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Molecularly Thin Organic Single-Crystalline p-n Heterojunctions by Interfacial Heteroepitaxy for High-Performance Polarization-Sensitive Photodetectors

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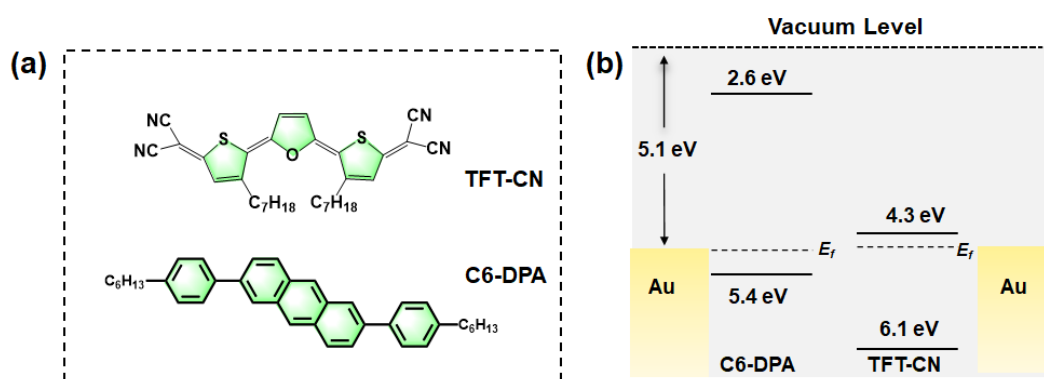


Fig. S1 (a) Chemical structures of C6-DPA and TFT-CN. (b) Energy level diagrams of C6-DPA and TFT-CN.

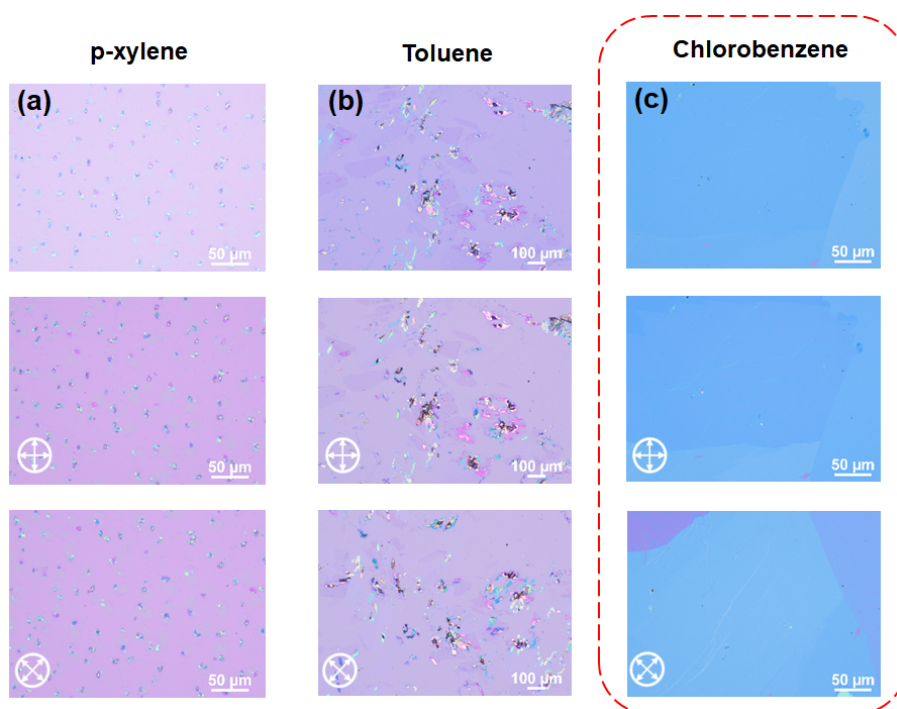


Fig. S2 Optical microscopy images and corresponding polarized optical microscopy images of heterojunctions grown in different solvents. (a) p-Xylene, (b) Toluene, (c) Chlorobenzene.

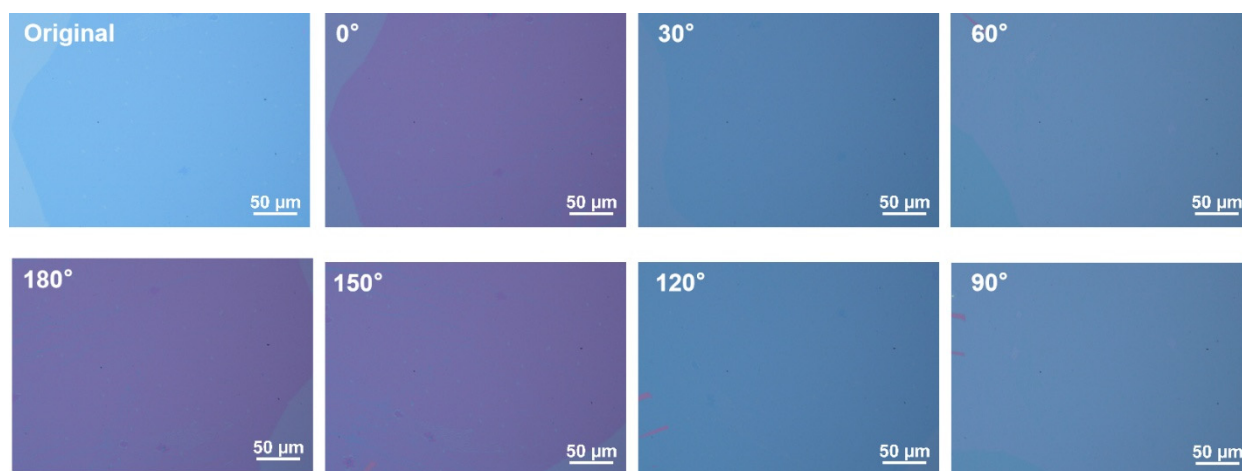


Fig. S3 Polarized optical microscopy (POM) images of molecularly thin single-crystalline p-n heterojunctions composed of 2D molecular crystals (2DMCs), shown at different angles.

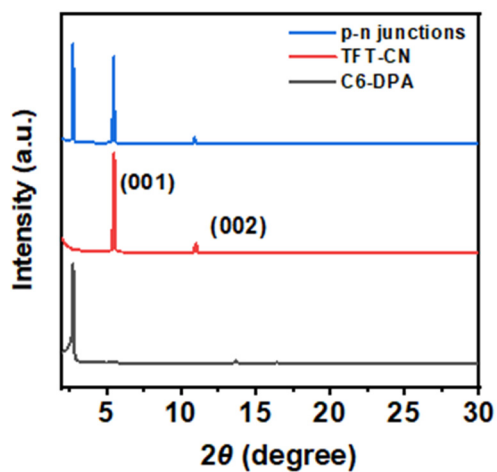


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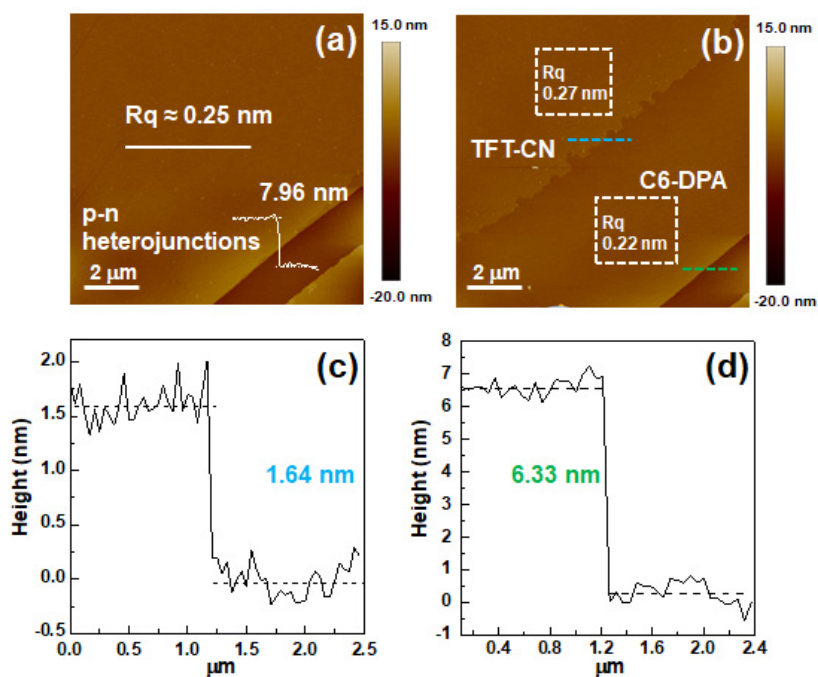


Fig. S5 (a-b) AFM images of C6-DPA, TFT-CN, and their p-n heterojunctions. (c-d) Height profiles of TFT-CN and C6-DPA within the p-n heterojunctions.

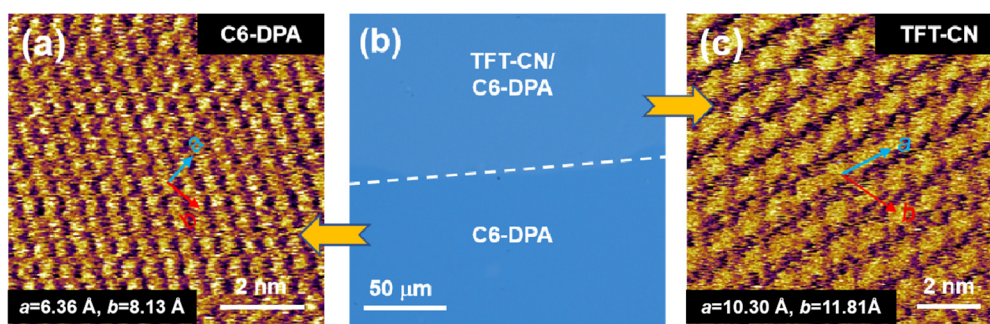


Fig. S6 Additional high-resolution AFM (HR-AFM) images of TFT-CN and C6-DPA at different locations within the p-n heterojunctions. The lattice parameters are $3b$ (C6-DPA) = 24.39 Å and $2b$ (TFT-CN) = 23.62 Å, corresponding to a lattice mismatch ratio of approximately 3.2%.

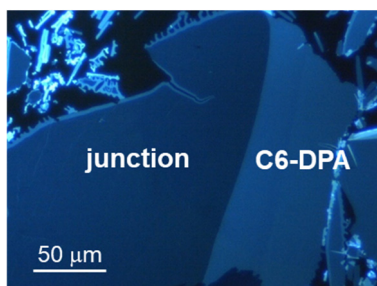


Fig. S7 Photoluminescence (PL) image of C6-DPA (right) and the heterojunction (left).

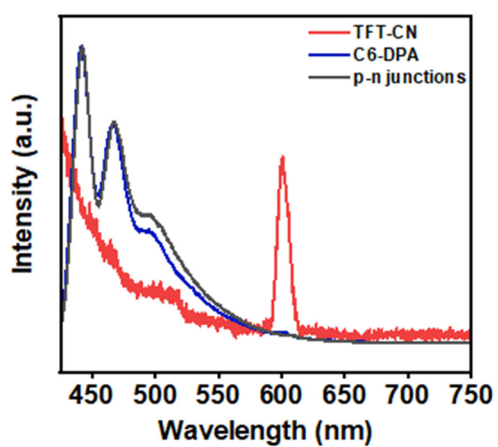


Fig. S8 PL spectra of the heterojunctions and its individual components 2DMC.

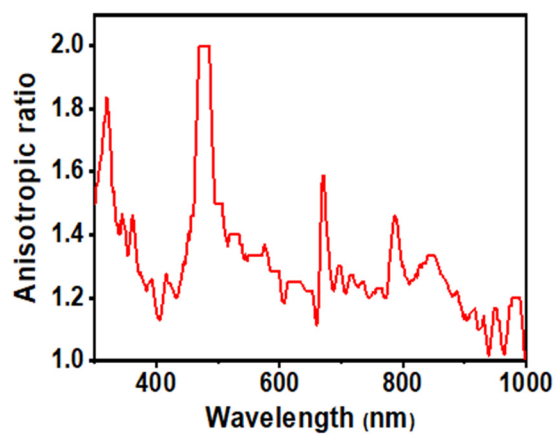


Fig. S9 Anisotropic absorption ratios at the measured wavelengths.

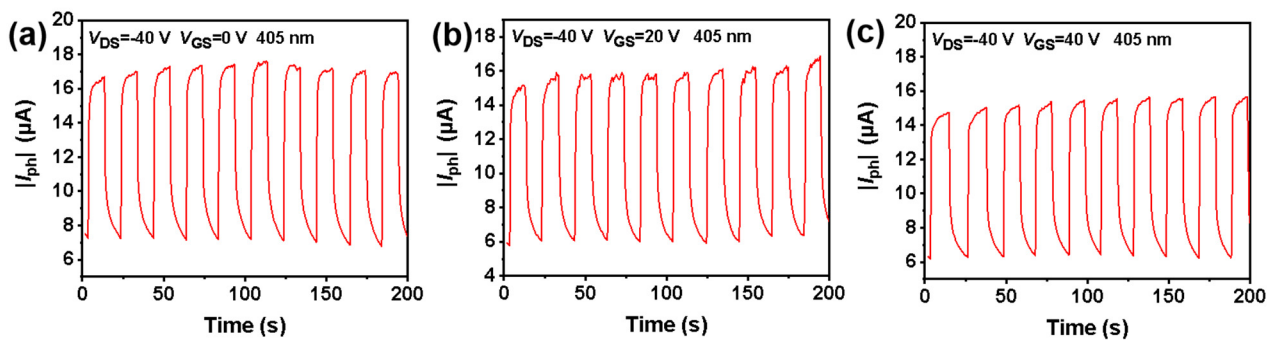


Fig. S10 Photo-switching at different gate voltages.

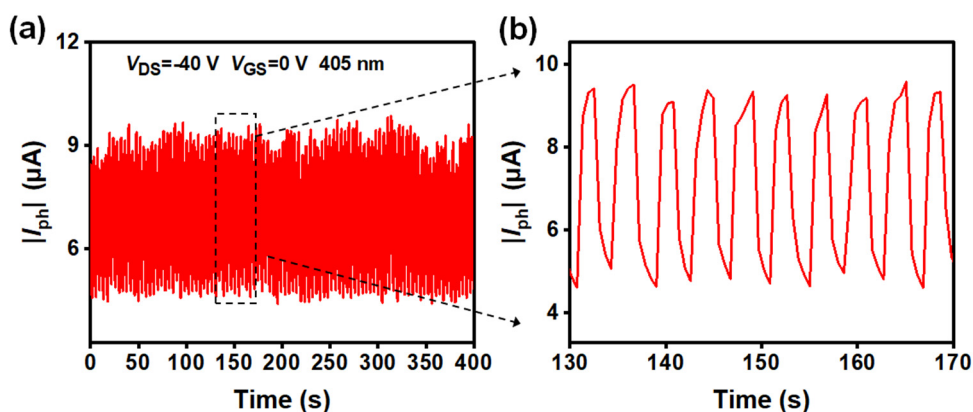


Fig. S11 (a) Switching stability of p-n heterojunctions under a pulsed 405 nm laser at a drain bias of -40 V. (b) An enlarged view of 10 switching cycles from (a).

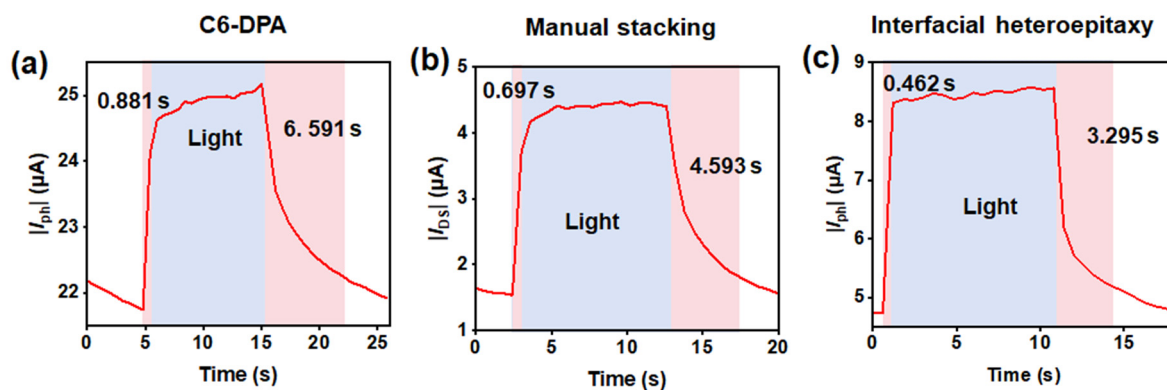


Fig. S12 Photo-switching curves showing rise and decay processes for (a) C6-DPA 2DMC, (b) manually stacked p-n heterojunctions, and (c) interfacial heteroepitaxial p-n heterojunctions.

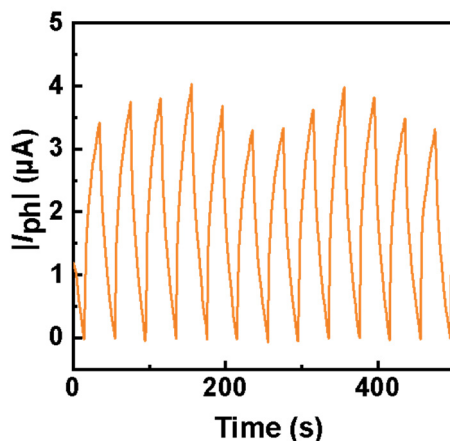


Fig. S13 Current-time curve of manually stacked heterojunctions under periodic polarization direction changes of 405 nm light. The polarization ratio (PR) is 1.3 at 405 nm, while no significant PR is observed at 808 nm.

Table S1 Summary of figures of merit for reported linearly polarized photodetectors based on organic semiconductors¹⁻⁸.

Materials	Wavelength (nm)	R ($A W^{-1}$)	D^* (Jones)	PR	Methods	Refs.
DPA	450	N/A	N/A	1.9	PVT	[1]
DTT-8	365	3.58×10^4	N/A	3.15	epitaxy	[2]
C8-BTBT	254	0.34	N/A	2.26	blade coating	[3]
TIPS-pentacene	532	0.0015	N/A	1.42	writing	[4]
CuPc	785	200	N/A	1.4	PVT	[5]
Ph-BTBT-C10	365	1.47×10^4	N/A	3.85	epitaxy	[6]
Alq ₃ MWCs	365	1234	8.7×10^{13}	2.1	microchannel	[7]
BPTTE	360	377.9	9.8×10^{10}	2.73	PVT	[8]
C6-DPA/TFT-CN	365-808	942	1.08×10^{14}	2.4	epitaxy	This Work

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