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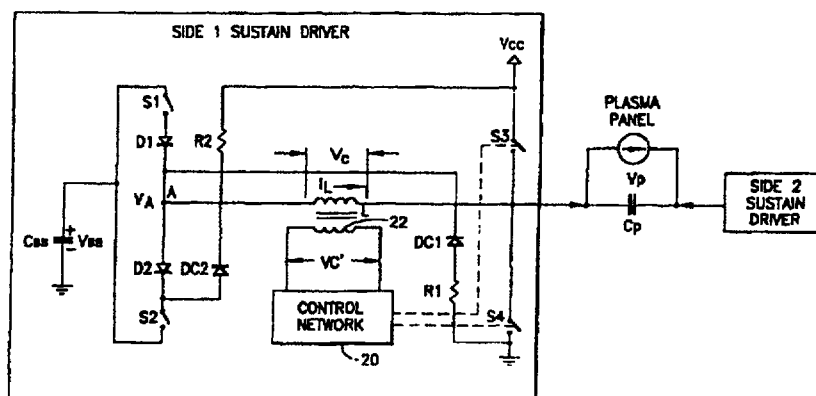
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(57) Abstract

An energy efficient driver circuit for driving a display panel having panel electrodes and panel capacitance includes an inductor means coupled to the panel electrodes; a driving voltage source; a voltage supply for providing a supply voltage of a magnitude which is greater than the driving voltage; a first switch device for selectively coupling the driving voltage to the inductor in response to a rising input signal transition, the input signal transition commencing a first state wherein a first current flow occurs through the inductor to charge the panel capacitance, the inductor causing the panel electrodes to rise to a voltage in excess of the driving voltage, at which point the first current flow reaches zero; and a second switch device for selectively coupling the voltage supply to the inductor and panel electrodes. A switch control is responsive to current flow in the inductor and is operative during the first state to initially maintain the second switch device in an open condition, and thereafter, in response to signals derived from the inductor, to cause a closure of the second switch device at a time which enables said second switch device to be fully conductive when the first current flow reaches zero, whereby the supply voltage source during a succeeding second state supplies current to both the panel electrodes and flyback current to said inductor. A like circuit is similarly operational on a falling input signal transition.