

*Electronic Supporting Information*

**Structural Changes Correlated with Magnetic Spin State Isomorphism in the S<sub>2</sub> State  
of the Mn<sub>4</sub>CaO<sub>5</sub> Cluster in the Oxygen-Evolving Complex of  
Photosystem II**

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### EXAFS curve-fitting procedure

Curve fitting was performed with Artemis and IFEFFIT software using *ab initio*-calculated phases and amplitudes from the program FEFF 8.2.<sup>1,2</sup> These *ab initio* phases and

$$\chi(k) = S_0^2 \sum_j \frac{N_j}{k R_j^2} f_{eff_j}(\pi, k, R_j) e^{-2\sigma_j^2 k^2} e^{-2R_j/\lambda_j(k)} \sin(2kR_j + \phi_{ij}(k)) \quad (S1)$$

amplitudes were used in the EXAFS equation (S1):

The neighboring atoms to the central atom(s) are divided into  $j$  shells, with all atoms with the same atomic number and distance from the central atom grouped into a single shell. Within each shell, the coordination number  $N_j$  denotes the number of neighboring  $f_{eff_j}(\pi, k, R_j)$  atoms in shell  $j$  at a distance of  $R_j$  from the central atom.  $f_{eff_j}(\pi, k, R_j)$  is the *ab initio* amplitude function for shell  $j$ , and the Debye-Waller term  $e^{-2\sigma_j^2 k^2}$  accounts for damping due to static and thermal disorder in absorber-backscatterer distances. The mean free path term  $e^{-2R_j/\lambda_j(k)}$  reflects losses due to inelastic scattering, where  $\lambda_j(k)$  is the electron mean free path. The oscillations in the EXAFS spectrum are reflected in the sinusoidal term,  $\sin(2kR_j + \phi_{ij}(k))$  where  $\phi_{ij}(k)$  is the *ab initio* phase function for shell  $j$ .  $S_0^2$  is an amplitude reduction factor due to shake-up/shake-off processes at the central atom(s). The EXAFS equation was used to fit the experimental data using  $N$ ,  $R$ , and the EXAFS Debye-Waller factor ( $\sigma^2$ ) as variable parameters.  $E_0$  was defined as 6545.0 eV and the  $S_0^2$  value was fixed to 0.85 for the energy (eV) to wave vector ( $k$ ,  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ ) axis conversion. Note that fits are comparisons to proposed models thus the  $N$  parameter is fixed, while the Debye-Waller is varied to get the best fit. Fixing the Debye-Waller factor could bias one model more than the other.  $R^0\%$ , the R-factor goodness of fit is:

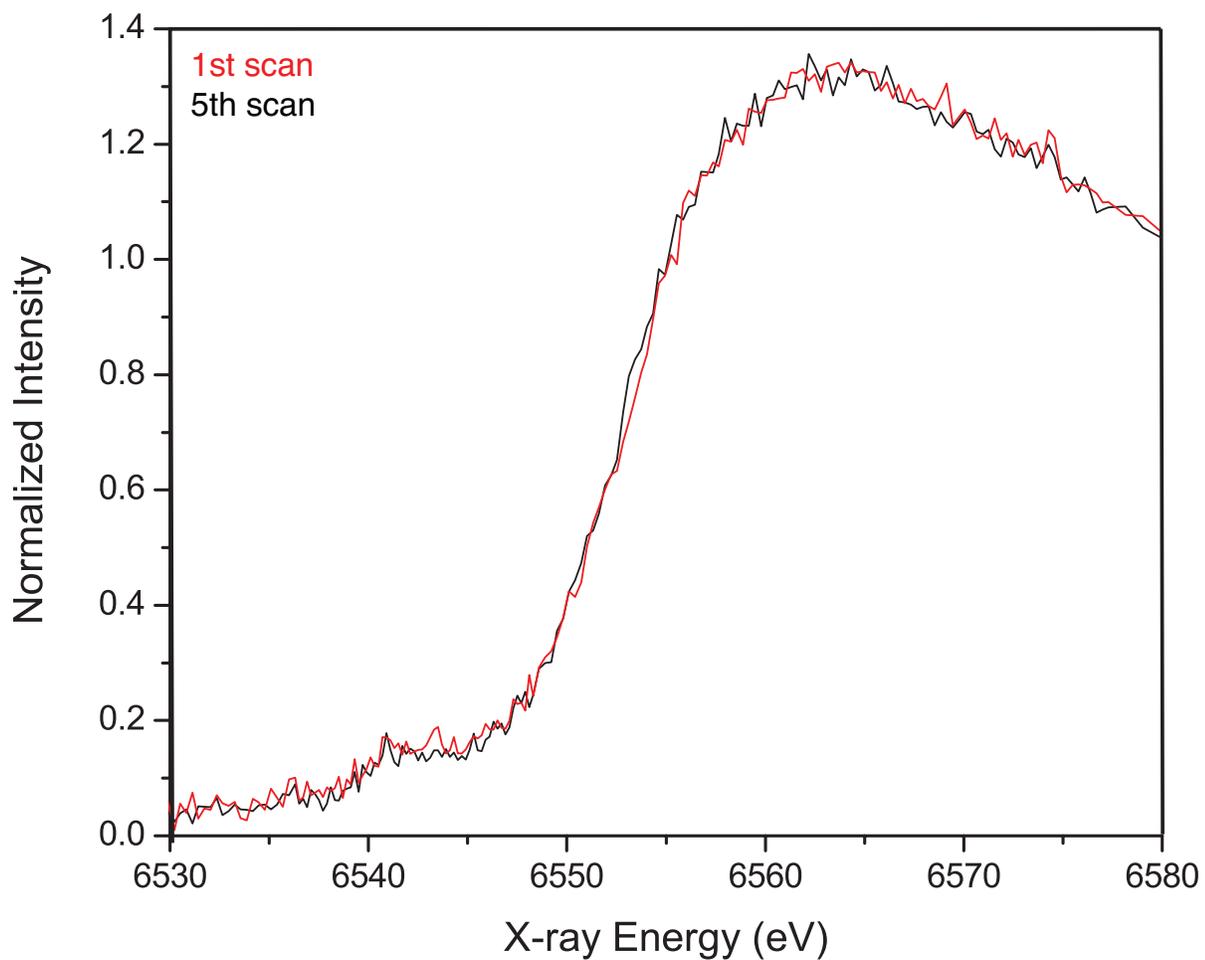
$$R^0\% = \sum_i^N |(1/s_i)^2 [\chi^{expt}(k_i) - \chi^{calc}(k_i)]| \quad (S2)$$

where  $N$  is the total number of data points collected,  $\chi^{expt}(k_i)$  is the experimental EXAFS amplitude at point  $i$ , and  $\chi^{calc}(k_i)$  is the theoretical EXAFS amplitude at point  $i$ . The normalization factor  $s_i$  is given by:

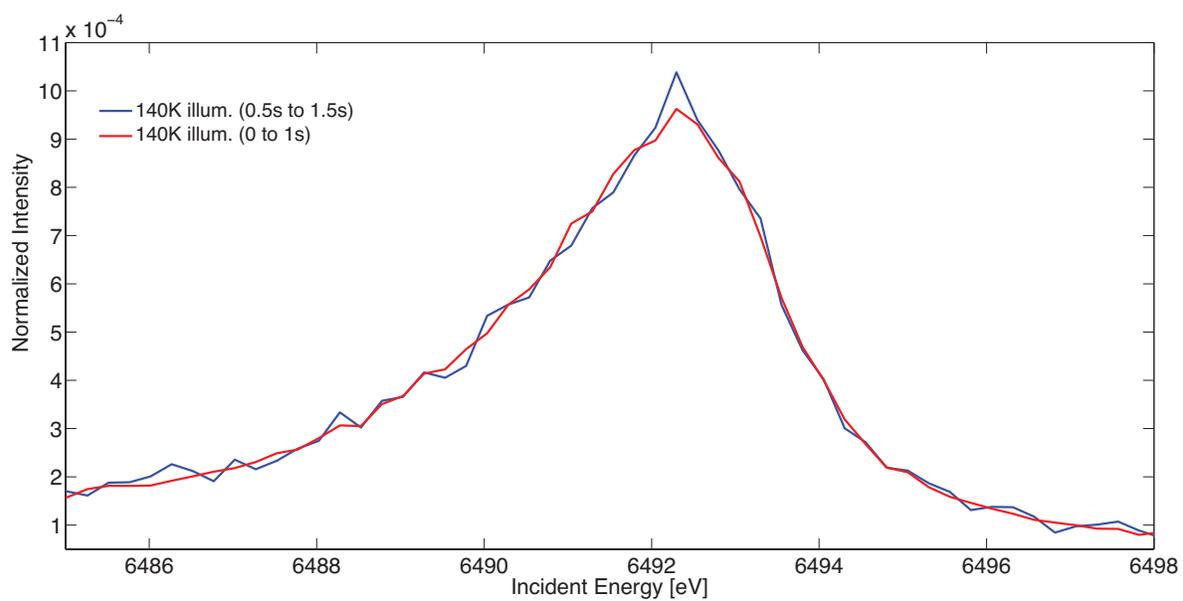
$$1/s_i = k_i^3 / \sum_j^N k_j^3 |\chi_j^{expt}(k_j)| \quad (S3)$$

**Table S1.** Mn XANES pre-edge peak fit areas of (a) LS S<sub>2</sub> and (b) HS S<sub>2</sub> states.

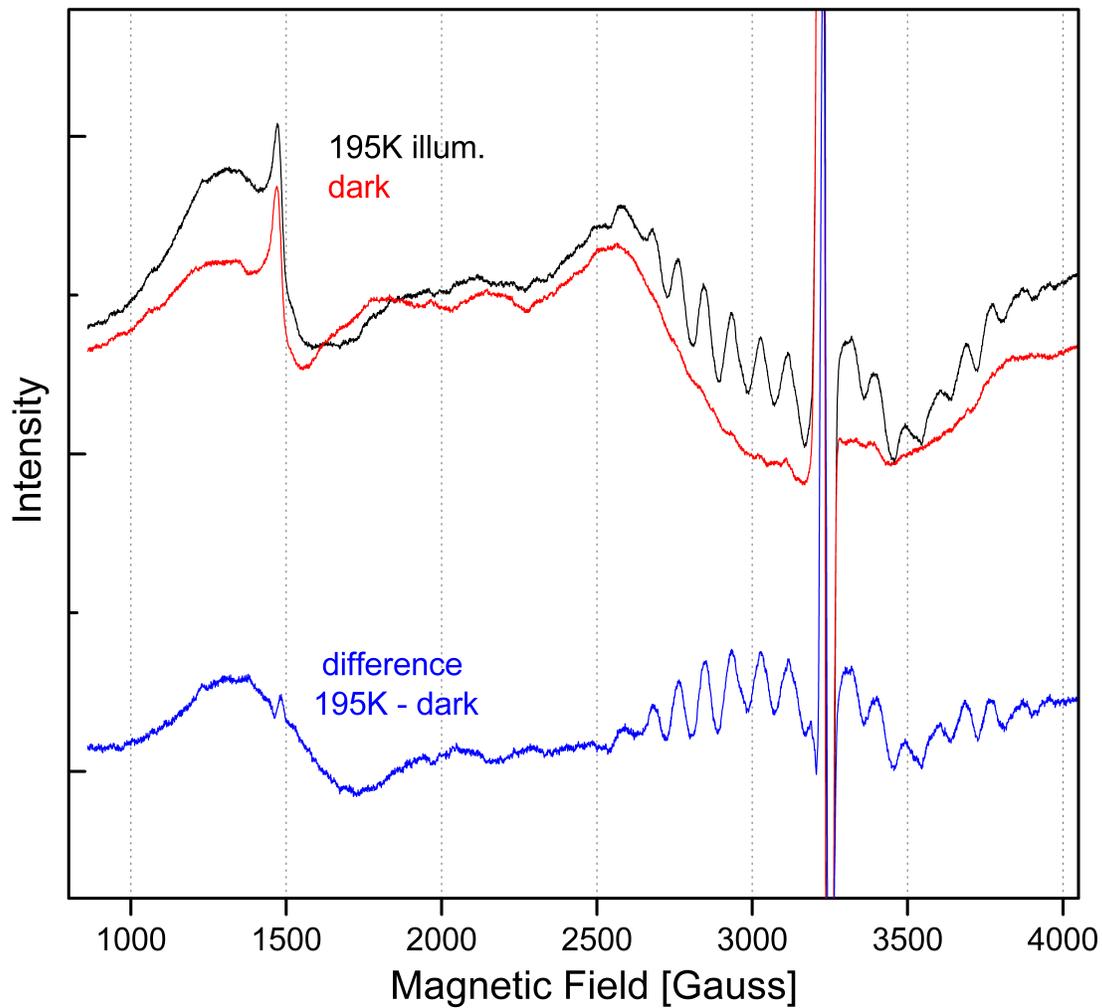
	Area under curve 1 (6540 eV)	Area under curve 2 (6541 eV)	Area under curve 3 (6542 eV)	Total area
LS S <sub>2</sub> state	0.043	0.130	0.072	0.245
HS S <sub>2</sub> state	0.024	0.141	0.064	0.229



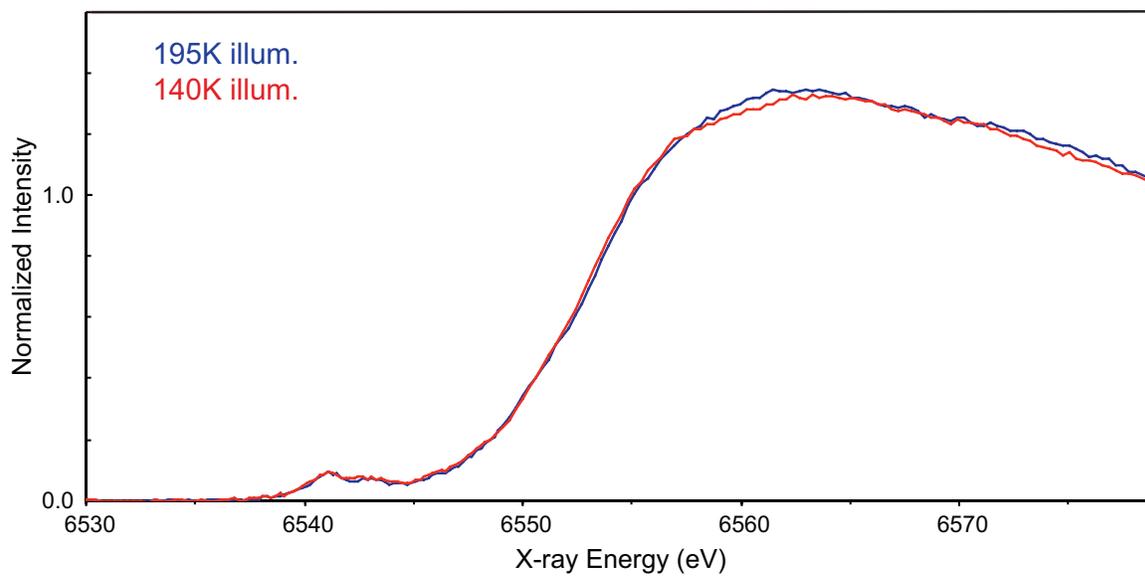
**Figure S1.** Mn XAS spectra of S<sub>2</sub> 140 K NIR illuminated 1<sup>st</sup> scan (red) and 5<sup>th</sup> scan (black). Respective scans from six sample spots were added for each spectrum shown here.



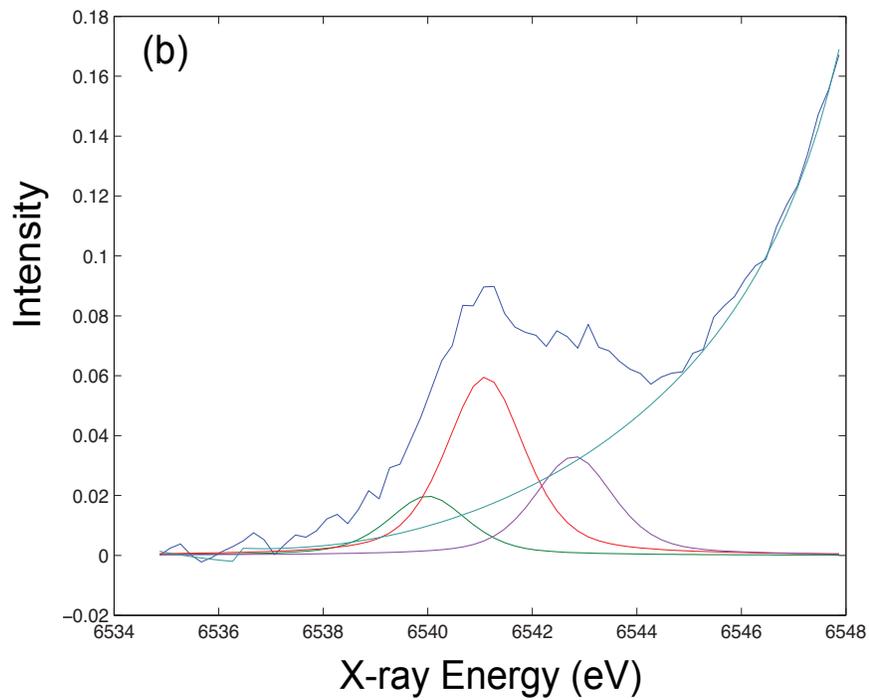
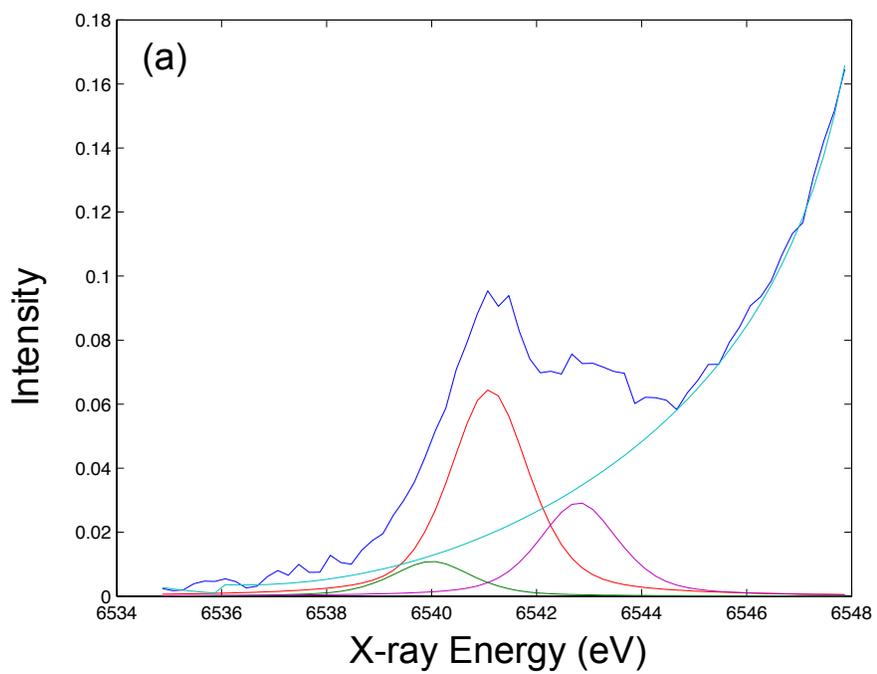
**Figure S1.** Mn XES spectra of S<sub>2</sub> 140 K NIR illuminated bin 11-30 (0.5s -1.5s) (blue) and first 20 bins (0- 1s) (red).



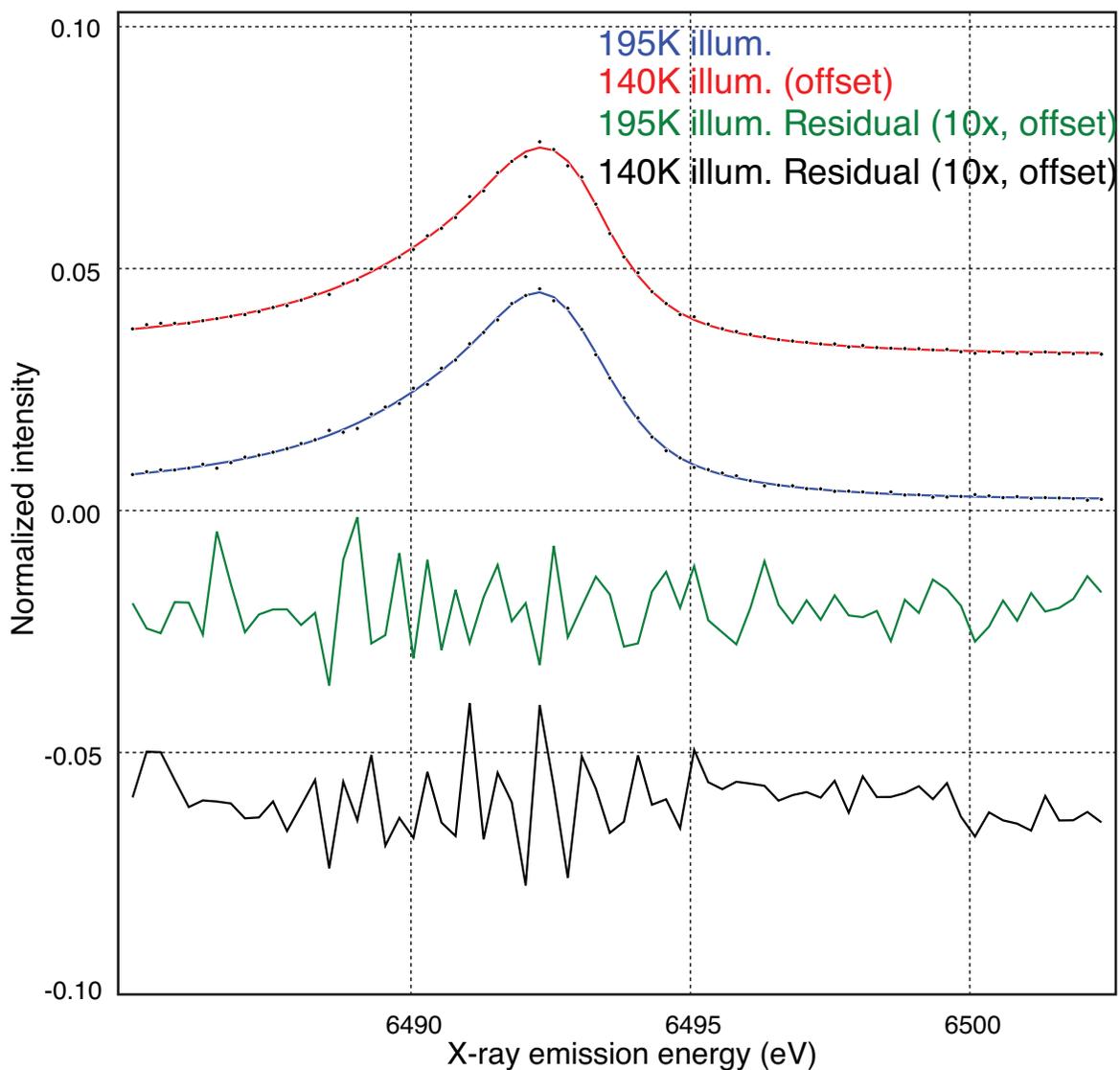
**Figure S3.** EPR spectra of PSII samples in sucrose illuminated for 10 mins at 195 K (black) and dark (red) EPR spectra. The difference spectrum (blue) is between the spectra after illumination and the spectra of the same dark-adapted sample. The spectra are the difference between the spectra after illumination and the spectra of the same dark-adapted sample. Spectrometer condition: microwave frequency, 9.22 GHz; field modulation amplitude, 32 G at 100 KHz; microwave power, 20 mW. The spectra are collected at 8K.



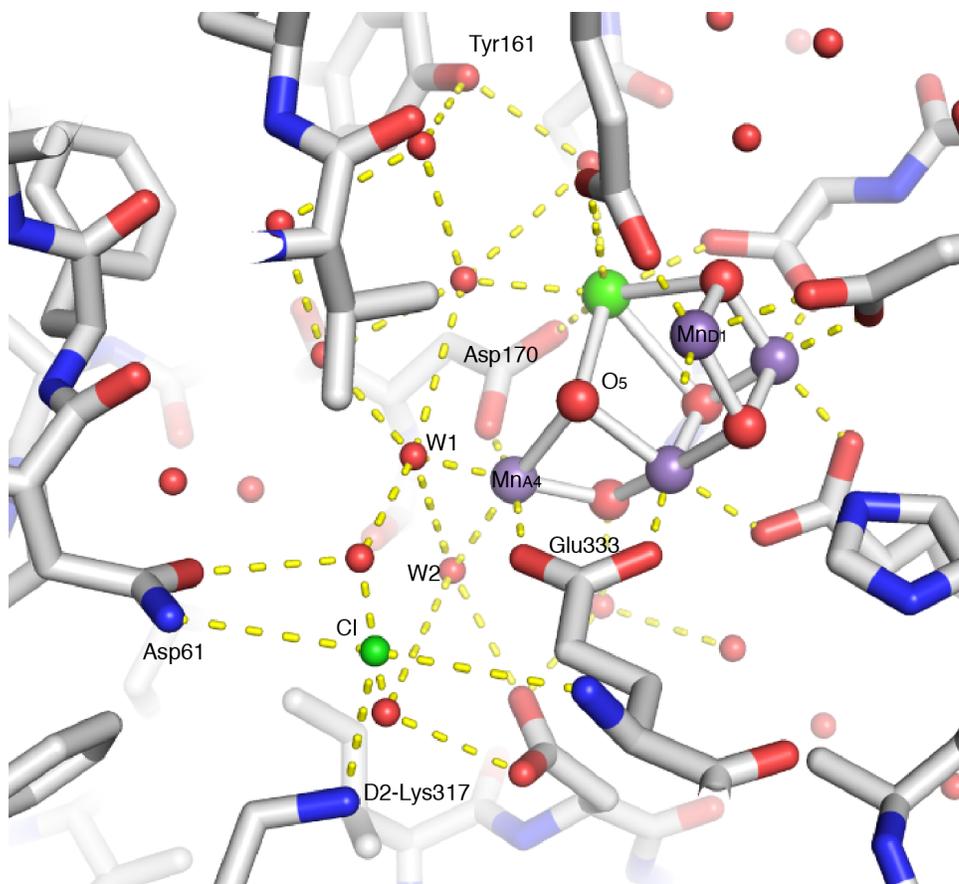
**Figure S4.** Mn XAS spectra of  $S_2$  195 K illuminated (blue) and 140 K NIR illuminated  $S_2$  states (red).



**Figure S5.** Mn XANES pre-edge peak fit of (a) LS S<sub>2</sub> and (b) HS S<sub>2</sub> states.



**Figure S6.**  $K\beta_{1,3}$  XES spectra of 195K (blue) and 140 NIR (red) illuminated  $S_2$  states. Raw data (dots) and the smoothed (lines) of both LS and HS states. The residual plots of the LS (green) and HS (black)  $S_2$  states show that the smoothed spectra are a good fit of the raw data.



**Figure S7.** The hydrogen bonding network that extends from W1 and W2 that are ligated to the  $Mn_4CaO_5$  cluster.<sup>3</sup>

DFT coordinates of the high-layer structure shown in Figure 7a

Mn	190.419998	97.260002	83.971001
Mn	191.869003	99.417000	83.207001
Mn	189.266006	99.855003	83.773003
Mn	187.438995	100.379997	86.115997
Ca	191.112000	99.200996	86.570000
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O	190.240005	98.592003	82.686996
O	188.488998	101.053001	84.869003
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DFT coordinates of the high-layer structure shown in Figure 7b

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Ca	191.117004	99.254997	86.621002
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