

## Supplementary Information

### Identification and quantification of multinuclear Cu active sites derived from monomeric Cu moieties for dry NO oxidation over Cu-SSZ-13

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## Section S1: Detailed Experimental Procedures

### *Synthesis of SSZ-13*

High-aluminum SSZ-13 zeolites (Si:Al = 4.5) were synthesized as previously reported by Fickel et al. [1], which is based on a patent by Zones [2]. A molar ratio of 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.031 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0.017 TMAdaOH, 0.770 Na<sub>2</sub>O, 12.1 H<sub>2</sub>O was used in the synthesis solution. Briefly, a 1 M NaOH solution (3.3 wt% NaOH, Alfa Aesar) was added to deionized water (18.2 cm·MΩ) in a perfluoroalkoxy alkane (PFA) jar and stirred for 15 minutes. Next, sodium silicate (10.6 wt % Na<sub>2</sub>O, 25.6 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, Sigma Aldrich) was added to the NaOH solution and stirred for 15 minutes. Then, NH<sub>4</sub>-Y zeolite (Zeolyst CBV300, Si:Al = 2.6) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. Finally, an aqueous TMAdaOH solution (25 wt%, Sachem) was added to the mixture and stirred for 30 minutes, all under ambient conditions. ~30 mL of the synthesis mixture was then transferred to each 45 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclaves (Parr Instruments) and rotated at 60 RPM for 6 days in a forced convection oven (Yamato DKN-402C) at 413 K.

Low aluminum SSZ-13 zeolites (Si:Al 15 to 25) were synthesized in hydroxide media using a previously reported procedure by Deka et al. [3]. A molar ratio of 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.0167 to 0.033 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 0.25 TMAdaOH, 0.125 Na<sub>2</sub>O, 44 H<sub>2</sub>O was used to obtain Na<sup>+</sup>:TMAda<sup>+</sup> = 1 and Si:Al = 15 or 25 in the synthesis solution. A typical synthesis involved adding an aqueous TMAdaOH solution to deionized H<sub>2</sub>O in a PFA jar and stirring the solution for 15 minutes. Next, aluminum hydroxide was added to the aqueous TMAdaOH solution. Then, a 5M NaOH solution (16.7 wt% NaOH in deionized water; NaOH pellets 98 wt%, Alfa Aesar) was added dropwise to the solution and stirred for 15 minutes. Finally, colloidal silica was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 h under ambient conditions. All synthesis reagents were used without further purification. The synthesis solution was then transferred to a 45 mL Teflon-lined stainless-steel autoclave and placed in a forced convection oven at 433 K and rotated at 40 RPM for 6 days.

After crystallization, the stainless steel autoclaves were removed from the oven and immediately quenched via submersion in cold water directly from the tap for at least several hours. The crystallized zeolite was separated from the liquid via centrifugation and washed copiously with alternating cycles of acetone and water until the water pH decreased to between 7 and 8. The zeolite was then dried in air in an 80°C oven. Once dry, the zeolite, which still has the structural directing agent (TMAdaOH) in its pores, was crushed in a mortar and pestle to increase its surface area, ~5 to 10 g were loaded into a vertical quartz tube between two plugs of quartz wool (CGQ-0690-02, 8-15 microns coarse porosity, ChemGlass), and calcined under ~100 sccm of dry air (AirZero, < 1 ppm total hydrocarbons, Indiana Oxygen Co.) at 873 K (ramp from 298K to 873 K with a ramp rate of 2 K min<sup>-1</sup>, held at 873 K for 8 hours, then cooled to room temperature). A pressure gauge upstream of the reactor was used to ensure that the pressure drop from the finely packed bed did not exceed 5 psig. The final product is Na-SSZ-13, where the anionic sites in the zeolite are protected by sodium cations.

Ion-exchange between  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  was performed by stirring 1 g Na-SSZ-13 per 100 g 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  (>99%, Sigma-Aldrich, dissolved in deionized water) at 353 K for 10 h. The resulting  $\text{NH}_4$ -SSZ-13 was washed 3 times with 50 mL of water per gram zeolite then dried at 373 K for > 24 hours under ambient air. The resulting zeolite was then crushed with a mortar pestle and calcined in the same furnace from the previous paragraph under  $\sim 100$  sccm of dry air (AirZero, Indiana Oxygen) at 823 K (ramp from 298K to 873 K with a ramp rate of 2 K  $\text{min}^{-1}$ , held at 823 K for 8 hours, then cooled to room temperature). This calcination desorbed the  $\text{NH}_3$  and resulted in H-SSZ-13.

#### *Aqueous-phase copper ion-exchange of H-SSZ-13*

Cu-zeolites were prepared by aqueous-phase Cu ion exchange of H-form zeolites with a  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution (0.001M to 0.1M, with higher concentrations resulting in higher Cu loadings,  $100 \text{ cm}^3_{\text{solution}} \text{ g}_{\text{catalyst}}^{-1}$ ; 99.999 wt%  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  from Sigma Aldrich) for 4 h and 300 RPM at ambient conditions, during which the pH was controlled to  $4.9 \pm 0.1$  through dropwise addition of a 1.0 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  solution (Sigma Aldrich, 28.0% ammonium hydroxide solution, ACS reagent grade) to increase the extent of Cu exchange. Care was taken to ensure that solid hydroxide precipitates do not form during the Cu ion exchange process as they lead to clustered  $\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_y$  [4]. Cu-exchanged SSZ-13 was recovered by centrifugation and washed with deionized water six times ( $70 \text{ ml g catalyst}^{-1}$  per wash). Cu-SSZ-13 catalysts were further dried at 373 K in ambient air in a free convection oven for 12 hours, crushed in a mortar and pestle, then calcined in dry air (AirZero, < 1ppm total hydrocarbons, Indiana Oxygen Co.) to 773 K at a rate of 1 K  $\text{min}^{-1}$ .

#### *Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) to determine elemental composition*

$\sim 0.03$  g of dry sample (H-SSZ-13 or Cu-SSZ-13) were dissolved in  $\sim 2$  mL of hydrofluoric acid (HF) (Mallinckrodt Baker, 48% HF, Baker Analyzed<sup>®</sup> A.C.S. Reagent) in a 60 mL high density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle (2 oz., 60 mL Nalgene<sup>™</sup> Wide-Mouth Amber HDPE bottle). A polyethylene pipet was used to transfer the HF. The sample was capped and left to dissolve for 12 hours then diluted with approximately 50 mL of deionized water (Millipore, 18.2  $\text{cm}\cdot\text{M}\Omega$  resistivity at 298 K). Bulk elemental composition was determined using atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) on a Perkin Elmer AAnalyst 300. Silicon AAS standards were created by diluting a 1000 ppm silicon AAS standard solution (Sigma Aldrich, TraceCERT<sup>®</sup>, 1000 mg/L Si in NaOH) to 15, 75, and 150 ppm. A linear calibration curve ( $\text{ppm}_{\text{Si}}$  versus Si absorbance at 251.6 nm) was determined by plotting the absorbance of each silicon standard at 251.6 nm. Analogous procedures were used for aluminum and copper on all reported SSZ-13 catalysts. Results are presented in Table S1.

#### *Cu site characterization and quantification*

Monomeric  $\text{Z}_2\text{Cu}$  and  $\text{ZCuOH}$  sites on each Cu-SSZ-13 zeolite were quantified after oxidative treatment (20%  $\text{O}_2$ , 773 K) by quantifying the number of residual protons ( $\text{H}^+$ ) that remained after Cu exchange, given that  $\text{Z}_2\text{Cu}$  sites exchange with two protons and  $\text{ZCuOH}$  sites exchange

with one proton. The quantification was performed using methods that selectively titrate residual  $H^+$  sites in small-pore, metal-exchanged zeolites [5–7]. The titration method involves saturation of zeolites ( $\sim 0.03$  to  $0.05$  g) with  $NH_3$  at  $433$  K ( $500$  ppm, balance He,  $2$  h,  $350$  mL  $min^{-1}$ ), followed by removal of physisorbed and Cu-bound  $NH_3$  by treatment in wet helium ( $2.5$ – $3.0\%$   $H_2O$  in balance He,  $8$  h,  $350$  mL  $min^{-1}$ ), to selectively retain surface  $NH_4^+$  species [5,6].  $NH_3$  was then evolved in a subsequent temperature programmed desorption (TPD) in He ( $350$  mL  $min^{-1}$ ) to  $823$  K ( $0.083$  K  $s^{-1}$ ), and quantified using on-board calibrations in a MKS Multigas 2030 gas-phase FT-IR spectrometer.

$Co^{2+}$  ion exchange was used to quantify the fraction of total Al present as Al pairs by titrating the number of paired Al to saturation [8]. Co-SSZ-13 zeolites were prepared by ion exchange of H-SSZ-13 with an aqueous  $0.25M$   $Co(II)(NO_3)_2$  solution ( $150$  ml g catalyst $^{-1}$ ) for  $4$  h at ambient conditions, not controlling the pH (pH stabilized between  $3.2$ – $3.6$  after  $4$  h). Data also presented in Table S1.

#### *Steady state NO oxidation kinetic measurements*

NO oxidation kinetics (rates, reaction orders, and apparent activation energies) were measured with a down-flow tubular quartz reactor with an inner diameter of  $13$  mm and an overall length of  $400$  mm. A coarse quartz frit was installed at the midpoint of the reactor, over which a layer of quartz wool was placed and flattened. All samples were pelletized (Specac  $13$ mm Diameter Stainless Steel Evaluable Pellet Die) under  $10,000$  psi pressure (Carver Laboratory Press), ground using a mortar and pestle, then sieved to retain  $125$  to  $250$   $\mu m$  particles (W.S. TYLER No.  $60$  and No.  $120$  all-stainless-steel sieves) to minimize the pressure drop of the flow of gas across the powder catalyst bed. Typically,  $\sim 0.015$  to  $0.050$  g of sieved Cu-SSZ-13 catalyst was mixed with enough inert silica gel (Fisher Chemical Silica Gel (Davisil) Sorbent, Grade  $923$ ) to obtain a bed height of  $\sim 5$  mm. Another layer of quartz wool was pressed slightly over the top of the catalyst bed to ensure uniformity of the bed. The temperature across the catalyst bed was measured by placing two K-type thermocouples, one touching the quartz wool above the catalyst bed and the other  $\sim 2$  mm below the glass frit. Aluminum foil was wrapped around the quartz reactor to an outer diameter of  $\sim 2.54$  cm to enhance heat conduction and minimize radial and axial temperature gradients within the bed [9]. The reactor was then secured within a clamshell furnace (Applied Test Systems) and leak checked by pressurizing with helium ( $99.999\%$ , ultra high purity, Indiana Oxygen Co.) to  $5$  psig and held for  $20$  minutes. The standard NO oxidation feed consisted of  $300$  ppm NO (diluted from  $3.5\%$  NO/Ar, standard grade, Praxair Distribution, Inc.),  $150$  ppm  $NO_2$  (diluted from  $1.0\%$   $NO_2$ /Ar, standard grade, Praxair Distribution Inc.),  $10\%$   $O_2$  (diluted from  $99.5\%$   $O_2$ , commercial grade, Indiana Oxygen Co.) in balance  $N_2$  (boiloff from liquid Nitrogen, Linde). The feed gases from the gas manifold were preheated by flowing through a preheater (maintained at  $300$   $^{\circ}C$ ) prior to entering the main reactor to further minimize axial gradients as measured using the two thermocouples (typically  $< 5$  K difference). Gas-phase concentrations of NO,  $NO_2$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ , and  $N_2O$  were measured using a Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) analyzer (MKS Multigas™ 2030 gas-phase FTIR spectrometer). The FTIR analyzer had a spectral resolution of  $0.5$   $cm^{-1}$ , and factory supplied calibrations were used to quantify the various gas concentrations.

The conversion of NO was measured according to Equation 1, where  $NO_{in}$  and  $NO_{out}$  are the concentrations of NO entering and leaving the reactor in ppm.

$$NO \text{ conversion} = \frac{NO_{in} - NO_{out}}{NO_{in}} \cdot 100 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

In the limit of differential conversion (< ~20%) with product (i.e.  $NO_2$ ) co-fed, the gas concentrations ( $NO$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $NO_2$ ) and catalyst bed temperature can be assumed constant [9–14], resulting in systematic errors ranging from near zero (< 5% conversion) to 1.2% (20% conversion) [10], much lower than the error from experimental repeats (typically 10 to 20%). This allows the NO consumption rate to be calculated using the continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR) design equation:

$$-r_{overall}(\text{mol NO mol Cu}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}) = \frac{NO \text{ conversion}}{1000000 \cdot \text{mol Cu}} \cdot NO_{in} \cdot \dot{V}_{total} \cdot \frac{P}{RT} \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

where  $NO_{in}$  is the inlet NO concentration in ppm,  $\dot{V}_{total}$  is the total volumetric flow rate, P is 1 atm, T is ambient temperature, and R is the gas constant. All reaction rates and kinetic parameters reported were collected in the limit of differential conversion and with products co-fed.

Based on the overall NO oxidation rate ( $r_{overall}$ ), the normalized forward rates ( $r_{fwd}$ ) were reported in the form of a power rate law model. The approach to equilibrium ( $\beta$ ) was included because the NO oxidation rates could potentially be limited by equilibrium under the relevant reaction temperatures [55].

$$r_{fwd} = r_{overall} (1 - \beta) \quad (\text{Equation 3})$$

$$r_{fwd} = A e^{\frac{-E_A}{RT}} [NO]^a [O_2]^b [NO_2]^c \quad (\text{Equation 4})$$

$$\beta = \frac{[NO_2]}{K [NO]^2 [O_2]} \quad (\text{Equation 5})$$

With K as the equilibrium constant for the NO oxidation reaction, the value of  $\beta$  for all the measurements were less than 0.18, indicating that the reaction rates measured were sufficiently far from equilibrium. A is the pre-exponential factor ( $s^{-1}$ ) and  $E_A$  the activation energy ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ). a, b, and c represent forward reaction orders with respect to NO,  $O_2$  and  $NO_2$  respectively. The nitrogen balance in and out of the reactor was quantitatively confirmed to be complete within less than 5% for all measurements using  $(NO + NO_2)_{in} - (NO + NO_2)_{out}$ .

#### Carbon Monoxide Temperature Programmed Reduction (CO-TPR)

Carbon monoxide temperature programmed reduction (CO-TPR) was performed following procedures outlined in Beutel et al., Lee et al., and Da Costa et al. [15–17]. The sample (~30 mg, sieved to 125 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was loaded into an AutoChem™II 2920 equipped with a mass spectrometer. The sample was first heated to 773 K at a rate of 9 K  $\text{min}^{-1}$  under the flow of 50  $\text{mL min}^{-1}$  dry air (commercial grade, Indiana Oxygen Co.) and held for 2 hours before cooling to room temperature. The sample was then flushed with 50  $\text{mL min}^{-1}$  He (Ultra high purity, Indiana

Oxygen) at room temperature for 2 hours to flush out residual oxygen. CO-TPR was then performed under 18 mL min<sup>-1</sup> flow of 5% CO/He (standard grade, Praxair Distribution, Inc.) up to the temperature of 833 K with a ramp rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup>. CO<sub>2</sub> evolution was probed using the m/z = 44 signal in the mass spectrometer. The total CO<sub>2</sub> evolved was quantified by integrating the CO-TPR between 303 K and 573 K.

#### *Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)*

*In-situ* transmission FTIR was collected on zeolite samples using a Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer equipped with a liquid nitrogen-cooled mercury cadmium telluride (MCT) detector. Catalyst samples (~40 to 50 mg) were pressed into a self-supporting wafer (~2 cm in diameter) and placed in a custom-built FTIR cell [18,19]. Wafers were treated in flowing oxygen (10% O<sub>2</sub>/He, standard grade, Praxair Distribution, Inc.) to 673 K for 30 min and then cooled to 575 K, prior to the exposure to NO oxidation reaction gases 300 ppm NO (diluted from 0.5% NO/He, Praxair Distribution, Inc.), 150 ppm NO<sub>2</sub> (diluted from 1% NO<sub>2</sub>/He, Praxair Distribution, Inc.), 10% O<sub>2</sub> (diluted from 99.999%, ultra high purity, Matheson Tri-Gas), in balance He (99.999%, ultra high purity, Matheson Tri-Gas). Spectra were collected with a resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>, averaged over 36 scans and baseline corrected.

## Section S2: Characterization and Kinetics of Cu-SSZ-13

**Table S1.** Bulk elemental analysis and fraction of monomeric Cu<sup>II</sup> and Cu<sup>II</sup>(OH) sites on a series of Cu-exchanged SSZ-13 samples with varying Si:Al (4.5 - 25) and Cu:Al (0.03 - 0.44)

Si/Al <sup>a</sup>	Cu wt % <sup>a</sup>	Cu:Al <sup>a</sup>	H <sup>+</sup> :Al <sup>b</sup>	Excess H <sup>+</sup> :Al <sup>b</sup>	Co:Al <sup>c</sup>	Micropore Volume <sup>d</sup>	Cu <sup>II</sup> OH:Al <sup>e</sup>	Cu <sup>II</sup> :Al <sup>e</sup>
4.5	0.0	0.00	0.65	-	0.19	0.26	0.00	0.00
	1.7	0.08	0.42	0.05	-	-	0.00	0.08
15	0.0	0.00	0.98	-	0.10	0.18	0.00	0.00
	0.2	0.03	0.93	0.03	-	-	0.00	0.03
	0.8	0.12	0.73	0.09	-	-	0.03	0.09
	1.6	0.24 <sup>f</sup>	0.80	0.00	-	-	0.24	0.00
	1.7	0.25	0.64	0.10	-	-	0.16	0.09
	2.4	0.37	0.58	0.08	-	-	0.28	0.09
	2.8	0.42	0.50	0.08	-	-	0.33	0.09
	2.9	0.44	0.51	0.09	-	-	0.35	0.09
	0.0	0.00	0.98	-	0.05	0.20	0.00	0.00
25	1.1	0.30	0.67	0.04	-	-	0.26	0.04
	1.6	0.42	0.58	0.04	-	-	0.38	0.04

<sup>a</sup>Atomic composition determined using Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

Errors are Si:Al = ± 1 and Cu:Al = ± 0.03

<sup>b</sup>Residual Brønsted acid sites counted in oxidized and reduced form using NH<sub>3</sub> titration method described in [5]

<sup>c</sup>Paired Al sites counted using amount of Co titrated following the procedure described in [8].

<sup>d</sup>Micropore volume from Ar adsorption isotherms.

Error is ± 0.01 cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>e</sup>Determined from titration of residual H<sup>+</sup> sites by NH<sub>3</sub> and thermodynamic preferences for Cu<sup>II</sup> and Cu<sup>II</sup>OH siting [5] and [6]

<sup>f</sup>Sample synthesized with all framework Al as isolated Al and 100% of the Cu is exchanged as [Cu-OH]

### Section S3: NO Oxidation Kinetics

**Table S2.** Summary of NO oxidation kinetic data on a series of Cu-exchanged SSZ-13 samples with varying Si:Al (4.5-25) and Cu:Al (0.03-0.44)

Cu:Al	Cu <sup>II</sup> OH:Al	CuOH density (mol m <sup>-3</sup> )	E <sub>app</sub> <sup>a</sup> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Rate <sup>b</sup> (10 <sup>-4</sup> mol NO mol Cu <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	NO order <sup>a</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> order <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> order <sup>a</sup>
SSZ-13 Si:Al = 4.5							
0.00	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.08	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.20	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.31*	0.00	0.00	45	0.6	1.5	-0.8	0.9
0.35*	0.00	0.00	51	1.4	1.4	-0.7	0.8
0.39*	0.00	0.00	53	1.5	1.5	-0.8	0.8
1.60*	0.00	0.00	55	1.7	1.6	-0.9	0.9
SSZ-13 Si:Al = 15							
0.00	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.03	0.00	0	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.12	0.03	47	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.24 <sup>c</sup>	0.24	375	48	0.5	0.9	-0.9	0.7
0.25	0.16	251	46	0.7	1.4	-0.6	0.7
0.37	0.28	439	56	0.9	1.4	-0.6	0.7
0.42	0.33	517	65	1.2	1.4	-0.8	0.7
0.44	0.35	548	55	1.3	1.3	-0.6	0.7
SSZ-13 Si:Al =25							
0.00	0.00	0.00	n.d.	0.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
0.30	0.25	251	61	0.8	1.5	-0.8	0.9
0.42	0.37	366	67	1.0	1.3	-1.0	0.8

<sup>a</sup> Measured at 573 K. Error in activation energy  $\pm 7$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and orders  $\pm 0.1$  (NO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>) and  $\pm 0.2$  (NO)

<sup>b</sup> Measured under NO oxidation conditions of 300 ppm NO, 150 ppm NO<sub>2</sub>, 10% O<sub>2</sub> and 550 K

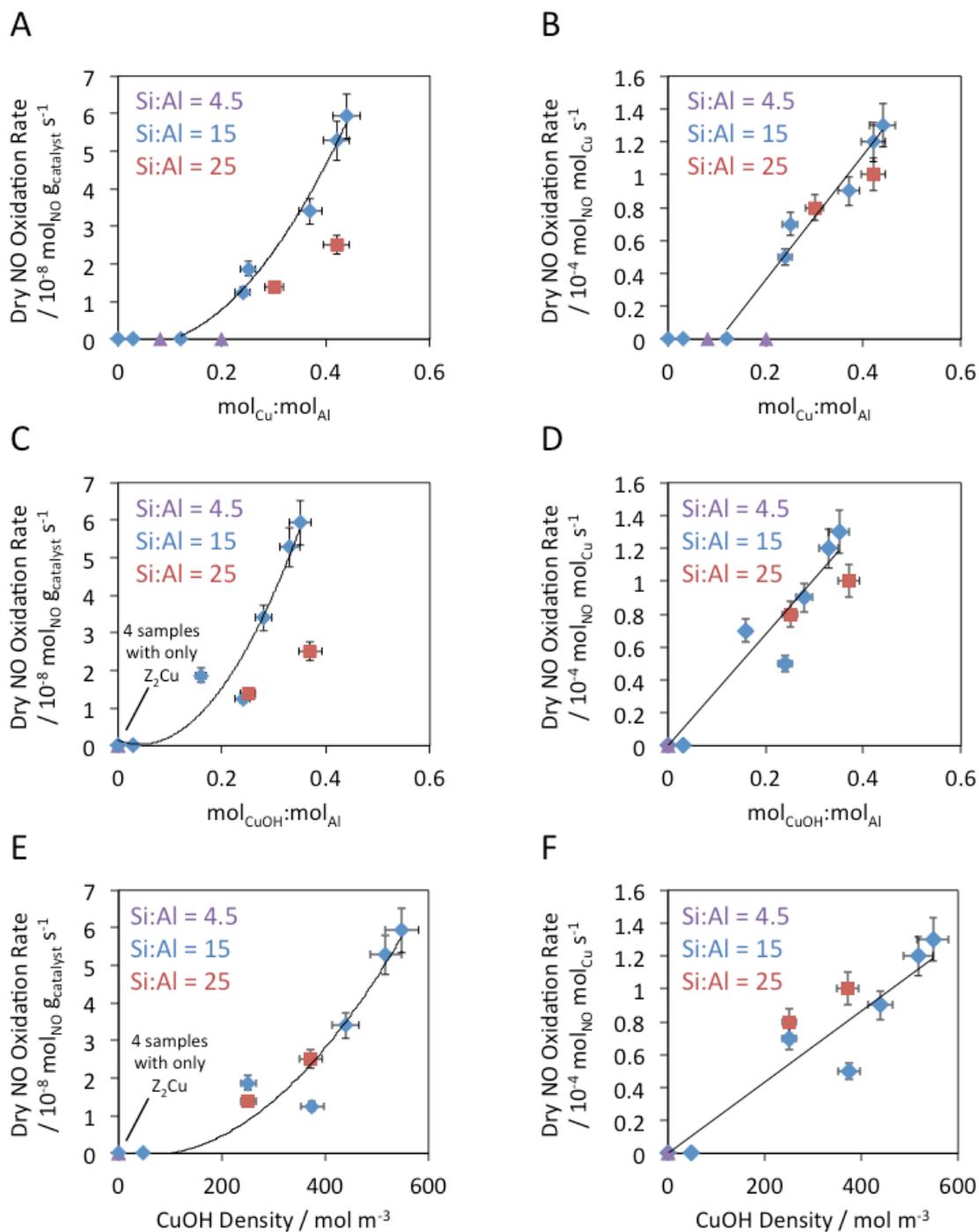
<sup>c</sup> Sample synthesized with isolated Al on the SSZ-13 framework 100% of the Cu is exchanged as [Cu-OH]<sup>+</sup>

\*From Verma et al. [20]

n.d. = did not display detectable NO oxidation rate ( $< 0.3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol<sub>NO</sub> mol<sub>Cu</sub><sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table S3.** CO TPR (carbon monoxide temperature programmed reduction) results.

Si:Al	Cu wt %	Cu:Al	Cu <sup>II</sup> OH:Al	CO <sub>2</sub> :Cu <sub>total</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> :[Cu-OH] <sup>+</sup>
4.5	1.7	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.8	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.00
	1.7	0.25	0.16	0.24	0.38
15	2.4	0.37	0.28	0.34	0.45
	2.8	0.42	0.33	0.41	0.52
	2.9	0.44	0.35	0.40	0.50
	1.1	0.30	0.26	0.29	0.33
25	1.6	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.42



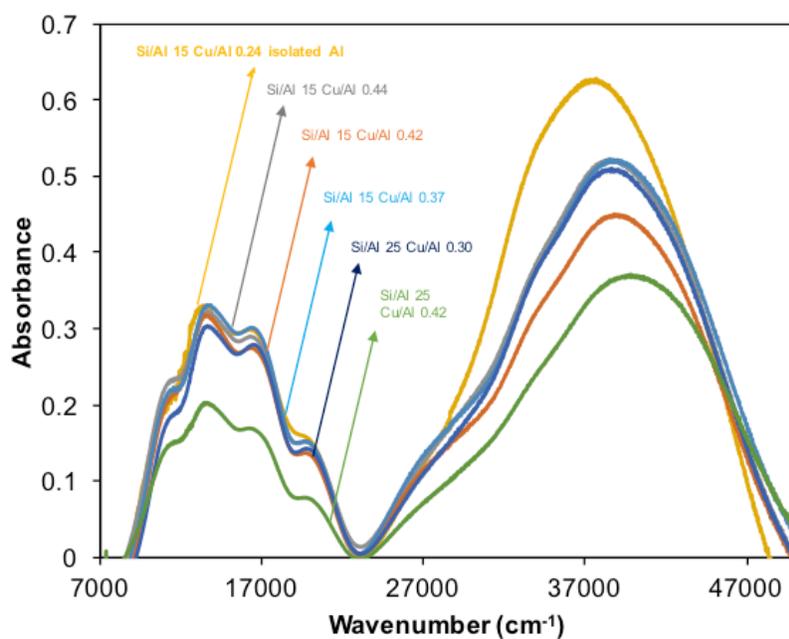
**Figure S1.** (A) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per gram catalyst plotted versus the Cu:Al molar ratio. (B) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per mol Cu plotted versus the Cu:Al molar ratio. (C) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per gram catalyst plotted versus the CuOH:Al molar ratio. (D) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per mol Cu plotted versus the CuOH:Al molar ratio. (E) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per gram catalyst plotted versus the CuOH density. (F) Dry NO oxidation rate normalized per mol Cu plotted versus the CuOH density.

## Section S4: Spectroscopic Response of Cu dimers to NO Oxidation

Diffuse reflectance UV-Visible spectra were recorded under various gas conditions using a Varian UV-Visible-NIR spectrophotometer (Cary 5000) with a diffuse reflectance accessory consisting of two ellipsoidal mirrors (Harrick Scientific Praying Mantis). Barium sulfate ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ , 99.9%, Sigma-Aldrich) was used as the 100% reflectance standard. An *in-situ* sample holder was loaded with approximately 0.1 g of sieved sample (pelleted and sieved to retain particles between 125-250  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter). Spectra were collected from 7000 to 50000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with a scan speed of 2000  $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$  using the following two conditions.

**Condition 1:** Sample was dehydrated at 673 K in oxidizing atmosphere of dry air (Commercial grade, Indiana Oxygen) (total flow of 50  $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ ) and held for 2 hrs. Sample was then cooled down to 473 K under the same oxidizing atmosphere. Spectra was then collected at 473 K.

**Condition 2:** Sample was exposed to NO oxidation reaction conditions i.e. 150 ppm NO, 150 ppm  $\text{NO}_2$  and 10%  $\text{O}_2$  at 575 K (total flow of 50  $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ ) and held for 2 hrs. Sample was then cooled down to 473 K under the same gas condition. Spectra was then collected at 473 K.

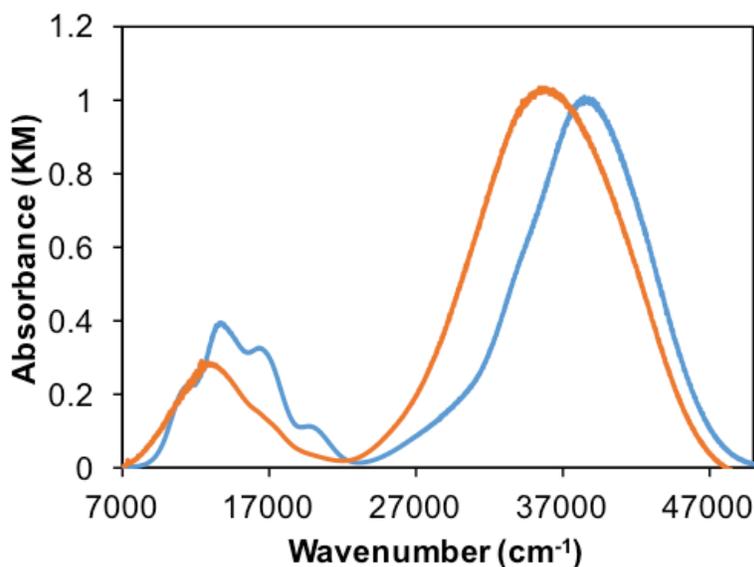


**Figure S2.** Diffuse Reflectance UV-visible spectra spectra at 473 K of Cu-SSZ-13 Si:Al = 15 Cu:Al = 0.12 - 0.44, and Si:Al = 25, Cu:Al = 0.30 - 0.42 samples after high temperature oxidative treatment (20%  $\text{O}_2$  at 673 K)

Diffusive Reflectance UV-visible spectra of Cu-SSZ-13 samples after high temperature oxidative treatment showed multiple absorption bands at 10900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 13600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 16500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 19700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to d-d transitions of  $d^9$  Cu(II) state as well as shoulders at 28200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 34800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

representative of Ligand to Metal Charge Transfer (LMCT) electronic transitions (Figure S3). Features at  $16500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $19700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  have been previously assigned to  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}_2-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  (trans- $\mu$ -1,2-peroxo dicopper(II)) [21]. The broad band with maximum intensity at  $28200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in Figure 3 was interpreted as a peroxo to Cu(II) charge transfer band for  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}_2-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  (trans- $\mu$ -1,2-peroxo dicopper(II)) [21]. On the other hand, the absorption shoulder at  $34800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was ascribed to  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  (mono- $\mu$ -oxo dicopper(II)) [21].

*In-situ* UV-vis spectra collected under NO oxidation reaction conditions provides additional evidence that these dimeric Cu sites are the active site for NO oxidation (Figure S2). Upon admission of NO and  $\text{O}_2$ , decrease of absorption peak intensities at  $16500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $19700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , ascribed to  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}_2-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  (trans- $\mu$ -1,2-peroxo dicopper(II)), indicate that the NO oxidation reactive species is likely  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}_2-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  and/or  $\{\text{Cu(II)}-\text{O}-\text{Cu(II)}\}^{2+}$  [22].

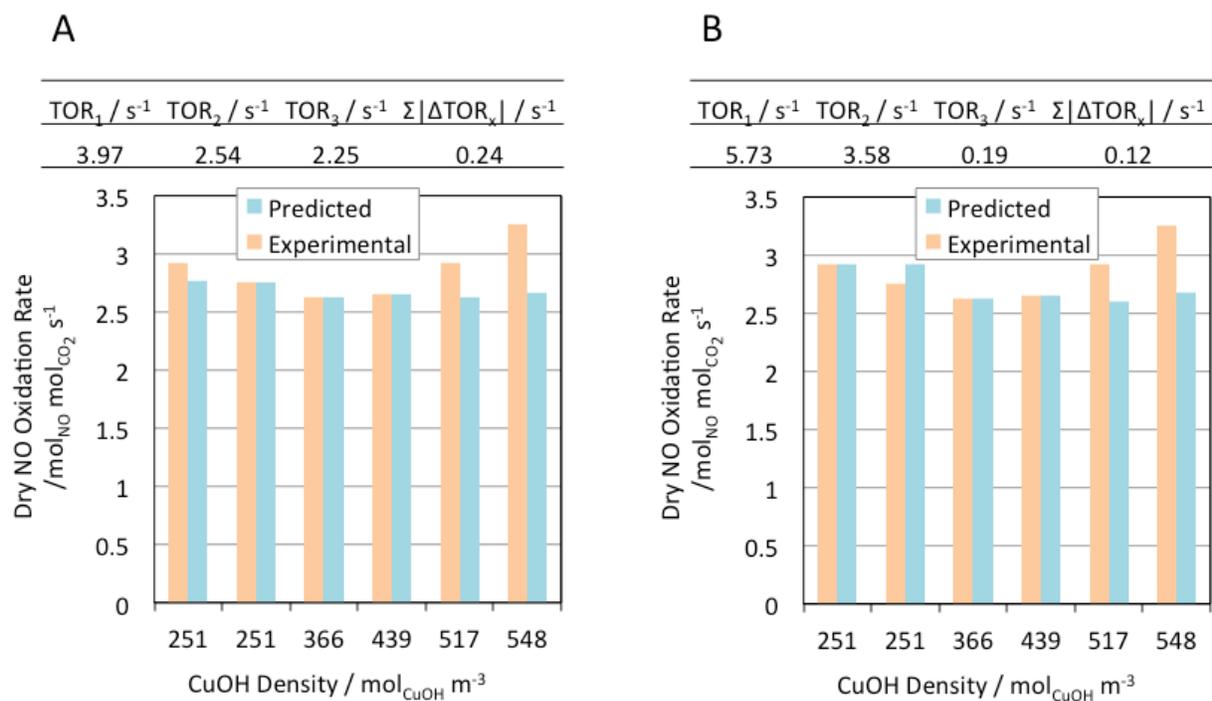


**Figure S3.** Diffuse Reflectance UV-visible spectra at  $250^\circ\text{C}$  of Cu-SSZ-13 Si:Al 15 Cu:Al 0.44 after high temperature oxidative treatment (20%  $\text{O}_2$  at 673 K) (blue) and under NO oxidation reaction conditions (300 ppm NO, 150 ppm  $\text{NO}_2$  and 10%  $\text{O}_2$  in balance He) (orange)

## Section S5: Determining Turnover Rates of the Three Cu-oxo Pools

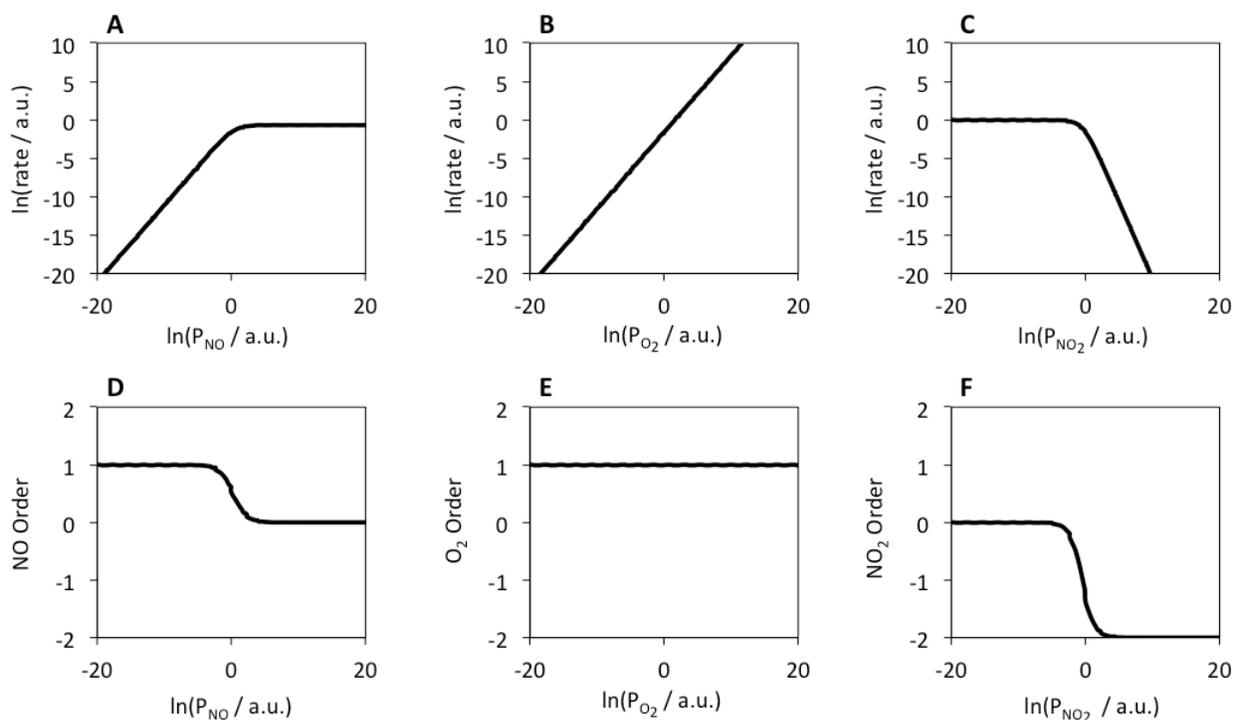
**Table S4.** Compilation of all TOR initial guesses tested and the resulting converged TORs and after minimizing the sum of the absolute value of the residuals ( $\Sigma |\Delta \text{TOR}_x|$ ).

Initial Guess / s <sup>-1</sup>			Converged / s <sup>-1</sup>			Sum of residuals	Comments
TOR <sub>1</sub>	TOR <sub>2</sub>	TOR <sub>3</sub>	TOR <sub>1</sub>	TOR <sub>2</sub>	TOR <sub>3</sub>	$\Sigma  \Delta \text{TOR}_x  / \text{s}^{-1}$	
0	0	0	3.97	2.54	2.25	0.24	Local minima
1	1	1	3.97	2.54	2.25	0.24	Local minima
2	2	2	3.97	2.54	2.25	0.24	Local minima
3	3	3	5.73	3.58	0.19	0.12	Local minima
4	4	4	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
5	5	5	3.97	2.54	2.25	0.24	Local minima
6	6	6	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
7	7	7	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
2	3	4	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
2	4	3	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
3	2	4	5.56	2.35	1.91	0.23	Local minima
3	4	2	5.87	4.56	-1.19	0.19	Negative TOR not physical
4	3	2	5.73	3.58	0.19	0.12	Local minima
4	2	3	3.97	2.54	2.25	0.24	Local minima

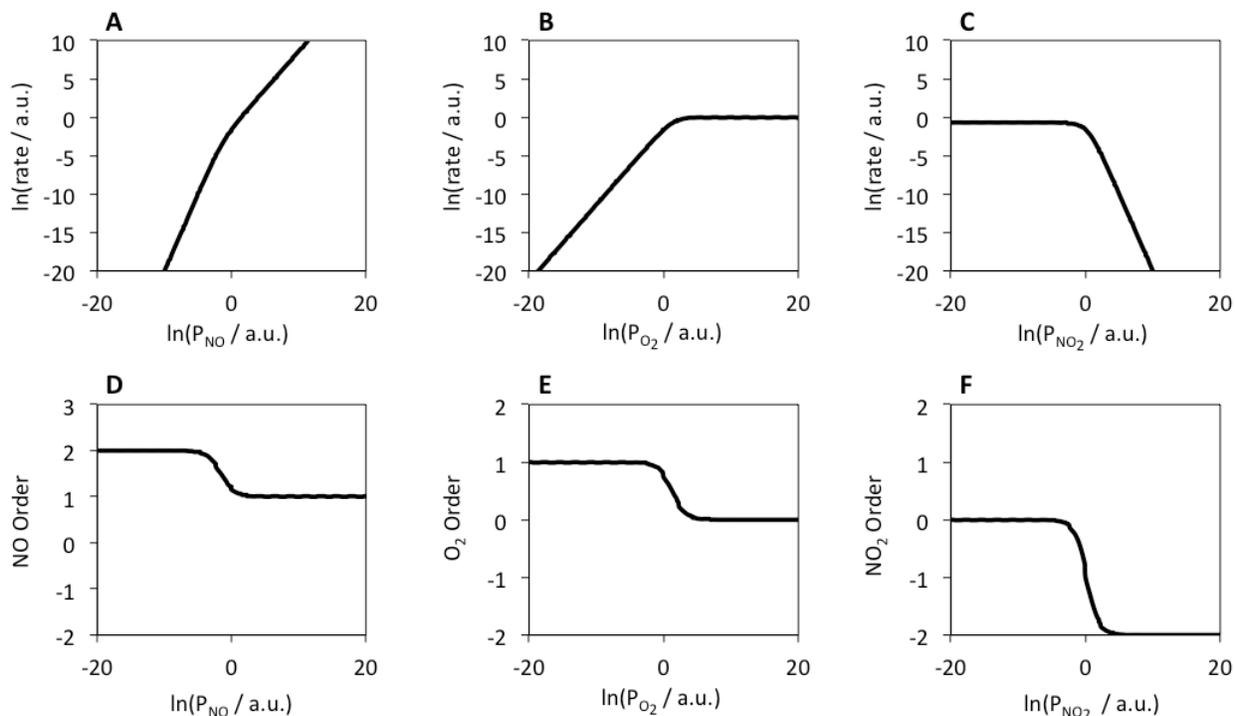


**Figure S4.** Comparisons between the predicted (turquoise) and predicted (orange) dry NO oxidation rates for the two local minima discovered.

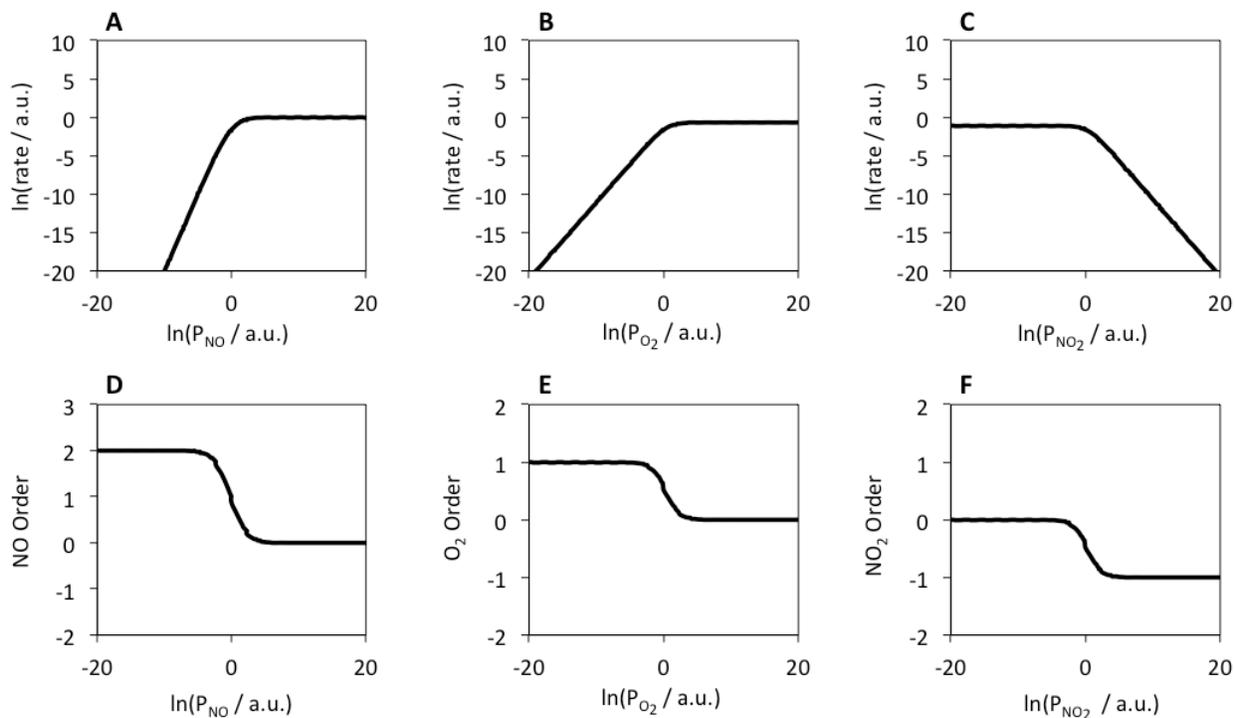
## Section S6: NO Oxidation Rate Law Analysis



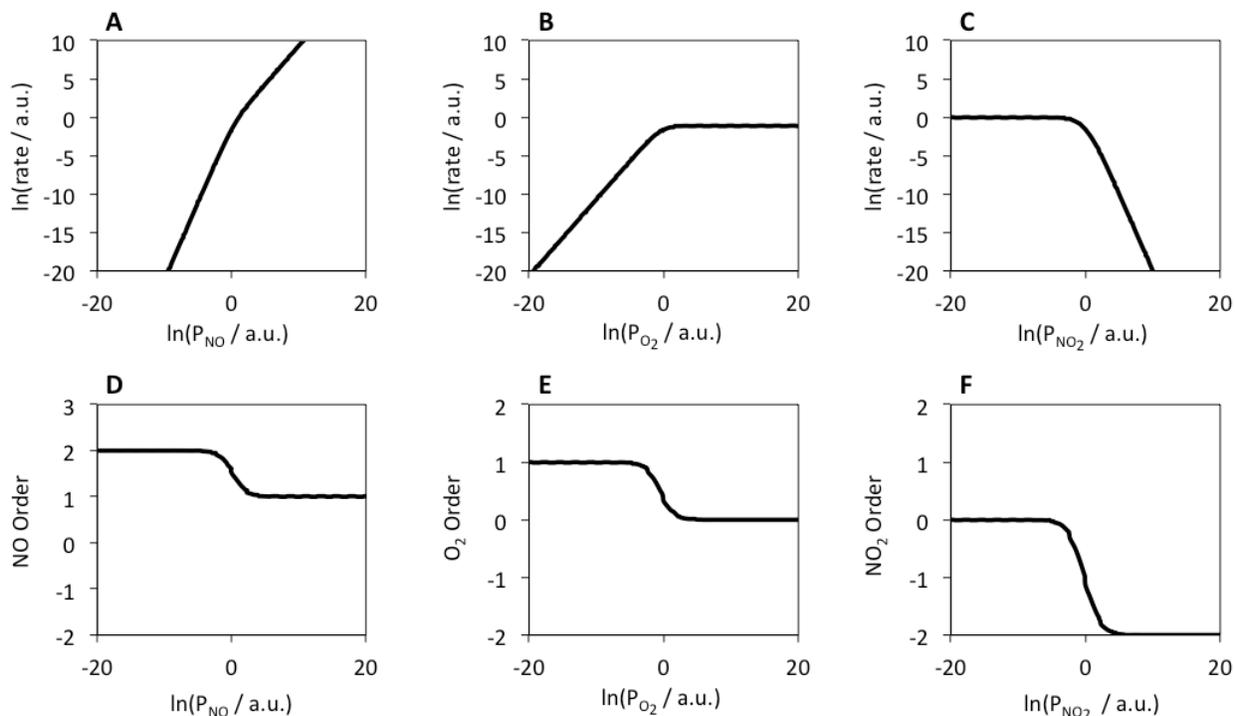
**Figure S5.** Effect of the (A) NO pressure, (B) O<sub>2</sub> pressure, and (C) NO<sub>2</sub> pressure on the NO oxidation rate and the NO, O<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> reaction orders (D, E, F, respectively) where the first elementary step of Scheme 1 is rate limiting. The NO order decreases from 1 to 0 with increasing NO pressure. The O<sub>2</sub> order stays at 1, independent of the O<sub>2</sub> pressure. The NO<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 0 to -2 with increasing NO<sub>2</sub> pressure.



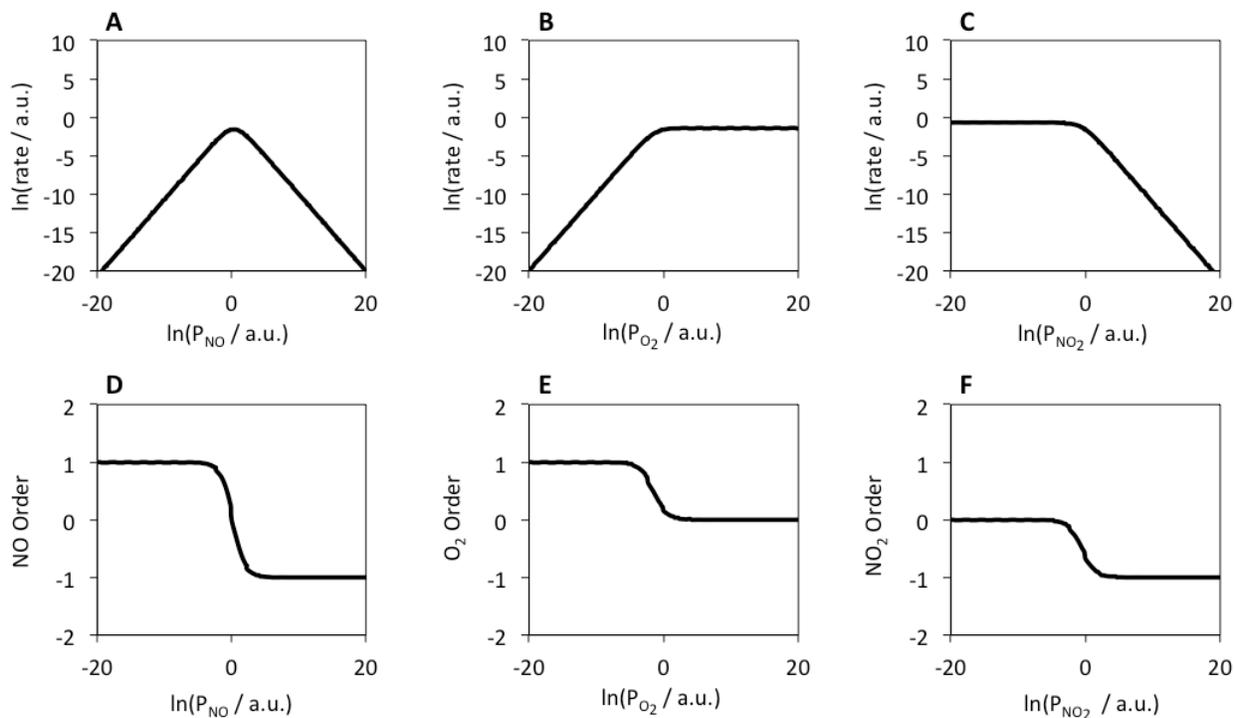
**Figure S6.** Effect of the (A) NO pressure, (B) O<sub>2</sub> pressure, and (C) NO<sub>2</sub> pressure on the NO oxidation rate and the NO, O<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> reaction orders (D, E, F, respectively) where the second elementary step of Scheme 1 is rate limiting. The NO order decreases from 2 to 1 with increasing NO pressure. The O<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 1 to 0 with increasing O<sub>2</sub> pressure. The NO<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 0 to -2 with increasing NO<sub>2</sub> pressure.



**Figure S7.** Effect of the (A) NO pressure, (B) O<sub>2</sub> pressure, and (C) NO<sub>2</sub> pressure on the NO oxidation rate and the NO, O<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> reaction orders (D, E, F, respectively) where the third elementary step of Scheme 1 is rate limiting. The NO order decreases from 2 to 0 with increasing NO pressure. The O<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 1 to 0 with increasing O<sub>2</sub> pressure. The NO<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 0 to -1 with increasing NO<sub>2</sub> pressure.



**Figure S8.** Effect of the (A) NO pressure, (B) O<sub>2</sub> pressure, and (C) NO<sub>2</sub> pressure on the NO oxidation rate and the NO, O<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> reaction orders (D, E, F, respectively) where the fourth elementary step of Scheme 1 is rate limiting. The NO order decreases from 2 to 1 with increasing NO pressure. The O<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 1 to 0 with increasing O<sub>2</sub> pressure. The NO<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 0 to -2 with increasing NO<sub>2</sub> pressure.



**Figure S9.** Effect of the (A) NO pressure, (B) O<sub>2</sub> pressure, and (C) NO<sub>2</sub> pressure on the NO oxidation rate and the NO, O<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> reaction orders (D, E, F, respectively) where the fifth elementary step of Scheme 1 is rate limiting. The NO order decreases from 1 to -1 with increasing NO pressure. The O<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 1 to 0 with increasing O<sub>2</sub> pressure. The NO<sub>2</sub> order decreases from 0 to -1 with increasing NO<sub>2</sub> pressure.

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