

Supporting Information for
**Interfacial and Alloying Effects on Activation of Ethanol from First
Principles**

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Table S1. Calculated lattice constant and surface segregation energy (Seg. E) of Rh in Rh₁M₃ alloy

| Bulk | Cal. (Å) | Exp. (Å) | Seg. E (eV/Rh atom)* |
|------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Rh | 3.844 | 3.804 | – |
| Ir | 3.881 | 3.839 | -0.04 |
| Ru** | 2.731,4.307 | 2.7058,4.2816 | -0.45 |
| Pd | 3.951 | 3.891 | 0.33 |
| Cu | 3.632 | 3.615 | 0.08 |
| Au | 4.171 | 4.078 | 0.59 |

*Negative (positive) segregation energy denotes preference of forming surface alloy (near surface alloy).

Data retrieved from ref.¹

**Hexagonal-close packed (hcp) metal.

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