



DARWIN

Liquid Xenon

Rare Event Observatory

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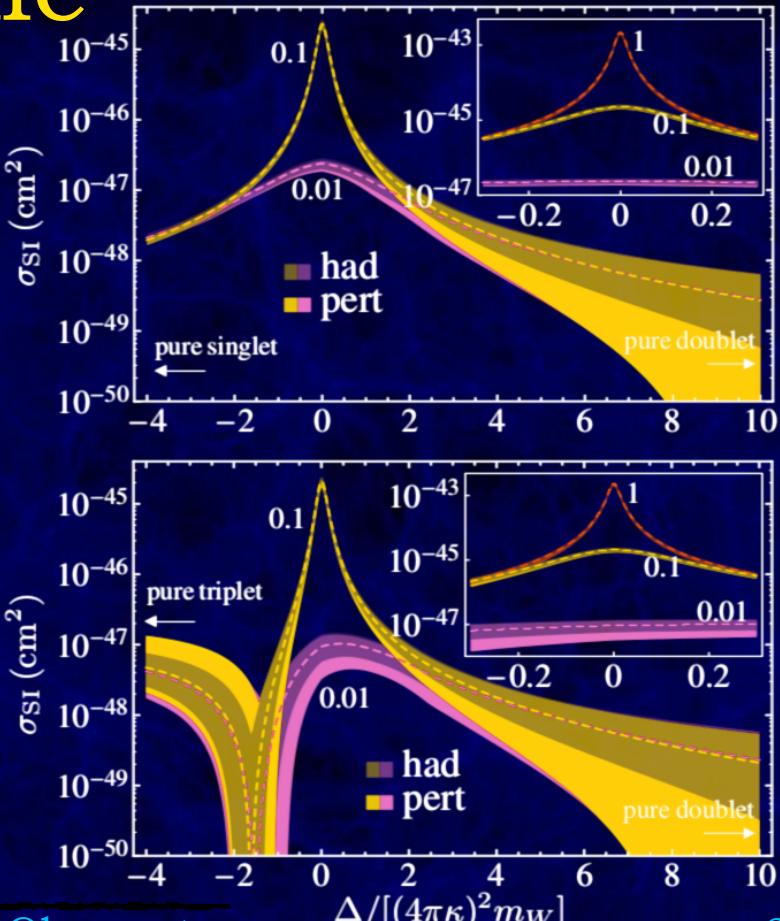
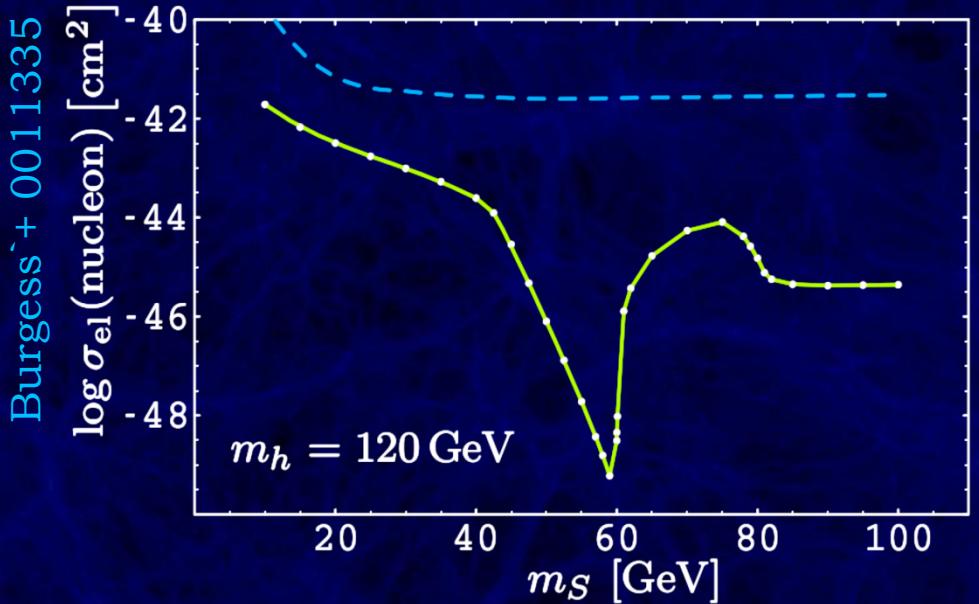
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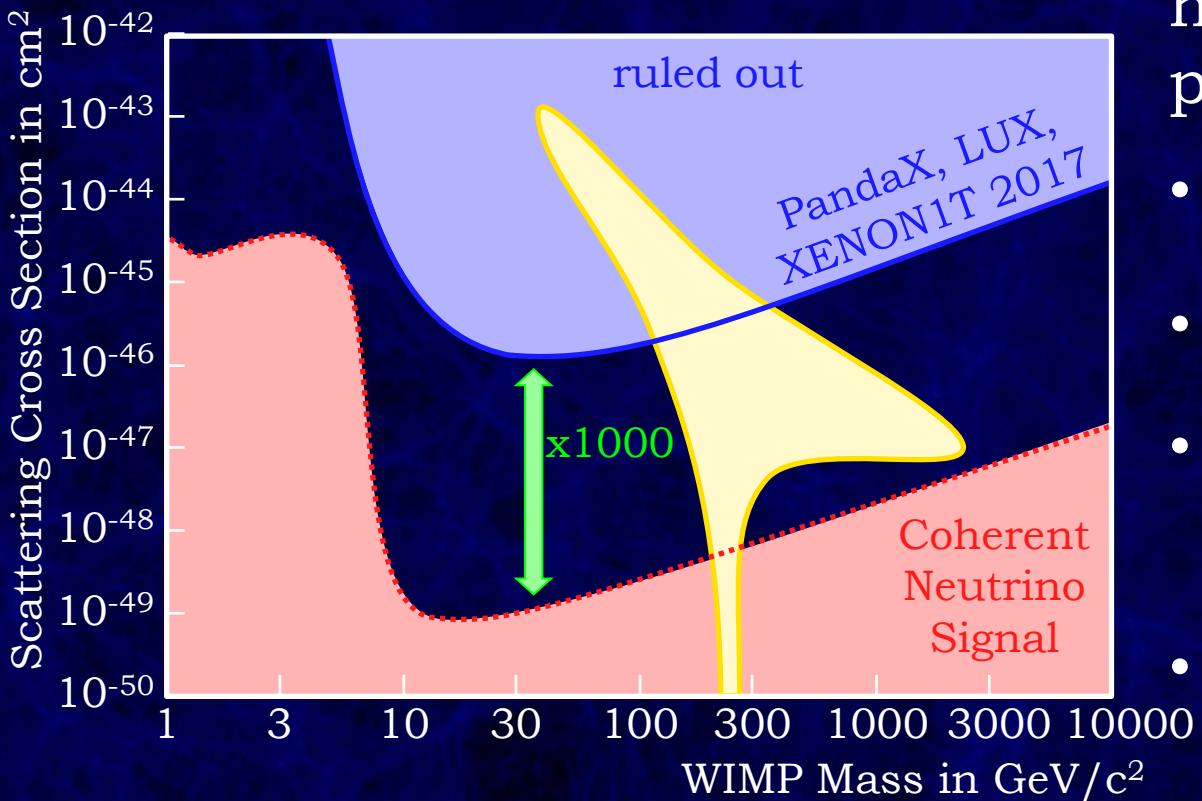
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Nature Sets the Scale



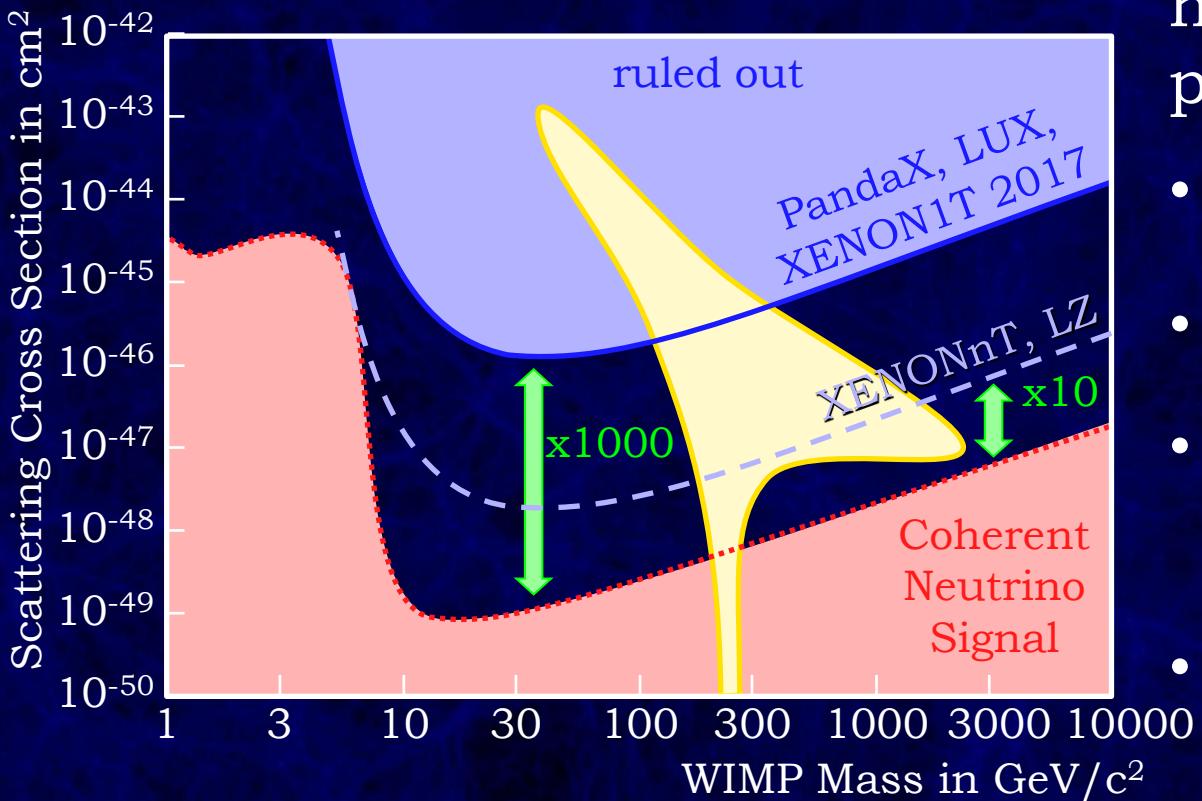
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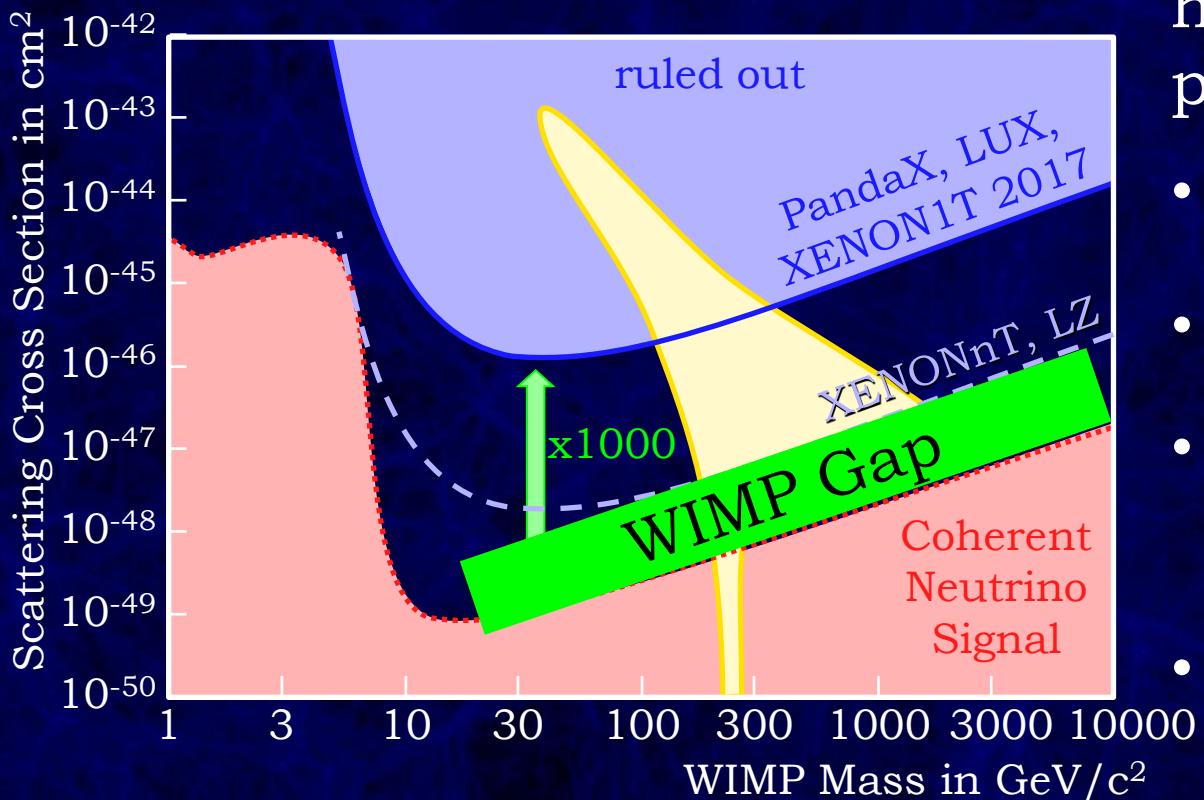
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Probe WIMPs down to Neutrinos

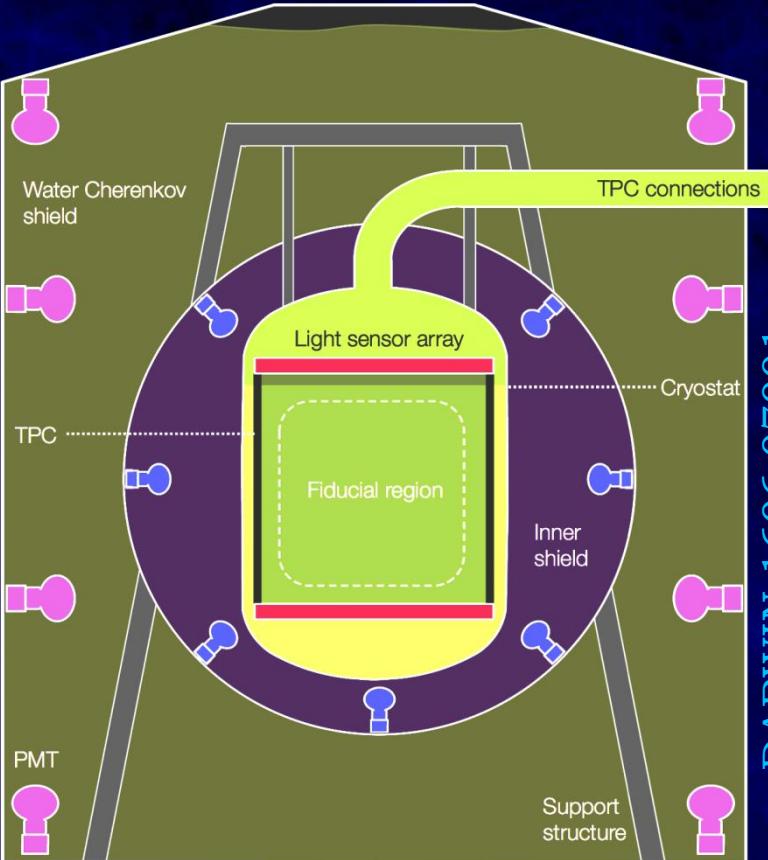


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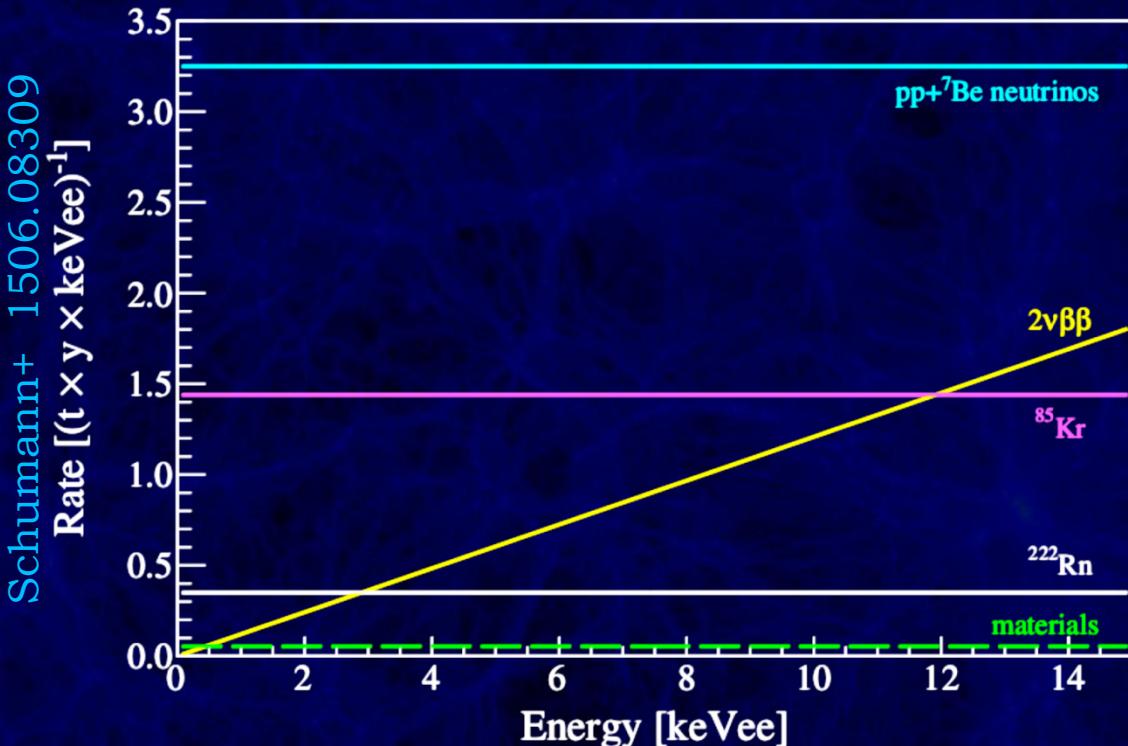
Conceptual Design

- Based on proven technologies
- Water Cherenkov shield
- Liquid scintillator neutron veto
- 40 ton liquid xenon TPC
- 2.6m height & diameter
- ~ 1800 3" or ~ 1000 4" PMTs
- Exposure >5 years



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Background: pp solar ν signal



pp ν signal

^{136}Xe (assumes $^{\text{nat}}\text{Xe}$)

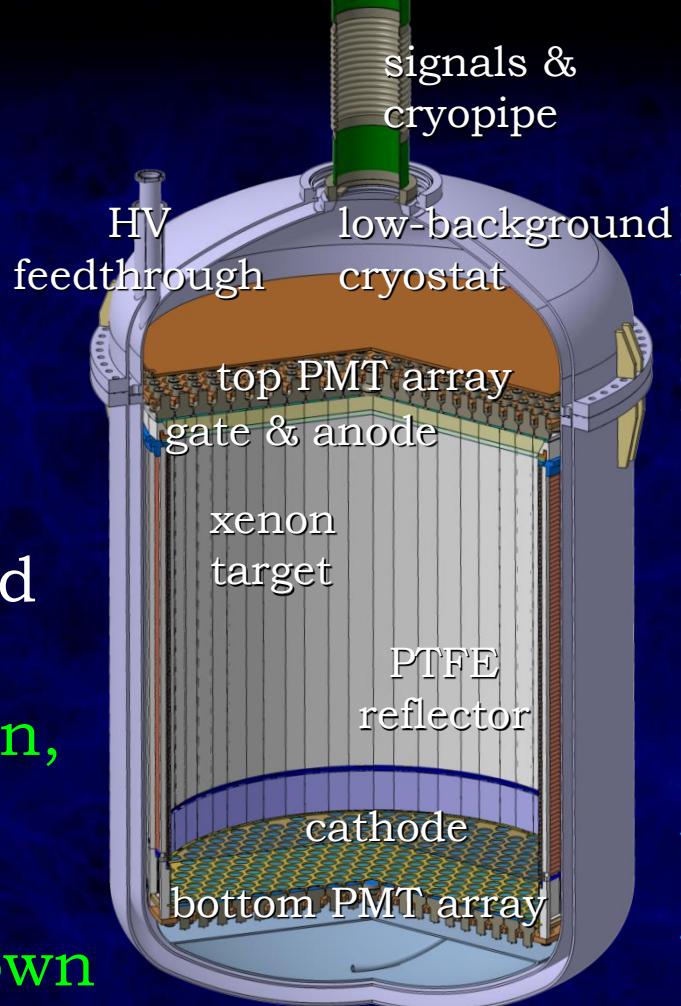
0.1 ppt $^{\text{nat}}\text{Kr}$
(half XENON1T design)

0.1 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$ ^{222}Rn
(1% XENON1T design)

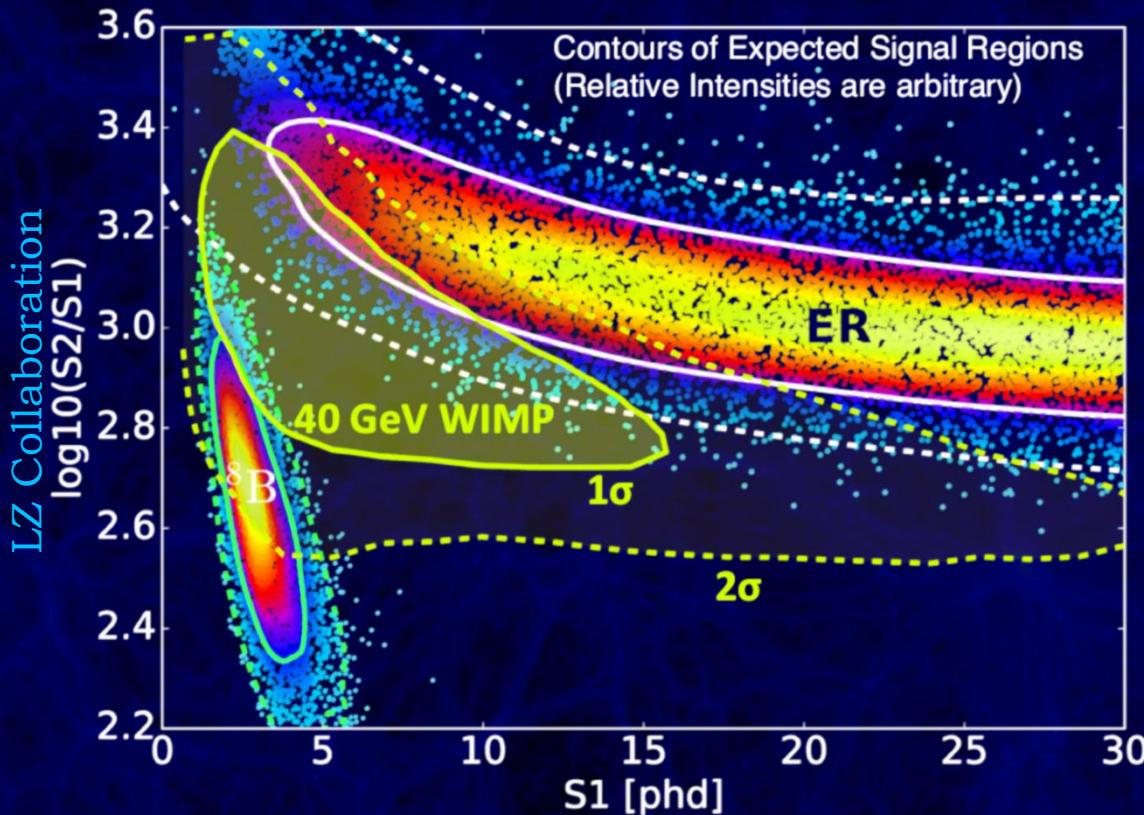
materials fiducialized

Challenges & Status

- Xenon - long lead time. Re-use existing experiments' inventories
- High Voltage - 0.5kV/cm drift requires 130kV. 100kV shown, improved electrode design
- Purity – remove electronegative and radioactive contaminants. Liquid recirculation, online cryodistillation, surface treatment, fluid motion
- Discrimination – collect exposure faster. 10^{-5} at 50% acceptance shown

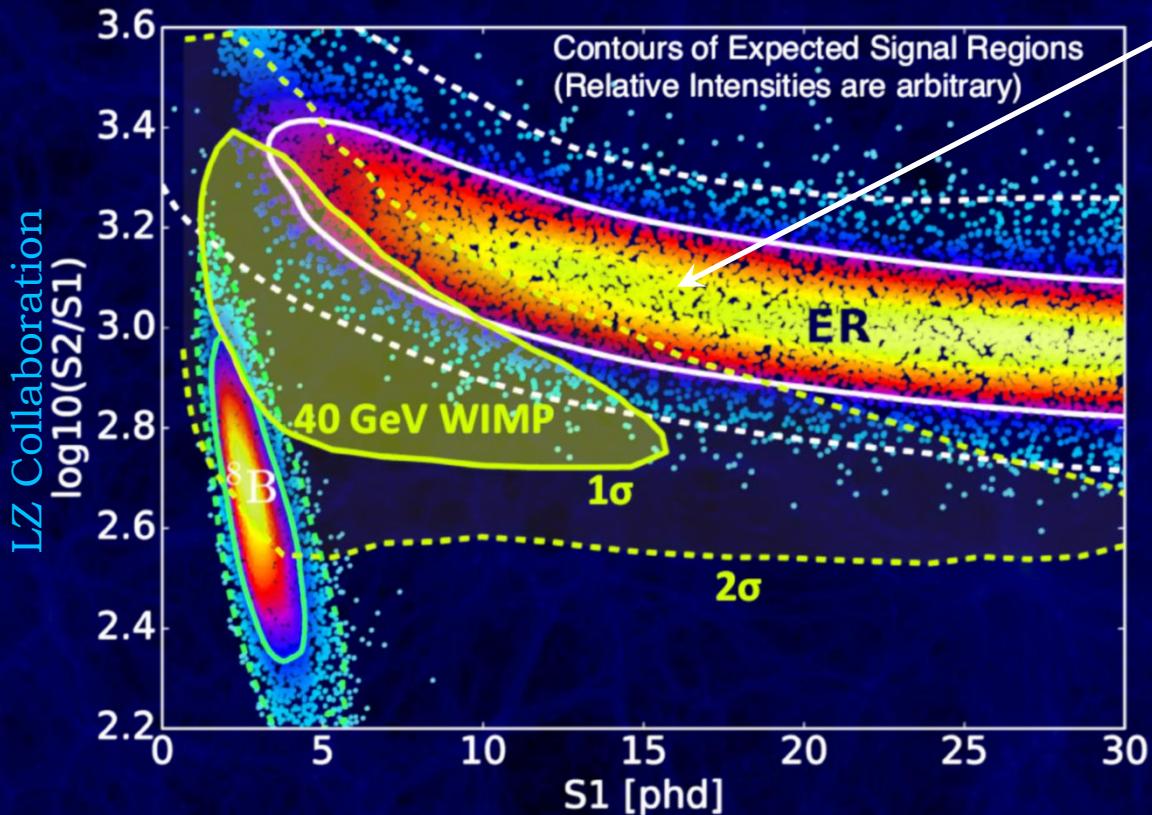


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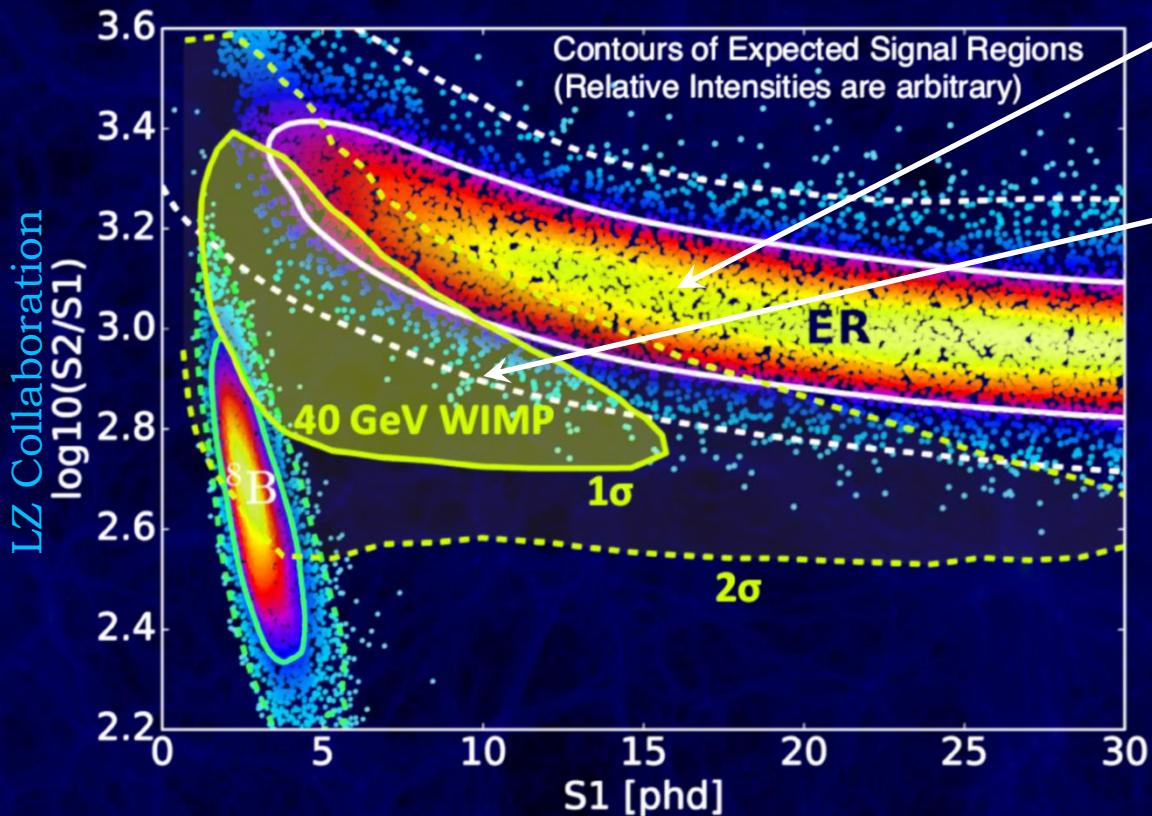
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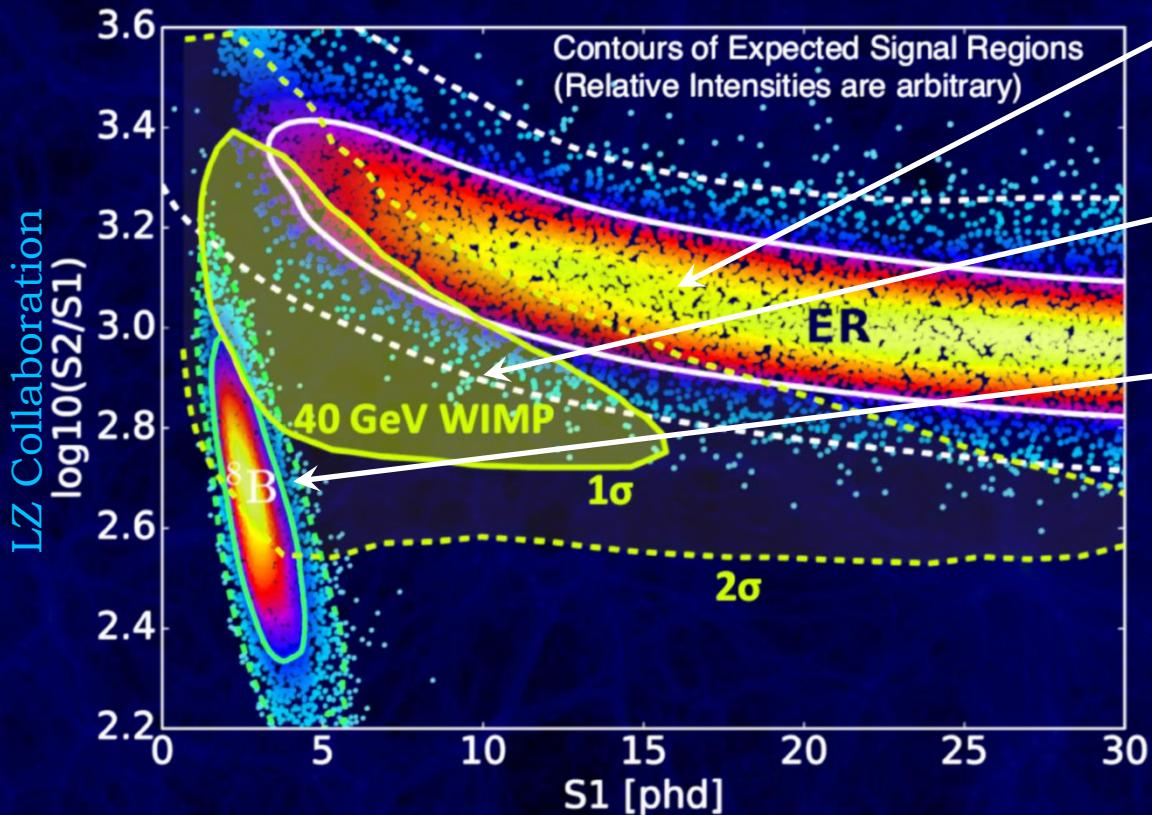
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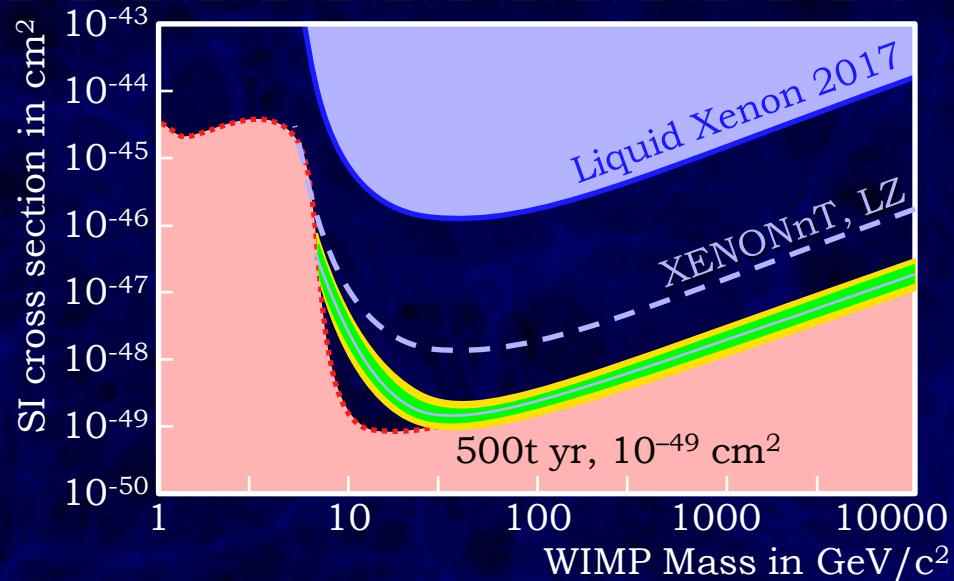
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WIMP Sensitivity & Reach

Schumann+ 1506.08309

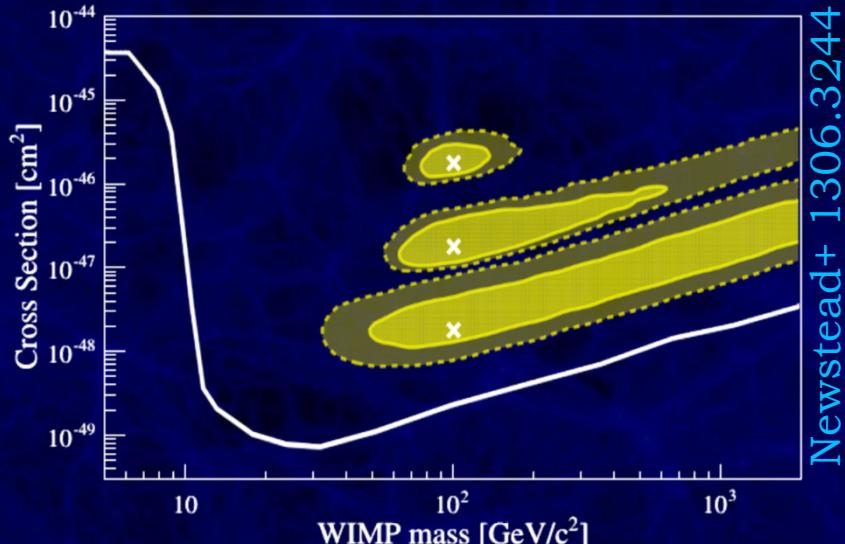


includes all backgrounds, 99.98% ER rejection @30% NR acceptance,
likelihood with combined energy scale
5-35 keV_{nr} and light yield 8 PE/keV

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with signal, measure

- SI & SD couplings
- WIMP mass
- first halo properties



Newstead+ 1306.3244

Many Dark Matter Channels

Anything that interacts with electrons or nuclei really:

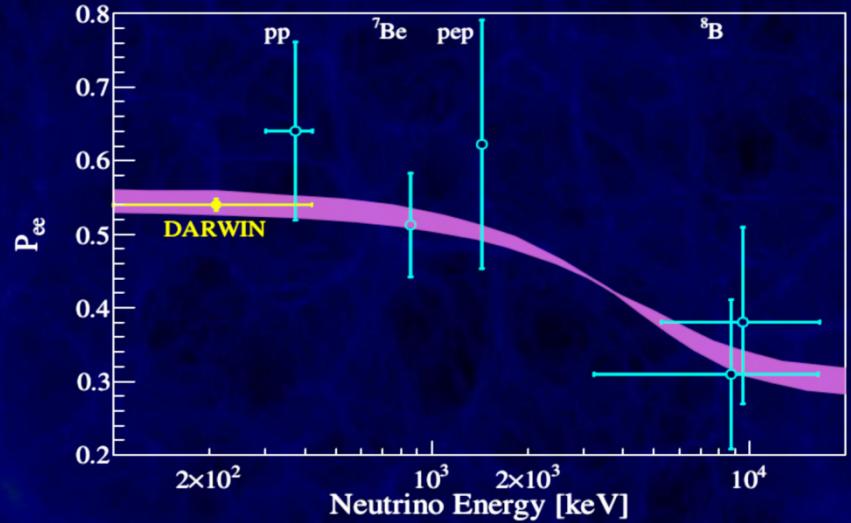
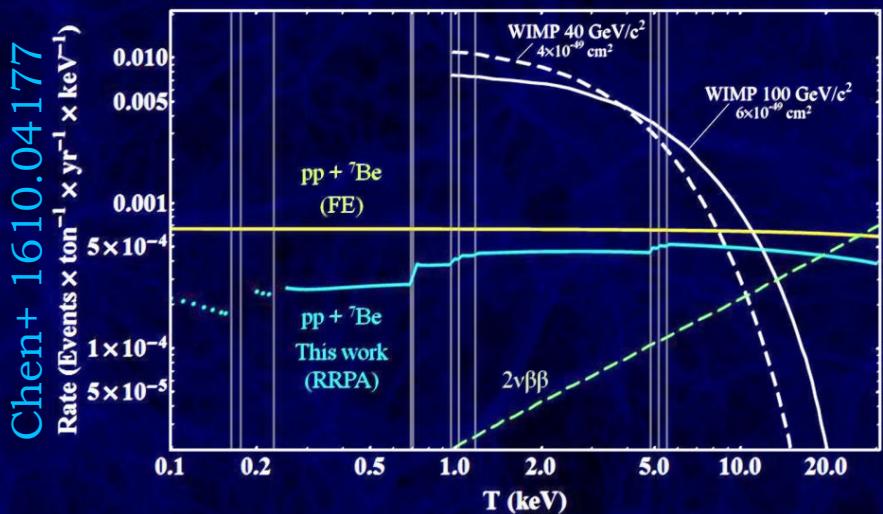
- spin-independent & spin-dependent WIMPs
- inelastic and general EFT couplings
- S2-only for GeV WIMPs
- with Bremsstrahlung searches for 100 MeV WIMPs
- leptophilic dark matter, axial-vector interactions
- Axion-like particles and Solar axions
- SuperWIMPs
- dark photons
- keV sterile neutrinos

Solar Neutrino Elastic Scattering

3 (keV t yr)⁻¹ from pp $\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$

extra 8% from ^7Be

flux known to 2% but free electron approximation bad:



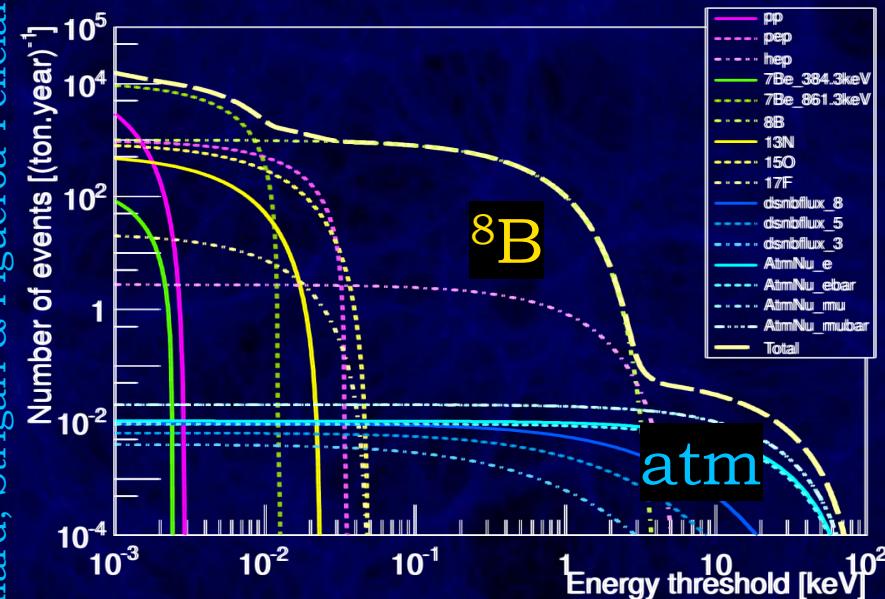
- Refine solar models
- Measure $\sin^2 \theta_W$ to $\sim 1\%$
- Measure ^7Be ν flux

Coherent Neutrino Nucleus Scattering

$$\nu_x + N \rightarrow \nu_x + N$$

once transferred momentum $p > \hbar/r_{\text{nucleus}}$

get same coherence effect as for WIMPs: $\sigma \propto A^2$



90 ${}^8\text{B}$ ν from Sun/t/yr
above 1 keV_{nr}:
solve solar metallicity
 3×10^{-3} atmospheric ν /t/yr
above 3 keV_{nr}:
probe at low energies

Supernova!



few second burst:

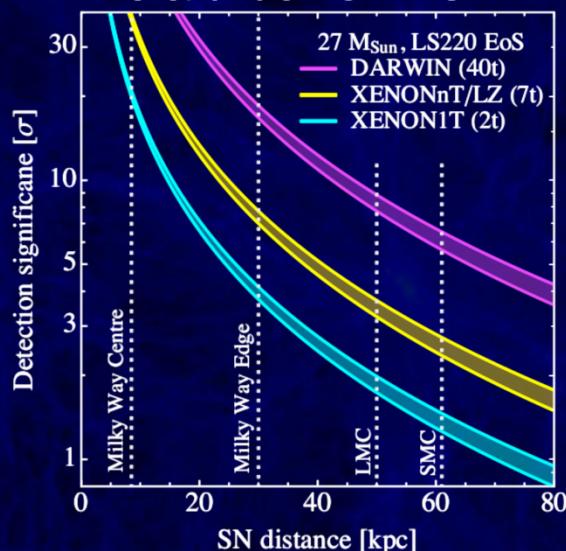
S2 only analysis

CC: $\mathcal{O}(0.1)\bar{\nu}_e/t$

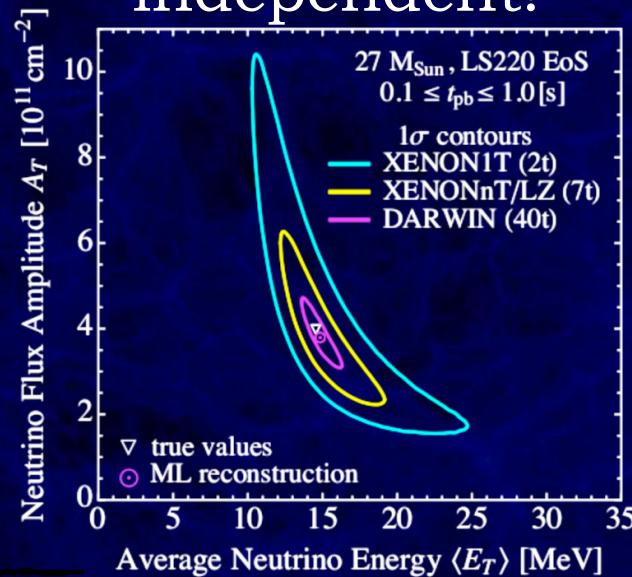
versus

CNNs: $\mathcal{O}(10)\nu_x/t$

sensitivity
out to SMC

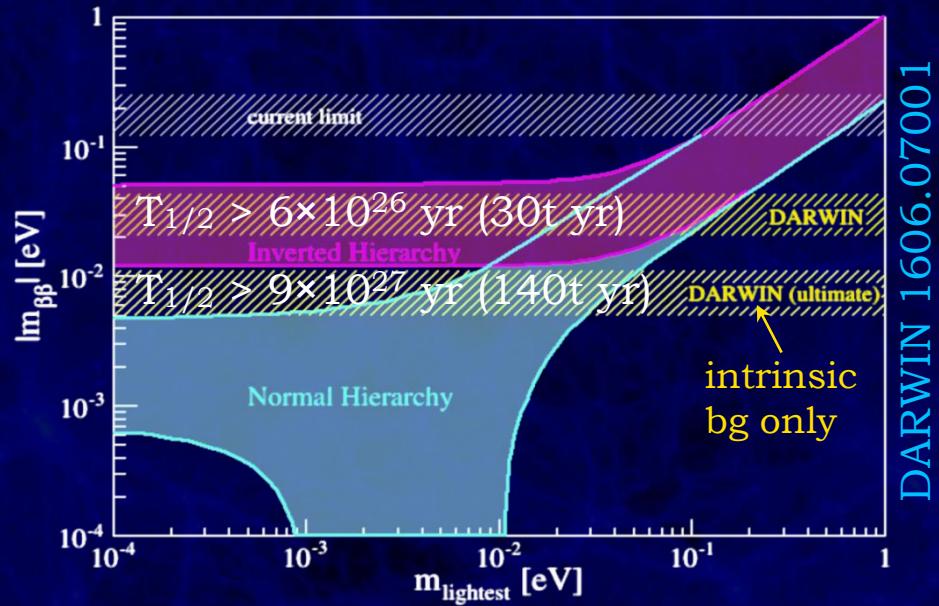
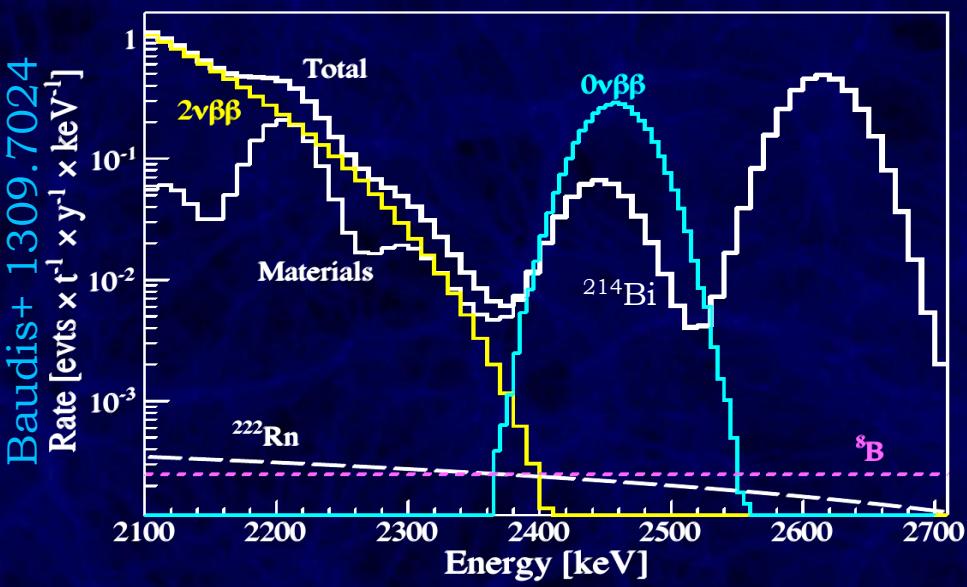


flavor-
independent!



^{136}Xe $0\nu 2\beta$ With ${}^{\text{nat}}\text{Xe}$ Target

$^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow {}^{136}\text{Ba} + 2e^-$ (abundance 8.9%, i.e. $\sim 4\text{t}$ in target)
Requires large dynamic range of detector



Plus: DEC on ^{124}Xe and ${}^7\text{Be}-\nu$ capture on ${}^{131}\text{Xe}$

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A Xenon Rare Event Observatory

- Close WIMP gap: probe down to atmospheric ν signal
- Use scale-up of proven technology
- Xenon sensitive to wide array of dark matter models including spin-dependent and electron couplings
- ^{136}Xe Double Beta experiment
- pp, ^7Be , ^8B and Supernova neutrino detector
- Consortium formed in 2009, commissioning ~2025
- Currently 25 groups from 11 countries
- Many expressions of interest - contact us to join

