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# DFT Study on Two Mechanisms of the N<sub>2</sub>O Direct Catalytic Decomposition over Cu-ZSM-5

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**Abstract:** Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) is an industrial emission that causes the greenhouse effect a

**Table S1.** Structural parameters (diameter in Å, angle in °) of optimized models.

|         | Model                               | Cu-O1 | O1-N1 | N1-N2 |       |       | ∠O1-N1-N2 |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Part A1 | Cu-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O               | 2.05  | 1.21  | 1.13  | -     | -     | 177.9     |
|         | Cu-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O-TS            | 1.75  | 1.80  | 1.11  | -     | -     | 143.7     |
|         | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub>               | 1.70  | 2.65  | 1.10  | -     | -     | -         |
|         | Cu-O-Z                              | 1.70  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|         | N <sub>2</sub> O                    | -     | 1.19  | 1.13  | -     | -     | 180.0     |
|         | N <sub>2</sub>                      | -     | -     | 1.11  | -     | -     | -         |
|         | Model                               | Cu-O1 | Cu-O2 | O1-O2 | O2-N3 | N3-N4 | ∠O2-N3-N4 |
| Part A2 | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O             | 1.71  | 3.36  | 2.28  | 1.20  | 1.13  | 179.8     |
|         | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O-TS          | 1.73  | 1.90  | 2.00  | 1.47  | 1.12  | 149.6     |
|         | Cu-O <sub>2</sub> -Z-N <sub>2</sub> | 1.87  | 1.87  | 1.33  | 3.30  | 1.10  | 140.8     |
|         | Cu-O <sub>2</sub> -Z                | 1.86  | 1.86  | 1.33  | -     | -     | -         |
|         | O <sub>2</sub>                      | -     | -     | 1.22  | -     | -     | -         |
|         | Model                               | Cu-O1 | O1-N4 | N4-N3 | N3-O2 |       | ∠O2-N3-N4 |
| Part B1 | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O'            | 1.71  | 2.32  | 1.14  | 1.19  | -     | 179.9     |
|         | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O'-TS1        | 1.76  | 1.74  | 1.15  | 1.18  | -     | 179.7     |
|         | Cu-Z-(NO) <sub>2</sub>              | 1.94  | 1.25  | 1.21  | 1.20  | -     | 145.3     |
| Part B2 | Cu-O-Z-N <sub>2</sub> O'-TS2        | 1.91  | 1.24  | 1.34  | 1.19  | -     | 125.8     |
|         | Cu-Z-NO-NO                          | 1.92  | 1.20  | 1.75  | 1.16  | -     | 108.6     |
|         | Model                               | Cu-O1 | O1-N1 | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Part B3 | Cu-Z-NO                             | 1.96  | 1.17  | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|         | NO                                  | -     | 1.16  | -     | -     | -     | -         |

**Table S2.** Energy results of each step for O<sub>2</sub> formation mechanism and NO formation mechanism.

|   | Reaction steps | $\Delta E / \text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $^*\Delta H_f / \text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ |
|---|----------------|--|--|
| <b>O<sub>2</sub> formation mechanism (Part A)</b> | A1             | -10.12                                       | -8.67  |
|   | A2             | 33.08  | 33.40  |
|   | A3             | -2.81  | -1.81  |
|   | A4             | 0.45   | -0.96  |
|   | A5             | -3.17  | -0.65  |
|   | A6             | 28.61  | 26.09  |
|   | A7             | -80.45                                       | -78.92   |
|   | A8             | 1.31   | -0.52  |
|   | A9             | 33.59  | 38.32  |
| <b>NO formation mechanism (Part B)</b>            | B1             | -2.82  | -0.32  |
|   | B2             | 0.79   | 0.35   |
|   | B3             | -14.39                                       | -15.00   |
|   | B4             | 2.43   | 1.89   |
|   | B5             | -9.12  | -7.29  |
|   | B6             | -3.93  | -2.95  |

\*The enthalpy values were calculated under the condition of 1.0 atm and 298.15K.