

Article Fingerprints of sp¹ Hybridized C in the Near-Edge X-Ray Absorption Spectra of Surface-Grown Materials Supplementary Materials

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Figure S1. (a) Structural model and inequivalent carbon atoms in bBEBP/Au(111). (b) Decomposition of the NEXAFS spectrum of bBEBP/Au(111) into the individual initial-state contributions, as numbered in panel (a).



Figure S2. (a) Structural model and inequivalent carbon atoms in bBEBP/Au(111) embedding a Au adatom (red) in between two organic units. (b) Decomposition of the corresponding NEXAFS spectrum into the individual initial-state contributions, as numbered in panel (a).





Figure S3. Decomposition of the NEXAFS spectrum of bBEBP/Au(111) embedding a Au adatom on contributions by the sp² biphenyl part (BP) and the sp¹ chains (C₂). (a) Spectrum averaged over the polarizations. (b) In-plane electric field along the polymer axis *x* and (c) orthogonal to it, *y*; (d) out-of-plane electric field, *z*. See Figure S2a for the definition of *x*, *y*, *z* axes.



Figure S4. NEXAFS spectrum of cumulenes (left) and polyynes (right) computed with a 20-atom and 40-atom simulation supercell. One atom per cell is excited. Polarization directions are taken with *x* along the chain axis and *y*, *z* orthogonal to it.

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