

# Terrestrial $^{40}\text{K}$ geoneutrinos and Solar CNO neutrinos

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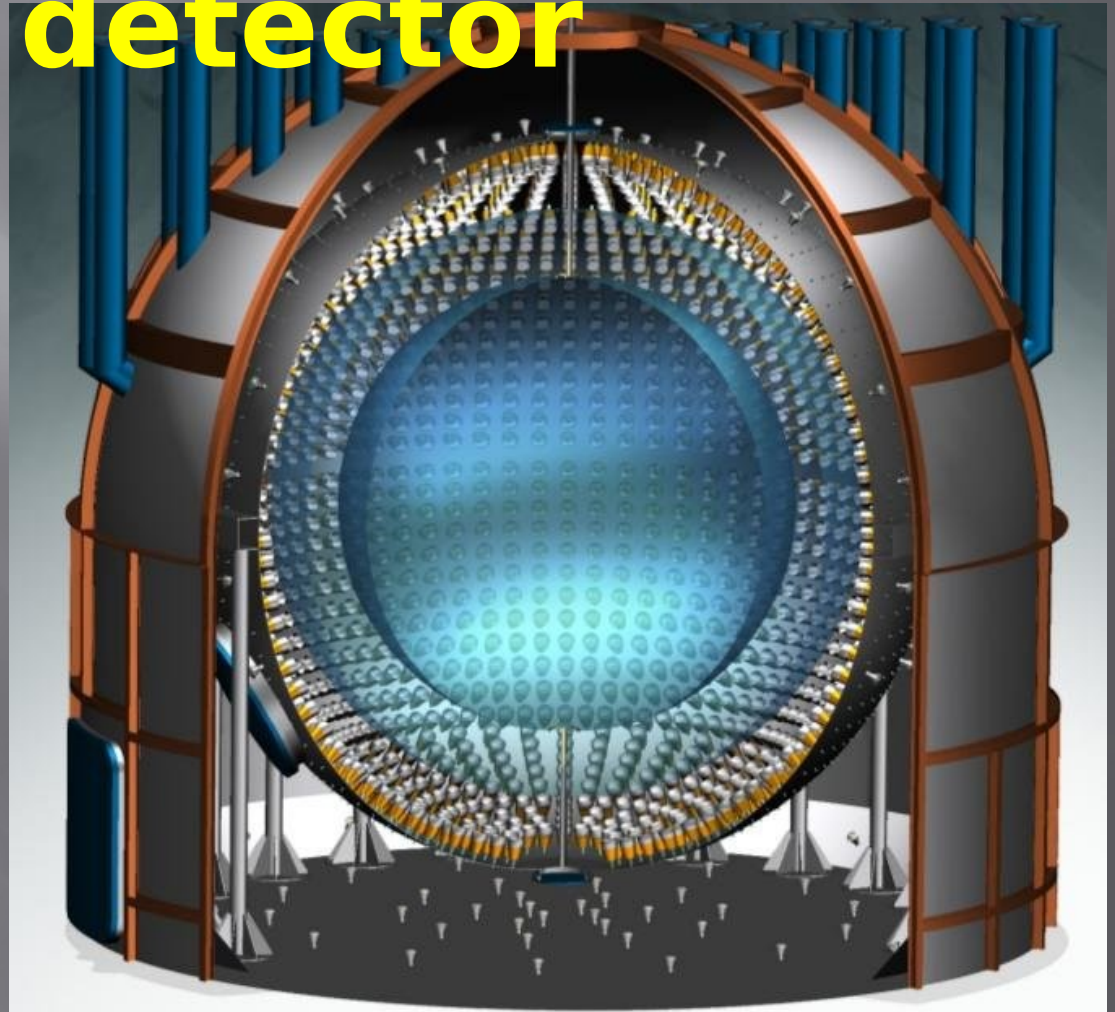
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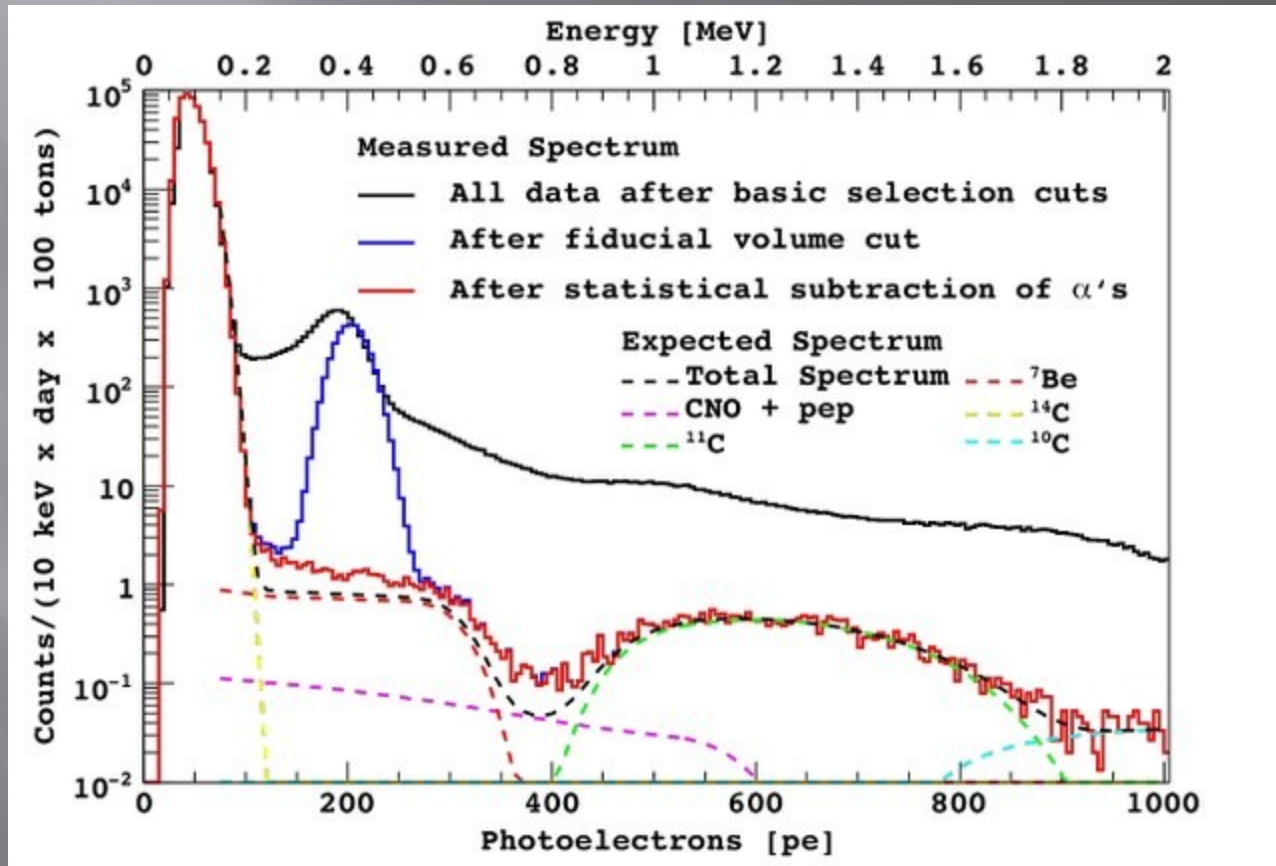
Detectors on the Earth surface register **solar neutrinos** (Homestake, GALLEX and SAGE, SNO, Borexino, KamLAND and Super-Kamiokande) and **geoneutrinos** (antineutrinos from  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ) (Borexino, KamLAND).

**Borexino is the only detector  
measured with high accuracy  
solar neutrinos and  
geoneutrinos.**

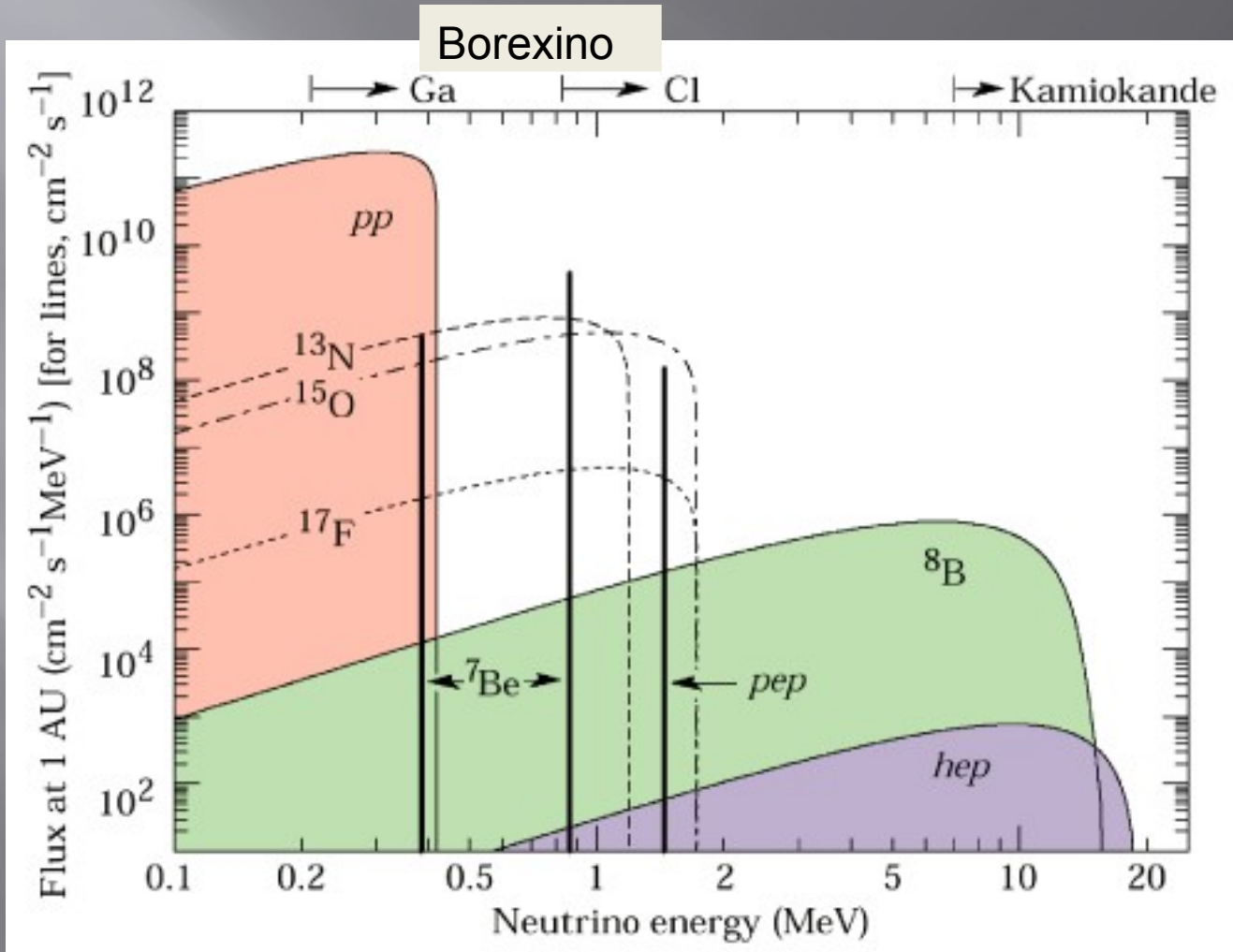
# Schematic view of Borexino detector



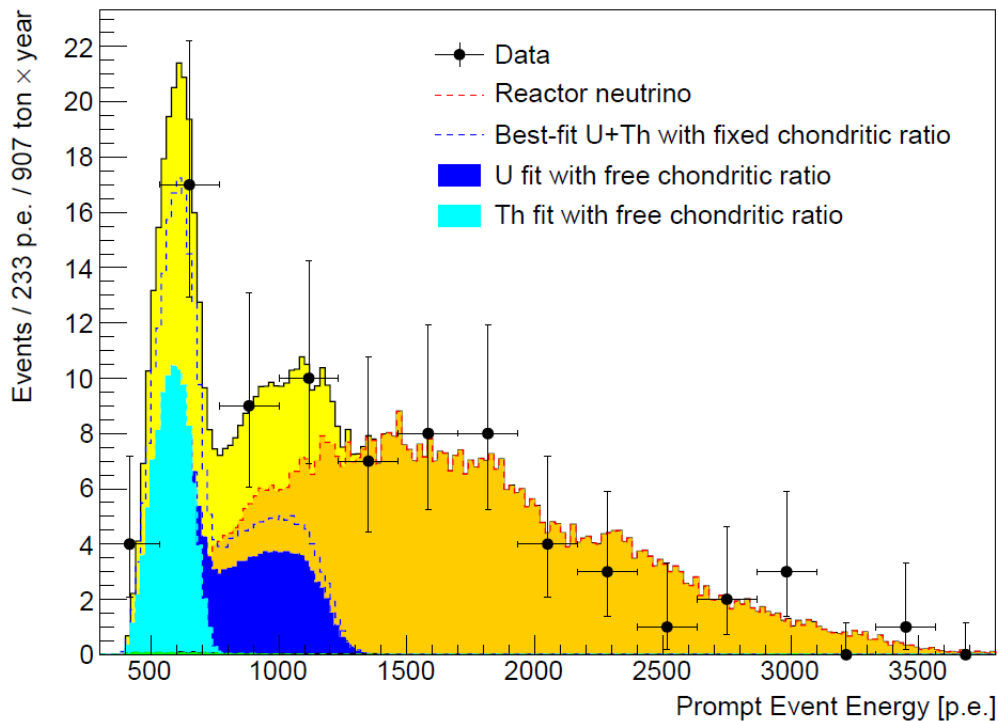
# Measured energy spectrum by Borexino



# Solar neutrino fluxes



# Geoneutrinos detected by Borexino



M. Agostini et al. Phys. Rev. D 92, 031101 (2015).

$T_{\text{meas}} = 2056$  days (**5.6 years**)

$N_p = (0.977 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{31}$  protons on target

Exposure  $(5.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{31}$  proton years

$23.7^{+6.5(\text{st})+0.8}_{-5.7(\text{st})-0.6}$  geo-nu events

43.5 TNU

**Number of detected solar neutrino events are in a good agreement with predicted solar neutrino fluxes taking into account neutrino oscillations.**

**Number of geoneutrino events also in a good agreement with BSE model with 47 TW of Earth heat flux.**



# Summary of thermal Earth flux values

## Earth

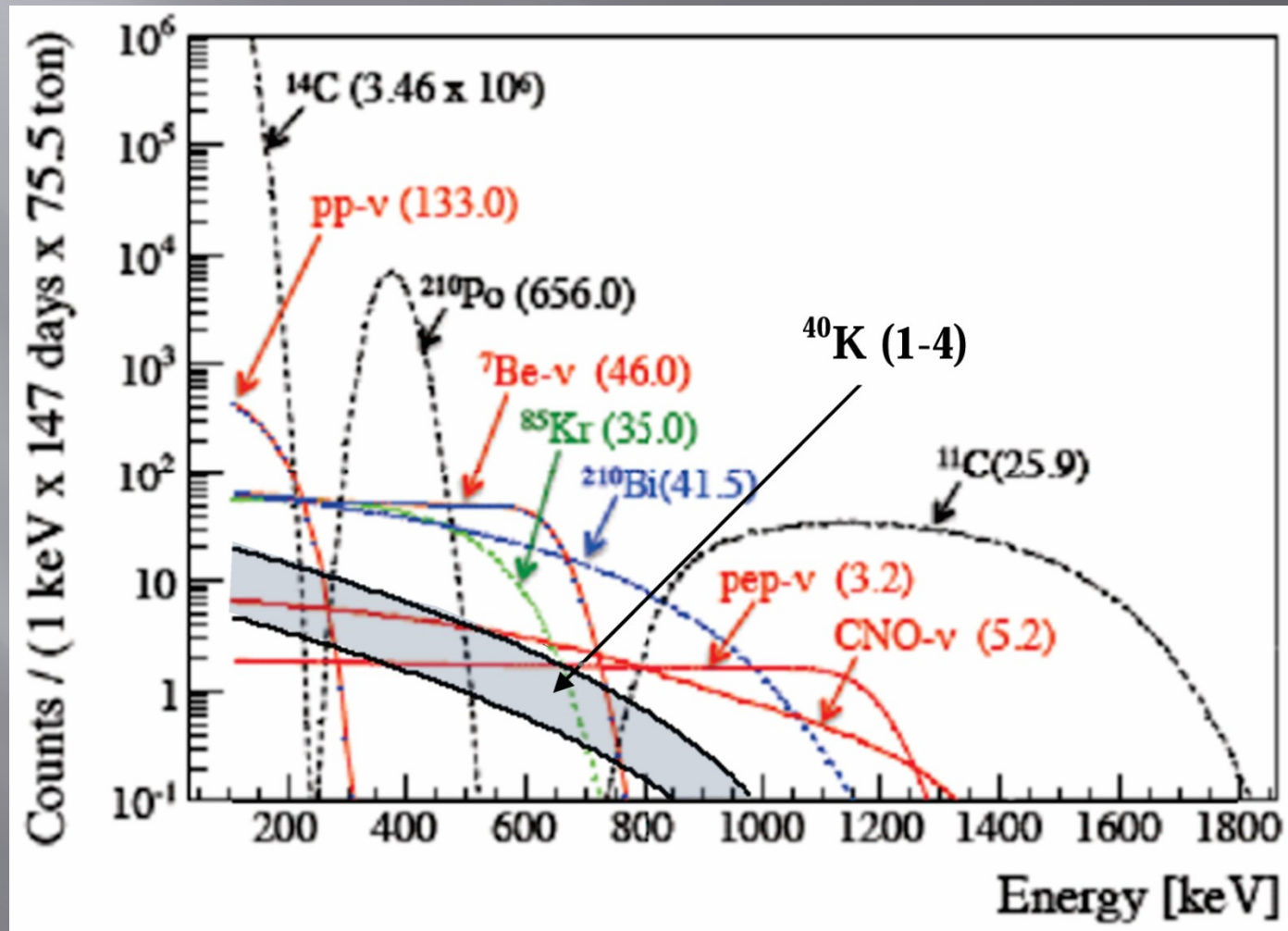
- Bore-hole temperature gradient  $46 \pm 3$  TW
- ARGO Earth's energy imbalance  $220 \pm 50$  TW
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- **Moon recalculated to Earth heat flux  $M_e/M_m = 81.3$**
- Apollo 15, 17 drilling  $49-65$  TW
- Russian radio emission exp.  $168$  TW
- LRO temperature map  $254$  TW

We consider the value of **200-250 TW** as the most favorable to explain the all experimental data.

**To understand high Earth heat flux it is necessary to propose high abundance of potassium with natural isotope  $^{40}\text{K}$ . Modern BSE model this rejects. Could we check how much of potassium inside the Earth? Yes. We need to measure  $^{40}\text{K}$  flux (spectrum).**

# Recoil electrons spectrum from $^{40}\text{K}$ in BOREXINO

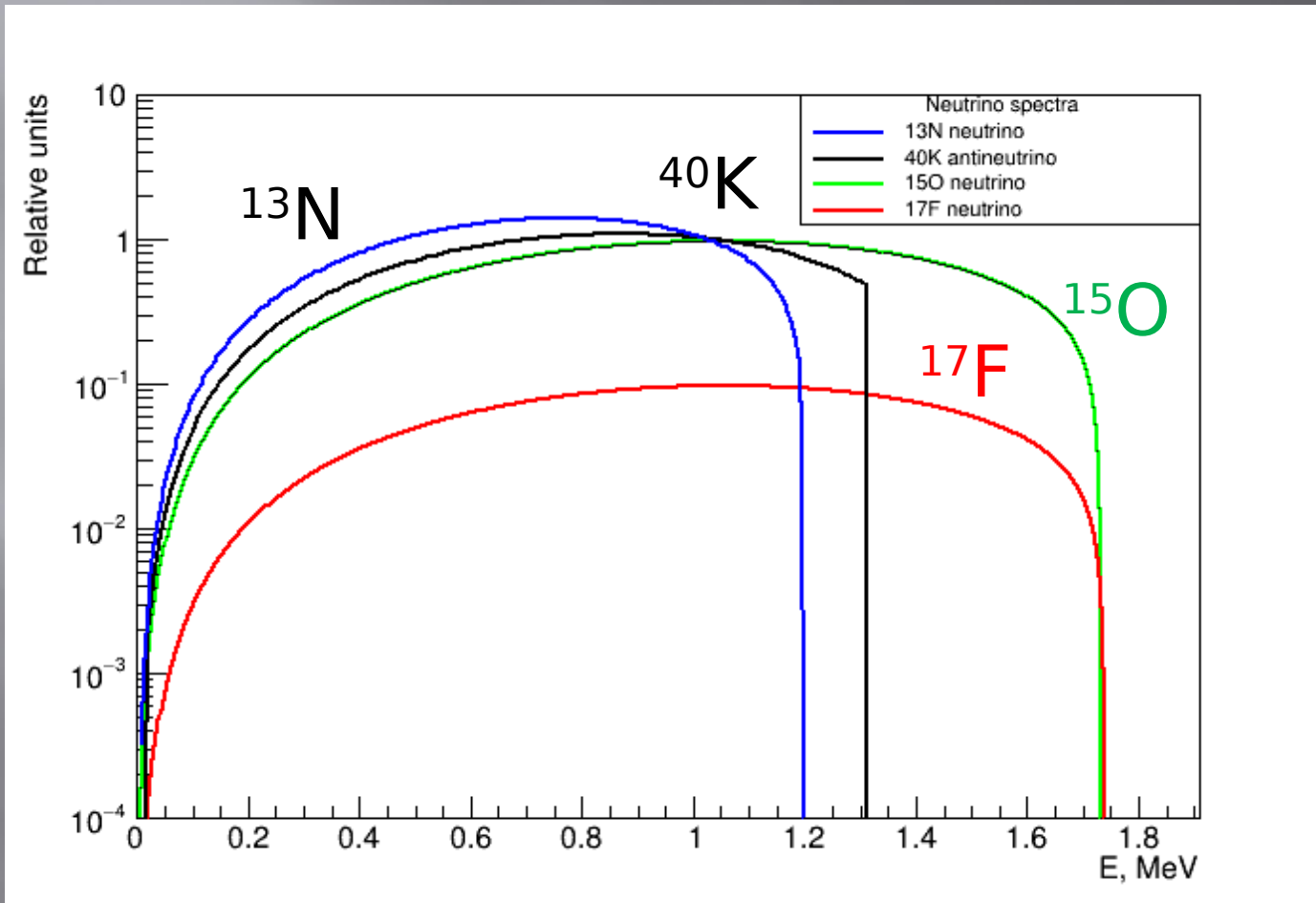
$\nu_e + e \rightarrow \nu_e + e$



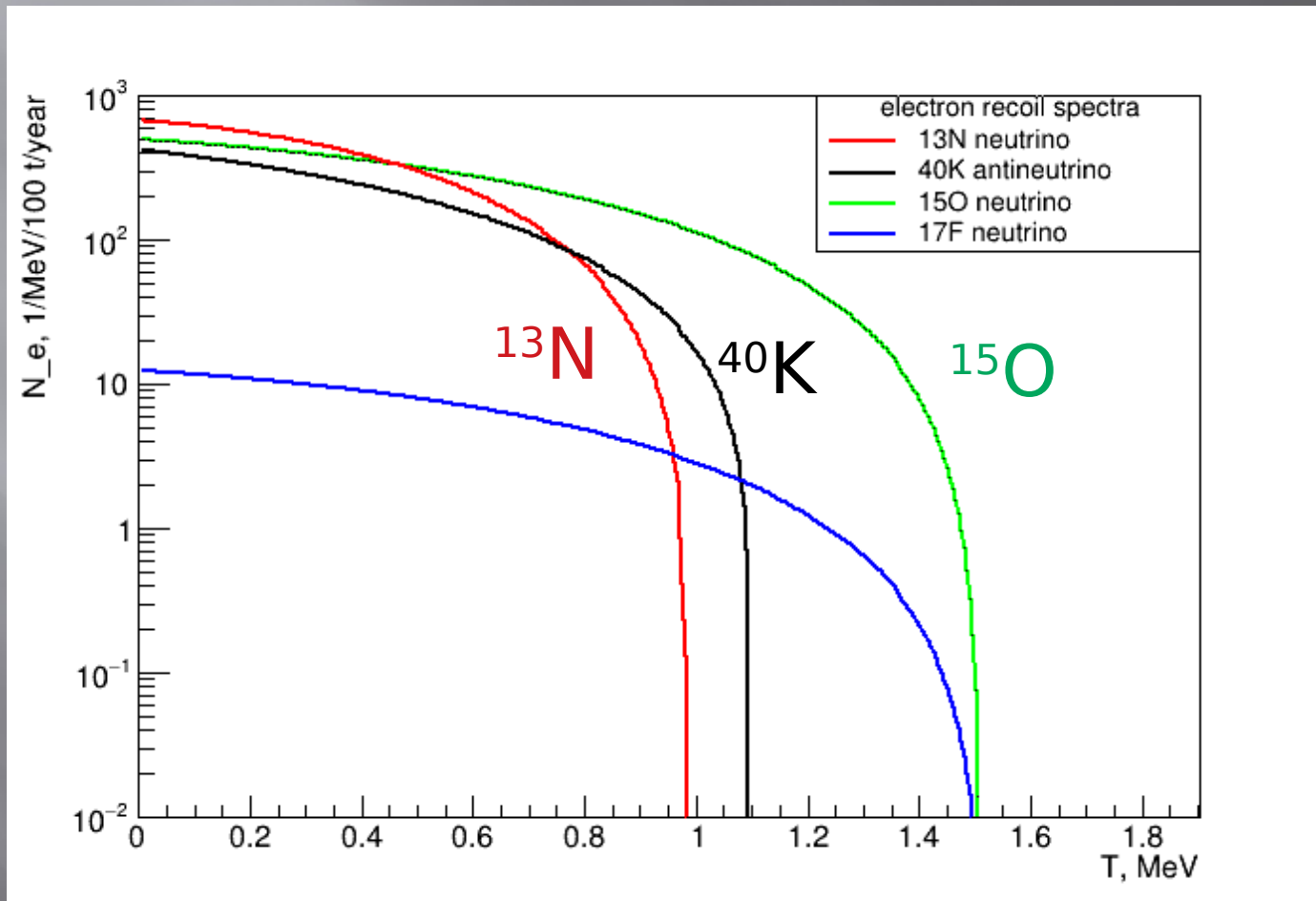
Physics of Particles and Nuclei **46**, 186 (2015); ArXiv:1405.3140[hep-ex]

# Let's see in detail on CNO neutrinos spectra and $^{40}\text{K}$ spectrum

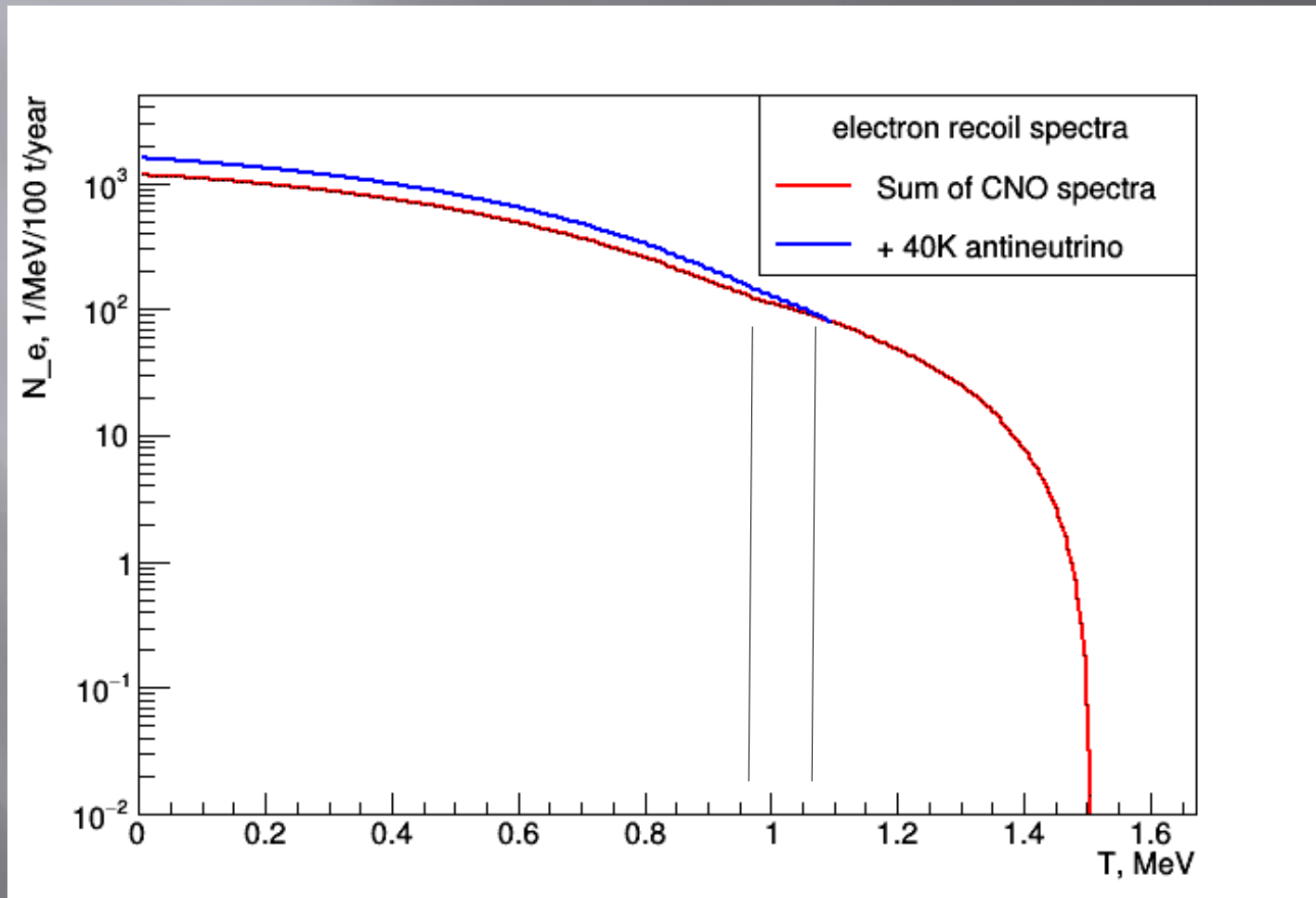
# CNO neutrinos and $^{40}\text{K}$ antineutrinos spectra



# Spectra from CNO cycle neutrinos and $^{40}\text{K}$ antineutrinos in a detector as recoil electrons



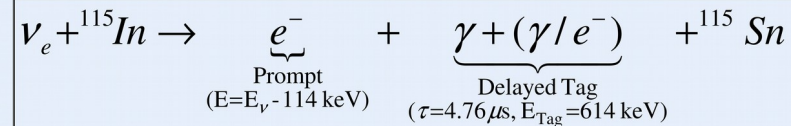
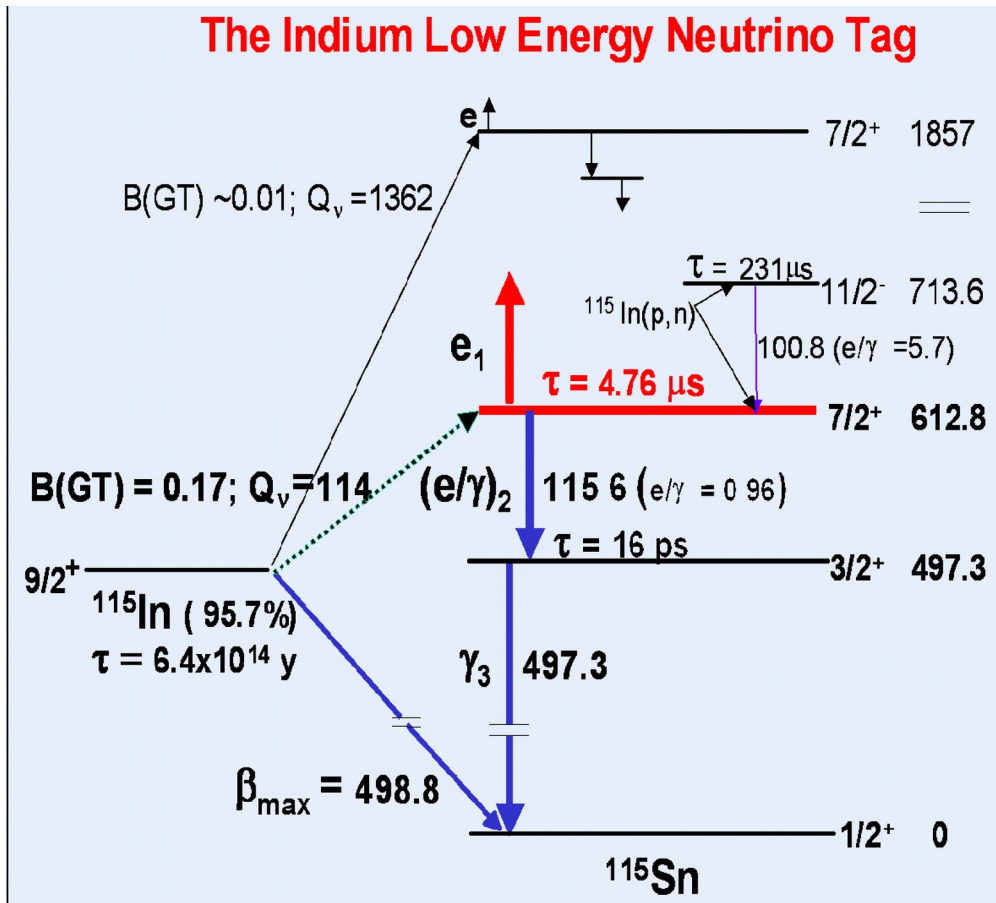
# Prediction of possible observation $^{40}\text{K}$ with CNO neutrinos in 100 t of Borexino detector



**Detector using  $^{115}\text{In}$  as  
neutrino target can  
measure solar neutrinos  
from CNO cycle**

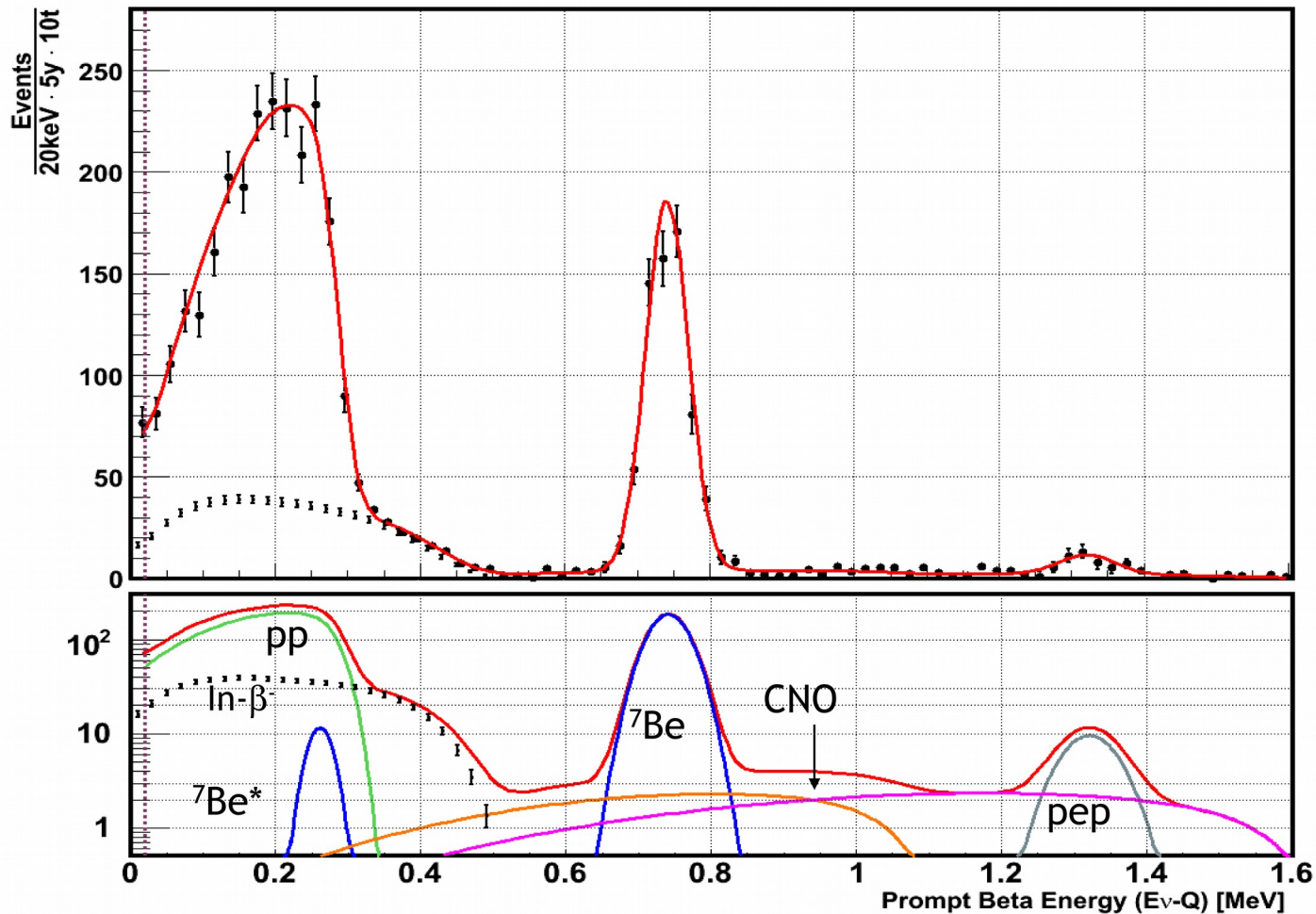


# $^{115}\text{In}$ decay scheme and method of neutrino detection



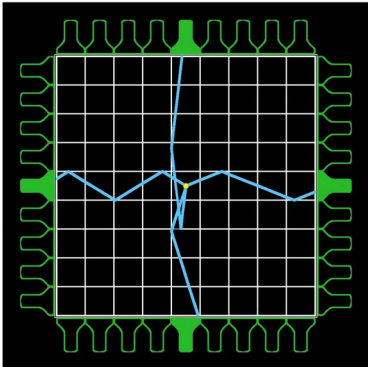
Proposed by R. Raghavan

# Spectrum that could be measured by detector with 10 t of $^{115}\text{In}$ in 5 y

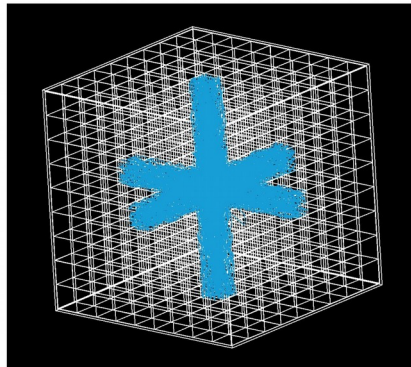


# Detector Design: The Scintillation Lattice Chamber

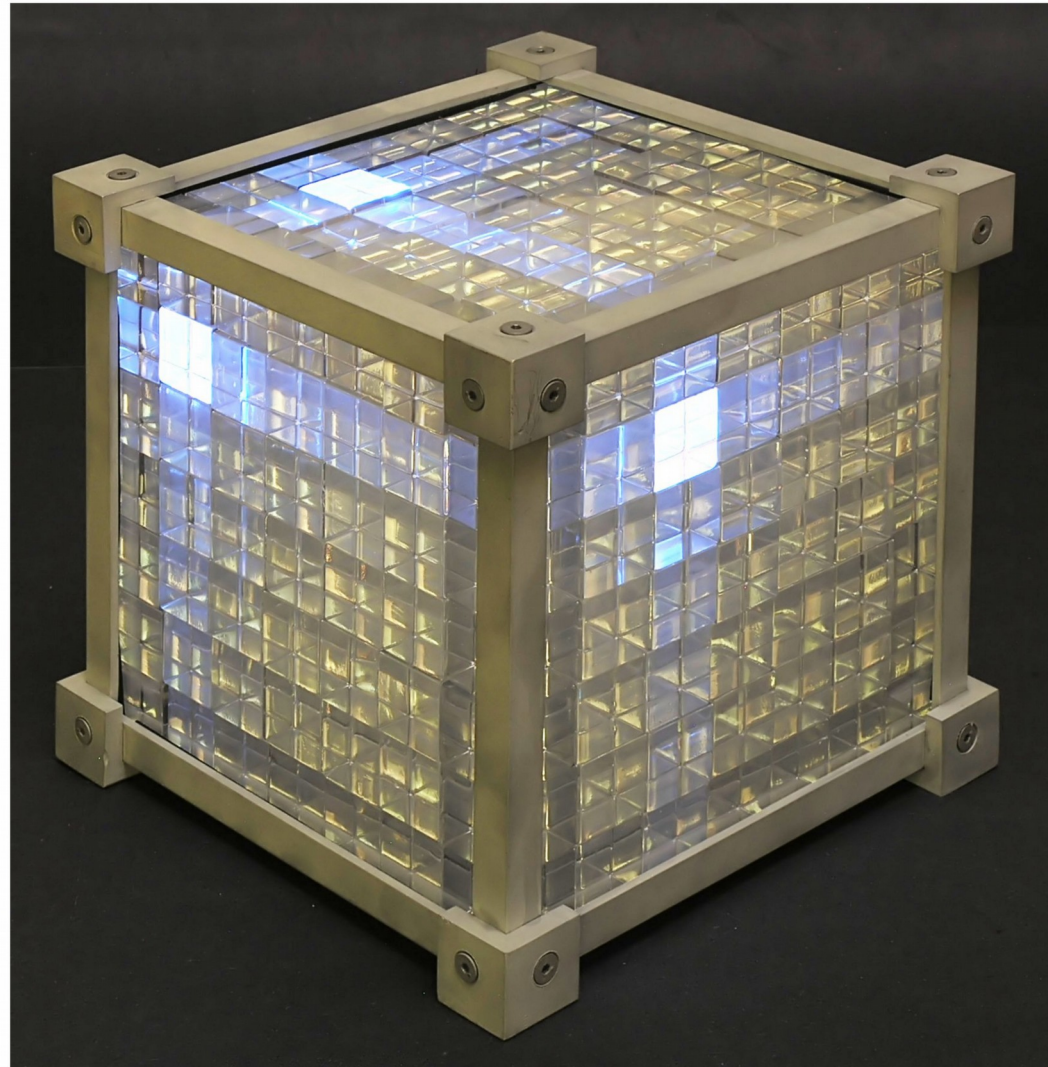
- Segmentation of liquid scintillator volume into small cubic cells using transparent double-layered films with a microscopic air gap between the two layers;
- Total internal reflection channels light along the three main axes of the cells, PMTs on the outside register the signal;
- Position reconstruction of an event relies on PMT channel identification rather than time-of-flight information;
- Position resolution is the size of the basic cell element, and can be adjusted to optimize the detector design. It is independent of the event energy, which is key for low-energy events.
- The time-of-flight information is redundant and can be used to examine the shower structure.



Schematic representation of the Scintillation Lattice Chamber: Photons are guided along the main axes towards the PMTs



Channeling of isotropically emitted light in 3 dimensions;



Light propagation in a small model of the Scintillation Lattice Chamber;

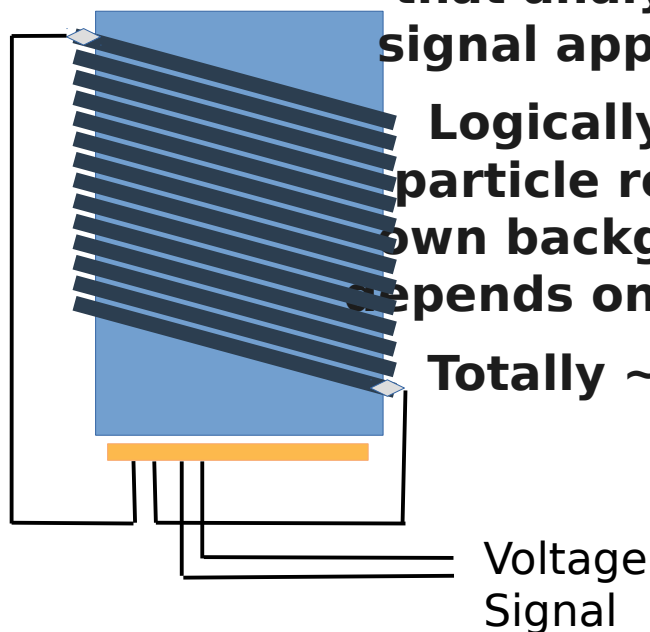
# Our proposal of Detector with $^{115}\text{In}$

**Cylinder about 1 litre in volume filled with LAB + In  
Covered by 2 fibers with shifter viewed by 2 SiPMs.  
Coincidences of signals assure that it is a physical signal.**

**Each detector has own processor  
that analyses on line what kind of  
signal appeared in.**

**Logically we recognize what a  
particle registered. Single detector hited -  
own background (U,Th or In). Several - than  
depends on topology.**

**Totally ~100 000 l (10%<sub>weight</sub>  $^{115}\text{In}$  (95.71%))**



- **Possible site for CNO neutrinos detector could be Pyhasalmi mine in Finland.**
- **It is needed European collaboration for the Project.**

# Conclusion

As well as neutrinos from CNO cycle Borexino could detect  $^{40}\text{K}$  antineutrinos.

Several events per day counting rate for  $^{40}\text{K}$  antineutrinos in 100 t of Borexino target means the potassium abundance in the Earth at the level more than 1% by mass.

We know that 1% of potassium in the Earth produces about 200 TW of heat.

To solve the problem of  $^{40}\text{K}$  we need to have independent measurement of CNO cycle neutrinos from the Sun.

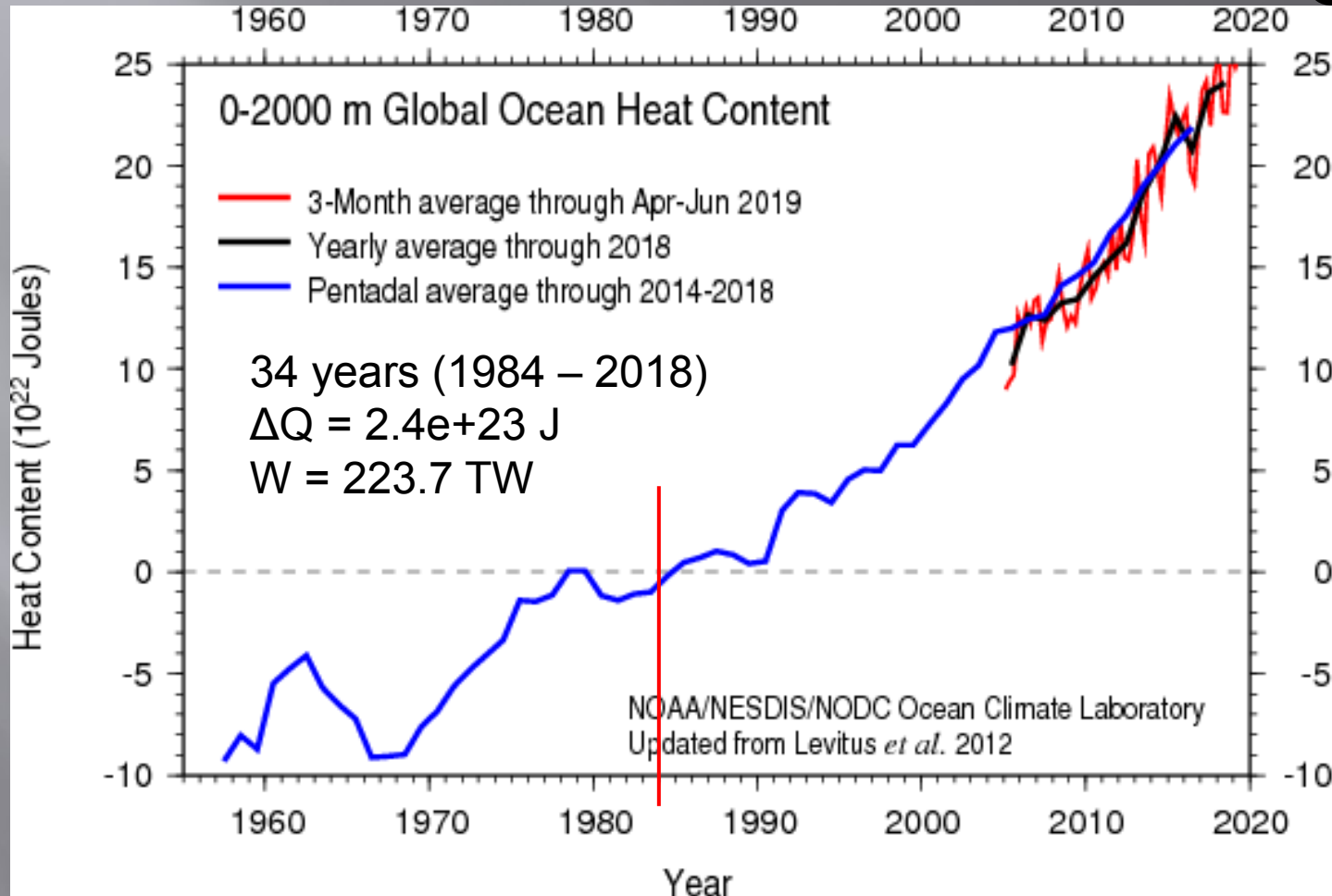
Project LENS should be recalled again.

**Thank you for the  
attention**

Backup slides



# World ocean surface heating



[https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M\\_HEAT\\_CONTENT/](https://www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/3M_HEAT_CONTENT/)

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# Solar irradiation

Sun emits  $3.828 \times 10^{26}$  W

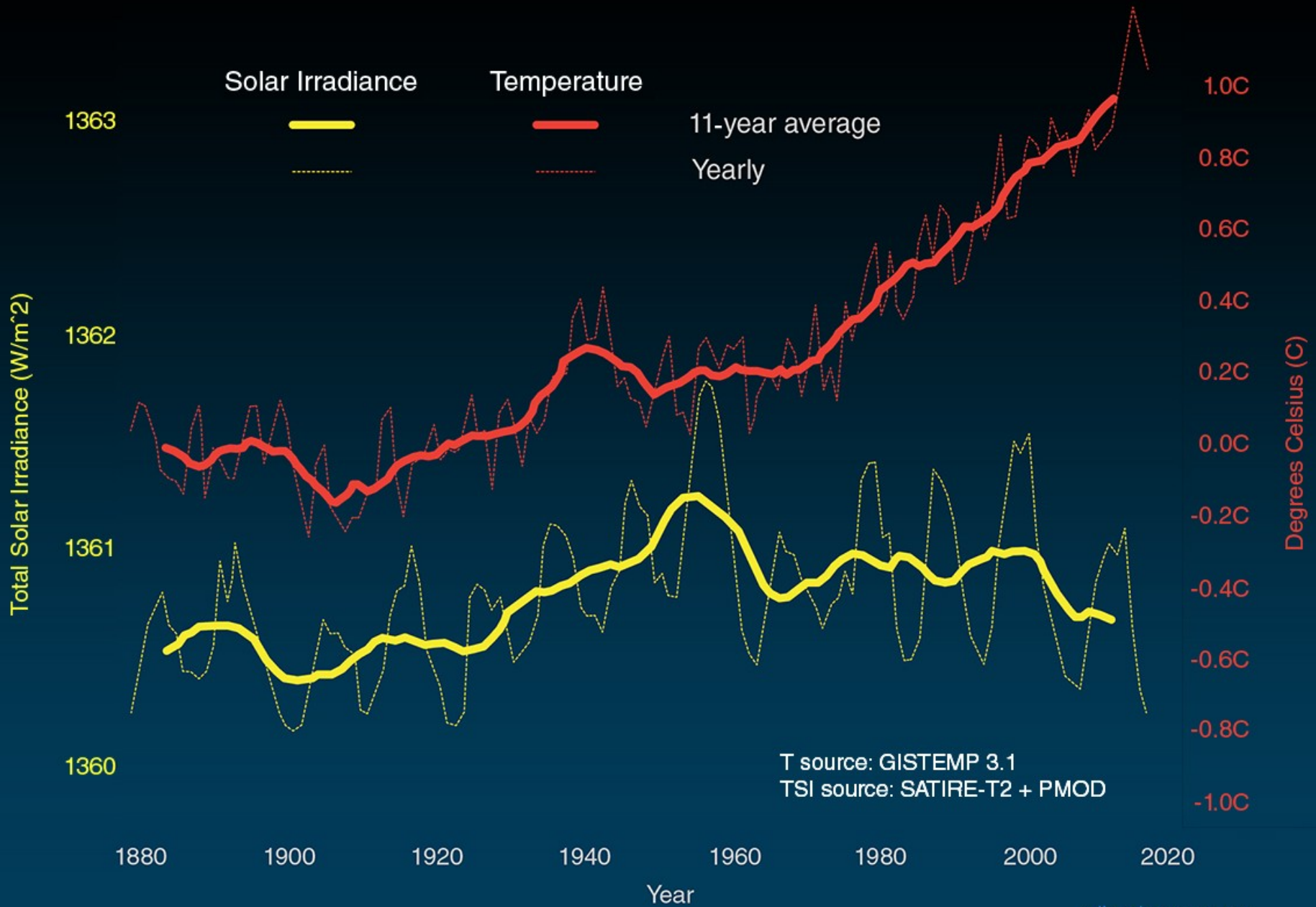
Distance to Earth  $1.496 \times 10^{11}$  m

So, at Earth orbit we have **1361.13** W/m<sup>2</sup>

Earth albedo ~31%

In average Earth receives **214.38** W/m<sup>2</sup>

# Temperature vs Solar Activity



# Temperature inside the Earth

