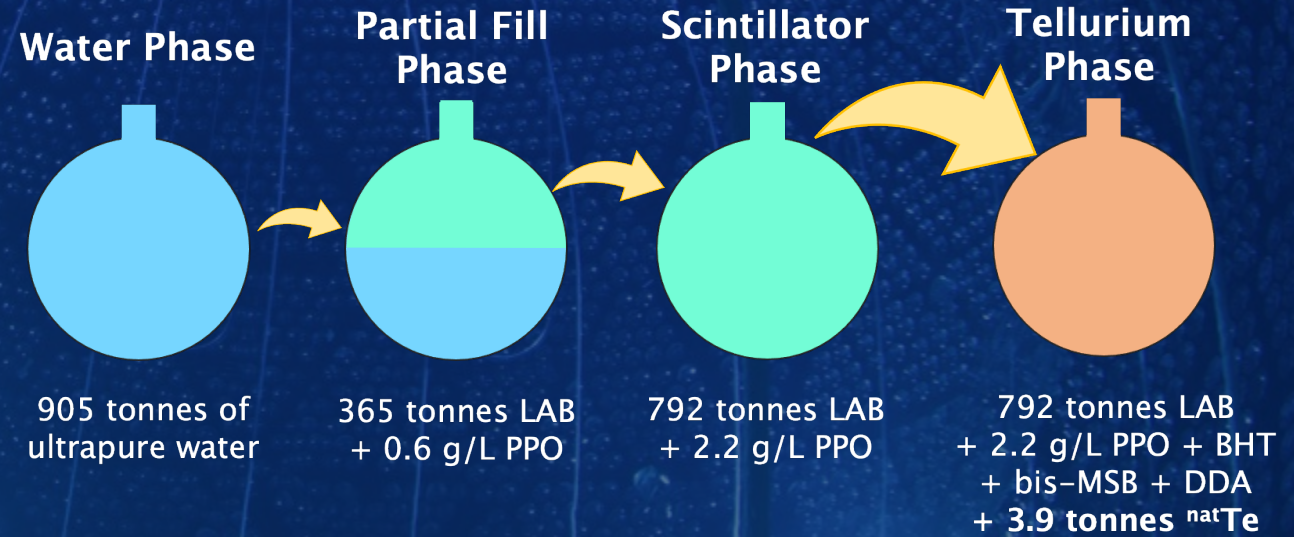
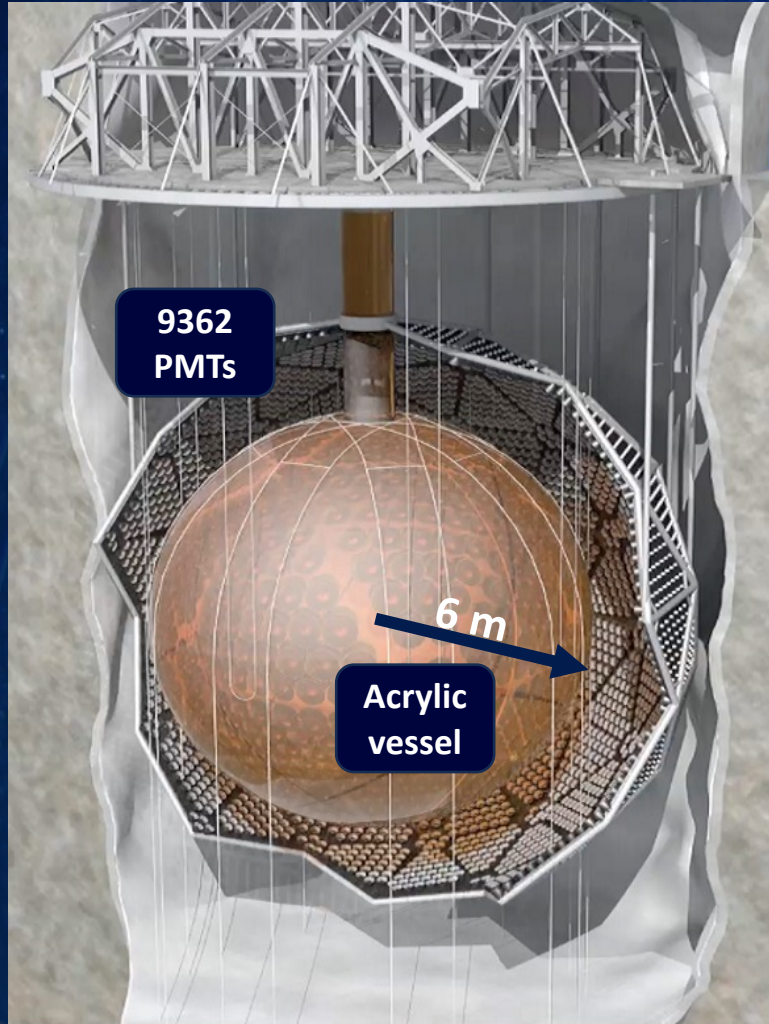


The SNO+ Experiment

Multi-purpose neutrino detector 2 km underground at SNOLAB

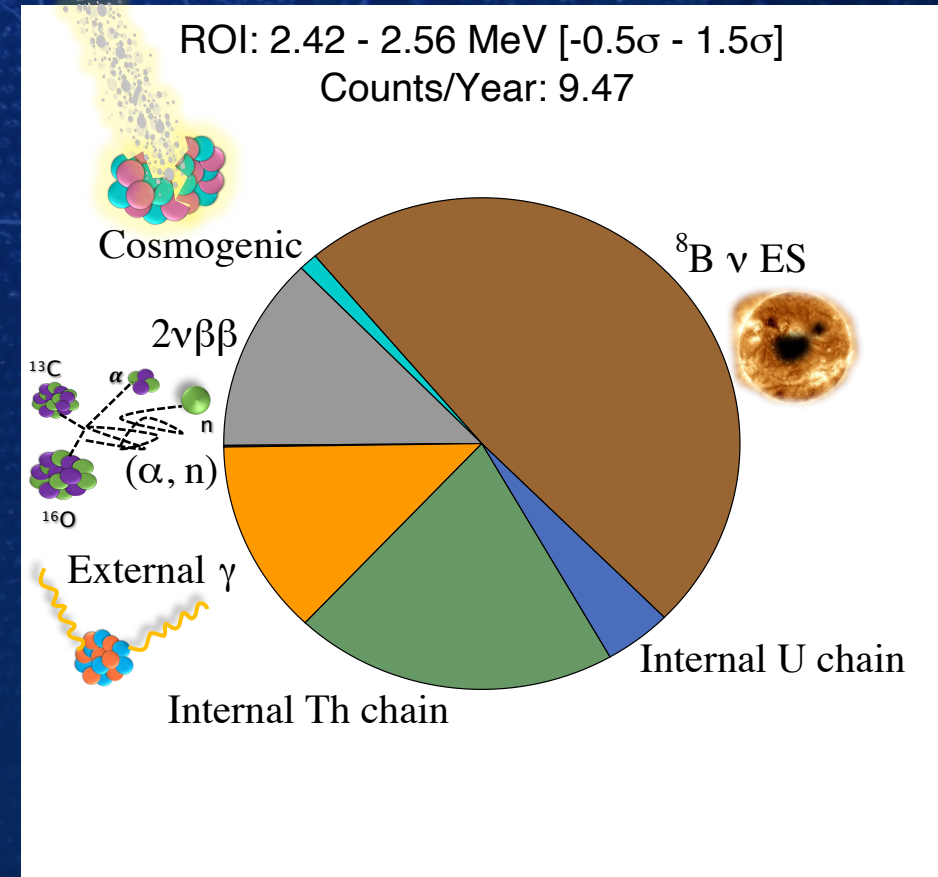
- Extensive physics programme in all phases



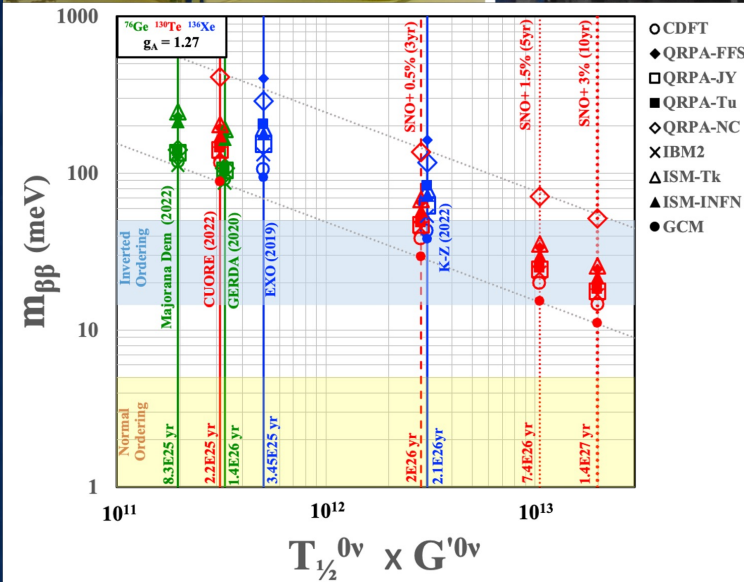
- Main goal: search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{130}Te !

Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{130}Te

- Q-Value = 2.53 MeV
- Natural abundance of 34.1%
- Novel technique developed to load Te in LAB
- Initial deployment of **1.3 tonnes of ^{130}Te** (2025)
- Maximising $0\nu\beta\beta$ half-life sensitivity requires:
 - Large isotope **mass**
 - Accurate knowledge of **backgrounds**
 - Calibrated model of **detector response**



Current Status of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ Search



- Tellurium purification and loading systems all constructed and in late stages of commissioning
- Study of scintillator backgrounds prior to tellurium addition underway
- Initial loading of 0.5% by mass
 - Projected sensitivity of 2×10^{26} years after 3 years live time
- Final Sensitivity will depend on purity achieved during tellurium loading
- Further loading of up to 3% by mass possible and planned