

## Gamma spectroscopy near $^{78}\text{Ni}$

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We propose the  $\gamma\gamma$  spectroscopy of  $^{77,79}\text{Cu}$ , which is of paramount interest for tracing the evolution of proton single-particle levels near  $^{78}\text{Ni}$ . Despite the limited resolution of the Dali-2 scintillators during the Seastar campaign, a level scheme could be constructed for  $^{79}\text{Cu}$ . The  $\pi f_{7/2}$  strength turned out to be fairly fragmented, resulting in a level population and a decay pattern that was richer than anticipated. Spin assignments were suggested only from comparison with MCSM calculations. A more precise determination of the level feedings would enable for exclusive cross sections to be obtained, with together with a refined level scheme would constrain the possible spin values. To this purpose the improved resolution of a germanium array of 1%, against 9% for Dali-2, is particularly significant.

Since Seastar the intensity of the primary  $^{238}\text{U}$  beam has increased from 12 to 40 pnA, which compensates the lower  $\gamma$  efficiency of 9% instead of 27% (after addback). We would retain the Minos liquid hydrogen target with its TPC for identifying proton knock-out on an incoming zinc beam. We expect we would need the same amount of beam time as was used for Seastar, that is 5.5 days.

The study of particle-hole states in  $^{80}\text{Zn}$ , such as the  $g_{9/2}^{-1}d_{5/2}$  neutron multiplet that breaks the  $N = 50$  core, would inform us on the size of the eponymous shell gap. They would be accessed through neutron knock-out from a  $^{81}\text{Zn}$  beam, for which a different but nearby setting of the spectrometer should be chosen. The beam-time estimate for this measurement equals 3 days.

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