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New type of light xerox: Optically rewritable E-paper

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The idea of the photoaligned optically rewritable (ORW) liquid crystal is to write, store and rewrite again the information generated by computer on a glass or flexible carrier. The displays based on this principle are called electronic paper (E-paper) displays. Optically rewritable technique is highly desirable, as common E-paper displays suffer from the high level complexity of driving electronic due to the insufficient durability of flexible conductor and contact bonding. To make a new type of ORW light xerox the following problems should be solved: (i) development of new highly sensitive ORW photoaligning materials and layers; (ii) optimization of operation to allow to use cheap and low power consuming high efficient light sources such as blue LED. The possible but not limiting applications of the new ORW E-paper based on photoaligning are light printable rewritable paper, labels and plastic card displays, as well as rewritable 3D paper for security applications and indoor and outdoor information boards.

Biography

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