

## Supporting information

### **Geometric and Electronic Structure of the Mn(IV)Fe(III) Cofactor in Class Ic Ribonucleotide Reductase: Correlations to the Class Ia Binuclear Non-Heme Iron Enzymes**

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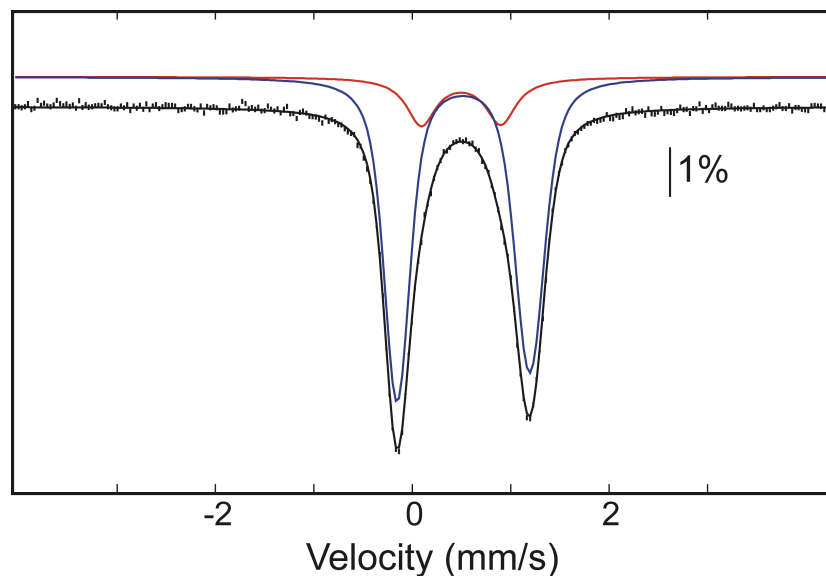
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**Figure S1.** 4.2-K/0-mT Mössbauer spectrum of a sample containing the Mn<sup>IV</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> cofactor of *Ct* RNR-R2 (vertical bars).

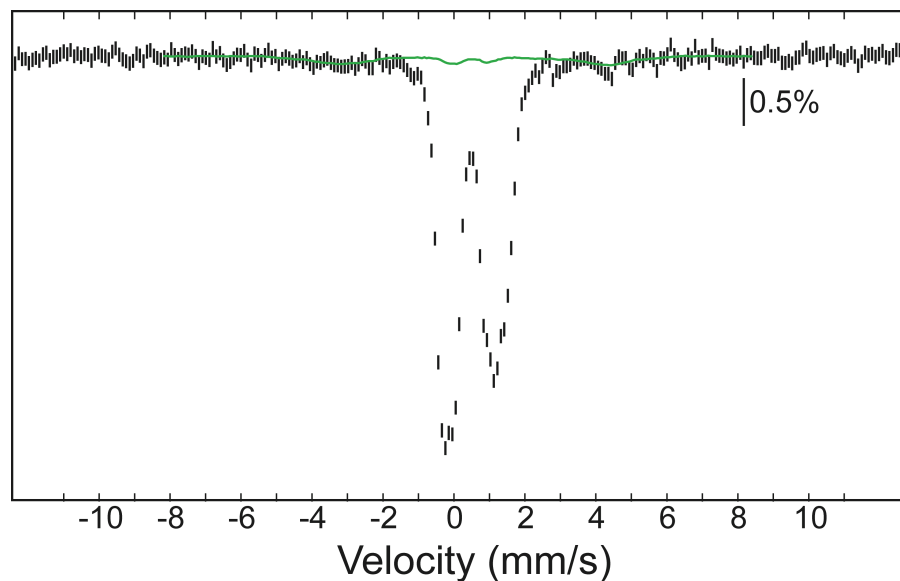


The sample was prepared as previously described (ref.22) to maximize the yield of the cofactor and minimize the formation of catalytically inactive Fe<sub>2</sub><sup>III/III</sup> clusters. The solid red and blue spectra are simulations of the Fe<sub>2</sub><sup>III/III</sup> and Mn<sup>IV</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> components, respectively, using parameters provided in Table S 2.1. The solid black line is the sum of the red and blue spectra. The ratio of Mn<sup>IV</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> to Fe<sub>2</sub><sup>III/III</sup> is ~ 6.5:1, a yield comparable to the best preparations of the Mn<sup>IV</sup>/Fe<sup>III</sup> cofactor *in vitro*.

Table S1. Mössbauer parameters used to simulate spectra in Figure S1.

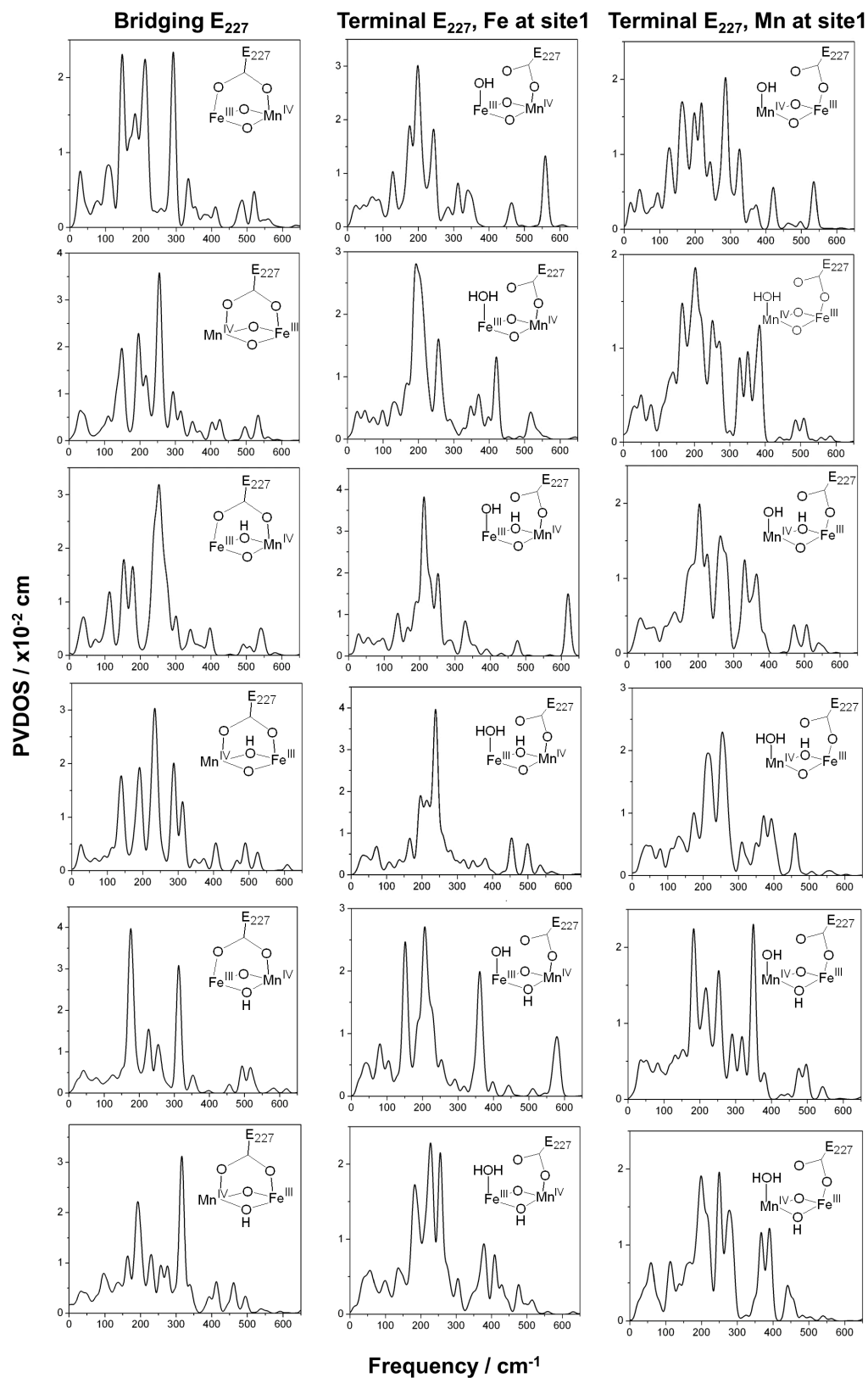
Parameter	Mn <sup>IV</sup> /Fe <sup>III</sup>	Fe <sub>2</sub> <sup>III/III</sup>
δ (mm/s)	0.52	0.50
ΔE <sub>Q</sub> (mm/s)	1.35	0.80
Rel. Area (%)	85	15

**Figure S2.** 4.2-K/53-mT Mössbauer spectrum of the Mn/Fe-Ct RNR-R2 used in this study.

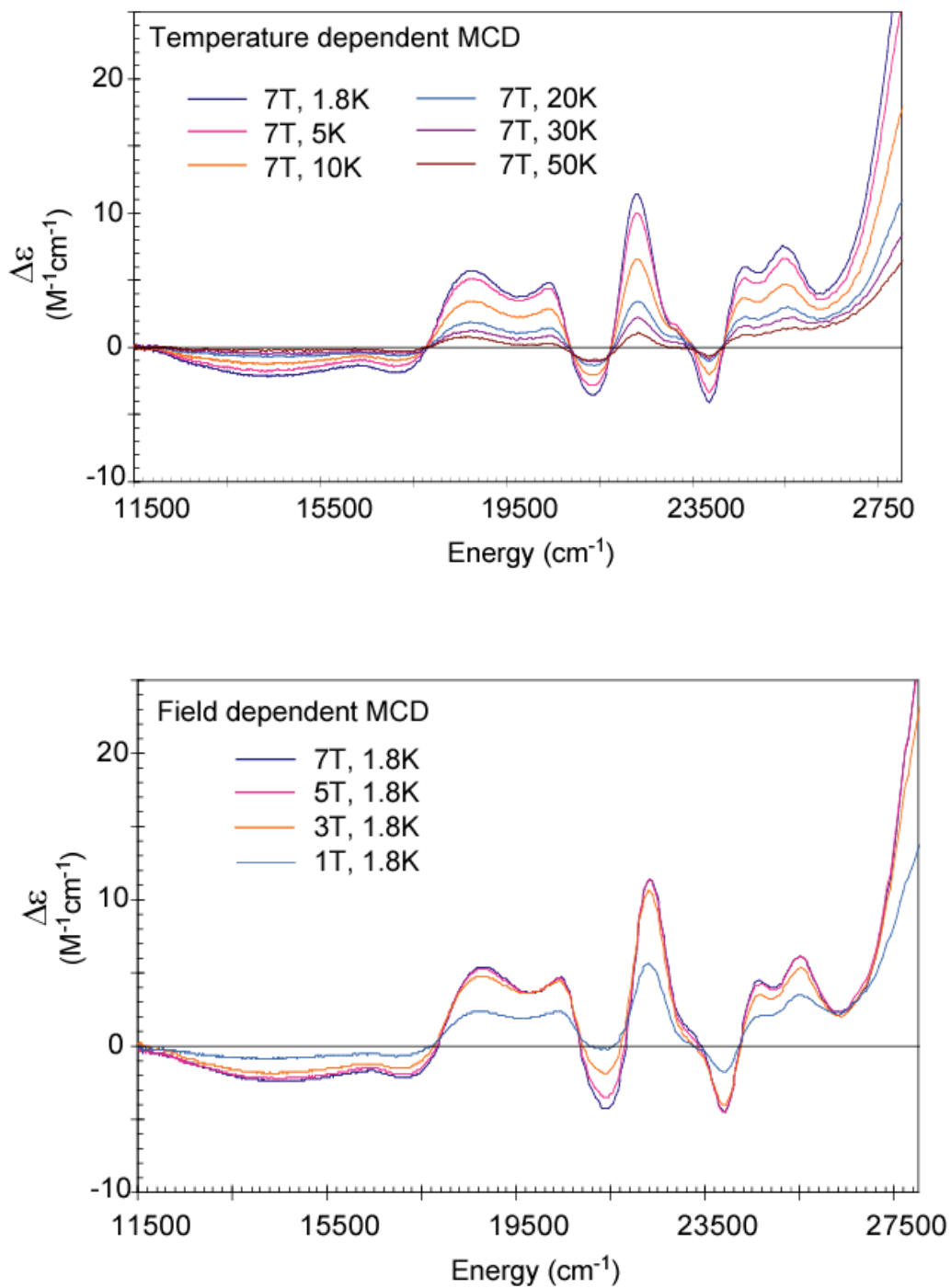


The spectrum (black vertical bars), acquired over a wider range of Doppler velocities reveals a minor contribution from the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}/\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  cluster. This  $S=1/2$  cluster exhibits a broad, magnetically split spectrum (see absorption intensities at  $\sim +4$  and  $-4$  mm/s) with the addition of a small externally applied magnetic field. Based on the experimental “reference” spectrum (solid green line) of a sample prepared to contain only the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}/\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  cluster, the contribution of this component to the spectrum is estimated to be 7-10%.

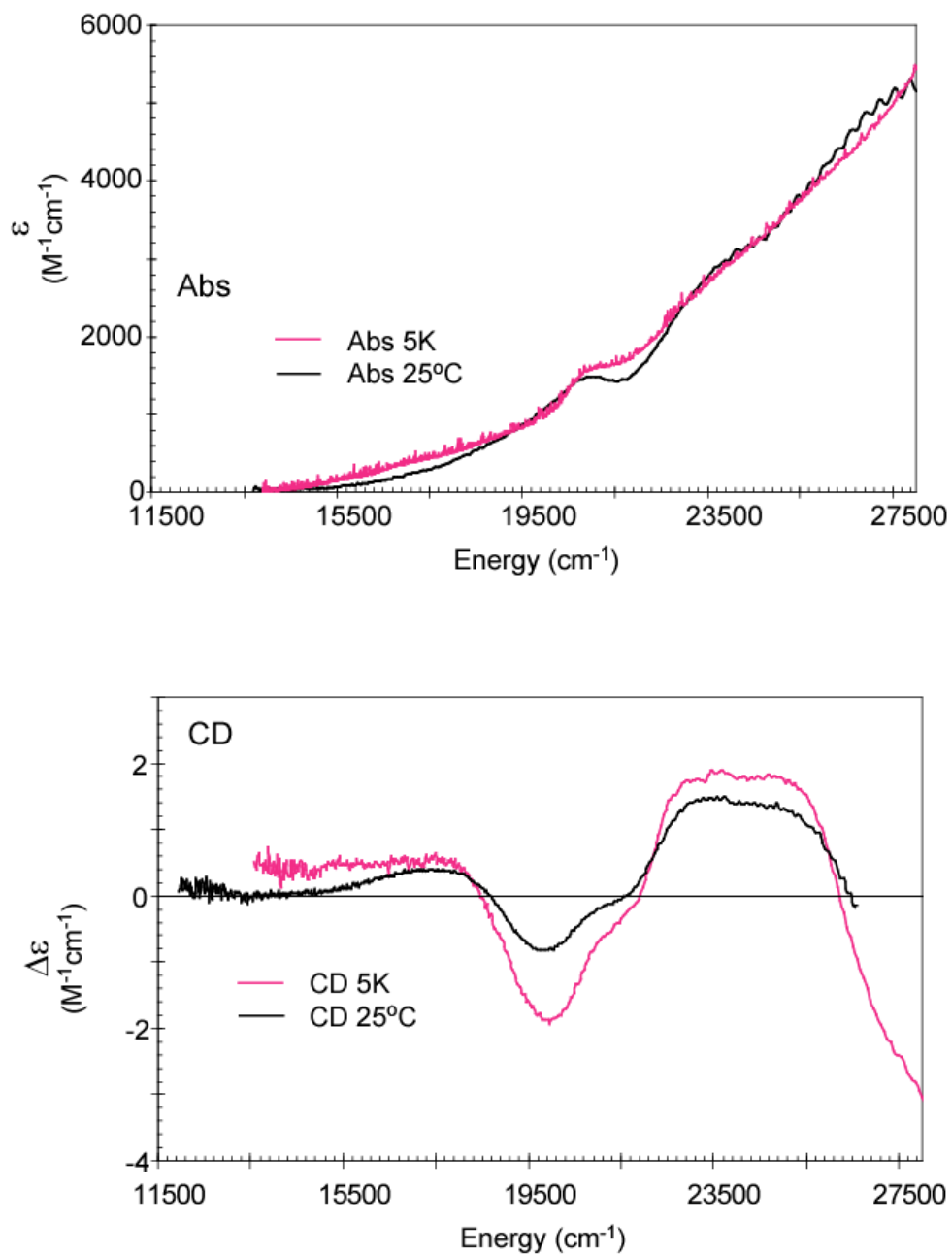
**Figure S3.** Simulated NRVS spectra for different structures of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  intermediate. Core structures are shown as an inset for each spectrum.



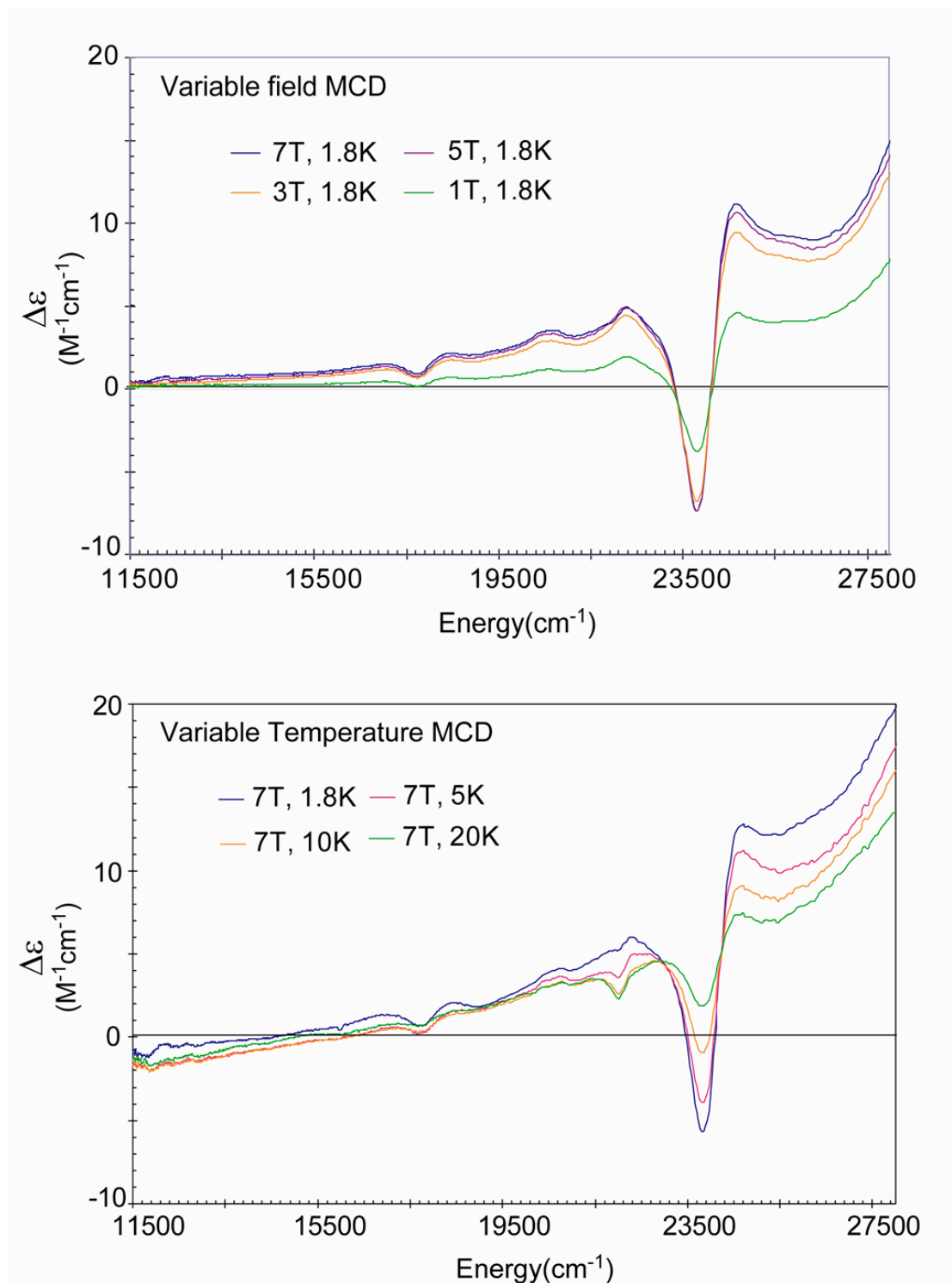
**Figure S4.** MCD spectra on  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  intermediate with different temperatures and fields



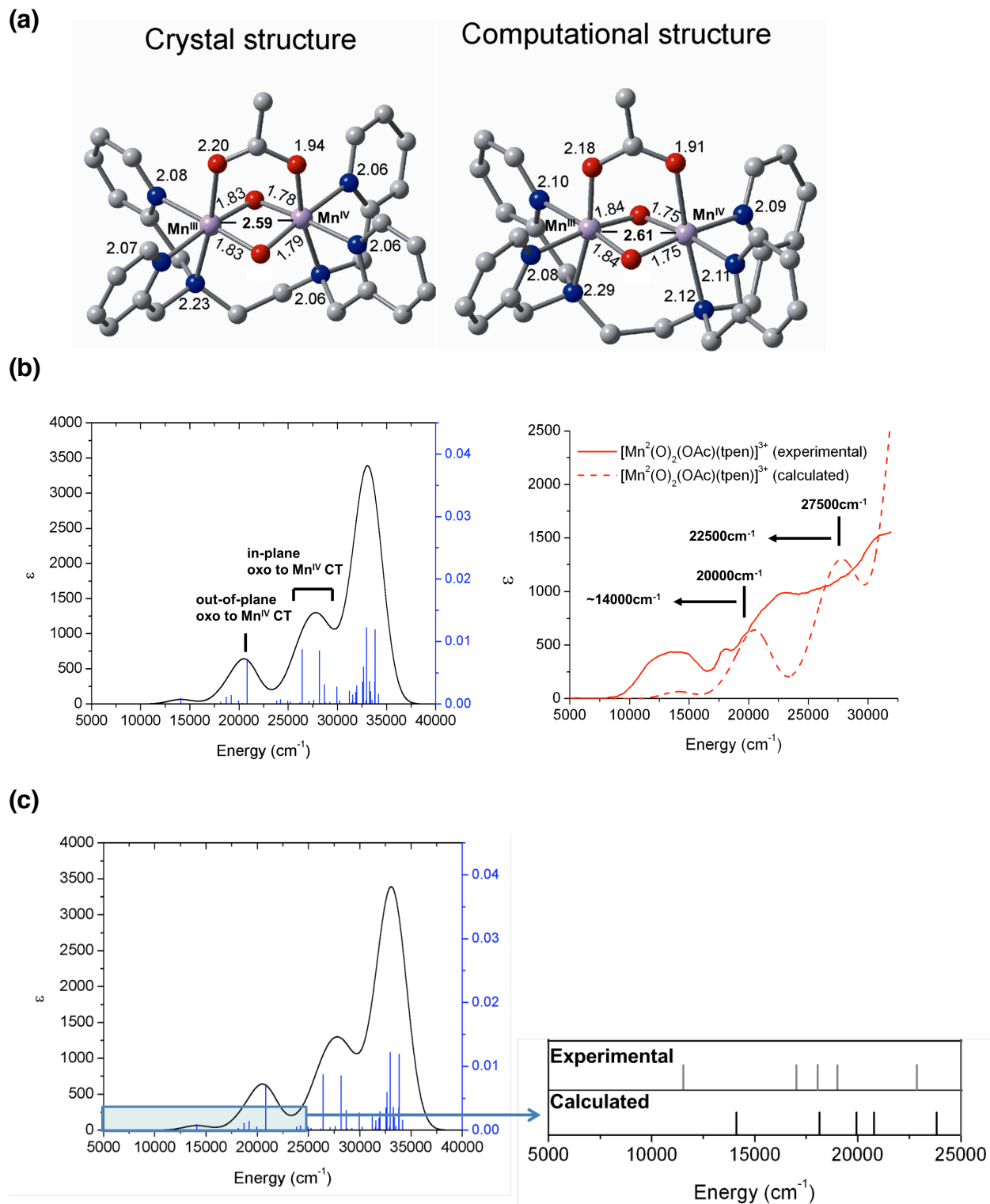
**Figure S5.** Room temperature /Low temperature absorption (upper) and CD (lower) spectra of the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  intermediate



**Figure S6.** MCD spectra of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  *Ct* RNR control



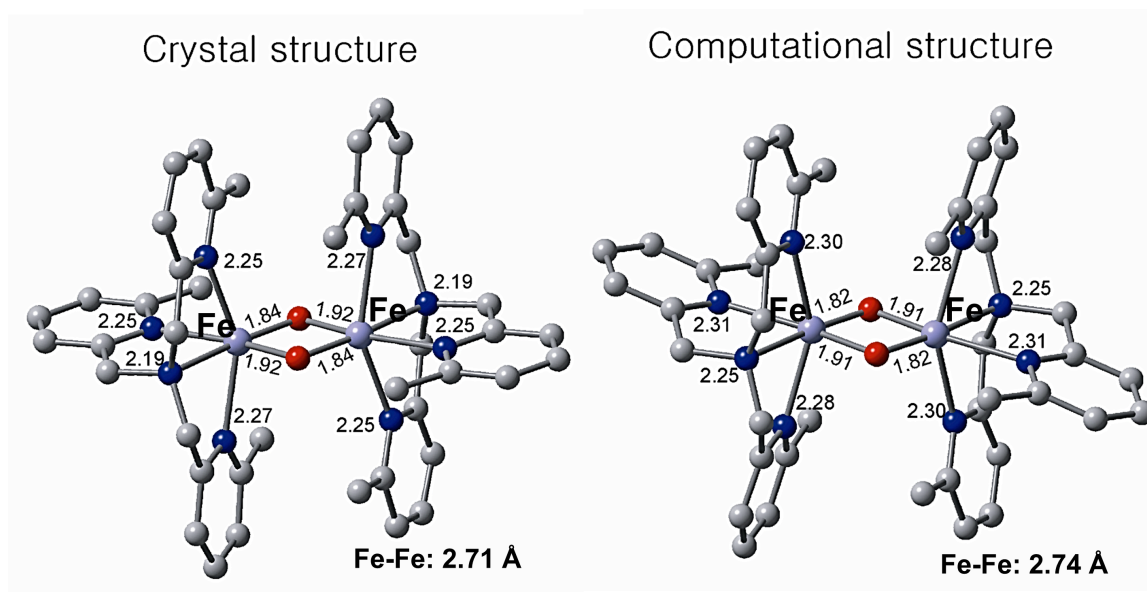
**Figure S7.** (a) crystal and computational structure of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OAc})(\text{Tpen})]^{3+}$  model complex (MnTpen) used; (b) ligand to metal CT to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}$  site comparison between experimental observation and TD DFT calculation; and (c) spectroscopic and experimental d-d transitions for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}$ . (Adapted and modified from reference 53)



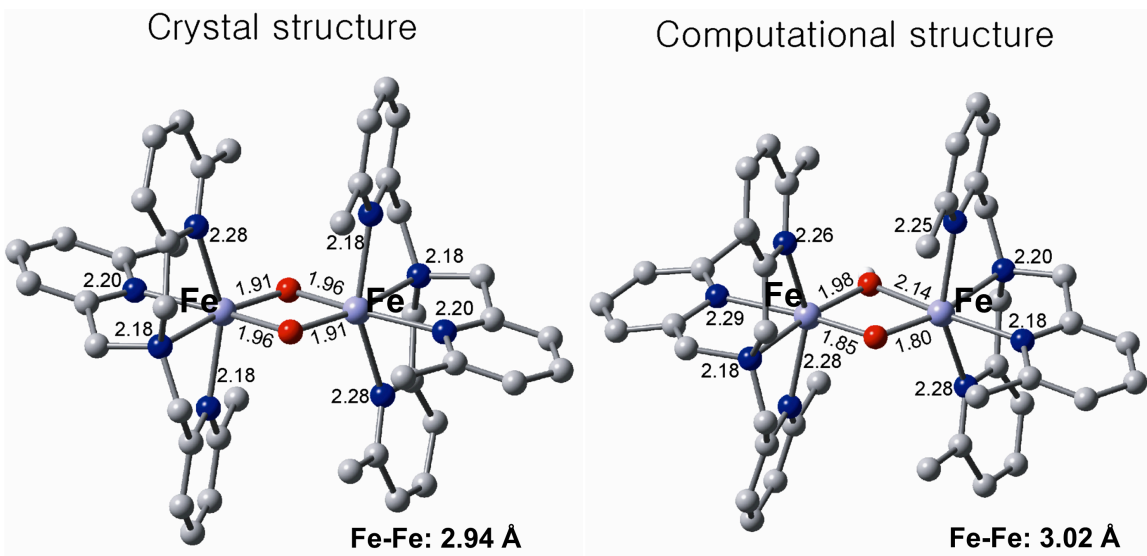


**Figure S8-1.** Structure of (a) bis- $\mu$ -oxo  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  model complex ( $[\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(6\text{TLA})_2]^{2-}$ ); and (b)  $\mu$ -oxo,  $\mu$ -hydroxo  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  model complex ( $[\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-O})(\mu\text{-OH})(6\text{TLA})_2]^{2-}$ ). Adapted from ref 54-56

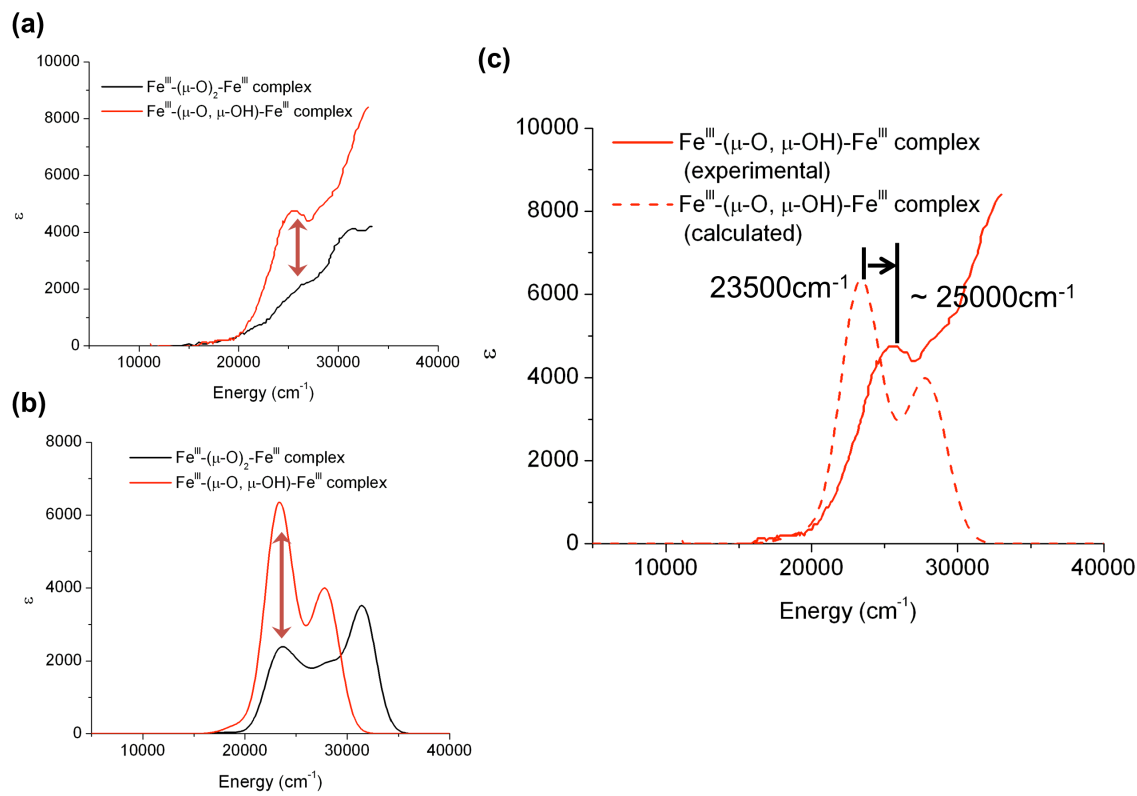
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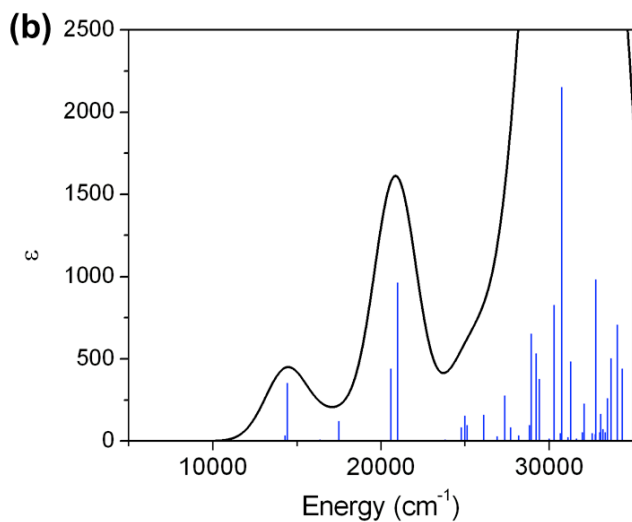
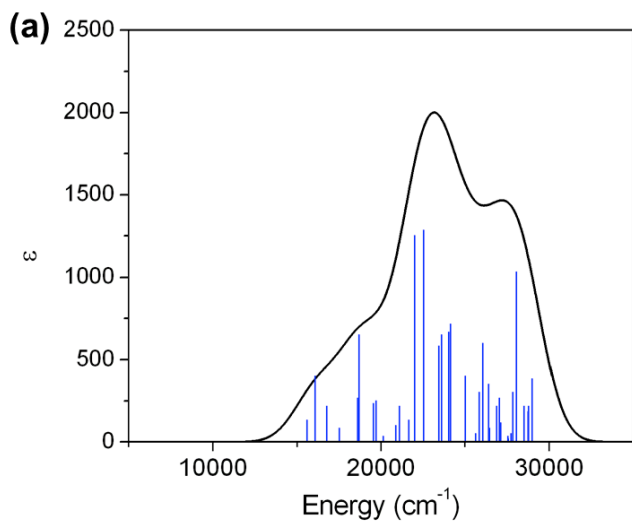
(b)



**Figure S8-2.** (a) experimental Abs data on  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  &  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-(\mu\text{-O}, \mu\text{-OH})\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  model complex (from S8-1); (b) TD DFT of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  &  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}-(\mu\text{-O}, \mu\text{-OH})\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  model complex; (c) comparison between experimental Abs and calculated TD DFT energy. Adapted and modified from reference 56.



**Figure S9.** Gaussian broadened TD DFT calculation for  $\mu$ -oxo to  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  CT transitions (first 40 transitions) of (a) GaFe structure with terminal OH on  $\text{Ga}^{\text{III}}$ , (b) GaFe structure with terminal water on  $\text{Ga}^{\text{III}}$ . Both have  $\mu$ -oxo,  $\mu$ -hydroxo bridges.



### S10. Structure used for Mn<sup>IV</sup>Fe<sup>III</sup> TD DFT computation

(a) Mn<sup>IV</sup>Ga<sup>III</sup> active site with terminal OH on Mn<sup>IV</sup>,  $\mu$ -O,  $\mu$ -OH bridges

C	5.31358800	-2.04215900	-2.16784900
C	4.55443500	-2.91404800	-1.15479900
C	3.89034900	-2.03094500	-0.08329900
O	2.89661600	-1.34280500	-0.56438700
O	4.37412300	-1.96664100	1.04699500
C	2.62946400	1.48694900	-4.15691400
C	1.23977500	1.86282800	-3.62323700
C	0.79435700	1.08721300	-2.37208700
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O	-0.44753200	0.86644200	-2.26018500
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C	3.98191900	2.33075400	2.47720200
C	1.90612500	1.59252700	2.29086300
N	2.71296900	2.38146500	3.03307400
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C	-3.25813600	-3.04265900	-1.03142500
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O	0.13442200	-1.45539300	-0.72018800
H	0.45451900	-1.62822500	-1.61945000
Mn	1.39500600	-0.33395500	0.19987300
Ga	-1.38054800	-0.08476900	-0.55128700

(b) Ga<sup>III</sup>Fe<sup>III</sup> active site with terminal OH on Ga<sup>III</sup>,  $\mu$ -O,  $\mu$ -OH bridges

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Ga	1.47854000	-0.31284500	0.30360400
Fe	-1.37175800	-0.00328000	-0.53632500

(c) Mn<sup>IV</sup>Ga<sup>III</sup> active site with terminal H<sub>2</sub>O on Mn<sup>IV</sup>, μ-O, μ-OH bridges

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Mn	1.49761000	-0.00753000	0.16452100
Ga	-1.36181200	-0.02743800	-0.47108200

(d) Ga<sup>III</sup>Fe<sup>III</sup> active site with terminal H<sub>2</sub>O on Ga<sup>III</sup>, μ-O, μ-OH bridges

C	5.47031200	-2.08425600	-1.75503400
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