

# CD Spectroscopy and its Role in the History of our Knowledge of DNA Conformation



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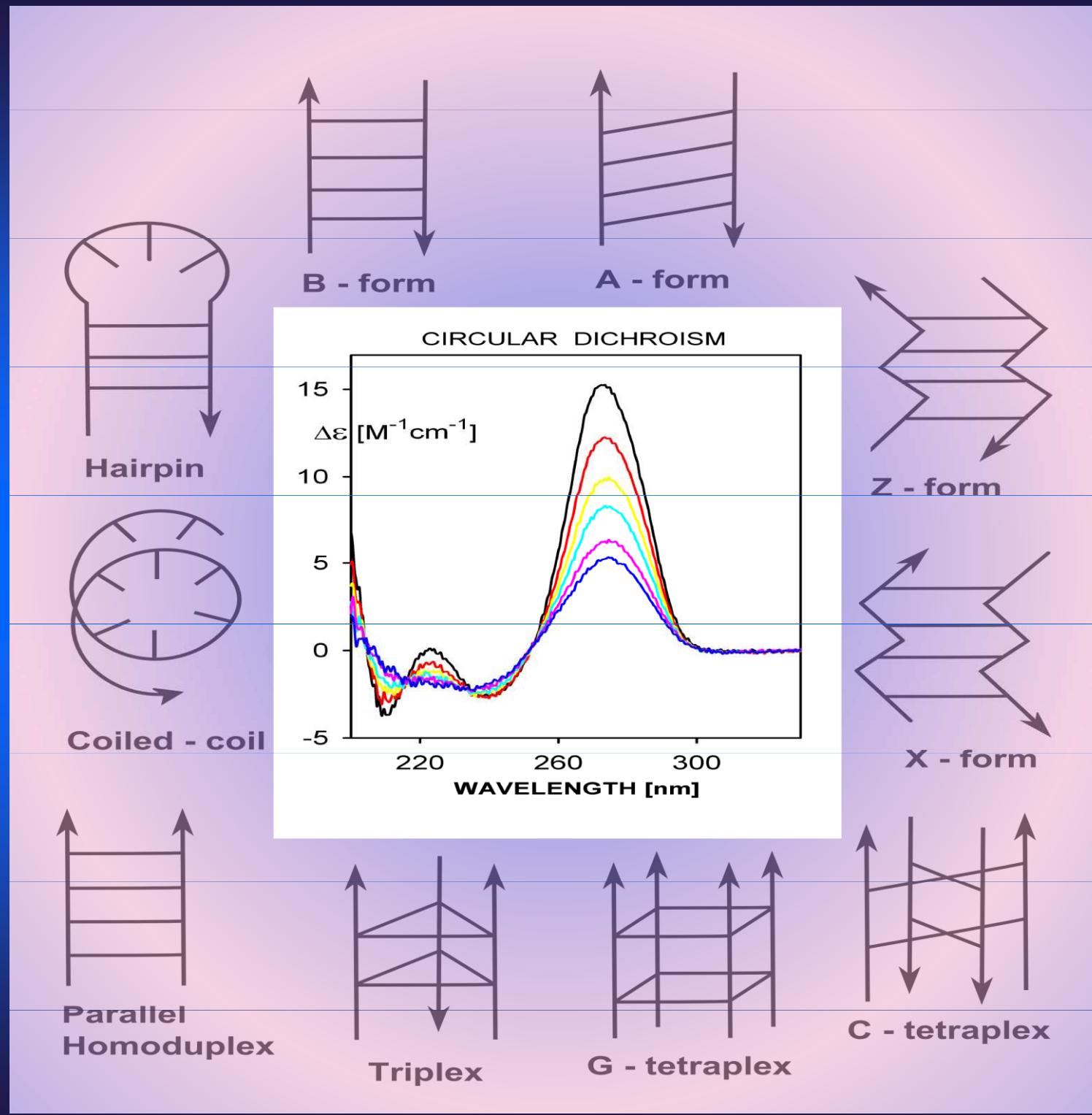
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# Circular dichroism and optical activity of biopolymers

) CD – principle, quantities - ellipticity,  $\Delta A$ ,  $\Delta \epsilon$ , relation between ORD and CD

Optical activity property of a chiral molecule

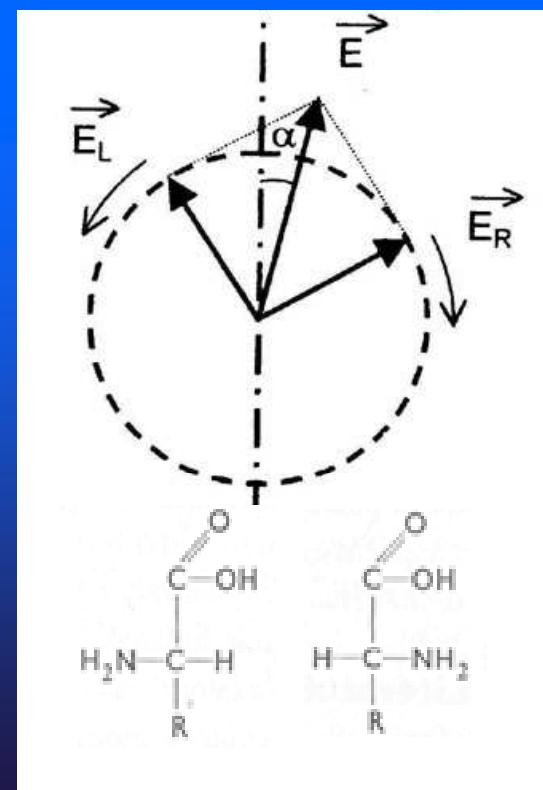
Chiral molecules (aminoacids, sugars) are those lacking mirror symmetry

Optical rotation of the plane of polarization (difference in refraction indexes –difference in propagation velocity) may be either to the right (dextrorotatory -D)  
or to the left (levorotatory -L) depending on the stereoisomer (enantiomer) present

Specific rotation – characteristic quantity

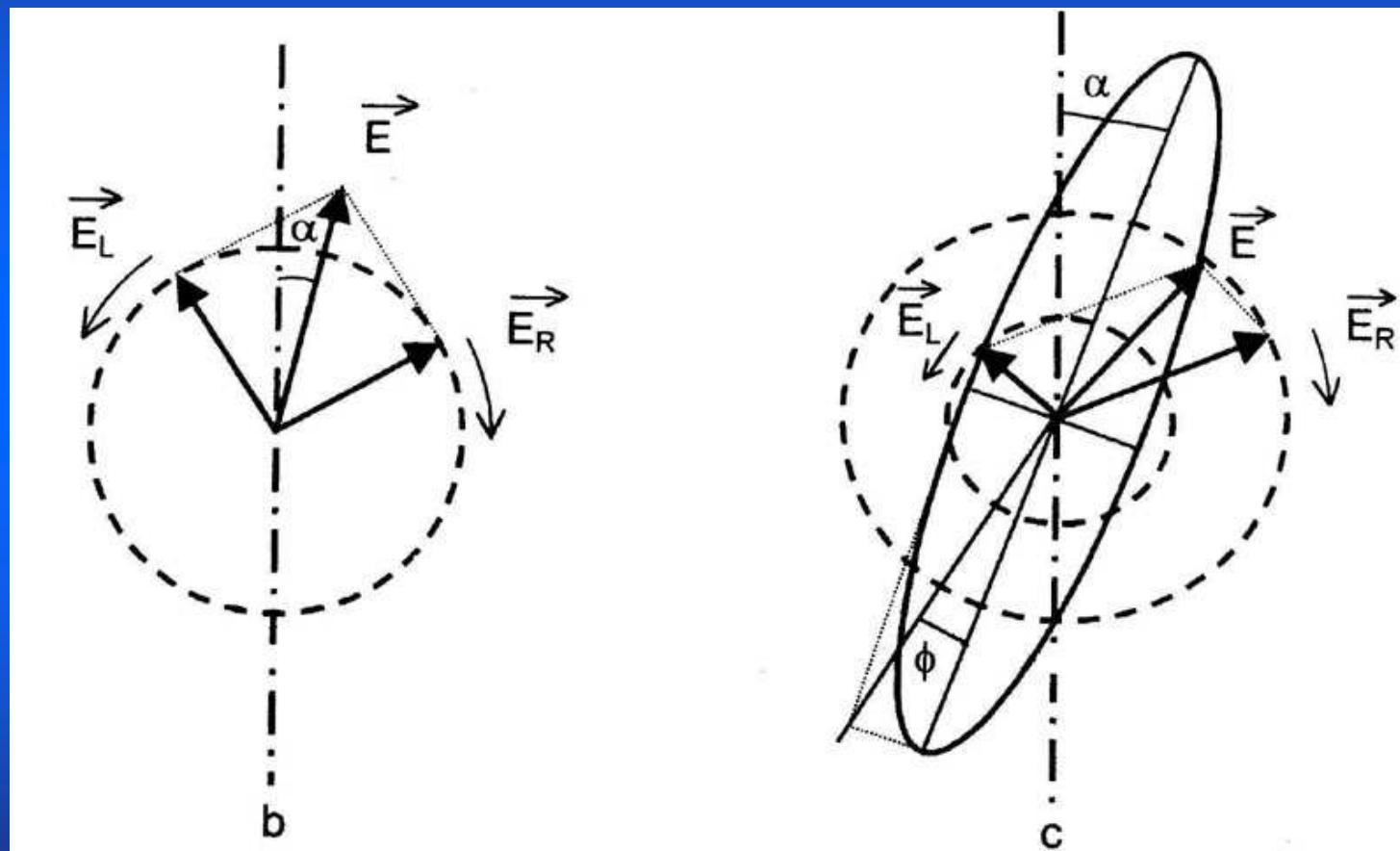
$$[\alpha]^T_{\lambda} = \alpha/cl$$

Optical rotatory dispersion - ORD  
is the dependence of specific rotation on the wavelength



# Circular dichroism and optical activity of biopolymers

CD phenomenon – different absorption of the left-handed and right-handed circularly polarized light.



quantity- ellipticity       $\Phi [\theta]$        $\operatorname{tg} \theta = b/a = \varepsilon_L - \varepsilon_R / \varepsilon_L + \varepsilon_R = \text{difference/sum}$   
Circular dichroism       $\Delta\varepsilon$        $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon_L - \varepsilon_R = \Delta A/c_l, \quad \theta=3300. \Delta\varepsilon$



Optical rotatory dispersion (ORD) is the dependence of specific rotation on the wavelength

$[\alpha]$

Cotton effect

dextrorotatory

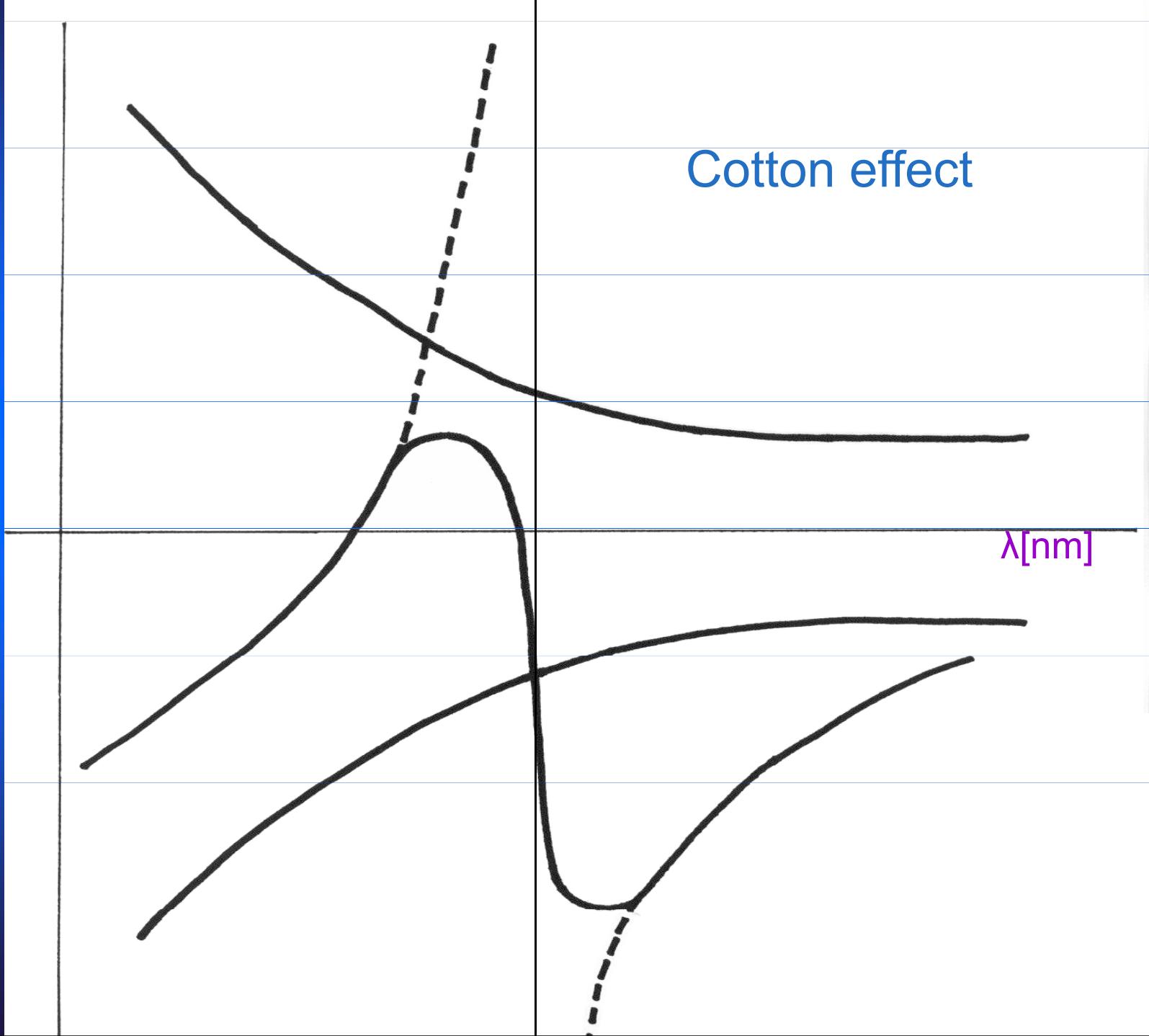
levorotatory

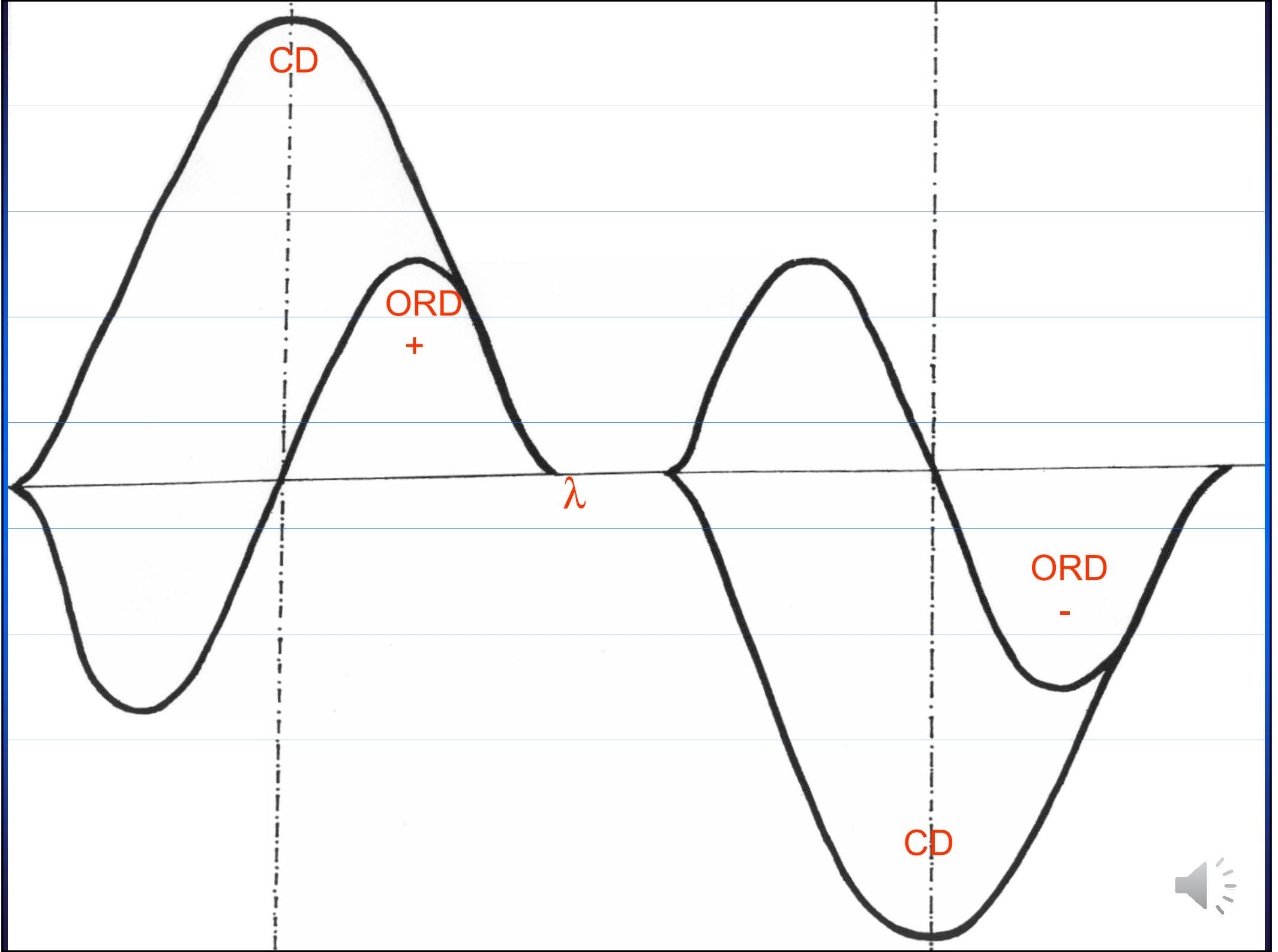
$\lambda [nm]$

The Cotton effect is the characteristic change in optical rotatory dispersion (and/or circular dichroism) in the vicinity of an absorption band of a substance.

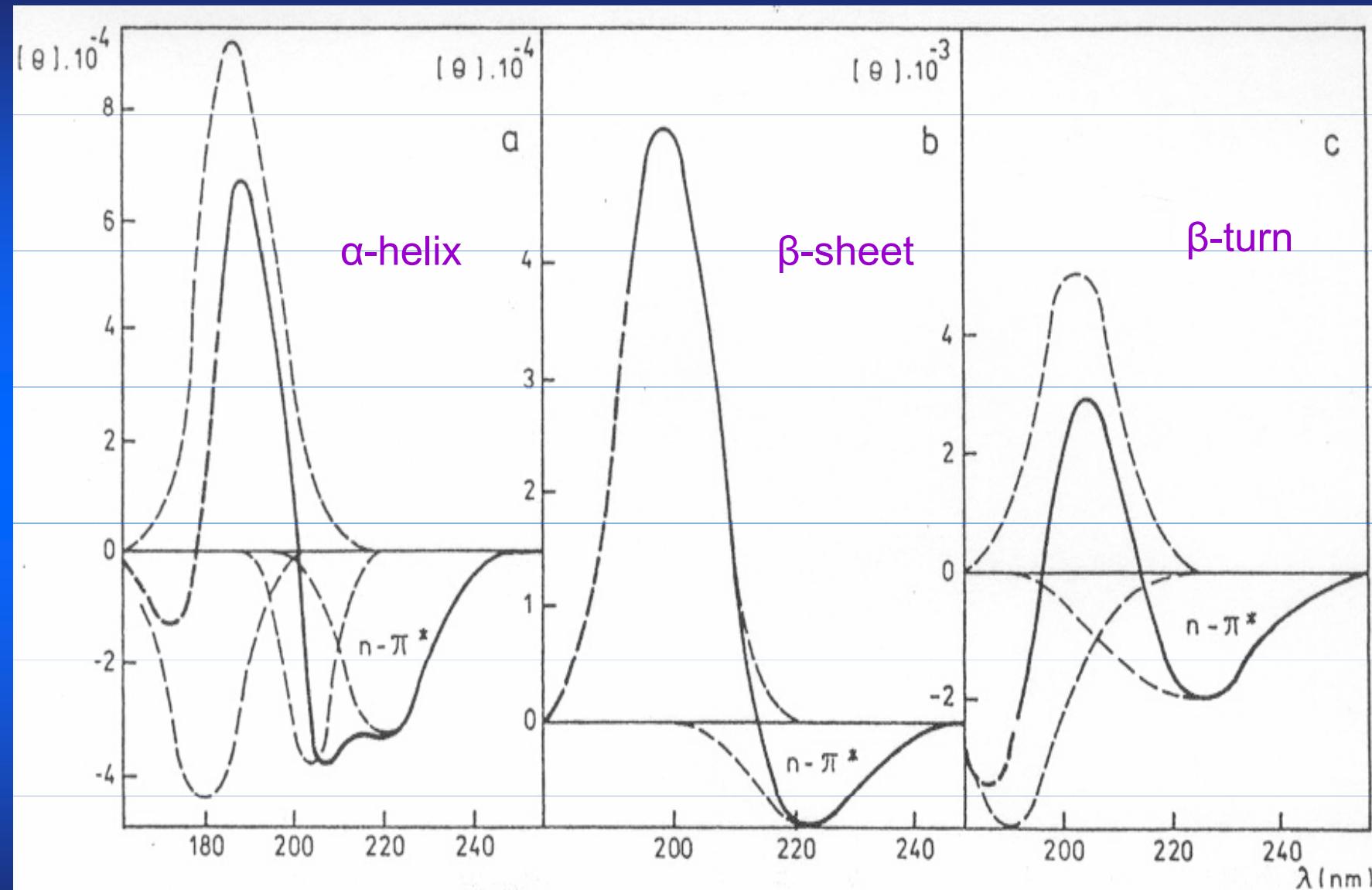


# Optical rotatory dispersion

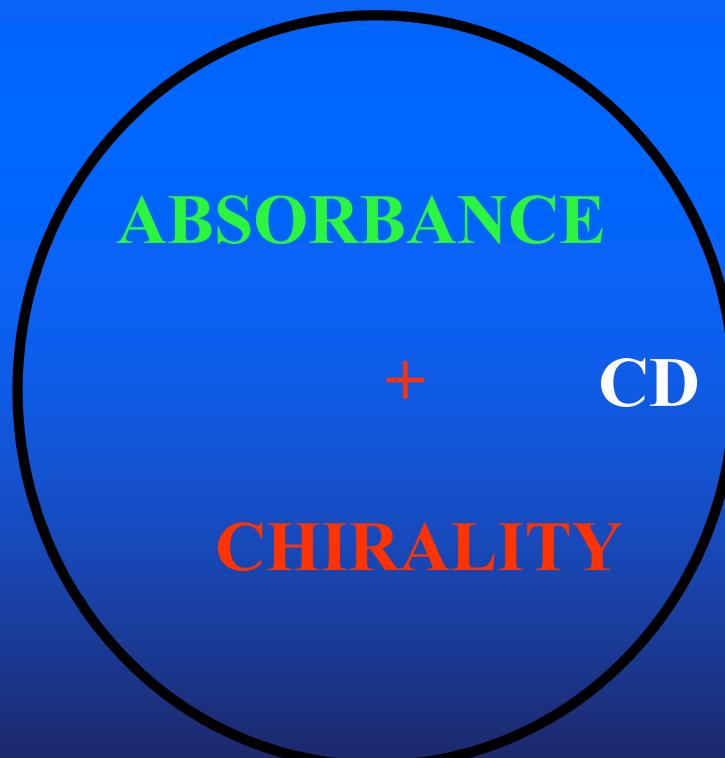




# CD of proteins

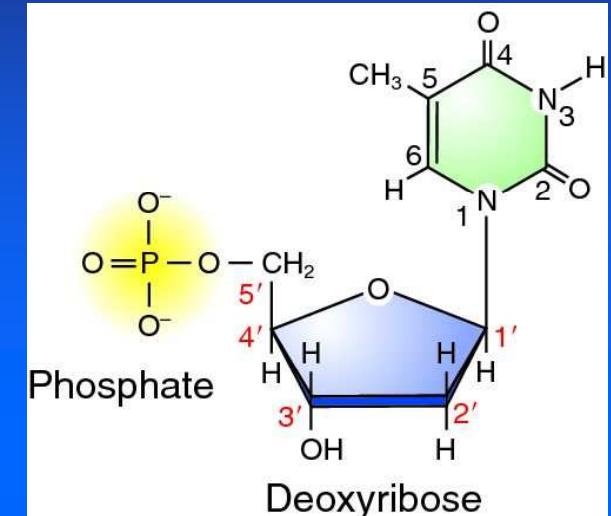


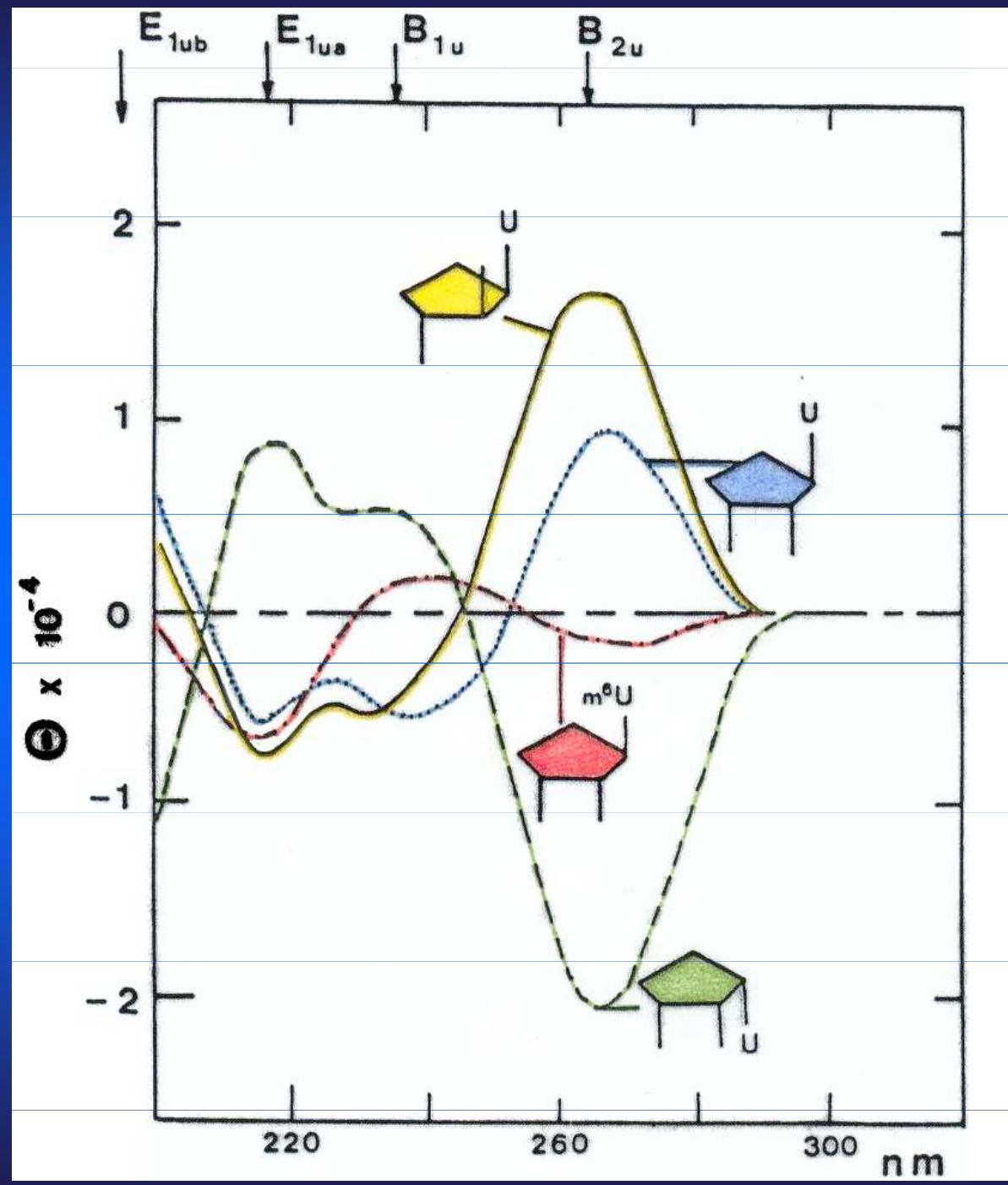
# Preconditions for an appearance of CD of DNA



BASE

\* SUGAR

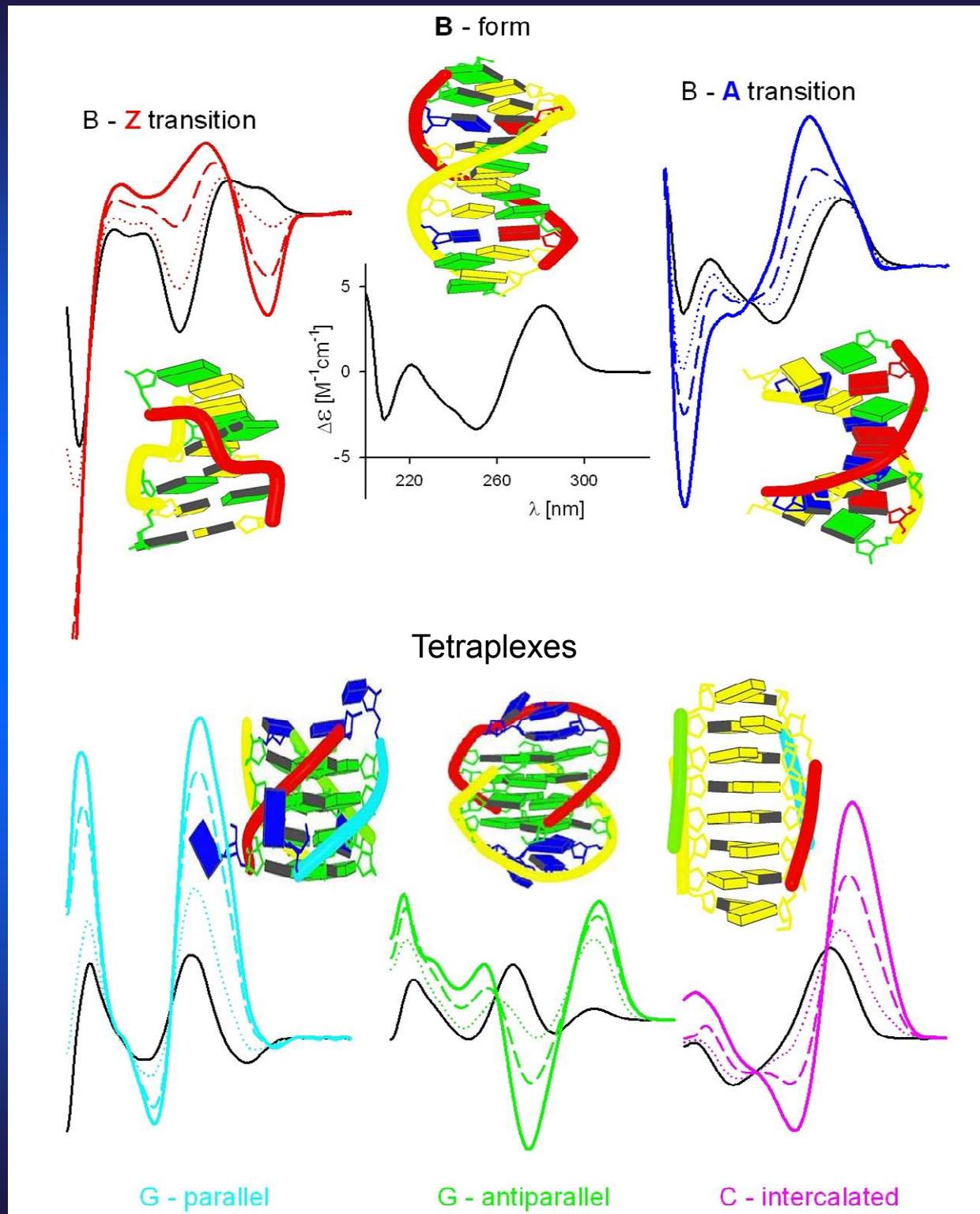


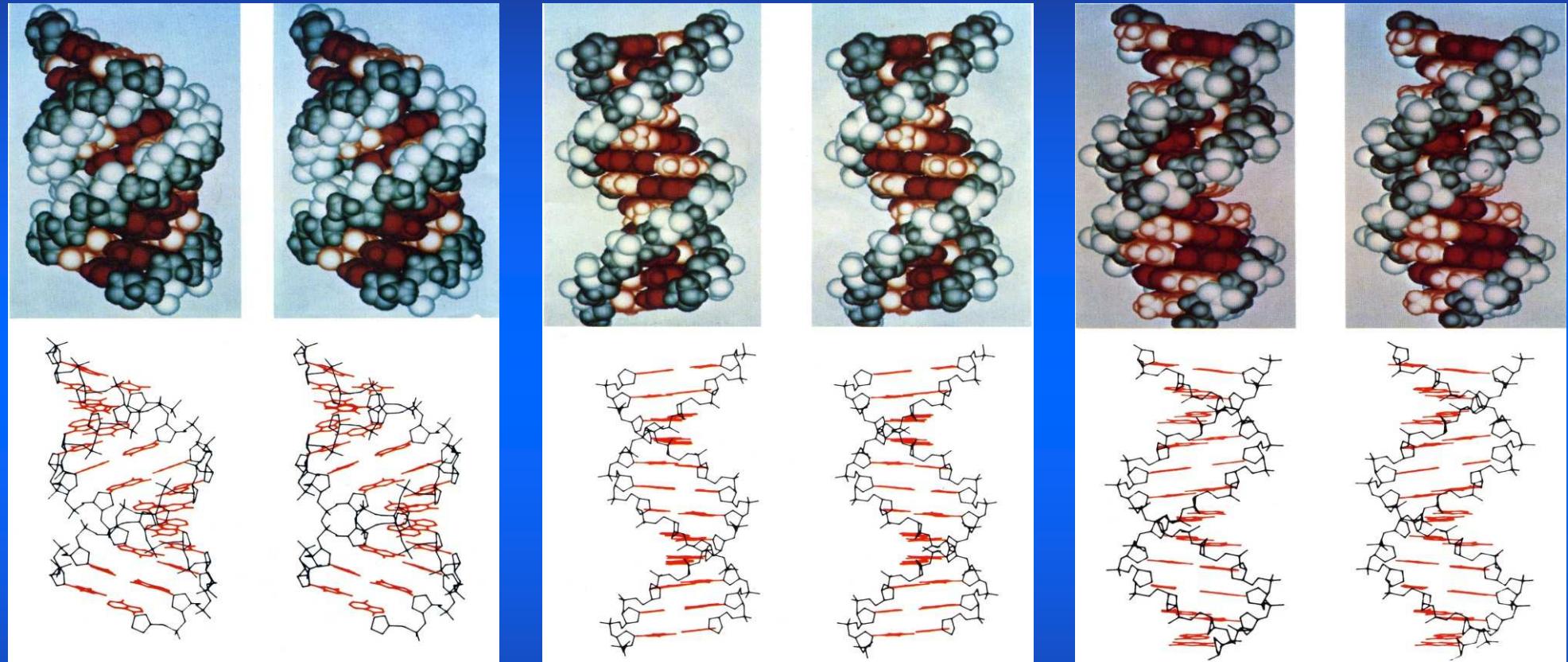


# Conditions of the origin of CD



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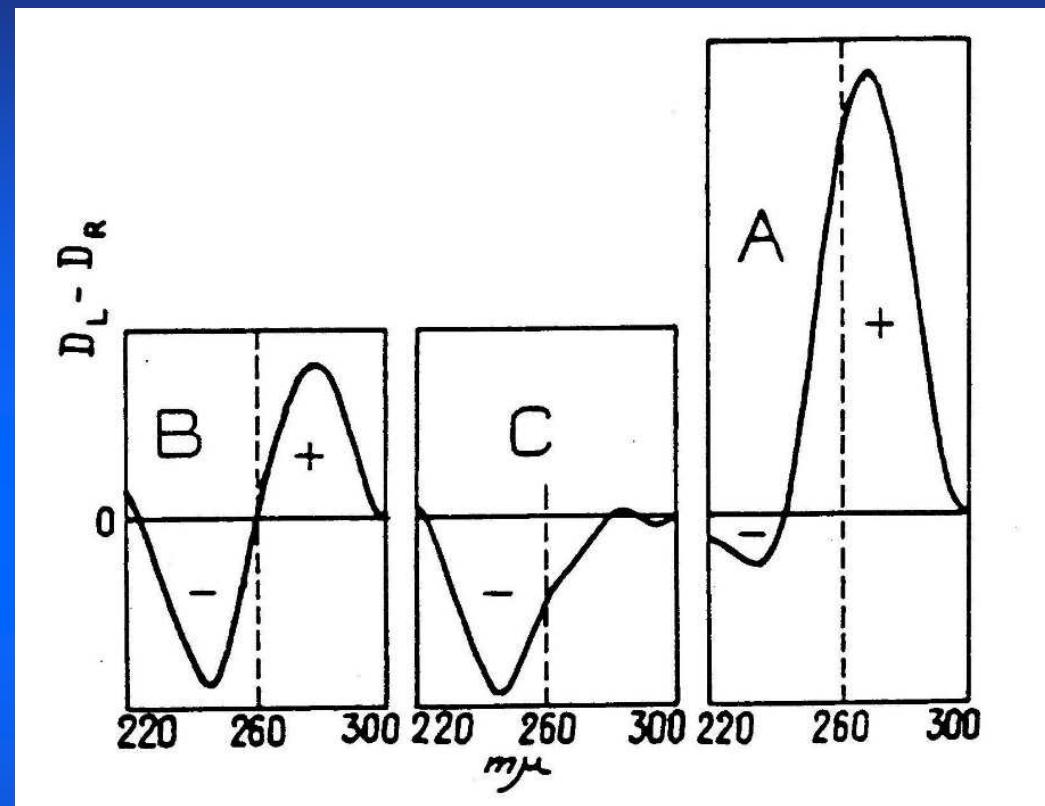
A

B

C,D,T...

Long DNA molecules can be oriented by mechanical stroking. X ray diffraction pattern obtained on these semicrystalline matter enables to determine some periodicities of the DNA arrangement  
M. Wilkins, R. Franklin, W+C

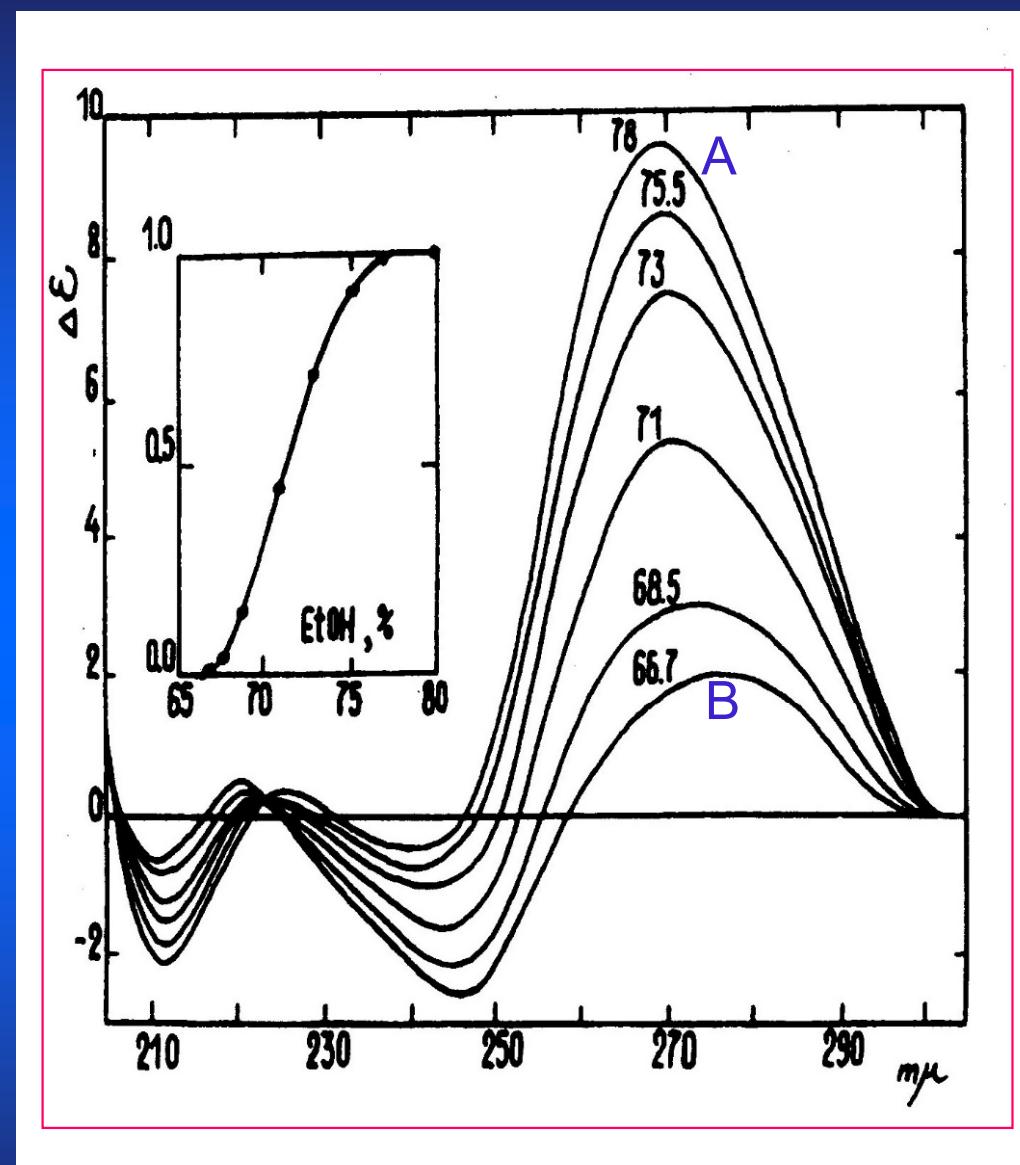
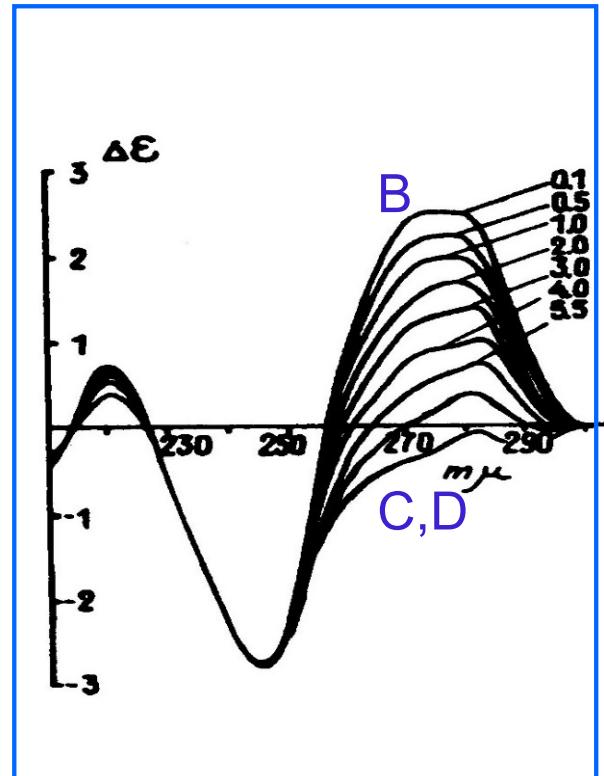




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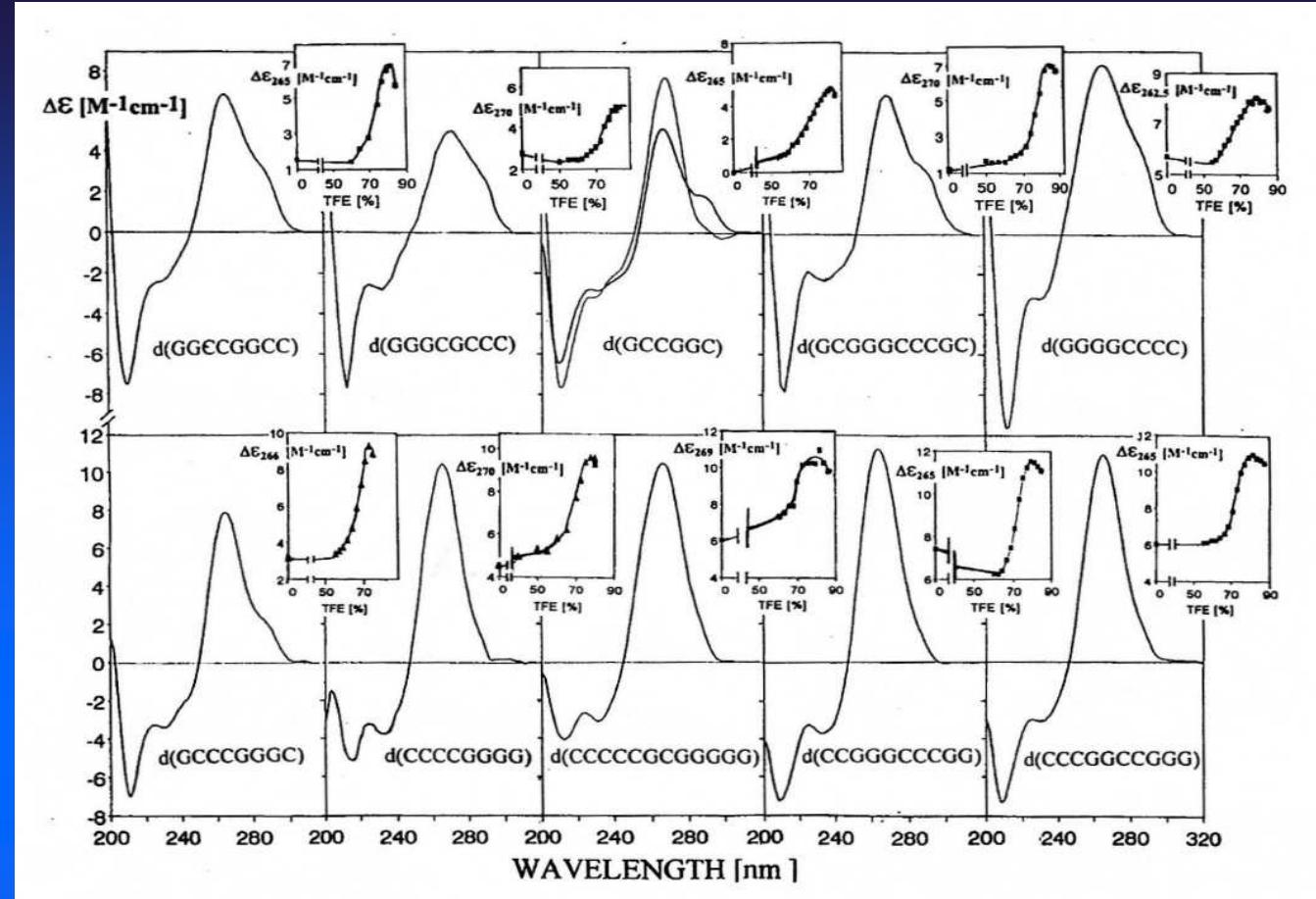
Non-cooperative changes  
within the same global structure



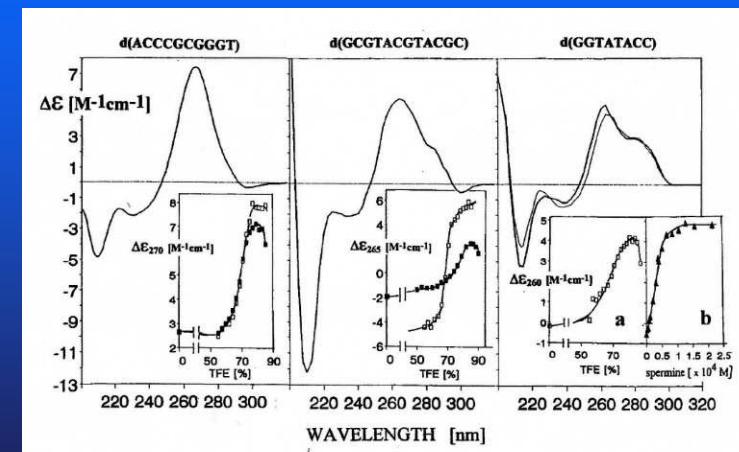
Cooperative changes between discrete structures

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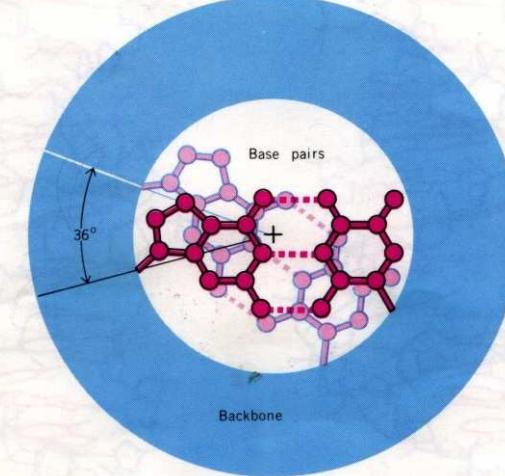
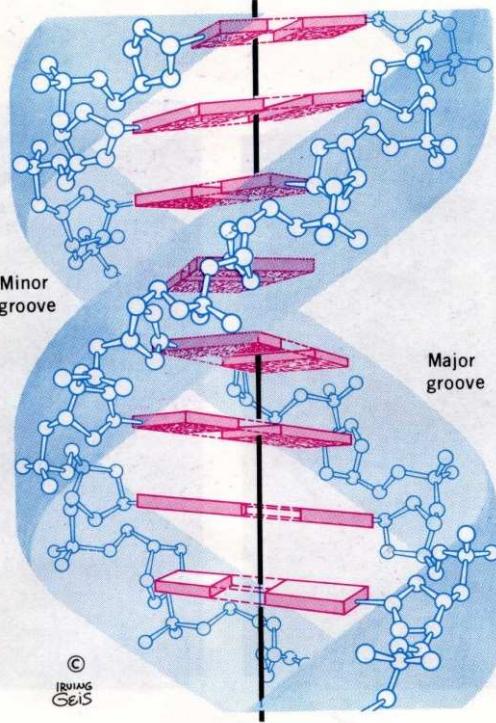




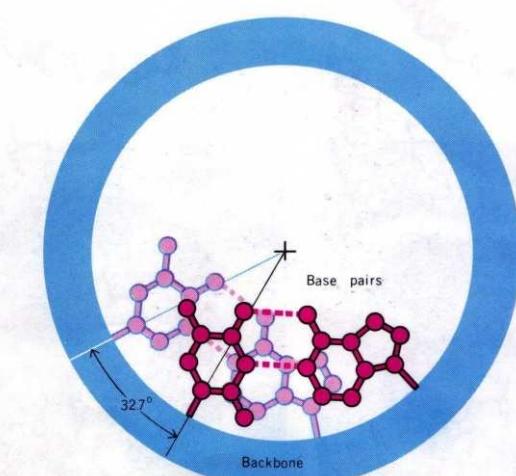
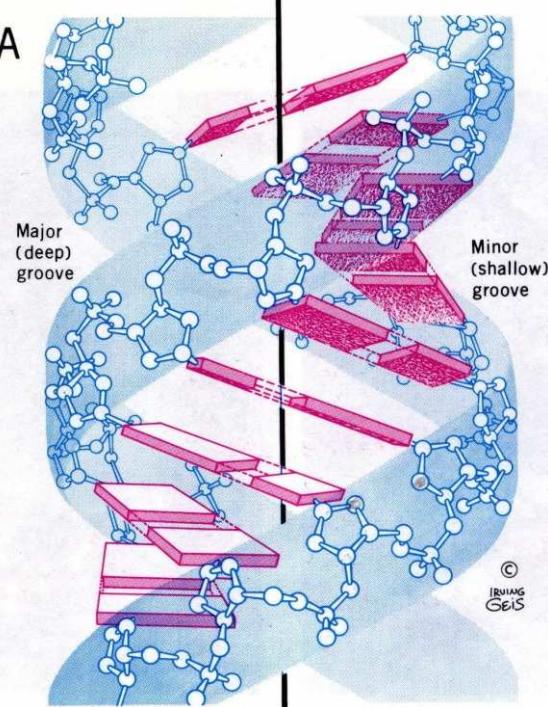
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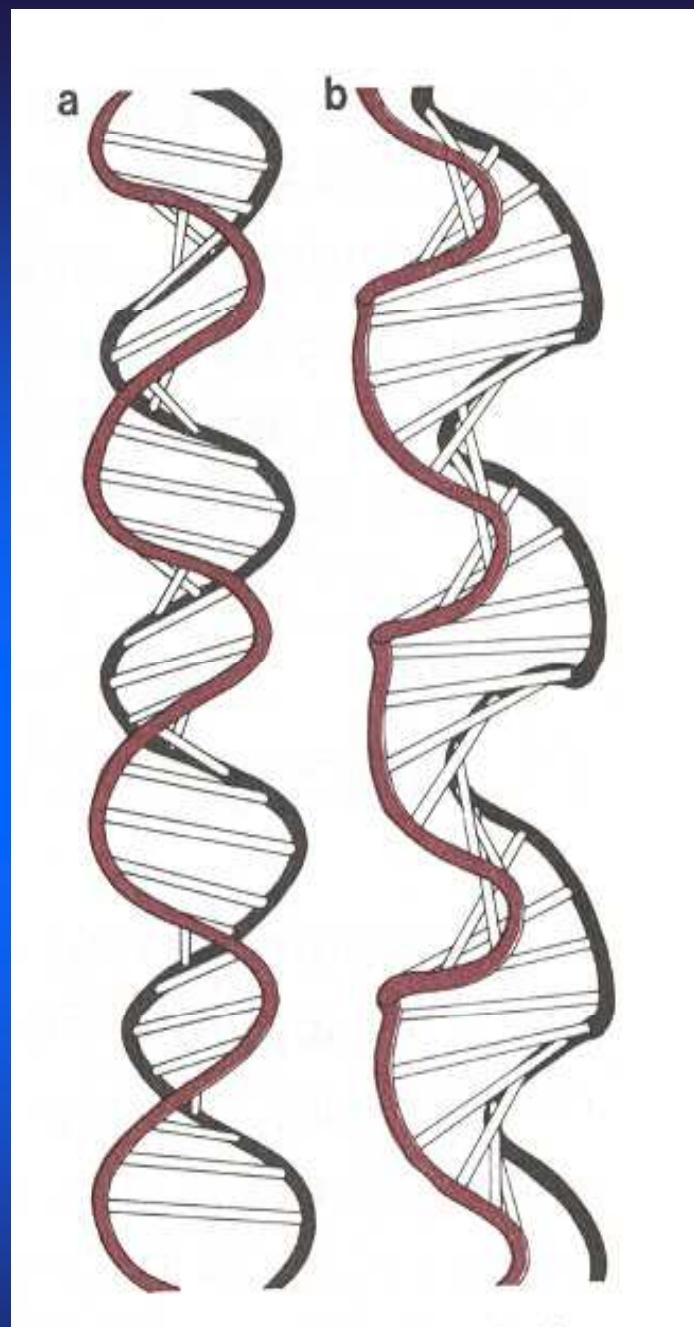
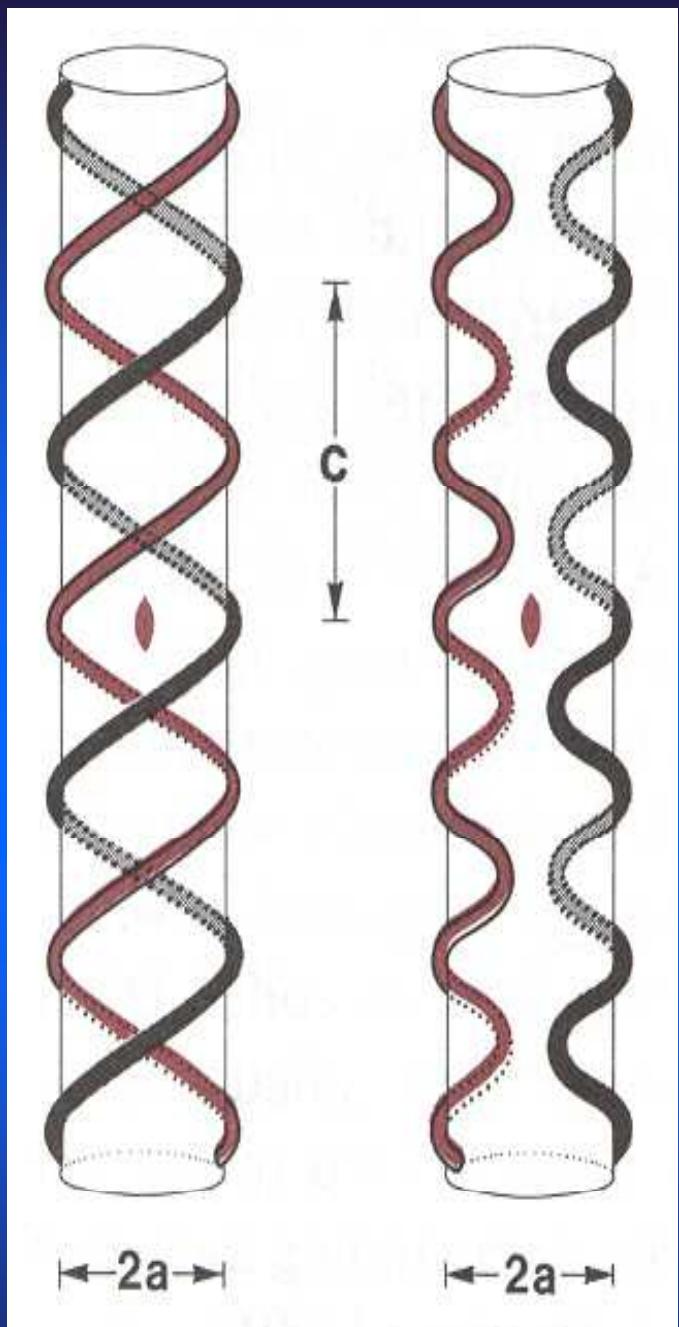
**B DNA**



**A DNA**

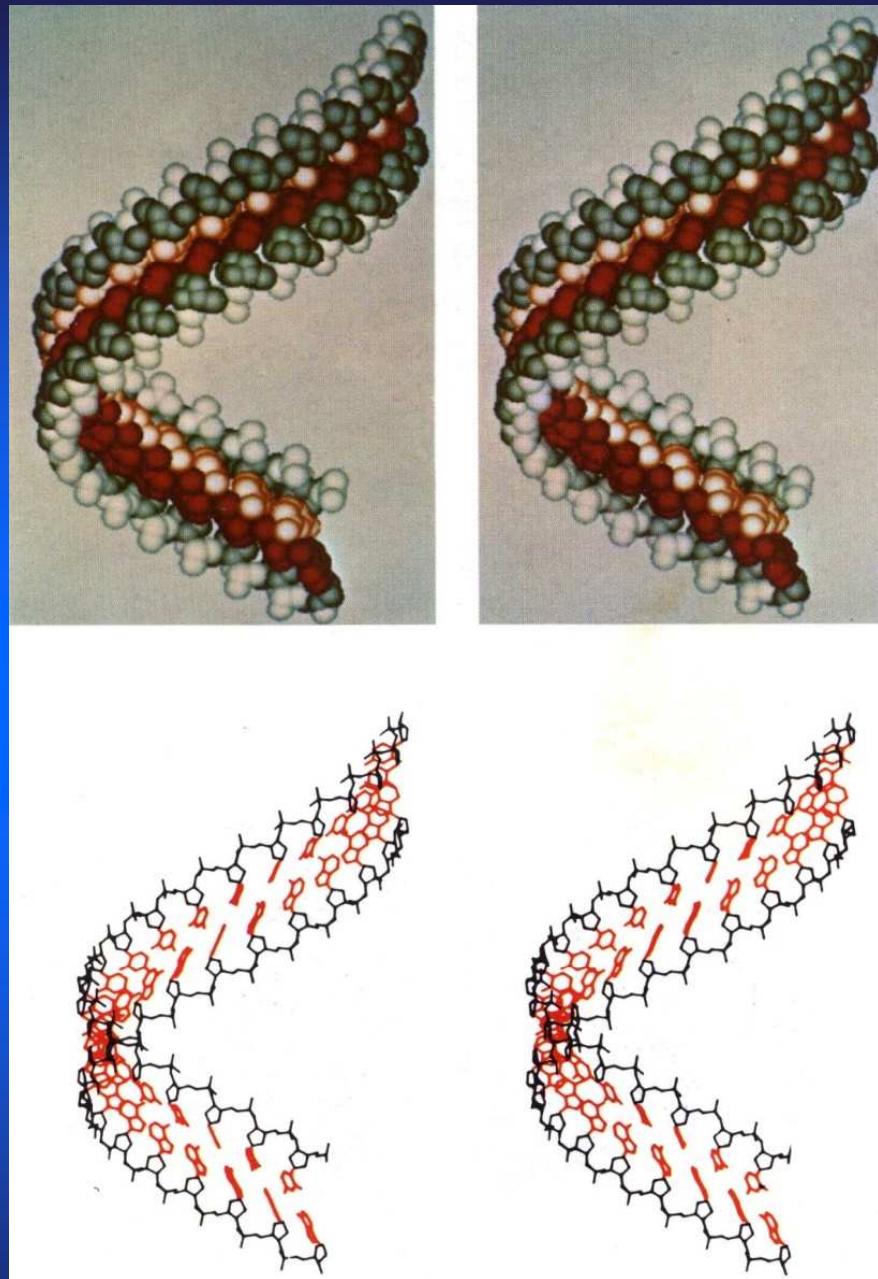






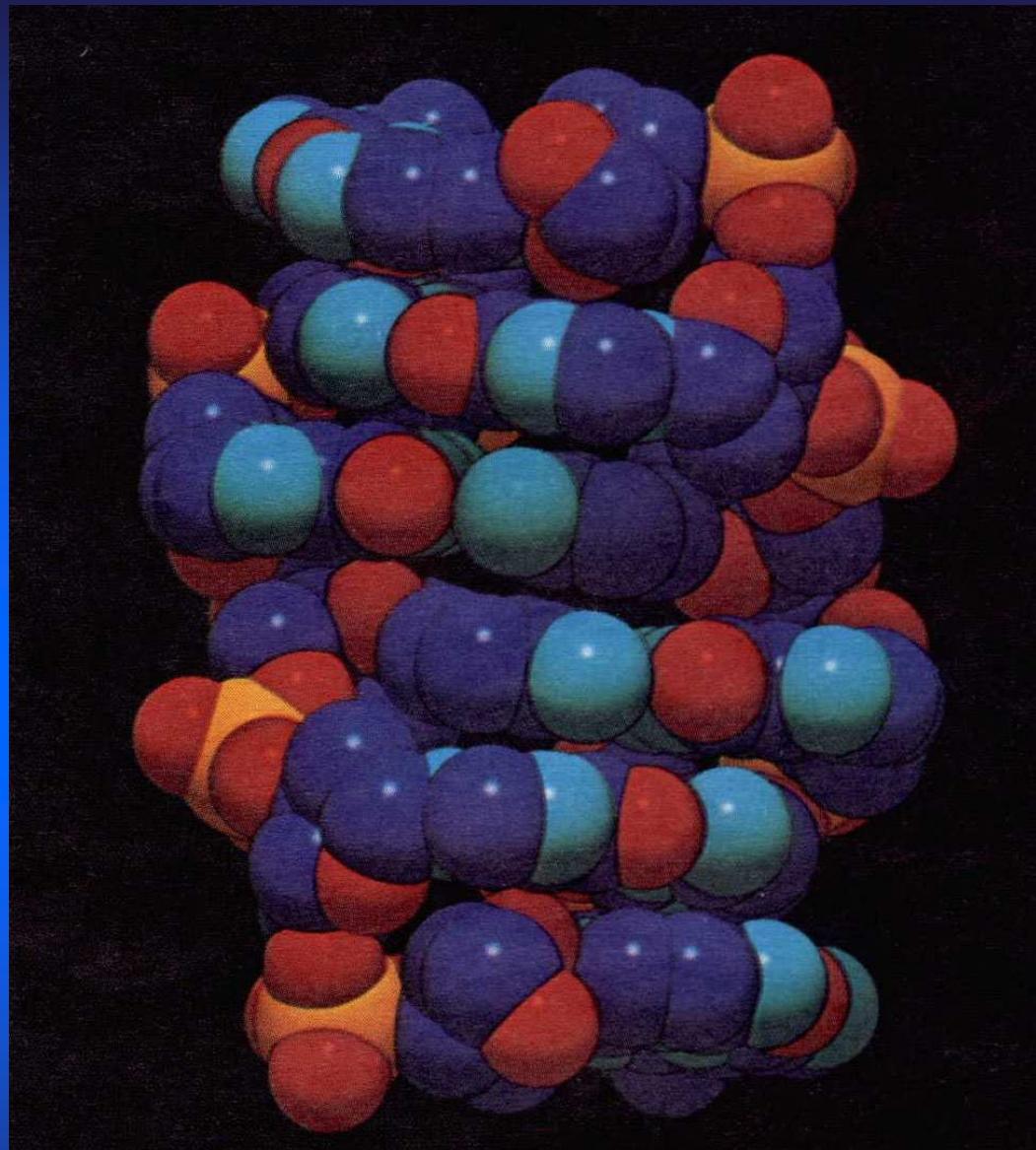
Rodley *et al.*, 1976; Sasisekharan and Pattabiraman, 1976, 1978; Bates *et al.*, 1977, 1980a; Albiser and Premilat, 1980, 1982; Millane and Rodley, 1981;



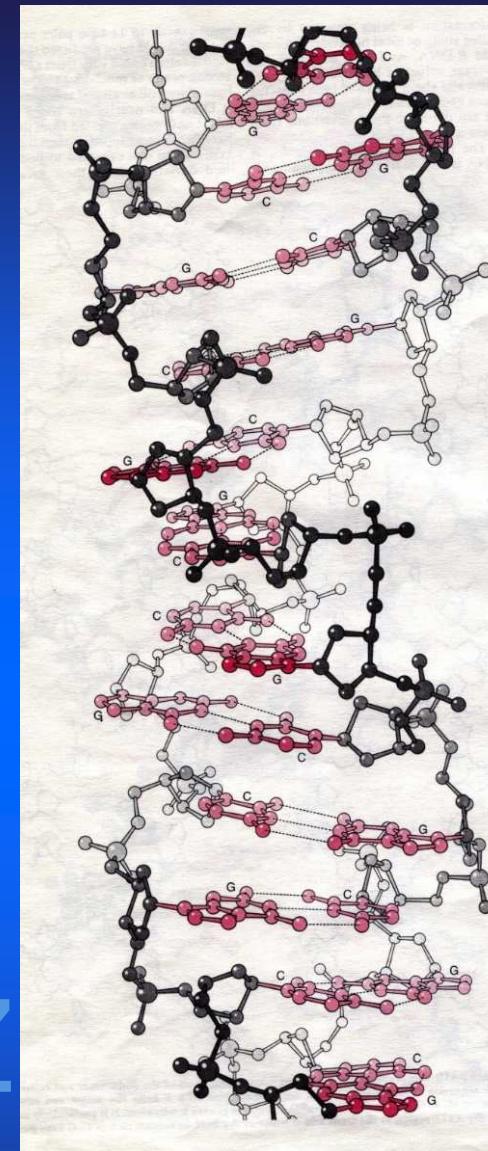


Vilma Olson:  
Spatial configuration of ordered polynucleotide chains: A novel double helix.  
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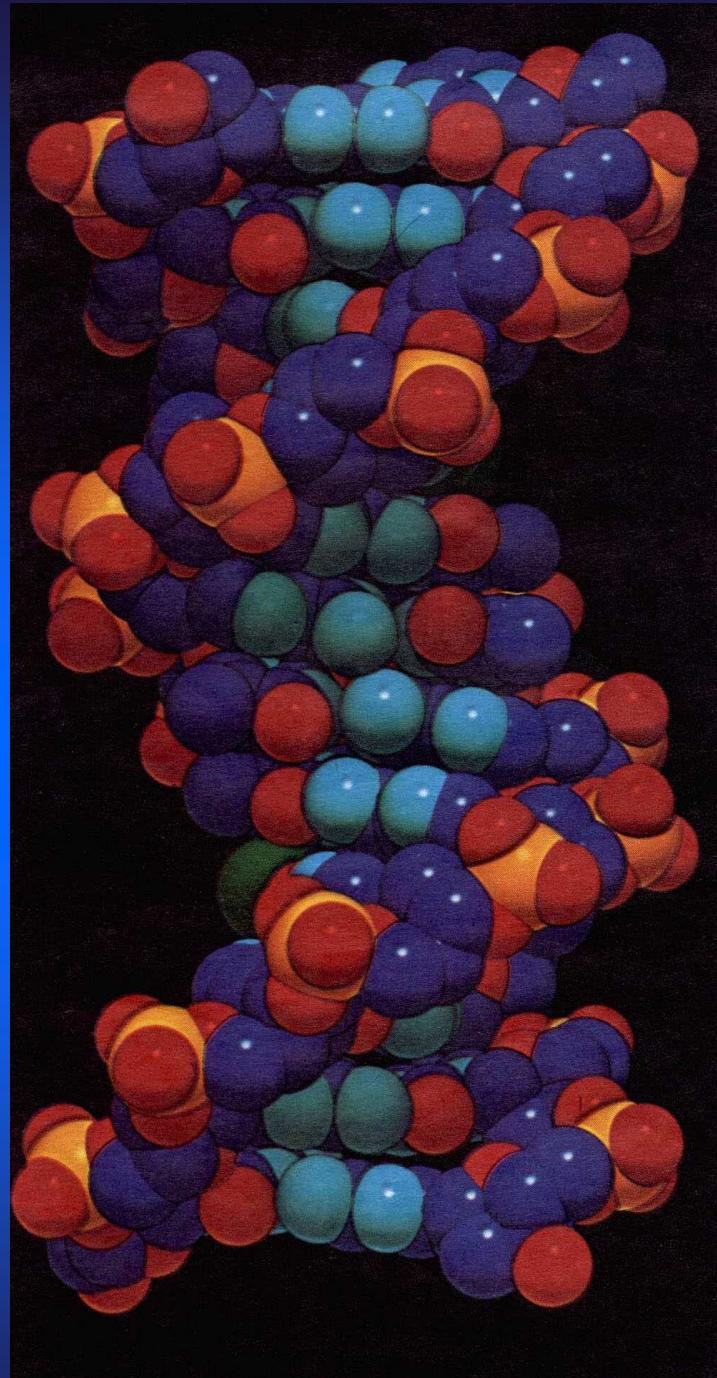


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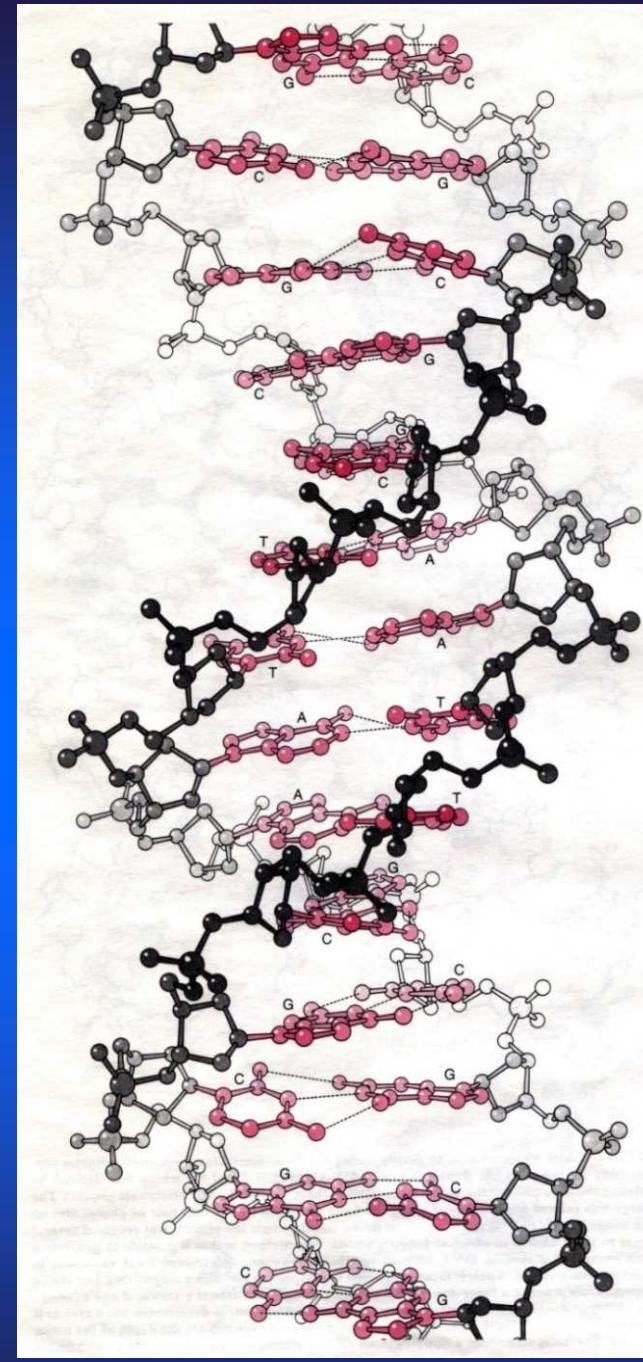


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B

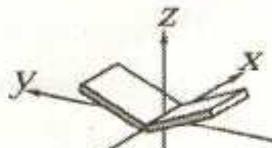


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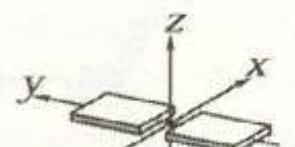




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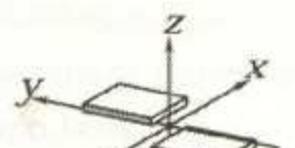
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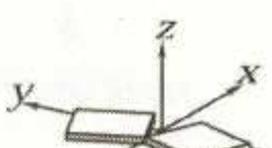
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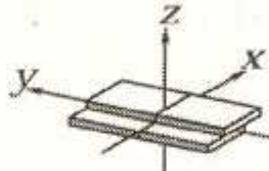
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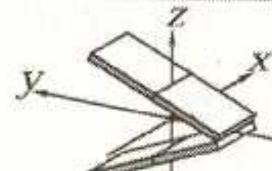
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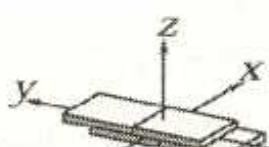
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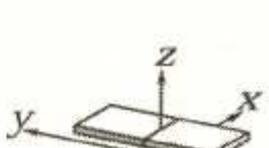
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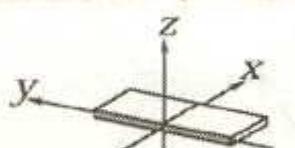
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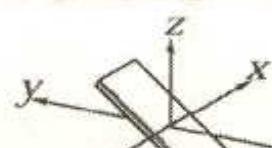
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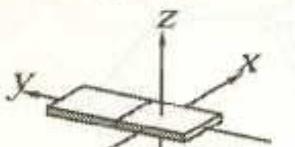
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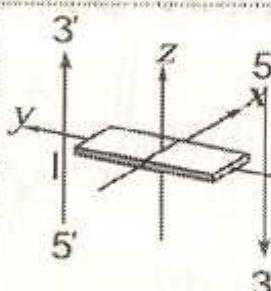
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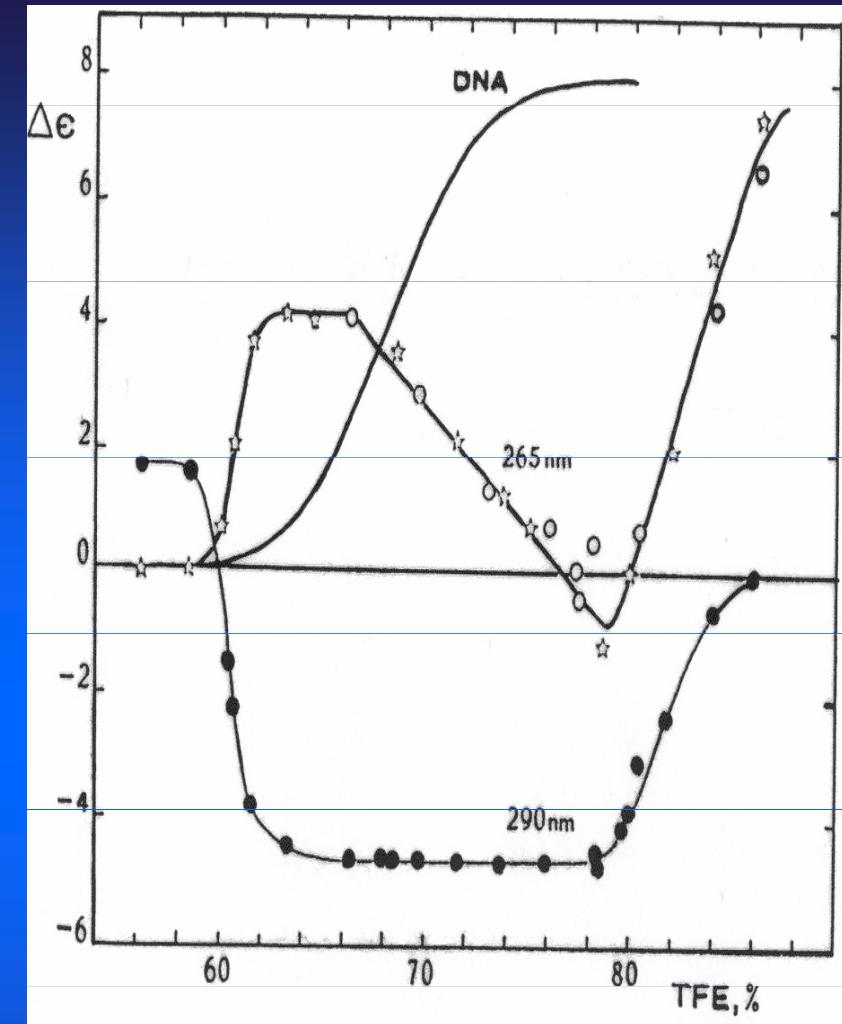
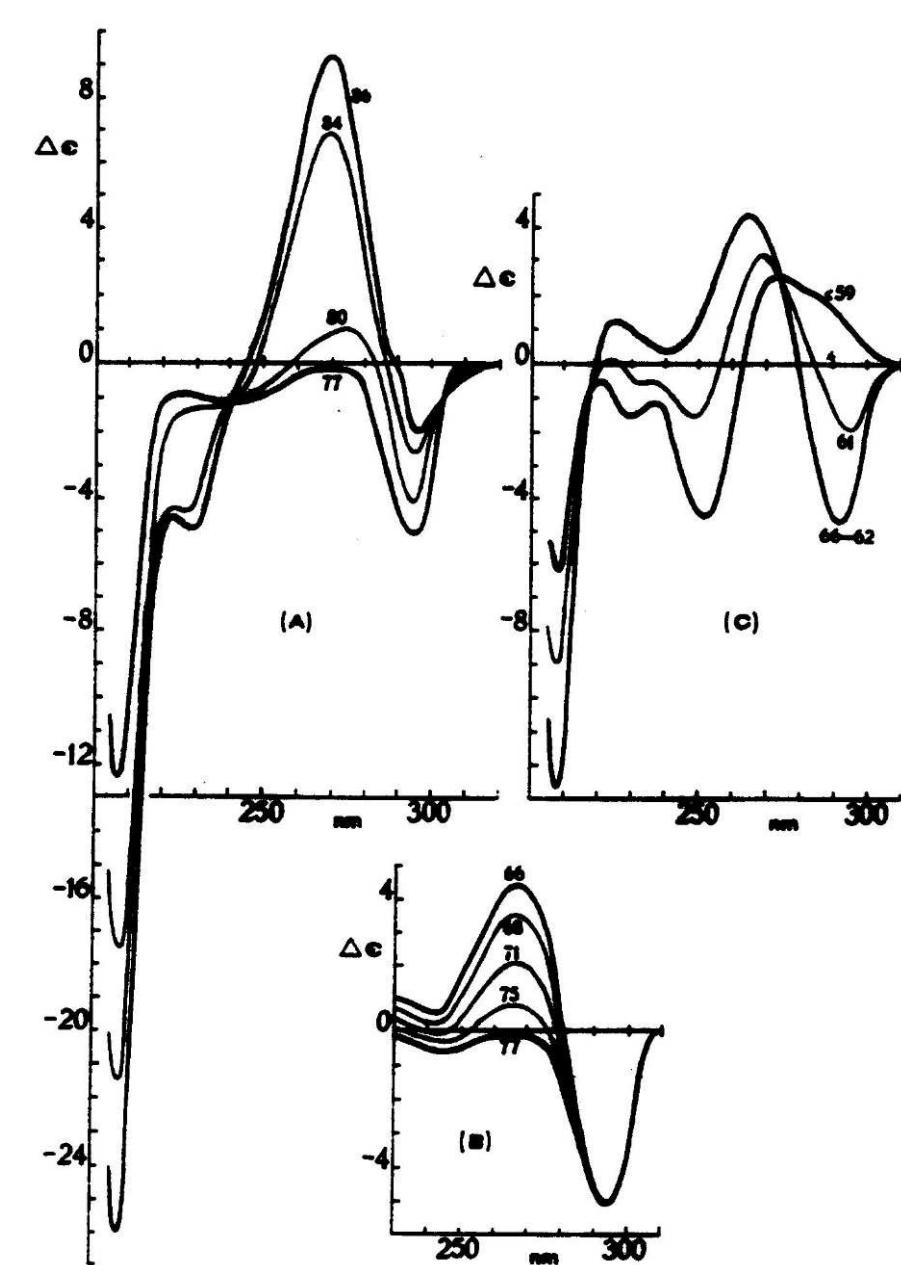


tip



Coordinate frame

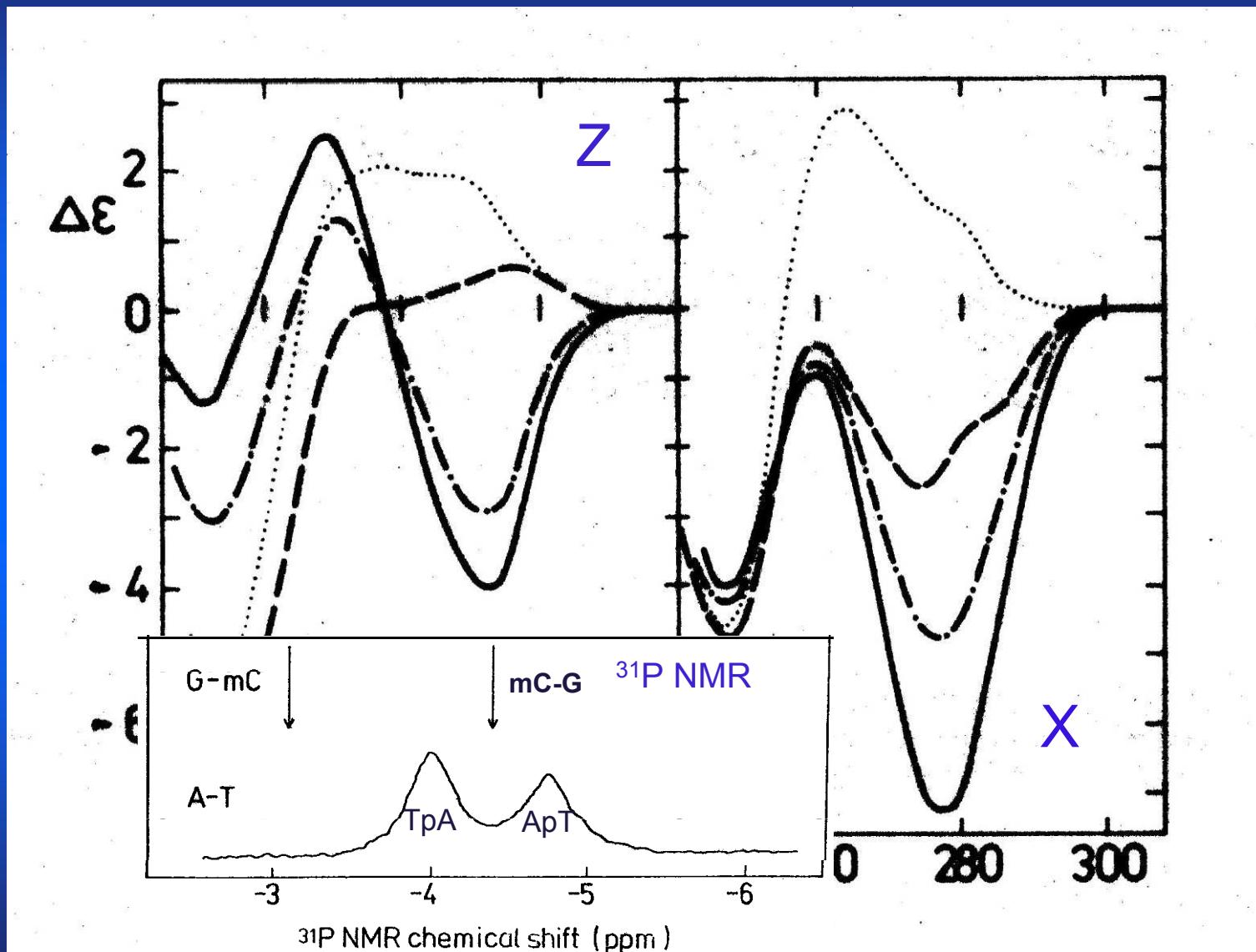




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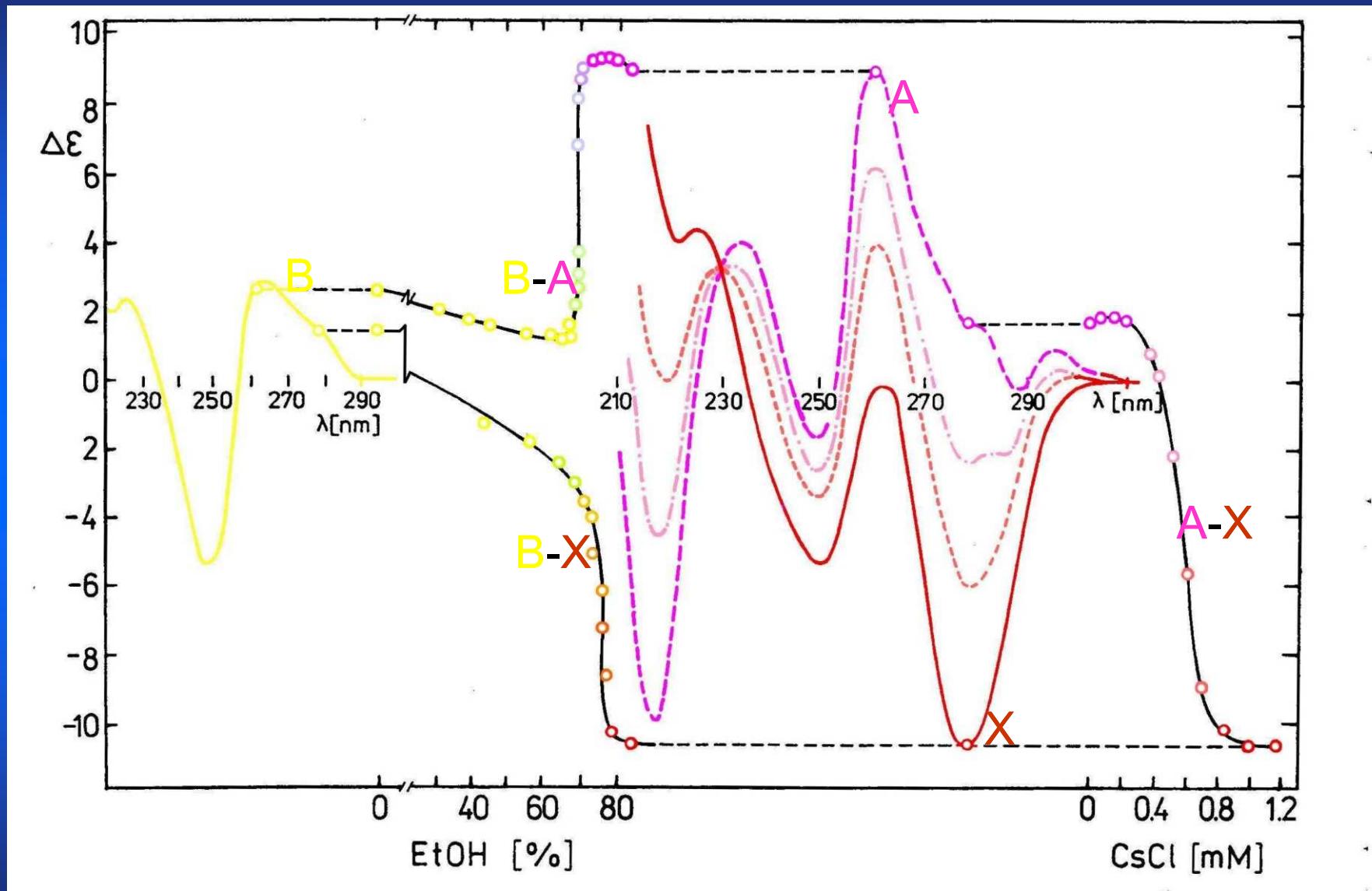
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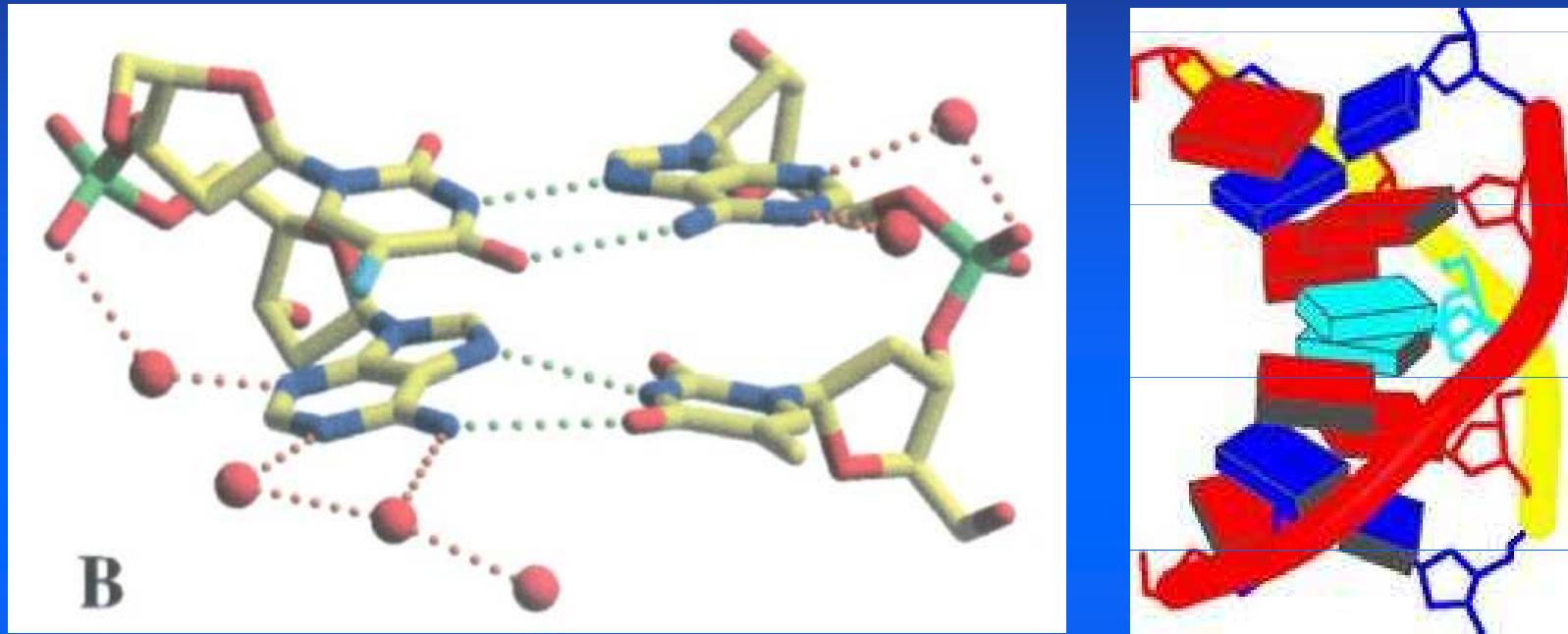


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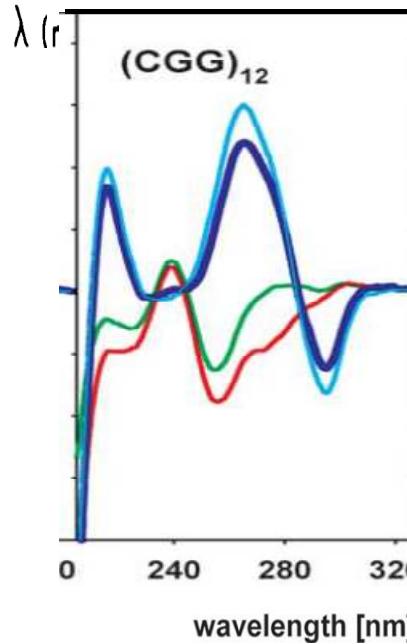
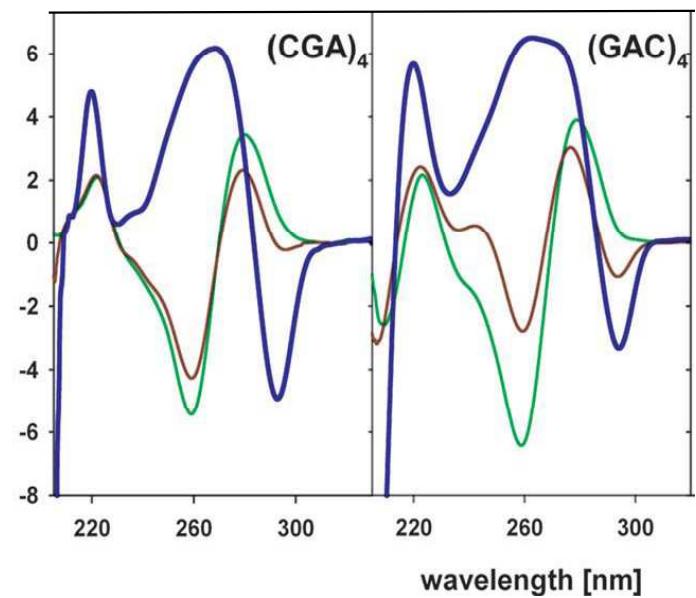
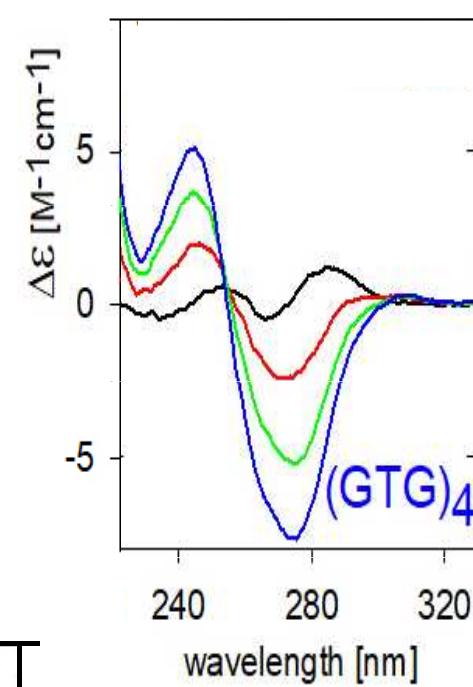
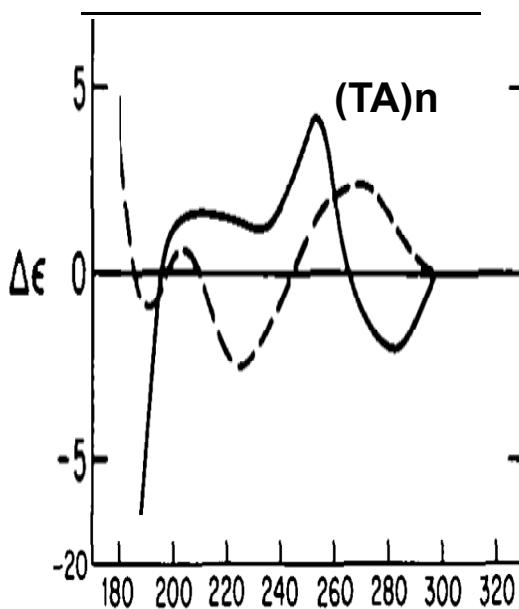
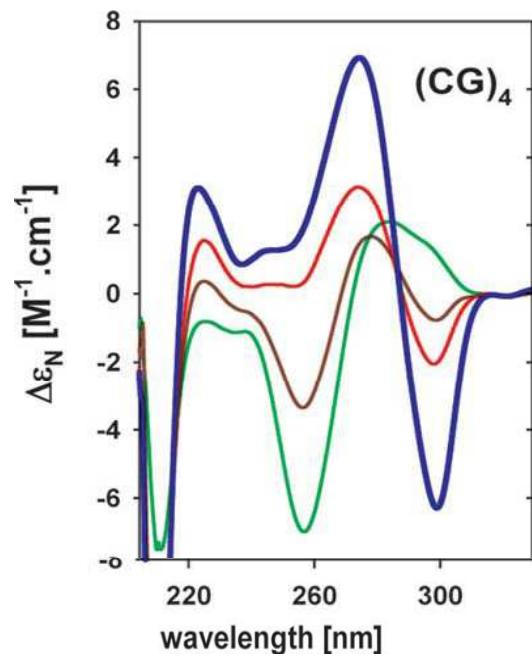




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Z forms



# Alternating (Pu-Py)<sub>n</sub>

... [ GCGCGC  
CGCGCG ] ...

... [ ATATAT  
TATATA ] ...

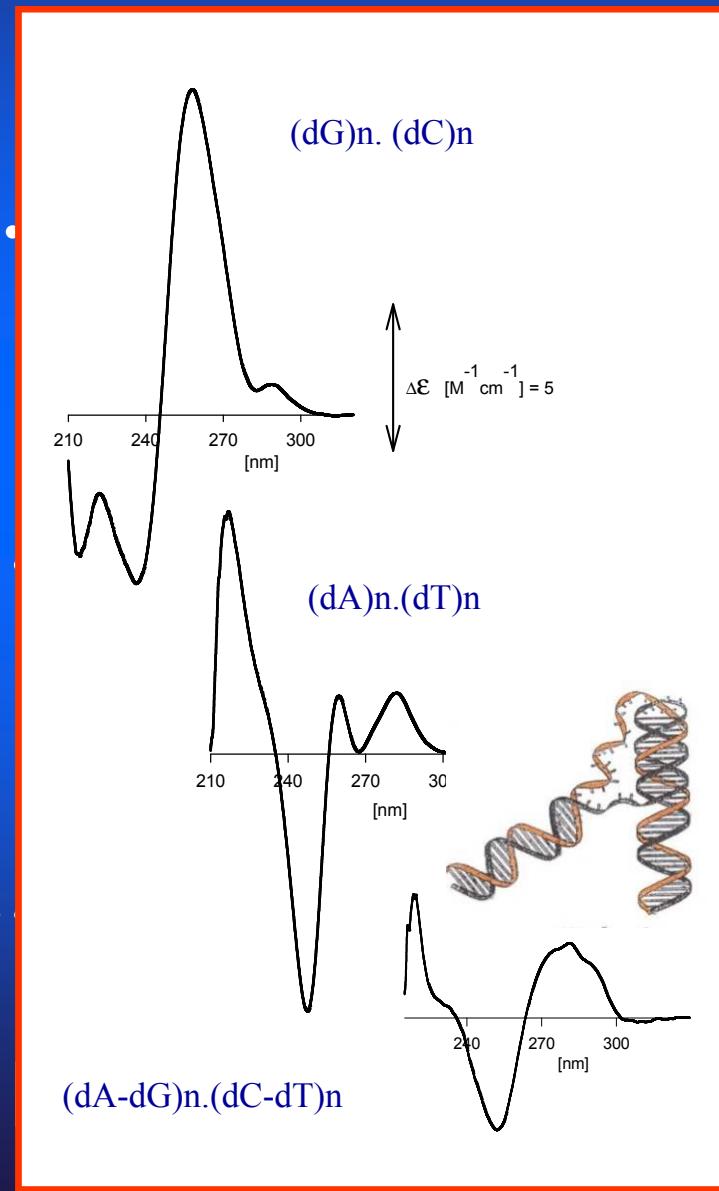
... [ ACACAC  
TGTGTG ] ...

# (Pu)<sub>n</sub> . (Py)<sub>n</sub> complexes

[ GGGGGG  
CCCCCC ] ...

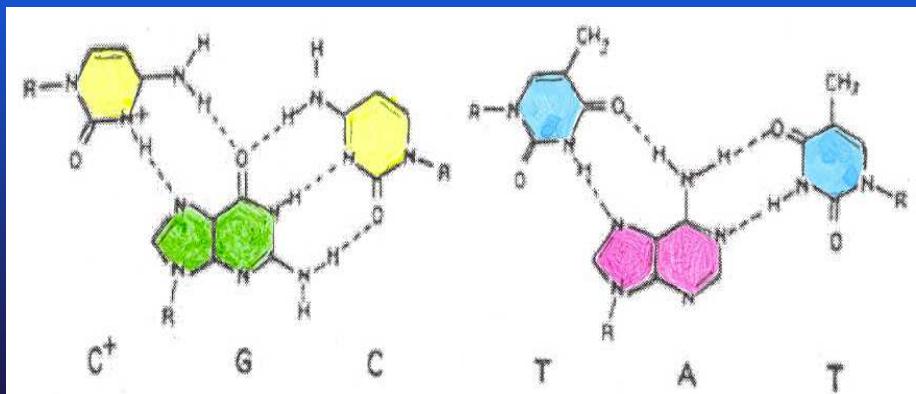
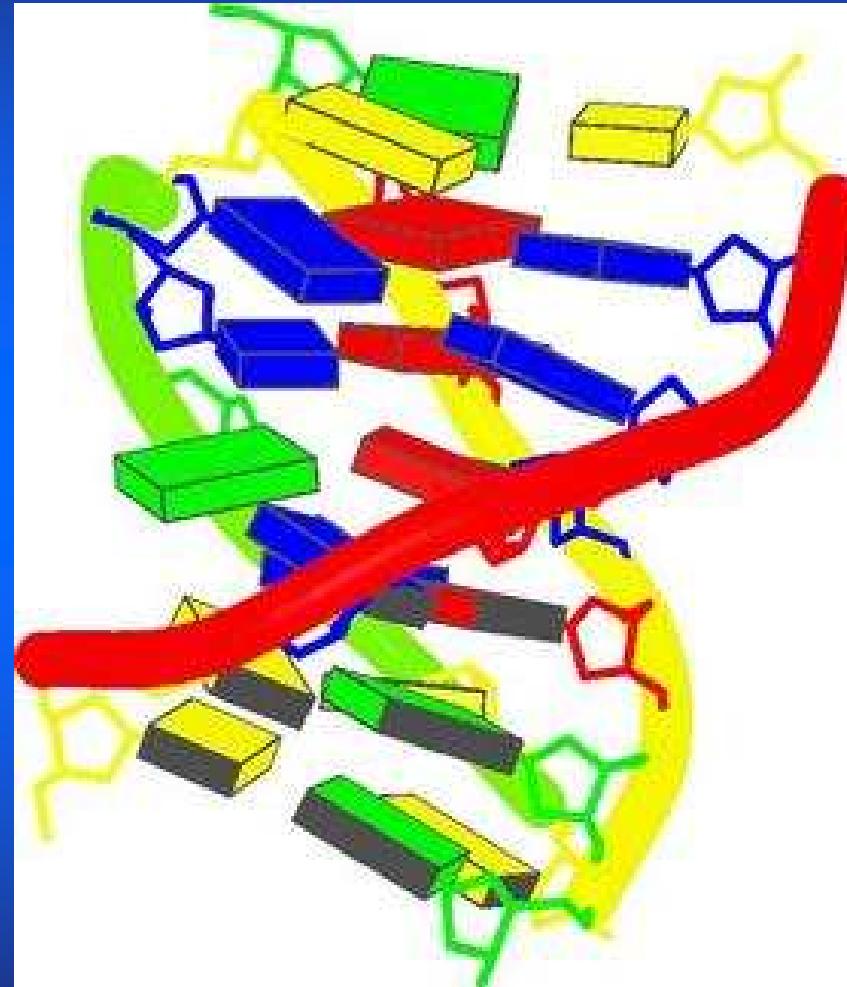
[ AAAAAA  
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[ AGAGAG  
TCTCTC ] ...



# DNA Triplex

## Pyrimidine. Purine. Pyrimidine

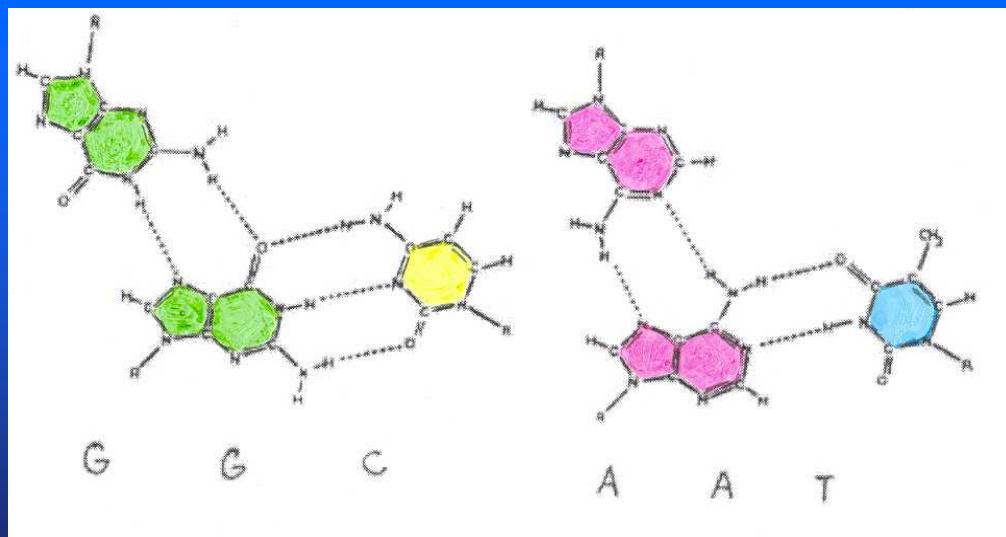
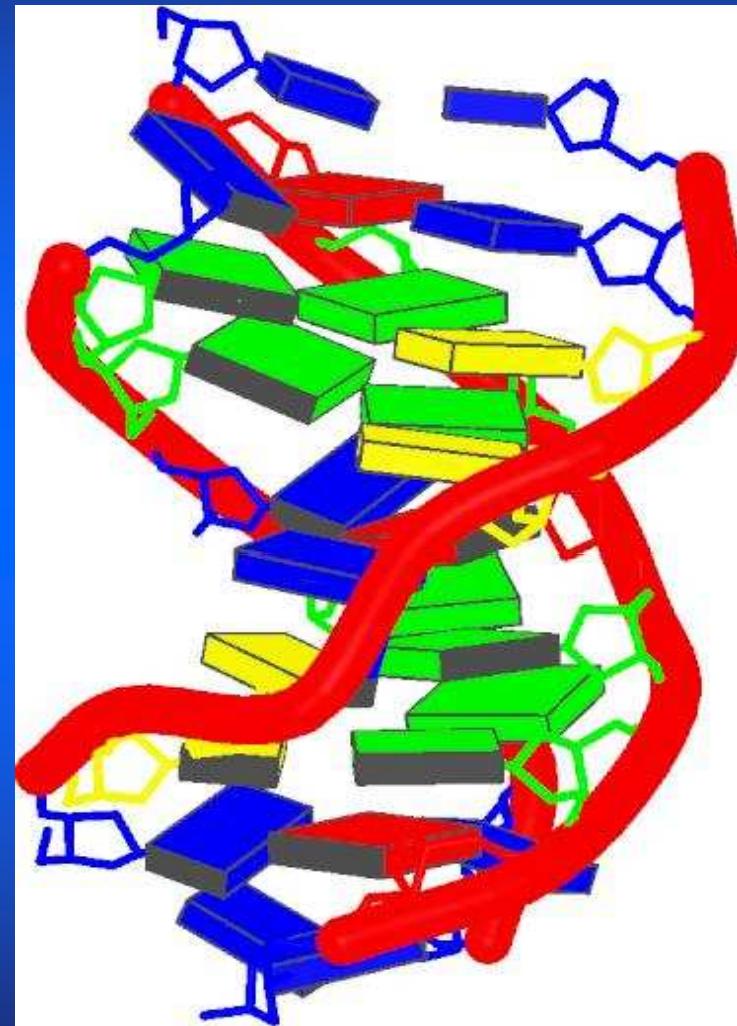


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# DNA TRIPLEX

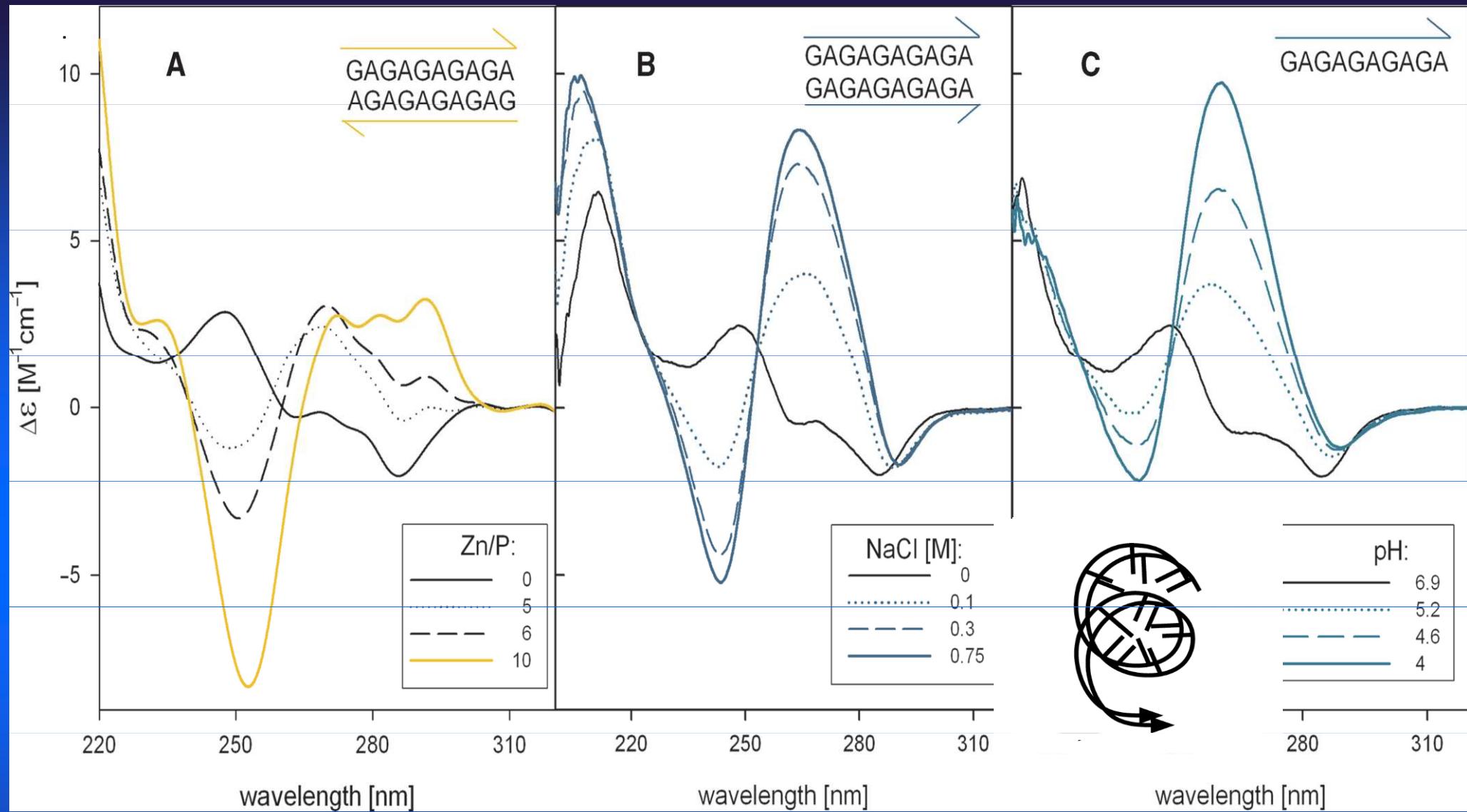
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Pyrimidine. Purine. Purine





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**B** Rippe, K., Fritch, V., Westhof, E., Jovin, T.M.: Alternating d(G-A) sequences form a parallel-stranded DNA homoduplex. *EMBO J.* 11 (1992) 3777-3786.

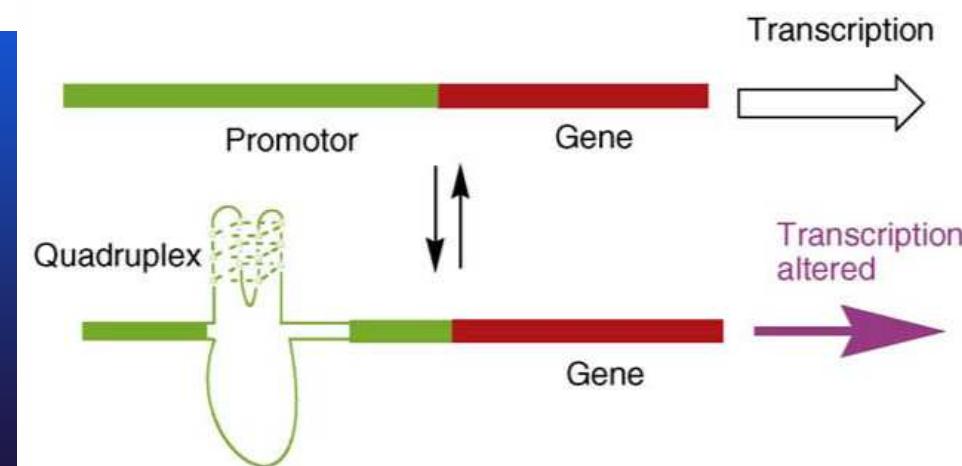
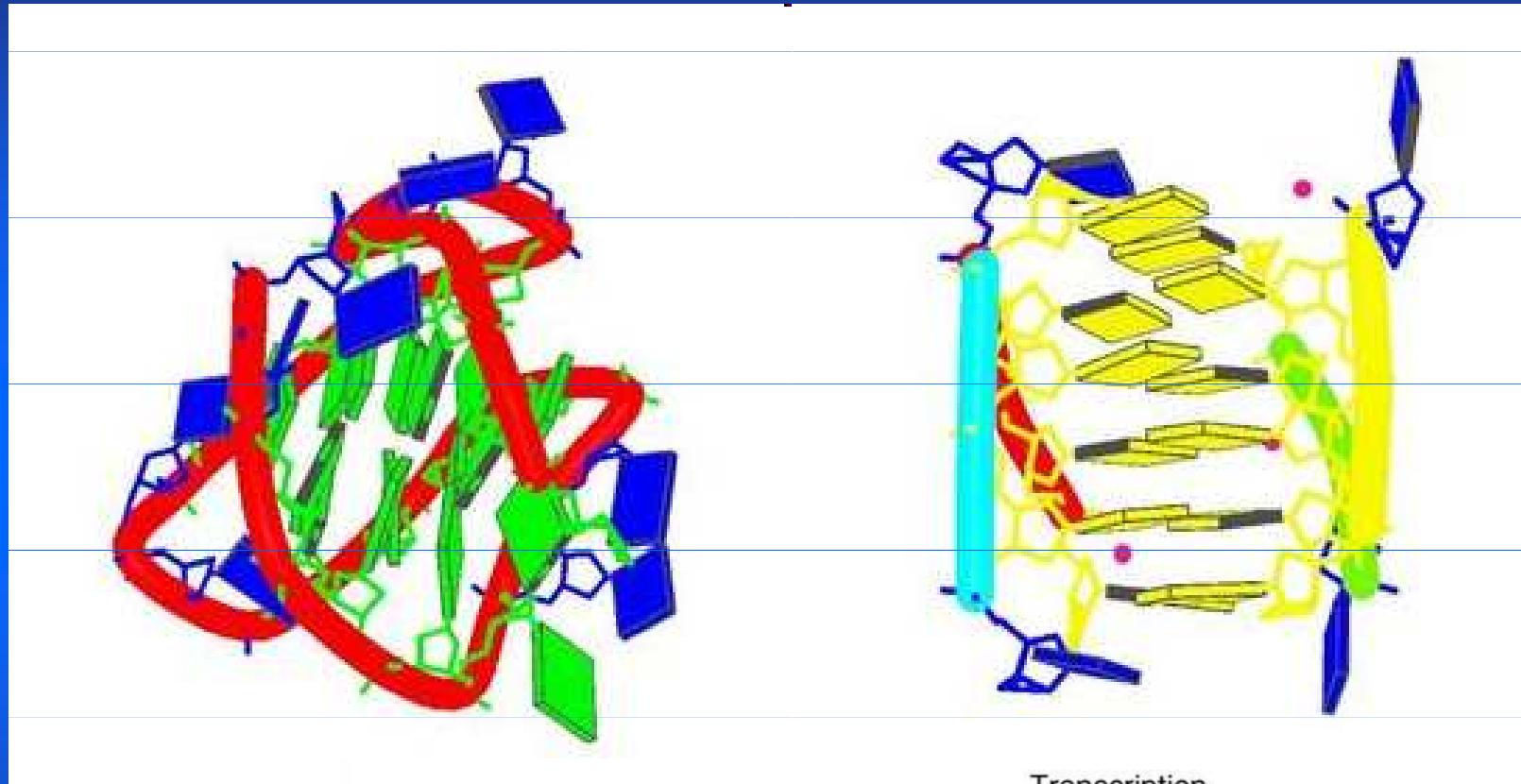
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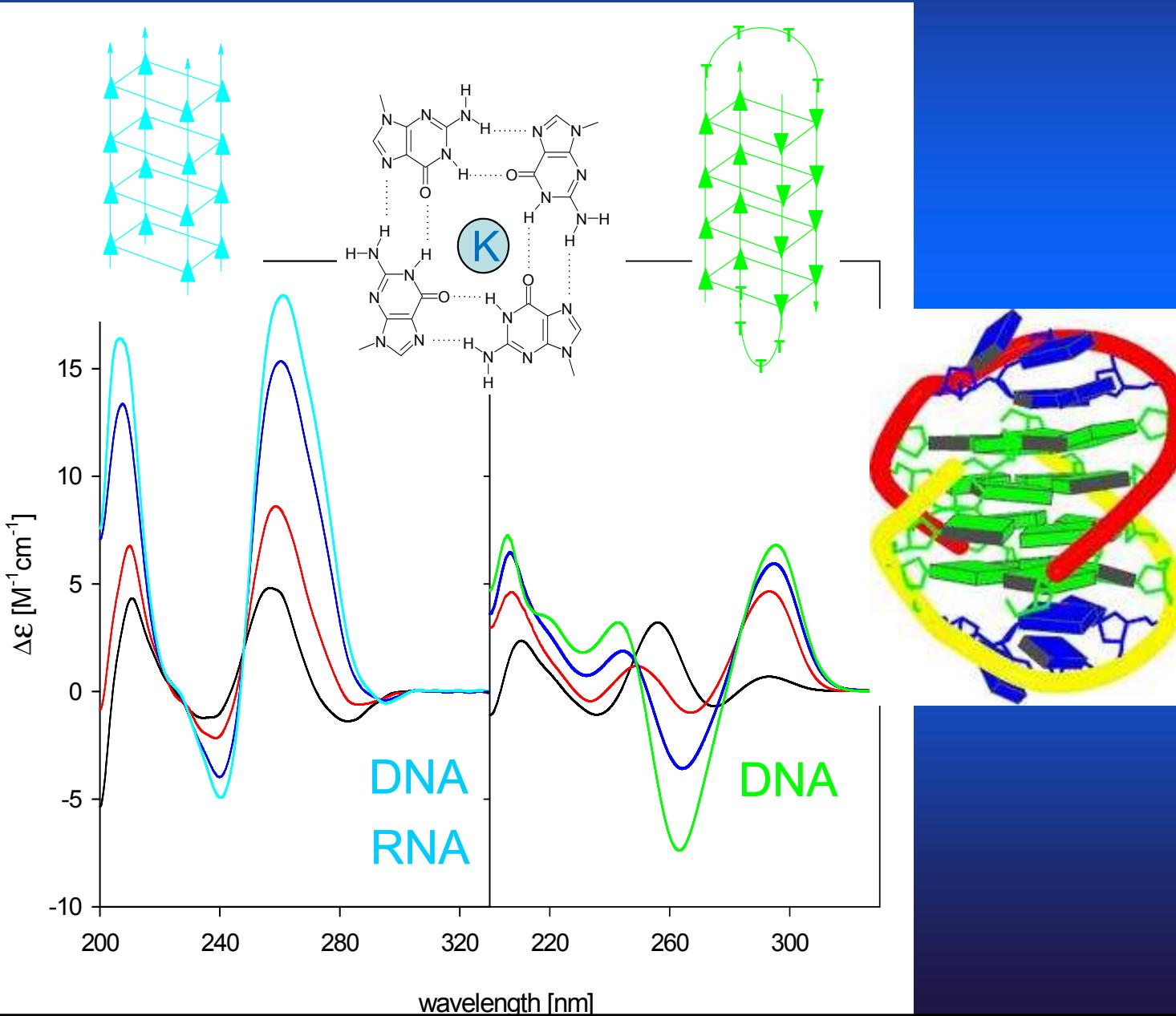
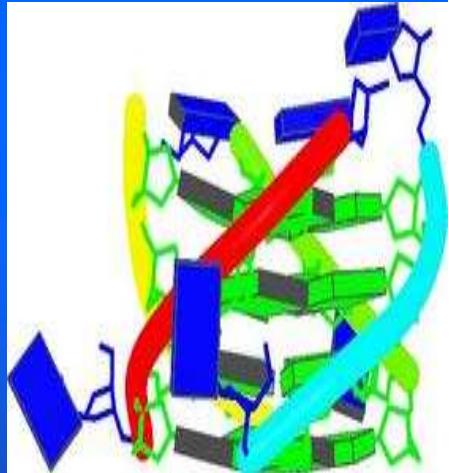


# Quadruplexes

frequently occur in promoters of genes and were shown to control their expression.



# CD spectra reflecting formation of a parallel and antiparallel guanine quadruplex

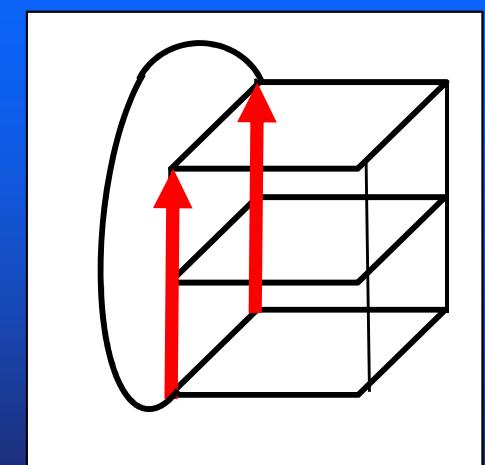
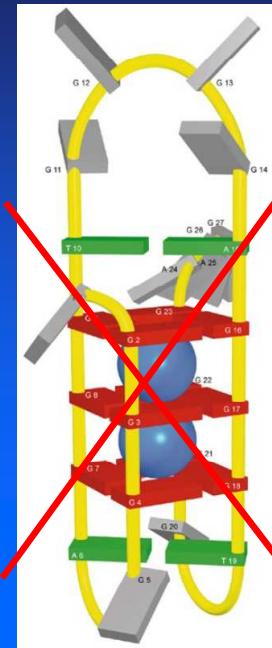
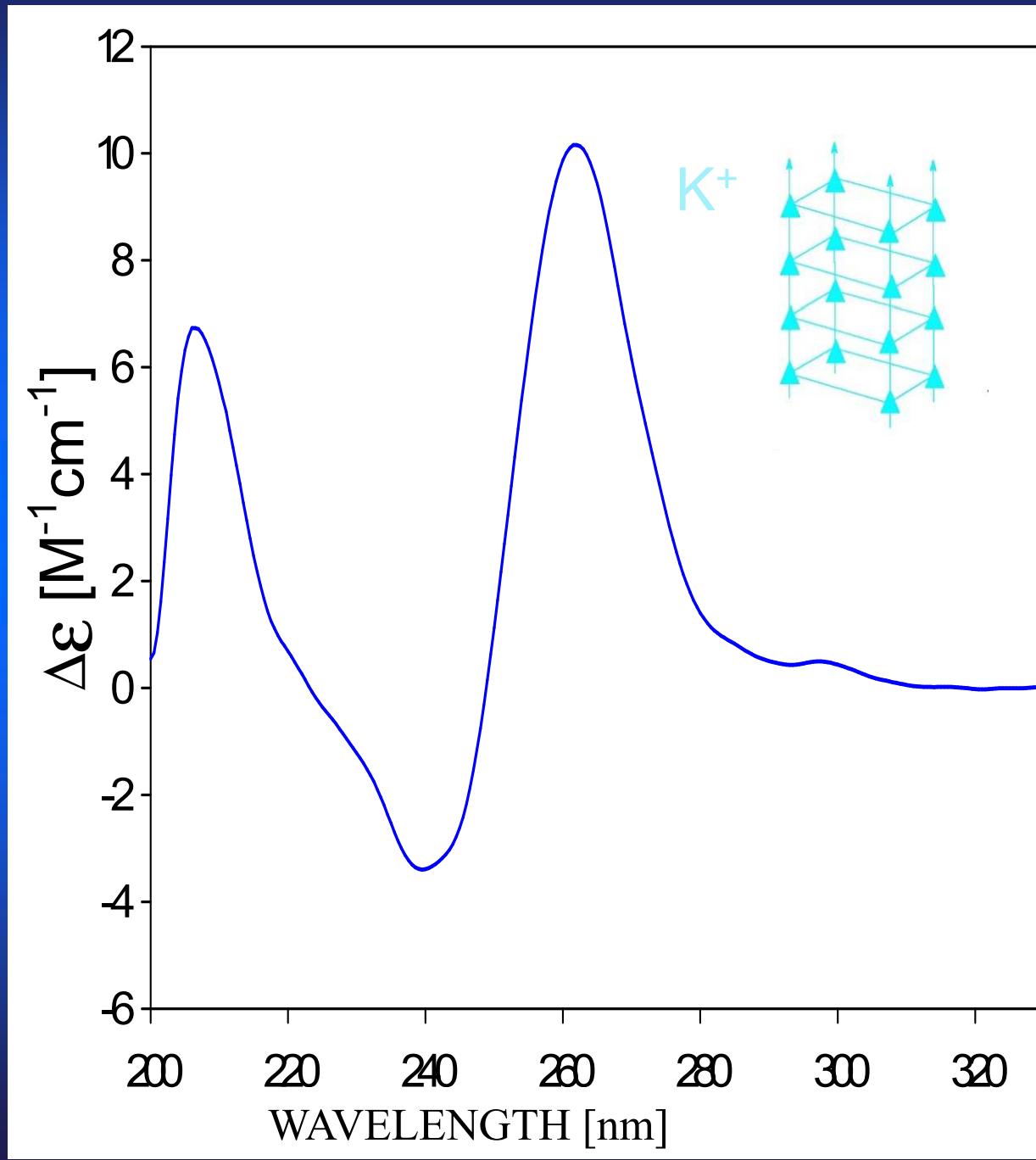


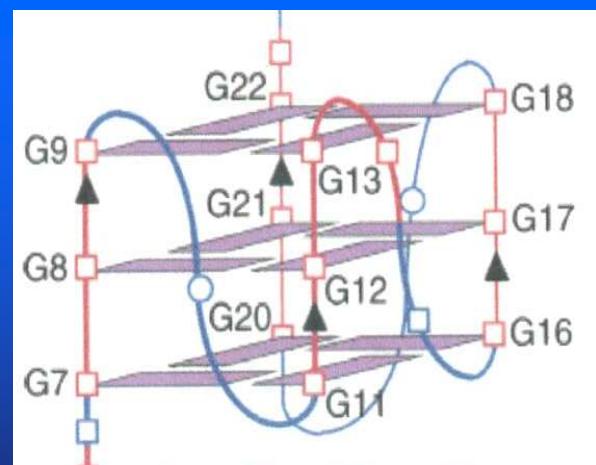
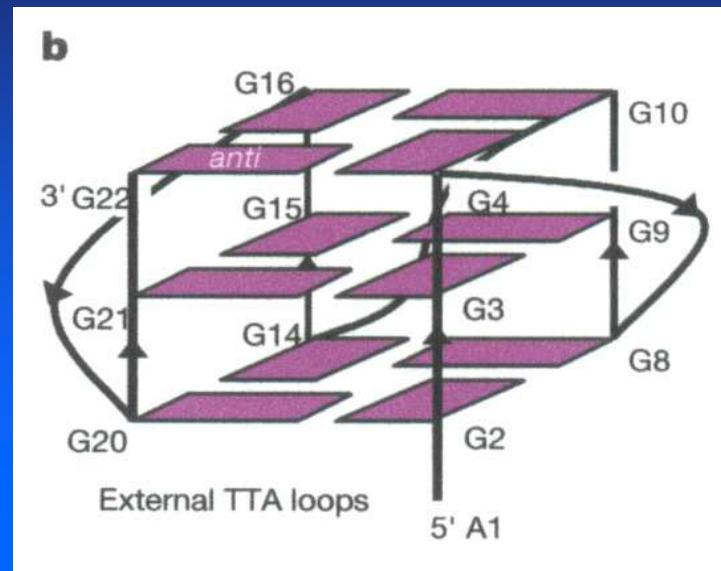
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Guanine tetraplex formation by short DNA fragments containing runs of guanine and cytosine.  
Biophys. J. 73 (1997) 2054-2063



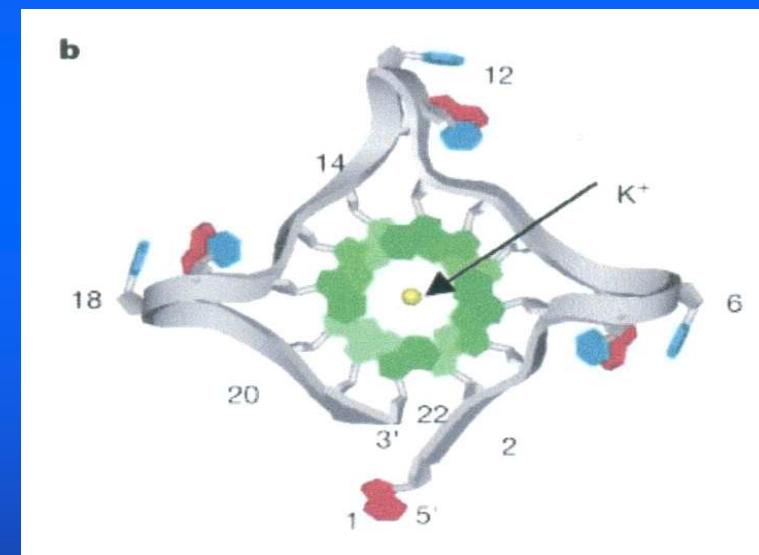
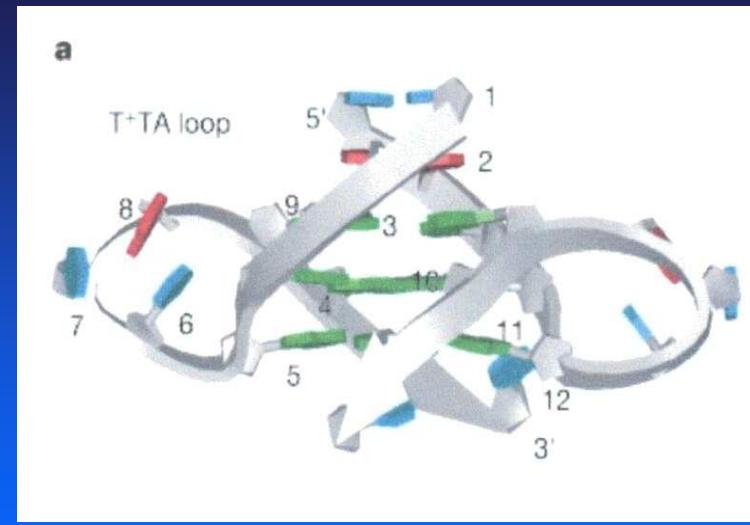
Fragment of Pu-27 promoter c-myc: (1998)

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Phan, A.T. et al.:  
*J.Am.Chem.Soc.* **126**(2004)8710

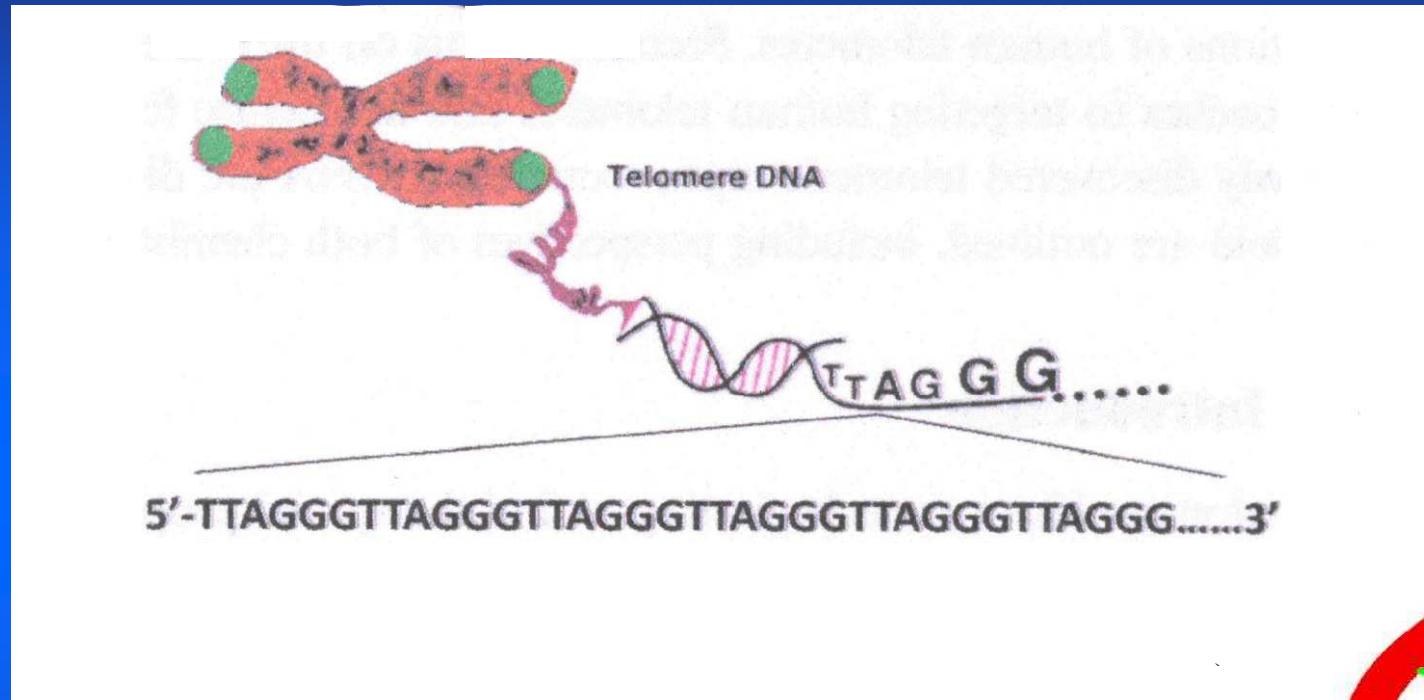


d[AGGG(TTAGGG)3]

Parkinson, G.N., Lee, M.P.H, Neidle, S.  
*Nature* **417** (2002) 876-880.



# Human telomeric DNA forms quadruplex

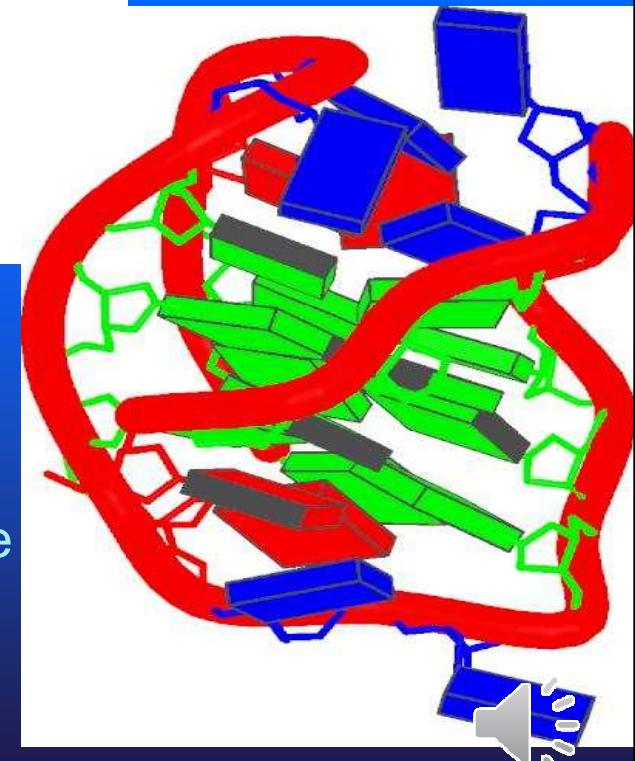


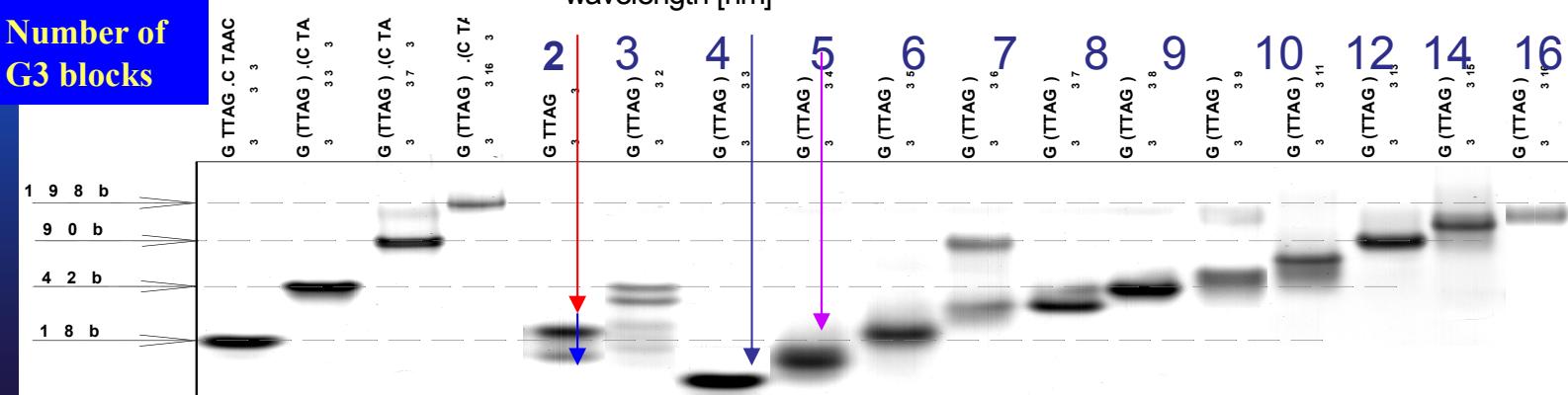
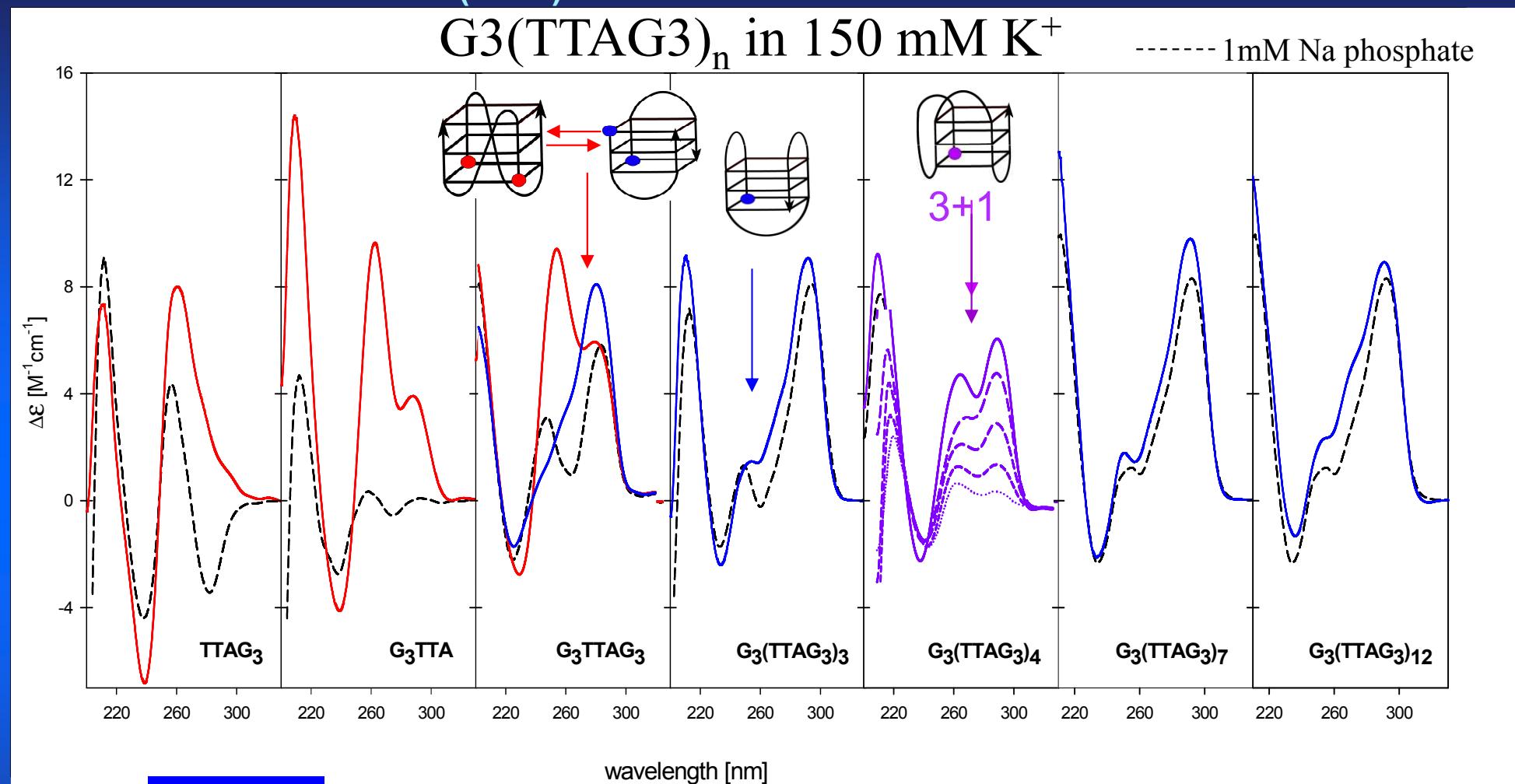
Telomeric DNA is associated with aging

Telomerase – does not get older – ageless, immortal

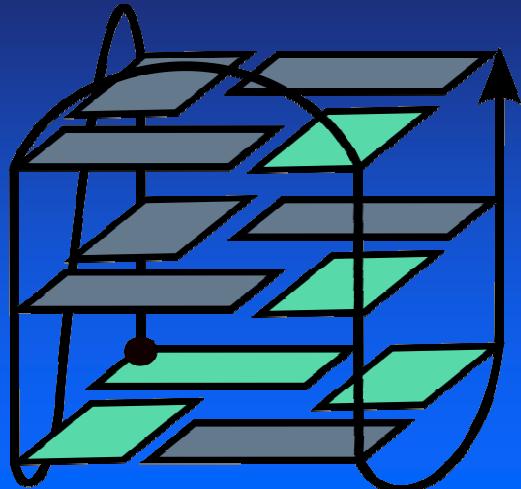
Quadruplex does not allow telomerase to get on the sequence

The telomere quadruplex became a target for developing anticancer drugs

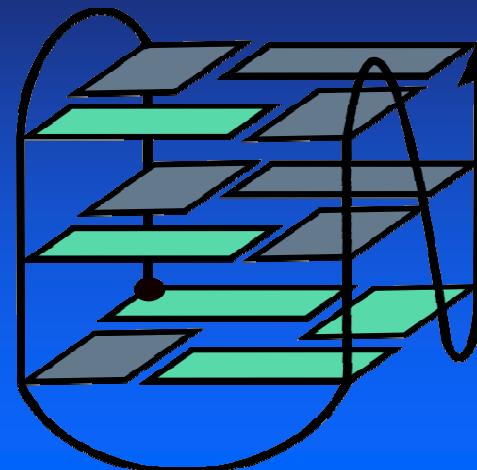




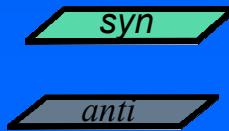
3 + 1



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K<sup>+</sup>



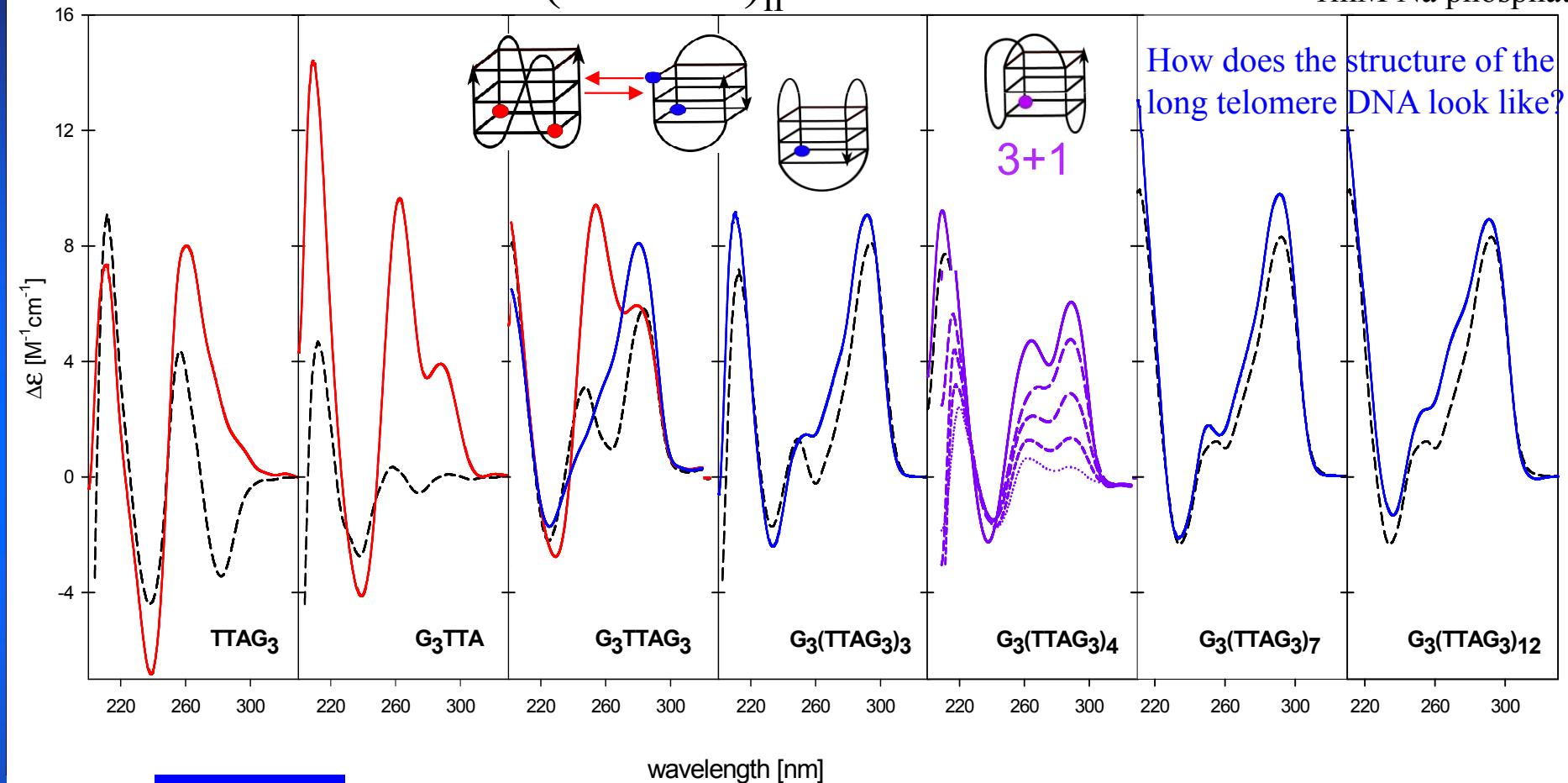
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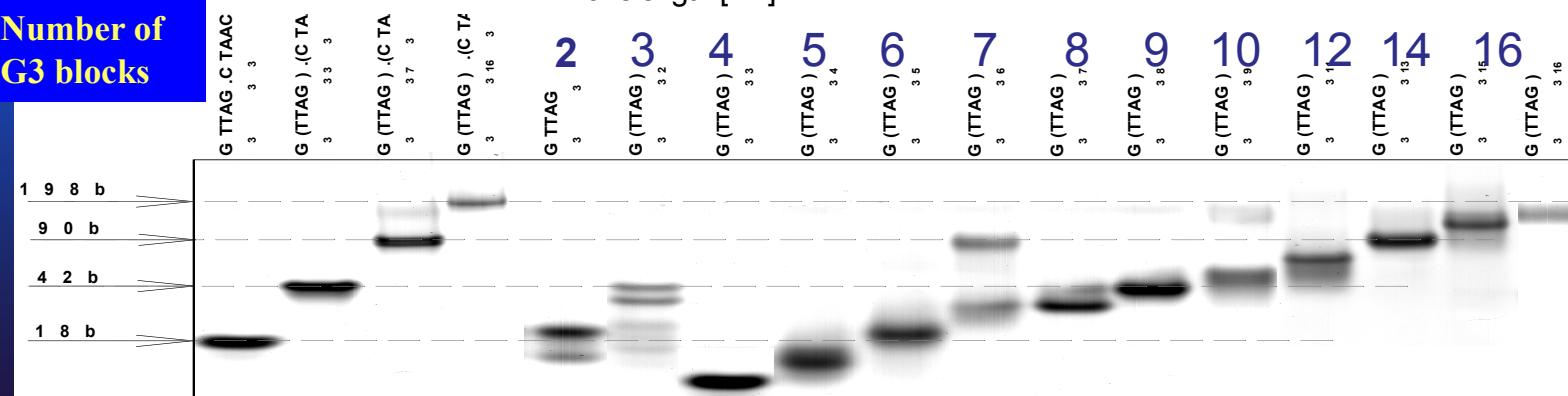


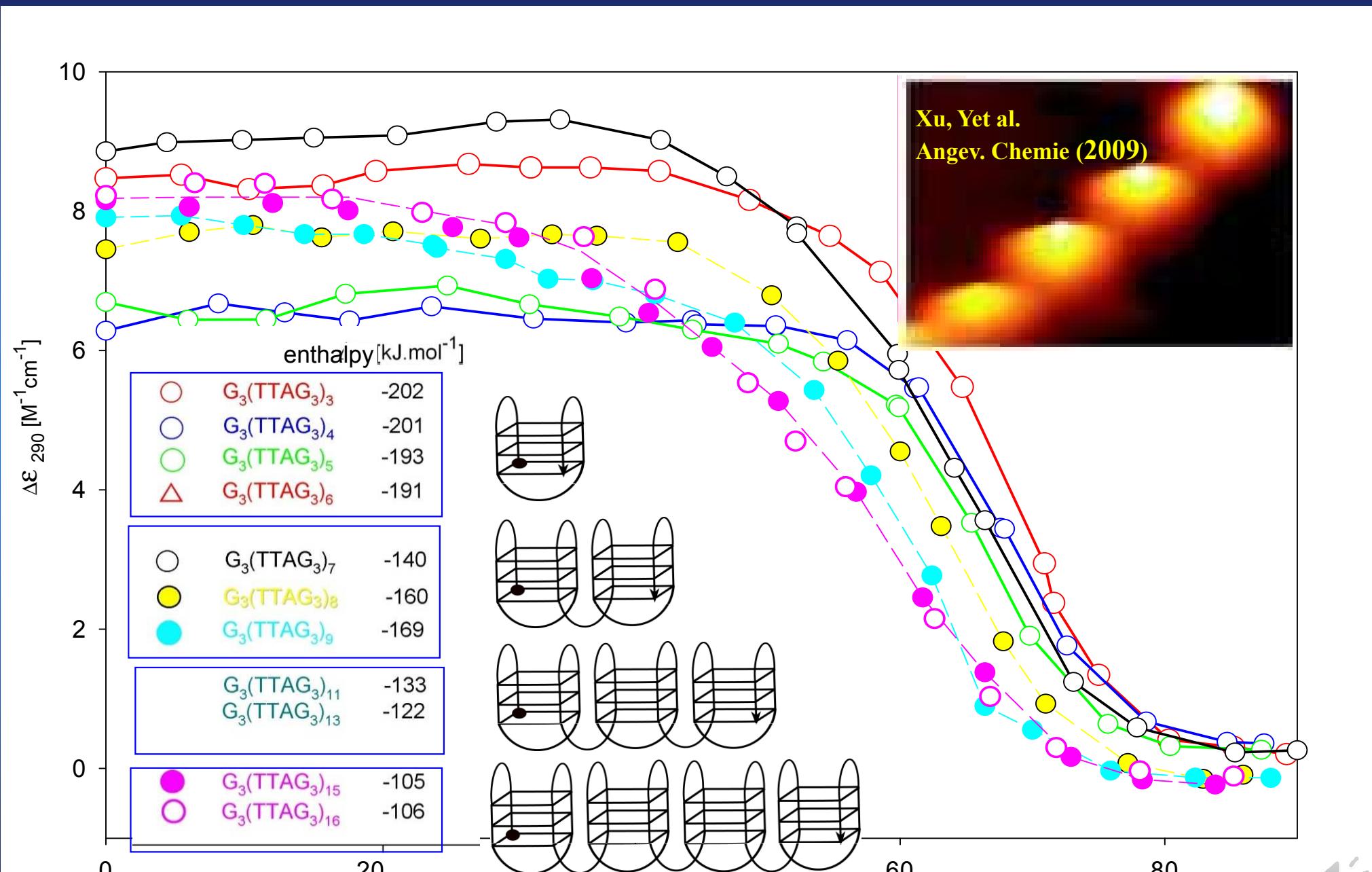
## $\text{G}_3(\text{TTAG}_3)_n$ in 150 mM K<sup>+</sup>

----- 1mM Na phosphate



Number of  
G<sub>3</sub> blocks

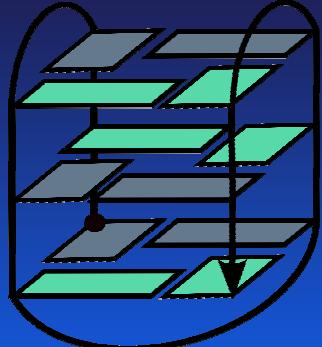




What is the structure of the bead?



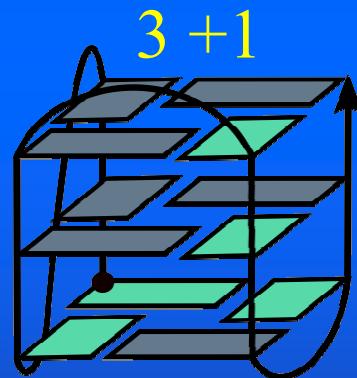
## BASKET



$G_3(TTAG_3)_3$   
 $AG_3(TTAG_3)_3$   
 $TTAG_3(TTAG_3)_3$

Balagurumoorthy, Brahmachari: J. Biol. Chem. 269 (1994) 21858-21869.

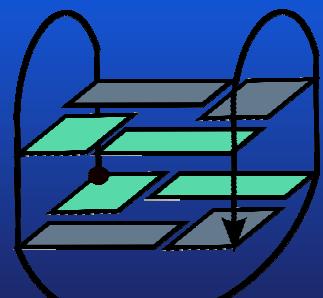
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$AG_3(TTAG_3)_3$   
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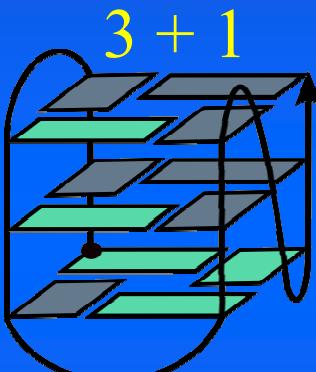


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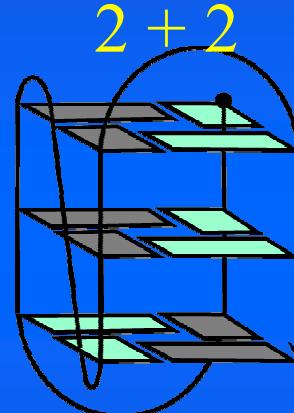
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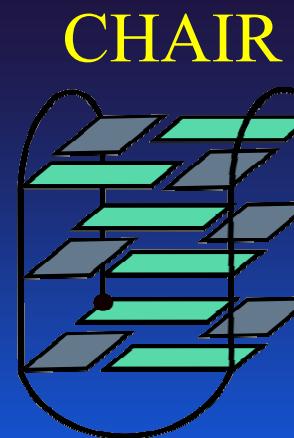
$AG_3(TTAG_3)_3$   
Parkinson, Lee, Neidle:  
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$TTAG_3(TTAG_3)_3TTA$   
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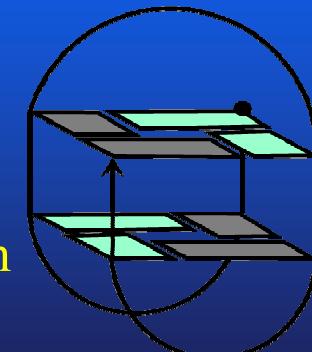
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He et al.: Nucleic Acids Res. 32 (2004) 5359-5367.

Matsugami, et al.: Nucleic acids symp. Series 50 (2006) 45-46.

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## BASKET two tetrads



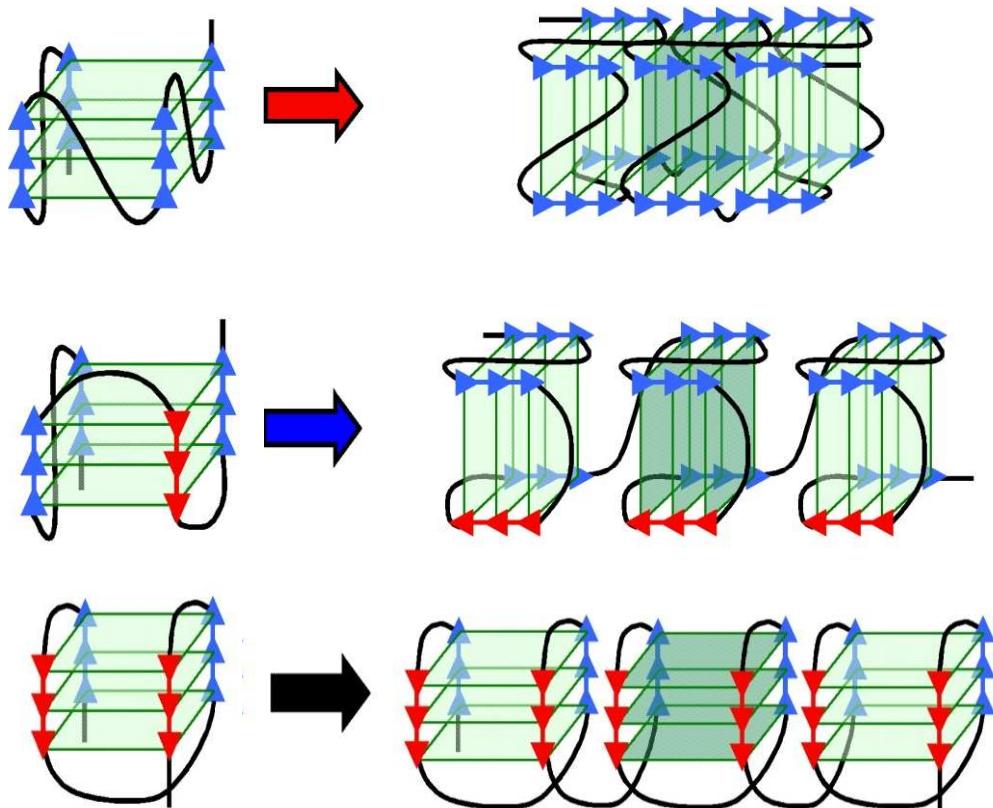
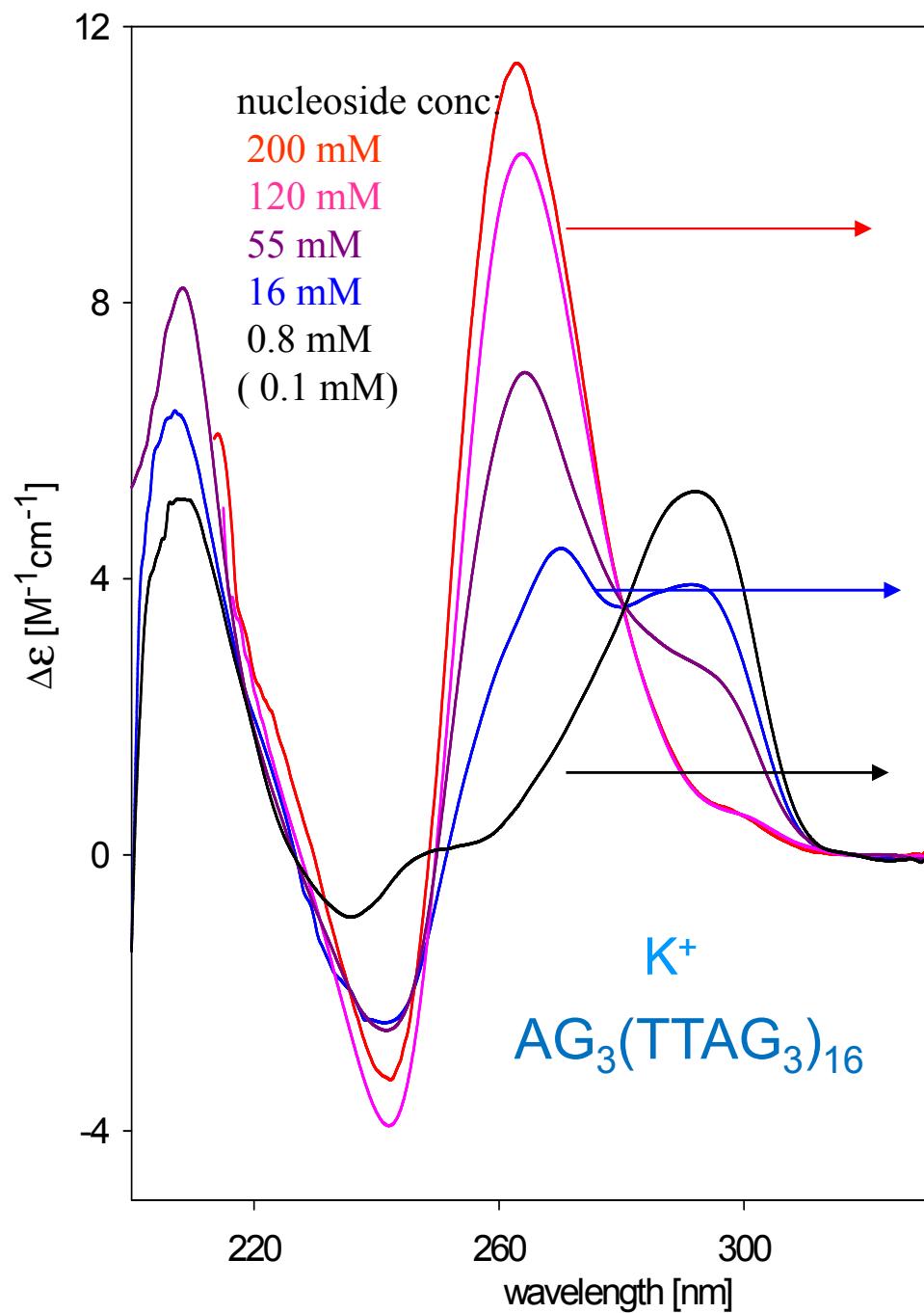
acidic form



$TAG_3(TTAG_3)_3$

Galer et all.: Angewandte Chem. 55 (2016) 1993-1997.

# Different quadruplex structures observed for the same sequence at the same solvent conditions



The arrangement of the human telomere quadruplex is polymorphic

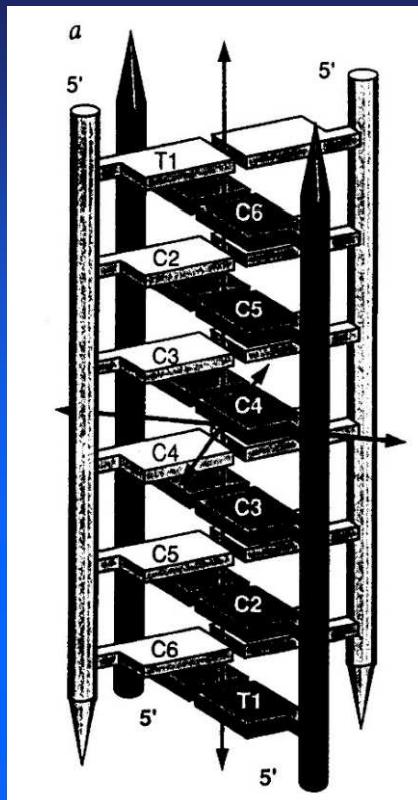
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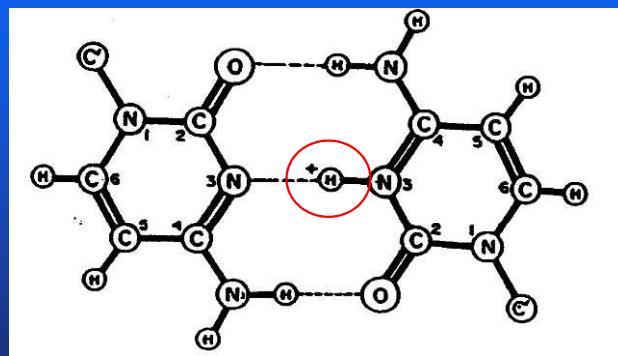
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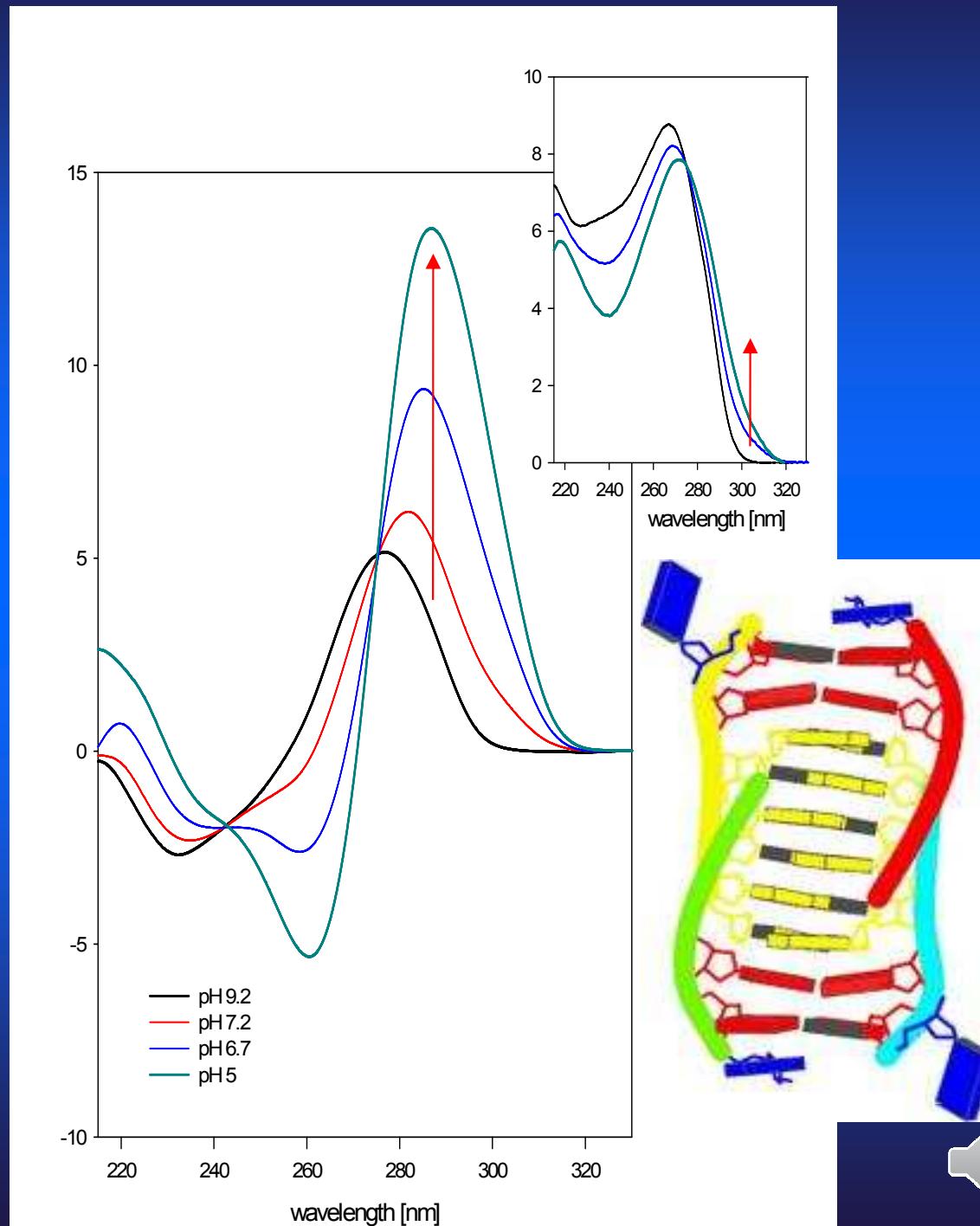
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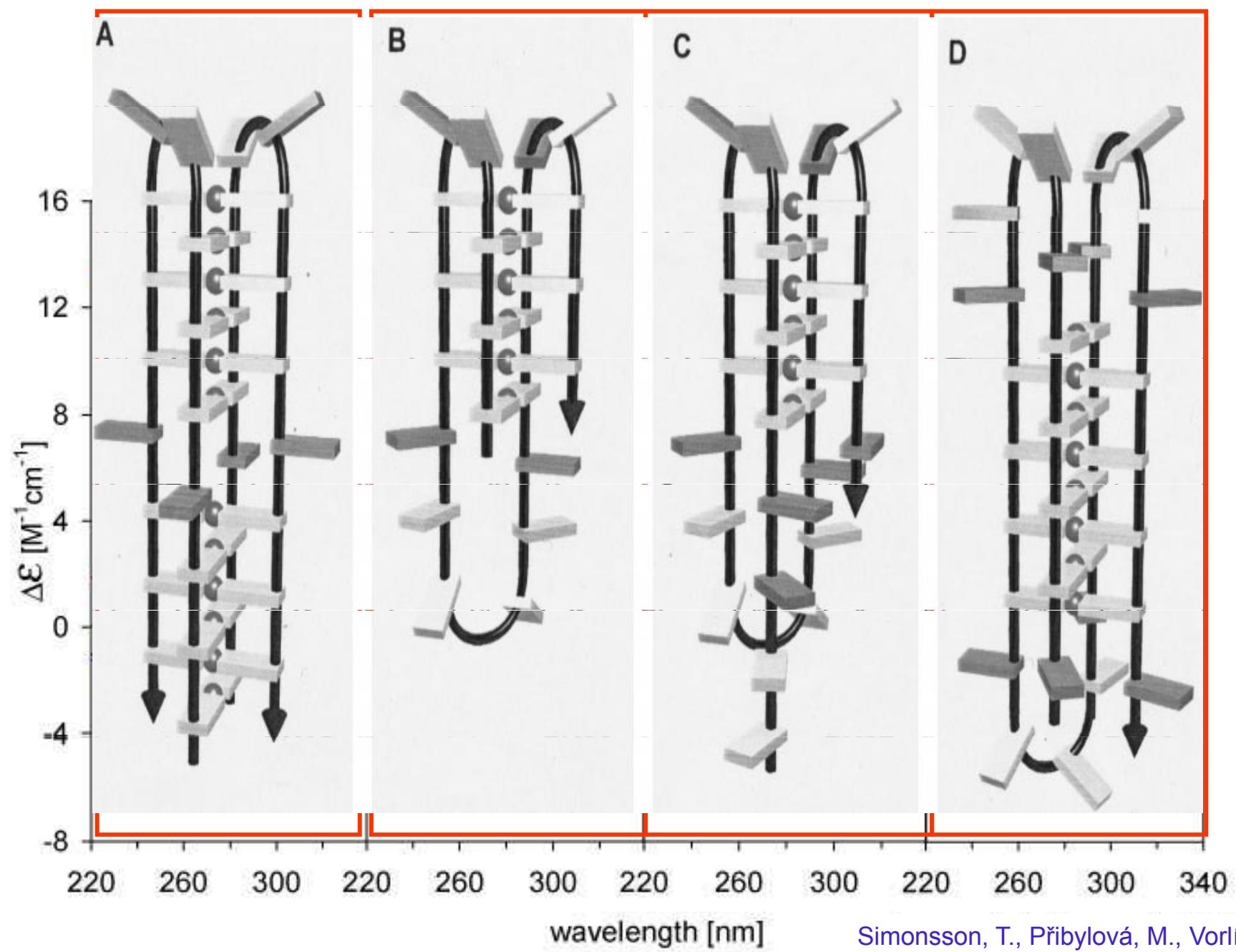


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Two parallel duplexes bound by C.C<sup>+</sup> pairs are intercalated in the antiparallel fashion





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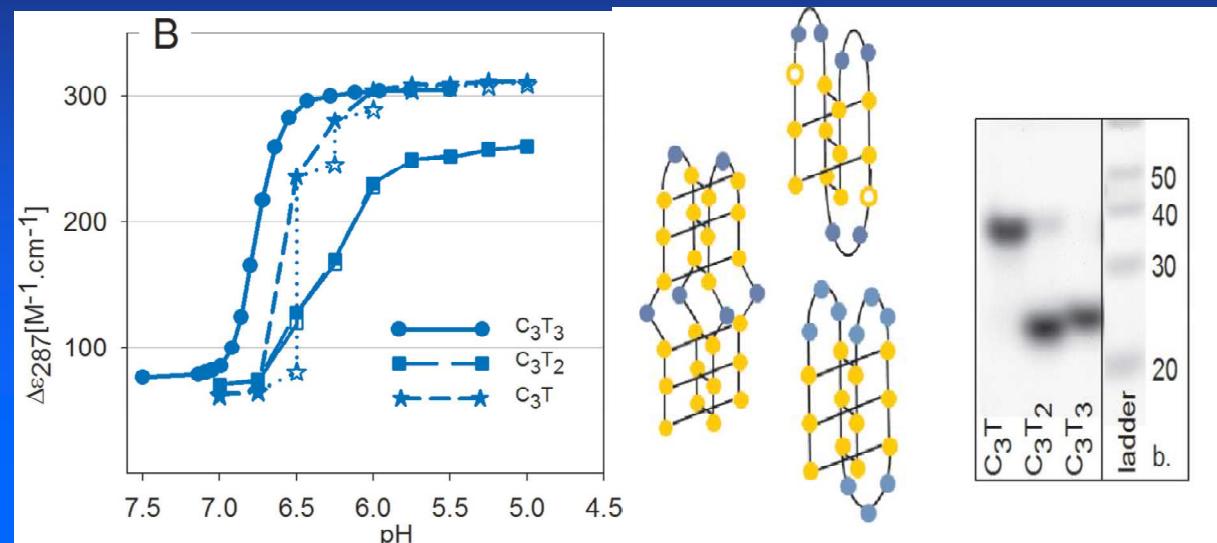
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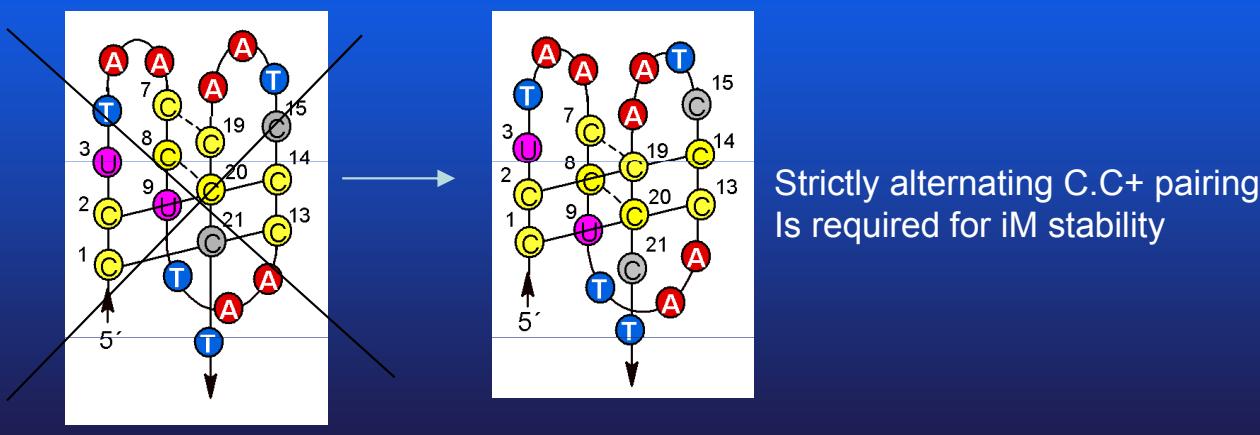
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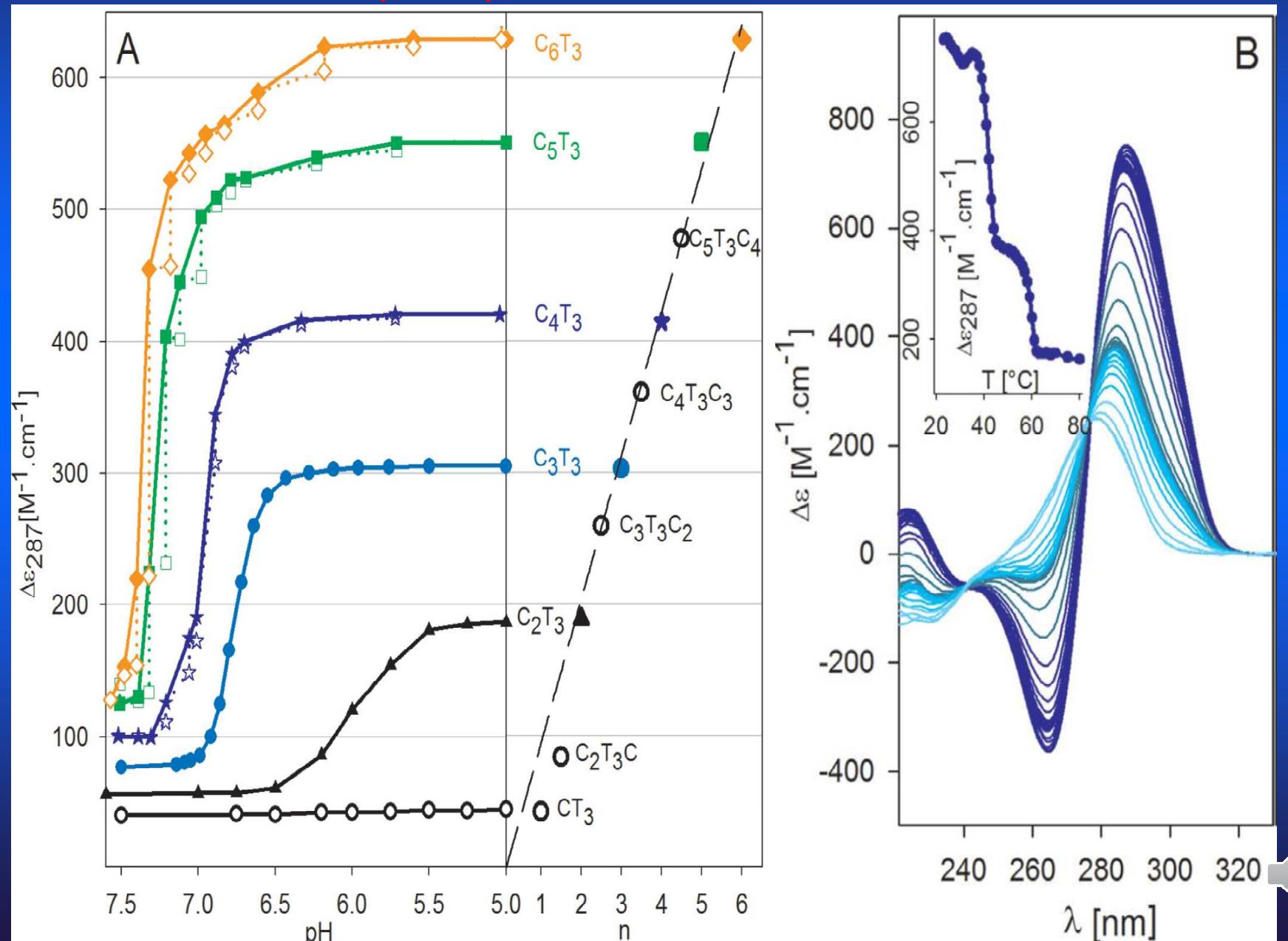
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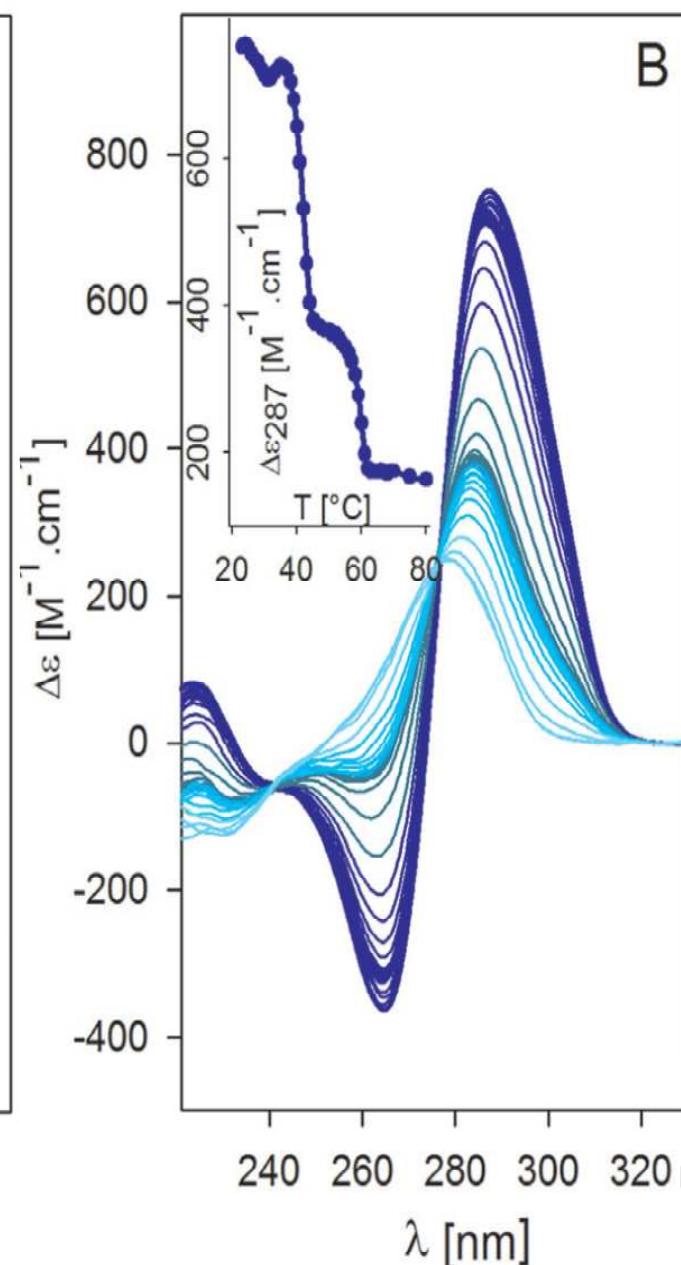
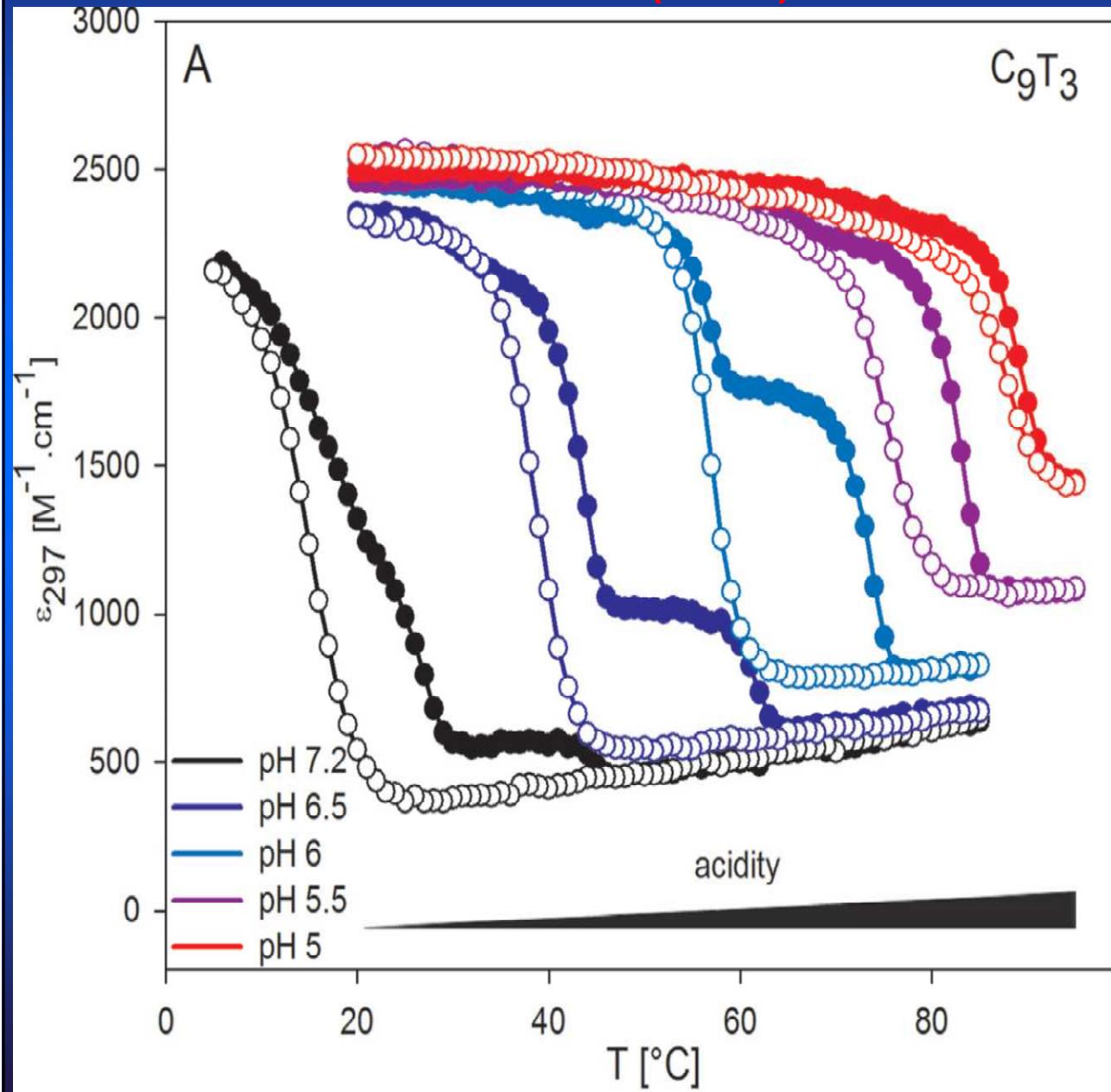
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# CHIROPTICKÉ METODY

## Optical Rotatory Dispersion - ORD

Závislost úhlu stočení roviny polarizace lineárně polarizovaného světla průchodem opticky aktivní látkou na vlnové délce procházejícího záření. (180-800 nm)

## Circular Dichroism-CD

Závislost rozdílu absorpcie pro vlevo a vpravo kruhově polarizované světlo na vlnové délce absorbovaného záření v oblasti energií elektronových přechodů. (180-1000 nm)

## Infrared Circular Dichroism-IRCD (VCD)

Závislost rozdílu absorpcie pro vlevo a vpravo kruhově polarizované světlo na vlnové délce absorbovaného záření v oblasti energií vibračních přechodů. (1-5 um)

## Fluorescence Detected circular Dichroism -FD\_CD

Závislost rozdílu intenzity fluorescence, excitované vlevo a vpravo kruhově polarizovaným světlem na vlnové délce excitačního záření. (~ 200 nm až vlnová délka emise)

## Circular Polarized Luminiscence (emission) - CPL (CPE)

Spektrální průběh rozdílu intenzit (spontánní) emise vlevo a vpravo cirkulárně polarizovaného světla. (Interval vlnových délek emise chromoforů)

## Circular Differential Raman Dispersion - Raman CID

Spektrální průběh rozdílů intenzit Ramanova rozptylu vlevo a vpravo kruhově polarizovaného dopadajícího záření. (Interval vlnových délek Ramanova jevu)

