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Geo-Neutrinos



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Geo- ν as probes for the deep Earth

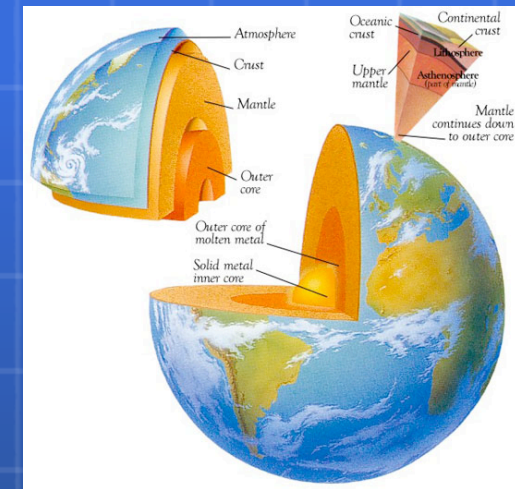


Thanks to neutrinos we were able to get closer insights into deep stellar core...

Why do not extend this approach to the Earth study?

→ NEUTRINO GEOSCIENCE

The Earth shines in anti- ν ($\Phi_{\bar{\nu}} \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)



Heat Producing Elements
HPE's

✓ Released **heat** and **anti-neutrinos flux** in a well **fixed ratio!**

Geo- ν as probes for the deep Earth : feasible because of the progresses on understanding neutrino properties and propagation and because of the existence of extremely low background scintillation detector(expected rates ~ few tens events/year, detection reaction: $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$),

Talk Outline

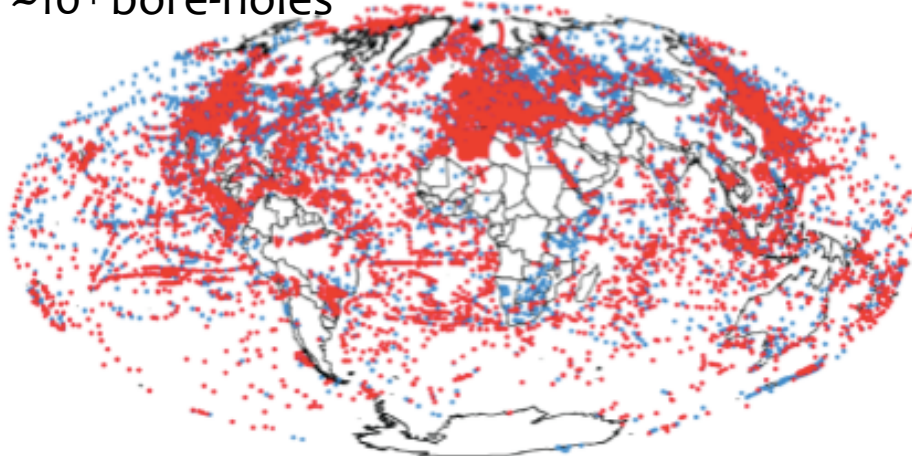


- ✓ The Earth: what we know and what the geo- ν could help to understand:
 - Energy budget;
 - Composition and Structure;
- ✓ Geo- ν : the energy spectra, the expected fluxes and the detection techniques...
- ✓ Two experiments measuring geo- ν , Borexino and Kamland: new results released in March '13
- ✓ Combined analysis
- ✓ The future

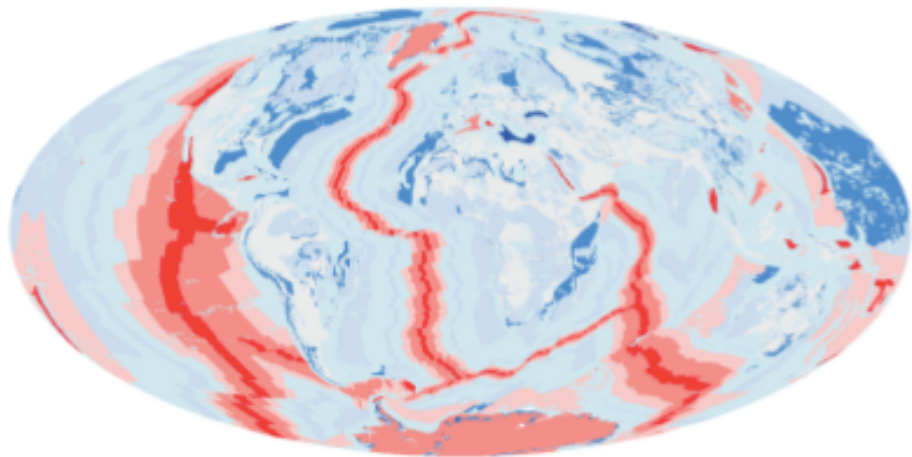
Sources of Earth heat: an open issue!!



~10⁴ bore-holes



Pollack et al., 1993 + Davies & Davies 2010



mW m⁻¹



Heat flux: 47 ± 2 TW

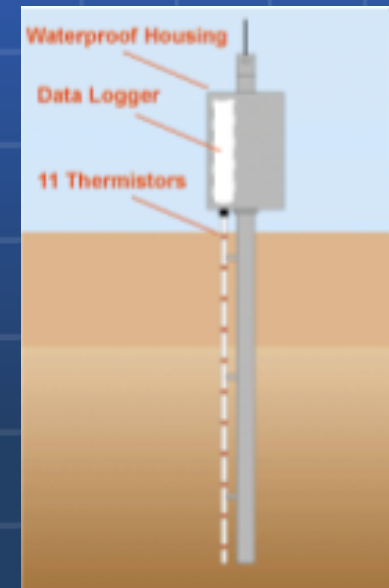
(Davies and Davies 2010)

Understanding of Earth energetics is a key point to define:

- the energy available to drive the plate tectonics;
- the power sustaining the geo dynamo, the source of the Earth magnetic field...

Cond. heat flow law:

$$Q = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$$



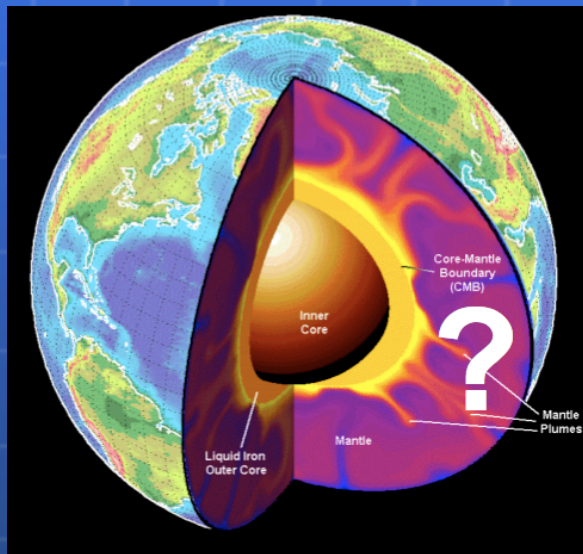
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Sources of Earth heat: an open issue!!



Necessary energy supply: $U = H$ (heat flow) $\times t$ (Earth age) $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{30}$ J

$U_G \sim GM^2/R \sim 4 \cdot 10^{32}$ J, $U_{\text{chem}} \sim 0.1 \text{ eV} \times N_{\text{at}} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{31}$ J, $U_{\text{nucl}} \sim 1 \text{ MeV} \times N_{\text{nucl}} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{30}$ J \Rightarrow All ok!!!!



- **Total heat flow (“measured”):**
 47 ± 2 TW (
- **Internal heating?** Radiogenic power: 10-30 TW
(different Earth models..)
~20% escapes to space as geo- ν
~80% remains to heat planet

Geo- ν fluxes \Rightarrow HPE’s abundances \Rightarrow Radiogenic heat

- **Other heat sources:**
 - Residual heat and secular cooling;
 - gravitational contraction and extraterrestrial impacts in the past;
 - mantle differentiation and recrystallisation...

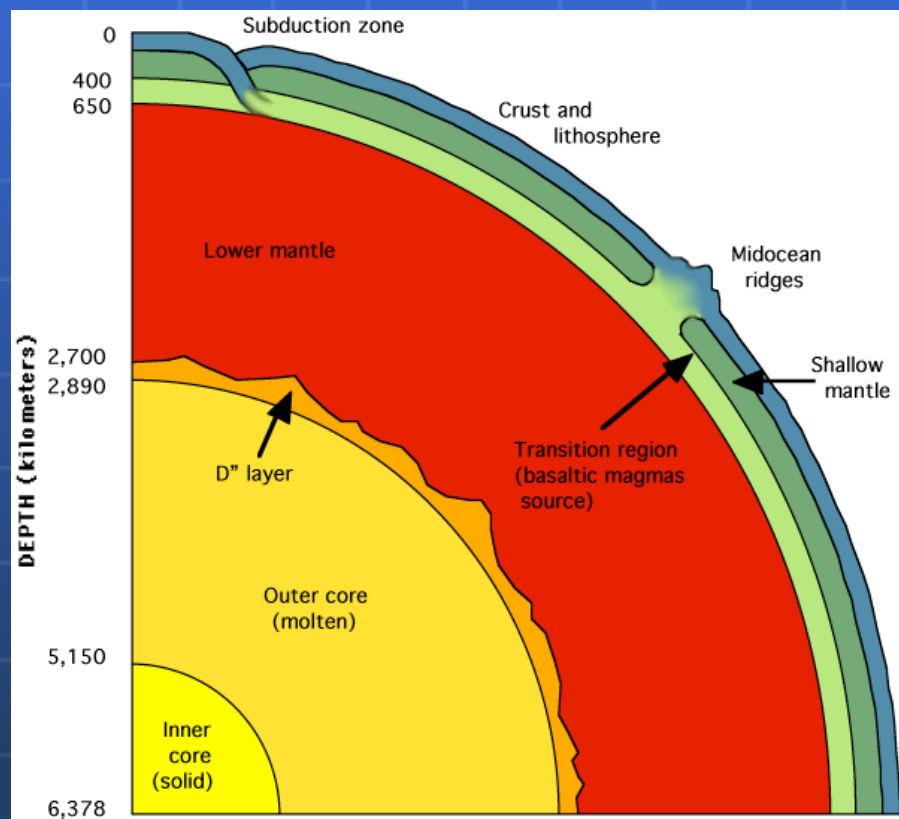
**IMPORTANT MARGINS
FOR ALL DIFFERENT MODELS OF THE EARTH HEAT SOURCES**

The Earth: Composition



Sismology -> Mechanical layers

Discontinuities in the waves propagation and velocity -> structure & density profile
No info about the chemical composition of the Earth



How do we know the Earth composition ??

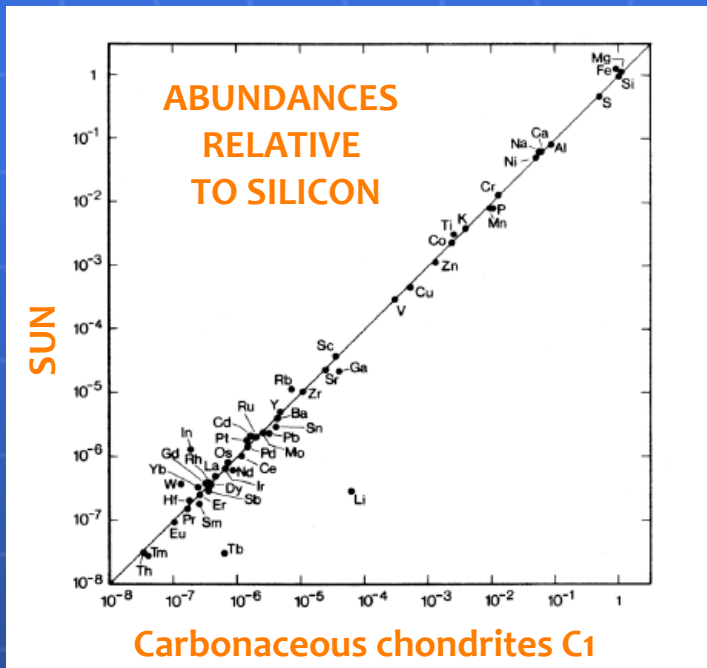
Direct rock samples

- surface and bore-holes (max. 12 km)
- mantle rocks brought up by tectonics and **vulcanism**

BUT: POSSIBLE ALTERATION DURING THE TRANSPORT

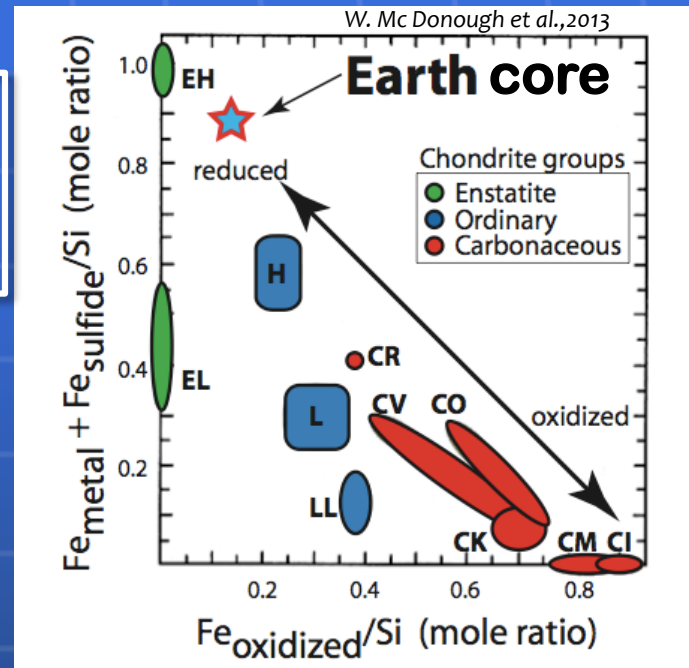
The Crust and Upper Mantle composition are quite known but what about the Lower Mantle and Core composition?

Cosmochemistry and BSE Models

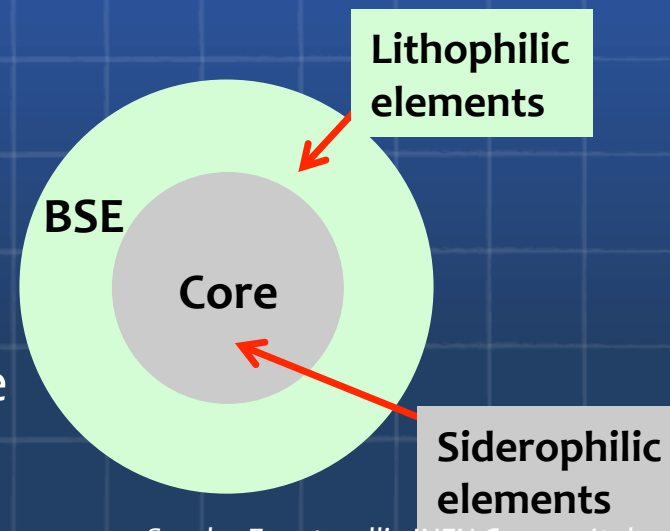


Chondrites are the essential building blocks of the Earth

Many chondrites... many Earth models!



- ✓ Earth core formation occurred after ~ 10 millions of years;
- ✓ The BSE models describes the primordial non metallic Earth that followed planetary accretion and core separation prior to its differentiation into a mantle and crust.



BSE models



Three classes of BSE compositional models:

- ✓ Cosmochemical (enstatite chondrites, collisional erosion)
- ✓ Geochemical (carbonaceous chondrites+terrestrial samples)
- ✓ Geodynamical (mantle convection energetics+surface heat loss)

Strong differences
on HPE abundances
predictions:

Ref. O. Šrámek et al (1)	Cosmochem.	Geochem.	Geodyn.
A_U (ppb)	12 ± 2	20 ± 4	35 ± 4
A_{Th} (ppb)	43 ± 4	80 ± 13	140 ± 14
A_K in ppm	146 ± 29	280 ± 60	350 ± 35
Th/U	3.5	4.0	4.0
K/U	12000	14000	10000
Tot. Power (TW)	11 ± 2	20 ± 4	33 ± 3
Mantle Urey ratio	0.08 ± 0.05	0.3 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.1
Mantle power (TW)	3.3 ± 2.0	12 ± 4	25 ± 3

factor 3

factor 10!!

(1) O. Šrámek et al. *Earth. Plan. Sci. Letters* 361 (2013)356-366

Geo-ν a unique direct probe of the Earth interior

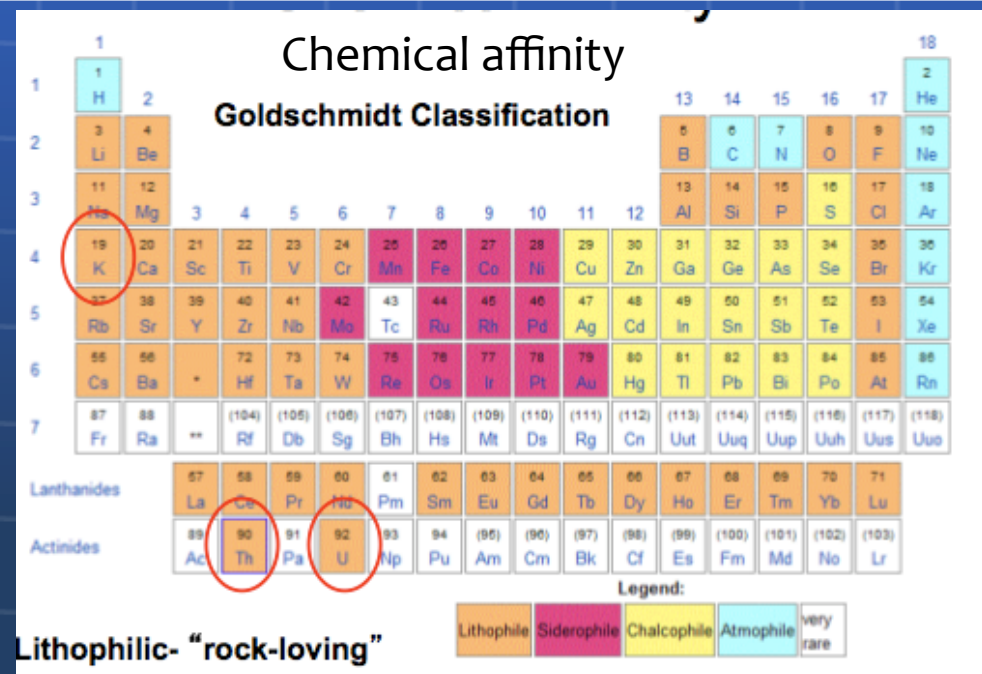


The geo-ν could help to answer to the following open questions:

- What is **radiogenic contribution** to the Earth energy budget?
- Which models (BSE?) are correct?
- **Earth composition**: which are the absolute HPE's abundances?
How their are distributed?
- Is the **Th/U ~ 3.9** like in chondrites?

U, Th and K are refractory-lithophilic elements, so they are concentrated in the crust & mantle

Ref . Y. Huang et al*	M 10 ²¹ Kg	U Abundance μg/g	U Mass μg/g
Continental Upper Crust	6.7 ± 0.8	2.7 ± 0.6	18.2 ^{+4.8} _{-4.3}
Ocean.Crust	6.3 ± 2.2	0.07 ± 002	0.4 ± 0.2
Depleted Mantle	3207	0.008	25.7
Enriched Mantle	704	0.034	24.0



(*) Huang et al., DOI: 10.1002/ggge.20129,2013

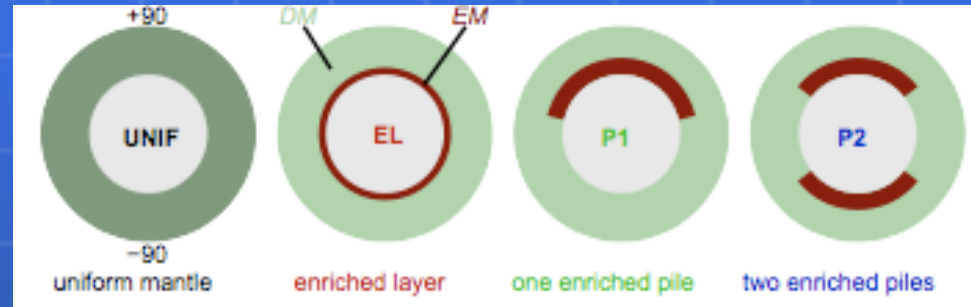
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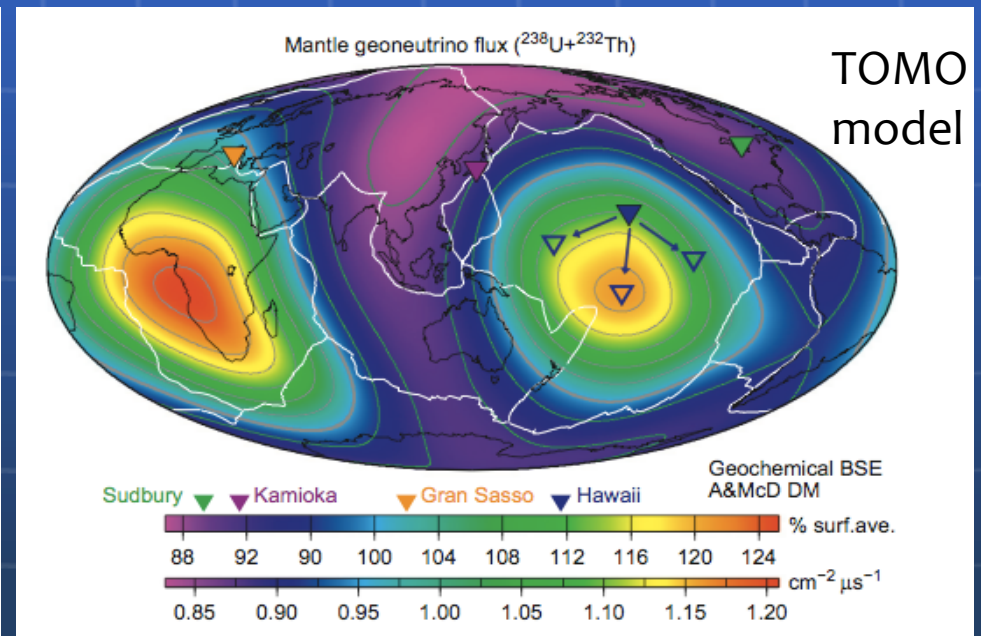
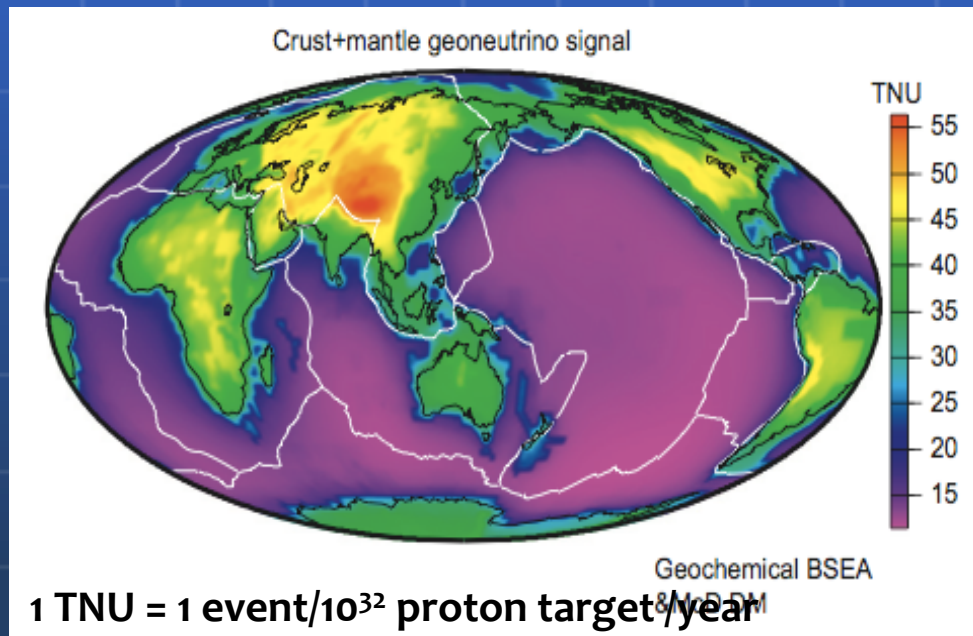
The importance of multi-site measurements:



Geo-ν fluxes not homogeneous!! Seismic tomography reveals superplumes at the base of the mantle beneath Africa and the Pacific => evidences for a not homogeneous mantle...

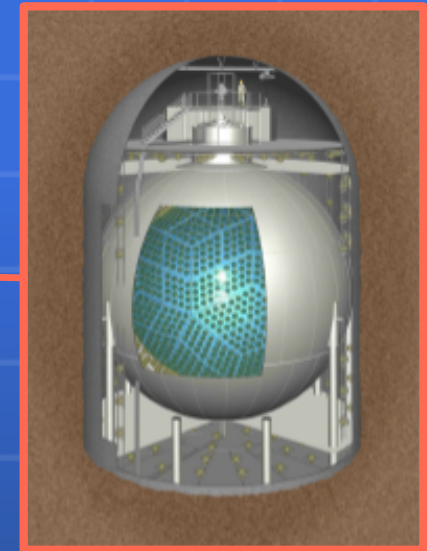
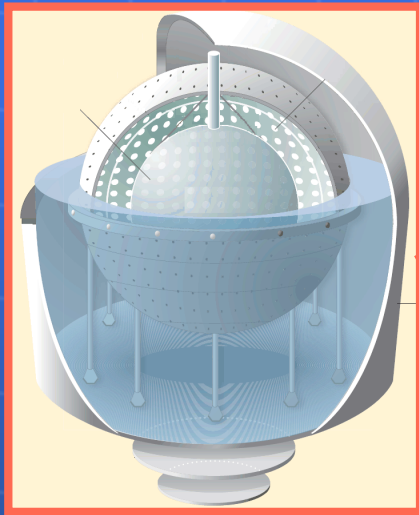


Plots from O. Šrámek et al (2013)



A one site measurement even if very precise cannot say the whole story: join effort!

Experiments measuring geo- ν



Borexino

Lab. Naz. Gran Sasso (Italy)
Continental crust

- DAQ started in 2007;
- Observation at 99.997 C.L. in 2010 (Bellini et al, PLB 687) in 252.6 ton y;
- 2013: new data release based on a statistics of $3.7 \cdot 10^{31}$ prot/year.

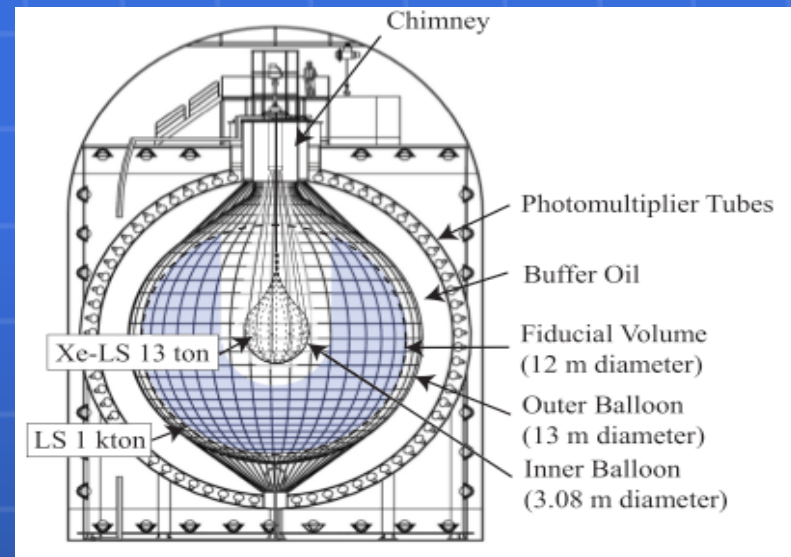
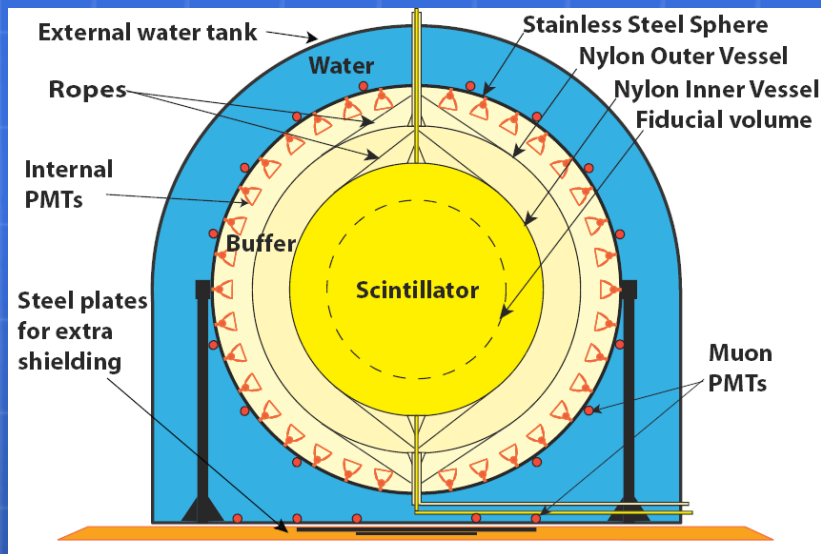
Latitude $\sim 40^\circ$ N
Longitude: 13.57° E (LNGS)
 137.31° E Kamioka

KamLAND

Kamioka (Japan)
Contin. + oceanic crust

- The first excess due to geoneutrinos measured in 2005 (Araki et al. Nature 436);
- 99.997 C.L. observation in 2011 (Gando et al, Nature Geoscience 1205) in 4132 ton y;
- 2013: new data release based on a statistics of $4.9 \cdot 10^{32}$ prot/year

KamLAND & Borexino



Borexino:

- originally build to measure solar neutrinos, extreme radiopurity needed and achieved;
- 280 tons of PC+ 1.5 g/l PPO;
- 3600 m.w.e. depht, $\Phi_{\mu} \sim 1 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$;
- mean reactors distance ~ 1170 km

Kamland:

- originally build to measure reactor anti- ν ;
- 1 kton of 80% dodec., 20% PC + 1.4 g/l PPO;
- 2700 m.w.e. depht; $\Phi_{\mu} \sim 5.4 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$;
- mean reactors distance ~ 80 km.

Geo- ν detection



Prompt:



$$E_{thr} = 1.8 \text{ MeV}$$

Minimum det. energy: $2 \times 511 \text{ keV}$

$$E_{prompt} = E_{\nu} - 0.784 \text{ MeV}$$

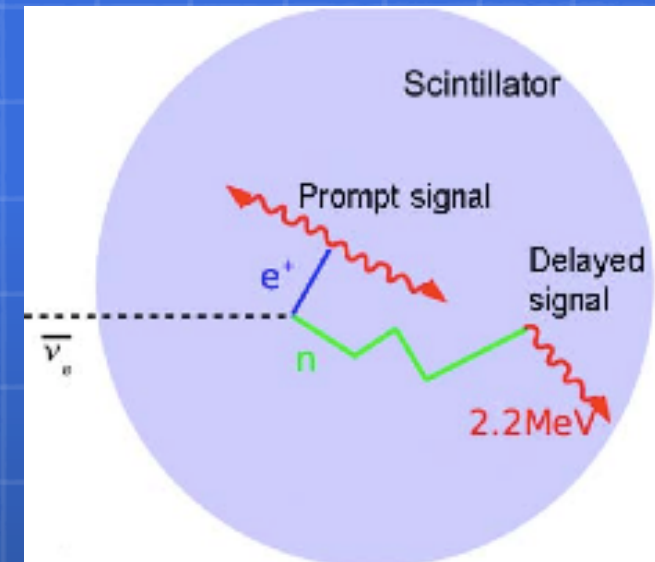
Delayed ($\tau \sim 254 \mu\text{s}$):



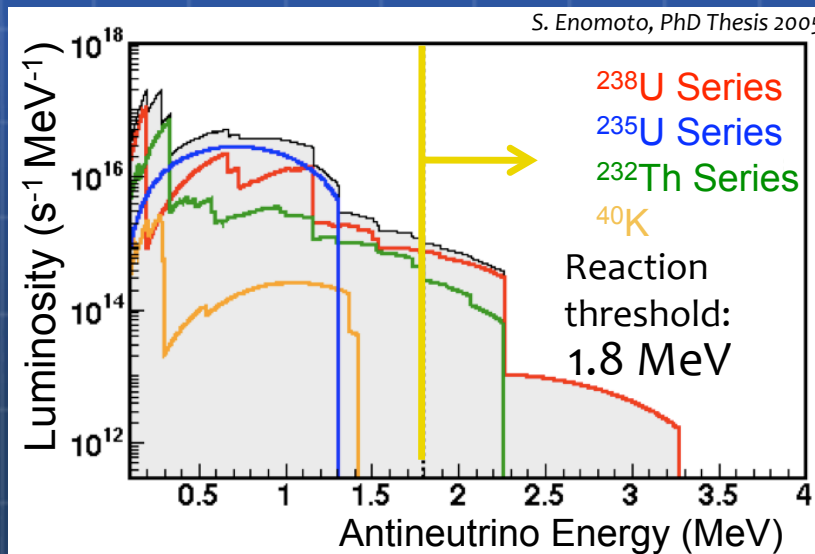
Detected energy: 2.2 MeV

Expected rate:

$\sim 2 \text{ cpy}/100 \text{ t}$



Geo- ν energy spectrum



$$A(\text{Th})/A(\text{U}) = 3.9$$

$$S(\text{Th})/S(\text{U}) = 0.27$$

Geoneutrinos energy spectra



The probability to detect electron antineutrino :

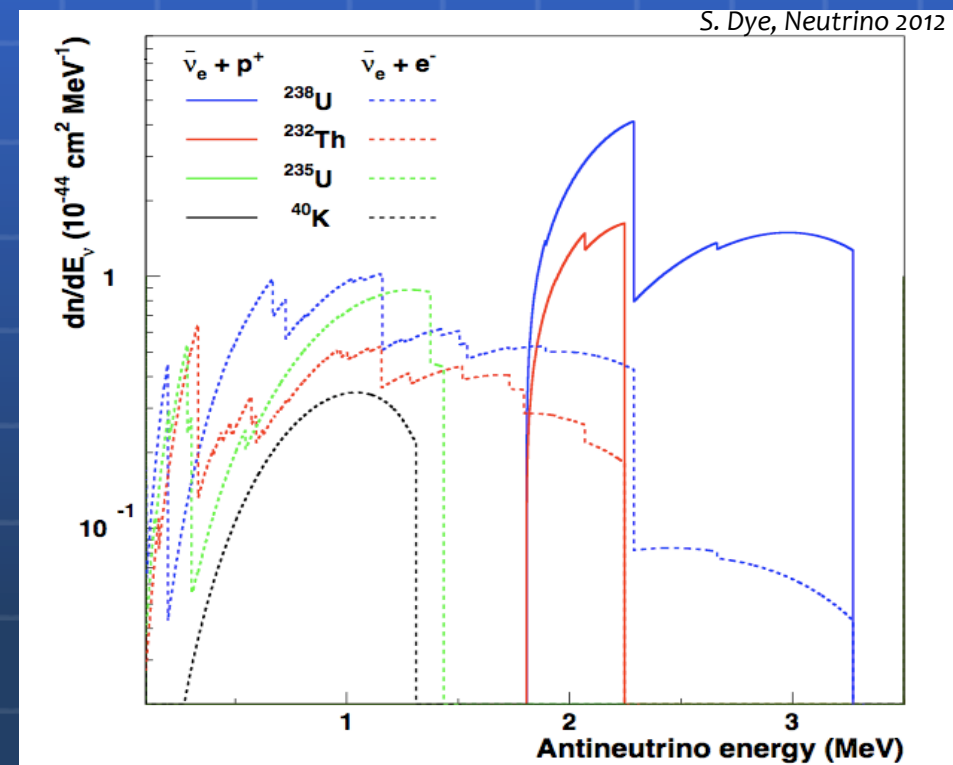
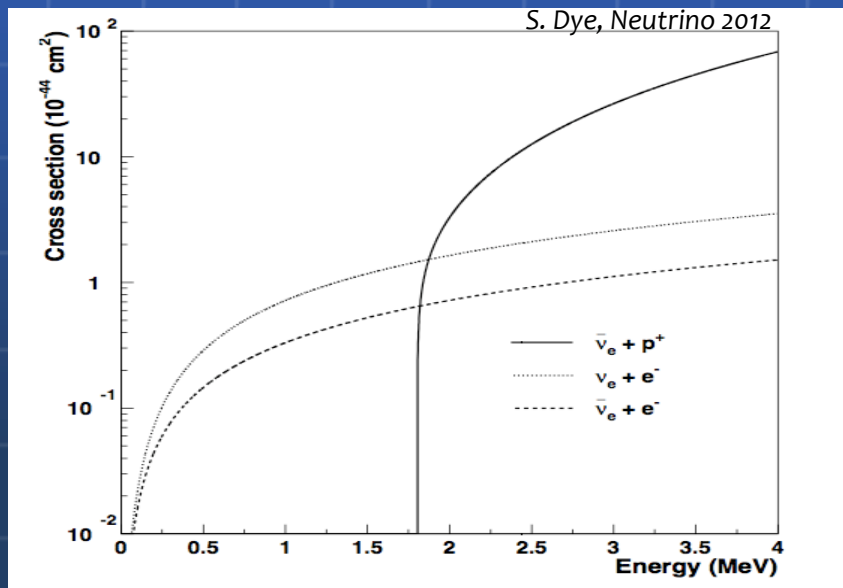
$$P_{ee} = P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \left(1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\delta m^2 L}{4E} \right) \right) + \sin^4 \theta_{13}$$

For geoneutrinos we can use average survival probability:

P_{ee} (3 flavors) ~ 0.54 (in vacuum) $\rightarrow 0.55$ (matter effect)

$$\theta_{13} : 0^\circ \rightarrow 10^\circ$$

$$\langle P_{ee} \rangle : 0.58 \rightarrow 0.54$$

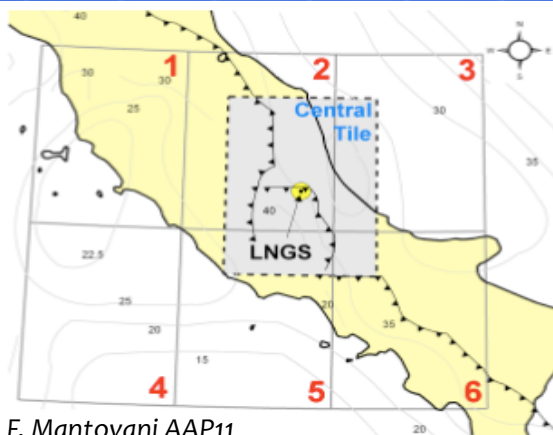


The importance of the local geology

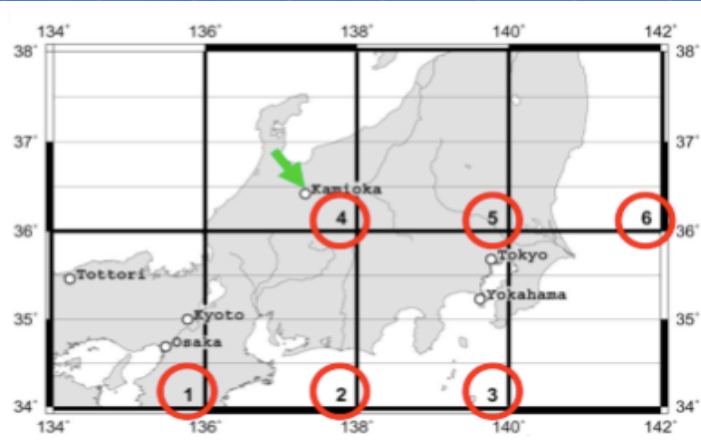


~50% of the expected signal is coming from $R < 500$ Km!!

3 D models of the crust composition up to the Moho depth over an area of six $2^\circ \times 2^\circ$ cells around the detector site => contribution of local crust (LOC)



F. Mantovani AAP11



$$S_{\text{tot}} = S_{\text{crust}} + S_{\text{mantle}}$$

$$S_{\text{crust}} = S_{\text{LOC}} + S_{\text{ROC}}$$

1 TNU = 1 event / 10^{32} target protons / year

	Borexino [TNU]	KamLand [TNU]
Local crust (LOC)	9.7 ± 1.3	17.7 ± 1.4
Rest of Crust (ROC)	$13.7^{+2.8}_{-2.3}$	$7.3^{+1.5}_{-1.2}$
Total crust	$23.4^{+3.1}_{-2.6}$	$25.0^{+2.1}_{-1.8}$
Lithospheric mantle	$2.2^{+3.1}_{-1.3}$	$1.6^{+2.2}_{-1.0}$
Mantle	8.7	8.8
Total	$34.4^{+4.4}_{-2.9}$	$35.4^{+3.0}_{-2.1}$

← G. Fiorentini et al.,
Phys. Rev. D 86 (2012) 033004

← Y. Huang et al.,
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← W. McDonough and S. Sun,
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The most important backgrounds



Reactor antineutrinos

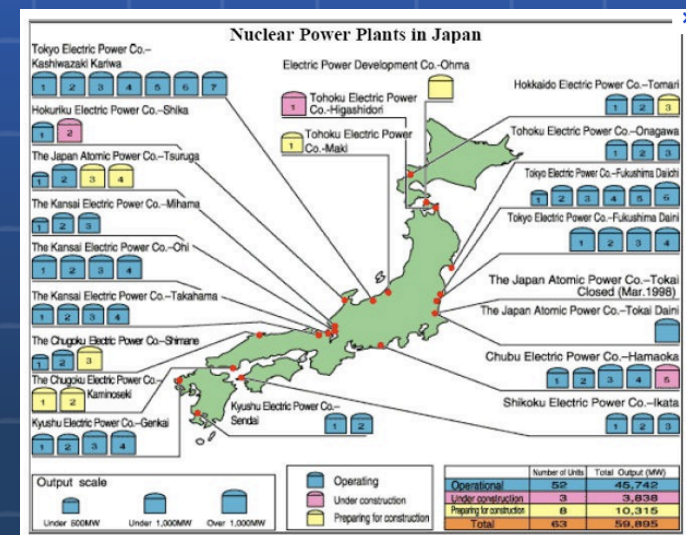
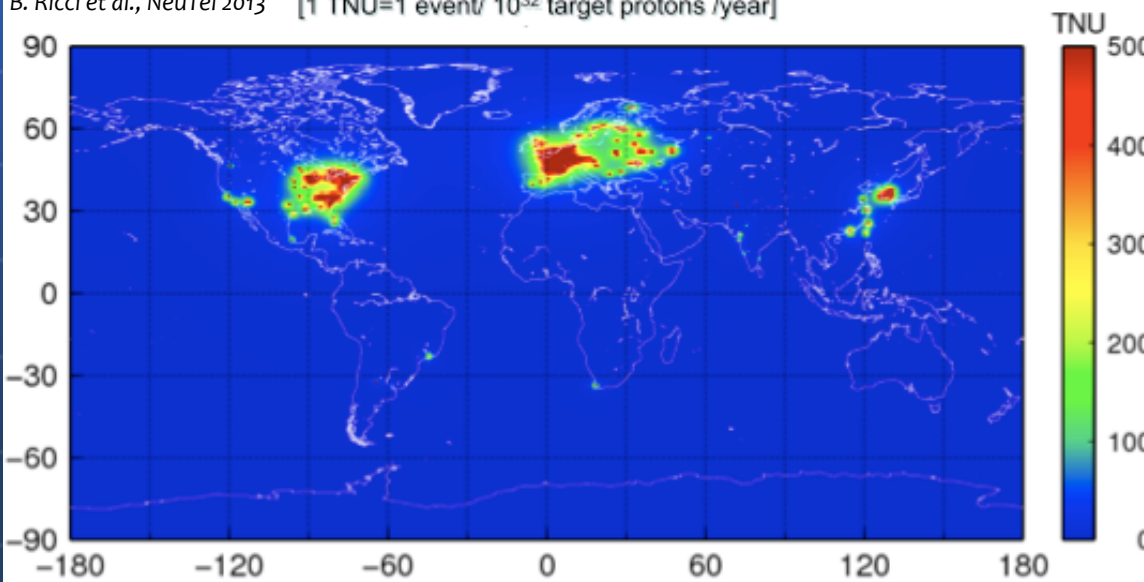
The two collaborations are in contact respectively with IAEA and EDF (BX) and the the Consortium of Japanese electric power companies to get info about thermal powers, the reactors operation records,, fuel burn-up and exchange andenrichments log : fluxes evaluated with a dedicated code

$S(\text{reactors})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 0.4$ at LNGS

$S(\text{reactors})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 5$ in geo- ν window at Kamioka



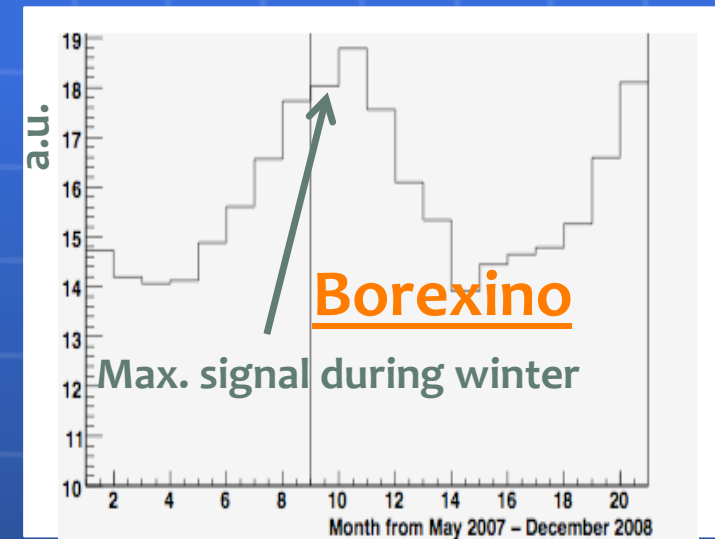
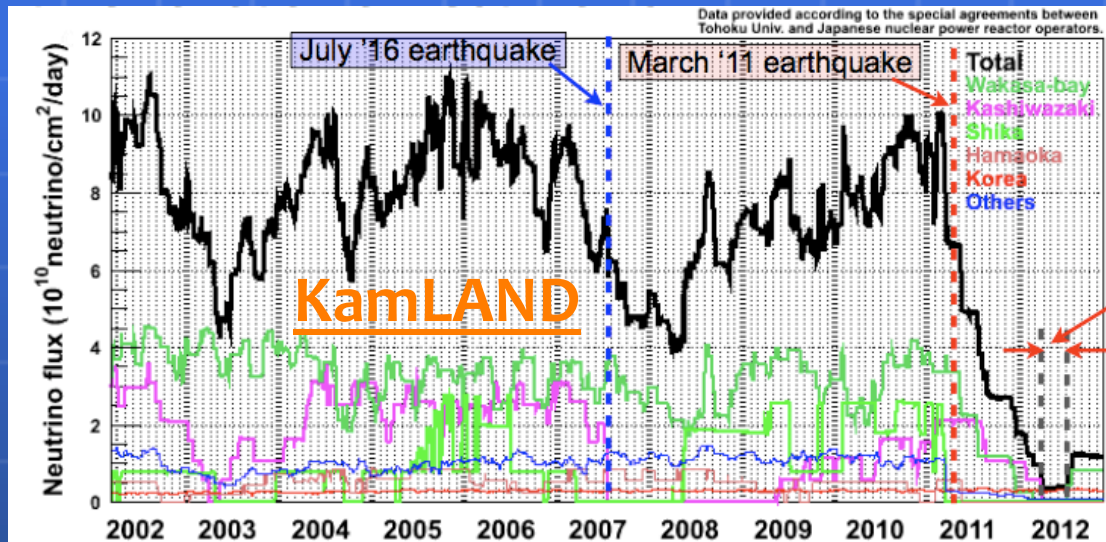
B. Ricci et al., NeuTel 2013 [1 TNU=1 event/ 10^{32} target protons /year]



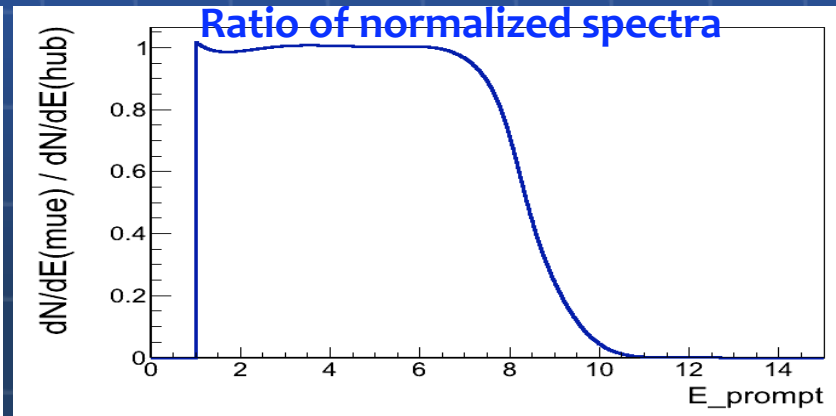
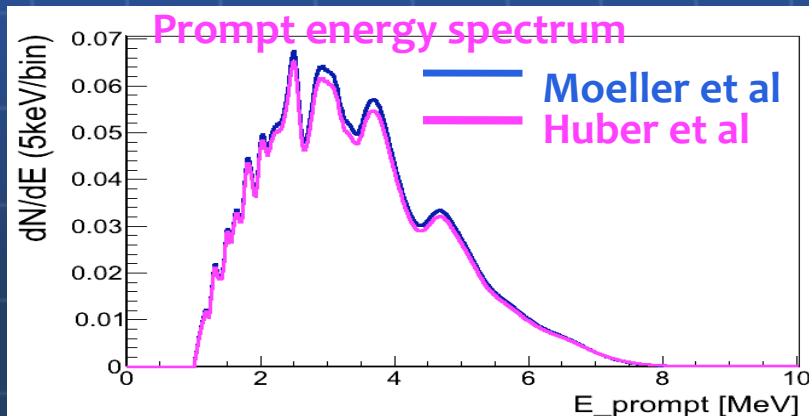
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Reactor antineutrinos: reactors signal vs time



2011: effect of new spectra parametrization => flux increase of ~ 3%



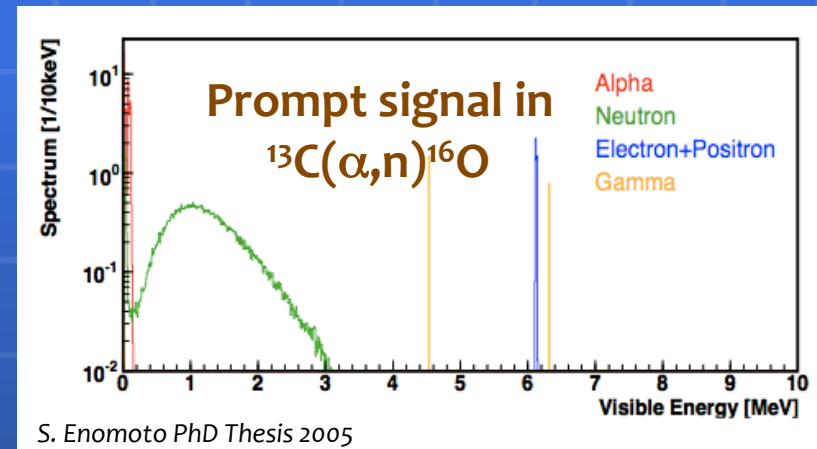
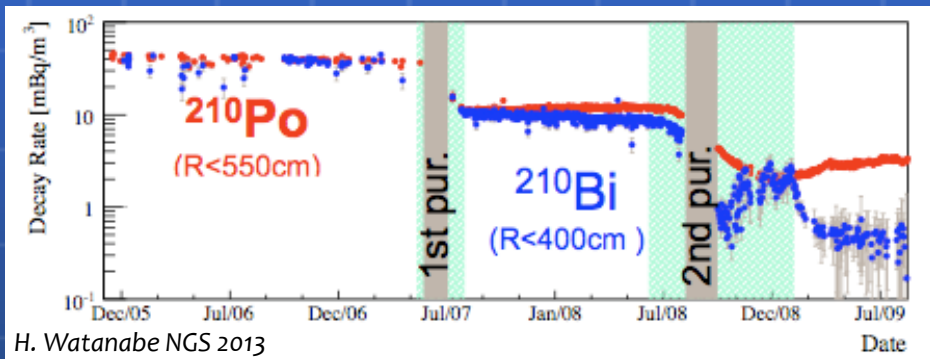
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Background mimicking the anti- ν interactions:

Internal contamination: $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$

- α particles are emitted in the U and Th chains
- ^{210}Po α emitter
(KL ~ 5000 cpd/t, now ~ 250 cpd/t, BX ~ 12 cpd/t)
- ^{13}C low abundance: $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C} \sim 1.1\%$
- KL: $S(\alpha, n)/S(\text{geo}) \sim 1.5$; BX: 1%

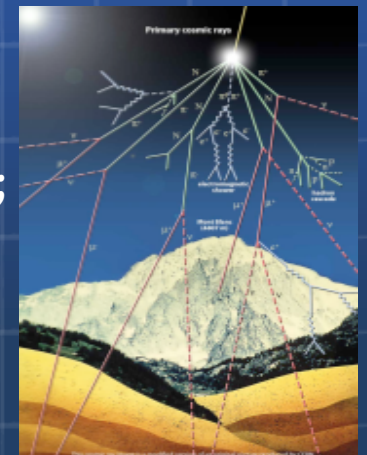


Random coincidences

- Mostly due to U/Th chains high energy decays and external backgrounds;
- KL: $S(\text{rnd})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 1$; BX: $S(\text{rnd})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 1.5\%$.

Muon correlated events: fast neutrons & cosmogenic ^9Li and ^8He decay via β -n reactions

$^9\text{Li} \rightarrow 2\alpha + e^- + n + \nu$; $^8\text{He} \rightarrow ^7\text{Li} + n + e^- + \gamma$
 $\tau \sim 150$ ms \Rightarrow 2 s detector veto after scintillator muons \rightarrow negligible!!

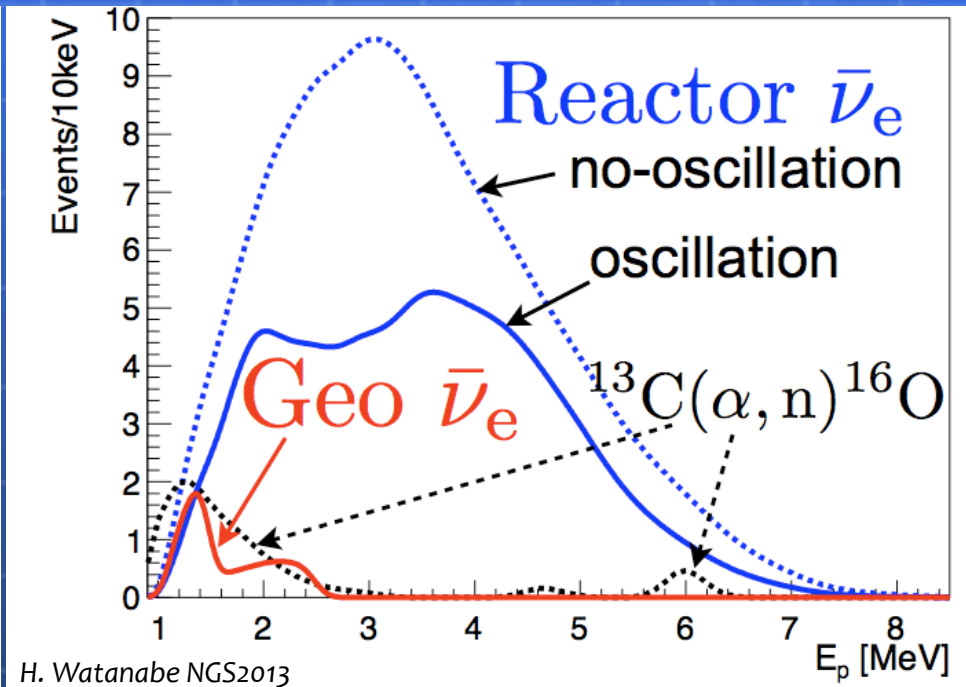
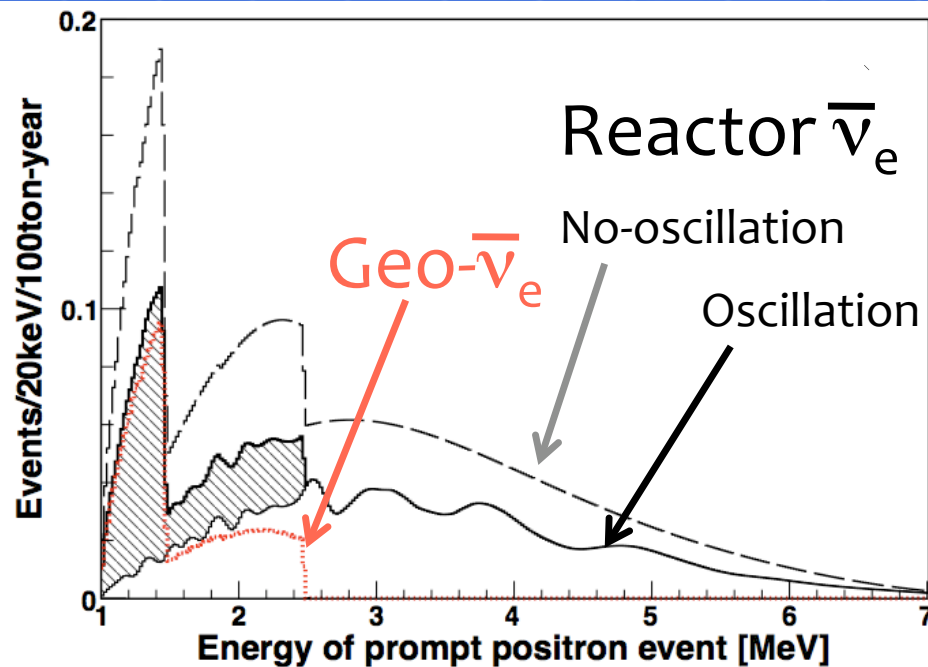


The expected signal + background in BX and KL



Borexino

KamLAND



$S(\text{reactors})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 0.7$ at $E_{\text{prompt}} < 2.6$ MeV

$S(\alpha, n)/S(\text{geo}) \sim 1\%$

$S(\text{random})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 1\%$

$S(\text{reactors})/S(\text{geo}) \sim 5 - 6$ at $E_{\text{prompt}} < 2.6$ MeV

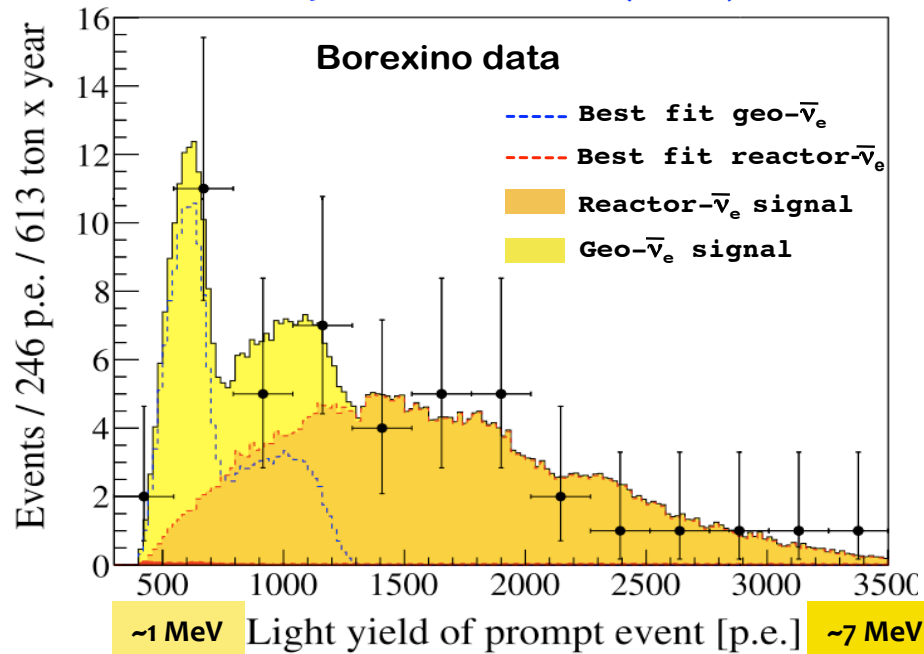
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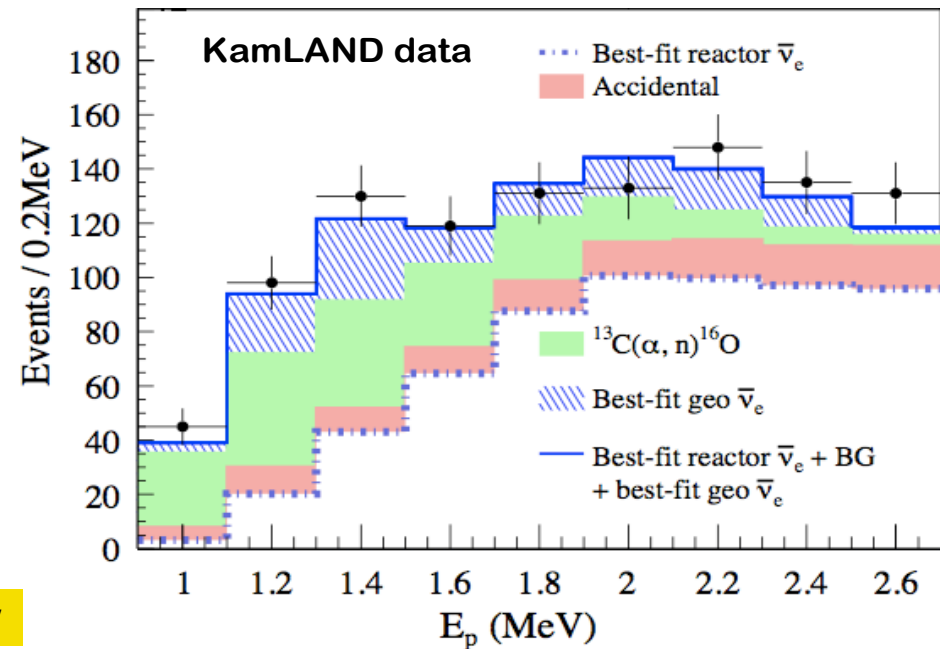
New results of 2013!



Bellini et al Phys. Lett. B, 722 (2013) 295



A. Gando, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 033001



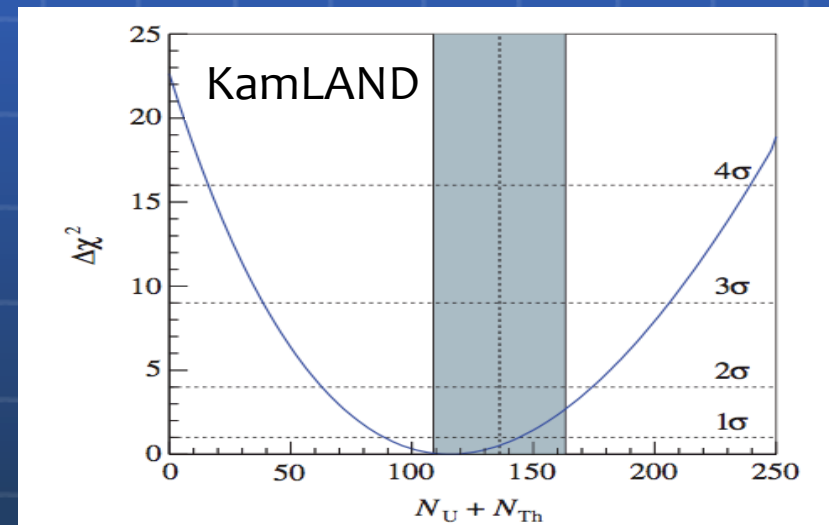
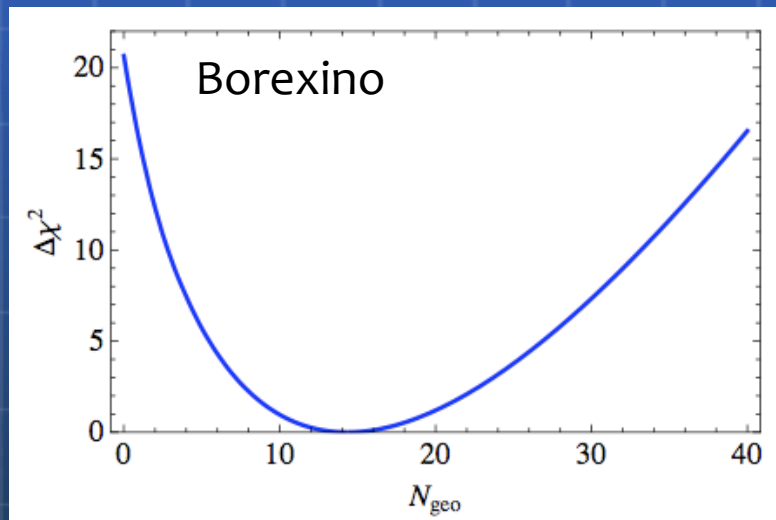
Period	Aug.07 – Aug.12 (3.69 ± 0.16) 10^{31} prot*y
Tot ev [full sp.]	46
Reactors ev.	$31.2_{-6.1}^{+7.0}$ (all spectrum)
Geo- ν ev.	14.3 ± 4.4
Background ev.	0.70 ± 0.18

Period	Mar 02- Nov. 12 (4.9 ± 0.1) 10^{32} prot*y
Tot. Ev. [gv e.w.]	2611
Reactors ev.	2131 ± 41 (all spectrum)
Geo- ν ev	116_{-27}^{+28}
$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$	207.1 ± 21.4
Accidental ev.	125.5 ± 0.1

Geo- ν : the energy spectrum and fit

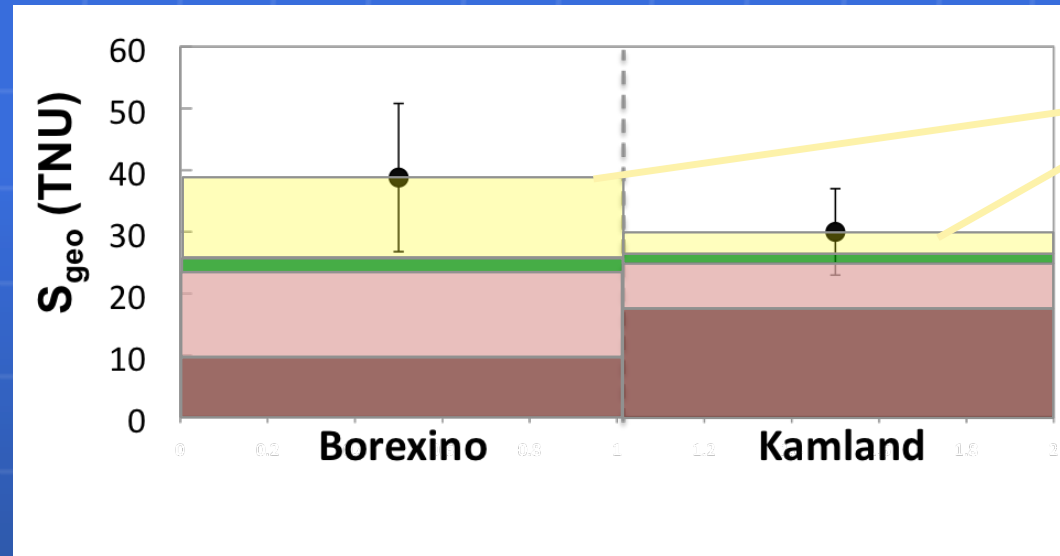


	Borexino	KamLAND
Period	Dec 07- Aug 12	Mar 02- Nov 12
Exposure (proton \cdot year)	$(3.69 \pm 0.16) 10^{31}$	$(4.9 \pm 0.1) 10^{32}$
Geo- ν events	14.3 ± 4.4	116^{+28}_{-27}
Geo- ν signal [TNU]	38.8 ± 12	30 ± 7
Geo- ν flux (oscill.) [$\cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$]	4.4 ± 1.4	3.4 ± 0.8
Geo- ν signal/(anti- ν background)	0.46	0.054
Geo- ν signal/(non anti- ν background)	20.4	0.32



- The null hypothesis ($S_{\text{geo}}=0$) has a probability of few 10^{-6}
- Evidence for geo- ν observation at 4.5σ C.L.

Comparison with expectations



Excess =
Lower+Upper
mantle
signal???

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Mantle inhomogeneity???

Mantle geo-ν



$$S_{\text{geo}} = S(\text{Crust}) + S(\text{Mantle})$$

BOREXINO

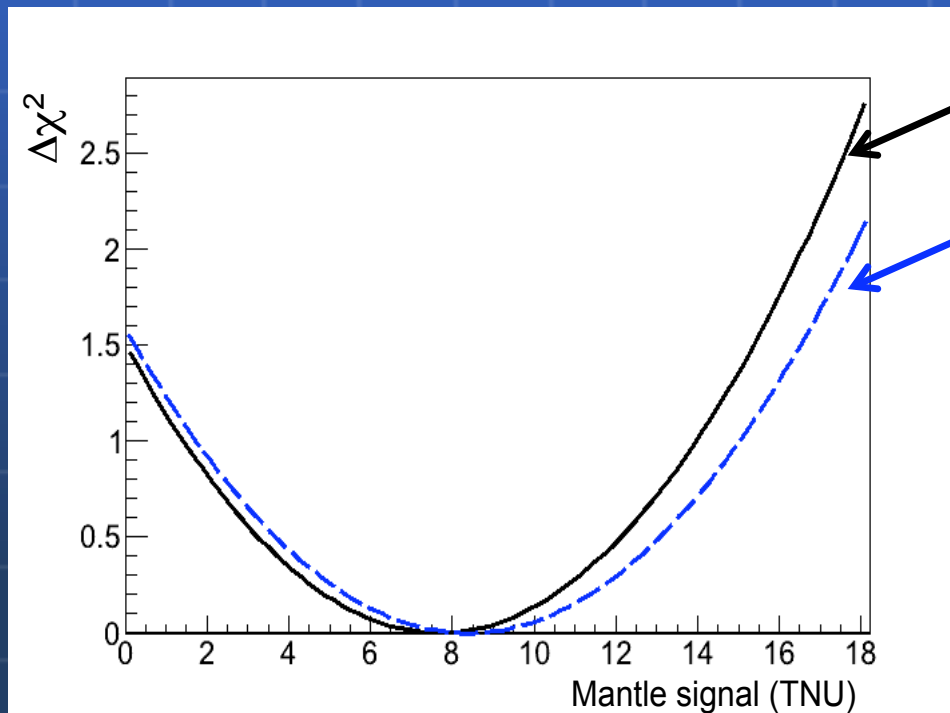
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$$S_{\text{geo}}^{\text{BX}}(\text{Crust}) = (23.4 \pm 2.8) \text{ TNU}$$

KamLAND:

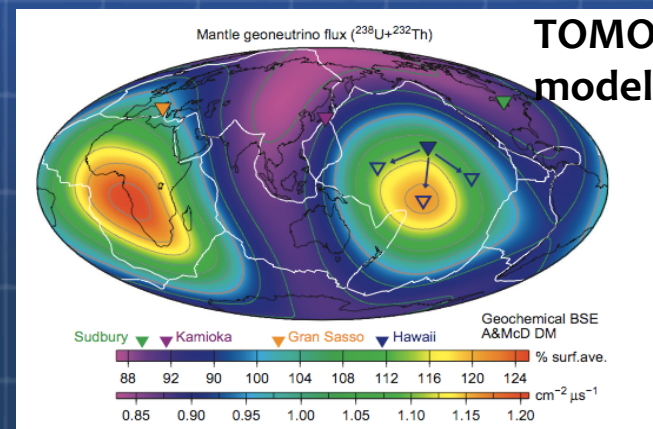
$$S_{\text{geo}}^{\text{KL}}(\text{Total}) = (30 \pm 7) \text{ TNU}$$

$$S_{\text{geo}}^{\text{KL}}(\text{Crust}) = (25 \pm 2) \text{ TNU}$$



$$S_{\text{SYM}}(\text{Mantle}) = (7.7 \pm 6.2) \text{ TNU}$$

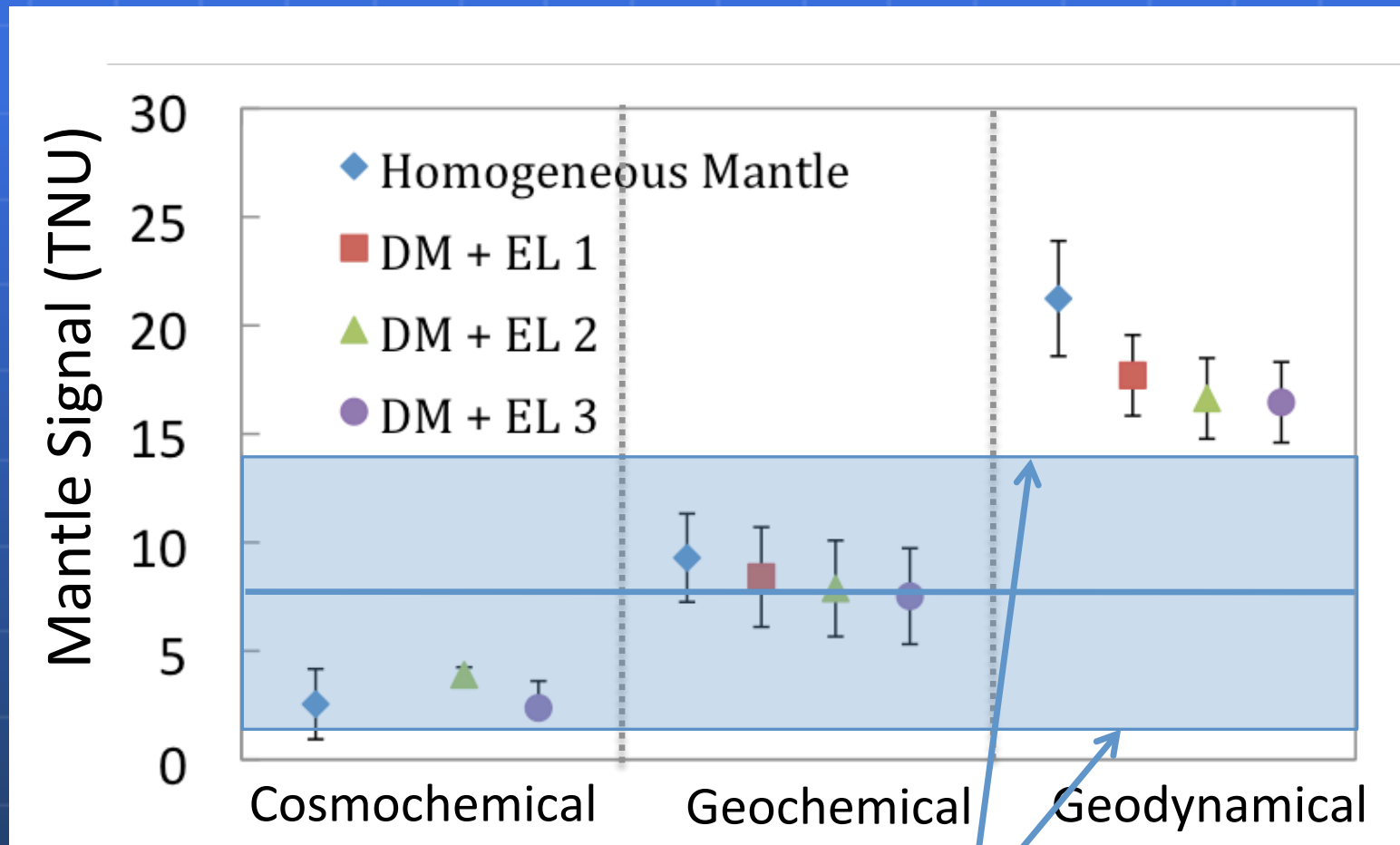
$$S_{\text{TOMO}}(\text{Mantle}) = (8.4^{+6.6}_{-6.7}) \text{ TNU}$$



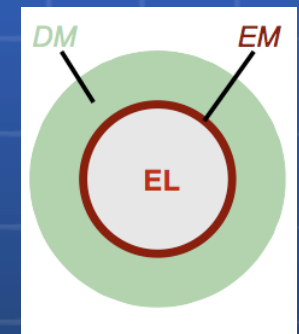
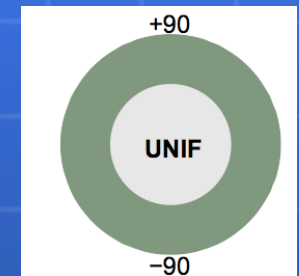
Mantle geo- ν : comparison with BSE models



Data from O. Šrámek et al (2013)



Uniform distribution



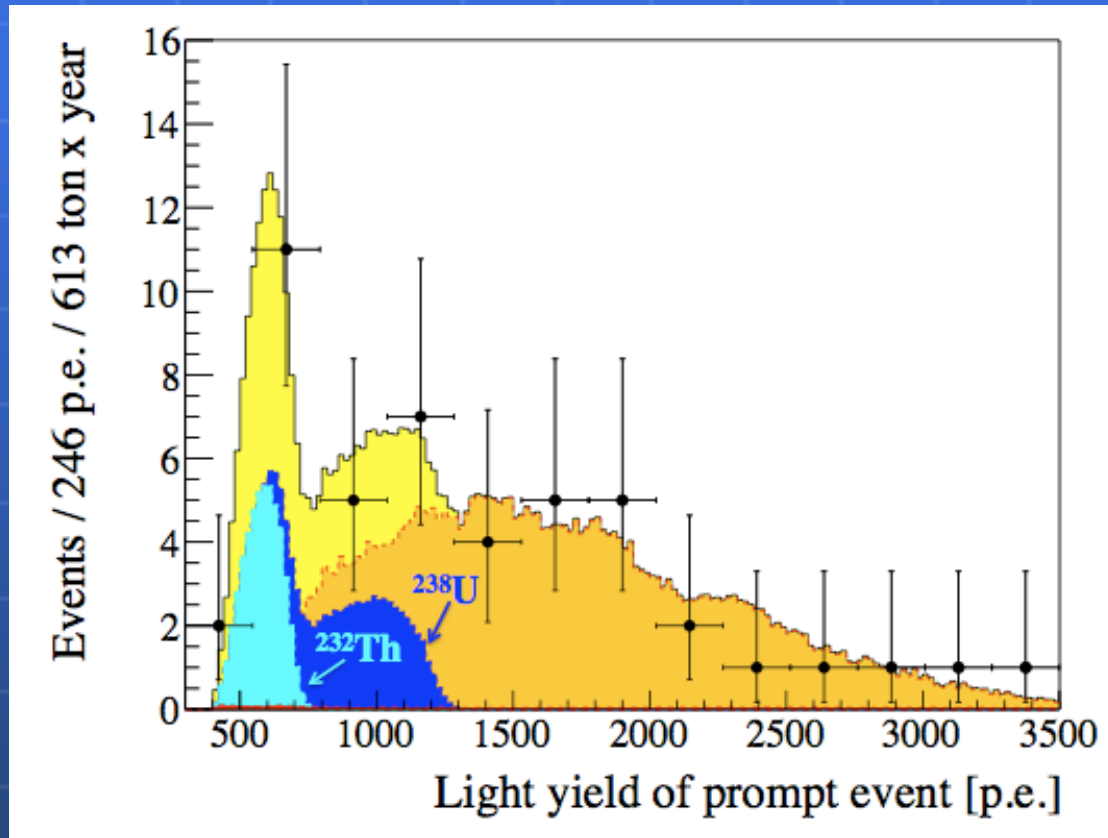
Enriched layer

Band for the mantle signal (combined analysis)

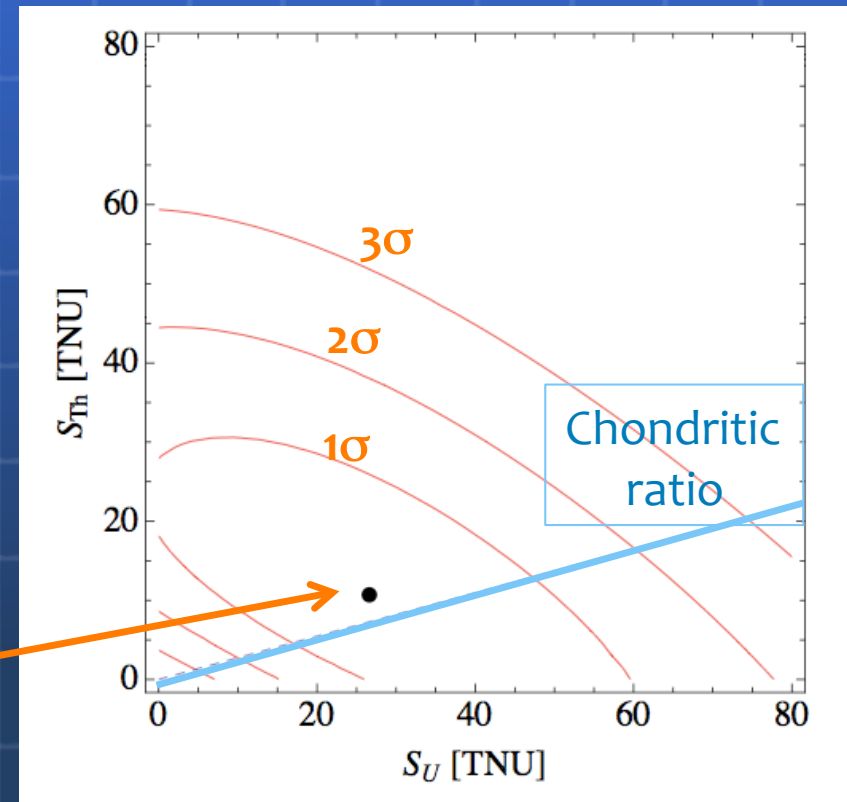
Borexino: fit with free U/Th components



U and Th spectra have been fit as two independent PDF's.



$$N_U = 9.8 \pm 7.2 \text{ events}$$
$$N_{Th} = 3.9 \pm 4.7 \text{ events}$$
$$N_{\text{react}} = 31.7^{+7.2}_{-6.3} \text{ events}$$



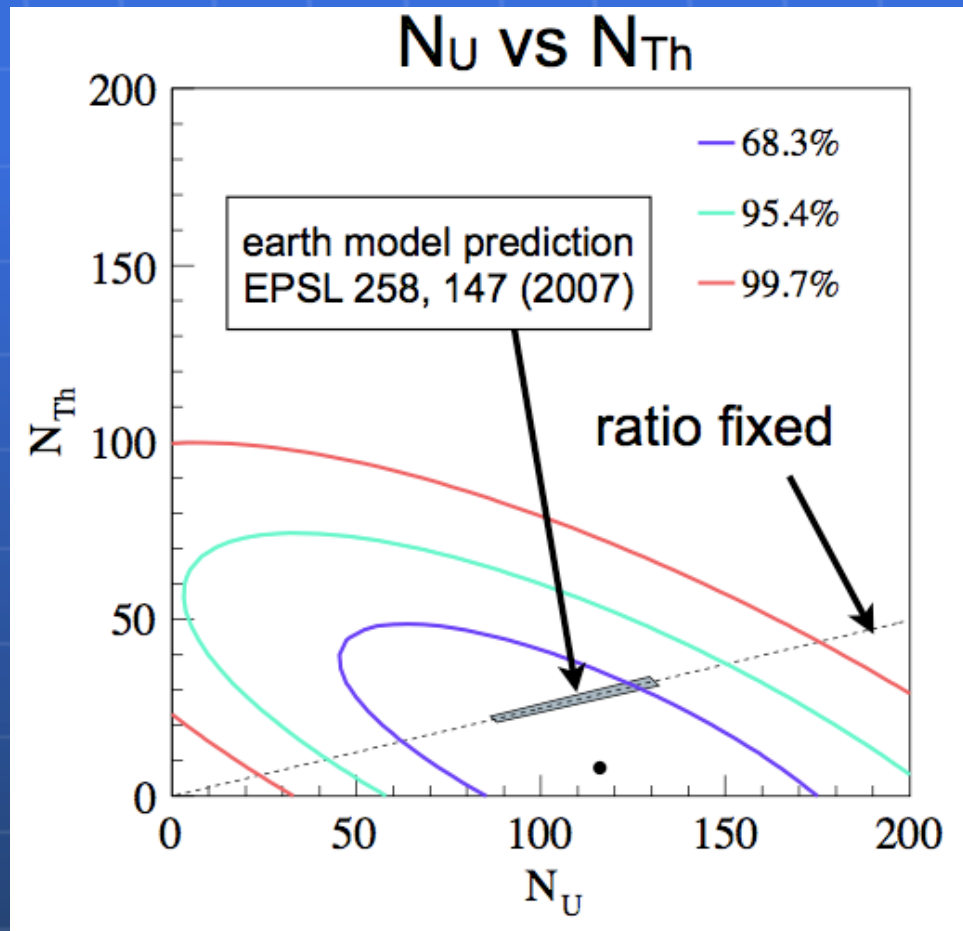
$$S_U = (26.5 \pm 19.5) \text{ TNU} \quad S_{Th} = (10.6 \pm 12.7) \text{ TNU}$$

Best fit result (black point) in good agreement with chondritic value

KamLAND: fit with free U/Th components

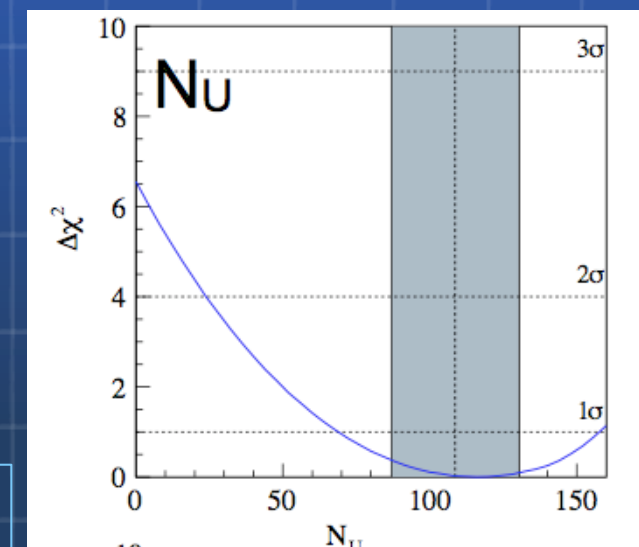
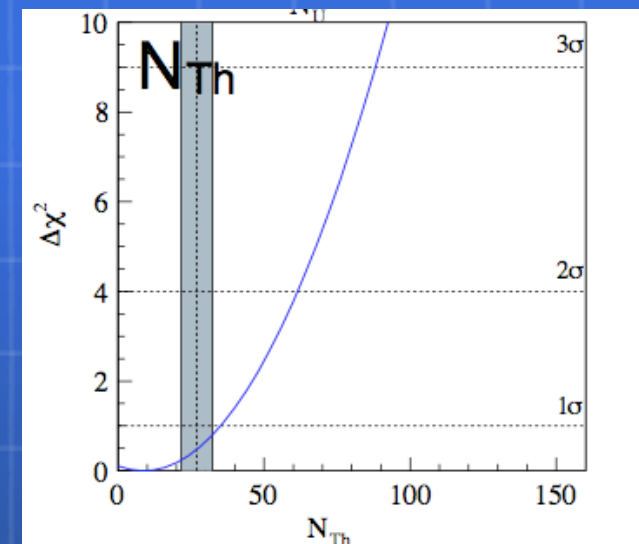


H. Watanabe, NGS 2013



Best fit : $N_U = 116$, $N_{Th} = 8$

Null U signal rejected at 90 % C.L. (2.6σ)



Earth radiogenic power



Th/U=3.9

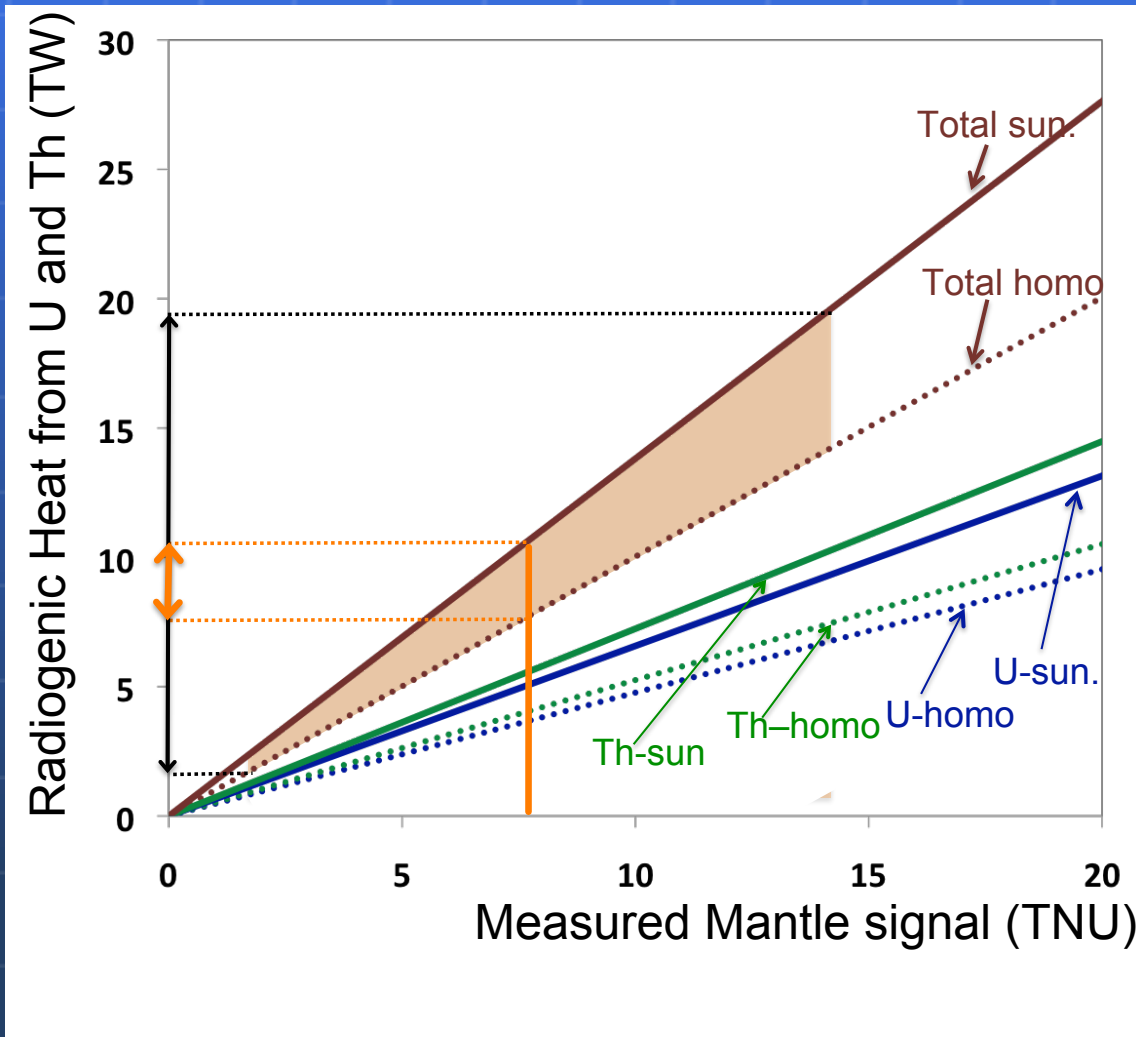
$$L (10^{24} \text{s}^{-1}) = 7.64 * m_U (10^{17} \text{ Kg}) + 1.62 * m_{Th} (10^{17} \text{ Kg})$$

$$H_R (10^{12} \text{W}) = 9.85 * m_U (10^{17} \text{ Kg}) + 2.67 * m_{Th} (10^{17} \text{ Kg})$$

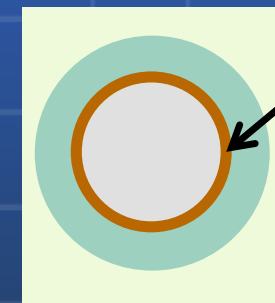
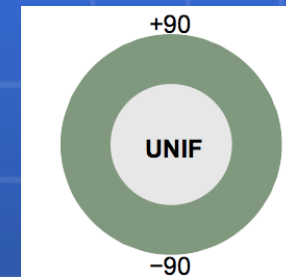
Crust:

$m_U:$
 $(3.45 \pm 0.57) 10^{16} \text{ kg}$

$m_{Th}:$
 $(15.3 \pm 1.77) 10^{16} \text{ kg}$



Uniform distribution



Sunkern layer

All U & Th

BSE models



Three classes of BSE compositional models:

- ✓ Cosmochemical (enstatite chondrites, collisional erosion)
- ✓ Geochemical (carbonaceous chondrites+terrestrial samples)
- ✓ Geodynamical (mantle convection energetics+surface heat loss)

Strong differences on HPE abundances predictions:

Ref. O. Šrámek et al (1)	Cosmochem.	Geochem.	Geodyn.
A_U (ppb)	12 ± 2	20 ± 4	35 ± 4
A_{Th} (ppb)	43 ± 4	80 ± 13	140 ± 14
A_K in ppm	146 ± 29	280 ± 60	350 ± 35
Th/U	3.5	4.0	4.0
K/U	12000	14000	10000
Tot. Power (TW)	11 ± 2	20 ± 4	33 ± 3
Mantle Urey ratio	0.08 ± 0.05	0.3 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.1
Mantle power (TW)	3.3 ± 2.0	12 ± 4	25 ± 3

factor 3

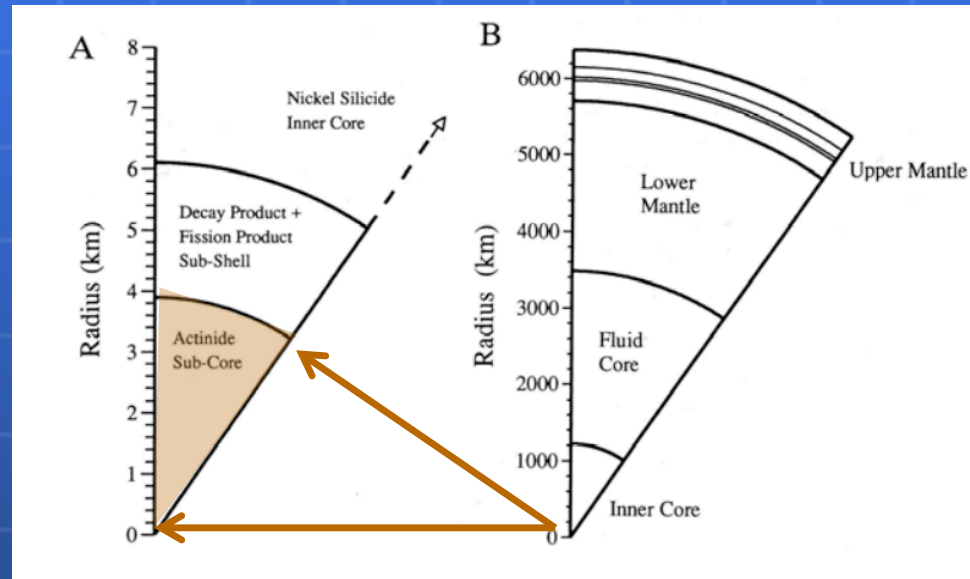
factor 10!!

(1) O. Šrámek et al. *Earth. Plan. Sci. Letters* 361 (2013)356-366

Geo-reactor



Herndon et al: Geo-reactor with thermal power < 30 TW in the central part of the core within a radius of about 4 km and a composition $^{235}\text{U}:^{238}\text{U}=0.76:0.23$



Unbinned maximal likelihood fit adding the PDF for geo-reactor signal and constraining the power plants reactor signal to the expectation band.

Borexino: Geo-reactor power < 4.5 TW at 95% C.L.

KamLAND: Geo-reactor power < 3.7 TW at 95% C.L.

Summary



- ✓ Two independent geo- ν measurements from the Borexino and Kamland experiments have opened the door to a new interdisciplinary field, the Neutrino Geoscience, observation at 4.5σ C.L.;
- ✓ The combined results from different experimental sites have stronger impact \rightarrow multi-site measurements are crucial!
- ✓ The first indication of a geo-neutrino mantle signal has emerged;
- ✓ The first attempts to directly measure the Earth U/Th ratio have been performed, evidence at 2.6 σ level for a positive U signal ;
- ✓ The data seems to prefer the geochemical or cosmochemical models, but probably the geo-dynamical are going to be revised and reconciled with the other ones;
- ✓ New measurements are mandatory: large mass detectors are surely more suited to study the geo- ν signal....

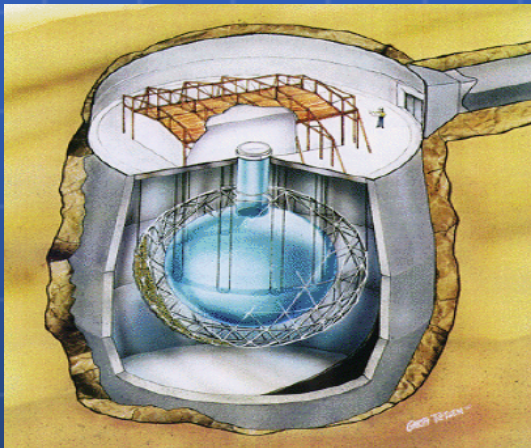
Incoming experiments



- Geologically interesting results require
 - Large detector masses (~10 Ktons)
 - Suited experimental sites

Many incoming/future projects have geo- ν among their scientific goals...

SNO+ at Sudbury, Canada



- Made of 780 tons of CH₂ LAB +PPO
- Start of the data taking in 2014-15
- Rate ~20 geo- ν /year, geo- ν /reactor signal ~ 1.2
- Placed on an old & thick continental crust, mostly made of felsic rocks which are enriched in U/Th: strong LOC signal ~ 19 TNU
- A very detailed study of the local geology is mandatory to allow the measurement of the mantle signal.

DAYA BAY2 (China)

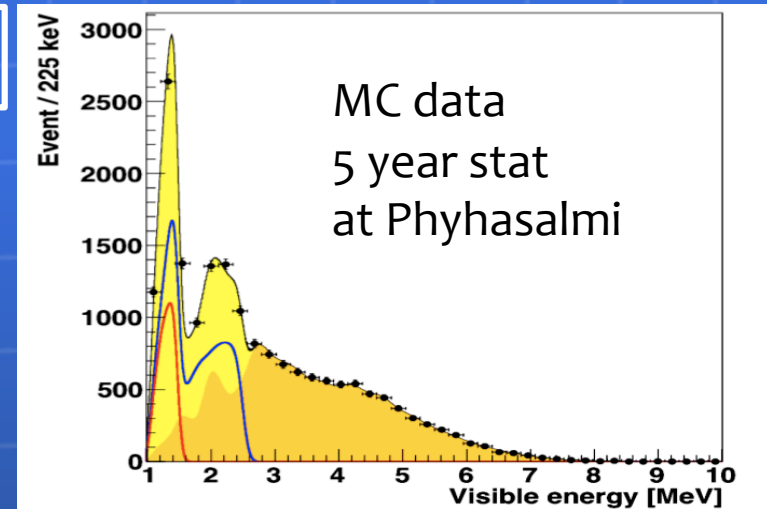
- Aimed to study the neutrino mass hierarchy: 20 kton, 400 geo- ν /year, but 40 reactors ν_e events/day and shallow depth -> challenge!!

Future projects



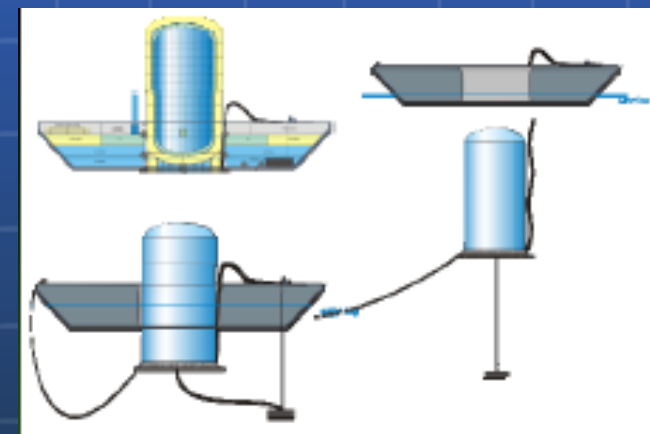
LENA at Phyhasalmi (FL) or Frejus (FR)

- Project for a 50 kton underground liquid scintillator detector (Wurm et al 2011);
- Rate= ~ 1000 geo- ν events/ year;
- Overall flux : a few % precision in a couple of years;
- U/Th ratio: 10 % precision in 3 years at Phyhasalmi, 20% at Frejus.



HANOHANO at Hawaii

- Project for a 5-10 kton liquid scintillator detector, movable and placed on a deep ocean floor;
- Geo- ν /reactor signal > 10 ;
- Since Hawaii placed on the U-Th depleted oceanic crust 75% of the signal from the mantle!



Conclusions



New experiments are going to join the geo- ν detectors network. Borexino and KamLAND are going on to take data \rightarrow milestones towards an Earth tomography!

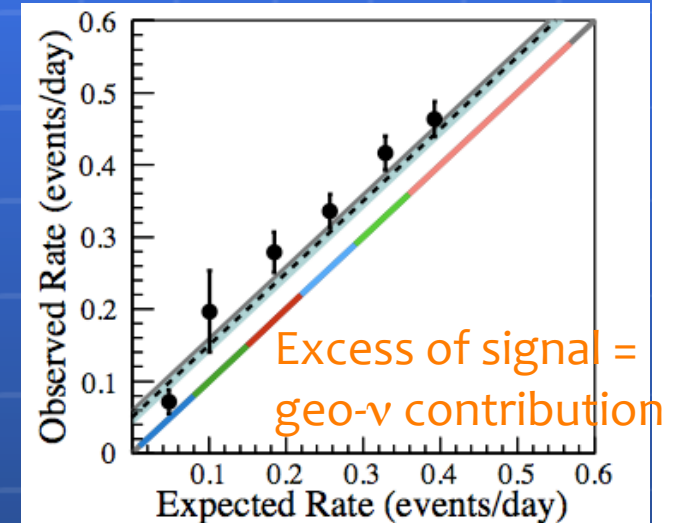
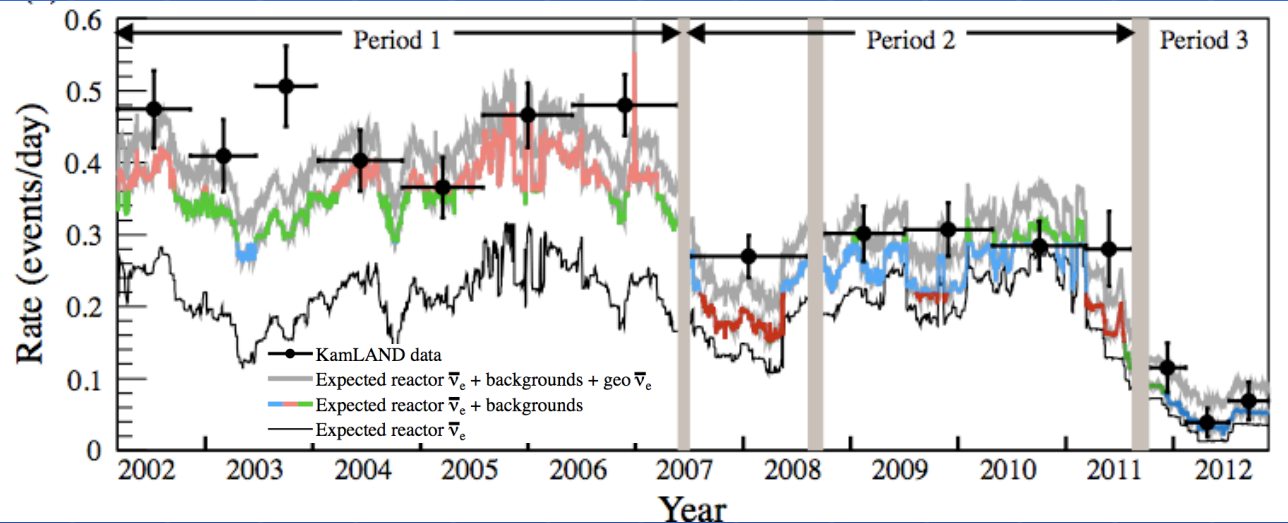
THANK YOU!!!

Backup slides

March 2013: Release of new results

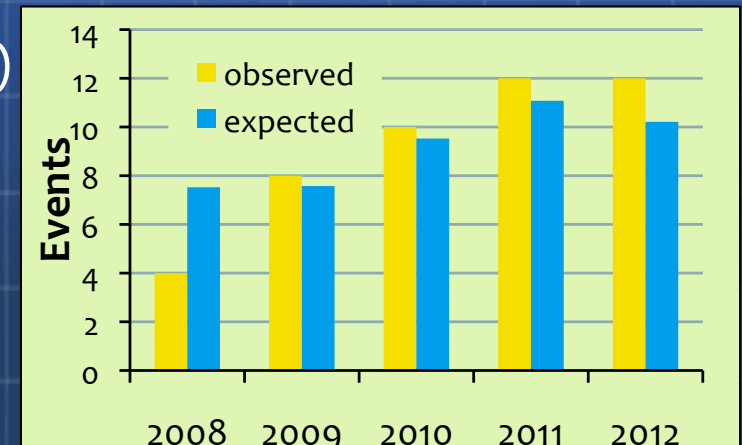


KamLAND (Gando et al., Phys. Rev. D 88,2013, 033001) Statistics Mar 2002- Nov 2012
3 data-taking periods, different signal/backg. conditions (2002-2007) (2007-2011) (2011-2012)

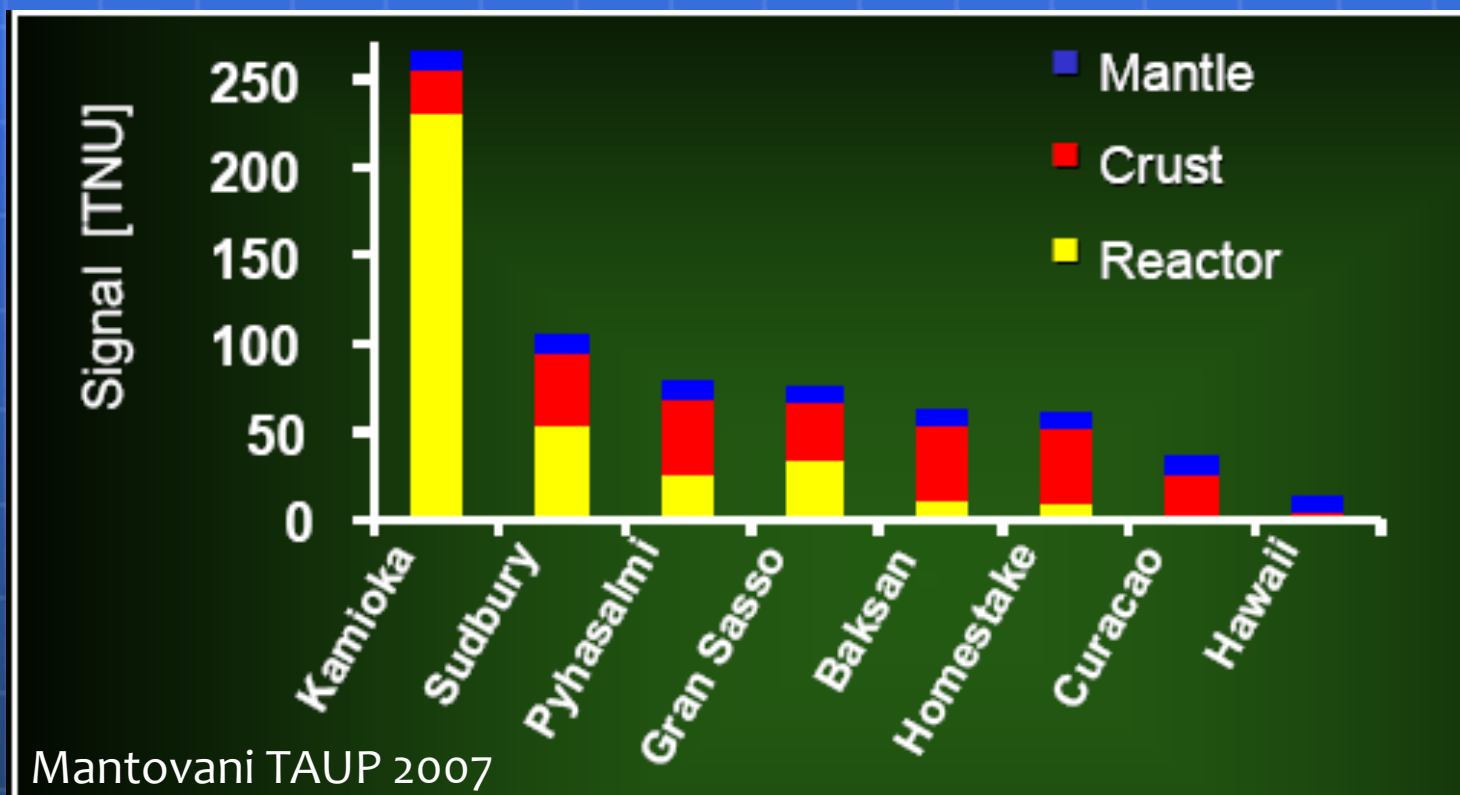
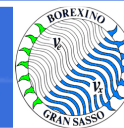


Borexino (Bellini et al., Phys. Lett. B, 2013, 295-300)

Statistics: May 2007-Aug 2012, 613 ton* year
(previous= 252 tons*year)
2010-2012 six purification campaigns



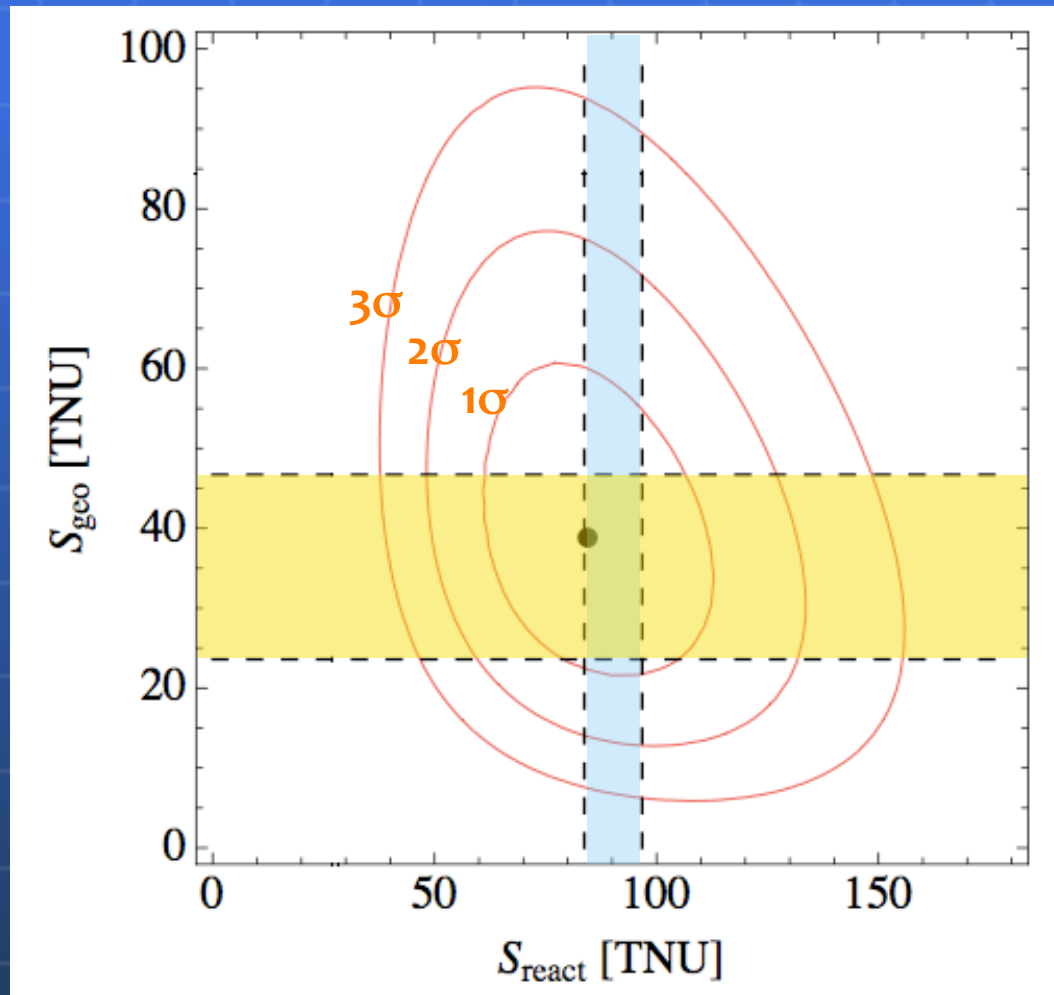
Running and planned experiments



Comparison with expectations



Contour plot for geo- ν and reactor antineutrino signal rate: black point = best fit



1 σ expectation band of $S_{\text{geo}} = (26.3-46.6)$ TNU for different models

1 σ expectation band of $S_{\text{rea}}: (83.2-97.3)$ TNU

Geo- ν : the background in BX



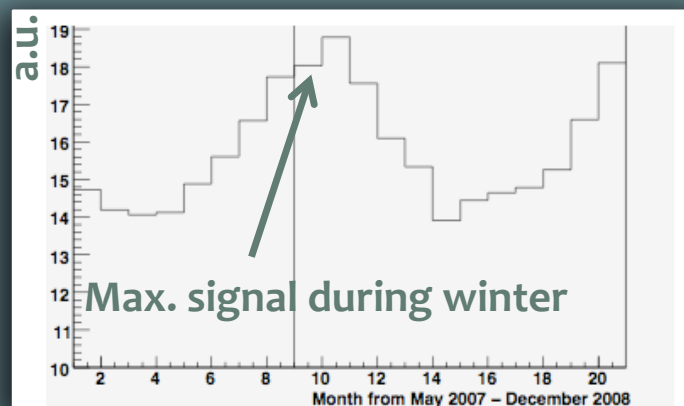
Geo- ν expected signal (BSE) = 2.5 cpy/100 t

Reactor antineutrinos

- ✓ Overall rate: 5.0 ± 0.3 cpy/100 t
- ✓ Rate in the GNW: 2.0 ± 0.1 cpy/100 t

We are in contact with IAEA and EDF:

- Thermal powers for each European reactors are known on a monthly base;
- Expected signal @ LNGS evaluated with a dedicated code (sys. uncertainty: 5.4%)



**Signal (BSE)/(Reactor background) ~ 1.25
In the GNW**

Cosmogenic/enviromental background

- ✓ Overall rate: 0.14 ± 0.02 cpy/100 t
- ✓ Rate in the GNW: 0.12 ± 0.01 cpy/100 t

Muon correlated events

Cosmogenic ${}^9\text{Li}$ and ${}^8\text{He}$ decay via β -n

- $\tau \sim 150$ ms
- 2 s detector veto after scintillator muons
- Residual background: 0.03 ± 0.02 cpy/100 t

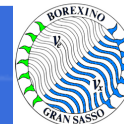
Radiogenic ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$

- ${}^{210}\text{Po}$ a emitter: 12 cpd/100 t
- ${}^{13}\text{C}$ low abundance: ${}^{13}\text{C}/{}^{12}\text{C} \sim 1.1\%$
- Background: 0.014 ± 0.001 cpy/100 t

Random coincidences

Searching for events in a window of 2 ms-2 s:
 0.080 ± 0.001 cpy/100t

Signal(BSE)/(non anti- ν Background) ~ 21



The reactors anti- ν expected signal

✓ Many ingredients: neutrino physics, reactor properties...

DETECTOR

- $\epsilon = 100\%$ efficiency
- $\tau = 1$ year
- $N_p = 10^{32}$ protons

ν PHYSICS

- $P_{ee} = \nu$ -oscillation survival probability [2]
- $\sigma(E) =$ cross section anti- $\nu_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$
 $E_{th} = 1.806$ MeV [3]

$$N_{TOT} = \epsilon N_p \tau \sum_{i=1}^{N_{reactor}} \frac{P_i}{4\pi d_i^2} \langle LF_i \rangle \int dE_\nu \sum_{k=1}^{N_{fuel}} \frac{P_k}{Q_k} \lambda_k(E_\nu) P_{ee}(E_\nu, d_i) \sigma(E_\nu)$$

REACTOR

- $d_i =$ reactor distance
- $P_i =$ thermal power
- LF = Load Factor
- $p_k =$ power fraction

NUCLEAR

- $Q_k =$ energy released for fission [4]
- $\lambda_k =$ reactor anti-neutrino spectrum [5]

$K = {}^{235}\text{U}, {}^{238}\text{U}, {}^{239}\text{Pu}, {}^{241}\text{Pu}$ (nuclear fuel)

B. Ricci
TAUP 2012

ITNU = 1 events / 10^{32} protons / year

Sites	React. LER [TNU]	Geo ν (G) [TNU] [6]	$R_{LER/G}$
KAMIOKA	152 (1±5%)	34±14	4.4
FREJUS	133 "	43±13	3.2
SUDBURY	44.3 "	51±10	0.87
GRAN SASSO	23.1 "	41±8	0.57
PYHASALMI	18.1 "	51±8	0.35
BAKSAN	9.33 "	51±8	0.18
DUSEL	8.40 "	53±8	0.16
HAWAII	1.06 "	12±4	0.085
CURACAO	2.65 "	32±6	0.082