*y-ray Spectroscopy Studies in Bucharest* 

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### y spectroscopy setup

#### Unique mixed gamma detection array

# 7-8 55% HPGe detectors5-8 LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors

The mechanics and the reaction chambers allow <u>flexibility</u> in the configuration of the detectors for various experiments



# LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors





- Best energy resolution achievable with scintillators
- Timing comparable with BaF<sub>2</sub>: 100-300 ps depending on crystal size
- 3 2"x2", 3 1.5"x1.5", 2 conical shaped 1"x1.5"x1.5" (total 8 LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors)
- Might be used to measure lifetimes in the 50ps few ns range

### In-Beam Fast Timing Electronic Diagram



# CFD walk correction

•<sup>60</sup>Co source placed in target position

•One LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detector taken as •time reference

•Time reference detector gated on the 1332 keV full-energy peak

The CFD walk dependence on amplitude is removed using offline corrections, in order to insure similar time response for all elements of the detection system



### Fast-timing test case: <sup>199</sup>TI

<sup>197</sup>Au(α,2n)<sup>199</sup>TI at 24 MeV beam energy

8 HPGe and 5 LaBr<sub>3</sub>:Ce detectors



If these states have pure single-particle configurations, one expects lifetime of several hundreds of picoseconds for the 367 keV level

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## "Low-recoil" DSAM in $(\alpha,n)$ reactions

#### Advantages:

- clean spectra
- large cross-sections
  non-yrast states are
  reasonably well populated

#### **Difficulties:**

- low recoil velocity v/c~0.3%
- nuclear stopping power becomes important
- short cascades, feeding should be parameterized

#### <sup>119</sup>Sn( $\alpha$ ,n)<sup>122</sup>Te E<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> = 15 MeV

C. Mihai, A.A. Pasternak et al, Phys. Rev. C 81 034314(2010)



### Side-feeding estimate

10

8

6

4

2

0

0

2

<sup>119</sup>Sn(α,n)<sup>122</sup>Te

0,001 0,01

0,1

0,5

14

12

E=15 MeV, thick target

10

Yrast line

8

6

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E\*, MeV

Side-feeding model :

*E. Grodner, A.A. Pasternak et al.* Eur. Phys J. A27 (2006) 325

The population of discrete levels from the entry point proceeds mainly through fast E1 transitions

### Lineshape fit, consistency checks



Consistency checks were done using lifetimes measured in an (n,n') reaction, where the feeding is negligible

### <sup>118</sup>Te results



8 lifetimes and 4 limits were measured, results reported in PRC 83 054310, 2011

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## **Plunger experiments**

Plunger device was constructed in collaboration with IKP Köln

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 <sup>76</sup>Ge(<sup>13</sup>C,4n) <sup>85</sup>Sr @56 MeV
 0.4 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> <sup>76</sup>GeO<sub>2</sub> on
 1mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Ta
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### Plunger experiments



Distance [Micrometer]



### Thank you for your attention