

## Polymeric double-anion templated Er<sub>48</sub> nano-tubes

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### Materials and methods

All reactants were reagent grade and used as purchased without further purification. Elemental analyses for C, H, N were carried out on a German Elementary Vario EL III instrument. The powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were collected by a Rigaku DMAX2500 X-ray diffractometer using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.154$  nm). Magnetic data were recorded on polycrystalline samples with Quantum Design PPSM-9T and MPMS-XL systems.

### Synthesis

65 mg (1.0 mmol) NaN<sub>3</sub> was added to the solution of 49 mg (0.4 mmol) nicotinic acid, 17 mg (0.2 mmol) NaNO<sub>3</sub> and 77 mg (0.2 mmol) ErCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O in 6 mL H<sub>2</sub>O. The Teflon-lined bomb was sealed and raised at the temperature of 190 °C for three days. Cooling the bomb slowly at 1 °C/10min afforded the expected colorless prism crystals **1**. Yield, c.a. 13 mg (19.11 %, based on Er). Anal. Calcd for complex **1**: calcd C, 19.36; H, 2.36; N, 4.10; found C, 19.42; H, 2.36; N, 3.98.

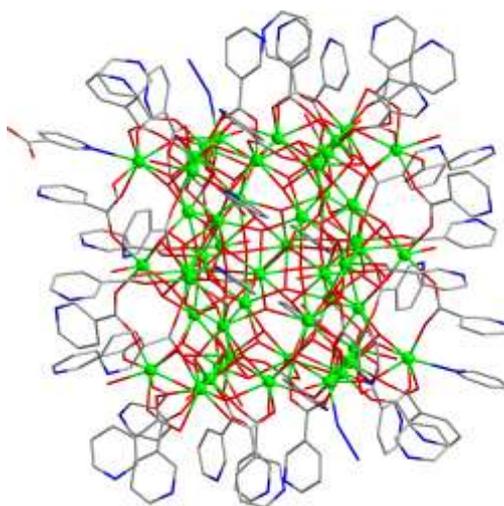
### X-ray data collection and structural determination

The data of complex **1** was collected on a Rigaku MM007 CCD diffractometer equipped with a graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 293 K. This structure was resolved by the direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares fitting on  $F^2$  by *SHELX-97* software package.<sup>1</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters except several solvent molecules. The hydrogen atoms of NA ligands are located into their theoretic positions and fixed by the riding mode. The hydrogen atoms which are in hydrogen bonding to the Cl<sup>-</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anions were located at geometrically calculated positions and refined by riding. More details on the crystallographic studies as well as atomic displacement parameters are given in Supporting Information as CIF files. Crystallographic data for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center with CCDC reference number 959125 for complexes **1**.

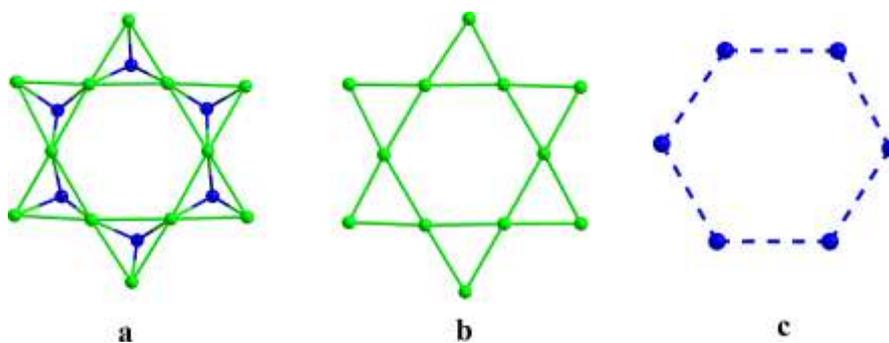
### Crystal and refinement details for complex **1**

**1**, C<sub>264</sub>H<sub>384</sub>N<sub>48</sub>O<sub>240</sub>Cl<sub>8</sub>Er<sub>48</sub>,  $M = 16382.25$ , red crystals, 0.05 mm x 0.06 mm x 0.08 mm. Triclinic, space group *P*-1,  $a = 23.170(4)$  Å,  $b = 24.088(5)$  Å,  $c = 24.896(4)$  Å,  $\alpha = 68.750(10)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 66.393(10)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 62.015(8)^\circ$ ,  $V = 10979(4)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 1$ .  $F(000) = 7624$ ,  $2\theta_{\max} = 54.53^\circ$ , 47359 reflections collected, 34096 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0834$ ). Final  $R1 = 0.0534$ ,  $wR2 = 0.1291$ ,  $Goof = 0.983$ ,  $R$  indices based on 34097 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  (refinement on  $F^2$ ).

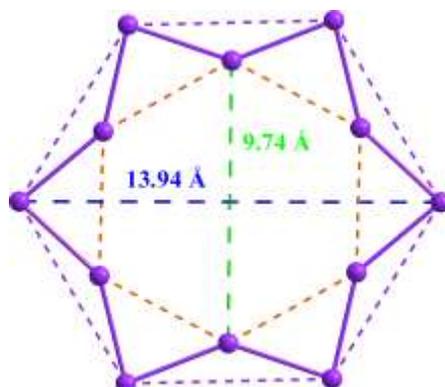




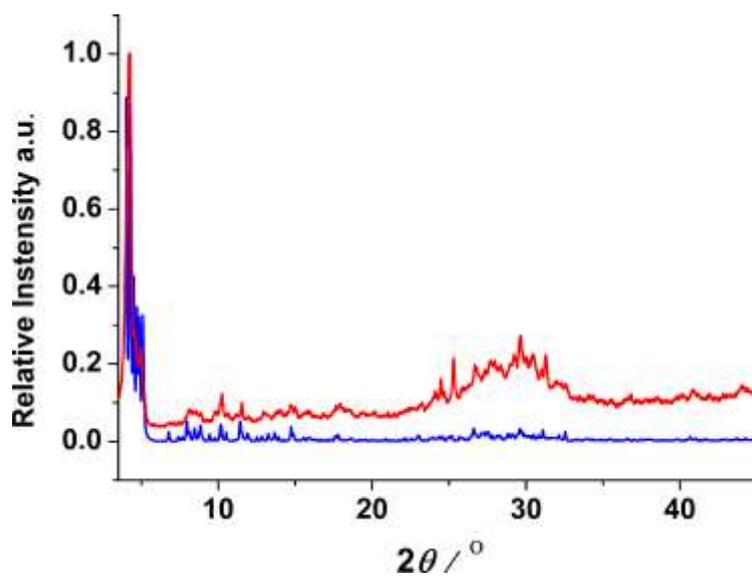
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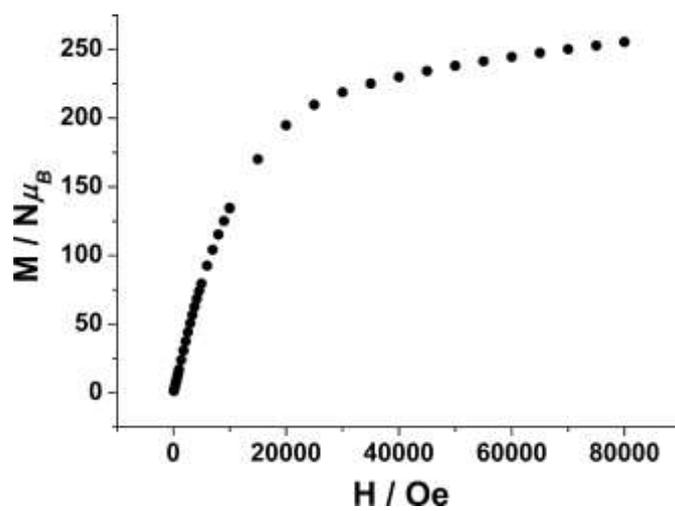
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