

## Supplementary Data

### First-principles study of two-dimensional NbSe<sub>2</sub>H/g-ZnO van der Waals heterostructures as a water splitting photocatalyst

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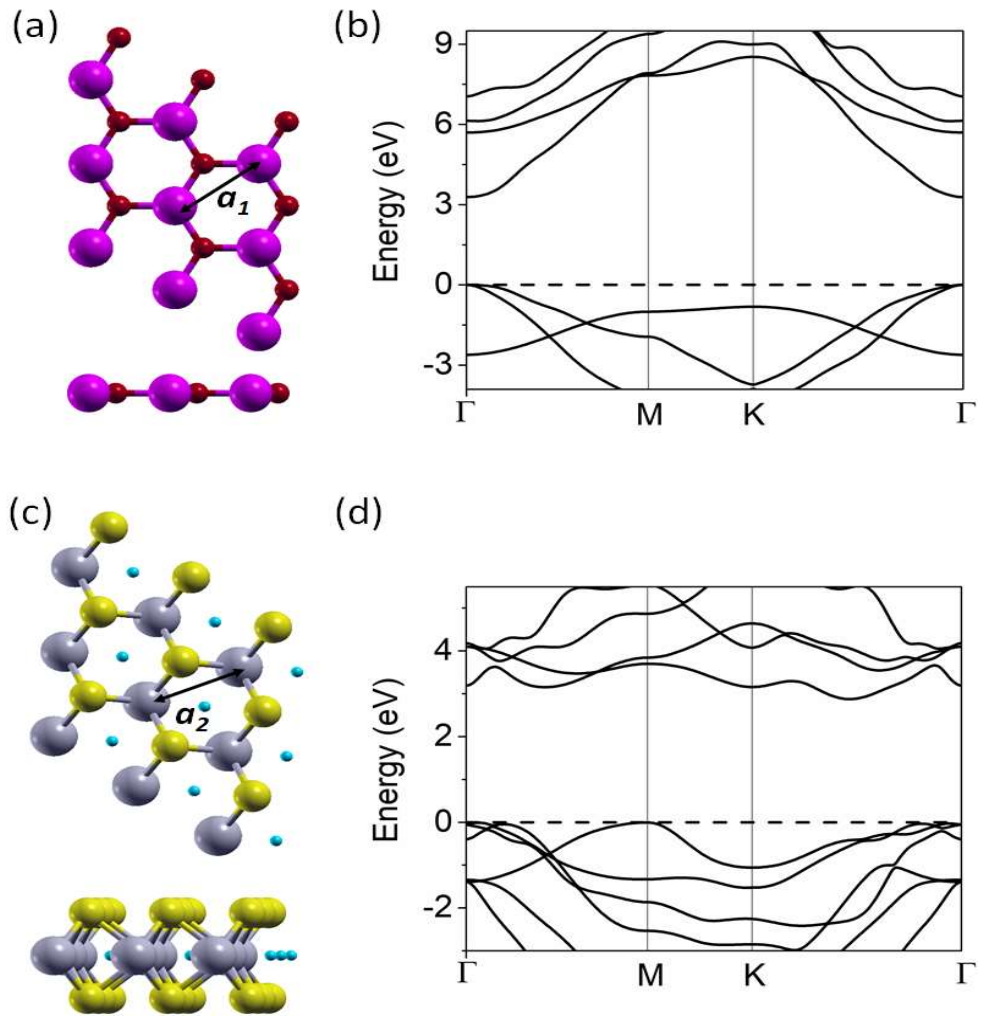


Fig. S1: Top and side views of the crystal structure for (a) g-ZnO and (c) 2D NbSe<sub>2</sub>H. The band structures for (b) g-ZnO and (d) 2D NbSe<sub>2</sub>H were calculated by using HSE06 functional. The lattice constant for the g-ZnO and 2D NbSe<sub>2</sub>H are denoted by  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , respectively.

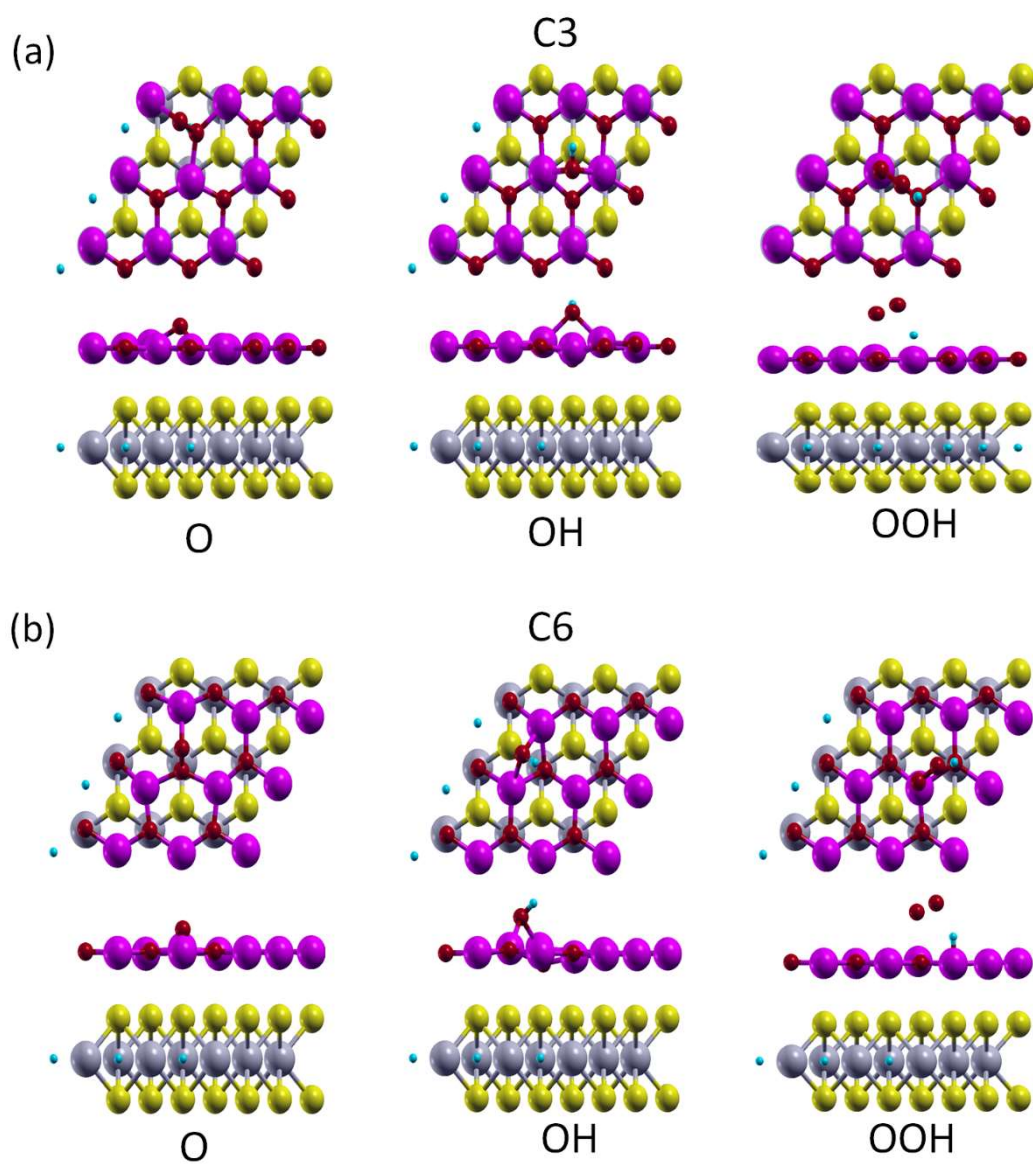


Fig. S2: Adsorption of O, OH and OOH intermediates on the NbSe<sub>2</sub>H/g-ZnO vdW heterostructures for (a) C3 and (b) C6 stackings. Yellow, grey, cyan, purple, and red balls denote Se, Nb, H, Zn and O atoms, respectively.

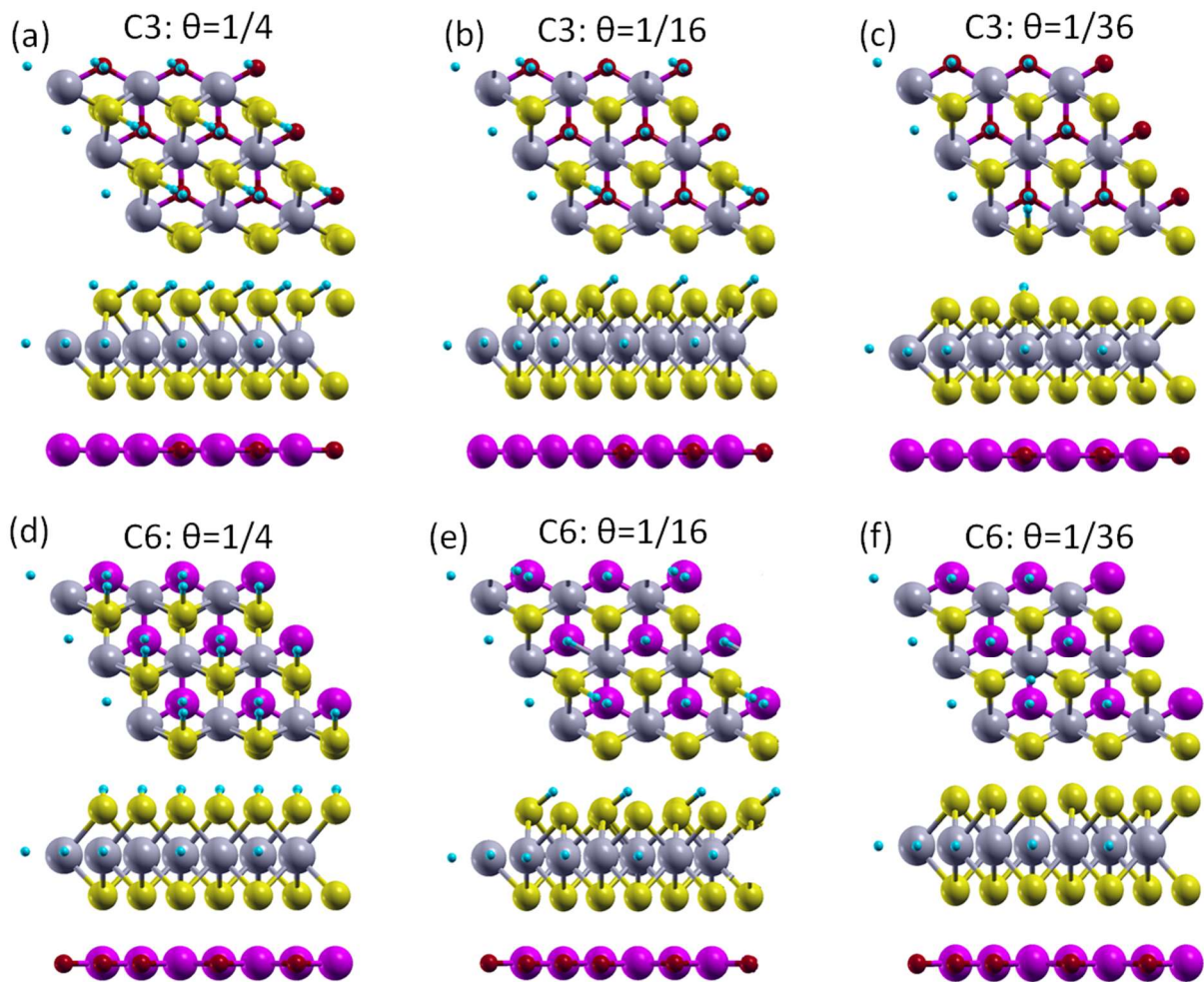


Fig. S3: Adsorption of H on the surface of 2D NbSe<sub>2</sub>H in the NbSe<sub>2</sub>H/g-ZnO vdW heterostructures. The coverage of the H atoms are  $\theta = 1/4$  for (a) C3 and (d) C6 stackings,  $\theta = 1/16$  for (b) C3 and (e) C6 stackings and  $\theta = 1/36$  for (c) C3 and (f) C6 stackings. Yellow, grey, cyan, purple, and red balls denote Se, Nb, H, Zn and O atoms, respectively.