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(54) **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY HAVING
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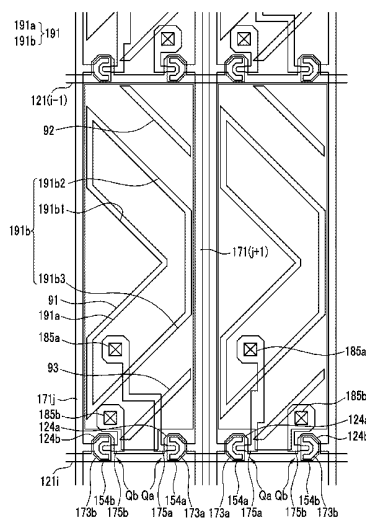
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A liquid crystal display (LCD), according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, includes a first pixel formed between the first and second gate lines, the first and the second data lines, a first subpixel configured to have applied thereto a first data voltage and a second subpixel configured to have applied thereto a second data voltage lower than the first data voltage, a second pixel formed between the second and third gate lines, the first and second data lines, and having a third subpixel configured to have applied thereto a third data voltage and a fourth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a fourth data voltage lower than the third data voltage. The first subpixel and the third subpixel are connected to a first thin film transistor and a third thin film transistor respectively, the first thin film transistor and the third thin film transistor have source electrodes connected to the first data line and the second data line respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor.

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FIG.1

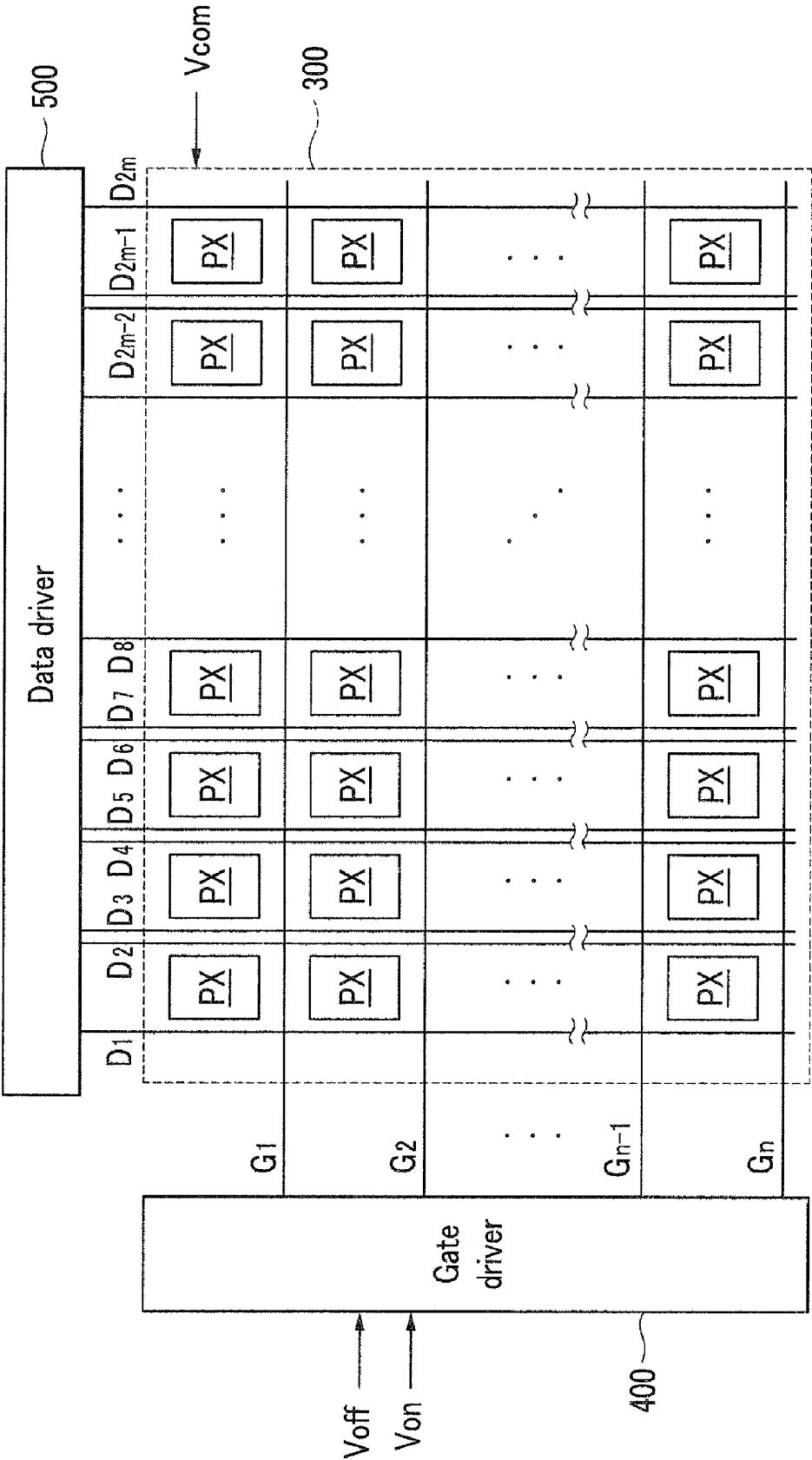


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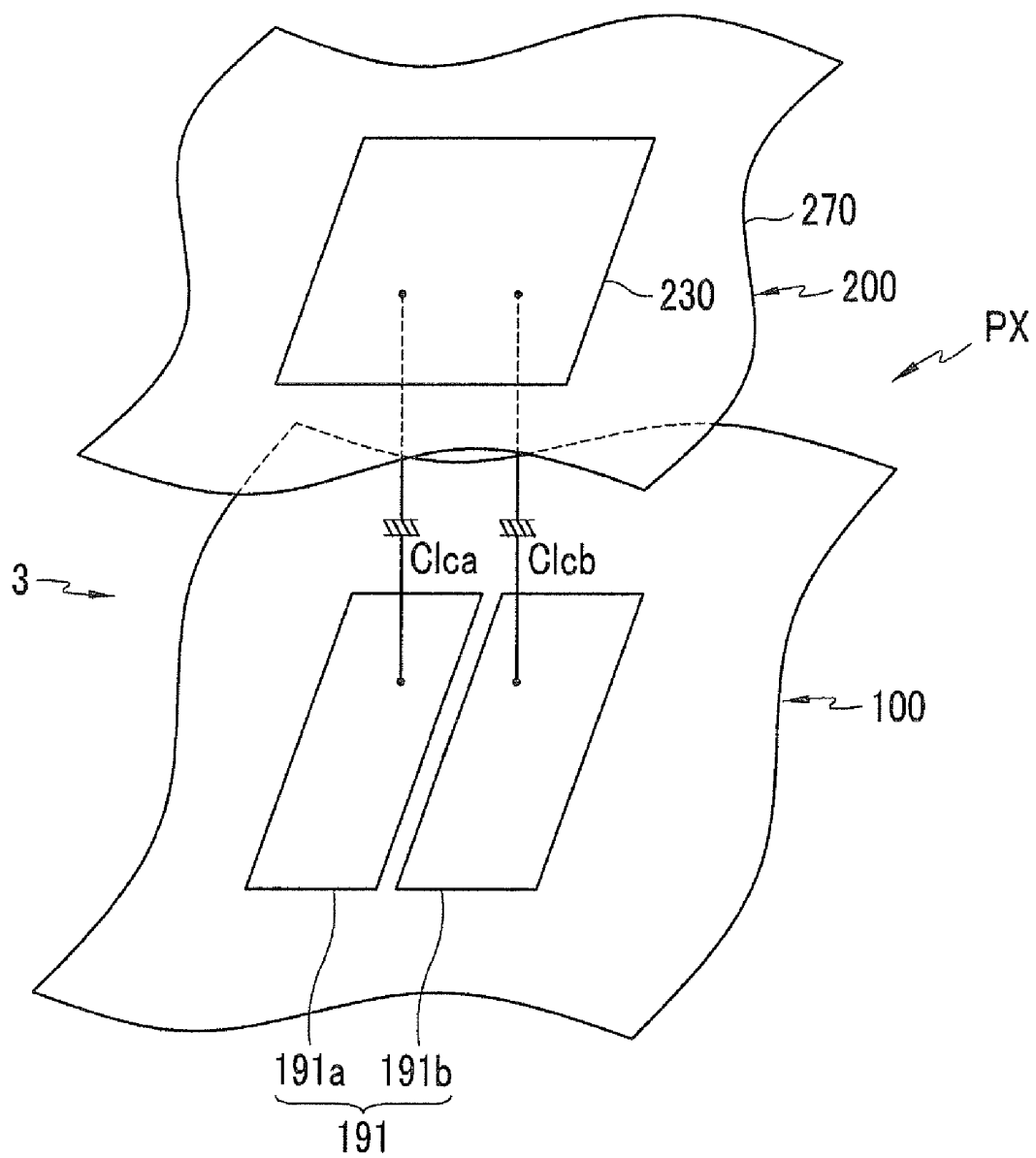


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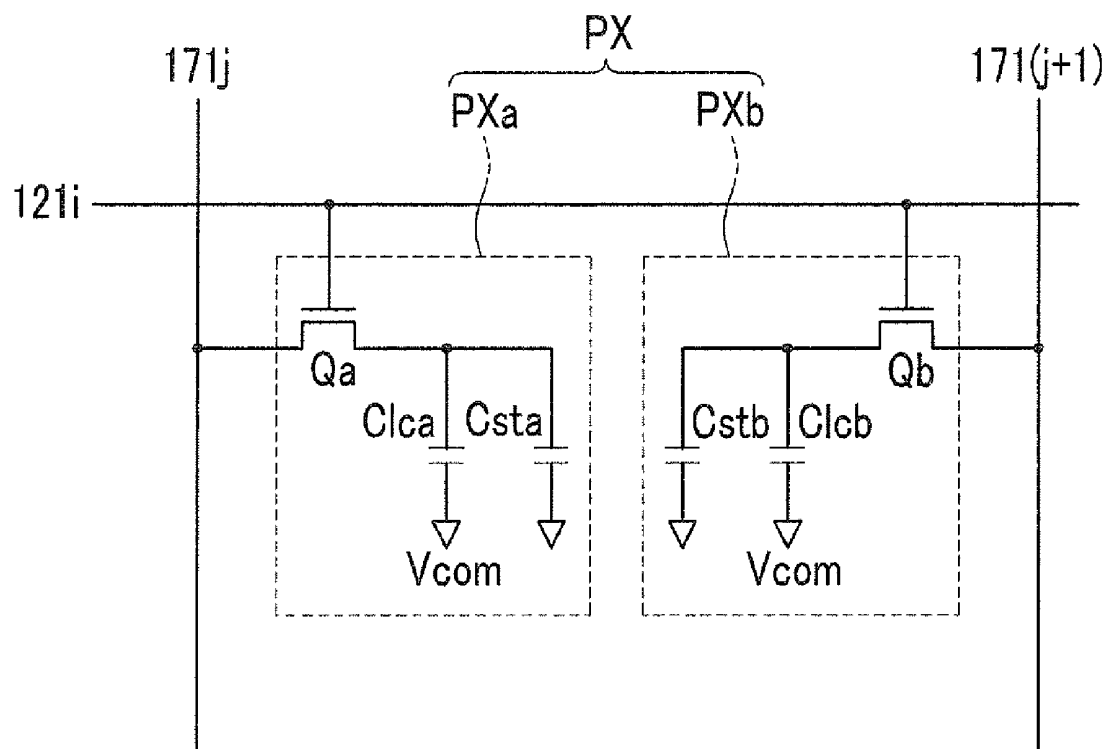


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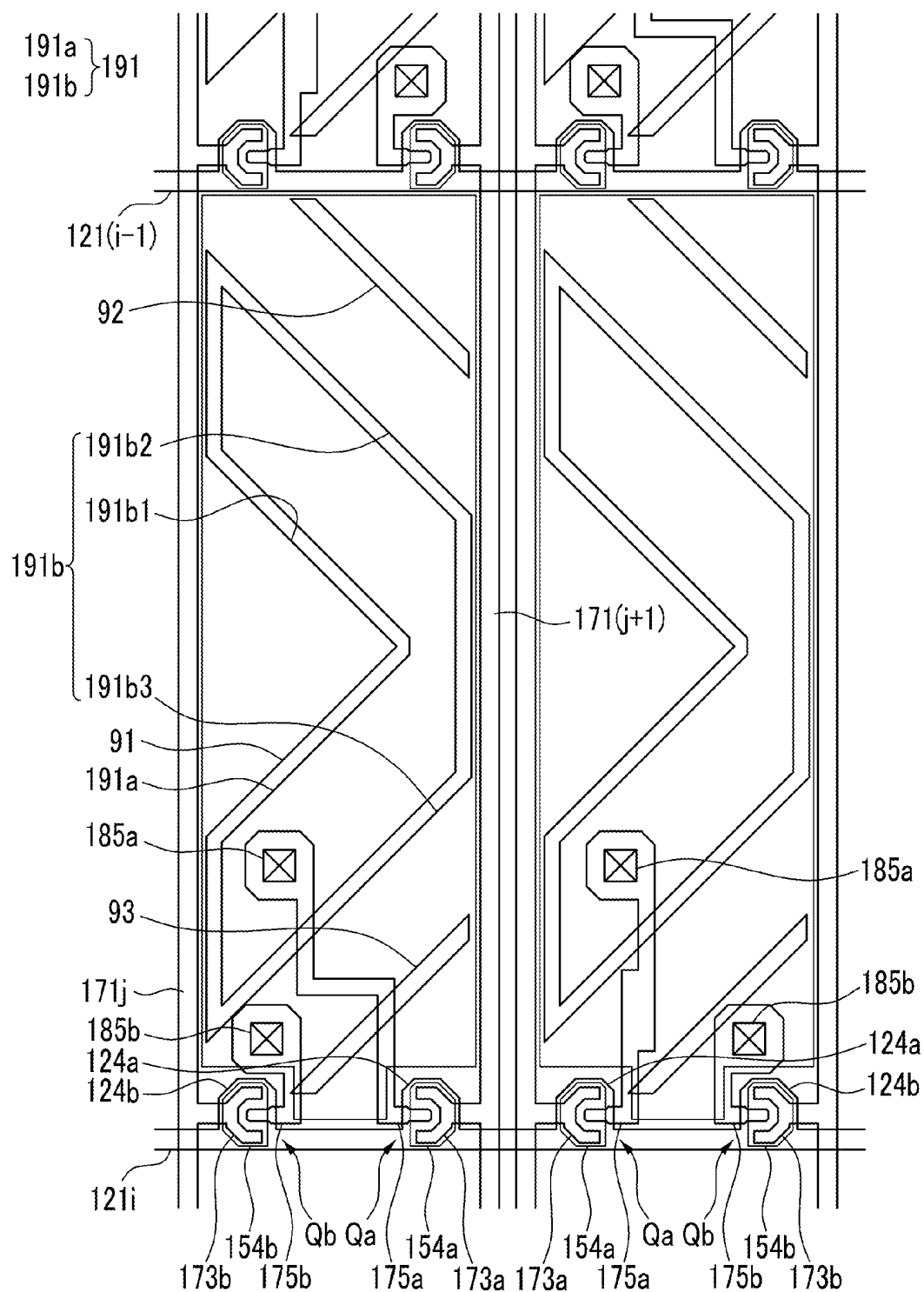


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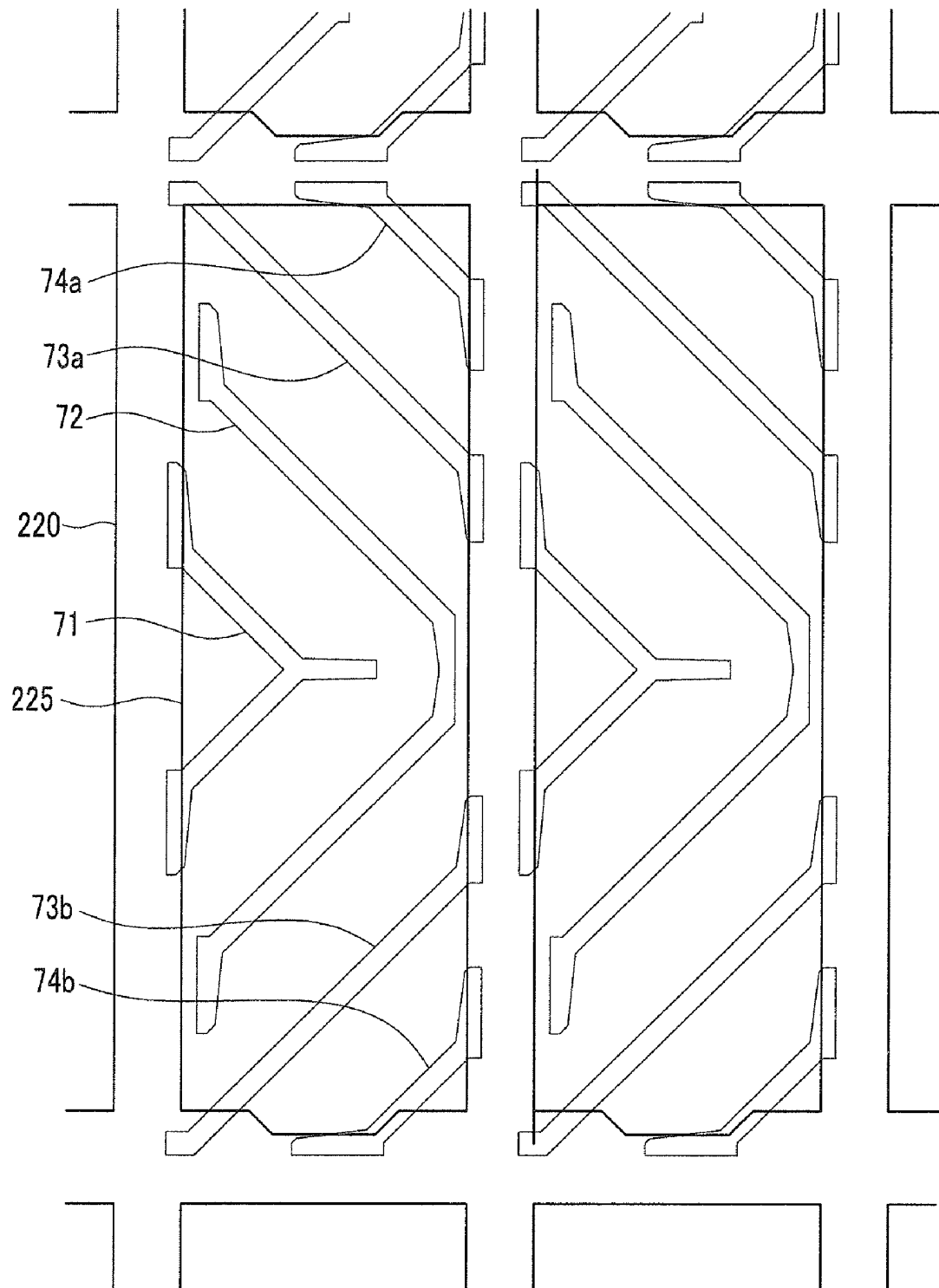


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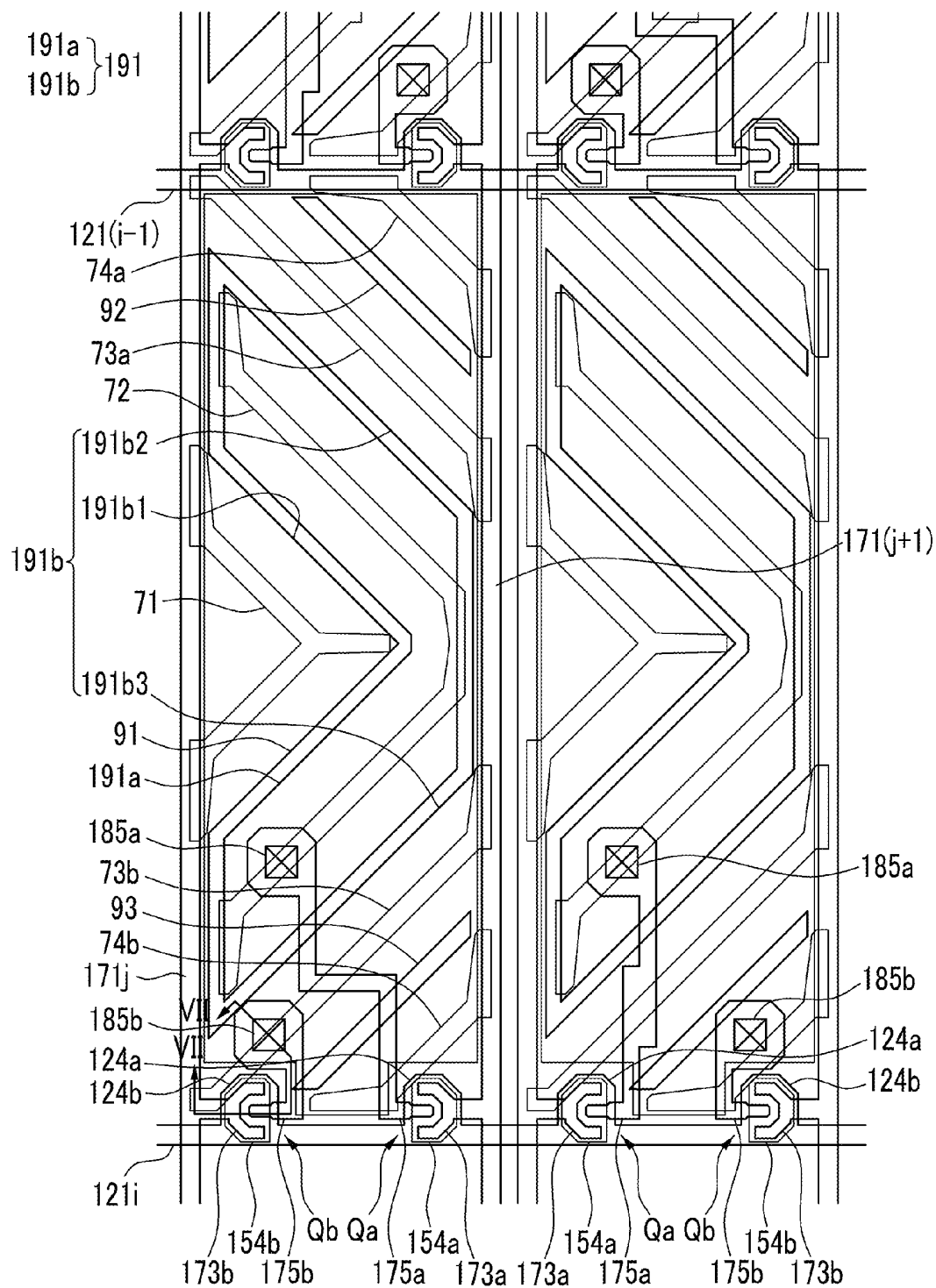


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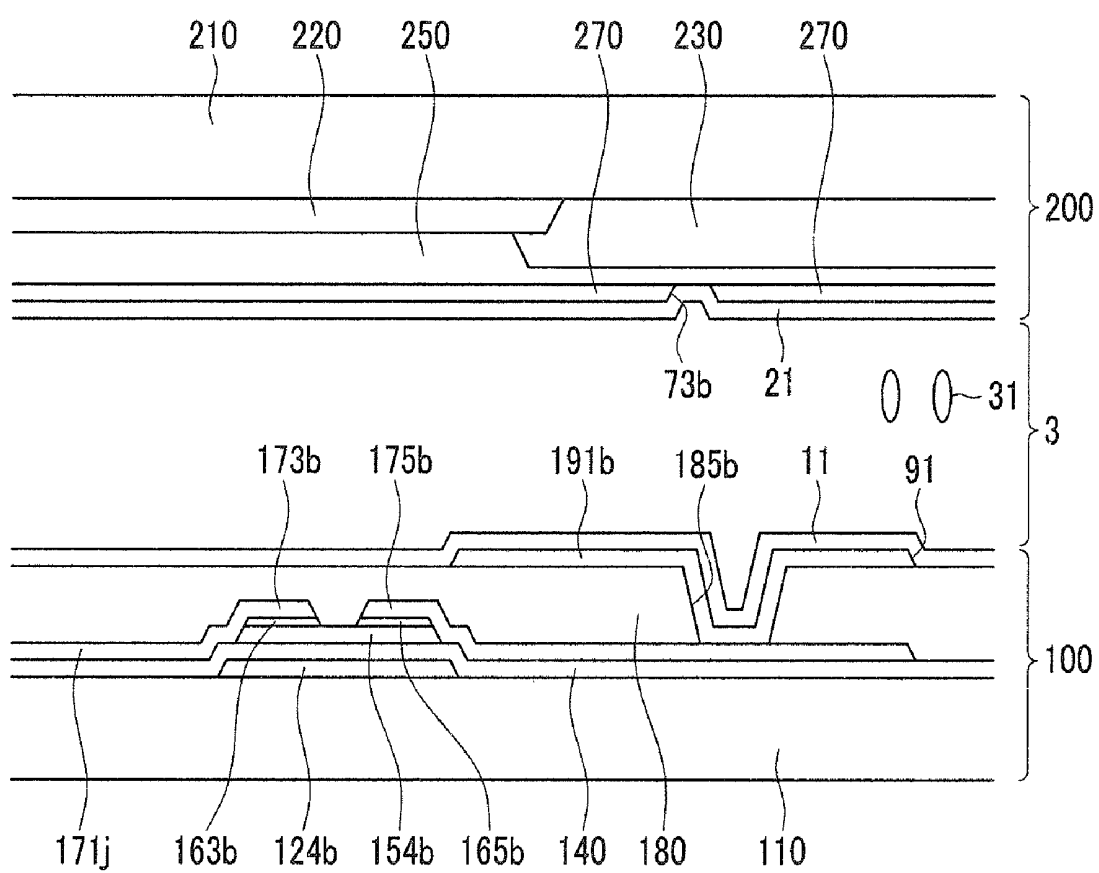


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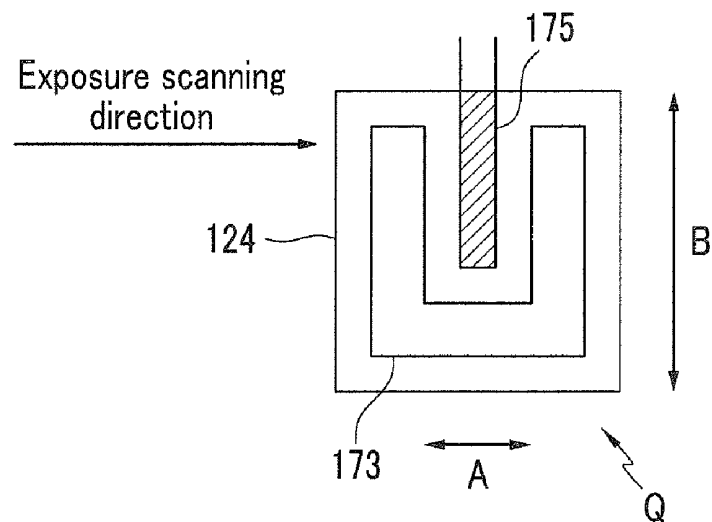
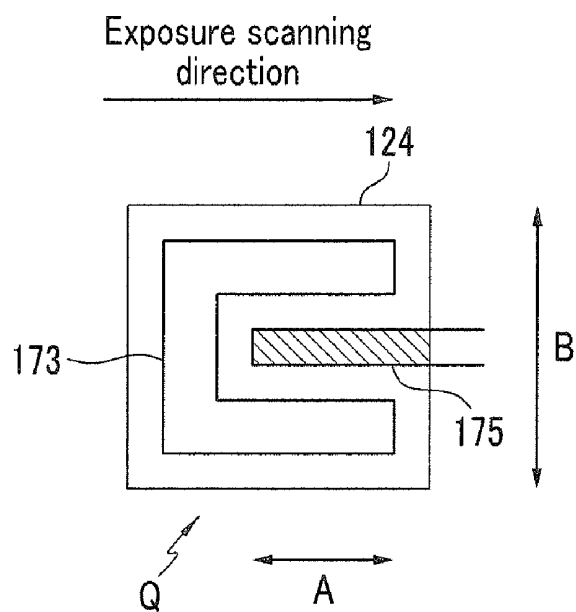


FIG. 9



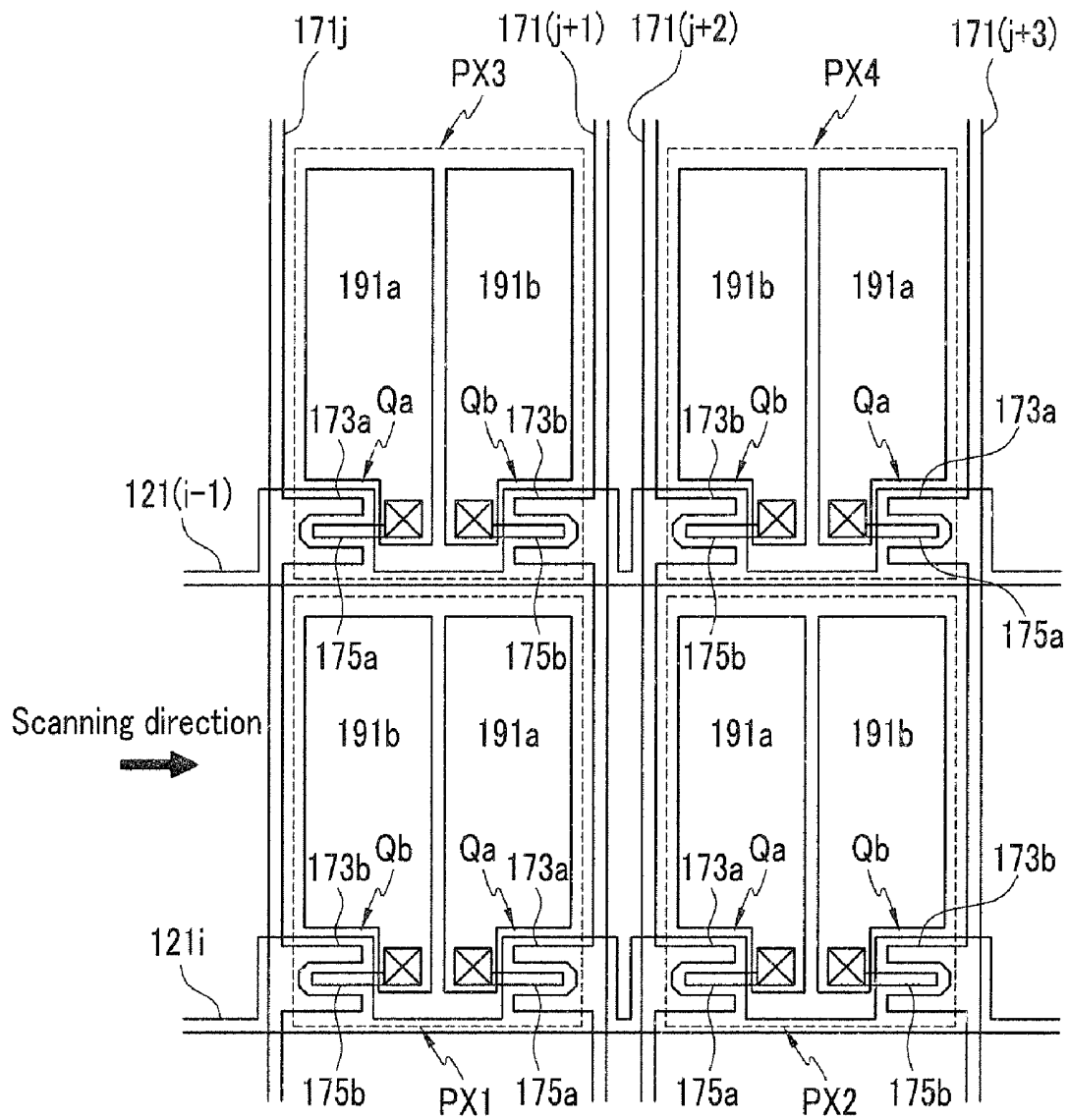


FIG. 11

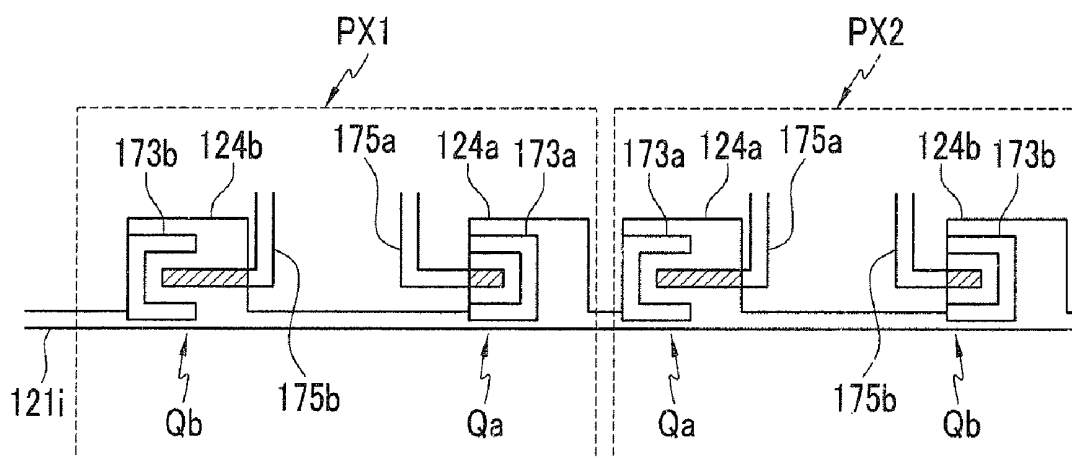


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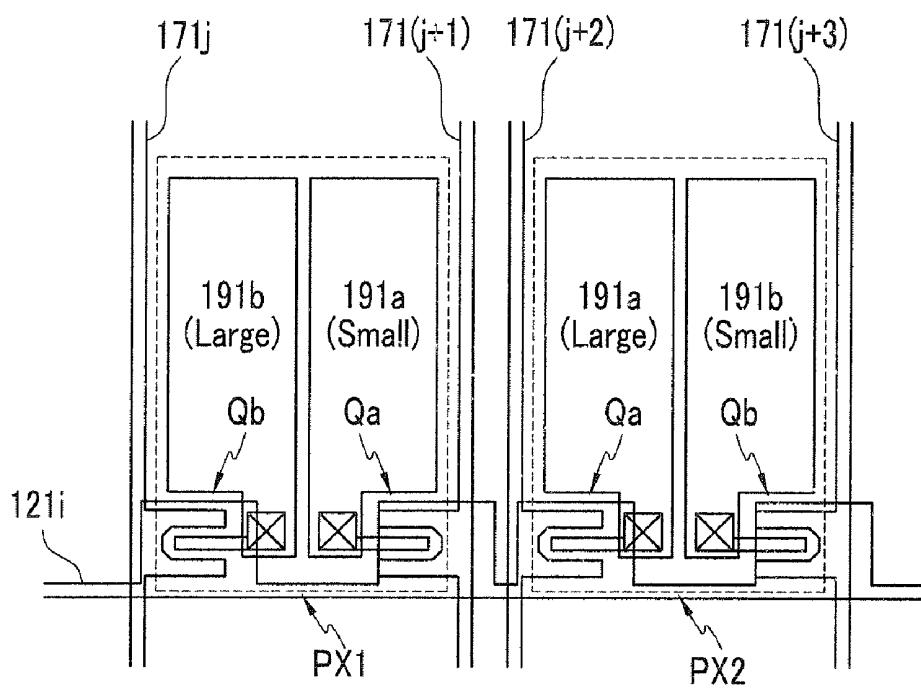


FIG. 13

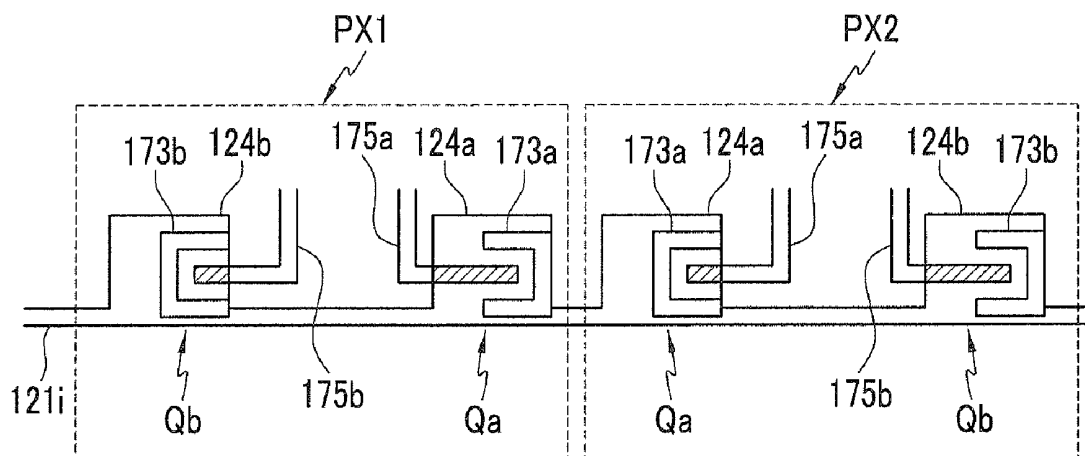
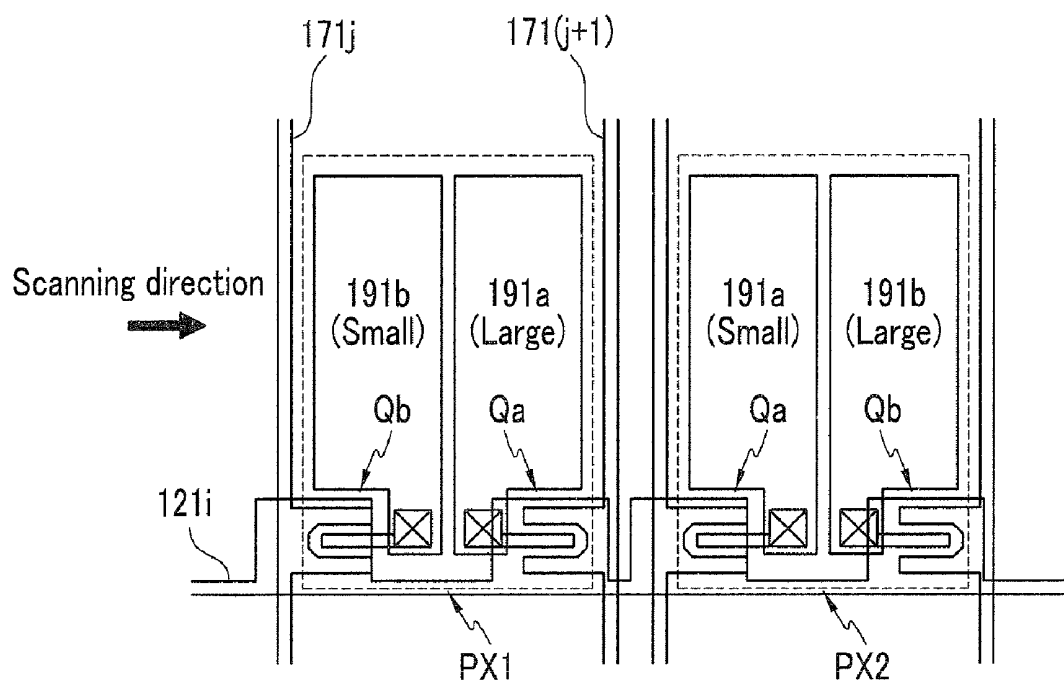


FIG. 14



LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY HAVING REDUCED KICKBACK EFFECT

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2009-0012014, filed in the Korean Intellectual Property Office on Feb. 13, 2009, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display and a manufacturing method thereof.

2. Related Art

A liquid crystal display (LCD) is a type of flat panel display (FPD) having two display panels with field generating electrodes, such as pixel electrodes and a common electrode, and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the two display panels. In the LCD, voltages are applied to the field generating electrodes so as to generate an electric field over the liquid crystal (LC) layer, and then the alignment of LC molecules of the LC layer is determined by the electric field. Accordingly, the polarization of incident light is controlled, thereby performing image display.

Among the LCDs, a vertical alignment (VA) mode LCD, which aligns LC molecules such that their long axes are perpendicular to the panels in the absence of an electric field, is spotlighted because of its high contrast ratio and wide reference viewing angle. In the VA mode LCD, to obtain the wide viewing angle, a plurality of domains in which the alignment directions of the LC molecules are different may be formed in one pixel.

Methods in which a minute slit or a cutout is formed in the field generating electrodes or a protrusion is formed on the field generating electrodes have been proposed as means for forming the plurality of domains in one pixel. In this method, the plurality of domains may be formed by aligning the LC molecules vertically with respect to a fringe field generated between the edges of the cutout or the protrusion and the field generating electrodes facing the edges. On the other hand, the LCD of the VA mode has lower lateral visibility compared with frontal visibility such that one pixel is divided into two subpixels and different voltages are applied to the subpixels to solve this problem.

It should be appreciated that the above information disclosed in this Background section is only for enhancement of understanding of the background of the invention and therefore it may contain information that does not form the prior art that is already known in this country to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

SUMMARY

A liquid crystal display (LCD), according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, includes a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix shape, each of the pixels having a first subpixel and a second subpixel, wherein the pixels respectively include a first thin film transistor transmitting a first data voltage to the first subpixel, the first thin film transistor having a first source electrode, a first drain electrode, and a first gate electrode, and a second thin film transistor transmitting a second data voltage to the second subpixel, the second thin film transistor having a second source electrode, a second drain electrode, and a second gate electrode, wherein

a relative position of the first drain electrode with respect to the first source electrode is opposite to a relative position of the second drain electrode with respect to the second source electrode in each pixel.

The first source electrode may be disposed on a left side of the first drain electrode and the second source electrode may be disposed on a right side of the second drain electrode, with reference to a length direction of the pixel. The first source electrode may include a first open portion enclosing a portion of the first drain electrode, the second source electrode may include a second open portion enclosing a portion of the second drain electrode, and an open direction of the first open portion may be opposite to an open direction of the second open portion. A first data line and a second data line respectively disposed on a first side and a second side of each pixel column among the pixels may be further included. With reference to a length direction of the pixel, right and left positions of the first thin film transistor and the second thin film transistor of two pixels neighboring in at least one direction of a row direction and a column direction may be opposite to each other for the two pixels. The first source electrode of one pixel of two pixels neighboring in at least one direction of a row direction and a column direction among the pixels may be connected to the first data line, and the first source electrode of the other pixel may be connected to the second data line. The first data voltage and the second data voltage may have different magnitudes and may be obtained from one image information.

A method for manufacturing a liquid crystal display including a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix shape, each of the pixels having first subpixel and a second subpixel, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, includes: depositing a first conductive material layer on a substrate; coating a first photosensitive film on the first conductive material layer; forming a first gate electrode and a second gate electrode by aligning a first photomask over the first photosensitive film and exposing the first photosensitive film to light by using a light exposer scanning the first photosensitive film; and depositing a second conductive material layer on the first gate electrode and the second gate electrode; coating a second photosensitive film on the second conductive material layer, and forming a first drain electrode partially overlapping the first gate electrode, a second drain electrode partially overlapping the second gate electrode, a first source electrode facing the first drain electrode, and a second source electrode facing the second drain electrode by aligning a second photomask over the second photosensitive film and exposing the second photosensitive film to light by using the light exposer scanning the second photosensitive film. The first gate electrode, the first source electrode, and the first drain electrode may form a first thin film transistor of the first subpixel, and the second gate electrode, the second source electrode, and the second drain electrode form a second thin film transistor of the second subpixel, and wherein an acute angle between a scanning direction of the light exposer and at least one of a first boundary line a second boundary line is more than 45 degrees and is equal to or less than 90 degrees, the first boundary line being a boundary line between the portion at which the first drain electrode and the first gate electrode overlap each other and the portion at which the first drain electrode and the first gate electrode do not overlap each other, the second boundary line being a boundary line between the portion at which the second drain electrode and the second gate electrode overlap each other and the portion at which the second drain electrode and the second gate electrode do not overlap each other.

A relative position of the first drain electrode with respect to the first source electrode may be opposite to a relative position of the second drain electrode with respect to the second source electrode. The first source electrode may include a first open portion enclosing a portion of the first drain electrode, the second source electrode may include a second open portion enclosing a portion of the second drain electrode, and an open direction of the first open portion may be opposite to an open direction of the second open portion.

The method may include forming a first data line and a second data line respectively disposed on a first side and a second side of each pixel column among the pixels. With reference to a length direction of the pixel, right and left positions of the first thin film transistor and the second thin film transistor of two pixels neighboring in at least one direction of a row direction and a column direction may be opposite to each other for the two pixels. The first source electrode of one pixel of two pixels neighboring in at least one direction of a row direction and a column direction may be connected to the first data line, and the first source electrode of the other pixel may be connected to the second data line. The first data voltage and the second data voltage may have different magnitudes, and may be obtained from one image information.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a liquid crystal display (LCD), according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a view of one pixel in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is an equivalent circuit diagram of one pixel in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a layout view of a lower panel of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 5 is a layout view of an upper panel of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 6 is a layout view of a LCD including the lower panel of FIG. 4 and the upper panel of FIG. 5, according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the LCD shown in FIG. 6 taken along the line VII-VII, according to an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 8 and FIG. 9 are views respectively showing a change of an alignment error of a thin film transistor according to a scanning direction of a light exposer, according to embodiments of the present invention.

FIG. 10 is a layout view showing four pixels and a subpixel of each pixel in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 11 is a layout view of a thin film transistor portion of two pixels in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 12 shows a changing amount of a kick-back voltage for two pixels of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 13 is a layout view of a thin film transistor portion of two pixels in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 14 shows a changing amount of a kick-back voltage for two pixels of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Embodiments of the present invention will be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying

drawings, in which exemplary embodiments of the invention are shown. As those skilled in the art would realize, the described embodiments may be modified in various different ways, all without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention.

In the drawings, the thickness of layers, films, panels, regions, etc., are exaggerated for clarity. Like reference numerals designate like elements throughout the specification. It will be understood that when an element such as a layer, film, region, or substrate is referred to as being "on" another element, it can be directly on the other element or intervening elements may also be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly on" another element, there are no intervening elements present.

A liquid crystal display (LCD), according to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, will be described with reference to FIG. 1 to FIG. 3. FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 2 is a view of one pixel in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 3 is an equivalent circuit diagram of one pixel in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 1, a LCD according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes a liquid crystal (LC) panel assembly 300, a gate driver 400, and a data driver 500. In a view of an equivalent circuit, the display panel assembly 300 includes a plurality of signal lines G1-Gn and D1-D2m, and a plurality of pixels PX connected thereto and arranged substantially in a matrix. Meanwhile, in a viewpoint of the structure of FIG. 2, the LC panel assembly 300 includes a lower panel 100 and an upper panel 200 facing each other, and a LC layer 3 interposed therebetween.

The signal lines G1-Gn and D1-D2m that are provided in the lower panel 100 include a plurality of gate lines G1-Gn transmitting gate signals and a plurality of data lines D1-D2m transmitting data signals. The gate lines G1-Gn extend in an approximate row direction and run substantially parallel to each other, and the image data lines D1-D2m extend in an approximate column direction and run substantially parallel to each other. One of the data lines D1-D2m is respectively formed on both sides of one pixel PX. The signal lines may further include storage electrode lines parallel to the gate lines G1-Gn as well as the gate lines G1-Gn and the data lines D1-D2m.

Referring to FIG. 3, each pixel PX includes a pair of a first subpixel PXa and a second subpixel PXb. Each of the first and second subpixels PXa and PXb includes a first switching element Qa and a second switching element Qb that are connected to a corresponding gate line 121i and data lines 171j and 171(j+1), and a first LC capacitor Clca and a second LC capacitor Clcb, and a first storage capacitor Csta and a second storage capacitor Cstb.

The first switching element Qa and the second switching element Qb are three terminal elements, such as a thin film transistor provided on the lower panel 100, and include a control terminal connected to the gate line 121i, respective input terminals connected to different data lines 171j and 171(j+1) from each other, and an output terminal respectively connected to the first LC capacitor Clca and the second LC capacitor Clcb, and the first storage capacitor Csta and the second storage capacitor Cstb.

Referring to FIG. 2, the first LC capacitor Clca uses a first subpixel electrode 191a of the lower panel 100 and a common electrode 270 of the upper panel 200 as two terminals, and the LC layer 3 between the two electrodes 191a and 270 functions as a dielectric material. In one aspect, the second LC capacitor Clcb uses a second subpixel electrode 191b of the

lower panel **100** and the common electrode **270** of the upper panel **200** as two terminals, and the LC layer **3** between the two electrodes **191a** and **270** functions as a dielectric material. The common electrode **270** is formed on the whole surface of the upper panel **200** and receives a common voltage V_{com} , and the first and second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** form one pixel electrode **191**.

Each of the first and second storage capacitors C_{sta} and C_{stb} , respectively serving as an assistant to the first and second LC capacitors $Clca$ and $Clcb$, is formed as each of the first and second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** overlap a signal line transmitting a common voltage V_{com} , with an insulator interposed therebetween. Alternatively, the first and second storage capacitors C_{sta} and C_{stb} may include the first and second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** and an adjacent gate line that is called a previous gate line, which overlaps the pixel electrode **191** via an insulator.

For color display, each pixel uniquely represents one of primary colors (i.e., spatial division) or each pixel sequentially represents the primary colors in turn (i.e., temporal division) such that a spatial or temporal sum of the primary colors is recognized as a desired color. An example of the primary colors may be three primary colors, such as red, green, and blue. FIG. 2 shows an example of the spatial division in which each pixel includes a color filter **230** representing one of the primary colors of red, green, or blue in an area of the upper panel **200** facing the pixel electrode **191**. Alternatively, the color filter **230** may be provided on or under the pixel electrode **191** on the lower panel **100**. In one aspect, the LC panel assembly **300** may include at least one polarizer (not shown).

Referring to FIG. 1, the gate driver **400** is connected to the gate lines $G1-Gn$ of the LC panel assembly **300** and applies gate signals, which are a combination of a gate-on voltage V_{on} that may turn on the first and second switching elements Qa and Qb and a gate-off voltage V_{off} that may turn them off, to the gate lines $G1-Gn$. The data driver **500** is connected to the data lines $D1-D2m$ of the LC panel assembly **300** and applies the data voltages to the data lines $D1-D2m$. A signal controller (not shown) for controlling the operation of the gate driver **400** and the data driver **500** may be included.

Next, an operation of the LCD will be described. In one implementation, if input image signals and input control signals for controlling the display thereof are input from an external graphics controller (not shown), the data driver **500** applies the data voltages of the pixels of one row to the corresponding to the data lines $D1-D2m$ according to the data control signal. The first and second subpixels PXa and PXb of one pixel PX may be applied with different data voltages that are previously set for one input image signal.

The gate driver **400** supplies a gate-on voltage V_{on} to the gate lines $G1-Gn$ according to a gate control signal, thereby turning on the first and second switching elements Qa and Qb connected to the gate lines $G1-Gn$. Then, the data voltages supplied to the data lines $D1-D2m$ are supplied to the corresponding first and second subpixels PXa and PXb through the turned-on first and second switching elements Qa and Qb .

The difference between the data voltages applied to the first and second subpixels PXa and PXb and the common voltage V_{com} is expressed as a charged voltage of the first and second LC capacitors $Clca$ and $Clcb$, i.e., a pixel voltage. The arrangement of the LC molecules is changed depending on the magnitude of the pixel voltage, thereby changing the polarization of light passing through the LC layer **3**. The change of the polarization is converted into a change of light transmittance by the polarizer attached to the display panels **100** and **200**. Here, the voltages charged to the first and second

LC capacitors $Clca$ and $Clcb$ of one pixel PX are different such that the lateral gamma curve maximally approximates the frontal gamma curve. In this way, the lateral visibility can be enhanced. By repeating this procedure by a unit of a horizontal period (also referred to as "1H"), the gate-on voltage V_{on} is sequentially applied to all gate lines $G1-Gn$ and the data voltage V_d is applied to all pixels PX , thereby displaying images for a frame.

When the next frame starts after one frame finishes, the inversion control signal RVS applied to the data driver **500** is controlled such that the polarity of the data signals applied to each pixel PX is reversed (which may be referred to as "frame inversion"). Here, the polarity of the data voltages flowing in one data line is periodically reversed during one frame according to the characteristic of the inversion signal (for example row inversion and dot inversion), or the polarity of the data voltages applied to the row of one pixel may be reversed (for example column inversion and dot inversion).

Next, the detailed structure of the LCD, according to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, will be described with reference to FIG. 4 to FIG. 7. FIG. 4 is a layout view of a lower panel of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 5 is a layout view of an upper panel of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 6 is a layout view of a LCD including the lower panel of FIG. 4 and the upper panel of FIG. 5. FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the LCD shown in FIG. 6 taken along the line VII-VII.

Referring to FIG. 4 to FIG. 7, a LCD according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes a lower panel **100** and an upper panel **200** facing each other, and a LC layer **3** interposed between the lower and upper panels **100** and **200**.

The lower panel **100** will be described. A plurality of gate conductors including a plurality of gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$ are formed on an insulating substrate **110**. The gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$ transmit gate signals and extend in a transverse direction. Each of gate lines $121(i-1)$, $121i$ includes a plurality of pairs of first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ protruding upward. Each of the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ includes a pair of edges substantially perpendicular to the gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$.

A gate insulating layer **140** is formed on the gate conductors. The gate insulating layer **140** may be made of an inorganic insulator such as silicon nitride (SiN_x) or silicon oxide (SiO_x). A plurality of pairs of first and second semiconductor islands $154a$ and $154b$ that are preferably made of amorphous silicon (a-Si) or polysilicon are formed on the gate insulating layer **140**. The first and second semiconductor islands $154a$ and $154b$ are respectively disposed on the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$.

A pair of ohmic contact islands (not shown) are formed on each first semiconductor island $154a$, and a pair of ohmic contact islands $163b$ and $165b$ are formed on each second semiconductor island $154b$. The ohmic contact islands $163b$ and $165b$ may be made of a material such as n+ hydrogenated amorphous silicon in which an n-type impurity such as phosphorus is doped with a high concentration, or of silicide.

A plurality of pairs of first and second data lines $171j$ and $171(j+1)$ and a plurality of pairs of first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ are formed on the ohmic contacts $163b$ and $165b$ and the gate insulating layer **140**.

The first and second data lines $171j$ and $171(j+1)$ transmit data signals, and extend substantially in the longitudinal direction thereby intersecting the gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$. The first and second data lines $171j$ and $171(j+1)$ respectively include a plurality of first and second source electrodes

173a and **173b** extending toward the first and second gate electrodes **124a** and **124b**. Each of the first source electrode **173a** and the second source electrode **173b** may have a shape of the letter "C" or a reversed "C" shape, and an open portion. The open portion of the first source electrode **173a** and the open portion of the second source electrode **173b** may face each other. Alternatively, the first and second source electrodes **173a** and **173b** may have various shapes and may be variously disposed.

The first and second drain electrodes **175a** and **175b** are separated from each other, and are separated from the data lines **171j** and **171(j+1)**. The first and second drain electrodes **175a** and **175b** respectively include a bar-shaped end portion facing the first and second source electrodes **173a** and **173b** with respect to the first and second gate electrodes **124a** and **124b**, respectively, and another end portion having a wide area. A portion of the bar-shaped end portion of the first drain electrodes **175a** is enclosed by the first source electrode **173a**, and overlaps the right edge of the first gate electrode **124a** and may extend in the transverse direction. A portion of the bar-shaped end portion of the second drain electrodes **175b** is enclosed by the second source electrode **173b**, and overlaps the left edge of the second gate electrode **124b** and may extend in the transverse direction. Differently from FIG. 4 to FIG. 7, the first and second drain electrodes **175a** and **175b** may have various shapes such as a rectangle shape, a square shape, and a bent shape.

The first/second gate electrode **124a/124b**, the first/second source electrode **173a/173b**, and the first/second drain electrode **175a/175b** respectively constitute the first/second thin film transistor Qa/Qb together with the first/second semiconductor **154a/154b**. The channel of the first/second thin film transistor Qa/Qb is formed in the first/second semiconductor **154a/154b** between the first/second source electrode **173a/173b** and the first/second drain electrode **175a/175b**. In the present exemplary embodiment, the relative position of the first drain electrode **175a** with respect to the first source electrode **173a** of the first thin film transistor Qa, and the relative position of the second drain electrode **175b** with respect to the second source electrode **173b** of the second thin film transistor Qb are opposite to each other. For example, as shown in FIG. 4 and FIG. 6, when the first drain electrode **175a** is disposed on the right side of the first source electrode **173a**, the second drain electrode **175b** may be disposed on the left side of the second drain electrode **175b**.

The ohmic contacts **163b** and **165b** are formed only between the underlying semiconductors **154a** and **154b** and the overlying data lines **171j** and **171(j+1)** and the drain electrodes **175a** and **175b**, and reduce the contact resistance therebetween. The first and second semiconductors **154a** and **154b** have a portion that is exposed without being covered by the data conductors **173a**, **173b**, **175a**, and **175b**.

A passivation layer **180** is formed on the data lines **171j** and **171(j+1)** and the drain electrodes **175a** and **175b** and exposed semiconductors **154a** and **154b**. The passivation layer **180** may be made of the inorganic insulator such as silicon nitride or silicon oxide, an organic insulator, or an insulating material having a low dielectric constant. The dielectric constant of the organic insulator and the insulating material may be less than 4.0, and the organic insulator may have photosensitivity. The passivation layer **180** may have a planarized surface.

The passivation layer **180** has a plurality of pairs of first and second contact holes **185a** and **185b** exposing the wide end portions of the first and second drain electrodes **175a** and **175b**. A plurality of pixel electrodes **191** including a first subpixel electrode **191a** and a second subpixel electrode **191b** are formed on the passivation layer **180**.

A pair of the first and the second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** forming one pixel electrode **191** are separated from each other with respect to a gap **91**, and the outer boundary of the pixel electrode **191** may be an approximately quadrangular shape. The second subpixel electrode **191b** includes a central electrode piece **191b1** disposed beside the first subpixel electrode **191a**, and an upper electrode piece **191b2** and a lower electrode piece **191b3** respectively disposed on the upper and lower sides of the first subpixel electrode **191a** in a plane view. The upper electrode piece **191b2** includes an upper cutout **92**, and the lower electrode piece **191b3** includes a lower cutout **93**. The gap **91** and the oblique portions of the cutouts **92** and **93** may form an angle of about 45 degrees with the gate lines **121(i-1)** and **121i**. The pixel electrode **191** may be made of a transparent conductive material such as ITO or IZO, or a reflective metal such as aluminum, silver, or alloys thereof.

The first/second subpixel electrodes **191a/191b** are physically and electrically connected to the first/second drain electrodes **175a/175b** through the contact holes **185a/185b**, and receive data voltages from the first/second drain electrodes **175a/175b**. A pair of subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** are applied with different data voltages that are previously set for one input image signal, and the magnitudes thereof may be differently determined according to the size and the shape of the subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b**. Also, areas of the first and second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** may be different. As an example, the first subpixel electrode **191a** may be applied with a higher voltage than the second subpixel electrode **191b**, and may have a smaller area than the second subpixel electrode **191b**.

Next, the upper panel **200** will be described. A light blocking member **220** for preventing light leakage is formed on an insulation substrate **210** made of transparent glass. The light blocking member **220** has a plurality of openings **225** facing the pixel electrodes **191** and having almost same the shape as the pixel electrodes **191**.

A plurality of color filters **230** are formed on the substrate **210** and the light blocking member **220**. The color filters **230** are disposed substantially in the areas enclosed by the light blocking member **220**, and may extend substantially along the longitudinal direction along the pixel electrodes **191**. The color filters **230** may represent one of the primary colors, such as three primary colors of red, green, and blue.

An overcoat **250** is formed on the color filters **230** and the light blocking member **220**. The overcoat **250** may be made of an (organic) insulator, and prevents the color filters **230** from being exposed and provides a flat surface. The overcoat **250** may be omitted.

A common electrode **270** is formed on the overcoat **250**. The common electrode **270** is preferably made of a transparent conductive material, such as ITO and IZO, and has a plurality of sets of cutouts **71**, **72**, **73a**, **73b**, **74a**, **74b**, as shown in FIG. 5. The oblique portions of the cutouts **71**, **72**, **73a**, **73b**, **74a**, and **74b** may form an angle of about 45 degrees with the gate lines **121(i-1)** and **121i**.

The number of cutouts **92**, **93**, **71**, **72**, **73a**, **73b**, **74a**, and **74b** may be varied depending on design factors. Alignment layers **11** and **21** are coated on the display panels **100** and **200**, and may be vertical alignment layers. Polarizers (not shown) may be provided on the outer surfaces of the display panels **100** and **200**.

The LC layer **3** interposed between the lower panel **100** and the upper panel **200** includes LC molecules **31** having negative dielectric anisotropy. The LC molecules **31** of the LC layer **3** are arranged such that a longitudinal axis of the LC

molecules **31** may be perpendicular to the surfaces of the two panels **100** and **200** in the case that an electric field does not exist.

The first/second subpixel electrodes **191a/191b** and the common electrode **270** of the upper panel **200** form the first/second LC capacitors **Clca/Clcb** along with the LC layer **3** therebetween such that they maintain the applied voltage after the first/second thin film transistors **Qa/Qb** are turned off.

If the pixel electrodes **191** are applied with the data voltages and the common electrode **270** is applied with the common voltage, an electric field that is perpendicular to two display panels **100** and **200** is generated. Thus, the LC molecules **31** of the LC layer **3** are inclined so that a long axis thereof is perpendicular to the direction of the electric field in response to the electric field, and the change degree of polarization of light incident to the LC layer **3** changes depending on the inclination degree of the LC molecules **31**. On the other hand, the cutouts **92, 93, 71, 72, 73a, 73b, 74a, and 74b** of the electrodes **191** and **270** and the gap **91** distort the electric field to make the components perpendicular to the edges of the cutouts **92, 93, 71, 72, 73a, 73b, 74a, and 74b**, and the gap **91**. Accordingly, the LC layer **3** is divided into a plurality of domains having different inclination directions of the LC molecules **31**, thereby widening the reference viewing angle.

Next, the arrangement and the shape of the thin film transistors **Qa** and **Qb** included in the various pixels of the LCD, according to exemplary embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to FIG. **8** to FIG. **10**. FIG. **8** and FIG. **9** are views respectively showing a change of an alignment error of a thin film transistor according to a scanning direction of a light exposer. FIG. **10** is a layout view showing four pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** and the first and second subpixels **PXa** and **PXb** of each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. **10**, a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, includes a plurality of pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** arranged in a matrix form, a plurality of gate lines **121(i-1)** and **121i**, and a plurality of pairs of data lines **171j, 171(j+1), 171(j+2), and 171(j+3)**, and each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** includes first and second thin film transistors **Qa** and **Qb** and a pair of the first and second subpixel electrodes **191a** and **191b** connected to the first and second thin film transistors **Qa** and **Qb**, respectively.

The position relationships (e.g., right and left position relationships) of the first and second thin film transistors **Qa** and **Qb** of two pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** neighboring in the column direction or the row direction may be opposite to each other for the two pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**. That is, the first thin film transistor **Qa** of the pixel **PX1** is connected to the data line **171(j+1)** disposed on the right side thereof and the second thin film transistor **Qb** is connected to the data line **171j** disposed on the left side thereof, but the first thin film transistor **Qa** of the pixel **PX3/PX2** neighboring in the column/row directions with respect to the pixel **PX1** is connected to the data line **171j/171(j+2)** disposed on the left side thereof and the second thin film transistor **Qb** is connected to the data line **171(j+1)/171(j+3)** disposed on the right sides. That is, the first and second thin film transistors **Qa** and **Qb** are alternately connected to one of the data line **171j, 171(j+1), 171(j+2), and 171(j+3)**, while two first thin film transistors **Qa** and two second thin film transistors **Qb** are alternately connected to one of the gate lines **121(i-1)** and **121i**.

In one aspect, the shape of the first thin film transistor **Qa** and the shape of the second thin film transistor **Qb** may be opposite to each other in each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3,**

and **PX4**. That is, in each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3** and **PX4**, the relative position of the first drain electrode **175a** with respect to the first source electrode **173a** of the first thin film transistor **Qa** may be opposite to the relative position of the second drain electrode **175b** with respect to the second source electrode **173b** of the second thin film transistor **Qb**.

For example, as shown in FIG. **10**, the right and left position relationship of the first source electrode **173a** and the first drain electrode **175a**, and the right and left position relationship of the second source electrode **173b** and the second drain electrode **175b** are opposite to each other with reference to the length direction of each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**. The open portions of the first and second source electrodes **173a** and **173b** may be disposed in the opposite directions to each other, and may face each other in each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**.

Alternatively, the open direction of the open portions of the first source electrode **173a** and the second source electrode **173b** in each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** may be the same. That is, the open portions of the first source electrode **173a** and the second source electrode **173b** in each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** may be all toward the right direction or left direction. For example, the second source electrode **173b** of the pixel **PX3** shown in FIG. **10** may be open toward the right direction. In this case, the second source electrode **173b** is farther from the data line **171(j+1)** than the second drain electrode **175b** such that the data line **171(j+1)** must be bent inside to be connected to the second source electrode **173b**. Thus, delay degree of data signals of two data lines **171j** and **171(j+1)** are different from each other, and deterioration of display quality due to cross-talk between the data line **171(j+1)** bent inside of the pixel **PX3** and the second subpixel electrode **191b** may be generated.

However, as shown in FIG. **10**, if the shapes of the first thin film transistor **Qa** and the second thin film transistor **Qb** of each of the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4** are opposite to each other, signal delay of the data lines **171j, 171(j+1), 171(j+2), and 171(j+3)** may be the same, and degradation of display quality due to cross-talk may be prevented. In one aspect, it may not be necessary for the data lines **171j, 171(j+1), 171(j+2), and 171(j+3)** to be bent inside the pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**, and thereby reduction of the opening ratio may be reduced.

Referring to FIG. **10**, the open directions of the open portions of the first source electrode **173a** of the first thin film transistor **Qa** are opposite to each other among neighboring pixels **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**, and the same are the open directions of the open portions of the second source electrode **173b** of the second thin film transistor **Qb**.

Differently from FIG. **10**, the right and left arrangement of the first subpixel electrodes **191a** and the second subpixel electrode **191b** may be the same per each pixel **PX1, PX2, PX3, and PX4**, as shown in FIG. **4, FIG. 5** and FIG. **6**. In one aspect, the LCD shown in FIG. **10** may have the same structure as the LCD shown in FIG. **4** to FIG. **7**.

In the exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. **4** to FIG. **7** and FIG. **10**, the process for forming the conductors such as the gate lines **121(i-1)** and **121i**, the data lines **171j, 171(j+1), 171(j+2), and 171(j+3)** including the source electrodes **173a** and **173b** (here, **171(j+2)** and **171(j+3)** are only shown in FIG. **10**), and the drain electrodes **175a** and **175b** may include depositing a conductive material layer on a substrate and forming a photosensitive film pattern thereon. The forming of the photosensitive film pattern includes coating a photosensitive film on the deposited conductive material layer and exposing the photosensitive film to light using a photomask.

In the light exposing of the photosensitive film, the substrate may be scanned and exposed to light by a light exposer.

In a manufacturing method of the LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the scanning direction of the light exposer may be parallel to the gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$ as shown in FIG. 10. Here, in one aspect, the extension direction of the bar-shape end portion of the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ of the first and second thin film transistors Qa and Qb may also be parallel to the scanning direction of the light exposer.

On the other hand, when scanning is conducted by the light exposer, a non-linear irregular error may be generated in the scanning direction such that an alignment error of the conductors to be patterned may be generated. The error of the scanning direction may be larger in the direction perpendicular to the scanning direction than the direction parallel to the scanning direction. Accordingly, if the thin film transistors Q are arranged as shown in FIG. 8, the alignment error B in the direction perpendicular to the scanning direction of the light exposer is larger than the alignment error A in the direction parallel to the scanning direction, such that the changing amount of the overlapping area of the drain electrode 175 and the gate electrode 124 is increased. However, if the thin film transistors Q are arranged as shown in FIG. 9, the alignment error A in the direction parallel to the scanning direction of the light exposer is smaller than the alignment error B in the direction perpendicular to the scanning direction, such that the changing amount of the overlapping area of the drain electrode 175 and the gate electrode 124 is small. Here, the reference number 173 FIG. 8 and FIG. 9 indicates a source electrode enclosing the drain electrode 175 .

Accordingly, like the exemplary embodiments of FIG. 4 to FIG. 7 and FIG. 10, the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ extend in the transverse direction which is parallel to the scanning direction of the light exposer, such that the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ overlap the right and left edges of the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$, and thereby, the changing amount of the overlapping area between the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ and the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ may be reduced even when an error is generated in the scanning direction of the light exposer. That is, the boundary line between the portion at which the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ overlap the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ and the portion at which the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ do not overlap the first and the second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ is perpendicular to the scanning direction of the light exposer, and thereby, the changing amount of the overlapping area between the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ and the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ may be reduced although an error in the scanning direction of the light exposer is generated. Differently from FIG. 4 to FIG. 7 and FIG. 10, an acute angle between the boundary line between the portion at which the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ overlap the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ and the portion at which the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ do not overlap the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$, and the scanning direction of the light exposer, may be more than 45 degrees and equal to or less than 90 degrees.

In this way, if the changing amount of the overlapping area between the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ and the first and the second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ may be reduced, the changing amount and deviation of kick-back voltages, which lower data voltages applied to the first and second subpixel electrodes $191a$ and $191b$ due to para-

sitic capacitances between the first and second drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ and the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$, may also be reduced. Accordingly, change of the kick-back voltage due to a non-linear error in the direction perpendicular to the scanning direction of the light exposer may be reduced such that display deterioration such as horizontal stripe stains may be reduced.

Next, change of the data voltages of the first and second subpixel electrodes $191a$ and $191b$ when an alignment error of the gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$ and the data lines $171j$, $171(j+1)$, $171(j+2)$, and $171(j+3)$ (here, $171(j+2)$ and $171(j+3)$ are shown in FIG. 10) or the drain electrodes $175a$ and $175b$ is generated under a manufacturing process in the exemplary embodiments of FIG. 10, or FIG. 4 to FIG. 7 will be described with reference to FIG. 11 to FIG. 14 as well as FIG. 10.

FIG. 11 and FIG. 13 are layout views of a thin film transistor portion of two pixels in a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 12 and FIG. 14 show a changing amount of a kick-back voltage for two pixels of a LCD, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 11 and FIG. 12, when the gate line $121i$ including the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ is biased toward the right side, the overlapping area between the first gate electrode $124a$ and the first drain electrode $175a$ in the pixel PX1 is decreased such that the kick-back voltage is also decreased, and the overlapping area between the first gate electrode $124a$ and the first drain electrode $175a$ in the neighboring pixel PX2 is increased such that the kick-back voltage is increased. Accordingly, the changing amounts of the data voltages applied to the first subpixel electrodes $191a$ of the neighboring pixels PX1 and PX2 due to kick-back voltages may be offset. Also, when the gate line $121i$ is biased toward the right side, the overlapping area between the second gate electrode $124b$ and the second drain electrode $175b$ in the pixel PX1 is increased such that the kick-back voltage is increased, and the overlapping area between the second gate electrode $124b$ and the second drain electrode $175b$ in the neighboring pixel PX2 is decreased such that the kick-back voltage is also decreased. Accordingly, the changing amounts of the data voltages applied to the second subpixel electrodes $191b$ of the neighboring pixels PX1 and PX2 due to kick-back voltages may be offset.

In FIG. 13 and FIG. 14 which are opposite to FIG. 11 and FIG. 12, the gate line $121i$ including the first and second gate electrodes $124a$ and $124b$ is biased toward the left side. In the present exemplary embodiment, the changing amounts of the kick-back voltages are respectively opposite to those of the cases of FIG. 11 and FIG. 12, and the changing amounts of the data voltages applied to the first and second subpixel electrodes $191a$ and $191b$ of two pixels PX1 and PX2 neighboring in the row direction may be offset.

In this way, changes of the kick-back voltages of the first subpixel electrodes $191a$ applied with a relatively higher voltage is offset and changes of the kick-back voltages of the second subpixel electrodes $191b$ applied with a relative lower voltage is offset in the neighboring pixels PX1 and PX2, such that although deviations of the alignment of constituent elements such as the gate lines $121(i-1)$ and $121i$ are generated under a manufacturing process, display deterioration such as horizontal stripe stains due to changes of the kick-back voltages may be reduced.

According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a changing amount and deviation of kick-back voltages are reduced such that display deterioration such as horizontal stripe stains may be reduced. According to another

exemplary embodiment of the present invention, changes of the kick-back voltages of the neighboring pixels are offset with each other such that although deviation of the alignment of the constituent elements are generated under a manufacturing process of the LCD, display deterioration such as horizontal stripe stains due to a change in kick-back voltages may be reduced.

While embodiments of this invention has been described in connection with what is presently considered to be practical exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal display comprising:

a plurality of gate lines including gate line, a second gate line and a third gate line each extending in a first direction;

a plurality of data lines including a first data line and a second data line each extending in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction;

a first pixel formed between the first gate line, the second gate line, the first data line and the second data line, and having a first subpixel configured to have applied thereto a first data voltage and a second subpixel configured to have applied thereto a second data voltage lower than the first data voltage;

a second pixel formed between the second gate line, the third gate line, the first data line and the second data line, and having a third subpixel configured to have applied thereto a third data voltage and a fourth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a fourth data voltage lower than the third data voltage,

wherein the first subpixel and the third subpixel are connected to a first thin film transistor and a third thin film transistor respectively, the first thin film transistor and the third thin film transistor have source electrodes connected to the first data line and the second data line respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor.

2. The liquid crystal display of claim 1, wherein the second subpixel and the fourth subpixel are connected to a second thin film transistor and a fourth thin film transistor respectively, the second thin film transistor and the fourth thin film transistor have source electrodes connected to the second data line and the first data line respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor.

3. The liquid crystal display of claim 2, wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor, and

wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor.

4. A liquid crystal display comprising:

a plurality of gate lines including a first gate line and a second gate line each extending in a first direction;

a plurality of data lines including a first data line, a second data line, a third data line and a fourth data line each extending in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction;

a first pixel formed between the first gate line, the second gate line, the first data line and the second data line, and having a first subpixel configured to have applied thereto a first data voltage and a second subpixel configured to have applied thereto a second data voltage lower than the first data voltage;

a second pixel formed between the first gate line, the second gate line, the third data line and the fourth data line, and having a third subpixel configured to have applied thereto a third data voltage and a fourth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a fourth data voltage lower than the third data voltage,

wherein the first subpixel and the third subpixel are connected to a first thin film transistor and a third thin film transistor respectively, the first thin film transistor and the third thin film transistor have source electrodes connected to the second data line and the third data line respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor.

5. The liquid crystal display of claim 4, wherein the second subpixel and the fourth subpixel are connected to a second thin film transistor and a fourth thin film transistor respectively, the second thin film transistor and the fourth thin film transistor have source electrodes connected to the first data line and the fourth data line respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor.

6. The liquid crystal display of claim 5, wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor, and

wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor.

7. The liquid crystal display of claim 6, wherein the second data line and the third data line are positioned between the first pixel and the second pixel.

8. The liquid crystal display of claim 4, wherein the second data line and the third data line are positioned between the first pixel and the second pixel.

9. A liquid crystal display comprising:

a plurality of gate lines including a first gate line, a second gate line and a third gate line each extending in a first direction;

a plurality of data lines including a first data line, a second data line, a third data line and a fourth data line each extending in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction;

a first pixel formed between the first gate line, the second gate line, the first data line and the second data line, and having a first subpixel configured to have applied thereto a first data voltage and a second subpixel configured to have applied thereto a second data voltage lower than the first data voltage;

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a second pixel formed between the second gate line, the third gate line, the first data line and the second data line, and having a third subpixel configured to have applied thereto a third data voltage and a fourth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a fourth data voltage lower than the third data voltage;

a third pixel formed between the first gate line, the second gate line, the third data line and the fourth data line, and having a fifth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a fifth data voltage and a sixth subpixel configured to have applied thereto a sixth data voltage lower than the fifth data voltage,

wherein the first, third and fifth subpixels are connected to first, third and fifth thin film transistors respectively, the first, third and fifth thin film transistors have source electrodes connected to the first, second and fourth data lines respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor, and

wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the fifth thin film transistor.

10. The liquid crystal display of claim **9**, wherein the second, fourth and sixth subpixels are connected to second, fourth and sixth thin film transistors respectively, the second, fourth and sixth thin film transistors have source electrodes

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connected to the second, first, and third data lines respectively, and each of the source electrodes has an open portion surrounding a portion of a drain electrode, and

wherein an open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor, and

wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor is opposite to an open direction of the source electrode of the sixth thin film transistor.

11. The liquid crystal display of claim **10**, wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the first thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the second thin film transistor,

wherein the open direction of the source electrode of the third thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the fourth thin film transistor, and

wherein the direction of the source electrode of the fifth thin film transistor is opposite to the open direction of the source electrode of the sixth thin film transistor.

12. The liquid crystal display of claim **10**, wherein the second data line and the third data line are positioned between the first pixel and the third pixel.

13. The liquid crystal display of claim **11**, wherein the second data line and the third data line are positioned between the first pixel and the third pixel.

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根据本发明示例性实施例的液晶显示器（LCD）包括形成在第一和第二栅极线，第一和第二数据线之间的第一像素，被配置为向其施加第一数据的第一子像素电压和第二子像素，其被配置为向其施加低于第一数据电压的第二数据电压，第二像素形成在第二和第三栅极线，第一和第二数据线之间，并且具有第三子像素，被配置为施加于其上第三数据电压和第四子像素被配置为向其施加低于第三数据电压的第四数据电压。第一子像素和第三子像素分别连接第一薄膜晶体管和第三薄膜晶体管，第一薄膜晶体管和第三薄膜晶体管分别具有连接第一数据线和第二数据线的源极，每个源电极具有围绕漏电极的一部分的开口部分，并且其中第一薄膜晶体管的源电极的开口方向与第三薄膜晶体管的源电极的开口方向相反。

