

# **The Hydration of the Scandium(III) Ion in Aqueous Solution and Crystalline Hydrates Studied by XAFS Spectroscopy, Large Angle X-Ray Scattering and Crystallography**

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## **Supplementary Material**

**Fig. S1.** The fit and the individual contribution of the different scattering paths of the EXAFS data of

- a/ solid octaaquascandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S1**), solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 3. Separate contributions: (offset -7) - Sc-O<sub>p</sub> single scattering (SS) and (offset -16) - Sc-O<sub>c</sub> SS.
- b/ solid octaaquascandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S1**), solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 3. Separate contributions: (offset -8) - Sc-O<sub>p</sub> single scattering (SS) and (offset -16) - Sc-O<sub>c</sub> SS.
- c/ solid hexaaquascandium(III) perchlorate (**S2**), solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 3. Separate contributions: (offset -7) - Sc-O single scattering (SS), (offset -14) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -16) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -18) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4 leg linear MS and (offset -20) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS.
- d/ solid hexaaquascandium(III) hexakis(methanesulfonato)scandate(III) (**S3**), solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 3. Separate contributions: (offset -8) - Sc-O single scattering (SS), (offset -16) - Sc-S single scattering (SS), (offset -22) Sc-O-S 3-leg multiple scattering (MS), (offset -26) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -33) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -38) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS and (offset -43) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS.
- e/ solid tetraaquabis(tosilato)scandium(III) tosilate dihydrate (**S4**), solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 3. Separate contributions: (offset -6) - Sc-O single scattering (SS), (offset -17) - Sc-S single scattering (SS), (offset -22) Sc-O-S 3-leg multiple scattering (MS), (offset -26) Sc-O-O 3-leg multiple scattering (MS), (offset -29) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -32) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS and (offset -35) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS.
- f/ solid  $[\text{Sc}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{OH}_2)_5]_2\text{Cl}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 2. Separate contributions: (offset -7) - Sc-O single scattering (SS), (offset -15) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -17) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS and (offset -19) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS.
- g/ 0.98 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous solution of scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate and an excess of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 0.88 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>, solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 2. Separate contributions: (offset -6) - Sc-O<sub>p</sub> single scattering (SS), (offset -14) - Sc-O<sub>c</sub> SS, (offset -17) - Sc-O-O 3-leg linear MS, (offset -19) Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS, (offset -21) - Sc-O-Sc-O 4-leg linear MS.
- h/ 0.98 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous solution of scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate and an excess of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 0.88 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>, refined by GNXAS, solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters

given in Table 2. Separate contributions: (offset +3.5) - Sc-O<sub>p</sub> single scattering (SS) and (offset +2) - Sc-O<sub>c</sub> SS, (offset -1.5) residual.

i/ 0.34 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup> aqueous solution of scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate and an excess of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 0.05 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>, refined by GNXAS, solid line - experimental data, dashed line - calculated model function using the parameters given in Table 2. Separate contributions: (offset +4.5) - Sc-O<sub>p</sub> single scattering (SS) and (offset +2.5) - Sc-O<sub>c</sub> SS, (offset -2) residual.

*Fig. S2.* (a) LAXS data of an 1.05 mol·dm<sup>-3</sup> scandium perchlorate solution, L6, with pH ≈ 0.8. (Top) Separate model contributions with parameters from Table 5, including the hydrated scandium ion, the hydrated perchlorate ion (dashed line) and the bulk water (dotted line). (Middle) Radial distribution function,  $D(r) - 4\pi r^2 \rho_0$ , and the sum of the calculated peak shapes: experimental (solid line); model (dashed line); difference between the experimental and the calculated function (dashed-dotted line). (Bottom) Structure-dependent LAXS intensity functions multiplied by the scattering variable:  $s \cdot i(s)$  versus  $s$ : experimental data (solid line); model function (dashed line).

**Fig. S3.** Baseline-corrected and intensity-normalized Raman spectra of the aqueous solution **L1** and the crystalline hydrates **S1–S3**, **S5** and **S6** recorded at room temperature. The  $\nu_1(\text{Sc}-\text{O})$  symmetric stretching vibrational band is indicated.

- (a) Comparison of the Raman spectra of the acidified (~1M HCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>) scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate aqueous solution **L1** and crystalline [Sc(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>](CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and [Sc(OD<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>](CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (**S1**). Note that the  $\nu_1(\text{Sc}-\text{O})$  band for the deuterated compound is shifted about 15 cm<sup>-1</sup> to lower frequency.
- (b) Raman spectrum of crystalline [Sc(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (**S2**). The  $\nu_1(\text{Sc}-\text{O})$  band at 432 cm<sup>-1</sup> overlap with the deformation mode of perchlorate ion,  $\nu_2(\text{ClO}_4^-)$ , at 462 cm<sup>-1</sup>.
- (c) Raman spectrum of crystalline [Sc(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>][Sc(OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>] (**S3**). The bands at 433 and 472 cm<sup>-1</sup> are the symmetric stretching modes,  $\nu_1(\text{Sc}-\text{O})$ , of the cation [Sc(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> and anion [Sc(OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> entities.
- (d) Raman spectrum of crystalline [Sc<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>]Br<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**S5**).
- (e) Raman spectrum of crystalline [Sc<sub>2</sub>(μ-OH)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>]Cl<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**S6**).

Fig. S1a.

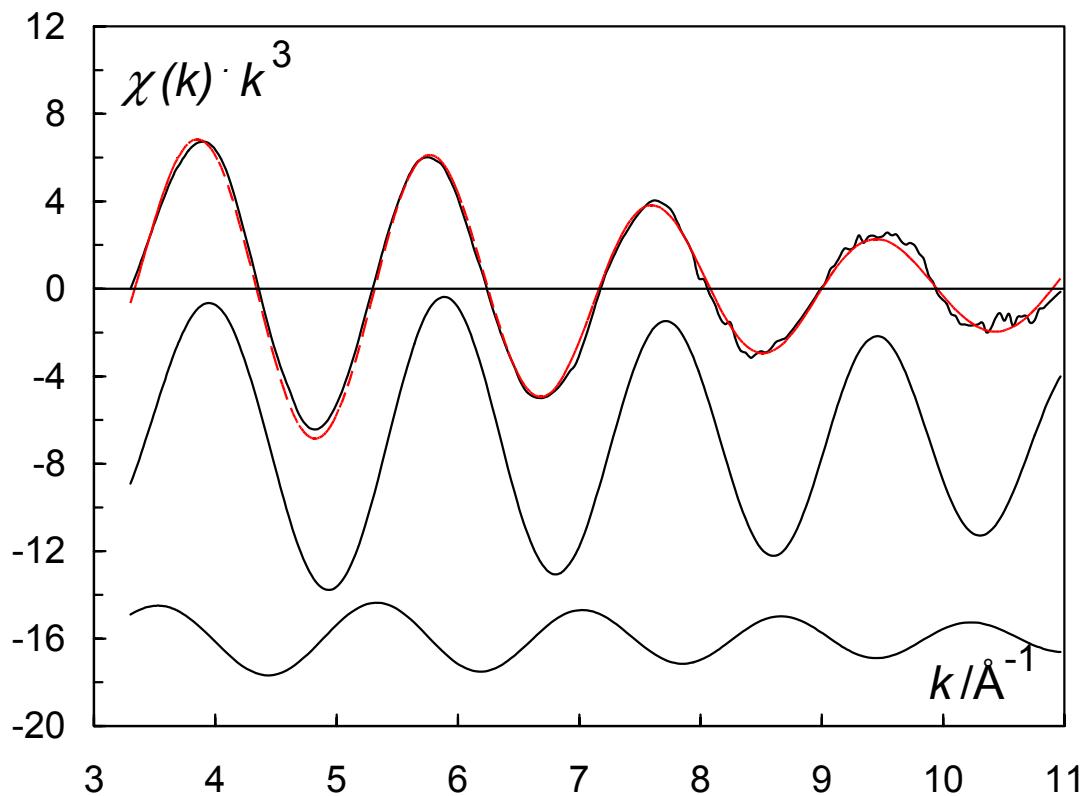


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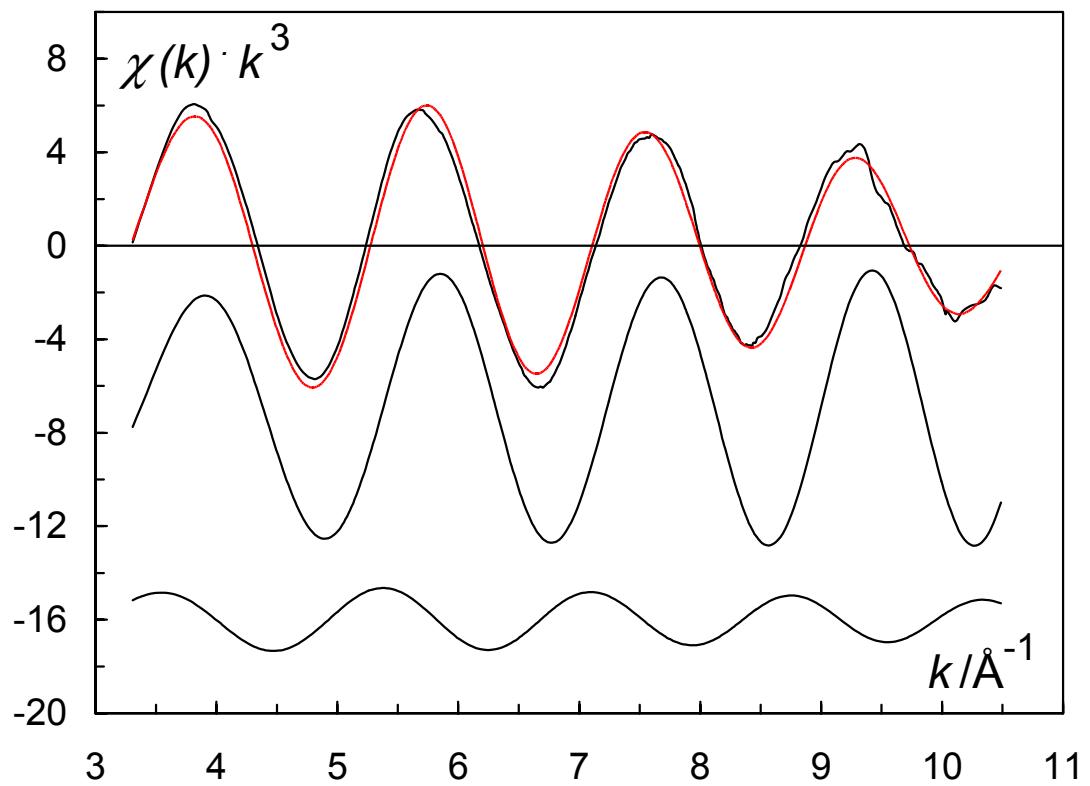


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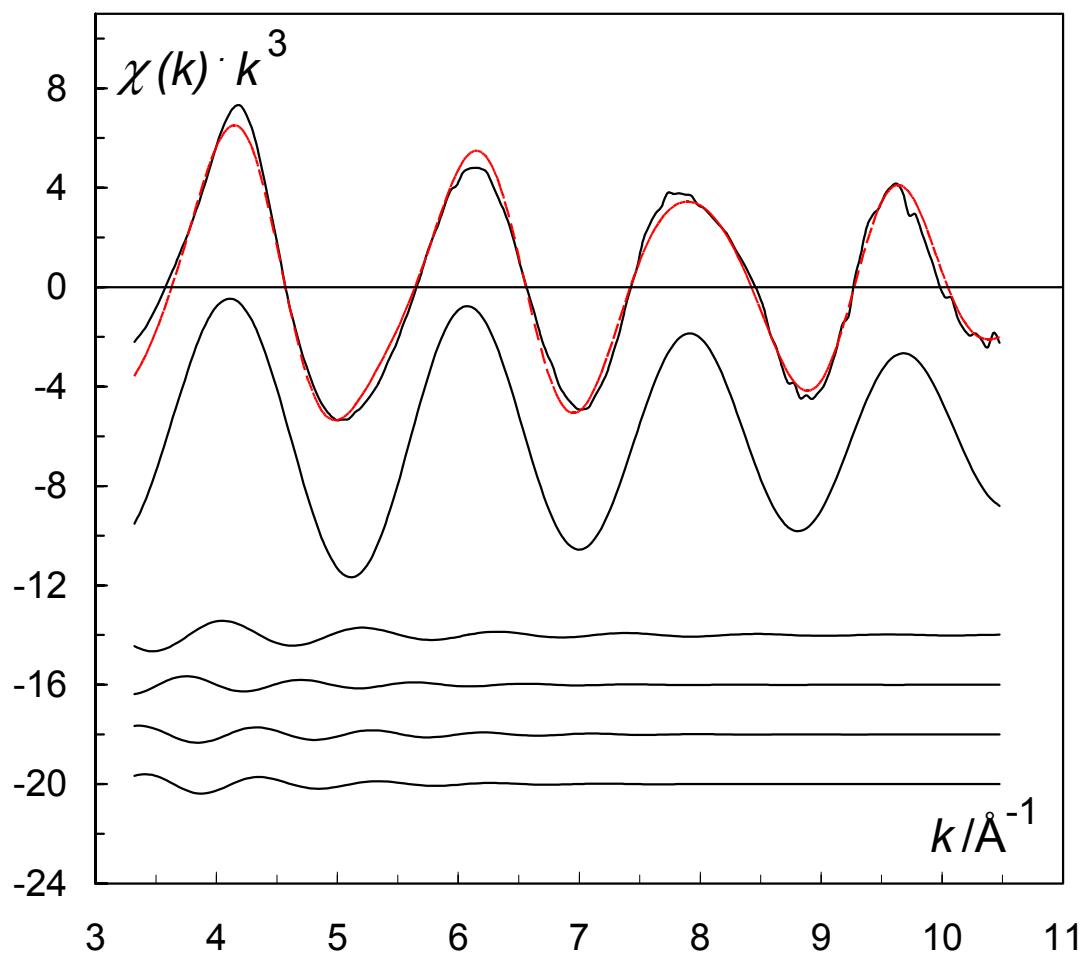


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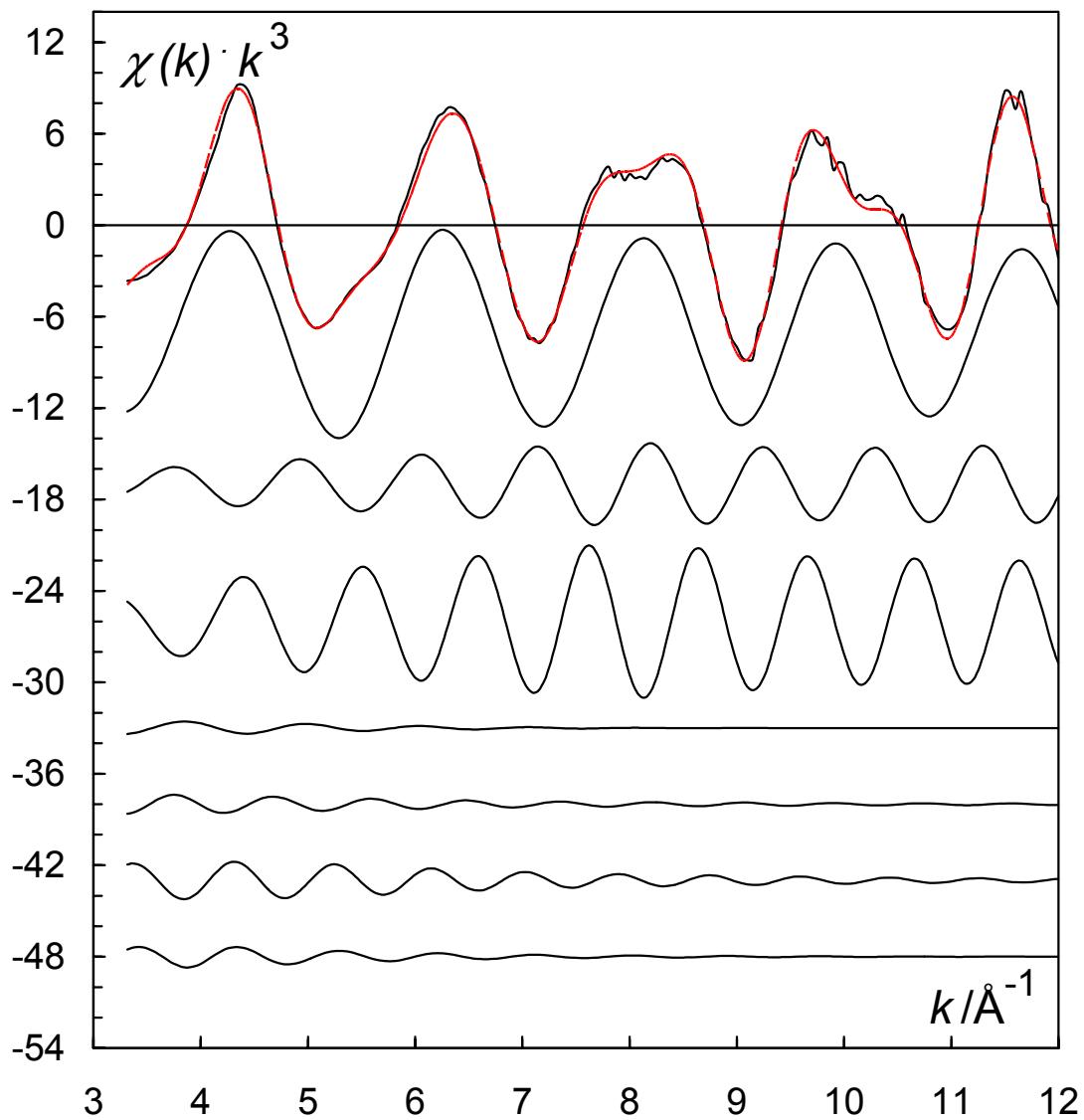


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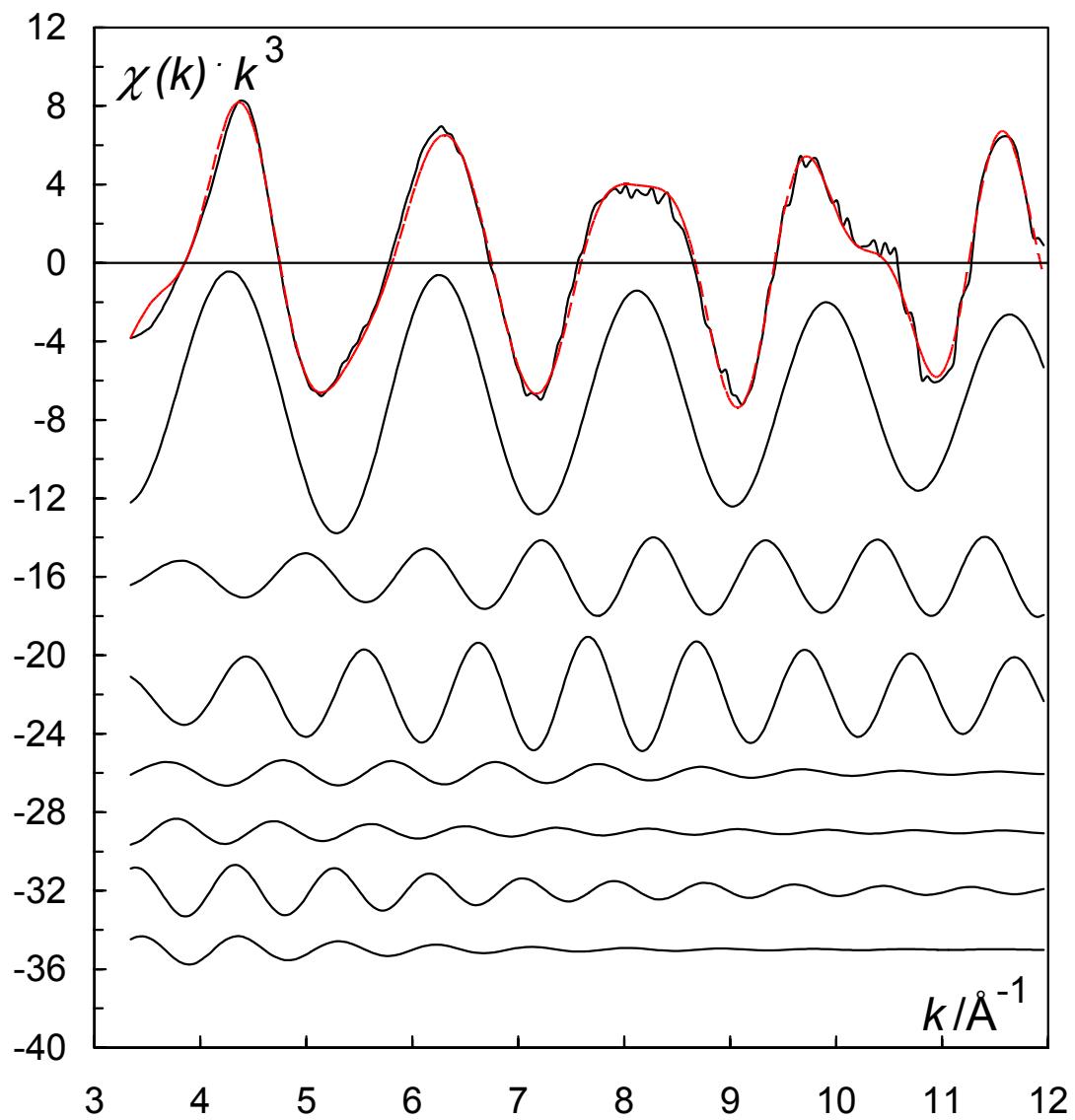


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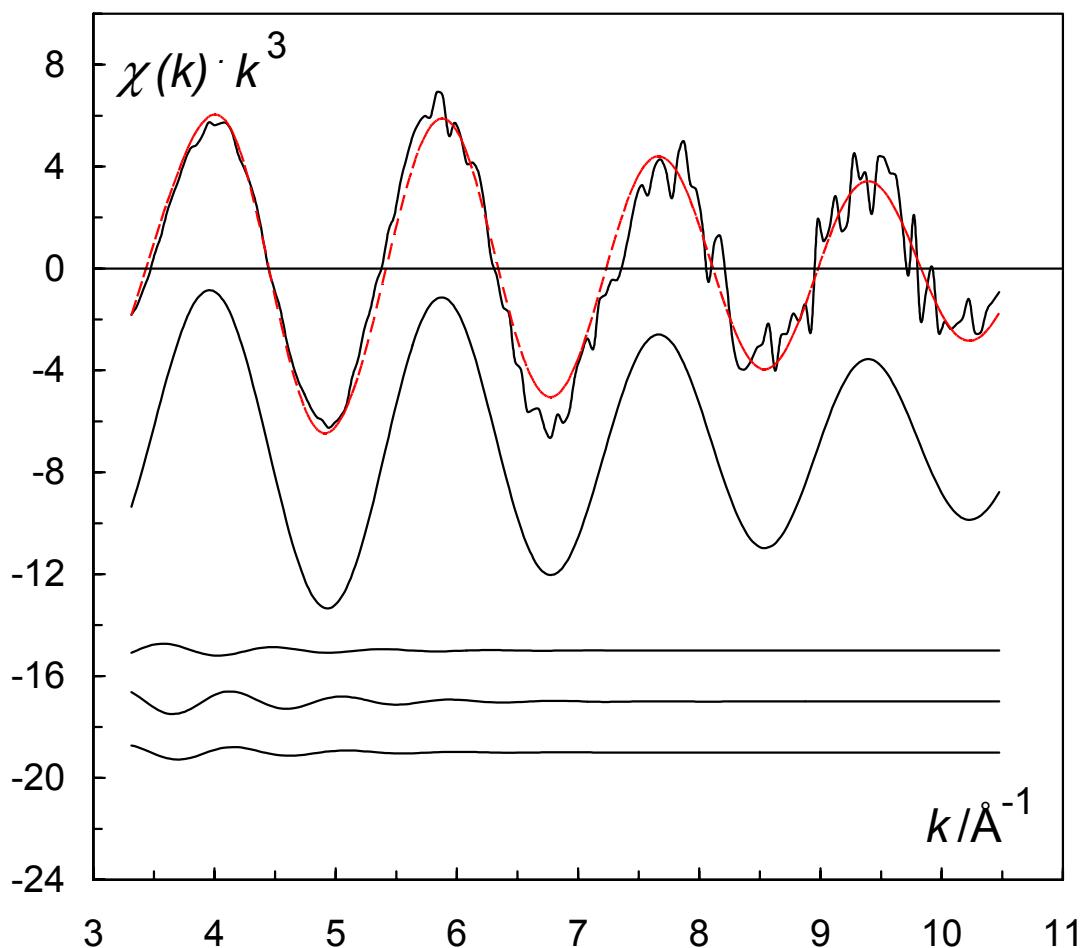


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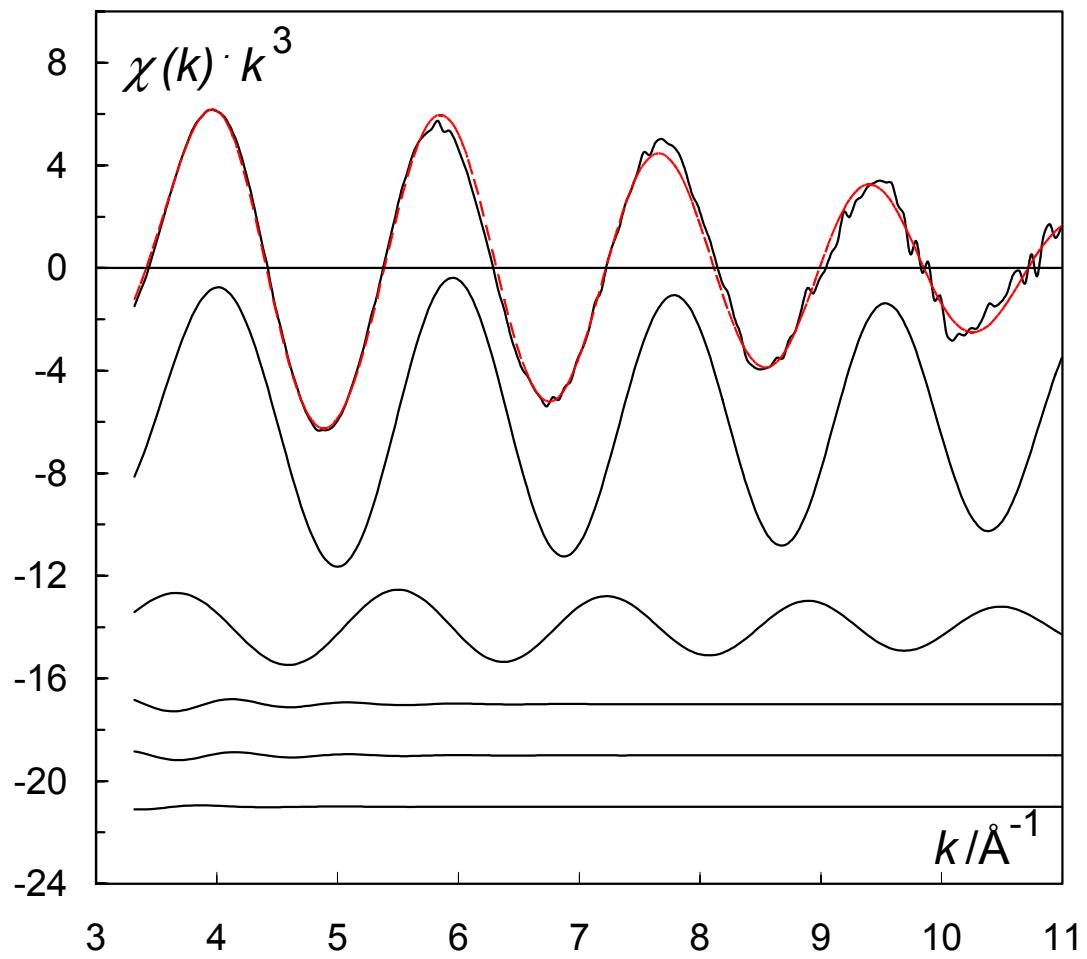


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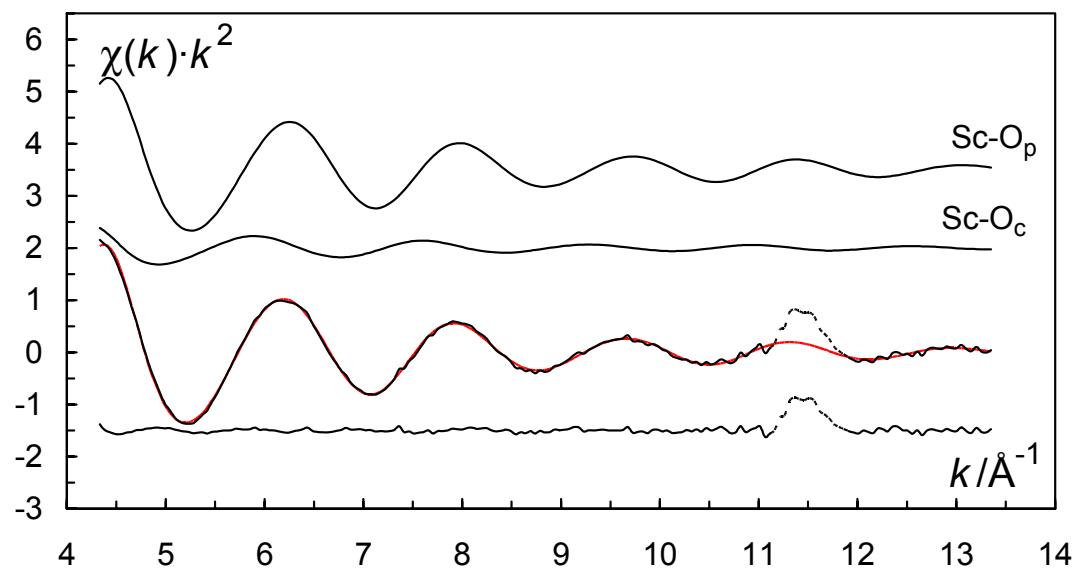


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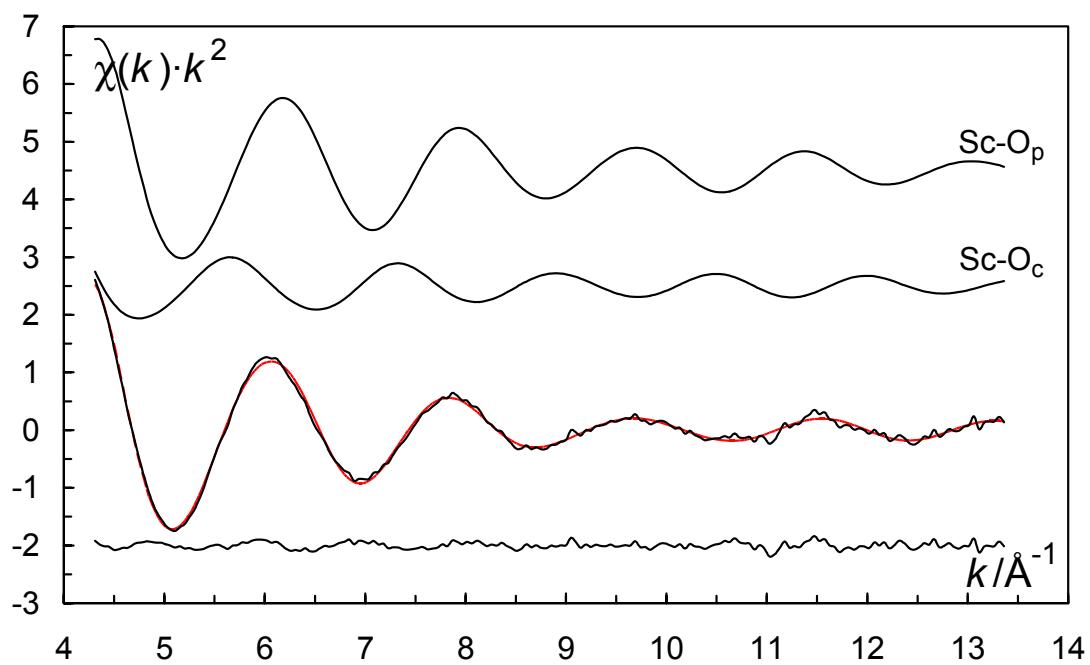
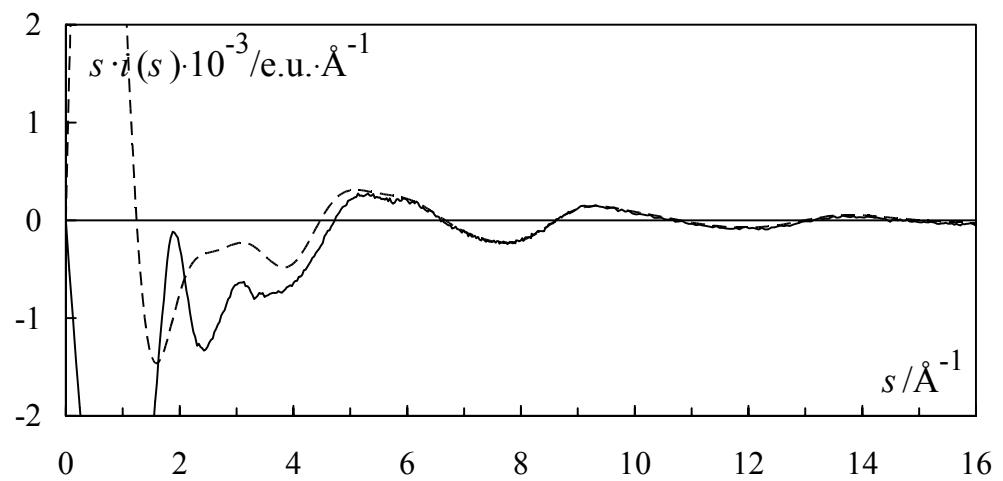
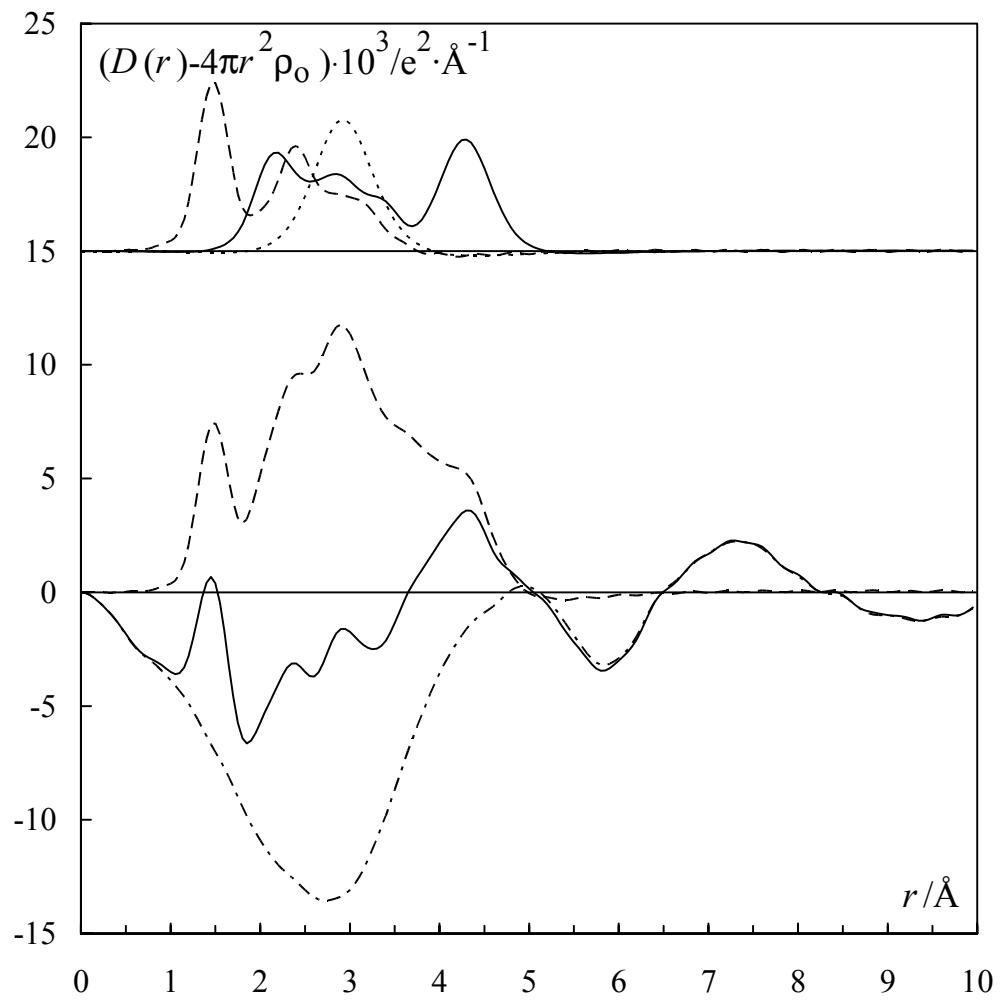
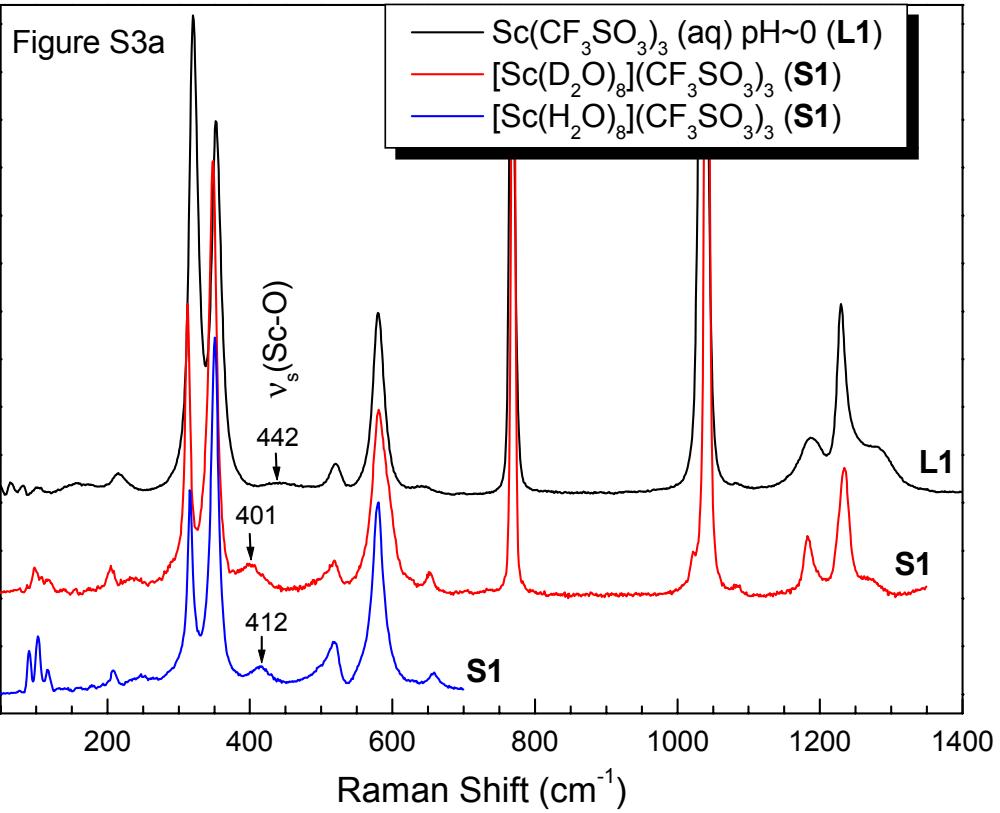


Fig. 2.





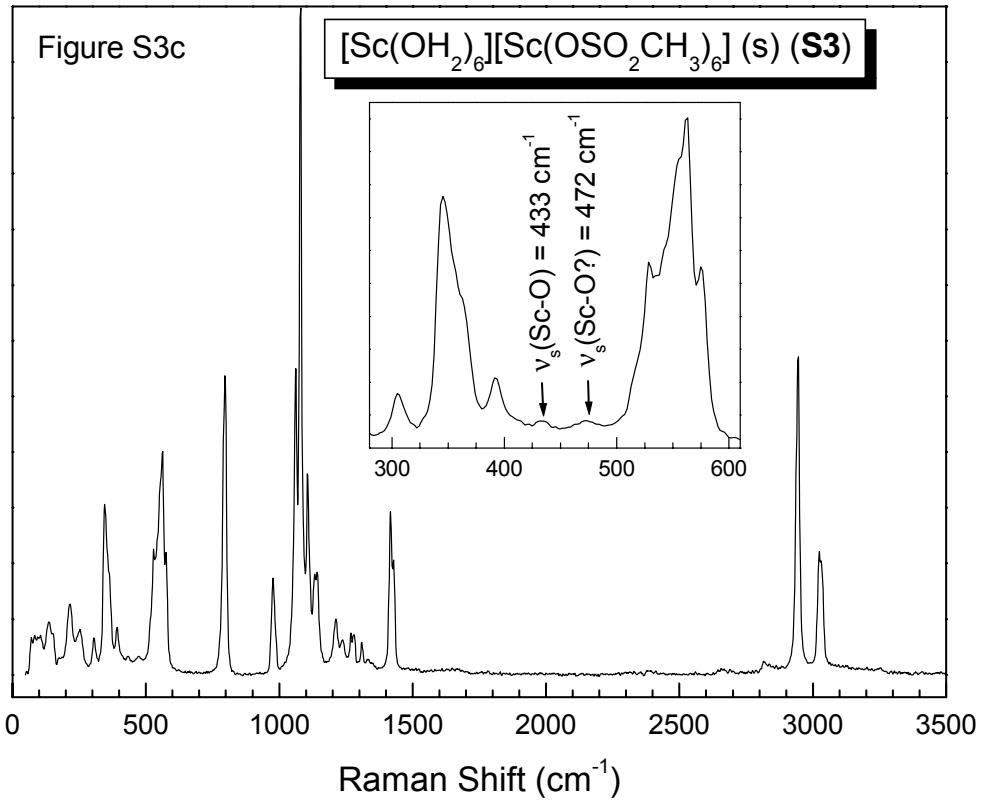
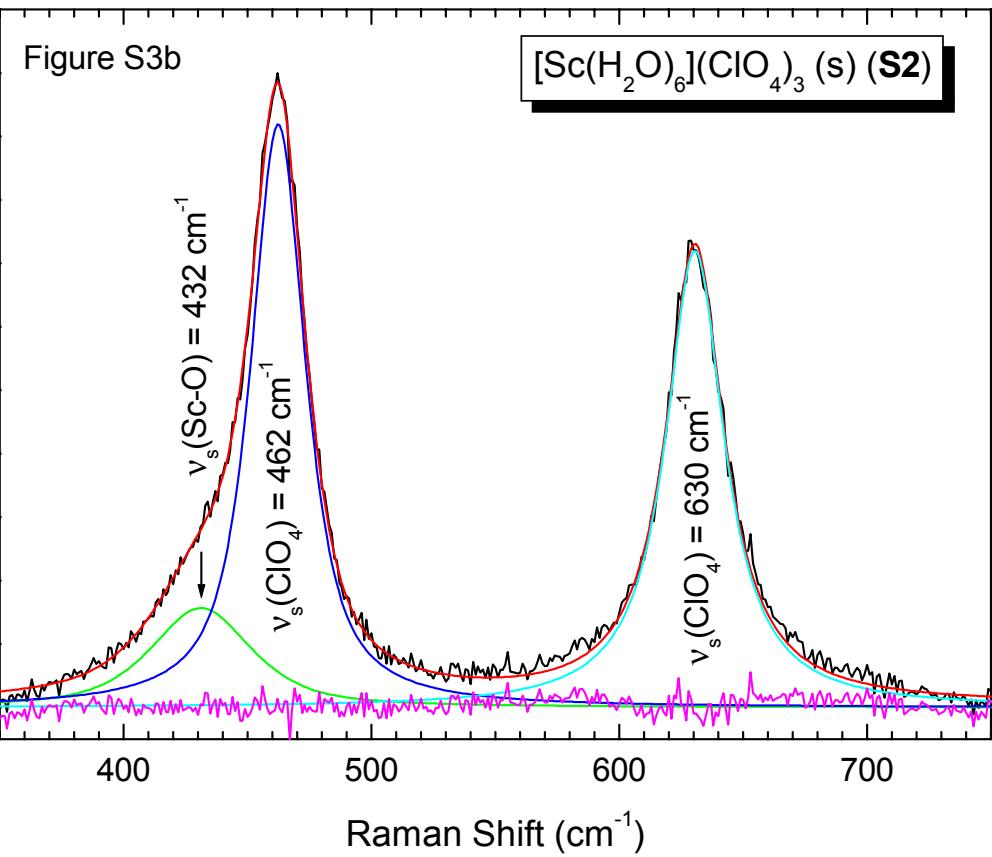


Figure S3d

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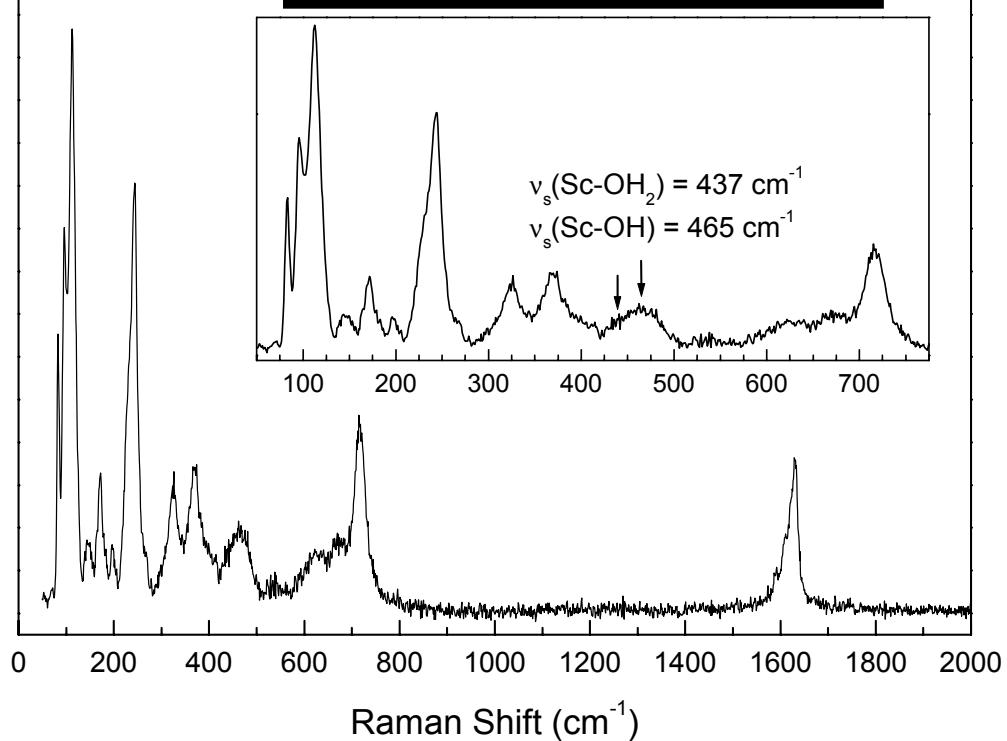


Figure S3e

$[\text{Sc}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{OH}_2)_{10}]\text{Cl}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (s) (**S6**)

