Magnetic Circular Dichroism vs Excitonic Zeeman Splitting in (Ga,Fe)N

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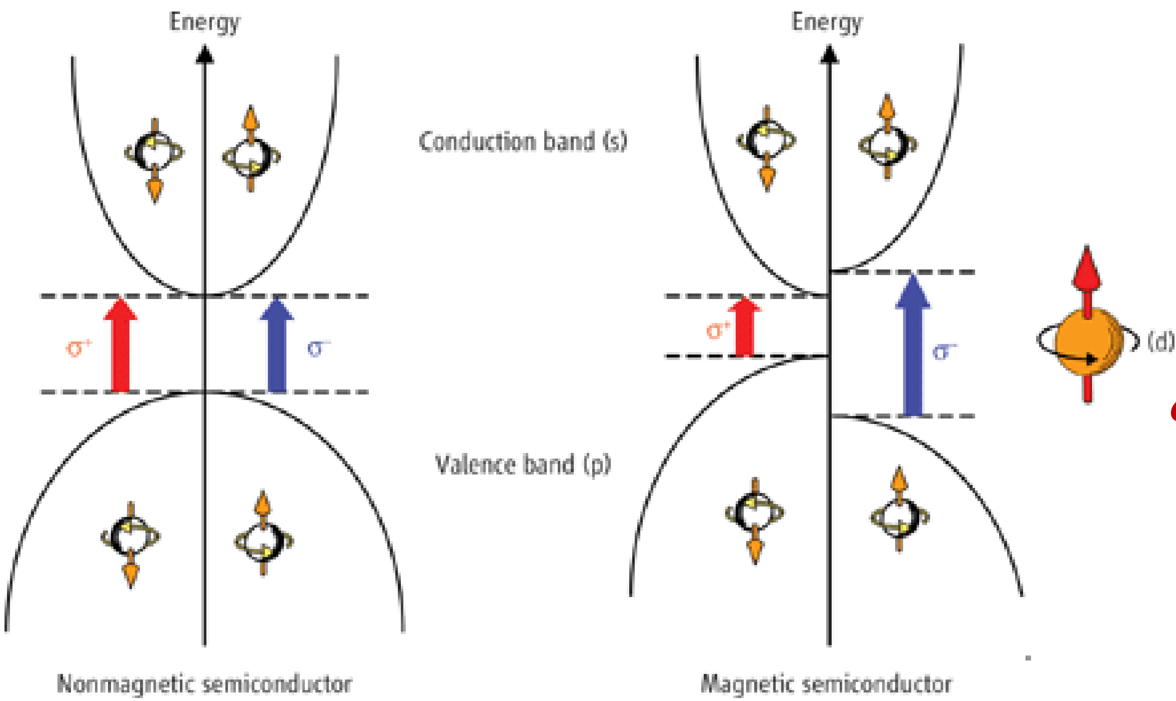
Motivation

- MCD as a measure of magnetization



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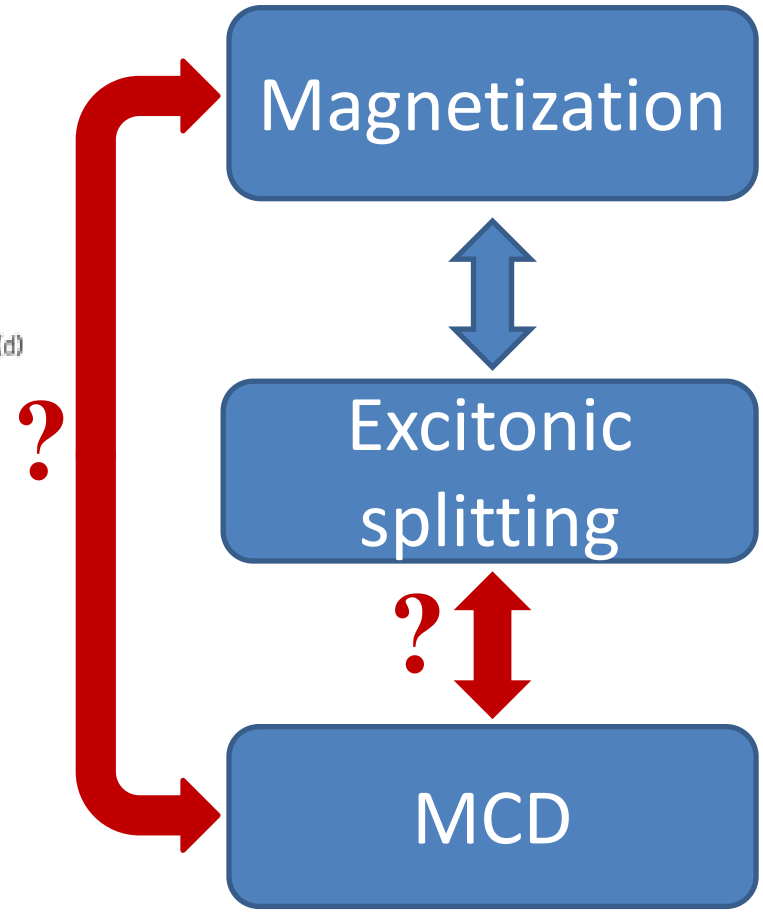

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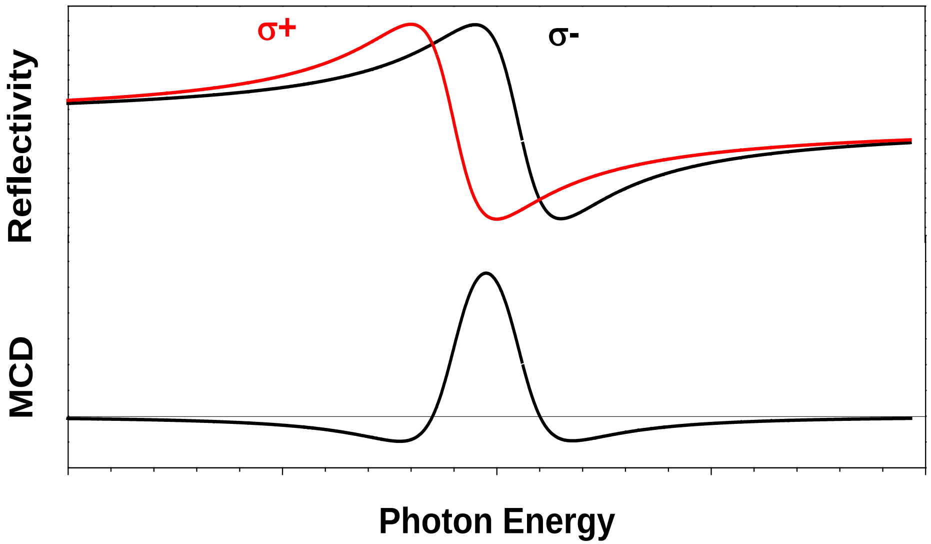
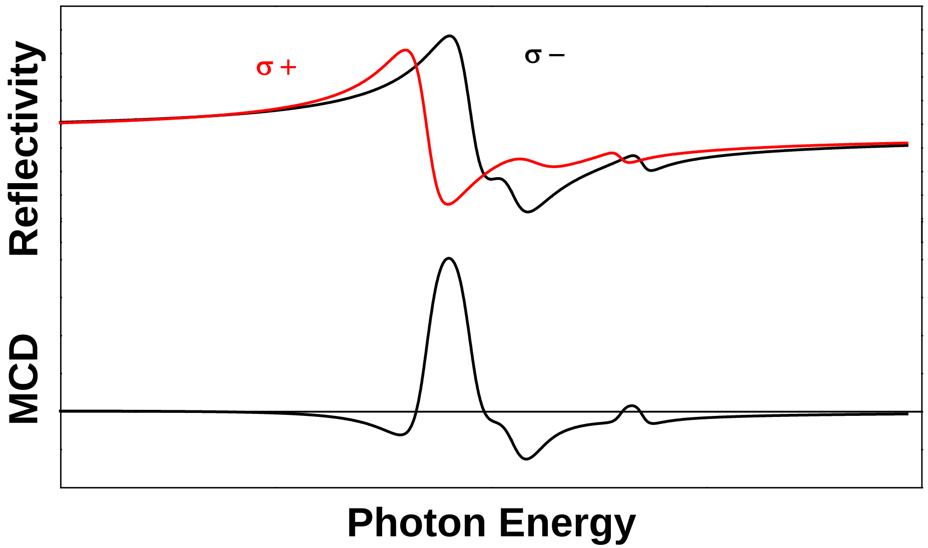


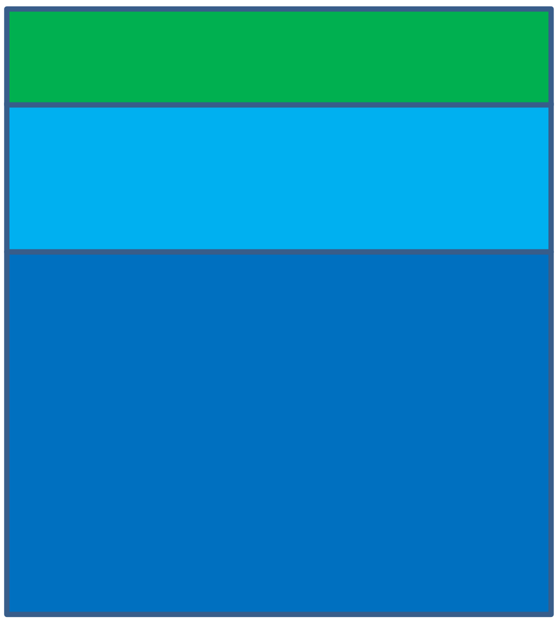
- One exciton model: straightforward interpretation of MCD



- Wurztite structure DMS
  - Three excitonic transitions
  - Mutually compensating excitonic contributions

Interpretation of MCD ?

The sample



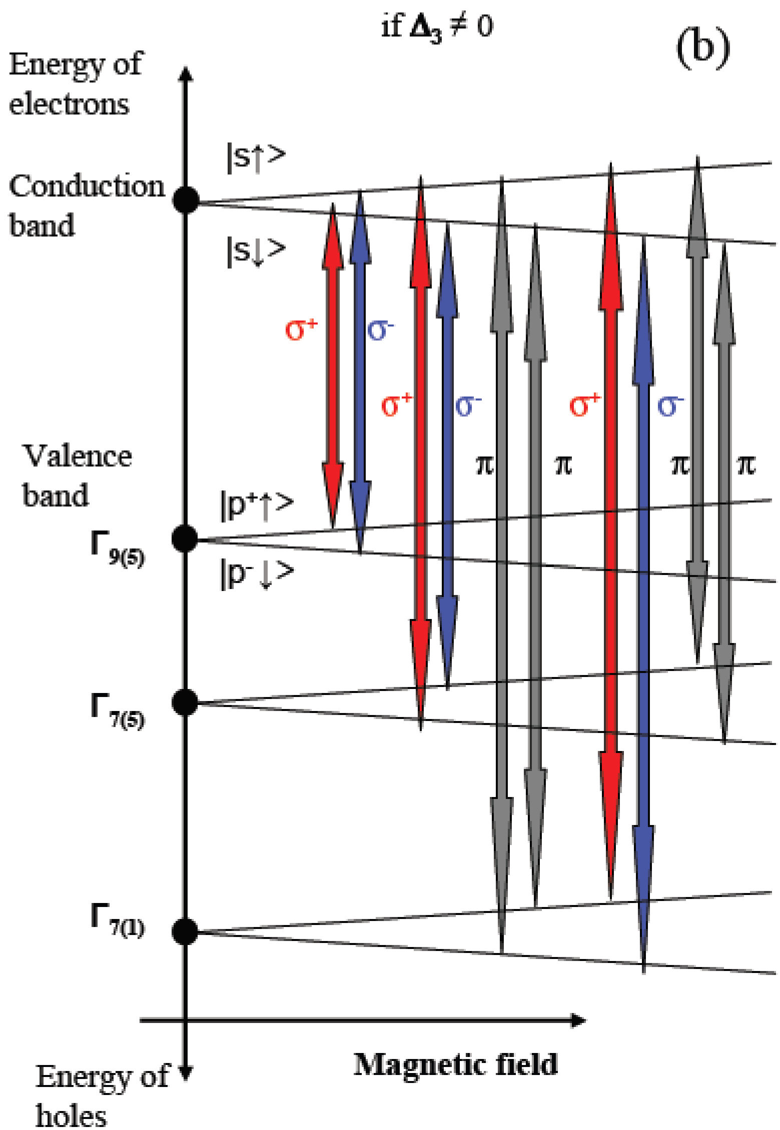
(Ga,Fe)N layer (~ 900 nm), x_{Fe}=0.20%

GaN buffer (1µm)

Sapphire substrate

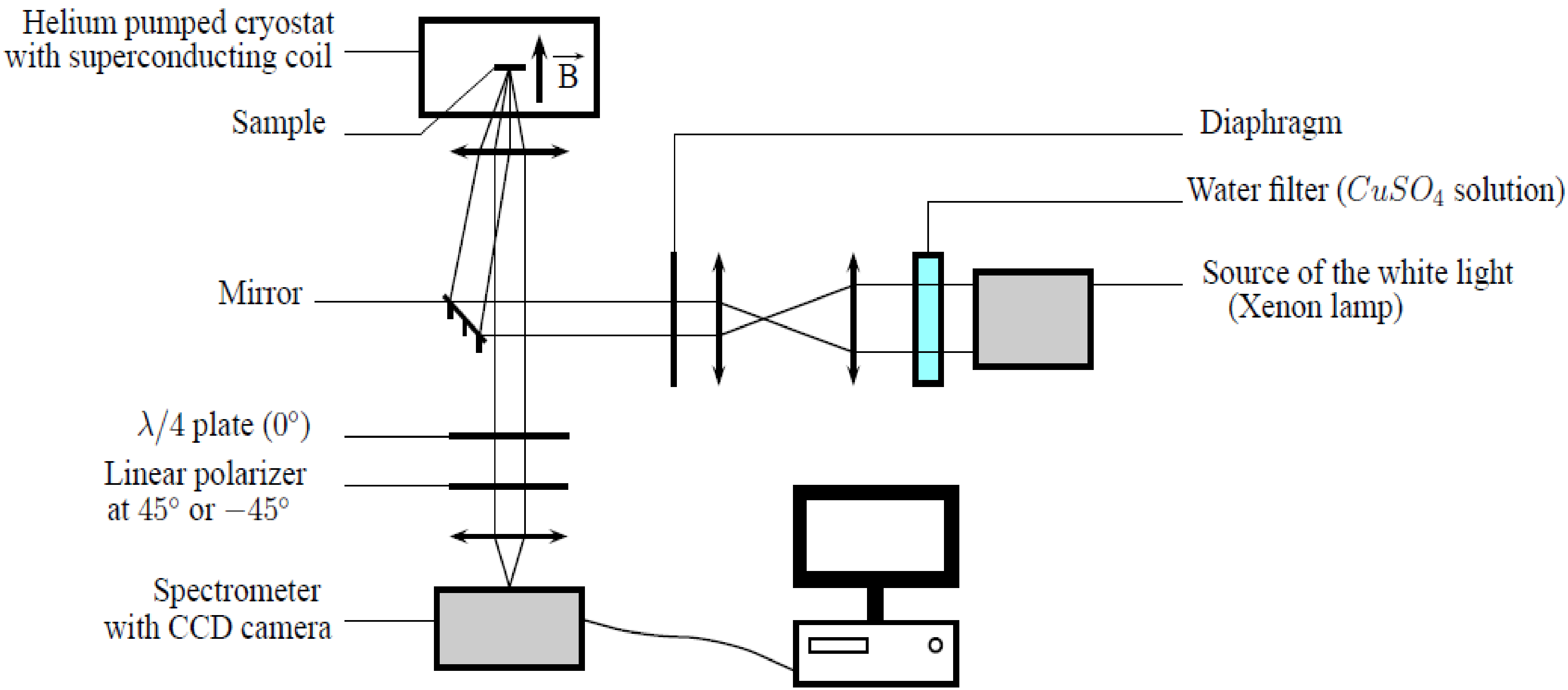
Grown by MOVPE at J.K. University - Linz

Energy diagram



After W. Pacuski in ``*Introduction to the Physics of Diluted Magnetic Semiconductors*`` J. A. Gaj

Experimental setup



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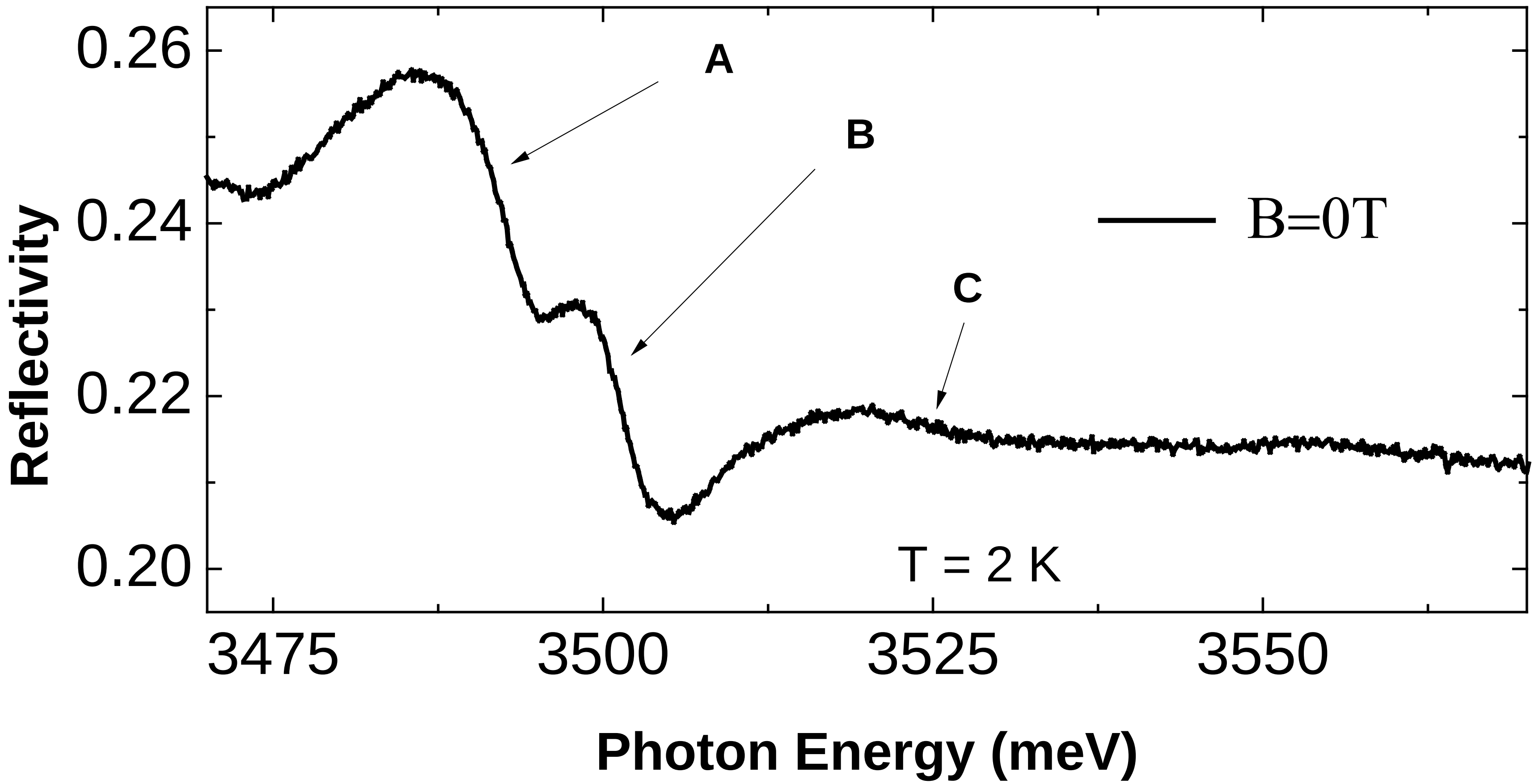

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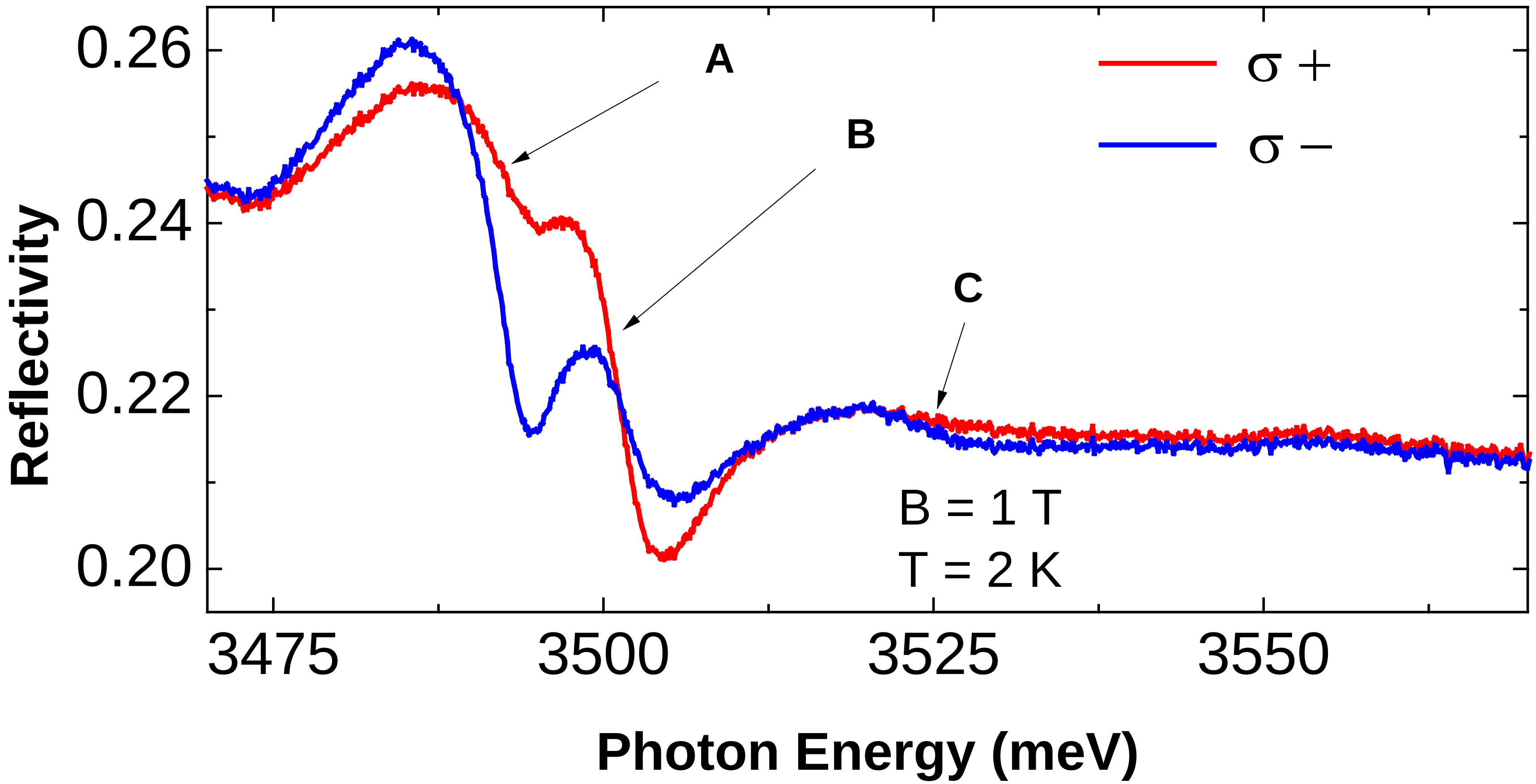

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Modelling of the experimental spectra

Contributions to dielectric function ε(ω) from:

Fundamental A, B and C excitonic transitions

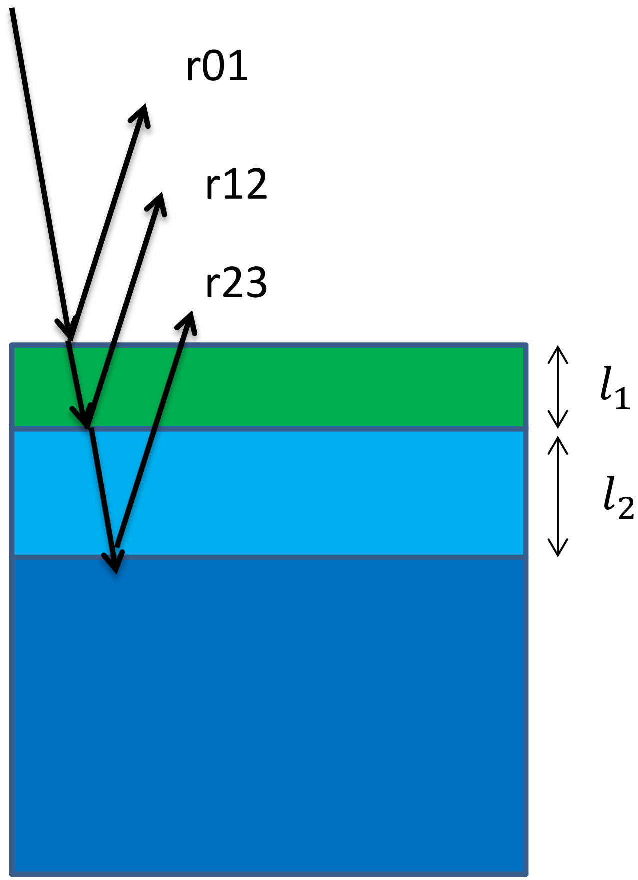
Excited states of excitons

Unbound states

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 + \sum_{n=A,B,C} \left(\frac{4\pi\alpha\alpha_{0,n}\omega_n}{\omega^2 n \quad -\omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma_n} + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi\alpha\alpha_{0,n}\omega_{n,j}}{j^3} \frac{\omega_{n,j}{}^2}{\omega_{n,j}{}^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\Gamma_{n,j}} + \varepsilon_{n,unbound} \right)$$

Modelling of the experimental spectra

Fabry Perot interferences in a multi layered structure:



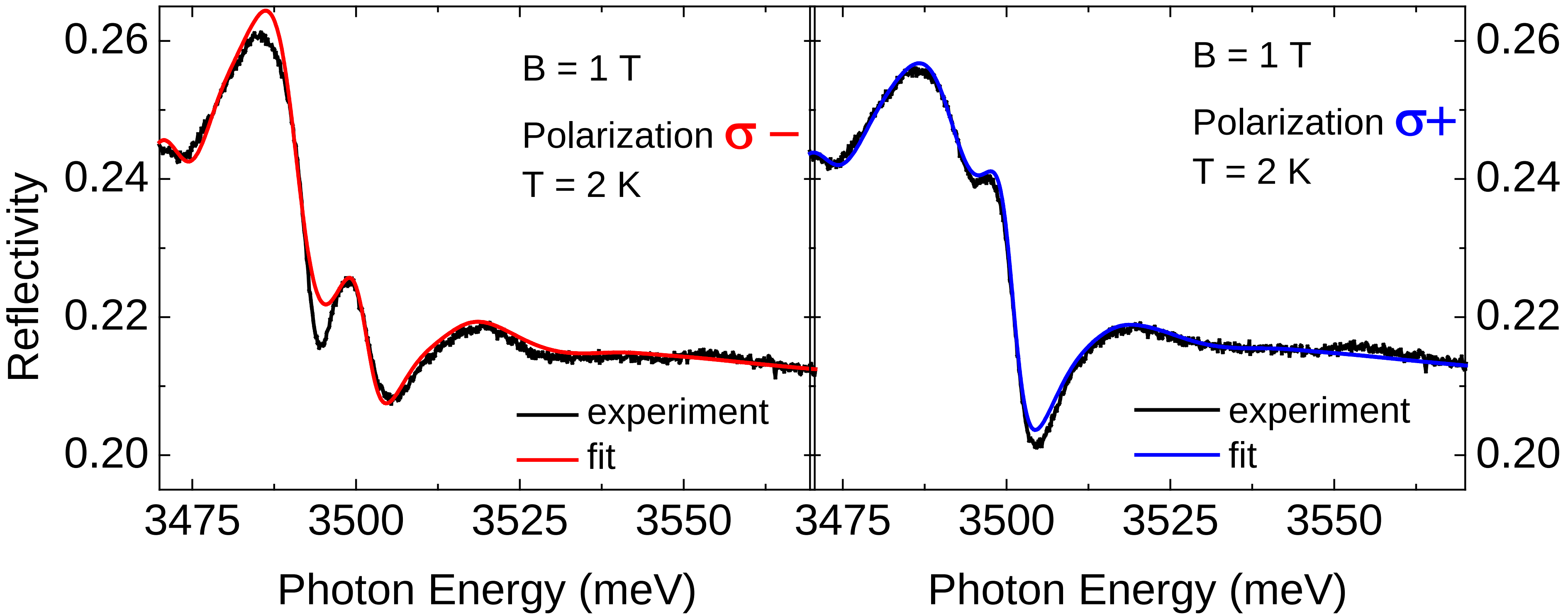
$$r = \frac{r_{12} + r_{23}e^{2i\beta 2}}{1 + r_{12}r_{23}e^{2i\beta 2}}$$

With:

$$r_{i,i+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i} - \sqrt{\varepsilon_{i+1}}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i} + \sqrt{\varepsilon_{i+1}}}$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{\omega}{c} l_i \sqrt{\varepsilon_i}$$

Fit of the reflectivity spectra



Successful description with the assumed model

Excitonic splitting vs magnetic field

- Hamiltonian: $H = E_0 + H_v + H_{e\text{-}h} + H_{sp\text{-}d} + H_z + H_{dia}$

Energy gap

Valence band

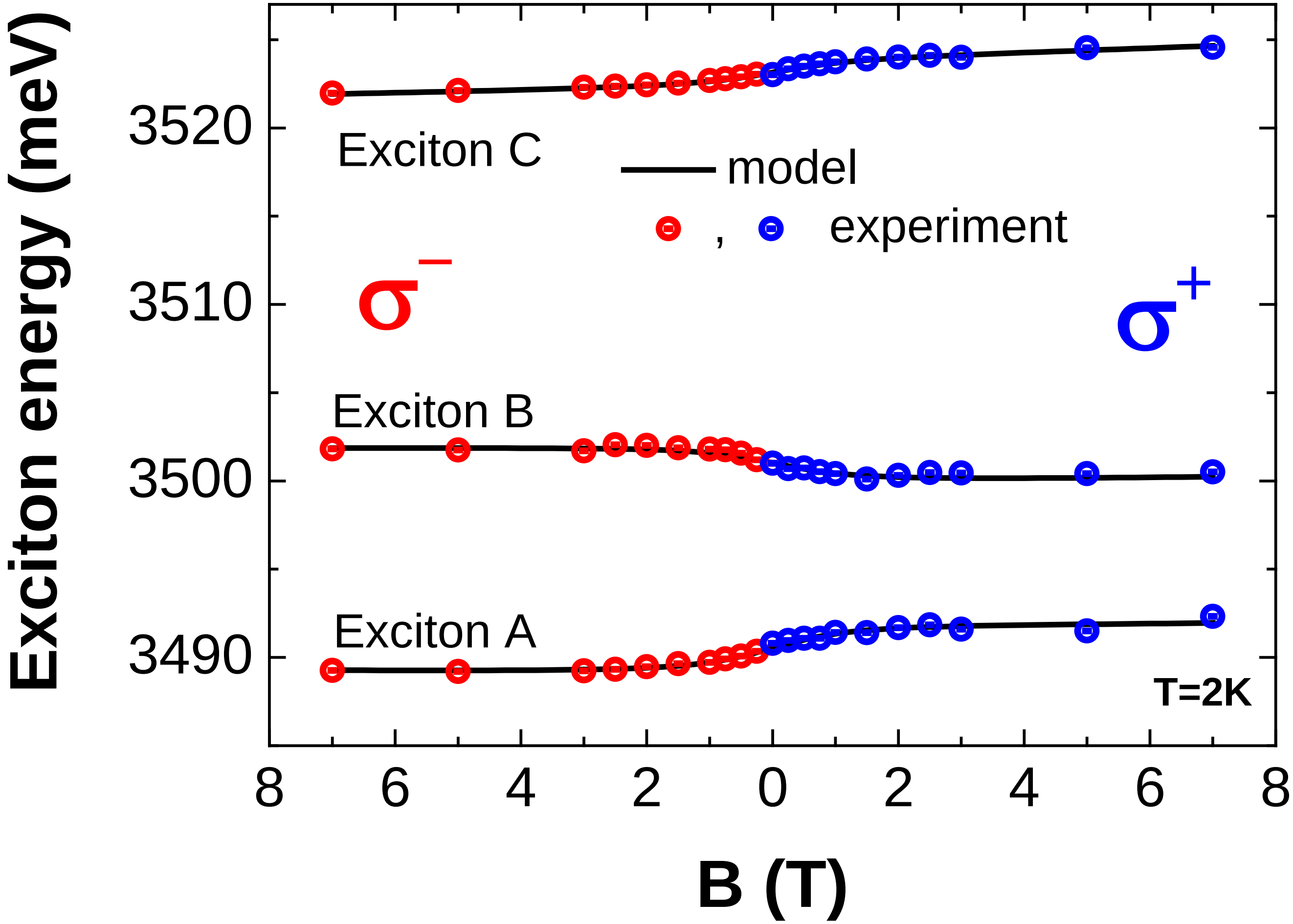
Electron- hole interaction within the exciton

Exchange interaction beteween Fe ions and carriers

Linear Zeeman splitting

Diamagnetic shift

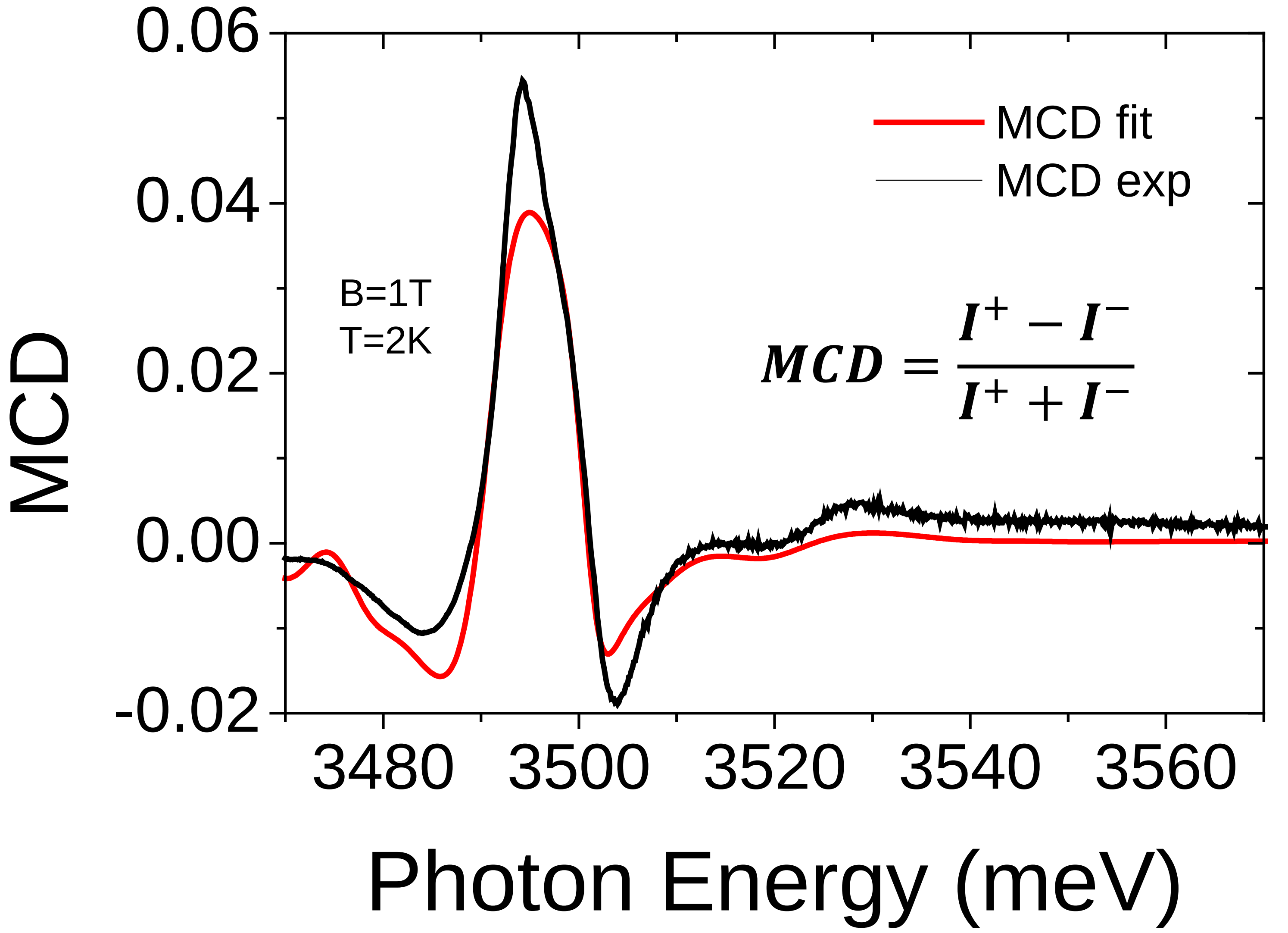
Excitonic splitting vs magnetic field



Apparent exchange constants determined from the fit

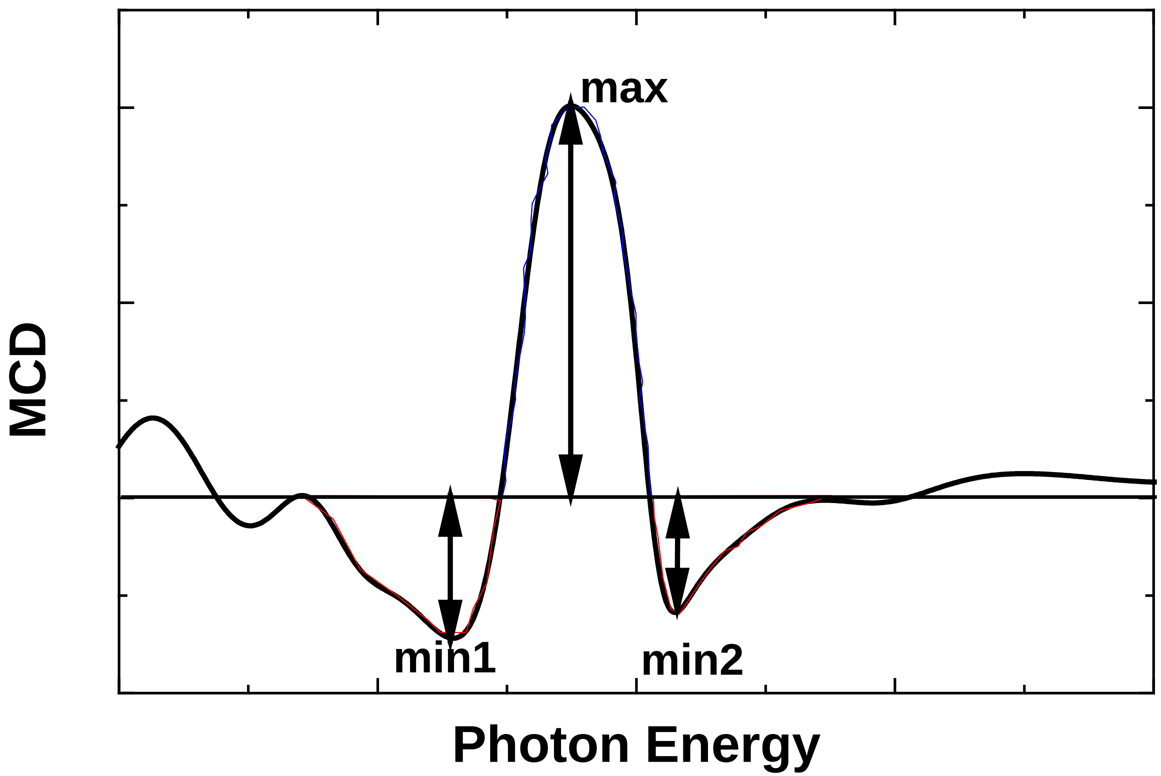
$N_0\alpha^{(app)}$ = -0.05±0.1 eV and $N_0\beta^{(app)}$ = +0.5±0.1 eV

MCD based on experimental and fitted spectra



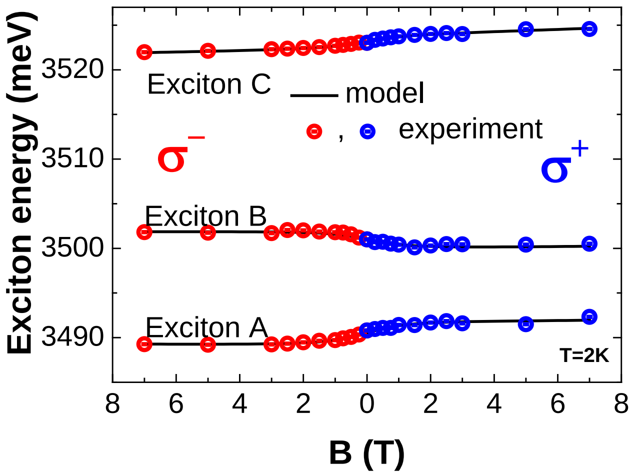
MCD and magnetization

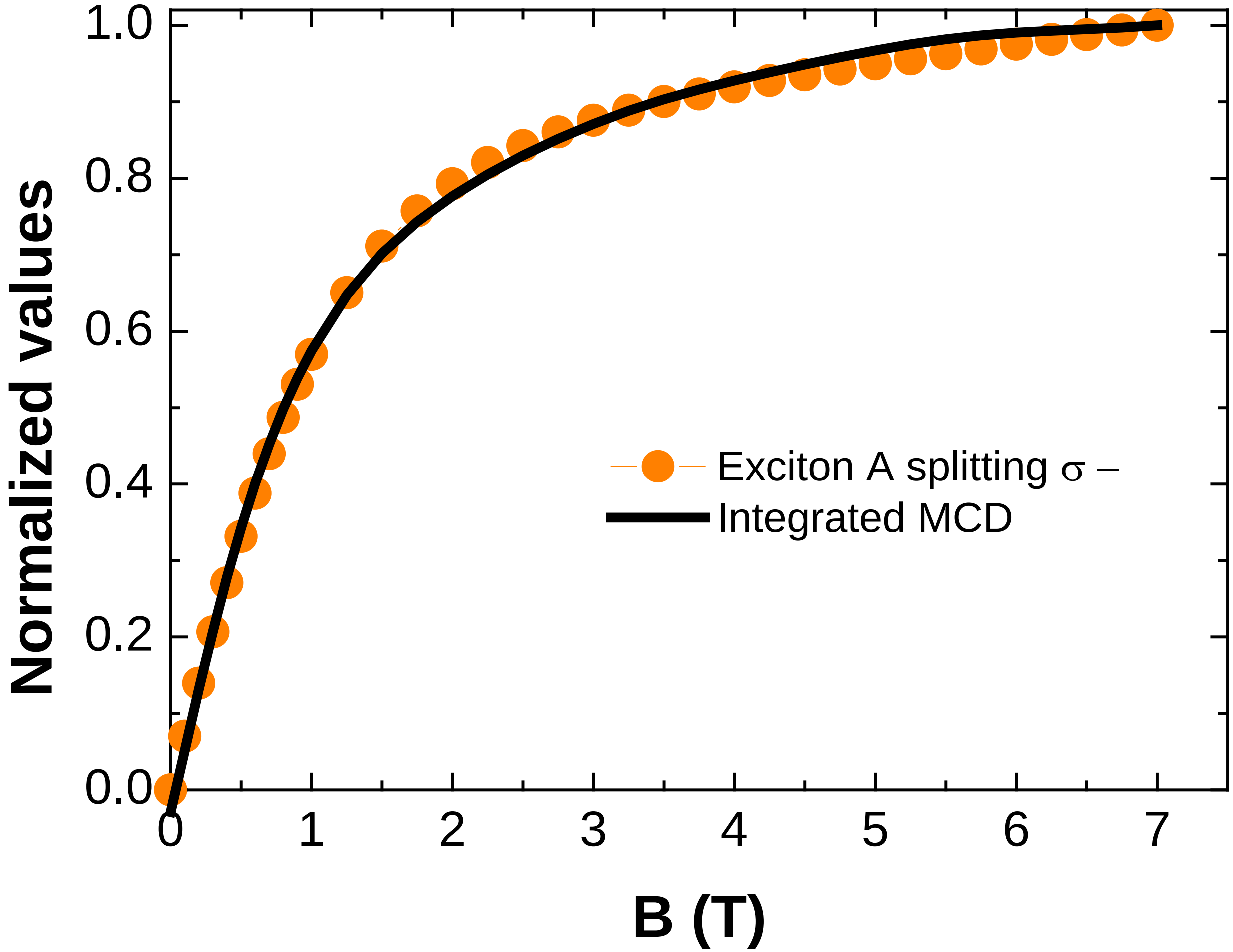
- What parameter of the MCD spectrum is linearly proportional to the excitonic splitting?



- Integrated signal?
- Amplitude (max)?
- Sum of extrema (max – min1 – min2)?

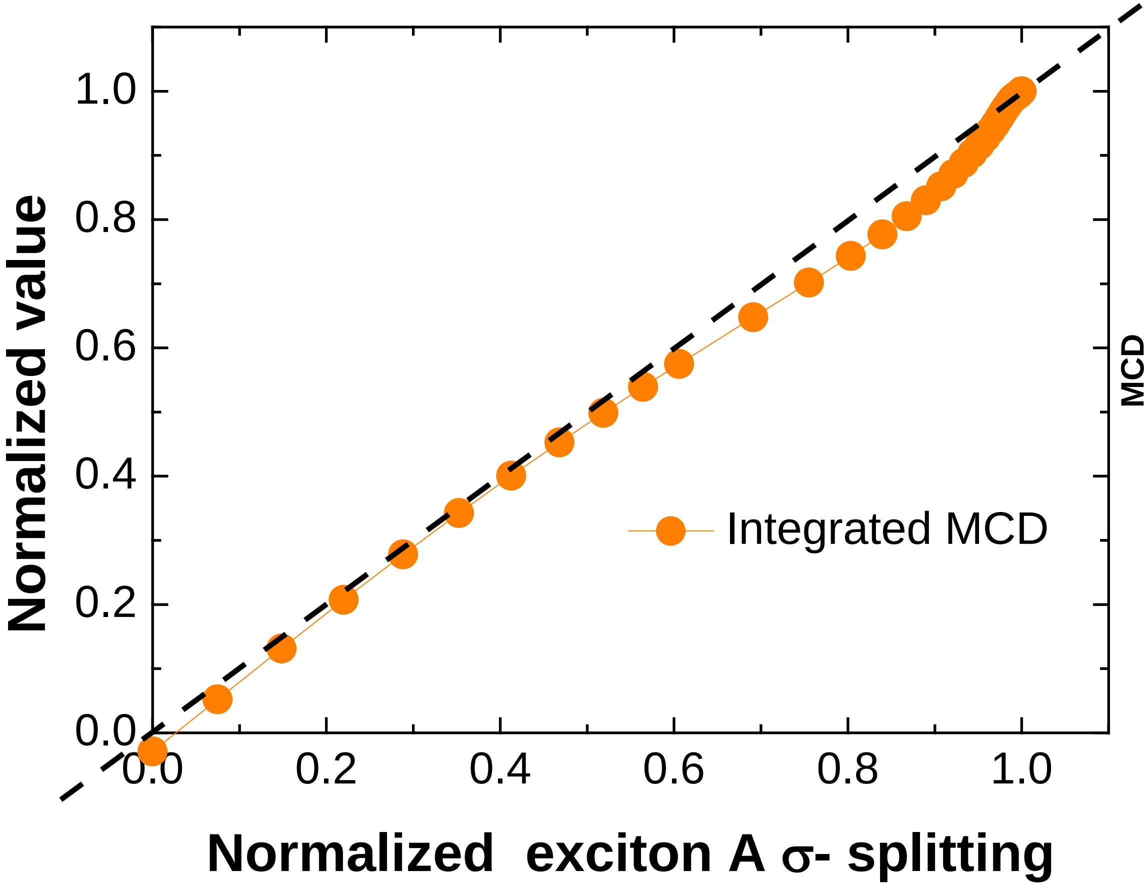
Integrated MCD and excitonic splittings

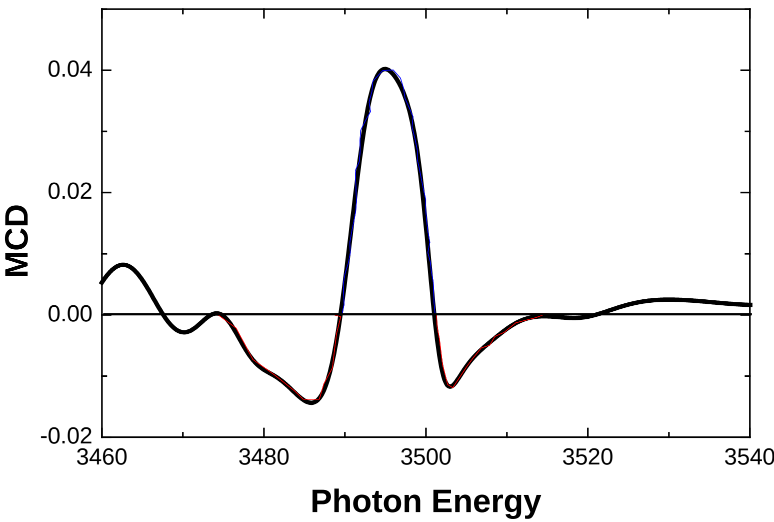




Brillouin function shape - saturation

Correlation: MCD – splitting A





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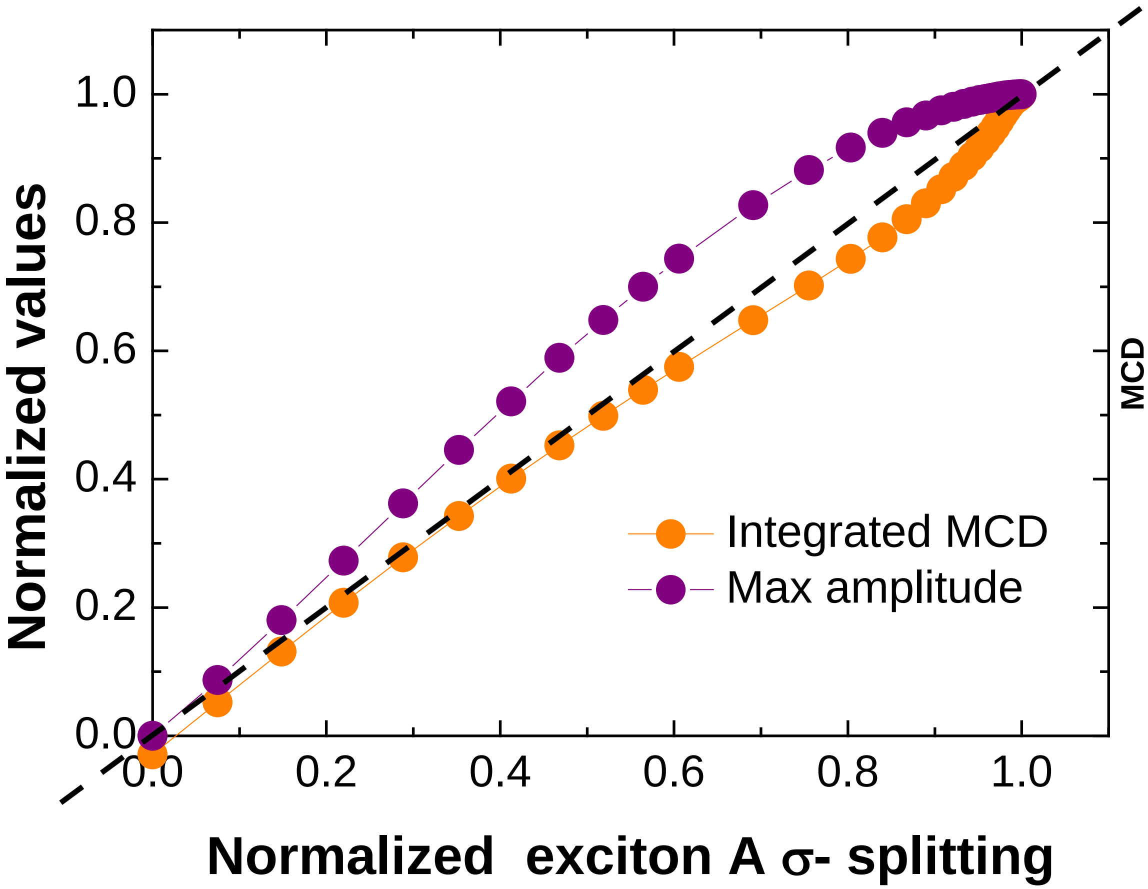

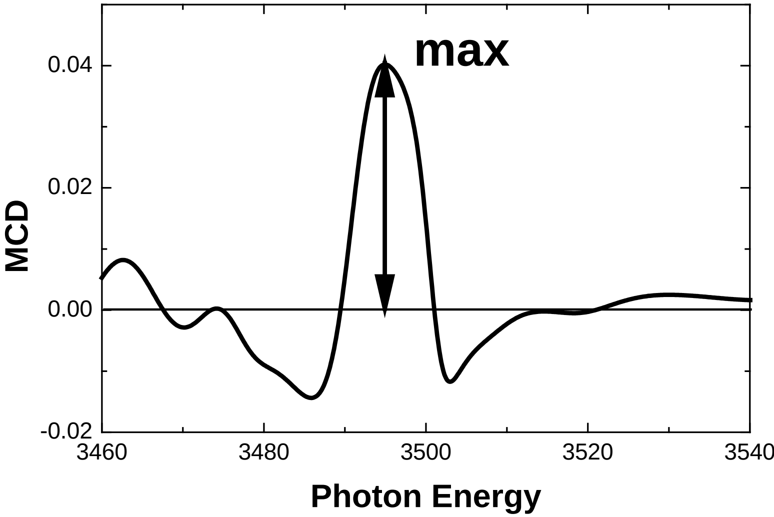

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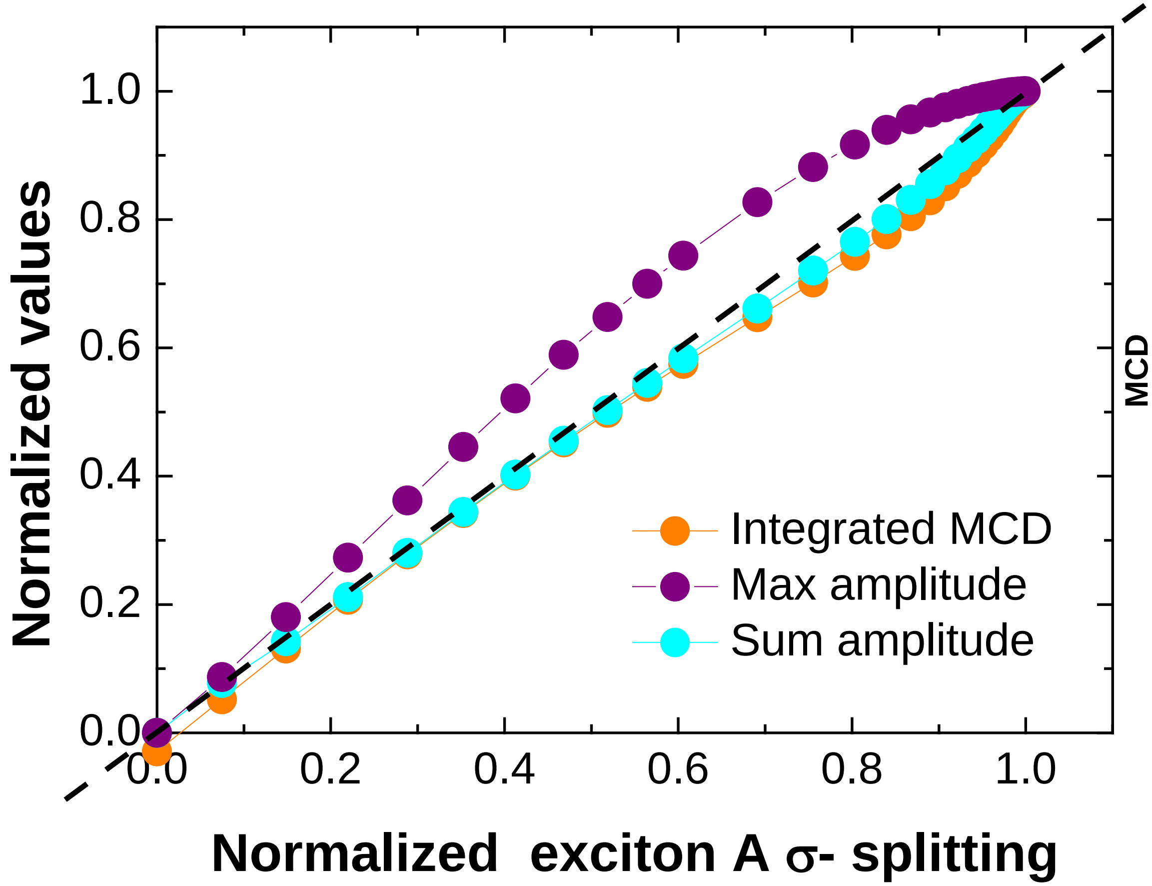
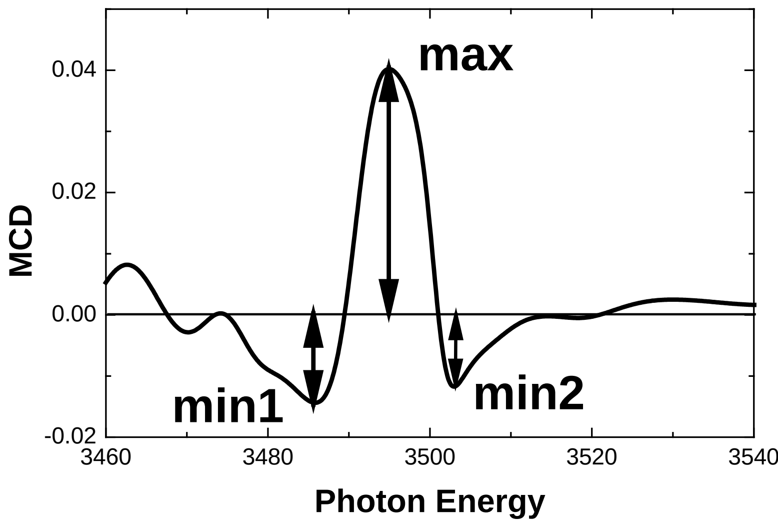


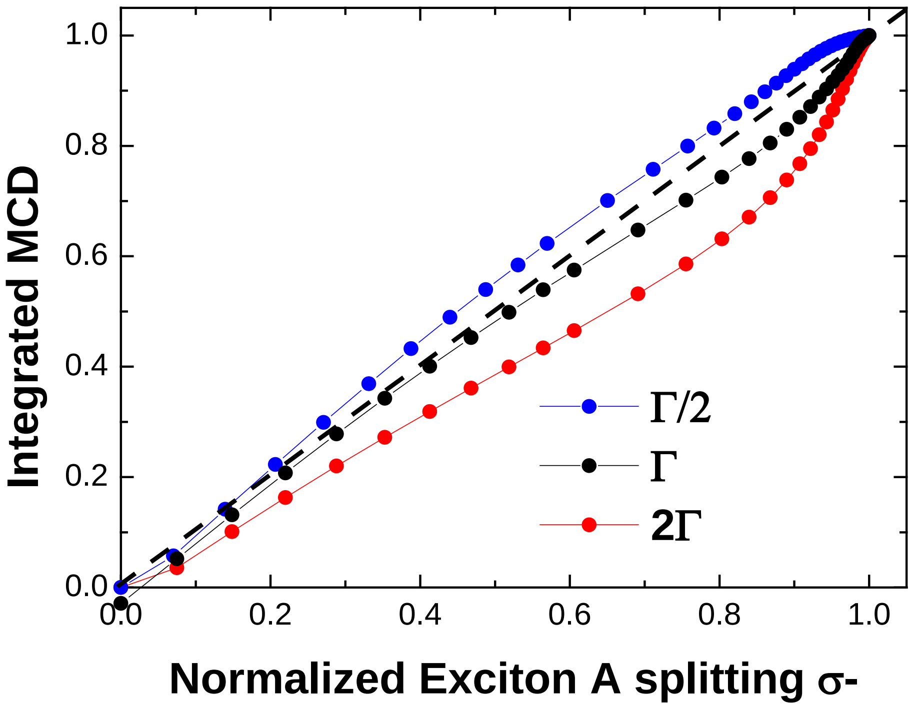


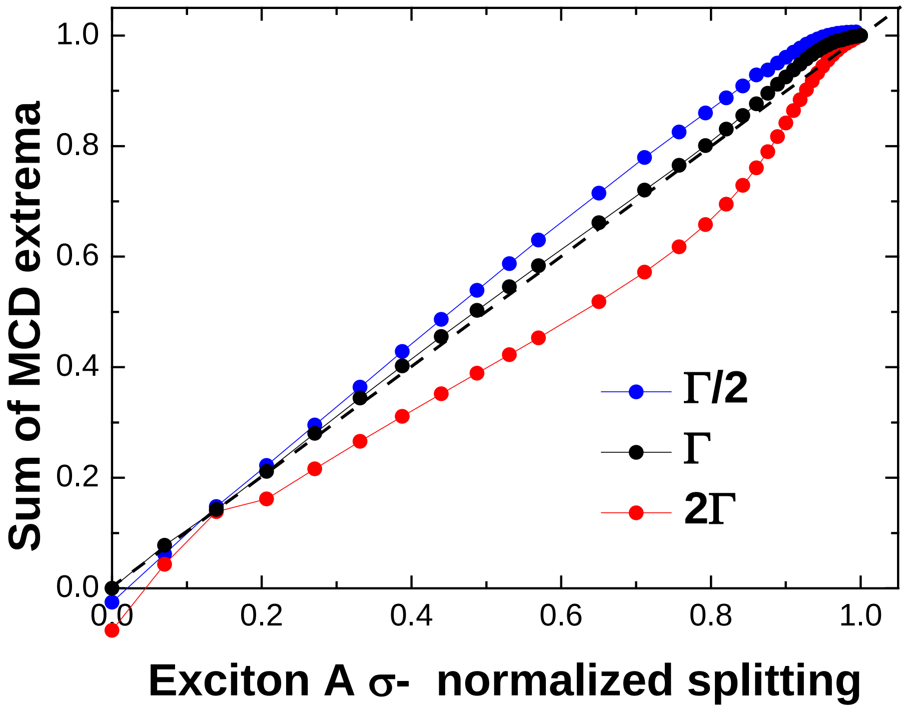
Splitting of Exciton A σ- (magnetization) well correlated with

- integrated MCD

- and sum of extrema

Influence of the excitonic width Γ





Similar dependence in both cases: integrated MCD and sum of MCD extrema.

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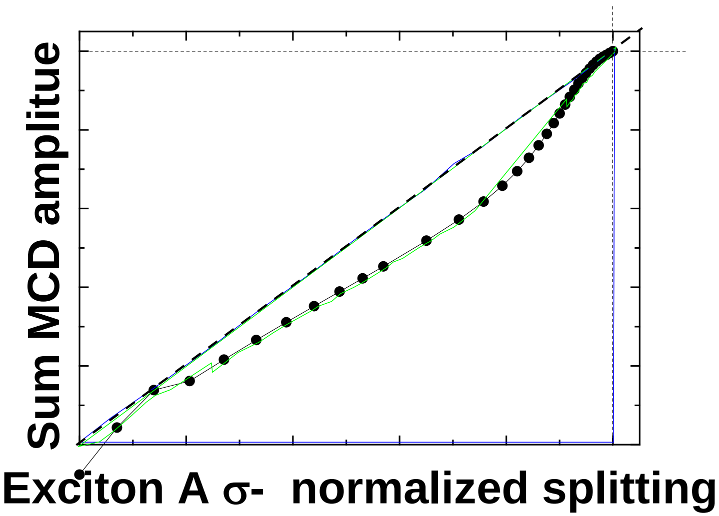

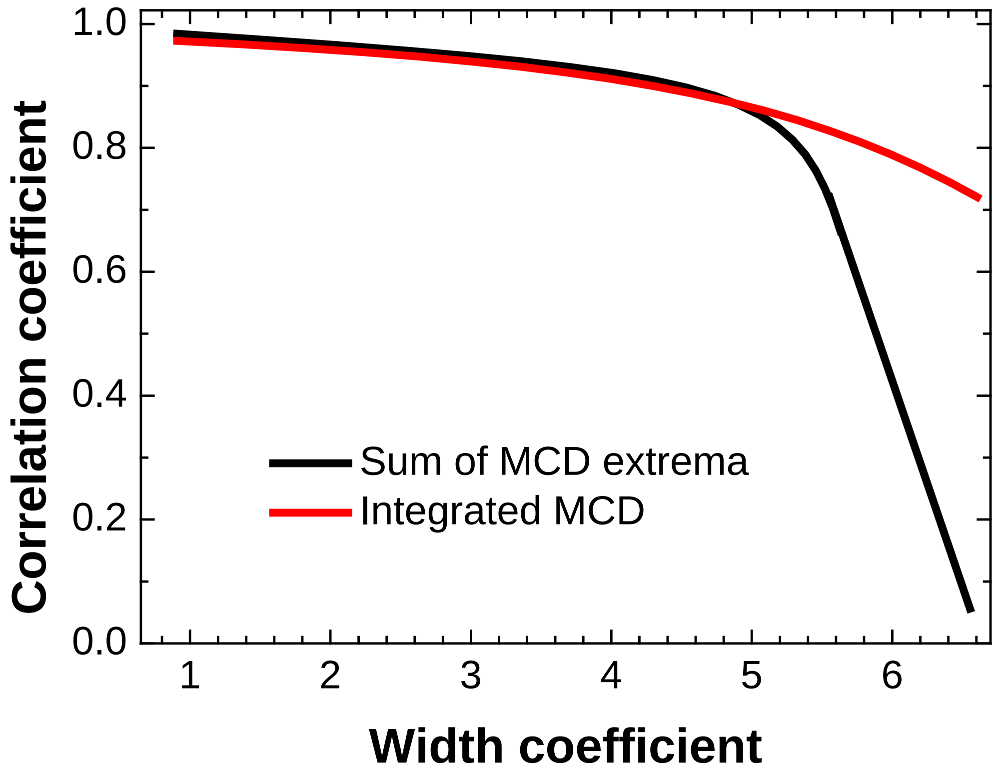

Correlation coefficient:

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{\sum \sqrt{(x-y)^2}}{\sum x}$$

- **MCD not correlated to magnetization when exciton linewidth increased**
- **A better magnetization description with Integrated MCD**

Conclusions

- Reflectivity and excitonic splitting of excitons in (Ga,Fe)N succesfully described
- Determination of $N_0\alpha^{(app)}$ = -0.05 ± 0.1 eV and $N_0\beta^{(app)}$ = +0.5 ± 0.1 eV
- Justification of magnetization description by MCD in the case of wurtzite (Ga,Fe)N
- A crucial parameter deciding on the suitability of the description: exciton width