

# Heat Production and Neutrino Luminosity in different Earth reservoirs

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1. Given the mass and abundances of the heat producing elements (K, Th & U) calculate the heat production (in TW) in the 9 different reservoirs identified in the accompanying Excel spreadsheet:
  - a. Continental Sediments
  - b. Upper Continental Crust
  - c. Middle Continental Crust
  - d. Lower Continental Crust
  - e. Continental Lithospheric Mantle
  - f. Oceanic Sediments
  - g. Oceanic Crust
  - h. Depleted Mantle
  - i. Enriched Mantle

*For extra credit, propagate the uncertainties in your results assuming ±3% for mass and ±10% for abundances of K, Th & U.*

2. Calculate the neutrino flux (neutrino/cm<sup>2</sup>/s) and luminosity (neutrino/s) for the Earth and its reservoirs. The neutrino flux calculation will be calculated in terms of a “Geological response factor” ( $G_{rf}$ ). The  $G_{rf}$  values given here will be for Jinping, our latest estimate. The following equations relate the various contributors to the Earth’s geoneutrino luminosity:

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \langle P_{ee} \rangle \varepsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} \iiint \frac{A(\vec{r}') \rho(\vec{r}')}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} d\vec{r}'$$

Neutrino flux	$\phi$
Survival probability	$\langle P_{ee} \rangle$
Conversion factor	$\phi$
Abundances (kg/kg)	$A$
Density	$\rho$
Distance with respect to detector	$\vec{r}$
Production rate	$\varepsilon_{\nu_e}$

The Production rate ( $\varepsilon_{\nu_e}$ ) accounts for the isotopic proportion, the Avogadro number and the number of antineutrinos generated in the decay scheme:

$$\varepsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} = \frac{X N_A \lambda n_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{\mu}$$

Natural isotopic proportion	$X$
Atomic weight	$\mu$
# of antineutrinos per decay chain	$n_{\bar{\nu}_e}$
Decay constant	$\lambda$
Avogadro number	$N_A$

One can reduce further the above equation by calculating a geological response factor ( $G_{rf}$ ) for each layer in the Earth:

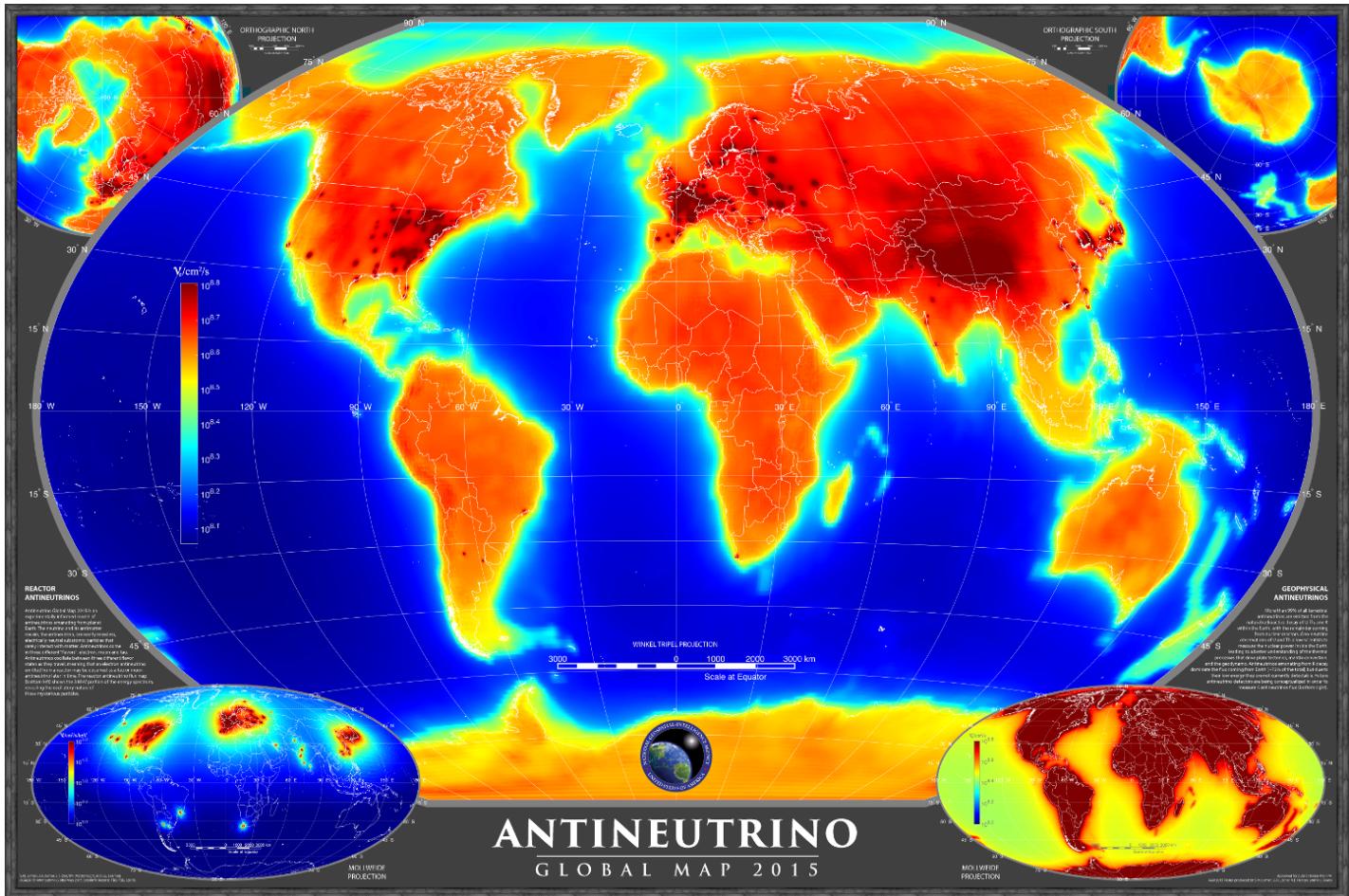
$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \langle P_{ee} \rangle \varepsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} A G_{rf}(\vec{r})$$

The geological response factor ( $G_{rf}$  in kg/m<sup>2</sup>) for each layer in the Earth is:

$$G_{rf}(\vec{r}) = \iiint \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{4\pi |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} d\vec{r}'$$

3. Calculate the fraction of neutrino flux and luminosity for Earth reservoirs.

Present surface flux map was published 2015 (AGM: Antineutrino Global Map, *Usman et al.*):



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