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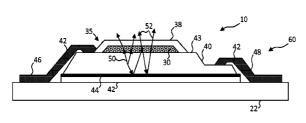
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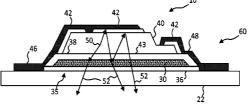
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(57) ABSTRACT

A color-conversion structure includes an article comprising a color-conversion material disposed within a color-conversion layer. At least a portion of a tether is within or extends from the article. The color-conversion structure can be disposed over a sacrificial portion of a substrate to form a micro-transfer printable device and micro-transfer printed to a display substrate. The color-conversion structure can include an light-emitting diode or laser diode that is over or under the article. Alternatively, the article is located on a side of a display substrate opposite an inorganic light-emitting diode. A display includes an array of color-conversion structures disposed on a display substrate.

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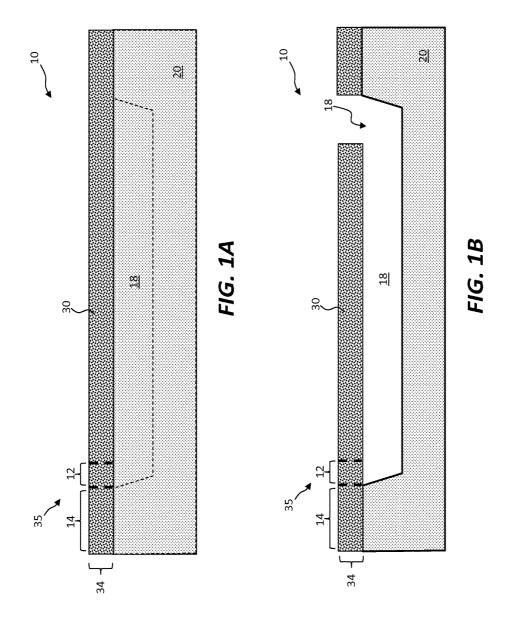
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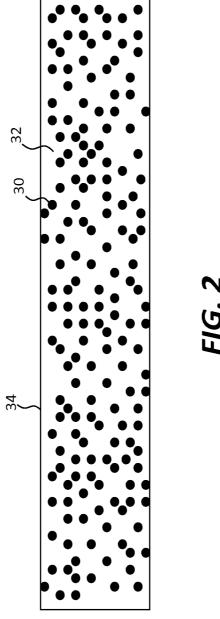
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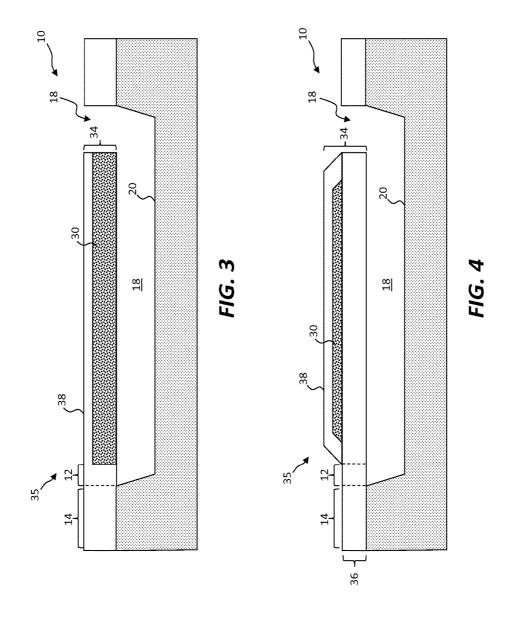
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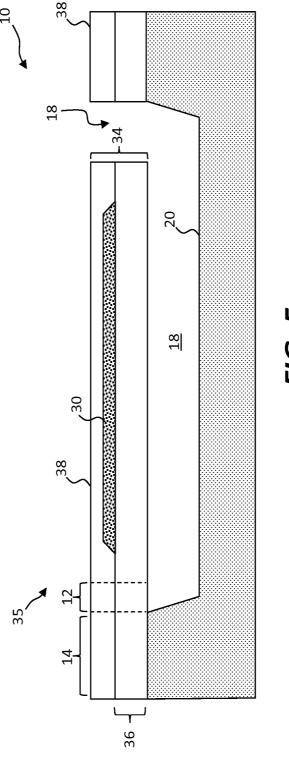
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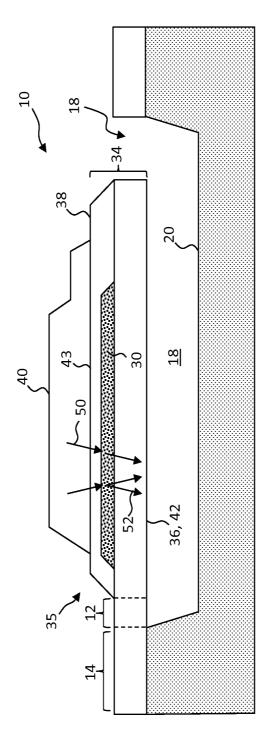


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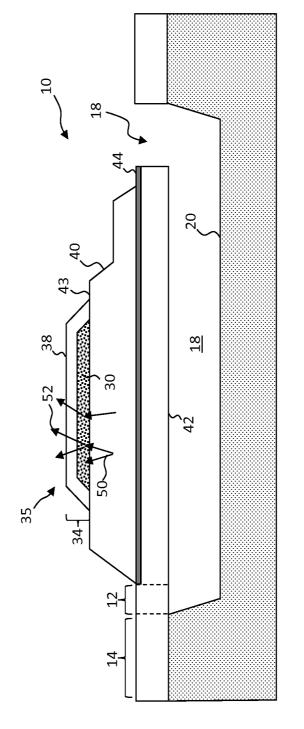
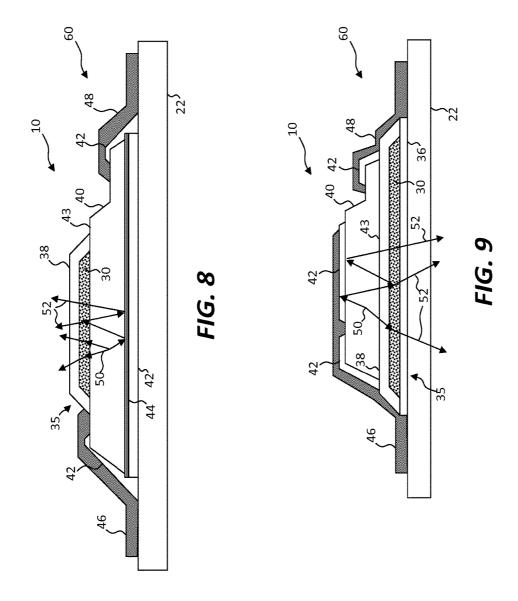
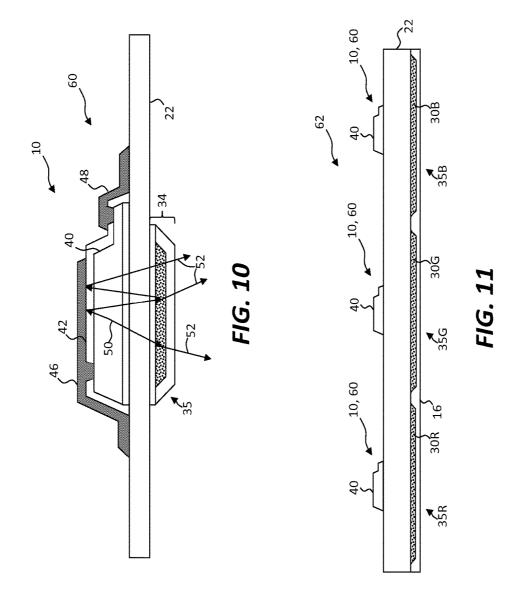
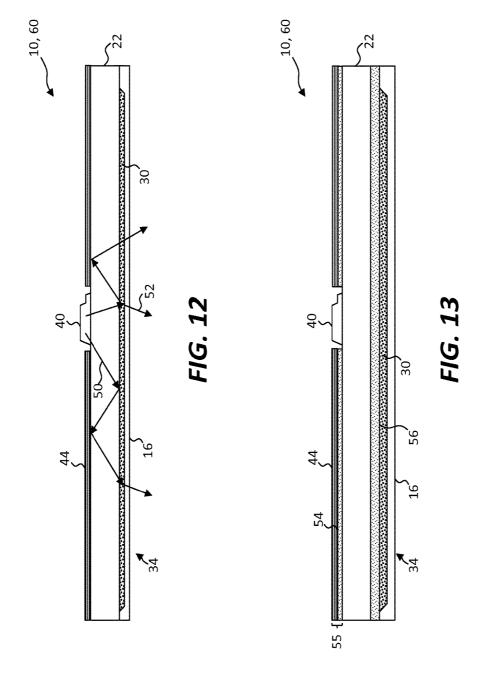
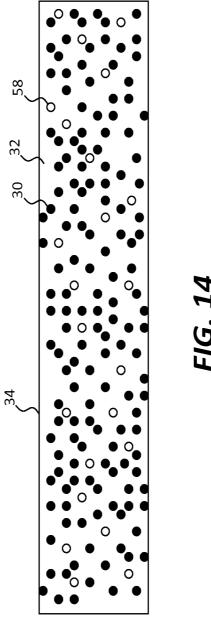


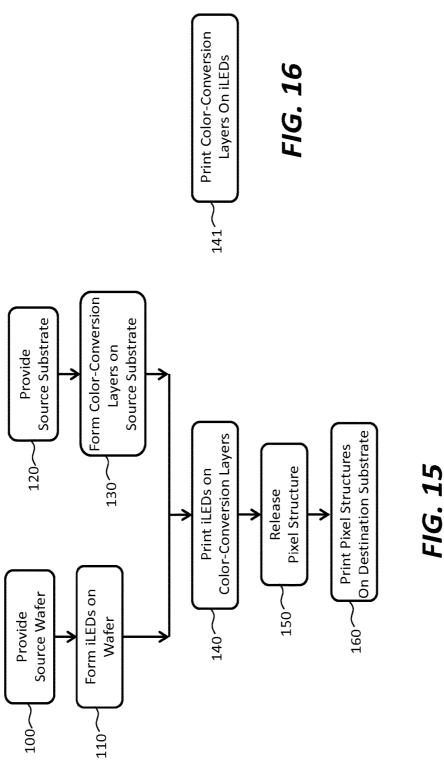
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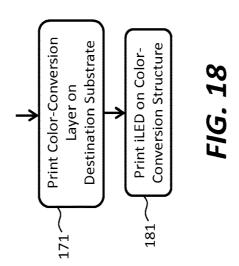


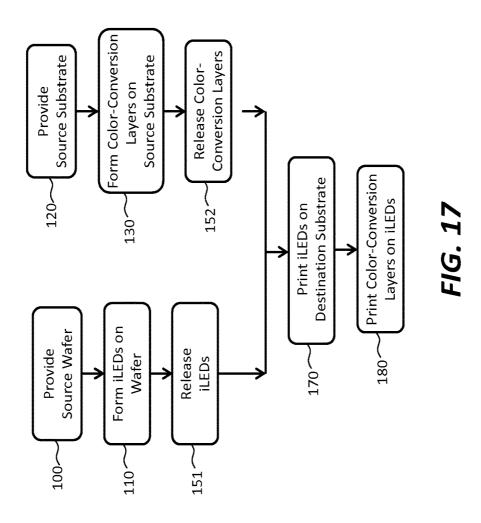


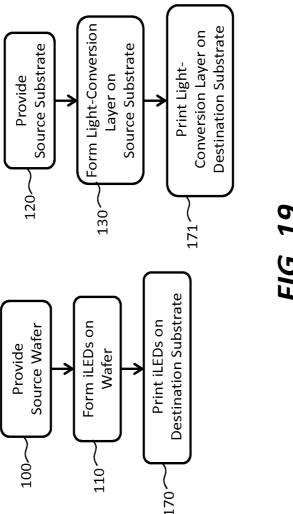












DISPLAY WITH COLOR CONVERSION

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is related to commonly assigned U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/743,940 filed Jun. 18, 2015, entitled Micro-Assembled LED Displays and Lighting Elements, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to displays having colorconversion materials such as phosphors or quantum dots that ¹⁵ are excited by light having a higher frequency and radiate light having a lower frequency and light diffusers. More particularly, light excitation is provided by a light-emitting diode or light-emitting-diode laser.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Conventional cathode ray tube (CRT) displays rely on an electron beam that sweeps over a phosphor-coated display surface on the inside of the tube to form an image. Different 25 phosphors are stimulated by the high-energy electrons to emit different colors of light, for example red, green, and blue corresponding to pixels in the displayed image. Phosphors are also commonly used with solid-state light-emitting diodes to emit white light. For example, a blue-light emitting diode (LED) coated with phosphors that absorb a portion of the emitted blue light and emitted yellow light appears white to the human visual system. Similarly, organic light-emitting diode (OLED) illumination devices using phosphors are described in WO 2010032603.

Flat-panel light-emitting diode (LED) displays that incorporate luminescence-converting elements (such as phosphors) are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,994,722. Alternatively, OLED displays can employ a single high-frequency light emitter together with color-conversion materials (also 40 known as color-change materials) to provide a variety of color light output. The color-conversion materials absorb the high-frequency light and re-emit light at lower frequencies. For example, an LED or OLED device can emit blue light suitable for a blue sub-pixel and employ a green color- 45 conversion material layer to absorb the blue light to emit green light and employ a red color-conversion material layer to absorb the blue light to emit red light. The colorconversion materials can be combined with color filters to further improve the color of the emitted light and to absorb 50 incident light and avoid exciting the color-conversion materials with ambient light, thereby improving device contrast. Light-scattering phosphorescent or fluorescent particles excited by organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) are described in U.S. Pat. No. 7,834,541. U.S. Patent Pub. No. 55 20050116621 A1 entitled Electroluminescent devices and methods of making electroluminescent devices including a color conversion element also describes the use of colorconversion materials.

Layers having color-conversion materials can be combined with scattering particles to enhance the performance of the color-conversion materials by increasing the likelihood that incident light will interact with the color-conversion materials, thereby reducing the concentration or thickness of the layer. Such a combination may also prevent light 65 emitted by the color-conversion material from being trapped in the color-conversion material layer. U.S. Pat. No. 7,791,

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271 describes a top-emitting OLED with color conversion materials and U.S. Pat. No. 7,969,085 discloses a color change material layer. U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20050275615 A1 entitled Display device using vertical cavity laser arrays describes such a layer as does U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20040252933 entitled Light Distribution Apparatus. U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20050012076 entitled Fluorescent member, and illumination device and display device including the same teaches the use of color-conversion materials as scattering particles. U.S. Patent Pub. No. 20040212296 teaches the use of scattering particles in a color-conversion material layer to avoid trapping the frequency-converted light. Diffusers are also useful in increasing the viewing angle of display pixels. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/361,094, filed Feb. 24, 2006, entitled Light-Scattering Color-Conversion Material Layer describes integral light-scattering colorconversion material layers.

Flat-panel displays typically rely on thin-film semiconductor structures to provide control signals that control the pixels in the flat-panel display. However, such thin-film structures have relatively low performance when compared to crystalline semiconductor structures typically used in integrated circuits. Furthermore, LED emitters, and especially micro-LED emitters have a relatively small lightemitting area and aperture ratio when used in flat-panel displays. Color-conversion layers coated over an entire flat-panel substrate are therefore wasteful since most of the layer is not excited by light-emission from the LEDs. Patterning the substrate at the resolution needed with micro-LEDs is difficult and the use of larger LEDs that are individually coated with color-conversion material limits the resolution of the flat-panel display.

There is a need, therefore, for devices, systems and methods for providing color-conversion structures in com³⁵ bination with micro-LEDs in a flat-panel display that enable high resolution, effective use of color-conversion material, and excellent performance efficiency, viewing angle, and colors.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments of the present invention provide a flat-panel display with improved electrical performance, improved optical performance, simplified structures, and reduced costs. In one aspect, the present invention provides a microtransfer printable color-conversion structure that can be micro-transfer printed to a destination or display substrate. Micro-light-emitting diodes (micro-LEDs or $\mu LEDs$) are also micro-transfer printed to the same substrate and disposed so that some light emitted from the $\mu LEDs$ at a relatively higher frequency is absorbed by the color-conversion structure and re-emitted at a relatively lower frequency. Arrays of different color-conversion structures can include different color-conversion materials that emit light of different colors, for example red, green, and blue, providing pixels in a full-color display.

Micro-light-emitting diodes can be micro-transfer printed onto a micro-transfer printable color-conversion structure to form a heterogeneous pixel structure (a heterogeneous structure has different kinds of elements making up a pixel device or a portion of a pixel device that emits light to provide a display pixel). The heterogeneous pixel structure can be micro-transfer printed as a unit onto a substrate. Alternatively, the color-conversion structures are micro-transfer printed onto the micro-light-emitting diodes to form a pixel structure that can be micro-transfer printed as a single unit onto a substrate. In other embodiments, the micro-light-

emitting diodes and color-conversion structures are separately micro-transfer printed onto the substrate to provide the display pixels. Diffusers and reflectors can be included to increase the efficiency of the pixel structures in the display.

By providing micro-transfer printable color-conversion structures on a source substrate at higher density and with a larger fill factor than on a display substrate, the amount of color-conversion material wasted is reduced. The percentage of the source substrate that is dedicated to color-conversion 10 structures is much greater than for a display substrate, particularly because the light-emissive area of the micro-LEDs and the consequent aperture ratio of the display substrate is relatively small. Thus, a greater percentage of the color-conversion material is applied to the color-conversion structures in a coating on the source substrate than in a coating on the display substrate so that less color-conversion material is wasted in the source substrate coating than is wasted in the display substrate coating.

Local pixel controllers can also be included in each pixel 20 structure to provide active-matrix control. The pixel controllers together with the micro-LEDs and the color-conversion structures can be constructed in a compound micro assembly structure, for example forming a display tile on a tile substrate. The display tiles can be surface-mountable 25 structures that are readily manipulated, printed, or interconnected on a display substrate using established surface mount technology techniques. Alternatively, the tiles can be micro-transfer printable to a display substrate.

The micro-light-emitting diodes can be made using crystalline semiconductors in a semiconductor wafer and then micro-transfer printed to a display substrate, for example a glass substrate, thus increasing the light-output efficiency and resolution of the micro-LEDs and reducing the substrate and assembly cost. Not all colors of light are emitted with sequal efficiency by micro-LEDs. Therefore, a single type of high-efficiency micro-LED that emits blue, violet, or ultraviolet light that is absorbed by the different color-conversion structures making up each pixel in a display enables differently colored saturated light output with improved efficiency. In one embodiment, the micro-LEDs are solid-state organic or inorganic micro-LED lasers.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing and other objects, aspects, features, and advantages of the present disclosure will become more apparent and better understood by referring to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIGS. 1A and 1B are cross sections of color-conversion structure in an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a detail cross section of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross section of a patterned color-conversion structure in an alternative embodiment of the present invention.

FIGS. **4** and **5** are cross sections of alternative encapsulated color-conversion structures in other embodiments of the present invention;

FIGS. **6** and **7** are cross sections of alternative arrangements of a color-conversion structure and an inorganic light-emitting diode in alternative embodiments of the present invention;

FIGS. **8**, **9**, and **10** are cross sections of various pixel structures in various embodiments of the present invention; 65 FIG. **11** is a cross section of a color display in an embodiment of the present invention;

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FIGS. 12 and 13 are cross sections of various pixel structures including a reflector in various embodiments of the present invention;

FIG. 14 is a cross section of a color-conversion structure
having light diffusers according to various embodiments of the present invention; and

FIGS. 15-19 are flow diagrams illustrating methods in various embodiments of the present invention.

The features and advantages of the present disclosure will become more apparent from the detailed description set forth below when taken in conjunction with the drawings, in which like reference characters identify corresponding elements throughout. In the drawings, like reference numbers generally indicate identical, functionally similar, and/or structurally similar elements. The figures are not drawn to scale since the variation in size of various elements in the Figures is too great to permit depiction to scale.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to the cross sections of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B, in an embodiment of the present invention a color-conversion structure 10 comprises an article 35 (i.e., a color-conversion article) including a color-conversion material 30 disposed within a color-conversion layer 34 that can include multiple sub-layers. In the example shown in FIGS. 1A and 1B, the color-conversion layer is unpatterned. The unpatterned color-conversion layer 34 of FIG. 1 can be disposed on the source substrate 20 by first forming a liquid mixture including the color-conversion materials 30 in a curable liquid (e.g., a resin coating) that can be applied to the source substrate by, for example, spin coating the mixture over the source substrate, and then curing the mixture to form the color-conversion layer 34. Alternatively, evaporation, sputtering, or sprinkling methods can be used.

At least a portion of a tether 12 is connected to the article 35 and extends or protrudes from the article 35, for example from a periphery, edge or side of the article 35. The color-conversion structure 10 can be attached with the tether 12 to an anchor 14 of a source substrate 20 (e.g., a native substrate on which the color-conversion structure 10 is formed). The anchor 14 can be a portion of the source substrate 20 to which a tether 12 is attached. In one 45 configuration, the source substrate 20 has one or more sacrificial portions 18 and a corresponding color-conversion structure 10 is disposed or formed on or over each sacrificial portion 18 of the source substrate 20. The sacrificial portion 18 can be a designated area or portion of the source substrate 20 (e.g., as in FIG. 1A), a sacrificial material layer, a portion of a sacrificial material layer, a patterned sacrificial material layer, or a cavity under the color-conversion structure 10, for example formed by removing a portion or all of a sacrificial material layer. As shown in FIG. 1B, the sacrificial portion 18 is a cavity above which the color-conversion structure 10 is suspended by the tether 12 affixed to the anchor 14 so that the tether 12 extends from a periphery of the sacrificial portion 18 (at an anchor 14) to a periphery of the colorconversion structure 10. According to an embodiment of the present invention, the color-conversion structure 10 can be micro-transfer printed.

As shown in FIG. 2, in one embodiment of the present invention, the color-conversion layer 34 includes color-conversion material 30 disposed within a transparent matrix 32. For example, the transparent matrix can be a resin, a polymer, or a curable resin. The source substrate 20 can be a semiconductor source substrate 20, for example silicon,

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such as silicon (1 0 0) or silicon (1 1 1), glass, plastic, or other materials suitable for wafers. Sacrificial layers or sacrificial portions 18 can include layers or patterned layers of etchable materials, for example such as oxides or nitrides such as silicon oxide or silicon nitride, or portions of the source substrate 20 that are differentially etchable in different directions (for example by taking advantage of the crystalline structure of the source substrate 20 to etch in one direction more rapidly than in another direction).

As intended herein, an optical-conversion structure 10 10 includes color-conversion materials 30 that redirect or reemit light emitted from a light source, such as an organic light-emitting diode (OLED) or an inorganic light-emitting diode (iLED) or LED laser. A color-conversion material 30 is any material that absorbs electromagnetic radiation of a 15 relatively higher frequency and emits electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency. The higher frequency electromagnetic radiation can be visible light, ultra-violet radiation, or infrared radiation. The higher-frequency electromagnetic radiation can be blue or violet visible light. The 20 lower-frequency electromagnetic radiation can also be visible, ultra-violet radiation, or infrared radiation. According to one embodiment of the present invention, the higher frequency radiation is ultra-violet, violet, or blue and the lower frequency electromagnetic radiation is visible light, 25 such as blue, cyan, green, yellow, orange, or red light. The color-conversion material 30 can include one or more of an inorganic phosphor, an organic phosphor, a ceramic phosphor, an inorganic fluorophore, an organic fluorophore, yttrium aluminum garnet, doped yttrium aluminum garnet, 30 cesium-doped yttrium aluminum garnet (YAG), yttrium phosphate-vanadate, and a quantum dot.

According to a further embodiment of the present invention, the source substrate has one or more sacrificial portions 18, for example forming an array of sacrificial portions 18 35 over, on, or in the source substrate 20. Each sacrificial portion 18 has a color-conversion layer 34 disposed on or over each of the sacrificial portions 18. In each case, a tether 12 extends from an anchor 14 (e.g., from a periphery of the sacrificial portion 18) to a periphery of the color-conversion 40 structure 10 to connect the color-conversion structure 10 to the source substrate 20. The array of color-conversion structures 10 can be micro-transfer printed from the source substrate 20 to a destination substrate 22 (e.g., a display substrate 22) as is described further below and, for example, 45 in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/743,981, filed Jun. 18, 2015, entitled Micro Assembled LED Displays and Lighting Elements, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its

In FIG. 1, the color-conversion layer 34 is not patterned 50 and the anchor 14 and tether 12 both include color-conversion material 30. Referring to FIG. 3, in an alternative embodiment the color-conversion material 30 or color-conversion layer 34 is patterned over the sacrificial portions 18. In the alternative embodiment of FIG. 3, neither the 55 anchor 14 nor the tether 12 include the color-conversion material 30.

The patterned color-conversion layer 34, as shown in FIG. 3, can be formed by photolithographically processing a blanket-coated layer of color-conversion materials 30 in a 60 photo-curable matrix, such as a photoresist, exposing the blanket-coated layer of color-conversion materials 30 to patterned electro-magnetic radiation (e.g., ultra-violet light through a patterned mask), and then developing the patternwise exposed coating. The patterned color-conversion layer 65 34 forms a first layer and a second layer 38 of material that does not include color-conversion material 30 can be coated

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over the patterned color-conversion layer 34 to form the tether 12 and anchor 14 of FIG. 3.

Referring to FIG. 4, in another embodiment, the colorconversion layer 34 further includes a first layer 36 on which the color-conversion material 30 is disposed and a second layer 38 that is disposed on the color-conversion material 30 so that the first layer 36 and second layers 38 encapsulate the color-conversion materials 30. The first layer 36, the colorconversion material 30, and the second layer 38 form the color-conversion layer 34. In this embodiment, the colorconversion materials 30 can be provided in a transparent matrix 32 (not shown, as in FIGS. 1-3) or in a layer deposited on the first layer 36. The layer can be very thin, for example a few nanometers or less, or relatively thick, for example 10-100 microns or more and can be deposited by evaporation, by spray coating, by sputtering, or by sprinkling. The embodiment of FIG. 4 is useful for colorconversion structures 10 in which the transparent matrix 32, for example curable liquids, can damage or otherwise inhibit the performance of the color-conversion materials 30.

As illustrated in FIG. 5, the first layer 36 is coated over the entire source substrate and is therefore a portion of the tether 12 and anchor 14. As shown in FIG. 5 and as in FIG. 3, the second layer 38 can also be coated over the entire source substrate 20 so that the second layer 38 also makes up a portion of the tether 12 or anchor 14.

In an embodiment of the present invention, the first layer 36 is transparent, the second layer 38 is transparent, or both the first layer 36 and the second layer 38 are transparent. In another embodiment, the first layer 36 is reflective and the second layer 38 is transparent. In yet another embodiment, the second layer 38 is reflective and the first layer 36 is transparent. Transparent materials can include photoresist materials, such as SU8 or other resins, epoxies, polymers, or glasses that can be coated in a liquid state and cured or laminated over and adhered to layers. Reflective layers can include metals such as silver or aluminum that can be evaporated or laminated onto a surface.

Referring to FIG. 6, a color-conversion structure 10 of the present invention can include an organic or inorganic microlight-emitting diode (micro-LED) 40 having a light-emitting side 43 disposed to emit light 50 toward the color-conversion material 30 in the article 35. In one embodiment, the micro-LED 40 is a solid-state LED laser. Micro-LED 40 devices having various structures can be made using, for example, doped or undoped semiconductor materials and can be made using photolithographic techniques. An inorganic LED (iLED) or organic LED (OLED can be a micro-LED 40. The term micro-LED 40 is used herein to generically refer to OLED or iLED devices that can also be LED lasers. The micro-LEDs 40 can be relatively small, for example in embodiments each micro-LED 40 has a width from 2 to 5 μm, 5 to 10 μm, 10 to 20 μm, or 20 to 50 μm, each micro-LED 40 has a length from 2 to 5 μm, 5 to 10 μm, 10 to 20 μm, or 20 to 50 μm, or each micro-LED 40 has a height from 2 to 5 μ m, 4 to 10 μ m, 10 to 20 μ m, or to 50 μ m. Similarly, in embodiments when placed on a display substrate 22, the display substrate 22 has a contiguous display substrate area that includes the micro-LEDs 40, each micro-LED 40 has a light-emissive area, and the combined lightemissive areas of the micro-LEDs 40 is less than or equal to one-quarter of the contiguous display substrate area or wherein the combined light-emissive areas of the micro-LEDs 40 is less than or equal to one eighth, one tenth, one twentieth, one fiftieth, one hundredth, one five-hundredth, one thousandth, one two-thousandth, or one ten-thousandth of the contiguous display substrate area. Furthermore, each

micro-LED **40** has an anode and a cathode disposed on a same side of the respective micro-LED **40** and, optionally, the anode and cathode of a respective light emitter are horizontally separated by a horizontal distance, wherein the horizontal distance is from 100 nm to 500 nm, 500 nm to 1 5 micron, 1 micron to 20 microns, 20 microns to 50 microns, or 50 microns to 100 microns.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the micro-LED 40 can emit higher-frequency light 50 that is absorbed by the color-conversion materials 30 in the colorconversion layer 34. The color-conversion materials 30 then emit color-converted light 52 of a lower frequency than the higher-frequency absorbed light 50. As illustrated in the embodiment of FIG. 6, the article 35 including the colorconversion material 30 is located between the micro-LED 40 and the sacrificial portion 18 on the source substrate 20. In the embodiment of FIG. 6, the micro-LED 40 can be constructed on the article 35 using photolithographic processes. In an alternative method, a previously constructed micro-LED 40 formed on another source substrate different 20 from the source substrate 20 can be micro-transfer printed onto the color-conversion layer 34 to form the color-conversion structure 10 of FIG. 6. The micro-LED 40 can be constructed or printed on the article 35 before the sacrificial layer 18 is removed or a cavity formed beneath the article 25 35.

In a different embodiment shown in FIG. 7, the micro-LED 40 is located between the color-conversion material 30 and the sacrificial portion 18. In the structure of FIG. 7, the second layer 38 is transparent and the micro-LED 40 serves 30 as the first layer 36 found in FIGS. 4 and 5. In the embodiment of FIG. 7, the color-conversion layer 34 can be constructed on the micro-LED 40 using photolithographic processes. In an alternative method, a previously constructed color-conversion layer 34 formed on a source substrate 35 different from the source substrate 20 can be micro-transfer printed onto the micro-LED to form the color-conversion structure 10 of FIG. 7. The color-conversion layer 34 can be constructed or printed on the micro-LED 40 before the sacrificial layer 18 is removed or a cavity formed beneath the 40 micro-LED 40.

Referring to FIG. 8 and according to various embodiments, the color-conversion structure 10 of FIG. 7 can be disposed on a destination substrate 22, for example by micro-transfer printing, and at least a portion of a tether 12 45 is a broken or fractured tether 12 (not shown). As shown in FIG. 8, the color-conversion structure 10 (including the article 35 and the micro-LED 40) is disposed on the destination substrate 22 to form a pixel structure 60. The micro-LED 40 has a light-emitting side 43 disposed to emit light 50 50 to the color-conversion material 30. In the embodiment of FIG. 8, the micro-LED 40 is located between the article 35 and the destination substrate 22. The destination substrate 22 can be opaque or reflective. An array of such pixel structures 60 can be used to form a display and the destination 55 substrate 22 can be a display substrate 22 (e.g., common to each pixel structure 60). The embodiment of FIGS. 7 and 8 illustrates a top-emitting structure that emits light 50 from the pixel structure 60 in a direction opposite the destination substrate 22 on which the pixel structure 60 is disposed. In 60 alternative arrangements, either of the pixel structures 60 of FIGS. 8 and 9 is disposed upside-down on the destination substrate 22 to emit light in the opposite direction as that indicated in FIGS. 8 and 9. Such arrangements can be made using intermediate transfer stamps with micro-transfer print- 65 ing and arrange the micro-LEDs 40 on a side of the color-conversion layer 34 opposite the destination substrate

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22 (in contrast to FIG. 8) or arrange the article on a side of the micro-LEDs 40 opposite the destination substrate 22 (in contrast to FIG. 9).

In addition to the micro-LED 40 on which the article 35 is located, an optional reflective structure 44 such as a reflective layer is disposed between the micro-LED 40 and the destination substrate 22. Alternatively, the destination substrate 22 can be reflective. If present, the reflective structure 44 serves to reflect light 50 emitted from the micro-LED 40 toward the destination substrate 22 to the color-conversion layer 34. The reflective structure 44 can be a metal layer, for example a metal such as silver or aluminum, or other metals or reflective materials evaporated or laminated onto either the destination substrate 22 or the micro-LED 40. Alternating layers of materials having different refractive indices can also be used to form a reflector for light having desired wavelengths. The reflective structure 44 can be electrically conductive or electrically insulating. If the reflective structure 44 is electrically conductive, the reflective structure 44 can spread current provided to the micro-LED 40. If the reflective structure 44 is not present and if the destination substrate 22 is transparent to the light 50 emitted from the micro-LED 40, light 50 emitted from the micro-LED 40 can pass through the destination substrate

The micro-LED 40 is provided with electrical current through first and second electrodes 46, 48. The first and second electrodes 46, 48 are electrically connected to the micro-LED 40 at desired locations, as shown, and electrically insulated from the edges of the micro-LED 40 by dielectric layers 42 (for example oxides such as silicon dioxide). By electrically connecting the first and second electrodes 46, 48 at desired locations, the location of hole and electron recombination in the micro-LED 40 is controlled to optimize light emission from the micro-LED 40.

The pixel structure 60 of FIG. 8 is operated by providing an electrical current between the first and second electrodes 46, 48. Current flows within the micro-LED 40, causing the micro-LED 40 to emit light 50 at a pre-determined frequency. Some of the light 50 is emitted toward the colorconversion material 30; other light 50 is emitted toward the reflective structure 44 (if present) and is reflected back toward the color-conversion material 30. The color-conversion material 30 absorbs at least some of the micro-LEDemitted light 50 and emits color-converted light 52 having a frequency lower than the micro-LED-emitted light 50. Some of the color-converted light 52 emitted from the colorconversion material 30 is emitted in a direction toward the top of the pixel structure 60 and away from the destination substrate 22, for example toward an observer (not shown). Other color-converted light 52 emitted from the colorconversion material 30 is emitted toward the destination substrate 22 and is reflected from the reflective structure 44 (if present) back toward the top of the pixel structure 60 and away from the destination substrate 22. If the reflective structure 44 is not present and if the destination substrate 22 is transparent, the color-converted light 52 can pass through the destination substrate 22. An electrode disposed on the bottom of the micro-LED between the micro-LED and the destination substrate 22 can be a non-reflective, transparent electrical conductor such as a transparent conductive oxide like indium tin oxide or aluminum zinc oxide enabling light to be emitted through the side of the micro-LED 40 adjacent to the destination substrate 22.

Referring to FIG. 9, and according to alternative embodiments, the color-conversion structure 10 of FIG. 6 can be disposed on a transparent destination substrate 22, for

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example by micro-transfer printing, and at least a portion of a tether 12 is a broken or fractured tether 12 (not shown). As shown in FIG. 9, the color-conversion structure 10 is disposed on the destination substrate 22 to form the pixel structure 60. The micro-LED has a light-emitting side 43 disposed to emit light 50 to the color-conversion material 30. In the embodiment of FIG. 9, the color-conversion material 30 is located between the micro-LED 40 and the destination substrate 22. The destination substrate 22 can be transparent. An array of such pixel structures 60 can be used to form a display and the destination substrate 22 can be a display substrate 22. The embodiment of FIGS. 6 and 9 illustrates a bottom-emitting structure that emits light from the pixel structure 60 through the destination substrate 22 on which the pixel structure 60 is disposed. The first and second electrodes 46, 48 that provide electrical current to the micro-LED 40 can also serve as reflectors that reflect emitted light 50 to the color-conversion layer 34. The first and second electrodes 46, 48 can be a metal, for example a 20 metal such as silver or aluminum, or other metals or reflective materials evaporated or laminated onto the destination substrate 22 or the micro-LED 40. Alternating layers of materials having different refractive indices can also be used to form a reflector for light having desired wavelengths 25 independently of the first and second electrodes 46, 48 if the first and second electrodes 46, 48 do not adequately cover the micro-LED 40.

The micro-LED 40 is provided with electrical current through first and second electrodes 46, 48. The first and 30 second electrodes 46, 48 are electrically connected to the micro-LED 40 at desired locations, as shown, and electrically insulated from the edges of the micro-LED 40 by dielectric layers 42 (for example oxides such as silicon dioxide). By electrically connecting the first and second 35 electrodes 46, 48 at desired locations, the location of hole and electron recombination in the micro-LED 40 is controlled to optimize light emission.

The pixel structure 60 of FIG. 9 is operated by providing an electrical current between the first and second electrodes 40 46, 48. Current flows within the micro-LED 40, causing the micro-LED 40 to emit light 50 at a pre-determined frequency. Some of the light 50 is emitted toward the colorconversion material 30; other light 50 is emitted toward the reflective first or second electrodes 46, 48 (or other reflective 45 structures) and is reflected back toward the color-conversion material 30. The color-conversion material absorbs at least some of the micro-LED-emitted light 50 and emits colorconverted light 52 having a frequency lower than the micro-LED-emitted light **50**. Some of the color-converted light **52** 50 emitted from the color-conversion material 30 is emitted in a direction toward the bottom of the pixel structure 60 and through the destination substrate 22, for example toward an observer (not shown). Other color-converted light 52 emitted from the color-conversion material 30 is emitted toward 55 and reflected from the reflective first or second electrodes 46, 48 (or other reflective structures) back toward the bottom of the pixel structure 60 and through the destination substrate 22. If the reflective structures 44 are not present on the top of the micro-LED 40 (i.e., the side of the micro-LED 40 60 opposite the destination substrate 22), the color-converted light 52 can pass through the top of the micro-LED 40. For example, a non-reflective, transparent electrical conductor such as a transparent conductive oxide like indium tin oxide or aluminum zinc oxide can provide the first or second electrodes 46, 48 enabling light to be emitted from the top of the micro-LED 40.

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Referring to the embodiment of FIG. 10, a transparent substrate 22 (e.g., the destination or display substrate 22), is located between the micro-LED 40 and the color-conversion material 30. In this configuration, the micro-LED 40 functions as a bottom emitter and the color-conversion layer 34 functions as a top emitter. This structure enables the micro-LED 40 and the color-conversion layer 34 to be independently disposed on opposite sides of the transparent substrate 22, facilitating manufacturing processes.

As in the configuration of FIG. 9, in the embodiment of FIG. 10 the micro-LED 40 is provided with electrical current through first and second electrodes 46, 48. The first and second electrodes 46, 48 are electrically connected to the micro-LED 40 at desired locations and electrically insulated from the edges of the micro-LED 40 by dielectric layers 42 (for example oxides such as silicon dioxide). By electrically connecting the first and second electrodes 46, 48 at desired locations, the location of hole and electron recombination in the micro-LED 40 is controlled to optimize light emission.

The pixel structure **60** of FIG. **10** is operated by providing an electrical current between the first and second electrodes 46, 48. Current flows within the micro-LED 40, causing the micro-LED 40 to emit light 50 at a pre-determined frequency. Some of the light 50 is emitted through the transparent substrate 22 toward the color-conversion material 30; other light 50 is emitted toward the reflective first or second electrodes 46, 48 (or other reflective structures) and is reflected back through the transparent substrate 22 toward the color-conversion material 30. The color-conversion material 30 absorbs at least some of the micro-LED-emitted light 50 and emits color-converted light 52 having a frequency lower than the micro-LED-emitted light 50. Some of the color-converted light 52 is emitted from the colorconversion material 30 is toward an observer. Other colorconverted light 52 emitted from the color-conversion material 30 is emitted through the transparent substrate 22 toward and reflected from the reflective first or second electrodes 46, 48 (or other reflective structures) back through the destination substrate 22. If the reflective structures 44 are not present on the top of the micro-LED 40 (i.e., the side of the micro-LED 40 opposite the transparent substrate 22), the color-converted light 52 can pass through the top of the micro-LED 40. For example, a non-reflective, transparent electrical conductor such as a transparent conductive oxide like indium tin oxide or aluminum zinc oxide can provide the first or second electrodes 46, 48 and enable the emission of color-converted light 52 (and light 50 emitted by the micro-LED 40) through the top of the micro-LED 40.

In the top-emitting configuration of FIGS. 7 and 8, the bottom-emitting configuration of FIGS. 6 and 9, and the alternative arrangement of FIG. 10, the thickness of the color-conversion layer 34 and the density of the colorconversion materials 30 in the article 35 can be chosen so that both the micro-LED-emitted light 50 and the colorconverted light 52 are emitted from the color-conversion structure 10. Alternatively, the thickness of the color-conversion layer 34 and the density of the color-conversion materials 30 in the article 35 can be chosen so that substantially only the color-converted light 52 is emitted from the color-conversion structure 10, for example 80%, 90%, 95%, or 98%. Since the micro-LED 40 and the color-conversion layer 34 are likely to have optical (refractive) indices greater than the optical index of air, the color-conversion structure 10 can include light extraction structures to increase the amount of light emitted from the color-conversion structure

A plurality of pixel structures **60** of the present invention can be provided in an array over a display substrate **22** to form a display. For example, an array of color-conversion structures **10** including micro-LEDs **40** can be disposed on the display substrate **22** and the micro-LEDs **40** interconnected using electrically conductive wires, such as metal wires, formed on the display substrate **22** to provide electrical current to the micro-LEDs **40** to emit light **50** that is color converted by the color-conversion materials **30**.

Referring to FIG. 11, a plurality of micro-LEDs 40 are 10 disposed in an array on the transparent display substrate 22 with red, green, and blue light-emitting color-conversion articles 35R, 35G, 35B in the configuration of FIG. 10. Different color-conversion materials 30R, 30G, 30B are provided in different corresponding color-conversion 15 articles 35R, 35G, 35B that emit different colors of light 52, for example red color-conversion article 35R emits red light 52, green color-conversion article 35G emits green light 52, and blue color-conversion article 35B emits blue light 52. Each of the three color-conversion structures 10 forms a 20 pixel structure 60 that provides a pixel in a display 62.

In one embodiment of the present invention, all of the micro-LEDs 40 emit light 50 having a frequency greater than the red, green, and blue light 52 emitted by the corresponding red, green, and blue color-conversion articles 25 35R, 35G, 35B including the red, green, and blue colorconversion materials 30R, 30G, 30B. In this embodiment, the micro-LEDs 40 pump each of the red, green, and blue color-conversion articles 35R, 35G, 35B with the same frequency of micro-LED-emitted optical pump light, regardless of the color of light 52 emitted by the red, green, and blue color-conversion articles 35R, 35G, 35B. In an alternative embodiment, a blue color-conversion article 35B is not used and is replaced by a micro-LED 40 that emits blue light 50. The blue-light-emitting micro-LEDs 40 can also be 35 used to pump the red and green color conversion articles 35R, 35G. In this configuration, the micro-LEDs 40 all emit light 50 having a frequency greater than the green light 52.

In a further embodiment of the present invention, an array of pixel structures 60 is complemented by an array of 40 organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs). This arrangement is useful if at least one of the colors of light in a pixel is more efficiently or inexpensively provided by an organic rather than an inorganic LED. For example, a red OLED can be provided together with a green- and a blue-light-emitting 45 pixel structure 60 to form a full-color pixel in the display 62.

The embodiments of FIGS. 6-9 illustrate pixel structures 60 including micro-LEDs and color-conversion layers 34 that can be micro-transfer printed in a single step from a source substrate 20 onto a destination substrate 22. The 50 embodiment of FIG. 10 enables micro-transfer printing the micro-LEDs 40 and color-conversion layers 34 independently. In these cases, the areas of the color-conversion layer 34 and the micro-LEDs 40 over the destination substrate 22 are similar, for example within a relative factor of two, four, 55 or ten. Thus, in an embodiment of the present invention the micro-LED 40 has a light-emitting area, the color-conversion layer 34 or material 30 is patterned into light-emitting portions, and the area of the light-emitting portions is less than or equal to ten times the micro-LED light-emitting area, 60 is less than or equal to four times the micro-LED lightemitting area, or is less than or equal to twice the micro-LED light-emitting area.

Referring again to FIG. 11, in an alternative structure and method, the color-conversion layers 34 have an area over the 65 destination substrate 22 that is much larger than the area of the micro-LEDs 40 over the destination substrate 22, for

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example greater than a relative factor of two, four, or ten. Instead of micro-transfer printing the color-conversion articles 35, the color-conversion layer 34 can be screen printed, evaporated through a shadow mask, deposited by inkjet, or otherwise deposited. Such an approach can be easier or less expensive than micro-transfer printing color-conversion articles 35 and can have larger features with a lower resolution. Thus, in another embodiment of the present invention the micro-LED 40 has a light-emitting area, the color-conversion layer 34 or material 30 is patterned into light-emitting portions, and the area of the light-emitting portions is greater than or equal to twice the micro-LED light-emitting area, or is greater than or equal to ten times the micro-LED light-emitting area.

As shown in FIG. 11, the color-conversion materials 30 and color-conversion layer 34 are encapsulated with an encapsulation layer 16 to protect the red, green, and blue color-conversion materials 30R, 30G, 30B from environmental degradation. For example, organic color-conversion materials 30 can be susceptible to moisture.

Light emission from the various color-conversion structures 10 of the present invention can be enhanced with the use of diffusers that diffuse incident light, for example specular light propagating in a single direction, into diffuse light that propagates in a variety of directions. Because semiconductor materials found in micro-LEDs 40, color-conversion materials 30, or transparent matrix 32 materials can have optical refractive indices greater than the optical index of air and because the micro-LEDs 40 and color-conversion materials 30 are typically isotropic light emitters, emitted light can be trapped in the color-conversion structures 10 of the present invention due to total internal reflection. Light diffusers can modify the trajectory of trapped light and redirect it at an angle at which the light can escape.

According to an embodiment of the present invention and as illustrated in FIG. 12, a reflective structure 44 is located on a common side of the transparent substrate 22 with the micro-LED 40. The reflecting structure can be a reflector, a reflective structure 44, a diffusive reflector 55 (FIG. 13), or a diffusive reflective structure 44. Diffuse reflectors can include metals with reflective particles or a metal-coated layer of particles having a size chosen to diffuse the wavelengths of light that are emitted by the micro-LEDs 40 and the color-conversion materials 30. The diffuser can be disposed to diffuse light emitted by the micro-LEDs 40 before the light emitted by the micro-LEDs 40 is absorbed by the color-conversion material 30 in the color-conversion layer 34. As shown in FIG. 12, light 50 emitted by the micro-LED 40 can propagate in the transparent substrate 22 and then be redirected into the color-conversion article 35 and emitted from the color-conversion structure 10. Light 52 emitted from the color-conversion article 35 that is trapped in the transparent substrate 22 can also be redirected and emitted from the color-conversion structure 10.

As shown in FIG. 12, the reflective structure 44 can be a diffusive reflective layer. Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 13, a light-diffusive layer 56 can be disposed between the color-conversion layer 34 and the micro-LEDs 40 or located on a common side of the transparent substrate 22 with the micro-LEDs 40, or both, as illustrated. For example, a light diffuser 54 can be incorporated into a reflective structure 44 to form a diffusive reflector 55. As in FIG. 12, light 50 emitted by the micro-LED 40 or light 52 emitted by the color-conversion layer 34 can propagate in the transparent substrate 22 and then be redirected into the color-conversion

layer 34 and emitted from the color-conversion structure 10 by the light-diffusive layers 56. Light-diffusive layers 56 can be transparent and include transparent particles having a refractive index different from a layer matrix, the transparent substrate 22, or the color-conversion layer 34. Light is 5 diffused by refraction or reflection from the transparent particles. Alternatively, light-reflective particles can be included in the light-diffusive layers 56 to reflect and redirect light trapped in the transparent substrate 22. In another embodiment of the present invention, referring to FIG. 14, 10 light-diffusive particles 58, either transparent or reflective can be incorporated into the color-conversion layer 34. The light-diffusive particles 58 can reflect or refract light 50 emitted by the micro-LEDs 40, the light 52 emitted by the color-conversion materials 30, or trapped light in the color- 15 conversion layer 34.

As noted above, with respect to FIG. 11, a plurality of micro-LEDs 40 can be disposed in an array on the transparent display substrate 22 with red, green, and blue lightemitting color-conversion articles 35R, 35G, 35B. Each of 20 the three color-conversion structures 10 forms a pixel structure 60 that provides a pixel in a display 62. Thus, a display 62 according to embodiments of the present invention can include a display substrate 22 and an array of color-convercolor-conversion structure 10 includes an inorganic lightemitting diode (micro-LED) 40 disposed to emit light 50 to color-conversion material 30 or an article 35 including color-conversion material 30 on the display substrate 22. The array of color-conversion structures 10 can include an 30 array of red color-conversion material 30R that emits red light 52 and an array of green color-conversion material 30G that emits green light 52 (collectively color-conversion material 30). The array of color-conversion structures 10 can also include an array of blue color-conversion material 30B 35 that emits blue light 52. In an embodiment, the micro-LEDs 40 emit light 50 having a frequency higher than the frequency of light 52 emitted by the color-conversion material 30. The micro-LEDs 40 can all emit the same frequency of light 50 and can be solid-state micro-LED lasers. The color 40 conversion structures 10 can include light-scattering or light-diffusive elements. In one embodiment of the display 62, the display substrate 22 is between the micro-LEDs 40 and the color-conversion structures 10. In another embodiment, the color-conversion structures 10 are between the 45 micro-LEDs 40 and the display substrate 22.

In all of the display embodiments of the present invention, the micro-LEDs 40 or (micro-LED lasers) of a pixel group can be located in a row, as shown in the Figures, or in a two-dimensional arrangement, for example forming a tri- 50 angle on the display substrate 22 surface (not shown).

In an embodiment of the present invention, the display 62 or micro-LED laser display 64 is a backlight unit (BLU). Control of the individual micro-LEDs 40 can enable local dimming, for example in a liquid crystal display.

Referring to FIG. 15, in a method of the present invention, a source wafer is provided in step 100 and one or more micro-LEDs 40 are formed on the source wafer in step 110 in a micro-transfer printable configuration, for example with an underlying release portion or sacrificial portion 18. The 60 source wafer can be a semiconductor wafer. In step 120, a source substrate 20 distinct from the source wafer, for example made of glass, is provided and one or more corresponding color-conversion layers 34 are formed on the source substrate 20 in step 130, for example with an underlying release portion or sacrificial portion 18. The micro-LEDs 40 are released, for example by etching the sacrificial

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portions 18 before micro-transfer printing the micro-LEDs 40. In step 140, the micro-transfer printable micro-LEDs 40 are micro-transfer printed onto the corresponding colorconversion layers 34 to form a pixel structure 60. Additional adhesive layers, for example, curable resins can be provided and cured to adhere the micro-LEDs 40 to the colorconversion layers 34 (not shown). The sacrificial portions 18 beneath the color-conversion layers 34 are then etched or otherwise removed in step 150 to release the color-conversion layer 34 and form the pixel structures 60 of FIG. 6. In step 160, the pixel structures 60 are micro-transfer printed to a destination substrate 22. An array of the pixel structures 60 can be micro-transfer printed to the destination substrate 22 to form the display **62**.

In an alternative embodiment of the present invention referring to FIG. 16, the color-conversion layers 34 are released and micro-transfer printed onto the corresponding micro-LEDs 40 in step 141 in place of step 140 to form the pixel structures 60 as illustrated in FIG. 7 (with the addition of the first layer 36 as shown in FIGS. 4 and 5). In either of the embodiments of FIGS. 15 and 16, the color conversion layers 34 of FIGS. 1 and 3 can be used in place of the color-conversion layers 34 illustrated in FIG. 4.

Referring to FIG. 17, in another method of the present sion structures 10 disposed on the display substrate 22. Each 25 invention, a source wafer is provided in step 100 and one or more micro-LEDs 40 are formed on the source wafer in step 110 in a micro-transfer printable configuration, for example with an underlying release or sacrificial portion 18. The source wafer can be a semiconductor wafer. In step 120 a source substrate 20 distinct from the source wafer, for example made of glass, is provided and one or more corresponding color-conversion layers 34 are formed on the source substrate 20 in step 130, for example with an underlying release or sacrificial portion 18. The sacrificial portions 18 of the source wafer are removed to release the micro-LEDs 40 from the source wafer in step 151. The sacrificial portions 18 of the source substrate 20 are removed to release the color-conversion layers 34 from the source substrates 20 in step 152. In step 170, the micro-transfer printable micro-LEDs 40 are micro-transfer printed onto the destination substrate 22. In step 180, the color-conversion layers 34 are correspondingly micro-transfer printed onto the micro-LEDs 40 to form the pixel structures 60 of FIG. 8. Additional adhesive layers, for example curable resins, can be provided and cured to adhere the micro-LEDs 40 to the color-conversion layers 34 (not shown). An array of the micro-LEDs 40 and corresponding color-conversion layers 34 can be micro-transfer printed to the destination substrate 22 to form the display 62.

> In an alternative embodiment of the present invention and referring to FIG. 18, the color-conversion layers 34 are micro-transfer printed onto the destination substrate 22 in step 171 in place of step 170. The micro-LEDs 40 are then micro-transfer printed onto the corresponding color-conver-55 sion layer 34 in step 181 in place of step 180 to form the pixel structures 60 of FIG. 9. In either of the embodiments of FIGS. 23 and 24, the color conversion layer 34 of FIGS. 1 and 3 can be used in place of the color-conversion layer 34 illustrated in FIGS. 8 and 9.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention referring to FIG. 19, a source wafer is provided in step 100 and one or more micro-LEDs 40 are formed on the source wafer in step 110 in a micro-transfer printable configuration, for example with an underlying release or sacrificial portion 18. The source wafer can be a semiconductor wafer. The micro-LEDs 40 are printed on the destination substrate 22 in step 170. In step 120 a source substrate 20 distinct from the

source wafer, for example made of glass, is provided and one or more corresponding color-conversion layers 34 are formed on the source substrate 20 in step 130, for example with an underlying release or sacrificial portion 18. The color-conversion layers 34 are printed on the destination 5 substrate 22 in step 171, for example on a side of the display substrate 22 opposite the side of the display substrate 22 on which the micro-LEDs 40 are disposed. The color-conversion layers 34 are printed in spatial correspondence with the micro-LEDs 40 so the light 50 emitted from the micro-LEDs 40 propagates into the color-conversion layers 34, as shown in FIG. 10. Steps 170 and 171 can be performed independently, at different times, or in different places. In various embodiments, the color-conversion layers 34 are microtransfer printed or, especially with reference to FIG. 11, 15 screen printed or otherwise photolithographically formed.

In all of these embodiments, the reflective structures 44 or light-diffusive layers 54 or 56, or encapsulation layer 16 can be formed and patterned as necessary using photolithographic or lamination processes.

In various methods of the present invention, the pixel structures 60, micro-LEDs 40, or color-conversion layers 34 are micro-transfer printed to a display substrate 22. For a discussion of micro-transfer printing techniques see, U.S. Pat. Nos. 8,722,458, 7,622,367 and 8,506,867, each of 25 Assembled LED Displays and Lighting Elements, which is which is hereby incorporated by reference.

In another method of the present invention, the pixel structures 60 are disposed on the display substrate 22 by micro-transfer printing using compound micro assembly structures and methods, for example as described in U.S. 30 patent application Ser. No. 14/822,868, filed Aug. 10, 2015, entitled Compound Micro-Assembly Strategies and Devices, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The micro-LED 40 structures on the display substrate 22 can be interconnected using photolithographic 35 methods or using printed circuit board methods and materials, for example to a display controller (not shown).

In useful embodiments, the display substrate 22 includes material, for example glass or plastic, different from a material in an integrated-circuit or chiplet substrate, for 40 example a semiconductor material such as silicon. The display substrate 22 usefully has two opposing smooth sides suitable for material deposition, photolithographic processing, or micro-transfer printing of color-conversion structures 10. The display substrate 22 can have the size of a conven- 45 tional display, for example a rectangle with a diagonal of a few centimeters to one or more meters. Such substrates are commercially available. The display substrate 22 can include polymer, plastic, resin, polyimide, PEN, PET, metal, metal foil, glass, a semiconductor, or sapphire and have a 50 transparency greater than or equal to 50%, 80%, 90%, or 95% for visible light. In some embodiments of the present invention, the color-conversion structures 10 emit light 52 through the display substrate 22. In other embodiments, the color-conversion structures 10 emit light 52 in a direction 55 opposite the display substrate 22. The display substrate 22 can have a thickness from 5 to microns, 10 to 50 microns, 50 to 100 microns, 100 to 200 microns, 200 to 500 microns, 500 microns to 0.5 mm, 0.5 to 1 mm, 1 mm to 5 mm, 5 mm to 10 mm, or 10 mm to 20 mm. According to embodiments 60 of the present invention, the display substrate 22 can include layers formed on an underlying structure or substrate, for example a rigid or flexible glass or plastic substrate.

According to various embodiments, the micro-transferprinted displays 62, 64 of the present invention include a 65 variety of designs having a variety of resolutions, colorconversion structure 10 sizes, and displays having a range of

display areas. For example, display areas ranging from 1 cm by 1 cm to 10 m by 10 m in size are contemplated. The resolution of color-conversion structures 10 over a display area can also vary, for example from tens of color-conversion structures 10 per inch to hundreds of color-conversion structures 10 per inch. Thus, the present invention has application in both low-resolution and very high-resolution displays and from very small to very large displays.

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In an embodiment, the micro-LEDs 40 are formed in substrates or on supports separate from the display substrate 22. For example, the color-conversion structures 10, micro-LEDs 40 are separately formed in a semiconductor source wafer. The color-conversion structures 10 micro-LEDs 40 are then removed from the source wafer and transferred, for example using micro-transfer printing, to the display substrate 22 or to a compound micro-assembly substrate (not

By employing a multi-step transfer or assembly process, intermediate testing is enabled, increased yields are 20 achieved, and costs are reduced for the micro-transferprinted displays 62, 64 of the present invention. Additional details useful in understanding and performing aspects of the present invention are described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/743,981, filed Jun. 18, 2015, entitled Micro hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

As is understood by those skilled in the art, the terms "over", "under", "above", "below", "beneath", and "on" are relative terms and can be interchanged in reference to different orientations of the layers, elements, and substrates included in the present invention. For example, a first layer on a second layer, in some embodiments means a first layer directly on and in contact with a second layer. In other embodiments, a first layer on a second layer can include another layer there between. Additionally, "on" can mean "on" or "in." As additional non-limiting examples, a sacrificial layer or sacrificial portion 18 is considered "on" a substrate when a layer of sacrificial material or sacrificial portion 18 is on top of the substrate, when a portion of the substrate itself is the sacrificial layer, or when the sacrificial layer or sacrificial portion 18 comprises material on top of the substrate and a portion of the substrate itself.

Having described certain embodiments, it will now become apparent to one of skill in the art that other embodiments incorporating the concepts of the disclosure may be used. Therefore, the invention should not be limited to the described embodiments, but rather should be limited only by the spirit and scope of the following claims.

Throughout the description, where apparatus and systems are described as having, including, or comprising specific components, or where processes and methods are described as having, including, or comprising specific steps, it is contemplated that, additionally, there are apparatus, and systems of the disclosed technology that consist essentially of, or consist of, the recited components, and that there are processes and methods according to the disclosed technology that consist essentially of, or consist of, the recited processing steps.

It should be understood that the order of steps or order for performing certain action is immaterial so long as the disclosed technology remains operable. Moreover, two or more steps or actions in some circumstances can be conducted simultaneously. The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to certain embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention.

- 10 color-conversion structure
- 12 tether
- 14 anchor
- 16 encapsulation layer
- 18 sacrificial portion
- 20 substrate/source substrate/source wafer
- 22 destination substrate/display substrate/transparent substrate
- 30 color-conversion material
- 30R red color-conversion material that emits red light
- 30G green color-conversion material that emits green light
- 30B blue color-conversion material that emits blue light
- 32 transparent matrix
- 34 color-conversion layer
- 35 article
- 35R red color-conversion article
- 35G green color-conversion article
- 35B blue color-conversion article
- 36 first layer
- 38 second layer
- 40 micro light-emitting diode (micro-LED)
- 42 dielectric layer
- 43 micro-LED light-emitting side
- 44 reflective structure/layer
- 45 light absorbers
- **46** first electrode
- 48 second electrode
- 50 light emitted from micro-LED
- 52 light emitted from color-conversion material
- 53 diffuse light
- 54 light diffuser
- 55 diffusive reflector
- 56 light-diffusive layer/light diffuser
- 57 refractive lens
- 58 light-diffusive particle
- 60 pixel structure
- 62 display
- 64 micro-LED laser display
- 100 provide source wafer step
- 110 form micro-LED on wafer step
- 120 provide source substrate step
- 130 form color-conversion layer on wafer step
- **140** micro-transfer print micro-LED on color-conversion 45 layer step
- **141** micro-transfer print color-conversion layer on micro-LED step
- 150 release pixel structure step
- 151 release micro-LEDs step
- 152 release color-conversion layers step
- 160 micro-transfer print pixel structure on destination substrate step
- 170 micro-transfer print micro-LED on destination substrate step
- 171 micro-transfer print color-conversion layer on destination substrate step
- **180** micro-transfer print color-conversion layer on micro-LED step
- **181** micro-transfer print micro-LED on color-conversion 60 layer step

What is claimed is:

- 1. A color-conversion structure, comprising:
- an article comprising a color-conversion material disposed within a color-conversion layer, wherein the 65 color-conversion material re-emits or redirects light by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively

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- higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency;
- at least a portion of a tether connected to the article, wherein the at least a portion of a tether extends from the article.
- 2. The structure of claim 1, wherein the article comprises: a first layer;
- the color-conversion material disposed on and in contact with the first layer; and
 - a second layer disposed on and in contact with the color-conversion material, the first and second layers encapsulating the color-conversion material.
- 3. The structure of claim 1, comprising a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) having a light-emitting side disposed to emit light toward the color-conversion material.
 - **4**. The structure of claim **3**, wherein the micro-LED is a solid-state laser.
 - 5. The structure of claim 1, comprising:
 - a source substrate having one or more sacrificial portions; the color-conversion layer disposed on or over each of the sacrificial portions; and
 - the tether extending from a periphery of the sacrificial portion.
 - 6. The structure of claim 5, comprising a micro-lightemitting diode (micro-LED) having a light-emitting side disposed to emit light toward the color-conversion material and wherein the color-conversion material is located between the micro-LED and the sacrificial layer.
 - 7. The structure of claim 5, comprising a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) having a light-emitting side disposed to emit light toward the color-conversion material and wherein the micro-LED is located between the color-conversion material and the sacrificial layer.
 - 8. The structure of claim 1, comprising a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) having a light-emitting side disposed to emit light toward the color-conversion material and, optionally wherein the micro-LED is a micro-transfer printable or micro-transfer printed micro-LED, forming a pixel structure.
 - **9**. The structure of claim **8**, comprising a transparent destination substrate and wherein the pixel structure is disposed on the transparent destination substrate.
- 10. The structure of claim 8, comprising a destination substrate and wherein the pixel structure is disposed on the destination substrate and the color-conversion material is located between the micro-LED and the destination substrate or the pixel structure is disposed on the destination substrate and the destination substrate is located between the micro-LED and the color-conversion material.
 - 11. The structure of claim 8, comprising a destination substrate and wherein the pixel structure is disposed on the destination substrate and the micro-LED is located between the color-conversion material and the destination substrate.
 - 12. A color-conversion structure, comprising:
 - a source substrate having one or more sacrificial portions; and
 - one or more pixel or sub-pixel structures, each pixel or sub-pixel structure comprising:
 - an article comprising a color-conversion material that re-emits or redirects light by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency disposed within a color-conversion layer on or over each of the sacrificial portions,
 - a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) having a light-emitting side disposed to emit light toward the

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color-conversion material, the article disposed on the micro-LED on a side of the micro-LED opposite the sacrificial portion, and

one or more tethers, each tether extending from the micro-LED.

- 13. The structure of claim 12, wherein the micro-LED is an organic or inorganic solid-state laser or an organic or inorganic semiconductor laser.
 - 14. A display, comprising:
 - a display substrate;
 - an array of color-conversion structures disposed on the display substrate, each color-conversion structure comprising a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) disposed to emit light toward an article comprising a color-conversion material on the display substrate, 15 wherein the color-conversion material re-emits or redirects light by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency; and

at least a portion of a tether extending from the article. 20 **15**. The display of claim **14**, wherein the micro-LEDs are

16. The display of claim 14, wherein each micro-LED has an anode and a cathode disposed on a same side of the respective micro-LED and, optionally, the anode and cathode of a respective light emitter are horizontally separated by a horizontal distance, wherein the horizontal distance is from 100 nm to 500 nm, 500 nm to 1 micron, 1 micron to 20 microns, 20 microns to 50 microns, or 50 microns to 100 microns.

17. A display, comprising:

a display substrate;

- an array of color-conversion structures disposed on the display substrate, each color-conversion structure including a micro-light-emitting diode (micro-LED) 35 disposed to emit light toward an article comprising a color-conversion material on the display substrate, wherein the display substrate is between the article and the micro-LED and the color-conversion material reemits or redirects light by absorbing electromagnetic 40 radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency.
- 18. The display of claim 17, wherein the micro-LEDs are lasers.
 - 19. A method of making a display, comprising: providing a source wafer and a source substrate; forming a plurality of micro-LEDs on the source wafer and a corresponding plurality of color-conversion structures on the source substrate, wherein the color-

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conversion structures each comprise a color-conversion material that re-emits or redirect lights by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency;

micro-transfer printing the micro-LEDs onto the colorconversion structures to form a plurality of respective pixel structures or micro-transfer printing the colorconversion structures onto the micro-LEDs to form a plurality of respective pixel structures; and

micro-transfer printing the plurality of pixel structures onto a destination substrate to form the display.

20. A method of making a display, comprising: providing a source wafer and a source substrate;

forming a plurality of micro-LEDs on the source wafer and a corresponding plurality of color-conversion structures on the source substrate, wherein the colorconversion structures each comprise a color-conversion material that re-emits or redirect lights by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency; and

micro-transfer printing the micro-LEDs onto a destination substrate and micro-transfer printing the color-conversion structures onto respective micro-LEDs or micro-transfer printing the color-conversion structure onto a destination substrate and micro-transfer printing micro-LEDs onto respective color-conversion structures to form a plurality of respective pixel structures forming the display.

21. A method of making a display, comprising: providing a source wafer and a source substrate;

forming a plurality of micro-LEDs on the source wafer and a corresponding plurality of color-conversion structures on the source substrate, wherein the colorconversion structures each comprise a color-conversion material that re-emits or redirect lights by absorbing electromagnetic radiation of a relatively higher frequency and emitting electromagnetic radiation of a relatively lower frequency; and

micro-transfer printing the micro-LEDs onto a first side of a destination substrate and micro-transfer printing color-conversion structures onto a second side of the destination substrate opposite the first side and in correspondence with the micro-LED to form an array of pixels in the display.

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