

## Supporting Information

### Non-typical sequence of phase transitions in $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{GeF}_7$ : Optical and structural characterization

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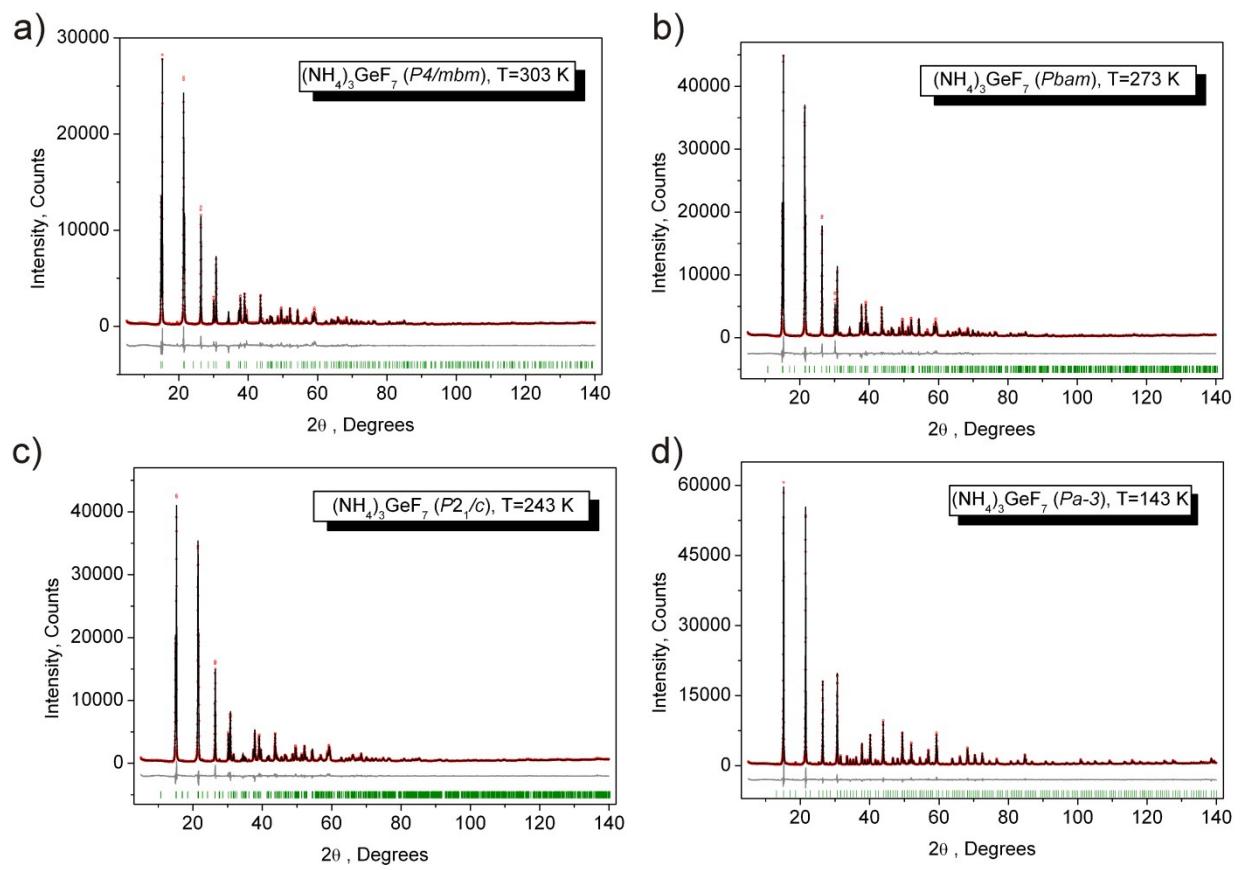
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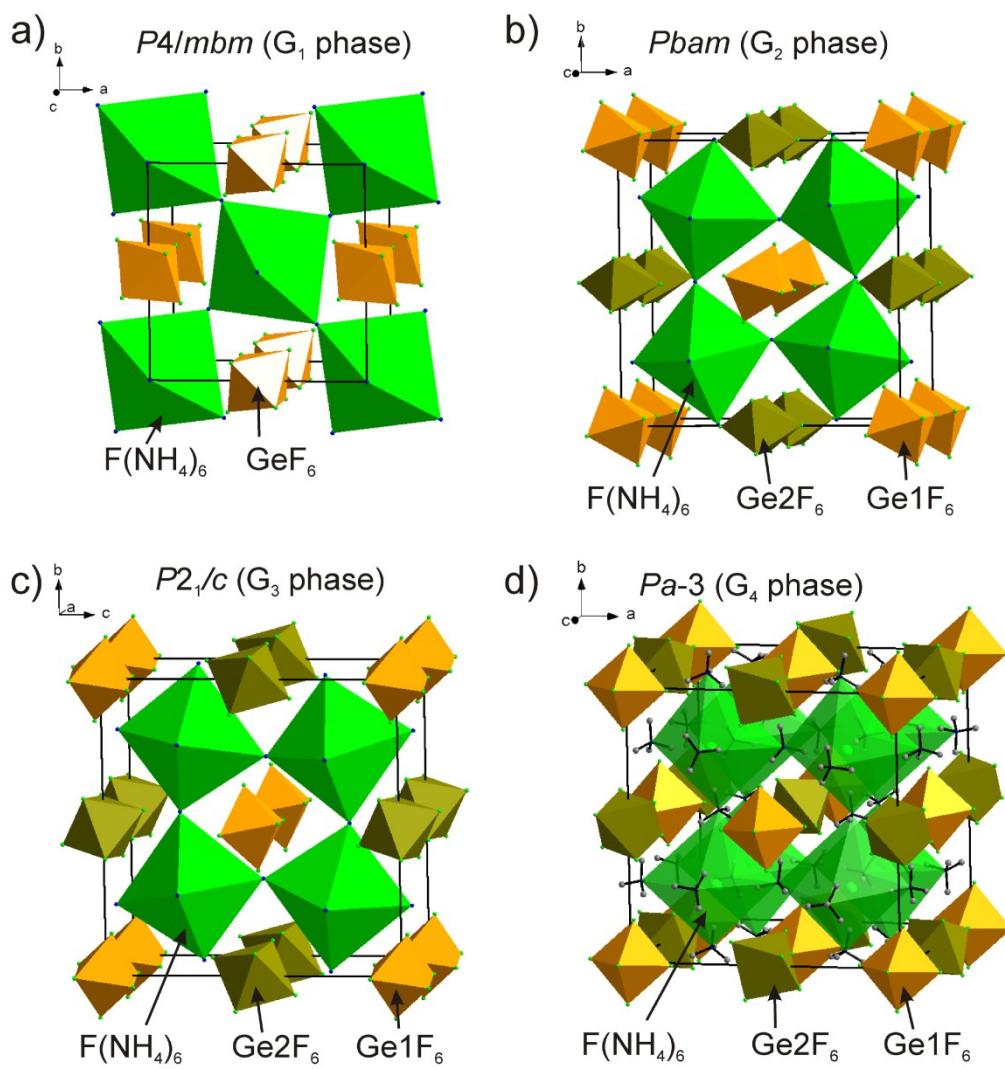
**Table 1S.** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) of  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{GeF}_7$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B_{\text{iso}}$
<i>P4/mbm</i> (G <sub>1</sub> phase) at T = 303 K				
Ge1	0	0.5	0	1.4 (2)
F1	0	0	0.5	6.2 (2)
F2	0.3556 (7)	0.8556 (7)	0	6.2 (2)
F3	0.1019 (6)	0.6019 (6)	0.2112 (9)	6.2 (2)
N1	0	0	0	4.2 (3)
N2	0.2832 (7)	0.7832 (7)	0.5	4.2 (3)
<i>Pbam</i> (G <sub>2</sub> phase) at T = 273 K				
Ge1	0	0.5	0	2.0 (2)
Ge2	0	0	0	2.0 (2)
F1	0.250 (1)	0.257 (1)	0.5	6.4 (2)
F2	-0.057 (1)	0.136 (1)	0	6.4 (2)
F3	0.1456 (9)	0.498 (2)	0	6.4 (2)
F4	-0.007 (1)	0.4057 (8)	0.227 (1)	6.4 (2)
F5	0.1026 (6)	0.0302 (9)	0.194 (1)	6.4 (2)
N1	0.245 (2)	0.227 (1)	0	3.1 (2)
N2	-0.016 (1)	0.211 (2)	0.5	3.1 (2)
N3	0.213 (1)	0.492 (2)	0.5	3.1 (2)
<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i> (G <sub>3</sub> phase) at T = 243 K				
Ge1	0	0	0	1.7 (1)
Ge2	0	0.5	0	2.0 (1)
F1	0.522 (2)	0.260 (1)	0.2656 (8)	4.03 (8)
F2	-0.016 (3)	0.1431 (7)	0.023 (1)	4.03 (8)
F3	-0.029 (2)	0.5612 (9)	0.1412 (8)	4.03 (8)
F4	0.177 (2)	0.392 (1)	0.049 (1)	4.03 (8)
F5	0.186 (2)	0.026 (1)	-0.108 (1)	4.03 (8)
F6	0.238 (2)	0.591 (1)	-0.027 (1)	4.03 (8)
F7	0.256 (2)	-0.008 (1)	0.0841 (9)	4.03 (8)
N1	-0.046 (2)	0.275 (1)	0.251 (1)	1.9 (2)
N2	0.493 (4)	0.206 (1)	-0.007 (2)	1.9 (2)

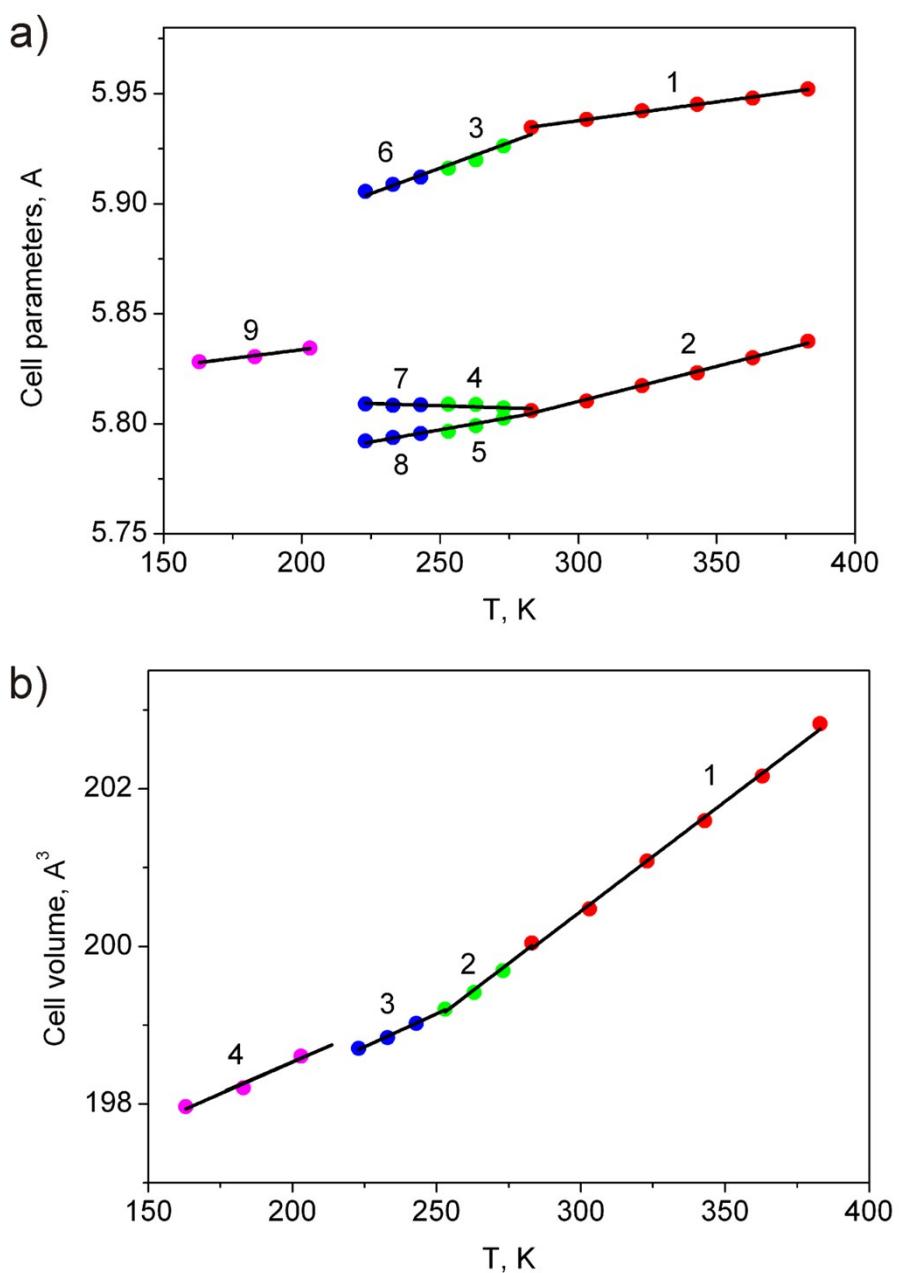
N3	0.506 (3)	0.018 (1)	0.285 (1)	1.9 (2)
<i>Pa3</i> (G <sub>4</sub> phase) at T = 143 K				
Ge1	0	0	0	1.26 (6)
Ge2	0.5	0	0	1.16 (6)
F1	0.1533 (2)	-0.0071 (3)	0.0120 (4)	2.33 (8)
F2	0.3880 (3)	0.0920 (3)	0.0527 (2)	1.30 (8)
F3	0.2537 (3)	0.2537 (3)	0.2537 (3)	1.97 (7)
N	0.2412 (4)	0.2324 (5)	0.4810 (4)	2.3 (1)
H1	0.2793 (4)	0.1701 (5)	0.5064 (4)	4
H2	0.2581 (4)	0.2444 (5)	0.4066 (4)	4
H3	0.1652 (4)	0.2210 (5)	0.4887 (4)	4
H4	0.2622 (4)	0.2941 (5)	0.5225 (4)	4



**Figure 1S.** Difference Rietveld plot of  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{GeF}_7$  at: a)  $T = 303\text{ K}$  in  $G_1$  phase ( $P4/mbm$ ); b)  $T = 273\text{ K}$  in  $G_2$  phase ( $Pbam$ ); c)  $T = 243\text{ K}$  in  $G_3$  phase ( $P2_1/c$ ); d)  $T = 143\text{ K}$  in  $G_4$  phase ( $Pa\bar{3}$ ).



**Figure 2S.** Crystal structures of  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{GeF}_7$ : a)  $G_1$  phase ( $P4/mbm$ ) at  $T = 303$  K; b)  $G_2$  phase ( $Pbam$ ) at  $T = 273$  K, c)  $G_3$  phase ( $P2_1/c$ ) at  $T = 243$  K; d)  $G_4$  phase ( $Pa\bar{3}$ ) at  $T = 143$  K.



**Figure 3S.** Temperature dependence of: a) the cell parameters  $c$  (1) and  $a/2^{1/2}$  (2) in G<sub>1</sub> phase,  $c$  (3),  $a/2$  (4) and  $b/2$  (5) in G<sub>2</sub> phase,  $a$  (6),  $c/2$  (7) and  $b/2$  (8) in G<sub>3</sub> phase,  $a/2$  in G<sub>4</sub> phase; b) the cell volume of formula unit  $V/2$  (1) in G<sub>1</sub> phase,  $V/4$  (2) in G<sub>2</sub> phase,  $V/4$  in G<sub>3</sub> phase,  $V/8$  in G<sub>4</sub> phase.