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(54) **RED FLIP CHIP LIGHT EMITTING DIODE, PACKAGE, AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME**

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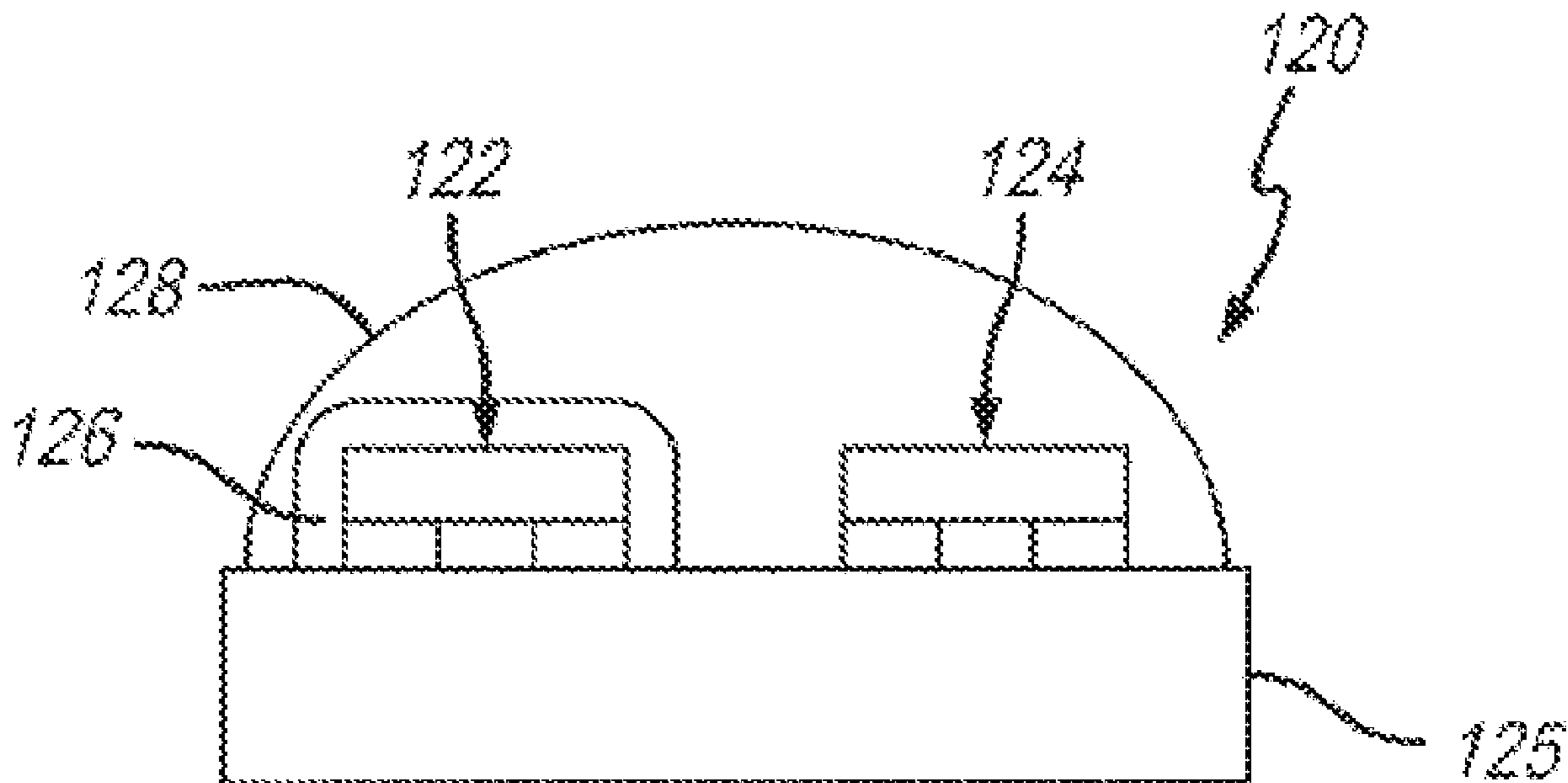
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Flip chip LEDs comprise a transparent carrier and an active material layer such as AlInGaP bonded to the carrier and that emits light between about 550 to 650 nm. The flip chip LED has a first electrical terminal in contact with a first region of the active material layer, and a second electrical terminal in contact with a second region of the active material layer, wherein the first and second electrical terminals are positioned along a common surface of the active material layer. Chip-on-board LED packages comprise a plurality of the flip chip LEDs with respective first and second electrical terminals interconnected with one another. The package may include Flip chip LEDs that emit light between 420 to 500 nm, and the flip chip LEDs are covered with a phosphorus material comprising a yellow constituent, and may comprise a transparent material disposed over the phosphorus material.



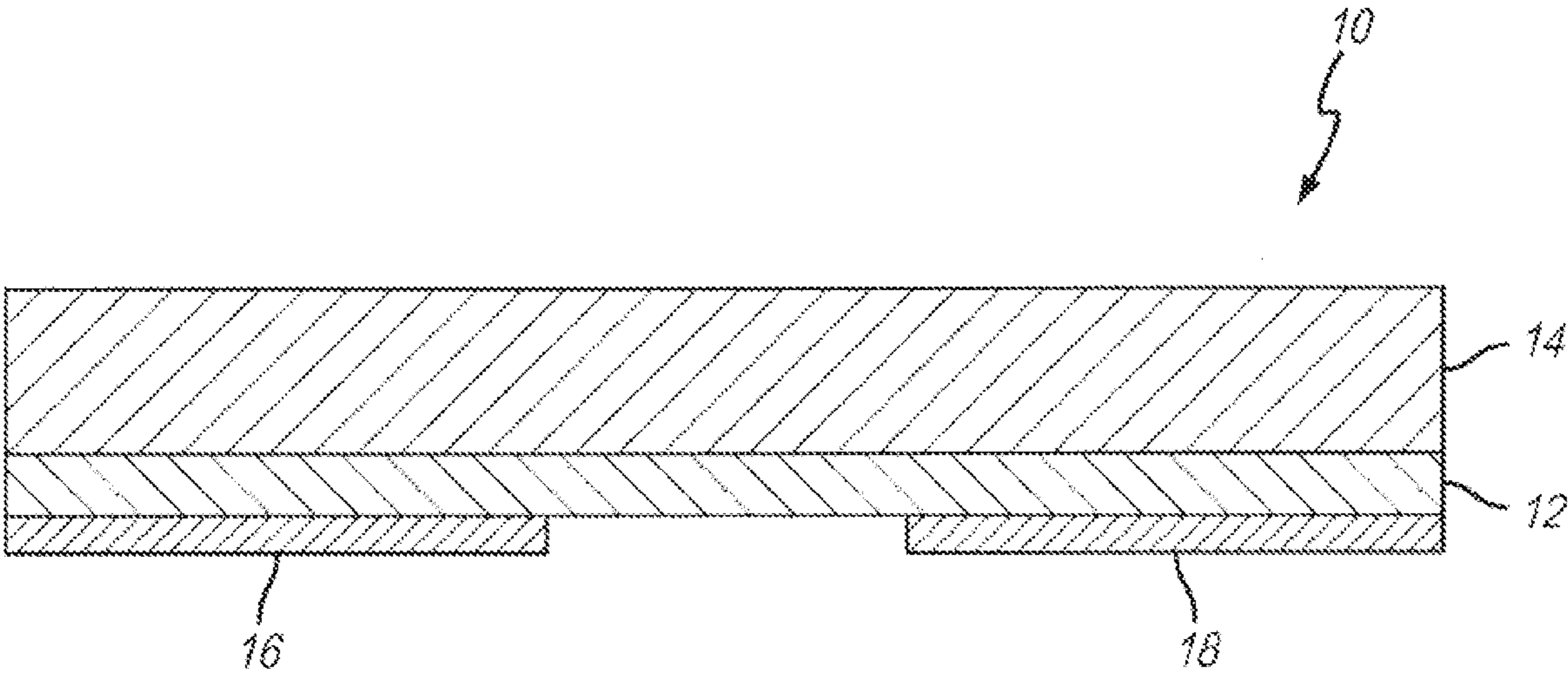


FIG. 1

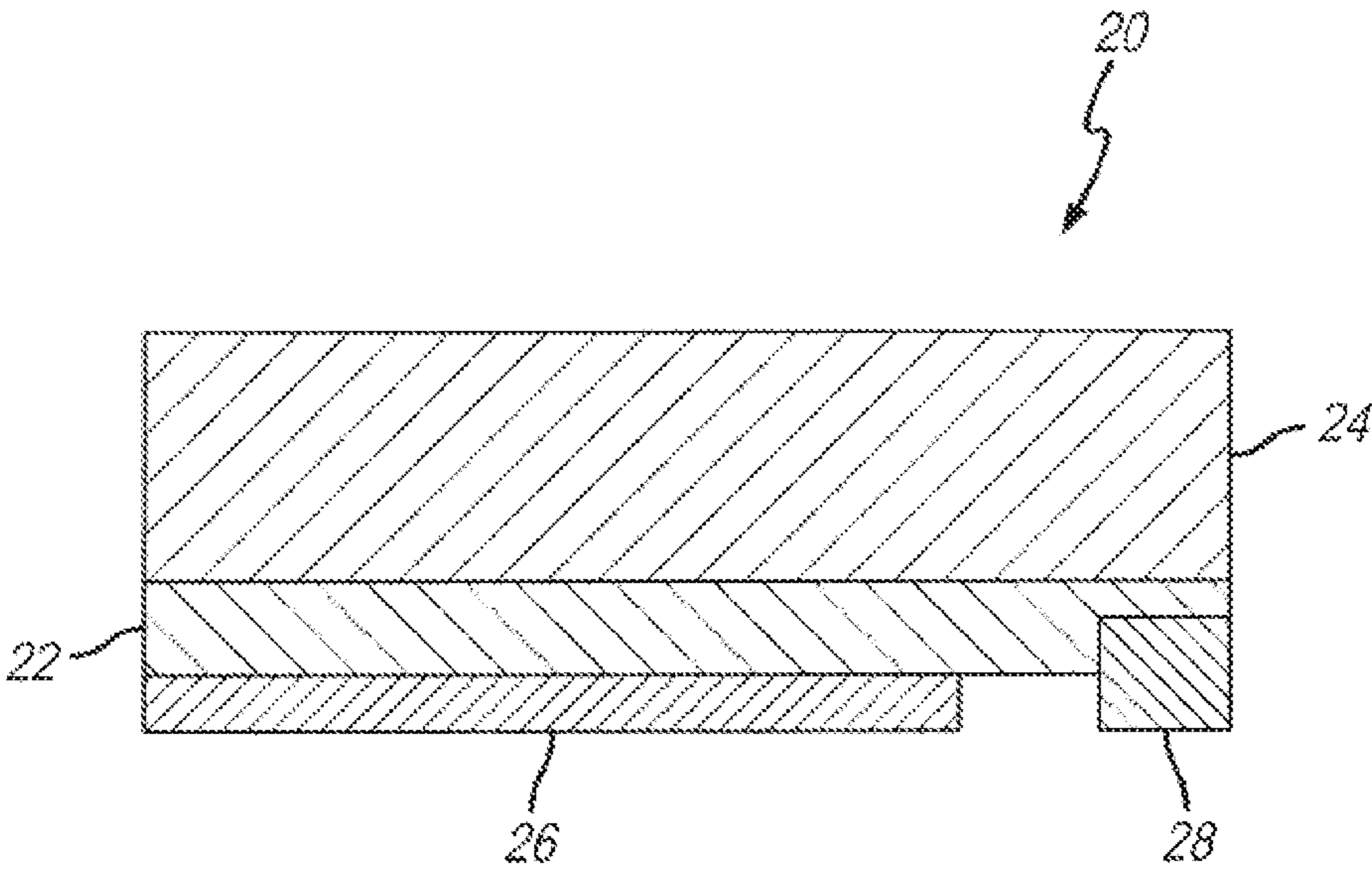


FIG. 2

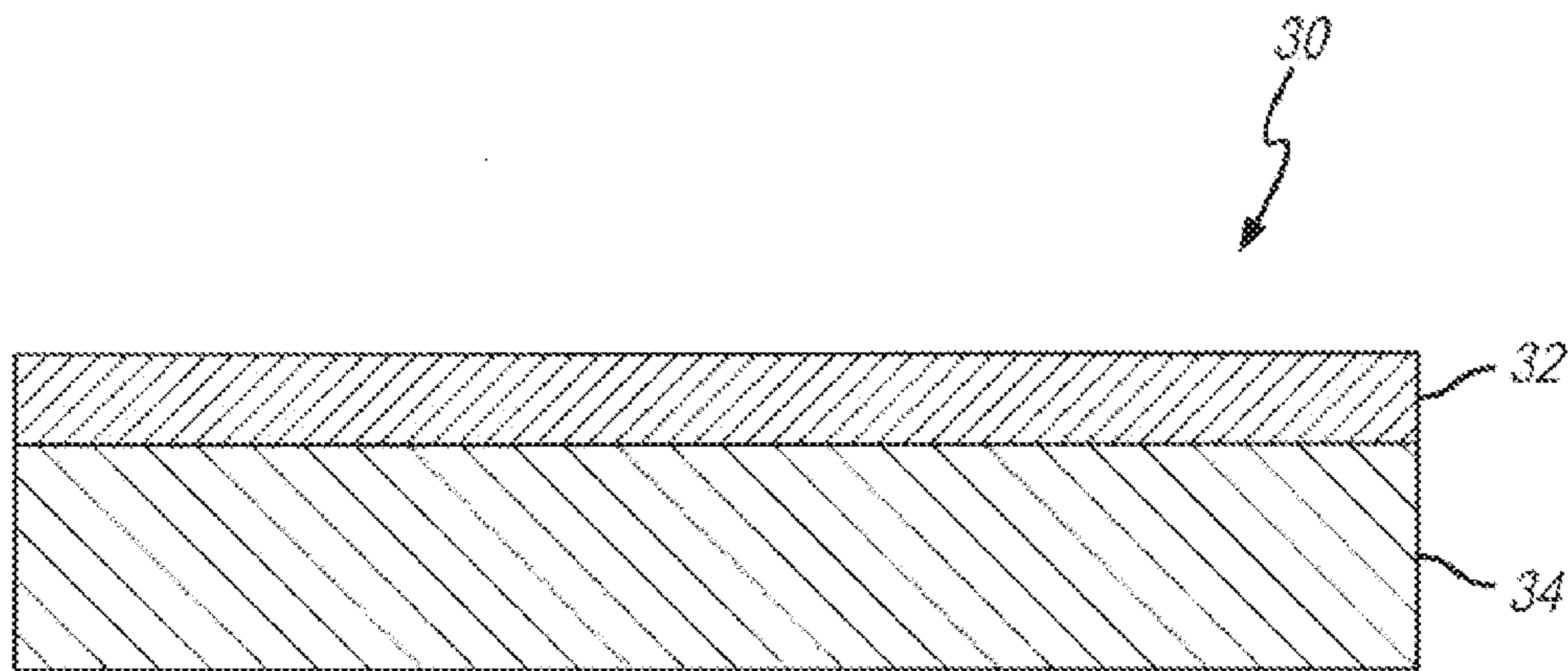


FIG. 3A

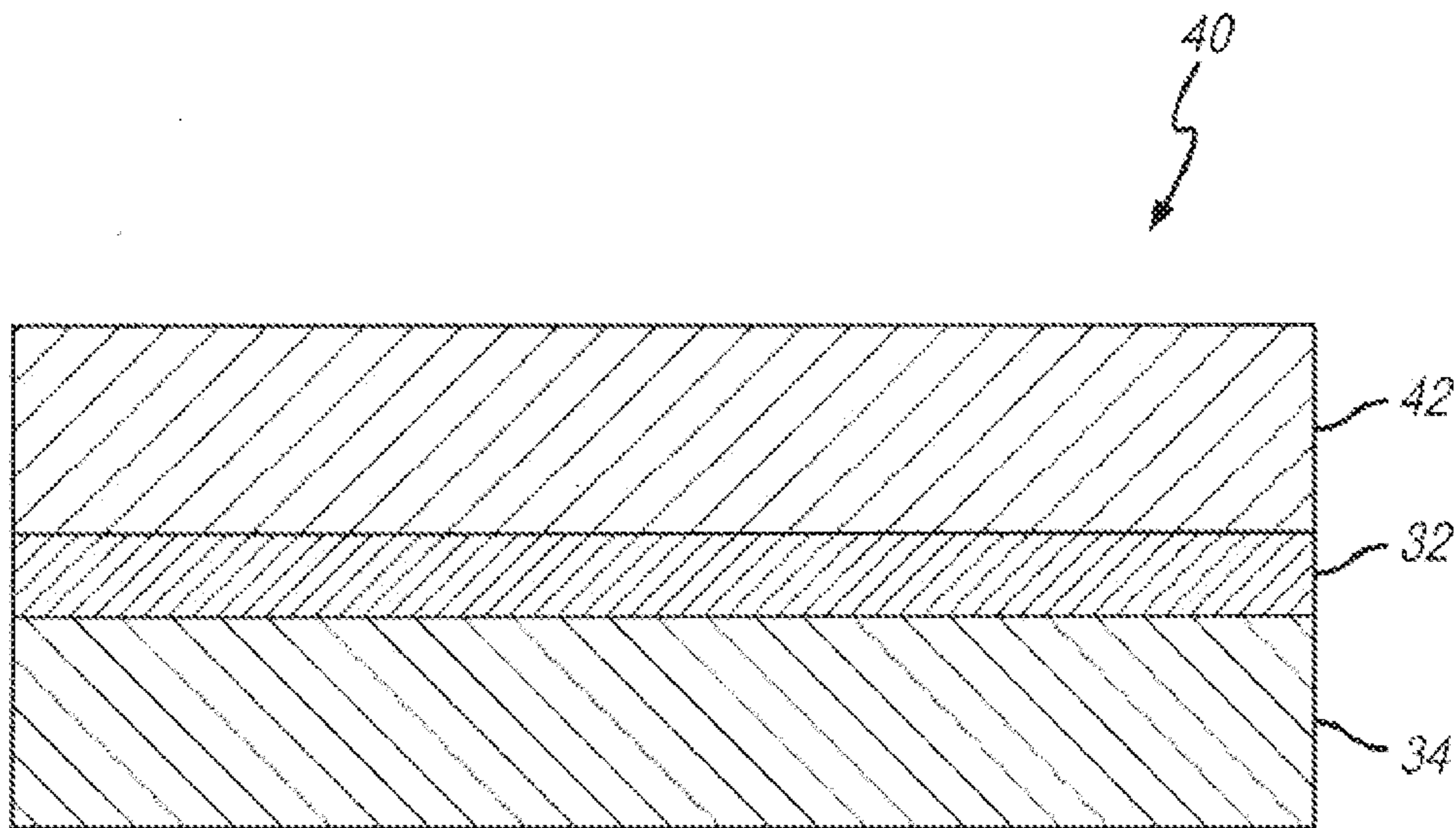


FIG. 3B

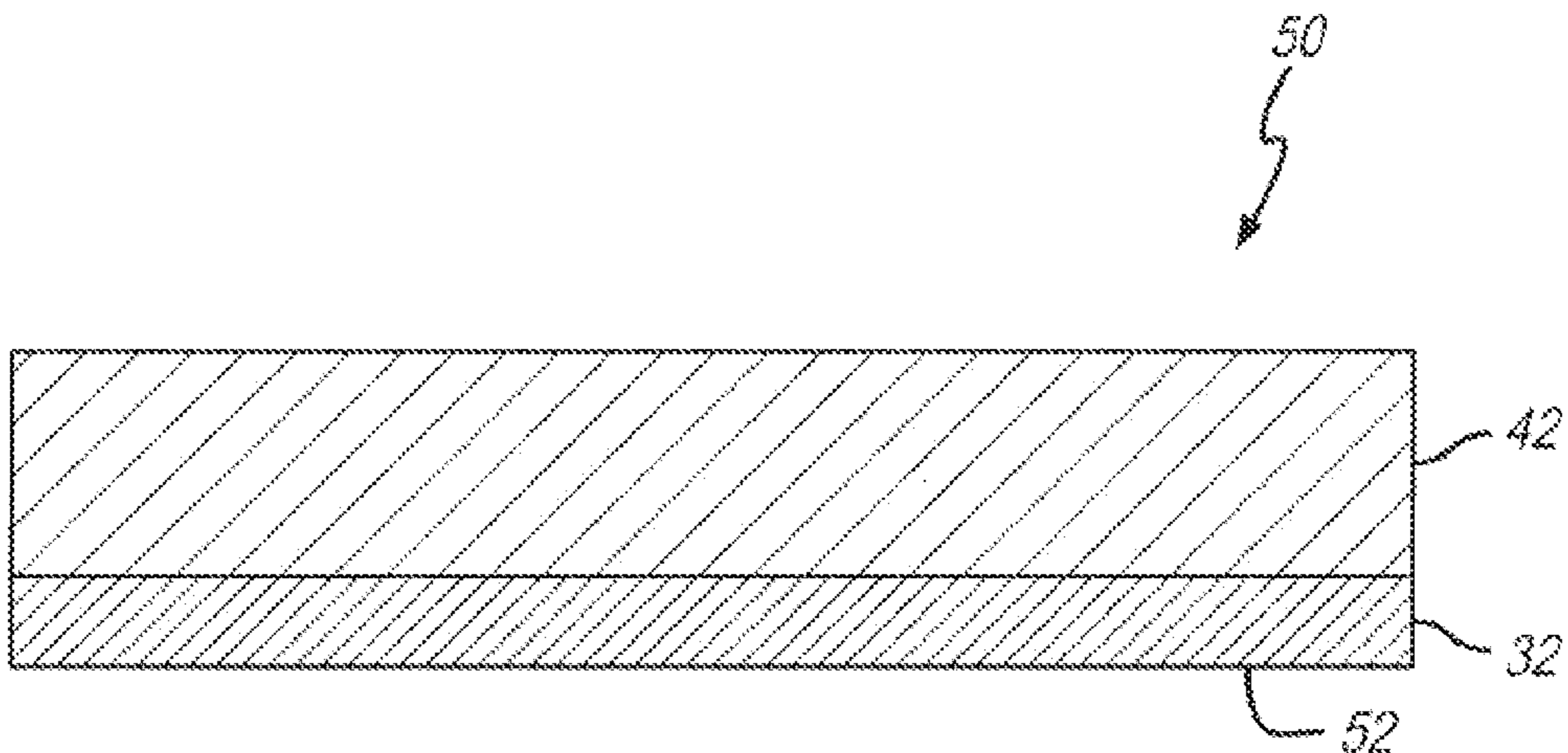


FIG. 3C

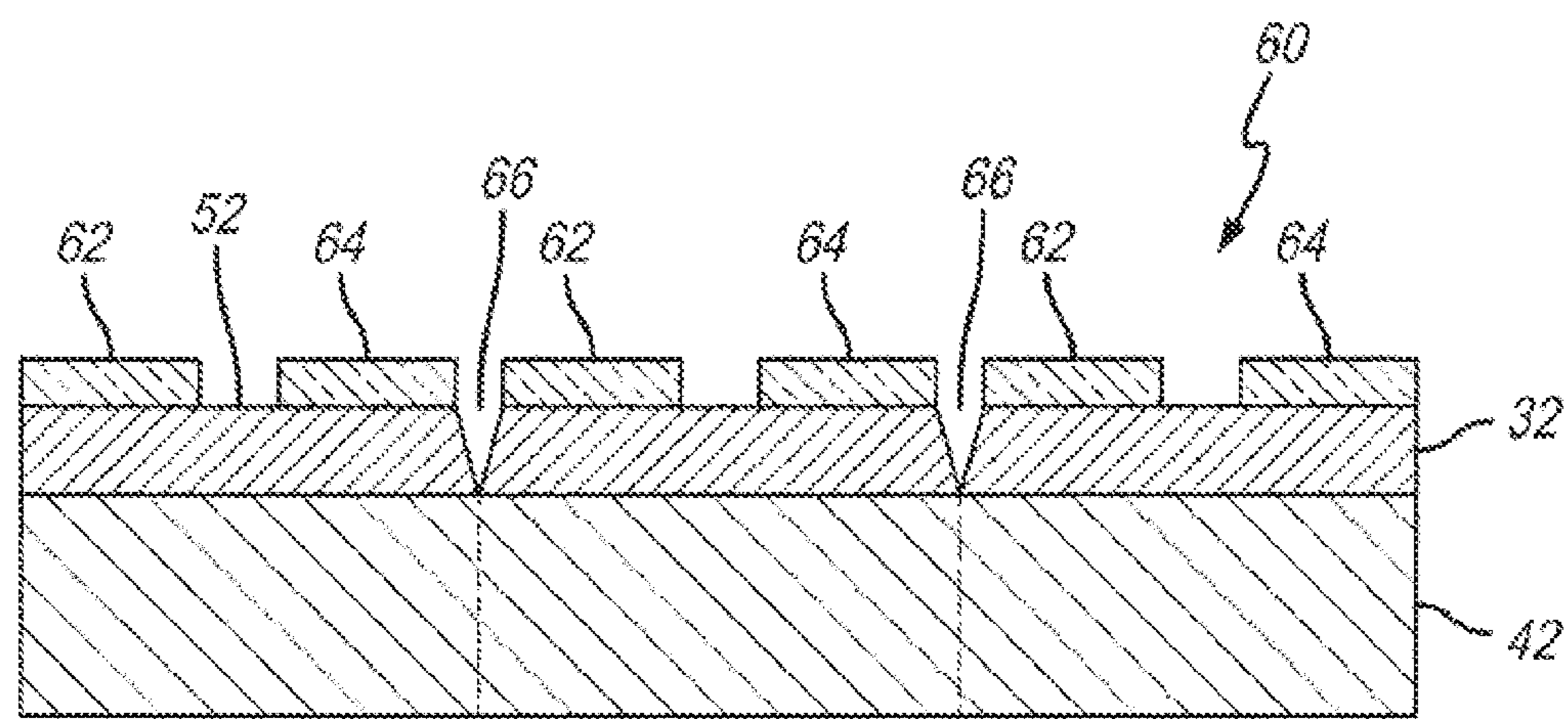


FIG. 3D

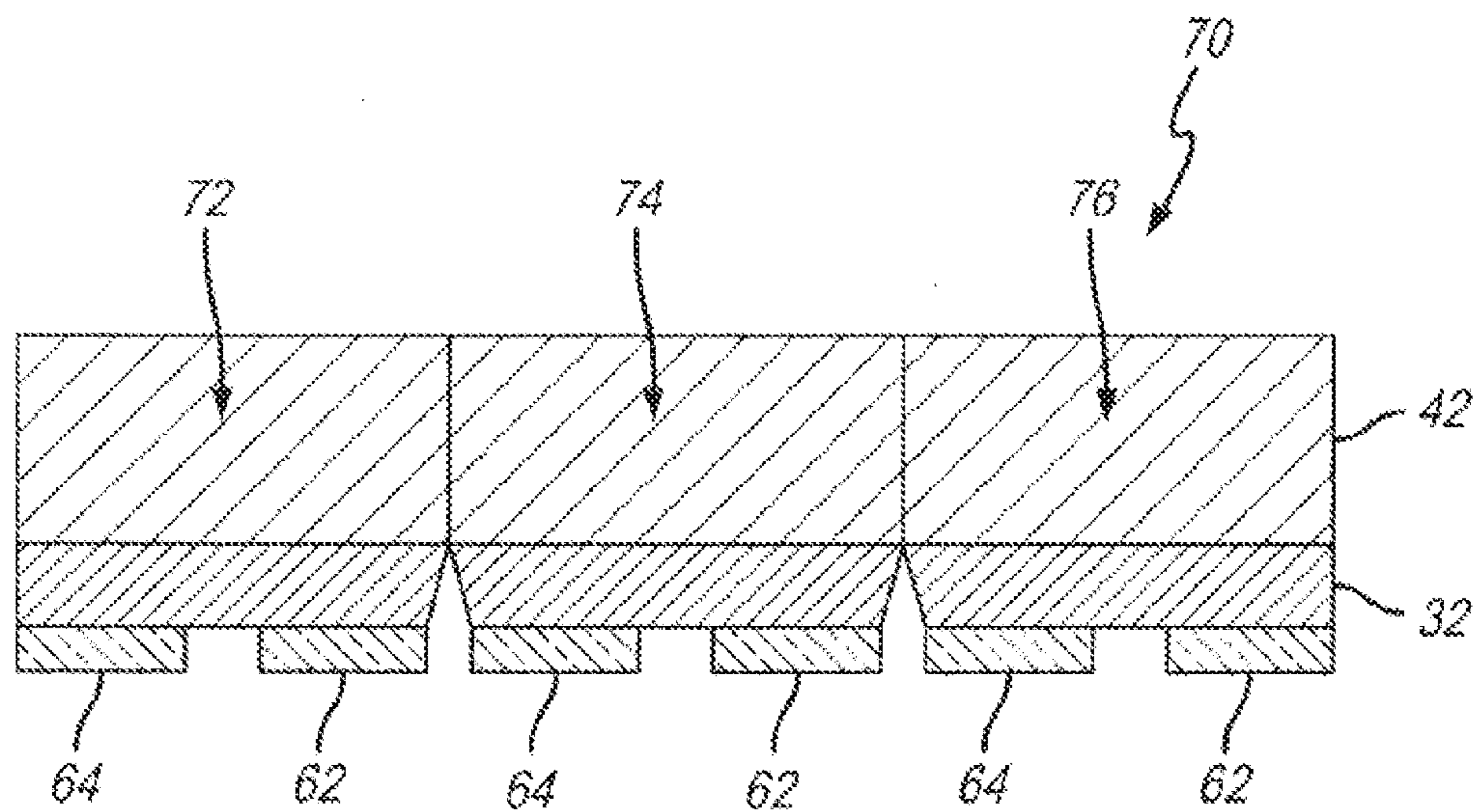


FIG. 3E

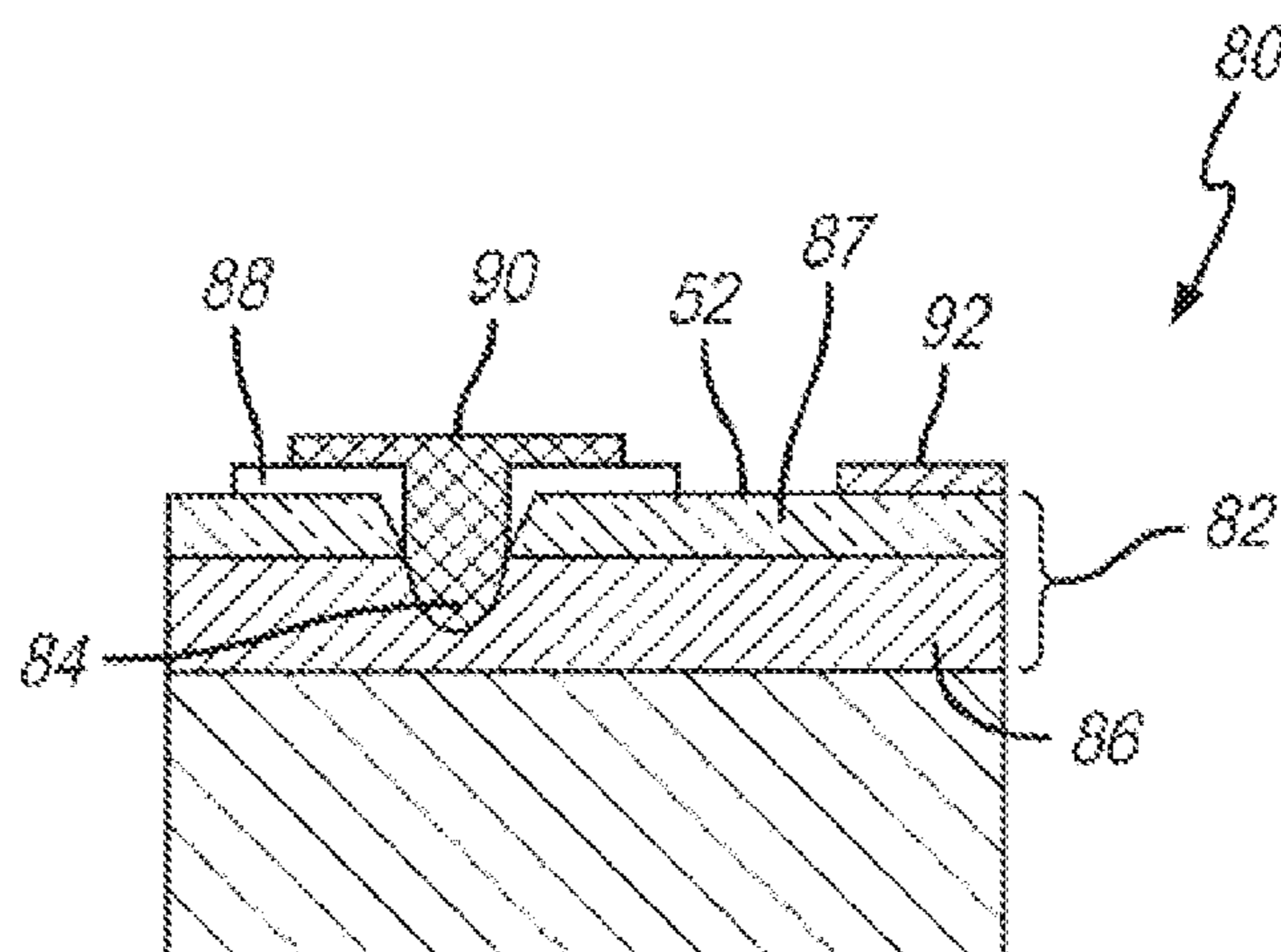


FIG. 4

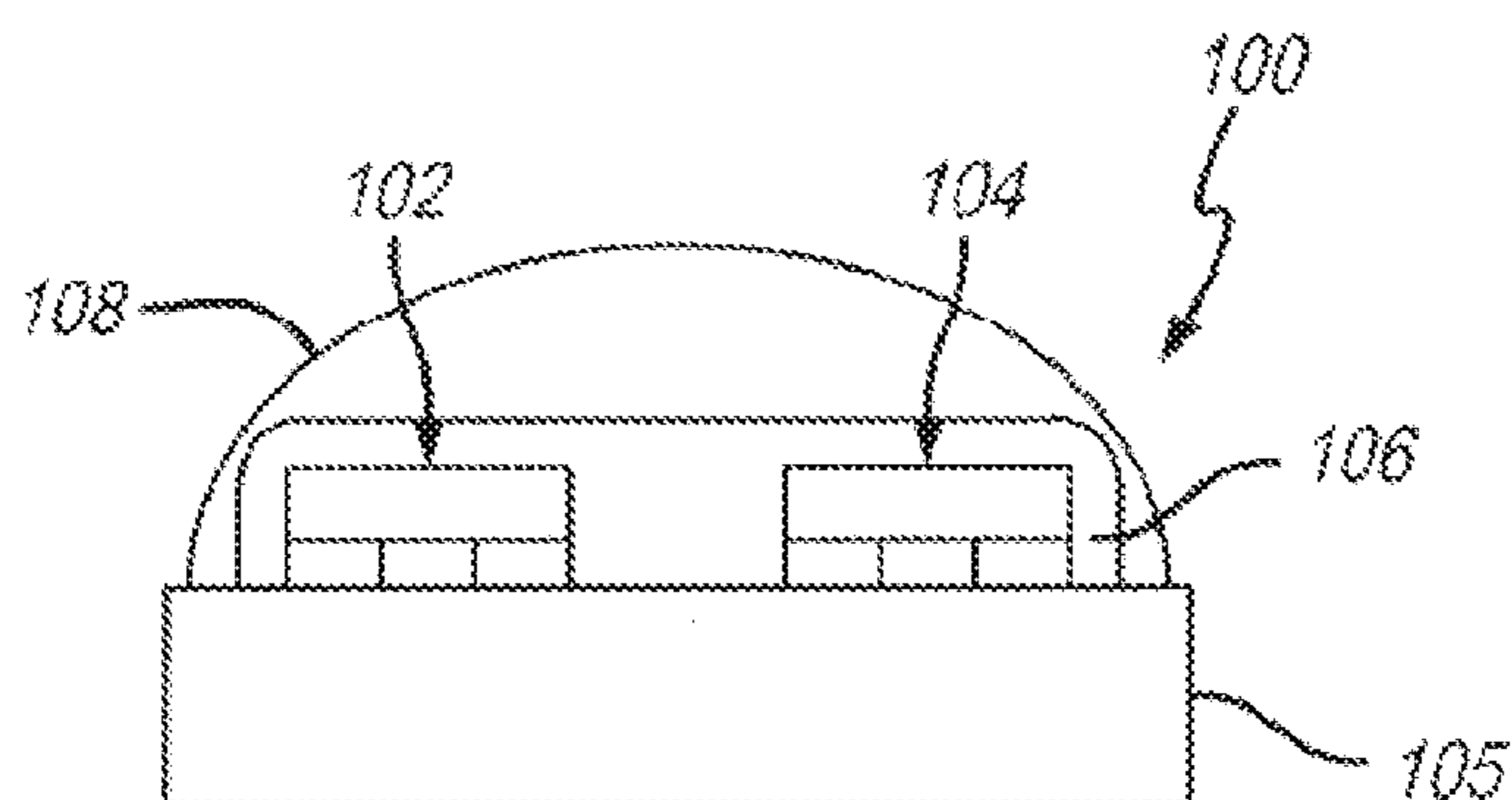


FIG. 5

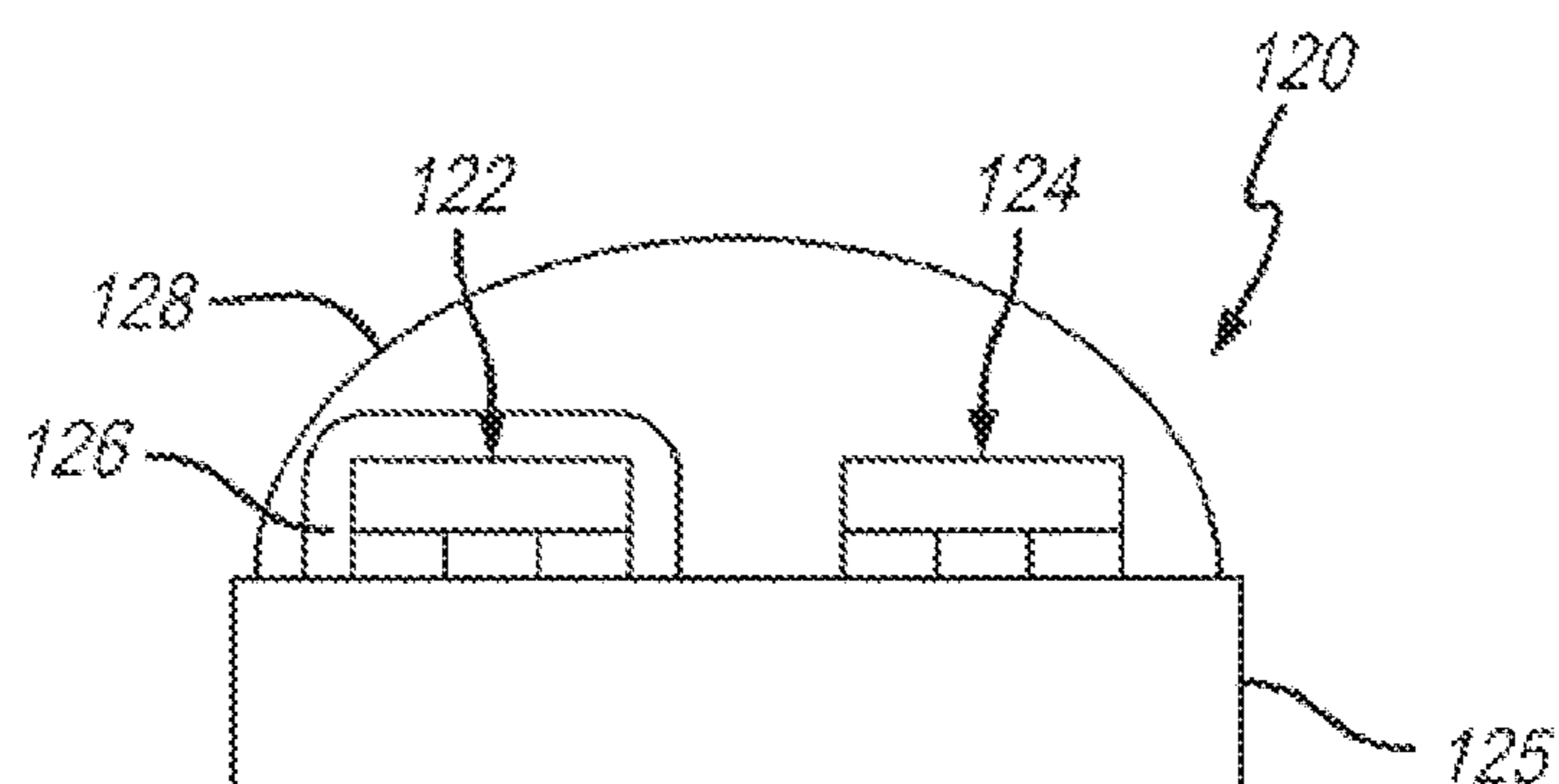


FIG. 6

RED FLIP CHIP LIGHT EMITTING DIODE, PACKAGE, AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This patent application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/986,748 filed May 22, 2018, now U.S. Pat. No. 10,461,064 issued Oct. 29, 2019, which is a division of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/752,803 filed Jun. 26, 2015, now U.S. Pat. No. 9,978,724 issued May 22, 2018, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/018,511 filed on Jun. 27, 2014, which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

FIELD

[0002] Disclosed herein is a red flip chip light emitting diode, light emitting diode packaging comprising the same, and methods for making the same.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Flip chip light emitting diodes (LEDs) and the use of the same in light emitting assemblies are known in the art. Such known flip chip LEDs are constructed making use of active materials known to produce light in a blue wavelength when subjected to a power source to initiate current flow through the flip chip, and are referred to as blue flip chip LEDs. Such blue flip chip LEDs are used to accommodate white LED applications. However, there also exists a need for multi-color applications that are not currently satisfied by use of the blue flip chip LEDs.

[0004] It is, therefore, desired that a LED be developed in a manner that addresses and meets the needs of such multi-color applications. It is further desired that such LED be constructed having an architecture that is the same as or similar to the architecture of other LEDs that may be used in an LED package to thereby simplify the assembly process and optical and thermal design.

SUMMARY

[0005] Flip chip LEDs as disclosed herein comprise a carrier formed from a material transparent to light having a wavelength of from about 550 to 650 nm, and an active material layer bonded to the carrier and emitting light having a wavelength of from about 550 to 650 nm. In an example, the active material comprises AlInGaP, and the carrier material is selected from the group consisting of sapphire, glass, quartz, AlN, GaP and combinations thereof. Flip chip LEDs as disclosed herein have a first electrical terminal in contact with a first region of the active material layer, and a second electrical terminal in contact with a second region of the active material layer. In an example, the first and second electrical terminals are positioned along a common surface of the active material layer to facilitate electrically connecting the light emitting diode with electrical contacts positioned along an opposed surface of a connection member. In an example, the first region is disposed a depth beneath the second region and the first electrical terminal is electrically isolated from the second region.

[0006] Chip-on-board LED packages as disclosed herein comprise a plurality of the flip chip LEDs as described above, wherein one of the first or second electrical terminals

are interconnected with others of the first or second electrical terminals. The flip chip LEDs are covered with a phosphorus material comprising a yellow constituent. The chip-on-board package may further comprise a transparent material disposed over the phosphorus material.

[0007] Chip-on-board LED packages as disclosed herein may further comprise a plurality of flip chip LEDs comprising an active layer material emitting light having a wavelength in the range of from about 420 to 500 nm, where such flip chip LEDs are positioned adjacent the flip chip LEDs disclosed above emitting light in a wavelength of from about 550 to 650 nm. In such embodiment, the different flip chip LEDs are each encapsulated by a phosphor material comprising a yellow constituent. For example, the phosphor material disposed over the first flip chip LEDs may have a different composition of the yellow constituent than the phosphor material disposed over the second flip chip LEDs. In an example, the chip-on-board LED package comprising the different flip chip LEDs further comprise a light transparent material disposed over the phosphor material, wherein the light transparent material may comprise a silicone material. In such chip-on-board LED package, the different flip chip LEDs comprise a pair of electrical terminals disposed along a common surface of the respective different flip chip LEDs.

[0008] Flip chip LEDs as disclosed herein may be made by the method of growing a layer of active material that emits light having a wavelength of from about 550 to 650 nm, wherein the layer of active material is grown onto a substrate having a crystalline lattice matching the crystalline lattice of the layer of active material. In an example, the active material may be AlInGaP, and the substrate may comprise GaAs. A carrier is attached to a surface of the active material layer that is opposite the substrate, wherein the carrier is formed from a material transparent to light emitted from the active material layer, and the carrier is bonded to the active material layer so as to provide a transparent interface therebetween. In an example, the carrier is selected from the group consisting of sapphire, glass, quartz, AlN, GaP and combinations thereof. The substrate is removed from the active material layer, and a pair of electrodes is formed on the light emitting diode along a common surface of the active material layer for connecting with electrical contacts of an adjacent connection member positioned opposite the common surface. In an example, a first electrode is installed to extend from a surface of the active material layer to first region disposed a partial depth below the active material layer surface, and a second electrode is installed along the active material layer surface. A portion of the active material layer is removed to expose the first region prior to installing the first electrode. The first and second electrodes are electrically isolated from one another. In an example, the first or second electrode has a contact surface area that is greater than that of the other of the first or second electrode.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] These and other features and advantages of light-emitting diodes, assemblies and methods for making the same as disclosed herein will be appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings.

[0010] FIG. 1 illustrates a flip chip constructed to emit light in a blue wavelength;

[0011] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional side view of an example light emitting diode as disclosed herein constructed to emit light in a red wavelength;

[0012] FIGS. 3a to 3e illustrates different steps in making the light emitting diode as disclosed herein;

[0013] FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional illustration of an example light emitting diode as disclosed herein;

[0014] FIG. 5 is a schematic side view of an example light emitting assembly/package comprising a blue light emitting diode and a light emitting diode as disclosed herein; and

[0015] FIG. 6 is a schematic side view of an example light emitting assembly/package comprising a blue light emitting diode and a light emitting diode as disclosed herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0016] Light emitting diodes (LEDs) as disclosed herein are specially constructed having a flip chip architecture to emit light in yellow, amber and/or red wavelengths, and in an example in red wavelength of from about 550 to 650 nm. Such flip chips are referred to herein as red flip chip LEDs, and methods for making the same and packaging the same with other LEDs to provide an LED assembly/package capable of providing a multi-color output to meet the need of multi-color lighting applications are disclosed herein.

[0017] FIG. 1 illustrates a flip chip LED 10 constructed from materials enabling it to emit light in a blue wavelength in the range of from about 400 to 500 nm, herein referred to as a blue flip chip LED. In an example, the blue flip chip LED comprises an active material 12 formed for example from GaN that has been grown, e.g., epitaxially grown, onto a transparent substrate 14 such as one formed from sapphire or the like having a compatible crystalline lattice structure as GaN. The blue flip chip LED includes a pair of electrodes 16 and 18, e.g., P and N electrodes, disposed on one side of the LED 10, that extend to different regions of the GaN active material 12, and that facilitate electrical connection of the blue flip chip LED by connecting with respective electrical contacts opposite from and adjacent the blue flip chip LED, i.e., along one side of the blue flip chip LED.

[0018] FIG. 2 illustrates a flip chip LED 20 as disclosed herein construction from material enabling it to emit light in a red wavelength in the range of from about 550 to 650 nm, herein referred to as a red flip chip LED. Although it is to be understood that such flip chip LEDs as disclosed herein may also be constructed to emit light in the yellow and/or amber wavelengths. In an example, the red flip chip LED comprises an active layer 22 formed from a material capable of emitting such red wavelength light. In an example, the active material comprises AlInGaP. The active layer 22 is bonded or otherwise attached to a carrier 24 that is transparent to light emitted in such red wavelength. In an example, the carrier material can be selected from the group of materials including sapphire, glass, quartz, AlN, GaP and combinations thereof. In an example, the carrier is formed from sapphire. The red flip chip LED 20 includes a pair of electrodes 26 and 28, e.g., P and N electrodes, disposed on one side of the LED 20, that each extend to different regions of the AlInGaP active layer 22, and that facilitate electrical connection of the red flip chip LED by connecting with respective electrical contacts opposite from and adjacent the red flip chip LED, i.e., along one side of the red flip chip LED.

[0019] FIGS. 3a to 3e illustrate different stages of forming an example red flip chip LED as disclosed herein. Referring to FIG. 3a, in an initial stage of making construction 30, a layer of the active material 32 such as AlInGaP is epitaxially grown by known technique on a substrate 34. The substrate is selected from the group of materials having a crystalline lattice matching the crystalline lattice of the active material. In an example, where the active material is AlInGaP, the substrate is formed from GaAs. A desired layer thickness of the active material is grown onto the substrate as called for by the particular application.

[0020] Referring to FIG. 3b, in another stage of making construction 40, a carrier 42 is attached to the exposed surface of the active material 32 opposite from the substrate 34. The carrier can be selected from the materials noted above that is transparent to light in the red wavelength. The carrier 42 is bonded to the active material surface by transparent adhesive bond, fusion bond, and the like so that the interface between the active material and the carrier is transparent to permit light emitted from the active layer to pass through interface and through the carrier 42. Alternatively, the carrier may be provided in the form of a thick content of silicone or other transparent resin material that is bonded to the active material layer. At this stage of the process, the construction 40 comprises the active material 32 interposed or sandwiched between the carrier 42 on one side and the substrate 34 on an opposite side.

[0021] Referring to FIG. 3c, in another stage of making construction 50, the substrate (34 in FIG. 3b) is removed from the active material 32, thereby exposing a surface 52 of the active material 32. The substrate may be removed by etching process, by cutting process, and the like, or by other techniques and/or methods known in the art. The carrier 42 remains bonded to the active material.

[0022] Referring to FIG. 3d, in another stage of making construction 60, after the substrate has been removed and the surface 52 of the active material 32 exposed, electrodes 62 and 64, e.g., P and N electrodes, are formed along different sections of the construction, and portions 66 of the active material are removed for subsequent dicing to form LED dies. The carrier 42 remains bonded to the active material. FIG. 3e illustrates a further stage of making the construction 70, wherein the construction has been flipped over with the electrodes 62 and 64 positioned along a bottom portion of the construction 70 and attached with the active material 32. At this stage of making, the construction 70 has been subjected to a dicing process for forming individual dies 72, 74, and 76 therefrom. The carrier 42 remains bonded to the active material in each of the so-formed dies.

[0023] FIG. 4 illustrates a cross-sectional side view of a red flip chip LED 80 as disclosed herein. In an example, during the method step illustrated in FIG. 3d, the electrodes are formed using a buried contact process. As shown, a portion 84 of the active material 82 is removed a determined depth from the surface 52 to reach a first region 86 of the active material, e.g., a N region. An electrically insulating material 88 is disposed onto the surface 52 and into the depth of the active material to insulate a first electrode 90, e.g., an N electrode, from making contact with other regions of the active material. A second electrode 92, e.g., a P electrode, is formed on the surface 52 of the active material 82, e.g., a P region, and is electrically isolated from the first electrode and connects with a surface region 87 of the active material. If desired, the surface of one or both of the electrodes can be

enlarged or increased or otherwise configured to facilitate accommodating a particular LED package/assembly. In an example, one of the electrodes, e.g., the P electrode, may be construed having surface area that is greater than the other electrode, e.g., that may occupy 95 percent or so of the electrical contact area for the LED. It is to be understood that the particular size and/or configuration of the electrodes can and will vary depending on the particular application and electrical connection member or substrate.

[0024] FIG. 5 schematically illustrates a construction, package, or assembly 100 comprising a blue flip chip LED 102 that is positioned next to a red flip chip LED 104 as disclosed herein, wherein both flip chip LEDs are packaged together on a member 105. In this example, both the blue flip chip LED 102 and the red flip chip LED 104 are covered or encapsulated by a phosphor material 106 having a yellow constituent. In one example, the phosphor material covering the blue flip chip LED may have a different composition or amount of the yellow constituent, e.g., a greater amount, than the phosphor material covering the red flip chip LED. In such embodiment, the amount of the yellow constituent can be different to enable the assembly to emit light having a desired wavelength, e.g., an efficient warm white wavelength. In another embodiment, the phosphor material covering the blue flip chip LED and the red flip chip LED may have the same composition or amount of the yellow constituent. In such embodiment, where the phosphor material is the same, it may be desired that the concentration of the yellow constituent avoids or minimally overlaps light emitted from the red flip chip LED. The assembly 100 further comprises a transparent layer of material 108 that is disposed over the phosphor material. In an example, the transparent layer of material may comprise a silicone material.

[0025] FIG. 6 schematically illustrates a construction, package, or assembly 120 comprising a blue flip chip LED 122 that is positioned next to a red flip chip LED 124 as disclosed herein, wherein both flip chip LEDs are packaged together on a member 125. In this example, only the blue flip chip LED 122 is covered or encapsulated by a phosphor material 126 having a yellow constituent and the red flip chip LED 124 is not covered or encapsulated by the phosphor material. In such embodiment, the amount of the yellow constituent is provided to enable the assembly to emit light having a desired wavelength, e.g., an efficient warm white wavelength, without having to cover the red flip chip LED. The assembly 120 further comprises a transparent layer of material 128 that is disposed over the phosphor material covering the blue flip chip LED and over the red flip chip LED. In an example, the transparent layer of material may comprise a silicone material.

[0026] A feature of red flip chip LEDs, packaging, constructions and/or assemblies comprising the same, and methods of making as disclosed herein is that such enables use of flip chip architecture for introducing LEDs capable of emitting light in a red wavelength with other flip chip LEDs, e.g., blue flip chip LEDs, for the purpose of meeting needs of a variety of multi-color light applications, and efficiently being able to do so using LED assemblies already configured to accommodate such flip chip LED architecture, such as chip-on board LED packaging.

[0027] Although certain specific embodiments have been described and illustrated for purposes or reference, it is to be understood that the disclosure and illustrations as provided

herein not limited to the specific embodiments. Accordingly, various modifications, adaptations, and combinations of various features of the described embodiments can be practiced without departing from the scope what has been disclosed herein including in the following passages.

1.-38. (canceled)

39. A flip chip light emitting diode comprising:

- an active material layer grown on a substrate and emitting a light having a particular wavelength range;
 - a carrier bonded to a surface of the active material opposite from the substrate, wherein the carrier is formed from a material transparent to light within the range emitted by the active material layer;
 - a first electrical terminal disposed along a surface of the active layer exposed by removal of the substrate and the flip chip light emitting diode is free of the substrate, wherein the first electrical terminal is in contact with a first region of the active material layer; and
 - a second electrical terminal in contact with the surface of the active layer exposed by removal of the substrate, wherein the second electrical terminal is in contact with a second region of the active material layer;
- wherein the first and second electrical terminals are configured to electrically connect with electrical contacts positioned along an opposed surface of a connection member.

40. The flip chip light emitting diode as recited in claim 39, wherein the active material emits light within the wavelength of about 550 to 650 nm.

41. The flip chip light emitting diode as recited in claim 39, wherein the active material layer comprises AlInGaP.

42. The flip chip light emitting diode as recited in claim 39, wherein the first region is disposed a depth beneath the second region, and wherein the first electrical terminal is electrically isolated from the second region.

43. The flip chip light emitting diode as recited in claim 42, wherein the first electrical terminal includes a portion that extends into the active layer a greater depth than a portion of the second electrical terminal.

44. The flip chip light emitting diode as recited in claim 39, wherein the carrier is bonded to the active material layer by a transparent adhesive material, wherein the transparent adhesive material is interposed and in direct contact with the carrier and the active material layer.

45. A chip-on-board package comprising two flip chip light emitting diodes as recited in claim 39, wherein a first flip chip light emitting diode comprises an active material that emits light having a first wavelength range and the second flip chip light emitting diode comprises an active material that emits light having a second wavelength range that is different from the first wavelength range.

46. The chip-on-board package as recited in claim 45, wherein one of the first or second wavelength ranges is about 550 to 650 nm.

47. The chip-on-board package as recited in claim 46, wherein the other of the first or second wavelength ranges is about 420 to 500 nm.

48. A chip-on-board package comprising two flip chip light emitting diodes as recited in claim 39, wherein one or both of the flip chip light emitting diodes are covered with a phosphorus material comprising a yellow constituent.

49. The chip-on-board package as recited in claim 48, wherein one or both of the flip chip light elements further comprising a transparent material disposed thereover.

50. A chip-on-board light emitting diode package comprising:

- a first flip chip light emitting diode constructed to emit light in a first wavelength range; and
- a second flip chip light emitting diode constructed to emit light in a second wavelength range that is different than the first wavelength range;

wherein one of the first or second flip chip light emitting diodes comprise an active material layer bonded to a transparent carrier, wherein the carrier is different from a substrate used to grow the active material layer and removed therefrom, wherein a surface of the active material layer exposed by removal of the comprises a pair of electrodes in direct contact with different regions of the active material layer, the exposed surface of the active layer being opposite the carrier;

wherein the one or both of the first and second flip chip light emitting diodes are comprise a phosphor material disposed thereover.

51. The chip-on-board light emitting diode package as recited in claim **50**, wherein the second wavelength range is about 550 to 650 nm.

52. The chip-on board light emitting diode package as recited in claim **51**, wherein the second flip chip light emitting diode comprises the phosphor material, and wherein the phosphor material comprises a yellow constituent.

53. The chip-on-board light emitting diode package as recited in claim **50**, wherein the carrier is selected from the group consisting of sapphire, glass, quartz, AlN, GaP and combinations thereof.

54. The chip-on-board light emitting diode package as recited in claim **50** further comprising a transparent material disposed over one or both of the first and second flip chip light emitting diodes.

55. A method for making a flip chip light emitting diode comprising the steps of:

- growing a layer of active material onto a substrate;
- attaching a carrier to a surface of the active material layer opposite the substrate, wherein the carrier is formed from a material transparent to a wavelength of light emitted from the active material layer;
- removing the substrate from the active material layer providing an exposed active material layer surface; and
- forming a pair of electrodes along the exposed active material layer.

56. The method as recited in claim **55**, wherein the active material layer emits light having a wavelength of about 550 to 650 nm.

57. The method as recited in claim **55**, wherein during the step of attaching, the carrier is bonded to the active material layer by a transparent adhesive layer, wherein the transparent adhesive layer is in direct contact with both the active material layer and the carrier.

58. The method as recited in claim **55**, wherein during the step of forming, a first electrode is provided that extends within the active material layer to a first region and a second electrode is provided that extends within the active material layer to a second region, wherein the first region at a depth different from the second region.

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