

Supporting Information

Solvent Engineering of Self-Separating Fullerene Crystals for Photodetectors

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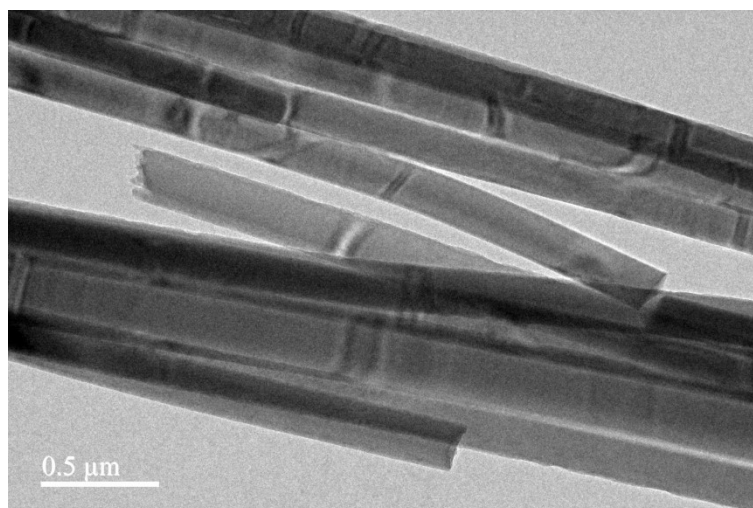


Fig. S1 Additional TEM image of C₆₀NCs_U.

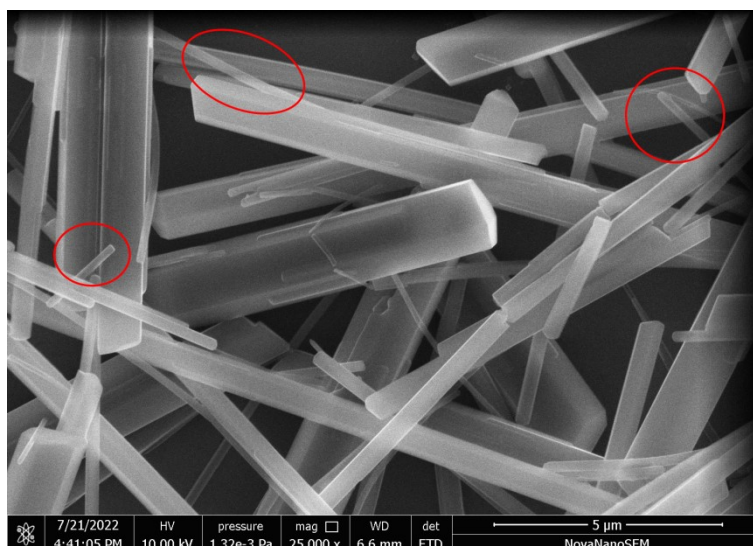


Fig. S2 Additional SEM image of C₆₀NCs_B.

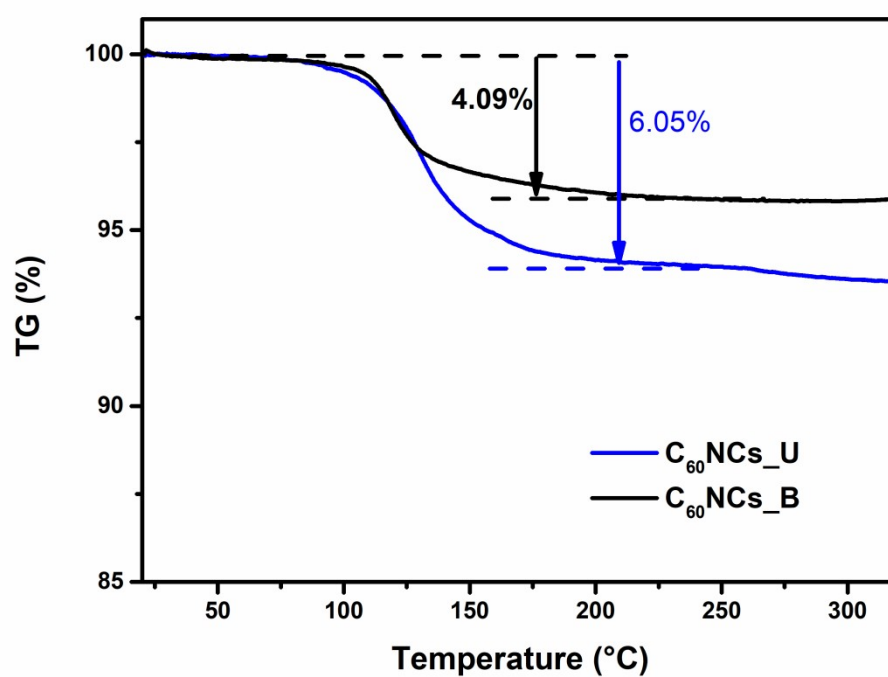
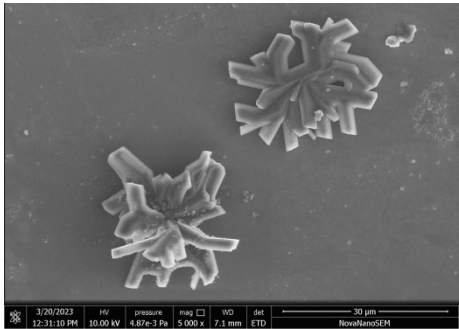
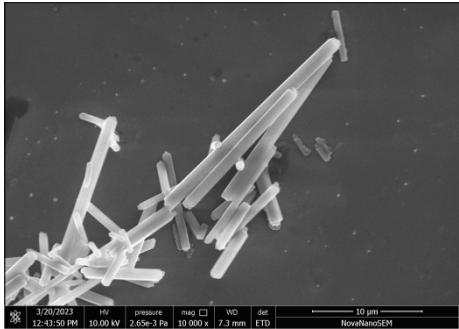


Fig. S3 TG curves of C₆₀NCs_U and C₆₀NCs_B recorded under a nitrogen atmosphere.

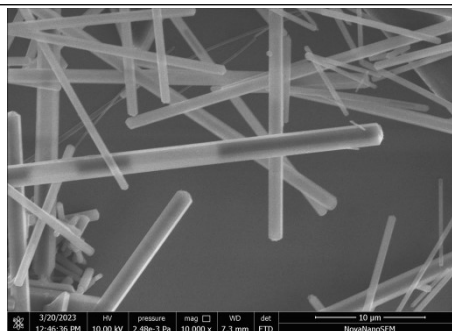


Fig. S4 Digital photos of the Self-separating process at different concentration of C_{60} in *m*-Xylene.

Table S1. Digital photos and SEM images of the formation process with different poor solvents.

Sample	Digital photo	SEM image
H ₂ O		No crystals
DMF		
IPA		
H ₂ O+DMF		No crystals

H₂O+IPA



DMF+IPA

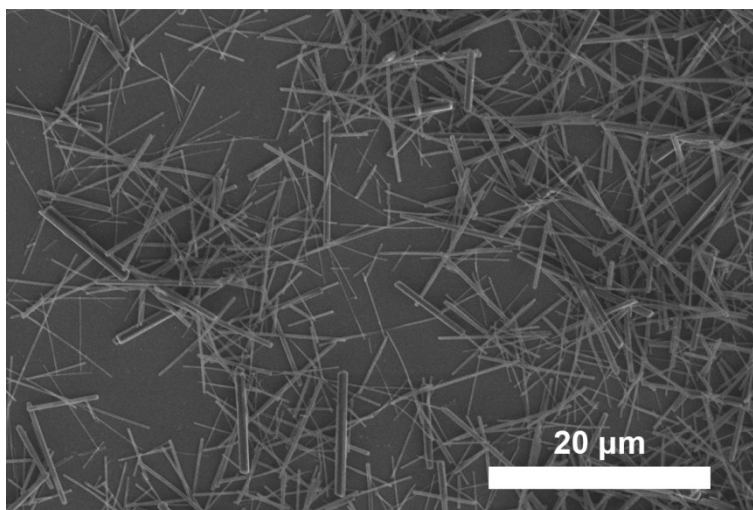
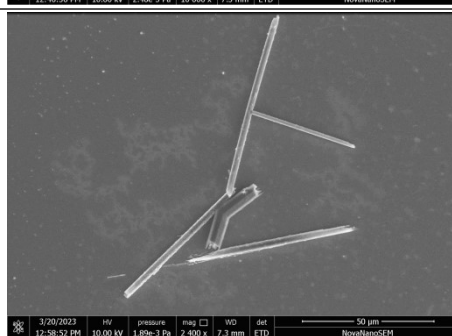


Fig. S5 SEM image of C₆₀NCs_U and C₆₀NCs_B before self-separation process.

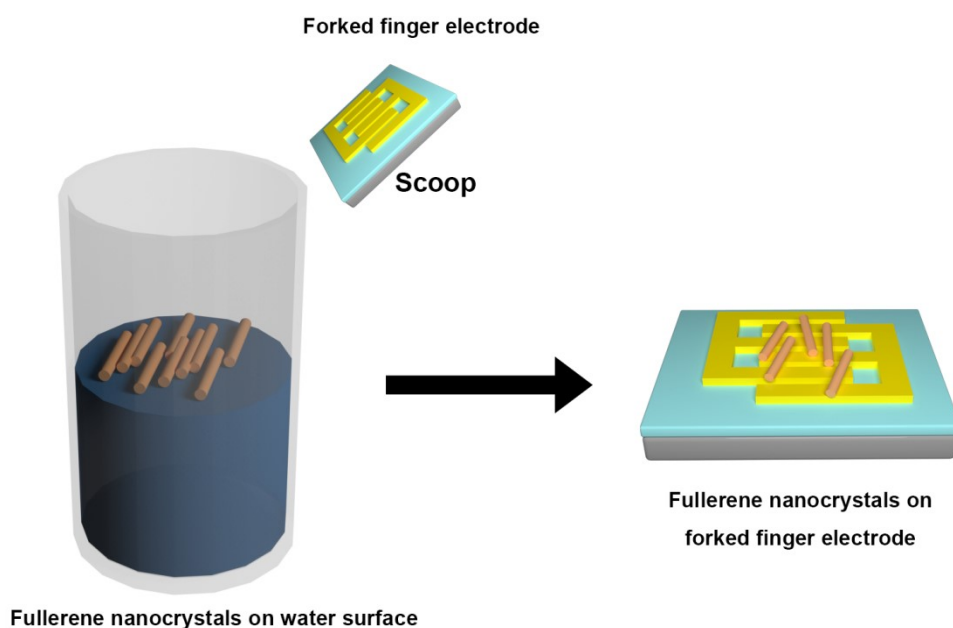


Fig. S6 Scheme illustration of the fullerene nanocrystals transfer on the forked finger electrode from water surface.

Table S2. Statistics of average diameter and average length of C₆₀NCs_U and C₆₀NCs_B before self-separation process.

Sample	Diameter (nm)	Length (μm)
C ₆₀ NCs_U	205	7.3
C ₆₀ NCs_B	824	9.5

Table S3. Device currents of C₆₀NCs_U with and without UV illumination at a light density a light density of 0.076, 0.33 and 0.66 mW/cm² and at bias of 20, 40 and 60 V respectively.

Light intensity				
	Dark	0.076 mW cm ⁻²	0.33 mW cm ⁻²	0.66 mW cm ⁻²
Voltage				
20	23.6 pA	182 pA	216 pA pA	317 pA
40	27.7 pA	264 pA	405 pA	553 pA
60	65.3 pA	330 pA	627 pA	841 pA

Table S4. Device currents of C₆₀NCs_B with and without UV illumination at a light density a light density of 0.076, 0.33 and 0.66 mW/cm² and at bias of 20, 40 and 60 V respectively.

Light intensity Voltage	Dark	0.076 mW cm ⁻²	0.33 mW cm ⁻²	0.66 mW cm ⁻²
20	58.5 pA	218 pA	262 pA	460 pA
40	101 pA	374 pA	631 pA	951 pA
60	124 pA	517 pA	1190 pA	1890 pA

Table S5. Summary of the main C₆₀ nanostructures for photodetectors that have become common in recent years.

Material	Photocurrent	On/off ratio	Ref.
Super-Long fullerene 1D nanostructures	around 80 pA	High	1
Fullerene Microflowers	20 pA	3.2	2
Fullerene Microribbons	103 pA	High	3
Fullerene Single Crystal Microwires (DC-device)	around 150 pA	5.6	4
This work	Over 1000pA	17.08	

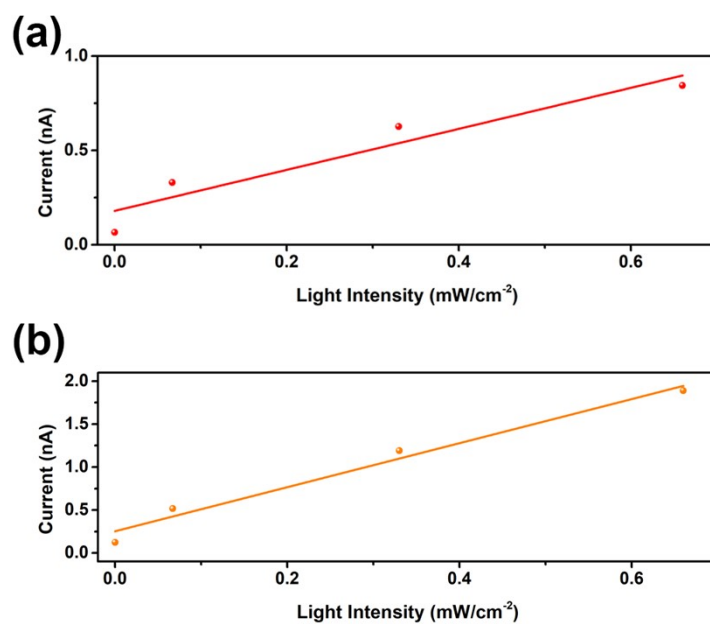


Fig. S7 Under UV irradiation, light-dependence of C₆₀NCs_U and C₆₀NCs_B at 60 V bias.

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