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## **Electronic Supplementary Material**

## A striking catalytic effect of facile synthesized ZrMn<sub>2</sub>

## nanoparticles on the de/rehydrogenation properties of MgH<sub>2</sub>

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**Table S1** The bond distance and the Mulliken charge of Mg-H2 before and after<br/>adsorption on  $ZrMn_2(112)$  surface.

	Mg-H1	Mg-H2	Mg	H1	H2
Before	1.716	1.716	0.555	0.277	0.278
After	2.626	2.847	0.498	0.072	0.012
	2.236	2.657	0.553	0.089	0.039

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Fig. S1 SEM image of ZrMn<sub>2</sub> microparticles.



Fig. S2 Isothermal dehydrogenation curves of the  $MgH_2$ -10 wt% nano-ZrMn<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S3 JMAK plots of MgH<sub>2</sub>+10 wt% nano-ZrMn<sub>2</sub> composite.



Fig. S4 Corresponding Arrhenius plots of MgH<sub>2</sub>-10 wt% nano-ZrMn<sub>2</sub> composite.



Fig. S5 Isothermal hydrogenation and dehydrogenation curves of the  $MgH_2+10wt\%$  nano-ZrMn<sub>2</sub> composite as a function of cycle (green for rehydrogenation and red for dehydrogenation).



**Fig. S6** Isothermal hydrogenation and non-isothermal dehydrogenation (2 °C min<sup>-1</sup>) curves of ZrMn<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles.