

## Equilibrium constants for hydrolysis and associated equilibria in critical compilations

# Niobium

Equilibrium reactions	lgK at infinite dilution and $T = 298\text{ K}$	
	Baes and Mesmer, 1976	Filella and May, 2020 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{Nb(OH)}_5 + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{Nb(OH)}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\sim -0.6$	1.603
$\text{Nb(OH)}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Nb(OH)}_6^- + \text{H}^+$	$\sim -4.8$	-4.951
$\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{8-} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{HNb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{7-}$		14.95
$\text{HNb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{7-} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{6-}$		13.23
$\text{H}_2\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{6-} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{19}^{5-}$		11.73
$1/2 \text{ Nb}_2\text{O}_5(\text{act}) + 5/2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Nb(OH)}_5$	$\sim -7.4$	
$\text{Nb(OH)}_5(\text{am,s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Nb(OH)}_5$		-7.510
$\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5(\text{s}) + 5 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{ Nb(OH)}_5$		-18.31

<sup>a</sup>The number of significant figures are retained to minimise propagation of round-off errors; they should not be taken to indicate the relative uncertainty of the values, which is always at least one order of magnitude less than indicated.

C.F. Baes and R.E. Mesmer, *The Hydrolysis of Cations*. Wiley, New York, 1976, p. 252.

M. Filella and P.M. May, The aqueous solution thermodynamics of niobium under conditions of environmental and biological interest. *Applied Geochemistry*, 122, 104729 (2020). doi:10.1016/j.apgeochem.2020.104729

# Distribution diagrams

These diagrams have been computed at two Nb concentrations ( $1 \text{ mM} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ }\mu\text{M} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) with the 'best' equilibrium constants above (in green). Calculations assume  $T = 298 \text{ K}$  for the limiting case of zero ionic strength (*i.e.*, even neglecting plotted ions). The polynuclear species could not be included because isolated.

