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Tunable threshold voltage via molecular doping of solution-processed organic field-effect transistors JAMES BELASCO, Princeton University, SWAGAT MOHAPATRA, YADONG ZHANG, STEPHEN BARLOW, SETH MARDER, Georgia Tech, ANTOINE KAHN, Princeton University — The threshold voltage, V_{th} , is a key parameter to control for proper circuit operation. We demonstrate the controlled tuning of V_{th} of solution processed, small molecule, organic field effect transistors (OFET) via molecular doping of the solution. A 1:1 blend solution containing the π -conjugated small molecule 6, 13-triisopropylsilylethynylpentacene (TIPS-pentacene) and polystyrene is used as the baseline solution for the OFETs. The organic p-dopant, molybdenum tris-[1-trifluoroethanoyl-2-trifluoromethylethane-1,2-dithiolene] $[Mo(tfd-COCF_3)_3]$, a soluble version of $Mo(tfd)_3$ [1], is added at various concentrations up to 0.3 wt% to make bottom gate, bottom contact devices by spin coating on a SiO_2 dielectric. IV-measurements on the resulting devices give baseline OFETs with an average mobility of $0.5\text{ cm}^2/V.s$ and V_{th} of -1.5 V , while doped OFETs show the same average mobility with V_{th} shifted up to an average maximum of $+2.5\text{ V}$. Overall, the various doping levels produce a gradual increase in the threshold voltage which we attribute in part to the filling of trap states that are known to exist in organic semiconductor films [2], and in part to effects related to the organic/dielectric interface. The direct correlation between V_{th} and doping concentration can be used to tune the threshold voltage in this system. [1] Y. Qi et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 131, 12530 (2009) [2] H. Sirringhaus et. al. Adv. Mater. 21, 3859 (2009)

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