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# Semi-dark Higgs decays: sweeping the Higgs neutrino floor

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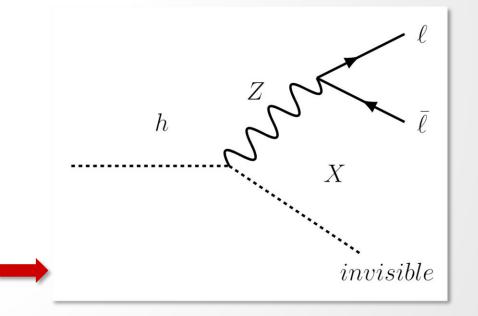
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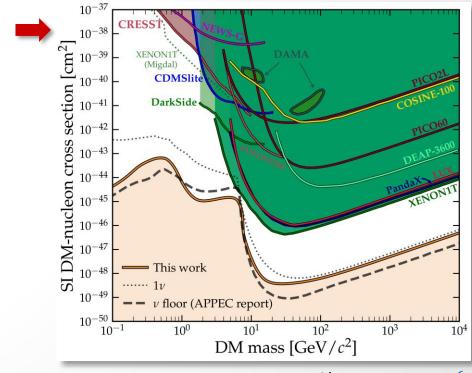
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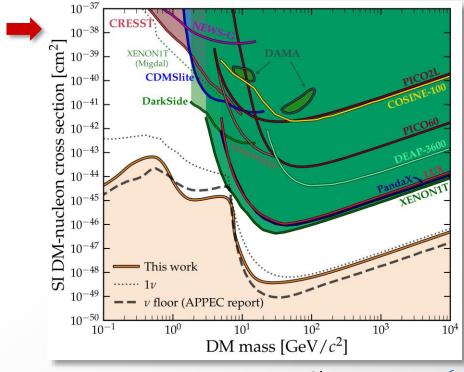
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We refer to the above as the "*Higgs neutrino floor*" and like its analogue, it provides a sensitivity target for experiments:

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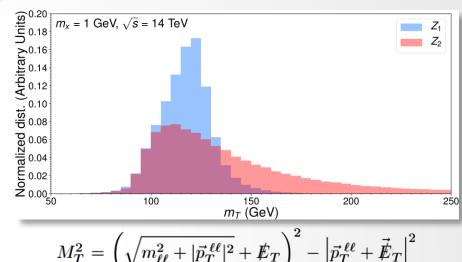
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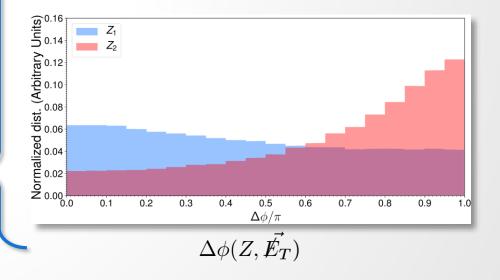
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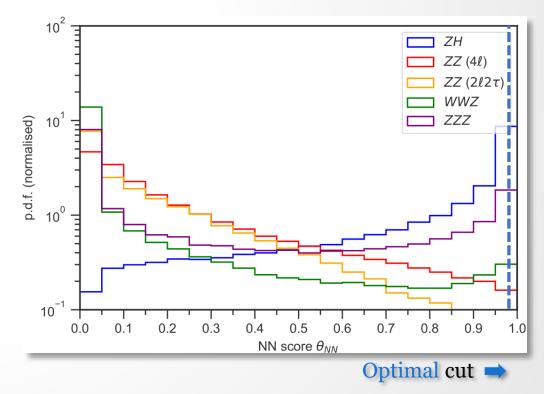
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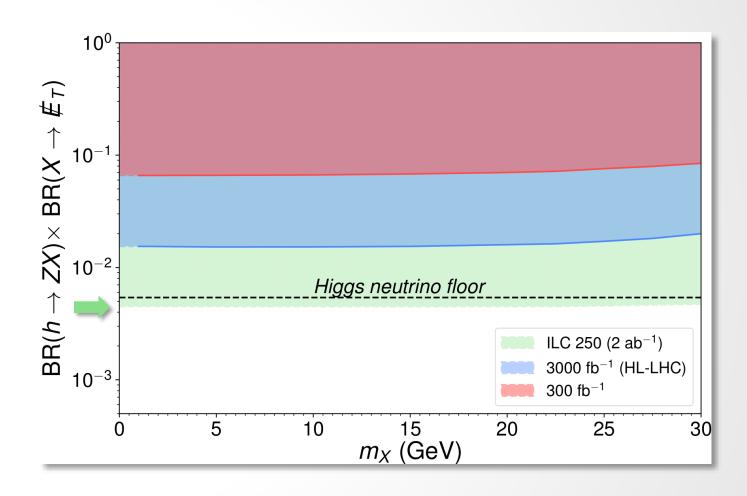
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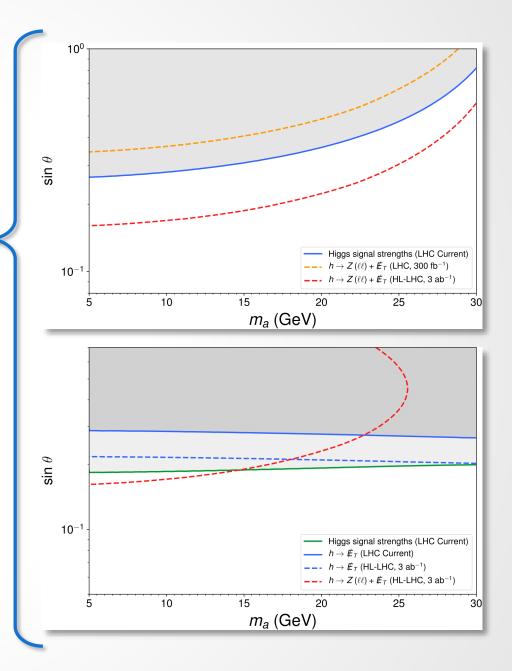
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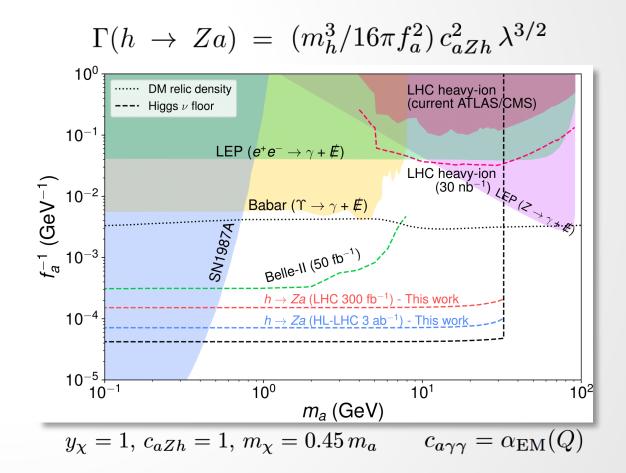
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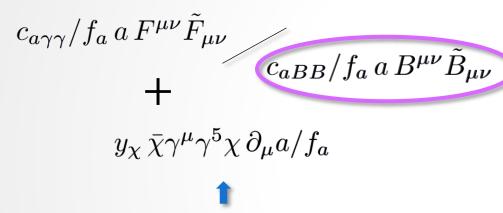
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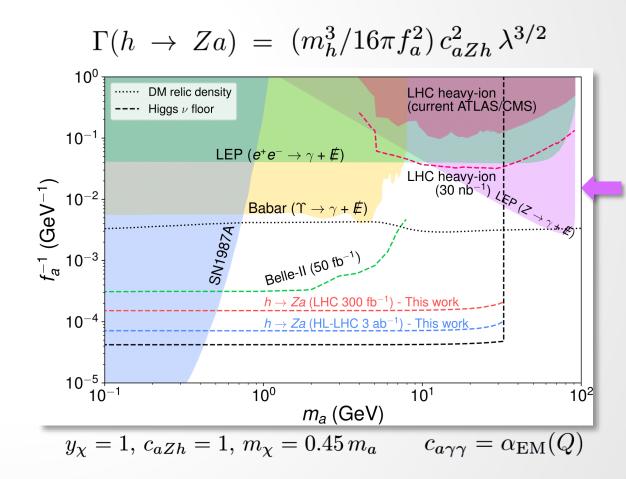
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