

ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (ESI):

**NMR Spin-Spin Coupling Constants: Bond angle dependence of the sign and magnitude of the vicinal  $^3J_{\text{HF}}$  coupling**

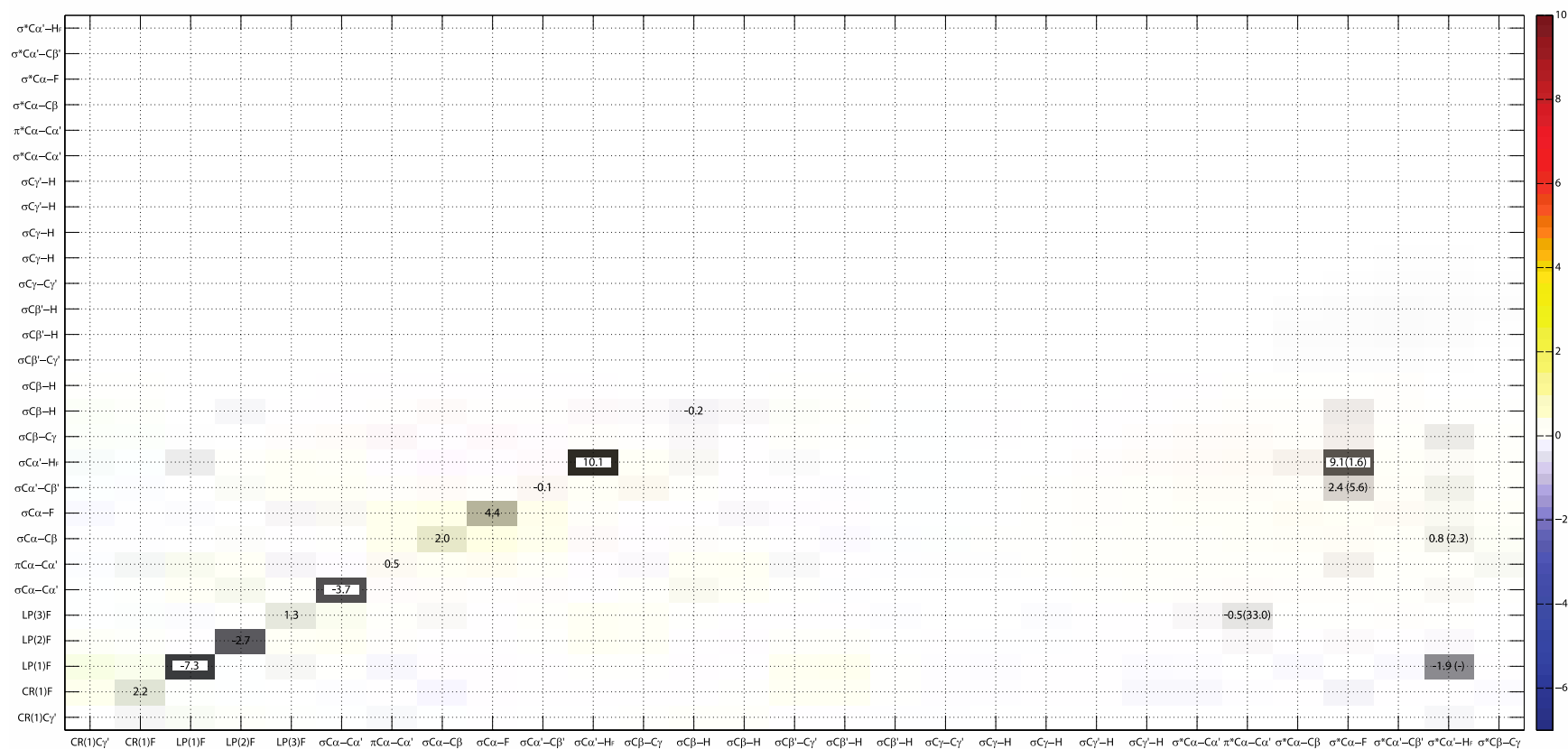
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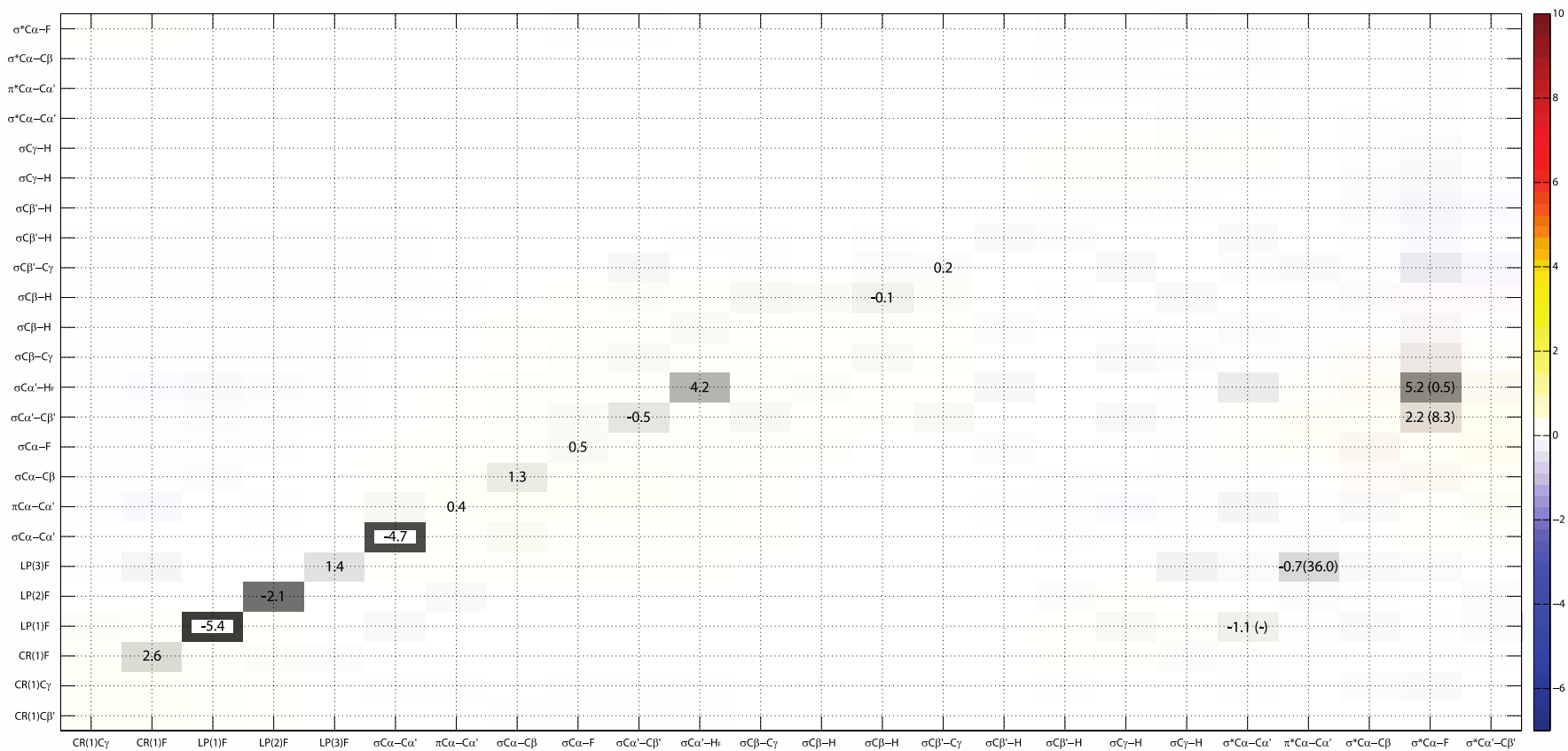
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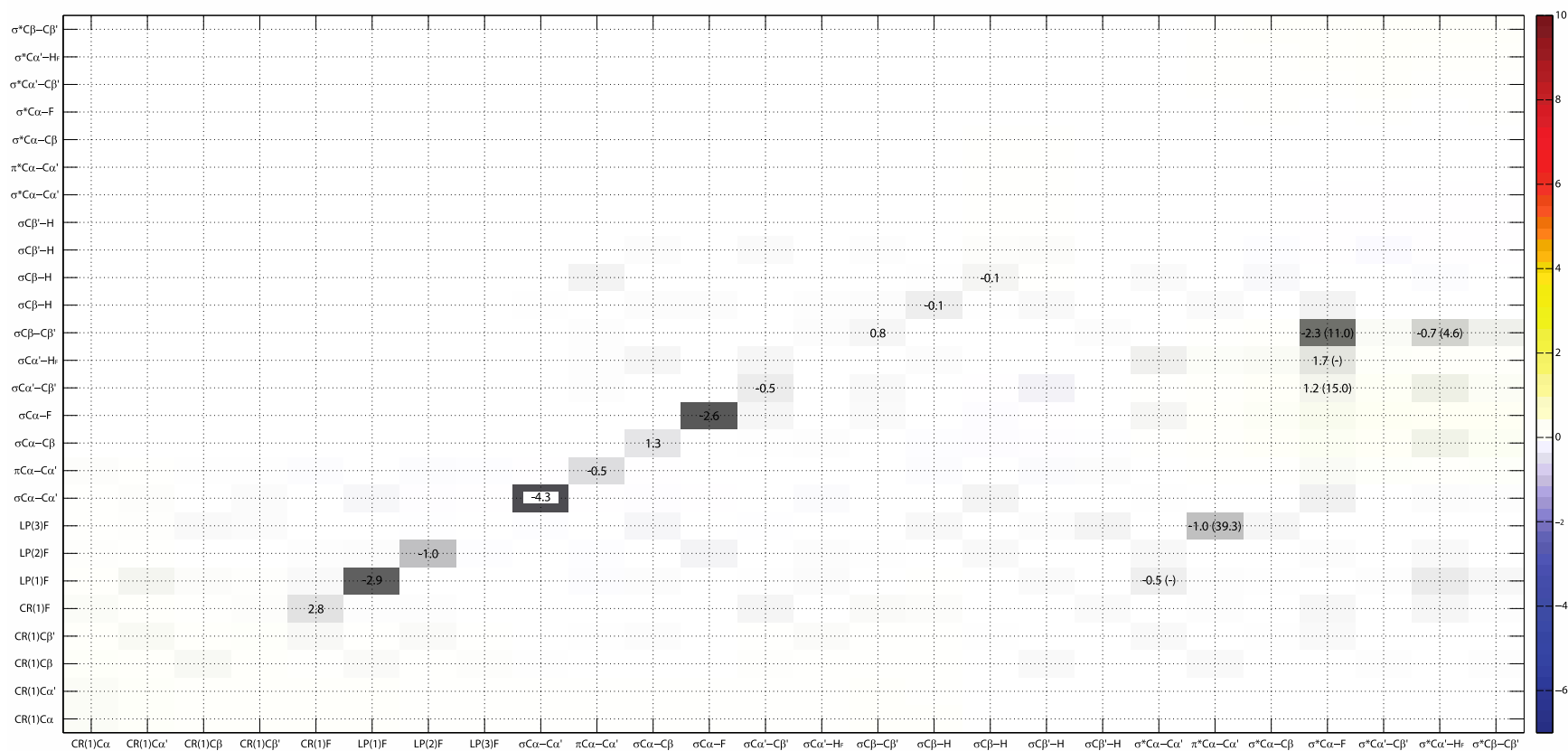
**Figure S1.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for compound **3**, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.



**Figure S2.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for compound **4**, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.

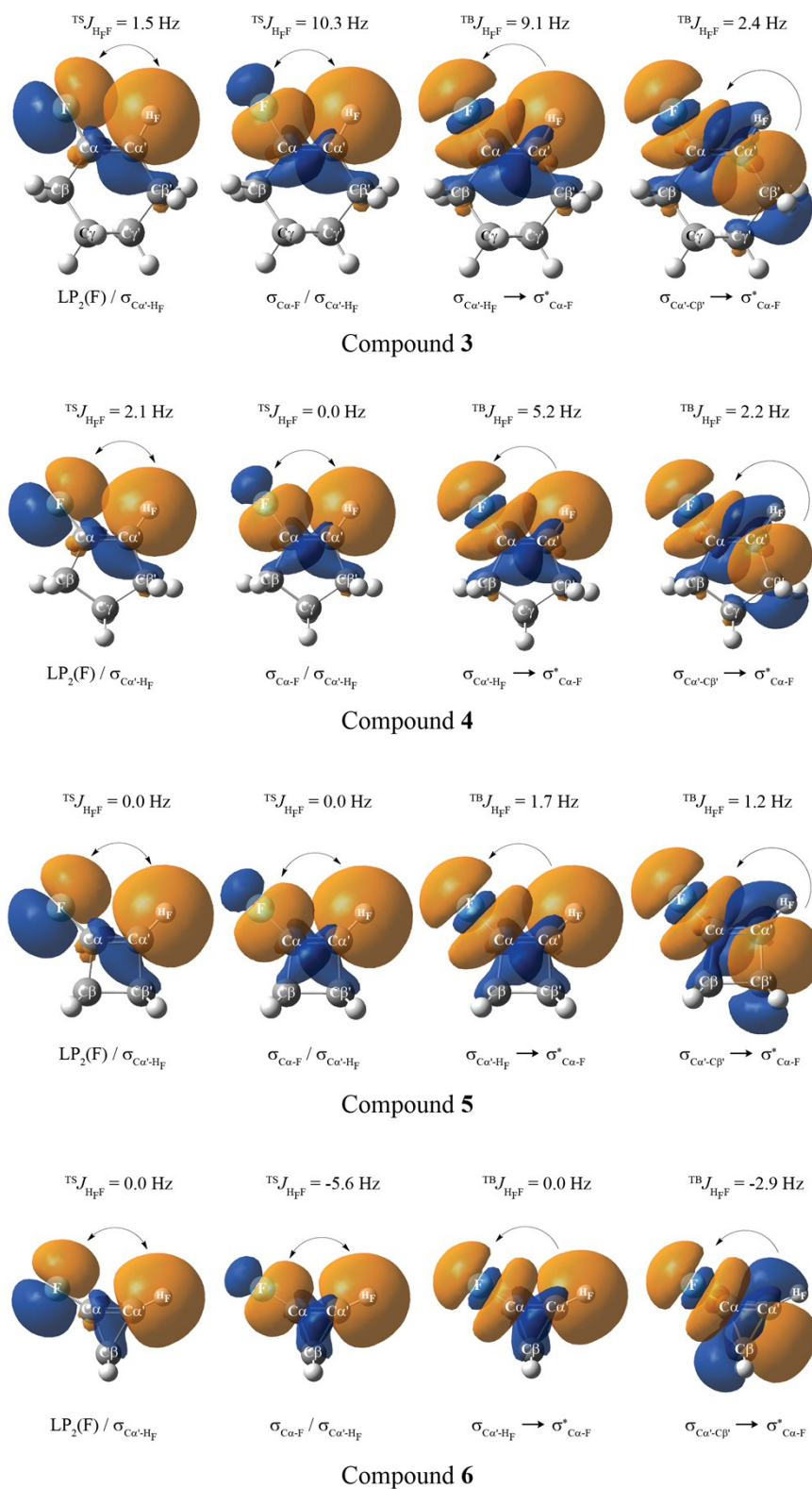


**Figure S3.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for compound **5**, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.





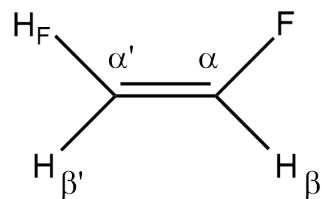
**Figure S5.** Main  ${}^3J_{\text{H}_\text{F}\text{F}}$  through-space ( ${}^{\text{TS}}J_{\text{H}_\text{F}\text{F}}$ ) and through-bond ( ${}^{\text{TB}}J_{\text{H}_\text{F}\text{F}}$ ) transmission mechanisms for compounds 3-6.



**Table S1.** Experimental ( $J_{\text{exp}}$ )<sup>a</sup> and theoretical  ${}^3J_{\text{H}_\text{F}}(\text{total } J)$ <sup>a</sup> coupling constants at the PBE0 and SOPPA(CCSD) levels of theory using TZ2P and aug-cc-pTVZ-J basis sets for fluoro-ethylene series from 20° to 120° angle between the  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-F}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha'\text{-H}_\text{F}}$  vectors ( $\theta$ ). Distances  $r_{\text{F-H}_\text{F}}$ ,  $r_{\text{C-H}_\text{F}}$ , and  $r_{\text{C-F}}$  (Angstrom) and bond angles were calculated at the MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level.

$\theta$	20		40		60		Equilibrium (63.2)		80		100		120	
Methods	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD	PBE0	CCSD
${}^{\text{FC}}J$	51.5	46.0	42.1	27.7	23.2	15.7	24.1	16.0	14.4	9.8	11.8	5.7	11.0	5.4
${}^{\text{SD}}J$	-0.4	-0.9	-1.3	-1.0	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3
${}^{\text{PSO}}J$	-7.7	-3.6	-4.3	-3.0	-4.3	-3.0	-4.5	-3.5	-4.5	-3.1	-4.3	-3.1	-3.6	-2.7
${}^{\text{DSO}}J$	1.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-1.0	-0.9	-1.4	-1.5	-1.7	-1.7
total $J$ <sup>b</sup>	44.8	41.8	36.8	23.6	17.7	11.5	18.4	11.2	8.8	5.5	6.5	1.3	6.2	1.3
$J_{\text{exp}}$	19.63 <sup>c</sup>													
$r_{\text{F-H}_\text{F}}$	1.838		2.213		2.580		2.606		2.919		3.221		3.477	
$r_{\text{C-H}_\text{F}}$	1.089		1.091		1.091		1.078		1.090		1.090		1.091	
$r_{\text{C-F}}$	1.426		1.386		1.368		1.346		1.359		1.358		1.365	
$\angle_{\text{F-C=C}}$	100		110		120		122		130		140		150	
$\angle_{\text{H}_\text{F-C=C}}$	100		110		120		121		130		140		150	
$\theta^{\text{d}}$	20		40		60		63		80		100		120	

<sup>a</sup> in Hz. <sup>b</sup> total  $J = {}^{\text{FC}}J + {}^{\text{SD}}J + {}^{\text{PSO}}J + {}^{\text{DSO}}J$ . <sup>c</sup> V. S. Watts, J. H. Goldstein, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 1965, **42**, 228-233. <sup>d</sup> Angle between the  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-F}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha'\text{-H}_\text{F}}$  vectors.



**Table S2.** NLMO contributions<sup>a</sup> for  ${}^3J_{\text{H}_F\text{F}}$  (in Hz) at PBE0/TZ2P varying the angle between the  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-F}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha'\text{-H}_F}$  vectors of fluoro-ethylene from  $60^\circ$  to  $120^\circ$ .

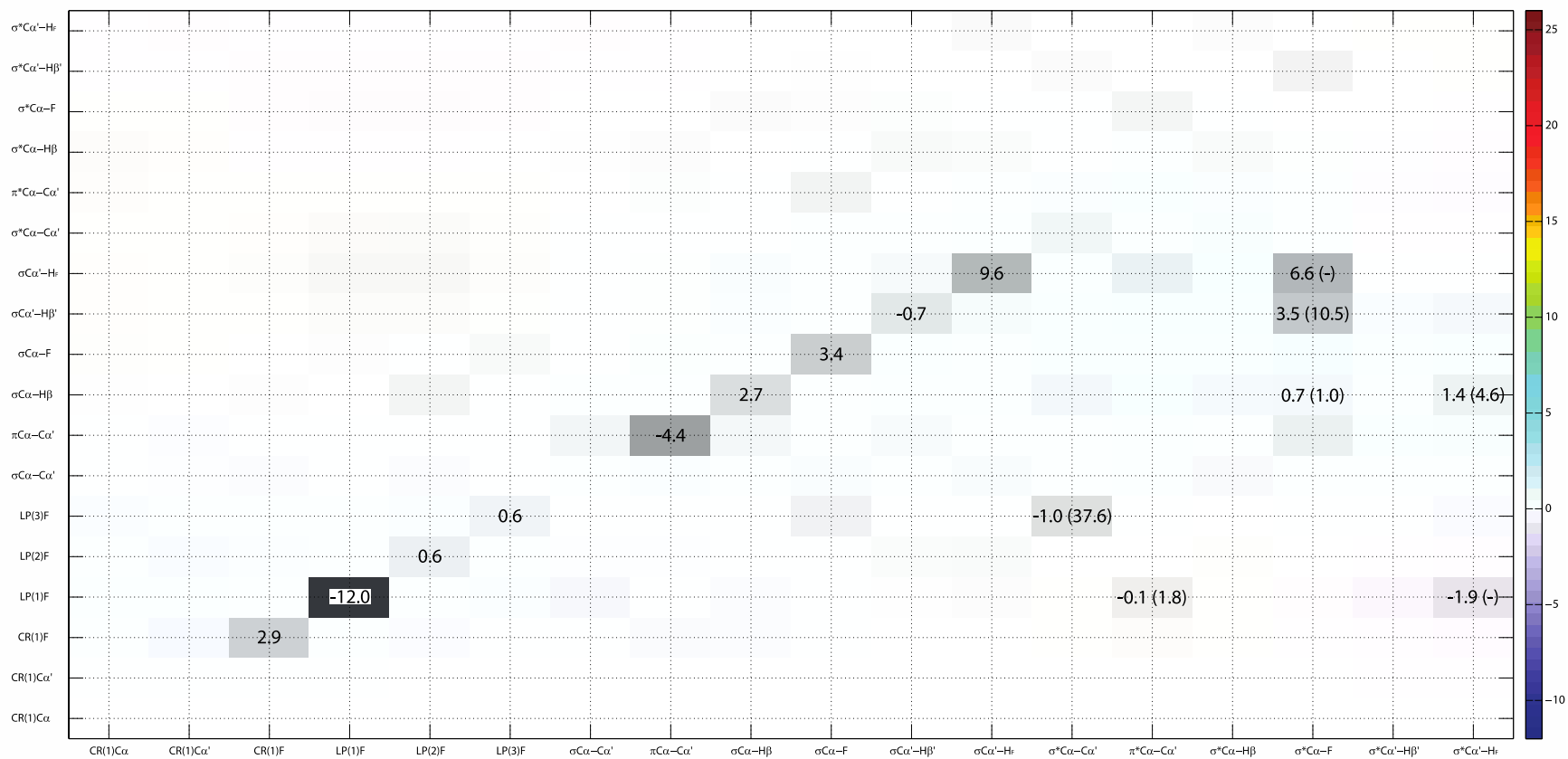
Parent NBO	60			80			100			120		
	$J^{(L)}$	$J^{(NL)}$	$J^{(L+NL)}$	$J^{(L)}$	$J^{(NL)}$	$J^{(L+NL)}$	$J^{(L)}$	$J^{(NL)}$	$J^{(L+NL)}$	$J^{(L)}$	$J^{(NL)}$	$J^{(L+NL)}$
CR (F)	3.23	0.01	3.24	2.93	-0.01	2.92	3.00	-0.02	2.98	3.08	0.03	3.11
LP <sub>1</sub> (F)	-12.03	0.08	-11.94	-11.57	-0.43	-12.00	-11.12	-0.61	-11.73	-10.42	-0.44	-10.86
LP <sub>2</sub> (F)	-2.92	-0.08	-3.01	0.60	0.13	0.73	4.18	0.38	4.56	6.80	0.66	7.46
LP <sub>3</sub> (F)	1.60	-0.68	0.92	0.66	-1.00	-0.35	-0.03	-1.12	-1.15	-0.28	-1.01	-1.29
$\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\alpha'}$	0.41	0.01	0.42	-0.06	0.05	-0.01	-0.48	0.07	-0.41	-0.72	0.09	-0.63
$\pi_{\text{C}\alpha\text{=C}\alpha'}$	-4.52	0.23	-4.29	-4.39	0.40	-3.99	-3.82	0.53	-3.29	-3.33	0.70	-2.63
$\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-H}\beta}$	2.49	0.64	3.13	2.68	1.27	3.94	2.36	1.93	4.29	1.85	2.58	4.43
$\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha'\text{-H}\beta'}$	-0.21	3.05	2.84	-0.73	3.18	2.45	-0.88	2.77	1.89	-0.65	1.98	1.33
$\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha'\text{-H}_F}$	14.18	5.76	19.94	9.58	2.72	12.31	7.54	0.83	8.37	6.62	-0.61	6.01
$\sigma_{\text{C}\alpha\text{-F}}$	6.71	-0.08	6.63	3.38	0.06	3.45	1.62	0.11	1.73	0.29	0.07	0.36
Sum	9.05	9.02	18.07	3.42	6.45	9.87	2.89	4.96	7.85	3.86	4.12	7.98

<sup>a</sup> $J^{(L)}$  – Lewis,  $J^{(NL)}$  – Non-Lewis,  $J^{(L+NL)} = J^{(L)} + J^{(NL)}$ .

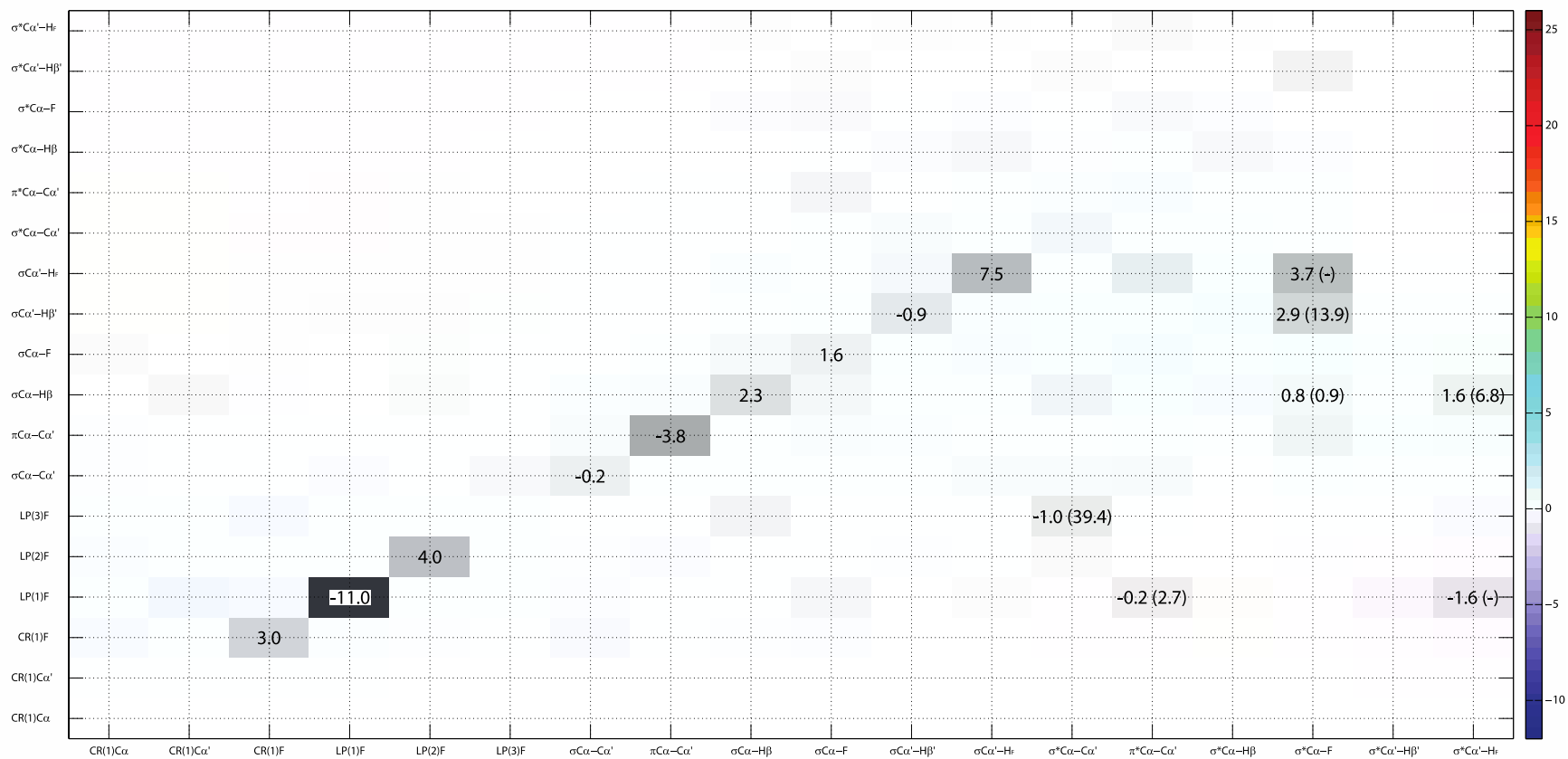




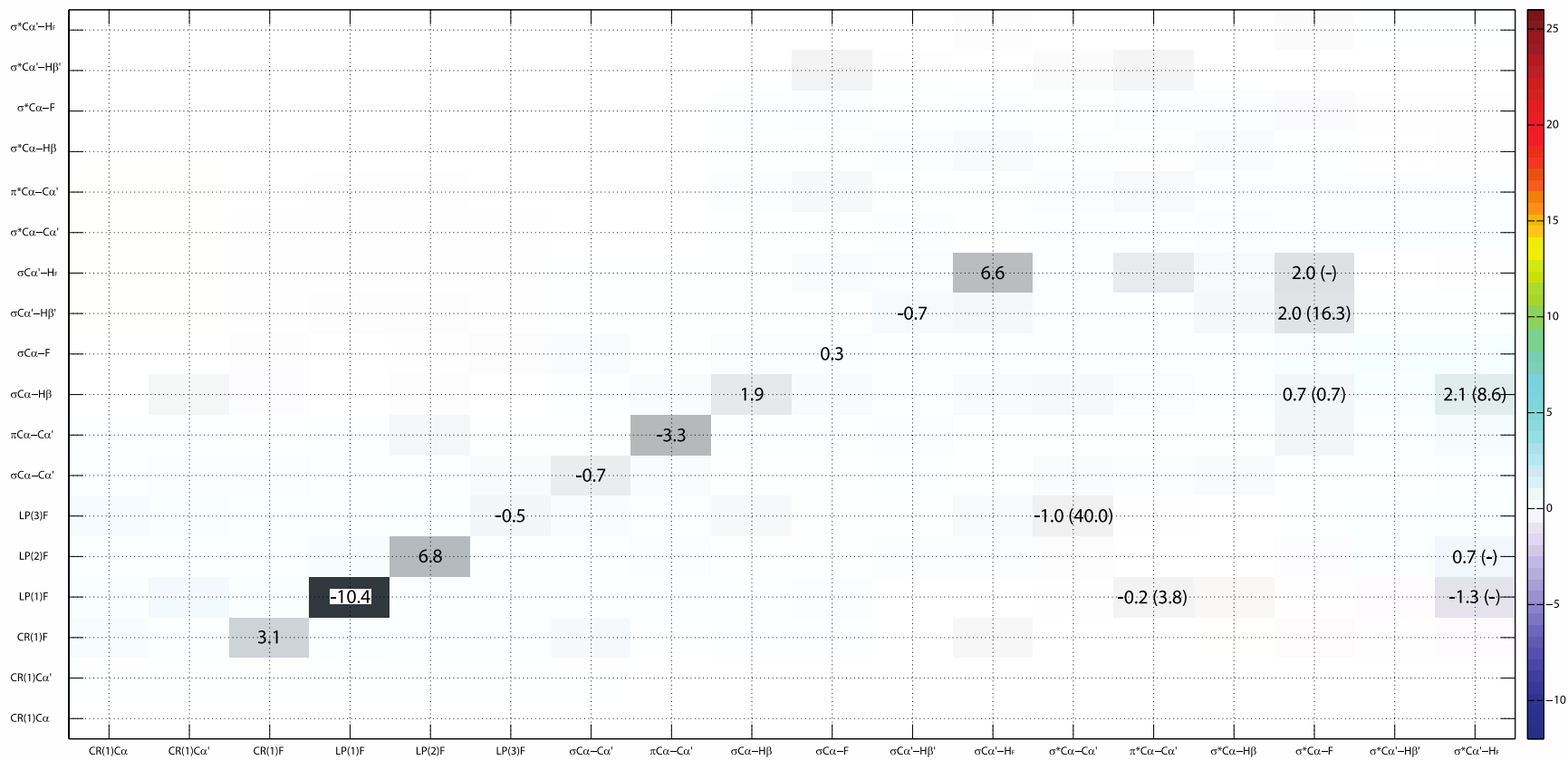
**Figure S7.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for fluoro-ethylene with 80° angle value between the  $\sigma_{C\alpha-F}$  and  $\sigma_{C\alpha'-H_F}$  vectors, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.



**Figure S8.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for fluoro-ethylene with 100° angle value between the  $\sigma_{C\alpha-F}$  and  $\sigma_{C\alpha'-H_F}$  vectors, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.



**Figure S9.** SSCC (Hz) in terms of NBO decomposition for fluoro-ethylene with 120° angle value between the  $\sigma_{C\alpha-F}$  and  $\sigma_{C\alpha'-H_F}$  vectors, in parentheses  $-E^{(2)}$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) delocalization associated with off-diagonal SSCC contribution.



**Figure S10.** Main  ${}^3J_{\text{H}_\text{F}}^\text{TS}$  through-space ( ${}^\text{TS}J_{\text{H}_\text{F}}$ ) and through-bond ( ${}^\text{TB}J_{\text{H}_\text{F}}$ ) transmission mechanisms for fluoroethylene.

