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# Misura di n + ${}^{63,65}$ Cu. Analisi preliminare e prossime misure





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## Why Copper?

#### **Nuclear Technologies:**

- Generation IV fast reactors
- Nuclear data and materials testing at the TAPIRO research reactor
- S&U studies revealed inadequacies in Cu data libraries





## Why Copper?

#### **Nuclear Astrophysics:**

- Contributions of various Copper nucleosynthesis scenarios to be determined
- Accurate determination of Cu MACS will constrain the s-process contribution



## $n + {}^{63,65}Cu$ @ n\_TOF EAR1: (n, $\gamma$ )



10<sup>2</sup>  $10^{3}$ 

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- 2024:  ${}^{63}Cu(n,\gamma)$  and  ${}^{65}Cu(n,\gamma)$
- Measurements with  $C_6D_6$ detectors
- Resonance parameter extraction in the energy range of interest  $E_n < 400 \, \rm keV$

10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>6</sup>

10<sup>4</sup> Neutron energy (eV)

## $n + {}^{63,65}Cu @ n_TOF EAR1: (n,tot)$

- 2025: <sup>63</sup>Cu(n,tot) and <sup>65</sup>Cu(n,tot)
- Measurements with <sup>235</sup>U-loaded fission chamber
- Resonance parameter extraction in the energy range of interest  $E_n < 5 \,\mathrm{MeV}$
- Target:  $\sigma_{tot}$  uncertainty below 5% for  $E_n > 100 \, keV$  with 100 bpd



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• 2025: Tests for feasibility of elastic/inelastic angular distribution measurements

• Discussion on setup and detector R&D : this meeting!

#### Plan @ n\_TOF: capture

Exp.	Sample	Protons	Comments			DLAN		
Capture	$^{63}Cu$	$2.0  imes 10^{18}$				PLAN		
Capture	$^{65}Cu$	$2.0 \times 10^{18}$		PROTONS (x10^17)				17)
Capture	$^{nat}Cu$	$0.3  imes 10^{18}$	EAR1 or EAR2		SHIFT	planned	Ongoing	%
Capture	Empty-sample	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Cu63	54	21.6	21.8	101
Capture	$^{\rm Pb}$	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Au	5	2.0	17	85
Capture	$\mathbf{C}$	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Emanda	-	2.0	1.7	100
Capture	<sup>197</sup> Au	$0.1  imes 10^{18}$	normalization	Empty	/	2.8	2.9	103
Transmission	$^{63}Cu$	$1.0  imes 10^{18}$	"Sample-in"	Pb	3	1.2	1.1	89
Transmission	$^{65}Cu$	$1.0  imes 10^{18}$	"Sample-in"	С	3	1.2	1.1	95
Transmission	Empty-sample	$1.0 \times 10^{18}$	"Sample-out"	AOB	6	2.4	6.6	274
		$8.0 \times 10^{18}$		TOTAL	79	31.2	35.2	112.9

Table 3: Summary of requested protons.



- Observe resonances up to 50-200 keV
  - $\sigma_{\gamma}$  uncertainty below 3-5%

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Capture	Empty-sample	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Cu65	50	18.3	17.3	94
Capture	$^{\rm Pb}$	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Au	1	0.4	1.0	269
Capture	$\mathbf{C}$	$0.2  imes 10^{18}$	background study	Emerada	-	1.5	1.7	115
Capture	$^{197}Au$	$0.1 \times 10^{18}$	normalization	Empty	4	1.5	1.7	115
Transmission	$^{63}Cu$	$1.0  imes 10^{18}$	"Sample-in"	Pb	2	0.7	0.9	118
Transmission	$^{65}Cu$	$1.0  imes 10^{18}$	"Sample-in"	С	2	0.7	0.9	129
Transmission	Empty-sample	$1.0 \times 10^{18}$	"Sample-out"	filters	8	2.9	4.0	136
		$8.0 \times 10^{18}$				2.0		200
				IOTAL	67	24.6	25.7	104.8

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# <sup>63</sup>Cu capture campaign



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## $^{65}$ Cu capture campaign: target & C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>







# <sup>65</sup>Cu capture campaign: MicroMegas







# Preliminary analysis results: <sup>63</sup>Cu

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#### SiMON amplitude spectra



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#### SiMON TOF spectra



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> amplitude spectra Au



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> TOF spectra Au



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> amplitude spectra Cu



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> counts normalized to neutron intensity



#### $C_6D_6$ counts normalized to neutron intensity



#### PhD RAMEN: to do next



- Check  $C_6D_6$  gains calibrations
  - Produce MC WF for Cu
  - Study  $C_6D_6$  background
    - Produce yields
      - RSA on Cu
- Systematic study on uncertainties
  - Transmission measurements

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# Thank You!

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#### SiMON amplitude spectra



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> TOF spectra Au

Au\_T\_w1\_C6D6



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#### C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> TOF spectra Cu

Cu\_T\_w1\_C6D6 wcounts/bin 10<sup>2</sup> 10 ±  $10^{-1}$ 10<sup>-2</sup> 10<sup>-3</sup> 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>6</sup>  $10^{7}$  time - Ty (ns)  $10^{-1}$ 10<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> 10 1

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#### **C6D6**

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Cu\_T\_w1\_C6D6



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## Why Copper?

#### Nuclear Technologies:

- TAPIRO research reactor plays a crucial role for testing nuclear data and materials for fast reactors
- S&U studies revealed inadequacies in major data libraries regarding Copper evaluations





## Why Copper?

#### **Nuclear Astrophysics:**

- The contributions of various nucleosynthesis scenarios (weak s-process in massive stars, main s-process in AGBs, SNe Ia and SNe II) need to be determined
- With accurate determination of Cu MACS, it will also be possible to improve the quantitative description of the s-process in massive stars



#### n + 63,65Cu @ n\_TOF EAR1: (n,n)

• A combined analysis of capture and transmission data will help deduce the  $\sigma_e \simeq \sigma_{tot} - \sigma_{\gamma}$ , with potential future studies on elastic angular distribution and the inelastic channel.



#### The n\_TOF facility

- Wide energy range: 10 meV < E<sub>n</sub> < 1 GeV
- High current:  $7 \times 10^{12} \text{ p/bunch} \rightarrow$   $\sim 10^6 \text{ n/pulse from spallation}$ target
- Energy resolution:  $\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-4} @ {\sf EAR1}$





#### PhD RAMEN project proposal



- Experimental data acquisition
- Tests for feasibility of elastic angular distribution measurements
- Analysis of the acquired data

#### **MicroMegas**



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