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Optimization of Digital Parameters and Offline Sorting Code for Experiments at IDS/CERN

The ISOLDE Decay Station (IDS) is an experimental setup at the ISOLDE facility at CERN dedicated to betadecay spectroscopy for research into nuclear structure, nuclear engineering, and astrophysics. UWC has a leading experiment approved at IDS to investigate nuclear shape coexistence in ^{80,82}Sr nuclei with the beta decay of ^{80,82}Y. The study aims at measuring internal conversion electrons using the SPEDE electron spectrometer, branching ratios with four germanium clover detectors, and lifetimes with two LaBr₃(Ce) detectors. These measurements will complement our investigations of shape effects in ^{80,82}Sr using safe multi-step Coulomb excitation measurements carried out at TRIUMF. The new Modern African Nuclear Detector Laboratory (MANDELA) at the University of the Western Cape is equipped with a double photon counting setup using NaI scintillation detectors and a 250-MHz Pixie-16 digitizer from XIA. This digitizer is similar to the 100-MHz Pixie-16 digitizers in use at IDS. Data are acquired using the acquisition code POLL2, ROOT trees are built using the IDS sorting code xia4ids, and gamma-gamma matrices are created to examine coincidence relationships. Results in preparation of our new experiment at CERN will be presented.

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