

*Supplementary Information for*

**Local Magnetic Moment and Adsorption Energetics as Intrinsic  
Activity Indicators for Bimetallic 2D  $\pi$ -d Conjugated BHT  
Frameworks in Oxygen Evolution Electrocatalysis**

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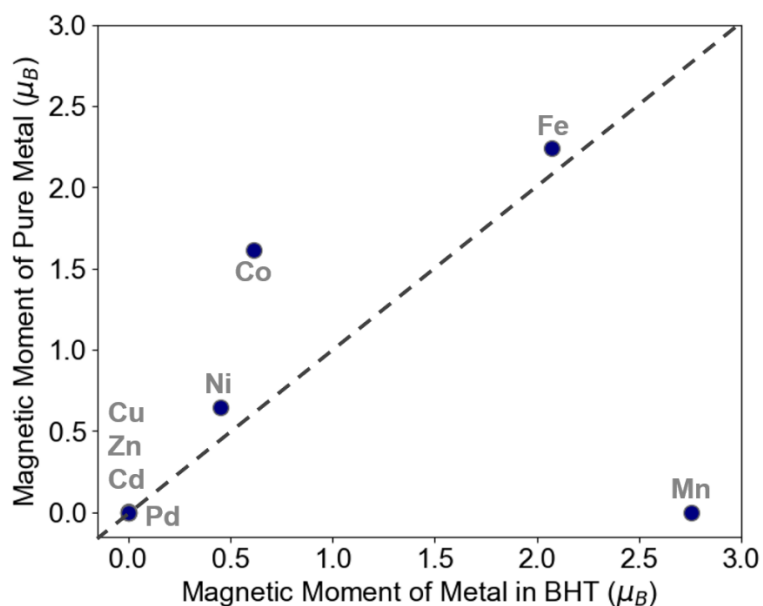
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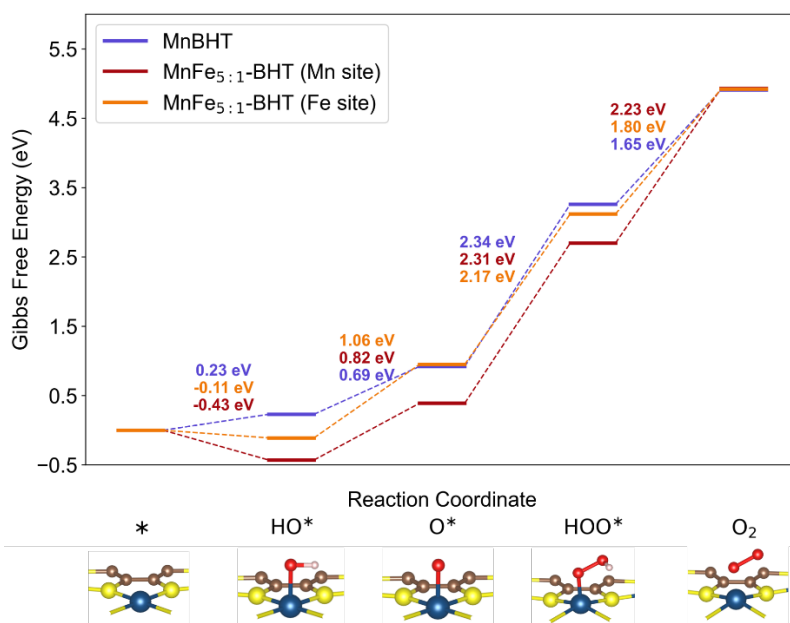
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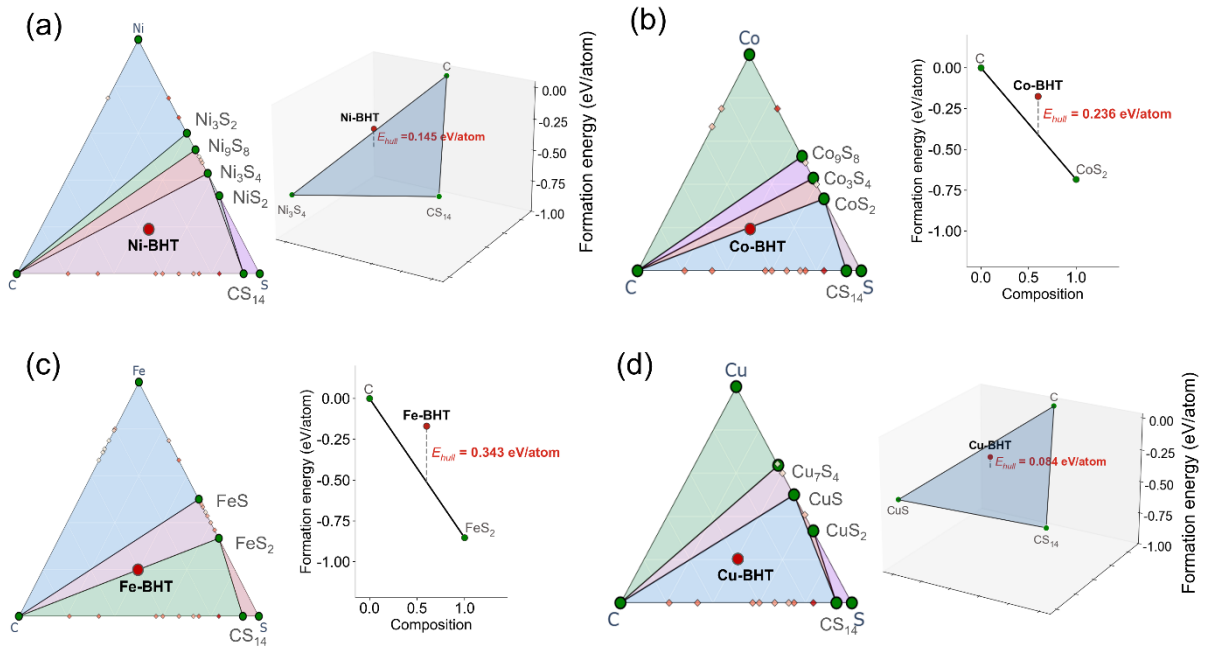
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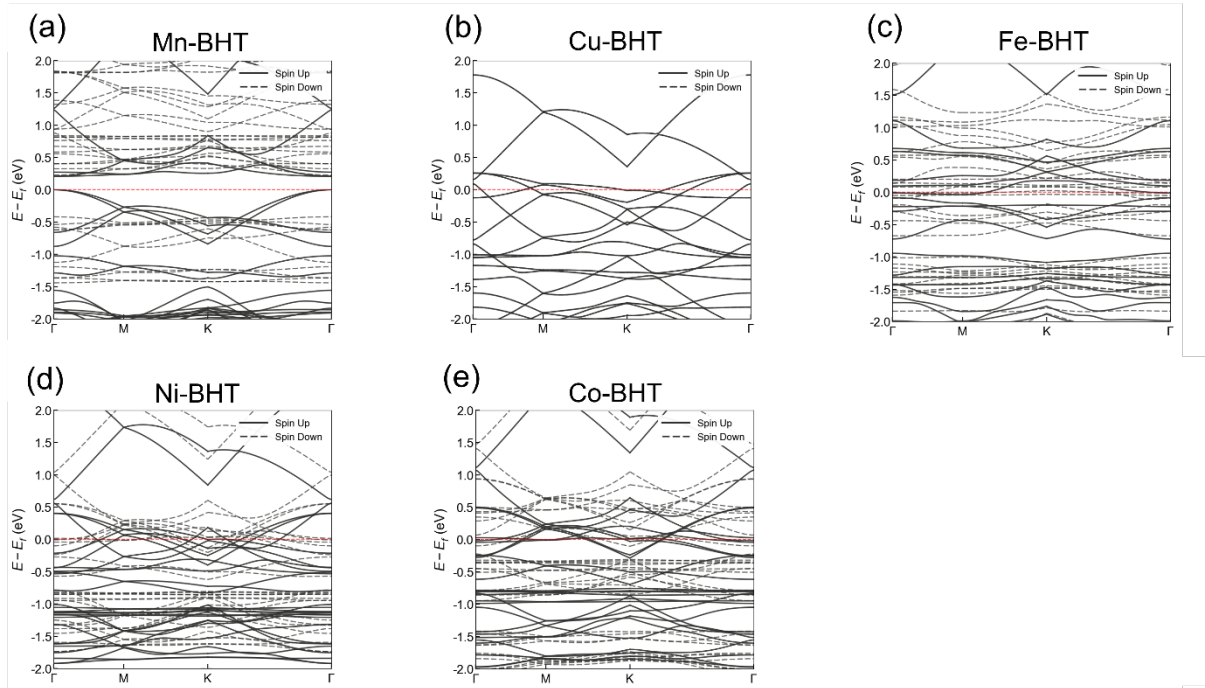
**Fig. S1.** Comparison between the magnetic moments of pure bulk metals and those of the corresponding metal centers in the BHT-based metal–organic framework. The dashed line indicates the  $y=x$  reference, corresponding to no change in magnetic moment after incorporation into the BHT framework.



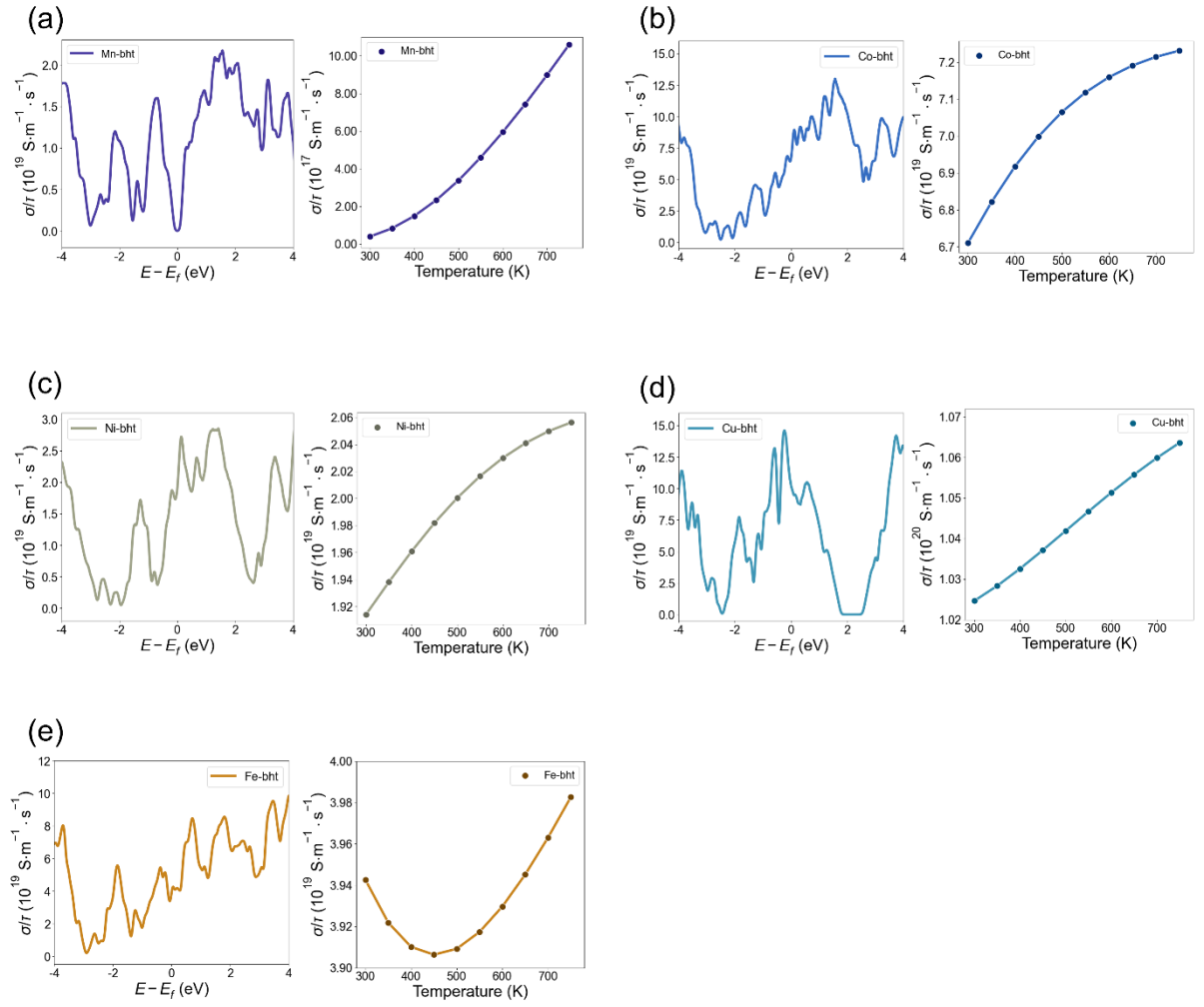
**Fig. S2.** Computational Hydrogen Electrode (CHE)-level Gibbs free energy profiles (neglecting solvation and applied-potential corrections) for qualitative mechanistic comparison. The energy landscape compares the reaction pathways on the Mn-BHT, MnFe<sub>5:1</sub>-BHT Mn site, and MnFe<sub>5:1</sub>-BHT Fe site. The profiles delineate the four intermediate steps of the electrochemical process. The inserted numerical values represent the specific change in Gibbs free energy between consecutive elementary steps.



**Fig. S3.** Thermodynamic stability analysis of TM-BHT monolayers. Phase diagrams and convex hull plots for (a) Ni-BHT, (b) Co-BHT, (c) Fe-BHT, (d) Cu-BHT. The red dots represent the TM-BHT structures, and the calculated  $E_{hull}$  values are indicated in red text.



**Fig. S4.** Band structures of TM-BHT monolayers. Calculated spin-polarized band structures for (a) Mn-BHT, (b) Cu-BHT, (c) Fe-BHT, (d) Ni-BHT, (e) Co-BHT along the high-symmetry path  $\Gamma$ -M-K- $\Gamma$ . Solid and dashed lines represent the spin-up and spin-down channels, respectively.



**Fig. S5.** Electronic transport properties of TM-BHT monolayers. Calculated electrical conductivity scaled by relaxation time ( $\sigma/\tau$ ) as a function of (left) chemical potential relative to the Fermi level at 300 K, and (right) temperature for (a) Mn-BHT, (b) Co-BHT, (c) Ni-BHT, (d) Cu-BHT, (e) Fe-BHT.