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(54) **Emission control line driver and organic light emitting display using the same**

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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to an emission control line driver and an organic light emitting display using the same.

[0002] Recently, various flat panel displays (FPDs) with reduced weight and volume as compared to cathode ray tube (CRT) displays have been developed. The FPDs include a liquid crystal display (LCD), a field emission display (FED), a plasma display panel (PDP), and an organic light emitting display.

[0003] Among the FPDs, the organic light emitting display displays an image using organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs) that generate light by re-combination of electrons and holes. The organic light emitting display has a fast response speed and is driven with low power consumption. A typical organic light emitting display supplies current corresponding to data signals to the OLEDs by using transistors formed in pixels so that light is emitted by the OLEDs.

[0004] The typical organic light emitting display includes a data driver for supplying the data signals to data lines, a scan driver for sequentially supplying scan signals to scan lines, an emission control line driver for supplying emission control signals to emission control lines, and a display unit including a plurality of pixels coupled to the data lines, the scan lines, and the emission control lines.

[0005] The pixels included in the display unit are selected, when the scan signals are supplied to the scan lines, to receive the data signals from the data lines. The pixels that receive the data signals generate light with brightness (e.g., predetermined brightness) corresponding to the data signals and display a predetermined image. Here, the emission times of the pixels are controlled by the emission control signals that are supplied from the emission control lines. In general, the emission control signals are supplied to overlap the scan signals that are supplied to one scan line or two scan lines to set the pixels, to which the data signals are supplied, in a non-emission state.

[0006] Therefore, the emission control line driver includes stages coupled to the emission control lines. The stages receive at least four clock signals and output high or low voltages to output lines.

[0007] However, since the stages included in the typical emission control line driver are driven by at least four clock signals, a large number of transistors are included. Therefore, manufacturing cost increases and it is difficult to secure the reliability of driving. In addition, when the emission control line driver is formed of a PMOS transistor, a low level output is unstable.

[0008] To be specific, when a low signal is supplied to an emission control line, the gate electrode of the transistor that outputs the low signal is maintained at a lower voltage than the low signal. However, the voltage of the gate electrode of the transistor increases due to leakage current and the output of the low signal is unstable.

[0009] US 2009/225068 A1, US 2007/262935 A1 and US 2010/188316 A1 disclose emission control and data drivers for use on OLED displays.

[0010] Accordingly, embodiments of the present invention are directed toward an emission control line driver capable of securing the stability of an output and of freely controlling the width of emission control signals, and an organic light emitting display using the same.

[0011] According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided an emission control driver for controlling emission times of pixels of an OLED display according to claim 1. Preferred embodiments are defined in the dependent claims. According to the emission control line driver illustrated in the embodiments of the present invention and the organic light emitting display using the same, the voltage of the gate electrode of the transistor that outputs the low signal is periodically reduced using the clock signal so that the stability of an output may be secured. In addition, according to the embodiments of the present invention, the width of the emission control signal may be controlled to correspond to the width of the start signal. Furthermore, according to the embodiments of the present invention, since the stages receive three clock signals, the circuit structure may be simplified.

[0012] 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.

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating an organic light emitting display according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram schematically illustrating stages of an emission control line driver of **FIG. 1**;

FIG. 3 is a circuit diagram illustrating a first embodiment of one of the stages of **FIG. 2**;

FIG. 4 is a waveform chart illustrating the operation processes of one of the stages of **FIG. 3**;

FIG. 5 is a circuit diagram illustrating a second embodiment of one of the stages of **FIG. 2**; and

FIG. 6 is a circuit diagram illustrating a third embodiment of one of the stages of **FIG. 2**.

[0013] Referring to **FIG. 1**, the organic light emitting display according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a display unit 40 that includes pixels 50 positioned at the crossing regions of scan lines S1 to Sn, data lines D1 to Dm, and emission control lines E1 to En, a scan driver 10 for driving the scan lines S1 to Sn, a data driver 20 for driving the data lines D1 to Dm, an emission control line driver 30 for driving the emission control lines E1 to En, and a timing controller 60 for controlling the drivers 10, 20, and 30.

[0014] The scan driver 10 sequentially supplies scan signals to the scan lines S1 to Sn. When the scan signals are supplied to the scan lines S1 to Sn, the pixels 50 are selected in units of horizontal lines (e.g., line-by-line).

[0015] The data driver 20 supplies data signals to the

data lines D1 to Dm in synchronization with the scan signals. The data signals supplied to the data lines D1 to Dm are supplied to the pixels 50 that are selected by the scan signals.

[0016] The emission control line driver 30 sequentially supplies emission control signals to the emission control lines E1 to En. Here, the emission control line driver 30 supplies the emission control signals so that the pixels 50 are set in a non-emission state during a period when the voltages corresponding to the data signals are charged. Therefore, the emission control signal supplied to the ith (i is a natural number) emission control line Ei overlaps the scan signal supplied to the ith scan line Si. On the other hand, the width of the emission control signal may be suitably set to correspond to the structure of the pixel 50 and the brightness to be realized.

[0017] FIG. 2 is a block diagram schematically illustrating stages of the emission control line driver of FIG. 1.

[0018] Referring to FIG. 2, the emission control line driver 30 according to an embodiment of the present invention includes n stages 321 to 32n in order to supply emission control signals to the n emission control lines E1 to En. The stages 321 to 32n are coupled (connected) to the emission control lines E1 to En, respectively, and are driven by three clock signals CLK1, CLK2, and CLK3.

[0019] Each of the stages 321 to 32n includes a first input terminal 33, a second input terminal 34, a third input terminal 35, and a fourth input terminal 36.

[0020] The first input terminal 33 of a kth (k is an odd or even number) stage 32k receives the first clock signal CLK1 and the second input terminal 34 receives the second clock signal CLK2. The first input terminal 33 of a (k+1)th stage 32k+1 receives the second clock signal CLK2, and the second input terminal 34 receives the first clock signal CLK1. The third clock signal CLK3 is supplied to the third input terminal 35 of each of the stages 321 to 32n, and a start signal FLM or a sampling signal of a previous stage is supplied to the fourth input terminal 36.

[0021] The stages 321 to 32n may be formed of the same circuit and generate the emission control signals having width that is changed to correspond to the start signal FLM.

[0022] FIG. 3 is a circuit diagram illustrating a first embodiment of one of the stages of FIG. 2. In FIG. 3, for convenience, the first stage 321 will be illustrated.

[0023] Referring to FIG. 3, the stage 321, according to the first embodiment of the present invention, includes a first transistor M1, a second transistor M2, a third transistor M3, a fourth transistor M4, a first capacitor C1, a second capacitor C2, a first controller 100, and a second controller 102.

[0024] The first transistor M1 is coupled between a first output terminal 37 and a first power source VDD. The gate electrode of the first transistor M1 is coupled to a first node N1. The first transistor M1 controls the voltage of the first output terminal 37 to correspond to the voltage applied to the first node N1. Here, when the first transistor M1 is turned on, the first power source VDD (e.g., a high

voltage) is supplied to the first output terminal 37. Since the first output terminal 37 is coupled to the emission control line E1, the high voltage supplied to the first output terminal 37 is used as an emission control signal.

[0025] The second transistor M2 is coupled between the first output terminal 37 and a second power source VSS. The gate electrode of the second transistor M2 is coupled to a second node N2. The second transistor M2 controls the voltage of the first output terminal 37 to correspond to the voltage applied to the second node N2. Here, when the second transistor M2 is turned on, the second power source VSS (e.g., a low voltage) is supplied to the first output terminal 37.

[0026] The third transistor M3 is coupled between the fourth input terminal 36 and the first node N1. The gate electrode of the third transistor M3 is coupled to the first input terminal 33. The third transistor M3 is turned on or off to correspond to the first clock signal CLK1 supplied to the first input terminal 33. When the third transistor M3 is turned on, the fourth input terminal 36 and the first node N1 are electrically coupled to each other. When the start signal FLM (or a previous stage sampling signal) is supplied to the fourth input terminal 36, the first transistor M1 is turned on.

[0027] The fourth transistor M4 is coupled between the first power source VDD and the second node N2. The gate electrode of the fourth transistor M4 is coupled to the first node N1. The fourth transistor M4 is turned on or off to correspond to the voltage that is applied to the first node N1 in order to control the voltage of the second node N2. That is, the fourth transistor M4 is turned on when a low voltage is applied to the first node N1 in order to supply the voltage of the first power source VDD to the second node N2. When the low voltage is supplied to the first node N1, the high voltage of the first power source VDD is supplied to the second node N2 so that the first transistor M1 and the second transistor M2 are turned on or off at different times.

[0028] The first capacitor C1 is coupled between the second input terminal 34 and the second node N2. The first capacitor C1 controls the voltage of the second node N2 to correspond to the second clock signal CLK2 supplied to the second input terminal 34. The operation processes of the first capacitor C1 will be described later in more detail.

[0029] The second capacitor C2 is coupled between the first node N1 and the first power source VDD. The second capacitor C2 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning on or off of the first transistor M1.

[0030] A first controller 100 supplies a sampling signal to a second output terminal 38 to correspond to the first clock signal CLK1 and the second clock signal CLK2. Therefore, the first controller 100 includes a fifth transistor M5, a sixth transistor M6, a seventh transistor M7, a third capacitor C3, and a fourth capacitor C4.

[0031] The fifth transistor M5 is coupled between the fourth input terminal 36 and a third node N3. The gate electrode of the fifth transistor M5 is coupled to the first

input terminal 33. The fifth transistor M5 is turned on or off to correspond to the first clock signal CLK1 supplied to the first input terminal 33 in order to control the voltage of the third node N3.

[0032] The sixth transistor M6 is coupled between a sixth node N6 and the second input terminal 34. The gate electrode of the sixth transistor M6 is coupled to the third node N3. The sixth transistor M6 controls the voltage of the sixth node N6 to correspond to the voltage applied to the third node N3.

[0033] The seventh transistor M7 is coupled between the first power source VDD and the sixth node N6. The gate electrode of the seventh transistor M7 is coupled to the first output terminal 37. The seventh transistor M7 is turned on or off to correspond to the voltage applied to the first output terminal 37 in order to control the voltage of the sixth node N6.

[0034] The third capacitor C3 is coupled between the third node N3 and the sixth node N6. The third capacitor C3 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning on or turning off of the sixth transistor M6.

[0035] The fourth capacitor C4 is coupled between the first power source VDD and the first output terminal 37. The fourth capacitor C4 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning on or off of the seventh transistor M7.

[0036] In FIG. 3, the second output terminal 38 is coupled to the sixth node N6. The second output terminal 38 supplies the voltage applied to the sixth node N6 as a sampling signal to a next stage 322.

[0037] The second controller 102 controls the voltage of the second node N2 to correspond to the first clock signal CLK1 and the third clock signal CLK3. Here, in a period when the emission control signal is not supplied to the first output terminal 37, the second controller 102 maintains the voltage of the second node N2 as a low voltage. In FIG. 3, the second controller 102 includes an eighth transistor M8, a ninth transistor M9, a tenth transistor M10, an eleventh transistor M11, and a fifth capacitor C5.

[0038] The eighth transistor M8 is coupled between the first input terminal 33 and a fourth node N4. The gate electrode of the eighth transistor M8 is coupled to the first node N1. The eighth transistor M8 is turned on or off to correspond to the voltage applied to the first node N1 in order to control the voltage of the fourth node N4.

[0039] The ninth transistor M9 is coupled between the fourth node N4 and the second power source VSS. The gate electrode of the ninth transistor M9 is coupled to the first input terminal 33. The ninth transistor M9 is turned on or off to correspond to the first clock signal CLK1 supplied to the first input terminal 33 in order to control the voltage of the fourth node N4.

[0040] The tenth transistor M10 is coupled between the second node N2 and a fifth node N5. The gate electrode of the tenth transistor M10 is coupled to a third input terminal 35. The tenth transistor M10 is turned on or off to correspond to the third clock signal CLK3 supplied to

the third input terminal 35 in order to control the voltage of the second node N2.

[0041] The eleventh transistor M11 is coupled between the fifth node N5 and the third input terminal 35. The gate electrode of the eleventh transistor M11 is coupled to the fourth node N4. The eleventh transistor M11 is turned on or off to correspond to the voltage applied to the fourth node N4 in order to control the voltage of the fifth node N5.

[0042] The fifth capacitor C5 is coupled between the fourth node N4 and the fifth node N5. The fifth capacitor C5 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning on or off of the eleventh transistor M11.

[0043] FIG. 4 is a waveform chart illustrating the operation processes of the stage of FIG. 3.

[0044] Referring to FIG. 4, the first clock signal CLK1 and the second clock signal CLK2 are supplied in the period of iH (i is a natural number, e.g., a horizontal period), and the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied in the period of $i/2H$. In FIG. 4, for convenience sake, the first clock signal CLK1 and the second clock signal CLK2 are set in the period of $2H$ and the third clock signal CLK3 is set in the period of $1H$.

[0045] In FIG. 4, the first clock signal CLK1 and the second clock signal CLK2 are supplied in different horizontal periods H , and the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied every horizontal period H so that the first clock signal CLK1 does not overlap the third clock signal CLK3. Then, in the horizontal period H , after the first clock signal CLK1 or the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied. That is, in an exemplary horizontal period, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied after the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied. In the next horizontal period, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied after the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied.

[0046] Operation processes will be described in more detail as follows. First, the start signal FLM (e.g., the low signal) is supplied to the fourth input terminal 36. After the start signal FLM is supplied to the fourth input terminal 36, the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied to the first input terminal 33. When the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied, the third transistor M3, the fifth transistor M5, and the ninth transistor M9 are turned on.

[0047] When the third transistor M3 is turned on, the start signal FLM is supplied to the first node N1. When the start signal FLM is supplied to the first node N1, the first transistor M1, the fourth transistor M4, and the eighth transistor M8 are turned on. When the first transistor M1 is turned on, the voltage corresponding to the turning on of the first transistor M1 is charged at the second capacitor C2.

[0048] When the first transistor M1 is turned on, the voltage of the first power source VDD is supplied to the first output terminal 37. In this case, the emission control signal is supplied to the emission control line E1.

[0049] When the fourth transistor M4 is turned on, the first power source VDD is supplied to the second node N2. When the first power source VDD is supplied to the second node N2, the second transistor M2 is turned off.

When the second transistor M2 is turned off, the first power source VDD may be stably supplied to the first output terminal 37.

[0050] When the eighth transistor M8 is turned on, the fourth node N4 and the first input terminal 33 are electrically coupled to each other. Here, since the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied to the first input terminal 33, the fourth node N4 receives a low voltage.

[0051] When the fifth transistor M5 is turned on, the start signal is supplied to the third node N3. When the start signal is supplied to the third node N3, the sixth transistor M6 is turned on. When the sixth transistor M6 is turned on, the sixth node N6 and the second input terminal 34 are electrically coupled to each other. Here, since the second clock signal CLK2 is not supplied to the second input terminal 34, the sixth node N6 maintains a high voltage so that a sampling signal is not supplied to the second output terminal 38. On the other hand, since the sixth transistor M6 is turned on, the voltage corresponding to the turning on of the sixth transistor M6 is charged at the third capacitor C3.

[0052] When the ninth transistor M9 is turned on, the voltage of the second power source VSS is supplied to the fourth node N4. When the second power source VSS is supplied to the fourth node N4, the eleventh transistor M11 is turned on. When the eleventh transistor M11 is turned on, the fifth node N5 and the third input terminal 35 are electrically coupled to each other. Here, since the third clock signal CLK3 is not supplied to the third input terminal 35, the fifth node N5 maintains a high voltage. On the other hand, since the eleventh transistor M11 is turned on, the voltage corresponding to the turning on of the eleventh transistor is charged at the fifth capacitor C5.

[0053] Then, the supply of the first clock signal CLK1 to the first input terminal 33 is stopped. When the supply of the first clock signal CLK1 is stopped, the third transistor M3, the fifth transistor M5, and the ninth transistor M9 are turned off.

[0054] When the third transistor M3 is turned off, the fourth input terminal 36 and the first node N1 are electrically isolated from each other. Here, the first node N1 maintains a low voltage by the second capacitor C2. Therefore, the first transistor M1 maintains a turn on state so that the voltage of the first power source VDD is output to the first output terminal 37. Since the fourth transistor M4 maintains a turn on state by the voltage of the second capacitor C2, the second transistor M2 stably maintains a turn off state.

[0055] When the fifth transistor M5 is turned off, the fourth input terminal 36 and the third node N3 are electrically isolated from each other. Here, the sixth transistor M6 maintains a turn on state to correspond to the voltage charged at the third capacitor C3 so that the second output terminal 38 maintains a previous voltage.

[0056] When the ninth transistor M9 is turned off, the fourth node N4 and the second power source VSS are electrically isolated from each other. Here, since the eighth transistor M8 maintains a turned on state to cor-

respond to the voltage applied to the first node N1, the fourth node N4 and the first input terminal 33 are electrically coupled to each other. Therefore, the voltage of the fourth node N4 increases to the voltage supplied to the first input terminal 33 (e.g., the voltage of a high signal). When the fourth node N4 receives the voltage of the high signal, the eleventh transistor M11 is turned off. Here, the fifth capacitor C5 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning off of the eleventh transistor M11.

[0057] Then, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied to the third input terminal 35. When the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied, the tenth transistor M10 is turned on. When the tenth transistor M10 is turned on, the second node N2 and the fifth node N5 are electrically coupled to each other. At this time, since the fourth transistor M4 maintains a turned on state and the eleventh transistor M11 maintains a turned off state, the second node N2 maintains the voltage of the first power source VDD.

[0058] After the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied, the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied to the second input terminal 34 in the next horizontal period. Here, since the sixth transistor M6 is set in a turn on state, the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied to the sixth node N6. The second clock signal CLK2 supplied to the sixth node N6 as a sampling signal is supplied to the next stage via the second output terminal 38. On the other hand, when the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied to the sixth node N6, the voltage of the third node N3 is reduced by the coupling of the third capacitor C3. Therefore, the sixth transistor M6 stably maintains a turned on state.

[0059] Additionally, the second clock signal CLK2 supplied to the second input terminal 34 is transmitted to the second node N2 by the coupling of the first capacitor C1. Here, since the second node N2 receives the first power source VDD, the voltage of the first power source VDD is maintained without a change in a voltage.

[0060] Then, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied to the third input terminal 35. When the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied, the tenth transistor M10 is turned on. When the tenth transistor M10 is turned on, the second node N2 and the fifth node N5 are electrically coupled to each other. Here, since the fourth transistor M4 maintains a turned on state and the eleventh transistor M11 maintains a turned off state, the second node N2 maintains the voltage of the first power source VDD. After the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied, the supply of the start signal FLM is stopped (e.g., a high voltage) in the next horizontal period, and the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied to the first input terminal 33.

[0061] When the first clock signal CLK1 is supplied, the third transistor M3, the fifth transistor M5, and the ninth transistor M9 are turned on.

[0062] When the third transistor M3 is turned on, the first node N1 and the fourth input terminal 36 are electrically coupled to each other. Here, since a high voltage is supplied to the first node N1, the first transistor M1, the fourth transistor M4, and the eighth transistor M8 are turned off. When the first transistor M1 is turned off, the

first output terminal 37 is set in a floating state. In this case, the first output terminal 37 maintains the high voltage that is an output signal of a previous period.

[0063] Since the emission control signal supplied to the emission control line E1 is supplied to the pixels 50, charging is performed by the capacitors of the pixels. Therefore, although the first output terminal 37 is set in a floating state, the output voltage of a previous period is maintained by the parasitic capacitors of the pixels 50 and the emission control line.

[0064] When the fifth transistor M5 is turned on, a high voltage is supplied to the third node N3 so that the sixth transistor M6 is turned off. When the sixth transistor M6 is turned off, the sixth node N6 and the second input terminal 34 are electrically isolated from each other. Here, the third capacitor C3 is charged with the voltage corresponding to the turning off of the sixth transistor M6.

[0065] When the ninth transistor M9 is turned on, the fourth node N4 and the second power source VSS are electrically coupled to each other. Here, the fourth node N4 receives the voltage of the second power source VSS so that the eleventh transistor M11 is turned on. When the eleventh transistor M11 is turned on, the fifth node N5 and the third input terminal 35 are electrically coupled to each other. On the other hand, the voltage corresponding to the turning on of the eleventh transistor M11 is stored at the fifth capacitor C5.

[0066] Then, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied to the third input terminal 35. When the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied, the tenth transistor M10 is turned on. When the tenth transistor M10 is turned on, the second node N2 and the third input terminal 35 are electrically coupled to each other via the fifth node N5. Here, the third clock signal CLK3 (e.g., a low voltage) is supplied to the second node N2. When the low voltage is supplied to the second node N2, the second transistor M2 is turned on so that the voltage of the second power source VSS is output to the first output terminal 37. In this case, the supply of the emission control signal to the emission control line E1 is stopped. When the second power source VSS is supplied to the first output terminal 37, the seventh transistor M7 is turned on. When the seventh transistor M7 is turned on, the voltage of the first power source VDD is supplied to the sixth node N6.

[0067] According to an embodiment of the present invention, the third clock signal CLK3 may be set as a voltage lower than the second power source VSS so that the second transistor M2 may be stably turned on. Then, the stage 321 outputs the voltage of the first power source VDD to the first output terminal 37 until the next start signal FLM is supplied.

[0068] Additionally, according to embodiments of the present invention, whenever the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied, the voltage of the second node N2 is reduced by the coupling of the first capacitor C1. Therefore, the voltage of the second node N2 stably maintains a low voltage so that the voltage of the second power source VSS may be stably output to the first output terminal 37.

terminal 37.

[0069] On the other hand, a sampling signal is supplied to the next stage in synchronization with the second clock signal CLK2 (In the next stage, the second clock signal CLK2 is supplied to the first input terminal). In this case, the next stage stably outputs the emission control signal using the sampling signal. Additionally, in FIG. 4, it is illustrated that one sampling signal is generated to correspond to the start signal FLM. However, the present invention is not limited to the above. For example, when the start signal FLM overlaps two first clock signals CLK1, two sampling signals are supplied to the next stage. Therefore, according to embodiments of the present invention, the width of the start signal FLM is controlled so that the width of the emission control signal may be freely controlled.

[0070] FIG. 5 is a circuit diagram illustrating a second embodiment of the stage of FIG. 2. In FIG. 5, the same elements as those of FIG. 3 are denoted by the same reference numerals and detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0071] Referring to FIG. 5, the stage 321, according to the second embodiment of the present invention, further includes a twelfth transistor M12 and a thirteenth transistor M13 for bidirectional driving.

[0072] The twelfth transistor M12 is coupled between the fourth input terminal 36 and the third transistor M3. The gate electrode of the twelfth transistor M12 receives a first control signal CS1. The twelfth transistor M12 is turned on when the first control signal CS1 is supplied.

[0073] The thirteenth transistor M13 is coupled between a fifth input terminal 39 and the fifth transistor M5 (or a first controller 100). Then, the gate electrode of the thirteenth transistor M13 receives a second control signal CS2. The thirteenth transistor M13 is turned on when the second control signal CS2 is supplied. The fifth input terminal 39 receives the start signal or the sampling signal of the next stage.

[0074] Here, the first control signal CS1 and the second control signal CS2 are supplied at different times (e.g., not overlapped with each other). For example, when the emission control signals are supplied in a first direction (from top to bottom of a panel), the first control signal CS1 is supplied so that the twelfth transistor M12 is turned on and so that the thirteenth transistor M13 maintains a turned off state. When the emission control signals are supplied in a second direction (from bottom to top of the panel), the second control signal CS2 is supplied so that the thirteenth transistor M13 is turned on and so that the twelfth transistor M12 maintains a turned off state.

[0075] The stage 321, according to the second embodiment of the present invention, further includes the twelfth transistor M12 and the thirteenth transistor M13 for bidirectional driving, and the operation processes are substantially the same as the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. 3.

[0076] FIG. 6 is a circuit diagram illustrating a third embodiment of the stage of FIG. 2. In FIG. 6, the same el-

ements as those of FIG. 3 are denoted by the same reference numerals, and detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0077] Referring to FIG. 6, the stage 321, according to the third embodiment of the present invention, further includes a fourteenth transistor M14 coupled between the first node N1 and the second power source VSS. The fourteenth transistor M14 is turned on to supply the voltage of the second power source VSS to the first node N1 when a reset signal (Reset) is supplied to the gate of the fourteenth transistor M14. When the second power source VSS is supplied to the first node N1, the first transistor M1 is turned on so that the voltage of the first power source VDD is supplied to the first output terminal 37.

[0078] Here, the reset signal (Reset) is commonly supplied to all of the stages 321 to 32n when a power source is turned on and/or off. As described above, when the reset signal (Reset) is supplied and the power source is turned on and/or off, the emission control signals are supplied to the emission control lines E1 to En so that the pixels 50 are set in a non-emission state. That is, according to the third embodiment of the present invention, it is possible to prevent over-current from flowing or unnecessary light from being generated when the power source is turned on and/or off using the reset signal.

[0079] Additionally, in FIG. 2, the third clock signal CLK3 is supplied to all of the stages 321 to 32n. However, the present invention is not limited to the above. For example, the third clock signal CLK3 may be supplied to even and odd stages via different lines. Then, the load of the third clock signal CLK3 is minimized or reduced so that the stability of driving the stages may be improved.

[0080] Although the present invention has been described in connection with certain exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the scope of the appended claims.

Claims

1. An emission control line driver (30) for controlling emission times of pixels of an organic light emitting display, the emission control line driver comprising a plurality of stages (321, 322, 323 ... 32n), wherein each of the stages comprises:

a first transistor (M1) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the first transistor being electrically connected between a first output terminal (37) and a first power source terminal (VDD), the gate electrode of the first transistor being connected to a first node (N1) and the first transistor being configured to be turned on or off and to control a voltage of the

first output terminal (37) according to a voltage applied to the first node (N1), wherein the first output terminal (37) is configured to output the emission control signal of the stage;

a second transistor (M2) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the second transistor being electrically connected between the first output terminal (37) and a second power source terminal (VSS) arranged to receive a voltage that is lower than the voltage received by the first power source terminal (VDD), the gate electrode of the second transistor being connected to a second node (N2) and the second transistor being configured to be turned on or off and to control the voltage of the first output terminal (37) according to a voltage applied to the second node (N2);

a third transistor (M3) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first electrode of the third transistor being electrically connected to a fourth input terminal (36), the second electrode of the third transistor being electrically connected to the first node (N1), and the gate electrode of the third transistor being electrically connected to a first input terminal (33);

a fourth transistor (M4) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the fourth transistor being electrically connected between the first power source terminal (VDD) and the second node (N2), the gate electrode of the fourth transistor being electrically connected to the first node (N1);

a first controller (100) electrically connected to the first input terminal (33), a second input terminal (34), the fourth input terminal (36) and the first output terminal (37), the first controller being configured to supply a sampling signal for a next stage to a second output terminal (38);

a second controller (102) electrically connected to the first input terminal (33), the first node (N1), the second node (N2) and a third input terminal (35), the second controller being configured to control the voltage of the second node (N2); and a first capacitor (C1) electrically connected between the second input terminal (34) and the second node (N2), wherein the first controller (100) comprises:

a fifth transistor (M5) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first electrode of the fifth transistor being electrically connected to the fourth input terminal (36), the second electrode of the fifth transistor being electrically connected to a third node (N3), and the gate elec-

trode of the fifth transistor being electrically connected to the first input terminal (33); a sixth transistor (M6) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the sixth transistor being electrically connected between a sixth node (N6) and the second input terminal (34), and the gate electrode of the sixth transistor being electrically connected to the third node (N3); a seventh transistor (M7) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the seventh transistor being electrically connected between the sixth node (N6) and the first power source terminal (VDD), and the gate electrode of the seventh transistor being electrically connected to the first output terminal (37); a third capacitor (C3) electrically connected between the third node (N3) and the sixth node (N6); and a fourth capacitor (C4) electrically connected between the first output terminal (37) and the first power source terminal (VDD), wherein the second output terminal (38) is electrically connected to the sixth node (N6), and

wherein the second controller (102) comprises:

an eighth transistor (M8) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the eighth transistor being electrically connected between the first input terminal (33) and a fourth node (N4), and the gate electrode of the eighth transistor being electrically connected to the first node (N1); a ninth transistor (M9) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the ninth transistor being electrically connected between the fourth node (N4) and the second power source terminal (VSS), and the gate electrode of the ninth transistor being electrically connected to the first input terminal (33); a tenth transistor (M10) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the tenth transistor being electrically connected between the second node (N2) and a fifth node (N5), the gate electrode of the tenth transistor being electrically connected to the third input terminal (35); an eleventh transistor (M11) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a

gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the eleventh transistor being electrically connected between the fifth node (N5) and the third input terminal (35), and the gate electrode of the eleventh transistor being electrically connected to the fourth node (N4); and a fifth capacitor (C5) electrically connected between the fourth node (N4) and the fifth node (N5).

2. The emission control line driver as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second capacitor (C2) electrically connected between the first node and the first power source terminal.
3. The emission control line driver as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the first input terminal is configured to receive a first clock signal (CLK1), wherein the second input terminal is configured to receive a second clock signal (CLK2), wherein the third input terminal is configured to receive a third clock signal (CLK3), and wherein the fourth input terminal is configured to receive a start signal or the sampling signal of a previous stage.
4. The emission control line driver as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:
 - a twelfth transistor (M12) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the twelfth transistor being electrically connected between the fourth input terminal and the first electrode of the third transistor, the twelfth transistor being configured to be turned on when a first control signal is supplied to the gate electrode of the twelfth transistor; and
 - a thirteenth transistor (M13) comprising a first electrode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the thirteenth transistor being electrically connected between a fifth input terminal (39) and the first electrode of the fifth transistor, the thirteenth transistor being configured to be turned on when a second control signal is supplied to the gate electrode of the thirteenth transistor.
5. The emission control line driver as claimed in claim 4, wherein the fifth input terminal is configured to receive a start signal or the sampling signal of a next stage.
6. The emission control line driver as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, further comprising a fourteenth transistor (M14) comprising a first elec-

trode, a second electrode and a gate electrode, the first and second electrodes of the fourteenth transistor being electrically connected between the first node and the second power source terminal, the fourteenth transistor being configured to be turned on when a reset signal is supplied to the gate electrode of the fourteenth transistor.

7. The emission control line driver as claimed in claim 6, wherein the reset signal is commonly supplied to all of the stages.
8. An organic light emitting display comprising:
- a scan driver (10) configured for sequentially supplying scan signals to scan lines;
 - a data driver (20) configured for supplying data signals to data lines;
 - an emission control line driver (30) according to any one of the preceding claims configured for supplying emission control signals to emission control lines; and
 - pixels positioned at crossing regions of the scan lines, the data lines, and the emission control lines.
9. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first input terminal of an i^{th} stage of the stages is configured to receive a first clock signal, wherein the second input terminal of the i^{th} stage is configured to receive a second clock signal, wherein the third input terminal of the i^{th} stage is configured to receive a third clock signal, and wherein the fourth input terminal of the i^{th} stage is configured to receive a start signal or the sampling signal of a previous stage.
10. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first input terminal of an $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ stage of the stages is configured to receive the second clock signal, wherein the second input terminal of the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ stage is configured to receive the first clock signal, wherein the third input terminal of the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ stage is configured to receive the third clock signal, and wherein the fourth input terminal of the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ stage is configured to receive the start signal or the sampling signal of a previous stage, wherein the third clock signal supplied to the i^{th} stage and the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ stage may be supplied via different transmission lines.

Patentansprüche

1. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung (30) zum Steuern von Emissionszeiten von Pixeln einer organischen lichtemittierenden Anzeige, wobei der Lei-

tungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung eine Mehrzahl von Stufen (321,322, 323 ... 32n) umfasst, wobei jede der Stufen umfasst:

einen ersten Transistor (M1), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des ersten Transistors zwischen einem ersten Ausgangsanschluss (37) und einem ersten Stromquellenanschluss (VDD) elektrisch angeschlossen sind, die Steuerelektrode des ersten Transistors an einen ersten Knoten (N1) angeschlossen ist und der erste Transistor so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein- oder ausgeschaltet wird und eine Spannung des ersten Ausgangsanschlusses (37) steuert gemäß einer an den ersten Knoten (N1) angelegten Spannung, wobei der erste Ausgangsanschluss (37) so konfiguriert ist, dass er das Emissionssteuersignal der Stufe ausgibt;

einen zweiten Transistor (M2), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des zweiten Transistors zwischen dem ersten Ausgangsanschluss (37) und einem zweiten Stromquellenanschluss (VSS), der so angeordnet ist, dass er eine Spannung empfängt, die geringer als die durch den ersten Stromquellenanschluss (VDD) empfangene Spannung ist, elektrisch angeschlossen sind, die Steuerelektrode des zweiten Transistors an einen zweiten Knoten (N2) angeschlossen ist und der zweite Transistor so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein- oder ausgeschaltet wird und die Spannung des ersten Ausgangsanschlusses (37) steuert gemäß einer an den zweiten Knoten (N2) angelegten Spannung;

einen dritten Transistor (M3), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode des dritten Transistors elektrisch an einen vierten Eingangsanschluss (36) angeschlossen ist, die zweite Elektrode des dritten Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Knoten (N1) angeschlossen ist und die Steuerelektrode des dritten Transistors elektrisch an einen ersten Eingangsanschluss (33) angeschlossen ist;

einen vierten Transistor (M4), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des vierten Transistors zwischen dem ersten Stromquellenanschluss (VDD) und dem zweiten Knoten (N2) elektrisch angeschlossen sind, die Steuerelektrode des vierten Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Knoten (N1) angeschlossen ist;

eine erste Steuereinrichtung (100), die elektrisch an den ersten Eingangsanschluss (33),

einen zweiten Eingangsanschluss (34), den vierten Eingangsanschluss (36) und den ersten Ausgangsanschluss (37) angeschlossen ist, wobei die erste Steuereinrichtung so konfiguriert ist, dass sie ein Abtastsignal für eine nächste Stufe an einen zweiten Ausgangsanschluss (38) liefert;

eine zweite Steuereinrichtung (102), die elektrisch an den ersten Eingangsanschluss (33), den ersten Knoten (N1), den zweiten Knoten (N2) und einen dritten Eingangsanschluss (35) angeschlossen ist, wobei die zweite Steuereinrichtung so konfiguriert ist, dass sie die Spannung des zweiten Knotens (N2) steuert; und einen ersten Kondensator (C1), der zwischen dem zweiten Eingangsanschluss (34) und dem zweiten Knoten (N2) elektrisch angeschlossen ist,

wobei die erste Steuereinrichtung (100) umfasst:

einen fünften Transistor (M5), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode des fünften Transistors elektrisch an den vierten Eingangsanschluss (36) angeschlossen ist, die zweite Elektrode des fünften Transistors elektrisch an einen dritten Knoten (N3) angeschlossen ist und die Steuerelektrode des fünften Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Eingangsanschluss (33) angeschlossen ist;

einen sechsten Transistor (M6), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des sechsten Transistors zwischen einem sechsten Knoten (N6) und dem zweiten Eingangsanschluss (34) elektrisch angeschlossen sind und die Steuerelektrode des sechsten Transistors elektrisch an den dritten Knoten (N3) angeschlossen ist;

einen siebenten Transistor (M7), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des siebenten Transistors zwischen dem sechsten Knoten (N6) und dem ersten Stromquellenanschluss (VDD) elektrisch angeschlossen sind und die Steuerelektrode des siebenten Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Ausgangsanschluss (37) angeschlossen ist;

einen dritten Kondensator (C3), der zwischen dem dritten Knoten (N3) und dem sechsten Knoten (N6) elektrisch angeschlossen ist; und

einen vierten Kondensator (C4), der zwi-

schen dem ersten Ausgangsanschluss (37) und dem ersten Stromquellenanschluss (VDD) elektrisch angeschlossen ist, wobei der zweite Ausgangsanschluss (38) elektrisch an den sechsten Knoten (N6) angeschlossen ist und

wobei die zweite Steuereinrichtung (102) umfasst:

einen achten Transistor (M8), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des achten Transistors zwischen dem ersten Eingangsanschluss (33) und einem vierten Knoten (N4) elektrisch angeschlossen sind und die Steuerelektrode des achten Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Knoten (N1) angeschlossen ist;

einen neunten Transistor (M9), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des neunten Transistors zwischen dem vierten Knoten (N4) und dem zweiten Stromquellenanschluss (VSS) elektrisch angeschlossen sind und die Steuerelektrode des neunten Transistors elektrisch an den ersten Eingangsanschluss (33) angeschlossen ist;

einen zehnten Transistor (M10), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des zehnten Transistors zwischen dem zweiten Knoten (N2) und einem fünften Knoten (N5) elektrisch angeschlossen sind, die Steuerelektrode des zehnten Transistors elektrisch an den dritten Eingangsanschluss (35) angeschlossen ist;

einen elften Transistor (M11), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des elften Transistors zwischen dem fünften Knoten (N5) und dem dritten Eingangsanschluss (35) elektrisch angeschlossen sind und die Steuerelektrode des elften Transistors elektrisch an den vierten Knoten (N4) angeschlossen ist; und

einen fünften Kondensator (C5), der zwischen dem vierten Knoten (N4) und dem fünften Knoten (N5) elektrisch angeschlossen ist.

2. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach Anspruch 1, ferner umfassend einen zweiten Kondensator (C2), der zwischen dem ersten Knoten und

- dem ersten Stromquellenanschluss elektrisch angeschlossen ist.
3. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, wobei der erste Eingangsanschluss so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein erstes Taktsignal (CLK1) empfängt, wobei der zweite Eingangsanschluss so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein zweites Taktsignal (CLK2) empfängt, wobei der dritte Eingangsanschluss so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein drittes Taktsignal (CLK3) empfängt, und wobei der vierte Eingangsanschluss so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein Startsignal oder das Abtastsignal einer vorherigen Stufe empfängt.
4. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach einem der vorangehenden Ansprüche, ferner umfassend:
- einen zwölften Transistor (M12), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des zwölften Transistors zwischen dem vierten Eingangsanschluss und der ersten Elektrode des dritten Transistors elektrisch angeschlossen sind, der zwölfte Transistor so konfiguriert ist, dass er eingeschaltet wird, wenn ein erstes Steuersignal an die Steuerelektrode des zwölften Transistors geliefert wird; und
- einen dreizehnten Transistor (M13), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des dreizehnten Transistors zwischen einem fünften Eingangsanschluss (39) und der ersten Elektrode des fünften Transistors elektrisch angeschlossen sind, der dreizehnte Transistor so konfiguriert ist, dass er eingeschaltet wird, wenn ein zweites Steuersignal an die Steuerelektrode des dreizehnten Transistors geliefert wird.
5. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach Anspruch 4, wobei der fünfte Eingangsanschluss so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein Startsignal oder das Abtastsignal einer nächsten Stufe empfängt.
6. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach einem der vorangehenden Ansprüche, ferner umfassend einen vierzehnten Transistor (M14), umfassend eine erste Elektrode, eine zweite Elektrode und eine Steuerelektrode, wobei die erste Elektrode und die zweite Elektrode des vierzehnten Transistors zwischen dem ersten Knoten und dem zweiten Stromquellenanschluss elektrisch angeschlossen sind, der vierzehnte Transistor so konfiguriert ist, dass er eingeschaltet wird, wenn ein Rücksetzsignal
- an die Steuerelektrode des vierzehnten Transistors geliefert wird.
7. Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung nach Anspruch 6, wobei das Rücksetzsignal allgemein an alle Stufen geliefert wird.
8. Organische lichtemittierende Anzeige, umfassend:
- einen Scantreiber (10), konfiguriert für das sequentielle Liefern von Scansignalen an Scanleitungen;
- einen Datentreiber (20), konfiguriert für das Liefern von Datensignalen an Datenleitungen;
- einen Leitungstreiber für die Emissionssteuerung (30) nach einem der vorangehenden Ansprüche, konfiguriert für das Liefern von Emissionssteuersignalen an Emissionssteuerleitungen; und
- Pixel, positioniert an Kreuzungsbereichen der Scanleitungen, der Datenleitungen und der Emissionssteuerleitungen.
9. Organische lichtemittierende Anzeige nach Anspruch 8, wobei der erste Eingangsanschluss einer i-ten Stufe der Stufen so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein erstes Taktsignal empfängt, wobei der zweite Eingangsanschluss der i-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein zweites Taktsignal empfängt, wobei der dritte Eingangsanschluss der i-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein drittes Taktsignal empfängt, und wobei der vierte Eingangsanschluss der i-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er ein Startsignal oder das Abtastsignal einer vorherigen Stufe empfängt.
10. Organische lichtemittierende Anzeige nach Anspruch 9, wobei der erste Eingangsanschluss einer (i+1)-ten Stufe der Stufen so konfiguriert ist, dass er das zweite Taktsignal empfängt, wobei der zweite Eingangsanschluss der (i+1)-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er das erste Taktsignal empfängt, wobei der dritte Eingangsanschluss der (i+1)-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er das dritte Taktsignal empfängt, und wobei der vierte Eingangsanschluss der (i+1)-ten Stufe so konfiguriert ist, dass er das Startsignal oder das Abtastsignal einer vorherigen Stufe empfängt, wobei das an die i-te Stufe und die (i+1)-te Stufe gelieferte dritte Taktsignal über unterschiedliche Übertragungsleitungen geliefert werden kann.

Revendications

1. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission (30) pour commander les temps d'émission des pixels d'un afficheur électroluminescent organique, le dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission comprenant une pluralité d'étages (321, 322, 323, ... 32n), dans lequel chacun des étages comprend :

un premier transistor (M1) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du premier transistor étant connectées électriquement entre une première borne de sortie (37) et une première borne de source de puissance (VDD), l'électrode de grille du premier transistor étant connectée à un premier noeud (N1) et le premier transistor étant configuré pour être mis à l'état passant ou à l'état bloqué et pour commander une tension de la première borne de sortie (37) conformément à une tension appliquée au premier noeud (N1), dans lequel la première borne de sortie (37) est configurée pour délivrer le signal de commande d'émission de l'étage ;

un deuxième transistor (M2) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du deuxième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre la première borne de sortie (37) et une deuxième borne de source de puissance (VSS) agencée pour recevoir une tension qui est inférieure à la tension reçue par la première borne de source de puissance (VDD), l'électrode de grille du deuxième transistor étant connectée à un deuxième noeud (N2) et le deuxième transistor étant configuré pour être mis à l'état passant ou à l'état bloqué et pour commander la tension de la première borne de sortie (37) conformément à une tension appliquée au deuxième noeud (N2) ;

un troisième transistor (M3) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, la première électrode du troisième transistor étant connectée électriquement à une quatrième borne d'entrée (36), la deuxième électrode du troisième transistor étant connectée électriquement au premier noeud (N1), et l'électrode de grille du troisième transistor étant connectée électriquement à une première borne d'entrée (33) ;

un quatrième transistor (M4) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du quatrième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre la première borne de source de puissance (VDD) et le deuxième

noeud (N2), l'électrode de grille du quatrième transistor étant connectée électriquement au premier noeud (N1) ;

un premier contrôleur (100) connecté électriquement à la première borne d'entrée (33), à une deuxième borne d'entrée (34), à la quatrième borne d'entrée (36) et à la première borne de sortie (37), le premier contrôleur étant configuré pour fournir un signal d'échantillonnage pour un étage suivant à une deuxième borne de sortie (38) ;

un deuxième contrôleur (102) connecté électriquement à la première borne d'entrée (33), au premier noeud (N1), au deuxième noeud (N2) et à une troisième borne d'entrée (35), le deuxième contrôleur étant configuré pour commander la tension du deuxième noeud (N2) ; et un premier condensateur (C1) connecté électriquement entre la deuxième borne d'entrée (34) et le deuxième noeud (N2), dans lequel le premier contrôleur (100) comprend :

un cinquième transistor (M5) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, la première électrode du cinquième transistor étant connectée électriquement à la quatrième borne d'entrée (36), la deuxième électrode du cinquième transistor étant connectée électriquement à un troisième noeud (N3), et l'électrode de grille du cinquième transistor étant connectée électriquement à la première borne d'entrée (33) ;

un sixième transistor (M6) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du sixième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre un sixième noeud (N6) et la deuxième borne d'entrée (34), et l'électrode de grille du sixième transistor étant connectée électriquement au troisième noeud (N3) ;

un septième transistor (M7) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du septième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre le sixième noeud (N6) et la première borne de source de puissance (VDD), et l'électrode de grille du septième transistor étant connectée électriquement à la première borne de sortie (37) ;

un troisième condensateur (C3) connecté électriquement entre le troisième noeud (N3) et le sixième noeud (N6) ; et

un quatrième condensateur (C4) connecté électriquement entre la première borne de

sortie (37) et la première borne de source de puissance (VDD), dans lequel la deuxième borne de sortie (38) est connectée électriquement au sixième noeud (N6), et dans lequel le deuxième contrôleur (102) comprend :

un huitième transistor (M8) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du huitième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre la première borne d'entrée (33) et un quatrième noeud (N4), et l'électrode de grille du huitième transistor étant connectée électriquement au premier noeud (N1) ;

un neuvième transistor (M9) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du neuvième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre le quatrième noeud (N4) et la deuxième borne de source de puissance (VSS), et l'électrode de grille du neuvième transistor étant connectée électriquement à la première borne d'entrée (33) ; un dixième transistor (M10) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du dixième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre le deuxième noeud (N2) et un cinquième noeud (N5), l'électrode de grille du dixième transistor étant connectée électriquement à la troisième borne d'entrée (35) ;

un onzième transistor (M11) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du onzième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre le cinquième noeud (N5) et la troisième borne d'entrée (35), et l'électrode de grille du onzième transistor étant connectée électriquement au quatrième noeud (N4) ; et

un cinquième condensateur (C5) connecté électriquement entre le quatrième noeud (N4) et le cinquième noeud (N5).

2. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon la revendication 1, comprenant en

outre un deuxième condensateur (C2) connecté électriquement entre le premier noeud et la première borne de source de puissance.

- 5 3. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la première borne d'entrée est configurée pour recevoir un premier signal d'horloge (CLK1),
10 dans lequel la deuxième borne d'entrée est configurée pour recevoir un deuxième signal d'horloge (CLK2),
dans lequel la troisième borne d'entrée est configurée pour recevoir un troisième signal d'horloge (CLK3), et
15 dans lequel la quatrième borne d'entrée est configurée pour recevoir un signal de début ou le signal d'échantillonnage d'un étage précédent.

- 20 4. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre :

un douzième transistor (M12) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du douzième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre la quatrième borne d'entrée et la première électrode du troisième transistor, le douzième transistor étant configuré pour être mis à l'état passant lorsqu'un premier signal de commande est fourni à l'électrode de grille du douzième transistor ; et

un treizième transistor (M13) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du treizième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre une cinquième borne d'entrée (39) et la première électrode du cinquième transistor, le treizième transistor étant configuré pour être mis à l'état passant lorsqu'un deuxième signal de commande est fourni à l'électrode de grille du treizième transistor.

- 45 5. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon la revendication 4, dans lequel la cinquième borne d'entrée est configurée pour recevoir un signal de début ou le signal d'échantillonnage d'un étage suivant.

6. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre un quatorzième transistor (M14) comprenant une première électrode, une deuxième électrode et une électrode de grille, les première et deuxième électrodes du quatorzième transistor étant connectées électriquement entre le premier noeud et la deuxième borne

- de source de puissance, le quatorzième transistor étant configuré pour être mis à l'état passant lorsqu'un signal de réinitialisation est fourni à l'électrode de grille du quatorzième transistor.
- 5
7. Dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission selon la revendication 6, dans lequel le signal de réinitialisation est appliqué en commun à l'ensemble des étages.
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8. Afficheur électroluminescent organique comprenant :
- un dispositif de commande de balayage (10) configuré pour fournir séquentiellement des signaux de balayage à des lignes de balayage ;
- 15 un dispositif de commande de données (20) configuré pour fournir des signaux de données à des lignes de données ;
- un dispositif de commande de ligne de commande d'émission (30) selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes configuré pour fournir des signaux de commande d'émission à des lignes de commande d'émission ; et
- 20 des pixels positionnés au niveau des régions de croisement des lignes de balayage, des lignes de données et des lignes de commande d'émission.
- 25
9. Afficheur électroluminescent organique selon la revendication 8,
- 30 dans lequel la première borne d'entrée d'un $i^{\text{ème}}$ étage parmi les étages est configurée pour recevoir un premier signal d'horloge,
- 35 dans lequel la deuxième borne d'entrée du $i^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir un deuxième signal d'horloge,
- 40 dans lequel la troisième borne d'entrée du $i^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir un troisième signal d'horloge, et
- 45 dans lequel la quatrième borne d'entrée du $i^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir un signal de début ou le signal d'échantillonnage d'un étage précédent.
10. Afficheur électroluminescent organique selon la revendication 9,
- 45 dans lequel la première borne d'entrée d'un $(i+1)^{\text{ème}}$ étage parmi les étages est configurée pour recevoir le deuxième signal d'horloge,
- 50 dans lequel la deuxième borne d'entrée du $(i+1)^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir le premier signal d'horloge,
- 55 dans lequel la troisième borne d'entrée du $(i+1)^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir le troisième signal d'horloge, et
- 60 dans lequel la quatrième borne d'entrée du $(i+1)^{\text{ème}}$ étage est configurée pour recevoir le signal de début ou le signal d'échantillonnage d'un étage précédent,

dans lequel le troisième signal d'horloge fourni au $i^{\text{ème}}$ étage et au $(i+1)^{\text{ème}}$ étage peut être fourni par l'intermédiaire de différentes lignes de transmission.

FIG. 1

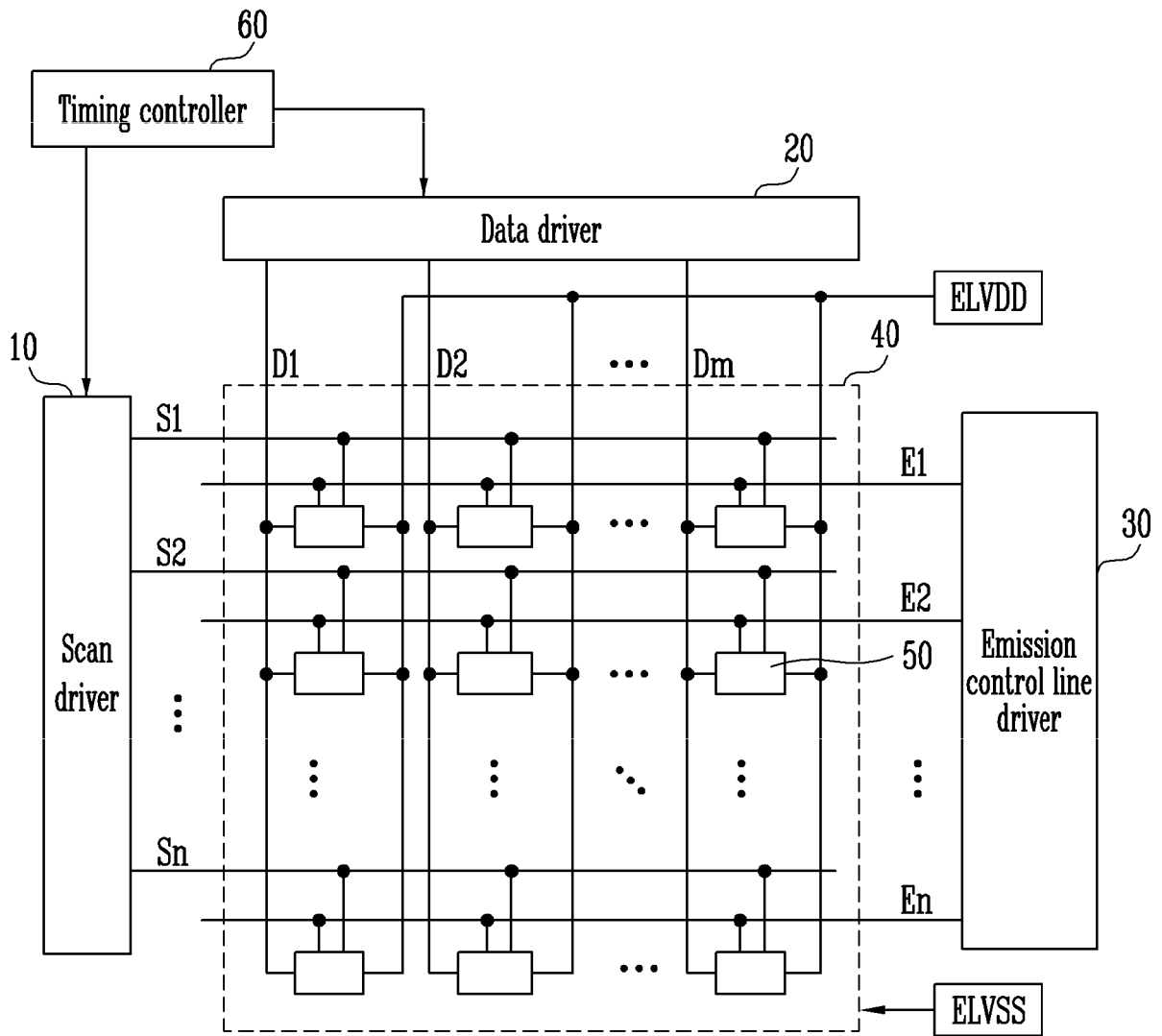


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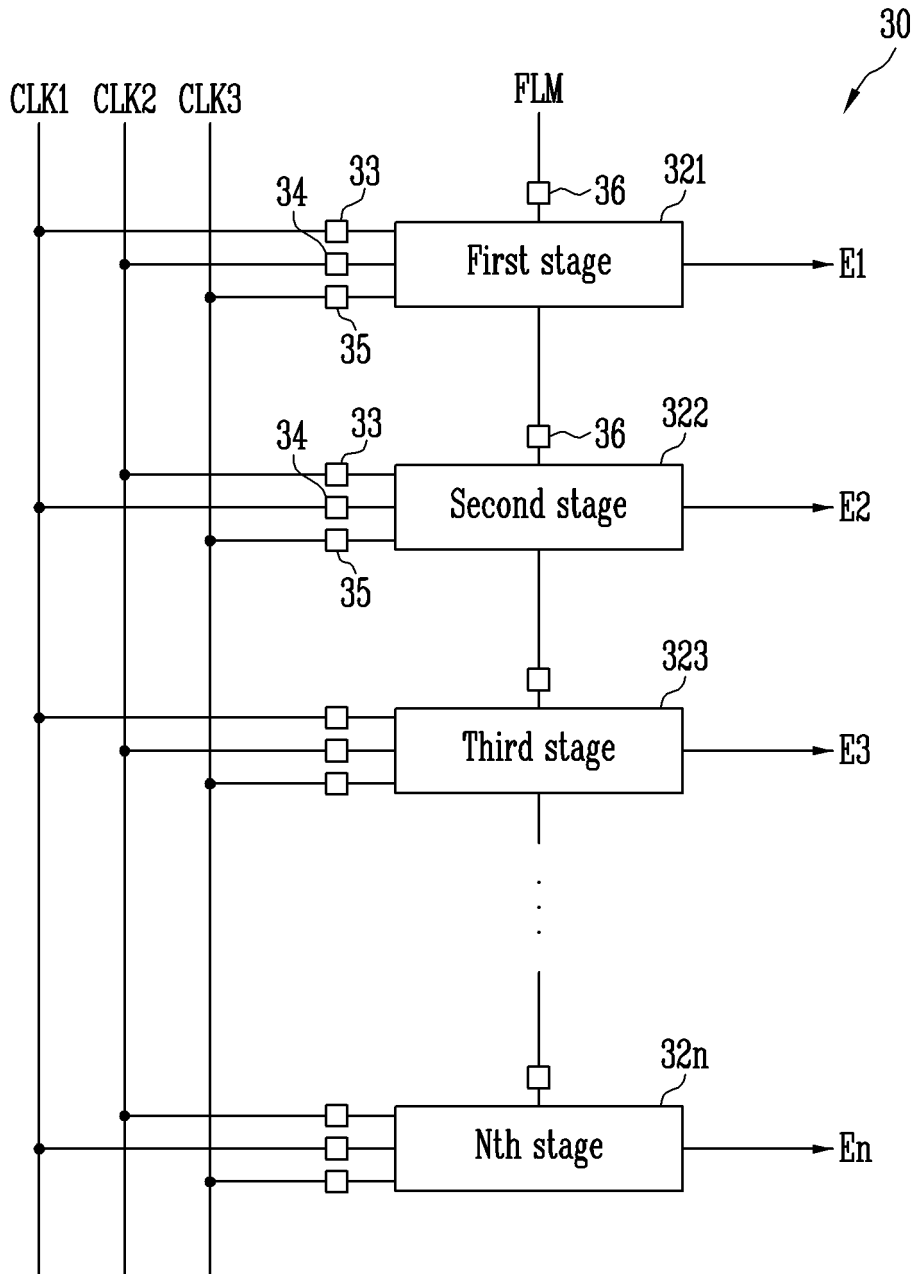


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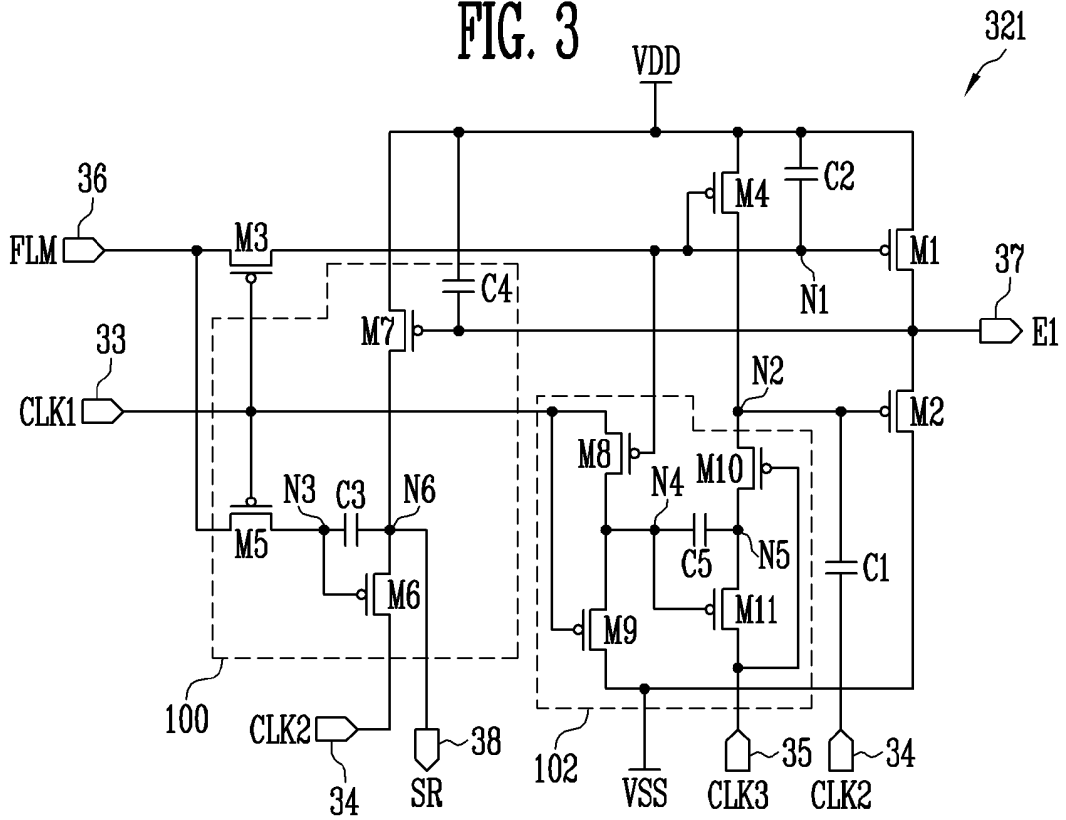


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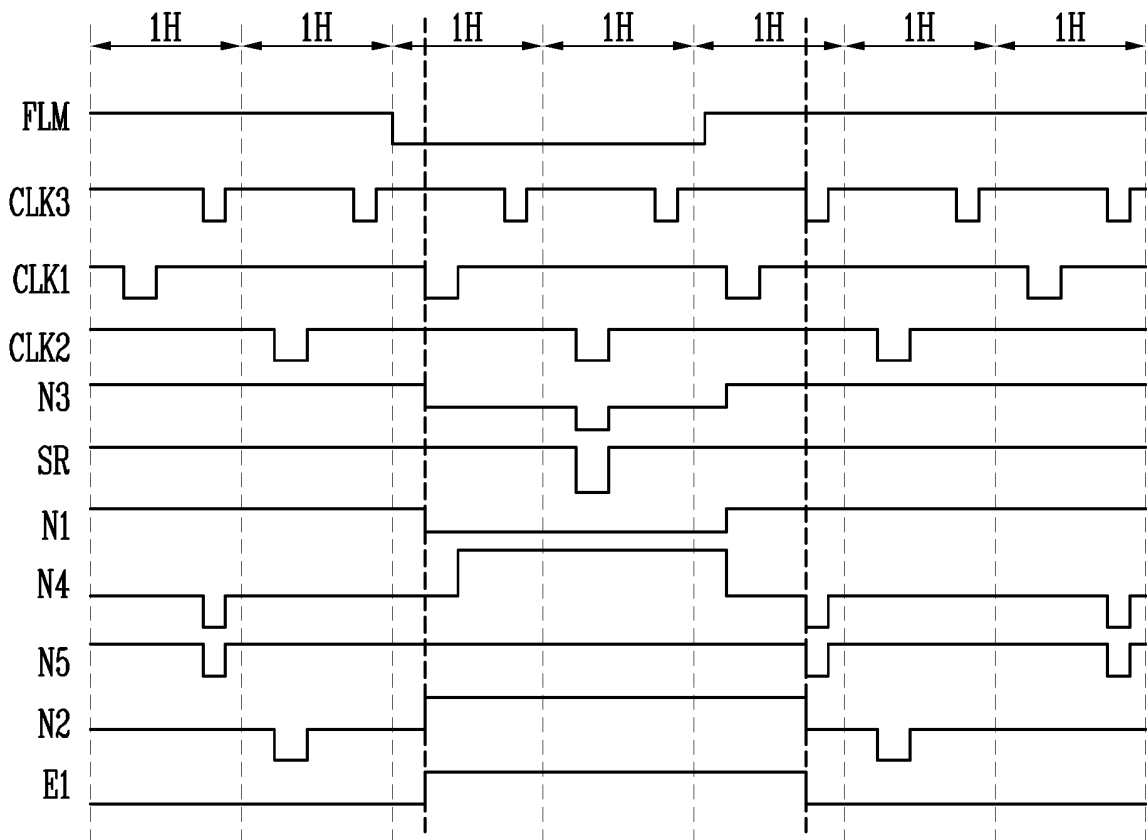


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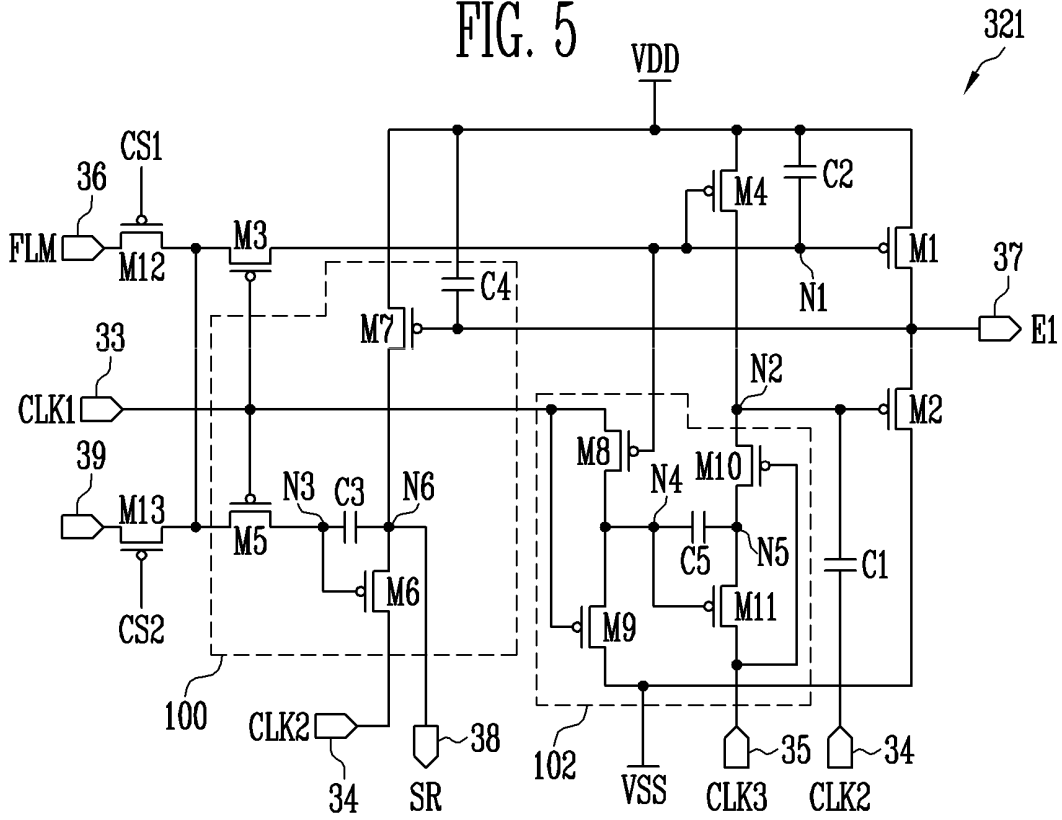
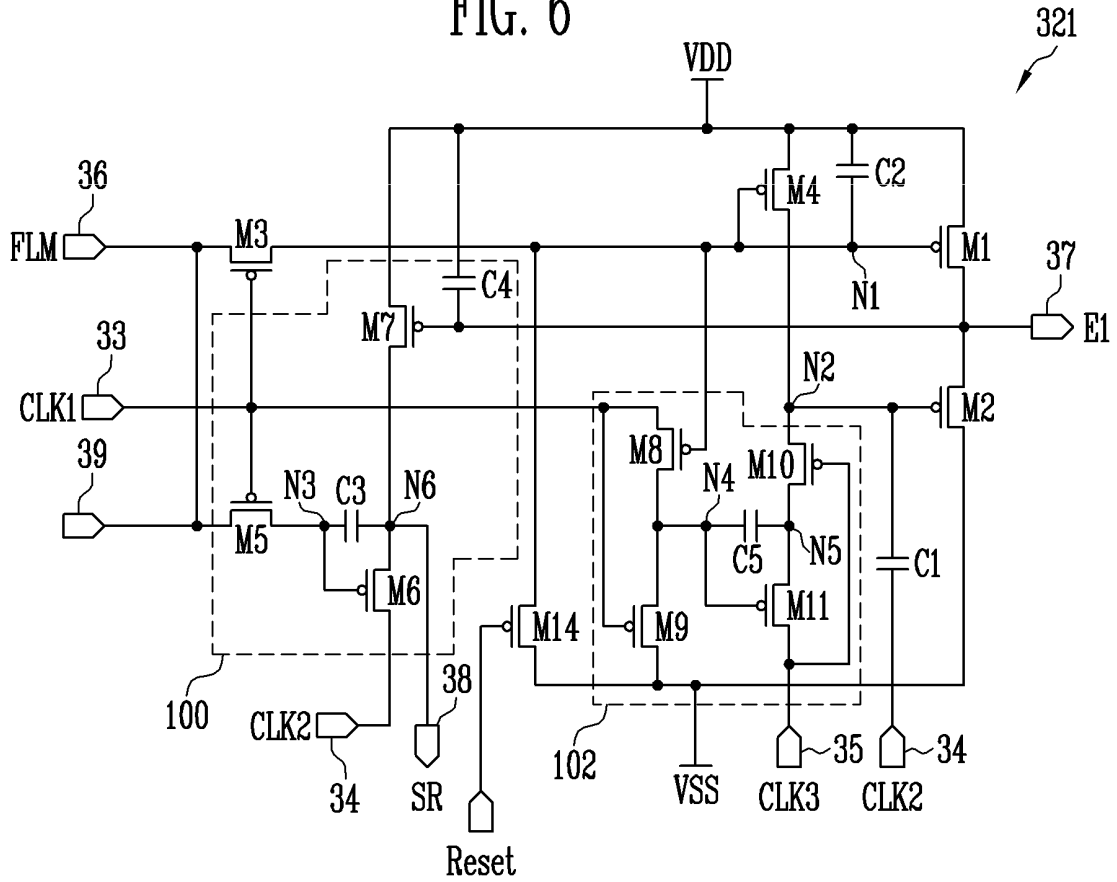


FIG. 6



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摘要(译)

发射控制线驱动器能够确保输出的稳定性并且能够自由地控制发射控制信号的宽度。发射控制线驱动器包括分别耦合到发射控制线 (E1) 的多个级 (321) 。每个级包括多个晶体管 (M1-M14) ，其被配置为输出发射控制信号。可以控制发射控制信号的宽度以对应于开始信号的宽度。此外，简化了级的电路结构。

FIG. 1

