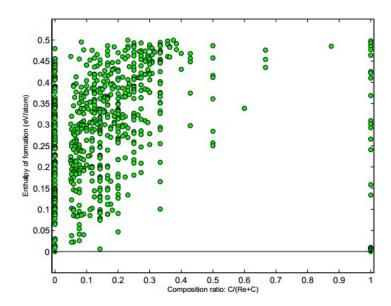
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## **Supplementary Materials**

## Explaining stability of transition metal carbides –and why TcC does not exist

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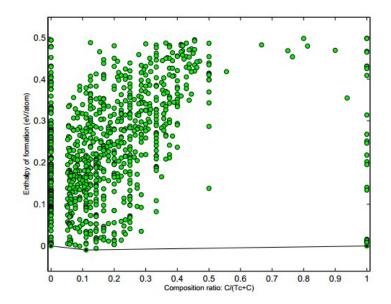


Figure caption 1: the convex hulls of Re-C and Tc-C systems, respectively, in which there is no Re carbide.

Figure caption 2: the CIF files of  $Tc_6C$ , cubic Tc,  $Tc_{10}C$  and  $Tc_8C$ .