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Wide viewing angle negative dispersion retarder by stacking layers with opposite birefringence

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Abstract—We proposed through experiment negative dispersion retarder with wide field of view. We stacked a reactive mesogen(RM) and polymethylmethacrylate(PMMA) film. RM has a positive birefringence and PMMA has a negative birefringence. Both of materials feature positive dispersion of birefringence. The out-of-plane retardation(Rth) of the stacked film was 6 nm. It means that the stacked film has a small dependence of viewing angle and change of retardation(Re). The stacked film has a negative dispersion of birefringence, where Re(450 nm)/Re(550 nm)=0.818 and Re(650 nm)//Re(550 nm)=1.110. The dispersion property was close to the ideal dispersion of an achromatic retarder at the short wavelength featured a small dependence of Re on the wavelength of light.

Index Terms—negative dispersion, reactive mesogen, reactive, wide viewing angle.

I. INTRODUCTION

MATERIAL, which featured optical anisotropy in natural usually has positive dispersion(PD) that the longer the wavelength, the optical birefringence(Δn) has decreased. In other words, optical compensation film featured PD is difficult to get the effect of optical compensation for a wide-range wavelength. So, it is necessary to develop material, which has negative dispersion(ND) that phase retardation is constant regardless of wavelength.

The ideal negative dispersion of birefringence shows Re(450 nm)/Re(550 nm)=0.818 and Re(650 nm)/Re(550 nm)=1.181. Phase retardation is followed expression. $\Gamma = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} [n_e(\theta) - n_o]d$. Re is in-plane retardation and followed expression. Re = $[n_e(\theta) - n_o]d$. θ is given by angle between incident light and optic axis. To obtain wide viewing angle property, the out-of-plane retardation becomes zero. Out-of-plane retardation Rth is followed expression. $R_{th} = [\frac{n_x + n_y}{2} - n_z]d$.

In this report, we manufactured ND of birefringence retarder by using only materials featured positive birefringence. We stacked RM on PMMA film. RM and PMMA film have PD of birefringence. But, the retarder stacked RM-PMMA film has ND of birefringence. Thus, this retarder is able to perform constant retardation regardless of wavelength.

II. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

Structure of Quasi-circular polarizer which used in the anti-reflection film of OLED was shown in Figure 1. (a). Here is anti-reflection(AR) process of incident light. First, incident white light is polarized to linear polarized(LP) by Half-Wave-Plate(HWP). Second, the polarization direction is rotated by the HWP. Third, passing through the Quarter-Wave-Plate(QWP), the LP light change Right Handed Circular Polarized(RHCP). When RHCP is reflected, it is converted to Left Handed Circular Polarized(LHCP). And then, LHCP is absorbed by the RHCP analyzer. This is the reason why Quasi-circular polarizer used in the anti-reflection film of OLED. Figure 1.(b) is optical circuit equivalent to (a). Two QWPs can be merged as one HWP with the same slow axis.



Figure 1. (a)Quasi-circular polarizer used in the anti-reflection film of OLED. (b)Optical circuit equivalent to (a)

The Jones matrices of the structures in Figure 1. (b) can be expressed as Eq.1. The slow axis of the HWP layers are supposed to be at $\varphi = 0$ fn order to simplify calculation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{iT_{1}/2} & 0\\ 0 & e^{iT_{1}/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iT_{2}/2} \cos^{2}\varphi + e^{iT_{2}/2} \sin^{2}\varphi & -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{2}}{2})\sin 2\varphi\\ -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{2}}{2})\sin 2\varphi & e^{-iT_{2}/2} \sin^{2}\varphi + e^{iT_{2}/2} \cos^{2}\varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iT_{1}/2} & 0\\ 0 & e^{iT_{1}/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iT_{e}/2} \cos^{2}\varphi_{e} + e^{iT_{e}/2} \sin^{2}\varphi_{e} & -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{e}}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{e}\\ -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{e}}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{e} & e^{-iT_{e}/2} \sin^{2}\varphi_{e} + e^{iT_{e}/2} \cos^{2}\varphi_{e} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1)$$

Here, Γ_1 and Γ_2 are the phase retardation of the HWP and the merged QWPs layer, respectively. Γ_e and φ_e are the phase retardation and the orientation of the slow axis of the equivalent optical circuit, respectively. By substituting $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = \Gamma$ and

comparing the corresponding matrix elements, we obtain two relations

$$\cos(\frac{\Gamma_e}{2}) = \cos^2\varphi\cos(\frac{3\Gamma}{2}) + \sin^2\varphi\cos(\frac{\Gamma}{2})$$

$$\sin 2\varphi_e = \frac{\sin(\frac{\Gamma}{2})\sin 2\varphi}{\sin(\frac{\Gamma_e}{2})}$$
(2)
(3)

To satisfied with an achromatic retarder, $\frac{\partial \Gamma_e}{\partial \Gamma}$ must be zero. This gives,

(4)

$$3\cos^2\varphi\sin(\frac{3\Gamma}{2}) + \sin^2\varphi\sin(\frac{\Gamma}{2}) = 0$$

We can obtain $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\Gamma_e = \pi$ by substituting $\Gamma = \pi$ in Eq.2. Followed this result, the orientation of the equivalent slow axis φ_e should be $\pi/6$.

We can obtain the reflectance of the AR film by multiplying the Jones matrix of the linear polarizer at both sides of the series of the HWPs in Eq.1. Hence, the Jones matrix of the equivalent optical circuit is expressed by $M = M_{px}M_{H1}M_{H2}M_{H3}M_{px}$, where M_{px} is the Jones matrix of the polarizer, M_{H1} and M_{H3} are that of the RM layer, and the M_{H2} is that of the merged PMMA layer presented by Eq. 5-7.

$$3^{M_{px}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(5)
$$M_{H1} = M_{H3} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iT_{1}/2} \cos^{2}\varphi_{1} + e^{iT_{1}/2} \sin^{2}\varphi_{1} & -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{1}}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{1} \\ \Gamma_{1} & = iT_{1}/2 - 2e^{-iT_{1}/2} + e^{iT_{1}/2} + e^{iT_{1}$$

$$-i\sin(\frac{r_{1}}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{1} \qquad e^{-i\Gamma_{1}/2}\sin^{2}\varphi_{1} + e^{i\Gamma_{1}/2}\cos^{2}\varphi_{1} \qquad (6)$$

$$M_{H2} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iT^{2}}\cos^{2}\varphi_{2} + e^{iT^{2}}\sin^{2}\varphi_{2} & -i\sin(\frac{1}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{2} \\ -i\sin(\frac{\Gamma_{2}}{2})\sin 2\varphi_{2} & e^{-i\Gamma_{2}/2}\sin^{2}\varphi_{2} + e^{i\Gamma_{2}/2}\cos^{2}\varphi_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(7)

Suppose that we set the orientation of the transmission axis of the polarizer to 0°, while φ_1 and φ_2 were the slow axis of the HWP and the QWP layers, respectively. Comparing with Eq. 1, φ_1 and φ_2 is rotated due to supposition in Eq.6 and 7. Then we can obtain the reflectance by $|M_{11}|^2$ and it has minimum value at $\varphi_1 = 15^\circ$ and $\varphi_2 = 75^\circ$, respectively.

III. EXPERIMENT



Figure 2. Chemical structure of the (a) UCL001 and (b) PMMA molecules.

We product HWP layer by using RM material UCL001 (DIC). The UCL001 featured two positive n homologues whose J is parallel to the longitudinal direction of molecular structure. That means the J direction is followed the rubbing direction of the alignment layer. We fabricated The RM was planar aligned with a planar alignment polyimide (PIA-PT114-JU1, JNC), and then irradiated RM with UV light to polymerize The RM at an intensity of 10 mW/cm² for 1 min. When giving Re=268.6 nm at λ =550 nm, the n of the UCL001 was 0.0597 and the thickness of samples was 4.5 μ m.

We used PMMA film as QWP. The PMMA features negative n. The main chains and the side chains of stretched PMMA are respectively aligned parallel and perpendicular to the stretched direction. When giving Re=-146.3 nm at λ =550 nm, the n of PMMA layer was -0.00281 and thickness was 52 µm.

We stacked The RM and PMMA layers. Between slow axis of RM and that of PMMA are formed 60 .¶We measured the Re and Rth of the RM-PMMA film with a retardation measurement instrument (Axo Scan-OPMF2, Axo Metrics) based on Muller matrix method. We used the commercial LCD simulation program Techwiz 2D (Sanayi System) to obtaine the optical simulation.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION



Figure 3. (a) $\text{Re}(\lambda)$ of the separate UCL001 and PMMA film (b) $\text{Re}(\lambda)$ of the separate UCL001 and PMMA film normalized to Re(550 nm). (c) $\text{Re}(\lambda)$ of the UCL001-PMMA stacked film (d) $\text{Re}(\lambda)$ of the UCL001-PMMA stacked film normalized to Re(550 nm).

Figure 3. (a) shows that UCL001 and PMMA film was close to HWP and QWP, respectively. Figure 3. (b) shows that RM and PMMA feature the PD property. Figure 3. (c) shows that the stacked film has ND property with QWP. Figure 3. (d) shows that how close the property of stacked film was to ideal ND values. Re(450 nm)/Re(550 nm)=0.818 and Re(650 nm)/Re(550 nm)=1.110 in Figure 3. (d). According to Figure 3. (d), when λ <550 nm the stacked RM-PMMA film was very close to the ideal ND. When λ >550 nm, however, it was relatively deviated from ideal ND.

	$\lambda = 450 \ nm$	λ =550 nm	λ =650 nm
UCL001	70 nm	64 nm	60 nm
PMMA	-119 nm	-112 nm	-109 nm

Table 1. Rth value of the separate UCL001, PMMA and the UCL001-PMMa stacked films vs. λ , Γ_e of the three films was set to be $\pi/2$ at λ =550 nm by adjusting the thickness.

We measured the Rth value of the separate UCL001, the PMMA and the UCL001-PMMA stacked film vs. λ in order to evaluate the viewing angle property of the retarder film. By adjusting the thickness of three films, the Γ_e of the three films was set to be $\pi/2$ at λ =550 nm to compare quantitative of Table 1.'s values. The Rth of RM was 64 nm and that of PMMA film was -112nm. The Re of separate layers are dependence of viewing angle. When stacked two separate layer, The stacked RM-PMMA film was 6 nm at λ =550 nm. We obtain significant

reduction of the viewing angle dependence of the Re of stacked film. It was about a tenth of a general retarder.

V. CONCLUSION

We suggested a negative dispersion retarder with a wide field-of-view by stacking the RM layer and the PMMA film. The R_{th} of retarder film was 6 nm and led to a small change of *Re* at oblique viewing angle. The stacked film also featured a negative dispersion of birefringence which was close to the ideal dispersion of an achromatic retarder with a small dependence of *Re* on λ .

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