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Controllable rotational inversion in nanostructures with dual chirality

Dai, Zhang, Goriely, and co-workers report the controllable rotational inversion in the helices with dual chirality: from gourd/cucumber tendrils to helical nanobelts. A peculiar rotational inversion of overwinding followed by unwinding, observed in some gourd and cucumber tendril perversions, not only exists in the transversely isotropic dual-chirality helical nanobelts, but also in the binormal/normal ones whose rectangular sections close to a square.



