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**Monte Carlo Acceptance Simulations for the Prototype Active-Target Time-Projection Chamber**<sup>1</sup> JOSEPH GUTIERREZ, JOURDEN SIMMONS, ADAM FRITSCH, Gonzaga University — In a previous experiment (Fritsch et al., Phys. Rev. C **93**, 014321) the Prototype Active-Target Time-Projection Chamber (PAT-TPC) was used to investigate the  $\alpha$ -cluster structure of  $^{14}\text{C}$  by way of a 38 MeV secondary  $^{10}\text{Be}$  beam incident on a 90:10 He:CO<sub>2</sub> active target gas at the University of Notre Dame. The  $^{10}\text{Be}$  beam was produced by TwinSol and delivered to the PAT-TPC. In addition to measuring elastic and inelastic  $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$  resonances, evidence of 3-body decays of  $^{14}\text{C}$  were observed in the data. Current work is being done to create a Monte Carlo simulation to calculate the detector acceptance for the 3-body decays at relevant reaction energies in order to produce normalized cross sections. Preliminary results will be presented.

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