Electronic Supplementary Information for "Temperature-induced abrupt volume inflation in the mixed-valence ternary Zintl phase Yb<sub>8</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>"

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Structural Parameters						
	Site	x/a	y/b	z/c	Ν	$B(\text{\AA}^2)$
Yb(1)	8i	0.1836(1)	0	0	0.99(3)	1.57(5)
Yb(2)	8h	0.1282(1)	0.1282(1)	1/2	0.99(3)	3.14(8)
Yb(3)	16k	0.3548(1)	0.1452(1)	1/4	1.01(2)	1.30(3)
Sb(1)	8h	0.1987(1)	0.1987(1)	0	1.07(5)	3.60(10)
Sb(2)	8j	0.2713(2)	0	1/2	1.07(5)	2.12(8)
Sb(3)	4e	0	0	-0.2442(1)	0.96(6)	3.21(9)
Ge(1)	8i	0.3841(3)	0	0	0.98(9)	1.36(9)
Ge(2)	4d	1/2	0	1⁄4	0.95(9)	1.46(9)

Table 1S. Refined structural parameters for Yb<sub>8</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> obtained from the Rietveldrefinement of the synchrotron X-ray diffraction data at 5 K.



*Figure 1S*. Final observed ( $\bigcirc$ ) and calculated (solid line) synchrotron X-ray powder ( $\lambda = 0.42976$  Å) diffraction profiles for Yb<sub>8</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> at 5 K. The lower solid line shows the difference profile and the tick marks show the reflection positions. Some impurity peaks were excluded from the refinement.



*Figure 2S.* Final observed ( $\bigcirc$ ) and calculated (solid line) synchrotron X-ray powder ( $\lambda = 0.42976$  Å) diffraction profiles for Yb<sub>8</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub> at 300 K. The lower solid line shows the difference profile and the tick marks show the reflection positions. Some impurity peaks were excluded from the refinemen



*Figure 3S*. Temperature dependence of selected interatomic distances in  $Yb_8Ge_3Sb_5$  as obtained from Rietveld refinements of the synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction profiles. (a) Yb(3)-Ge(1). (b) Yb(3)-Sb(1) and Yb(3)-Sb(2). (c) Yb(2)-Sb(3).