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The Beta-Delayed Proton and Gamma Decay of ^{27}P for Nuclear Astrophysics E. MCCLESKEY, A. BANU¹, M. MCCLESKEY, B. ROEDER, A. SAASTAMOINEN, A. SPIRIDON, L. TRACHE², R.E. TRIBBLE, Cyclotron Institute, Texas A&M University, T. DAVINSON, D. DOHERTY, G.J. LOTAY, J. WALLACE, P.J. WOODS, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom — The main creation site of ^{26}Al is currently under debate. The reactions for its creation or destruction are also not completely known. When ^{26}Al is created in novae, the reaction chain is: $^{24}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{25}\text{Al}(\beta+\nu)^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$, but this chain can be by-passed by another chain: $^{25}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Si}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{P}$ and it can also be destroyed directly. Another way to by-pass it is through $^{26m}\text{Al}(p,\gamma)^{27}\text{Si}^*$ which is dominated by resonant capture. Using the Momentum Achromat Recoil Spectrometer (MARS) at the Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute and inverse kinematics, this destruction reaction was studied by the beta-delayed proton and gamma decay of ^{27}P . Due to selection rules, states populated above the proton threshold in the compound system ($^{27}\text{Si}^*$) can decay to ^{26m}Al , which are the states of interest for the capture reaction.

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