Supplementary Information

A critical examination of compound stability predictions from machine-learned formation energies

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Supplementary Figure 1. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves for each model trained on $\Delta H_{\rm f}$. TPR is the true positive rate and FPR the false positive rate. The colorbar indicates the stability threshold – i.e., a compound is classified as "stable" if $\Delta H_{\rm d}$ is less than the stability threshold. Note that the models are trained on $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ and are therefore insensitive to this changing threshold. Instead, the choice of threshold simply allows for an expanded analysis of the $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ model performance on $\Delta H_{\rm d}$ predictions.



Supplementary Figure 2. Re-training each model on all of MP minus 267 quaternary compounds in the Li-Mn-TM-O chemical space (TM \in {Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu}) and predicting $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ for each of the excluded compounds ($\Delta H_{\rm f,pred}$) and comparing to MP, $\Delta H_{\rm f,MP}$. All annotations are the same as in Figure 2.



Supplementary Figure 3. Reproducing Figure 3 but training on ΔH_d instead of ΔH_f . All annotations are the same as in Figure 3.



Supplementary Figure 4. Reproducing Figure 4, but training on ΔH_d instead of ΔH_f . All annotations are the same as in Figure 4.



Supplementary Figure 5. Learning curves for all compositional models. The MAE on predicting ΔH_f as a function of number of compounds used for training. Performance is shown on the test set, which is all MP compounds except those used for training. The MAE is averaged over five random splits of the training/testing compounds with the standard deviation in MAE over these five splits shown as the error bar. The final data point for each model at 68,011 training examples was taken from the 5-fold cross validation shown in Figure 2.

	ElFrac	Meredig	Magpie	AutoMat	ElemNet	Roost
candidate compounds	13,659	13,659	13,659	13,659	13,659	13,659
stable compounds in MP	9	9	9	9	9	9
compounds predicted stable	0	0	0	0	58	299
% predicted stable	0	0	0	0	0.4	2.2
pred. stable and stable in MP	0	0	0	0	0	0

Supplementary Table 1. Reproducing Table 1 but training on ΔH_d instead of ΔH_f .

Supplementary Table 2. The performance of each compositional representation trained to classify compounds as stable ($\Delta H_d \leq 0$) or unstable ($\Delta H_d > 0$). Note that the *Roost* representation is excluded from this analysis as described in Methods.

	Accuracy	F ₁ score	False positive rate
ElFrac	0.723	0.631	0.191
Meredig	0.745	0.666	0.180
Magpie	0.759	0.683	0.170
AutoMat	0.792	0.732	0.153
ElemNet	0.744	0.683	0.219

Supplementary Table 3. Training and inference times for learning and predicting $\Delta H_{\rm f}$. Training time is the time required to train the models on 80% of the MP dataset (68,011 compounds). Inference time is the time required to predict $\Delta H_{\rm f}$ for the remaining 20% of the MP dataset (17,013 compounds). Note that for *AutoMat*, the training time is a user-specified input.

	Training time (h)	Inference time (s)
ElFrac	0.02	15
Meredig	0.06	15
Magpie	0.05	15
AutoMat	10.00	2719
ElemNet	2.35	8
Roost	3.47	38
CGCNN	20.90	926