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(54) LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A display apparatus includes a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix array; a plurality of gate lines applying a same gate signal to at least two rows of the pixels; a plurality of data lines crossing the gate lines; a TFT disposed at an intersection of each gate line and each data line; and a light source part sequentially providing at least two colors of light to each pixel every frame, thus enhancing a charging rate of each.

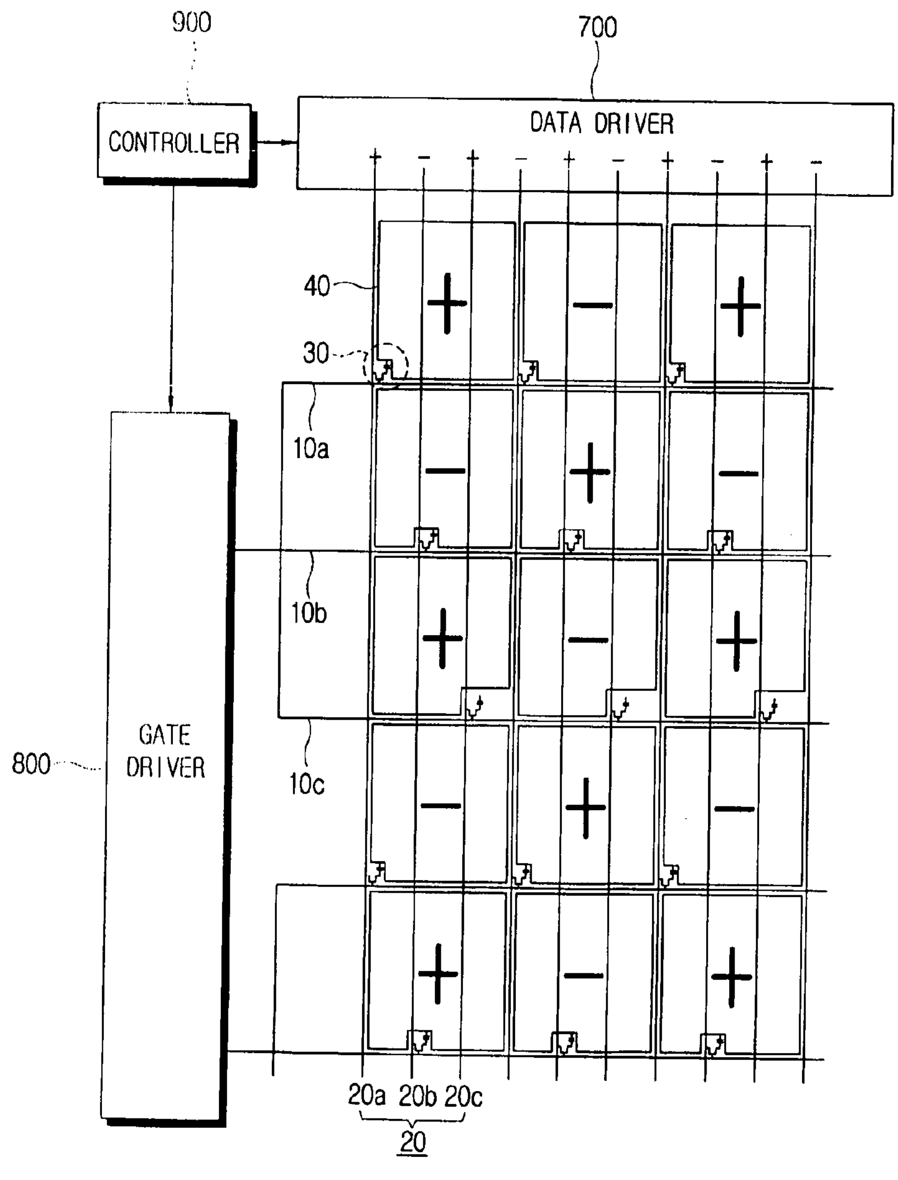
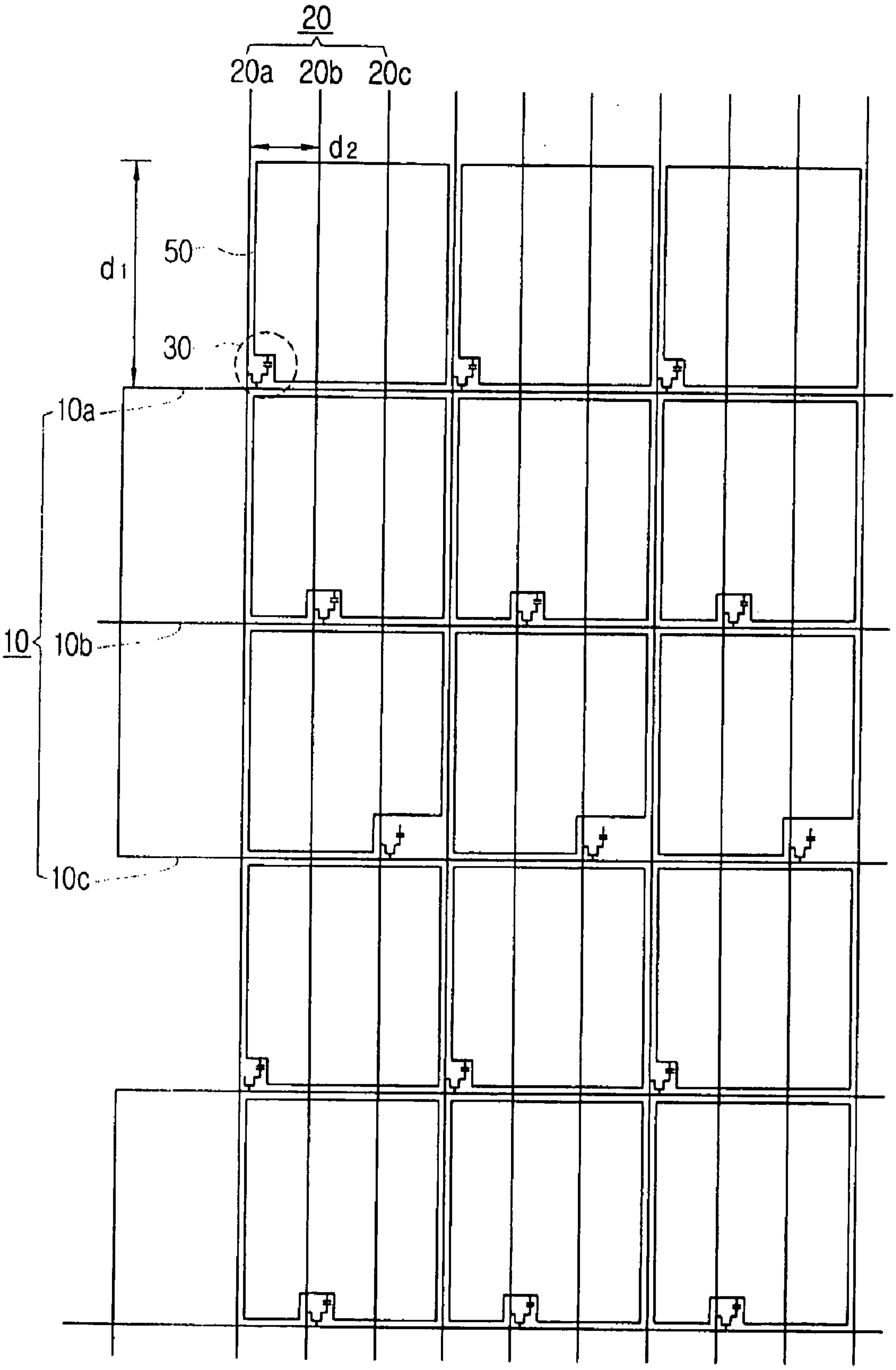


FIG. 1



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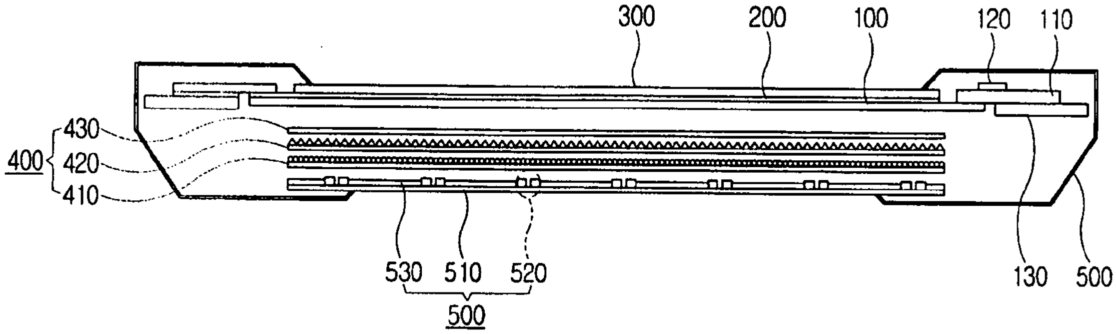

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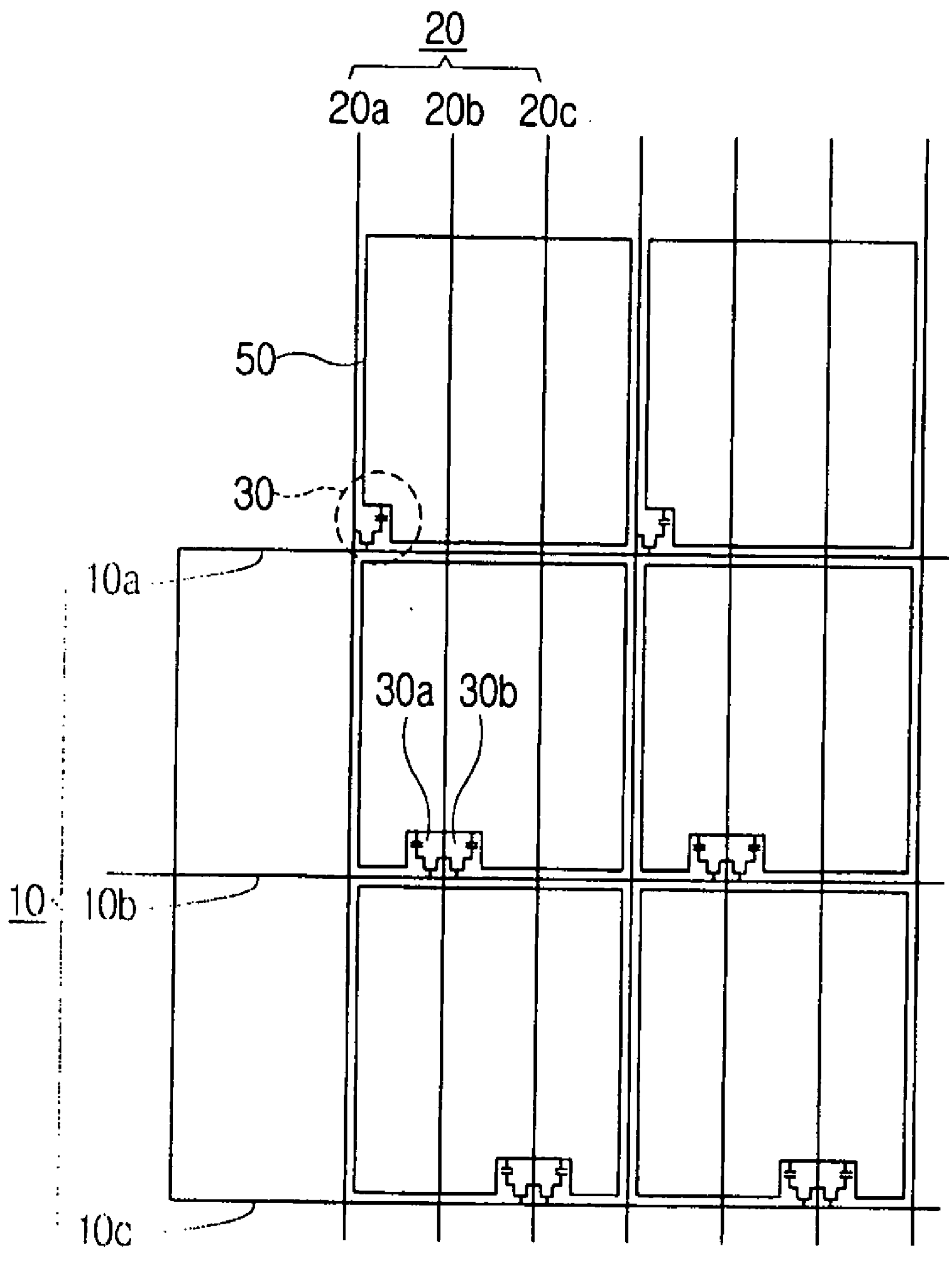

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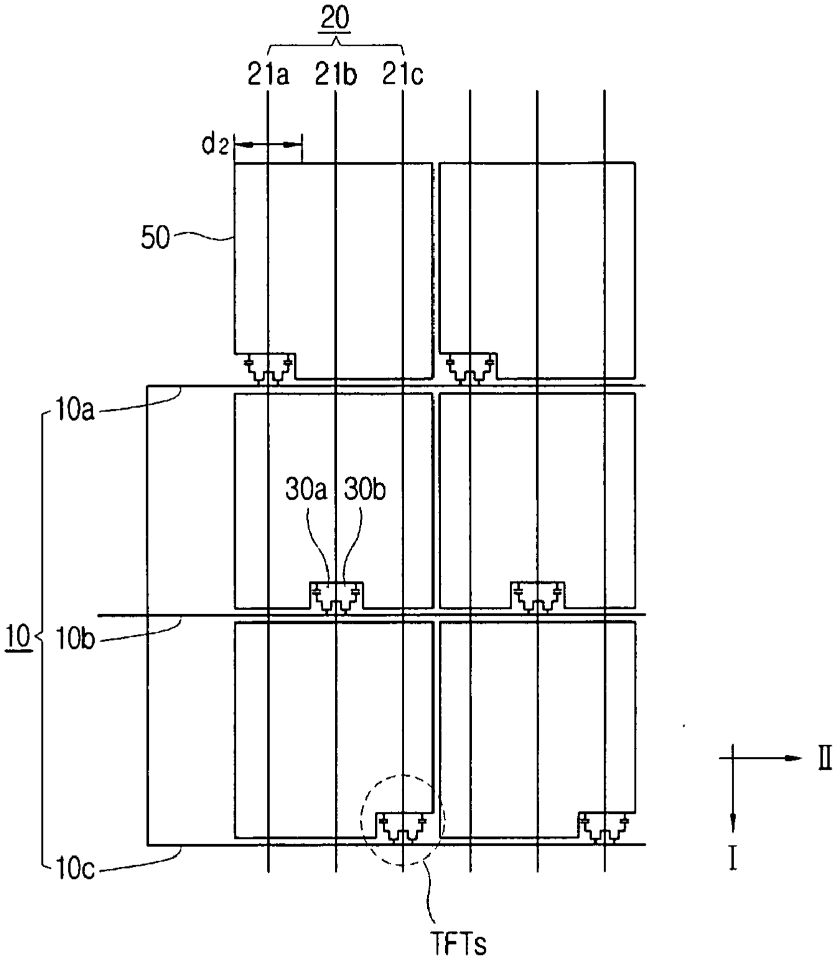

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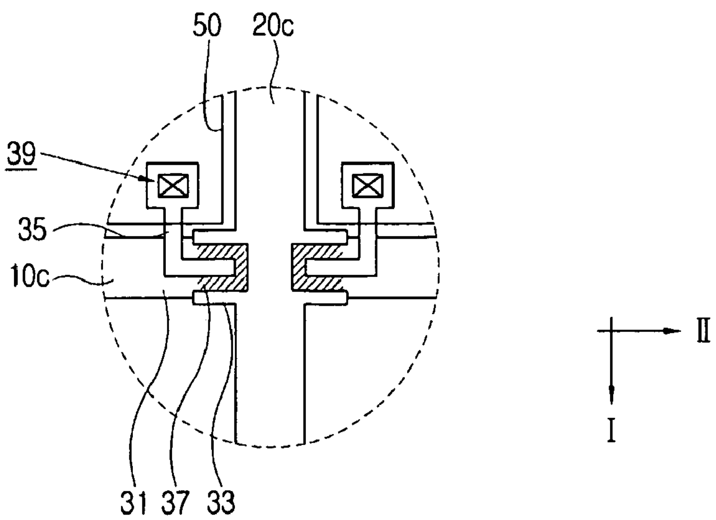

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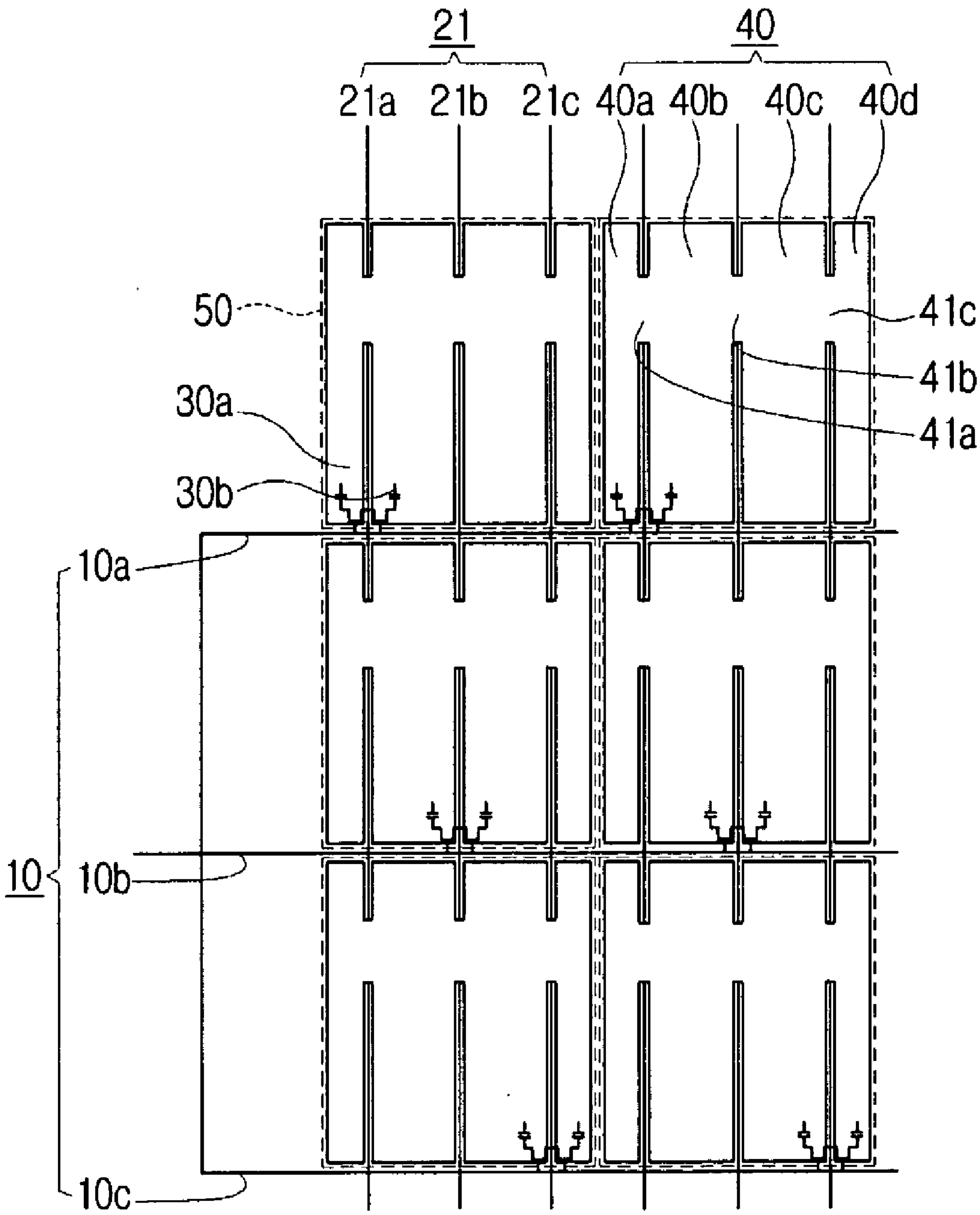
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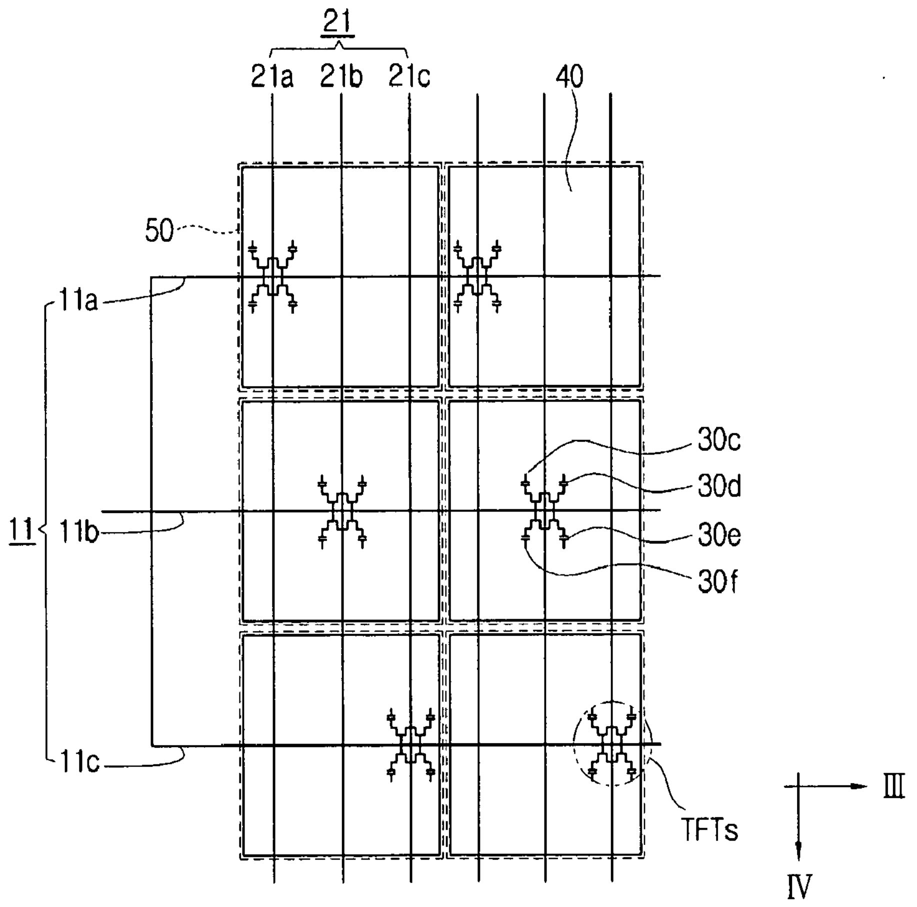
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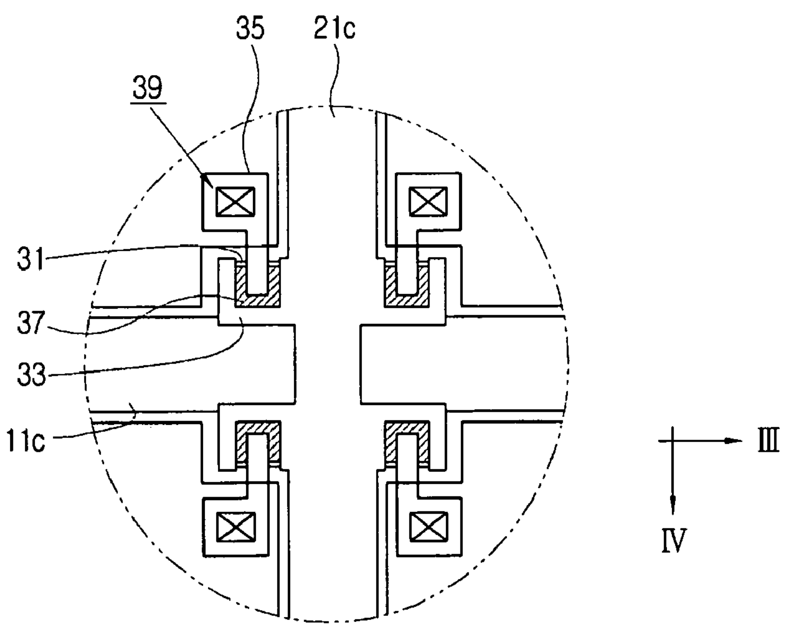
FIG. 6B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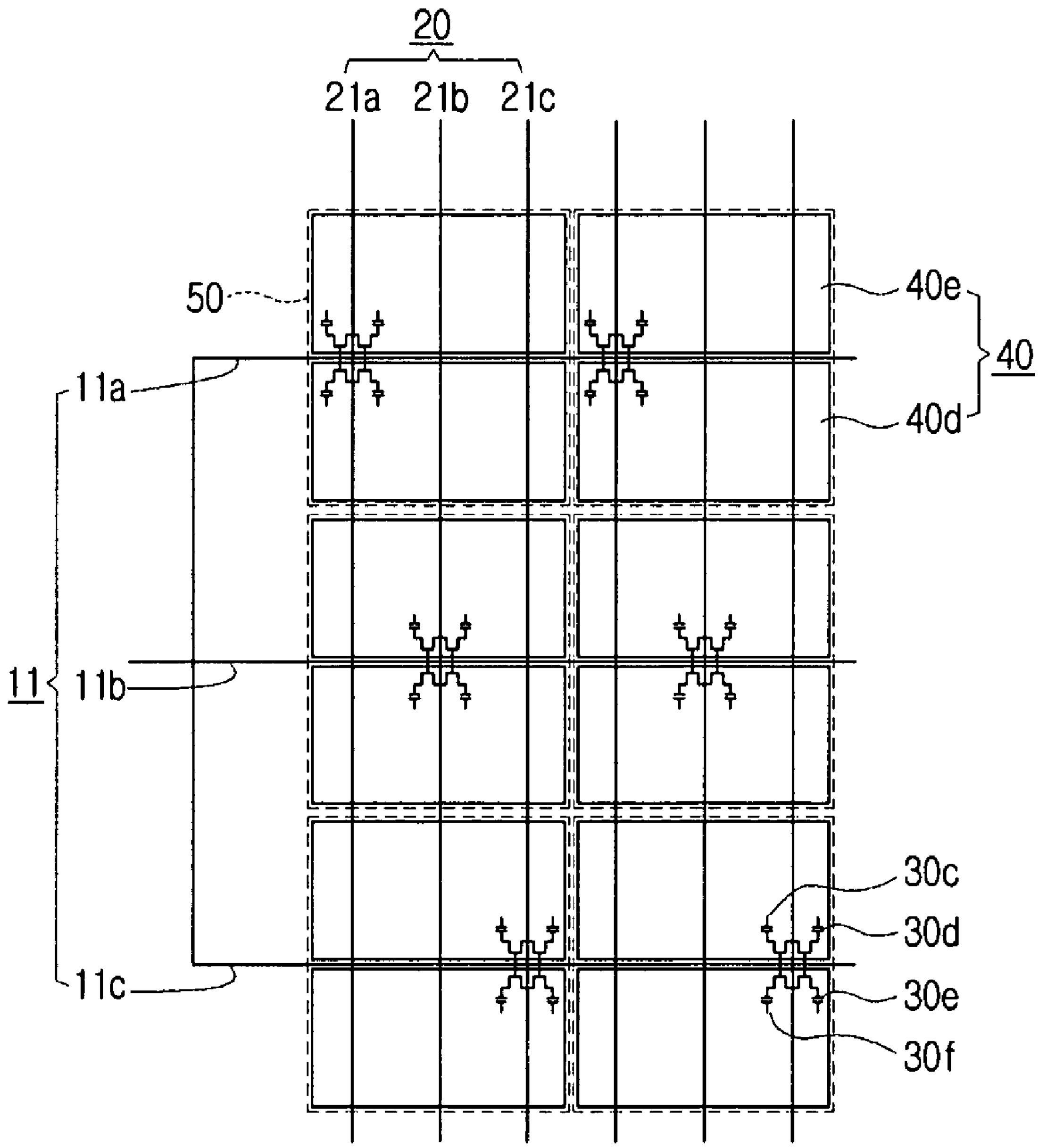

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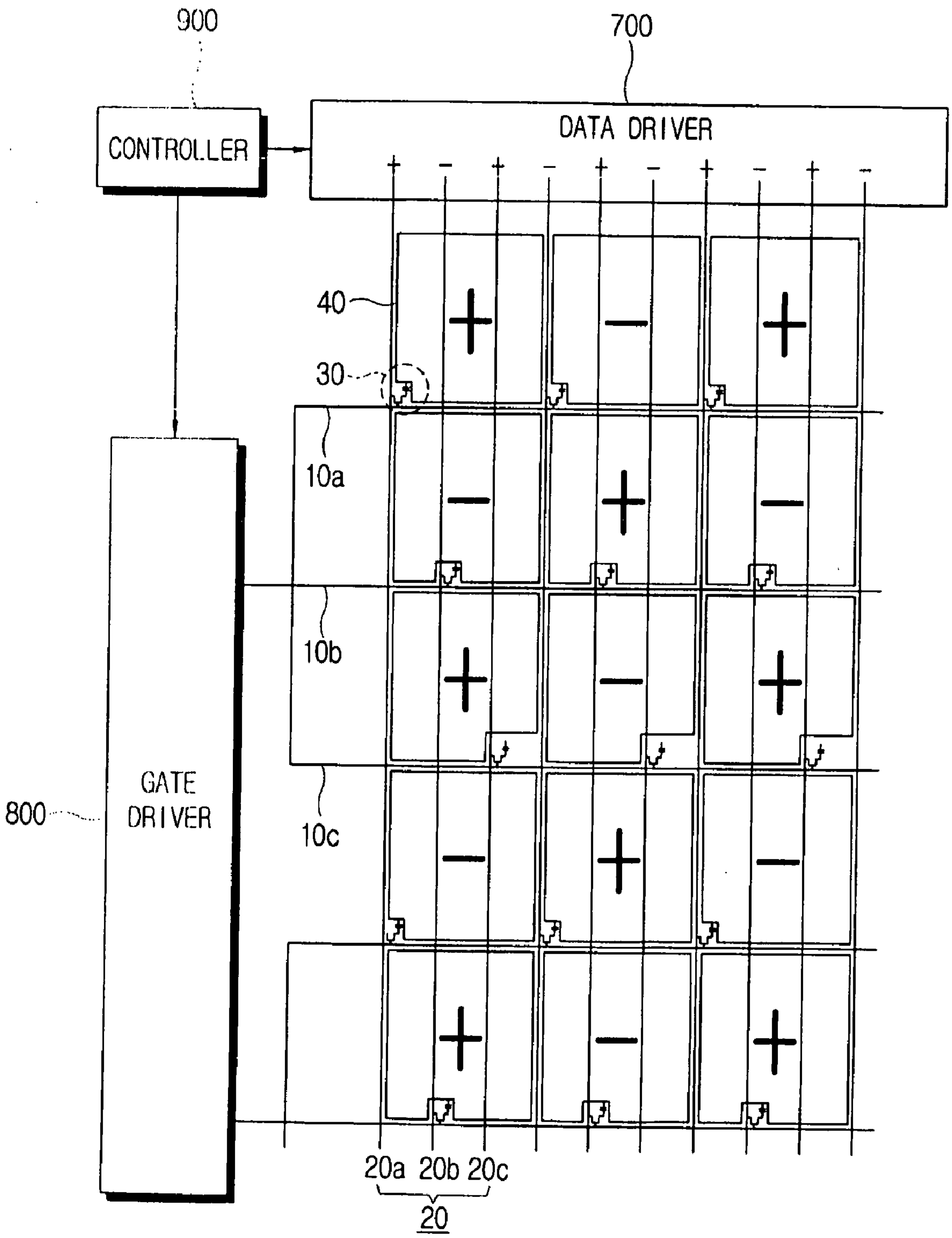
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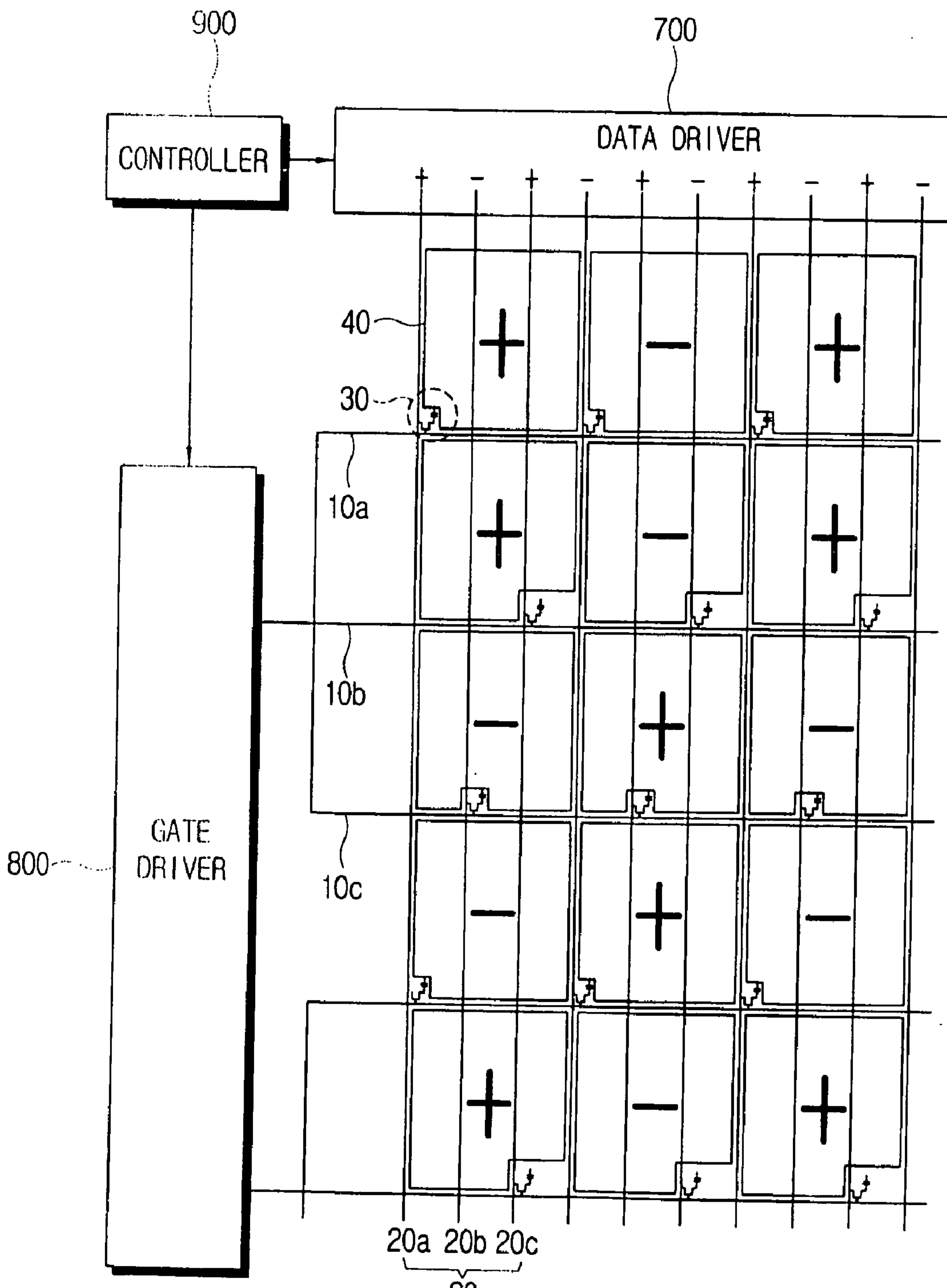
FIG. 9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LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

[0001] This application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2005-0071332, filed on Aug. 4, 2005 and all the benefits accruing therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §119, and the contents of which in its entirety are herein incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display ("LCD"), and more particularly, to a liquid crystal display, which is driven by a field sequential color ("FSC") method or a color sequential display ("CSD") method.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] An LCD comprises an LCD panel comprising a thin film transistor ("TFT") substrate on which TFTs are formed, a color filter substrate on which color filters are formed, and a liquid crystal layer interposed between both substrates.

[0006] Generally, a conventional LCD comprises a color filter layer composed of three colors such as red ("R"), green ("G") and blue ("B"), and may also be primary colors. The color filter layer controls the transmittance of light passing through the color filter layer, thereby displaying a required color.

[0007] Recently, an LCD has been created using an FSC method. The FSC method illuminates independent R, G and B light sources sequentially and periodically, and transmits a color signal corresponding to each pixel with a synchronization with the lighting period, thereby producing a full color image. This FSC method has advantages of enhancing an aperture ratio and a yield since a pixel is not divided into subpixels and reducing the number of driving circuits, which is needed for each subpixel, by one-third.

[0008] In this FSC method, the three light sources are sequentially illuminated to form one frame. Therefore, the FSC method requires a frequency three times higher than that of the conventional driving method. With the FSC method, the term frequency means how many times the frames are refreshed in one second. As the display apparatuses become larger, the number of gate lines increases, yet a gate on time decreases. The gate on time represents how long a gate on voltage is applied to one gate line. Therefore, the gate on time is the reciprocal of the product of the frequency and the number of the gate lines. As the gate on time decreases, a data signal is not sufficiently applied to the pixel. This causes a charging rate within the pixel electrode to decrease and quality of the display apparatus to deteriorate. Further, the area of a pixel charged by one TFT increases since one pixel is not divided into three subpixels, thereby reducing the charging rate.

[0009] Accordingly, methods have been discussed including using low-resistance wire, increasing an area of the TFT or making a thickness of a gate insulating layer thinner in order to prevent reduction of the charging rate, yet a need for enhancement of the charging rate still remains.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0010] Accordingly, it is an aspect of the present invention to provide an LCD of which charging rate of a pixel is enhanced.

[0011] The foregoing and/or other aspects of the present invention are achieved by an exemplary embodiment of a display apparatus including: a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix array; a plurality of gate lines applying a same gate signal to at least two rows of pixels; a data line crossing the gate lines; a TFT disposed at an intersection of one of the gate lines and the data line; and a light source part sequentially providing at least two colors of light to the pixel every frame.

[0012] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the plurality of gate lines applying the same gate signal to the pixels are connected to one another.

[0013] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, three rows of the pixels are applied with the same gate signal.

[0014] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a plurality of data lines are provided in one pixel.

[0015] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the number of the data lines in one pixel is the number of the pixels applied with the same gate signal.

[0016] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, at least one of the adjacent pixels in a column direction applied with the same gate signal is connected to a different data line from the others.

[0017] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the adjacent pixels in a column direction applied with the same gate signal are connected to different data lines from one another.

[0018] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, at least a portion of each the pixels comprises a plurality of TFTs.

[0019] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the TFTs are connected to the same data lines.

[0020] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the TFT is provided in two.

[0021] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the TFTs are disposed symmetrically across each data line.

[0022] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, each of the pixels comprises a pixel electrode and the data line passes through the pixel.

[0023] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the data line partially overlaps the pixel electrode.

[0024] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the data line connected to one pixel does not overlap the pixel electrode.

[0025] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the pixel further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes, the bridge electrodes connect the pixel electrodes, which are separated from each other across the data line.

[0026] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the pixel comprises a pixel electrode and the gate line passes through the pixel.

[0027] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the pixel comprises four TFTs.

[0028] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the TFTs are disposed symmetrically across one of the gate lines and the data line.

[0029] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, one of the gates line partly overlaps the pixel electrode.

[0030] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, one of the gate lines does not overlap the pixel electrode.

[0031] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, each of the pixels further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes to connect the pixel electrodes, which are separated from each other across the gate line.

[0032] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the display apparatus further comprises an organic layer formed between the data line and the pixel.

[0033] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the light is three-color light and the three colors comprise red, green and blue.

[0034] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a first data line, a second data line and a third data line are sequentially provided in one pixel in a row direction, and the adjacent pixels in a column direction are sequentially connected to the first, the second and the third data lines.

[0035] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the display apparatus further comprises a data driver applying a data signal to the data line and a controller controlling the data driver, wherein the controller controls the data driver so that different polarities of the data signals are applied to the adjacent data lines in a row direction.

[0036] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a first data line, a second data line and a third data line are sequentially provided in one pixel in a row direction, and the adjacent pixels in a column direction are sequentially connected to the first, the third and the second data lines.

[0037] According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the display apparatus further comprises a data driver applying a data signal to the data line and a controller controlling the data driver, wherein the controller controls the data driver so that different polarities of the data signals are applied to the adjacent data lines in a row direction.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0038] The above and/or other aspects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent and more readily appreciated from the following detailed description of the invention, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

[0039] FIG. **1** is a plan view of a first exemplary embodiment of an LCD showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels according to the present invention;

[0040] FIG. **2** is a cross-sectional view of the first exemplary embodiment of the LCD of FIG. **1** according to the present invention;

[0041] FIG. **3** is a plan view showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a second exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0042] FIG. **4**A is a plan view showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a third exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0043] FIG. **4**B is an enlarged partial plan view showing an arrangement of two TFTs connected to a third data line of single pixel in accordance with the third exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0044] FIG. **5** is a plan view showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a fourth exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0045] FIG. **6**A is a plan view showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a fifth exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0046] FIG. **6**B is an enlarged partial plan view showing an arrangement of two TFTs connected to a third data line of single pixel in accordance with the fifth exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0047] FIG. **7** is a plan view showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a sixth exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention;

[0048] FIG. **8** is a drawing illustrating how to drive the first exemplary embodiment of the LCD of FIGS. **1** and **2** according to the present invention; and

[0049] FIG. **9** is a drawing illustrating how to drive a seventh exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0050] The exemplary embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the attached drawings. The present invention may, however, be embodied in different forms and thus the present invention should not be construed as being limited to the exemplary embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these exemplary embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the invention to those skilled in the art.

[0051] In the drawings, the thickness of the layers, films, and regions are exaggerated for clarity. 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. As used herein, the term "and/or" includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

[0052] It will be understood that, although the terms first, second, third etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, components, regions, layers and/or sections, these elements, components, regions, layers and/or sections should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element, component, region, layer or section from another element, component, region, layer or section. Thus, a first element, component, region, layer or section discussed below could be termed a second element, component, region, layer or section without departing from the teachings of the present invention.

[0053] Spatially relative terms, such as "beneath", "below", "lower", "above", "upper" and the like, may be used herein for ease of description to describe one element or feature's relationship to another element(s) or feature(s) as illustrated in the figures. It will be understood that the spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of the device in use or operation in addition to the orientation depicted in the figures. For example, if the device in the figures is turned over, elements described as "below" or "beneath" other elements or features would then be oriented "above" the other elements or features. Thus, the exemplary term "below" can encompass both an orientation of above and below. The device may be otherwise oriented (rotated 90 degrees or at other orientations) and the spatially relative descriptors used herein interpreted accordingly.

[0054] The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting of the invention. As used herein, the singular forms "a", "an" and "the" are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. It will be further understood that the terms "comprises" and/or "comprising," when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, and/or components, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof.

[0055] Embodiments of the invention are described herein with reference to cross-section illustrations that are schematic illustrations of idealized embodiments (and intermediate structures) of the invention. As such, variations from the shapes of the illustrations as a result, for example, of manufacturing techniques and/or tolerances, are to be expected. Thus, embodiments of the invention should not be construed as limited to the particular shapes of regions illustrated herein but are to include deviations in shapes that result, for example, from manufacturing. For example, an implanted region illustrated as a rectangle will, typically, have rounded or curved features and/or a gradient of implant concentration at its edges rather than a binary change from implanted to non-implanted region. Likewise, a buried region formed by implantation may result in some implantation in the region between the buried region and the surface through which the implantation takes place. Thus, the regions illustrated in the figures are schematic in nature and their shapes are not intended to illustrate the actual shape of a region of a device and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

[0056] Unless otherwise defined, all terms (including technical and scientific terms) used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. It will be further understood that terms, such as those defined in commonly used dictionaries, should be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art and will not be interpreted in an idealized or overly formal sense unless expressly so defined herein.

[0057] In the following exemplary embodiments of the present invention, a display apparatus will be described with an LCD as an example, but it is not limited to an LCD. Other display apparatuses incorporated into the LCDs of the exemplary embodiments described herein would also be within the scope of these exemplary embodiments.

[0058] As shown in FIG. **1**, an LCD comprises a plurality of data lines **20**, a gate line **10** crossing the data line **20** to form a pixel **50** arranged in a matrix array and a TFT **30** disposed at an intersection of the gate line **10** and the data line **20**. Also, the LCD further comprises a gate driver and a data driver (both not shown), which are driving parts to apply a control signal and an image signal to the gate line **10** and the data line **20**, respectively.

[0059] The pixel **50** is arranged in a matrix array and formed of a pixel electrode such as indium tin oxide (ITO), for example, in the exemplary embodiment. Namely, the pixel **50** is one square which is formed by one gate line **10** and three data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c*, i.e., a dot to display one color. The pixel electrode is a transparent electrode forming the pixel **50**.

[0060] Three gate lines **10***a*, **10***b*, **10***c* are connected with one another at their ends. Therefore, a single gate signal supplied by the gate driver is applied to the three gate lines **10***a*, **10***b*, **10***c* at the same time. With this configuration, three rows of pixels, as illustrated in FIG. **1**, are driven for one gate on time.

[0061] In a conventional LCD, the gate signal supplied by a gate driver is applied to only one gate line at a time, thereby driving only one row of pixels. Unlike the conventional driving method, in an FSC driving method, red, green and blue lights are sequentially radiated for forming one frame. In other words, the number of the gate signals has to be at least three times as much as a frequency recognized by a user to form one frame in the FSC driving. For example, the actual frequency for the FSC driving method has to be higher than 180 Hz so that the user considers the image to be 60 Hz. Accordingly, the gate on time for a display apparatus having a 1280*1024 resolution and an apparent frequency of 60 Hz equals 1/(the apparent frequency*the number of the gate lines*3), i.e. 1/(60*1024*3)=5.425 μs.

[0062] However, when a gate signal is applied simultaneously to the three gate lines **10***a*, **10***b*, **10***c* connected with one another, the gate on time becomes 16.275 μs, which is three times as long as the conventional gate on time. As the gate on time increases, a time for charging data signals in the pixel **50** is also prolonged, thereby improving a charging rate in the pixel. Further, since passages connecting the gate drivers and the gate lines **10** are decreased by one-third, the number of the gate pads and the gate drivers is also decreased by one-third.

[0063] Although three gate lines **10** are connected at their ends in the exemplary embodiment, four gate lines or more may be connected with one another. Since the display apparatus adopting an impulsive driving method, producing a black image between the frames, should be driven twice as fast as the conventional display apparatus, the impulsive driving display apparatus can also employ the above configuration of the present invention that applies one gate signal simultaneously to the multiple gate lines.

[0064] The data line **20** crosses the gate line **10** to form the pixel **50** arranged in the matrix array. The data line **20** comprises three data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* which are connected to each pixel **50** supplied with the same gate signal. One pixel **50** is a square shape of which a side is d**1** in length. Two data lines **20***b*, **20***c* are arranged at a one-third position of the d**1** and at a two-thirds position of the d**1**, respectively, while passing through the pixels **50**. One data line **20***a* is disposed outside one side of the pixel **50**. Accordingly, one side of the pixel **50** is divided by the three data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* into three portions of which each portion is d2 in length.

[0065] The adjacent pixels **50** in the column direction are connected with the three data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c*, one by one. Since the same gate signal is applied to three rows of the pixels **50**, the above arrangement for the data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* is required to apply different data signals to the adjacent pixels **50** in a column direction. The TFTs arranged at intersections of the three gate lines **10***a*, **10***b*, **10***c* and the three data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* are connected with the pixels **50** one by one so that the same data signals are not applied to the adjacent pixels **50** in a column direction. A data signal delivered from the first data line **20***a* is applied to a first row, first column pixel **50** driven by the first gate line **10***a*, a data signal delivered from the second data line **20***b* is applied to a second row, second column pixel **50** driven by the second gate line **10***b*, and the a data signal delivered from the third data line **20***c* is applied to a third row, third column pixel **50** driven by the third gate line **10***c*. Accordingly, different data signals are applied to each of the pixels **50**.

[0066] The number of the data lines **20** disposed in one pixel **50** corresponds to the number of rows of pixels **50** where the same gate signal is applied, i.e., the number of the gate lines connected with one another at their ends. Therefore, the number of the gate lines **10** connected with one another is proportional to the number of the data lines **20** disposed in one pixel **50**. As described before, more than three gate lines **10** may be connected with one another, therefore more than three data lines **20** may be disposed in one pixel **50**. Since color filters are not used in the FSC driving method, one pixel **50** is three times larger than that of the conventional LCD. Accordingly, disposing three data lines **20** in one pixel **50** does not make a big difference in an aperture ratio.

[0067] The TFT **30** delivers the gate signal supplied from the gate line **10** and the data signal supplied from the data line **20** to the pixel **50**. As shown in FIG. **1**, the adjacent TFTs **30** arranged in a column direction are connected to different data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c*. Such an arrangement of the TFTs **30** allows the adjacent pixels **50** arranged in a column direction to be connected to different data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c*, respectively. Accordingly, the adjacent pixels **50** arranged in a column direction are supplied with different data signals.

[0068] Generally, an inorganic passivation layer (not shown) is disposed between the data line **20** and the pixel **50**, e.g., between a data metal layer comprising the data line **20** and the pixel electrode comprising the pixel **50**. When metal layers are deposited in succession, a predetermined capacitance may be generated between the metal layers. This causes cross-talk such that data signals interfere with each other, which increases when a plurality of data lines **20** are disposed in one pixel **50**. Accordingly, an organic layer may further be disposed between the data line **20** and the pixel **50** in addition to the inorganic passivation layer.

[0069] Referring to FIG. **2**, the LCD comprises an LCD panel comprising a first substrate **100**, a second substrate **200** and a liquid crystal layer **300** interposed between both substrates **100**, **200**, a light source part **500** disposed in the rear of the LCD panel to provide light to the LCD panel, a light control member **400**, and a chassis **600** supporting and accommodating the LCD panel and the light source part **500**.

[0070] The LCD panel comprises the first substrate **100** on which the pixel **50** and the TFT **30** are formed, the second substrate **200** facing the first substrate **100** and comprising a black matrix, a white filter and a common electrode, a sealant adhering both substrates **100**, **200** to form a cell gap, and the liquid crystal layer **300** disposed between both substrates **100**, **200** and the sealant. The LCD panel adjusts an arrangement of the liquid crystal layer **300** to form an image. However, the LCD panel does not emit light by itself, therefore a light source such as a light emitting diode (LED) **520** is provided in the rear of the LCD panel to provide light. A driving part is disposed in one side of the first substrate **100** to apply a driving signal. The driving part comprises a flexible printed circuit ("FPC") **110**, a driving chip **120** mounted on the FPC **110** and a printed circuit board ("PCB") **130** connected to one side of the FPC **110**. The driving part shown in FIG. **2** is a chip on film ("COF") type. However, any well-known type, such as a tape carrier package ("TCP"), chip on glass ("COG"), or the like, is available as the driving part. Also, the driving part may be formed on the first substrate **100** while lines **10** and **20** are formed.

[0071] The light control member **400** disposed in the rear of the LCD panel comprises a diffusion plate **410**, a prism film **420** and a protection film **430**.

[0072] The diffusion plate **410** comprises a base plate and a coating layer having beads formed on the base plate. The diffusion plate **410** diffuses light provided from the LED **520**, thereby improving the uniformity of the brightness.

[0073] Triangular prisms are formed on the prism film **420** at a predetermined alignment. The prism film **420** concentrates the light diffused from the diffusion plate **410** in a direction perpendicular to a surface of the LCD panel. Typically, two prism films **420** are used and micro prisms formed on each of the prism films **420** make a predetermined angle with each other. Most of the light passing through the prism film **420** continues vertically, thereby providing uniform brightness distribution. If necessary, a reflective polarizing film may be used along with the prism film **420**, or only the reflective polarizing film may be used without the prism film **420**.

[0074] The protection film **430** disposed at the top of the light control member **400** protects the prism film **420**, which is vulnerable to scratching.

[0075] A reflecting plate **530** is disposed on a portion of an LED circuit **510** where the LED **520** is not mounted. An LED through hole is disposed in the reflecting plate **530** corresponding to the arrangement of the LED **520**.

[0076] The LED **520**, comprising a chip (not shown) to generate light, is configured with an elevation higher than the reflecting plate **530**. The reflecting plate **530** reflects the light delivered downward and directs the reflected light to the diffusion plate **410**. The reflecting plate **530** may comprise, e.g., polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or polycarbonate (PC), and/or be coated with silver (Ag) or aluminum

(Al). In addition, the reflecting plate **530** is formed with a sufficient thickness so as to prevent distortion or shrinkage due to heat generated from the LED **520**.

[**0077**] The LED **520** is mounted on the LED circuit board **510** and disposed across an entire rear surface of the LCD panel. The LED **520** comprises a red LED, a blue LED and a green LED, and provides each color of three lights sequentially to the LCD panel every frame.

[**0078**] The light source part **500** may be either a direct type such that the light source part is disposed in the rear of the LCD panel to provide light or an edge type such that the light source part is disposed at a lateral side of the LCD panel to provide light. The direct type light source is used in the exemplary embodiment.

[**0079**] FIG. **3** is a drawing showing the pixel arrangement of a second exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention. The second exemplary embodiment of the LCD has the same configuration as the first exemplary embodiment of the LCD except for a TFT **30** disposed in the pixels **50**.

[**0080**] In an FSC method LCD, a width/length ("W/L") ratio of a TFT has to be increased three times more than in the conventional LCD so as to improve a charging rate. However, a short-circuit may be caused between channels as a length of a channel lengthens, and Cgs may increase, thereby increasing a kick-back voltage. Accordingly, additional TFTs **30** are disposed with the data line **20** in parallel in the exemplary embodiment of FIG. **3**. Therefore, the overall length of the channel lengthens, thereby enhancing the charging rate. Further, extra or redundant TFTs are provided, which may replace a corresponding defective one, thereby reducing defectiveness of the pixel **50**.

[**0081**] As shown in FIG. **3**, two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* are connected to each of the data lines **20***b*, **20***c* passing through the pixel **50**, respectively. The two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* are applied with the same data signal to apply to one pixel **50**, therefore the charging rate of the pixel **50** is more improved compared to a pixel **50** provided with a single TFT.

[**0082**] FIG. **4**A is a drawing showing an arrangement of a plurality of pixels of a third exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention.

[**0083**] Unlike a second row of the pixel **50** and a third row of the pixel **50** illustrated in FIG. **3**, which comprise two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b*, a first row of the pixel **50** connected to a data line **20***a* disposed outside one side of the pixel **50** cannot comprise two TFTs in the second exemplary embodiment. Thus, if each of the pixels **50** comprises different numbers of TFTs and thus the data signals are applied under different conditions, the charging rate may vary, thereby not displaying appropriate images. However, the third exemplary embodiment of FIG. **4**A illustrates the pixel **50**, which improves on this disadvantage noted with respect to the second exemplary embodiment of FIG. **3**.

[**0084**] As shown in FIG. **4**A, each pixel **50** comprises a gate line **10**, three data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c* and two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b*. If one pixel **50** is divided into three areas, each corresponding data line **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c* passes through the middle of each respective area. In other words, each of the data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c* is disposed in the middle of each area having a side length of d**2**, and two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* are connected to each of the data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c* and disposed symmetrically across the data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c*. This not only solves the disadvantage that all of the pixels **50** do not comprise the same number of TFTs, but also improves the charging rate of the pixel **50** arranged in the first row.

[**0085**] The TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* connected to the third data line **21***c* will be described in detail with reference to FIGS. **4**A and **4**B. The two TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* have the same design and are disposed symmetrically across the data line **21***c*. The TFT **30** comprises a gate electrode **31**, which is a portion of the gate line **10***c*, a drain electrode **33** branched from the data line **20***c* and having a "U" shape and a source electrode **35** separated from the drain electrode **33** to be connected to the pixel **50**. A semiconductor layer **37** is formed on the gate electrode **31** and transmits a data signal from the drain electrode **33** to the source electrode **35** according to a gate signal applied to the gate electrode **31**. The source electrode **35** is electrically and physically connected to the pixel **50** through a contact hole.

[**0086**] If a scanning direction I of an exposure machine used for forming the gate line **10** and the data line **20** is in a column direction, mis-alignment of the lines **10**, **20** may be generated possibly in a row direction II normal or perpendicular to the scanning direction I. If positions of the drain electrode **33** and the source electrode **35** are changed due to the mis-alignment of the lines **10**, **20**, variation of Cgs between the TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* may vary. Thus, a plurality of TFTs **30** are provided in the row direction II to thereby make up for any variation of Cgs if mis-alignment of the lines **10**, **20** is generated. Accordingly, it is preferable that a channel having a "U" shape is formed in the row or horizontal direction II substantially normal to the scanning direction I of the exposure machine so as to make up for the variation of Cgs due to the mis-alignment of the lines.

[**0087**] FIG. **5** is a drawing showing an exemplary embodiment of a pixel according to the present invention. Unlike the pixel **50** described before, a pixel electrode **40** is not the same as a pixel **50** in the previous described exemplary embodiment. The pixel electrode **40** is comprised of the pixel **50** and is divided into four areas **40***a*, **40***b*, **40***c*, **40***d* by a data line **21**. The data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c* partly overlap the pixel electrode **40** and bridge electrodes **41***a*, **41***b*, **41***c* are formed between the pixel electrodes **40***a*, **40***b*, **40***c*, **40***d*.

[**0088**] The bridge electrodes **41***a*, **41***b*, **41***c* are formed of the same transparent electrode as the pixel electrode **40** and may be disposed on one data line **21** in plural.

[**0089**] Except for the bridge electrodes **41***a*, **41***b*, **41***c* on the data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c*, the bridge electrodes **41***a*, **41***b*, **41***c* are not formed on the pixel electrode **40**, thereby reducing load generated in the data lines **21***a*, **21***b*, **21***c*. If the load generated in the data line **21** is reduced, an aperture ratio is decreased, yet the charging rate is increased due to the decrease of Cgs.

[**0090**] In another exemplary embodiment, the data line **21** connected to the pixel **50**, e.g., a first data line **21***a* connected to the first pixel **50** may not overlap the pixel electrode **40**. This means that the bridge electrode **41***a* may not be formed on the data line **21***a* to connect the two pixel electrodes **40***a*, **40***b*, because the data signal may be applied by the TFTs **30***a*, **30***b* connected to the data line **21***a* although the pixel electrodes **40***a*, **40***b* are not connected.

[0091] FIG. **6**A is a drawing showing an exemplary embodiment of a pixel according to the present invention. As shown in FIG. **6**A, a gate line **11** passes through a pixel **50** and four TFTs **30***c*, **30***d*, **30***e*, **30***f* that are disposed in one pixel **50**. The TFTs **30***c*, **30***d*, **30***e*, **30***f* are disposed symmetrically across a gate line **11** and a data line **21**. As the number of TFTs increases, the length of all channels becomes longer, thereby improving a charging rate.

[0092] Referring to FIG. **6**B showing the enlarged TFT **30** connected to data line **21***c*, the channel of the exemplary embodiment is formed in a different shape from that of the third embodiment shown in FIGS. **4**A and **4**B. The channel of the exemplary embodiment has a "U" shape, which is parallel with the column direction contrary to that illustrated in the third embodiment of FIGS. **4**A and **4**B. If a scanning direction III of an exposure machine is parallel with the row direction, mis-alignment of lines may be generated in a direction IV corresponding to the column direction. Accordingly, the "U" shape of the channel of the TFT **30** is preferably disposed in the column direction IV normal to the scanning direction III of the exposure machine to make up the variation of Cgs.

[0093] The "U" shape of the channel is not limited to a certain direction in disposition mentioned in the exemplary embodiments, but it may be disposed in various other directions depending on the scanning direction of the exposure machine.

[0094] FIG. **7** is a drawing showing an exemplary embodiment of a pixel according to the present invention. Unlike the gate line **11** in FIG. **6**, a gate line **11** does not overlap a pixel electrode **40**.

[0095] The pixel electrode **40** is divided into two pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e*. Each of the two pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e* is applied with a data signal from each pair of two pairs of TFTs **30***c*, **30***d* and **30***e*, **30***f*. The pixel electrode **40** is formed separately from the gate line **11**, thereby reducing a load generated in the gate line **11**. If the load generated in the gate line **11** is reduced, the aperture ratio is decreased, yet the charging rate is increased due to the decreases of Cgs. Thus, metal layers are arranged separately from each other, thereby reducing cross-talk.

[0096] The pixel **50** is applied with the same data signal by each pair of the pairs of TFTs **30***c*, **30***d* and **30***e*, **30***d* respectively connected to each of the pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e*. Therefore, there is no problem to drive the pixel **50** even if the pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e* are completely separated from each other.

[0097] According to another exemplary embodiment, the pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e* separated from each other across the gate line **11** may be partly connected to the gate line **11**. The pixel electrodes **40***d*, **40***e* may be connected to each other through a bridge electrode or the like, thereby increasing an area of the pixel electrode **40** to improve the aperture ratio.

[0098] FIG. **8** is a drawing to illustrate how to drive the LCD of the first exemplary embodiment according to the present invention. As shown in FIG. **8**, the LCD further comprises a gate driver **800**, a data driver **700** and a controller **900** in addition to a gate line **10** and a data line **20**.

[0099] The gate driver **800** applies control signals to drive the gate line **10**. The gate driver **800** is synchronized with a start signal (STV) and a gate clock (CPV) from the controller **900**, thereby applying a gate on voltage to each gate line **10**.

[0100] The data driver **700** is synchronized with a clock (HCLK), thereby converting image data signals into corresponding gray scale voltages, then outputting appropriate data signals to each data line **20** according to load signals outputted from the controller **900**.

[0101] The LCD adopts an inversion driving method, which changes polarity of data signals applied to the pixel **40** by frames. Generally, dot inversion is frequently used since frame inversion or line inversion generates image flickers. The frame inversion changes polarity of data signals by frames, the line inversion changes polarity of data signals by gate lines, and the dot inversion allows adjacent pixels to have different polarities.

[0102] As shown in FIG. **8**, the data driver **700** changes polarity of data signals every data line **20**. The adjacent data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* disposed in a row direction are applied with different polarities of data signals from one another. Polarities of these data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* are alternated every frame, and polarities of each pixel **40** vary as the frames are alternated. Consequently, the data driver **700** applies the different polarities of data signals to data line **20** line by line, yet it appears that the LCD adopts the dot inversion. Therefore, the image flickers generated in the line inversion may be solved.

[0103] The controller **900** outputs different control signals to drive the gate line **10** and the data line **20**, and controls the data driver **700** to apply the different polarities of data signals to every data line **20**. The dot inversion is determined according to how the pixel **40** is connected to the data line **20** and the polarity of data signals applied to the data line **20**, and is used by various combinations. The controller **900** outputs the different polarities of data signals so that the TFT **30** and the data line **20** are connected to complete line assembly of a TFT substrate, and the data driver **700** is controlled to be driven by the dot inversion.

[0104] FIG. **9** is a drawing to illustrate how to drive a seventh exemplary embodiment of an LCD according to the present invention. A pixel **40** of the exemplary embodiment is arranged differently from the one shown in FIG. **8**. In other words, a position of a TFT **30** connected to a data line **20** is changed.

[0105] Provided that a plurality of data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* disposed in one pixel **40** are expressed as a first data line **20***a*, a second data line **20***b*, and a third data line **20***c* in order, adjacent pixels **40** in a column direction are sequentially connected to the first data line **20***a*, the third data line **20***c*, and the second data line **20***c*. The TFTs **30** arranged in the aforementioned are applied with one gate signal.

[0106] A data driver **700** applies different polarities of data signals to the adjacent data lines **20***a*, **20***b*, **20***c* in a row direction. The seventh exemplary embodiment of FIG. **9** applies signals with the same method as the first exemplary embodiment, yet the pixels **40** do not operate with 1-dot inversion as in the first exemplary embodiment, but with 2-dot inversion that the adjacent two pixels **40** in a column direction have the same polarities.

[0107] As described before, the polarity of the pixel **40** may vary depending on the arrangement of the TFTs **30**. The data driver **700** drives the data line **20** with the line inversion, yet it appears to operate with the dot-inversion.

[0108] Although a few exemplary embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in these exemplary embodiments without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention, the scope of which is defined in the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A display apparatus comprising:

a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix array;

a plurality of gate lines applying the same gate signal to at least two rows of the pixels;

a data line crossing the gate lines;

a TFT disposed at an intersection of one of the gate lines and the data line; and

a light source part sequentially providing at least two colors of light to the pixels every frame.

2. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of gate lines applying the same gate signal to the pixels are connected to one another.

3. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein three rows of the pixels are applied with the same gate signal.

4. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of data lines are provided in one pixel.

5. The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the number of the data lines in one pixel is the number of the pixels applied with the same gate signal.

6. The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein at least one of the adjacent pixels in a column direction applied with the same gate signal is connected to a different data line from the others.

7. The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the adjacent pixels in a column direction applied with the same gate signal are connected to different data lines from one another.

8. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of each pixel comprises a plurality of TFTs.

9. The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the TFTs are connected to the same data lines.

10. The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the TFT is provided in two.

11. The display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the TFTs are disposed symmetrically across the data line.

12. The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the TFTs are disposed symmetrically across the data line.

13. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the pixels comprises a pixel electrode and the data line passing through the pixel.

14. The display apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the data line partially overlaps the pixel electrode.

15. The display apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the data line connected to one pixel does not overlap the pixel electrode.

16. The display apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the pixel further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes, the bridge electrodes connect the pixel electrodes which are separated from each other across the data line.

17. The display apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the pixel further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes, the bridge electrodes connect the pixel electrodes which are separated from each other across the data line.

18. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the pixel comprises a pixel electrode and the gate line passes through the pixel.

19. The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the pixel comprises four TFTs.

20. The display apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the TFTs are disposed symmetrically across one of the gate lines and the data line.

21. The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the one of the gate lines partly overlaps the pixel electrode.

22. The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the one of the gates line does not overlap the pixel electrode.

23. The display apparatus according to claim 22, wherein each of the pixels further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes to connect the pixel electrodes which are separated from each other across the gate line.

24. The display apparatus according to claim 21, wherein each of the pixels further comprises at least one or more bridge electrodes to connect the pixel electrodes which are separated from each other across the gate line.

25. The display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an organic layer formed between the data line and the pixel.

26. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the light is three-color light and the three colors comprise red, green and blue.

27. The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a first, a second and a third data lines are sequentially provided in one pixel in a row direction, and the adjacent pixels in a column direction are sequentially connected to the first, the second and the third data lines.

28. The display apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising a data driver applying a data signal to the data line and a controller controlling the data driver, wherein the controller controls the data driver so that different polarities of the data signals are applied to the adjacent data lines in a row direction.

29. The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a first data line, a second data line and a third data line are sequentially provided in one pixel in a row direction, and the adjacent pixels in a column direction are sequentially connected to the first, the third and the second data lines.

30. The display apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising a data driver applying a data signal to the data line and a controller controlling the data driver, wherein the controller controls the data driver so that different polarities of the data signals are applied to the adjacent data lines in a row direction.

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一种显示装置，包括以矩阵阵列排列的多个像素;多条栅极线，向至少两行像素施加相同的栅极信号;多条数据线与栅极线交叉; TFT设置在每条栅极线和每条数据线的交叉点处;光源部件每帧依次向每个像素提供至少两种颜色的光，从而提高每个像素的充电率。