

NNL Measurements at the RPI LINAC

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Copper scattering experiments were recently performed

- Results are preliminary and subject to change
- Will be used to "benchmark" the current copper nuclear data libraries (ENDF-8.0, etc.)
- 3 cm natural copper sample
 - Two weeks with two different sets of angles
 - Week 1 angles: 26, 52, 90, 119, 154 degrees
 - Week 2 angles: 31, 73, 107, 140, 155 degrees
- 7 cm graphite sample used as reference
 - Historically well behaved data
 - If graphite data are good, then we trust copper results

Neutrons scatter from a sample and are measured by various detectors



Continuous energy and wellcollimated neutron beam is used

Eight detectors were placed at specific angles around the sample



Neutron beam into the page

ENDF-8.0 copper looks reasonable at forward angles and lower energy



ENDF-8.0 copper has noticeable difference at side angles



ENDF-8.0 copper has noticeable difference at back angles



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- · Large area, modular, liquid scintillation detector
 - · Located at 250 meter time-of-flight station
 - High-resolution
 - · Long flight path, narrow neutron burst width, fast detector and electronics
 - High-accuracy transmission measurements (<1% ~3%)
 - Excellent counting rate, good signal-to-noise
 - Measurement range of <0.5 to >20 MeV



HiE Detectors and associated electronics



MCNP calculation of beam profile



Hafnium samples



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- Two samples
 - 9 cm thick
 - 7cm thick
- 13cm C reference sample
- Data taken over two week period
 - Week 1 ~50 hours
 - Week 2 ~75 hours
- Coincident with Cu HiE Scattering
- URR ends
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Conclusions

Preliminary Results show:

- Noticeable differences in side and back angle high energy scattering for copper ENDF-8.0
- Significant difference in high energy transmission for hafnium ENDF-8.0