

# Induction of asymmetric reactions in organic dust analogues by polarized quantum beam irradiation

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偏極量子ビーム照射による模擬ダスト  
有機物への不斉化学反応誘起

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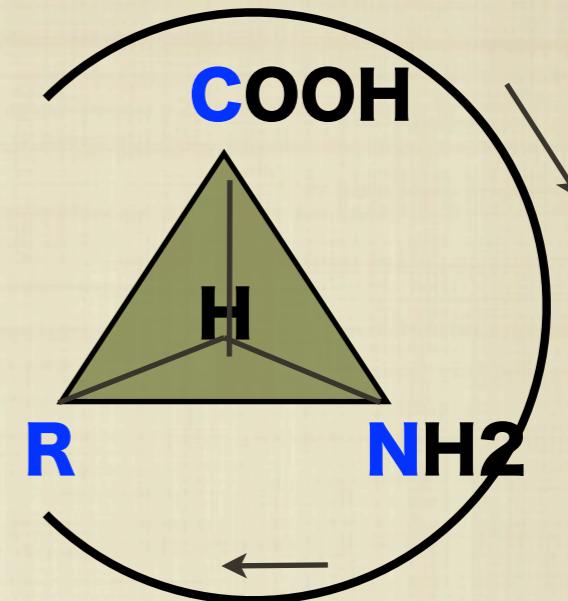
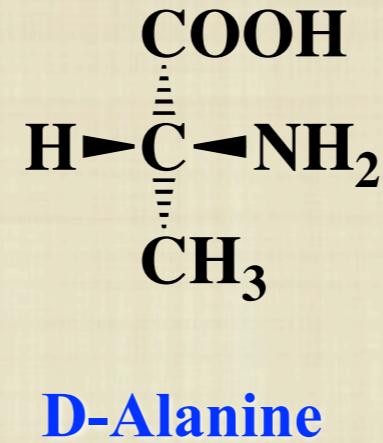
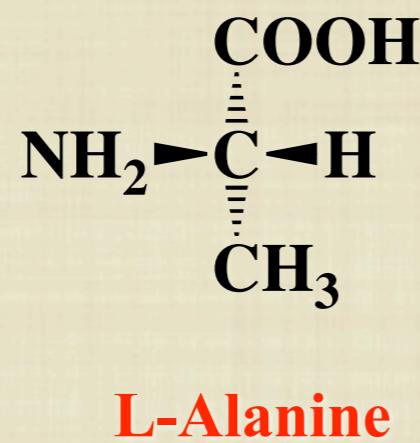
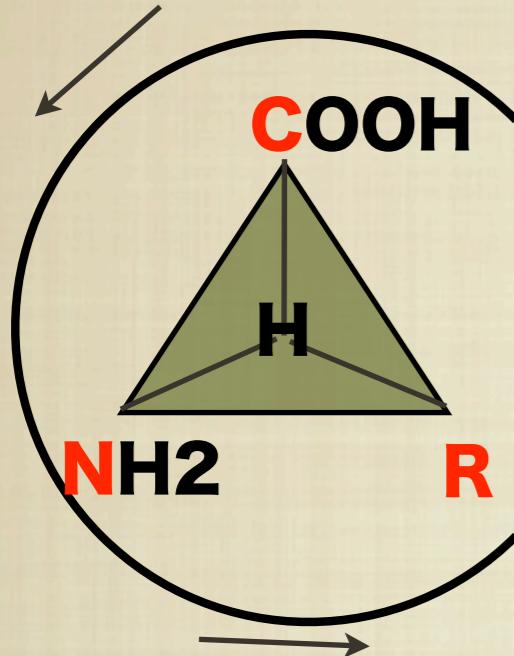


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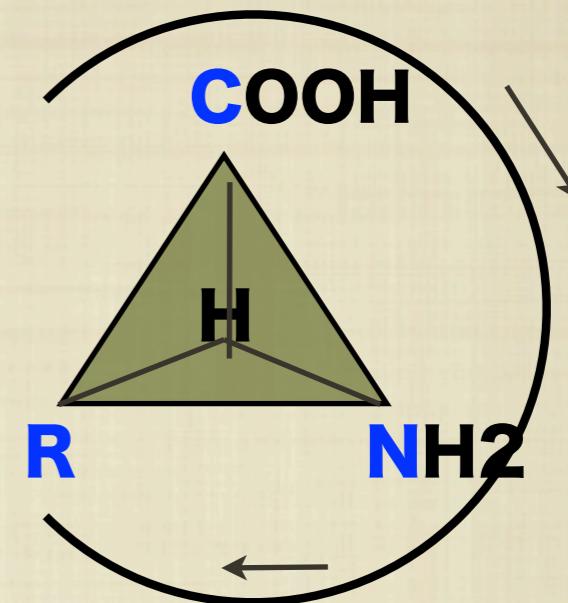
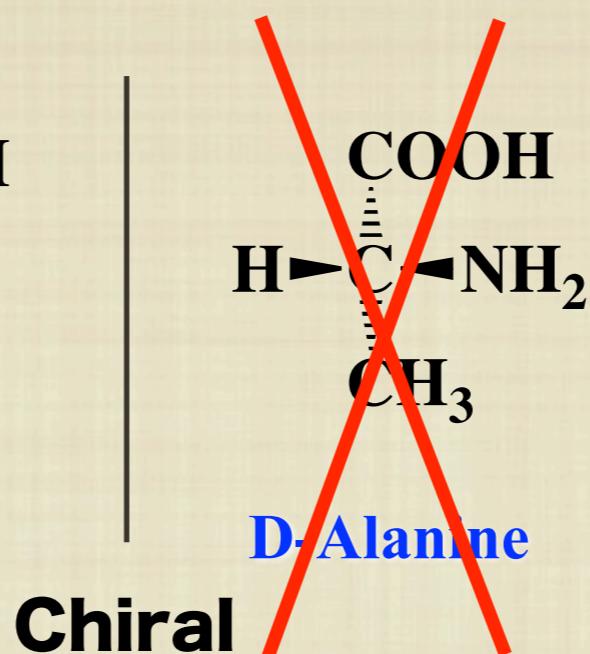
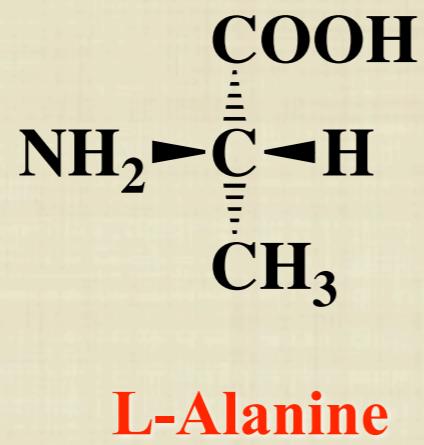
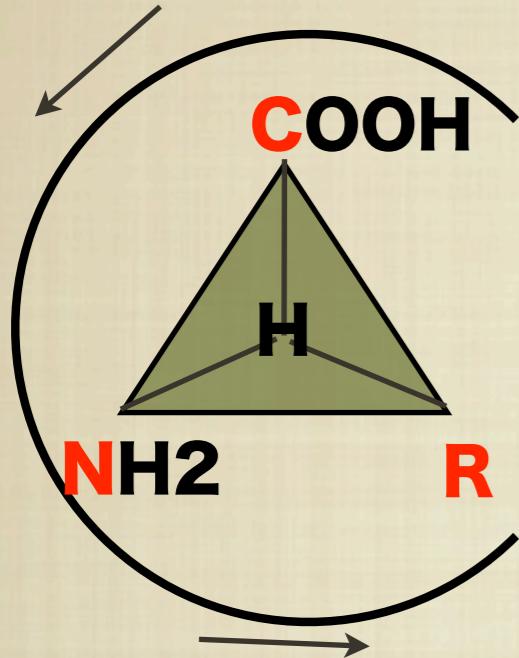
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# **The Origin of Terrestrial Biomolecular Homochirality and Symmetry Breaking in Nature**

## **Purpose;**

**Hypothesis verification of the relationship between  
The Origin of Terrestrial Biomolecular Homochirality  
and Symmetry Breaking in Nature**

## **Methods;**

**Laboratory Experimental; High Energy Accelerators  
Theoretical; First Principle Quantum Calculation**

# Cosmic Scenario

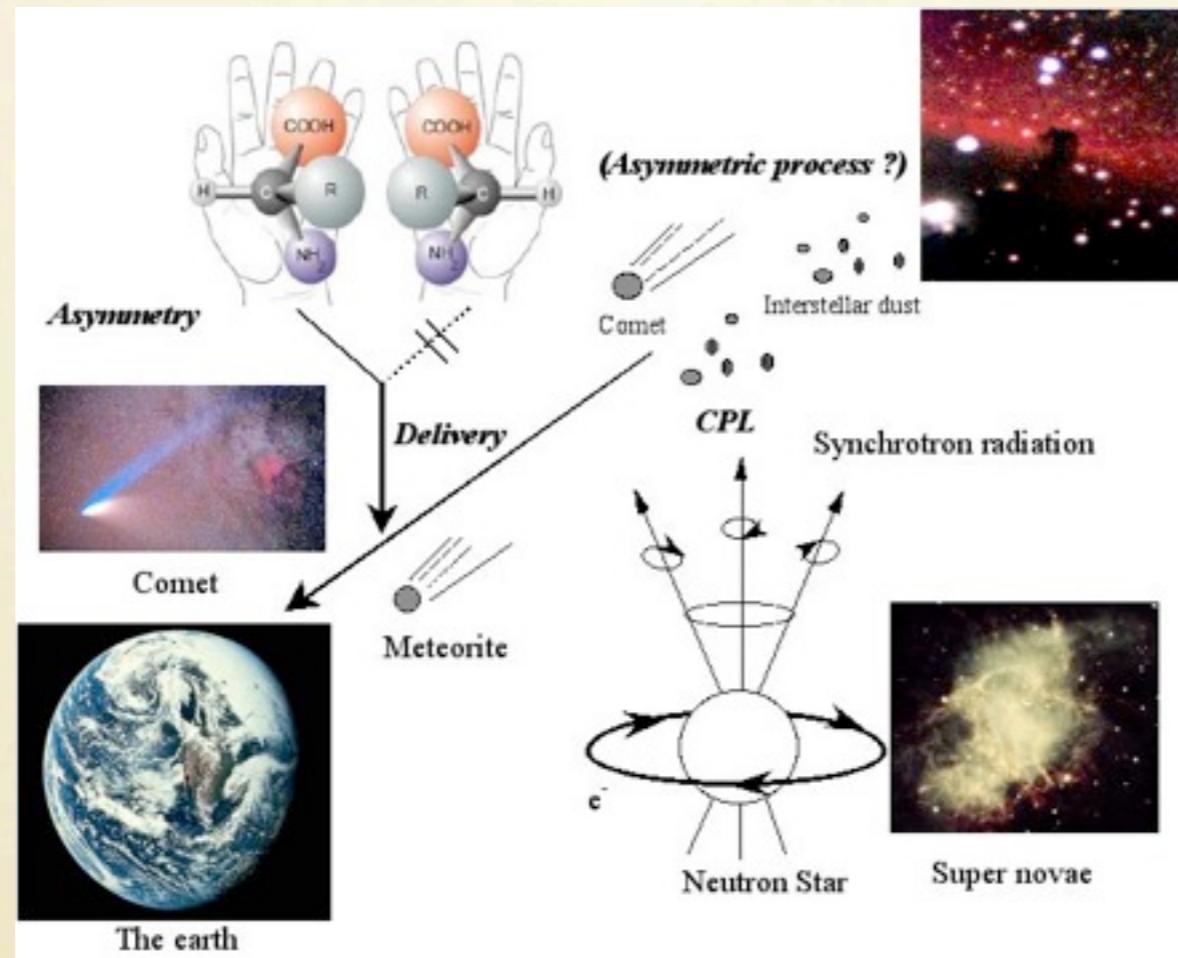
*chiral-preferential synthesis  
or chiral-selective decomposition*

*delivery of  
chiral seeds  
to the earth*

*accumulation and  
enhancement of  
chiral purification*

*asymmetric  
chemical process on  
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*chiral-impulse  
radiation;  
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(CPL)  
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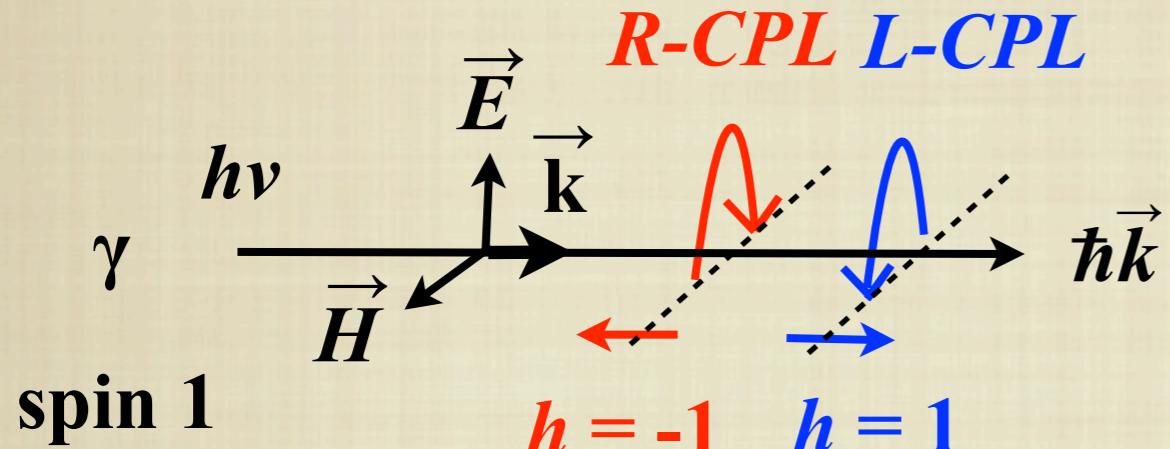


*Cosmic Scenario*

# Chiral Impulse

## - Polarized Quantum Beams -

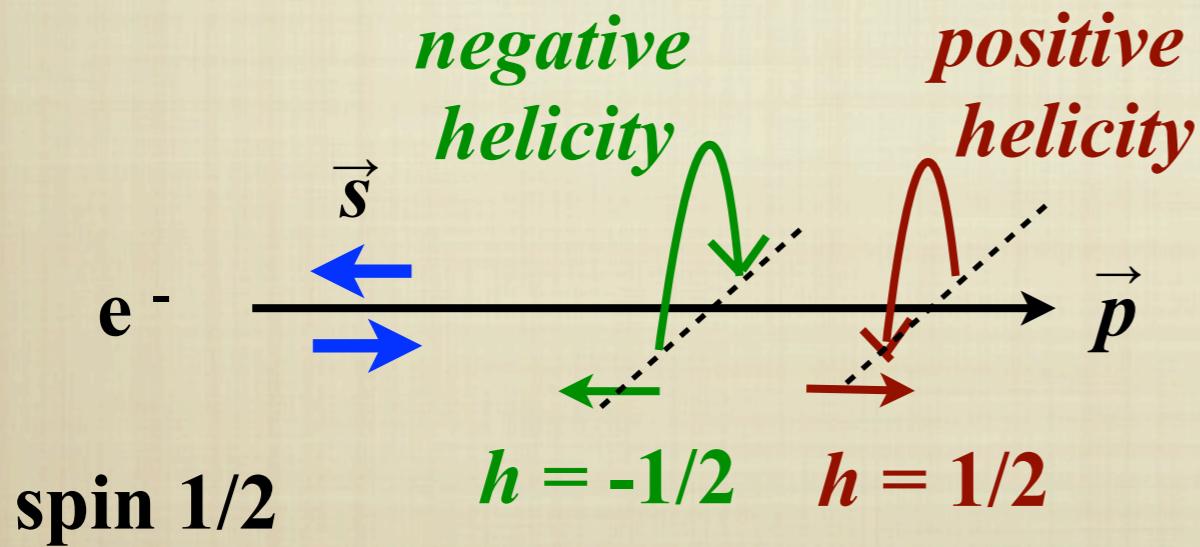
Circularly polarized light



$$\boxed{\text{Helicity} \quad h = \vec{s} \cdot \vec{p} / |p|}$$

right-handed (negative helicity)  
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Spin polarized radiation



positive helicity (right-handed)  
negative helicity (left-handed)

# Circularly polarized light in space (1)

(Generation)

Synchrotron radiation

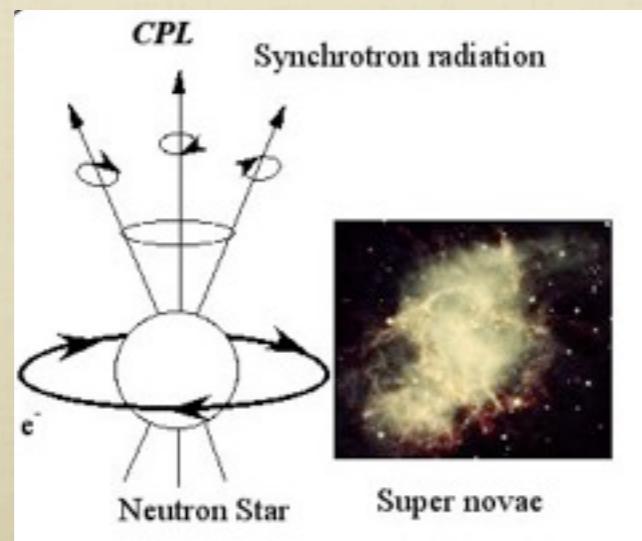
Asymmetric scattering

(Interaction with molecules)

Excitation of both electronic-  
and magnetic-dipole moments

Synchrotron radiation from  
orbital electrons captured by  
intense magnetic fields of  
neutron stars or white dwarfs

(observation  
not yet)



Scattered light from a massive star  
forming region in high density  
interstellar molecular cloud

T. Fukue et al. OLEB Vol.40 p.335 (2010)

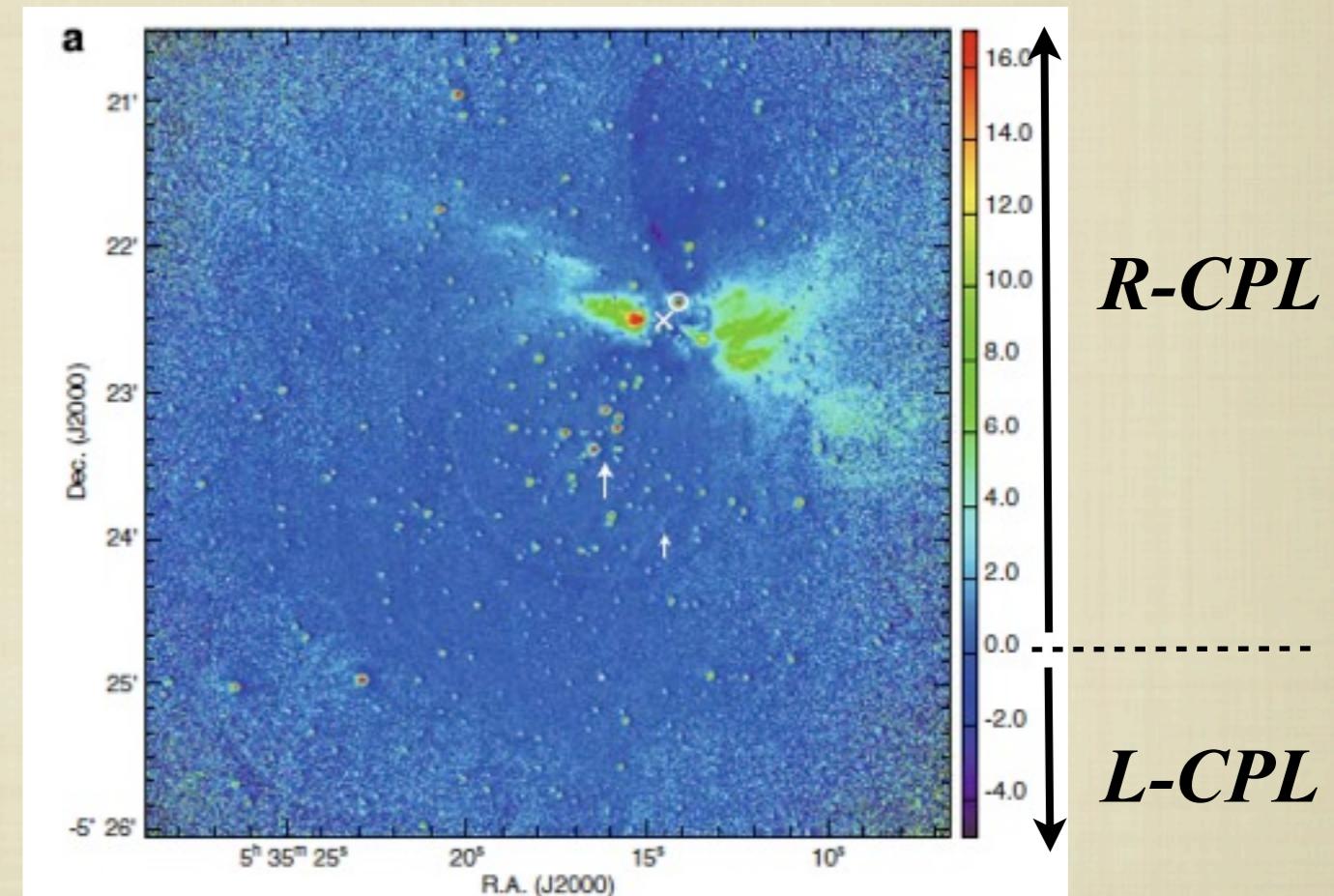


Image of degree of circular polarization (%) in the Ks band (2.14  $\mu\text{m}$ ) of the central region of the Orion star forming region.

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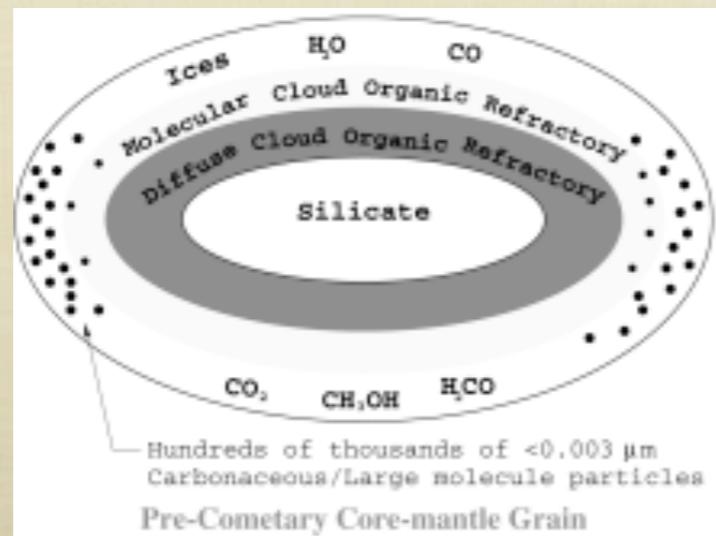
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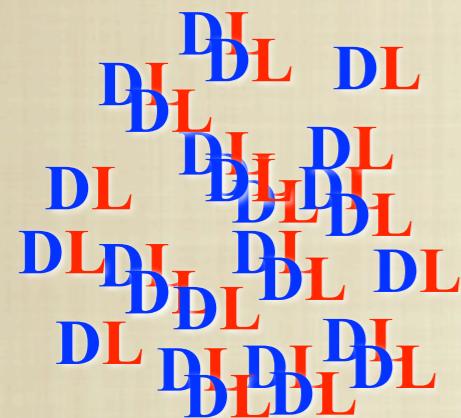
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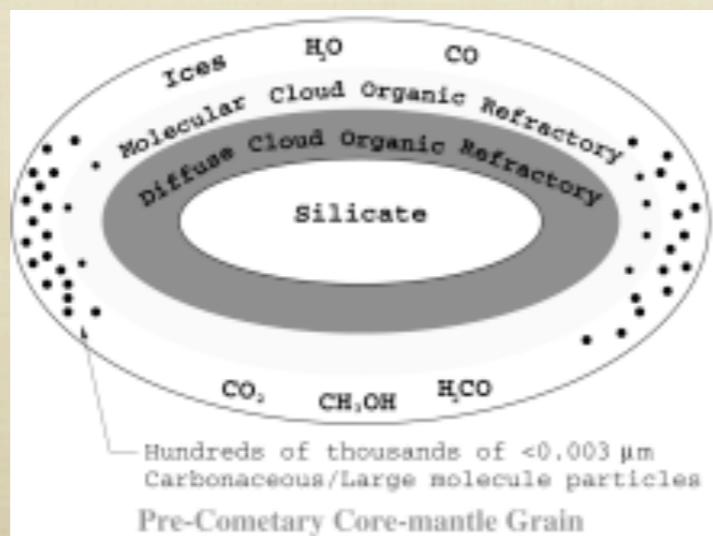
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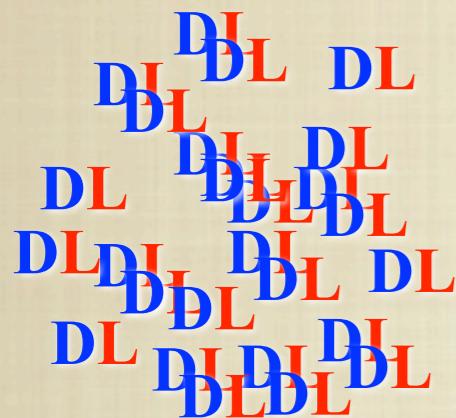
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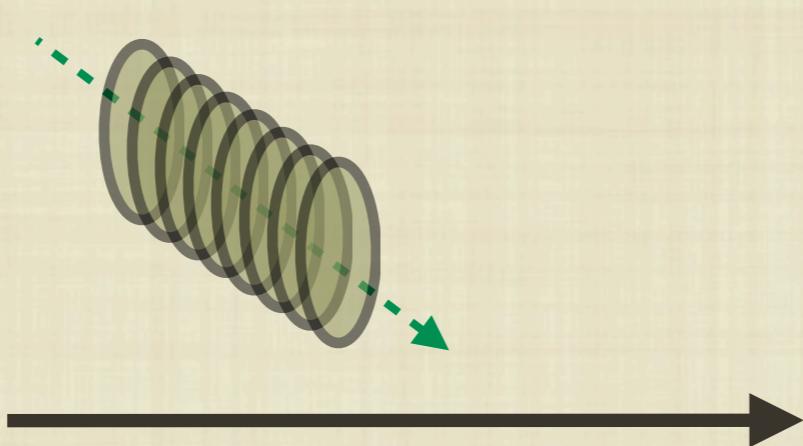
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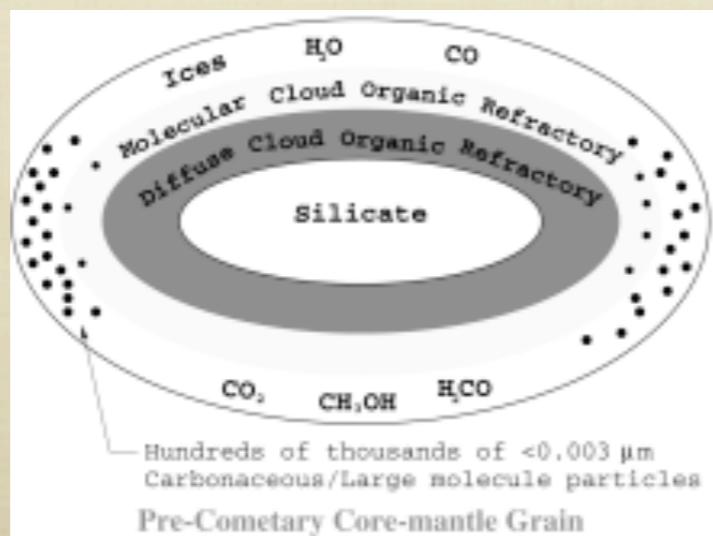
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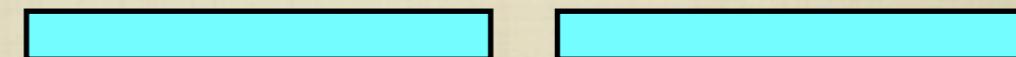
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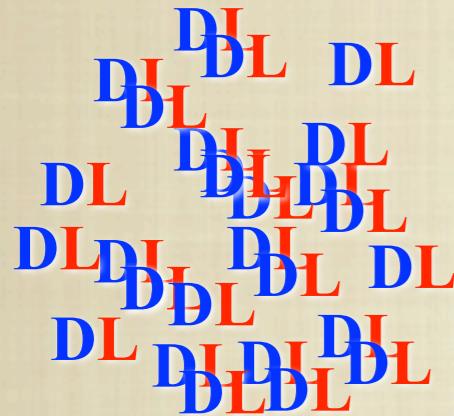


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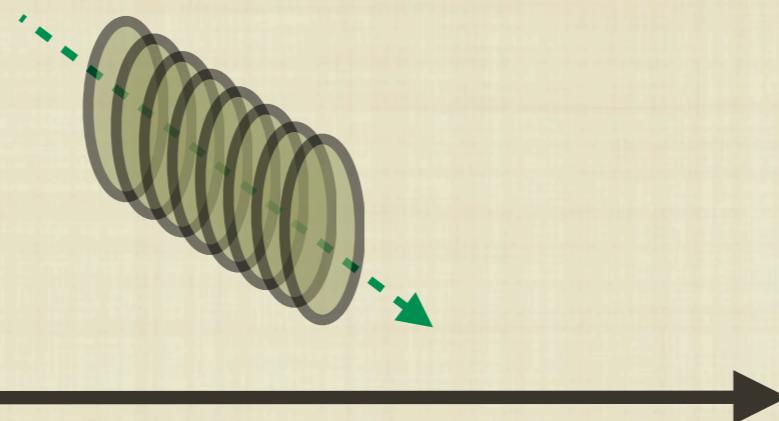
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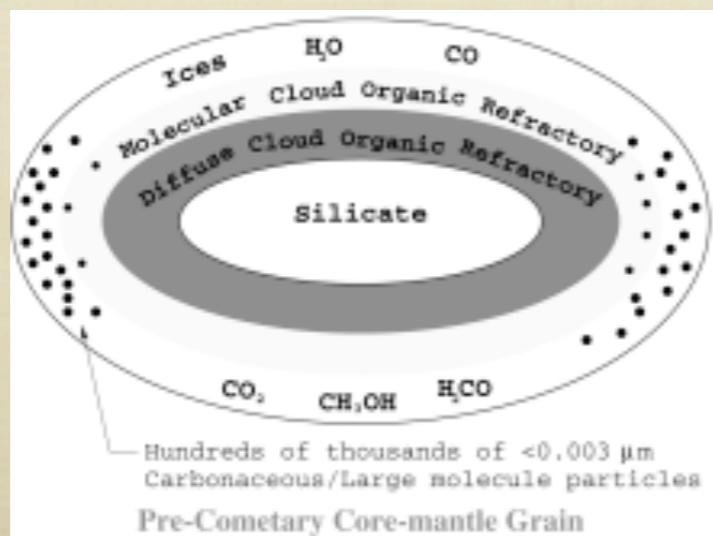
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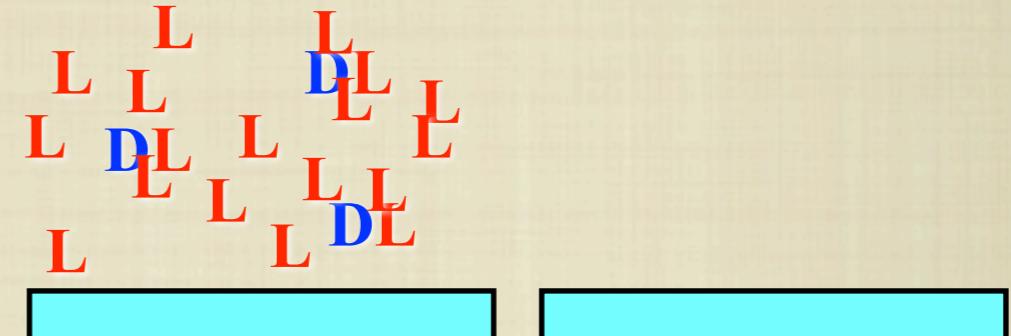
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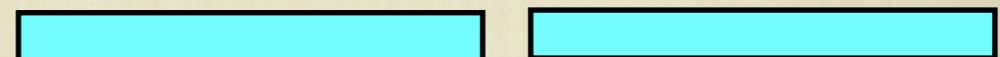
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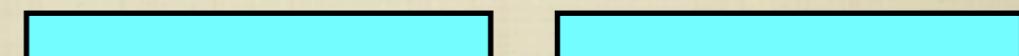
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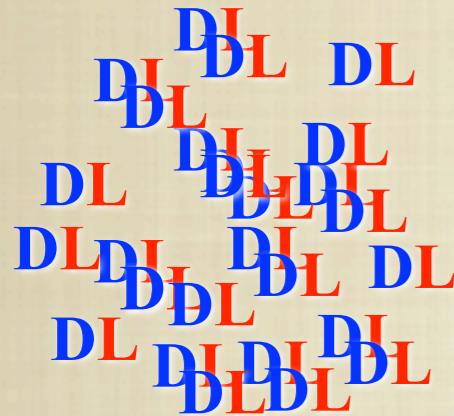


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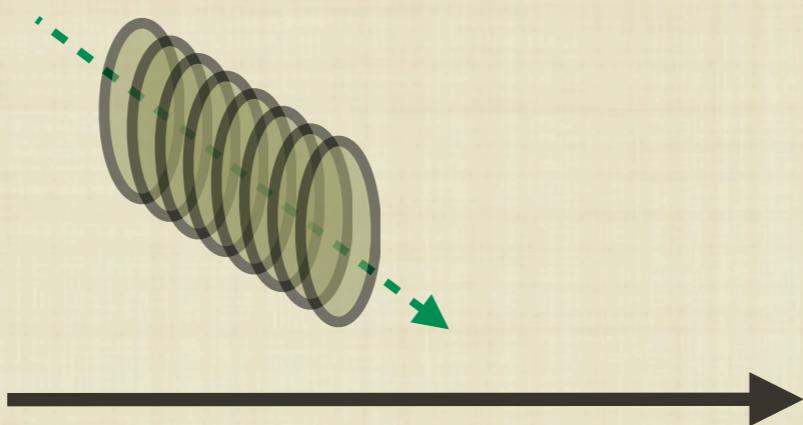
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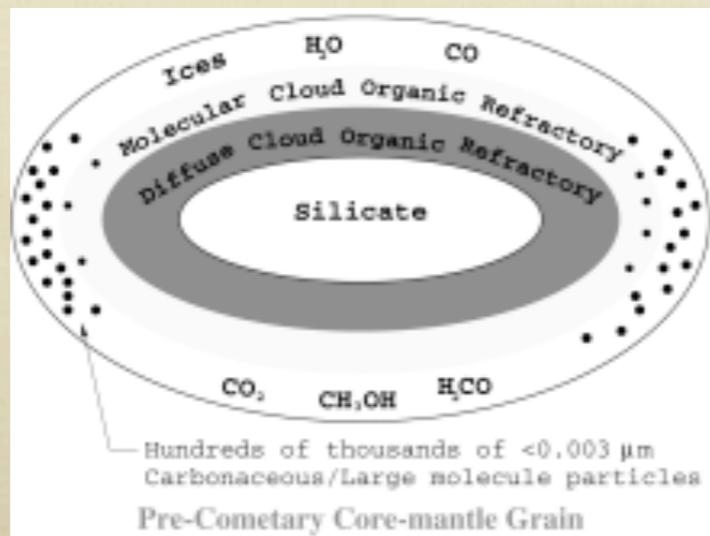


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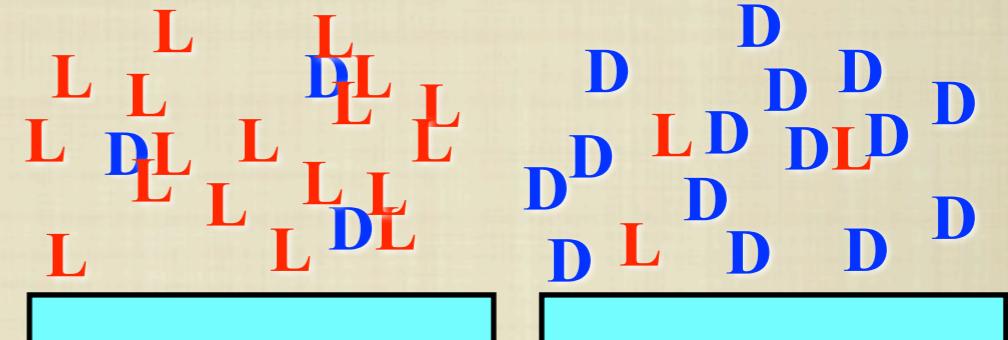


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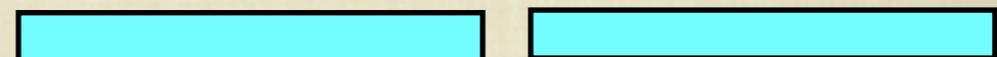
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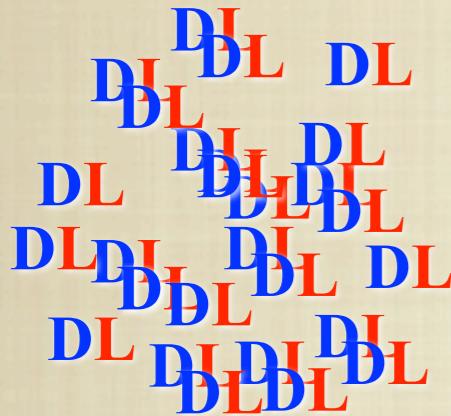
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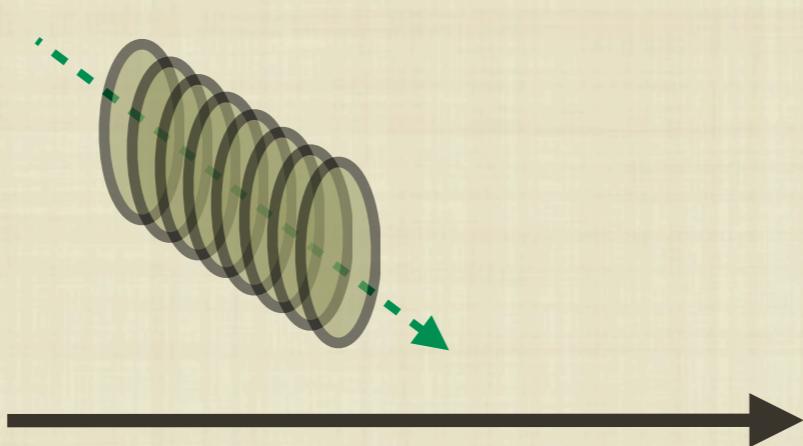
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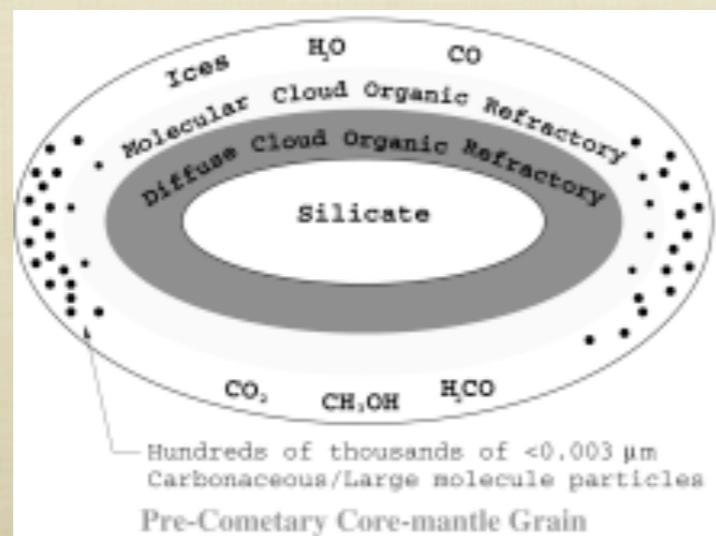
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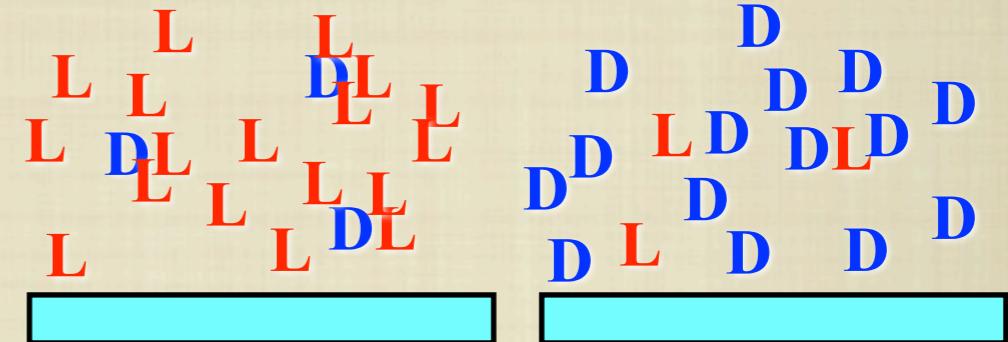
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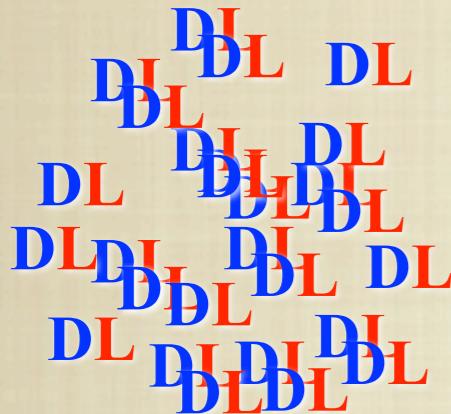
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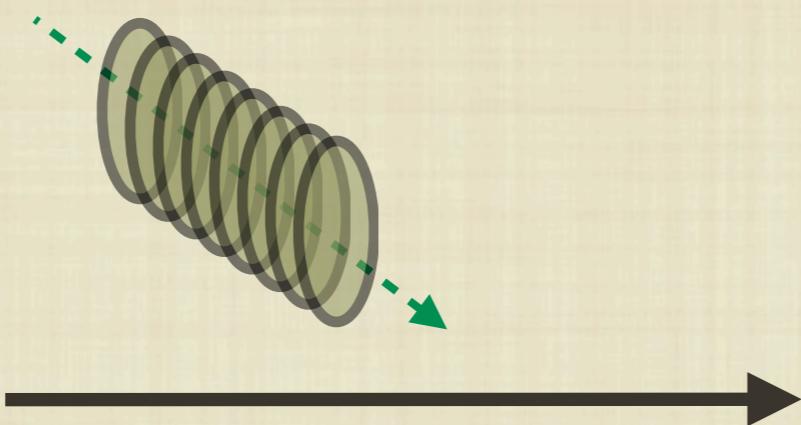
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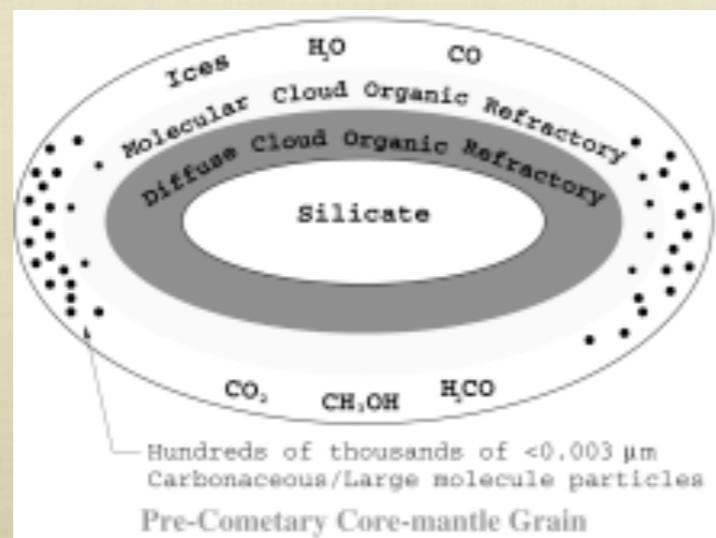
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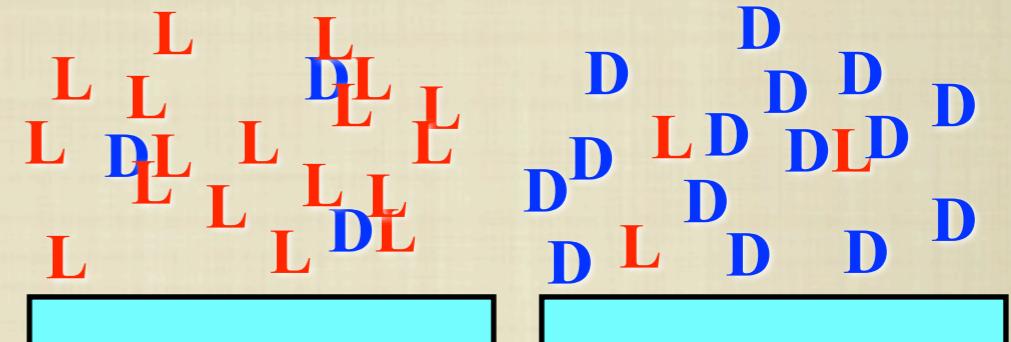
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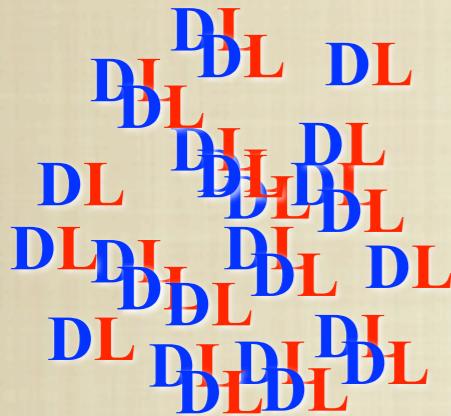
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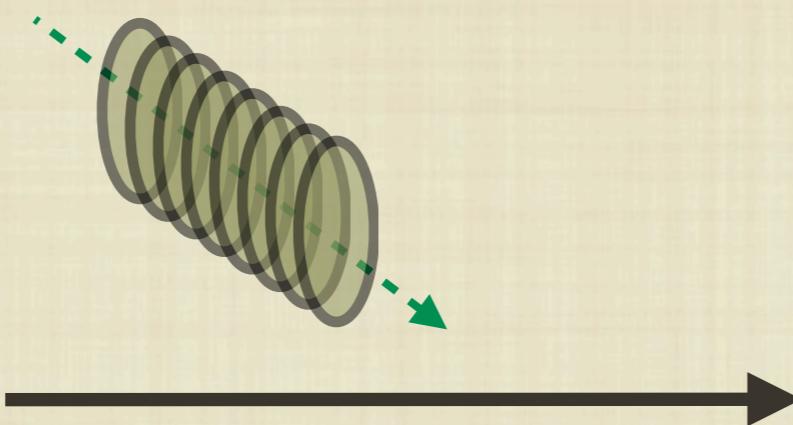
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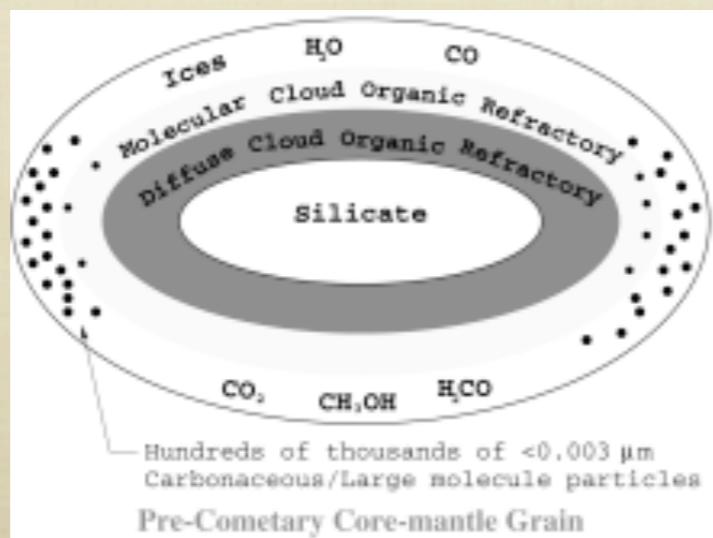
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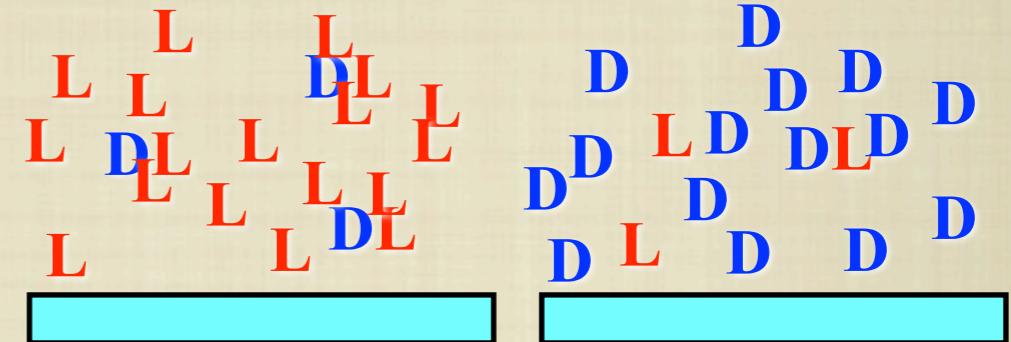
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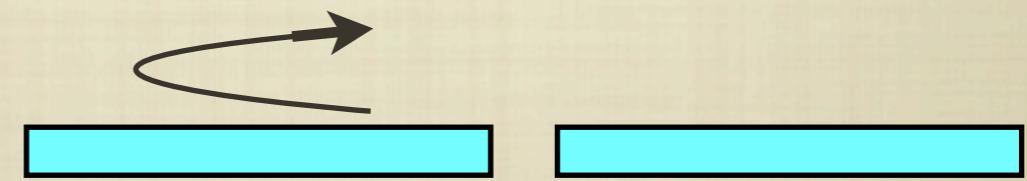
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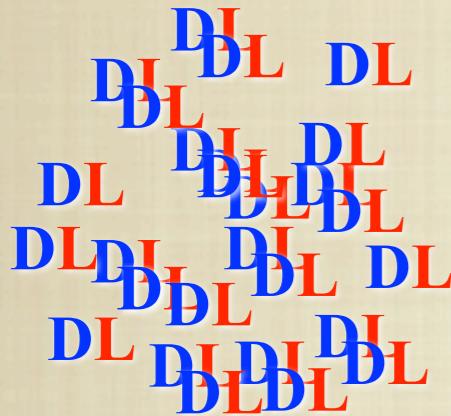


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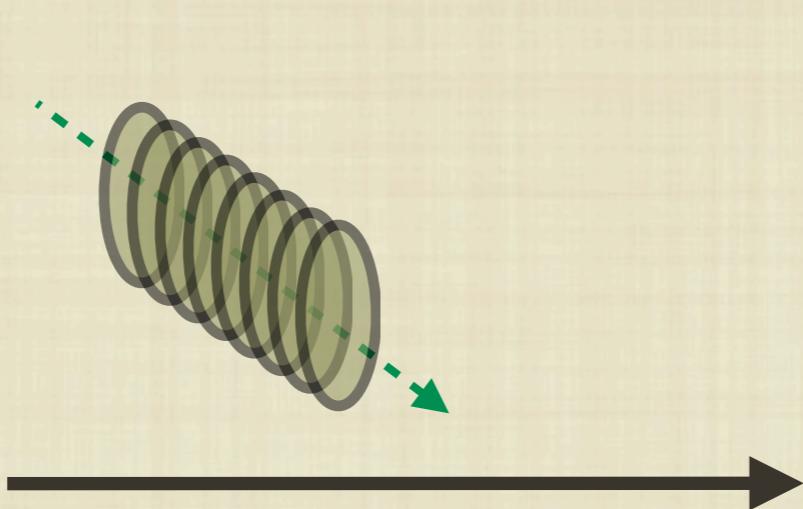
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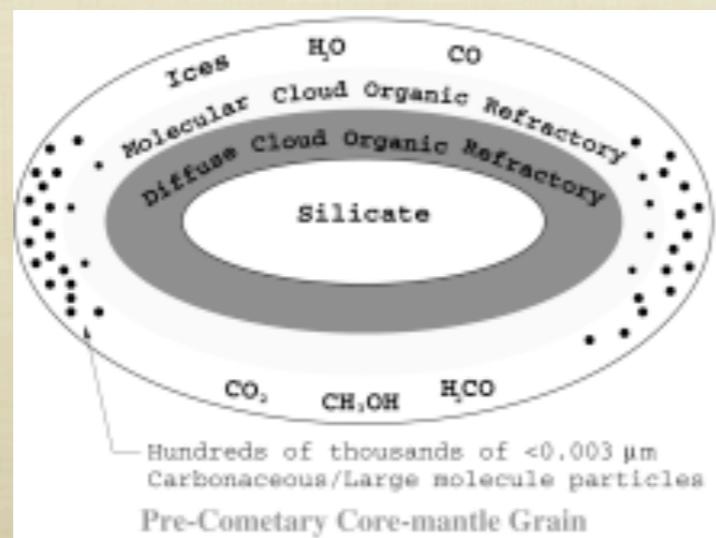
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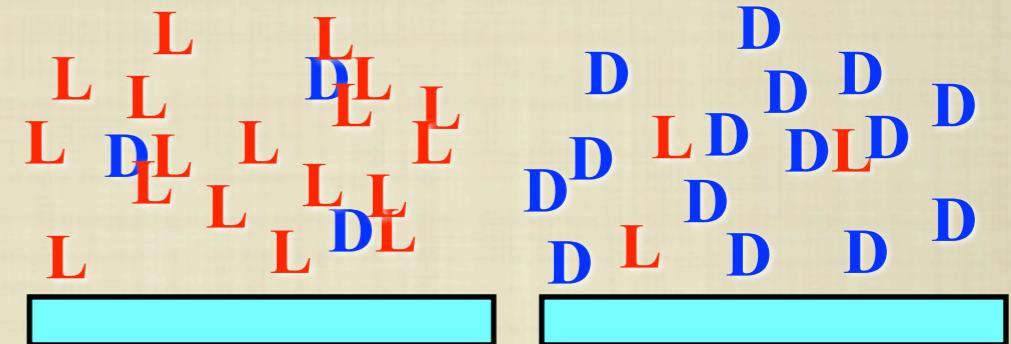
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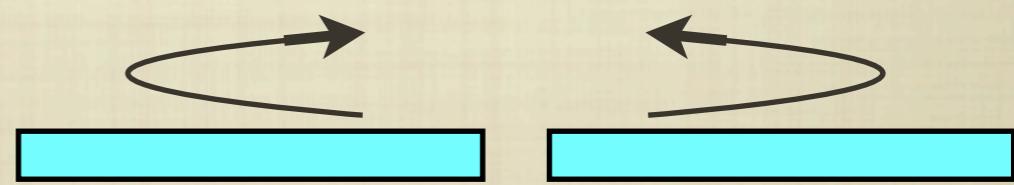
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# Circularly polarized photon irradiation

Light Source:

UVSOR-II (Oakazaki, Japan)

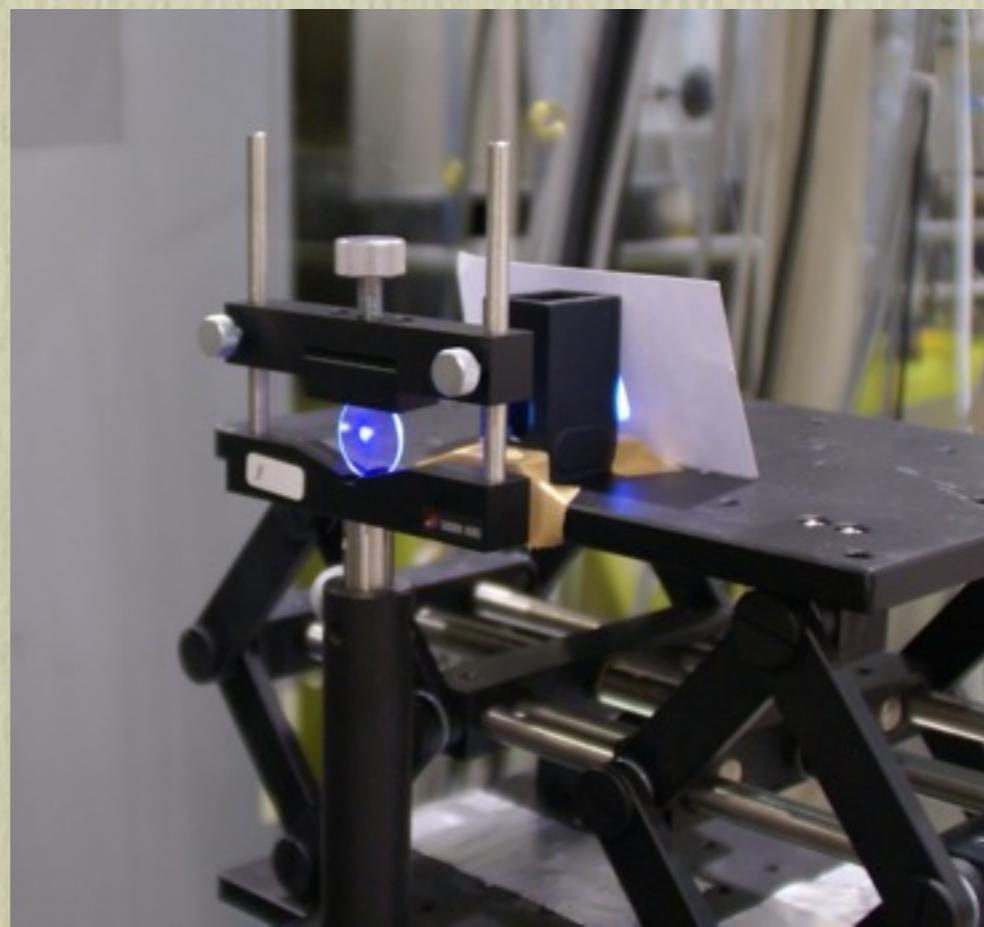
Free Electron Laser (FEL)

Circularly Polarized Light (CPL)

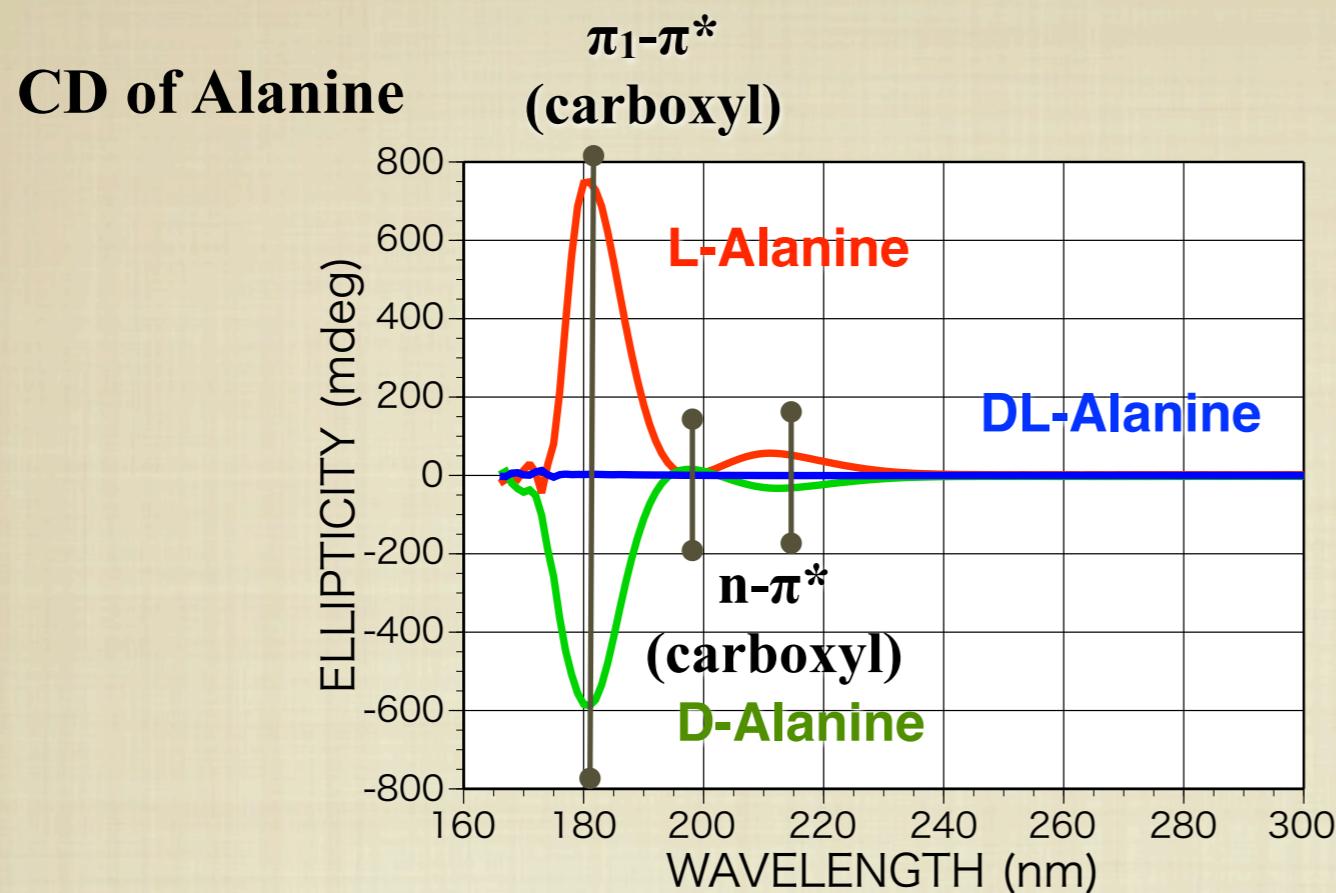
Polarization Purity > 98%

Wavelength  $\lambda = 215 \sim 6 \text{ nm}$

Total Dose  $\sim 10^{16} \text{ eV}$  (2~10 mWhour)



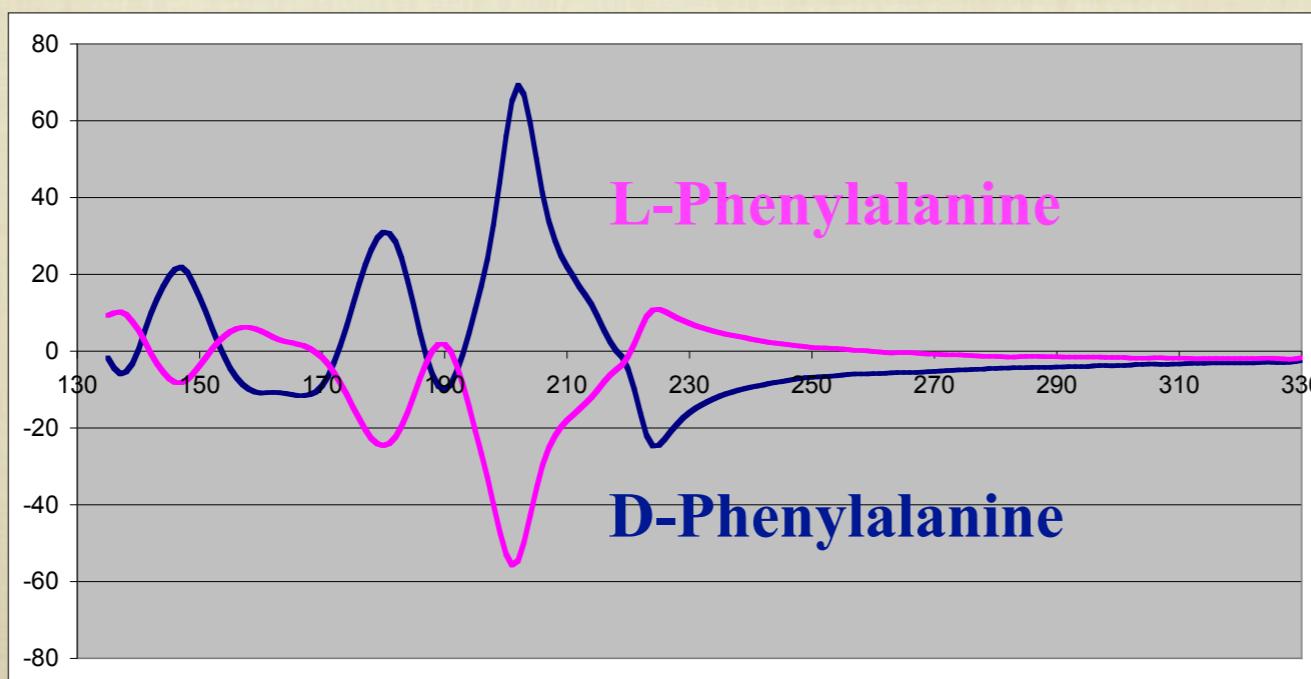
# Circular Dichroism (CD)



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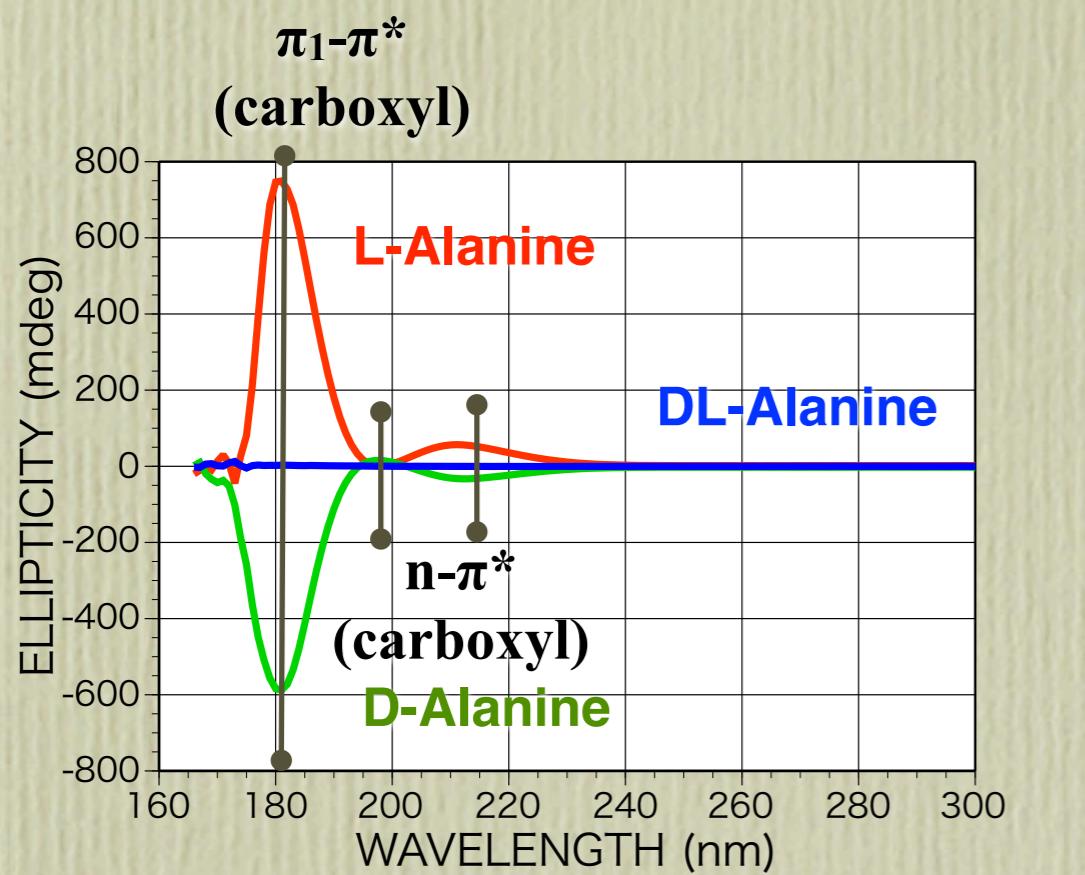


## CD of Phenylalanine

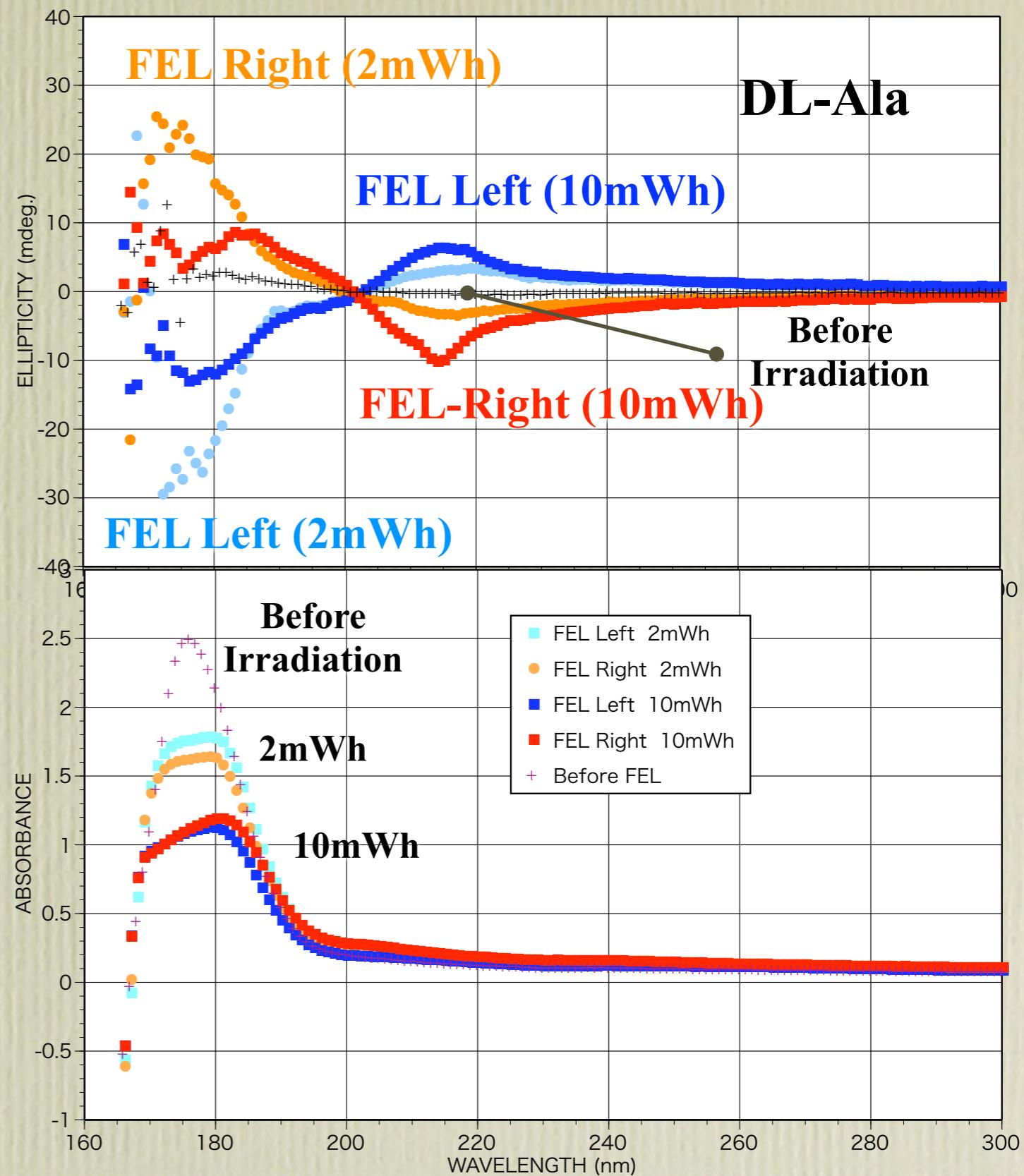
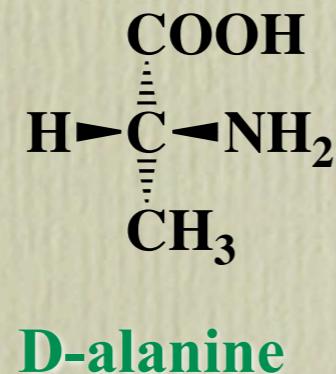
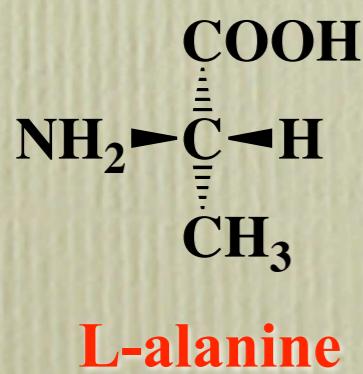


SR-CD beam line:  
ASTRID (Denmark)

# CPL irradiation (DL-Ala film)



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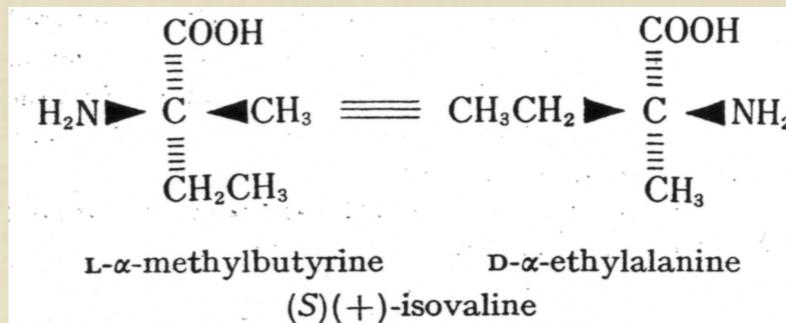


# Enantiomeric Excess in Meteorites

Isovaline (non-proteinic  $\alpha$ -methyl amino acid)

L-enantiomeric Excess in Murchison Meteorite

S.Pizzarello, J.R.Cronin (2000)



*chiral impulse*

abiotically  
synthesized  
**racemic** amino  
acids



enantiomeric  
**excess** in  
amino acids

$\alpha$ -H amino acids  
*fast racemization*



**no enantiomeric  
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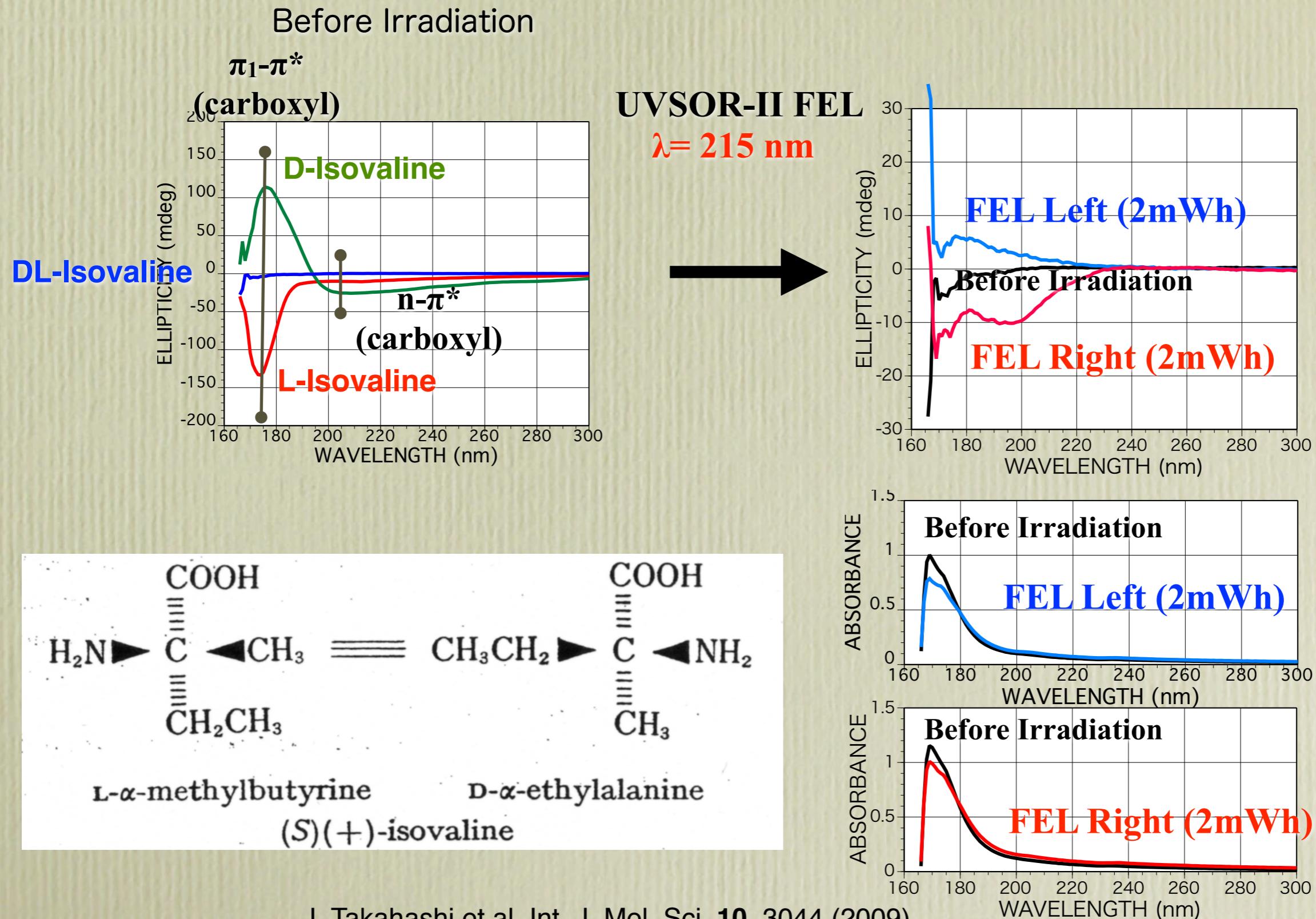
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*slow racemization*



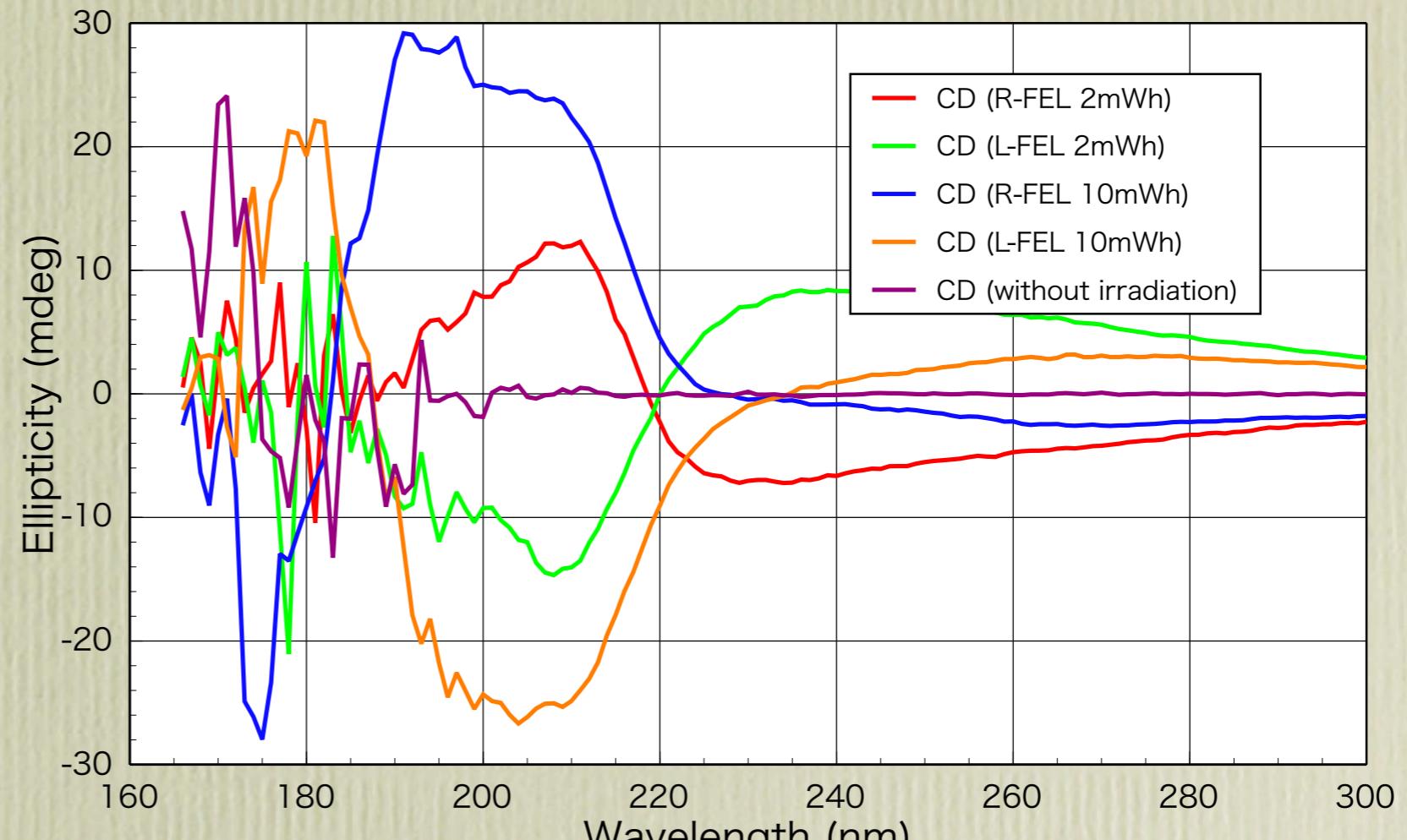
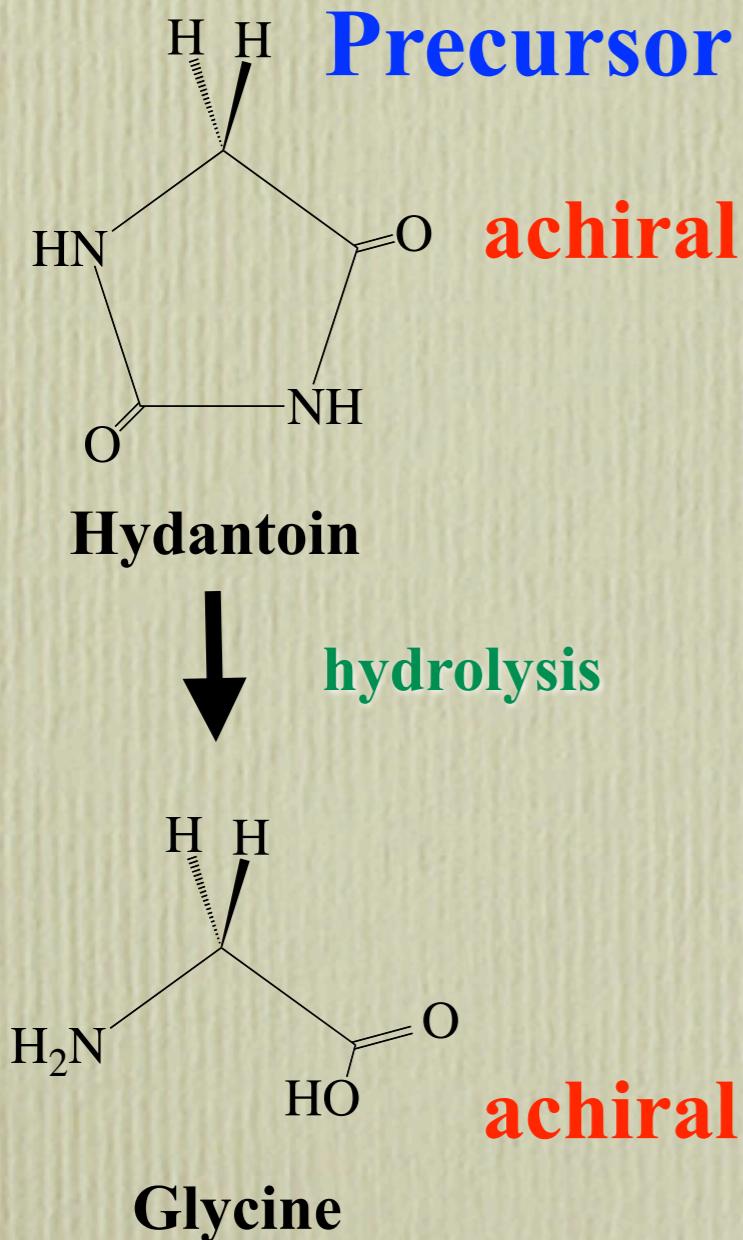
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excess still  
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The observed enantiomeric excess in  $\alpha$ -methyl amino acids suggests preferential synthesis or decomposition of enantiomers on interstellar materials were stimulated by **chiral impulse** !

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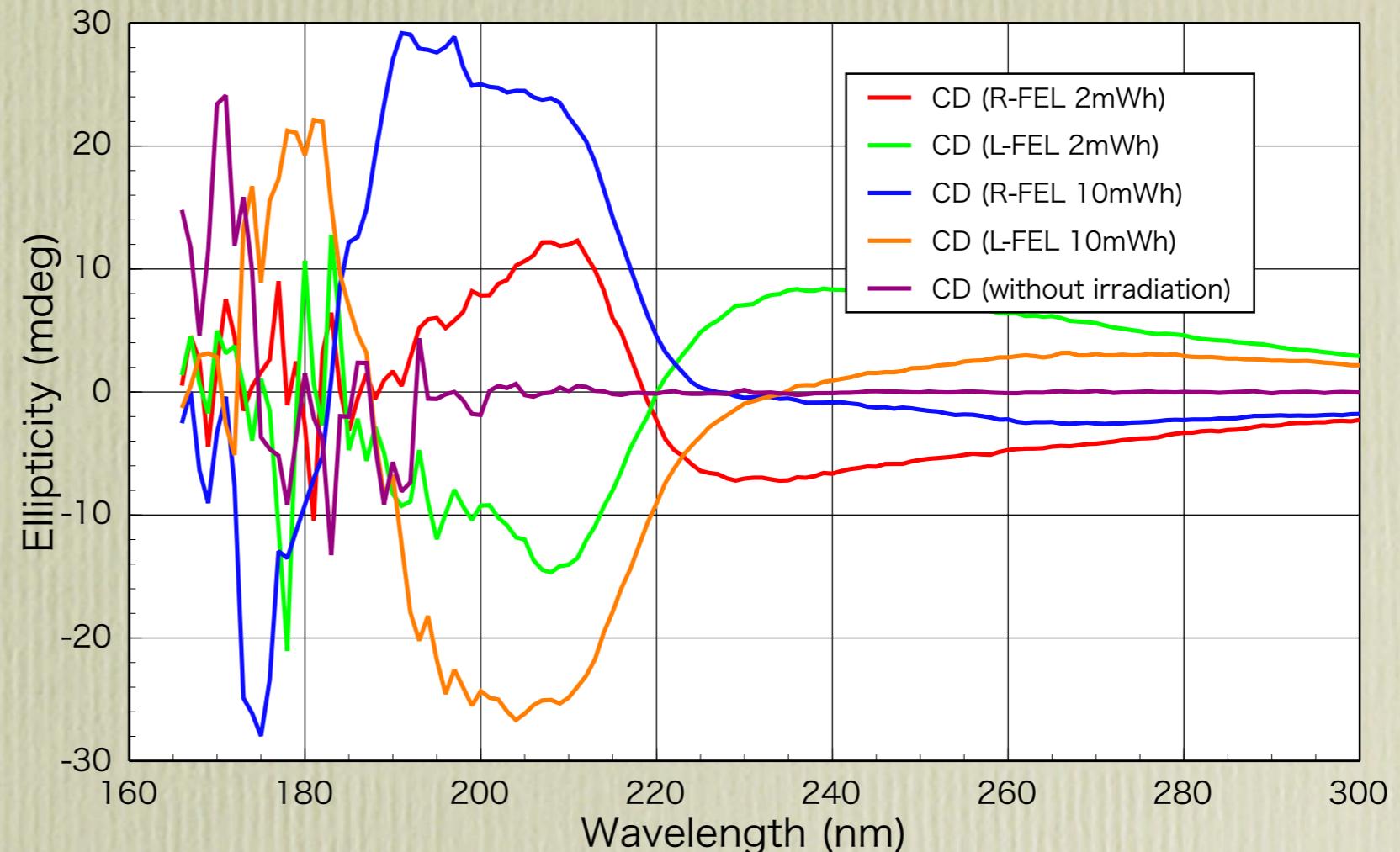
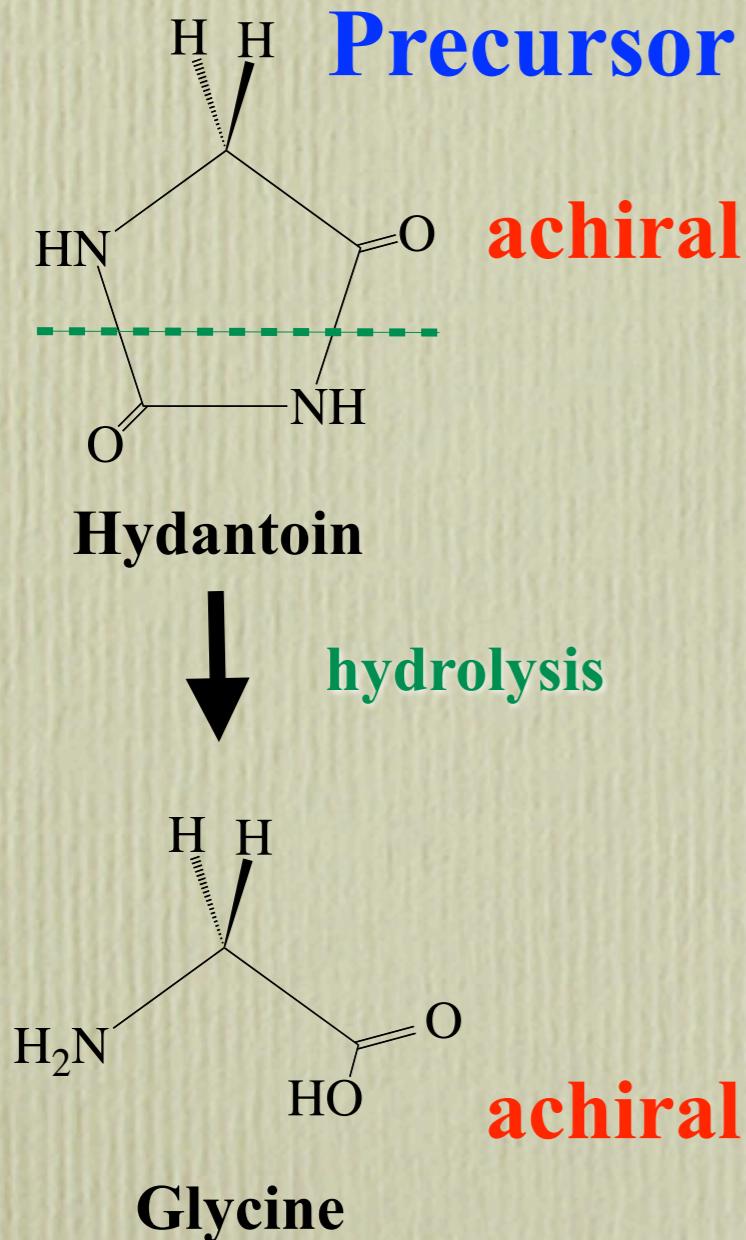


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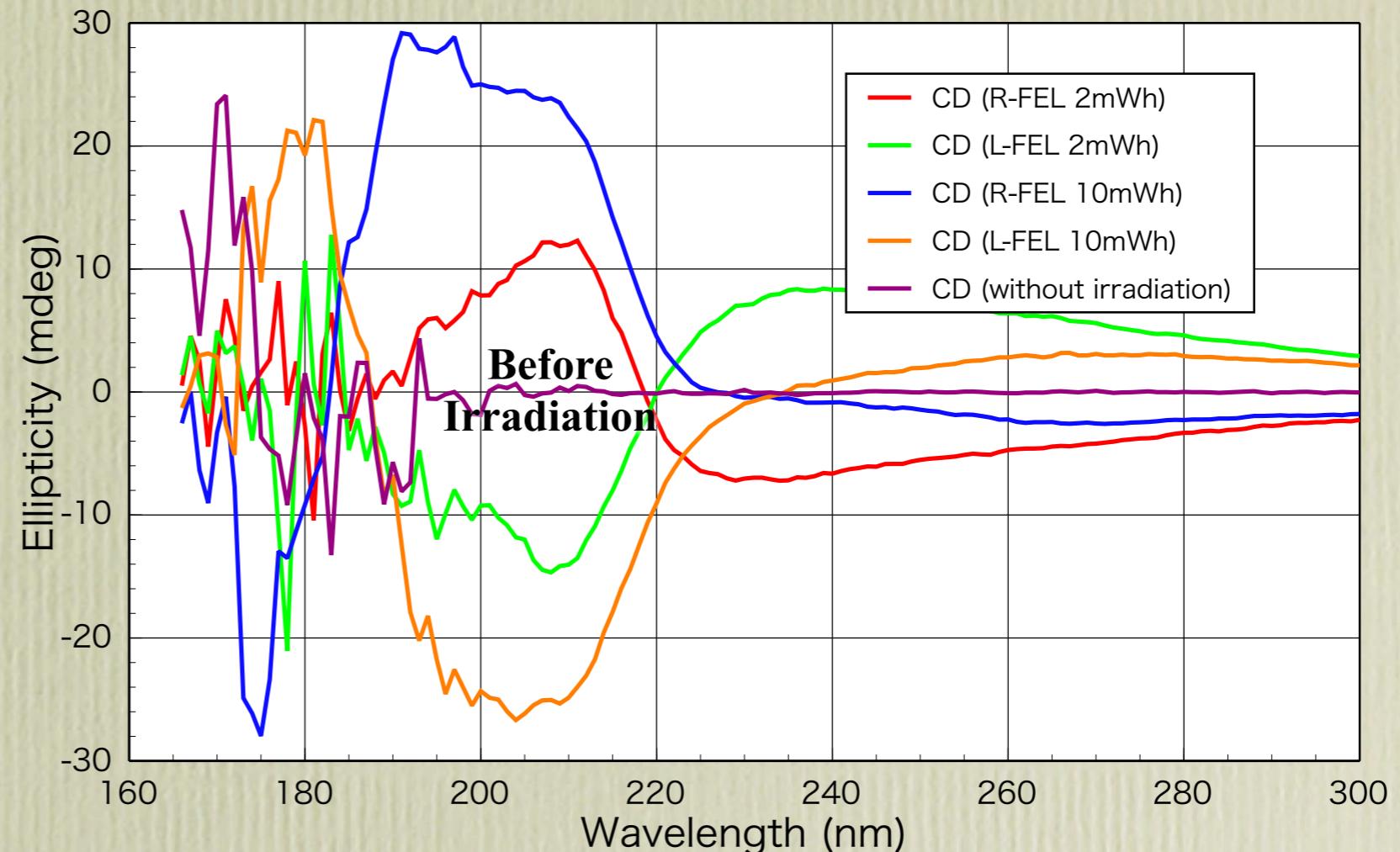
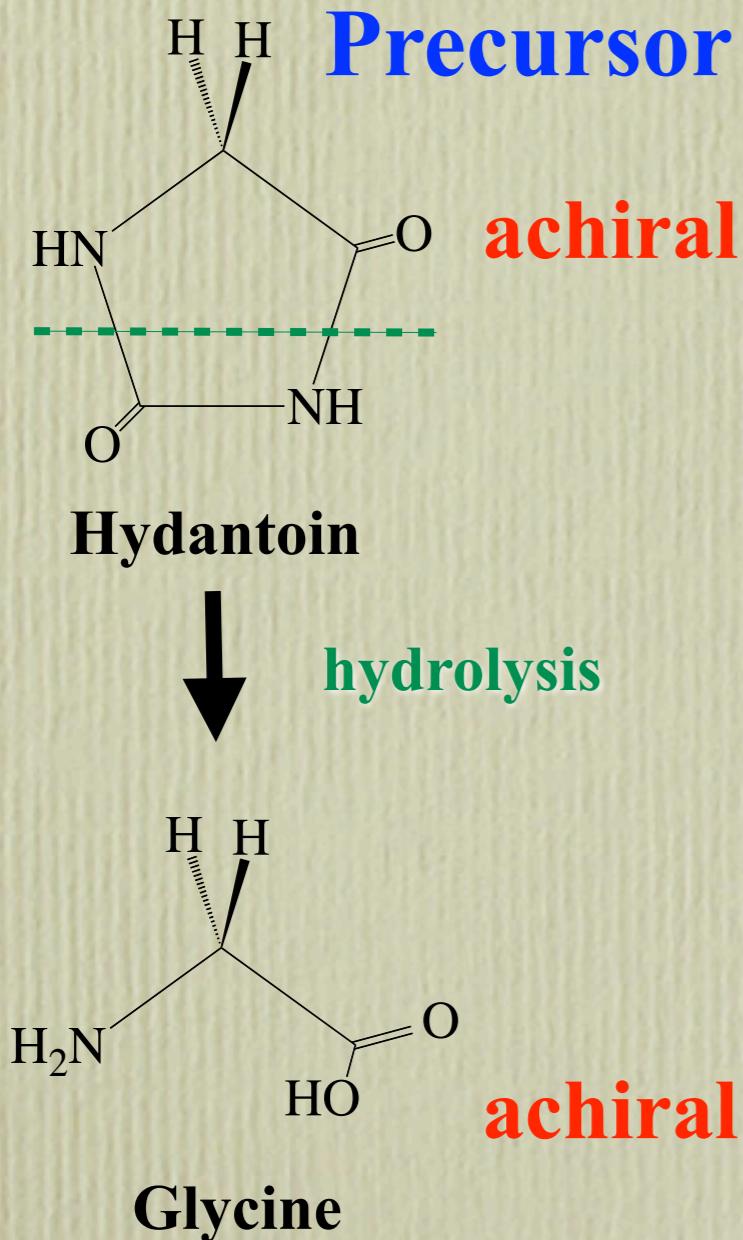
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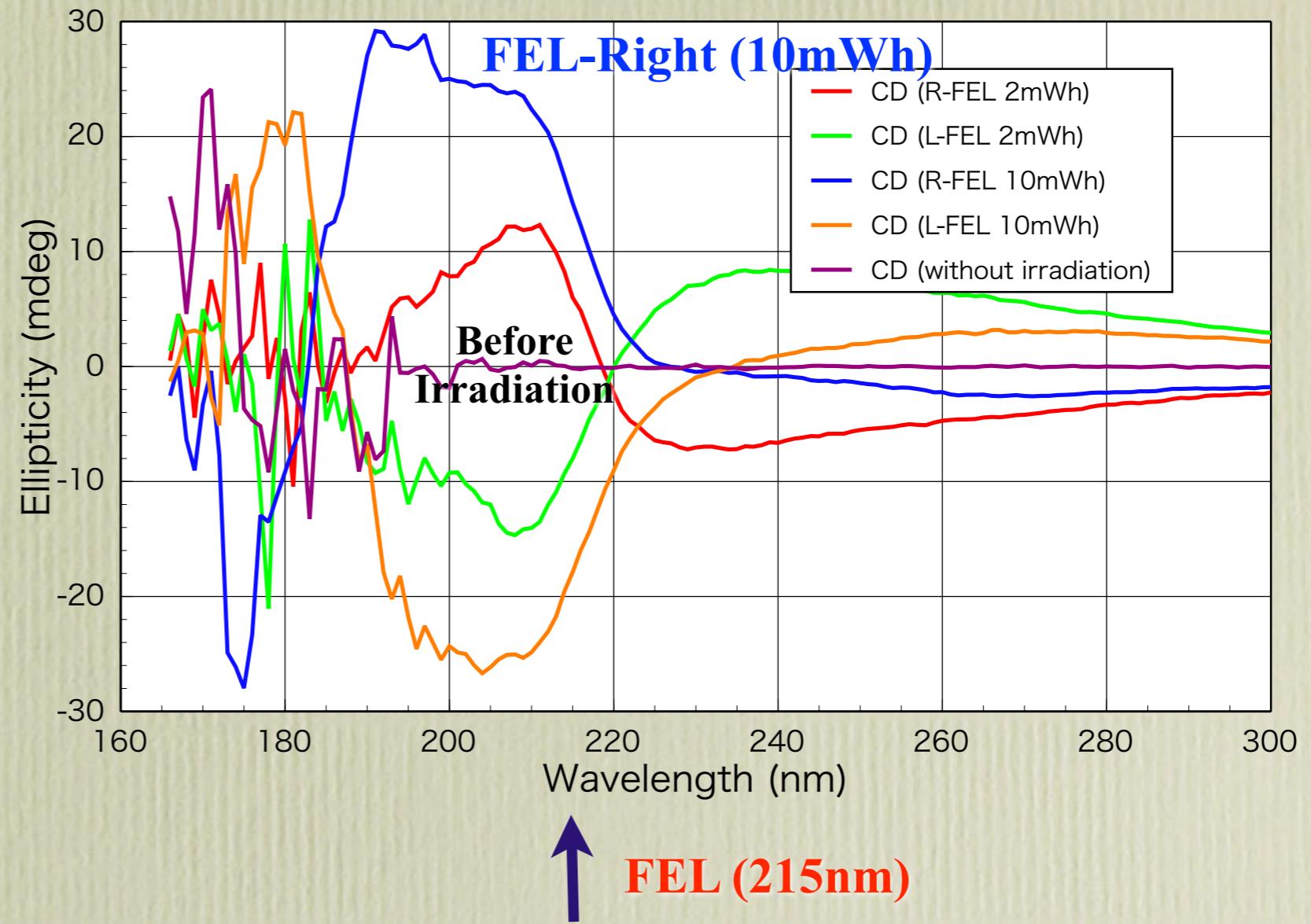
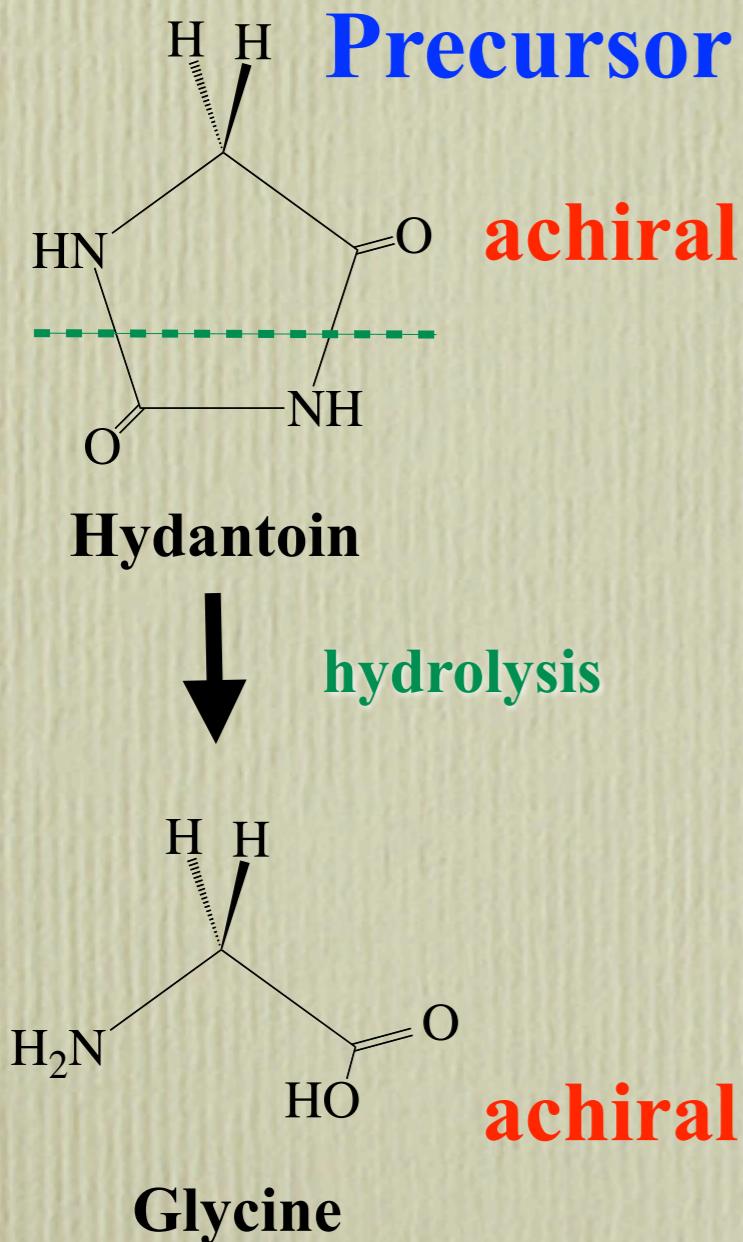
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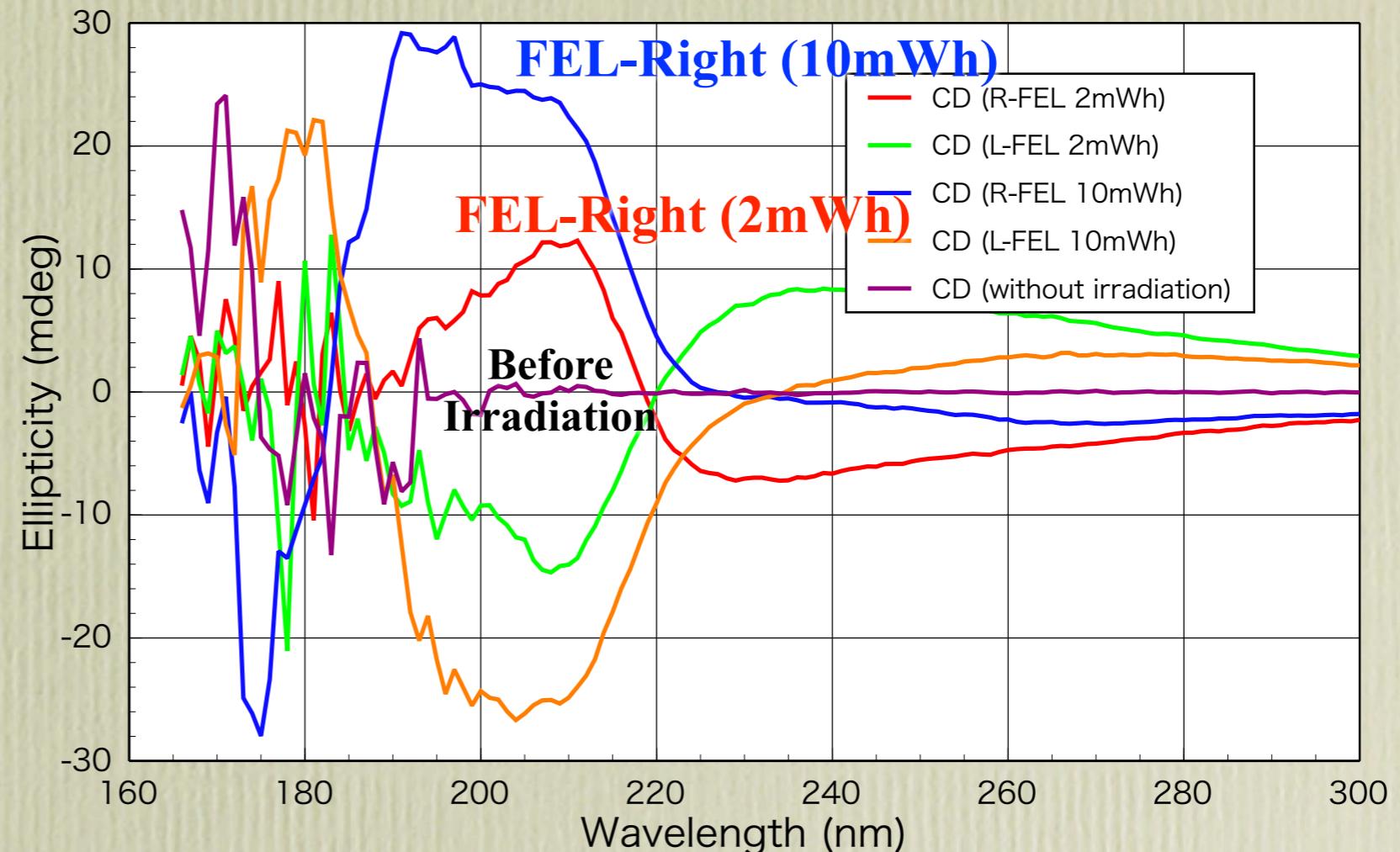
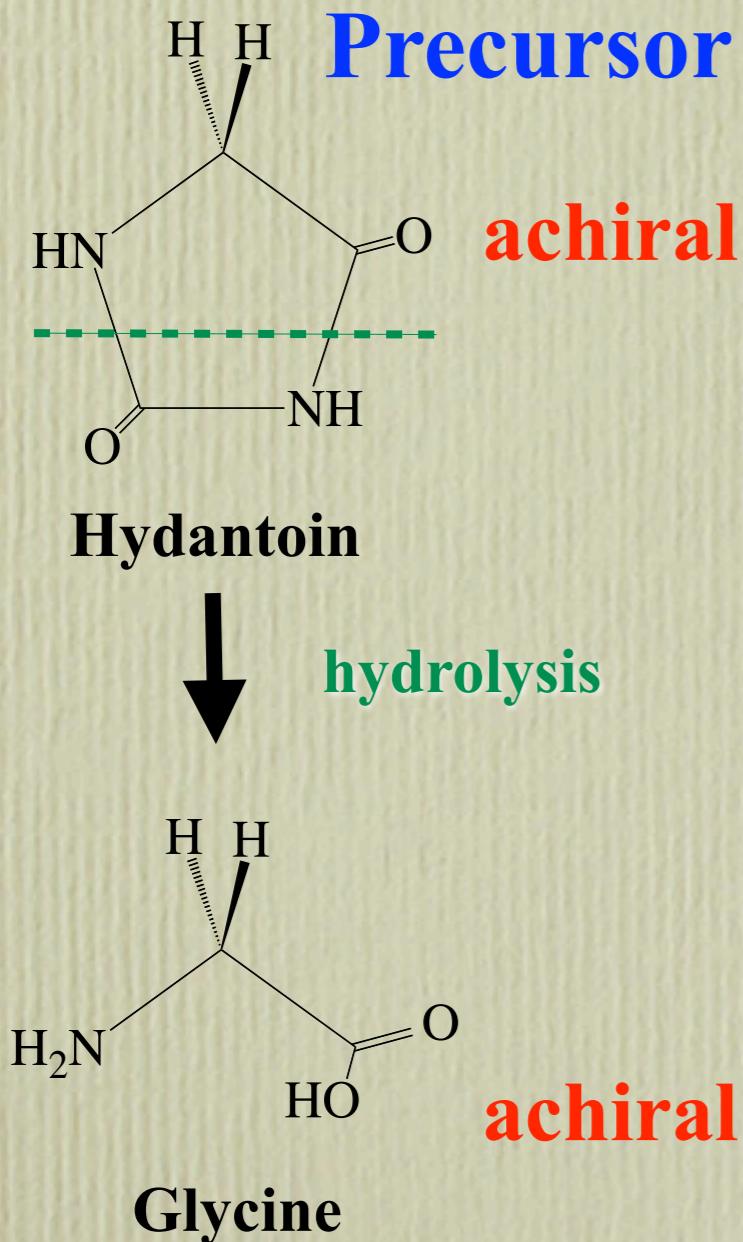
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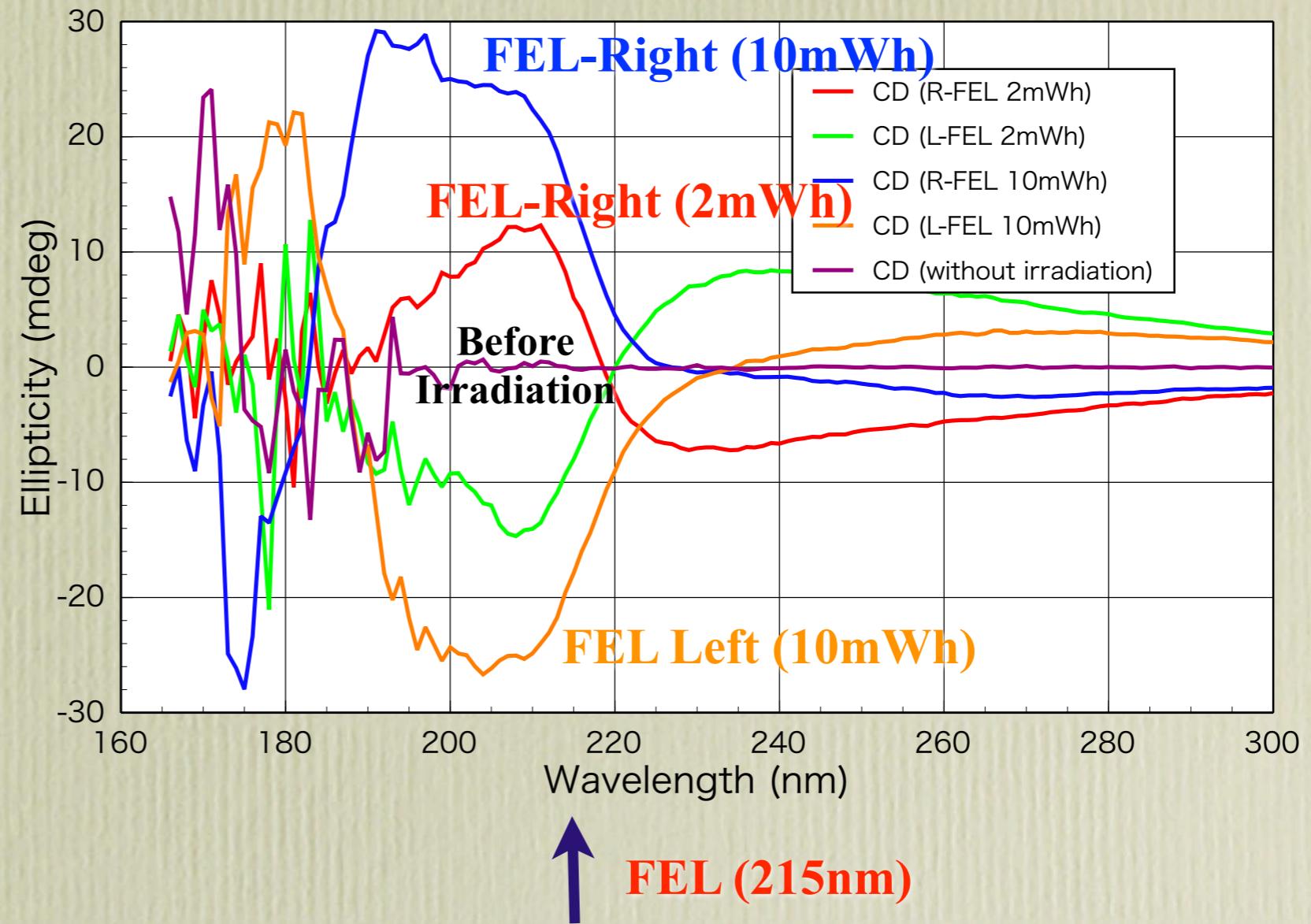
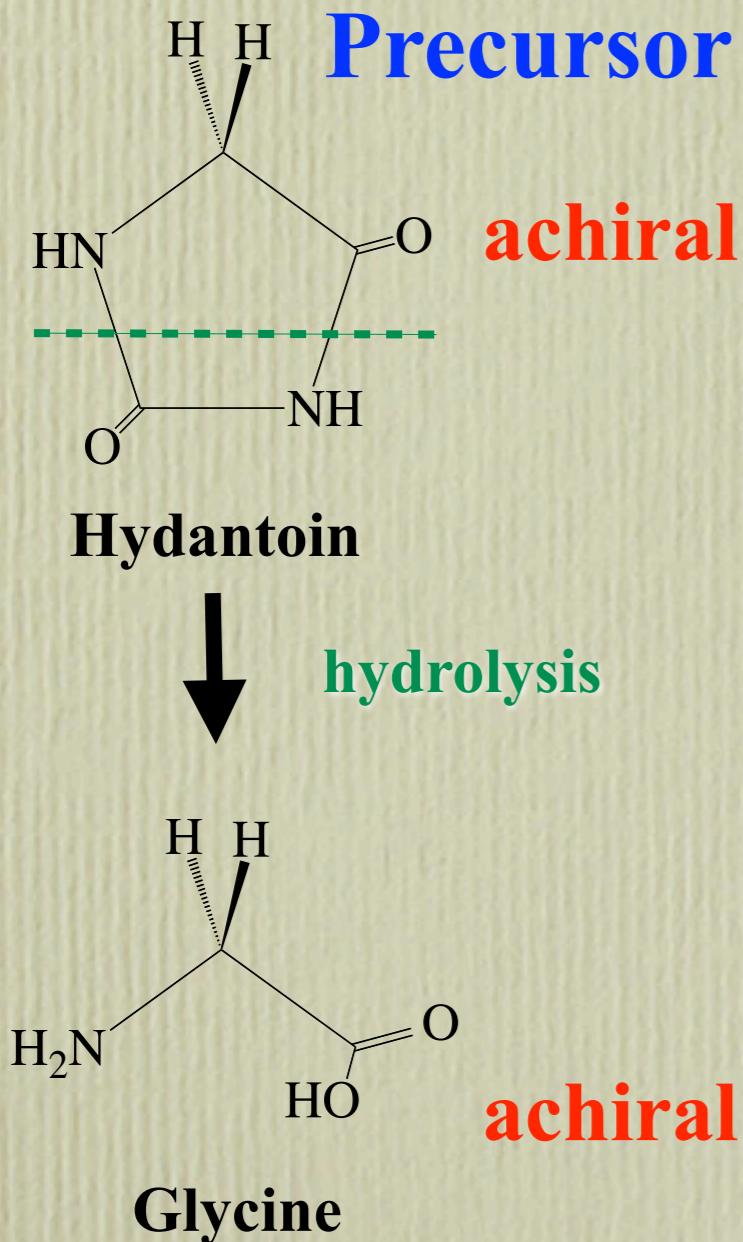
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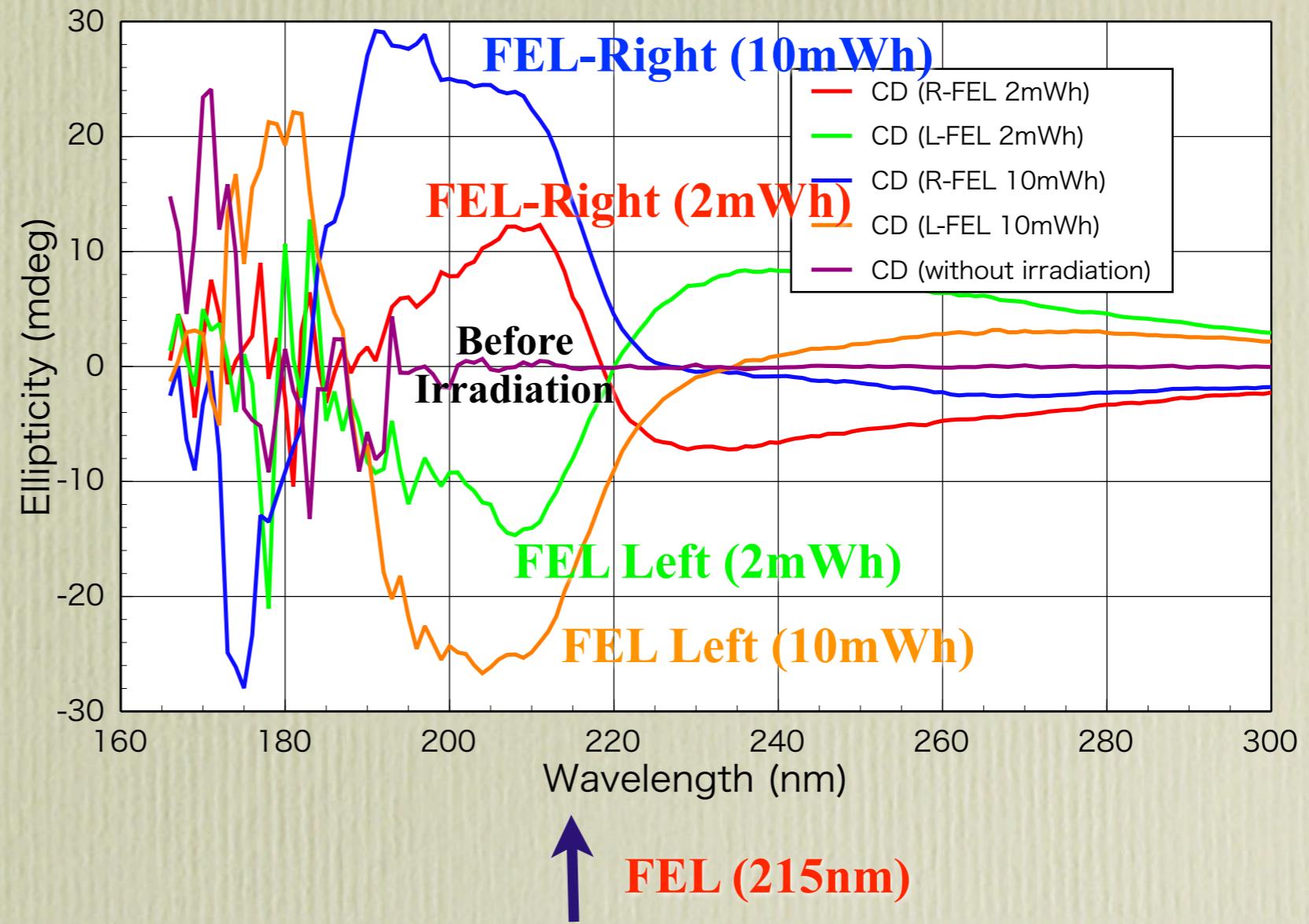
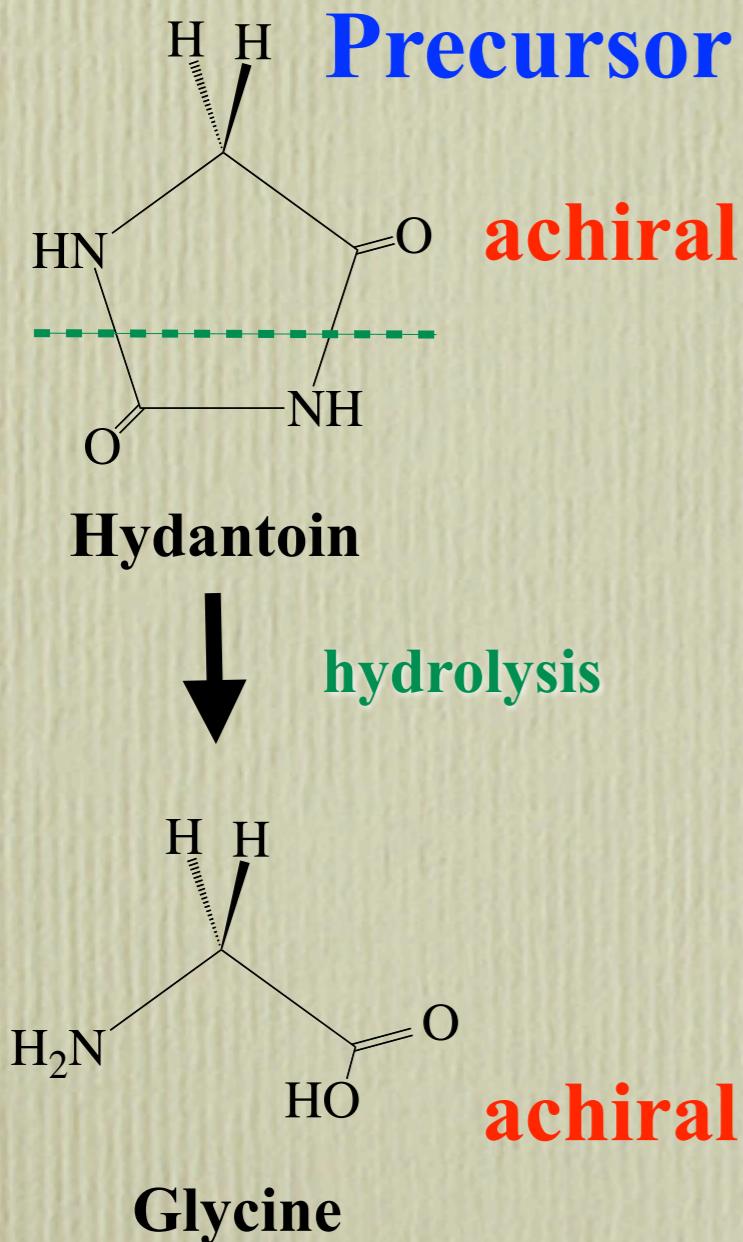
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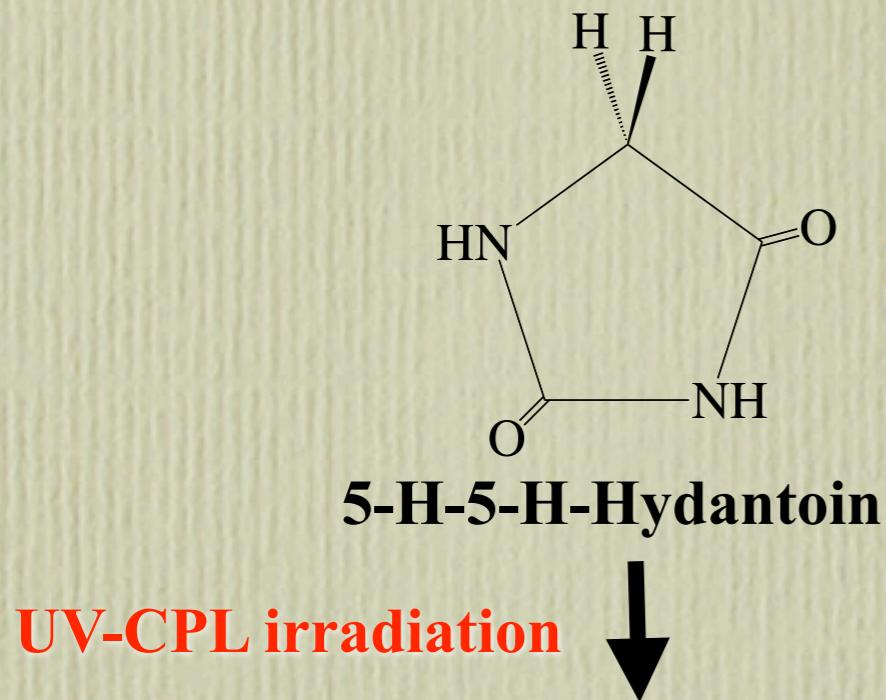
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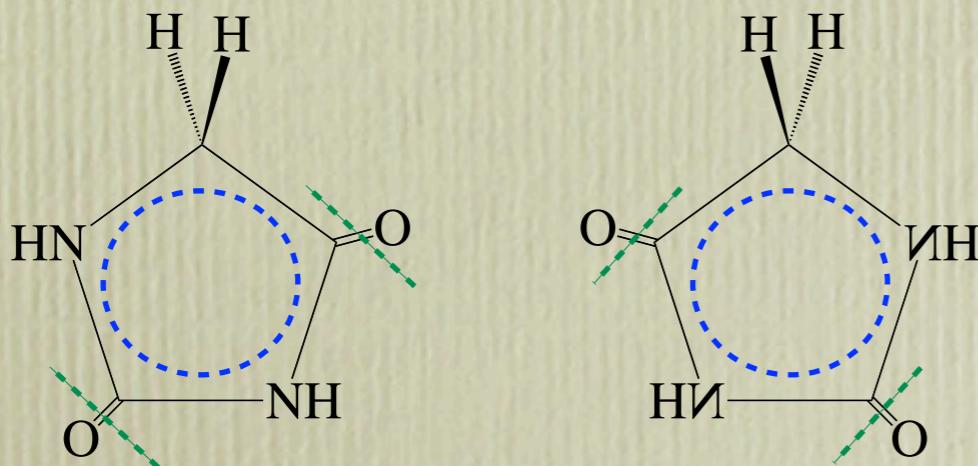
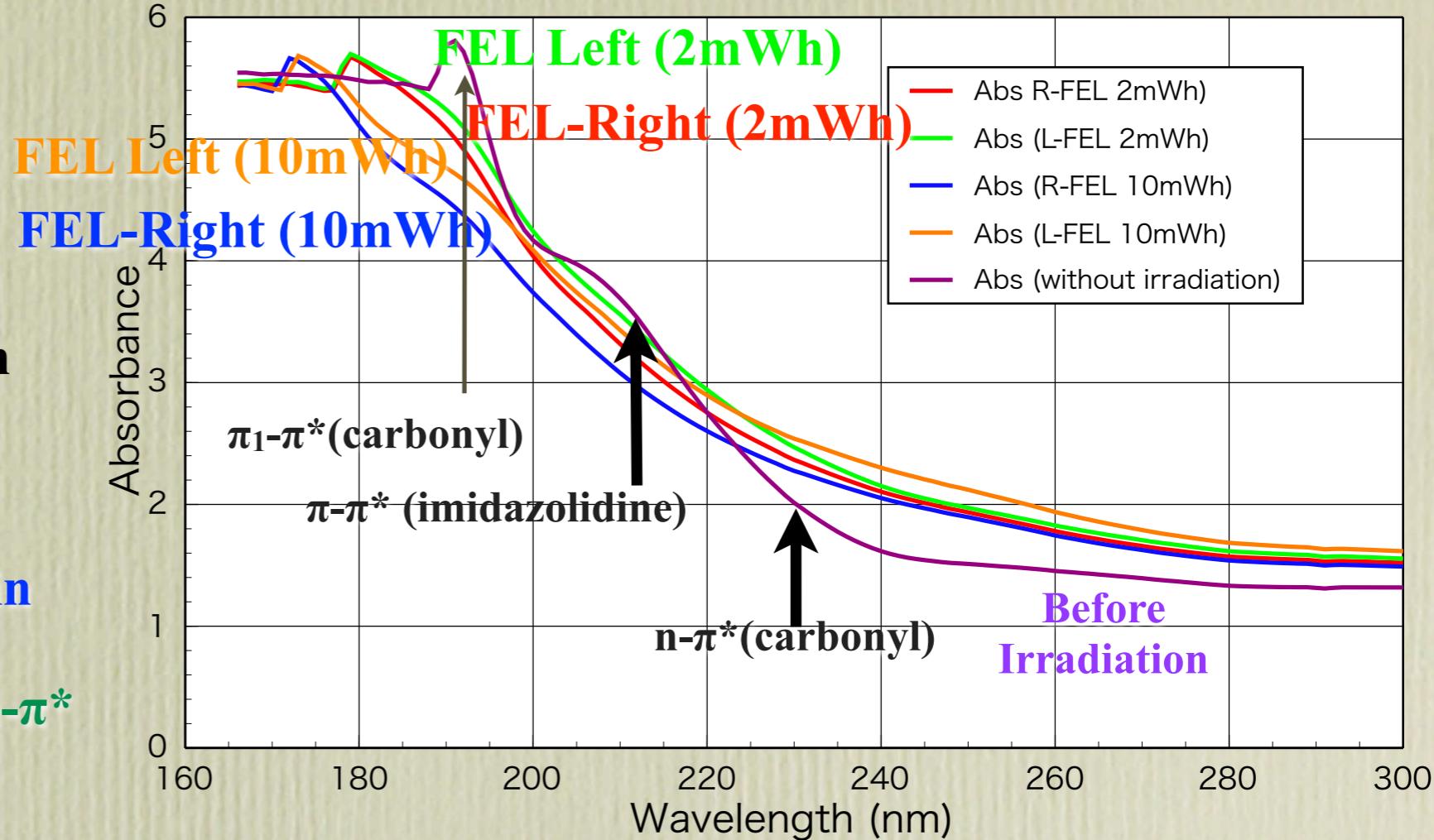


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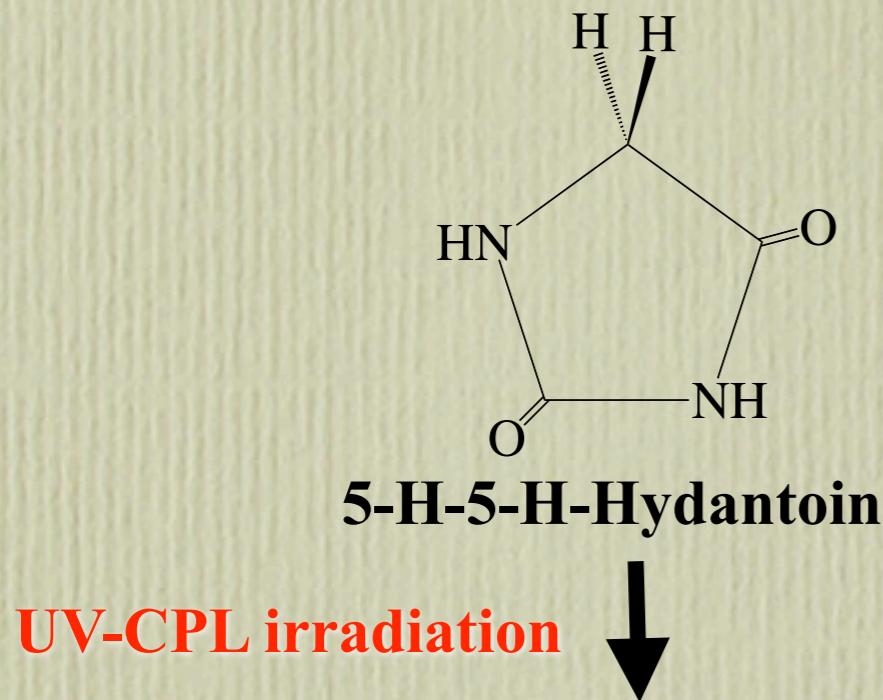
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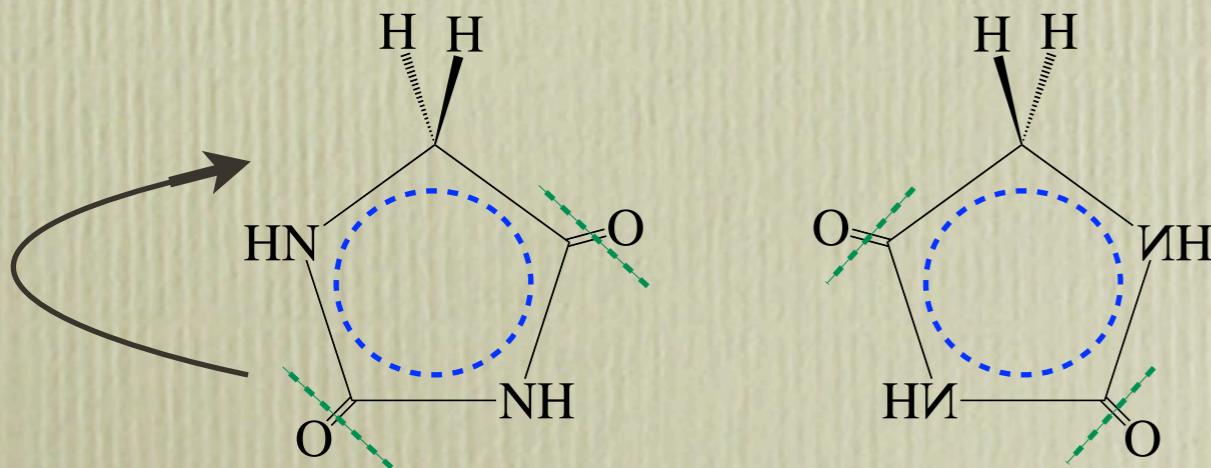
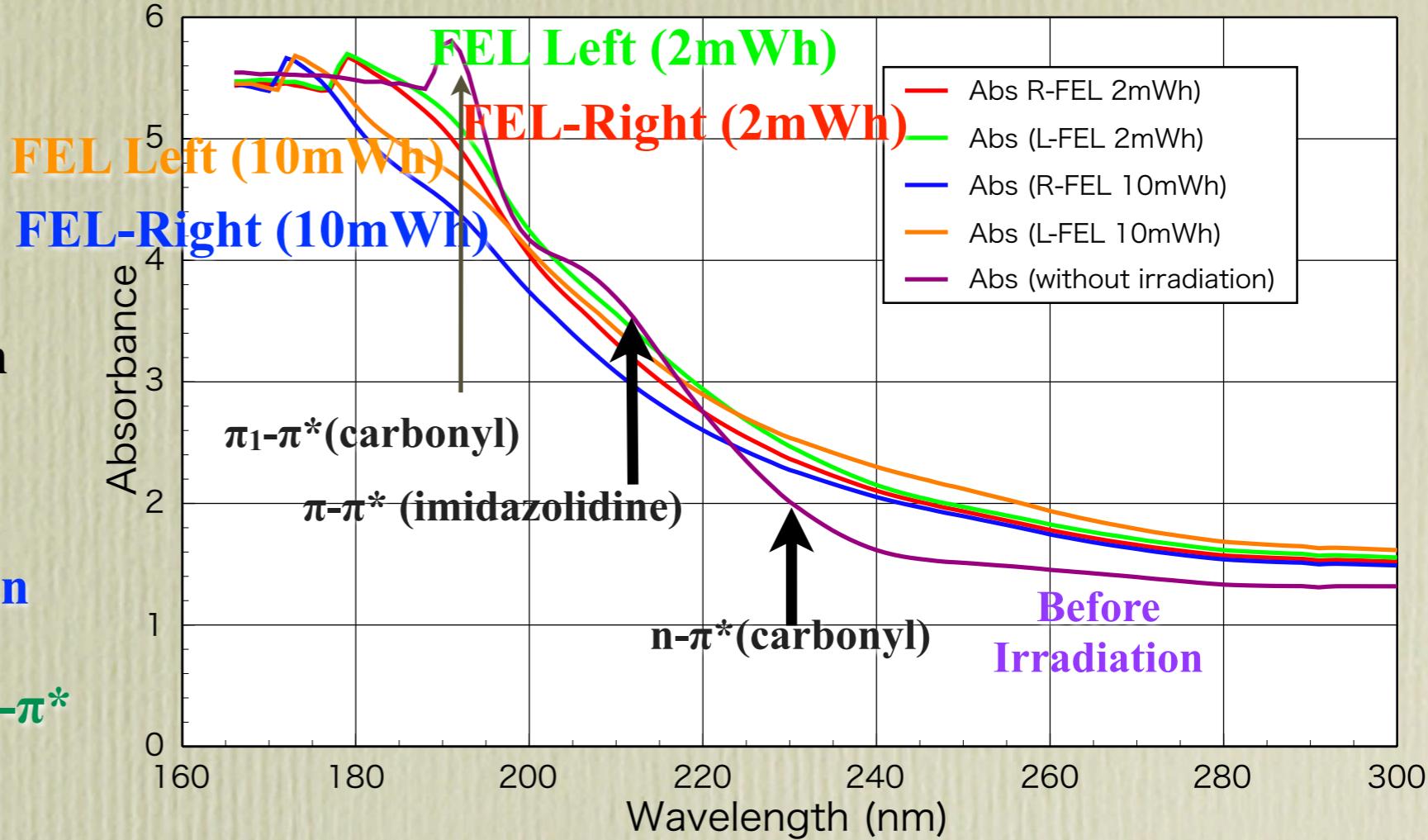
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**FEL (215nm)**

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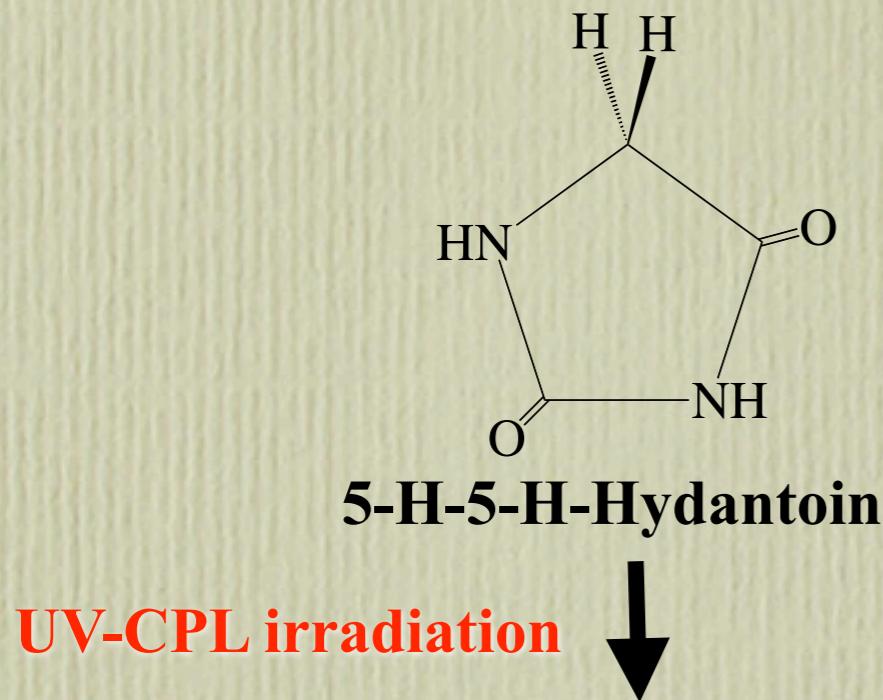
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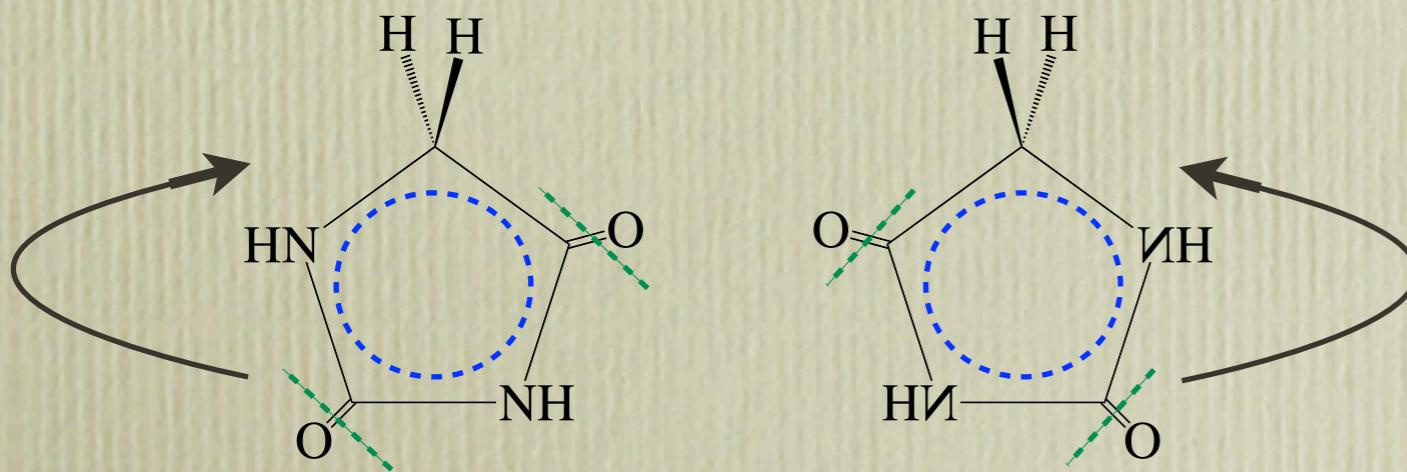
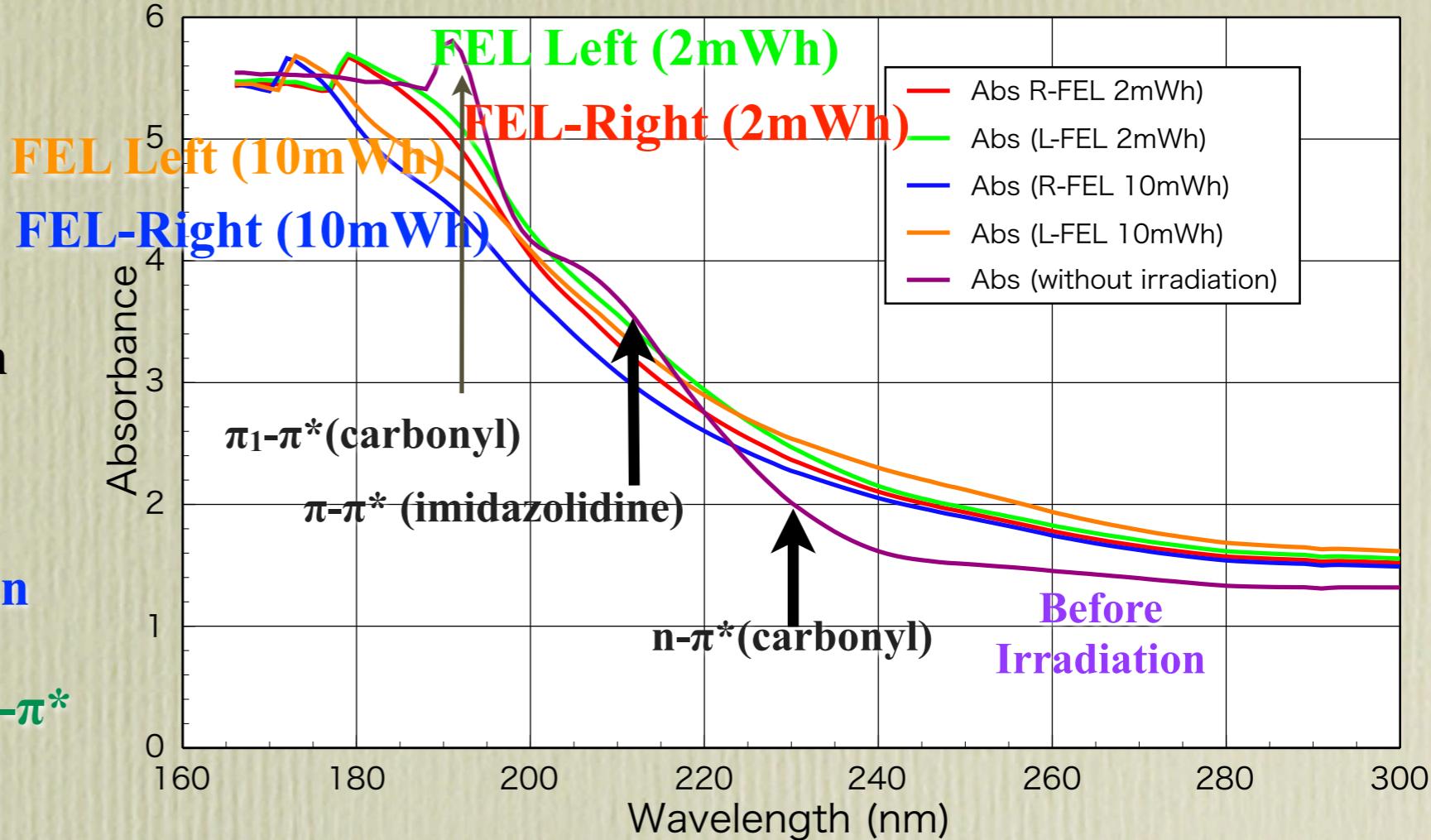
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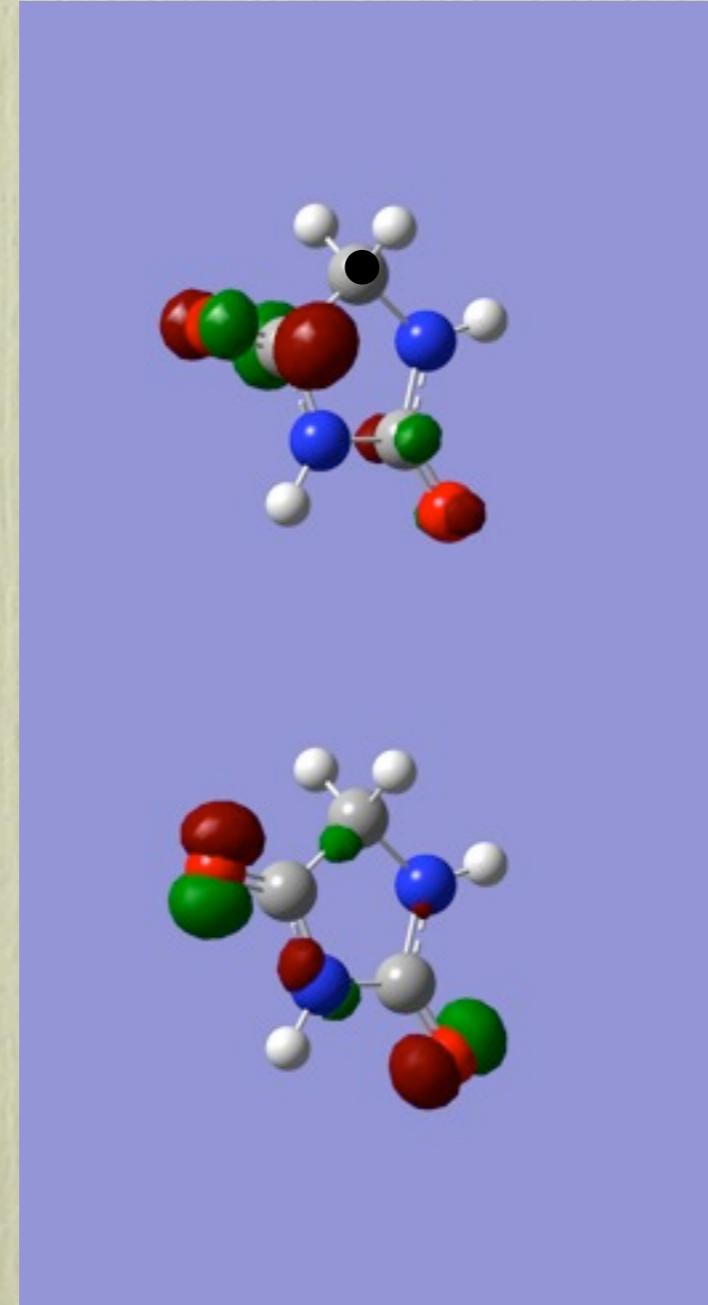
# CD-related Molecular Orbital of hydantoin

hydantoin (stable)

LUMO



HOMO

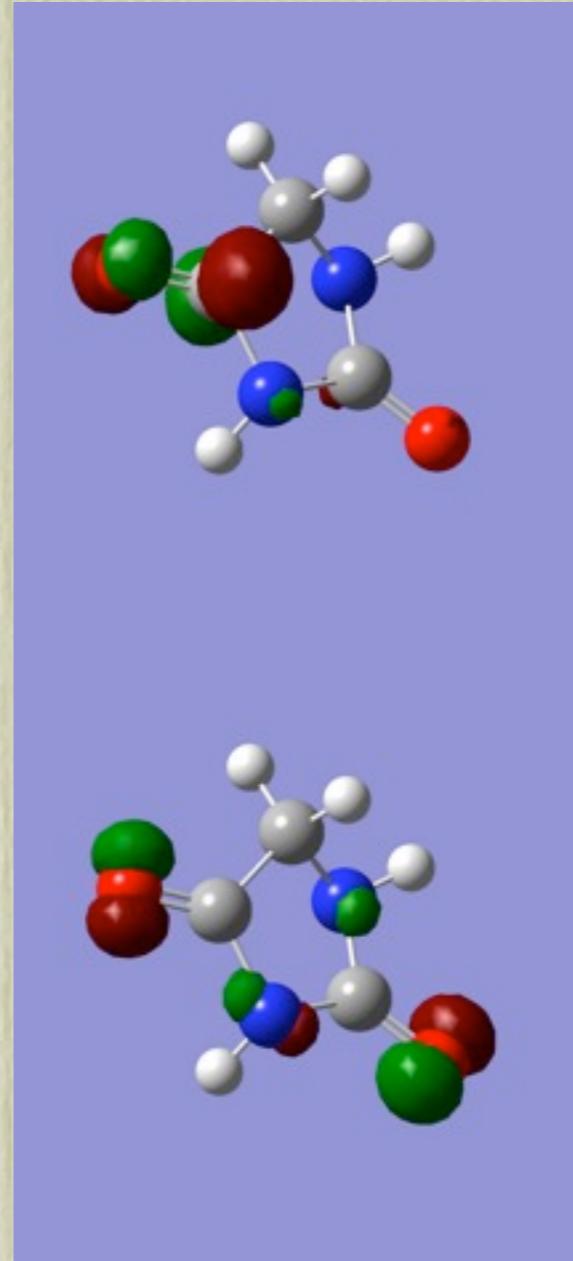


hydantoin (distorted)

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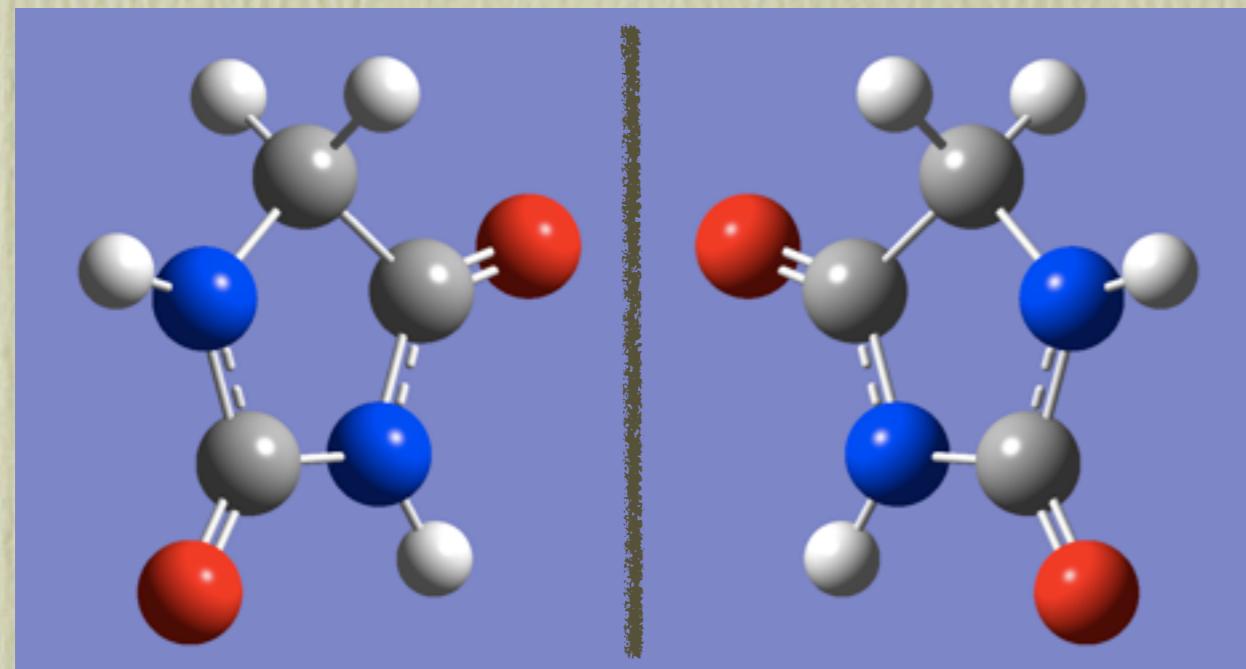


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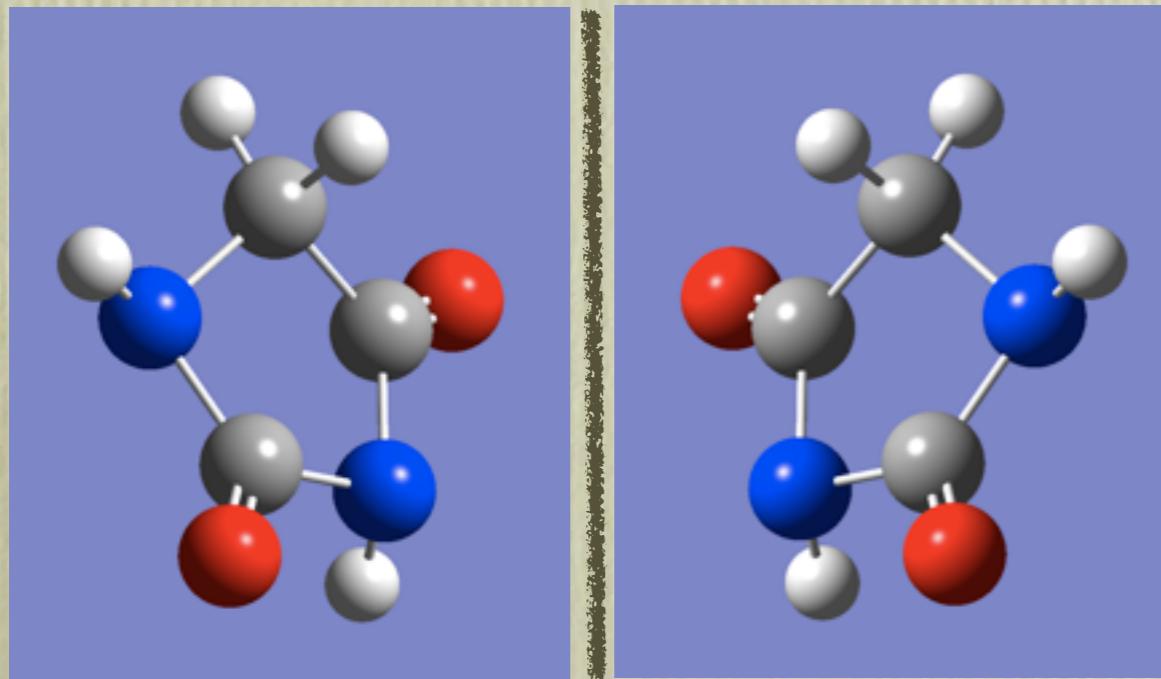


Contribution of CO ( $n-\pi^*$ ) which is sited near  $\alpha$ -carbon

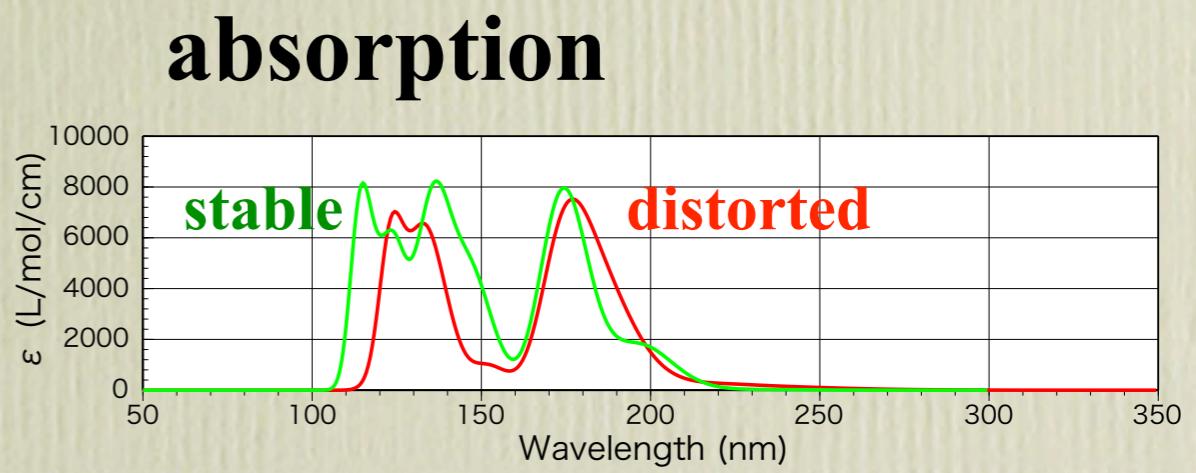
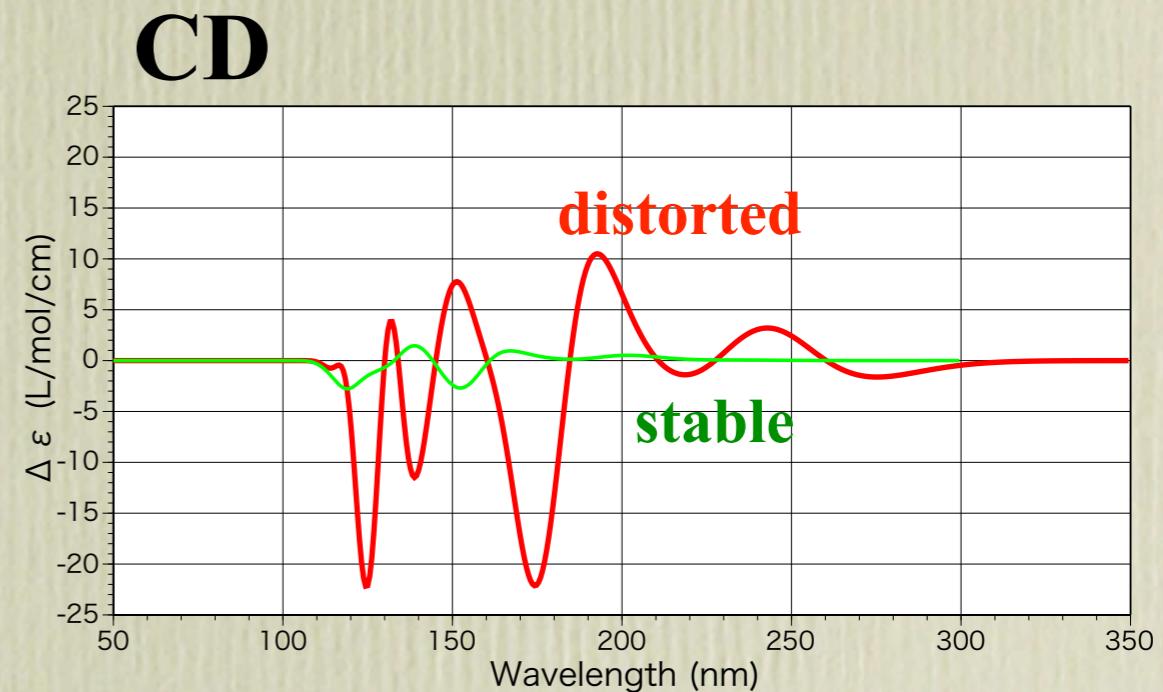
# CPL irradiation distorted the 5-ring structure ?



hydantoin (stable)      achiral  
CPL irradiation      ↓  
hydantoin (distorted)      chiral

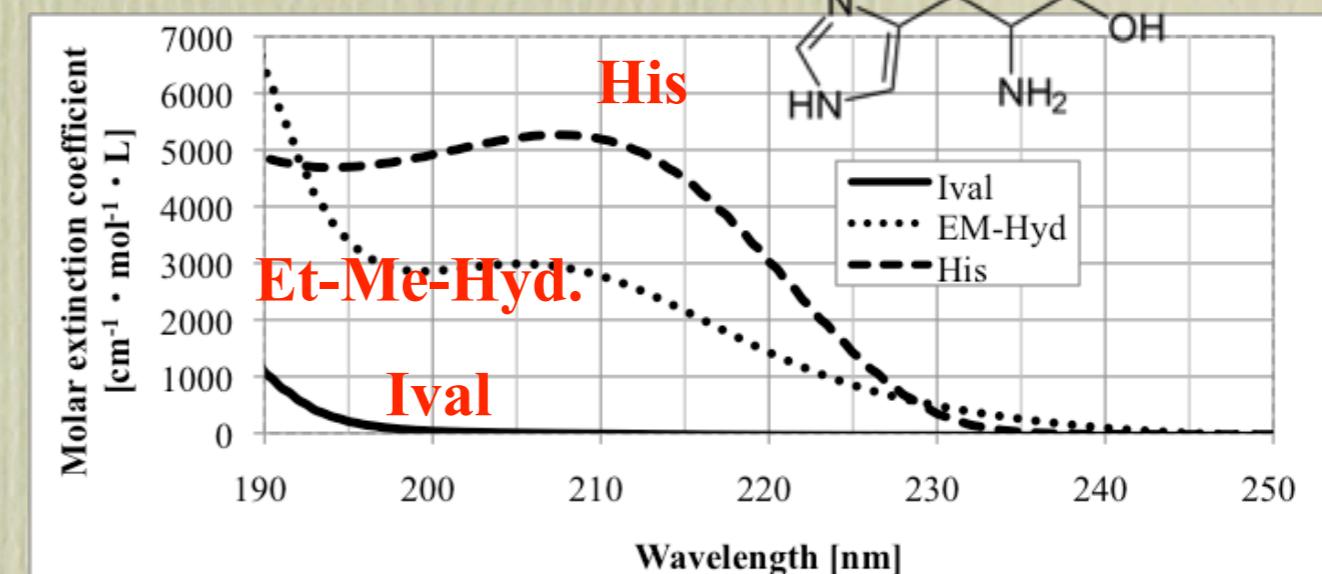
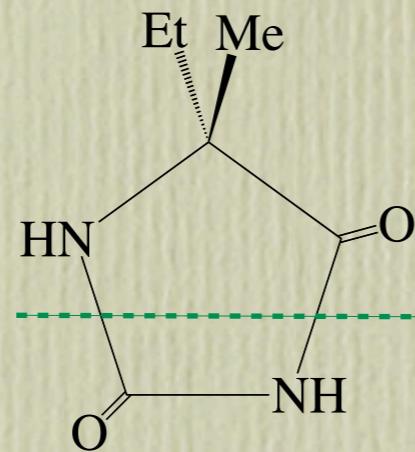
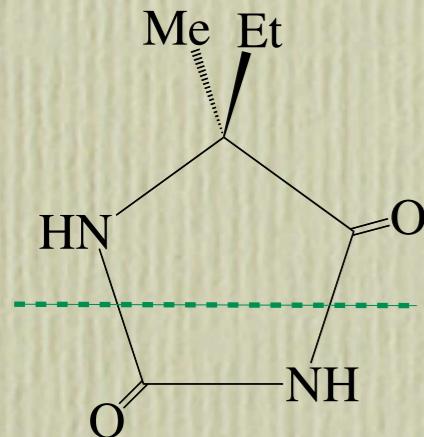


ab initio calculation of  
stable and distorted  
hydantoin



# CPL irradiation (5-Et-5-Me-hydantoin solution)

## Precursor of Isovaline



Absorption of free Ival and EM-Hyd

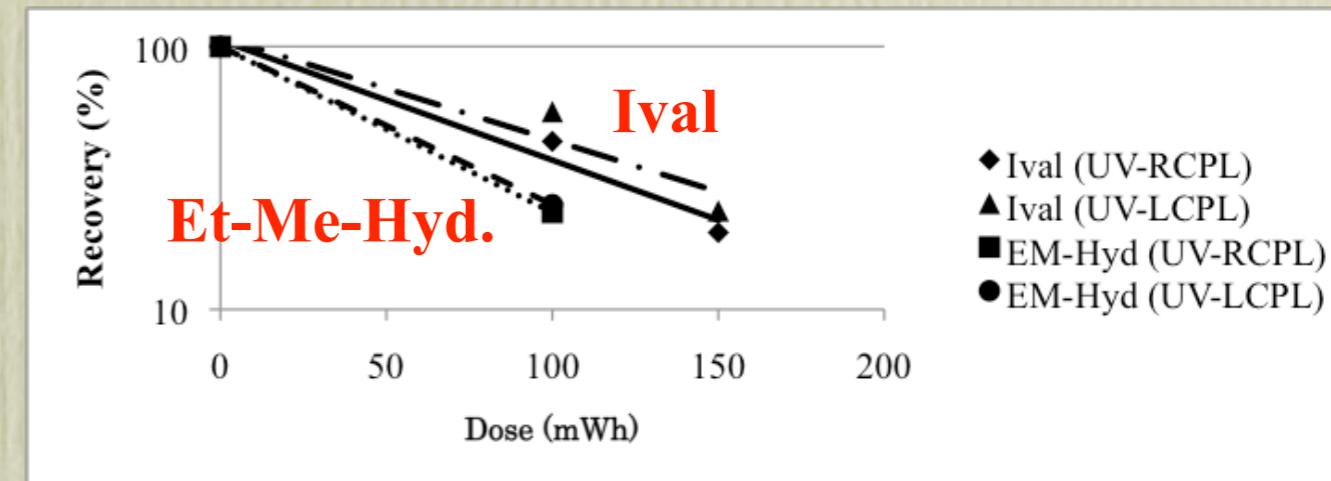
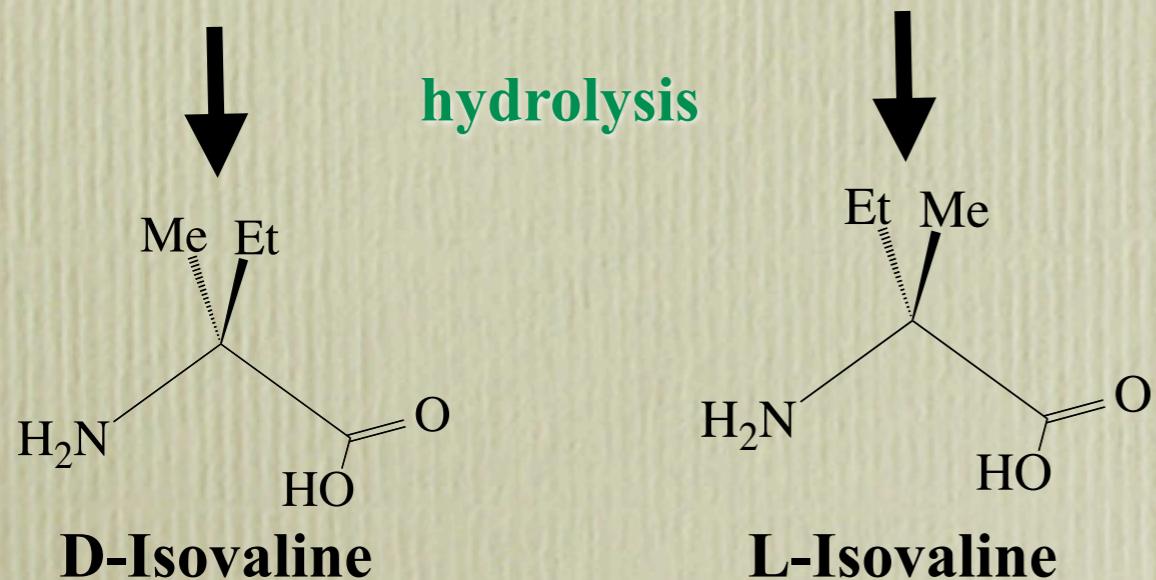
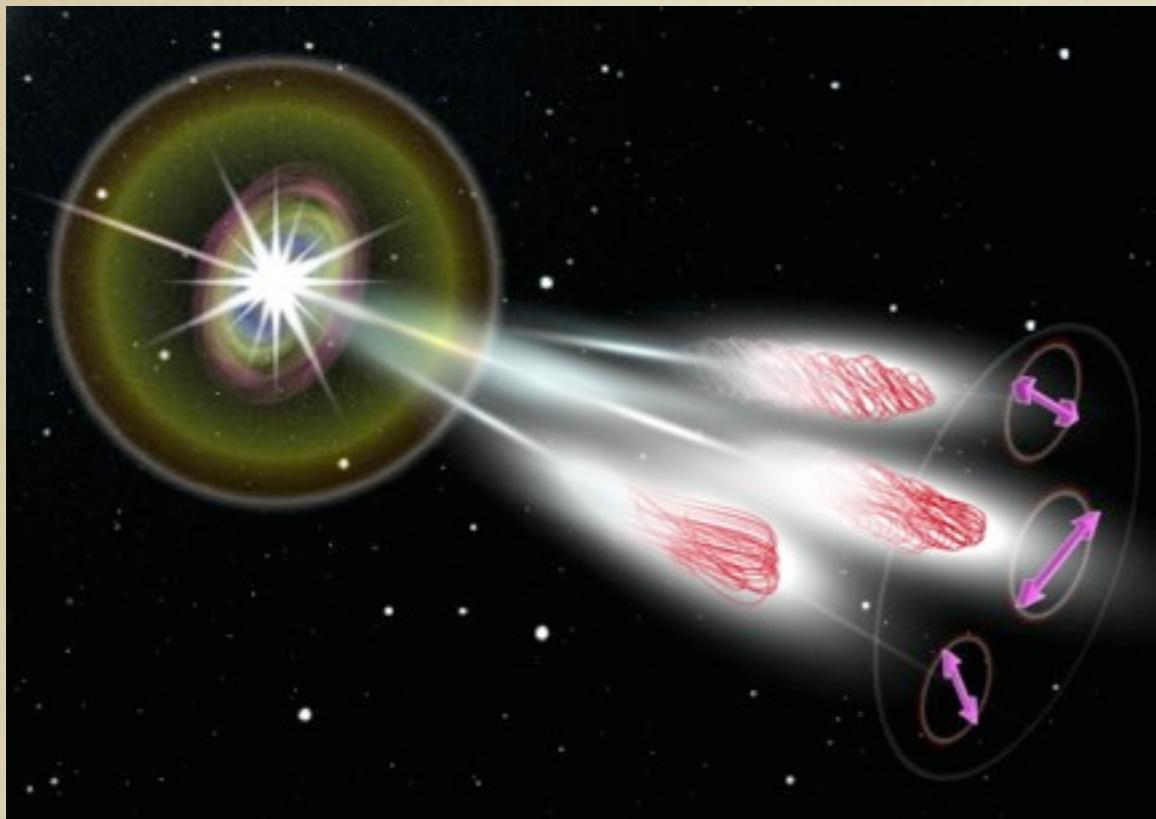


Photo-stability of free Ival and EM-Hyd against UV-CPL irradiation

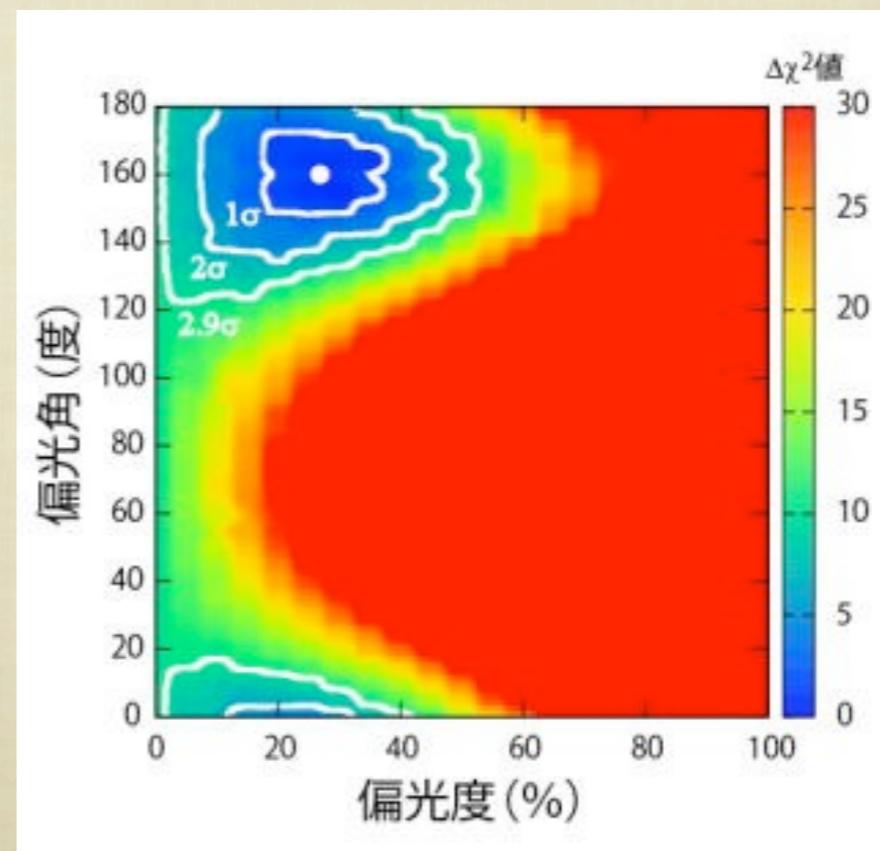
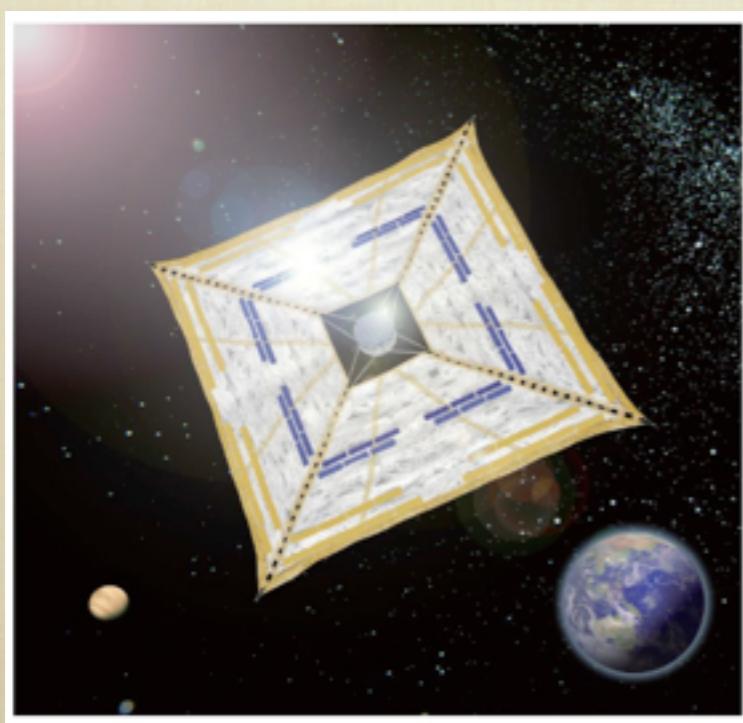
# Circularly Polarized Light in Space (2)



**Observation of Linear Polarization  
in Gamma-ray Burst**

**Detection of Gamma-ray Burst  
Polarization with GAP on board  
IKAROS**

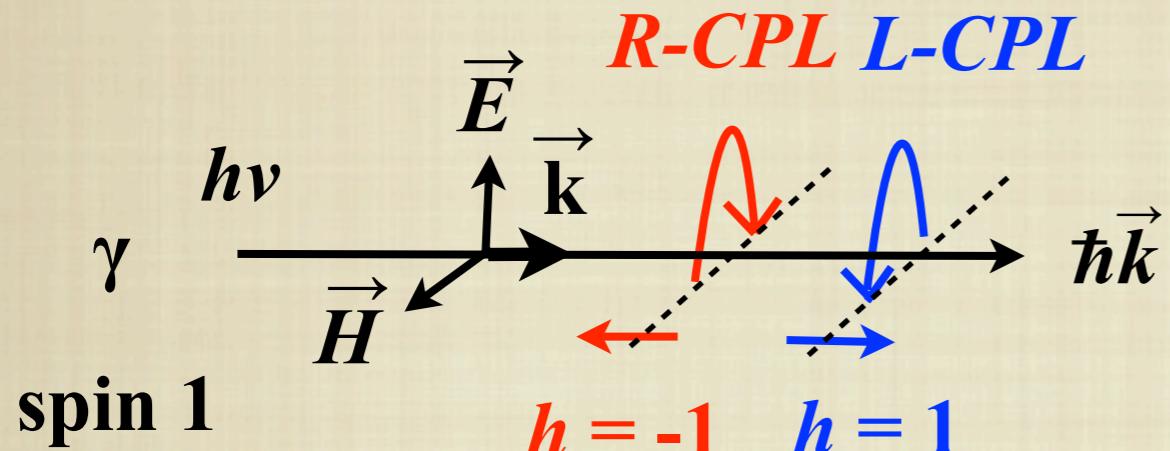
T.Murakami et al. Butsuri Vol.67 p.758 (2012)



# Chiral Impulse

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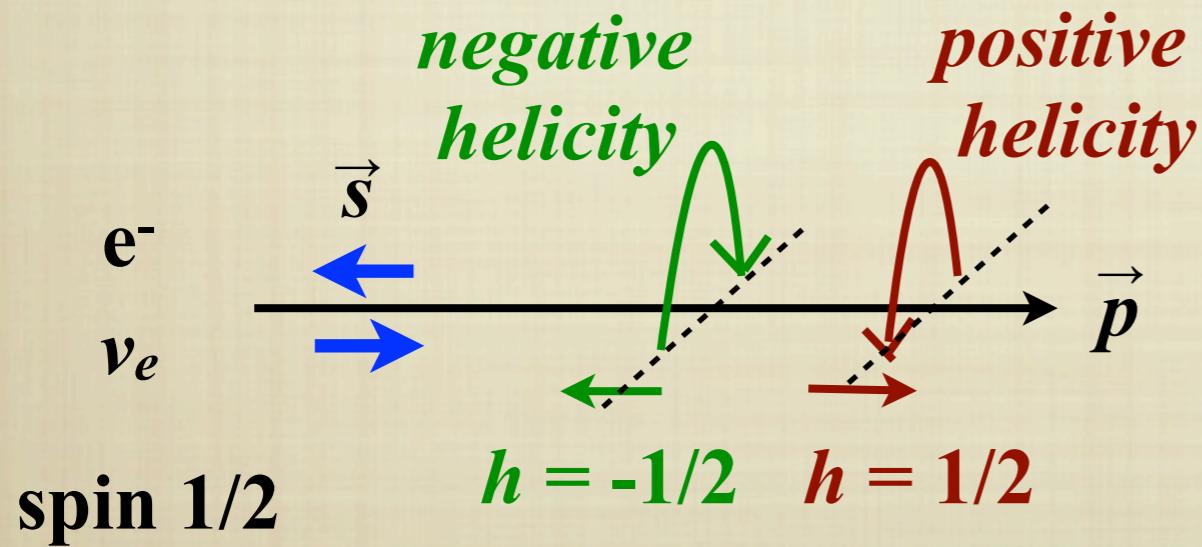
Circularly polarized light



$$\boxed{\text{Helicity} \quad h = \vec{s} \cdot \vec{p} / |\vec{p}|}$$

right-handed (negative helicity)  
left-handed (positive helicity)

Spin polarized radiation **in nature**

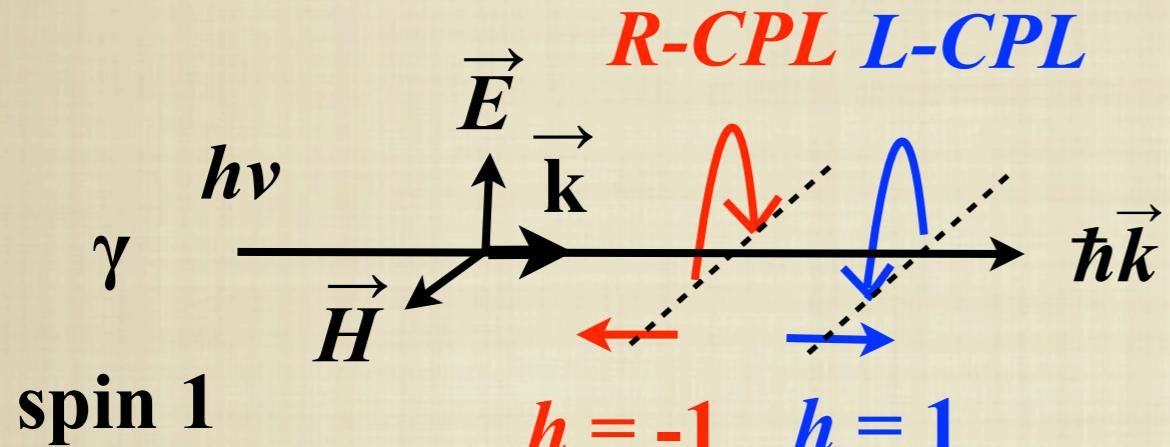


positive helicity (right-handed)  
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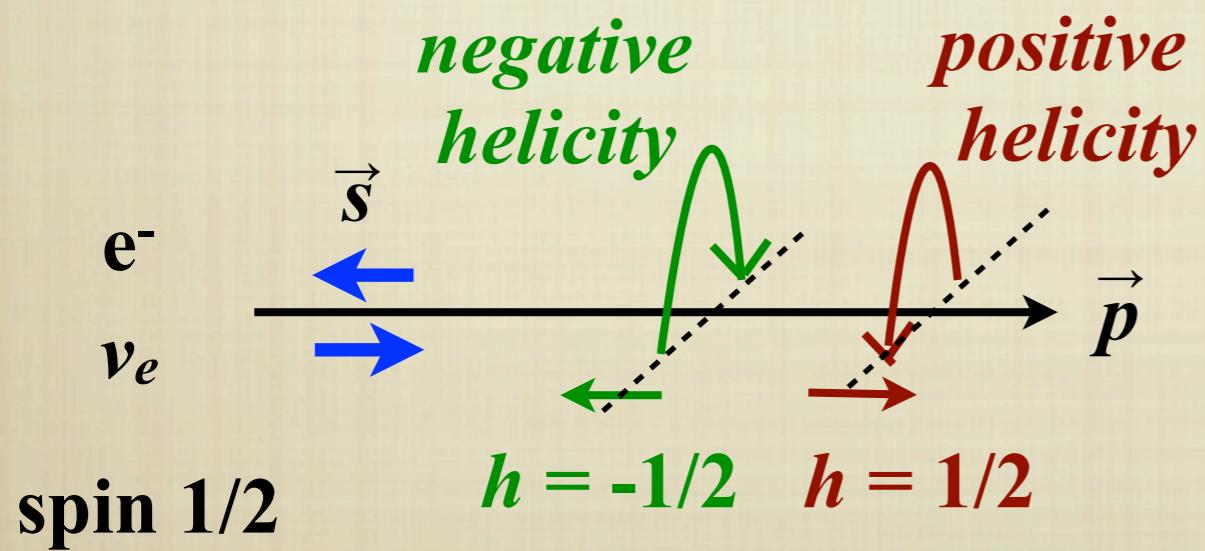
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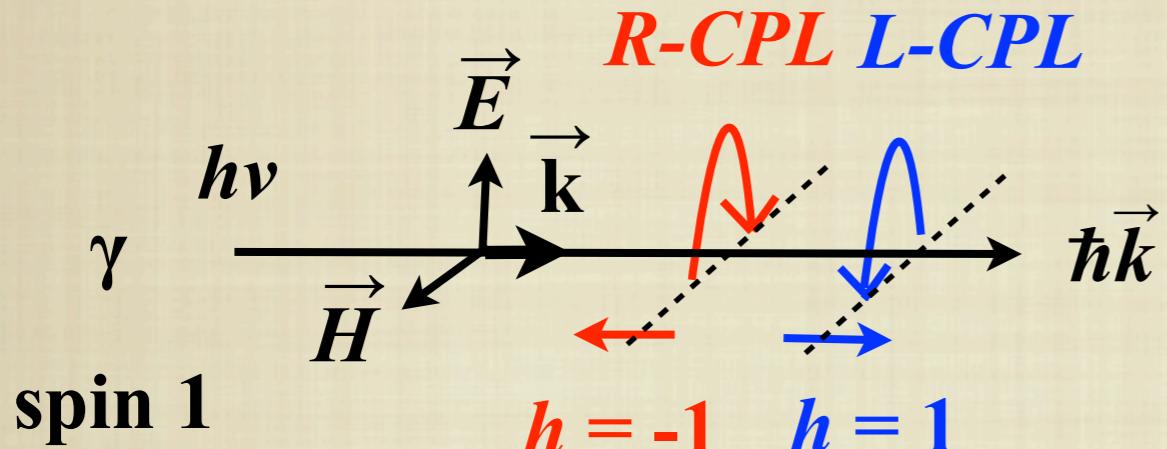
(only **negative** helicity,  
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**positive** helicity (right-handed)  
**negative** helicity (left-handed)

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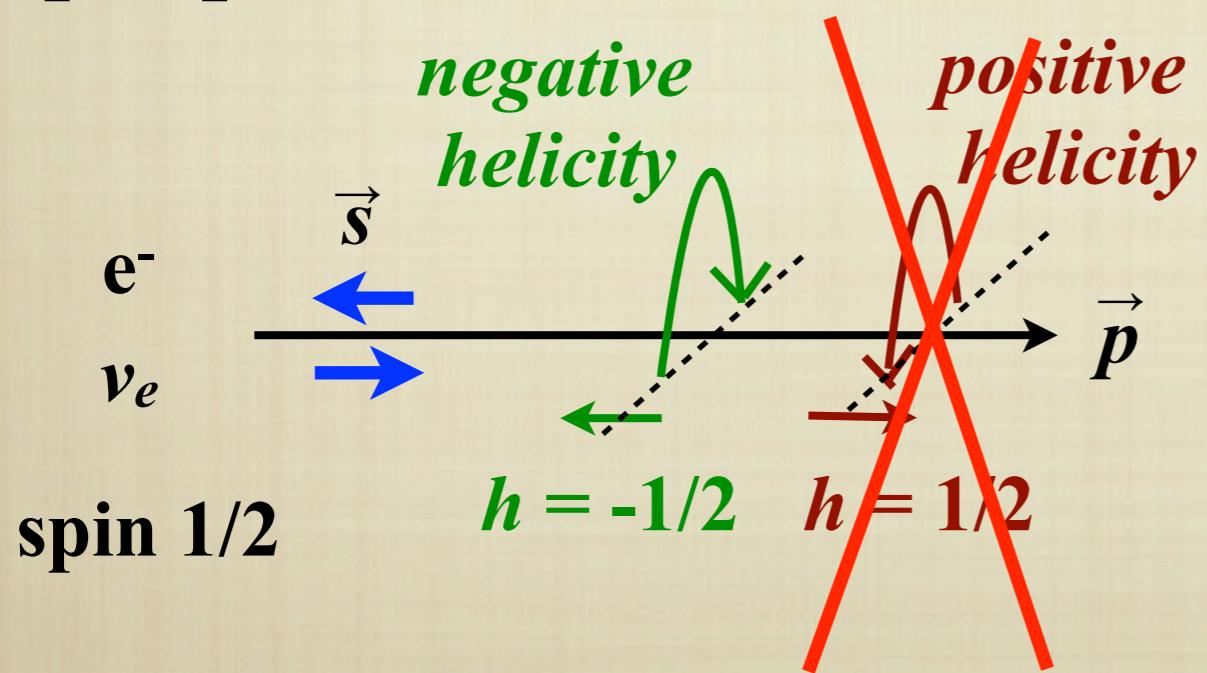
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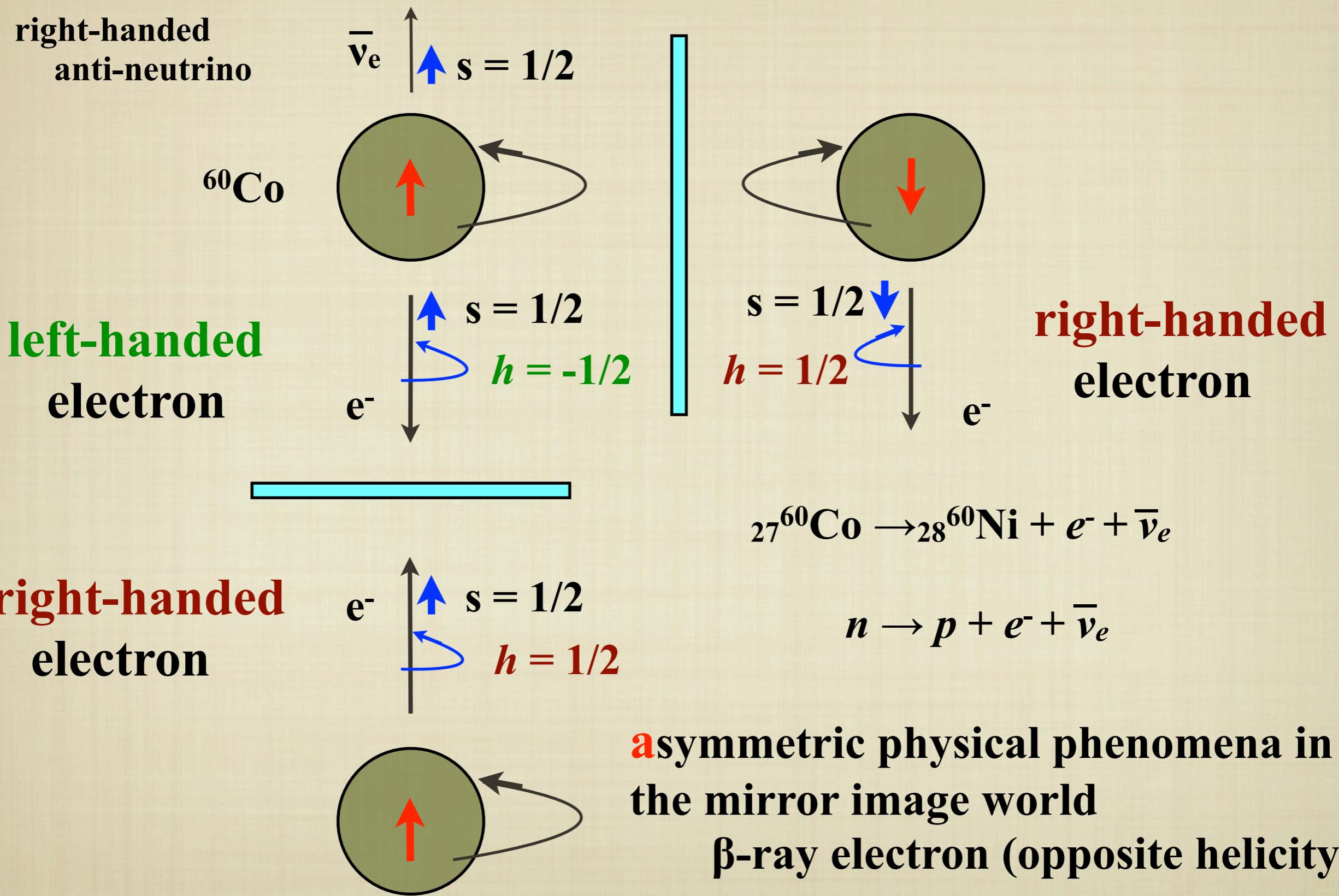
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# Symmetry breaking in $\beta$ -decay



# Spin polarized electrons in space

(Generation) Decay of radioactive nuclei and neutron

(Interaction with molecules) Perturbation of wave function by spin-orbital coupling

(Examples of spin polarized electron in space)

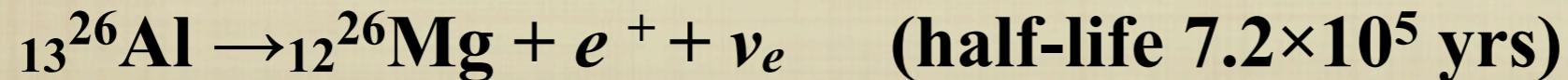
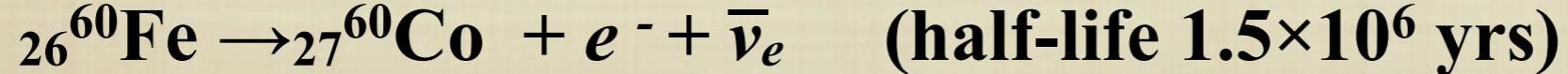
$\beta^-$ -decay ( $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ) electrons from  
**neutron star or neutron fireball** with super nova explosion

$\beta^-$ -decay of radioactive nuclei



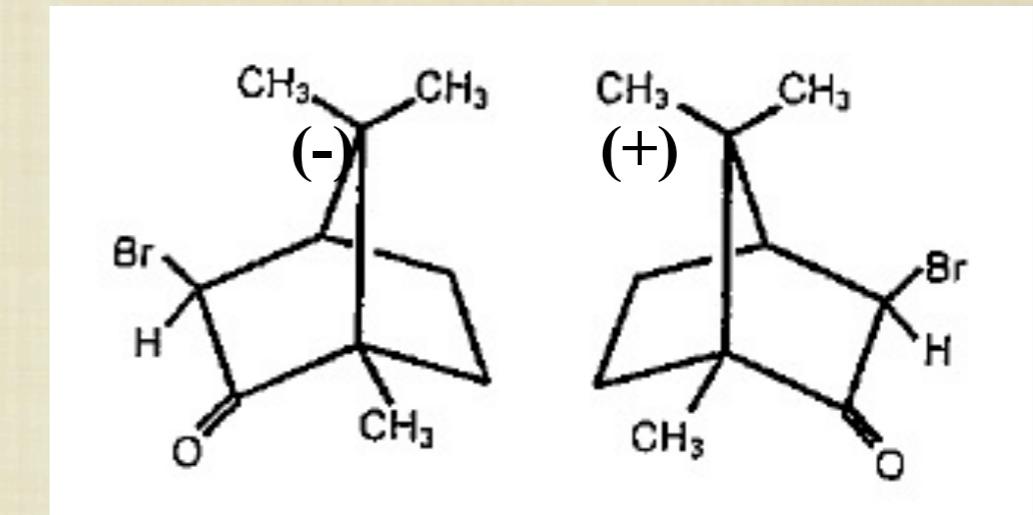
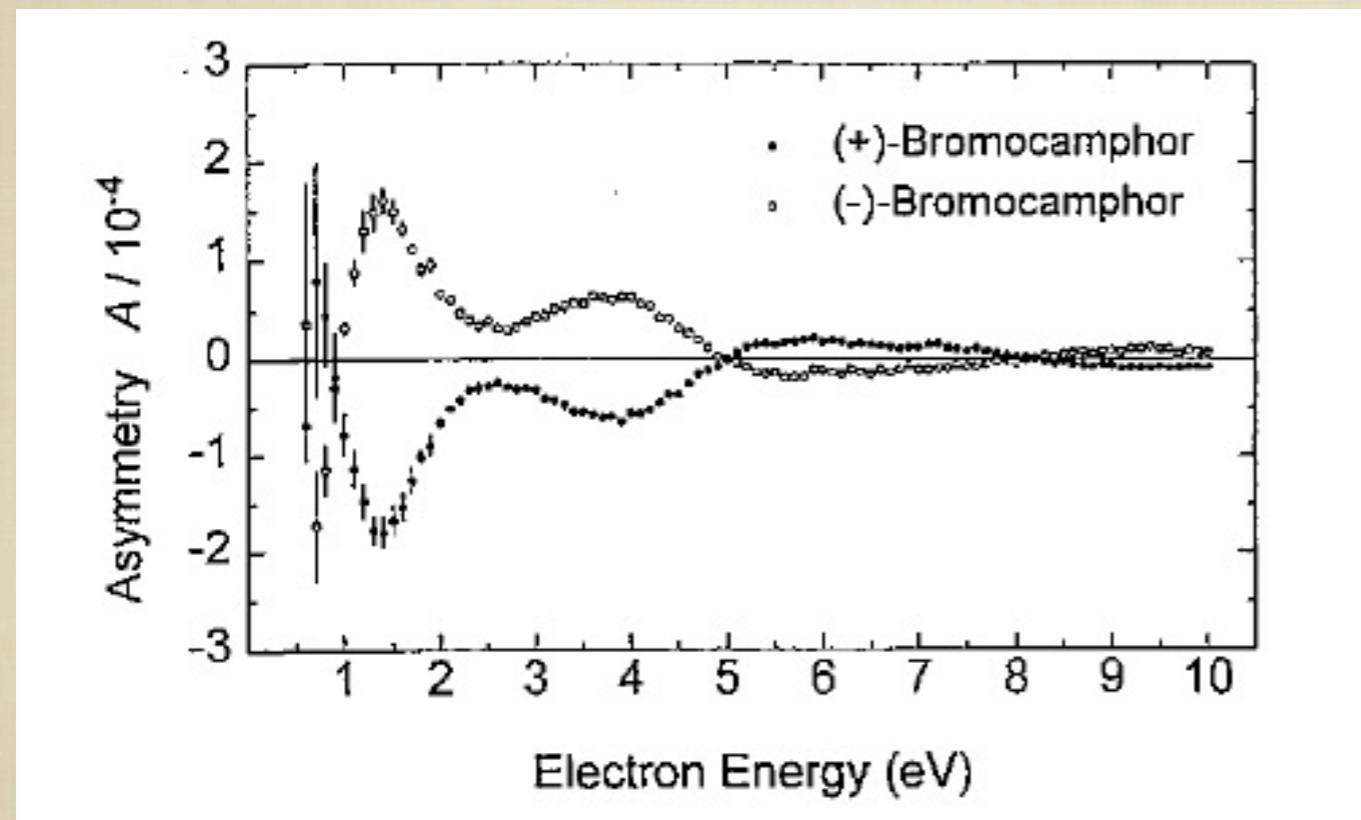
$\beta^-$ -decay or  $\beta^+$ -decay ( $p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e$ ) of short lifetime nuclei in  
**parent bodies of planets or asteroids**

(factors of thermal metamorphism of organic compounds)



# Polarized Electron Dichroism (PED)

Chiral molecules show asymmetric absorption with electron helicity  
 $\sigma(\text{positive helicity}) - \sigma(\text{negative helicity})$



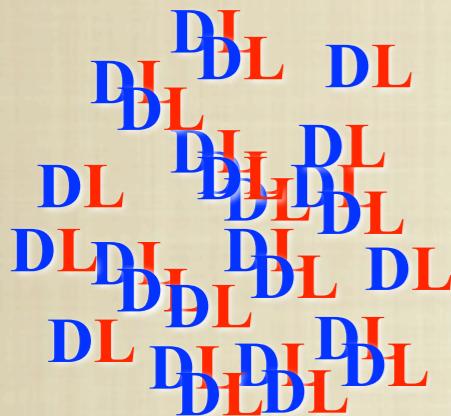
"Electron dichroism: Interaction of polarized electrons with chiral molecules"  
Kessler, J.; Phys. Essays Vol.13 p.421 (2000)

# Polarized beam irradiation experiments

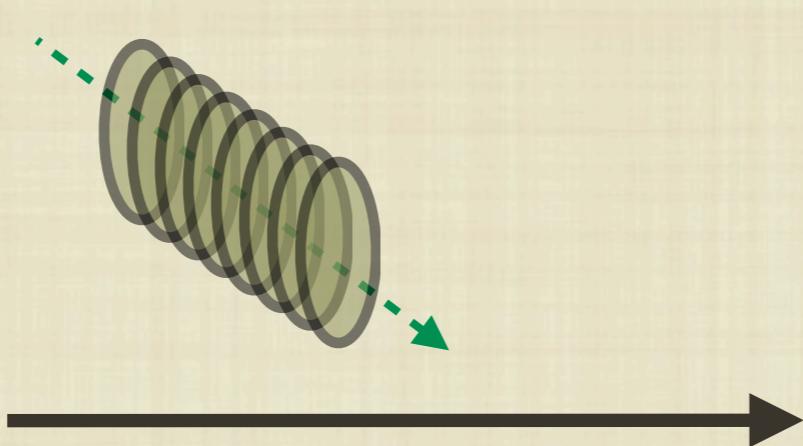
*optical anisotropy*

*measurement*

*simulated ISD  
surface formation*



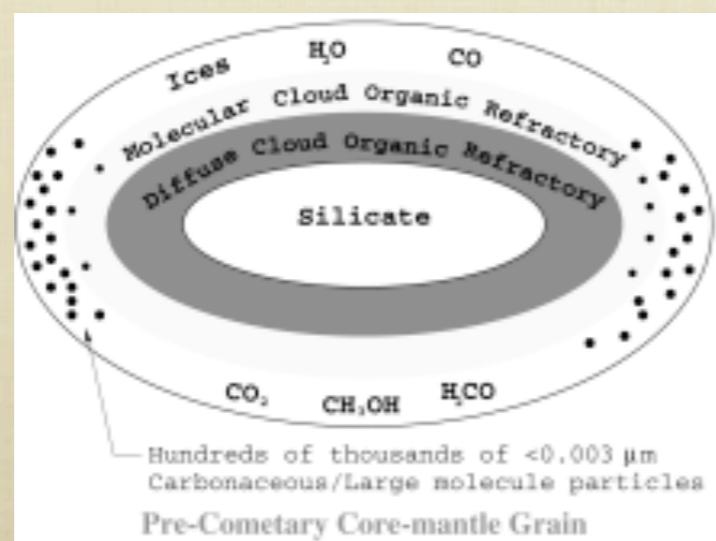
*chiral impulse  
irradiation*



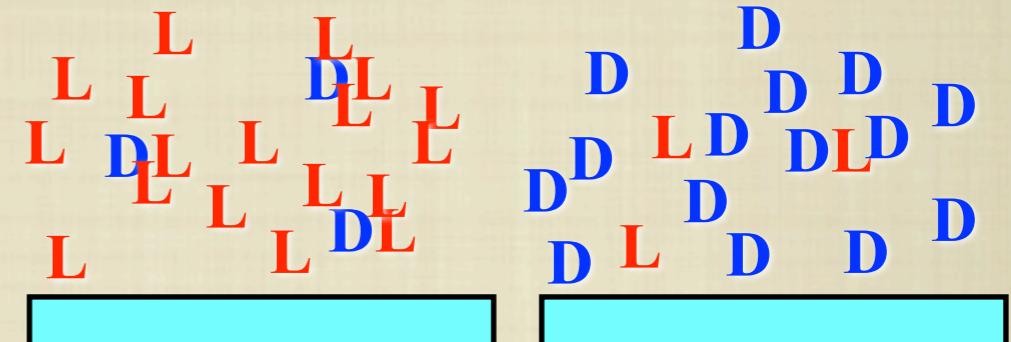
polarized quantum  
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spin polarized electron  
beam ( $\beta$ -ray)

Solid films of **racemic**  
organic compounds  
on glass substrate

amino acids  
Alanine  
Isovaline



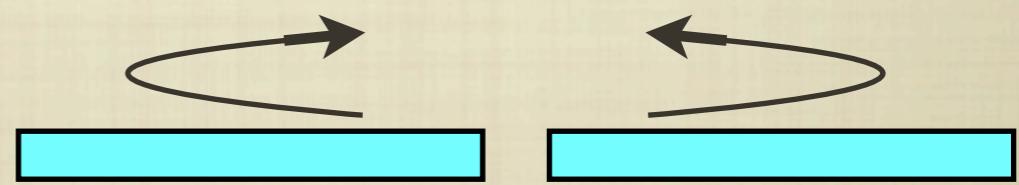
(a) preferential photolysis



(b) chiral polymerization



(c) chiral conformation change  
or structural distortion



circular dichroism (CD) spectra  
 $\sigma$  (Left-CPL) -  $\sigma$  (Right-CPL)

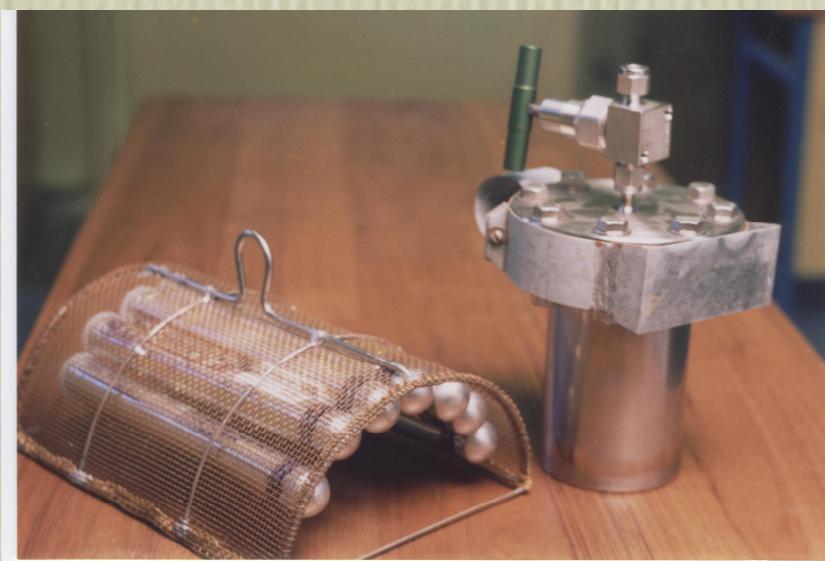
# Spin polarized electron ( $\beta$ -ray) irradiation

$\beta$ -ray Source: Russian Federal Nuclear Center  
Chelyabinsk-70 (Snezhinsk)

$^{90}\text{Sr}$  -  $^{90}\text{Y}$  (50 Ci)      Electron energy 0.5 MeV

Irradiation Dose     $2.5 \times 10^5$  Gy

**$\beta$ -Rays Irradiation  
in Snezhinsk, Russia**



- Amino acid metal complexes or amino acid precursors were irradiated with high flux  $\beta$ -rays from a  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ - $^{90}\text{Y}$  source (50 Ci) at Snezhinsk, Russia.

# Optical anisotropy (circular dichroism) measurement

Light Source:

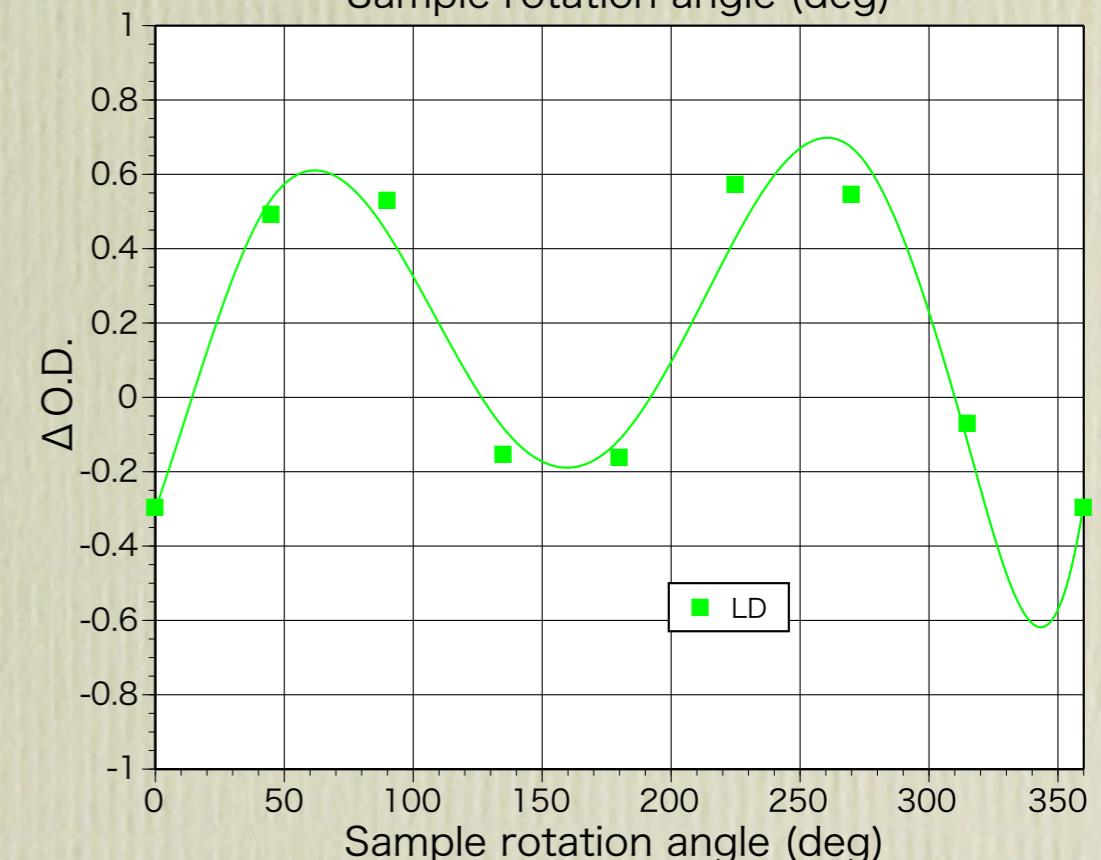
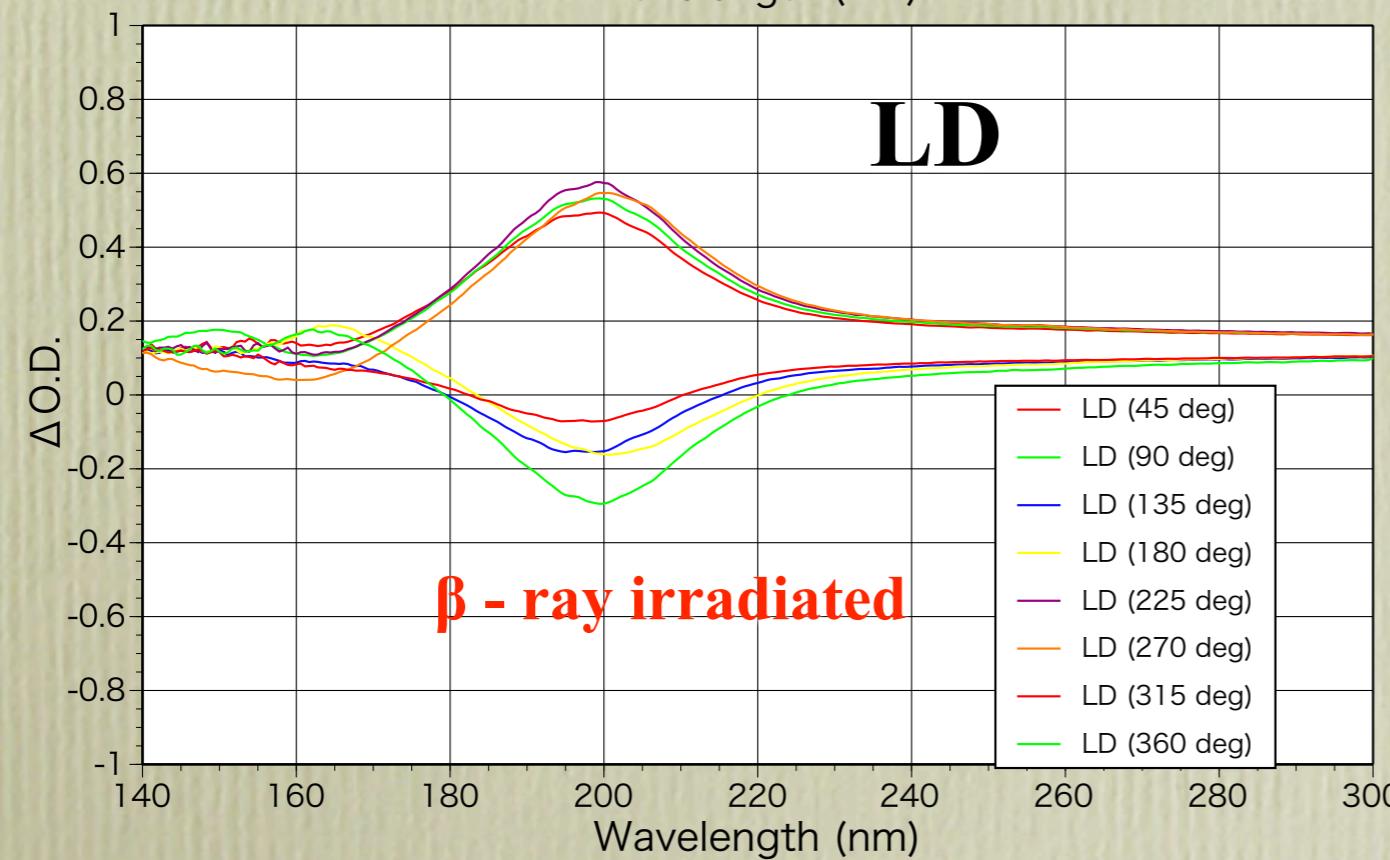
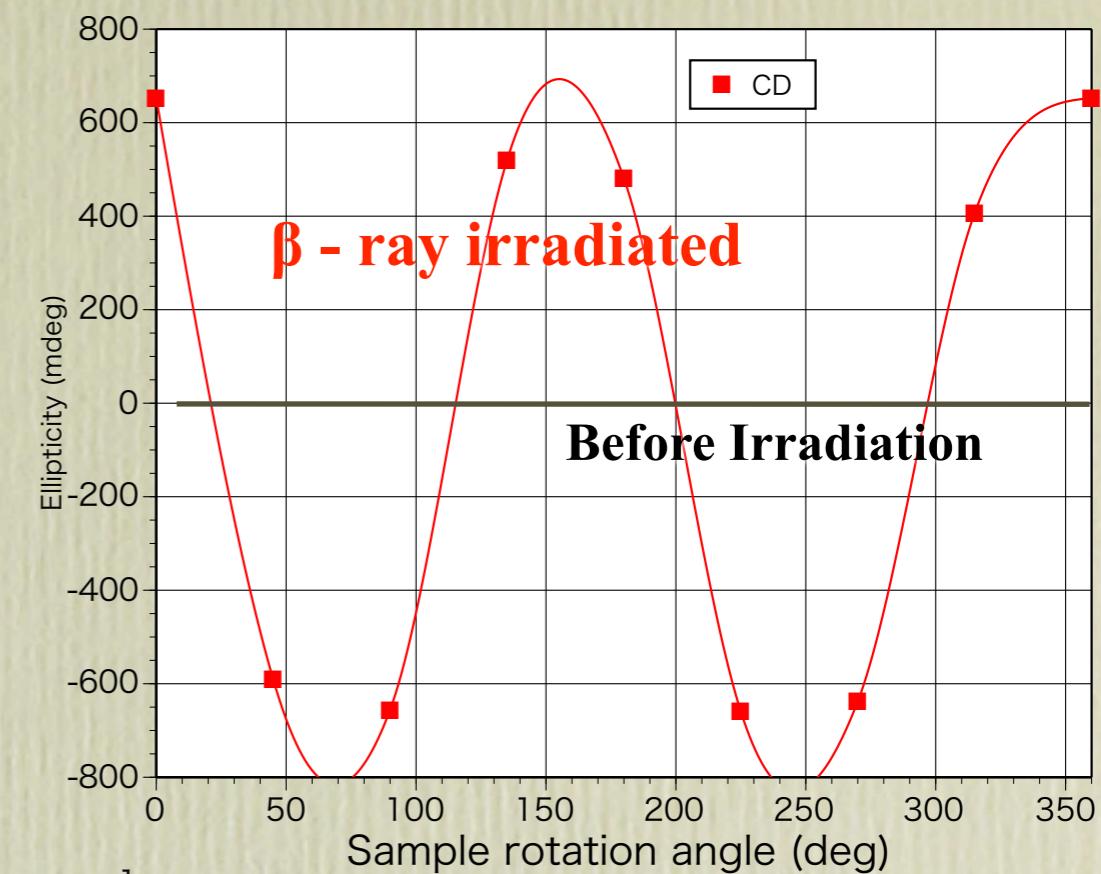
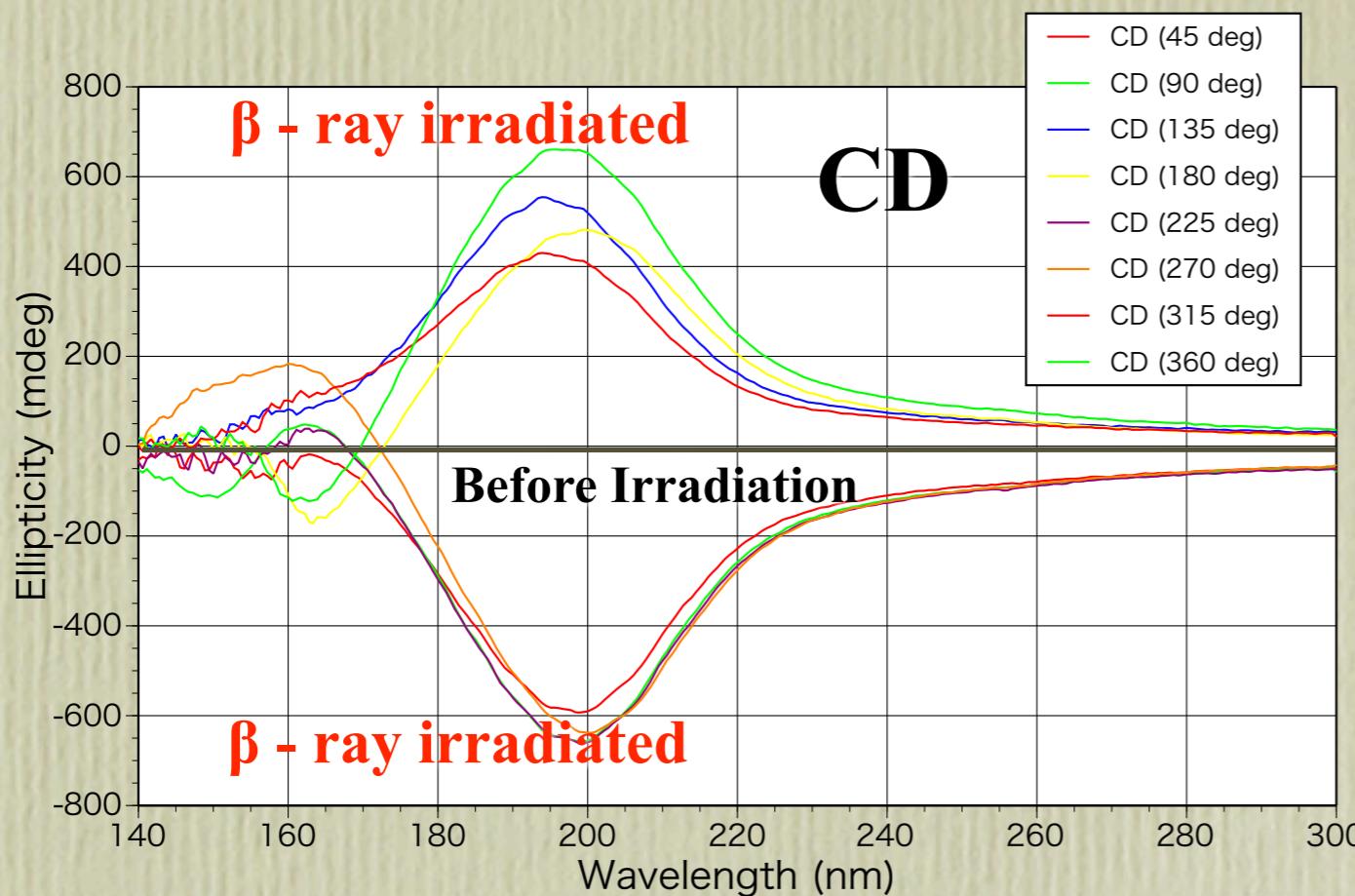
HiSOR (Hiroshima Univ., Japan)

**Synchrotron Radiation Circular Dichroism  
(SR-CD) Beam Line BL-15**

**Simultaneous measurement of  
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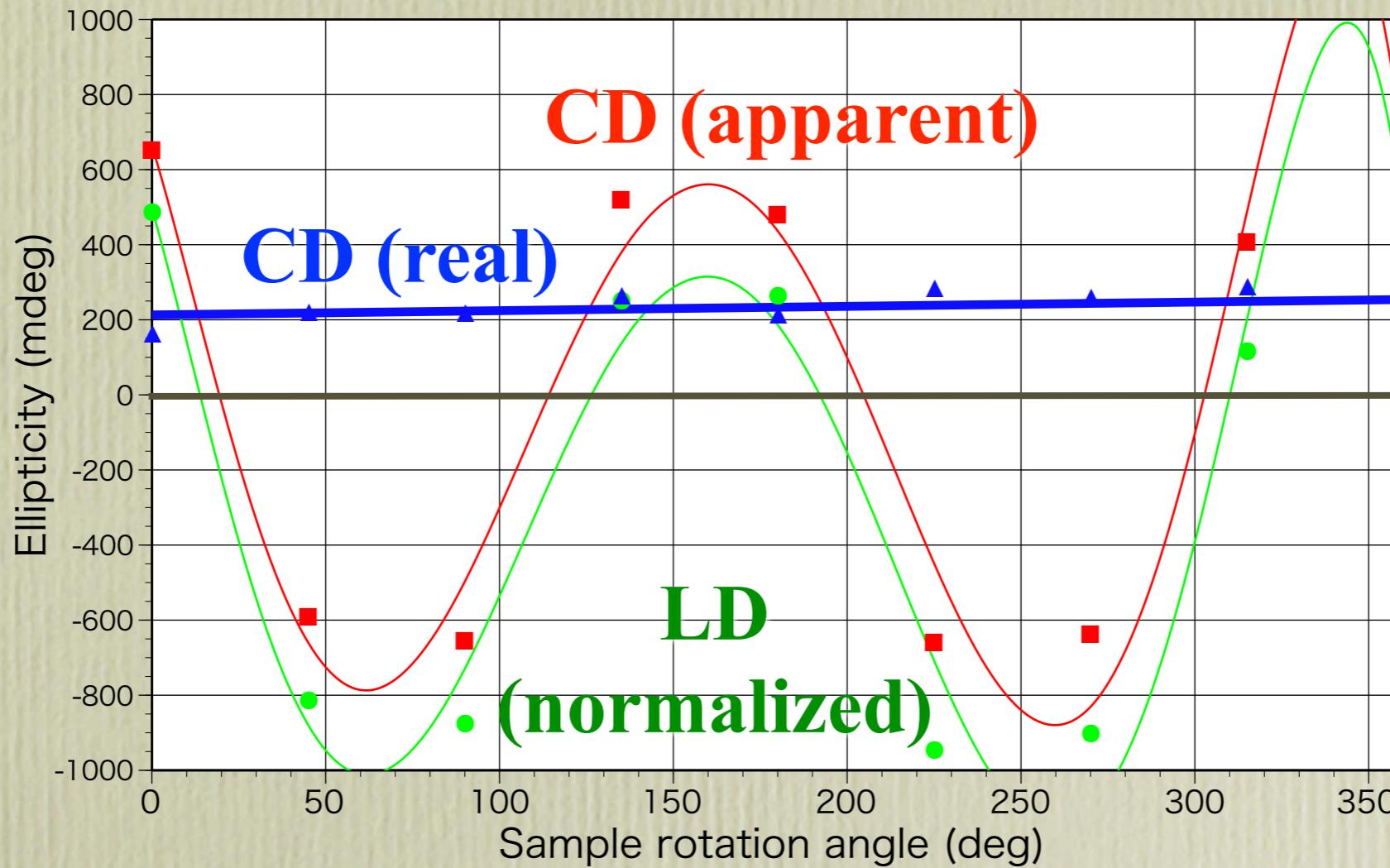


# $\beta$ - ray irradiation (DL-Isovaline film)



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$$\text{CD (real)} = \text{CD (apparent)} - \text{LD (normalized)}$$

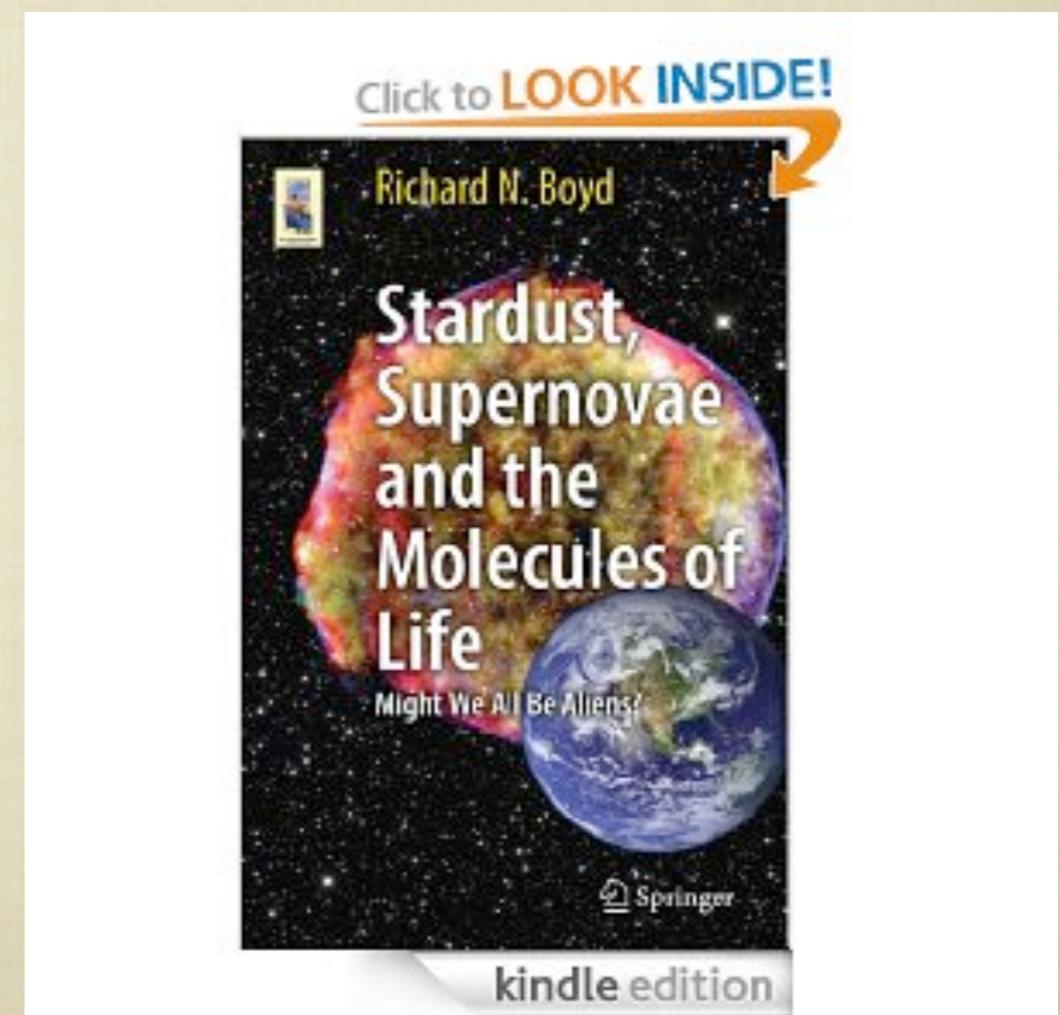
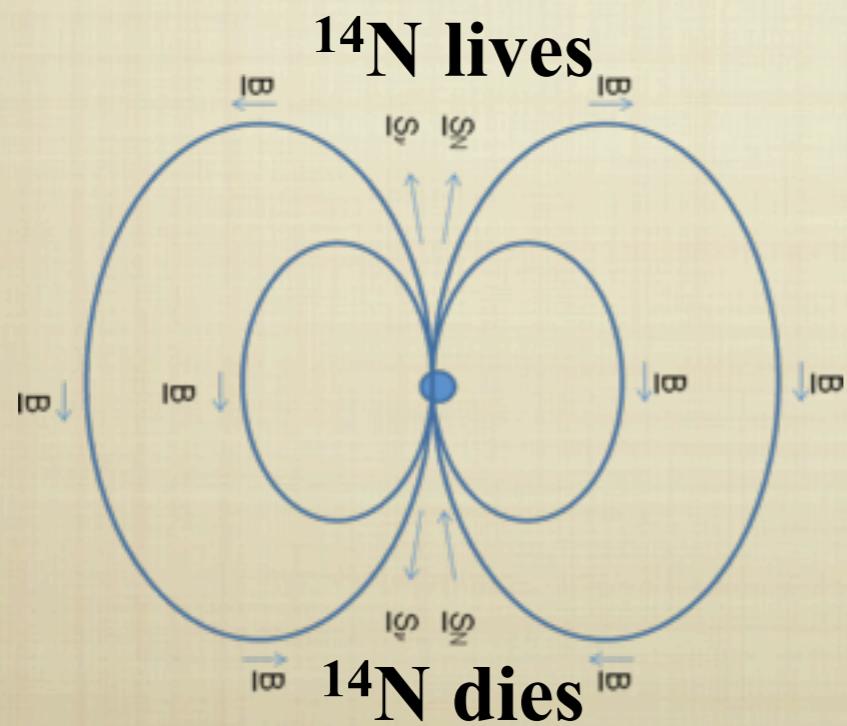
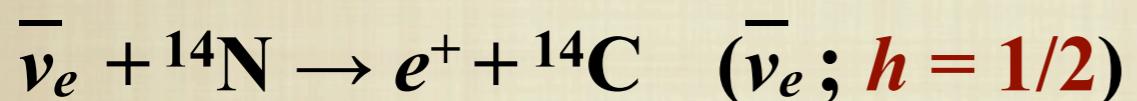


Beta-ray electron irradiation on racemic amino acid (Isovaline)  
→ chiral optical anisotropy

# Neutrino radiation in space

“Supernovae, Neutrinos and the Chirality of Amino Acids”  
R.N.Boyd, et al. *Int.J.Mol.Sci.* 12 3432 (2011)

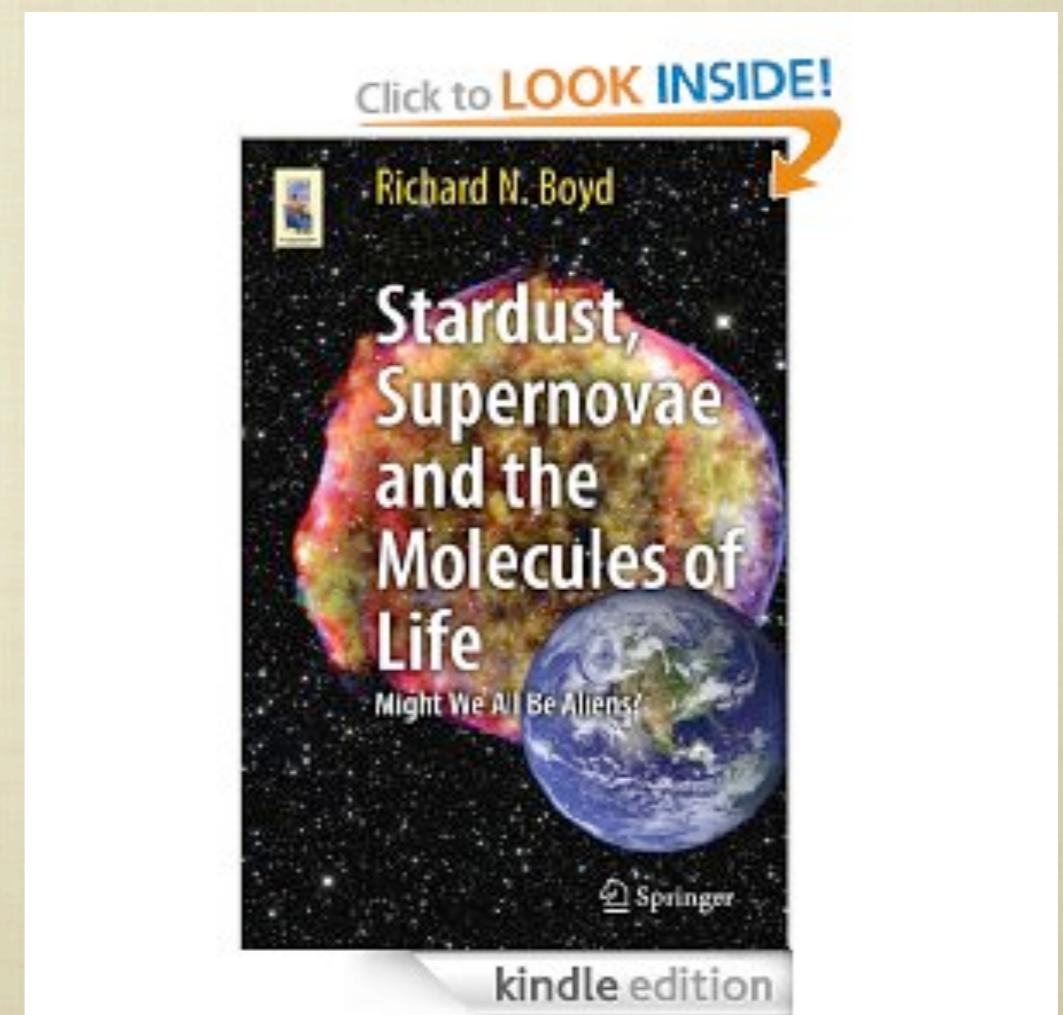
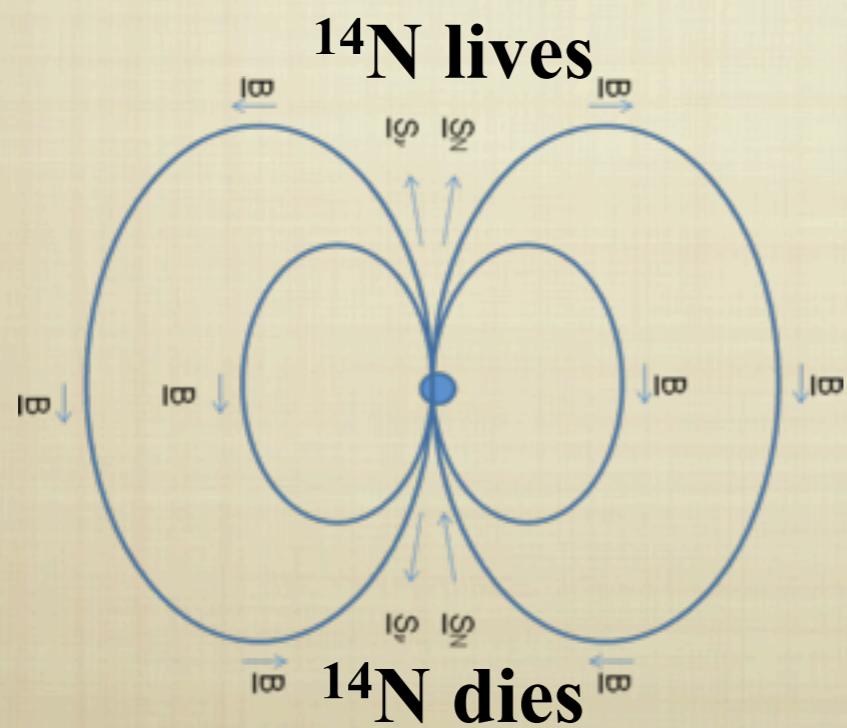
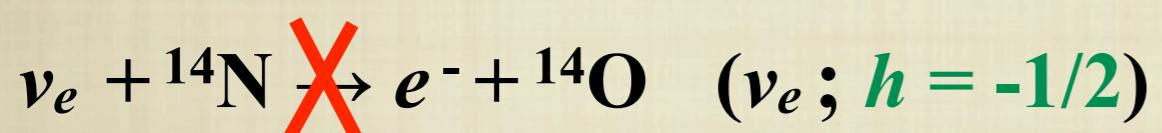
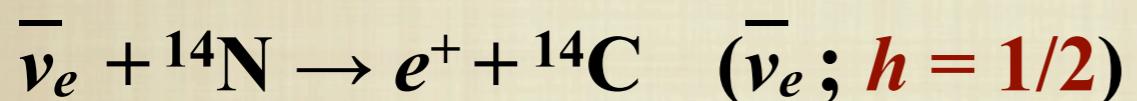
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# Summary

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## 1. Circularly polarized photon irradiation

racemic amino acids

achiral amino acid precursors

optical anisotropy (chirality)

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## 2. Beta-ray electron irradiation

racemic amino acid

optical anisotropy (chirality)

These results phenomenologically support the scenarios for the origin of terrestrial biomolecular homochirality.

# Future Plan

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## 1. Circularly Polarized Photons

**Higher energy** circularly polarized photon beams

195 nm UV @ Hiroshima Univ.

Gamma-ray @ UVSOR

## 2. Spin Polarized Radiations

**Helicity-controlled** (positive, negative, and intermediate)

**spin polarized electron or positron beams**

Well-tuned electron accelerator @ UVSOR or Nagoya Univ.

Synchrotron radiation circular dichroism spectra @ HiSOR

**Neutrino or Anti-neutrino beams @ ???**

## 3. Circular dichroism spectra

**Synchrotron radiation circular dichroism spectra @ HiSOR**

**First-principle quantum-chemistry calculations @ SX6i**

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