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#### Some beautiful crystals...

(a,b) Crystallization of EcAcrB alone (right) and in the presence of  $[Eu(DPA)_3]^3$ . (left) under 315 nm irradiation (b). Auto-crystallysation of  $[Eu(DPA)_3]^{3-}$  in the presence of a protein and (c) high NaCl concentration (>0.8M), (d) Ca2+ salts and (e) Mg2+.

### Which Ln complexes ?

Complexes such as [Y(dpa)<sup>3</sup>]<sup>3-</sup> and FR39 (pattern)

Modelling can get insights and provide a same-footing comparison This approach can be benchmarked against sophisticated NMR models.

But we need to go from  $\Delta E$  (PCCP 2013 for aliphatic models) to  $\Delta G$ ...

### An efficient GPU screening

Mainly electrostatic-driven, with cationic (+1) or anionic (-3) complexes: which amino acids develop a second-shell coordination ?

Underlying ∆G...

interaction ?

Protein « shape »

(hydrophobic patch) ?

Proximal residues involved Inter/intra-protein

Classical MD: Amber/ff14 + parametrization of the Ln complex GPU-timing : 100ns in two days for a decapeptide + post-analysis MMPBSA

QM/MM-MD scheme towards the evaluation of interaction where the metallic center is directly involved





ΔG=-26.0±4.3kcal/mol, as Gly10 «wraps» itself around [Y(dpa)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> hence a very strong complexation (>SASY)

## Predicting structures of Ln(DPA)<sub>3</sub>@SASY



[Y(dpa)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3</sup>·@ Ser-Ala-Ser-Tyr-Lys-Thr-Leu-Pro-Arg-Gly (decapeptide) [Y(dpa)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3</sup>·@ Ser-Ala-Ser-Tyr-Lys-Thr-Leu-Pro-Arg-Gly (decapeptide)

On-going NMR measurements with NMR to assess our values.



## Pitfalls: Zinc-containing enzymes and competiting anions...





ΔE (FR39)

2.7

-1,5

-5.2

-8,2

-14,2 -21,3

-24.2

-26,6

Amber 2015 Reference Manual

1.0 log<sub>10</sub>(K<sub>2</sub>) • EtNH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> o EtGua<sup>+</sup>