

# Supplementary Information

## Substituent effects and the role of negative hyperconjugation on siloxycarbene rearrangements

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**Table S 1** Selected MP2/6-311+G(2d,p) geometric parameters of the minimum-energy conformers of methoxy(substituted-siloxy)carbenes.<sup>a</sup>

X	$\sigma_1$	$\angle C6O7Si$	C1-O2	O2-C6	C6-O7	O7-Si
<b>A(X)</b>						
H	0.03	111.5	1.442	1.313	1.333	1.705
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	111.9	1.441	1.318	1.326	1.717
CCH	0.22	110.1	1.443	1.312	1.333	1.702
SH	0.30	109.3	1.444	1.311	1.333	1.705
OH	0.33	110.1	1.442	1.313	1.330	1.706
Cl	0.42	105.9	1.445	1.307	1.335	1.699
F	0.45	105.8	1.444	1.308	1.333	1.697
CN	0.51	106.7	1.446	1.304	1.341	1.693
<b>B(X)</b>						
H	0.03	109.8	1.456	1.307	1.345	1.710
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	110.1	1.457	1.312	1.337	1.723
CCH	0.22	108.6	1.460	1.306	1.345	1.700
SH	0.30	106.8	1.461	1.303	1.348	1.704
OH	0.33	107.5	1.458	1.308	1.341	1.713
Cl	0.42	102.7	1.462	1.302	1.346	1.706
F	0.45	101.3	1.461	1.302	1.342	1.707
CN	0.51	103.6	1.463	1.298	1.352	1.700
<b>C(X)</b>						
H	0.03	124.5	1.442	1.335	1.321	1.710
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	125.8	1.441	1.330	1.318	1.722
CCH	0.22	124.0	1.443	1.336	1.323	1.711
SH	0.30	124.2	1.444	1.336	1.324	1.711
OH	0.33	125.1	1.442	1.338	1.321	1.710
Cl	0.42	123.2	1.445	1.336	1.326	1.702
F	0.45	123.7	1.444	1.337	1.324	1.696
CN	0.51	122.3	1.446	1.333	1.329	1.701

<sup>a</sup> Bond angles and interatomic distances are in degrees and Å, respectively.

**Table S 2** Selected MP2/6-311+G(2d,p) geometric parameters of the transition states for 1,2-silyl migration and decarbonylation of methoxy(substituted-siloxy)carbenes.<sup>a</sup>

X	$\sigma_1$	$\angle C6O7Si$	C1-O2	O2-C6	C6-O7	O7-Si
<b>TS<sub>AD</sub>(X)</b>						
H	0.03	74.1	1.435	1.311	1.285	1.900
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	78.7	1.445	1.313	1.289	1.845
CCH	0.22	72.5	1.447	1.310	1.282	1.912
SH	0.30	74.8	1.448	1.306	1.287	1.873
OH	0.33	73.9	1.446	1.310	1.282	1.898
Cl	0.42	68.7	1.448	1.307	1.274	1.955
F	0.45	68.1	1.447	1.310	1.271	1.970
CN	0.51	70.6	1.450	1.303	1.282	1.918
<b>TS<sub>BE</sub>(X)</b>						
H	0.03	74.2	1.459	1.305	1.296	1.898
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	79.6	1.458	1.307	1.301	1.834
CCH	0.22	72.4	1.460	1.304	1.292	1.909
SH	0.30	75.6	1.461	1.301	1.300	1.859
OH	0.33	74.9	1.459	1.304	1.294	1.882
Cl	0.42	68.5	1.460	1.301	1.294	1.882
F	0.45	69.3	1.459	1.303	1.283	1.942
CN	0.51	70.6	1.462	1.297	1.292	1.914
<b>TS<sub>CH</sub>(X)</b>						
H	0.03	103.3	1.439	1.475	1.253	1.951
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.08	105.0	1.438	1.446	1.263	1.899
CCH	0.22	103.4	1.440	1.477	1.253	1.937
SH	0.30	103.4	1.441	1.459	1.260	1.920
OH	0.33	103.5	1.439	1.469	1.257	1.937
Cl	0.42	103.7	1.445	1.447	1.266	1.879
F	0.45	103.8	1.442	1.445	1.266	1.882
CN	0.51	102.4	1.443	1.505	1.249	1.934

<sup>a</sup> Bond angles and interatomic distances are in degrees and Å, respectively.

**Table S 3** MP2/6-311+G(2d,p) bond critical point electronic densities of the ground-state conformers of methoxy(substituted-siloxy)carbenes.<sup>a</sup>

X	C1-O2	O2-C6	C6-O7	O7-Si
<b>A(X)</b>				
H	1.596	2.152	2.070	0.811
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.607	2.126	2.101	0.791
CCH	1.593	2.159	2.066	0.827
SH	1.590	2.161	2.066	0.822
OH	1.598	2.149	2.082	0.818
Cl	1.583	2.181	2.062	0.843
F	1.586	2.178	2.073	0.846
CN	1.573	2.200	2.034	0.853
<b>B(X)</b>				
H	1.548	2.164	2.002	0.800
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.562	2.138	2.036	0.780
CCH	1.543	2.172	1.999	0.818
SH	1.536	2.186	1.989	0.824
OH	1.552	2.162	2.021	0.806
Cl	1.532	2.197	2.007	0.828
F	1.535	2.195	2.028	0.825
CN	1.521	2.216	1.976	0.839
<b>C(X)</b>				
H	1.587	2.036	2.089	0.781
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.599	2.013	2.108	0.769
CCH	1.584	2.034	2.083	0.798
SH	1.570	2.062	2.105	0.805
OH	1.589	2.026	2.089	0.795
Cl	1.573	2.036	2.063	0.822
F	1.577	2.029	2.073	0.830
CN	1.561	2.048	2.053	0.824

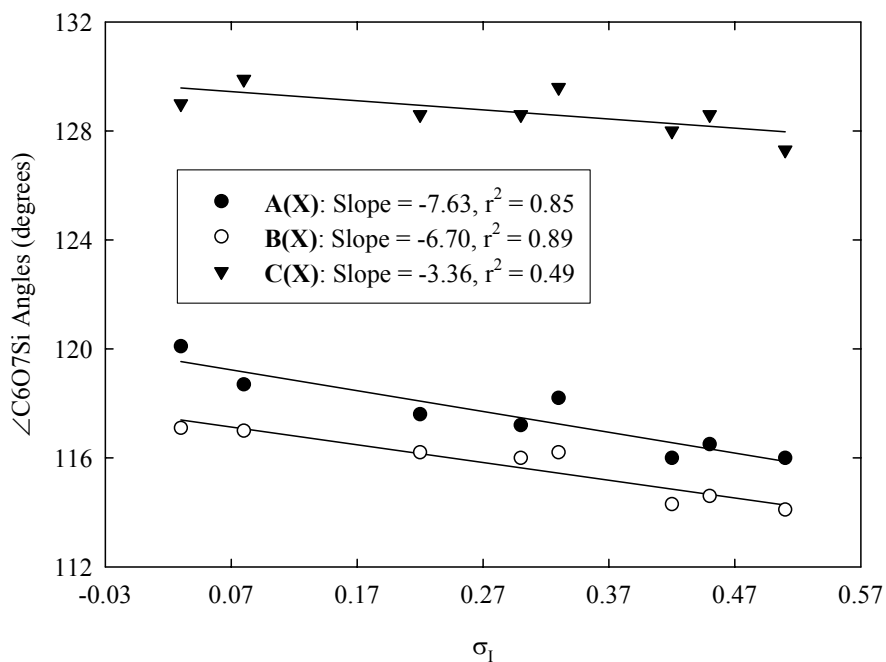
<sup>a</sup> BCP electronic densities are in e/Å<sup>3</sup> and were obtained from AIM analysis.

**Table S 4** MP2/6-311+G(2d,p) bond critical point electronic densities of the transition states for 1,2-silyl migration and decarbonylation of methoxy(substituted-siloxy)carbenes.<sup>a</sup>

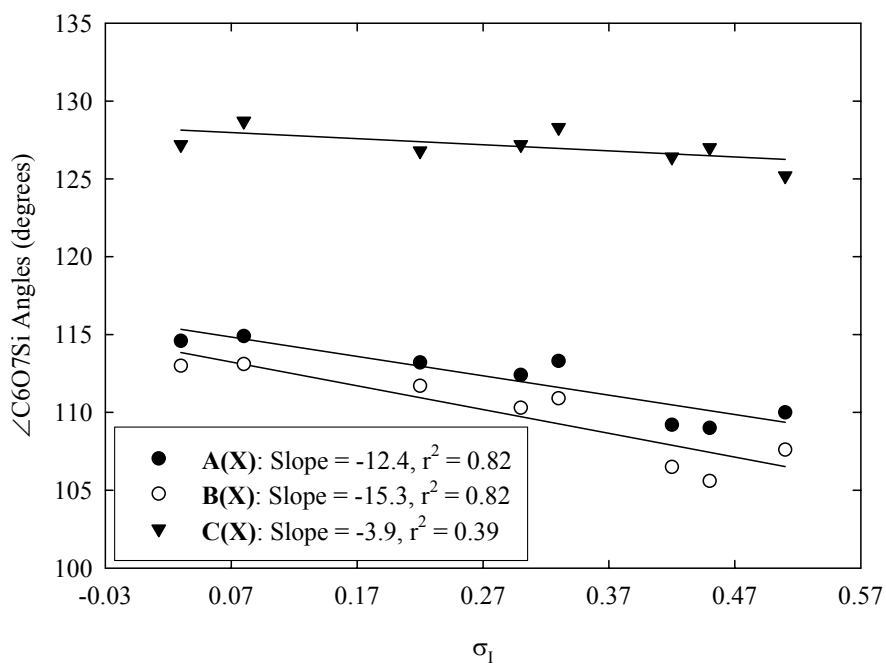
X	C1-O2	O2-C6	C6-O7	O7-Si	C6-Si
<b>TS<sub>AD</sub>(X)</b>					
H	1.572	2.160	2.381	0.513	0.499
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.582	2.151	2.347	0.578	-
CCH	1.567	2.167	2.399	0.511	0.533
SH	1.562	2.185	2.362	0.551	-
OH	1.572	2.166	2.387	0.518	0.504
Cl	1.558	2.184	2.442	-	0.605
F	1.566	2.171	2.461	-	0.610
CN	1.547	2.205	2.400	-	0.581
<b>TS<sub>BE</sub>(X)</b>					
H	1.532	2.192	2.311	0.512	0.494
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.543	2.179	2.270	0.589	-
CCH	1.528	2.201	2.333	0.509	0.531
SH	1.524	2.215	2.285	0.564	-
OH	1.537	2.196	2.312	0.531	-
Cl	1.521	2.219	2.381	-	0.608
F	1.528	2.210	2.382	-	0.593
CN	1.508	2.239	2.334	-	0.580
<b>TS<sub>CH</sub>(X)</b>					
	C1-O2	O2-C6	C6-O7	O7-Si	O2-Si
H	1.559	1.456	2.533	0.469	0.405
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.568	1.560	2.465	0.526	0.351
CCH	1.555	1.448	2.530	0.488	0.417
SH	1.547	1.510	2.486	0.512	0.400
OH	1.558	1.478	2.507	0.485	0.400
Cl	1.519	1.551	2.460	0.555	0.416
F	1.536	1.559	2.457	0.551	0.405
CN	1.534	1.357	2.553	0.489	0.474

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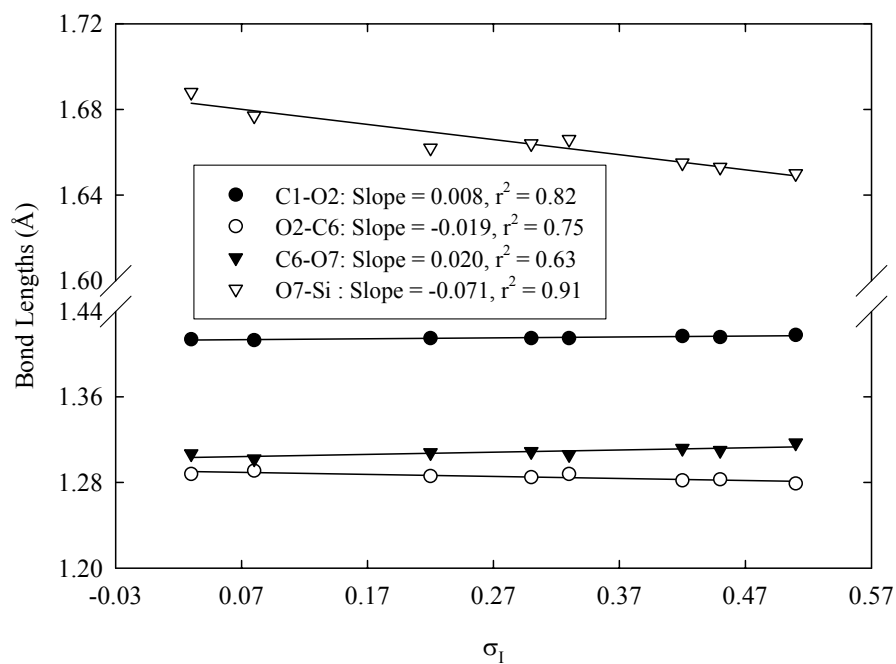




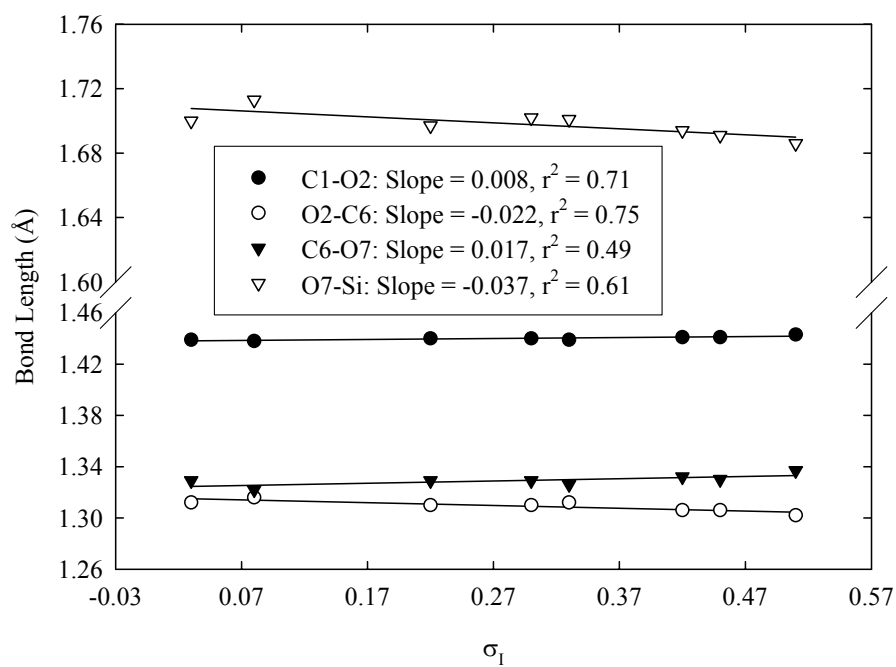
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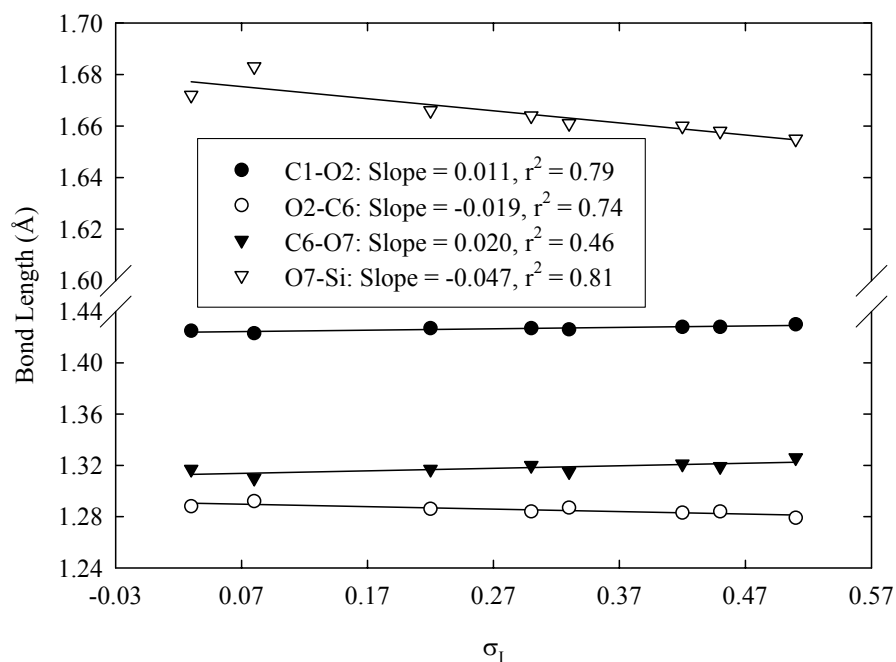
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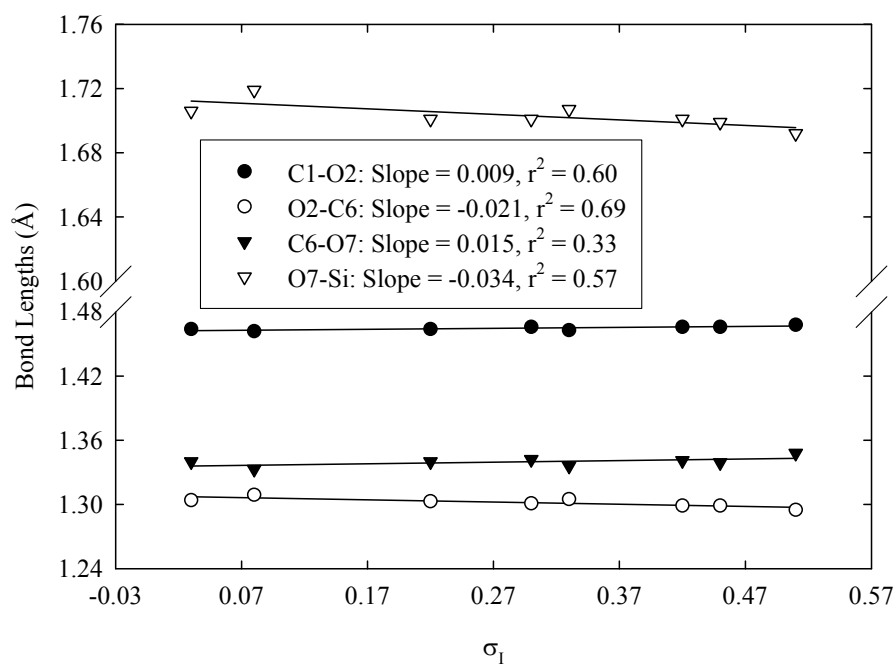
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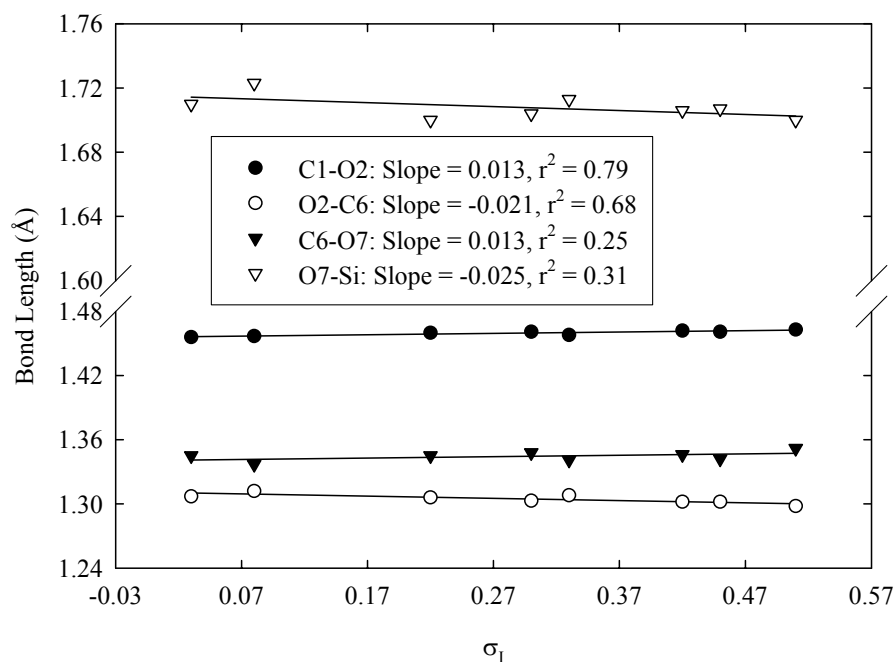
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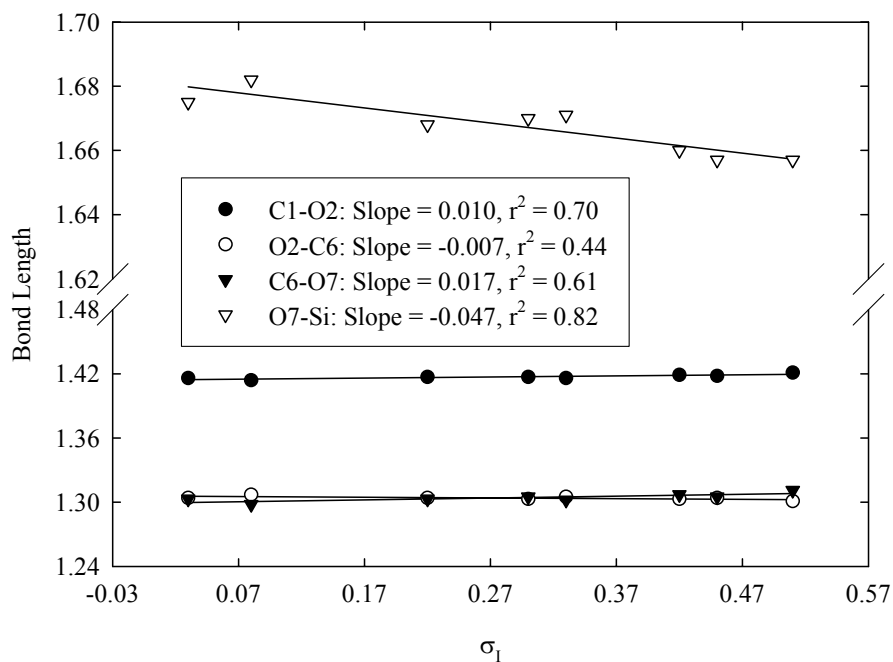
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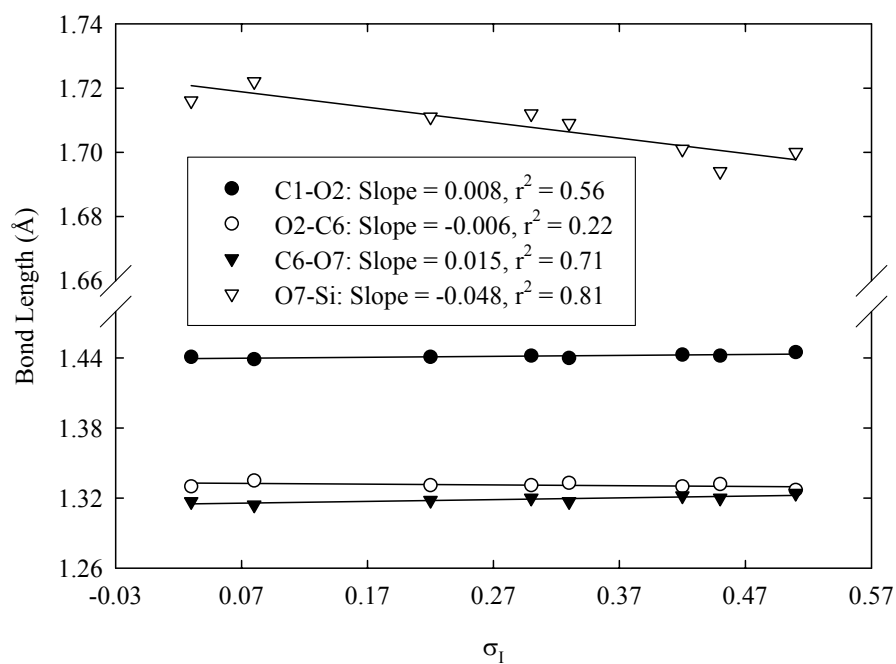
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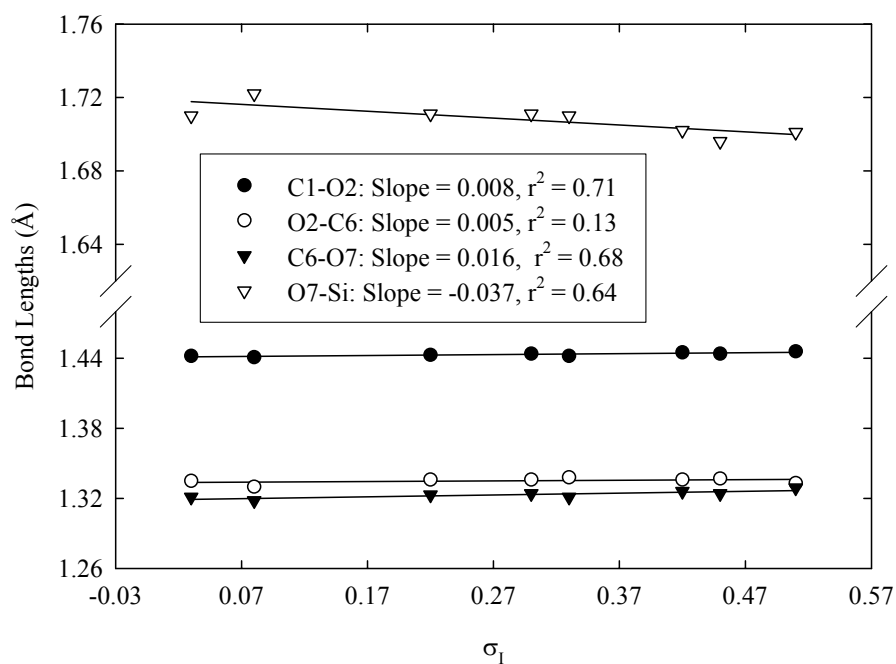
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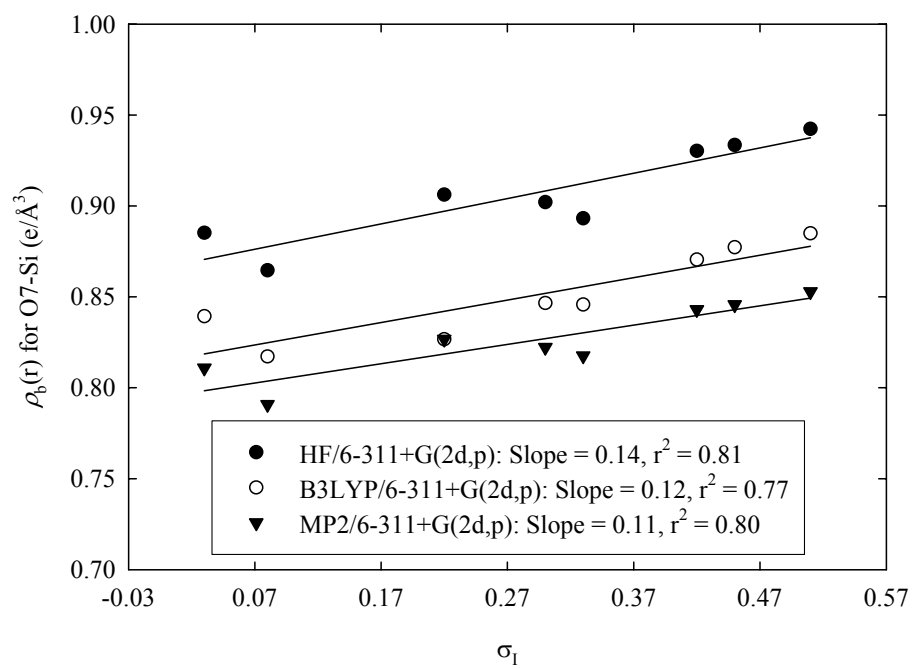
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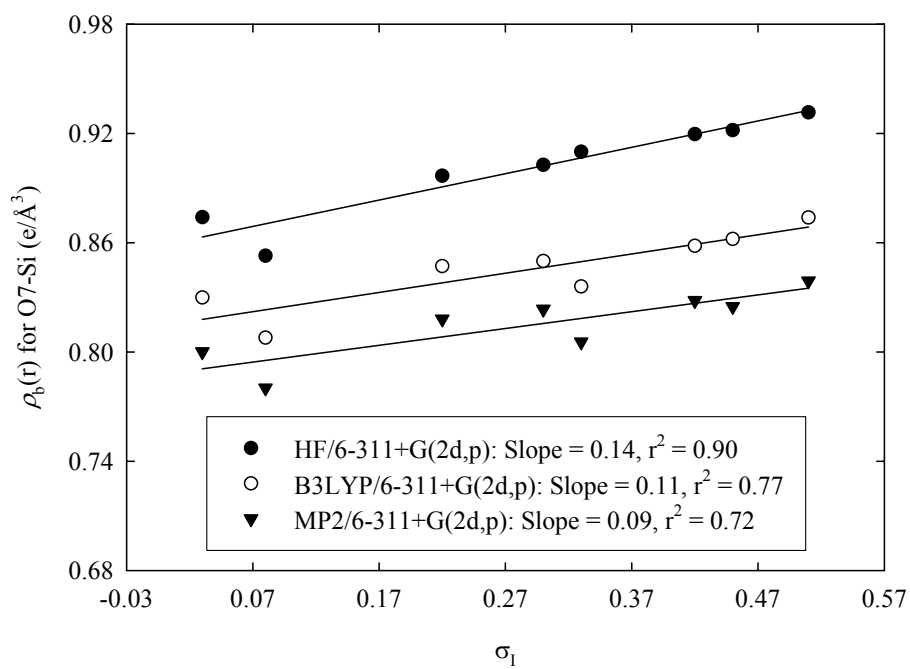
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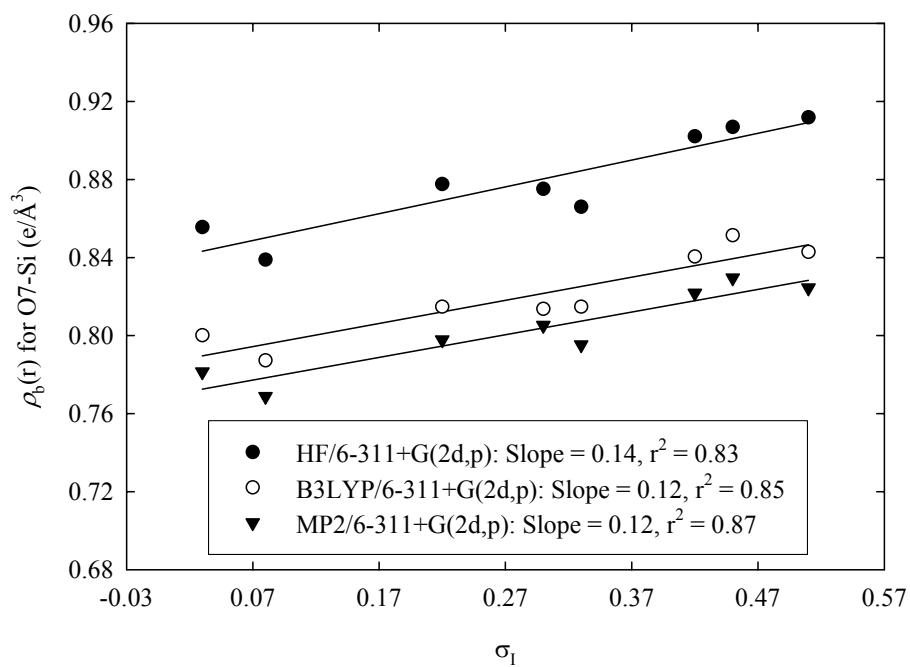
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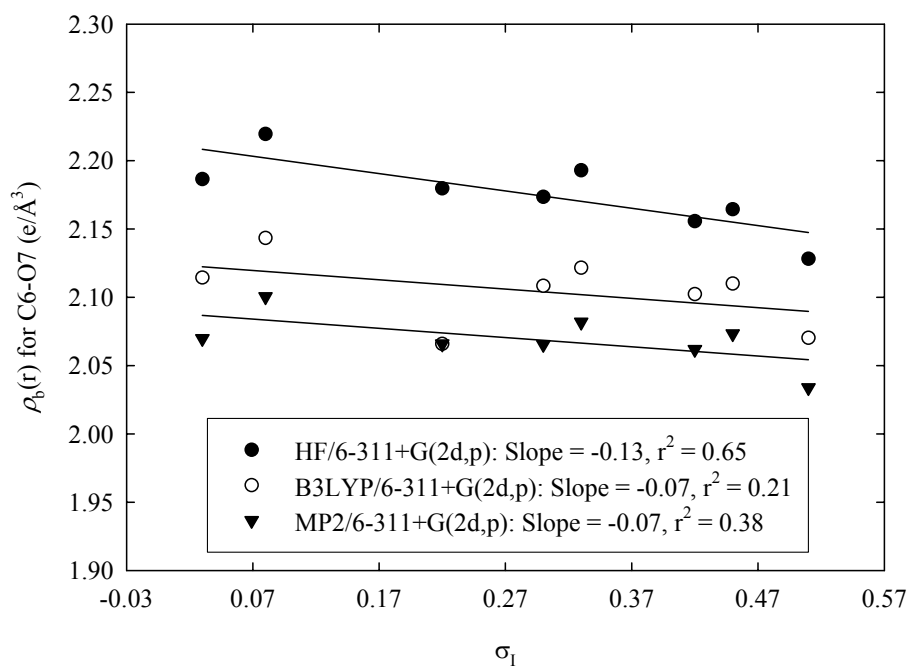
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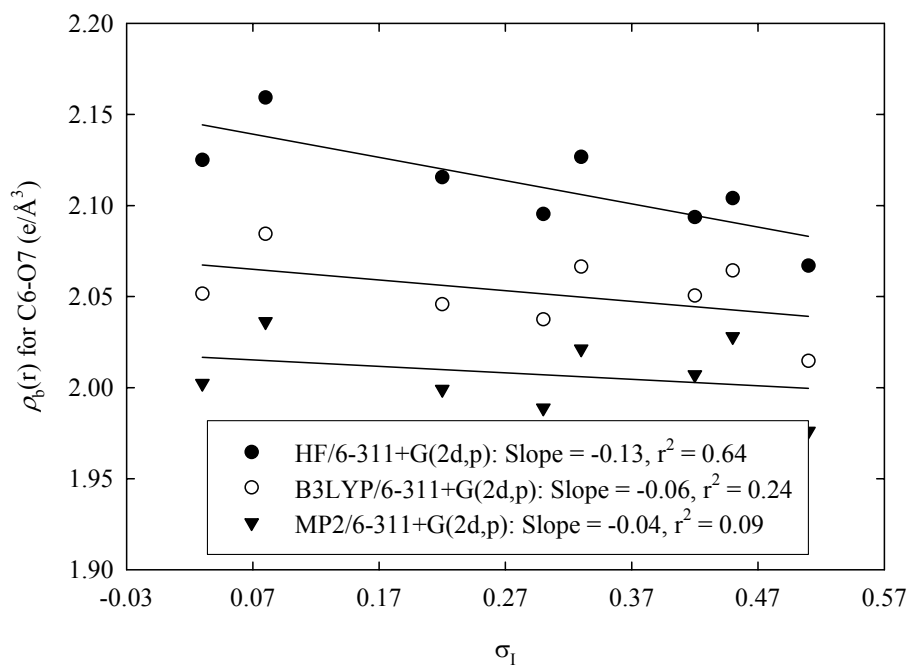
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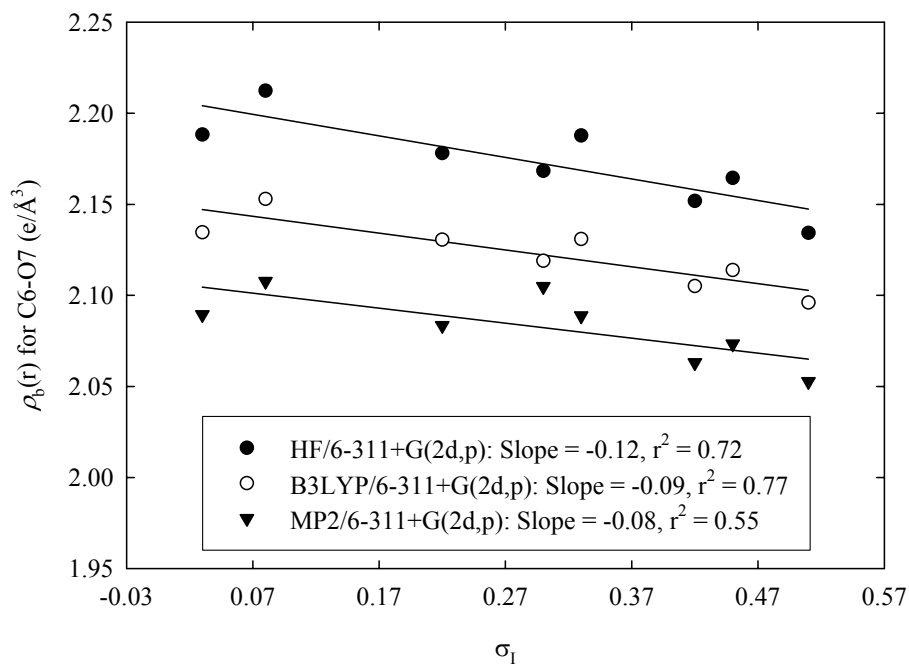


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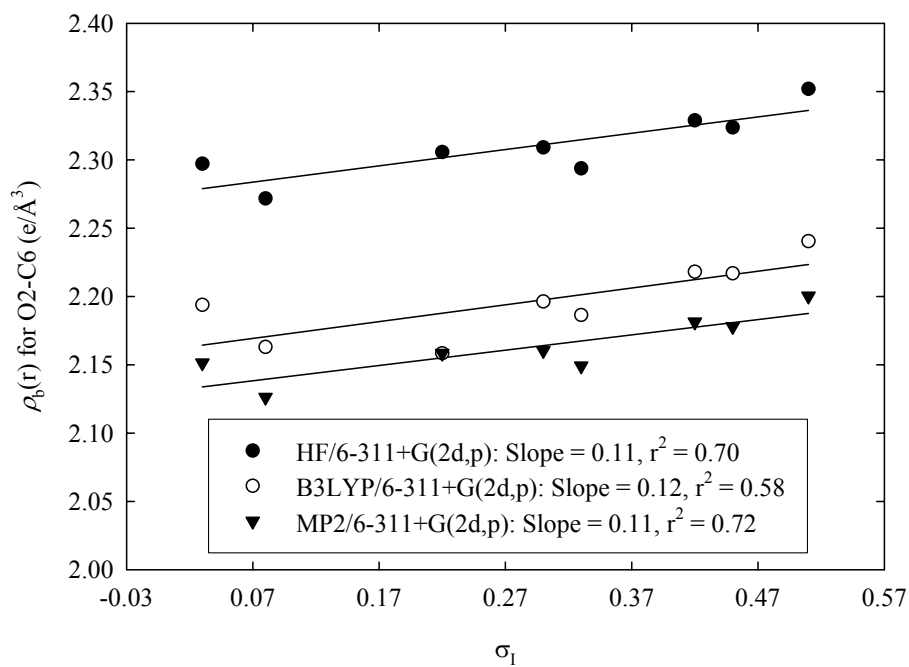


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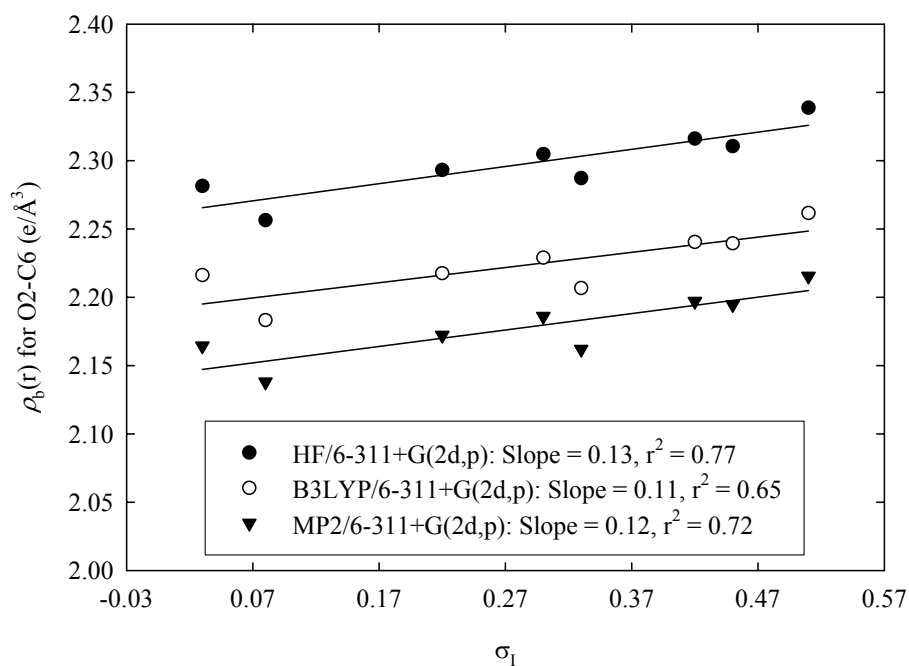




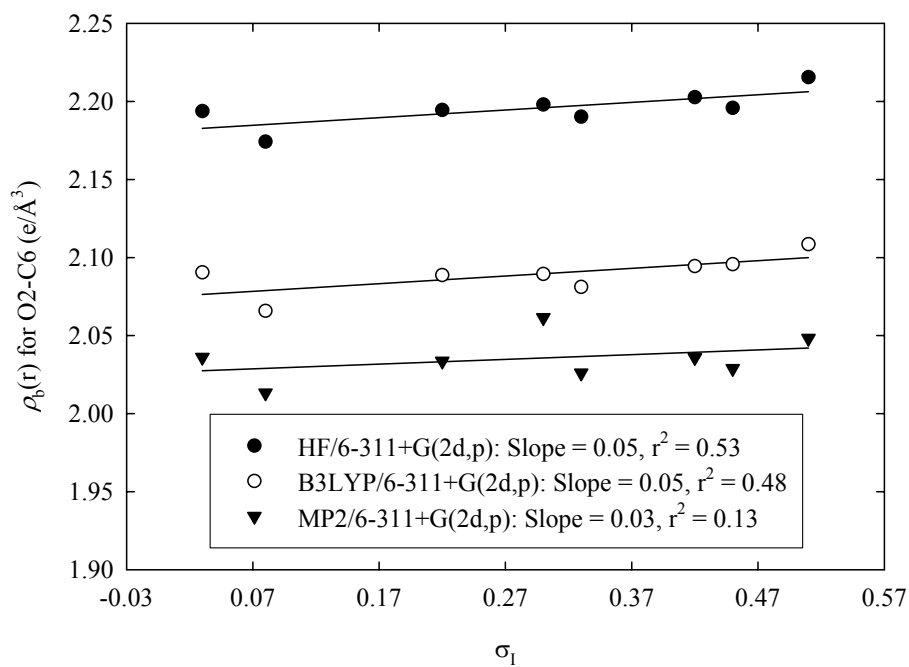
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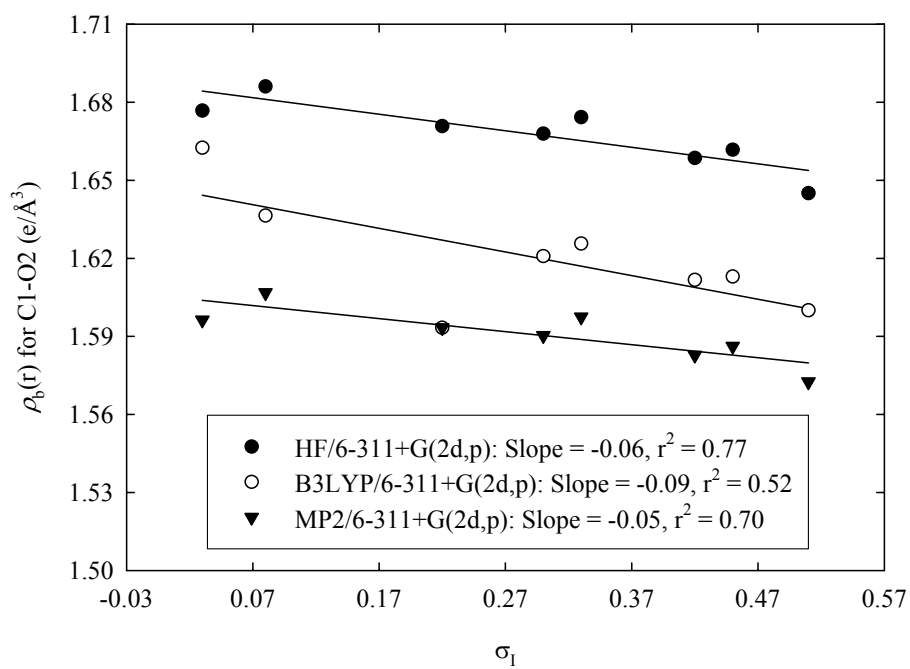
**Figure S 17** Dependence of the O2-C6 BCP electronic density on Swain-Lupton modified Hammett substituent constants  $\sigma_1$  for conformers **A(X)**.



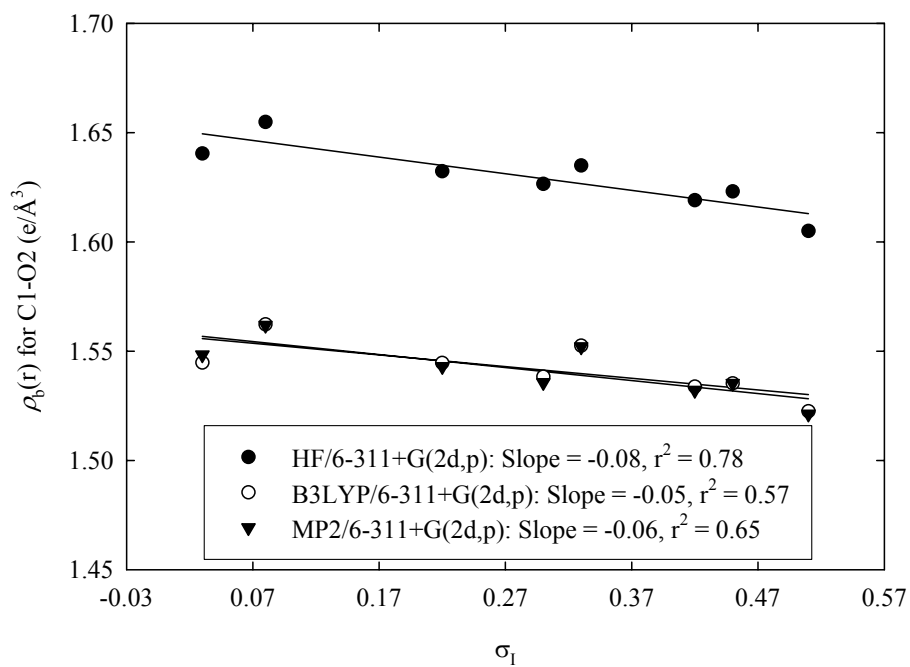
**Figure S 18** Dependence of the O2-C6 BCP electronic density on Swain-Lupton modified Hammett substituent constants  $\sigma_1$  for conformers **B(X)**.



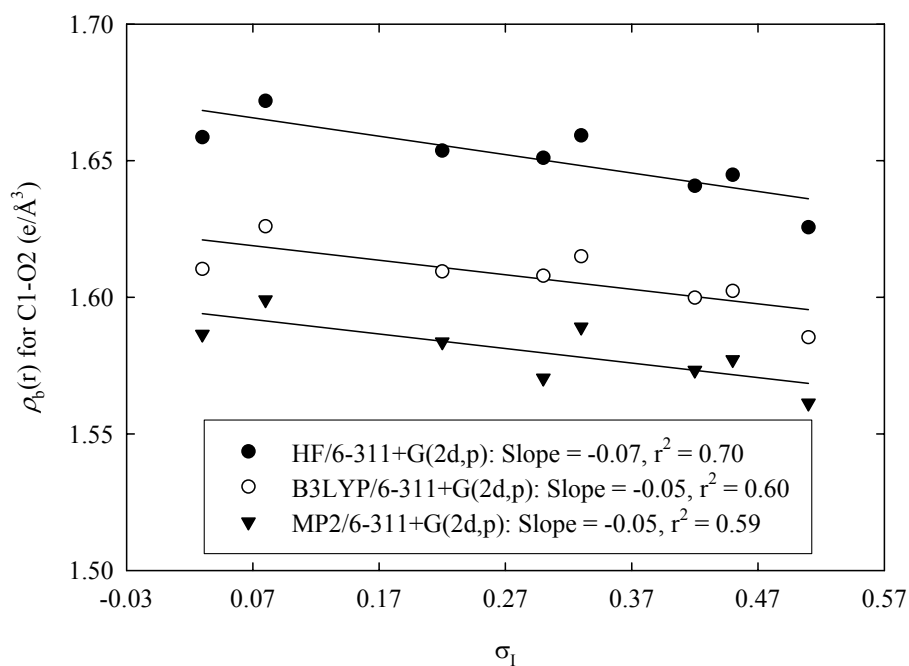
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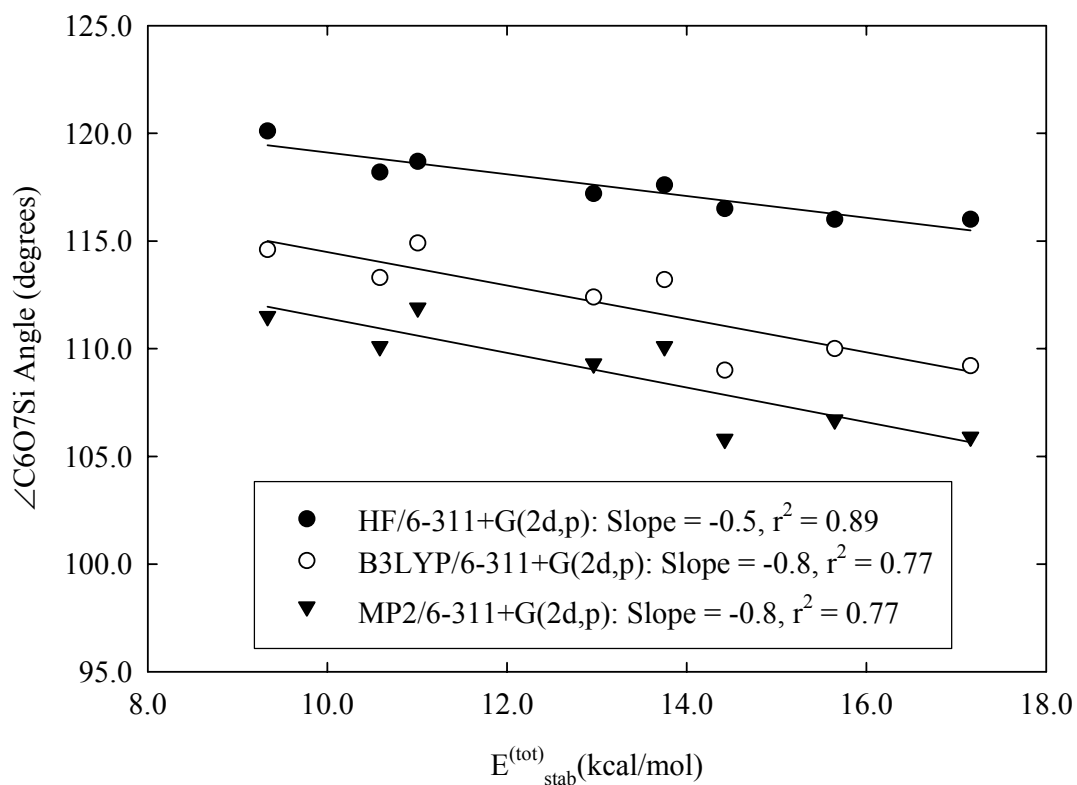
**Figure S 20** Dependence of the C1-O2 BCP electronic density on Swain-Lupton modified Hammett substituent constants  $\sigma_1$  for conformers **A(X)**.



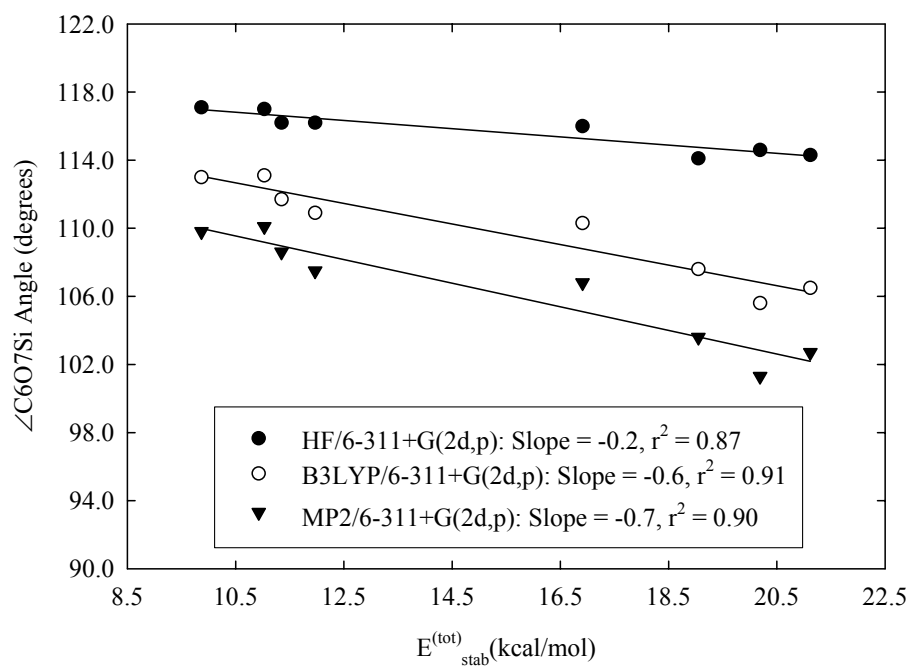
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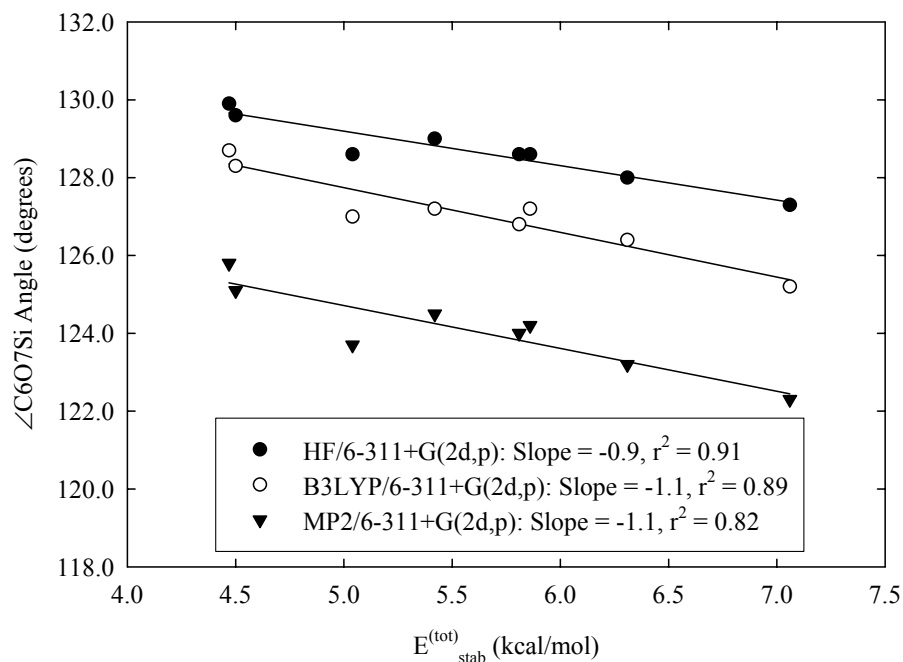
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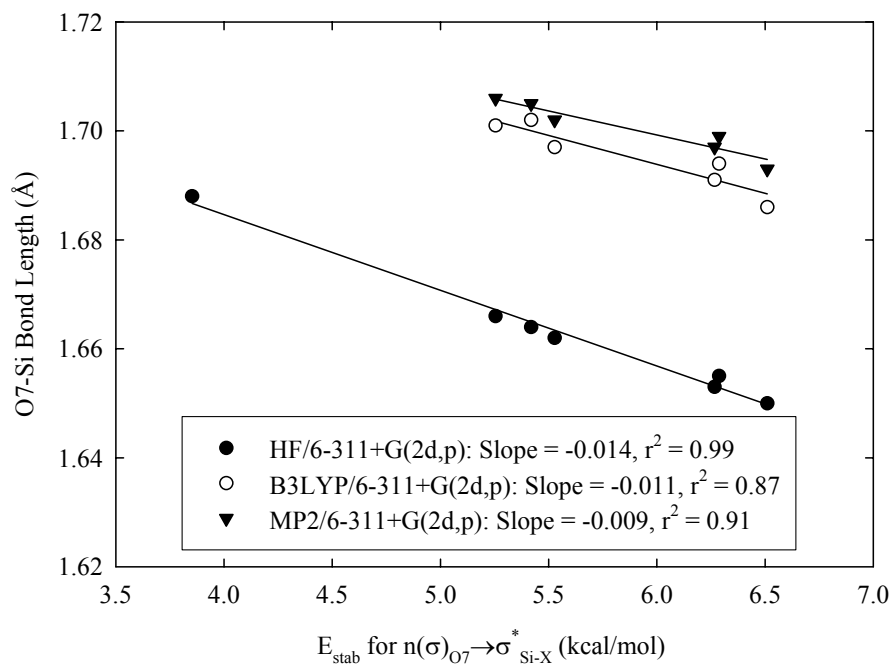
**Figure S 23** Plots of the  $\angle\text{C6O7Si}$  angles of conformers **A(X)** versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}^{(\text{tot})}$  due to hyperconjugation.



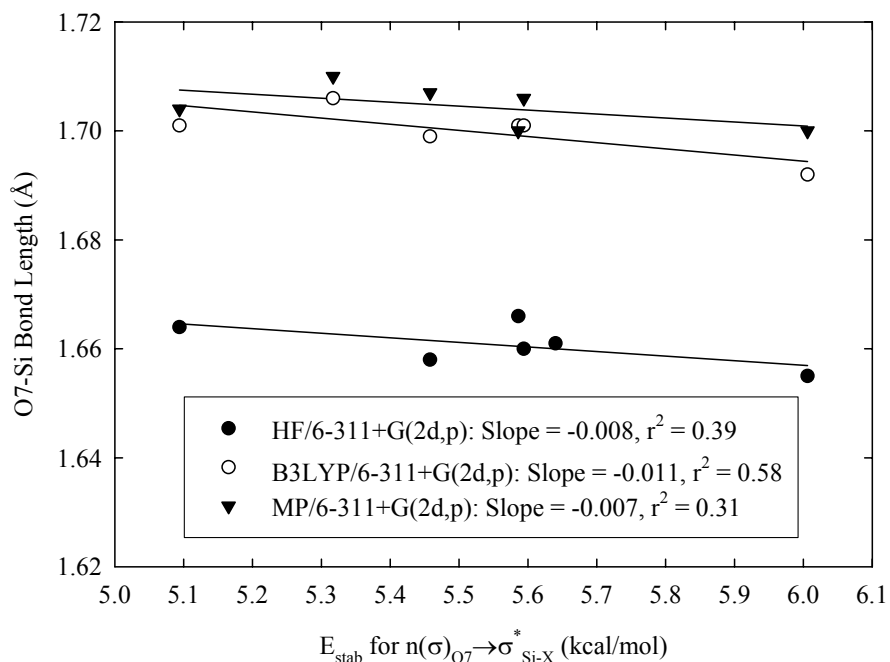
**Figure S 24** Plots of the  $\angle\text{C6O7Si}$  angles of conformers **B(X)** versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}^{(\text{tot})}$  due to hyperconjugation.



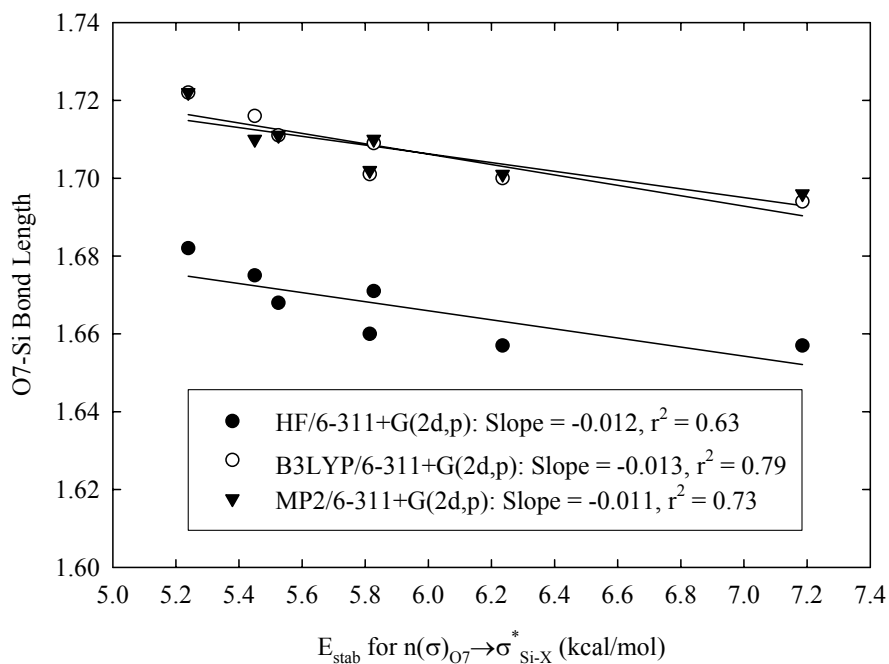
**Figure S 25** Plots of the  $\angle\text{C6O7Si}$  angles for conformers **C(X)** versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}^{(\text{tot})}$  due to hyperconjugation.



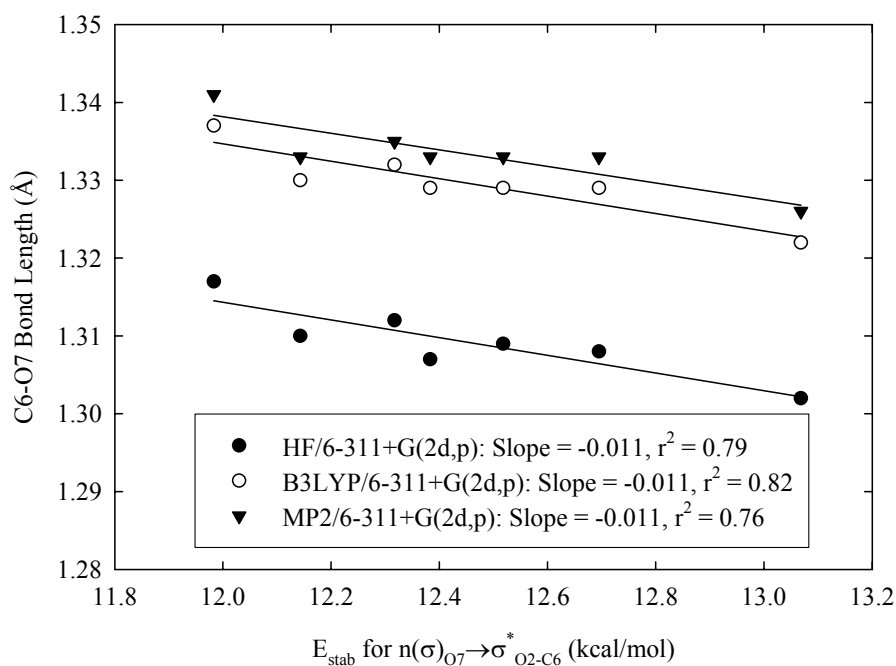
**Figure S 26** Plots of the O7-Si bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{Si-X}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers **A(X)**. Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{Si}}$  interactions.



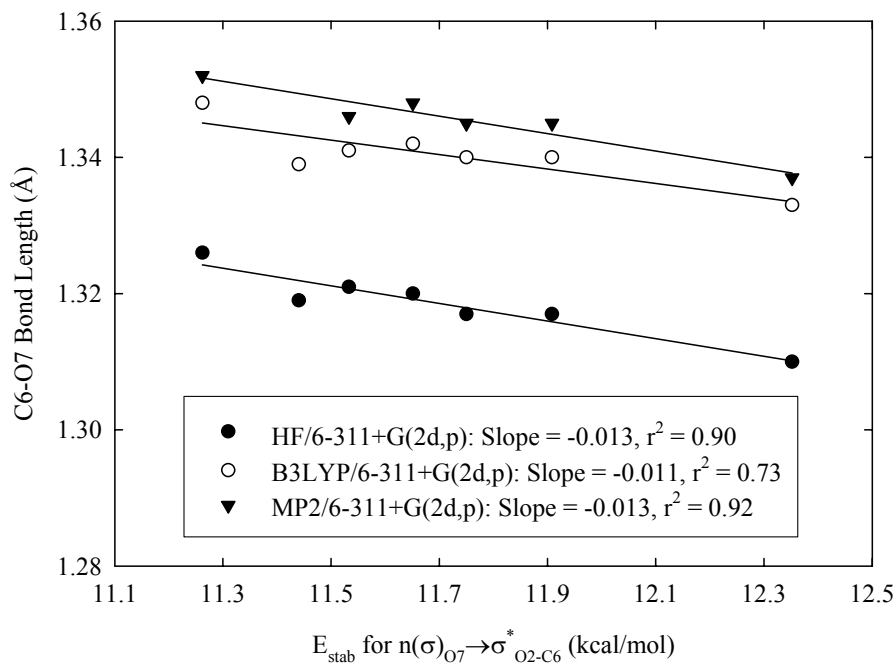
**Figure S 27** Plots of the O7-Si bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{Si-X}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers B(X). Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{Si}}$  interactions.



**Figure S 28** Plots of the O7-Si bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{Si-X}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers C(X). Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{Si}}$  interactions.

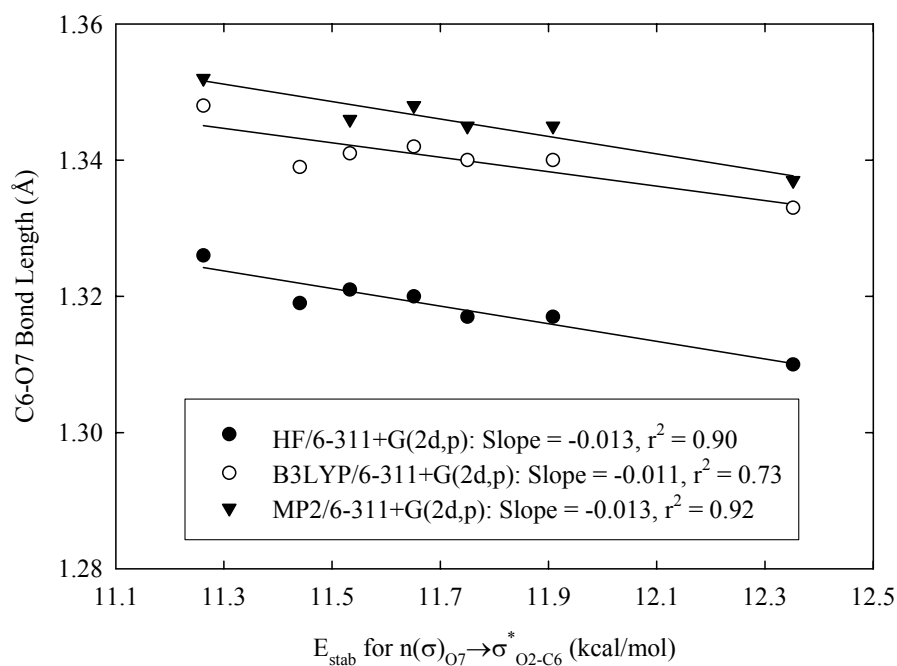


**Figure S 29** Plots of the C6-O7 bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{O2-C6}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers **A(X)**. Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{C6}}$  interactions.

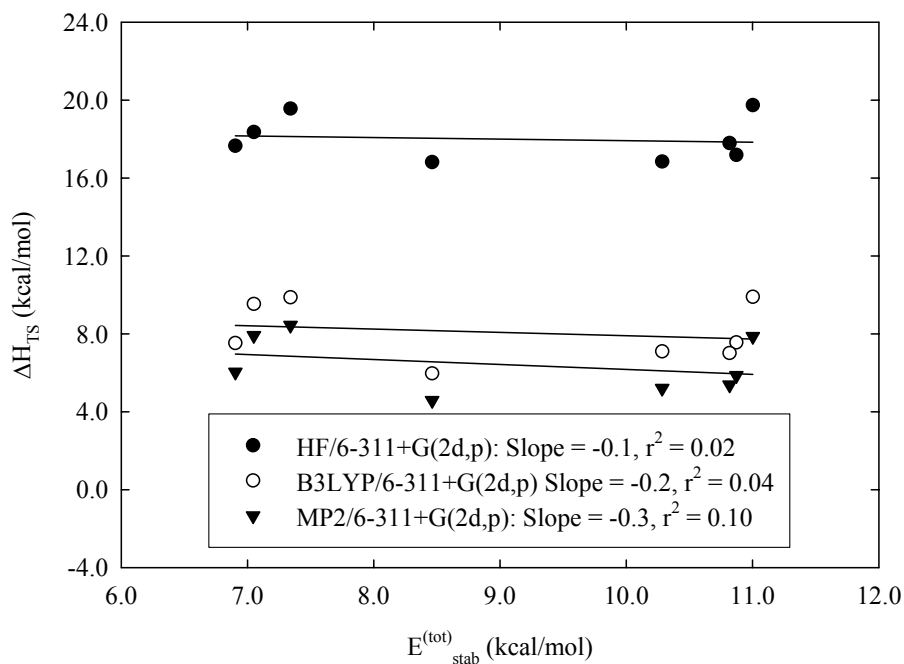


**Figure S 30** Plots of the C6-O7 bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{O2-C6}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers **B(X)**. Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{C6}}$  interactions.

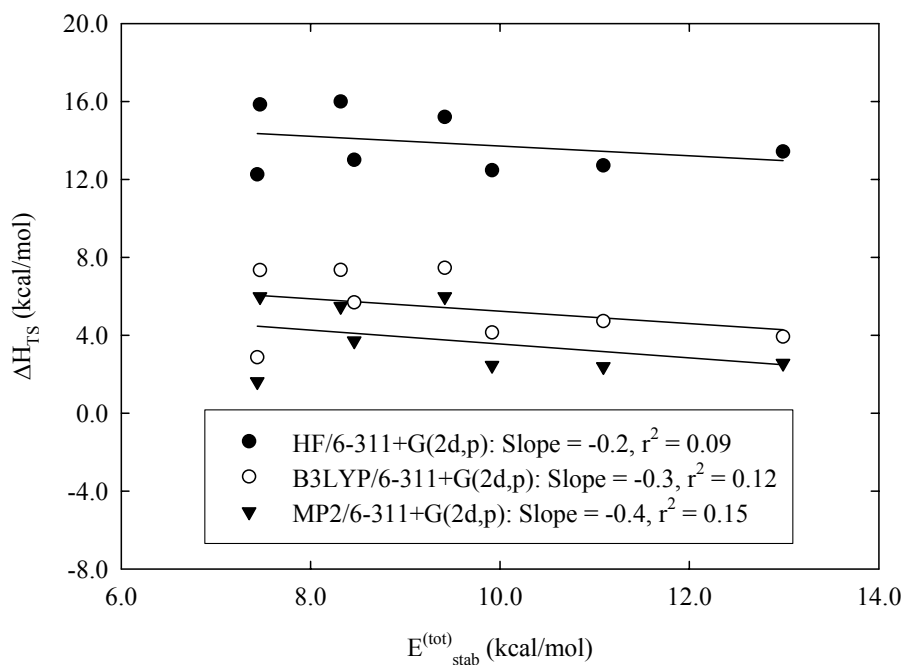




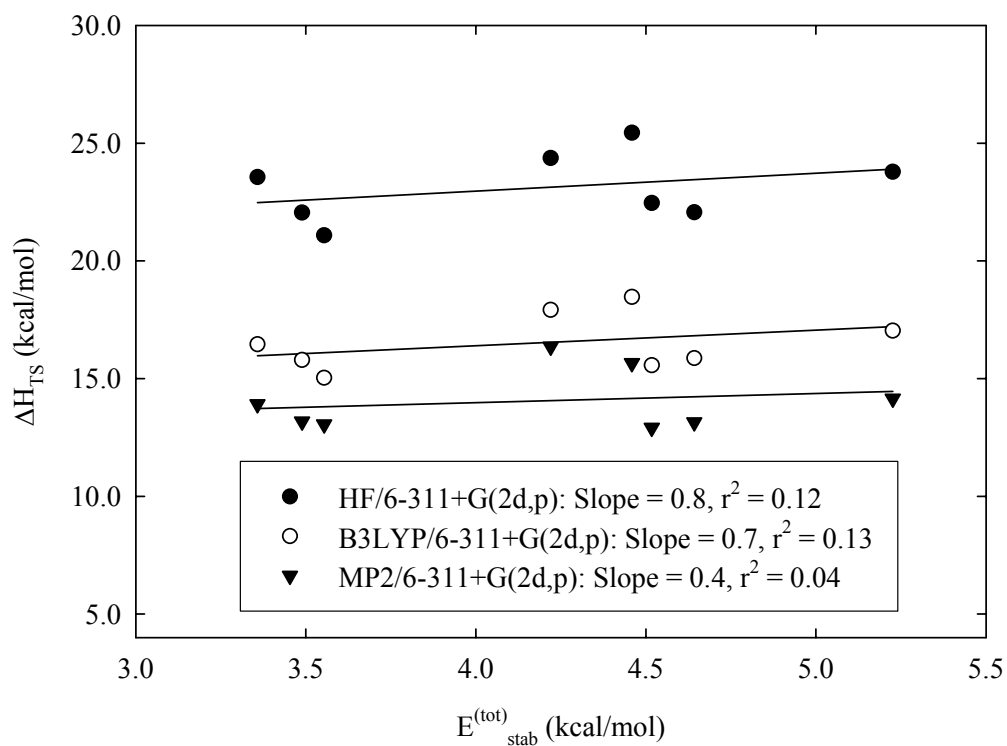
**Figure S 31** Plots of the C6-O7 bond length versus stabilization energies  $E_{\text{stab}}$  due to  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \sigma^*_{\text{O2-C6}}$  hyperconjugation in conformers **C(X)**. Note that  $E_{\text{stab}}$  also includes  $n(\sigma)_{\text{O7}} \rightarrow \text{RY}^*_{\text{C6}}$  interactions.



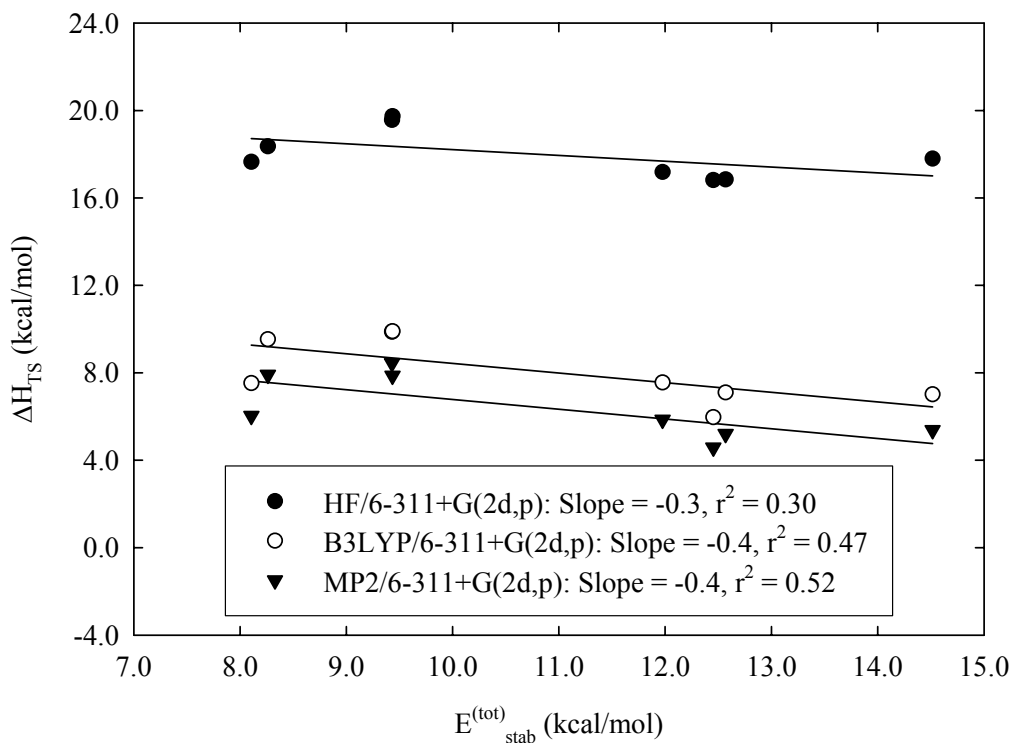
**Figure S 32** Plots of activation enthalpies for 1,2-silyl migration versus computed HF/6-311+G(2d,p) stabilization energies due to hyperconjugation in conformers **A(X)**.



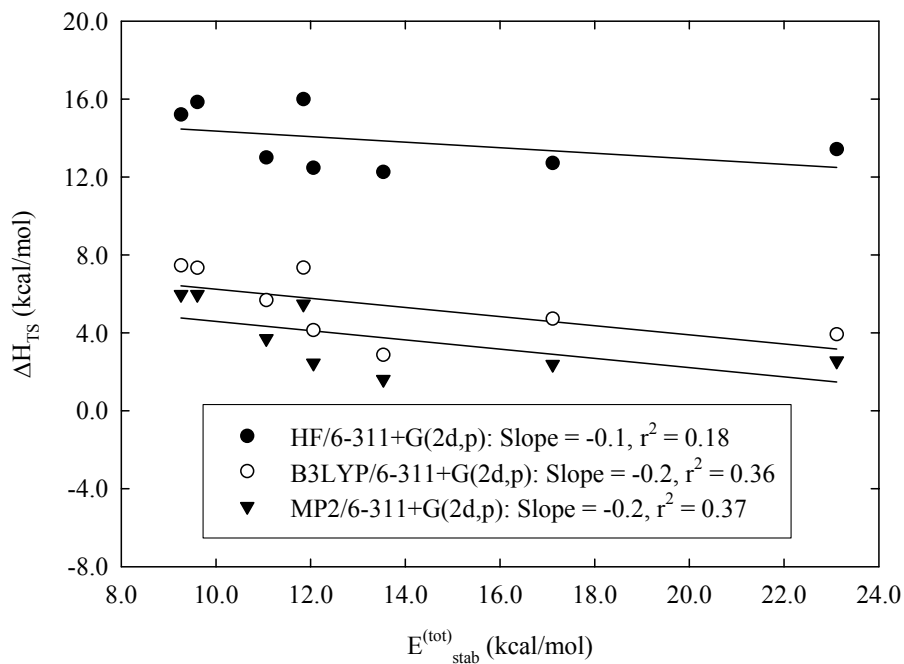
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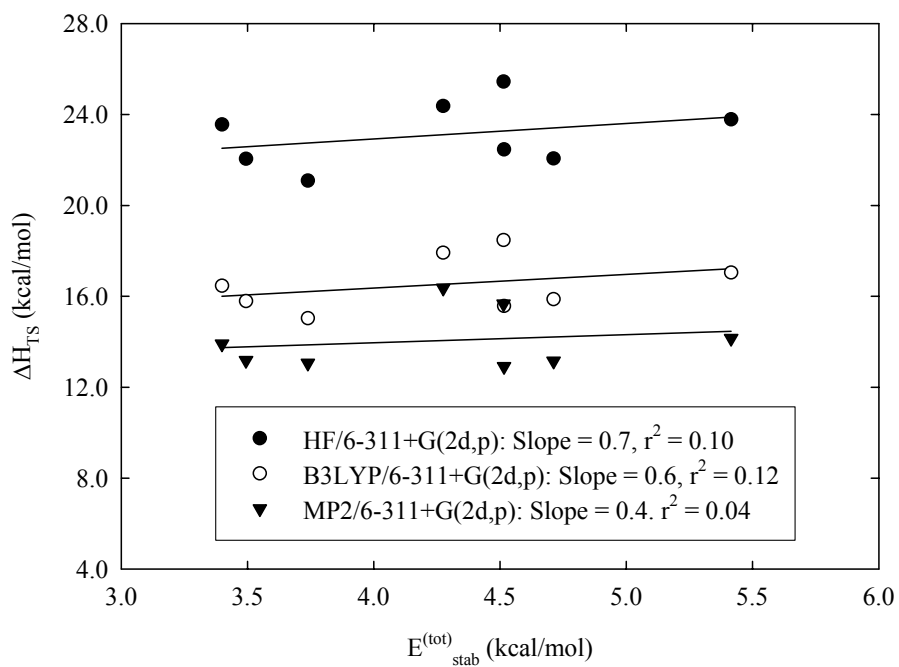
**Figure S 34** Plots of activation enthalpies for decarbonylation versus computed HF/6-311+G(2d,p) stabilization energies due to hyperconjugation in conformers **C(X)**.



**Figure S 35** Plots of activation enthalpies for 1,2-silyl migration versus computed B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) stabilization energies due to hyperconjugation in conformers **A(X)**.



**Figure S 36** Plots of activation enthalpies for 1,2-silyl migration versus computed B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) stabilization energies due to hyperconjugation in conformers **B(X)**.



**Figure S 37** Plots of activation enthalpies for decarbonylation versus computed B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) stabilization energies due to hyperconjugation in conformers C(X).

