1. Record Nr. UNINA9910367746203321 Autore Fujiki Michiya Titolo Possible Scenarios for Homochirality on Earth MDPI - Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute, 2019 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 3-03921-723-2 Descrizione fisica 1 electronic resource (318 p.) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Sommario/riassunto In 1978, Fred Hoyle proposed that interstellar comets carrying several viruses landed on Earth as part of the panspermia hypotheses. With respect to life, the origin of homochirality on Earth has been the greatest mystery because life cannot exist without molecular asymmetry. Many scientists have proposed several possible hypotheses to answer this long-standing L-D question. Previously, Martin Gardner raised the question about mirror symmetry and broken mirror symmetry in terms of the homochirality question in his monographs (1964 and 1990). Possible scenarios for the L-D issue can be categorized into (i) Earth and exoterrestrial origins, (ii) by-chance and necessity mechanisms, and (iii) mirror-symmetrical and non-mirrorsymmetrical forces as physical and chemical origins. These scenarios should involve further great amplification mechanisms, enabling a pure

L- or D-world.