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(54) Portable information apparatus with active matrix electroluminescent display

(57) There is provided a portable information apparatus including an EL display device which can reduce consumed electric power at the time when a still picture is displayed. In the EL display device included in the portable information apparatus, a plurality of memory circuits and a D/A converter are arranged in a pixel. When the EL display device displays the still picture, picture display functions other than the EL display device and control circuits for controlling the EL display device are stopped, so that the portable information apparatus capable of reducing the consumed electric power can be obtained.

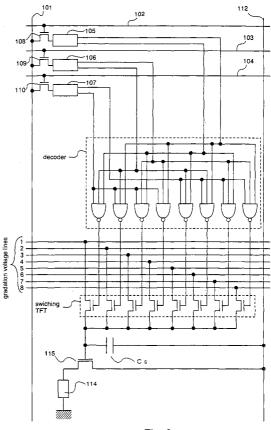


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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION SHEET B

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-18,22-25

An electroluminescent display apparatus with pixels comprising memory cells and a digital to analog converter.

2. claims: 19-21

A method of driving a luminescent display apparatus with memory cells contained in the pixels, in which the readout operation of a video buffer is stopped after transfer of the data to the display.

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摘要(译)

提供一种便携式信息设备,包括EL显示设备,其可以减少显示静止图像 时的消耗电力。在便携式信息设备中包括的EL显示装置中,多个存储电 路和D / A转换器布置在像素中。当EL显示装置显示静止图像时,停止除 EL显示装置和用于控制EL显示装置的控制电路之外的图像显示功能,从 而可以获得能够降低消耗电力的便携式信息装置。

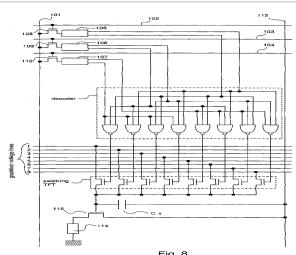


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