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High-throughput calculations of pressure-induced phase transitions in tungsten nitride¹ MICHAEL MEHL, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington DC, DANIEL FINKENSTADT, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis MD, GUS HART, Brigham Young University, Provo UT, STEFANO CURTAROLO, Duke University, Durham NC — We have previously² used high-throughput electronic structure calculations³ to determine the ground state structures of the tungsten-nitride system as a function of composition. In doing this, we found many structures which are close to the W-N convex hull and apparently metastable. The question then arises if any of these structures can be stabilized under pressure. To test this, we have determined the ground state hull as a function of pressure up to 50 GPa. We find that the structures on the hull change with pressure. We discuss some of the more interesting structures, and show how the choice of density functional changes our predictions.

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