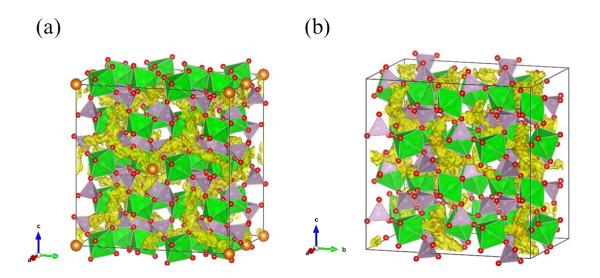
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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Computational investigation of the Mg-ion conductivity and phase stability of $MgZr_4(PO_4)_6$

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**Supporting Figure S1**. Trace of Mg atom in FPMD simulation at 1573 K. (a) and (b) show the NASICON-type and  $\beta$ -iron sulfate-type structures, respectively.

## **Supporting Table S1.** Mg-Ion Conductivity ( $\sigma_{Mg}$ ) and Activation Energy ( $E_{act}$ ) of Mg-Ion Conductors

Study	$\sigma_{Mg}$ [S cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$E_{\rm act}  [{ m eV}]$	
Theoretical (β-iron sulfate-type, this paper)	3.9 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> (bulk, 873 K)	0.71	
Theoretical (NASICON-type, this paper)	$7.1 \times 10^{-3}$ (bulk, 873 K)	0.63	
Experimental <sup>21</sup> (β-iron sulfate-type)	$1 \times 10^{-5} (873 \text{ K})$	1.6	
Experimental $^{21}$ $Mg_{0.7}(Zr_{0.85}Nb_{0.15})_4P_6O_{24}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-7} (573 \text{ K})$	0.92	
(β-iron sulfate-type)			
$Experimental^{22}\ Mg_{0.7}(Zr_{0.85}Nb_{0.15})_4P_6O_{24}$	1.1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> (total, 623 K)	1.18	
(β-iron sulfate-type)			
$Experimental^{18}  (Mg_{0.1}Hf_{0.9})_{4/3.8}Nb(PO_4)_3$	2.1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> (bulk, 573 K)	0.68	
(NASICON-type)			