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Towards the first *ab initio* description of the deuterium-tritium fusion¹ PETR NAVRATIL, SOFIA QUAGLIONI, LLNL — The deuterium-tritium reaction is important for the future fusion energy generation. It is used in laserinduced fusion at NIF and magnetic-confinement fusion at ITER. Even though it has been well studied experimentally, its first principles theoretical understanding is important. We are building a new capability to describe light-ion fusion reactions from first principles, known as *ab initio* NCSM/RGM approach [1,2]. We have completed a promising preliminary study of nucleon-nucleus scattering, particularly $n-^4$ He scattering below the $d+^3$ H threshold [1,2]. Now we are developing the deuterium-nucleus formalism that coupled with the nucleon-nucleus basis will allow us the first *ab initio* calculation of the 3 H(d,n)⁴He fusion. We will present recent results and work in progress.

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