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Measuring Ne-19 alpha-Branching Ratios with the JENSA Gas-Jet Target D.W. BARDAYAN, P.D. O'MALLEY, Notre Dame, K.A. CHIPPS, M. MATOS, S.D. PAIN, W.A. PETERS, S.T. PITTMAN, K. SCHMITT, M.S. SMITH, ORNL, S. AHN, K.L. JONES, A. SACHS, P. THOMPSON, Tennessee, A. KONTOS, H. SCHATZ, NSCL, R.L. KOZUB, Tenn. Tech., B. MANNING, S. OTA, Rutgers, U. GREIFE, CSM, J.C. BLACKMON, L. LINHARDT, LSU, JENSA COLLABORATION — The $^{15}O(\alpha,\gamma)^{19}Ne$ reaction is an important trigger reaction leading to the rapid proton (rp) capture process in X-ray bursts. The primary uncertainty in determining its astrophysical rate is the uncertain α branching ratios of levels near $E_x = 4.1$ MeV in ^{19}Ne . These states have been populated in a study of the $^{20}Ne(p,d)^{19}Ne$ reaction utilizing the JENSA gas-jet target at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. α branching ratios have been extracted for several ^{19}Ne levels. Preliminary results will be presented.

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