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Rigid triaxial deformation in ⁷⁶Ge¹ A.D. AYANGEAKAA, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/TUNL, R.V.F. JANSSENS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/TUNL, J.M. ALL-MOND, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, B.A. BROWN, Department of Physics and Astronomy, and National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, Michigan State University, ANL TEAM, LLNL TEAM, LBNL TEAM, UMD TEAM — The possible existence of stable triaxial ground-state deformation in even-even nuclei has been a subject much interest in nuclear structure research. This interest has been motivated largely by the longstanding issue of whether axially-asymmetric nuclei are characterized by rigid or soft triaxiality in their ground-state configurations. Indeed, while signatures of static triaxial deformation has long been established at high angular momenta, the experimental observation of rigid triaxiality at low-spin has remained a challenge. In this study, experimental evidence for static triaxial ground-state deformation in ⁷⁶Ge will be presented from a model-independent perspective. This will be complemented by results of large-scale shell model calculations and multi-configuration mixing calculations carried out within the framework of the triaxial rotor model.

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