

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

How Density Functional Theory Surface Energies May Explain the Morphology of Particles, Nanosheets and Conversion Films based on Layered Double Hydroxides

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The supporting information includes AFM images and DFT results.

(pH = 10, $T = 325$ K, $t = 4$ h)

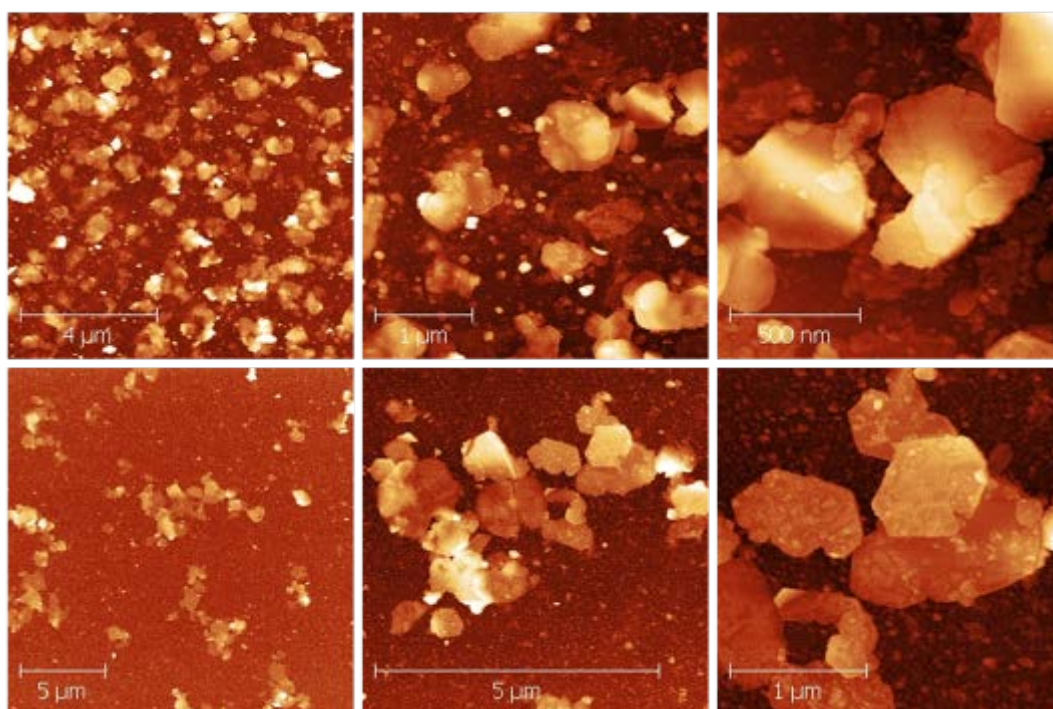


Figure S1. AFM images used to obtain the particle height for the sample (pH = 10, $T = 325$ K, $t = 4$ h).

(pH = 10, $T = 373$ K, $t = 2$ h)

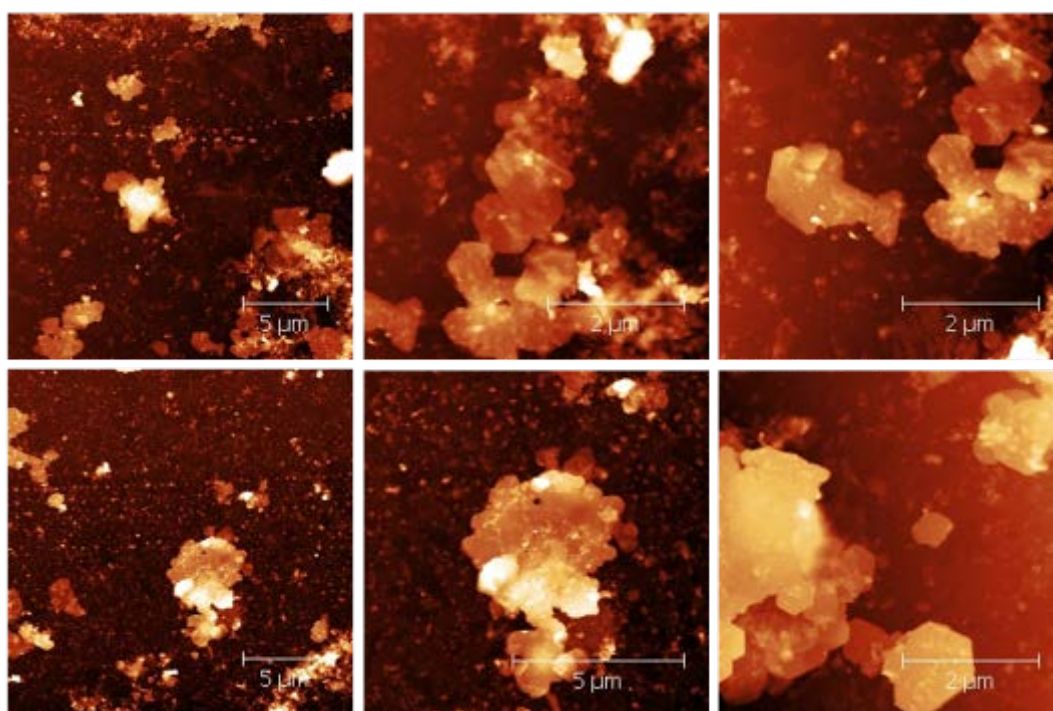


Figure S2. AFM images used to obtain the particle height for the sample (pH = 10, $T = 373$ K, $t = 2$ h).

K, $t = 2$ h).

(pH = 10, $T = 373$ K, $t = 4$ h)

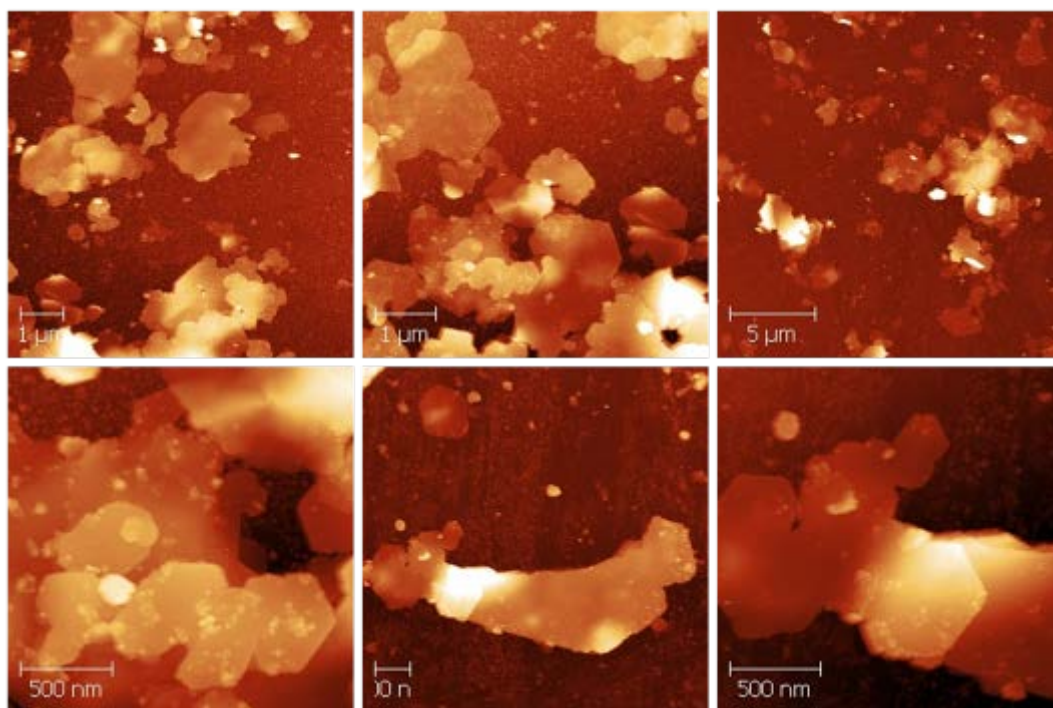


Figure S3. AFM images used to obtain the particle height for the sample (pH = 10, $T = 373$ K, $t = 4$ h).

(pH = 8.5, $T = 372$ K, $t = 4$ h)

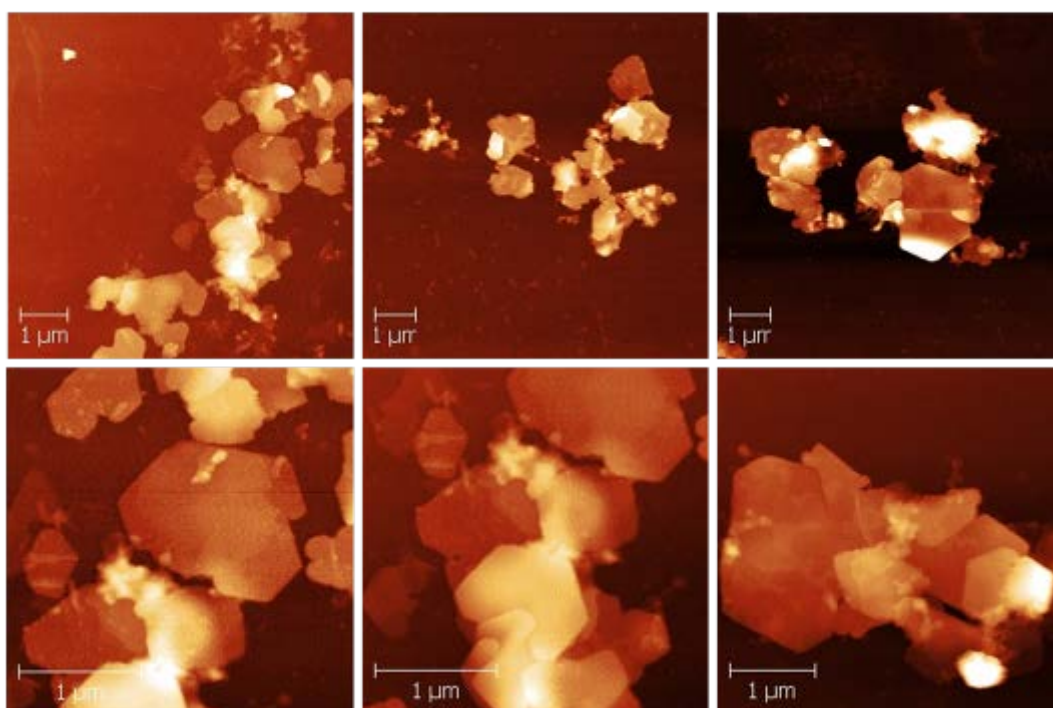


Figure S4. AFM images used to obtain the particle height for the sample (pH = 8.5, $T = 372$ K, $t = 4$ h).

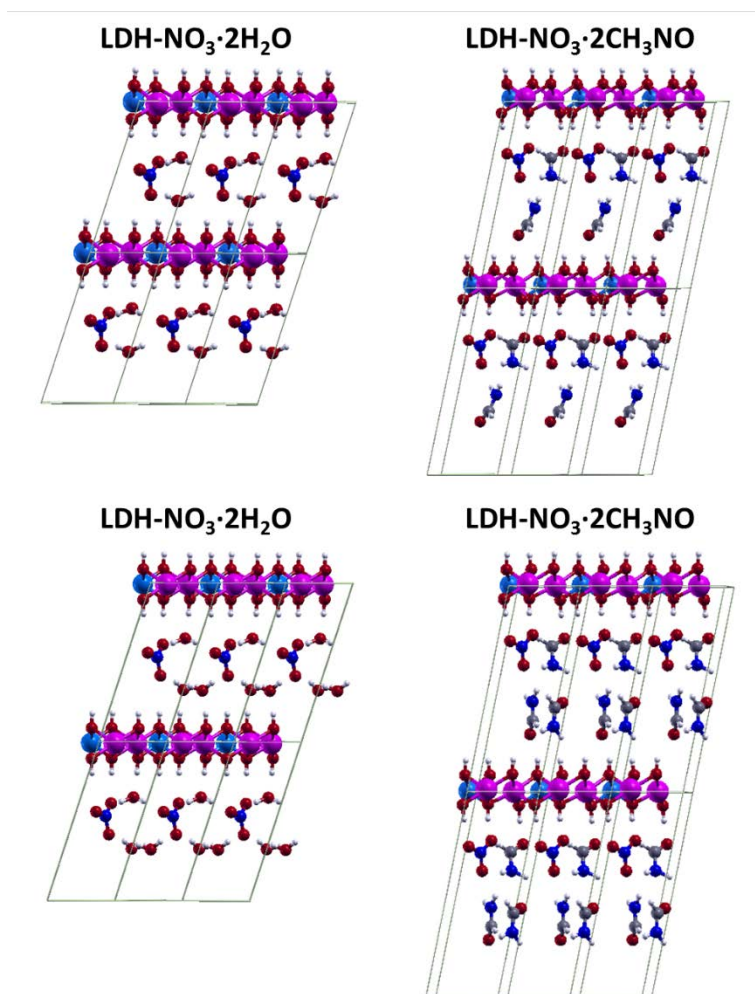


Figure S5. LDH-NO₃ structures with 2 and 3 molecules of water and formamide per anion (spheres color code: Zn - pink; Al - light blue; O - red; N - blue; H - white; C - grey).

Table S1

Electronic energies obtained from the optimization of the geometries at PBE level of theory with ultrasoft pseudopotentials.

Supercell	$\frac{E_{\text{el}}}{\text{Ry}}$
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	−616.125567
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_x$	−615.945868
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_y$	−615.942978
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_z$	−616.046378
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	−650.597549
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_z$	−650.510594
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	−685.084072
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_z$	−684.972840
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{NO}$	−648.523510
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{NO}\}_z$	−648.485588
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{NO}$	−715.454229
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{NO}\}_z$	−715.418241
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 3\text{CH}_3\text{NO}$	−782.328883
$\{[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot 3\text{CH}_3\text{NO}\}_z$	−782.292455
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}4\text{L} (= \text{layer})$	−1412.688792
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}4\text{L} (= \text{anion})$	−1412.668724
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}4\text{L} (\perp \text{ normal})$	−1412.819459
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (= \text{layer})$	−1413.840314
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (= \text{anion})$	−1413.707288
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (4 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (\perp \text{ normal})$	−1413.680623
$[\text{Zn}_8\text{Al}_4(\text{OH})_{24}](\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \cdot (8 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (= \text{layer})$	−3259.424485
$[\text{Zn}_8\text{Al}_4(\text{OH})_{24}](\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \cdot (8 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (= \text{anion})$	−3259.480066
$[\text{Zn}_8\text{Al}_4(\text{OH})_{24}](\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \cdot (8 \times 4) \text{ Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L} (\perp \text{ normal})$	−3259.674500
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (2 \times 2) \alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)\text{--}9\text{L} (= \text{layer})$	−2179.453486
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (2 \times 2) \alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)\text{--}9\text{L} (= \text{anion})$	−2179.494553
$[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (2 \times 2) \alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)\text{--}9\text{L} (\perp \text{ normal})$	−2179.595401

1 Ry = 1312.75 kJ·mol^{−1}

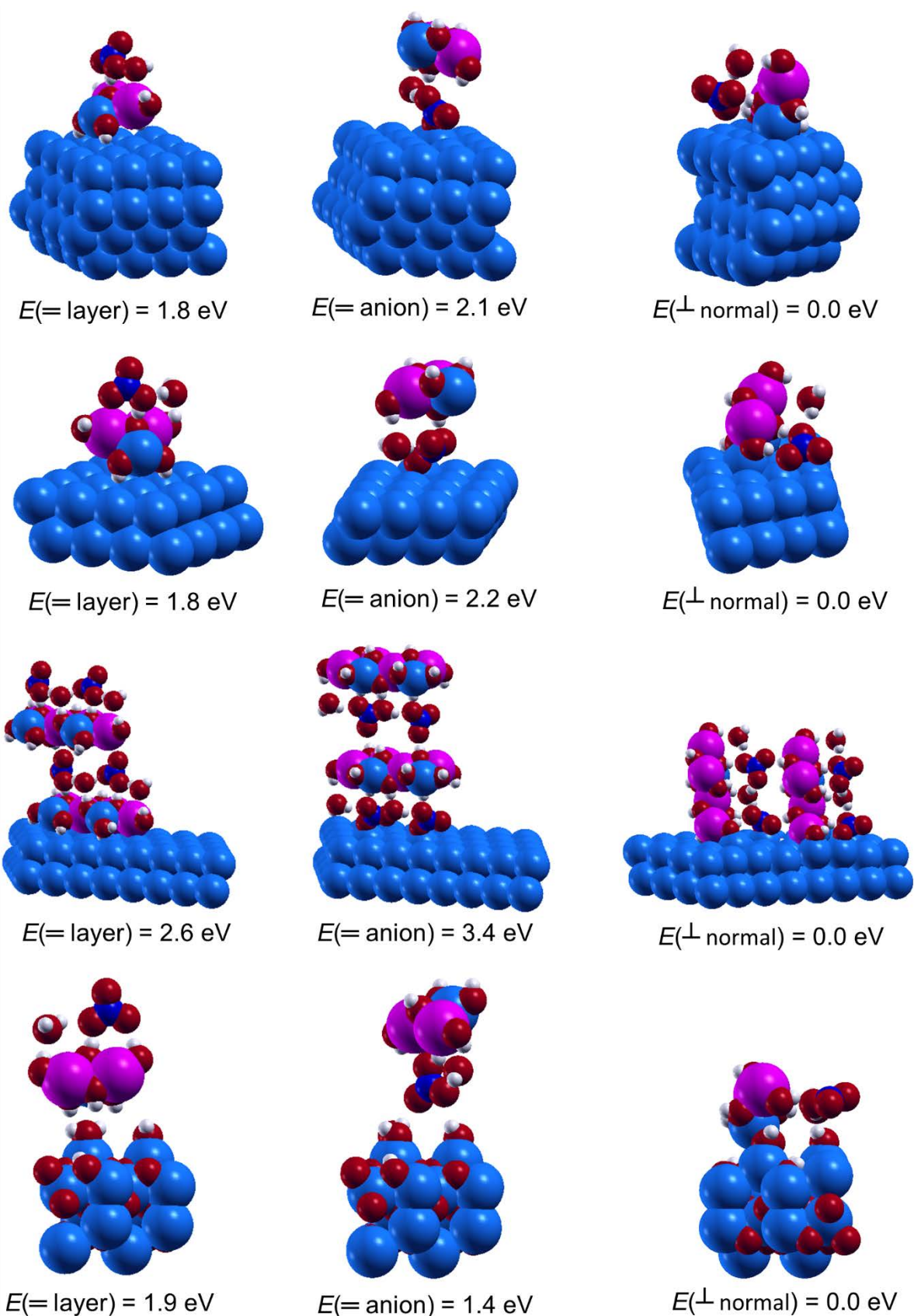


Figure S6. Representation of the atoms of the supercells and relative energies of Zn(2)Al clusters interacting with periodic models of aluminum surfaces: a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit on a (4×4) Al(111)–4L surface, a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit on a (4×4) Al(111)–

2L surface, a $[\text{Zn}_8\text{Al}_4(\text{OH})_{24}](\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit on a (8×4) Al(111)–2L surface, and a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit on a (2×2) α - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)$ –9L surface (spheres color code: Zn - pink; Al - light blue; O - red; N - blue; H - white; C - grey).

Table S2. Crystal lattice vectors in the Cartesian axis of the supercell of the most stable interaction ($\perp$ normal) between a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit and a (4×4) Al(111)–4L surface.

Vector	x / Å	y / Å	z / Å
1	11.44382	0.00000	0.00000
2	−5.72191	9.91064	0.00000
3	0.00000	0.00000	25.0000

Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of the supercell of the most stable interaction ($\perp$ normal) between a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit and a (4×4) Al(111)–4L surface.

Atom type	Coordinates / Å		
	x	y	z
Al	-0.221439361	-0.182695425	7.018910940
Al	-1.626874764	2.391156833	7.107191830
Al	-2.922839676	4.914083789	6.934575075
Al	1.340782027	-2.529426896	6.891554009
Al	2.577520786	0.016061328	7.700113991
Al	1.225325124	2.370383210	6.904480057
Al	-0.104874203	4.904218621	6.931581099
Al	4.141533878	-2.469051334	6.953161243
Al	5.450043966	-0.023420801	6.949108578
Al	4.092288191	2.376021958	6.928991023
Al	2.729904597	4.819017796	6.941259777
Al	6.996984788	-2.551357582	6.932078427
Al	-3.171655188	-0.061307537	6.875108160
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Al	0.000000000	1.651772580	2.335959190
Al	-1.430477020	4.129431460	2.335959190
Al	2.860954040	-3.303545170	2.335959190
Al	4.291431060	-0.825886290	2.335959190
Al	2.860954040	1.651772580	2.335959190
Al	1.430477020	4.129431460	2.335959190
Al	5.721908070	-3.303545170	2.335959190
Al	-4.291431060	-0.825886290	2.335959190
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O	-2.576517999	0.972285588	13.906580031
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O	2.222399280	0.344241031	9.541612966
O	-0.406245015	-0.892452444	11.914096476
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H	-2.357249796	1.927376853	14.017083303
H	-1.122889856	-1.388653207	8.981667925
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H	2.318017229	1.308242131	9.778835353
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Atom type	Coordinates / Å		
	x	y	z
Al	1.916928630	-3.036899867	5.287244101
Zn	0.090671158	-1.516757691	3.358424929
Zn	2.189975789	-3.327137120	2.239898866
O	2.124107223	-4.305798728	4.023841911

O	2.997947316	-3.453378139	0.620848814
O	0.015658665	-2.699892280	5.241661770
O	2.124449449	-1.815404076	3.927438835
O	-0.453079455	-0.205964583	4.622606662
O	0.176319569	-2.725374387	1.966664130
H	2.301493652	-5.251736076	4.157407707
H	3.764210124	-2.845535850	0.656857936
H	-0.495252080	-3.485818540	5.571873657
H	2.584346588	-0.928674349	4.053711636
H	0.157205039	0.584873599	4.589940961
H	-0.549464608	-3.378954152	1.955076046
N	2.700402408	1.665125921	4.440006792
O	3.272556088	2.762662564	4.365755358
O	3.261202015	0.588006026	4.030329416
O	1.533410365	1.589939984	5.024335323
O	4.820647077	-0.854751999	1.910846525
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Al	0.000000000	0.000000000	10.007877570
Al	-1.430477020	2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	-2.860954040	4.955317750	10.007877570
Al	1.430477020	-2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	2.860954040	0.000000000	10.007877570
Al	1.430477020	2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	0.000000000	4.955317750	10.007877570
Al	4.291431060	-2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	5.721908070	0.000000000	10.007877570
Al	4.291431060	2.477658870	10.007877570
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Al	7.152385090	-2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	-2.860954040	0.000000000	10.007877570
Al	-4.291431060	2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	-5.721908070	4.955317750	10.007877570
Al	-1.430477020	-2.477658870	10.007877570
Al	-1.497223753	0.953685590	7.645518067
Al	-2.891489650	3.325226736	7.549676919
Al	1.433527273	-4.228588992	7.719106159
Al	-0.377290639	-1.095703966	6.283968454
Al	1.328558277	0.857293517	7.420337945
Al	-0.026335585	3.371509119	7.581472603
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Al	2.640952266	-1.590591342	7.543474216
Al	4.226262528	0.796706485	7.601368941
Al	2.823751518	3.310586978	7.565415365
Al	7.117760729	-4.070080631	7.566828904
Al	5.682133227	-1.638917983	7.554951515
Al	-4.334361428	0.822097819	7.572778366
Al	-5.748174139	3.285979057	7.556661441
Al	-1.510030931	-4.193543029	7.713001864
Al	-2.765525085	-1.619675674	7.574390178

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Vector	x / Å	y / Å	z / Å
1	22.88763	0.00000	0.00000
2	-5.72191	9.91064	0.00000
3	0.00000	0.00000	26.0000

Table S7. Cartesian coordinates of the supercell of the most stable interaction ($\perp$ normal) between a $[\text{Zn}_8\text{Al}_4(\text{OH})_{24}](\text{NO}_3)_4 \cdot 4 \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot (8 \times 4) \text{Al}(111)\text{--}2\text{L}$ surface.

Atom type	Coordinates / Å		
	x	y	z
Al	-0.047794860	0.211280278	-3.861179096
Al	-1.457715636	2.675881997	-3.963007667
Al	-3.085238797	5.119855120	-3.892901304
Al	1.350660175	-2.160269128	-3.888566039
Al	2.675818603	0.208039102	-2.895189345
Al	1.442796465	2.458228989	-4.099878277
Al	-0.515927952	5.429328320	-3.929138108
Al	4.047926155	-2.023308182	-3.835991874
Al	5.673410256	0.151788143	-3.935437544
Al	4.200775687	2.446167118	-4.010869554
Al	3.191674864	5.252782515	-4.128225399
Al	6.958469239	-2.516371462	-3.935070893
Al	-2.837286361	0.015463900	-3.938501265
Al	-4.177159936	2.485250814	-3.924098697
Al	-5.709206083	5.091080271	-3.924358289
Al	-1.407786857	-2.370380661	-3.903584201
Al	-1.430477020	0.825886290	-6.328081620
Al	-2.860954040	3.303545170	-6.328081620
Al	1.430477020	-4.129431460	-6.328081620
Al	0.000000000	-1.651772580	-6.328081620
Al	1.430477020	0.825886290	-6.328081620
Al	0.000000000	3.303545170	-6.328081620
Al	4.291431060	-4.129431460	-6.328081620
Al	2.860954040	-1.651772580	-6.328081620
Al	4.291431060	0.825886290	-6.328081620
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Al	7.152385090	-4.129431460	-6.328081620
Al	5.721908070	-1.651772580	-6.328081620
Al	-4.291431060	0.825886290	-6.328081620
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Al	-1.430477020	-4.129431460	-6.328081620
Al	-2.860954040	-1.651772580	-6.328081620
Al	11.600840935	-0.278724472	-4.087194386
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H	14.516528296	2.429873805	6.272253314
H	13.395094026	2.492346399	1.355078716

Table S8. Crystal lattice vectors in the Cartesian axis of the supercell of the most stable interaction ($\perp$ normal) between a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3)\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit and a (2×2) α - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)$ -9L surface.

Vector	x / Å	y / Å	z / Å
1	9.52040	0.00000	0.00000
2	-4.76020	8.24491	0.00000
3	0.00000	0.00000	20.0000

Table S9. Cartesian coordinates of the supercell of the most stable interaction ($\perp$ normal) between a $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6](\text{NO}_3)\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ unit and a (2×2) α - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)$ -9L surface.

Atom type	Coordinates / Å		
	x	y	z
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Al	0.033584314	-0.041071054	11.047131648
Al	2.380100000	1.374151380	8.906820530
Al	2.201053699	1.381424729	12.537705378
Al	0.022720057	2.756653880	10.749647319
Al	0.000000000	2.748302750	6.741270530
O	3.302436350	0.000000000	9.744975000
O	-1.651218180	2.859993780	9.744975000
O	0.728881820	1.262460350	9.744975000
O	3.837863650	1.374151380	7.579425000
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Al	-2.380100000	4.122454130	8.417579470
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Al	7.168383495	1.333281891	11.980372551
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Al	2.380100000	4.122454130	8.417579470
Al	2.391748266	4.077173127	10.995441294
Al	4.760200000	5.496605510	8.906820530
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O	1.545830585	8.115488818	11.914146691
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