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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An electroluminescent display includes: a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal; a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device; a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device; a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and an electromagnetic shield adapted to shield electromagnetic waves having electric or magnetic field characteristics. The electromagnetic shield is adapted to generate a second power supply voltage having a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage.

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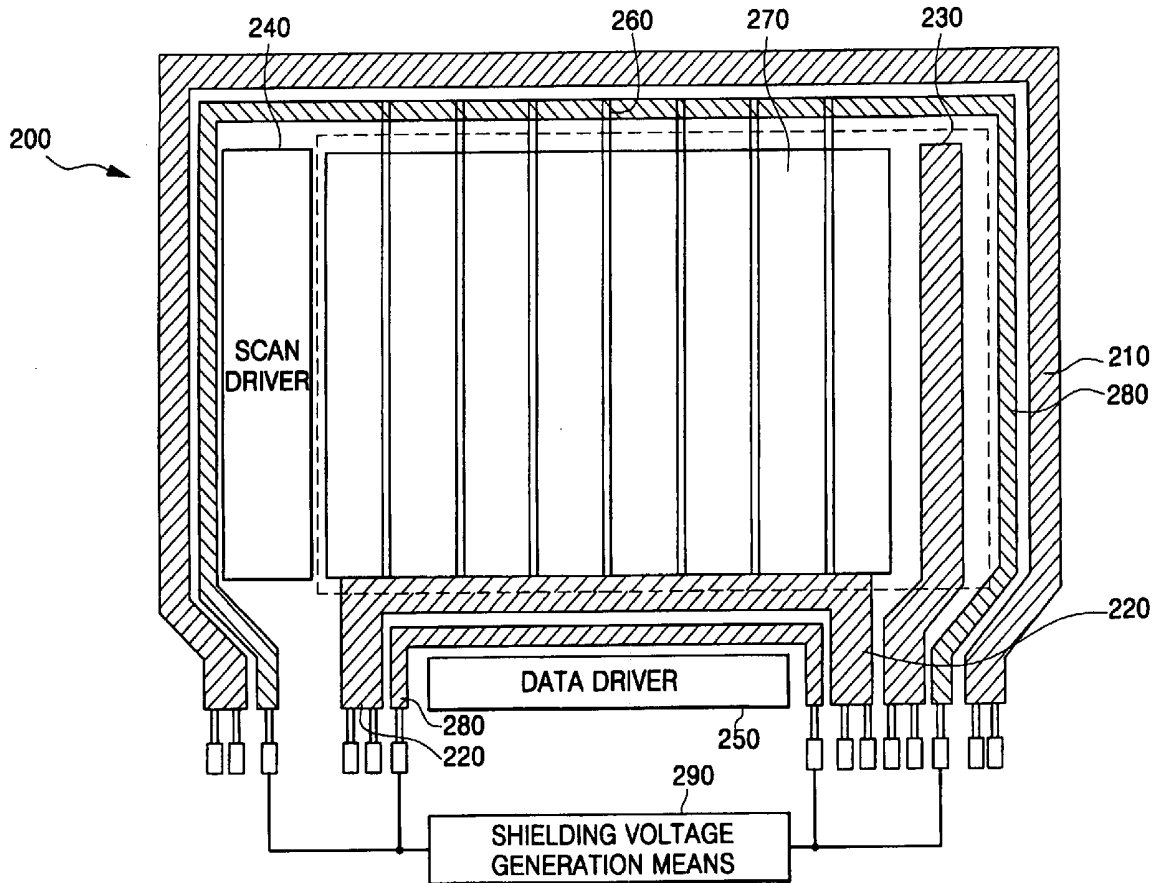


FIG. 1

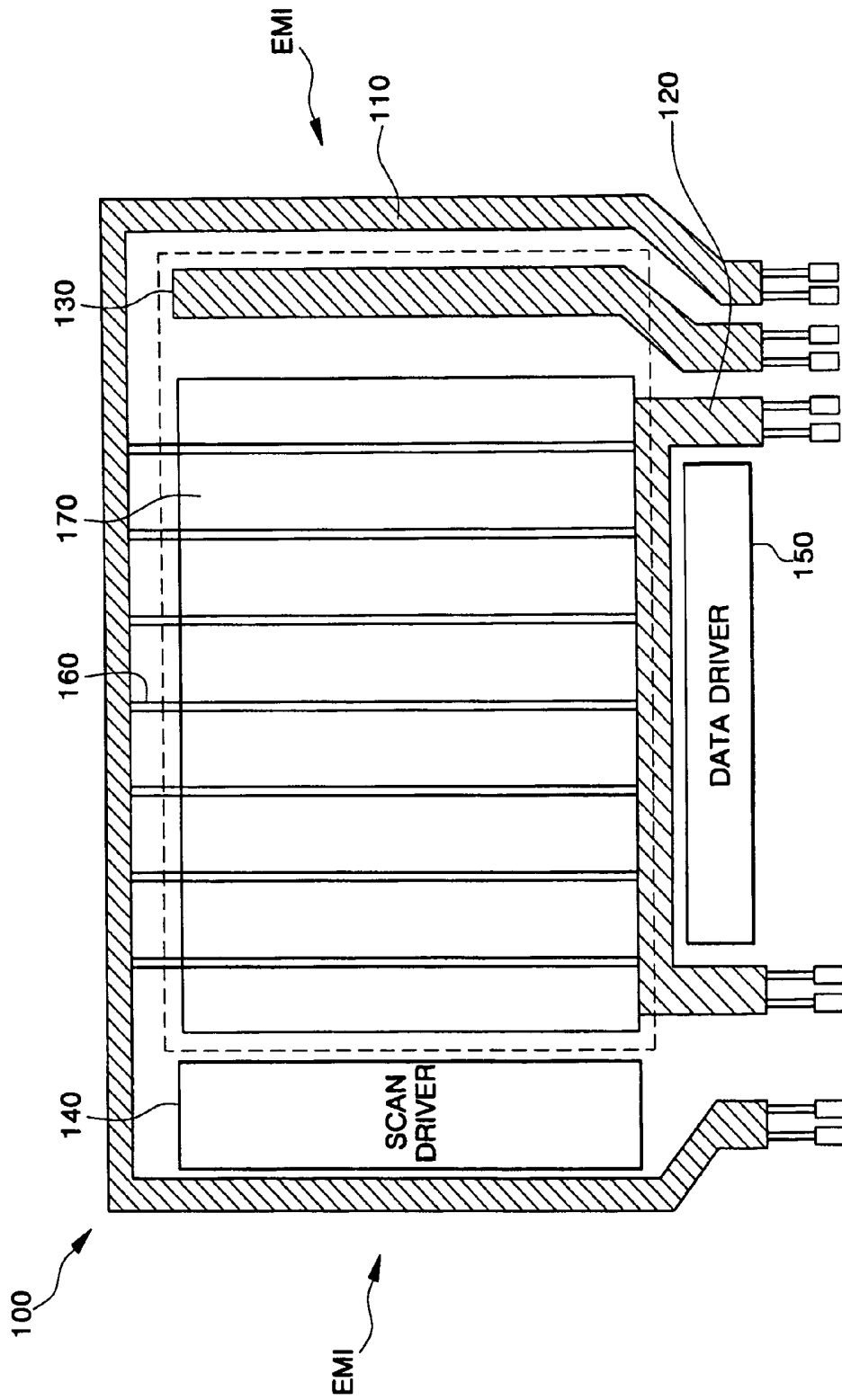


FIG. 2

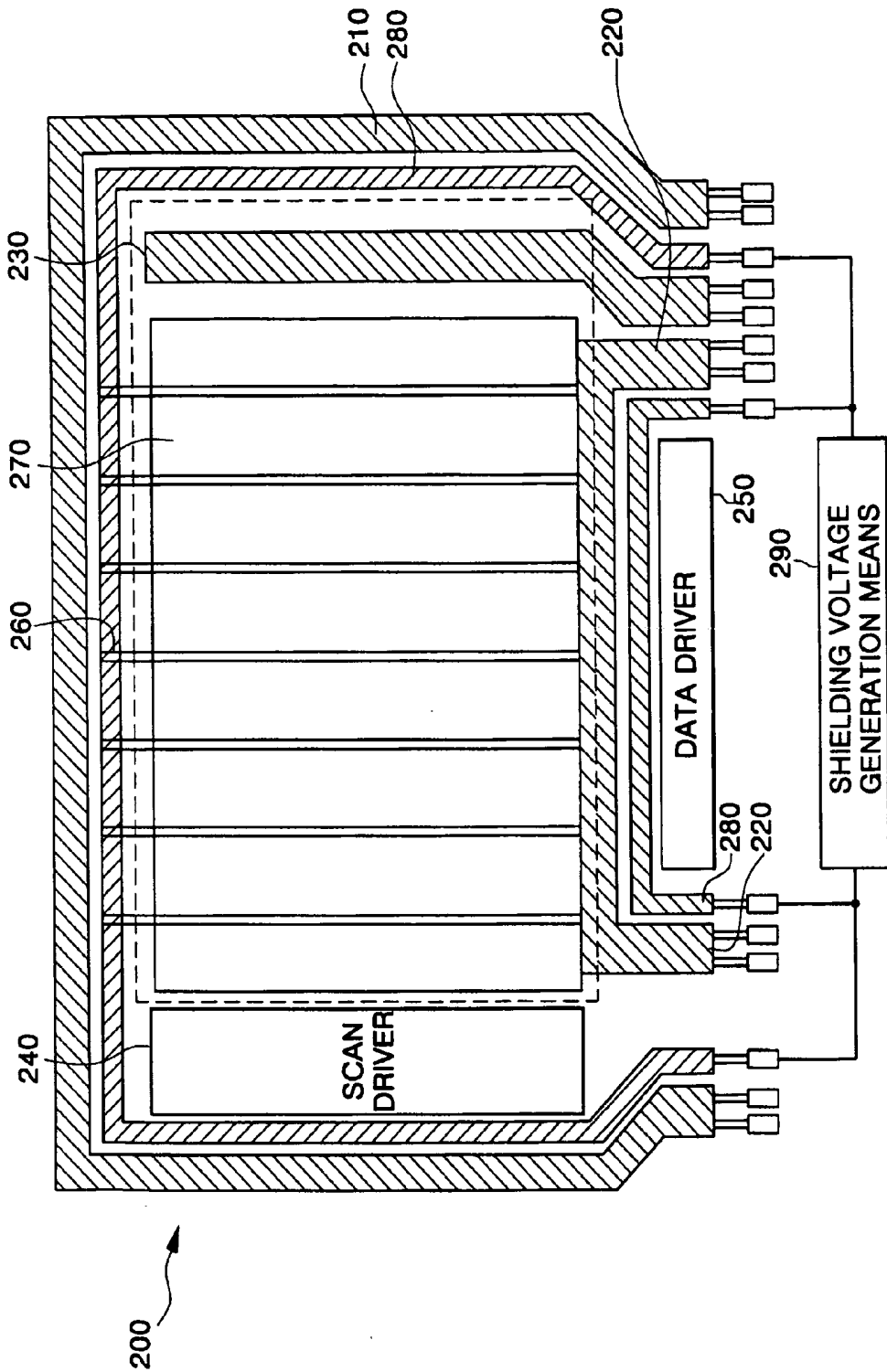
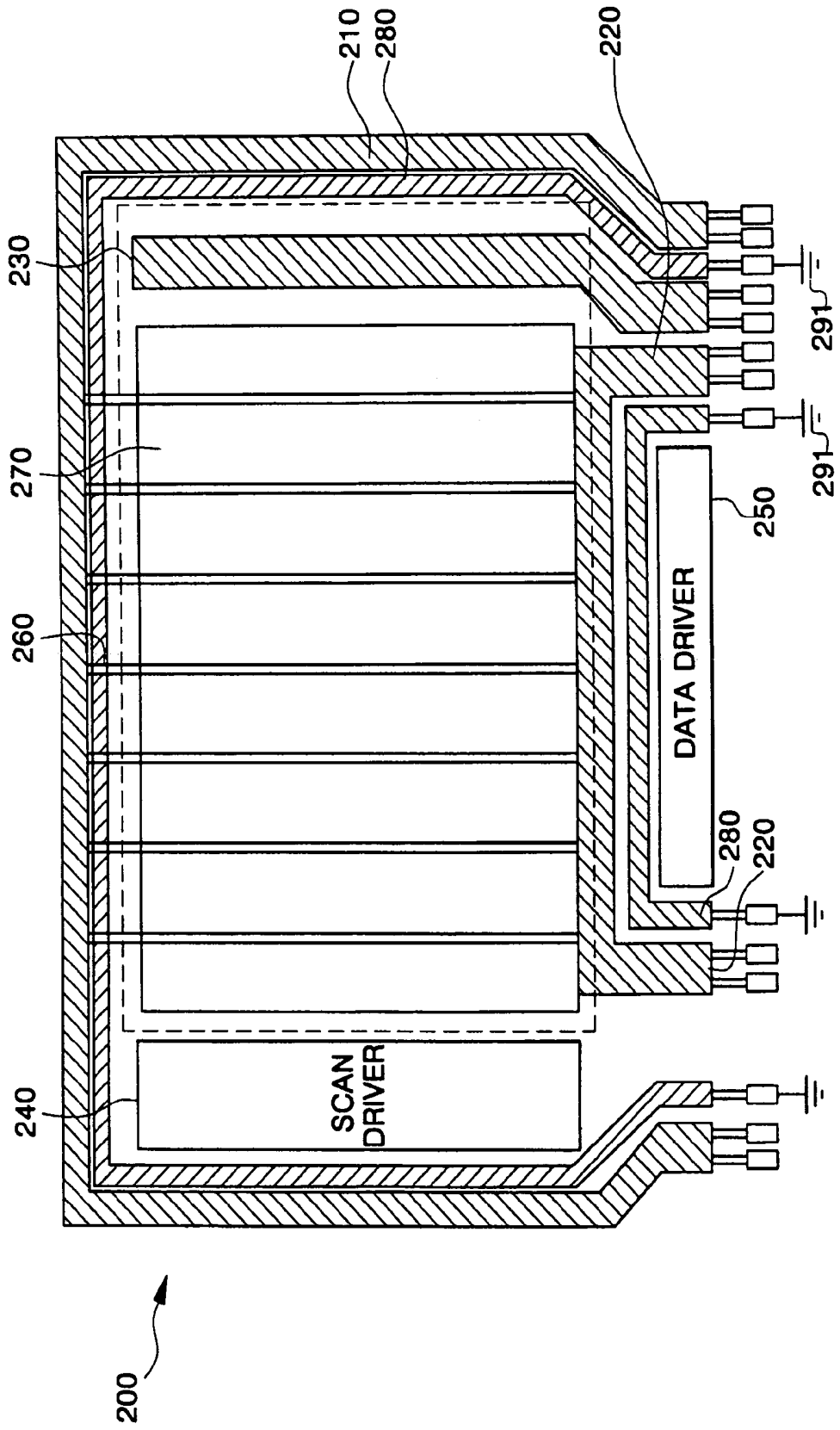


FIG. 3



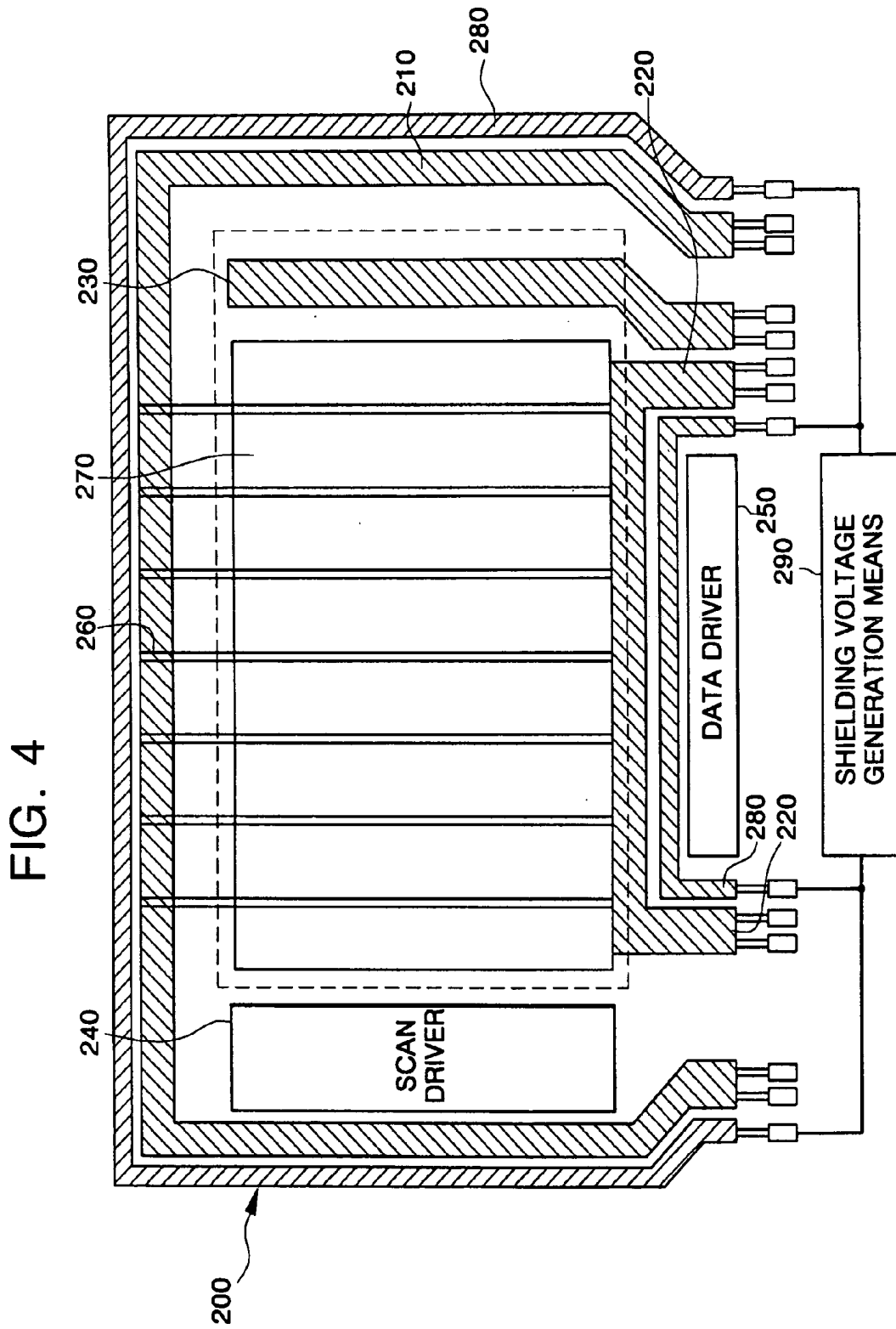
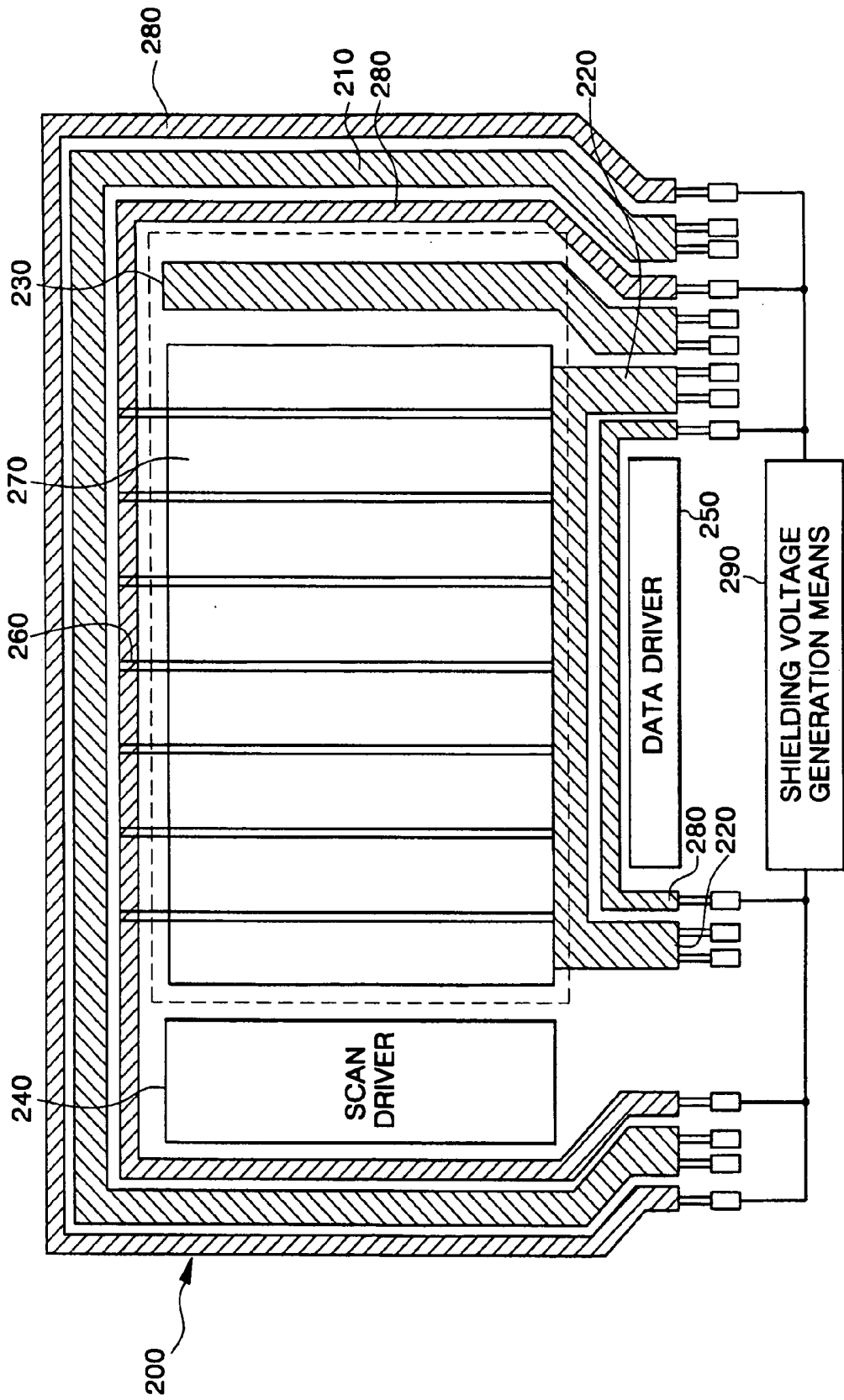


FIG. 5



## ELECTROLUMINESCENT DISPLAY

### CLAIM OF PRIORITY

[0001] This application makes reference to, incorporates the same herein, and claims all benefits accruing under 35 U.S.C. §119 from an application earlier filed in the Korean Intellectual Property Office on 19 Nov. 2003 and there duly assigned Serial No. 2003-82391.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to an electroluminescent display and, more particularly, to an electroluminescent display in which an electromagnetic shield is adapted to shield a first power supply voltage line to prevent the occurrence of noise or the like on the power supply voltage due to internal or external electromagnetic waves.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] In recent years, various flat panel displays have been developed which are capable of reducing weight and volume which are disadvantages of a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT). Such flat panel displays include liquid crystal displays, field emission displays, plasma display panels, electroluminescent displays, and the like.

[0006] Among these displays, the electroluminescent display uses carriers, such as electrons and holes, to excite a fluorescent material to display images or video so that it may be driven by a low direct voltage and has a faster response speed. For these reasons, the electroluminescent display has been in the spotlight as the next generation display and research on new electroluminescent display products have accelerated in recent years.

[0007] An electroluminescent display can be classified into a passive matrix type and an active matrix type. The active matrix electroluminescent display has an active switching device arranged in each pixel. A voltage or current is supplied to drive each emitting device in response to the image data of the pixel.

[0008] An electroluminescent display includes a first upper power supply voltage line, a first lower power supply voltage line, a second power supply voltage line, a scan driver, a data driver, a first active power supply voltage line, and a pixel region.

[0009] The electroluminescent display includes the scan driver supplying a selection signal, the data driver supplying a data signal, the pixel region emitting light in response to the selection signal and the data signal respectively supplied from the scan driver and the data driver, the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines delivering first power supply voltages, the second power supply line delivering a second power supply voltage, and the first active power supply voltage line supplying the power supply voltages from the first power supply voltage lines and the second power supply voltage from the second power supply voltage line to the pixel region.

[0010] When the selection signal and the data signal are respectively supplied from the scan driver and the data driver to the pixel region, switching transistors drive transistors of the pixel region, and the first and second power

supply voltages are supplied to the pixel region via the first power supply voltage lines and the second power supply voltage line so that each pixel of the pixel region emits light. Each of the first power supply voltages is opposite to that of the second power supply voltage.

[0011] However, the electroluminescent display described above has a problem that the waveform of the power supply voltage is distorted due to internally or externally supplied electromagnetic waves. That is, the power supply voltages delivered via the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines have noise which results from externally or internally supplied electromagnetic waves, thereby resulting in non-uniform brightness.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0012] The present invention, therefore, solves aforementioned problems associated with the electroluminescent display described above by providing an electroluminescent display having an electromagnetic shield arranged in parallel with the first power supply voltage lines. A specific voltage is supplied to the electromagnetic shield to attract the electromagnetic waves so as to shield the first power supply voltage lines from electromagnetic waves that would otherwise affect the power supply voltage.

[0013] In an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, an electroluminescent display includes: a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal; a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device; a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device; a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and an electromagnetic shield adapted to shield electromagnetic waves having electric or magnetic field characteristics.

[0014] The electroluminescent display further preferably comprises a shielding voltage generator adapted to supply a voltage to the electromagnetic shield.

[0015] The electromagnetic shield is preferably adapted to generate a second power supply voltage.

[0016] The second power supply voltage preferably has a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage.

[0017] The electromagnetic shield preferably comprises a conductive interconnection line arranged in parallel with the first power supply voltage line.

[0018] In another exemplary embodiment of the present invention, an electroluminescent display includes: a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal; a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device; a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device; a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and at least one metal line arranged in parallel with the first power supply voltage line.

[0019] The at least one metal line is preferably arranged inside the first power supply voltage line.

[0020] The at least one metal line is alternatively preferably arranged outside the first power supply voltage line.

[0021] The at least one metal line alternatively preferably comprises metal lines respectively arranged inside and outside the first power supply voltage line.

[0022] The electroluminescent display further preferably comprises a shielding voltage generator adapted to supply a voltage to the at least one metal line.

[0023] The shielding voltage generator is preferably adapted to supply a second power supply voltage having a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage to the at least one metal line.

[0024] In yet another exemplary embodiment of the present invention, an electroluminescent **11** display includes: a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal; a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device; a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device; a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and a metal line arranged parallel with the first power supply voltage line and adapted to be connected to a ground terminal.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0025] A more complete appreciation of the invention, and many of the attendant advantages thereof, will be readily apparent as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which like reference symbols indicate the same or similar components, wherein:

[0026] **FIG. 1** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display;

[0027] **FIG. 2** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention;

[0028] **FIG. 3** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention;

[0029] **FIG. 4** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention; and

[0030] **FIG. 5** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a fourth embodiment of the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0031] **FIG. 1** is a plan view of an active matrix type electroluminescent display.

[0032] An electroluminescent display **100** includes a first upper power supply voltage line **110**, a first lower power supply voltage line **120**, a second power supply voltage line **130**, a scan driver **140**, a data driver **150**, a first active power supply voltage line **160**, and a pixel region **170**.

[0033] As shown in the **FIG. 1**, the electroluminescent display **100** includes the scan driver **140** supplying a selection signal, the data driver **150** supplying a data signal, the

pixel region **170** emitting light in response to the selection signal and the data signal respectively supplied from the scan driver **140** and the data driver **150**, the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines **110** and **120** delivering first power supply voltages, the second power supply line **130** delivering a second power supply voltage, and the first active power supply voltage line **160** supplying the power supply voltages from the first power supply voltage lines **110** and **120** and the second power supply voltage from the second power supply voltage line **130** to the pixel region **170**.

[0034] When the selection signal and the data signal are respectively supplied from the scan driver **140** and the data driver **150** to the pixel region **170**, switching transistors drive transistors (not shown) of the pixel region **170**, and the first and second power supply voltages are supplied to the pixel region **170** via the first power supply voltage lines **110** and **120** and the second power supply voltage line **130** so that each pixel of the pixel region **170** emits light. Each of the first power supply voltages is opposite to that of the second power supply voltage.

[0035] The present invention will now be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which exemplary embodiments of the present invention are shown.

[0036] **J FIG. 2** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention.

[0037] An electroluminescent display **200** includes a first upper power supply line **210**, a first lower power supply voltage line **220**, a second power supply voltage line **230**, a scan driver **240**, a data driver **250**, a first active power supply voltage line **260**, a pixel region **270**, a metal line **280**, and a shielding voltage generator **290**.

[0038] As shown in **FIG. 2**, the electroluminescent display **200** according to an embodiment of the present invention includes the scan driver **240**, the data driver **250**, the pixel region **270** emitting light in response to a selection signal and a data signal respectively supplied by the scan driver **240** and the data driver **250**, the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines **210** and **220** delivering first power supply voltages, the first active power supply voltage line **260** supplying the power supply voltages from the first power supply voltage lines **210** and **220** to the pixel region **270**, the second power supply voltage line **230** supplying a second power supply voltage to the pixel region **270**, the metal line **280** arranged in parallel to the first power supply voltage lines **210** and **220** to shield electromagnetic waves, and the shielding voltage generator **290** supplying a shielding voltage to the metal line **280**.

[0039] When the selection signal and the data signal are respectively supplied by the scan driver **240** and the data driver **250** to the pixel region **270**, switching and drive transistors (not shown) of the pixel region **270** are turned on. As the drive transistor of the pixel region **270** is turned on, the power supply voltages supplied to the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines **210** and **220** are supplied to the pixel region **270** via the first active power supply voltage line **260** so that the pixel region **270** emits light.

[0040] In addition, the shielding voltage generator **290** supplies a specific voltage to the metal line **280** so that a

specific current flows through the metal line **280** arranged in parallel to each of the first upper and lower power supply voltage lines **210** and **220**. The specific voltage supplied to the metal line **280** preferably has a polarity opposite to that of each first power supply voltage.

[0041] In addition, the metal line **280** and the first power supply voltage line **210** are spaced apart from each other by a constant interval to be parallel to each other as shown in **FIGS. 2 and 3**. However, the metal line **280** and the first power supply voltage line **210** can be isolated from each other by a separate insulator interposed therebetween.

[0042] As a result, when electromagnetic waves from an external source and having magnetic or electric field characteristics are supplied to the first power supply voltage lines **210** and **220**, the electromagnetic waves are shielded by the metal line **280** arranged in parallel to the first power supply voltage lines **210** and **220**. That is, the voltage supplied to the metal line **280** has a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage so that the electromagnetic waves are attracted by the metal line **280** due to electrical characteristics which flow from positive to negative or from negative to positive. As a result, the power supply voltage is not affected by the electromagnetic waves.

[0043] **FIG. 3** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention.

[0044] As shown in **FIG. 3**, another embodiment of the present invention has ground terminals **291**, each of which being connected to the metal line **280**. Accordingly, the electromagnetic waves supplied to the first power supply voltage lines **210** and **220** are attracted by the metal line **280** to be grounded so that the power supply voltages are shielded from the electromagnetic waves.

[0045] **FIG. 4** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention.

[0046] As described above, the metal line **280** is arranged in the first upper power supply voltage line **210** as in the first embodiment. However, in the third embodiment, the metal line **280** can also be arranged outside the first upper power supply voltage line **210**.

[0047] That is, the metal line **280** is arranged outside the first upper power supply voltage line **210** so as to be spaced apart or insulated from the first upper power supply voltage line **210** by a constant interval or by an insulator (not shown) respectively, so that the electromagnetic waves from an external source can be shielded.

[0048] **FIG. 5** is a plan view of an electroluminescent display in accordance with a fourth embodiment of the present invention.

[0049] The metal lines **280** are arranged inside and outside of the first upper power supply voltage line **210** to shield the electromagnetic waves from an external source. That is, a specific voltage is supplied to the metal lines **280** arranged inside and outside of the first upper power supply voltage line **210** so that the electromagnetic waves from the external source can be shielded.

[0050] According to the present invention, as mentioned above, the electromagnetic waves can be shielded by the metal line arranged parallel to the first power supply voltage lines so that noise of the power supply voltage does not

occur, which allows non-uniformity in brightness due to the electromagnetic waves to be improved.

[0051] Although the present invention has been described with reference to certain exemplary embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that a variety of modifications and variations may be made to the present invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention defined in the appended claims, and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. An electroluminescent display comprising:

a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal;

a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device;

a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device;

a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and

an electromagnetic shield adapted to shield electromagnetic waves having electric or magnetic field characteristics.

2. The electroluminescent display of claim 1, further comprising a shielding voltage generator adapted to supply a voltage to the electromagnetic shield.

3. The electroluminescent display of claim 2, wherein the electromagnetic shield is adapted to generate a second power supply voltage.

4. The electroluminescent display of claim 3, wherein the second power supply voltage has a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage.

5. The electroluminescent display of claim 3, wherein the electromagnetic shield comprises a conductive interconnection line arranged in parallel with the first power supply voltage line.

6. An electroluminescent display comprising:

a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal;

a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device;

a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device;

a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and

at least one metal line arranged in parallel with the first power supply voltage line.

7. The electroluminescent display of claim 6, wherein the at least one metal line is arranged inside the first power supply voltage line.

8. The electroluminescent display of claim 6, wherein the at least one metal line is arranged outside the first power supply voltage line.

9. The electroluminescent display of claim 6, wherein the at least one metal line comprises metal lines respectively arranged inside and outside the first power supply voltage line.

10. The electroluminescent display of claim 6, further comprising a shielding voltage generator adapted to supply a voltage to the at least one metal line.

11. The electroluminescent display of claim 10, wherein the shielding voltage generator is adapted to supply a second power supply voltage having a polarity opposite to that of the first power supply voltage to the at least one metal line.

12. An electroluminescent display comprising:

a pixel region including devices arranged therein and adapted to emit light in response to a data signal;

a scan driver adapted to supply a switching signal to a gate electrode of a first switching device;

a data driver adapted to supply data information to a source electrode of the first switching device;

a conductive power supply line adapted to supply a first power supply voltage to the pixel region, and

a metal line arranged parallel with the first power supply voltage line and adapted to be connected to a ground terminal.

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摘要(译)

一种电致发光显示器，包括：像素区域，包括布置在其中的装置，并且适于响应于数据信号发光；扫描驱动器，适于向第一开关器件的栅极提供开关信号；数据驱动器，适于向第一开关器件的源极提供数据信息；导电电源线，适于向像素区域提供第一电源电压；以及电磁屏蔽，适于屏蔽具有电场或磁场特性的电磁波。电磁屏蔽适于产生具有与第一电源电压的极性相反的极性的第二电源电压。

