

## Supporting Information

### C–H...F–C hydrogen bonding in highly fluorinated naphthalenes

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**Table S1.**

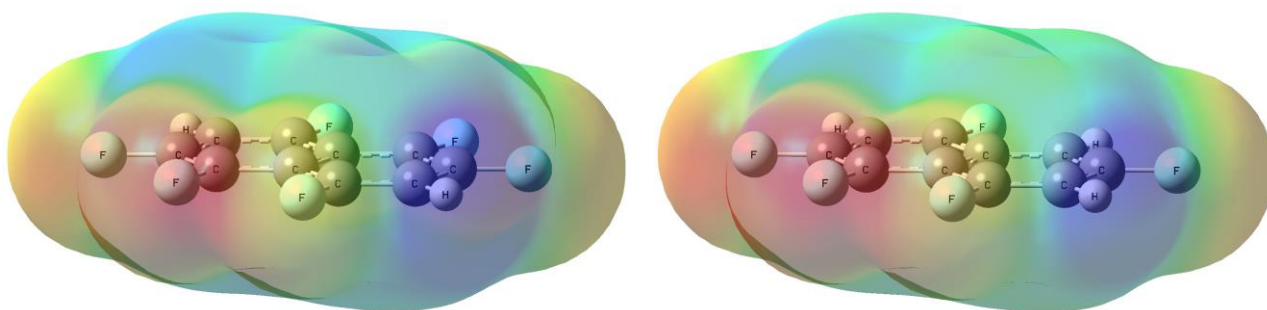
|                                                                                                        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of CSD crystal structure hits:                                                                  | 6,416  |
| <sup>1</sup> Number of C–H...F–C <sub>2</sub> observations (Raw Data)                                  | 13,009 |
| <sup>2</sup> Number of C–H...F–C <sub>2</sub> observations (Refined Data)                              | 9,534  |
| <sup>3</sup> Number of Refined C–H...F–C <sub>2</sub> observations with $R_{\text{HF(a)}}^3 \leq 1.2$  | 9,474  |
| <sup>4</sup> Number of Refined C–H...F–C <sub>2</sub> observations with $R_{\text{HF(a)}}^3 \leq 1.15$ | 9,240  |
| Average H...F <sub>a</sub> distance / Å (for $R_{\text{HF(a)}}^3 \leq 1.15$ )                          | 2.564  |
| Average H...F <sub>b</sub> distance / Å (for $R_{\text{HF(a)}}^3 \leq 1.15$ )                          | 2.729  |

<sup>1</sup> Raw data correspond to data extracted in automated manner directly from the structures found via the CSD search.

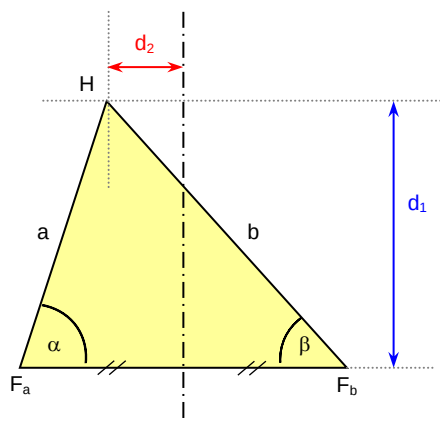
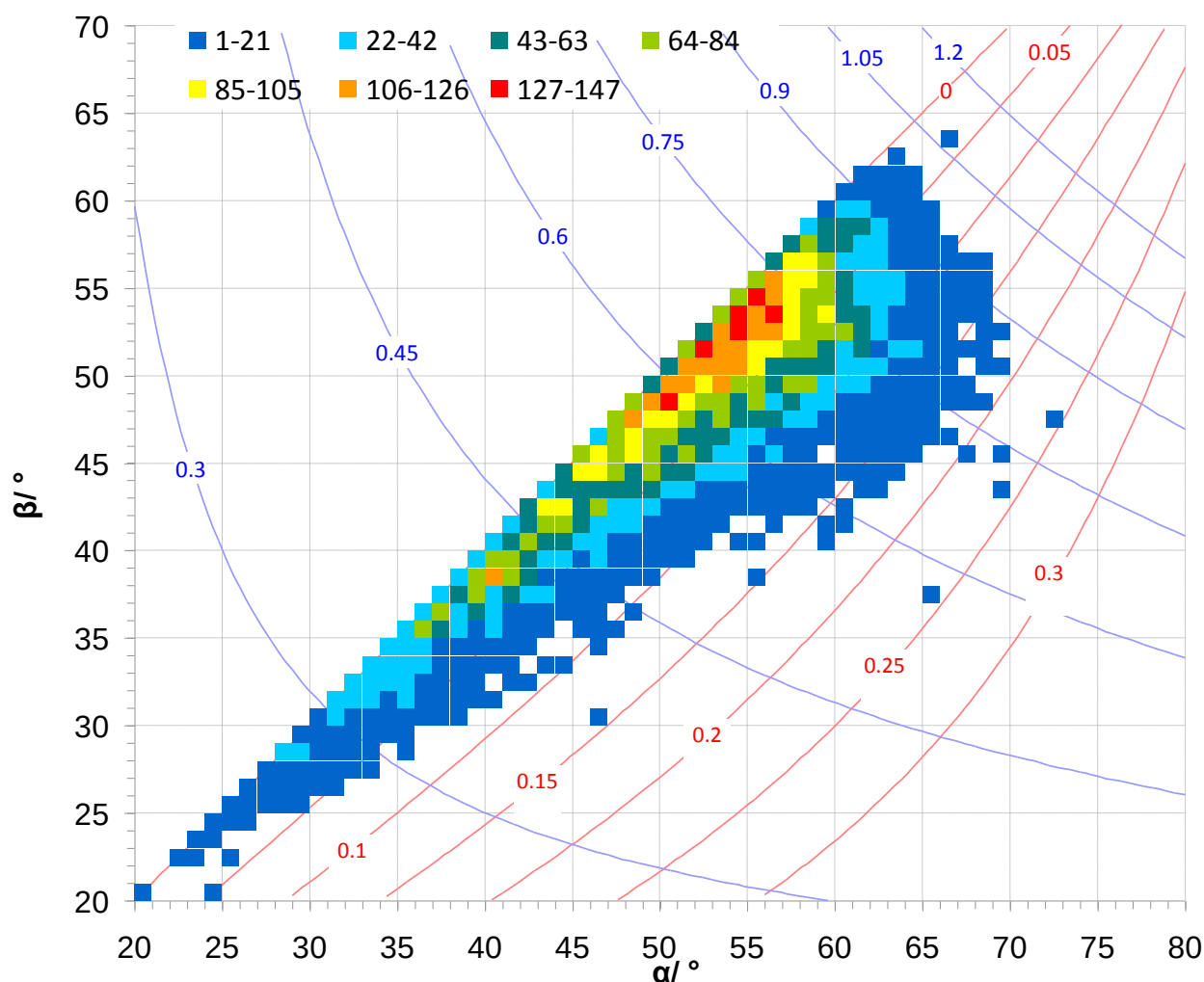
<sup>2</sup> Refined data are those observations remaining after removal of: duplicate structures, trifurcated and multifurcated interactions, incorrectly normalized “C–H distances” (interactions typically involving deuterium), and structures with an  $R(F) \leq 10$ .

<sup>3</sup> The distance cut-off value is arbitrary. This value was chosen for graphical convenience in Figures 7 and 8.

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**Figure S1.** Electrostatic potential calculated on the  $\rho = 0.004$  a.u. isosurface (approximately the van der Waals surface) of the molecule for (a) 1,2,4,5,6,8-hexafluoronaphthalene and (b) 1,2,4,6,8-pentafluoronaphthalene. Colours: blue (most positive), green (neutral), red (most negative). Views rotated relative to images in Figure 5.



**Figure S2. (Top)** Asymmetry of C–H...(F–C)<sub>2</sub> bifurcated hydrogen bonds expressed in terms of location of H-atom relative to the two F-atoms (i.e. the positions of all three carbon atoms are ignored). This is expressed as a scattergram of the two H...F...F angles associated with each bifurcated hydrogen bond, and contoured by number of observations. The larger H...F...F angle ( $\alpha$ ) of the two corresponds to the horizontal axis and the smaller angle ( $\beta$ ) to the vertical axis. Isovalues for  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are shown in red and blue, respectively. **(Bottom)** Schematic of H-atom position relative to two F-atom positions showing definition of distances and angles used in assessment of asymmetry of bifurcation.

### 1,2,4,5,6,8-hexafluoronaphthalene Absolute Energy and Cartesian Coordinates (Å)

E = -981.5363710 a.u.

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 2.484744  | 0.436443  | 0.000037  |
| C | 1.734010  | -0.711386 | 0.000215  |
| C | 0.318252  | -0.646001 | 0.000134  |
| C | -0.318252 | 0.646003  | -0.000136 |
| C | 0.519809  | 1.791177  | -0.000310 |
| C | 1.884281  | 1.702295  | -0.000227 |
| C | -0.519809 | -1.791176 | 0.000308  |
| C | -1.734016 | 0.711387  | -0.000216 |
| H | 2.495933  | 2.594318  | -0.000362 |
| C | -2.484746 | -0.436441 | -0.000039 |
| C | -1.884278 | -1.702293 | 0.000225  |
| H | -2.495931 | -2.594315 | 0.000362  |
| F | -0.036753 | 3.012651  | -0.000561 |
| F | -2.364265 | 1.892615  | -0.000464 |
| F | -3.822273 | -0.351438 | -0.000117 |
| F | 0.036766  | -3.012645 | 0.000562  |
| F | 2.364259  | -1.892613 | 0.000467  |
| F | 3.822269  | 0.351424  | 0.000120  |

### 1,2,4,6,8-pentafluoronaphthalene Absolute Energy and Cartesian Coordinates (Å)

E = -882.2879483 a.u.

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | -2.647731 | 0.230818  | 0.000077  |
| C | -1.703585 | 1.217714  | 0.000255  |
| C | -0.336623 | 0.848541  | 0.000168  |
| C | 0.052609  | -0.532234 | -0.000103 |
| C | -0.996284 | -1.489524 | -0.000277 |
| C | -2.317689 | -1.135053 | -0.000191 |
| H | -1.991877 | 2.259035  | 0.000459  |
| C | 0.693312  | 1.818490  | 0.000343  |
| C | 1.431919  | -0.856641 | -0.000182 |
| H | -3.089799 | -1.892394 | -0.000327 |
| C | 2.378370  | 0.137321  | -0.000003 |
| C | 2.020527  | 1.494600  | 0.000263  |
| H | 2.786682  | 2.258047  | 0.000400  |
| F | -0.688314 | -2.795663 | -0.000528 |
| F | 1.836739  | -2.133921 | -0.000431 |
| F | 3.679911  | -0.189112 | -0.000083 |
| F | 0.331555  | 3.117581  | 0.000596  |
| F | -3.954776 | 0.553460  | 0.000155  |

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