### Nuclear structure studies @ gas-filled separators P. Kuusiniemi, GSI

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#### **Gas-filled recoil separators**

-simple, "cheap" and clean -good transmission -symmetric reactions -asymmetric ones (e.g. O on Pb ~ 10% for xn) -filling gas & chemistry -He no problem  $-H_2$  might be...

### Spectroscopy

-examples at the focal plane

# Gas-filled recoil separators: Magnetic configuration



# **Gas-filled recoil separators: RITU**

H. Kettunen, Ph.D. thesis



# Gas-filled recoil separators: transmission



Generally for asymmetric reactions: -target ⇒ large angular spread of recoils -the thinner the target the better the transmission but: yield ⇔ target thickness.

# **Gas-filled recoil separators:** He vs. H<sub>2</sub>

P. Armbruster et al., Proc. of the Int. Conf. on Mass Spectroscopy, Univ. of Tokio Press 1970



4,5+

10

20 30

40

50

E [MeV] -

70

80

90

100

Fig 10 Magnetic field strength to hold light and heavy fission products on a radius of curvature of  $\rho = 200$  cm. The independence of the B $\rho$ -values from the energy is fulfilled best in the minima of the curves.

# **ER(\gamma) - \alpha(\gamma) - ... spectroscopy**



### SHIP example: <sup>216g,m</sup>Th



### <sup>216g,m</sup>Th decay schemes



In-beam Kohno et al. Phys. Rev. C 33, 392 (1986)

### <sup>216</sup>Th level scheme



Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 072501 (2001)



## SHIP example 2: 214,216 Ac (12C + 209Bi)



Fig. 2:  $\gamma$ -rays observed in coincidence with  $\alpha$ -decays of <sup>214</sup>Ac (a) and <sup>216</sup>Ac (b).  $\gamma$ -rays assigned to the decay of <sup>214</sup>Ac measured at 9.1 AMeV and <sup>216</sup>Ac at 7.1 AMeV are denoted by \* and o, respectively. c)  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ -coincidences observed in  $\alpha$ -decay of <sup>216</sup>Ac (the scatter plot shows  $\approx$  5% of total data). d) Projection of all  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ -coincidences on the  $\gamma$ -energy axis.

# <sup>214,216</sup>Ac decay schemes



-towards SHEs level densities are increasing  $\Rightarrow$  IC becomes dominating  $\Rightarrow$  summing effects ( $\alpha$  + e<sup>-</sup>)  $\Rightarrow \alpha$  -  $\gamma$  - and/or  $\alpha$  - e<sup>-</sup> - coincidences needed

# Conclusions

### **Gas-filled separators**

+simple, cheap and clean +high efficiency +short  $\Rightarrow$  short flight times  $\Rightarrow$  short living nuclei&isomers -Bp, e.g. new elements?

# To compare, e.g. SHIP

+velocity filter with high efficiency ⇒ nice feature for new elements
+UNILAC provides pulsed beams with very high intensities ⇒ RDT?
+superb in (decay) studies at the focal plane
-transmission for very asymmetric reactions? ⇐ UNILAC
-length ⇒ flight time ⇒ short living nuclei&isomers? ⇐ UNILAC

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