

Supporting Information

Crosslinked PEDOT:PSS Organic Electrochemical Transistors on Interdigitated Electrodes with Improved Stability

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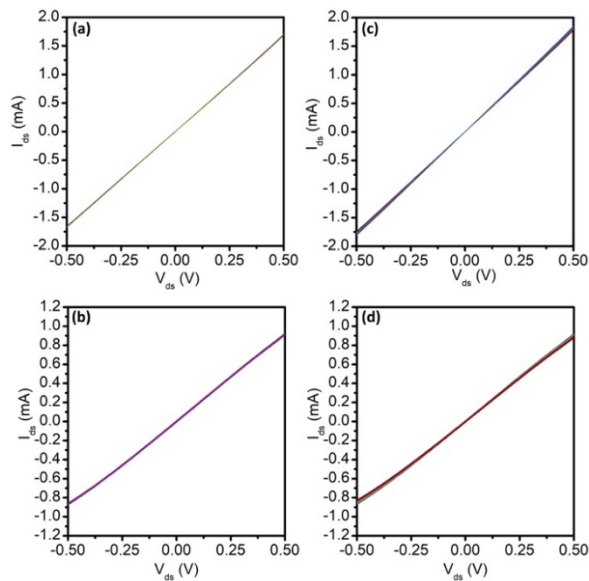


Figure S1. I - V curves of PEDOT:PSS films in PBS buffer containing 0.1 M NaCl for 10 consecutive measurements. (a) Pristine PEDOT:PSS measured every 10 s. (b) Pristine PEDOT:PSS measured every 5 minutes. (c) Crosslinked PEDOT:PSS measured every 10 s. (d) Crosslinked PEDOT:PSS measured every 5 minutes.

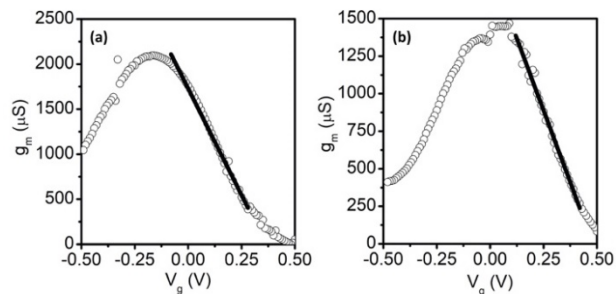


Figure S2. Transconductance of PEDOT:PSS OECTs as a function of gate bias (V_g). Mobility estimations of both pristine (a) and crosslinked (b) OECTs can be achieved by fitting the slopes of transconductance curves.

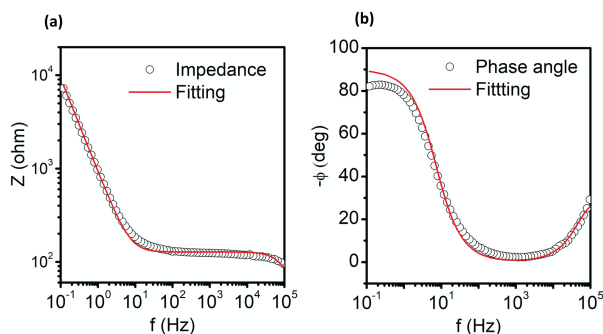


Figure S3. Bode plots of electrochemical impedance spectroscopy for PEDOT:PSS film. (a) Impedance Z . (b) Phase angle. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) for determination of capacitance was conducted in a CHI 660A electrochemical workstation from 10 kHz to 0.1 Hz. PEDOT:PSS film is deposited on FTO glass substrate via spin-coating at 3000 rpm. The surface area of the film is about 0.7 cm² and film thickness is about 60 nm. EIS data was measured in 0.1M NaCl aqueous solution, using Ag/AgCl as the reference electrode and a Pt mesh as the counter electrode. DC offset potential was chosen to be zero and an AC amplitude of 10 mV is used. To fit the EIS data, equivalent circuit like R_sC or $R_s(R_p||C)$ was adopted. The volumetric capacitance (C^*) of PEDOT:PSS is determined to be about 40 F/cm³.

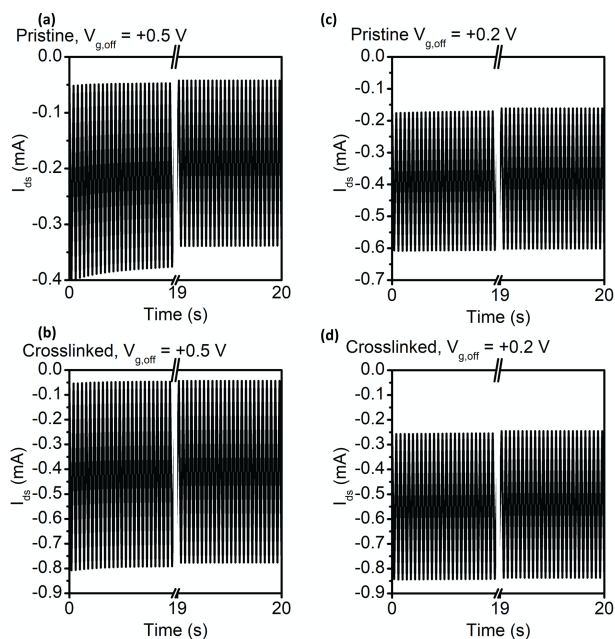


Figure S4. Zoomed-in views of the first 50 cycles (0-1s) and last 50 cycles (19-20s) of corresponding results on pulsed gate bias stability in Figure 6. (a) Pristine, $V_{g, \text{off}} = +0.5$ V. (b) Crosslinked, $V_{g, \text{off}} = +0.5$ V. (c) Pristine, $V_{g, \text{off}} = +0.2$ V. (d) Crosslinked, $V_{g, \text{off}} = +0.2$ V. Note that $V_{g, \text{on}} = -0.5$ V and $V_{ds} = -0.5$ V are for all cases.

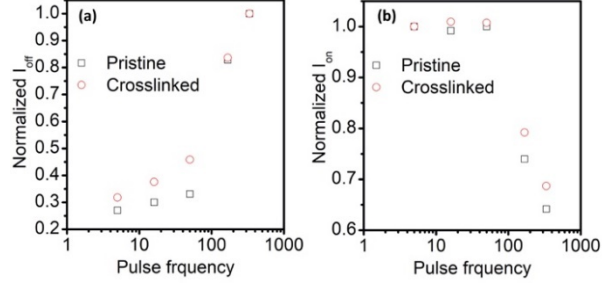


Figure S5. Normalized drain current response as a function of pulse frequency. (a) Normalized “on” state current (I_{on}). (b) Normalized “off” state current (I_{off}). Note that in pulse experiments, $V_{g, \text{off}} = +0.2$ V, $V_{g, \text{on}} = -0.5$ V, $V_{ds} = -0.5$ V.

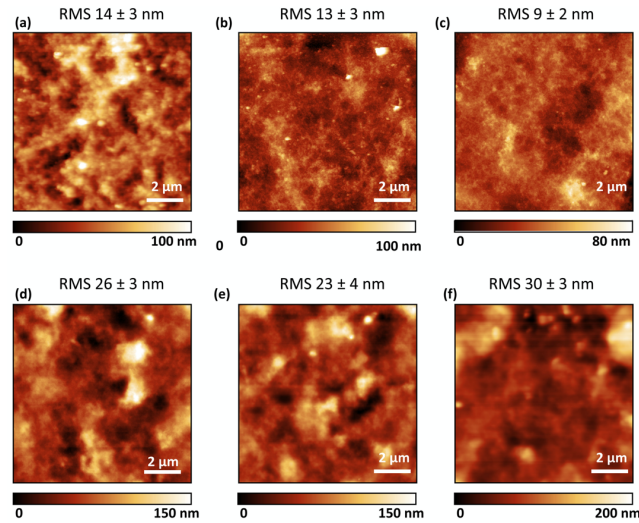


Figure S6. Atomic force microscopy topography images of PEDOT:PSS films. (a) Pristine film. (b) Pristine film soaked in PBS buffer for 30 mins. (c) Pristine film after 500 on/off cycles at $V_g = +0.5$ V to -0.5 V, $V_{ds} = -0.5$ V. (d) Crosslinked film. (e) Crosslinked film soaked in PBS buffer for 30 mins. (f) Crosslinked film

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