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The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

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How it all began...

- o 1914: Chadwick & Ellis
Beta decay has a continuous spectrum (+spin?)
- o 1930: Pauli: another particle? ?

Offener Brief an die Gruppe der Radioaktiven bei der
Gesellschafts-Tagung zu Tübingen.

Abschrift

Physikalisches Institut
der Eidg. Technischen Hochschule
Zürich

Zürich, 4. Dez. 1930
Oloriastrasse

Liebe Radioaktive Damen und Herren,

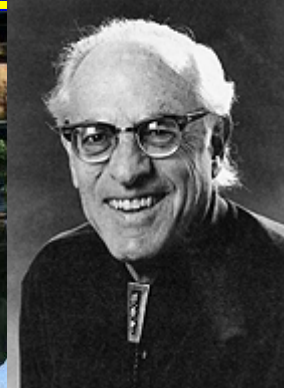
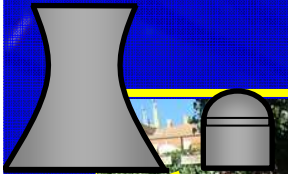
Wie der Ueberbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich höflichst
anzuhören bitte, Ihnen das näherem auseinandersetzen wird, bin ich
angesichts der "falschen" Statistik der N - und $Li-6$ Kerne, sowie
des kontinuierlichen beta-Spektrums auf einen verzweifelten Ausweg
verfallen um den "Wechselstich" (1) der Statistik und den Energienatz
zu retten. Nämlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrale
Teilchen, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Kernen existieren,
welche den Spin $1/2$ haben und das Ausschliessungsprinzip befolgen und
sich von Lichtquanten ausserdem noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie
nicht mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen
würde von derselben Grössenordnung wie die Elektronenmasse sein und
jedenfalls nicht grösser als $0,01$ Protonenmasse. Das kontinuierliche
beta-Spektrum wäre dann verständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim
beta-Zerfall mit dem Elektron jeweils noch ein Neutron emittiert
wird, derart, dass die Summe der Energien von Neutron und Elektron
konstant ist.



nucleus

electron

First observation of neutrinos



1956: Project Poltergeist
(26 years later!)

Nobelprice 1995

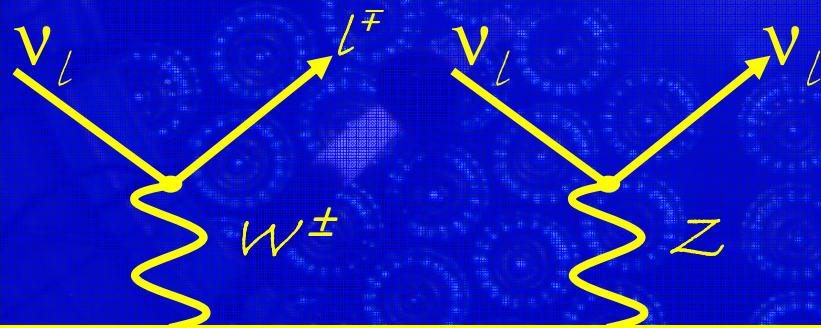
Frederick REINES and Clyde COWAN
Box 1663, LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico

Thanks for message. Everything comes to
him who knows how to wait.

Pauli

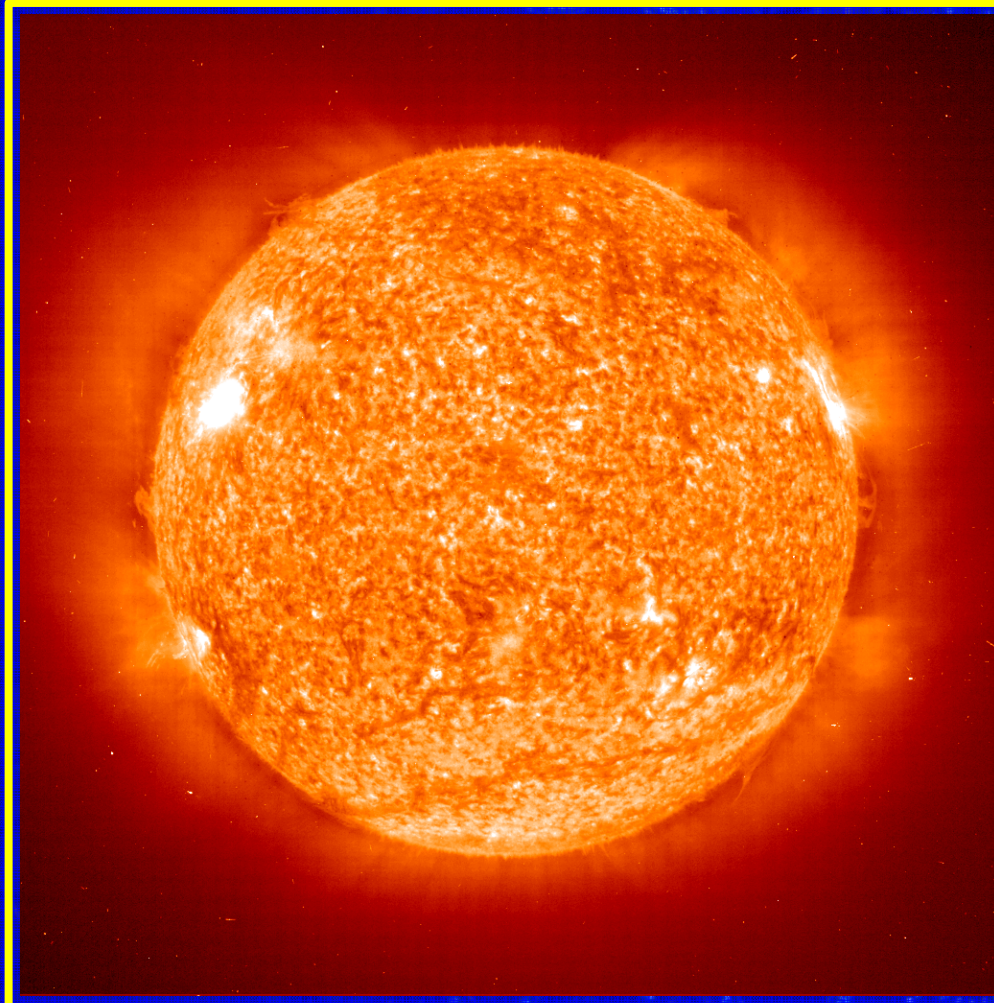
"Pre-1998" Standard Model of Particle Physics

Neutrinos are massless, weakly interacting particles and come in three families or flavour weak interaction:
 charged current Neutral current



Elementary Particles					
Quarks	u up	c charm	t top	Force Carriers	
	d down	s strange	b bottom		
Leptons	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino		Z Z boson
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau		W W boson
	I	II	III		
Three Families of Matter					

Neutrinos from solar fusion



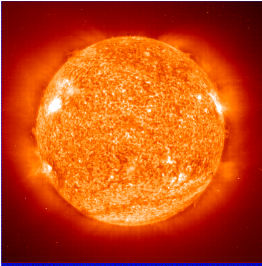
(energy relevant equation)

Using the
Solar irradiance:

$$S = 8.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ MeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

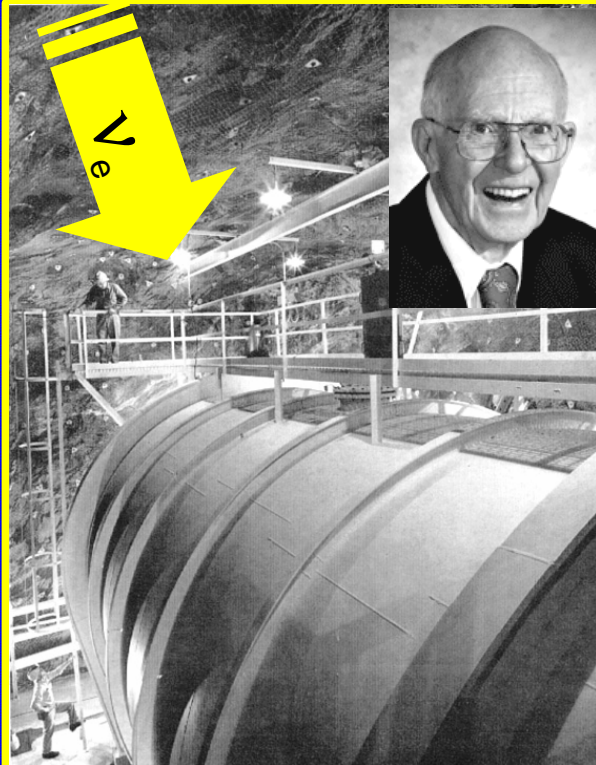
an estimate of the solar
neutrino flux on earth is:

$$\sim 65,000,000,000 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

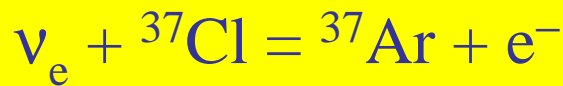


The Solar Neutrino Problem

Ray Davis



Homestake Gold Mine
(South Dakota, US)



The experiment ran from 1970-1995 (i)

Expected reaction rate from expected solar neutrino flux: $\sim 0.5 \text{ day}^{-1}$

However, only:

$$0.33 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$$

of the expected number of neutrinos has been observed.

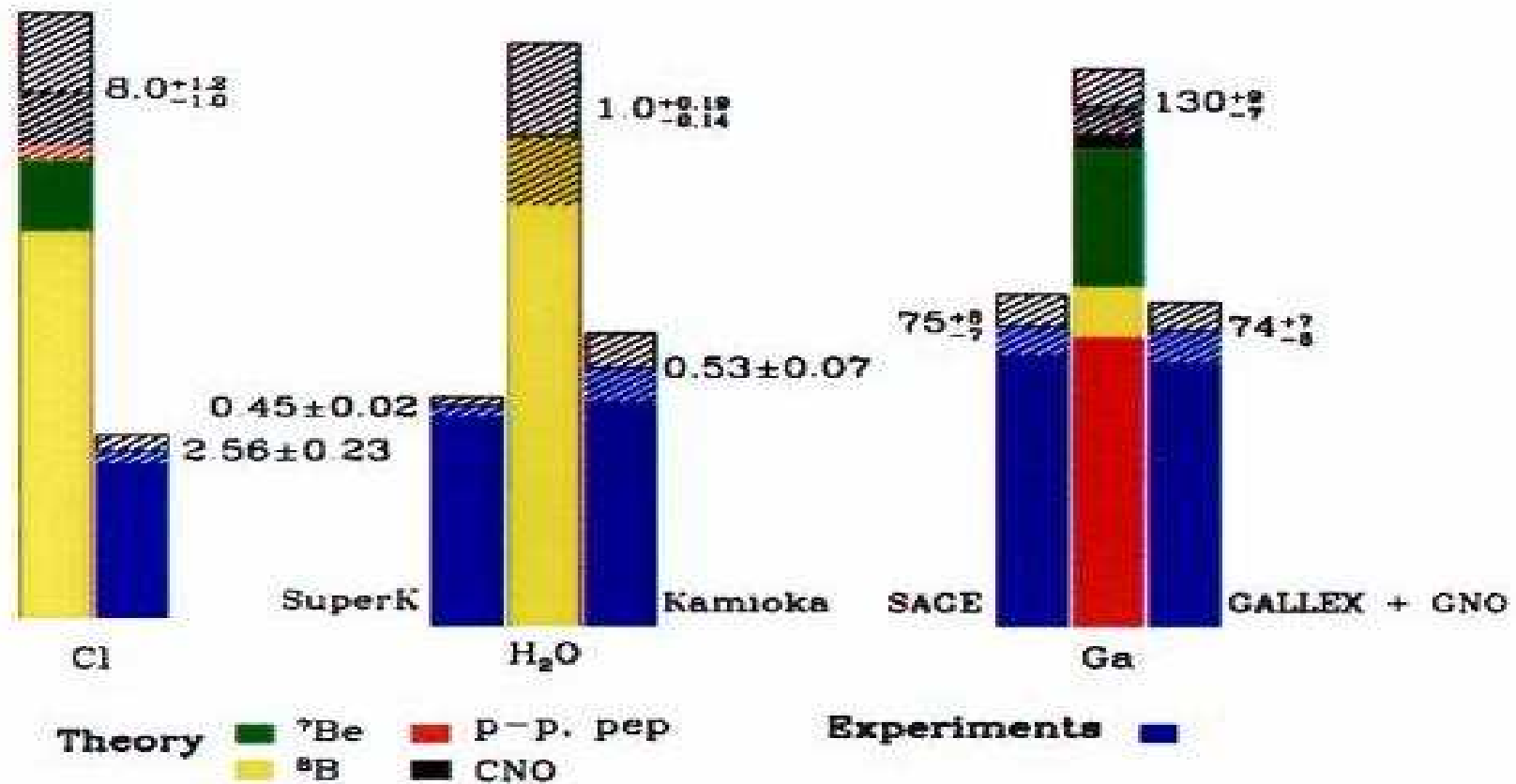
SOLAR NEUTRINO PROBLEM

Ray Davis shared the Nobel Price for Physics of 2003 (just after SNO's publication on neutrino flavour transformation)

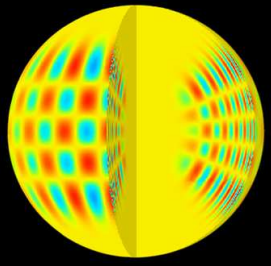
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Experimental confirmation

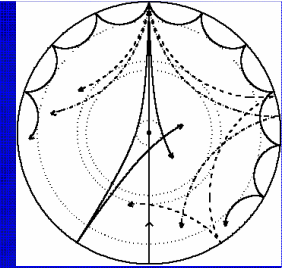
Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment
Bahcall-Pinsonneault 00



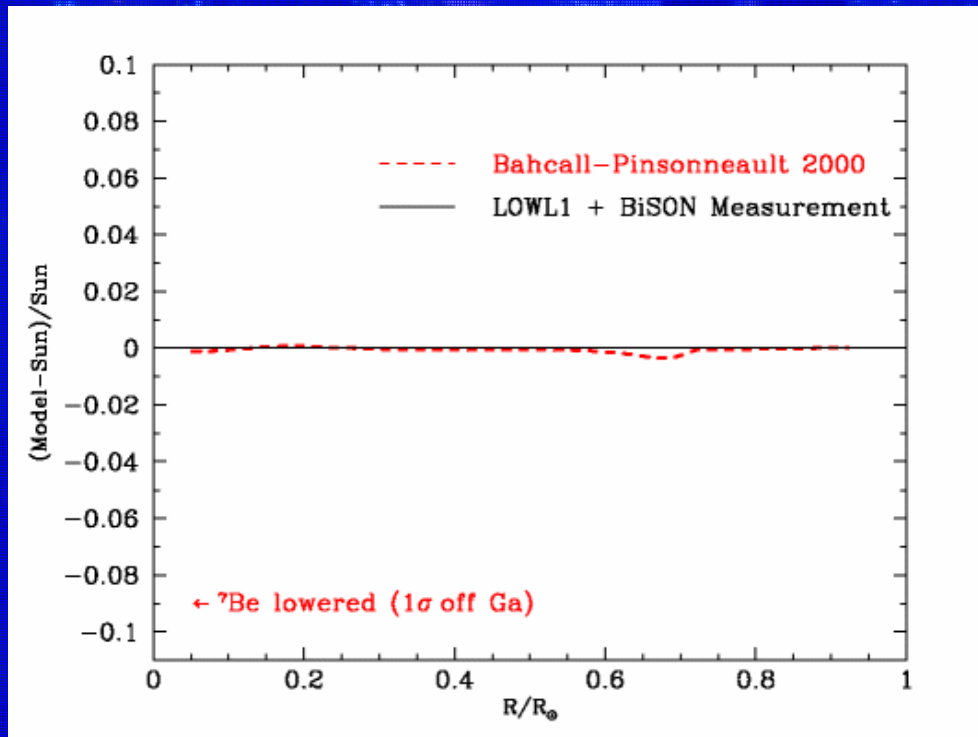
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Standard Solar Model



Helioseismology ruled out that the Solar Neutrino Problem was due to the incorrect modelling of the interior of the sun.



(Dis)agreement model and observed oscillations:

≈ 3% error in ^8B neutrino flux

Neutrino have mass and "oscillate"

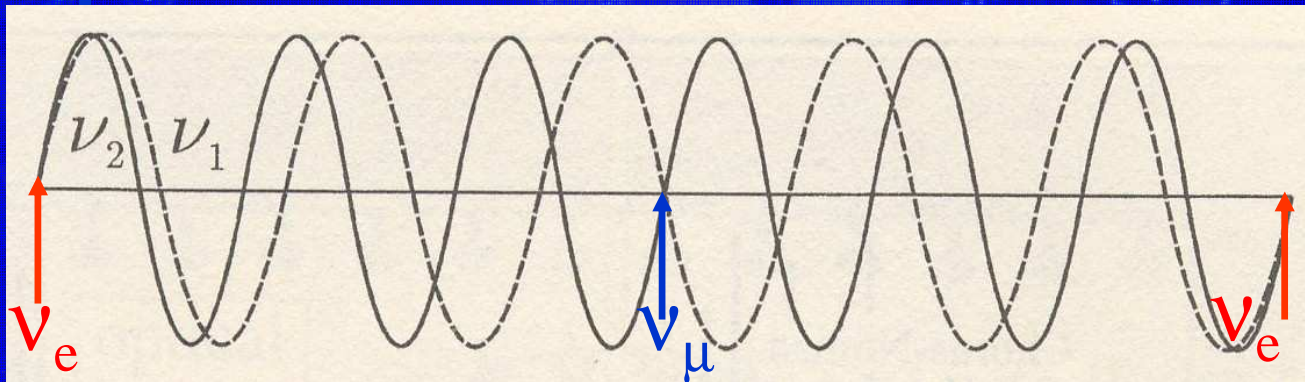
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider $\theta = 45^\circ$ then

$$\nu_e = 1/\sqrt{2}\nu_1 + 1/\sqrt{2}\nu_2$$

$$\nu_e(t) = 1/\sqrt{2}(\nu_1 \exp i\omega_1 t + \nu_2 \exp i\omega_2 t)$$

$$E_i^2 = p^2 + m_i^2 \quad \text{so} \quad 2E \cdot \Delta E = \Delta m^2 \quad \omega_1 - \omega_2 = \Delta m^2 / 2E$$



neutrino oscillation

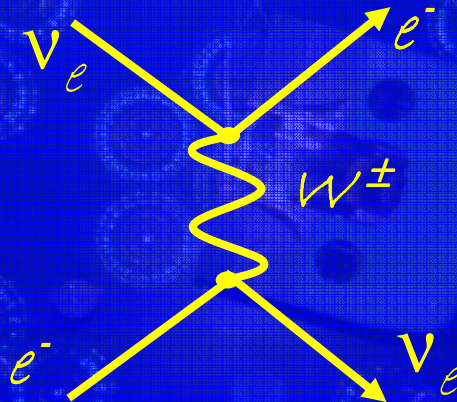
$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(\Delta m^2 L / E)$$

Sun: extended source, energy spectrum

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 2\theta) > 0.5$$

MSW effect

Mikhaev, Smirnov, Wolfenstein



(See for example:
The MSW effect and
solar neutrinos
A.Yu. Smirnov
hep-ph/0305106)

$$V_e = G_F \sqrt{2} N_e$$

$$< 0 : P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) < 0.5$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta_m \cos 2\theta)$$

Get a more complete picture!

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

30 SEPTEMBER 1985

Direct Approach to Resolve the Solar-Neutrino Problem

Herbert H. Chen

Department of Physics, University of California, Irvine, California 92717

(Received 27 June 1985)

A direct approach to resolve the solar-neutrino problem would be to observe neutrinos by use of both neutral-current and charged-current reactions. Then, the total neutrino flux and the electron-neutrino flux would be separately determined to provide independent tests of the neutrino-oscillation hypothesis and the standard solar model. A large heavy-water Cherenkov detector, sensitive to neutrinos from ${}^8\text{B}$ decay via the neutral-current reaction $\nu + d \rightarrow \nu + p + n$ and the charged-current reaction $\nu_e + d \rightarrow e^- + p + p$, is suggested for this purpose.

PACS numbers: 96.60.Kx, 14.60.Gh



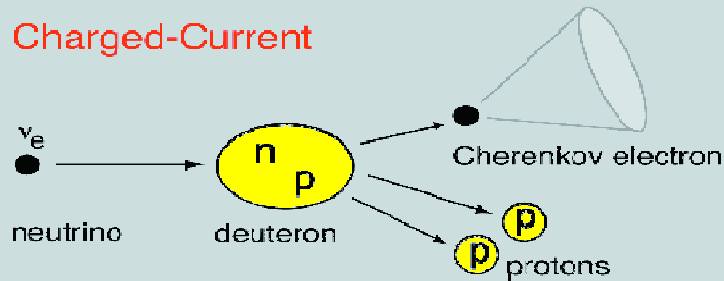
Herb Chen
in 1985:
use deuterium

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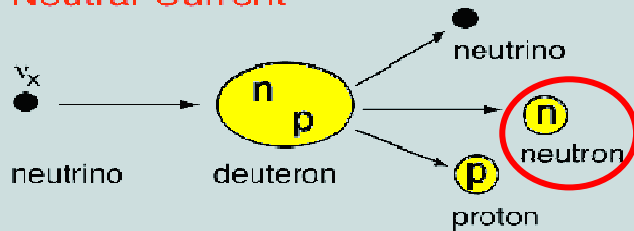
Neutrino reactions on D₂O

Neutrino Reactions on Deuterium

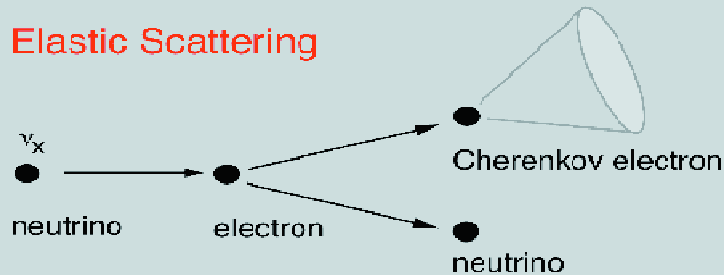
Charged-Current



Neutral-Current



Elastic Scattering



- o CC: sensitive to electron neutrino flavour only. Energy electron directly correlated with ν energy.
- o NC: sensitive to all neutrino flavours.
- o ES: mostly electron flavour, direction (solar ν_e), ~ 10 times smaller interaction cross section

$$\Phi_{NC} \equiv \Phi_{SSM}$$

$$\Phi_{CC} / \Phi_{NC} \equiv P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory



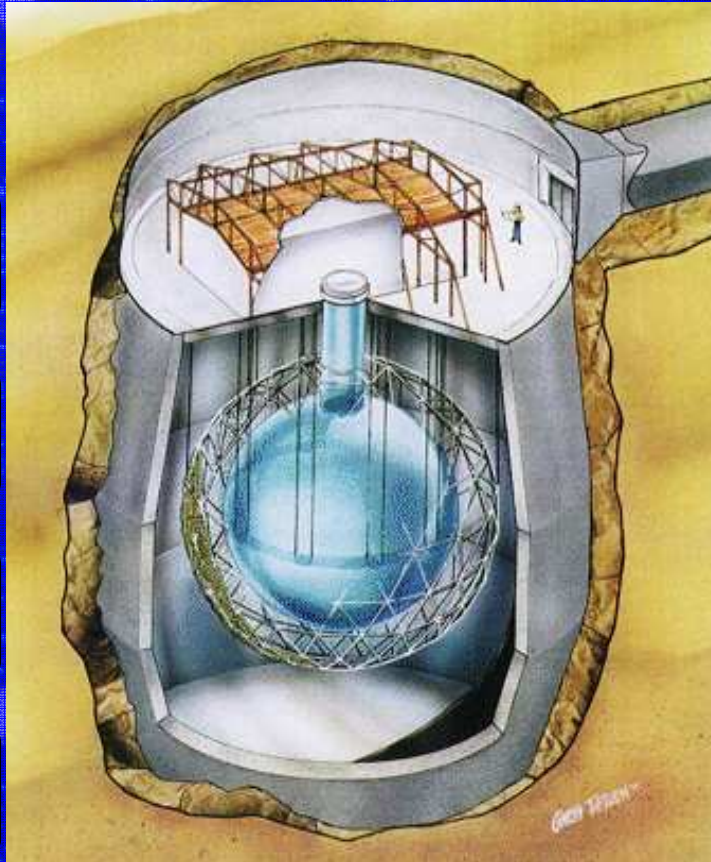
Acrylic vessel (AV)
12 m diameter

1000 tonnes D_2O

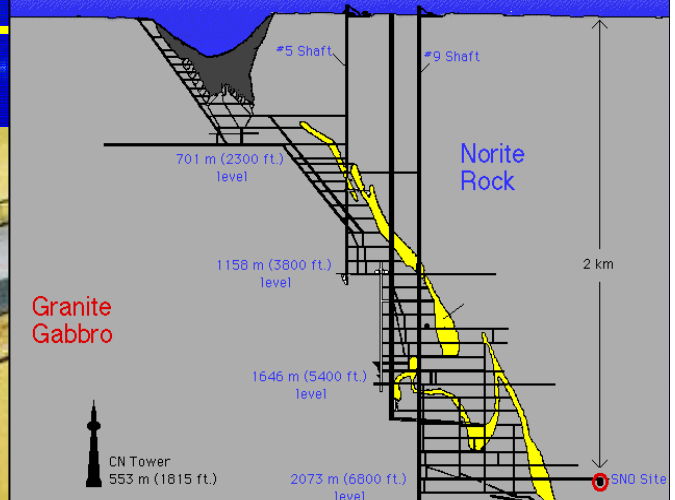
1700 tonnes H_2O
inner shielding

5300 tonnes H_2O
outer shielding

~9500 PMTs,
54% coverage



6800 feet (~2km) underground



Creighton mine
Sudbury, CA



"The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory" , The SNO Collaboration
Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research [A449](#) (2000) pp. 172-207

















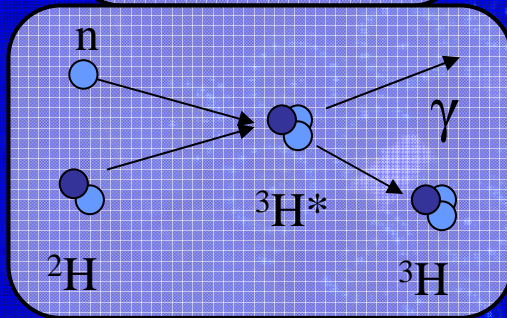


The SNO program

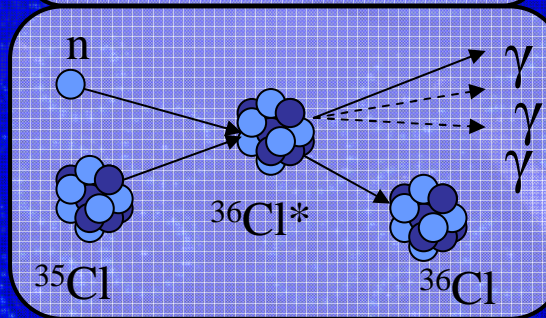
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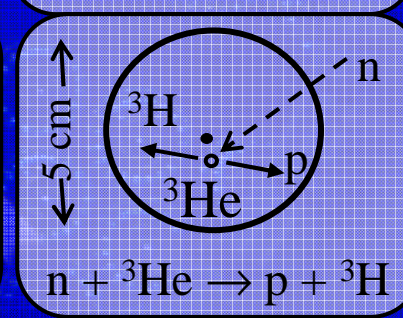
n captures on deuterium
 $\sigma = 0.0005\text{b}$
 6.25 MeV γ



n captures on chlorine
 $\sigma = 44\text{b}$
 8.6 MeV multiple γ s

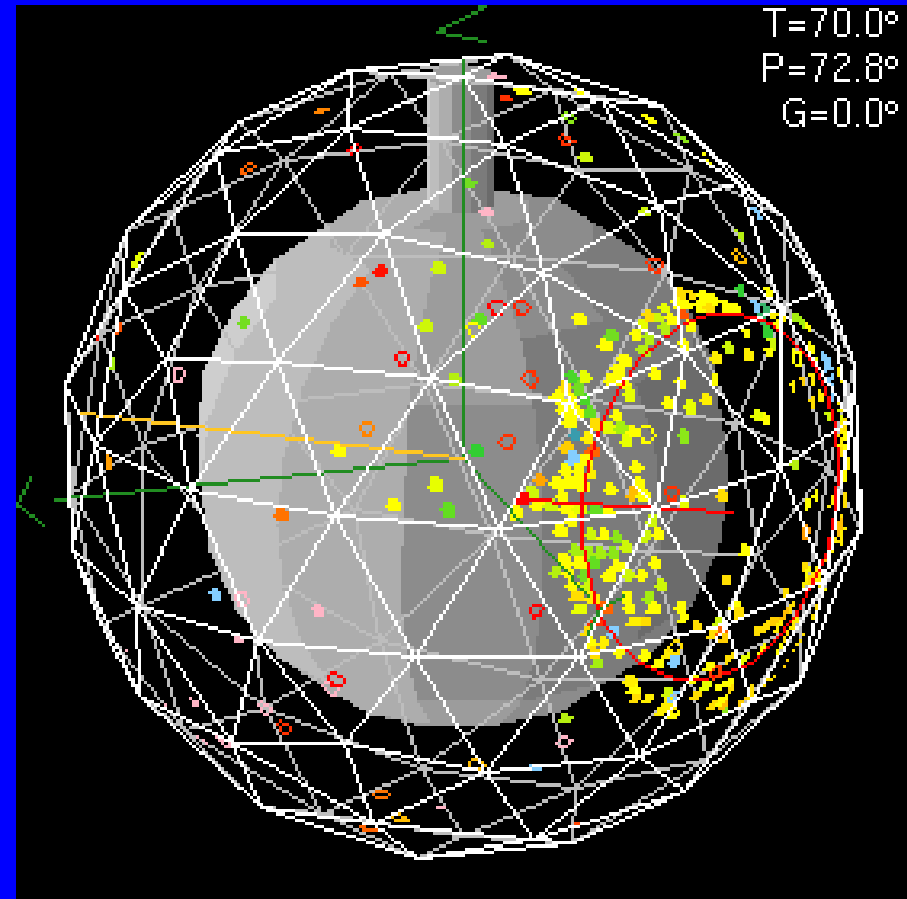
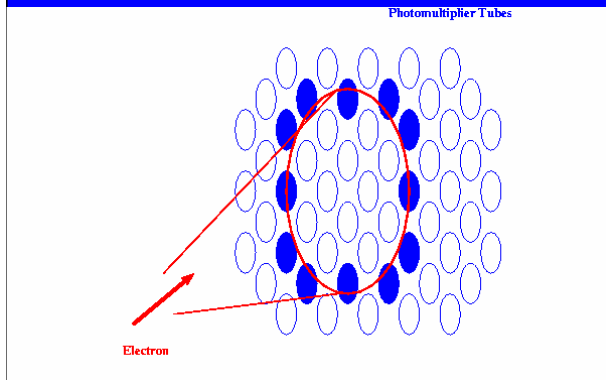


n captures on ³He
 prop. counter array
 $\sigma = 5330\text{b}$
 0.764 MeV



ν Interactions as seen by SNO

(neutron captured produces gammas)
(gammas Compton scatter)
relativistic electrons
produce Cherenkov light



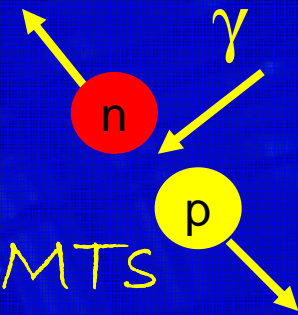
PMT positions
Times
Charges

Reconstructed event position (radius),
direction, kinetic energy, isotropy

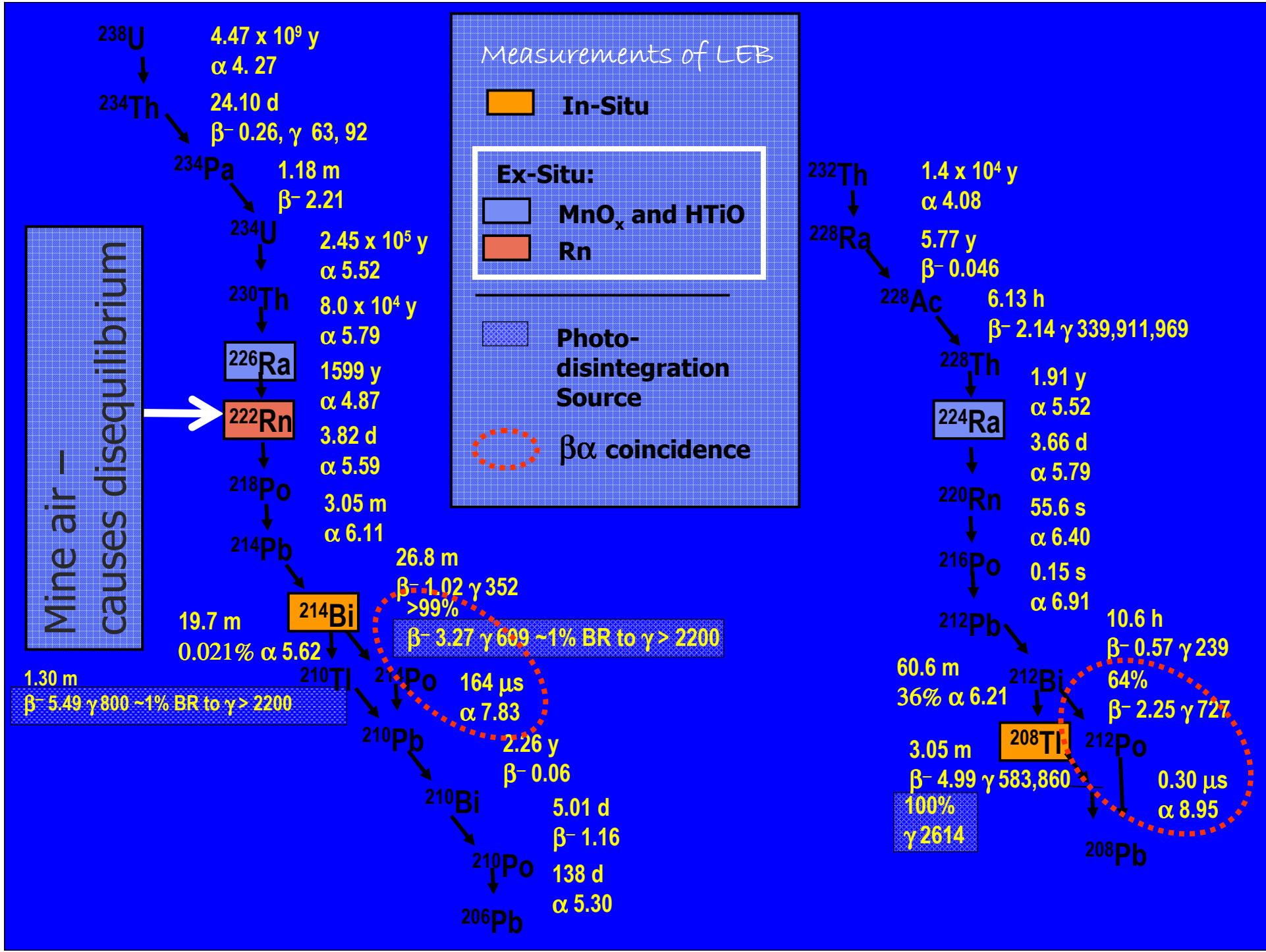
Main background

Gamma $>$ 2.2 MeV pd's the deuteron:

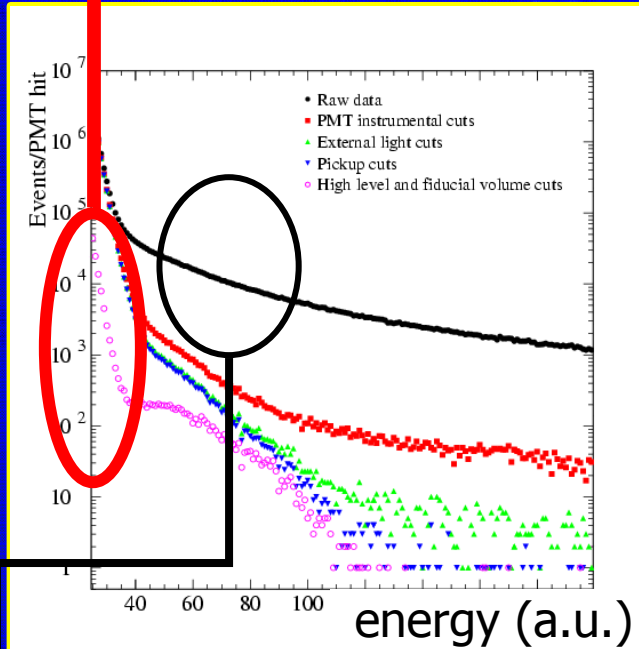
- o Hence the water shielding from radioactivity in the rock, mine air, PMTs
- o Hence the depth: shielding for cosmic rays (only 3 μ 's per hour)
- o Cleanliness of detector materials: ^{238}U , ^{232}Th
- o D_2O : less than one teaspoon of minedust
~ 1.5 w/day (~10% of NC flux)



"I will show you fear in a handful of dust." -- T.S. Eliot



In-situ measurements



^{238}U , ^{232}Th :

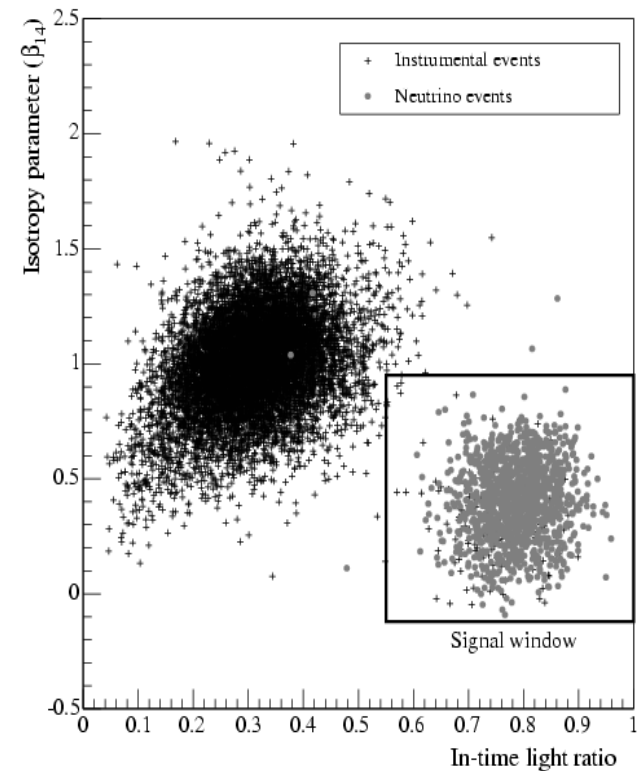
* Different branching fractions to $\gamma > 2.2 \text{ MeV}$

* Observation is different:

single γ
vs

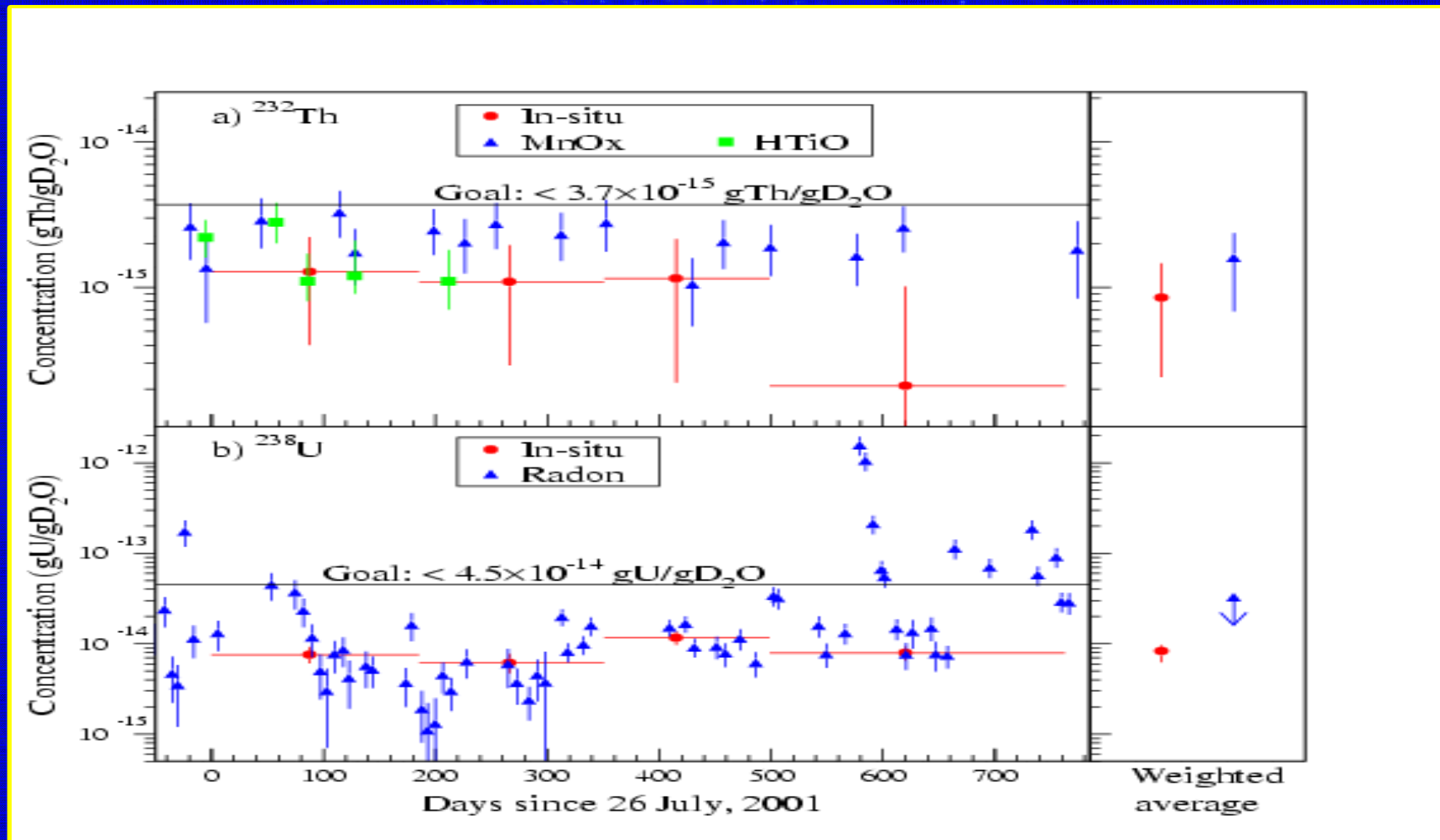
$\gamma + \beta$:

!different isotropy!



Instrumental events: data taking rate $\sim 20 \text{ Hz}$
uncharacteristic spatial distributions
make them easy to separate from the data.

Comparison in-situ/ex-situ (salt phase)

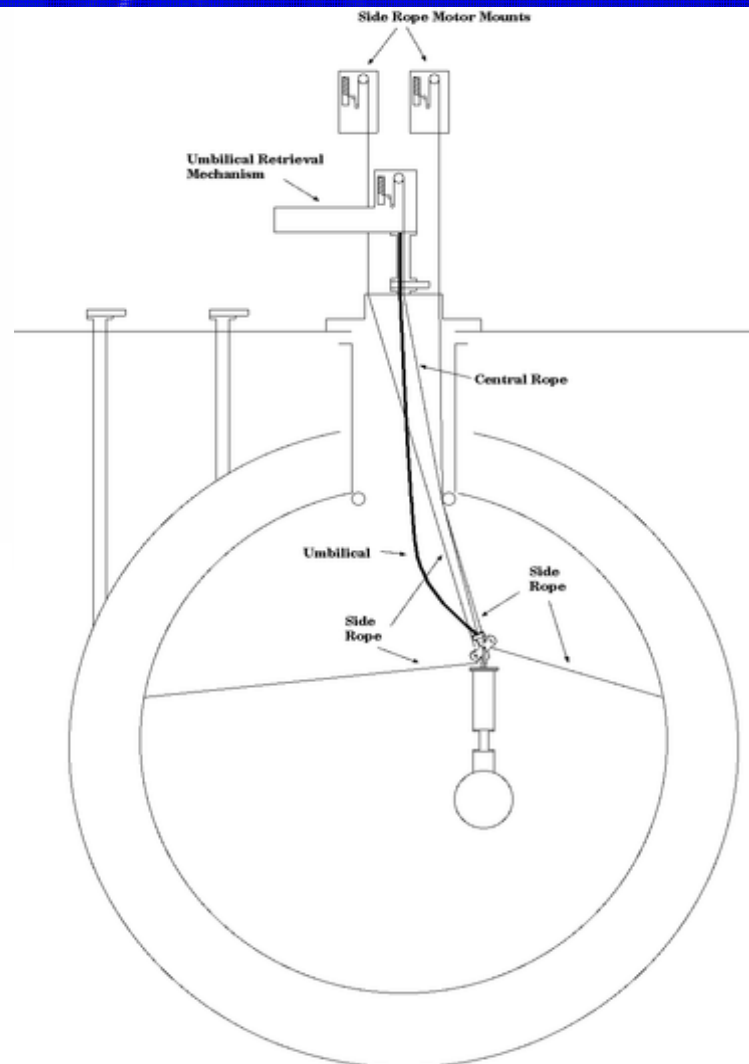
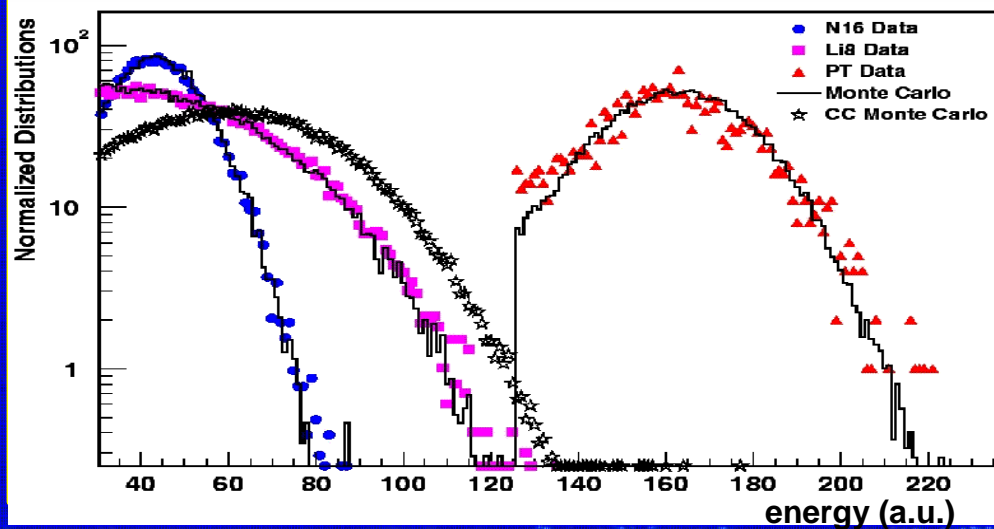


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calibrations

TABLE III: Primary calibration sources.

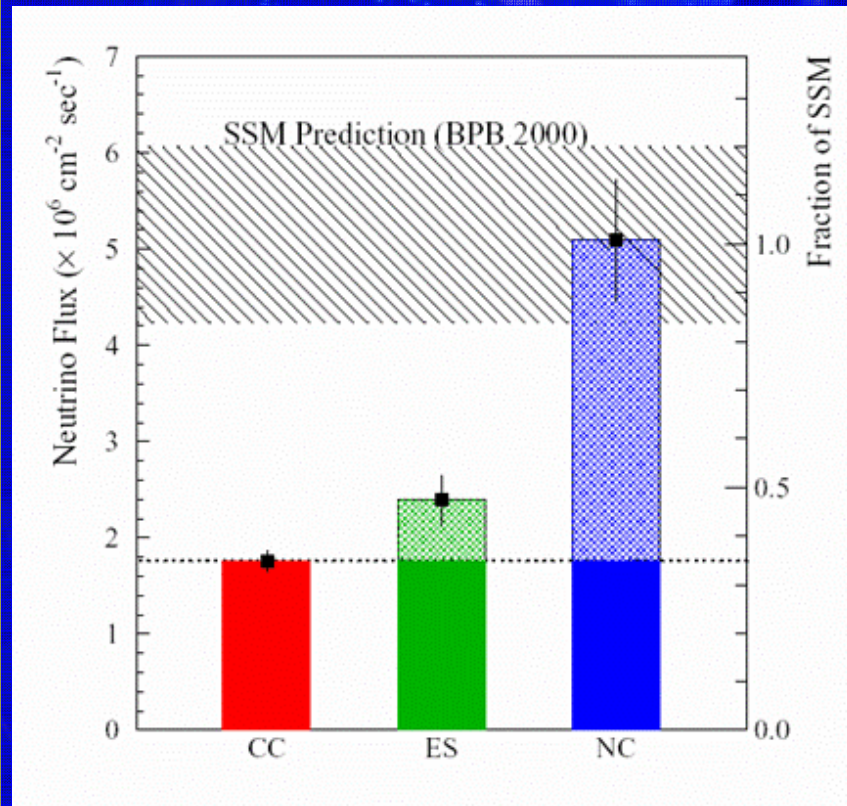
Calibration source	Details	Calibration	Ref.
Pulsed nitrogen laser	337, 369, 385, 420, 505, 619 nm	Optical & timing calibration	[1]
^{16}N	6.13-MeV γ -rays	Energy & reconstruction	[23]
^8Li	β spectrum	Energy & reconstruction	[22]
^{252}Cf	neutrons	Neutron response	[1]
Am-Be	neutrons	Neutron response	
$^3\text{H}(p, \gamma)^4\text{He}$ ("pT")	19.8-MeV γ -rays	Energy linearity	[24]
U, Th	$\beta - \gamma$	Backgrounds	[1]
^{88}Y	$\beta - \gamma$	Backgrounds	
Dissolved Rn spike	$\beta - \gamma$	Backgrounds	
<i>In-situ</i> ^{24}Na activation	$\beta - \gamma$	Backgrounds	



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Results D_2O phase

"Direct Evidence for Neutrino Flavor Transformation from Neutral-Current Interactions in the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory", *The SNO Collaboration Phys. Rev. Lett.* volume 89, No. 1, 011301 (2002).

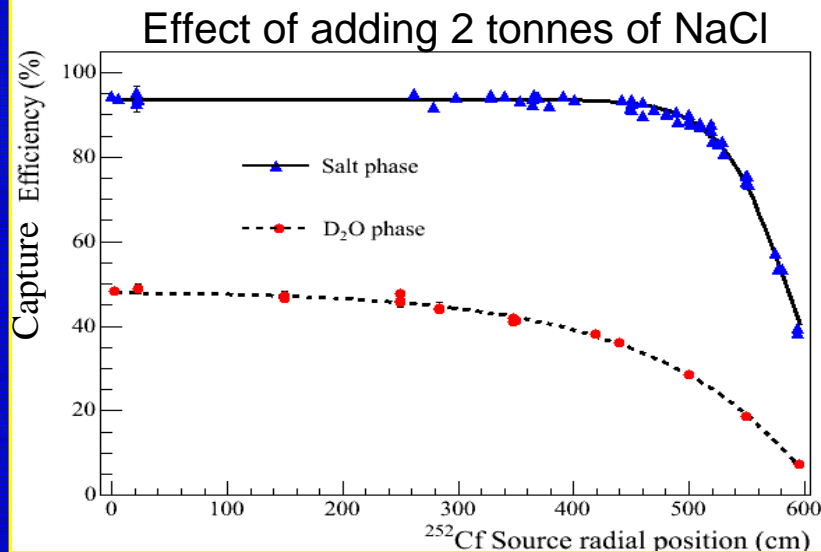
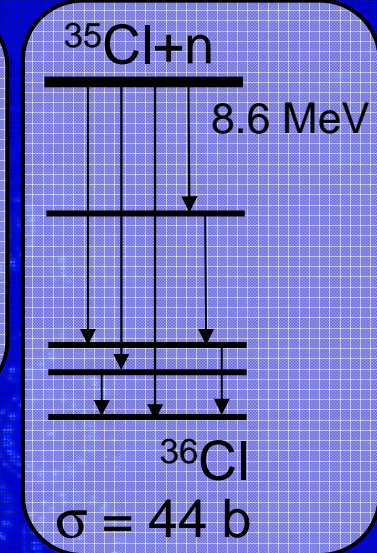
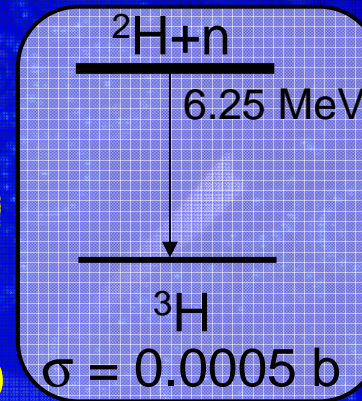


- o Total flux agrees with the Standard Solar Model (Solar SM OK)
- o Neutrino change flavour in between their production point and SNO (Particle SM has to be adjusted)

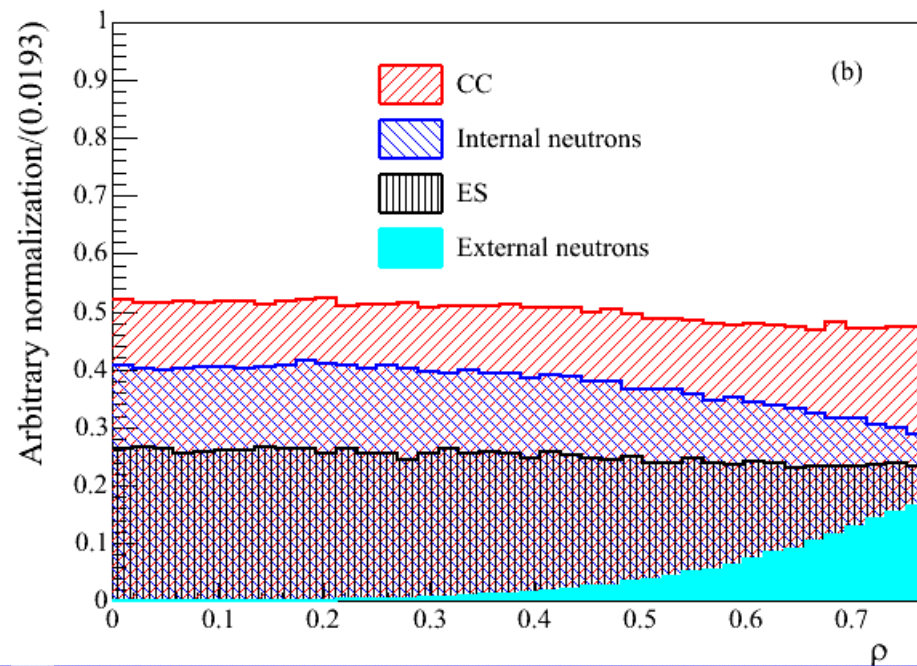
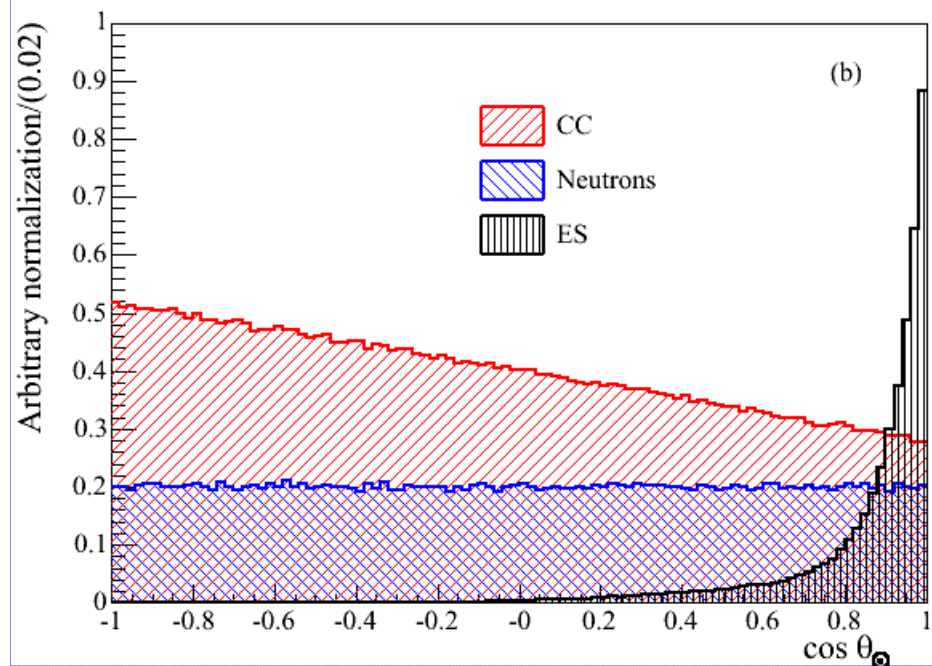
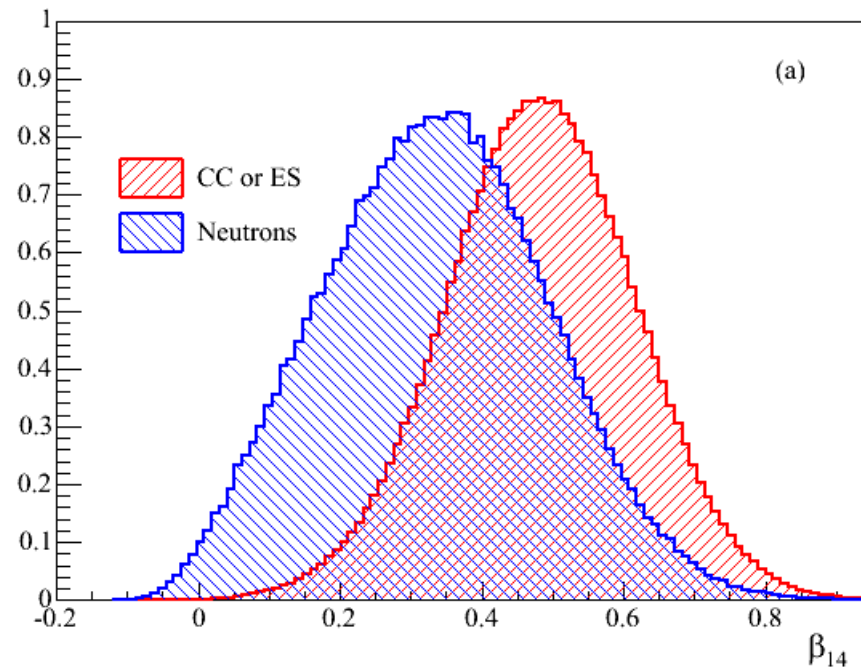
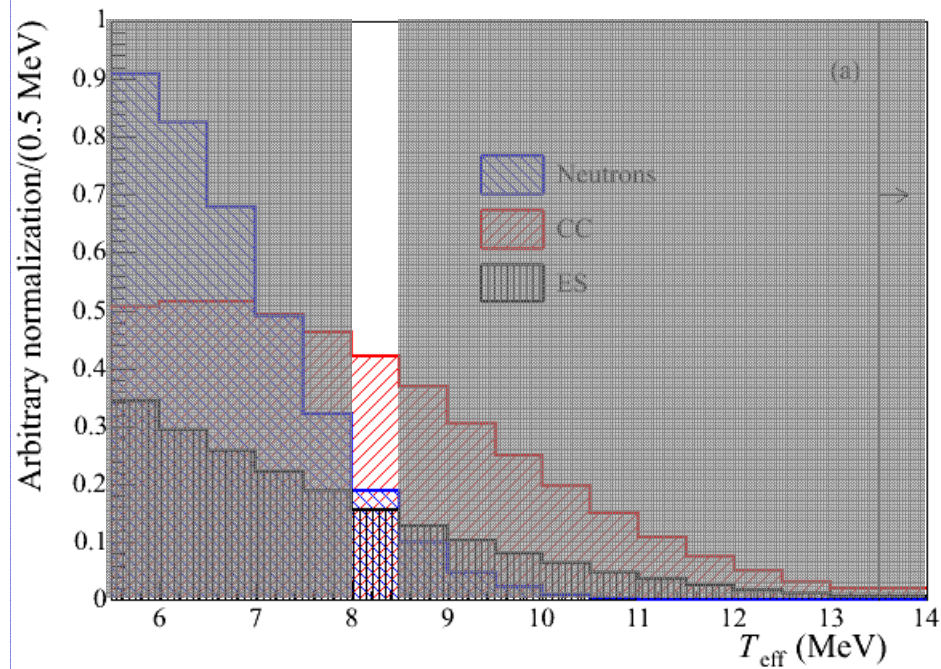


The Salt Phase

- I. Higher capture cross section
 - II. Higher energy release
 - III. Multiple γ s means greater isotropy
- D₂O phase: CC 1e, NC 1e (γ)
 Salt phase: CC 1e, NC ~2,3es (γ s)



Difference
 Event Isotropy
 NC vs CC:
 Extra handle on statistical
 separation of NC and
 CC events.



Results

391 days of salt data
 $r < 550 \text{ cm}$

4722 events
 $T_{\text{eff}} > 5.5 \text{ MeV}$

(1D projections from multidim. fit)

Extracted Events:

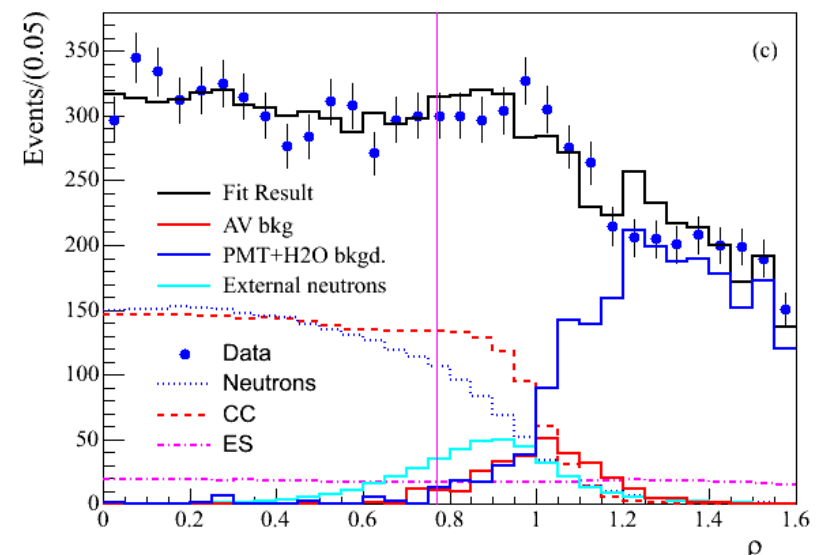
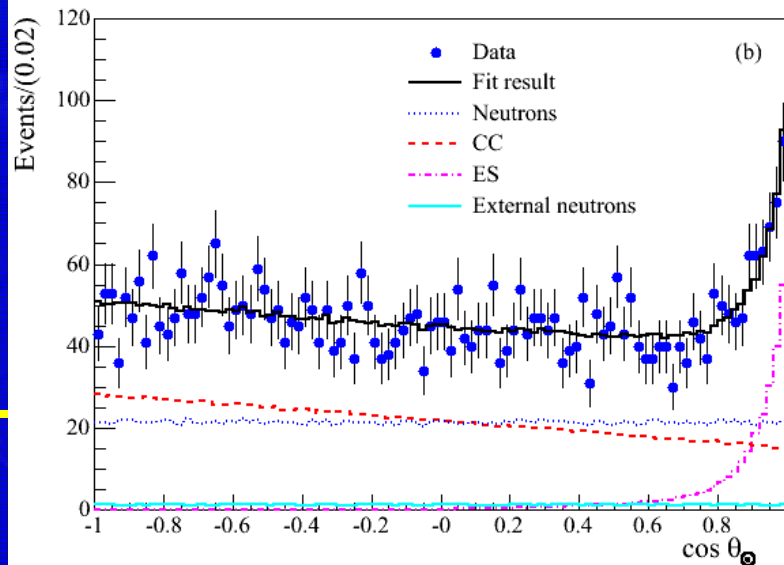
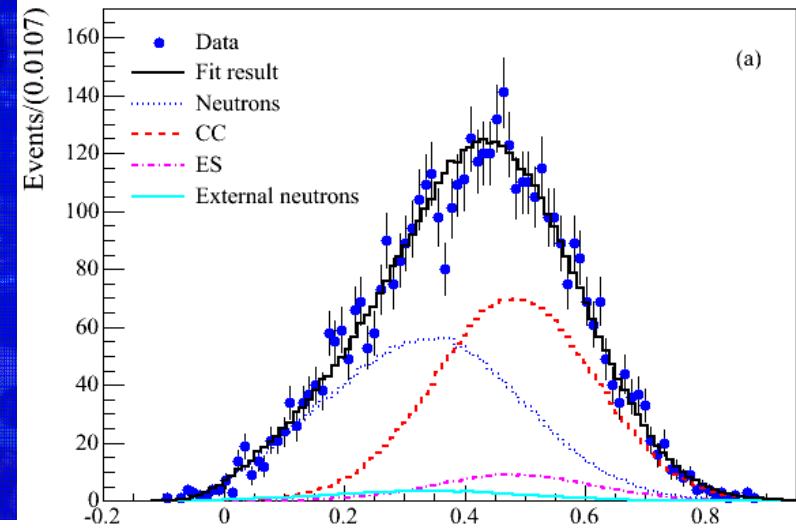
CC: 2176 ± 78

NC: 2010 ± 85

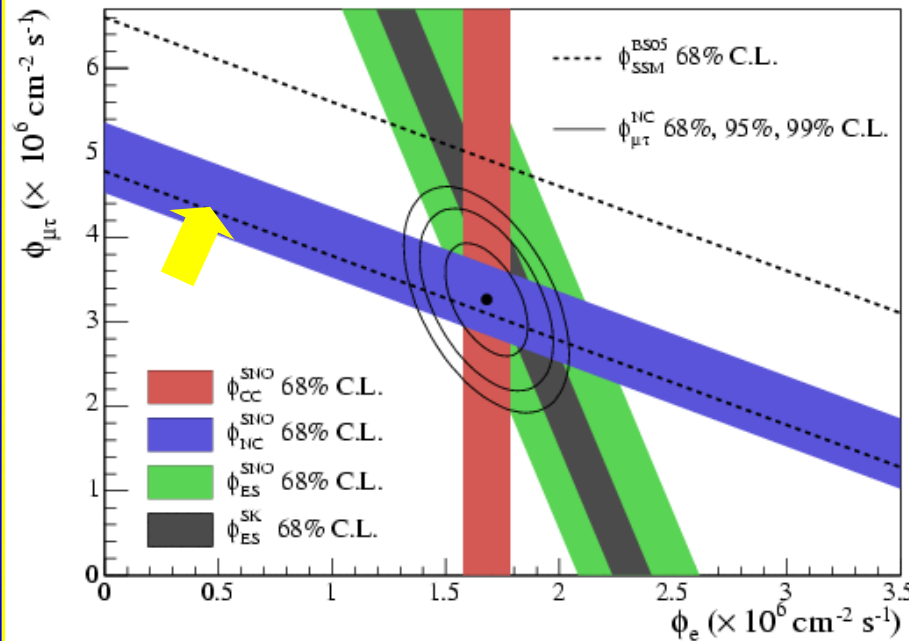
ES: 279 ± 26

External neutrons: 129 ± 42

Internal neutrons: 125 (fixed)



Flux Interpretation



$$\phi_{NC} = (4.94 \pm 0.21(\text{stat.})_{-0.34}^{+0.38}) \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Agrees with SSM

$$\frac{\phi_{CC}}{\phi_{NC}} = 0.340 \pm 0.023(\text{stat.})_{-0.031}^{+0.029}$$

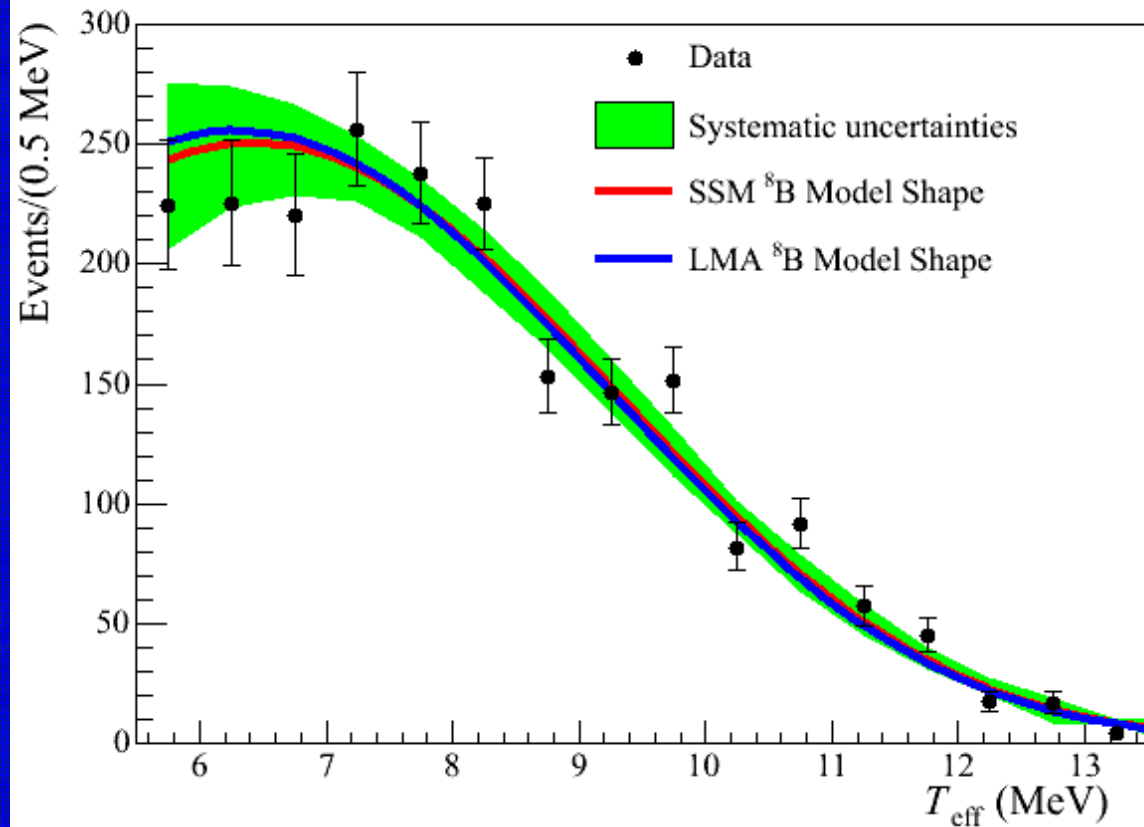
Agrees with Davis' measurement

nucl-ex/0502021 (25 Feb 2005), submitted to Phys. Rev. C

Electron Energy Spectra, Fluxes, and Day-Night Asymmetries of ^8B Solar Neutrinos from the 391-Day Salt Phase SNO Data Set 45 pages, 49 figures in 36 eps files

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CC spectrum



CC spectrum consistent with
LMA, undistorted ^8B

Day-night analysis

❖ CC, ES asymmetry:

ν_e regeneration inside the Earth

❖ NC asymmetry:

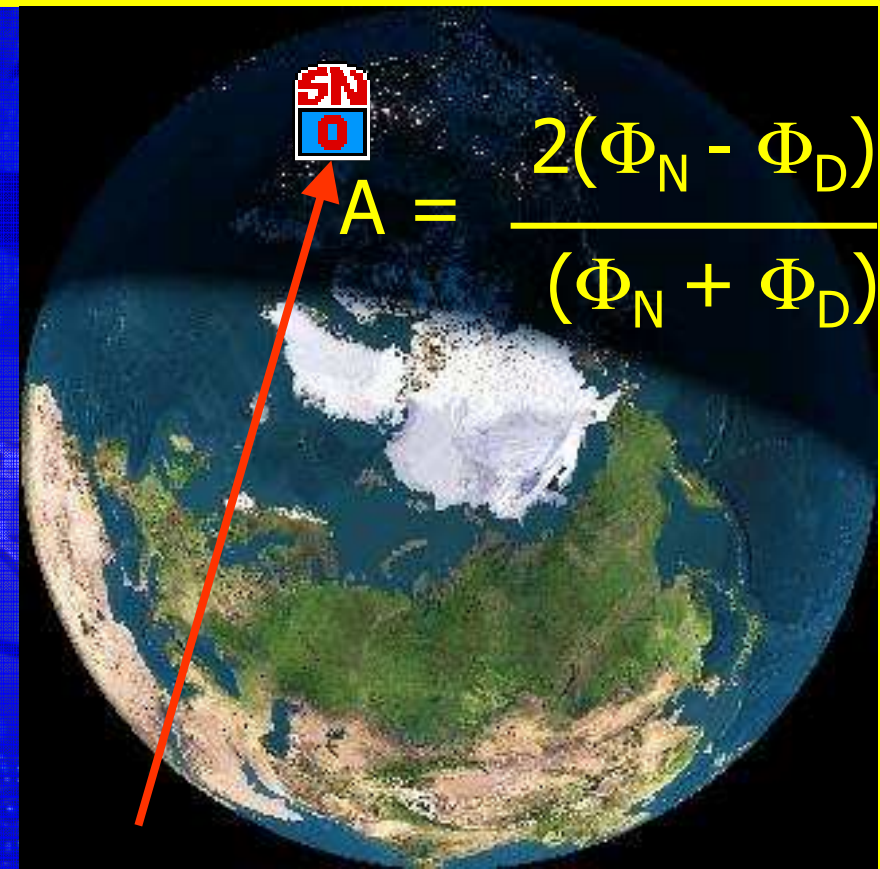
Admixture of sterile neutrinos
or unexpected matter
interactions inside the Earth

LMA:

small A_{CC} , A_{ES} & $A_{NC} = 0$

Combined with D2O phase and SK:

$$A_e = 0.035 \pm 0.027^*$$

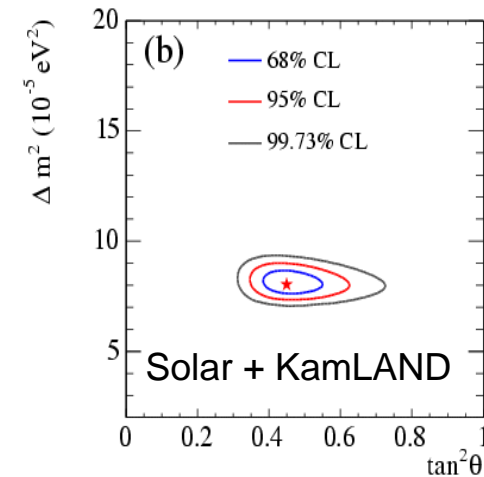
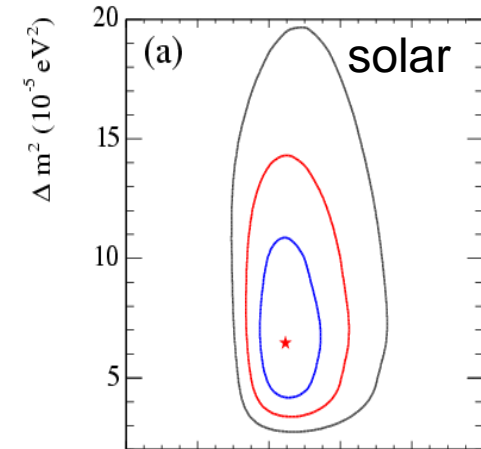
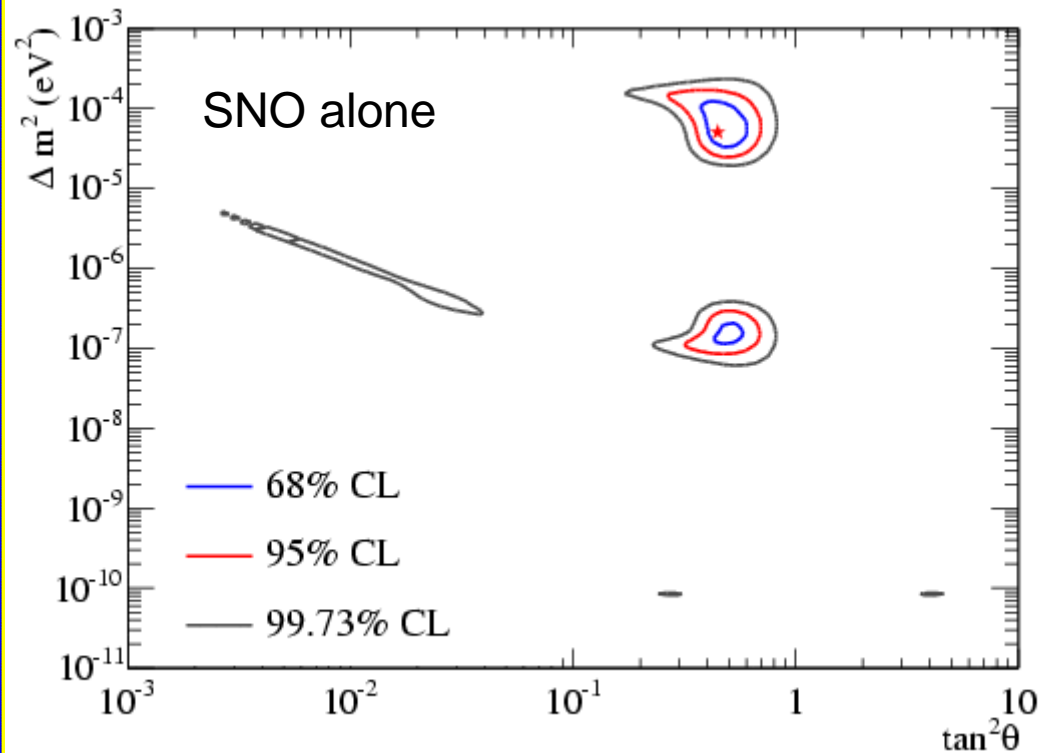


Oscillation interpretation

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(\Delta m^2 L / E)$$

a) $\Delta m^2 = 6.5_{-2.3}^{+4.4} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$, $\tan^2 \theta = 0.45_{-0.08}^{+0.09}$

b) $\Delta m^2 = 8.0_{-0.4}^{+0.6} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$, $\tan^2 \theta = 0.45_{-0.07}^{+0.09}$



Other SNO results thus far

- o **"Electron antineutrino search at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory"**
Phys. Rev. D 70, 093014 (2004)

upper limit consistent with KamLAND, extended energy region

- o **"Search for periodicities in the ^8B solar neutrino flux measured by the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory"**
Phys. Rev. D 72 052010 (2005)

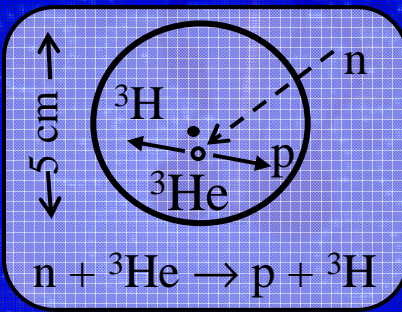
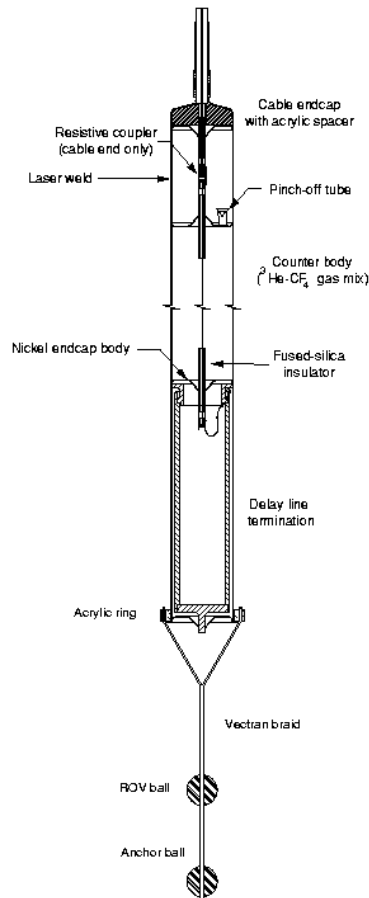
No significant ($\geq 8\%$ variation) sinusoidal periodicities found with periods between 1 day-10 years.

- o **"A search for Neutrinos from the Solar hep Reaction and the diffuse Supernova background with the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory"**
ApJ 653 1545 (2006)

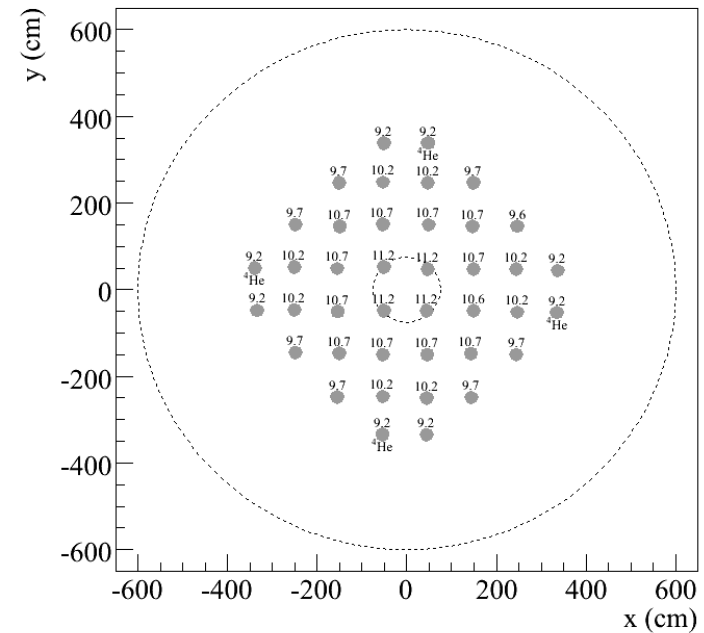
HEP: $14.3 < E \text{ (MeV)} < 20$: upper limit of $2.3 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (90%CL)

DSNB: $22.9 < E \text{ (MeV)} < 36.9$: upper limit of $70 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (90%CL)

The Neutral Current Detection array



n captures on ${}^3\text{He}$
 prop. counter array
 $\sigma = 5330\text{b}$
 0.764 MeV



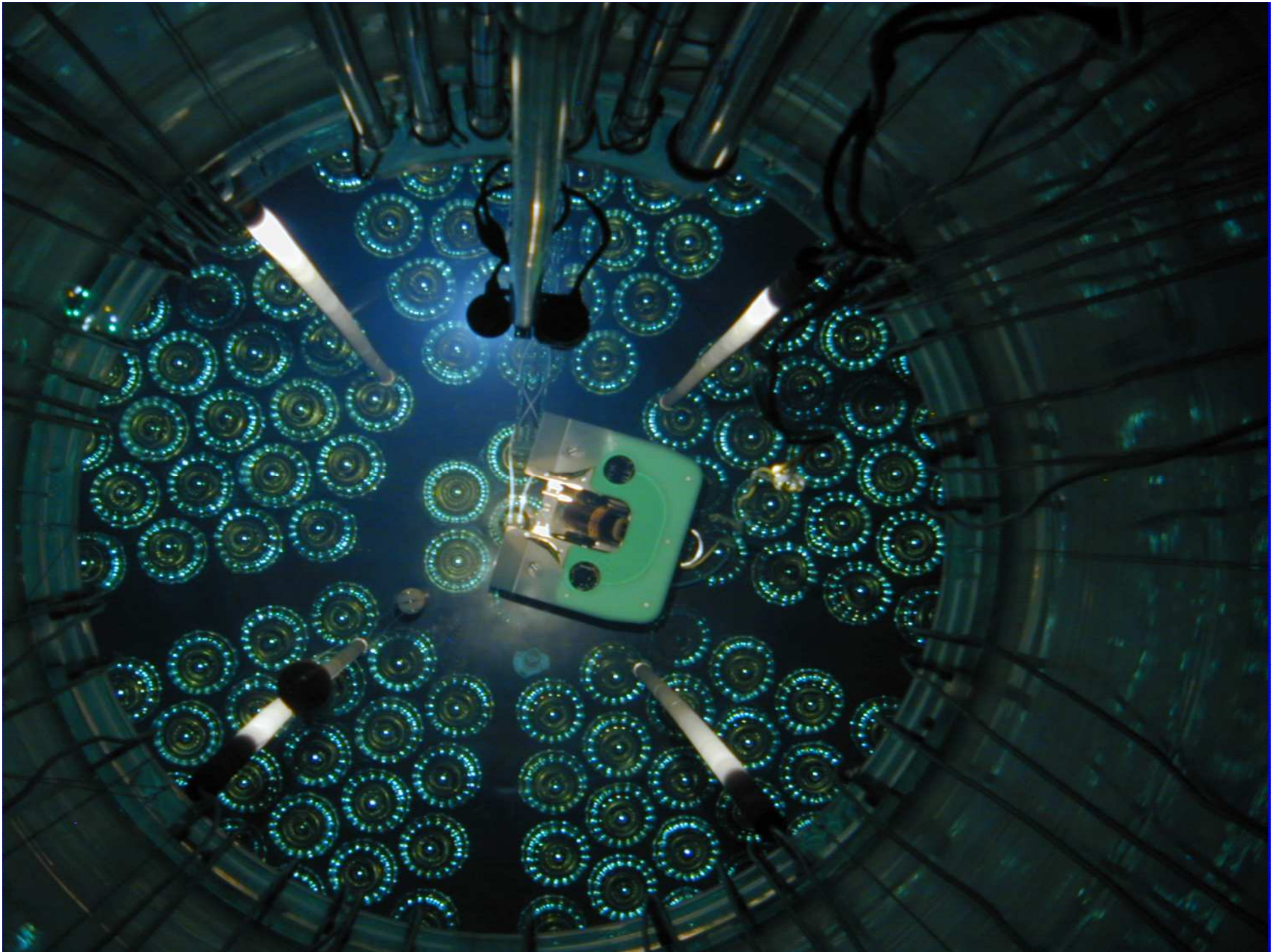
Geometry trade-off:

~8% light loss in centre vs ~26% capt. eff.

Extremely low background (nickel!):

~4 alphas $\text{m}^{-2}\text{ day}^{-1}$ (total ~22 day^{-1})

No more spherical geometry: calibration!



The End of SNO

November 2006: data taking stopped

D_2O is carefully being removed
(expected to take ~ 1 year)



Analysis of NCD phase data is ongoing.
Combined analysis of different phases.