

High Throughput Search for New NMC Cathodes

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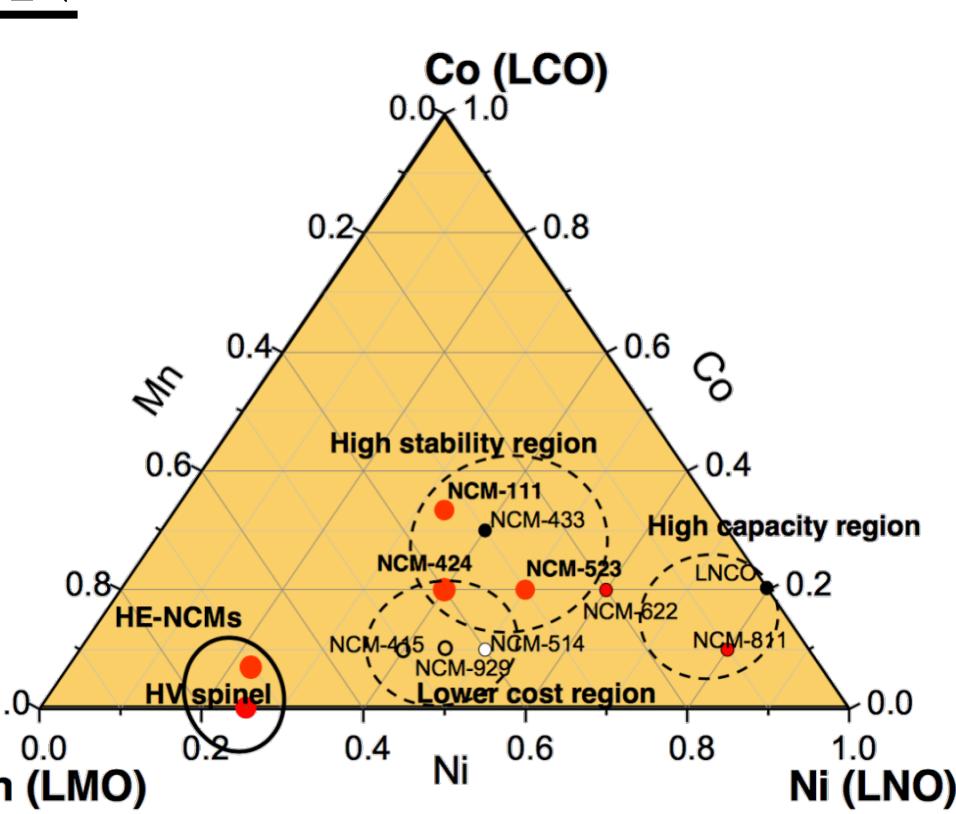
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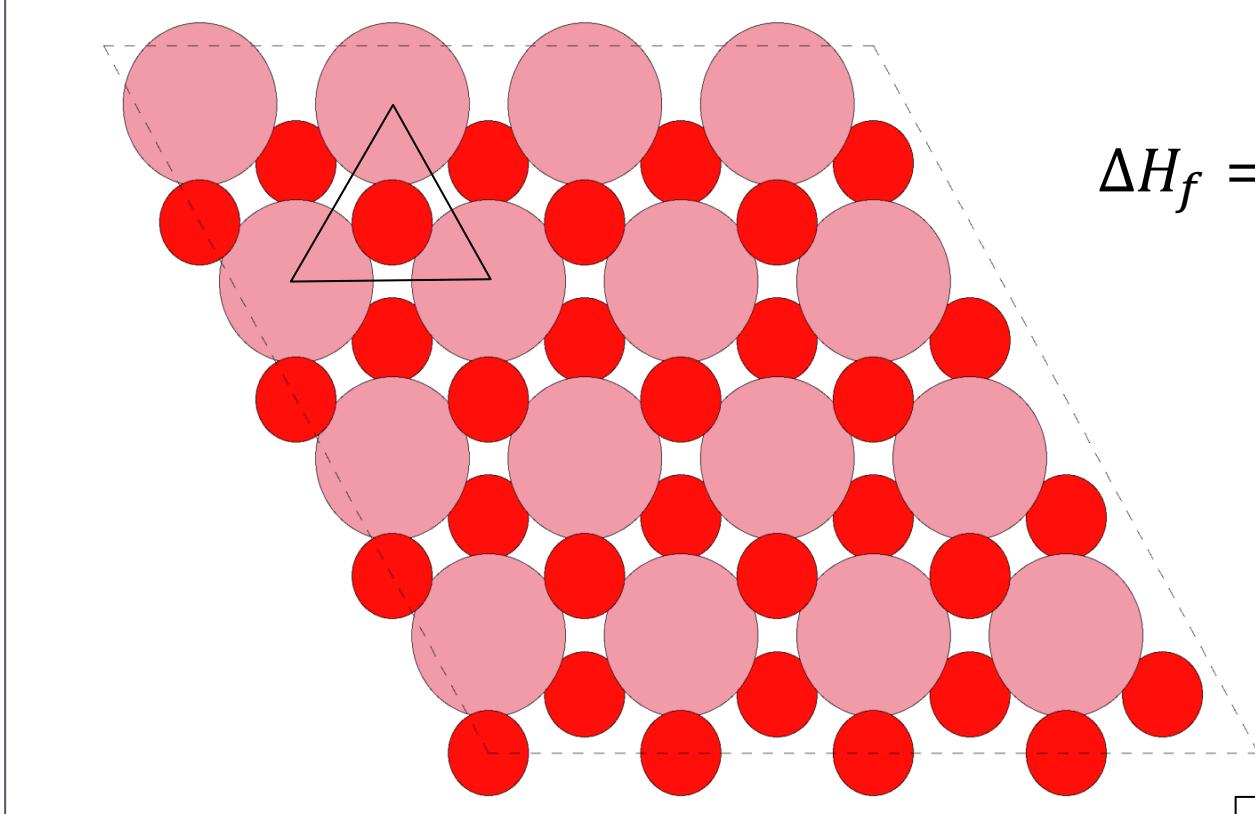
INTRODUCTION

Only a small finite number of $\text{LiNi}_{1-x-y}\text{Mn}_x\text{Co}_y\text{O}_2$ phases have been explored. A high fidelity, exhaustive search with the incorporation of uncertainty estimation is needed.



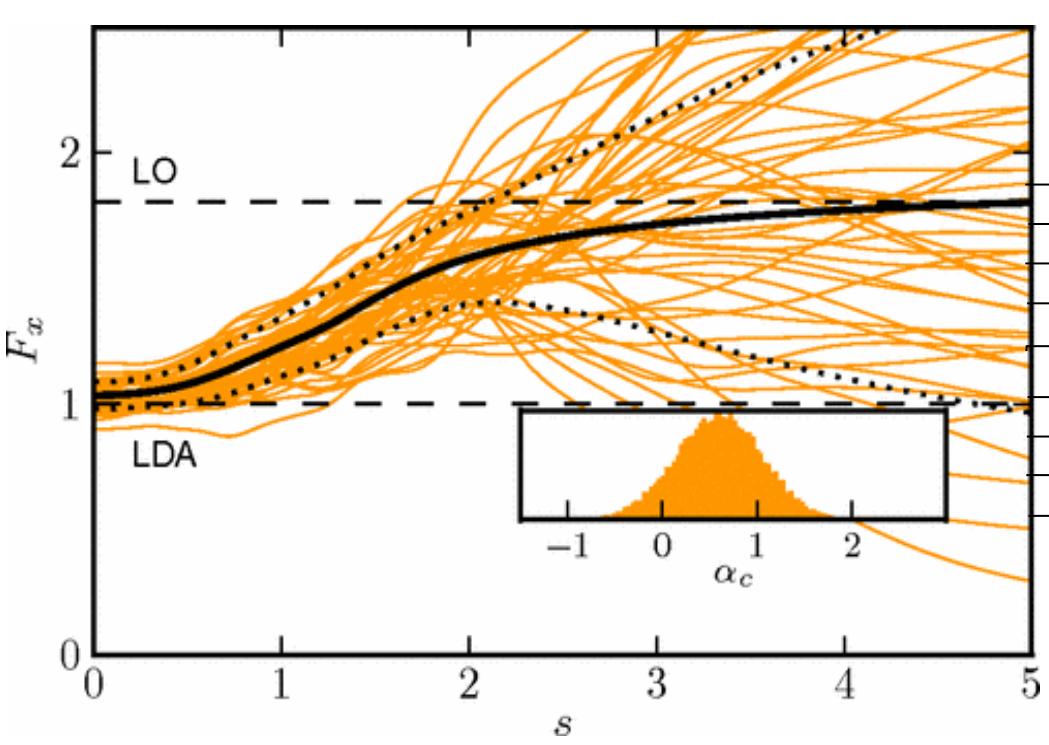
METHODS

We assume a layered structure and model the cation interaction on a triangular lattice. Density functional theory simulations train a reduced order model.



$$\Delta H_f = \sum_{i,x}^N h_x n_{ix} + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, x,y} J_{xy} n_{ix,yj} + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, x,y} K_{xy} \vec{S}_{ix} \cdot \vec{S}_{yj}$$

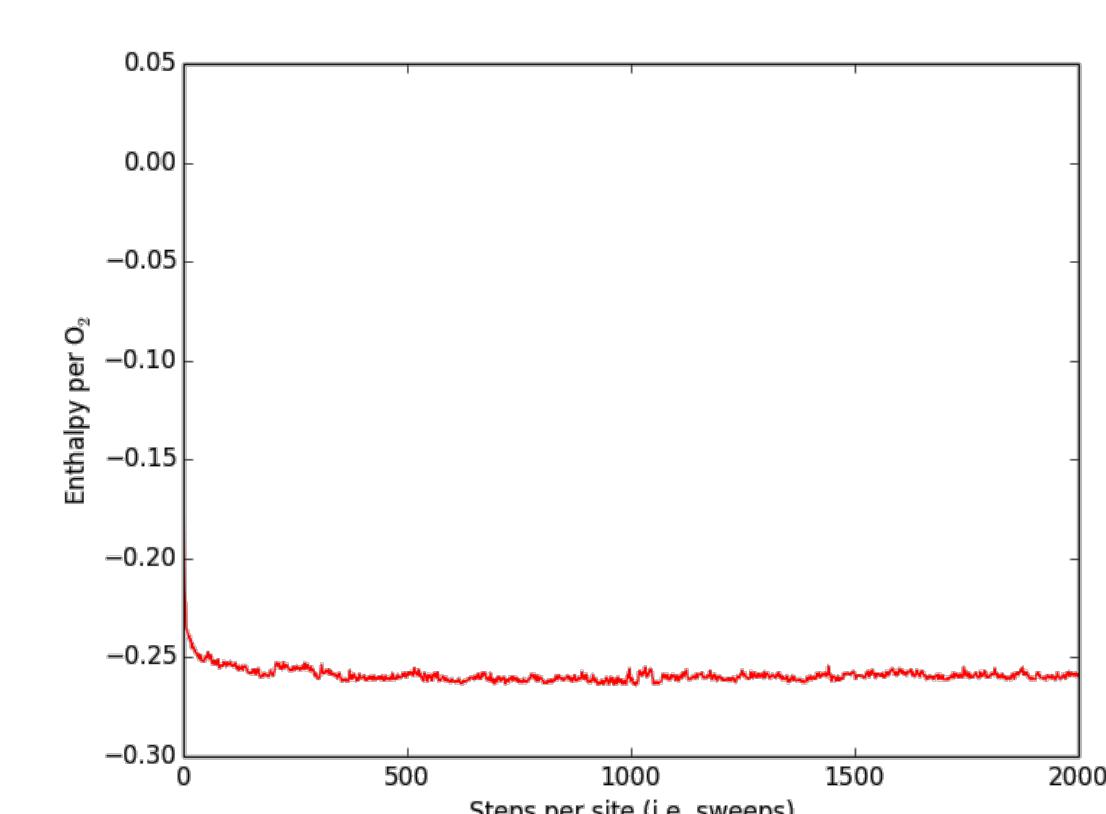
| | Max | Min | σ | Value |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| h_{Ni} | 29.8 | -11.1 | 5.8 | 11.2 |
| h_{Mn} | 223.5 | -137.9 | 57.9 | 46.3 |
| h_{Co} | 9.3 | -2.7 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| $J_{Ni,Mn}$ | -74.9 | -222.2 | 19.3 | -151.2 |
| $J_{Mn,Co}$ | 11.1 | -68.5 | 11.9 | -20.1 |
| $J_{Co,Ni}$ | 47.6 | -204.0 | 34.9 | -82.9 |
| $K_{Ni,Ni}$ | 8.1 | -34.6 | 7.2 | -12.0 |
| $K_{Mn,Mn}$ | 186.1 | -122.2 | 49.4 | 46.3 |
| $K_{Co,Co}$ | 105.2 | -46.2 | 22.8 | 21.7 |
| $K_{Ni,Mn}$ | 28.6 | -27.6 | 9.2 | -3.7 |
| $K_{Mn,Co}$ | 72.5 | -86 | 21.5 | -4.1 |
| $K_{Co,Ni}$ | 86.2 | -166.1 | 33.9 | -42.5 |



The BEEF-vdW [1] exchange enhancement factor is used to generate an ensemble of energies and therefore an ensemble of fits to the model.

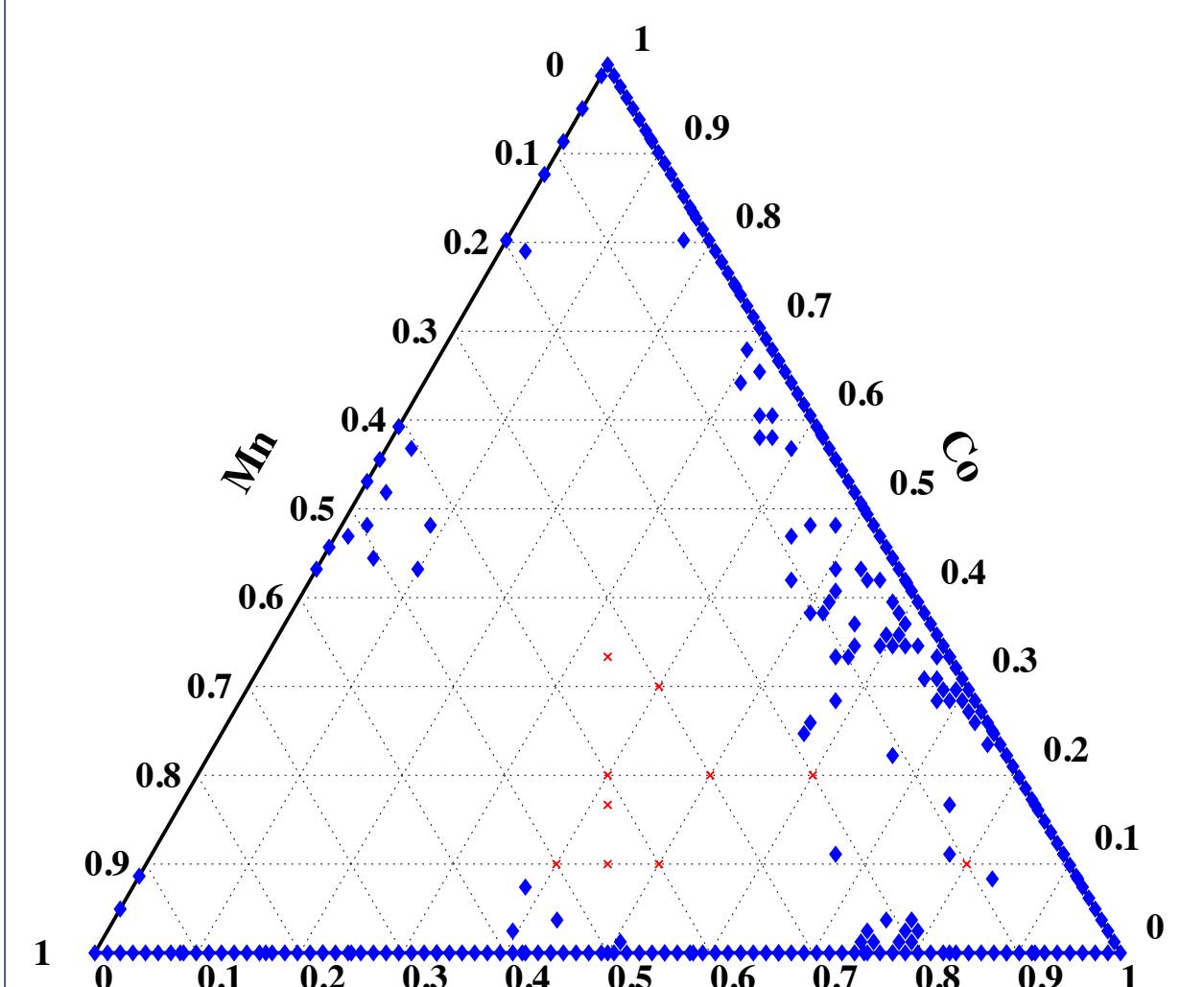
$$\Delta G_f = \Delta H_f - T\Delta S$$

$$\Delta S = -k_B \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

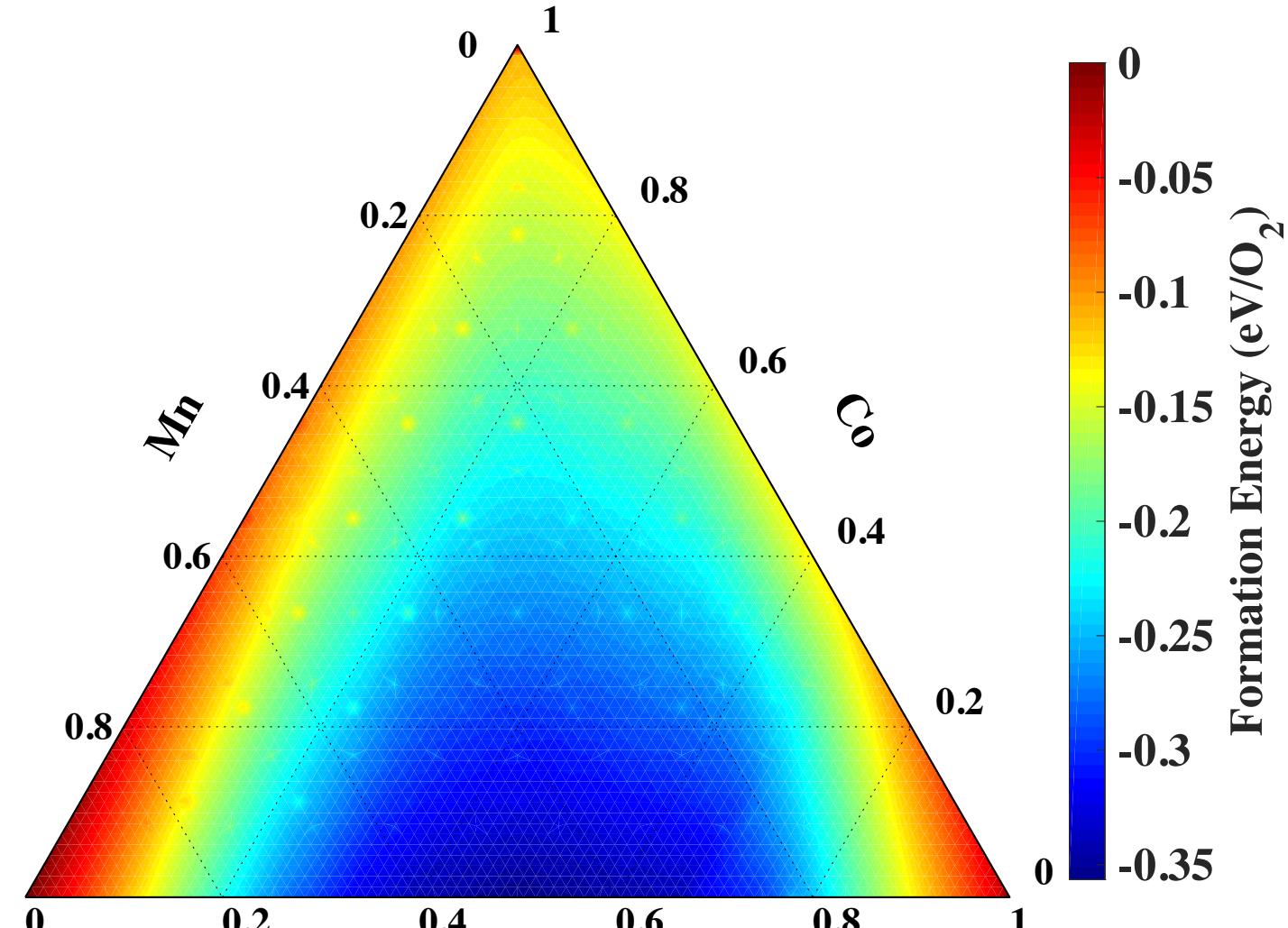


Metropolis Monte Carlo simulations applied to the model generate enthalpy. The statistics of the simulation generate entropy.

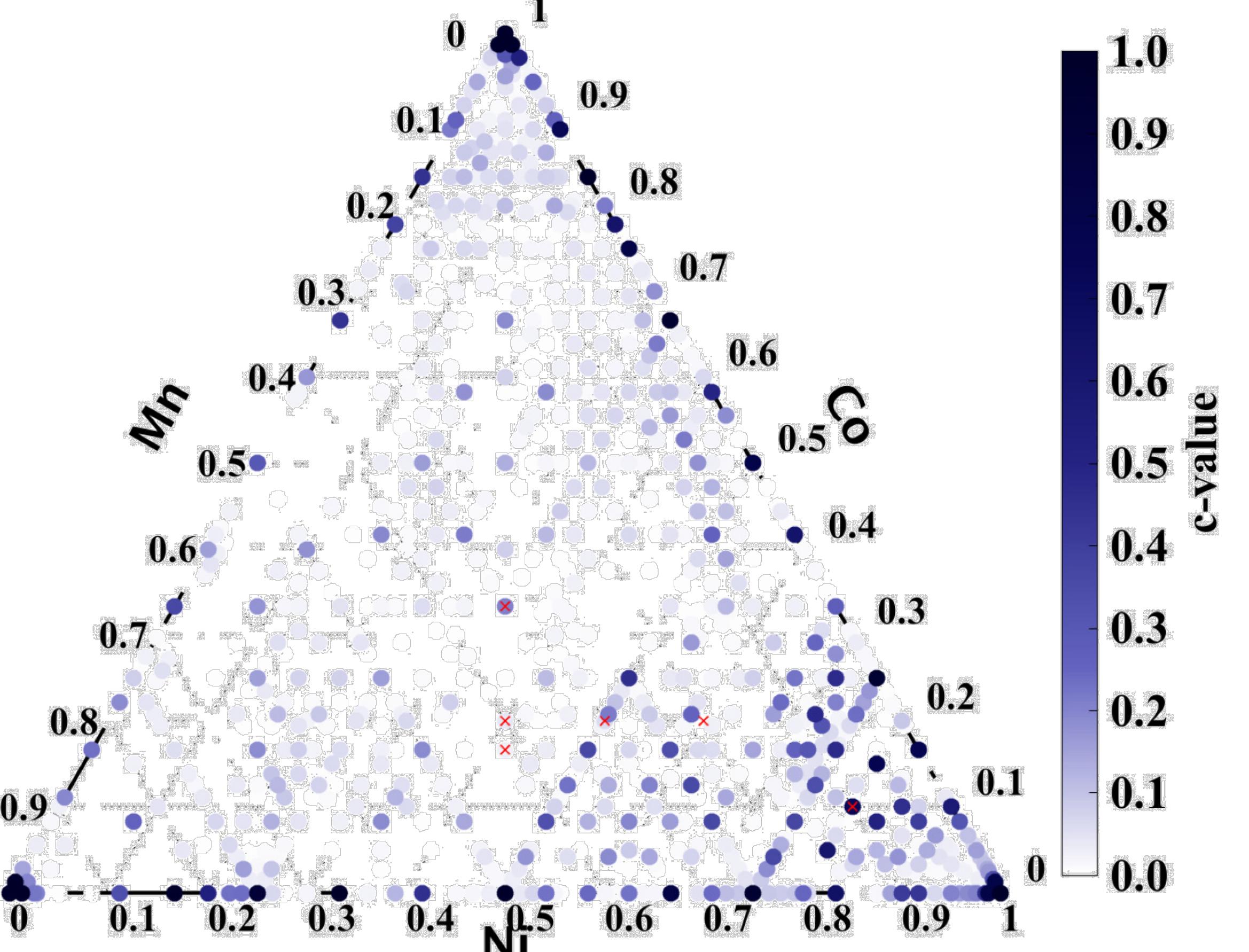
RESULTS



Blue dots represent phases on the convex hull from the main BEEF-vdW functional. The red X's show the currently explored phases.

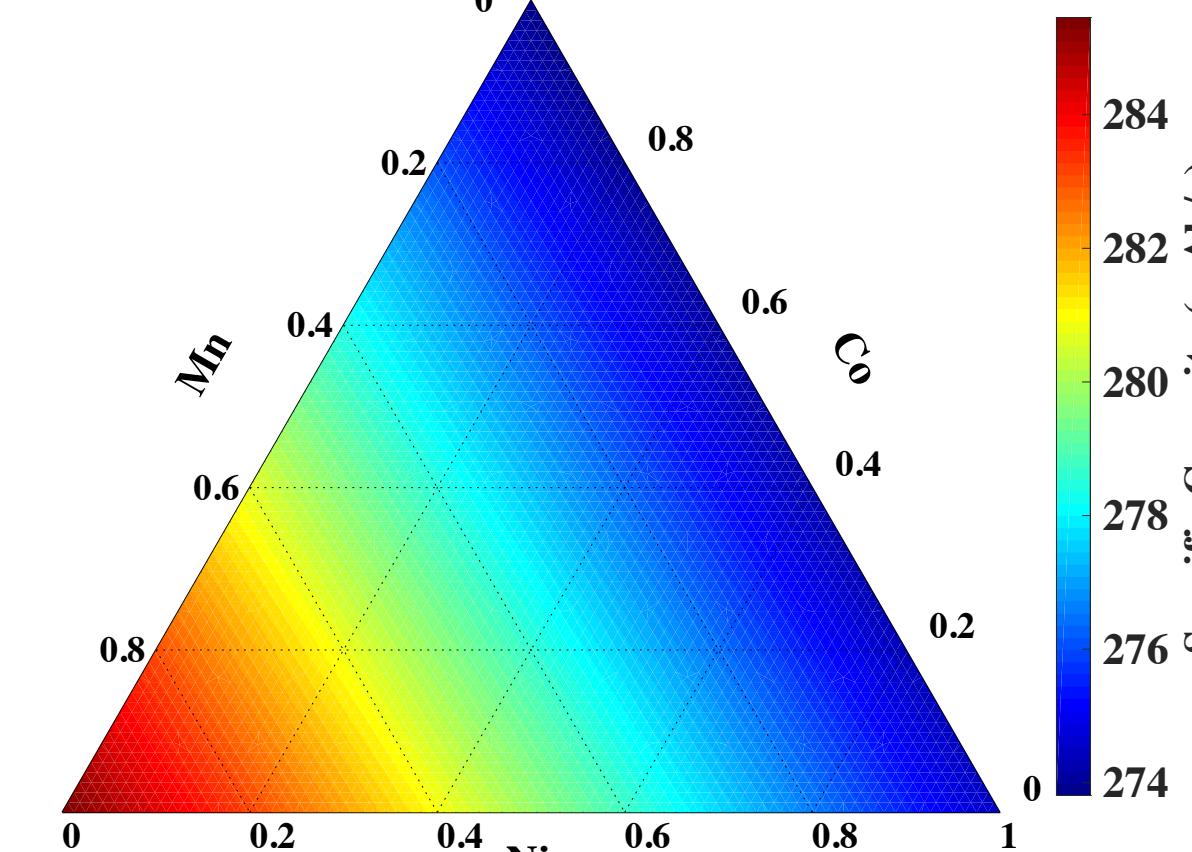


The ensemble of models generates an ensemble of convex hulls.



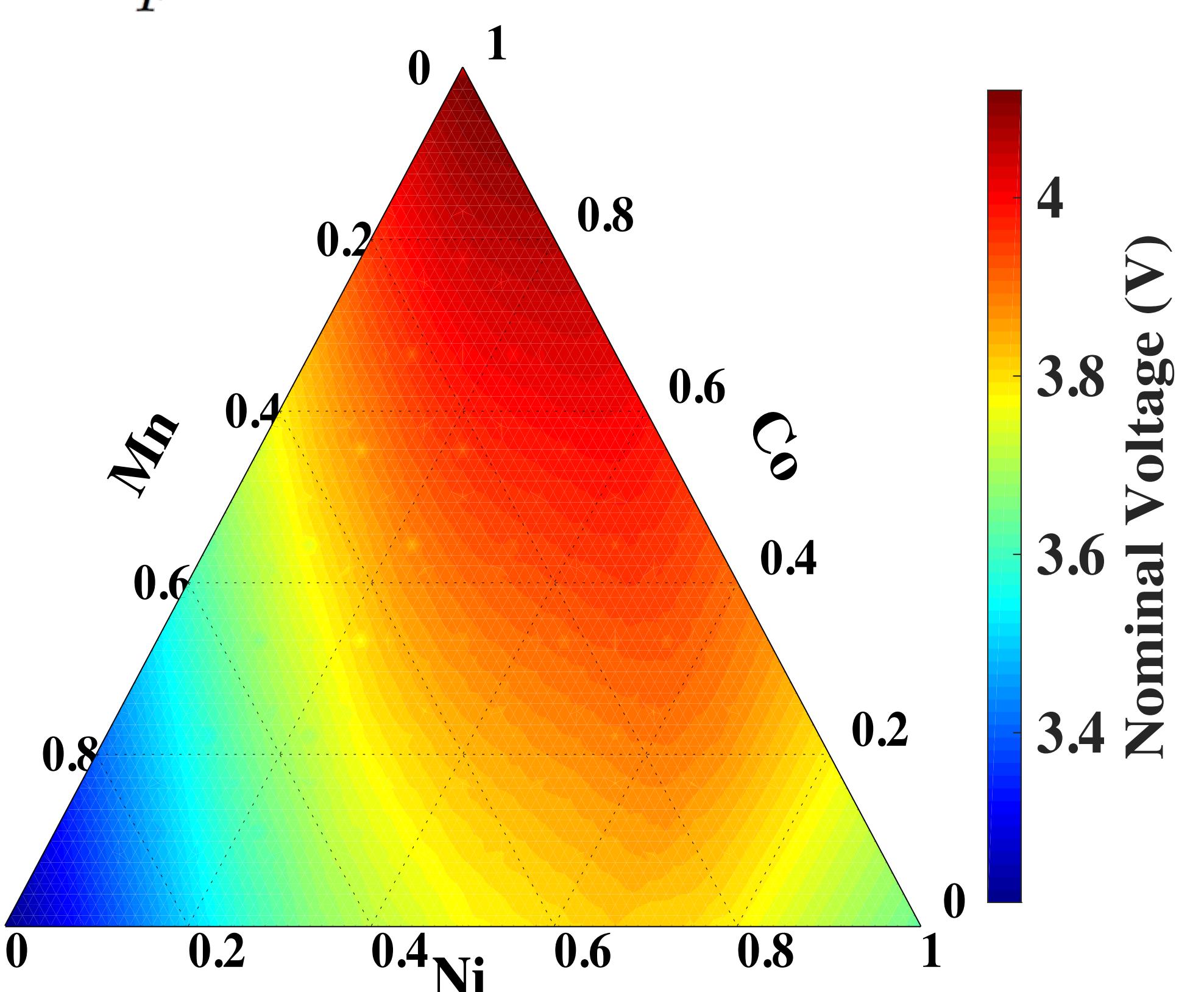
The confidence value (c-value) that a given phase is on the hull is computed as the relative frequency a composition appears on the hull.

INSIGHTS



| Experimental Phase | Most likely phase | C-value |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 111 | 111 | 0.449 |
| 532 | ? | |
| 811 | 10 11 | 0.425 |
| 622 | 522 | 0.214 |
| 442 | 552 | 0.045 |
| 541 | 651 | 0.141 |

$$V_{NMC} \approx \frac{-\Delta G_{LiNMC}}{F} + xV_{LiNiO_2} + yV_{LiMnO_2} + (1-x-y)V_{LiCoO_2}$$



| Phase | AL1D(V) | Model (V) |
|-------|---------|-----------|
| 111 | 3.75 | 3.88 |
| 532 | 3.75 | 3.76 |
| 811 | 3.76 | 3.79 |
| 622 | 3.73 | 3.89 |

Voltage predictions compare well with average voltage generated from AutoLion-1D simulations

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