#### **Stable beam experiments**

- usually multi-step excitation and complicated level schemes
- for deformed nuclei it may be useful to couple all matrix elements inside each rotational band
- beam intensities of the order of 10<sup>9</sup>pps: particle detectors at backward angles
- lifetime of several states known: no need for other kind of normalisation
- statistics enough for particle-gamma angular correlations



#### **Exotic beam experiments**

- usually one- or two-step excitation; level schemes not well known
- beam intensities rather low: particle detectors at forward angles to maximise the statistics
- normalisation to target excitation
- low statistics, sometimes only one gamma line observed
- relative normalisation of different ranges of scattering angles based on Rutherford scattering or target excitation



# B(E2)'s in radioactive nuclei measured with Coulex

- usually only  $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  transition visible
- normalisation to target excitation needed



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• Coulex cross-section depends both on the  $B(E2;2_1^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$  and the quadrupole moment!

#### **Reorientation effect**

• influence of the quadrupole moment of the excited state on its excitation cross-section

• dependence on scattering angle and beam energy

• BE CAREFUL – influence of double-step excitation of higher states may have the same effect!



## What happens if we don't know the exact beam energy?

## • bad things of course!



### **Coulomb excitation and lifetime measurements**



- results inconsistent with previously published lifetimes
- new RDM lifetime measurement: Köln Plunger & GASP
  <sup>40</sup>Ca (<sup>40</sup>Ca,α2p) <sup>74</sup>Kr
  <sup>40</sup>Ca (<sup>40</sup>Ca,4p) <sup>76</sup>Kr

- subdivision of data in several ranges of scattering angle
- spectroscopic data (lifetimes, branching and mixing ratios)
- least squares fit of  $\sim$ 30 matrix elements (transitional and diagonal)



## Lifetime measurement

A. Görgen et al. EPJ A 26 153 (2005)



<sup>74</sup>Kr, forward detectors (36°)gated from above





- new lifetimes in agreement with Coulex
- enhanced sensitivity for diagonal and intra-band transitional matrix elements

## **Results: shape coexistence in light Kr isotopes**



First measurement of diagonal E2 matrix elements using Coulex of radioactive beam

E. Clément et al. Phys. Rev. C75, 054313 (2007)

#### **Gamma-particle angular correlations**

- feasible at several thousands of counts in a given gamma line
- determination of E2/M1 mixing ratios
- determination of spin of a decaying level
- distribution in phi usually more conclusive than in theta



#### **Inverse kinematics**

- two kinematic solutions: higher and lower CM angle
- OP,INTG: angular range covered by the particle detector MUST correspond to one solution only
- OP,INTI: this problem removed



## **Events distribution in CD**



scattered beam

direct beam

### **Estimation of detector displacement**





- estimation confirmed by Doppler correction
- complicated shape of the detector due to its displacement