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Study of the  ${}^{3}$ He( ${}^{14}$ O, $\alpha$ ) ${}^{13}$ O reaction SCOTT MARLEY, N.J. GOOD-MAN, J.C. LIGHTHALL, A.H. WUOSMAA, Western Michigan University, C.L. JIANG, M. NOTANI, R.C. PARDO, K.E. REHM, J.P. SCHIFFER, X.D. TANG, Argonne National Laboratory, L. JISONNA, Northwestern University — We have studied the structure of <sup>13</sup>O through the <sup>3</sup>He(<sup>14</sup>O, $\alpha$ )<sup>13</sup>O reaction. Recent work examining the resonance elastic scattering of  $p + {}^{12}N$  has provided information on the excited states of <sup>13</sup>O up to 4 MeV (B.B. Skorodumov et al., Phys. Rev. C 75, 024607 (2007)). Little is known about the excited states of this isotope at excitation energies above 6.02 MeV. Due to a low separation energy ( $S_p = 1.516$  MeV) the most likely populated states are 1p and 2p unbound. States in <sup>13</sup>O above the alphaparticle decay threshold may also have astrophysical significance, and may influence the rate of the  ${}^{9}C(\alpha, p){}^{12}N$  reaction in dense, low metallicity stars. The ATLAS in-flight radioactive beam facility at Argonne National Laboratory produced an <sup>14</sup>O beam of  $10^5$  particles per second at 148 MeV. The beam bombarded a cryogenic <sup>3</sup>He target cell. Three annular segmented Si detectors detected light reaction products between  $\theta_{lab}=8$  and 48 degrees. Heavy beam-like fragments were identified using a four segment Si E- $\Delta$ E telescope covering laboratory angles between 1.4 and 7 degrees. Preliminary results will be discussed. Work supported by the U. S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Physics under contracts DE-FG02-04ER41320 (WMU) and DE-AC02-06CH11357 (ANL).

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