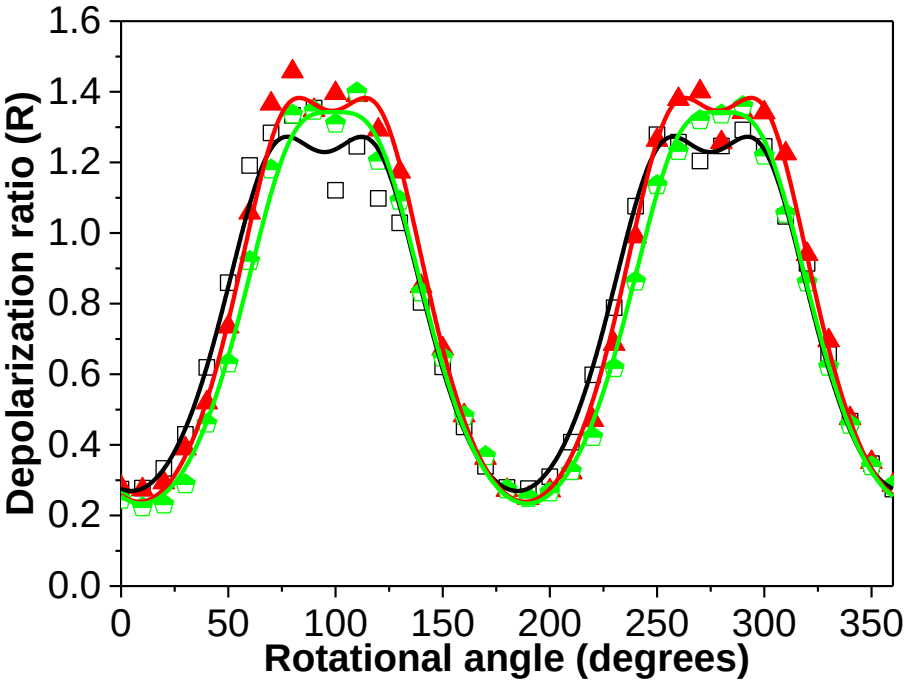

Fig. 8 (Online colour) The depolarisation ratio, R plotted as a function of rotational angle around the optical axis of the laser beam at $\mathrm{T} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ISmA_d}} = -5°\mathrm{C}$ (open black square) and $-15°\mathrm{C}$ (closed red square) in the SmA_d phase and at $\mathrm{T} - \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ISmA_d}} = -21°\mathrm{C}$ (half closed green pentagon) in the $SmA_d P_A$ phase. The corresponding coloured lines show the fitting performed using the uniaxial fitting model.