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Template-Controlled Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reactions on a Au(111) Surface

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Reaction products formed out of a mixture of B1 and A on Au(111) without template.



Figure S1 (a) Reaction products of a mixture of **B1** and **A** without template. STM images of Pd catalyzed reactions of **B1** and **A** on a Au(111) surface without template: (b) at room temperature $(90 \times 90 \text{ nm}^2)$; inset shows a zoom-in area containing **HP2**, **HP2'** and **HP2''**, as indicating by white ellipse. (c) after annealing to 120° C ($90 \times 90 \text{ nm}^2$); (d) a zoom-in STM image after annealing to 120° C with SCC products indicated by red ellipse ($40 \times 40 \text{ nm}^2$).



SSC products formed with stepwise-increased dosage of A with T1.

Figure S2 STM images of a stepwise dosing *A* onto *T1* with a dosage of (a) 1 minute $(40 \times 40 \text{ nm}^2)$; (b) 3 minutes $(40 \times 40 \text{ nm}^2)$ and (c) 6 minutes $(23 \times 23 \text{ nm}^2)$ after annealing to 90°C in the presence of Pd;(d) yields of SCC products against the dosing time of *A*.

Homo-coupled dimers of **B1** after annealing A and **T2** to 140°C



Figure S3 STM topograph showing *B1* formed via Ullmann coupling after annealing the sample of *A* with *T2* to 140°C (33×33 nm²).

After annealing the sample of A with T2 to 140°C, the double-row ladder structures formed. The distance between the neighboring B1 molecules perpendicular to the chain amounts ~1.78nm, evidencing a covalent bond formed between two B1 molecules. Few SCC products were observed. Therefore, homo-coupling of B1 is more favored at this annealing temperature. High yield of SSC of *A* with *T3*.



Figure S4 A large-scale STM topograph showing nearly all reaction sites on *T3* are crosscoupled to *A* after annealing to $170^{\circ}C(75 \times 75 \text{ nm}^2)$.