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Studying the  ${}^{30}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{p},\gamma){}^{31}\mathbf{S}$  reaction using the  ${}^{31}\mathbf{P}({}^{3}\mathbf{He},\mathbf{t}){}^{31}\mathbf{S}^{*}(\mathbf{p}){}^{30}\mathbf{P}$ reaction C. WREDE, Yale, J.A. CAGGIANO<sup>1</sup>, TRIUMF, J.A. CLARK, C. DEIBEL, Yale, R. LEWIS, York, A. PARIKH<sup>2</sup>, P.D. PARKER, Yale, C. WESTER-FELDT, TUNL — Enriched isotopic abundance ratios of  ${}^{30}\mathbf{Si}/{}^{28}\mathbf{Si}$  in several presolar SiC and graphite grains qualitatively indicate oxygen-neon (ONe) nova origins but fall short of ONe nova model predictions by factors of 20-90. The  ${}^{30}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{p},\gamma){}^{31}\mathbf{S}$  reaction rate uncertainty in ONe novae spans four orders of magnitude through which the predicted amount of ejected  ${}^{30}\mathbf{Si}$  can vary by a factor of 100. By measuring the  ${}^{31}\mathbf{P}({}^{3}\mathbf{He},\mathbf{t}){}^{31}\mathbf{S}^{*}(\mathbf{p}){}^{30}\mathbf{P}$  reaction we have determined the energies of astrophysically relevant  ${}^{31}\mathbf{S}$  excited states to  $\pm 3$  keV, and have found one new resonance. Proton branching ratios have been constrained by detecting decay protons in coincidence with tritons. Implications for the  ${}^{30}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{p},\gamma){}^{31}\mathbf{S}$  reaction rate,  ${}^{30}\mathbf{Si}$  production, and S-Ca production in ONe novae will be presented.

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