

Two-Dimensional van der Waals Supramolecular Frameworks from Co-hosted Molecular Assembly and C₆₀ Dimerization

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Initial growth of C₆₀ 2D crystal

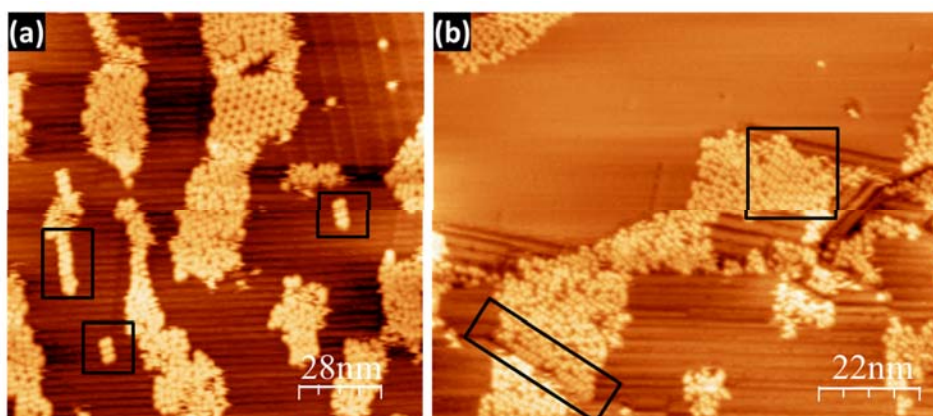


Figure S1. The initial growth of C₆₀ 2D crystal at RT. (a) $V_{\text{bias}}=1.2$ V, $I_t=300$ pA and image size: 85 nm; (b) $V_{\text{bias}}=-1.5$ V, $I_t=50$ pA and image size: 90 nm \times 110 nm; the areas marked with black rectangles show the appearance of C₆₀ pairs.

The stability of C₆₀ 2D crystal

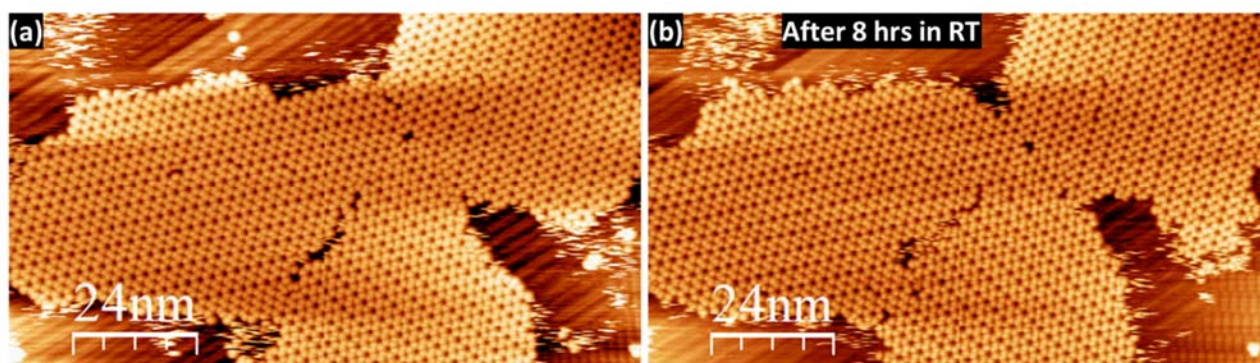


Figure S2. The stability of C₆₀ 2D crystal at RT. (a) an original patch of C₆₀ 2D crystal; (b) after staying at RT about 8 hours; both images are taken with $V_{\text{bias}}=1.0$ V, $I_t=100$ pA.

Further depositing C₆₀ molecules onto the porous C₆₀ framework

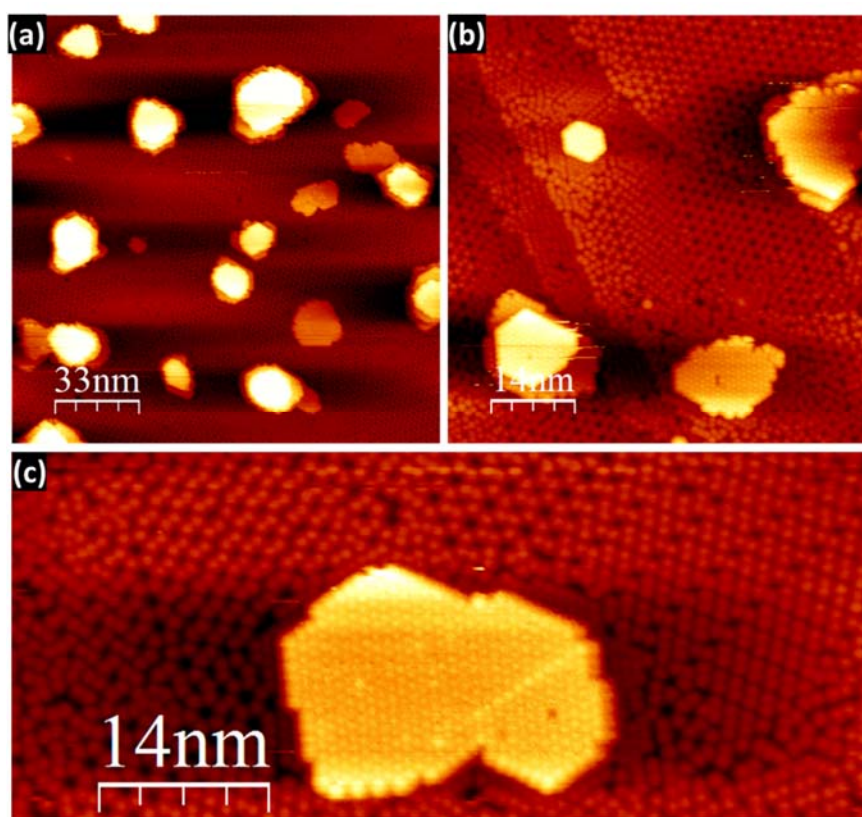


Figure S3. Further depositing C₆₀ molecules onto the porous C₆₀ framework. (a) $V_{\text{bias}}=1.8$ V, $I_t=300$ pA and image size: 165 nm; (b) $V_{\text{bias}}=1.5$ V, $I_t=300$ pA and image size: 70 nm; (c) High resolution image shows both close-packed C₆₀ molecules on multilayers island and porous C₆₀ framework in background, $V_{\text{bias}}=1.8$ V, $I_t=300$ pA.

STM images taken at 77 K with various biases

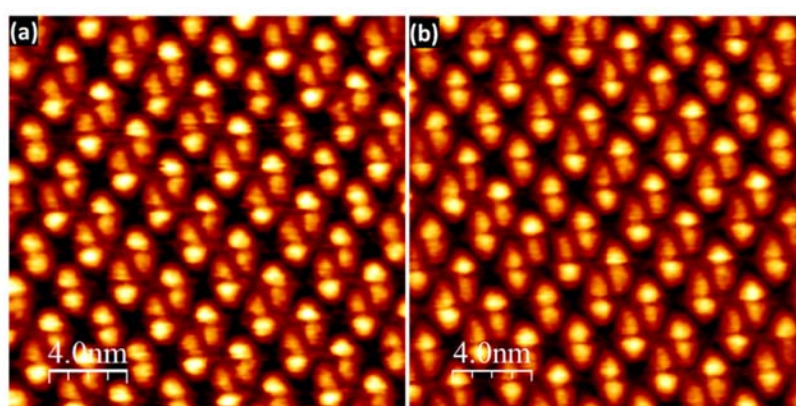


Figure S4. STM images taken at 77 K with various biases. (a) $V_{\text{bias}}=-0.3$ V, $I_t=200$ pA and image size: 20×20 nm²; (b) $V_{\text{bias}}=+0.3$ V, $I_t=200$ pA; both images show a feature of one bright and one dark for the C₆₀ dimers.

Optimized structure of two C₆₀ molecules, calculated isosurfaces and STM simulations

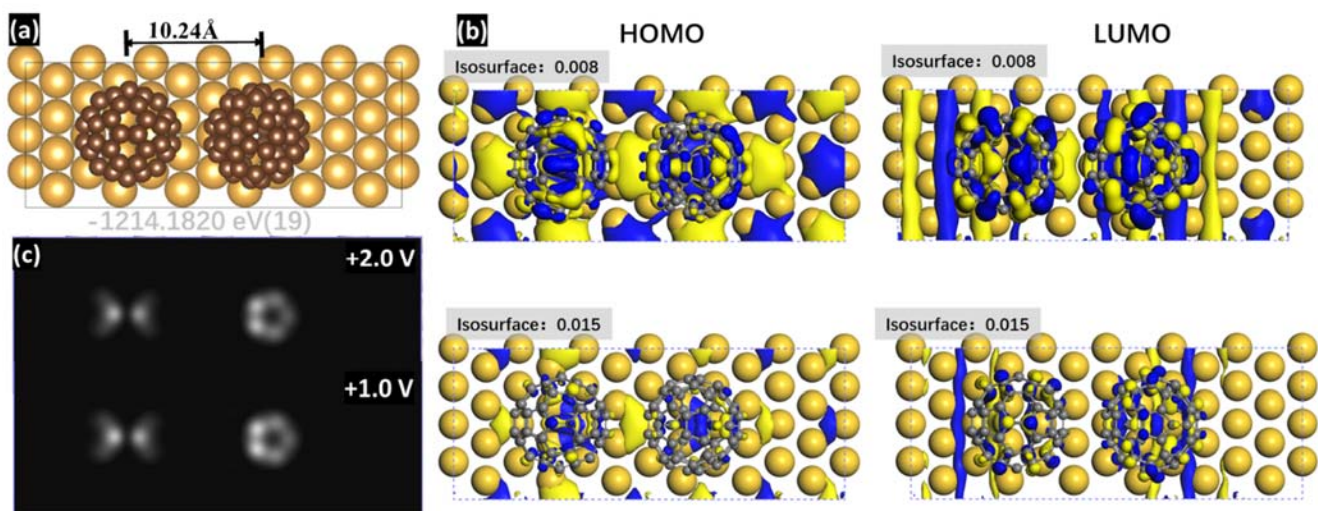


Figure S5. (a) A ball-stick model shows an optimized structure of two C₆₀ molecules with a distance of 10.24 Å. (b) The calculated isosurfaces of 0.008 and 0.015 for the HOMO and LUMO orbitals of two C₆₀, which show no charge-transfer in between. (c) The simulated STM images for such C₆₀ dimer with the biases of +2.0 V (upper) and +1.0 V (lower).