

Reductive Cleavage of the O-O bond in Multicopper Oxidases:  
QM/MM and QM Study. *Supplementary Material*

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**Table S1:** For every system shown in this table, two different QM/MM structures with comparable total energies but significantly different individual energetic contributions were optimized. The energies of one of two structures are always set to zero. All values are in kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

System	ΔE <sub>QM/vac</sub>	ΔE <sub>MM</sub>	ΔE <sub>QM/MM</sub>
NI{-;O <sup>2-</sup> ;O <sup>2-</sup> }	-20.7	12.5	0.1
NI{H <sub>2</sub> O;O <sup>2-</sup> ;O <sup>2-</sup> }	36.6	25.5	3.9
NI{OH <sup>-</sup> ;O <sup>2-</sup> ;O <sup>2-</sup> }	-39.4	-30.6	6.1
NI'{H <sub>2</sub> O;O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup> }	-17.7	63.2	17.6

**Table S2.** Vibrational terms of activation and reaction entropies, enthalpies and Gibbs free energies calculated at RI-PBE/DZP level. The total energies of the reactants (NI') are set to zero. All values are in kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Cu-T2 ligand	Central ligand	Charge of QM cluster	ΔH <sub>vib</sub> <sup>#</sup>	-TΔS <sub>vib</sub> <sup>#</sup>	ΔG <sub>vib</sub> <sup>#</sup>	ΔH <sub>vib</sub>	-TΔS <sub>vib</sub>	ΔG <sub>vib</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> O	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	3	-3.1	1.0	-2.1	1.2	14.1	15.2
OH <sup>-</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	2	-	-	-	2.0	11.5	13.5
-	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	3	-3.5	2.5	-1.0	0.9	17.3	18.2
H <sub>2</sub> O	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	2	-4.3	5.7	1.4	1.0	11.2	12.2
OH <sup>-</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1	-4.8	10.1	5.3	-0.4	28.7	28.3
-	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	2	-4.0	8.7	4.7	1.1	14.8	15.9

$H_{vib} = E_{ZPE} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i h\nu_i \frac{1 + \exp(-h\nu_i/kT)}{1 - \exp(-h\nu_i/kT)}$ ;  $S = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_i h\nu_i \frac{1 + \exp(-h\nu_i/kT)}{1 - \exp(-h\nu_i/kT)} + R \ln q_{vib}$

**Table S3.** The solvation effect on the energetics of O-O cleavage in the QM clusters is represented by polarized continuum model (COSMO) with relative permittivity typical for proteins  $\epsilon = 4$  or 20. The level of approximation is B3LYP/def2-TZVP/COSMO, $\epsilon$ /RI-PBE/DZP. The total energies of the reactants (NI') are set to zero. All values are in kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Cu-T2 ligand	Central ligand	Charge of QM cluster	$\Delta E_{QM}^{\ddagger}$ ( $\epsilon_r=0$ )	$\Delta E_{QM}^{\ddagger}$ ( $\epsilon_r=4$ )	$\Delta E_{QM}^{\ddagger}$ ( $\epsilon_r=20$ )	$\Delta E_{QM}$ ( $\epsilon_r=0$ )	$\Delta E_{QM}$ ( $\epsilon_r=4$ )	$\Delta E_{QM}$ ( $\epsilon_r=20$ )
H <sub>2</sub> O	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	3	50.4	48.2	50.4	-113.6	-118.6	-120.4
OH <sup>-</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	2	-	-	-	-141.7	-156.2	-162.0
-	O <sub>2</sub> H <sup>-</sup>	3	33.4	37.6	39.4	-118.5	-122.7	-124.1
H <sub>2</sub> O	O <sup>2-</sup>	2	39.7	39.5	39.6	-41.7	-47.0	-49.2
OH <sup>-</sup>	O <sup>2-</sup>	1	79.4	78.7	79.1	-95.9	-99.9	-101.3
-	O <sup>2-</sup>	2	39.8	42.1	43.6	-42.7	-47.9	-50.1