

Supplementary information: Efficient magnetic switching in a correlated spin glass

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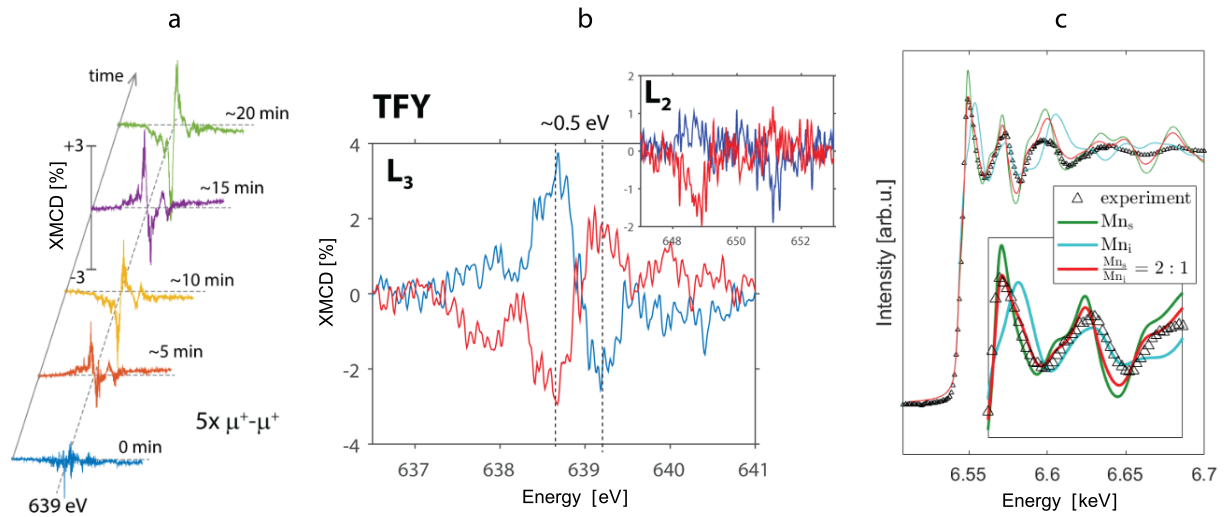


FIG. 1. Additional XMCD switch data and NEXAFS data. (a) Stacked plot of Mn_{L3} XMCD spectra measured with same circular light polarization μ^+ under MSR-on regime. A change in x-ray helicity relative to the fixed magnetization direction is equivalent to a change in the magnetization direction relative to the fixed helicity. (b) Spontaneous switching in consecutive XMCD datasets recorded in total fluorescence yield (TFY) at T=5 K and B=0 T, zoomed at the Mn_{L3} and Mn_{L2} absorption edges. (c) NEXAFS Mn-K edge data fits. Panel inset shows the best fit obtained with Mn_s:Mn_i occupancy close to 2:1.

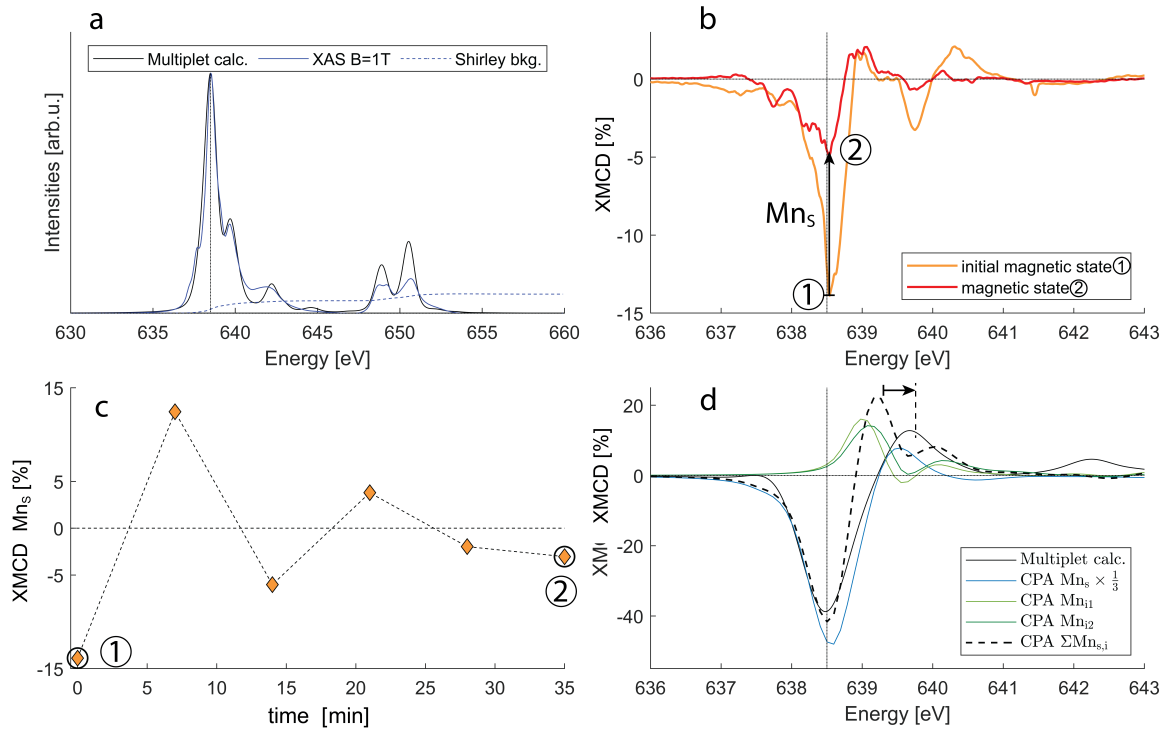


FIG. 2. Reduction of average magnetic moment on Mn_s and comparison to multiplet calculations. (a) Background subtracted XAS spectra measured at 6 T (10 K), compared with multiplet calculations. (b) Mn_{L3} XMCD measured at 10 K after FH-FC at 6 T, with two Mn_s states indicated as ① and ②, respectively. The reduction of Mn_s amplitude is due to several switching events whereby some of the Mn_s become part of the PM spin glass background. (c) Time dependence of the dichroism effects under MSR-on regime at Mn_{L3} -edge between the initial magnetic state ① after FH-FC and magnetic state ② measured in consecutive XMCD measurements. After ≈ 35 min the magnetic interactions stabilize with dichroic signal typical for the MSR-regime, also seen in Fig. 1c and 4c. (d) Calculated XMCD spectra using CPA and multiplet calculations. For CPA approach the spectral contributions from individual Mn atoms are indicated. CPA is in good agreement with the experimental data, whereas the multiplet calculations show a clear shift in the spectral features, as indicated by the horizontal arrow.

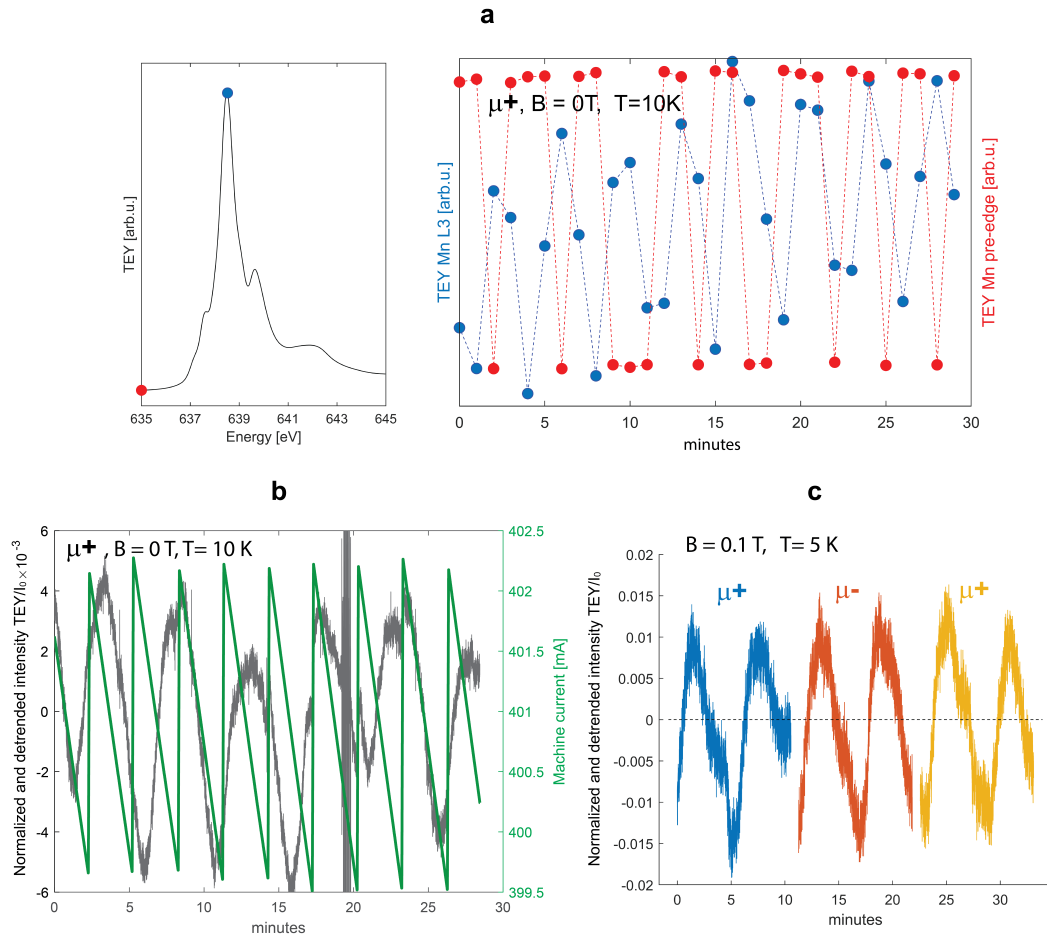


FIG. 3. Oscillations of TEY current under different conditions. (a) TEY time survey of Mn_{L3} pre-edge (red markers) and edge (blue markers) obtained during XMCD acquisition. (b) TEY time survey at $h\nu = 638.8$ eV (Mn_{L3} edge) overlaid with the machine top-up current. (c) Series of TEY time surveys at $h\nu = 638.8$ eV under applied B-field and different x-ray polarizations.

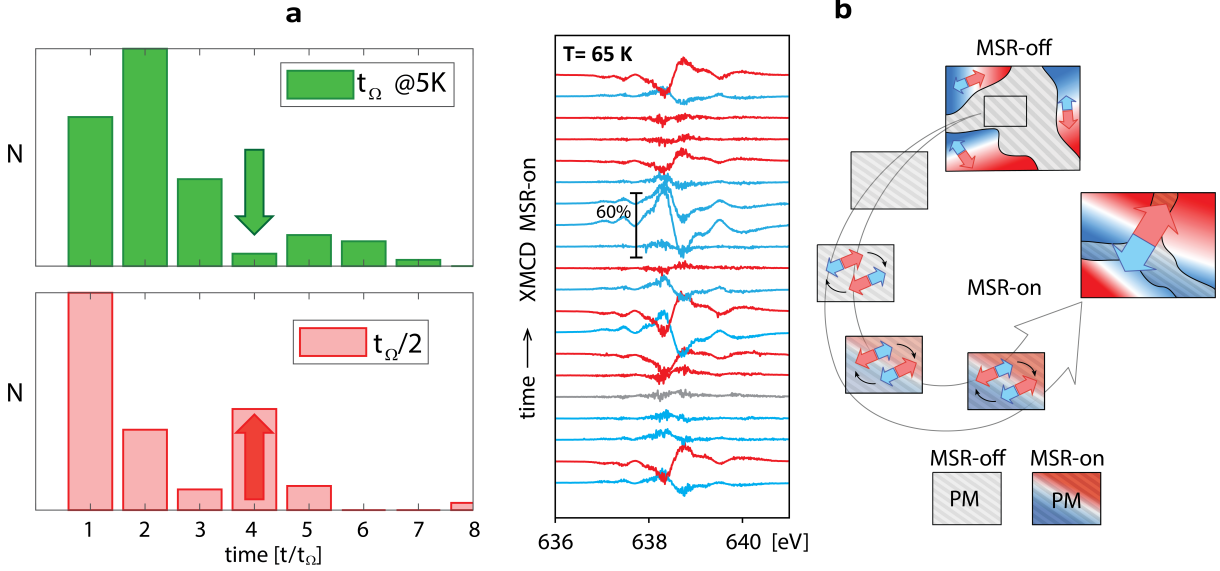


FIG. 4. Magnetic switching observed at higher temperature. (a) (top) Magnetostochastic switching residence time distribution $N(t)$ for a data set measured at 5 K, ZFC and t_Ω periodic drive obtained by measuring full XMCD spectra covering both $Mn_{L3}+Mn_{L2}$; compared with all data measured after FH-FC for 5, 45 and 65 K (red markers in Fig. 6b) where the switching statistics was evaluated from shorter energy scans across the Mn_{L3} only, i.e. by halving the periodic drive ($\frac{1}{2}t_\Omega$). The arrows highlight the $N(t)$ phase shift due to different stochastic resonance conditions [32]. (b) Series of Mn_{L3} XMCD spectra measured at 65 K, with maximum dichroism effect close to 60%. The pictographs illustrate enhancement of the FiM order (red-blue arrows) spreading across the magnetic clusters along with self-induced magnetization of the PM sea under MSR FiM switching.