

# Supporting Information:

## ‘Ferroelectric’ Metals Reexamined: Fundamental Mechanisms and Design Considerations for New Materials

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Table 1: Comparison between calculated and experimental structural parameters of  $R\bar{3}c$   $\text{LiOsO}_3$  in the hexagonal setting. The calculated lattice parameters are  $a = 5.1091 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 13.0175 \text{ \AA}$ , compared with the experimental lattice parameters  $a = 5.0638 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 13.2110 \text{ \AA}$ . The calculated rotation angle for the  $\text{OsO}_6$  octahedra is  $23.9^\circ$ , compared with an experimental value of  $24.2^\circ$ . Experimental data are from Shi, *et al Nature Materials* **12** 1024 (2013).

Atom	Wyckoff site	Theory			Experiment		
		$x$	$y$	$z$	$x$	$y$	$z$
Li	6a	0	0	0.25	0	0	0.25
Os	6b	0	0	0	0	0	0
O	18e	0.6277	0	0.25	0.6298	0	0.25

Table 2: Comparison between calculated and experimental structural parameters of  $R\bar{3}c$   $\text{LiOsO}_3$  in the hexagonal setting. The calculated lattice parameters are  $a = 5.0421 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 13.2470 \text{ \AA}$ , compared with the experimental lattice parameters  $a = 5.0456 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 13.2390 \text{ \AA}$ . Experimental reference as above.

Atom	Wyckoff site	Theory			Experiment		
		$x$	$y$	$z$	$x$	$y$	$z$
Li	6a	0	0	0.2199	0	0	0.2147
Os	6a	0	0	0.0057	0	0	0
O	18b	0.6701	-0.0311	0.2582	0.6260	-0.0102	0.2525