

Hybrid complementary inverter for solution-processed single-walled carbon nanotube and a-IGZO thin-film transistors

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Currently, carbon nanotubes and oxide semiconductor have emerged as important materials for p-type and n-type thin-film transistors, respectively; however, realizing sophisticated macroelectronics operating in complementary manners has been challenging due to the difficulty in fabricating n-type carbon nanotube transistors and p-type oxide transistors amorphous [1]. In this work, we demonstrate hybrid complementary thin-film transistors based on carbon nanotubes for p-type and amorphous indium gallium zinc oxide for n-type behaviors to achieve excellent macroelectronic applications [2]. The fabricated carbon nanotube thin-film transistors utilize the pre-separated, highly purified 99.9% semiconducting carbon nanotube network as a channel and exhibit high mobility up to $59 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ and high current on/off ratio of 7.4×10^5 at an operating voltage of -0.5 V . Moreover, the fabricated amorphous indium gallium zinc oxide thin-film transistors also shows high mobility up to $6.44 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ and high current on/off ratio of 4.6×10^6 at an operating voltage of 0.5 V . Finally, we also show that, when configuring the hybrid inverter through a combination of 99.9% semiconducting carbon nanotube thin-film transistors and amorphous indium gallium zinc oxide thin-film transistors, the maximum gain ($dV_{\text{OUT}}/dV_{\text{IN}}$) of 14.37, the power of $1.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}$, and the noise margins ($\text{NM}_{\text{HIGH}} = 1.48 \text{ V}$, $\text{NM}_{\text{LOW}} = 2.60 \text{ V}$) occurs at an operating voltage of 5 V . Therefore, we believe that the approach of hybrid integration allows us to combine the strength of p-type carbon nanotube and n-type indium gallium zinc oxide thin-film transistors for minimizing the static-state power dissipation and maximizing noise margins in the circuit.

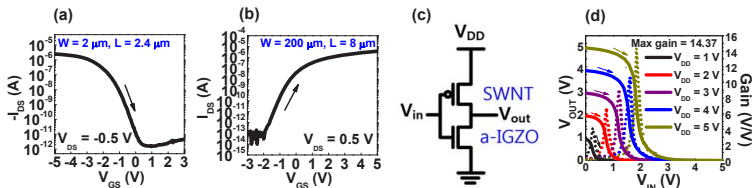


Fig. 1. Transfer characteristics of (a) carbon nanotube and (b) amorphous indium gallium zinc oxide thin-film transistors. (c) Schematic circuit diagram of the hybrid inverter. (d) Voltage transfer characteristics (solid line) and gain (dashed line) of the hybrid inverter.

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