

It may be noted from Table I that the calculated rate at 1800 m.w.e. is below the limit set by the present 1000-gallon experiment. However it is clear that a large scale experiment would have to be performed at a much greater depth. If the proposed experiment were conducted in a mine approximately 4500 feet deep (4000 m.w.e.) the muon produced  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  would be a factor of 30 below the expected rate of 4 to 11 per day from solar neutrinos.

$\text{Ar}^{37}$  may also be produced in the liquid by energetic neutrons. Neutrons having an energy above 0.97 MeV will produce protons by the exothermic  $\text{Cl}^{35}(\text{n},\text{p})\text{S}^{35}$  reaction with sufficient energy to produce  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  by the  $\text{Cl}^{37}(\text{p},\text{n})\text{Ar}^{37}$  reaction. This effect was evaluated by irradiating the liquid with a Pu-Be neutron source. These measurements gave a yield of one  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  atom per  $1.4 \times 10^6$  neutrons absorbed. Fast neutrons from the surrounding rock could produce one  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  atom per day if the neutron flux on the surface of the 100,000-gallon tank (26 ft diameter x 26 ft high) were  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  neutrons  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{min}^{-1}$ . The fast neutron flux may be kept below this value by a water shield, the thickness depending on the uranium and thorium content of the rock wall.

Internal contaminations leading to  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  production in the materials of the tank or the liquid itself cannot be shielded out, and would serve as an inherent background that could not be separated from a neutrino signal. We have, however, found that the thorium and uranium content of perchlorethylene was less than  $2 \times 10^{-9}$  gm per gram. At this level internal neutron production is unimportant, less than 0.01  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  would be produced per day by these neutrons. However, even at this uranium and thorium level the sulfur content must be below 0.5 percent to reduce the  $\text{Ar}^{37}$  produced by the  $\text{S}^{34}(\alpha,\text{n})\text{Ar}^{37}$  reaction to less than one per day.

We may conclude from the above considerations that an experiment using 100,000 gallons of pure perchlorethylene in a mine 4500 feet deep,