

# Ordnung muss sein: heteroelement order and disorder in polyoxovanadates

M. Wendt<sup>a</sup>, L. K. Mahnke<sup>a</sup>, C. Näther<sup>a</sup>, J. van Leusen<sup>b</sup>, P. Kögerler<sup>b</sup> and W. Bensch<sup>a</sup>

## Content

Syntheses.....	2
Characterization Methods.....	3
Tab. S 1: EDX Data of compounds <b>1-3</b> .....	4
Tab. S 2: BVS calculations for determination of the oxidations state of V for compounds <b>1-3</b> With b = 0.37 and RO for V-O = 1.773. <sup>[1]</sup> .....	5
Tab. S 3: BVS calculations for determination of the oxidations state of the O-H groups for compounds <b>1-3</b> with b = 0.94 and RO for O-H = 0.569. <sup>i</sup> .....	7
Tab. S 4: Selected data of data acquisition and crystal structure refinement results for <b>1-3</b> .....	10
Tab. S 5: Selected bond lengths [Å] for the anion in compound <b>1</b> .....	14
Tab. S 6: Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for the Ni complexes in compound <b>1</b> .....	16
Tab. S 7: Geometric parameters for the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound <b>1</b> [Å and °].....	17
Tab. S 8: Bond lengths [Å] for the anion in compound <b>2</b> .....	18
Tab. S 9: Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for the Ni complexes in compound <b>2</b> .....	19
Tab. S 10: Geometric parameters of the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound <b>2</b> [Å and °].....	20
Tab. S 11: Selected bond lengths [Å] for the anion in compound <b>3</b> .....	21
Tab. S 12: Bond lengths [Å] and angles of the Ni complexes [°] for compound <b>3</b> .....	23
Tab. S 13: Geometric parameters of the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound <b>3</b> [Å and °].....	24
Tab. S 14: Mixed occupancies of the heteroatom positions in <b>1</b> and <b>2</b> .....	25
Fig. S 1: IR spectrum of compound <b>1</b> .....	8
Fig. S 2: IR spectrum of compound <b>2</b> .....	8
Fig. S 3: IR spectrum of compound <b>3</b> .....	9
Fig. S 4: Powder pattern of compound <b>1</b> compared with calculated Data.....	11
Fig. S 5: Powder pattern of compound <b>2</b> compared with calculated Data.....	12
Fig. S 6: Powder pattern of compound <b>3</b> compared with calculated Data.....	12
Fig. S 7: View of the three different $[Ni(en)_3]^{2+}$ complexes in compound <b>1</b> ; all of the complexes are $\Lambda$ -isomers. Grey spheres represent C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity.....	13
Fig. S 8: The two isomeric structures of $[Ni(en)_3]^{2+}$ of compound <b>2</b> : left: $\Delta$ -isomer, right: $\Lambda$ - isomer. Grey: C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity. Only selected atoms are labeled.....	13
Fig. S 9: View of the three different $[Ni(en)_3]^{2+}$ complexes in compound <b>3</b> ; Ni(1) is a $\Delta$ -isomer and Ni(2) and Ni(3) are $\Lambda$ -isomers. Grey: C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity. Only selected atoms are labeled.....	13
Fig. S 10: Chains of cluster anions generated by short Sb···O intercluster interactions (dashed lines) along [100].....	26
Fig. S 11: Alternating cations and the cluster anions in <b>2</b> . H-atoms have been omitted for clarity.....	26
Fig. S 12: Intermolecular Sb···O contacts (dashed lines) between the anions in the structure of <b>3</b> generating a wavy chain along [001].....	26
Fig. S 13: TG-curve of compound <b>1</b> .....	26
Fig. S 14: TG-curve of compound <b>2</b> .....	27

[a] Dr. Michael Wendt, M. Sc. L. K. Mahnke, Prof. Dr. C. Näther, Prof. Dr. W. Bensch  
Institut für Anorganische Chemie  
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, 24118  
Kiel, Germany  
E-mail: wbensch@ac.uni-kiel.de

[b] Dr. Jan van Leusen, Prof. Dr. P. Kögerler  
Institut für Anorganische Chemie  
RWTH Aachen University, 52074 Aachen,  
Germany  
E-mail: paul.koegerler@ac.rwth-aachen.de

## Syntheses

*General:* The purchased chemicals ( $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ ,  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  (Merck),  $\text{GeO}_2$  (ABCR), diethylenetriamine (Acros), ethylenediamine (Fluka) and phenanthroline (ABCR)) were used without further purifications. The solvothermal reactions of **1** and **2** were performed in DURAN® glass tubes with an inner volume of 11 mL for 7 d at 150 °C. The products consisting of brown crystals were filtered off and washed with water after cooling to room temperature.

### Synthesis of $\{\text{Ni(en)}_3\}_3[\text{H}_4\text{V}_{15}\text{Sb}_2\text{Ge}_4\text{O}_{46}]\cdot\text{en}\cdot\approx 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1):

Compound **1** was obtained by using a solution of 1.7 mL ethylenediamine and 2.3 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was given to a mixture of 0.1256 g (1.07 mmol)  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ , 0.1234 g (0.423 mmol)  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ , 0.0442 g (0.423 mmol)  $\text{GeO}_2$  and 0.1251 g (0.526 mmol)  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (pH > 13). Yield based on V was 67 %. Elemental analyses: C 8.00, H 3.25, N 9.92 %; calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{104}\text{Ge}_4\text{N}_{20}\text{Ni}_3\text{O}_{56}\text{Sb}_2\text{V}_{15}$ : C 8.02, H 3.50, N 9.35 %.

EDX ratio: 4.0 (Ge, 16.7 at%) : 3.0 (Ni, 12.5 at%) : 2.0 (Sb, 14.8 at%) : 15.0 (V, 62.5 at%)

### Synthesis of $\{\text{Ni(en)}_3\}_3[\text{H}_3\text{V}_{15}\text{Sb}_3\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{45}]\cdot\approx 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2):

A solution of 1.7 mL ethylenediamine and 2.3 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were given to a mixture of 0.0944 g (0.800 mmol)  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ , 0.0920 g (0.315 mmol)  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$ , 0.0330 g (0.315 mmol)  $\text{GeO}_2$  and 0.0936 g (0.393 mmol)  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (pH > 13) afforded crystallization of **2**. Yield based on V was 88 %. Elemental analyses: C 7.17, H 3.29, N 8.54 %; calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{105}\text{Ge}_3\text{N}_{18}\text{Ni}_3\text{O}_{60}\text{Sb}_3\text{V}_{15}$ : C 7.07, H 3.46, N 8.25 %.

EDX ratio: 3.0 (Ge, 12.5 at%) : 3.0 (Ni, 12.5 at%) : 3.0 (Sb, 12.5 at%) : 15.0 (V, 62.5 at%)

### Synthesis of $\{\text{Ni(en)}_3\}_3[\text{V}_{15}\text{Ge}_3\text{Sb}_3\text{O}_{45}]\cdot\approx 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)

Compound **3** was obtained using the precursor compound  $\{\text{Ni(en)}_3\}_3[\text{V}_{15}\text{Sb}_6\text{O}_{42}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x]\cdot\text{ca.}15\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**4**). **4** was synthesized using the published protocol.<sup>[ii]</sup> 0.1461 g (0.048 mmol) of the precursor compound **4** were mixed with 0.0222 g (0.212 mmol)  $\text{GeO}_2$  (Fluka) and a solution of 3.9 mL dist. water and 0.1 mL ethylenediamine (pH ≈ 11). The mixture was heated for 24 h at 150°C. The product was washed with dist. water and ethanol. The brown crystals have been cleaned by sonication in ethanol. Yield based on V: 46 %. Elemental analyses: C 7.00, H 3.00, N 7.92 %; calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{101}\text{Ge}_3\text{N}_{18}\text{Ni}_3\text{O}_{58}\text{Sb}_3\text{V}_{15}$ : C 7.16, H 3.37, N 8.34 %.

EDX ratio: 3.0 (Ge, 12.3 at%) : 3.3 (Ni, 13.1 at%) : 3.6 (Sb, 14.8 at%) : 14.6 (V, 59.8 at%)

## Characterization Methods

X-ray powder patterns were recorded on a STOE Stadi-P powder diffractometer with a Ge monochromator with  $\text{Cu}_{\text{K}\alpha 1}$  radiation and a Mythen 1k detector.

A EURO EA elemental analyzer of EURO VECTOR instruments was used for elemental analysis.

DTA-TG measurements were done in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  crucibles with a Netzsch STA 409 CD under a nitrogen flow of  $75 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$  at a heating rate of  $4\text{K min}^{-1}$ .

A Philips Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope ESEM XL30 equipped with an EDX detector enabled investigations for energy dispersive X-ray analyses (EDX).

A Genesis FTIRTM spectrometer from ATI Mattson was used for collecting IR spectra in the range from 400 to  $4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Magnetic data of **1-3** were collected using a Quantum Design MPMS-5XL SQUID magnetometer. Samples were compacted and immobilized into cylindrical PTFE capsules. Temperature-dependent data were recorded in the range 2.0 – 290 K at 0.1 T, and field dependent data in the range 0 – 5.0 T at 2.0 K. The data were corrected for the diamagnetic contributions of both the sample holders and the compounds ( $\chi_{\text{m,dia}} / 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} = -1.50$  (**I**),  $-1.53$  (**II**),  $-1.88$  (**III**)).

Tab. S 1: EDX Data of compounds **1-3**.

	V [at%]	Sb [at%]	Ge [at%]	Ni [at%]
<b>[V<sub>15</sub>Sb<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>4</sub>Ni<sub>3</sub>] (1)</b>	62.51	8.33	16.66	12.50
<b>[V<sub>15</sub>Sb<sub>3</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Ni<sub>3</sub>] (2)</b>	62.51	12.50	12.50	12.50
<b>[V<sub>15</sub>Sb<sub>3</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Ni<sub>2</sub>] (3)</b>	59.80	14.80	12.30	13.10

Tab. S 2: BVS calculations for determination of the oxidation state of V for compounds **1-3** With b = 0.37 and R0 for V-O = 1.773.<sup>[1]</sup>

{Ni(en) <sub>3</sub> } <sub>3</sub> [H <sub>4</sub> V <sub>15</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> Ge <sub>4</sub> O <sub>46</sub> ] · en (I)		{Ni(en) <sub>3</sub> } <sub>3</sub> [H <sub>3</sub> V <sub>15</sub> Sb <sub>3</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> O <sub>45</sub> ] (II)		{Ni(en) <sub>3</sub> } <sub>3</sub> [H <sub>3</sub> V <sub>15</sub> Sb <sub>3</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> O <sub>45</sub> ] (III)						
V(1)-O	distances	exp[(R0-R)/b]	V(1)-O	distances	exp[(R0-R)/b]	V(1)-O	distances	exp[(R0-R)/b]		
	1.613	1.54		1.62	1.53		1.615	1.53		
	1.916	0.68		1.94	0.64		1.948	0.62		
	1.934	0.65		1.94	0.64		1.954	0.61		
	1.968	0.59		1.95	0.61		1.958	0.61		
	2.008	0.53		2.00	0.54		2.001	0.54		
	<b>3.99</b>			<b>3.97</b>			<b>3.92</b>			
V(2)-O	1.621	1.51	V(2)-O	1.61	1.55	V(2)-O	1.603	1.58		
	1.914	0.68		1.93	0.66		1.925	0.66		
	1.916	0.68		1.94	0.64		1.932	0.65		
	1.973	0.58		2.01	0.52		1.955	0.61		
	1.982	0.57		1.98	0.57		2.011	0.53		
<b>4.02</b>		<b>3.93</b>		<b>4.03</b>						
V(3)-O	1.607	1.57	V(3)-O	1.61	1.54	V(3)-O	1.606	1.57		
	1.923	0.67		1.92	0.67		1.927	0.66		
	1.941	0.64		1.94	0.63		1.932	0.65		
	1.959	0.60		1.94	0.63		1.965	0.60		
	2.019	0.51		1.98	0.57		2.002	0.54		
<b>3.99</b>		<b>4.04</b>		<b>4.01</b>						
V(4)-O	1.612	1.55	V(4)-O	1.63	1.48	V(4)-O	1.596	1.61		
	1.913	0.68		1.91	0.69		1.91	0.69		
	1.944	0.63		1.94	0.64		1.947	0.62		
	1.959	0.60		1.97	0.58		1.974	0.58		
	2.003	0.54		1.99	0.55		2.016	0.52		
<b>4.00</b>		<b>3.95</b>		<b>4.03</b>						
V(5)-O	1.607	1.57	V(5)-O	1.61	1.56	V(5)-O	1.603	1.58		
	1.929	0.66		1.92	0.68		1.911	0.69		
	1.943	0.63		1.94	0.64		1.954	0.61		
	1.966	0.59		1.98	0.57		1.954	0.61		
	1.997	0.55		1.99	0.56		2.015	0.52		
<b>3.99</b>		<b>4.02</b>		<b>4.02</b>						
V(6)-O	1.607	1.57	V(6)-O	1.62	1.53	V(6)-O	1.608	1.56		
	1.91	0.69		1.92	0.67		1.922	0.67		
	1.941	0.64		1.92	0.66		1.95	0.62		
	1.992	0.55		1.99	0.56		1.976	0.58		
	2.005	0.53		1.99	0.56		2.006	0.53		
<b>3.98</b>		<b>3.98</b>		<b>3.96</b>						

V(7)-O	1.609	1.56
	1.936	0.64
	1.936	0.64
	1.943	0.63
	2.025	0.51
	<b>3.98</b>	

V(7)-O	1.62	1.51
	1.92	0.67
	1.93	0.65
	1.95	0.61
	2.01	0.53
	<b>3.97</b>	

V(7)-O	1.597	1.61
	1.925	0.66
	1.934	0.65
	1.978	0.57
	1.979	0.57
	<b>4.07</b>	

V(8)-O	1.609	1.56
	1.909	0.69
	1.941	0.64
	1.98	0.57
	2.007	0.53
	<b>3.99</b>	

V(8)-O	1.61	1.56
	1.93	0.66
	1.93	0.66
	2.00	0.55
	2.00	0.55
	<b>3.98</b>	

V(8)-O	1.607	1.57
	1.922	0.67
	1.937	0.64
	1.948	0.62
	2.006	0.53
	<b>4.03</b>	

V(9)-O	1.611	1.55
	1.935	0.65
	1.944	0.63
	1.952	0.62
	2.021	0.51
	<b>3.95</b>	

V(9)-O	1.607	1.57
	1.939	0.64
	1.943	0.63
	1.943	0.63
	1.998	0.54
	<b>4.01</b>	

V(10)-O	1.621	1.51
	1.91	0.69
	1.932	0.65
	1.953	0.61
	1.988	0.56
	<b>4.02</b>	

V(10)-O	1.616	1.53
	1.896	0.72
	1.921	0.67
	1.966	0.59
	1.998	0.54
	<b>4.05</b>	

V(11)-O	1.597	1.61
	1.936	0.64
	1.936	0.64
	1.986	0.56
	1.997	0.55
	<b>4.00</b>	

V(11)-O	1.605	1.57
	1.927	0.66
	1.945	0.63
	1.973	0.58
	1.999	0.54
	<b>3.99</b>	

V(12)-O	1.608	1.56
	1.936	0.64
	1.936	0.64
	1.964	0.60
	2.022	0.51
	<b>3.96</b>	

V(12)-O	1.625	1.49
	1.909	0.69
	1.953	0.61
	1.954	0.61
	2.024	0.51
	<b>3.92</b>	

V(13)-O	1.62	1.51
	1.916	0.68
	1.936	0.64
	1.972	0.58
	1.997	0.55
	<b>3.97</b>	

V(13)-O	1.608	1.56
	1.912	0.69
	1.917	0.68
	1.989	0.56
	2.012	0.52
	<b>4.01</b>	

V(14)-O	1.624	<b>1.50</b>
	1.929	0.66
	1.935	0.65
	1.957	0.61
	1.994	0.55
		<b>3.96</b>

V(14)-O	1.606	<b>1.57</b>
	1.93	0.65
	1.949	0.62
	1.95	0.62
	2.028	0.50
		<b>3.97</b>

V(15)-O	1.611	<b>1.55</b>
	1.909	0.69
	1.952	0.62
	1.978	0.57
	2	0.54
		<b>3.97</b>

V(15)-O	<b>1.61</b>	1.55
	1.924	0.66
	1.934	0.65
	1.958	0.61
	1.962	0.60
		<b>4.07</b>

Tab. S 3: BVS calculations for determination of the oxidations state of the O-H groups for compounds **1-3** with b = 0.94 and R0 for O-H = 0.569.<sup>i</sup>

	distances	$\exp[(R0-R)/b]$
O(4)-X	1.701	<b>1.22</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.09</b>

	distances	$\exp[(R0-R)/b]$
O(1)-X	1.712	<b>1.19</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.06</b>

	distances	$\exp[(R0-R)/b]$
O(6)-X	1.657	<b>1.38</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.25</b>

O(11)-X	1.733	<b>1.12</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>1.99</b>

O(2)-X	1.731	<b>1.13</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.00</b>

O(12)-X	1.637	<b>1.45</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.32</b>

O(18)-X	1.65	<b>1.40</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.27</b>

O(3)-X	1.692	<b>1.25</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.12</b>

O(18)-X	1.672	<b>1.32</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.19</b>

O(14)-X	1.546	<b>1.86</b>
	0.7	0.87
		<b>2.73</b>

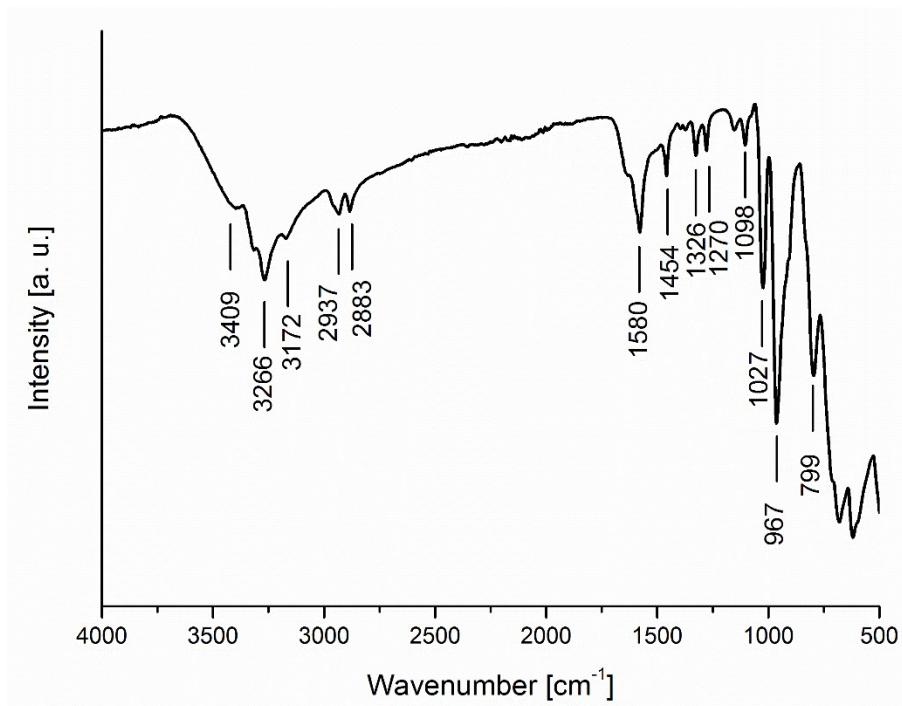


Fig. S 1: IR spectrum of compound 1.

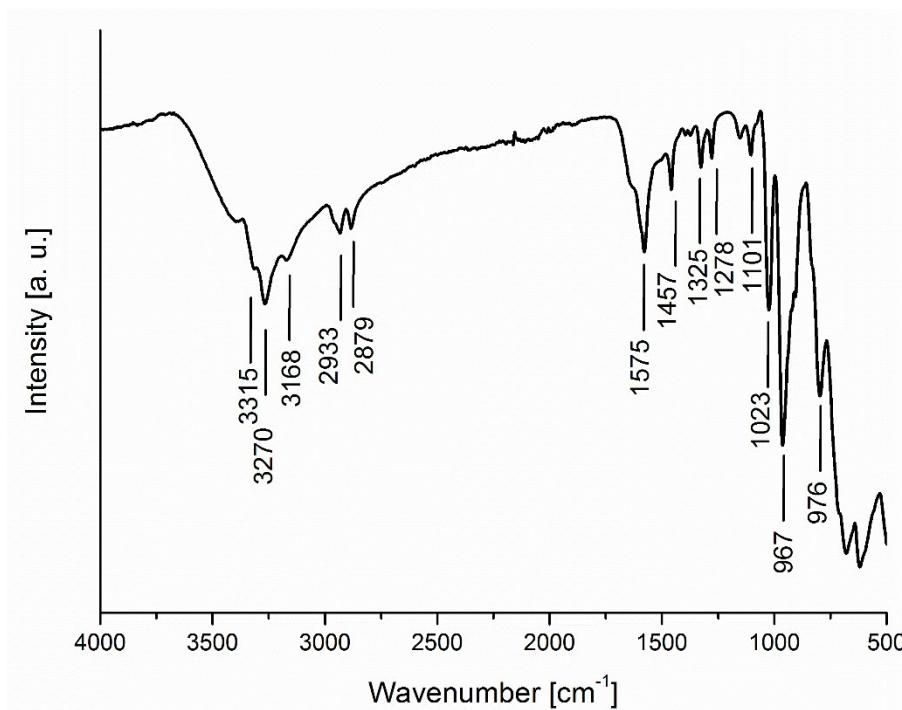


Fig. S 2: IR spectrum of compound 2.

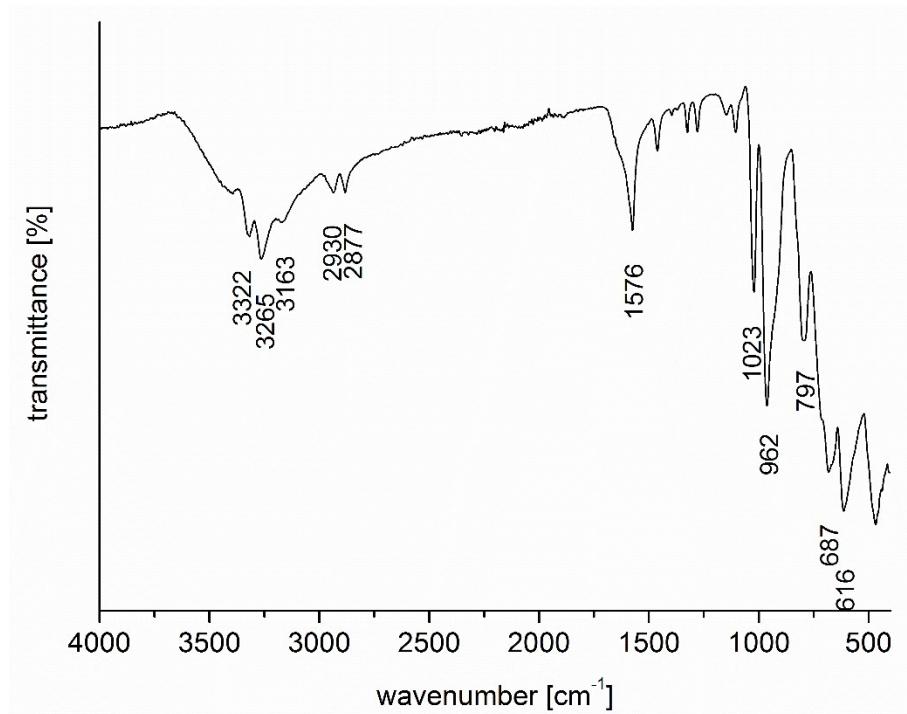


Fig. S 3: IR spectrum of compound 3.

Tab. S 4: Selected data of data acquisition and crystal structure refinement results for **1**-**3**.

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Formula</b>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>84</sub> Ge <sub>4</sub> N <sub>20</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> O <sub>46</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> V <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>75</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> N <sub>18</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> O <sub>45</sub> Sb <sub>3</sub> V <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>93</sub> Ge <sub>3</sub> N <sub>18</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> O <sub>54</sub> Sb <sub>3</sub> V <sub>15</sub>
<b>MW / g·mol<sup>-1</sup></b>	2815.16	2787.21	2949.35
<b>crystal system</b>	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
<b>space group</b>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	C2	P2 <sub>1</sub>
<b>a / Å</b>	12.6027(7)	18.1983(12)	14.9473(3)
<b>b / Å</b>	26.4698(17)	22.7116(15)	18.8080(3)
<b>c / Å</b>	15.1116(9)	14.4488(10)	16.1556(3)
<b>α / °</b>	90	90	90
<b>β / °</b>	114.801(6)	126.600(6)	112.6160(10)
<b>γ / °</b>	90	90	90
<b>V / Å<sup>3</sup></b>	4576.2(5)	4794.3(6)	4192.55(14)
<b>T / K</b>	200	200	170
<b>Z</b>	2	2	2
<b>Density / Mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	2.043	1.931	2.336
<b>μ / mm<sup>-1</sup></b>	4.005	3.787	4.343
<b>θ<sub>max</sub> / °</b>	26.98	27.996	28.003
<b>measured refl.</b>	32887	29983	51412
<b>unique refl.</b>	19699	11322	17911
<b>R<sub>int</sub></b>	0.0292	0.0563	0.0568
<b>refl. with F<sub>0</sub>&gt;4σ(F<sub>0</sub>)</b>	18236	10041	16811
<b>Parameters</b>	1003	512	1104
<b>R<sub>1</sub>[F<sub>0</sub>&gt;4σ(F<sub>0</sub>)]</b>	0.0344	0.0314	0.0469
<b>wR<sub>2</sub> (all refl.)</b>	0.0873	0.0775	0.1181
<b>GOF</b>	1.037	0.996	1.025
<b>Δρ<sub>max/min</sub> / e·Å<sup>-3</sup></b>	1.830, -1.833	0.721, -0.690	2.251/-1.978
<b>Flack x parameter</b>	-	0.017(8)	-
<b>BASF parameter</b>	0.038(11)	-	0.12(2)

### Single crystal X-ray analysis

The data were measured using an Imaging Plate Diffraction System (IPDS-2) from STOE, Germany with MoK $\alpha$ -radiation. For all compounds a numerical absorption correction was performed. The structure were solved with SHELXT and refined using SHELXL-2014. All non-hydrogen atoms, except the O atoms of lower occupancy connected to the Ge atoms in **1** and **2** were refined anisotropic. The C-H and N-H H atoms were positioned with idealized geometry and refined isotropic with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  using a riding model. In all compounds the O-H H atoms were not located but considered in the calculation of the formula and the molecular mass. In compound **3**, some of the ethylenediamine molecules are disordered and were refined using a split model. For this compound the Flack-x parameter is close to 0, but not within the estimated standard deviation. Therefore, a twin-refinement was performed, which was also performed for compound **1**. In compound **1** and **2**, some of the Ge and Sb atoms occupy the same crystallographic positions. In the

beginning the site occupation factor was refined but finally it was fixed to the refined values. In both of these compounds there are also additional water molecules that are disordered and for which no reasonable structure model was found. Therefore, the data were corrected for disordered solvent using the Squeeze option in Platon. For compound **1** a void volume of  $824.5 \text{ \AA}^3$  is calculated which can host  $\approx 10 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$  molecules per formula unit. For **2**, the calculated void space is  $1202 \text{ \AA}^3$  which is large enough for 15 water molecules per formula unit.

CCDC 1503959 (Compound **1**), CCDC 1503958 (Compound **2**) and CCDC 1820425 (Compound **3**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

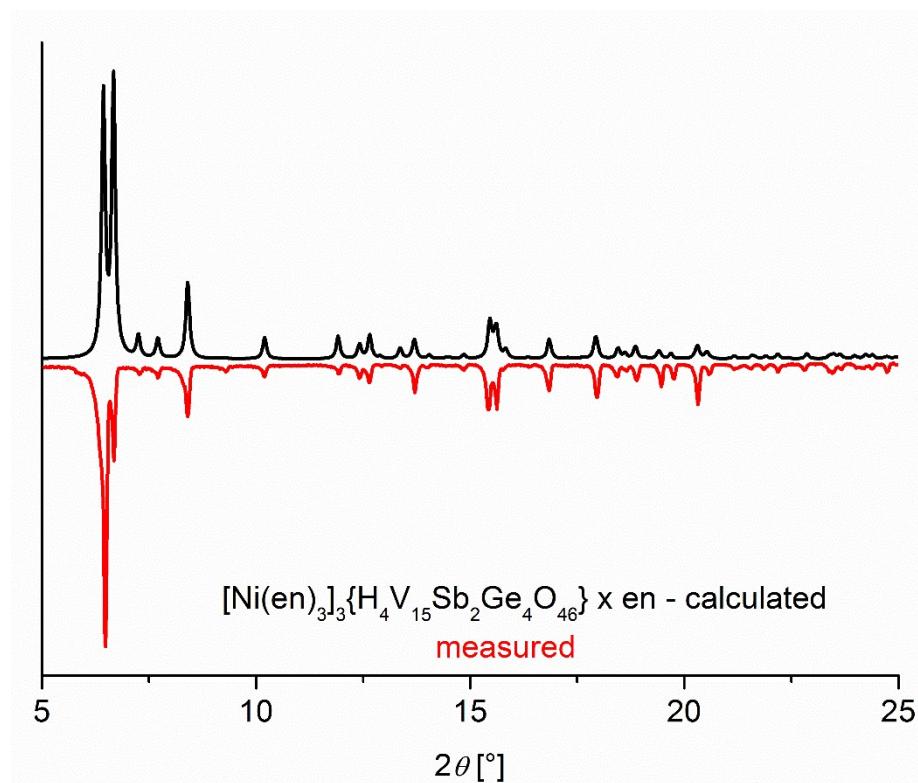


Fig. S 4: Powder pattern of compound **1** compared with calculated Data.

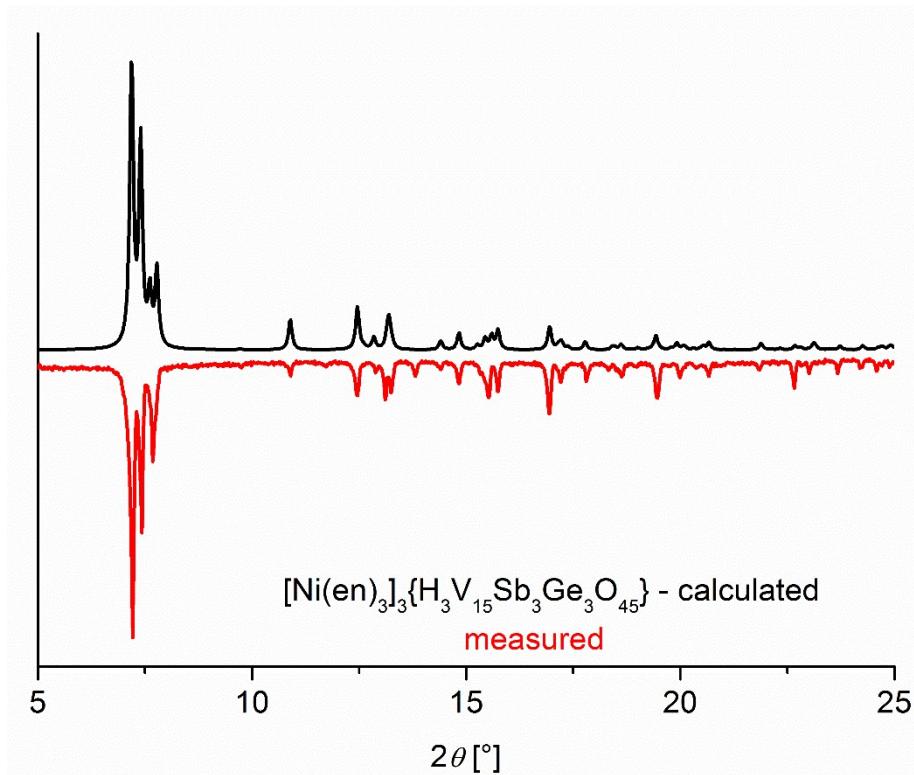


Fig. S 5: Powder pattern of compound 2 compared with calculated Data.

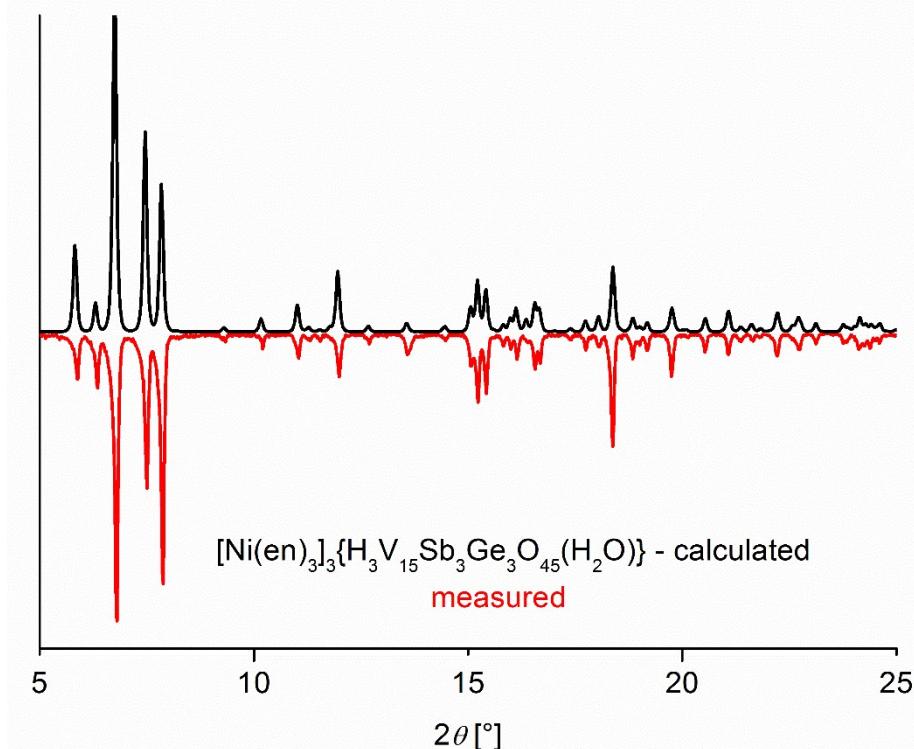


Fig. S 6: Powder pattern of compound 3 compared with calculated Data.

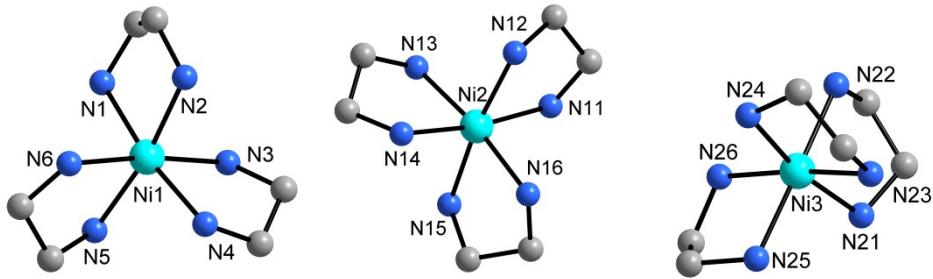


Fig. S 7: View of the three different  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$  complexes in compound **1**; all of the complexes are  $\Lambda$ -isomers. Grey spheres represent C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity.

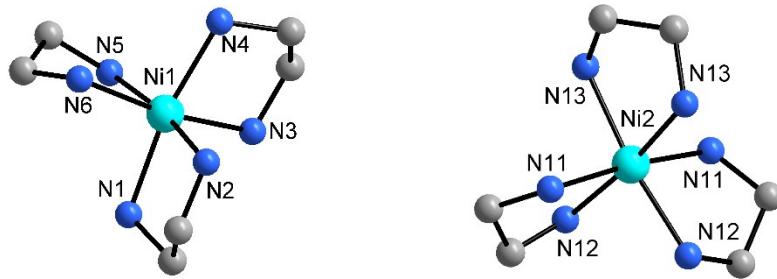


Fig. S 8: The two isomeric structures of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$  of compound **2**: left:  $\Delta$ -isomer, right:  $\Lambda$ -isomer. Grey: C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity. Only selected atoms are labeled.

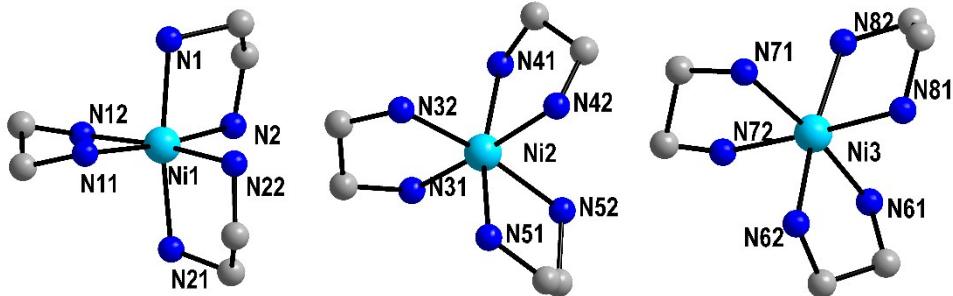
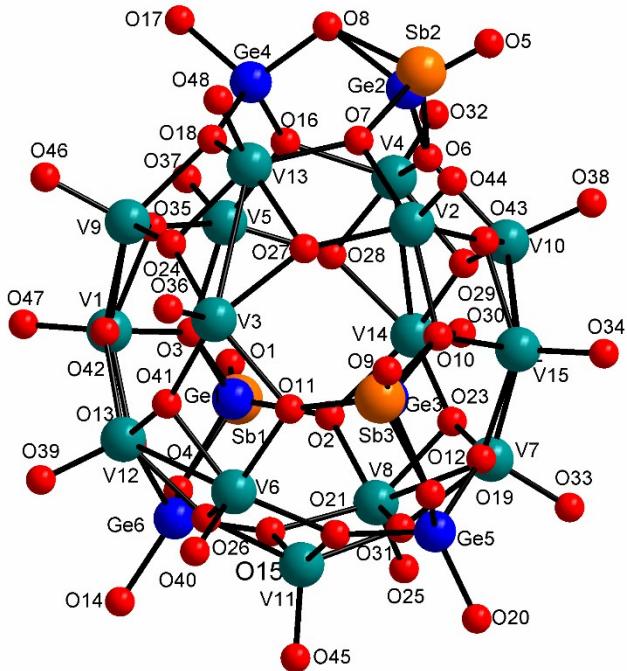


Fig. S 9: View of the three different  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$  complexes in compound **3**;  $\text{Ni}(1)$  is a  $\Delta$ -isomer and  $\text{Ni}(2)$  and  $\text{Ni}(3)$  are  $\Lambda$ -isomers. Grey: C atoms; H atoms are omitted for clarity. Only selected atoms are labeled.

Tab. S 5: Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] for the anion in compound **1**.



Sb(1)-O(2)	1.966(5)	V(5)-O(37)	1.613(6)
Sb(1)-O(4)	1.970(6)	V(5)-O(35)	1.927(5)
Sb(1)-O(3)	2.044(5)	V(5)-O(28)	1.942(5)
Sb(1)-N(31)	2.507(11)	V(5)-O(3)	1.963(6)
Sb(2)-O(8)	1.957(6)	V(5)-O(16)	1.995(5)
Sb(2)-O(7)	1.985(5)	V(6)-O(40)	1.610(5)
Sb(2)-O(6)	1.993(5)	V(6)-O(41)	1.909(5)
Sb(3)-O(11)	1.863(13)	V(6)-O(26)	1.937(5)
Sb(3)-O(12)	1.930(13)	V(6)-O(11)	1.993(6)
Sb(3)-O(10)	2.033(10)	V(6)-O(21)	2.005(5)
Ge(1)-O(1)	1.66(2)	V(7)-O(33)	1.609(5)
Ge(1)-O(3)	1.676(7)	V(7)-O(23)	1.937(5)
Ge(1)-O(2)	1.801(8)	V(7)-O(22)	1.939(5)
Ge(1)-O(4)	1.823(8)	V(7)-O(31)	1.940(5)
Ge(2)-O(5)	1.66(2)	V(7)-O(19)	2.027(5)
Ge(2)-O(6)	1.727(14)	V(8)-O(25)	1.611(5)
Ge(2)-O(7)	1.795(15)	V(8)-O(23)	1.910(5)
Ge(2)-O(8)	1.850(16)	V(8)-O(31)	1.940(5)
Ge(3)-O(9)	1.614(10)	V(8)-O(2)	1.985(5)
Ge(3)-O(10)	1.766(8)	V(8)-O(15)	2.005(6)
Ge(3)-O(12)	1.810(9)	V(9)-O(46)	1.611(5)
Ge(3)-O(11)	1.837(9)	V(9)-O(42)	1.933(5)
Ge(4)-O(17)	1.729(6)	V(9)-O(24)	1.945(5)
Ge(4)-O(16)	1.740(5)	V(9)-O(35)	1.949(5)
Ge(4)-O(18)	1.743(5)	V(9)-O(18)	2.024(5)
Ge(4)-O(8)	1.745(6)	V(10)-O(38)	1.617(5)
Ge(5)-O(20)	1.653(6)	V(10)-O(22)	1.930(5)
Ge(5)-O(19)	1.767(5)	V(10)-O(29)	1.936(5)
Ge(5)-O(21)	1.780(5)	V(10)-O(43)	1.955(5)
Ge(5)-O(12)	1.789(6)	V(10)-O(6)	1.984(6)
Ge(6)-O(14)	1.703(6)	V(11)-O(45)	1.598(5)

Ge(6)-O(15)	1.747(5)	V(11)-O(31)	1.938(5)
Ge(6)-O(13)	1.748(5)	V(11)-O(26)	1.943(5)
Ge(6)-O(4)	1.751(6)	V(11)-O(15)	1.989(5)
Ge(6)-Ge(1)	2.938(5)	V(11)-O(21)	1.995(5)
V(1)-O(47)	1.615(5)	V(12)-O(39)	1.609(5)
V(1)-O(42)	1.916(5)	V(12)-O(41)	1.934(5)
V(1)-O(35)	1.935(5)	V(12)-O(42)	1.938(5)
V(1)-O(3)	1.967(5)	V(12)-O(26)	1.960(5)
V(1)-O(13)	2.005(5)	V(12)-O(13)	2.026(5)
V(2)-O(44)	1.621(5)	V(13)-O(48)	1.621(5)
V(2)-O(27)	1.914(5)	V(13)-O(24)	1.915(6)
V(2)-O(43)	1.915(5)	V(13)-O(27)	1.938(5)
V(2)-O(10)	1.977(5)	V(13)-O(7)	1.968(5)
V(2)-O(7)	1.985(6)	V(13)-O(18)	1.998(5)
V(3)-O(36)	1.606(5)	V(14)-O(30)	1.622(5)
V(3)-O(24)	1.924(5)	V(14)-O(29)	1.924(5)
V(3)-O(41)	1.942(5)	V(14)-O(23)	1.939(5)
V(3)-O(27)	1.959(5)	V(14)-O(28)	1.956(5)
V(3)-O(11)	2.020(5)	V(14)-O(2)	1.989(6)
V(4)-O(32)	1.610(5)	V(15)-O(34)	1.610(5)
V(4)-O(29)	1.910(5)	V(15)-O(22)	1.905(5)
V(4)-O(28)	1.945(5)	V(15)-O(43)	1.953(5)
V(4)-O(6)	1.961(5)	V(15)-O(10)	1.978(5)
V(4)-O(16)	2.005(5)	V(15)-O(19)	1.999(6)

Tab. S 6: Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for the Ni complexes in compound **1**.

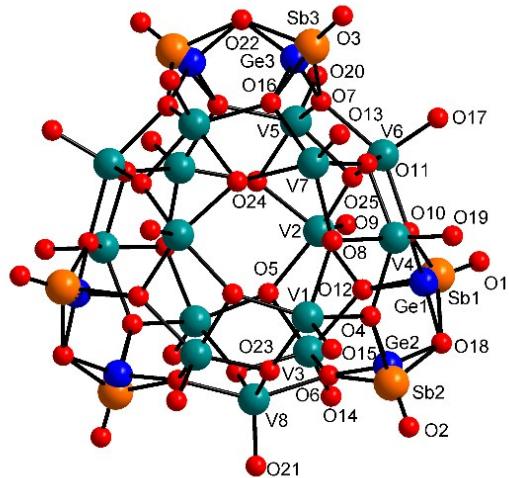
Ni(1)-N(6)	2.111(7)	Ni(1)-N(2)	2.138(7)
Ni(1)-N(5)	2.124(8)	Ni(1)-N(4)	2.141(7)
Ni(1)-N(1)	2.126(8)	Ni(1)-N(3)	2.156(8)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(1)	92.6(3)	N(1)-Ni(1)-N(4)	171.3(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(1)	93.7(3)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(4)	93.2(3)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(2)	90.4(3)	N(6)-Ni(1)-N(3)	173.1(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(2)	170.4(3)	N(5)-Ni(1)-N(3)	94.5(4)
N(1)-Ni(1)-N(2)	81.1(3)	N(1)-Ni(1)-N(3)	93.4(3)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(4)	93.9(3)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)	93.9(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(4)	92.9(3)	N(4)-Ni(1)-N(3)	80.4(3)
Ni(2)-N(12)	2.117(7)	Ni(2)-N(15)	2.127(7)
Ni(2)-N(14)	2.117(7)	Ni(2)-N(16)	2.139(8)
Ni(2)-N(13)	2.119(7)	Ni(2)-N(11)	2.146(7)
N(12)-Ni(2)-N(14)	93.2(3)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(16)	172.8(3)
N(12)-Ni(2)-N(13)	91.6(3)	N(15)-Ni(2)-N(16)	81.0(3)
N(14)-Ni(2)-N(13)	82.2(3)	N(12)-Ni(2)-N(11)	81.4(3)
N(12)-Ni(2)-N(15)	172.7(3)	N(14)-Ni(2)-N(11)	172.3(3)
N(14)-Ni(2)-N(15)	92.4(3)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(11)	92.5(3)
N(13)-Ni(2)-N(15)	93.7(3)	N(15)-Ni(2)-N(11)	93.4(3)
N(12)-Ni(2)-N(16)	94.2(3)	N(16)-Ni(2)-N(11)	92.7(3)
N(14)-Ni(2)-N(16)	93.1(3)		
Ni(3)-N(25)	2.109(7)	Ni(3)-N(22)	2.126(7)
Ni(3)-N(24)	2.110(7)	Ni(3)-N(26)	2.127(7)
Ni(3)-N(23)	2.120(7)	Ni(3)-N(21)	2.139(8)
N(25)-Ni(3)-N(24)	92.5(3)	N(23)-Ni(3)-N(26)	173.5(3)
N(25)-Ni(3)-N(23)	91.6(3)	N(22)-Ni(3)-N(26)	93.7(3)
N(24)-Ni(3)-N(23)	82.7(3)	N(25)-Ni(3)-N(21)	95.8(3)
N(25)-Ni(3)-N(22)	175.0(3)	N(24)-Ni(3)-N(21)	169.9(3)
N(24)-Ni(3)-N(22)	90.5(3)	N(23)-Ni(3)-N(21)	91.3(3)
N(23)-Ni(3)-N(22)	92.7(3)	N(22)-Ni(3)-N(21)	81.6(3)
N(25)-Ni(3)-N(26)	82.0(3)	N(26)-Ni(3)-N(21)	90.8(3)
N(24)-Ni(3)-N(26)	96.1(3)		

Tab. S 7: Geometric parameters for the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound **1** [Å and °].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1A)...O(20)#1	0.91	2.62	3.318(10)	134.0
C(2)-H(2D)...O(36)#2	0.99	2.64	3.432(15)	136.7
N(2)-H(2A)...O(24)#2	0.91	2.37	3.247(10)	161.5
N(2)-H(2B)...O(46)#2	0.91	2.60	3.126(9)	117.9
N(3)-H(3A)...O(5)#3	0.91	2.28	3.19(3)	175.5
N(3)-H(3B)...O(33)#1	0.91	2.20	3.013(10)	148.0
C(3)-H(3C)...O(25)#1	0.99	2.50	3.418(13)	154.0
N(4)-H(4A)...O(42)#2	0.91	2.32	3.100(9)	143.8
N(4)-H(4A)...O(46)#2	0.91	2.52	3.296(9)	143.2
N(4)-H(4B)...O(39)#2	0.91	2.38	3.109(8)	137.1
N(5)-H(5B)...O(38)#3	0.91	2.22	3.030(10)	147.5
C(5)-H(5C)...O(39)#2	0.99	2.60	3.410(12)	139.1
C(5)-H(5D)...O(34)#3	0.99	2.52	3.477(12)	162.5
N(6)-H(6A)...O(39)#2	0.91	2.63	3.330(9)	134.8
N(6)-H(6A)...O(41)#2	0.91	2.31	3.148(9)	152.9
N(6)-H(6B)...O(36)#2	0.91	2.52	3.188(10)	130.1
N(11)-H(11A)...O(30)	0.91	2.44	3.110(8)	130.9
N(11)-H(11B)...O(29)	0.91	2.29	3.125(8)	151.5
N(11)-H(11B)...O(38)	0.91	2.63	3.362(9)	137.8
C(12)-H(12D)...O(47)#4	0.99	2.41	3.392(13)	170.6
N(12)-H(12A)...O(39)#4	0.91	2.41	3.176(10)	141.5
N(13)-H(13A)...O(38)	0.91	2.29	3.019(9)	136.4
N(13)-H(13B)...O(22)	0.91	2.26	3.071(8)	147.6
N(13)-H(13B)...O(33)	0.91	2.64	3.385(9)	139.8
C(14)-H(14D)...O(48)#5	0.99	2.49	3.444(11)	161.4
N(14)-H(14A)...O(46)#5	0.91	2.31	3.115(9)	147.0
N(15)-H(15A)...O(33)	0.91	2.32	3.079(9)	141.1
N(15)-H(15B)...O(23)	0.91	2.37	3.129(9)	140.7
N(15)-H(15B)...O(30)	0.91	2.60	3.401(9)	147.9
N(21)-H(21A)...O(48)#6	0.91	2.37	3.186(9)	148.8
N(22)-H(22A)...O(30)	0.91	2.22	3.122(8)	169.7
N(22)-H(22B)...O(40)#2	0.91	2.28	3.137(9)	157.5
N(23)-H(23A)...O(48)#6	0.91	2.22	3.047(8)	150.7
N(23)-H(23B)...O(40)#2	0.91	2.18	3.036(9)	155.5
C(23)-H(23C)...O(21)#2	0.99	2.65	3.567(12)	154.1
C(23)-H(23D)...O(44)#6	0.99	2.39	3.371(13)	169.5
C(24)-H(24C)...O(37)	0.99	2.64	3.383(12)	132.0
N(24)-H(24A)...O(28)	0.91	2.38	3.140(8)	141.6
N(25)-H(25A)...O(27)#6	0.91	2.65	3.144(8)	114.7
N(25)-H(25A)...O(48)#6	0.91	2.58	3.224(9)	128.4
N(25)-H(25B)...O(44)#6	0.91	2.55	3.446(10)	167.2
C(25)-H(25C)...O(9)#6	0.99	2.62	3.257(14)	122.3
C(25)-H(25D)...O(32)	0.99	2.66	3.374(11)	129.3
N(26)-H(26A)...O(32)	0.91	2.21	2.995(9)	144.2
N(31)-H(31A)...O(25)	0.91	2.28	3.127(12)	155.5
C(31)-H(31C)...O(30)	0.99	2.51	3.489(17)	171.5

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,y-1/2,-z+1 #2 -x+1,y-1/2,-z #3 -x+2,y-1/2,-z+1 #4 x+1,y,z+1 #5 x,y,z+1 #6 -x+2,y-1/2,-z

Tab. S 8: Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] for the anion in compound 2.



Sb(1)-O(12)	1.946(4)	V(3)-O(23)	1.947(4)
Sb(1)-O(18)	1.976(4)	V(3)-O(12)	1.977(4)
Sb(1)-O(10)	1.990(5)	V(3)-O(6)	1.979(4)
Sb(2)-O(4)	1.948(5)	V(4)-O(19)	1.629(4)
Sb(2)-O(18)	1.977(5)	V(4)-O(8)	1.910(4)
Sb(2)-O(6)	1.979(4)	V(4)-O(11)	1.937(4)
Sb(3)-O(7)	1.920(5)	V(4)-O(10)	1.974(4)
Sb(3)-O(22)	1.970(3)	V(4)-O(4)	1.991(4)
Sb(3)-O(16)	2.053(5)	V(5)-O(20)	1.611(5)
Ge(1)-O(1)	1.721(16)	V(5)-O(24)	1.919(4)
Ge(1)-O(18)	1.737(6)	V(5)-O(25)	1.939(4)
Ge(1)-O(10)	1.769(7)	V(5)-O(7)	1.982(5)
Ge(1)-O(12)	1.770(6)	V(5)-O(16)#1	1.982(5)
Ge(1)-Ge(2)	2.848(4)	V(6)-O(17)	1.614(4)
Ge(2)-O(2)	1.716(7)	V(6)-O(25)	1.919(4)
Ge(2)-O(18)	1.721(5)	V(6)-O(11)	1.920(5)
Ge(2)-O(4)	1.759(5)	V(6)-O(10)	1.989(4)
Ge(2)-O(6)	1.769(4)	V(6)-O(7)	1.989(4)
Ge(3)-O(3)	1.686(8)	V(7)-O(13)	1.616(4)
Ge(3)-O(16)	1.702(5)	V(7)-O(24)#1	1.920(4)
Ge(3)-O(22)	1.758(4)	V(7)-O(8)	1.934(4)
Ge(3)-O(7)	1.820(5)	V(7)-O(11)	1.956(4)
Ge(3)-Ge(3)#1	2.924(4)	V(7)-O(16)	2.011(4)
V(1)-O(15)	1.620(4)	V(8)-O(21)	1.609(6)
V(1)-O(8)#1	1.935(4)	V(8)-O(23)#1	1.921(4)
V(1)-O(5)	1.944(4)	V(8)-O(23)	1.921(4)
V(1)-O(23)	1.960(4)	V(8)-O(6)#1	1.991(4)
V(1)-O(4)#1	1.997(4)	V(8)-O(6)	1.991(4)
V(2)-O(9)	1.612(5)	O(4)-V(1)#1	1.997(4)
V(2)-O(24)	1.930(4)	O(8)-V(1)#1	1.935(4)
V(2)-O(5)	1.936(4)	O(16)-V(5)#1	1.982(4)
V(2)-O(25)	1.945(4)	O(22)-Ge(3)#1	1.758(4)
V(2)-O(12)	2.009(4)	O(22)-Sb(3)#1	1.970(3)
V(3)-O(14)	1.619(4)	O(24)-V(7)#1	1.920(4)
V(3)-O(5)	1.916(4)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,y,-z+2 #2 -x+1,y,-z+1

Tab. S 9: Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for the Ni complexes in compound 2.

Ni(1)-N(5)	2.110(6)	Ni(2)-N(11)#2	2.129(6)
Ni(1)-N(2)	2.116(6)	Ni(2)-N(11)	2.129(6)
Ni(1)-N(6)	2.134(6)	Ni(2)-N(13)	2.133(6)
Ni(1)-N(4)	2.135(5)	Ni(2)-N(13)#2	2.133(6)
Ni(1)-N(3)	2.142(6)	Ni(2)-N(12)#2	2.134(6)
Ni(1)-N(1)	2.147(5)	Ni(2)-N(12)	2.134(6)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(2)	170.8(2)	N(11)#2-Ni(2)-N(11)	173.7(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(6)	82.7(3)	N(11)#2-Ni(2)-N(13)	91.5(2)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(6)	91.2(3)	N(11)-Ni(2)-N(13)	93.2(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(4)	95.0(2)	N(11)#2-Ni(2)-N(13)#2	93.2(2)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(4)	92.0(2)	N(11)-Ni(2)-N(13)#2	91.5(2)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(4)	91.5(2)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(13)#2	81.0(3)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(3)	92.3(3)	N(11)#2-Ni(2)-N(12)#2	81.3(3)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)	94.6(2)	N(11)-Ni(2)-N(12)#2	94.2(2)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(3)	170.9(2)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(12)#2	94.6(2)
N(4)-Ni(1)-N(3)	81.3(2)	N(13)#2-Ni(2)-N(12)#2	173.0(2)
N(5)-Ni(1)-N(1)	92.2(2)	N(11)#2-Ni(2)-N(12)	94.2(2)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)	81.7(2)	N(11)-Ni(2)-N(12)	81.3(3)
N(6)-Ni(1)-N(1)	97.2(2)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(12)	173.0(2)
N(4)-Ni(1)-N(1)	169.3(2)	N(13)#2-Ni(2)-N(12)	94.6(2)
N(3)-Ni(1)-N(1)	90.6(2)	N(12)#2-Ni(2)-N(12)	

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,y,-z+2 #2 -x+1,y,-z+1

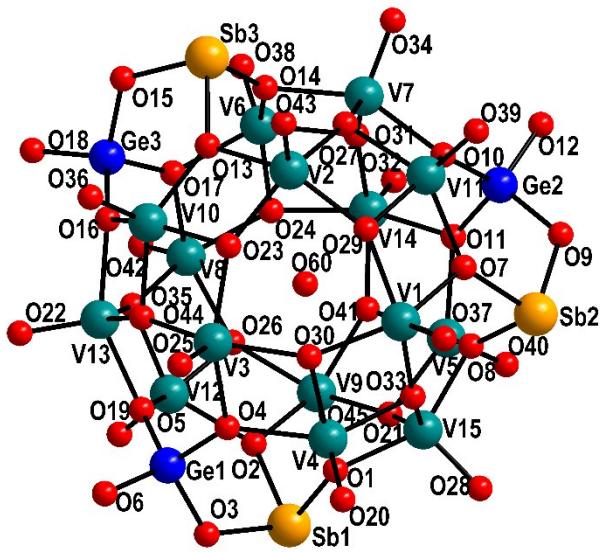
Tab. S 10: Geometric parameters of the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound **2** [Å and °].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1C)...O(9)#3	0.91	2.40	3.125(7)	136.9
C(1)-H(1B)...O(1)#3	0.99	2.64	3.218(18)	117.2
C(2)-H(2A)...O(25)#3	0.99	2.57	3.442(9)	146.5
C(2)-H(2B)...O(1)#3	0.99	2.53	3.149(17)	120.5
N(2)-H(2C)...O(17)#4	0.91	2.07	2.958(7)	166.0
N(3)-H(3C)...O(17)#4	0.91	2.45	3.217(7)	142.6
C(4)-H(4A)...O(17)#4	0.99	2.62	3.449(8)	141.1
C(4)-H(4B)...O(2)#1	0.99	2.48	3.242(10)	133.5
N(4)-H(4C)...O(23)	0.91	2.44	3.222(6)	144.0
N(5)-H(5C)...O(21)	0.91	2.10	2.947(7)	153.5
N(6)-H(6C)...O(20)#3	0.91	2.22	3.062(9)	152.9
N(6)-H(6D)...O(14)	0.91	2.27	3.101(7)	151.1
N(11)-H(11C)...O(15)	0.91	2.22	3.092(7)	160.4
C(11)-H(11B)...O(9)#2	0.99	2.56	3.435(9)	146.8
N(12)-H(12C)...O(5)#2	0.91	2.24	3.109(7)	159.3
N(12)-H(12D)...O(15)#2	0.91	2.55	3.101(8)	119.7
N(13)-H(13C)...O(13)#1	0.91	2.52	3.323(8)	148.0
N(13)-H(13C)...O(24)	0.91	2.41	3.096(7)	132.5
N(13)-H(13D)...O(9)	0.91	2.20	3.017(7)	149.6

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+2,y,-z+2 #2 -x+1,y,-z+1 #3 -x+3/2,y-1/2,-z+1; #4 x-1/2,y-1/2,z.

Tab. S 11: Selected bond lengths [Å] for the anion in compound 3.



Sb(1)-O(1)	1.966(8)	Sb(2)-O(8)	1.984(8)
Sb(1)-O(3)	1.986(8)	Sb(3)-O(14)	1.935(7)
Sb(1)-O(2)	1.990(7)	Sb(3)-O(13)	1.955(8)
Sb(2)-O(7)	1.963(7)	Sb(3)-O(15)	1.971(9)
Sb(2)-O(9)	1.978(8)		
Ge(1)-O(6)	1.657(9)	Ge(2)-O(10)	1.770(8)
Ge(1)-O(5)	1.747(8)	Ge(2)-O(9)	1.771(8)
Ge(1)-O(4)	1.748(8)	Ge(3)-O(18)	1.671(10)
Ge(1)-O(3)	1.753(8)	Ge(3)-O(16)	1.731(8)
Ge(2)-O(12)	1.635(9)	Ge(3)-O(17)	1.732(8)
Ge(2)-O(11)	1.755(9)	Ge(3)-O(15)	1.750(9)
V(1)-O(37)	1.615(8)	V(8)-O(35)	1.949(8)
V(1)-O(30)	1.948(8)	V(8)-O(17)	2.006(9)
V(1)-O(33)	1.955(8)	V(8)-V(12)	2.853(3)
V(1)-O(29)	1.958(8)	V(9)-O(45)	1.607(9)
V(1)-O(7)	2.004(7)	V(9)-O(26)	1.938(8)
V(2)-O(43)	1.604(8)	V(9)-O(41)	1.942(8)
V(2)-O(29)	1.927(8)	V(9)-O(21)	1.942(8)
V(2)-O(23)	1.933(8)	V(9)-O(2)	1.997(7)
V(2)-O(27)	1.956(7)	V(10)-O(36)	1.619(8)
V(2)-O(13)	2.009(8)	V(10)-O(23)	1.898(8)
V(3)-O(25)	1.606(8)	V(10)-O(44)	1.922(8)
V(3)-O(30)	1.926(8)	V(10)-O(13)	1.969(8)
V(3)-O(23)	1.930(8)	V(10)-O(16)	1.998(8)
V(3)-O(44)	1.967(8)	V(11)-O(39)	1.606(9)
V(3)-O(4)	2.005(8)	V(11)-O(29)	1.923(7)
V(4)-O(20)	1.596(8)	V(11)-O(27)	1.943(8)
V(4)-O(30)	1.913(8)	V(11)-O(7)	1.971(8)
V(4)-O(33)	1.947(7)	V(11)-O(10)	2.000(7)
V(4)-O(1)	1.975(8)	V(12)-O(19)	1.621(9)
V(4)-O(4)	2.016(8)	V(12)-O(26)	1.912(8)
V(5)-O(40)	1.605(8)	V(12)-O(35)	1.952(8)
V(5)-O(41)	1.910(7)	V(12)-O(2)	1.956(7)
V(5)-O(21)	1.952(8)	V(12)-O(5)	2.024(7)
V(5)-O(8)	1.954(8)	V(13)-O(22)	1.605(9)

V(5)-O(11)	2.015(8)	V(13)-O(44)	1.912(8)
V(6)-O(38)	1.609(8)	V(13)-O(35)	1.916(8)
V(6)-O(24)	1.920(8)	V(13)-O(5)	1.988(8)
V(6)-O(31)	1.952(8)	V(13)-O(16)	2.015(8)
V(6)-O(14)	1.977(8)	V(14)-O(32)	1.607(7)
V(6)-O(17)	2.005(8)	V(14)-O(24)	1.932(8)
V(7)-O(34)	1.597(9)	V(14)-O(41)	1.950(8)
V(7)-O(31)	1.924(8)	V(14)-O(31)	1.951(8)
V(7)-O(27)	1.934(8)	V(14)-O(11)	2.027(8)
V(7)-O(14)	1.980(8)	V(15)-O(28)	1.609(7)
V(7)-O(10)	1.982(8)	V(15)-O(21)	1.926(8)
V(7)-V(11)	3.038(2)	V(15)-O(33)	1.933(7)
V(8)-O(42)	1.606(8)	V(15)-O(1)	1.960(8)
V(8)-O(24)	1.922(8)	V(15)-O(8)	1.960(8)
V(8)-O(26)	1.937(8)		

Tab. S 12: Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles of the Ni complexes [°] for compound 3.

Ni(1)-N(22)	2.104(12)	Ni(1)-N(21)	2.129(12)
Ni(1)-N(11)	2.111(10)	Ni(1)-N(12)	2.130(10)
Ni(1)-N(2)	2.120(10)	Ni(1)-N(1)	2.138(13)
N(22)-Ni(1)-N(11)	172.4(5)	N(21)-Ni(1)-N(12)	94.2(4)
N(22)-Ni(1)-N(2)	93.7(5)	N(22)-Ni(1)-N(1)	92.3(6)
N(11)-Ni(1)-N(2)	92.8(5)	N(11)-Ni(1)-N(1)	92.5(6)
N(22)-Ni(1)-N(21)	81.9(5)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)	81.7(5)
N(11)-Ni(1)-N(21)	94.0(5)	N(21)-Ni(1)-N(1)	170.8(5)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(21)	91.6(5)	N(12)-Ni(1)-N(1)	93.0(5)
N(22)-Ni(1)-N(12)	91.5(4)	C(1')-N(1)-Ni(1)	109.3(16)
N(11)-Ni(1)-N(12)	82.4(4)	C(1)-N(1)-Ni(1)	103.7(12)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(12)	172.7(5)		
Ni(2)-N(31)	2.01(2)	Ni(2)-N(32)	2.130(12)
Ni(2)-N(52')	2.07(4)	Ni(2)-N(51')	2.14(3)
Ni(2)-N(42)	2.120(16)	Ni(2)-N(52)	2.164(16)
Ni(2)-N(41)	2.123(11)	Ni(2)-N(51)	2.167(18)
N(31)-Ni(2)-N(52')	64.8(12)	N(42)-Ni(2)-N(51')	113.2(15)
N(31)-Ni(2)-N(42)	175.3(7)	N(41)-Ni(2)-N(51')	164.6(14)
N(52')-Ni(2)-N(42)	116.3(11)	N(32)-Ni(2)-N(51')	91.3(12)
N(31)-Ni(2)-N(41)	94.9(7)	N(31)-Ni(2)-N(52)	92.8(8)
N(52')-Ni(2)-N(41)	86.0(11)	N(42)-Ni(2)-N(52)	89.3(6)
N(42)-Ni(2)-N(41)	80.7(5)	N(41)-Ni(2)-N(52)	95.0(6)
N(31)-Ni(2)-N(32)	85.1(7)	N(32)-Ni(2)-N(52)	170.4(5)
N(52')-Ni(2)-N(32)	149.8(11)	N(31)-Ni(2)-N(51)	98.4(8)
N(42)-Ni(2)-N(32)	93.5(5)	N(42)-Ni(2)-N(51)	86.2(6)
N(41)-Ni(2)-N(32)	94.5(5)	N(41)-Ni(2)-N(51)	165.9(6)
N(31)-Ni(2)-N(51')	71.4(15)	N(32)-Ni(2)-N(51)	91.4(6)
N(52')-Ni(2)-N(51')	81.9(15)	N(52)-Ni(2)-N(51)	79.7(6)
Ni(3)-N(61)	2.101(12)	Ni(3)-N(71)	2.136(13)
Ni(3)-N(72)	2.109(13)	Ni(3)-N(62)	2.136(10)
Ni(3)-N(81)	2.123(10)	Ni(3)-N(82)	2.150(10)
N(61)-Ni(3)-N(72)	92.0(6)	N(81)-Ni(3)-N(62)	90.9(4)
N(61)-Ni(3)-N(81)	90.5(4)	N(71)-Ni(3)-N(62)	93.4(5)
N(72)-Ni(3)-N(81)	176.8(6)	N(61)-Ni(3)-N(82)	95.7(4)
N(61)-Ni(3)-N(71)	171.9(6)	N(72)-Ni(3)-N(82)	96.1(5)
N(72)-Ni(3)-N(71)	81.2(7)	N(81)-Ni(3)-N(82)	81.6(4)
N(81)-Ni(3)-N(71)	96.5(5)	N(71)-Ni(3)-N(82)	89.4(5)
N(61)-Ni(3)-N(62)	82.4(4)	N(62)-Ni(3)-N(82)	172.2(4)
N(72)-Ni(3)-N(62)	91.4(5)		

Tab. S 13: Geometric parameters of the proposed hydrogen bonds for compound 3 [Å and °].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	$\angle$ (DHA)
N(1)-H(1F)...O(56)#1	0.91	2.63	3.44(2)	148.7
N(1)-H(1H)...O(51)	0.91	2.41	3.28(3)	162.4
C(2)-H(2A)...O(28)	0.99	2.61	3.465(17)	144.1
N(2)-H(2F)...O(29)#2	0.91	2.30	3.181(13)	161.8
N(11)-H(11C)...O(43)#2	0.91	2.35	3.085(13)	138.0
N(11)-H(11D)...O(23)#2	0.91	2.34	3.140(12)	145.9
N(11)-H(11D)...O(25)#2	0.91	2.64	3.427(15)	144.6
C(12)-H(12B)...O(38)#1	0.99	2.38	3.247(15)	145.4
N(12)-H(12C)...O(32)#1	0.91	2.27	3.118(14)	155.1
N(12)-H(12D)...O(54)#3	0.91	2.41	3.290(18)	162.1
N(21)-H(21D)...O(30)#2	0.91	2.28	3.167(14)	165.0
C(21)-H(21A)...O(37)#2	0.99	2.58	3.374(16)	137.7
C(22)-H(22A)...O(32)#1	0.99	2.49	3.407(16)	154.8
N(22)-H(22C)...O(45)	0.91	2.16	3.022(14)	158.1
N(22)-H(22D)...O(12)#1	0.91	2.47	3.147(14)	131.3
N(22)-H(22D)...O(56)#1	0.91	2.28	3.16(2)	161.6
N(31)-H(31E)...O(6)#4	0.91	2.38	3.23(2)	155.6
N(31)-H(31E)...O(6)#4	0.91	2.38	3.23(2)	155.6
N(31)-H(31G)...O(58)#4	0.91	2.58	3.40(3)	149.8
C(31')-H(31D)...O(6)#4	0.99	2.40	3.14(4)	130.9
N(32)-H(32E)...O(24)	0.91	2.34	3.139(13)	146.9
N(32)-H(32F)...O(32)	0.91	2.26	2.990(14)	136.6
N(41)-H(41D)...O(25)#4	0.91	2.29	3.162(16)	159.5
C(41)-H(41A)...O(20)#4	0.99	2.41	3.34(2)	156.2
C(42)-H(42A)...O(12)#1	0.99	2.61	3.57(3)	163.9
N(42)-H(42C)...O(41)	0.91	2.25	3.079(15)	151.2
N(42)-H(42D)...O(45)	0.91	2.30	3.013(13)	135.3
N(51)-H(51E)...O(26)	0.91	2.24	3.127(18)	166.1
N(52)-H(52F)...O(12)#1	0.91	2.44	3.28(2)	154.2
N(52')-H(52G)...O(58)#4	0.91	2.66	3.54(4)	164.4
N(52')-H(52H)...O(9)#1	0.91	2.12	2.99(4)	158.4
N(61)-H(61C)...O(39)#2	0.91	2.21	3.095(14)	164.7
C(61)-H(61B)...O(43)#2	0.99	2.39	3.358(17)	167.2
C(62)-H(62B)...O(34)#2	0.99	2.53	3.321(18)	136.5
N(62)-H(62C)...O(38)#6	0.91	2.59	3.418(15)	151.6
N(62)-H(62D)...O(18)#6	0.91	2.32	3.186(14)	159.0
N(71)-H(71E)...O(15)#6	0.91	2.39	3.226(14)	153.1
N(71)-H(71H)...O(19)#7	0.91	2.50	3.393(18)	166.6
N(71)-H(71E)...O(15)#6	0.91	2.39	3.226(14)	153.1
N(71)-H(71H)...O(19)#7	0.91	2.50	3.393(18)	166.6
C(72)-H(72A)...O(18)#6	0.99	2.66	3.57(3)	153.1
C(71')-H(71D)...O(18)#6	0.99	2.48	3.44(5)	164.9
N(72)-H(72E)...O(20)	0.91	2.02	2.897(14)	161.9
N(81)-H(81C)...O(38)#6	0.91	2.06	2.958(12)	168.9
N(81)-H(81D)...O(59)#3	0.91	2.56	3.44(3)	162.1
C(81)-H(81B)...O(19)#7	0.99	2.42	3.197(17)	134.4
N(82)-H(82C)...O(28)	0.91	2.56	3.234(14)	131.0
N(82)-H(82C)...O(33)	0.91	2.55	3.389(12)	153.6
N(82)-H(82D)...O(19)#7	0.91	2.50	3.188(15)	132.4

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,y+1/2,-z+1; #2-x+1,y+1/2,-z+1; #3 x,y,z-1; #4 x+1,y,z; #5 -x+2,y+1/2,-z+2; #6 x-1,y,z-1; #7 -x+1,y-1/2,-z+1.

Tab. S 14: Mixed occupancies of the heteroatom positions in **1** and **2**.

<b>Compound</b>		<b>Ge[%]</b>	<b>Sb [%]</b>
<b>1</b>	Ge(1):Sb(1)	20	80
<b>1</b>	Ge(2):Sb(2)	10	90
<b>1</b>	Ge(3):Sb(3)	70	30
<b>2</b>	Ge(1):Sb(1)	30	70
<b>2</b>	Ge(2):Sb(2)	65	35
<b>2</b>	Ge(3):Sb(3)	55	45

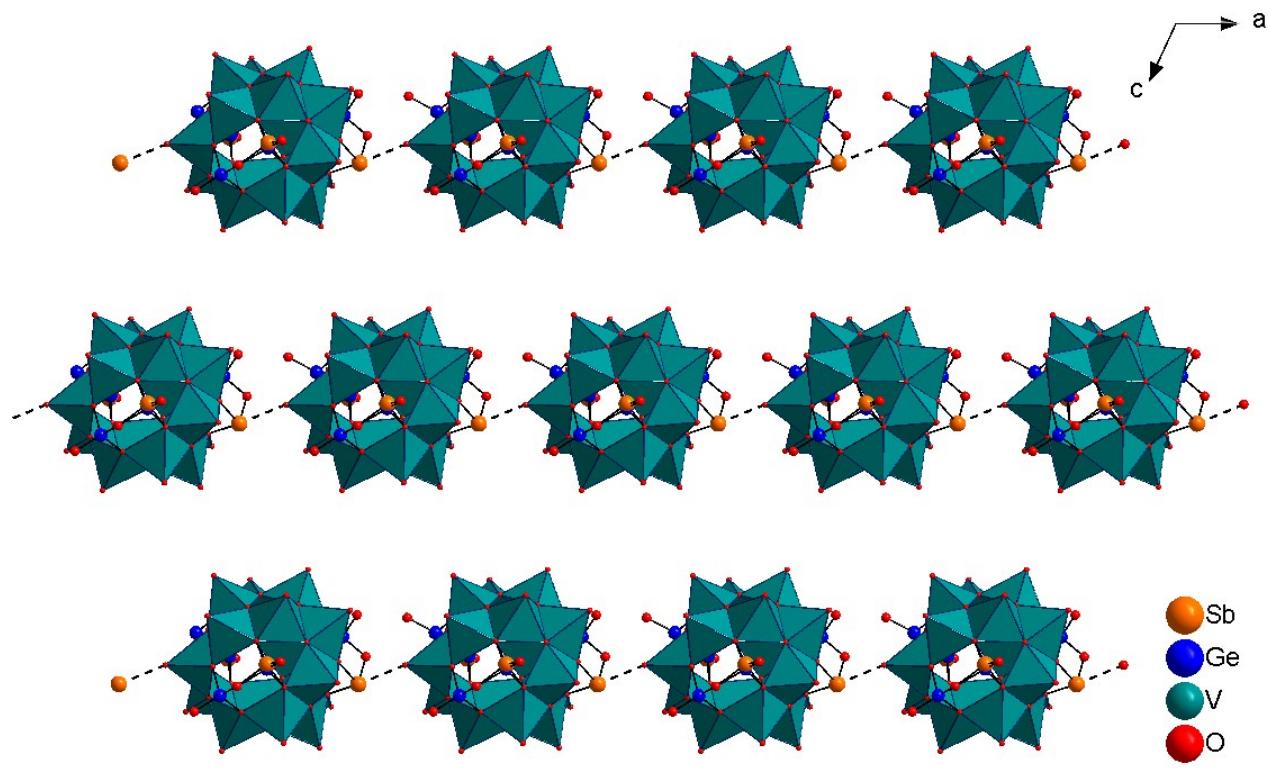


Fig. S 10: Chains of cluster anions generated by short Sb...O intercluster interactions (dashed lines) along [100].

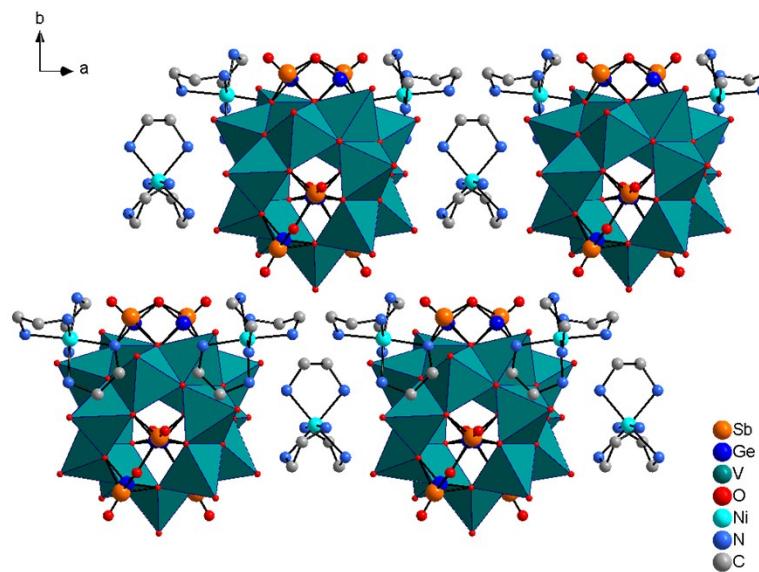


Fig. S 11: Alternating cations and the cluster anions in **2**. H-atoms have been omitted for clarity.

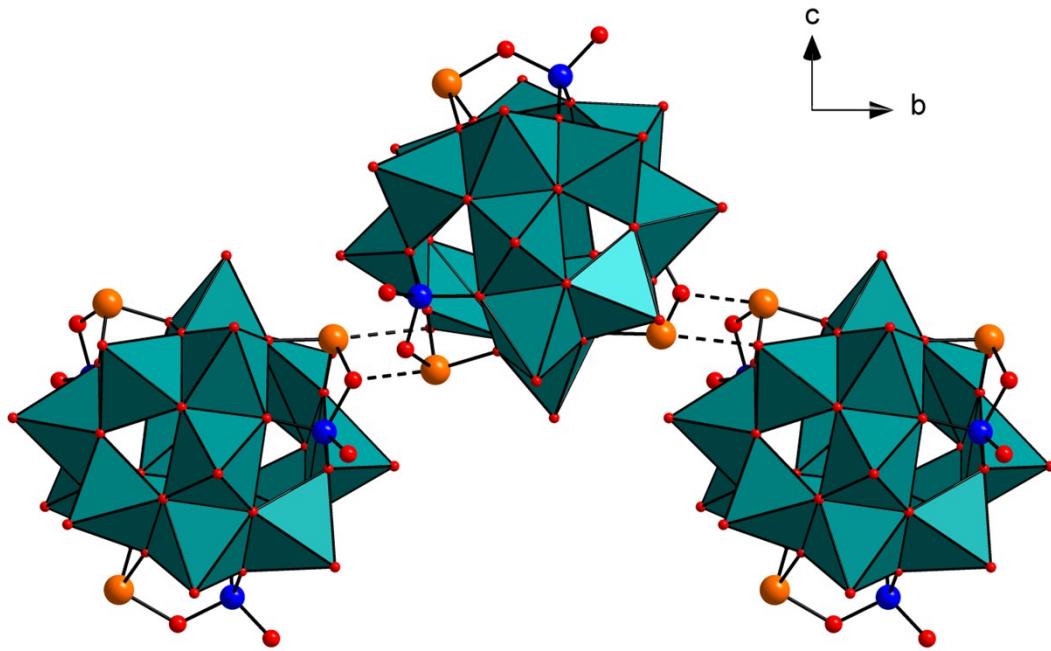


Fig. S 12: Intermolecular Sb...O contacts (dashed lines) between the anions in the structure of **3** generating a wavy chain along [010].

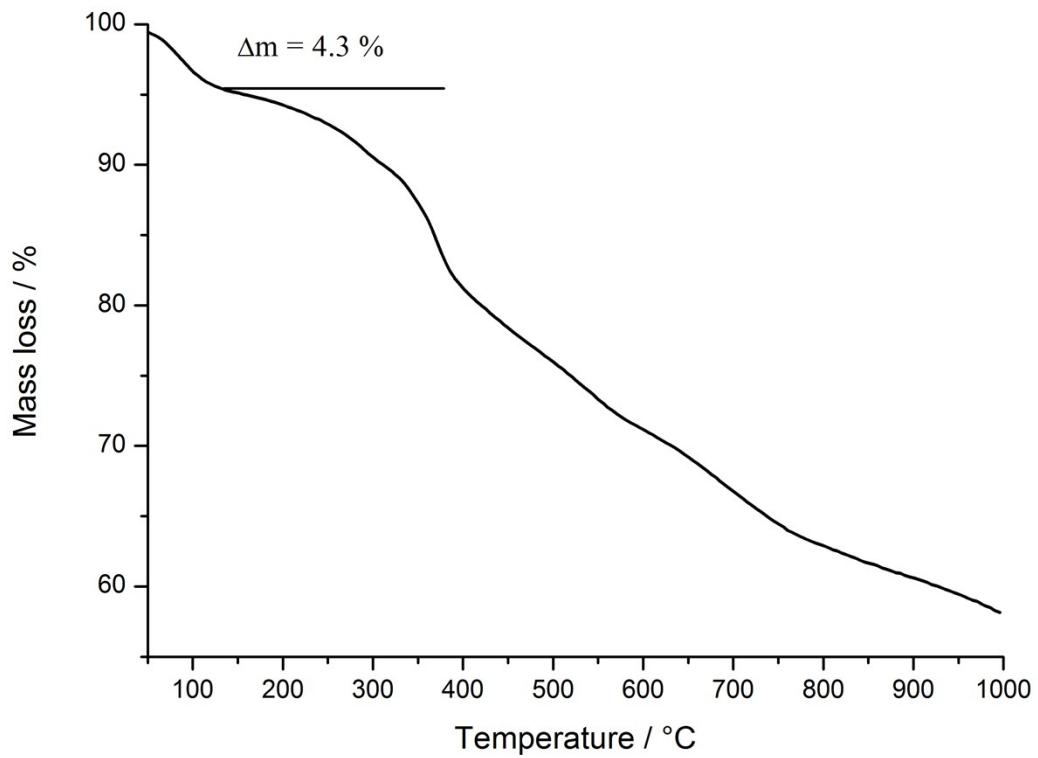


Fig. S 13: TG curve of compound **1**.

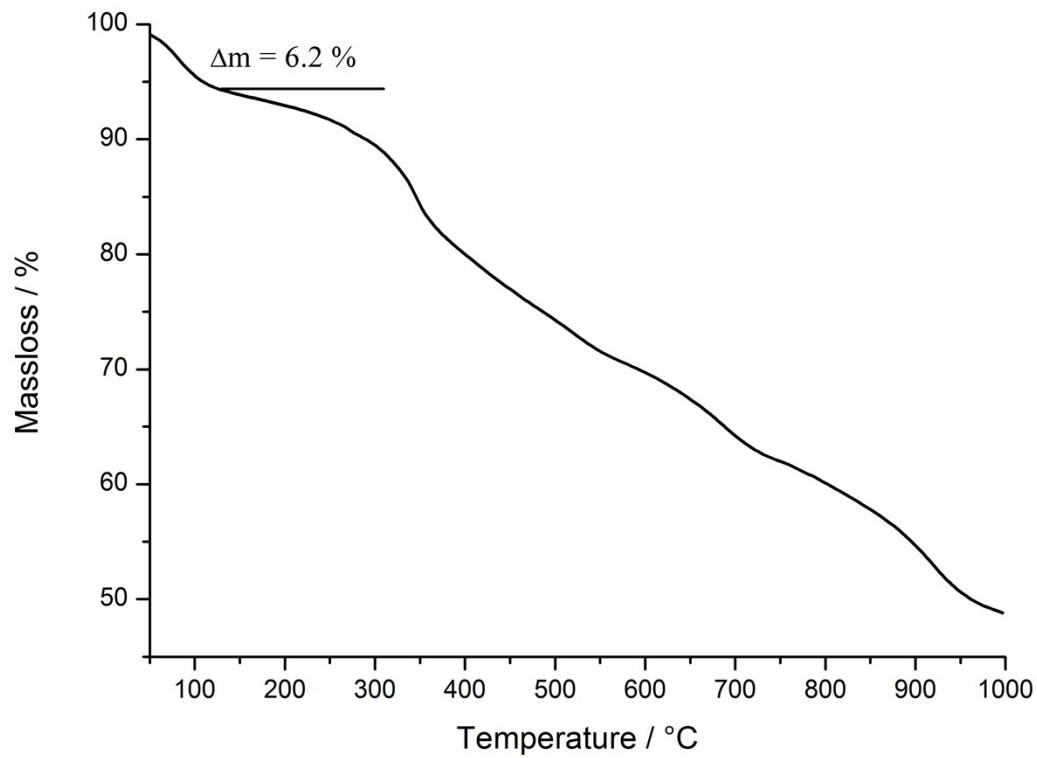


Fig. S14: TG curve of compound **2**.

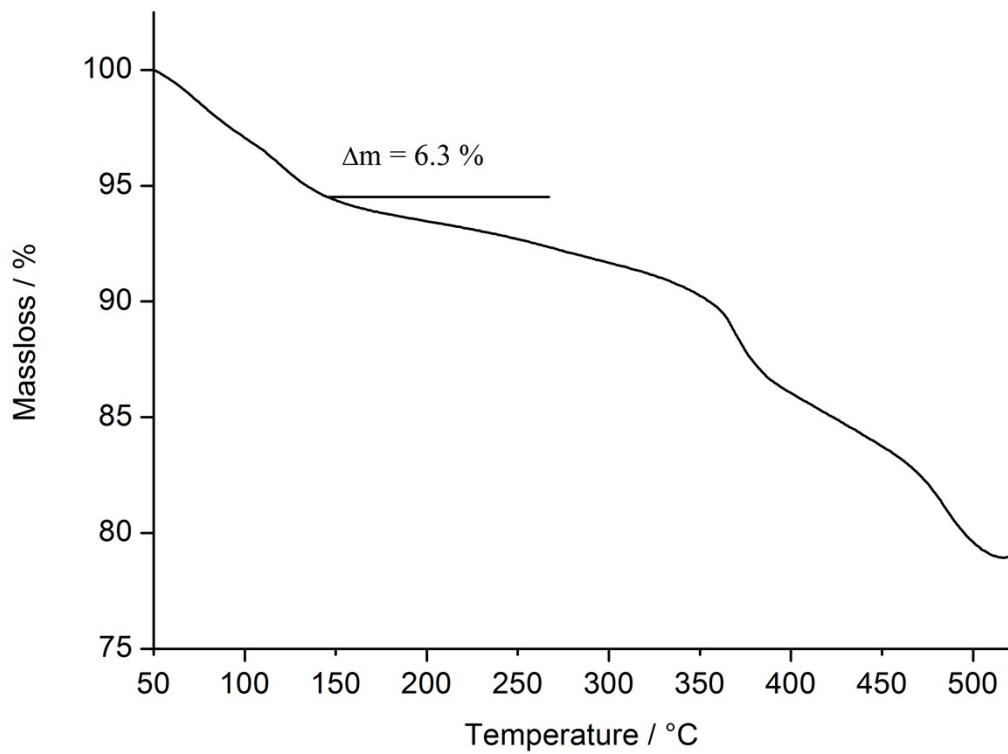


Fig. S15: TG curve of compound **3**.