

## Supporting Information

### Electrostatic consideration of ZnO crystal.

As shown in Fig. S1(a), the ZnO crystal with a hexagonal rod shape elongated along the *c*-axis is conventionally achieved due to a large anisotropic growth habit of the individual facet,  $V_{[0001]} \gg V_{[01-10]} > V_{[000-1]}$ .<sup>1, 2</sup> As a consequence of such a typical growth habit, two different polar surfaces as the Zn-(0001) plane and O-(000-1) one are naturally created on opposite direction of the ZnO crystal. According to the classical electrostatics, however, this ionic crystal with alternating layers of opposite charge density (marked  $\pm \sigma$  in Fig. S1(b)) induces highly unstable situation because a net dipole moment and electrostatic potential increase monotonically upon increasing slab thickness along the *c*-axis as shown in Fig. S1(c).<sup>3-5</sup> In order to overcome such a instability of the ideal ionic crystal, a rearrangement of the surface charge density between the Zn-(0001) and O-(000-1) should be developed by a factor of  $\sigma' = \sigma R_2 / (R_1 + R_2) \approx 0.76\sigma$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are interlayer spacing between  $Zn^{2+}$  and  $O^{2-}$  ions as represented in Fig. S1(b), through an effective charge transfer of 0.17electrons from the O-(000-1) plane to the Zn-(0001) one.<sup>4, 6</sup> Consequently, the O-(000-1) surface (or the Zn-(0001) one) is less negative (or positive) and the monotonic increase of the electronic potential in the ZnO crystal could be also suppressed as shown in Fig. S1(d).<sup>3</sup>

### Temperature resolved XRD study of Zn-HDS-60h.

Temperature resolved XRD patterns were obtained by heating from room-temperature (RT) to 150°C in the conventional furnace. Fig. S2(a) shows the XRD pattern of the Zn-HDS-60h with interlayer spacing of 20.0 Å and the (00*l*) peaks were shifted toward high angle, which the new (00*l*) peaks are corresponding to the interlayer spacing of 16.0 Å, by heating at 50 and 100 °C as shown in Fig. S2(b) and (c). Fig. S2(d) shows the interlayer

distance of the Zn-HDS-60h is completely changed from 20.0 Å to 16.0 Å by heating at 150°C. This result implies that water molecules were intercalated as double layer into the Zn-HDS-60h. In usually, eliminating temperature of the interlayer water is higher than the normal boiling temperature (100 °C) due to protection from the external thermal energy by the inorganic unit blocks. One of the interesting facts is that such a decrease of the interlayer distance was immediately recovered from 16.0 Å to 20.0 Å under the ambient humidity condition for a few hours. It demonstrates that the water molecules in the Zn-HDS-60h play important role in the electrostatic charge compensation between the intercalated molecules and building blocks.

### **Inductively coupled plasma (ICP) and elemental (CHN) analysis of Zn-HDS-1h and Zn-HDS-60h.**

From inductively coupled plasma (ICP) analysis, Zn concentration in 10 mg weight of the Zn-HDS-1h and the Zn-HDS-60h was determined as  $8.10 \times 10^{-5}$  mol and  $8.26 \times 10^{-5}$  mol, respectively. In addition, Wt% of C, H, and N elements in 10mg was 7.8% (C), 2.9% (H), 0.0% (N) for the Zn-HDS-1h and 4.9% (C), 3.0% (H), 0.0% (N) for the Zn-HDS-60h. The general formula of HDSs is  $[(M^{2+})_{1-x}, M'^{2+}_{1+x})(OH)_{3(1-y)}]^{+}X^{n-}_{(1+3y)/n} \cdot zH_2O$  in which M and M' corresponds to divalent transition metals (Cu, Co, Ni, Mn, and Zn) and X<sup>n-</sup> is the intercalated anions.<sup>8</sup> In the present study, M and M' is Zn and X is CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> for the Zn-HDS-1h and CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> for the Zn-HDS-60h as well explained by FT-IR study. Therefore, formula of the Zn-HDS-1h and the Zn-HDS-6h could be represented as [Zn<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>3(1-y)</sub>]<sup>+</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup><sub>(1+3y)</sub>·zH<sub>2</sub>O and [Zn<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>3(1-y)</sub>]<sup>+</sup>[CH<sub>3</sub>COO]<sup>-</sup><sub>(1+3y)</sub>[CO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2-</sup><sub>(1+3y)/2</sub>·zH<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. From the ICP and CHN analysis, the y parameter was determined as -0.067 for the Zn-HDS-1h and -0.198 for the Zn-HDS-60h and the z parameter corresponds to 0.8 for

the Zn-HDS-1h and 1.2 for the Zn-HDS-60h. Therefore, composition stoichiometry of the Zn-HDS-1h and Zn-HDS-60h is  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{OH})_{3.2}(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-)_{0.8}\cdot 0.8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}_2(\text{OH})_{3.6}(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-)_{0.4}(\text{CO}_3^{2-})_{0.2}\cdot 1.2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , respectively.

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## Figure captions.

**Fig. S1.** (a) Crystal structure of the hexagonal ZnO rod. (b) Charge distribution in ZnO crystal along the *c*-axis. R1 and R2 are interlayer spacing between  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$  and  $\pm\sigma$  is charge density of alternative layers along the normal to the surface. (c) and (d) Variation of

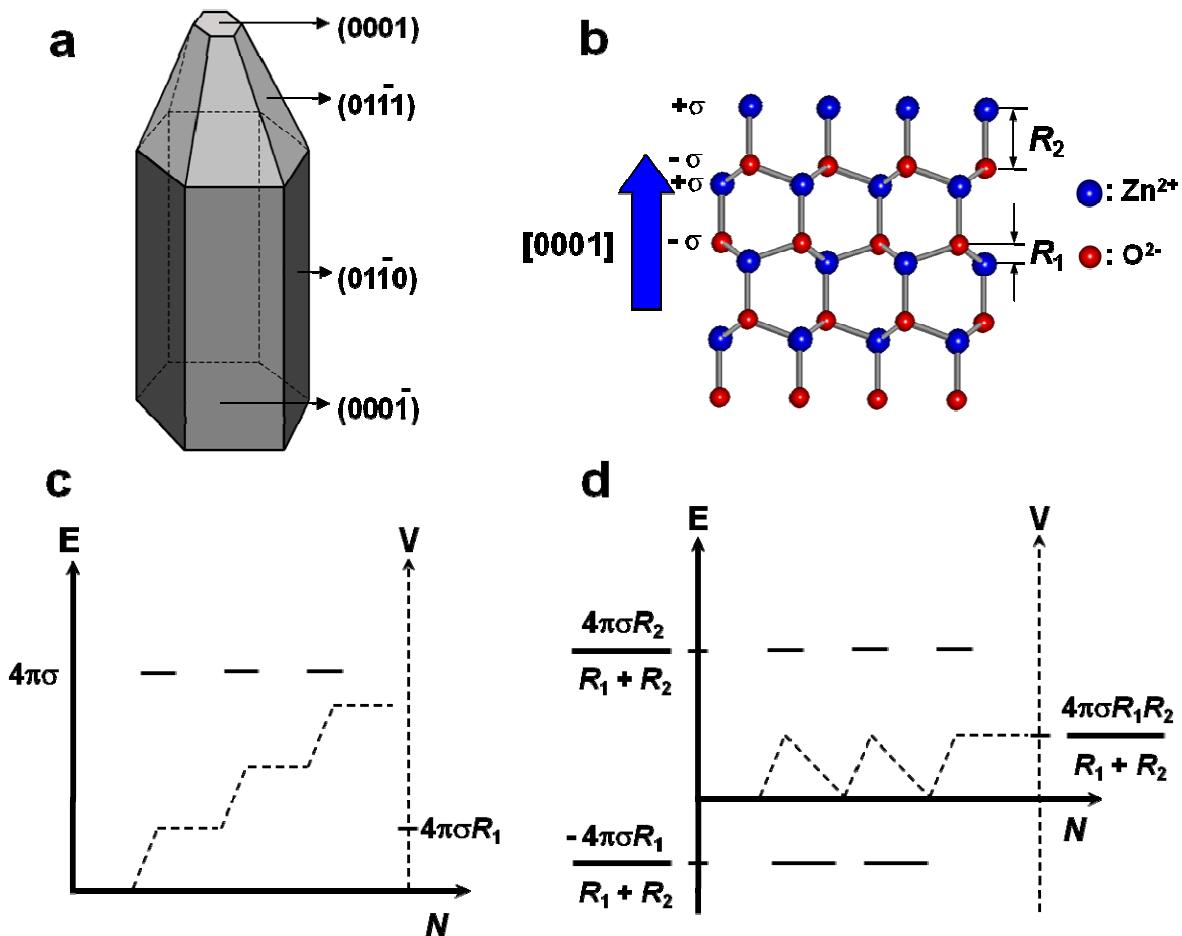
electric field ( $E$ ) and potential ( $V$ ) upon the number ( $N$ ) of double layer with opposite charge along the  $c$ -axis (adapted from Ref. 3).

**Fig. S2.** Temperature resolved XRD patterns of the Zn-HDS-60h obtained from heat treatment at (a) RT, (b) 50, (c) 100, and (d) 150 °C.

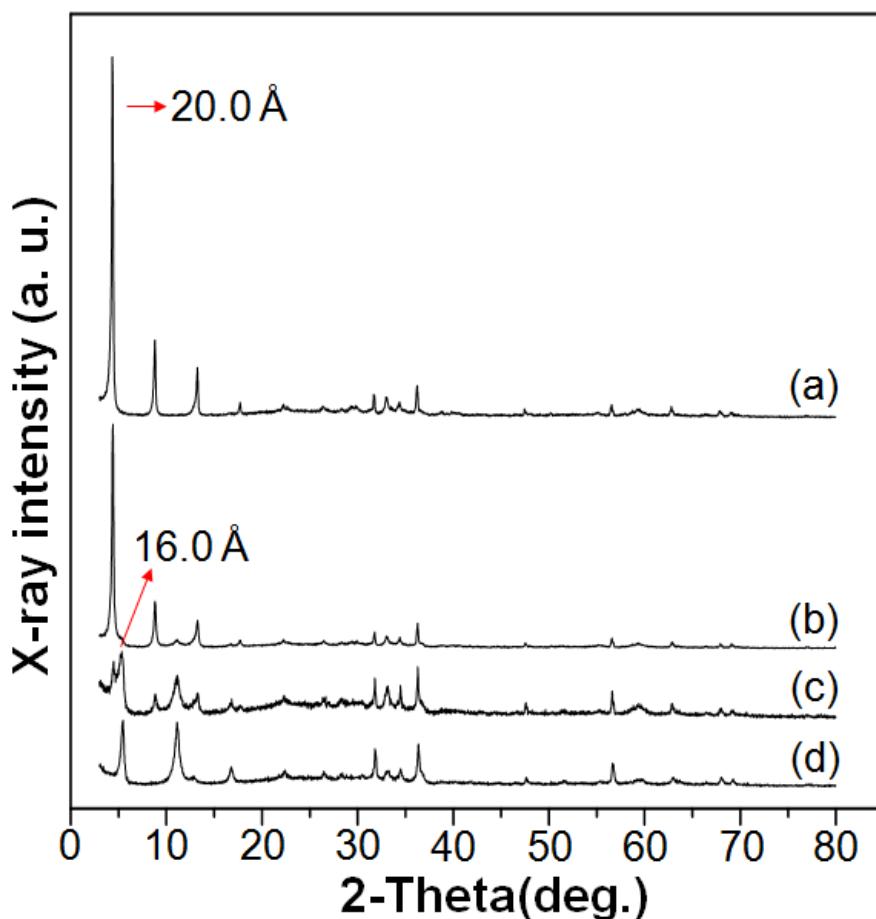
**Table S1.** Infrared frequencies and band assignments for acetate and carbonate molecules intercalated into the interlayer of Zn-HDS (adapted from Ref. 7).

**Table S2.** Correlation table for  $D_{3h}$ ,  $C_{2v}$ , and  $C_s$  (adapted from Ref. 7).

**Fig. S1.**



**Fig. S2.**



**Table S1.**

[CH <sub>3</sub> COO] <sup>-</sup>			[CO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>		
$\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C <sub>2v</sub>	Band assignment	$\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	D <sub>3h</sub>	Band assignment
1338.4	A <sub>1</sub>	$\delta_s(\text{CH}_3)$	1552.4	E'(v <sub>3</sub> )	$\nu_{as}(\text{CO}_3^{2-})$
1398.1		$\nu_s(\text{COO})$	1506.1		
923.7		$\nu(\text{CC})$	1392.4		
678.8		$\delta(\text{OCO})$	700.0		
	A <sub>2</sub>	$\rho_t(\text{CH}_3)$	1099.2	A <sub>1</sub> '(v <sub>1</sub> )	$\nu_s(\text{CO}_3^{2-})$
1552.4	B <sub>1</sub>	$\nu_{as}(\text{COO})$	1043.3		
-			945.0		
1430.7		$\delta_{as}(\text{CH}_3)$	831.2	A <sub>2</sub> ''(v <sub>2</sub> )	$\pi(\text{CO}_3^{2-})$
1018.2		$\rho_t(\text{CH}_3)$	740.5	E'(v <sub>4</sub> )	$\delta_{as}(\text{CO}_3^{2-})$
472.5		$\delta(\text{CH}) \text{ or } \rho_t(\text{COO})$	700.0		
1047.1	B <sub>2</sub>	$\rho_t(\text{CH}_3)$			
617.1		$\pi(\text{CH}) \text{ or } \pi(\text{COO})$			

$\nu$ ; stretching,  $\delta$ ; in-plane bending,  $\rho_t$ ; rocking,  $\rho_t$ ; twisting,  $\pi$ ; out-of-plane bending.

Subscripts *as* and *s* denote antisymmetric and symmetric modes, respectively.

**Table S2.**

Point group	v <sub>1</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	v <sub>4</sub>
D <sub>3h</sub>	A <sub>1</sub> '(R)	A <sub>2</sub> ''(l)	E'(l, R)	E'(l, R)
C <sub>2v</sub>	A <sub>1</sub> (l, R)	B <sub>1</sub> (l, R)	A <sub>1</sub> (l, R) + B <sub>1</sub> (l, R)	A <sub>1</sub> (l, R) + B <sub>1</sub> (l, R)
C <sub>s</sub>	A'(l, R)	A''(l, R)	A'(l, R) + A''(l, R)	A'(l, R) + A''(l, R)