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Measurement of the cascade cross section to the 6.049-MeV state in ^{16}O in $^{12}\text{C}(\text{a},\text{g})^{16}\text{O}$

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The cascade through the 6.049-MeV $J(\pi)=0^+$ state ^{16}O has rarely been discussed as contributing to the $^{12}\text{C}(\text{a},\text{g})^{16}\text{O}$ cross section at low energies largely due to experimental difficulties in observing this transition. We report here first measurements of this transition in $^{12}\text{C}(\text{a},\text{g})^{16}\text{O}$ using the DRAGON recoil separator facility at TRIUMF. The experiment was performed in inverse kinematics with an incident ^{12}C beam on a windowless ^4He gas target, covering center of mass energies between 2.2 MeV and 5.42 MeV. The coincidence setup included a BGO array around the gas target and a DSSS Detector for the detection of ^{16}O recoil particles at the focal plane of DRAGON. To derive actual cross sections, the acceptance of DRAGON including the BGO array has been simulated in GEANT.

The transition strength has been derived and analyzed in the R-matrix formalism. Information on the 6.92-MeV cascade transition and the ground state transition were also obtained from the same data set. We derived the $^{12}\text{C}(\text{a},\text{g})^{16}\text{O}$ total cross section and found it in good agreement with a recently reported measurement

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