

[Sr₄Cl₂][Si₃S₉]: Ultrawide-bandgap salt-inclusion thiosilicate nonlinear optical material with unprecedented tri-polymerized [Si₃S₉] clusters

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1. Synthesis of Title Compound

All the reagents were directly purchased from the Beijing Hawke Technology Co., Ltd. The whole preparation process is completed in an Ar-filled glovebox.

The synthesis of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$ was carried out with the stoichiometric ratio (SrS: SrCl₂: Si: S=3:1:3:6). We firstly put the raw material into a graphite crucible and then put the crucible into a flame-sealed silica tube with 10^{-3} Pa to eliminate the corrosion problem between the quartz tube and the raw material. The silica tube was heated to 850 °C and kept at this temperature for about 50 hours and slowly reduced to ambient temperature over a period of 3 days. Finally, the high yield (>95%) of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$ crystals were obtained and they were stable in air within half of year.

The SEM-EDS test of the crystal was performed with a Hitachi TM4000Plus scanning electron microscope, which shows that four chemical elements (Sr, Si, S and Cl) were contained in a ratio of approximately 4.198 : 3.584 : 9.952 : 2.266 (Figure S3).

2. Structural Refinement and Crystal Data

Selected high-quality crystal of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$ was used for data collection by a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer using Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) at 296 K. Its crystal structure was solved by direct method and refined using the SHELXTL program package.^[1] Absorption correction was performed using the multi-scan method.^[2] Reasonable anisotropic thermal parameters were obtained for all atoms by anisotropic refinement and extinction correction. PLATON was also used to check the final structures and no other symmetries were found.^[3] Refinement parameters and data were detailed in Table S1.

3. Property Characterization

3.1 Powder X-ray Diffraction

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of title compounds were collected on a Bruker D2 X-ray diffractometer with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$) at room temperature. The 2θ range was $10\text{--}70^\circ$ with a step size of 0.02° and a fixed counting time of 1s/step.

3.2 UV–Vis–Near-IR (NIR) Diffuse-Reflectance Spectra

Diffuse-reflectance spectra were measured by a Shimadzu SolidSpec-3700DUV spectrophotometer in the wavelength range of $200\text{--}1100 \text{ nm}$ at room temperature. The absorption spectra were converted from the reflection spectra *via* the Kubelka–Munk function.

3.3 IR and Raman Spectra

The Infrared spectrum was carried out on a Shimadzu IR Affinity Fourier transform infrared spectrometer in the range of $400\text{--}4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ with a resolution of 4 cm^{-1} . The crystals were mixed with KBr in a ratio of approximately 1:100 as the sample for measurement. The sample was dried and ground into a fine powder and then pressed into a transparent sheet. Finally, the sheet was loaded into the sample chamber and the IR spectral data were recorded.

Hand-picked crystals were first placed on object slides and then Raman spectra were recorded by a 532 nm laser using a LABRAM HR Evolution spectrometer equipped with a CCD detector. The integration time was set to 5 seconds.

3.4 Second-harmonic Generation Measurements

The powder SHG response was studied by the Kurtz and Perry method ^[4] with Q-switch laser ($2.09 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, 3 Hz, 50 ns) of different particle sizes, including 38–55, 55–88, 88–105, 105–150, 150–200, and 200–250 μm . The AgGaS₂ crystal was ground and sieved into the same size range as the reference.

3.5 LDT Measurements

The LDTs of title compounds were evaluated on powder sample ($150\text{--}200 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$) with a pulsed YAG laser ($1.06 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, 10 ns, 10 Hz). Similar size of AgGaS₂ is chosen as the reference. The judgment criterion is as follows: with increasing laser energy, the color

change of the powder sample is constantly observed by optical microscope to determine the damage threshold. To adjust different laser beams, an optical concave lens is added into the laser path. The damage spot is measured by the scale of optical microscope.

3.6 Thermal Properties

The thermogravimetric analysis (TG) was performed using a NETZSCH STA449F3 thermal analyzer and the title compound was heated from 50°C to 950°C at a rate of 8°C/min under air conditions.

3.7 Computational Description

In order to further investigate the relationship of structure–property, the electronic structure of title compound was studied by density functional theory (DFT) based on ab initio calculations.^[5] The exchange–correlation potential was calculated using Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof (PBE) functional within the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) with the scheme.^[6] To achieve energy convergence, a plane-wave basis set energy cutoff was 720 eV within normal-conserving pseudo-potential (NCP)^[7]. As important parameters for NLO crystal, SHG coefficients were also calculated.^[8] Owing to the discontinuity of exchange correlation energy, the experimental value is usually larger than that of calculated band gap. Thus, scissors operators are used to make the conduction bands agree with the experimental values.

4. Tables and Figures

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Figure S2. Powder XRD patterns of title compound.

Figure S3. The SEM-EDS diagram of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

Figure S4. The TG and DSC curves of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

Figure S5. Band structures of (a) $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$ and (b) Sr_2SiS_4 .

Figure S6. IR spectrum of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for title compound.

Empirical formula	[Sr ₄ Cl ₂][Si ₃ S ₉]
formula weight	794.19
crystal system	Hexagonal
space group	<i>P</i> 6 ₃
cell parameter <i>a</i> (Å)	9.4397(8)
cell parameter <i>c</i> (Å)	11.5555(11)
<i>Z</i> , <i>V</i> (Å ³) (Volume)	2, 891.73(17)
<i>D</i> _c (g/cm ³) (calculated density)	2.958
μ (mm ⁻¹) (absorption coefficient)	13.429
goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	0.997
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)) ^a	0.0356, 0.0454
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0272, 0.0437
absolute structure parameter	0.018(8)
largest diff. peak and hole (e·Å ⁻³)	0.516, -0.438

^[a] $R_1 = F_o - F_c / F_o$ and $wR_2 = [w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / wF_o^4]^{1/2}$ for $F_o^2 > 2\sigma (F_o^2)$

Table S2. Link modes of SiS₄ units in 197 known thiosilicates.

Compounds	Space group	Link modes
Na ₂ Si ₂ S ₅	<i>Cmcm</i>	Si ₄ S ₁₀
Cs ₂ ZnSi ₃ S ₈	<i>P-1</i>	1D chain
Rb ₂ ZnSi ₃ S ₈	<i>P-1</i>	1D chain
Cu ₂ SiS ₃	<i>Cc</i>	1D chain
Cs ₄ Si ₂ S ₆	<i>C2/m</i>	Si ₂ S ₆ (edge-sharing)
Rb ₄ Si ₂ S ₆	<i>C2/m</i>	Si ₂ S ₆ (edge-sharing)
Ag ₂ SiS ₃	<i>P2₁/c</i>	Si ₂ S ₆ (edge-sharing)
Li ₂ Mg ₂ Si ₂ S ₆	<i>P31m</i>	Si ₂ S ₆ (Si-Si)
Cu ₄ NiSi ₂ S ₇	<i>C2</i>	Si ₂ S ₇
Sr ₂ SiS ₄	<i>P2₁/m</i>	SiS ₄
SrCu ₂ SiS ₄	<i>P3₁21</i>	SiS ₄
SrNa ₂ SiS ₄	<i>R3c</i>	SiS ₄
SrLi ₂ SiS ₄	<i>I4-2m</i>	SiS ₄
SrAg ₂ SiS ₄	<i>I4-2m</i>	SiS ₄
EuCu ₂ SiS ₄	<i>P3₁21</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ PbSiS ₄	<i>P3₂21</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ FeSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
α-Cu ₂ ZnSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
β-Cu ₂ ZnSiS ₄	<i>Pn</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ MgSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ CdSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ HgSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ MnSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₂ CoSiS ₄	<i>I4-2m</i>	SiS ₄
Li ₂ CdSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Li ₂ HgSiS ₄	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Li ₂ ZnSiS ₄	<i>Pna2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Ag ₂ ZnSiS ₄	<i>Pn</i>	SiS ₄
Ag ₂ FeSiS ₄	<i>Pc</i>	SiS ₄
Na ₂ Hg ₃ Si ₂ S ₈	<i>P4-c2</i>	SiS ₄
Pb ₂ SiS ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄

$\text{Ce}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Ce}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Ce}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Cl}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{La}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_2\text{Ce})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.2}\text{Ce}_{0.8})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.8}\text{Ce}_{0.2})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.9}\text{Ce}_{0.1})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.97}\text{Ce}_{0.03})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$(\text{La}_{2.99}\text{Ce}_{0.01})(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Pr}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Nd}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Sm}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Tb}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{I}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Gd}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{La}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Nd}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Pr}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Sm}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Br}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{La}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Cl}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Ce}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Cl}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Pr}_3(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{Cl}$	$C2/c$	SiS_4
$\text{Ba}_2(\text{SiS}_4)$	$Pnma$	SiS_4
KCeSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KYSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KLaSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KEuSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KYbSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KPrSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
KNdSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsPrSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsNdSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4

Na_4SiS_4	$P2_12_12_1$	SiS_4
RbTbSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbHoSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbDySiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbPrSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbGdSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbNdSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsDySiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsErSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsEuSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsGdSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsHoSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsSmSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsTbSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
CsTmSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbEuSiS_4	$P2_1$	SiS_4
RbCeSiS_4	$Pnma$	SiS_4
CsLaSiS_4	$Pnma$	SiS_4
RbLaSiS_4	$Pnma$	SiS_4
CsCeSiS_4	$Pnma$	SiS_4
KLaSiS_4	$P2_1/m$	SiS_4
$\text{Ce}_4(\text{SiS}_4)_3$	$R3c$	SiS_4
$\text{BaLa}_2\text{Si}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{Ba}(\text{La}_{0.94}\text{Ce}_{0.06})_2\text{Si}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CeDyPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CeErPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CeSmPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CeTbPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CePrPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{CeHoPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{LaCePbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{LaErPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{LaDyPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4

PrErPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
LaTbPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
PrDyPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
PrSmPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
PrYPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
PrTbPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
PrHoPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
LaYPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
La _{2.1} Pb _{0.9} (SiS ₄) ₂	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
Li ₂ PbSiS ₄	<i>I-42m</i>	SiS ₄
Ce ₂ Pb(SiS ₄) ₂	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
Pr ₂ Pb(SiS ₄) ₂	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
Nd ₂ Pb(SiS ₄) ₂	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
Tl ₂ PbSiS ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
RbSiBiS ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
CsSiBiS ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
KBiSiS ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
SiSn ₂ S ₄	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
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Nd ₆ Si ₄ S ₁₇	<i>P-1</i>	SiS ₄
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Ce ₆ Si ₄ S ₁₇	<i>P-1</i>	SiS ₄
Ce ₂ SiS ₅	<i>P2₁/c</i>	SiS ₄
Ba ₃ SiS ₅	<i>Pnma</i>	SiS ₄
Cu ₈ SiS ₆	<i>Pmn2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Sm ₃ ClS ₂ (SiS ₄)	<i>Pnma</i>	SiS ₄
Nd ₃ ClS ₂ (SiS ₄)	<i>Pnma</i>	SiS ₄
Ag ₈ (SiS ₄)S ₂	<i>Pna2₁</i>	SiS ₄
Hg ₄ SiS ₆	<i>Cc</i>	SiS ₄
Cd ₄ SiS ₆	<i>Cc</i>	SiS ₄
CeYPbSi ₂ S ₈	<i>R-3c</i>	SiS ₄
La ₃ Sb _{0.33} SiS ₇	<i>P6₃</i>	SiS ₄
Pr ₃ Sb _{0.33} SiS ₇	<i>P6₃</i>	SiS ₄

$\text{La}_3\text{Al}_{0.44}\text{Si}_{0.93}\text{S}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
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$\text{Nd}_3\text{CuSiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{Pr}_3\text{CuSiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{Sm}_3\text{CuSiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
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$\text{Pr}_3\text{AgSiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
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$\text{Nd}_3\text{Ag}_{0.81}\text{SiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{La}_3\text{Cr}_{0.5}\text{SiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{Y}_3\text{Cr}_{0.5}\text{SiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{La}_3\text{Cd}_{0.5}\text{SiS}_7$	$P6_3$	SiS_4
$\text{LaSmPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$\text{LaHoPbSi}_2\text{S}_8$	$R-3c$	SiS_4
$(\text{Ag}_{0.56}\text{Li}_{1.44})\text{In}_2(\text{SiS}_6)$	Cc	SiS_4

$(\text{Ag}_{0.88}\text{Li}_{1.12})\text{In}_2(\text{SiS}_6)$	<i>Cc</i>	SiS_4
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$\text{Cu}_2\text{In}_2\text{SiS}_6$	<i>Cc</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Ag}_2\text{In}_2\text{SiS}_6$	<i>Cc</i>	SiS_4
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$\text{FeSm}_6\text{Si}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{ZnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Ce}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{In}_{0.67}\text{Si}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{MgSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{NiSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{Sn}_{0.5}\text{Si}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{CoSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Dy}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Er}_6\text{MnS}_{14}\text{Si}_2$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Y}_6\text{FeSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Gd}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Nd}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Pr}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Sm}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Tm}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Y}_6\text{MnSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{Cu}_2(\text{SiS}_4)_2\text{S}_6$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{FeSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{La}_6\text{PdSi}_2\text{S}_{14}$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{NaY}_3\text{S}_3(\text{SiS}_4)$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Gd}_3(\text{CuS}_3)(\text{SiS}_4)$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{CuCe}_3\text{S}_3(\text{SiS}_4)$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{NaSm}_3\text{S}_3(\text{SiS}_4)$	<i>P6_3</i>	SiS_4
$\text{Ba}_8\text{Si}_2\text{US}_{14}$	<i>C2/m</i>	SiS_4

Table S3. The optical band gap and SHG response of the reported IR NLO chalcogenides ($E_g > 3.0$ eV).

Compounds	E_g (eV)	d_{ij} (\times AGS)	LDT(\times AGS)	PM/NPM	Ref.
[Sr ₄ Cl ₂][Si ₃ S ₉]	4.22	1.2	12	PM	This work
Li[LiCs ₂ Cl][Ga ₃ S ₆]	4.18	0.7	4.1	PM	[9]
[CsBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.96	0.9	6.7	PM	[10]
[RbBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.95	0.93	6.5	PM	[10]
[KBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.93	0.95	6.3	PM	[10]
[Ba ₄ Cl ₂][ZnGa ₄ S ₁₀]	3.85	1.1	51	PM	[11]
K ₂ Ba ₃ Ge ₃ S ₉ Cl ₂	3.69	0.34	28.8	N/A	[12]
[Rb ₃ Cl][Ga ₃ PS ₈]	3.65	1.1	37	PM	[13]
[K ₃ Cl][Ga ₃ PS ₈]	3.6	1	39	PM	[13]
[KBa ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.57	0.82	N/A	NPM	[14]
[NaSr ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.54	1.08	N/A	NPM	[14]
[KSr ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.51	0.91	N/A	NPM	[14]
NaBa ₄ Ge ₃ S ₁₀ Cl	3.49	0.33	20	N/A	[15]
[CsBa ₂ Cl][Ga ₄ S ₈]	3.35	0.9-1.0	11-12	PM	[16]
[RbBa ₂ Cl][Ga ₄ S ₈]	3.3	0.9-1.0	11-12	PM	[16]
[KBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ Se ₁₀]	3.25	0.9	9.7	NPM	[17]
[K ₄ Cl][CdGa ₉ S ₁₆]	3.14	0.9	22.6	PM	[18]
[Ba ₄ Cl ₂][ZnGa ₄ Se ₁₀]	3.08	1.6	17	NPM	[19]
CsHg ₃ P ₂ S ₈ Cl	3	0.8	N/A	PM	[20]

*AGS = AgGaS₂

Table S4. LDTs of title compound and AgGaS₂ (as the reference).

Compounds	damage energy (mJ)	spot diameter (mm)	LDT (MW/cm²)	LDT (× AGS)*
AgGaS ₂	0.92	0.5	4.69	1
[Sr ₄ Cl ₂][Si ₃ S ₉]	10.70	0.5	54.49	~12

*AGS = AgGaS₂

Table S5. Dipole moment of SiS₄ in the [Sr₄Cl₂][Si₃S₉].

Dipole Moment					
Unit	x(a)	y(b)	z(c)	Magnitude	
				Debye	×10⁻⁴esu·cm/Å³
[Sr₄Cl₂][Si₃S₉]					
SiS ₄	0.00	0.00	13.20	13.20	0.03

Table S6. Property comparison of the $[\text{Ae}_4\text{X}_2][\text{M}^{\text{IV}}_3\text{Q}_9]$ system.

Compounds	Space group	$E_g(\text{eV})$	$d_{ij}(\times \text{AGS})$	LDT($\times \text{AGS}$)	Ref.
$[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$	$P6_3$	4.22	1.2	12	This work
$\text{Ba}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{S}_9\text{Cl}_2$	$P6_3$	2.91	2.4	N/A	[21]
$\text{Ba}_4\text{Si}_3\text{Se}_9\text{Cl}_2$	$P6_3$	1.76	0.5	N/A	[21]
$\text{Ba}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{Se}_9\text{Cl}_2$	$P6_3$	1.89	0.5	N/A	[21]
$\text{Ba}_4\text{Si}_3\text{Se}_9\text{Br}_2$	$P6_3$	2.96	3.2	N/A	[22]
$\text{Ba}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{Se}_9\text{Br}_2$	$P6_3$	2.60	3.5	N/A	[22]

*AGS = AgGaS_2

Table S7. Property comparison of the reported NLO chalcogenides.

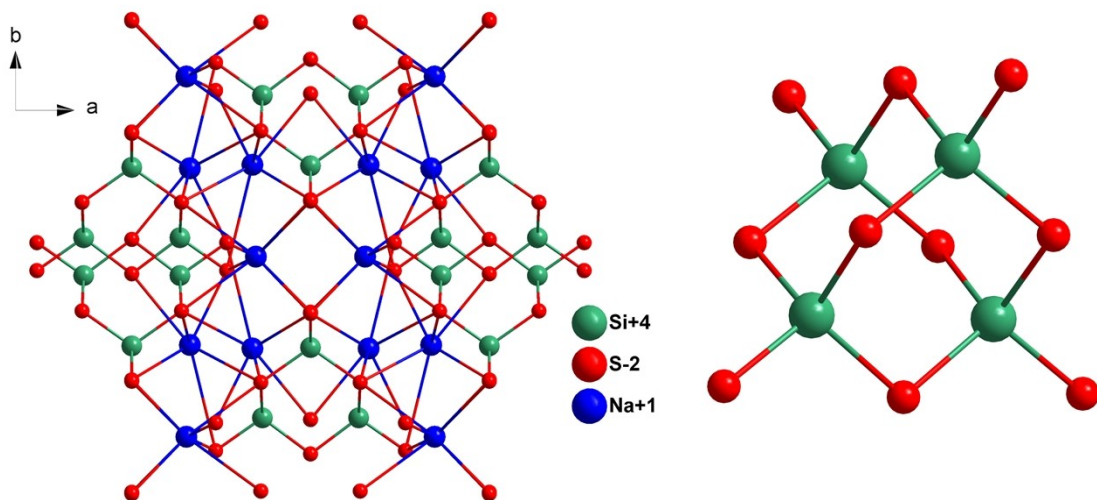
No.	Compounds	E_g (eV)	d_{ij} (\times AGS)	LDT(\times AGS)	PM/NPM	Ref.
1	Li[LiCs ₂ Cl][Ga ₃ S ₆]	4.18	0.7	4.1	PM	[9]
2	[CsBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.96	0.9	6.7	PM	[10]
3	[RbBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.95	0.93	6.5	PM	[10]
4	[KBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ S ₁₀]	3.93	0.95	6.3	PM	[10]
5	[Ba ₄ Cl ₂][ZnGa ₄ S ₁₀]	3.85	1.1	51	PM	[11]
6	K ₂ Ba ₃ Ge ₃ S ₉ Cl ₂	3.69	0.34	28.8	N/A	[12]
7	[Rb ₃ Cl][Ga ₃ PS ₈]	3.65	1.1	37	PM	[13]
8	[K ₃ Cl][Ga ₃ PS ₈]	3.6	1	39	PM	[13]
9	[KBa ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.57	0.82	N/A	NPM	[14]
10	[NaSr ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.54	1.08	N/A	NPM	[14]
11	[KSr ₄ Cl][Ge ₃ S ₁₀]	3.51	0.91	N/A	NPM	[14]
12	NaBa ₄ Ge ₃ S ₁₀ Cl	3.49	0.33	20	N/A	[15]
13	[CsBa ₂ Cl][Ga ₄ S ₈]	3.35	0.9-1.0	11-12	PM	[16]
14	[RbBa ₂ Cl][Ga ₄ S ₈]	3.3	0.9-1.0	11-12	PM	[16]
15	[KBa ₃ Cl ₂][Ga ₅ Se ₁₀]	3.25	0.9	9.7	NPM	[17]
16	[K ₄ Cl][CdGa ₉ S ₁₆]	3.14	0.9	22.6	PM	[18]
17	[Ba ₄ Cl ₂][ZnGa ₄ Se ₁₀]	3.08	1.6	17	NPM	[19]
18	CsHg ₃ P ₂ S ₈ Cl	3	0.8	N/A	PM	[20]
19	[Ba ₄ Cl ₂][HgGa ₄ S ₁₀]	2.95	1.5	15	N/A	[23]
20	Ba ₄ Ge ₃ S ₉ Cl ₂	2.91	2.4	N/A	NPM	[21]
21	Ag ₅ PS ₄ Cl ₂	2.71	2.5	3.8	PM	[24]
22	[Rb ₄ Cl][Cd ₁₁ In ₉ S ₂₆]	2.32	0.23	4.9	N/A	[25]
23	La ₆ Cd _{0.75} Ga ₂ S _{11.5} Cl _{2.5}	2.28	0.8	N/A	N/A	[26]
24	Cu ₆ PS ₅ Cl	2.22	2	N/A	N/A	[27]
25	Ag ₆ PS ₅ Cl	2.01	2.7	N/A	N/A	[27]
26	[K ₄ Cl][CdGa ₉ Se ₁₆]	1.72	2.4	N/A	PM	[18]
27	Ba ₄ Ge ₃ Se ₉ Cl ₂	1.89	1	N/A	NPM	[21]
28	Ba ₄ Si ₃ Se ₉ Cl ₂	1.76	1	N/A	NPM	[21]
29	La ₆ Cd _{0.75} Ga ₂ Se _{11.5} Cl _{2.5}	1.65	0.1	N/A	N/A	[26]

*AGS = AgGaS₂

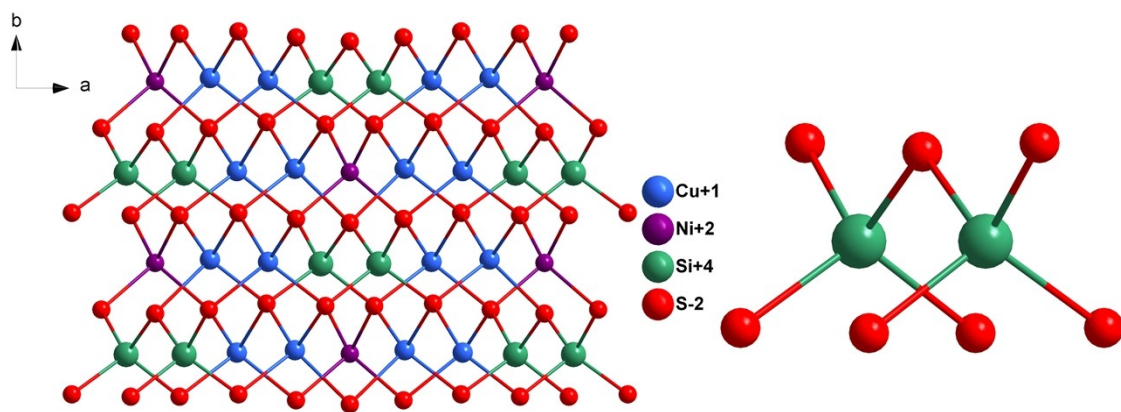
Table S8. Property comparison of the reported NLO thiosilicates.

No.	Compounds	E_g (eV)	$d_{ij}(\times\text{AGS})$	LDT($\times\text{AGS}$)	PM/NPM	Ref.
1	SrLi ₂ SiS ₄	3.94	0.4	21	PM	[28]
2	Li ₂ ZnSiS ₄	3.9	1.1	10	PM	[29]
3	SrNa ₂ SiS ₄	3.87	0.4	17	PM	[28]
4	Li ₂ CdSiS ₄	3.76	1	N/A	PM	[30]
5	BaGa ₂ SiS ₆	3.75	1	N/A	PM	[31]
6	Li ₂ In ₂ SiS ₆	3.61	1	N/A	N/A	[32]
7	β -Cu ₂ ZnSiS ₄	3.2	1.2	N/A	N/A	[33]
8	SrCu ₂ SiS ₄	3.04	0.78	8	PM	[28]
9	α -Cu ₂ ZnSiS ₄	3	1.2	N/A	N/A	[33]
10	Na ₂ Hg ₃ Si ₂ S ₈	2.86	1.3	4.5	PM	[34]
11	Cd ₄ SiS ₆	2.75	1.3	N/A	N/A	[35]
12	Li ₂ HgSiS ₄	2.68	0.8	3	NPM	[36]
13	Na ₂ In ₂ SiS ₆	2.47	4.3	6.9	PM	[37]
14	SrAg ₂ SiS ₄	2.08	0.6	N/A	N/A	[38]
15	La ₆ PdSi ₂ S ₁₄	1.41	3.7	3	PM	[39]

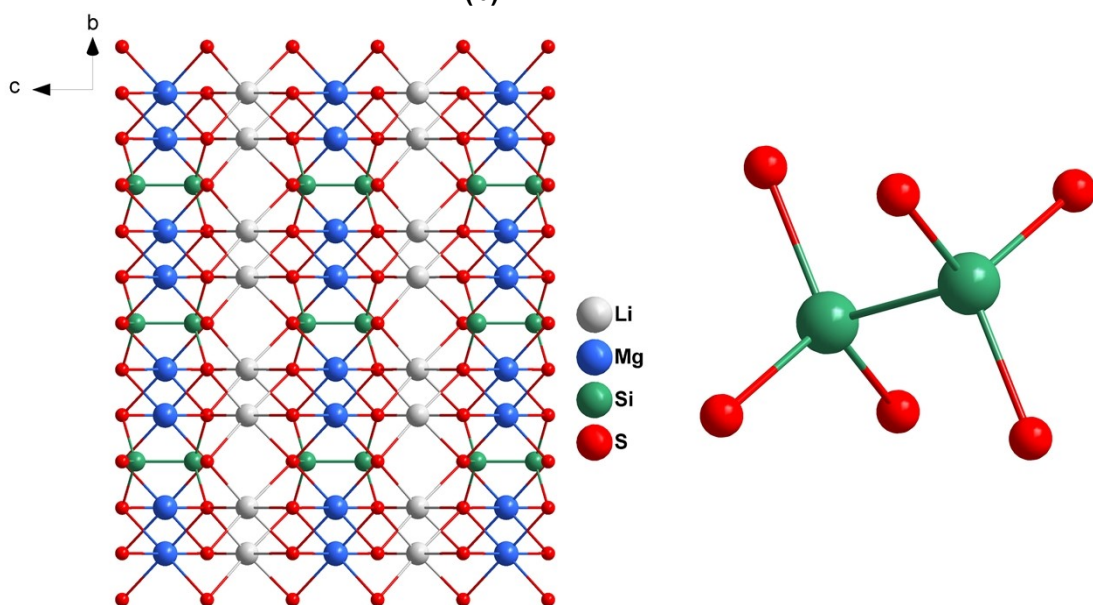
*AGS = AgGaS₂



(a)



(b)



(c)

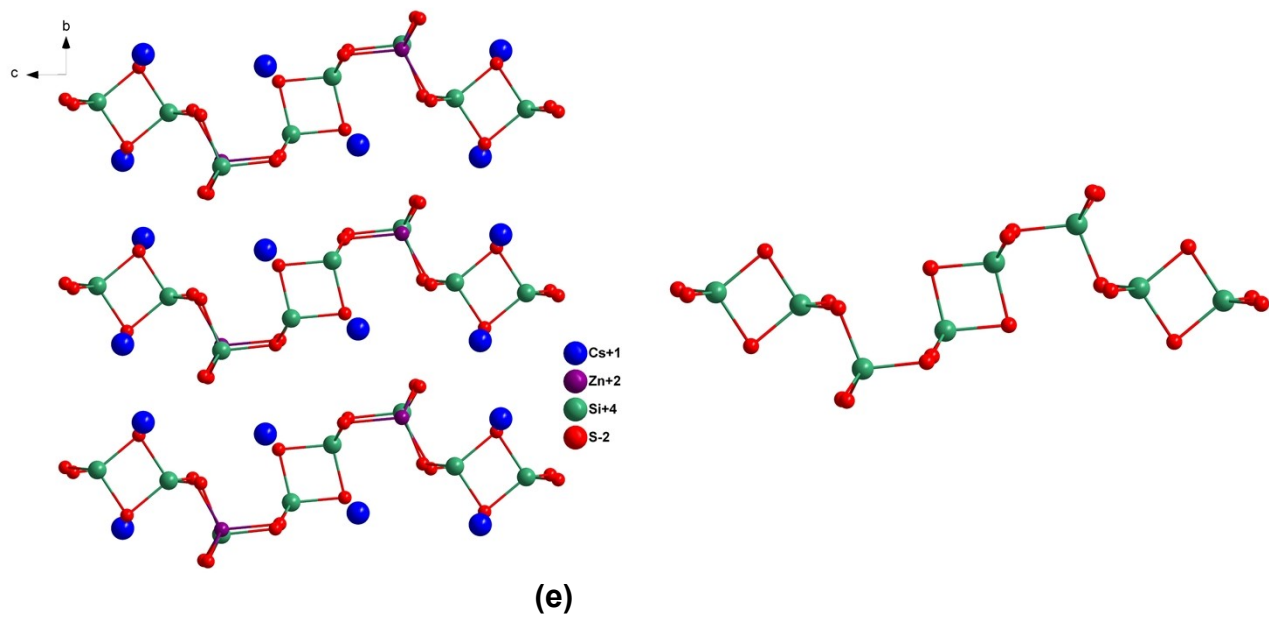
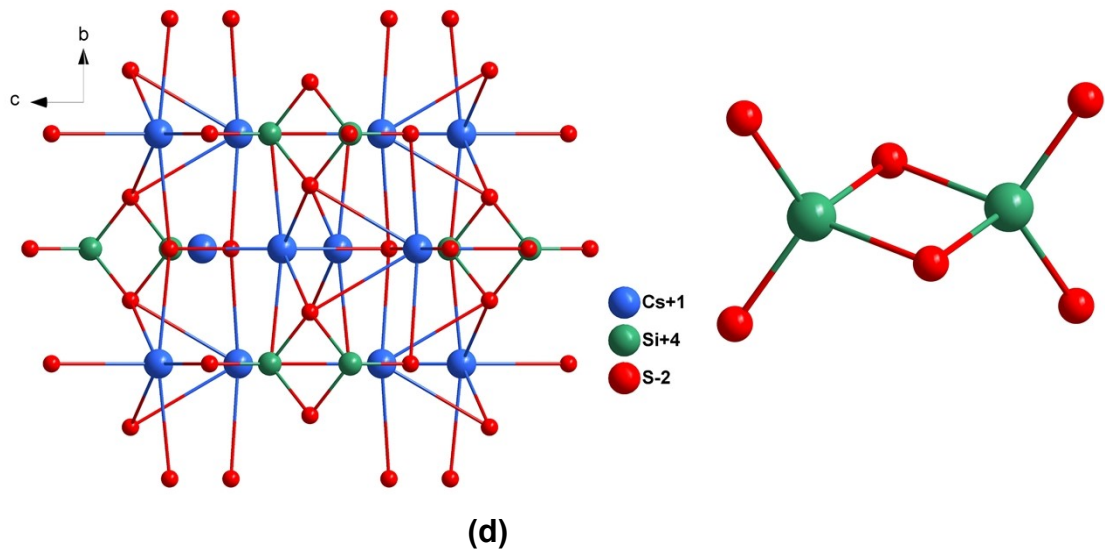


Fig. S1. The whole structures and link modes of SiS_4 units in (a) $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{S}_5$; (b) $\text{Cu}_4\text{NiSi}_2\text{S}_7$; (c) $\text{Li}_2\text{MgSi}_2\text{S}_6$; (d) $\text{Cs}_4\text{Si}_2\text{S}_6$ and (e) $\text{Cs}_2\text{ZnSi}_3\text{S}_8$.

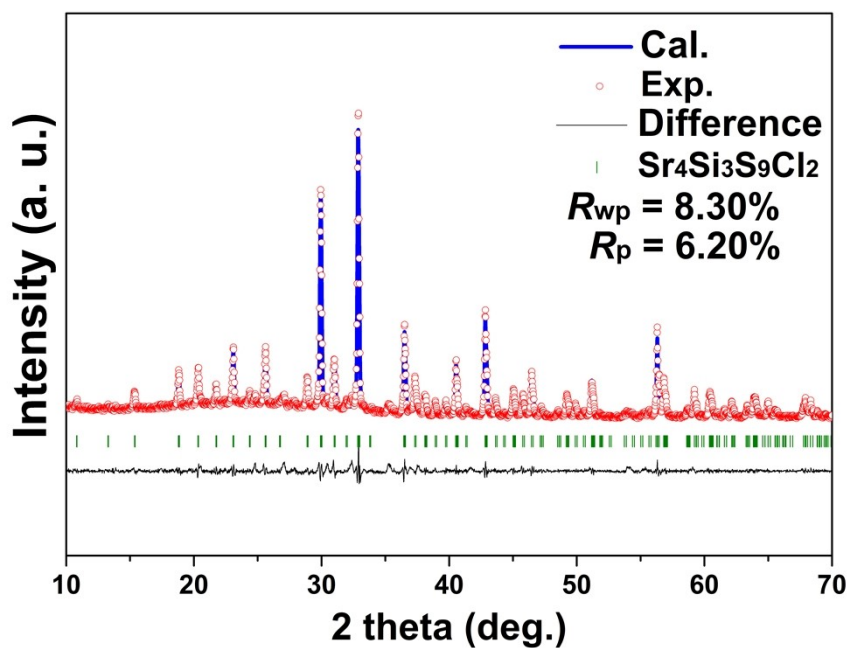
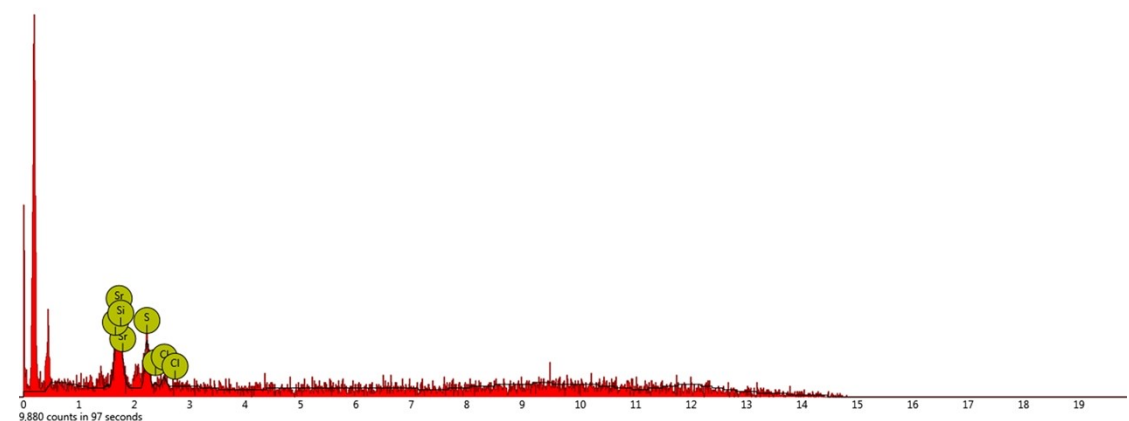


Fig. S2. Powder XRD patterns of title compound.



Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula
Sr	42.38	20.99	4.198
Si	11.60	17.92	3.584
S	36.77	49.76	9.952
Cl	9.26	11.33	2.266

Formula: $\text{Sr}_{4.198}\text{Si}_{3.584}\text{S}_{9.952}\text{Cl}_{2.266}$

Fig. S3. The SEM-EDS diagram of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

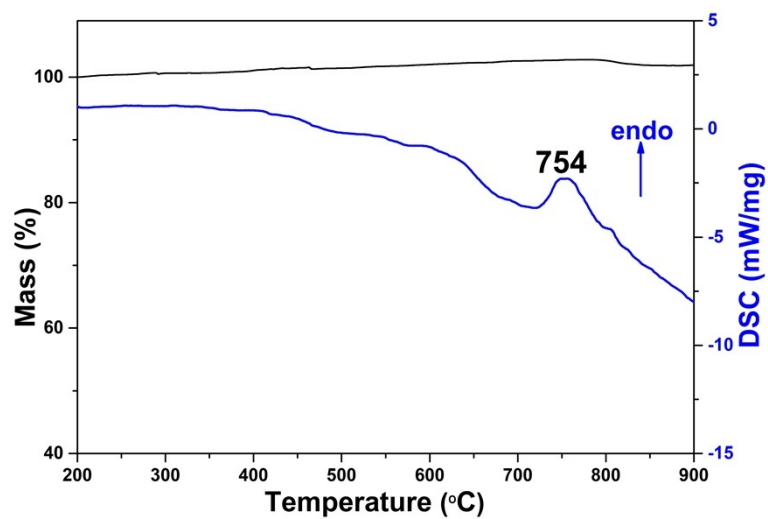


Fig. S4. The TG and DSC curves of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

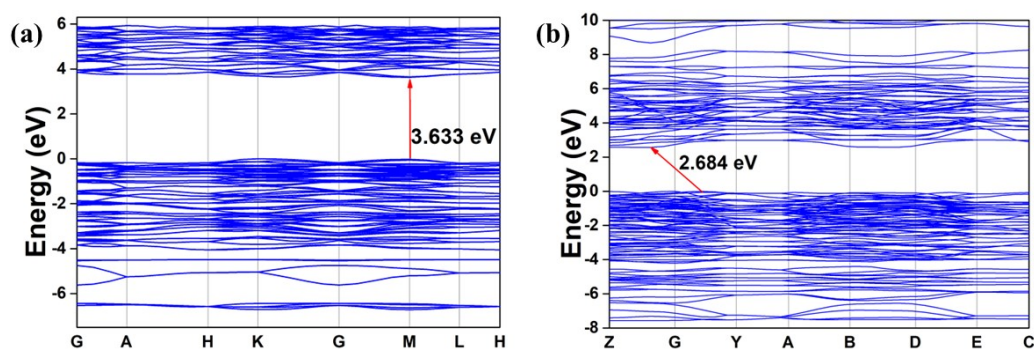


Fig. S5. Band structures of (a) $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$ and (b) Sr_2SiS_4 .

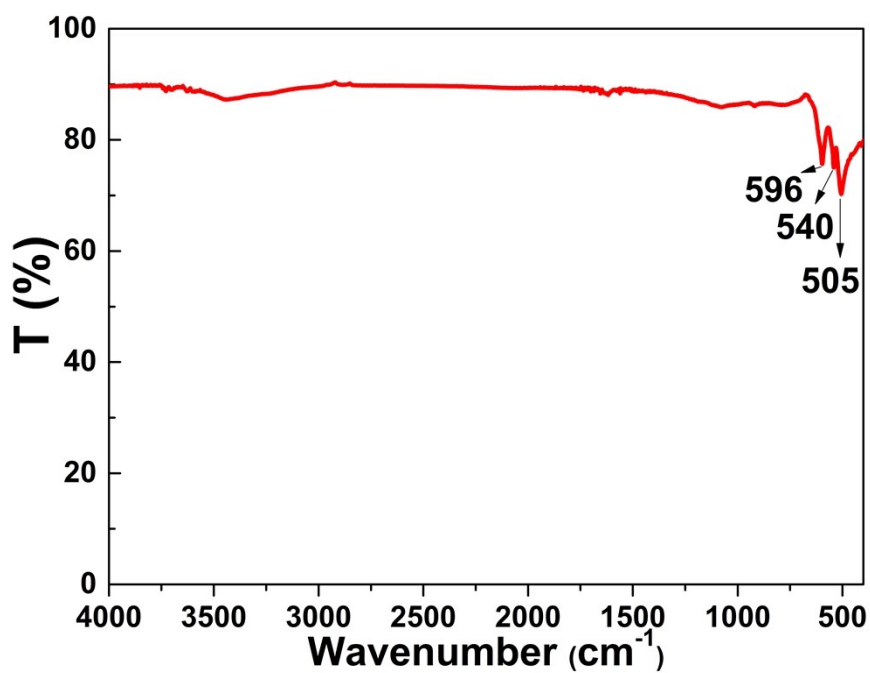


Fig. S6. IR spectrum of $[\text{Sr}_4\text{Cl}_2][\text{Si}_3\text{S}_9]$.

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