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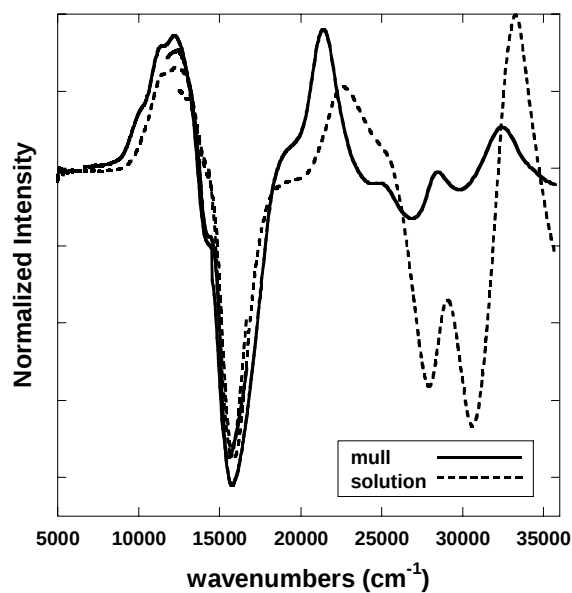


Figure S1. Comparison of the mull (solid curves) and the solution (dotted curves) MCD spectra of the $\mu_3\text{O}$ complex.

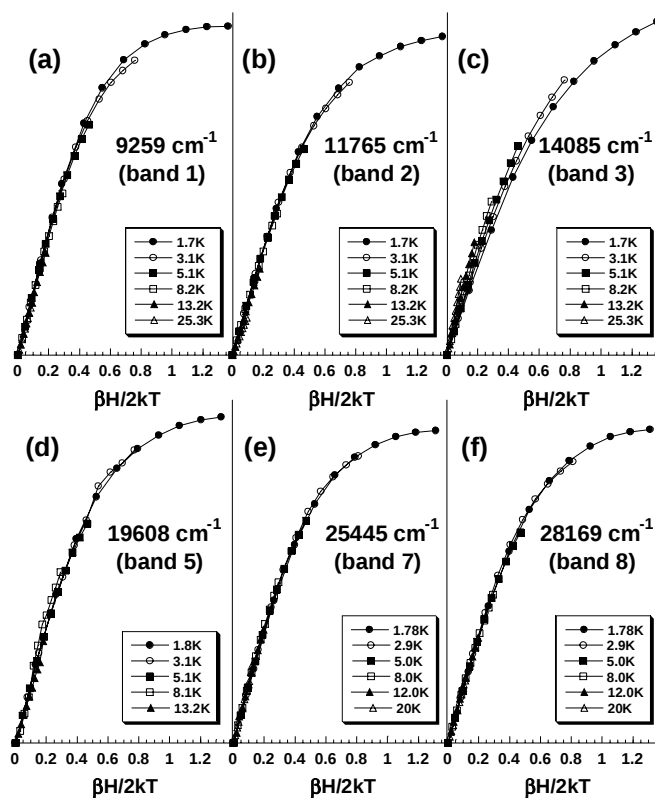


Figure S2. VTVH MCD plots of the TrisOH mull sample: (a) 9259 cm^{-1} (1080 nm, band 1), (b) 11765 cm^{-1} (850 nm, band 2), (c) 14085 cm^{-1} (710 nm, band 3), (d) 19608 cm^{-1} (510 nm, band 5), (e) 25445 cm^{-1} (393 nm, band 7) and (f) 28169 cm^{-1} (355 nm, band 8).

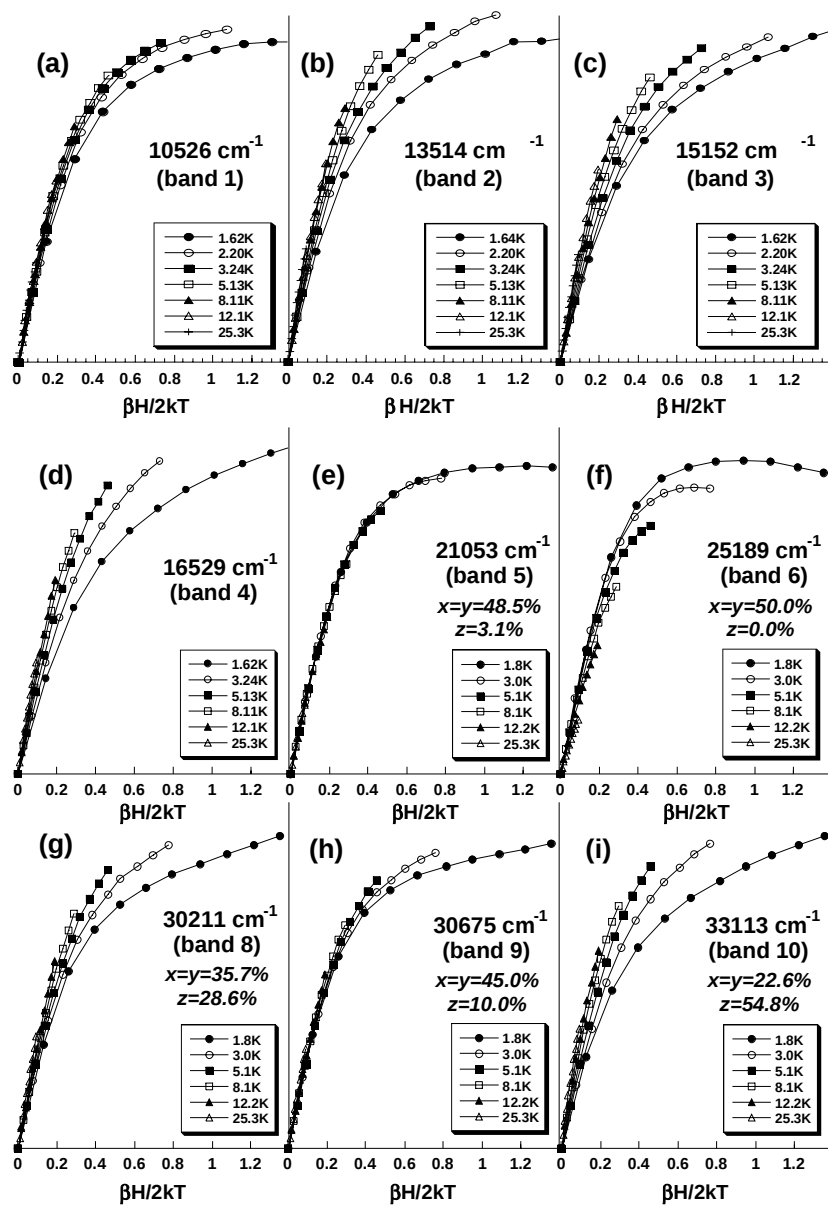


Figure S3. VTVH MCD plots of the $\mu_3\text{O}$ solution: (a) 10526 cm^{-1} (950 nm, band 1), (b) 13514 cm^{-1} (740 nm, band 2), (c) 15152 cm^{-1} (660 nm, band 3), (d) 16529 cm^{-1} (605 nm, band 4), (e) 21053 cm^{-1} (475 nm, band 5), (f) 25189 cm^{-1} (397 nm, band 6), (g) 30211 cm^{-1} (331 nm, band 8), (h) 30675 cm^{-1} (326 nm, band 9) and (i) 33113 cm^{-1} (302 nm, band 10). From (e) to (i), polarizations obtained from orientation-averaged simulations are indicated.

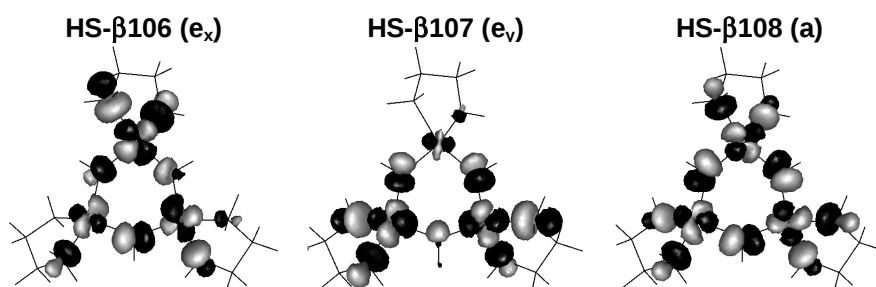


Figure S4. Contours of the metal-based, unoccupied acceptor MOs of TrisOH in the $S_{\text{tot}} = 3/2$ state.

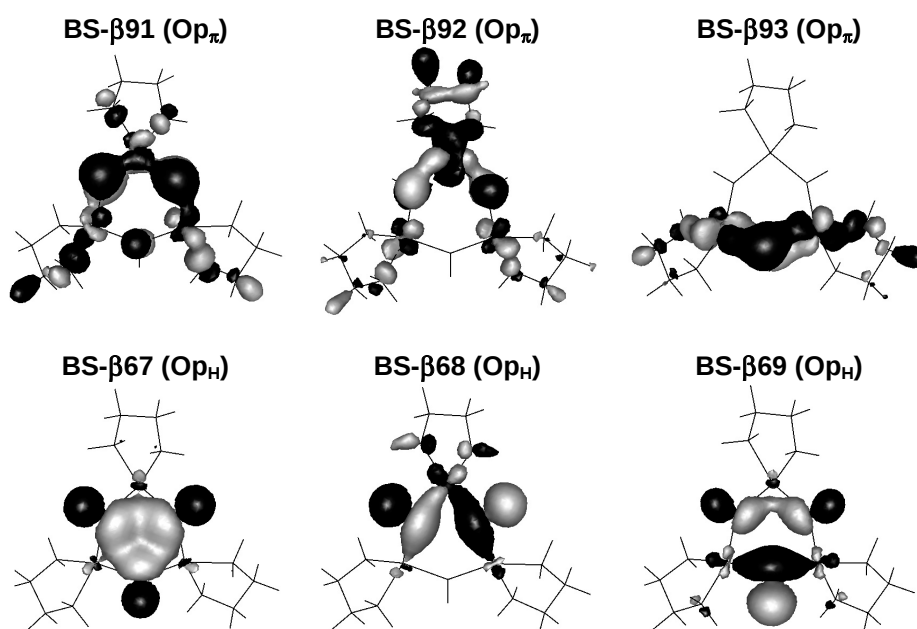


Figure S5. Contours of the OH-based Op_H (based on the in-plane O p -orbitals along the O-H bond) and Op_π (based on the out-of-plane O p -orbitals) MOs of TrisOH in the broken-symmetry $|\alpha_1\beta_2\alpha_3\rangle$ state.

Table S1. Coordinates of TrisOH Model Used in the DFT Calculations.

	x	y	z
Cu	-2.1076231121	-0.3278842891	0.0000000000
O	-0.6244225915	-1.6134194575	0.0000000000
H	-0.9777512878	-2.5263707216	0.0000000000
N	-3.7735579084	0.3802803872	-1.0078414709
N	-3.4796921769	-1.5086731921	1.0078414709
C	-5.0200589960	-0.0529174957	-0.2612262915
C	-4.7988835438	-1.4746217421	0.2612262915
H	-3.7391285730	-0.0620096268	-1.9363737452
H	-3.7786749995	1.3928912268	-1.1662961315
H	-3.5812528059	-1.0768268319	1.9363737452
H	-3.1769474703	-2.4749819062	1.1662961315
H	-5.9024700228	-0.0128014964	-0.9090935037
H	-5.1787995763	0.6491146960	0.5648307037
H	-5.6274044297	-1.7809085231	0.9090935037
H	-4.7368523442	-2.1916990793	-0.5648307037
Cu	0.7698554287	1.9891972981	0.0000000000
O	-1.0850509393	1.3474755578	0.0000000000
H	-1.6990255827	2.1099428196	0.0000000000
N	2.2161114343	3.0778568140	-1.0078414709
N	0.4332967795	3.7678384187	1.0078414709
C	2.4642016034	4.3739573624	-0.2612262915
C	1.1223818817	4.8932659319	0.2612262915
H	1.8158623693	3.2691851506	-1.9363737452
H	3.0956166854	2.5759829362	-1.1662961315
H	0.8580670112	3.6398693261	1.9363737452
H	-0.5549234732	3.9888081797	1.1662961315
H	2.9401485742	5.1180896855	-0.9090935037
H	3.1515496040	4.1604146464	0.5648307037
H	1.2713902045	5.7639294620	0.9090935037
H	0.4703590930	5.1980839974	-0.5648307037
Cu	1.3377676797	-1.6613130096	0.0000000000
O	1.7094735377	0.2659439054	0.0000000000
H	2.6767768722	0.4164279077	0.0000000000
N	1.5574464757	-3.4581372055	-1.0078414709
N	3.0463954011	-2.2591652256	1.0078414709
C	2.5558573943	-4.3210398697	-0.2612262915
C	3.6765016584	-3.4186441836	0.2612262915
H	1.9232662053	-3.2071755143	-1.9363737452
H	0.6830583158	-3.9688741567	-1.1662961315
H	2.7231857910	-2.5630424880	1.9363737452
H	3.7318709451	-1.5138262672	1.1662961315
H	2.9623214238	-5.1052882257	-0.9090935037
H	2.0272499739	-4.8095293414	0.5648307037
H	4.3560142744	-3.9830209538	0.9090935037
H	4.2664932481	-3.0063849276	-0.5648307037

Table S2. Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of Cu, O $2p_{xy}$ and O $2p_z$ in α -MO's from a Mulliken Population Analysis of the unrestricted broken-symmetry DFT Calculation on the TrisOH Model.

α -MO #	E (eV)	Cu ₁	Cu ₂	Cu ₃	O ₁₂		O ₂₃		O ₁₃	
					$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$
$x'^2-y'^2$										
108 (LUMO)	-13.52	2.1	51.9	2.1	6.0	1.6	6.0	1.6	0.5	0.1
107 (HOMO)	-14.48	19.8	5.2	19.7	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.1	13.2	4.5
106	-14.73	17.4	16.3	17.6	7.9	0.3	8.0	0.2	1.0	0.0
Op_π										
93	-16.80	19.7	16.1	19.7	0.3	7.8	0.3	7.9	0.1	0.0
92	-16.86	11.2	6.1	11.2	0.6	21.6	0.6	21.6	0.3	7.4
91	-16.89	26.4	0.3	26.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	23.5
Op_σ										
81	-18.48	7.4	8.7	7.6	16.1	0.0	16.7	0.0	11.8	0.1
80	-18.58	7.0	7.0	6.8	17.1	0.1	16.6	0.1	0.3	0.0
79	-18.73	13.6	3.6	13.6	7.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	24.2	0.0
Op_H										
69	-20.23	4.6	3.3	4.6	29.5	0.0	29.5	0.0	0.1	0.0
68	-20.26	7.5	1.3	7.5	8.7	0.0	8.7	0.0	37.8	0.0
67	-20.87	3.7	3.5	3.7	20.4	0.0	20.5	0.0	18.9	0.0

Table S3. Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of Cu, O $2p_{xy}$ and O $2p_z$ in β -MO's from a Mulliken Population Analysis of the unrestricted broken-symmetry DFT Calculation on the TrisOH Model.

β -MO #	E (eV)	Cu ₁	Cu ₂	Cu ₃	O ₁₂		O ₂₃		O ₁₃	
					$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$
$x'^2-y'^2$										
108	-13.36	25.9	2.1	25.7	3.1	0.7	3.1	0.7	8.9	2.6
107 (LUMO)	-13.82	29.4	1.9	29.6	3.3	1.1	3.3	1.1	1.0	0.0
106 (HOMO)	-14.52	6.3	35.1	6.3	6.1	1.5	6.1	1.5	2.8	0.6
Op_π										
93	-16.68	26.5	0.1	26.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	29.2
92	-16.79	7.1	38.7	7.4	0.2	9.6	0.2	10.5	0.1	0.0
91	-16.80	7.6	10.7	7.1	0.8	22.1	0.7	21.2	0.1	5.8
Op_σ										
81	-18.29	13.1	0.3	13.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	48.2	0.2
80	-18.45	5.2	10.4	5.1	21.1	0.1	20.7	0.1	0.0	0.0
79	-18.59	5.1	18.6	5.2	20.1	0.0	20.4	0.0	0.3	0.0
Op_H										
69	-20.08	4.1	1.7	4.1	8.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	44.8	0.0
68	-20.23	2.0	9.8	2.0	28.8	0.0	28.8	0.0	0.2	0.0
67	-20.84	3.4	4.1	3.4	22.4	0.0	22.4	0.0	15.3	0.0

Table S4. Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of Cu, O $2p_{xy}$ and O $2p_z$ in β -MO's from a Mulliken Population Analysis of the DFT Calculation on the TrisOH Model with S = 3/2.

β -MO #	E (eV)	Cu ₁	Cu ₂	Cu ₃	O ₁₂		O ₂₃		O ₁₃	
					$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$	$2p_{xy}$	$2p_z$
$x'^2-y'^2$										
108	-13.19	17.7	17.7	17.7	5.4	1.4	5.4	1.4	5.4	1.4
107	-13.76	30.9	2.5	26.6	3.5	1.2	4.0	1.4	0.9	0.0
106 (LUMO)	-13.76	9.1	37.5	13.4	2.1	0.5	1.6	0.3	4.7	1.7
Op_π										
93	-16.69	9.8	36.3	11.6	0.3	10.0	0.3	10.7	0.1	0.0
92	-16.69	28.7	2.1	26.9	0.2	3.9	0.1	3.2	0.3	13.6
91	-16.70	6.8	6.7	6.7	0.7	19.8	0.7	19.8	0.7	20.0
Op_σ										
81	-18.27	11.8	11.8	11.8	19.4	0.0	19.4	0.0	19.4	0.0
80	-18.33	6.0	9.8	5.2	23.3	0.2	19.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
79	-18.33	8.0	4.2	8.8	5.3	0.0	9.2	0.1	28.4	0.2
Op_H										
69	-20.08	2.0	4.2	3.7	14.9	0.0	39.8	0.0	6.5	0.0
68	-20.08	4.6	2.4	2.9	25.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	34.3	0.0
67	-20.80	3.6	3.6	3.6	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0