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Description

FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to the field of touch sensing and liquid crystal display (LCD), and in particular to an in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module and a method for driving the same.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Touch panels are touch-sensing input apparatuses, which are widely used at present. The most commonly known types of touch panels include resistive touch panels, capacitive touch panels, surface infrared touch panels, and the like according to the principle of touch sensing. The resistive touch panel has been popular for years due to its advantages such as low cost, easy implementation and simple control. In recent years, the capacitive touch panel becomes popular because it has high light transmittance, good abrasion resistance, good resistance to variations in environment temperature and humidity, a long operating life, and advanced and complex functions such as multi touch.

[0003] Integrating the touch panel as a user operating interface into a display device such as an LCD screen is well-known. Traditionally, the touch panel is adhered externally to the display screen. In this case, the touch panel and the display screen are fabricated separately and then assembled together. As shown in FIG. 1, a touch panel 10 includes a first protection layer 11, a second protection layer 13 and a touch layer 12 located between the first protection layer 11 and the second protection layer 13. The first protection layer 11 and the second protection layer 13 may be glass or special material films. The first protection layer 11 is disposed at the outside of the touch panel 10, and the second protection layer 13 is disposed close to the display screen 20. The display screen 20 includes an upper glass substrate 21 and a lower glass substrate 22. A black matrix layer 23, a color filter layer 24, a common electrode layer 25, a liquid crystal layer 26 and a thin film transistor (abbreviated as TFT) layer 27 are formed sequentially between the upper glass substrate 21 and the lower glass substrate 22. The above touch panel 10 is an outboard touch panel, and the display screen 20 has a poor optical performance due to the complex structure and large thickness of the touch panel 10.

[0004] In order to reduce the thickness of the whole module and improve the optical performance, the way for integrating the touch panel into the display screen directly (i.e., the touch panel and the display screen are manufactured simultaneously) has aroused more and more concern. In this way, the touch panel structure is fabricated at the upper glass substrate of the LCD screen. The touch panel includes an on-cell touch panel (on-cell TP) and an in-cell touch panel (in-cell TP) according to integrating manner.

[0005] For the on cell touch panel, the touch panel is integrated into the outside surface of the upper glass substrate of the display screen, that is, the upper glass substrate of the display screen is also used as the lower protection layer of the touch panel. As shown in FIG. 2, a touch panel 30 includes a protection layer 31 and a touch layer 32 below the protection layer 31, and the protection layer 31 is placed outside the touch panel. A display screen 40 includes an upper glass substrate 41 and a lower glass substrate 42. A black matrix layer 43, a color filter layer 44, a common electrode layer 45, a liquid crystal layer 46 and a thin film transistor (abbreviated as TFT) layer 47 are formed sequentially between the upper glass substrate 41 and the lower glass substrate 42.

[0006] For the in-cell touch panel, the touch panel structure is completely integrated into the liquid crystal screen. As shown in FIG. 3, the in-cell touch panel LCD module includes an upper glass substrate 51; a lower glass substrate 52; and a touch layer 53, a black matrix layer 54, a color filter layer 55, a common electrode layer 56, a liquid crystal layer 57 and a TFT layer 58 formed sequentially between the upper glass substrate 51 and the lower glass substrate 52.

[0007] The touch layer in the on cell touch panel and the in-cell touch panel includes multiple parallel driving lines extending in an X direction and multiple parallel sensing lines extending in a Y direction, and the driving lines cross the sensing lines. The detection principle of the touch panel is: applying a driving signal to the driving line and detecting the signal change on the sensing line. The driving line is used to determine the coordinate in the X direction of the touch point, and the sensing line is used to determine the coordinate in the Y direction of the touch point. In detecting, the driving lines in the X direction are scanned line by line and the signal on each sensing line is read during the scanning, thus each of crossing points of the driving lines and the sensing lines may be traversed by one cycle of scanning. Therefore, the point corresponding to the touch action is determined. An equivalent circuit diagram of the crossing point of the driving line and the sensing line is shown in FIG. 4. A mutual capacitance 61 is coupled at each crossing point, and the mutual capacitance 61 is equal to a sum of a right opposite capacitance formed at the position at which the driving line is right opposite to the sensing line and an edge capacitance formed at the edge positions of the driving line and the sensing line. An equivalent resistance of the driving line is defined as resistance 62, and an equivalent resistance of the sensing line is defined as resistance 63. Capacitance 64 is equivalent to a parasitic capacitance of the driving line with respect to the ground, and capacitance 65 is equivalent to a parasitic capacitance of the sensing line with respect to the ground. An excitation source 66 generates a drive signal. A touch control detection circuit 67 is an amplifier which converts an electric signal on the sensing line into an output voltage signal Vout. When the touch panel is touched by a

finger, a bridge is built between the driving line and the sensing line at the touch location as the finger is an electrical conductor, that is, a capacitor is connected with the mutual capacitance 61 in parallel, therefore, the value of equivalent mutual capacitance 61 is increased, which causes a change in an electric signal on the sensing line, and accordingly, a change of the output voltage V_{out} .

[0008] The on-cell touch panel has the advantage of small noise interference, but also has complex production process and low yield compared with the in-cell touch panel. Therefore, the in-cell touch panel is mostly widely employed. However, the touch layer is very close to the common electrode layer in the existing in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD apparatus, and the touch panel is sensing the touch control signal from the user while the LCD screen is displaying images frame by frame, therefore, the touch panel is likely to be affected by the electrical noise generated by the LCD screen, leading to a low signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel.

[0009] US 2012/086665 A1 discloses a liquid crystal display device, which comprises first and second substrates; gate and data lines arranged to cross each other on the first substrate to define a pixel region; a pixel electrode formed in the pixel region; a common electrode forming an electric field together with the pixel electrode and sensing a touch of a user; a light shielding layer formed on the second substrate to shield light leakage to a region other than the pixel region; column spacers formed on the light shielding layer to maintain a cell gap; and a sensing line formed on the column spacers and electrically connected with the common electrode.

[0010] US 2012/218482 A1 discloses a touch integrated display device which reduces a thickness of a display device and can improve touch performance. The touch integrated display device according to one embodiment of the present invention can include: a TFT positioned on a lower substrate; a pixel electrode connected to the TFT; a common electrode facing the pixel electrode to form electric field; a liquid crystal layer positioned on the common electrode; an upper substrate facing the lower substrate which is positioned at both sides of the liquid crystal layer; a driving electrode which is positioned on one side of the upper substrate adjacent to the liquid crystal layer; and a sensing electrode which is positioned on the other side of the upper substrate and faces the driving electrode.

[0011] US 2012/206403 A1 discloses a touch-sensitive display device including a color filter substrate, an array substrate, a liquid crystal layer, and a touch-sensing structure. The touch-sensing structure is disposed on the color filter substrate and includes at least one first sensing series and at least one second sensing series overlapped with and spaced apart from the first sensing series. During a touch-sensing operation, the first sensing series receives a common voltage scanning signal, and the second sensing series receives a sensing signal to sense coupling capacitance formed as a result of a touch action when the common voltage scanning signal

drives the first sensing series.

[0012] US 2008/224971 A1 discloses a liquid crystal device including a liquid crystal panel, a plurality of detection electrodes, a switching circuit, and a position identification device. The liquid crystal panel is configured so that a liquid crystal is sealed in a gap between a first substrate and a second substrate, which are opposed to each other, and a voltage of an opposite electrode opposite the liquid crystal periodically varies. The plurality of detection electrodes are provided on a side opposite to a side on which the liquid crystal is provided via the first substrate, wherein an initial voltage is induced in each of the plurality of detection electrodes on the basis of a variation in voltage of the opposite electrode. The switching circuit sequentially connects each of the plurality of detection electrodes, in which the initial voltages are induced, to a detection portion; The position identification device generates a position signal that indicates a position of a pointing body on the basis of a detection signal produced in the detection portion.

[0013] US 2010/128000 A1 discloses a touch sensing substrate including a substrate, first and second sensing series, a first dielectric layer, first and second dummy sensing series, a second dielectric layer, and a common electrode. The first sensing series are electrically insulated from each other, and so are the second sensing series. The first and the second sensing series are covered by the first dielectric layer. The first and the second dummy sensing series are disposed on the first dielectric layer. The first and the second dummy sensing series are disposed above the first and the second sensing series, respectively, and the dummy sensing series and the sensing series corresponding thereto have the same potential. The first and the second dummy sensing series are covered by the second dielectric layer. The common electrode is disposed on the second dielectric layer.

SUMMARY

[0014] The technical problem to be solved by the present invention is that the signal-to-noise ratio of the existing in-cell touch panel is low.

[0015] This problem is solved by a LCD module and a method for driving a LCD module as defined in the independent claims.

[0016] FIG. 5 is a circuit principle diagram of a conventional liquid crystal screen. As shown in FIG. 5, the liquid crystal screen includes a liquid crystal display array including multiple gate electrode wires 71 and multiple source electrode wires 72. The gate electrode wires 71 are controlled by a gate electrode drive circuit 73 and the source electrode wires 72 are controlled by a source electrode drive circuit 74. The crossing point of the gate electrode wire 71 and the source electrode wire 72 forms a display pixel, and each display pixel includes a pixel on-off switch 75, a display pixel equivalent capacitance 76 and a storage capacitance 77. The pixel on-off switch 75 is a thin film transistor (TFT), and the display pixel equiv-

alent capacitance 76 consists of a pixel electrode and a common electrode. When the liquid crystal screen is displaying an image, the gate electrode drive circuit 73 and the source electrode drive circuit 74 output pulses with the same pulse width to the gate electrode wires 71 and the source electrode wires 72 respectively. The gate electrode drive circuit 73 outputs a single pulse (i.e., a pixel selecting signal) to the gate electrode wires 71 line by line, and the source electrode drive circuit 74 outputs a continuous pulse to all the source electrode wires 72 simultaneously, thus a line by line scanning and imaging of pixels in the liquid crystal display array are achieved. Specifically, the pixel selecting signal on the gate electrode wire 71 selects pixels line-by-line in sequence, and the voltage level of the display signal on the source electrode wire 72 determines the gray scale value of each pixel.

[0017] The scan frequency of standard liquid crystal screen is 60 Hz, that is, each frame lasts approximately 16.7 milliseconds. However, for most of the pixel on-off switches of the liquid crystal display array, the width of the gate electrode pulse is small, and the time for scanning one frame in the line by line manner may be shorter than the standard time of each frame. Taking a Quarter Video Graphics Array (QVGA) liquid crystal screen with pixels of 240*320 as an example, the widest pulse that can be responded by the gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is 52 microseconds. Referring to FIG. 5, assuming that the gate electrode drive circuit 73 outputs a gate electrode drive pulse with a pulse width of 40 microseconds, only 13 milliseconds are needed for scanning all the pixels to form a frame of image with pixels of 240*320, that is, the liquid crystal screen has a time margin of 3.7 seconds being in an idle state. In the present invention, this time margin is used as a touch sensing time of the touch panel. The common electrode layer includes a first common electrode and a second common electrode which are independent from each other, and at least a portion of the driving line overlaps with the first common electrode and at least a portion of the sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode. A first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode and a second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode during the touch control time, where the first touch control signal causes the first common electrode to have an electric potential equal to that of the driving line, and the second touch control signal causes the second common electrode to have an electric potential equal to that of the sensing line. Therefore, the noise interference generated by the liquid crystal screen may be shielded and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel may be improved.

[0018] Based on the above concept, embodiments of the present invention provide an in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module includes:

a first substrate and a second substrate disposed

opposite to each other;

a touch layer disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, where the touch layer includes multiple spaced-apart driving lines and multiple spaced-apart sensing lines disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, where the driving lines cross the sensing lines;

a common electrode layer disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate and located below the driving lines and the sensing lines, where

the common electrode layer includes multiple spaced-apart first common electrodes and multiple spaced-apart second common electrodes; the driving lines are disposed at intervals between adjacent sensing lines, and the sensing lines are also disposed at intervals between adjacent driving lines;

the first common electrode is disposed at an interval between two adjacent second common electrodes, and the second common electrode is also disposed at an interval between two adjacent first common electrodes;

at least a portion of the driving line overlaps with the first common electrode, and at least a portion of the sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode; and

the first common electrodes cross the second common electrodes and the first common electrodes are electrically isolated from the second common electrodes; and

a control circuit adapted to divide a time period of each frame into a display time period and a touch control time period, supply a same display signal to the first common electrode and the second common electrode during the display time period; and supply a first touch control signal to the first common electrode and supply a second touch control signal to the second common electrode during the touch control time period to make the electric potential of the first common electrode equal to that of the driving line and the electric potential of the second common electrode equal to that of the sensing line, where the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, and the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, so as to shield the noise generated by the LCD screen.

[0019] Optionally, the driving line has a first surface facing the first common electrode, the sensing line has a second surface facing the second common electrode, the first common electrode has a third surface facing the driving line, and the second common electrode has a fourth surface facing the sensing line. The driving line

completely overlaps with the first common electrode and the first surface of the driving line has an area equal to or smaller than that of the third surface of the first common electrode; and the sensing line completely overlaps with the second common electrode and the second surface of the sensing line has an area equal to or smaller than that of the fourth surface of the second common electrode.

[0020] Optionally, the third surface of the first common electrode has an area equal to or greater than that of the first surface of the driving line, and the fourth surface of the second common electrode has an area equal to or greater than that of the second surface of the sensing line.

[0021] Optionally, the first common electrode includes multiple first electrode units and a first connecting wire connecting two adjacent first electrode units together, and the second common electrode includes multiple second electrode units and a second connecting wire connecting two adjacent second electrode units together; an interval is between an edge sidewall of a first electrode unit and an edge sidewall of a second electrode unit; and the first connecting wire crosses the second connecting wire.

[0022] Optionally, the control circuit includes a display signal generating unit, a touch control signal generating unit, and a switch unit. The touch control signal generating unit includes a first touch control signal generating subunit and a second touch control signal generating subunit. The switch unit is adapted to connect the common electrode layer to the display signal generating unit during the display time period, and to connect the common electrode layer to the touch control signal generating unit during the touch control time period. Where connecting the common electrode layer to the touch control signal generating unit includes connecting the first common electrode to the first touch control signal generating subunit and connecting the second common electrode to the second touch control signal generating subunit.

[0023] Optionally, the common electrode layer is an indium tin oxide layer.

[0024] Optionally, the in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module further includes a color filter layer disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, a liquid crystal layer disposed between the color filter layer and the second substrate, and a thin film transistor layer disposed between the liquid crystal layer and the second substrate, where the common electrode layer is disposed between the color filter layer and the liquid crystal layer or between the liquid crystal layer and the second substrate.

[0025] Embodiments of the present invention also provide a method for driving the above in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module. The method includes:

dividing, by the control circuit, a time period of each frame into a display time period and a touch control time period;
supplying, by the control circuit, a display signal to

the common electrode layer in the display time period during which the gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is in an on state; and

supplying, by the control circuit, a first touch control signal to the first common electrode and a second touch control signal to the second common electrode in the touch control time period to make the electric potential of the first common electrode equal to that of a driving line and the electric potential of the second common electrode equal to that of a sensing line; where the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, and the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, so as to shield the noise generated by the LCD screen.

[0026] Optionally, the display time period may be before or after the touch control time period within the time period of each frame.

[0027] Optionally, the in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module further includes a pixel on-off switch disposed on the second substrate, and a gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is in an off state during the touch control time period.

[0028] The present invention has many advantages over the prior art.

[0029] The time period of each frame for the in-cell touch panel LCD module is divided into a display time period and a touch control time period in the present invention. The display signal is applied to the common electrode layer during the display time period, and the LCD screen displays an image in the normal operation mode.

The first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode in the common electrode layer and the second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode in the common electrode layer during the touch control time period to make the electric potential of the first common electrode equal to that of the driving line and to make the electric potential of the second common electrode equal to that of the sensing line. At least a portion of the driving line overlaps with the first common electrode and at least a portion of the sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode, the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor, and the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor, and the electric potentials of two plates of each of the capacitors are the same. Therefore, the noise generated by the LCD screen may be shielded, and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel is improved. No additional shielding layer is needed between the touch panel and the display screen for shielding the noise of the LCD screen, thus the structure of the LCD apparatus is simplified.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030]

FIG. 1 is a structural schematic diagram of an existing outboard touch panel liquid crystal display (LCD) module;

FIG. 2 is a structural schematic diagram of an existing on cell touch panel LCD module;

FIG. 3 is a structural schematic diagram of an existing in-cell touch panel LCD module;

FIG. 4 is an equivalent circuit diagram of a crossing point of a driving line and a sensing line in an existing touch layer;

FIG. 5 is a circuit principle diagram of an existing LCD screen;

FIG. 6 is a structural schematic diagram of an in-cell touch panel LCD module according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of an arrangement of driving lines and sensing lines in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6;

FIG. 8 is a structural schematic diagram of a common electrode layer in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6;

FIG. 9 is a structural schematic diagram of another common electrode layer in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6; and

FIG. 10 is a schematic diagram of an embodiment of a driving method for driving an in-cell touch panel LCD module according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0031] In order to solve the problem of low signal-to-noise ratio of the conventional in-cell touch panel, an in-cell touch panel liquid crystal display (LCD) module and a method for driving the same are provided by the invention. The in-cell touch panel LCD module includes a common electrode layer, a driving line and a sensing line. The common electrode layer includes at least two common electrodes, i.e., a first common electrode and a second common electrode. At least a portion of the driving line overlaps with the first common electrode and at least a portion of the sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode. A display signal is applied to the common electrode layer during a display time period, and the LCD screen displays an image normally. A first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode

and a second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode during a touch control time period, to make the electric potential of the first common electrode equal to that of the driving line and the electric potential of the second common electrode equal to that of the sensing line. In this way, in the touch control time period, the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor whose two plates having equal electric potentials, and the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor whose two plates having equal electric potentials. Therefore, the noise generated by the LCD screen may be shielded by the touch panel and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel is improved.

[0032] The larger the right opposite area between the first common electrode and the driving line is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded, and the larger the right opposite area between the second common electrode and the sensing line is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded. Therefore, the more the overlapped portion between the driving line and the first common electrode is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded, and the more the overlapped portion between the sensing line and the second common electrode is, the more the noise generated by the LCD is shielded. Therefore, preferably, the whole driving line overlaps with the first common electrode and the whole sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode. That is, the right opposite area between the driving line and the first common electrode equals to the area of the first surface of the driving line, and the right opposite area between the sensing line and the second common electrode equals to the area of the second surface of the sensing line. In addition, there is an interval between the first common electrode and the second common electrode, and in order to form a better-quality image on the LCD screen during the display time period, the area of the third surface of the first common electrode is equal to or greater than the area of the first surface of the driving line, and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode is equal to or greater than the area of the second surface of the sensing line.

[0033] The technical solutions of the present invention will be described clearly and completely below by specific embodiments in conjunction with the accompany drawings. It is obvious that the described embodiments are only part but not all of embodiments of the present invention. All other embodiments obtained by those skilled in the art based on the described embodiments without any creative work are within the scope of protection of the present invention.

[0034] FIG. 6 is a structural schematic diagram of an in-cell touch panel LCD module according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of an arrangement of driving lines and sensing lines in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6. As shown in FIG. 6 and FIG. 7, an in-cell touch panel LCD module 100 includes a first substrate 110 and a second substrate 120 which are disposed opposite to

each other. In an embodiment, the first substrate 110 and the second substrate 120 are glass substrates. A touch layer 130 is disposed between the first substrate 110 and the second substrate 120. The touch layer 130 may include multiple (two or more) spaced-apart driving lines 131 and multiple (two or more) spaced-apart sensing lines 132, and the driving lines 131 cross the sensing lines 132. In an embodiment, the multiple driving lines 131 are parallel to each other, the multiple sensing lines 132 are parallel to each other, and the driving lines 131 are perpendicular to the sensing lines 132. In an embodiment, the driving lines 131 and the sensing lines 132 are formed of an indium tin oxide material.

[0035] It should be understood by those skilled in the art that, in the touch layer 130, the driving lines 131 are disposed at intervals between adjacent sensing lines 132 (the sensing lines 132 are also disposed at intervals between adjacent driving lines 131). Although the driving lines 131 cross the sensing lines 132, intervals exist between the driving lines 131 and the sensing lines 132 with the exception of the overlapped portions. Specifically, each of the driving lines 131 includes multiple (two or more) drive electrode units 1311, and two adjacent drive electrode units 1311 are connected together by a connecting wire 1312. Each of the sensing lines 132 includes multiple (two or more) sensing electrode units 1321, and two adjacent sensing electrode units 1321 are connected together by a connecting wire 1322. The connecting wire 1312 crosses the connecting wire 1322 and there is no overlapped portion between the drive electrode units 1311 and the sensing electrode units 1321. In other words, the drive electrode units 1311 are disposed at the intervals between two adjacent sensing lines 132, and the connecting wire 1312 crosses the sensing line 132; the sensing electrode units 1321 are disposed at the intervals between two adjacent driving lines 131, and the connecting wire 1322 crosses the driving line 131.

[0036] FIG. 8 is a structural schematic diagram of a common electrode layer in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6, and FIG. 9 is a structural schematic diagram of another common electrode layer in the in-cell touch panel LCD module shown in FIG. 6. In conjunction with FIG. 6 to FIG. 9, a common electrode layer 140 is further disposed between the first substrate 110 and the second substrate 120, and the common electrode layer 140 is located below the touch layer 130. The common electrode layer 140 includes multiple (two or more) spaced-apart first common electrodes 141 and multiple (two or more) spaced-apart second common electrodes 142.

[0037] Although there is an interval between the driving line 131 and the first common electrode 141, at least a portion of the driving line 131 overlaps with the first common electrode 141. In addition, both the first common electrode 141 and the driving line 131 are conductive, and thus the first common electrode 141 and the driving line 131 form a capacitor in the in-cell touch panel LCD apparatus, and the first common electrode 141 and the

driving line 131 are two plates of the capacitor respectively. The first common electrode 141 has a third surface facing the driving line 131, the driving line 131 has a first surface facing the first common electrode 141, and the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitor is not larger than the area of the first surface of the driving line 131. In a case that only part of the driving line 131 overlaps with the first common electrode 141, the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitor is less than the area of the first surface of the driving line 131; and in a case that the driving line 131 completely overlaps with the first common electrode 141, the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitor equals to the area of the first surface of the driving line 131.

[0038] Although there is an interval between the sensing line 132 and the second common electrode 142, at least part of the sensing line 132 overlaps with the second common electrode 142. In addition, both of the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 are conductive, and thus the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 also form a capacitor in the in-cell touch panel LCD apparatus, and the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 are two plates of the capacitor respectively. The second common electrode 142 has a fourth surface facing the sensing line 132, the sensing line 132 has a second surface facing the second common electrode 142, and the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitance is not larger than the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132. In a case that only a portion of the sensing line 132 overlaps with the second common electrode 142, the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitor is less than the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132; and in a case that the whole sensing line 132 overlaps with the second common electrode 142, the right opposite area between the two plates of the capacitor equals to the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132.

[0039] In addition, the first common electrode 141 is disposed at the interval between two adjacent second common electrodes 142 (the second common electrode 142 is also disposed at the interval between two adjacent first common electrodes 141), and the first common electrodes 141 cross the second common electrode 142. It should be noted that the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142 are electrically isolated from each other, thus electric signals may be applied respectively to the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142.

[0040] In an embodiment, the first common electrode 141 includes multiple (two or more) first electrode units 144 and first connecting wires 145 connecting two adjacent first electrode units 144 with each other. The second common electrode 142 includes multiple (two or more) second electrode units 146 and second connecting wires 147 connecting two adjacent second electrode units 146 with each other. The first electrode units 144 are disposed

at intervals between two adjacent second common electrodes 142, and the first connecting wires 145 cross the second common electrodes 142. The second electrode unit 146 is disposed at intervals between two adjacent first common electrodes 141, and the second connecting wires 147 cross the first common electrode 141. Therefore, intervals exist between the edge sidewalls 148 of the first electrode unit 144 and the edge sidewalls 149 of the second electrode unit 146, so as to ensure that the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 are electrically isolated, therefore, different electric signals may be applied to the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 respectively. The first connecting wires 145 cross the second connecting wire 147, and in order to ensure that the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 are electrically isolated, insulation material (not shown) needs to be disposed at least at the crossing positions of the first connecting wires 145 and the second connecting wires 147.

[0041] It should be noted that the shape of the first electrode unit 144 in the first common electrode 141 and the shape of the second electrode unit 146 in the second common electrode 142 are not limited to the shapes shown in the drawings, and the shapes of the first electrode unit 144 and the second electrode unit 146 may be rectangle, square, hexagon and the like.

[0042] The in-cell touch panel LCD module 100 further includes a control circuit (not shown). The control circuit may divide the time period of each frame for the LCD screen into a display time period and a touch control time period. The control circuit supplies a display signal to the common electrode layer 140 during the display time period, and an electric signal is also applied to a pixel electrode (not shown) of the in-cell touch panel LCD module 100. Due to the electric potential difference between the common electrode layer 140 and the pixel electrode, liquid crystal molecules are rotate, enabling the LCD screen to display an image. In the present invention, the common electrode layer 140 consists of multiple (two or more) independent common electrodes, the whole common electrode layer 140 needs to be applied with the electric signals (that is, all the common electrodes in the common electrode layer need to be applied with the electric signals), and each of the common electrode should be applied with the same electric signal. During the touch control time period, the control circuit applies a first touch control signal to the first common electrode 141 in the common electrode layer 140, and a second touch control signal to the second common electrode 142 in the common electrode layer 140. The first touch control signal causes the electric potential of the first common electrode 141 to be equal to that of the driving line 131, and the second touch control signal causes the electric potential of the second common electrode 142 to be equal to that of the sensing line 132. In this way, the first common electrode 141 and the driving line 131 form a capacitor whose two plates having equal electric potentials, and

the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 also form a capacitor whose two plates having equal electric potentials. Thus, the noise generated by the LCD screen may be shielded.

[0043] The larger the right opposite area between the first common electrode 141 and the driving line 131 is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded. Similarly, the larger the right opposite area between the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded. Therefore, the more the overlapped portion between the driving line 131 and the first common electrode 141 is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded. Similarly, the more the overlapped portion between the sensing line 132 and the second common electrode 142 is, the more the noise generated by the LCD screen is shielded. Therefore, in a preferable embodiment of the present invention, the whole driving line 131 overlaps with the first common electrode 141 and the whole sensing line 132 overlaps with the second common electrode 142. In this way, the right opposite area between the driving line 131 and the first common electrode 141 equals to the area of the first surface of the driving line 131 and at least equals to the area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141. The right opposite area between the sensing line 132 and the second common electrode 142 equals to the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132 and at least equals to the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142.

[0044] The imaging principle of the LCD screen is that, when applying electric signals to the common electrode layer 140 and the pixel electrode simultaneously to form an electric potential difference between the common electrode layer 140 and the pixel electrode, and the liquid crystal molecules in the display screen may rotate in accordance with the electric potential difference, thus light can pass through intervals between the liquid crystal molecules and an image can be formed. The common electrode layer 140 includes at least two independent common electrodes, i.e., the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142, and there are intervals between the common electrodes of the common electrode layer 140. Therefore, in order to enable the liquid crystal molecules under the intervals between the two common electrodes to be deflected under the electric potential difference between the common electrodes and the pixel electrode so as to form a better-quality image, it is necessary to make the intervals between the common electrodes of the common electrode layer 140 as small as possible. In addition, during the touch control time period, in order to shield more noise generated by the LCD screen, the area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141 is at least equal to the area of the first surface of the driving line 131 and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 is at least equal to the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132. From the above, it is set that the area of the

third surface of the first common electrode 141 in the common electrode layer 140 is not less than the area of the first surface of the driving line 131, and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 in the common electrode layer 140 is not less than the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132.

[0045] Based on all the above embodiments of the in-cell touch panel LCD module, a specific embodiment is shown in FIG. 8. The common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142. The area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141 is larger than the area of the first surface of the driving line 131, and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 is larger than the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132. It should be noted that in such structure of the common electrode layer 140, there are intervals between the edge sidewalls 148 of the first electrode units 144 of the first common electrodes 141 and the edge sidewalls 149 of the second electrode units 146 of the second common electrodes 142, so as to ensure that the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 are electrically isolated.

[0046] Another embodiment is shown in FIG. 9. The common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143. The area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141 equals to the area of the first surface of the driving line 131, and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 equals to the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132. The third common electrodes 143 are disposed at intervals between the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142, and there are intervals among the third common electrodes 143, the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142, so as to ensure that the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143 are electrically isolated from each other. In other words, in such structure of the common electrode layer 140, intervals exist between the third common electrodes 143 and the edge sidewalls 148 of the first electrode units 144 of the first common electrodes 141 and between the third common electrodes 143 and the edge sidewalls 149 of the second electrode units 146 of the second common electrodes 142. As a specific embodiment, the third common electrodes 143 located in the intervals between the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142 are connected together by third connecting wires 1431, thus the electric signal may be applied to the third common electrodes 143 in the same row simultaneously. Since the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143 are electrically isolated from each other, insulation material (not shown) needs to be disposed at crossing positions of the third connecting wires 1431 and the first common electrodes 141 and crossing positions of the

third connecting wires 1431 and the second common electrodes 142.

[0047] In other embodiments, in a case that the area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141 in the common electrode layer 140 is larger than the area of the first surface of the driving line 131 and the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 in the common electrode layer 140 is larger than the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132, the third common electrodes 143 may be disposed at the intervals between the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142 according to the interval size between the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142. In other embodiments, in a case that the area of the third surface of the first common electrode 141 in the common electrode layer 140 equals to the area of the first surface of the driving line 131, the area of the fourth surface of the second common electrode 142 in the common electrode layer 140 equals to the area of the second surface of the sensing line 132, and the third common electrodes 143 are disposed at the intervals between the first common electrodes 141 and the second common electrodes 142, the third common electrode 143 may be divided into two independent common electrodes, but this will make the manufacture of the common electrode layer 140 difficult. The structure of the common electrode layer 140 in the present invention is not limited to the above embodiments.

[0048] In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142, the same display signal is applied to the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 during the display time period, that is, the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142 have equal electric potentials; and a first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode 141 and a second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode 142 during the touch control time period, to make the first common electrode 141 have an electric potential equal to that of the driving line 131 and the second common electrode 142 have an electric potential equal to that of the sensing line 132.

[0049] In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143, the same display signal is applied to the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143 during the display time period, that is, the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143 have equal electric potentials; and a first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode 141 and a second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode 142 during the touch control time period, to make the first common electrode 141 have an electric potential equal to that of the driving line 131 and the second common electrode 142 have an

electric potential equal to that of the sensing line 132. In this case, the third common electrode 143 may be applied without an electrical signal, or may be applied with a third touch control signal. No matter whether the third common electrode 143 is applied with an electrical signal or no matter what signal is applied to the third common electrode 143, the operation of the touch panel will not be affected. Since a display signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the display time period, in order to simplify the control circuit of the whole in-cell touch panel LCD module, a third touch control signal which is the same as the display signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the touch control time period, so the signal applied to the third common electrode 143 during the display time period is the same as the signal applied to the third common electrode 143 during the touch control time period.

[0050] In an embodiment, the control circuit includes a display signal generating unit, a touch control signal generating unit and a switch unit. The touch control signal generating unit includes at least a first touch control signal generating subunit and a second touch control signal generating subunit. The switch unit connects the common electrode layer 140 to the display signal generating unit (each of the common electrodes in the common electrode layer 140 is connected to the display signal generating unit) during the display time period; and connects the common electrode layer 140 to the touch control signal generating unit during the touch control time period, which includes connecting the first common electrode 141 to the first touch control signal generating subunit and connecting the second common electrode 142 to the second touch control signal generating subunit.

[0051] In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143, and a third touch control signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the touch control time period, the touch control signal generating unit further includes a third touch control signal generating subunit in addition to the first touch control signal generating subunit and the second touch control signal generating subunit.

[0052] According to the above-described embodiments of the in-cell touch panel LCD module, an in-cell touch panel LCD module 100 as shown in FIG. 6 further includes a color filter layer 150 disposed between the first substrate 110 and the second substrate 120, a liquid crystal layer 160 disposed between the color filter layer 150 and the second substrate 120 and a TFT layer 170 disposed between the liquid crystal layer 160 and the second substrate 120. The common electrode layer 140 may be disposed between the color filter layer 150 and the liquid crystal layer 160 or between the liquid crystal layer 160 and the second substrate 120 (not shown in the drawings). In a case that the common electrode layer 140 is disposed between the color filter layer 150 and the liquid crystal layer 160, the display mode of the in-

cell touch panel LCD module 100 is a twist nematic (TN) mode or a vertical alignment (VA) mode. In a case that the common electrode layer 140 is disposed between the liquid crystal layer 160 and the second substrate 120, the display mode of the in-cell touch panel LCD module 100 is an in plane switching (IPS) mode. The position of the common electrode layer 140 may be set as required by the in-cell touch panel LCD module 100.

[0053] FIG. 10 is a schematic diagram of a driving method for driving an in-cell touch panel LCD module according to an embodiment of the present invention. In conjunction with FIG. 5 to FIG. 10, the method includes the following steps.

[0054] Step S1: dividing, by the control circuit, the time period of each frame into a display time period and a touch control time period.

[0055] Firstly, a gate electrode drive pulse with an appropriate pulse width is selected according to the performance of the pixel on-off switch, i.e., a TFT, of each pixel in the LCD array of the LCD screen, and a display time period, i.e., minimum imaging time for displaying a frame of image is determined. The value of the minimum imaging time is obtained by multiplying the pulse width of the gate electrode drive pulse by the number of the rows of the pixels in the LCD array, and the value is less than the standard time of each frame, with the remaining time being used as the touch control time period.

[0056] Next, the time sequence of the display time period and the touch control time period in the time period of each frame is determined. In the embodiment, the display time period is before the touch control time period within the time period of each frame, that is, the LCD array is switched into a touch control mode at a predetermined time after imaging and displaying. In other embodiment, the display time period is after the touch control time period within the time period of each frame, that is, the LCD array is in the touch control mode firstly and then performs imaging and displaying at a predetermined time.

[0057] Step S2: supplying, by the control circuit, a display signal to the common electrode layer during the display time period.

[0058] The process is as follows. The switch unit of the control circuit connects the common electrode layer 140 to the display signal generating unit during the display time period, and the display signal generating unit applies the display signal to the common electrode layer 140. The gate electrode drive circuit 73 generates a pixel selecting signal which is transmitted to the pixel on-off switches 75 line by line through the gate electrode wires 71. The voltage across the gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch 75 is larger than the turn-on voltage of the pixel on-off switch 75, so as to turn on the pixel on-off switches 75 line by line. Also, the source electrode drive circuit 74 applies voltages to the source electrodes of the pixel on-off switches 75 through the source electrode wires 72 to complete imaging and displaying.

[0059] In a case that the common electrode layer 140

consists of a first common electrode 141 and a second common electrode 142, the display signal generating unit applies the same display signal to the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142. In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and a third common electrode 143, the display signal generating unit applies the same display signal to the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143.

[0060] Step S3: supplying, by the control circuit, a touch control signal to the common electrode layer during the touch control time period.

[0061] The process is as follows. The in-cell touch panel LCD module is switched into the touch control mode after imaging and displaying of a frame for all the display pixels in the LCD array. The switch unit of the control circuit connects the common electrode layer 140 to the touch control signal generating unit, and the touch control signal generating unit applies a touch control signal to the common electrode layer 140. The touch control signal generating unit includes at least a first touch control signal generating subunit and a second touch control signal generating subunit. The first touch control signal generating subunit may be connected to the first common electrode 141, and the second touch control signal generating subunit may be connected to the second common electrode 142. In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143, and a third touch control signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the touch control time period, the touch control signal generating unit further includes a third touch control signal generating subunit in addition to the first touch control signal generating subunit and the second touch control signal generating subunit, and the third touch control signal generating subunit may be connected to the third common electrode 143.

[0062] In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141 and the second common electrode 142, the first touch control signal generating subunit applies a first touch control signal to the first common electrode 141, and the second touch control signal generating subunit applies a second touch control signal to the second common electrode 142, so that the electric potential of the first common electrode 141 equals to that of the driving line 131, and the electric potential of the second common electrode 142 equals to that of the sensing line 132. In a case that the common electrode layer 140 consists of the first common electrode 141, the second common electrode 142 and the third common electrode 143, the first touch control signal generating subunit applies a first touch control signal to the first common electrode 141, and the second touch control signal generating subunit applies a second touch control signal to the second common electrode 142, so that the electric potential of the first common electrode 141 equals to that of the driving line 131, and the electric

potential of the second common electrode 142 equals to that of the sensing line 132. In this case, the third common electrode 143 may be or may not be applied with an electrical signal. The display signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the display time period, therefore, in order to simplify the control circuit of the whole in-cell touch panel LCD module, a third touch control signal which is the same as the display signal is applied to the third common electrode 143 during the touch control time period.

[0063] Since the electric potential of the first common electrode 141 equals to that of the driving line 131 and the electric potential of the second common electrode 142 equals to that of the sensing line 132 during the touch control time period, the noise interference generated by the LCD screen may be shielded and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel may be improved. The larger the right opposite area between the first common electrode 141 and the driving line 131 is, the more the noise interference may be shielded, and the larger the right opposite area between the second common electrode 142 and the sensing line 132 is, the more the noise interference may be shielded.

[0064] Preferably, the gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is controlled to be in an off state during the touch control time period, so that the pixel electrode may be in a floating state. Thus the noise interference of the LCD screen may be further reduced and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel may be improved. In addition, when the pixel electrode is in the floating state, the voltage of the pixel electrode will not be changed and the imaging quality will not be affected.

[0065] Step S4: the process proceeds to Step S2 to enter a display mode for next frame display, where a display signal is applied to the common electrode layer to display the next frame of image. The above steps are repeated.

[0066] In summary, the present invention has many advantages over the prior art.

[0067] The time period of one frame of the in-cell touch panel LCD module is divided into the display time period and the touch control time period. A display signal is applied to the common electrode layer during the display time period, so that the LCD screen can display an image normally. A first touch control signal is applied to the first common electrode in the common electrode layer and a second touch control signal is applied to the second common electrode in the common electrode layer during the touch control time period, so that the electric potential of the first common electrode equals to that of the driving line and the electric potential of the second common electrode equals to that of the sensing line. Since at least a portion of the driving line overlaps with the first common electrode and at least a portion of the sensing line overlaps with the second common electrode, the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor, the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor, and the electric potentials of the two plates of each of the

two capacitors are the same. Therefore, at least a portion of the noise generated by the LCD screen may be shielded, and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel may be improved. In addition, no extra shielding layer is needed between the touch panel and the display screen for shielding the noise of the LCD screen, so the structure of the LCD apparatus is simplified. The larger the right opposite area between the first common electrode and the driving line is, the more the noise interference may be shielded, and the larger the right opposite area between the second common electrode and the sensing line is, the more the noise interference may be shielded.

[0068] In a case that the gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is in the off state during the touch control time period, the pixel electrode may be in the floating state. Thus, the noise interference of the LCD screen may be further reduced and the signal-to-noise ratio of the touch panel may be improved. In addition, when the pixel electrode is in the floating state, the voltage of the pixel electrode will not be changed and the image quality will not be affected.

[0069] Those skilled in the art can understand better and implement the present invention from the above description of the embodiments. It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made to the above embodiments by those skilled in the art in light of the principle disclosed herein without departing from the scope of the present invention. Therefore, the present invention is not limited to the embodiments described herein, and the protection scope of the present invention should be defined according to the appended claims.

Claims

1. An in-cell capacitive touch panel Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) module (100), comprising:

a first substrate (110) and a second substrate (120) disposed opposite to each other;
a touch layer (130) disposed between the first substrate (110) and the second substrate (120), wherein the touch layer (130) comprises a plurality of spaced-apart driving lines (131) and a plurality of spaced-apart sensing lines (132), and wherein the driving lines (131) cross the sensing lines (132);
a common electrode layer (140) disposed between the first substrate (110) and the second substrate (120) and located below the driving lines (131) and the sensing lines (132), wherein

the common electrode layer (140) comprises a plurality of spaced-apart first common electrodes (141) and a plurality of spaced-apart second common electrodes (142);
the driving lines (131) are disposed at intervals between adjacent sensing lines (132),

and the sensing lines (132) are disposed at intervals between adjacent driving lines (131);

the first common electrode (141) is disposed at an interval between two adjacent second common electrodes (142), and the second common electrode (142) is also disposed at an interval between two adjacent first common electrodes (141);

at least a portion of the driving line (131) overlaps with the first common electrode (141), and at least a portion of the sensing line (132) overlaps with the second common electrode (142); and

the first common electrodes (141) cross the second common electrodes (142) and are electrically isolated from the second common electrodes (142); and

a control circuit adapted to divide a time period of each frame into a display time period and a touch control time period, supply a same display signal to the first common electrode (141) and the second common electrode (142) during the display time period, supply a first touch control signal to the first common electrode (141), and supply a second touch control signal to the second common electrode (142) during the touch control time period to make the electric potential of the first common electrode (141) equal to that of the driving line (131) and the electric potential of the second common electrode (142) equal to that of the sensing line (132);

characterized in that the first common electrode (141) and the driving line (131) form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, and the second common electrode (142) and the sensing line (132) form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, so as to shield the noise generated by the LCD screen.

2. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100) according to claim 1, wherein the driving line (131) has a first surface facing the first common electrode (141), the sensing line (132) has a second surface facing the second common electrode (142), the first common electrode (141) has a third surface facing the driving line (131), and the second common electrode (142) has a fourth surface facing the sensing line (132); and the driving line (131) completely overlaps with the first common electrode (141), and the sensing line (132) completely overlaps with the second common electrode (142).
3. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100)

according to claim 2, wherein the third surface of the first common electrode (141) has an area equal to or greater than an area of the first surface of the driving line (131), and the fourth surface of the second common electrode (142) has an area equal to or greater than an area of the second surface of the sensing line (132).

4. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100) according to claim 1, wherein:

the first common electrode (141) comprises a plurality of first electrode units (144) and a first connecting wire (145) connecting two adjacent first electrode units (144) together;
the second common electrode (142) comprises a plurality of second electrode units (146) and a second connecting wire (147) connecting two adjacent second electrode units (146) together; an interval is between an edge sidewall of a first electrode unit (144) and an edge sidewall of a second electrode unit (146); and
the first connecting wire (145) crosses the second connecting wire (147).

5. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100) according to claim 1, wherein

the control circuit comprises a display signal generating unit, a touch control signal generating unit and a switch unit; wherein

the touch control signal generating unit comprises a first touch control signal generating subunit and a second touch control signal generating subunit;
the switch unit is adapted to connect the common electrode layer (140) to the display signal generating unit during the display time period and to connect the common electrode layer (140) to the touch control signal generating unit during the touch control time period; wherein connecting the common electrode layer (140) to the touch control signal generating unit comprises connecting the first common electrode (141) to the first touch control signal generating subunit and connecting the second common electrode (142) to the second touch control signal generating subunit.

6. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100) according to claim 1, wherein the common electrode layer (140) is an indium tin oxide layer.

7. The in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module (100) according to any one of claims 1 to 6, further comprising a color filter layer (150) disposed between the first substrate (110) and the second substrate (120), a liquid crystal layer (160) disposed between the color filter layer (150) and the second substrate (120), and a thin film transistor layer disposed between the liquid crystal layer (160) and the second

substrate (120), wherein the common electrode layer (140) is disposed between the color filter layer (150) and the liquid crystal layer (160) or between the liquid crystal layer (160) and the second substrate (120).

8. A method for driving the in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module according to any one of claims 1 to 7, comprising:

dividing (S1), by the control circuit, a time period of each frame into a display time period and a touch control time period;
supplying (S2), by the control circuit, a display signal to the common electrode layer during the display time period; and
supplying (S3), by the control circuit, a first touch control signal to the first common electrode and a second touch control signal to the second common electrode during the touch control time period to make the electric potential of the first common electrode equal to that of a driving line and the electric potential of the second common electrode equal to that of a sensing line;

characterized in that the first common electrode and the driving line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, and the second common electrode and the sensing line form a capacitor during the touch control time period whose two plates have equal electric potentials, so as to shield the noise generated by the LCD screen.

9. The driving method according to claim 8, wherein the display time period is before or after the touch control time period within the time period of each frame.

10. The driving method according to claim 8, wherein the in-cell capacitive touch panel LCD module further comprises a pixel on-off switch disposed on the second substrate, and a gate electrode of the pixel on-off switch is in an off state during the touch control time period.

Patentansprüche

1. Ein In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-Flüssigkristallanzeige(LCD)-Modul (100), das folgende Merkmale aufweist:

ein erstes Substrat (110) und ein zweites Substrat (120), die einander gegenüberliegend angeordnet sind;

eine Berührungsschicht (130), die zwischen dem ersten Substrat (110) und dem zweiten

Substrat (120) angeordnet ist, wobei die Berührungsschicht (130) eine Mehrzahl voneinander beabstandeter Treiberleitungen (131) und eine Mehrzahl voneinander beabstandeter Erfassungsleitungen (132) aufweist, und wobei die Treiberleitungen (131) die Erfassungsleitungen (132) kreuzen;

eine gemeinsame Elektrodenschicht (140), die zwischen dem ersten Substrat (110) und dem zweiten Substrat (120) angeordnet ist und sich unterhalb der Treiberleitungen (131) und der Erfassungsleitungen (132) befindet, wobei:

die gemeinsame Elektrodenschicht (140) eine Mehrzahl voneinander beabstandeter erster gemeinsamer Elektroden (141) und eine Mehrzahl voneinander beabstandeter zweiter gemeinsamer Elektroden (142) aufweist;

die Treiberleitungen (131) in Abständen zwischen benachbarten Erfassungsleitungen (132) angeordnet sind und die Erfassungsleitungen (132) in Abständen zwischen benachbarten Treiberleitungen (131) angeordnet sind;

die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) in einem Abstand zwischen zwei benachbarten zweiten gemeinsamen Elektroden (141) angeordnet ist und auch die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) in einem Abstand zwischen zwei benachbarten ersten gemeinsamen Elektroden (141) angeordnet ist;

zumindest ein Abschnitt der Treiberleitung (131) die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) überlappt und zumindest ein Abschnitt der Erfassungsleitung (132) die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) überlappt; und

die ersten gemeinsamen Elektroden (141) die zweiten gemeinsamen Elektroden (142) kreuzen und elektrisch von den zweiten gemeinsamen Elektroden (142) isoliert sind; und

eine Steuerschaltung, die angepasst ist, um einen Zeitraum jedes Rahmens in einen Anzeigzeitraum und einen Berührungssteuerzeitraum zu unterteilen, ein gleiches Anzeigesignal der ersten gemeinsamen Elektrode (141) und der zweiten gemeinsamen Elektrode (142) während des Anzeigzeitraums zuzuführen, während des Berührungssteuerzeitraums ein erstes Berührungssteuersignal der ersten gemeinsamen Elektrode (141) zuzuführen und ein zweites Berührungssteuersignal der zweiten gemeinsamen Elektrode (142) zuzuführen, um das elektrische Potenzial der ersten gemeinsamen Elek-

trode (141) gleich demjenigen der Treiberleitung (131) zu machen und das elektrische Potenzial der zweiten gemeinsamen Elektrode (142) gleich demjenigen der Erfassungsleitung (132) zu machen;

dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) und die Treiberleitung (131) während des Berührungssteuerzeitraums einen Kondensator bilden, dessen beide Platten gleiche elektrische Potenziale aufweisen, und die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) und die Erfassungsleitung (132) während des Berührungssteuerzeitraums einen Kondensator bilden, dessen beide Platten gleiche elektrische Potenziale aufweisen, um so das Rauschen, das durch den LCD-Bildschirm erzeugt wird, abzuschirmen.

2. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-Modul (100) gemäß Anspruch 1, bei dem:

die Treiberleitung (131) eine erste Oberfläche aufweist, die der ersten gemeinsamen Elektrode (141) gegenüberliegt, die Erfassungsleitung (132) eine zweite Oberfläche aufweist, die der zweiten gemeinsamen Elektrode (142) gegenüberliegt, die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) eine dritte Oberfläche aufweist, die der Treiberleitung (131) gegenüberliegt, und die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) eine vierte Oberfläche aufweist, die der Erfassungsleitung (132) gegenüberliegt; und

die Treiberleitung (131) die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) vollständig überlappt und die Erfassungsleitung (132) die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) vollständig überlappt.

3. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-Modul (100) gemäß Anspruch 2, bei dem die dritte Oberfläche der ersten gemeinsamen Elektrode (141) eine Fläche aufweist, die größer oder gleich einer Fläche der ersten Oberfläche der Treiberleitung (131) ist, und die vierte Oberfläche der zweiten gemeinsamen Elektrode (142) eine Fläche aufweist, die größer oder gleich einer Fläche der zweiten Oberfläche der Erfassungsleitung (132) ist.

4. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-Modul (100) gemäß Anspruch 1, bei dem:

die erste gemeinsame Elektrode (141) eine Mehrzahl erster Elektrodeneinheiten (144) und einen ersten Verbindungsdraht (145) aufweist, der zwei benachbarte erste Elektrodeneinheiten (144) miteinander verbindet;

die zweite gemeinsame Elektrode (142) eine Mehrzahl zweiter Elektrodeneinheiten (146) und einen zweiten Verbindungsdraht (147) auf-

- weist, der zwei benachbarte zweite Elektroden-
einheiten (146) miteinander verbindet;
ein Abstand zwischen einer Kantenseitenwand
einer ersten Elektrodeneinheit (144) und einer
Kantenseitenwand einer zweiten Elektroden-
einheit (146) vorliegt; und
der erste Verbindungsdraht (145) den zweiten
Verbindungsdraht (147) kreuzt.
5. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-
Modul (100) gemäß Anspruch 1, bei dem:
die Steuerschaltung eine Anzeigesignalerzeu-
gungseinheit, eine Berührungssteuersignalerzeu-
gungseinheit und eine Schalteinheit aufweist; wobei:
- die Berührungssteuersignalerzeugungseinheit
eine erste Berührungssteuersignalerzeugungs-
teileinheit und eine zweite Berührungssteuersi-
gnalerzeugungsteileinheit aufweist;
die Schalteinheit angepasst ist, um die gemein-
same Elektrodenschicht (140) während des An-
zeigezeitraums mit der Anzeigesignalerzeu-
gungseinheit zu verbinden und die gemeinsame
Elektrodenschicht (140) während des Berüh-
rungssteuerzeitraums mit der Berührungssteu-
ersignalerzeugungseinheit zu verbinden; wobei
das Verbinden der gemeinsamen Elektroden-
schicht (140) mit der Berührungssteuersignaler-
zeugungseinheit ein Verbinden der ersten ge-
meinsamen Elektrode (141) mit der ersten
Berührungssteuersignalerzeugungsteileinheit
und ein Verbinden der zweiten gemeinsamen
Elektrode (142) mit der zweiten
Berührungssteuersignalerzeugungsteileinheit
aufweist.
6. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-
Modul (100) gemäß Anspruch 1, bei dem die ge-
meinsame Elektrodenschicht (140) eine Indiumzinn-
oxidschicht ist.
7. Das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-
Modul (100) gemäß einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 6,
das ferner eine Farbfilterschicht (150), die zwischen
dem ersten Substrat (110) und dem zweiten Substrat
(120) angeordnet ist, eine Flüssigkristallschicht
(160), die zwischen der Farbfilterschicht (150) und
dem zweiten Substrat (120) angeordnet ist, und eine
Dünnschichttransistorschicht aufweist, die zwischen
der Flüssigkristallschicht (160) und dem zweiten
Substrat (120) angeordnet ist, wobei die gemein-
same Elektrodenschicht (140) zwischen der Farbfilter-
schicht (150) und der Flüssigkristallschicht (160)
oder zwischen der Flüssigkristallschicht (160) und
dem zweiten Substrat (120) angeordnet ist.
8. Ein Verfahren zum Treiben des In-Zelle-Kapazitiv-
berührungsbedienfeld-LCD-Moduls gemäß einem

der Ansprüche 1 bis 7, das folgende Schritte auf-
weist:

Unterteilen (S1) eines Zeitraums jedes Rah-
mens durch die Steuerschaltung in einen Anzei-
gezeitraum und einen Berührungssteuerzeit-
raum;
Zuführen (S2) eines Anzeigesignals während
des Anzeigezeitraums durch die Steuerschal-
tung zu der gemeinsamen Elektrodenschicht;
und
Zuführen (S3) eines ersten Berührungssteuer-
signals während des Berührungssteuerzeit-
raums durch die Steuerschaltung zu der ersten
gemeinsamen Elektrode und eines zweiten Be-
rührungssteuersignals zu der zweiten gemein-
samen Elektrode, um das elektrische Potenzial
der ersten gemeinsamen Elektrode gleich dem-
jenigen einer Treiberleitung zu machen und das
elektrische Potenzial der zweiten gemeinsamen
Elektrode gleich demjenigen einer Erfassungs-
leitung zu machen;
dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass die erste ge-
meinsame Elektrode und die Treiberleitung
während des Berührungssteuerzeitraums einen
Kondensator bilden, dessen beide Platten glei-
che elektrische Potenziale aufweisen, und die
zweite gemeinsame Elektrode und die Erfas-
sungsleitung während des Berührungssteuer-
zeitraums einen Kondensator bilden, dessen
beide Platten gleiche elektrische Potenziale auf-
weisen, um so das Rauschen, das durch den
LCD-Bildschirm erzeugt wird, abzuschirmen.

9. Das Treiberverfahren gemäß Anspruch 8, bei dem
der Anzeigezeitraum vor oder nach dem Berüh-
rungssteuerzeitraum innerhalb des Zeitraums jedes
Rahmens liegt.
10. Das Treiberverfahren gemäß Anspruch 8, bei dem
das In-Zelle-Kapazitivberührungsbedienfeld-LCD-
Modul ferner einen Pixel-An-Aus-Schalter aufweist,
der auf dem zweiten Substrat angeordnet ist, und
sich eine Gate-Elektrode des Pixel-An-Aus-Schal-
ters während des Berührungssteuerzeitraums in ei-
nem Aus-Zustand befindet.

Revendications

1. Module d'Affichage à Cristaux Liquides (LCD) à
écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100),
comprenant:
- un premier substrat (110) et un deuxième subs-
trat (120) disposés en regard l'un de l'autre;
une couche tactile (130) disposée entre le pre-
mier substrat (110) et le deuxième substrat

(120), où la couche tactile (130) comprend une pluralité de lignes d'actionnement distantes l'une de l'autre (131) et une pluralité de lignes de détection distantes l'une de l'autre (132), et où les lignes d'actionnement (131) croisent les lignes de détection (132);

une couche d'électrode commune (140) disposée entre le premier substrat (110) et le deuxième substrat (120) et située au-dessous des lignes d'actionnement (131) et des lignes de détection (132),

dans lequel

la couche d'électrode commune (140) comprend une pluralité de premières électrodes communes distantes l'une de l'autre (141) et une pluralité de deuxième électrodes communes distantes l'une de l'autre (142);

les lignes d'actionnement (131) sont disposées à des intervalles entre des lignes de détection adjacentes (132), et les lignes de détection (132) sont disposées à des intervalles entre des lignes d'actionnement adjacentes (131);

la première électrode commune (141) est disposée à un intervalle entre deux deuxième électrodes communes adjacentes (142), et la deuxième électrode commune (142) est également disposée à un intervalle entre deux premières électrodes communes adjacentes (141);

au moins une partie de la ligne d'actionnement (131) vient en recouvrement avec la première électrode commune (141) et au moins une partie de la ligne de détection (132) vient en recouvrement avec la deuxième électrode commune (142); et

les premières électrodes communes (141) croisent les deuxième électrodes communes (142) et sont isolées électriquement des deuxième électrodes communes (142); et

un circuit de commande adapté pour diviser un laps de temps de chaque trame en un laps de temps d'affichage et un laps de temps de commande tactile, pour alimenter un même signal d'affichage vers la première électrode commune (141) et vers la deuxième électrode commune (142) pendant le laps de temps d'affichage, pour alimenter un premier signal de commande tactile vers la première électrode commune (141) et pour alimenter un deuxième signal de commande tactile vers la deuxième électrode commune (142) pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile pour rendre le potentiel électrique de la première électrode commune (141) égal à celui de la ligne d'actionnement (131) et le potentiel électrique de la deuxième électrode commune (142) égal à celui de la ligne de détection (132);

caractérisé par le fait que la première électrode commune (141) et la ligne d'actionnement

(131) forment un condensateur pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile dont les deux plaques présentent des potentiels électriques égaux, et que la deuxième électrode commune (142) et la ligne de détection (132) forment un condensateur pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile dont les deux plaques présentent des potentiels électriques égaux, de manière à blinder le bruit généré par l'écran LCD.

2. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la ligne d'actionnement (131) présente une première surface faisant face à la première électrode commune (141), la ligne de détection (132) présente une deuxième surface faisant face à la deuxième électrode commune (142), la première électrode commune (141) présente une troisième surface faisant face à la ligne d'actionnement (131) et la deuxième électrode commune (142) présente une quatrième surface faisant face à la ligne de détection (132); et la ligne d'actionnement (131) vient entièrement en recouvrement avec la première électrode commune (141) et la ligne de détection (132) vient entièrement en recouvrement avec la deuxième électrode commune (142).
3. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100) selon la revendication 2, dans lequel la troisième surface de la première électrode commune (141) présente une superficie égale ou supérieure à une superficie de la première surface de la ligne d'actionnement (131), et la quatrième surface de la deuxième électrode commune (142) présente une superficie égale ou supérieure à une superficie de la deuxième surface de la ligne de détection (132).
4. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel:

la première électrode commune (141) comprend une pluralité de premières unités d'électrodes (144) et un premier fil de connexion (145) connectant deux premières unités d'électrodes adjacentes (144);

la deuxième électrode commune (142) comprend une pluralité de deuxième unités d'électrodes (146) et un deuxième fil de connexion (147) connectant deux deuxième unités d'électrodes adjacentes (146) l'une à l'autre;

un intervalle existe entre une paroi latérale d'extrémité d'une première unité d'électrodes (144) et une paroi latérale d'extrémité d'une deuxième unité d'électrodes (146); et

le premier fil de connexion (145) croise le deuxième fil de connexion (147).
5. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la

- cellule (100) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le circuit de commande comprend une unité de génération de signal d'affichage, une unité de génération de signal de commande tactile et une unité de commutation;
- dans lequel l'unité de génération de signal de commande tactile comprend une première sous-unité de génération de signal de commande tactile et une deuxième sous-unité de génération de signal de commande tactile;
- l'unité de commutation est adaptée pour connecter la couche d'électrode commune (140) à l'unité de génération de signal d'affichage pendant le laps de temps d'affichage et pour connecter la couche d'électrode commune (140) à l'unité de génération de signal de commande tactile pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile; où la connexion de la couche d'électrode commune (140) à l'unité de génération de signal de commande tactile comprend le fait de connecter la première électrode commune (141) à la première sous-unité de génération de signal de commande tactile et de connecter la deuxième électrode commune (142) à la deuxième sous-unité de génération de signal de commande tactile.
6. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100) selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la couche d'électrode commune (140) est une couche d'oxyde d'indium et d'étain.
7. Module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule (100) selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6, comprenant par ailleurs une couche de filtre de couleur (150) disposée entre le premier substrat (110) et le deuxième substrat (120), une couche de cristaux liquides (160) disposée entre la couche de filtre de couleur (150) et le deuxième substrat (120), et une couche de transistor en forme de mince film disposée entre la couche de cristaux liquides (160) et le deuxième substrat (120), où la couche d'électrode commune (140) est disposée entre la couche de filtre de couleur (150) et la couche de cristaux liquides (160) ou entre la couche de cristaux liquides (160) et le deuxième substrat (120).
8. Procédé d'actionnement du module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 7, comprenant le fait de:
- diviser (S1), par le circuit de commande, un laps de temps de chaque trame en un laps de temps d'affichage et un laps de temps de commande tactile;
- alimenter (S2), par le circuit de commande, un signal d'affichage vers la couche d'électrode commune pendant le laps de temps d'affichage;
- et alimenter (S3), par le circuit de commande, un premier signal de commande tactile vers la première électrode commune et un deuxième signal de commande tactile vers la deuxième électrode commune pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile pour rendre le potentiel électrique de la première électrode commune égal à celui d'une ligne d'actionnement et le potentiel électrique de la deuxième électrode commune égal à celui d'une ligne de détection;
- caractérisé par le fait que** la première électrode commune et la ligne d'actionnement forment un condensateur pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile dont les deux plaques présentent des potentiels électriques égaux, et la deuxième électrode commune et la ligne de détection forment un condensateur pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile dont les deux plaques présentent des potentiels électriques égaux, de manière à blinder le bruit généré par l'écran LCD.
9. Procédé d'actionnement selon la revendication 8, dans lequel le laps de temps d'affichage se situe avant ou après le laps de temps de commande tactile dans le laps de temps de chaque trame.
10. Procédé d'actionnement selon la revendication 8, dans lequel le module LCD à écran tactile capacitif intégré dans la cellule comprend par ailleurs un commutateur d'activation/désactivation de pixels disposé sur le deuxième substrat, et une électrode de grille du commutateur d'activation/désactivation de pixels se trouve dans un état désactivé pendant le laps de temps de commande tactile.

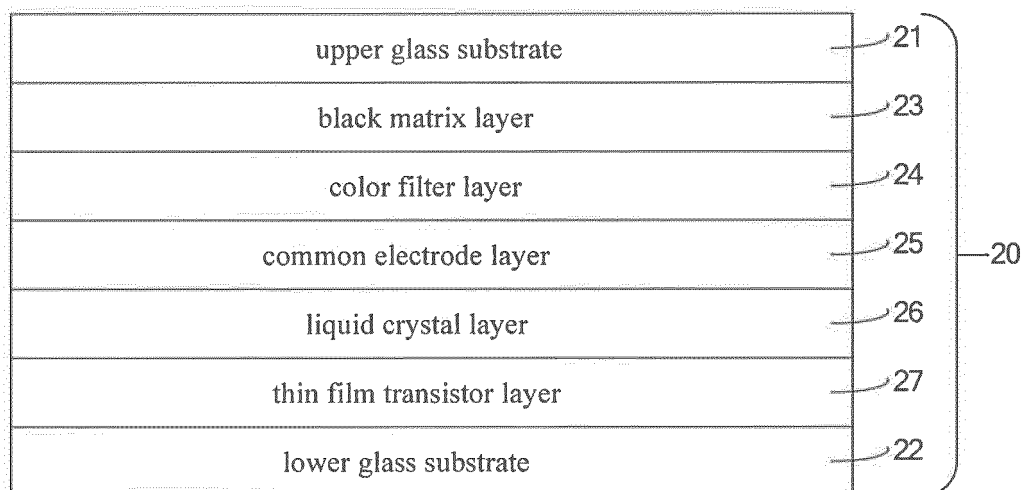
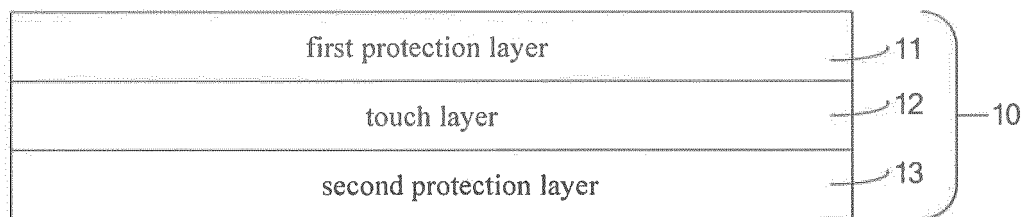


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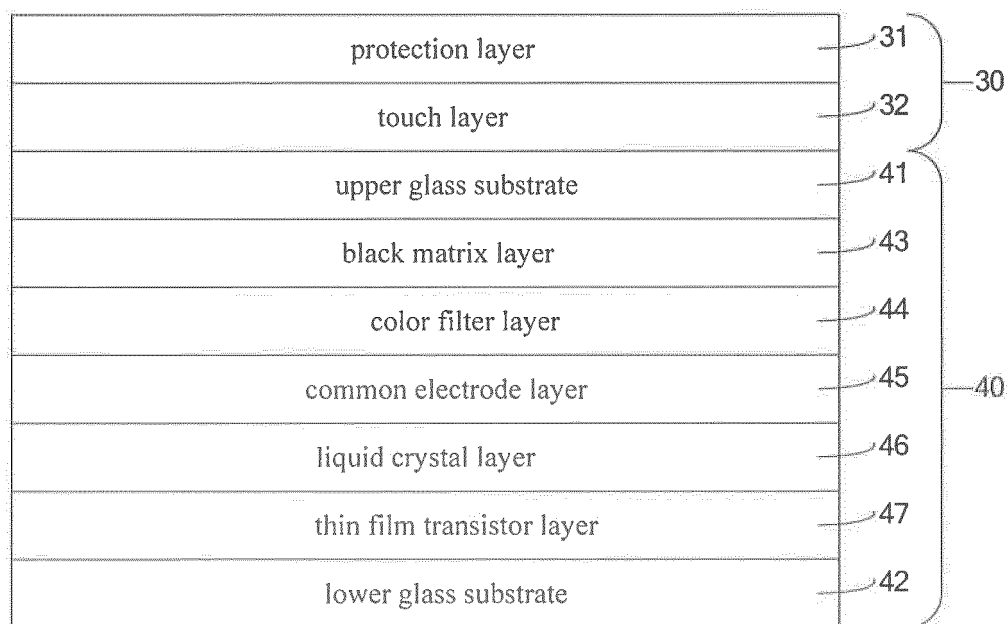


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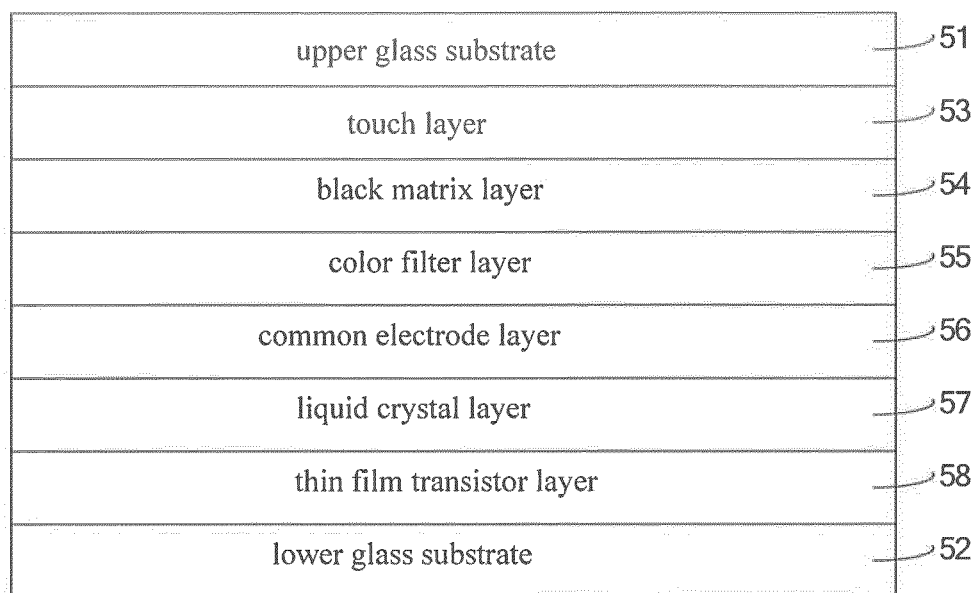


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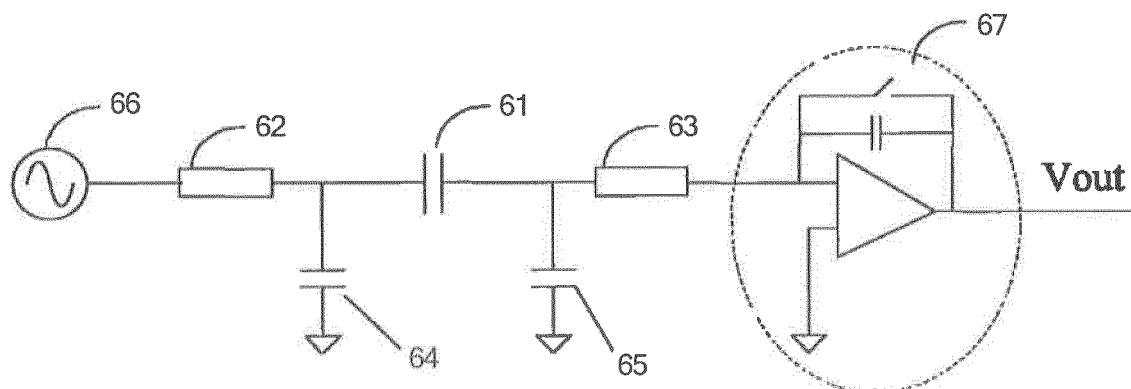


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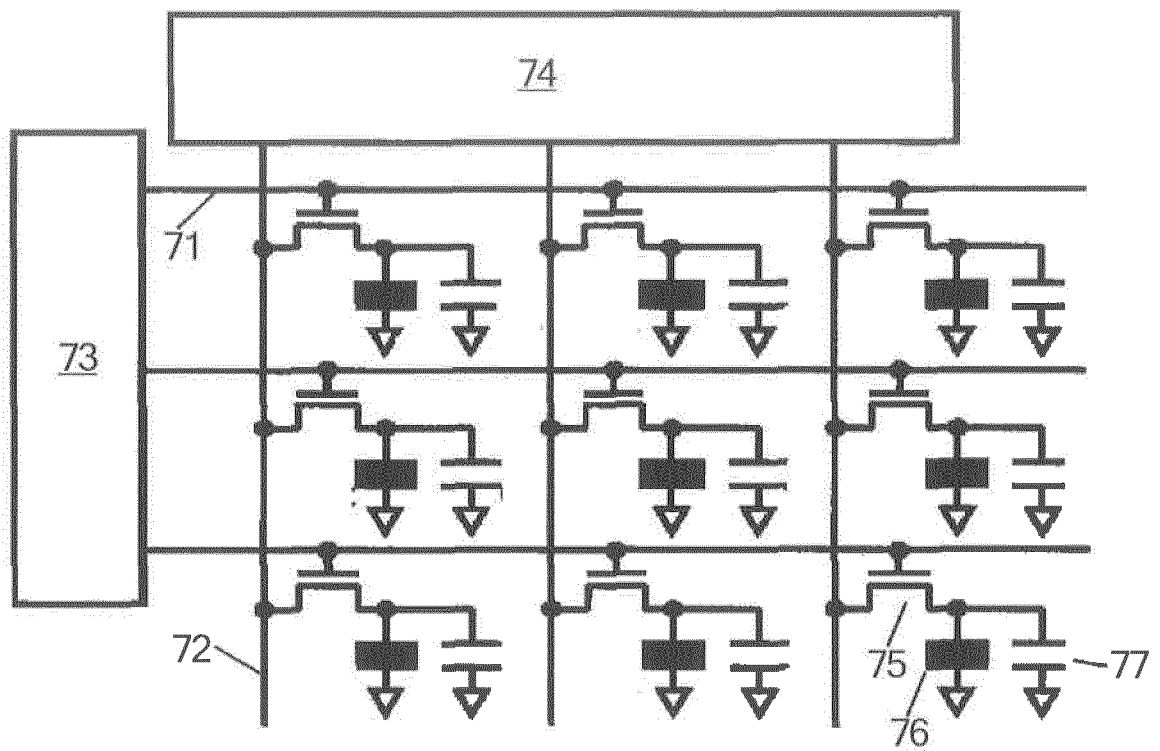


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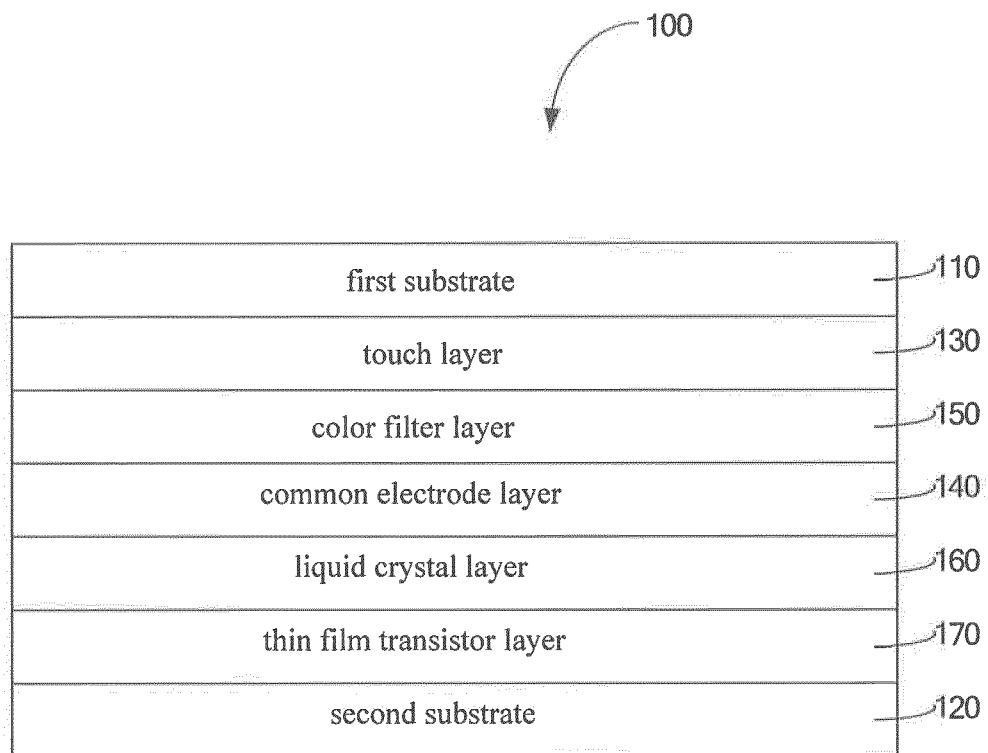


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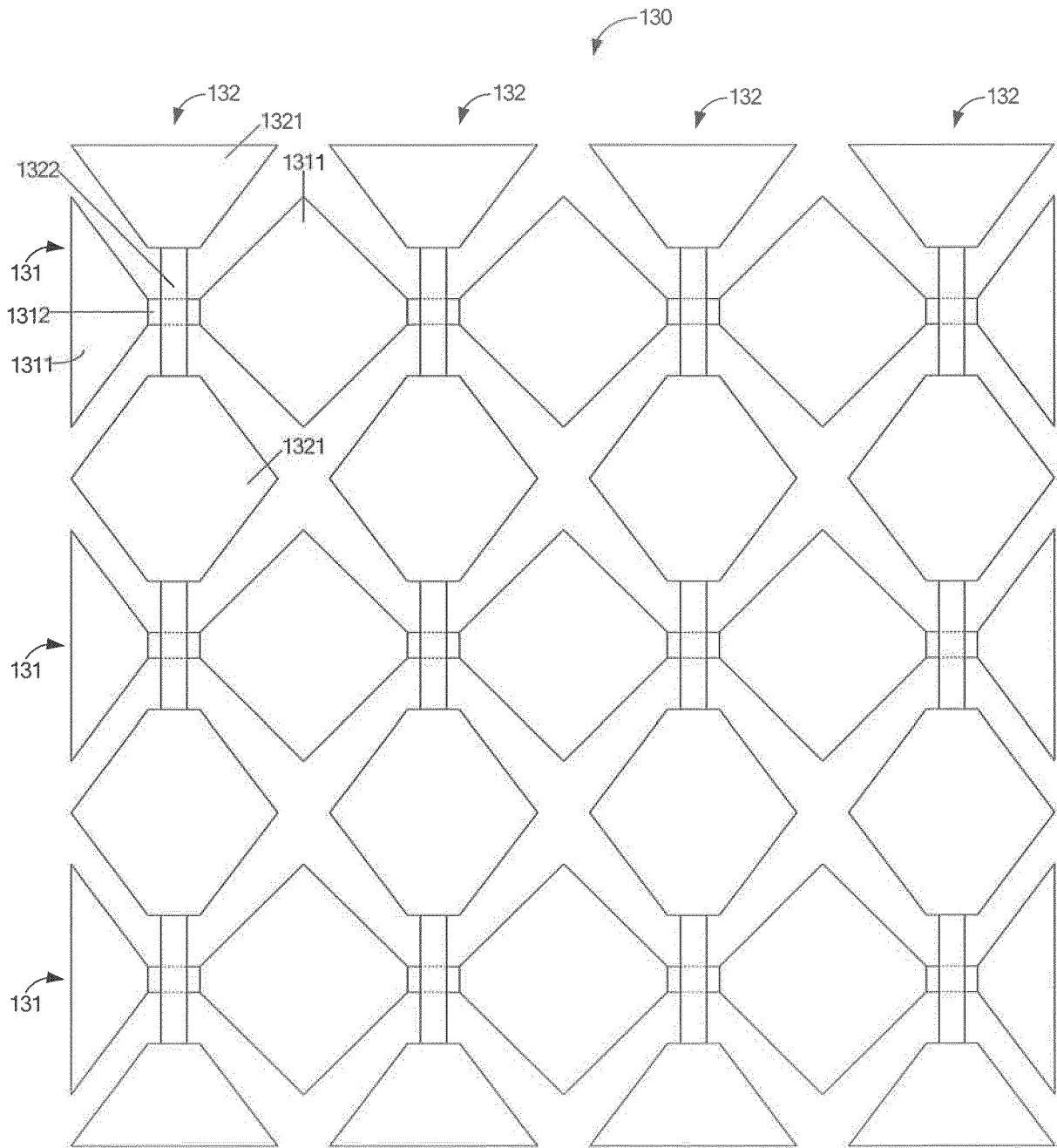


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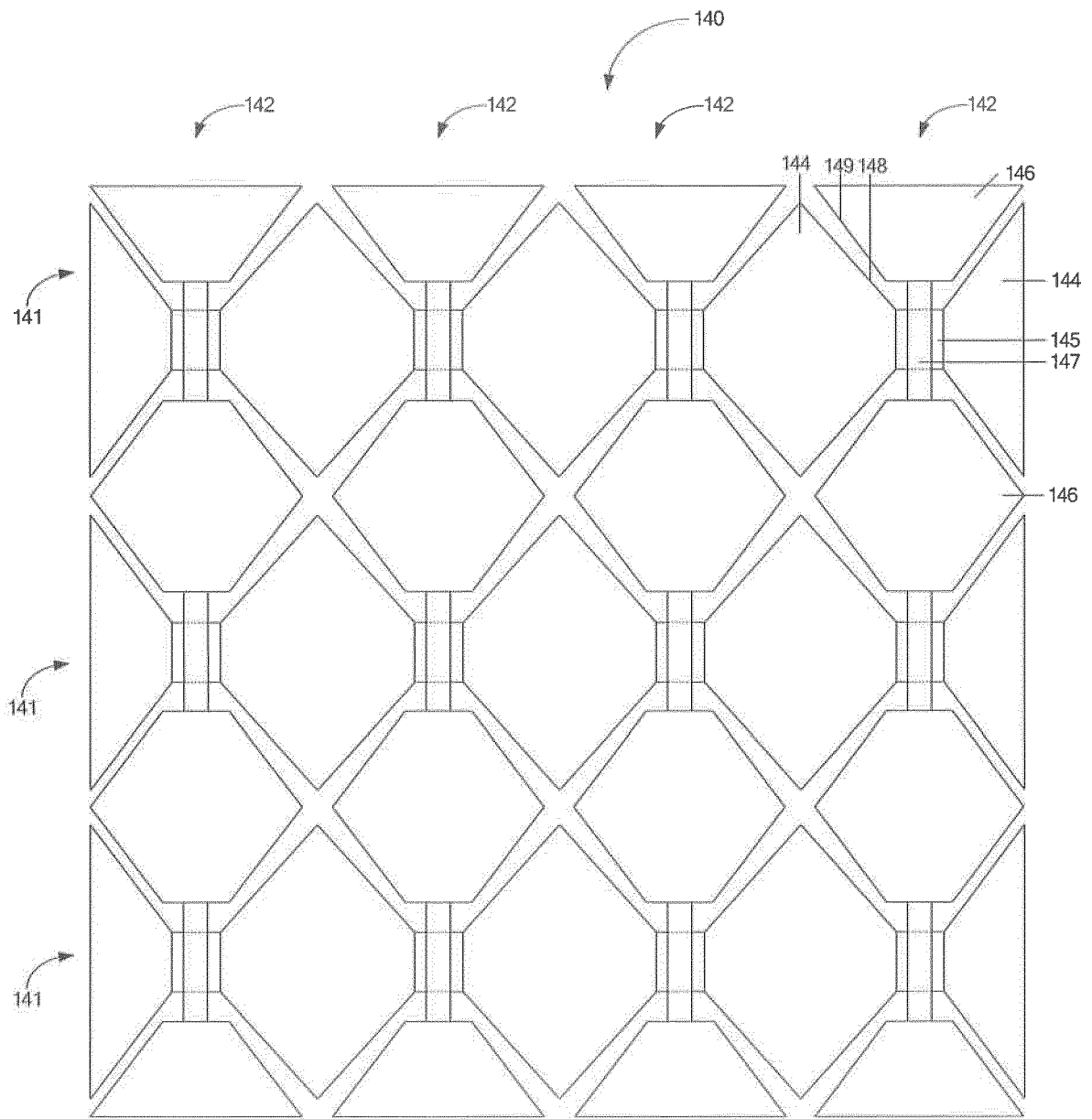


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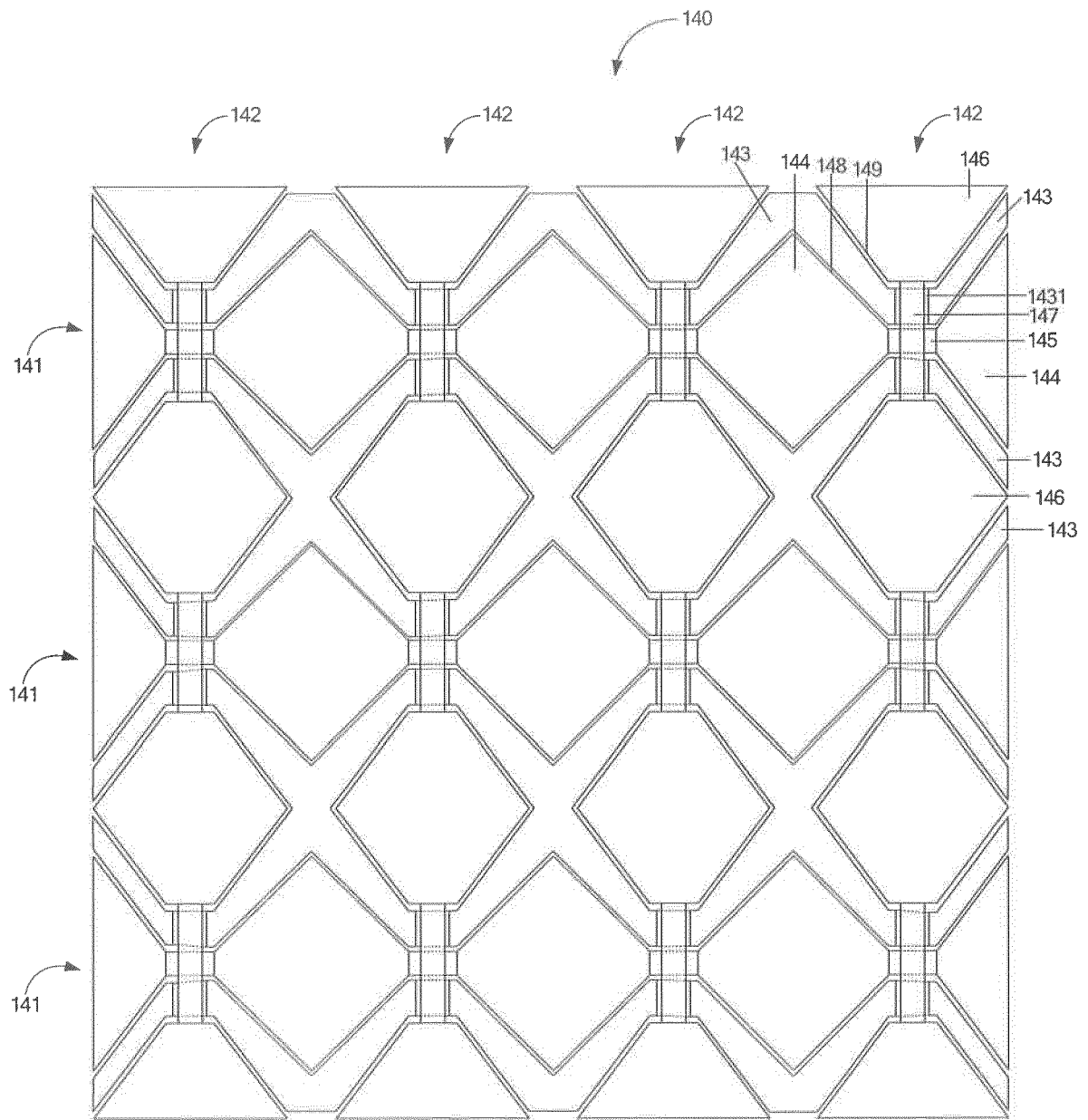


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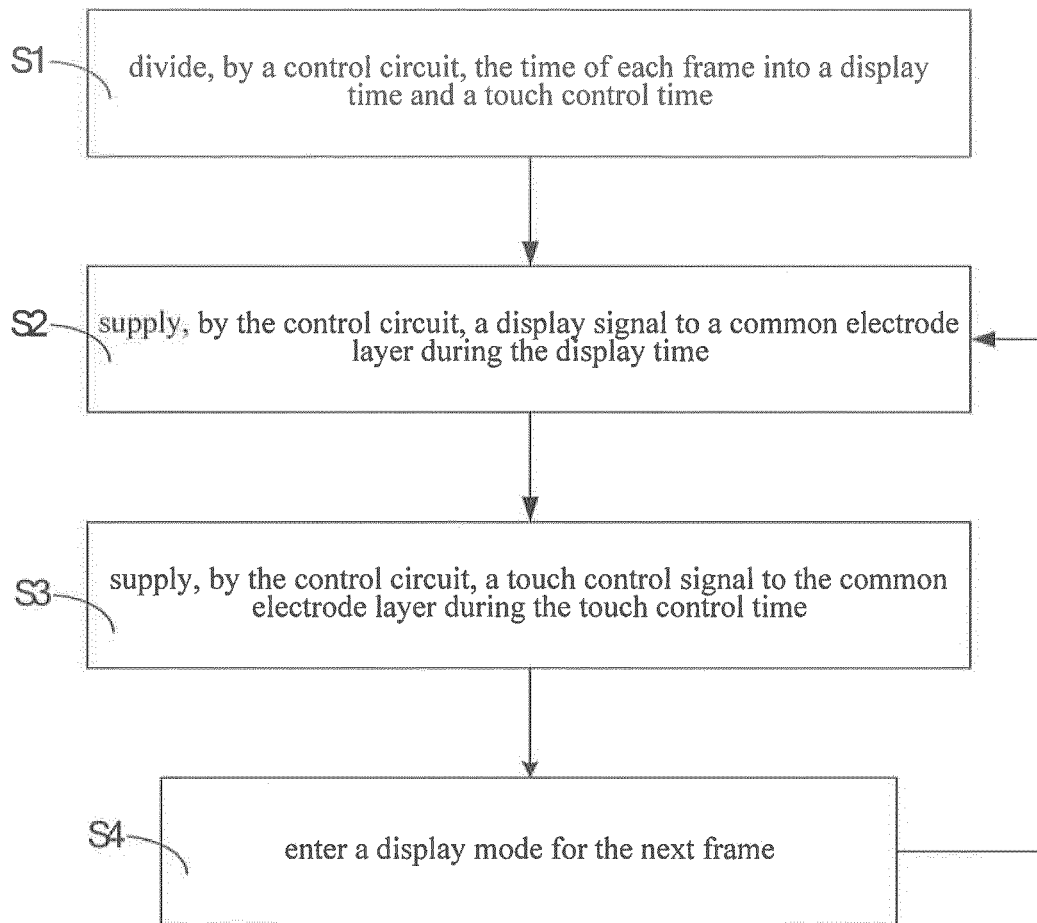


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摘要(译)

提供了一种内嵌式触摸面板LCD模块 (100) 及其驱动方法。该模块包括公共电极层 (140) , 该公共电极层包括第一和第二公共电极 (141,142) 。 LCD模块 (100) 的帧的时间段由控制电路划分为显示时间段和触摸控制时间段。在正常LCD显示器的显示时间段期间, 将显示信号施加到公共电极层。在触摸控制时间段期间, 第一和第二触摸控制信号分别施加到第一和第二公共电极 (141,142) , 使得第一公共电极 (141) 的电位等于驱动线的电位。 (131) 并且第二公共电极 (142) 的电位等于感测线 (132) 的电位。由于驱动线 (131) 的至少一部分与第一公共电极 (141) 重叠并且感测线 (132) 的至少一部分与第二公共电极 (142) 重叠, 因此电容器由第一公共电极形成 (141) 和驱动线 (131) 以及第二公共电极 (142) 和感测线 (132) , 以及两个电容器中的每一个的两个板的电位是相同的, 因此至少部分是可以屏蔽由LCD屏幕产生的噪声, 并且可以改善触摸板的信噪比。

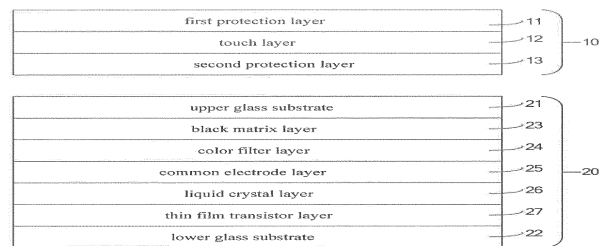


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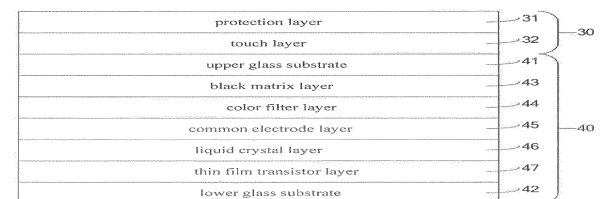


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