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Theoretical EXAFS studies of a model of the oxygenevolving complex of photosystem II obtained with the quantum cluster approach.

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Figure S1. Calculated polarized EXAFS spectra in k-space for the refined cluster model structure. Unfortunately, we cannot compare to the experimental spectrum in k space, because it has not been published.



Figure S2. Comparison of the experimental (red) and the calculated polarized EXAFS spectra of the refined cluster model (blue) with certain atoms removed. Upper panel: only Mn_4CaO_5 was retained. Bottom panel: Mn_4CaO_5 and the first-sphere ligating atoms were retained. It can be noted that the general features of the spectra are reproduced already with Mn_4CaO_5 , but the finer details require inclusion also of the first-sphere ligating atoms.



Figure S3. Comparison of calculated isotropic EXAFS spectrum for the refined cluster model (blue) and one set of experimental data¹ (red) (first converted from *k*-space into *R*-space).



Figure S4. Individual contributions from the four Mn ions to the calculated isotropic EXAFS spectrum.



Figure S5. Path analysis of the Mn1 contribution to the isotropic EXAFS spectrum of the cluster model. The black curve is the total contribution, shown in Figure S4a, whereas the colored curves show the contributions from paths involving certain atoms. The first peak (around R = 1.4 Å) is caused by paths involving Mn1 and its first-sphere ligating oxygen atoms (red). The second peak (around R = 2.3 Å) is mainly due to paths involving Mn1 and the other Mn ions (blue). The third peak (around R = 3.1 Å) is mainly due to paths involving Mn1 and Ca, whereas the contribution from C and other O atoms is minor.



Figure S6. Path analysis of the Mn2 contribution to the isotropic EXAFS spectrum of the cluster model. The first peak is caused by paths involving Mn2 and its first-sphere ligating oxygen and nitrogen atoms (red). The second peak is mainly due to paths involving Mn2 and the Mn3 or Mn4 ions (blue). The third peak is mainly due to paths involving Mn2 and Ca, C, and the other oxygen atoms.



Figure S7. Path analysis of the Mn3 contribution to the isotropic EXAFS spectrum of the cluster model. The first peaks (R < 1.5 Å) are caused mainly by paths involving Mn3 and its first-sphere ligating oxygen atoms (red). The second peak is mainly due to paths involving Mn3 and the other Mn ions (blue). The third peak is mainly due to paths involving Mn3 and Ca, C, and the other oxygen atoms.



Figure S8. Path analysis of the Mn4 contribution to the isotropic EXAFS spectrum of the cluster model. The first peak is caused by paths involving Mn4 and its first-sphere ligating oxygen atoms (red). The second peak is mainly due to paths involving Mn4 and the Mn2 or Mn3 ions (blue). The third peak is mainly due to the paths involving Mn4 and Ca,C, and the other oxygen atoms.

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