

## Supplemental material information. Calibration of $^{57}\text{Fe}$ Mössbauer constants by first principles..

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	$Q_{\text{net}}$			Volume		
	PBE	PBE0	HF	PBE	PBE0	HF
FeF <sub>2</sub>	1.54	1.63	1.77	66.9	65.1	64.4
FeCl <sub>2</sub>	1.21	1.34	1.55	74.2	71.0	65.1
FeBr <sub>2</sub>	1.06	1.22	1.47	85.5	81.1	73.4
FeI <sub>2</sub>	0.76	0.96	1.29	96.1	89.8	79.2
FeO	1.34	1.44	1.62	62.4	60.3	56.1
FeF <sub>3</sub>	2.03	2.23	2.57	49.4	47.0	42.9
FeCl <sub>3</sub>	1.42	1.65	2.18	65.7	61.8	53.3
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.58	1.96	2.37	56.4	50.8	45.1
FeAl	-1.26	-1.45	-1.90	110.6	115.1	127.8
Fe	0.00	0.00	0.0	76.3	76.3	76.4
FeTi	-0.83	-1.04	-1.33	100.1	103.1	107.3

**Table S.I** Net charges,  $Q_{\text{net}}$ , and volume, in a.u., refer to  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  in different crystalline compounds, as evaluated by Bader topological analysis of the electron density. For sake of comparison, the primitive cell of Iron is 76.6 a.u..

	$\rho_e^A - \rho_e^S$ (a.u.)								$\delta$ (mm/s)
	PBE	PWGGA	M06L	B3LYP	PBE0	M06	M062X	HF	exp
FeF <sub>2</sub>	-3.514	-3.506	-3.528	-3.614	-3.761	-3.445	-3.874	-5.474	1.467 <sup>1,2</sup>
FeCl <sub>2</sub>	-2.847	-2.836	-2.938	-2.951	-3.074	-2.756	-3.280	-4.809	1.30 <sup>2,3</sup>
FeBr <sub>2</sub>	-2.801	-2.787	-2.945	-2.839	-2.988	-2.643	-3.202	-4.745	1.120 <sup>4</sup>
FeO	-2.794	-2.794	-2.712	-2.789	-2.832	-2.516	-3.235	-4.515	1.15 <sup>5</sup>
FeI <sub>2</sub>	-2.646	-2.639	-2.672	-2.684	-2.844	-2.412	-3.121	-4.542	1.044 <sup>4</sup>
FeF <sub>3</sub>	-1.870	-1.866	-1.632	-1.602	-1.623	-1.419	-1.605	-2.666	0.489 <sup>6</sup>
FeCl <sub>3</sub>	-1.728	-1.727	-1.595	-1.415	-1.381	-1.085	-1.284	-1.942	0.45 <sup>7</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-1.592	-1.603	-1.285	-1.157	-1.150	-0.912	-1.149	-2.027	0.37 <sup>8</sup>
AlFe	-1.077	-1.074	-0.992	-0.825	-0.882	-1.156	-0.571	-0.698	0.25 <sup>9</sup>
TiFe	0.503	0.507	0.554	0.729	0.929	0.288	1.040	0.177	-0.145 <sup>10</sup>

**Table S.II** Absolute values of the electron density on  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ ,  $\rho^A(\mathbf{r})$ , for compounds in the calibration set, can be inferred referring to the value of  $\rho^S(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \rho^{Fe}(\mathbf{r})$  reported in Table II of the manuscript.

	$V_{ZZ}$ ( $10^{21}\text{V}/\text{m}^2$ )					$\Delta E_Q$ (mm/s)
	PBE	CP(PPP)/PBE	PWGGA	M06L	Exp	Exp
FeF <sub>2</sub>	17.37	17.72	17.54	16.62	17.1 <sup>11</sup>	2.85 <sup>6</sup>
FeCl <sub>2</sub>	1.50	1.86	1.86	2.05	6.01 <sup>12</sup>	1.210 <sup>4</sup>
FeBr <sub>2</sub>	0.89	0.99	0.85	1.09	6.61 <sup>13</sup>	1.132 <sup>4</sup>
FeI <sub>2</sub>	0.63	0.87	0.65	1.62	0.1	0.962 <sup>4</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.64	1.75	2.04	1.51	2.16 <sup>14</sup>	0.12 <sup>15</sup>
FeCl <sub>3</sub>	-0.38	-0.34	-0.36	-0.30		0.04 <sup>4</sup>
FeF <sub>3</sub>	0.34	0.44	0.32	0.58		0.044 <sup>6</sup>

**Table S.III**  $V_{ZZ}$  component of the electric field gradient at the  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  nucleus. CP(PPP) basis set by Neese and coworkers.<sup>16</sup> Experimental EFG and quadrupolar splittings are reported in the sixth and last column, respectively.<sup>17</sup>

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