# Exploring the Z=32 triaxiality corridor towards N=50 via safe Coulomb excitation at SPES

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#### Motivation: triaxiality in Ge isotopes



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- Local minimum of the effective N=50 gap at Z=32, associated to a maximum of collectivity
- Substantial evidence for triaxiality in Ge isotopes:
  - $\circ$  observation of quasi-gamma bands (2<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub>, 3<sup>+</sup><sub>1</sub>, 4<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub>)
  - odd-even staggering in the gamma band in <sup>76</sup>Ge interpreted as rigid triaxiality (Y. Toh *et al*, PRC 87 (2013) 041304)
  - analysis of  ${}^{80}$ Ga  $\rightarrow$   ${}^{80}$ Ge beta decay: coexistence of collective gamma-soft and spherical *qp* structures in  ${}^{80}$ Ge (D. Verney *et al*, PRC 87 (2013) 054307)

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- Triaxiality in stable Ge isotopes confirmed by measured transition probabilities
  - Full quadrupole sum rules approach or approximate evaluation consistent
- Transition probabilities and quadrupole moments in neutron-rich Ge isotopes crucial to understand evolution of triaxiality towards N=50
- Expected high intensities of Ge beams from SPES make a low-energy Coulex experiment feasible in a short measuring time

## **Experimental setup**

 standard Coulex setup with annular DSSSD detector placed at forward angles; detection of recoils and scattered projectiles



- intense SPES beams (<sup>78,80</sup>Ge: 10<sup>6</sup> pps, <sup>82</sup>Ge: 10<sup>5</sup> pps)
- heavy targets (Pb, Pt) to maximise Coulex cross section
- GOSIA calculations for 2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Pb target

### What can we obtain with SPES beams?



- quadrupole moments of 2<sup>+</sup><sub>1</sub> states in <sup>78,80,82</sup>Ge: rough estimate in one day of beamtime at 10<sup>5</sup> pps, precise measurement (20-30% accuracy) possible at 10<sup>6</sup> pps
- quadrupole moments of 2<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub> states in <sup>78,80</sup>Ge measurable at 10<sup>6</sup> pps
- lifetimes of higher lying states few days at 10<sup>5</sup> pps enough to get lifetimes of 4<sup>+</sup><sub>1</sub> and 2<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub> states in N=50 <sup>82</sup>Ge
- possibility to identify the (unknown but predicted) 0<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub> state in <sup>80</sup>Ge in a few days measurement at 10<sup>6</sup> pps
- detailed information on transition probabilities and static moments for <sup>78,80,82</sup>Ge, possibility to extract triaxiality parameters for <sup>78,80</sup>Ge via quadrupole sum rules approach

#### **Quadrupole sum rules**

D. Cline, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 36 (1986) K. Kumar, PRL 28 (1972)

- electromagnetic multipole operators are spherical tensors  $\rightarrow$  products of such operators coupled to angular momentum 0 are rotationally invariant
- operator products may be expressed using the intermediate state expansion formula

$$\frac{\langle Q^2 \rangle}{\sqrt{5}} = \langle i | \left[ \text{E2} \times \text{E2} \right]^{\mathbf{0}} | i \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2I_i + 1)}} \sum_{t} \langle i | | \text{E2} | i \rangle \langle t | | \text{E2} | i \rangle \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 2 & 0\\ I_i & I_i & I_t \end{array} \right\}$$



 $\langle Q^2 \rangle$ : overall deformation parameter

#### **Quadrupole sum rules: triaxiality**

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$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{35}} \langle \mathbf{Q}^3 \cos 3\delta \rangle = \langle i | \{ [\mathbf{E}2 \times \mathbf{E}2]^2 \times \mathbf{E}2 \}^{\mathbf{0}} | i \rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{(2I_i + 1)} \sum_{t,u} \langle i || \mathbf{E}2 || u \rangle \langle u || \mathbf{E}2 || t \rangle \langle t || \mathbf{E}2 || i \rangle \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ I_i & I_t & I_u \end{array} \right\}$$





A. Andrejtscheff et al, Phys. Lett. B 329 (1994) 1

## $\langle \cos 3\delta \rangle$ : triaxiality parameter