# 1 Supplementary Information for "Density functional theory study of high-energy metal

2 (Al, Mg, Ti, and Zr)/CuO composites"

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	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	β (°)
Expt. <sup>31</sup>	4.684	3.423	5.129	99.54
Expt. <sup>32</sup>	4.685	3.428	5.123	99.54
GGA+U <sup>18</sup>	4.76(1.6%)	3.48(1.7%)	5.21(1.6%)	99.50(-0.1%)
LSDA+U <sup>33</sup>	4.55(-2.9%)	3.34(-2.4%)	4.99(-2.7%)	99.51(-0.1%)
This work (PBE+U)	4.678(-0.1%)	3.366(-1.7%)	5.112(-	99.80(0.3%)
			0.3%)	

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#### Table S2 Adsorption energies of different number of close-packed Al layers with the closest 25

Number of Al layers (4 Al per layer)	$E_{\rm ads} ({\rm eV})$	
One	-2.99	
Two	-1.60	

26 layer located in the  $O_{suf}$  atom as shown in Figure 1(b).

Three -1.42 Four -1.33 Five -1.21 Six -1.10







(a)















Fig. S1 Calculated TDOS (a) and atom-projected PDOS (b) and (c) profiles for Al/CuO(111), Mg/CuO(111), Ti/CuO(111), and Zr/CuO(111). DOS for the atoms around the centers of metal layers (denoted as "bulk") and for interfacial metal and O in the on-top configuration are displayed. The Fermi level of each supercell is set at 0 eV.

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