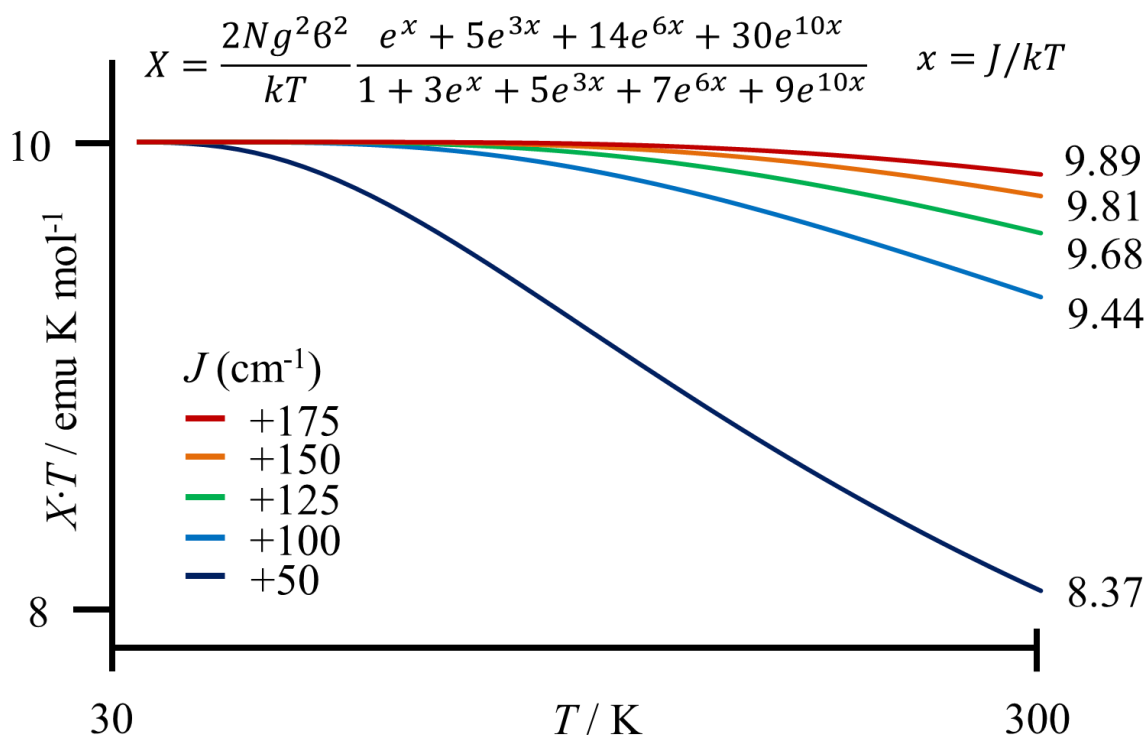
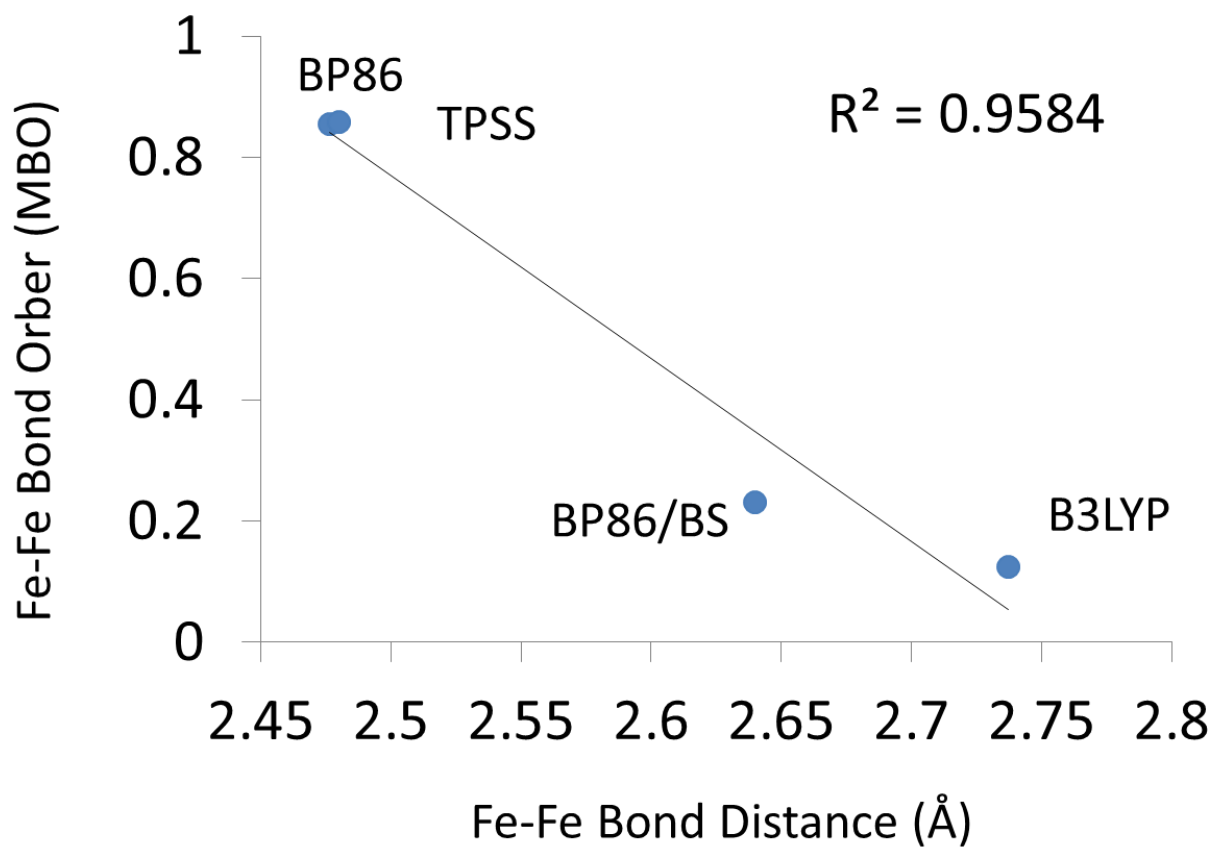


## Supporting Information

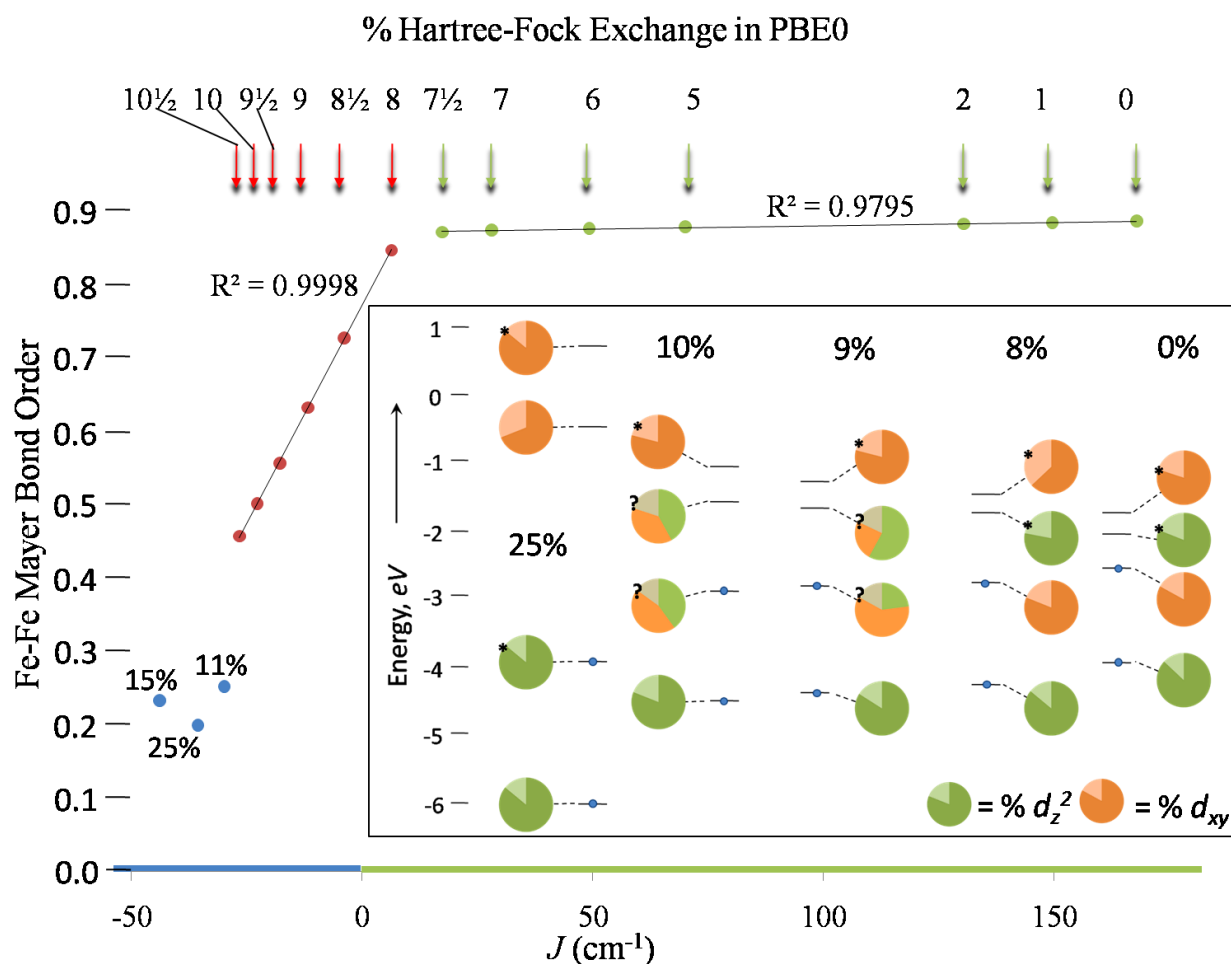
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**Figure S1** Various values for  $J$ , (each value has a different color) from 30 K to room temperature (300 K). A  $J$  value of  $+125 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (green line), reproduces the  $\chi \cdot T$  value of  $9.68 \text{ emu K mol}^{-1}$  measured for **1**.



**Figure S2** The correlation between Fe-Fe bond distance and MBO from geometry optimizations of  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{TNC})_4$  with BP86, TPSS, BP/broken symmetry surface, and B3LYP.



**Figure S3** The correlation between MBO of the HS calculation that precedes the BS calculation and the associated  $J$  value have been extensively studied using the  $\mathbf{1m}(D_{2d})$  model. Here the PBE0 functional has been used scaling the HF from 0% (PBE) to 25% (PBE0). The orbitals at bottom right show the effect of HF exchange on the singly-occupied sigma and delta beta spin Fe-Fe bonding and antibonding orbitals. As HF increases the sigma\* drops in energy while the delta orbital rises. At ~10% HF exchange, the occupancies switch, breaking the Fe-Fe bond, while the exchange coupling constant switches from ferromagnetic coupling to antiferromagnetic.

**Table S1** Absolute energies in hartrees for relevant  $\mathbf{1}(D_2)$  and  $\mathbf{1}(D_4)$  HS and BS calculations corresponding to Figure 3 and Table 2 of the main text.

Functional	$\mathbf{1}(D_2)^{\text{HS}}$	$\mathbf{1}(D_2)^{\text{BS}}$	$\mathbf{1}(D_4)^{\text{HS}}$	$\mathbf{1}(D_2)^{\text{BS}}$
BP86	-5004.915103	-5004.897118	-5004.910843	-5004.885972
B3LYP	-5002.798039	-5002.800212	-5002.792688	-5002.782877
LSD	-4977.796957	-4977.770539	--	--
BLYP	-5003.654026	-5003.636156	--	--
PBE	-5000.951465	-5000.932679	--	--
B3LYP(5%)	-5003.083024	-5003.071425	--	--
B3LYP(10%)	-5002.979022	-5002.974920	--	--
B3LYP(15%)	-5002.883161	-5002.883994	--	--
B3LYP(25%)	-5002.715038	-5002.717414	--	--
PBE0	-5001.096353	-5001.098842	--	--
TPPS	-5004.989914	-5004.977558	--	--
TPSSh	-5004.644253	-5004.645127	--	--
TPSS0	-5004.175604	-5004.178029	--	--

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C	2.66324	-0.06010	0.61658
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C	2.59780	0.28369	2.96637
C	-3.74011	-0.79596	5.51603
C	-4.33589	-1.29141	4.35129
C	2.59394	0.02747	5.38725
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## $1\mathbf{m}(D_{4h})$

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H	2.53009	0.01690	2.58830
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XYZ of Fe<sub>2</sub>(TNC)<sub>4</sub> BP86 geometry optimization with Fe-Fe distance of 2.48 Å.

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N	2.030716	-0.040546	0.553161
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C	2.628983	-0.045816	-0.628331
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XYZ Fe<sub>2</sub>(TNC)<sub>4</sub> TPSS geometry optimization with Fe-Fe distance of 2.48 Å.

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XYZ Fe<sub>2</sub>(TNC)<sub>4</sub> BP/broken symmetry surface geometry optimization with Fe-Fe distance of 2.64 Å.

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N	-0.038691	-2.026384	-0.635763
N	-1.961590	0.052457	-1.695553
N	1.953311	-0.023943	-1.713887
N	0.040064	2.041747	-0.611279
N	-2.026917	0.038818	0.633063
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C	2.633666	-0.046377	-0.569177
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XYZ Fe<sub>2</sub>(TNC)<sub>4</sub> B3LYP geometry optimization with Fe-Fe distance of 2.73 Å.

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