

# Chirality in Molecular Vibrations: VCD and ROA

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# Outline

- Definitions of VOA
- Measurement of VCD and ROA
- Levels of Resonance Raman Scattering
- Resonance ROA
- Velocity Formulation of VCD
- Vibrational Current Density
- Determination of Absolute Configuration
- Enhanced VCD – Amyloid Fibrils and Low-Lying Electronic States
- Conclusions

# Definitions of VOA

# Classical Forms of Optical Activity

Optical Rotation (Optical Rotatory Dispersion, ORD, CB)

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} (n_L - n_R)$$

Ellipticity (Circular Dichroism, CD)

$$\psi = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} (k_L - k_R)$$

Complex Refractive Index

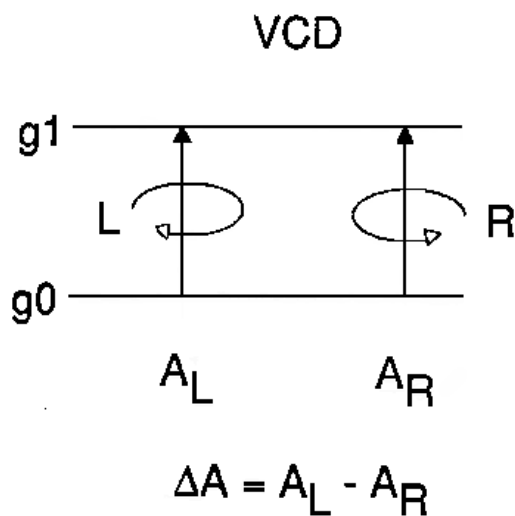
$$\tilde{n} = n + ik = n' + in''$$

# VIBRATIONAL OPTICAL ACTIVITY

Differential Interaction of a Chiral Molecule with Left and Right Circularly Polarized Radiation During Vibrational Excitation

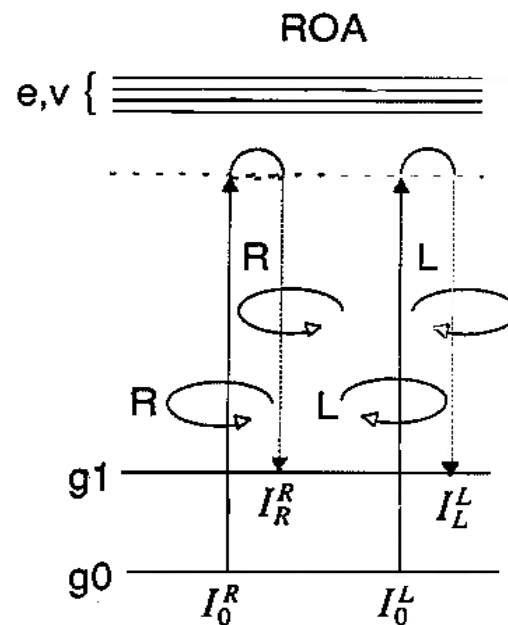
## VIBRATIONAL CIRCULAR DICHROISM

Differential Absorption of Left and Right Circularly Polarized Infrared Radiation



## RAMAN OPTICAL ACTIVITY

Differential Raman Scattering of Left and Right Incident and/or Scattered Radiation



DCP<sub>1</sub>-ROA:  $\Delta I_1 = I_R^R - I_L^L$

# Forms of Circular Polarization Vibrational Optical Activity

VCD

$$\Delta A(\bar{\nu}) = A_L(\bar{\nu}) - A_R(\bar{\nu})$$

ICP-ROA

$$\Delta I_\alpha(\bar{\nu}) = I_\alpha^R(\bar{\nu}) - I_\alpha^L(\bar{\nu})$$

(Incident CP)

SCP-ROA

$$\Delta I^\alpha(\bar{\nu}) = I_R^\alpha(\bar{\nu}) - I_L^\alpha(\bar{\nu})$$

(Scattered CP)

DCP<sub>I</sub>-ROA

$$\Delta I_I(\bar{\nu}) = I_R^R(\bar{\nu}) - I_L^L(\bar{\nu})$$

(In-Phase Dual CP)

DCP<sub>II</sub>-ROA

$$\Delta I_{II}(\bar{\nu}) = I_L^R(\bar{\nu}) - I_R^L(\bar{\nu})$$

(Out-of-Phase DCP)

# VCD & ROA Short History

## • VCD

- Discovered in 1974 by Holzwarth
- Confirmed by Nafie, Cheng, Keiderling & Stephens in 1975, 1976
- FT-VCD discovered by Nafie in 1978
- Commercialized by BioTools and ABB Bomem in 1997
- 2nd generation spectrometers w/time sampling - 2010

## ROA

- Discovered in 1973 by Barron & Buckingham, ICP-ROA
- Confirmed by Hug in 1975
- SCP/DCP-ROA discovered by Nafie 1987
- New ROA Design, Hug 1999
- Commercialized by BioTools in 2003
- 2nd generation spectrometer w/ microscope - 2009/10

# Classes of Molecules and Techniques

## VCD & ROA

### • VCD

- Small Organic Molecules, Pharmaceuticals and Natural Products
- Proteins, Peptides, Amino Acids, Sugars, Nucleic Acids, DNA, RNA Glycoproteins
- Transition Metal Complexes with Enhance VCD for Low-Lying States
- Chiral Polymers
- Supramolecular Structures including Protein Fibrils
- Solutions, Films, Solid Microcrystals, Spray-Dried Films
- Accurate Quantum Calculations

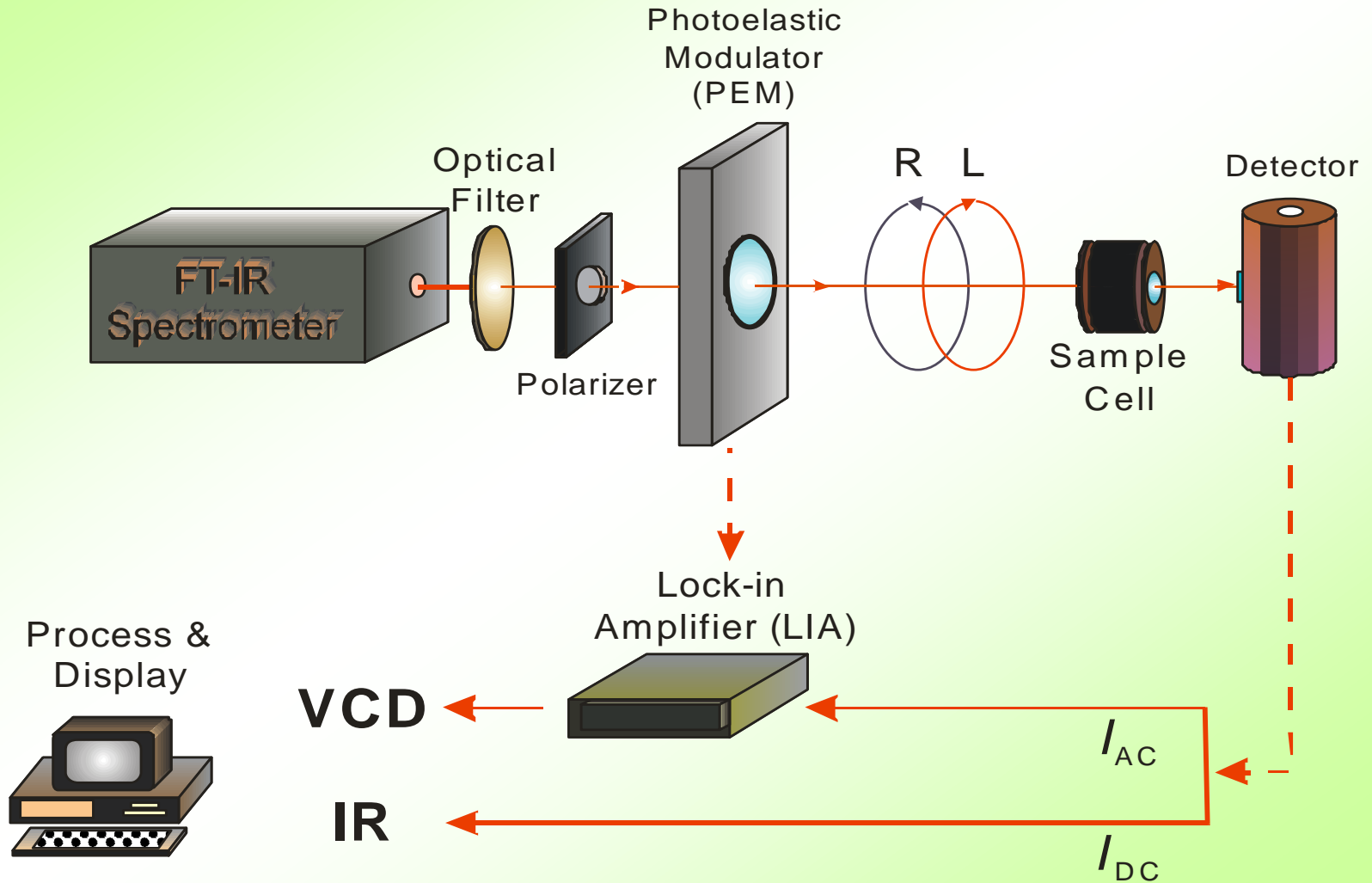
### ROA

- Proteins, Peptides, Amino Acids, Sugars, Nucleic Acids, DNA, RNA, Glycoproteins
- Small Organic Molecules, mostly neat liquids
- Viruses
- Surface-Enhanced ROA (SEROA) of Adsorbed Molecules on Metal Surfaces
- Resonance ROA (RROA)
- Accurate Quantum Calculations

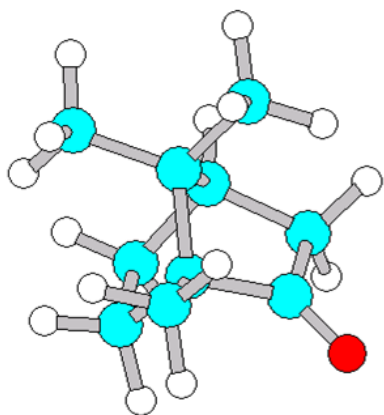


# FT-VCD Measurements

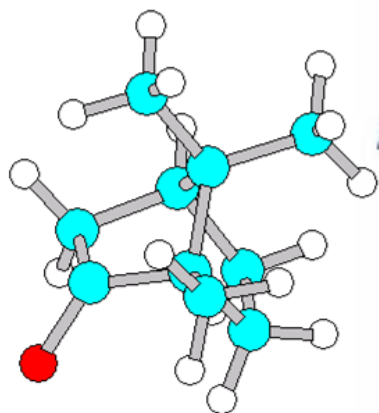
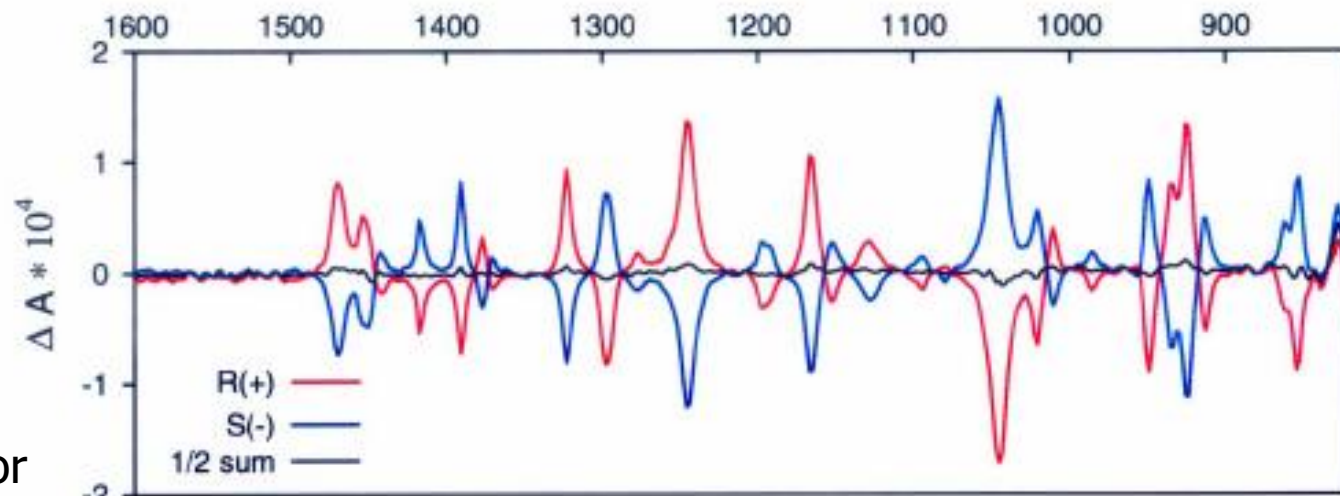
# FT-VCD Instrumental Layout



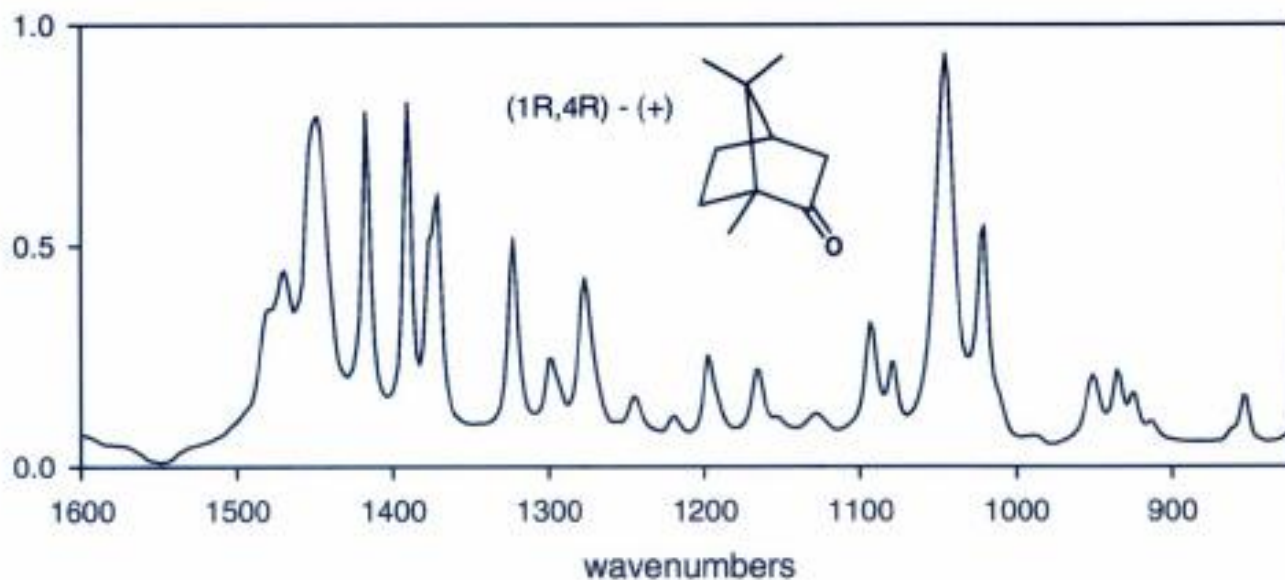
Camphor/ $\text{CCl}_4$  0.6M 150.5 $\mu$  path 1 hr scan 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  resolution



(1*R*,4*R*)-(+)-camphor



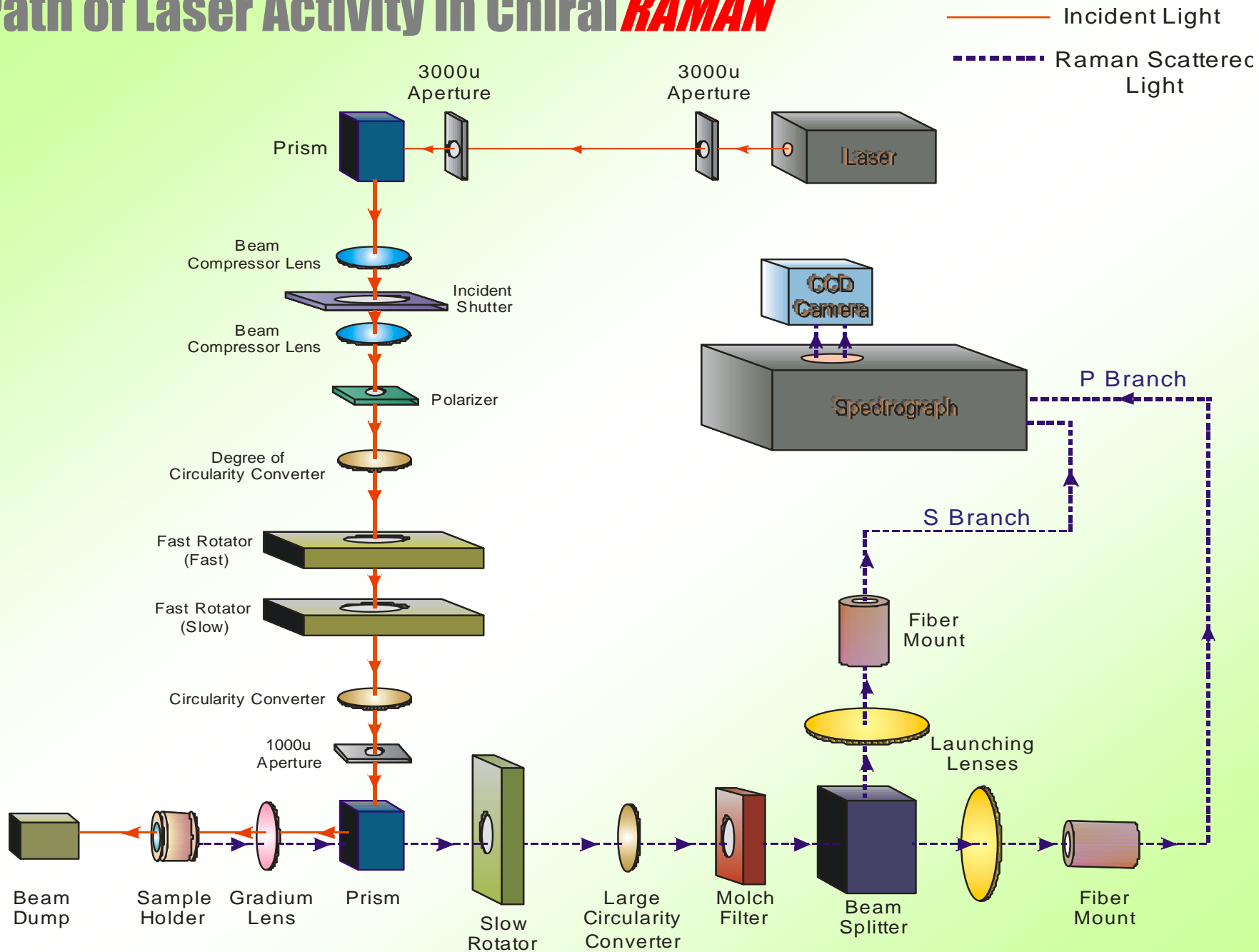
(1*S*,4*S*)-(-)-camphor



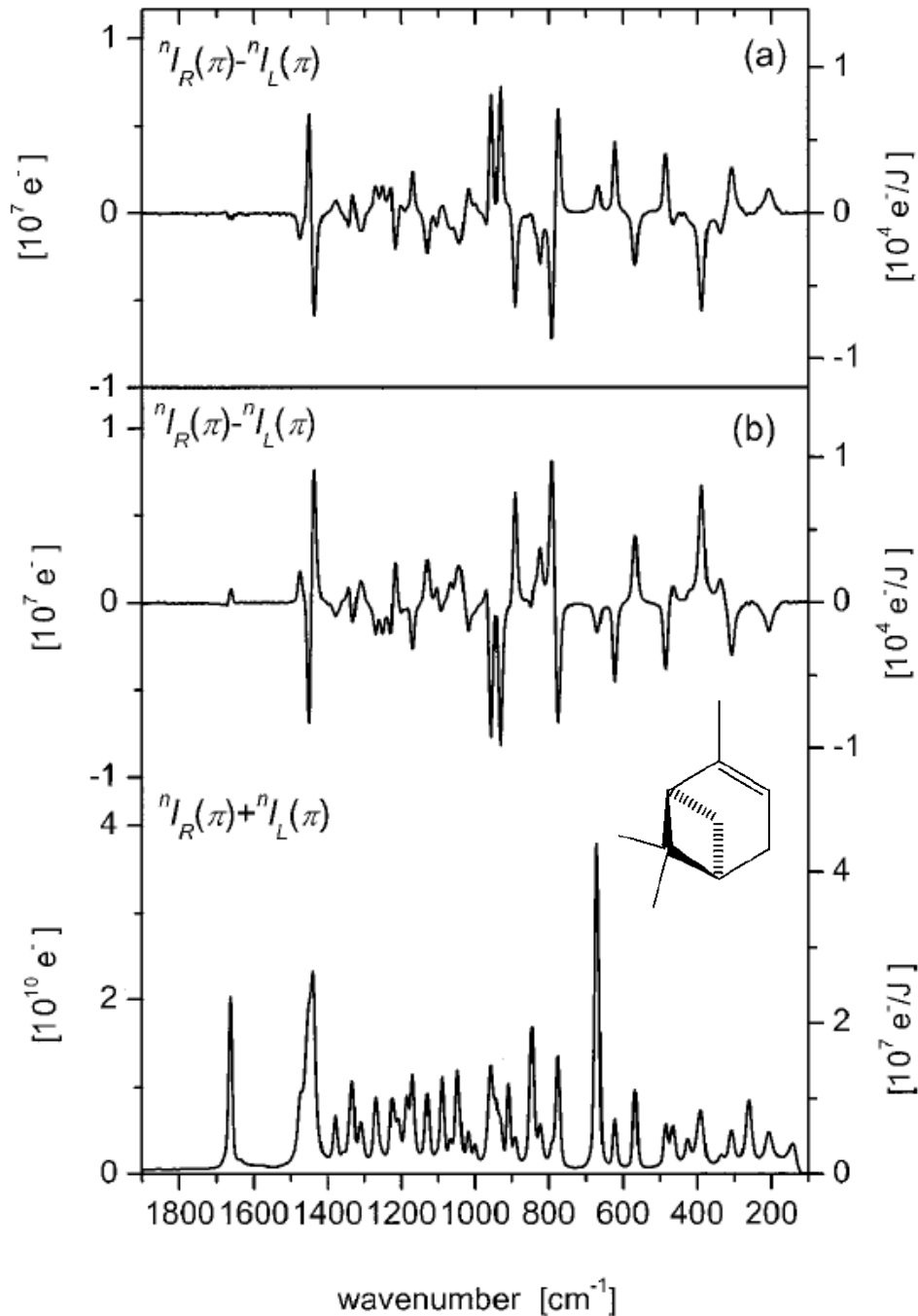
Enantiomers: IR spectra are identical, VCD spectra are opposite in sign

# CCD-ROA Measurements

# Path of Laser Activity in Chiral **RAMAN**



# Measured SCP-ROA Spectra



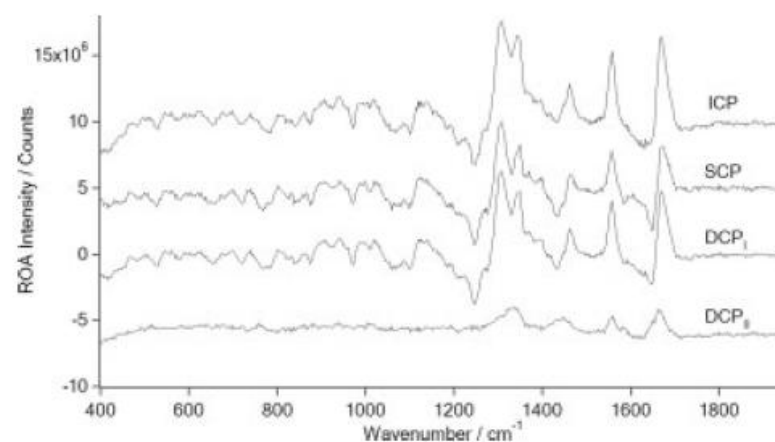
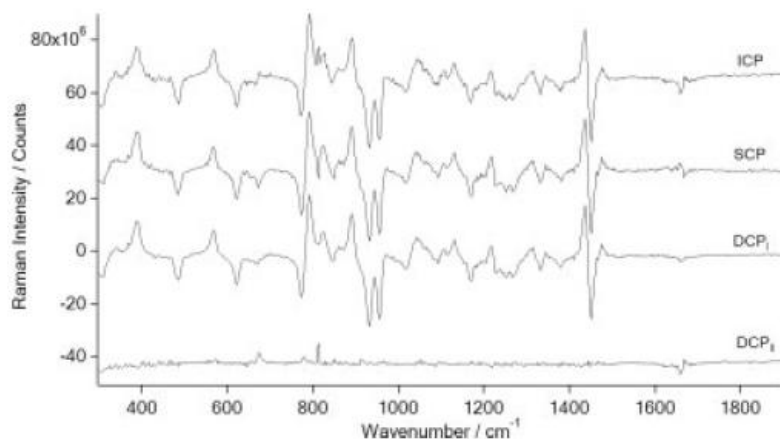
(a) ROA of  
S-(-)- $\alpha$ -pinene

(b) ROA of  
R-(+)- $\alpha$ -pinene

(c) Raman spectrum of  
 $\alpha$ -pinene

# Simultaneous acquisition of all four forms of circular polarization Raman optical activity: results for $\alpha$ -pinene and lysozyme

Honggang Li<sup>a\*</sup> and Laurence A. Nafie<sup>a,b</sup>



# Degrees of RR and RROA



# Degrees of RR and RROA

GU – General Unrestricted Theory

FFR – Far-From-Resonance Theory

NR – Near-Resonance Theory

SES – Single-Electronic-State Theory

MES – Multiple-Electronic-State Theory

# General Unrestricted Theory

(GU Level)

## Exact Excited-State Vibronic Detail

- Raman tensor is not symmetric
- Raman tensor is time-reversal invariant
- 3 Raman Invariants, 10 ROA Invariants
- ICP-ROA does not equal SCP-ROA
- $DCP_{||}$ -ROA is non-zero
- Software routines not available

# Far-From-Resonance (FFR) Theory

## No Excited State Vibronic Detail

- Raman tensor is symmetric
- Raman tensor is not time-reversal invariant
- Incident and scattered radiation have the same degree of pre-resonance
- 2 Raman Invariants, 3 ROA Invariants
- ICP-ROA, SCP-ROA and  $DCP_{\perp}$ -ROA equal
- $DCP_{\parallel}$ -ROA is equal to zero
- Software routines available commercially from Gaussian, Inc.

# Near-Resonance (NR) Theory

(GU Invariant Level)

## Simple Excited State Vibronic Detail

- Raman Tensor is not symmetric
- Raman tensor is time-reversal invariant
- Incident and scattered radiation have different degrees of pre-resonance
- 3 Raman Invariants, 10 ROA Invariants
- ICP-ROA, SCP-ROA, and  $DCP_{\parallel}$ -ROA differ from each other
- $DCP_{\parallel}$ -ROA is non-zero
- Software routines not available

# Near Resonance (NR) Theory of Vibrational Raman and ROA

Theor Chem Account (2008) 119:39–55

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## **Theory of Raman scattering and Raman optical activity: near resonance theory and levels of approximation**

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# Comparison of FFR Theory to NR Theory

## FFR Theory (Symmetric Raman Tensor)

$$\left(\alpha_{\alpha\beta}\right)_{g^1, g^0}^a = \frac{2}{\hbar} \sum_e \omega_{eg}^0 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{[(\hat{\mu}_\alpha)_{ge}^0 (\hat{\mu}_\beta)_{eg}^{Q_a}]}{(\omega_{eg}^0)^2 - \omega_0^2} + \frac{[(\hat{\mu}_\alpha)_{ge}^{Q_a} (\hat{\mu}_\beta)_{eg}^0]}{(\omega_{eg}^0)^2 - \omega_0^2} \right] (Q_a)_{10}$$

## NR Theory (Restores Asymmetry to Raman Tensor)

$$\left(\alpha_{\alpha\beta}\right)_{g^1, g^0}^a = \frac{2}{\hbar} \sum_e \omega_{eg}^0 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{[(\hat{\mu}_\alpha)_{ge}^0 (\hat{\mu}_\beta)_{eg}^{Q_a}]}{(\omega_{eg}^0)^2 - \omega_R^2} + \frac{[(\hat{\mu}_\alpha)_{ge}^{Q_a} (\hat{\mu}_\beta)_{eg}^0]}{(\omega_{eg}^0)^2 - \omega_0^2} \right] (Q_a)_{10}$$

$$\omega_R = \omega_0 - \omega_a = \omega_0 (1 - \omega_a / \omega_0)$$

GU/NR Theory -3 Raman 10 ROA invariants,  
FFR Theory -2 Raman and 3 ROA Invariants

# SES Theory of natural vibrational RROA



Chemical Physics 205 (1996) 309–322

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## Theory of resonance Raman optical activity: the single electronic state limit

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# Ratio of RROA to RR in Backscattering DCP<sub>I</sub> equals

$$\frac{I_R^R(180^\circ) - I_L^L(180^\circ)}{I_R^R(180^\circ) + I_L^L(180^\circ)} =$$
$$= -\left(\frac{4}{c}\right) \frac{\text{Im}\left[(\vec{\mu}_{ge}^0 \cdot (\vec{m})_{eg}^0)\right]}{\left|(\vec{\mu})_{eg}\right|^2} = -g_{ge}$$

The **Negative** of the Ratio of CD to Absorbance of Resonant Electronic State



# First observation of natural RROA Confirmation of SES-RROA Theory

1 May 1998



Chemical Physics Letters 287 (1998) 359–364

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## Experimental observation of resonance Raman optical activity

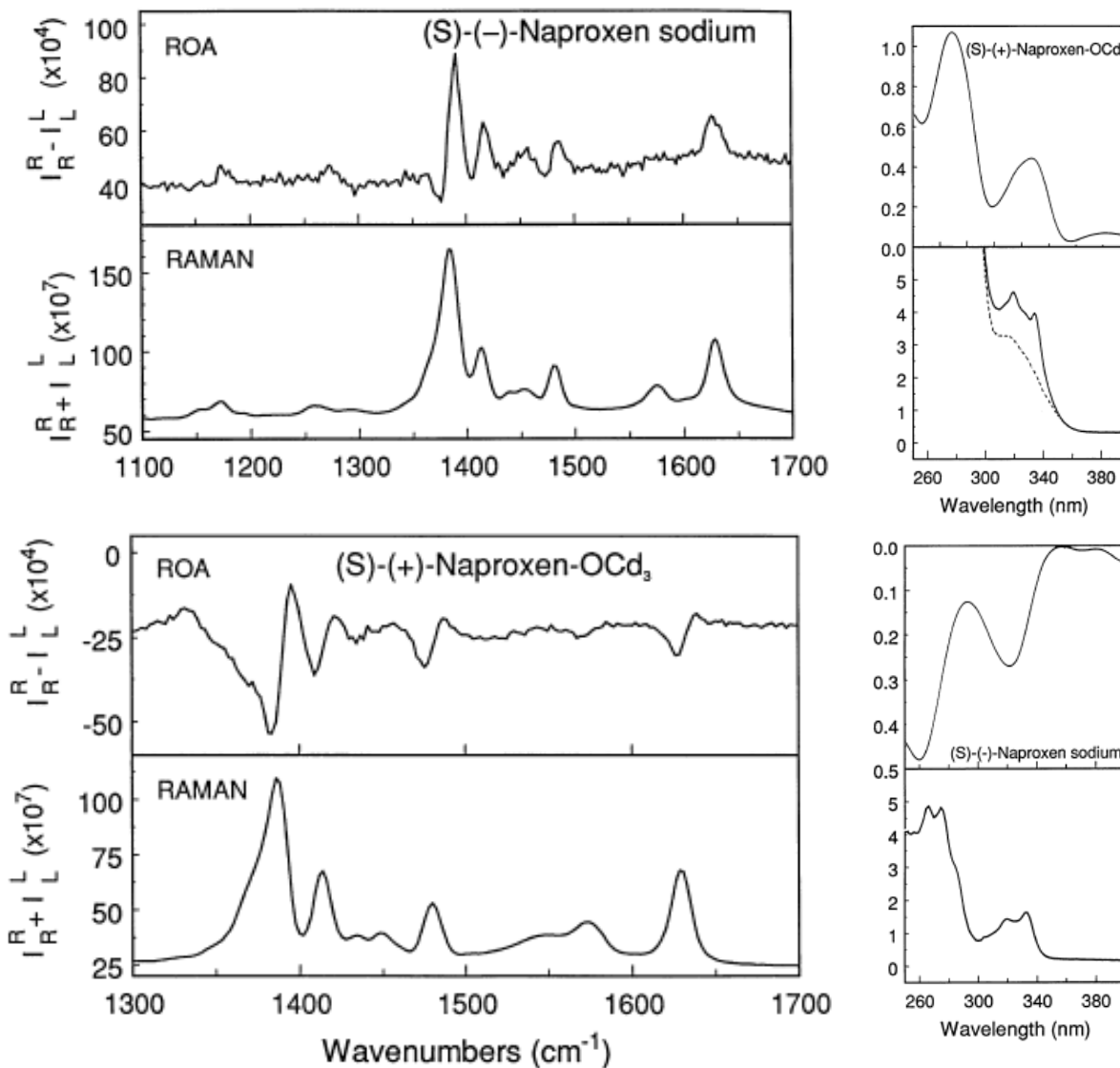
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# First observation of natural RROA

## Confirmation of SES-RROA Theory



## Resonance vibrational Raman optical activity: A time-dependent density functional theory approach

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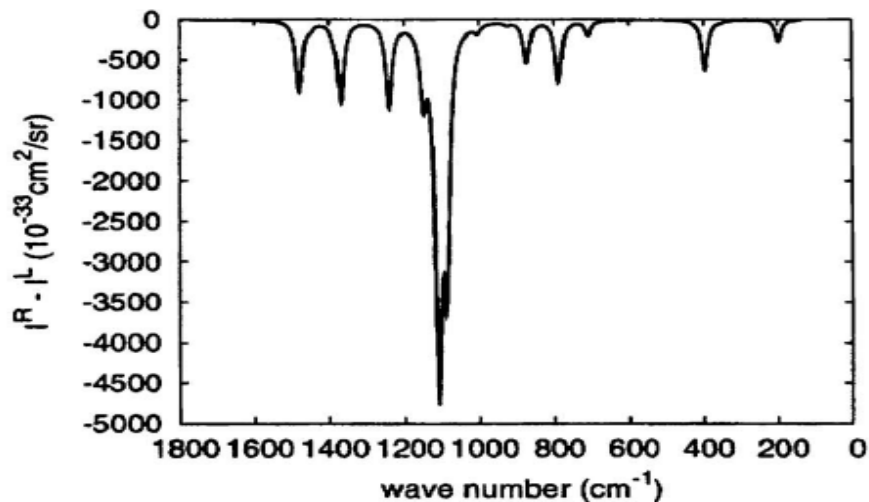
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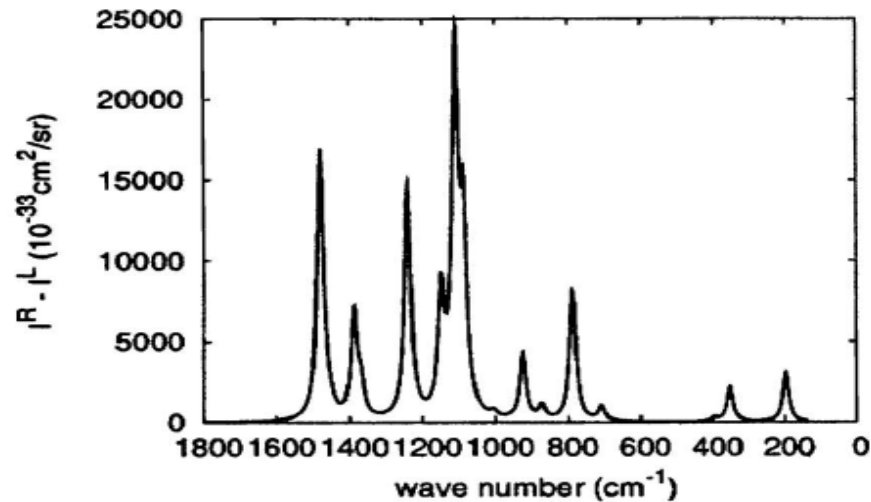
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Calculated ROA show monosignate spectra with the same form as the RR spectrum and with the same ratio as the electronic CD to the absorption spectrum, with the opposite sign, of the resonant electronic state

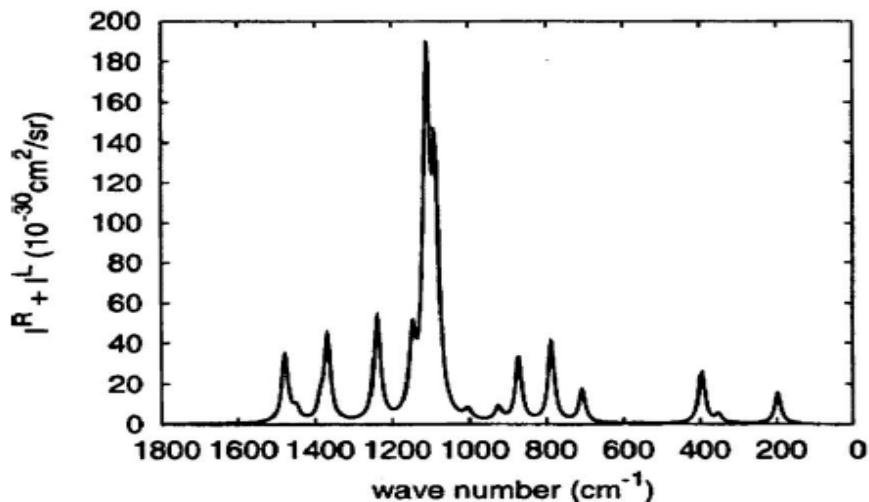
# RR and ROA of Methyloxirane at 202 and 185 nm Excitation



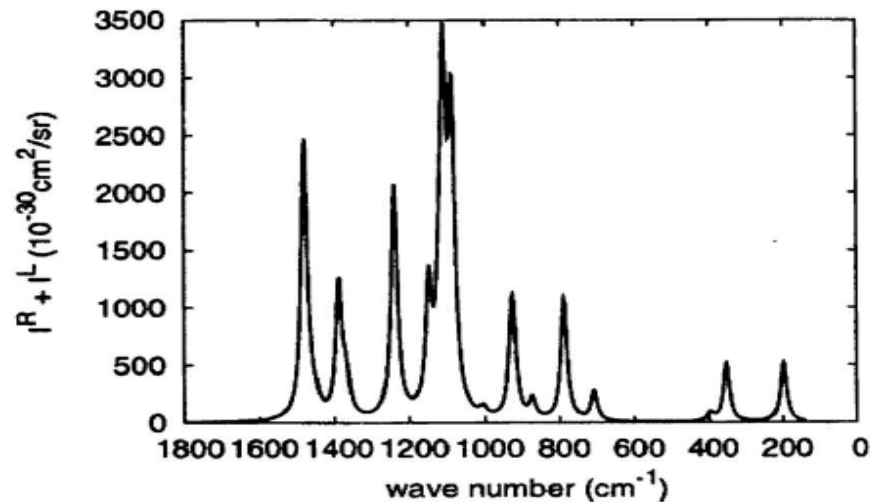
(a) RVROA @ 202 nm



(b) RVROA @ 185 nm



(c) RRS @ 202 nm



(d) RRS @ 185 nm

# Theoretical Background of VCD

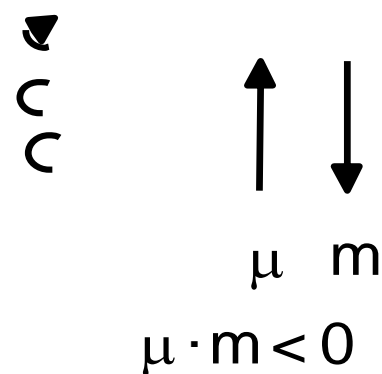
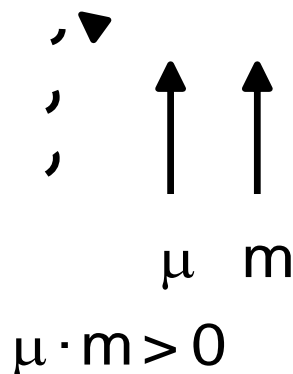
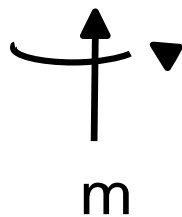
# Dipole and Rotational Strength for Vibrational Transition of $g\nu$ to $g\nu'$

IR

$$D_{r,g\nu',g\nu}^a = \left| \left( \frac{\partial \langle \boldsymbol{\mu} \rangle}{\partial Q_a} \right)_{Q_a=0} \langle \phi_{g\nu'}^a | Q_a | \phi_{g\nu}^a \rangle \right|^2$$

VCD

$$R_{r,g\nu',g\nu}^a = \text{Im} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \langle \boldsymbol{\mu} \rangle}{\partial Q_a} \right)_{Q_a=0} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \langle \boldsymbol{m} \rangle}{\partial P_a} \right)_{P_a=0} \langle \phi_{g\nu}^a | Q_a | \phi_{g\nu'}^a \rangle \langle \phi_{g\nu'}^a | P_a | \phi_{g\nu}^a \rangle \right]$$



# Vibrational Current Density

$$\rho_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, 0) = \rho_g^A(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \psi_g^A(\mathbf{r})\psi_g^A(\mathbf{r}) \cong \rho_g^0(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_J \left( \frac{\partial \rho_g^A(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{R}_J} \right)_{R=0} \cdot \mathbf{R}_J$$

$$\mathbf{j}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, \dot{\mathbf{R}}) = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left[ \tilde{\psi}_g^{CA*}(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \tilde{\psi}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}) - \tilde{\psi}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \tilde{\psi}_g^{CA*}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \cong \sum_J \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{R}}_J} \right)_{\substack{R=0 \\ \dot{R}=0}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{R}}_J$$

Continuity Equation - Conservation of Charge Density

$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}, 0, \dot{\mathbf{R}}) = \frac{\partial \rho_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, 0)}{\partial t}$$

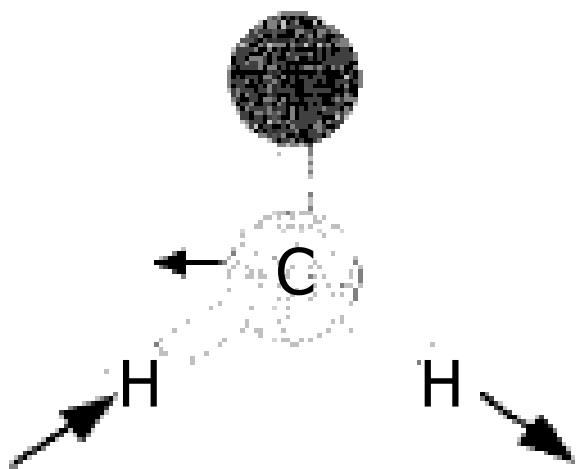
$$-\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{j}_g^{CA}(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{R}}_J} \right)_{\substack{\dot{R}=0 \\ R=0}} = \left( \frac{\partial \rho_g^A(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{R}_J} \right)_{R=0}$$

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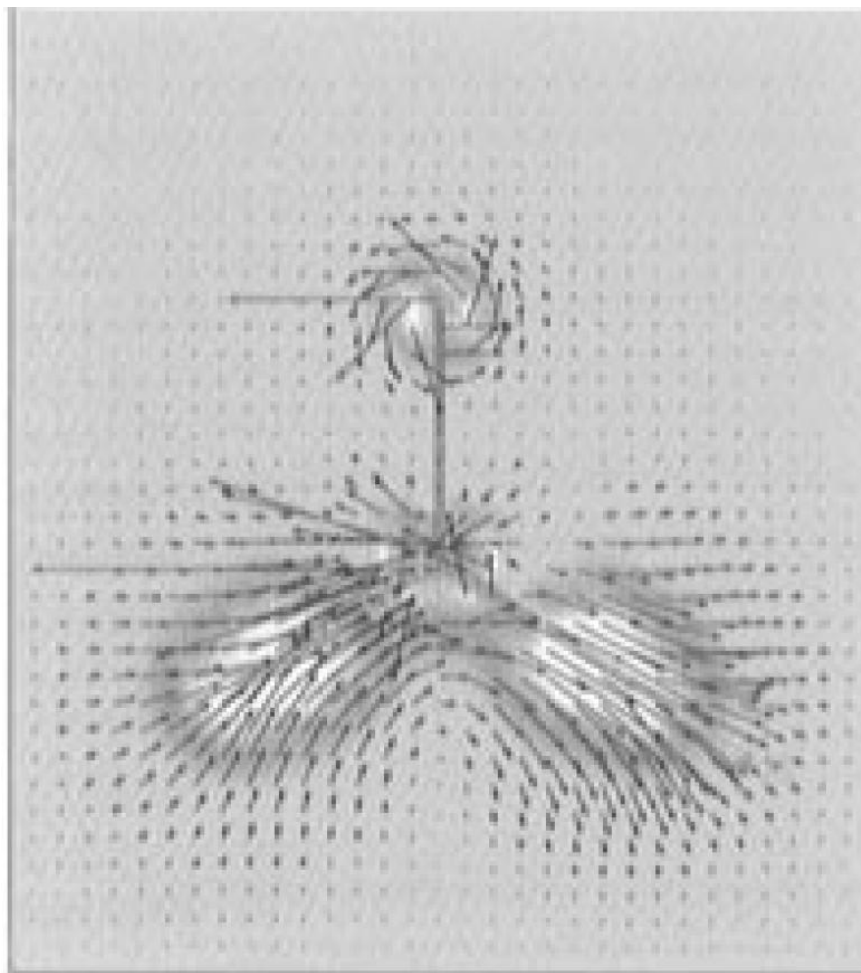
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# Vibrational Current Density

## Anti-symmetric CH Stretch in Formaldehyde

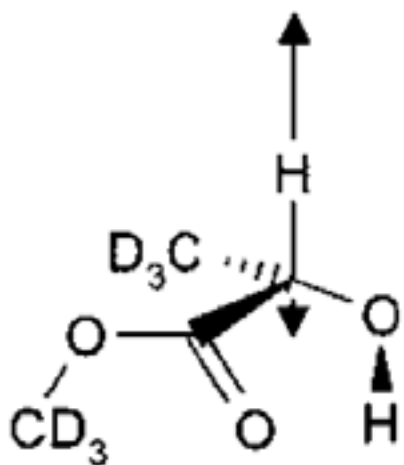


6a CH<sub>2</sub> stretch: B<sub>1</sub>; T<sub>y</sub>, R<sub>x</sub>

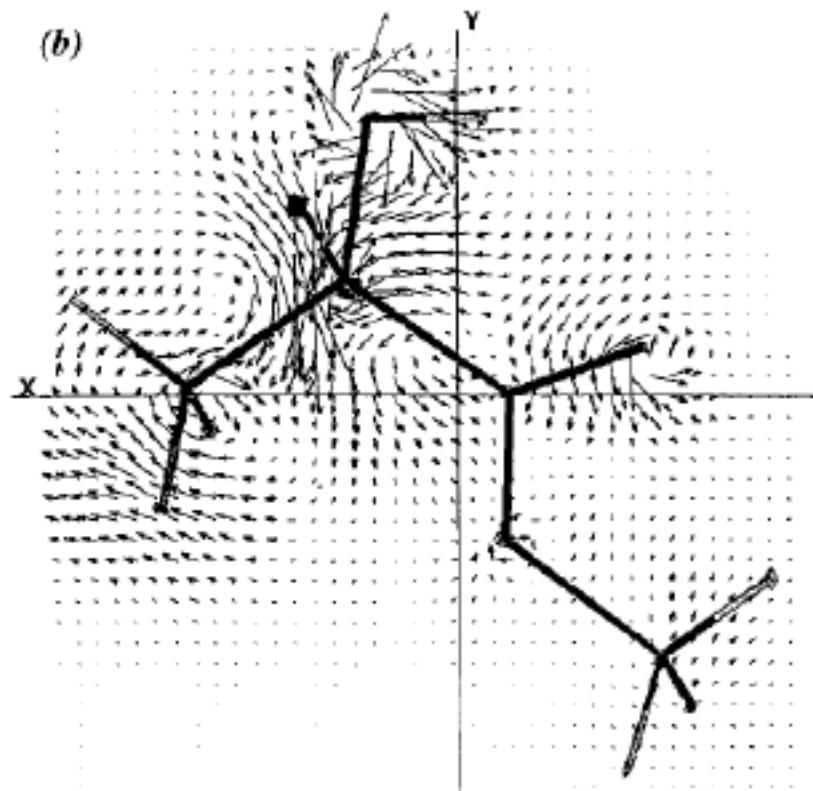




# Vibrational Current Density



(S)-Methyl-*d*<sub>3</sub> Lactate-*Cd*<sub>3</sub>  
Methine Stretch



View along electric dipole  
transition moment of CH stretch

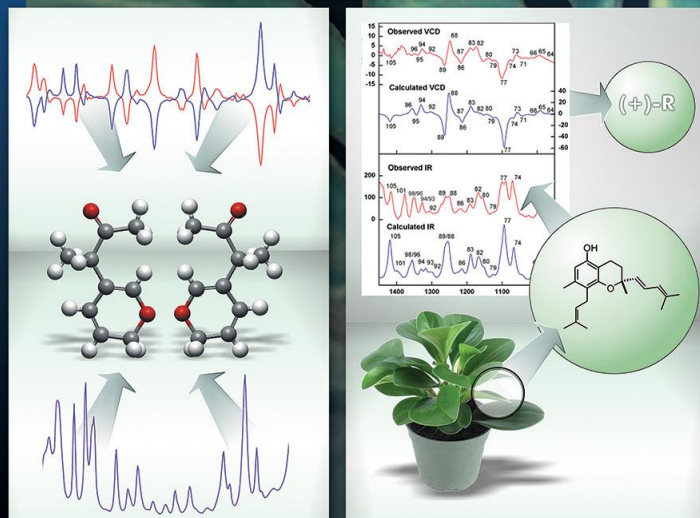
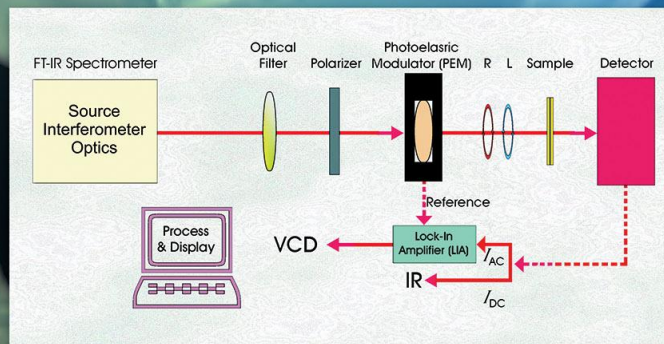
# Determination of Absolute Configuration using VOA

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**FOCAL POINT:**  
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Using Vibrational  
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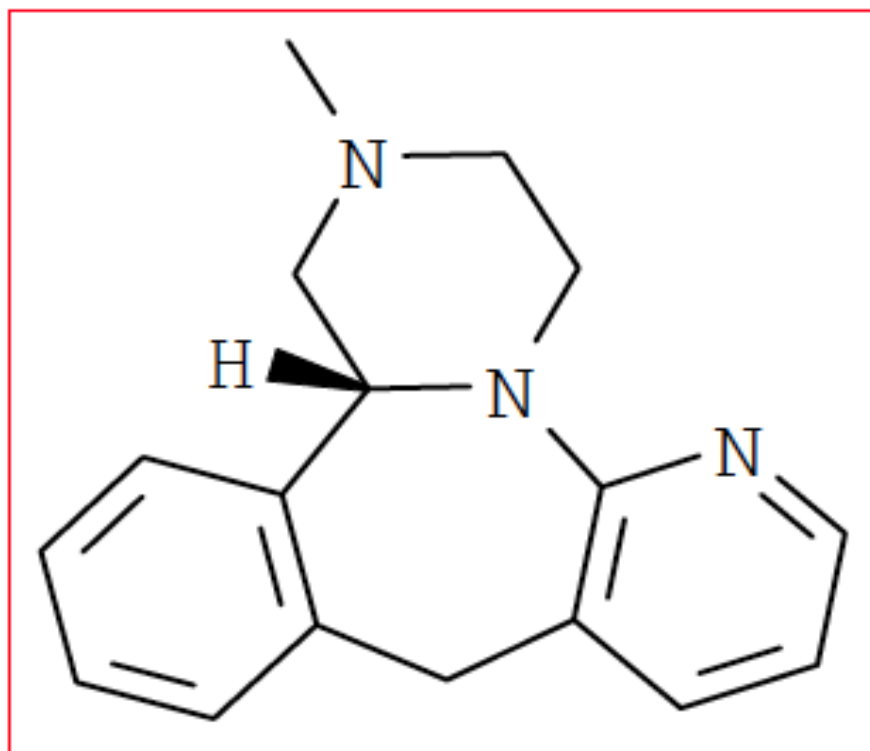


## ABSOLUTE CONFIGURATION BY VOA

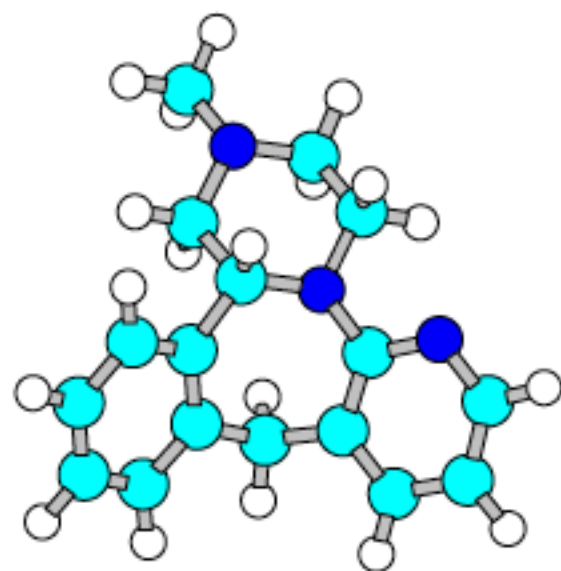
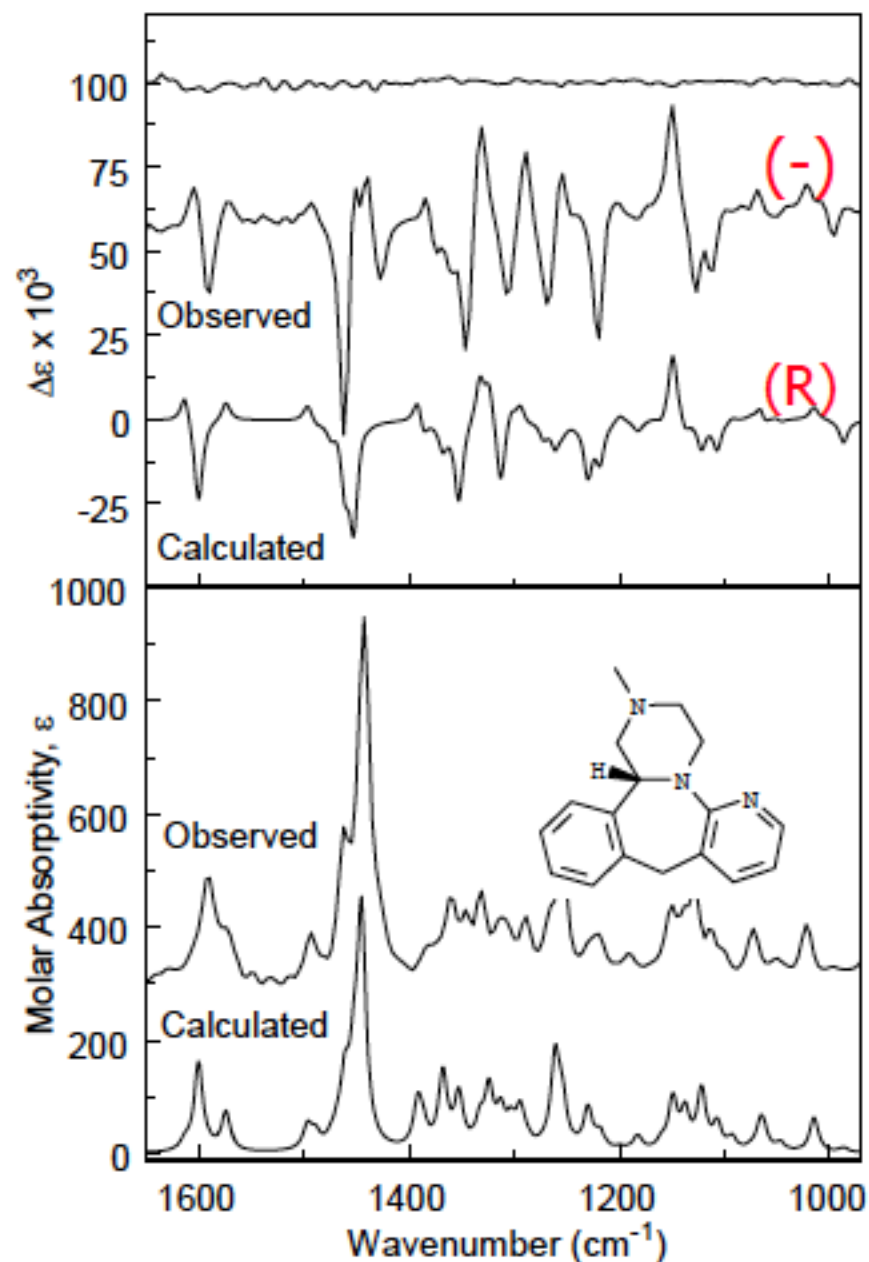
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# Absolute configuration of a Mirtazapine enantiomer

- Mirtazapine the active ingredient of an antidepressant drug
- 20 heavy atoms
- 1 chiral center



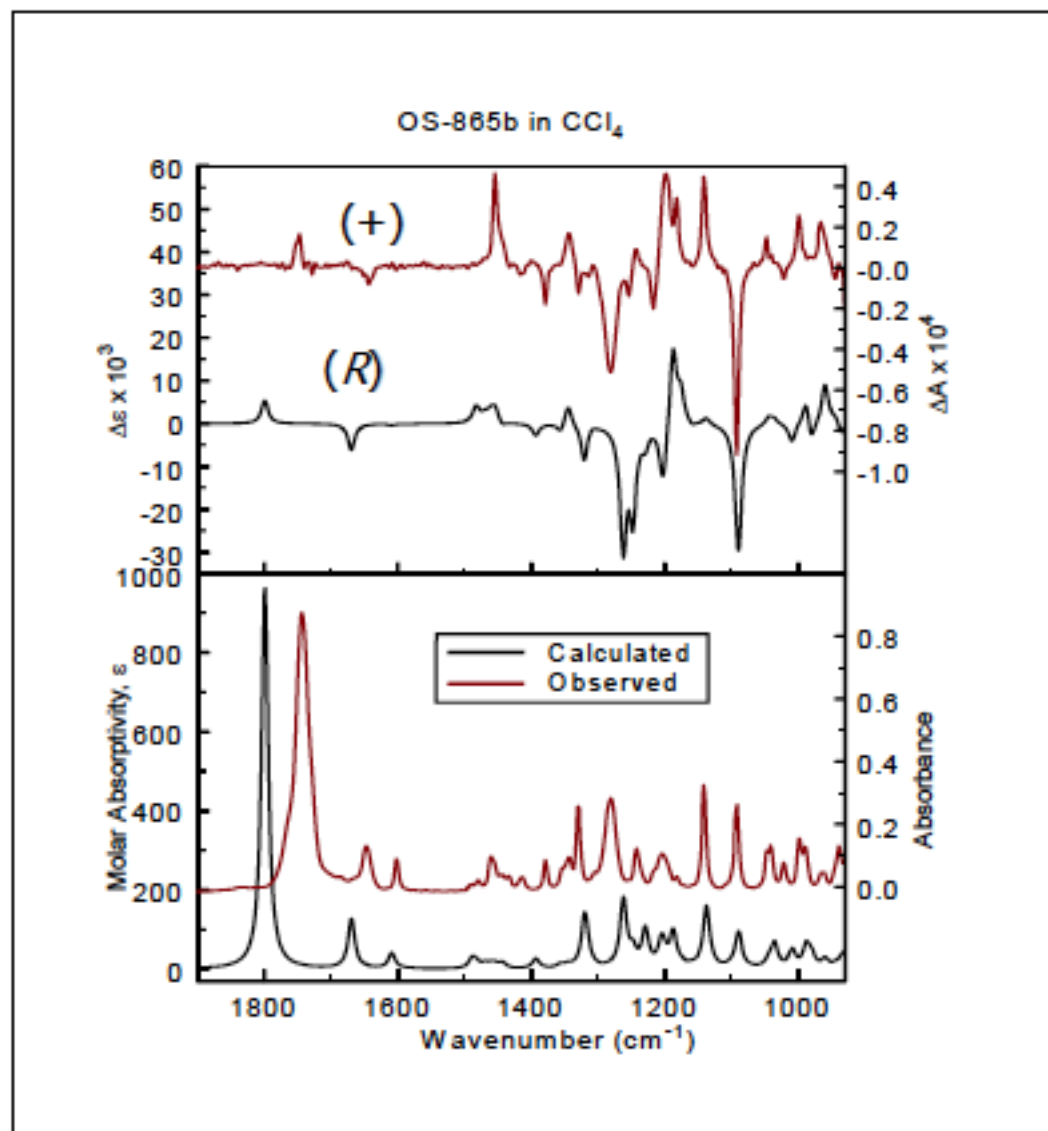
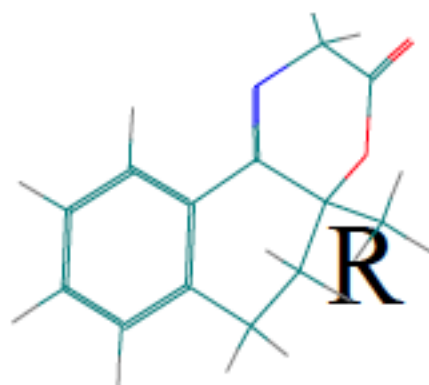
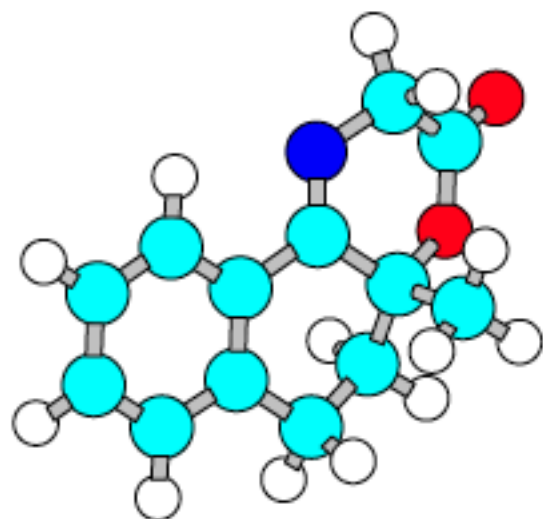
Drs. Edwin Kellenbach, Organon Laboratories, Riom, France & Petr van Hoof, Organon NV



Vibrational circular dichroism (VCD) is used to identify *unambiguously* the absolute configuration of Mirtazapine as  $(-)$ -*R* and solution conformation as shown above

# AC Determination of Small Organic Molecules

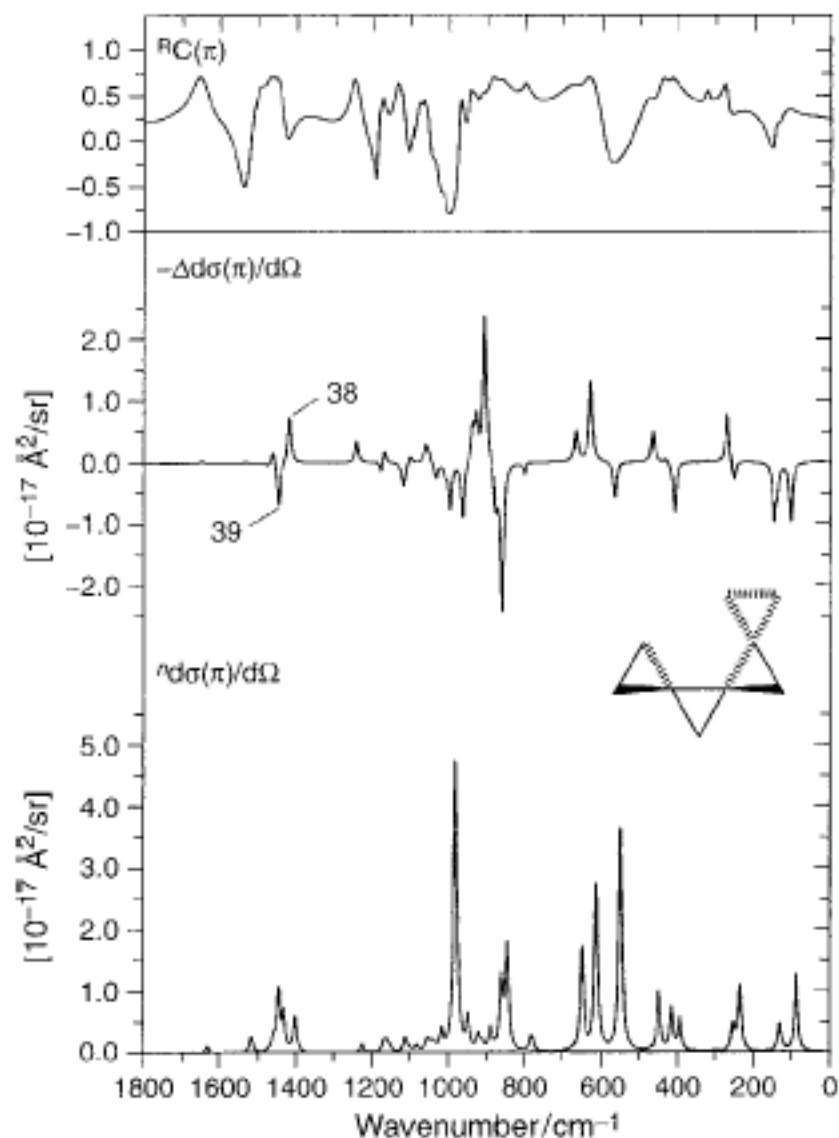
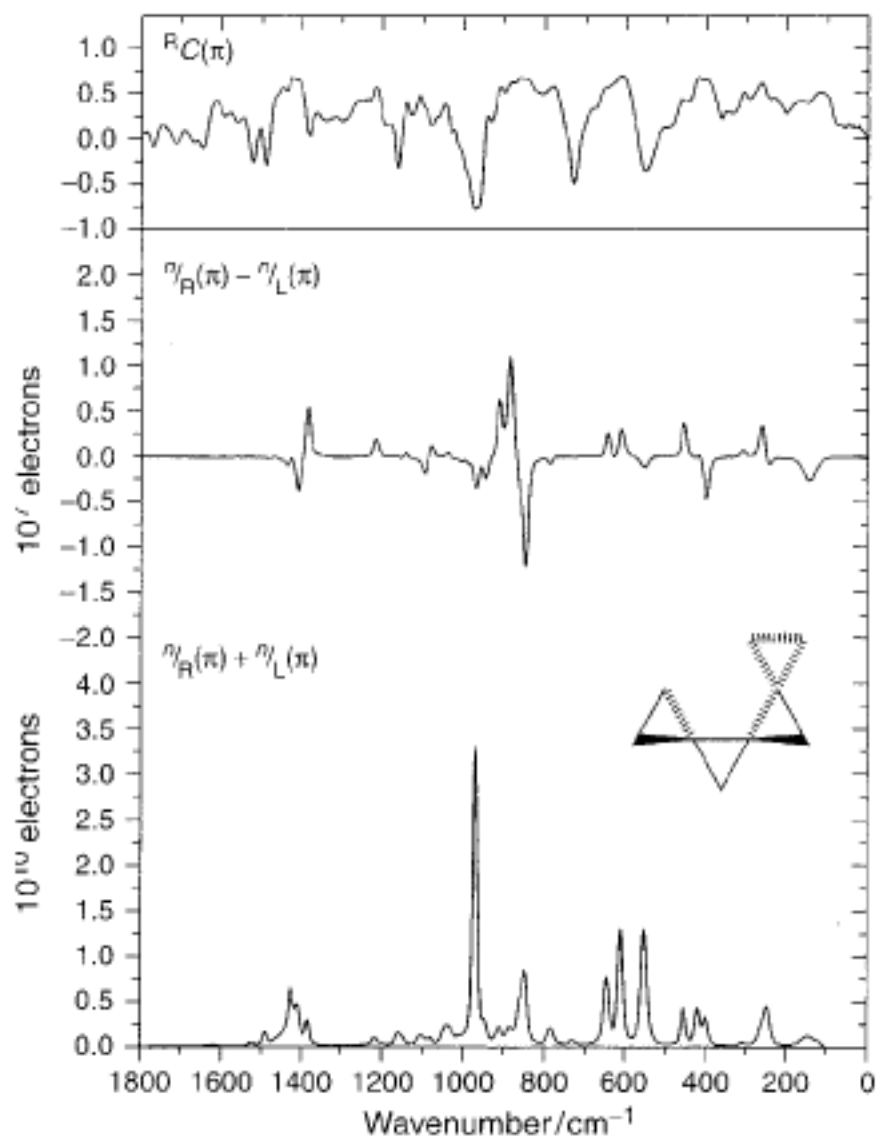
# New Iminolactone: 16 heavy atoms, 1 chiral center



Professor Arlette Solladie-Cavallo, University of Strasbourg

Tetrahedron Asymmetry, 12, 2703, 2001

# Comparison of Measured and Calculated SCP-ROA





# Paper describing application of VCD to the Determination of Absolute Configuration of Chiral Pharmaceutical Molecules

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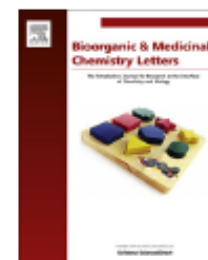


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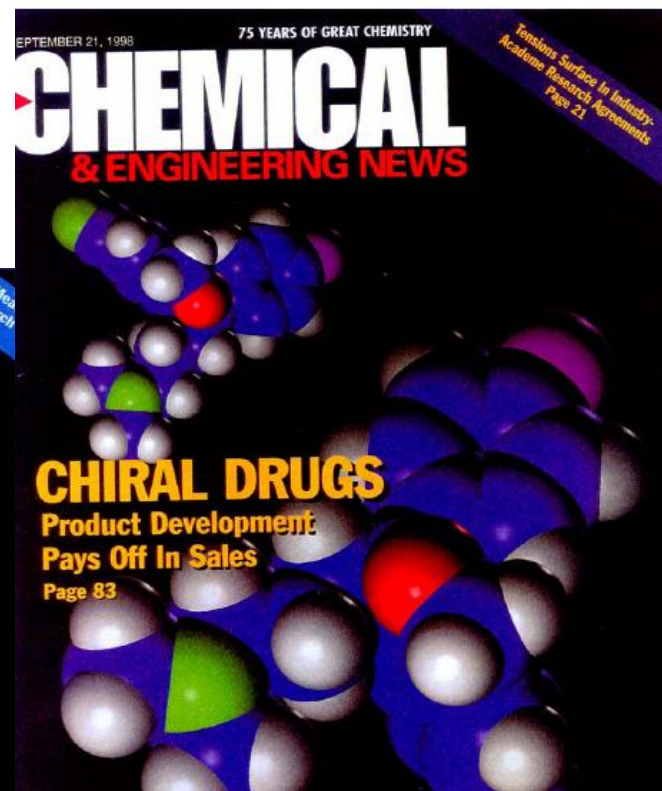
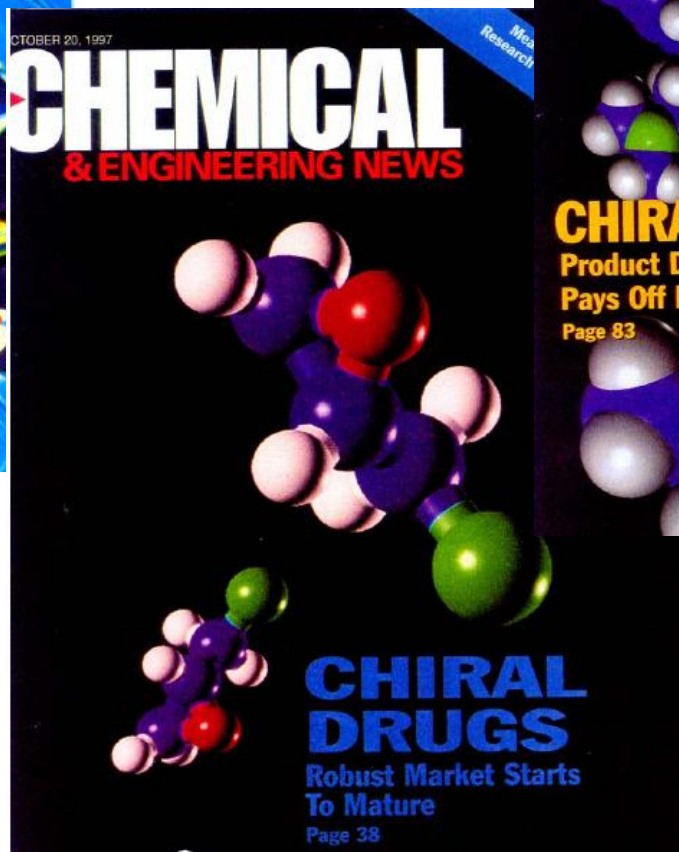
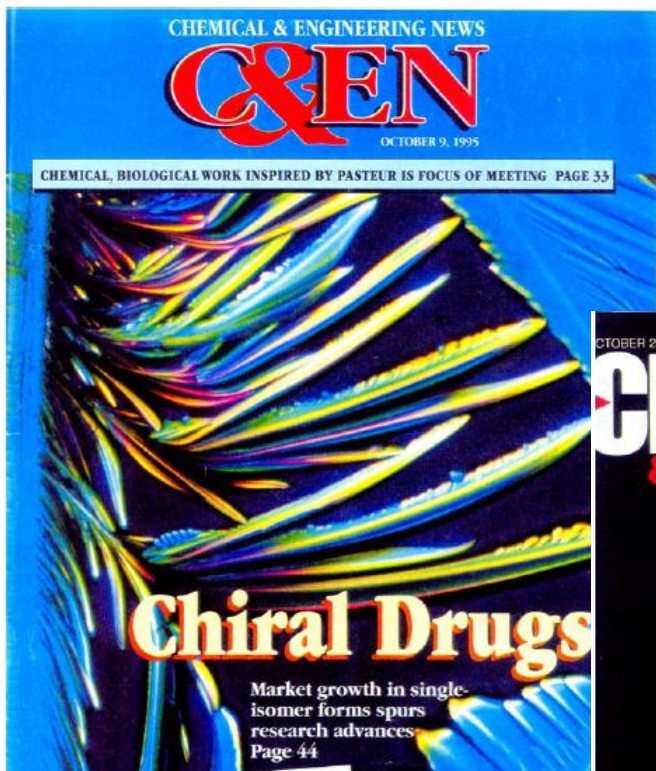
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## **A rapid alternative to X-ray crystallography for chiral determination: Case studies of vibrational circular dichroism (VCD) to advance drug discovery projects**

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# VOA in Pharma and Biopharma

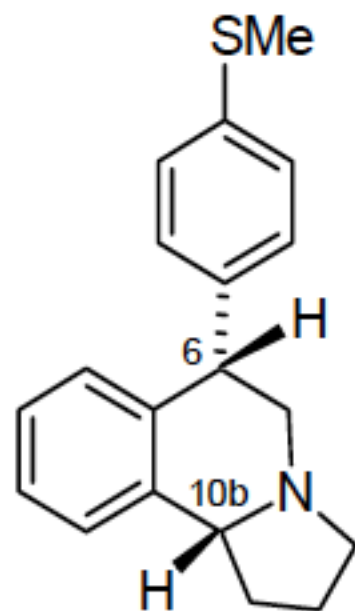


# VCD / ROA in Pharma

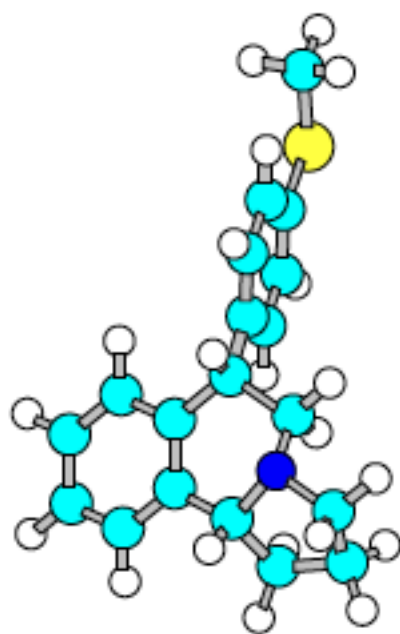
- Amgen, Astra-Zeneca, BMS, GSK, Eli Lilly, Wyeth/Pfizer, J&J, Roche, Novartis, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Organon (Akzo Nobel, now Merck), Merck, Pfizer, Abbott/AbbVie, Cell Therapeutics, Solvay, Neurocrine, Sanofi-Aventis, Sepracor / Sunovion, Gilead, and many more use VCD for AC by outsourcing measurements and calculations.
- VCD is now used as a routine **tool** for AC and not just a research technique. Hundreds of AC determinations carried out in Pharma each year. Over 100 US Patents cite VCD for AC determination of new drugs
- VCD is 'accepted' by regulatory agencies as proof of Absolute Configuration.
- VCD is in the initial stages of becoming a standard method for AC determination in the US Pharmacopeia (Stimuli article published in July)

# AC Determination of Pharmaceutical Molecules

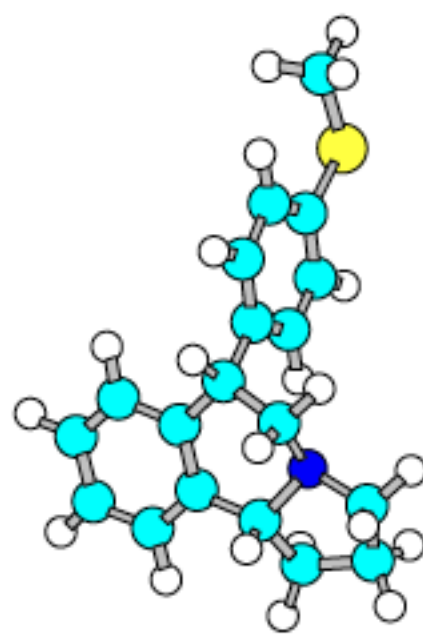
# McN 5652-X Inhibitor of Serotonin Reuptake



(+)-1 (McN-5652-X)  
*trans*-(6*S*,10*bR*)

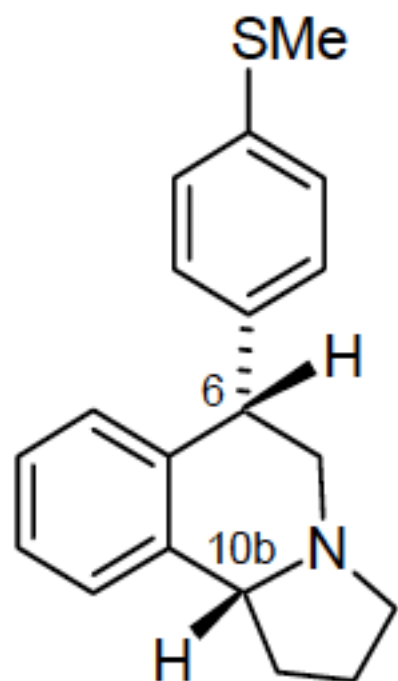


Conformer SRA  
+1.63 kcal/mol



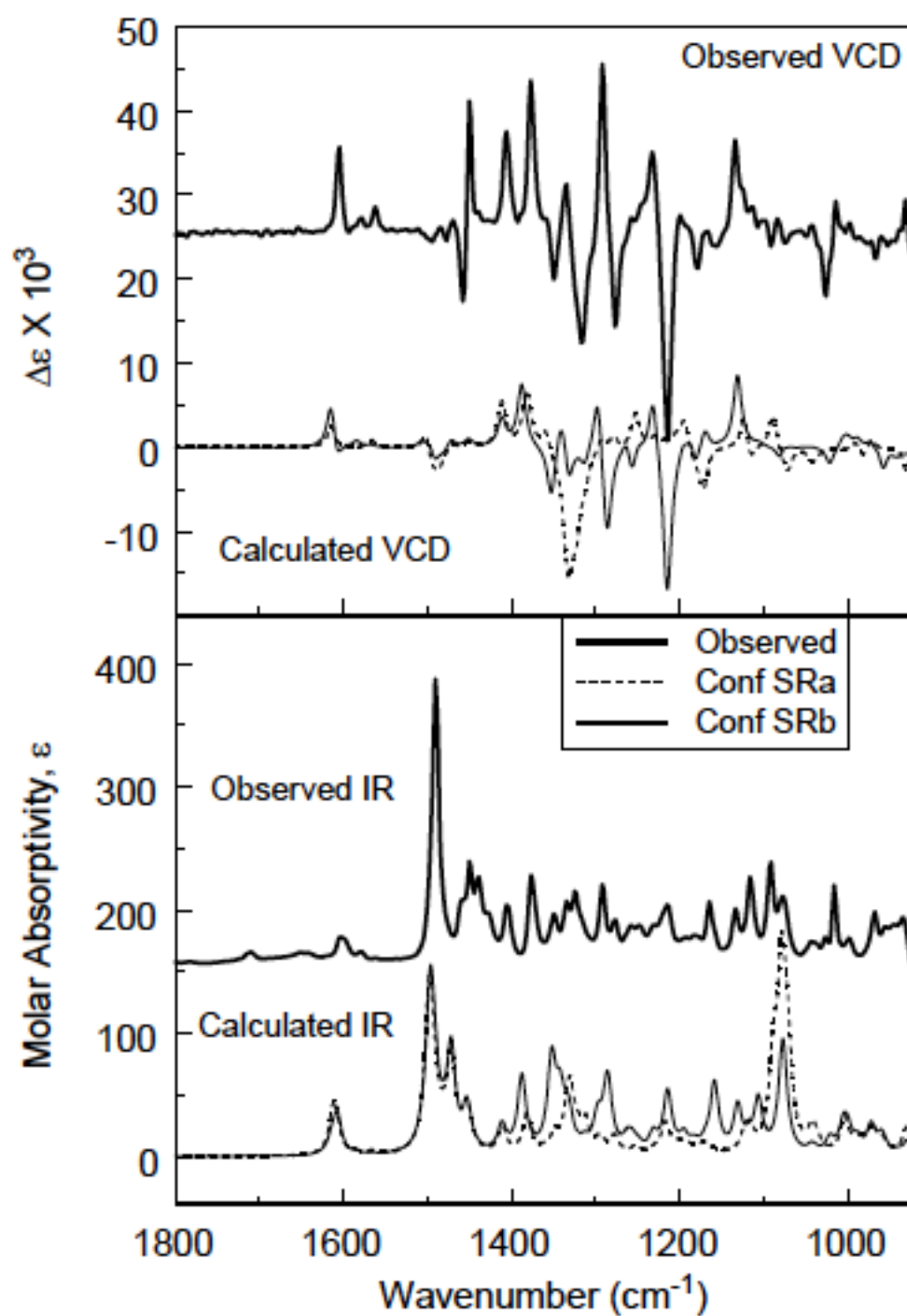
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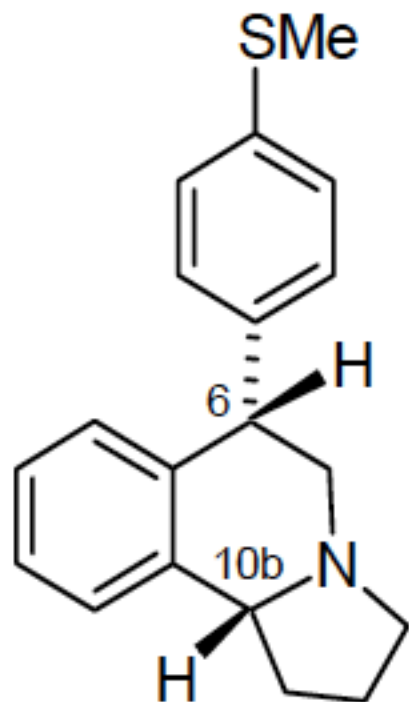
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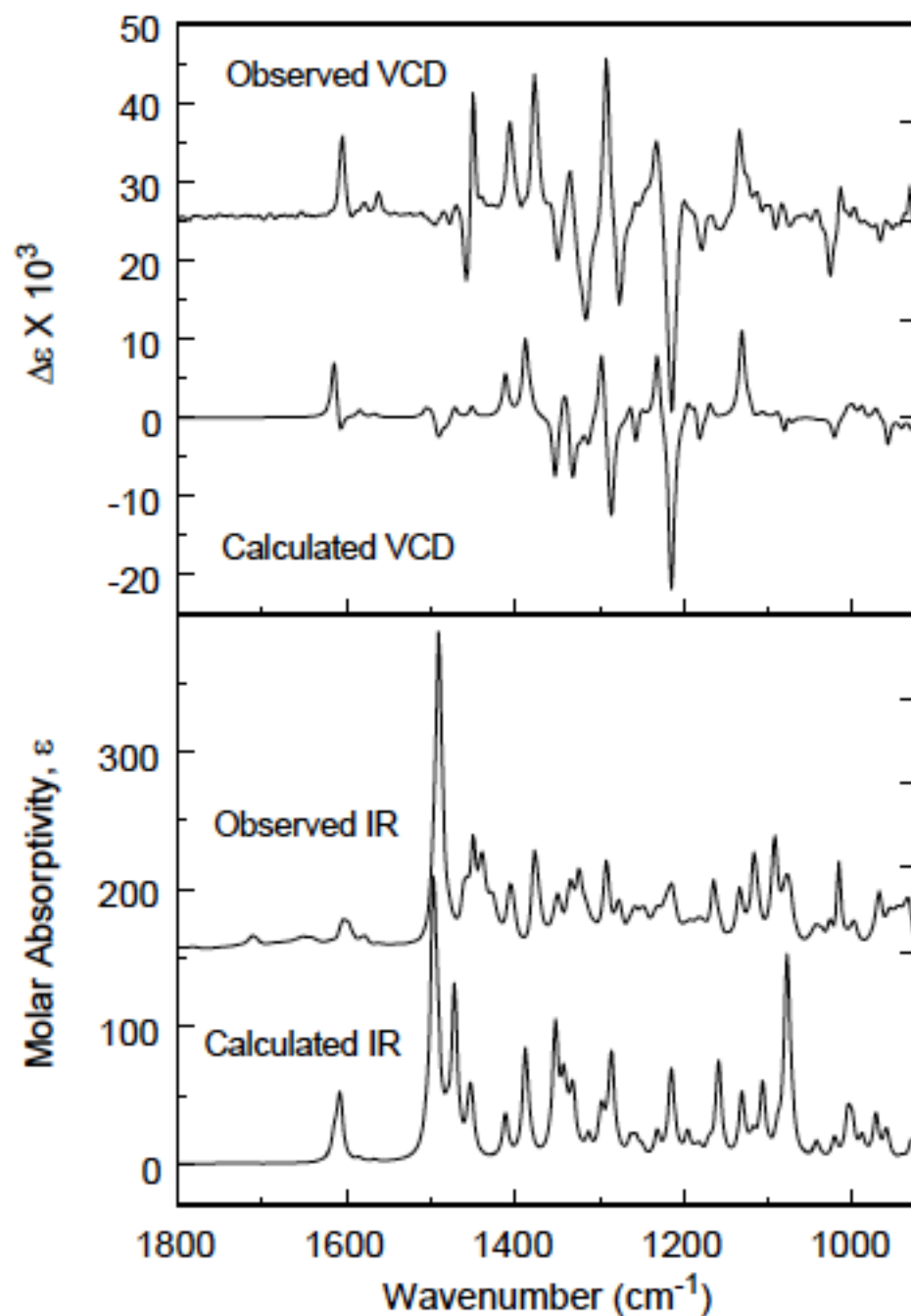
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Composite VCD

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## Vibrational Circular Dichroism: A New Tool for the Solution-State Determination of the Structure and Absolute Configuration of Chiral Natural Product Molecules

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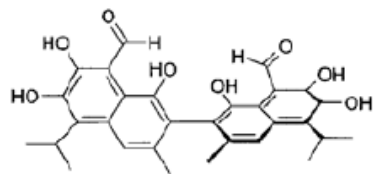
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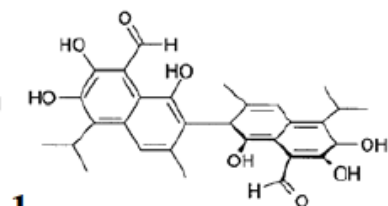
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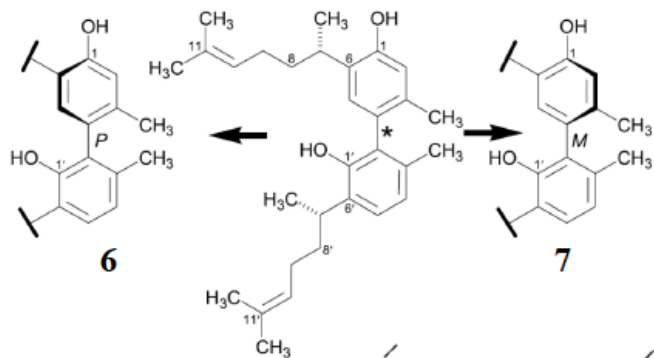


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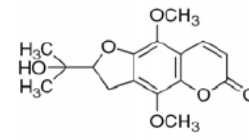
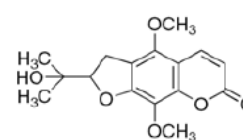
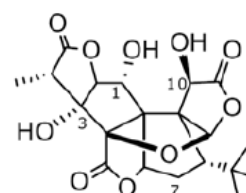
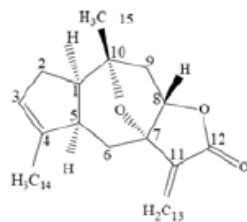
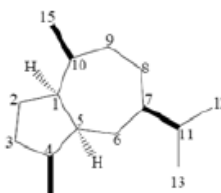
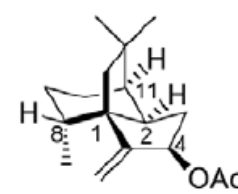
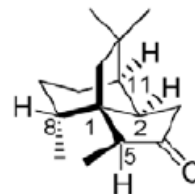
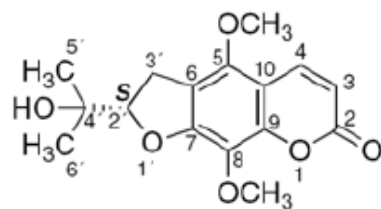
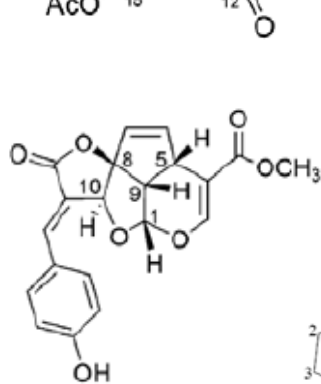
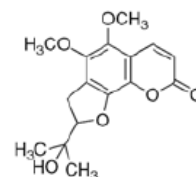
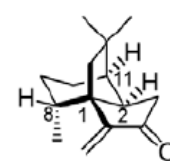
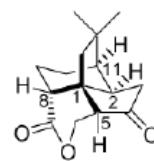
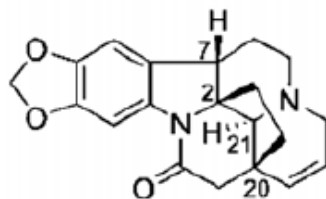
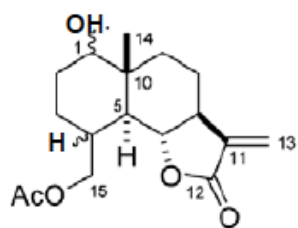
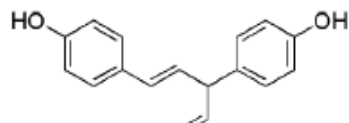
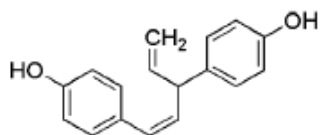
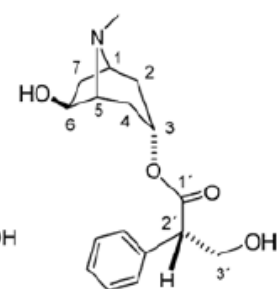
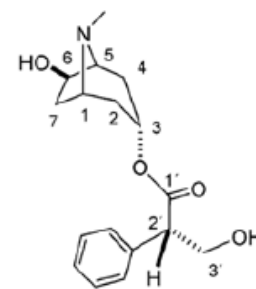
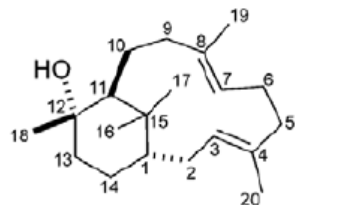
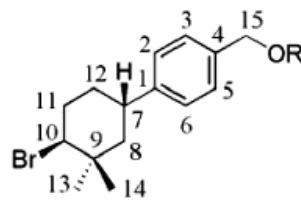
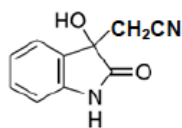
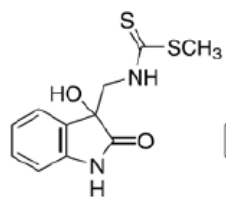
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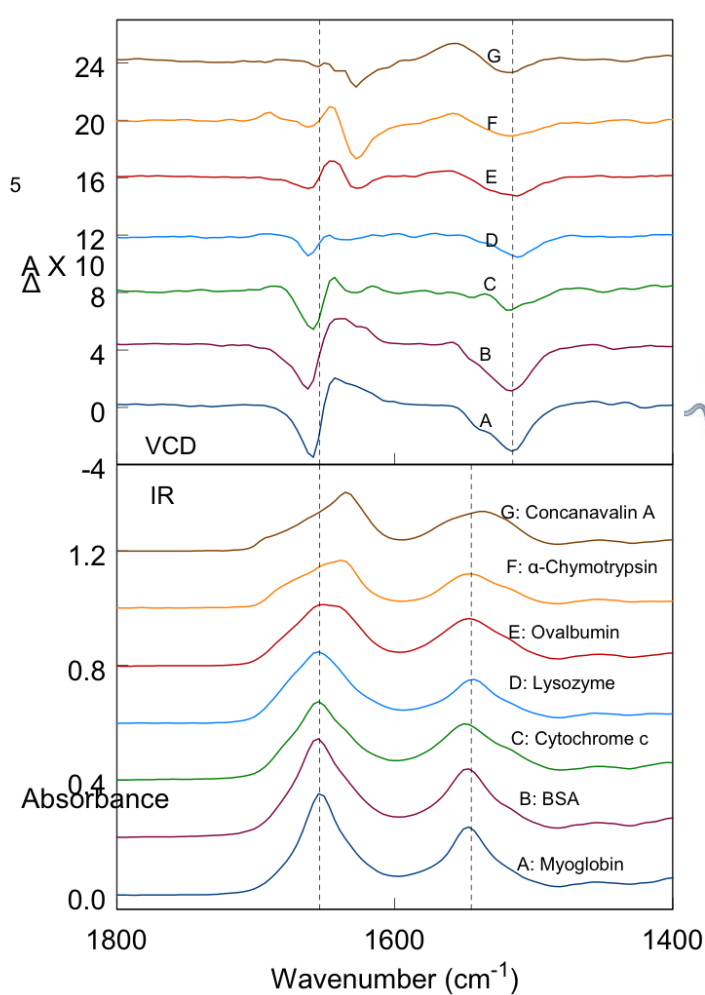


# VOA Analysis of Proteins for Biopharma Applications

# Near-Infrared and Mid-Infrared Fourier Transform Vibrational Circular Dichroism of Proteins in Aqueous Solution

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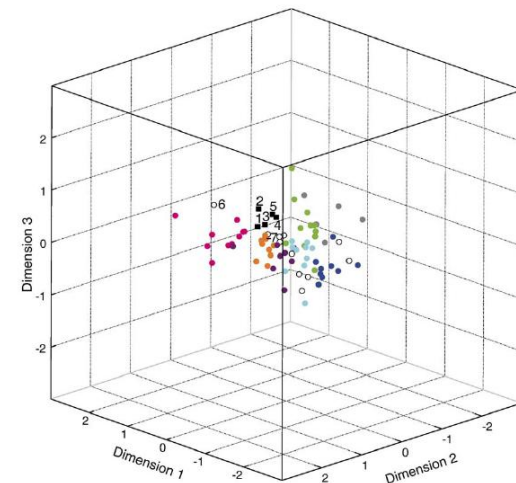
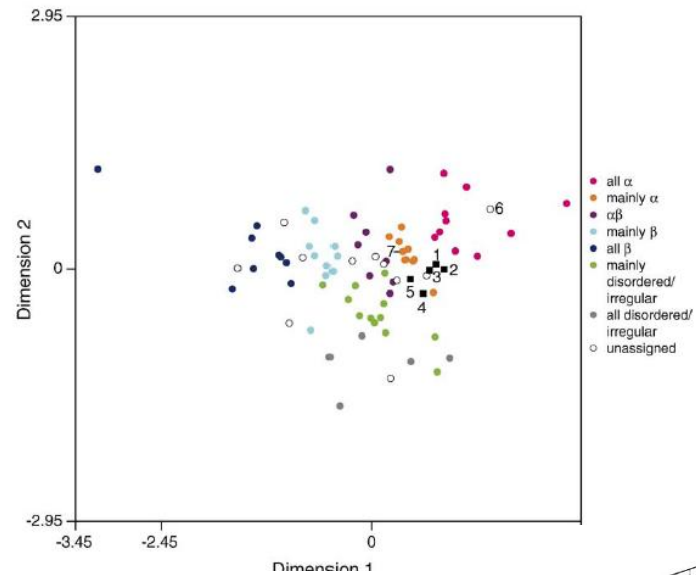
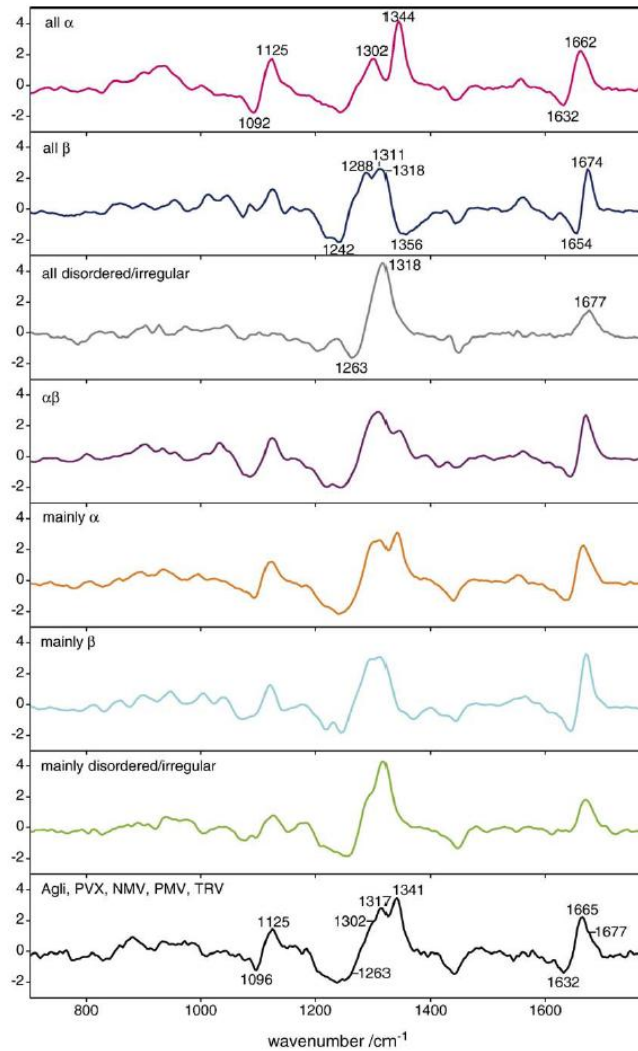


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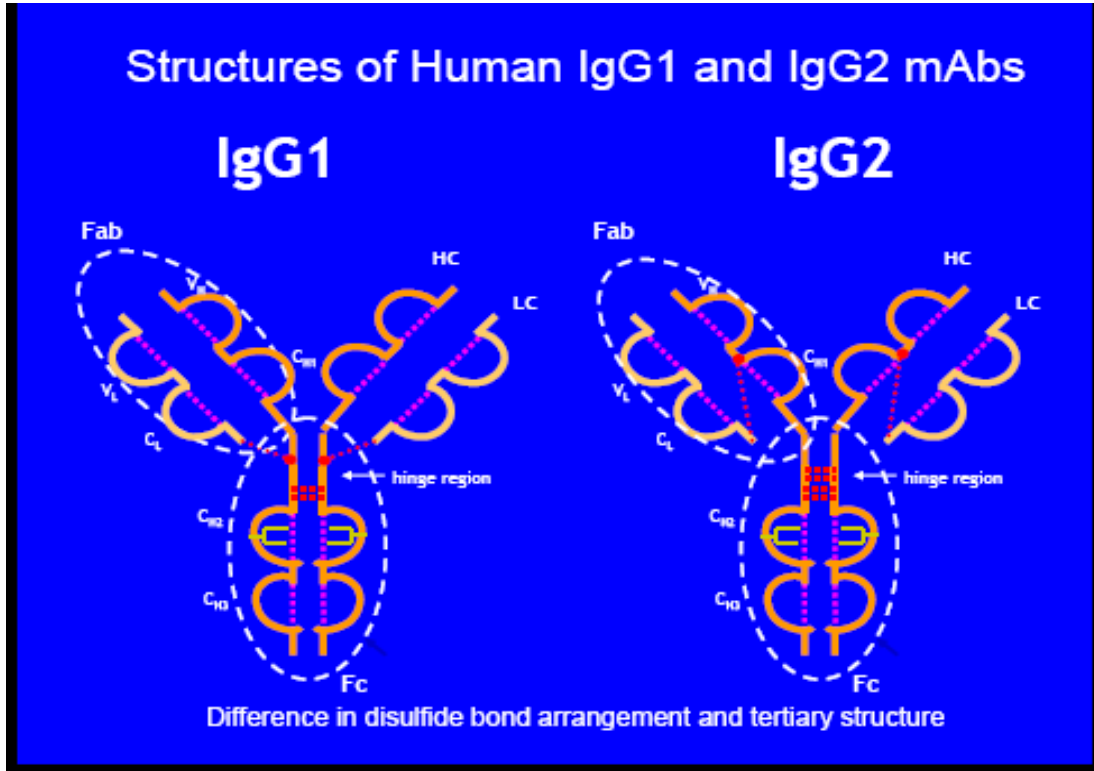
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# Nonlinear mapping algorithm for classification 80 protein ROA spectra

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# Aggregation of Human IgG1

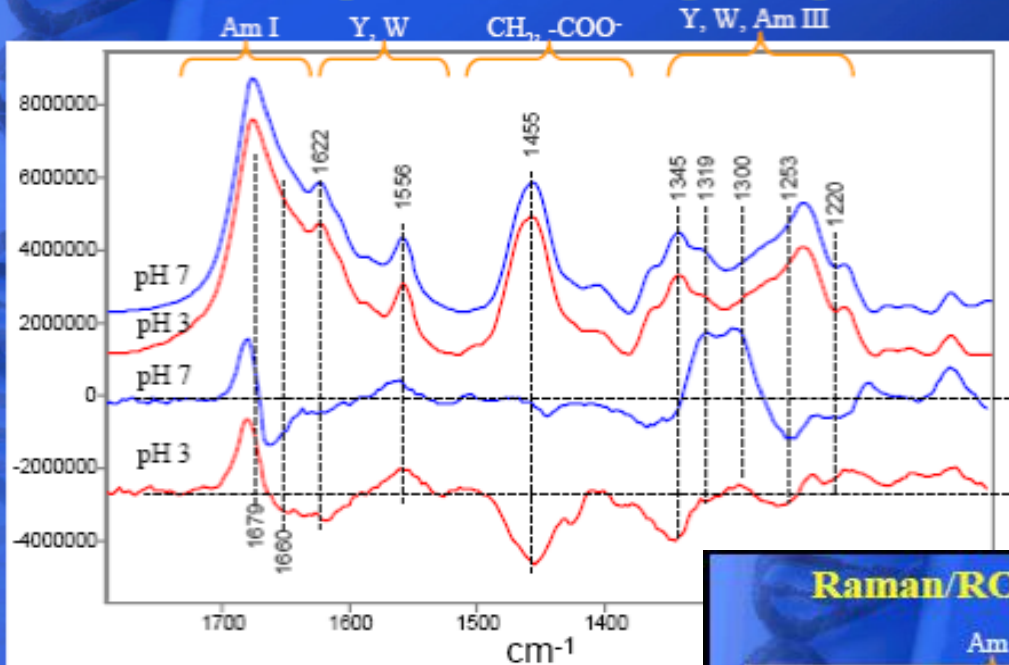


## CAUSES OF SOLUBLE & INSOLUBLE AGGREGATES:

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- high concentration
- long term storage

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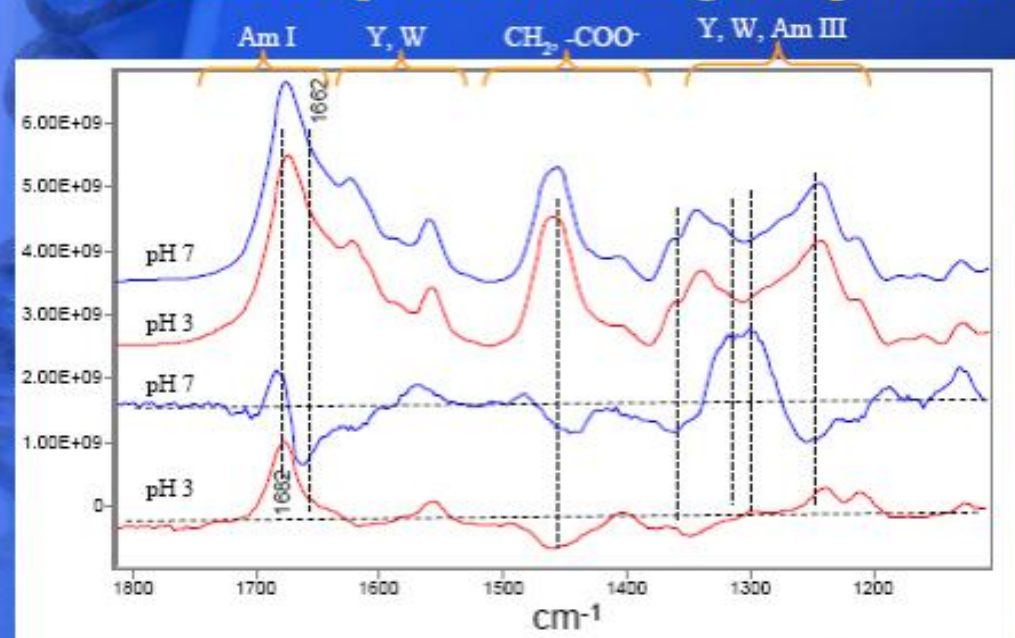
## Raman/ROA Spectra of Human IgG1 at pH 3 and 7



Loss of native  $\beta$ -barrel and formation of irr

Higher-Order Pre-Aggregation **seen** by ROA but **not** by Raman

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# Enhanced VCD Intensity

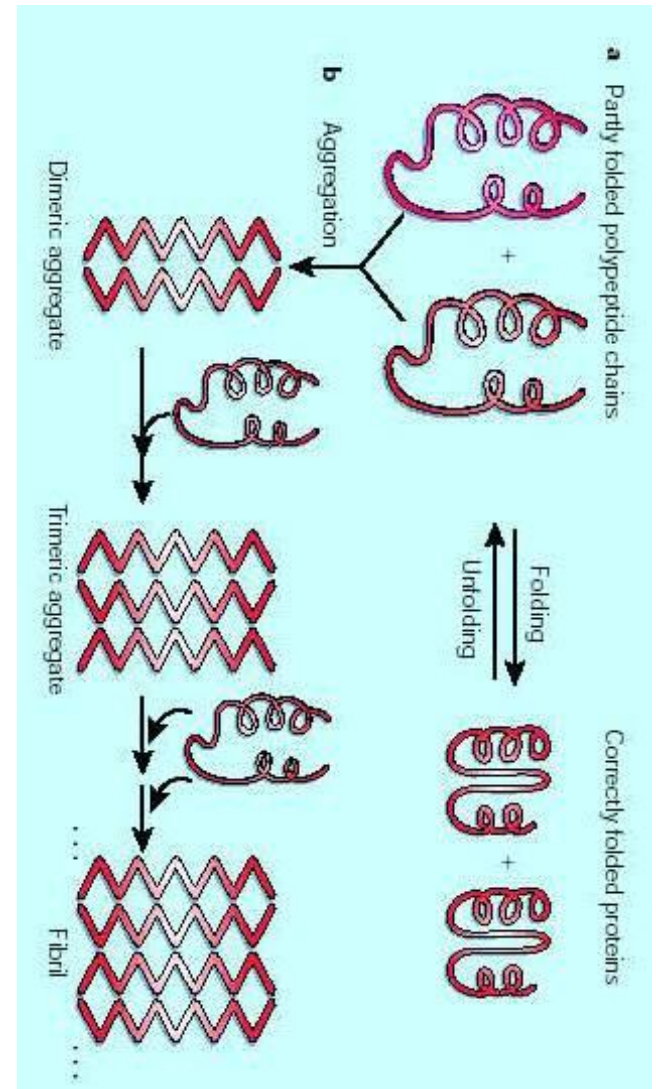
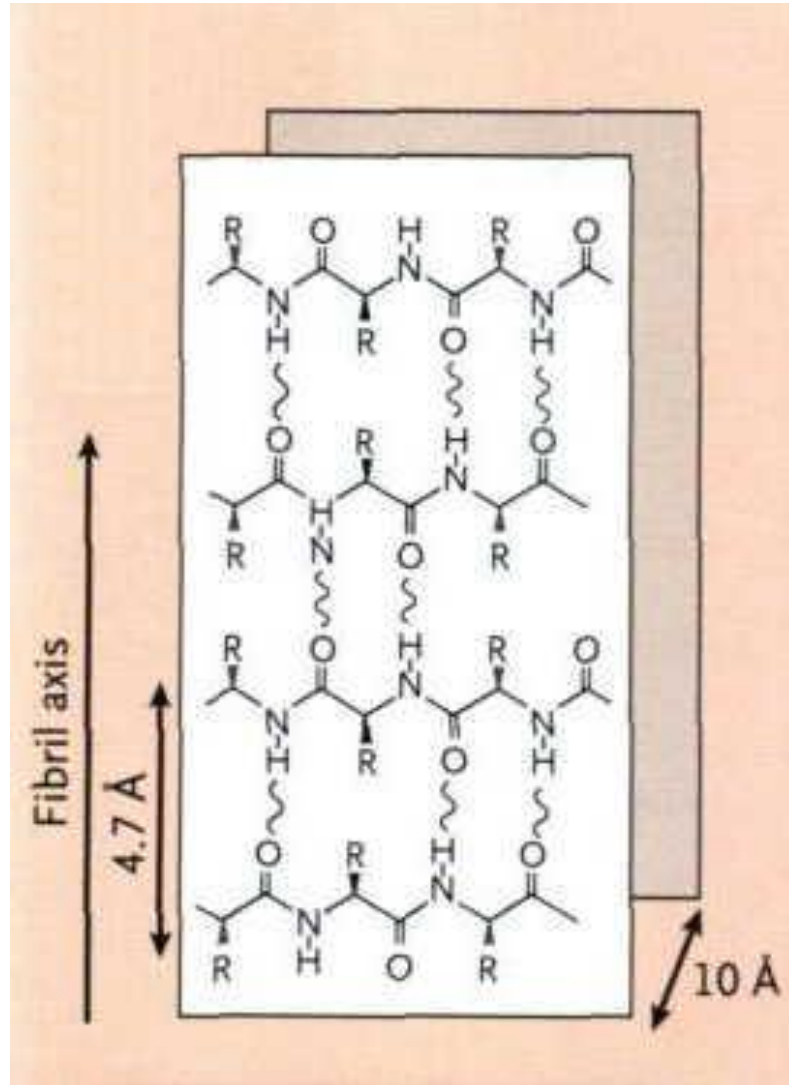


# Examples of Enhanced VCD Intensity

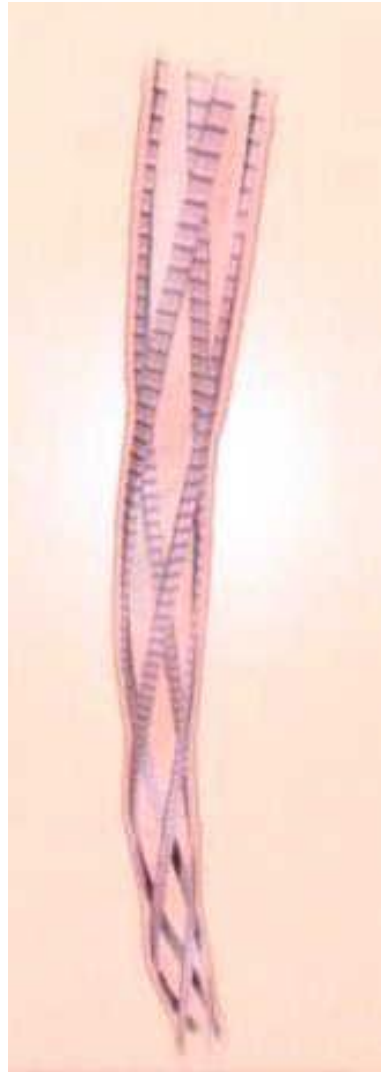
- Protein Fibrillation and Development
- Molecules with Low-Lying Electronic States
- Negative Index Materials and Helicene and Cyclocene Molecules
- Spray-Dried Films of Amino Acids and Peptides
- Heme Protein Ligands

# Enhanced VCD Intensity in Protein Fibrils

# Initial Stages of Fibril Formation



# More Advanced Fibril Formation and Development



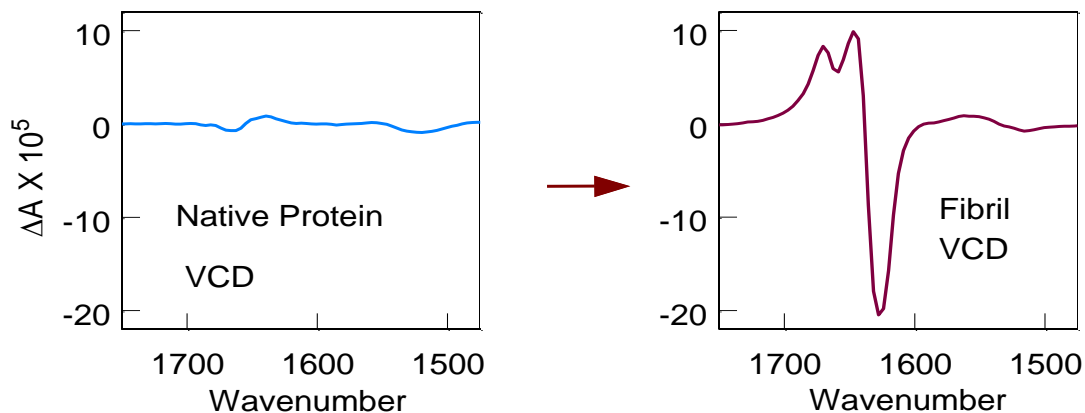
## Vibrational Circular Dichroism Shows Unusual Sensitivity to Protein Fibril Formation and Development in Solution

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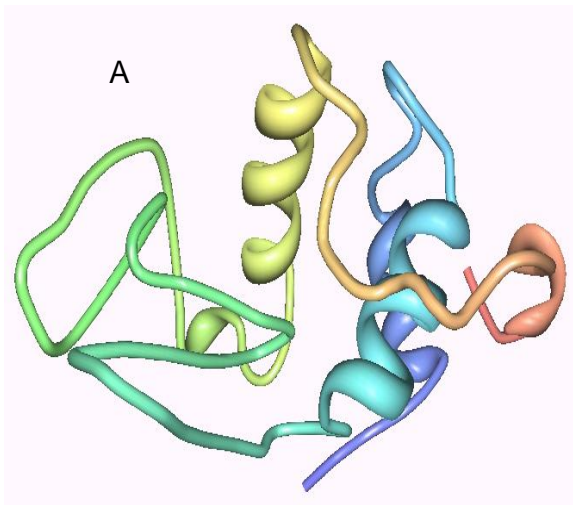
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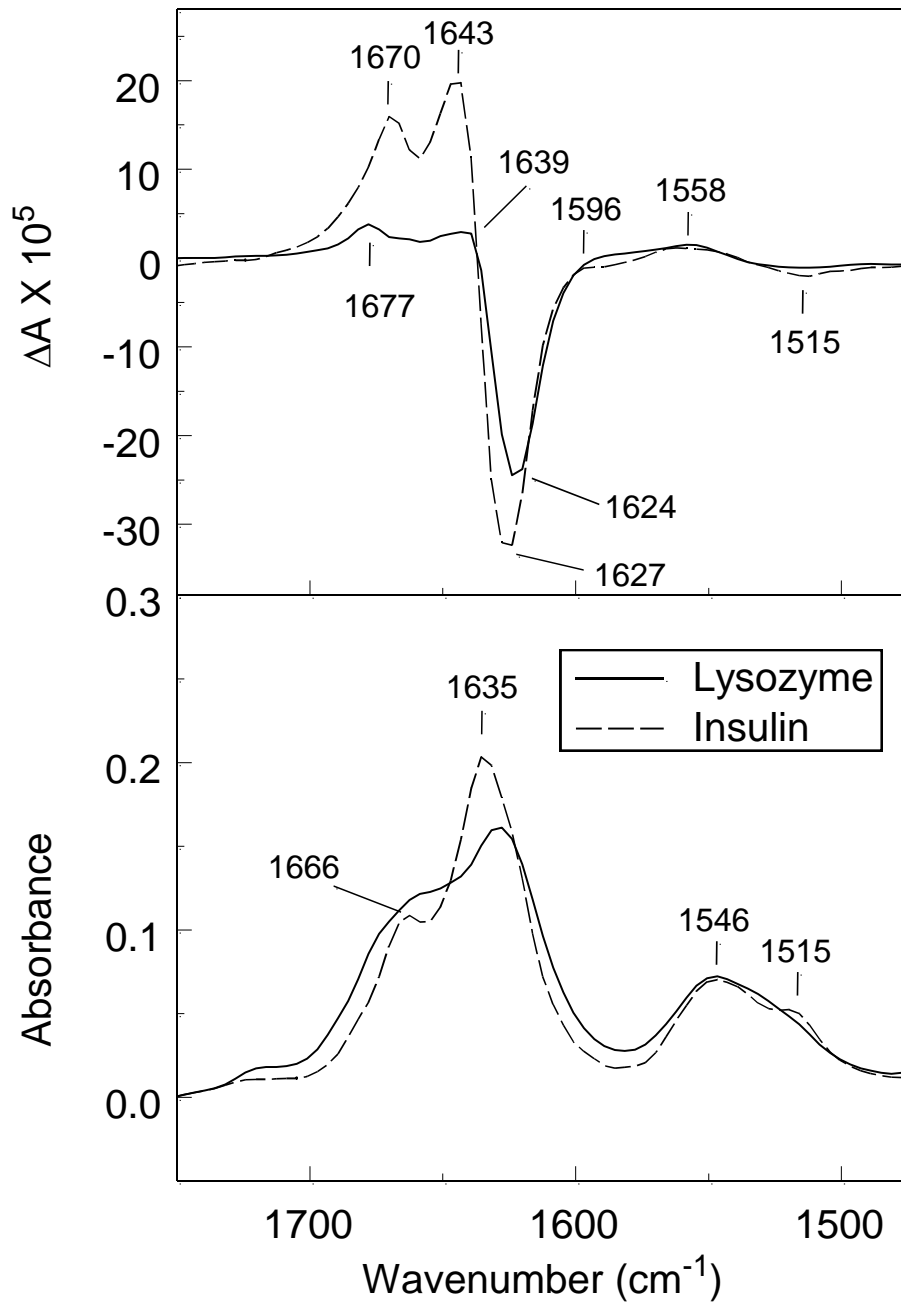
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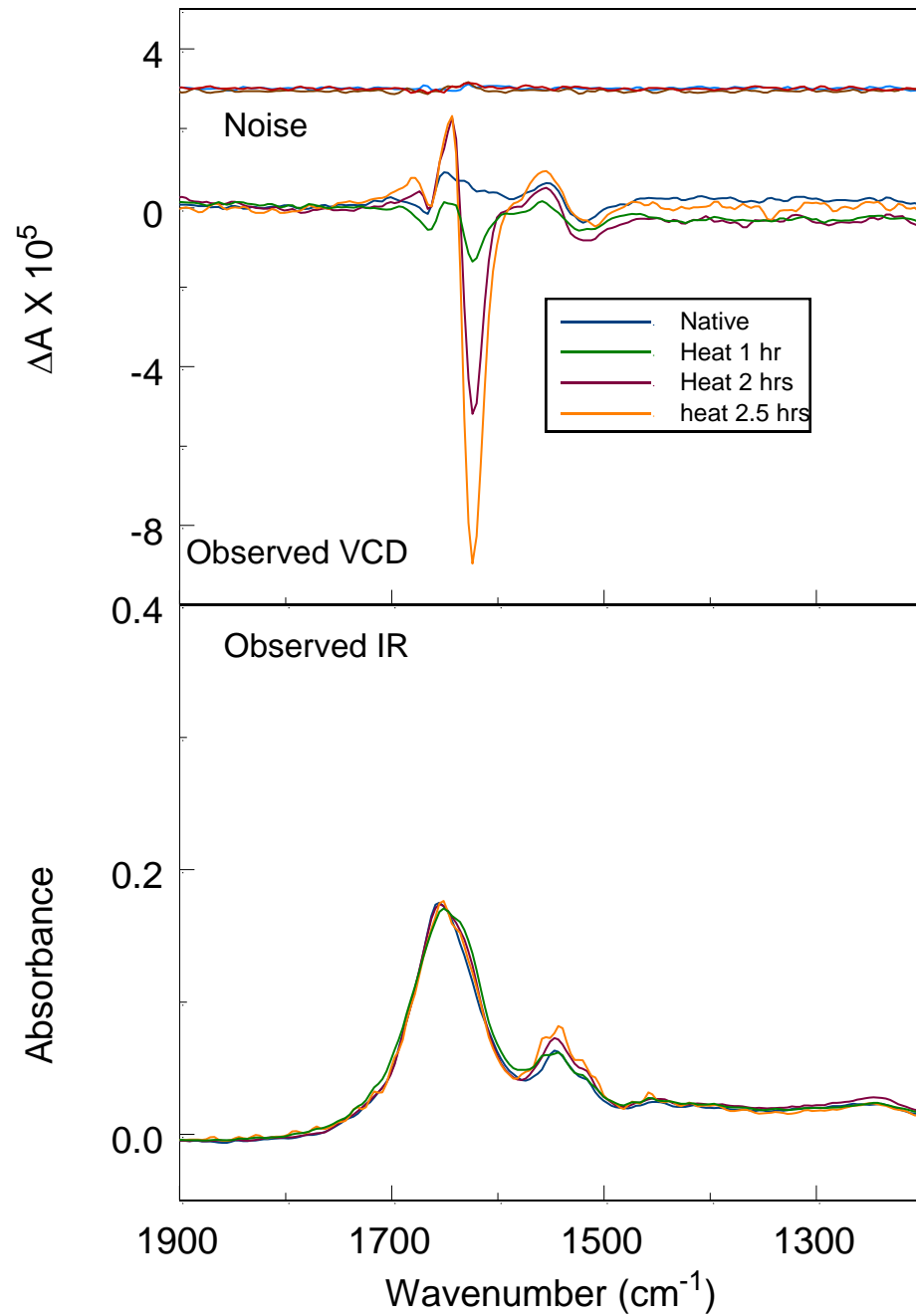


Insulin



Normal VCD and IR  
for Lysozyme and  
Insulin

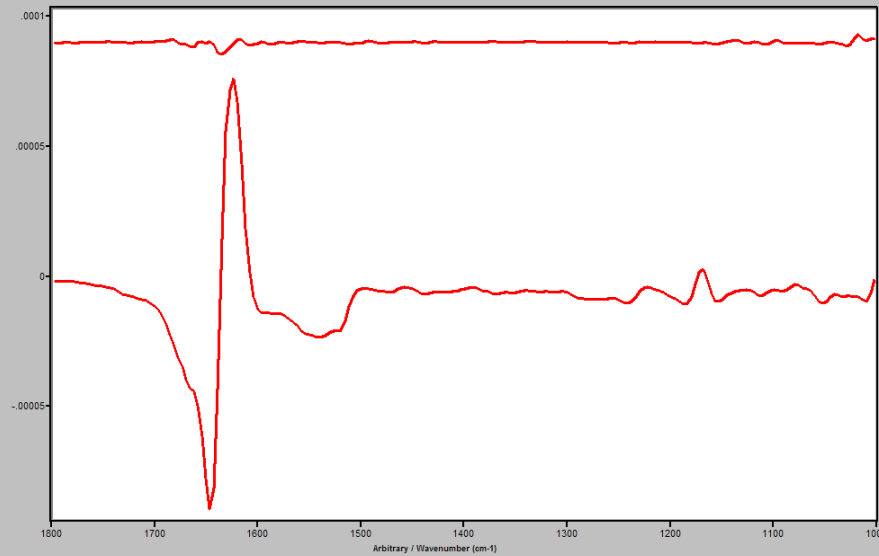
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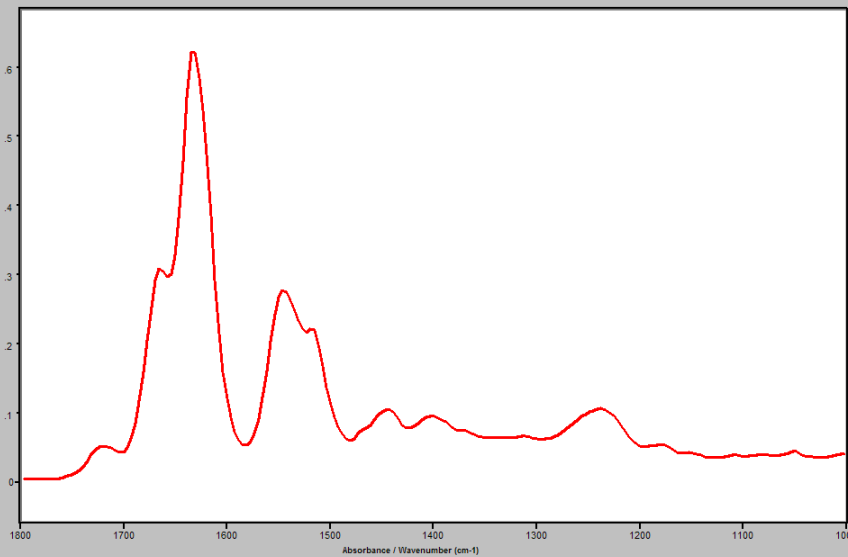
Insulin Fibril Formation  
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with heating at 60°C



# Reversed Supramolecular Chirality in Insulin Fibrils



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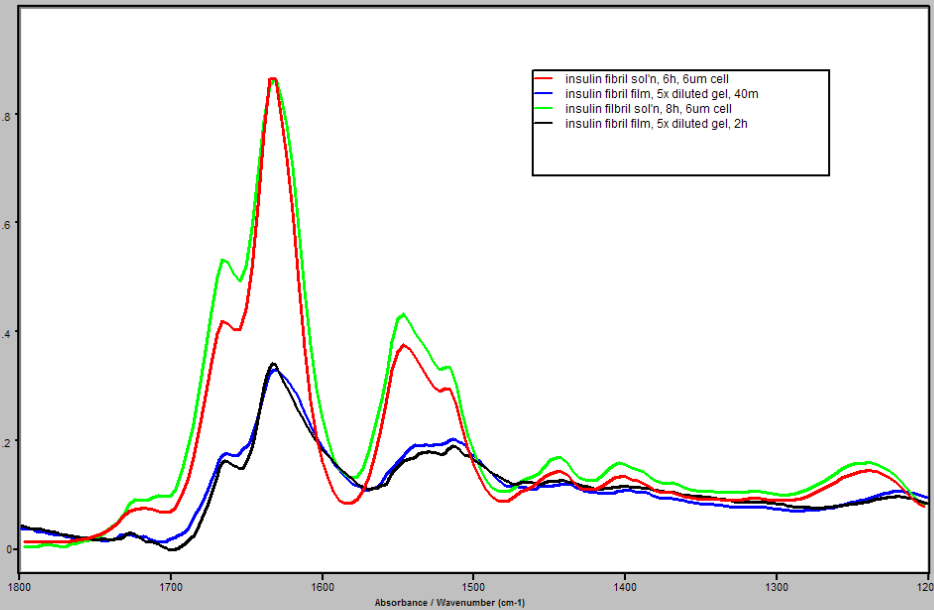
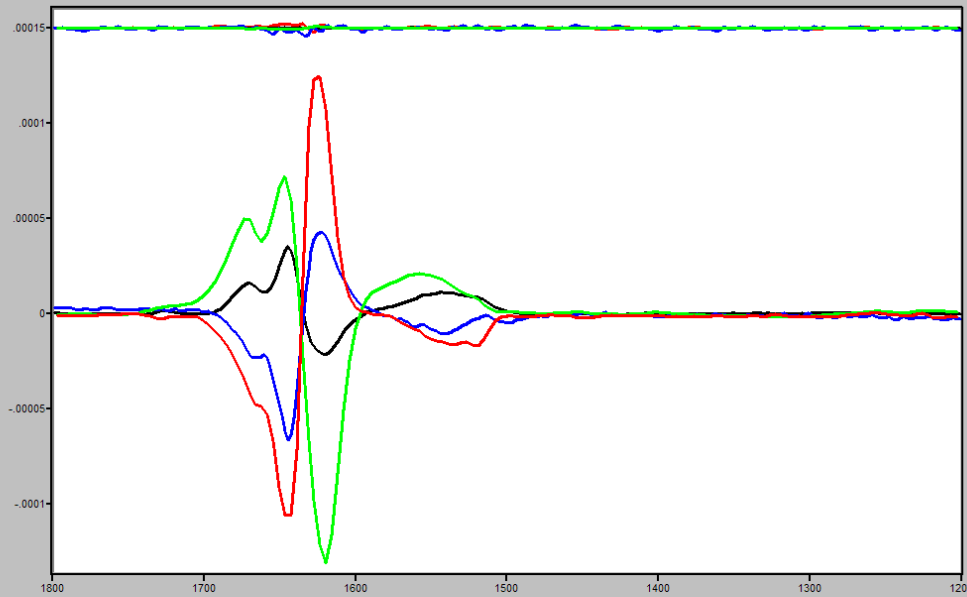


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Reversed Large  
VCD of Insulin  
Protein Fibrils

Implications of  
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# Comparison of Insulin Fibrils in the Solution and Film State for Normal and Reversed Supramolecular Chirality

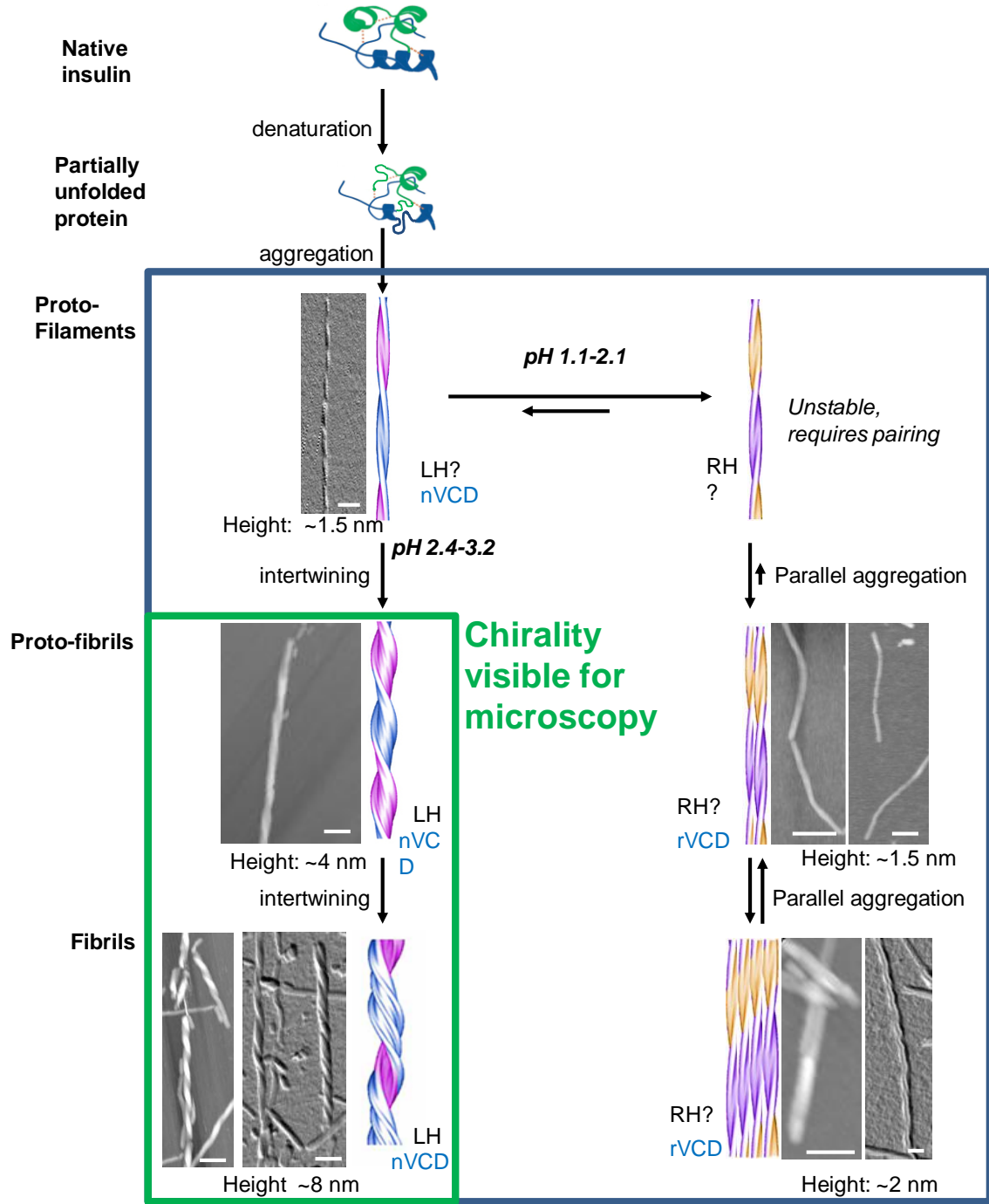


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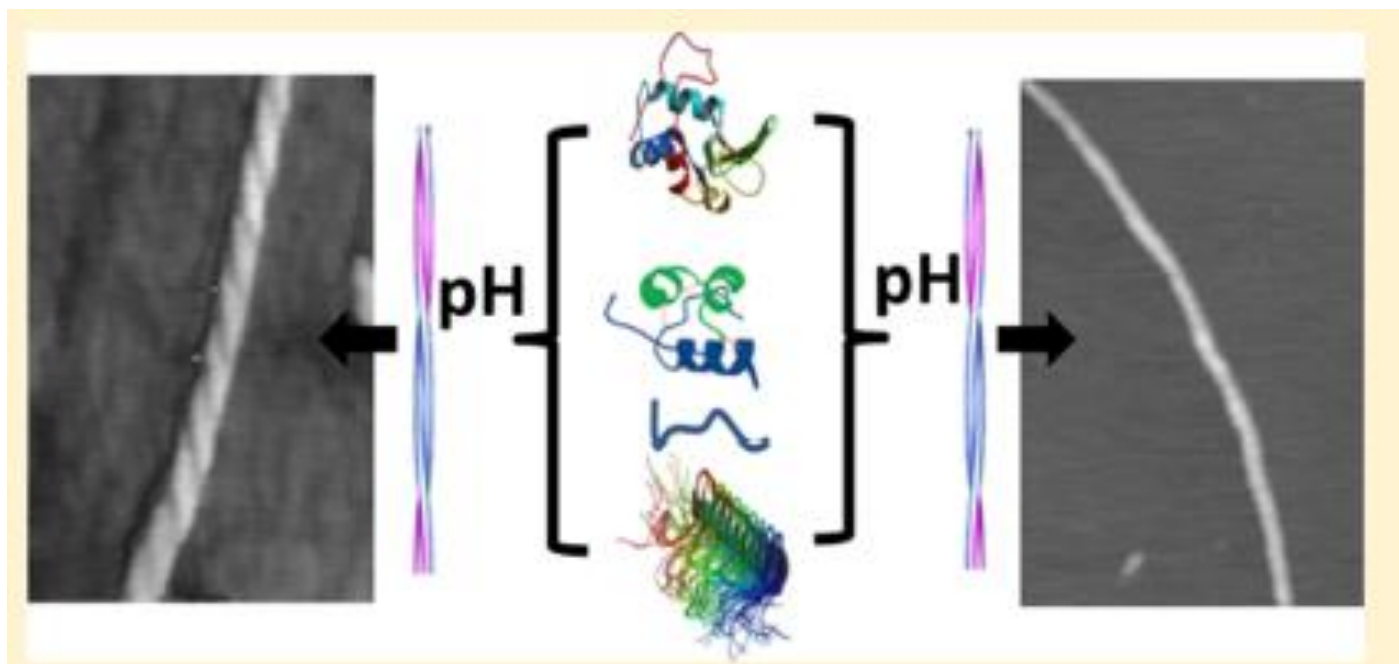


**Chirality visible for VCD**

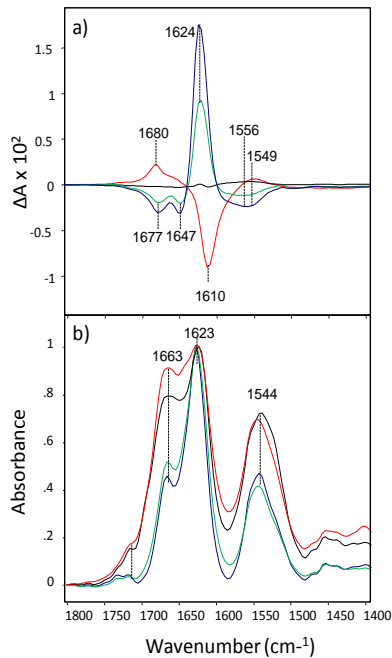
D. Kurouski, X. Lu, R. K. Dukor, L. A. Nafie and I. K. Lednev, *Biophys. J.*, 2012, in press

## Is Supramolecular Filament Chirality the Underlying Cause of Major Morphology Differences in Amyloid Fibrils?

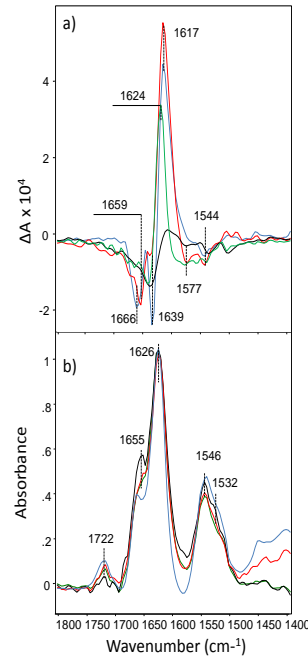
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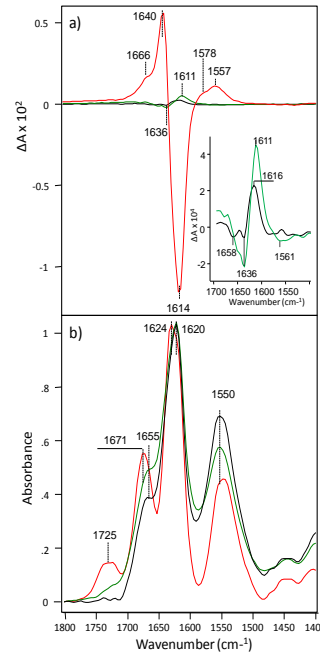
# VCD versus pH for 4 additional proteins/peptides



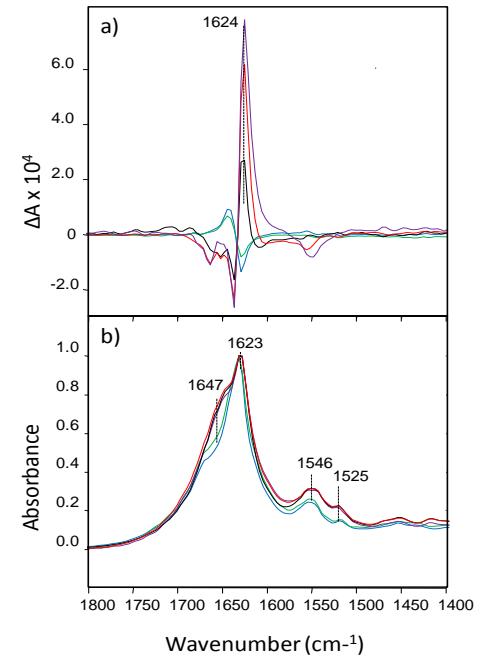
VCD (a) and IR (b) spectra of **lysozyme** fibrils grown at pH 1.0 (blue), 1.5 (green), 2.3 (black) and 2.7 (red) for 3 days at 65 °C.



VCD (a) and IR (b) spectra of **apo-alpha lactalbumin** fibrils grown at pH 1.5 (blue), 2.5 (red), 3.0 (green) and 4.0 (black) for 3 days at 37 °C.



VCD (a) and IR (b) spectra of **HET-s mouse prion protein** fibrils grown at pH 2.0 (red), 3.3 (green), 3.9 (black) room temperature, 2 months



VCD (a) and IR (b) spectra of **TRR<sub>105-115</sub> fragment of transthyretin** fibrils grown at pH 1.0 (blue), 1.5 (green), 2.0 (black), 2.5 (red) and 3.0 (violet) for 2 days at 37 °C

For insulin, lysozyme, apo-alpha-lactalbumin, HET-s mouse prion protein and the TRR<sub>105-115</sub> peptide fragment maintain correlation of **normal VCD to left-twisted fibril** morphology and **reversed VCD to flat tape-like fibrils**

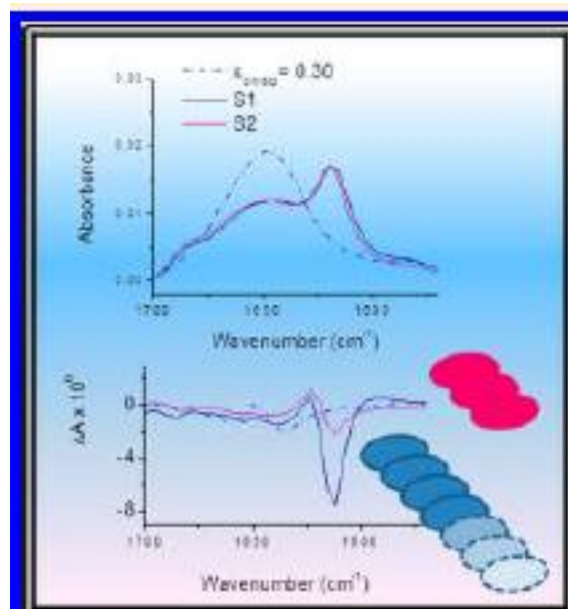
# Vibrational Circular Dichroism Spectra of Lysozyme Solutions: Solvent Effects on Thermal Denaturation Processes

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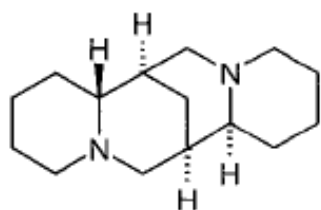


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# Enhanced VCD Intensity in Molecules with Low-Lying Electronic States



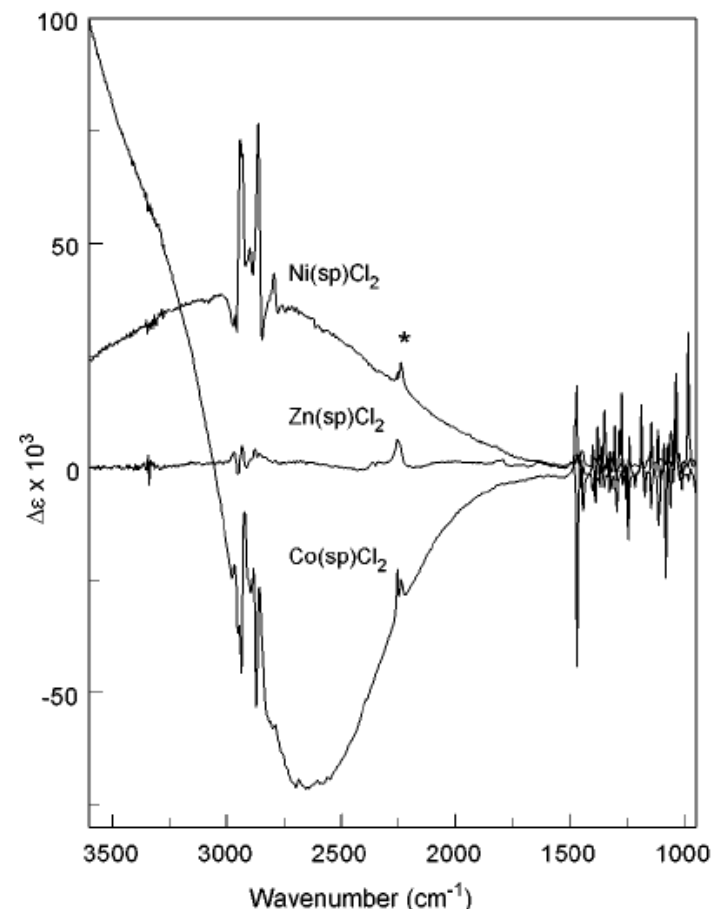
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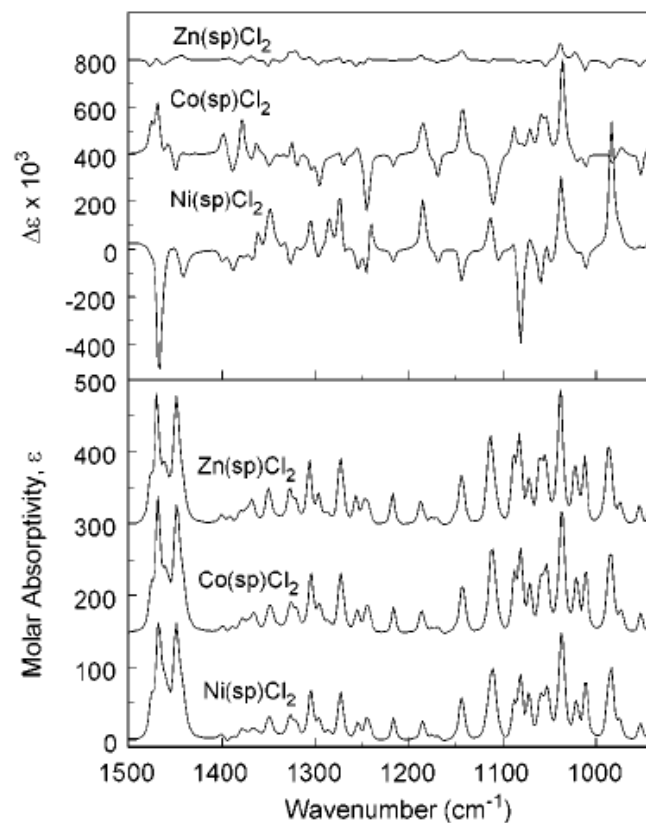
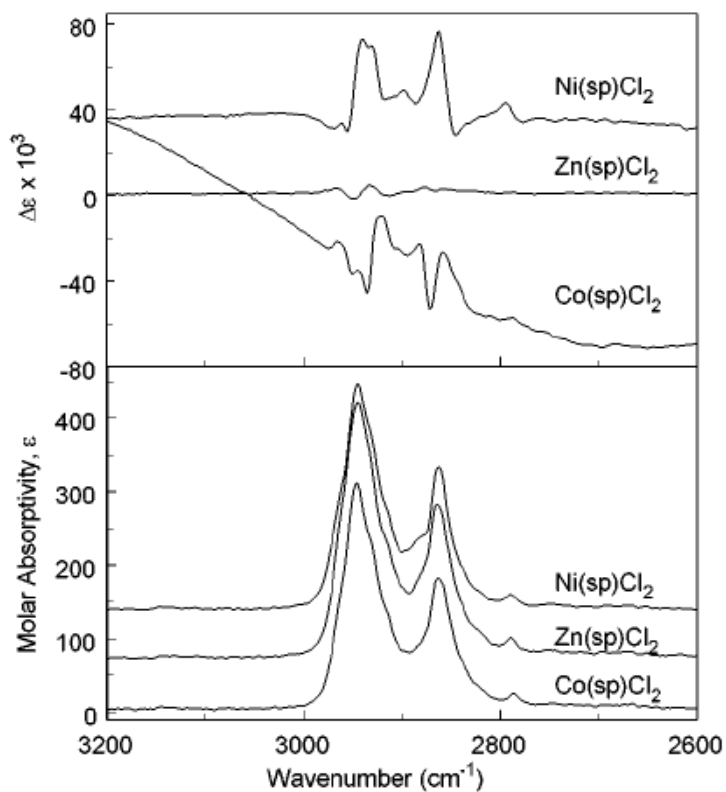
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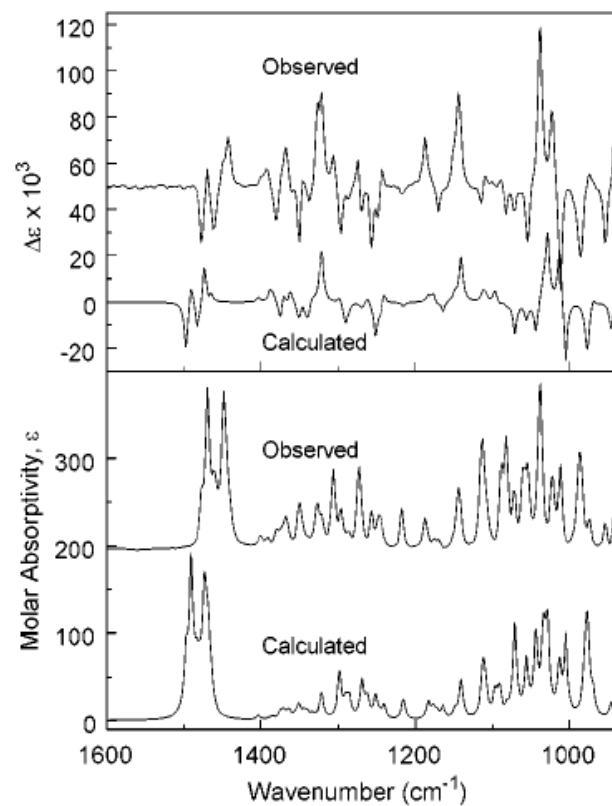
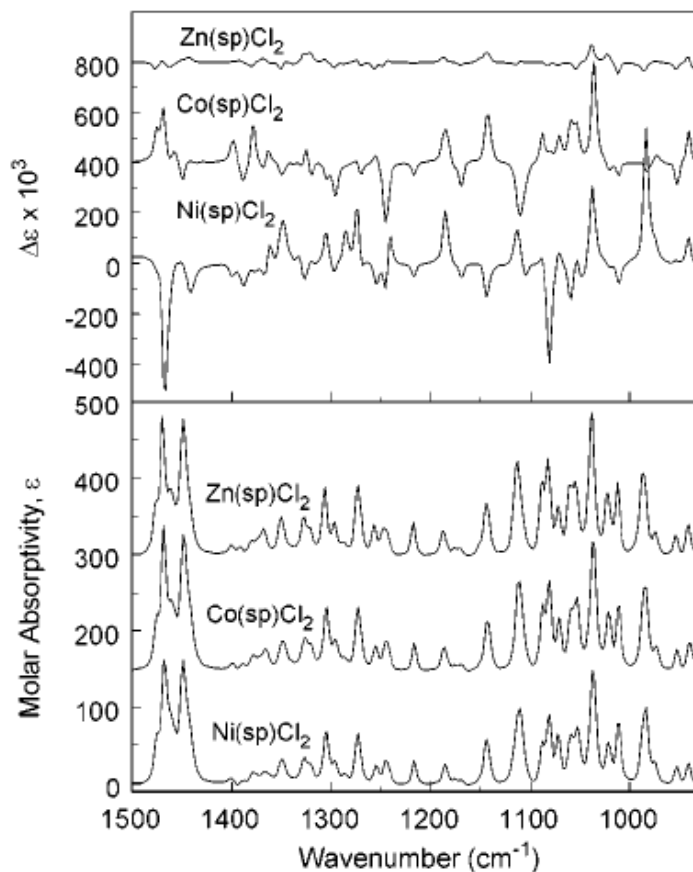
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# Amplified Vibrational Circular Dichroism as a Probe of Local Biomolecular Structure

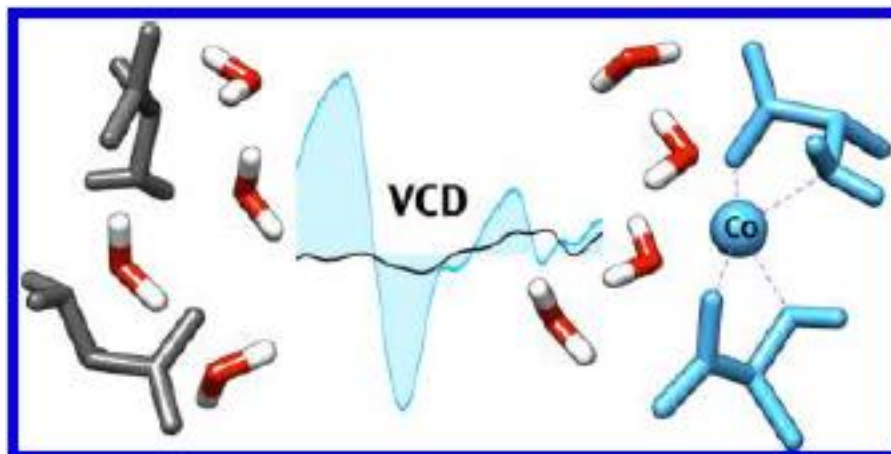
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# Conclusions

- VCD and ROA are a sensitive spectroscopic probes of absolute molecular stereochemistry of all classes of chiral molecules and biomolecules
- Velocity formulation of VCD allows visualization of vibrational current density
- Enhanced VCD can be seen in
  - Protein fibril formation and development
  - Molecules with low-lying excited electronic states
  - Extended chiral cyclic  $\pi$ -electron systems including chiral conducting polymers

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