

**METALLACROWNS OF Ni(II) WITH α -AMINOHYDROXAMIC ACIDS
IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION:
BEYOND A 12-MC-4, AN UNEXPECTED (VACANT?) 15-MC-5**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Scheme S1 Structures of the aminohydroxamic acids (S)- α -Alaha (left) and (S)-Valha (right).

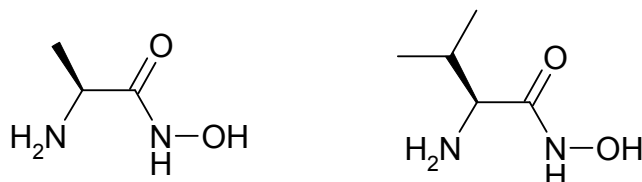


Table S1 Overall thermodynamic complex-formation parameters in the system Cu^{2+}/α -Alaha. Data from M. Tegoni, F. Dallavalle, B. Belosi, M. Remelli, Dalton Trans. **2004**, 1329-1333.

SPECIES	$\log \beta$	$-\Delta H^\circ$ (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ΔS° (J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹)
[CuL] ⁺	10.76	33	95
[CuL ₂]	19.84	66	158
[CuL ₂ H ₋₁] ⁻	9.82	46	34
[Cu ₅ L ₄ H ₄] ²⁺	40.16	85	484

Table S2 Overall thermodynamic parameters for protonation of α -Alaha, (*R,S*)-Valha and acetohydroxamic acid (Acha) in aqueous solution. $T = 298.2$ K, $I = 0.1$ mol dm⁻³. Background electrolytes: KCl, NaCl or (C₂H₅)₄NCl. Standard deviation on last figure is given in parentheses. Literature data from Tegoni, M., L. Ferretti, et al. (2007), Chem-Eur. J., 13(4): 1300-1308 and Tegoni, M., M. Remelli, et al. (2008), Dalton Trans., (20): 2693-2701..

Species	log β	$-\Delta H^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\circ/\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}$	log $\beta^\#$	log $\beta^\#$
α -Alaha	KCl			NaCl	(C ₂ H ₅) ₄ NCl
LH	9.15 (1)	27.3 (4)	84 (1)	9.07 (2)	9.27 (1)
LH ₂ ⁺	16.48 (1)	62.8 (4)	105 (1)	16.36 (3)	16.62 (1)
(<i>R,S</i>)-Valha	KCl				
LH	9.22 (1)	24.3 (9)	95 (3)	-	-
LH ₂ ⁺	16.43 (1)	57 (1)	123 (4)	-	-
Acha	KCl				
LH	9.35 (1)	22.4 (2)	104.0 (6)	-	-

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Figure S1 Time resolved Vis Spectra. Ni²⁺ / α -Alaha 1 : 1.2; C^o_{Ni} = 6 mmol dm⁻³, pH = 8.5.

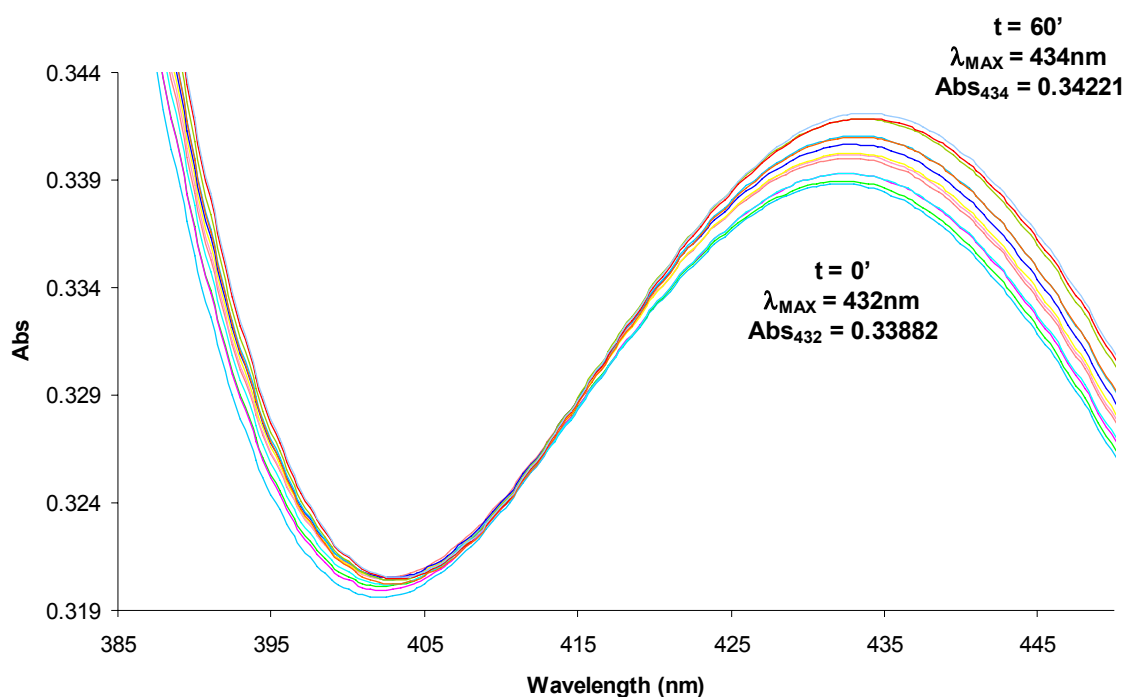
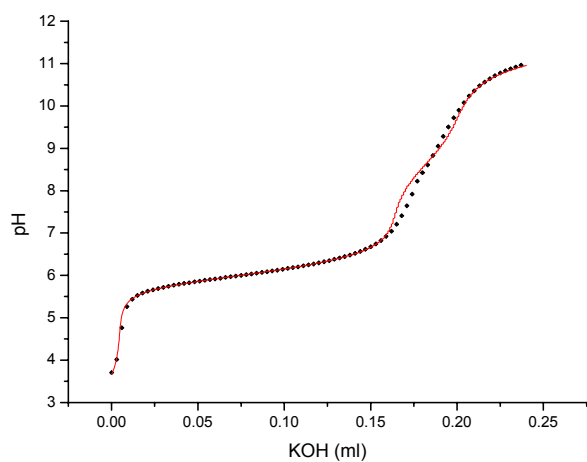
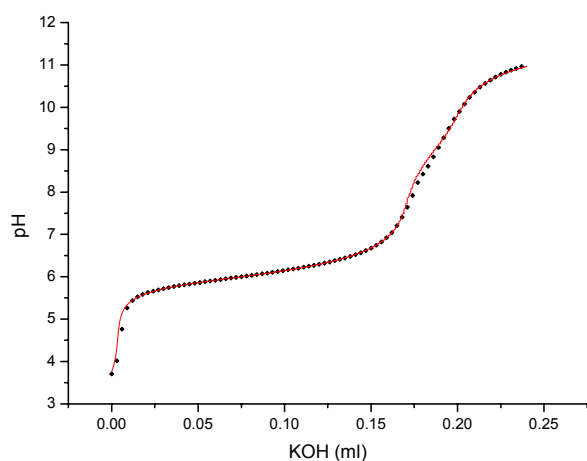


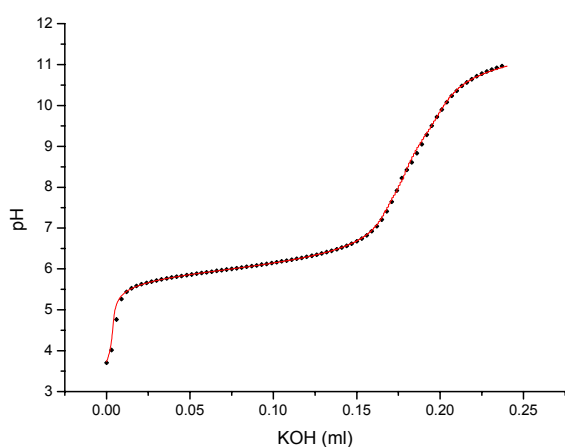
Figure S2. Example of curve fitting using different speciation models. System: Ni^{2+} / α -Alaha 1 : 1.5; $C_{\text{Ni}}^{\circ} = 4.4 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$; $T = 298.2 \text{ K}$, $I = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (KCl). Black symbols: experimental data; red line: fitting curve.



Species	$\log \beta$
$[\text{NiL}]^+$	6.74 (2)
$[\text{NiL}_2]$	14.07 (1)
$[\text{NiL}_2\text{H}_{-1}]^-$	5.49 (1)
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_4\text{H}_{-4}]^{2+}$	-
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_5\text{H}_{-5}]$	-
σ	3.14
χ^2	75.1
n	370



Species	$\log \beta$
$[\text{NiL}]^+$	6.92 (7)
$[\text{NiL}_2]$	13.95 (1)
$[\text{NiL}_2\text{H}_{-1}]^-$	5.00 (2)
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_4\text{H}_{-4}]^{2+}$	15.65 (3)
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_5\text{H}_{-5}]$	-
σ	2.00
χ^2	16.0
n	370



Species	$\log \beta$
$[\text{NiL}]^+$	6.88 (1)
$[\text{NiL}_2]$	14.05 (1)
$[\text{NiL}_2\text{H}_{-1}]^-$	4.88 (3)
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_4\text{H}_{-4}]^{2+}$	15.51 (5)
$[\text{Ni}_3\text{L}_5\text{H}_{-5}]$	13.53 (8)
σ	1.89
χ^2	8.3
n	370

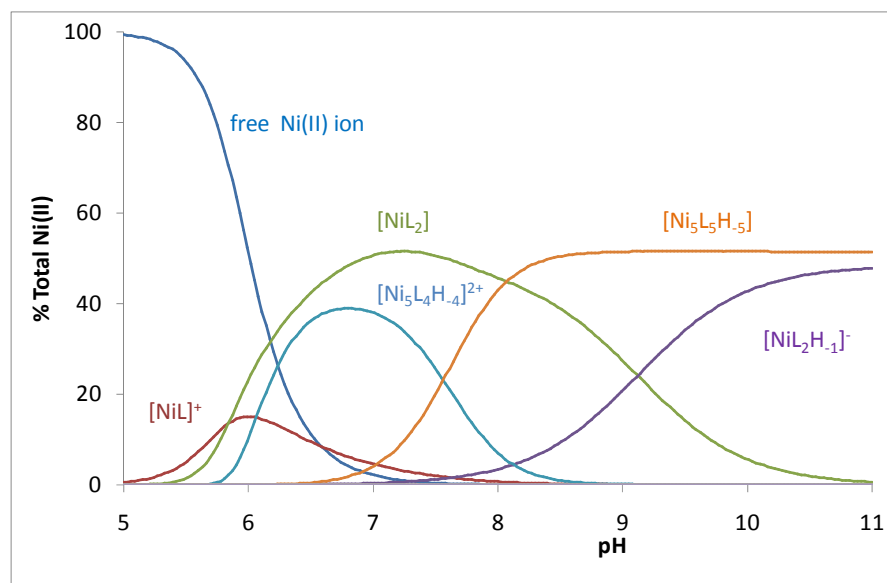


Figure S3 Exemplificative distribution diagram for the system $\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Valha}$ with ligand-to-metal ratio 1:1.5 and $C_{\text{Ni}}^{\circ} = 2 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$

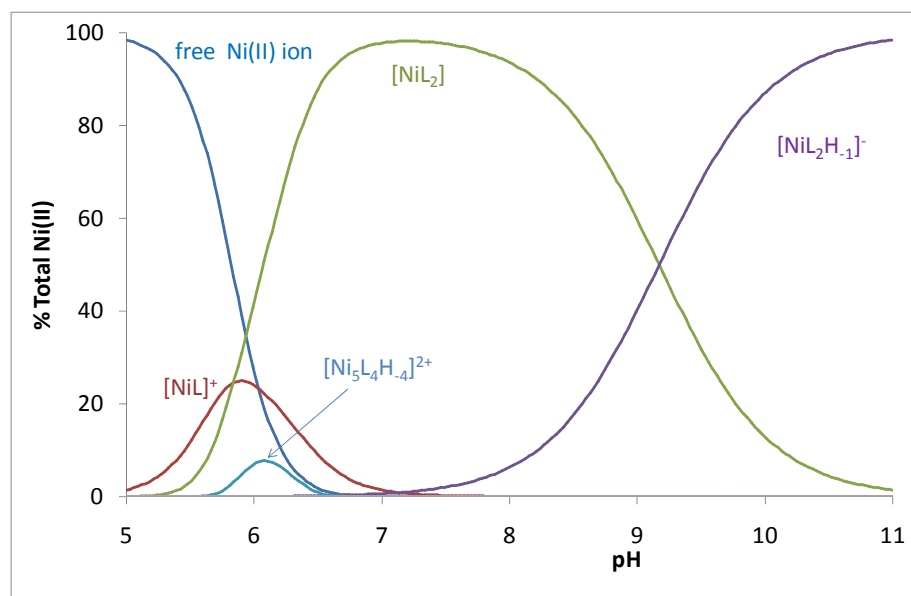
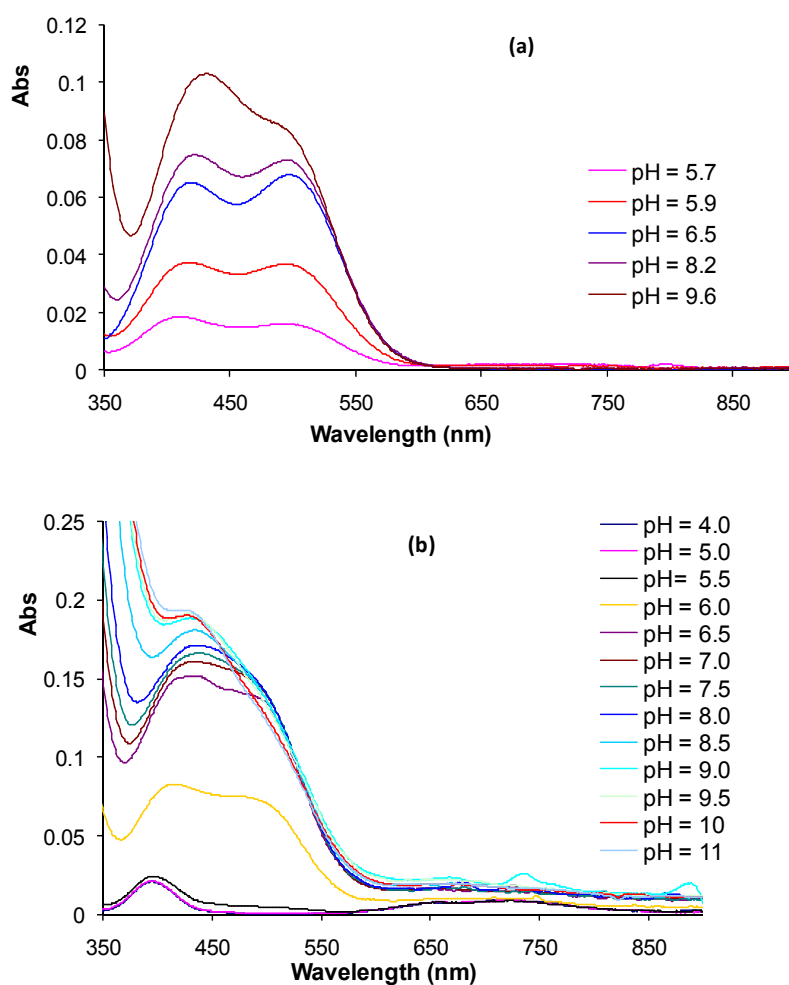


Figure S4 Exemplificative distribution diagram for the system $\text{Ni}^{2+}/\alpha\text{-Alaha}$ with ligand-to-metal ratio 1:3 and $C_{\text{Ni}}^{\circ} = 2 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$

Table S3. Literature values for formation constants of Ni²⁺ and Cu²⁺ ML complexes with different chelating bidentate ligands [L. D. Pettit and H. K. J. Powell, in *Academic Software and IUPAC*, Royal Society of Chemistry, London, 1992-2000]

Ligand	Binding mode	Ni ²⁺			Cu ²⁺		
		log β	$-\Delta H^\circ$ kJ mol ⁻¹	ΔS° J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹	log β	$-\Delta H^\circ$ kJ mol ⁻¹	ΔS° J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹
Acha	{O, O}	5.15	-	-	7.85	13.5	105
glycine	{N, O}	6.12	18.6	55	8.50	25.9	76
ethylenediamine	{N, N}	7.54	37.7	18	10.60	52.5	27

Figure S5. Vis absorption spectra for the system Ni²⁺/ α -Alaha as a function of pH. a) ligand/metal ratio 8:1, C^o_{Ni} = 1 mM; b) ligand/metal ratio 1:1 C^o_{Ni} = 3 mmol dm⁻³.



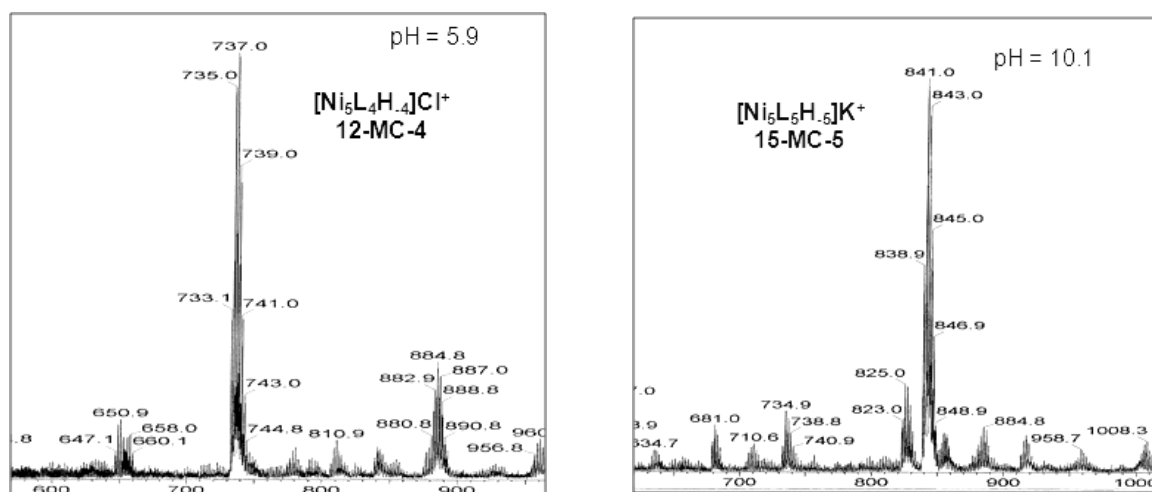


Figure S6. ESI-MS spectra for the Ni²⁺ / α -Alaha system in aqueous solution at pH 5.9 and 10.1, respectively. Base cation: K⁺.

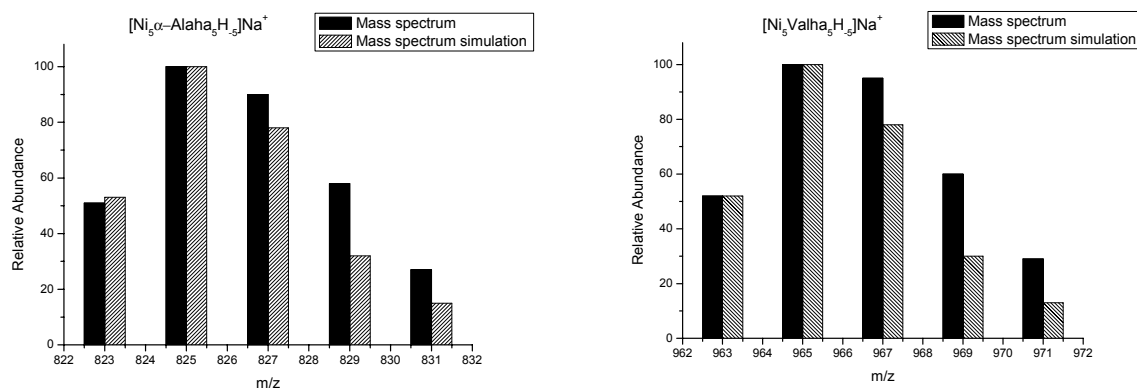


Figure S7. Comparison between experimental and calculated isotopic distributions for Ni(II) 15-MC-5 with α -Alaha and Valha.

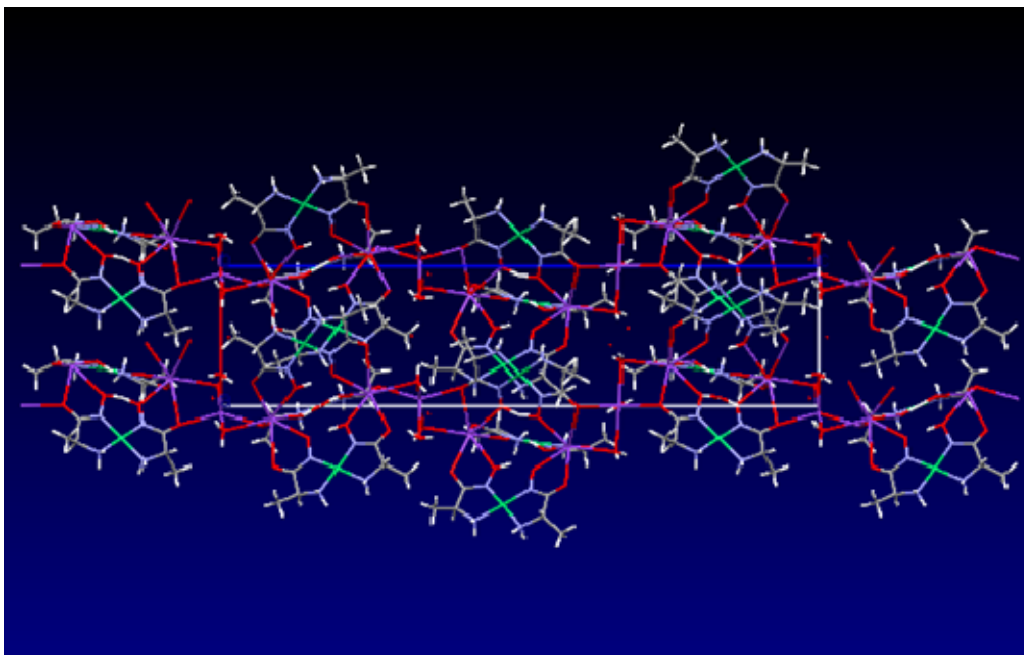


Figure S8. Unit cell packing viewed down the crystallographic *b* axis.