Supporting Information

Synthesis and FET characteristics of phenylene-vinylene and anthracene-vinylene compounds containing cyano groups

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1. Differential pulse voltammograms

Figure S1. Differential pulse voltammograms of **1** (a), **2a** (b), **3a** (c) and **4** (d) in CH₂Cl₂. 0.1 M n -Bu₄NPF₆, Pt electrode, scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹, V vs SCE.

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2. DFT calculations

B3LYP/6-31G(d) level using the Gaussian program



Figure S2. (a) HOMO orbital (6.42 eV) and (b) LUMO orbital (3.27 eV) of 1. (a) (b)



Figure S3. (a) HOMO orbital (6.34 eV) and (b) LUMO orbital (3.22 eV) of 2a.

(a)

(b)



Figure S4. (a) HOMO orbital (6.53 eV) and (b) LUMO orbital (3.12 eV) of **3a**. (a) (b)



Figure S5. (a) HOMO orbital (6.07 eV) and (b) LUMO orbital (3.41 eV) of 4.



Figure S7. (a) HOMO orbital (5.24 eV) and (b) LUMO orbital (3.08 eV) of 6.

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3. FET characteristics

3-1. Bottom-contact devices



Figure S8. (a) Output characteristics of **1** and (b) transfer characteristics of **1** at a drain voltage of 50 V ($T_{sub} = 50 \text{ °C}$, HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is $6.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, $L/W = 25 \text{ }\mu\text{m}/294000 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$).



Figure S9. (a) Output characteristics of **2a** and (b) transfer characteristics of **2a** at a drain voltage of 70 V ($T_{sub} = 50 \text{ °C}$, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is $1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S10. (a) Output characteristics of 2b and (b) transfer characteristics of 2b at a drain voltage of 75 V ($T_{sub} = 20 \text{ °C}$, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is $1.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S11. (a) Output characteristics of **3a** and (b) transfer characteristics of **3a** at a drain voltage of 55 V ($T_{sub} = 20 \text{ °C}$, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S12. (a) Output characteristics of **3b** and (b) transfer characteristics of **3b** at a drain voltage of 50 V ($T_{sub} = 50$ °C, HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 9.2×10^{-4} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S13. (a) n-Type output characteristics of **5** and (b) transfer characteristics of **5** at a drain voltage of 70 V ($T_{sub} = 20$ °C, HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 1.8×10^{-6} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S14. (a) p-Type output characteristics of **5** and (b) transfer characteristics of **5** at a drain voltage of 45 V ($T_{sub} = 20^{\circ}$ C, HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 1.2×10^{-6} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S15. (a) n-Type output characteristics of **6** and (b) transfer characteristics of **6** at a drain voltage of 40 V ($T_{sub} = 20^{\circ}$ C HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 2.4×10^{-6} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).



Figure S16. (a) p-Type output characteristics of **6** and (b) transfer characteristics of **6** at a drain voltage of 40 V ($T_{sub} = 20$ °C, HMDS). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 2.7×10^{-6} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, active layer: 50 nm, L/W = 25/294000).

3-2. Top contact devices



Figure S17. (a) Output characteristics of 2a and (b) transfer characteristics of 2a at a drain voltage of 55 V ($T_{sub} = 20 \text{ °C}$, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 0.04 cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 200 nm, active layer: 30 nm, L/W = 50/1000).

3-3. Solution process



Figure S18. (a) Output characteristics of 2a and (b) transfer characteristics of 2a at a drain voltage of 30 V (annealed at 100 °C, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 1.5×10^{-7} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, *L/W* = 25/294000).



Figure S19. (a) Output characteristics of 3a and (b) transfer characteristics of 3a at a drain voltage of 60 V (annealed at 100 °C, Bare). The mobility calculated in the saturation regime is 2.1×10^{-6} cm² V⁻¹ s⁻¹ (SiO₂: 300 nm, *L/W* = 25/294000).

4. XRD patterns



Figure S20. X-ray diffractograms of 50 nm films (a) for 1, (b) for 4 and (c) for 5 deposited at 20 °C on untreated substrates.

Films of compound 2b, 3b, and 6 did not show XRD peaks.

5. AFM measurement



Figure S21. AFM image of a 50 nm film of compound 1 deposited at 20 °C on an untreated substrate.