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Structure of ${}^9\text{C}$ from the $d({}^{10}\text{C},t){}^9\text{C}$ Reaction and the Reliability of *Ab Initio* Transfer Form Factors¹

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A paucity of information exists on the structure of the neutron-deficient nucleus ${}^9\text{C}$ which is accessible to *ab-initio* calculations such as the Quantum Monte Carlo approach. In addition to excitation energies in the $A=9$ & 10 systems, it is possible to calculate the spectroscopic overlaps relevant for the neutron-pickup reaction $d({}^{10}\text{C},t){}^9\text{C}$. To test these predictions of the neutron-pickup spectroscopic factors, we have studied the ${}^{10}\text{C}(d,t){}^9\text{C}$ reaction, in inverse kinematics. A 171-MeV ${}^{10}\text{C}$ beam was produced at the ATLAS In-Flight Facility with an intensity of 2×10^4 pps and was incident on a deuterated polyethylene $[\text{CD}_2]_n$ target. The ground-state transition was clearly observed in a series of silicon detector arrays and angular-distribution data were extracted. The neutron-pickup spectroscopic factor was deduced from a comparison with distorted-wave calculations, with both traditional and QMC-derived bound-state form factors. A comparison between the results of these methods will be presented.

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