

**Metallic Clusters Interactions: Structures of
Co(H₂O)₆K₂M₂W₄O₁₉·xH₂O (M=V, Nb)**

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The compounds [Co(H₂O)₆]K₂V₂W₄O₁₉·3H₂O (**1**) and [Co(H₂O)₆]K₂Nb₂W₄O₁₉ (**2**) crystallizes respectively in the Orthorhombic system, space group Cmc₂m and the Hexagonal system, space group R-3m. The cell parameters for (**1**) are a=11.645(1)Å, b=13.242(1)Å, c=15.417(1)Å, V=2377(3) Å³ with Z=4 and a=9.887(2) Å c=24.242(1) Å, V= 2052.4(2) Å³ with Z=4 for (**2**). The structure of the anion [M₂W₄O₁₉]⁴⁻ (M=V or Nb) is essentially that of Lindqvist^[1], the metals positions are disordered, occupancies of V or Nb and W were refined and are close to the theoretical values. The crystal structure shows that the oppositely charged polyhedral ions are arranged alternately and have their faces parallel to each other for maximal interactions (face-to-face interaction)^[2]. The crystal (**1**) has large mono-directional channels along the [001] axis with a sectional area of 10.23 x 6.35 Å² that are filled by cobalt. The crystal (**2**) has also mono-directional quasi squared channels along the [012] axis with a sectional area of (4.52)² Å² that are filled by cobalt.

[1] Lindqvist, *I. Ark. Kemi.*, 1952, **5**, 247. [2] Son J., Kwon Y., *Inorg. Chem.*, 2004, **43**, 1929-1932.

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