Self-alignment of Conductive Micro-spherefor Stretchable Micro LED

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Stretchable display is attracting greatattention due to wide broad applications by its high degrees of freedom inshape. Stretchable Micro LED is considered to have advantage on energyefficient, high resolution, long life time and expected to solve OLED dependence. However it has to overcome mass production, transfer and printing, and highcost manufacturing issues. Dielectrphoresis is advanced technology controllingnano-sized or/and micro-sized particles. Due to its trapping, focusing, separating, sorting functions without physical damage or contamination, dielectrophoresis is widely used in biotechnology and medical engineering. MicroLED also can be self-aligned by using dielectrophoresis.

In this experiment, before adoptingdielectrphoresis on micro LED, conductive micro-sphere is used instead due tolow cost and high uniform characteristics. We have prepared dielectrophoreticdevice containing 18 spots to collect 18 spheres. Device cell is consisted ofMIM device at the bottom and the elastomer on the top. The elastomer hasapproximately 100um height columns and forms 100um height inner channel withbottom substrate. Spheres are dispersed in the silicone oil and injected into the inlet formed at the elastomer and flow out through outlet. During siliconeoil injection, non-uniform electric field is applied on the 18 spots bygeometrical configuration of electrodes. Positive dielectrophoretic force, which attracts particle to stronger non-uniform electric field, acts on the conductive micro-sphere dispersed in the silicone oil and trap on the spot. Iffor any reason unwanted alignment result is obtained, it can be simply removed by turning off voltage and let them wash out into the flowing fluid.

In this sense, Micro LED is expected to be precisely and comfortably aligned by dielectrphoresis and it will be conducted in future work.

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