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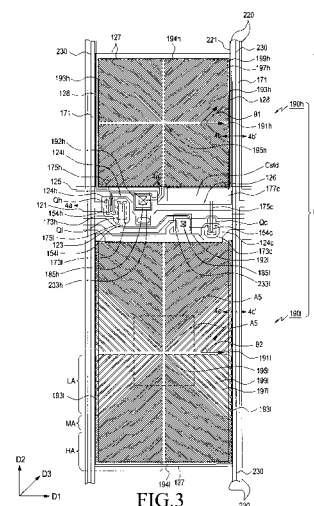
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(54) **Liquid crystal display panel**

(57) A liquid crystal display panel (300), including: a first substrate (200) including a common electrode (270); a second substrate (100) including a plurality of pixels (PX) which are arranged in a matrix form and face the common electrode (270), wherein at least one of the pixels (PX) includes first and second subpixels (190h, 190l); the first subpixel (190h) including a first subpixel electrode (191h), wherein the first subpixel electrode includes a plurality of first micro branches (197h), which are arranged at a first angle (θ_1) with respect to a polarization axis (D1) of a polarizer disposed adjacent to the first or second substrate; the second subpixel (190l) including a second subpixel electrode (191l), wherein the second subpixel electrode includes a plurality of second micro branches (197l), which are arranged at a second angle (θ_2) with respect to the polarization axis of the polarizer, wherein the first angle is different from the second angle by about 20° or less; and a liquid crystal layer (3) inter-

posed between the first and second substrates.



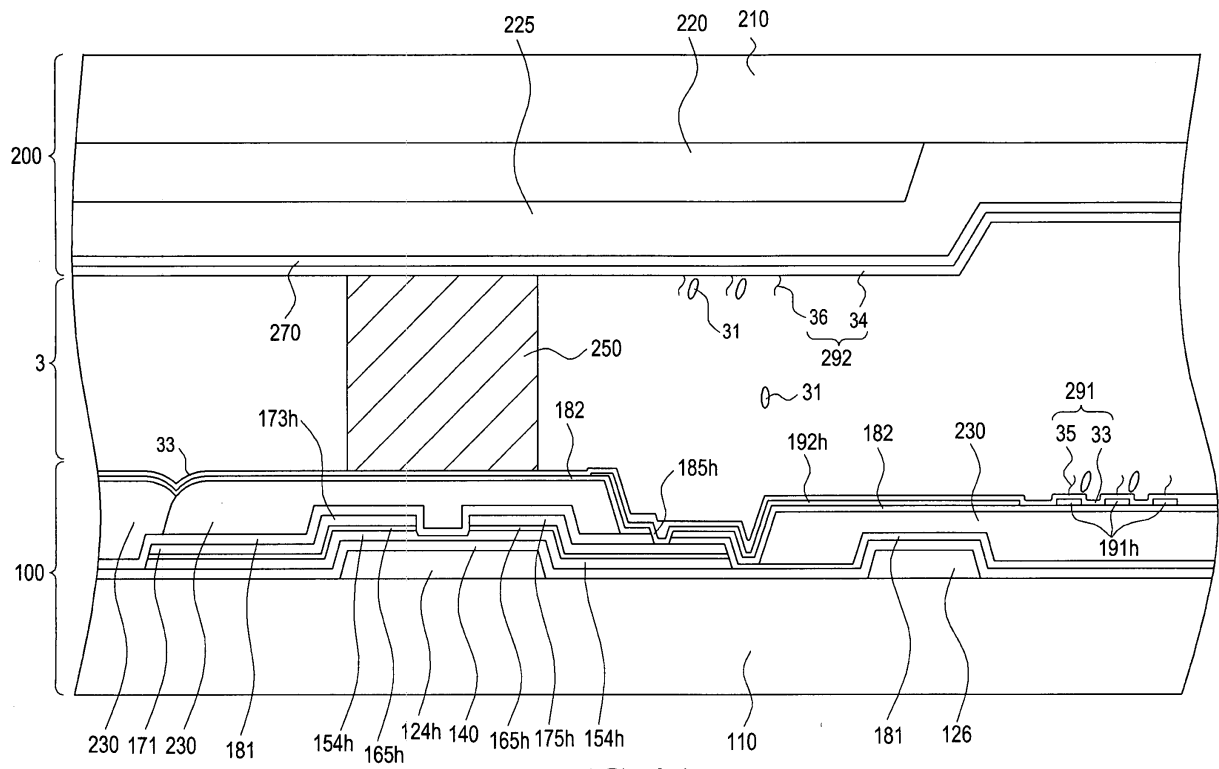


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1. claims: 1-7, 14-20, 23-26

Liquid crystal display panel, comprising a first substrate including a common electrode and a second substrate including a plurality of pixels which are arranged in a matrix form and face the common electrode, wherein at least one of the pixels includes first and second sub-pixels, the first sub-pixel including a first sub-pixel electrode, wherein the first sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of first micro branches which are arranged at a first angle with respect to a polarization axis of a polarizer disposed adjacent to the first or second substrate (implicit for claims 23-26), the second sub-pixel including a second sub-pixel electrode, wherein the second sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of second micro branches which are arranged at a second angle with respect to the polarization axis of the polarizer (implicit for claims 23-26), and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first and second substrates, wherein either the first angle is different from the second angle by about 20° or less; or the first sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of first micro slits having first widths and the second sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of second micro slits having second widths and at least one of the first or second widths of the first or second micro slits formed on at least one of the first or second sub-pixels in the pixel group is different from at least one of the first or second widths of the first or second micro slits formed on the rest of the first or second sub-pixels in the pixel group; or the first sub-pixel electrode includes a first sub-domain having a plurality of first micro branches and a second sub-domain having a plurality of second micro branches, while the second sub-pixel electrode includes a third sub-domain having a plurality of third micro branches and a fourth sub-domain having a plurality of fourth micro branches, and a plurality of first, second, third and fourth micro slits formed, respectively, between the plurality of first, second, third and fourth micro branches, at least one of the first, second, third or fourth micro slits increasing in width as the micro slit extends from an inner portion to an outer portion of the first or second sub-pixel electrode, and wherein the ratio of the second area of the second sub-pixel electrode to the area of the first sub-pixel electrode being about 1.5 to about 2.

2. claims: 8, 9

Liquid crystal display panel, comprising a first substrate including a common electrode and a second substrate including a plurality of pixels which are arranged in a



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matrix form and face the common electrode, wherein at least one of the pixels includes first and second sub-pixels, the first sub-pixel including a first sub-pixel electrode, wherein the first sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of first micro branches which are arranged at a first angle with respect to a polarization axis of a polarizer disposed adjacent to the first or second substrate, the second sub-pixel including a second sub-pixel electrode, wherein the second sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of second micro branches which are arranged at a second angle with respect to the polarization axis of the polarizer, and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first and second substrates, wherein the first angle is different from the second angle by about 20° or less and wherein a first or second stripe-shaped micro branch connection portion is formed in the outer portion of the first or second sub-pixel electrode.

3. claims: 10-13, 21, 22

Liquid crystal display panel, comprising a first substrate including a common electrode and a second substrate including a plurality of pixels which are arranged in a matrix form and face the common electrode, wherein at least one of the pixels includes first and second sub-pixels, the first sub-pixel including a first sub-pixel electrode, wherein the first sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of first micro branches which are arranged at a first angle with respect to a polarization axis of a polarizer disposed adjacent to the first or second substrate, the second sub-pixel including a second sub-pixel electrode, wherein the second sub-pixel electrode includes a plurality of second micro branches which are arranged at a second angle with respect to the polarization axis of the polarizer, and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first and second substrates, wherein the first angle is different from the second angle by about 20° or less or wherein the first and second sub-pixel electrode respectively comprise first and second micro slits having first and second widths, at least one of the first or second widths of the micro slits on at least one sub-pixel being different from at least one of the first or second widths of the micro slits formed on the rest of the sub-pixels. The claims of the third grouping further comprise the feature of at least the first or the second sub-pixel electrodes including a first and a second (sub)-domain which have micro branches or micro slits of uniform width and which sandwich a third (sub)-domain having different widths of the micro branches or micro slits.



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4. claim: 27

Liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate, a common electrode formed on the first substrate, a plurality of pixels formed on the second substrate and arranged in a matrix form in rows and columns, at least one of the plurality of pixels having first and second sub-pixel electrodes that face the common electrode, the first sub-pixel electrode including a first sub-domain having a plurality of first micro branches, and a second sub-domain having a plurality of second micro branches, the second sub-pixel electrode including a third sub-domain having a plurality of third micro branches, and a fourth sub-domain having a plurality of fourth micro branches, and a plurality of first, second, third and fourth micro slits formed, respectively, between the plurality of first, second, third and fourth micro branches, wherein at least one of the first, second, third or fourth micro slits increases in width as the micro slit extends from an inner portion to an outer portion of the first or second sub-pixel electrode, and wherein the average of all widths of the plurality of first micro slits is greater than the average of all widths of the plurality of second micro slits.

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摘要(译)

一种液晶显示面板 (300) , 包括 : 第一基板 (200) , 包括公共电极 (270) ; 包括多个像素 (PX) 的第二基板 (100) , 所述多个像素以矩阵形式布置并面向公共电极 (270) , 其中至少一个像素 (PX) 包括第一和第二子像素 (190h , 1901) ; 包括第一子像素

FIG.3