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TITLE: Orientation of Ligand Field for Dangling Manganese in Photosynthetic

Oxygen-Evolving Complex of Photosystem II

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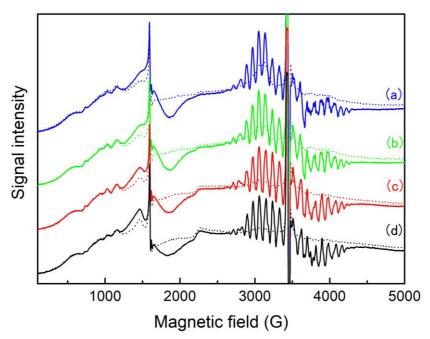
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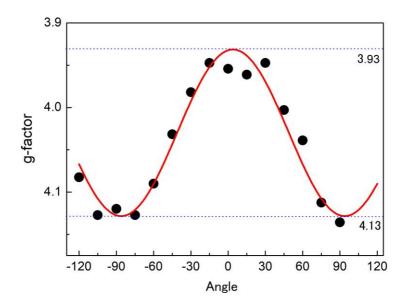
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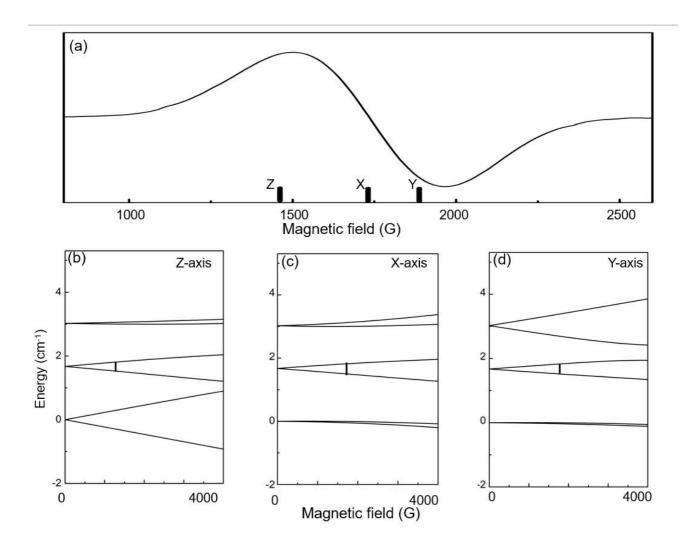
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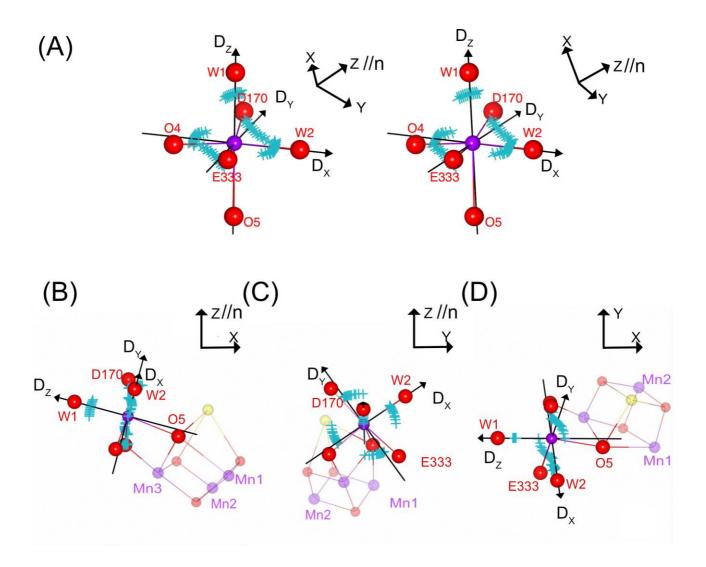
**Figure S1.** EPR spectra of the oriented PS II membranes in (solid line)  $S_2$  state (dotted line)  $S_1$  state measured at the angle of (a)  $0^{\circ}$ , (b)  $30^{\circ}$ , (c)  $60^{\circ}$ , and (d)  $90^{\circ}$  of the external magnetic field  $B_{\theta}$  relative to the membrane normal n. Experimental conditions: microwave frequency, 9.67 GHz; microwave power, 4 mW; modulation frequency, 100 kHz; modulation amplitude, 10 G.



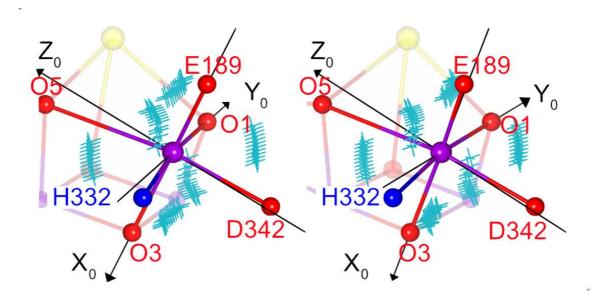
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**Figure S3**. (a) The powder pattern of the EPR spectrum for the g = 4.1 signal using the single-spin model. (b-d) The energy block diagrams, where the external field  $\mathbf{B_0}$  is directed along (b) Dz-axis, (c) Dx-axis and (d) Dy-axis. The parameters: microwave frequency, 9.67 GHz; g = 2;  $\mathbf{S} = 5/2$ ; D = -0.455 cm<sup>-1</sup>; E/D = 0.25.



**Figure S4.** The possible orientations of the  $D_X/D_Y/D_Z$  axes relative to the Mn4 in the crystal structures. The Mn4 is located on the origin of the coordinates. The Z-axis is parallel to membrane normal n. The XY-plane is parallel to membrane plane.  $D_X$  and  $D_Z$  axes are set to the closest direction to Mn4-O(W2) and Mn4-O(W1), respectively. Panel A is stereographic figure, projected to the arbitrary plane. Panels B-D are the projected figures to (B) XZ-, (C) YZ- and (D) XY-planes, respectively. The possible angles for EPR shifts of 70-80 G in the oriented membranes are indicated with the blue cross marks, corresponded to the open circles in fig.3. The red, yellow and purple balls represent O, Ca and Mn, respectively.



**Figure S5.** Stereo views of the orientations of the  $X_0/Y_0/Z_0$  axes relative to the ligand fields on Mn1. The Mn1 is located on the origin of the coordinates. The axes are set close to Mn1-O3, Mn1-O1 and Mn1-O5, respectively. The possible angles for EPR shifts of 70-80 G in the oriented membranes are indicated with the blue cross marks, corresponded to the open circles in fig.3. The red, yellow and purple balls represent O, Ca and Mn, respectively.

## Four-spin model

For the four coupled manganese model, Hamiltonian is written as followings:

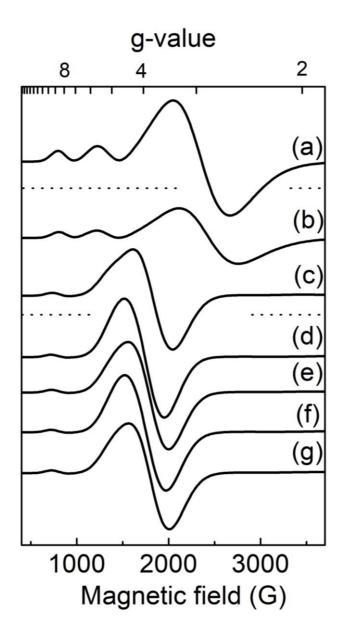
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} g_i \beta \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{B}_0 + \sum \mathbf{I}_i \cdot \mathbf{A}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{D}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i - \sum_{i < j} 2J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$
 (5a)

$$S_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} S_i \tag{5b}$$

, where  $S_i$  and  $I_i$  are the operators of electron spin and nuclear spin of the *i*-th Mn ion, respectively,  $g_i$  is the *g*-factor, and  $A_i$  is the effective hyperfine tensor of the *i*-th ion,  $D_i$  is the tensor of zero-field splittings.  $J_{ij}$  is the exchange interaction between the *i*-th and *j*-th ions. Total spin  $S_{total} = 13/2$  for 1Mn(III)3Mn(IV). For two-spin model, the coupling  $J_{eff}$  was assumed between S = 9/2 (cubane frame) and S = 2 (Mn(III)). For four-spin model, the spectral simulations were performed by the diagonalization of the  $320\times320$  matrix for spin Hamiltonian using basic set of wavefunctions ((( $S_1 \otimes S_2$ )  $\otimes S_3$ )  $\otimes S_4$ ). In the simulations, Mn1-3 were assumed to be Mn(IV) (S = 3/2), and Mn4 was assumed to be Mn(III) (S = 2). The zero-field splitting term was replaced as followings<sup>1</sup>:

$$d_4 \left[ \mathbf{S}_{4,z}^2 - \frac{1}{3} S_4 (S_4 + 1) \right] + e_4 (\mathbf{S}_{4,x}^2 - \mathbf{S}_{4,y}^2). \tag{5c}$$

, where  $d_4$  and  $e_4$  are onsite zero-field splitting parameters for Mn4. For the weak coupling (QM/MM) model, the set of J couplings is following:  $J_{12}$ : 30.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{13}$ : 13.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{14}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{23}$ : 35.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{24}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{34}$ : -7.6 cm<sup>-1</sup> <sup>2</sup>. For the strong coupling models, the set of J couplings is following:  $J_{12}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{13}$ : 0 or 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{14}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $J_{23}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $J_{24}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>. If  $J_{14}$  is non-zero, the result is almost the same because the cubane frame is under the strong ferromagnetic couplings. Figure S6 shows the comparison of (a) the QM/MM (weak coupling) model, (b, c) two-spin model and (d-g) the strong coupling models. In (a) the QM/MM model, the low field signal was assigned to the high spin state as g = 6 and g = 10, and the high field signal was upshifted from the g = 4 by mixing of the weakly excited state. In order to simulate the spectrum of the g = 4 signal for the strong coupling models, larger  $|J_{34}|$ , estimated as  $> \sim 30$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, is required. The g = 4 signal was well reproduced using the onsite zero-field splitting  $d_4 = -3$  to -2 with the strong  $J_{34}$  coupling.



**Figure S6.** The EPR simulations using (a) the weak coupling model (QM/MM), (b, c) two-spin model and (d-g) the strong coupling models. The exchange couplings in four-spin models [ $J_{12}$ ,  $J_{13}$ ,  $J_{14}$ ,  $J_{23}$ ,  $J_{24}$ ,  $J_{34}$ ] : (a) [30.5, 13, 0, 35.5, 0, -7.6], (d) [200,200, 0, 200, 0, -200], (e) [200, 0, 0, 200, 0, -50], (f) [200, 0, 0, 200, 0, -200], (g) [200, 0, 0, 200, 0, -50]. The exchange couplings  $J_{\text{eff}}$  in two-spin model: (b)  $J_{\text{eff}}$  = -2.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>, (c)  $J_{\text{eff}}$  = -10 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (a-c) d4 = -3 cm<sup>-1</sup>, (d-g) d4 = -2.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>, e4/d4 = 0.25. Microwave frequency 9.67 GHz; Gaussian linewidth, 350 G.

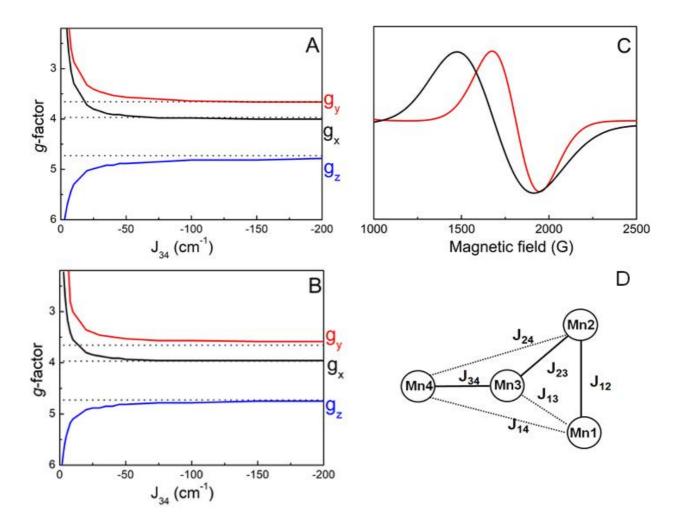
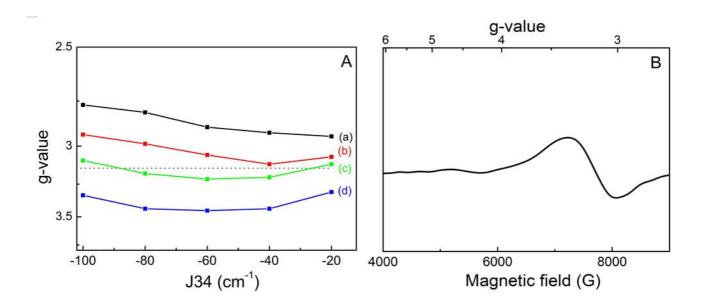


Figure S7. (A, B) J dependence of the resonant conditions for the strongly coupled four-spin model. The parameters:  $J_{12}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{13}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{14}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{23}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{24}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (A): d4, -2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; e4/d4 = 0.25. (B): d4, -3 cm<sup>-1</sup>; e4/d4 = 0.25. The solid lines show the resonant fields along each axis. The dotted lines show the resonant condition in the case of the single-spin model for S = 5/2 (Figure S3). (C) The simulated spectra for the oriented sample at (red) 0° and (black) 90° using the parameters of d4 = -2.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>, e4/d4 = 0.25 and  $J_{34} = -50$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. The other conditions are the same as the simulated spectrum in the single-spin model. (D) The scheme for the set of the exchange couplings for the four-spin model. Microwave frequency, 9.67 GHz.

Haddy et al. observed the g = 3.14 and 4.6 signals in Q-band EPR <sup>3</sup>. The g = 3.14 signal was assigned to the  $\pm 3/2$  transition along the x-axis for S = 5/2. The g = 4.6 signal was tentatively assigned to another transitions within S = 5/2. The Q-band spectrum was well reproduced using the onsite zero-field splitting d4 = -2.3 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the strong coupling model (Figure S8).



**Figure S8**. (A) The simulated J dependence of the resonant fields in the strong coupled model at Q-band (34 GHz). The parameter set was used as:  $J_{12}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{13}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{14}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{23}$ : 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $J_{24}$ : 0 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and e4/d4 = 0.25; (a) d4, -2.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>; (b) d4, -2.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; (c) d4, -2.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; (d) d4, -3 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The dotted line indicates g = 3.14 <sup>3</sup>. (B) The simulated EPR spectrum using d4 = -2.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The parameters are the same as (A) except for  $J_{34} = -50$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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