

Supporting Information

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Distinctive Interactions of Cesium and Hexaniobate in Water

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S1 Drop Solution Enthalpies

 ΔH_{ds} was measured in a custom-made isoperibol Tian-Calvet twin microcalorimeter.^{1,2} Pellets of about 5 mg were loosely pressed, weighed, and dropped from room temperature into $3Na_2O\cdot4MoO_3$ molten solvent at 702 °C. The calorimeter assembly was washed with oxygen at 43 mL min⁻¹. Oxygen was bubbled through the solvent at 4.5 mL min^{-1} to aid dissolution, evolve water vapor, and to maintain oxidizing conditions. The calorimeter was calibrated against the heat content of 5 mg pellets of high-purity Al_2O_3 (99.997%, Alfa Aesar) dropped into an empty crucible.

Mass (mg)	$\Delta H_{ds} \; (\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$	
3.961	2329.54	
4.997	2337.22	
4.397	2384.57	
4.677	2345.47	
4.753	2362.28	
4.857	2401.55	
4.181	2380.88	
4.073	2379.58	
Average:	2365.13 ± 18.13	
-23.5 H_2O	-1621.50	
Final:	$\textbf{743.63} \pm \textbf{18.13}$	

Table S2: Drop solution enthalpy of $K_8Nb_6O_{19}$

Mass (mg)	$\Delta H_{ds} \; (\mathrm{kJ}\mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
4.992	1703.17
5.340	1701.07
6.863	1726.15
7.137	1701.78
6.918	1669.54
4.923	1687.22
8.214	1692.57
6.703	1688.89
Average	1696.30 ± 11.52
-16.0 H_2O	-1104.00
Final:	592.30 ± 11.52

Table S3:	Drop	solution	enthalpy	of $Rb_8Nb_6O_1$	a
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	Final:	$\textbf{627.31} \pm \textbf{10.28}$
	-14.1 $\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}$	-927.90
	Average:	1600.21 ± 10.28
	5.344	1580.31
	5.563	1580.90
	5.234	1606.34
	5.908	1594.62
	5.366	1597.92
	5.718	1606.60
	6.927	1618.01
	5.745	1616.96
	Mass (mg)	$\Delta H_{ds} \; (\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
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Table S4: Drop solution enthalpy of $\rm Cs_8Nb_6O_{19}$

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Mass (mg)	$\Delta H_{ds} \; (\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
5.304	1698.86
4.847	1700.79
8.326	1699.83
5.316	1693.16
6.698	1707.05
5.132	1700.20
5.039	1703.34
6.210	1700.20
Average:	1700.43 ± 3.93
-14.8 H_2O	-1021.20
Final:	679.23 ± 3.93

S2 Thermochemical Cycles

Lithium Hexaniobate

The formation enthalpy of $\text{Li}_8\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}$ from constituent binary oxides is -137.2 kJ/molNb. The correction of 69 kJ/molH₂O for lattice water has been applied as seen in Table S1.

$$\frac{1}{6} \{ \text{Li}_8 \text{Nb}_6 \text{O}_{19} \} (\text{xl}, 25^{\circ}\text{C}) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \text{Li}_2 \text{O}(\text{soln}, 702^{\circ}\text{C}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Nb}_2 \text{O}_5(\text{soln}, 702^{\circ}\text{C})$$
(1)
$$\Delta H_1 = \Delta H_{ds} = 123.94 \pm 3.02 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$

$$Nb_2O_5(s, 25^{\circ}C) \rightarrow Nb_2O_5(soln, 702^{\circ}C)$$
 (2)

$$\Delta H_2 = \Delta H_{ds}(\mathrm{Nb}_2\mathrm{O}_5) = 93.97 \pm 1.60 \mathrm{kJ/mol\,Nb}$$

$$\text{Li}_2\text{O}(\text{xl}, 25^\circ\text{C}) \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O}(\text{soln}, 702^\circ\text{C})$$
 (3)

$$\Delta H_3 = \Delta H_{ds}(\text{Li}_2\text{O}) = -90.3 \pm 2.5 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$

$$\frac{2}{3}\text{Li}_{2}\text{O} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Nb}_{2}\text{O}_{5} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}\{\text{Li}_{8}\text{Nb}_{6}\text{O}_{19}\} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})}$$

$$\Delta H_{4} = \Delta H_{f}^{ox}(\text{Li}_{8}\text{Nb}_{6}\text{O}_{19}) = -\Delta H_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta H_{2} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta H_{3} = -137.2 \pm 4.8\text{kJ/mol Nb}$$
(4)

Potassium Hexaniobate

The formation enthalpy of $K_8Nb_6O_{19}$ from constituent binary oxides is -262.7 kJ/molNb. The correction of 69 kJ/molH₂O for lattice water has been applied as seen in Table S2.

$$\frac{1}{6} \{ K_8 Nb_6 O_{19} \} (xl, 25^{\circ}C) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} K_2 O(soln, 702^{\circ}C) + \frac{1}{2} Nb_2 O_5(soln, 702^{\circ}C)$$
(5)
$$\Delta H_5 = \Delta H_{ds} = 98.72 \pm 1.22 kJ/mol Nb$$

$$K_2O(xl, 25^{\circ}C) \to K_2O(soln, 702^{\circ}C)$$
(6)

$$\Delta H_6 = \Delta H_{ds}(\mathrm{K}_2\mathrm{O}) = -318.0 \pm 3.1\mathrm{kJ/mol\,Nb}$$

$$\frac{2}{3}K_{2}O + \frac{1}{2}Nb_{2}O_{5} (xl, 25^{\circ}C) \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}\{K_{8}Nb_{6}O_{19}\} (xl, 25^{\circ}C)$$

$$\Delta H_{7} = \Delta H_{f}^{ox}(K_{8}Nb_{6}O_{19}) = -\Delta H_{5} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta H_{2} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta H_{6} = -262.7 \pm 5.0 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$
(7)

Rubidium Hexaniobate

The formation enthalpy of $Rb_8Nb_6O_{19}$ from constitutent binary oxides is -279.3 kJ/molNb. The correction of 69 kJ/molH₂O for lattice water has been applied as seen in Table S3.

$$\frac{1}{6} \{ \text{Rb}_8 \text{Nb}_6 \text{O}_{19} \} (\text{xl}, 25^{\circ}\text{C}) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \text{Rb}_2 \text{O}(\text{soln}, 702^{\circ}\text{C}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Nb}_2 \text{O}_5(\text{soln}, 702^{\circ}\text{C})$$
(8)
$$\Delta H_8 = \Delta H_{ds} = 104.55 \pm 1.71 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$

$$\operatorname{Rb}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{xl}, 25^\circ\operatorname{C}) \to \operatorname{Rb}_2\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{soln}, 702^\circ\operatorname{C})$$
 (9)

 $\Delta H_9 = \Delta H_{ds}(\text{Rb}_2\text{O}) = -332.6 \pm 2.2 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$

$$\frac{2}{3}\text{Rb}_{2}\text{O} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Nb}_{2}\text{O}_{5} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})} \to \frac{1}{6}\{\text{Rb}_{8}\text{Nb}_{6}\text{O}_{19}\} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})}$$
(10)

$$\Delta H_{10} = \Delta H_f^{ox}(\text{Rb}_8\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}) = -\Delta H_8 + \frac{1}{2}\Delta H_2 + \frac{2}{3}\Delta H_9 = -279.3 \pm 5.9\text{kJ/mol Nb}$$

Cesium Hexaniobate

The formation enthalpy of $Cs_8Nb_6O_{19}$ from constituent binary oxides is -298.7 kJ/molNb. The correction of 69 kJ/molH₂O for lattice water has been applied as seen in Table S4.

$$\frac{1}{6} \{ Cs_8 Nb_6 O_{19} \} (xl, 25^{\circ}C) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} Cs_2 O(soln, 702^{\circ}C) + \frac{1}{2} Nb_2 O_5(soln, 702^{\circ}C)$$
(11)
$$\Delta H_{11} = \Delta H_{ds} = 113.21 \pm 0.66 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$

$$Cs_2O(xl, 25^{\circ}C) \rightarrow Cs_2O(soln, 702^{\circ}C)$$

$$\Delta H_{12} = \Delta H_{ds}(Cs_2O) = -348.9 \pm 1.7 \text{kJ/mol Nb}$$
(12)

$$\frac{2}{3}\text{Cs}_{2}\text{O} + \frac{1}{2}\text{Nb}_{2}\text{O}_{5} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}\{\text{Cs}_{8}\text{Nb}_{6}\text{O}_{19}\} \text{ (xl, 25^{\circ}\text{C})}$$
(13)

$$\Delta H_{13} = \Delta H_f^{ox}(\mathrm{Cs}_8\mathrm{Nb}_6\mathrm{O}_{19}) = -\Delta H_{11} + \frac{1}{2}\Delta H_2 + \frac{2}{3}\Delta H_{12} = -298.7 \pm 4.2\mathrm{kJ/mol\,Nb}$$

Where ΔH_{ds} are drop solution enthalpies under oxygen bubbling.

S3 Room Temperature Dissolution Enthalpies

 ΔH_{dis} was measured using a CSC 4400 isothermal microcalorimeter operated at 25 °C. About 5 mg of each sample was hand pressed into a pellet and dropped one at a time into 25.0 g of H₂O. Each experiment was repeated in 1M AOH (A = K, Rb, Cs, TMA) for the respective clusters.

Dissolution enthalpies of hydrated hexaniobate clusters in water

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm Li}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}{\cdot}23.5{\rm H}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Li}^+ + [{\rm H}_x{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})^-} + \ (23.5{\rm -x}){\rm H}_2{\rm O} + {\rm xOH}^- \\ {\rm K}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}{\cdot}16.0{\rm H}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm K}^+ + [{\rm H}_x{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})^-} + \ (16.0{\rm -x}){\rm H}_2{\rm O} + {\rm xOH}^- \\ {\rm Rb}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}{\cdot}14.1{\rm H}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Rb}^+ + [{\rm H}_x{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})^-} + \ (14.1{\rm -x}){\rm H}_2{\rm O} + {\rm xOH}^- \\ {\rm Cs}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}{\cdot}14.8{\rm H}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Cs}^+ + [{\rm H}_x{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})^-} + \ (14.8{\rm -x}){\rm H}_2{\rm O} + {\rm xOH}^- \\ ({\rm TMA})_5{\rm H}_3{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}{\cdot}20{\rm H}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 5\,{\rm TMA}^+ + [{\rm H}_x{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})^-} + (3-{\rm x}){\rm H}_3{\rm O}^+ + (17+{\rm x}){\rm H}_2{\rm O} \end{array}$

Dissolution enthalpies of anhydrous hexaniobate clusters in water

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm Li}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}\,+\,{\rm xH}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Li}^+\,+\,[{\rm H}_{\rm x}{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})-}\,+\,{\rm xOH}^-\\ {\rm K}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}\,+\,{\rm xH}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm K}^+\,+\,[{\rm H}_{\rm x}{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})-}\,+\,{\rm xOH}^-\\ {\rm Rb}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}\,+\,{\rm xH}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Rb}^+\,+\,[{\rm H}_{\rm x}{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})-}\,+\,{\rm xOH}^-\\ {\rm Cs}_8{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}\,+\,{\rm xH}_2{\rm O} \longrightarrow 8\,{\rm Cs}^+\,+\,[{\rm H}_{\rm x}{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})-}\,+\,{\rm xOH}^-\\ ({\rm TMA})_5{\rm H}_3{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}\,+\,3{\rm OH}^-\longrightarrow 5\,{\rm TMA}^+\,+\,[{\rm H}_{3-{\rm x}}{\rm Nb}_6{\rm O}_{19}]^{(8-{\rm x})-}\,+\,{\rm xH}_2{\rm O}\,+\,(3-{\rm x}){\rm OH}^-\\ \end{array}$

Enthalpies of anhydrous clusters were found by subtracting the enthalpy of dissolution of lattice water $(0.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1})^3$ and then adjusting for the relative molar weights of the hydrated and anhydrous clusters, namely:

$$\Delta H_{dis,anhydrous} = (\Delta H_{dis,hydrated} - (0.4 \,\mathrm{kJ \,mol^{-1}})(n_{\mathrm{H_2O}})) \frac{\mathrm{MW}(\mathrm{Anhydrous \, Cluster})}{\mathrm{MW}(\mathrm{Hydrated \, Cluster})}$$
(14)

The calorimeter was calibrated by dissolving 15 mg pellets of KCl in water with stirring at 25 °C. Hydrous and anhydrous cluster dissolution enthalpy values in water are reported in Tables S5-S9.

S3.1 Tables of Aqueous Dissolution Enthalpies

Table S5: I	Lithium Hexaniobate Di	ssolution Enthalpies in Water
Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} / \text{kJ} \text{mol}^{-1})$
Run $\#1$		
6.97	100.12	59.12
22.23	95.53	55.97
39.86	93.49	54.58
56.35	83.98	48.07
70.75	81.83	47.02
Run $#2$		
5.28	100.81	59.58
21.91	96.32	56.51
42.46	91.71	53.36
61.29	85.74	49.27
77.04	81.28	46.22

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
Run #1		
10.40	125.61	91.47
28.06	119.77	86.78
43.67	115.34	83.22
65.46	111.28	79.96
87.03	108.11	77.42
106.97	106.42	76.06
Run $#2$		
3.90	127.91	96.315
20.15	119.57	89.62
41.92	117.67	88.09
59.68	111.06	82.79
75.02	106.82	79.38

 Table S6: Potassium Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in Water

Table S7: Rubidium Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in Water

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ { m kJ mol^{-1}})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} / \text{kJ} \text{mol}^{-1})$
Run #1		
8.05	111.89	90.04
34.08	105.07	84.19
65.08	101.49	81.11
89.90	101.75	81.33
120.13	94.32	74.95
159.55	91.41	72.45
Run $#2$		
12.50	112.57	91.19
43.61	108.54	87.72
76.37	101.64	81.79
105.65	95.08	76.15
135.25	93.17	74.51

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
Run #1		
3.99	118.38	98.07
12.27	114.30	94.48
24.09	106.55	87.67
37.78	104.16	85.57
47.58	97.25	79.51
55.81	93.22	75.96
64.28	87.48	70.92
87.62	87.03	69.19
101.64	80.36	63.33
113.91	75.75	59.28
135.96	75.14	58.75
Run $#2$		
7.25	117.19	97.03
25.52	104.55	85.92
58.66	90.88	73.91
76.24	82.71	66.73
134.52	74.00	59.09

 Table S8: Cesium Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in Water

Table S9: TMA Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in Water

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	ΔH_{dis} / kJ mol ⁻¹	ΔH_{dis} / kJ mol ⁻¹
Run #1		
4.88	-47.16	-44.52
33.72	-44.74	-42.65
61.103	-43.68	-41.82
82.60	-43.04	-41.33
106.62	-41.15	-39.86
126.62	-40.17	-39.11
Run $#2$		
7.93	-46.68	-44.15
38.11	-43.72	-41.85
81.43	-42.37	-40.91

S3.2 Tables of 1M Parent Hydroxide Dissolution Enthalpies

Each experiment was repeated in 1M AOH, (A = K, Rb, Cs, TMA) for the respective clusters. Enthalpies are reported in tables S10-S13. Lithium was omitted due to its insolubility.

Table S10: Po	tassium Hexaniobate Di	issolution Enthalpies in 1M KOH
Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ {\rm kJ mol^{-1}})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
Run $\#1$		
9.31	10.29	-1.14
36.41	8.95	-2.21
62.19	12.78	0.86
80.68	11.63	-0.06
98.17	13.16	1.16
Run $#2$		
14.09	9.84	-1.15
60.42	9.31	-1.92

Table S11: Rubidium Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in 1M RbOH

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ {\rm kJ mol^{-1}})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
Run $\#1$		
15.27	56.97	43.38
49.98	57.79	44.09
84.87	57.77	44.07
122.68	53.41	40.32
Run $#2$		
15.19	55.43	49.83
59.00	53.67	48.07
131.79	59.10	50.62

Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$	$(\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
Run #1		
5.73	35.62	25.37
26.08	37.37	26.90
57.41	34.13	24.06
73.45	32.28	22.43
96.24	30.35	20.74
Run $#2$		
12.66	34.71	24.57
48.34	33.90	23.86
106.05	31.94	22.14

Table S12: Cesium Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in 1M CsOH

Table S13: TMA Hexaniobate Dissolution Enthalpies in 1M TMAOH

Table S13: TI	MA Hexaniobate Dissol	ution Enthalpies in 1M TMAOH
Concentration	Dissolution Enthalpy	Anhydrous Dissolution Enthalpy
$(M \times 10^5)$	ΔH_{dis} / kJ mol ⁻¹	$\Delta H_{dis} \ / \ { m kJ mol^{-1}}$
Run $\#1$		
8.52	-196.79	-160.31
36.08	-191.05	-155.93
69.96	-188.11	-153.66
96.52	-186.23	-152.20
118.58	-182.55	-149.35
Run $#2$		
40.97	-191.50	-156.28
82.99	-185.48	-151.62
137.76	-180.05	-147.42



S3.3 Dissolution Enthalpy Plots Uncorrected for Lattice Water

Figure S1: Enthalpies of dissolution for hydrated alkali metal salts of hexaniobate in water and in 1M solutions of their parent hydroxide, uncorrected for lattice water.



Figure S2: Enthalpies of dissolution for hydrated TMA hexaniobate in water and in 1M solutions of their parent hydroxide, uncorrected for lattice water.

S4 Supplementary Characterization

S4.1 Synthesis

Potassium Hexaniobate $(K_8Nb_6O_{19} \cdot 16.0H_2O)^4$

2.13 g of $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{xH}_2\text{O}$ were slowly added to 10 mL of 3M KOH at 90 °C and stirred such that the solution was allowed to become fully transparent after each aliquot. After the all of the solid had dissolved, the solution was microfiltered and allowed to crystallize at room temperature. Well-formed crystals formed after 2 days. These crystals were filtered under vacuum, washed with 2-propanol, and dried in air.

Full formula: $K_8Nb_6O_{35}H_{32}$. $M_W = 1461.86 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$. Atomic ratios, calculated (found): K/Nb: 1.33 (1.39). Water content (%), crystallographic (TGA 22-600°C in air): 16.0 (19.76).

Rubidium Hexaniobate $(Rb_8Nb_6O_{19}\cdot 14.1H_2O)^4$

2.10 g of $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{xH}_2\text{O}$ were slowly added to 5.0 g of 50 wt% RbOH solution at $90 \degree \text{C}$ and stirred such that the solution was allowed to become fully transparent after each aliquot. After all of the solid had dissolved, the solution was microfiltered and allowed to crystallize at room temperature. Well-formed crystals formed after 2 days. These crystals were filtered under vacuum, washed with 2-propanol, and dried in air.

Full formula: $\text{Rb}_8\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{33.1}\text{H}_{28.2}$. $M_W = 1799.18 \,\text{g}\,\text{mol}^{-1}$. Atomic ratios, calculated (found): Rb/Nb: 1.33 (1.33). Water content (%), crystallographic (TGA 22-600°C in air): 14.1 (14.13).

Cesium Hexaniobate $(Cs_8Nb_6O_{19} \cdot 14.8H_2O)^4$

 $3.42 \text{ g of } Nb_2O_5 \cdot xH_2O$ were slowly added to 10.0 g of 50 wt% CsOH solution at $90 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred such that the solution was allowed to become fully transparent after each aliquot. After all of the solid had dissolved, the solution was microfiltered and allowed to crystallize at room temperature. Well-formed crystals formed after 2 days. These crystals were filtered under vacuum, washed with 2-propanol, and dried in air.

Full formula: $Cs_8Nb_6O_{33.8}H_{29.6}$. $M_W = 2191.29 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$. Atomic ratios, calculated (found): Cs/Nb: 1.33 (1.34). Water content (%), crystallographic (TGA 22-600°C in air): 14.8 (12.19).

Lithium Hexaniobate $(Li_8Nb_6O_{19} \cdot 23.5H_2O)^4$

1.00 g of $\text{Cs}_8 \text{Nb}_6 \text{O}_{19} \cdot 14 \text{ H}_2 \text{O}$ was dissolved in 1.0 mL of $\text{H}_2 \text{O}$ at room temperature. This solution was then added dropwise to 25.0 mL of 1M LiOH solution and stirred. A precipitate began to form almost immediately. The solution was further stirred for 30 minutes to allow for more precipitate to form. The solution was then filtered under vacuum, washed with 2-propanol, and dried in air.

Full formula: $\text{Li}_8\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{42.5}\text{H}_{47}$. $M_W = 1340.32 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$. Water content (%), crystallographic (TGA 22-600°C in air): 23.5 (31.59).

Tetramethylammonium Hexaniobate $([(CH_3)_4N]_5H_3Nb_6O_{19}\cdot 20H_2O)^5$

2.0 g of Nb₂O₅ · xH₂O were slowly added to 10.0 mL of 25 wt% tetramethylammonium hydroxide (TMAOH) solution at 90 °C and stirred such that the solution was allowed to become fully transparent after each aliquot. After all of the solid had dissolved, the solution was microfiltered. 40 mL

of 2-propanol was added to the microfiltered solution. The resultant suspension was centrifuged, the supernatant was removed, and $40 \,\mathrm{mL}$ of 2-propanol was again added. The solution was then filtered under vacuum, and dried at $60 \,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ under vacuum.

Full formula: $C_{20}N_5Nb_6O_{39}H_{100}$. $M_W = 1595.48 \,\mathrm{g \, mol^{-1}}$. Water content, 20.0 (from crystal structure).



S4.2 Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)

Figure S3: Thermogravimetric Analysis curve for LiNb₆



Figure S4: Thermogravimetric Analysis curve for K₈Nb₆O₁₉.

Thermogravimetric analysis could not be performed for $\rm TMANb_6,$ due to $\rm TMA^+$ being unstable at 600 $^{\circ}\rm C$



Figure S5: Thermogravimetric Analysis curve for RbNb₆



Figure S6: Thermogravimetric Analysis curve for $Cs_8Nb_6O_{19}$

S4.3 Elemental Analysis

Elemental analysis was not performed on tetramethylammonium hexaniobate, due to the lack of reliability in measuring the lighter elements in the TMA^+ counter-cations.



EDAX ZAF Element SEC Tabl	'Quantif Normaliz .e : Defa	ication ed ult	(Standard	lless)		
Element	Wt %	At 🖁	K-Ratio	Z	А	F
NbL	97.77	98.43	0.9694	1.0018	0.9896	1.0002
CsL	2.23	1.57	0.0177	0.9280	0.8559	1.0000
Total	100.00	100.00				
Element	Net Int	e. Bk	gd Inte.	Inte. Erm	or	P/B
NbL	974.68		25.32	1.65		38.50
CsL	8.86		16.46	36.70		0.54

Figure S7: Sample Elemental Analysis spectrum for $LiNb_6$. Due to Li being too small for reliable measurement, it is instead demonstrated that the amount of remaining Cs from the starting material is indistinguishable from the background (P/B = 0.54).



EDAX ZAF Element SEC Tabl	'Quantif Normaliz e : Defa	ication ed ult	(Standard	lless)			
Element	Wt 🖁	At %	K-Ratio	Z	А	F	
NbL K K Total	63.38 36.62 100.00	42.15 57.85 100.00	0.6100 0.2892	0.9335 1.0924	1.0229 0.7230	1.0078 1.0000	
Element	Net Int	e. Bk	gd Inte.	Inte. Eri	ror	P/B	
NbL K K	207.62 156.69		4.72 4.86	1.84 2.14		43.97 32.26	

Figure S8: Sample Elemental Analysis spectrum for ${\rm KNb}_6.$



EDAX ZAF Element SEC Tabl	'Quantif Normaliz e : Defa	fication red ault	(Standard	iless)			
Element	Wt 🖁	At %	K-Ratio	Z	А	F	
RbL NbL Total	54.51 45.49 100.00	56.57 43.43 100.00	0.5347 0.3857	0.9969 1.0041	0.9783 0.8444	1.0057 1.0000	
Element	Net Int	e. Bk	gd Inte.	Inte. Eri	or	P/B	
RbL NbL	290.89 156.26		19.96 16.96	1.80 2.55		14.58 9.21	

Figure S9: Sample Elemental Analysis spectrum for ${\rm RbNb}_6.$



EDAX ZAF Element SEC Tabl	'Quantif Normaliz le : Defa	ication ed ult	(Standard	lless)		
Element	Wt 🖁	At %	K-Ratio	Z	А	F
NbL CsL Total	35.43 64.57 100.00	43.98 56.02 100.00	0.2817 0.5921	1.0561 0.9715	0.7489 0.9438	1.0054 1.0000
Element	Net Int	e. Bk	gd Inte.	Inte. Erm	ror	P/B
NbL CsL	176.38 184.37		14.54 11.16	1.85 1.78		12.13 16.52

Figure S10: Sample Elemental Analysis spectrum for ${\rm CsNb}_6.$

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