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**Photon scattering on the  $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay daughter nucleus candidate  $^{76}\text{Se}$** <sup>1</sup> N.M. COOPER, V. WERNER, L. BETTERMANN, Yale University, F. REICHELT, N. PIETRALLA, D. SAVRAN, K. SONNABEND, M. FRITZSCHE, TU-Darmstadt, Germany, S.W. YATES, University of Kentucky — The Pygmy dipole resonance (PDR) was extensively studied in spherical nuclei, especially along the N=82 shell closure. The PDR is thought to be a dipole vibration of an inert proton-neutron core against a neutron skin. The dependence of the PDR on deformation has so far not been tested in nuclei with small N/Z ratios. The dipole strength distribution up to 9 MeV may serve as a test for QRPA calculations relevant to  $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay. Photon scattering experiments on  $^{76}\text{Se}$  have been performed using incident photons from the S-DALINAC facility at the TU-Darmstadt. The isotopically enriched sample was irradiated at different photon endpoint energies. Preliminary results will be presented.

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