

B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; (C) BPW91 functional and Wf basis set;

(D) BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.

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**Supporting Information Figure 2.** Correlation between experimental isomer shifts ( $\delta_{exp}$ ) and calculated (BP86 geometry test set) total electron density at the <sup>57</sup>Fe nucleus ( $\rho_{total}$ ) using: (A) B3LYP functional and Wf basis set; (B) B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; (C) BPW91 functional and Wf basis set; (D) BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.



**Supporting Information Figure 3.** Correlation between experimental ( $\delta_{exp}$ ) and calculated ( $\delta_{calc}$ ) isomer shifts (B3LYP geometry test set) using: **(A)** B3LYP functional and Wf basis set; **(B)** B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; **(C)** BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.



**Supporting Information Figure 4.** Correlation between experimental ( $\delta_{exp}$ ) and calculated ( $\delta_{calc}$ ) isomer shifts (BP86 geometry test set) using: **(A)** B3LYP functional and Wf basis set; **(B)** B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; **(C)** BPW91 functional and Wf basis set; **(D)** BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.



**Supporting Information Figure 5.** Correlation between experimental ( $\Delta E_{Qexp}$ ) and calculated ( $\Delta E_{Qcalc}$ ) quadrupole splittings (B3LYP geometry test set) using: (A) B3LYP functional and Wf basis set; (B) B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; (C) BPW91 functional and Wf basis set; (D) BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.



**Supporting Information Figure 6.** Correlation between experimental ( $\Delta E_{Qexp}$ ) and calculated ( $\Delta E_{Qcalc}$ ) quadrupole splittings (BP86 geometry test set) using: (A) B3LYP functional and Wf basis set; (B) B3LYP functional and WfsU basis set; (C) BPW91 functional and Wf basis set; (D) BPW91 functional and WfsU basis set.





**Supporting Information Figure 7.** Bonding interactions between Cp<sup>-</sup> ligand and Fe<sup>II</sup> ion in ferrocene along with charge-transfer transitions.





**Supporting Information Figure 8.** Correlation between calculated quadrupole splittings and HOMO-LUMO energy gap in ferrocene (Fc), cyanoferrocene (FcCN), and tricyanovinylferrocene (FcCN3Vy).

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Room-temperature Mössbauer spectrum of  $FcCN_3Vy$ . Spectrum was recorded using NGRS-4 spectrometer in constant acceleration mode and referenced to sodium nitroprusside at room-temperature. The source was <sup>57</sup>Co in a chromium matrix with initial activity of 50 mCi.

**Supporting Information Table 1**. Comparison of correlation coefficients (r) and  $\alpha_{rel}$  for the test sets which utilize -0.18 mm/s and 0.00 mm/s (in parenthesis) values for isomer shift in Fe(CO)<sub>5</sub> complex.

	Method			
	BPW91/Wf	BPW91/WfsU	B3LYP/Wf	B3LYP/WfsU
X-ray geometry				
r	0.978(0.975)	0.977(0.974)	0.987(0.986)	0.985(0.983)
$\alpha_{rel}$	-0.337(-0.335)	-0.357(-0.353)	-0.304(-0.301)	-0.320(-0.317)
B3LYP geometry				
r	0.965(0.961)	0.975(0.970)	0.969(0.967)	0.974(0.972)
$\alpha_{rel}$	-0.308(-0.305)	-0.320(-0.317)	-0.291(-0.288)	-0.303(-0.300)
BP86 geometry				
r	0.971(0.966)	0.971(0.966)	0.981(0.978)	0.980(0.978)
$\alpha_{rel}$	-0.313(-0.311)	-0.331(-0.329)	-0.294(-0.291)	-0.308(-0.305)