# **Supporting Information for**

### First principles study of g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> as anode material for Na-, K-, Mg-,

### **Ca- and Al-ion storage**

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## SI-1. Adsorption energies of metal-ions



Fig. S1. Calculated sequential metal-ion adsorption energies on g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> as a function of the adsorption concentration x. The dotted lines represent the cohesive energies of the corresponding bulk phase metals.

## 20 Frequency (THz) 15 Mg3N2 10 5 A K Μ Г Г 20 Frequency (THz) Na1Mg3N2 15 10 5 0 K Μ Г Mg1Mg3N2 20 Frequency (THz) 15 10 5 0 K Μ Г Γ

# SI-2. Phonon dispersion data

Fig. S2. The phonon dispersion spectrum of g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>1</sub>Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> and Mg<sub>1</sub>Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>.

## SI-3. Ab-initio molecular dynamics simulation

In order to investigate the thermal stability of g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> monolayer after metalions adsorption, *ab initio* molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulations are performed to check the structural change of the g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> monolayer at some highest content of adsorbed adatoms (Na<sub>3</sub>Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, Mg<sub>1</sub>Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>). The results are given in Fig. S1. As is seen, the structure of the g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> monolayer is changed slightly at 300 K up to 6 ps. Upon relaxation, the structure after the AIMD simulation will recover to its original state, indicating that the bonding/coordination of the structure is not changed at 300 K. Furthermore, no clustering of the adsorbed metal-ions is observed during the AIMD simulation, suggesting that the g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> monolayer will maintain good cycling stability.



Fig. S3. Top and side views of the structures of g-Mg<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> with highest Na- and Mgion adsorption concentrations after 6ps of the AIMD simulation at 300 K. The fluctuations of system temperature and energy as functions of simulation time are also presented.