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A New Measurement of the Strength of the Superallowed Fermi Branch in the Beta Decay of ¹⁰C with GAMMASPHERE¹ B.K. FU-JIKAWA, T.I. BANKS, S.J. FREEDMAN, P.A. VETTER, W.T. WINTER, Physics Department, University of California, Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, S.J. ASZTALOS, J.T. BURKE, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, J.P. GREENE, N.D. SCIELZO, Argonne National Laboratory — We report a new measurement of the strength of the superallowed $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transition in the β -decay of ¹⁰C. The experiment was done at the LBNL 88-inch cyclotron using eighty-three GAMMASPHERE germanium detectors. This measurement is similar to an earlier experiment performed at GAMMASPHERE but with a significantly higher statistical precision. Precise knowledge of this branching ratio is necessary to compute the superallowed Fermi *ft*-value which in turn gives the weak vector coupling constant and the u to d element of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix.

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