

Electronic Supplementary Information for:  
A comparative test of different density  
functionals for calculations of NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR over  
Cu-CHA

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# Excitation energies of triplet O<sub>2</sub> to singlet O<sub>2</sub> in gas phase

The excitation energies of triplet O<sub>2</sub> to singlet O<sub>2</sub> in gas phase have been investigated. For triplet O<sub>2</sub>, there is simply just one case with the two spin-parallel electrons occupying the degenerate antibonding molecular orbitals  $\pi_x^*$  and  $\pi_y^*$  respectively. However, for singlet O<sub>2</sub>, three possible arrangements of electrons in the antibonding molecular orbitals  $\pi_x^*$  and  $\pi_y^*$  are possible (see Figure S1). The singlet states are not described properly in DFT and it has been argued that a spin unpolarized calculation is preferable for this spin state.<sup>S1</sup> The results show a clear functional dependence of the triplet-singlet excitation.

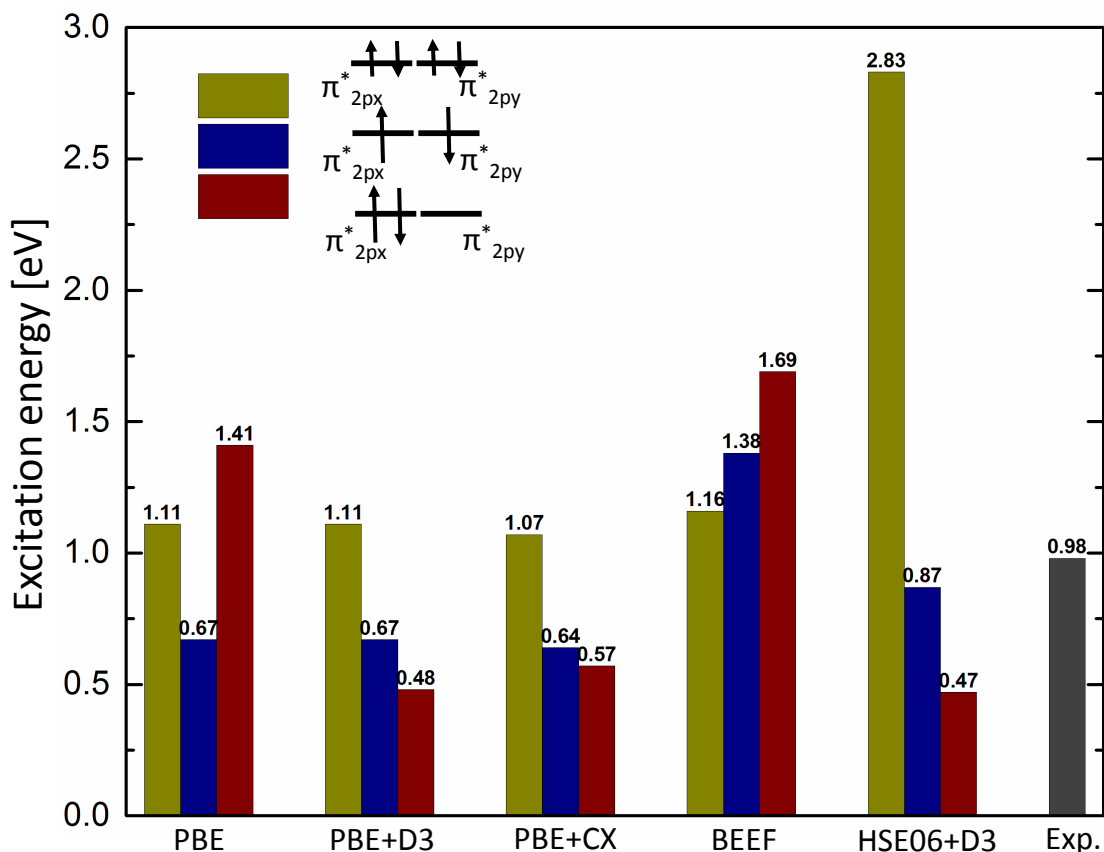


Figure S1: The excitation energies of triplet O<sub>2</sub> to singlet O<sub>2</sub> in gas phase calculated by different functionals compared with experimental value. Here, three cases of the singlet state are considered. A long arrow refers to one electron, whereas a short arrow corresponds to half an electron.

## O<sub>2</sub> adsorption over Cu<sup>+</sup>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-pairs in gas phase

Figure S2 shows that the zeolite stabilizes the O<sub>2</sub> adsorption by 0.5±0.1 eV for PBE-cx and BEEF. For the BEEF functional, the zeolite stabilization is needed in order to obtain an exothermic adsorption of molecular O<sub>2</sub> adsorption (C2).

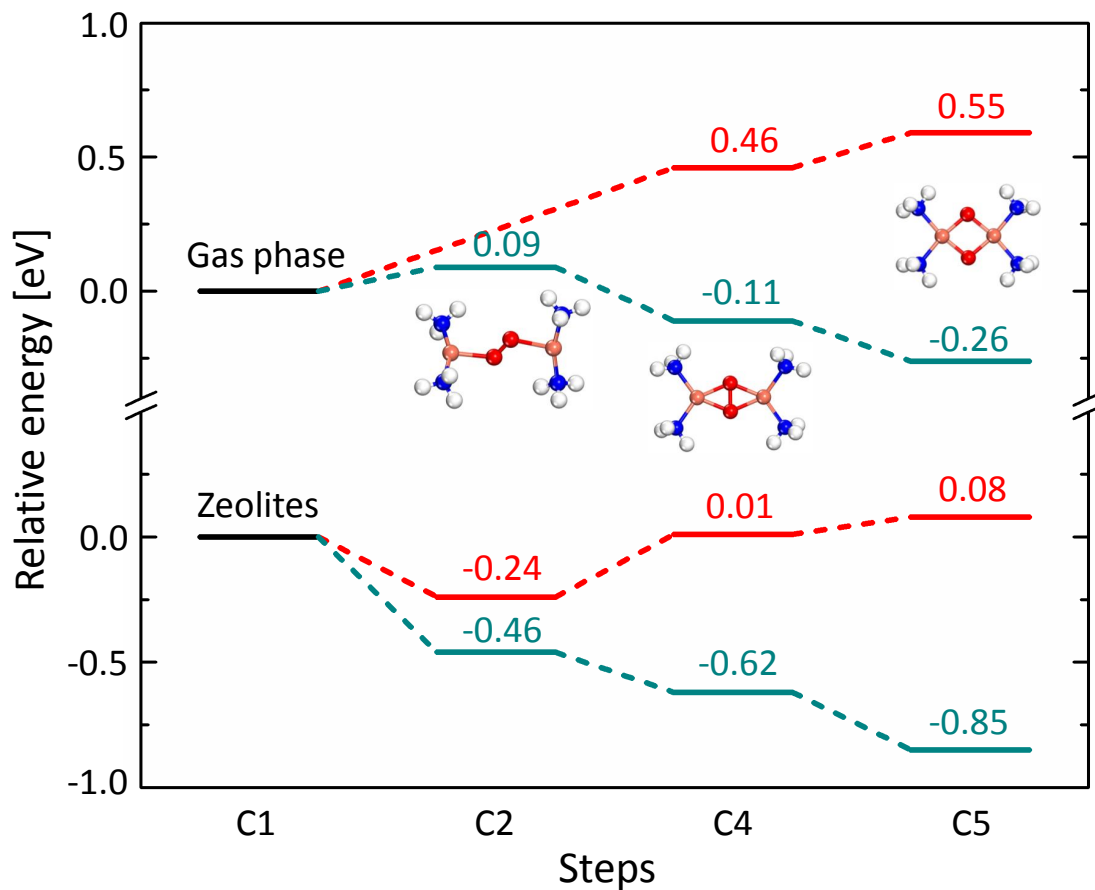


Figure S2: The potential energy landscape of O<sub>2</sub> dissociation on pairs of Cu(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> in the gas-phase. The dissociation steps in zeolites are also shown in the figure for comparison. All energies are zero-point energy corrected. The BEEF (PBE-cx) results are shown in red (turquoise). Atom color codes: copper (pink), nitrogen (blue), oxygen (red), carbon (grey) and hydrogen (white).

# Geometries of $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_2$ crystal structure from enzymatic catalysis

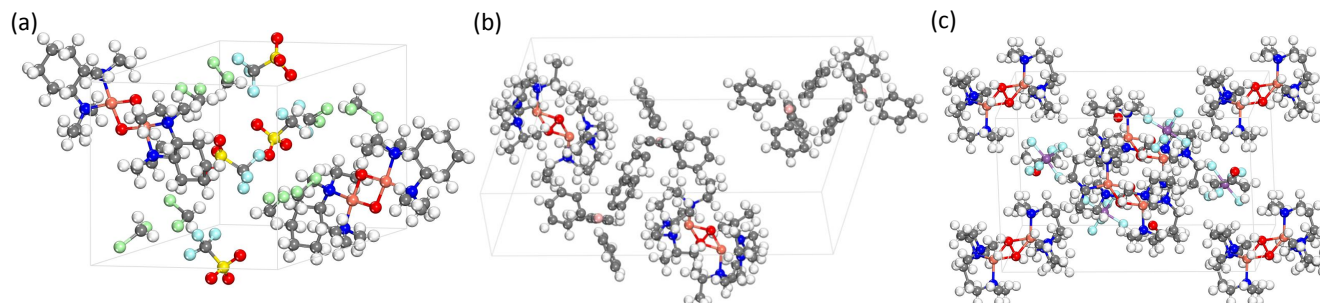


Figure S3: The geometries of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_2$  crystal structure from enzymatic catalysis: (a) bis  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_2$  crystal taken from Ref. [62], (b) side-on  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_2$  crystal taken from Ref. [63], (c) side-on  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_2$  crystal taken from Ref. [64].

## Structures

The C1-5 structures are added to the ESI as .cif files. The corresponding wavenumbers from the vibrational analysis are given below.

The vibrational wavenumbers for C1:

$$1 \text{ f} = 3432.026211 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$2 \text{ f} = 3416.093311 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$3 \text{ f} = 3393.784482 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$4 \text{ f} = 3386.297972 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$5 \text{ f} = 3369.088250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$6 \text{ f} = 3358.733490 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$7 \text{ f} = 3344.085117 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$8 \text{ f} = 3293.423151 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$9 \text{ f} = 3273.627732 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$10 \text{ f} = 3272.638503 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

11 f = 3224.750826 cm-1  
12 f = 3125.639873 cm-1  
13 f = 1629.414427 cm-1  
14 f = 1622.442476 cm-1  
15 f = 1621.359058 cm-1  
16 f = 1611.137319 cm-1  
17 f = 1603.938142 cm-1  
18 f = 1599.439692 cm-1  
19 f = 1597.376882 cm-1  
20 f = 1592.240733 cm-1  
21 f = 1295.199455 cm-1  
22 f = 1282.649049 cm-1  
23 f = 1279.137856 cm-1  
24 f = 1273.000911 cm-1  
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37 f = 294.452161 cm-1

38 f = 250.803728 cm-1  
39 f = 241.760318 cm-1  
40 f = 207.210343 cm-1  
41 f = 192.953559 cm-1  
42 f = 184.164603 cm-1  
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44 f = 160.609697 cm-1  
45 f = 130.554015 cm-1  
46 f = 117.448957 cm-1  
47 f = 107.556549 cm-1  
48 f = 96.318427 cm-1  
49 f = 67.245405 cm-1  
50 f = 58.344244 cm-1  
51 f = 54.741301 cm-1  
52 f = 47.987158 cm-1  
53 f = 42.021596 cm-1  
54 f = 35.778719 cm-1

The vibrational wavenumbers for C2:

1 f = 3431.473427 cm-1  
2 f = 3427.270626 cm-1  
3 f = 3411.798101 cm-1  
4 f = 3401.872855 cm-1  
5 f = 3401.109711 cm-1  
6 f = 3348.832422 cm-1  
7 f = 3341.256851 cm-1  
8 f = 3323.865923 cm-1

9 f = 3283.871198 cm-1  
10 f = 3259.322178 cm-1  
11 f = 3255.046320 cm-1  
12 f = 3226.044113 cm-1  
13 f = 1623.532860 cm-1  
14 f = 1613.706454 cm-1  
15 f = 1610.722002 cm-1  
16 f = 1607.999946 cm-1  
17 f = 1604.551102 cm-1  
18 f = 1597.100764 cm-1  
19 f = 1594.002411 cm-1  
20 f = 1587.632445 cm-1  
21 f = 1298.631191 cm-1  
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23 f = 1284.266356 cm-1  
24 f = 1268.871007 cm-1  
25 f = 1183.279334 cm-1  
26 f = 784.417762 cm-1  
27 f = 746.414570 cm-1  
28 f = 744.005704 cm-1  
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30 f = 691.245604 cm-1  
31 f = 681.634649 cm-1  
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55 f = 54.748598 cm-1  
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The vibrational wavenumbers for C3:

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5 f = 3358.284421 cm-1  
6 f = 3332.486061 cm-1  
7 f = 3320.508836 cm-1  
8 f = 3290.959496 cm-1  
9 f = 3264.715970 cm-1  
10 f = 3256.368725 cm-1  
11 f = 3230.141118 cm-1  
12 f = 3175.560202 cm-1  
13 f = 1621.499581 cm-1  
14 f = 1619.315521 cm-1  
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16 f = 1610.501557 cm-1  
17 f = 1608.473110 cm-1  
18 f = 1601.439765 cm-1  
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20 f = 1586.438857 cm-1  
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22 f = 1298.336255 cm-1  
23 f = 1295.592572 cm-1  
24 f = 1283.238023 cm-1  
25 f = 964.649405 cm-1  
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39 f = 392.504585 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
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41 f = 259.194337 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
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The vibrational wavenumbers for C4:

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24 f = 1238.673733 cm-1  
25 f = 840.064912 cm-1  
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31 f = 699.848682 cm-1  
32 f = 682.016293 cm-1  
33 f = 680.292587 cm-1  
34 f = 573.504180 cm-1  
35 f = 471.860470 cm-1  
36 f = 461.618103 cm-1  
37 f = 447.015287 cm-1  
38 f = 440.437465 cm-1  
39 f = 386.626096 cm-1  
40 f = 300.128450 cm-1  
41 f = 255.135159 cm-1  
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The vibrational wavenumbers for C5:

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