

# Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** The refined unit-cell parameters for  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  phase at different temperatures.

| $T, ^\circ\text{C}$ | $a, \text{Å}$ | $b, \text{Å}$ | $c, \text{Å}$ | $\beta, ^\circ$ | $V, \text{Å}^3$ |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 23                  | 9.3182(7)     | 9.5678(6)     | 13.331(1)     | 90.098(6)       | 1188.5(1)       |
| 30                  | 9.3200(7)     | 9.5682(6)     | 13.333(1)     | 90.079(6)       | 1189.0(1)       |
| 40                  | 9.3227(7)     | 9.5693(7)     | 13.337(1)     | 90.086(6)       | 1189.8(2)       |
| 50                  | 9.3265(7)     | 9.5707(6)     | 13.341(1)     | 90.086(6)       | 1190.8(1)       |
| 60                  | 9.3292(7)     | 9.5716(6)     | 13.342(1)     | 90.081(6)       | 1191.4(2)       |
| 70                  | 9.3327(7)     | 9.5723(7)     | 13.347(1)     | 90.081(6)       | 1192.4(2)       |
| 80                  | 9.3376(7)     | 9.5742(7)     | 13.351(1)     | 90.073(7)       | 1193.6(2)       |

**Table S2.** The refined unit-cell parameters for HT phase of  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , at different temperatures.

| $T, ^\circ\text{C}$ | $a, \text{Å}$ | $b, \text{Å}$ | $c, \text{Å}$ | $\alpha, ^\circ$ | $\beta, ^\circ$ | $\gamma, ^\circ$ | $V, \text{Å}^3$ |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 100                 | 6.558(6)      | 6.8957(6)     | 9.102(5)      | 91.7(1)          | 111.0(1)        | 112.4(1)         | 348.7(16)       |
| 110                 | 6.567(5)      | 6.8976(6)     | 9.121(5)      | 91.7(1)          | 111.0(1)        | 112.3(1)         | 350.1(16)       |
| 120                 | 6.578(5)      | 6.8987(5)     | 9.139(5)      | 91.8(1)          | 111.1(1)        | 112.2(1)         | 351.6(16)       |
| 130                 | 6.593(6)      | 6.9110(6)     | 9.156(6)      | 91.9(1)          | 111.2(1)        | 112.2(1)         | 353.2(19)       |
| 140                 | 6.605(6)      | 6.9439(6)     | 9.163(5)      | 91.9(1)          | 111.5(1)        | 112.4(1)         | 354.3(22)       |

**Table S3.** The refined unit-cell parameters for  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Cl}_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  phase at different temperatures.

| $T, ^\circ\text{C}$ | $a, \text{Å}$ | $b, \text{Å}$ | $c, \text{Å}$ | $V, \text{Å}^3$ |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 24                  | 13.763(7)     | 9.9434(6)     | 7.0416(6)     | 963.6(3)        |
| 30                  | 13.769(7)     | 9.9380(6)     | 7.0433(6)     | 963.8(3)        |
| 40                  | 13.769(7)     | 9.9438(6)     | 7.0452(6)     | 964.6(3)        |
| 50                  | 13.780(7)     | 9.9486(6)     | 7.0489(6)     | 966.4(3)        |
| 60                  | 13.790(7)     | 9.9541(6)     | 7.0520(6)     | 968.0(3)        |
| 70                  | 13.792(8)     | 9.9591(6)     | 7.0583(6)     | 969.5(3)        |
| 80                  | 13.791(8)     | 9.9660(6)     | 7.0588(6)     | 970.2(3)        |

**Table S4.** Bond-valence analysis (v.u. = valence units) for  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Cl}_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  phase.

| Atom         | $\text{NH}_4$            | Fe                         | H1                          | Total |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| O1           |                          | 0.39                       | 0.80 $\rightarrow \times 2$ | 1.99  |
| Cl1          | 0.01, 0.01<br>0.01, 0.01 | 0.45 $\downarrow \times 2$ | 0.13, 0.05<br>0.02, 0.01    | 0.58  |
| Cl2          | 0.01, 0.02               | 0.44                       | 0.02, 0.01                  | 0.56  |
| Cl3          | 0.01, 0.01               | 0.53                       | 0.03                        | 0.70  |
| Cl4          | 0.02, 0.01               | 0.49                       | 0.04                        | 0.50  |
| <b>Total</b> | 0.12                     | 2.75                       | 1.11                        |       |

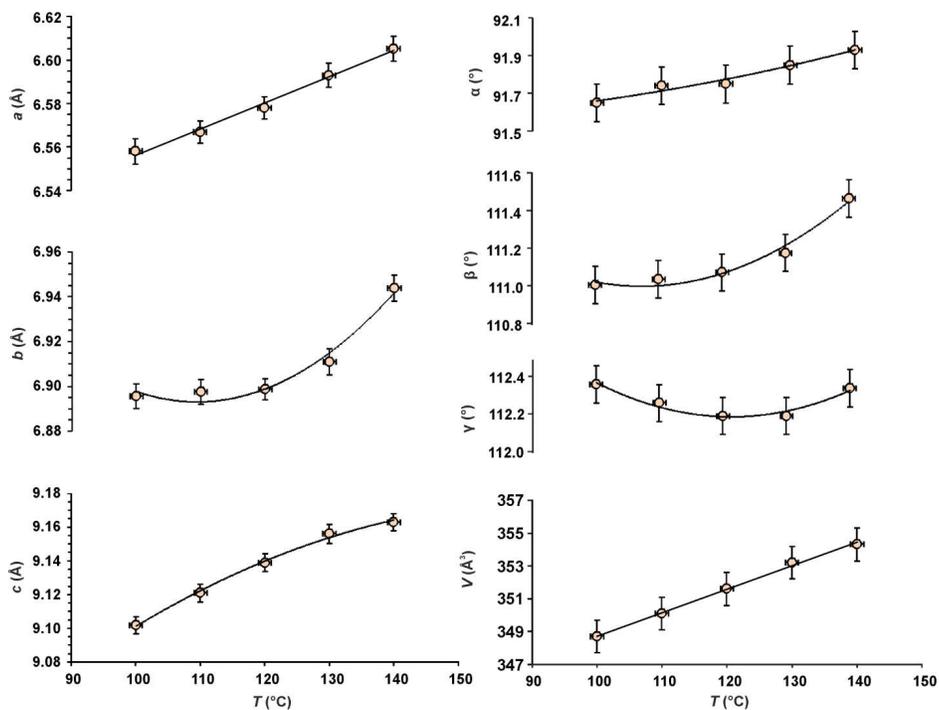
**Table S5.** Approximation equations for  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  phase and its HT modification.

|         | $T1$   | $T2$ | $n$ | $p_0$  | $p_1 \times T \times 10^{-3}$ | $p_2 \times T^2 \times 10^{-6}$ | $R^2$ |
|---------|--|------|-----|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
|         | $\text{NH}_4\text{MgCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ |      |     |        |                               |                                 |       |
| $a$     | 23   | 90   | 1   | 9.3099 | 0.0003                        | -                               | 0.99  |
| $b$     | 23   | 90   | 1   | 9.565  | 0.0001                        | -                               | 0.99  |
| $c$     | 23   | 90   | 1   | 13.322 | 0.0004                        | -                               | 0.99  |
| $\beta$ | 23   | 90   | 1   | 90.097 | -0.0003                       | -                               | 0.51  |
| $V$     | 23   | 90   | 1   | 1186.3 | 0.0883                        | -                               | 0.99  |

| HT phase |       |       |   |          |         |          |      |
|----------|-------|-------|---|----------|---------|----------|------|
| <i>a</i> | 100   | 140   | 1 | 6.436(7) | 1.20(6) | -        | 0.99 |
| <i>b</i> | 100   | 140   | 2 | 7.5(2)   | -11(3)  | 52(13)   | 0.97 |
| <i>c</i> | 100   | 140   | 2 | 8.69(8)  | 6(1)    | -18(6)   | 1.00 |
| $\alpha$ | 100   | 140   | 2 | 92(1)    | -5(17)  | 48(73)   | 0.97 |
| $\beta$  | 100   | 140   | 2 | 116(2)   | -91(26) | 426(109) | 0.98 |
| $\gamma$ | 100   | 140   | 2 | 118(1)   | -99(17) | 409(72)  | 0.94 |
| <i>V</i> | 100.0 | 140.0 | 1 | 334.6(5) | 142(4)  | -        | 1.00 |

**Table S6.** Approximation equations for  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Cl}_5\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  phase.

|          | <i>T1</i> | <i>T2</i> | <i>n</i> | <i>p</i> <sub>0</sub> | <i>p</i> <sub>1</sub> × <i>T</i> × 10 <sup>-3</sup> | <i>R</i> <sup>2</sup> |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <i>a</i> | 24        | 80        | 1        | 13.751                | 0.562   | 0.91                  |
| <i>b</i> | 24        | 80        | 1        | 9.927                 | 0.456   | 0.92                  |
| <i>c</i> | 24        | 80        | 1        | 7.033                 | 0.331   | 0.97                  |
| <i>V</i> | 24        | 80        | 1        | 960.05                | 129   | 0.98                  |



**Figure S1.** The dependencies of unit-cell parameters of HT modification of  $\text{NH}_4\text{MgCl}_3\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .