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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An organic light emitting display device comprises: a lower substrate; a underlying wire formed on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section formed on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, wherein the white subpixel comprises a first electrode which is non-overlapped with the underlying wire and is spaced apart from the underlying wire.

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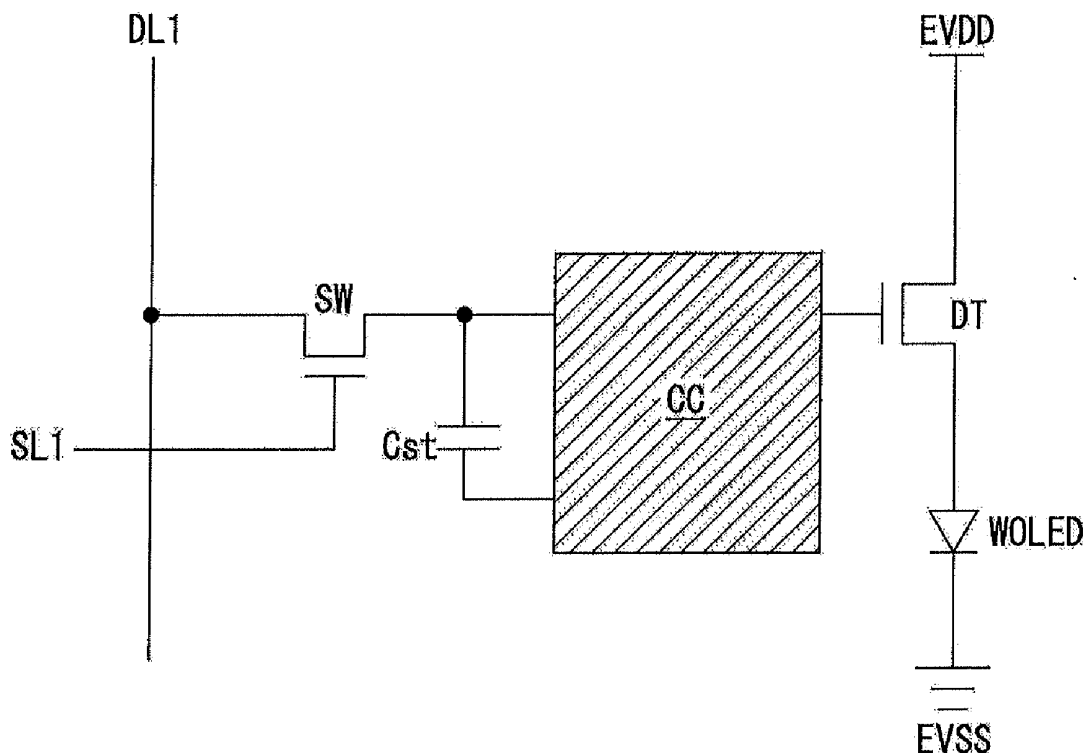


Fig. 1

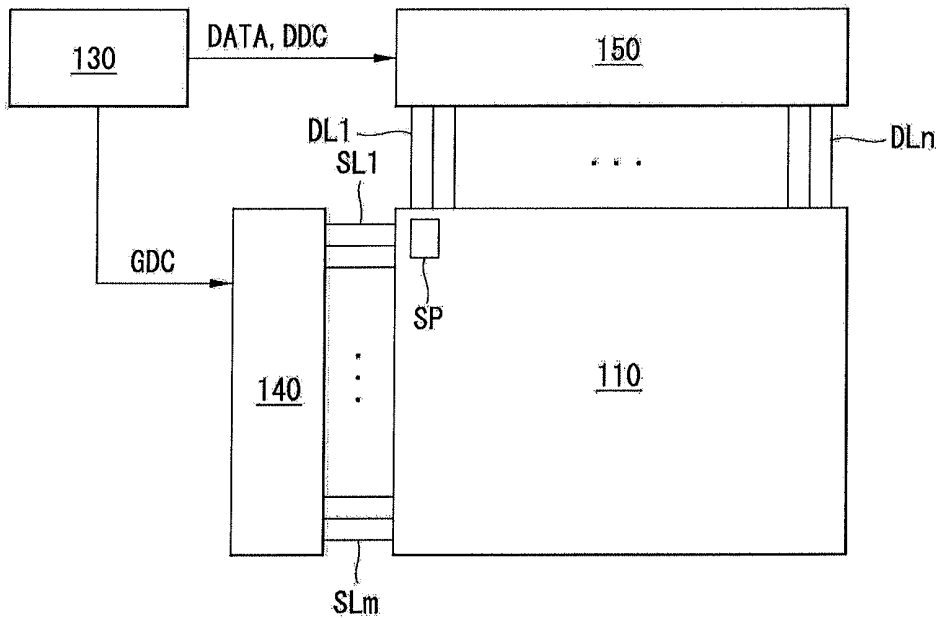


Fig. 2

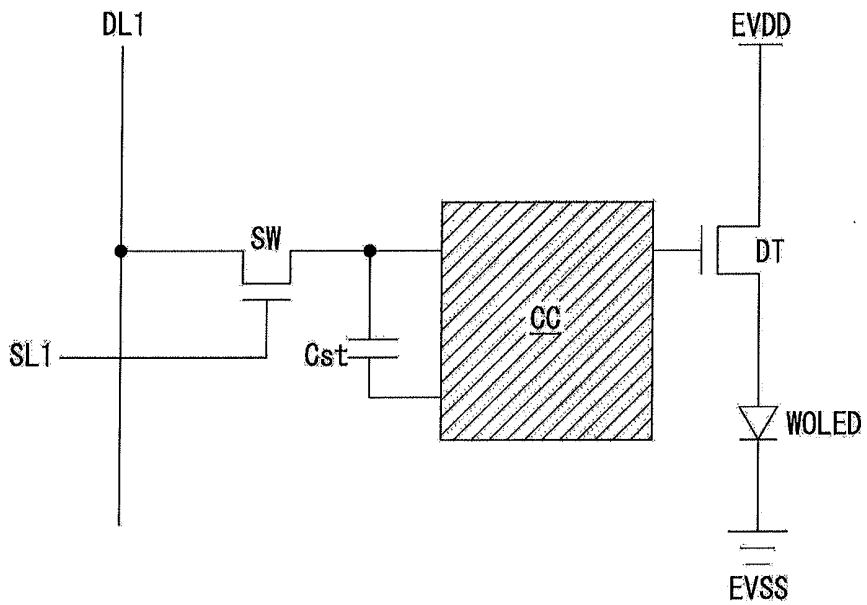


Fig. 17

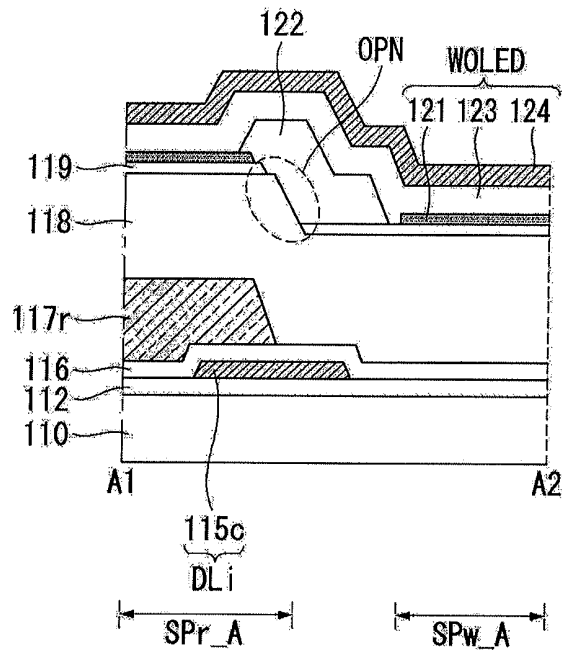


Fig. 18

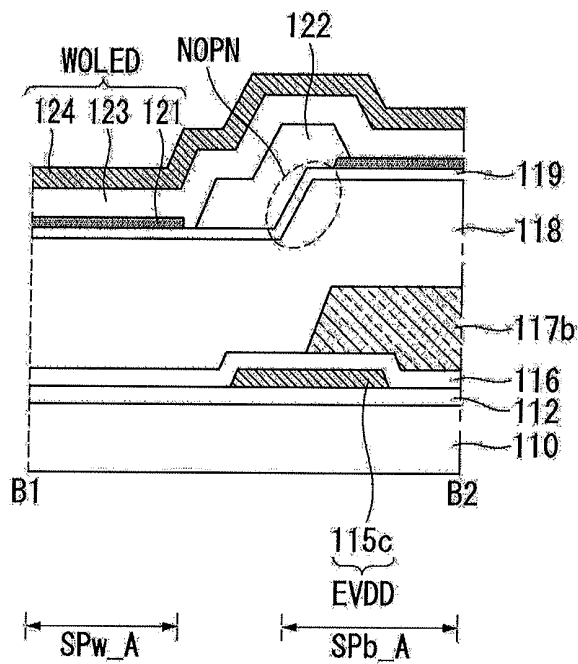


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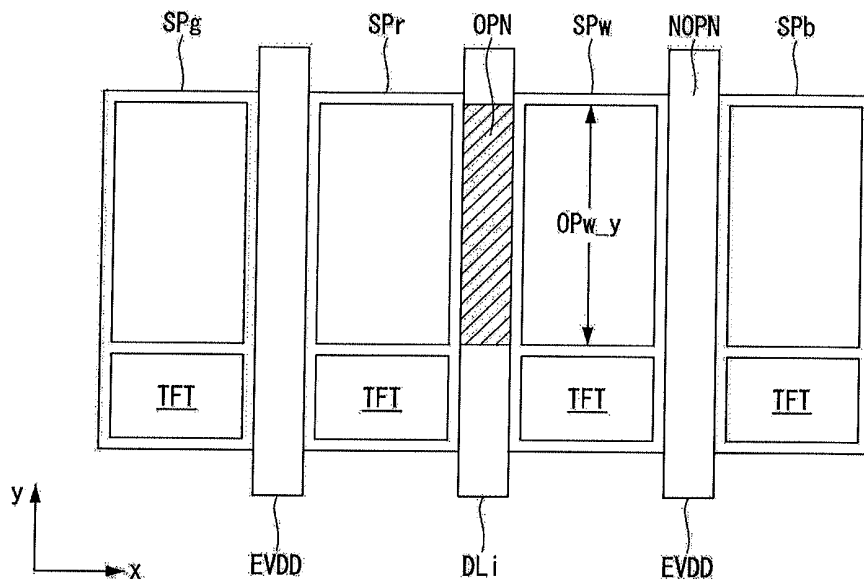
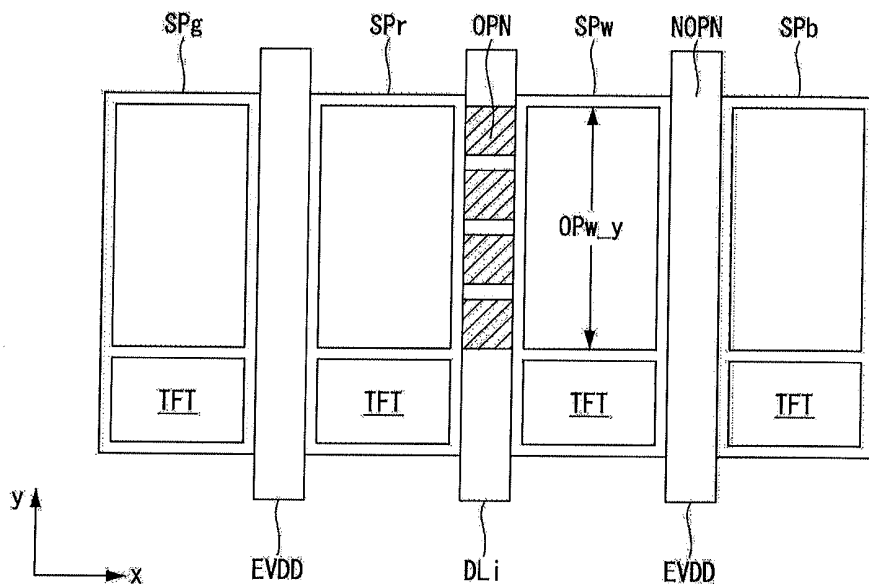


Fig. 20



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**[0001]** This application claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application Nos. 10-2012-0107268 filed on Sep. 26, 2012 and 10-2012-0131456 filed on Nov. 20, 2012, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

BACKGROUND

**[0002]** 1. Field

**[0003]** This document relates to an organic light emitting display device and a method for manufacturing the same.

**[0004]** 2. Related Art

**[0005]** An organic light emitting element used for an organic light emitting display device is a self-luminous element in which an emission layer is formed between two electrodes. The organic light emitting element is an element that emits light when electrons and holes are injected from an electron injection electrode (cathode) and a hole injection electrode (anode) to an emission layer and excitons created by recombination of the injected electrons and holes transition from an excited state to a base state.

**[0006]** In the organic light emitting display device, when a scan signal, a data signal, and electric power are supplied to a plurality of subpixels disposed in a matrix form, transistors, etc included in a selected subpixel are driven. Hereupon, an organic light emitting diode emits light in response to the current formed therein to display an image.

**[0007]** Some organic light emitting display devices are implemented as an organic light emitting display (hereinafter, referred to RGBW OLED) having a subpixel structure of red, green, blue, and white to increase light efficiency and prevent degradations in the luminance and chromaticity of pure colors.

**[0008]** The RGBW OLED implements RGBW by using a white organic light emitting diode for emitting white light and color filters for converting the white light into red light, green light, and blue light. In this structure, a white subpixel comprises no color filter because it emits white light as it is. Due to this, a white organic light emitting diode formation layer of the white subpixel is lower than those of red, green, and blue subpixels. Thus, the vertical distance between an underlying wire and a first electrode of the white organic light emitting diode is short. That is, the white subpixel has a smaller step difference than the other subpixels.

**[0009]** For this reason, when the pattern (e.g., insulating film, electrode, etc) of the conventional RGBW OLED is lost due to impurities (e.g., particles) introduced during a process, such as photolithography, etching, cleaning, etc, short-circuiting or overcurrent occurs between the underlying wire and the first electrode included in the white subpixel. Partial burning of the device due to such short-circuiting or overcurrent between different electrodes may spread across the entire panel, so a solution to this problem is required.

SUMMARY

**[0010]** An organic light emitting display device comprises: a lower substrate; a underlying wire on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, wherein the white subpixel comprises a first electrode, which is non-overlapped with the underlying wire and is spaced apart from the underlying wire.

**[0011]** In another aspect, an exemplary embodiment of the present invention provides an organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; a underlying wire on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, wherein an insulating film contacting the bottom of the first electrode of the white subpixel comprises an unexposed area and an exposed area.

**[0012]** In still another aspect, an exemplary embodiment of the present invention provides a method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; a underlying wire formed on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section formed on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, the method comprising: forming a first electrode of the white subpixel on the insulating film, wherein the first electrode is non-overlapped with the underlying wire and is spaced apart from the underlying wire; forming a bank layer defining an opening on the insulating film; forming an organic emission layer on the first electrode; and forming a second electrode on the organic emission layer.

**[0013]** In a further aspect, an exemplary embodiment of the present invention provides a method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; an underlying wire formed on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section formed on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, the method comprising: forming a first electrode of the white subpixel on the insulating film; forming a bank layer defining an opening on the insulating film; forming an organic emission layer on the first electrode; and forming a second electrode on the organic emission layer, wherein the insulating film positioned below the first electrode comprises a non-exposed area and an exposed area.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0014]** The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the invention. In the drawings:

**[0015]** FIG. 1 is a schematic view of the configuration of an organic light emitting display device according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

**[0016]** FIG. 2 is an illustration of the circuit configuration of a subpixel;

**[0017]** FIG. 3 is a view for explaining the configuration of a pixel;

**[0018]** FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional layer diagram of a subpixel;

**[0019]** FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of a white subpixel according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

**[0020]** FIG. 6 is an illustration of a first modification of the white subpixel of FIG. 5;

**[0021]** FIG. 7 is an illustration of a second modification of the white subpixel of FIG. 5;

**[0022]** FIG. 8 is a top plan view for explaining the difference between a first electrode formed in the white subpixel and a first electrode formed in other subpixel.

**[0023]** FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of a white subpixel structure;

[0024] FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view showing the introduction of particles into the structure of FIG. 9;

[0025] FIGS. 11 to 14 are views for explaining a method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention

[0026] FIG. 15 is a cross-sectional view of a white subpixel according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0027] FIG. 16 is a top plan view of subpixels according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0028] FIG. 17 is a cross-sectional view of area A1-A2 of FIG. 16;

[0029] FIG. 18 is a cross-sectional view of area B1-B2 of FIG. 16;

[0030] FIG. 19 is an illustration of a first modification of the subpixels of FIG. 16; and

[0031] FIG. 20 is an illustration of a second modification of the subpixels of FIG. 16.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0032] Reference will now be made in detail to the embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

[0033] Hereinafter, concrete embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

#### First Exemplary Embodiment

[0034] FIG. 1 is a schematic view of the configuration of an organic light emitting display device according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 2 is an illustration of the circuit configuration of a subpixel. FIG. 3 is a view for explaining the configuration of a pixel. FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional layer diagram of a subpixel.

[0035] As shown in FIG. 1, the organic light emitting display device according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a timing controller 130, a data driver 150, a scan driver 140, and a panel 110.

[0036] The timing controller 130 controls the operation timings of the data driver 150 and the scan driver 140 by using timing signals such as a vertical synchronous signal Vsync, a horizontal synchronous signal Hsync, a data enable signal DE, and a clock signal CLK. Since the timing controller 130 can determine a frame period by counting data enable signals of 1 horizontal period, the vertical synchronization signal Vsync and the horizontal synchronization signal Hsync supplied from the outside can be omitted. Control signals generated from the timing controller 130 include a gate timing control signal GDC for controlling the operation timing of the scan driver 140 and a data timing control signal for controlling the operation timing of the data driver 150. The gate timing control signals GDC comprise a gate start pulse, a gate shift clock signal, a gate output enable signal, etc. The data timing control signals comprise a source start pulse, a source sampling clock, a polarity control signal, a source output enable signal, etc.

[0037] The scan driver 140 sequentially generates scan signals while shifting the level of a gate driving voltage in response to a gate timing control signal GDC supplied from the timing controller 130. The scan driver 140 supplies scan signals through scan lines SL1 to SLm connected to subpixels SP included in the panel 100.

[0038] The data driver samples and latches a data signal DATA supplied from the timing controller 130 in response to a data timing control signal DDC supplied from the timing controller 130, and converts it into a data signal having a parallel data format. The data driver 150 converts the data signal DATA into a gamma reference signal. The data driver 150 supplies the data signal DATA to data lines DL1 to DLn connected to the subpixels SP included in the panel 110.

[0039] The panel 110 comprises the subpixels SP disposed in a matrix form between two substrates (or films). The subpixels SP may be of a top-emission type, a bottom-emission type or a dual emission type according to their structure. The subpixels SP included in the panel 110 may be configured in a 2T1C (2 transistors and 1 capacitor) structure comprising a switching transistor, a driving transistor, a capacitor and an organic light emitting diode or in a 3T1C, 4T2C, 5T2C, or 6T2C structure further comprising a compensation circuit.

[0040] With the compensation circuit added as shown in FIG. 2, the subpixels included in the panel 110 have the following structure. One subpixel comprises a switching transistor SW, a driving transistor DR, a capacitor Cst, a compensation circuit CC, and an organic light emitting diode WOLED.

[0041] The switching transistor SW performs a switching operation in response to a scan signal supplied through a first scan line SL1 to store a data signal supplied through a first data line SL1 as a data voltage in the capacitor Cst. The driving transistor DR is driven depending on to allow driving current corresponding to the data voltage stored in the capacitor Cst to flow between a high-potential power line EVDD for supplying high-potential power and a low-potential power line EVSS for supplying low-potential power. The organic light emitting diode WOLED is driven to emit light according to the driving current generated by the driving transistor DR.

[0042] The compensation circuit CC compensates for a threshold voltage of the driving transistor DR. For example, the compensation circuit CC has a diode connection configuration or source-follower configuration to compensate for the threshold voltage of the driving transistor DR. To this end, the compensation circuit CC consists of one or more transistors and a capacitor. An initialization voltage, a reference voltage, or an auxiliary voltage is further supplied to a specific node of the compensation circuit CC. The configuration of the compensation circuit CC is varied in many ways, so detailed illustration and explanation thereof are omitted.

[0043] As shown in FIG. 3, the subpixels SP included in the panel 110 comprise a red subpixel SP<sub>r</sub>, a green subpixel SP<sub>g</sub>, a blue subpixel SP<sub>b</sub>, and a white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>. The red subpixel SP<sub>r</sub>, green subpixel SP<sub>g</sub>, blue subpixel SP<sub>b</sub>, and white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub> constitute one pixel P. Although the subpixels are illustrated as being arranged in the order of r, g, b, and w, the arrangement order thereof may be varied depending on desired color format, such as wrgb, rwgb, rgwb, etc. or depending on desired structure. To increase light efficiency and prevent degradations in the luminance and chromaticity of pure colors, the above structure further comprises the white subpixel, in addition to the red, green, and blue subpixels.

[0044] As shown in FIG. 4, the red subpixel SP<sub>r</sub>, green subpixel SP<sub>g</sub>, blue subpixel SP<sub>b</sub>, and white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub> convert white light emitted from the white organic light emitting diode WOLED by RGB color filters CF<sub>r</sub>, CF<sub>g</sub>, and CF<sub>b</sub> to realize RGB.

[0045] On the other hand, the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub> comprises a transistor section TFT and a white organic light

emitting diode WOLED. The white subpixel SPw comprises no color filter because it emits white light as is emitted from the white organic light emitting diode WOLED.

**[0046]** As can be seen from the schematic cross-sectional layer diagram of the subpixel, a white organic light emitting diode (WOLED) formation layer of the white subpixel is lower than those of red, green, and blue subpixels. Thus, the vertical distance between a underlying wire and a first electrode of the white organic light emitting diode is short.

**[0047]** As can be seen from the relationship  $y1 < y2$  shown in FIG. 4, the white subpixel SPw has a smaller step difference than the other subpixels SPr to SPb because it comprises no color filter. In the case where the vertical distance between the underlying wire and the first electrode of the white organic light emitting diode WOLED is small, when the pattern (e.g., insulating film, electrode, etc) of the conventional RGBW OLED is lost due to impurities (e.g., particles) introduced during a process (e.g., photolithography, etching, cleaning, etc), short-circuiting or overcurrent occurs between the underlying wire and the first electrode of the organic light emitting diode WOLED. The reason why short-circuiting or overcurrent occurs is because of static electricity, etc generated during patterning of an insulating film, as well as the short vertical distance between the underlying wire and the first electrode of the white organic light emitting diode.

**[0048]** To solve the above-explained problem, the structure of the white subpixel SPw according to present invention is modified as follows.

**[0049]** FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of a white subpixel according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 6 is an illustration of a first modification of the white subpixel of FIG. 5. FIG. 7 is an illustration of a second modification of the white subpixel of FIG. 5. FIG. 8 is a top plan view for explaining the difference between a first electrode formed in the white subpixel and a first electrode formed in other subpixel.

**[0050]** As shown in FIGS. 5 to 7, a white subpixel area SPw\_A and a red subpixel area SPr\_A are formed on a lower substrate 110a. A driving transistor DT and a white organic light emitting diode WOLED shown in the white subpixel area SPw\_A are included in the white subpixel. An R color filter 117r shown in the red subpixel area SPr\_A is included in a red subpixel. Also, an underlying wire WIRE shown between the white subpixel area SPw\_A and the red subpixel area SPw\_A is connected to the red subpixel. The cross-sectional structure will be concretely described below, and distinction between subpixel areas will be mentioned only when necessary.

**[0051]** A gate electrode 111a and a first metal layer 111b are formed on the lower substrate 110a. The gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b are spaced apart from each other. The gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b may be one selected from the group consisting of MO, Al, Cr, Au, Ti, Ni, and Cu, or an alloy thereof, and may be formed as a single layer or multiple layers.

**[0052]** A first insulating film 112 is formed on the gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b. The first insulating film 112 is formed to expose part of the first metal layer 111b. A silicon oxide film SiOx or silicon nitride film SiNx is selected as the first insulating film 112.

**[0053]** A semiconductor layer 113 and an ohmic contact layer 114 are formed on the first insulating film 112 corresponding to the gate electrode 111a. Amorphous silicon (a-Si), polysilicon (poly-Si), an oxide, or an organic matter is

selected as the semiconductor layer 113. The ohmic contact layer 114 is a layer for decreasing the contact resistance between the semiconductor layer 113 and source and drain electrodes 115a and 115b to be formed later, and can be omitted.

**[0054]** Source and drain electrodes 115a and 115b are formed on the semiconductor layer 113 or the ohmic contact layer 114, and a second metal layer 115c is formed on the first metal layer 111b. The first metal layer 111b and the second metal layer 115c are electrically connected to constitute the underlying wire WIRE. The source electrode 115a, drain electrode 115b, and second metal layer 115c may be one selected from the group consisting of MO, Al, Cr, Au, Ti, Ni, and Cu or an alloy thereof, and may be formed as a single layer or multiple layers. The driving transistor DT comprises the gate electrode 111a, semiconductor layer 113, ohmic contact layer 114, source electrode 115a, and drain electrode 115b which are formed on the lower substrate 110a.

**[0055]** The transistor section comprises other components, such as scan lines, data lines, and a capacitor, than the white organic light emitting diode WOLED, in addition to the underlying wire WIRE and the driving transistor DT.

**[0056]** The underlying wire WIRE comprises signal lines such as data lines DL1 to DLn and scan lines SL1 to SLm, as well as power lines such as the high-potential power line EVDD and low-potential power line EVSS shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. If the subpixel comprises a compensation circuit, the underlying wire WIRE further comprises an auxiliary power line for supplying an auxiliary voltage, a reference power line for supplying a reference voltage, an initialization power line for supplying an initialization voltage, etc. Therefore, the underlying wire WIRE should be regarded as one of the above-listed lines.

**[0057]** A second insulating film 116 is formed on the source electrode 115a, drain electrode 115b, and second metal layer 115c. The second insulating film 116 is formed to expose part of the drain electrode 115b. A silicon oxide film SiOx or silicon nitride film SiNx is selected as the second insulating film 116.

**[0058]** An R color filter 117r is formed on the second insulating film 116 positioned in the red subpixel area SPr\_A. On the other hand, no color filter is formed on the second insulating film 116 positioned in the white subpixel area SPw\_A.

**[0059]** A third insulating film 118 is formed on the second insulating film 116 so as to cover the R color filter 117r. The third insulating film 118 is formed to expose part of the drain electrode 115b. An organic insulating film, an inorganic insulating film, or an organic/inorganic insulating film is selected as the third insulating film 118. The first height y1 of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the white subpixel area SPw\_A is less than the second height y2 of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the red subpixel area SPr\_A. The first height y1 of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the white subpixel area SPw\_A is less than the height of the third insulating film positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas. This is because the R color filter 117r is formed below the third insulating film 118 positioned in the red subpixel area SPr\_A. Also, this is because a G color filter and a B color filter are formed below the third insulating film 118 positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas. That is, the third insulating film 118 included in the white subpixel has a smaller step difference than the third insulating film 118 included in the red, green, and blue subpixels. The first and second heights y1 and y2 are the vertical distance from the

basal plane of the source and drain electrodes **115a** and **115b** to the basal plane of the third insulating film **118**. The height of the third insulating film positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas may correspond to the height of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the red subpixel area **SPr\_A**.

[0060] A fourth insulating film **119** is formed on the third insulating film **118**. The fourth insulating film **119** is formed to expose part of the drain electrode **115b**. A silicon oxide film SiOx or silicon nitride film SiNx is selected as the fourth insulating film **119**. The fourth insulating film **119** may be omitted depending on the structure.

[0061] A first electrode **121** is formed on the fourth insulating film **119**. The first electrode **121** is electrically connected to the drain electrode **115b** exposed through the fourth insulating film **119**. The first electrode **121** is divided into a first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_2** and a first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area **SPr\_A**. The first electrode **121** is formed separately for each of the subpixel areas. The first electrode **121** is an anode. The first electrode **121** is a transparent conductive film, such as ITO (Indium Tin Oxide), IZO (Indium Zinc Oxide), ITZO (Indium Tin Zinc Oxide), ZnO (Zinc Oxide), IGZO (Indium Gallium Zinc Oxide), or graphene.

[0062] A bank layer **122** is formed on some regions of the fourth insulating film **119** and first electrode **121** defines an opening of the white subpixel and an opening of the red subpixel. The bank layer **22** defines openings of all the subpixels.

[0063] An organic emission layer **123** is formed on the first electrode **121** and the bank layer **122**. The organic emission layer **123** emits white light. The organic emission layer **123** comprises a hole injection layer HIL, a hole transparent layer HTL, an emission layer EML, an electron transport layer ETL, and an electron injection layer EIL, and one or more of these layers may be omitted. The organic emission layer **123** may further comprise a functional layer for controlling the movement characteristics of holes and electrons or a functional layer for facilitating interlayer interface stabilization.

[0064] A second electrode **124** is formed on the organic emission layer **123**. The second electrode **124** is formed as a front electrode so as to be commonly connected to all the subpixel areas. The second electrode **124** is a cathode. The second electrode **124** may be Al, Ag, Mg, Ca, or an alloy thereof, which has a low work function. The second electrode **124** is connected to a low-potential underlying wire. With the above configuration, a white organic light emitting diode WOLED is formed on the transistor section comprising the driving transistor DT.

[0065] The first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_A** is spaced apart from the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films **116** to **119** so as not to overlap it. The first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_2** may be spaced apart from the data lines positioned below the second to fourth insulating films **116** to **119** so as not to overlap them.

[0066] More specifically, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw\_A** is spaced apart from the bank layer **122** as shown in FIG. 5. Moreover, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_A** is in contact with the bank layer **122** as shown in FIG. 6. Further, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_A** is partially introduced into a lower part of the bank layer **122** as shown in FIG. 7.

[0067] However, one end of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_A** is spaced apart from one end of the underlying wire WIRE by a non-overlapping area NOA. If the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area **SPw\_A** has the above structure, the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent caused by impurities (e.g., particles) can be reduced even if the vertical distance between the first electrode **121** and the underlying wire WIRE is short.

[0068] In contrast, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area **SPr\_A** and the first electrode positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas are formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films **116** to **119**.

[0069] More specifically, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area **SPr\_A** and the first electrode **121** positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas **SPr\_A** are introduced into the bank layer **122** and extend to the ends of the fourth insulating film **119**. If the first electrode **121** positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixel areas **SPr\_A** have the same structure, the light emission area is widened. However, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixel areas **SPr\_A** also may be formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE.

[0070] Hereinafter, a further explanation regarding the above will be given with respect to the first electrode **121** shown in planar form.

[0071] (a) of FIG. 8 shows a planar structure of the first electrode **121** included in the red, green, and blue subpixels **SPrgb**, and (b) of FIG. 8 shows a planar structure of the first electrode **121** included in the white subpixel **SPw**.

[0072]  $x_1$  indicates the length of the first electrode **121** included in the white subpixel **SPw** in a first direction  $x$ , and  $x_2$  indicates the length of the first electrode **121** included in the red, green, and blue subpixels **SPrgb** in the first direction  $x$ . The first direction  $x$  is the short-axis direction of the subpixels, and a second direction  $y$  is the long-axis direction of the subpixels.

[0073] The first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw** has a shorter length in the first direction  $x$  to prevent short-circuiting or overcurrent in the underlying wire WIRE. In one example, if the underlying wire WIRE is arranged at the left side of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw**, the length of  $w_1$  adjacent to the underlying wire WIRE becomes shorter. In another example, if the underlying wire WIRE is arranged at the right side of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw**, the length of  $w_2$  adjacent to the underlying wire WIRE becomes shorter. In still another example, if the underlying wire WIRE is arranged at both opposite sides of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw**, the lengths of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  adjacent to the underlying wire WIRE become shorter. Here,  $w_1$  indicates the length removed from the left side of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw**, and  $w_2$  indicates the length removed from the right side of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw**.

[0074] As can be seen from the above explanation, the length in the second direction  $y$  of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw** is similar or equal to the length in the second direction  $y$  of the first electrode **121** positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixels **SPrgb**. However, the length in the first direction  $x$  of the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel **SPw** is shorter than the length in the first direction  $x$  of the first electrode **121** positioned in

the red, green, and blue subpixels SP<sub>rgb</sub> by  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , or  $w_1+w_2$ . Accordingly, the relationship between the first electrode 121 positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixels and the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel SP<sub>2</sub> when the first electrode 121 positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixels is formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE is summarized by  $x_2 > x_1$ .

[0075] The white subpixel SP<sub>2</sub> has a smaller light emission area than the red, green, and blue subpixels SP<sub>rgb</sub> according to the relationship  $x_2 > x_1$ . However, the white subpixel emits white light as it is without using a color filter. Thus, even if the size of the light emission area is smaller than the size of the red, green, and blue subpixels SP<sub>rgb</sub>, this does not give a large effect on luminance.

[0076] An example of short-circuiting or overcurrent caused by a conventional white subpixel structure and impurities (e.g., particles) will be described below.

[0077] FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of a conventional white subpixel structure. FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view showing the introduction of particles into the structure of FIG. 9.

[0078] As shown in FIG. 9, the first electrode 121 positioned in the conventional white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> is formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films 116 to 119. More specifically, the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> are introduced into the bank layer 122 and extends to the ends of the fourth insulating film 119, and has an overlapping area OA with the underlying wire WIRE. The first electrode 121 positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixel areas SP<sub>r\_A</sub> is formed in the same manner as the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub>.

[0079] As shown in FIG. 10, the first electrode 121 positioned in the conventional white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> is formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE. Thus, when particles PT are introduced during a process (e.g., photolithography, etching, cleaning, etc), short-circuiting or overcurrent occurs between the underlying wire WIRE and the first electrode 121 positioned in the conventional white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub>. The thickness of a thin film used for the organic light emitting display device is small and expressed in units of  $\mu\text{m}$ . Accordingly, when the pattern (e.g., insulating film, electrode, etc) of the white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> is lost due to particles PT, etc, short-circuiting or overcurrent occurs between the first electrode 121 and the underlying wire WIRE. In this case, the device may be partially burnt, and this may spread across the entire panel. Such short-circuiting occurs when the particles PT are conductive. Also, even if the particles PT have no conductivity, overcurrent may occur when some regions of the particles PT become conductive due to a thin film or the like formed in a subsequent process; however, the present invention is not limited thereto and overcurrent may occur due to a variety of reasons.

[0080] Nevertheless, on the basis of the foregoing description of the present invention with reference to FIGS. 5 to 8, the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area and the underlying wire WIRE do not overlap each other, and hence the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent caused by impurities (e.g., particles) can be decreased, even with a short vertical distance between the underlying wire and the first electrode.

[0081] A method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention will be described.

[0082] FIGS. 11 to 14 are views for explaining a method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

[0083] As shown in FIGS. 11 to 14, a white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> and a red subpixel area SP<sub>r\_A</sub> are formed on a lower substrate 110a. A driving transistor DT and a white organic light emitting diode WOLED shown in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> are included in the white subpixel. An R color filter 117r shown in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r\_A</sub> is included in a red subpixel. Also, an underlying wire WIRE shown between the white subpixel area SP<sub>w\_A</sub> and the red subpixel area SP<sub>r\_A</sub> is connected to the red subpixel. The cross-sectional structure will be concretely described below, and distinction between subpixel areas will be mentioned only when necessary.

[0084] First of all, a gate electrode 111a and a first metal layer 111b are formed on the lower substrate 110a. A first metal is formed on the lower substrate 110a, and then patterned to be divided into the gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b, which are spaced apart from each other. The gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b may be one selected from the group consisting of MO, Al, Cr, Au, Ti, Ni, and Cu, or an alloy thereof, and may be formed as a single layer or multiple layers.

[0085] Next, a first insulating film 112 is formed on the gate electrode 111a and the first metal layer 111b. The first insulating film 112 is formed on the lower substrate 110a, and then patterned so as to expose part of the first metal layer 111b. The first insulating film 112 is formed to expose part of the first metal layer 111b. A silicon oxide film SiO<sub>x</sub> or silicon nitride film SiN<sub>x</sub> is selected as the first insulating film 112.

[0086] Next, a semiconductor layer 113 and an ohmic contact layer 114 are formed on the first insulating film 112 corresponding to the gate electrode 111a. Amorphous silicon (a-Si), polysilicon (poly-Si), an oxide, or an organic matter is selected as the semiconductor layer 113. The ohmic contact layer 114 is a layer for decreasing the contact resistance between the semiconductor layer 113 and source and drain electrodes 115a and 115b to be formed later, and can be omitted.

[0087] Next, a second metal is formed on the first insulating film 112, and then patterned to be divided into source and drain electrodes 115a and 115b positioned on the semiconductor layer 113 or the ohmic contact layer 114 and a second metal layer 115c positioned on the first metal layer 111b, which are spaced apart from each other. The first metal layer 111b and the second metal layer 115c are electrically connected to constitute the underlying wire WIRE. As used herein, the underlying wire WIRE consists of the first metal layer 111b and the second metal layer 115c by way of example, and the underlying wire WIRE may consist of the second metal layer 115c alone.

[0088] The source electrode 115a, drain electrode 115b, and second metal layer 115c may be one selected from the group consisting of MO, Al, Cr, Au, Ti, Ni, and Cu or an alloy thereof, and may be formed as a single layer or multiple layers. The driving transistor DT comprises the gate electrode 111a, semiconductor layer 113, ohmic contact layer 114, source electrode 115a, and drain electrode 115b, which are formed on the lower substrate 110a. The transistor section comprises other components, such as scan lines, data lines,

and a capacitor, than the white organic light emitting diode WOLED, in addition to the underlying wire WIRE and the driving transistor DT.

**[0089]** Next, a second insulating film **116** is formed on the first insulating film **112** so as to cover the source electrode **115a**, drain electrode **115b**, and second metal layer **115c**. A silicon oxide film SiOx or silicon nitride film SiNx is selected as the second insulating film **116**.

**[0090]** Next, an R color filter **117r** is formed on the second insulating film **116** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A. A G color filter and a B color filter are formed on the second insulating film **116** positioned in the red and blue subpixel areas. On the other hand, no color filter is formed on the second insulating film **116** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A.

**[0091]** Next, a third insulating film **118** is formed so as to cover the R color filter **117r** and the second insulating film **116**. An organic insulating film, an inorganic insulating film, or an organic/inorganic insulating film is selected as the third insulating film **118**. The first height *y*<sub>1</sub> of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is less than the second height *y*<sub>2</sub> of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A. The first height *y*<sub>1</sub> of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is less than the height of the third insulating film positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas. This is because the R color filter **117r** is formed below the third insulating film **118** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A. Also, this is because a G color filter and a B color filter are formed below the third insulating film **118** positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas. That is, the third insulating film **118** included in the white subpixel has a smaller step difference than the third insulating film **118** included in the red, green, and blue subpixels. The first and second heights *y*<sub>1</sub> and *y*<sub>2</sub> are the vertical distance from the basal plane of the source and drain electrodes **115a** and **115b** to the basal plane of the third insulating film **118**. The height of the third insulating film positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas may correspond to the height of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A.

**[0092]** Next, a fourth insulating film **119** is formed on the third insulating film **118**, and patterned so as to expose part of the drain electrode **115b**. A silicon oxide film SiOx or silicon nitride film SiNx is selected as the fourth insulating film **119**.

**[0093]** Next, a first electrode **121** is formed on the fourth insulating film **119**. The first electrode **121** is electrically connected to the drain electrode **115b** exposed through the fourth insulating film **119**. The first electrode **121** is divided into a first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_2 and a first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A. The first electrode **121** is formed separately for each of the subpixel areas. The first electrode **121** is an anode. The first electrode **121** is a transparent conductive film, such as ITO (Indium Tin Oxide), IZO (Indium Zinc Oxide), ITZO (Indium Tin Zinc Oxide), ZnO (Zinc Oxide), IGZO (Indium Gallium Zinc Oxide), or graphene.

**[0094]** The first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is spaced apart from the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films **116** to **119** so as not to overlap it.

**[0095]** More specifically, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is spaced apart from the bank layer **122** as shown in FIG. 5. Moreover, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is in contact

with the bank layer **122** as show in FIG. 6. Further, the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A is partially introduced into a lower part of the bank layer **122** as shown in FIG. 7.

**[0096]** However, one end of the first electrode **121** is spaced apart from one end of the underlying wire WIRE by a non-overlapping area NOA. If the first electrode **121** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>\_A has the above structure, the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent caused by impurities (e.g., particles) can be reduced even if the vertical distance between the first electrode **121** and the underlying wire WIRE is short.

**[0097]** In contrast, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A and the first electrode positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas are formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films **116** to **119**.

**[0098]** More specifically, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>\_A and the first electrode **121** positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas SP<sub>r</sub>\_A are introduced into the bank layer **122** and extend to the ends of the fourth insulating film **119**. If the first electrode **121** positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixel areas SP<sub>r</sub>\_A have the same structure, the light emission area is widened. However, the first electrode **121** positioned in the red, green, and blue subpixel areas SP<sub>r</sub>\_A also may be formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE.

**[0099]** Next, a bank layer **122** is formed on some regions of the fourth insulating film **119** and first electrode **121** defines an opening of the white subpixel and an opening of the red subpixel. The bank layer **22** defines openings of all the subpixels.

**[0100]** Next, an organic emission layer **123** is formed on the first electrode **121** and the bank layer **122**. The organic emission layer **123** emits white light. The organic emission layer **123** comprises a hole injection layer HIL, a hole transparent layer HTL, an emission layer EML, an electron transport layer ETL, and an electron injection layer EIL, and one or more of these layers may be omitted. The organic emission layer **123** may further comprise a functional layer for controlling the movement characteristics of holes and electrons or a functional layer for facilitating interlayer interface stabilization.

**[0101]** Next, a second electrode **124** is formed on the organic emission layer **123**. The second electrode **124** is formed as a front electrode so as to be commonly connected to all the subpixel areas. The second electrode **124** is a cathode. The second electrode **124** may be Al, Ag, Mg, Ca, or an alloy thereof, which has a low work function. The second electrode **124** is connected to a low-potential underlying wire. With the above configuration, a white organic light emitting diode WOLED is formed on the transistor section comprising the driving transistor DT.

**[0102]** Hereinafter, a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention will be described.

#### Second Exemplary Embodiment

**[0103]** FIG. 15 is a cross-sectional view of a white subpixel according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

**[0104]** Unlike in FIGS. 5 to 7, the white subpixel shown in FIG. 15 has a smaller step difference in the third insulating film **118**. More specifically, the height of the third insulating film **118** positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>2</sub>\_A is

similar or equal to the height of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>A. The height of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>2</sub>A is likewise similar or equal to the height of the third insulating film 118 positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas.

[0105] In the second exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the height of the third insulating film 118 positioned in all of the subpixels is similar or equal. The first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>A is spaced apart from the bank layer 122 as shown in FIG. 15. Moreover, the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>A is in contact with the bank layer 122 (see FIG. 6). Further, the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>A is partially introduced into a lower part of the bank layer 122 (see FIG. 7).

[0106] However, one end of the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>A is spaced apart from one end of the underlying wire WIRE by a non-overlapping area NOA. If the first electrode 121 positioned in the white subpixel area SP<sub>w</sub>A has the above structure, the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent caused by impurities (e.g., particles) can be reduced even if the vertical distance between the first electrode 121 and the underlying wire WIRE is short.

[0107] In contrast, the first electrode 121 positioned in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>A and the first electrode positioned in the green and blue subpixel areas are formed so as to overlap the underlying wire WIRE positioned below the second to fourth insulating films 116 to 119.

[0108] As seen from above, the present invention provides an organic light emitting display device which is capable of improving the production yield of the panel by decreasing the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent between the underlying wire and the first electrode included in the white subpixel due to impurities introduced during a process.

[0109] In the foregoing exemplary embodiment, the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent is reduced by varying the structure of the first electrode 121. A reduction in the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent can also be achieved by varying the structure of the fourth insulating film 119 contacting the first electrode 121.

#### Third Exemplary Embodiment

[0110] FIG. 16 is a top plan view of subpixels according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 17 is a cross-sectional view of area A1-A2 of FIG. 16. FIG. 18 is a cross-sectional view of area B1-B2 of FIG. 16.

[0111] As shown in FIGS. 16 to 18, green, red, white, and blue subpixels SP<sub>g</sub> to SP<sub>b</sub> are arranged. Although the subpixels are illustrated as being arranged as green, red, white, and blue subpixels SP<sub>g</sub> to SP<sub>b</sub>, the present invention is not limited to this example. The structure of the green, red, white, and blue subpixels SP<sub>g</sub> to SP<sub>b</sub> may employ the structure of the first or second exemplary embodiment. In the third exemplary embodiment, however, the underlying wire has a single layer structure, rather than a multilayer structure, to describe the structure of the present invention in various ways.

[0112] In the third exemplary embodiment, the fourth insulating film 119 comprises a non-exposed area NOPN fully covering the third insulating film 118 and an exposed area OPN exposing part of the third insulating film 118. The non-exposed area NOPN of the fourth insulating film 119 corresponds to a position of the underlying wire adjacent to the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>, and the exposed area OPN of the fourth

insulating film 119 corresponds to a position of the underlying wire adjacent to the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>.

[0113] As shown in FIG. 16, the underlying wire adjacent to the right side of the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub> may be a high-potential power line EVDD arranged in the second direction y, and the underlying wire adjacent to the left side of the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub> may be a data line DL<sub>i</sub> arranged in the second direction y.

[0114] In this case, the non-exposed area NOPN of the fourth insulating film 119 corresponds to the position of the high-potential power line EVDD adjacent to the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>, and the exposed area OPN of the fourth insulating film 119 corresponds to the position of the *i*th data line DL<sub>i</sub> adjacent to the white subpixel SP<sub>w</sub>.

[0115] However, as explained in the first exemplary embodiment, the underlying wire comprises signal lines such as data lines DL<sub>1</sub> to DL<sub>n</sub> and scan lines SL<sub>1</sub> to SL<sub>m</sub>, as well as power lines such as the high-potential power line EVDD and low-potential power line EVSS shown in FIGS. 1 and 2.

[0116] If the subpixel comprises a compensation circuit, the underlying wire further comprises an auxiliary power line for supplying an auxiliary voltage, a reference power line for supplying a reference voltage, an initialization power line for supplying an initialization voltage, etc. Therefore, the underlying wire should be regarded as one of the above-listed lines.

[0117] Now, an underlying structure comprising the fourth insulating film 119 will be described with respect to the exposed area OPN and the non-exposed portion NOPN, respectively.

[Exposed Area: FIG. 17]

[0118] A first insulating film 112 is formed on the lower substrate 110a. A second metal layer 115c is formed on the first insulating film 112. The second metal layer 115c serves as an *i*th data line DL<sub>i</sub>. A second insulating film 116 is formed on the second metal layer 115c. An R color filter 117r included in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>A is formed on the second insulating film 116. A third insulating film 118 is formed on the second insulating film 116. The third insulating film 118 is formed to cover the R color filter 117r. A fourth insulating film 119 is formed on the third insulating film 118. The fourth insulating film 119 has an exposed area OPN exposing part of the third insulating film 118 corresponding to the position of the *i*th data line DL<sub>i</sub>.

[Non-Exposed Area: FIG. 18]

[0119] A first insulating film 112 is formed on the lower substrate 110a. A second metal layer 115c is formed on the first insulating film 112. The second metal layer 115c serves as an *i*th data line DL<sub>i</sub>. A second insulating film 116 is formed on the second metal layer 115c. An R color filter 117r included in the red subpixel area SP<sub>r</sub>A is formed on the second insulating film 116. A third insulating film 118 is formed on the second insulating film 116. The third insulating film 118 is formed to cover the R color filter 117r. A fourth insulating film 119 is formed on the third insulating film 118. The fourth insulating film 119 has a non-exposed area NOPN fully covering the third insulating film 118 corresponding to the position of the high-potential power line EVDD.

[0120] The fourth insulating film 119 is formed of the above-described structure due to the following reasons.

[0121] The fourth insulating film 119 is used to increase color reproducibility in the representation of colors using

light produced from the organic emission layer. The third insulating film **118** positioned below the fourth insulating film **119** functions to maintain a gap between the transistor section TFT and the organic light emitting diode WOLED and electrically separate and insulate them.

[0122] An organic insulating film may be selected as the third insulating film **118** positioned below the fourth insulating film **119**. The third insulating film **118** formed of an organic insulating film causes outgassing.

[0123] Outgassing causes deterioration or shrinkage of the organic emission layer, thus shortening the lifespan of the subpixels. For this reason, the non-exposed area OPN, called an air hole, is formed during the formation of the fourth insulating film **119**. Gas produced from the third insulating film **118** is released via the exposed area OPN.

[0124] In the structure of the third exemplary embodiment, the exposed area OPN serving as an air hole is formed only in some region of the fourth insulating film **119**. Dry etching is used to form the exposed area OPN in the fourth insulating film **119**. Static electricity generated in this process causes a lot of surface damage enough to damage the high-potential power line EVDD.

[0125] Due to this, the exposed area OPN is formed only in an area corresponding to the position of the data line, and the exposed area OPN is not formed in an area corresponding to the position of the high-potential power line EVDD.

[0126] In the structure of the third exemplary embodiment, the area corresponding to the high-potential power line EVDD is not exposed. This prevents surface damage, which would otherwise lead to short-circuiting between the high-potential power line EVDD and the first electrode **121** or short-circuiting between the first electrode **121** and the second electrode **124** serving as a low-potential power line in a subsequent process.

[0127] Moreover, in the structure of the third exemplary embodiment, the fourth insulating film **119** is left as it is so as to cover the third insulating film **118** positioned in the area corresponding to the high-potential power line EVDD. Accordingly, the vertical distance between the high-potential power line EVDD and the second electrode **124** serving as the low-potential power line increases, thereby decreasing the probability of short-circuiting caused by impurities or the like.

[0128] The reason why the exposed area OPN and the non-exposed area NOPN are separately formed in the fourth insulating film **119** is because the white subpixel SPw has a smaller step difference than the other subpixels SP<sub>r</sub> to SP<sub>b</sub> because it has no color filter.

[0129] For this reason, the third exemplary embodiment of the present invention has been described with respect to the high-potential power line EVDD and the *i*th data line DL<sub>*i*</sub> positioned at the left and right sides of the white subpixel SPw. However, this is merely an illustration, and this structure can be applied to the red, green, and blue subpixels SP<sub>r</sub>, SP<sub>g</sub>, and SP<sub>b</sub> as well, even when the red, green, blue, and white subpixels SP<sub>r</sub>, SP<sub>g</sub>, SP<sub>b</sub>, and SPw have the same step difference (see the example of FIG. **15**). That is, the third exemplary embodiment can be applied to the second exemplary embodiment shown in FIG. **15**.

[0130] The size of the exposed area OPN serving as an air hole can be calculated based on the thickness of the third insulating film **118**, the thickness of the fourth insulating film **119**, or the size of the openings of the subpixels. For instance,

the exposed area OPN of the fourth insulating film **119** is smaller than the vertical length OPw<sub>y</sub> defining the opening of the white subpixel SPw.

[0131] FIG. **19** is an illustration of a first modification of the subpixels of FIG. **16**. FIG. **20** is an illustration of a second modification of the subpixels of FIG. **16**.

[0132] As shown in FIG. **19**, according to the illustration of the first modification, the size of the exposed area OPN serving as an air hole corresponds to the vertical length OPw<sub>y</sub> defining the opening of the white subpixel SPw.

[0133] As shown in FIG. **20**, according to the illustration of the second modification, an N number of exposed areas OPN serving as air holes are formed (n is an integer of 1 or more).

[0134] A method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the third exemplary embodiment of the present invention will be described below.

[0135] The method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the third exemplary embodiment of the present invention is identical or similar to the method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention, except for the process of forming an exposed area OPN and a non-exposed area NOPN in the fourth insulating film **119**. Accordingly, the process until the formation of the third insulating film **118** on the lower substrate **110a** will be described with reference to the first exemplary embodiment, and the subsequent description will be given with reference to FIGS. **16** to **20**.

[0136] The fourth insulating film **119** is formed on the third insulating film **118**, the non-exposed area NOPN fully covering the third insulating film **118** and the exposed area OPN exposing part of the third insulating film **118** are defined, and dry etching is performed on the exposed area OPN to remove the fourth insulating film **119**.

[0137] For example, the underlying wire adjacent to the right side of the white subpixel SPw may be high-potential power line EVDD arranged in the second direction y, and the underlying wire adjacent to the left side of the white subpixel SPw may be a data line DL<sub>*i*</sub> arranged in the second direction y.

[0138] In this case, the non-exposed area NOPN of the fourth insulating film **119** corresponds to the position of the high-potential power line EVDD adjacent to the white subpixel SPw, and the exposed area OPN of the fourth insulating film **119** corresponds to the position of the *i*th data line DL<sub>*i*</sub> adjacent to the white subpixel SPw.

[0139] Accordingly, the fourth insulating film **119** corresponding to the position of the *i*th data line DL<sub>*i*</sub> is dry-etched to form the exposed area OPN.

[0140] Next, the first electrode **121**, the bank layer **122**, the organic emission layer **123**, and the second electrode **124** are formed on the fourth insulating film **119**. The process of forming the first electrode **121**, bank layer **122**, organic emission layer **123**, and second electrode **124** will be described with reference to the first exemplary embodiment.

[0141] As seen from above, the present invention provides an organic light emitting display device which is capable of improving the production yield of the panel by decreasing the probability of short-circuiting or overcurrent between the underlying wire and the first electrode included in the white subpixel due to impurities introduced during a process and decreasing the probability of short-circuiting caused by dam-

Fig. 3

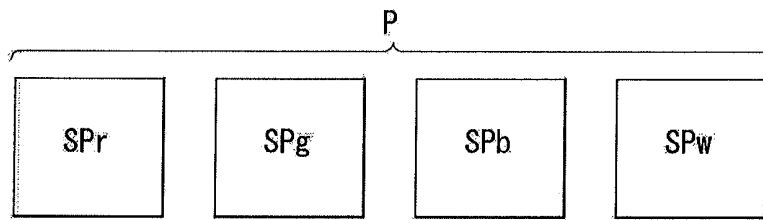
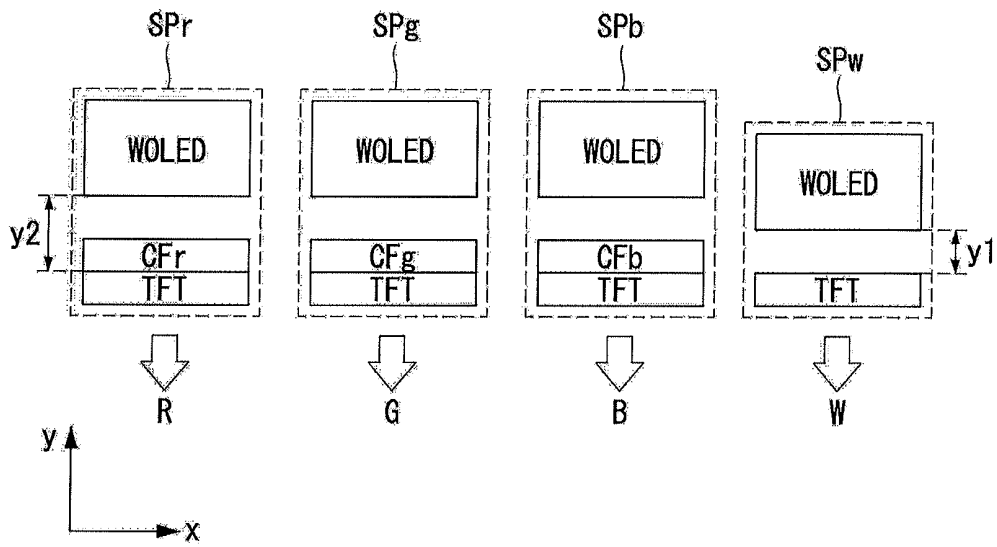


Fig. 4



age to the underlying wire or by a reduction in the vertical distance between the high-potential power line and the low-potential power line.

**[0142]** The foregoing first to third exemplary embodiments of the present invention may be implemented individually or in appropriate combinations. In one example, the present invention may be implemented in a combination of the structure of the first electrode explained in the first exemplary embodiment and the structure of the fourth insulating film explained in the third exemplary embodiment. In another example, the present invention may be implemented in a combination of the structure of the first electrode explained in the second exemplary embodiment and the structure of the fourth insulating film explained in the third exemplary embodiment.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; an underlying wire on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, wherein the white subpixel comprises a first electrode, which is non-overlapped with the underlying wire and is spaced apart from the underlying wire.
2. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the length of the first electrode included in the white subpixel is different from the length of the first electrode of the red, green, and blue subpixels.
3. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the length in a first direction of the first electrode included in the white subpixel is shorter than the length in the first direction of the first electrode of the red, green, and blue subpixels.
4. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode included in the white subpixel is spaced apart from a bank layer defining an opening.
5. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode included in the white subpixel is in contact with the bank layer defining an opening.
6. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode included in the white subpixel is partially introduced into a lower part of the bank layer defining an opening.
7. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the white subpixel has a smaller light emission area than the red, green, and blue subpixels.
8. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the underlying wire comprises power lines for transmitting electric power or signal lines for transmitting signals.
9. An organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; an underlying wire on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, wherein an insulating film contacting the bottom of the first electrode of the white subpixel comprises an unexposed area and an exposed area.
10. The organic light emitting display device of claim 9, wherein the non-exposed area corresponds to a position of the

power line adjacent to the white subpixel, and the exposed area corresponds to a position of the signal line adjacent to the white subpixel.

11. The organic light emitting display device of claim 10, wherein the size of the exposed area corresponds to or is smaller than the vertical length defining the opening of the white subpixel.

12. The organic light emitting display device of claim 10, wherein an N number of exposed areas are formed (N is an integer of 1 or more).

13. A method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; an underlying wire formed on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section formed on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, the method comprising:

forming a first electrode of the white subpixel on the insulating film, wherein the first electrode is non-overlapped with the underlying wire and is spaced apart from the underlying wire;

forming a bank layer defining an opening on the insulating film;

forming an organic emission layer on the first electrode; and

forming a second electrode on the organic emission layer.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the length of the first electrode included in the white subpixel is different from the length of the first electrode of the red, green, and blue subpixels.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the length in a first direction of the first electrode included in the white subpixel is shorter than the length in the first direction of the first electrode of the red, green, and blue subpixels.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the first electrode included in the white subpixel is in contact with the bank layer, or partially introduced into a lower part of the bank layer.

17. A method for manufacturing an organic light emitting display device comprising: a lower substrate; an underlying wire formed on the lower substrate; and red, green, and blue subpixels each comprising a transistor section formed on the lower substrate and an organic light emitting diode, the method comprising:

forming a first electrode of the white subpixel on the insulating film;

forming a bank layer defining an opening on the insulating film;

forming an organic emission layer on the first electrode; and

forming a second electrode on the organic emission layer, wherein the insulating film positioned below the first electrode comprises a non-exposed area and an exposed area.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the non-exposed area corresponds to a position of the power line adjacent to the white subpixel, and the exposed area corresponds to a position of the signal line adjacent to the white subpixel.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the size of the exposed area corresponds to or is smaller than the vertical length defining the opening of the white subpixel.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein an N number of exposed areas are formed (N is an integer of 1 or more).

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Fig. 5

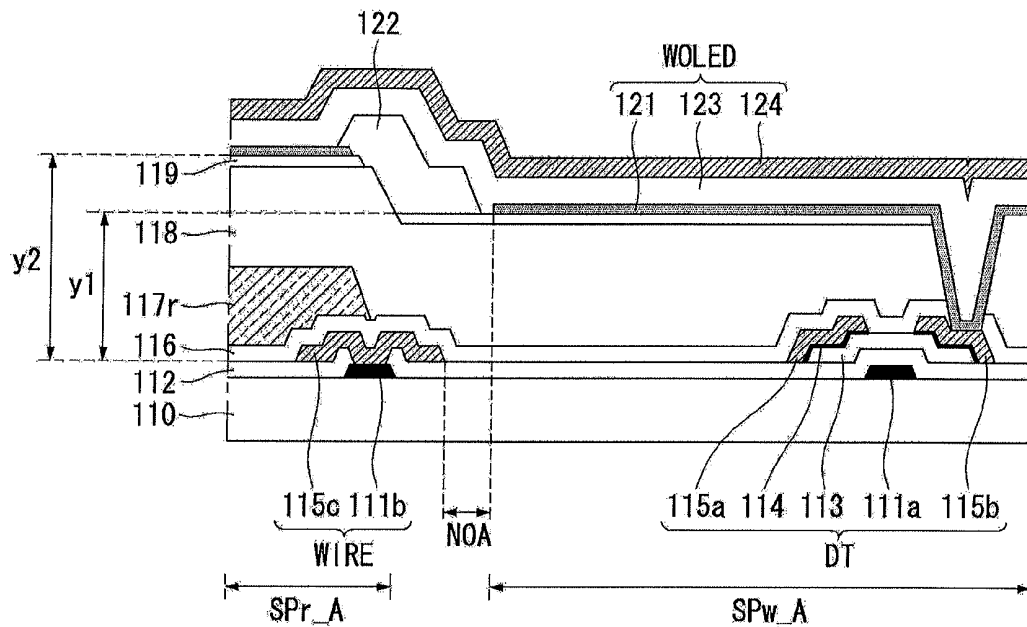


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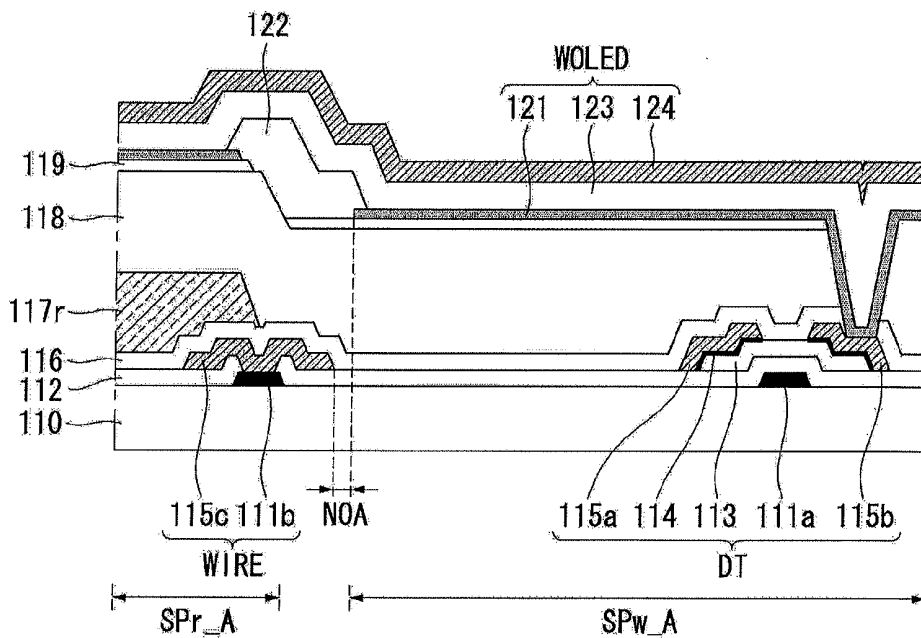


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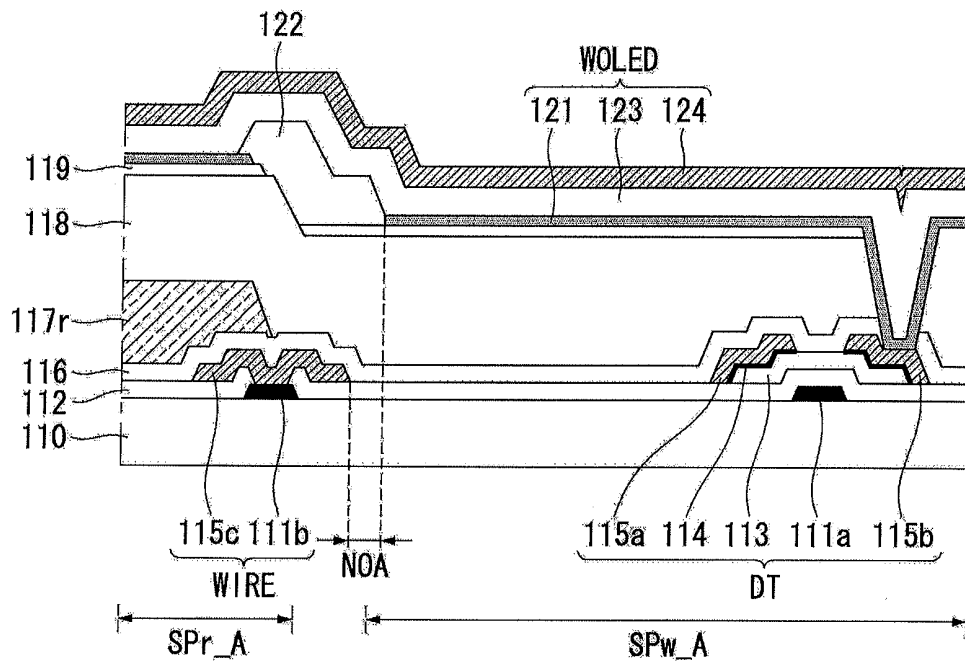


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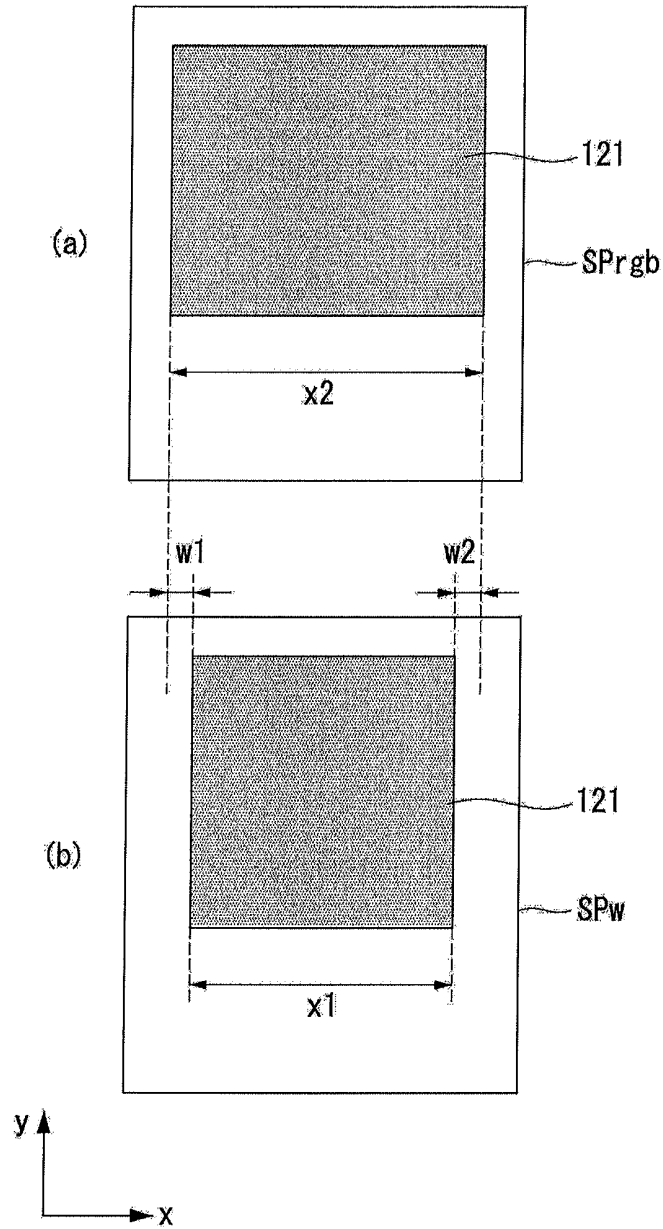




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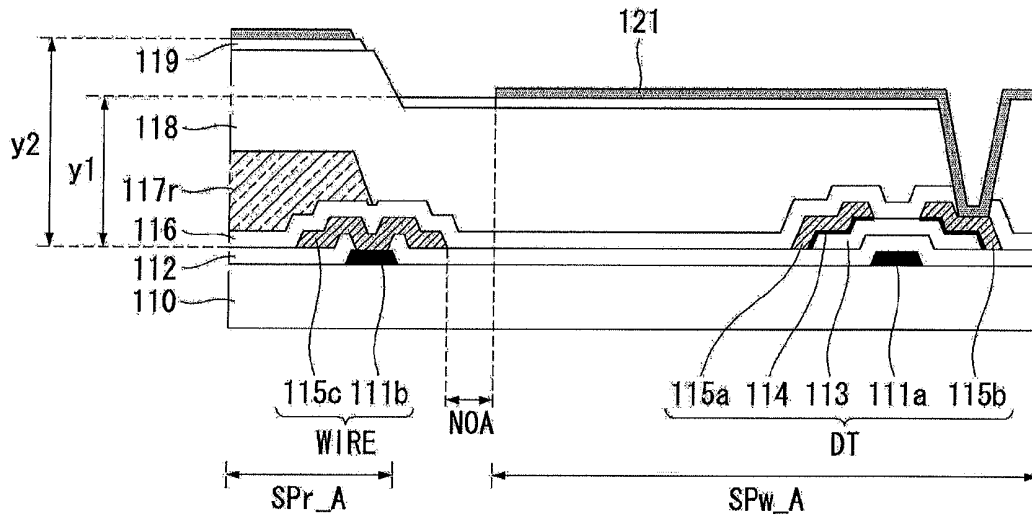


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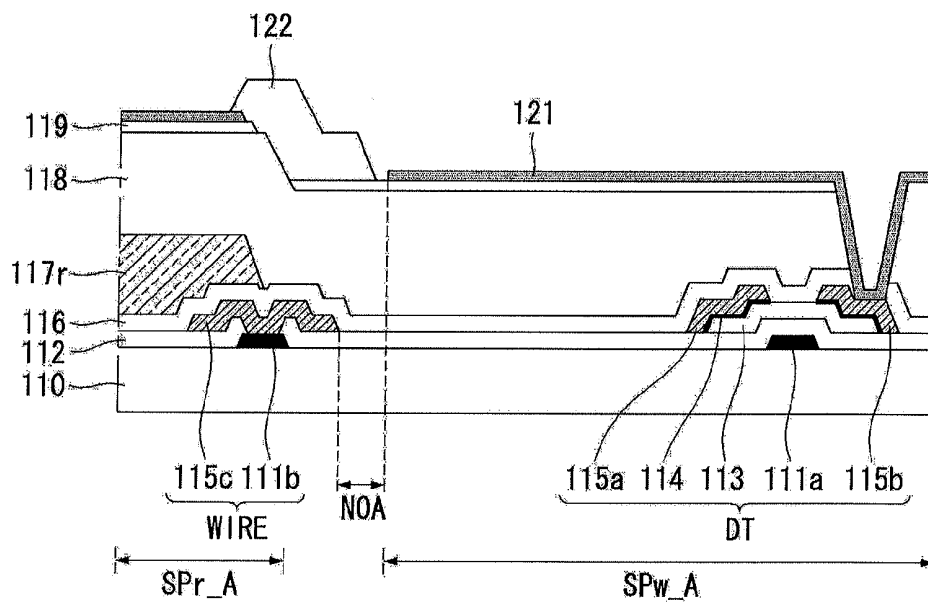


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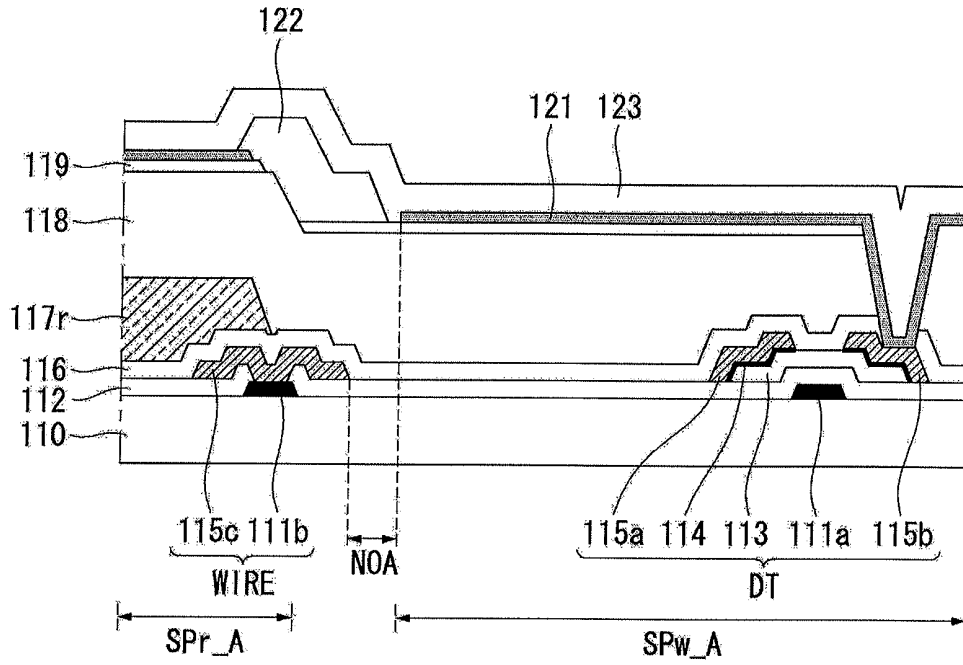


Fig. 14

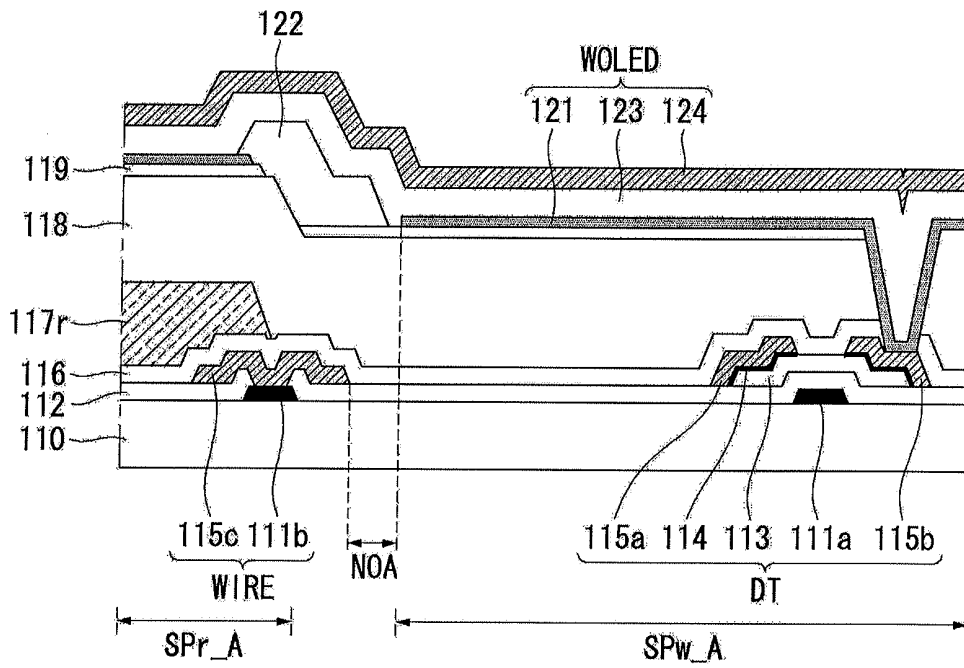


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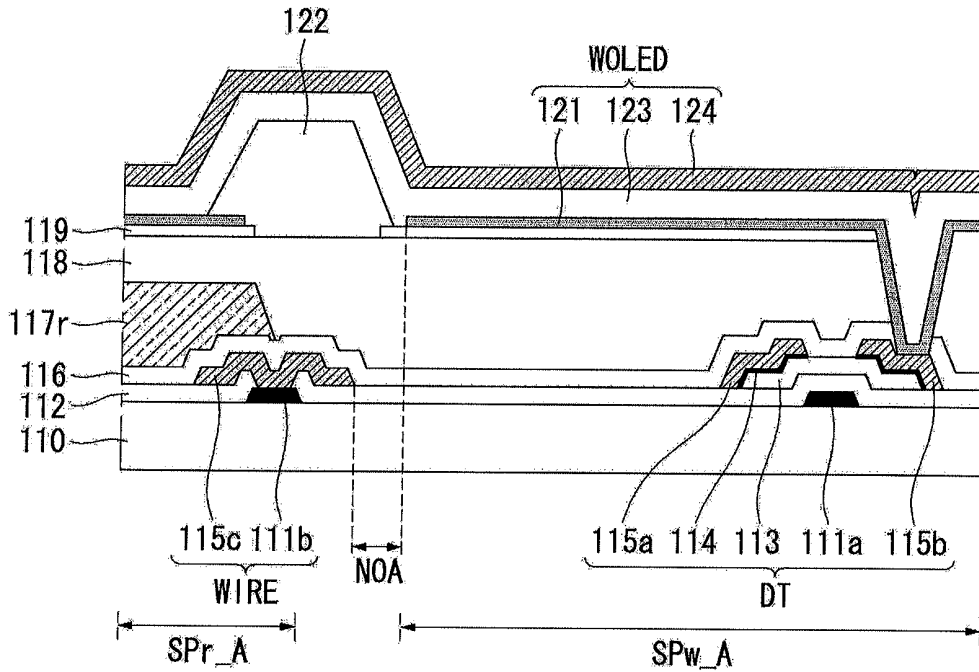
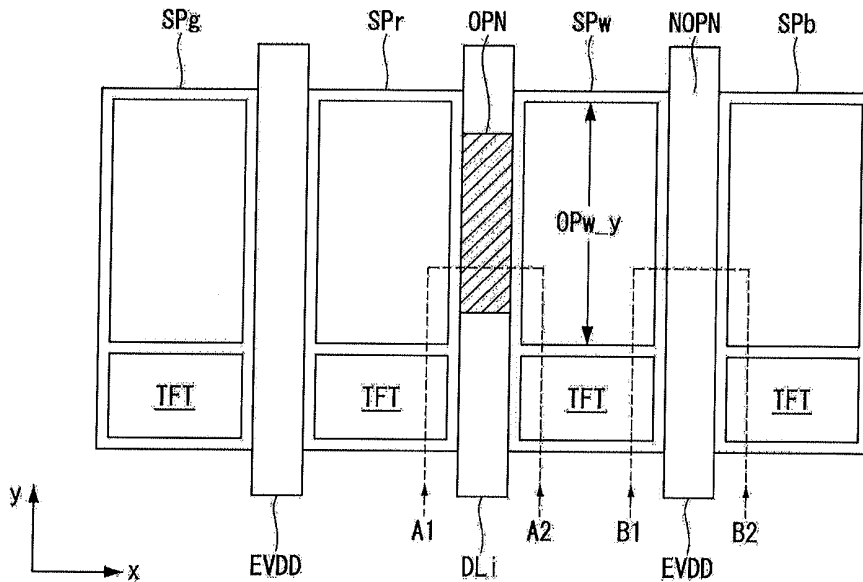


Fig. 16



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摘要(译)

一种有机发光显示装置，包括：下基板；在下基板上形成的底线；红色，绿色和蓝色子像素，每个子像素包括形成在下基板上的晶体管部分和有机发光二极管，其中白色子像素包括第一电极，该第一电极与下面的导线不重叠并且与下面的导线间隔开。

