



# Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy: From Fundamentals to Potential Applications

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# Outline

- **Symmetry**
- **Ingredients for Magneto-Chiral Effects**
- **Electrical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy**
- **Optical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy**
- **Conclusions**

# Symmetry

- **Continuous symmetries (Noether theorem):**

Time-translation invariance,  $t \rightarrow t + \Delta t \Leftrightarrow$  *Energy conservation*

Translational invariance,  $r \rightarrow r + \Delta r \Leftrightarrow$  *Momentum conservation*

Rotational invariance,  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \Delta\varphi \Leftrightarrow$  *Angular momentum conservation*

- **Charge, Parity, Time reversal (CPT) symmetry:**

Charge conjugation, **C**,  $q \rightarrow -q$  (*matter  $\rightarrow$  anti-matter*)

Parity transformation, **P**,  $r \rightarrow -r$  (*mirror image*)

Time-reversal, **T**,  $t \rightarrow -t$  (*play movie backwards*)

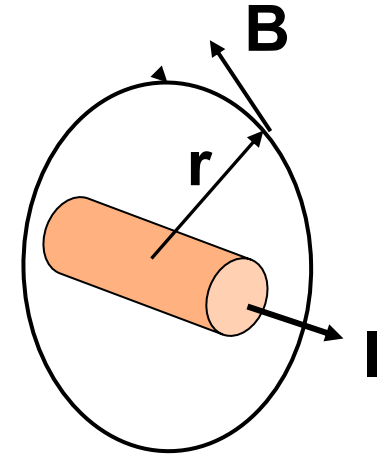
# CPT symmetry of a **Magnetic Field $B$**

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = qN \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}$$

}

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{qN}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} \times \mathbf{r}}{r^2}$$



## - CPT symmetry:

Charge conjugation,  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow -\mathbf{B}$  (holes  $\rightarrow$  electrons)

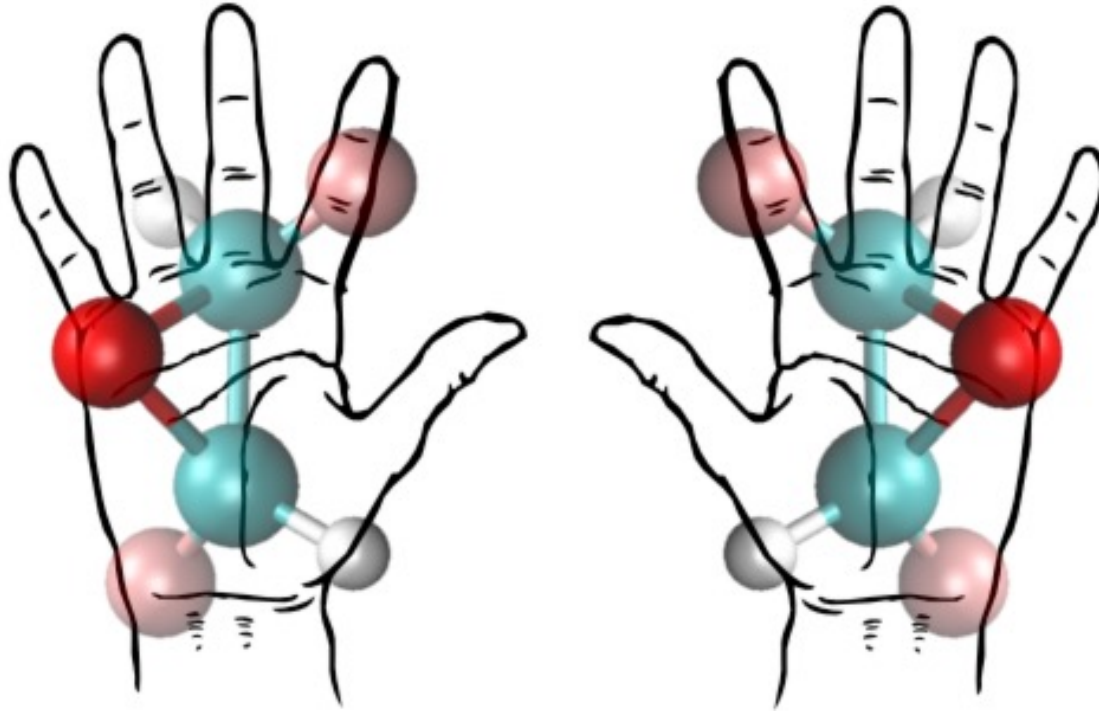
Parity transformation,  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  (does not change)

Time reversal,  $\mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow -\mathbf{B}$  (electrons flowing in opposite directions)

**Magnetic field is a time-odd pseudo-vector**



# Chirality



A system is called chiral when it exists in two non-superimposable forms (enantiomers) that can only be interconverted by a parity operation

**Chirality breaks parity (or mirror) symmetry**

# CPT symmetry of a Physical Entities

		<b>C</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>T</b>
energy	$E$	+	+	+
charge	$q$	-	+	+
polarization	$P$	-	-	+
force	$F$	+	-	+
magnetization	$M$	-	+	-
light wavevector	$k$	+	-	-
electrical current	$I$	-	-	-
magnetic field	$B$	-	+	-
electric field	$E$	-	-	+
linear momentum	$p$	+	-	-
angular momentum	$L$	+	+	-

# Magneto-Chiral Effects

Magnetic  
Fields  $B$



Breaking of time-reversal  
symmetry

T

Chirality



Breaking of space-reversal  
symmetry

Third  
ingredient



Breaking of space-reversal  
(parity) symmetry

P

## Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy

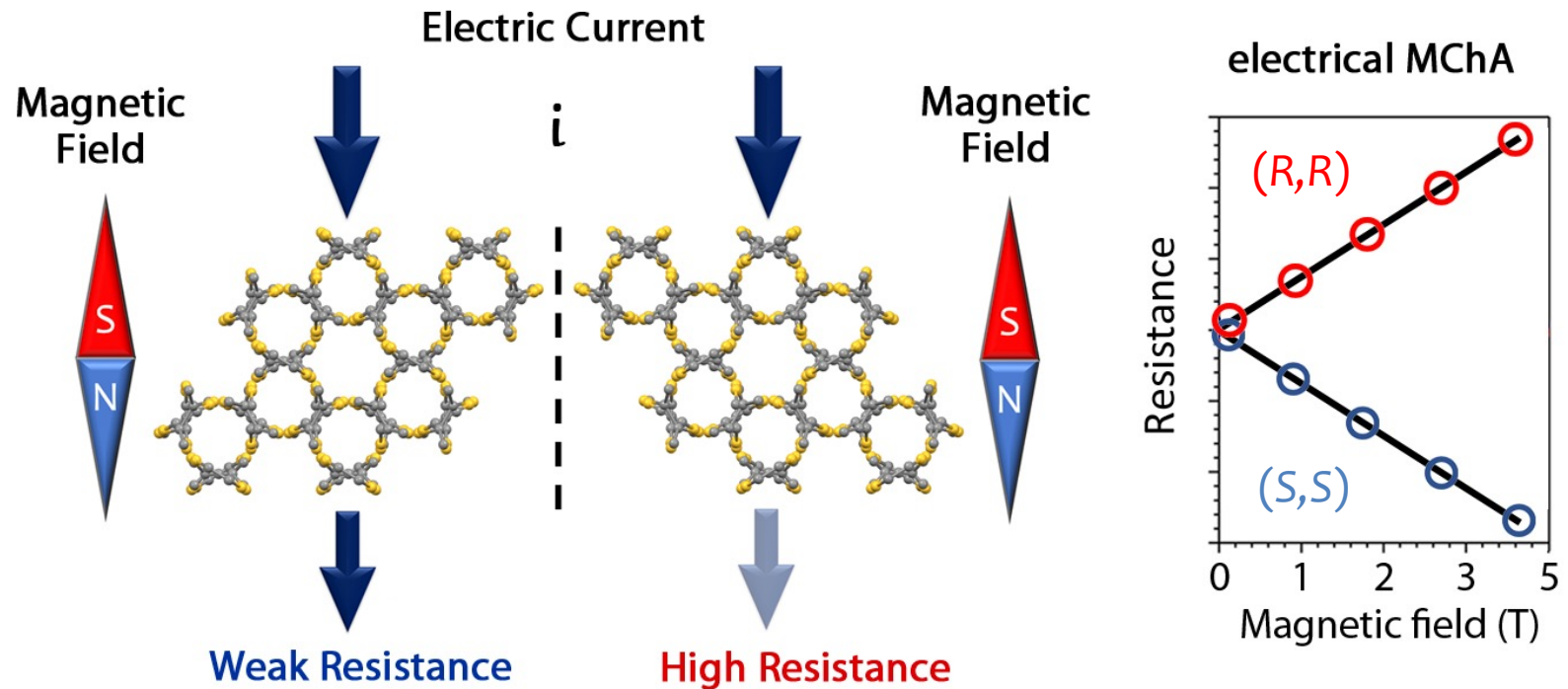
**Transport:** Electrical or thermal conductivity, sound propagation, dielectric displacement (**eMChA**)

**Optics:** light absorption or emission for all energies of the electromagnetic spectrum (**oMChA**)

# electrical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy, eMChA

Chirality + Electric Current + Magnetic Field

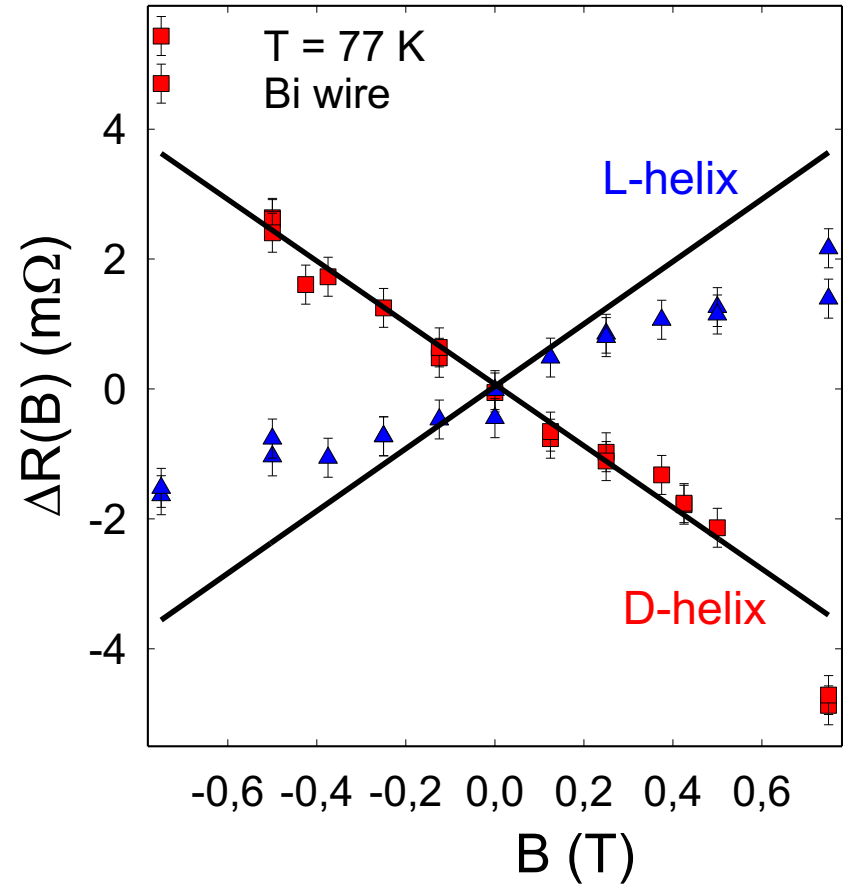
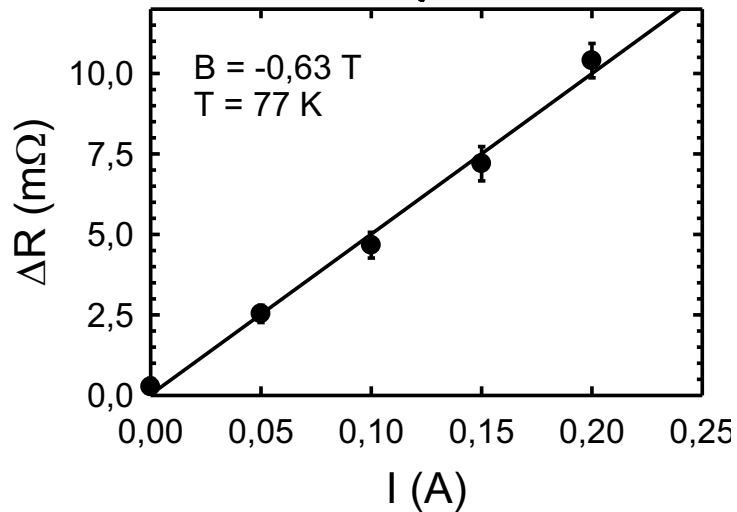
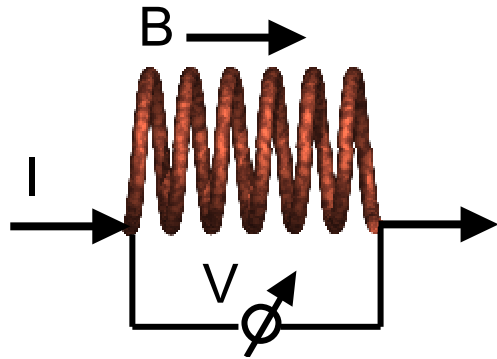
Differential resistance of Chiral Molecular Conductors in Magnetic Field



$$R(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{I})^{D/L} = R_0 (1 + \beta B^2 + \Omega^{D/L} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{I}) \quad \frac{R(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{I})^{D/L} - R(-\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{I})^{D/L}}{R_0} = 2\Omega^{D/L} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$

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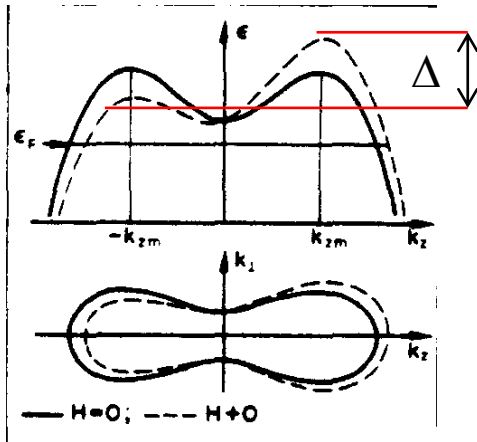
Bi solenoid  
*L* and *D* helix



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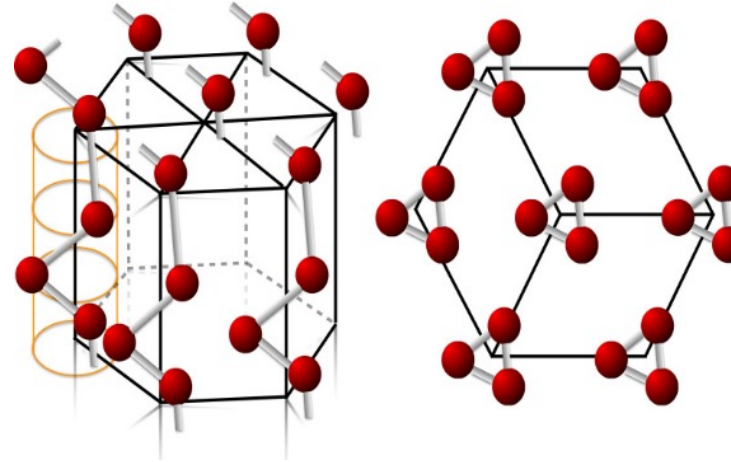
$B \parallel z$  : no k-linear effects

$B \perp z$  : k-odd splitting



## Tellurium wires (chiral)

z

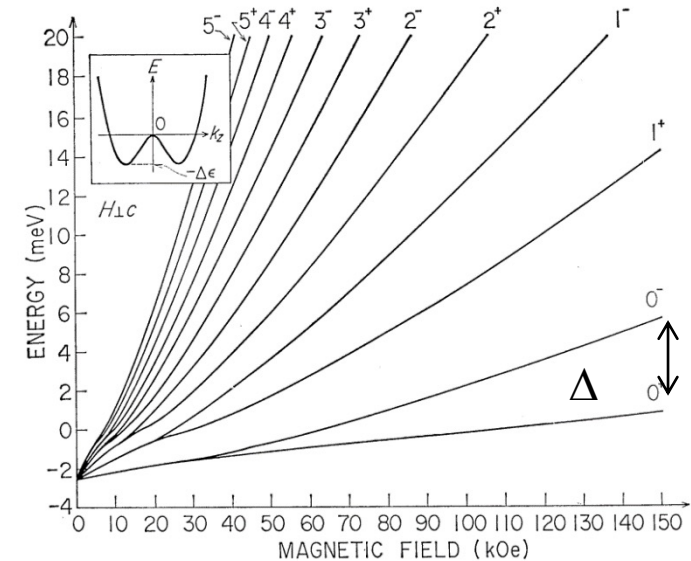


$P3_121-D^4_3$

Anzin et al, Solid State Comm. 8, 1773 (1970)

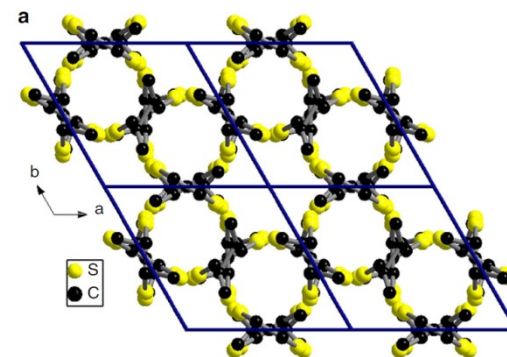
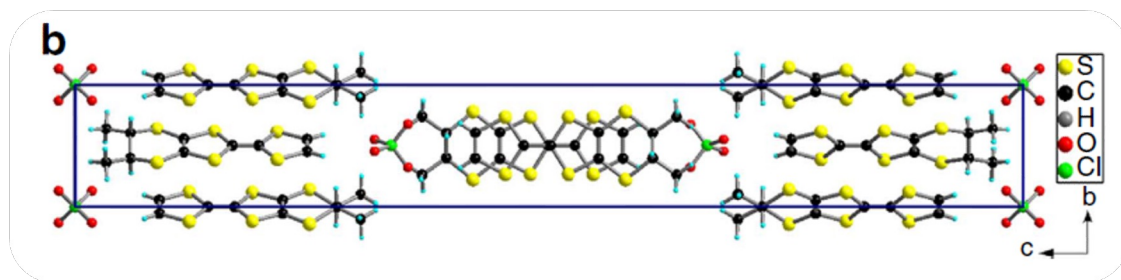
Theory:  $\gamma_{xxxx}^{D/L} = 6 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{m^2}{TA}$

Experiment:  $\gamma_{xxxx}^{D/L} = 2 \cdot 10^{-9} \frac{m^2}{TA}$



# electrical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy, eMChA

eMChA in the chiral molecular conductors: (S,S)- or (R,R)-[DM-EDT-TTF]<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>



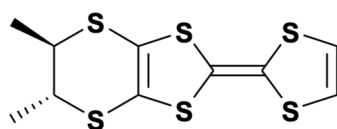
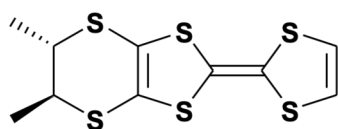
eMChA parameters

eMChA

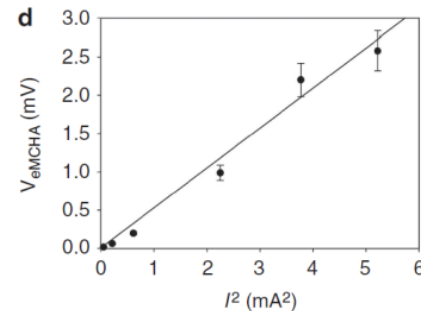
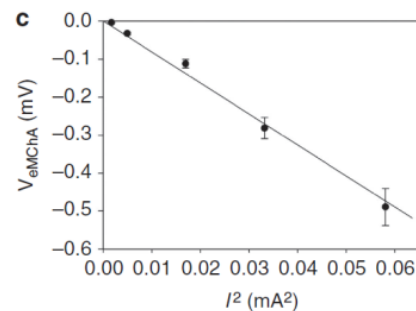
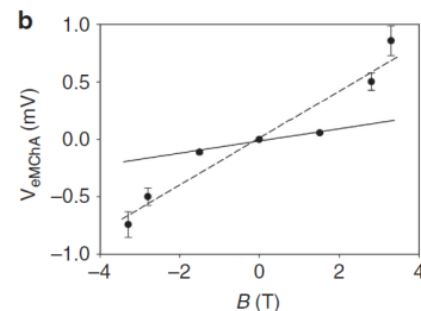
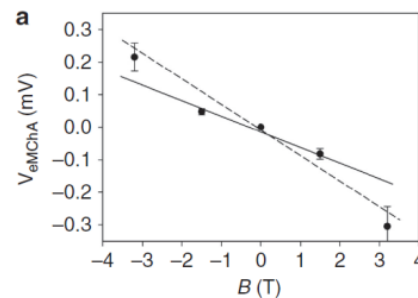
$$(S,S)\text{-}\gamma \text{ (T}^{-1} \text{ A}^{-1}) = +6 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$(R,R)\text{-}\gamma \text{ (T}^{-1} \text{ A}^{-1}) = -6 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = 2\gamma^{D/L} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{I}$$



dimethyl-ethylenedithio-tetrathiafulvalene



# electrical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy, eMChA

## Summary of eMChA

Material	$\Delta R/R$ [m <sup>2</sup> /TA]	remark
* { Triglycine sulfate	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	dielectric
* { Rochelle salt	$3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	dielectric
Te	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	200 K, semiconduc.
DM-TTF-ClO <sub>4</sub>	$10^{-10}$	Room <i>T</i>
WS <sub>2</sub>	$10^{-10}$	Low <i>T</i>
CrNb <sub>3</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	$10^{-12}$	Low <i>T</i>
MnSi	$2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	Low <i>T</i>
SW-Carbon Nano Tubes	$10^{-14}$	Low <i>T</i>

Other chiral semi-conductor candidates:

Se,  $\alpha$ -HgS,  $\pi$ -SnS, In<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, AlInSe<sub>3</sub>, GaInSe<sub>3</sub>,  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, BaSi<sub>2</sub>, CrSi<sub>2</sub>, MoSi<sub>2</sub>, WSi<sub>2</sub>



# Magneto-Chiral Effects in Optics

Chirality



Breaking of space-reversal  
symmetry

Magnetic  
Fields  $B$



Breaking of time-reversal  
symmetry

T

Light  
wavevector  $k$

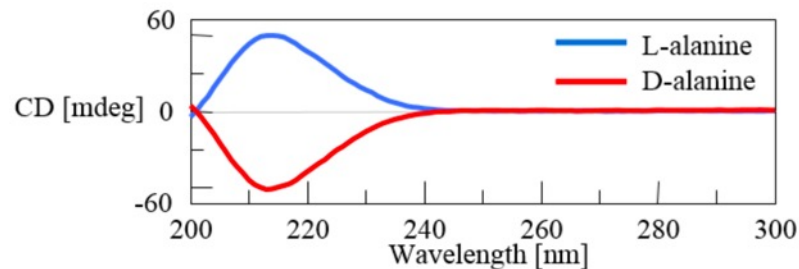
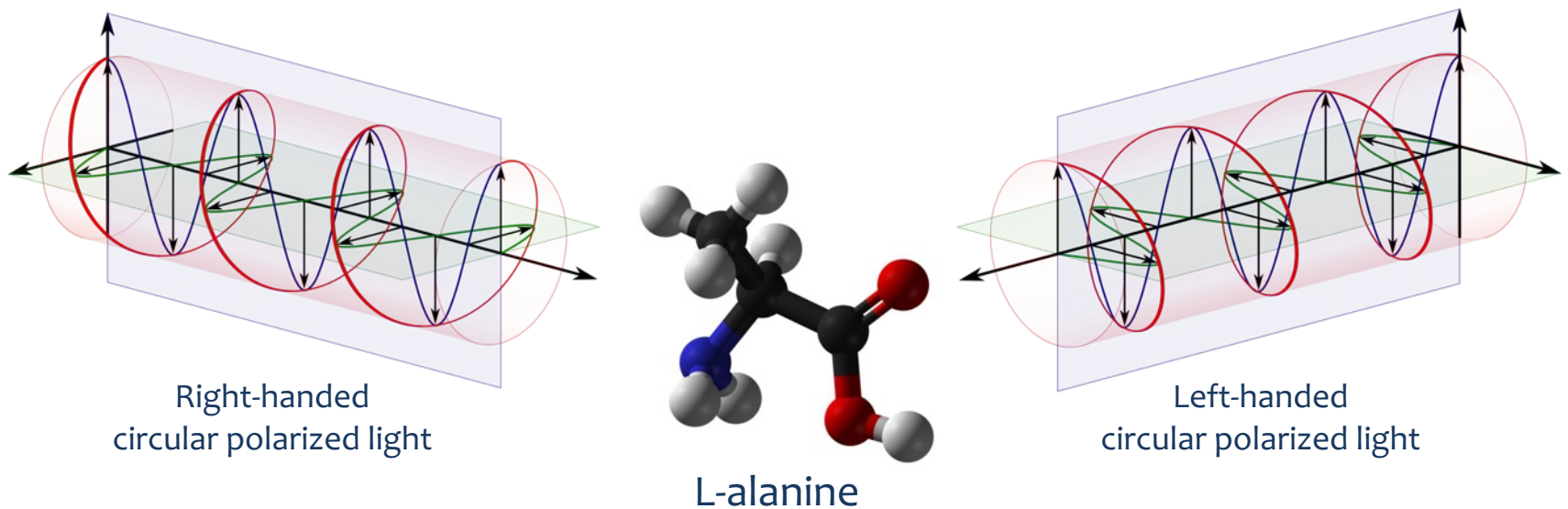


Breaking of space-reversal  
(parity) symmetry

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# Interaction of Chiral Systems with Circularly Polarized Light

Natural Optical Activity: Natural Circular Dichroism (NCD)

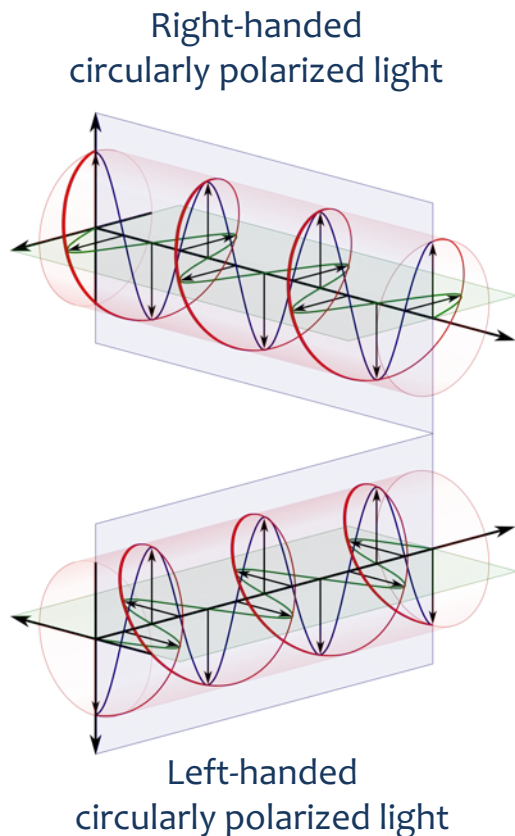


$$\varepsilon(\lambda, \mathbf{k}) = \varepsilon_0(\lambda) \pm \alpha^{d/l}(\lambda) \mathbf{k}$$

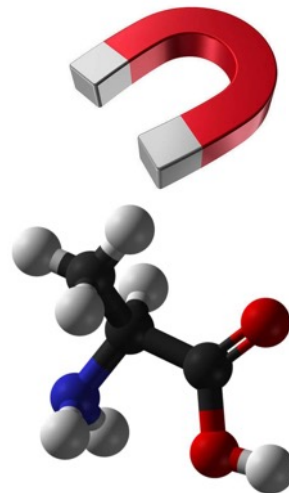
Breaking of space-reversal symmetry by chirality leads to natural optical activity

# Interaction of a system with Circularly Polarized Light and Magnetic Field

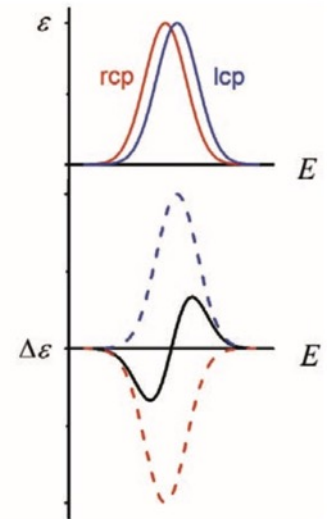
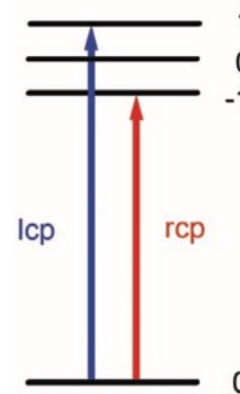
Magnetic Optical Activity: Magnetic Circular Dichroism (MCD)



Magnetic Field



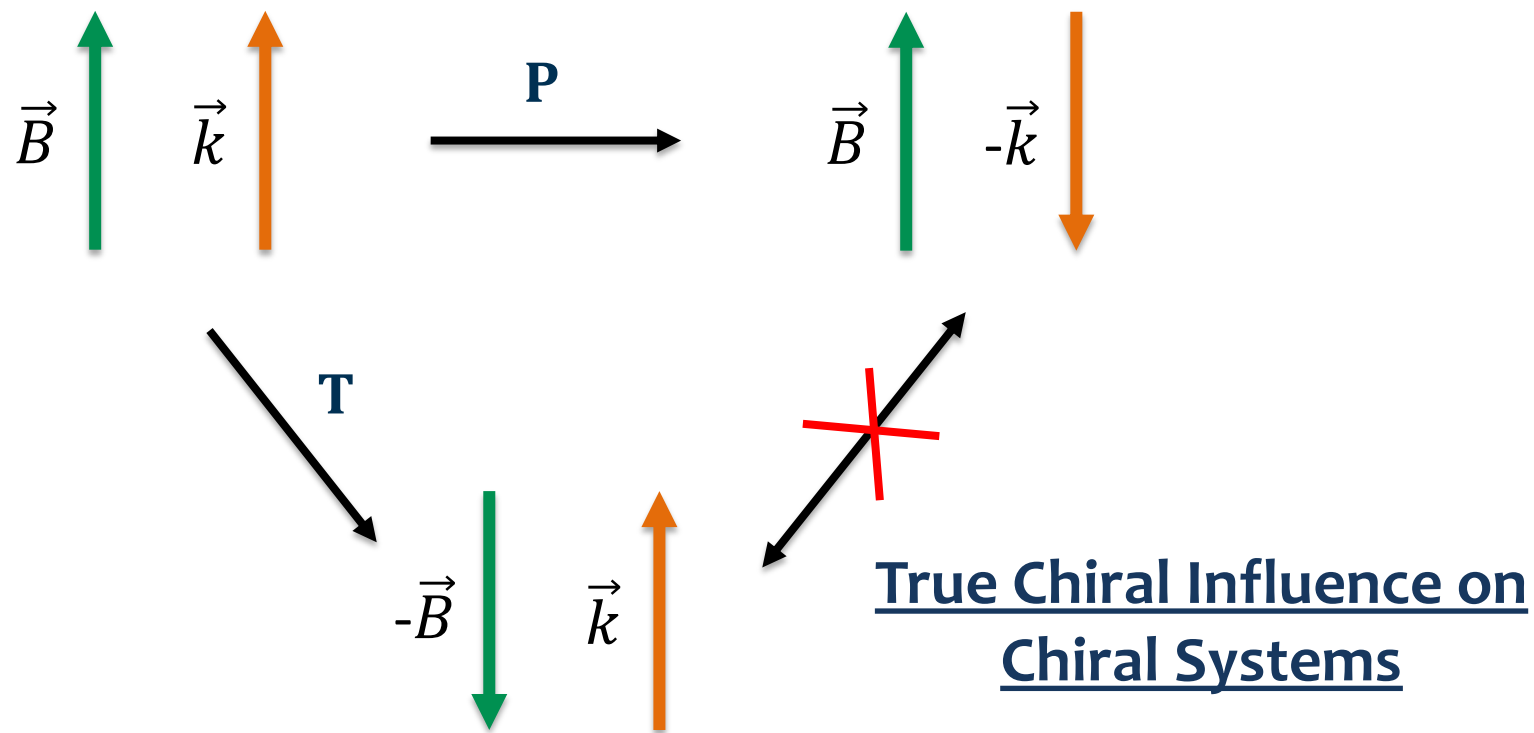
chiral or not



$$\epsilon(\lambda, \mathbf{B}) = \epsilon_0(\lambda) \pm \beta(\lambda)\mathbf{B}$$

Breaking of time-reversal symmetry by magnetic fields leads to magnetic optical activity

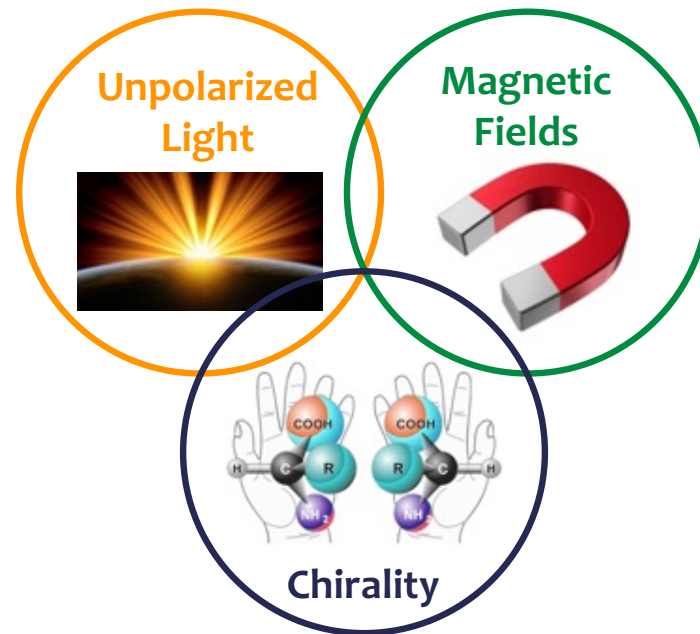
# Optical Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy



Breaking both time-reversal and mirror symmetry leads to **Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy**

# Light-Matter Interaction of Chiral Magnetized Systems

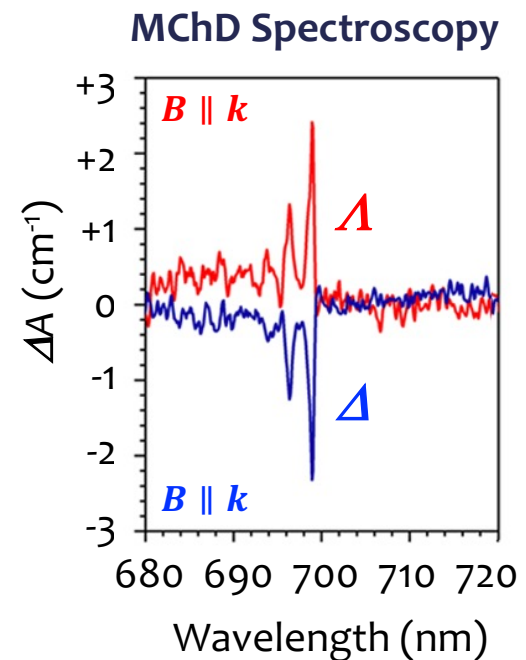
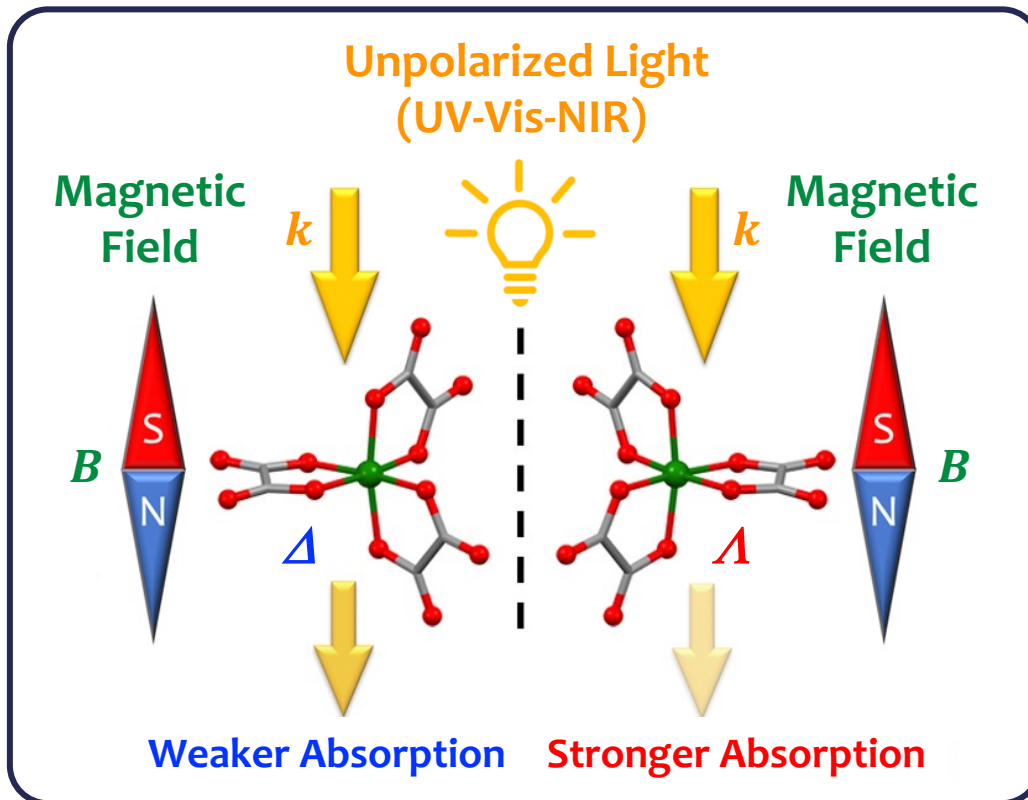
Magneto-Chiral Anisotropy: Magnetic Chiral Dichroism (MChD)



$$\varepsilon(\lambda, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{B}) = \varepsilon_0(\lambda) \pm \alpha^{d/l}(\lambda) \mathbf{k} \pm \beta(\lambda) \mathbf{B} + \gamma^{d/l}(\lambda) \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

# Magneto-Chiral Dichroism (MChD)

The **Light** Absorption of Chiral Systems in **Magnetic Fields** is enantioselective



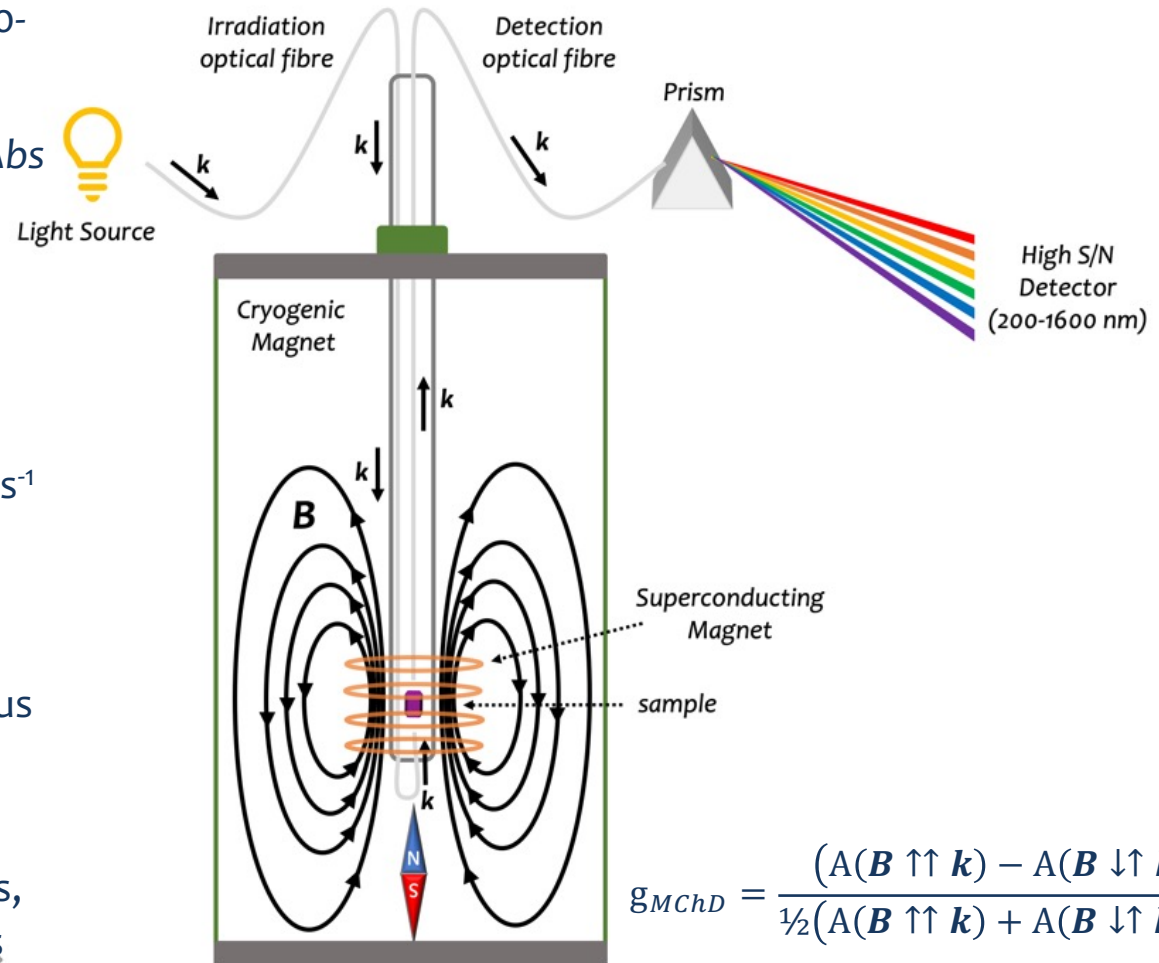
$$\Delta A^{\Delta/\Lambda} \propto M(T, B)$$

$$A = A_0 + \Delta A^{\Delta/\Lambda}$$

# Magneto-Chiral Dichroism (MChD)

A phenomenon difficult to detect:  
Experimental setup available at the LNCMI

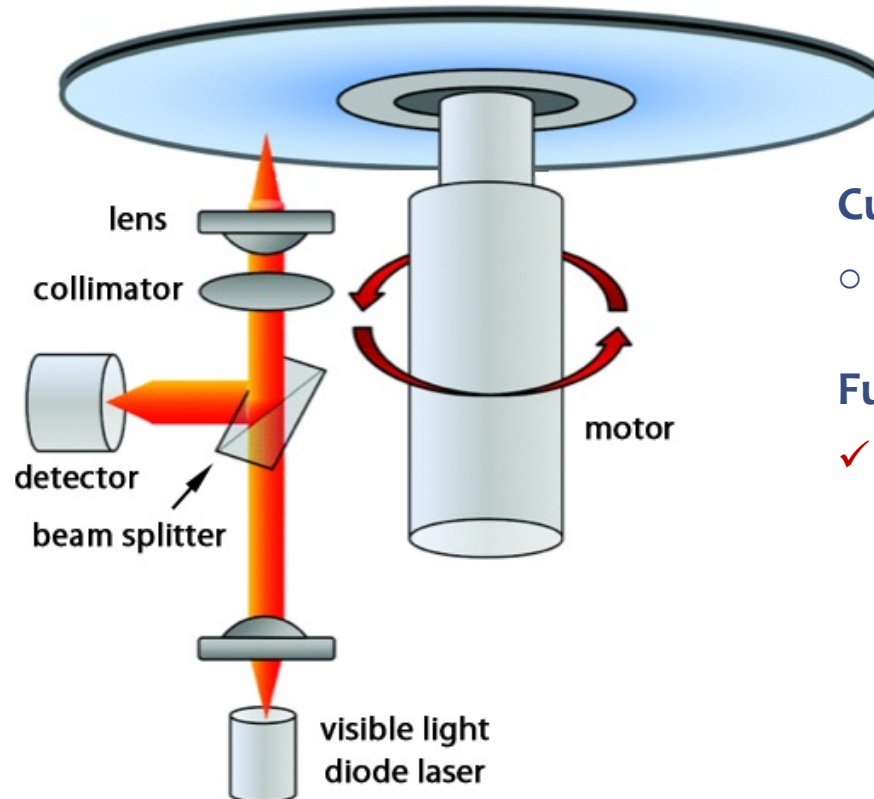
- ✓ **Spectral range:** UV-Vis-NIR (260-1600 nm)
- ✓ **Spectral detection:**  $Abs$  and  $\Delta Abs$
- ✓ **T range:** 290 K to 2.2 K
- ✓ **B range:** up to  $\pm 6$  T (... 10 T)
- ✓ **B frequency:** 0.04 to 1.5 Hz
- ✓ **B sweeping rate:** 800-3200 Oe  $s^{-1}$
- ✓ **B profiles:** triangular, square, sinusoidal
- ✓ **Detection method:** Synchronous spectral detection during magnetic field sweep
- ✓ **Samples:** single crystals, pellets, drop casted samples, thin films



# Magneto-Chiral Dichroism

Potential Technological Application:

Optical read-out of magnetic data



## Current Technology

- Circularly polarized light

## Future Technology

- ✓ **Unpolarized light**

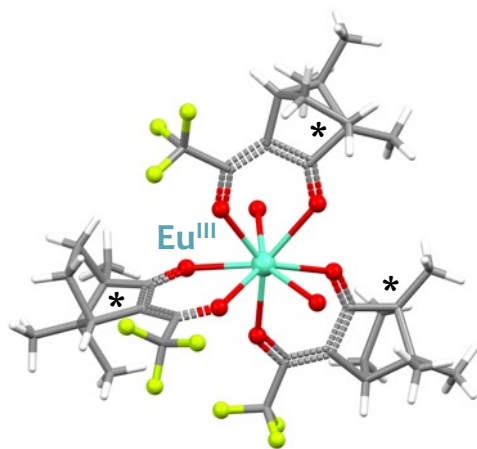


Simpler device  
No polarization  
No PEM  
Optical fibers



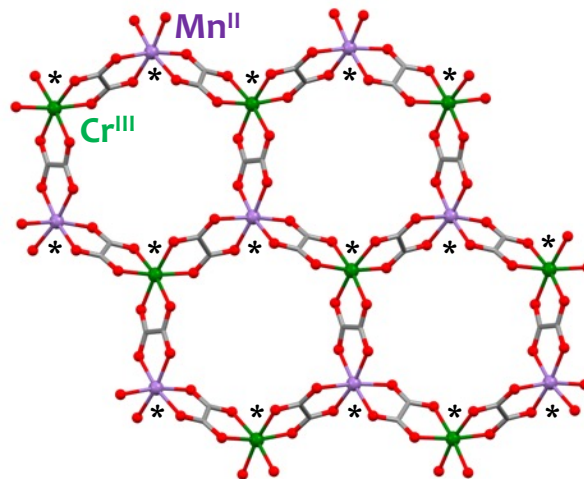
# MChD in Chiral Molecular Systems

## Chiral Ln Complex



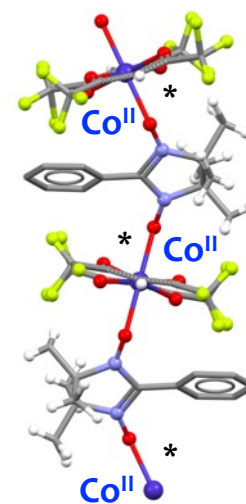
G. Rikken & E. Raupach  
*Nature* 1997

## Chiral Molecular Ferromagnet



C. Train, G. Rikken *et al.*  
*Nature Materials* 2008

## Chiral Helical Chains



R. Sessoli, A. Rogalev *et al.*  
*Nature Physics* 2015

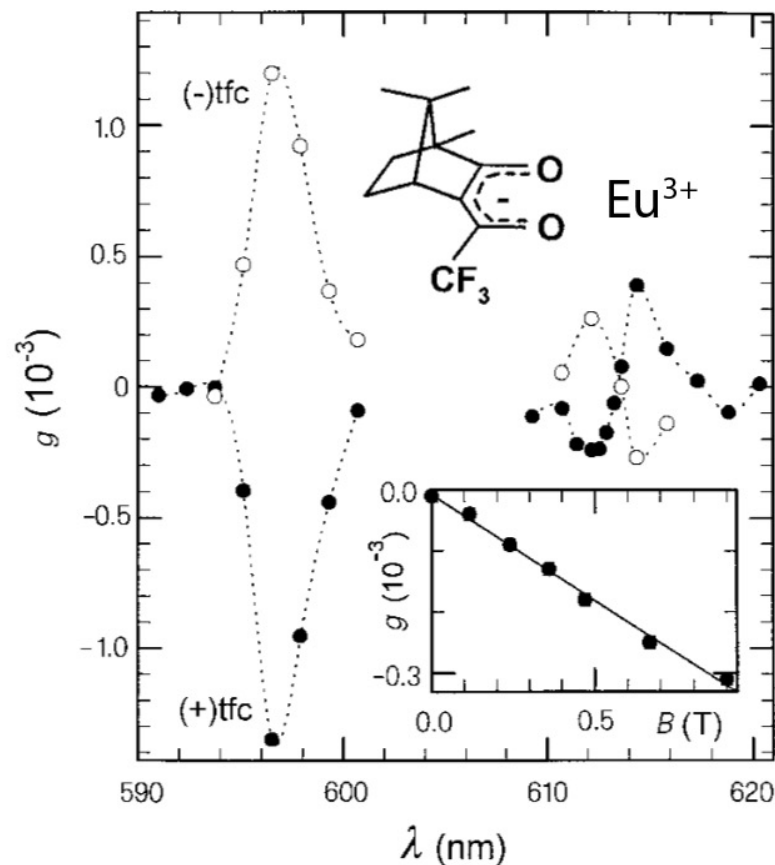
- Observed only in few systems
- Lack of systematic investigations

# MChD in Chiral Molecular Systems

MChD probed by light emission: Luminescence of a chiral Ln complex

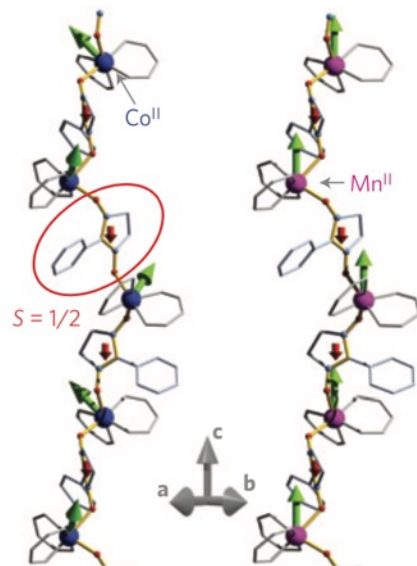
- ✓ First experimental evidence of MChD
- ✓ A chiral  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$  complex with chiral ligands selected from the chiral pool
- ✓  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_1$  and  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transitions probed

$$g_{MChD} = \frac{(I(\mathbf{B} \uparrow \uparrow \mathbf{k}) - I(\mathbf{B} \downarrow \uparrow \mathbf{k}))}{\frac{1}{2}(I(\mathbf{B} \uparrow \uparrow \mathbf{k}) + I(\mathbf{B} \downarrow \uparrow \mathbf{k})) B}$$



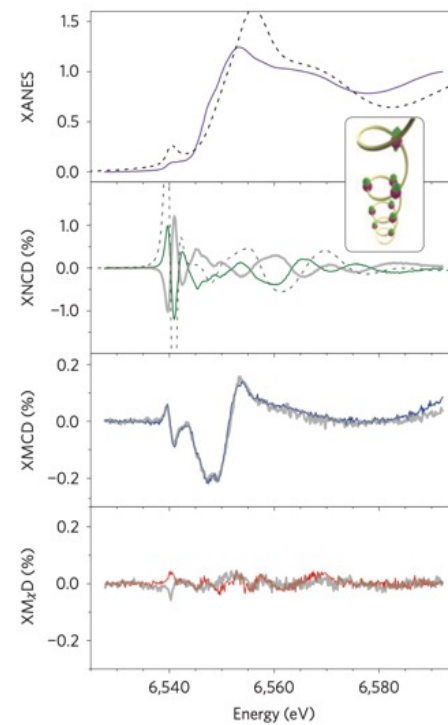
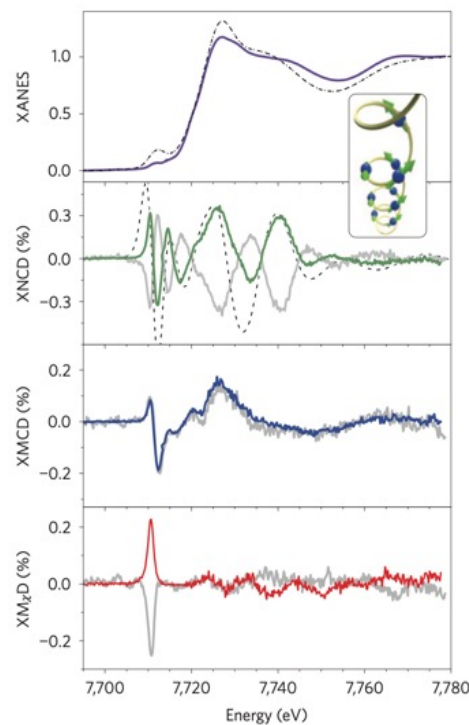
# MChD in Chiral Molecular Systems

MChD probed by X-ray absorption: Helical Co<sup>II</sup>-radical Single-Chain Magnet



✓ Metal-radical 1D compounds obtained by spontaneous resolution

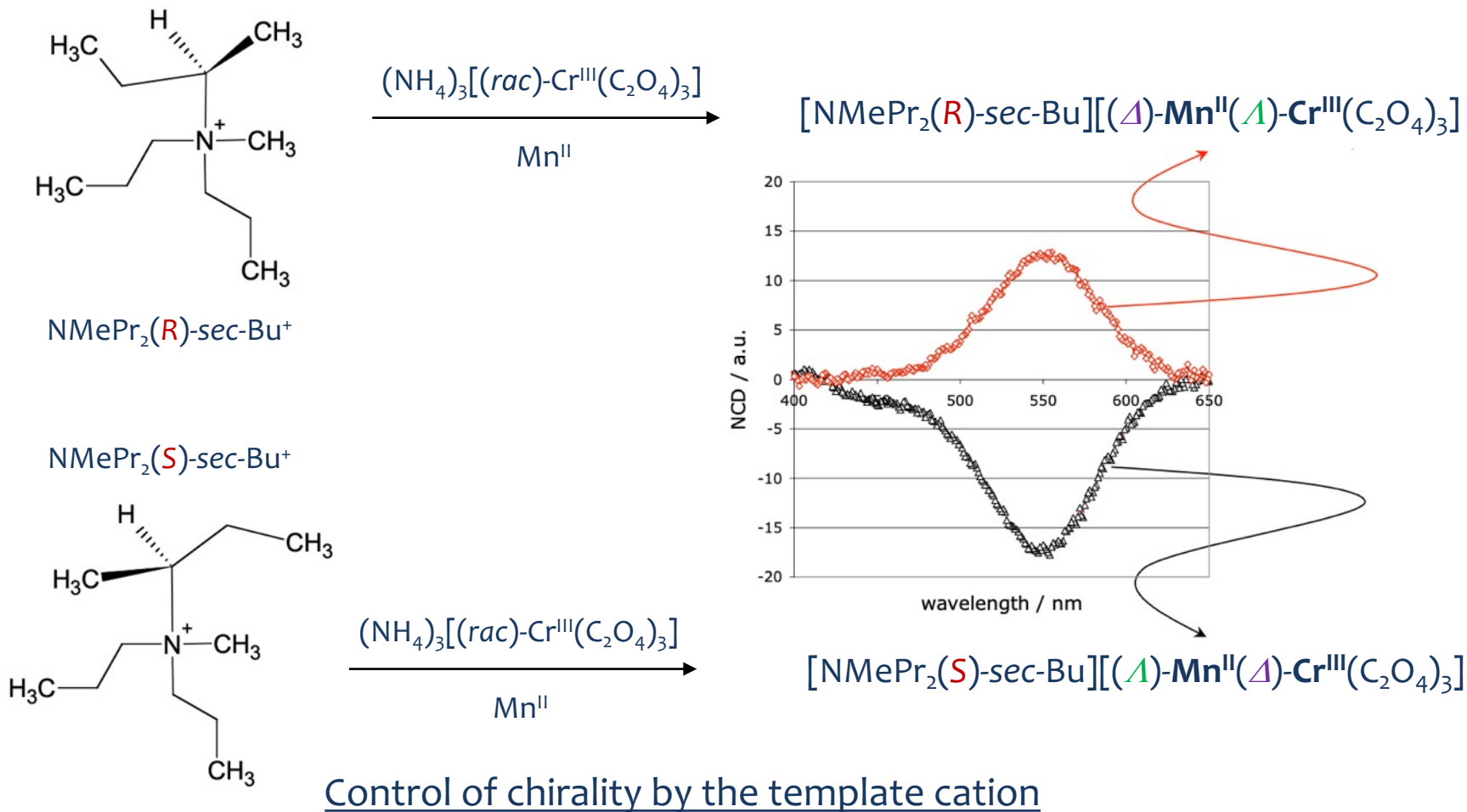
- ✓ No signal for the Mn(II) derivative
- ✓ Strong signal for the Co(II) derivative
- ✓ Influence of the orbital moment on the intensity of MChD



# MChD in Chiral Molecular Systems

MChD probed by Visible light absorption:

Enantiopure Chiral Ferromagnet obtained by enantioselective self-assembly

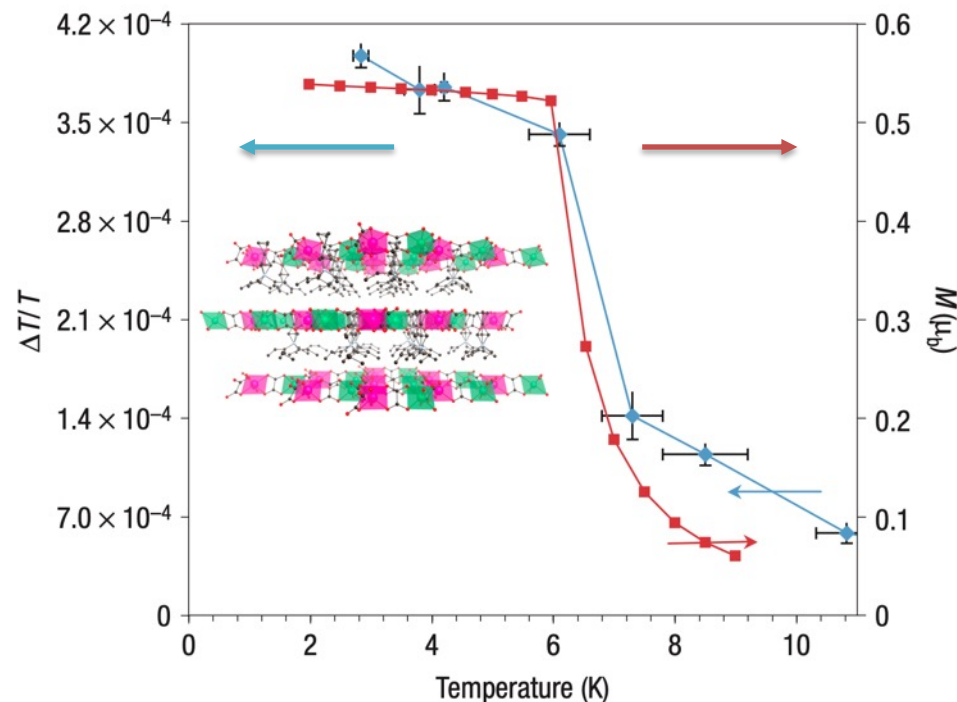
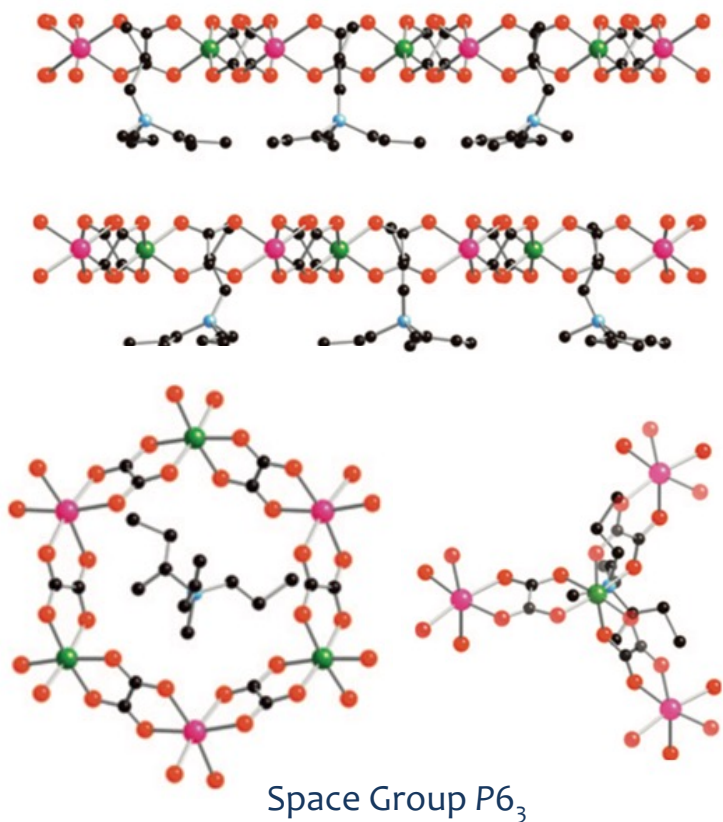


Control of chirality by the template cation

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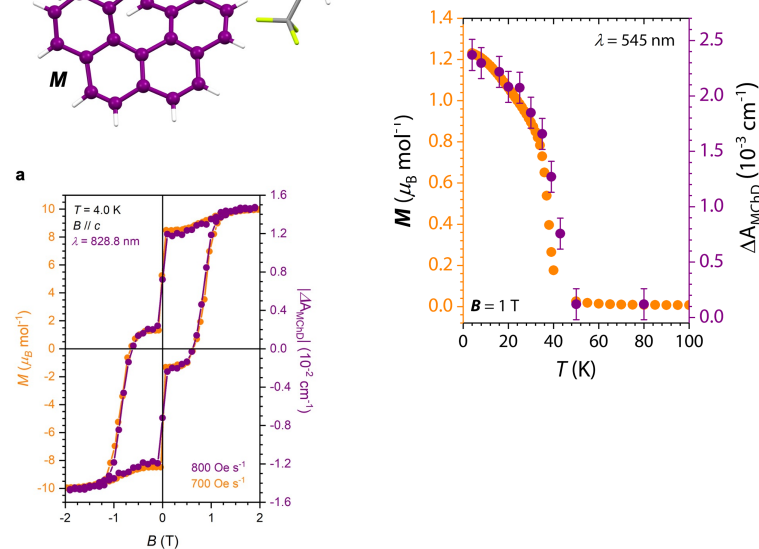
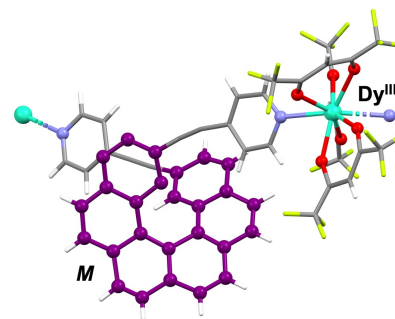
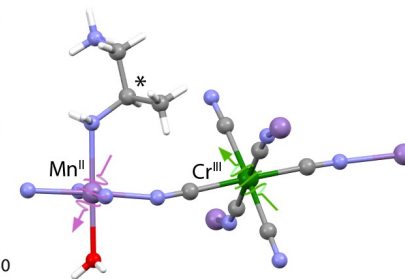
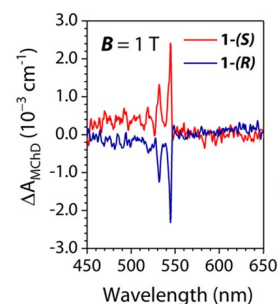


The intensity of MChD increases by a factor of 6 passing from the paramagnetic to the ferromagnetic phase



# My contribution to this Research Field

1. Understand the microscopic physico-chemical parameters governing MChD
2. Enhance the strength of MChD by chemical design
3. Increase the temperature at which this phenomenon is observed
4. Prove that MChD is a technological relevant optical phenomenon



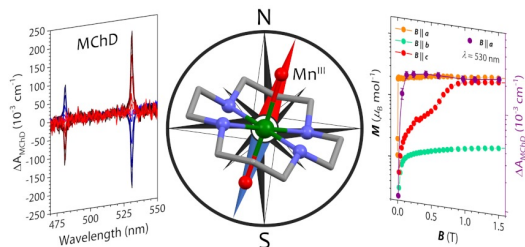


# Overview of Investigated Systems

## MChD investigation in:

### Transition Metal Complexes

- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, 141, 20022
- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, 142, 13908
- ✓ *Sci. Adv.* **2021**, 7, eabg2859
- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2022**, 144, 8837
- ✓ *J. Mater. Chem. C*, **2022**, 10, 13939

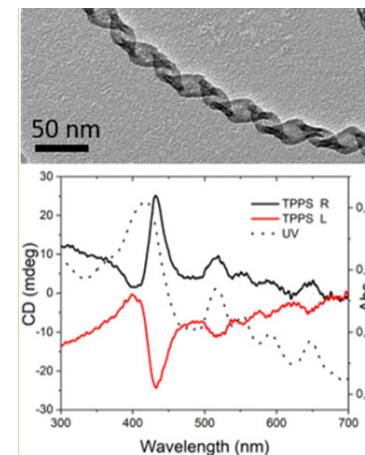


### Lanthanides Complexes

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- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2022**, 144, 8837
- ✓ *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, 62, e202215558
- ✓ *Inorg. Chem.* **2023**, 62, 17583
- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2024**, 146, 16389
- ✓ *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2024**, 146, 23624
- ✓ *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2024**, 63, e202412521

### Chiral Nanostructures

- ✓ *A. Phys. Lett.* **2021**, 118, 251108
- ✓ *Nanoscale* **2023**, 15, 12095



### Review Articles

- ✓ *Chem. Eur. J.* **2020**, 26, 9784
- ✓ *Chirality* **2021**, 33, 844
- ✓ *Inorg. Chem. Front.* **2024**, 11, 1313

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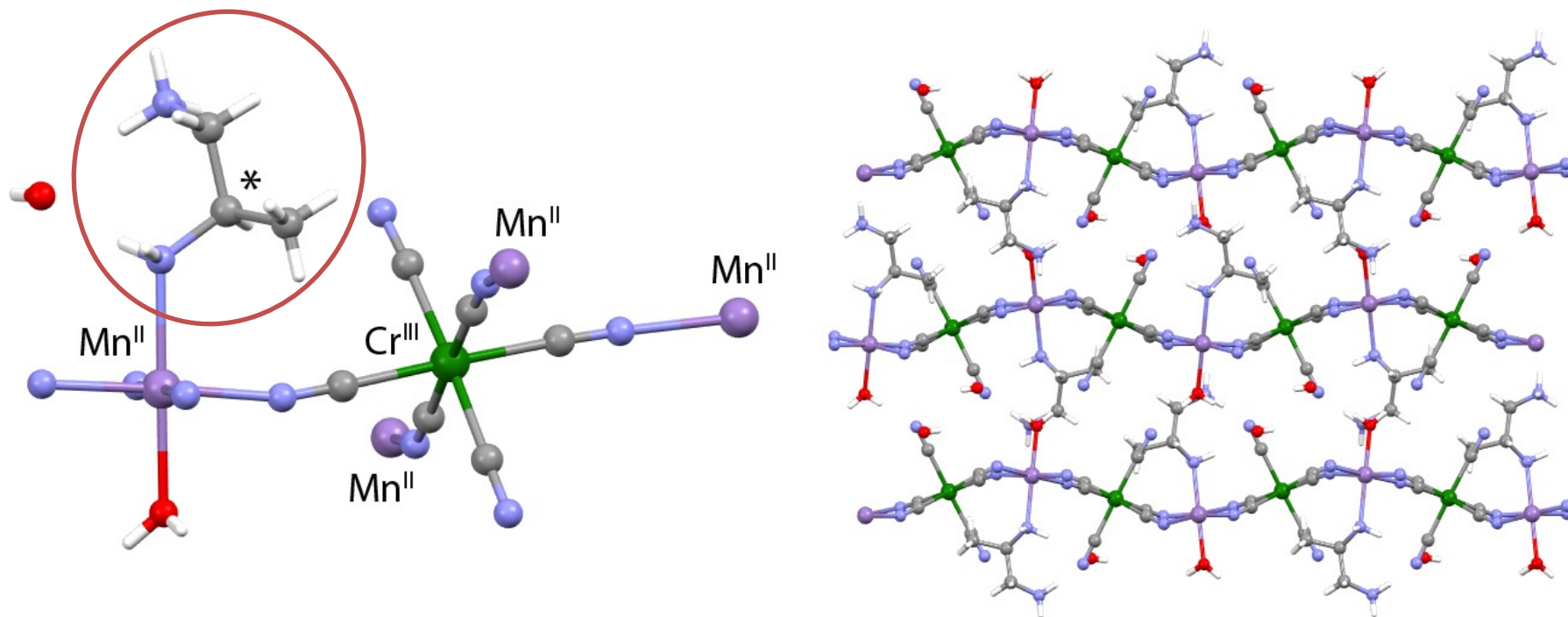
Magneto-Chiral Dichroism: A Playground for Molecular Chemists



Matteo Atzori,\* Geert L. J. A. Rikken, and Cyrille Train<sup>[a]</sup>

# 1. MChD in heterometallic Chiral Magnets

**Motivation:** Increase MChD viable temperature by chemical design



**Chiral Prussian Blue Analogue**  $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{CN})_6][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}((\text{X})\text{-pnH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$

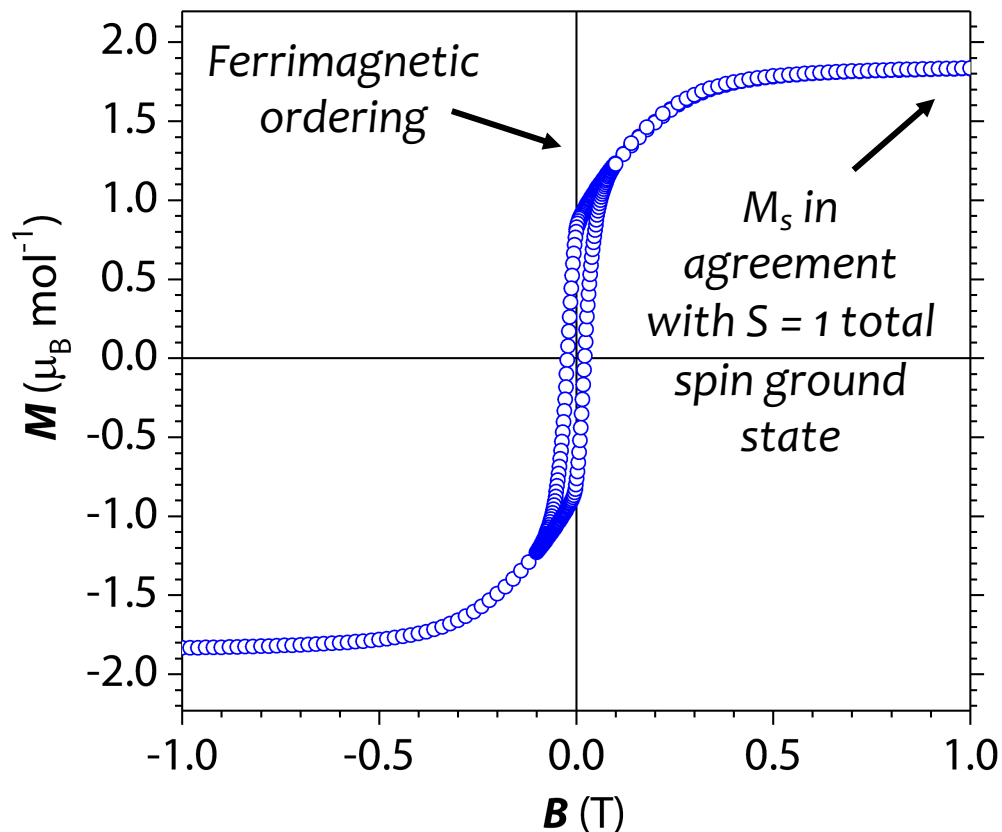
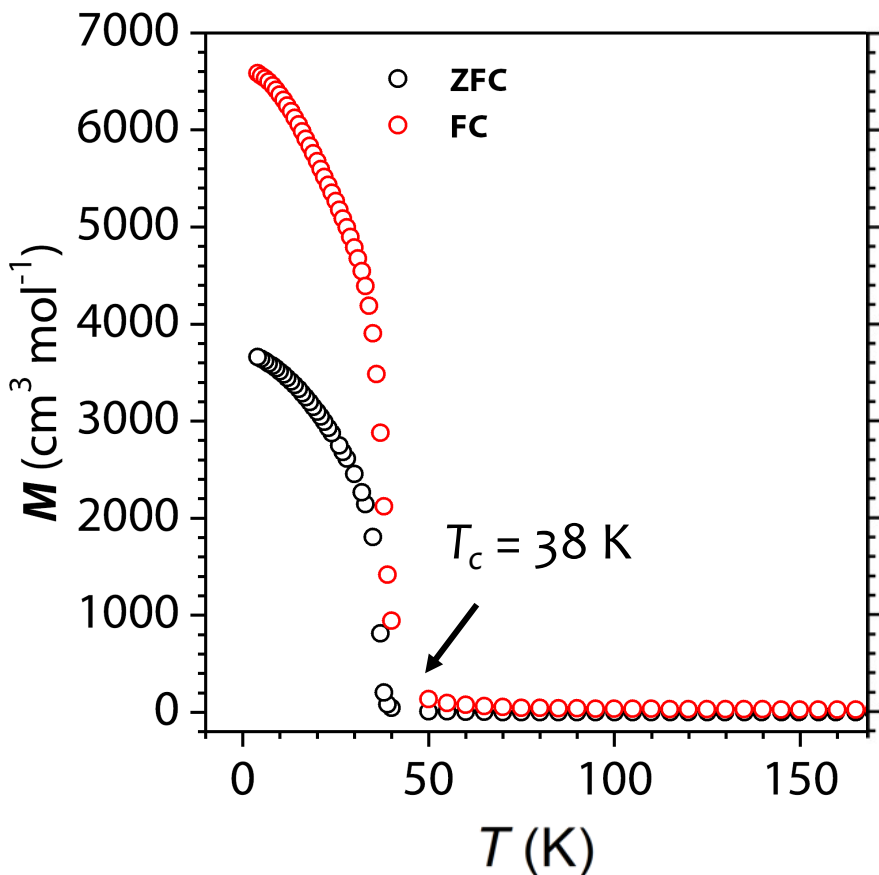
(X = S, R; pnH = 1,2-diaminopropane as chiral coligand)

2D-layered structure



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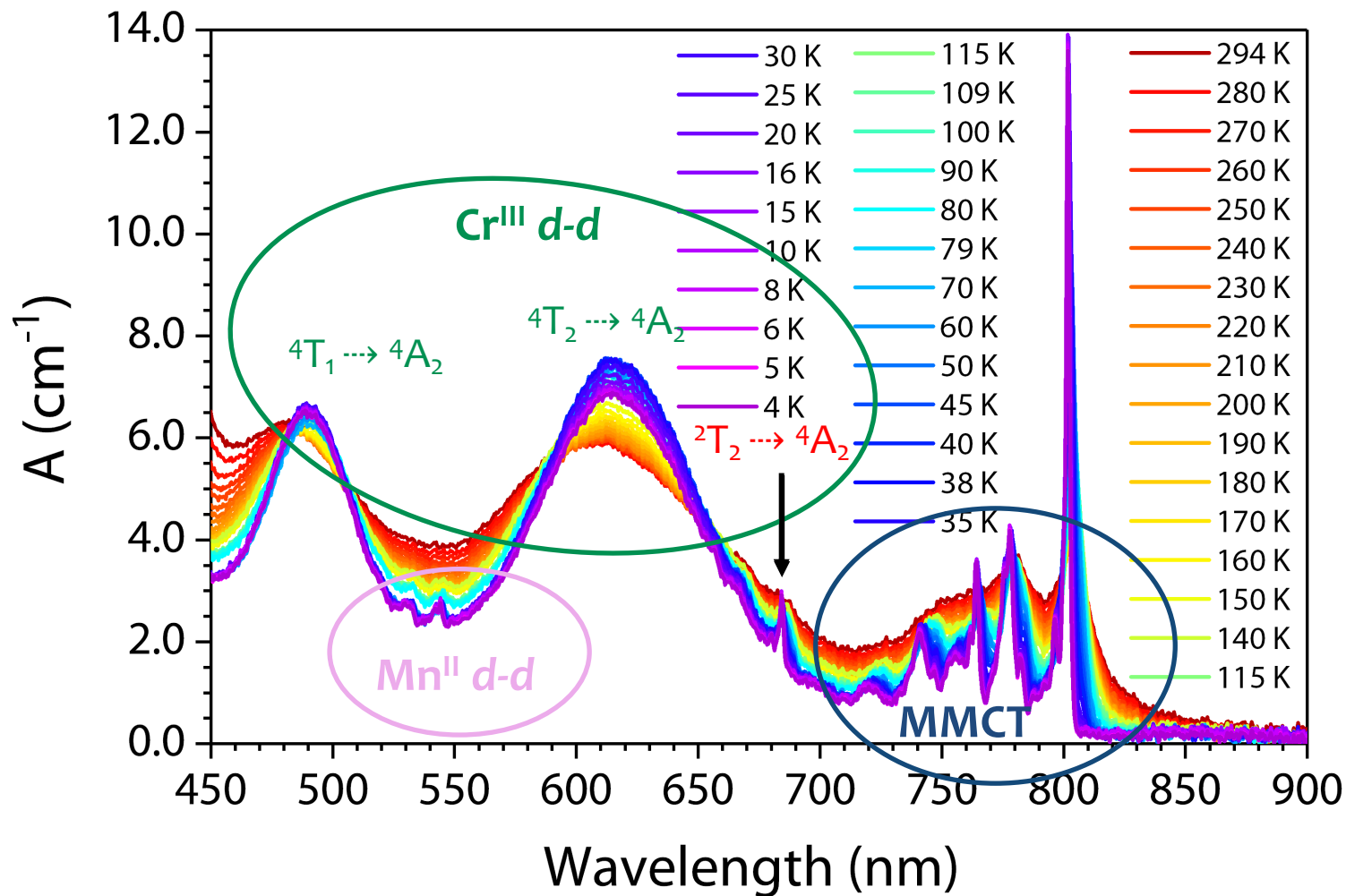
## Magnetic Properties



Molecular ferrimagnet with a relatively high ordering temperature: 38 K

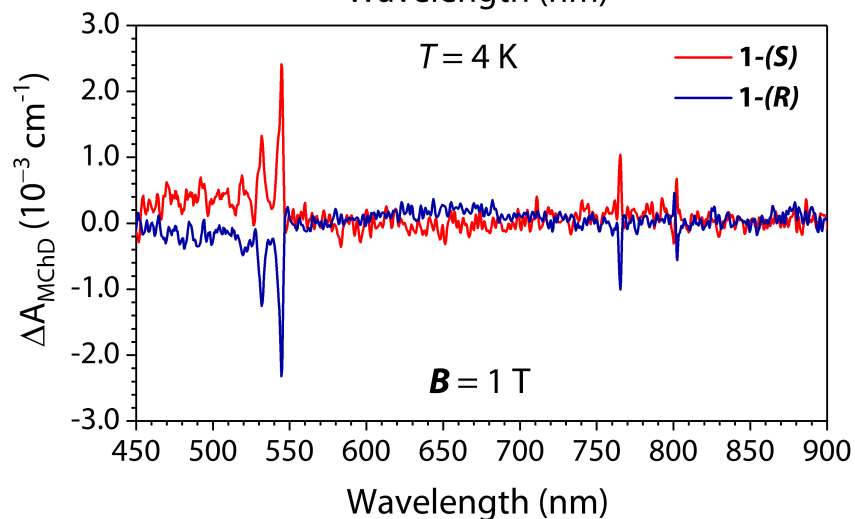
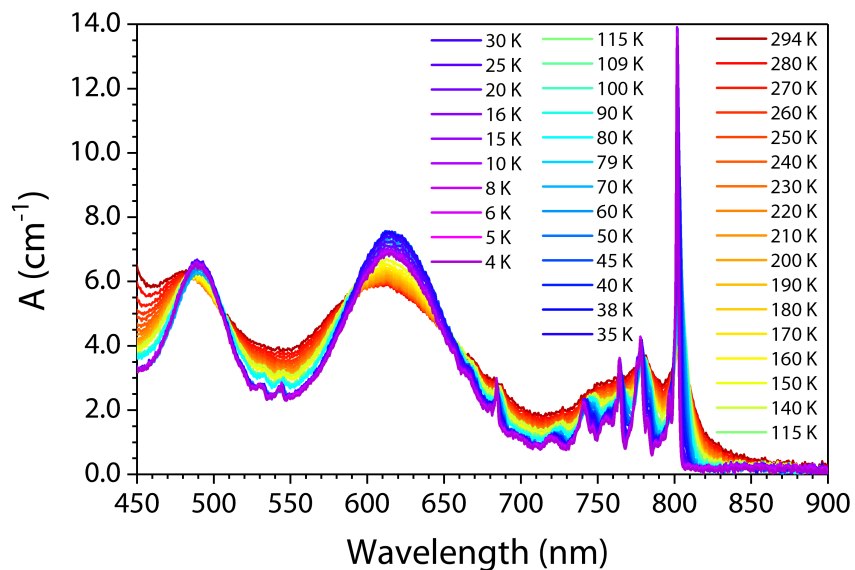
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## Temperature dependence of absorption in the Visible



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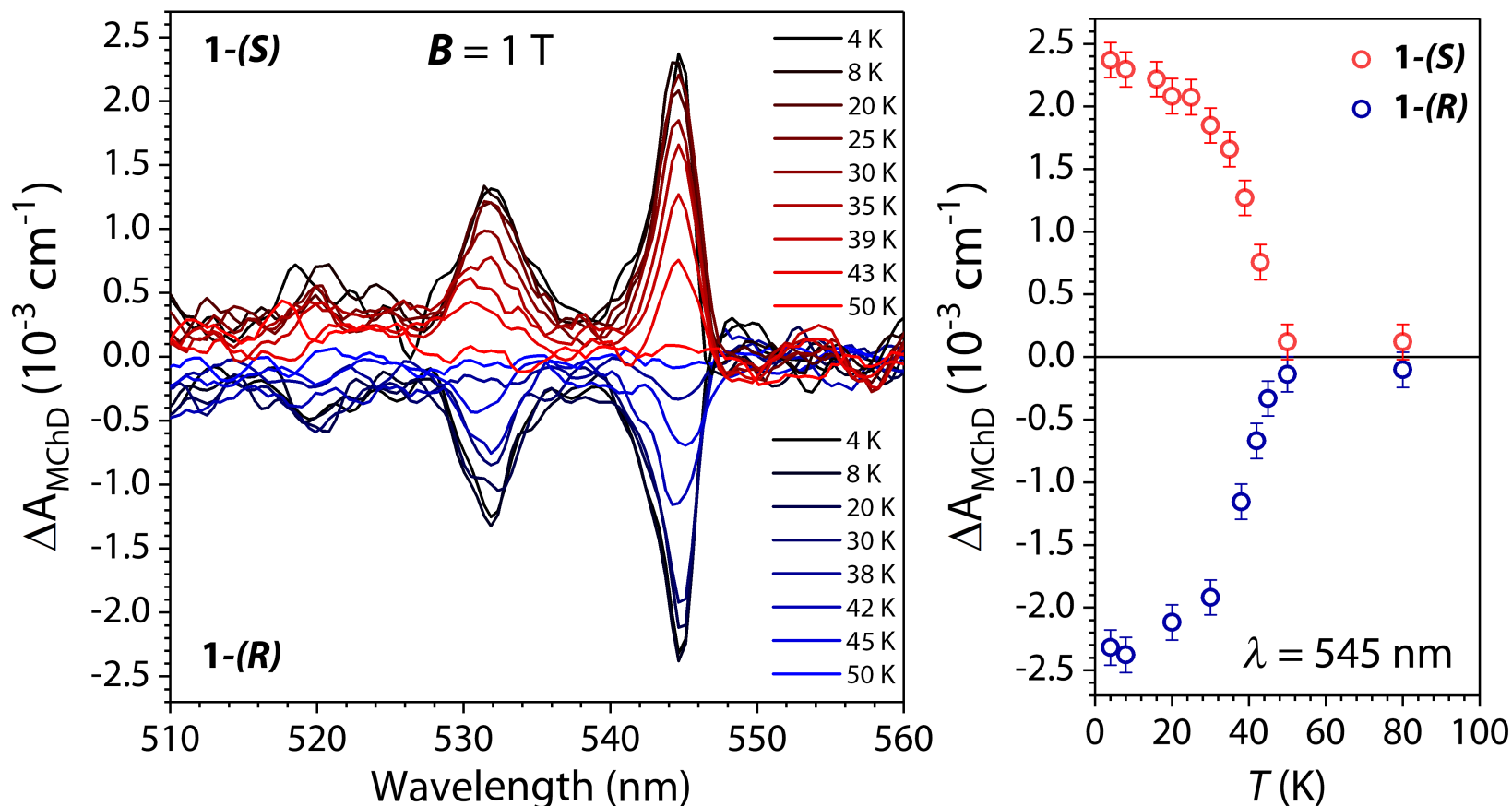
## Magneto-Chiral Optical Response: MChD



- ✓ MChD is observed despite the **second coordination sphere chiral features of the magnetic centers**
- ✓ **Mirror images of MChD** observed for the two enantiomers
- ✓ **MChD signals arises from  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$** , with a negligible orbital contribution to the magnetic moment but coordinated by the chiral ligand

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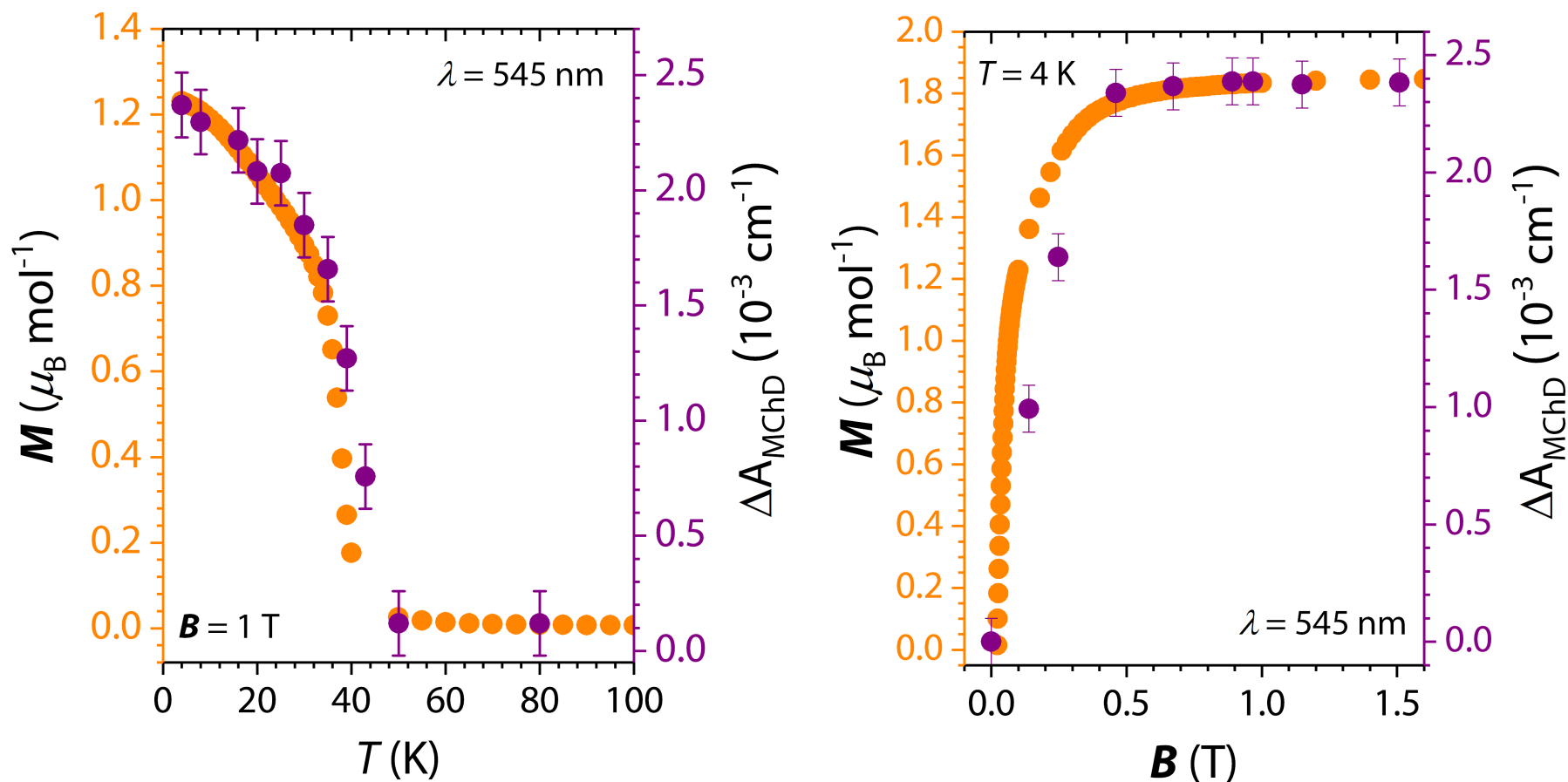
## Temperature dependence of MChD signals



MChD persists up to 43 K

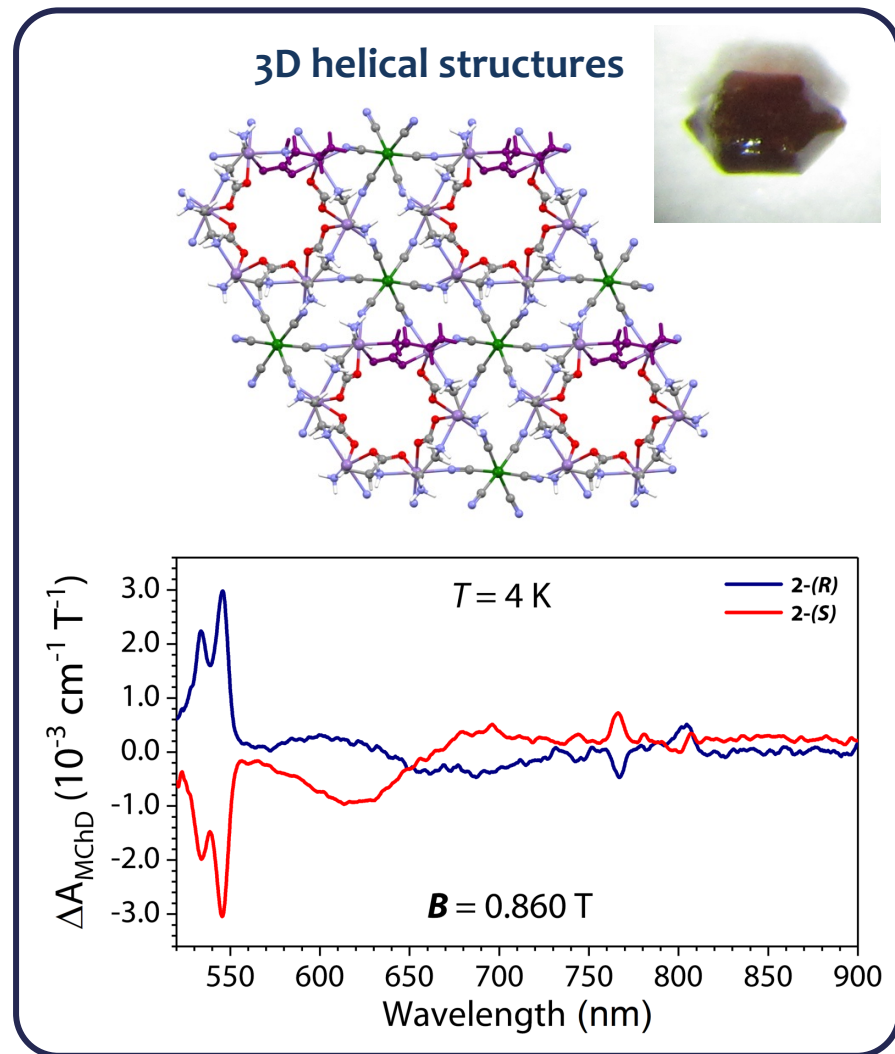
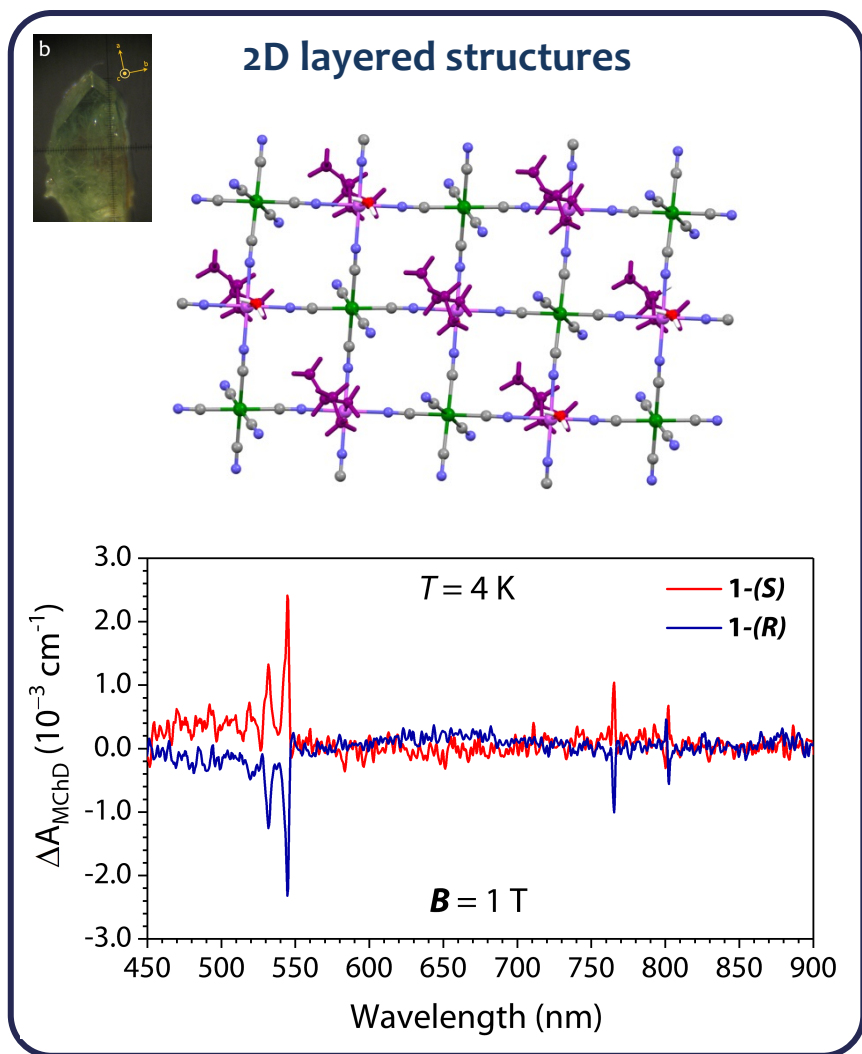
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## Temperature and Field dependence of MChD and Magnetization



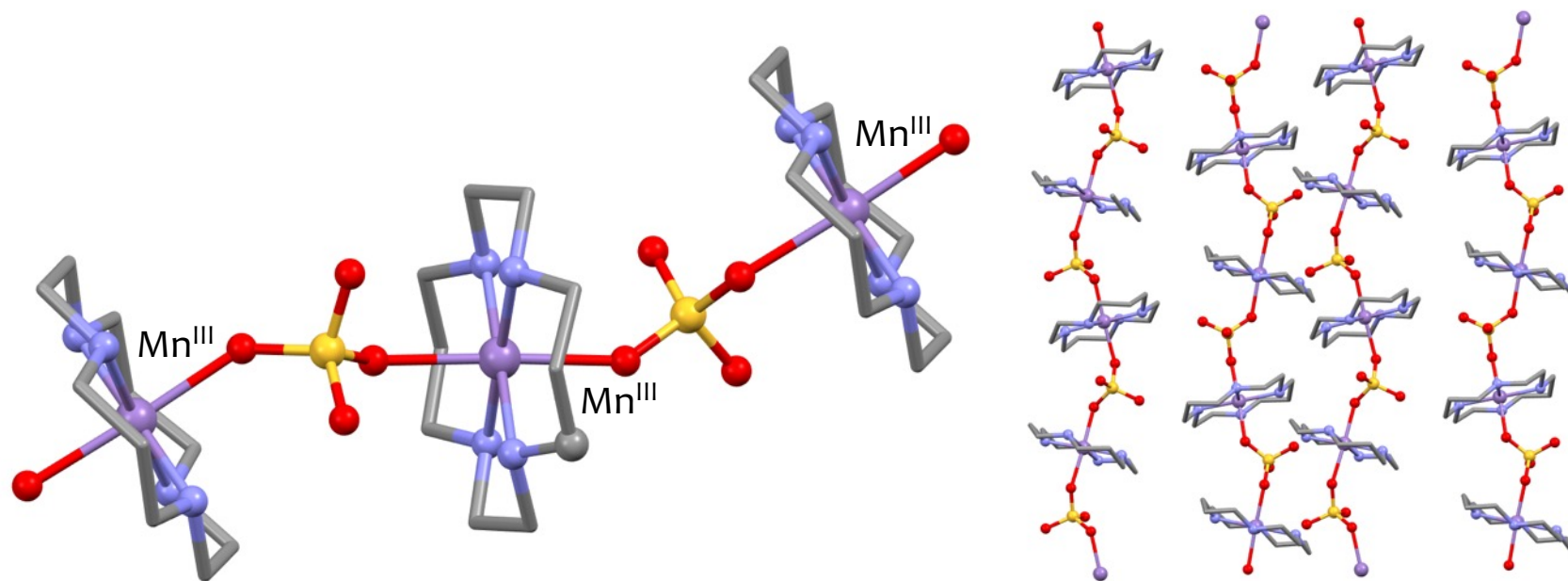
MChD signals accurately follow the magnetization as a function of  $T$  and  $B$

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## 2. MChD in Chiral Supramolecular Chains

**Motivation:** Correlate MChD to Magnetic Anisotropy

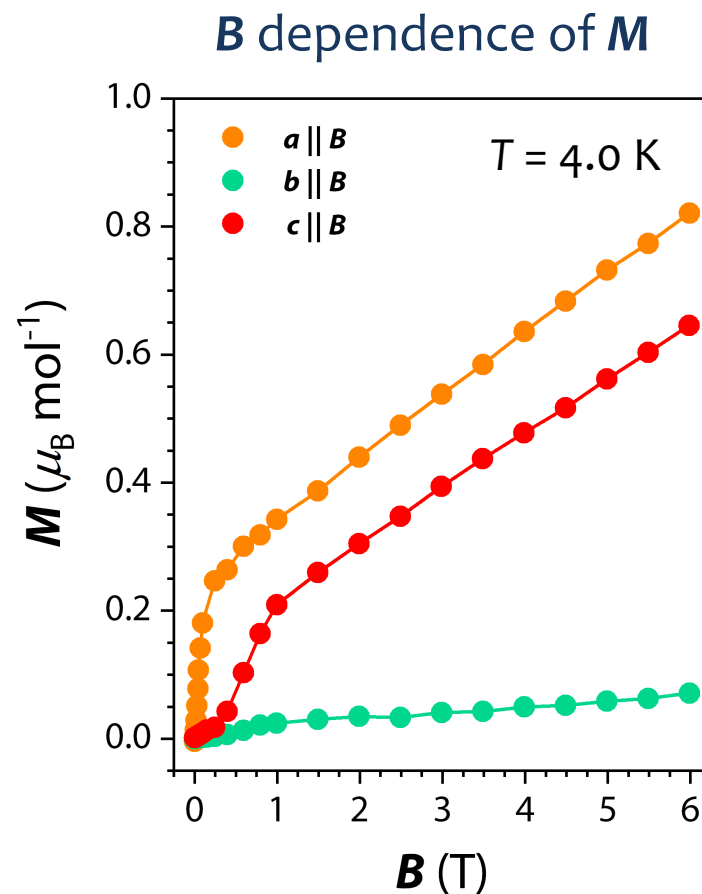
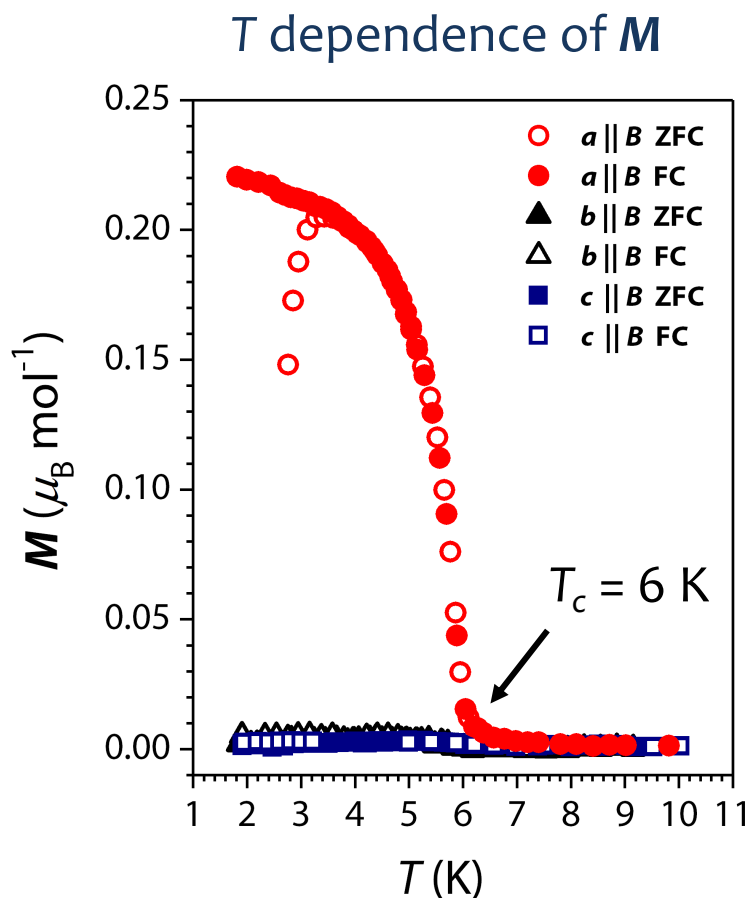


(cyclam = 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)

**Structure made of 1D chiral chains by spontaneous resolution**

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## Magnetic Properties



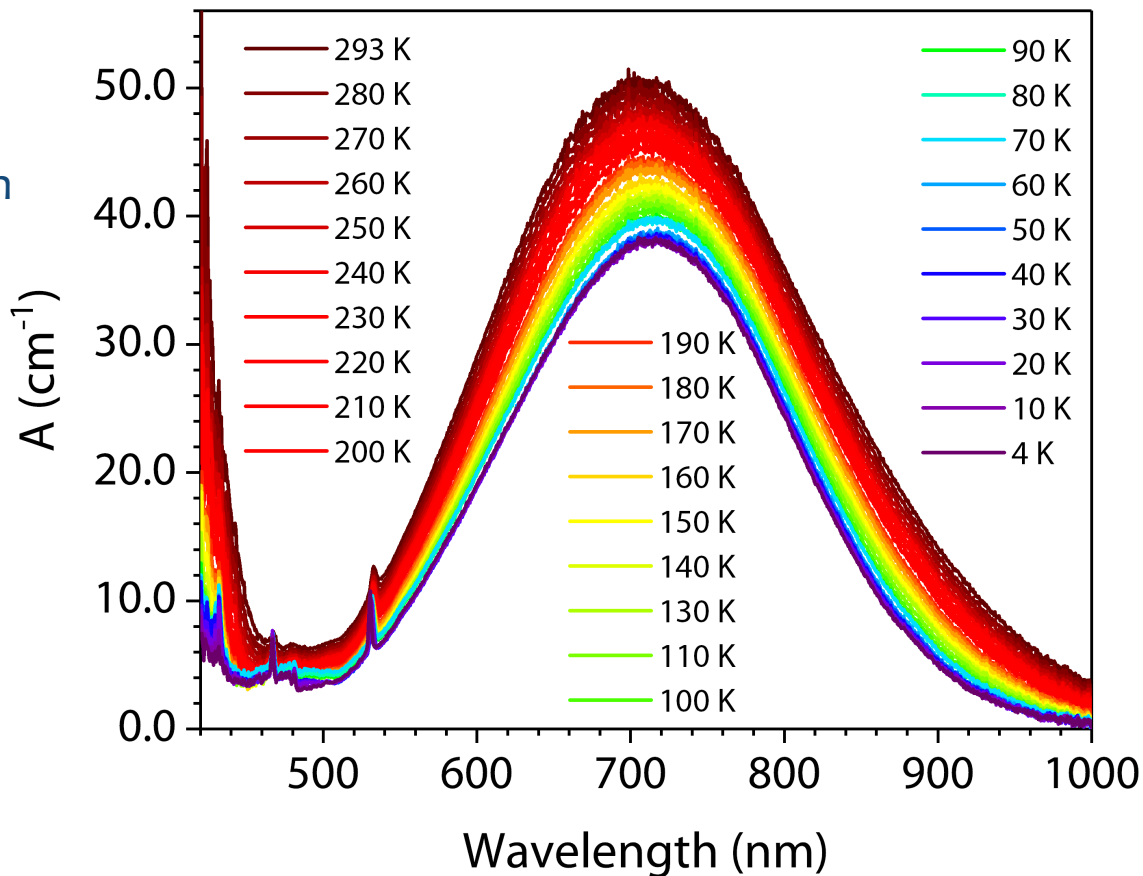
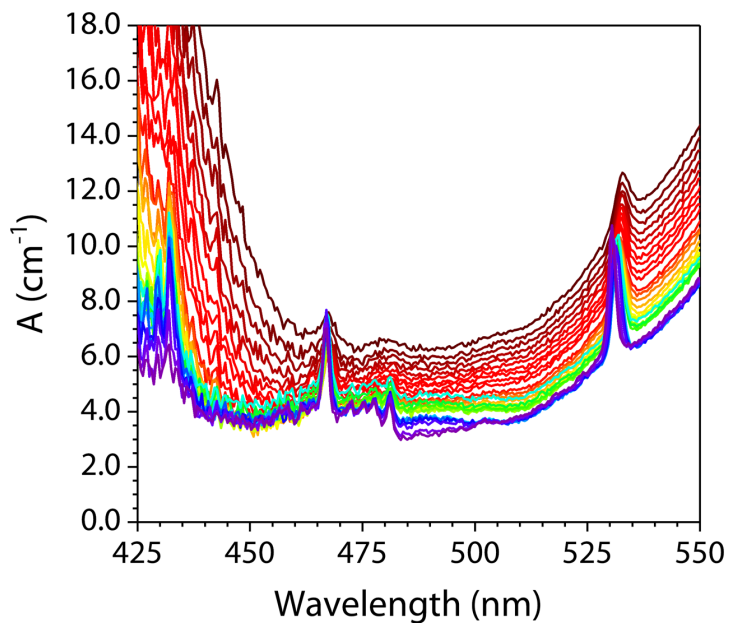
Magnetic behaviour of a canted antiferromagnet (weak ferromagnet)



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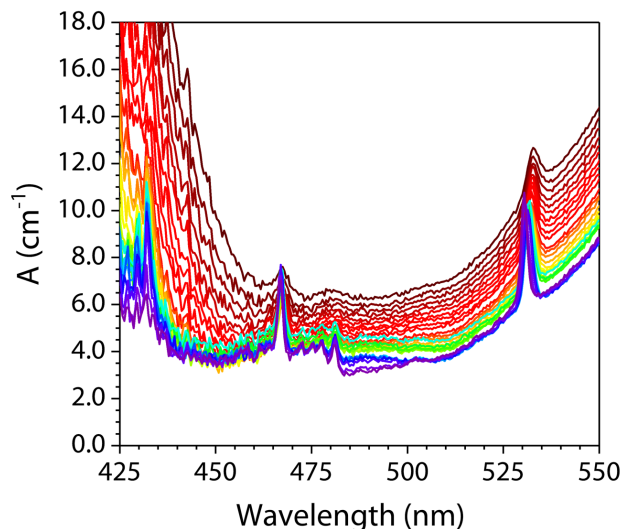
## Temperature dependence of absorption in the Visible

- ✓ Single-crystal Visible light Absorption down to 4 K
- ✓ Spin-allowed and spin-forbidden electronic transitions of  $Mn^{III}$  identified

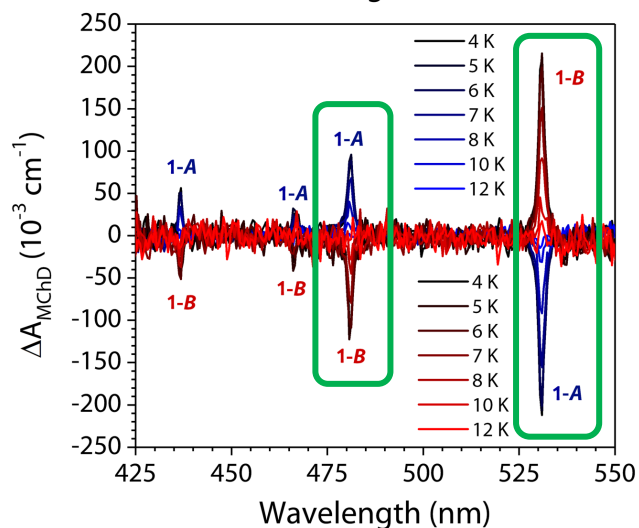


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## Magneto-Chiral Optical Response: MChD



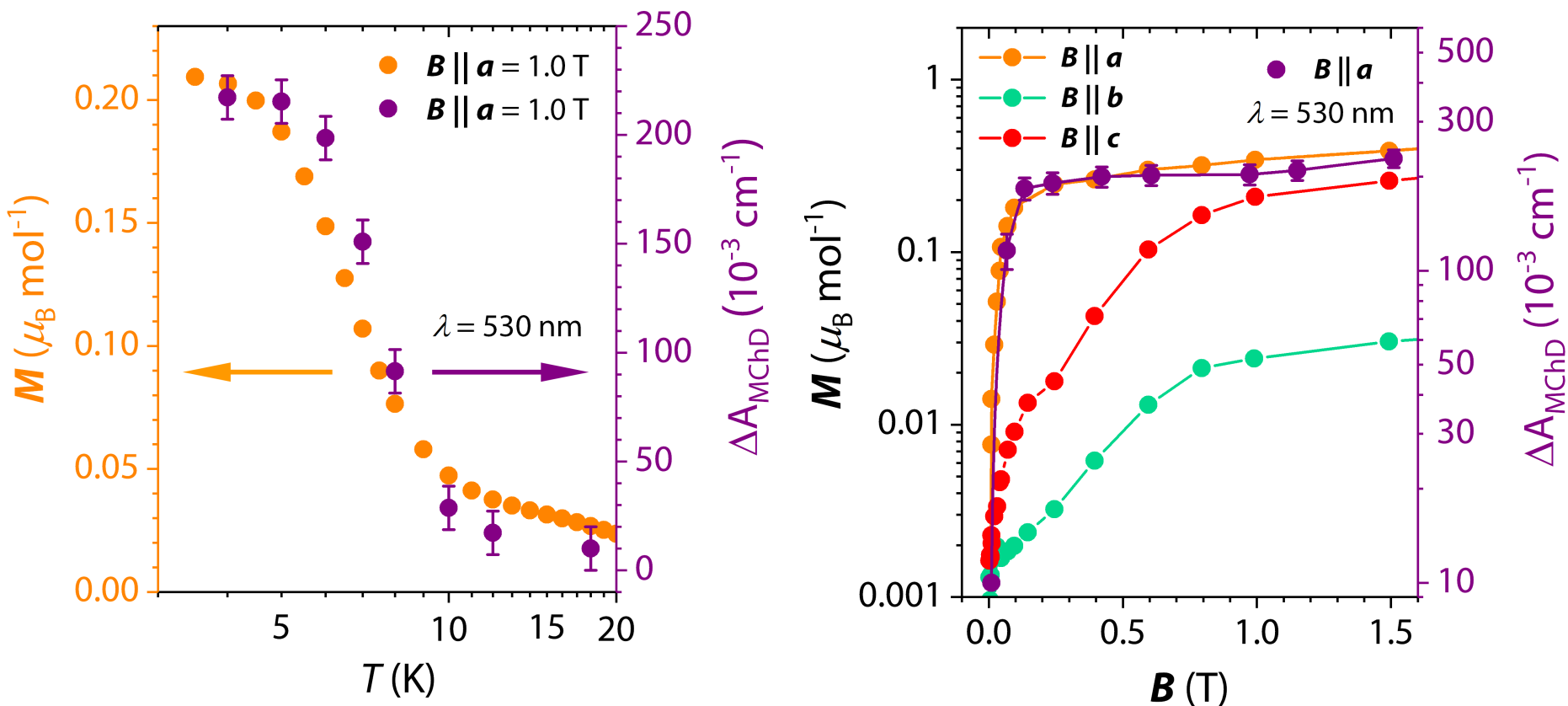
- ✓ Mirror MChD spectra observed for the two enantiomers
- ✓ MChD observed despite the second coordination sphere chiral features of the magnetic centers
- ✓ **Strong signals arise from the *d-d* transitions associated to spin-orbit character**



$\lambda$ (nm)	Electronic Transition	$ \Delta A_{\text{MChD}} $ ( $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{T}^{-1}$ )	A ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$g_{\text{MChD}}$	SOC character
432	${}^5E_g \leftarrow {}^5B_{1g}$	0.06(1)	1.5(5)	<b>0.080(5)</b>	$\lambda^2$
467	${}^3A_{2g} \leftarrow {}^5B_{1g}$	0.03(1)	3.6(5)	<b>0.017(5)</b>	0
<b>481</b>	${}^3E_g \leftarrow {}^5B_{1g}$	0.09(1)	1.4(5)	<b>0.13(5)</b>	<b><math>4\lambda^2</math></b>
<b>530</b>	${}^5B_{2g} \leftarrow {}^5B_{1g}$	0.21(1)	3.8(5)	<b>0.11(5)</b>	<b><math>4\lambda^2</math></b>
715	${}^5A_{1g} \leftarrow {}^5B_{1g}$	0	38.0(5)	0	0

## 2. MChD in Chiral Supramolecular Chains

### Temperature and Field dependence of MChD and Magnetization



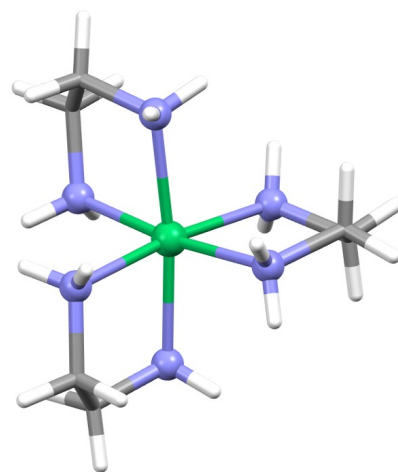
MChD signals follow the  $T$  and  $B$  dependence of  $M$  and reproduce the strong magnetic anisotropy of the system

# 3. MChD in Enantiopure Magnetic Complexes

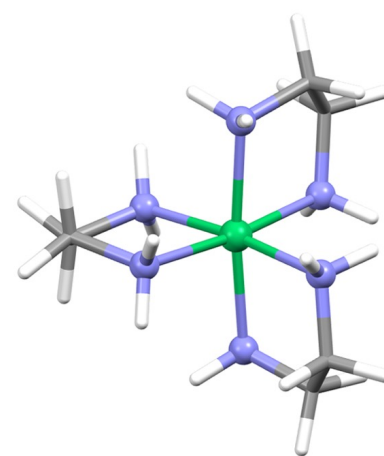
**Motivation:** Understand the microscopic parameters governing MChD



- ✓ Enantiopure  $\Lambda$  and  $\Delta$  complexes obtained by spontaneous resolution
- ✓ Large and **optical transparent** single crystals
- ✓ Isolated metal centers: **only  $M^{II}$   $d-d$  transitions probed**
- ✓ Paramagnetic behavior
- ✓ **Intense NCD at the metal center**



$[(\Lambda)-M^{II}(en)_3]^{2+}$



$[(\Delta)-M^{II}(en)_3]^{2+}$

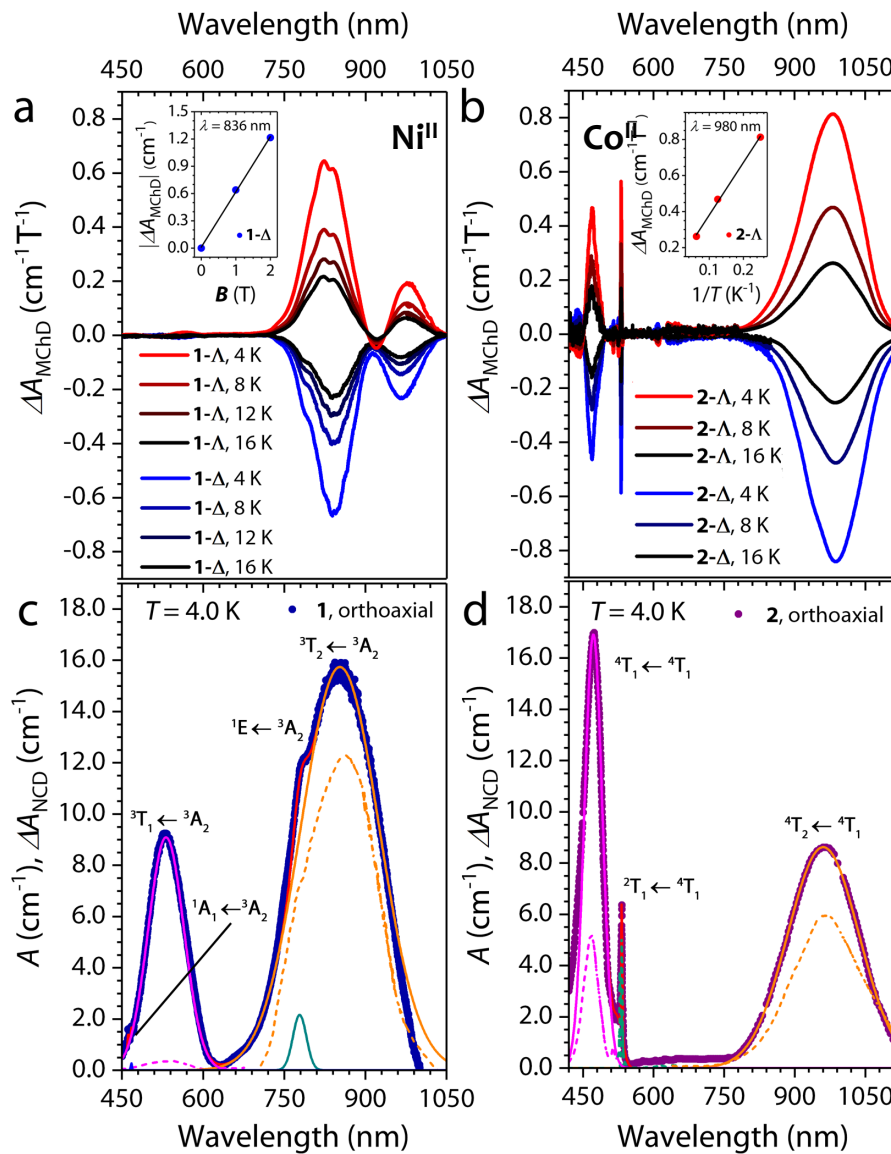


$[Ni^{II}(en)_3](NO_3)_2$

With: E. Hillard, P. Rosa  
(ICMCB, Univ. Bordeaux)

# 3. MChD in Enantiopure Magnetic Complexes

MChD data as a function of the temperature compared to optical absorption and Natural Circular Dichroism

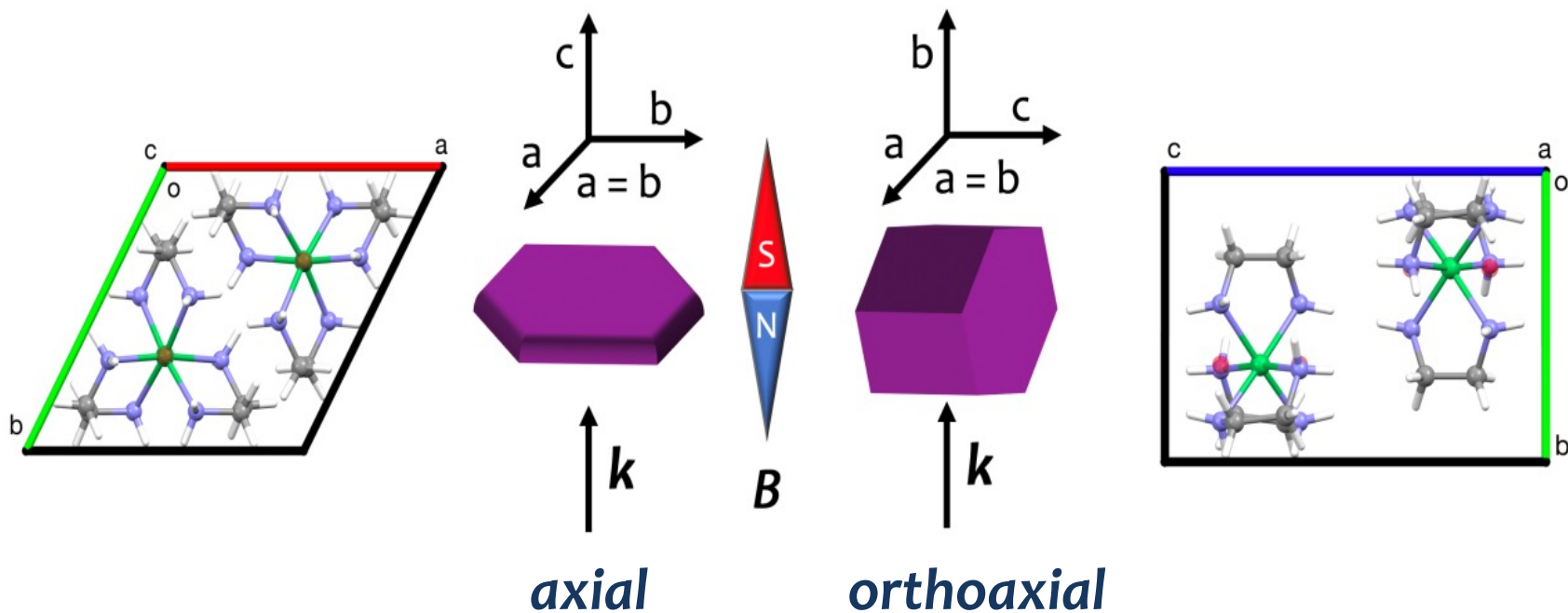


✓ Linear variation of  $\Delta A_{\text{MChD}}$  with  $B$  (low fields)

✓ Linear variation of  $\Delta A_{\text{MChD}}$  with  $1/T$  (Curie Law)

# 3. MChD in Enantiopure Magnetic Complexes

MChD measurements as a function of the crystal orientation



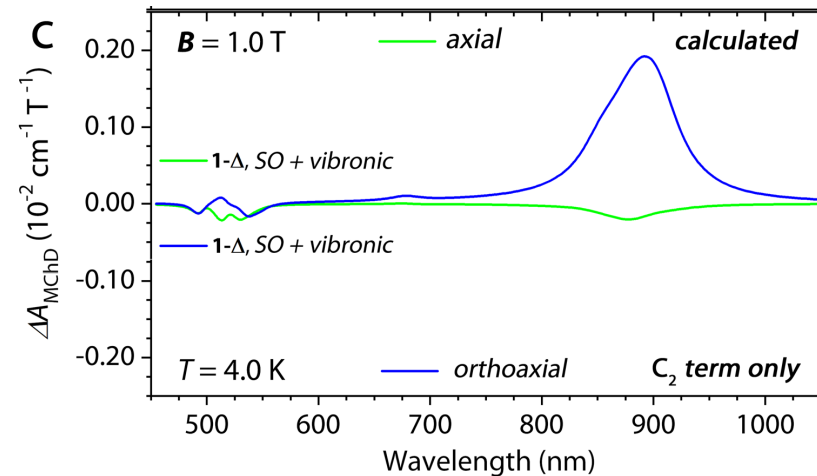
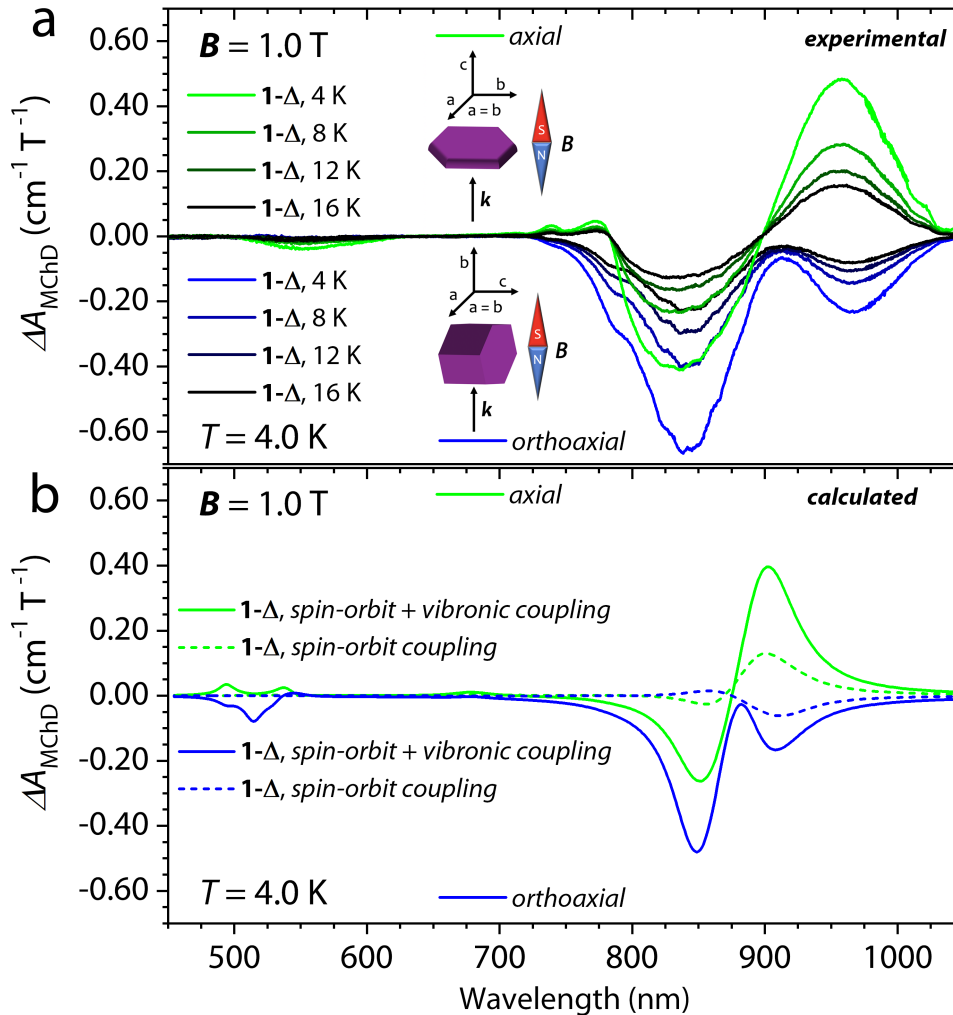
# 3. MChD in Enantiopure Magnetic Complexes

## Experimental and Calculated MChD spectra

Collaboration with



Prof. J. Autschbach  
U.S.A.



Electric dipole-magnetic dipole

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \sum_n m_{n,n}^\alpha \text{Re} \left[ \mu_{n,j}^\beta m_{j,n}^\gamma \right]$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\omega}{15d} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_n m_{n,n}^\alpha \text{Im} \left[ 3 \mu_{n,j}^\beta \Theta_{j,n}^{\beta, \alpha} - \mu_{n,j}^\alpha \Theta_{j,n}^{\beta, \beta} \right]$$

Electric dipole-electric quadrupole

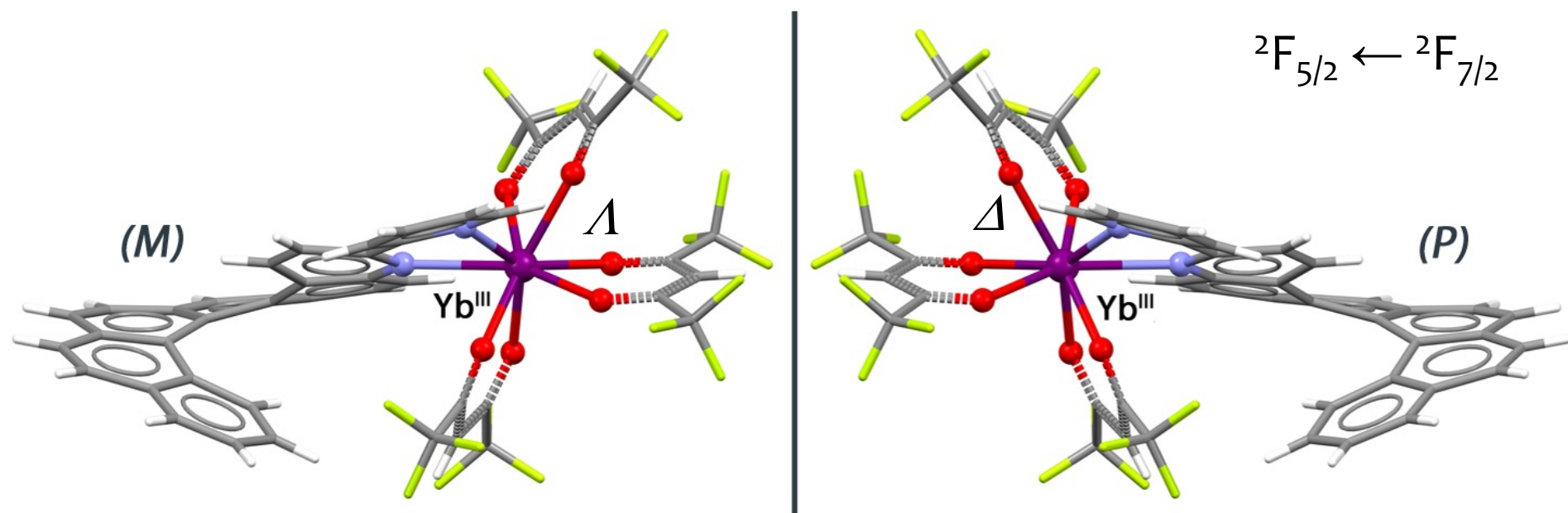
Based on MChD Theory

Barron and Vbranchich, 1984



# 4. MChD in Chiral Ytterbium Complexes

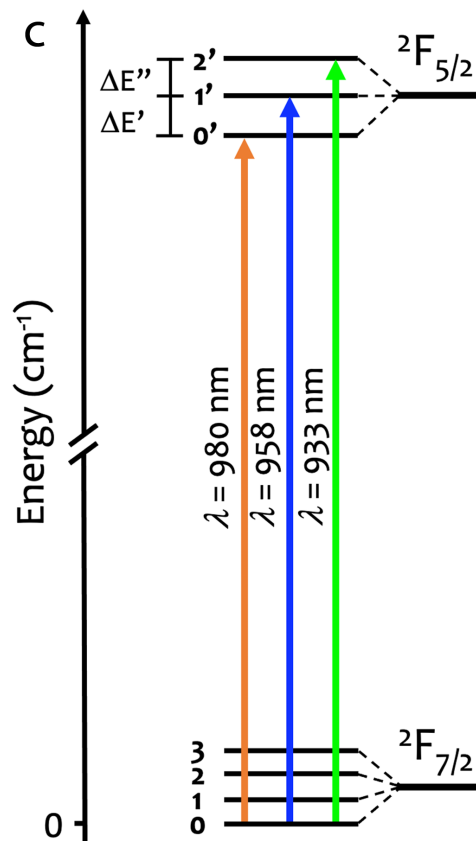
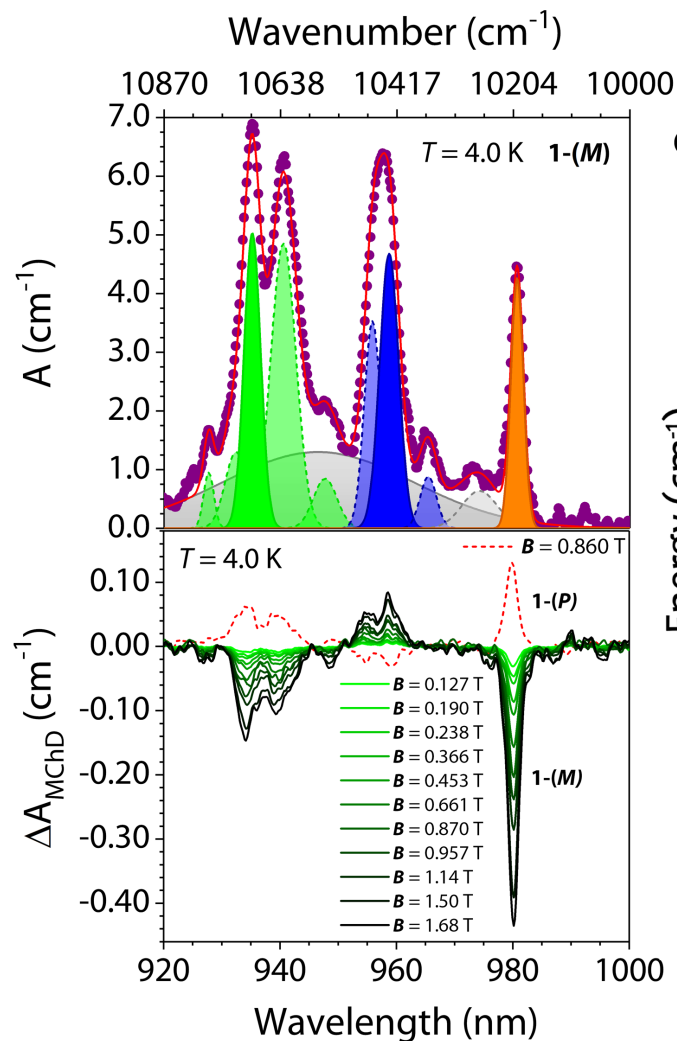
**Motivation:** Correlate MChD to the character of electronic transitions





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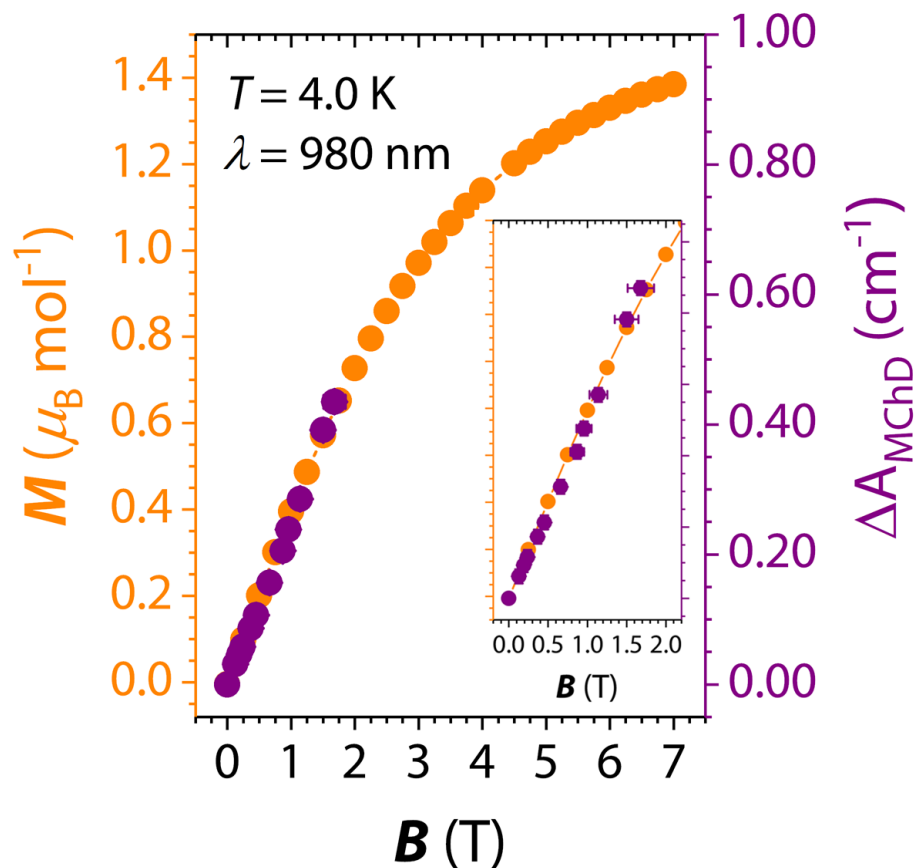
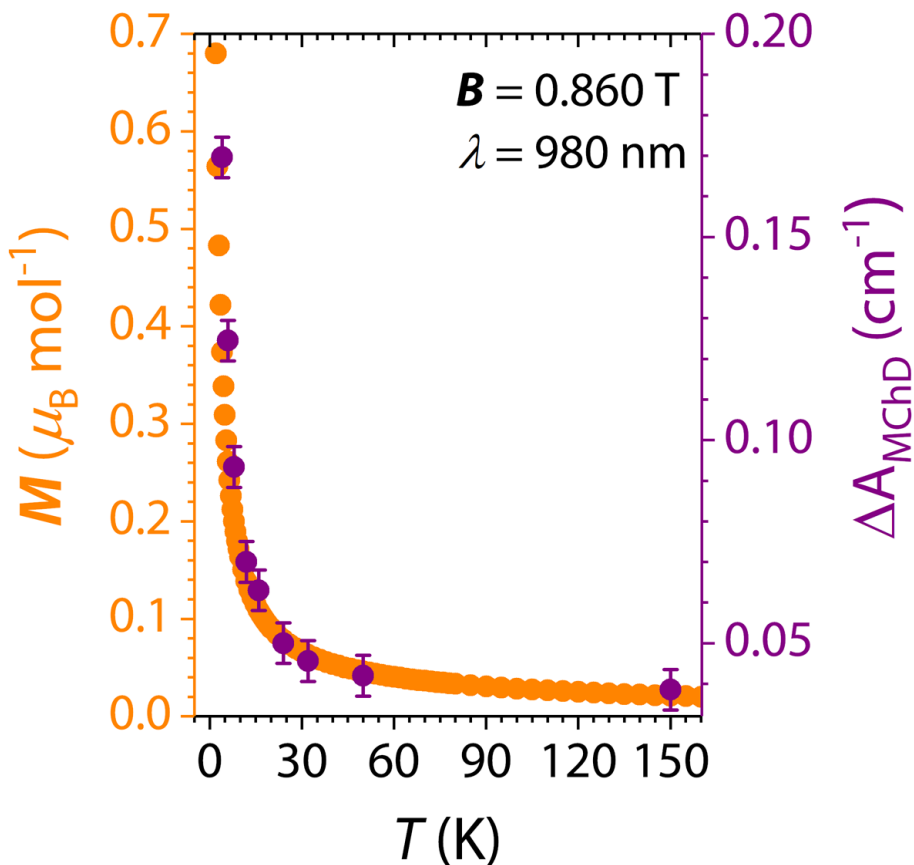
## First Observation of MChD through Light Absorption in Lanthanides



- ✓ One well-defined  $f$ - $f$  electronic transition with  $|\Delta J| = 1$
- ✓ Absorption spectrum split by Crystal Field and Vibronic Coupling
- ✓ Strong signal associated to the high SOC, local chirality and MD character of the electronic transition

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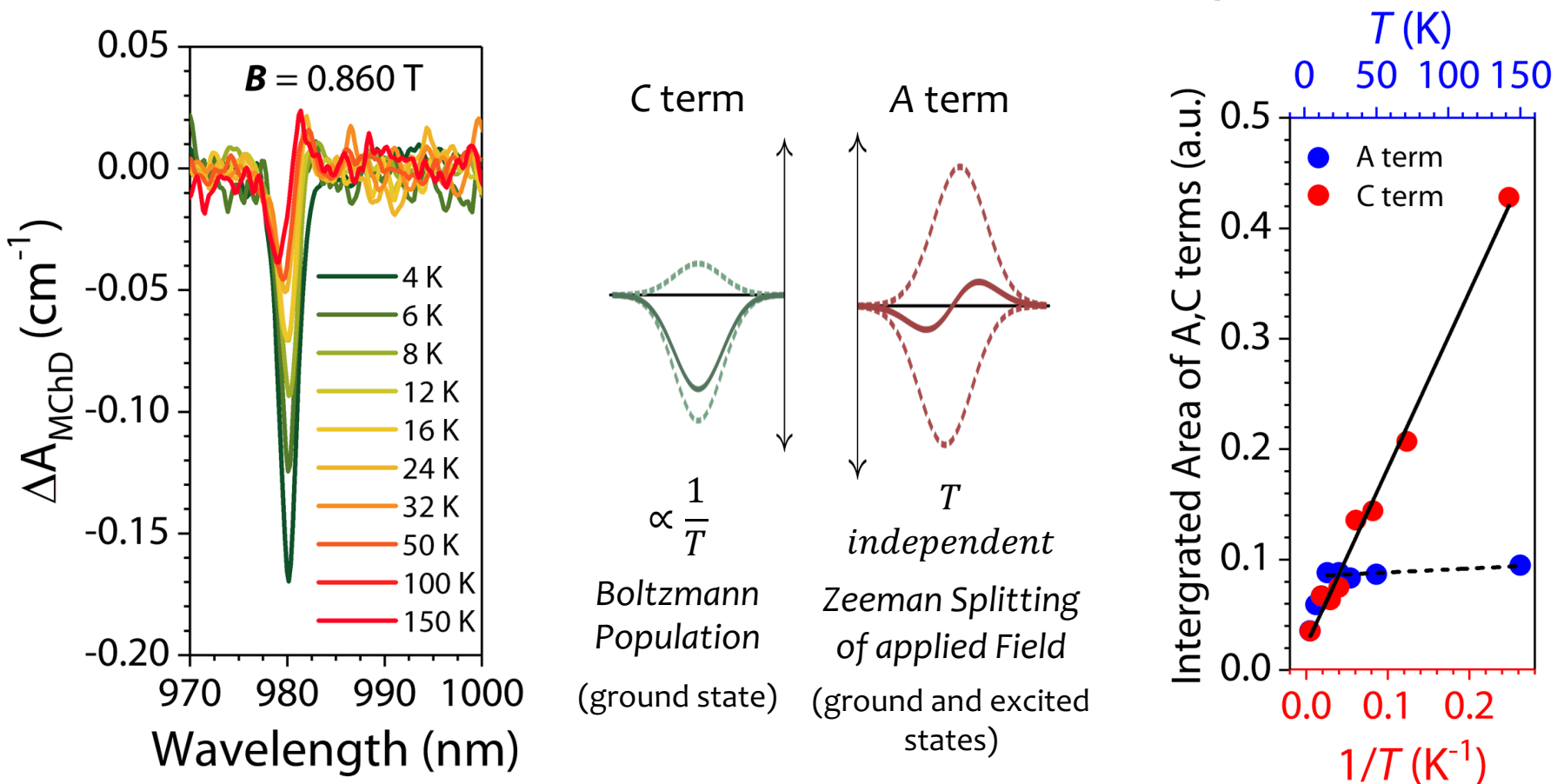
## Temperature and Field dependence of MChD



$$\Delta A^{\Delta/\Delta} \propto M(T, B)$$

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## Temperature dependence of MChD signals

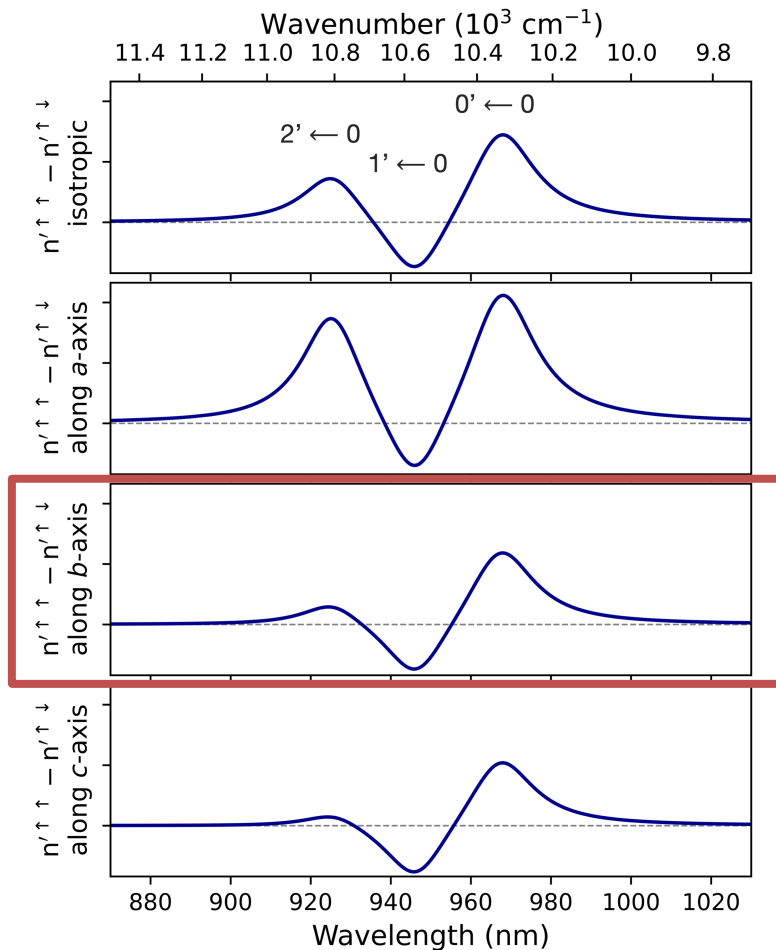


A and C MChD terms and  $T$  dependence as predicted by MChD theory

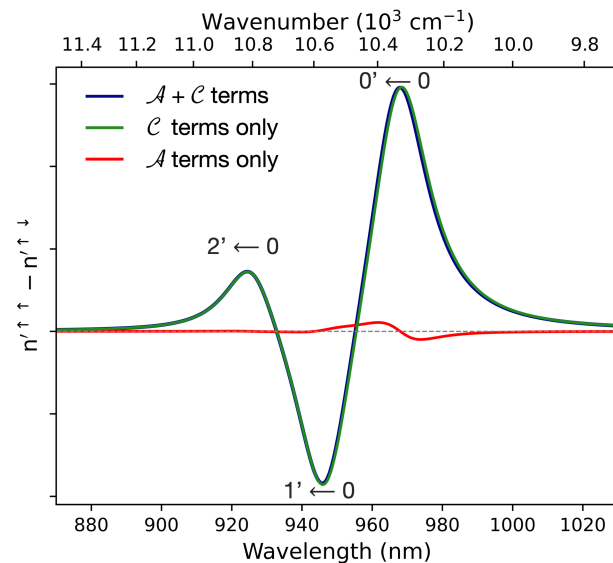
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## Theoretical calculations

Very good agreement with the experiments



With : B. Le Guennic & M. Gresser  
(Rennes – France)



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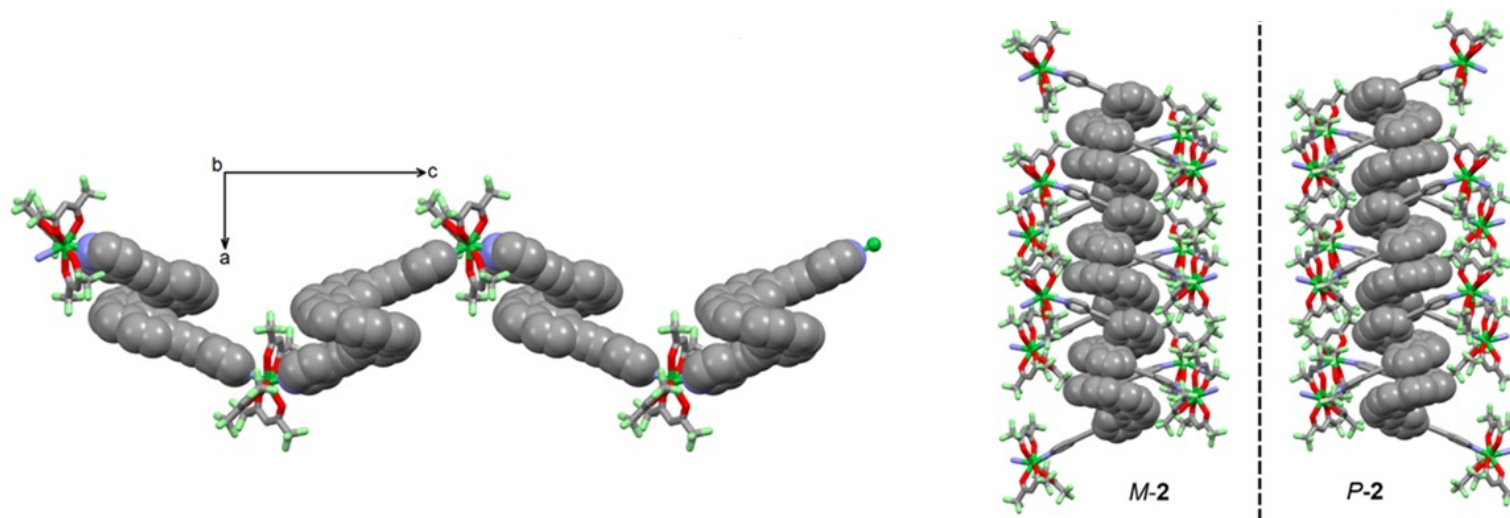
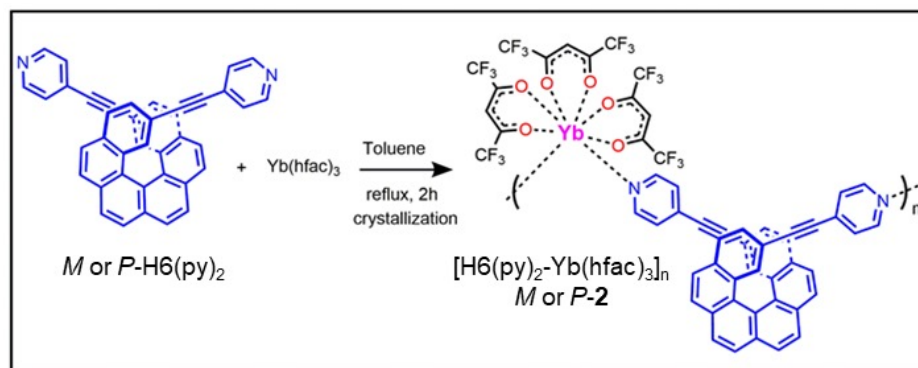
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$$n^{\uparrow\uparrow} - n^{\downarrow\downarrow} \approx \frac{2\mu_0 c N B_z}{3} \left( 2(\omega_{jn}^2 + \omega^2) f g \mathcal{A}(G) - 4\omega_{jn} \omega f g \mathcal{A}(A') + \omega_{jn} g \frac{\mathcal{C}(G)}{k_B T} - \omega g \frac{\mathcal{C}(A')}{k_B T} \right)$$

Unpublished Results

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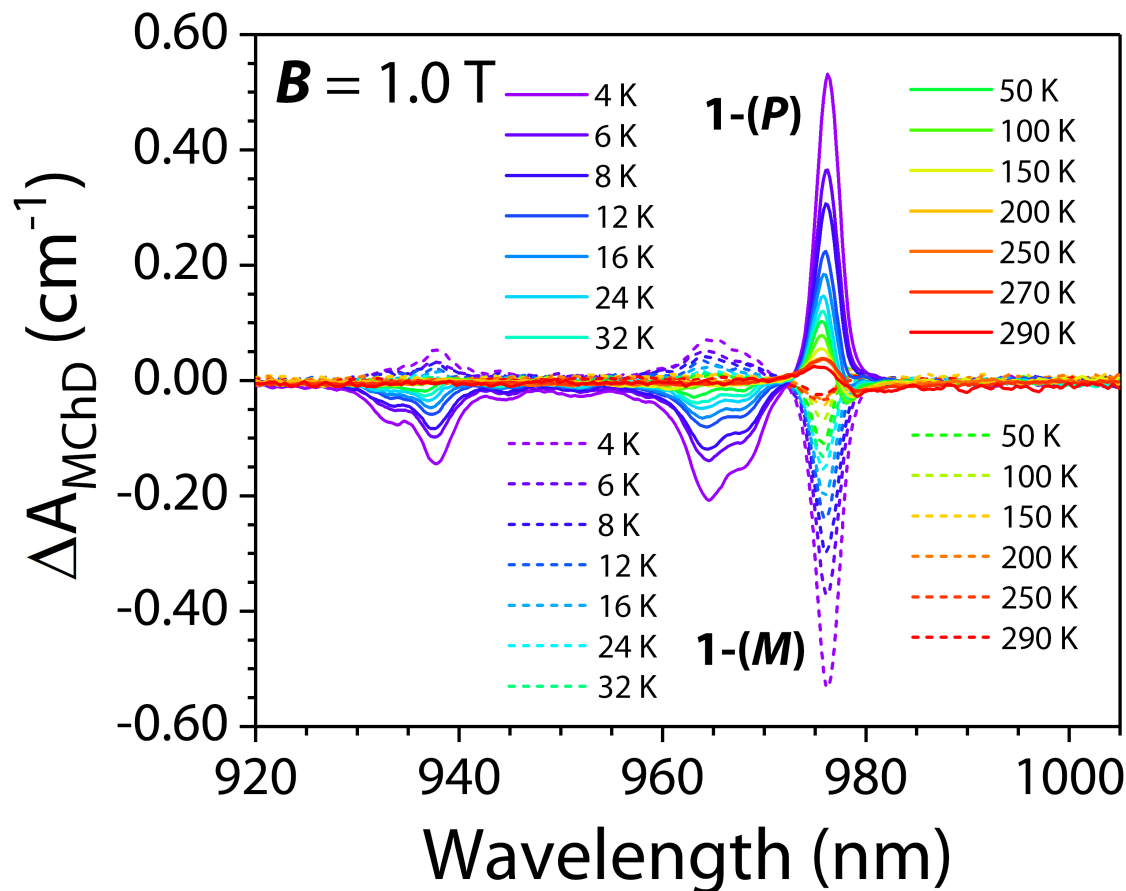
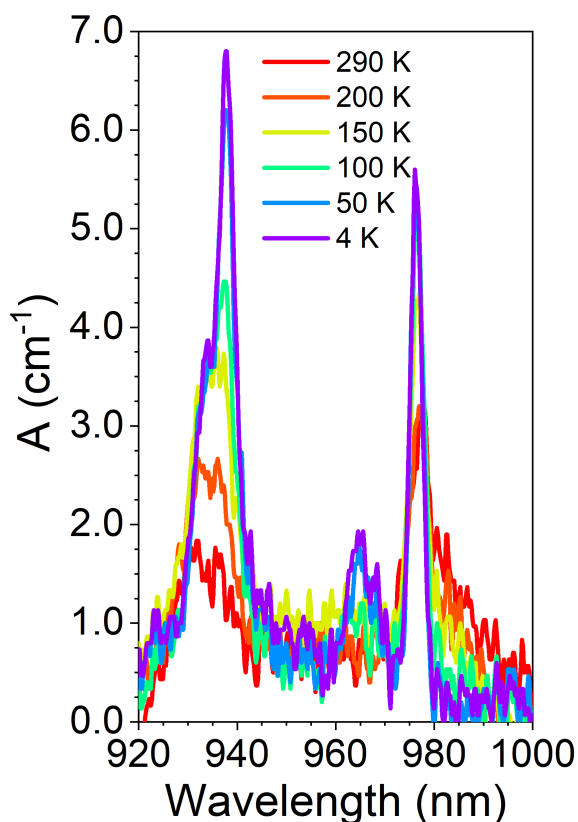
## MChD in chiral coordination polymers



Slow magnetic relaxation and CPL at room temperature

# 4. MChD in Chiral Ytterbium Complexes

Strong MChD, detectable up to room temperature



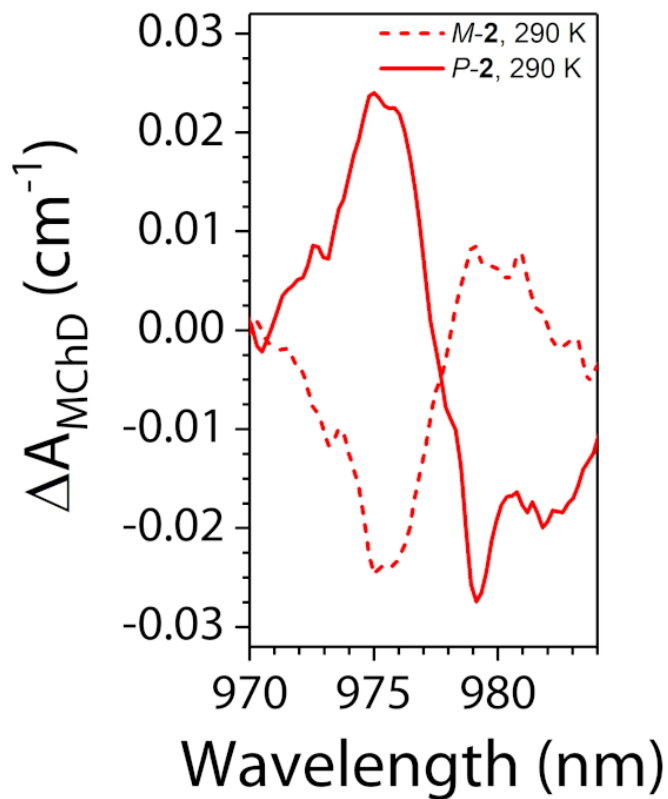
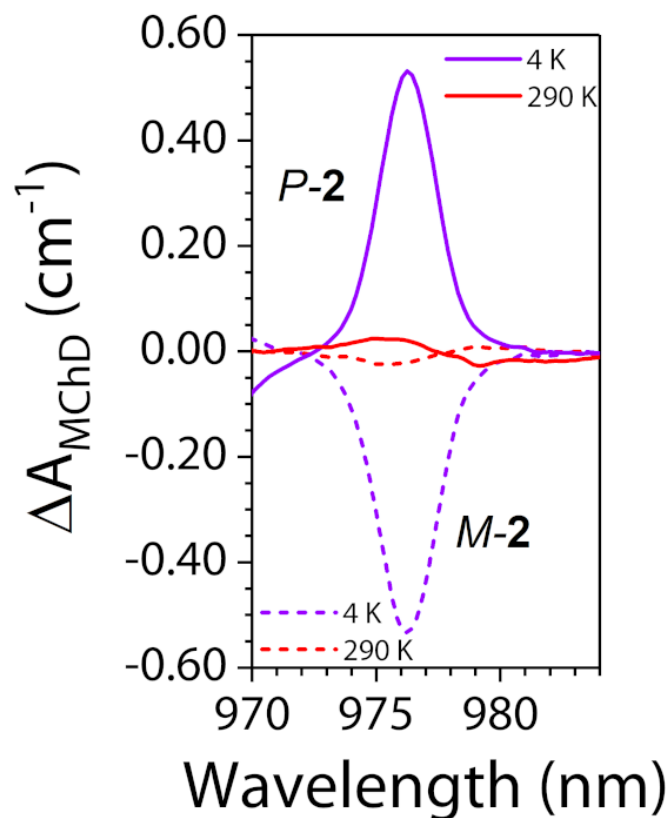
$g_{\text{MChD}}$  of  $0.20 \text{ T}^{-1}$  at  $T = 4.0 \text{ K}$

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$$g_{\text{MChD}} = \frac{A(\mathbf{B} \uparrow \mathbf{k}) - A(\mathbf{B} \downarrow \mathbf{k})}{\frac{1}{2}(A(\mathbf{B} \uparrow \mathbf{k}) + A(\mathbf{B} \downarrow \mathbf{k}))}$$

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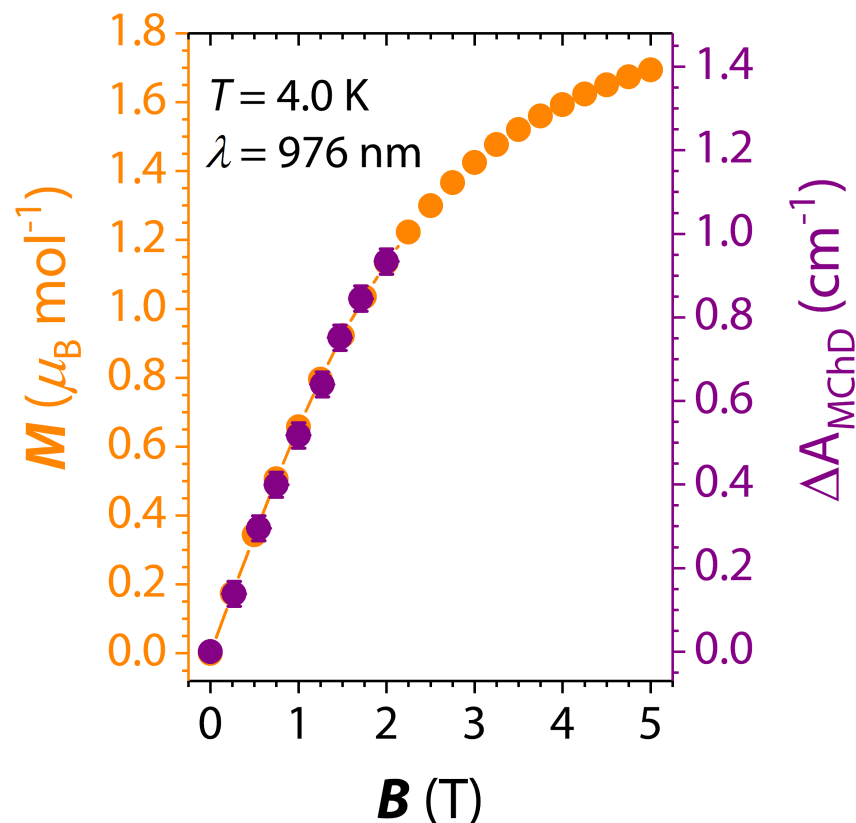
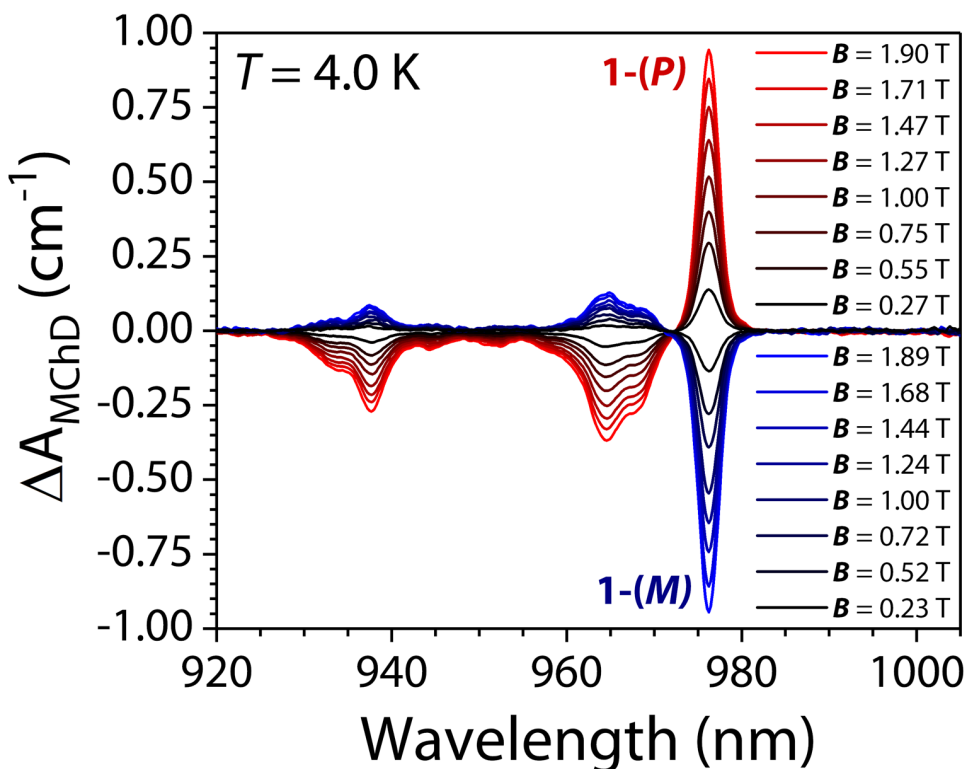
## Room temperature MChD



Low temperature MChD C term and room temperature MChD A term

# 4. MChD in Chiral Ytterbium Complexes

## Magnetic Field dependence of MChD



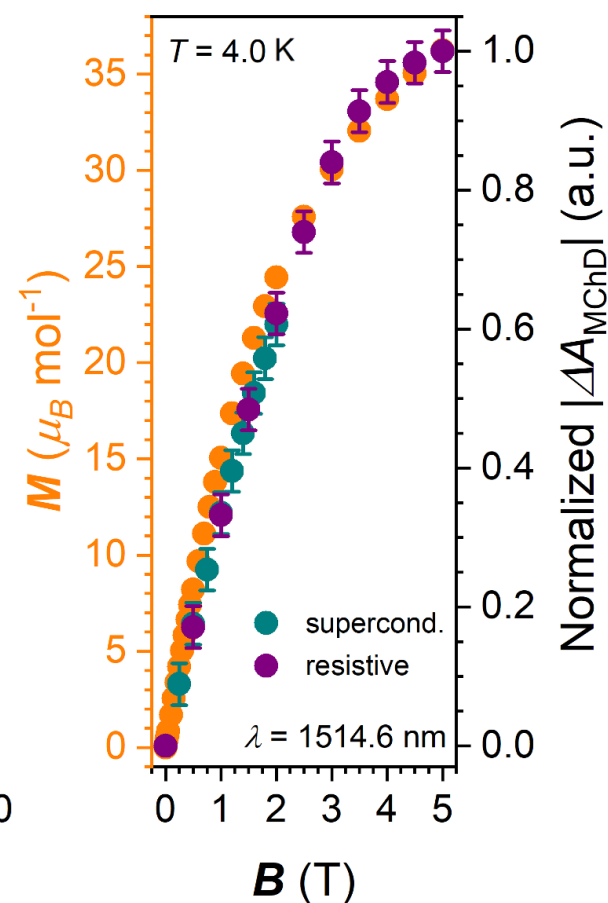
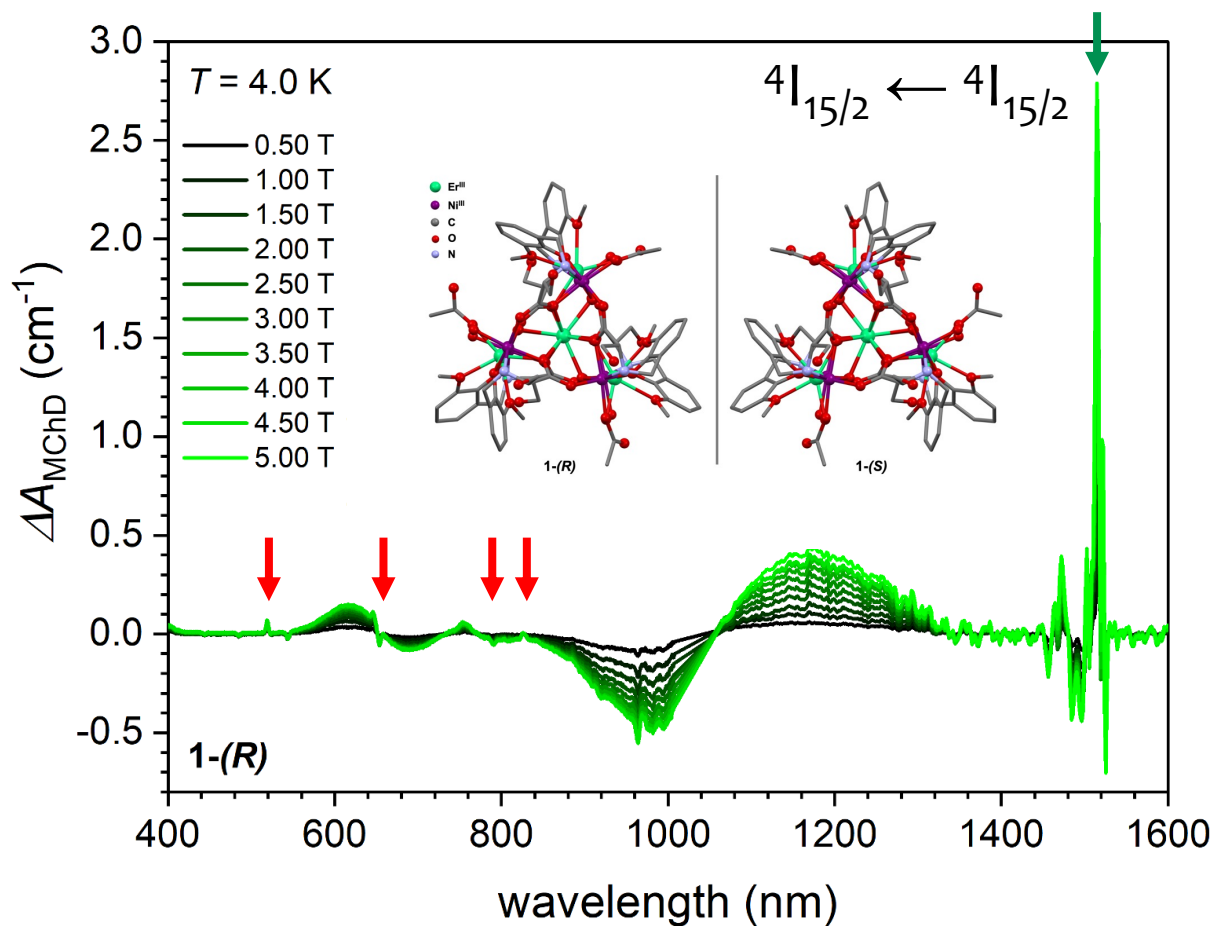
Magneto-chiral optical data perfectly follow the magnetization



# 5. MChD in Chiral Erbium Complexes

Key-role of magnetic-dipole allowed transitions  
unambiguously determined

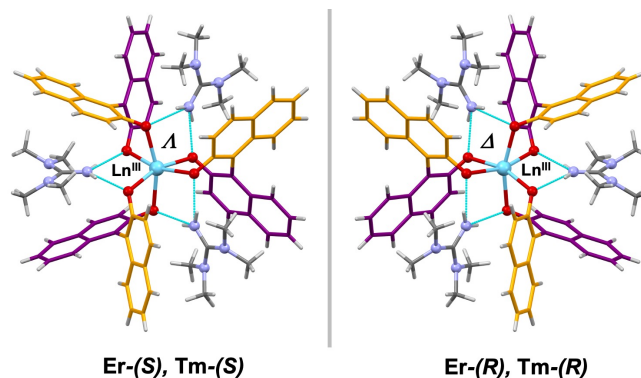
With: X.-J. Kong  
(Xiamen – China)



# 5. MChD in Chiral Erbium Complexes

## Selection rules for strong MChD-active electronic transitions in lanthanides complexes

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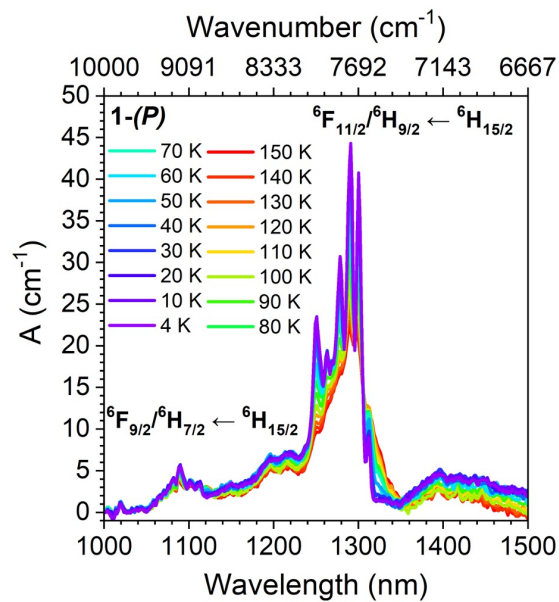
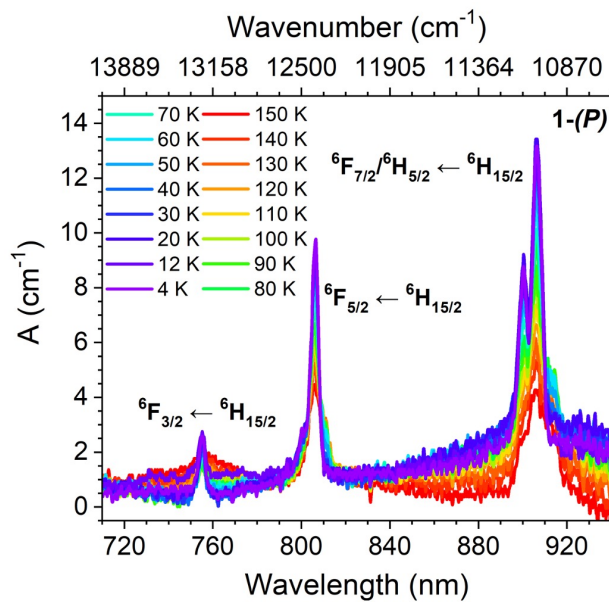
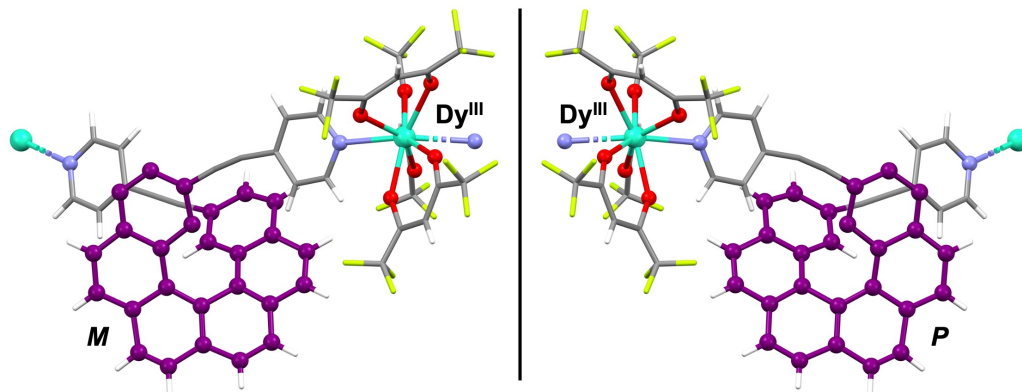


**Table 1:** Assignment of the Er<sup>III</sup> and Tm<sup>III</sup> absorption peaks, transition properties, Richardson's classification<sup>[38]</sup> and  $g_{\text{MChD}}$  values ( $T=4.0$  K and  $B=1.0$  T).

Compound	$\lambda$ (nm)	Electronic transition	Transition properties	Richardson classification	$g_{\text{MChD}}$ ( $T^{-1}$ ), $\lambda$ (nm)
Er	475–495	$^4F_{7/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=4, \Delta L=3, \Delta S=0$	E-I, R-II, D-III	0.001(1), 450.2
Er	505–530	$^2H_{11/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=2, \Delta L=1, \Delta S=1$	E-III, R-III, D-II	0.001(1), 522.6
Er	540–560	$^4S_{3/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=6, \Delta L=6, \Delta S=0$	E-I, R-II, D-III	0.004(1), 546.3
Er	640–670	$^4F_{9/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=3, \Delta L=3, \Delta S=0$	E-III, R-III, D-II	0.03(1), 658.0
Er	780–820	$^4I_{9/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=3, \Delta L=0, \Delta S=0$	E-III, R-III, D-II	0.03(1), 800.1
Er	960–1000	$^4I_{11/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	$\Delta J=2, \Delta L=0, \Delta S=0$	E-I, R-II, D-III	0.03(1), 967.2
Er	<b>1450–1550</b>	$^4I_{13/2} \leftarrow ^4I_{15/2}$	<b><math>\Delta J=1, \Delta L=0, \Delta S=0</math></b>	<b>E-I, R-I, D-II</b>	<b>0.12(1), 1514.6</b>
Tm	650–700	$^3F_3 \leftarrow ^3H_6$	$\Delta J=3, \Delta L=2, \Delta S=0$	E-III, R-III, D-II	0.005(1), 685.3
Tm	760–805	$^3H_4 \leftarrow ^3H_6$	$\Delta J=2, \Delta L=0, \Delta S=0$	E-I, R-II, D-III	0.002(1), 794.7
Tm	<b>1130–1230</b>	$^3H_5 \leftarrow ^3H_6$	<b><math>\Delta J=1, \Delta L=0, \Delta S=0</math></b>	<b>E-I, R-I, D-II</b>	<b>0.047(1), 1213.5</b>

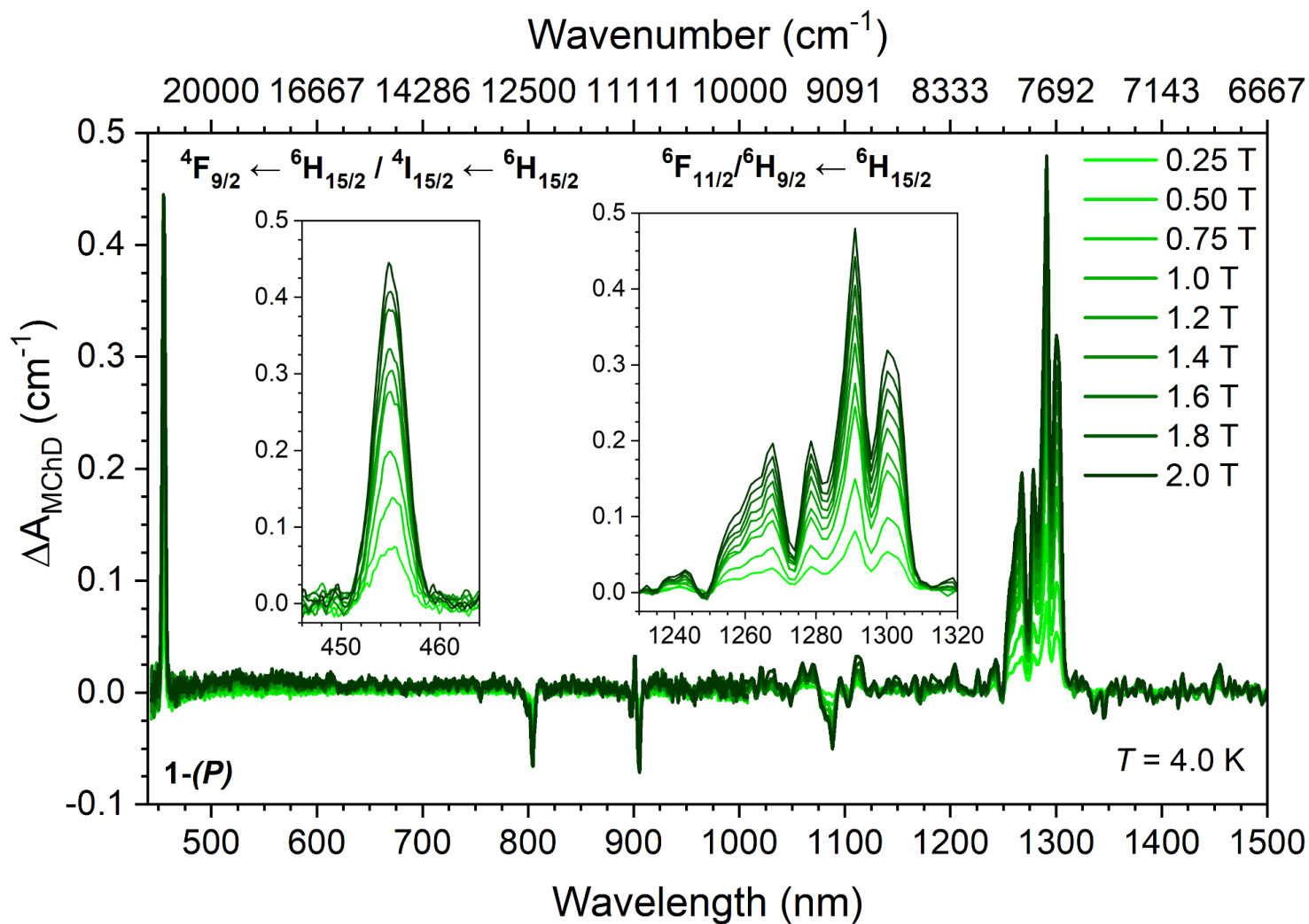
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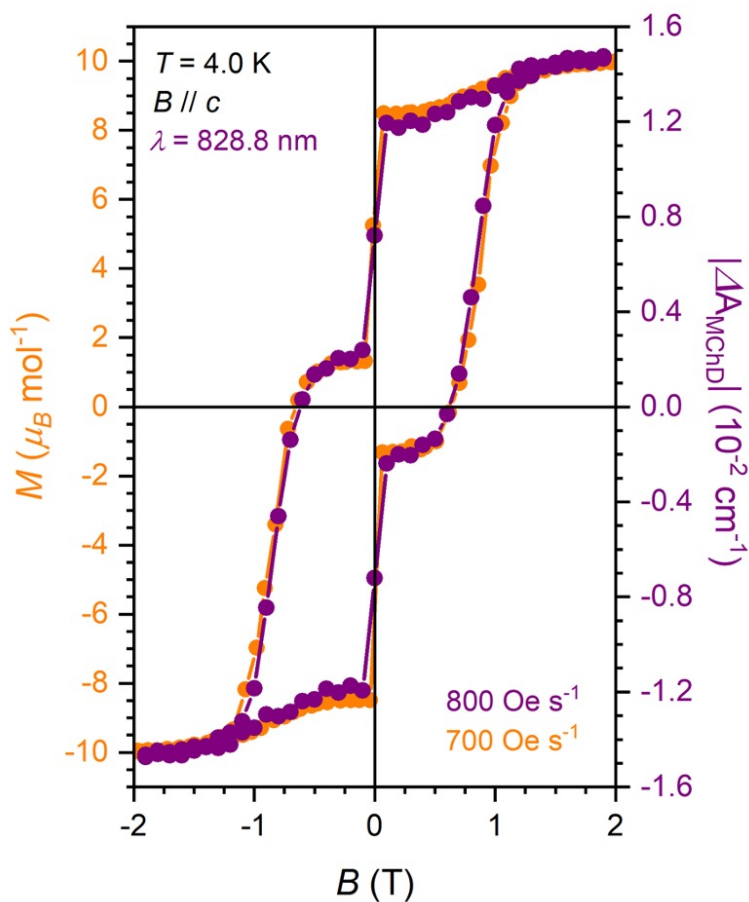


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## Magnetic Field dependence of MChD

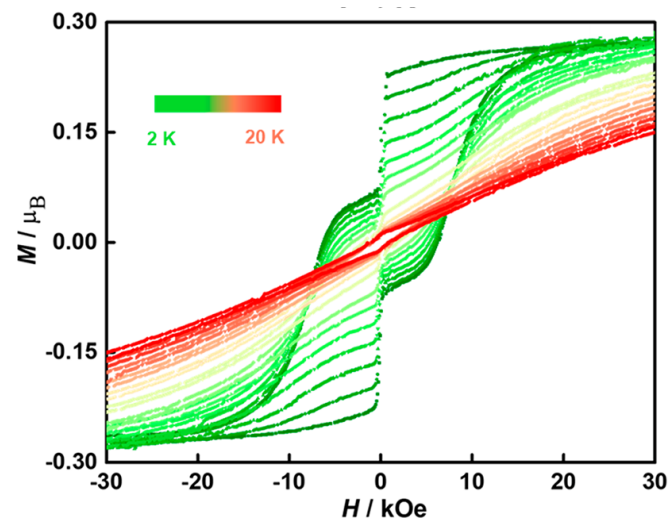
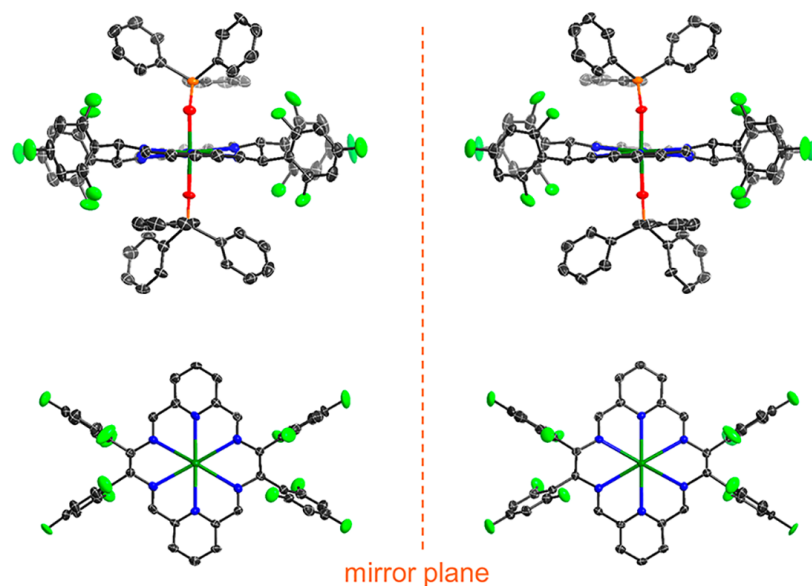


# Optical Readout of Single-Molecule Magnetic Memories using Unpolarized Light



# Requirements and analysis of the literature

## Chiral Dy<sup>III</sup> SMM with open hysteresis at $T = 4.0$ K



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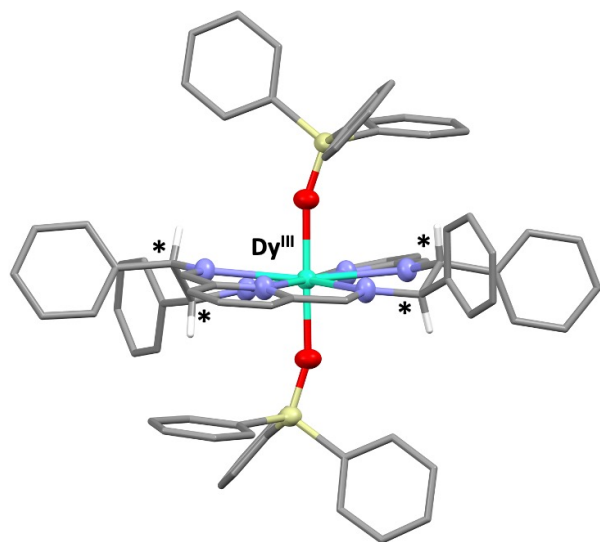
Communication

### Air-Stable Chiral Single-Molecule Magnets with Record Anisotropy Barrier Exceeding 1800 K

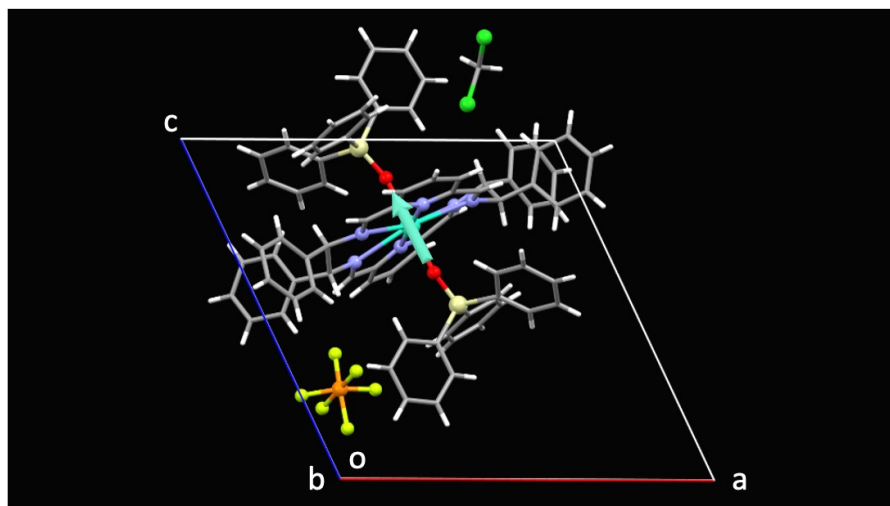
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# Synthesis and Crystallographic Analysis

Hydrogenated  
analogue of chiral  
 $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  SMM reported  
by Tang *et al.*



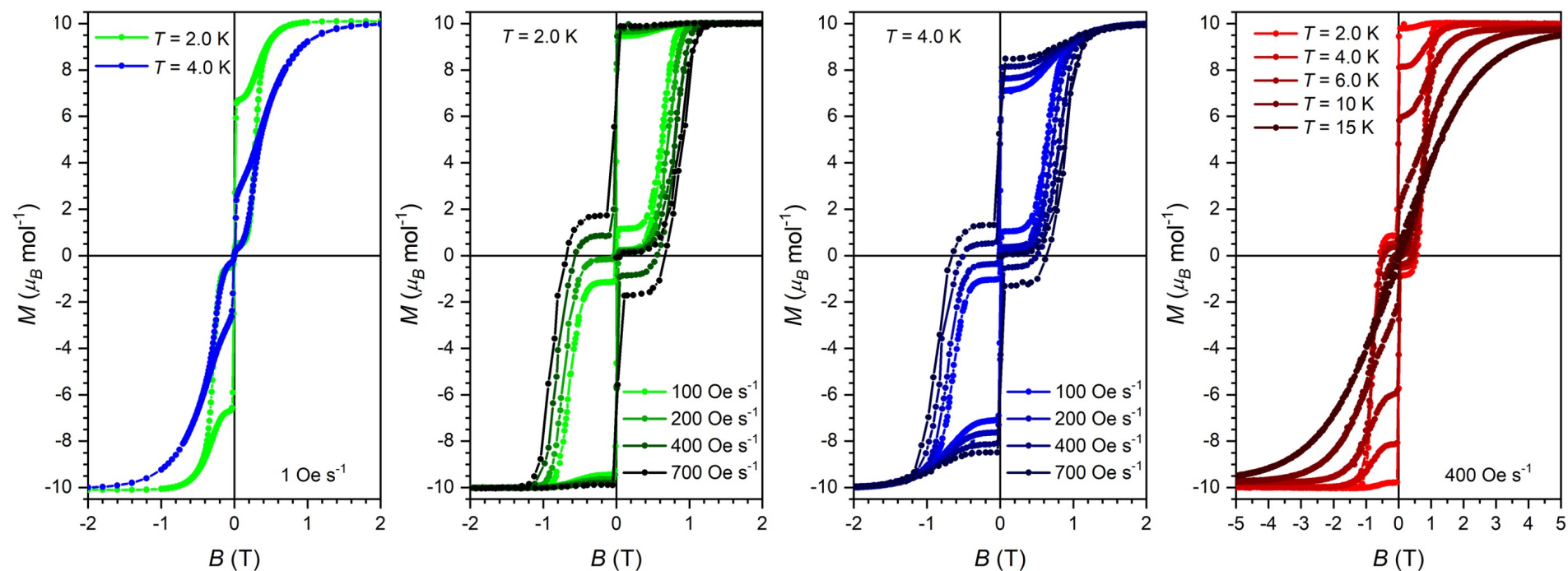
Stable and big  
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Easy-axis almost  
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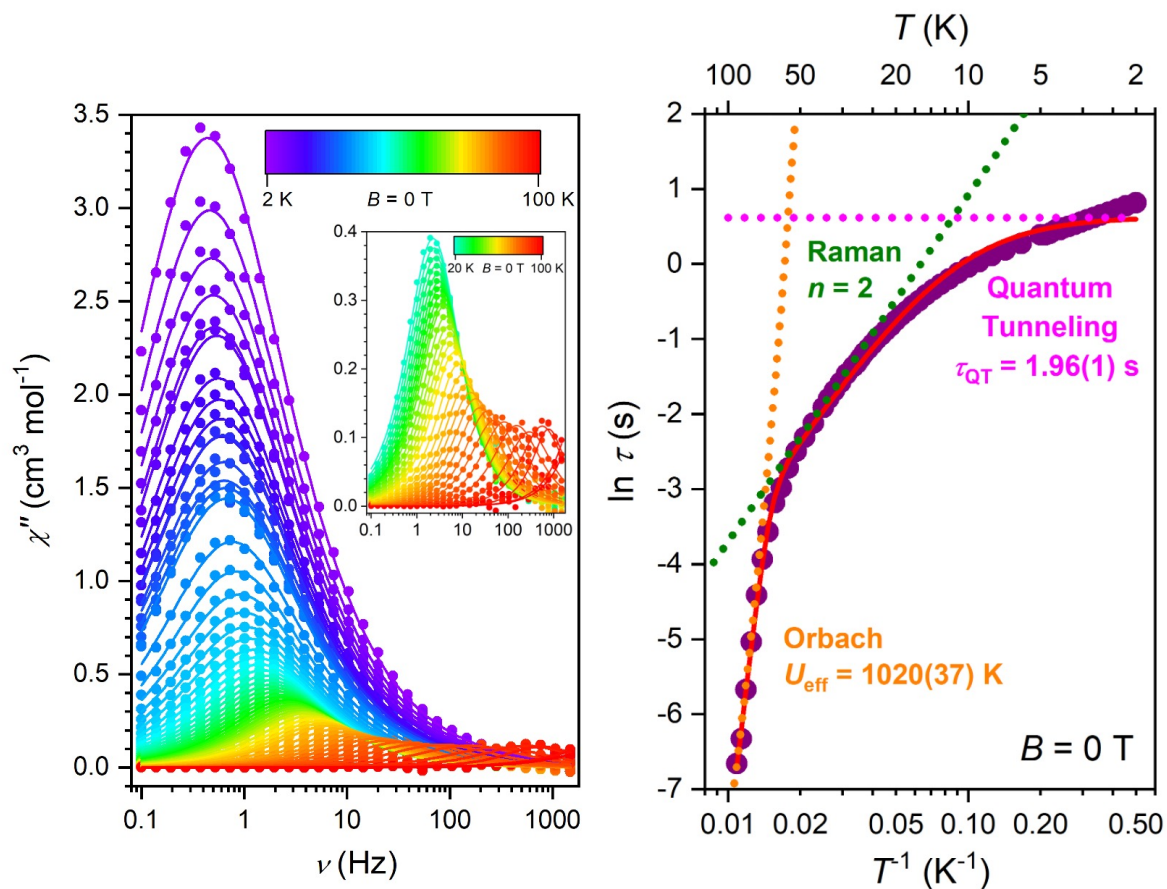
# Static Magnetic Properties



Hysteresis cycles as a function of  $T$  and  $B$  sweeping rate on oriented single crystals  $B \parallel c$



# Dynamic Magnetic Properties

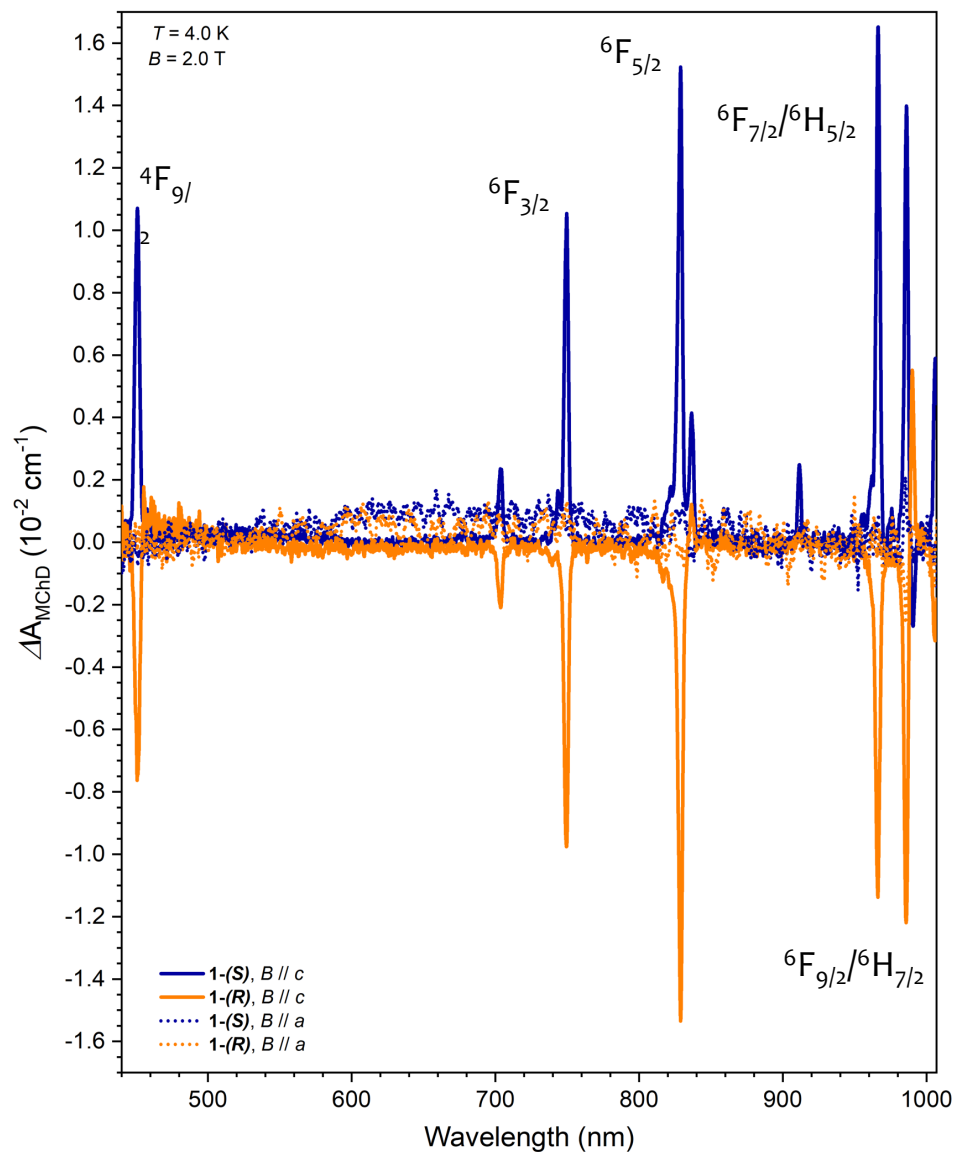


Orbach, Raman and QTM relaxation mechanisms as a function of  $T$

$U_{\text{eff}}$  ca. 1000 K

$$\tau^{-1} = \tau_{\text{QT}}^{-1} + CT^n + \tau_0^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{U_{\text{eff}}}{k_B T}\right)$$

# MChD Properties



$$\Delta A(\nu, T, B) \propto \tanh \left( \frac{g_{\parallel} B \cos \theta}{2 k_B T} \right)$$

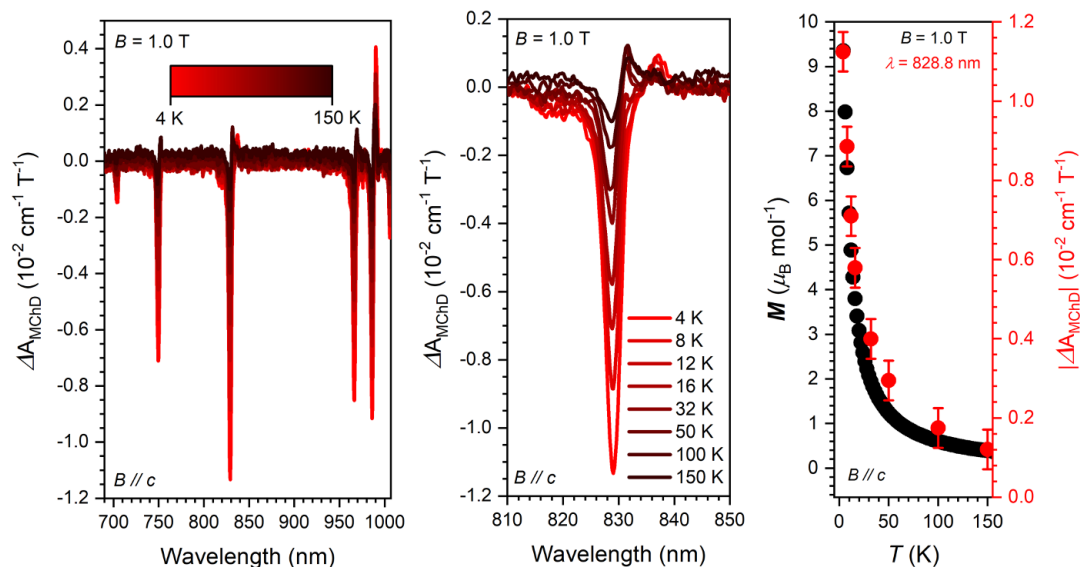
$$g_{\parallel} = g_z = ca. 20$$

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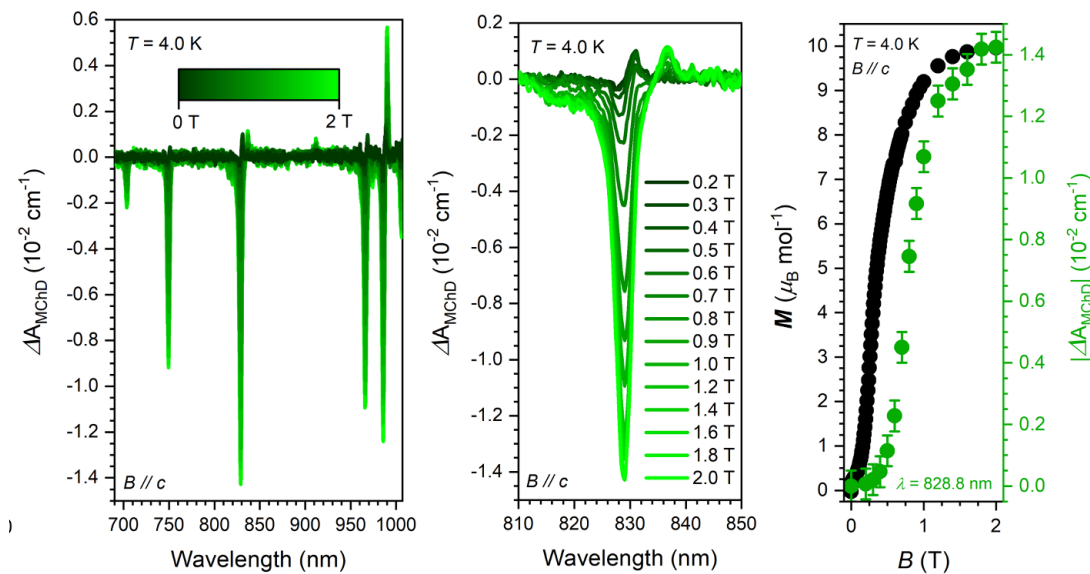
$\lambda$ (nm)	Electronic transition	$g_{\text{MChD}} (\text{T}^{-1})$	
		1-(R)	1-(S)
749.5	$6F_{3/2} \leftarrow 6H_{15/2}$	0.12(1)	0.11(1)
828.8	$6F_{5/2} \leftarrow 6H_{15/2}$	0.08(1)	0.09(1)
966.0	$6F_{9/2}/6H_{7/2} \leftarrow 6H_{15/2}$	0.06(1)	0.07(1)
985.7	$6F_{9/2}/6H_{7/2} \leftarrow 6H_{15/2}$	0.05(1)	0.04(1)

# MChD Properties

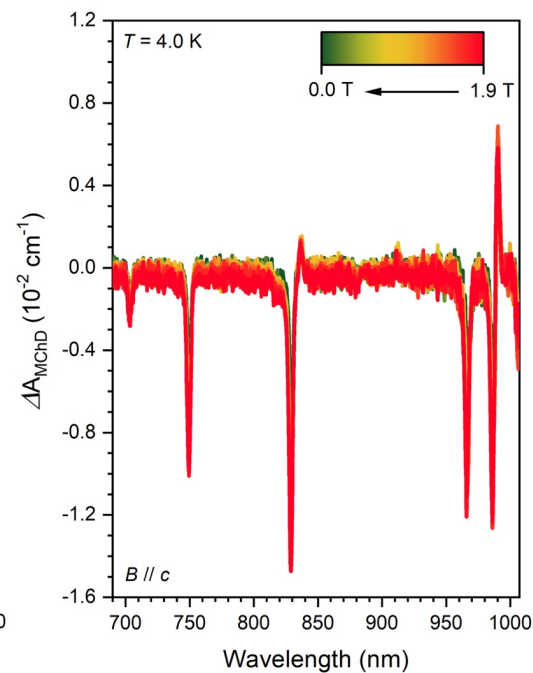
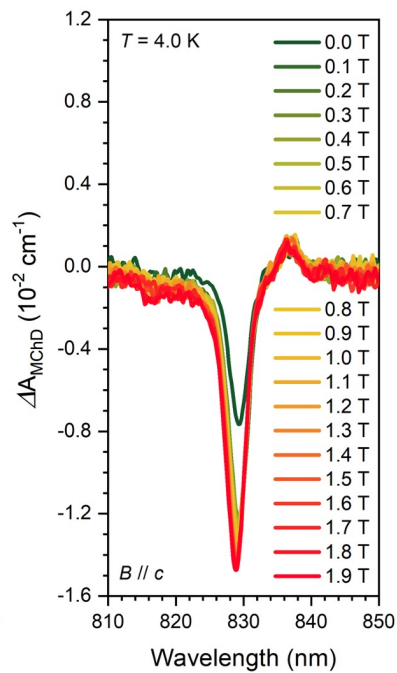
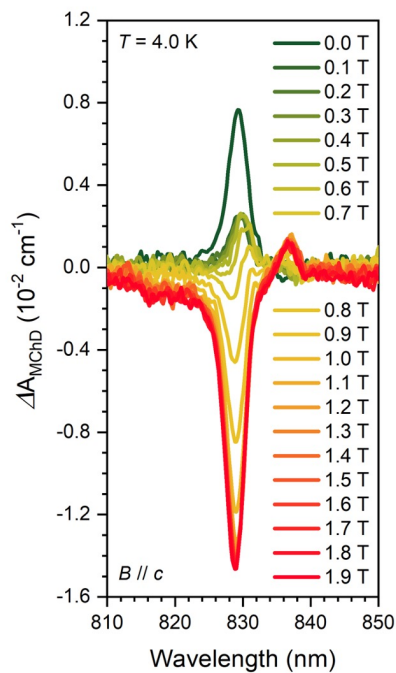
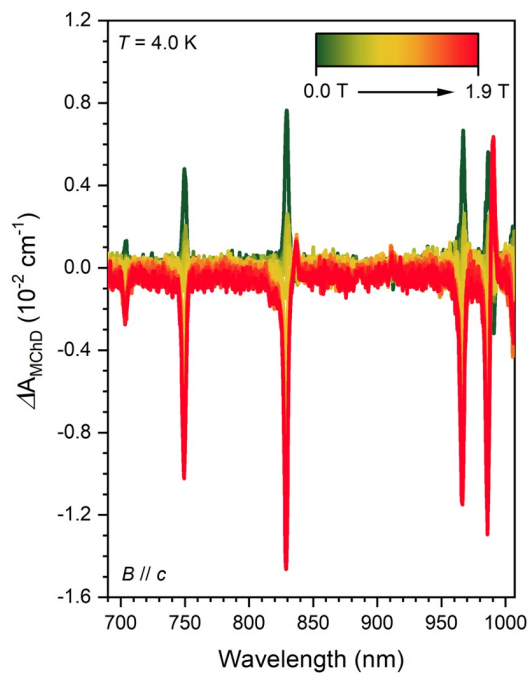
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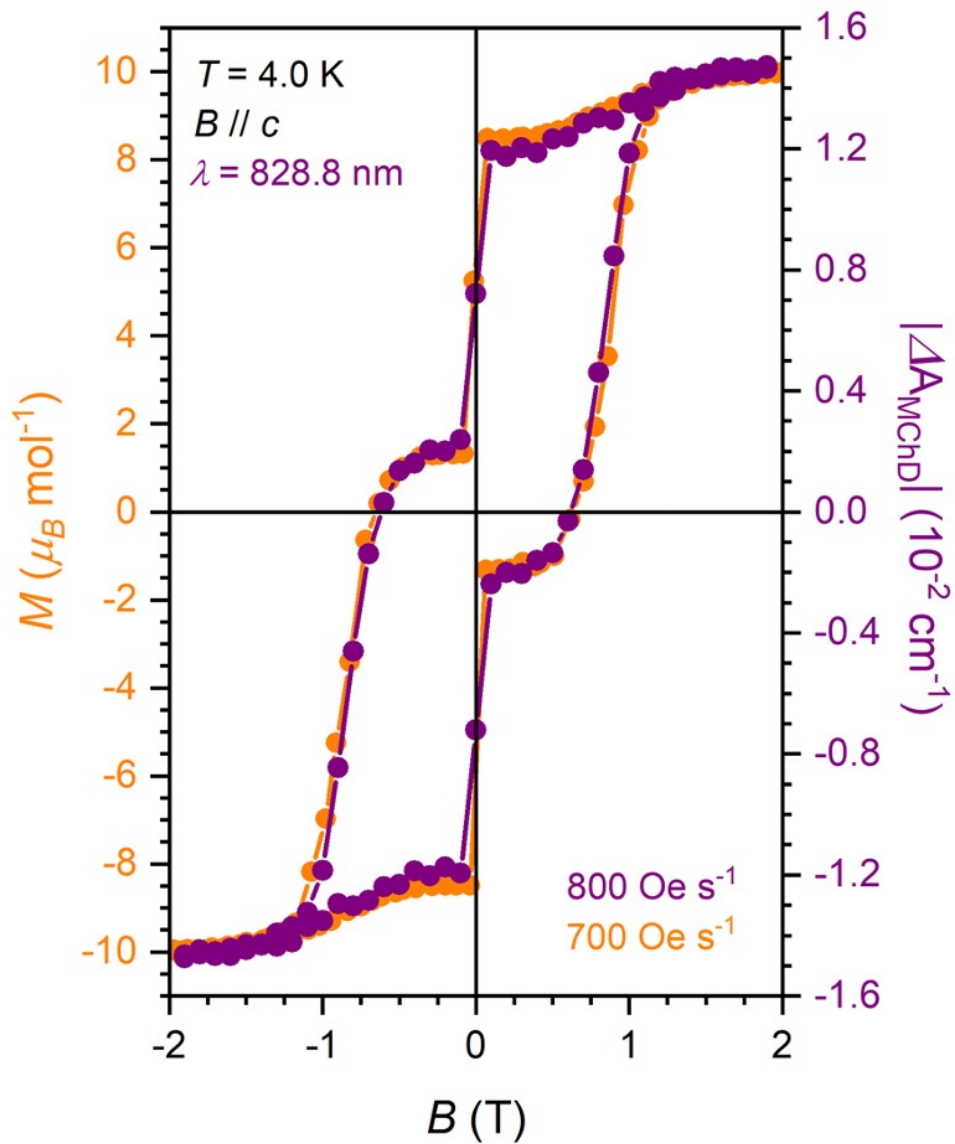
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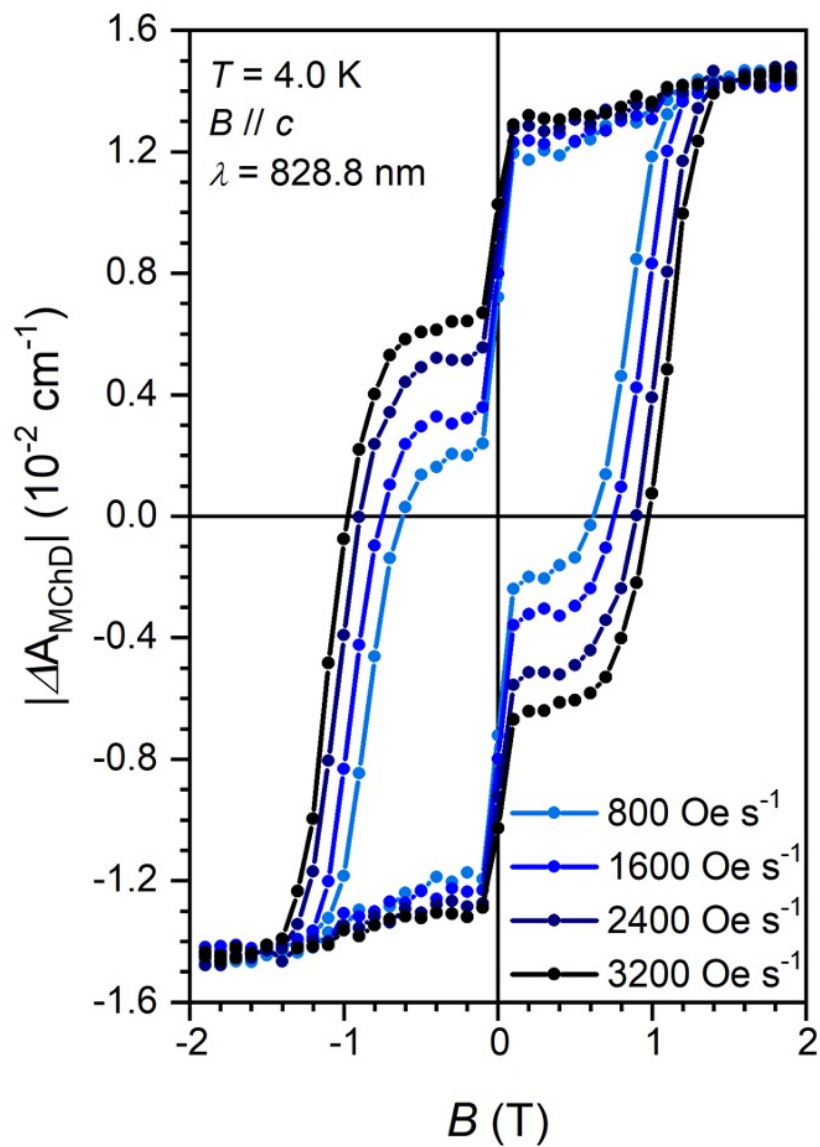
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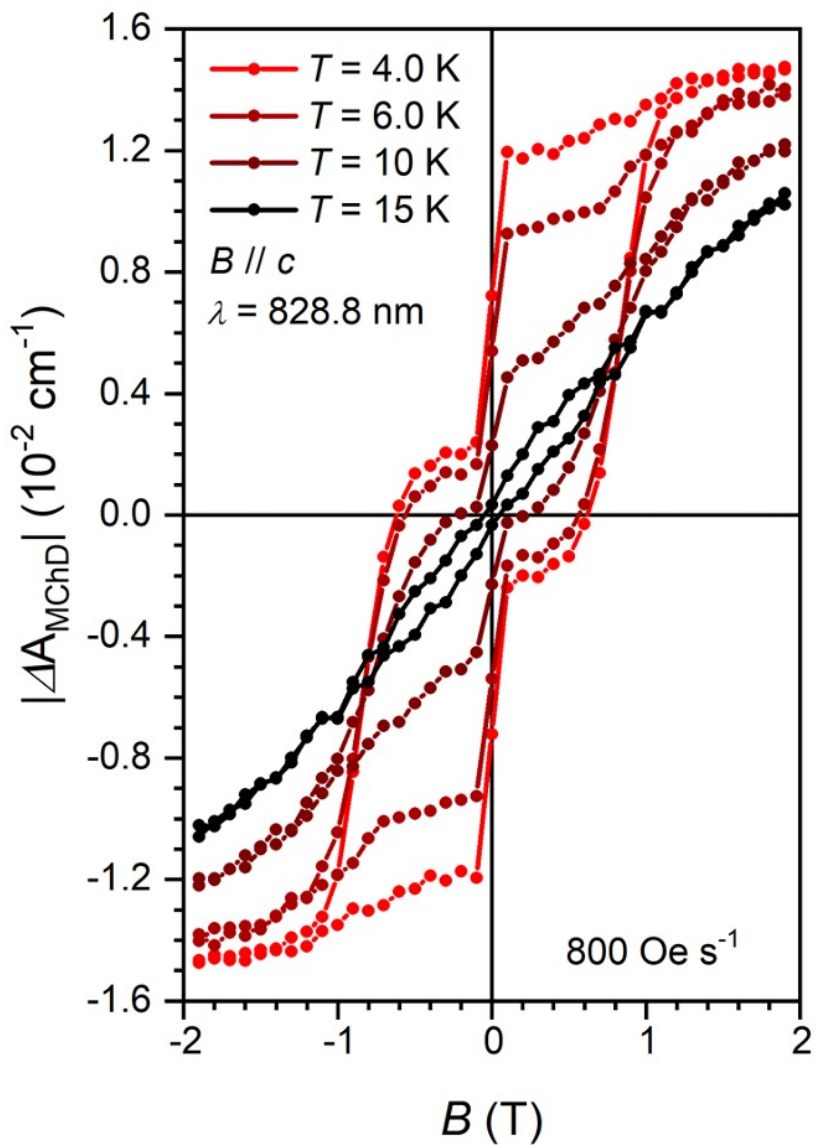
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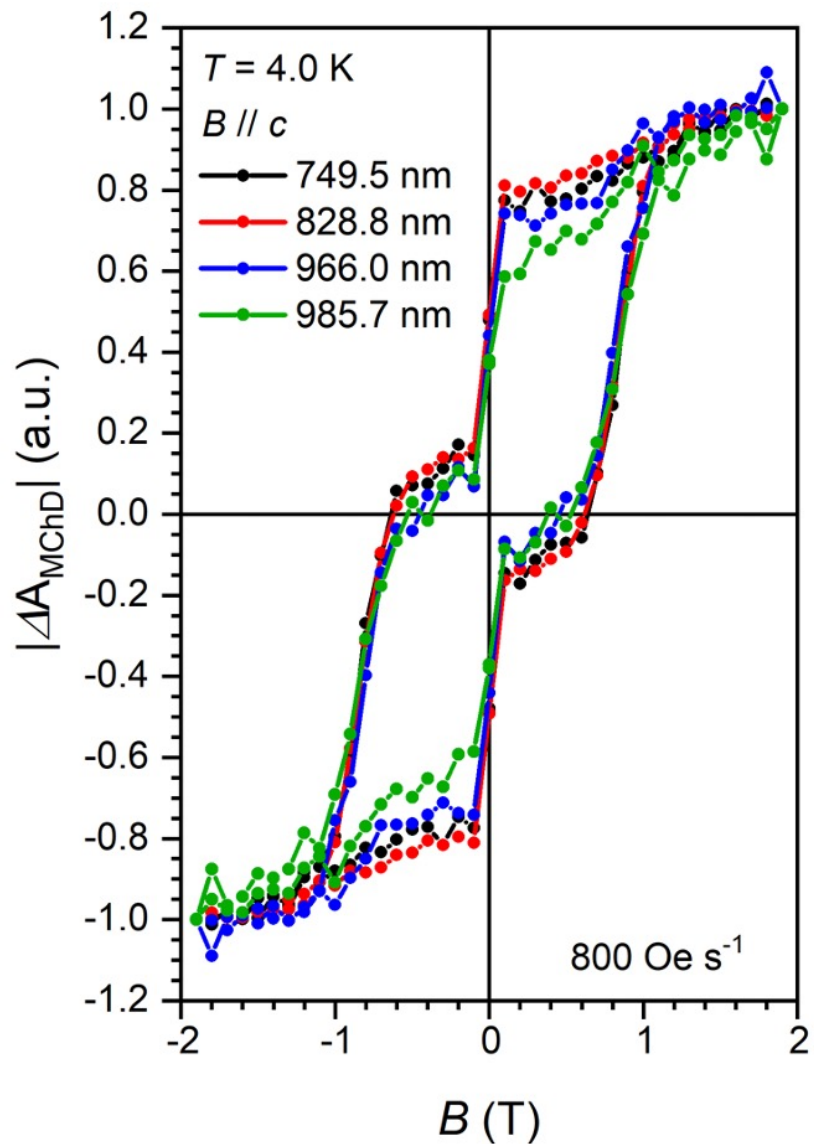


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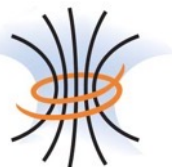




# Conclusions

- ✓ **Magneto-Chiral Effects** are fascinating phenomena shown by **chiral molecules and materials** driven by symmetry arguments
- ✓ **MChD** is an intriguing **manifestation of light-matter interaction** of chiral magnetic systems **independent of the polarization state of light** and **proportional to the magnetization**
- ✓ **A rational chemical approach** can reveal the **microscopic parameter** that governs MChD **to enhance MChD signals intensity** and their observable temperatures **up to room temperature**
- ✓ **MChD can be used to optically readout magnetic memories** without need of light polarization using **visible light**

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