

Electronic Supplementary Information

Intercalation and grafting of benzene derivatives into Zinc-Aluminum and Copper-Chromium layered double hydroxides hosts: an XPS monitoring.

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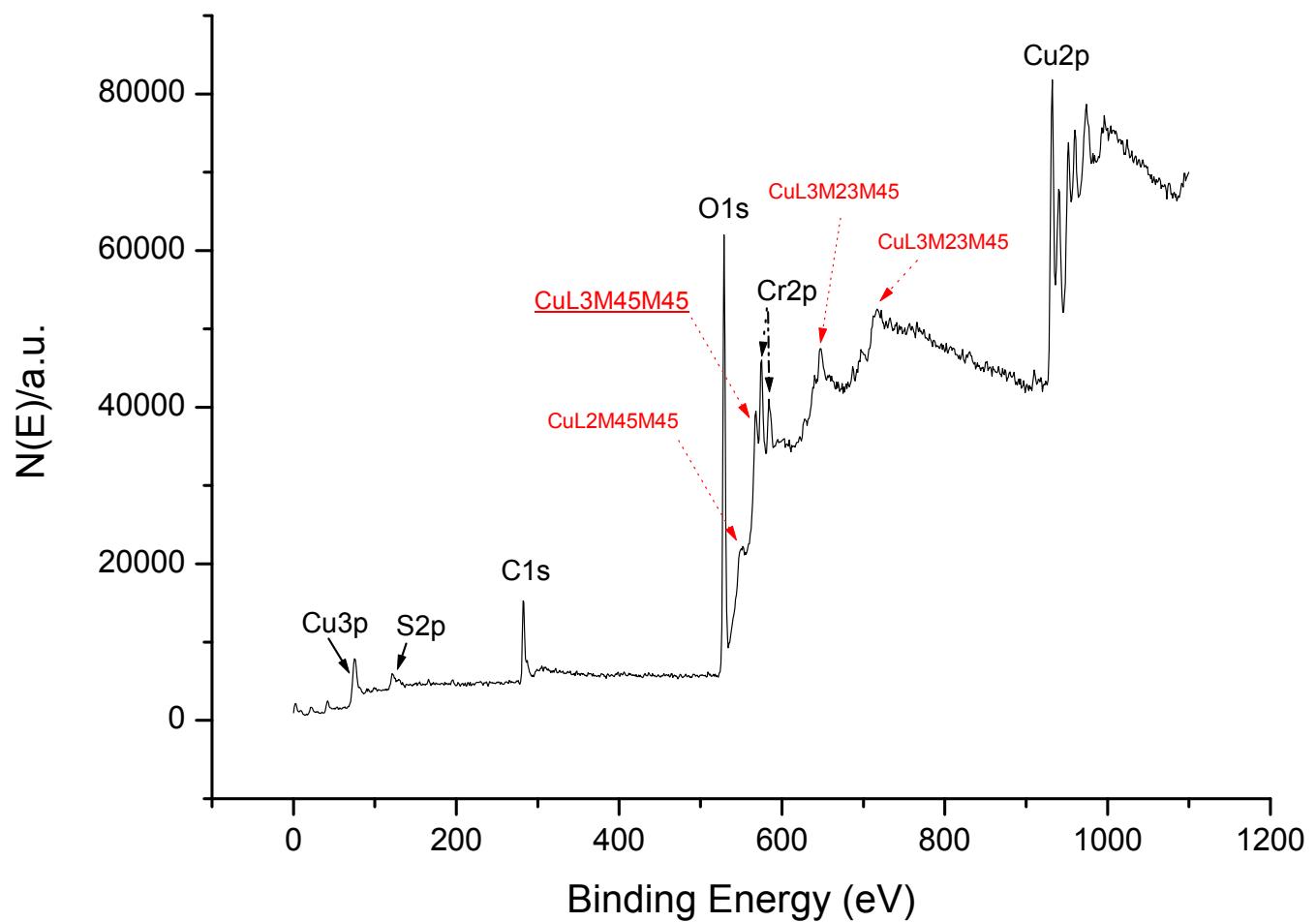


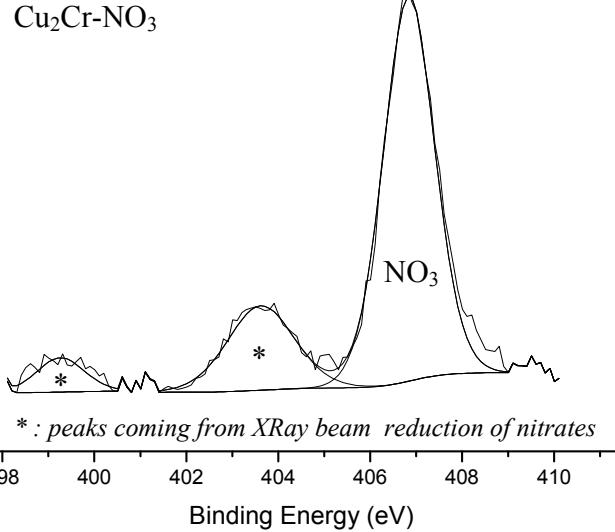
Figure ESI1- Auger lines evidence in $\text{Cu}_2\text{Cr}-\text{HBS}$ XPS survey (RoomT)

a) N1s peak

Cu₂Cr-HBS



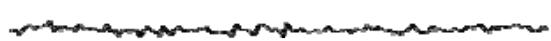
Cu₂Cr-NO₃



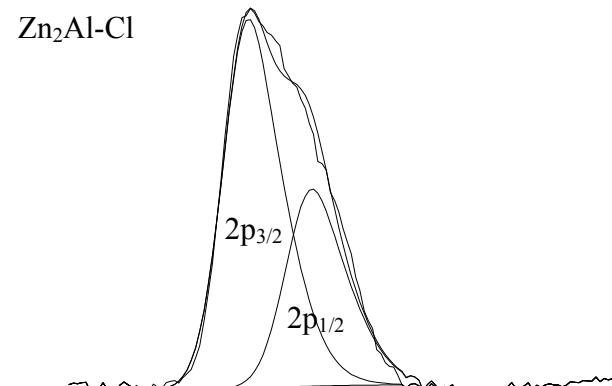
* : peaks coming from XRay beam reduction of nitrates

b) Cl2p peak

Zn₂Al-HBS



Zn₂Al-Cl



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Binding Energy (eV) Binding Energy (eV)

Figure ESI2- a) N1s XPS peak of Cu₂Cr-NO₃ and Cu₂Cr-HBS, and b) Cl2p XPS peak of Zn₂Al-Cl and Zn₂Al-HBS

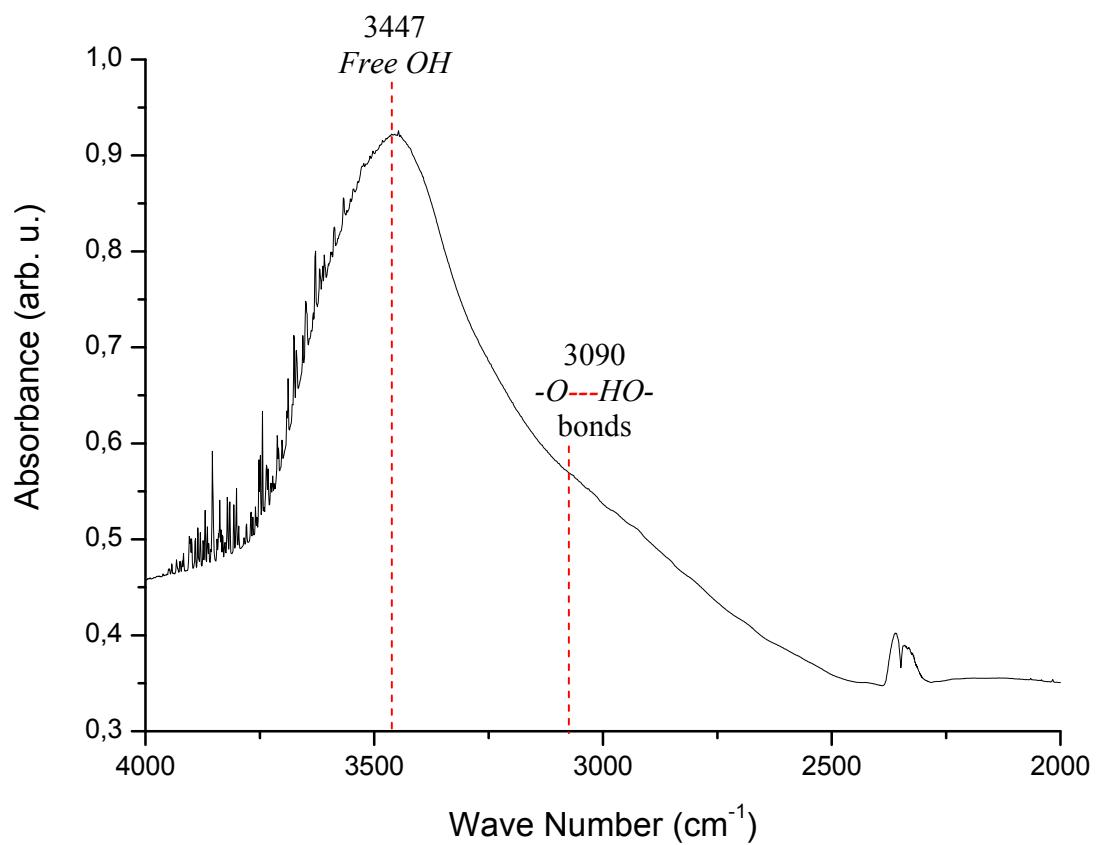


Figure ESI3 – Snapshot of $\text{Zn}_2\text{Al}-\text{HBS}$ FTIR spectrum in the $4000-2000\text{cm}^{-1}$ region

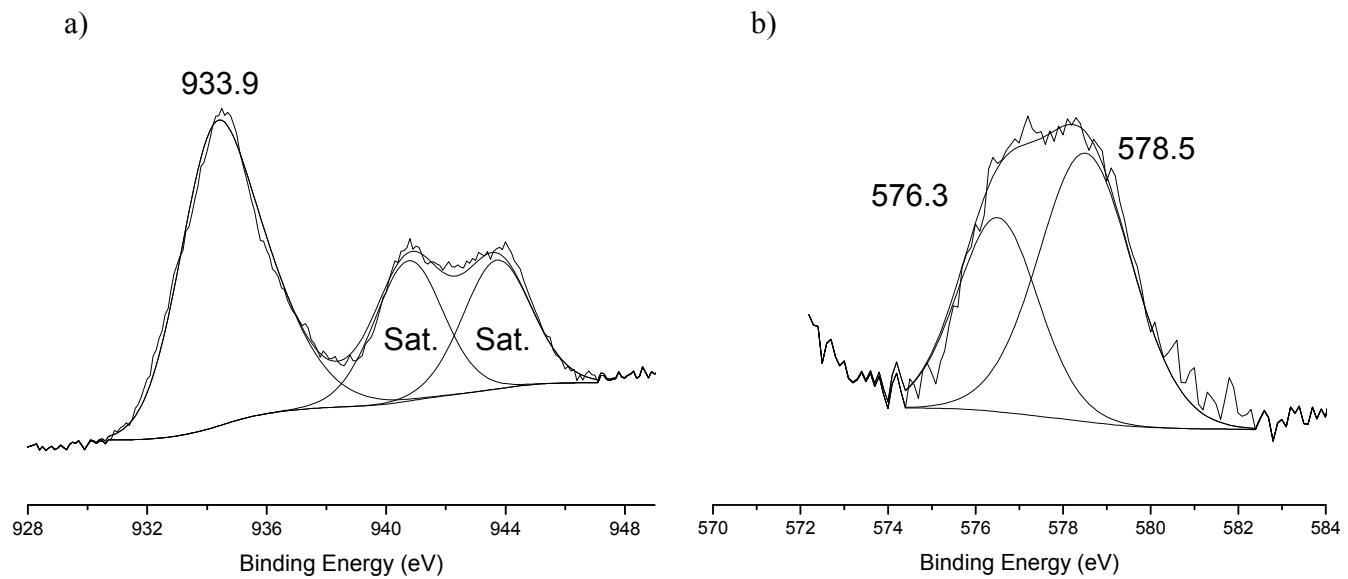


Figure ESI4- XPS peak of Cu₂Cr-HBS at 300°C: a) Cu₂p_{3/2} and b) Cr₂p_{3/2}

| | HBS⁻ | HBC⁻ | Al(OH)₃ | Hybrid system HBS / Al(OH)₃ | Hybrid system HBC / Al(OH)₃ | Grafted system HBS - Al(OH)₃ | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------|
| qS (e-) | 1.10 | | | 1.16 | | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| qAl (e-) | | | 1.07 | 1.10 | 1.08 | 1.16 | 0.54 |
| qC (e-) | | 0.49 | | | 0.52 | | |
| qO (e-) | -0.86 | -0.74 | -0.6 | -0.58 | -0.59 | -0.57 | -0.53 |
| Over pop S-O (e-) | 0.313 | | | | | 0.182 | 0.265 |
| Over pop Al-O (e-) | | | 0.260 | | | 0.144 | 0.206 |
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Table ESI1- Theoretical calculations of atoms net charges (q) and Mulliken electronic overlapping population (Over pop) for the HBS, HBC organic molecules, a model mineral fragment and the hybrid systems considering the intercalation or the grafting mode.

| <i>compound</i> <i>BE region</i> | 2CuO,Cr ₂ O ₃ | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| O1s | 529.5 (1.4) | 35.0% |
| | 531.1 (1.8) | 16.4% |
| C1s | 284.6 (1.3) | 28.0% |
| | 287.9 (2.3) | 4.7% |
| Cu 2p_{3/2} | 933.9 (3.6) | 2.4% |
| | 941.4 (3.1) | 1.3% |
| | 944.8 (2.2) | 0.7% |
| Cr2p_{3/2} | 576.2 (2.3) | 8.4% |
| | 578.5 (2.6) | 3.1% |

Table ESI2: XPS data of the manufactured (CAS#209317, Aldrich) 2CuO,Cr₂O₃: Binding Energies and FWHM of peaks (in parentheses) are reported in eV and atomic percentage (%).