

Electronic Supplementary Information

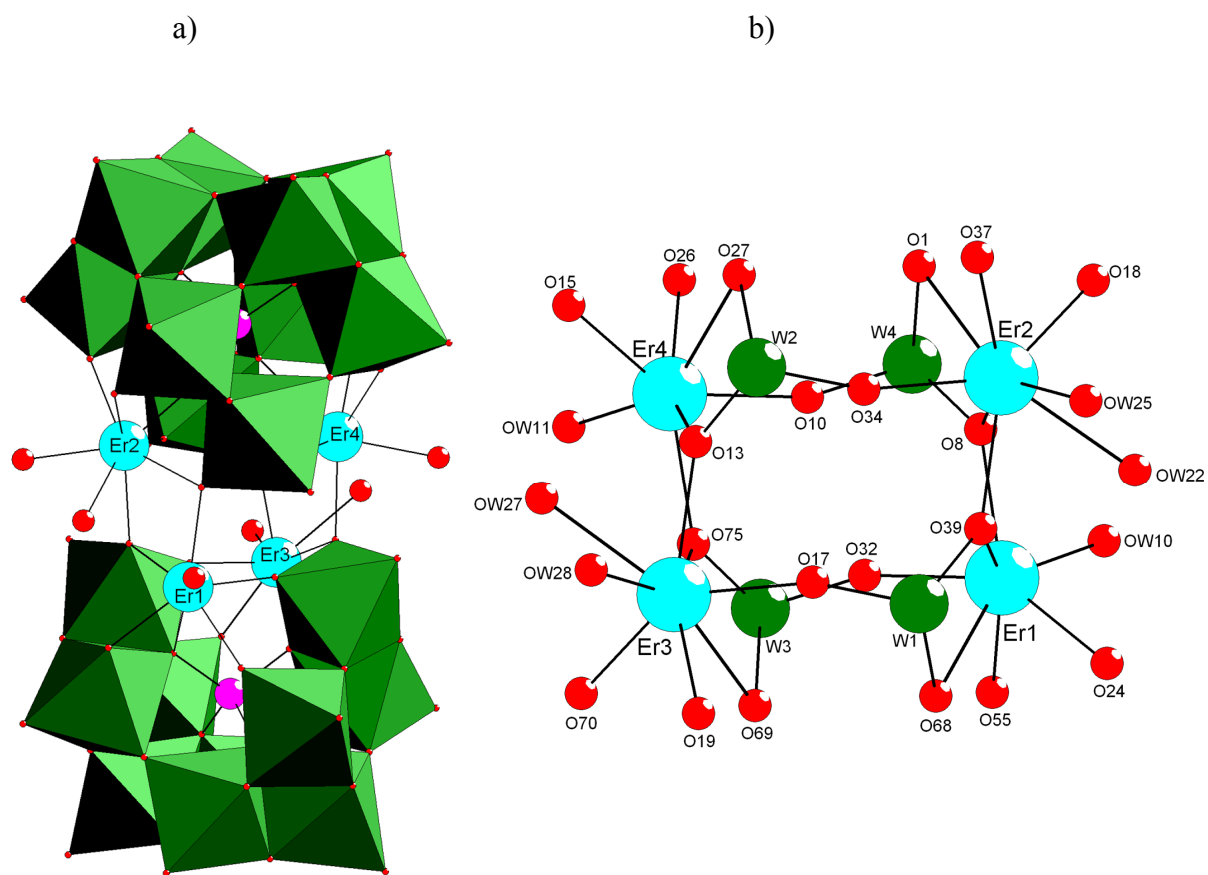


Fig. S1. a) Polyhedral and ball-and-stick representation of the sandwich-type structure of **2a**. b) Ball and stick representation of the central fragment of **2a**. All the isolated water molecules and sodium ions are omitted for clarity. The color code: W (green), Ge (purple), Er (cyan), O (red).

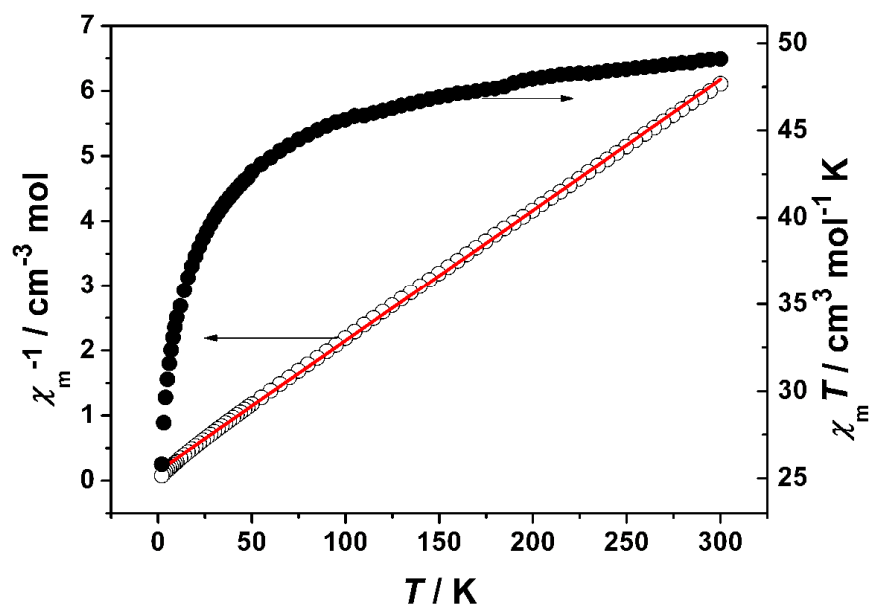


Fig. S2. Plots of the temperature dependence of $\chi_m T$ (blue points) and $1/\chi_m$ (black points) for complex **2**. The red lines show the best fit to the Curie-Weiss law.

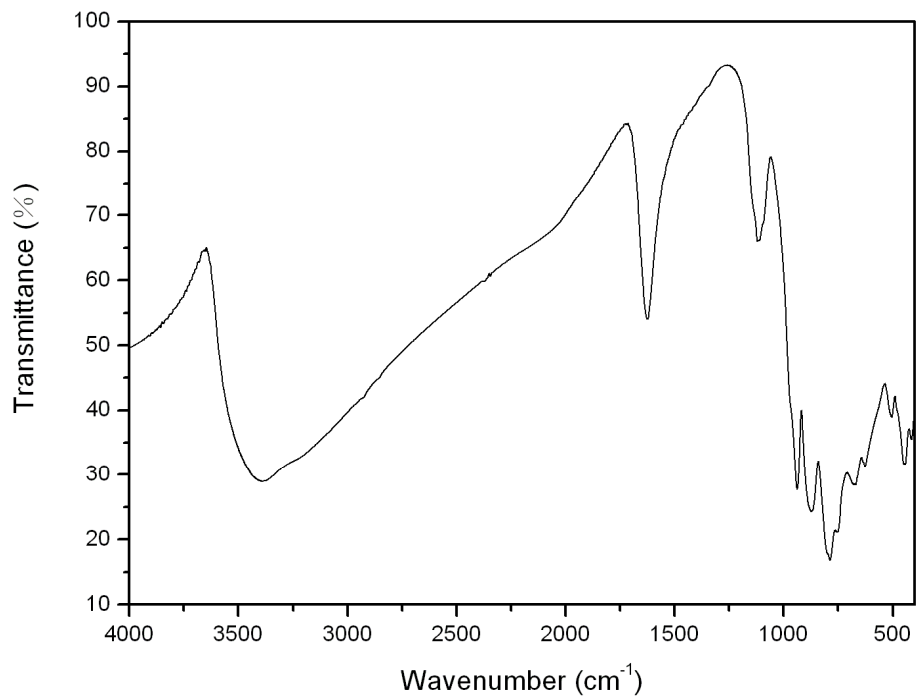


Fig. S3. IR spectra of complex **1**.

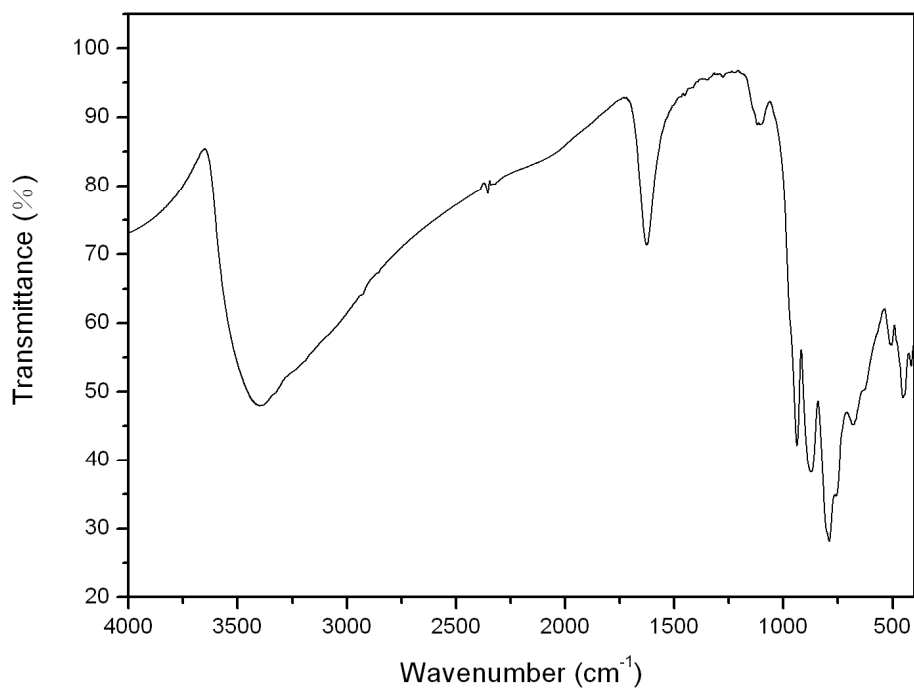


Fig. S4. IR spectra of complex **2**.

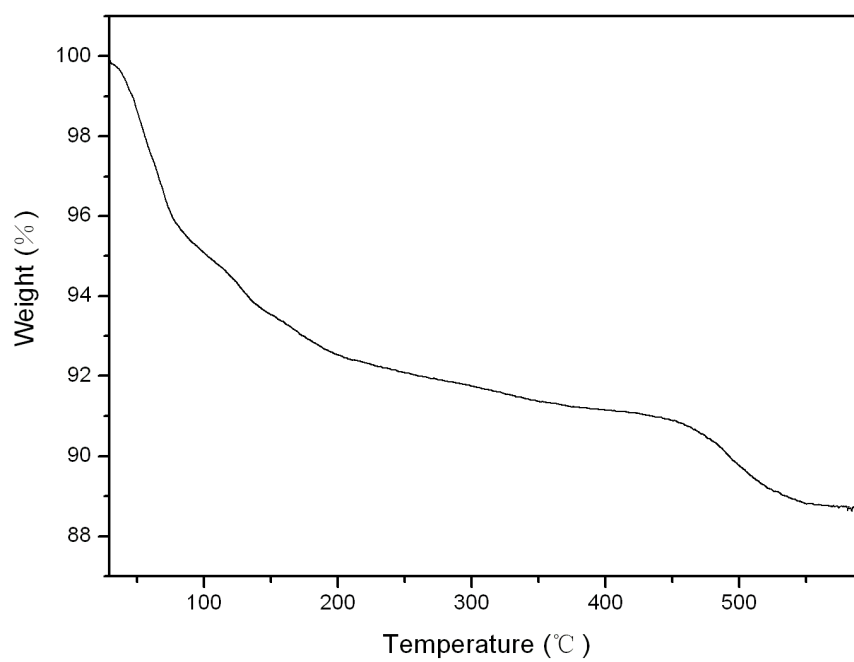


Fig. S5. TG curve of complex 1.

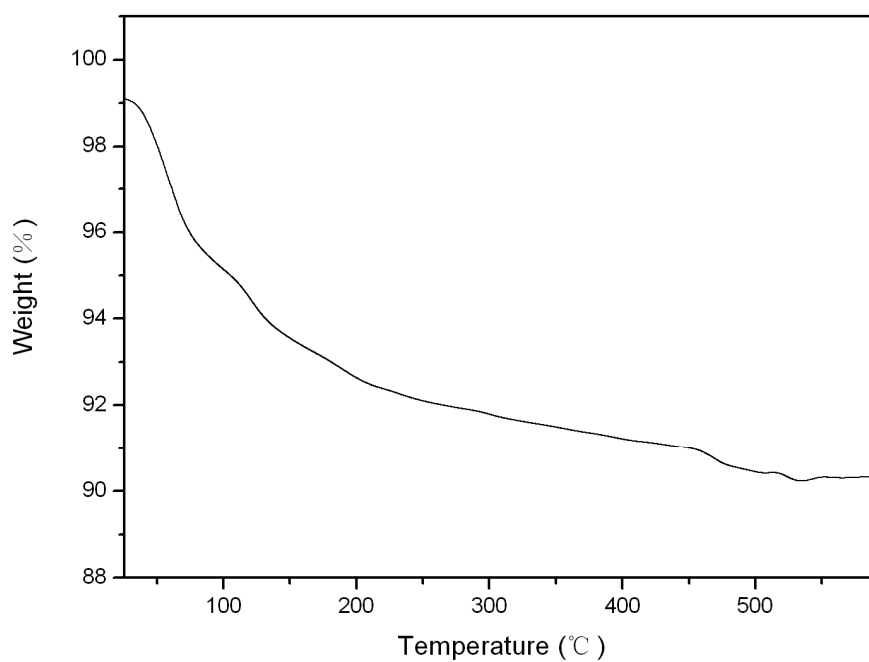


Fig. S6. TG curve of complex 2.