



NUSTAR Seminar

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Gamma-ray spectroscopy in the vicinity of double-magic ^{78}Ni

^{78}Ni is one of the iconic doubly-magic nuclei located far from the stability line and therefore has been a primary focus of many experimental and theoretical investigations. Though it was expected to have a doubly-magic character for both proton ($Z=28$) and neutron ($N=50$) shells, several works around this region have suggested that both shell gaps may be reduced in further neutron-rich isotopes and isotones.

In this talk, I will discuss the results of the experimental works measuring gamma-rays from the excited states of ^{78}Ni in-beam at a relativistic energy produced by the high-intense beam at the RIBF facility. The first spectroscopy has been achieved using a NaI(Tl) scintillator array, DALI2, and a thick liquid hydrogen target with vertex reconstruction system, MINOS. Two gamma-ray transitions were assigned as ones decaying into the ground state from individual 2^+ states. With the support of several theoretical investigations, they are interpreted as a sign of the emergence of the possible shape coexisting feature associated with shell-quenching in both proton and neutron gaps at and beyond this anchor-point nucleus.

To further investigate with an improved energy resolution, we have conducted an experiment using HPGe detectors this April. I would like to present some of the online spectra from this experiment and discuss the potential of high-resolution gamma-ray spectroscopy of nuclei apart from stability at fast beam facilities.