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## A Family of Germanates Constructed from Ge7 Clusters Cotemplated by Metal Complexes and Organic/Inorganic Species

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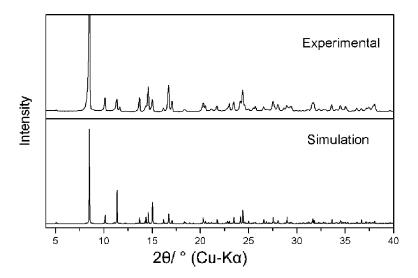


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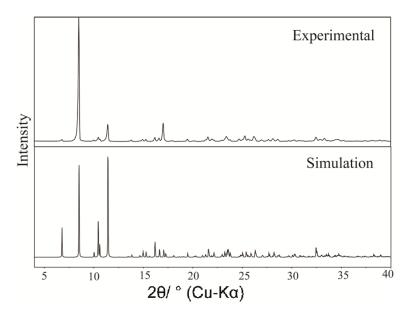


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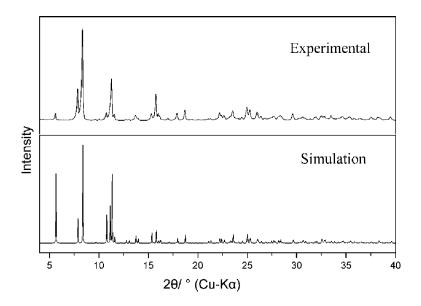


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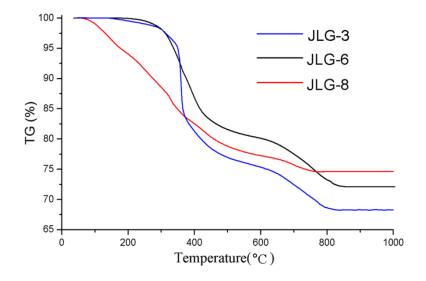
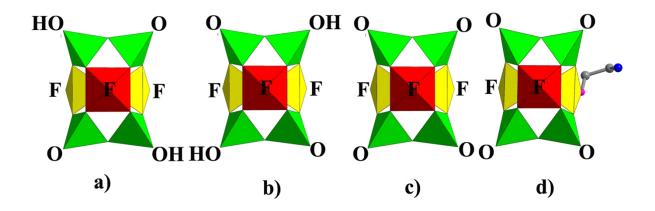
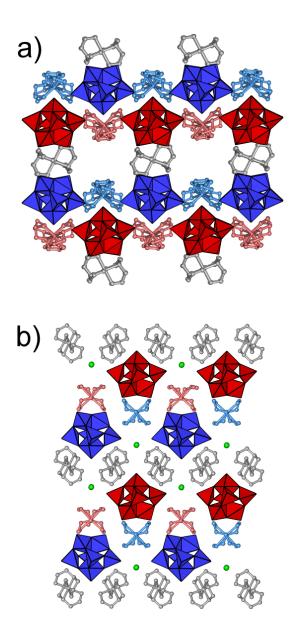


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**Fig. S5** The X defined Ge7 cluster **of JLG-3**, **JLG-6** and **JLG-8**. a) and b) are two different X defined Ge7 clusters from R- and L- chains of **JLG-3**, respectively. c) is the X defined Ge7 cluster of **JLG-8**, d) is the X defined Ge7 cluster of **JLG-6**.



**FigureS6.** The structure of a) **JU-85** and b) **JLG-3** viewed along the Ge<sub>7</sub> chains. Rand L-Ge<sub>7</sub> clusters are shown as dark red and dark blue polyhedra;  $\Delta$ -mer-,  $\Lambda$ -mer-, and s-fac-Ni(dien)<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations are shown as light red, light blue, and grey ball-andsticks, respectively. Cl<sup>-</sup> anions in **JLG-3** are shown as green spheres. Water molecules are omitted for clarity.