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Proton Emission from ³¹S and the ³⁰P $(p, \gamma)^{31}$ S Reaction Rate in Classical Novae¹ SEAN BURCHER², K.L. JONES, University of Tennessee, K.A. CHIPPS, J.M. ALLMOND, M. HALL, S.D. PAIN, Oak Ridge Natl Lab, J.T. HARKE, R.O. HUGHES, Lawrence Livermore Natl Lab, S. AHN, H. CLARK, J. HOOKER, H. JAYATISSA, S. OTA, A. SAASTAMIONEN, S. UPADHYAYULA, J.A. CIZEWSKI, Texas A&M University Cylcotron Inst, N. COOPER, C. REIN-GOLD, A. SIMON, University of Notre Dame, K. SCHMIDT, Natl Superconducting Cyclotron Lab — The ${}^{30}P(p,\gamma){}^{31}S$ reaction rate is the largest remaining source of uncertainty in the final abundances of nuclei produced in ONe novae. To further constrain the reaction rate, uncertainties in the properties of the key resonant states in ³¹S must be reduced. The ${}^{32}S(p,d){}^{31}S$ reaction was used to populate protonunbound states in ³¹S, and their subsequent decay was observed. The measurement was carried out at the Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute utilizing the LLNL Hyperion particle-gamma coincidence spectrometer. Reaction deuterons were detected in a silicon telescope located at forward angles, and decay protons were detected by a single silicon detector positioned at backward angles. Proton decay branching ratios and spin-parity assignments for several states in ³¹S will be presented.

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