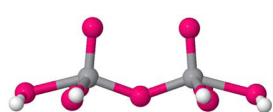
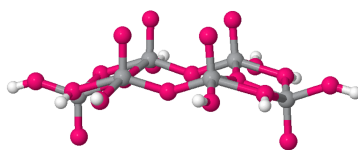


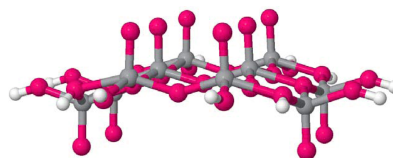
(a) (010) basal face of V_2O_5



(b) $V_2O_9H_8$ (**V2**)



(c) $V_6O_{20}H_{10}$ (**V6**)



(d) $V_{10}O_{31}H_{12}$ (**V10**)

Fig. 1S Structures of cluster models used to represent the (010) surface of V_2O_5 .

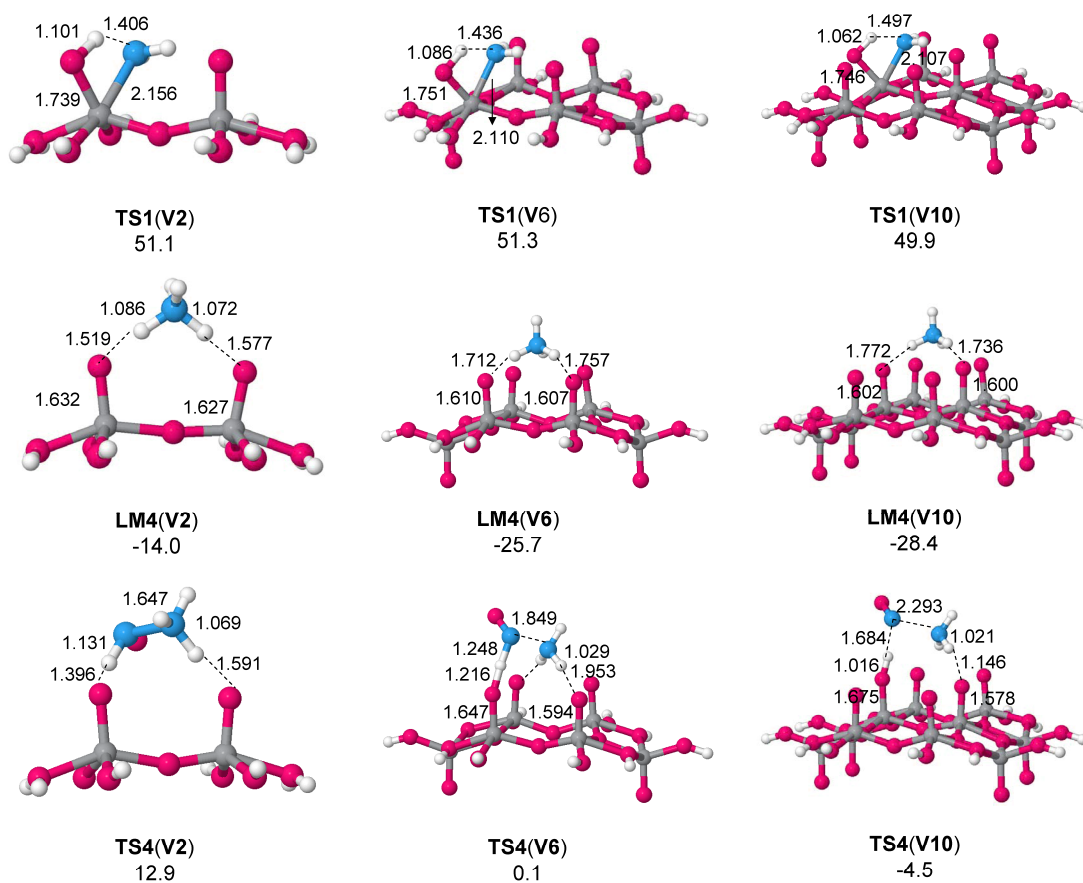


Fig. 2S Optimized geometries and energetics of selected LMs and TS' (bond length in Å; relative energy in kcal mol⁻¹).

Table 1S. Theoretical benchmark for test reactions.

Reactions	$\Delta H_{298}(\text{kcal mol}^{-1})$	
	Calc.	Expt.
$\text{NO} \rightarrow 0.5\text{N}_2 + 0.5\text{O}_2$	21.7	21.8 ^a
$\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow 0.5\text{N}_2 + 1.5\text{H}_2$	-13.0	-11.0 ^a
$\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NH}_2 + \text{H}$	105.0	107.6 ^b
$\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+$	-201.7	-204.0 ^b
$\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NH}_3^+ + \text{e}$	235.0	232.2 ^c
$\text{NH}_4^+ \rightarrow \text{NH}_3^+ + \text{H}$	123.0	122.5 ^d

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