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(54) **MULTI-DOMAIN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY**

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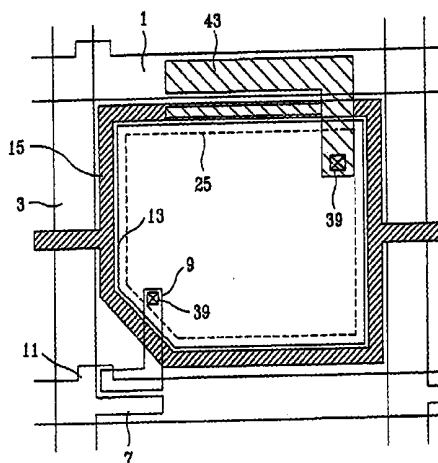
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Multi-domain liquid crystal display including a first substrate and a second substrate, a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates, a plurality of gatelines and datalines on the first substrate crossed each other at fixed intervals, a pixel electrode in each of pixel regions formed between the gatelines and the datalines, a supplementary electrode around each of the pixel electrodes in the same layer with the pixel electrodes, at least one field induction window in each of the pixel regions, and an optical orientation film formed at least one of the first and second substrates.

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FIG. 1

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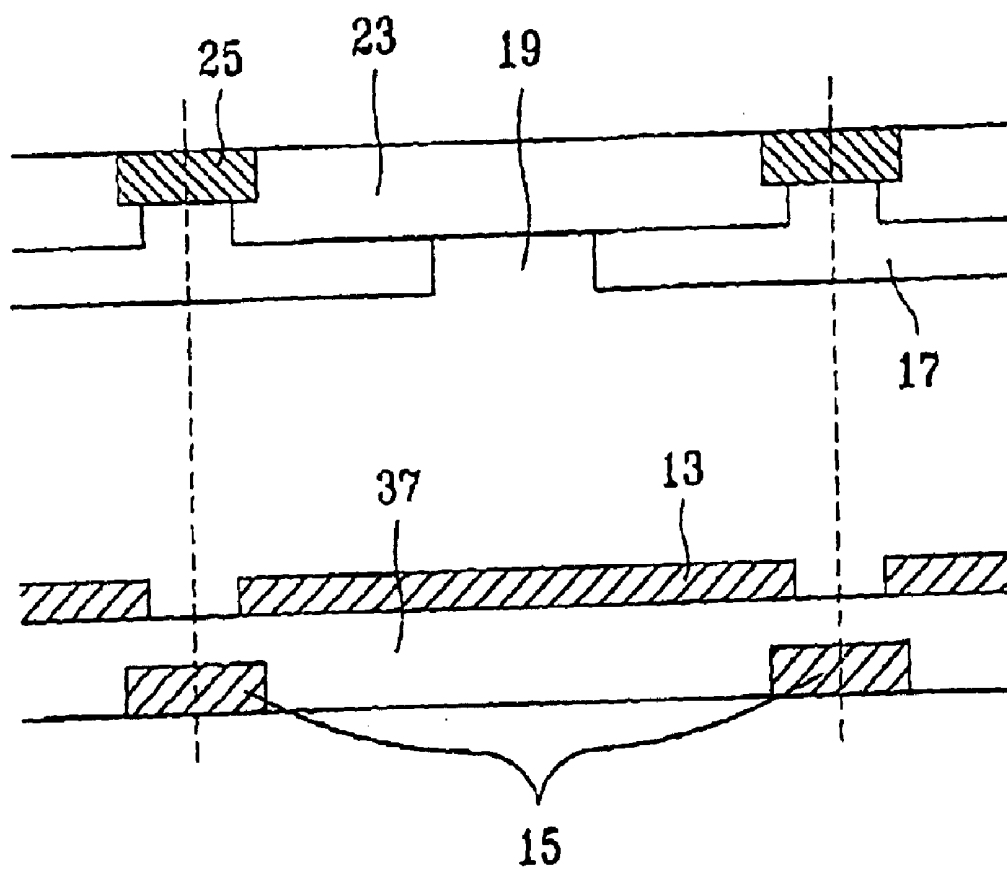


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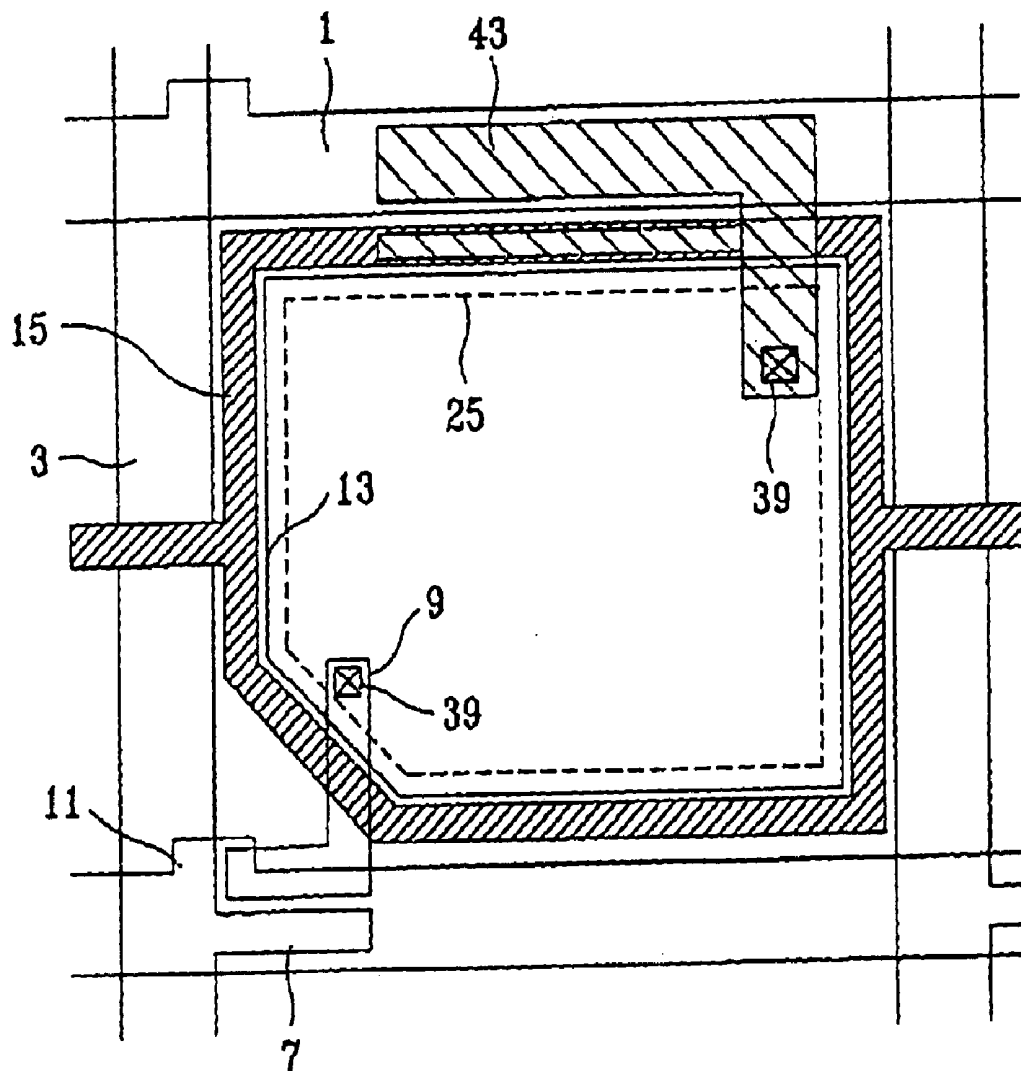


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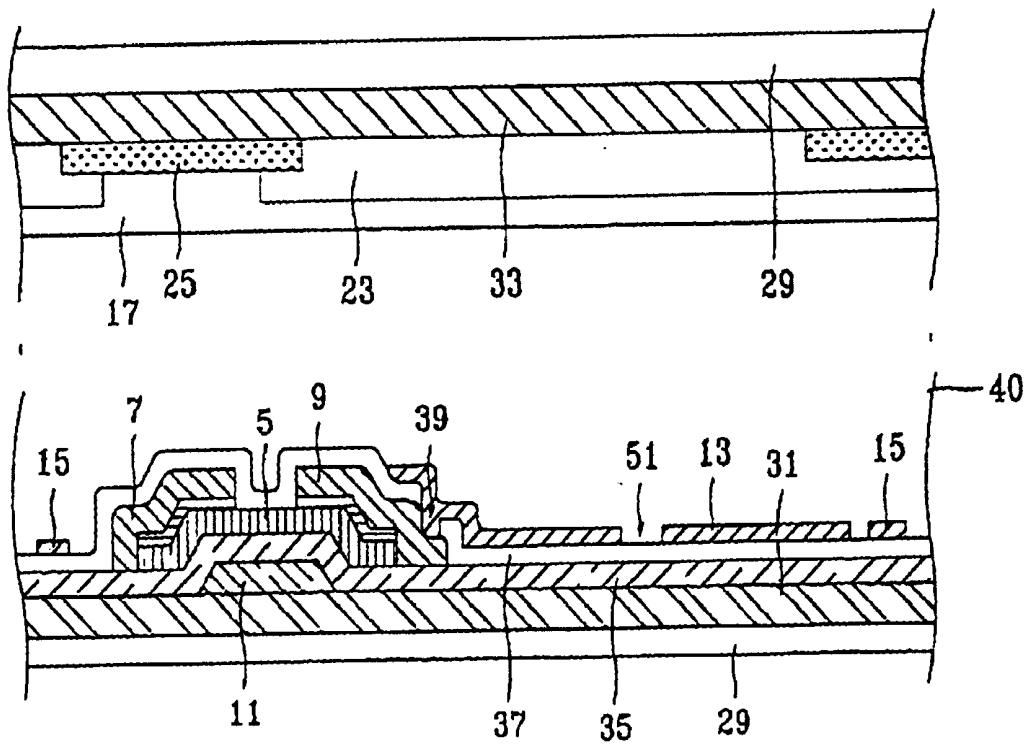


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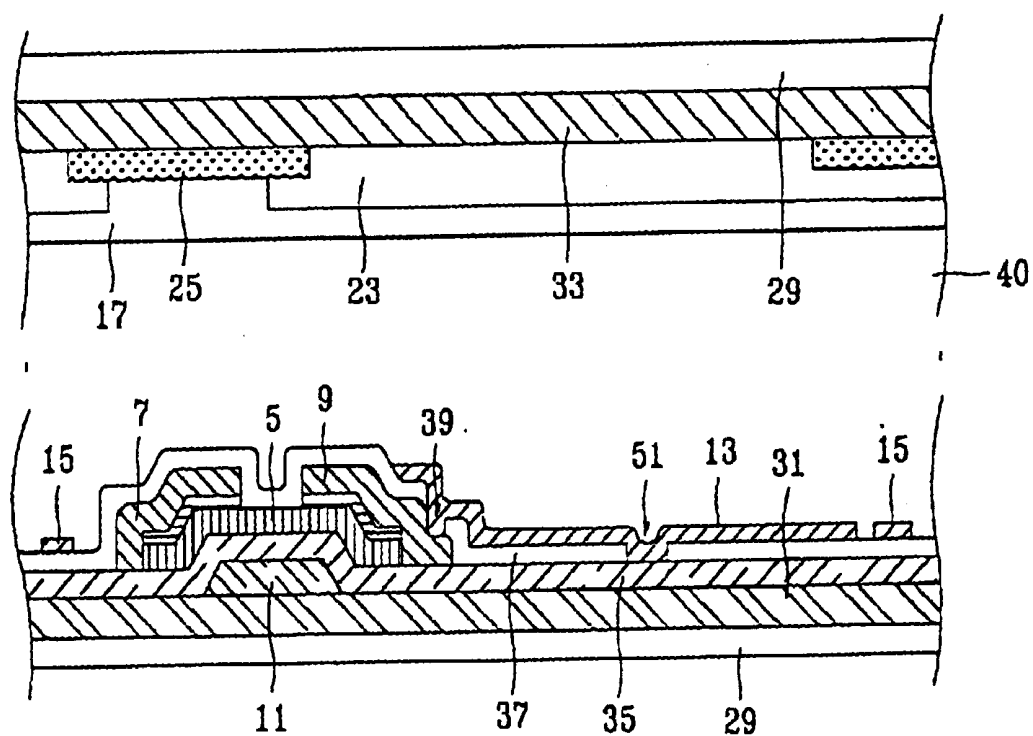


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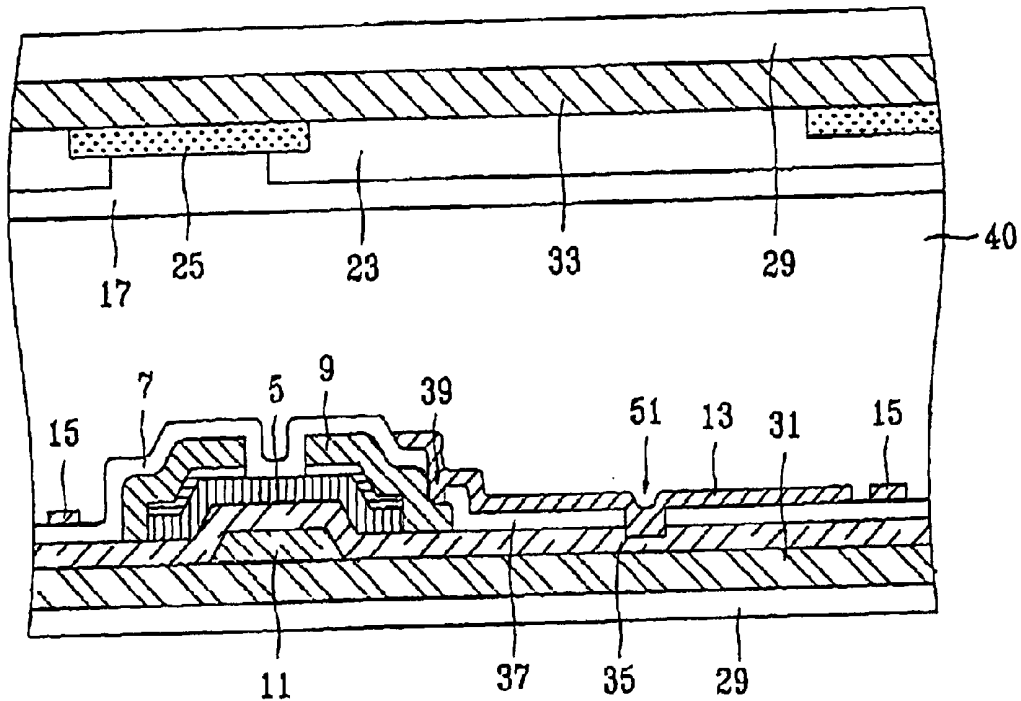


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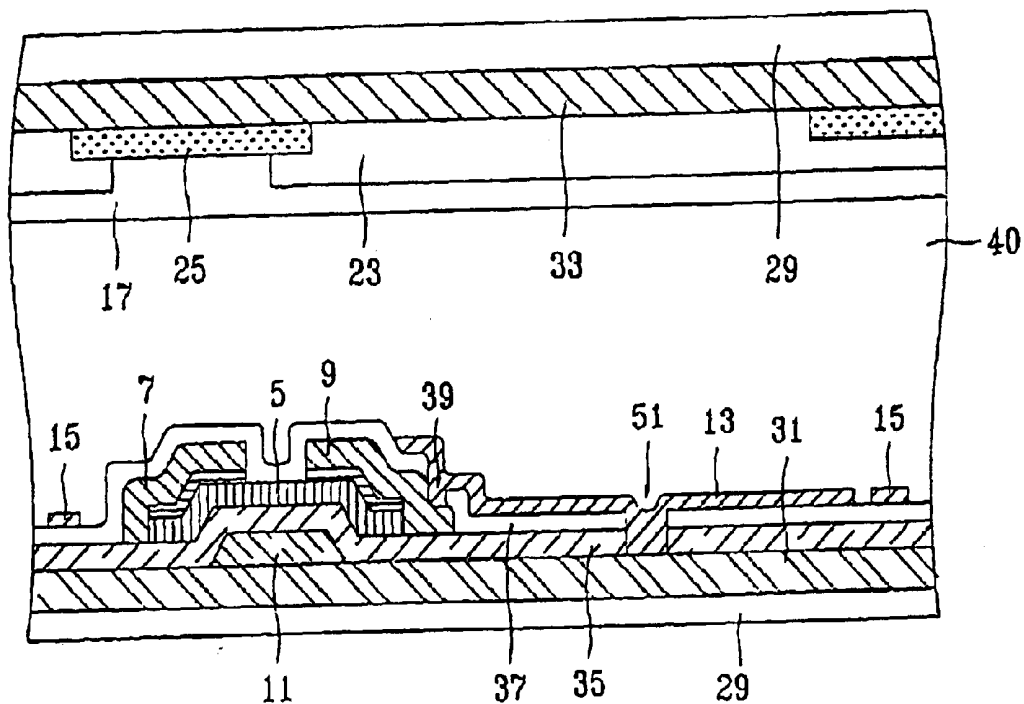


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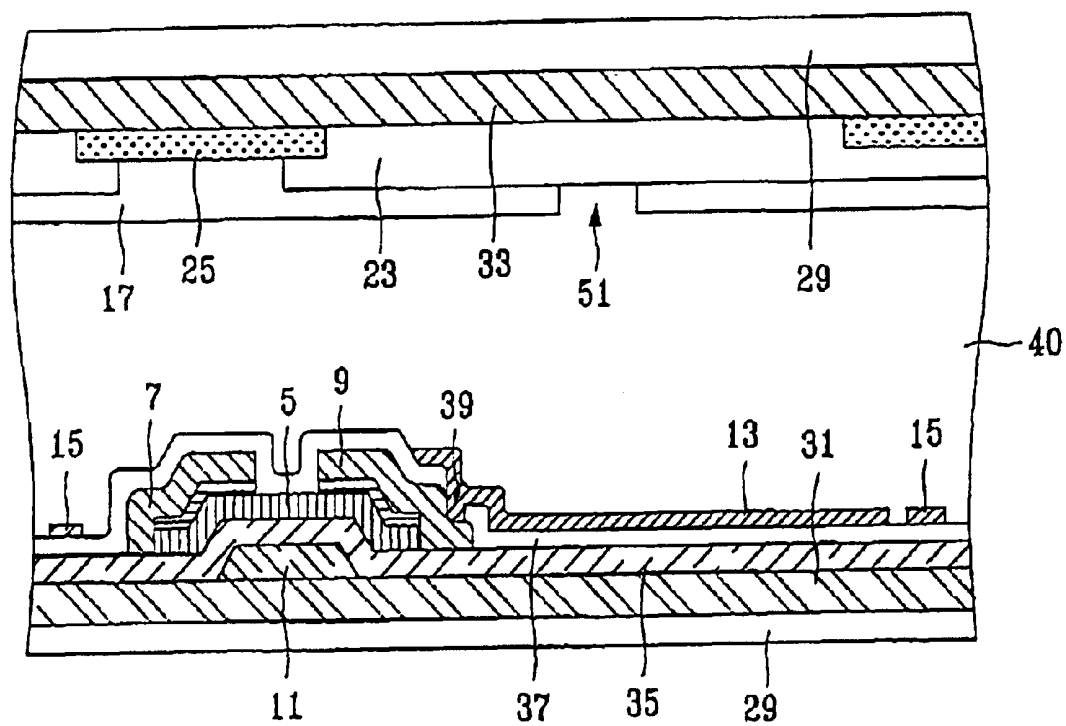


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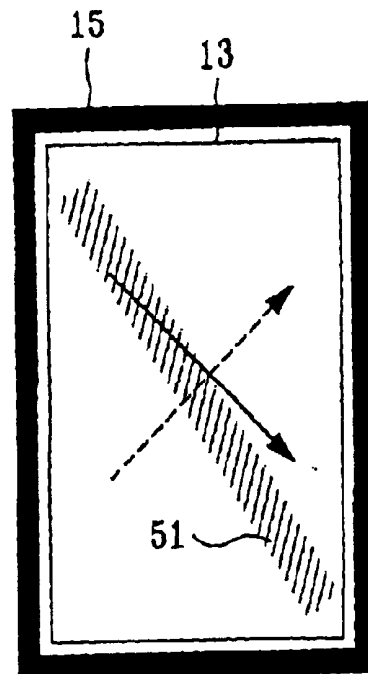


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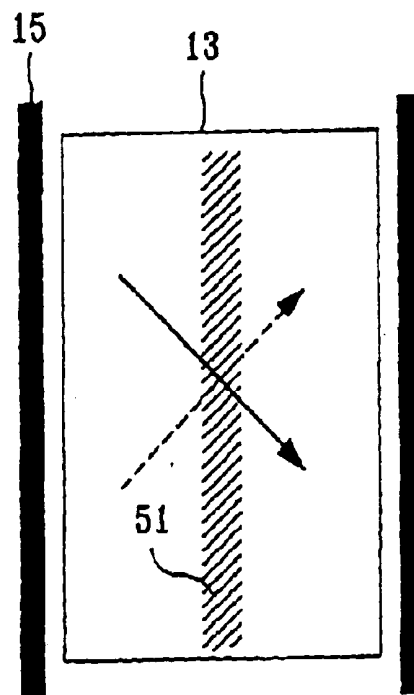


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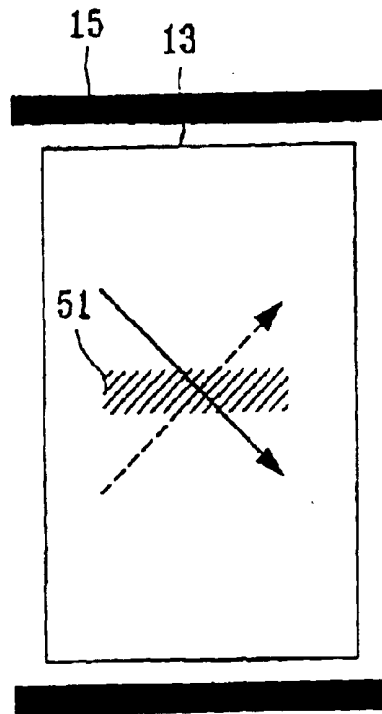


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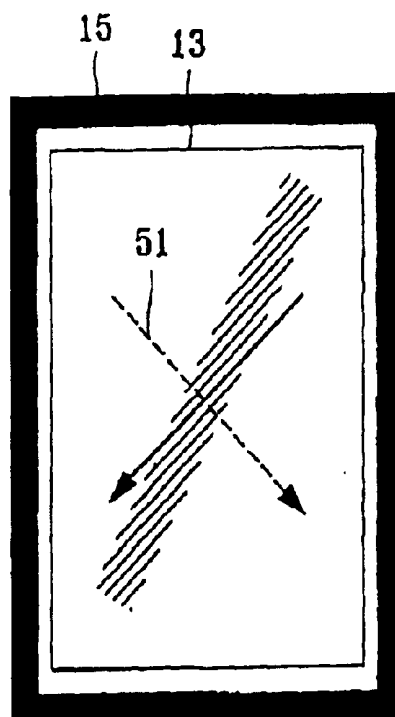


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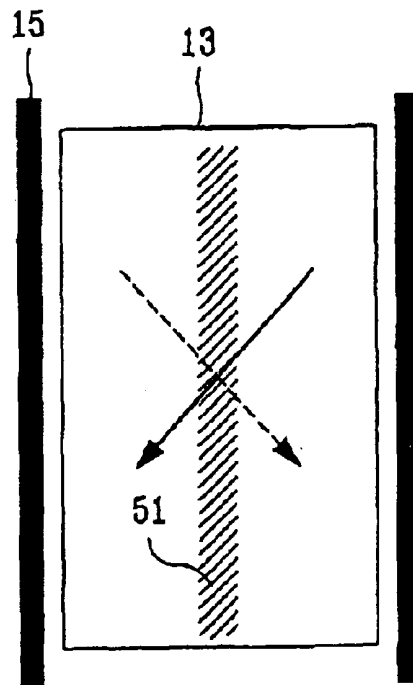


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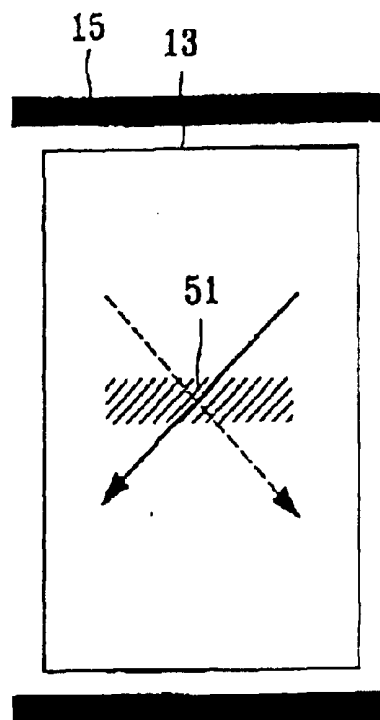


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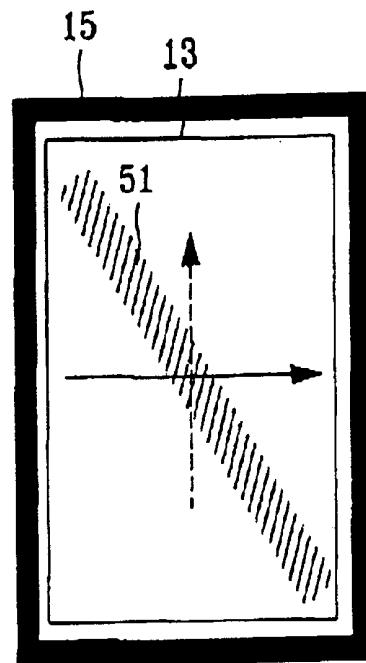


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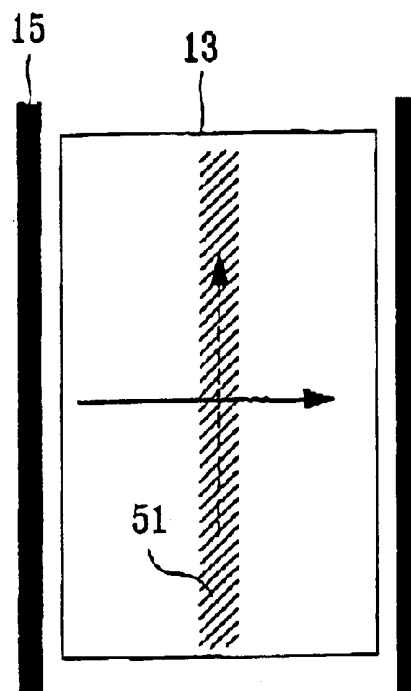


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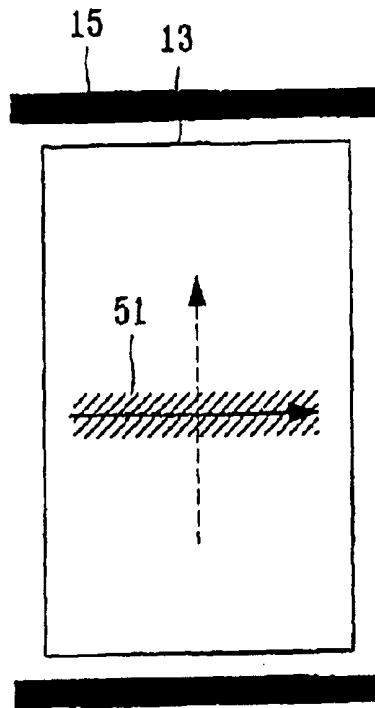


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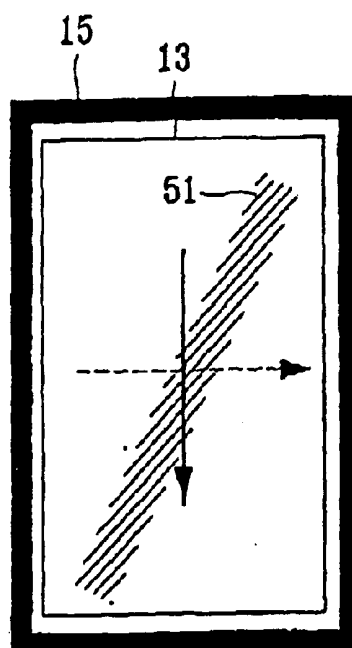


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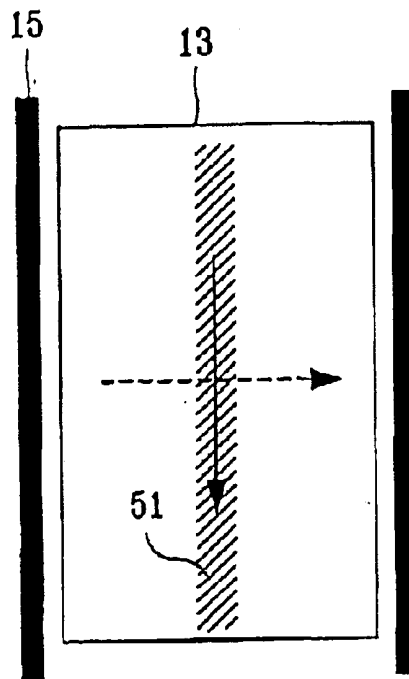


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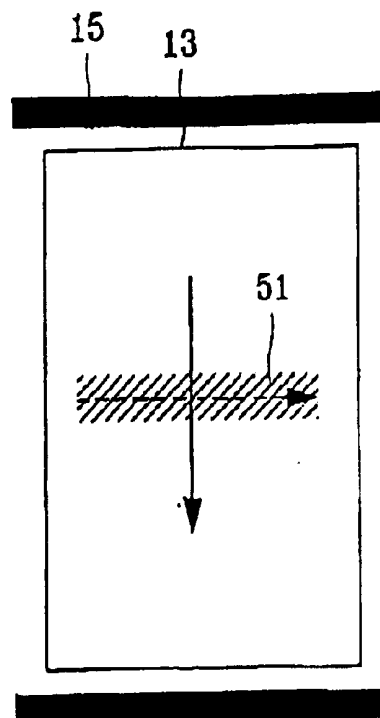


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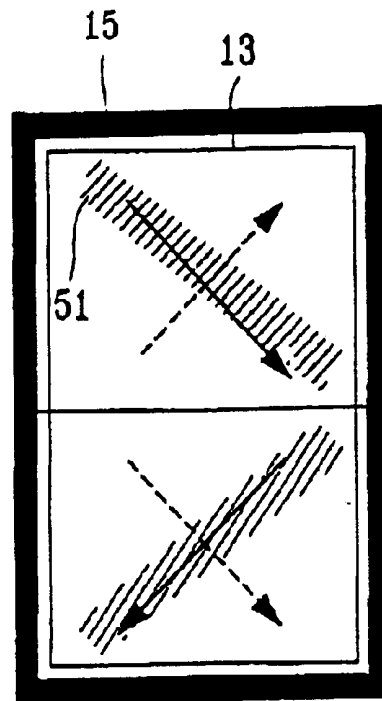


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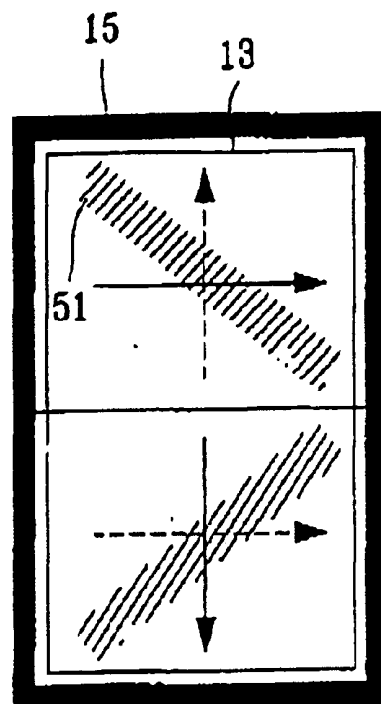


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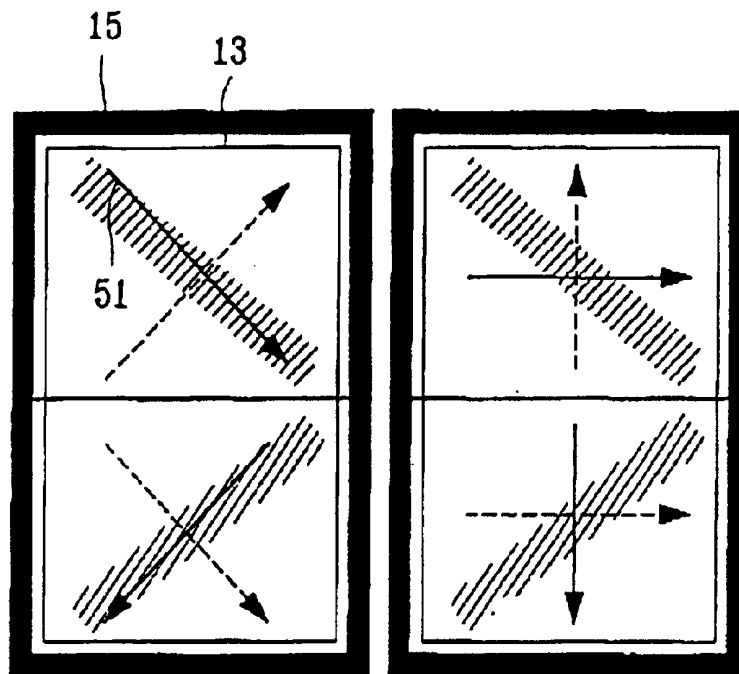


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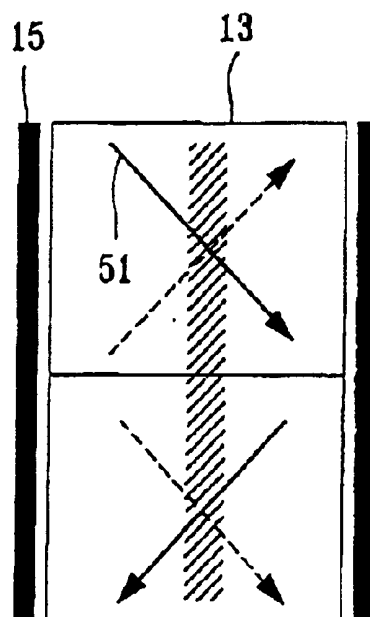


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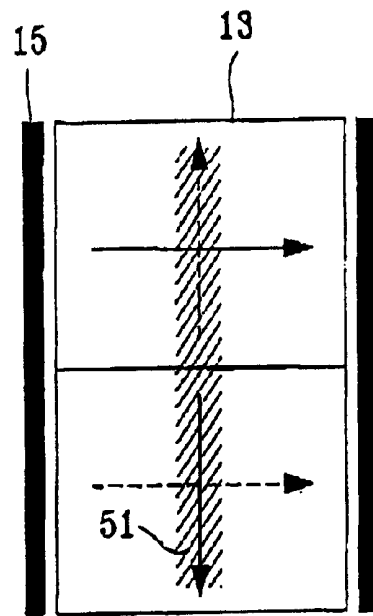


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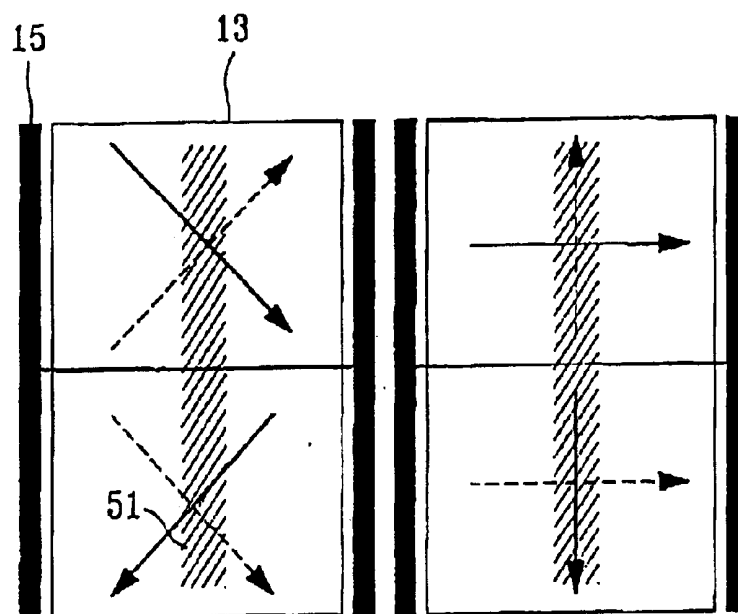


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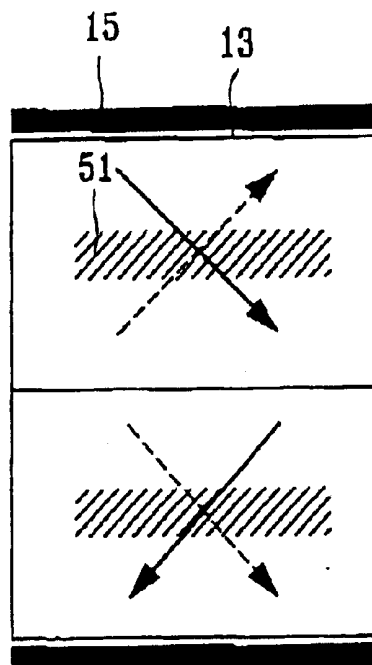


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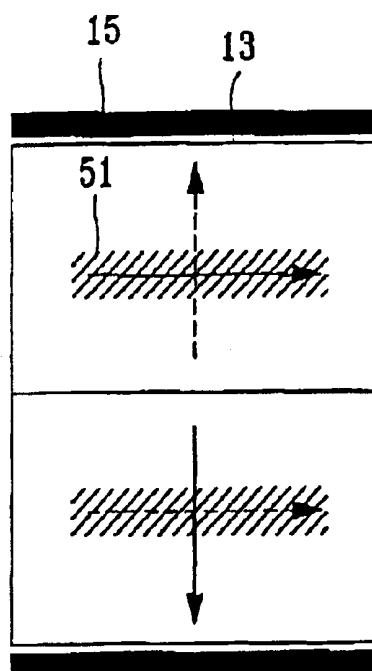


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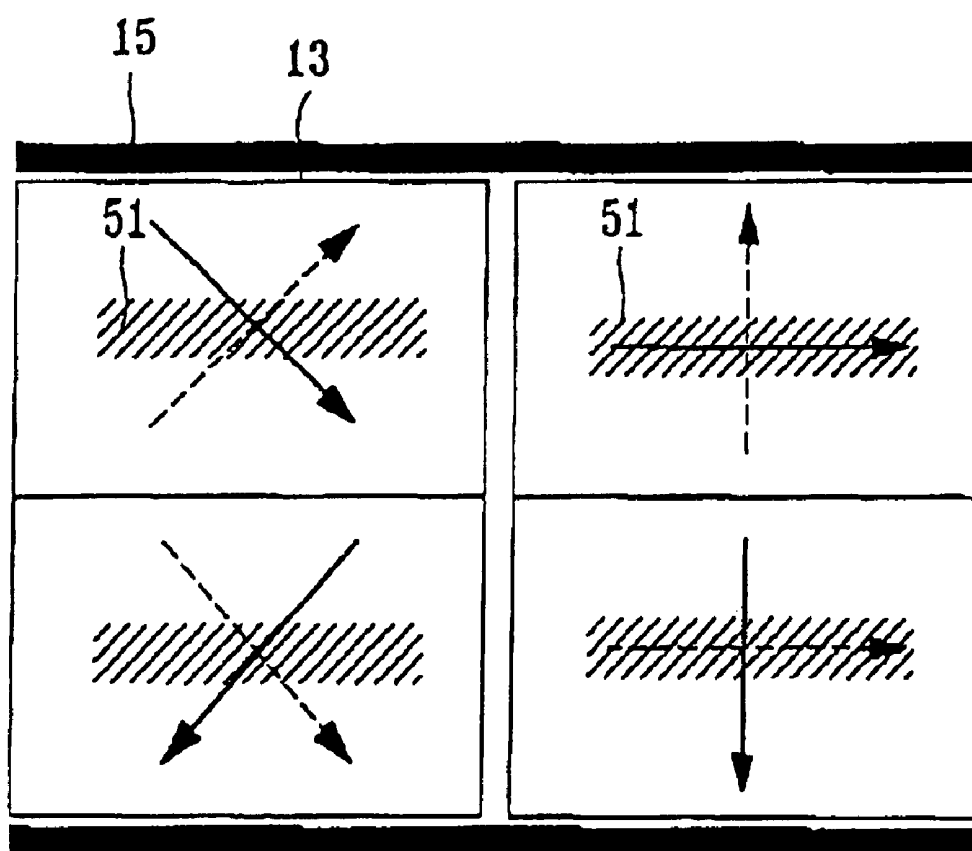


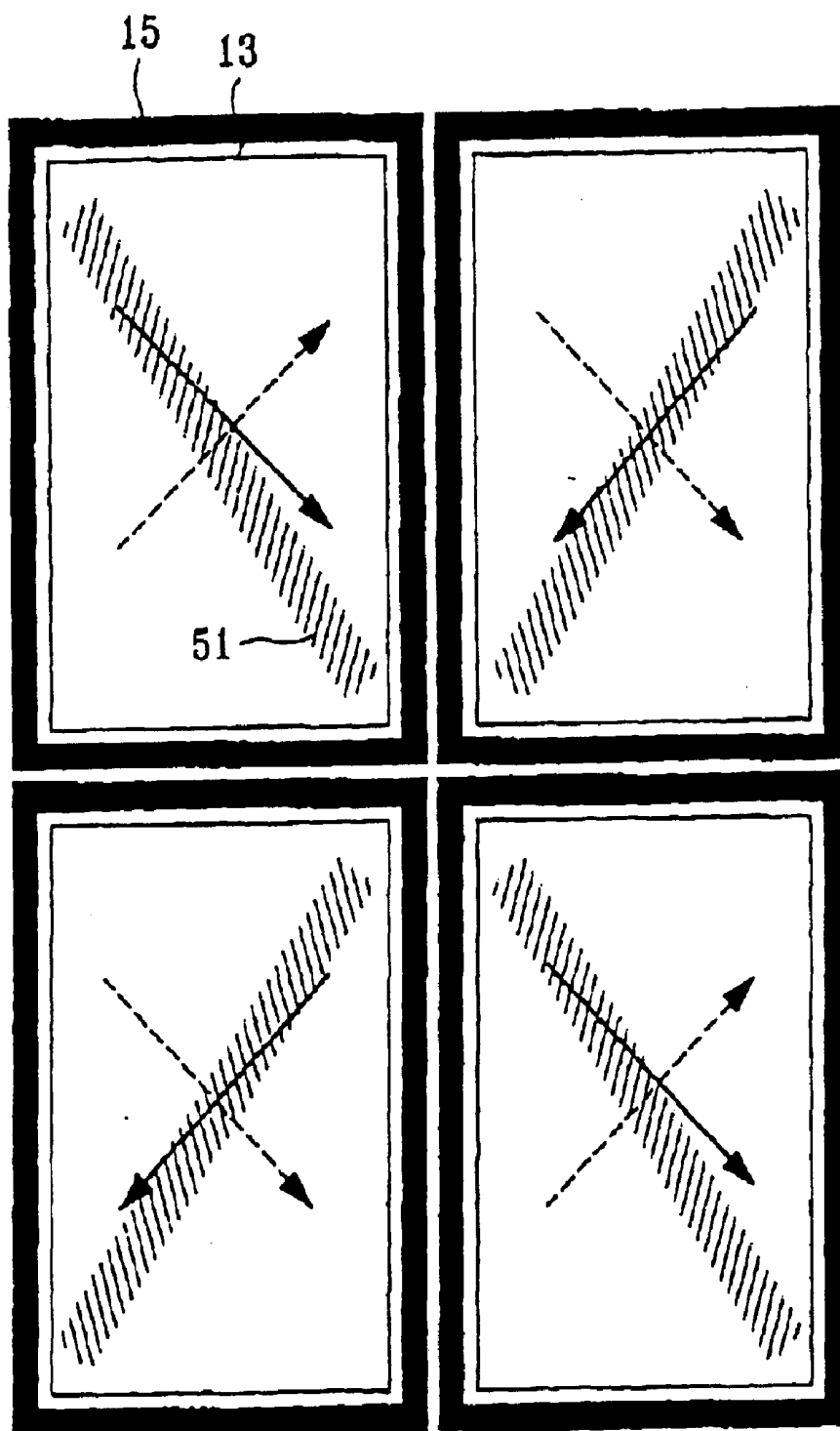
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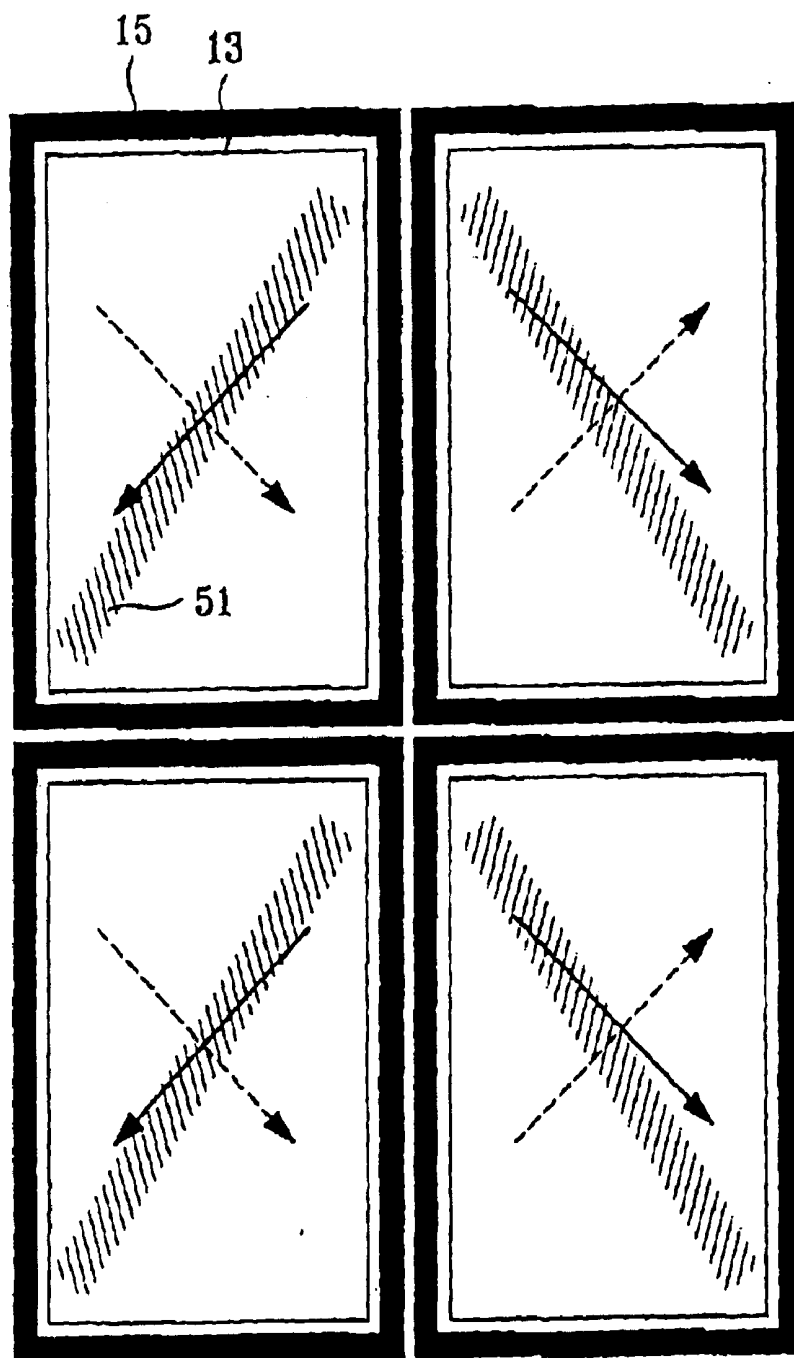
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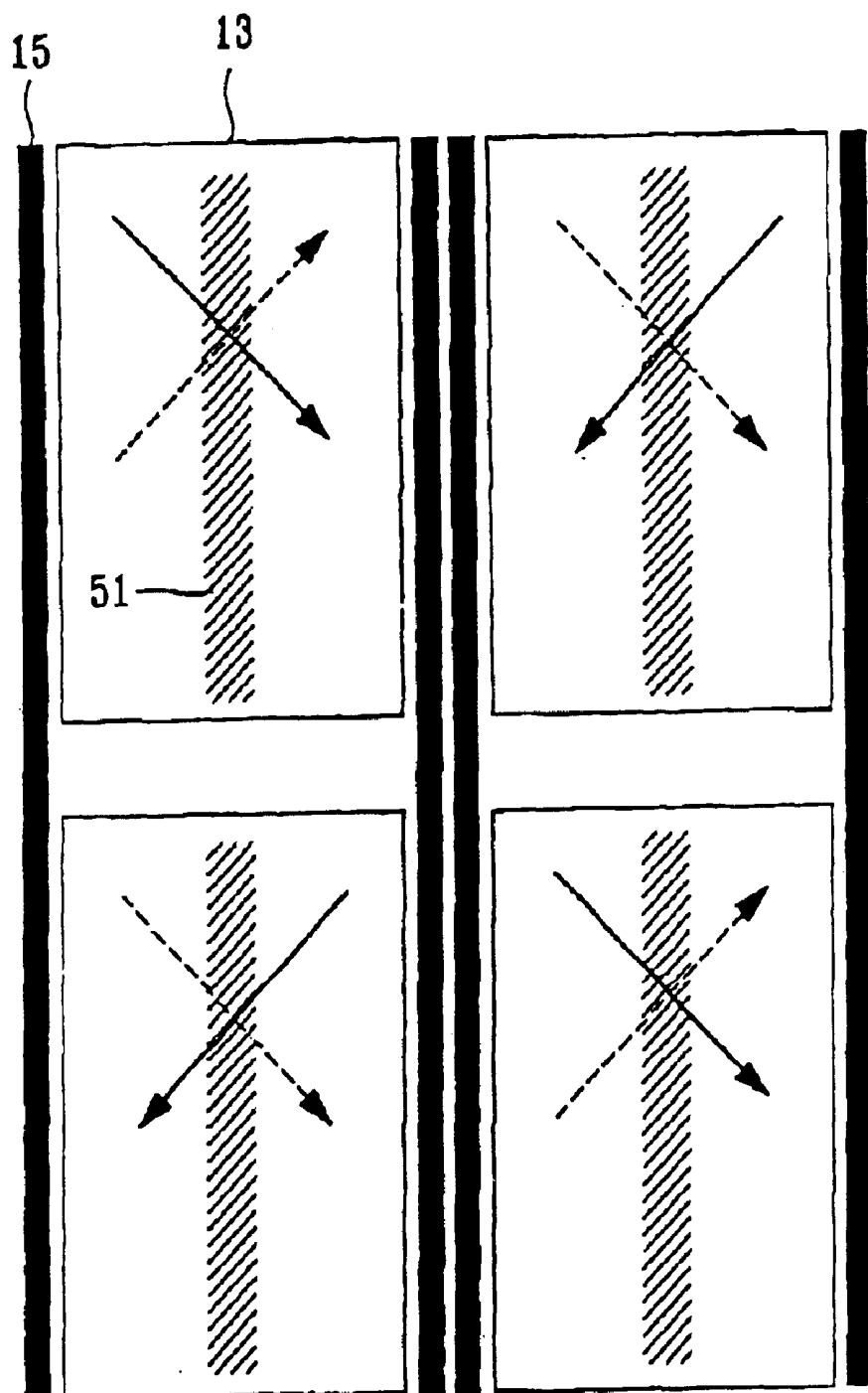
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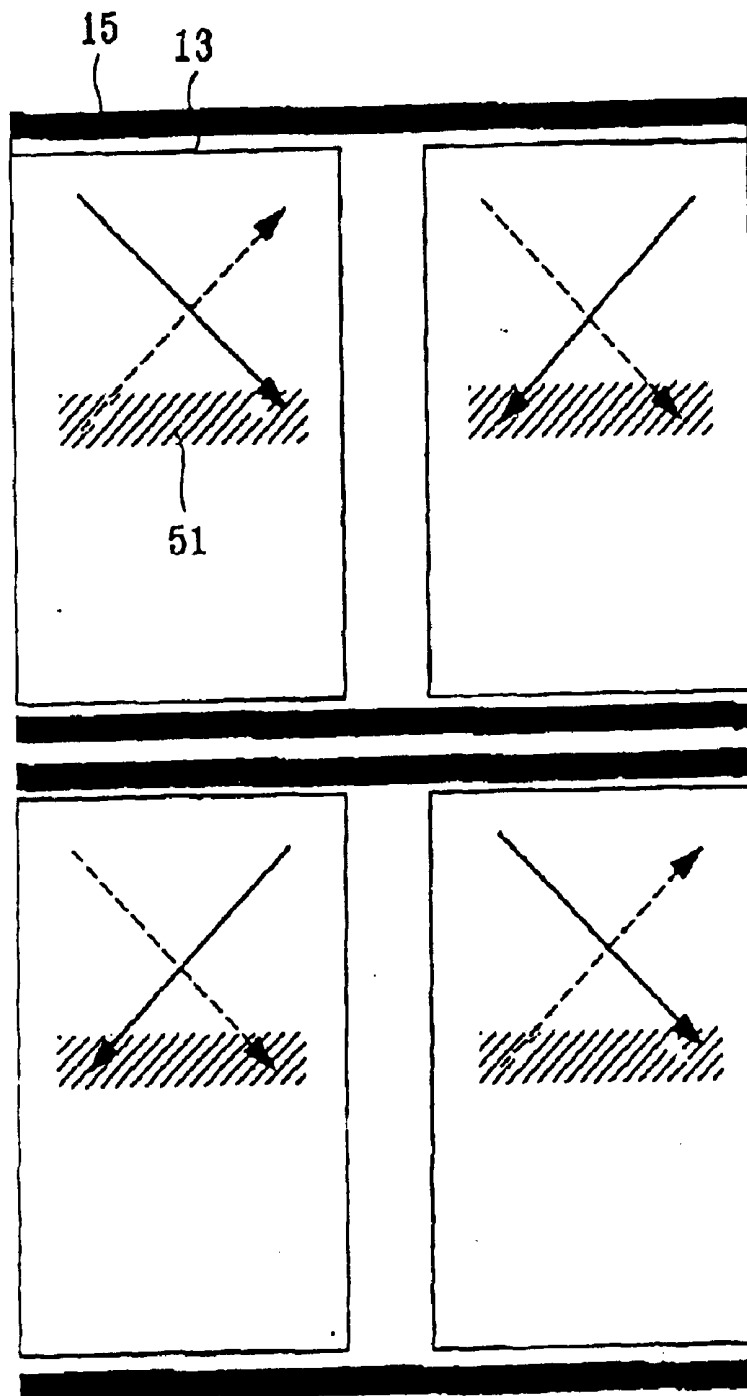


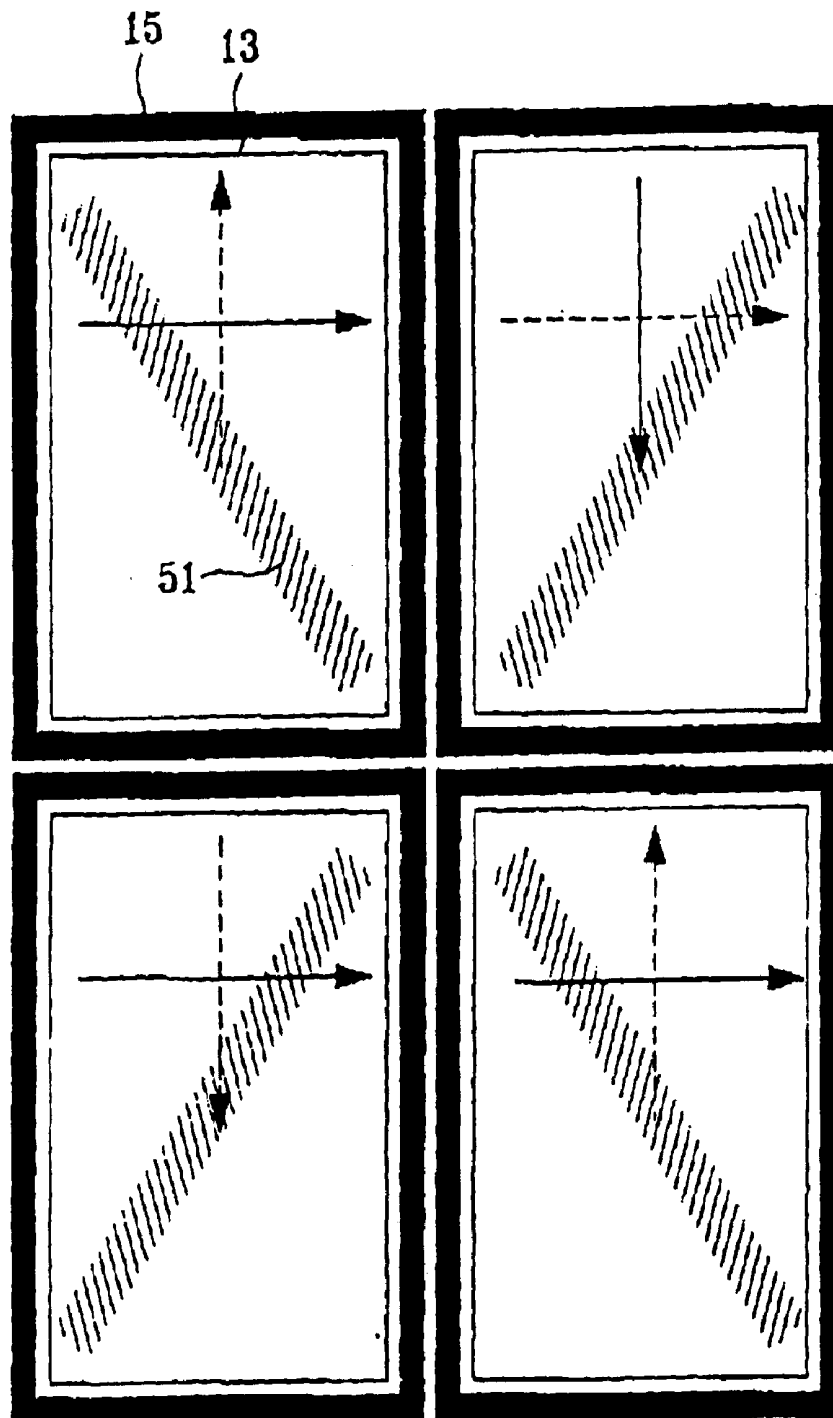
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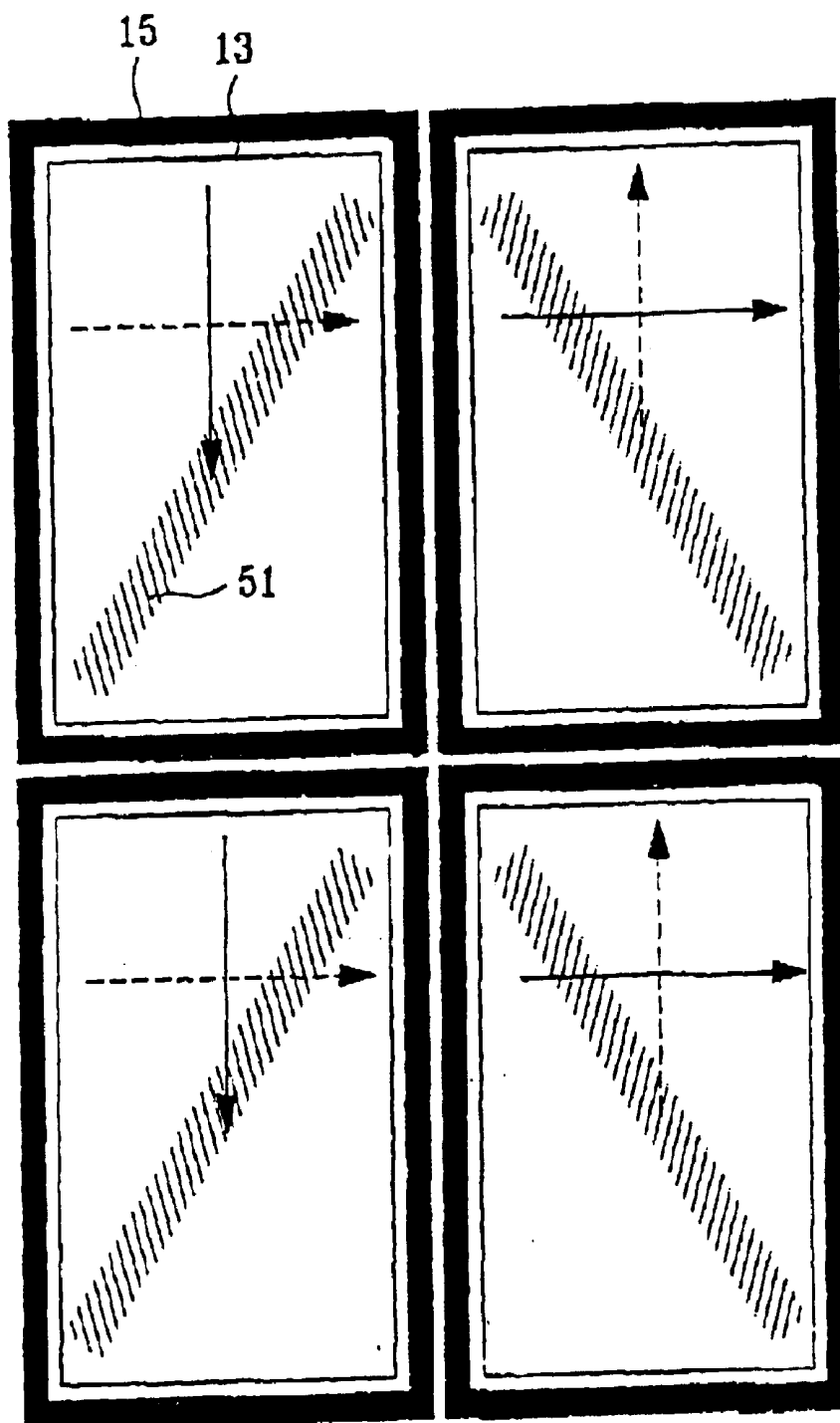


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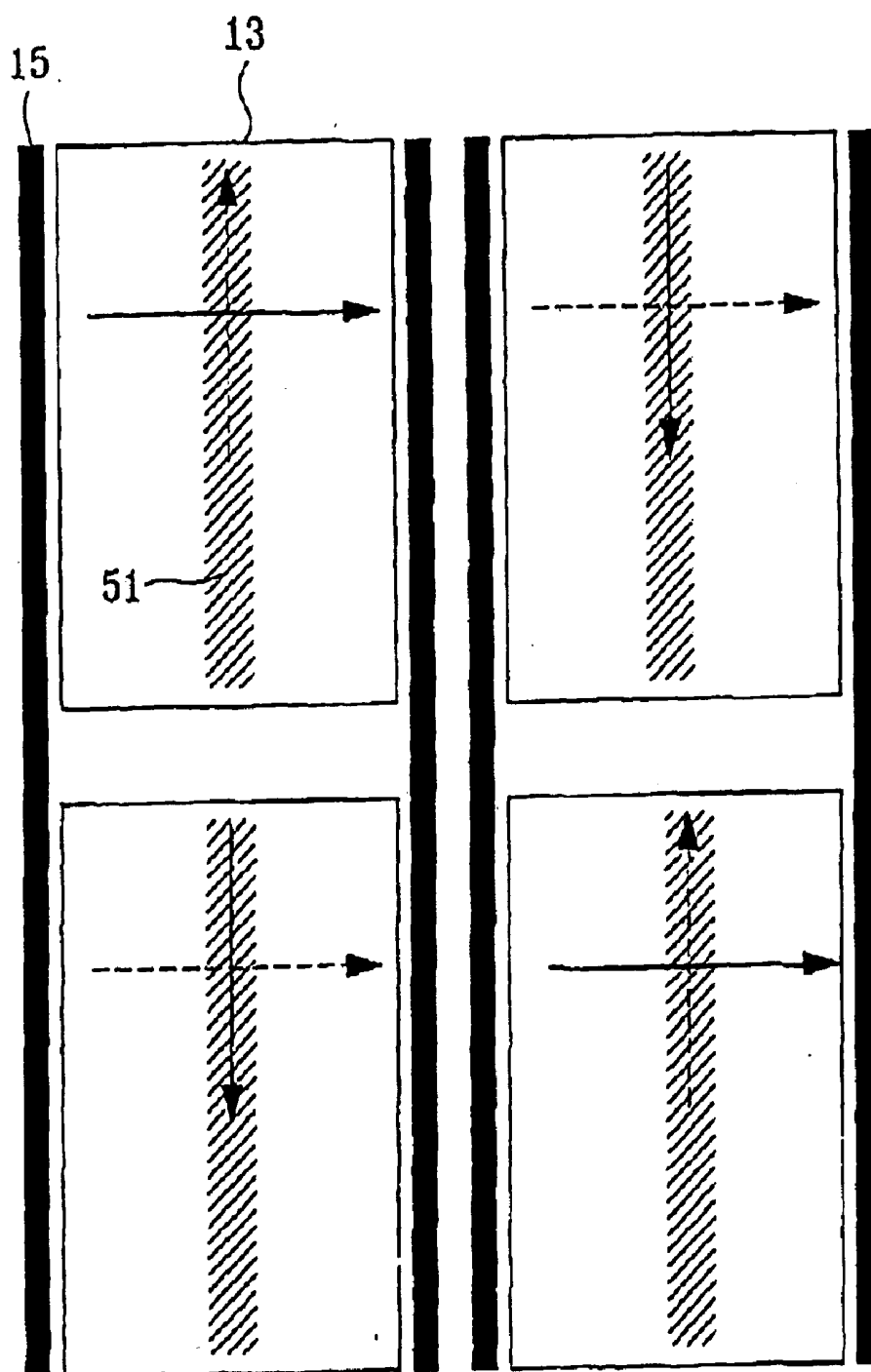
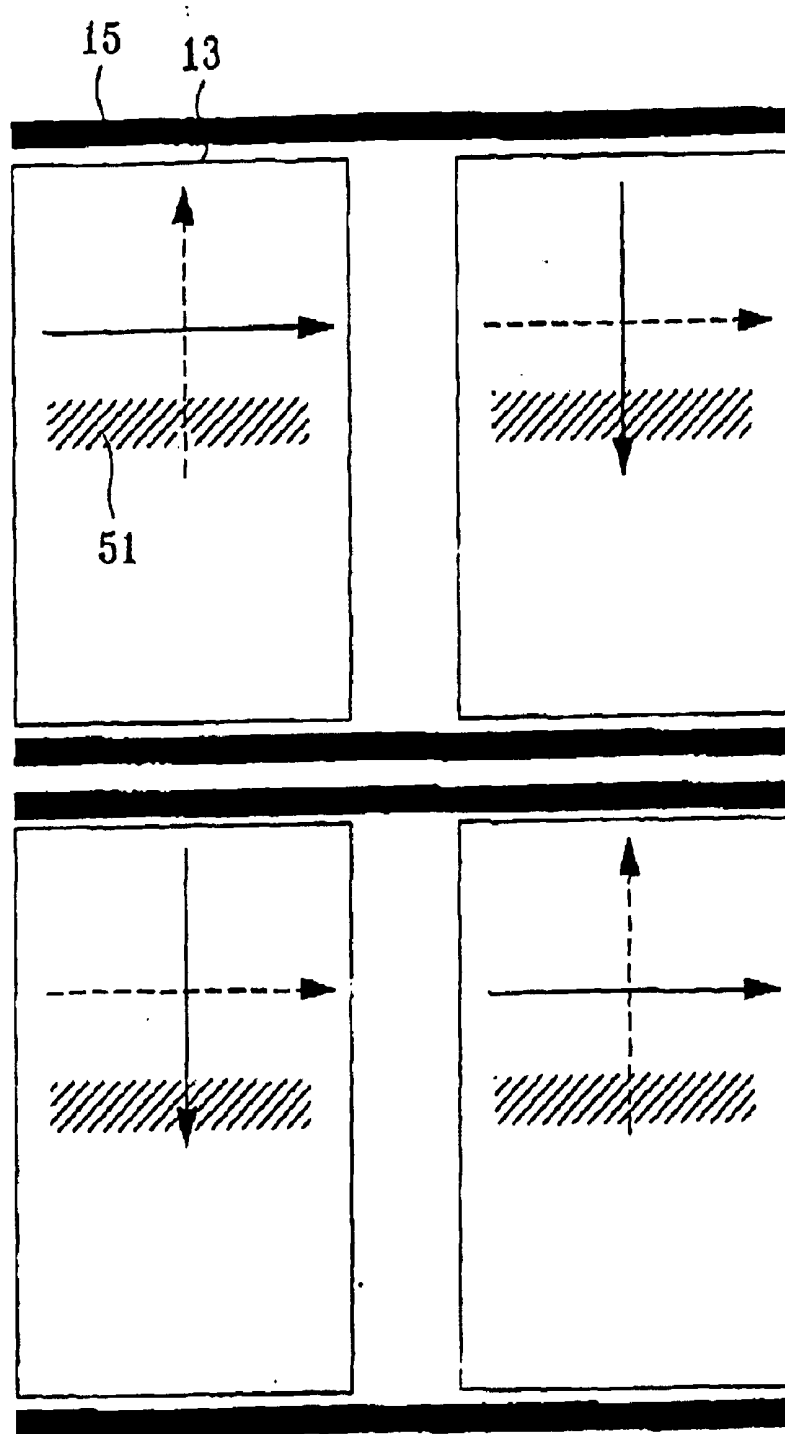


FIG.36

MULTI-DOMAIN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display, and more particularly, to a multi-domain liquid crystal display, in which a supplementary electrode is formed around a pixel region at the same layer as a pixel electrode, and a field induction window is formed in the pixel region, for deforming the field.

2. Background of the Related Art

Recently, the multi-domain liquid crystal display has been suggested, in which the liquid crystal is driven by means of a supplementary electrode electrically insulated from the pixel electrode without orienting the liquid crystal, which will be explained, with reference to the attached drawing. FIG. 1 illustrates a section of a related art unit pixel of a liquid crystal display.

Referring to FIG. 1, the related art liquid crystal display is provided with a first substrate, a second substrate, and a liquid crystal layer between the first and the second substrates. On the first substrate, there are a plurality of data lines and gate lines crossed each other to form a plurality of pixel regions, a TFT (Thin Film Transistor)(not shown) having a gate electrode, a gate insulating film, a semiconductor layer and source/drain electrodes in each pixel region on the first substrate, a protection film 37 having a contact hole to the drain electrode formed on an entire surface of the first substrate, a pixel electrode 13 in the pixel region on the protection film 37 in contact with the drain electrode through the contact hole, and a supplementary electrode 15 formed between the gate insulating film and the protection film 37 having a portion overlapped with the pixel electrode 13. And, on the second substrate, there is a light shielding layer 25 for shielding a light leaking from the gatelines, the datalines, and the TFTs, a color filter layer 23 formed on the light shielding layer 25, a common electrode 17 formed on the color filter layer 23, and the liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate. The supplementary electrode 15 formed around the pixel electrode 13 and the open region 19 of the common electrode 17 distort a field provided to the liquid crystal layer, resulting to drive liquid molecules in the unit pixel in variously. This means that a dielectric energy from the distorted field orients directors of the liquid crystal to a desired direction when a voltage is applied to the liquid crystal display.

However, the related art liquid crystal display has the following problems.

First, the formation of the open regions in the common electrodes for obtaining a multi-domain effect in the related art liquid crystal display leads to require an open region patterning additionally in the fabrication of the liquid crystal display.

Second, if no open region is formed, or the open region has a small width, the director of the liquid crystal takes relatively much time until the director comes to a stabilization because there is less field distortion required for division of the domains.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention is directed to a multi-domain liquid crystal display that substantially obviates one or more of the problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

An object of the present invention is to provide a multi-domain liquid crystal display which has a simple fabrication process.

Additional features and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention will be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the present invention, as embodied and broadly described, the multi-domain liquid crystal display including a first substrate and a second substrate, a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates, a plurality of gatelines and datalines on the first substrate crossed each other at fixed intervals, a pixel electrode in each of pixel regions formed between the gatelines and the datalines, a supplementary electrode around each of the pixel electrodes at the same layer with the pixel electrodes, at least one field induction window in each of the pixel regions, and an optical orientation film formed at least one of the first and second substrates, wherein the field induction windows formed in at least two of the pixel regions have patterns different from one another.

The multi-domain liquid crystal display further includes an L-lined thin film transistor formed close to a crossing point of each of the gate lines and the data lines, a gate insulating film extended all over the first substrate, a protection film formed on the gate insulating film extended all over the first substrate, a light shielding layer formed on the second substrate, a color filter layer formed on the light shielding layer, and a common electrode formed on the color filter layer.

The multi-domain liquid crystal display further includes a negative uniaxial or biaxial film formed on at least one of the first and second substrates.

The liquid crystal has a positive or negative dielectric anisotropy, and the liquid crystal layer has a chiral dopant.

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention:

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates a section of a related art liquid crystal display;

FIG. 2 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention;

FIG. 3 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a third preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 6 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

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FIG. 7 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 8 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 9 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 10 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 11 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 12 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a tenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 13 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eleventh preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 14 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twelfth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 15 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 16 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 17 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fifteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 18 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 19 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventeenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 20 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 21 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a nineteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 22 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twentieth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 23 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 24 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty second preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 25 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty third preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 26 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 27 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

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FIG. 28 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 29 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 30 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 31 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 32 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirtieth preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 33 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 34 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty second preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 35 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty third preferred embodiment of the present invention; and,

FIG. 36 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a third fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. FIG. 1 illustrates a section of a related art liquid crystal display, FIG. 2 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention, FIG. 3 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 4 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 5 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a third preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 6 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 7 illustrates a section of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIGS. 2 and 3, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of present invention includes a first substrate 31 and a second substrate 33 fitted together with a space therebetween, a plurality of data lines 3 and gate lines 1, both on the first substrate crossed each other to divide the first substrate into a plurality of pixel regions, a thin film transistor formed on the first substrate in each of the pixel regions each having a gate electrode 11, a gate insulating film 35, a semiconductor layer 5, an ohmic contact layer, and source/drain electrode 7 and 9, a protection film 37 having a contact hole to the drain electrode 9 formed all over the first substrate having the thin film transistors, a pixel electrode 13 formed on the protection film 37 in each of the pixel region excluding the thin film transistor in contact with the drain electrode 9 through the contact hole, and a supplementary electrode 15 formed on a layer the same with the

pixel electrode **13** for deforming a field. In this instance, there is a field induction window **51** formed in the pixel electrode **13** for obtaining a field deformation effect. That is, a portion of the pixel electrode **15** is removed from forming the field induction window **51**. And, on the second substrate **33**, there is a light shielding layer for shielding a light leaking from the gate lines **1**, the data lines **3**, and the thin film transistors, color filter layers **23** each formed in a region corresponding to each of the pixel regions between the light shielding layer **25**, and a common electrode **17** each extended over the color filter layer **23** and the light shielding layer **25**. And, there is a liquid crystal layer **40** formed between the first substrate and the second substrate.

A method for fabricating the aforementioned multi-domain liquid crystal display will be explained.

Gate lines **1** each having a gate electrode are formed on the first substrate in one direction at fixed intervals, and a gate insulating film **35** is formed on the entire surface. And, a semiconductor layer **5** and an ohmic contact layer are formed in an active region or each of the thin film transistors, and data lines **3** each having source/drain electrodes **7** and **9** are formed on the gate insulating film **35**. And, a protection film **37** is formed on an entire surface **37**, and, after a contact hole is formed in each of the drain electrodes **9**, the pixel electrodes **13** and the supplementary electrodes **15** are formed. The gate electrode **11** and the gate lines **1** are formed of one or two layers of a metal, such as Al, Mo, Cr, Ta and Al alloy by sputtering and patterning. The gate insulating film **35** is formed of SiN_x or SiO_x by PECVD (Plasma Enhancement Chemical Vapor Deposition) and patterning. And, the semiconductor layer **5** and the ohmic contact layer is formed of a-Si and n⁺ a-Si by PECVD and patterning. The gate insulating film **35** and the a-Si and n⁺ a-Si may be deposited by PECVD in succession to form a gate insulating film, and patterned to form the semiconductor layer and the ohmic contact layer. And, the data lines **3** and the source/drain electrodes **7** and **9** are formed of a metal, such as Al, Mo, Cr, Ta and Al alloy by sputtering and patterning. In formation of the data lines **3**, a storage electrode **43** is formed on the same time to be overlapped with the gate lines **1**, which storage electrode **43** serves as a storage capacitor with the gate lines **1**. Then, a protection film **37** is formed of BCB (BenzoCycloButene), acrylic resin, polyimide compound, SiN_x or SiO_x on an entire surface of the first substrate **31**, and ITO (Indium Tin Oxide), or a metal, such as Al or Cr, are sputtered thereon and patterned, to form a pixel electrode **13**, together with a supplementary electrode **15** to surround the pixel electrode. In this instance, the pixel electrode **13** is connected to the drain electrode **9** and the storage electrode **43** through a contact hole **39**. And, in order to improve the aperture, the gate insulating film **35** may be formed of BCB, acrylic resin and polyimide compound. If the supplementary electrode **15** is formed of the same material with the pixel electrode **13**, the supplementary electrode **15** is formed at the same layer with the pixel electrode **13** by using the same mask, and electrically connected to the common electrode **17**, or the supplementary electrode **15** is formed of a metal different from the pixel electrode **13** by using additional mask, or may be formed on a layer different from the pixel electrode **13**. And, the pixel electrode **13** or the protection film **37** may be patterned to form a field induction window **51** in a form of slit or hole, or the gate insulating film **35** may be partially or totally patterned, to form the field induction window **51**. Then, a light shielding layer **25** is formed on the second substrate **33**, and a color filter layer **23** is formed such that R, G, B (Red, Green, and Blue) elements are repeated in

every pixels. And, alike the pixel electrode **13**, a common electrode **17** of a transparent material, such as ITO, is formed on the color filter layer **23**, and, after the first substrate **31** and the second substrate **33** are bonded together, liquid crystal is injected between the first and second substrates **31** and **33**, to complete fabrication of a multi-domain liquid crystal display. The liquid crystal is nematic with a negative or positive dielectric anisotropy, and may be added with a chiral dopant.

In the aforementioned multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention, Ag-Dotting parts are formed on the first substrate **31** at each corner of driving region of the liquid crystal display and connected to the supplementary electrode **15** on the same time with the formation of the supplementary electrode **15**, for applying a voltage Vcom thereto, thereby driving the liquid crystal display by applying a field to the second substrate **33**. One coat of polymer is applied on at least one of the first or second substrate **31** or **33**, to form a phase difference film **29**. The phase difference film **29**, a negative uniaxial film, is formed of a uniaxial material having only one optical axis, for compensating users vision for a change of viewing angle with respect to a direction vertical to the substrate, that enlarges an area with no gray inversion, and increases a contrast ratio in an oblique direction, and left/right direction viewing angles can be compensated more effectively by forming on pixel in multi-domain. In the multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention, other than the negative uniaxial film, the phase difference film may be a negative biaxial film, of a biaxial material with two optical axes, for obtaining a wider viewing angle than the uniaxial film. After the phase difference film is formed, a polarizer(not shown) is attached to both substrates. The polarizer may be applied as an integrated unit with the phase difference film. And, as shown in FIG. 2, the multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention has an L-lined thin film transistor structure, which has an L formed TFT on the gate line **1**, that can increase an aperture and reduce a parasitic capacitance formed between the gate line **1** and the drain electrode **9**. And, the multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention has an orientation film (not shown) formed on an entire surface of the first and/or second substrate. The orientation film may be of an optical orientation film formed of a material selected from compounds of PVCN (polyvinylcinnamate), PSCN (polysiloxanecinnamate), or CelCN (cellulosecinnamate) group, but any material suitable for a photo-alignment can be applicable. The photo orientation film fixes a pretilt angle and an alignment direction or a pretilt direction of a director of a liquid crystal molecule on the same time by at least one time of light irradiation, that permits to secure orientation stability of the liquid crystal. The light used for the optical orientation is a light of an UV range, and may be a non-polarized light, a linearly polarized light, or partially polarized light. The photo-orientation may be applicable to one or both of the substrates, and the orientation processing may differ for the two substrates, or the orientation processing may not be applied while the orientation film is formed. The orientation processing permits to form a multi-domain liquid crystal display with at least two domains in which orientations of the liquid crystal molecules in the liquid crystal layer differ from each other. That is, one pixel is divided into four regions in a form of '+' or 'x', or in a length and a width directions, or in diagonal directions, and an orientation processing or an orientation direction in each of the regions or in each of the substrate is made differently, for implementing a multi-domain effect. At least one of the divided regions may be left unoriented, and it is possible to leave all the regions unoriented.

In the meantime, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention is as shown in FIG. 4. That is, the field induction window 51 is formed, not in the pixel electrode as is in the first embodiment, but in the protection film 37 by patterning a portion of the protection film 37. The multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a third preferred embodiment of the present invention is as shown in FIG. 5. That is, the field induction window 51 is formed, not in the pixel electrode as is in the first embodiment, but in the protection film 37 and the gate insulating film 35 by patterning portions of the protection film 37 and the gate insulating film 35. The multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention is as shown in FIG. 6. That is, the field induction window 51 is formed, not in the pixel electrode as is in the first embodiment, but in the common electrode 17 on the second substrate 33 by patterning a portion of the common electrode 17. Thus, the field induction window 51 may be formed in different positions as shown in the foregoing embodiments, and directions of the supplementary electrode 15 and the field induction window 51 may be made different, for orienting in different direction in implementation of the multi-domain effect. That is, by patterning width, length, and both diagonal directions, an effect of two divided domains is obtained, or by patterning forms of 'x', '+', double Y, and '◇' and 'x', and '+' on the same time, effects of four divided domain and multi-domain can be implemented.

FIG. 8 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 9 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 10 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 11 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 12 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a tenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 13 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eleventh preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 14 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twelfth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 15 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 16 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 17 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fifteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 18 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 19 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventeenth preferred embodiment of the present invention.

The sixth, seventh and eighth embodiments show the field induction window 51 and the supplementary electrode 15 for dividing domain. In the drawings, the solid line denotes an orientation on the upper substrate and the dashed line denotes an orientation on the lower substrate. That is, as shown in FIG. 8, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed to surround a pixel electrode 13, a unit pixel, and a field induction window 51 in a diagonal direction, preferably in a direction opposite to an orientation on the upper substrate. And, as shown in FIG. 9, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on left and right sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15. And, as shown in FIG. 10, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on upper and lower sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15.

The ninth, tenth, and eleventh embodiments show the field induction window 51 and the supplementary electrode 15 for dividing a domain. It can be noted that orientations on the upper and lower substrates are different in the sixth, seventh and eighth embodiment. That is, as shown in FIG. 11, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed to surround a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in a diagonal direction. And, as shown in FIG. 12, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a tenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on left and right sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15. And, as shown in FIG. 13, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eleventh preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on upper and lower sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15.

In the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth embodiments, the field induction window 51 and the supplementary electrode 15 are formed so that the liquid crystal is oriented from a bottom to top direction or from left to right direction. That is, as shown in FIG. 14, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twelfth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed to surround a pixel electrode 13, a unit pixel, and a field induction window 51 formed in a diagonal direction. And, as shown in FIG. 15, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on left and right sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15. And, as shown in FIG. 16, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fourteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on upper and lower sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15.

In the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth embodiments, the field induction window 51 and the supplementary electrode

trode 15 are formed so that the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or in a left to right direction. That is, as shown in FIG. 17, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a fifteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed to surround a pixel electrode 13, a unit pixel, and a field induction window 51 formed in a diagonal direction. And, as shown in FIG. 18, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a sixteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on left and right sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15. And, as shown in FIG. 19, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a seventeenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a supplementary electrode 15 formed only on upper and lower sides of a pixel electrode 13, and a field induction window 51 formed in parallel to the supplementary electrode 15.

In the meantime, in another embodiments of the present invention, the field induction windows may be formed in two directions in one unit pixel. FIG. 20 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 21 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a nineteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 22 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twentieth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 23 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty first preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 24 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty second preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 25 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty third preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 26 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. 27 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 28 illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 20, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with an eighteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom in the second region, and the supplementary electrode 15 to surround the pixel electrode 13, to form the field induction windows 51 in diagonal directions different from each other in the first and second regions. And, as shown in FIG. 21, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a nineteenth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a right to left direction or a bottom to top direction in the first region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or left to right direction in the second region, and the supplementary electrode 15 to surround the pixel electrode 13, to form the field induction windows 51 in diagonal directions different from each other in the first and second

regions. And, as shown in FIG. 22, in the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twentieth preferred embodiment of the present invention, two adjacent pixels may be oriented in directions different from each other. That is, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twentieth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes two adjacent pixels each divided into two regions of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom in the second region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or in a bottom to top direction in the first region of the second pixel, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or in a left to right direction in the second region of the second pixel, and a supplementary electrode 15 to surround the pixel electrode 13, for forming field induction windows 51 in diagonal directions different from each other in the first and second regions of the first and second pixels. As shown in FIG. 23, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty first preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into two units of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom in the second region, and the supplementary electrode 15 on left and right sides of the pixel electrode 13, to form field induction windows 51 in directions parallel to the supplementary electrode 15 in the first and second regions. And, as shown in FIG. 24, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty second preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into two units of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a right to left direction or a bottom to top direction in the first region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or left to right direction in the second region, and a supplementary electrode 15 on left and right sides of the pixel electrode 13, to form the field induction windows 51 in directions parallel to the supplementary electrodes in the first and second regions. And, as shown in FIG. 25, in the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty third preferred embodiment of the present invention, two adjacent pixels may be oriented in directions different from each other. That is, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty third preferred embodiment of the present invention includes two adjacent unit pixels each divided into two regions of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom in the second region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or in a bottom to top direction in the first region of the second pixel, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or in a left to right direction in the second region of the second pixel, and a supplementary electrode 15 formed on left and right sides of the pixel electrode 13, for forming field induction windows 51 in directions parallel to the first and second regions of the first and second pixels. As shown in FIG. 26, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into two units of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first

region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom in the second region, and the supplementary electrode **15** on a top and bottom sides of the pixel electrode **13**, to form field induction windows **51** in directions parallel to the supplementary electrode **15** in the first and second regions. And, as shown in FIG. **27**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty fifth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes one pixel unit divided into two units of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or a bottom to top direction in the first region, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or left to right direction in the second region, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on a top and a bottom sides of the pixel electrode **13**, to form the field induction windows **51** in directions parallel to the supplementary electrodes **15** in the first and second regions. And, as shown in FIG. **28**, in the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention, two adjacent pixels may be oriented in directions different from each other. That is, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty sixth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes two adjacent unit pixels each divided into two regions of a first region and a second region, arranged such that the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right in the first region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from a top to a bottom in the second region of the first pixel, the liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or in a bottom to top direction in the first region of the second pixel, and the liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or in a left to right direction in the second region of the second pixel, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on a top and a bottom sides of the pixel electrode **13**, for forming field induction windows **51** in directions parallel to the first and second regions of the first and second pixels.

In the meantime, the field induction windows **51** may be arranged in directions different from one another in four adjacent pixels. FIG. **29** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **30** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **31** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **32** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirtieth preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **33** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty first preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **34** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty second preferred embodiment of the present invention, FIG. **35** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty third preferred embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. **36** illustrates a plan view of a multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a third fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. **29**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty seventh preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction,

and liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed to surround each of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a diagonal direction in each of the unit pixels. The directions of the field induction windows **51** formed in the first and fourth unit pixels and the second and the third unit pixels are the same, respectively.

Referring to FIG. **30**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty eighth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed to surround each of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a diagonal direction in each of the unit pixels. The directions of the field induction windows **51** formed in the first and third unit pixels and the second and the fourth unit pixels are the same, respectively.

Referring to FIG. **31**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a twenty ninth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on left and right sides of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a direction parallel to each of the supplementary electrodes **15**.

Referring to FIG. **32**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirtieth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from left to right direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and liquid crystal is oriented in a diagonal direction from top to bottom direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on top and bottom sides of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a direction parallel to each of the supplementary electrodes **15**.

Referring to FIG. **33**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty first preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in left to right direction or bottom to top direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or left to right direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed to surround each of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a diagonal direction in each of the unit pixels. In this instance, directions of the field induction windows **51** formed in the first and fourth unit pixels and the second and the third unit pixels are the same, respectively.

Referring to FIG. **34**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty second preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit

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pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in top to bottom direction or left to right direction in a first unit pixel and a third unit pixel, and liquid crystal is oriented in a bottom to top direction or left to right direction in a second unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed to surround each of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a diagonal direction in each of the unit pixels. In this instance, directions of the field induction windows **51** formed in the first and third unit pixels and the second and the fourth unit pixels are the same, respectively.

Referring to FIG. **35**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty third preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or in a bottom to top direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and liquid crystal is oriented in a top to bottom direction or in a top to bottom direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel arranged in a diagonal direction, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on left and right sides of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a direction parallel to each of the supplementary electrodes **15**.

Referring to FIG. **36**, the multi-domain liquid crystal display in accordance with a thirty fourth preferred embodiment of the present invention includes four adjacent unit pixels, arranged such that liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or a bottom to top direction in a first unit pixel and a fourth unit pixel, and liquid crystal is oriented in a left to right direction or top to bottom direction in a second unit pixel and a third unit pixel, and a supplementary electrode **15** formed on top and bottom sides of the unit pixels, for forming a field induction window **51** in a direction parallel to each of the supplementary electrodes **15**.

As has been explained, the multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention has the following advantages.

First, the formation of the pixel electrode and the supplementary electrode around the pixel electrode at the same layer, and the field induction window in the pixel region for inducing field deformation permits to simplify a fabrication process, and maximize a multi-domain effect.

Second, the 'L' form of the thin film transistor improves an aperture.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the multi-domain liquid crystal display of the present invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover the modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-domain liquid crystal display comprising:
 - a first substrate and a second substrate;
 - a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates;
 - a plurality of gate lines and data lines on the first substrate crossing each other at fixed intervals;
 - a pixel electrode in each of pixel regions formed between the gate lines and the data lines;
 - a supplementary electrode around each of the pixel electrodes at the same layer with the pixel electrodes;
 - at least one field induction window in each of the pixel regions of the first substrate; and,

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a photo orientation film formed on at least one of the first and second substrates,

wherein the field induction windows formed in at least two of the pixel regions have patterns different from one another.

2. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

- an L-lined thin film transistor formed close to a crossing point of each of the gatelines and the datalines;
- a gate insulating film extended all over the first substrate;
- a protection film formed on the gate insulating film extended all over the first substrate;
- a light shielding layer formed on the second substrate;
- a color filter layer formed on the light shielding layer; and,
- a common electrode formed on the color filter layer.

3. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a storage electrode connected with the pixel electrode under the protection film and overlapped with the gatelines.

4. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a storage electrode connected with the pixel electrode under the protection film, and overlapped with the supplementary electrodes.

5. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the supplementary electrode is electrically connected with the common electrode.

6. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the field induction window is formed in the pixel electrode.

7. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the field induction window is formed in the protection film.

8. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the field induction window is formed in the gate insulating film.

9. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an overcoat layer on the color filter layer.

10. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the protection film is formed of one selected from a group including BCB(BenzoCycloButene), acrylic resin, and polyimide compound.

11. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the protection film is formed of one selected from a group including SiNx and SiOx.

12. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplementary electrode is formed of one selected from a group including ITO(indium tin oxide), Al, Mo, Cr, Ta, Ti and Al alloy.

13. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pixel electrode is formed of one selected from a group including ITO(indium tin oxide), Al, and Cr.

14. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 2, wherein the common electrode is formed of ITO.

15. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pixel region is divided into at least two regions, wherein liquid crystal molecules in each of liquid crystal layers of the two regions show driving characteristics different from each other.

16. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the photo orientation film is divided into at least two regions, wherein liquid crystal molecules in each of liquid crystal layers of the two regions show orientation characteristics different from each other.

17. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the photo orientation films is orientation processed.

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18. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 16, wherein all of the regions of the photo orientation films are not orientation processed.

19. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the orientation films is photo orientation processed. 5

20. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the photo orientation film is formed of one material selected from a group of materials including compounds of PVCN(polyvinylcinnamate), PSCN 10 (polysiloxanecinnamate), and CelCN(cellulosecinnamate) group.

21. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 19, wherein a light of an UV range is used in the photo orientation processing.

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22. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least one time of light irradiation is made in the photo orientation processing.

23. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal in the liquid crystal layer has a negative or positive dielectric anisotropy.

24. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a negative uniaxial film formed on at least one of the first and second substrates.

25. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a negative biaxial film formed on at least one of the first and second substrates.

26. A multi-domain liquid crystal display as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal layer has a chiral dopant.

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摘要(译)

包括第一基板和第二基板的多畴液晶显示器，第一基板和第二基板之间的液晶层，第一基板上的多个栅极线和数据线以固定间隔彼此交叉，每个像素中的像素电极栅极线和数据线之间形成的区域，与像素电极在同一层中的每个像素电极周围的辅助电极，每个像素区域中的至少一个场感应窗口，以及形成至少一个的光学取向膜第一和第二基板。

