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## INTRODUCTION

Organic/nano thin-film devices are attracting much attention as promising candidates for light, low cost, flexible, and printable devices in large-area electronics applications. Recently, charge carrier doping techniques have been intensely studied and developed, in the same way as the mature silicon technologies. In organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) and organic thin-film transistors (OTFTs), which are typical organic/nano thin-film devices, carrier doping around contact electrode regions with molecular donor/acceptor dopants are often utilized to make ohmic-like contacts for the purpose of increasing electric current in the devices. While the great importance of carrier doping in organic/nano layers is well recognized, the carrier doping mechanisms have not been fully understood yet, and the evaluation method of charge carrier concentration in these materials has not been established.

Conventional representative methods for evaluating charge carrier concentrations (or dopant concentrations) and the type of charge carrier (electron or hole) in inorganic semiconductor materials are Hall-effect measurements and capacitance-voltage measurements. For example, the Hall-effect measurement based on the van der Pauw configuration enables one to get the above-mentioned physical parameters of the charge carrier in specimens with arbitrary shapes including thin-film structures. However, this versatile method cannot be utilized for higher resistance materials such as low-mobility organic semiconductors because of lower currents and sensitivities in the Hall effect. At the present time, the capacitance-voltage measurement based on metal/insulator/semiconductor structures is not applicable to highly-doped organic semiconductors that show some level of metallic behaviour. Therefore, standard methods and guidelines for measuring charge carrier concentration in organic semiconductor layers need to be developed.

## **NANOMANUFACTURING – KEY CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS –**

### **Part 5-3: Thin-film organic/nano electronic devices – Measurements of charge carrier concentration**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC TS 62607, which is a Technical Specification, specifies sample structures for evaluating a wide range of charge carrier concentration in organic/nano materials. This specification is provided for both capacitance-voltage (C-V) measurements in metal/insulator/semiconductor stacking structures and Hall-effect measurements with the van der Pauw configuration. Criteria for choosing measurement methods of charge carrier concentration in organic semiconductor layers are also given in this document.

#### **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this document.

#### **3 Terms and definitions**

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##### **3.1**

##### **doping**

addition of impurities to a semiconductor to control hole or electron concentrations

Note 1 to entry: For organic semiconductors, not only atomic, but also molecular impurities are utilized.

Note 2 to entry: The added impurities are called "dopants".

##### **3.2**

##### **bottom-contact electrode**

contact electrode located underneath the semiconductor layer to be tested

##### **3.3**

##### **top-contact electrode**

contact electrode located on top of the semiconductor layer to be tested

#### **4 Sample structures**

##### **4.1 Metal/insulator/semiconductor (MIS) structure**

Fabrication of a metal/insulator/semiconductor (MIS) structure as shown in Figure 1 is necessary for measuring a capacitance-voltage (C-V) curve in organic/nano semiconductor layers. This structure consists of a series capacitor of the insulator and a depletion region in the semiconductor layer.