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Abstract

In this work, we have fabricated top-gate/bottom-contact type Organic Field Effect Transistors (OFETs). A poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT):[6,6]-phenyl C61-butyric acid methyl ester (PCBM) blend with 1:1 wt/wt ratio was used as the semiconducting layer, and poly(methyl methacrylate)(PMMA):Ta₂O₅ blends with varying concentration of Ta₂O₅ were used as dielectric layers of the devices. Interdigitated type source-drain electrodes on a glass substrate were coated with a semiconducting layer, which was followed by the deposition of dielectric layer and a top aluminum gate contact in sequence. Dielectric layers were prepared as the blends of PMMA:Ta₂O₅ with Ta₂O₅ wt/wt concentrations of 0%, 3%, 7%, 10%, 20% and 50%. Structural and electrical characterization of PMMA:Ta₂O₅ nanocomposite films were carried out using scanning electron microscope (SEM) and dielectric analyzer respectively. Dielectric constant of PMMA:Ta₂O₅ nanocomposites was found to increase with the increasing concentration of Ta₂O₅. Devices that were processed using 0 wt% and 3 wt% concentration of Ta₂O₅ exhibited a typical p-type OFET behavior with hole mobility of 2.68×10^{-3} and 3.42×10^{-3} cm²/Vs respectively. Whereas, the devices with 7 wt% and higher concentration of Ta₂O₅ showed electron mobility in addition to hole mobility, indicating

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