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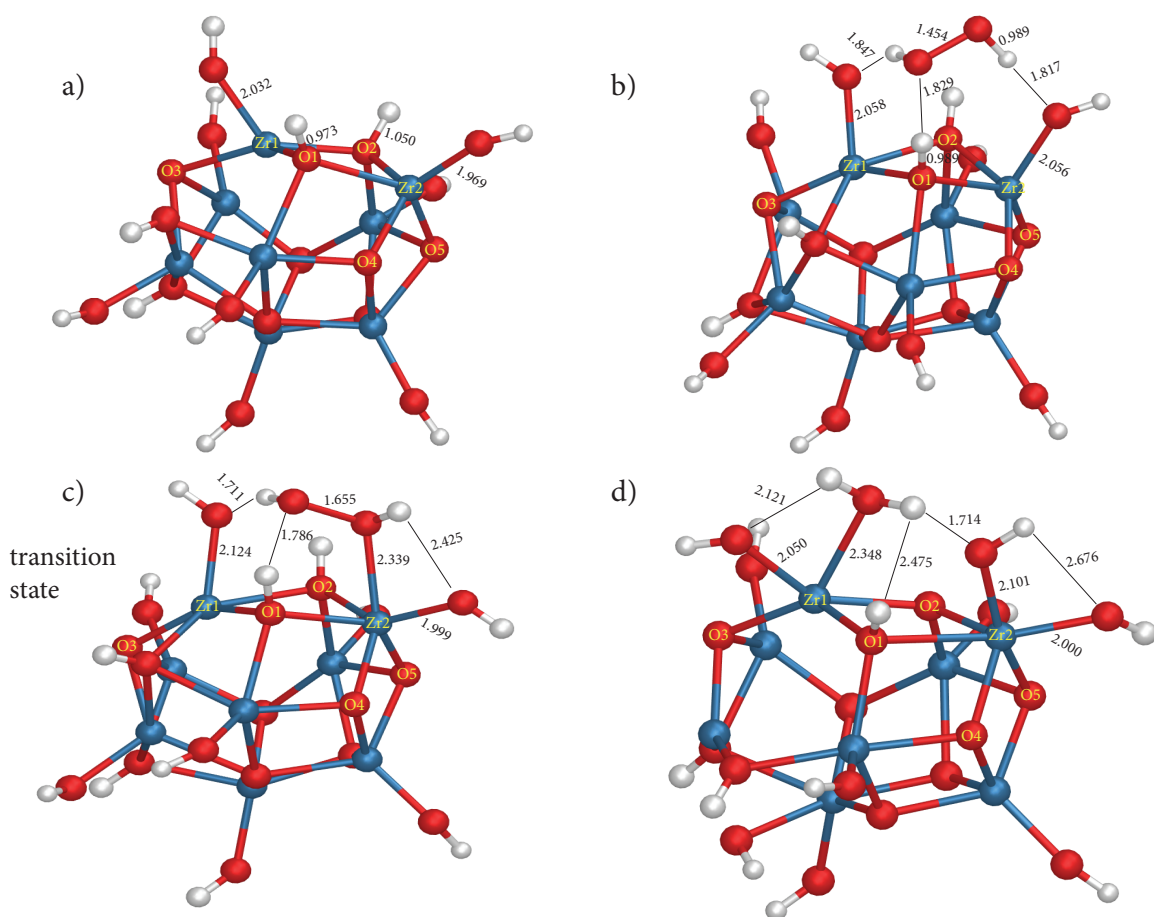
Reactivity of metal oxide clusters with hydrogen peroxide and water – A  
DFT study evaluating of the performance of different exchange-  
correlation functionals.

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**Figure S1.** Optimized structures for the reaction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with the surface of the m-(ZrO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub> cluster: a) reactant, b) molecular adsorption of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> onto the surface HO groups, c) transition-state for the cleavage of the O-O bond in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, d) a stable product of the decomposition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Bond distances given in Å.

**Table S1.** Mulliken charges of the Zr atoms directly involved in the bonding with 2HO radicals on the  $(\text{ZrO}_2)_8$  cluster.

<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Zr1</i>	<i>Zr2</i>
Reactant	1.58378	1.91206
Product - 2HO <sup>•</sup> adsorbed	1.84183	2.21459

**Table S2.** Mulliken charges of the Zr atoms on the  $(\text{ZrO}_2)_2$  cluster.

<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Zr1</i>	<i>Zr2</i>
Reactant	1.93345	1.93778
Product - 2HO <sup>•</sup> adsorbed	2.14270	2.15706

**Table S3.** Mulliken charges of the Ti atoms on the  $(\text{TiO}_2)_2$  cluster.

<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Ti1</i>	<i>Ti2</i>
Reactant	1.66016	1.70011
Product - 2HO <sup>•</sup> adsorbed	2.03994	1.95480

**Table S4.** Mulliken charges of the Y atoms on the  $(\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3)_2$  cluster.

<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Y1</i>	<i>Y2</i>
Reactant	1.69991	1.35578
Product - 2HO <sup>•</sup> adsorbed	2.13625	2.13777

**Table S5.** Vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) calculated in this work and literature experimental data.

Surface species	B3LYP/LACV3P++**	M06/LACV3P++**	Experimental <sup>1</sup>
HO terminal	3879 – 3763	3811 – 3795	3822 – 3743
HO bibridging	3754 – 3685	3763 – 3225	3755 – 3568
H <sub>2</sub> O (H-O stretch)	3698 – 3154	3732 – 3225	—
H <sub>2</sub> O (scissoring)	1628	1614	—
H <sub>2</sub> O (rocking)	1037	1050	—

**Table S6.** Relative (to B3LYP) and total (s) computational time for a Single Point Energy calculation using the different functionals using the LACV3P\*\*++ basis set. The geometry corresponds to the molecular adsorption of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> onto the surface of a (ZrO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub> cluster (Figure S1(b)).

Computation Time	B3LYP	PWPW91	PBE	PBE0	M06	M06-L
Relative to B3LYP	1	0.616	0.653	0.876	2.728	2.476
Total (s)	4615	2845	3015	4041	12590	11426
Number of SCF cycles	40	43	43	38	39	41
Relative to B3LYP (per SCF cycle)	1	0.573	0.608	0.922	2.798	2.415

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