

# **o-Semiquinone radical anion isolated as an amorphous porous solid**

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# 1 COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS OF THE G TENSOR

In the course of this work, the atomic contributions to the principal components of the  $\mathbf{g}$  tensor were estimated. The  $g_{rs}$  components of the  $\mathbf{g}$  tensor can be expressed as a sum of four contributions<sup>1-5</sup>:

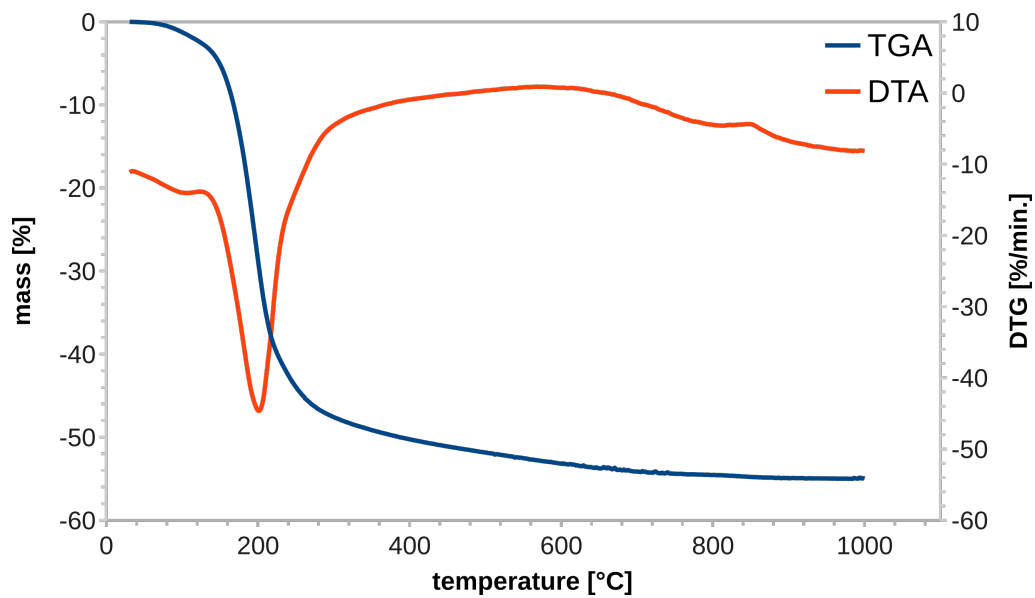
$$g_{rs} = \delta_{rs} g_e + \delta_{rs} \Delta g^{RMC} + \Delta g_{rs}^{DSO} + \Delta g_{rs}^{PSO},$$

in which  $g_e = 2,002319$  is of the free electron g-value,  $\delta_{rs}$  is the Kronecker delta ensuring that  $g_e$  and  $\Delta g^{RMC}$ , that is the contribution to  $g_{rs}$  stemming from the relativistic mass correction, contribute only to the diagonal elements of the g matrix. The  $\Delta g^{DSO}$  and  $\Delta g^{PSO}$  contributions are the diamagnetic spin-orbit term (previously referred to as “gauge correction”) and the paramagnetic spin-orbit term (or orbital Zeeman/spin-orbit coupling cross term). The exact definitions of  $\Delta g^{RMC}$ ,  $\Delta g^{DSO}$  and  $\Delta g^{PSO}$  can be found in literature<sup>1-5</sup>.  $\Delta g^{RMC}$  and  $\Delta g^{DSO}$  tend to be of minor magnitude. Moreover, in the case of semiquinones their opposite signs lead to the mutual cancellation of these two terms (Table S3), whereby  $\Delta g^{PSO}$  determines the observed values of  $g_{rs}$ . Appropriate approximation of the atomic contributions to the  $\mathbf{g}$  tensor can be thus obtained through the breakdown of the  $\Delta g^{PSO}$  term into contributions from each of the atoms. The mean-field approximation to the molecular spin-orbit coupling operator employed in this work [RI-SOMF(1X)]<sup>6</sup> takes into account the multicenter terms (except for the exchange part), therefore these multicenter terms were neglected to obtain the atomic contributions. Considering that such an omission may cause significant errors<sup>6,7</sup>, the  $\Delta g^{PSO}$  values calculated in the one-center approximation were compared with those calculated when taking the multicenter terms into account. The comparison (Table S3) revealed only slight deviations.

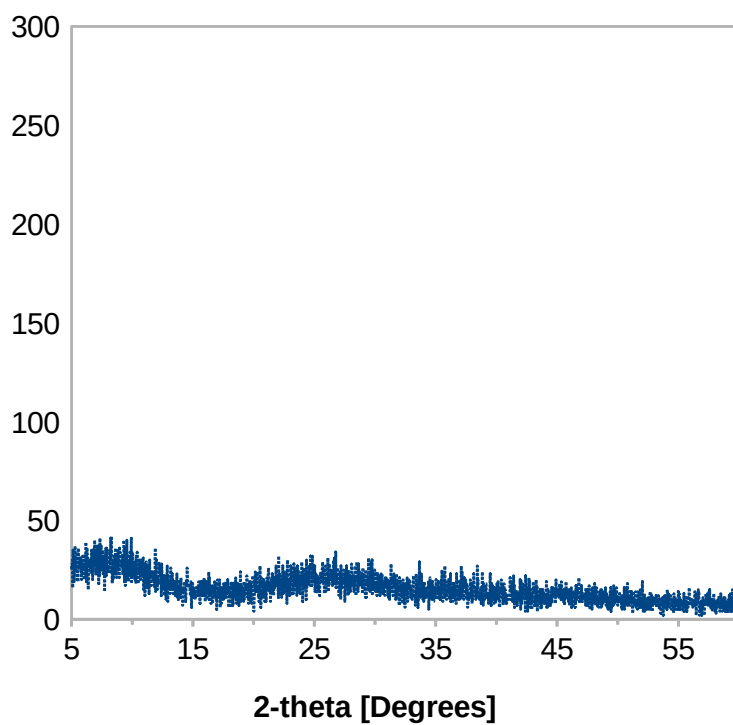
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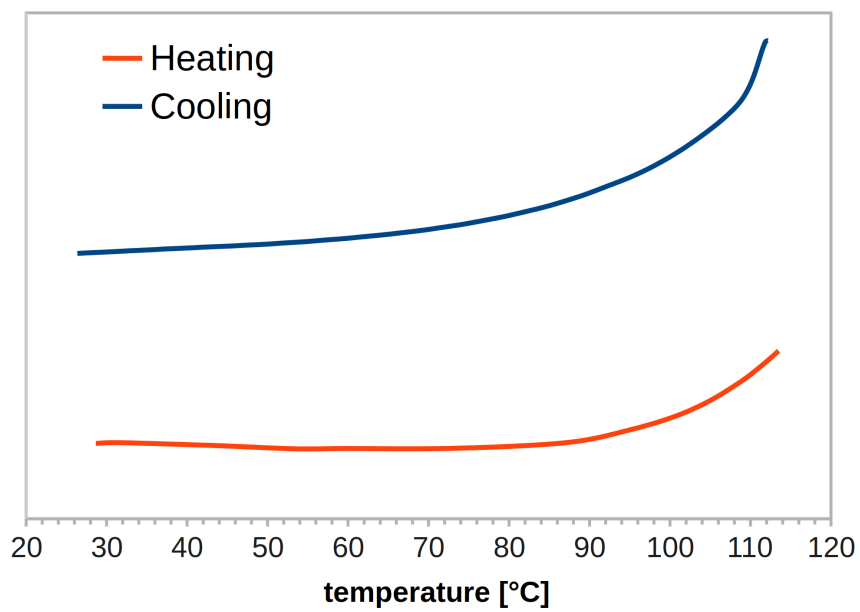
## 2 SUPPORTING FIGURES



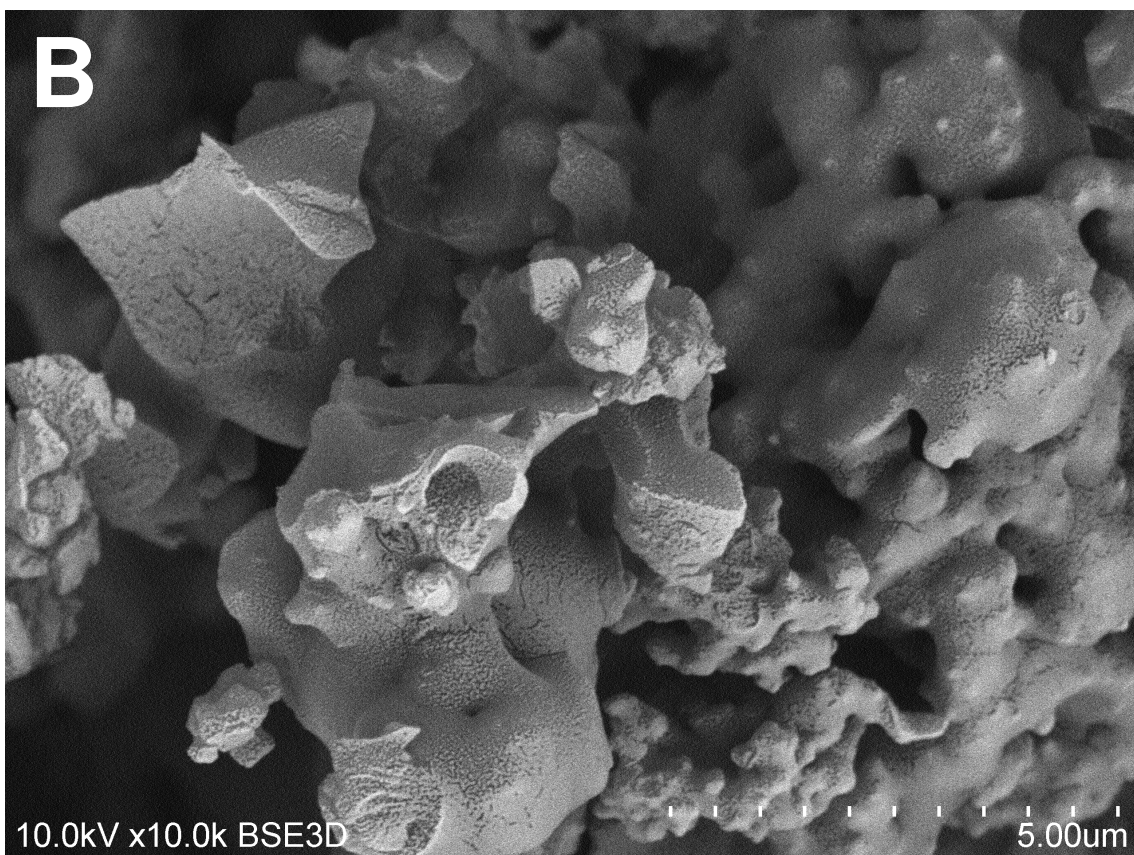
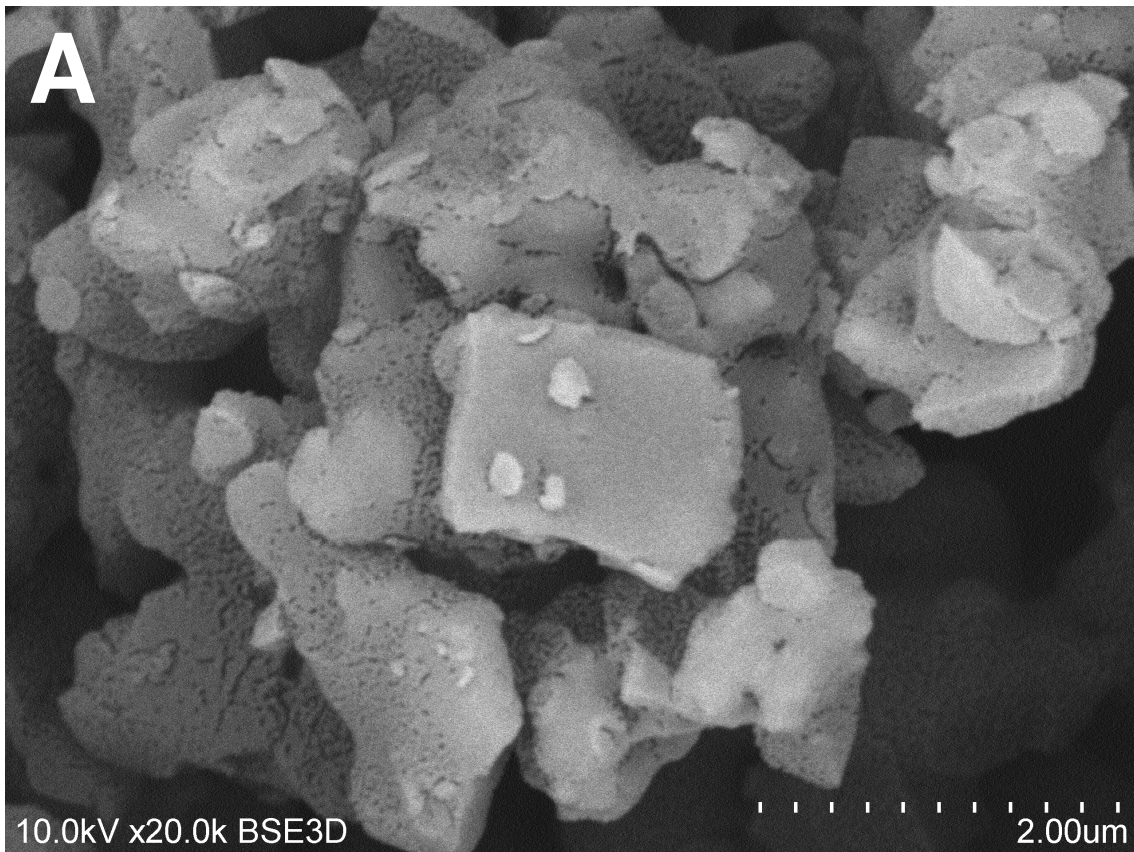
**Fig. S1** Thermograms of TGA and DTA for **1**.



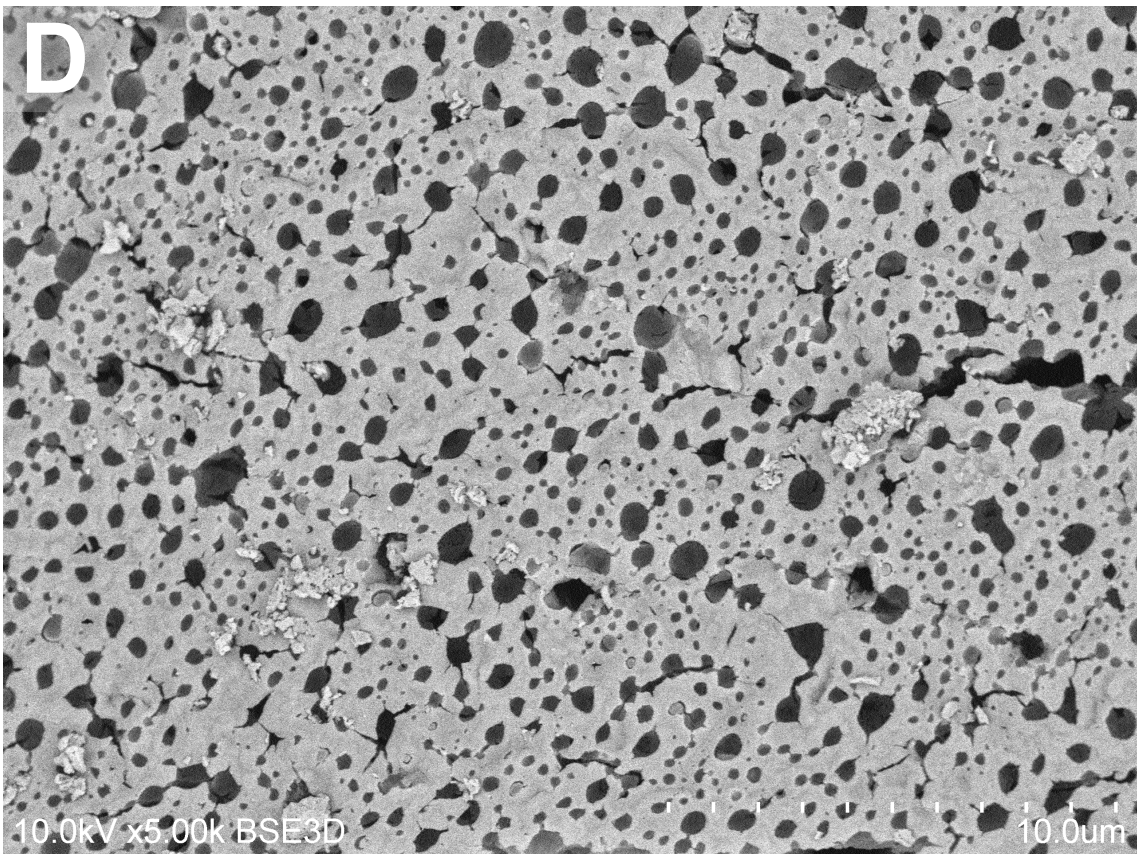
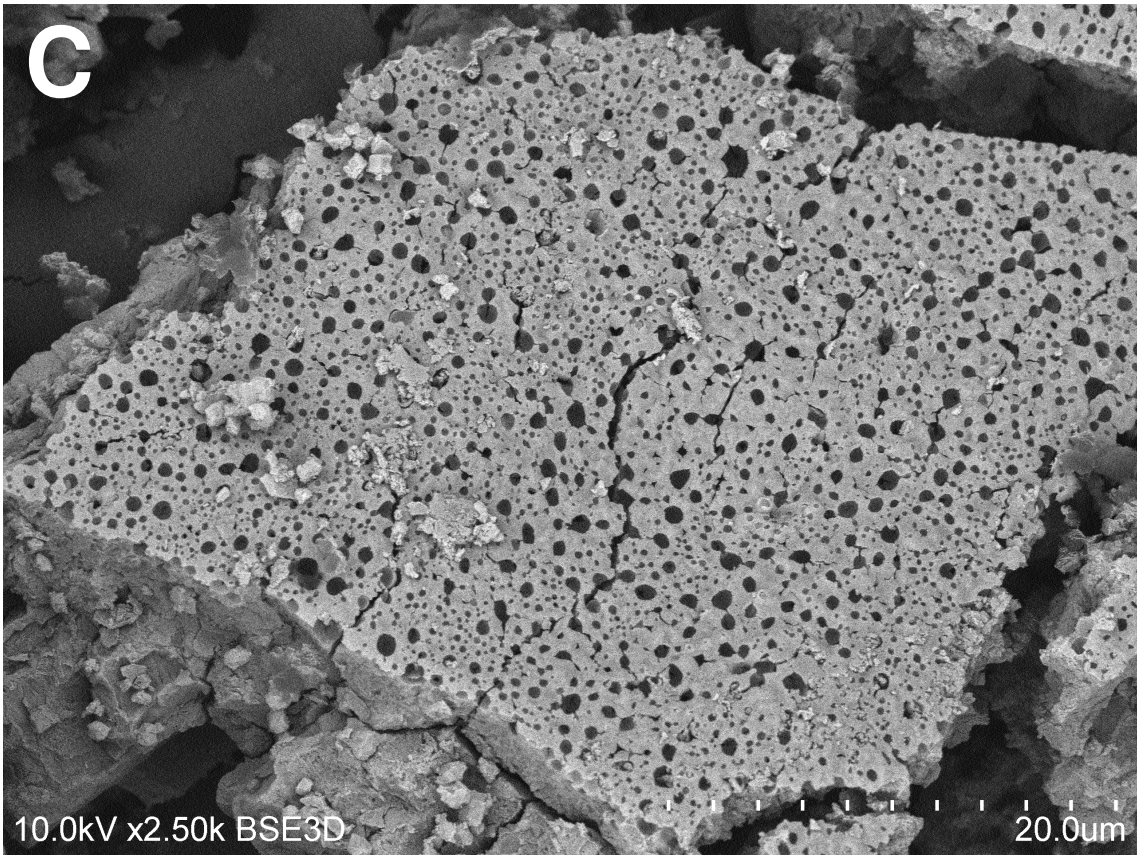
**Fig. S2** Powder X-ray diffraction for **1**.



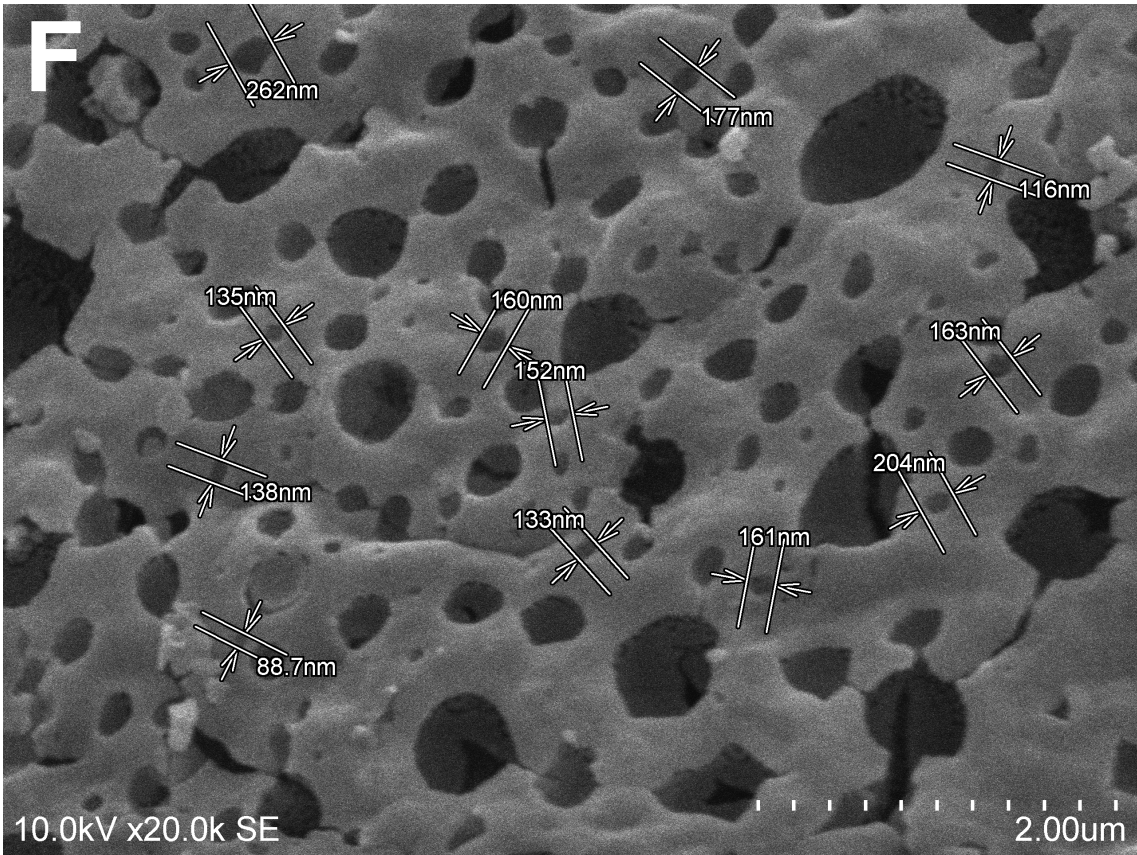
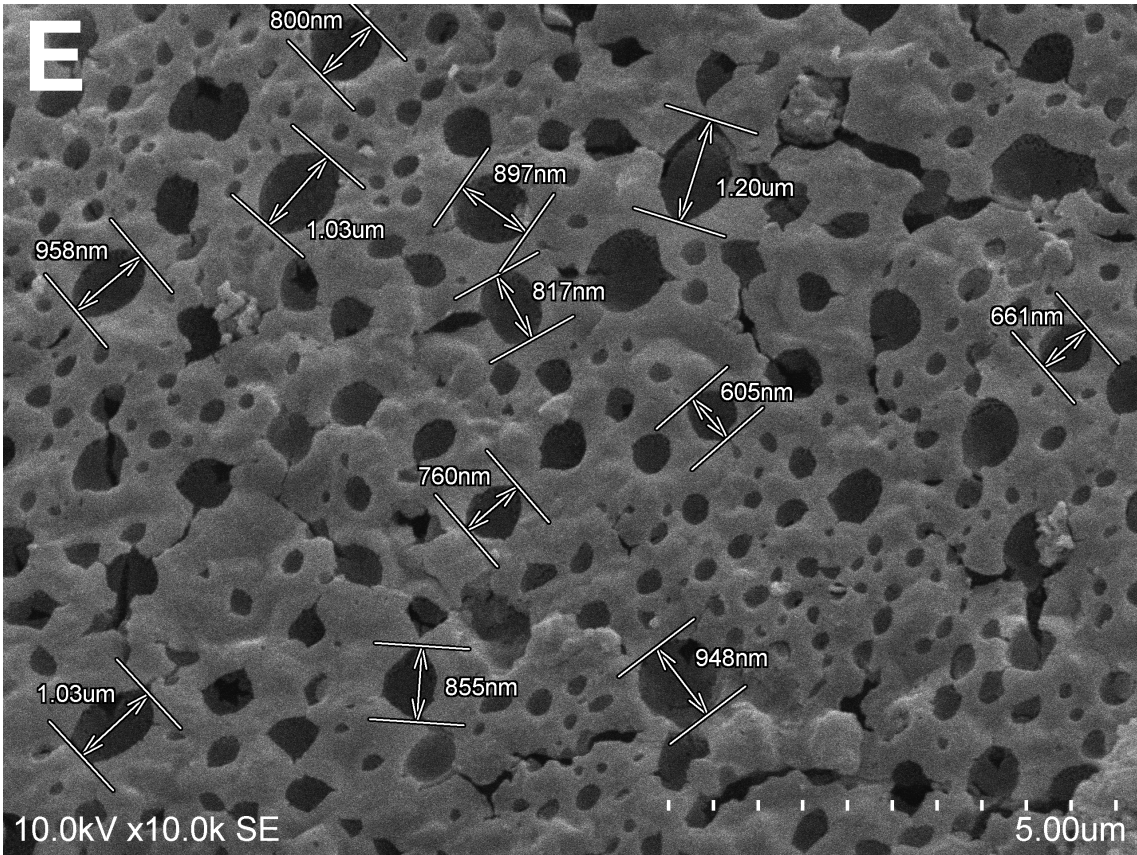
**Fig. S3** DSC traces for **1** during the cooling and heating scans (rate 10 K/min).



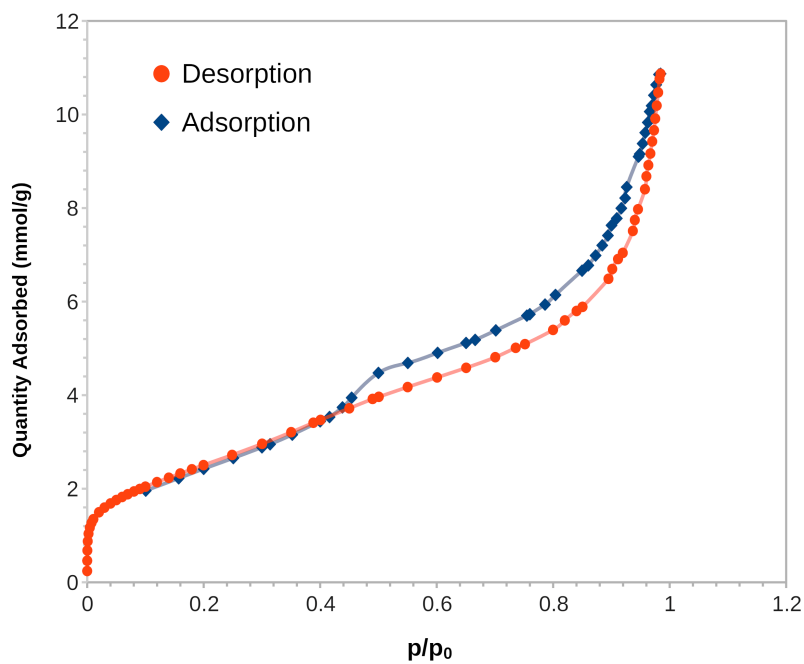
**Fig. S4.** SEM micrographs presenting morphology of **1** at different magnifications. In addition, the sizes of pour diameters are shown.



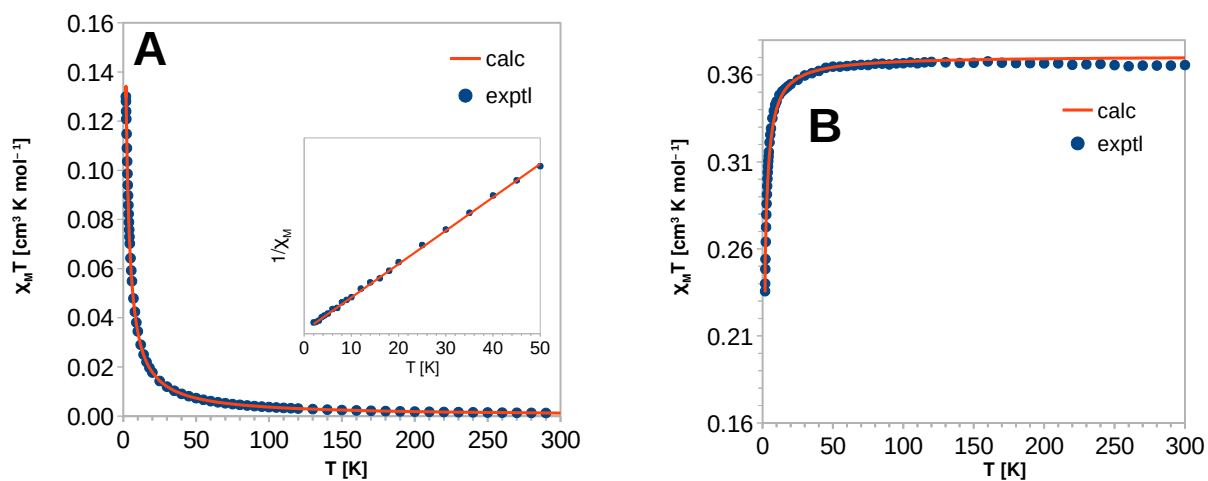
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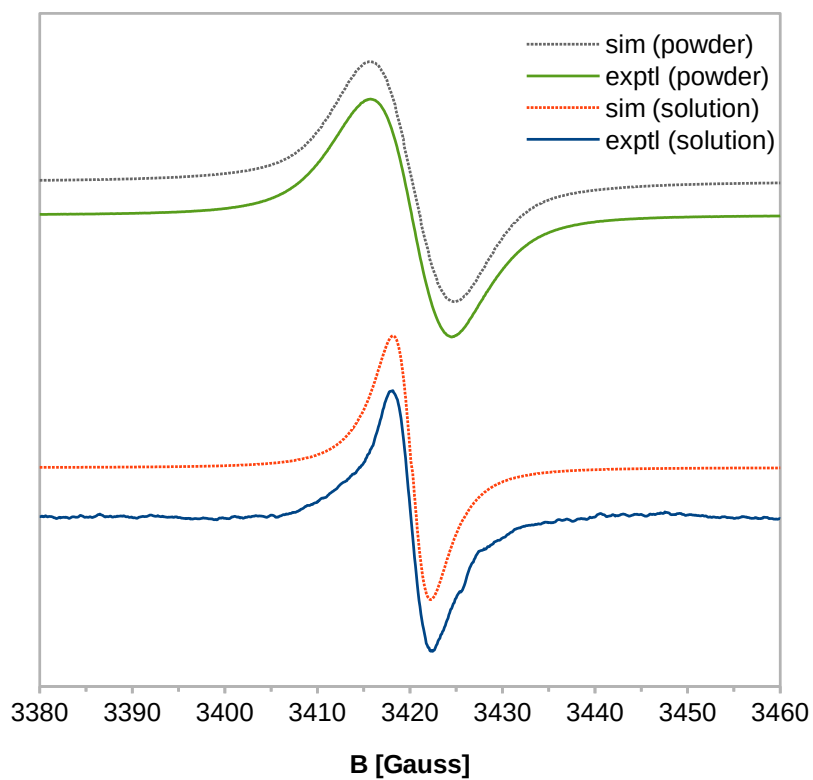


**Fig. S5** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms measured at 77 K for **1**.

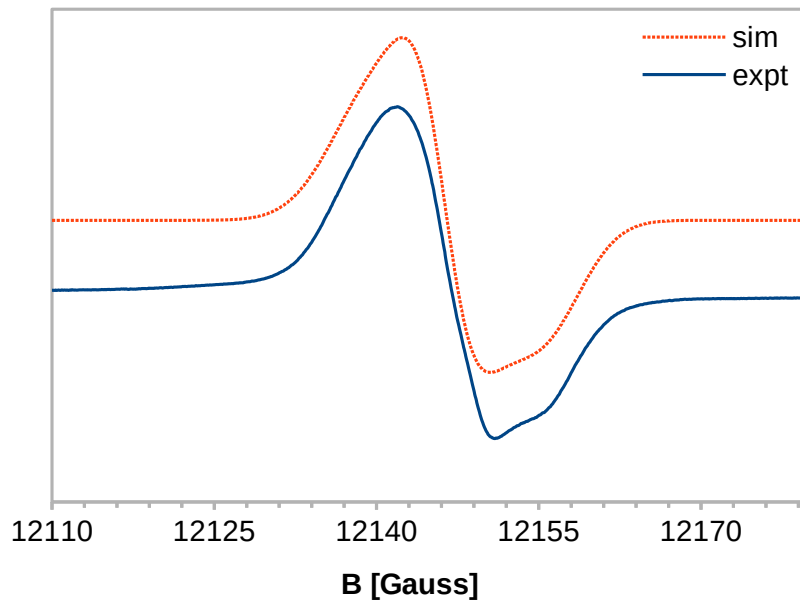


**Fig. S6** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M$  for **1**, the inset shows  $1/\chi_M$  (A) and the product  $\chi_M T$  with a fit to the Curie-Weiss law (B).

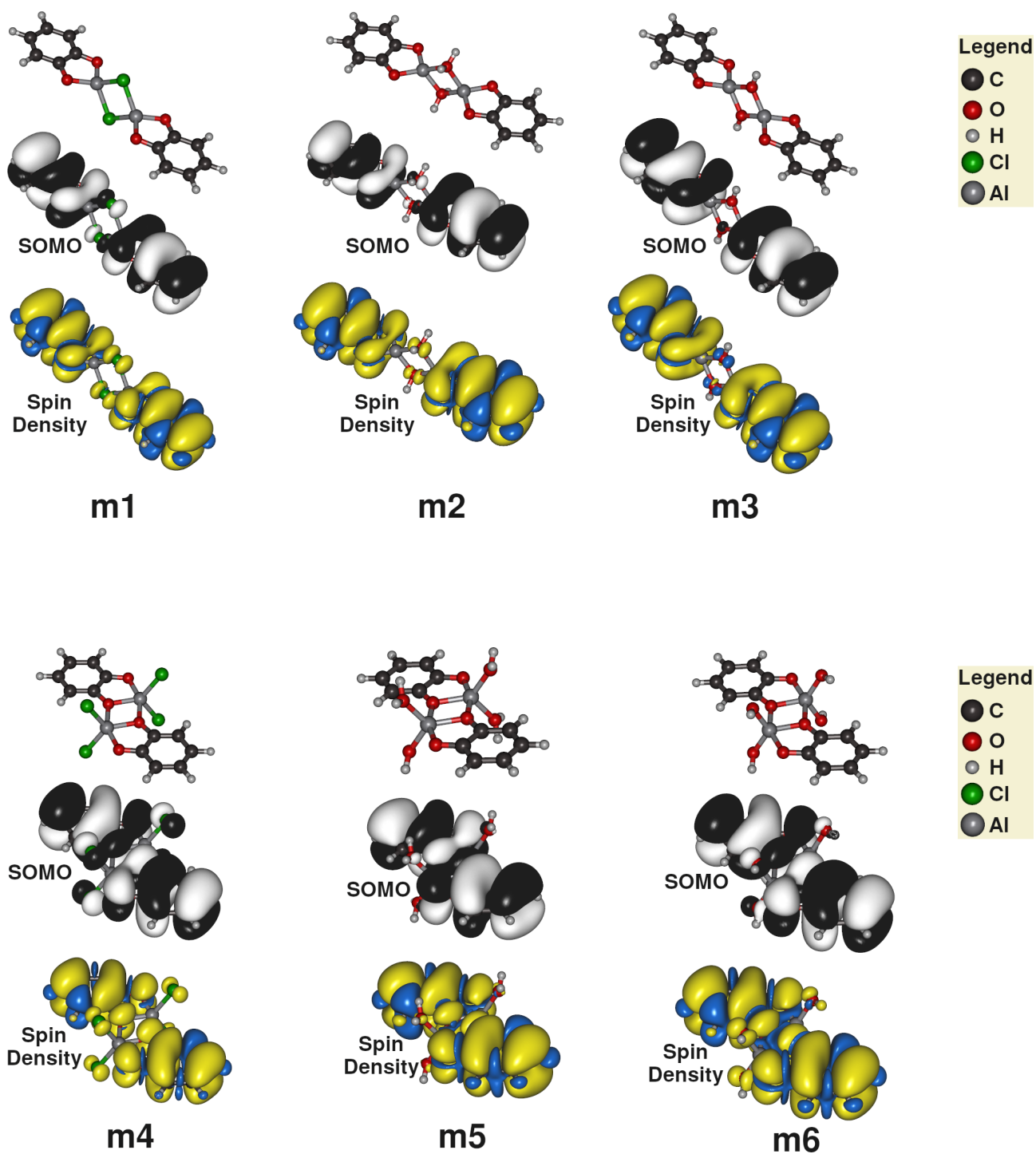




**Fig. S7** X-band (~9.7 GHz) EPR spectra of **1** recorded at 77 K for powder (green) and frozen methanol solution (blue).



**Fig. S8** Q-band (~34 GHz) EPR spectra of **1** recorded at 110 K for powder.



**Fig. S9** Molecular models of the Al radical complex (1) optimized at the BP86/def2-TZVP level. Singly-occupied molecular orbitals (contoured at isovalue  $10^{-2}$ ) and spin density (contoured at isovalue  $10^{-4}$ ) calculated at the B3LYP/IGLO-III level.

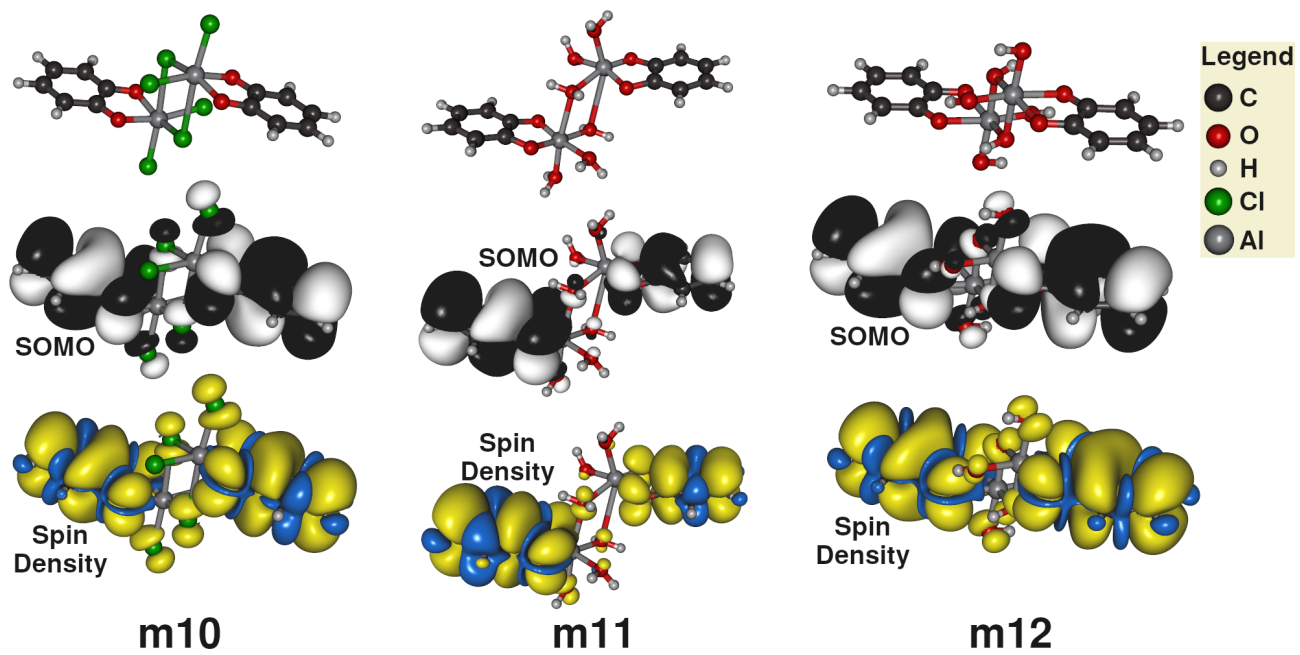
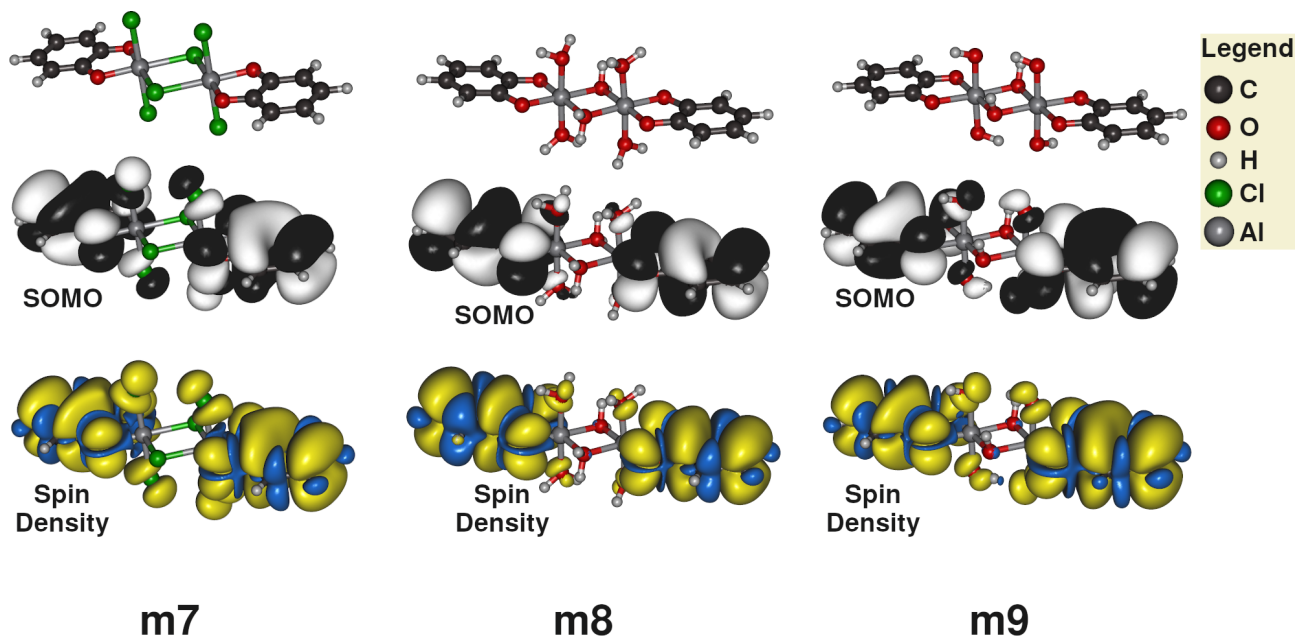


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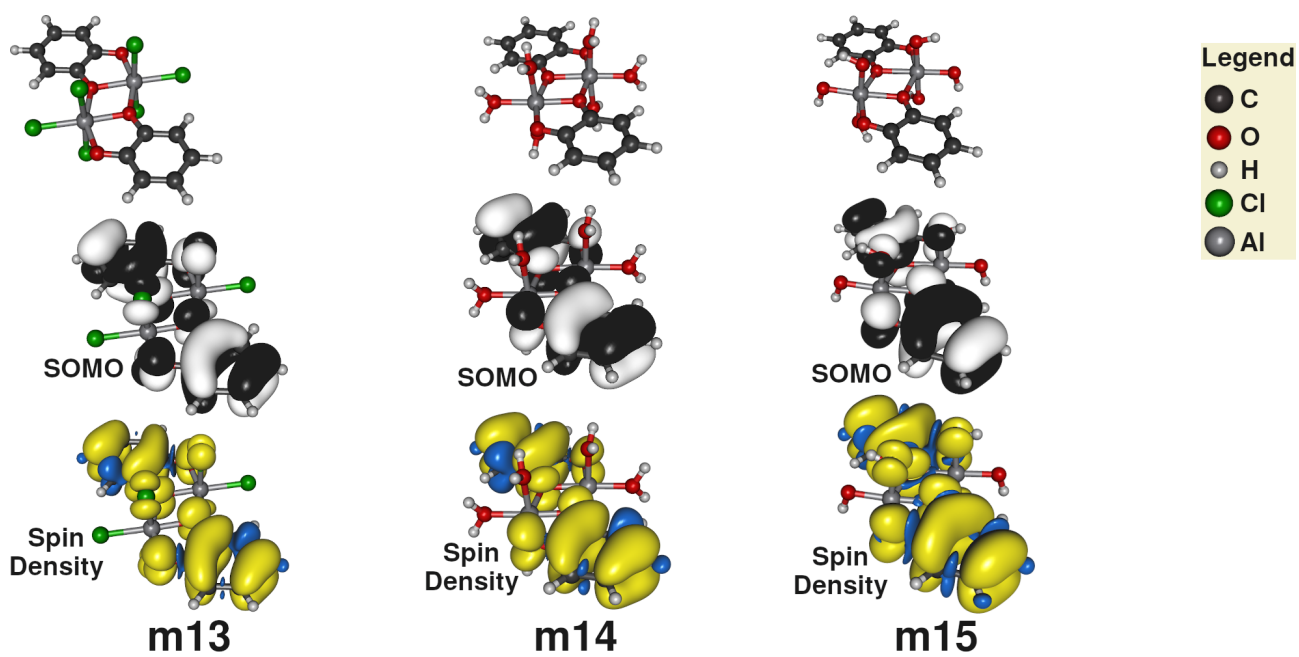


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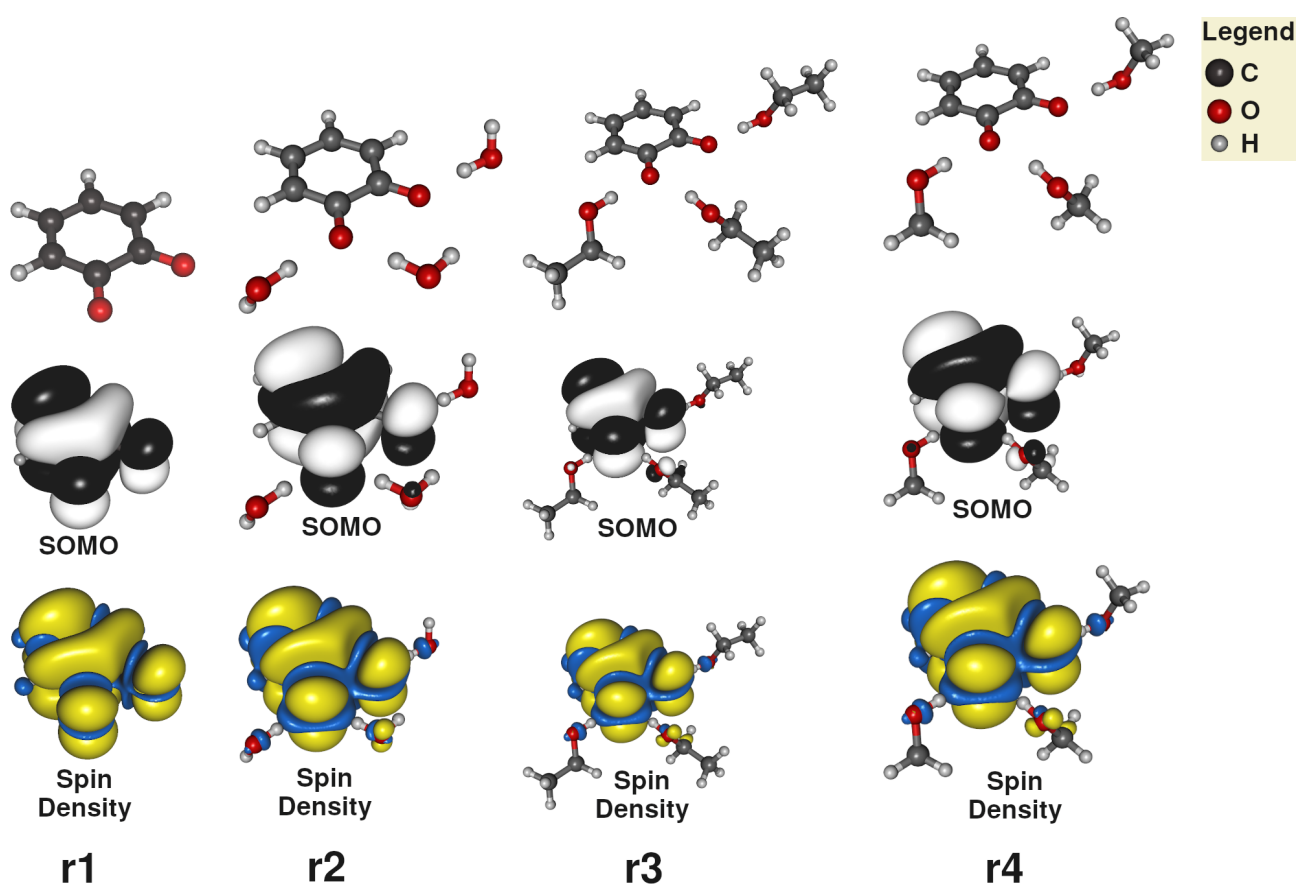


Fig. S10 Molecular models of o-semiquinone with hydrogen bonded solvent molecules optimized at the BP86/def2-TZVP level. Singly-occupied molecular orbitals (contoured at isovalue  $10^{-2}$ ) and spin density (contoured at isovalue  $10^{-4}$ ) calculated at the B3LYP/IGLO-III level.

### 3 SUPPORTING TABLES

**Table S1** The principal components of the g tensors calculated at the DFT level.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	UB3LYP				UPBE0				TPSS0			
				$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$
m1	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+•</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00116	2.00484	2.00488	2.00363	2.00122	2.00483	2.00484	2.00363	2.00131	2.00464	2.00472	2.00356
			IGLO-III	2.00104	2.00480	2.00491	2.00358	2.00111	2.00476	2.00490	2.00359	2.00121	2.00458	2.00480	2.00353
m2	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+•3+</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00224	2.00440	2.00441	2.00368	2.00230	2.00412	2.00425	2.00356	2.00231	2.00392	2.00415	2.00346
			IGLO-III	2.00225	2.00429	2.00448	2.00367	2.00230	2.00405	2.00434	2.00357	2.00230	2.00387	2.00424	2.00347
m3	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+•</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00210	2.00465	2.00503	2.00393	2.00212	2.00464	2.00500	2.00392	2.00213	2.00455	2.00480	2.00383
			IGLO-III	2.00208	2.00478	2.00493	2.00393	2.00209	2.00478	2.00490	2.00392	2.00211	2.00469	2.00471	2.00384
m4	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+•-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00466	2.00493	2.00559	2.00506	2.00460	2.00466	2.00556	2.00494	2.00439	2.00452	2.00534	2.00475
			IGLO-III	2.00470	2.00475	2.00538	2.00494	2.00446	2.00471	2.00535	2.00484	2.00423	2.00461	2.00516	2.00466
m5	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+•3+</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00246	2.00434	2.00496	2.00392	2.00246	2.00433	2.00492	2.00390	2.00245	2.00423	2.00475	2.00381
			IGLO-III	2.00246	2.00439	2.00485	2.00390	2.00241	2.00425	2.00471	2.00379	2.00238	2.00408	2.00453	2.00366
m6	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+•-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00267	2.00483	2.00610	2.00453	2.00252	2.00482	2.00596	2.00443	2.00240	2.00471	2.00560	2.00424
			IGLO-III	2.00263	2.00491	2.00587	2.00447	2.00242	2.00489	2.00568	2.00433	2.00235	2.00477	2.00537	2.00416
m7	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00013	2.00570	2.00993	2.00525	2.00052	2.00557	2.00786	2.00465	2.00077	2.00527	2.00730	2.00445
			IGLO-III	2.00012	2.00546	2.01021	2.00526	2.00051	2.00533	2.00828	2.00471	2.00076	2.00505	2.00770	2.00451
m8	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3+</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00229	2.00503	2.00662	2.00465	2.00232	2.00506	2.00608	2.00449	2.00233	2.00477	2.00585	2.00432
			IGLO-III	2.00230	2.00520	2.00641	2.00464	2.00232	2.00506	2.00608	2.00449	2.00233	2.00494	2.00574	2.00434
m9	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00172	2.00591	2.00704	2.00489	2.00196	2.00544	2.00686	2.00475	2.00201	2.00528	2.00650	2.00460
			IGLO-III	2.00186	2.00586	2.00676	2.00482	2.00197	2.00565	2.00669	2.00477	2.00152	2.00591	2.00674	2.00472
m10	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00176	2.00613	2.00645	2.00478	2.00173	2.00579	2.00607	2.00453	2.00179	2.00544	2.00580	2.00434
			IGLO-III	2.00175	2.00613	2.00661	2.00483	2.00172	2.00559	2.00645	2.00459	2.00178	2.00528	2.00614	2.00440
m11	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3+</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00233	2.00476	2.00516	2.00408	2.00231	2.00474	2.00501	2.00402	2.00231	2.00463	2.00475	2.00389
			IGLO-III	2.00232	2.00489	2.00505	2.00408	2.00231	2.00485	2.00491	2.00403	2.00231	2.00466	2.00474	2.00390
m12	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00215	2.00542	2.00716	2.00491	2.00223	2.00526	2.00687	2.00479	2.00224	2.00513	2.00651	2.00463
			IGLO-III	2.00215	2.00559	2.00694	2.00489	2.00222	2.00546	2.00669	2.00479	2.00223	2.00533	2.00635	2.00464
m13	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00283	2.00768	2.00868	2.00639	2.00286	2.00745	2.00777	2.00603	2.00270	2.00648	2.00748	2.00555
			IGLO-III	2.00277	2.00764	2.00788	2.00610	2.00258	2.00651	2.00811	2.00573	2.00222	2.00589	2.00762	2.00524
m14	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3+</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00237	2.00456	2.00524	2.00406	2.00238	2.00455	2.00519	2.00404	2.00237	2.00445	2.00501	2.00394
			IGLO-III	2.00237	2.00462	2.00515	2.00404	2.00237	2.00460	2.00511	2.00403	2.00236	2.00450	2.00494	2.00393
m15	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>+•3-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00257	2.00554	2.00736	2.00516	2.00253	2.00552	2.00734	2.00513	2.00238	2.00539	2.00683	2.00487
			IGLO-III	2.00246	2.00561	2.00706	2.00504	2.00234	2.00561	2.00688	2.00494	2.00225	2.00548	2.00643	2.00472
<b>experimental for complex (1)</b>				<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>	<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>	<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>
r1	-	sq <sup>+•-</sup>	IGLO-II	2.00219	2.00639	2.00728	2.00529	2.00219	2.00642	2.00730	2.00530	2.00217	2.00618	2.00689	2.00508
			IGLO-III	2.00219	2.00620	2.00703	2.00514	2.00219	2.00623	2.00705	2.00516	2.00218	2.00601	2.00667	2.00495
r2	-	sq <sup>+•-</sup> × 3H <sub>2</sub> O	IGLO-II	2.00220	2.00595	2.00655	2.00490	2.00220	2.00594	2.00654	2.00489	2.00219	2.00574	2.00623	2.00472
			IGLO-III	2.00220	2.00583	2.00637	2.00480	2.00220	2.00583	2.00636	2.00480	2.00219	2.00563	2.00608	2.00463
r3	-	sq <sup>+•-</sup> × 3EtOH	IGLO-II	2.00223	2.00589	2.00658	2.00490	2.00223	2.00587	2.00658	2.00489	2.00222	2.00568	2.00626	2.00472
			IGLO-III	2.00224	2.00587	2.00650	2.00487	2.00224	2.00586	2.00649	2.00486	2.00222	2.00567	2.00619	2.00469
r4	-	sq <sup>+•-</sup> × 3MeOH	IGLO-II	2.00224	2.00592	2.00659	2.00491	2.00223	2.00590	2.00658	2.00491	2.00222	2.00571	2.00627	2.00473
			IGLO-III	2.00224	2.00587	2.00649	2.00487	2.00223	2.00586	2.00648	2.00486	2.00222	2.00567	2.00618	2.00469
<b>experimental for uncomplexed radical (2)</b>				<b>2.00233</b>	<b>2.00534</b>	<b>2.00573</b>	<b>2.00469</b>	<b>2.00233</b>	<b>2.00534</b>	<b>2.00573</b>	<b>2.00469</b>	<b>2.00233</b>	<b>2.00534</b>	<b>2.00573</b>	<b>2.00469</b>

**Table S2** The total Löwdin spin populations for selected groups of atoms calculated at the B3LYP/IGLO-III level.

model	c.n.	composition	On both Al atoms	On all O atoms	On O atoms in sq and ct	On O atoms in H <sub>2</sub> O	On O atoms in OH <sup>-</sup>	On Cl atoms	On O atoms in H-bonded molecules
m1	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*+</sup>	0.004	0.293	0.293	–	–	0.007	–
m2	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*3+</sup>	0.009	0.255	0.252	0.003	–	–	–
m3	4	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*+</sup>	0.021	0.253	0.254	–	-0.002	–	–
m4	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>*-</sup>	0.000	0.355	0.355	–	–	0.015	–
m5	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>*3+</sup>	0.005	0.285	0.284	0.001	–	–	–
m6	5	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>*-</sup>	-0.001	0.400	0.390	–	0.010	–	–
m7	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	-0.007	0.456	0.456	–	–	0.048	–
m8	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3+</sup>	0.002	0.396	0.387	0.009	–	–	–
m9	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	-0.005	0.515	0.480	–	0.036	–	–
m10	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	0.000	0.416	0.416	–	–	0.022	–
m11	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3+</sup>	0.006	0.318	0.310	0.008	–	–	–
m12	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	-0.004	0.489	0.469	–	0.020	–	–
m13	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(Cl) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	-0.005	0.431	0.431	–	–	0.057	–
m14	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3+</sup>	0.005	0.320	0.320	0.000	–	–	–
m15	6	[Al <sub>2</sub> (sq)(ct)(OH) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>*3-</sup>	-0.011	0.548	0.486	–	0.063	–	–
r1	–	sq <sup>*-</sup>	–	0.505	–	–	–	–	–
r2	–	sq <sup>*-</sup> × 3H <sub>2</sub> O	–	0.486	–	–	–	–	0.000
r3	–	sq <sup>*-</sup> × 3EtOH	–	0.483	–	–	–	–	0.000
r4	–	sq <sup>*-</sup> × 3MeOH	–	0.482	–	–	–	–	0.000

**Table S3** Various contributions to the principal components of the g tensor calculated at the UB3LYP/IGLO-III level.

model	c.n.	composition	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	
m1	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_2]^{*+}$	2.00104	2.00480	2.00491	
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00021	-0.00021	-0.00021
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00031	0.00015	0.00035
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00138	0.00254	0.00245
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00137	0.00242	0.00238
			<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00005	-0.00010
			<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00000	0.00265	0.00192
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	-0.00020	0.00049
			<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
			<i>Cl atoms</i>	-0.00135	0.00001	0.00007
m2	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{*3+}$	2.00225	2.00429	2.00448	
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00020	-0.00020	-0.00020
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00028	0.00014	0.00032
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00015	0.00203	0.00203
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00015	0.00191	0.00190
			<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00007	-0.00011
			<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	-0.00001	0.00219	0.00155
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00004	-0.00020	0.00048
			<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
			<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	-0.00011	0.00000	-0.00002
m3	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_2]^{*+}$	2.00208	2.00478	2.00493	
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00021	-0.00021	-0.00021
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00027	0.00031	0.00015
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00030	0.00236	0.00267
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00032	0.00228	0.00256
			<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00009	-0.00005
			<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00000	0.00190	0.00281
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00049	-0.00019
			<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
			<i>O atoms in OH</i>	-0.00030	-0.00001	0.00000

**Table S3** Continued.

model	c.n.	composition	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$
m4	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_4]^{*-}$	2.00470	2.00475	2.00538
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00022	-0.00022	-0.00022
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00032	0.00034	0.00017
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00228	0.00231	0.00310
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00227	0.00232	0.00310
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00002	0.00000	-0.00001
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00014	0.00181	0.00307
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00001	0.00032	0.00006
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
<i>Cl atoms</i>	0.00213	0.00019	-0.00001		
m5	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{*3+}$	2.00246	2.00439	2.00485
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00020	-0.00020	-0.00020
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00028	0.00032	0.00016
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00006	0.00196	0.00258
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00006	0.00198	0.00240
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00001	-0.00001
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00000	0.00170	0.00239
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00030	0.00002
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	0.00008	0.00000	0.00001		
m6	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_4]^{*-}$	2.00263	2.00491	2.00587
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00022	-0.00022	-0.00022
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00027	0.00028	0.00019
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00027	0.00254	0.00358
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00026	0.00252	0.00349
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00002	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00001	0.00201	0.00363
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	0.00046	-0.00014
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
<i>O atoms in OH</i>	0.00026	0.00005	-0.00001		



**Table S3** Continued.

model	c.n.	composition	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$
m7	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{*3-}$	2.00012	2.00546	2.01021
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00024	-0.00024	-0.00024
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00042	0.00020	0.00045
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00238	0.00319	0.00768
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00237	0.00306	0.00771
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00002	-0.00001	-0.00001
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00002	0.00453	0.00254
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	-0.00018	0.00038
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>Cl atoms</i>	-0.00238	-0.00128	0.00480
m8	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*3+}$	2.00230	2.00520	2.00641
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00022	-0.00022	-0.00022
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00034	0.00037	0.00016
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00014	0.00273	0.00415
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00015	0.00269	0.00403
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00005	-0.00006
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00001	0.00220	0.00434
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00045	-0.00017
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	-0.00014	0.00008	-0.00008
m9	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{*3-}$	2.00186	2.00586	2.00676
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00024	-0.00024	-0.00024
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00032	0.00035	0.00018
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00054	0.00343	0.00449
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00100	0.00350	0.00437
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	0.00001	0.00001
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00001	0.00273	0.00472
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00041	-0.00016
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in OH</i>	-0.00099	0.00035	-0.00020

**Table S3** Continued.

model	c.n.	composition	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$
m10	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{+3-}$	2.00175	2.00613	2.00661
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00033	0.00022	0.00037
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00067	0.00381	0.00414
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00066	0.00373	0.00406
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00000	-0.00005	-0.00003
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00001	0.00395	0.00199
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	-0.00015	0.00040
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>Cl atoms</i>	-0.00065	-0.00002	0.00170
m11	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{+3+}$	2.00232	2.00489	2.00505
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00021	-0.00021	-0.00021
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00030	0.00033	0.00018
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00009	0.00245	0.00275
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00009	0.00228	0.00265
		<i>Al atoms</i>	-0.00001	-0.00008	-0.00010
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	-0.00001	0.00185	0.00297
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00043	-0.00018
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	-0.00004	0.00008	-0.00005
m12	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{+3-}$	2.00215	2.00559	2.00694
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00029	0.00032	0.00020
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00023	0.00319	0.00466
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00022	0.00322	0.00460
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00001	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00002	0.00263	0.00469
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	0.00042	-0.00014
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in OH</i>	-0.00023	0.00016	0.00004

**Table S3** Continued.

model	c.n.	composition	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$
m13	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{+3-}$	2.00277	2.00764	2.00788
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00024	-0.00024	-0.00024
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00035	0.00024	0.00034
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00034	0.00532	0.00545
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}} / 1\text{-center/}$ <i>total</i>	0.00024	0.00520	0.00553
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	0.00000	0.00002
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00001	0.00264	0.00305
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	0.00036	-0.00003
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>Cl atoms</i>	0.00024	0.00220	0.00249
m14	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{+3+}$	2.00237	2.00462	2.00515
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00021	-0.00021	-0.00021
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00031	0.00034	0.00016
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00005	0.00217	0.00287
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}} / 1\text{-center/}$ <i>total</i>	-0.00005	0.00224	0.00264
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	-0.00001	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00000	0.00189	0.00268
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00003	0.00034	-0.00004
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	-0.00004	0.00002	0.00000
m15	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{+3-}$	2.00246	2.00561	2.00706
		$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
		$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00025	-0.00025	-0.00025
		$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00028	0.00027	0.00024
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00019	0.00359	0.00459
		$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}} / 1\text{-center/}$ <i>total</i>	0.00013	0.00316	0.00465
		<i>Al atoms</i>	0.00001	0.00002	0.00001
		<i>O atoms in sq and ct</i>	0.00004	0.00246	0.00451
		<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00002	0.00040	-0.00013
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		<i>O atoms in OH</i>	0.00010	0.00027	0.00026

Table S3 Continued.

model	c.n.	composition		$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$
r1	–	sq <sup>4-</sup>		2.00219	2.00620	2.00703
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00013	0.00018	0.00015
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00003	0.00393	0.00479
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	-0.00001	0.00380	0.00466
			<i>O atoms in sq</i>	-0.00001	0.00354	0.00485
			<i>C atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00026	-0.00019
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
r2	–	sq <sup>4-</sup> × 3H <sub>2</sub> O		2.00220	2.00583	2.00637
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00012	0.00017	0.00015
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	-0.00001	0.00358	0.00413
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00000	0.00345	0.00407
			<i>O atoms in sq</i>	-0.00001	0.00328	0.00419
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00001	0.00021	-0.00010
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
		<i>O atoms in H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	0.00001	-0.00004	-0.00002	
r3	–	sq <sup>4-</sup> × 3EtOH		2.00224	2.00587	2.00650
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00013	0.00018	0.00015
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00002	0.00360	0.00426
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00003	0.00350	0.00422
			<i>O atoms in sq</i>	0.00000	0.00327	0.00434
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00001	0.00025	-0.00010
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
		<i>O atoms in EtOH</i>	0.00004	-0.00002	-0.00002	
r4	–	sq <sup>4-</sup> × 3MeOH		2.00224	2.00587	2.00649
			$g_e$	2.00232	2.00232	2.00232
			$\Delta g^{\text{RMC}}$	-0.00023	-0.00023	-0.00023
			$\Delta g^{\text{DSO}}$	0.00012	0.00017	0.00015
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$	0.00002	0.00360	0.00425
			$\Delta g^{\text{PSO}}$ /1-center/ <i>total</i>	0.00003	0.00348	0.00419
			<i>O atoms in sq</i>	0.00000	0.00327	0.00432
			<i>C atoms</i>	-0.00001	0.00023	-0.00011
		<i>H atoms</i>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
		<i>O atoms in MeOH</i>	0.00004	-0.00002	-0.00003	

**Table S4** The isotropic hyperfine coupling constant due to  $^{27}\text{Al}$  ( $a_{\text{Al}}$ ) calculated at the DFT and DLPNO-CCSD level. The values are given in MHz.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	B3LYP	PBE0	TPSS0	wB97X	B2PLYP	mPW2PLYP	DSD-BLYP	DLPNO-CCSD
<b>m1</b>	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_2]^{*+}$	IGLO-II	-8.28	-8.39	-7.13	-6.17	-8.29	-8.64	-6.58	-9.27
			IGLO-III	-7.84	-7.98	-6.80	-5.79	-7.78	-8.13	-6.13	–
<b>m2</b>	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{*3+}$	IGLO-II	-8.21	-5.94	-4.58	-6.44	-6.10	-6.32	-6.45	-4.49
			IGLO-III	-7.26	-5.51	-4.26	-6.13	-5.66	-5.89	-6.07	–
<b>m3</b>	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_2]^{*+}$	IGLO-II	-7.68	-7.71	-6.75	-6.03	-5.80	-5.99	-6.22	-0.22
			IGLO-III	-7.14	-7.17	-6.29	-5.60	-5.39	-5.57	-5.73	–
<b>m4</b>	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_4]^{*-}$	IGLO-II	-6.61	-6.75	-5.82	-6.28	-5.93	-6.00	-5.53	-6.66
			IGLO-III	-6.27	-6.41	-5.52	-5.84	-5.61	-5.72	-5.24	–
<b>m5</b>	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{*3+}$	IGLO-II	-5.38	-4.87	-4.09	-4.53	-4.39	-4.48	-4.04	-3.21
			IGLO-III	-5.12	-4.47	-3.82	-4.24	-4.15	-4.24	-3.80	–
<b>m6</b>	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_4]^{*-}$	IGLO-II	-5.98	-6.18	-5.46	-5.80	-5.67	-5.72	-5.17	-7.07
			IGLO-III	-5.63	-5.70	-5.02	-5.30	-5.26	-5.32	-4.85	–
<b>m7</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-9.89	-9.18	-7.92	-9.34	-8.79	-8.92	-10.15	-11.14
			IGLO-III	-9.22	-8.48	-7.31	-8.56	-8.19	-8.29	-9.35	–
<b>m8</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*3+}$	IGLO-II	-7.19	-6.35	-5.56	-6.55	-7.11	-7.11	-7.15	-6.56
			IGLO-III	-5.78	-5.92	-5.20	-6.05	-6.59	-6.59	-6.67	–
<b>m9</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-9.06	-6.36	-5.62	-5.99	-5.62	-5.71	-6.06	-7.50
			IGLO-III	-8.04	-5.70	-5.05	-5.37	-5.12	-5.20	-5.59	–
<b>m10</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-7.18	-6.36	-5.37	-6.57	-6.12	-6.29	-6.40	-6.44
			IGLO-III	-6.73	-5.97	-5.03	-6.08	-5.77	-5.92	-6.09	–
<b>m11</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$	IGLO-II	-6.57	-5.88	-4.87	-6.00	-6.06	-6.17	-6.79	-4.99
			IGLO-III	-6.03	-5.53	-4.60	-5.69	-5.74	-5.83	-6.34	–
<b>m12</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-5.35	-4.90	-4.32	-4.69	-4.31	-4.41	-4.76	-4.80
			IGLO-III	-4.79	-4.47	-3.93	-4.28	-3.97	-4.81	-4.37	–
<b>m13</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{Cl})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-8.25	-8.43	-7.43	-8.99	-8.26	-8.37	-7.74	-7.15
			IGLO-III	-7.72	-7.97	-6.93	-8.25	-7.70	-7.79	-7.27	–
<b>m14</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*3+}$	IGLO-II	-6.97	-6.96	-6.21	-6.21	-5.97	-6.09	-5.67	-6.60
			IGLO-III	-6.61	-6.61	-5.91	-5.78	-5.61	-5.72	-5.33	–
<b>m15</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})(\text{ct})(\text{OH})_6]^{*3-}$	IGLO-II	-6.81	-7.00	-6.01	-6.56	-6.16	-6.24	-6.30	-5.39
			IGLO-III	-6.20	-6.28	-5.47	-5.90	-5.61	-5.69	-5.72	–
		<b>experimental for complex 1</b>		$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$

**Table S4** The isotropic hyperfine coupling constant due to <sup>1</sup>H calculated at the DFT and DLPNO-CCSD level. The values are given in MHz.

model	basis set	B3LYP		PBE0		TPSS0		wB97X		B2PLYP		mPW2PLYP		DSD-BLYP		DLPNO-CCSD	
		H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2
m1	IGLO-II	-0.51	-0.90	-0.81	-1.05	-0.85	-1.16	-0.91	-1.05	-0.25	-0.95	-0.42	-1.00	-0.32	-1.06	-0.79	-1.14
	IGLO-III	-0.43	-0.86	-0.66	-1.00	-0.64	-1.06	-0.73	-0.93	-0.06	-0.88	-0.23	-0.92	-0.28	-1.00	–	–
m2	IGLO-II	-0.54	-1.13	-0.93	-1.33	-1.08	-1.41	-0.98	-1.42	-0.22	-1.02	-0.46	-1.13	-0.28	-0.91	-0.90	-0.99
	IGLO-III	-0.43	-0.86	-0.77	-0.86	-0.72	-1.20	-0.87	-0.96	-0.01	-0.99	-0.23	-1.12	-0.38	-0.85	–	–
m3	IGLO-II	-0.37	-0.73	-0.55	-0.82	-0.61	-0.98	-0.66	-0.89	-0.15	-0.80	-0.30	-0.82	-0.19	-0.87	-0.53	-0.90
	IGLO-III	-0.26	-0.72	-0.49	-0.85	-0.39	-0.89	-0.48	-0.74	0.02	-0.69	-0.12	-0.78	-0.15	-0.78	–	–
m4	IGLO-II	-0.42	-1.03	-0.69	-1.16	-0.76	-1.32	-0.88	-1.15	-0.16	-1.10	-0.35	-1.11	-0.31	-1.21	-0.71	-1.27
	IGLO-III	-0.43	-1.01	-0.57	-1.10	-0.56	-1.17	-0.72	-1.02	-0.02	-1.06	-0.15	-1.01	-0.24	-1.15	–	–
m5	IGLO-II	-0.45	-0.90	-0.56	-0.91	-0.62	-1.01	-0.73	-1.04	-0.14	-0.89	-0.26	-1.05	-0.24	-1.18	-0.57	-1.13
	IGLO-III	-0.62	-0.99	-0.96	-1.19	-0.95	-0.95	-0.83	-1.04	0.05	-1.12	-0.21	-1.28	-0.25	-1.08	–	–
m6	IGLO-II	-0.37	-0.75	-0.57	-0.99	-0.67	-1.01	-0.70	-0.97	-0.12	-0.90	-0.25	-0.88	-0.23	-0.92	-0.62	-1.02
	IGLO-III	-0.34	-0.77	-0.50	-0.91	-0.52	-0.96	-0.50	-0.84	-0.05	-0.80	-0.15	-0.81	-0.21	-0.91	–	–
m7	IGLO-II	-0.49	-0.72	-0.76	-0.81	-0.80	-0.92	-0.84	-0.86	-0.22	-0.82	-0.41	-0.86	-0.25	-0.83	-0.74	-0.96
	IGLO-III	-0.38	-0.67	-0.65	-0.78	-0.59	-0.88	-0.66	-0.73	-0.06	-0.77	-0.16	-0.75	-0.22	-0.78	–	–
m8	IGLO-II	-0.47	-0.80	-0.83	-1.01	-0.84	-1.22	-0.87	-1.26	-0.21	-1.27	-0.33	-0.94	-0.34	-1.00	-0.82	-1.05
	IGLO-III	-0.28	-0.77	-0.71	-1.22	-0.51	-1.02	-0.74	-1.14	-0.08	-1.21	-0.23	-1.15	-0.25	-1.20	–	–
m9	IGLO-II	-0.39	-0.60	-0.53	-0.69	-0.58	-0.78	-0.67	-0.72	-0.14	-0.65	-0.22	-0.69	-0.20	-0.74	-0.53	-0.75
	IGLO-III	-0.30	-0.62	-0.46	-0.68	-0.48	-0.69	-0.50	-0.62	-0.07	-0.61	-0.15	-0.61	-0.22	-0.67	–	–
m10	IGLO-II	-0.54	-0.95	-0.80	-1.15	-0.89	-1.26	-0.89	-1.16	-0.21	-1.04	-0.38	-1.05	-0.30	-1.12	-0.79	-1.24
	IGLO-III	-0.38	-0.91	-0.63	-1.02	-0.62	-1.12	-0.74	-1.04	-0.03	-0.96	-0.22	-1.06	-0.28	-1.02	–	–
m11	IGLO-II	-0.55	-1.01	-0.79	-1.41	-1.00	-1.36	-0.92	-1.43	-0.17	-1.19	-0.47	-1.29	-0.37	-1.30	-0.82	-1.41
	IGLO-III	-0.48	-0.99	-0.68	-1.29	-0.78	-1.50	-0.73	-1.10	0.05	-0.99	-0.25	-1.26	-0.32	-1.35	–	–
m12	IGLO-II	-0.33	-0.56	-0.47	-0.67	-0.59	-0.77	-0.56	-0.66	-0.16	-0.65	-0.28	-0.63	-0.16	-0.71	-0.49	-0.78
	IGLO-III	-0.26	-0.60	-0.40	-0.64	-0.38	-0.68	-0.47	-0.63	-0.01	-0.60	-0.13	-0.63	-0.13	-0.65	–	–
m13	IGLO-II	-0.48	-0.95	-0.78	-1.13	-0.79	-1.23	-0.92	-1.05	-0.17	-1.00	-0.34	-1.09	-0.26	-1.07	-0.82	-1.17
	IGLO-III	-0.41	-0.92	-0.66	-0.98	-0.62	-1.13	-0.69	-1.02	-0.08	-0.90	-0.20	-1.01	-0.22	-1.06	–	–
m14	IGLO-II	-0.62	-1.17	-0.79	-1.26	-0.90	-1.57	-1.02	-1.29	-0.14	-1.06	-0.52	-1.18	-0.26	-1.16	-1.00	-1.28
	IGLO-III	-0.23	-0.36	-0.26	-0.43	-0.24	-0.39	-0.33	-0.38	0.00	-0.30	-0.06	-0.35	-0.08	-0.33	–	–
m15	IGLO-II	-0.36	-0.61	-0.58	-0.64	-0.63	-0.77	-0.61	-0.65	-0.10	-0.57	-0.25	-0.67	-0.20	-0.67	-0.55	-0.76
	IGLO-III	-0.25	-0.56	-0.44	-0.64	-0.41	-0.66	-0.50	-0.62	-0.06	-0.60	-0.10	-0.65	-0.18	-0.60	–	–
r1	IGLO-II	-4.55	-8.06	-4.68	-8.54	-4.99	-9.21	-4.55	-8.13	-4.92	-9.37	-4.79	-9.37	-4.93	-10.31	-3.19	-9.86
	IGLO-III	-3.61	-8.12	-3.61	-8.64	-3.99	-9.05	-3.47	-7.83	-4.02	-9.31	-3.87	-9.33	-4.80	-10.29	–	–
r2	IGLO-II	-2.94	-8.56	-2.83	-9.17	-3.08	-9.96	-2.60	-8.79	-3.47	-9.65	-3.22	-9.75	-2.52	-10.97	-1.95	-10.28
	IGLO-III	-2.42	-8.53	-2.23	-9.15	-2.59	-9.65	-2.05	-8.37	-3.04	-9.49	-2.79	-9.60	-2.07	-10.87	–	–
r3	IGLO-II	-3.15	-8.51	-3.07	-9.10	-3.37	-9.85	-2.85	-8.72	-3.58	-9.72	-3.35	-9.80	-2.48	-10.65	-2.25	-10.28
	IGLO-III	-2.68	-8.44	-2.51	-9.05	-2.90	-9.52	-2.33	-8.26	-3.18	-9.54	-2.96	-9.63	-2.27	-10.64	–	–
r4	IGLO-II	-3.09	-8.53	-3.01	-9.13	-3.30	-9.89	-2.79	-8.75	-3.53	-9.73	-3.30	-9.82	-2.26	-10.75	-2.22	-10.29
	IGLO-III	-2.61	-8.47	-2.45	-9.09	-2.83	-9.56	-2.27	-8.29	-3.14	-9.56	-2.91	-9.65	-2.16	-10.71	–	–
<i>experimental for uncomplexed radical</i>		<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>

**Table S5** The principal components of the g tensors calculated at the DFT level for the S = 1 counterparts of **m2**, **m5**, **m8**, **m11** and **m14**.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	UB3LYP				UPBE0				TPSS0			
				$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$	$g_z$	$g_y$	$g_x$	$g_{iso}$
<b>m2(S=1)</b>	4	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_2]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	2.00231	2.00412	2.00421	2.00355	2.00232	2.00403	2.00419	2.00351	2.00232	2.00385	2.00410	2.00342
			IGLO-III	2.00231	2.00406	2.00431	2.00356	2.00232	2.00397	2.00429	2.00353	2.00231	2.00380	2.00419	2.00344
<b>m5(S=1)</b>	5	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_4]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	2.00236	2.00414	2.00479	2.00377	2.00236	2.00410	2.00473	2.00373	2.00236	2.00398	2.00455	2.00363
			IGLO-III	2.00235	2.00416	2.00469	2.00373	2.00236	2.00410	2.00463	2.00370	2.00235	2.00397	2.00448	2.00360
<b>m8(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	2.00231	2.00490	2.00641	2.00454	2.00232	2.00487	2.00628	2.00449	2.00232	2.00477	2.00592	2.00434
			IGLO-III	2.00231	2.00509	2.00629	2.00456	2.00232	2.00506	2.00616	2.00451	2.00232	2.00495	2.00582	2.00436
<b>m11(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	2.00234	2.00461	2.00490	2.00395	2.00235	2.00458	2.00478	2.00390	2.00235	2.00447	2.00454	2.00379
			IGLO-III	2.00235	2.00471	2.00482	2.00396	2.00235	2.00466	2.00472	2.00391	2.00235	2.00446	2.00458	2.00380
<b>m14(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	2.00235	2.00452	2.00502	2.00396	2.00236	2.00447	2.00495	2.00393	2.00236	2.00435	2.00474	2.00382
			IGLO-III	2.00235	2.00456	2.00491	2.00394	2.00235	2.00450	2.00484	2.00390	2.00235	2.00436	2.00467	2.00379
<i>experimental for complex (1)</i>				<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>	<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>	<b>2.00204</b>	<b>2.00377</b>	<b>2.00455</b>	<b>2.00367</b>

**Table S6** The isotropic hyperfine coupling constant due to  $^{27}Al$  ( $a_{Al}$ ) calculated at the DFT and DLPNO-CCSD level for the S = 1 counterparts of **m2**, **m5**, **m8**, **m11** and **m14**. The values are given in MHz.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	B3LYP	PBE0	TPSS0	wB97X	B2PLYP	mPW2PLYP	DSD-BLYP	DLPNO-CCSD
<b>m2(S=1)</b>	4	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_2]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-7.06	-6.30	-6.08	-7.27	-6.63	-6.93	-7.17	-6.26
			IGLO-III	-6.66	-5.93	-5.79	-6.96	-6.66	-6.61	-7.17	-
<b>m5(S=1)</b>	5	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_4]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-7.29	-7.05	-6.78	-7.36	-6.98	-7.16	-6.54	-6.75
			IGLO-III	-6.86	-6.61	-6.58	-6.89	-6.86	-6.74	-6.54	-
<b>m8(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-8.53	-8.42	-8.27	-8.68	-8.44	-8.57	-8.70	-8.11
			IGLO-III	-7.96	-7.84	-8.06	-8.01	-7.96	-7.96	-8.70	-
<b>m11(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-6.83	-6.39	-7.72	-6.70	-6.65	-6.85	-7.54	-6.11
			IGLO-III	-6.44	-6.01	-7.43	-6.35	-6.44	-6.47	-7.54	-
<b>m14(S=1)</b>	6	$[Al_2(sq)_2(H_2O)_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-7.98	-7.85	-7.79	-8.12	-7.76	-7.93	-7.37	-7.75
			IGLO-III	-7.52	-7.37	-7.53	-7.56	-7.52	-7.45	-7.37	-
<i>experimental for complex 1</i>				$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.5$

**Table S7** The isotropic hyperfine coupling constant due to  $^1\text{H}$  calculated at the DFT and DLPNO-CCSD level for the  $S = 1$  counterparts of **m2**, **m5**, **m8**, **m11** and **m14**. The values are given in MHz.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	B3LYP		PBE0		TPSS0		wB97X	
				H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2
<b>m2(S=1)</b>	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-1.51	-7.49	-2.11	-8.32	-2.26	-9.28	-2.41	-8.23
			IGLO-III	-1.24	-7.12	-1.75	-7.84	-1.73	-8.51	-1.96	-7.42
<b>m5(S=1)</b>	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.02	-6.82	-0.31	-7.49	-0.21	-8.21	-0.31	-7.29
			IGLO-III	-0.07	-6.54	-0.22	-7.13	-0.05	-7.62	-0.24	-6.66
<b>m8(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.73	-5.72	-1.15	-6.31	-1.23	-7.01	-1.43	-6.24
			IGLO-III	-0.57	-5.53	-0.93	-6.06	-0.86	-6.56	-1.13	-5.76
<b>m11(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-1.23	-6.89	-1.78	-7.66	-1.91	-8.55	-2.09	-7.62
			IGLO-III	-1.00	-6.60	-1.46	-7.27	-1.44	-7.90	-1.69	-6.93
<b>m14(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.36	-6.48	-0.72	-7.12	-0.68	-7.82	-0.82	-6.95
			IGLO-III	-0.25	-6.23	-0.57	-6.79	-0.43	-7.27	-0.64	-6.36

**Table S7** Continued.

model	c.n.	composition	basis set	B2PLYP		mPW2PLYP		DSD-BLYP		DLPNO-CCSD	
				H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2
<b>m2(S=1)</b>	4	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.63	-7.60	-1.07	-7.93	-0.78	-7.27	-2.19	-8.88
			IGLO-III	-0.27	-7.15	-0.68	-7.44	-0.71	-7.03	–	–
<b>m5(S=1)</b>	5	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.28	-8.05	-0.06	-8.14	-0.68	-8.92	-0.11	-8.33
			IGLO-III	-0.46	-7.61	-0.23	-7.69	-0.61	-8.50	–	–
<b>m8(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.08	-5.88	-0.44	-6.16	-0.81	-7.89	-1.17	-6.69
			IGLO-III	-0.21	-5.61	-0.13	-5.86	-0.80	-7.64	–	–
<b>m11(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.33	-6.93	-0.75	-7.26	-1.22	-6.41	-1.84	-8.08
			IGLO-III	-0.01	-6.58	-0.40	-6.88	-1.13	-6.08	–	–
<b>m14(S=1)</b>	6	$[\text{Al}_2(\text{sq})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{*..4+}$	IGLO-II	-0.19	-7.59	-0.44	-7.72	-0.59	-7.68	-0.66	-7.87
			IGLO-III	-0.07	-7.18	-0.17	-7.29	-0.51	-7.38	–	–