



# Cu(I), Ag(I), Cd(II), Hg(II), and Pb(II) binding to biomolecules studied by Perturbed Angular Correlation of $\gamma$ -rays (PAC) spectroscopy (P-427)

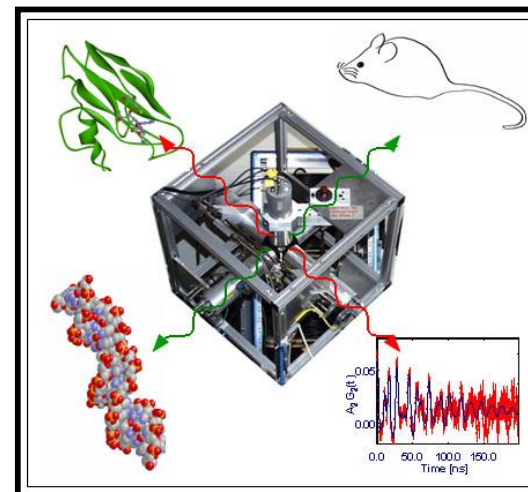
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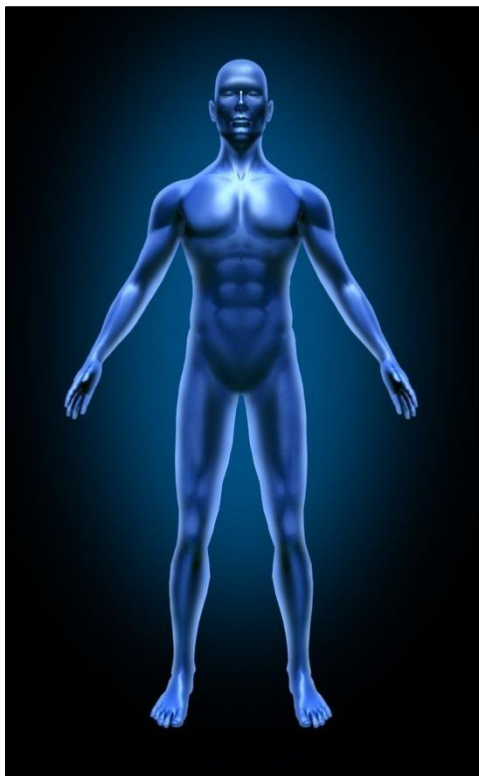
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# Metal ions in biological systems



- Metal ions → essential components in protein structure and function
- Metal ions → used to control structure and function of synthetic molecules → tool in design of a desired function

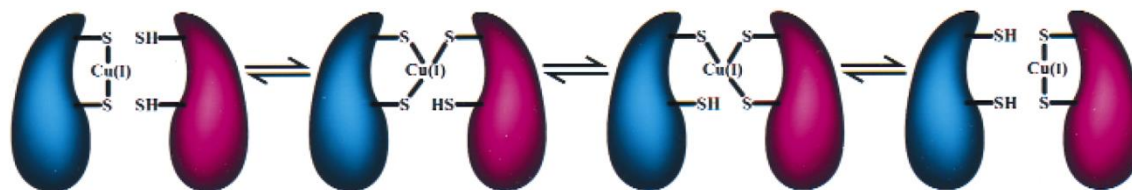
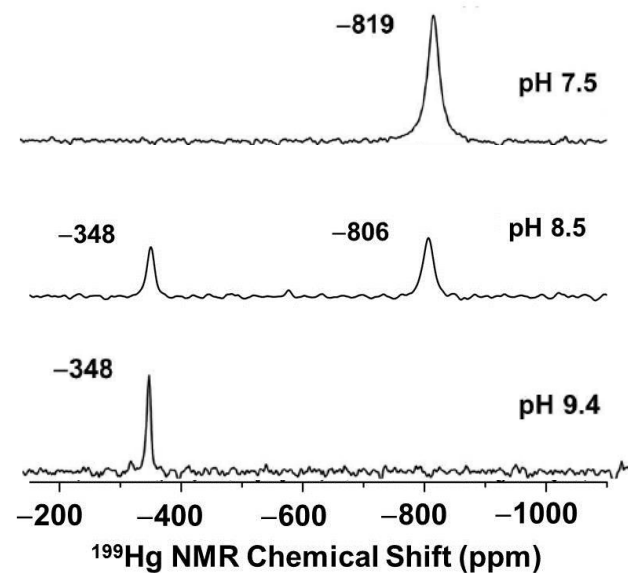
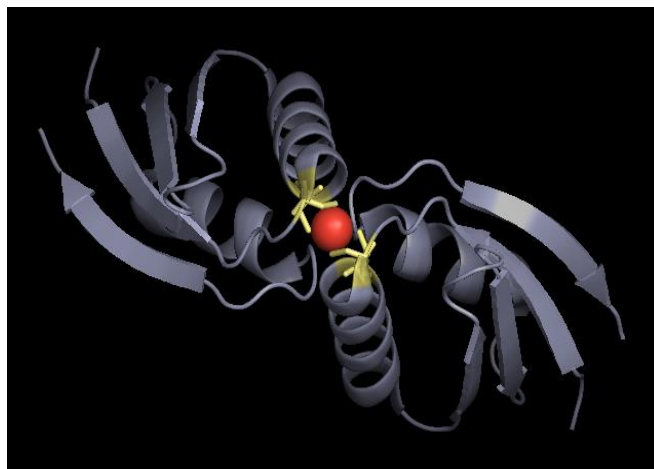
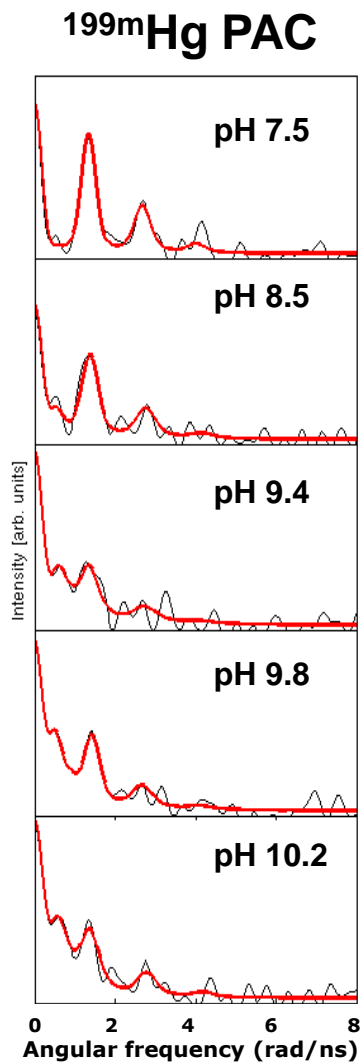
## **This project:**

- Function of metal ions in natural systems
- Function of metal ions in synthetic molecules
- Metal-mediated DNA structures
- Toxic effect of some metal ions (Cd, Hg, Pb)



# Metal ion transfer between proteins:

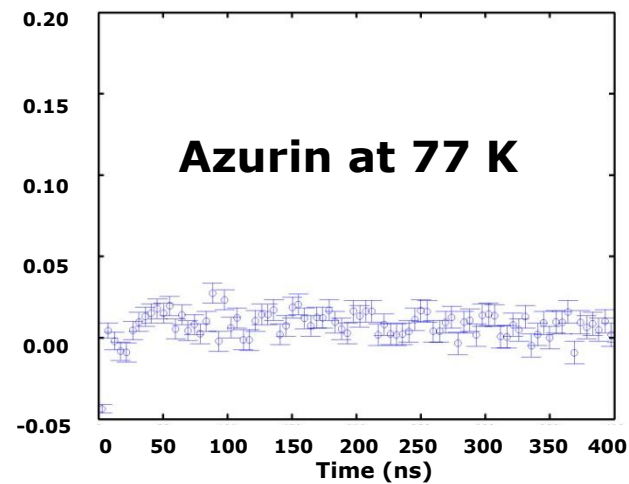
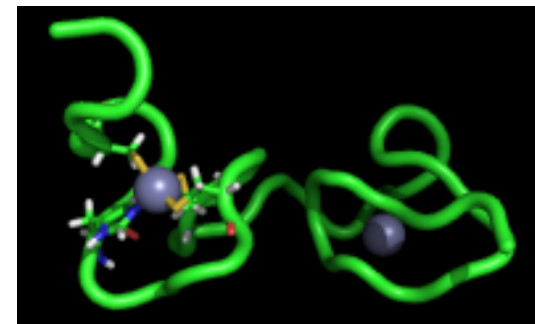
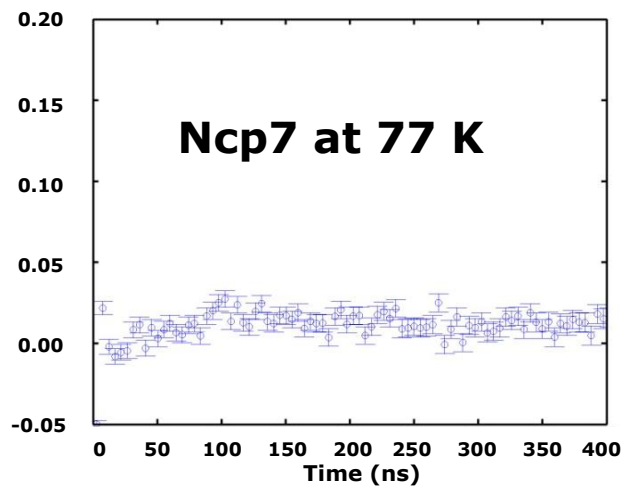
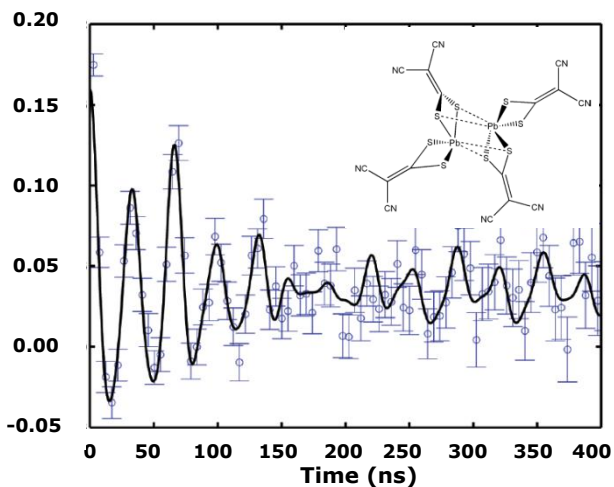
## The Cu(I) binding protein HAH1 ( $^{199\text{m}}\text{Hg}$ -PAC)



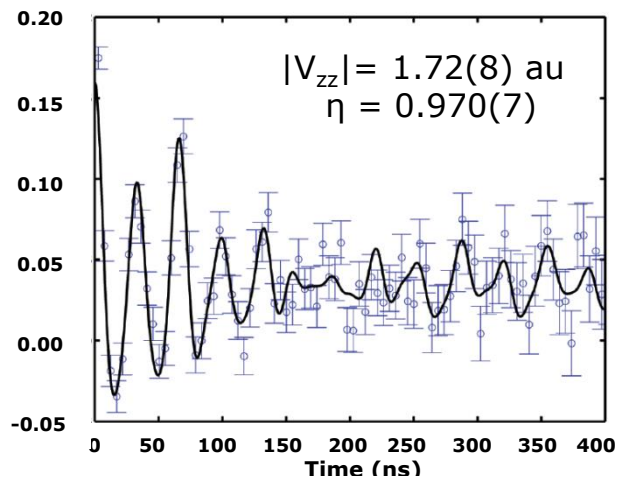
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 Luczkowski et al., Chem. Eur. J. 2013, 19, 9042



# $^{204}\text{mPb}$ -PAC spectroscopy on proteins (lead toxicity)



# Lead toxicity: $^{204\text{m}}\text{Pb}$ -PAC spectroscopy on a molecular crystal



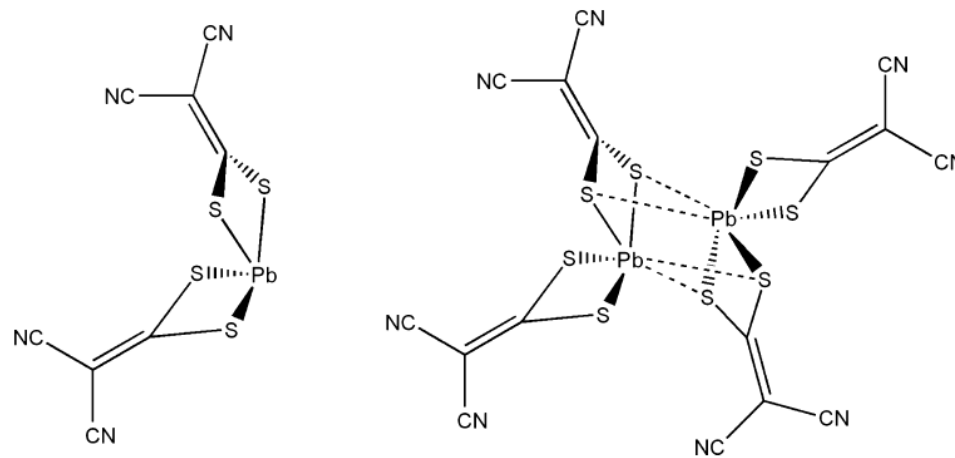
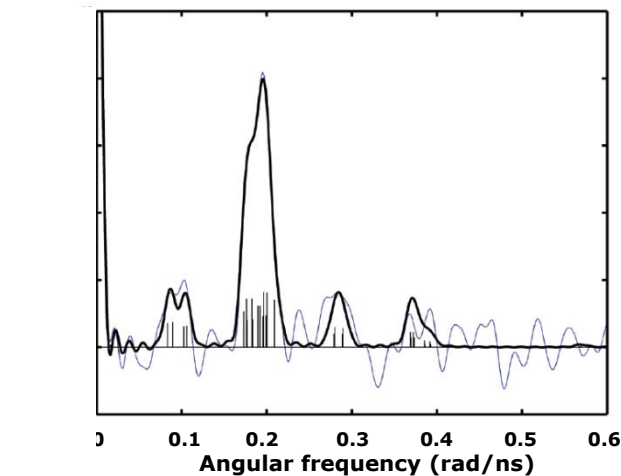
**PW91/QZ4P, ZORA:**

$$V_{zz} = 2.32 \text{ au}$$

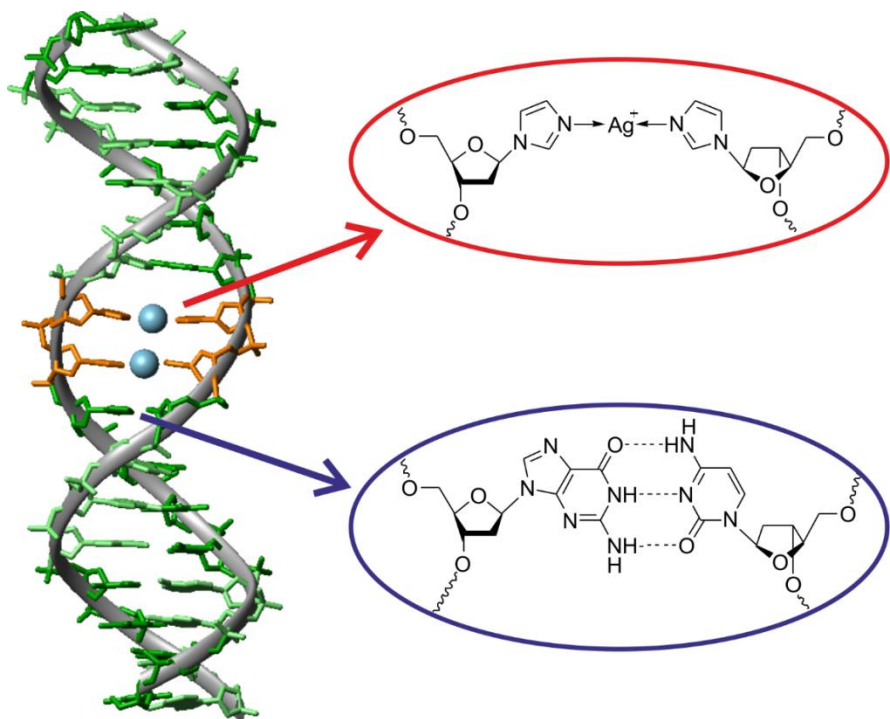
$$\eta = 0.59$$

$$V_{zz} = 1.51 \text{ au}$$

$$\eta = 0.77$$



# $^{111}\text{Ag}$ -PAC: DNA duplex with two Ag(I)-mediated base pairs



- Metal-modified nucleic acids
- Applications: nanoscale electronic architectures
- Structure of the local metal site: unknown
- Effect of multiple neighbouring metal ions: unknown

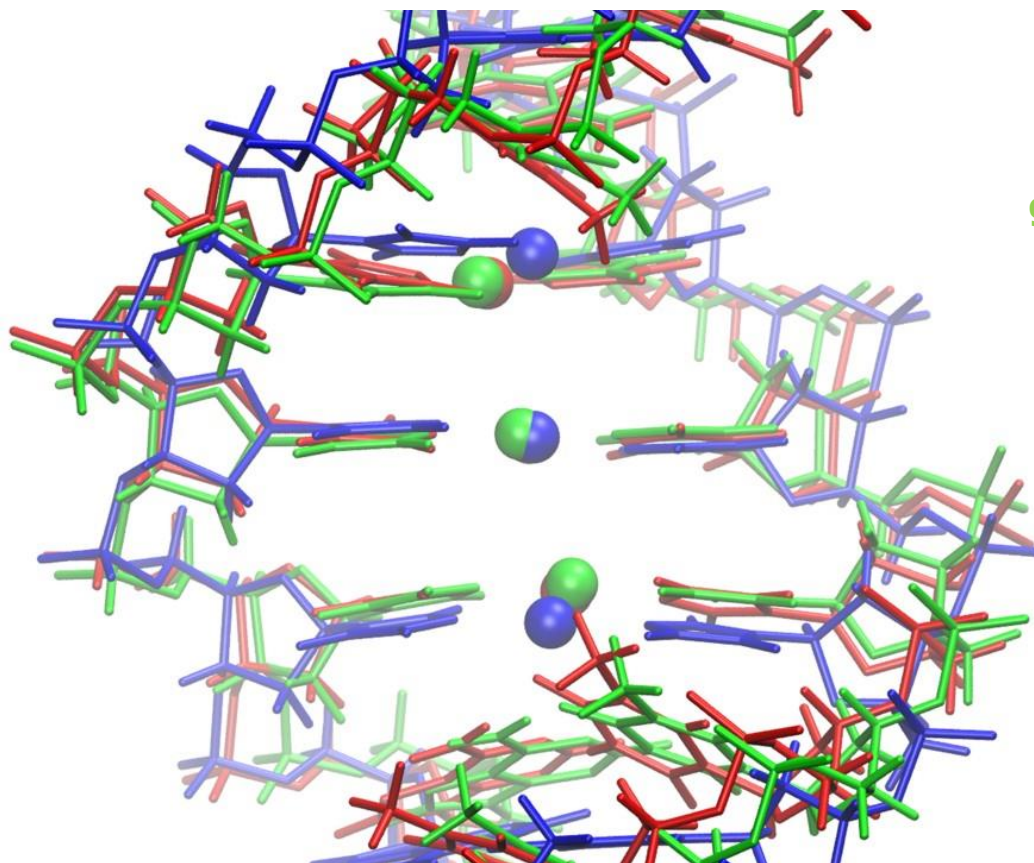
## This project:

- Structure, electronic properties of the Ag(I) binding site: mono- and di-nuclear  $\rightarrow$  differences, interaction
- Low Ag(I) concentration  $\rightarrow$  high Ag(I) concentration
- Ag(I) vs Cd(II) binding (frozen solution)

Adapted from: S. Johannsen, N. Megger, D. Böhme, R.K.O. Siegel, J. Müller, Nat. Chem. 2010,2, 229-234



## Comparison of experimental and computed structures

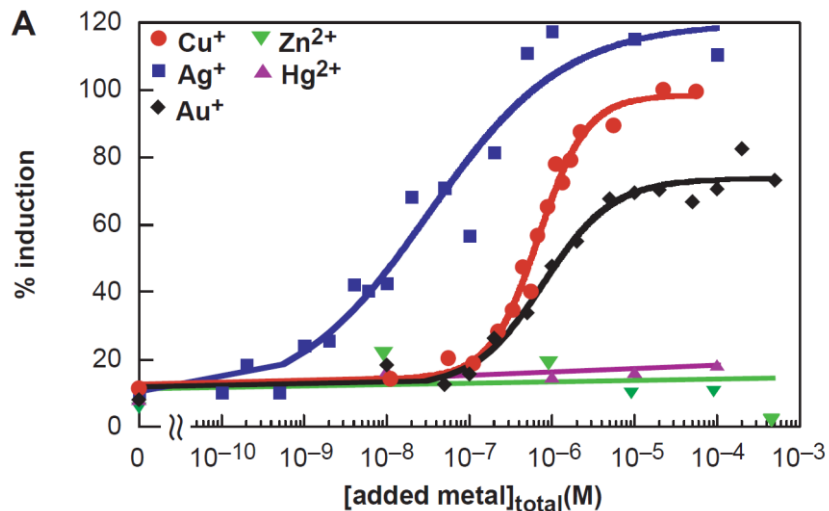


**blue:** experimental NMR structure  
**red:** gas phase QM/MM structure  
**green:** solvated QM/MM structure

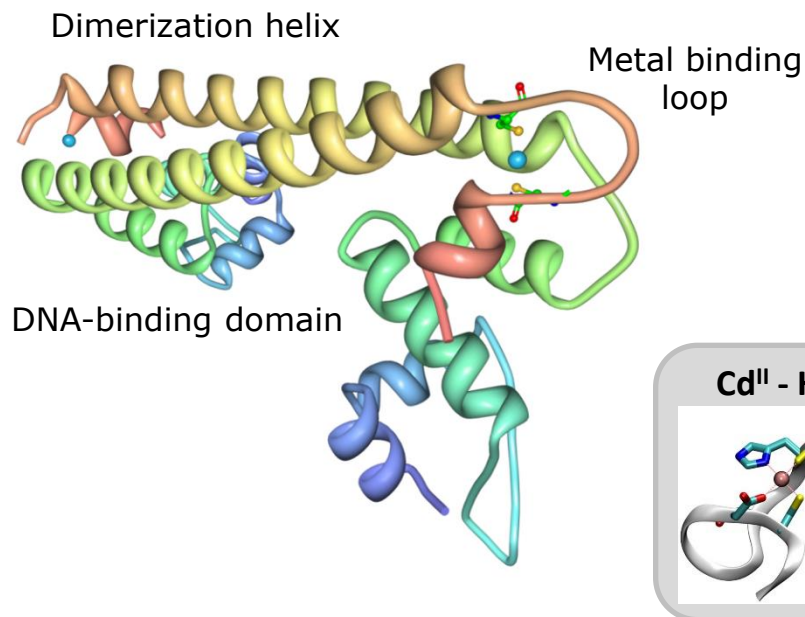
**Disagreement between  
experiments and calculations !**

# X-ray structure of the Cu<sup>I</sup> form of *E. Coli* Cu-efflux regulator (CueR)

- M<sup>I</sup> ions restricted to a linear coordination environment
- CueR: two Cys in the metal binding loop
- CueR responds to the monovalent group 11 metal ions (Cu<sup>I</sup>, Ag<sup>I</sup>, Au<sup>I</sup>) but shows no activity in the presence of the divalent ion Hg<sup>II</sup> or Zn<sup>II</sup>.
- M<sup>I</sup> sensing factor of CueR: unknown



## Overall structure of the CueR dimer (PDB: 1Q05)



A. Changela, K. Chen, Y. Xue, J. Holschen, C.E. Outten, T.V. O'Halloran, A. Mondragón, *Science* 301, 1383-1387, 2003





## Requested shifts

Isotope	Target	Ion Source	Yields [ion/ $\mu\text{C}$ ]	Shifts
$^{111}\text{mCd}$	Sn	HP (VADIS)	$2 \cdot 10^8$	6
$^{111}\text{Ag}$	$\text{UC}_x$	RILIS (Ag)	$5 \cdot 10^7$	6
$^{199}\text{mHg}$	Pb	HP (VADIS)	$2 \cdot 10^8$	6
$^{204}\text{mPb}$	$\text{UC}_x$	RILIS (Pb)	$2 \cdot 10^8$	3
$^{61}\text{Cu}$	$\text{ZrO}_2$	RILIS (Cu)	$1 \cdot 10^8$	0.5
$^{68}\text{mCu}^*$	$\text{UC}_x$	RILIS (Cu)	$1 \cdot 10^8$	0.5

\* *Online experiment at VITO*

**Total: 22 shifts / 2 years**

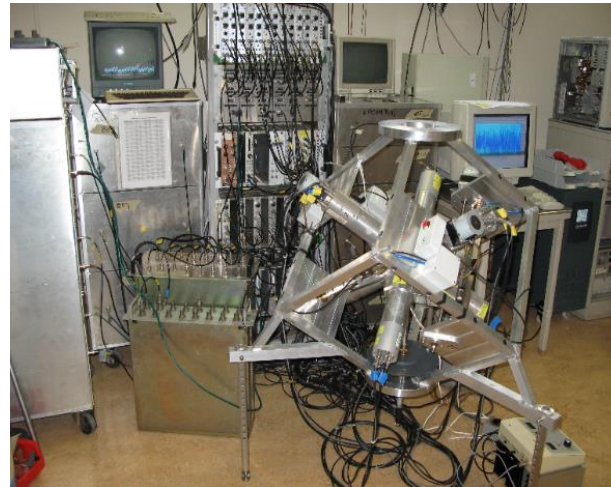


## PAC experiments

Collections into ice in the biophysics chamber attached to GLM:



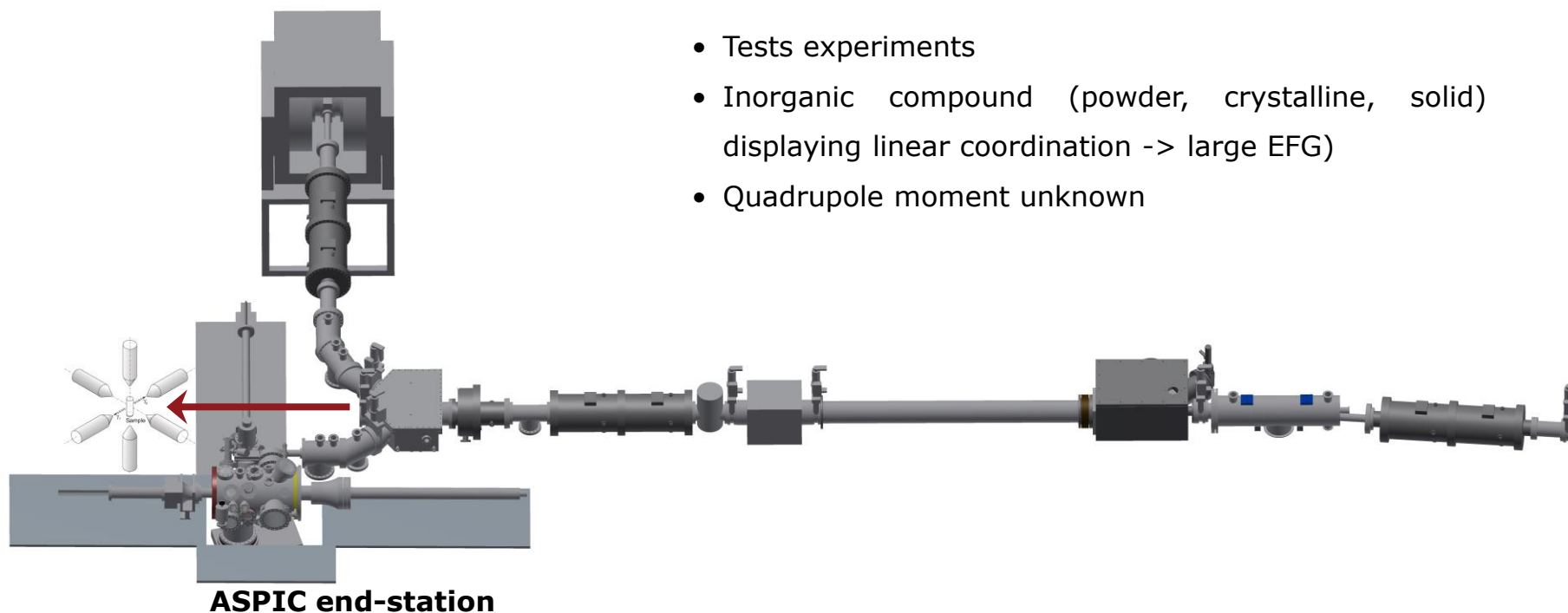
Offline sample preparation (chemistry lab) and measurements (solid state physics lab):



# $^{68}\text{mCu}$ -PAC on VITO (online experiment)

## $\beta$ -NMR end-station

- Tests experiments
- Inorganic compound (powder, crystalline, solid) displaying linear coordination -> large EFG)
- Quadrupole moment unknown



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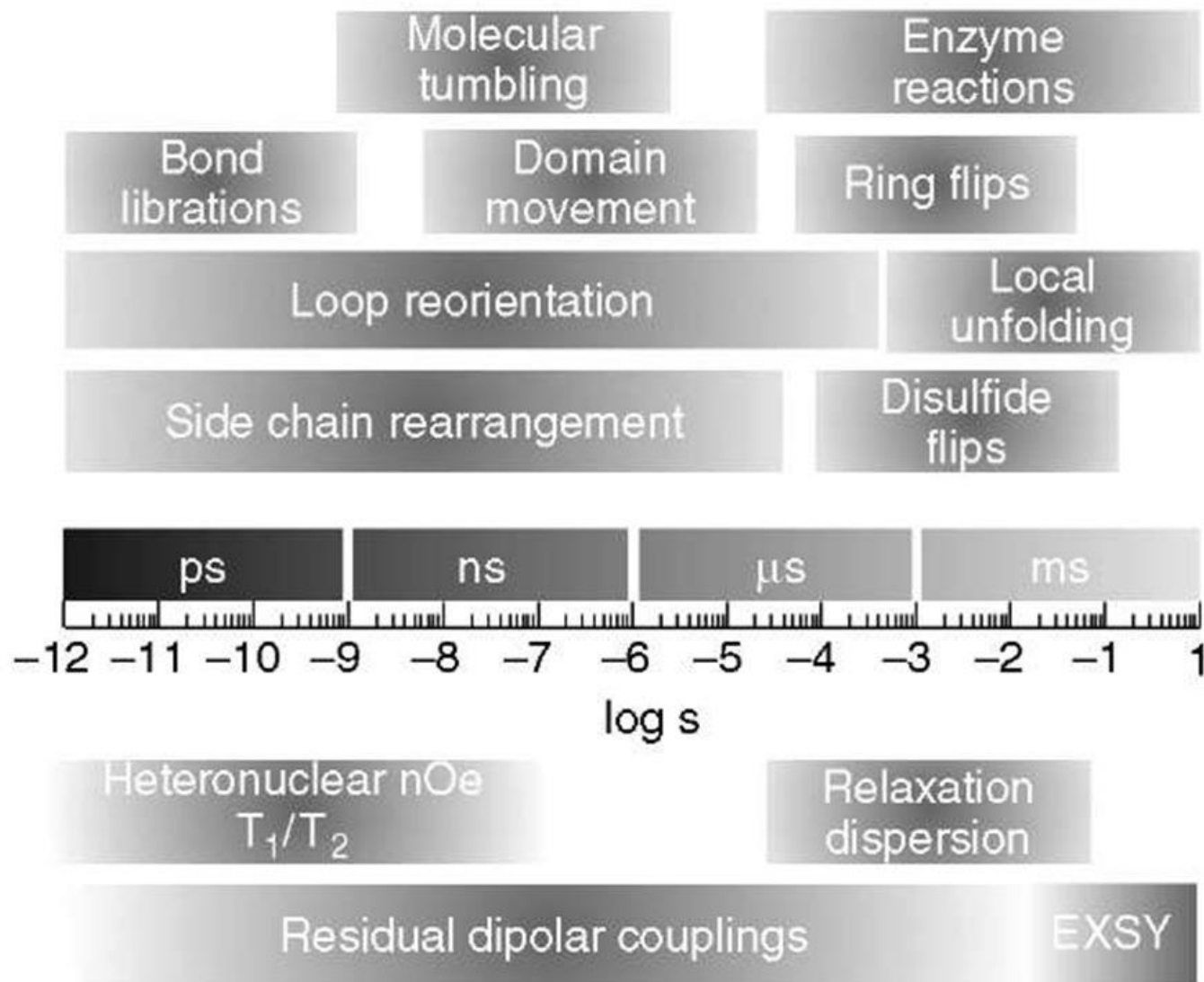
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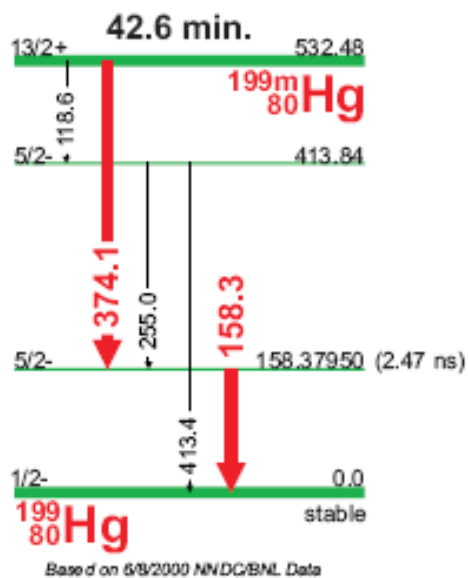


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$^{199m}\text{Hg}$ 

Half life: 42,6min  
 Decay properties: IT mode  
 $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  cascade: 374 keV  
 158 keV  
 Half-life of the intermediate state:  
 2.3 ns

 $^{204m}\text{Pb}$ 

Half life: 67,2min  
 Decay properties: IT mode  
 $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  cascade: 912 keV  
 375 keV  
 Half-life of the intermediate state: 265 ns

