**Supporting Information** 

## Pathway of Zinc Oxide Formation by Seed-Assisted and Controlled Double-Jet Precipitation

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Figure S2 Enlarged ZnO (100) (a) and (002) (b) diffraction peaks of samples



Figure S3 SEM images of control samples



Figure S4 Reference XRD patterns for ZnO,  $\varepsilon$ -Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub>, and  $\beta$ -Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub>

Species	$\Delta_f G^{\rm o}  ({\rm kJ \ mol^{-1}})$	$\Delta_{f}H^{o}$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$S^{o}$ (J deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>a</sup>	-237.14	-285.83	69.95
OH- a	-157.28	-230.02	-10.90
$Zn^{2+a}$	-147.10	-153.39	-109.8
ZnO (cr) <sup>a</sup>	-320.52	-350.46	43.65
$\varepsilon$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr) <sup>a</sup>	-555.13	-639.06	81.59
$\beta$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr) <sup>a</sup>	-553.17	-641.91	81.17

Table S1 Thermodynamic data of Zn-OH species (1 atm, 25 °C)

<sup>a</sup> Quoted from Ref.<sup>1</sup>

Table S2 Thermodynamic data of reaction for ZnO formation (1 atm, 25 °C)

No.	Depation	$\Delta_r G^{\mathrm{o}}$	$\Delta_r H^{o}$	$\Delta_r S^{o}$
	Reaction	(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	(J deg <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1	$Zn^{2+} + 2OH^{-} = \varepsilon - Zn(OH)_2 (cr)^{a}$	-93.47 (-59.45 <sup>b</sup> )	-25.63	213.19
2	$Zn^{2+} + 2OH^{-} = \beta - Zn(OH)_2 (cr)^{a}$	-91.51 (-57.49 <sup>b</sup> )	-28.48	212.77
3	$\varepsilon$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr) = $\beta$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr)	1.96	-2.85	-0.42
4	$\varepsilon$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr) = ZnO (cr) + H <sub>2</sub> O	-2.53	2.77	32.01
5	$\beta$ -Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> (cr) = ZnO (cr) + H <sub>2</sub> O	-4.49	5.62	32.43

<sup>a</sup> K<sub>sp</sub>=3.5×10<sup>-17</sup> at 25 °C <sup>2</sup>

<sup>b</sup> Data calculated under the state that the first drop of  $Zn^{2+}$  solution was added.

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