

Geoneutrina

Průnik geofyziky a experimentální částicové fyziky

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Pale Blue Dot

a photograph of Earth taken on 14 Feb 1990, by Voyager 1 from a distance of about 6 billion kilometers

The Blue Marble

a photograph of the Earth, taken on 7 Dec 1972 from Apollo 17 at a distance of ~45,000 kilometers

Geophysics









Structure Composition Processes Origin Evolution

How would you study this apple?



Scientific drilling



Kola Superdeep Borehole 12.262 km deep

compare with Earth radius ~6371 km





Challenges of studying Earth's interior

- We cannot examine the interior in-situ
- Indirect evidence
- Size \Rightarrow Extreme temperatures (7000 K) and pressures (360 GPa)
- Broad range of time scales
- Only one snapshot in time
- Combination of approaches from many different scientific disciplines

Study of (deep) Earth

Observations and sample collections possible at surface

Measurement and analysis of gravity field

Study of earthquakes and propagation of seismic waves

Experiments in minerals at high pressure and temperature



Numerical modeling of dynamic flow in the interior

Geochemical analyses of Earth and meteorite samples

First principles ("ab initio") calculations of material properties

Fluid mechanics experiments in laboratory

Detection of geoneutrinos, "particle geoscience"



- First order *compositional* layering:
 - core
 - mantle
 - crust
- Layering according to mechanical properties:
 - inner core
 - outer core
 - sublithospheric mantle
 - lithosphere



Crust lighter silicate rock ~0.5% Earth mass

Mantle denser silicate rock ~67% Earth mass



Oceanic heat flux

Plate tectonics: oceanic spreading centers



Theory of plate tectonics



- Tectonic plates
- Plate boundaries ... divergent | convergent | transform faults
- Mid-oceanic ridges
- Subduction zones
- Island arcs
- Hot spots

Mantle convection, plate tectonics



From BBC documentary film "Earth: The Power Of The Planet" (youtu.be/ryrXAGY1dmE)

Oceanic heat flux: half-space cooling model



explains ocean depth variation with age

Surface heat flow

- Young oceans: 128 mW/m²
- Rest of oceans: 66 mW/m²
- Continents: 73 mW/m²

- Pollack et al. (1993): **44 TW**
- Jaupart et al. (2007): 46 ± 3 TW
- Davies & Davies (2010): 47 ± 1(stat) TW



How come Earth loses heat?



"Primordial" heat

Planetary formation





Release of gravitational potential energy:

Earth started hot



Gravitational binding energy (= -grav. pot. energy)

- Two point masses: $E = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{|\vec{r_1} \vec{r_2}|}$
- Number of point masses: $E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{j \neq i} G \frac{m_i m_j}{|\vec{r_i} \vec{r_j}|}$
- 3-D body: $E = \frac{1}{2} \int \int G \frac{\rho(\vec{r_1})\rho(\vec{r_2})}{|\vec{r_1} \vec{r_2}|} \mathrm{d}\vec{r_1} \mathrm{d}\vec{r_2}$
- Uniform density sphere:

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$$dE = G \frac{m_{\text{sphere}}(r)dm_{\text{shell}}(r)}{r} = \frac{G}{r} \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho \ 4\pi r^2 \rho dr = \frac{16}{3}\pi^2 G \rho^2 r^4 dr$$

• $E = \int_0^R dE = \frac{16}{15}\pi^2 G \rho^2 R^5 = \frac{3GM^2}{5R}$

• Additional binding energy increase due to differentiation, for $\rho_{\text{core}} = c \rho_{\text{mantle}}, V_{\text{core}} = b^3 V_{\text{total}}, \ \frac{\Delta E}{E_{\text{unif}}} = \frac{1}{2}(c-1)b^3(1-b)\frac{1+b+2b^2(c-1)}{[1+b^3(c-1)]^2}$

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Gravitational binding energy

Equivalent temperature increase (E ~ m C Δ T) to:



75% rock + 25% metal, densities 3200/7000 kg/m³, specific heat 1000 J/kg/K

Heat sources in Earth's interior

- Long-lived radioactivity ... ?? TW
- Continued crust mantle differentiation ... ~0.3 TW
- Tidal heating ... **~0.1 TW**
- In the core, related to inner core growth:
 - latent heat
 - compositional energy
 - ohmic dissipation in convecting outer core
 - together with cooling of the core, CMB heat flow **10±5 TW**

Remember: surface heat flow = 46±3 TW

How much radiogenic heating in the Earth?





What is the Earth made of? $P_{a_{n_{e_{1}}}}$

How to determine composition of a planet without having access for direct sampling?

Clue: Meteorites







Composition of C1 chondrites matches solar photospheric abundances

from Bill McDonough

Log Abundance, CI Chondrites

Composition of the Earth

- How does Earth composition relate to C1 chondrites?
- Volatility of elements refractory (high condensation temperature) vs. volatile (low T_{cond})
- Geochemical behavior of elements
- How are available elements distributed inside the Earth?
 - Core
 - Bulk Silicate Earth = mantle + crust

Constraints

- Mass of the Earth, moment of inertia, gravity analysis
- Seismic imaging (layering, seismic wave speeds)
- Available rock samples
- Constraints from petrology, esp. behavior of elements upon melting

Goldschmidt's Classification of Elements



Composition of BSE relative to C1 chondrites



Composition of the Earth

- O, Fe, Si, Mg account for 93% of Earth's mass
- + AI, Ca, Ni ... 98% of Earth's mass
- minor and trace elements
- 20 ppm of U in **Bulk Silicate Earth**
- Th/U ratio of ~4
- K/U ratio of 14000
- **20 TW** of radiogenic heating







Alternative compositional estimate

Isotopic similarity between Earth rocks and enstatite chondrides

Similarity in oxidation state

Hypothesis: Earth formed from E-chondrite material

Javoy et al. EPSL 2010 ... 12 ppb U in BSE (Th/U and K/U ratios not so much different)

~11 TW radiogenic power in BSE

Also "collisional erosion" model (O'Neill & Palme 2008)

Earth formed with ~20 ppb U in BSE

Differentiated early crust (enriched in U, Th, K)

This crust was lost during a giant impact collision \rightarrow 10 ppb U in BSE



Yet another estimate of K, Th, U Caution - oversimplified model

Based on energetics of mantle convection

Parameterized convection models:

heat loss = radiogenic heating + secular cooling

Classical scaling between Q_s (Nusselt number) and vigor of convection (Rayleigh number)

Need a large proportion of radiogenic heating to account for mantle heat flow, otherwise "thermal catastrophe" in the Archean

Requires mantle Urey ≥ 0.6 (geochemical = 0.3, cosmochemical = 0.1)

Therefore needs higher abundance of U, Th, K

Radiogenic heating ≥ 30 TW in BSE

 $Q_{\rm s}(t) = H_{\rm rad}(t) - C \frac{dT(t)}{dt}$ $Nu \propto Ra(T)^{1/3}$





Composition of Silicate Earth (BSE)

• "Standard" estimate

- Ratios of RLE abundances constrained by C1 chondrites
- Absolute abundances inferred from Earth rock samples
- McDonough & Sun (1995), Allègre (1995), Hart & Zindler (1986), Palme & O'Neill (2003), **Arevalo et al. (2009)**

• "E-chondrite" estimate

- Isotopic similarity between Earth rocks and E-chondrides
- Build the Earth from E-chondrite material
- Javoy et al. (2010)
- also "collisional erosion" models (O'Neill & Palme 2008)

• "High" estimate

- Based on a classical parameterized convection model
- Requires a high mantle Urey ratio, i.e., high U, Th, K

TW radiogenic power BSE

20±4

11±2

33±3

How much radiogenic heating in the Earth?



Estimates range from 9 to 36 TW radiogenic power

BSE radiogenic power over time



Forming Earth's crust

"Incompatible" elements U, Th, K concentrate in the crust





- Some ions do not fit well in the silicate rock crystal structure:
 - "LILE" ... large-ion lithophile elements, e.g., K
 - "HFSE" ... high field strength elements, e.g., Th, U
- Upon melting when melt and solid in coexistence, they concentrate in the melt
- Therefore, crust enriched in K, Th, U

Crustal heat production

New reference model by Yu Huang et al. (G^3 2013)

Inputs for crustal thickness: CRUST2.0 + CUB2.0 + GEMMA Inputs for composition: updated and new compositional databases



Continental Crust 6.8 (+1.4/–1.1) TW Oceanic Crust 0.22 ± 0.03 TW


Composition of Silicate Earth (BSE)



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How much radiogenic heating in the mantle to power convection?



radiogenic + primordial heat + core processes

How much internal heating in the mantle?



Layering, chemical reservoirs in the mantle?

A) Shear-wave tomography



B) Thermochemical Piles



- Chemical reservoir enriched in heat-producing elements?
 - Architecture of the Earth's mantle...

C) Plume Clusters

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Geoneutrino is an electron antineutrino emitted in β⁻ decay of a radionuclide naturally occurring in the Earth. Neutrinos, the lightest of the known subatomic particles, lack measurable electromagnetic properties and interact only via the weak nuclear force. Matter is virtually transparent to neutrinos and consequently they travel, unimpeded, at near light speed through the Earth from their point of emission. Collectively, geoneutrinos carry integrated information about the abundances of their radioactive sources inside the Earth. A major objective of the emerging field of neutrino geophysics involves extracting geologically useful information (e.g., abundances of individual geoneutrino-producing elements and their spatial distribution in Earth's interior) from geoneutrino measurements.

Most geoneutrinos originate from β^- decay-branches of ⁴⁰K, ²³²Th and ²³⁸U. Together these decay chains account for more than 99% of the present-day radiogenic heat generated inside the Earth. Only geoneutrinos from ²³²Th and ²³⁸U decay chains are detectable by the inverse beta-decay mechanism because these have energies above the corresponding threshold (1.8 MeV). In neutrino experiments, large underground liquid scintillator detectors record the flashes of light generated from this interaction. As of 2013 geoneutrino measurements at two sites, as reported by the KamLAND and Borexino collaborations, have begun to place constraints on the amount of radiogenic heating in the Earth's interior. A third detector (SNO+) is expected to start collecting data in 2015. A number of future geoneutrino detectors are being planned.

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2015 Physics Prize



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2015 Nobel Prize in Physics

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 was awarded jointly to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass".



Takaaki Kajita: "Kind of Unbelievable!"

An interview with Takaaki Kajita immediately following the announcement of the Physics Prize. Hear how he reacted when he got the call that he has been awarded the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics.



"I Gave My Wife a Hug!"

"It's ironic, in order to observe the sun you have to go kilometers under ground. That's not what you would expect." says Arthur B. McDonald, awarded the 2015 Physics Prize.

Interview and transcript



"A Fundamental **Discovery** in Physics"

The discovery that neutrinos are not massless makes a difference. says Professor Olga Botner, Member of the Nobel Committee for Physics, when interviewed about the importance of this year's Nobel Prize in Physics.

FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS BREAKTHROUGH

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Kam-Biu Luk and the Daya Bay Collaboration



Yifang Wang and the Daya Bay Collaboration



Koichiro Nishikawa and the K2K and T2K Collaboration



Atsuto Suzuki and the KamLAND Collaboration



Arthur B. McDonald and the SNO Collaboration



Takaaki Kajita and the Super K Collaboration





Super K Collaboration

Včetně kolegů z UČJF, členů Daya Bay Collaboration!

What are neutrinos?

Standard Model of elementary particles



Geoneutrinos?

Electron anti-neutrinos emitted in β⁻ decays of naturally occurring radionuclides

$${}^{238}_{92}\text{U} \longrightarrow {}^{206}_{82}\text{Pb} + 8\alpha + 6e^{-} + 6\bar{\nu}_{e} + 51.698 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{232}_{90}\text{Th} \longrightarrow {}^{208}_{82}\text{Pb} + 6\alpha + 4e^{-} + 4\bar{\nu}_{e} + 42.652 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{40}_{19}\text{K} \xrightarrow{89.3}{}^{\%}_{20}\text{Ca} + e^{-} + \bar{\nu}_{e} + 1.311 \text{ MeV}$$

Decay energy ~20% carried away by antineutrinos ~80% heats the Earth's interior

Neutrinos only interact through weak interaction. Typical geoneutrino flux: 10⁷ cm⁻² s⁻¹ at Earth surface, or ~10¹⁰ flying through each of you every second. Integrated information about radioactivity inside the Earth.



geo-v's now detectable ... and have been detected

Measuring radioactivity of the Earth!





Brief (geo)v history



1930: Pauli proposes a new neutral particle to resolve energy conservation problem in β^- decay

1956: Reines & Cowan reported the first electron antineutrino detection (reactor antineutrinos)



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1984: Krauss, Glashow, Schramm: *Antineutrino astronomy and geophysics*

436/28 July 2005/dok10.3038/nature03

2005: first reported measurement of geone KamLAND experiment

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ARTICLES

Experimental investigation of geologically produced antineutrinos with KamLAND

Detection of geoneutrinos

Antineutrino detection mechanism: Inverse beta decay

Energy threshold, only works for ²³²Th and ²³⁸U

Liquid scintillator detectors:

Large ~10³² free protons or ~1 kiloton of scintillator *Underground* to shield from cosmic ray muon interactions in the atmosphere

1 TNU ("Terrestrial Neutrino Unit") =

= 1 event over a year-long fully efficient exposure of 10³² protons



 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$

Double-flash coincidence

The UTRINO ENERGY (MeV)

Reactor antineutrino background signal











KamLAND Kamioka, Japan 2005 2011

2013



Borexino Gran Sasso, Italy 2010 2013 2015 **SNO+** Sudbury, Canada

online soon...



Future: JUNO (China) CJPLNE (China) LENA (Europe) RENO-50 (S.Korea) Hanohano (USA)





Geoneutrino Detectors



Geoneutrino-detecting underground physics laboratories



Cho 2010 Science 10.1126/science.330.6006.904



Sudbury, Ontario, Canada







Geoneutrino measurements

	Study	Reported result	in TNU	events/year
	Araki et al. (2005)	28 ± 15 events with Th/U=3.9	57 ± 31	14
KamLAND	$Gando \ et \ al. \ (2011)$	106_{-28}^{+29} events with Th/U=3.9	38 ± 10	
	$Gando \ et \ al. \ (2013)$	$3.4 \pm 0.8 \mathrm{cm}^{-2} \mu\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ with Th/U=3.9	30 ± 7	14
	Bellini et al. (2010)	$9.9^{+4.1}_{-3.4}$ events + Th/U=3.9	65^{+27}_{-22}	6.7
Borexino	$Bellini \ et \ al. \ (2013)$	with $Th/U=3.9$	38.8 ± 12.0	3.9
	Agostini et al. (2015)	$23.7^{+6.5}_{-5.7}(\text{stat})^{+0.9}_{-0.6}(\text{sys})$	$43.5^{+11.8}_{-10.4}(\text{stat})^{+2.7}_{-2.4}(\text{sys})$	4.2

Geoneutrino measurements



What does this tell us? ... relation to Earth?

Predicting geoneutrino flux

To make sense of geoneutrino measurements.

To motivate new detectors (e.g., where to measure?)

 \Rightarrow Emission models: Calculate predictions for various compositional

estimates & architectures of Earth's interior.

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{n_{\nu}\lambda\langle P\rangle}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega} \frac{A(\mathbf{r}')\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^2} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}'$$

Flux Φ at position **r** from a given radionuclide distributed with abundance A in domain Ω



inputs from geoscience:

- chemical abundances *A* **several estimates**
- density ρ

inputs from nuclear/particle physics:

- $n_{v}, \lambda, \langle P \rangle$
- negligible uncertainty

Critical: Accurate crustal geoneutrino emission model

Cont. crust is enriched in U, Th, K

Geoneutrino flux scales with 1/R²

Detectors are located in cont. crust



Need global model + local refinement within few 100 km of the detector

Critical: Accurate crustal geoneutrino emission model



How is radioactivity distributed in the mantle?

Hypothesis → Geoneutrino flux prediction → Testing with geoneutrino measurement

Geoneutrino measurements vs. predictions

Assumes uniform mantle composition

Shallow mantle composition

Mid-Oceanic Ridge Basalt composition

source rock abundances in shallow mantle

MORB-source mantle abundance estimates

	Workman & Hart (2005)	2.8 ± 0.4		
Salters & Stracke (2004)		4.1 ± 1.2	TW	if occupying entire mantle
	Arevalo & McDonough (2010)	7.5 ± 1.5		
Βι	ulk mantle (=BSE–Crust)			
	"E-chondrite"	4.3 ± 2.0		
	"Standard"	13 ± 4	WT	
	"High"	26 ± 3		

Require enriched material in the mantle

Seismic tomography image of present-day mantle

Thermochemical piles in deep mantle?

Can we detect such variation in mantle geonu flux?

Crust + Mantle geoneutrino emission

Continental locations: not more than ~25% of geonu signal coming from mantle

O.Š., McDonough, Kite, Lekić, Dye, Zhong, EPSL 2013

To constrain mantle Th, U, we need to measure in the ocean.

Hanohano (proposed)

Crust + Mantle geoneutrino emission

0

Latitude in degrees

60

30

-60

-90

-30

O.Š., McDonough, Kite, Lekić, Dye, Zhong, EPSL 2013

0

90

CJPLNE

or

China JinPing underground Laboratory Neutrino Experiment

Neutrino geoscience – using neutrinos to measure Earth's properties:

- measuring radioactive nuclei density using geo-neutrinos
- measuring matter density using neutrino absorption
- measuring matter density using neutrino oscillations
- measuring electron density using neutrino oscillations

Rott, Taketa, Bose 2015 doi: 10.1038/srep15225 (arXiv: 1502.04930)

Summary

- Geophysics diverse research across disciplines
- Still some fundamental unanswered questions
- Emerging field of "particle geophysics" including "neutrino geoscience"
- Geoneutrinos have begun to constrain Earth compositional models

geoneutrinos.org

Welcome to Geoneutrinos.org

Description

Geoneutrinos.org is host to an interactive earth model which allows quick visualization of neutino fluxes and signal for user input Uranium, Thorium concentrations. It also includes a two layer mantle solver which is active the the earth is constrained to some input bulk silicate earth.

geo.mff.cuni.cz

Výpočet elektronové hustoty podél paprsků neutrinových experimentů

Návrh bakalářské práce v oboru "částicová geofyzika" na Katedře geofyziky ve spolupráci s Ústavem částicové a jaderné fyziky

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Mezi vědecké cíle nových neutrinových paprskových experimentů NuMI Off-Axis v_e Appearance experiment (NOvA) a Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) patří zodpovězení žhavých otázek neutrinové fyziky, souvisejících s oscilací neutrin. Jeden z parametrů potřebných pro analýzu oscilací je elektronová hustota v prostředí, kterým neutrinový paprek prochází. Cílem práce bude výpočet elektronové hustoty podle paprsku. Tedy, analýza geometrie experimentů, využití existujících modelů struktury zemské kůry, materialové hustoty v kůře a chemického složení hornin kůry, a výpočet elektronové hustoty – počtu elektronů na jednotku objemu – jako funkce dráhy paprsku. Úkol bude řešen na Katedře geofyziky ve spolupráci s Ústavem částicové a jaderné fyziky MFF UK.

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