

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Designed Copper-amine Complex as an Efficient Template for One-pot Synthesis of Cu-SSZ-13 Zeolite with Excellent Activity for Selective Catalytic Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> by NH<sub>3</sub>

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#### Synthesis procedure:

Tetraethylenepentamine (TEPA) was the amine complexed with CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O to form a Cu-TEPA complex. All chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The chemical composition of the starting gels and the corresponding products are given in Table 1. As a typical run for the synthesis of Cu-ZJM-1-10, NaAlO<sub>2</sub> (0.471 g) and NaOH (0.250 g) were dissolved in water. Then CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.999 g) was added to this solution followed by adding TEPA (0.841 g). After one hour stirring, silica sol (3.21 mL, 31.5 wt %) was added in the above gel drop wise under vigorously stirring. After being stirred for three hours, the final gel was transferred to a Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 140 °C for 4 days. The product was collected by filtration, washed with deionized H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried under 80 °C for 24 hours.

#### Characterization:

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were collected on a Rigaku D/MAX 2550 diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=1.5418$  Å). The step size was 0.02°, and the scanning speed was 3°/min. The ratio of Si/Al and copper content were determined by inductively coupled plasma (ICP) analysis (Perkin-Elmer 3300DV). The <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Infinity Plus 400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS). The sample morphology was observed with a field emission scanning electron microscope (JEOS JSM 6700F). Surface area and pore volume of the sample obtained were measured by nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77K using a micromeritics ASAP2020M system. FTIR spectra were recorded using a Bruker 66V FTIR spectrometer. DTA-TG analysis was carried out on a NETZSCH STA 449C in air at a heating rate of 10 K/min from room temperature to 1000 °C. Elemental analysis was performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 element analyzer. UV/vis spectra were measured on a PERKIN ELMER Lambda 20 spectrophotometer.

#### Theoretical calculation:

Density functional theory (DFT), with the B3LYP hybrid exchange-correlation functional, was used to perform theoretical calculations. Geometry optimizations were all performed with the Gaussian 03 program, and a DGDZVP basis set was used. For all the systems considered we have determined equilibrium geometries in the gas phase and have evaluated vibrational frequencies. The solvation effect has been investigated with Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) solvent method implemented in the Gaussian 03 package. The PCM has been reported.<sup>1-3</sup>

#### Catalytic test:

Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) of NO<sub>x</sub> with NH<sub>3</sub> was measured in a flow-through powder reactor system using gas mixtures containing 1000 ppm NO, 1000 ppm NH<sub>3</sub>, and 10% O<sub>2</sub> with a balance of Ar. The total flow rate was held at 44 mL/min, over the 200 mg catalyst powder samples (SV~30,000 h<sup>-1</sup>). The temperature was varied from 108 to 550 °C in approximately 50 °C steps, as measured by a thermocouple of the catalyst powder bed.

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**Table S1. Products synthesized from the starting aluminosilicate gel in the absence of Cu-TEPA complex.**

Sample	Na <sub>2</sub> O/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O/SiO <sub>2</sub>	Products of zeolites
A	3.1/1.0/200/10	GME + PHI
B	3.3/1.0/200/15	GME + PHI + ANA
C	3.5/1.0/200/25	PHI + ANA
D	3.8/1.0/200/35	ECR-1 + PHI + ANA

**Table S2. Products synthesized from the aluminosilicate gel (xNa<sub>2</sub>O/1Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/200H<sub>2</sub>O/10SiO<sub>2</sub>/2TEPA) in the absence of Cu<sup>2+</sup>.**

Run	Na <sub>2</sub> O:Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Products
1	1.4	Amorphous + MOR + LTA
2	2.0	P + GME
3	2.8-4.0	P + GME + ANA
4	4.0-4.5	P + ANA

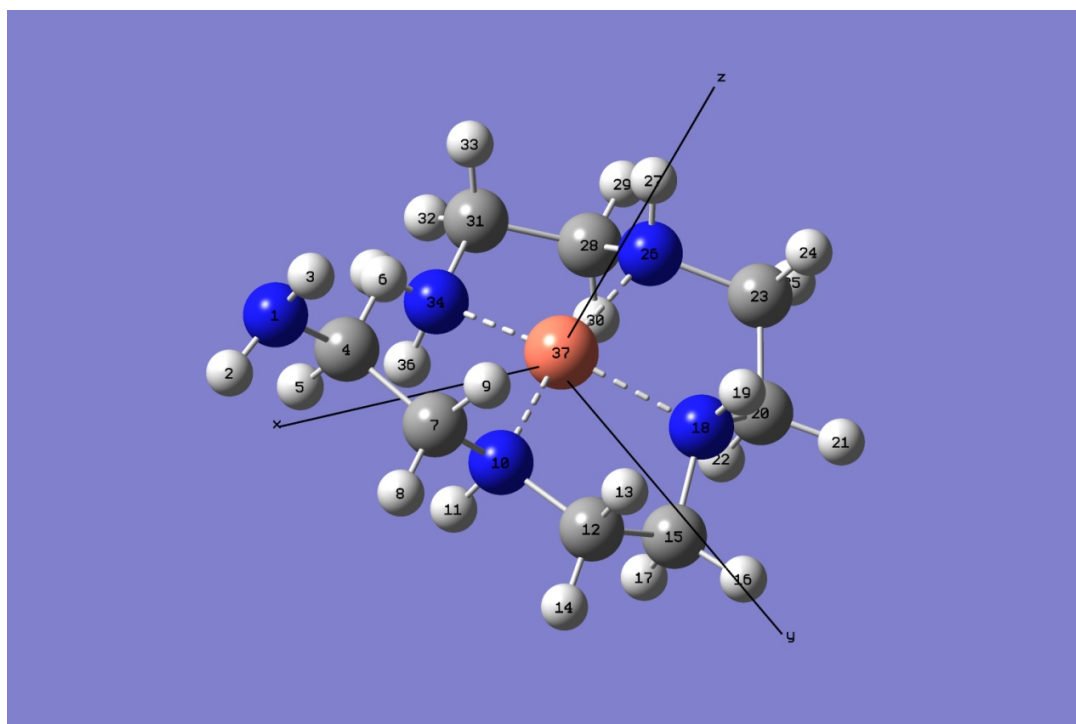
**Table S3. Textural parameters of products synthesized from the starting aluminosilicate gels in the presence of Cu-TEPA complexes with SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratios.**

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g) <sup>a</sup>	V <sub>Micropore</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) <sup>a</sup>
Cu-ZMM-1-10	586	0.27
Cu-ZMM-1-15	524	0.23
Cu-ZMM-1-25	558	0.25
Cu-ZMM-1-35	540	0.24

<sup>a</sup> BET surface areas and microporous volumes of samples after twice ion-exchange with NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> and calcination at 550 °C for 8 h

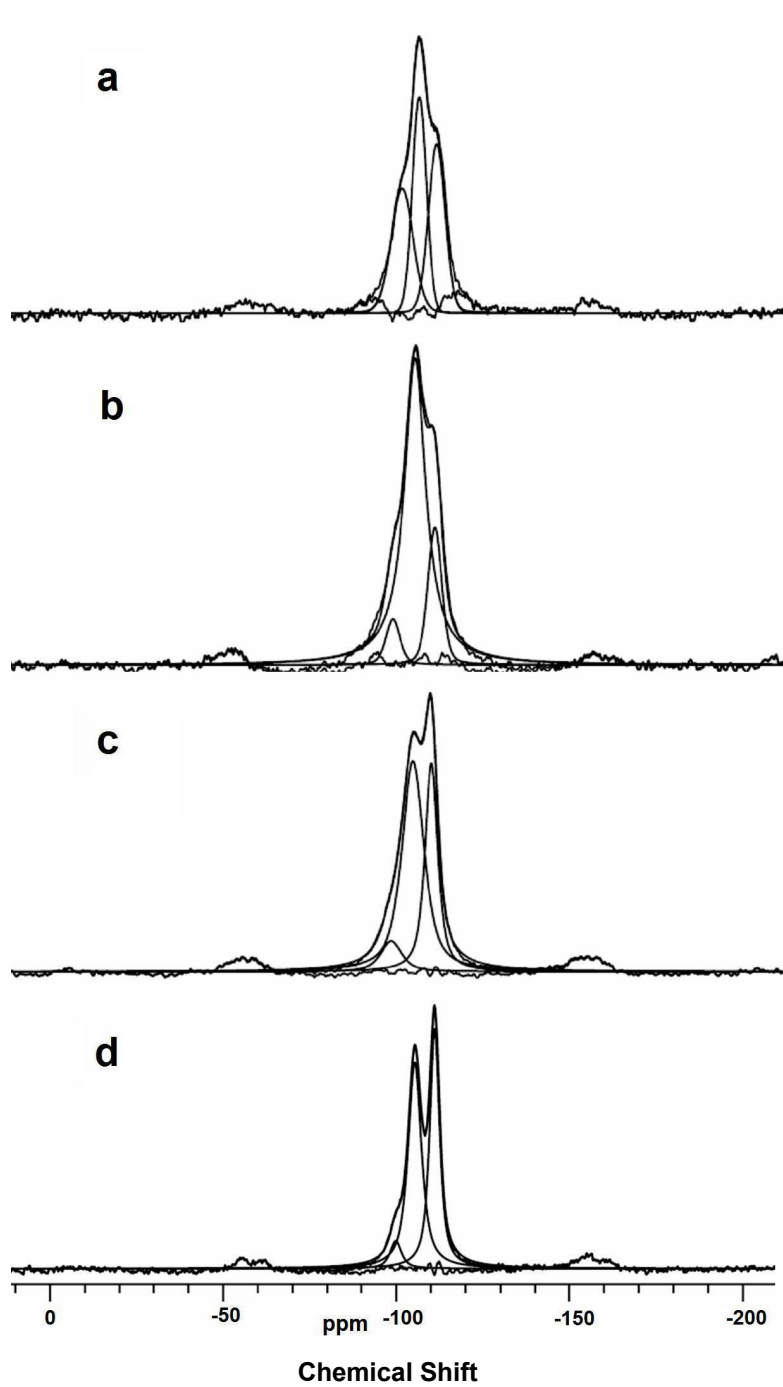
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Run	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}:\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	Products
1	2.6-3.9	Amorphous
2	3.9-4.5	Amorphous + LTA
3	4.5-4.8	P + GME + ANA
4	4.8-5.2	P+ANA



**Fig. S1.** Optimized geometry of Cu-TEPA complex.

Number	Atoms	x	y	z
1	N	4.40620400	-1.24824700	0.66946300
2	H	5.19584700	-0.91951700	0.12021400
3	H	4.54389500	-0.99827300	1.64509400
4	C	3.12234400	-0.85597500	0.13843400
5	H	3.06378000	-1.21025200	-0.90009100
6	H	2.34810900	-1.38557000	0.71328200
7	C	2.80244900	0.65549800	0.17729200
8	H	3.59870200	1.21842800	-0.32450700
9	H	2.75092800	1.00165700	1.21353400
10	N	1.48962500	0.98822700	-0.47997800
11	H	1.60685700	0.80110100	-1.48022200
12	C	1.13955300	2.44589600	-0.33671400
13	H	1.38476500	2.74354000	0.68678700
14	H	1.74913700	3.05750700	-1.00956500
15	C	-0.34750400	2.65786500	-0.60222600
16	H	-0.63050600	3.70066900	-0.42015800
17	H	-0.60750500	2.41822400	-1.63814300
18	N	-1.09538700	1.72572100	0.28982500
19	H	-1.00033400	2.04833700	1.25766800
20	C	-2.54176000	1.49711200	-0.00521600
21	H	-3.14000900	2.39118100	0.20338000
22	H	-2.63471700	1.27953200	-1.07374900
23	C	-3.01333300	0.31652200	0.84535900
24	H	-3.04692400	0.60040000	1.90110400
25	H	-4.02382700	0.01070300	0.55814200
26	N	-2.04728500	-0.82757400	0.71126400
27	H	-1.93770800	-1.26737600	1.62840200
28	C	-2.41588500	-1.89806600	-0.26535100
29	H	-3.28506100	-2.46590100	0.08453200
30	H	-2.68752600	-1.42117900	-1.21263700
31	C	-1.20818000	-2.81322300	-0.44075800
32	H	-1.40796000	-3.58263200	-1.19150300
33	H	-0.97158200	-3.32045500	0.49878800
34	N	-0.01421300	-1.98095800	-0.82270700
35	H	0.84636900	-2.48340400	-0.59136800
36	H	0.00977300	-1.87119300	-1.84107500
37	Cu	-0.21114500	-0.10274100	0.05283100



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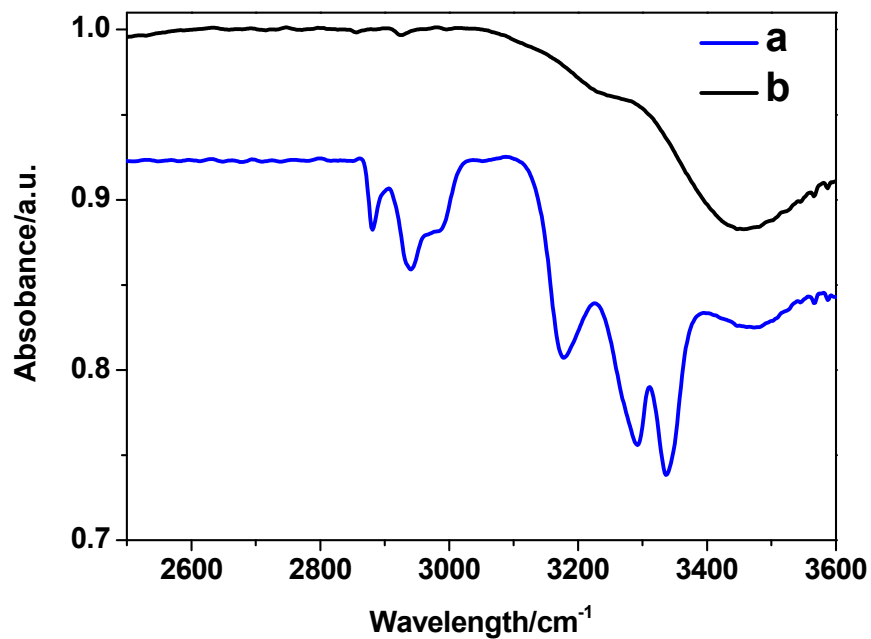


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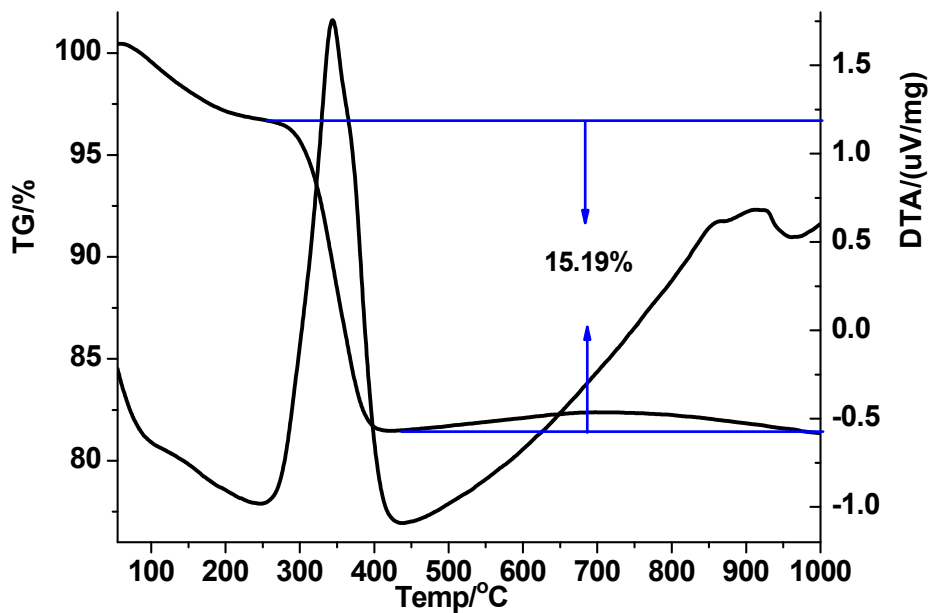
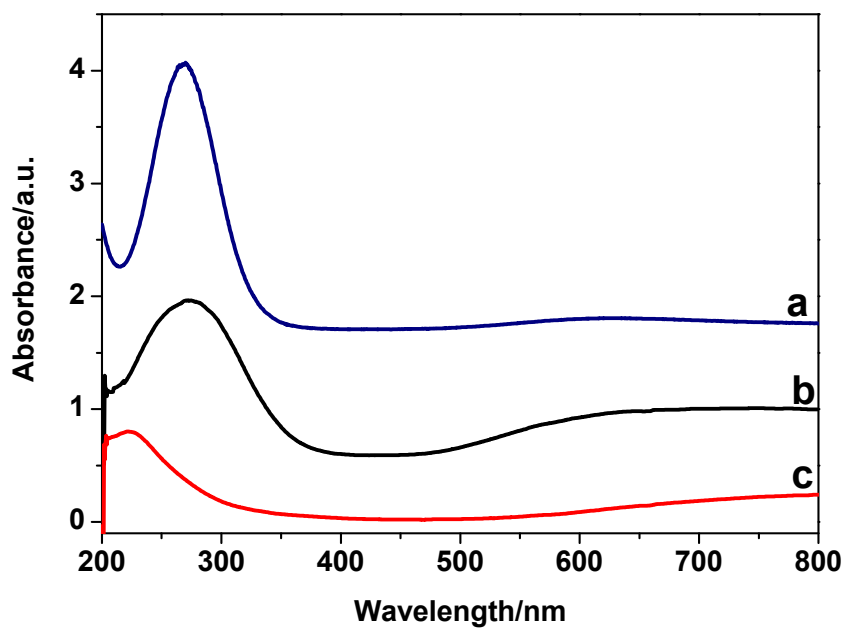


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