

## Cesium-Anchored MB<sub>3</sub> Kagome Monolayers: Stabilizing Active Sites for Bifunctional Oxygen Electrocatalysis

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Table S1. Formation Energy  $E_{\text{form}}$  (eV) of TM@BeB<sub>3</sub>, TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> and TM@SrB<sub>3</sub>.

| TM@BeB <sub>3</sub> | $E_{\text{form}}$ | TM@CaB <sub>3</sub> | $E_{\text{form}}$ | TM@SrB <sub>3</sub> | $E_{\text{form}}$ |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Co                  | 1.75              | Co                  | -1.13             | Co                  | -1.59             |
| Cr                  | 2.41              | Cr                  | -0.92             | Cr                  | -1.00             |
| Cu                  | 1.83              | Cu                  | -0.10             | Cu                  | -0.50             |
| Fe                  | 2.06              | Fe                  | -0.98             | Fe                  | -1.43             |
| Mn                  | 2.28              | Mn                  | -0.90             | Mn                  | -1.33             |
| Ni                  | 1.20              | Ni                  | -0.92             | Ni                  | -1.36             |
| Ti                  | 2.06              | Ti                  | -1.98             | Ti                  | -2.26             |
| V                   | 2.78              | V                   | -1.25             | V                   | -1.50             |

Table S2. Adsorption free energies (eV) and overpotentials (V) of the intermediate states of MB<sub>3</sub> in the  
OER and ORR processes.

| Structure           | $\Delta G_{\text{OH}^*}$ | $\Delta G_{\text{O}^*}$ | $\Delta G_{\text{OOH}^*}$ | $\eta_{\text{OER}}$ | $\eta_{\text{ORR}}$ |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Co@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -0.57                    | 0.53                    | 2.57                      | 1.12                | 1.80                |
| Cr@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -1.38                    | -1.12                   | 1.96                      | 1.90                | 2.61                |
| Cu@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -0.57                    | 1.64                    | 2.80                      | 0.98                | 1.80                |
| Fe@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -0.76                    | -0.02                   | 2.40                      | 1.29                | 1.99                |
| Mn@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -1.30                    | -0.8                    | 1.99                      | 1.70                | 2.53                |
| Ni@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -0.18                    | 1.46                    | 3.06                      | 0.63                | 1.41                |
| Ti@BeB <sub>3</sub> | -1.52                    | -0.34                   | 1.94                      | 1.75                | 2.75                |
| V@BeB <sub>3</sub>  | -2.25                    | -2.04                   | 1.33                      | 2.36                | 3.48                |
| Co@CaB <sub>3</sub> | 0.41                     | 1.43                    | 3.47                      | 0.81                | 0.82                |
| Cr@CaB <sub>3</sub> | -1.40                    | -1.08                   | 1.96                      | 1.81                | 2.63                |
| Cu@CaB <sub>3</sub> | 0.67                     | 2.72                    | 3.85                      | 0.82                | 0.56                |
| Fe@CaB <sub>3</sub> | -0.12                    | 0.26                    | 2.95                      | 1.46                | 1.35                |
| Mn@CaB <sub>3</sub> | -0.91                    | -0.80                   | 2.46                      | 2.04                | 2.14                |
| Ni@CaB <sub>3</sub> | 0.82                     | 2.33                    | 3.93                      | 0.37                | 0.41                |
| Ti@CaB <sub>3</sub> | -1.48                    | -0.40                   | 1.78                      | 1.91                | 2.71                |
| V@CaB <sub>3</sub>  | -1.72                    | -0.98                   | 1.61                      | 2.08                | 2.95                |
| Co@SrB <sub>3</sub> | 0.49                     | 1.59                    | 3.59                      | 0.77                | 0.74                |
| Cr@SrB <sub>3</sub> | -1.54                    | -1.27                   | 1.78                      | 1.91                | 2.77                |
| Cu@SrB <sub>3</sub> | 0.85                     | 2.98                    | 3.93                      | 0.90                | 0.38                |
| Fe@SrB <sub>3</sub> | -0.05                    | 0.33                    | 3.01                      | 1.45                | 1.28                |
| Mn@SrB <sub>3</sub> | -0.85                    | -0.70                   | 2.54                      | 2.01                | 2.08                |
| Ni@SrB <sub>3</sub> | 0.92                     | 2.77                    | 2.98                      | 0.71                | 1.02                |

|                     |       |       |      |      |      |
|---------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Ti@SrB <sub>3</sub> | -1.45 | -0.33 | 1.82 | 1.87 | 2.68 |
| V@SrB <sub>3</sub>  | -1.73 | -0.99 | 1.61 | 2.09 | 2.96 |

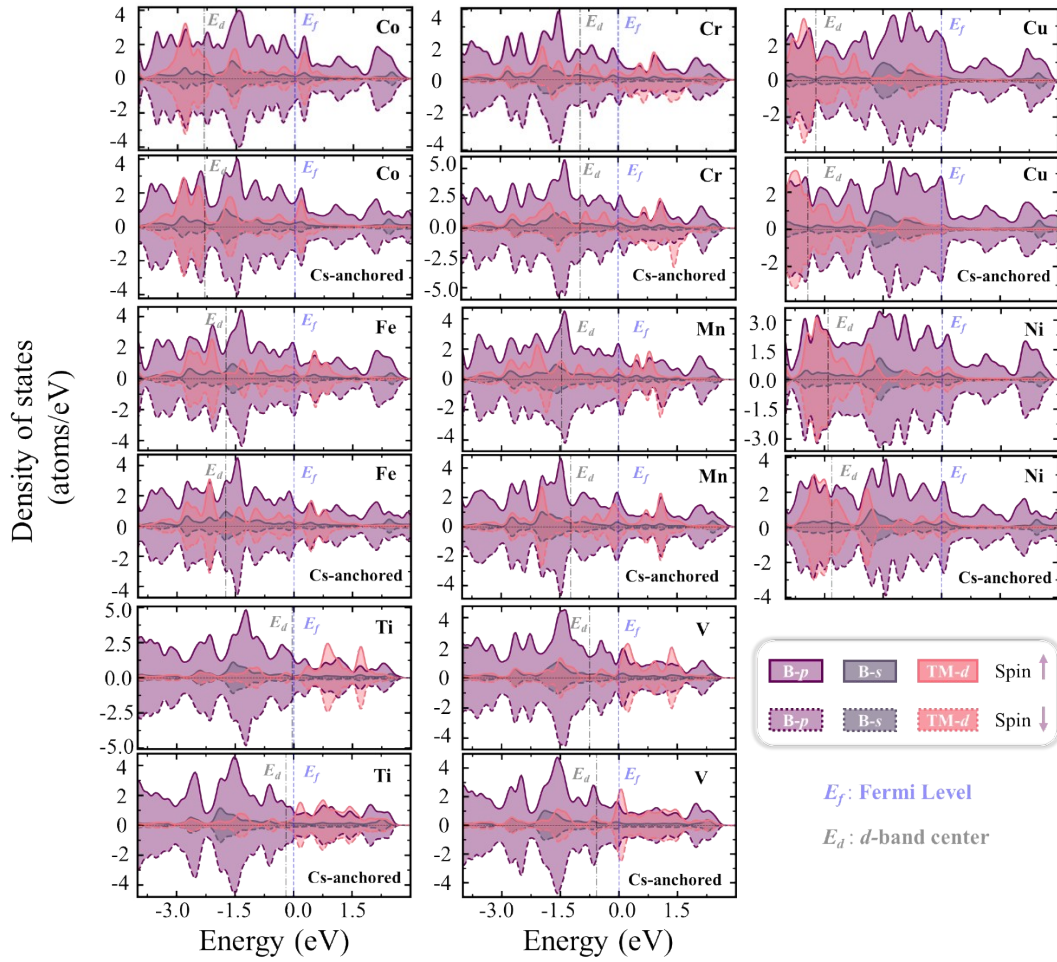


Figure S1. Projected density of states (PDOS) of TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> with/without Cs-anchored. The fermi-level and *d*-band center are indicated with dash vertical lines.

Table S3. The charge transfer of TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> and Cs-anchored TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> in the HER process via Bader charge analysis.

| TM@CaB <sub>3</sub> | TM@CaB <sub>3</sub> |      | Cs-anchored |      |       |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|-------------|------|-------|
|                     | TM                  | H    | TM          | H    | Cs    |
| Co                  | -0.06               | 0.34 | -0.11       | 0.44 | -0.72 |
| Cr                  | -0.80               | 0.43 | -0.59       | 0.56 | -0.73 |
| Cu                  | -0.51               | 0.40 | -0.52       | 0.60 | -0.76 |
| Fe                  | -0.30               | 0.31 | -0.46       | 0.47 | -0.73 |
| Mn                  | -0.24               | 0.32 | -0.26       | 0.47 | -0.73 |
| Ni                  | 0.30                | 0.30 | -0.01       | 0.48 | -0.77 |
| Ti                  | -1.28               | 0.61 | -1.27       | 0.71 | -0.78 |
| V                   | -0.97               | 0.53 | -1.03       | 0.63 | -0.74 |

Table S4. The TM-Boron bond length  $\ell_{\text{bond}}$  (Å) of TM@BeB<sub>3</sub>, TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> and TM@SrB<sub>3</sub>.

| TM@BeB <sub>3</sub> | $\ell_{\text{bond}}$ | TM@CaB <sub>3</sub> | $\ell_{\text{bond}}$ | TM@SrB <sub>3</sub> | $\ell_{\text{bond}}$ |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Ti-B                | 2.32                 | Ti-B                | 2.18                 | Ti-B                | 2.19                 |
| V-B                 | 2.16                 | V-B                 | 2.09                 | V-B                 | 2.10                 |
| Cr-B                | 2.38                 | Cr-B                | 2.05                 | Cr-B                | 2.05                 |
| Mn-B                | 2.12                 | Mn-B                | 1.99                 | Mn-B                | 2.00                 |
| Fe-B                | 2.12                 | Fe-B                | 1.97                 | Fe-B                | 1.98                 |
| Co-B                | 2.12                 | Co-B                | 1.95                 | Co-B                | 1.96                 |
| Ni-B                | 2.14                 | Ni-B                | 1.94                 | Ni-B                | 1.95                 |
| Cu-B                | 2.27                 | Cu-B                | 2.07                 | Cu-B                | 1.99                 |

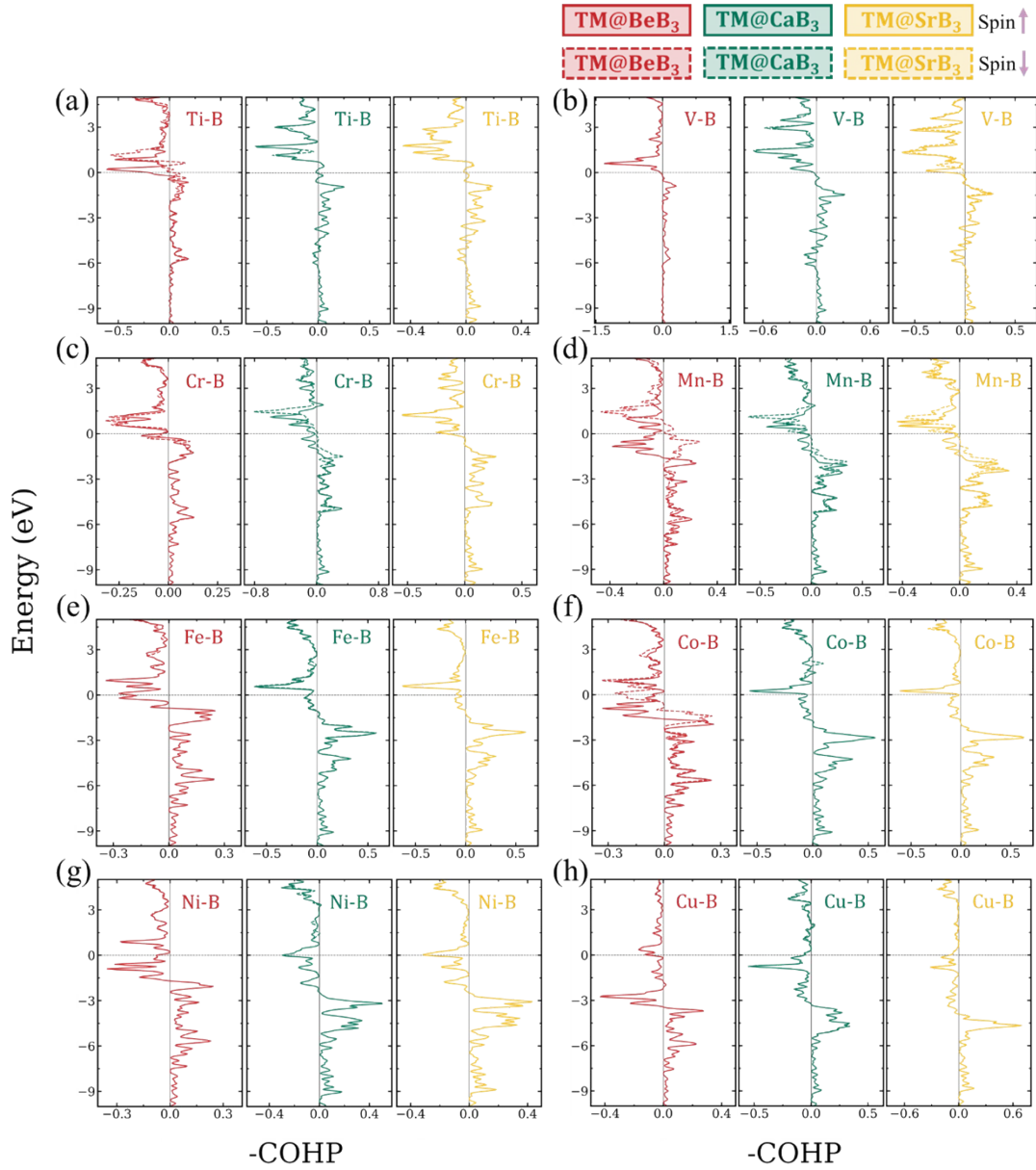


Figure S2. Projected Crystal Orbital Hamiltonian Population (pCOHP) analysis of TM-B bonds in TM@BeB<sub>3</sub>, TM@CaB<sub>3</sub>, and TM@SrB<sub>3</sub> across various spin states.

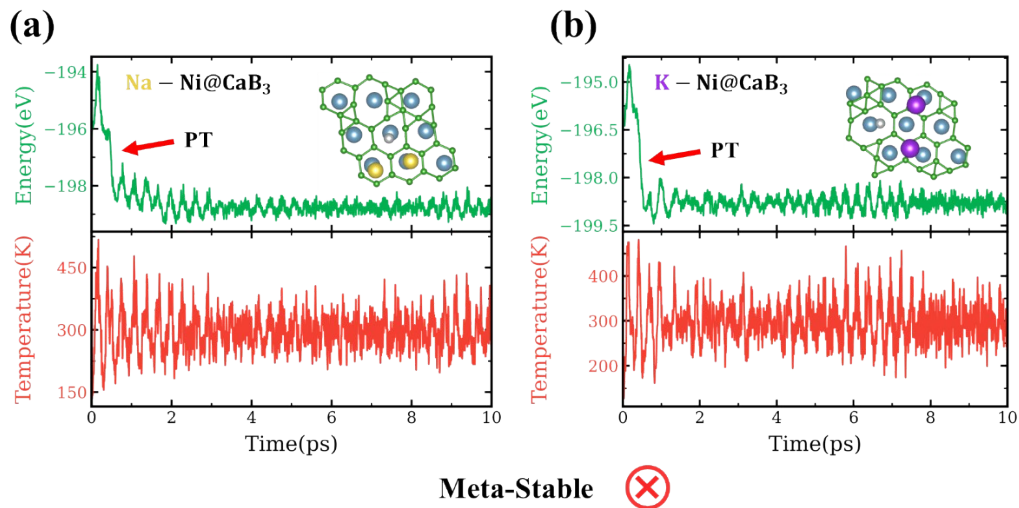


Figure S3. Structural evolution of (a) Na-anchored Ni@MB<sub>3</sub> and (b) K-anchored Ni@MB<sub>3</sub> at 300 K.

Table S5. Comparison of adsorption free energies (eV) and OER overpotentials (V) for intermediate states on BeB<sub>3</sub> with and without spin-orbit coupling (SOC)

|                           | OER-noSOC | OER-SOC |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|
| $\Delta G_{\text{OH}^*}$  | -0.465    | -0.466  |
| $\Delta G_{\text{O}^*}$   | 0.242     | 0.242   |
| $\Delta G_{\text{OOH}^*}$ | 2.854     | 2.853   |
| $\eta_{\text{OER}}$       | 1.382     | 1.381   |

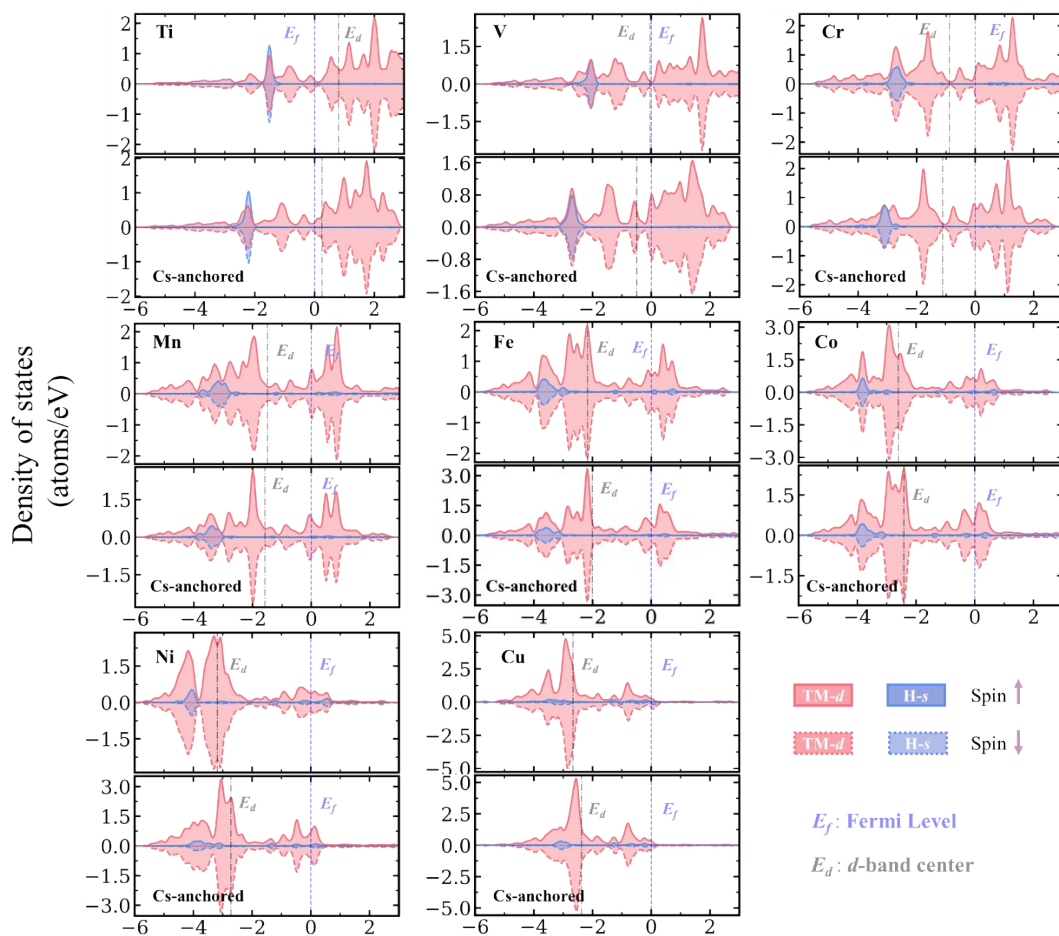


Figure S4. Projected density of states (PDOS) for TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> under the condition of hydrogen adsorption, with and without Cs anchoring. The Fermi level and d-band center are marked by vertical dashed lines.

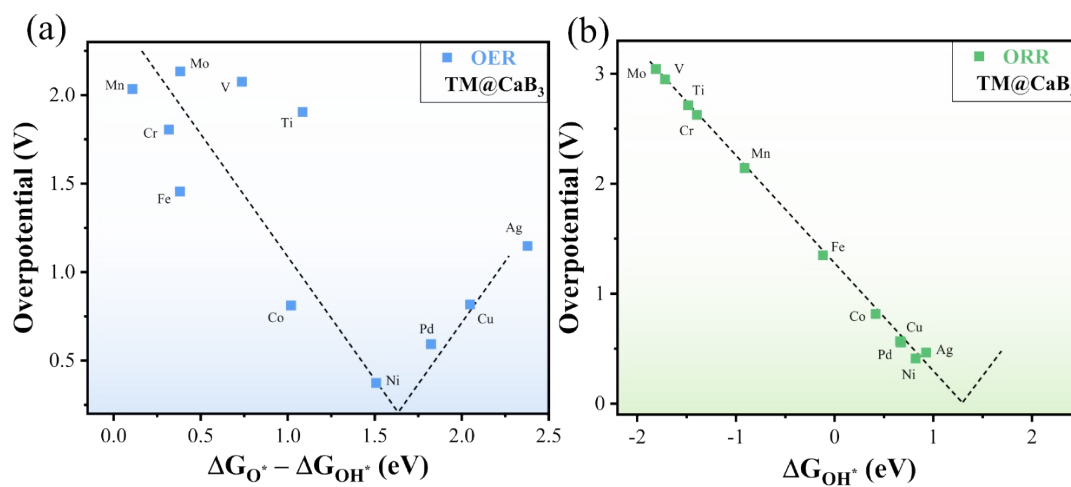


Figure S5. Volcano relationships for TM@CaB<sub>3</sub> (including additional Ag, Pd, Mo) (a) OER overpotential versus  $\Delta G_{O^*} - \Delta G_{OH^*}$ , (b) ORR overpotential versus  $\Delta G_{OH^*}$ .