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**Measurement of the neutron-capture cross section on  $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$  between 0.4 and 7.5 MeV** ISABEL BRAY, MEGHA BHIKE, (NONE) KRISHICHAYAN, W TORNOW, None — Copper is currently being used as a cooling and shielding material in most experimental searches for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay. In order to accurately interpret background events in these experiments, the cross section of neutron-induced reactions on copper must be known. The purpose of this work was to measure the cross section of the  $^{63,65}\text{Cu}(n,\gamma)^{64,66}\text{Cu}$  reactions. Data were collected through the activation method at a range of energies from approximately 0.4 MeV to 7.5 MeV, employing the neutron production reactions  $^3\text{H}(p,n)^3\text{He}$  and  $^2\text{H}(d,n)^3\text{He}$ . Previous data were limited to energies below approximately 3 MeV. The results are compared to predictions from the nuclear data libraries ENDF/B-VII.1 and TENDL-2014.

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