Supporting Information

Two-dimensional Be₂P₄ as promising thermoelectric material

and anode for Na/K-ion batteries

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Figure S1: MD simulation energy and temperature profiles of Be_2P_4 concerning time steps for 700 K temperature. The inset additionally displays the initial and final structures of monolayer following the 5000 fs.



Figure S2: (a) Transverse strain (b) Equivalent stress as a function of axial strain along the xand y-axis. (c) Graph and straight fit graph between $E - E_{vac}$ and $\frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$ along x and y axis, $E - E_{vac}$ is the energy difference of ith band and vacuum energy, $\frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$ is the strain in the respective direction. (d) Graph and parabolic fit between S_0 and $\frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$; $(2E - E_0)$ is the

difference in the total energy of unstrained and strained structure, S_0 is the surface area of Δl Be_2P_4 monolayer and l_0 is the strain in the corresponding direction.



Figure S3: The projected density of state (PDOS) using the GGA+PBE level of theory.



Figure S4: (a) Optical absorbance (b) electron energy loss spectrum (EELS) of Be₂P₄ monolayer using GGA+PBE method.



Figure S5: (a) Band gap variation (b) electronic band structure of Be_2P_4 monolayer corresponding to different biaxial strains using GGA+PBE method.



Figure S6: (a) Electronic band structure **(b)** Electron energy loss spectra of Be₂P₄ monolayer corresponding to different biaxial strains using GW+BSE method.



Figure S7: Convergence test plot of (a) electrical conductivity, (b) electronic thermal conductivity (c) Seebeck coefficient and (d) Lattice thermal conductivity.



Figure S8: (a) group velocity (v) and (b) Gruneisen parameter (γ) plot with respect to frequency of Be₂P₄ monolayer.



Figure S9: (a) Electrical conductivity, (b) electronic thermal conductivity (c) Seebeck coefficient and (d) power factor of Be_2P_4 monolayer corresponding to different temperature.



Figure S10: Electronic band structure of Be_2P_4 monolayer after adsorption of single Na and K-atoms.



Figure S11: Top and side view of Be_2P_4 monolayer during the adsorption of Na-atoms layer. The green, vine and yellow colour balls represent Be, P and Na atoms, respectively.

| Sr. No. | Anode | Diffusion | Open circuit | Specific capacity | Energy density | Reference |
|---------|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | materials | barrier (eV) | voltage (V) | (mAh/g) | (Wh/Kg) | S |
| 1. | Be ₂ P ₄ (Na/K) | 0.23/0.18 | 0.8/0.1 | 3776.93/3021.55 | 8460.32/8883.35 | This work* |
| 2. | Be ₂ P ₃ N (Na/K) | 0.06/0.04 | 0.02/0.1 | 2574/1716 | 5055/ 3325 | [1] |
| 3. | o-B ₂ N ₂ (Na) | 0.16 | 0.33 | 2159.83 | - | [2] |
| 4. | Θ-graphene | 0.39/0.22 | 0.29/0.60 | 1275.12/956.34 | - | [3] |
| 5. | BeN ₄ (K) | 0.06 | 0.179–0.084 | 842 | - | [4] |
| 6. | B_2P_2 (Na/K) | 0.10/0.07 | 0.26/0.47 | 1282.34/854.89 | - | [5] |
| 7. | BC ₃ (Na/K) | - | 0.12/0.16 | 572/858 | - | [6] |
| 8. | Penta siligraphene (Na/K) | - | - | 514.3/1028.7 | - | [7] |

Table 1: A comparative analysis of anodic performance of previously studied 2D materials.

| 9. | Penta- | 0.25/0.10 | 0.33/0.80 | 2231.49/743.86 | - | [8] |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------|-----|
| | diamond (Na/K) | | | | | |
| 10. | $Be_2C_5(K)$ | 0.074 | 0.28 | 2060 | 5455 | [9] |

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