color (wavelength) of the incident light to be photoelectrically converted is the same does not occur.

[0103] However, to put it the other way around, in the third embodiment, arrangement of the transmission pixels is limited to the pixels **21A** in the combination of the green photoelectric conversion films **52G** and the blue photoelectric conversion films **52B**.

[0104] In contrast, in a case of a configuration in which three layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** corresponding to R, G, and B are laminated, like the first and second embodiments, the wavelength of light to be photoelectrically converted is common among all of the pixels. Therefore, which of the pixels can be the transmission pixel, and arrangement (pitch) of the transmission pixels in the light-receiving region can be arbitrarily set.

[0105] Note that, in the above-described example, the pixel **21A** in which the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** is formed, of the lower layers of the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** and the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** arranged in a checkered manner, has been the transmission pixel. However, the pixel **21A** in which the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** is formed may be the transmission pixel. In this case, the light with a B wavelength enters the lower-side substrate **11B**, and the phase difference detection is performed on the basis of a light-receiving amount of the B light.

[0106] Further, the upper photoelectric conversion film **52**, of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52**, may be the blue photoelectric conversion film **52B** that photoelectrically converts the light with a B wavelength, or the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** that photoelectrically converts the light with an R wavelength. The wavelength of the light to be photoelectrically converted in the lower photoelectric conversion film **52** can also appropriately changed in accordance with the wavelength of the light to be photoelectrically converted in the upper photoelectric conversion film **52**. That is, which light with a wavelength being photoelectrically converted in which layer, in the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52**, can be appropriately determined.

[0107] The arrangement of the lower two-color photoelectric conversion film **52** in the checkered manner in the third embodiment can also be appropriately determined.

<Circuit Arrangement Configuration Examples in Two Layer-Structure>

[0108] FIGS. **8A** and **8B** illustrate circuit arrangement configuration examples of the respective substrates **11** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0109] A of FIG. **8** illustrates a circuit arrangement configuration example in which a cover rate of the phase difference sensor region of the lower-side substrate **11B** to a light-receiving region **151** of the upper-side substrate **11A** is 100%, where the light-receiving region **151** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and a light-receiving region **161** of the lower-side substrate **11B** have the same size.

In this case, a circuit region **152** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and a circuit region **162** of the lower-side substrate **11B** have the same size. For example, in a case where the solid-state imaging device **1** has an APS-C size, the light-receiving region **151** has a size of about 15.75 mm×23.6 mm. [0110] B of FIG. **8** illustrates a circuit arrangement configuration example of the substrates **11** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B** of a case where one chip size is reduced as much as possible without decreasing light-receiving sensitivity of the image sensor. [0111] Only the light-receiving region **151** is formed on the upper-side substrate **11A**.

[0112] Meanwhile, on the lower-side substrate **11B**, a light-receiving region **171** as a phase difference sensor region, and a circuit region **172** are formed. In the circuit region **172**, the circuits of the circuit region **152** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the circuit region **162** of the lower-side substrate **11B** in A of FIG. **8** are collectively arranged. Therefore, the size of the circuit region **172** is larger than the size of the circuit region **162** of the lower-side substrate **11B** in A of FIG. **8**.

However, as the cover rate of the phase difference sensor region of the lower-side substrate **11B** to the light-receiving region **151** of the upper-side substrate **11A**, at least 80% can be secured.

<Circuit Arrangement Configuration Example in Three Layer-Structure>

[0113] Further, the solid-state imaging device **1** can also be configured with a laminate structure of three or more substrates **11**, in addition to by the above-described laminate structure with the two substrates **11**.

[0114] FIG. **9** illustrates a circuit arrangement configuration example of the substrates **11** in a case where the solid-state imaging device **1** is configured with a laminate structure of three substrates **11**.

[0115] Only a light-receiving region **151** is formed on an upper-side substrate **11C** serving as an uppermost layer of the three layer-structure, and a light-receiving region **161** is formed on an intermediate substrate **11D** serving as an intermediate layer, the light-receiving region **161** having the same size as the light-receiving region **151**, and having a cover rate of a phase difference sensor region to the light-receiving region **151** of the upper-side substrate **11C** of 100%.

[0116] A circuit region **181** is formed on a lower-side substrate **11E** serving as a lowermost layer of the three layer-structure.

[0117] By causing the solid-state imaging device **1** to have the three-layer structure, as described above, the chip size can be reduced compared with the solid-state imaging device **1** having the two-layer laminate structure of A of FIG. **8**, yet the same APS-C size. Further, a larger cover rate of the phase difference sensor region can be secured than that of the solid-state imaging device **1** by the two-layer laminate structure of B of FIG. **8**.

[0118] Further, the entire region of the lower-side substrate **11E** serving as the lowermost layer can be used as the circuit region **181**. Therefore, an analog-digital converter (ADC), a logic circuit, a memory, and the like can be arranged on the circuit region **181** of the lower-side substrate **11E**, in addition to a drive circuit that drives pixels of the light-receiving region **151** of the upper-side substrate **11C** and the light-receiving region **161** of the intermediate substrate **11E**.

[0119] Further, in a case where a circuit is arranged on the lower-side substrate **11E** serving as the lowermost layer to process signal processing of an image sensor of the uppermost layer and signal processing of a phase different sensor of the intermediate layer in parallel, a detection speed of phase difference auto focus can be improved.

4. Fourth Embodiment of Solid-State Imaging Device

Configuration Example 1 of Three Layer-Structure

[0120] FIG. **10** illustrates a sectional configuration diagram of a case where a solid-state imaging device **1** is configured with a laminate structure of three substrates **11**, which is a fourth embodiment of the solid-state imaging device **1**.

[0121] An upper-side substrate **11C** and an intermediate substrate **11D** correspond to the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B** of the solid-state imaging device **1** including the three layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** illustrated in FIG. **6**, and thus description is

omitted. The upper-side substrate **11C** and the intermediate substrate **11D** are bonded to become back surface irradiation-type substrates.

[0122] Then, a multilayer wiring layer **84** of the intermediate substrate **11D** and a multilayer wiring layer **214** of the lower-side substrate **11E** are bonded by Cu—Cu metal coupling, for example. The multilayer wiring layer **214** is configured from one or more wiring layers **212** and an interlayer insulating film **213**. In FIG. **10**, the broken line between the wiring layer **82** and the wiring layer **212** illustrates a bonding surface between the intermediate substrate **11D** and the lower-side substrate **11E**.

[0123] A signal processing circuit including a plurality of transistor circuits **211** and the like is formed on a silicon layer **201** of the lower-side substrate **11E**.

Configuration Example 2 of Three Layer-Structure

[0124] FIG. **11** illustrates another sectional configuration diagram of a case where the solid-state imaging device **1** is configured with a laminate structure of three substrates **11**.

[0125] An upper-side substrate **11C** and an intermediate substrate **11D** correspond to the upper-side substrate **11A** and the lower-side substrate **11B** of the solid-state imaging device **1** including the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** illustrated in FIG. **7**, and thus description is omitted. The upper-side substrate **11C** and the intermediate substrate **11D** are bonded to become back surface irradiation-type substrates.

[0126] Then, a multilayer wiring layer **84** of the intermediate substrate **11D** and a multilayer wiring layer **214** of the lower-side substrate **11E** are bonded by Cu—Cu metal coupling, for example. The multilayer wiring layer **214** is configured from one or more wiring layers **212** and an interlayer insulating film **213**. In FIG. **11**, the broken line between the wiring layer **82** and the wiring layer **212** illustrates a bonding surface between the intermediate substrate **11D** and the lower-side substrate **11E**.

[0127] A signal processing circuit including a plurality of transistor circuits **211** and the like is formed on a silicon layer **201** of the lower-side substrate **11E**.

5. Fifth Embodiment of Solid-State Imaging Device

[0128] The first to third embodiments described above have referred to the configuration in which the pixel signal obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** is used as the signal to obtain a captured image, and the pixel signal obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B** is used as the signal to perform the phase difference detection.

[0129] Hereinafter, a configuration in which a contrast method of performing focus control on the basis of a contrast difference between pixel signals detected in two substrates **11** is employed, instead of phase difference detection, as focus control, will be described.

<Focus Control of Contrast Method>

[0130] FIG. **12** is a diagram for describing focus control of a contrast method performed by the solid-state imaging device **1**.

[0131] In a state of Far Object illustrated in the left side of FIG. **12**, that is, in a state where an object **3** is farther than a focal position **4**, contrast of an image obtained in an upper-side substrate **11A** becomes stronger than contrast of an image obtained in a lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0132] In contrast, in a state of Near Object illustrated in the right side of FIG. **12**, that is, in a state where the object **3** is closer than the focal position **4**, the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B** becomes stronger than the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A**.

[0133] Then, in a state of Just Focus illustrated in the center of FIG. **12**, that is, in a state where the position of the focal position **4** and the position of the object **3** are matched, the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** and the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B** are matched.

[0134] As described above, a difference occurs between the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** and the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B**

according to the focal position. Therefore, the focus control can be performed by comparing the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** and the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0135] Further, an auto focus adjusting direction can be obtained by detecting which of the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** and the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B** is stronger. Therefore, auto focus can be performed at a high speed.

[0136] Further, the distance to the object **3** can be estimated from the difference between the contrast of the image obtained in the upper-side substrate **11A** and the contrast of the image obtained in the lower-side substrate **11B**, and the focus position can be adjusted by one time imaging.

[0137] FIG. **13** is a sectional configuration diagram illustrating a fifth embodiment of a solid-state imaging device **1** according to the present disclosure, and illustrates a configuration example of a case of performing focus control by the contrast method.

[0138] In FIG. **13**, a portion corresponding to the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. **4** is denoted with the same reference sign, and only portions different from the first embodiment will be described.

[0139] Comparing the configuration according to the fifth embodiment illustrated in FIG. **13** with the configuration according to the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. **4**, the fifth embodiment is different from the first embodiment in that an on-chip lens **22** and an aperture **12** (metal film **61**) are not formed.

[0140] As described above, in a case where a photoelectric converter of the upper-side substrate **11A** is configured from a photoelectric conversion film **52**, the on-chip lens **22** is not necessary. Further, the fifth embodiment may just be configured such that incident light forms an image on a top surface of a photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B** with an optical lens **2** (FIG. **1**), and the on-chip lens **22** is unnecessary even in light receiving of the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0141] Further, in a case of performing phase difference detection, a plurality of pixels of the lower-side substrate **11B** corresponds to one transmission pixel. Therefore, pixels **21A** other than the transmission pixel need to be shaded by apertures **12**. However, in the case of the focus control by the contrast method, shading is not necessary. Therefore, the apertures **12** are not necessary.

[0142] By employing the above configuration, the solid-state imaging device **1** can perform the focus control by comparing the contrast difference between the pixel signal obtained by the photoelectric conversion film **52** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the pixel signal obtained by the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0143] Note that, in the configuration illustrated in FIG. **13**, the three layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** are formed on the top surface of the upper-side substrate **11A**. Therefore, the light entering the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B** is near infrared light and the like other than visible light.

[0144] In contrast, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, for example, in a case where the number of layers of the photoelectric conversion films **52** formed on the top surface of the upper-side substrate **11A** is two, any one of R light, G light, and B light can be received by the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B**. Then, the focus control can be performed by comparing the image signal obtained in the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B** and the pixel signal obtained in the photoelectric conversion film **52** of the upper-side substrate **11A**, which photoelectrically converts light of the same color as the light that can be received in the lower-side substrate **11B**. In the configuration example of FIG. **14**, the focus control can be performed by comparing a contrast difference between the pixel signal obtained in the red photoelectric conversion film **52R** of the upper-side substrate **11A** and the pixel signal obtained in the photodiodes **71** of the lower-side substrate **11B**.

[0145] Further, in the fifth embodiment, a laminate structure with three substrates **11** can be employed, as described in FIGS. **9** to **11**.

6. Application Examples to Electronic Equipment

[0146] The above-described solid-state imaging device **1** can be applied to various types of electronic equipment including imaging apparatuses such as a digital still camera and a digital video camera, a mobile phone device having an imaging function, and an audio player having an imaging function.

[0147] FIG. **15** is a block diagram illustrating a configuration example of the imaging apparatus as the electronic equipment according to the present disclosure.

[0148] An imaging apparatus **301** illustrated in FIG. **15** is configured from an optical system **302**, a shutter device **303**, a solid-state imaging device **304**, a control circuit **305**, a signal processing circuit **306**, a monitor **307**, and a memory **308**, and can image a still image and a moving image.

[0149] The optical system **302** includes one or a plurality of lenses, guides light (incident light) from an object to the solid-state imaging device **304**, and forms an image on a light-receiving surface of the solid-state imaging device **304**.

[0150] The shutter device **303** is arranged between the optical system **302** and the solid-state imaging device **304**, and controls an irradiation period and a shading period for the solid-state imaging device **304** according to control of the control circuit **305**.

[0151] The solid-state imaging device **304** is configured from the above-described solid-state imaging device **1**. The solid-state imaging device **304** accumulates signal charges for a fixed period according to light imaged on a light-receiving surface through the optical system **302** and the shutter device **303**. The signal charges accumulated in the solid-state imaging device **304** is transferred according to a drive signal (timing signal) supplied from the control circuit **305**. The solid-state imaging device **304** may be configured as a one chip alone, or may be configured as a part of a camera module packaged with the optical system **302**, the signal processing circuit **306**, or the like.

[0152] The control circuit **305** outputs the drive signals that control a transfer operation of the solid-state imaging device **304** and a shutter operation of the shutter device **303** to drive the solid-state imaging device **304** and the shutter device **303**.

[0153] The signal processing circuit **306** applies various types of signal processing to a pixel signal output from the solid-state imaging device **304**. An image (image data) obtained by applying the signal processing by the signal processing circuit **306** is supplied to and displayed on the monitor **307**, and is supplied to and stored (recorded) in the memory **308**.

[0154] By using the solid-state imaging device **1** according to the above-described embodiments as the solid-state imaging device **304**, auto focus with high speed and high accuracy, which suppresses occurrence of shading can be realized. Therefore, image quality of a captured image can be improved in the imaging apparatus **301** such as a video camera, a digital still camera, or a camera module for mobile equipment such as a mobile telephone device.

[0155] Embodiments of the present disclosure are not limited to the above-described embodiments, and various changes can be made without departing from the gist of the present disclosure.

[0156] As the substrate **11**, either an impurity-region configuration in which electrons are the signal charges or an impurity-region configuration in which positive holes are the signal charges may be employed. Further, in the above-described embodiments, the transistor circuits **55** and **81** as the charge detectors have been formed on the substrate **11** (silicon substrate). However, the transistor circuits **55** and **81** may be organic transistors.

[0157] Embodiments of the present disclosure are not limited to the above-described embodiments, and various changes can be made without departing from the gist of the present disclosure.

[0158] For example, a form of a combination of all or a part of the plurality of embodiments may be employed.

[0159] Note that the effects described in the present specification are merely examples and are not limited. Effects other than those described in the present specification may be exhibited.

[0160] Note that the present disclosure may employ configurations below.

(1)
[0161] A solid-state imaging device in which two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, [0162] the solid-state imaging device including a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens.

(2)
[0163] The solid-state imaging device according to (1), wherein [0164] the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from a photoelectric conversion film.

(3)
[0165] The solid-state imaging device according to (1) or (2), wherein [0166] the photoelectric conversion film is an organic photoelectric conversion film.

(4)
[0167] The solid-state imaging device according to (1) or (2), wherein [0168] the photoelectric conversion film is an inorganic photoelectric conversion film.

(5)
[0169] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (4), wherein [0170] the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from two or more layers of photoelectric conversion films.

(6)
[0171] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (5), wherein [0172] the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from three layers of the photoelectric conversion films. [0173] (7)

[0174] The solid-state imaging device according to (6), wherein [0175] the three layers of the photoelectric conversion films are a first photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a blue wavelength, a second photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a green wavelength, and a third photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a red wavelength.

(8)
[0176] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (5), wherein [0177] the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from two layers of the photoelectric conversion films.

(9)
[0178] The solid-state imaging device according to (8), wherein [0179] a first layer of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films is the photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light of any one of red color, green color, and blue color, and [0180] a second layer of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films is the photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light of remaining two colors of the red color, the green color, and the blue color.

(10)
[0181] The solid-state imaging device according to (9), wherein [0182] the first layer of the first photoelectric conversion film photoelectrically converts the light of the green color, and [0183] the second layer of the second photoelectric conversion film photoelectrically converts the light of the red color and the blue color.

(11)
[0184] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (10), wherein [0185] the charge detector is configured from a transistor circuit formed on a silicon layer.

(12)
[0186] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (11), wherein [0187] the

photoelectric converter of the second photoelectric conversion layer is configured from a photodiode.

(13)

[0188] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (12), wherein [0189] a pixel signal obtained in the plurality of pixels of the second photoelectric conversion layer is a signal for phase difference detection.

(14)

[0190] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (12), wherein [0191] a pixel signal obtained in the first photoelectric conversion layer and a pixel signal obtained in the second photoelectric conversion layer are compared, and focus control is performed.

(15)

[0192] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (14), wherein [0193] pixels of the first photoelectric conversion layer include a pixel that transmits the light to the second photoelectric conversion layer, and a pixel that does not transmit the light to the second photoelectric conversion layer.

(16)

[0194] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (15), wherein [0195] the first photoelectric conversion layer and the second photoelectric conversion layer are formed using two semiconductor substrates.

(17)

[0196] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (16), wherein [0197] the semiconductor substrate on which the charge detector of the first photoelectric conversion layer is formed is a front surface irradiation-type semiconductor substrate.

(18)

[0198] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (16), wherein [0199] the semiconductor substrate on which the charge detector of the first photoelectric conversion layer is formed is a back surface irradiation-type semiconductor substrate.

(19)

[0200] The solid-state imaging device according to any of (1) to (18), wherein [0201] a semiconductor substrate on which a signal processing circuit is formed is laminated, in addition to the two semiconductor substrates on which the first photoelectric conversion layer and the second photoelectric conversion layer are formed.

(20)

[0202] Electronic equipment including: [0203] a solid-state imaging device in which [0204] two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, and [0205] a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens is included.

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[0206] **1** Solid-state imaging device [0207] **2** Optical lens [0208] **11A** and **11B** Semiconductor substrate [0209] **12** Aperture [0210] **11D** and **11E** Semiconductor substrate [0211] **21A** and **21B** Pixel [0212] **22** On-chip lens [0213] **31** Opening portion [0214] **51** Silicon layer [0215] **52** Photoelectric conversion film [0216] **53** Transparent electrode [0217] **54** Connection electrode [0218] **55** Transistor circuit [0219] **70** Silicon layer [0220] **71** Photodiode [0221] **201** Silicon layer [0222] **211** Transistor circuit [0223] **301** Imaging apparatus [0224] **304** Solid-state imaging device

Claims

- 1.** A solid-state imaging device in which two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, the solid-state imaging device including a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens.
- 2.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from a photoelectric conversion film.
- 3.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 2, wherein the photoelectric conversion film is an organic photoelectric conversion film.
- 4.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 2, wherein the photoelectric conversion film is an inorganic photoelectric conversion film.
- 5.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from two or more layers of photoelectric conversion films.
- 6.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 5, wherein the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from three layers of the photoelectric conversion films.
- 7.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 6, wherein the three layers of the photoelectric conversion films are a first photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a blue wavelength, a second photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a green wavelength, and a third photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light with a red wavelength.
- 8.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 5, wherein the photoelectric converter of the first photoelectric conversion layer is configured from two layers of the photoelectric conversion films.
- 9.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 8, wherein a first layer of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films is the photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light of any one of red color, green color, and blue color, and a second layer of the two layers of the photoelectric conversion films is the photoelectric conversion film that photoelectrically converts light of remaining two colors of the red color, the green color, and the blue color.
- 10.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 9, wherein the first layer of the first photoelectric conversion film photoelectrically converts the light of the green color, and the second layer of the second photoelectric conversion film photoelectrically converts the light of the red color and the blue color.
- 11.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein the charge detector is configured from a transistor circuit formed on a silicon layer.
- 12.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein the photoelectric converter of the second photoelectric conversion layer is configured from a photodiode.
- 13.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein a pixel signal obtained in the plurality of pixels of the second photoelectric conversion layer is a signal for phase difference detection.
- 14.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein a pixel signal obtained in the first photoelectric conversion layer and a pixel signal obtained in the second photoelectric conversion layer are compared, and focus control is performed.
- 15.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein pixels of the first photoelectric conversion layer include a pixel that transmits the light to the second photoelectric conversion layer, and a pixel that does not transmit the light to the second photoelectric conversion layer.
- 16.** The solid-state imaging device according to claim 1, wherein the first photoelectric conversion

layer and the second photoelectric conversion layer are formed using two semiconductor substrates.

17. The solid-state imaging device according to claim 16, wherein the semiconductor substrate on which the charge detector of the first photoelectric conversion layer is formed is a front surface irradiation-type semiconductor substrate.

18. The solid-state imaging device according to claim 16, wherein the semiconductor substrate on which the charge detector of the first photoelectric conversion layer is formed is a back surface irradiation-type semiconductor substrate.

19. The solid-state imaging device according to claim 16, wherein a semiconductor substrate on which a signal processing circuit is formed is laminated, in addition to the two semiconductor substrates on which the first photoelectric conversion layer and the second photoelectric conversion layer are formed.

20. Electronic equipment comprising: a solid-state imaging device in which two or more layers of photoelectric conversion layers, each of the photoelectric conversion layers including a photoelectric converter and a charge detector, are laminated, and a state in which light having entered one pixel of a first photoelectric conversion layer closer to an optical lens is received in the photoelectric converter of a plurality of pixels of a second photoelectric conversion layer farther from the optical lens is included.
