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Study the isomeric state of 16N via the ¹⁶N^{g,m}(d,³He) reaction

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We report the result of a study of the isomeric state in ¹⁶N via the ¹⁶N⁴{g,m} $(d, {}^{3}\text{He})^{15}\text{C}$ reaction in inverse kinematics at 11.8 MeV/u using the HELIOS spectrometer. The radioactive 16N beam, with a 24(2)% isomer component, was produced using the ATLAS RAISOR in-flight separator at ANL. The simultaneous measurements of the reactions provided the most direct and reliable comparison of the spectroscopic factors due to the cancellation of most of the systematic uncertainties from the experiment and DWBA theory. The ratio of the spectroscopic factors between the ¹⁶N^g \rightarrow ¹⁵C(0.74) and ¹⁶N^m \rightarrow ¹⁵C(0.00) reactions was found to be 0.82±0.22. The result indicates that the s-orbital between 16Nm and 15C ground state is similar and the isomer state of 16N is an excited neutron halo state.

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