

Isomer states in neutron-rich 73,75,77Ni

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An experiment based on gamma-decay of isomer state in neutron-rich ^{77}Ni produced from fragmentation of a ^{238}U beam is proposed in order to reveal the neutron single particle energies associated with the $N=40$ and $N=50$ shell closures. Based on the lifetime of the $1/2^-$ isomeric state in ^{77}Ni an estimate or at least a lower limit on the energy of the 2^+ state in ^{78}Ni can be deduced. Energy and life time of the $1/2^-$ state in lighter $^{73,75}\text{Ni}$ isotopes, which can be measured simultaneously, is needed to reveal the structure of these nuclei from gamma spectroscopy.

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