

Supplementary Information for

Resolving Atomic-Scale Structure and Chemical Coordination in High Entropy Alloy Electrocatalysts for Structure-Function Relationship Elucidation

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Supplementary Methods

Calculation of bulk surface configurational entropy

Configurational entropy (ΔS_{conf}) change per mole for the formation of HEAs from n elements with X_i mole fraction is¹:

$$\Delta S_{conf} = -R \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \ln X_i$$

In which R is the gas constant. The bulk composition of HEAs was calculated from ICP-MS.

Correlation Analysis

Correlation of peptide sequences and catalytic activity with structural parameters were undertaken using the corrplot package for R. Peptide sequences were encoded as 0 and 1 for BP7A and Co2-P2, respectively.

Supplementary Notes

Supplementary Note 1

To verify the reliability of reverse Monte Carlo generated structure models, bulk Au-M (M-Pt/Pd/Au/Co/Sn/Ce) coordination number (N_{Au-M}) obtained from RMC simulation of HEAs were used as the fitting constraints to extended X-ray absorption fine structure spectroscopy (EXAFS) curve fitting (**Supplementary Fig. 7-8**). EXAFS curve fitting has resulted in the evaluation of free EXAFS parameters; Debye Waller factor (σ), energy shift (ΔE) and interatomic shift in distance from theoretical model (ΔR_{Au-M}) (**Supplementary Table 2**). The quality of fit was assessed statistically with an emphasis on ensuring that each of the parameters are physically sensible and are not highly correlated^{2,3}. In the instance when the fit was poor, each N_{Au-M} was introduced as a free parameter into the fits and the new best-fit values, subject to the EXAFS fit assessment criteria, were used as the constraints to refine the RMC simulation of the corresponding pair distribution function (PDF). EXAFS-enabled structure refinement was undertaken for BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, BP7A PtPdAuCoSn and Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe. The structure models, EXAFS fits and EXAFS fitting parameters for BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, BP7A PtPdAuCoSn and Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe before and after EXAFS-enabled structure refinement is shown in **Supplementary Fig. 9-10**, and **Supplementary Table 3**, respectively.

Supplementary Note 2

Multitude of possible arrangement of atoms in HEA give rise to a continuous adsorption energy distribution pattern (AEDP), comprised of n number of adsorption peaks, where n is the number of elements in the HEA⁴. Herein, a simplified model using an electronic descriptor (ψ), which is known to be useful for predicting the adsorption energy of small molecules^{5,6} has been used for understanding the AEDP in HEAs. Electronic descriptor (ψ) was calculated using the equation below, where S_v is the number of valence electrons, χ is the electronegativity and N is the number of atoms in the first nearest neighbouring shell. Note, the goal here is not to generalize the adsorption energies of HEAs but instead use the electronic descriptor as a proxy to underpin the differences in MOR activity of HEAs caused by adsorption energy shifts of constituent elements within AEDP. From a heterogeneous catalysis standpoint, adsorption occurs at the surfaces of catalyst surfaces. As such, we have undertaken the electronic descriptor calculations using surface atoms extracted from RMC generated structure models of HEAs. **Supplementary Fig. 14** shows the calculated AEDP of each constituent element in HEAs, visualized using kernel density plots. The slight negative tail in the distribution does not hold any physical meaning as it is merely an artifact of the gaussian kernel that has been applied over each data point. The broad distribution of ψ is consistent with continuous AEDP reported previously^{4,7,8}. The bi/trimodal features in the AEDP of each element is caused by the diverse local atomic neighbours it has at different sites, suggesting that each element in HEAs could have different electronic properties based on its neighbouring atoms⁹, presenting an opportunity to modify the local adsorption properties of an active site by modulating the degree of alloying.

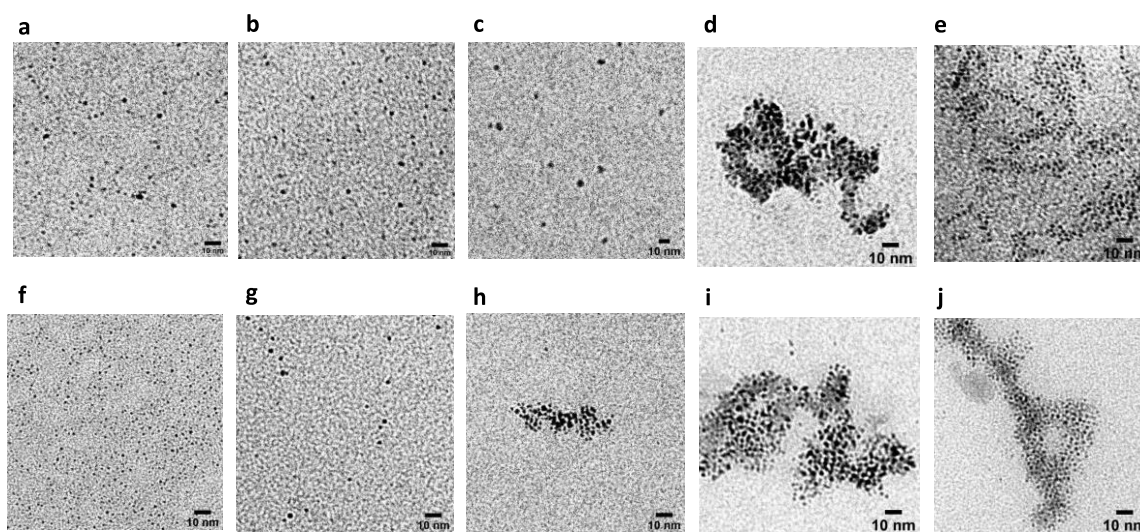
$$\psi = \frac{(\prod_{i=1}^N S_{v_i})^{2/N}}{(\prod_{i=1}^N \chi_i)^{1/N}}$$

The inherent heterogeneity of HEAs would imply that small changes to the elemental composition and/or identity would have a dramatic effect on electronic properties, i.e., adsorption energy of active sites¹⁰. Any changes to the adsorption energy of the active sites would shift the individual adsorption peaks within AEDP, modulating the catalytic property depending on how much AEDP peak maxima has shifted from the optimal adsorption energy⁷. To extend our understanding about how individual

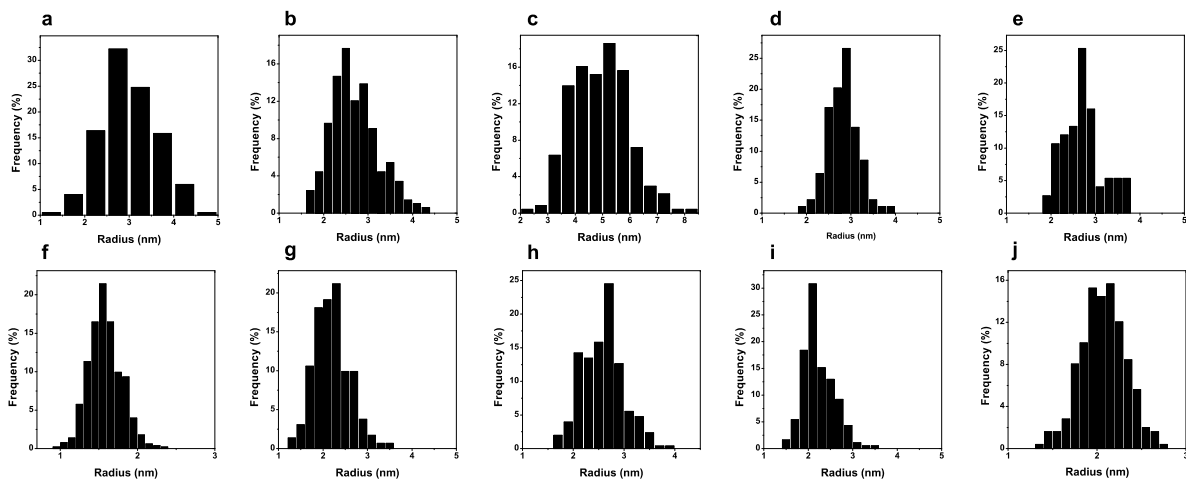
shifts in AEDP is influencing the catalytic properties, we are going to focus the discussion on just the adsorption energy of primary methanol electrooxidation active sites; platinum (Pt) and oxophilic (Ox) atoms, as shown in **Supplementary Fig. 15**. Synergistic interplay between Pt and Ox atoms is widely known to enhance the MOR activity, where Pt is the primary active site for methanol adsorption and dehydrogenation, and Ox promotes the oxidation of dehydrogenated methanol species by introducing OH_{ads} upon the condition that Ox atoms are in proximity of Pt atoms^{11,12}. The choice of assessing Pt and Ox is further rationalized by the fact that Au surfaces are generally inactive for MOR¹³ and the composition of Pd on BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe and BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu surfaces is less than 1 at. % (**Supplementary Table 4**), which we presume is not sufficient to be considered as a key active site in comparison to Pt atoms. For reference, we are using a pseudo-volcano plot under the assumption that peak maxima in BP7A PtPdAuCoSn's AEDP (2nd row; left) is located at the optimal adsorption energy, enabling us to make relative comparisons about how shifts in individual adsorption peaks are influencing the catalytic property. Assuming that Pt and Ox adsorption energy peak maxima in BP7A PtPdAuCoSn are positioned close to optimal binding energy is reasonable since it possess the lowest onset potential and highest anodic current response, both of which are strongly correlated to the position of adsorption energy in AEDP with respect to the optimal binding energy⁸. In the case of BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, we notice a maximum anodic current response (j_A) of 10.36 mA cm⁻² with an onset potential (E_0) of 450 mV, which can be attributed to peak maximum of Pt active site and Ox active sites located at/near the optimal binding energy. However, despite having a similar AEDP profile, BP7A PtPdAuCoCu, Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu and Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn has a lower anodic current response and higher onset potential, which might be due to unfavourable Pt-Pt and/or Pt-Ox coordination environment that is known to impact the methanol chemisorption behaviour and/or kinetics of methanol electrooxidation reaction^{14,15}. In the case of BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe, BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu and Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe, we notice a considerably smaller and broader AEDP for both Pt and Ox, suggesting that there might not be enough active sites to elicit a similar anodic current response as BP7A PtPdAuCoSn⁸. Lastly, BP7A PtPdAuCoCe and Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe, where Ox atoms are significantly shifted towards left from the optimal binding energy, we notice a relatively higher onset potential and lower current response. We speculate the reason for higher onset potential is

likely due to the unfavourable adsorption energy for Ox, which would kinetically restrict the formation of key intermediate (OH_{ads}) in the early stages of methanol electrooxidation¹⁶. Furthermore, unfavourable binding energetics of Ox atom would prevent methanol adsorption and dehydrogenation on Pt sites by competing with those sites to produce OH_{ads} that is required for methanol oxidation at higher potentials, resulting in lower maximum anodic current response. Overall, by using AEDP profile extracted from electronic descriptor built using our RMC structure models, our analysis has enabled us to form an understanding about how the shifts in individual adsorption energies within AEDP is influencing the catalytic properties of HEAs. We do acknowledge that the electronic descriptor model used here was built on assumptions about idealized local surface chemistry and structure, but for the purpose of understanding the origin of catalytic property differences in HEAs, we believe it has served the purpose. In the future, joint experimental and theoretical efforts that incorporates realistic HEA structure configurations will better enable us to form a more accurate understanding about the underlying working principle in HEAs.

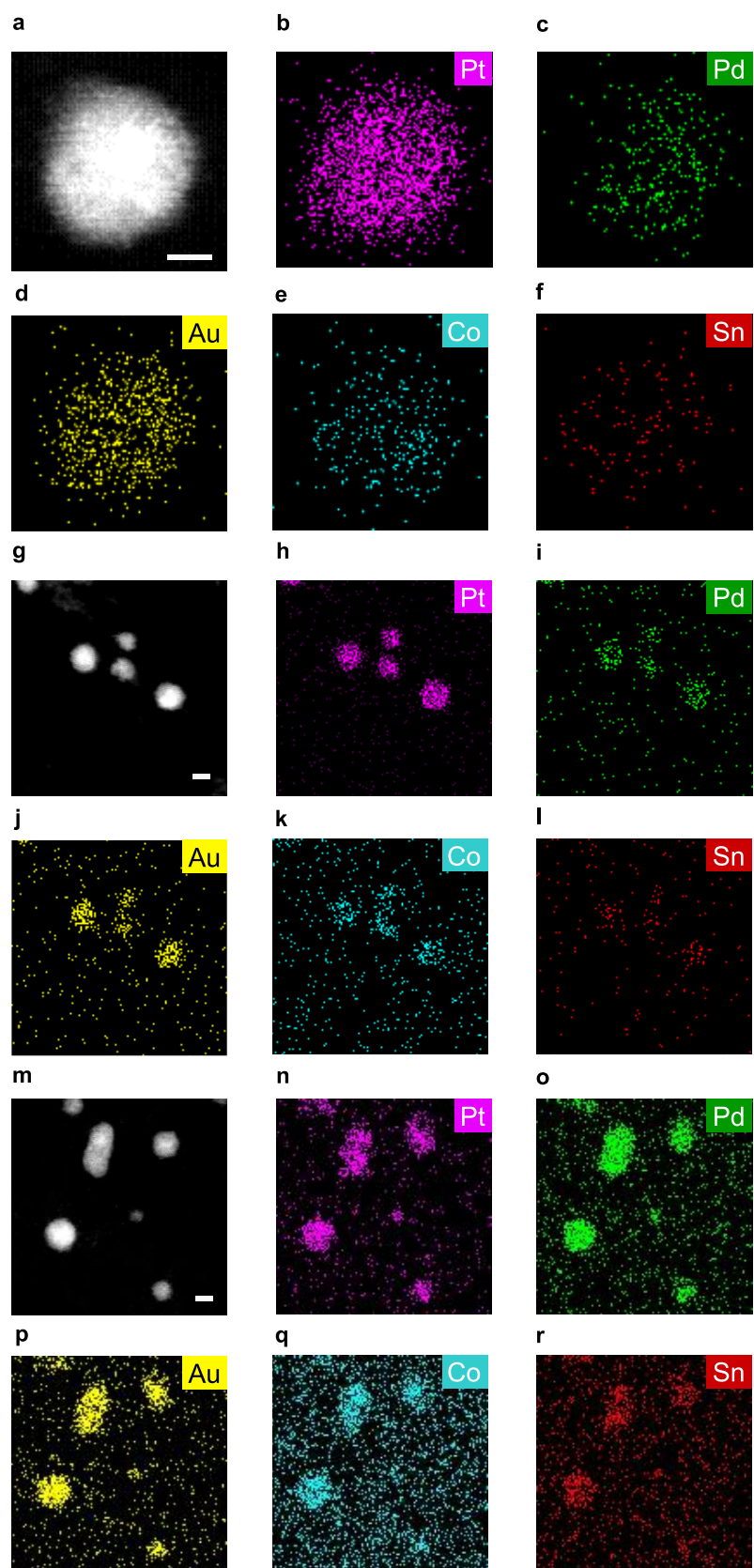
Supplementary Figures



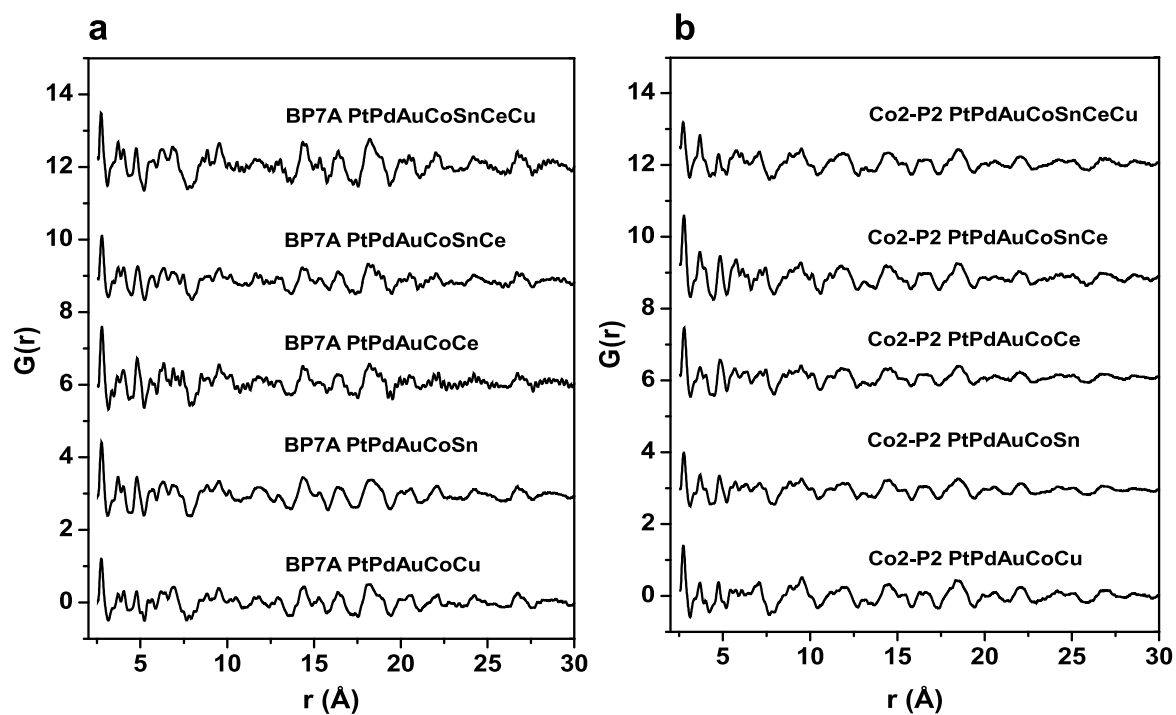
Supplementary Fig. 1. TEM images of a) BP7A PtPdAuCoCu, b) BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, c) BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, d) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe, e) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu, f) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu, g) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn, h) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe, i) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe, and j) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu.



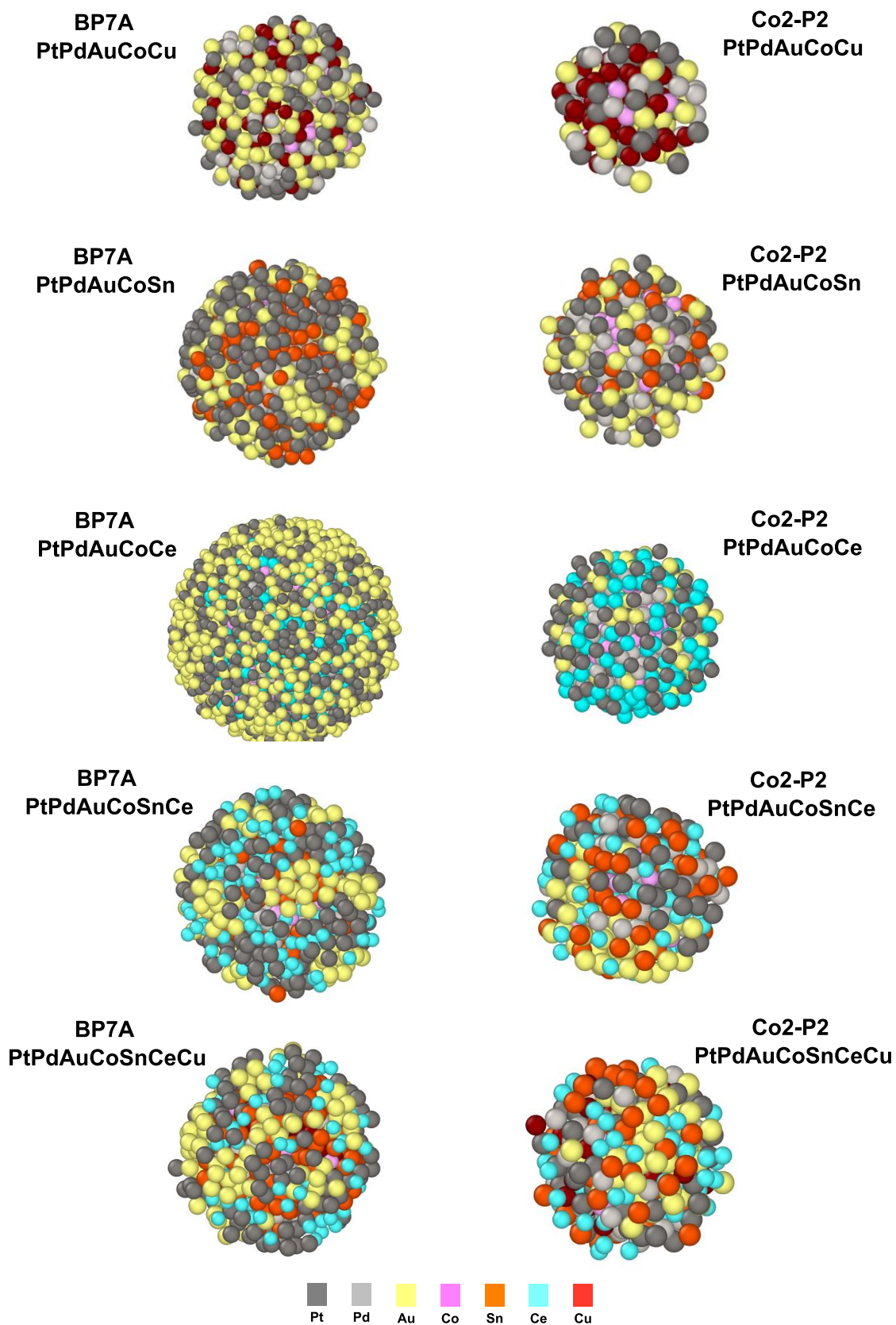
Supplementary Fig. 2. Particle size distribution of a) BP7A PtPdAuCoCu, b) BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, c) BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, d) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe, e) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu, f) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu, g) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn, h) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe, i) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe, and j) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu.



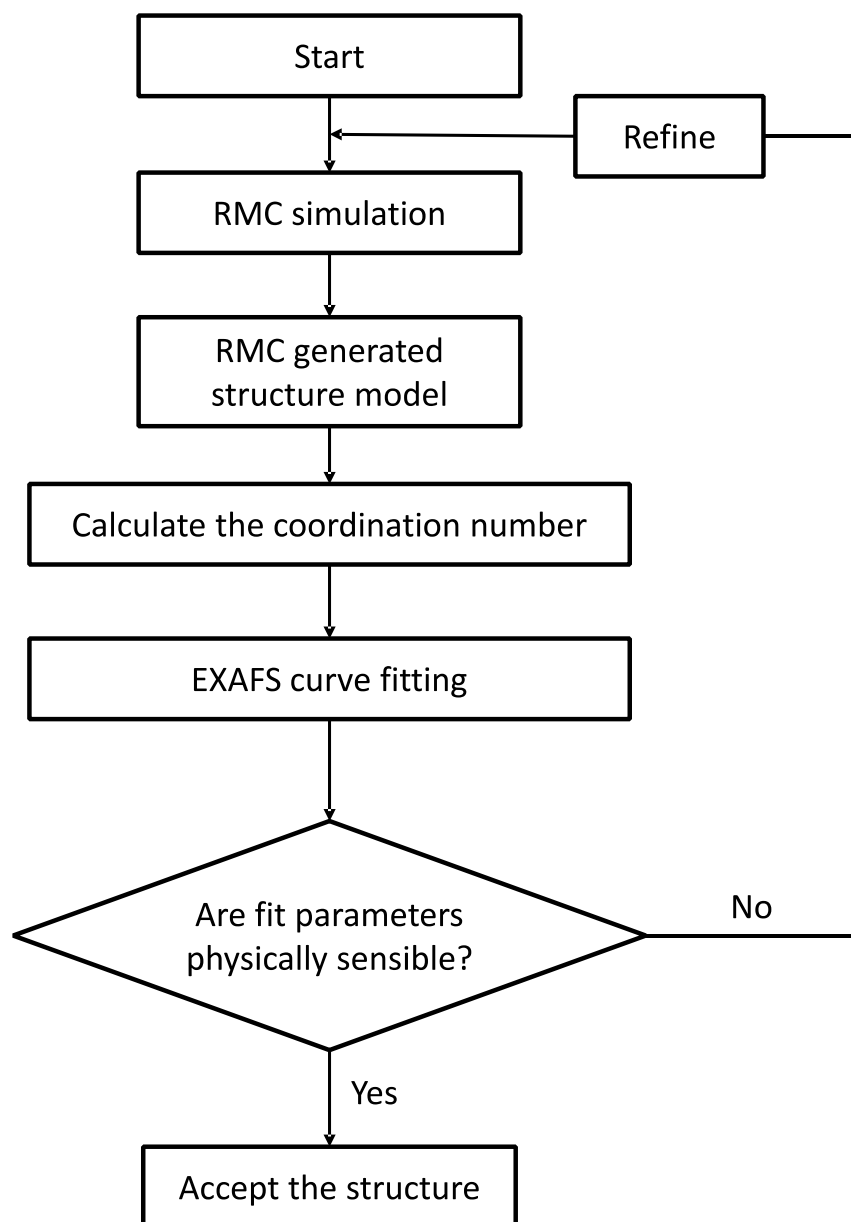
Supplementary Fig. 3. EDS map of BP7A PtPdAuCoSn HEAs. Scale bar (a): 1 nm, and (g) & (m): 2 nm



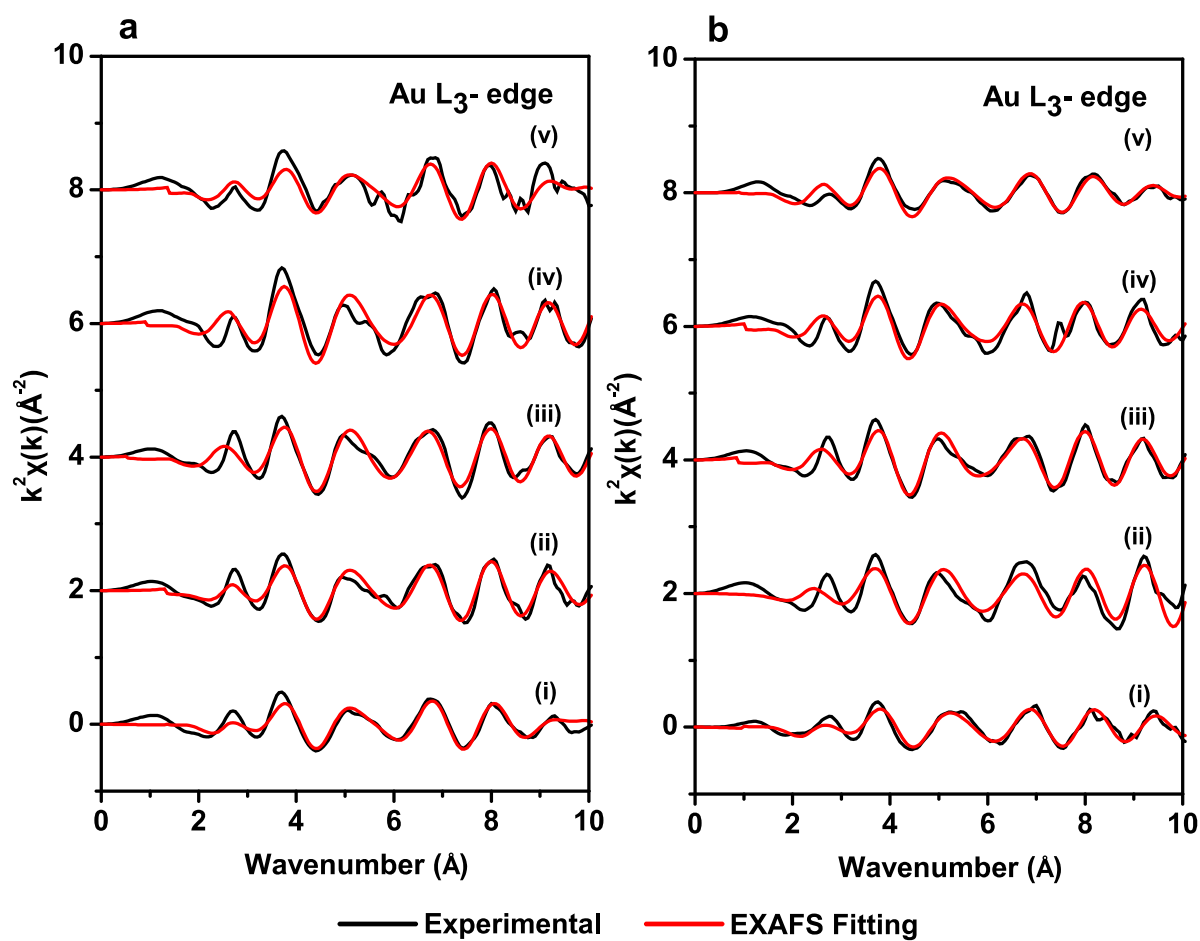
Supplementary Fig. 4. Atomic PDFs of (a) BP7A HEAs and (b) Co2-P2 HEAs.



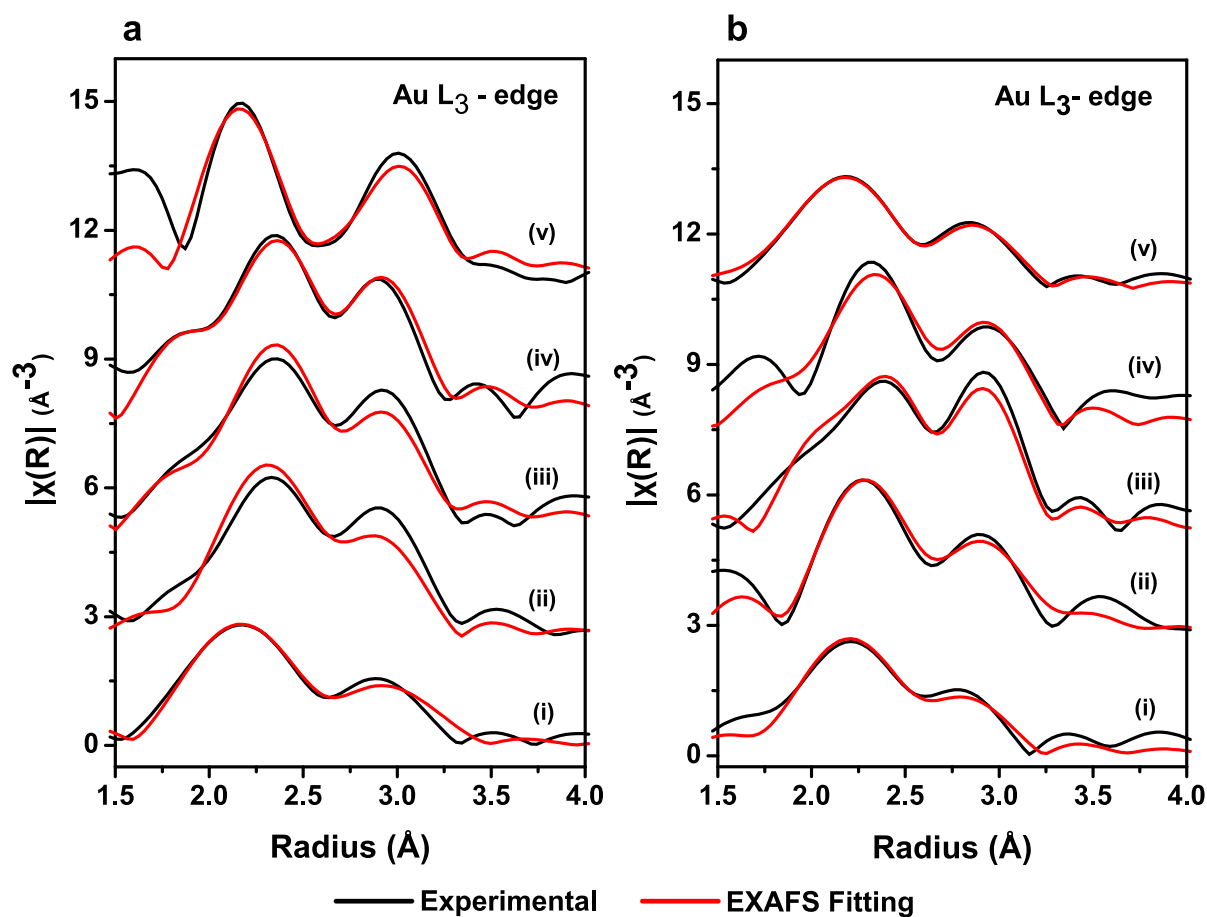
Supplementary Fig. 5. Structure configuration of BP7A and Co2-P2 HEAs.



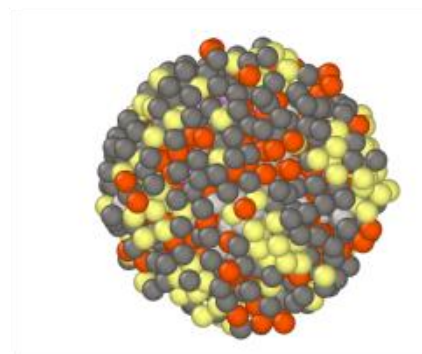
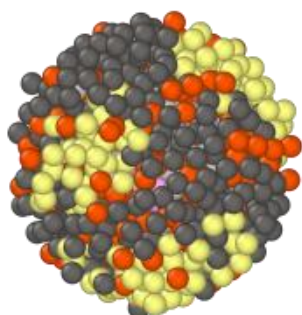
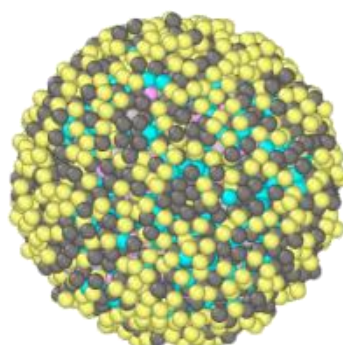
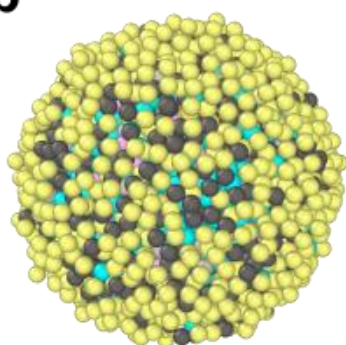
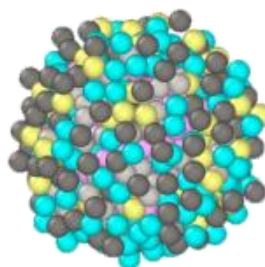
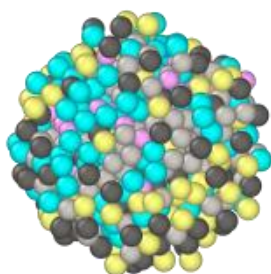
Supplementary Fig. 6. Flowchart of RMC structure simulation workflow. See Supplementary Note 1 about structure refinement.



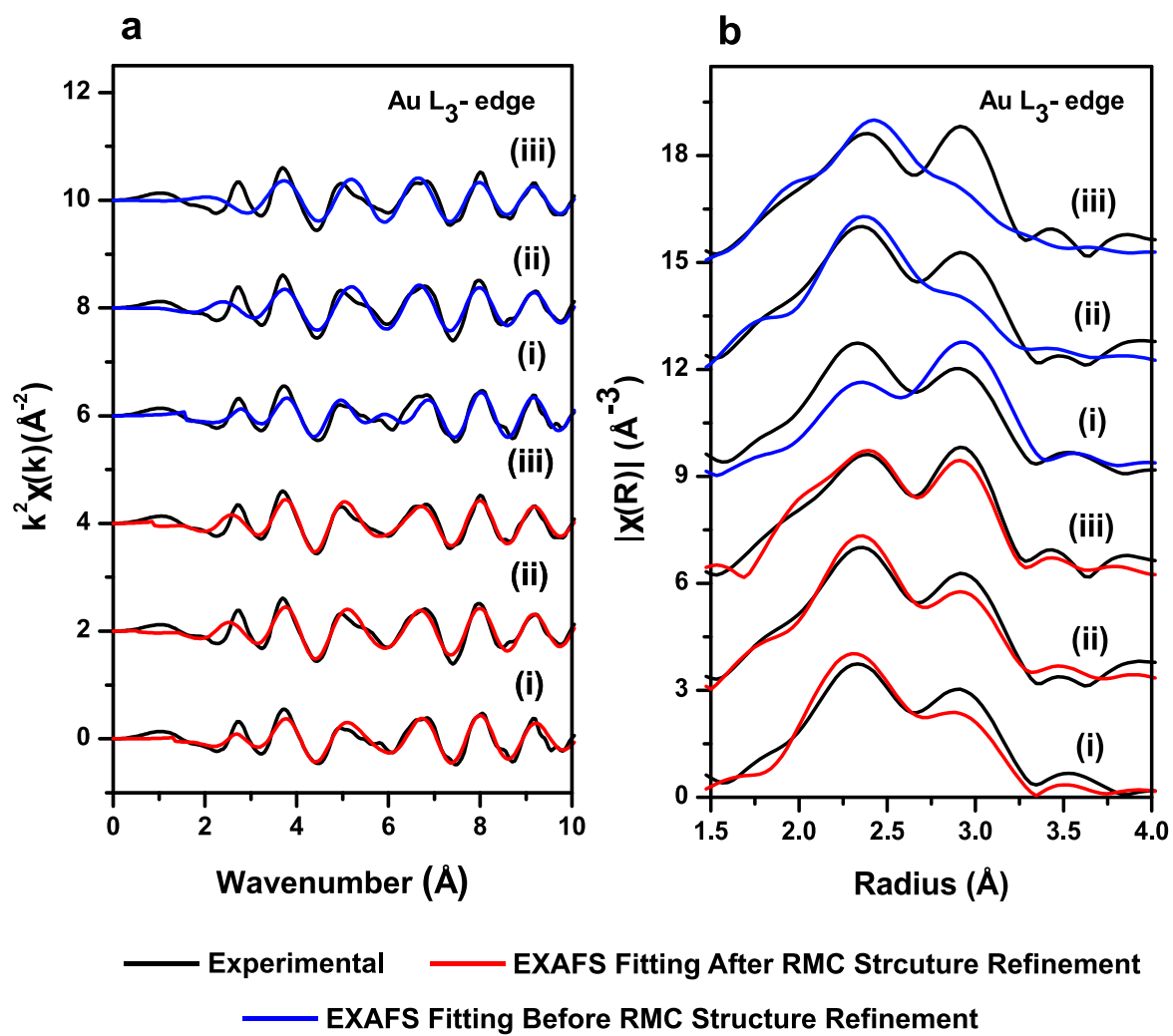
Supplementary Fig. 7. EXAFS fitting of HEAs Au L₃ – edge in k-space for (a) BP7A, and (b) Co2-P2. Sample legend – (i) PtPdAuCoCu, (ii) PtPdAuCoSn, (iii) PtPdAuCoCe, (iv) PtPdAuCoSnCe, and (v) PtPdAuCoSnCeCu.



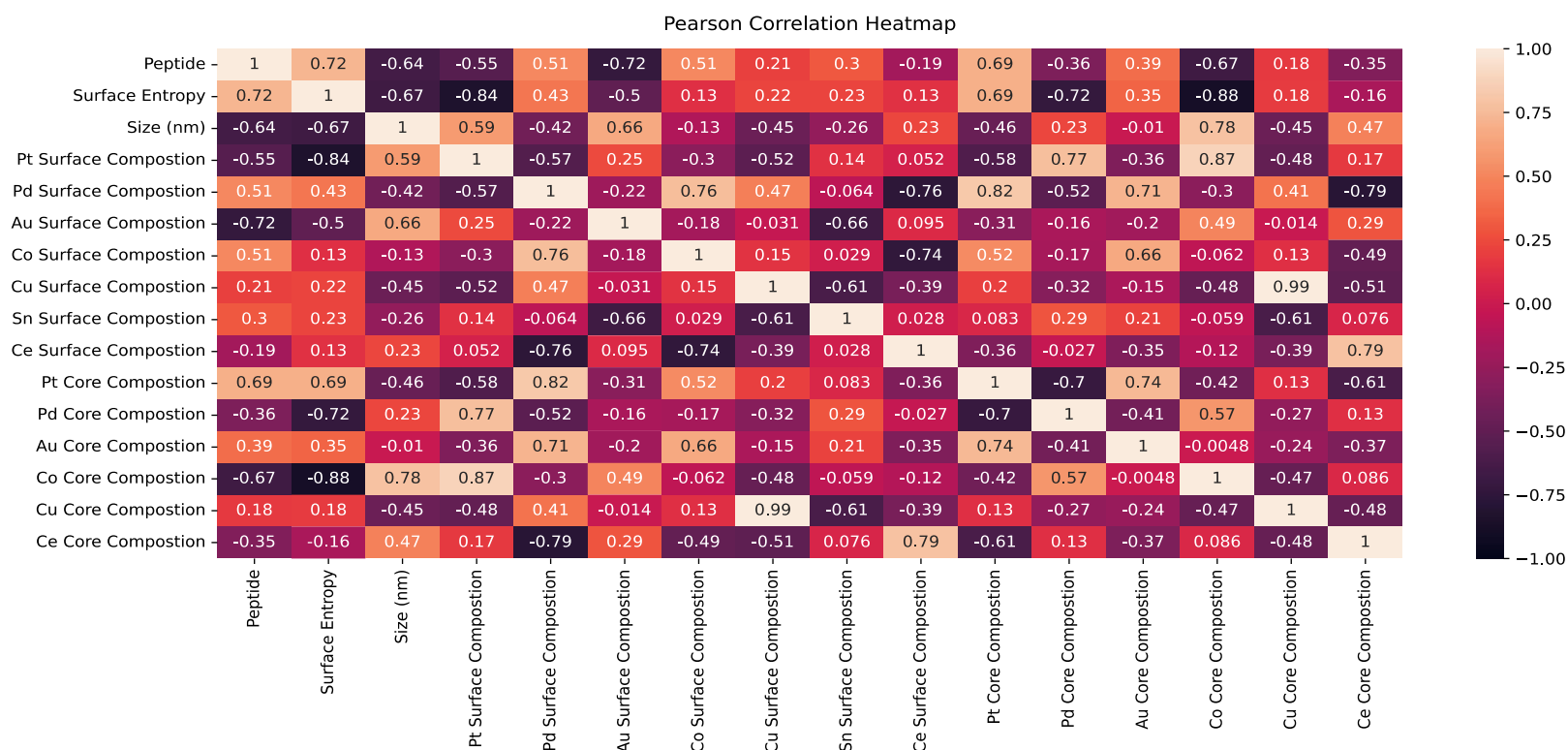
Supplementary Fig. 8. EXAFS fitting of HEAs Au L₃ – edge in R-space for (a) BP7A, and (b) Co2-P2. Sample legend – (i) PtPdAuCoCu, (ii) PtPdAuCoSn, (iii) PtPdAuCoCe, (iv) PtPdAuCoSnCe, and (v) PtPdAuCoSnCeCu.

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Supplementary Fig. 9. Structure configuration before (left) and after (right) EXAFS-enabled structure refinement of (a) BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, (b) BP7A PtPdAuCoCe and (c) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe

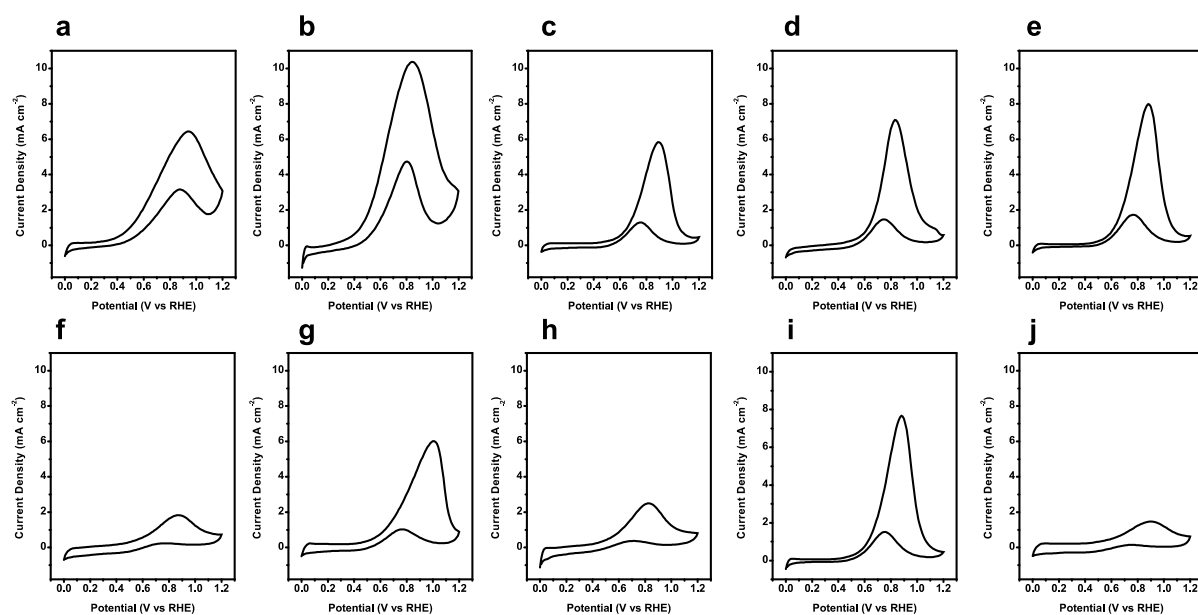


Supplementary Fig. 10. EXAFS fitting of HEAs Au L₃ - edge of (a) k-space, and (b) R-space for (i) BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, (ii) BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, and (iii) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe before and after RMC structure refinement

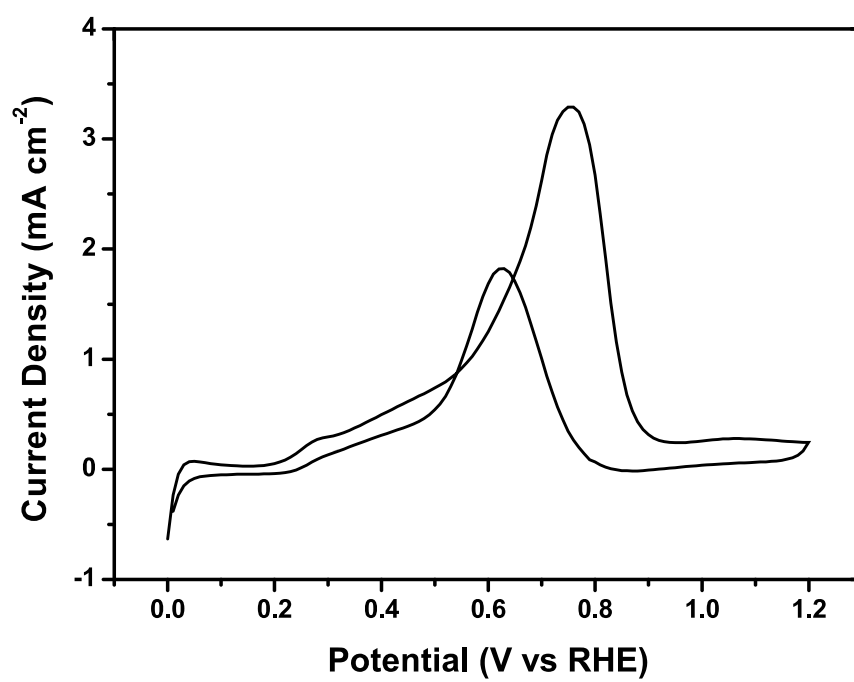


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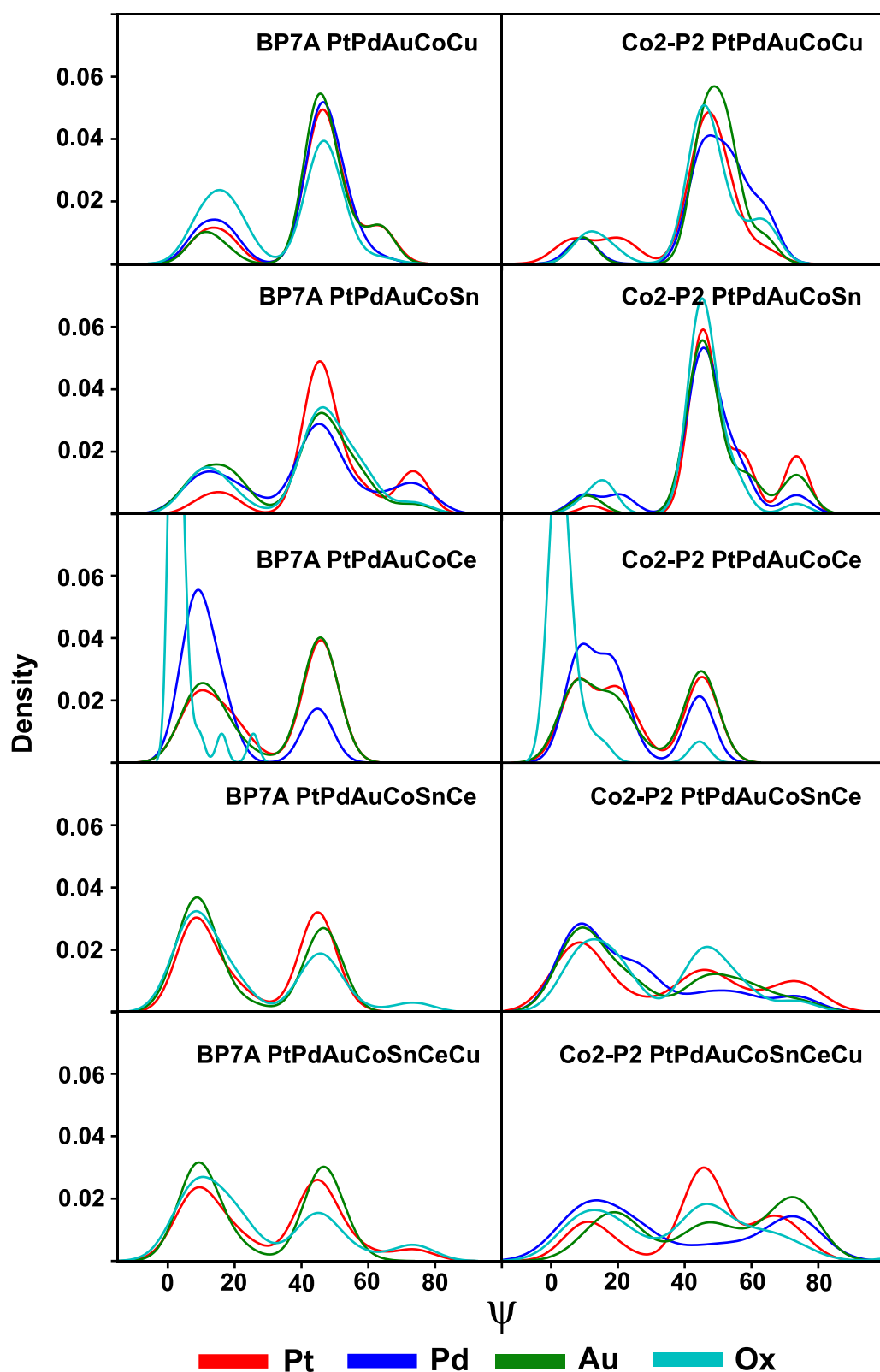
Supplementary Fig. 11. Correlation heatmap of surface and core elemental compositions from RMC model structures



Supplementary Fig. 12. Methanol oxidation cyclic voltammogram of a) BP7A PtPdAuCoCu, b) BP7A PtPdAuCoSn, c) BP7A PtPdAuCoCe, d) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe, e) BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu, f) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu, g) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn, h) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe, i) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe, and j) Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu.

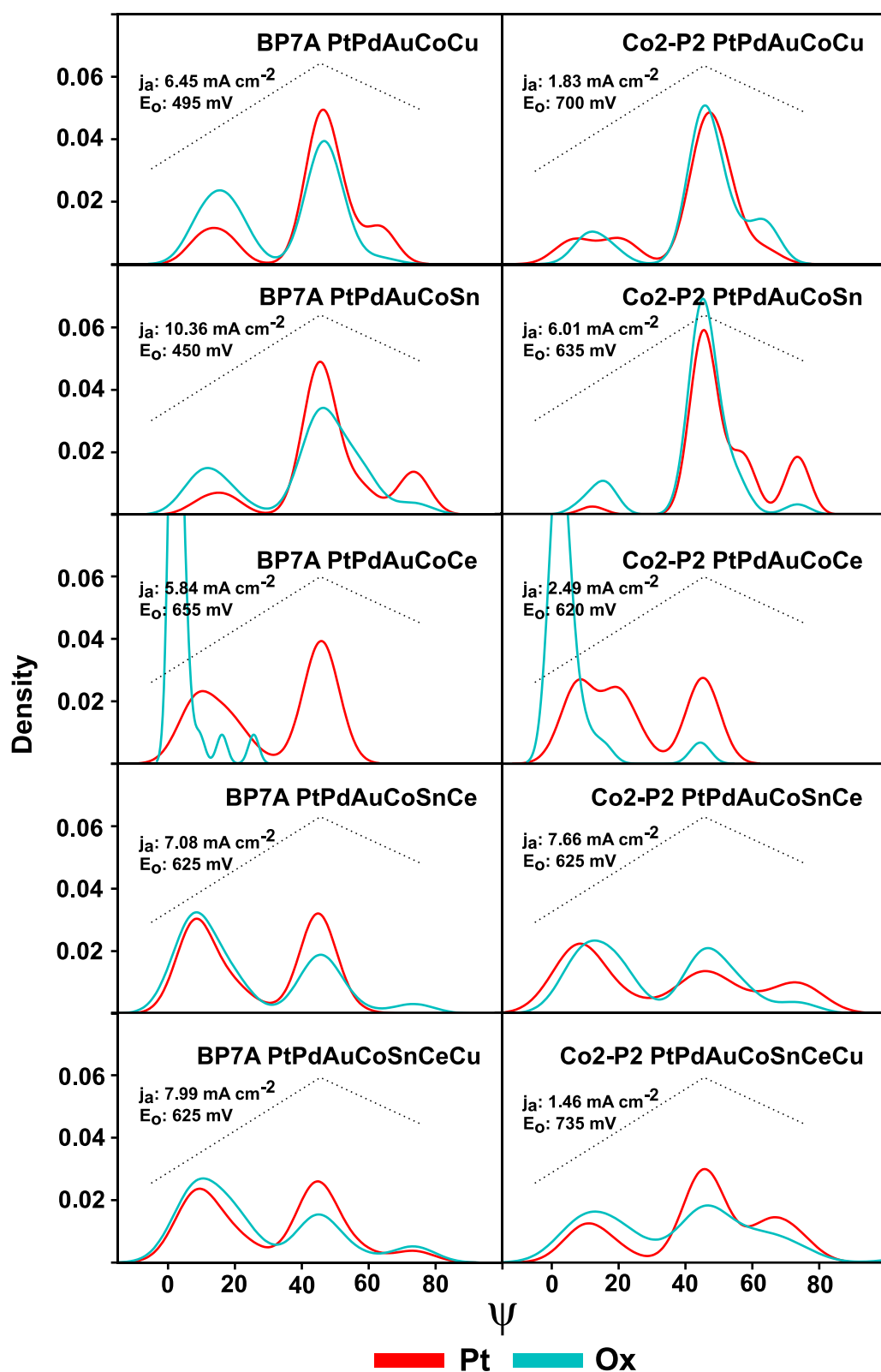


Supplementary Fig. 13. Methanol oxidation cyclic voltammogram of Pt/C (20 wt.%)

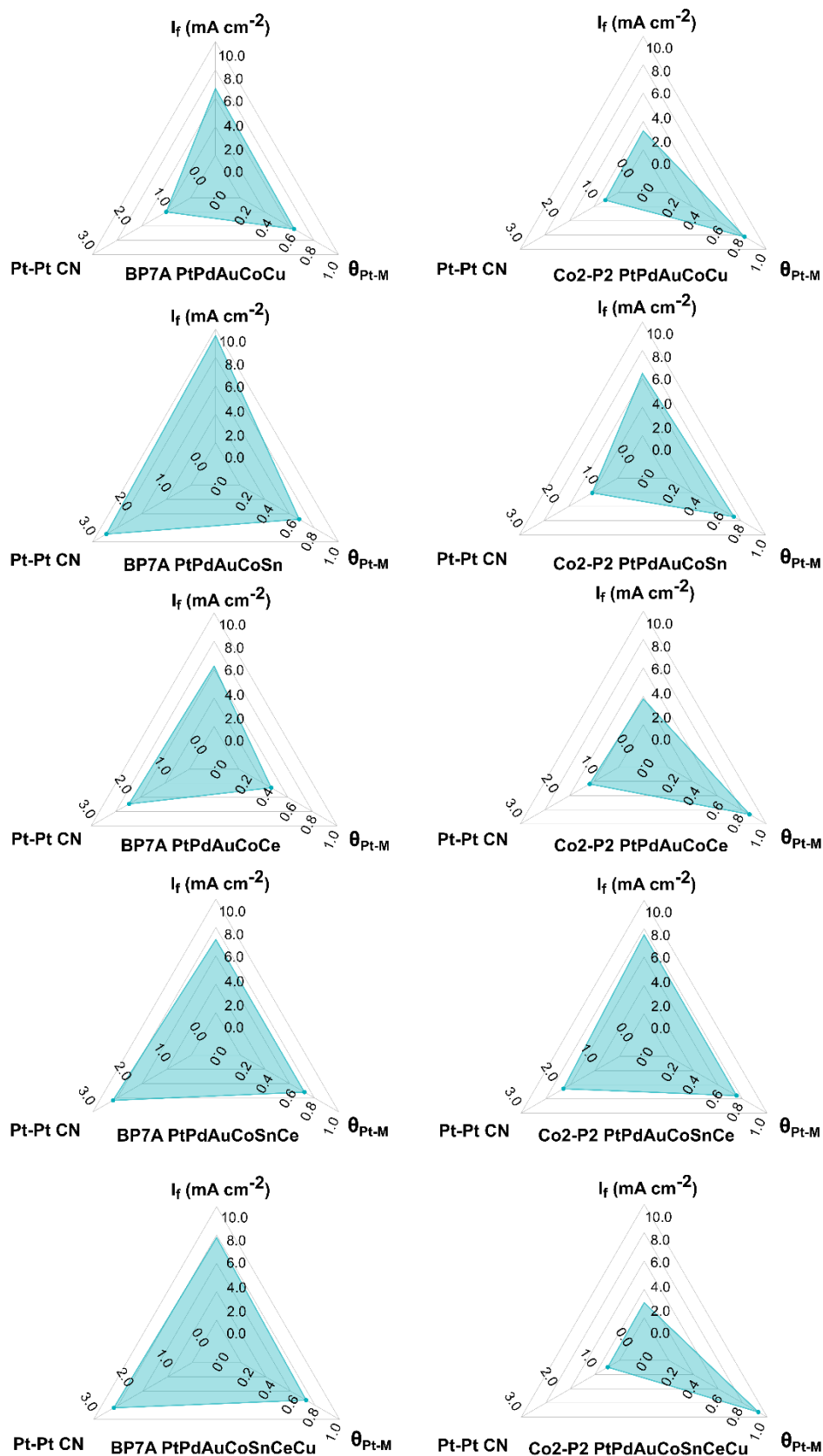


Supplementary Fig. 14. Adsorption energy distribution pattern of constituent elements in HEAs; Platinum:

Pt, Palladium: Pd Gold: Au, and Oxophilic atoms (Co, Sn, Ce and Cu): Ox

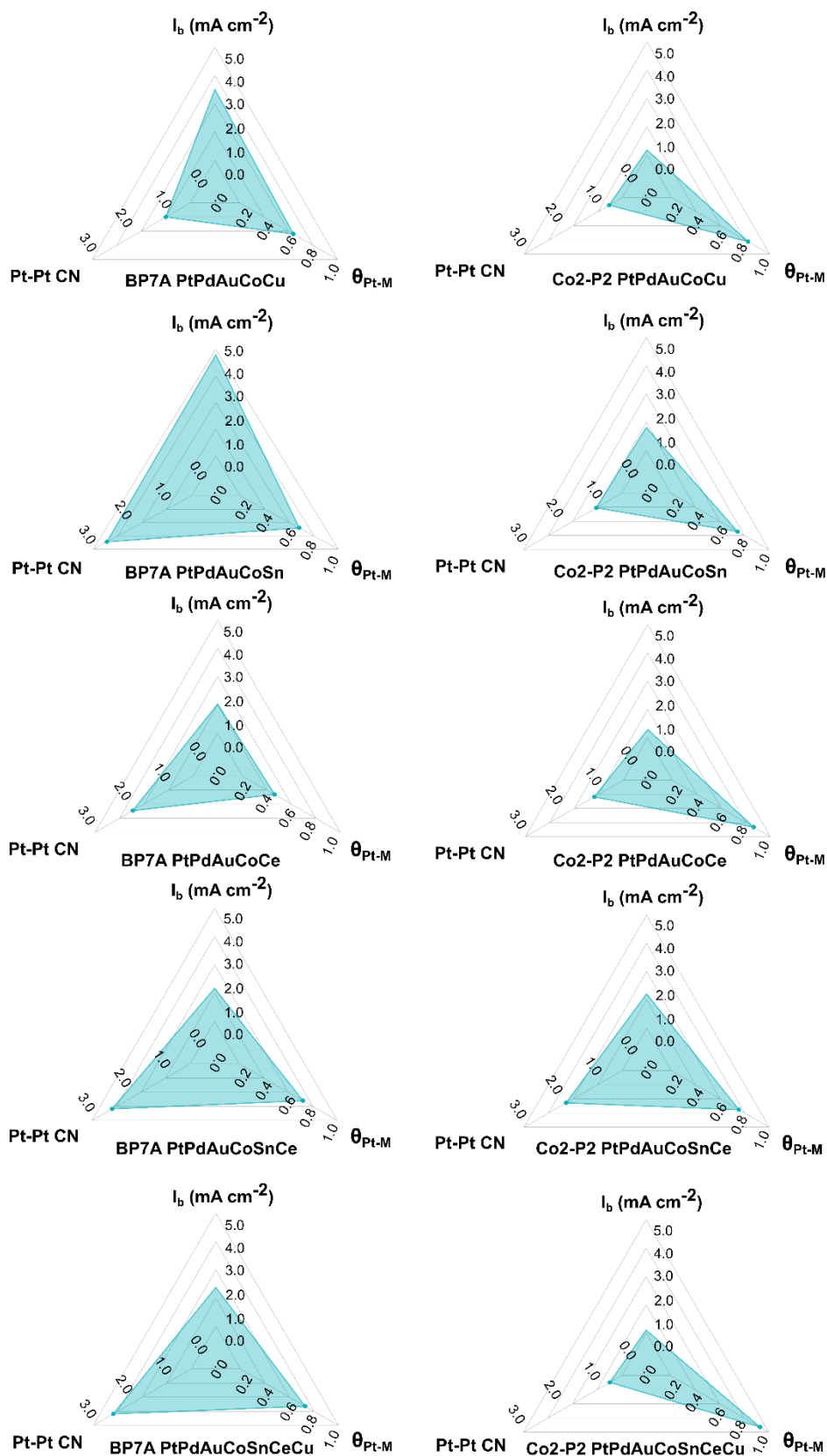


Supplementary Fig. 15. Adsorption energy distribution pattern of primary active sites in HEAs; Platinum: Pt, and Oxophilic atoms (Co, Sn, Ce and Cu): Ox. Dashed line indicates the pseudo-volcano plot, placed under the assumption that AEDP of BP7A PtPdAuCoSn possess peak maxima at optimal adsorption



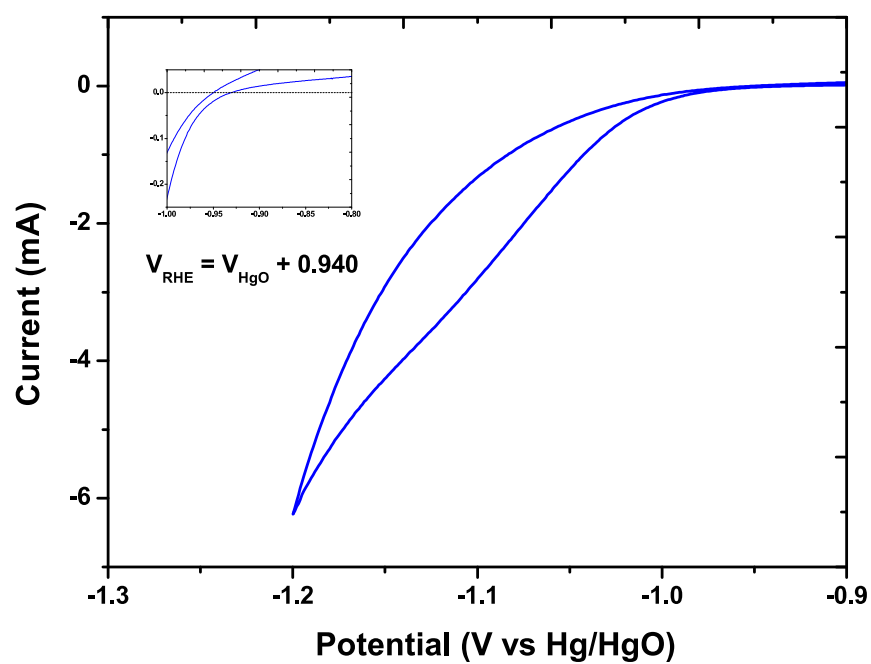
I_f : Forward peak current density,
 θ_{Pt-M} : Fraction of surface Pt atoms with at least one oxophilic atom in the proximity,
 Pt-Pt CN: Average surface Pt-Pt coordination number

Supplementary Fig. 16. Radar plots of HEAs



I_b : Backward peak current density,
 $\theta_{\text{Pt-M}}$: Fraction of surface Pt atoms with atleast one oxophillic atom in the proximity,
 Pt-Pt CN: Average surface Pt-Pt coordination number

Supplementary Fig. 17. Radar plots of HEAs



Supplementary Fig. 18. Hg/HgO reference electrode calibration

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1 – Inductively coupled mass-spectroscopy (ICP-MS) of HEAs

Sample	Elemental Composition (mol.%)							Configurational Entropy (kJ mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)
	Pt	Pd	Au	Co	Cu	Sn	Ce	
BP7A PtPdAuCoCu	24.76 ± 1.24	16.08 ± 0.80	28.92 ± 1.45	9.49 ± 0.47	20.52 ± 1.03			1.55R ± 0.04
BP7A PtPdAuCoSn	31.93 ± 1.60	15.71 ± 0.79	17.54 ± 0.88	11.95 ± 0.60		22.87 ± 1.14		1.55R ± 0.04
BP7A PtPdAuCoCe	21.68 ± 1.08	14.70 ± 0.74	23.59 ± 1.18	14.29 ± 0.71			25.74 ± 1.29	1.58R ± 0.04
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe	22.73 ± 1.14	10.96 ± 0.55	20.52 ± 1.03	5.68 ± 0.28		16.41 ± 0.82	23.70 ± 1.19	1.70R ± 0.04
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	21.73 ± 1.09	10.68 ± 0.53	16.30 ± 0.82	4.74 ± 0.24	8.67 ± 0.43	22.79 ± 1.14	15.09 ± 0.75	1.84R ± 0.04
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu	22.96 ± 1.15	17.20 ± 0.86	17.30 ± 0.87	6.26 ± 0.31	36.29 ± 1.81			1.49R ± 0.04
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn	29.87 ± 1.49	19.32 ± 0.97	23.72 ± 1.19	10.74 ± 0.54		16.35 ± 0.82		1.56R ± 0.04
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe	22.07 ± 1.10	20.94 ± 1.05	20.70 ± 1.04	12.06 ± 0.60			24.23 ± 1.21	1.59R ± 0.04
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe	24.23 ± 1.21	14.16 ± 0.71	17.25 ± 0.86	6.64 ± 0.33		16.96 ± 0.85	20.76 ± 1.04	1.73R ± 0.04
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	21.75 ± 1.09	12.85 ± 0.64	17.02 ± 0.85	2.35 ± 0.12	8.66 ± 0.43	18.14 ± 0.91	19.23 ± 0.96	1.82R ± 0.04

**Configurational entropy is calculated using method described in Supplementary Method*

Supplementary Table 2 – EXAFS Fitting Parameters

Peptide	Sample	S ₀ ²	ΔE (eV)	σ (Å ²)	ΔR _{Au-Pt} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Pd} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Au} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Co} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Cu} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Sn} (Å)	ΔR _{Au-Ce} (Å)	R-factor	N _{Au-Pt}	N _{Au-Pd}	N _{Au-Au}	N _{Au-Co}	N _{Au-Cu}	N _{Au-Sn}	N _{Au-Ce}
BP7A	PtPdAuCoCu	0.85	6.811 ± 5.911	0.005 ± 0.003	0.064 ± 0.079	0.088 ± 0.087	0.093 ± 0.056	0.087 ± 0.075	-0.130 ± 0.043			0.030	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.1		
	PtPdAuCoSn	0.85	6.762 ± 7.241	0.008 ± 0.004	0.051 ± 0.091	-0.004 ± 0.030	0.062 ± 0.103	-0.024 ± 0.069		0.099 ± 0.083		0.032	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.0		1.8	
	PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	1.145 ± 4.215	0.004 ± 0.004	-0.021 ± 0.062	-0.013 ± 0.077	-0.006 ± 0.056	0.002 ± 0.077			0.070 ± 0.075	0.034	1.7	2.9	1.8	1.9			2.2
	PtPdAuCoSnCe	0.85	3.477 ± 4.082	0.003 ± 0.002	-0.015 ± 0.022	-0.064 ± 0.053	-0.000 ± 0.097	-0.010 ± 0.060		0.007 ± 0.071	0.107 ± 0.064	0.054	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.0		1.8	1.5
	PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	0.85	7.072 ± 3.207	0.004 ± 0.002	0.051 ± 0.078	0.011 ± 0.078	0.101 ± 0.053	-0.093 ± 0.041	0.064 ± 0.069	0.040 ± 0.033	0.116 ± 0.036	0.044	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.2
Co2-P2	PtPdAuCoCu	0.85	3.458 ± 6.505	0.010 ± 0.003	0.026 ± 0.050	0.022 ± 0.059	-0.025 ± 0.040	0.051 ± 0.093	-0.122 ± 0.054			0.040	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.1		
	PtPdAuCoSn	0.85	0.000 ± 5.935	0.003 ± 0.001	-0.053 ± 0.093	-0.096 ± 0.018	-0.051 ± 0.094	-0.039 ± 0.083		0.058 ± 0.029		0.035	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.6		1.5	
	PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	2.781 ± 1.724	0.002 ± 0.001	-0.058 ± 0.022	0.008 ± 0.042	0.058 ± 0.035	0.027 ± 0.040			0.070 ± 0.060	0.036	1.7	2.8	2.1	1.7			1.7
	PtPdAuCoSnCe	0.85	4.067 ± 5.251	0.009 ± 0.007	0.016 ± 0.067	0.056 ± 0.083	0.054 ± 0.049	-0.001 ± 0.107		-0.095 ± 0.095	0.073 ± 0.107	0.046	1.8	2.1	2.6	1.4		1.4	1.6
	PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	0.85	3.161 ± 3.595	0.009 ± 0.004	-0.052 ± 0.084	0.059 ± 0.079	-0.019 ± 0.085	-0.118 ± 0.048	0.041 ± 0.088	-0.091 ± 0.076	0.063 ± 0.084	0.016	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.3

Supplementary Table 3 – EXAFS Fitting Parameters Before and After EXAFS-enabled RMC Structure Refinement

	Peptide	Sample	S_0^2	ΔE (eV)	σ ($\text{\AA}^2$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Pt}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Pd}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Au}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Co}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Cu}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Sn}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	$\Delta R_{\text{Au-Ce}}$ ($\text{\AA}$)	R- factor	$N_{\text{Au-Pt}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Pd}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Au}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Co}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Cu}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Sn}}$	$N_{\text{Au-Ce}}$
Before	BP7A	PtPdAuCoSn	0.85	9.299 $\pm$ 8.043	0.003 $\pm$ 0.025	0.088 $\pm$ 1.367	0.019 $\pm$ 0.129	0.062 $\pm$ 1.121	-		0.122 $\pm$ 0.207		0.134	1.5	1.6	1.7	-		1.7	
		PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	-2.400 $\pm$ 9.567	0.001 $\pm$ 0.002	-0.104 $\pm$ 0.175	-0.047 $\pm$ 0.128	-0.035 $\pm$ 0.104	-0.038 $\pm$ 0.125			0.069 $\pm$ 0.110	0.098	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.4			1.6
	Co2P2	PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	- 17.77 $\pm$ 6.978	0.006 $\pm$ 0.003	-0.486 $\pm$ 0.054	-0.268 $\pm$ 0.082	0.250 $\pm$ 0.067	-0.255 $\pm$ 0.086			0.000 $\pm$ 0.062	0.180	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.8			1.9
After	BP7A	PtPdAuCoSn	0.85	6.762 $\pm$ 7.241	0.008 $\pm$ 0.004	0.051 $\pm$ 0.091	-0.004 $\pm$ 0.030	0.062 $\pm$ 0.103	-0.024 $\pm$ 0.069		0.099 $\pm$ 0.083		0.032	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.0		1.8	
		PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	1.145 $\pm$ 4.215	0.004 $\pm$ 0.004	-0.021 $\pm$ 0.062	-0.013 $\pm$ 0.077	-0.006 $\pm$ 0.056	0.002 $\pm$ 0.077			0.070 $\pm$ 0.075	0.034	1.7	2.9	1.8	1.9			2.2
	Co2P2	PtPdAuCoCe	0.85	2.781 $\pm$ 1.724	0.002 $\pm$ 0.001	-0.058 $\pm$ 0.022	0.008 $\pm$ 0.042	0.058 $\pm$ 0.035	0.027 $\pm$ 0.040			0.070 $\pm$ 0.060	0.036	1.7	2.8	2.1	1.7			1.7

Supplementary Table 4 – Surface composition of Pt and Pd

Sample	Pt composition (at %)	Pd composition (at %)
BP7A PtPdAuCoCu	33.45	18.5
BP7A PtPdAuCoSn	63.13	3.45
BP7A PtPdAuCoCe	50	1.00
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe	38.44	0.00
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	42.31	0.00
Co2P2 PtPdAuCoCu	31.08	22.97
Co2P2 PtPdAuCoSn	36.36	11.93
Co2P2 PtPdAuCoCe	36.04	11.24
Co2P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe	28.07	6.43
Co2P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	20.36	13.17

Supplementary Table 5 – I_f/I_b of MOR CVs

Sample	I_f/I_b
BP7A PtPdAuCoCu	2.1
BP7A PtPdAuCoSn	2.2
BP7A PtPdAuCoCe	5.7
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCe	4.8
BP7A PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	4.6
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCu	8.3
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSn	5.9
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoCe	6.2
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCe	5.1
Co2-P2 PtPdAuCoSnCeCu	11.2

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