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Gamma-spectroscopy of neutron-rich 79 Cu through proton knock-out

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One of the challenges nowadays in nuclear physics is to study nuclei as far as possible from stability. In these so-called exotic regions, the nuclear structure is strongly evolving. As a consequence, the "classical" magic numbers (8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126) are not universal over the nuclear chart and unexpected behaviors may appear for extreme N/Z ratio.

This presentation focuses on the exotic region of 78 Ni, presumed to be doubly magic (Z=28,N=50), and more specifically on the Z=28 shell gap to see whether it weakens when adding neutrons beyond N=40. This is done through the study of copper isotopes (core of nickel + 1 proton). We focus here on neutron-rich 79 Cu, produced through proton knock-out at RIKEN in Japan.

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