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Introduction of Bio-nanotechnology

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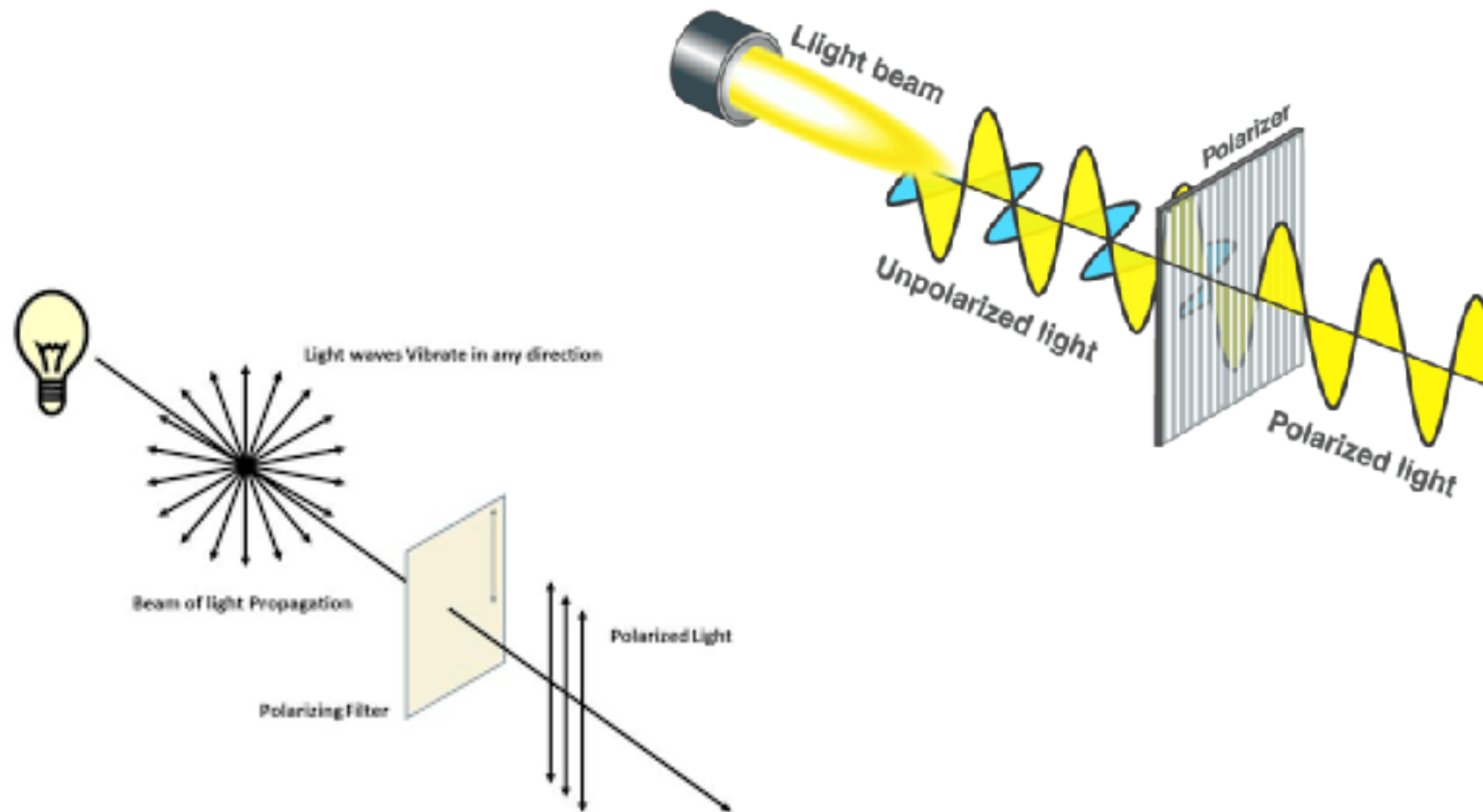
Lecture 9 : Chirality in Biological systems

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- Introduction to nanotechnology and bionanotechnology,
- Biological self-assembly
- Biologically inspired nanostructures - introduction to biomimetics
- Nucleic acid nanotechnology
- DNA origami
- Protein engineering
- Lipid nanotechnology
- **Chirality in biological systems**
- Interaction of nanomaterials with biological systems
- Virology: viruses and vaccines

Polarization

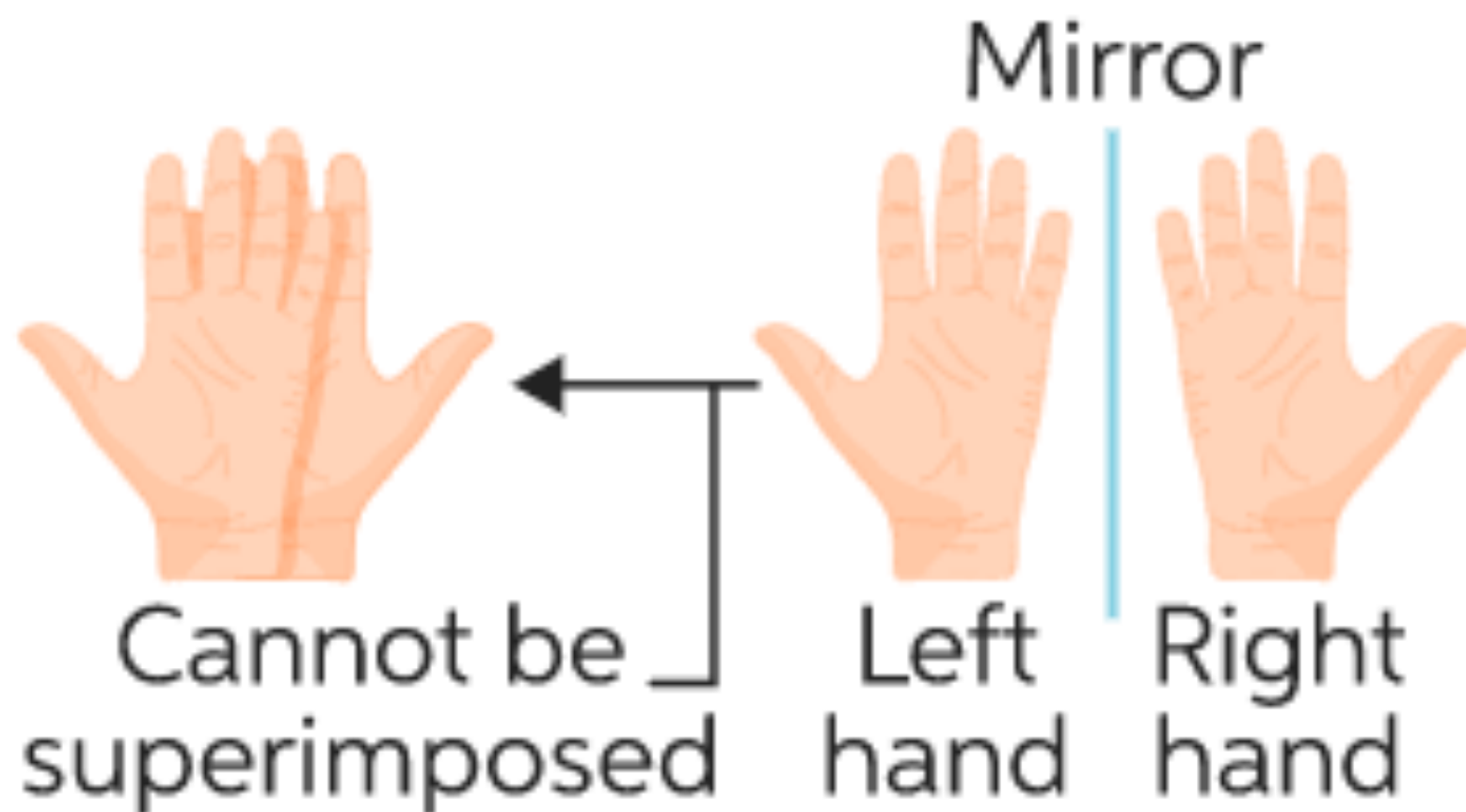


Light is a electromagnetic wave, **E** and **B** fields are perpendicular to each other

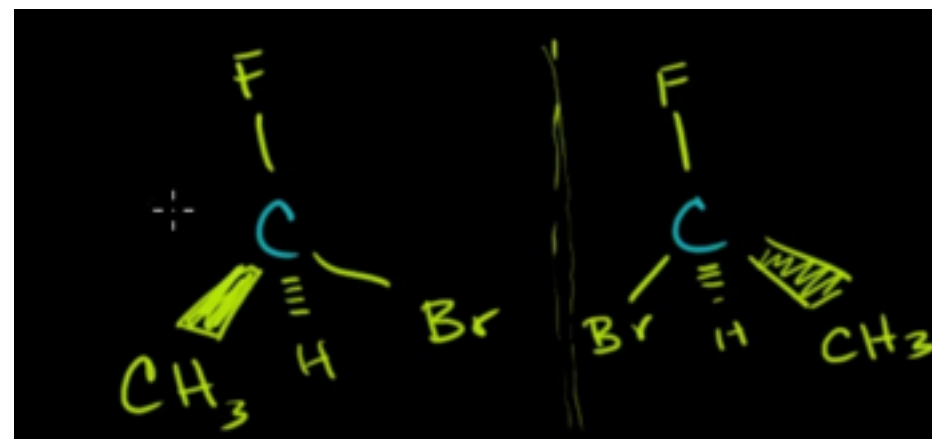
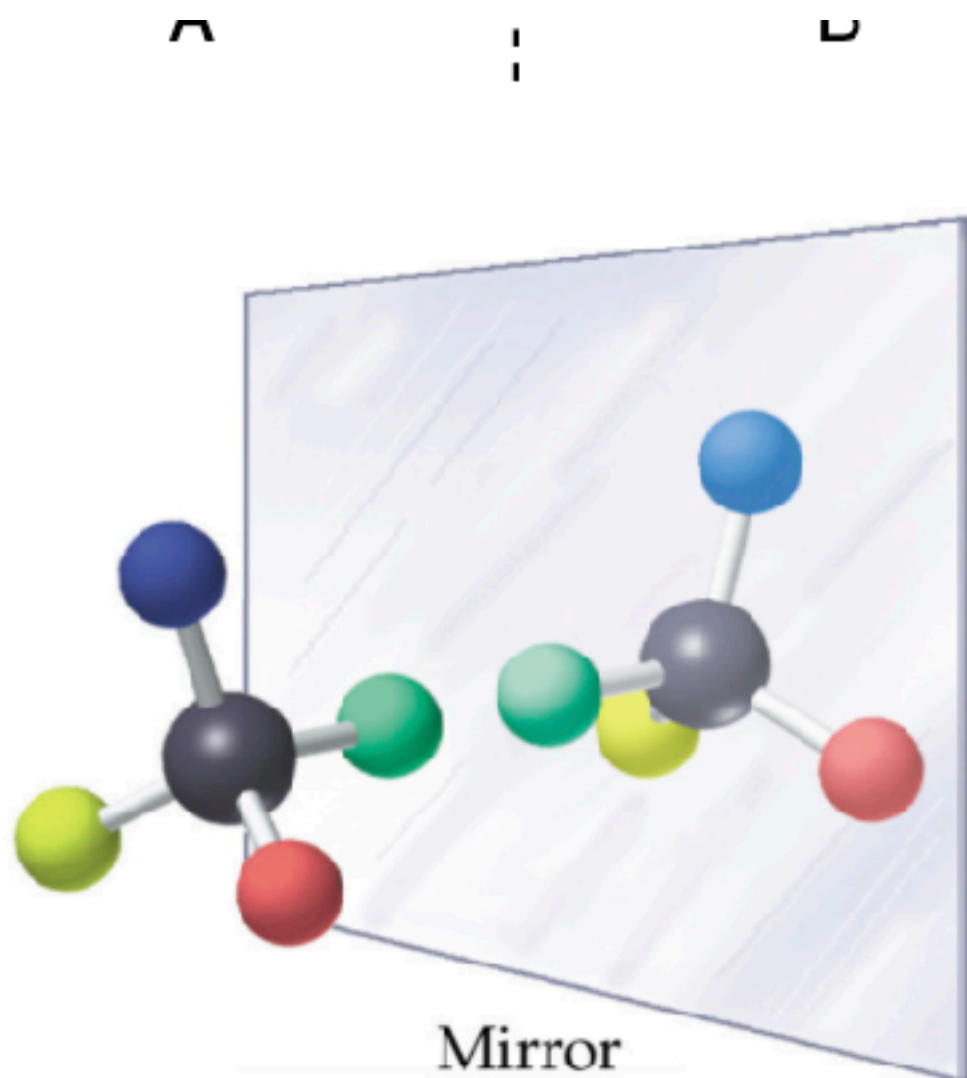
Chirality

Chirality is the ability of the molecule to exist in two non superimposable ways.

No matter how much I rotate I can not make my right hand, I can not make it superimpose.



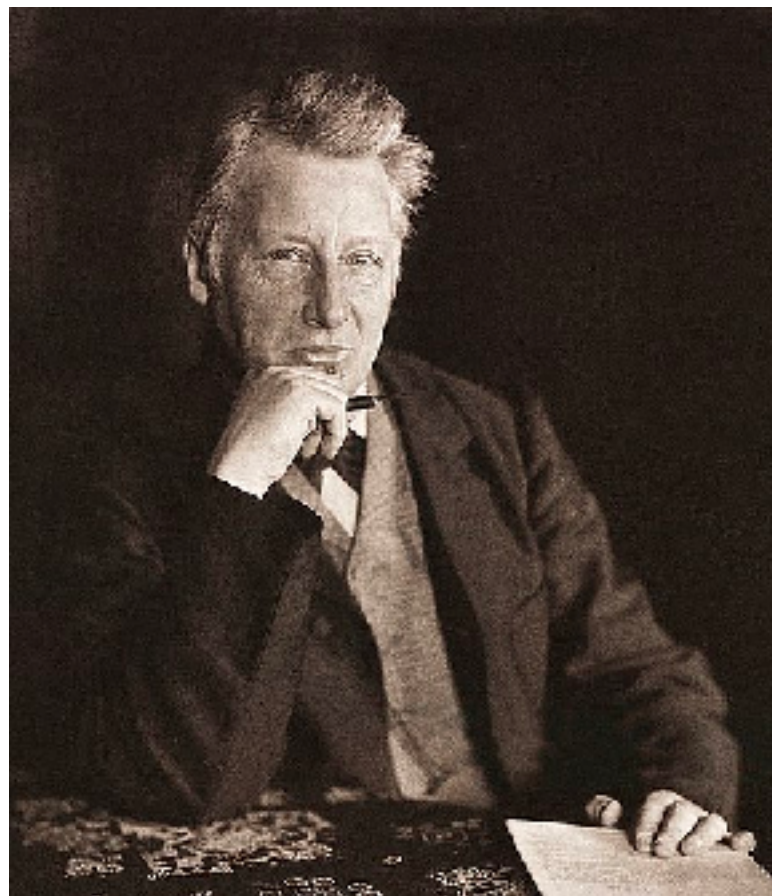
The tetrahedral carbon



1862 Kekulé first proposed the tetrahedral geometry of carbon
In this Gent laboratory

Orbital hybridization proposed by Pauling (1931).

Optically active compound



Jacobus van 't Hoff
First Nobel prize in chemistry
1901

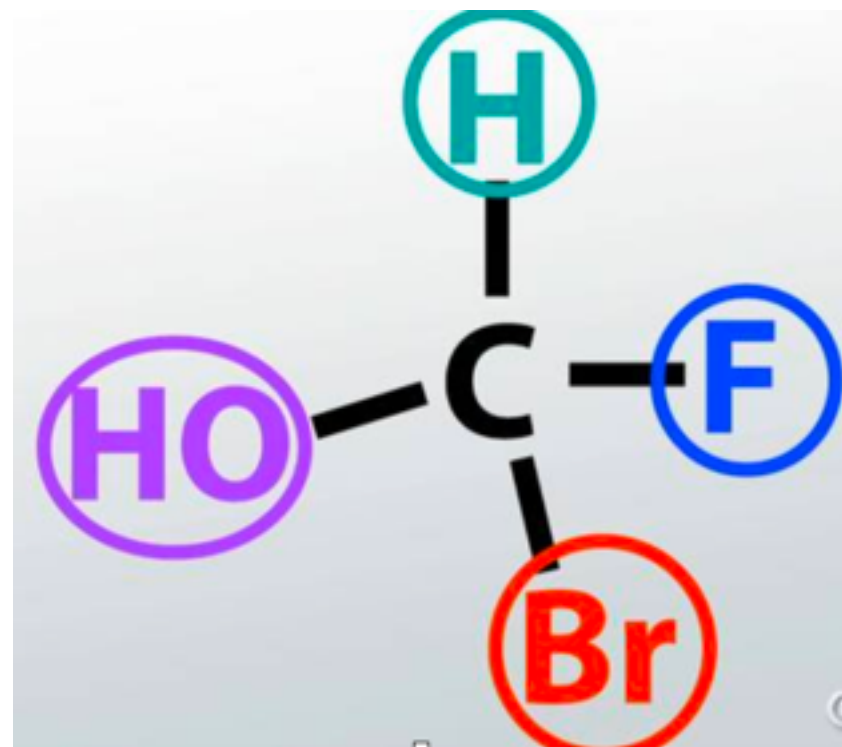
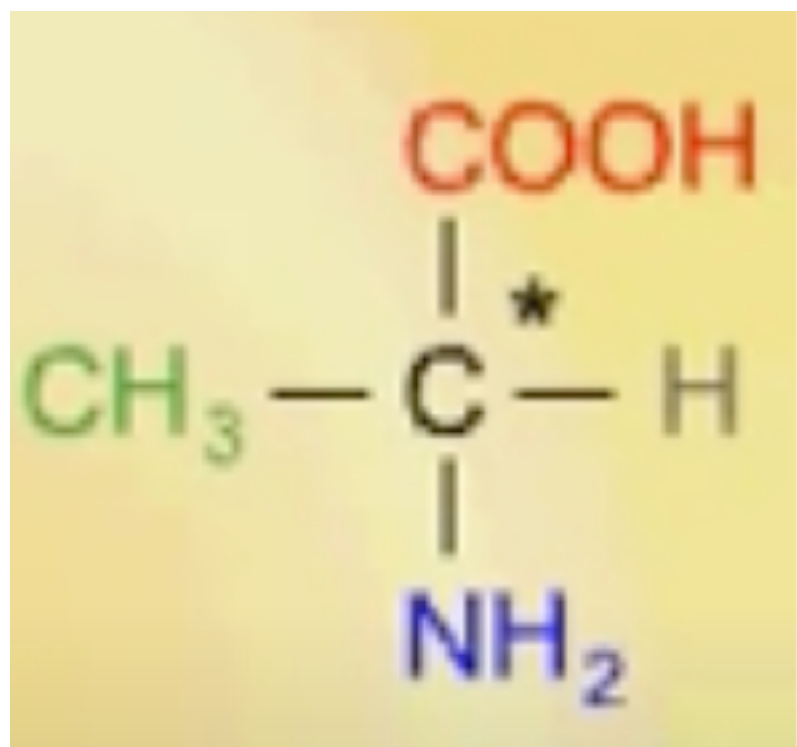
When the plane polarized light passes through some compound, optically active or chiral compound, the plane of polarization gets rotated.

Chiral compound is optical active. **Achiral** compound is optical inactive.

Certain compound rotated the plane clockwise and others counterclockwise.

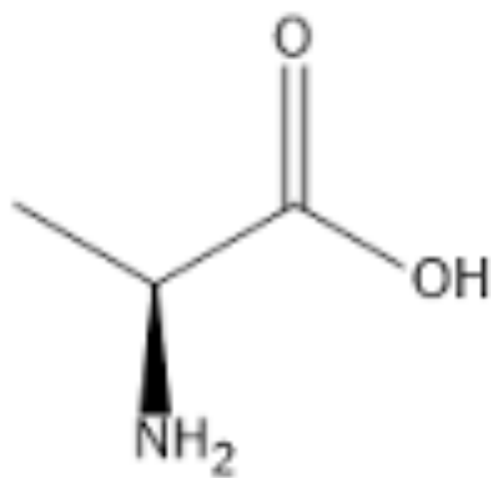
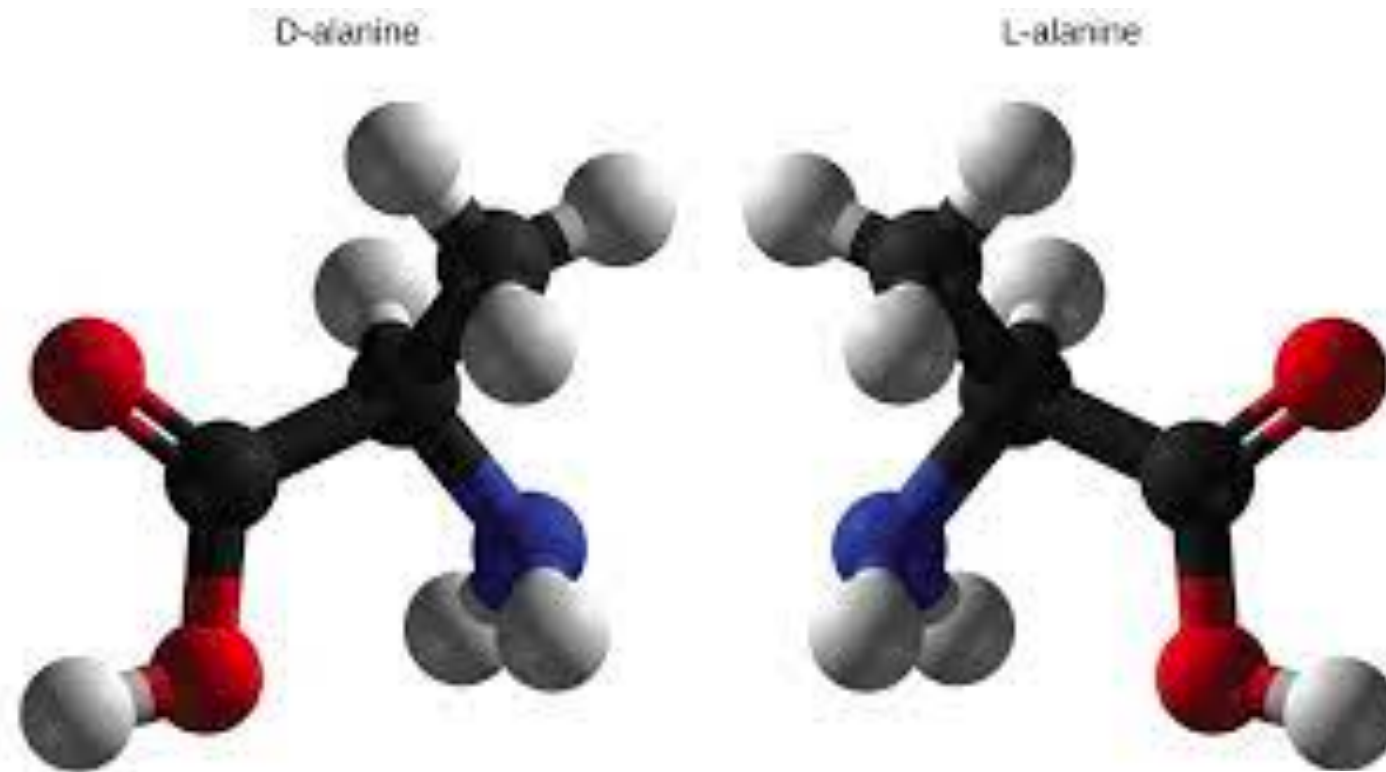
The molecules that caused the right handed rotations are called dextrorotatory (d) and those who caused the left handed rotations called levorotatory

Chirality: Enantiomers

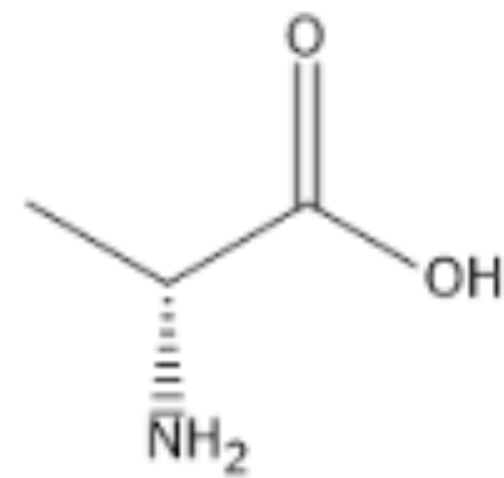


Same mass, density, and other physical properties but rotates the plane polarized wave differently

D-alanine vs L- alanine

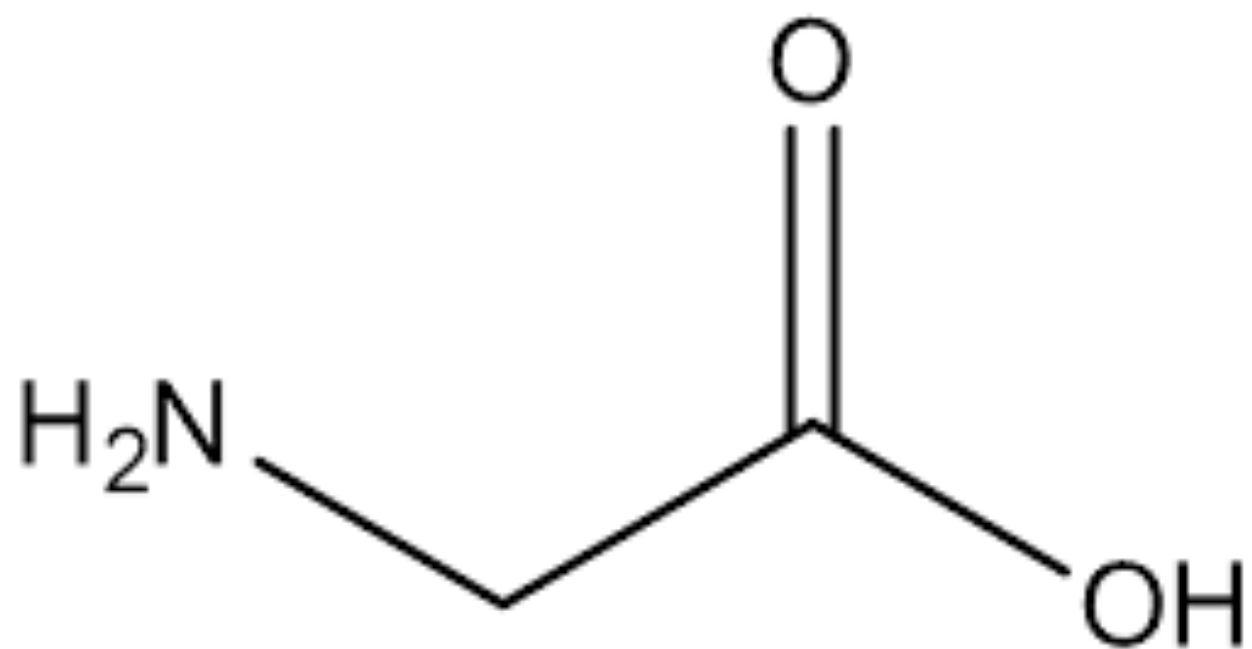


L-alanine



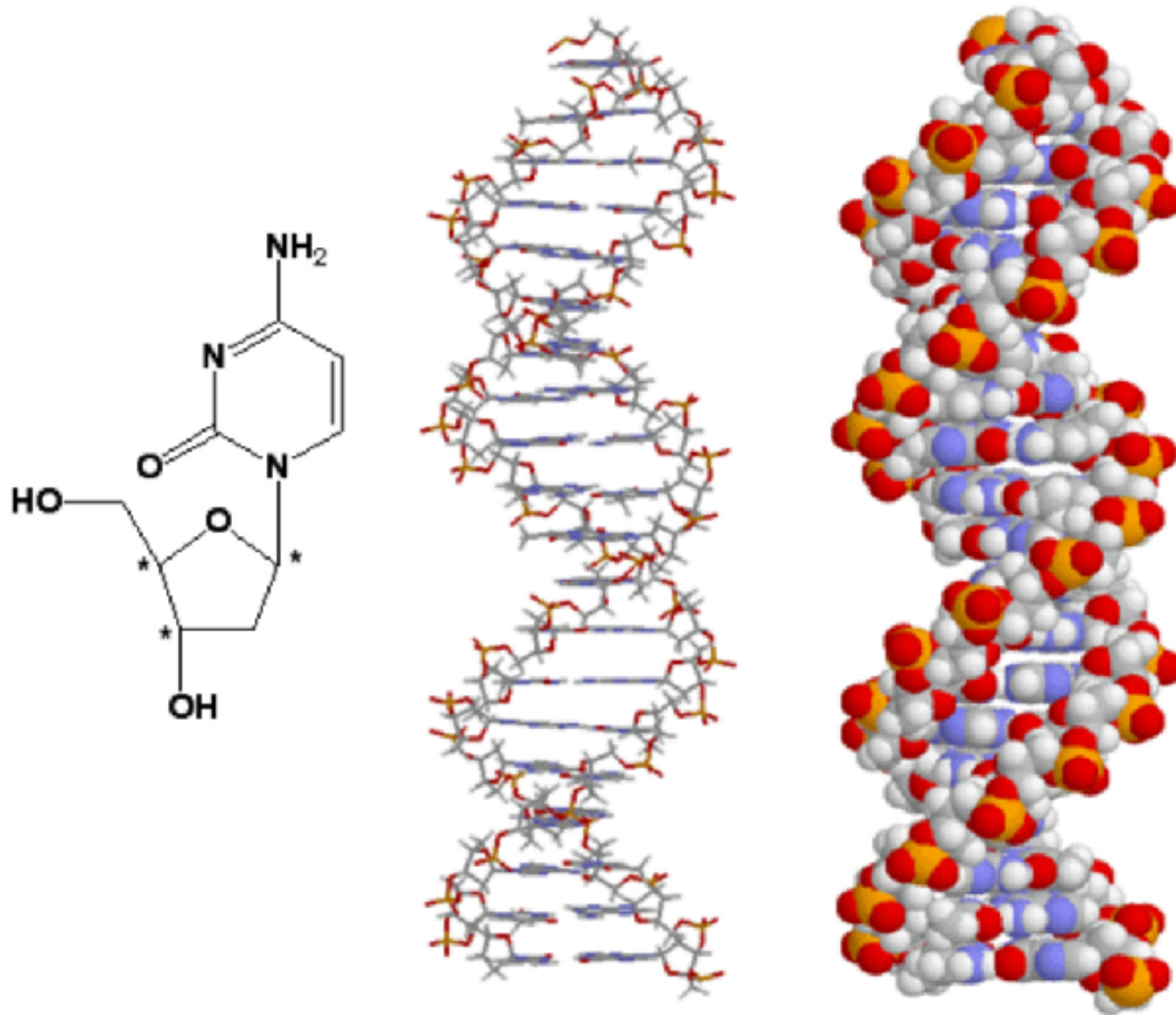
D-alanine

Only achiral amino acid (Glycine)



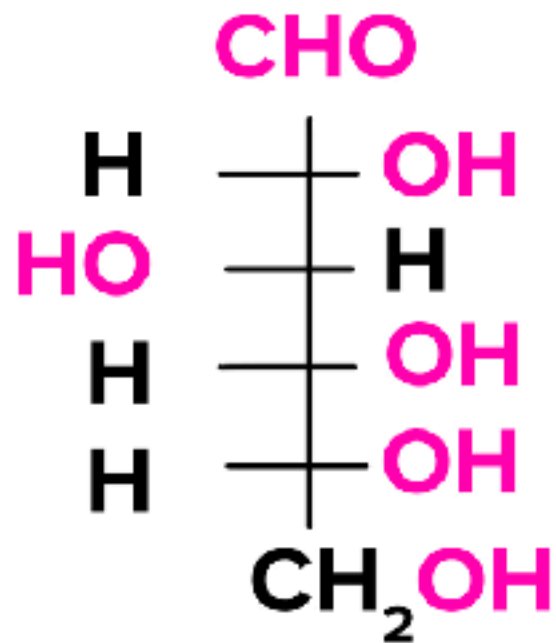
Glycine

DNA is a chiral molecule

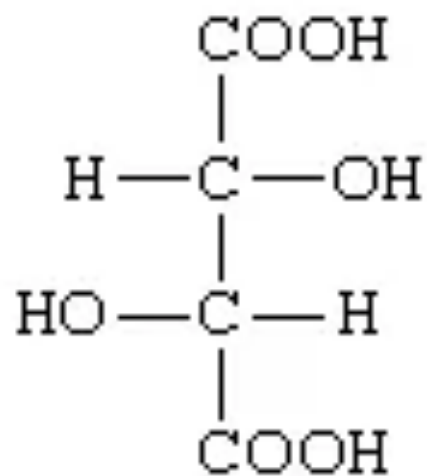


Chiral carbon

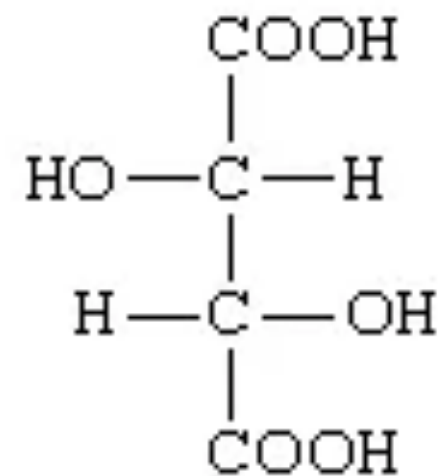
A chiral carbon atom is a carbon atom that is attached to four different types of atoms or groups of atoms.



4 chiral carbon

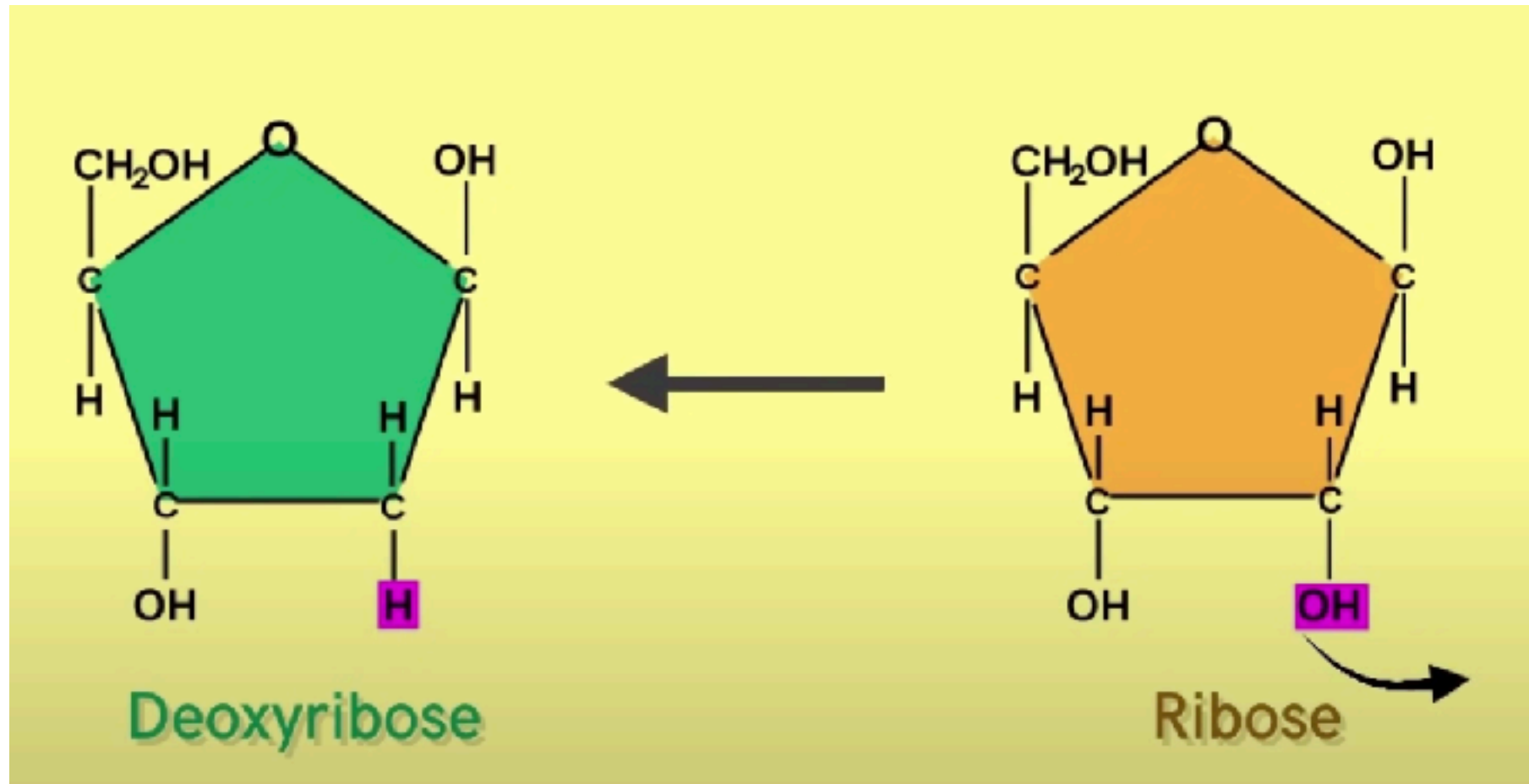


d-tartaric acid



l-tartaric acid

DNA vs RNA



Chemistry and Biochemistry: The difference

Biological molecules are much larger than the conventional molecules study in chemistry.

Most of the biomolecules are chiral