

## **Supplementary Information**

### **Molecular Dynamics Study of the Role of Water in the Carbon Dioxide Intercalation in Chloride Ions Bearing Hydrotalcite**

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## 1. Atomic Density Profile

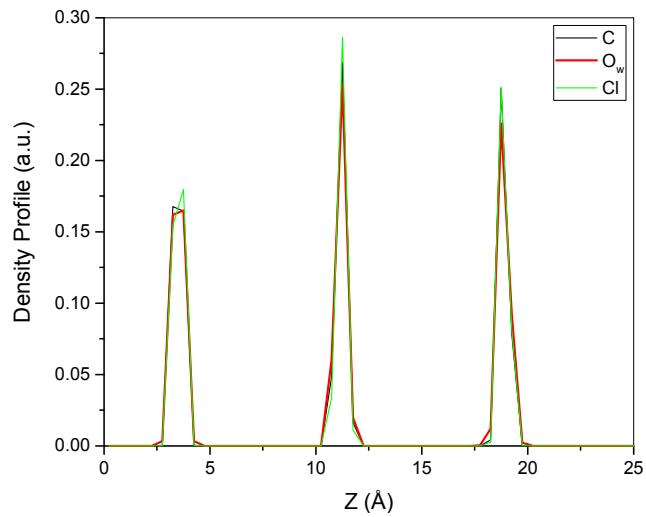


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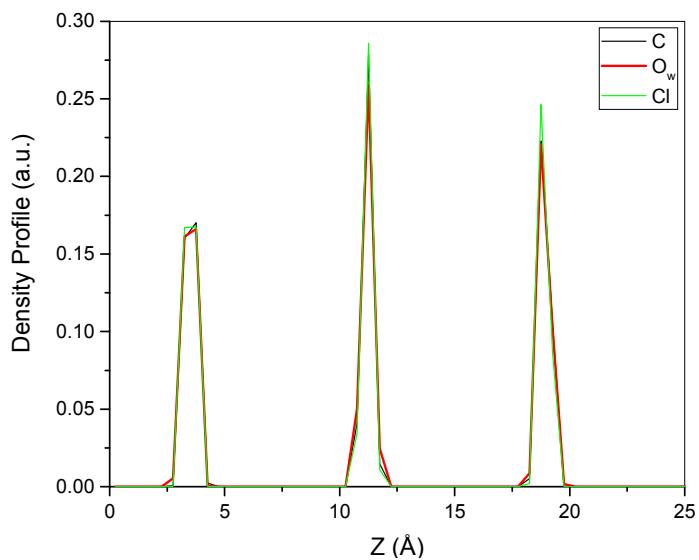


Figure S 2-Atomic density profiles of interlayer H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> in the simulation cell along the z dimension (perpendicular to the mineral surface) for the system containing 84 CO<sub>2</sub> and 36 H<sub>2</sub>O.

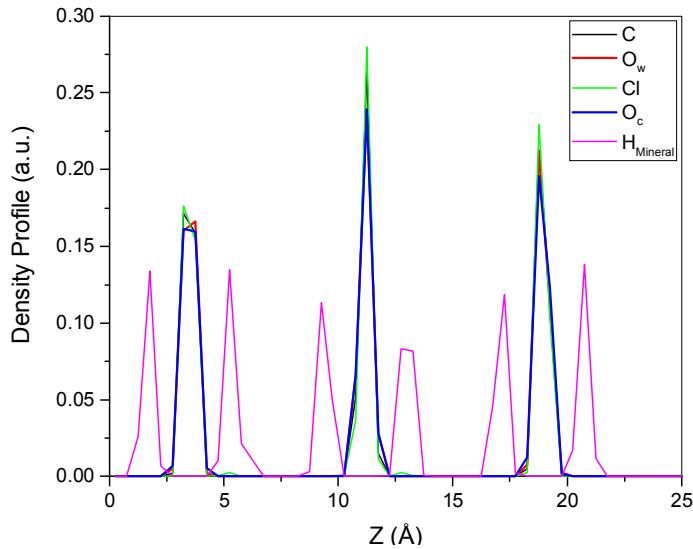


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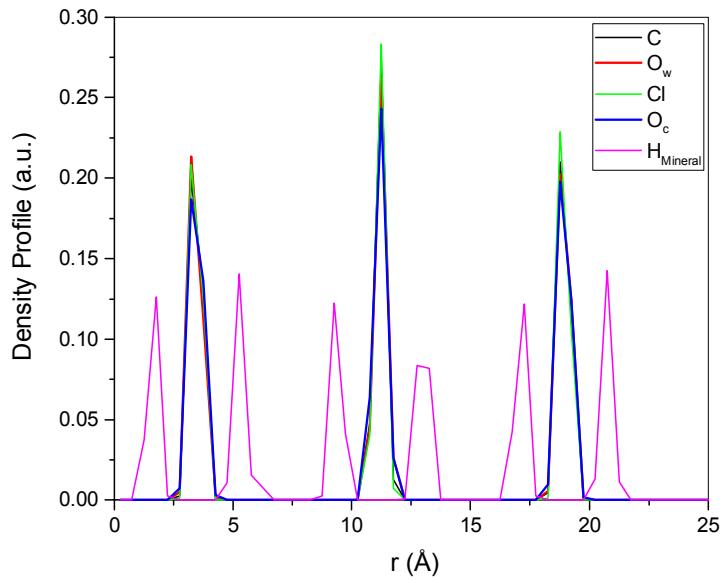


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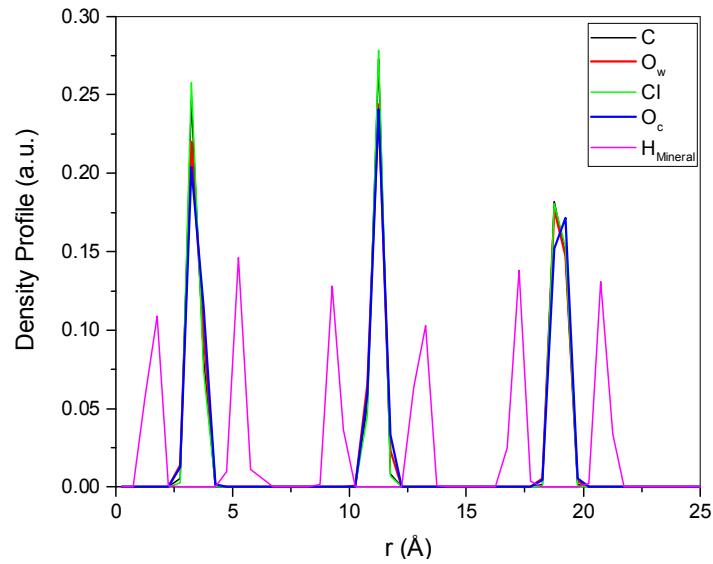


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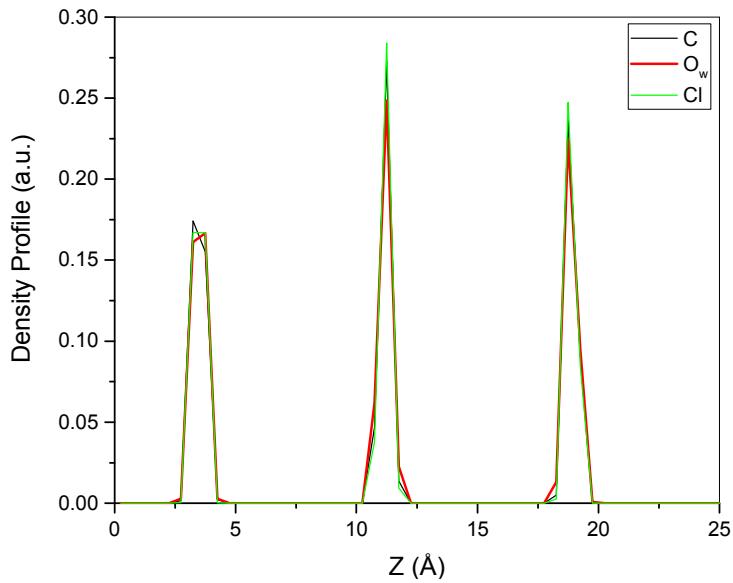


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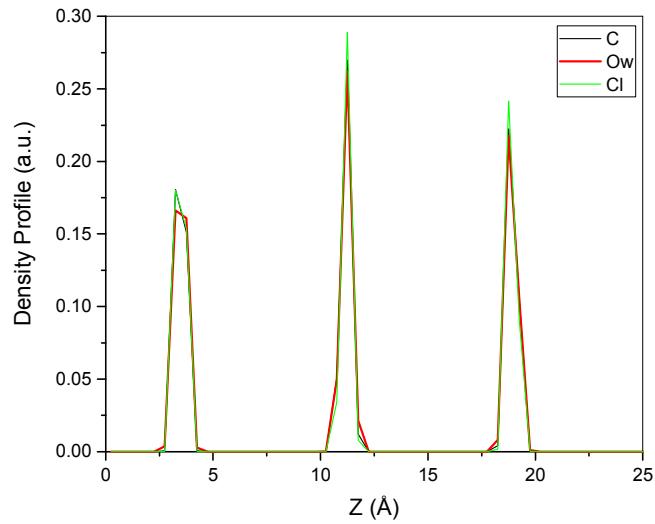


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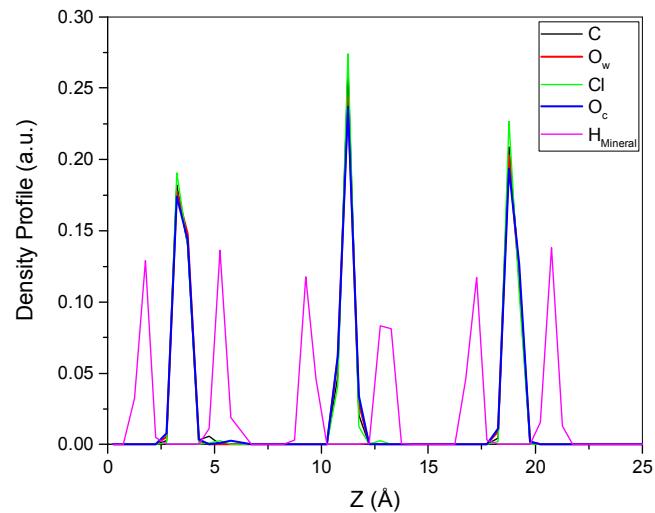


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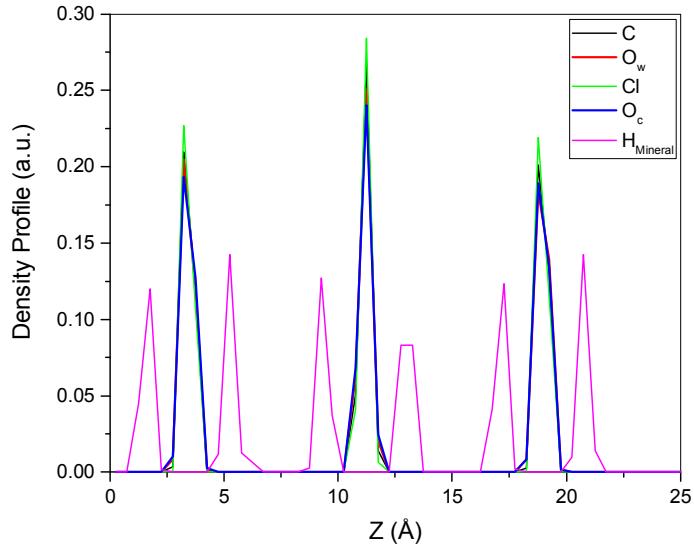


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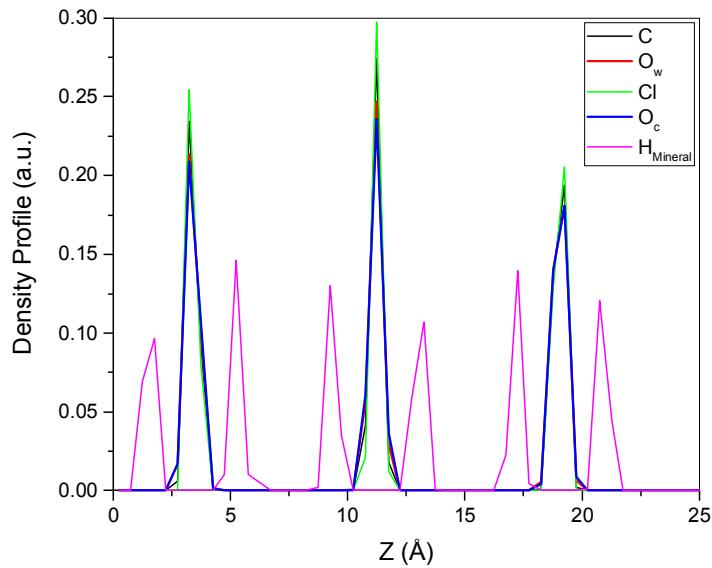


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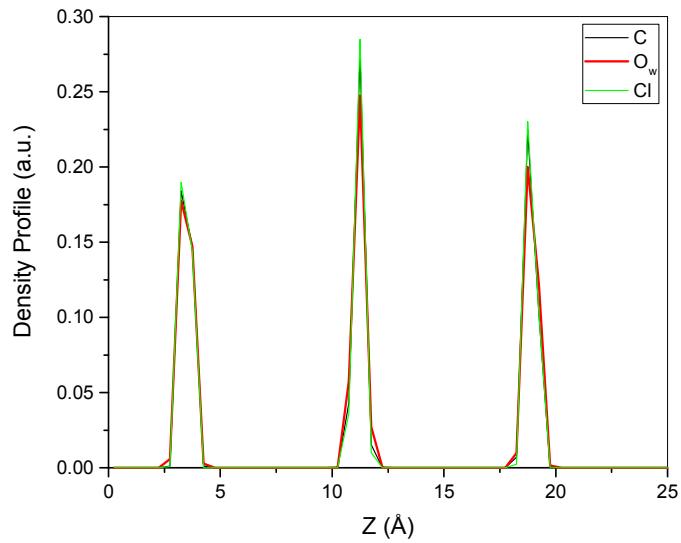


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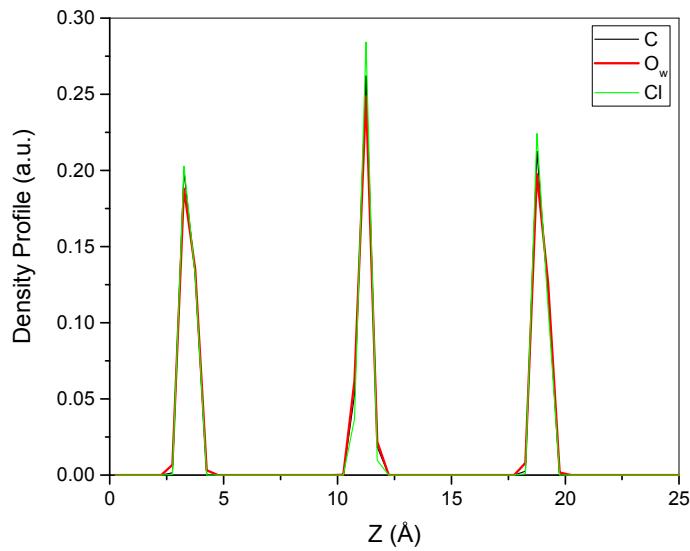


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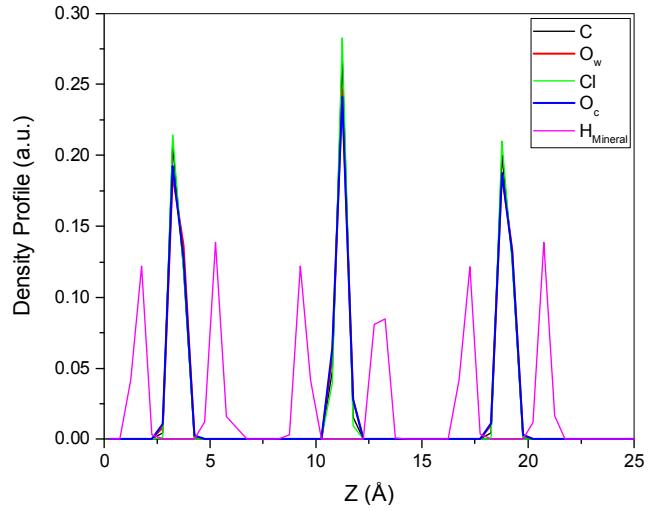


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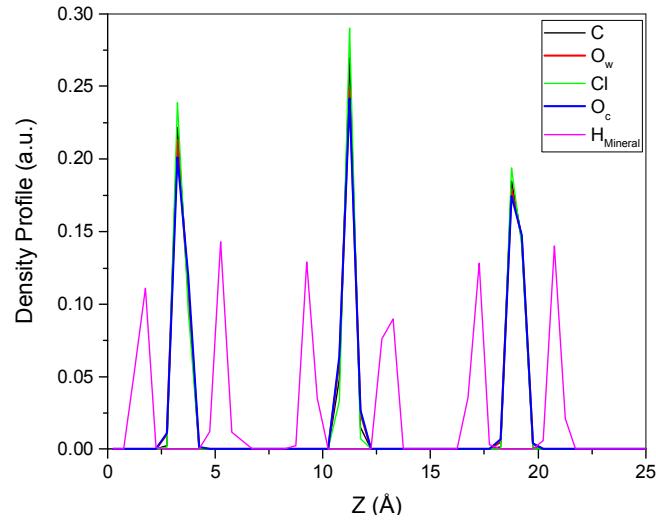


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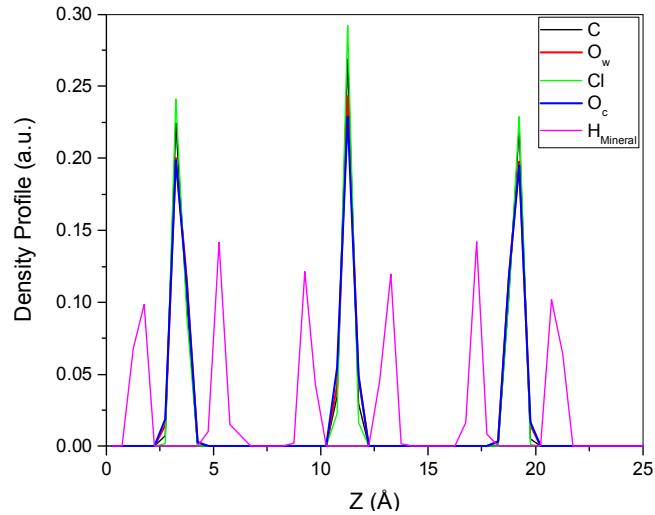


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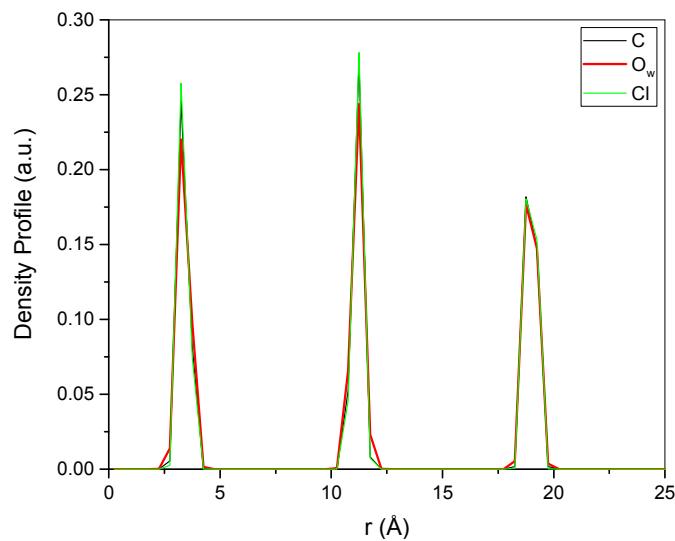


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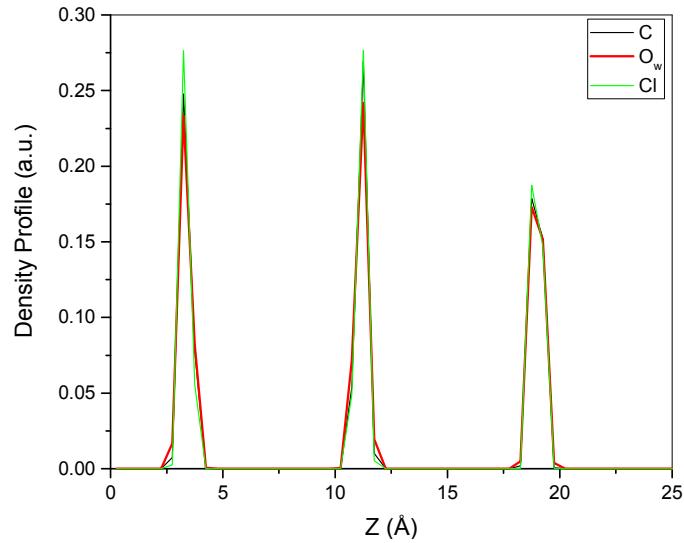


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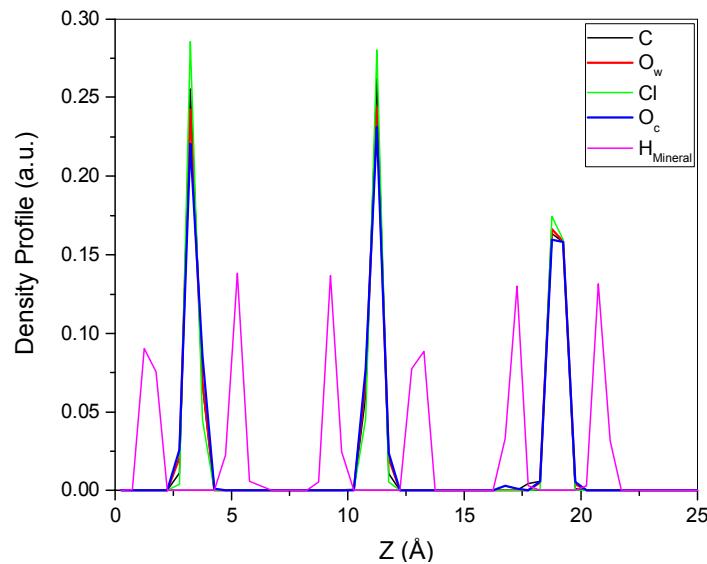


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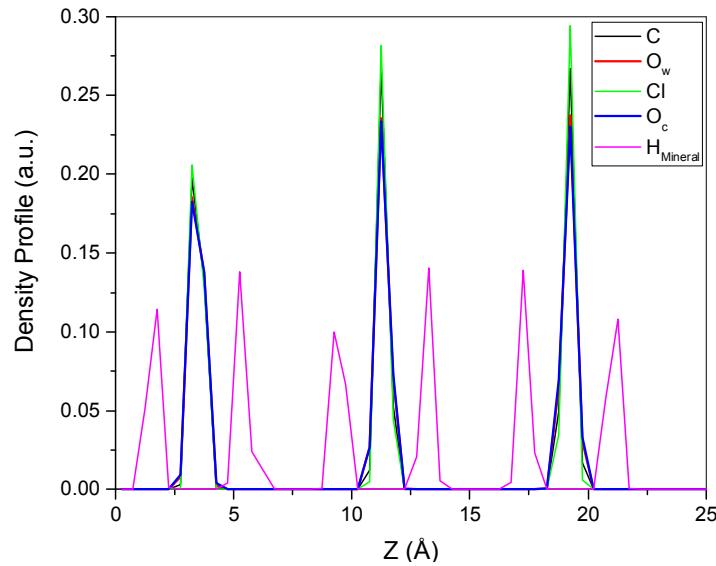


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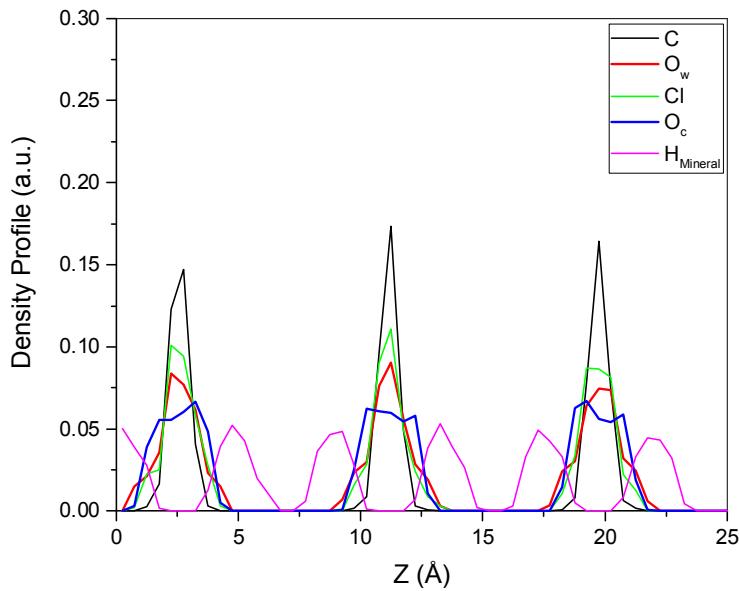


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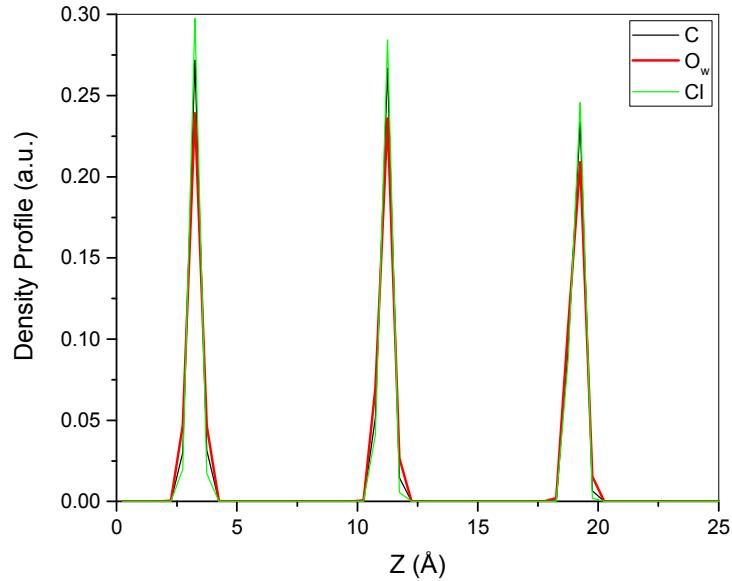


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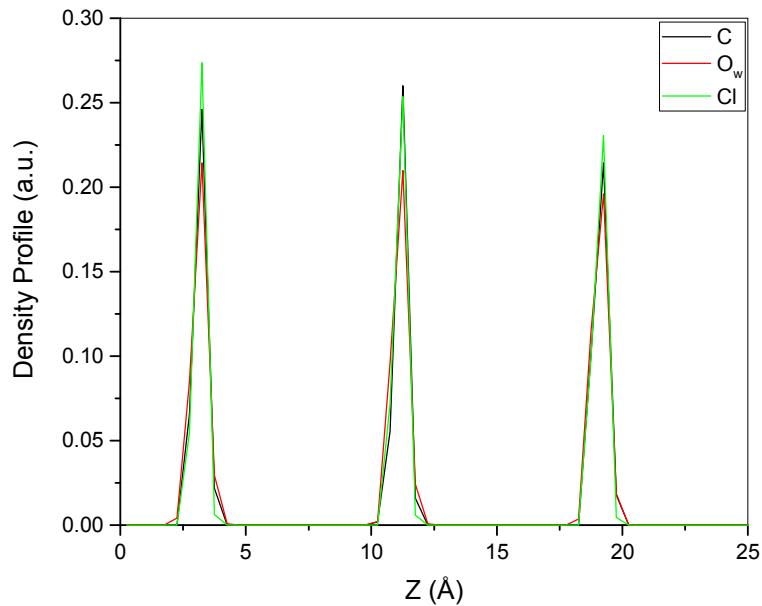


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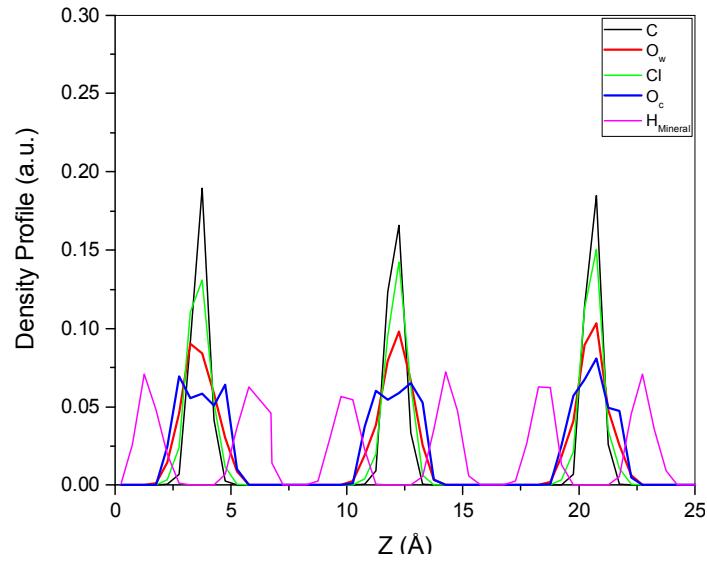


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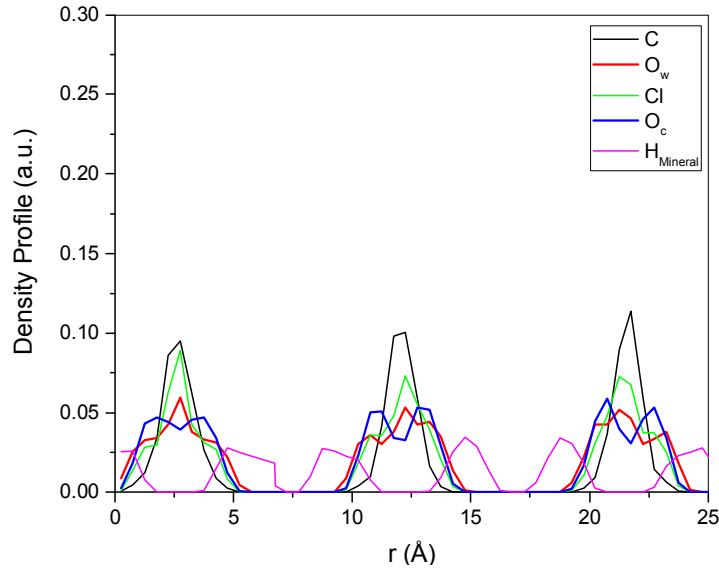
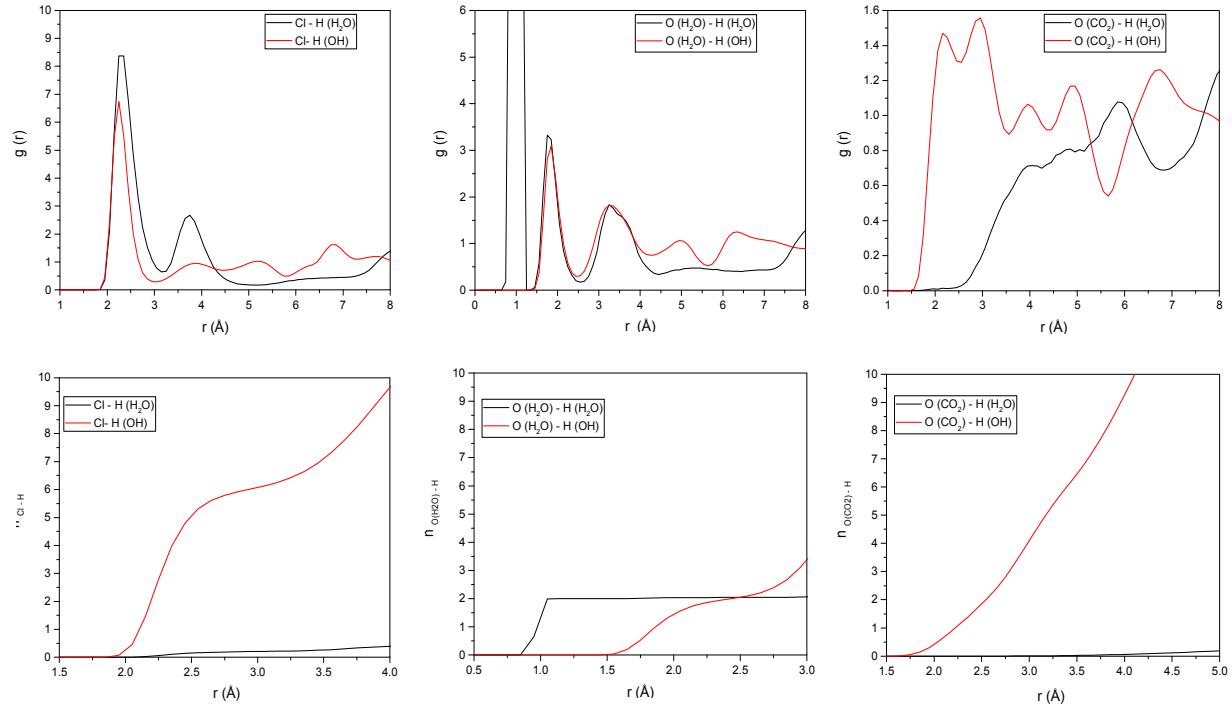


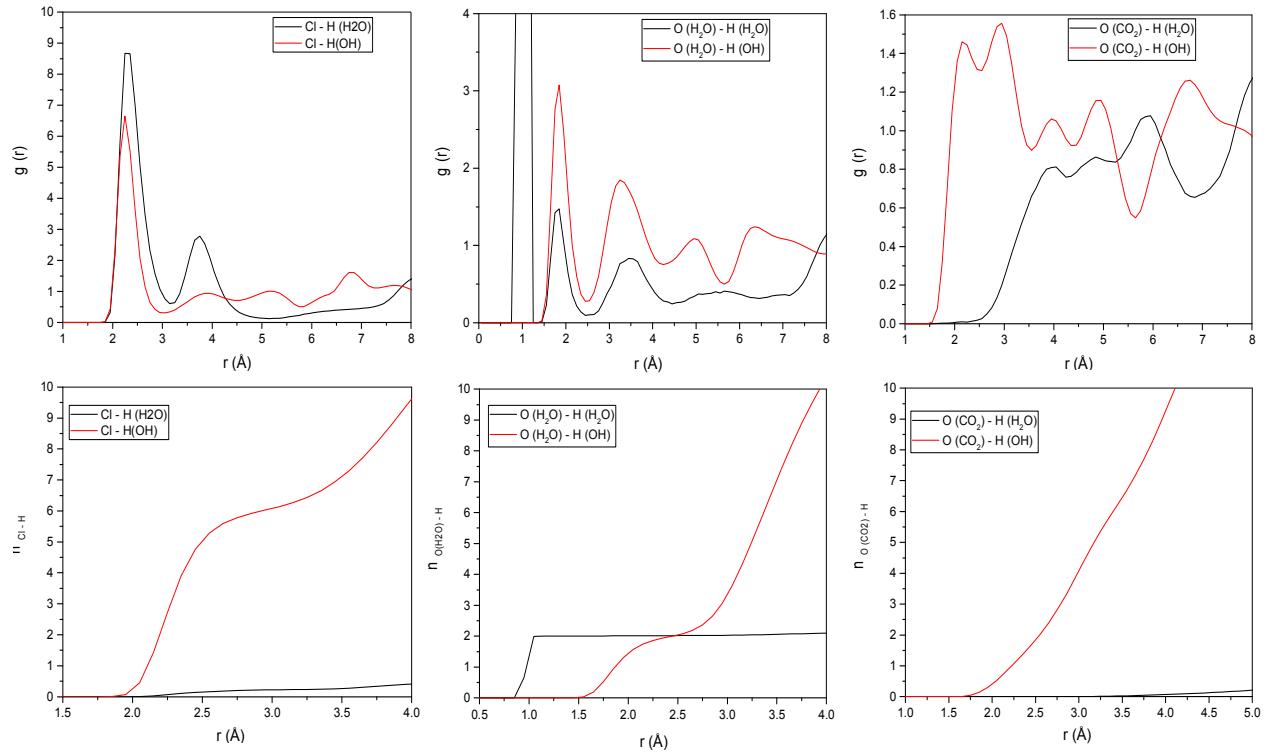
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## 2. Hydrogen Bonds Calculations



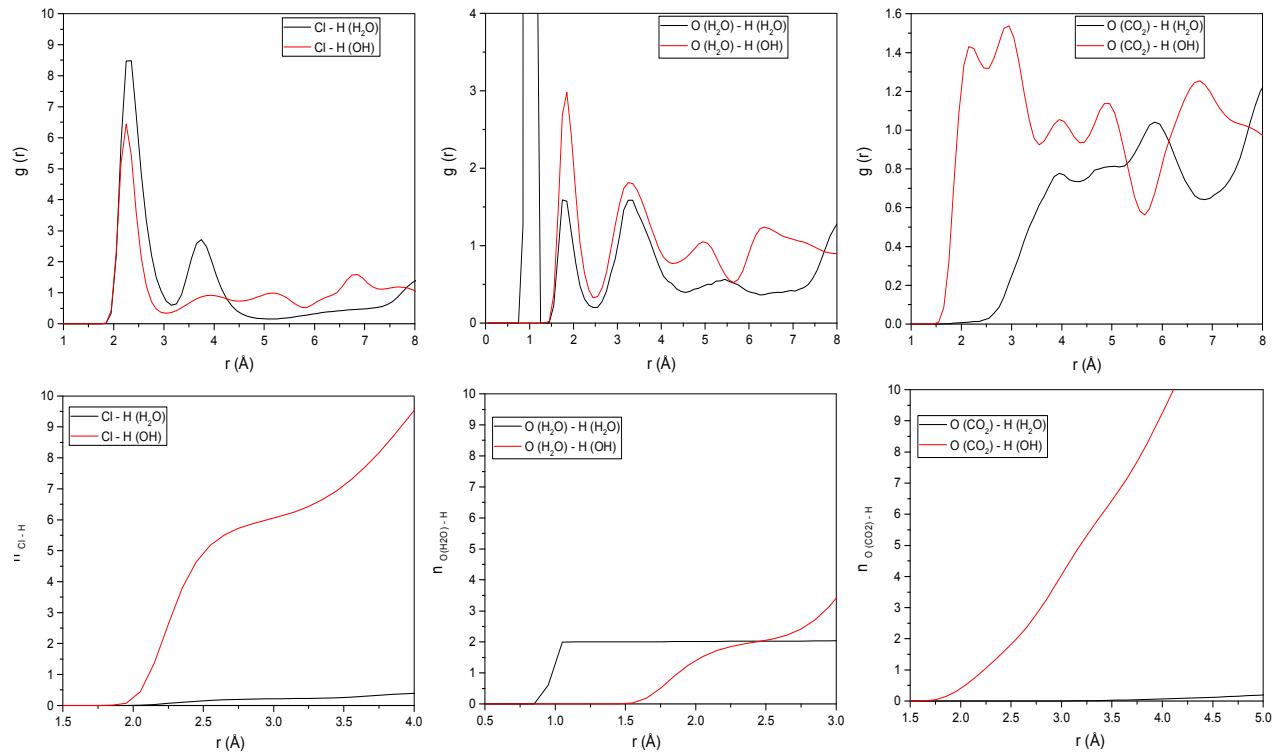
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 1.2

Figure S 25- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $\text{Cl}^- - \text{H}$  pairs and  $\text{O} (\text{H}_2\text{O}) - \text{H}$  pairs and  $\text{O} (\text{CO}_2) - \text{H}$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $\text{Cl}^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 36  $\text{CO}_2$  and 36  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the interlayer region.



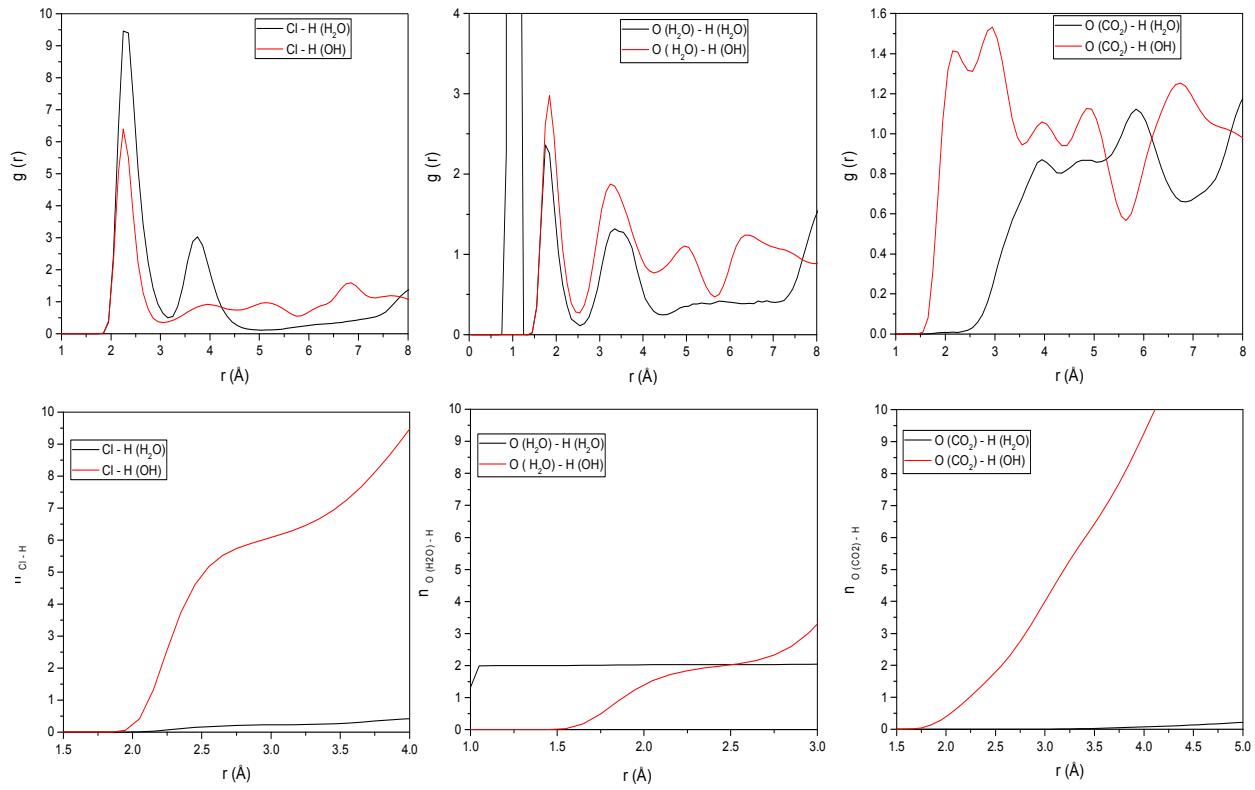
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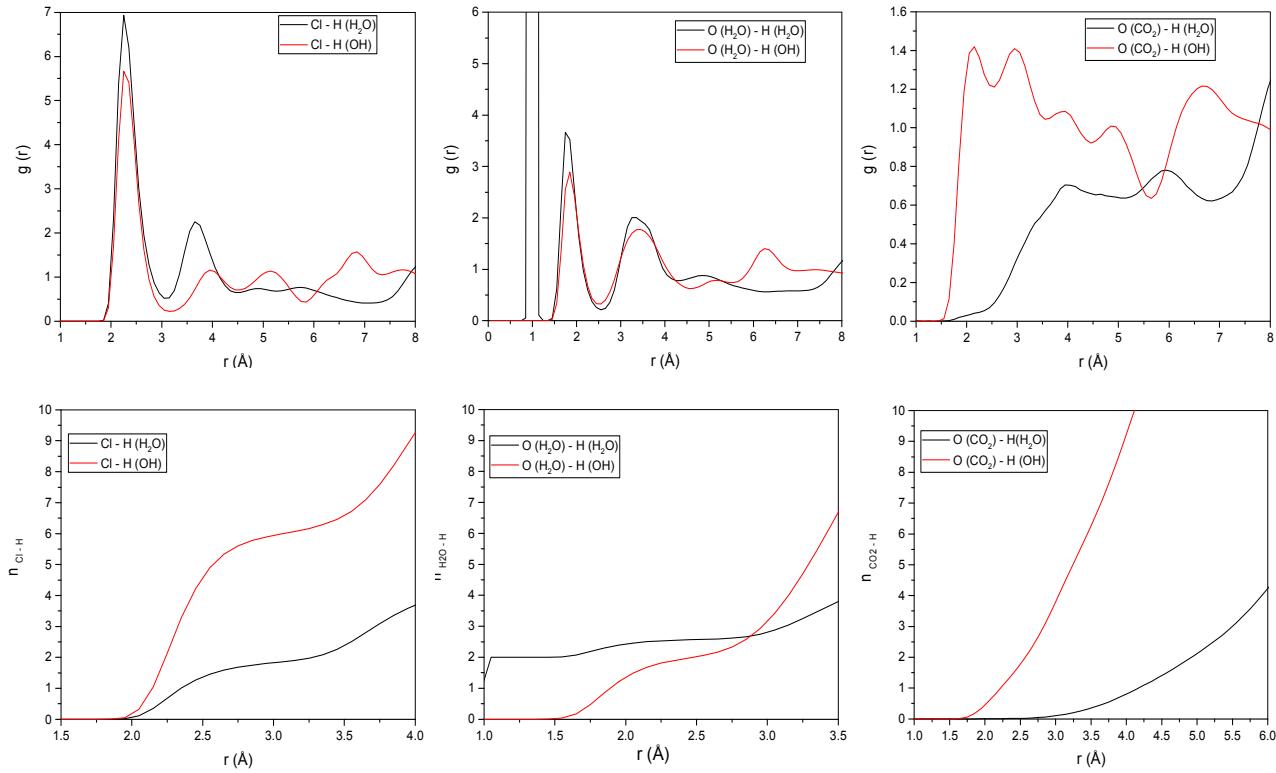
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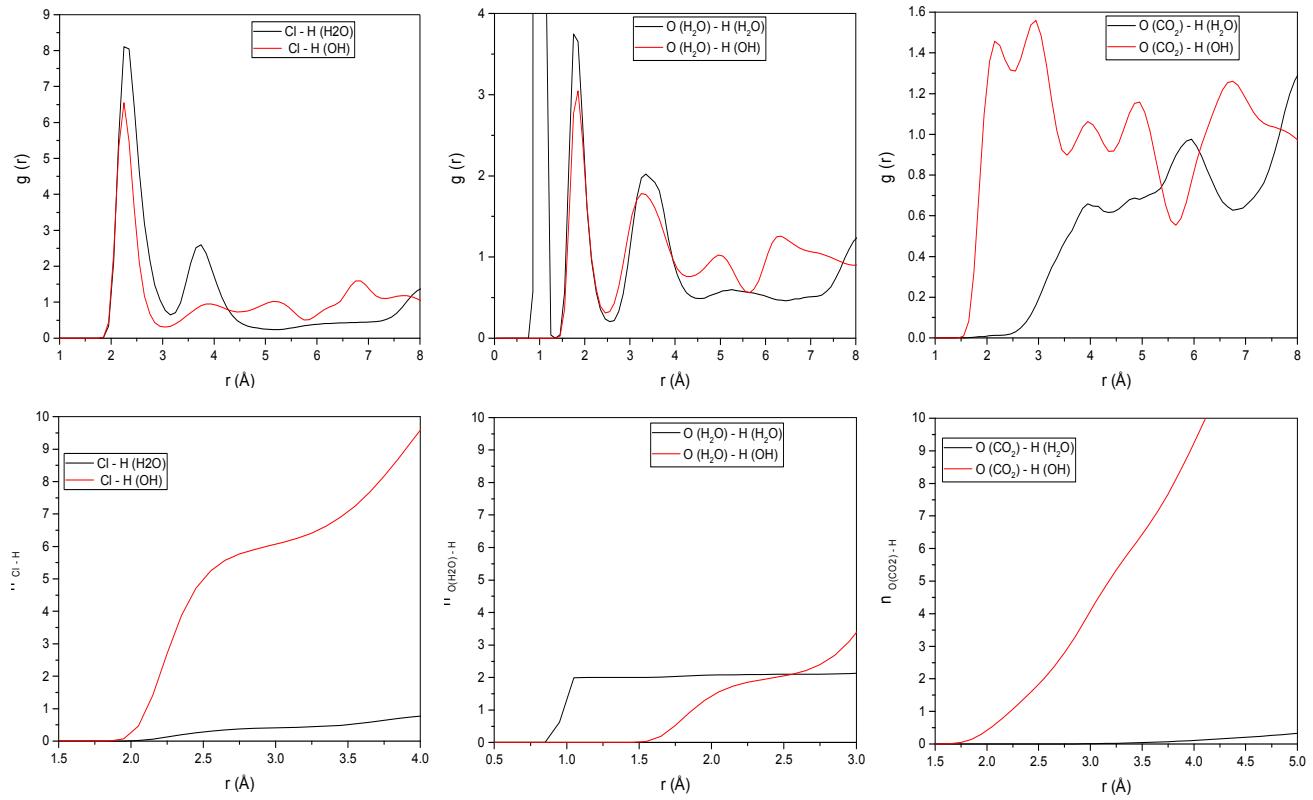
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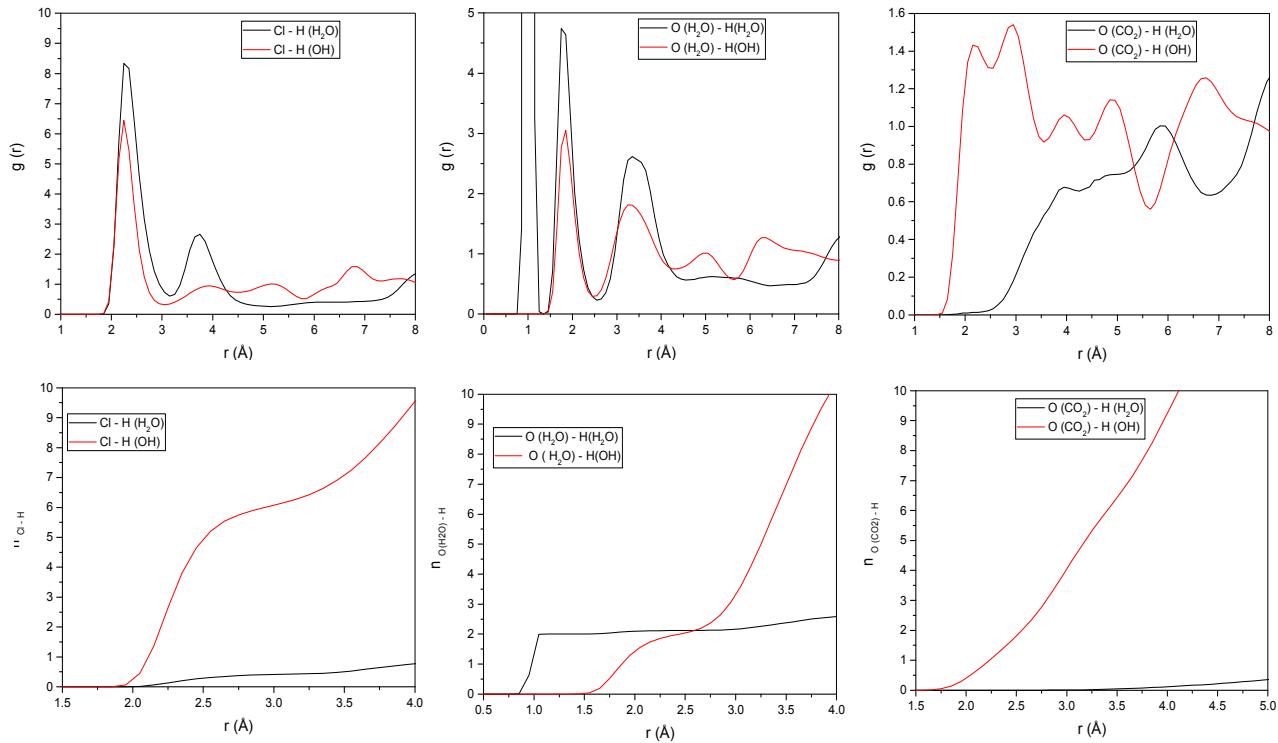
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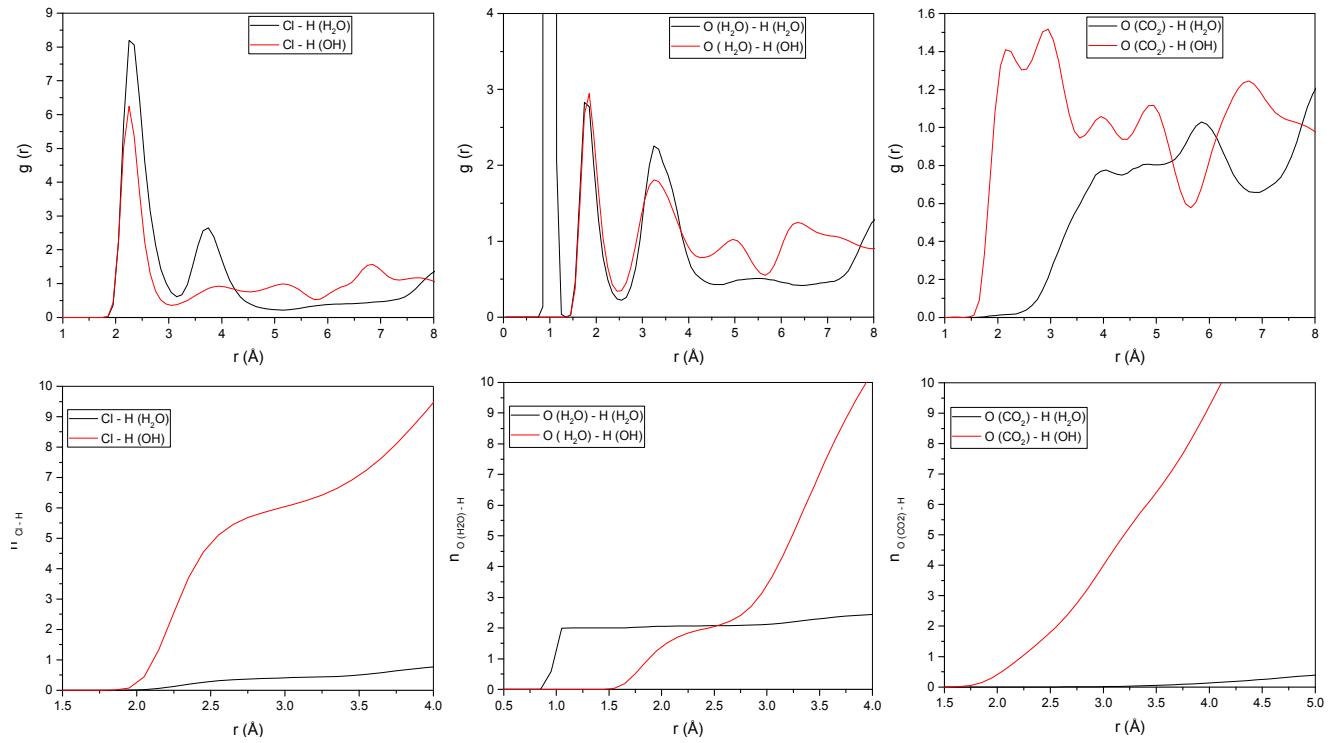
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 1.4

Figure S 30- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^- - H$  pairs and  $O(H_2O) - H$  pairs and  $O(CO_2) - H$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 36  $CO_2$  and 72  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



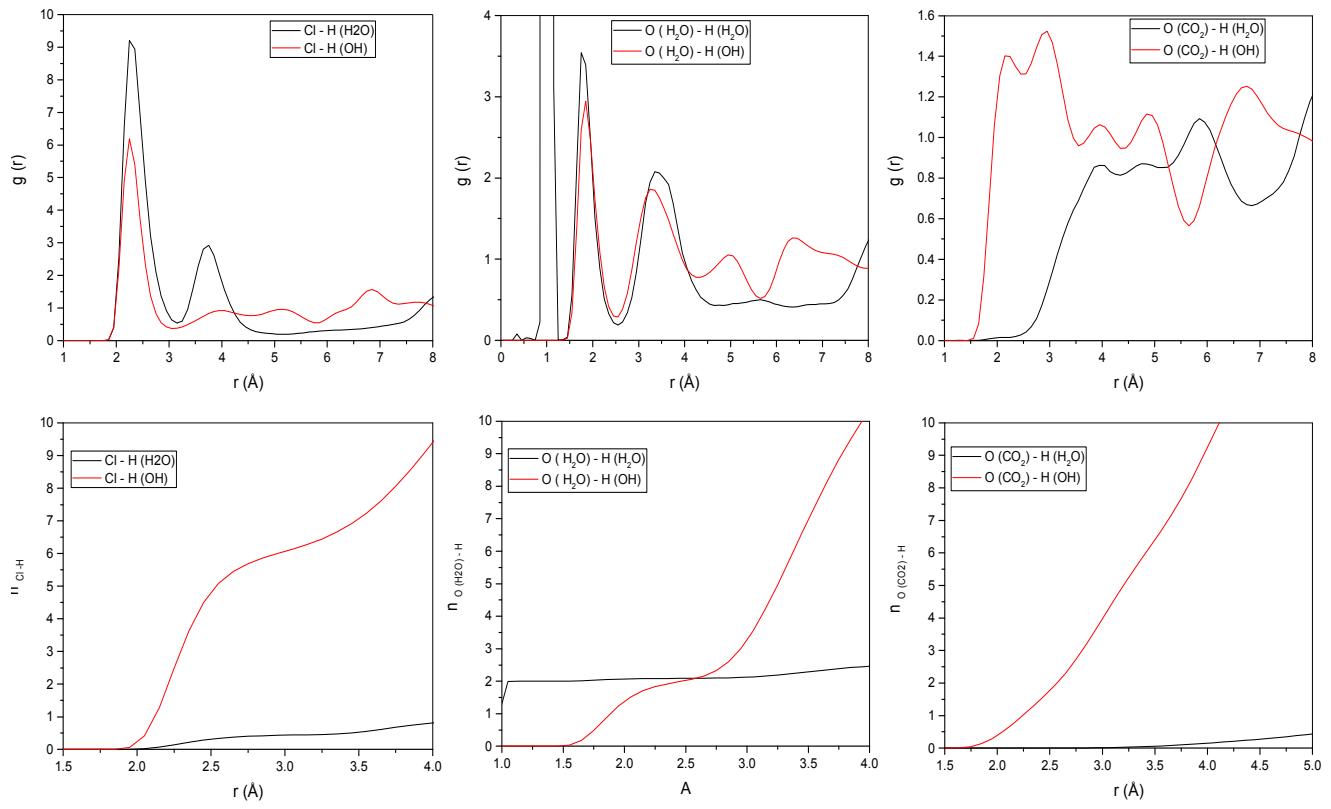
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 1.47

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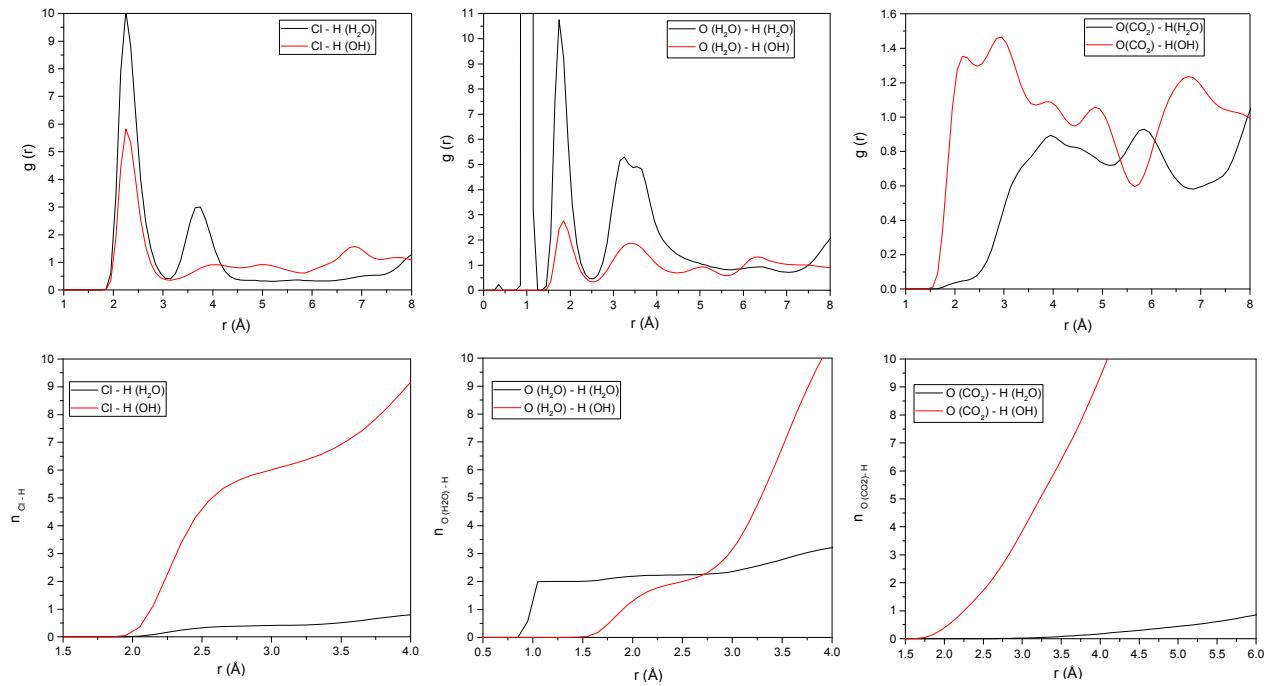
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 1.55

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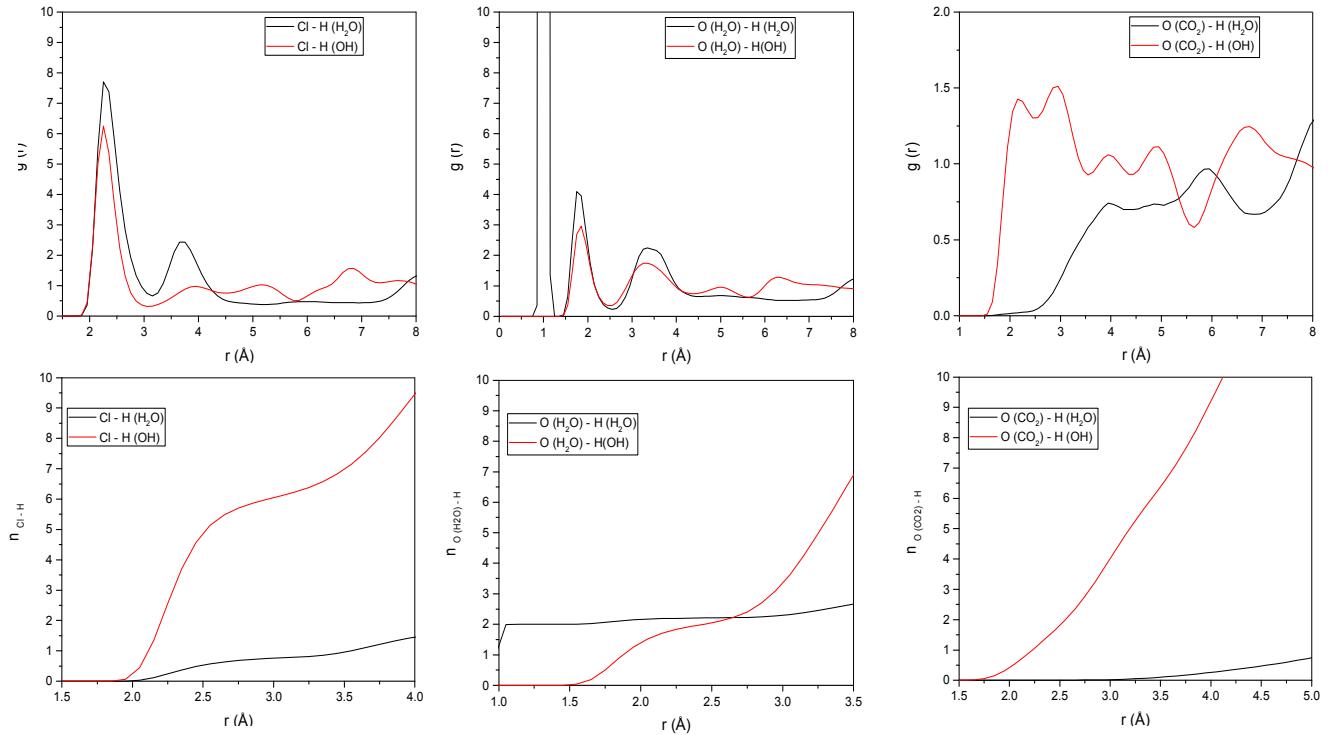
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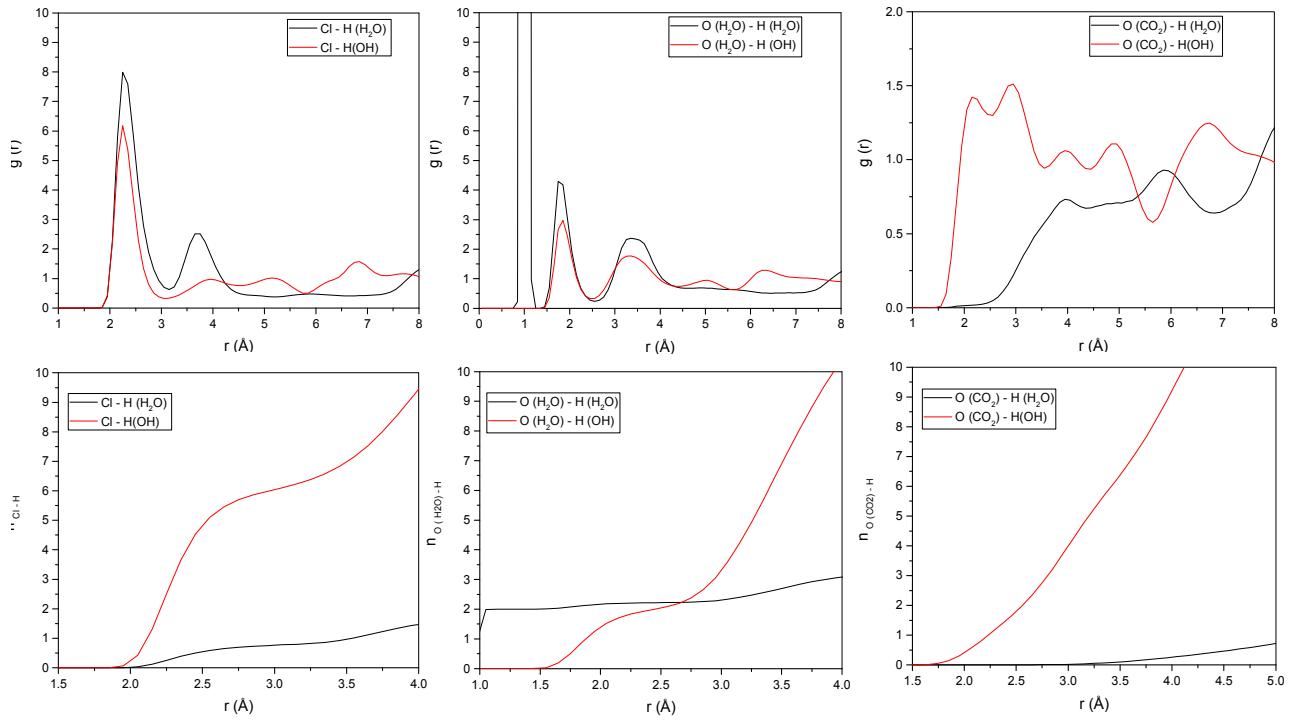
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 1.75

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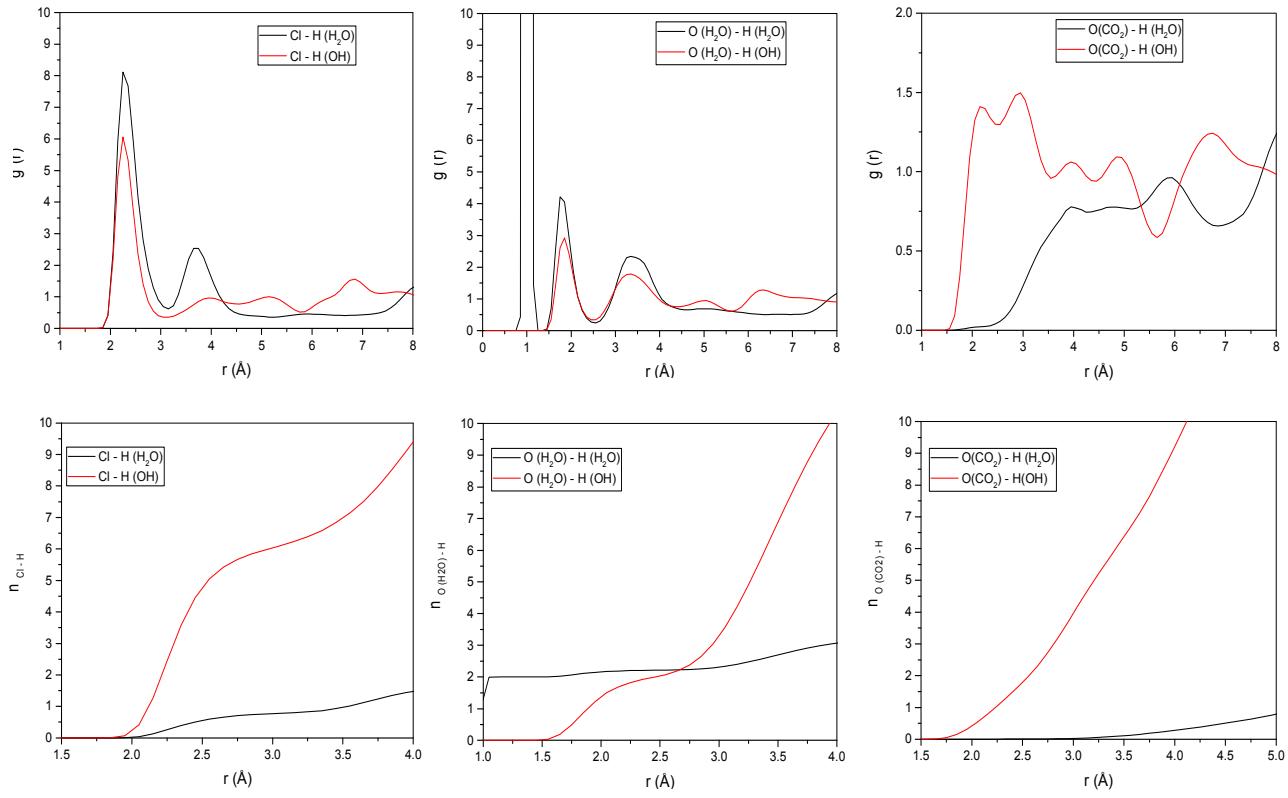
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 2.75

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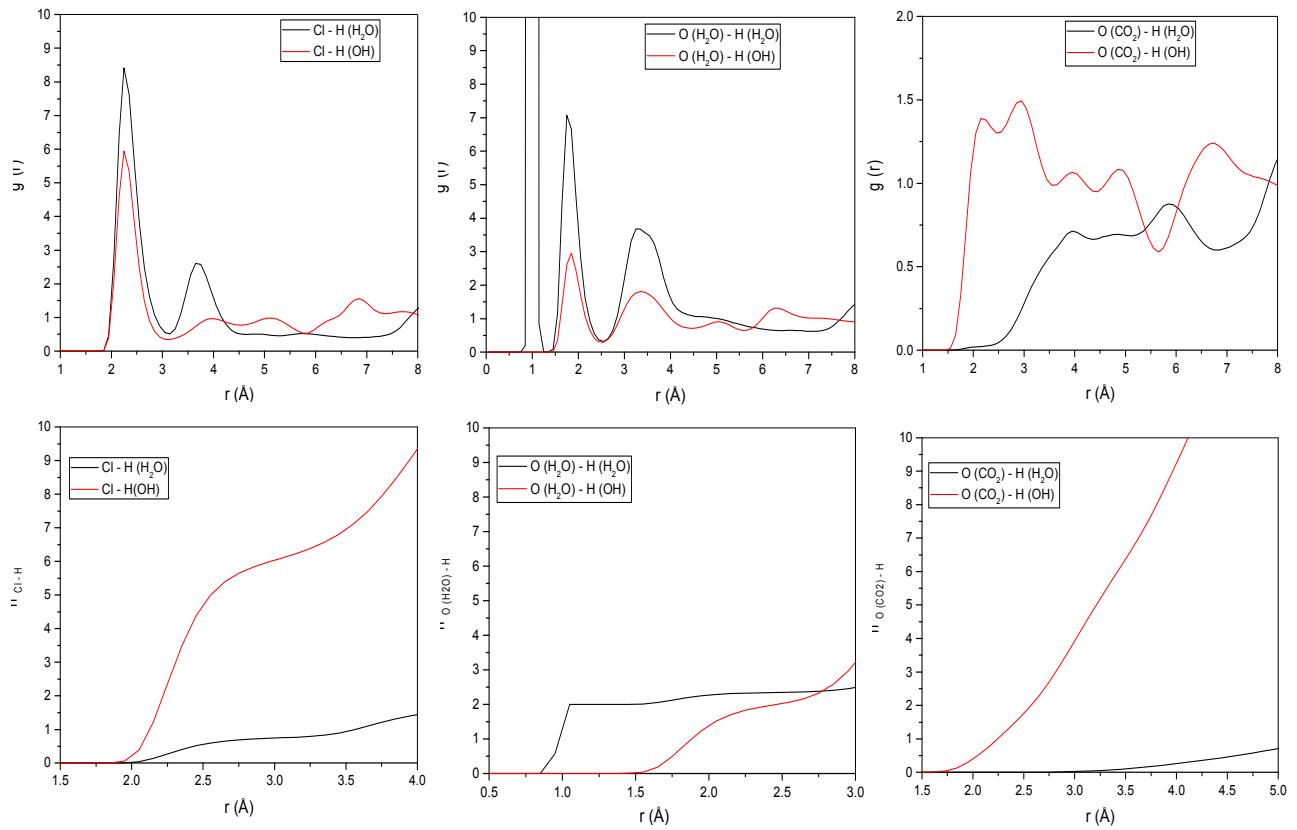
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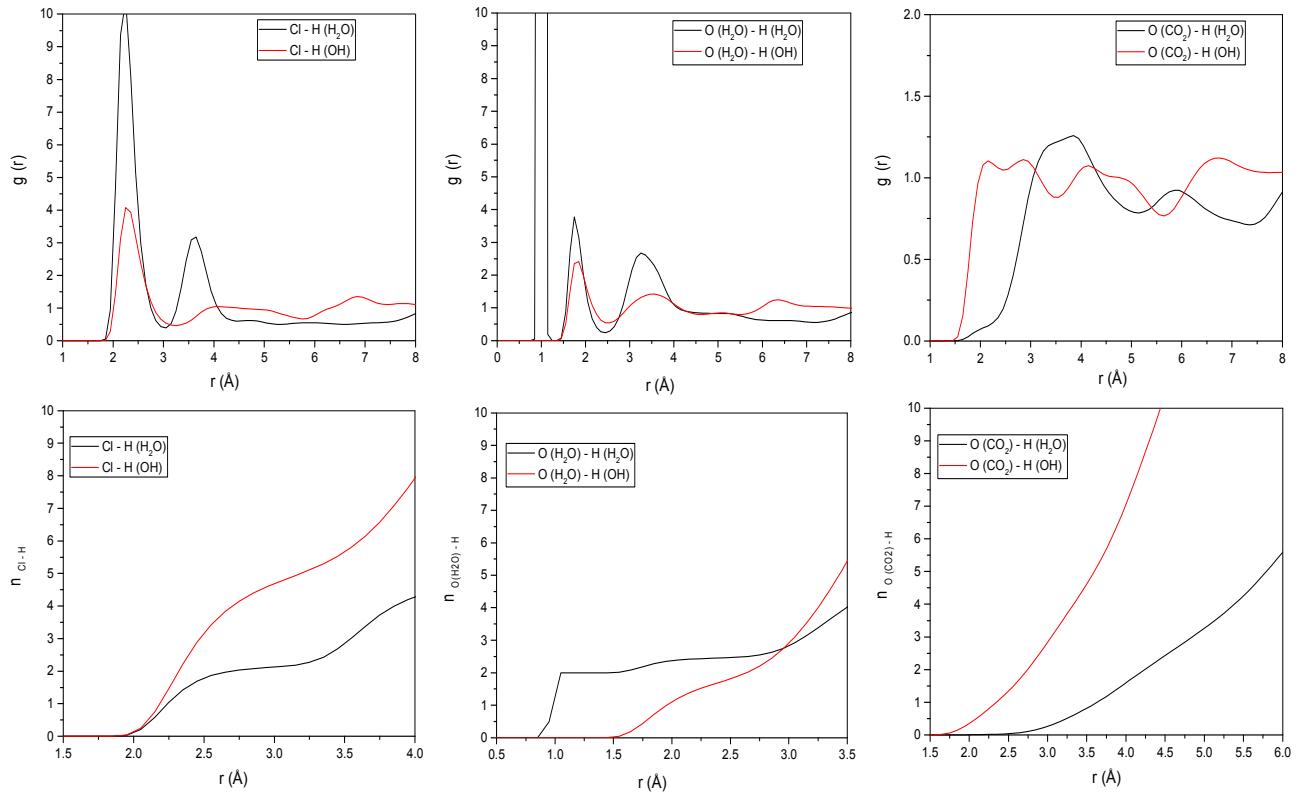
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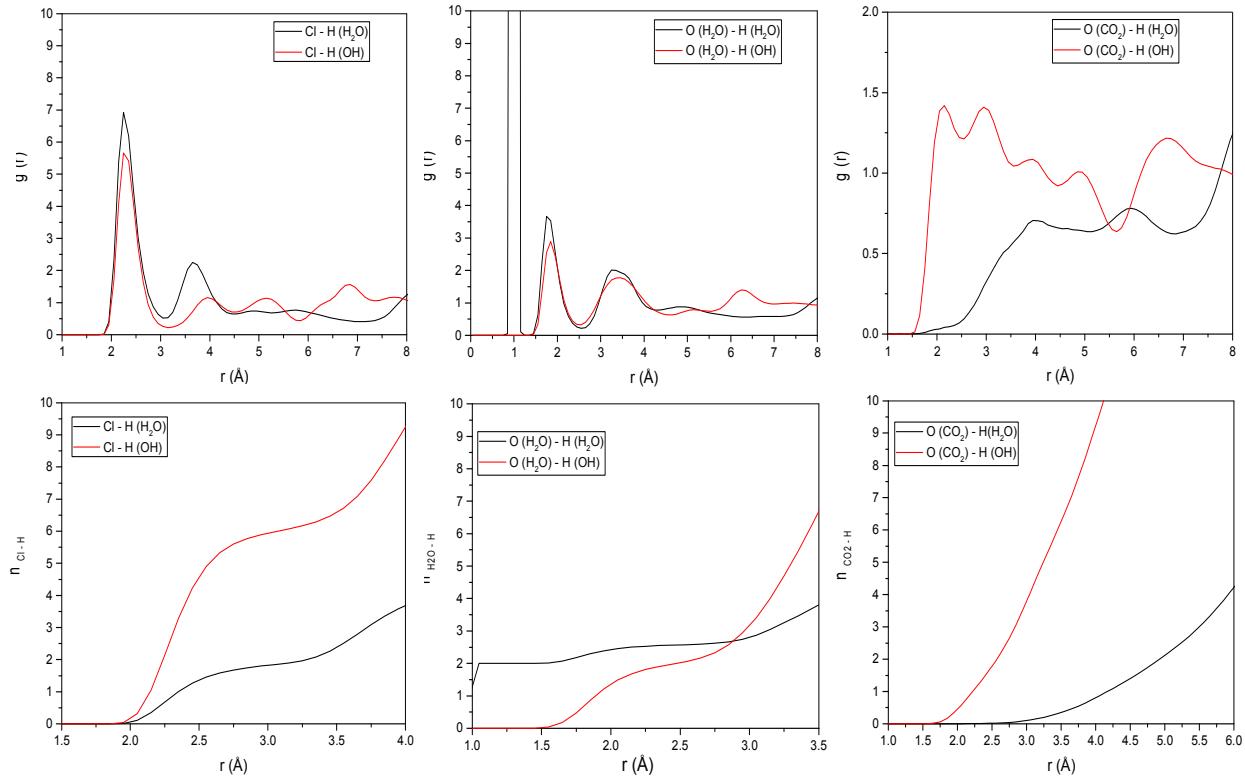
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 2.75

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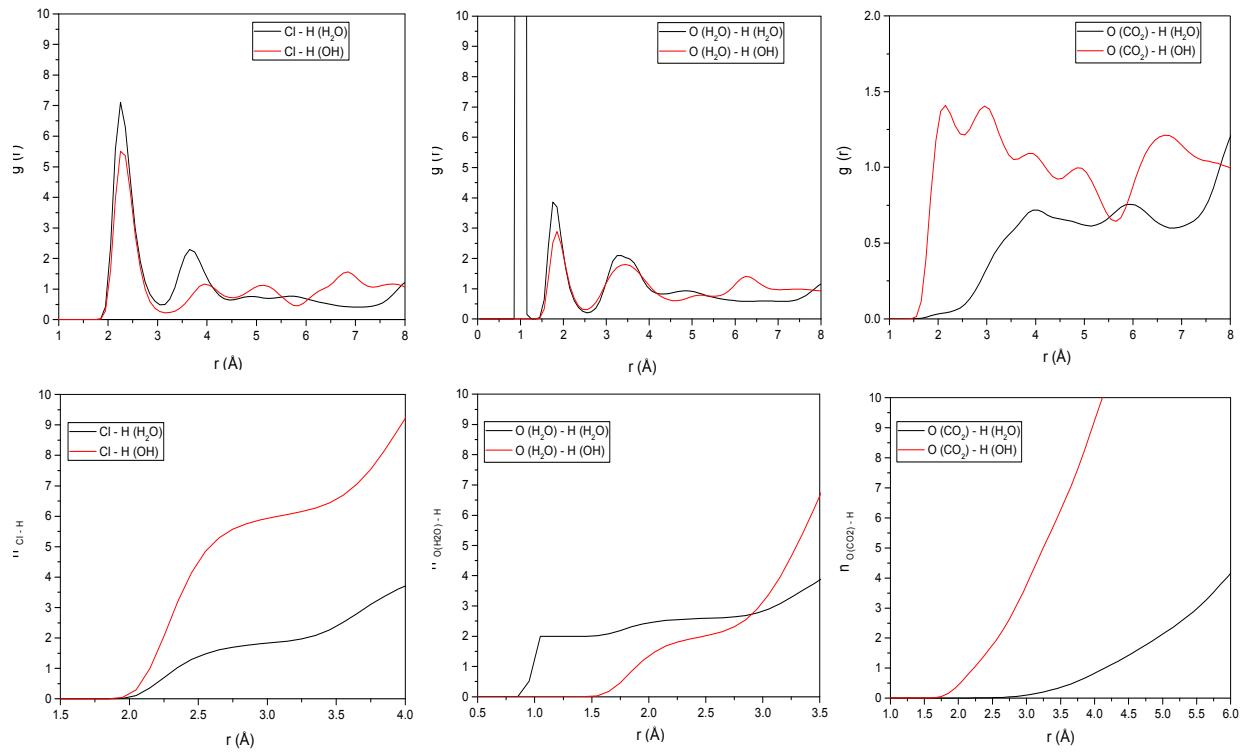
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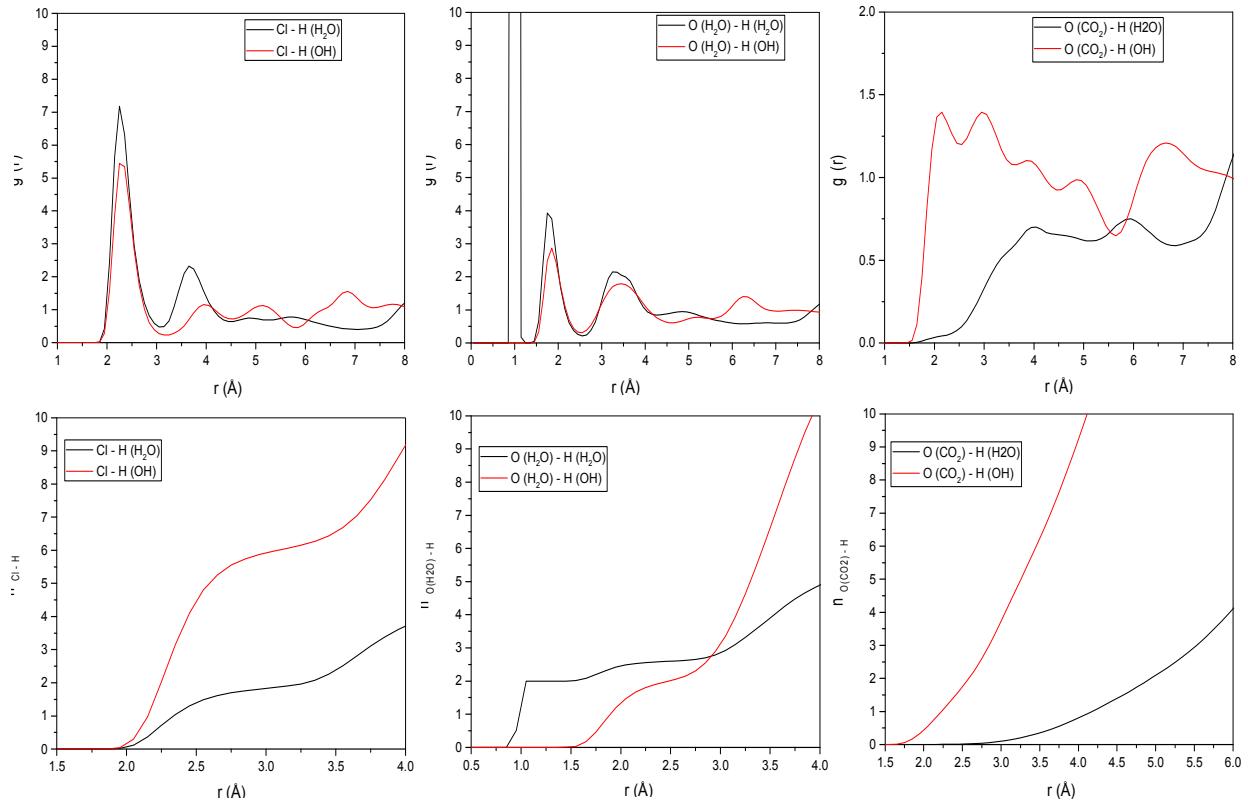
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.2

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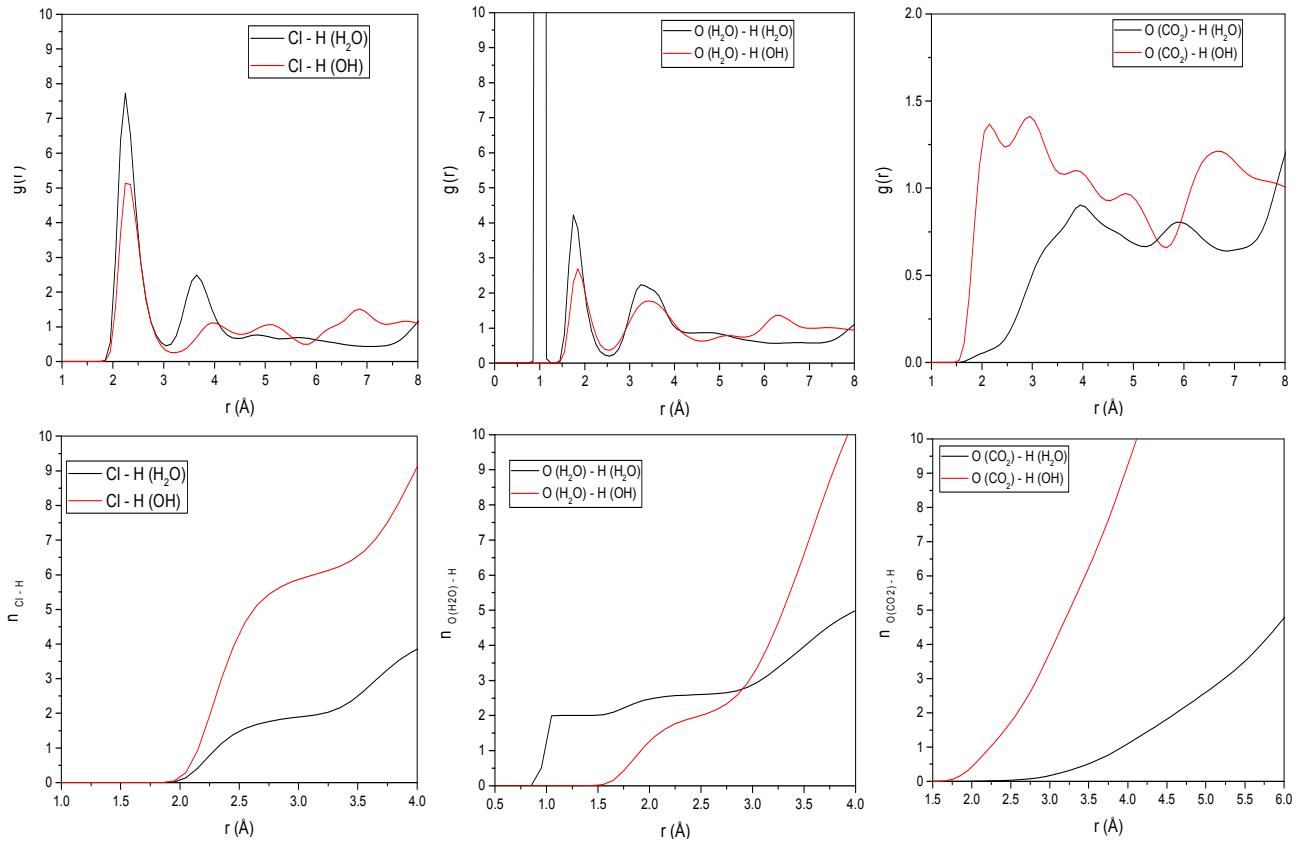
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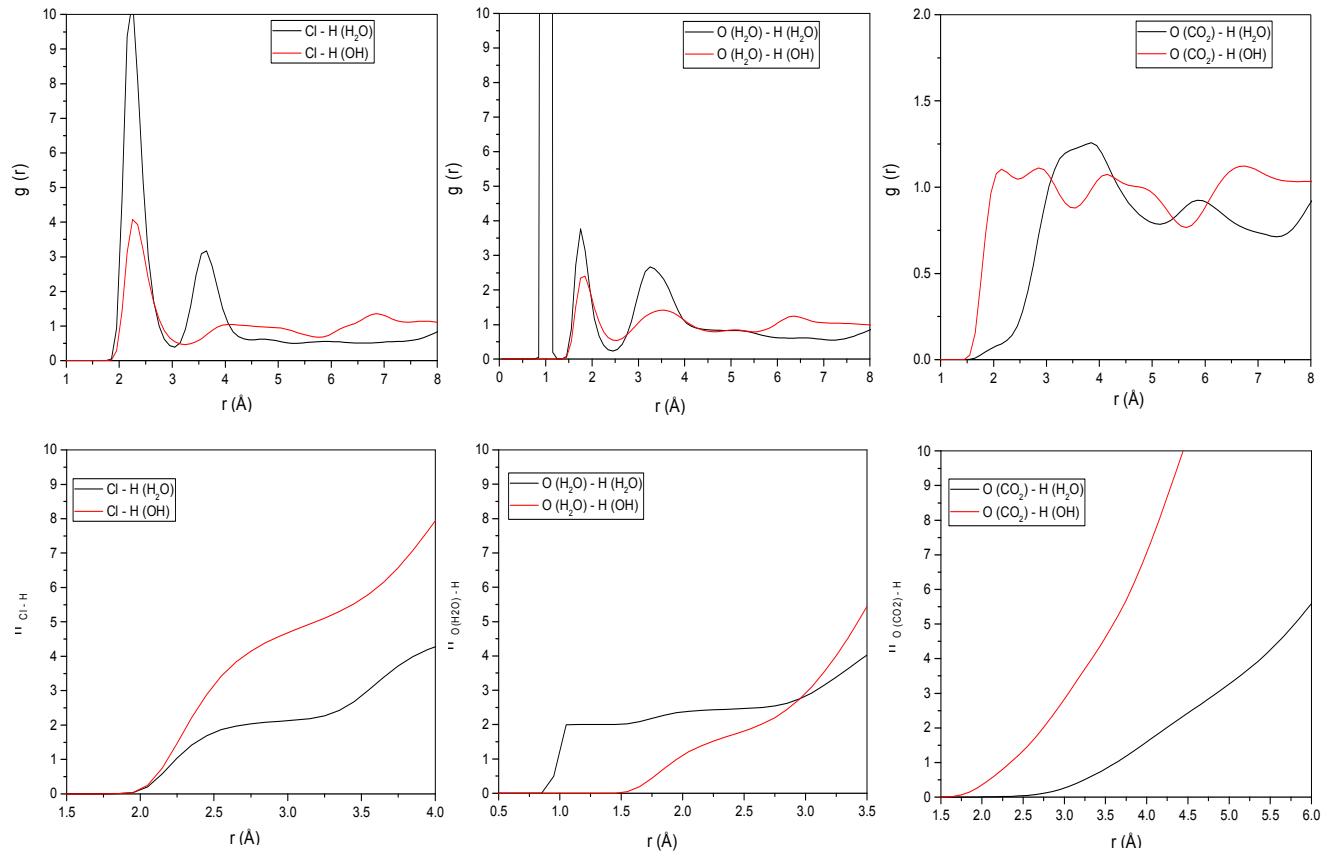
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.4

Figure S 42- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^-$  - H pairs and  $O (H_2O)$  - H pairs and  $O (CO_2)$  – H pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 120  $CO_2$  and 432  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



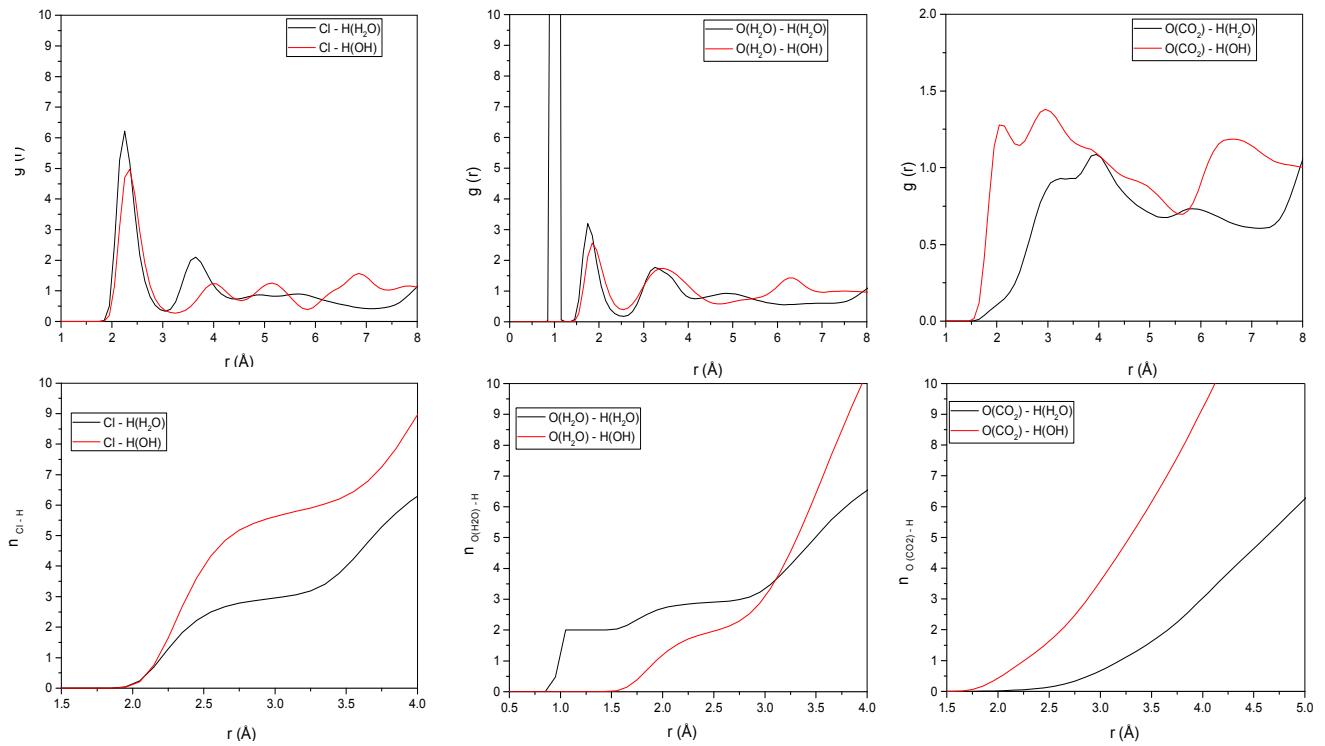
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.6

Figure S 43- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^- - H$  pairs and  $O (H_2O) - H$  pairs and  $O (CO_2) - H$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 216  $CO_2$  and 432  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



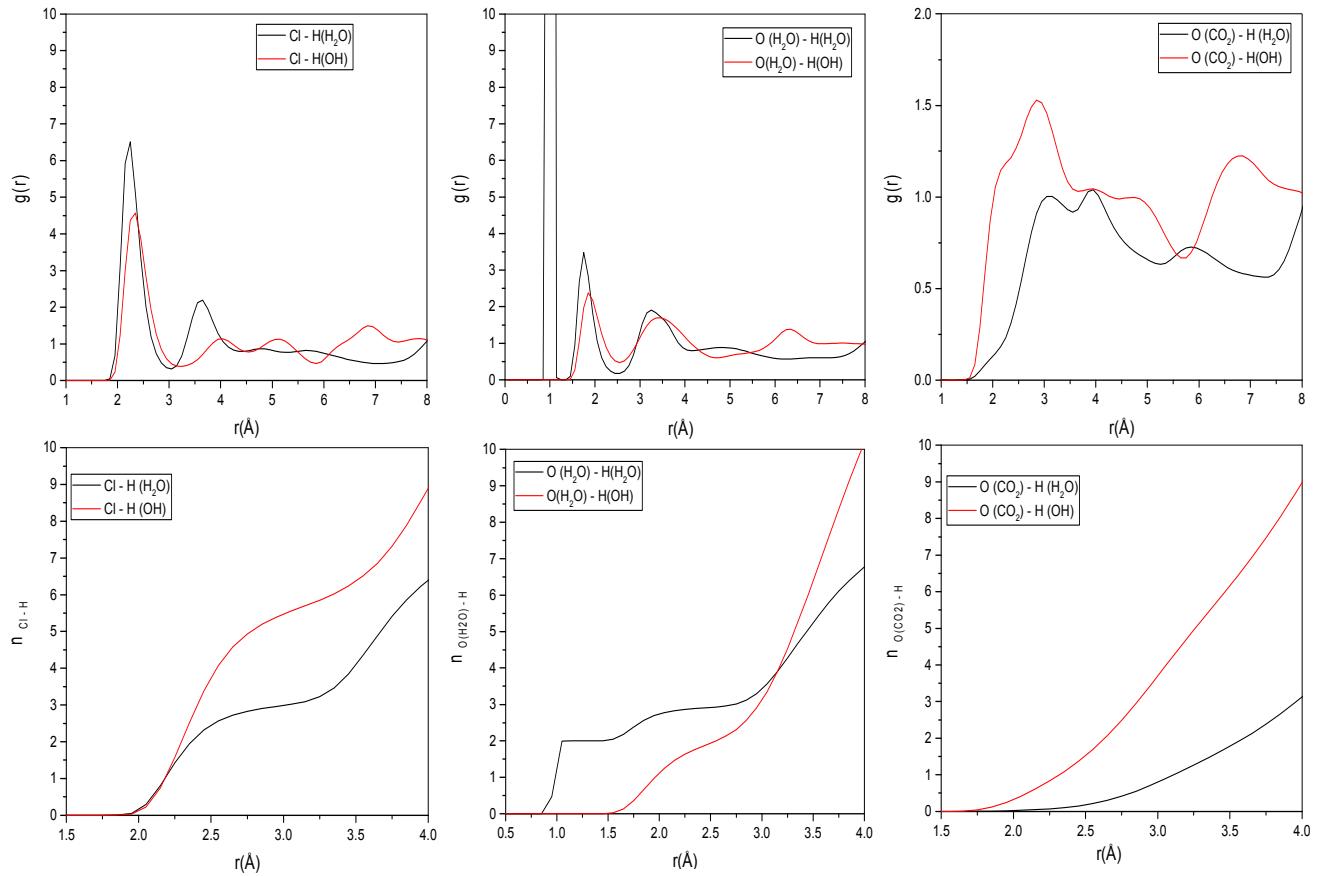
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.8

Figure S 44- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^- - H$  pairs and  $O(H_2O) - H$  pairs and  $O(CO_2) - H$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 432  $CO_2$  and 432  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



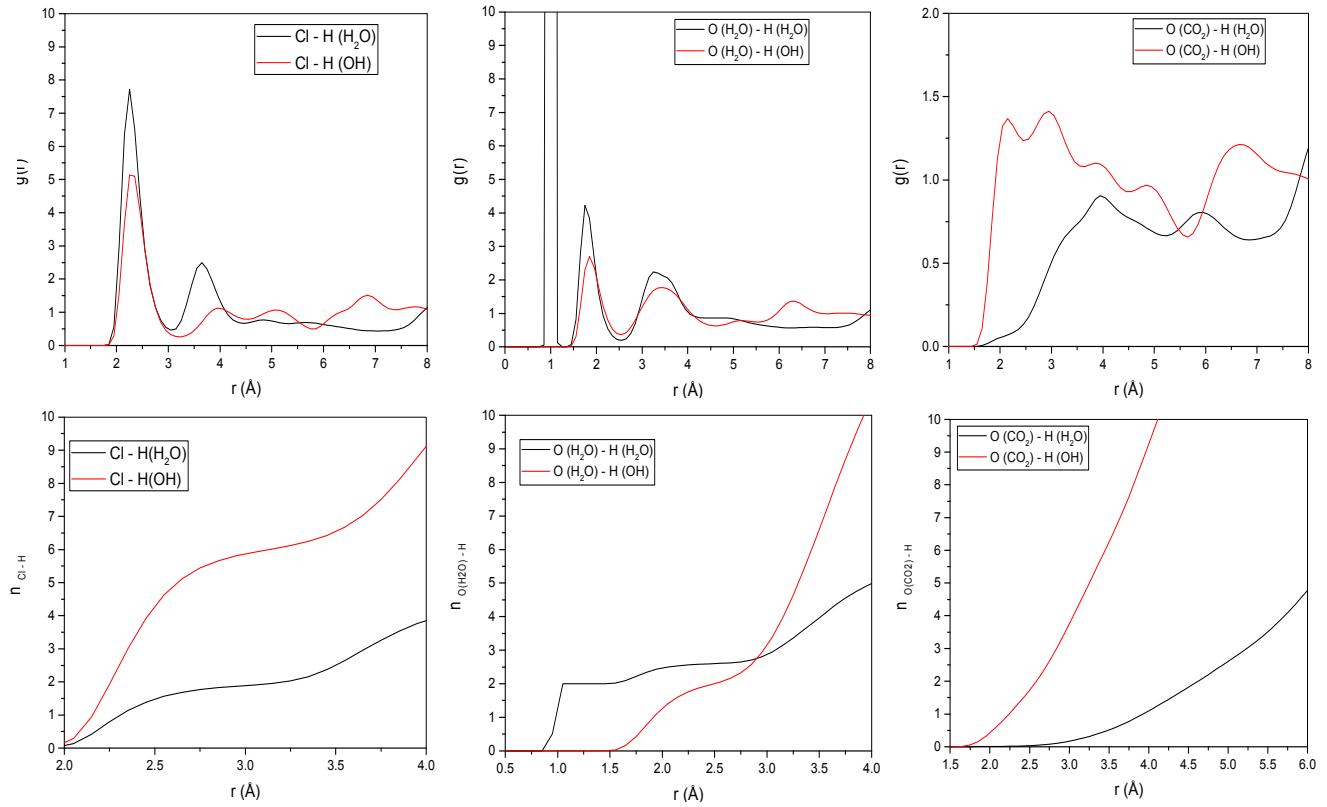
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.7

Figure S 45- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^- - H$  pairs and  $O(H_2O) - H$  pairs and  $O(CO_2) - H$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 36  $CO_2$  and 864  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



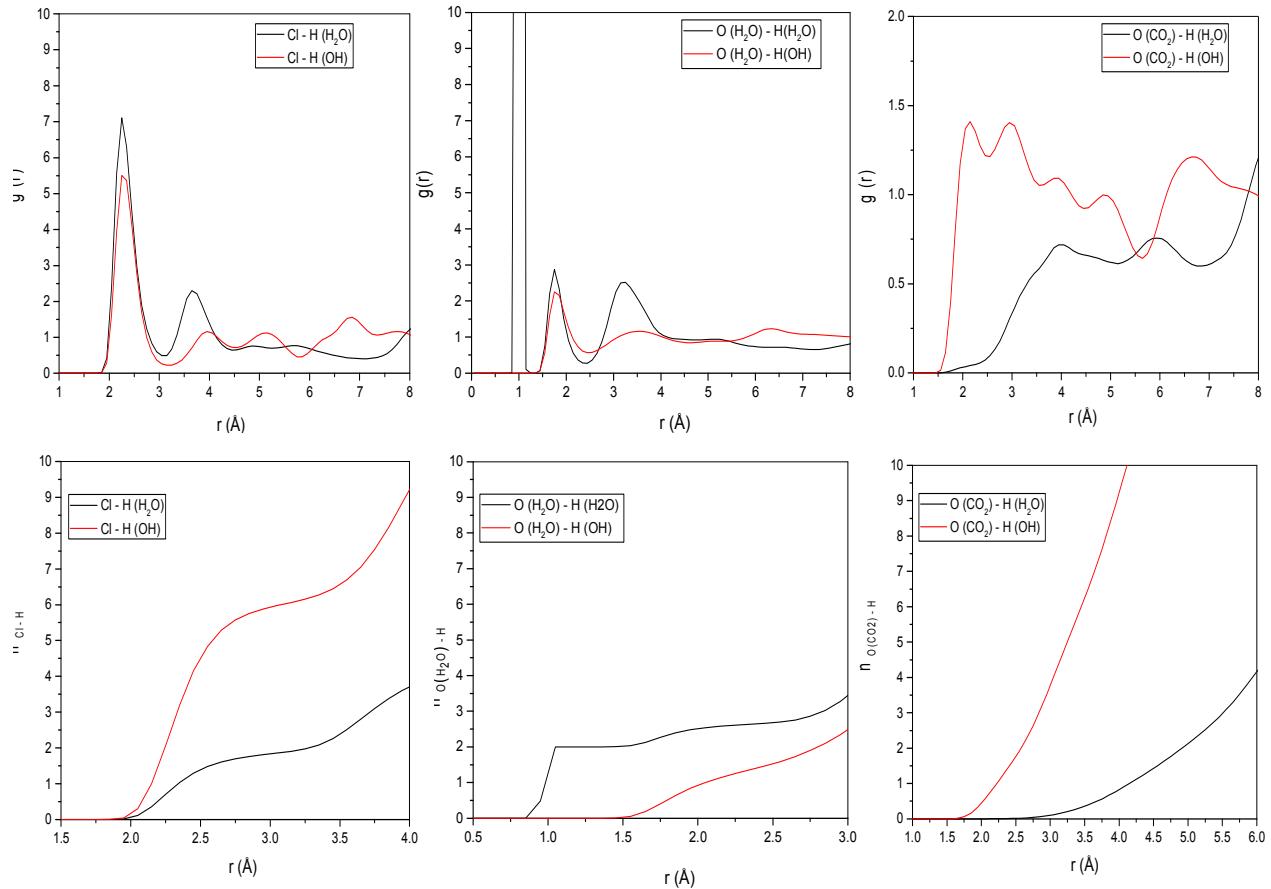
An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.9

Figure S 46- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $\text{Cl}^-$  - H pairs and  $\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  - H pairs and  $\text{O}(\text{CO}_2)$  - H pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $\text{Cl}^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 84  $\text{CO}_2$  and 864  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the interlayer region.



An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.6

Figure S 47- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $Cl^- - H$  pairs and  $O(H_2O) - H$  pairs and  $O(CO_2) - H$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $Cl^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 216  $CO_2$  and 864  $H_2O$  in the interlayer region.



An average number of hydrogen bonds per interlayer water molecule = 3.5

Figure S 48- Radial distribution functions and integrated nearest-neighbor coordination numbers for  $\text{Cl}^- - \text{H}$  pairs and  $\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O}) - \text{H}$  pairs and  $\text{O}(\text{CO}_2) - \text{H}$  pairs in the interlayer of Mg/Al  $\text{Cl}^-$ - hydrotalcite computed from MD simulations. There are 432  $\text{CO}_2$  and 864  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the interlayer region.