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(54) **LCD PANEL AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME**

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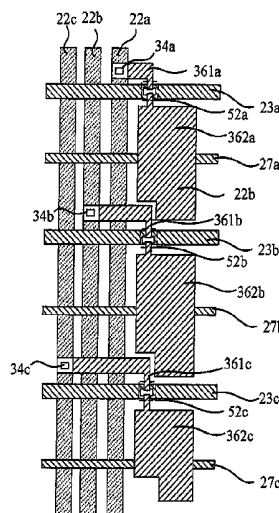
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention discloses a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel and method for forming the same. In the LCD panel, the TFT includes a source and a drain formed by a transparent conducting layer, and a gate formed by a metal layer. The source is electrically connected with a data line through a via hole over the data line. The source connects to the drain via an active layer. Whatever the number of data lines are, each pixel corresponds to an associated via hole, so the number of via holes does not increase, and not reduce the aperture ratio. Therefore, the present invention is very proper to a design using more data lines and working in a high frequency. Moreover, the matrix circuitry of LCD of the present invention is well applied in a display which not only increases a density of data lines to raise the frame rate, but also maintains the aperture ratio and brightness.

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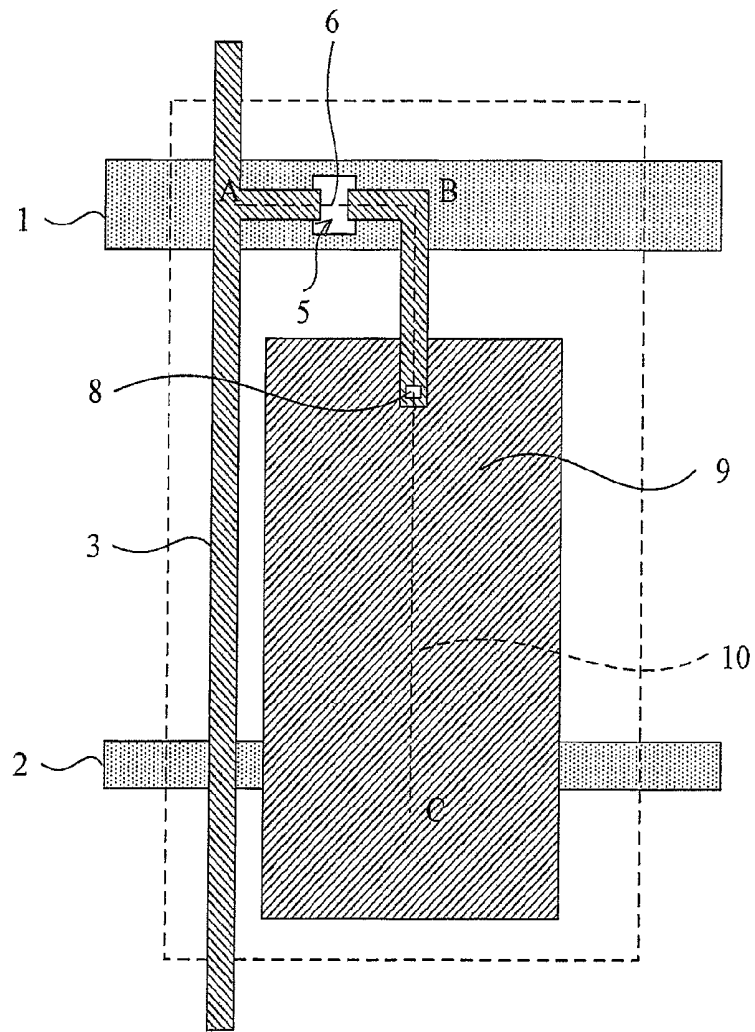


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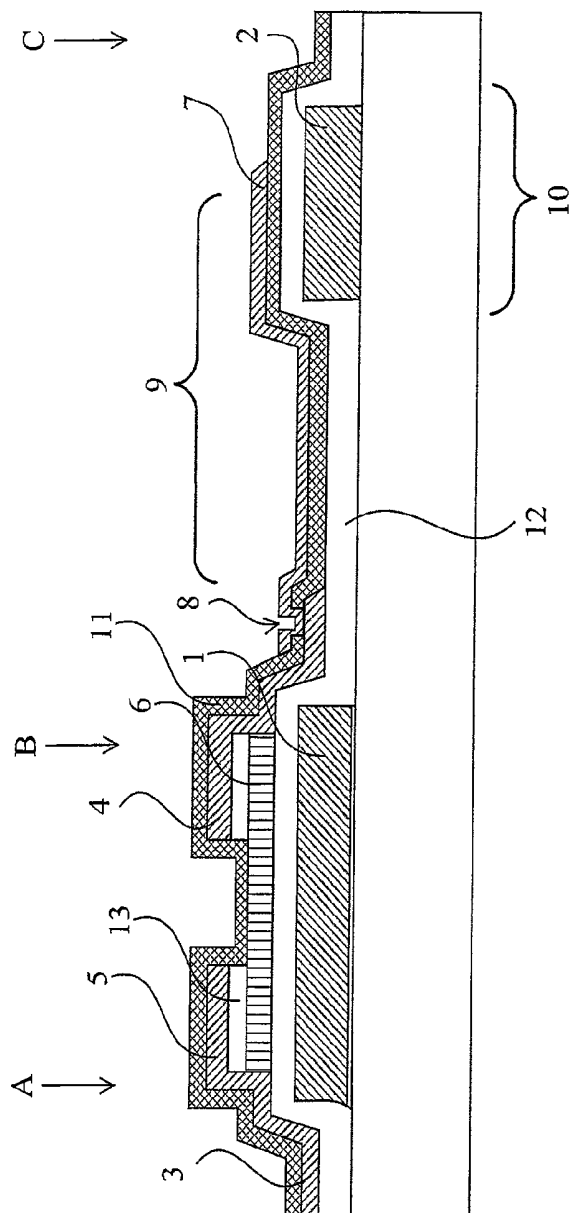


FIG. 2 (Prior art)

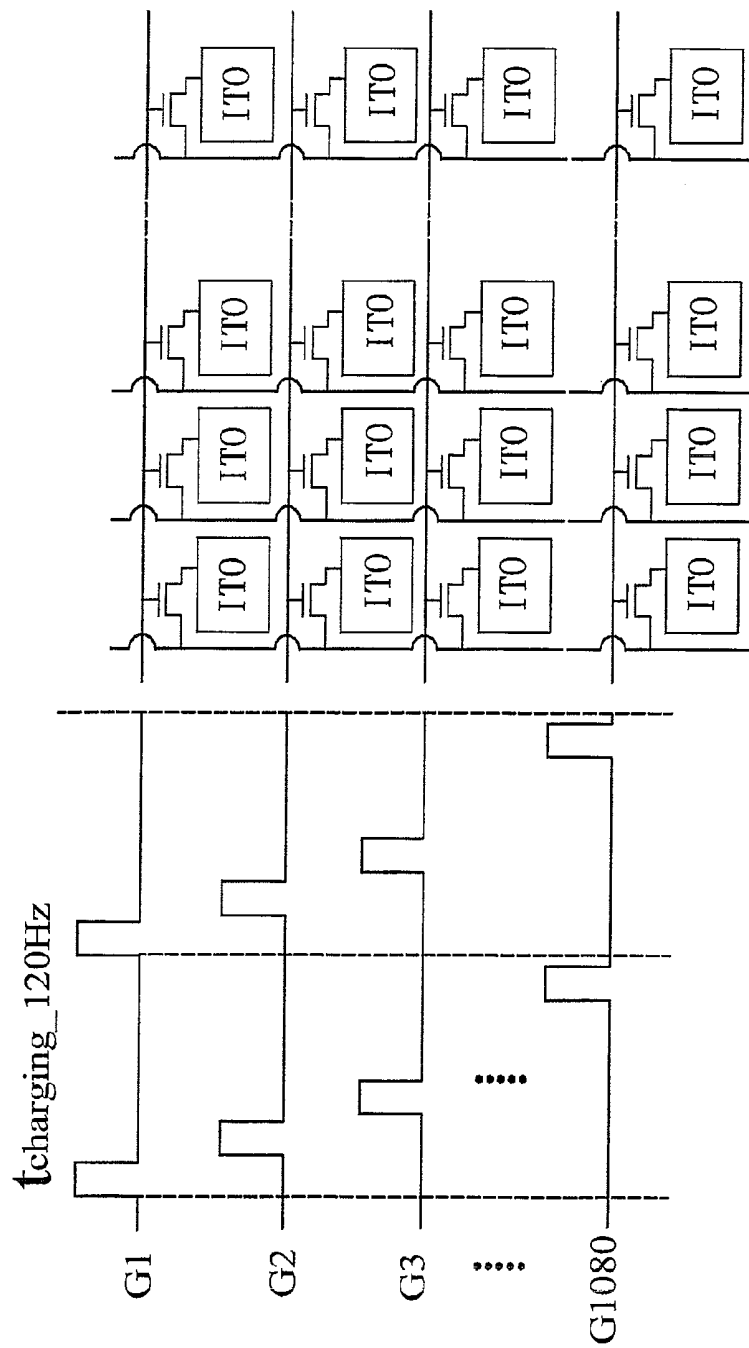


FIG. 3 (Prior art)

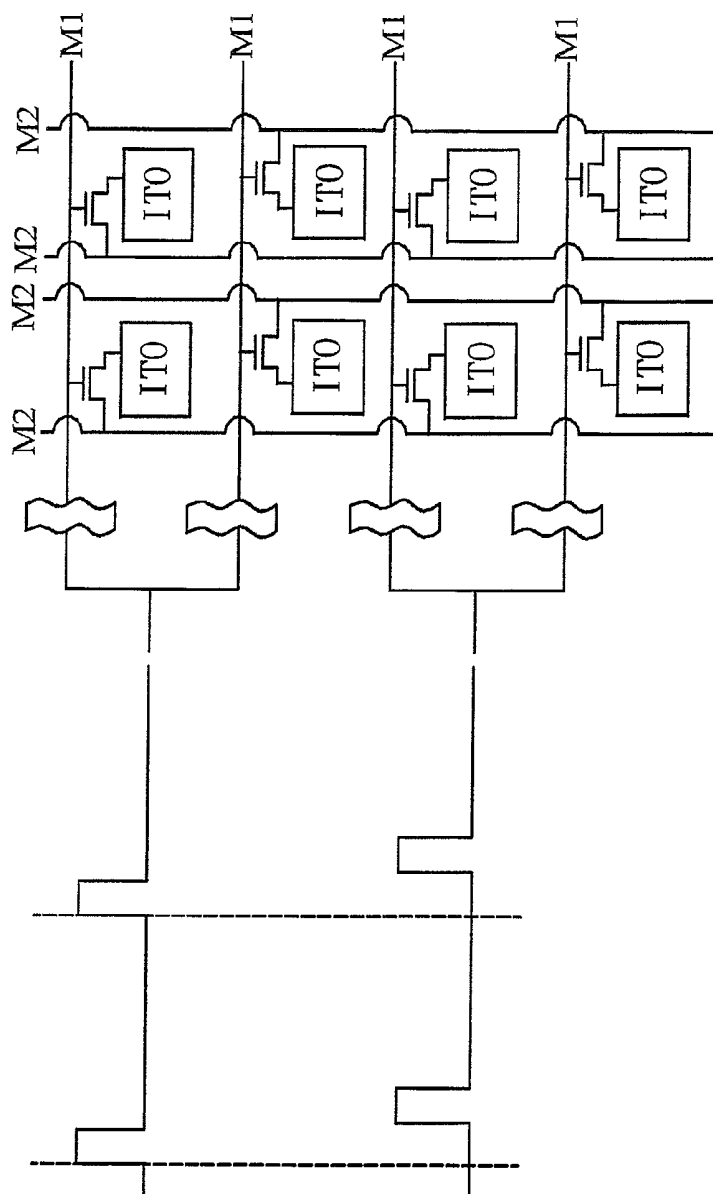


FIG. 4 (Prior art)

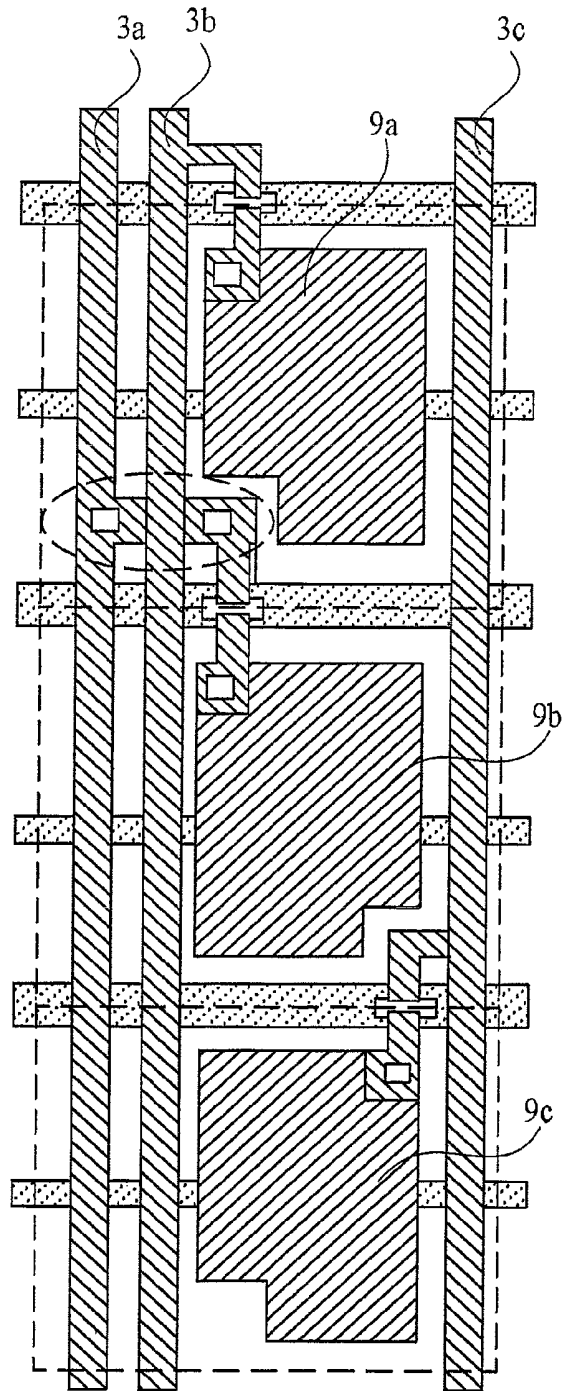


FIG. 5 (Prior art)

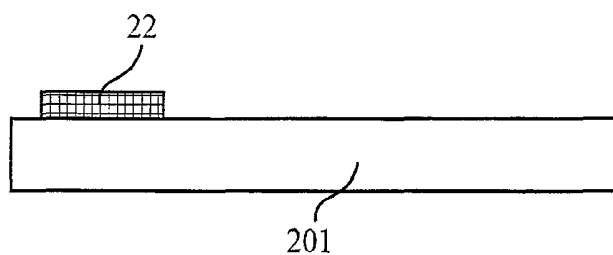


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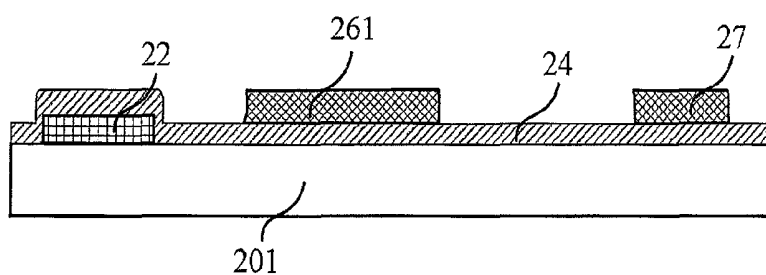


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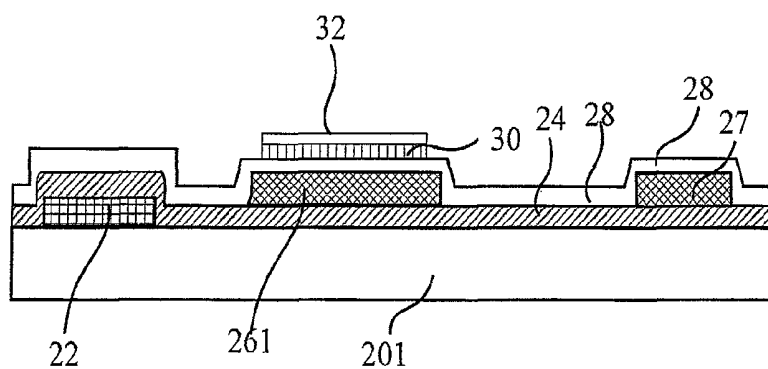


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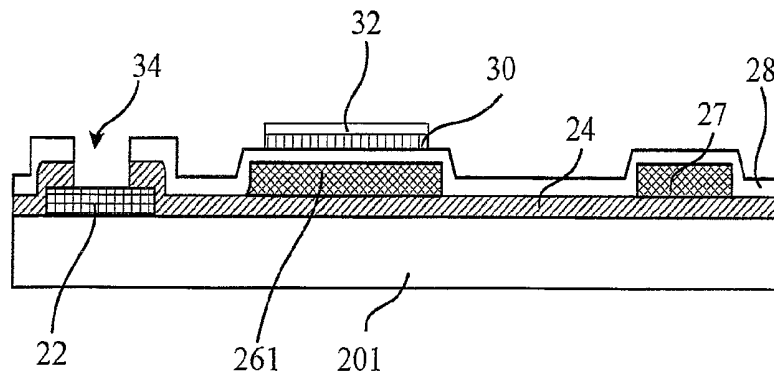


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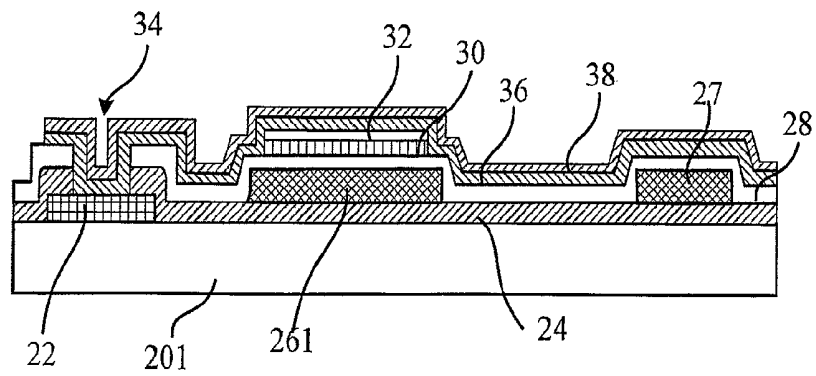


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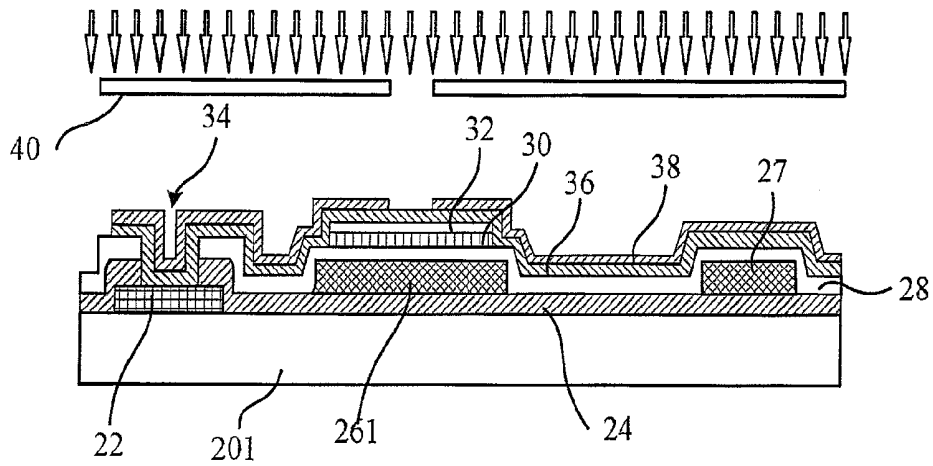


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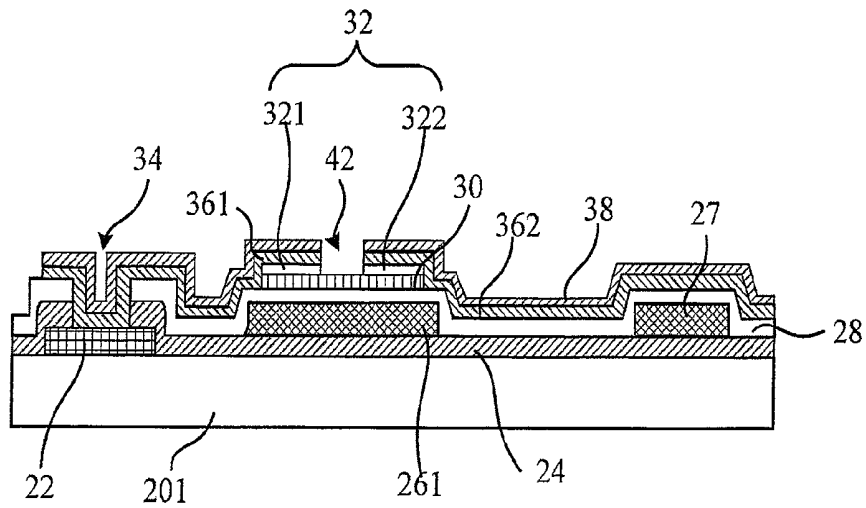


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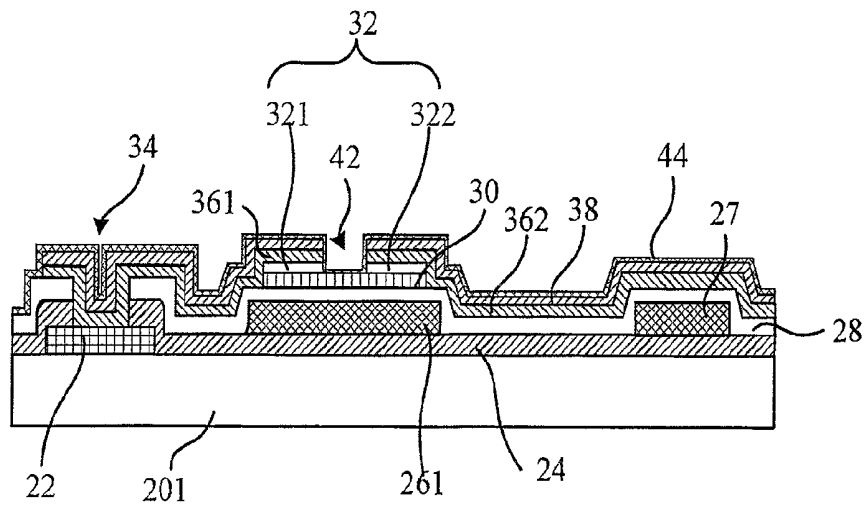


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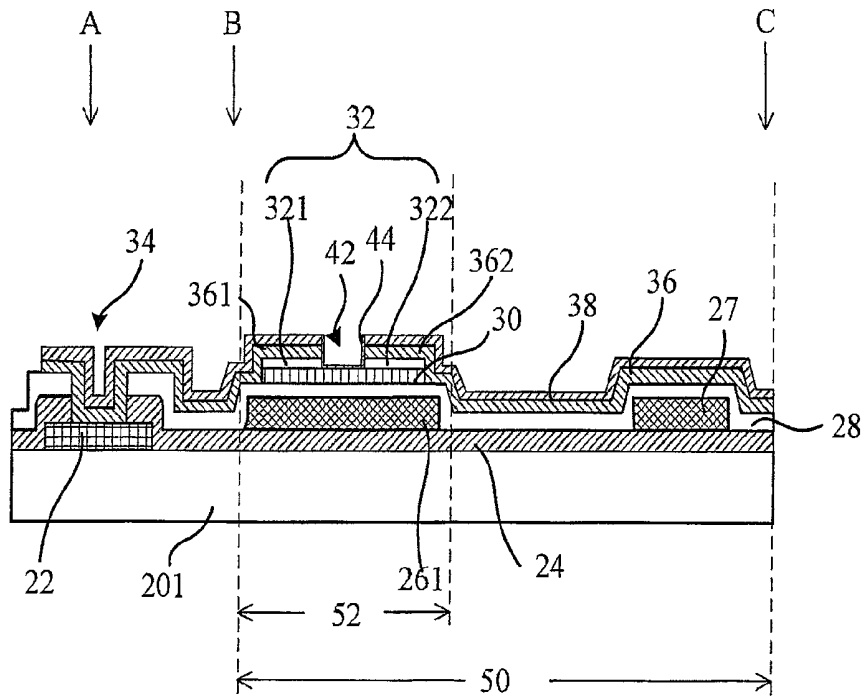


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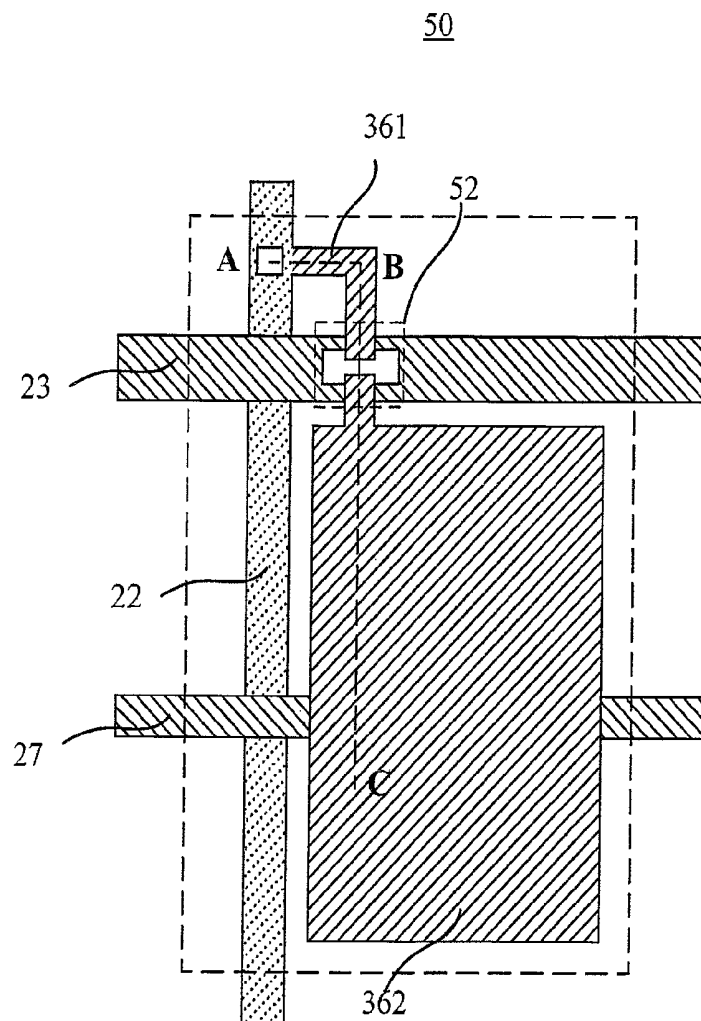


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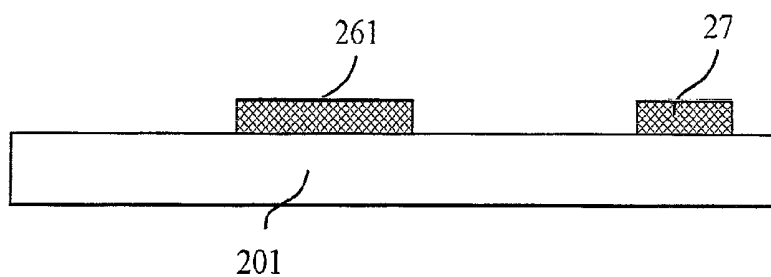


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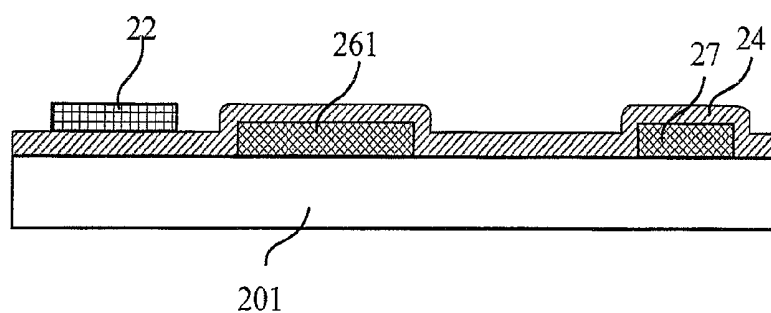


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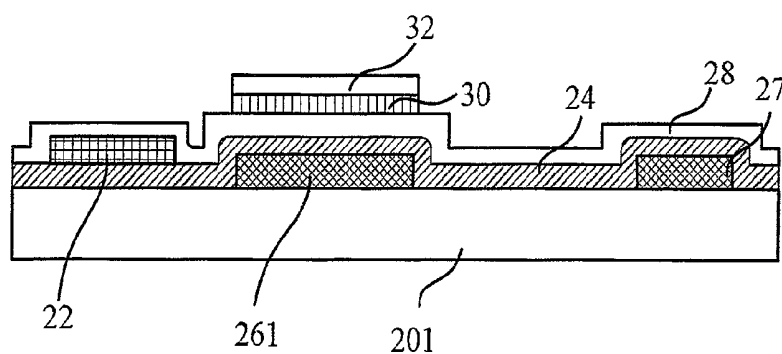


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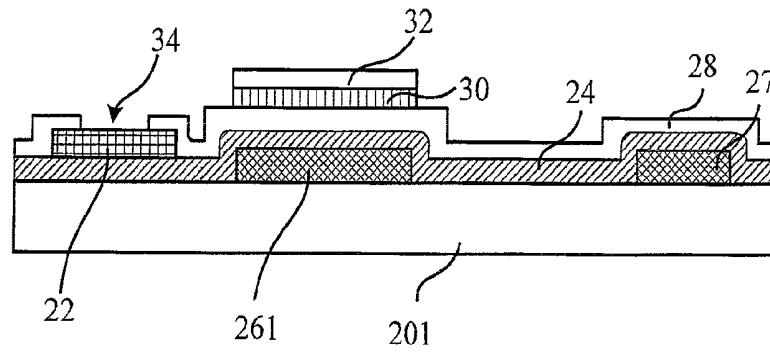


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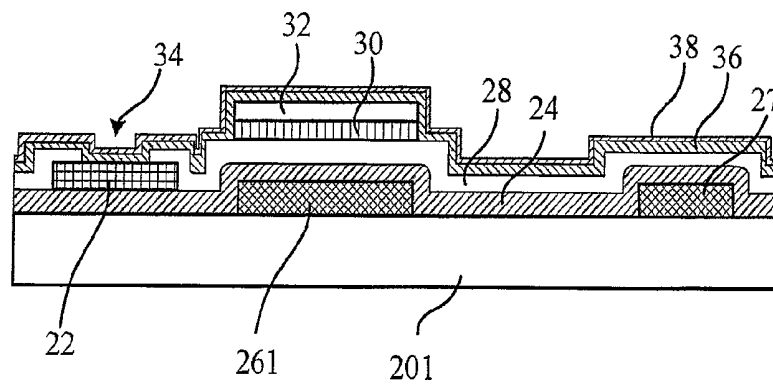


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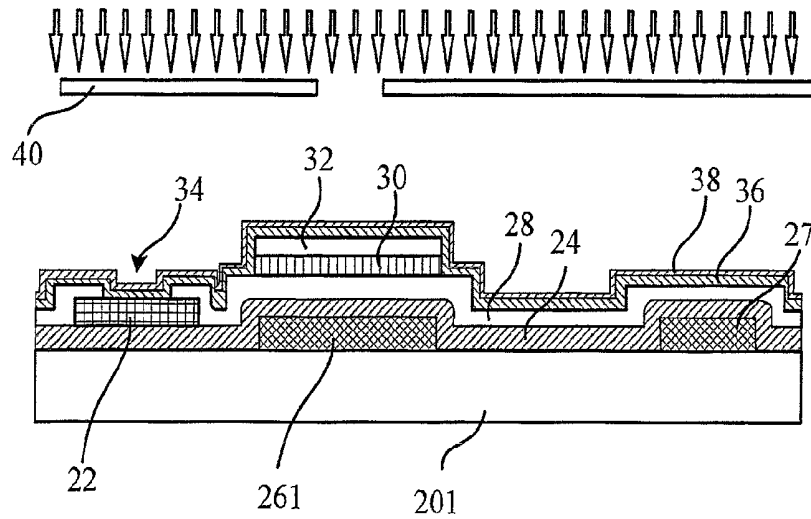


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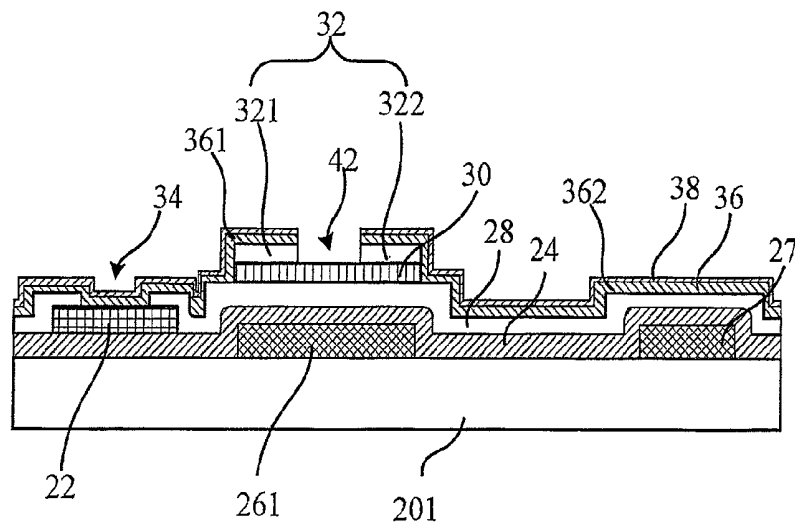


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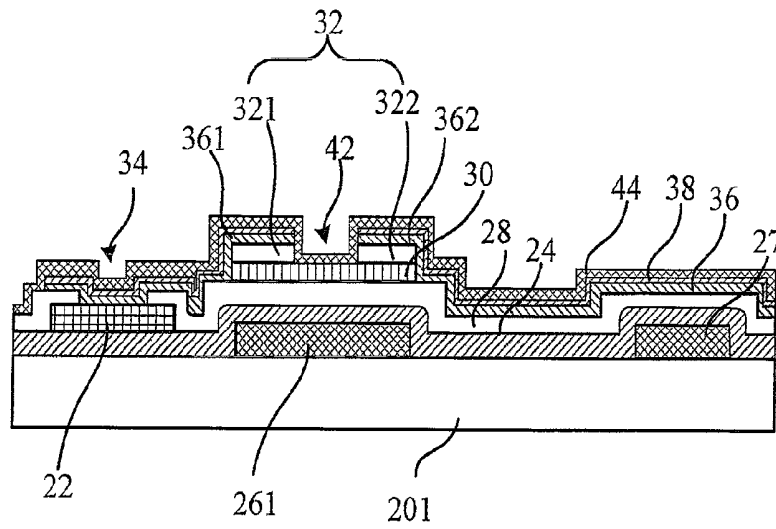


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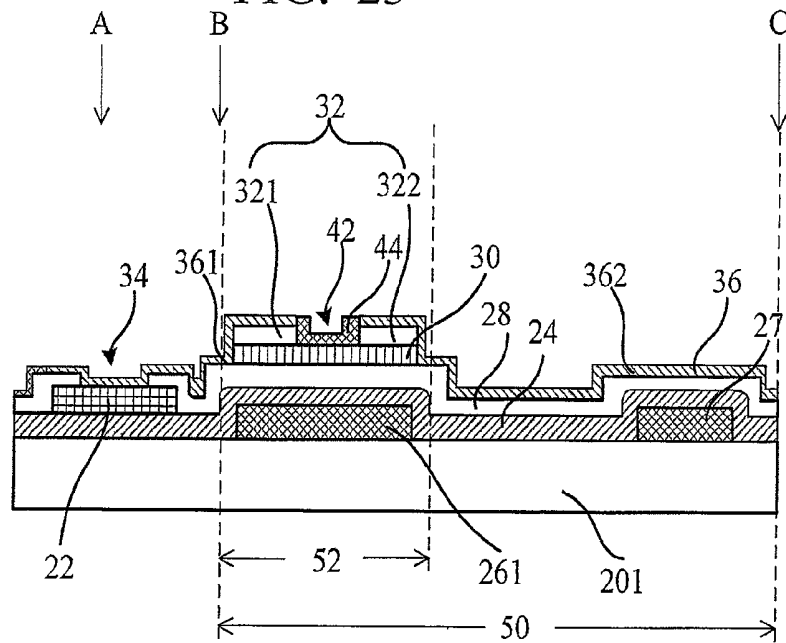


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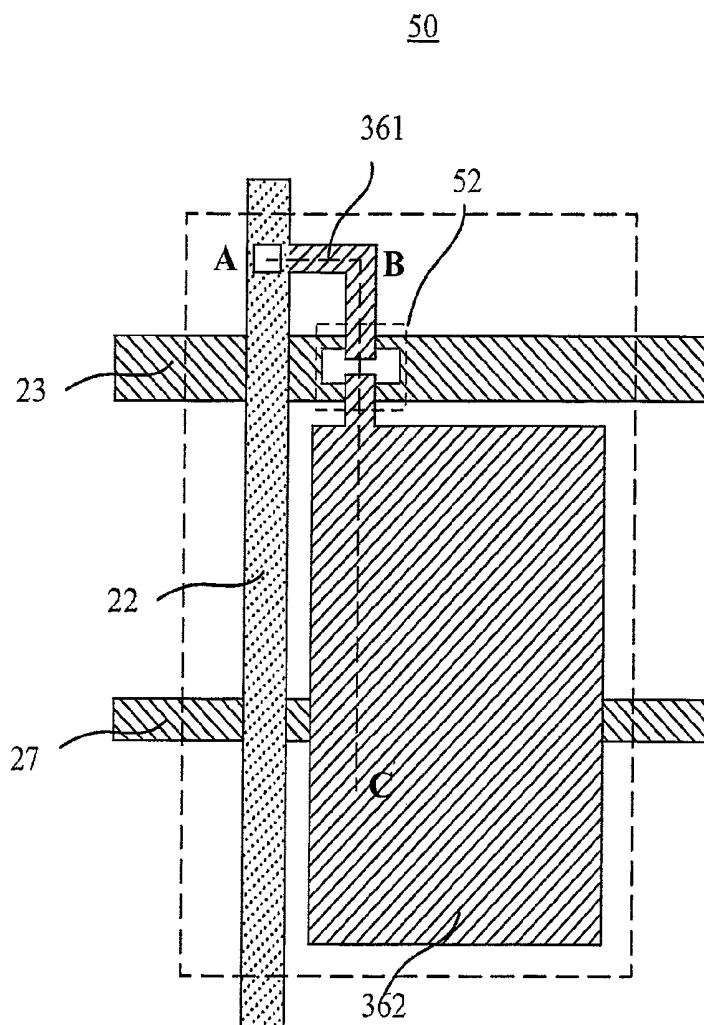


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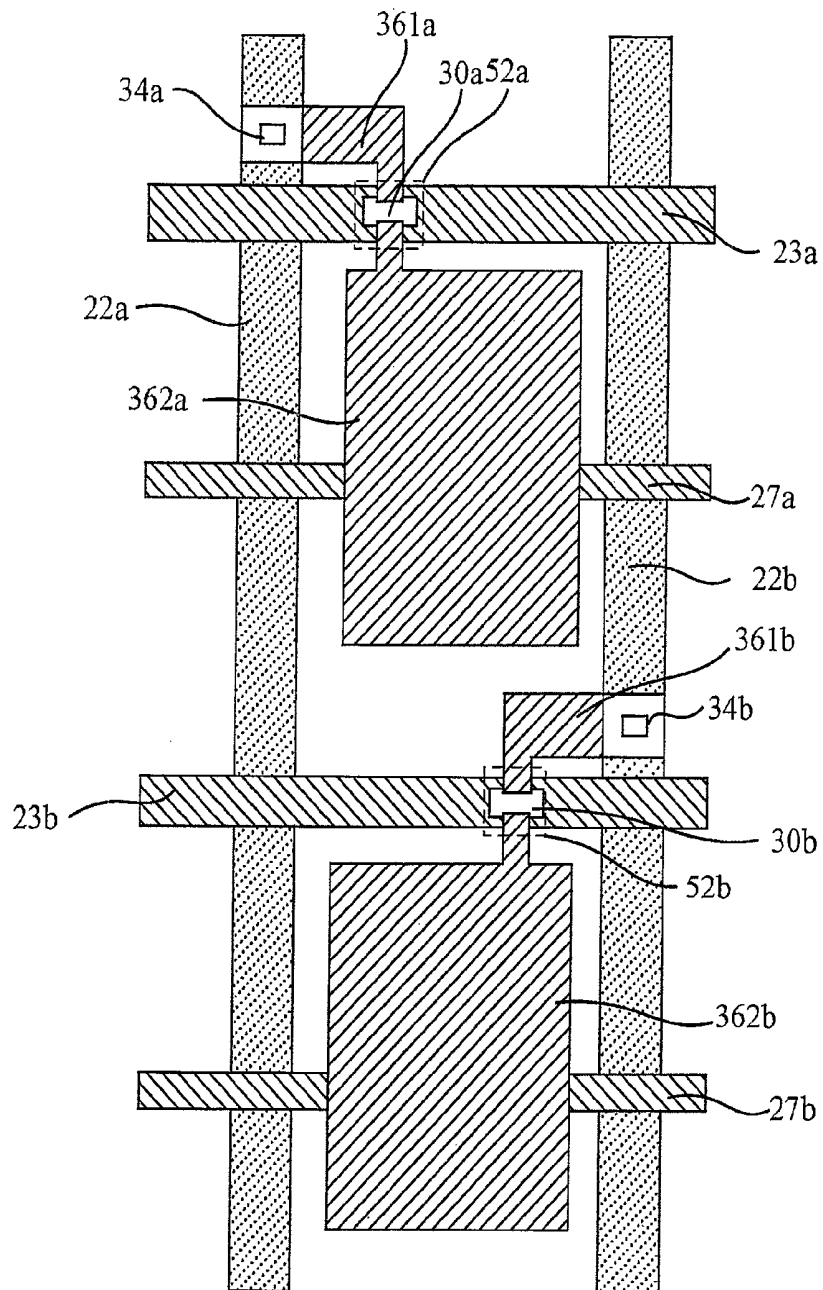


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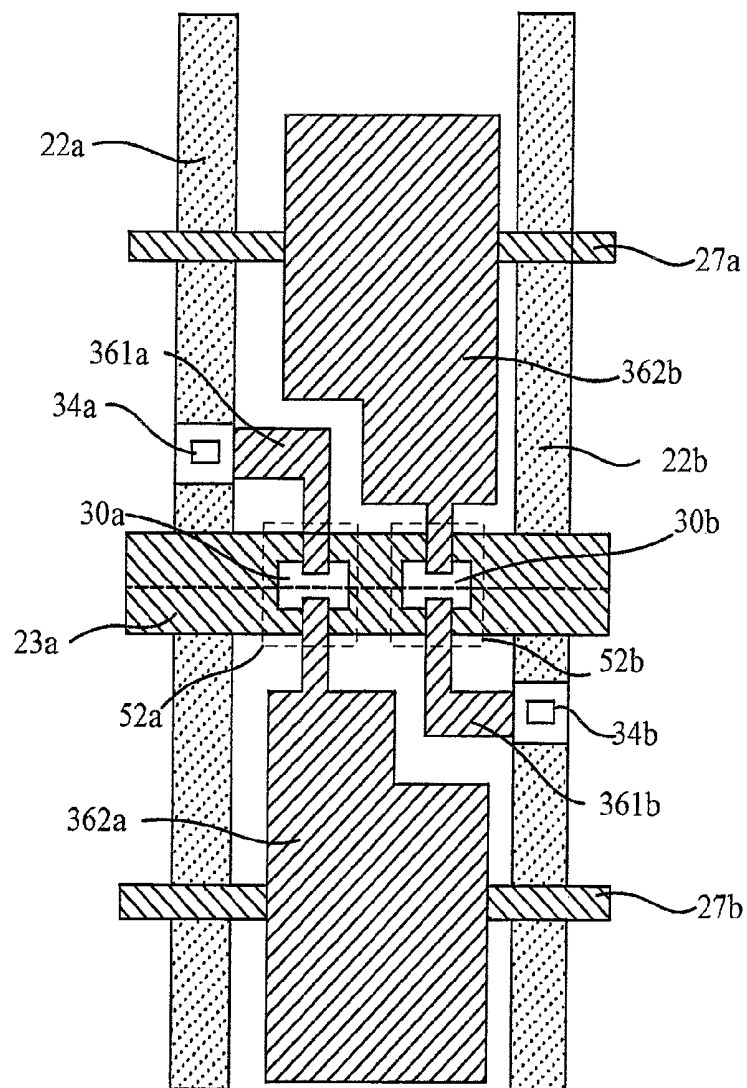


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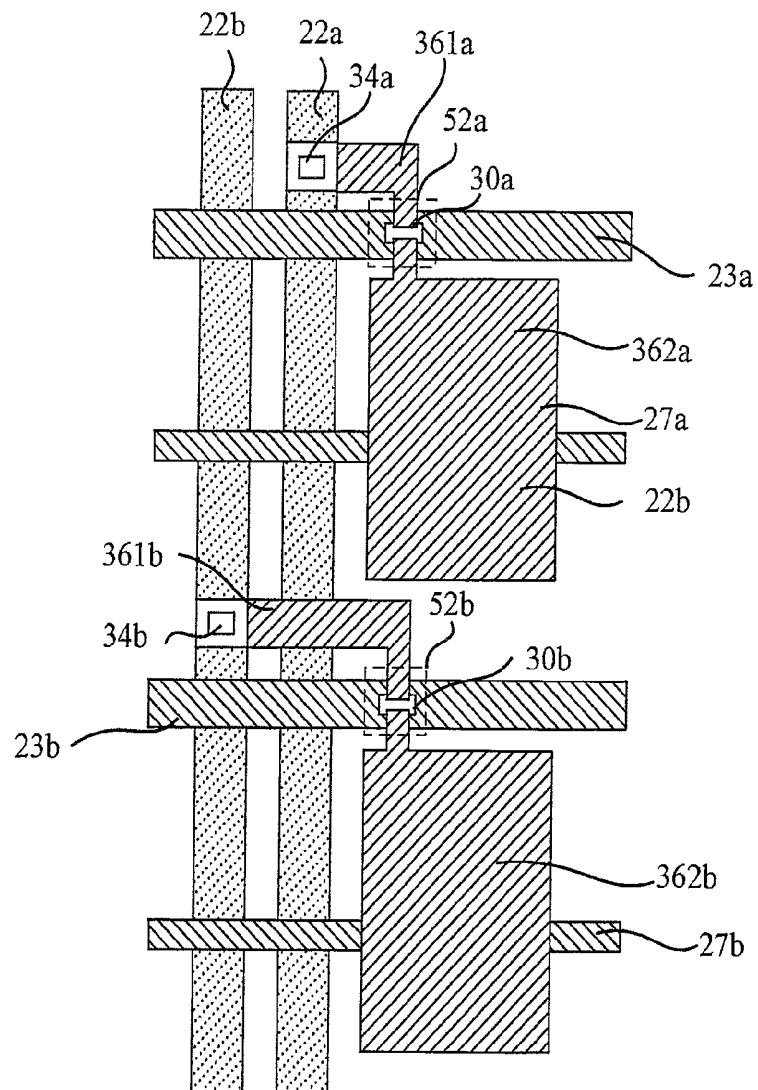


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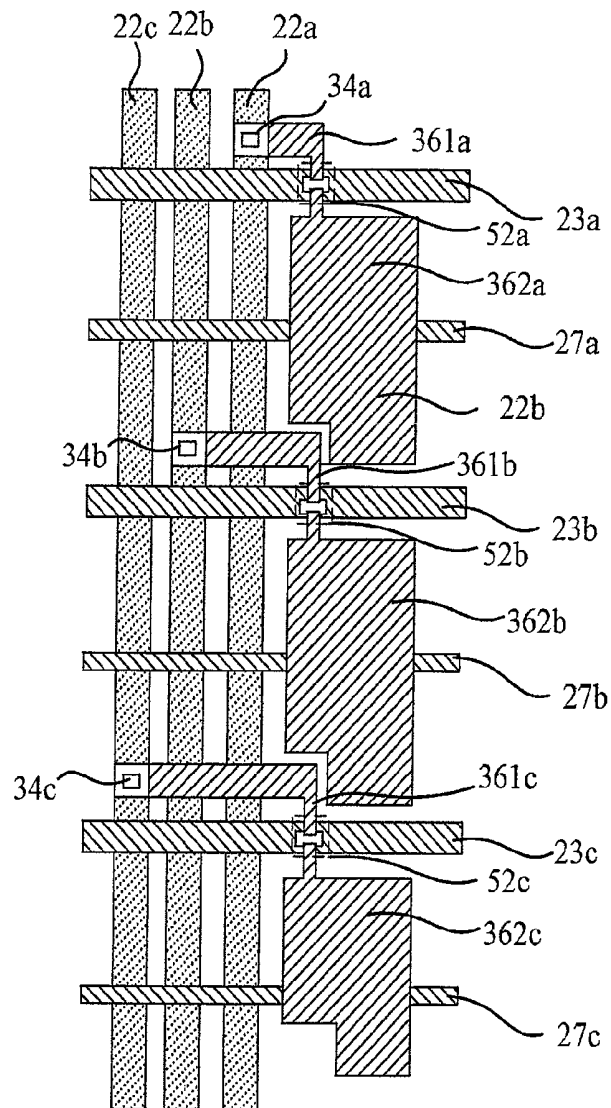


FIG. 29

LCD PANEL AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/CN2010/079558 filed Dec. 8, 2010, which claims the benefit of Chinese Application No. 201010564422.3 filed Nov. 26, 2010, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel, and more particularly, to an LCD panel and method for forming the same where a transparent conducting layer is directly connected to a data line and a thin film transistor.

2. Description of Prior Art

An advanced monitor with multiple functions is an important feature for use in current consumer electronic products. Liquid crystal displays (LCDs) which are colorful monitors with high resolution are widely used in various electronic products such as monitors for mobile phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), digital cameras, laptop computers, and notebook computers.

Please refer to FIG. 1 showing a layout of a pixel unit of a conventional liquid crystal display (LCD). The LCD includes a gate line 1, a data line 3, a common line 2, an active layer 6, a pixel electrode 9, and a storage capacitor 10. The pixel electrode, e.g. a transparent conducting layer made of indium tin oxide (ITO), is connected to the data line 3 through a via hole 5.

Generally speaking, a pixel corresponds to a scan line and a data line. Referring to FIG. 2 showing a cross section view along a line ABC shown in FIG. 1, the scan line 1 and a common line 2 is formed by a first metal layer, while the data line 3, a drain 4, and a source 5 are made of a second metal layer. Upon voltage delivered by the scan line 1 in an excess of a threshold voltage, data voltage from the data line 9 of the second metal layerM2 is delivered to the pixel electrode 9 by way of the second metal layerM2, the active layer 6, the second metal layerM2, the transparent conducting layer 7 on the via hole 8, and the pixel electrode 9. The pixel electrode 9 is charged based on voltage level of the data voltage, accordingly. As illustrated in the cross section view of FIG. 2, the common line 2 and the scan line 1 connected with a gate which are formed by the first metal layer, the isolator layer 12, an ohmic connecting layer 13, the active layer 6, the source 5 and the drain 4 of a thin film transistor (TFT) which are formed by the second metal layer, the transparent conducting layer 7, and the passivation layer 11 are shown.

Currently, a development of the liquid crystal display technology is in a tendency to a LCD panel with a large frame and a high display quality. For a purpose of a high display quality, one approach is to increment a frame rate of the LCD panel. However, the current LCD panel having multiple transistors arranged in an active matrix is a standardized structure, which is a disadvantage of raising the frame rate. Please refer to FIG. 3 depicting a conventional structure of the active matrix circuitry. For example, for the LCD panel with a 1920×1080 resolution and a frame rate of 120 Hz in normal, a maximum effective charging time period $t_{charging_120Hz}$ (without taking a blanking time period into consideration) is calculated as:

$$t_{charging_120Hz} = \frac{1000000}{120 \times 1080} \approx 7.7 \text{ (}\mu\text{sec)}.$$

By contrast, under a frame rate of 240 Hz, the maximum effective charging time period approximates to as 3.86 μsec-
onds. It is too short to charge to required voltage level if
considering RC delay and charging performance of TFT. In
order to solve this problem, another approach is to double a
number of data lines in the LCD panel. As shown in FIG. 4
illustrating a structure of an active matrix circuitry operating
with a higher frame rate, two pixel electrodes on two neigh-
boring rows are charged to predefined voltage levels in one
gate-on time period with two data lines. As compared, two
pixel electrodes on two neighboring rows of the traditional
active matrix circuitry are charged to predefined voltage lev-
els in two gate-on time periods. Even if operating in 240 Hz,
the maximum effective charging time period of the active
matrix circuitry shown in FIG. 4 is still 7.7 μseconds.

Refer to FIG. 5 showing a layout of three pixel electrodes
on three consecutive rows to be simultaneously charged in
one turn-on time period. Similar to above mentioned prin-
ciple, three pixel electrodes 9a-9c on three consecutive rows
to be simultaneously charged in one turn-on time period is
realized by configuring a pair of via holes (circled area in
dotted line) and a transparent conducting layer to link three
neighboring data lines 3a-3c, so that data signal from the
middle data line 3b can be transmitted to sources of the
corresponding TFTs. Such design reduces a aperture ratio and
degrades display brightness.

In sum, it is proper for implementing two pixel electrodes
on two neighboring rows to be simultaneously charged in one
turn-on time period. In other words, for keeping the aperture
ratio and display brightness, the frame rate is at least 240 Hz
considering a RC delay and a charging performance of a TFT.

Therefore, it is necessary for providing a novelty LCD
panel capable of raising frame rate to solve the problems
existing in prior art.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An objective of the present invention is to provide a LCD
liquid crystal display (LCD) panel and a method of forming
the same to raising an aperture ratio of the LCD panel to
improve a transmittance of the LCD panel.

In one aspect of the present invention, a method of forming
a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel comprises: a glass sub-
strate is provided; a first metal layer formed on the glass
substrate is etched to form a data line; a first passivation layer
and a second metal layer are deposited on the glass substrate
and on the first metal layer in order; the second metal layer is
etched to form a gate of a thin film transistor and a bottom
electrode of a storage capacitor; an isolation layer and an
active layer are deposited on the first passivation layer and on
the second metal layer in order; the active layer is etched
simultaneously for reserving the active layer above the con-
trol electrode, and the active layer functions as a channel of
the thin film transistor; the first passivation layer and the
isolation layer above the data line are etched to form a via hole
on top of the data line; a transparent conducting layer is
deposited on the isolation layer, the data line, and the active
layer; and the transparent conducting layer is etched to divide
the transparent conducting layer into a first electrode and a
second electrode, wherein the data line is electrically con-

nected to the active layer through the first electrode on the via hole, and the active layer is electrically connected to the second electrode.

In another aspect of the present invention, an LCD panel comprises a glass substrate and a plurality of pixel units, each pixel unit is disposed on the glass substrate and electrically connected to a scan line and a data line. Each pixel unit comprises: a first metal layer, disposed on the glass substrate, for forming a data line; a first passivation layer, disposed on the glass substrate and on the first metal layer; a second metal layer, disposed on the first passivation layer, for forming a gate of a thin film transistor and a bottom electrode of a storage capacitor; an isolation layer, disposed on the first passivation layer and the second metal layer; an active layer, disposed on the isolation layer, for functioning as a channel of the switch unit; a via hole, formed on top of the data line; and a transparent conducting layer, disposed on the isolation layer and on the via hole, comprising a first electrode and a second electrode, the first electrode electrically connected to the data line, the second electrode functioning as a pixel electrode. Upon receiving a scan voltage by the gate, a data voltage from the data line is transmitted to the second electrode through the first electrode and the active layer.

In still another aspect of the present invention, a method of forming a liquid crystal display (LCD) panel, characterized in that the method comprises: a glass substrate is provided; a first metal layer formed on the glass substrate is etched to form a gate of a thin film transistor and a bottom electrode of a storage capacitor; a first passivation layer and a second metal layer are deposited on the glass substrate and on the first metal layer in order; the second metal layer is etched to form a data line; an isolation layer and an active layer are deposited on the first passivation layer and on the second metal layer in order; the active layer is etched simultaneously for reserving the active layer above the control electrode, and the active layer functions as a channel of the thin film transistor; the first passivation layer and the isolation layer above the data line are etched to form a via hole on top of the data line; a transparent conducting layer is deposited on the isolation layer, the data line, and the active layer; and the transparent conducting layer is etched to divide the transparent conducting layer into a first electrode and a second electrode, wherein the data line is electrically connected to the active layer through the first electrode on the via hole, and the active layer is electrically connected to the second electrode.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, an LCD panel comprises a glass substrate and a plurality of pixel units. Each pixel unit is disposed on the glass substrate and electrically connected to a scan line and a data line. Each pixel unit comprises: a first metal layer, disposed on the glass substrate, for functioning as a gate of a thin film transistor and a bottom electrode of a storage capacitor; a first passivation layer, disposed on the glass substrate and on the first metal layer; a second metal layer, disposed on the first passivation layer, for forming as a data line; an isolation layer, disposed on the first passivation layer and the second metal layer; an active layer, disposed on the isolation layer, for functioning as a channel of the thin film transistor; a via hole, formed on top of the data line; and a transparent conducting layer, disposed on the isolation layer and on the via hole, comprising a first electrode and a second electrode, the first electrode electrically connected to the data line, the second electrode functioning as a pixel electrode. Upon receiving a scan voltage by the gate, a data voltage from the data line is transmitted to the second electrode through the first electrode and the active layer.

In contrast to the prior art, the LCD panel and method for forming the same of the present invention can produce LCD panels with a new TFT structure using a five-mask process. In the LCD panel, a transparent conducting layer forms a first electrode and a second electrode of a TFT directly. Meanwhile, the transparent conducting layer also serves as a connecting line between a TFT and a data line and between a TFT and an LC capacitor, without forming a via hole over the TFT to link the TFT and the transparent conducting layer. In this way, an area of a pixel electrode can be further extended, and the aperture ratio of an LCD panel can be also increased, raising a transmittance of light from light sources passing through the pixel electrode.

These and other features, aspects and advantages of the present disclosure will become understood with reference to the following description, appended claims and accompanying figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a layout of a pixel unit of a conventional liquid crystal display (LCD).

FIG. 2 shows a cross section view along a line ABC shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 depicts a conventional structure of the active matrix circuitry.

FIG. 4 illustrates a structure of an active matrix circuitry operating with a higher frame rate.

FIG. 5 shows a layout of three pixel electrodes on three consecutive rows to be simultaneously charged in one turn-on time period.

FIGS. 6 to 14 illustrate schematic diagrams of the LCD panel forming process according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 15 shows a top view of pixel unit shown in FIG. 14.

FIGS. 16 to 24 are schematic diagrams of the LCD panel forming process according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 25 shows a top view of pixel unit 50 shown in FIG. 24.

FIG. 26 shows a layout of the pixel units according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 27 shows a layout of the pixel units according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 28 shows a layout of the pixel units according to a third embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 29 shows a layout of the pixel units according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Spatially relative terms, such as "beneath", "below", "lower", "above", "upper" and the like, may be used herein for ease of description to describe one element or feature's relationship to another element(s) or feature(s) as illustrated in the figures. It will be understood that the spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of the device in use or operation in addition to the orientation depicted in the figures.

Refer to FIGS. 6 to 14, which illustrate schematic diagrams of the LCD panel forming process according to a first embodiment of the present invention. Firstly, refer to FIG. 6. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a first metal layer (not shown) is deposited on a glass substrate 201. Meanwhile, a developing process is implemented through a first mask. The developing process contains the following steps: coating a photoresist (not shown) on the first metal layer, exposing the

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photoresist through the first mask having a specific pattern, and then washing out the exposed photoresist with a developer. Afterwards, the first metal layer undergoes an etching process. The etching process includes the steps of: removing the first metal layer, which is not covered by the photoresist, with a strong acid, producing a data line 22 on the first metal layer covered by the photoresist (roughly showing the specific pattern), and washing out the remaining photoresist.

Refer to FIG. 7. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a first passivation layer 24 is deposited on the glass substrate 201 and the first metal layer. Next, a second metal layer (not shown) is deposited on the first passivation layer 24. Next, a developing process is implemented through a second mask. Meanwhile, the second metal layer undergoes an etching process in order to generate a gate 261 and a common line 27.

Refer to FIG. 8. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, an isolation layer 28 is deposited on the gate 261, the common line 27 and the first passivation layer 24. Next, an active layer 30 and an ohmic contact layer 32 are deposited on the isolation layer 28 in order. Subsequently, a developing process is implemented through a third mask. Meanwhile, the active layer 30 and the ohmic contact layer 32 undergo an etching process in order to reserve the active layer 30 and the ohmic contact layer 32 corresponding to the top of the gate 261.

Refer to FIG. 9. During this stage of the forming process, a developing process is implemented through a fourth mask. Meanwhile, the isolation layer 28 and the first passivation layer 24 undergo an etching process until the data line 22 is exposed, so as to form a via hole 34.

Refer to FIG. 10. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a transparent conducting layer 36 is deposited. Next, a layer of photoresist 38 is coated on top of the transparent conducting layer 36. Preferably, the transparent conducting layer 36 may be indium tin oxide (ITO).

Refer to FIG. 11. During this stage of the forming process, the photoresist 38 is exposed through a fifth mask 40. After the photoresist 38 is radiated by the ultraviolet light, a solubility of the exposed photoresist 38 to the developer is changed. Therefore, the exposed photoresist 38 can be easily washed out with the developer.

Refer to FIG. 12. During this stage of the forming process, a portion of the transparent conducting layer 36 and the ohmic contact layer 32, where the photoresist 38 does not cover, is removed by performing an etching process to form an opening 42. The opening 42 is formed on top of the gate 261. The ohmic contact layer 32 at both sides of the opening 42 forms a first ohmic contact layer 321 and a second ohmic contact layer 322, respectively.

Refer to FIG. 13. During this stage of the forming process, a second passivation layer 44 is deposited on the remaining photoresist 38 and inside the opening 42 before the remaining photoresist 38 is removed.

Refer to FIG. 14. During this stage of the forming process, both of the photoresist 38 and the second passivation layer 44 deposited on the photoresist 38 are lifted off. The second passivation layer 44 inside the opening 42 is prevented from being lifted off because it does not adhere to the photoresist 38. Thus, the second passivation layer 44 adheres to the inner surface of the opening 42 and to the top of the active layer 30 corresponding to the opening 42.

Refer to FIG. 14 in conjunction to FIG. 15 showing a top view of a pixel unit 50 shown in FIG. 14. FIG. 14 shows a cross-sectional view along a line A-B-C shown in FIG. 15. The transparent conducting layer 36 is divided into a first transparent conducting layer 361 and a second transparent

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conducting layer 362 by the opening 42. In addition to the gate 261, the first electrode 361 and the second electrode 362 function as a source (or a drain) and a drain (or a source) of the TFT 52, and the active layer 30 functions as a channel of the TFT 52 between the source and the drain. The first electrode 361 is capable of outputting or inputting electrical signals. Correspondingly, the second electrode 362 is capable of outputting or inputting electrical signals as well. An object of the second passivation layer 44 adhering to the opening 42 is to separate the ohmic contact layer 32 from the active layer 30 functioning as the channel, so that the active layer 30 and the ohmic contact layer 32 are prevented from approaching the LC molecules directly and further from affecting the alignment of LC molecules. The second electrode 362 serves as not only the source (or the drain) of the TFT 52 but also, practically, a pixel electrode (as shown in FIG. 15). When the TFT 52 receives a scanning voltage from the scan line 23, a data voltage transmitted from the data line 22 is transmitted to the second electrode 362 (i.e., the pixel electrode) through the first electrode 361 and the TFT 52. The alignment of the LC molecules over the second electrode 362 is adjusted according to the data voltage applied on the second electrode 362, which decides the transmittance of light beams. Besides, the common line 27 is used for supplying a common voltage Vcom. A storage capacitor 56, formed by an overlap of the second electrode 362 and the common line 27, is used for keeping data voltage. That is, the alignment of the LC molecules over the second electrode 362 is determined according to stored voltage in the storage capacitor 56 when the TFT 52 does not receive the scanning signal.

Refer to FIGS. 16 to 24, which are schematic diagrams of the LCD panel forming process according to a second embodiment of the present invention. Firstly, refer to FIG. 16. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a first metal layer (not shown) is deposited on a glass substrate 201. Meanwhile, a developing process is implemented through a first mask. Afterwards, the first metal layer is etched to generate a gate 261 of a switch unit and common line 27.

Refer to FIG. 17. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a first passivation layer 24 is deposited on the glass substrate 201 and the first metal layer. Next, a second metal layer (not shown) is deposited on the first passivation layer 24. Next, a developing process is implemented through a second mask. Meanwhile, the second metal layer undergoes an etching process in order to generate a data line 22.

Refer to FIG. 18. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, an isolation layer 28 is deposited on the data line 22 and the first passivation layer 24. Next, an active layer and an ohmic contact layer are deposited on the isolation layer 28 in order. Subsequently, a developing process is implemented through a third mask. Meanwhile, the active layer and the ohmic contact layer undergo an etching process in order to reserve the active layer 30 and the ohmic contact layer 32 corresponding to the top of the gate 261.

Refer to FIG. 19. During this stage of the forming process, a developing process is implemented through a fourth mask. Meanwhile, the first passivation layer 24 undergo an etching process until the data line 22 is exposed, and a via hole 34 is formed.

Refer to FIG. 20. During this stage of the forming process, firstly, a transparent conducting layer 36 is deposited. Next, a layer of photoresist 38 is coated on top of the transparent conducting layer 36. Preferably, the transparent conducting layer 36 may be made of indium tin oxide (ITO).

Refer to FIG. 21. During this stage of the forming process, the photoresist 38 is exposed through a fifth mask 40. After the photoresist 38 is radiated by the ultraviolet light, a solu-

bility of the exposed photoresist 38 to the developer is changed. Therefore, the exposed photoresist 38 can be easily washed out with the developer.

Refer to FIG. 22. During this stage of the forming process, a portion of the transparent conducting layer 36 and the ohmic contact layer 32, where the non-exposed photoresist 38 does not cover, is removed by performing an etching process to form an opening 42. The opening 42 is formed on top of the gate 261. The ohmic contact layer 32 at both sides of the opening 42 forms a first ohmic contact layer 321 and a second ohmic contact layer 322, respectively.

Refer to FIG. 23. During this stage of the forming process, a second passivation layer 44 is deposited on the remaining photoresist 38 and inside the opening 42 before the remaining photoresist 38 is removed.

Refer to FIG. 24. During this stage of the forming process, both of the photoresist 38 and the second passivation layer 44 deposited on the photoresist 38 are lifted off. The second passivation layer 44 inside the opening 42 is prevented from being lifted off because it does not adhere to the photoresist 38. Thus, the second passivation layer 44 adheres to the inner surface of the opening 42 and to the top of the active layer 30 corresponding to the opening 42, for isolating the active layer 30 from liquid crystal molecules.

Refer to FIG. 24 in conjunction to FIG. 25 showing a top view of the pixel unit 50 shown in FIG. 24. FIG. 24 shows a cross-sectional view along a line A-B-C shown in FIG. 25. The transparent conducting layer 36 is divided into a first transparent conducting layer (a first electrode) 361 and a second transparent conducting layer (a second electrode) 362 by the opening 42. In addition to the gate 261, the first electrode 361 and the second electrode 362 function as a source (or a drain) and a drain (or a source) of the TFT 52, and the active layer 30 function as a channel of TFT 52 between the source and the drain. The first electrode 361 is capable of outputting or inputting electrical signals. Correspondingly, the second electrode 362 is capable of outputting or inputting electrical signals as well. An object of the second passivation layer 44 adhering to the opening 42 is to separate the ohmic contact layer 32 from the active layer 30 functioning as the channel, so that the active layer 30 and the ohmic contact layer 32 are prevented from approaching the LC molecules directly and further affecting the alignment of LC molecules. The second electrode 362 serves as not only a source (or a drain) of the TFT 52 but also, practically, the pixel electrode (as shown in FIG. 15). When the TFT 52 receives a scanning voltage from the scan line 23, a data voltage transmitted from the data line 22 is transmitted to the second electrode 362 (i.e., the pixel electrode) through the first electrode 361 and the TFT 52. The alignment of the LC molecules over the second electrode 362 is adjusted according to the data voltage applied on the second electrode 362, which decides the transmittance of light beams. Besides, the common line 27 is used for supplying a common voltage Vcom. A storage capacitor 56, formed by an overlap of the second electrode 362 and the common line 27, is used for keeping data voltage. That is, the alignment of the LC molecules over the second electrode 362 is determined according to stored voltage in the storage capacitor 56 during which the TFT 52 does not receive the scanning signal.

As shown in FIG. 14 or FIG. 24, the first ohmic contact layer 321 and the second ohmic contact layer 322 of the ohmic contact layer 32 of the present invention is used for decreasing the resistance of the TFT 52. In another embodiment, the ohmic contact layer 32 may be unnecessary during

the forming process, so the first ohmic contact layer 321 and the second ohmic contact layer 322 may be also not necessary for the TFT 52.

It is noted that a difference between the TFTs 52 shown in FIGS. 15 and 25 is a sequence of forming the common line 27, the gate 261, and the data line 22. For the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 15, the data line 22 is formed prior to the common line 27 and the gate 261; correspondingly, for the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 25, the data line 22 is formed subsequent to the common line 27 and the gate 261.

With reference to FIG. 26 showing a layout of the pixel units according to a first embodiment of the present invention, two TFTs 52a and 52b are located at two areas, and the data lines 22a and 22b are disposed in parallel and in perpendicular to the scan lines 23a and 23b within the two areas. The data lines 22a and 22b are disposed at both sides of the pixel electrodes 362a, 362b. The second electrode (i.e., the pixel electrode) 362a within the upper area is electrically connected to the first electrode 361a through the active layer 30a, and further electrically connected to data line 22a at left side through the via hole 34a. The second electrode (i.e., the pixel electrode) 362b within the lower area is electrically connected to the first electrode 361a through the active layer 30a, and further electrically connected to data line 22b at right side through the via hole 34b. The second electrodes 362a and 362b of the TFTs 52a and 52b are electrically connected to the data lines 22a and 22b by means of the via holes 34a and 34b formed on top of the data lines 22a and 22b, and the gates (not shown) of the TFTs 52a and 52b are electrically connected to the scan lines 23a and 23b. Because the via holes 34a and 34b are formed over the metal layer of the data lines 22a and 22b, not only an aperture ratio and brightness of each pixel unit is not decreased but also the frame rate is raised.

With reference to FIG. 27 showing a layout of the pixel units according to a second embodiment of the present invention, two TFTs 52a and 52b are located at two areas and are shared with a scan line 23 which is located between the two areas. The via holes 34a and 34b are disposed over the data lines 22a and 22b, respectively. The TFT 52a is connected to the data line 22a at a left side through the via hole 34a, while the TFT 52b is connected to the data line 22b at a right side through the via hole 34b. In other words, the data lines 22a and 22b are disposed at both sides of the pixel electrodes 362a, 362b. The second electrodes 362a and 362b of the TFTs 52a and 52b are electrically connected to the data lines 22a and 22b by means of the via holes 34a and 34b formed on top of the data lines 22a and 22b, and the drains (not shown) of the TFTs 52a and 52b are electrically connected to the scan line 23.

Refer to FIG. 28 showing a layout of the pixel units according to a third embodiment of the present invention. In contrast to FIG. 26, the data lines 22a and 22b are disposed at the same side of the of the pixel electrodes 362a and 362b. The data lines 22a and 22b are disposed in parallel and in perpendicular to the scan lines 23a and 23b. The two via holes 34a and 34b are formed over the metal layer forming the data lines and are located at the same side of the pixel electrodes 362a and 362b.

Refer to FIG. 29 showing a layout of the pixel units according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention. In contrast to FIG. 28, each of the pixel electrodes 362a, 362b, and 362c is electrically and correspondingly connected to one of three data lines 22a, 22b, and 22c. In this embodiment, the data lines 22a, 22b, and 22c are located at the same side of the second electrodes 362a, 362b, and 362c. When the TFTs 52a, 52b, and 52c turn on the second electrodes 362a, 362b, and 362c are electrically connected to the first electrodes 361a,

361b, and 361c through the via holes 34a, 34b, and 34c. Because the via holes 34a, 34b, and 34c are formed over the metal layer of the data lines 22a, 22b, and 22c, not only an aperture ratio and brightness of each of second electrodes 362a, 362b, and 362c functioning as pixel electrodes are not decreased due to the via holes 34a, 34b, and 34c, but also the frame rate of a display device raises.

In conclusion, in the disclosed embodiments of the present invention, whatever the number of data lines are, the connectivity follows the above mentioned approaches. Each pixel corresponds to an associated via hole does not increase the number of the via holes and not reduce the aperture ratio, and thus it is very proper to a design using more data lines and working in a high frequency. Moreover, the matrix circuitry of LCD of the present invention may be applied in a low temperature poly silicon LCD panel, an amorphous silicon LCD panel, or an organic light emitting diode display. Particularly, the matrix circuitry of LCD of the present invention is well applied in a display which not only increases a density of data lines to raise the frame rate but also maintains the aperture ratio and brightness.

Although the present invention has been explained by the embodiments shown in the drawings described above, it should be understood to the ordinary skilled person in the art that the invention is not limited to the embodiments, but rather various changes or modifications thereof are possible without departing from the spirit of the invention. Accordingly, the scope of the invention shall be determined only by the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal display panel comprising:

a glass substrate and a plurality of pixel units, wherein each pixel unit is disposed on the glass substrate and electrically connected to a scan line and a data line, characterized in that each pixel unit comprises:

a first metal layer, disposed on the glass substrate, for forming a data line;

a first passivation layer, connected to and disposed on the glass substrate and the first metal layer;

a second metal layer, disposed on the first passivation layer, for forming a gate of a thin film transistor and a bottom electrode of a storage capacitor;

an isolation layer, disposed on the first passivation layer and the second metal layer;

an active layer, disposed on the isolation layer, used as a channel of the switch unit;

an ohmic contact layer, disposed between the active layer and the transparent conducting layer;

a via hole, formed on top of the data line; and

a transparent conducting layer, disposed on the isolation layer and on the via hole, and comprising a first electrode and a second electrode, wherein the first electrode is electrically connected to the data line, and the second electrode is used as a pixel electrode, the storage capacitor is formed by an overlap of the second electrode and the bottom electrode,

wherein in receiving a scan voltage by the gate, a data voltage from the data line is transmitted to the second electrode through the first electrode and the active layer, wherein three pixel units are coupled to three data lines which are at one side of the three pixel units.

2. The liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the LCD panel further comprises an opening, penetrating the ohmic contact layer and the transparent conducting layer until the active layer.

3. The liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the plurality of pixel units comprise a first pixel unit and a second pixel unit disposed on two neighboring rows, and the first pixel unit and the second pixel unit are commonly connected to a scan line.

4. The liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent conducting layer is made of indium tin oxide.

5. The liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the bottom electrode of the storage capacitor is a common line for supplying a common voltage.

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摘要(译)

本发明公开了一种液晶显示 (LCD) 面板及其形成方法。在LCD面板中, TFT包括由透明导电层形成的源极和漏极, 以及由金属层形成的栅极。源通过数据线上的通孔与数据线电连接。源通过有源层连接到漏极。无论数据线的数量是多少, 每个像素对应于相关的通孔, 因此通孔的数量不会增加, 并且不会降低孔径比。因此, 本发明对于使用更多数据线并以高频率工作的设计非常合适。而且, 本发明的LCD矩阵电路很好地应用于显示器中, 该显示器不仅增加了数据线的密度以提高帧速率, 而且还保持了孔径比和亮度。

