Supplementary Information

The two-dimensional *n/p* type carriers at the interface of LaAlO₃/KTaO₃ heterostructures

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FIG. S1 The macroscopically averaged potentials are plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type interface $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_8$ and $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_{7.5}/(LaAlO_3)_2$ heterostructure.



FIG. S2 Calculated layer-resolved PDOS for the *n*-type LaO^+/TaO_2^+ interfaces of $(LaAlO_3)_m/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure slab models with m=1, 2, 4, 6, 8.



FIG. S3 Calculated layer-resolved PDOS for the *p*-type AlO_2^-/KO^- interfaces of $(LaAlO_3)_m/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure slab models with m=1, 2, 4, 6, 8.



FIG. S4 The macroscopically averaged potentials are plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type $(LaAlO_3)_m/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure slab models with m= 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.



FIG. S5 (a) Calculated layer-resolved PDOS for *n*-type LaO^+/TaO_2^+ interfaces of $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure slab models without structure relaxation. (b) The local electrostatic potential (red line) and macroscopically averaged potential (blue line) are plotted along the [001] direction of the heterostructure.



FIG. S6 The local electrostatic potential (red line) and macroscopically averaged potential (blue line) are plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type $(LaAlO_3)_4/(SrTiO_3)_8$ heterostructure with perfect structure relaxation. The heterostructure model is shown as inset; The schematic diagrams of band alignment in different structural models (right), where *p* stands for the initial polarization of LaAlO₃ or KTaO₃.



FIG. S7 The macroscopically averaged potentials are plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure with in-plane strain of 2%, 0%, -2%, -4%, -6%.



FIG. S8 The electron localization function (ELF) is plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type interface $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure with pure (a) and O vacancy defect (b-d) located at layer 2, 4, 6.



FIG. S9 The macroscopically averaged potentials are plotted along the [001] direction of the *n*-type interface $(LaAlO_3)_2/(KTaO_3)_8$ heterostructure with O vacancy defect located at layer 2, 4, 6.