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Study of molybdenum oxide by means of perturbed angular correlations and mößbauer spectroscopy

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OBJECTIVES

Studying the incorporation of selected dopants in MoO_3 by ion implantation using PAC and eMS.

SAMPLE PRODUCTION AND COMPLEMENTARY CHARACTERIZATION

Crystal structures by x-ray diffraction (XRD)

Chemical analyses by x-ray fluorescence (XRF)

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Samples' stoichiometry and composition by Rutherford backscattering spectrometry (RBS)/channeling (RBS/C)

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MoO_x, A “UNIVERSAL” MATERIAL



Picture Source: Wikipedia

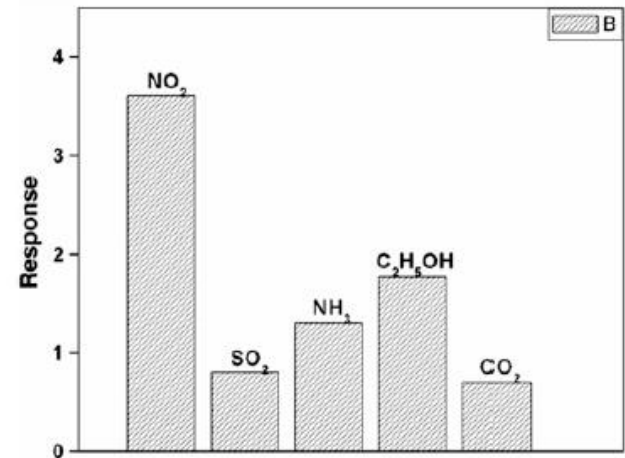
MoO₃

belongs to the family of 2D inorganic materials RT stable orthorhombic α -MoO₃ phase: (2.8 – 3.2 eV)

α -MoO₃

Solar cells, catalysis, gas sensing, lithium-ion batteries, field emission, photochromic and electrochromic devices.

Sensor response to 500 ppm of gases measured at 170°C of 10% wt MoO₃-doped SnO₂ thin films



Picture source: *Metal Oxide Nano-architectures and Heterostructures for Chemical Sensors*
Editors: Michael A. Carpenter • Sanjay Mathur, Andrei Kolmakov, Springer, 2013

WHY PAC SPECTROSCOPY AT ISOLDE?

Atomic resolution delivers information on

- Probe's lattice location & annealing of implantation defects
- Probes-host or probes-defects interactions
- Probing electronic structure and electron polarization
- Diffusion of probe atoms (dynamic interaction)

HOW?

As a function of

- sample **stoichiometry** with different impurities/**doping**
- annealing and measuring **temperature** from 1 – 1500 K

USING?

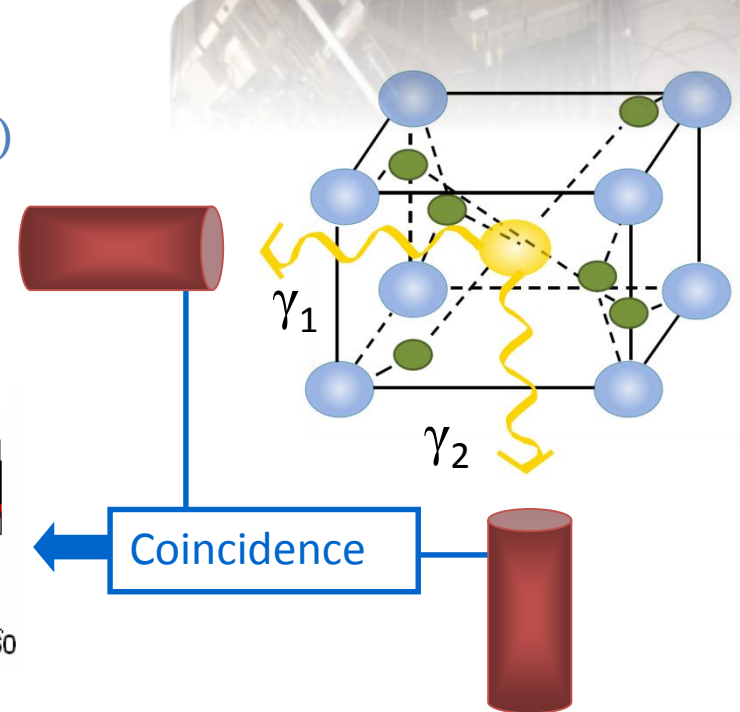
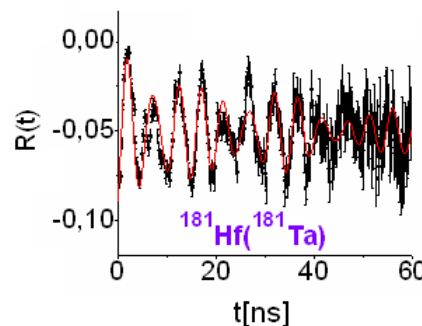
$^{111}\text{In}(^{111}\text{Cd})$, $^{111\text{m}}\text{Cd}(^{111}\text{Cd})$, $^{117}\text{Cd}(^{117}\text{In})$, $^{115}\text{Cd}(^{115}\text{In})$

Magnetic interaction:

$$\omega_L = -g \frac{\mu_N}{\hbar} B_{hf}$$

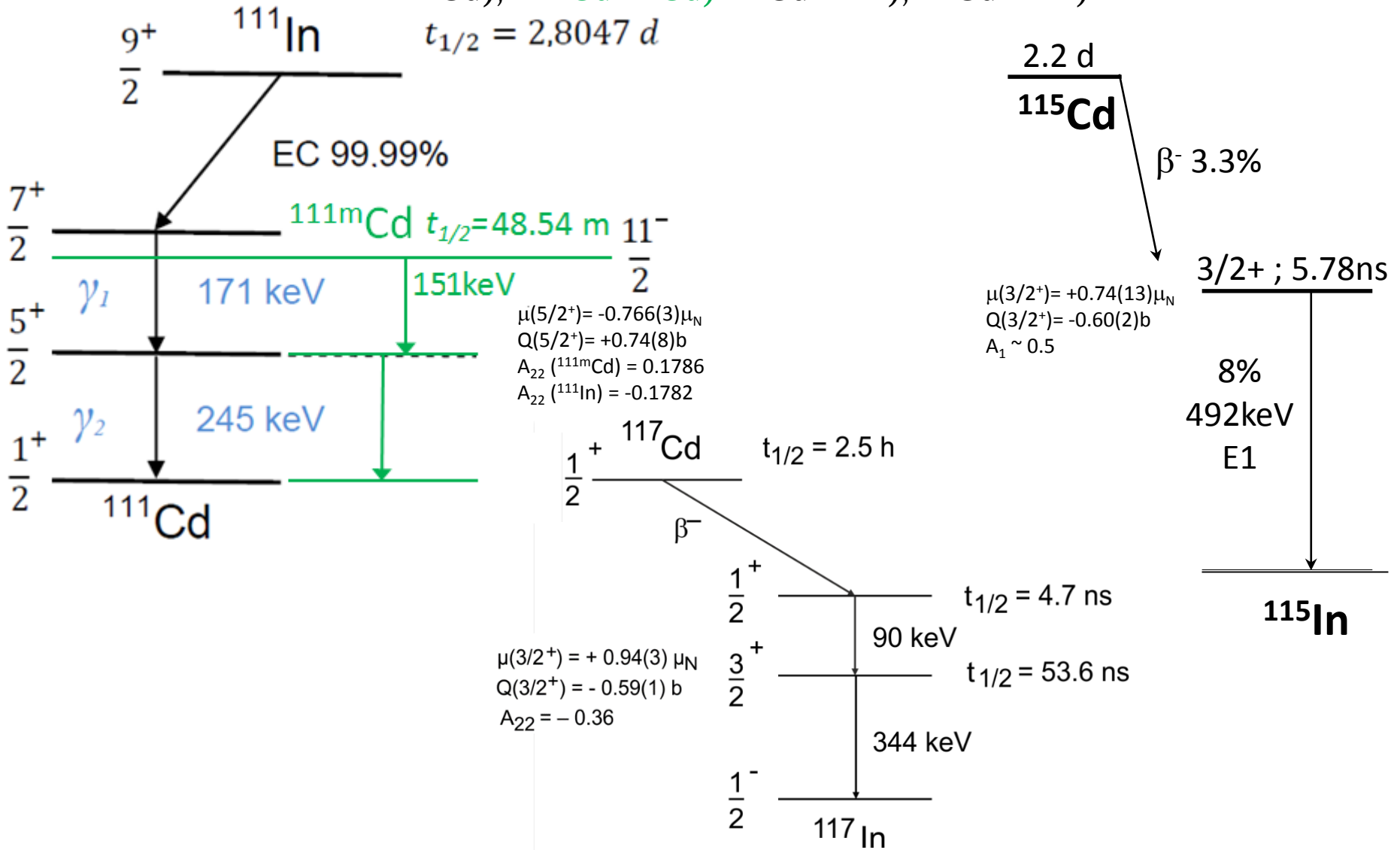
Quadrupole interaction:

$$\omega_Q = \frac{eQV_{zz}}{4I(2I-1)\hbar}$$



WHY THESE PAC ISOTOPES?

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WHY *emission* MÖßBAUER SPECTROSCOPY (AT ISOLDE)?

Complement of the PAC study:

- Probe's lattice location & annealing of implantation defects
- Probes-host or probes-defects interactions
- Valence(/spin) state of probe atom (X^{n+})
- Diffusion of probe atoms (few jumps ~ 100 ns)
- Binding properties (Debye-Waller factors)

HOW?

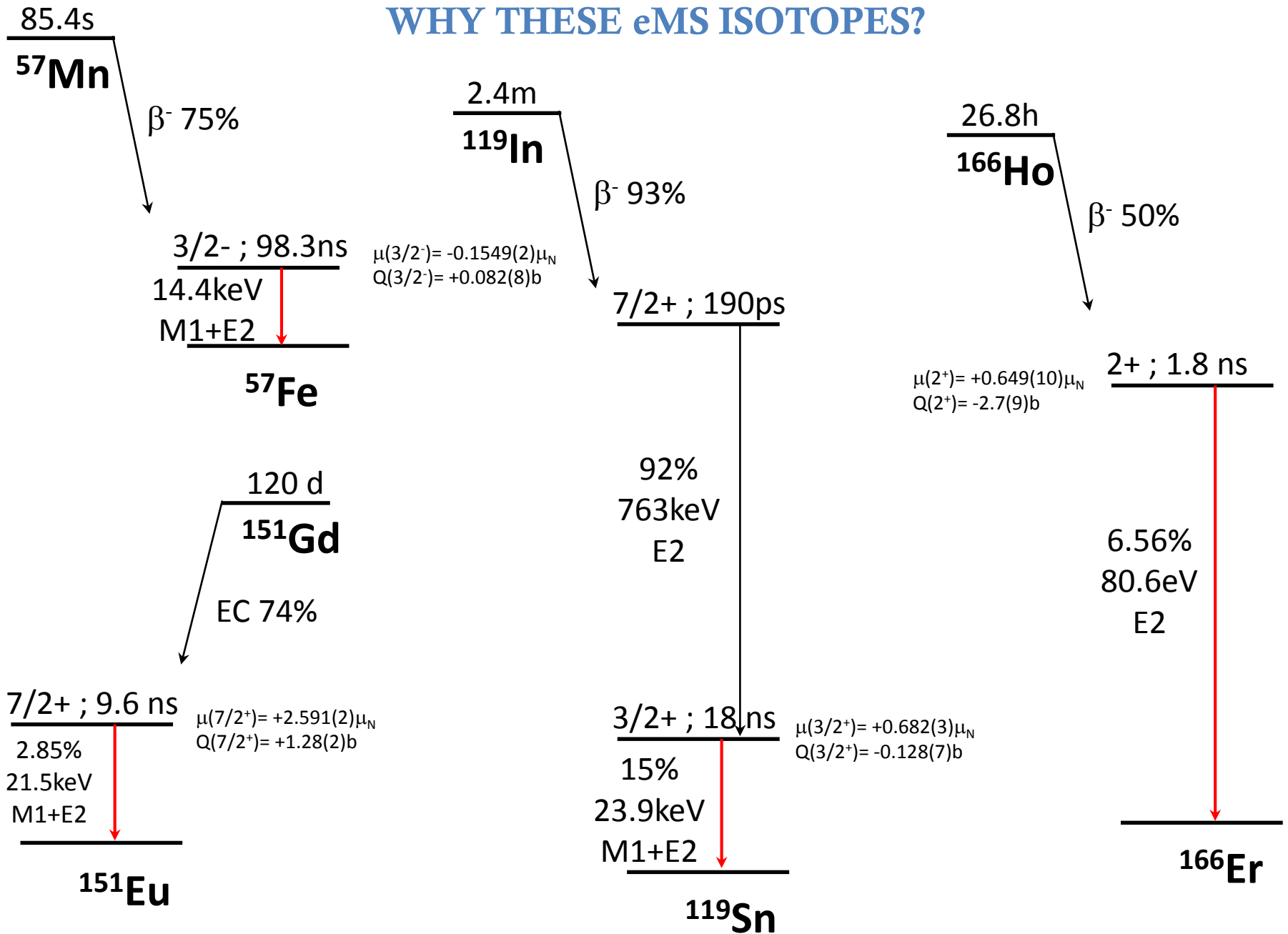
As a function of

- Sample **stoichiometry**
- Annealing and measuring **temperature**

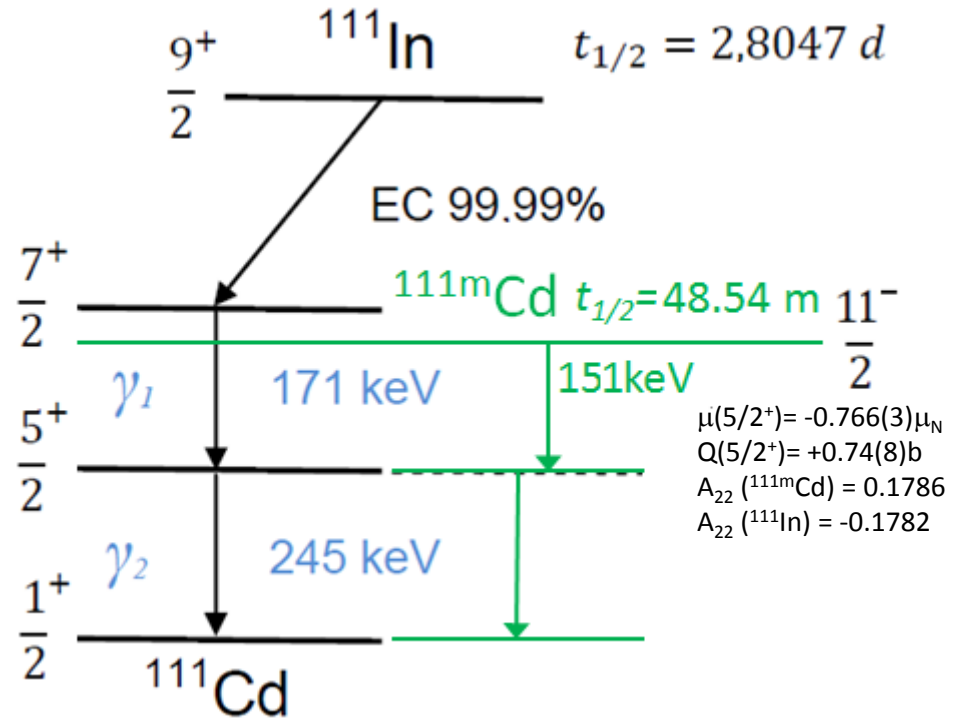
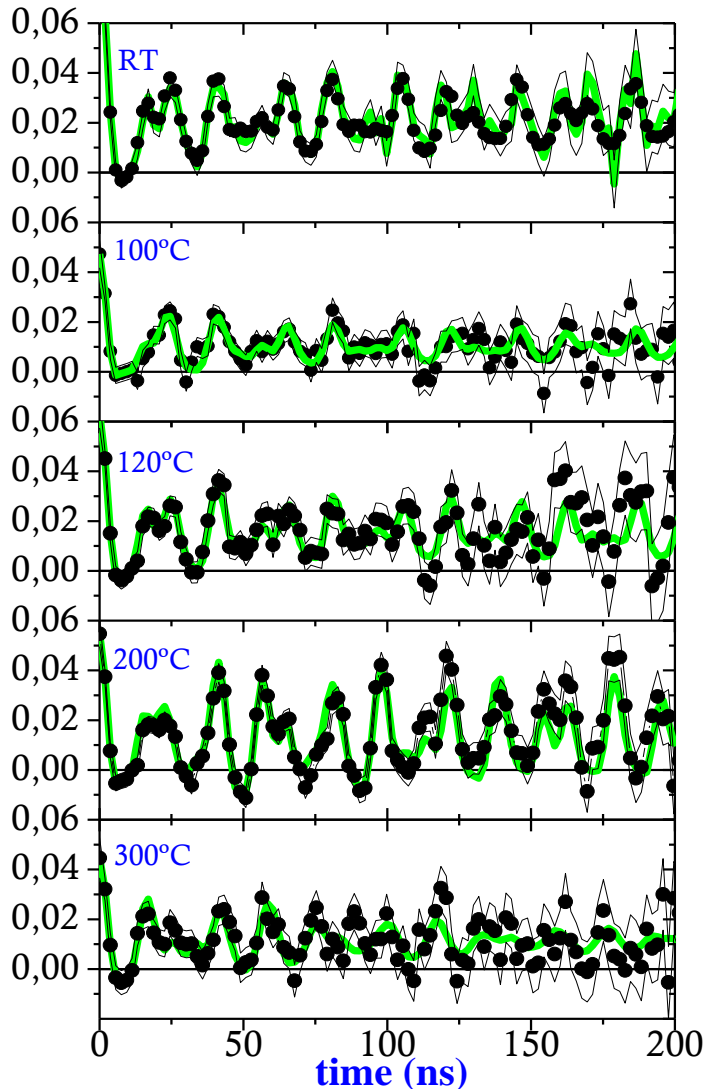
USING?

- Complementary Fe and Sn probes
- Optically active Er and Eu elements

WHY THESE eMS ISOTOPES?



$^{111}\text{Cd}:\text{MoO}_3$ γ - γ (151-243 keV)
PAC from decay of $^{111\text{m}}\text{Cd}$



observation of a dynamic atomic rearrangement of the dopant Cd with the defect as a function of temperature

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED SHIFTS



Perturbed Angular Correlations Studies

Required isotope	Implanted beam	Probe element	Type of experiment	Approx. Intensity [at/ μ C]	Target / Ion source	Required atoms per sample	Comments	n ^o of shifts
^{111m} Cd(48m)	^{111m} Cd	¹¹¹ Cd	γ - γ , e ⁻ - γ PAC	10 ⁸	Molten Sn; plasma	2 x 10 ¹⁰	γ - γ PAC (10K – 1200K) e- γ PAC (50K-823K)	4
¹¹⁷ Cd(2.49h)	¹¹⁷ Ag	¹¹⁷ In	γ - γ PAC	10 ⁸	UC _x ; RILIS (Ag)	5 x 10 ¹⁰	γ - γ PAC (10K – 1200K)	1
¹¹⁵ Cd(53.46h)	¹¹⁵ Ag	¹¹⁵ In	β - γ PAC	10 ⁸	UC _x ; RILIS (Ag)	1 x 10 ¹¹	β - γ PAC (RT=300K)	0.5
¹¹¹In(2.8d)	¹¹¹In	¹¹¹Cd	γ - γ PAC	10⁵	UC _x ; RILIS (In)	1 x 10 ¹¹	γ - γ PAC (10K – 1200K)	0.5

Mossbauer Studies

Required isotope	Implanted beam	Probe element	Type of experiment	Approx. Intensity [at/ μ C]	Target / Ion source	Required atoms per sample	Comments	n ^o of shifts
⁵⁷ Mn (1.5m)	⁵⁷ Mn	⁵⁷ Fe	eMS	2 x 10 ⁸	UC _x , RILIS (Mn)	1 x 10 ¹²	Measurement temperatures below 850 K	1
¹¹⁹ In (2.1m)	¹¹⁹ In	¹¹⁹ Sn	eMS	2 x 10 ⁸	UC _x , RILIS (In)	1 x 10 ¹²	Measurement temperatures below 750 K	1
¹⁵¹ Gd(120d)	¹⁵¹ Dy(17.9m) → ¹⁵¹ Tb (17.6h) → ¹⁵¹ Gd (120d)	¹⁵¹ Eu	eMS	1 x 10 ⁸	Ta foil RILIS (Dy)	2 x 10 ¹²	Measurement temperatures below 750 K	0.5
¹⁶⁶ Ho(26.9h)	¹⁶⁶ Ho	¹⁶⁶ Er	eMS	1 x 10 ⁹	Ta foil, RILIS (Ho)	2 x 10 ¹⁰	Measurements done at 4K (LHe)	0.5

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