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Metastable Layered Lithium-rich Niobium and Tantalum Oxides via Nearly Instantaneous Ion Exchange

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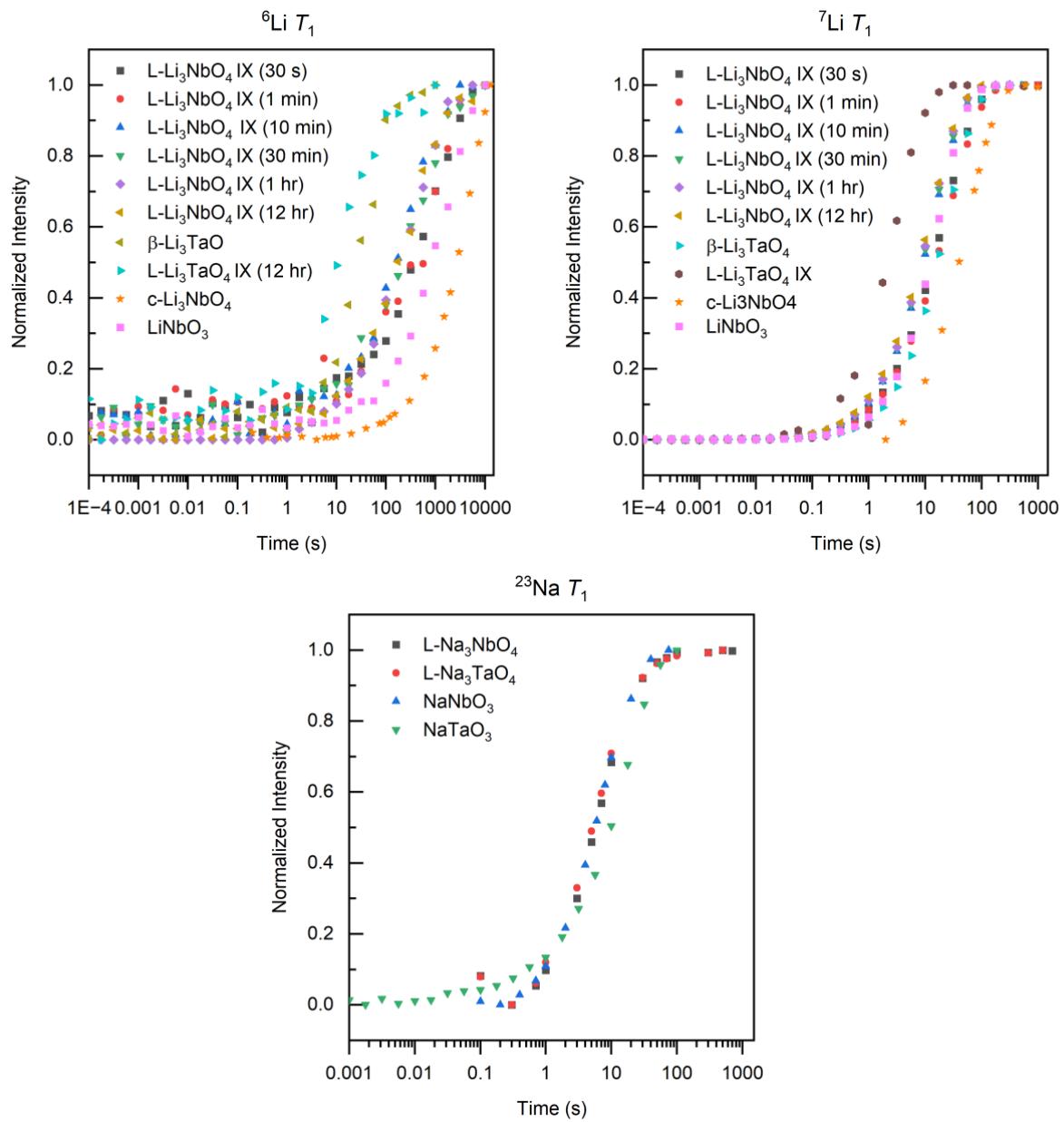
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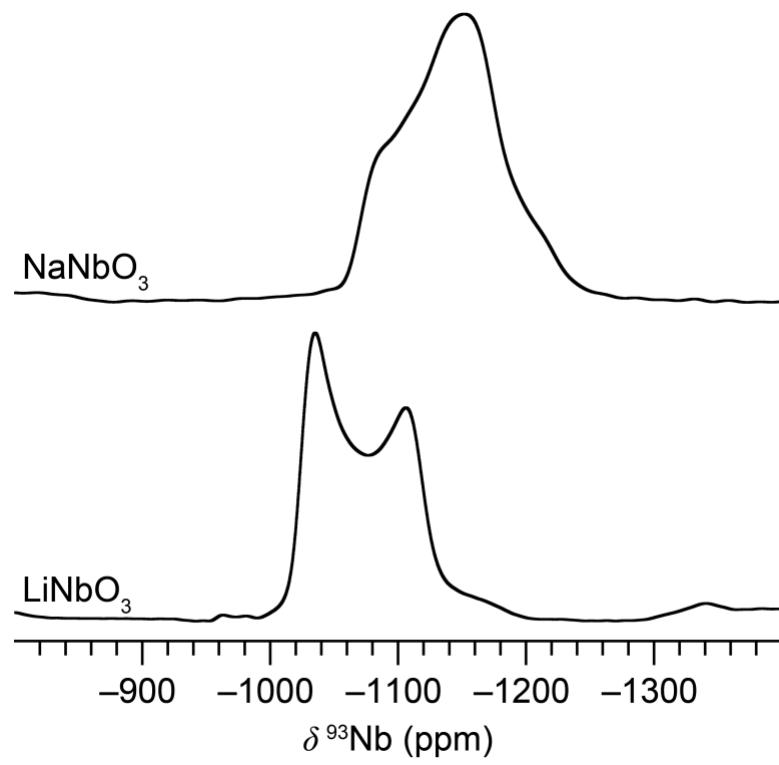
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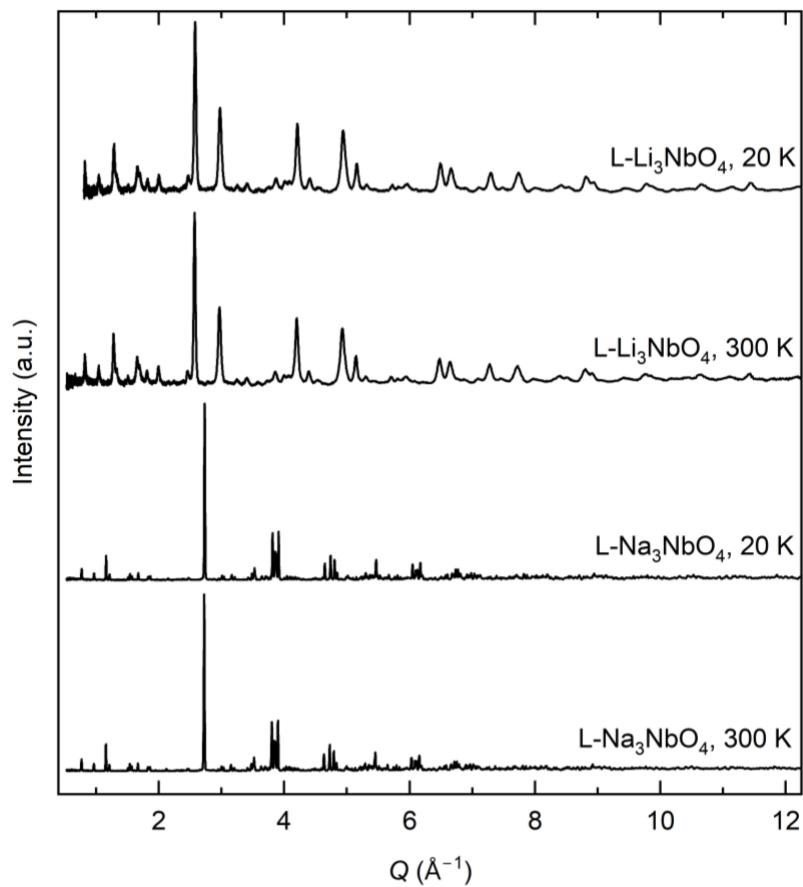
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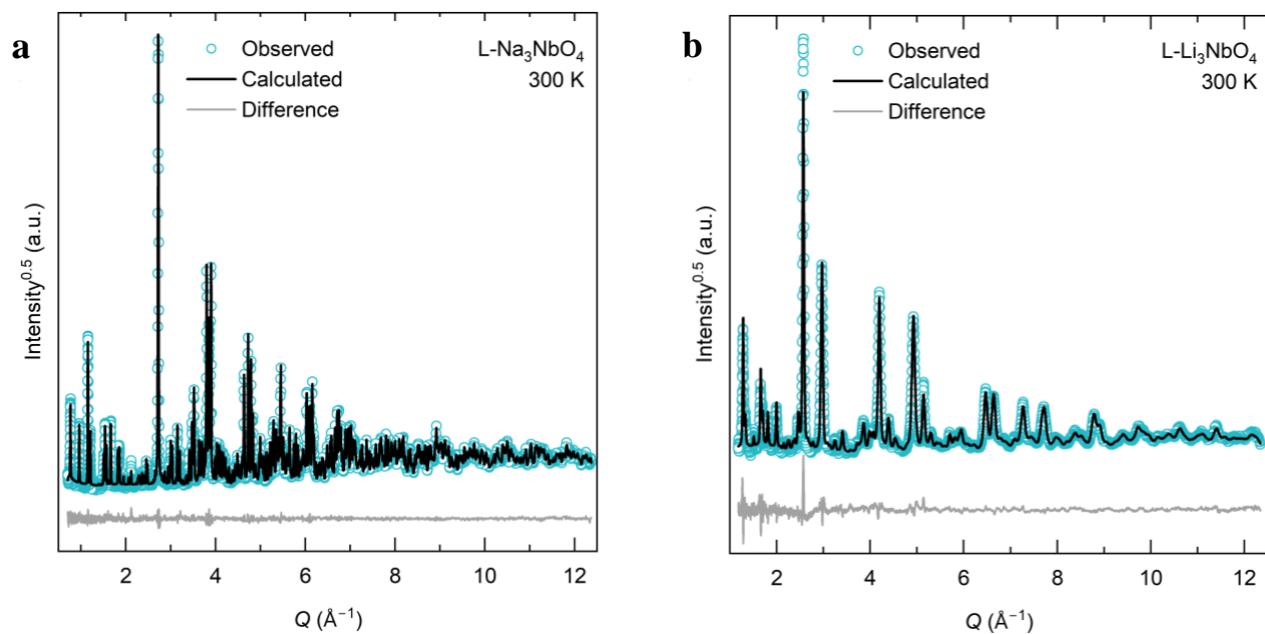
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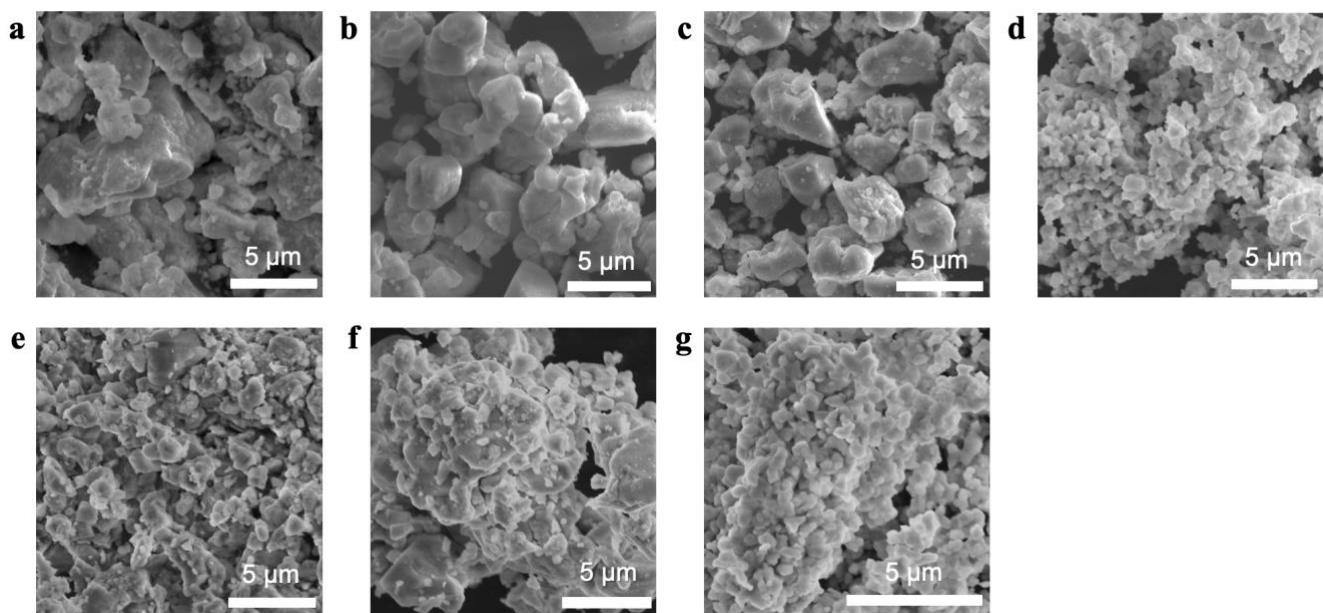
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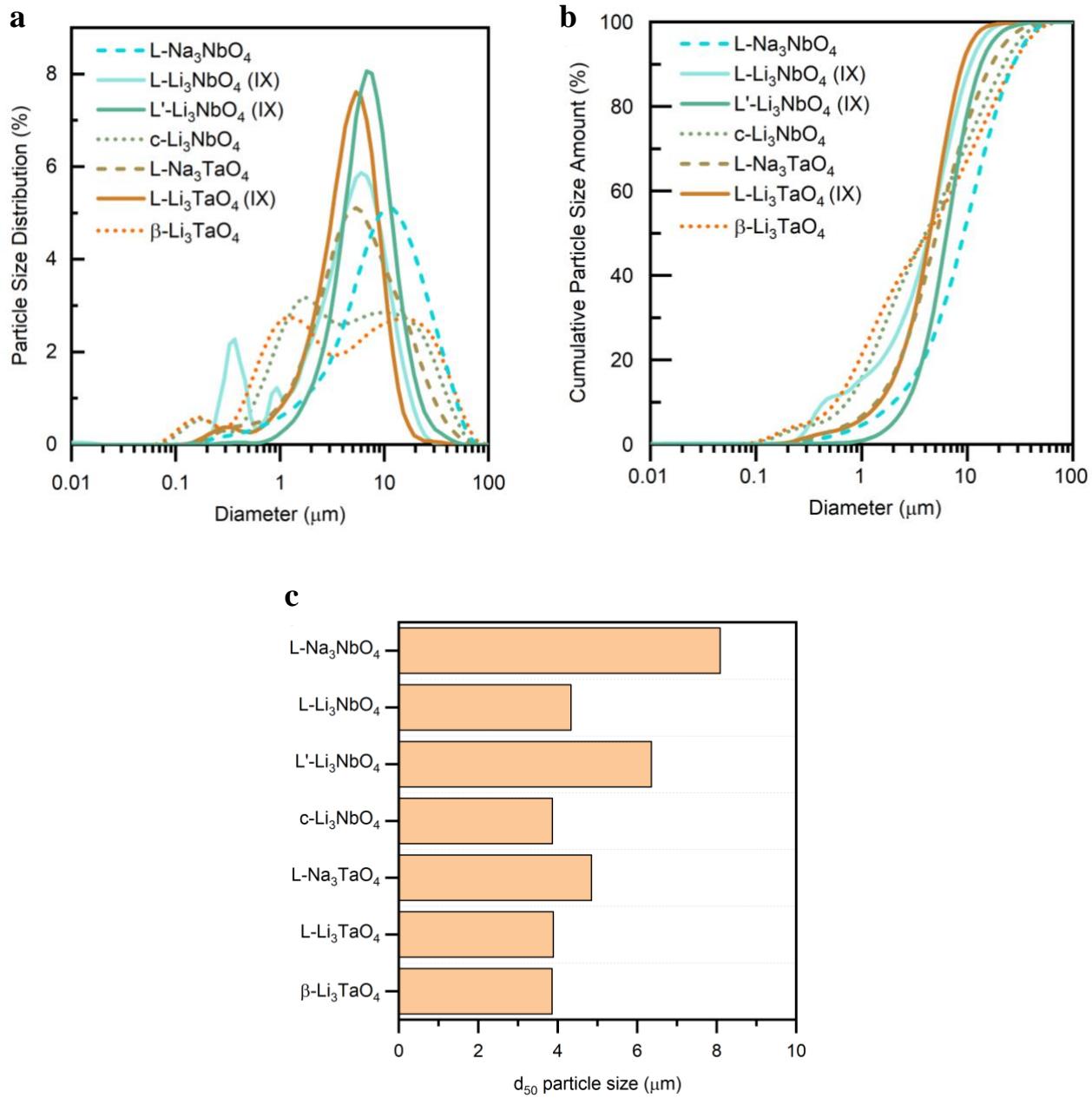
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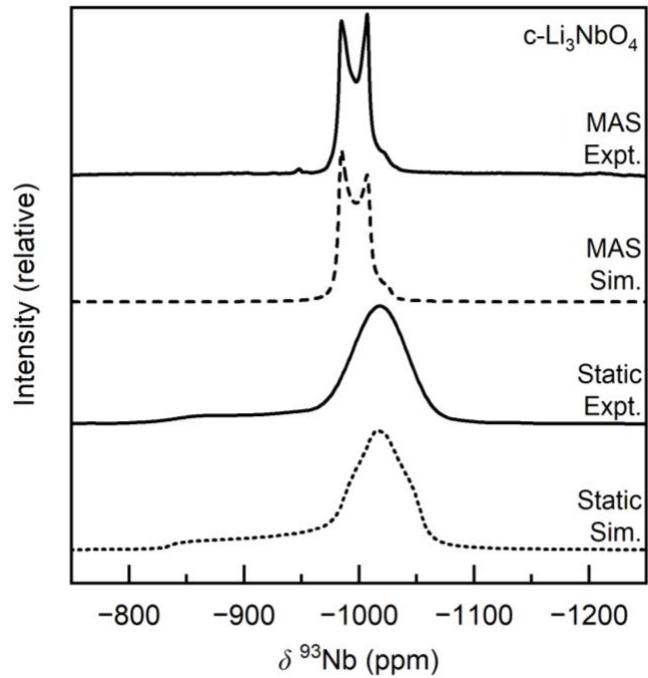
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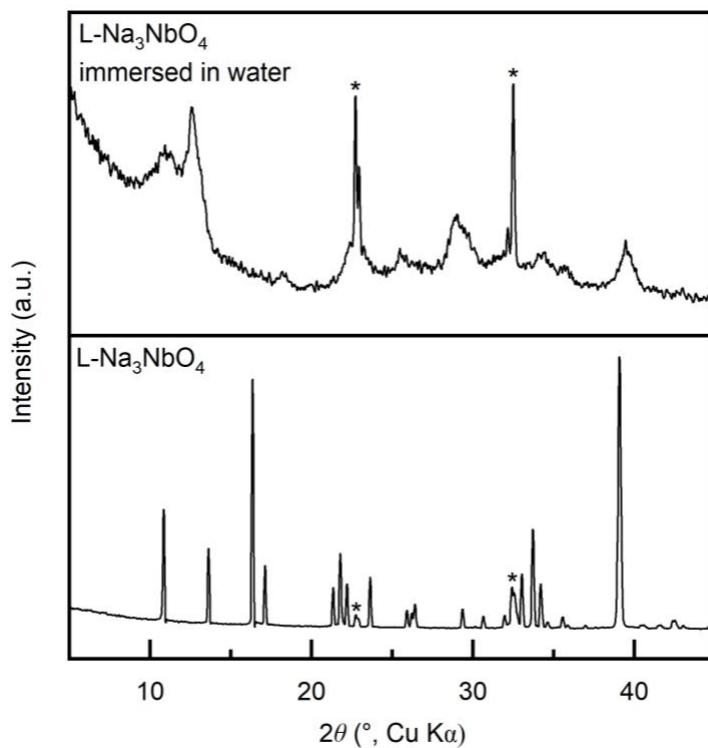
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Supplementary Table S1. T_1 relaxation times of ^{6}Li , ^{7}Li , and ^{23}Na for A_3MO_4 ($A = \text{Li}, \text{Na}$; $M = \text{Nb}, \text{Ta}$).

	$^{6}\text{Li} T_1$ (s)	$^{7}\text{Li} T_1$ (s)
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX)	30 s	>800
	1 min	>600
	10 min	237
	30 min	305
	1 hr	340
	12 hr	456
c-Li ₃ NbO ₄		19.9
LiNbO ₃		22.7
L-Li ₃ TaO ₄ (IX)		13.3
β -Li ₃ TaO ₄		12.7
		12.2
		11.7
	$^{23}\text{Na} T_1$ (s)	
L-Na ₃ NbO ₄		59
NaNbO ₃		17.6
L-Na ₃ TaO ₄		3.2
NaTaO ₃		43.0
		23.7
		8.4
		7.9
		7.6
		13.5

Supplementary Table S2. Experimental ^6Li , ^7Li , ^{23}Na , and ^{93}Nb NMR measurement times.

	^6Li		^7Li		^{23}Na		^{93}Nb	
	d1 (s)	No. FIDs	d1 (s)	No. FIDs	d1 (s)	No. FIDs	d1 (s)	No. FIDs
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 30 s	4000	36	100	8	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 1 min	3000	24	115	4	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 10 min	1190	44	67	8	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 30 min	2500	36	65	8	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 1 hr	1750	40	65	4	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 12 hr	2110	20	60	4	40	120	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 1 min unwashed	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	40	1320	0.5	8192
L-Li ₃ NbO ₄ (IX) 12 hr unwashed	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	40	1320	0.5	16,384
c-Li ₃ NbO ₄	13,000	1	300	1	n/a	n/a	2	192
L-Li ₃ TaO ₄ (IX)	80	184	16	16	40	1472	n/a	n/a
β -Li ₃ TaO ₄	200	284	80	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
L-Na ₃ NbO ₄	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	1024	4	592
NaNbO ₃	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	60	0.5	256
L-Na ₃ TaO ₄	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	128	n/a	n/a
NaTaO ₃	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	60	n/a	n/a

n/a = not applicable; n/r = not recorded

Supplementary Table S3. DFT calculated lattice and NMR parameters for layered A_3MO_4 ($A = \text{Li}, \text{Na}; M = \text{Nb}, \text{Ta}$).

Layered $C2/m$	Na₃NbO₄	Li₃NbO₄	Na₃TaO₄	Li₃TaO₄
a (Å)	11.2122	10.3770	11.2571	10.4328
b (Å)	13.1336	12.0303	13.1432	12.0683
c (Å)	5.8035	5.1865	5.8262	5.2108
β (°)	109.33	109.23	109.66	109.55
Volume (Å ³)	806.397	611.337	811.741	618.229

Supplementary Table S4. Calculated lattice and NMR parameters for L-Li₃NbO₄ containing residual Na⁺.

	Site	σ_{iso} (ppm)	δ_{aniso} (ppm)	η_{cs}	C_Q (kHz) ^a	η_Q
L-(Na _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.8887 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.1952 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.3497 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 112.6^\circ$	Na1	530.98	13.47	0.71	1.7	0.71
	Li2	90.42	-2.61	0.35	-0.12	0.34
	Li3	89.92	-1.77	0.32	0.14	0.40
	Li4	91.20	2.13	0.45	-0.13	0.25
	Li5	90.55	1.18	0.29	-0.065	0.62
	Li6	89.01	-2.53	0.59	-0.28	0.15
	Nb1	277.98	-179.76	0.43	-28.0	0.47
	Nb2	302.91	120.83	0.89	-17.2	0.84
L-(Na _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.4812 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.6983 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.1770 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 107.7^\circ$	Li1	89.26	-1.65	0.11	0.054	0.88
	Na2	531.10	19.25	0.34	-1.9	0.40
	Li3	90.07	-0.91	0.49	-0.12	0.54
	Li4	90.98	-0.67	0.68	0.03	0.84
	Li5	89.72	-0.75	0.28	0.094	0.06
	Li6	89.75	-3.44	0.41	-0.092	0.29
	Nb1	248.59	-92.87	0.27	46.7	0.13
	Nb2	299.71	121.24	0.35	12.7	0.76
L-(Na _{1/3} Li _{2/3}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.6024 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.3521 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.5097 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 108.6^\circ$	Li1	89.24	-0.75	0.27	-0.054	0.62
	Li2	90.28	-1.51	0.81	0.095	0.78
	Na3	531.69	-4.31	0.58	1.8	0.84
	Li4	90.99	-1.01	0.54	0.10	0.29
	Li5	90.15	-1.23	0.11	-0.081	0.85
	Li6	89.63	-2.77	0.48	-0.15	0.01
	Nb1	280.00	-89.77	0.50	38.8	0.32
	Nb2	293.59	93.28	0.64	-10.1	0.05
L-(Na _{1/12} Li _{11/12}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.4278 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.0855 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.3098 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 109.1^\circ$	Li1	88.87	-0.56	0.30	0.031	0.34
	Li2	90.19	-1.21	0.91	0.12	0.63
	Li3	90.19	0.59	0.69	0.058	0.19
	Na4	524.95	-7.97	0.55	-1.4	0.04
	Li5	90.09	0.77	0.63	-0.048	0.75
	Li6	89.44	-3.27	0.42	-0.13	0.44
	Nb1	280.81	-151.84	0.08	44.1	0.42
	Nb2	327.43	118.91	0.92	20.8	0.75
L-(Na _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.5787 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.1957 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.4092 \text{ \AA}$	Li1	89.21	-0.81	0.27	-0.026	0.50
	Li2	90.36	3.25	0.80	-0.058	0.69
	Li3	90.00	-0.77	0.14	0.11	0.43
	Li4	90.72	1.97	0.61	-0.13	0.09
	Na5	531.55	10.47	0.26	0.40	0.54

$\beta = 111.2^\circ$	Li6	89.97	-3.16	0.43	-0.12	0.12
	Nb1	277.17	-124.57	0.38	25.3	0.03
	Nb2	339.57	104.35	0.73	-40.2	0.10
	Li1	89.00	-0.65	0.64	0.044	0.27
	Li2	90.12	-3.30	0.74	0.13	0.51
L-(Na _{1/12} Li _{11/12}) ₃ NbO ₄	Li3	90.15	-0.56	0.32	0.052	0.96
$a = 10.5282 \text{ \AA}$	Li4	91.09	1.39	0.27	-0.057	0.21
$b = 12.0242 \text{ \AA}$	Li5	90.30	-0.39	0.46	0.11	0.37
$c = 5.2459 \text{ \AA}$	Na6	526.45	-27.90	0.38	1.8	0.93
$\beta = 108.5^\circ$	Nb1	290.94	-138.17	0.28	22.5	0.74
	Nb2	318.52	149.82	0.21	-22.0	0.47
	Na1	546.22	14.14	0.72	1.2	0.21
	Na2	544.21	18.27	0.56	-2.8	0.18
L-(Na _{1/3} Li _{2/3}) ₃ NbO ₄	Li3	89.87	-0.71	0.65	-0.14	0.49
$a = 10.7688 \text{ \AA}$	Li4	90.96	-1.09	0.45	-0.042	0.50
$b = 13.0701 \text{ \AA}$	Li5	89.83	-1.06	0.53	0.13	0.73
$c = 5.2191 \text{ \AA}$	Li6	89.42	-2.82	0.49	-0.20	0.01
$\beta = 108.4^\circ$	Nb1	234.97	-115.37	0.25	50.5	0.35
	Nb2	264.38	145.14	0.54	21.6	0.73

^aC_Q for ⁷Li nucleus. ⁶Li C_{QS} are scaled by $Q(^6\text{Li})/Q(^7\text{Li}) = 0.808/40.1$.

Supplementary Table S5. Calculated lattice and NMR parameters for L-Li₃NbO₄ containing residual H⁺.

	Site	σ_{iso} (ppm)	δ_{aniso} (ppm)	η_{cs}	C_Q (kHz) ^a	η_Q
L-(H _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.3078 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.3012 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.1978 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 108.0^\circ$	H1	12.24	-16.81	0.49		
	Li2	89.73	1.06	0.69	0.10	0.48
	Li3	90.28	-1.83	0.63	0.10	0.56
	Li4	90.94	-1.62	0.35	0.082	0.69
	Li5	89.98	1.36	0.03	0.087	0.24
	Li6	87.61	-4.13	0.62	-0.14	0.74
	Nb1	350.15	-274.93	0.46	-45.9	0.57
	Nb2	294.50	215.25	0.33	-30.9	0.36
L-(H _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.8488 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 11.3108 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.3523 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 111.5^\circ$	Li1	88.08	-1.34	0.02	0.17	0.59
	H2	11.77	-8.65	0.33		
	Li3	89.88	-1.05	0.06	0.091	0.62
	Li4	88.92	3.59	0.36	-0.33	0.11
	Li5	89.10	-0.91	0.02	0.14	0.85
	Li6	90.61	-6.29	0.34	0.23	0.13
	Nb1	340.58	254.21	0.74	78.5	0.70
	Nb2	143.93	172.14	0.29	119	0.94
L-(H _{1/3} Li _{2/3}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.9188 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.3626 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.7249 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 122.1^\circ$	Li1	87.83	-1.54	0.93	0.23	0.95
	Li2	90.61	1.91	0.82	-0.28	0.50
	H3	18.95	-3.32	0.34		
	Li4	91.12	4.58	0.97	-0.31	0.84
	Li5	90.89	2.85	0.48	0.16	0.86
	Li6	88.18	2.63	0.12	0.30	0.99
	Nb1	175.82	-430.60	0.01	-197	0.68
	Nb2	316.66	165.63	0.15	-79.0	0.60
L-(H _{1/12} Li _{11/12}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.6543 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 11.7842 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.3082 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 114.1^\circ$	Li1	88.60	-0.75	0.62	-0.077	0.30
	Li2	90.08	-3.87	0.56	0.15	0.16
	Li3	89.51	1.47	0.46	-0.11	0.94
	H4	11.02	3.44	0.62		
	Li5	90.85	1.89	0.49	-0.084	0.82
	Li6	89.57	-2.90	0.56	-0.18	0.60
	Nb1	313.50	130.89	0.93	-27.1	0.17
	Nb2	329.66	103.11	0.38	-12.5	0.15
L-(H _{1/6} Li _{5/6}) ₃ NbO ₄ $a = 10.6073 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 12.1838 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 5.0354 \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 89.1^\circ$	Li1	89.59	-1.51	0.03	0.073	0.52
	Li2	89.16	-1.61	0.97	-0.27	0.38
	Li3	88.81	-2.99	0.93	0.14	0.86
	Li4	89.18	-12.35	0.13	0.53	0.11
	H5	11.20	-13.05	0.01		

	Li6	89.01	-15.52	0.12	0.51	0.16
	Nb1	266.55	157.49	0.38	111	0.07
	Nb2	325.79	178.39	0.63	-50.4	0.01
	Li1	88.72	2.09	0.35	-0.13	0.11
	Li2	90.09	-1.75	0.38	0.12	0.63
L-(H _{1/12} Li _{11/12}) ₃ NbO ₄	Li3	89.81	1.67	0.84	0.10	0.99
<i>a</i> = 10.5857 Å	Li4	91.32	1.33	0.44	-0.12	0.19
<i>b</i> = 11.8977 Å	Li5	90.62	1.88	0.34	-0.10	0.32
<i>c</i> = 5.3371 Å	H6	8.09	-3.38	0.21		
β = 113.9°	Nb1	312.43	-110.10	0.55	16.7	0.21
	Nb2	308.39	117.45	0.59	-17.5	0.01
	H1	12.93	-19.45	0.39		
	H2	13.78	-16.22	0.01		
L-(H _{1/3} Li _{2/3}) ₃ NbO ₄	Li3	89.27	-3.32	0.35	0.22	0.62
<i>a</i> = 10.2121 Å	Li4	90.30	-9.71	0.10	0.51	0.07
<i>b</i> = 11.7563 Å	Li5	89.56	-4.97	0.33	0.24	0.97
<i>c</i> = 5.9172 Å	Li6	86.07	-4.37	0.87	-0.35	0.46
β = 99.4°	Nb1	377.60	-298.56	0.54	52.6	0.47
	Nb2	239.54	296.45	0.42	17.8	0.40

^aC_Q for ⁷Li nucleus. ⁶Li C_{QS} are scaled by $Q(^6\text{Li})/Q(^7\text{Li}) = 0.808/40.1$.