

dichroism

Dependence of *absorbance* of a sample on the type of *polarization* of the measuring beam. This polarization may be linear, corresponding to linear dichroism (LD) in which the difference in absorption for two perpendicularly linearly polarized beams is measured, $\Delta A_{\text{L}} = A_{\tilde{Z}} - A_{\text{Y}}$, or circular dichroism (CD) in which the difference in absorption for left minus right circularly polarized beams is measured, $\Delta A_{\text{C}} = A_{\text{L}} - A_{\text{R}}$.

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