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(54) **PIXEL DRIVING CIRCUIT, DISPLAY PANEL AND PIXEL DRIVING METHOD THAT COMPENSATES FOR THRESHOLD VOLTAGE DRIFT OF A DRIVING TRANSISTOR**

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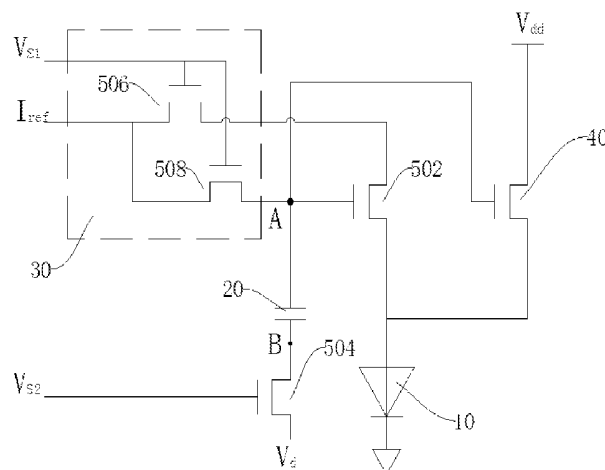
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A pixel driving circuit is disclosed, including: a driving switch, connected between a driving power source and an OLED; a first switch, connected between the source and drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of the same model as the driving switch; a control circuit, connected between the drain and source of the first switch, for inputting a first control signal and outputting a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch; a storage unit, connected between the source of a second switch and gate of the first switch, for storing a compensation voltage of compensation current compensating the first switch; the gate of second switch being for inputting a second control signal and the drain for inputting a data signal, the storage unit being for storing a data voltage generated by the data signal. A display panel and pixel driving method are disclosed.

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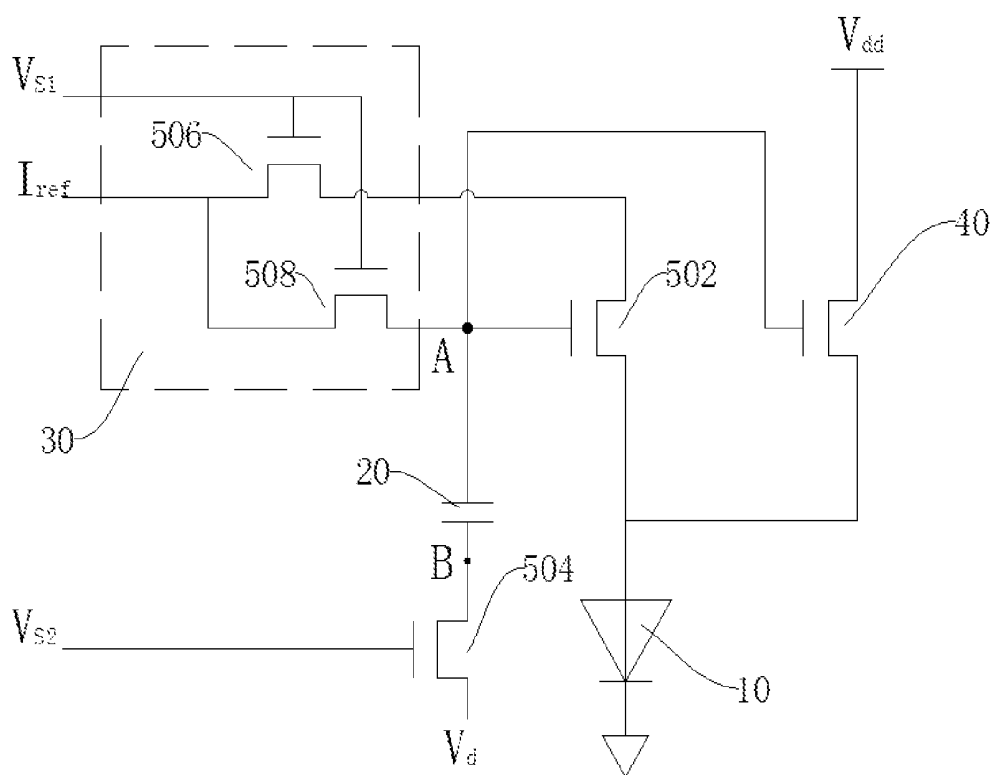


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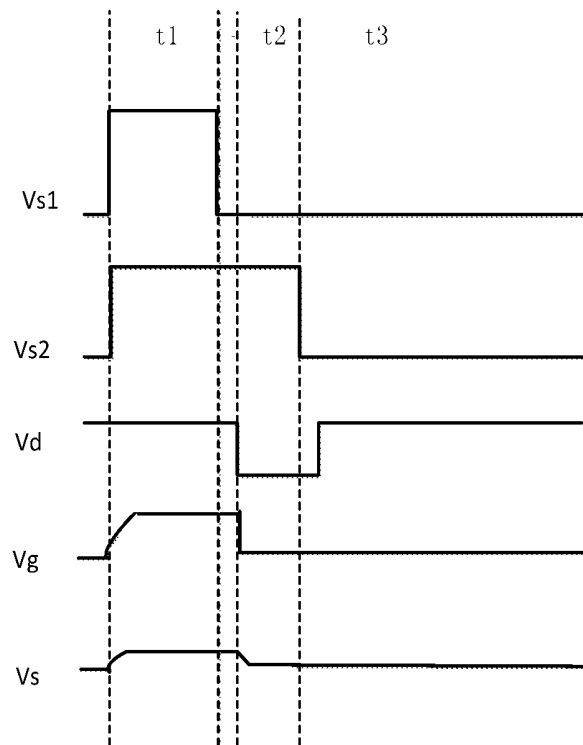


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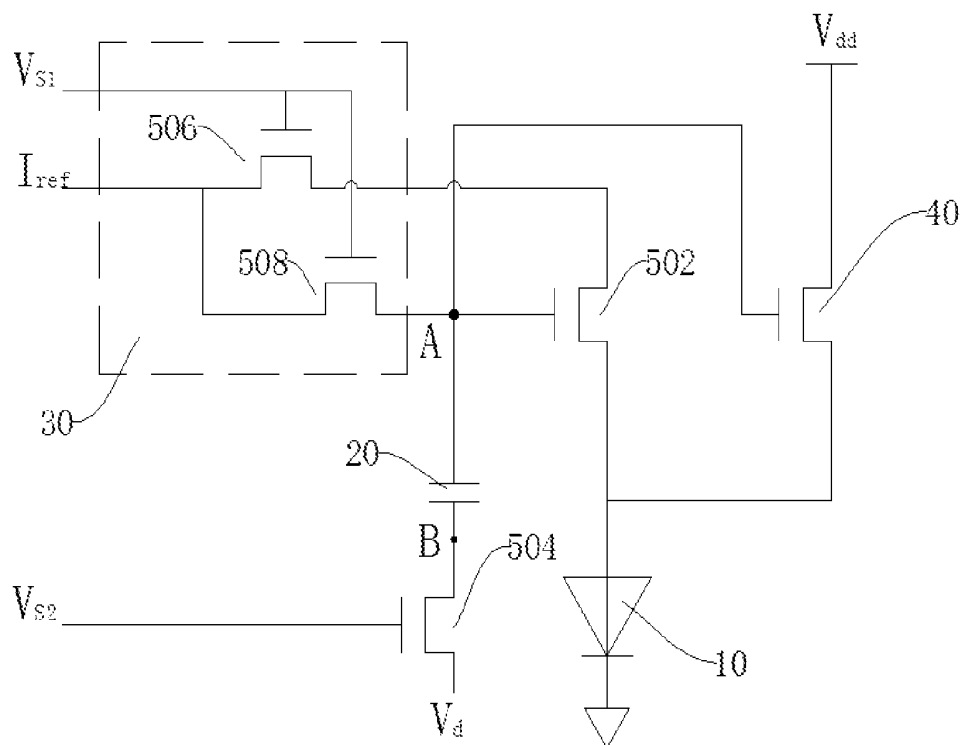


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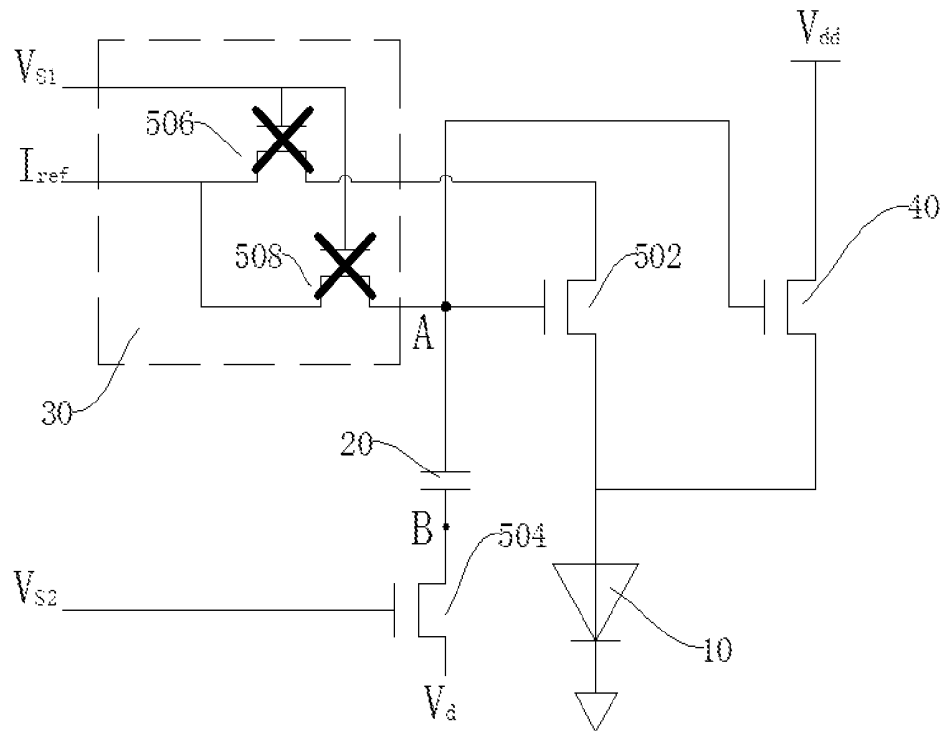


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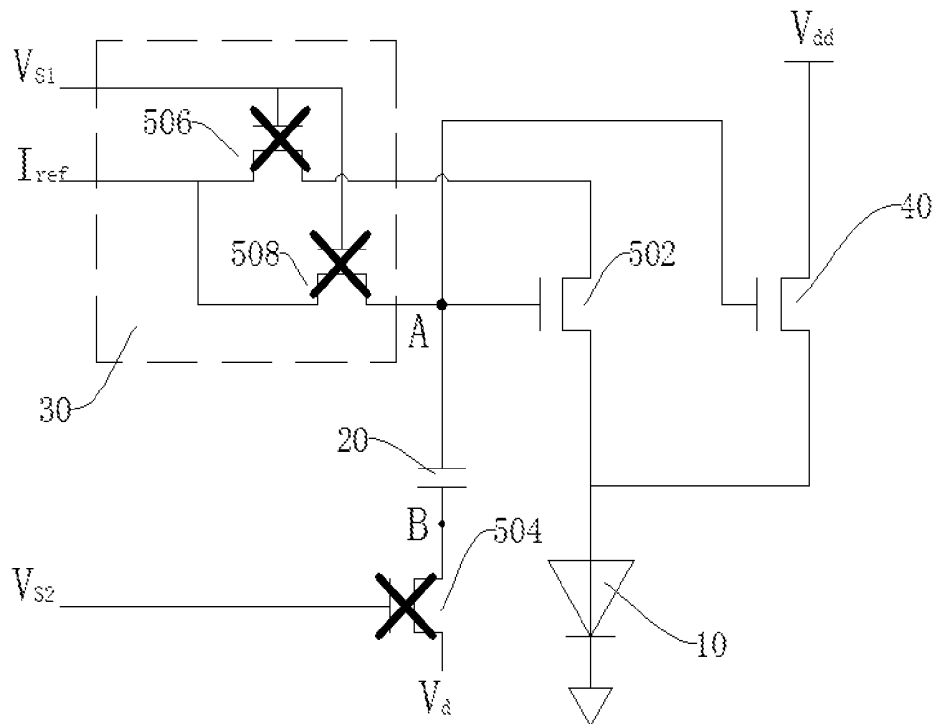


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PIXEL DRIVING CIRCUIT, DISPLAY PANEL AND PIXEL DRIVING METHOD THAT COMPENSATES FOR THRESHOLD VOLTAGE DRIFT OF A DRIVING TRANSISTOR

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the priority of Chinese Patent Application No. 2017102961149, entitled "Pixel Driving Circuit, Display Panel and Pixel Driving Method", filed on Apr. 28, 2017, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of display, and in particular to the field of pixel driving circuit, display panel and pixel driving method.

2. The Related Arts

The current organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display has the advantages of small size, simple structure, active luminescence, high brightness, large viewing angle and short response time, and attracts a wide range of attention.

A conventional OLED display includes a transistor as a driving transistor for controlling the current through the OLED, so that the importance of the threshold voltage of the driving transistor is apparent. Any positive or negative drift of the threshold voltage will cause different currents flowing through the OLED under the same signal. At present, the transistor may experience threshold voltage drift during the use process because of, such as, lighting on oxide semiconductor, the voltage stress on the source and drain and other factors, which results in the current flowing through the OLED unstable, and thus causes the panel luminance not uniform.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a pixel driving circuit, display panel and pixel driving method, to solve the problem of threshold voltage drift causing unstable current in OLED in the known technology, to achieve uniform luminance for display panel.

To solve the aforementioned issues, the present invention provides a pixel driving circuit, comprising:

a driving switch, connected between a driving power source and an organic light-emitting diode (OLED);

a first switch, connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of the same model as the driving switch;

a control circuit, connected between a drain and a source of the first switch, for inputting a first control signal and outputting a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch;

a storage unit, connected between a source of a second switch and a gate of the first switch, for storing a compensation voltage of the compensation current provided to the first switch;

the second switch having a gate for inputting a second control signal and a drain for inputting a data signal, the storage unit being for storing a data voltage generated by the data signal;

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the storage unit being for applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to the driving switch.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the control circuit comprises:

a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current;

a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal;

a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the source of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

The present invention provides a display panel, comprising:

a pixel driving circuit; the pixel driving circuit comprising: a driving switch, connected between a driving power source and an organic light-emitting diode (OLED);

a first switch, connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of the same model as the driving switch;

a control circuit, connected between a drain and a source of the first switch, for inputting a first control signal and outputting a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch;

a storage unit, connected between a source of a second switch and a gate of the first switch, for storing a compensation voltage of the compensation current provided to the first switch;

the second switch having a gate for inputting a second control signal and a drain for inputting a data signal, the storage unit being for storing a data voltage generated by the data signal;

the storage unit being for applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to the driving switch.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the control circuit comprises:

a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current;

a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal;

a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the gate of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

The present invention also provides a pixel driving method, providing a pixel driving circuit, the pixel driving circuit comprising: a driving power source, an organic light-emitting diode (OLED), a driving switch, a first switch, a second switch, a storage unit and a control circuit; the driving switch being connected between the driving power source and the OLED; the first switch being connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of the same model as the driving switch; the control circuit being connected between a drain and a source

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of the first switch; the storage unit being connected between a source of the second switch and a gate of the first switch; the method comprising:

in a first time period, loading in a first control signal and a second control signal, conducting the second switch and the control circuit, the control circuit loading in a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch, and storing a compensation voltage in the storage unit;

in a second time period, loading in the first control signal and the second control signal, conducting the second switch and cutting off the control circuit, outputting a data signal to the storage unit, and the storage unit storing a data voltage generated by the data signal;

in the third time period, loading in the first control signal and the second control signal, cutting off the second switch and the control circuit, the storage unit applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to a gate of the driving switch, the driving power source driving the OLED to emit light.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the control circuit comprises: a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current; a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal; a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the gate of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a transitional time period is provided between the first time period and the second time period, and between the second time period and the third time period, for reserving time to propagate the first control signal, the second control signal, and the data signal.

The advantage of the present invention is as follows: in the first time period, the compensation current compensates the threshold voltage drift of the first switch and stored in the storage unit in a form of compensation voltage; the storage unit stores the data voltage in the second time period and releases the compensation voltage and the data voltage in the third time period to control the driving voltage to drive the OLED to emit light; the source of the first switch is connected to the source of the driving switch, the gate of the first switch is connected to the gate of the driving switch, and the first switch and the driving switch are the same model of transistors, thus having the same threshold voltage drift; i.e., compensating the first switch is to compensate the driving switch. The compensation current and data signal are independently applied to the pixel driving circuit. Without affecting the data signal, the threshold voltage drift of the driving switch is compensated and the current through the OLED is stable, leading to uniform luminance of the display panel.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

To make the technical solution of the embodiments according to the present invention, a brief description of the drawings that are necessary for the illustration of the embodiments will be given as follows. Apparently, the drawings described below show only example embodiments

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of the present invention and for those having ordinary skills in the art, other drawings may be easily obtained from these drawings without paying any creative effort.

FIG. 1 is a schematic view showing the circuitry of the pixel driving circuit of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a schematic view showing the timing of the pixel driving method of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a schematic view showing the circuit state in the first time period of the pixel driving method of the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a schematic view showing the circuit state in the second time period of the pixel driving method of the present invention.

FIG. 5 is a schematic view showing the circuit state in the third time period of the pixel driving method of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

To further explain the technical means and effect of the present invention, the following refers to embodiments and drawings for detailed description. Apparently, the described embodiments are merely some embodiments of the present invention, instead of all embodiments. All other embodiments based on embodiments in the present invention and obtained by those skilled in the art without departing from the creative work of the present invention are within the scope of the present invention.

The pixel driving circuit of the present invention is applicable to OLED display, for providing stable current to the OLED to drive the OLED to emit light with uniform luminance. The OLED has the advantages of energy-saving, fast response, light weight, thinness, simple structure, and low cost, and is widely used in display devices.

Refer to FIG. 1. The pixel driving circuit of the present invention comprises: a driving power source, an organic light-emitting diode (OLED) 10, a driving switch 40, a first switch 502, a second switch 504, a storage unit 20 and a control circuit 30. Specifically, the driving switch 40 is connected between the driving power source and the OLED 10; and the driving power source is for driving the OLED 10 to emit light as well as driving other electronic elements of the display device. In the present embodiment, the driving switch 40 is a thin film transistor (TFT), which is a type of field effect transistor (FET), having a gate, a drain and a source. Moreover, the TFT comprises N-type TFT and P-type TFT. Take the N-type TFT as example. When the voltage difference V_{gs} between the gate and the source is greater than the threshold voltage V_{th} , the drain and the source are conductive, and the current flows from the drain to the source, i.e., the current flows through the driving switch 40 to drive the OLED 10 to emit light. Therefore, controlling the voltage difference V_{gs} between the gate and the source of the driving switch 40 is able to control the conduction or cut-off of the driving switch 40. Moreover, according to the equation:

$$I_{ds} = K(V_{gs} - V_{th})^2 \quad (1)$$

Wherein, $K = \mu C_{ox} W / (2L)$, and μ is the carrier migration rate of the driving switch 40, W and L are the width and length of the driving switch 40 respectively.

The current I_{ds} flowing through the driving switch 40 to drive the OLED 10 depends on the voltage difference V_{gs} between the gate and the source and the threshold voltage V_{th} . When the threshold voltage V_{th} of the driving switch 40 drifts, the compensation to the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of

the driving switch **40** must be performed through the voltage difference V_{gs} between the gate and the source.

The first switch **502** is connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch **40**. Furthermore, the source of the first switch **502** and the source of the driving switch **40** are both connected to the OLED **10**. In the present embodiment, the first switch **502** is also a TFT, and the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model. That is, the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** have the same carrier migration rate μ , channel width W and channel length L , so that the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** have the same threshold voltage V_{th} drift. In combination with the connections of the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** (the gate of the first switch **502** is connected to the gate of the driving switch **40**, and the source of the first switch **502** is connected to the source of the driving switch **40**), compensating the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502** is equal to compensating the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40**.

The control circuit **30** is connected between a drain and a source of the first switch **502h**, for inputting a first control signal V_{s1} and outputting a compensation current I_{ref} to compensate threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**. Specifically, the first control signal V_{s1} controls conduction and cut-off of the control circuit **30**, so as to control whether the compensation current I_{ref} can flow to the first switch **502**. In the present embodiment, the first control signal V_{s1} is provided by a first scan line of the display panel.

The storage unit **20** is connected between a source of the second switch **504** and a gate of the first switch **502**, for storing charge and releasing charge. The storage unit **20** stores different voltages at different time periods. Specifically, in the first time period, the storage unit **20** stores a compensation voltage of the compensation current I_{ref} provided to the first switch **502**; in the second time period, the storage unit **20** stores a data voltage V_{data} ; in the third time period, the storage unit **20** releases both the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} . In a preferred embodiment, the storage unit **20** is a capacitor; in other embodiments, the storage unit **20** can also be electronic elements with storage function.

The second switch **504** has a source connected to the storage unit **20**, a drain connected to a data line, and a gate connected to a second scan line. The second scan line outputs a second control signal V_{s2} to the gate, the data line outputs a data signal V_d to the second switch **504**, and stores the data signal V_d in a form of data voltage V_{data} in the storage unit **20** for subsequent outputting to the driving switch **40** to control the OLED **10** to emit light.

In the first time period, the compensation current I_{ref} compensates the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**. In the second time period, the storage unit **20** stores the data voltage V_{data} , and in the third time period, releases both the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} to control the driving voltage V_{dd} to drive the OLED **10** to emit light. The first switch **502** has the gate connected to the gate of the driving switch **40**, the source connected to the source of the driving switch **40**, and the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model with the same threshold voltage V_{th} drift. Thus, compensating the first switch **502** is to compensate the driving switch **40**. The compensation current I_{ref} and the data signal V_d are independently applied to the pixel driving circuit. Without affecting the data signal, the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the

driving switch **40** is compensated and the current through the OLED **10** is stable, leading to uniform luminance of the display panel.

In the present embodiment, the control circuit **30** comprises: a compensation current output end, a third switch **506**, and a fourth switch **508**. The compensation current output end is for outputting the compensation current I_{ref} ; the compensation current I_{ref} flows passing the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** and to the first switch **502**. Moreover, the third switch **506** is connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch **502**, and the fourth switch **508** is connected between the compensation current output end and the gate of the first switch **502**. The gate of the third switch **506** and the gate of the fourth switch **508** are for inputting the second control signal V_{s2} . Under the control of the second control signal V_{s2} , the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** maintain the same conduction/cut-off state simultaneously. When both the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** are conductive, the gate and the drain of the first switch **502** are shorted, and the first switch **502** is equivalent to a diode. The compensation current I_{ref} flows through the first switch **502** to compensate the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**, for subsequent (in the third time period) compensation of the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40**.

In another embodiment, the first switch **502**, the second switch **504**, the third switch **506**, and the fourth switch **508** are N-type thin film transistors (TFT). In other embodiments, the first switch **502**, the second switch **504**, the third switch **506**, and the fourth switch **508** are P-type TFTs.

In the first time period, the compensation current I_{ref} compensates the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**. In the second time period, the storage unit **20** stores the data voltage V_{data} , and in the third time period, releases both the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} to control the driving voltage V_{dd} to drive the OLED **10** to emit light. The first switch **502** has the gate connected to the gate of the driving switch **40**, the source connected to the source of the driving switch **40**, and the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model with the same threshold voltage V_{th} drift. Thus, compensating the first switch **502** is to compensate the driving switch **40**. The compensation current I_{ref} and the data signal V_d are independently applied to the pixel driving circuit. Without affecting the data signal, the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40** is compensated and the current through the OLED **10** is stable, leading to uniform luminance of the display panel.

The present invention also provides a display panel comprising the aforementioned pixel driving circuit.

The present invention also provides a pixel driving method, to be realized through the pixel driving circuit provided by the present invention. Specifically, the pixel driving circuit comprises: a driving power source, an OLED **10**, a driving switch **40**, a first switch **502**, a second switch **504**, a storage unit **20** and a control circuit **30**; the driving switch **40** being connected between the driving power source and the OLED **10**; the first switch **502** being connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch **40**, and being a transistor of the same model as the driving switch; the control circuit **30** being connected between a drain and a source of the first switch **502**; the storage unit **20** being connected between a source of the second switch **504** and a gate of the first switch **502**. In the present embodiment,

the first switch **502**, the second switch **504**, the third switch **506**, and the fourth switch **508** are N-type TFTs.

In combination of FIG. 2, the pixel driving method of the present invention comprises the following steps:

S101: in a first time period **t1**, in combination of FIG. 3, loading in a first control signal V_{s1} and a second control signal V_{s2} , wherein the first control signal V_{s1} and the second control signal V_{s2} are both at high voltage so as to make the second switch **504** and the control circuit **30** conductive. The control circuit **30** loads in a compensation current I_{ref} to compensate threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and stores a compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**.

In the present embodiment, when the control circuit **30** is conductive, the gate and the drain of the first switch **502** are shorted, and the first switch **502** is equivalent to a diode. The compensation current I_{ref} flows through the first switch **502**, i.e., $I_{ds}=I_{ref}$. According to equation (1), the voltage difference between the gate and the source of the first switch **502** is:

$$V_{gs}=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}$$

Furthermore, because:

$$V_{gs}=V_g-V_s$$

$$V_s=V_{oled}$$

$$\text{Thus, } V_g=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}$$

Wherein, V_g is the potential of the gate of the first switch **502**, V_s is the potential of the source of the first switch **502**, and V_{oled} is the potential of the OLED **10**.

Furthermore, assume that the storage unit **20** comprises a first connection end A and a second connection end B. The first connection end A has a potential V_A equal to the potential of the gate V_g of the first switch **502**. That is,

$$V_A=V_g=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}$$

The second connection end B has a potential V_B being a reference voltage V_{ref} passing through the second switch **504**. That is,

$$V_B=V_{ref}$$

The reference V_{ref} is a reference value, for subsequent comparison with data voltage V_{data} .

Therefore, in the first time period **t1**, the potentials at the two ends of the storage unit **20** are $V_A=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}$ and $V_B=V_{ref}$ respectively. The compensation current I_{ref} compensating the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502** is stored in a compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**. Because the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model, in subsequent third time period (light-emitting phase), the compensation to the first switch **502** is equivalent to the compensation to the driving switch **40**.

S102: in a second time period **t2**, in combination with FIG. 4, loading in the first control signal V_{s1} and the second control signal V_{s2} , wherein the first control signal V_{s1} is low voltage and the second control signal V_{s2} high voltage so that the second switch **504** is conductive and the control circuit is cut off. The data line outputs the data signal V_d through the second switch **504** to the storage unit **20**, and stores in the form of V_{data} in the storage unit **20**. In the mean time, the second connection end B of the storage unit **20** has the potential $V_B=V_d=V_{data}$, because the potentials at the two ends of the storage unit **20** cannot independently change suddenly, the potential V_A of the first connection end A of the storage unit also changed by the same amount. Specifically,

the amount of change in potential is $V_{data}-V_{ref}$, therefore, the potential of the first connection end A of the storage unit **20**:

$$V_A=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}+V_{data}-V_{ref}$$

Accordingly, in the second time period **t2**, the potentials of the two ends of the storage unit **20** are $V_A=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}+V_{data}-V_{ref}$ and $V_B=V_{data}$ respectively; the storage unit **20** stores the data voltage V_{data} for subsequent third time period (light-emitting phase) to control the driving switch **40** to make OLED **10** emit light.

In the third time period **t3**, in combination with FIG. 5, loading in the first control signal V_{s1} and the second control signal V_{s2} , wherein the first control signal V_{s1} and the second control signal V_{s2} are both low voltages, and the second switch **504** and the control circuit **30** are both cut off. The storage unit **20** applies the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} to the gate of the driving switch **40**, and the driving power source drives the OLED **10** to emit light. Specifically, the storage unit **20** discharges, and the potential V_A of the first connection end A of the storage unit $V_A=(I_{ds}/K)^{1/2}+V_{th}+V_{oled}+V_{data}-V_{ref}$ comprising the compensation voltage for compensating the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40** in the first time period **t1** and the data voltage V_{data} of the data signal V_d provided by the data line. As such, the current flowing through the OLED **10** is stable and the luminance for the display panel is uniform.

In the first time period **t1**, the compensation current I_{ref} compensates the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**. In the second time period **t2**, the storage unit **20** stores the data voltage V_{data} , and in the third time period **t3**, releases both the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} to control the driving voltage V_{dd} to drive the OLED **10** to emit light. The first switch **502** has the gate connected to the gate of the driving switch **40**, the source connected to the source of the driving switch **40**, and the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model with the same threshold voltage V_{th} drift. Thus, compensating the first switch **502** is to compensate the driving switch **40**. The compensation current I_{ref} and the data signal V_d are independently applied to the pixel driving circuit. Without affecting the data signal, the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40** is compensated and the current through the OLED **10** is stable, leading to uniform luminance of the display panel.

In the present embodiment, the control circuit **30** comprises: a compensation current output end, a third switch **506**, and a fourth switch **508**. The compensation current output end is for outputting the compensation current I_{ref} ; the compensation current I_{ref} flows passing the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** and to the first switch **502**. Moreover, the third switch **506** is connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch **502**, and the fourth switch **508** is connected between the compensation current output end and the gate of the first switch **502**. The gate of the third switch **506** and the gate of the fourth switch **508** are for inputting the second control signal V_{s2} . Under the control of the second control signal V_{s2} , the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** maintain the same conduction/cut-off state simultaneously. When both the third switch **506** and the fourth switch **508** are conductive, the gate and the drain of the first switch **502** are shorted, and the first switch **502** is equivalent to a diode. The compensation current I_{ref} flows through the first switch **502** to compensate the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first

switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**, for subsequent (in the third time period) compensation of the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40**.

In another embodiment, the first switch **502**, the second switch **504**, the third switch **506**, and the fourth switch **508** are N-type TFTs. In other embodiments, the first switch **502**, the second switch **504**, the third switch **506**, and the fourth switch **508** are P-type TFTs.

In a preferred embodiment, a transitional time period is provided between the first time period **t1** and the second time period **t2**, and between the second time period **t2** and the third time period **t3**, for reserving time to propagate the first control signal V_{s1} , the second control signal V_{s2} , and the data signal V_d .

In the first time period **t1**, the compensation current I_{ref} compensates the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the first switch **502**, and is stored in a form of compensation voltage in the storage unit **20**. In the second time period **t2**, the storage unit **20** stores the data voltage V_{data} , and in the third time period **t3**, releases both the compensation voltage and the data voltage V_{data} to control the driving voltage V_{dd} to drive the OLED **10** to emit light. The first switch **502** has the gate connected to the gate of the driving switch **40**, the source connected to the source of the driving switch **40**, and the first switch **502** and the driving switch **40** are transistors of the same model with the same threshold voltage V_{th} drift. Thus, compensating the first switch **502** is to compensate the driving switch **40**. The compensation current I_{ref} and the data signal V_d are independently applied to the pixel driving circuit. Without affecting the data signal, the threshold voltage V_{th} drift of the driving switch **40** is compensated and the current through the OLED **10** is stable, leading to uniform luminance of the display panel.

Embodiments of the present invention have been described, but not intending to impose any unduly constraint to the appended claims. Any modification of equivalent structure or equivalent process made according to the disclosure and drawings of the present invention, or any application thereof, directly or indirectly, to other related fields of technique, is considered encompassed in the scope of protection defined by the claims of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A pixel driving circuit, comprising:

a driving switch, connected between a driving power source and an organic light-emitting diode (OLED);
a first switch, connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of a same model as the driving switch;

a control circuit, connected between a drain and a source of the first switch, for inputting a first control signal and outputting a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch;

a storage unit, connected between a source of a second switch and a gate of the first switch, for storing a compensation voltage of the compensation current provided to the first switch;

the second switch having a gate for inputting a second control signal and a drain for inputting a data signal, the storage unit being for storing a data voltage generated by the data signal;

the storage unit being for applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to the driving switch;

wherein the control circuit comprises:

a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current;

a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal;

a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the source of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal.

2. The pixel driving circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

3. The pixel driving circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

4. A display panel, comprising a pixel driving circuit, and the pixel driving circuit comprising:

a driving switch, connected between a driving power source and an organic light-emitting diode (OLED);

a first switch, connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of a same model as the driving switch;

a control circuit, connected between a drain and a source of the first switch, for inputting a first control signal and outputting a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch;

a storage unit, connected between a source of a second switch and a gate of the first switch, for storing a compensation voltage of the compensation current provided to the first switch;

the second switch having a gate for inputting a second control signal and a drain for inputting a data signal, the storage unit being for storing a data voltage generated by the data signal;

the storage unit being for applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to the driving switch;

wherein the control circuit comprises:

a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current;

a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal;

a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the source of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal.

5. The display panel as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

6. The display panel as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

7. A pixel driving method, providing a pixel driving circuit, the pixel driving circuit comprising: a driving power source, an organic light-emitting diode (OLED), a driving switch, a first switch, a second switch, a storage unit and a control circuit; the driving switch being connected between the driving power source and the OLED; the first switch being connected between a source and a drain of the driving switch, and being a transistor of a same model as the driving switch; the control circuit being connected between a drain and a source of the first switch; the storage unit being connected between a source of the second switch and a gate of the first switch; the method comprising:

in a first time period, loading in a first control signal and a second control signal, conducting the second switch and the control circuit, the control circuit loading in a compensation current to compensate threshold voltage drift of the first switch, and storing a compensation voltage in the storage unit;

in a second time period, loading in the first control signal and the second control signal, conducting the second switch and cutting off the control circuit, outputting a data signal to the storage unit, and the storage unit storing a data voltage generated by the data signal; 5
 in the third time period, loading in the first control signal and the second control signal, cutting off the second switch and the control circuit, the storage unit applying the compensation voltage and the data voltage to a gate of the driving switch, the driving power source driving 10
 the OLED to emit light;

wherein the control circuit comprises:

- a compensation current output end, for outputting the compensation current;
- a third switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the drain of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal; 15
- a fourth switch, connected between the compensation current output end and the source of the first switch, and having a gate for inputting the first control signal. 20

8. The pixel driving method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, and the fourth switch are N-type thin film transistors (TFT).

9. The pixel driving method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first switch, the second switch, the third switch, 25
 and the fourth switch are P-type thin film transistors (TFT).

10. The pixel driving method as claimed in claim 7, wherein a transitional time period is provided between the first time period and the second time period, and between the second time period and the third time period, for reserving 30
 time to propagate the first control signal, the second control signal, and the data signal.

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本发明公开了一种像素驱动电路，包括：驱动开关，连接在驱动电源和OLED之间；第一开关，连接在驱动开关的源极和漏极之间，并且是与驱动开关相同型号的晶体管；控制电路，连接在第一开关的漏极和源极之间，用于输入第一控制信号并输出补偿电流以补偿第一开关的阈值电压漂移；存储单元，连接在第二开关的源极和第一开关的栅极之间，用于存储补偿第一开关的补偿电流的补偿电压；第二开关的栅极用于输入第二控制信号，漏极用于输入数据信号，该存储单元用于存储由数据信号产生的数据电压。公开了一种显示面板和像素驱动方法。

