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(54) **Pixel circuit for OLED display with compensation for OLED aging**

Pixelschaltung eines OLED-Displays mit OLED-Alterungskompensation

Circuit de pixels pour un affichage aux diodes électroluminescentes organiques avec compensation de vieillissement

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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a pixel and an organic light emitting display using the same, and more particularly to a pixel capable of compensating for the deterioration of an organic light emitting diode, and an organic light emitting display using the same.

2. Description of Related Art

[0002] In recent years, there have been many attempts to develop various flat panel displays having a lighter weight and a smaller volume than that of a cathode ray tube display. The flat panel displays include a liquid crystal display (LCD), a field emission display (FED), a plasma display panel (PDP), an organic light emitting display (OLED), etc.

[0003] Amongst the flat panel displays, the organic light emitting display displays an image by using an organic light emitting diode which generates light by utilizing the recombination of electrons and holes. Such an organic light emitting display has an advantage that it has a rapid response time and may be driven with low power consumption.

[0004] FIG. 1 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel 4 of a conventional organic light emitting display.

[0005] Referring to FIG. 1, the pixel 4 of the conventional organic light emitting display includes an organic light emitting diode (OLED) and a pixel circuit 2 coupled to a data line (Dm) and a scan line (Sn) to control the organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0006] An anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is coupled to the pixel circuit 2, and a cathode electrode thereof is coupled to the second power source (ELVSS). Such an organic light emitting diode (OLED) generates light with set (or predetermined) luminance to correspond to an electric current supplied from the pixel circuit 2.

[0007] The pixel circuit 2 controls an electric current capacity supplied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) to correspond to a data signal supplied to the data line (Dm) when a scan signal is supplied to the scan line (Sn). For this purpose, the pixel circuit 2 includes a second transistor (M2) coupled between the first power source (ELVDD) and the organic light emitting diode (OLED); a first transistor (M1) coupled between the second transistor (M2), and the data line (Dm) and the scan line (Sn); and a storage capacitor (Cst) coupled between a gate electrode of the second transistor (M2) and a first electrode of the second transistor (M2).

[0008] A gate electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to the scan line (Sn), and a first electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to the data line (Dm). A second electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to one side terminal of the storage capacitor (Cst). Here, the first electrode of the first transistor (M1) is set to be a source electrode or a drain electrode, and the second electrode is set to be the other electrode that is different from the first electrode. For example, when the first electrode is set to be a source electrode, the second electrode is set to be a drain electrode. The first transistor (M1), coupled to the scan line (Sn) and the data line (Dm), is turned on when a scan signal is supplied to the scan line (Sn), thereby supplying a data signal, supplied from the data line (Dm), to the storage capacitor (Cst). At this time, the storage capacitor (Cst) is charged with a voltage corresponding to the data signal.

[0009] The gate electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to one side terminal of the storage capacitor (Cst), and the first electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to the other side terminal of the storage capacitor (Cst) and the first power source (ELVDD). A second electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to an anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Such a second transistor (M2) controls a capacity of an electric current to correspond to the voltage value stored in the storage capacitor (Cst), the electric current flowing from the first power source (ELVDD) to the second power source (ELVSS) via the organic light emitting diode (OLED). At this time, the organic light emitting diode (OLED) generates light corresponding to the electric current capacity supplied from the second transistor (M2).

[0010] However, the above-mentioned organic light emitting display has a problem in that it is difficult to display an image with desired luminance due to the changes in efficiency caused by the deterioration (or degradation) of the organic light emitting diode (OLED). That is, the organic light emitting diode (OLED) deteriorates with time, and therefore it is difficult to display the image with the desired luminance over time because an organic light emitting diode (OLED) that has deteriorated more generates light with lower luminance than that of an organic light emitting diode (OLED) that has deteriorated less.

[0011] US 2005/0269958 A1 discloses a pixel circuit for an organic light emitting display that can compensate degradation of a driving transistor included in the pixel circuit by reverse-biasing the driving transistor during a recovery period included in each frame.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0012] To overcome the aforementioned problem of the prior art the invention provides an organic light emitting display as set forth in claim 1. Preferred embodiments are subject of the dependent claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013] The accompanying drawings, together with the specification, illustrate exemplary embodiments of the present invention, and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the present invention.

[0014] FIG. 1 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel of a conventional organic light emitting display.

[0015] FIG. 2 is a graph illustrating the deterioration characteristics of an organic light emitting diode.

[0016] FIG. 3 is a diagram schematically showing an organic light emitting display according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0017] FIG. 4 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel according to a first exemplary embodiment as shown in FIG. 3.

[0018] FIG. 5 is a waveform view showing a method for driving the pixel as shown in FIG. 4.

[0019] FIG. 6 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel according to a second exemplary embodiment as shown in FIG. 3.

[0020] FIG. 7 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel according to an example useful for understanding the invention as shown in FIG. 3.

[0021] FIG. 8 is a waveform view showing a method for driving the pixel as shown in FIG. 7.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0022] Hereinafter, certain exemplary embodiments according to the present invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. Here, when a first element is described as being coupled to a second element, the first element may be not only directly coupled to the second element but may also be indirectly coupled to the second element via a third element. Further, some of the elements that are not essential to the complete understanding of the invention are omitted for clarity. Also, like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout.

[0023] FIG. 2 is a graph illustrating the deterioration characteristics of an organic light emitting diode. In FIG. 2, "Ioled" represents an electric current that flows in an organic light emitting diode, and "Voled" represents a voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode.

[0024] Referring to FIG. 2, a higher voltage is applied to an organic light emitting diode that is more deteriorated (after deterioration) to correspond to the same electric current of an organic light emitting diode that is less deteriorated (before deterioration). And, a voltage range (or difference) of $\Delta V1$ corresponds to a certain electric current range (I1 to I2) before the organic light emitting diode is deteriorated. However, after the organic light emitting diode is deteriorated, a voltage range of $\Delta V2$ having a higher voltage range than the voltage range of $\Delta V1$ corresponds to the certain electric current range (I1 to I2). Also, resistance components of the organic light emitting diode are increased in number as the organic light emitting diode is further deteriorated.

[0025] FIG. 3 is a diagram schematically showing an organic light emitting display according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0026] Referring to FIG. 3, the organic light emitting display includes a pixel unit (or display region) 130 including pixels 140 disposed at (or in) regions (or crossing regions) divided (or defined) by scan lines (S1 to Sn), power lines (VL1 to VLn) and data lines (D1 to Dm); a scan driver 110 to drive the scan lines (S1 to Sn); a data driver 120 to drive the data lines (D1 to Dm); a power signal supply unit 160 to drive the power lines (VL1 to VLn); and a timing controller 150 to control the scan driver 110, the data driver 120, and the power signal supply unit 160.

[0027] The scan driver 110 generates a scan signal under the control of the timing controller 150, and sequentially supplies the generated scan signal to the scan lines (S1 to Sn). Here, polarity of the scan signal is set to turn on a transistor in each of the pixels 140. For example, when the transistor in each of the pixels 140 is a P-channel metal-oxide semiconductor (PMOS), the polarity of the scan signal is set to a LOW voltage.

[0028] The power signal supply unit 160 sequentially supplies a power signal to the power lines (VL1 to VLn). Here, the power line (VL) receiving the power signal is set to a voltage of a third power source, and the power line (VL) that does not receive the power signal is set to a voltage of a fourth power source that is higher than that of the third power source. The power signal supplied to the i^{th} power line (VLi) is overlapped with the scan signal supplied to the i^{th} scan line (Si), and is also (concurrently or simultaneously) set to have a wider interval (or width) than that of the scan signal.

[0029] The data driver 120 generates a data signal under the control of the timing controller 150, and supplies the generated data signal to the data lines (D1 to Dm) to synchronize with the scan signal.

[0030] The timing controller 150 controls the scan driver 110, the data driver 120, and the power signal supply unit

160. Also, the timing controller 150 transmits externally supplied data to the data driver 120.

[0031] The pixel unit 130 receives a power (or voltage) of a first power source (ELVDD) and a power (or voltage) of a second power source (ELVSS) from the outside of the pixel unit 130, and supplies the power of the first power source (ELVDD) and the power of the second power source (ELVSS) to each of the pixels 140. Each of the pixels 140 receiving the power of the first power source (ELVDD) and the power of the second power source (ELVSS) generates the light corresponding to the data signal.

[0032] The above-mentioned pixels 140 function to generate light with desired luminance by compensating for the deterioration of an organic light emitting diode that is included in each of the pixels 140. For this purpose, a compensation unit to compensate for the deterioration of an organic light emitting diode is installed in each of the pixels 140.

[0033] FIG. 4 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel 140 according to a first exemplary embodiment as shown in FIG. 3. Here, a pixel coupled to an n^{th} scan line (S_n) and an m^{th} data line (D_m) is shown in FIG. 4 for convenience of the description.

[0034] Referring to FIG. 4, the pixel 140 according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes an organic light emitting diode (OLED); a second transistor (M2) to supply an electric current to the organic light emitting diode (OLED); a first transistor (M1) to supply a data signal to the second transistor (M2); a storage capacitor (Cst) to store a voltage corresponding to the data signal; and a feedback capacitor (Cfb) to control a voltage of first node (N1) to correspond to the change in a voltage of the organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0035] An anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is coupled to a second electrode of the second transistor (M2), and a cathode electrode is coupled to the second power source (ELVSS). Such an organic light emitting diode (OLED) generates light with set (or predetermined) luminance to correspond to an electric current capacity supplied from the second transistor (M2). For this purpose, the first power source (ELVDD) has a higher voltage value than the second power source (ELVSS).

[0036] A gate electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to the scan line (S_n), and a first electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to the data line (D_m). A second electrode of the first transistor (M1) is coupled to a gate electrode (i.e., a first node (N1)) of the second transistor (M2). Such a first transistor (M1) is turned on when a scan signal is supplied to the scan line (S_n), thereby supplying a data signal, supplied from the data line (D_m), to the first node (N1).

[0037] A gate electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to the first node (N1), and a first electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to the first power source (ELVDD). A second electrode of the second transistor (M2) is coupled to an anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Such a second transistor (M2) supplies an electric current to the organic light emitting diode (OLED), the electric current corresponding to a voltage applied to the first node (N1).

[0038] The storage capacitor (Cst) is coupled between the first node (N1) and the power line (VLn). Such a storage capacitor (Cst) is charged with a voltage corresponding to the data signal.

[0039] The feedback capacitor (Cfb) is coupled between the first node (N1) and the anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Such a feedback capacitor (Cfb) controls a voltage of the first node (N1) to correspond to the changed voltage capacity of the organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0040] FIG. 5 is a waveform view showing a method for driving the pixel 140 as shown in FIG. 4.

[0041] The method for driving the pixel 140 will be described in more detail in combination with FIGS. 4 and 5. First, a power signal is supplied to a power line (VLn) during a first period (T1).

[0042] When the power signal is supplied to the power line (VLn), a voltage of the power line (VLn) drops from a voltage (V4) of the fourth power source to a voltage (V3) of the third power source. At this time, a voltage of the first node (N1) drops to correspond to the voltage drop of the power line (VLn) due to the coupling of the storage capacitor (Cst).

[0043] When the voltage of the first node (N1) drops, a first electric current is supplied from the second transistor (M2) to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Here, the voltage (V3) of the third power source and the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source are set so that a high first electric current can flow from the second transistor (M2) to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). For example, the voltage (V3) of the third power source and the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source are set so that an electric current, which is higher than the maximum electric current that may flow in the organic light emitting diode (OLED), can flow to correspond to the data signal.

[0044] A voltage corresponding to the first electric current is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) that receives the first electric current from the second transistor (M2). At this time, the feedback capacitor (Cfb) is charged with a voltage corresponding to the voltage difference between the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) and the voltage applied to the first node (N1).

[0045] During a second period (T2), a scan signal is supplied to the scan line (S_n). When the scan signal is supplied to the scan line (S_n), the first transistor (M1) is turned on. When the first transistor (M1) is turned on, a data signal supplied to the data line (D_m) is supplied to the first node (N1). At this time, the storage capacitor (Cst) is charged with a voltage corresponding to the data signal.

[0046] Meanwhile, the data signal is supplied to correspond to a higher grey level (i.e., to allow a more emission

electric current to flow) than grey levels to be actually expressed so as to supply an electric current corresponding to the normal grey levels, when a voltage of the power line (VLn) increases afterwards.

[0047] The supply of a scan signal to the scan line (Sn) is suspended during a third period (T3). When the supply of the scan signal is suspended, the first transistor (M1) is turned off. During this third period (T3), the feedback capacitor (Cfb) is continuously charged with a voltage that is applied to correspond to the first electric current supplied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Here, the first electric current refers to an electric current corresponding to the voltage drop of the data signal and power line (VLn).

[0048] The supply of a power signal supplied to the power line (VLn) is suspended during a fourth period (T4).

[0049] When the supply of the power signal to the power line (VLn) is suspended, a voltage of the power line (VLn) increases from the voltage (V3) of the third power source to the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source. At this time, a voltage of the first node (N1) also increases according to the voltage swell of the power line (VLn) because the first node (N1) is set to be in a floating state. In this case, the second transistor (M2) supplies a second electric current to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) to correspond to the voltage swell of the first node (N1), the second electric current being lower than the first electric current.

[0050] A voltage corresponding to the second electric current is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) that receives the second electric current from the second transistor (M2). Here, a voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is set to a lower voltage value during the fourth period (T4), compared to the voltage as in the third period (T3) because the second electric current is an electric current that is lower than the first electric current.

[0051] At this time, the voltage of the first node (N1), which is set to be in the floating state, is changed according to the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). In fact, the voltage of the first node (N1) is changed as represented by the following Equation 1.

Equation 1

$$V_{N1} = V_{data} - \{C_{fb} \times (V_{oled1} - V_{oled2}) / (C_{st} + C_{fb})\}$$

[0052] In the Equation 1, Voled1 represents a voltage that is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) to correspond to the first electric current, Voled2 represents a voltage that is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) to correspond to the second electric current, and Vdata represents a voltage corresponding to the data signal.

[0053] Referring to Equation 1, it is revealed that the voltage of the first node (N1) is changed when the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is changed. Here, when the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is deteriorated, a voltage value of Voled1 - Voled2 is increased due to the increased in the resistance of the organic light emitting diode (OLED), which leads to the increased voltage drop range of the first node (N1). That is, the capacity of an electric current that flows in the second transistor (M2) is increased to correspond to the same data signal when the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is deteriorated in the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Therefore, it is possible to compensate for the deterioration of the organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0054] FIG. 6 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel 140' according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention. The detailed description of the same components as in FIG. 4 is omitted for clarity purposes.

[0055] Referring to FIG. 6, the storage capacitor (Cst) is coupled between the first power source (ELVDD) and the first node (N1) for the pixel 140' according to the second exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Such a storage capacitor (Cst) is charged with a voltage corresponding to the data signal.

[0056] Also, a boosting capacitor (Cb) coupled between the power line (VLn) and the first node (N1) is further provided in the pixel 140' according to the second exemplary embodiment of the present invention. That is, the voltage of the first node (N1) is changed using the storage capacitor (Cst) in the case of the pixel 140 as shown in FIG. 4, but the voltage of the first node (N1) is changed using a separate boosting capacitor (Cb) in the case of the pixel 140' as shown in FIG. 6. The other procedures of the method according to the present invention are identical (or substantially identical) to that of the pixel 140 as shown in FIG. 4, and therefore the detailed description of the other procedures is omitted for clarity purposes.

[0057] FIG. 7 is a circuit diagram schematically showing a pixel 140" according to an example useful for understanding the invention of the present invention. The detailed description of the same components as in FIG. 6 is omitted for clarity purposes.

[0058] Referring to FIG. 7, for the pixel 140" according to the example useful for understanding the invention, a boosting capacitor (Cb) is coupled between the scan line (Sn) and the first node (N1). Such a boosting capacitor (Cb) changes a voltage of the first node (N1) to correspond to the scan signal supplied to the scan line (Sn).

[0059] FIG. 8 is a waveform view showing a method for driving the pixel 140" as shown in FIG. 7.

[0060] The method for driving the pixel 140" will be described in more detail in combination with FIGS. 7 and 8. First,

a scan signal is supplied to the scan line (Sn) during a first period (T1).

[0061] When the scan signal is supplied to the scan line (Sn), the first transistor (M1) is turned on. When the first transistor (M1) is turned on, a data signal is supplied to the first node (N1). When the scan signal is supplied to the scan line (Sn), a voltage of the scan line (Sn) drops from the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source to the voltage (V3) of the third power source. At this time, a voltage of the first node (N1) also drops by utilizing the boosting capacitor (Cb) to correspond to the voltage drop of the scan line (Sn).

[0062] When the voltage of the first node (N1) drops, a first electric current is supplied from the second transistor (M2) to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Here, the first electric current refers to an electric current corresponding to the voltage drop of the data signal and scan line (Sn).

[0063] A voltage corresponding to the first electric current is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) during the first period (T1). At this time, a voltage corresponding to the voltage difference between the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) and the voltage applied to the first node (N1) is charged in the feedback capacitor (Cfb).

[0064] The supply of the scan signal to the scan line (Sn) is suspended during a second period (T2). When the supply of the scan signal to the scan line (Sn) is suspended, the first transistor (M1) is turned off. When the supply of the scan signal to the scan line (Sn) is suspended, a voltage of the scan line (Sn) increases from the voltage (V3) of the third power source to the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source. At this time, the voltage of the first node (N1) also increases to correspond to the voltage swell of the scan line (Sn) because the first node (N1) is set to be in a floating state. In this case, the second transistor (M2) supplies a second electric current to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) to correspond to the voltage of the first node (N1), the second electric current being lower than the first electric current.

[0065] A voltage corresponding to the second electric current is applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) that receives the second electric current from the second transistor (M2). Here, a voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) during the second period (T2) is set to a lower voltage value than the voltage as in the first period (T1) because the second electric current is an electric current that is lower than the first electric current.

[0066] At this time, the voltage of the first node (N1), which is set to be in the floating state, is changed according to the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). That is, the voltage applied to the first node (N1) is changed according to the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED). Here, when the organic light emitting diode is deteriorated, the difference in the voltage applied to the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is increased to correspond to the first electric current and the second electric current, which leads to the increased voltage drop range of the first node (N1). That is, an electric current that flows from the second transistor (M2) is increased to correspond to the same data signal when the organic light emitting diode (OLED) is deteriorated in the example useful for understanding the present invention. Therefore, it is possible to compensate for the deterioration of the organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0067]

Claims

1. An organic light emitting display comprising:

a plurality of scan lines (S1, S2, Sn);

a plurality of power lines (VL1, VL2, VLn) in parallel to said plurality of scan lines (S1, S2, Sn);

a plurality of data lines (D1, D2, Dm) crossing the plurality of scan lines (S1, S2, Sn) and the plurality of power lines (D1, D2, Dm);

a scan driver (110) adapted for sequentially supplying scan pulses to said plurality of scan lines (S1, S2, Sn);

a data driver (120) adapted for supplying data signals to said plurality of data lines (D1, D2, Dm) in synchronization with the scan pulses;

a power signal supply unit (160) adapted for supplying a voltage pulse to each of said plurality of power lines (VL1, VL2, VLn);

a first (ELVDD), a second (ELVSS), a third (V3) and a fourth (V4) power source;

a timing controller (150) adapted to control the scan driver (110), the data driver (120) and the power signal supply unit (160); and

a plurality of pixels (140, 140', 140'') arranged at crossing regions of the scan lines (S1, S2, Sn), the data lines (D1, D2, Dm) and the power lines (VL1, VL2, VLn),

each of the plurality of pixels (140, 140', 140'') being arranged along pixel lines and

pixel columns and connected to one of the scan lines (S1, S2, Sn), one of the data lines (D1, D2, Dm) and one of the power lines (VL1, VL2, VLn),

each of the pixels comprising:

an organic light emitting diode (OLED), wherein the cathode of the organic light emitting diode is connected to the second power source (ELVSS);

a first transistor (M1) comprising a source electrode, a drain electrode and a gate electrode;
a second transistor (M2) comprising a source electrode, a drain electrode and a gate electrode;
a first capacitor (Cst or Cb) connected between a power line (VLn) and the gate electrode of the second transistor (M2); and

a feedback capacitor (Cfb) connected between the drain electrode of the first transistor (M1) and the anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED),

wherein a first electrode of the feedback capacitor (Cfb) is connected to the drain electrode of the first transistor (M1) and a second electrode of the feedback capacitor (Cfb) is connected to the anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED),

wherein the first transistor (M1) is directly connected between a data line (Dm) and the first electrode of the feedback capacitor (Cfb) and the first transistor (M1) is adapted for turning on when a scan pulse of a scan line (Sn) is supplied to the gate electrode of the first transistor (M1) and to transmit the data signal to the gate of the second transistor (M2); and

wherein the source electrode of the second transistor (M2) is connected to the first power source (ELVDD), the drain electrode of the second transistor (M2) is connected to the anode electrode of the organic light emitting diode (OLED), and the second transistor (M2) is adapted for controlling an amount of electric current that is supplied from the first power source (ELVDD) to the organic light emitting diode (OLED);

characterised in that

the voltage (ELVDD) of the first power source is higher than the voltage (ELVSS) of the second power source; the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source is higher than the voltage (V3) of the third power source;

the power signal supply unit (160) is adapted to sequentially supply a voltage pulse to each of said plurality of power lines (VL1, VL2, VLn);

the power signal supply unit (160) is further adapted to supply the voltage (V3) of the third power source to an i-th power line as said voltage pulse and to otherwise supply the voltage (V4) of the fourth power source, and is adapted to supply the voltage (V3) of the third power source to the i-th power line such that said voltage pulse applied to the i-th power line overlaps (T2) with the scan pulse (Sn) supplied to the i-th scan line, wherein i is an

integer ranging from 1 to n, wherein n equals the number of pixel lines of the organic light emitting display.

2. The organic light emitting display according to claim 1, wherein each pixel further comprises a second capacitor (Cst) connected between the first power source (ELVDD) and the gate electrode of the second transistor (M2).
3. The organic light emitting display according to one of the preceding claims wherein the power signal supply unit (160) is adapted to supply a voltage pulse to the i-th power line, the voltage pulse having a wider interval (T1-T4) than that (T2) of the scan pulse.
4. The organic light emitting display according to one of the preceding claims, wherein the data signals are set to voltages corresponding to higher grey levels than grey levels to be actually expressed.
5. The organic light emitting display according to one of the preceding claims, wherein the timing controller (150) is adapted to transmit externally supplied data to the data driver (120).

Patentansprüche

1. Organische Licht emittierende Anzeige, umfassend:

eine Mehrzahl von Scanleitungen (S1, S2, Sn);

eine Mehrzahl von Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn), die parallel zu der Mehrzahl von Scanleitungen (S1, S2, Sn) verlaufen;

eine Mehrzahl von Datenleitungen (D1, D2, Dm), die die Mehrzahl der Scanleitungen (S1, S2, Sn) und die Mehrzahl der Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn) kreuzen;

einen Scan-Treiber (110), der auf das sequenzielle Liefern von Scan-Impulsen an die Mehrzahl der Scanleitungen (S1, S2, Sn) eingerichtet ist;

einen Daten-Treiber (120), der auf das Liefern von Datensignalen an die Mehrzahl von Datenleitungen (D1, D2, Dm) im Gleichlauf mit den Scan-Impulsen eingerichtet ist;

eine Stromsignalliefereinheit (160), die eingerichtet ist, einen Spannungsimpuls an jede der Mehrzahl von Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn) zu liefern;

eine erste (ELVDD), eine zweite (ELVSS), eine dritte (V3) und eine vierte (V4) Stromquelle;
 eine Zeitsteuerung (150), die eingerichtet ist, den Scan-Treiber (110), den Daten-Treiber (120) und die Strom-
 signalliefereinheit (160) zu steuern; und
 eine Mehrzahl von Pixeln (140, 140', 140''), die in Kreuzungsbereichen der Scanleitungen (S1, S2, Sn), der
 Datenleitungen (D1, D2, Dm) und der Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn) angeordnet sind, wobei jedes der Mehr-
 zahl von Pixeln (140, 140', 140'') entlang Pixellinien und Pixelspalten angeordnet und an eine der Scanleitungen
 (S1, S2, Sn), eine der Datenleitungen (D1, D2, Dm) und eine der Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn) angeschlossen
 ist, wobei jedes der Pixel umfasst:

eine organische Licht emittierende Diode (OLED), wobei die Kathode der organischen Licht emittierenden
 Diode an die zweite Stromquelle (ELVSS) angeschlossen ist;
 einen ersten Transistor (M1), umfassend eine Source-Elektrode, eine Drain-Elektrode und eine Gate Elek-
 trode;
 einen zweiten Transistor (M2), umfassend eine Source-Elektrode, eine Drain-Elektrode und eine Gate
 Elektrode;
 einen ersten Kondensator (Cst oder Cb), der zwischen einer Stromleitung (VLn) und der Gate-Elektrode
 des zweiten Transistors (M2) angeschlossen ist; und
 einen Rückkopplungskondensator (Cfb), der zwischen der Drain-Elektrode des ersten Transistors (M1)
 und der Anoden-Elektrode der organischen Licht emittierenden Diode (OLED) angeschlossen ist, wobei
 eine erste Elektrode des Rückkopplungskondensators (Cfb) an die Drain-Elektrode des ersten Transistors
 (M1) und eine zweite Elektrode des Rückkopplungskondensators (Cfb) an die Anoden-Elektrode der orga-
 nischen Licht emittierenden Diode (OLED) angeschlossen ist,
 wobei der erste Transistor (M1) direkt zwischen einer Datenleitung (Dm) und der ersten Elektrode des
 Rückkopplungskondensators (Cfb) angeschlossen und dazu eingerichtet ist, sich einzuschalten, wenn ein
 Scan-Impuls einer Scanleitung (Sn) an die Gate-Elektrode des ersten Transistors (M1) geliefert wird, und
 das Datensignal an das Gate des zweiten Transistors (M2) zu übertragen; und
 wobei die Source-Elektrode des zweiten Transistors (M2) an die erste Stromquelle (ELVDD) angeschlossen
 ist, die Drain-Elektrode des zweiten Transistors (M2) an die Anoden-Elektrode der organischen Licht emittierenden Diode (OLED) angeschlossen ist, und der zweite Transistor (M2) eingerichtet ist, die Menge des elektrischen Stroms zu steuern, der von der ersten Stromquelle (ELVDD) an die organische Licht emittierende Diode (OLED) geliefert wird;
dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass
 die Spannung (ELVDD) der ersten Stromquelle höher als die Spannung (ELVSS) der zweiten Stromquelle ist;
 die Spannung (V4) der vierten Stromquelle höher als die Spannung (V3) der dritten Stromquelle ist;
 die Stromsignalliefereinheit (160) eingerichtet ist, einen Spannungsimpuls nacheinander an jede der Mehr-
 zahl von Stromleitungen (VL1, VL2, VLn) zu liefern;
 die Stromsignalliefereinheit (160) ferner eingerichtet ist, die Spannung (V3) der dritten Stromquelle an eine
 i-te Stromleitung als Spannungsimpuls und andernfalls die Spannung (V4) der vierten Stromquelle zu
 liefern, und eingerichtet ist, die Spannung (V3) der dritten Stromquelle an die i-te Stromleitung zu liefern,
 so dass der an die i-te Stromleitung gelieferte Spannungsimpuls mit dem an die i-te Scanleitung gelieferten
 Scan-Impuls (Sn) überlappt (T2), wobei i eine Ganzzahl im Bereich von 1 bis n ist, wobei n gleich der Anzahl
 der Pixel-Linien der organischen Licht emittierenden Anzeige ist.

2. Organische Licht emittierende Anzeige nach Anspruch 1, wobei jedes Pixel ferner einen zwischen der ersten Stromquelle (ELVDD) und der Gate-Elektrode des zweiten Transistors (M2) angeschlossen zweiten Kondensator (Cst) umfasst.
3. Organische Licht emittierende Anzeige nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, wobei die Stromsignalliefereinheit (160) eingerichtet ist, einen Spannungsimpuls an die i-te Stromleitung zu liefern, welcher ein breiteres Intervall (T1-T4) aufweist als das Intervall (T2) des Scan-Impulses ist.
4. Organische Licht emittierende Anzeige nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, wobei die Datensignale auf Spannungen eingestellt sind, die Grauwerten entsprechen, die höher als die tatsächlich auszudrückenden Grauwerte sind.
5. Organische Licht emittierende Anzeige nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, wobei die Zeitsteuerung (150) eingerichtet ist, extern gelieferte Daten an den Daten-Treiber (120) zu übertragen.

Revendications

1. Affichage électroluminescent organique comprenant :

une pluralité de lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn);
 une pluralité de lignes d'alimentation (VL1, VL2, VLn) parallèles à ladite pluralité de lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn);
 une pluralité de lignes de données (D1, D2, Dm) croisant la pluralité de lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn) et la pluralité de lignes d'alimentation (D1, D2, Dm) ;
 un circuit d'attaque de balayage (110) conçu pour fournir des impulsions de balayage de manière séquentielle à ladite pluralité de lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn) ;
 un circuit d'attaque de données (120) conçu pour fournir, de manière synchronisée avec les impulsions de balayage, des signaux de données à ladite pluralité de lignes de données (D1, D2, Dm) ;
 une unité (160) d'alimentation de signal d'alimentation conçue pour fournir une impulsion de tension à chacune desdites pluralités de lignes d'alimentation (VL1, VL2, VLn) ;
 une première (ELVDD), une deuxième (ELVSS), une troisième (V3) et une quatrième (V4) source d'alimentation ;
 une unité (150) de commande de synchronisation conçue pour commander le circuit d'attaque de balayage (110), le circuit d'attaque de données (120) et l'unité (160) d'alimentation de signal d'alimentation ; et
 une pluralité de pixels (140, 140', 140'') agencés au niveau des régions de croisement des lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn), des lignes de données (D1, D2, Dm) et des lignes d'alimentation (VL1, VL2, VLn), chacun de la pluralité de pixels (140, 140', 140'') étant agencé le long des lignes de pixels et des colonnes de pixels et relié à l'une des lignes de balayage (S1, S2, Sn), l'une des lignes de données (D1, D2, Dm) et l'une des lignes d'alimentation (VL1, VL2, VLn), chacun des pixels comprenant :

une diode électroluminescente organique (OLED), où la cathode de la diode électroluminescente organique est reliée à la deuxième source d'alimentation (ELVSS) ;
 un premier transistor (M1) comprenant une électrode source, une électrode de drain et une électrode de grille ;
 un deuxième transistor (M2) comprenant une électrode source, une électrode de drain et une électrode de grille ;
 un premier condensateur (Cst ou Cb) relié entre une ligne d'alimentation (VLn) et l'électrode de grille du deuxième transistor (M2) ; et
 un condensateur de rétroaction (cfb) relié entre l'électrode de drain du premier transistor (M1) et l'électrode anodique de la diode électroluminescente organique (OLED), où une première électrode du condensateur de rétroaction (Cfb) est reliée à l'électrode de drain du premier transistor (M1) et une deuxième électrode du condensateur de rétroaction (cfb) est reliée à l'électrode anodique de la diode électroluminescente organique (OLED),
 où le premier transistor (M1) est directement relié entre une ligne de données (Dm) et la première électrode du condensateur de rétroaction (Cfb) et le premier transistor (M1) est conçu pour s'allumer lorsqu'une impulsion de balayage d'une ligne de balayage (Sn) est fournie à l'électrode de grille du premier transistor (M1) et pour émettre le signal de données à la grille du deuxième transistor (M2) ; et
 où l'électrode source du deuxième transistor (M2) est reliée à la première source d'alimentation (ELVDD), l'électrode de drain du deuxième transistor (M2) est reliée à l'électrode anodique de la diode électroluminescente organique (OLED), et le deuxième transistor (M2) est conçu pour commander une quantité de courant électrique qui est fournie par la première source d'alimentation (ELVDD) pour la diode électroluminescente organique (OLED) ;

caractérisé en ce que

la tension (ELVDD) de la première source d'alimentation est supérieure à la tension (ELVSS) de la deuxième source d'alimentation ;
 la tension (V4) de la quatrième source d'alimentation est supérieure à la tension (V3) de la troisième source d'alimentation ;
 l'unité (160) d'alimentation de signal d'alimentation est conçue pour fournir de manière séquentielle une impulsion de tension à chacune de ladite pluralité de lignes d'alimentation (VL1, VL2, VLn) ;
 l'unité (160) d'alimentation de signal d'alimentation est en outre conçue pour fournir la tension (V3) de la troisième source d'alimentation à une i^{ème} ligne électrique comme étant ladite impulsion de tension et par ailleurs pour fournir la tension (V4) de la quatrième source d'alimentation, et est conçue pour fournir la tension (V3) de la troisième source d'alimentation de la i^{ème} ligne électrique de sorte que ladite impulsion de tension appliquée à la i^{ème} ligne électrique se chevauche (T2) avec l'impulsion de balayage (Sn) fournie

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à la $i^{\text{ème}}$ ligne de balayage, où i est un entier compris entre 1 et n , où n est égal au nombre de lignes de pixels de l'affichage électroluminescent organique.

2. Affichage électroluminescent organique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel chaque pixel comprend en outre un deuxième condensateur (Cst) relié entre la première source d'alimentation (ELVDD) et l'électrode de grille du deuxième transistor (M2).
3. Affichage électroluminescent organique selon l'une des revendications précédentes dans lequel l'unité (160) d'alimentation de signal d'alimentation est conçue pour fournir une impulsion de tension à la $i^{\text{ème}}$ ligne électrique, l'impulsion de tension ayant un intervalle (T1-T4) plus large que l'intervalle (T2) de l'impulsion de balayage.
4. Affichage électroluminescent organique selon l'une des revendications précédentes, dans lequel les signaux de données sont réglés sur des tensions correspondant à des niveaux de gris plus élevés que les niveaux de gris à exprimer effectivement.
5. Affichage électroluminescent organique selon l'une des revendications précédentes, dans lequel l'unité (150) de commande de synchronisation est conçue pour transmettre les données fournies de l'extérieur au circuit d'attaque de données (120).

FIG. 1

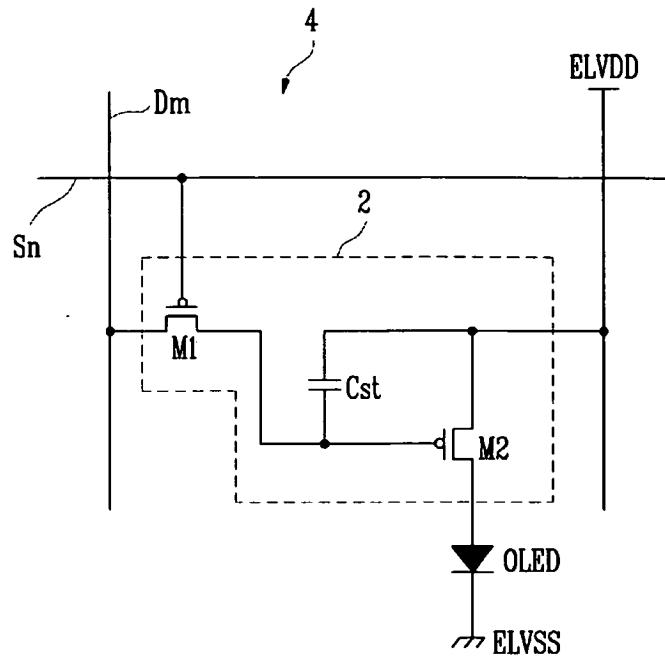


FIG. 2

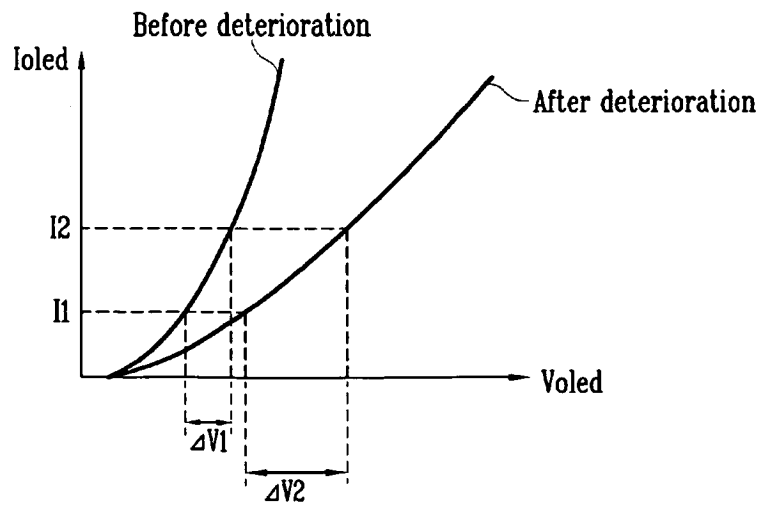


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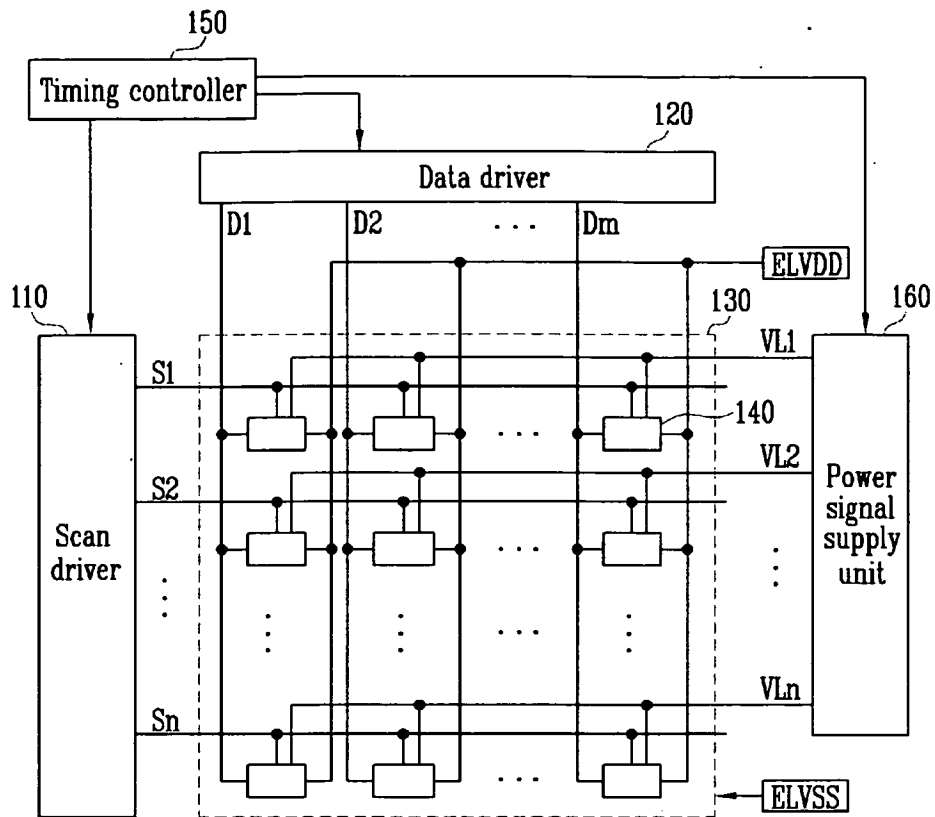


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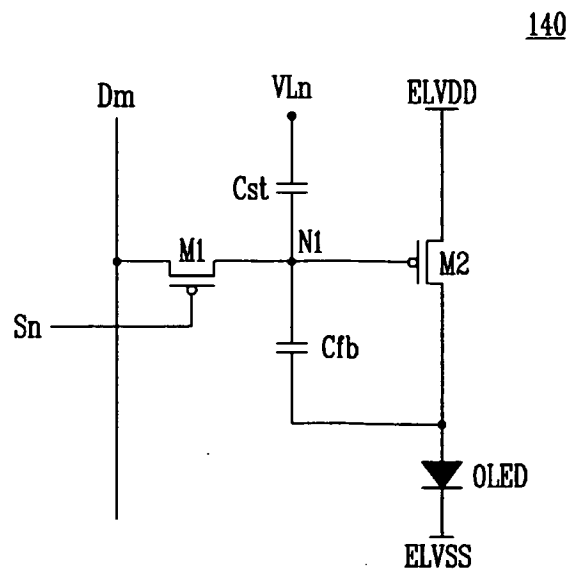


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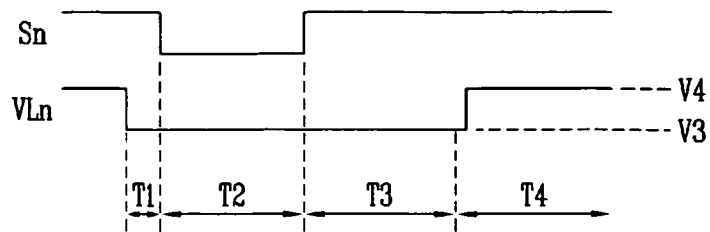


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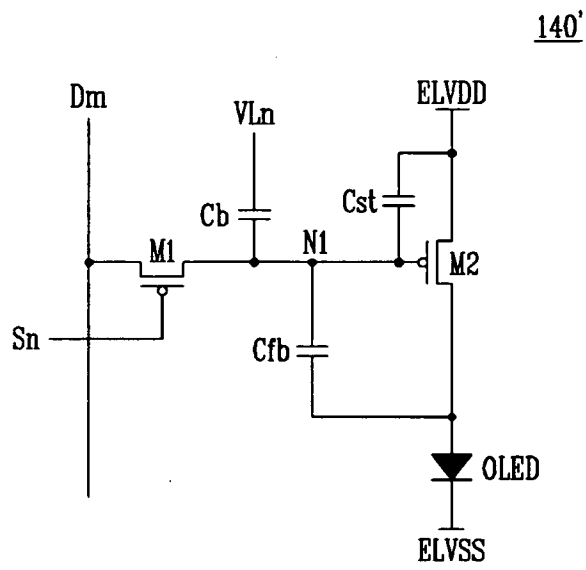


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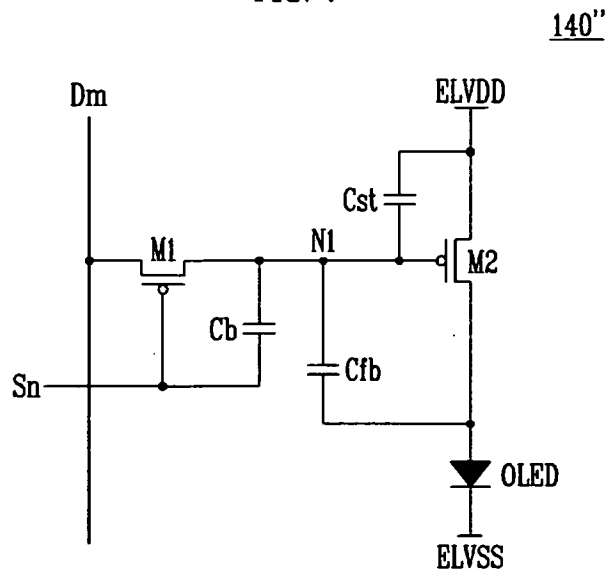
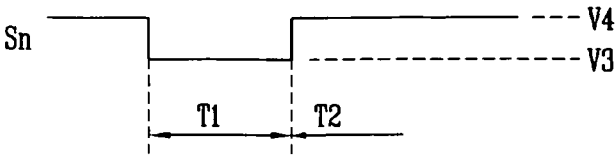


FIG. 8



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摘要(译)

能够补偿有机发光二极管劣化的像素。像素包括有机发光二极管 (OLED);第二晶体管 (M2)，用于控制从第一电源 (ELVDD) 提供给有机发光二极管的电流;第一晶体管 (M1)，连接在数据线 (Dm) 和第二晶体管的栅极之间，用于在扫描信号提供给扫描线 (Sn) 时导通;第一电容器 (Cb) 耦合在电源线 (VLn) (其接收与扫描信号重叠并且具有比扫描信号的间隔 (或宽度) 更宽的间隔 (或宽度) 的功率信号) 和第二晶体管的栅电极之间;反馈电容器 (Cfb) 耦合在第二晶体管的栅极和有机发光二极管的阳极之间。

Equation 1

$$V_{M1} = V_{data} - \{C_{fb} \times (V_{oled1} - V_{oled2}) / (C_{st} + C_{fb})\}$$