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Combination of searches for Higgs boson decays into a photon and a massless dark photon using pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

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A combination of searches for Higgs boson decaying into a visible photon and a massless dark photon $(H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_d)$ is presented using 139 fb⁻¹ of proton–proton collision data at a centre-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV recorded by the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The observed (expected) 95% confidence level upper limit on the Standard Model Higgs boson decay branching ratio is determined to be Br $(H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_d) < 1.3\%$ (1.5)%. The search is also sensitive to higher-mass Higgs bosons decaying into the same final state. The observed (expected) 95% CL limit on the cross section times branching ratio ranges from 16 fb (26 fb) for $m_H = 400$ GeV to 1.0 fb (1.5 fb) for $m_H = 3$ TeV. Results are also interpreted in the context of a minimal simplified model.

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