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## <sup>1</sup> Search for Higgs pair production with decays to WW(jjjj) and $\gamma\gamma$ in <sup>2</sup> 36.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> proton-proton collision data at 13 TeV in the ATLAS detector

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#### Abstract

A search is performed for resonant and non-resonant Higgs pair production with one 8 Higgs boson decaying to full hadronic  $WW^*$  and the other to  $\gamma\gamma$  using proton-proton colli-9 sion data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 36.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> at a 13 TeV centre-of-mass 10 energy recorded with the ATLAS detector. No deviation from the Standard Model predic-11 tion is observed. The observed (expected) upper limit at 95% confidence level on the cross 12 section for  $gg \rightarrow hh$  is XXX pb (XXX pb) for the non-resonant Higgs pair production. For 13 resonant Higgs pair production, the observed (expected) upper limits at 95% confidence 14 level on cross section times the branching ratio of  $X \rightarrow hh$  range from XXX pb (XXX pb) to 15 XXX pb (XXX pb) as a function of the resonant mass from 260 GeV to 3 TeV assuming that 16 the narrow-width approximation holds. 17

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### 67 1 Statements

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 $^{69}$  22.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data and 260 GeV signal sample are used for first selection optimization.

70 To do list:

- optimize the jet combination. Selecting leading 4 or 3 jets is not the optimal strategy.
- check signal of other mass point and investigate more kinematic variables for further selection
   optimization.
- signal and background modeling.
- systematics study.

## 76 2 Introduction

- 77 2.1 Theoretical motivation
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### **3 Data and Monte Carlo samples**

#### 81 **3.1 Data samples**

The data samples used in this analysis correspond to the data recorded by ATLAS in the whole 2015 (3.2  $fb^{-1}$ ) and 33.3  $fb^{-1}$  of 2016, which sums up to an inegrated luminosity of 36.5  $fb^{-1}$ . The whole dataset is recorded with all subsystems of ATLAS operational <sup>1</sup>.

#### **3.2 Monte Carlo samples**

SM single Higgs bacgkrounds and signals are estimated with MC samples that are documented in this section, while the continuum photon background of the SM processes with multiphotons and multijets is estimated in sideband <sup>2</sup> with the data-driven method as described in Section 7.3.

The simulation under MC15c configuration is used in the analysis. The samples are generated with the consideration of multiple interactions per bunch crossing by introducing pileup noise at the stage of digitization. MC15c configuration incorporates the pileup condition that is an average of the actual pileup condition in 2015 data and an estimation for 2016 data.

#### **3.2.1** MC samples for signals

Signal samples are generated with MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO [1]. For both non-resonant and resonant 94 productions, the event generation is performed using a next-to-leading-order SM Higgs pair model de-95 velopped by the Cosmology, Particle Physics and Phenomenology (CP3) theory group [2]. Events are 96 generated with a Higgs Effective Field Theory (HEFT) using AMC@NLO method [3] and are reweighted 97 to take into account top quark mass dependence. The top mass can become an important effect [4], partic-98 ularly for the non-resonant case. The shower is implemented by Herwig++ [5] with UEEE5 underlying-99 event tune [6], and the PDF set CTEQ6L1 [7] is used. The heavy scalar, H, is assumed to have a narrow 100 width. Technically its decay width is set to 10 MeV in the event generation for the following masses: 101 260 GeV, 300 GeV, 400 GeV, 500 GeV, 750 GeV, 1 TeV, 1.5 TeV, 2 TeV, 2.5 TeV, and 3 TeV. The card 102 used in MadGraph5 for signal event generations is attached The generator level filter ParentChildFilter 103 implements the selection of these decay products. Details on the signal samples are listed in Table 1. All 104 signal samples are produced with the ATLAS fast simulation framework (AF2). 105

#### **3.2.2** MC samples for SM single Higgs backgrounds

Simulated samples for SM single Higgs background are produced to investigate the components of this background in  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  and to estimate their contributions. The SM single Higgs background considered here is assumed to be produced via five production modes: gluon-gluon fusion (*ggh*), vector boson fusion, (VBF), Higgsstrahlung (*Wh* and *Zh*) and Higgs associated production with a pair of top quarks (*tīh*), where *h* is the light (SM-like) 125 GeV Higgs boson. These samples are simulated using the full ATLAS simulation and reconstruction chain. The mass of the SM Higgs boson is set to 125 GeV. More details on generator, parton shower and simulation tags are listed in Table 2.

The cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV corresponding to each production mode are listed in Table 3. In the analysis, these cross sections will be multiplied by the  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  branching ratio of 0.00228, since all simulated samples are produced with SM Higgs decaying into photon pairs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Good Run Lists are data15\_13TeV.periodAllYear\_DetStatus-v79-repro20-02\_DQDefects-00-02-02\_PHYS\_StandardGRL\_All\_Good\_25ns.xml for 2015 data and data16\_13TeV.periodAllYear\_DetStatus-v82-pro20-12\_DQDefects-00-02-04\_PHYS\_StandardGRL\_All\_Good\_25ns.xml for 2016 data

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The sideband is defined as  $m_{\gamma\gamma} \in [105, 160]$  GeV excluding the Higgs mass window as defined in Section 5.1.

DSID	Processes	Generators, tunes and PDFs	Tags
342621	non-resonant	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	e4419_a766_a821_r7676_p2691
343756	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 260 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343758	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 300 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343761	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 400 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343763	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 500 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343818	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 750 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343819	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 1000 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343820	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 1500 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343821	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 2000 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343822	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 2500 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	<i>e</i> 5153_ <i>a</i> 766_ <i>a</i> 821_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2691
343823	$X \rightarrow hh$ , 3000 GeV	MadGraph + Herwigpp UEEE5 CTEQ6L1	e5153_a766_a821_r7676_p2691

Table 1: Simulated signal samples

DSID	Processes	Generators, tunes and PDFs	Tags
341000	ggh	Powheg+Pythia8 AZNLO CTEQ6L1	e3806_s2608_r7772_r7676_p2669
341001	VBF	Powheg+Pythia8 AZNLO CTEQ6L1	e3806_s2608_r7772_r7676_p2669
341067	Wh	Pythia8 A14 NNPDF2.3LO	<i>e</i> 3796_ <i>s</i> 2608_ <i>s</i> 2183_ <i>r</i> 7772_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2669
341068	Zh	Pythia8 A14 NNPDF2.3LO	<i>e</i> 3796_ <i>s</i> 2608_ <i>s</i> 2183_ <i>r</i> 7772_ <i>r</i> 7676_ <i>p</i> 2669
341069	tīh	Pythia8 A14 NNPDF2.3LO	e3796_s2608_s2183_r7772_r7676_p2669

Table 2: Simulated SM single Higgs background samples.

production	cross sections
ggh	48.52 pb
VBF	3.779 pb
Wh	1.369 pb
Zh	0.8824 pb
tīh	0.5065 pb
$gg \rightarrow hh$	33.41 fb

Table 3: Cross sections for SM single Higgs processes at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with  $m_h = 125.09$  GeV and the SM Higgs pair productions,  $gg \rightarrow hh$ .

## **117 4 Object definition**

The object definition is similar to what is used by the HGam group. The analysis framework of  $hh \rightarrow \gamma\gamma WW^*$  is based on the HGamAnalysisFramework that is centrally developed by HGam group. The tag of the framework is HGamAnalysisFramework-00-02-55-11 which is used to produce official MxAOD samples of version h013a.

#### 122 **4.1 Photons**

• The  $E_{\rm T}$  of leading (sub-leading) photon is required to be larger than 25 GeV.

- The  $|\eta|$  of photon is considered up to 2.37, vetoing the crack region  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ .
- Tight photons are required as is the default in HGam group. The photon identification algorithm is based on the lateral and longitudinal energy profiles of the shower measured in the electromagnetic calorimeter.
- The isolation working point FixedCutLoose is used. It is one of the recommended points from the isolation forum. Photons are required to pass both calorimeter-based and track-based isolation requirements.
- Photons are passed through the  $e/\gamma$  ambiguity tool, as is the default in the HGam group. The ambiguity tool is developed to discriminate photons and electrons that can otherwise have overlapping selections. In particular, converted photons from electrons in the silicon can lead to large  $e/\gamma$  fake rate. The ambiguity tool makes requirements on the number of silicon hits and the conversion rates to keep this rate under control without significant loss of signal efficiency.

#### 136 4.2 Jets

- The anti- $k_t$  algorithm [8] with the size parameter of R = 0.4 is used to reconstruct jets from topological clusters in the calorimeters that are calibrated to the EM scale.
- Jets undergo an energy calibration
- Jets are required to have  $p_{\rm T} > 25$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$ .
- Jets from pileup are rejected by applying a JVT (Jet Vertex Tagger) cut. The jet is rejected if JVT< 0.59 for  $p_{\rm T}$  < 60 GeV and  $|\eta|$  < 2.4.
- Events with a jet passing the LooseBad cut are rejected. The LooseBad jet quality requirement is designed to reject fake jets caused by detector readout problems and non-collision backgrounds.

#### 145 4.3 Large-R Jets

- The anti- $k_t$  algorithm [8] with the size parameter of R = 1.0 is used to reconstruct jets from from topological clusters in the calorimeters that are calibrated to the hadronic scale.
- Large-*R* jets are trimmed to remove pileup contributions. This is done by re-clustering the constituent topological clusters using the  $k_t$  algorithm to form subjets with a size parameter of R = 0.2. Any subjets that have a  $p_T$  less than 5% of the jet's  $p_T$  are removed.
- Large-*R* jets undergo energy and mass calibrations

- Large-*R* jet mass is recalculated by scaling the invariant mass of the associated tracks by the ratio of the calorimeter cluster  $p_T$  to the track  $p_T$ . This is done to reduce the effect of fast simulation on large-*R* jet performance. Substructure variables are also calculated using tracks that have been associated to the jet.
- Large-*R* jets are required to have  $p_{\rm T} > 100$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.0$ .

#### 157 4.4 Electrons

Electrons are reconstructed from energy clusters in the EM calorimeter matched with tracks reconstructed in the inner detector.

- $E_{\rm T}$  is required to be larger than 10 GeV.
- $|\eta|$  is required to be less than 2.47 vetoing the transition region with  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ .
- The  $|d_0|$  significance  $(d_0/\sigma(d_0))$  with respect to the primary vertex in the event is required to be less than 5.
- The  $|z_0|$  with respect to the primary vertex in the event is required to be less than 0.5mm.
- Identification: Medium quality electrons are used.
- Isolation: Loose electrons are used.

#### 167 4.5 Muons

- <sup>168</sup> Muons are reconstructed from tracks in the inner detector and the muon spectrometer.
- $p_{\rm T}$  is required to be larger than 10 GeV.
- $|\eta|$  is required to be less than 2.7.
- The  $|d_0|$  significance with respect to the primary vertex in the event is required to be less than 3.
- The  $|z_0|$  with respect to the primary vertex in the event is required to be less than 0.5mm.
- Identification: Medium quality muons are used.
- Isolation: GradientLoose is used.

#### 175 4.6 Overlap removal

Since the collections of objects are reconstructed using different algorithms in parallel (i.e. there no check to prevent a single cluster or track from being included in the reconstruction of two different object) it is necessary to implement a set of rules to remove objects nearby each other to avoid double counting. The rules are implemented sequentially as defined below:

- The two leading photons are always kept.
- Electrons with  $\Delta R(e, \gamma) < 0.4$  are removed.
- Jets with  $\Delta R(jet, \gamma) < 0.4$  are removed.
- Jets with  $\Delta R(jet, e) < 0.2$  are removed.

- Muons with  $\Delta R(\mu, \gamma) < 0.4$  or  $\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.4$  are removed
- Electrons with  $\Delta R(e, jet) < 0.4$  are removed.

## **5** Event selection

The event selection procedure identifies two photons and then applies requirements on the multiplicities of jets in order to increase the signal purity and background rejection for events with multi-jets. This analysis selects events with a boosted topology as well as events with a resolved topology. The event selection for the analysis starts with the full di-photon selection from the  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  analysis in RUN II to select two high  $p_{\rm T}$  isolated photons.

- 192 **5.1 Common selection**
- **Trigger**: Events are required to pass at least one of the following diphoton triggers, using a logical OR: HLT\_g35\_loose\_g25\_loose or HLT\_g35\_medium\_g25\_medium or HLT\_2g50\_loose or HLT\_2g20\_tight.
- **Good Run List and Detector Quality**: Events must belong to the luminosity blocks specified in the Good Run Lists:
- data15\_13TeV.periodAllYear\_DetStatus-v79-repro20-02\_DQDefects-00-02-02\_PHYS\_
   StandardGRL\_All\_Good\_25ns.xml for 2015 data
- data16\_13TeV.periodAllYear\_DetStatus-v82-pro20-12\_DQDefects-00-02-04\_PHYS\_
   StandardGRL\_All\_Good\_25ns.xml for 2016 data
- These GRLs reject events with data integrity errors in the calorimeters and incomplete events where some detector information is missing are rejected, as well as events which are corrupted due to power supply trips in the tile calorimeter.
- **Primary Vertex**: The primary vertex is selected using the neural network algorithm from HGam group. The photons' four momenta, JVT and track isolation are corrected with respect to this origin, and the mass of the diphoton system is accordingly recalculated.
- **2 loose photons**: At least two loose photons with  $E_{\rm T} > 25$  GeV and within the detector acceptance are selected.
- The other cuts on photons involving **Identification (tight ID), Isolation, Rel.Pt cuts**. The relative  $p_{\rm T}$  cut requires the  $p_{\rm T}$  of leading (sub-leading) photon to be larger than 0.35(0.25) of diphoton invariant mass. The diphoton invariant mass is required to be within the range  $m_{\gamma\gamma} \in [105, 160]$ GeV.
- **Higgs mass window**:  $|m_{\gamma\gamma} m_h| < 2\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}$  is also required where  $m_h = 125.09$  GeV is the measured SM Higgs boson mass and  $\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}} = 1.7$  GeV is the experimental diphoton mass resolution.
- **Lepton veto**: Events are required to contain exactly zero electrons or muons.
- *b*-veto: In order to suppress backgrounds with top quarks and ensure orthogonality to other *hh* searches ( $bb\gamma\gamma$ , bbbb,  $bb\tau\tau$ , etc.), the event is rejected if there are any *b*-tagged jets. The *b*-tagger is MV2c10 with a *b*-tagging efficiency of 70%.

The efficiencies of common event selection are listed in Table 4. These efficiencies are derived for signals from simulated samples. After the selection of the two photons, the signal efficiencies range from 38.0% to 43.0%, while after the additional selection on the jets, the leptons and the tight mass window on the di-photon, the signal efficiencies range from 5.65% to 10.7%, for a resonant mass from 260 and 500 GeV.

	SM	Resonant hh							
	Higgs pair	260 GeV	300 GeV	400 GeV	500 GeV				
All Events	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Duplicate	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
GRL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Pass Trigger	73.7%	68.5%	69.6%	71.9%	74.6%				
Detector Quality	73.7%	68.5%	69.6%	71.9%	74.6%				
has PV	73.7%	68.5%	69.6%	71.9%	74.6%				
2 loose photons	59.3%	56.9%	56.5%	57.6%	59.7%				
Trig Match	59.0%	56.6%	56.3%	57.3%	59.9%				
Tight ID	49.8%	46.8%	46.2%	48.1%	50.8%				
Isolation	45.2%	40.2%	40.2%	43.4%	46.5%				
Rel.Pt cuts	41.7%	37.5%	36.4%	39.4%	43.0%				
$105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160 \text{ GeV}$	41.6%	37.4%	36.3%	39.2%	42.8%				

Table 4: Efficiencies for the common event sele	ection	criteria
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#### 225 5.2 Boosted selection

- Large-*R* jet multiplicity: The boosted selection is sensitive to events in which both *W*-bosons are sufficiently boosted that the decay products of each are fully contained in large-*R* jets. Events are required to contain  $\ge 2$  large-*R* jets.
- On-shell W-boson identification:  $\geq 1$  large-*R* jet is required to have a mass consistent with  $m_W = 80.3$  GeV.
- **Identification of 2-prong decays**: Substructure variables will be used to identify the large-*R* jet(s) containing the decay products of one or both of the *W*-bosons. This will be updated as the selection becomes finalized.

#### 234 5.3 Resolved selection

- **Orthogonality with the boosted selection**: Events that fail the large-*R* jet multiplicity requirement in the boosted selection are considered for the resolved selection.
- Jet multiplicity: Considering the jet  $p_{\rm T}$  at truth level, the two categories are defined by exact 3 jets or at least 4 jets to enlarge signal efficiency.

### **239 6** Selection optimization

#### **6.1 Resolved selection optimization**

The character of signal events is estimated by MC. The estimation of SM Higgs background is from MC. Data sideband  $|m_{\gamma\gamma} - 125.09| > 3.4 GeV$  is used to model the continuum background.

#### 243 6.1.1 Jet combination

The events are split to exact 3 jet category and at least 4 jet category because the signal jets from W boson are very soft and the pT threshold of 25 GeV could kill many signal jets. Figure 1 shows the pT of signal jets at truth level. Some strategies are considered to reconstruct one on-shell W boson. The



Figure 1: pT of four signal jets at truth level

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details are listed in Table 5. Figure 2 shows the invariant mass distribution in different signal samples.
The method of dijet closest to W mass has best mass resolution and it is used to selection the on-shell W.
Another dijet system which invariant mass is close 40 GeV is taken as an off-shell W candidate. Figure
3 shows the 2D distribution of invariant mass of selected on-shell and off-shell W boson. From the plot,

a rough W mass window cut,  $|m_{on-shell W} - 80GeV| < 20GeV$  and  $m_{off-shell W} < 80GeV$ , is determined.

method to select on-shell W	description	match efficiency of on-shell W candidate
leading 4 jets	select the 4 leading jets. take leading two jets as on-shell W and subleading two jets as off-shell W.	1
leading and closest	select a leading jet and another closest as on-shell W boson	1
dijet closest to W mass	select dijet which invariant mass is closest to W mass	1
closest dijet	select the closest dijet	1

Table 5: method description of W boson reconstruction

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Figure 2: invariant mass distribution of on-shell W candidate in different signal samples



(a) 3 jet category of data sideband



(c) 3 jet category of non-resonant



(e) 3 jet category of  $m_H = 260 \text{ GeV}$ 



(g) 3 jet category of  $m_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$ 



(i) 3 jet category of  $m_H = 400 \text{ GeV}$ 

vs m<sub>off-shell W</sub>



(b) 4 jet category of data sideband



(d) 4 jet category of non-resonant



(f) 4 jet category of  $m_H = 260 \text{ GeV}$ 



(h) 4 jet category of  $m_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$ 



(j) 4 jet category of  $m_H = 400 \text{ GeV}$ 



(k) 3 jet category of  $m_H = 500 \text{ GeV}$  (l) 4 jet



#### 252 6.1.2 Mass window of diphoton plus jet system

In the resonant search, mass spectrum of diphoton plus 3 or 4 jets can indicate the mass of capital Higgs,

so a mass constrain is performed in resonant analysis. The mass distribution of  $\gamma\gamma$ +3(4) jets is shown in

Figure 4 after jet selection and W mass constrain. A mass window which contains 85 % signal events is

<sup>256</sup> defined in Figure 5.



Figure 4: pT of four signal jets at truth level



Figure 5: mass window containing 85 % signal events

#### 257 **6.1.3** $pT_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut

For both resonant and non-resonant search,  $pT_{\gamma\gamma}$  has good separation power. Its distribution is shown in Figure ??. The two SM Higgs are more boosted with higher mass of capital Higgs. A scan on  $pT_{\gamma\gamma}$  is performed to determine the best cut value for resonant and non-resonant search. The background yield in tight mass window is extracted from an exponential fit on data sideband. The expected significance can be calculated with expected signal yield, SM Higgs yield and continuum background yield. Figure 7 ?? ?? ?? discuss the detailed scan procedure. All he expected numbers are listed in Table ?? ?? ?? ?? ??

#### **265** 6.2 Boosted selection optimization

<sup>266</sup> The boosted selection is still in the process of being optimized.







Figure 7: scan the  $pT_{\gamma\gamma}$  cut and plot the data sideband fit.

#### **6.3** Overlap between boosted and resolved selections

The boosted and resolved selections are not inherently orthogonal, therefore it is necessary to define the selections such that events are not double counted while using the strengths of both selections to maximize the signal significance for all  $m_H$  points. This is currently under investigation.

## **7 7 Signal and background estimations**

#### 272 7.1 Signal modeling

Similar to  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  analysis, the signal shape of this analysis can be modelled by Double-Sided Crystalball function of Crystal-ball plus Gaussian function.

#### 275 7.2 Simulation of Higgs background processes

Standard Model production of a single Higgs boson with the  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay mode are estimated using 276 Monte Carlo simulation. Other decay modes are not considered because they do not contribute to the 277 Higgs-mass peak in the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum. The processes considered are gluon-gluon fusion, vector boson 278 fusion, Higgsstrahlung, and Higgs production in association with  $t\bar{t}$ . In gluon-gluon fusion events, all 279 jets are the result of ISR. In vector boson fusion events, ISR and FSR are responsible for the extra jets 280 in addition to the forward jets from the scattered quarks in vector boson fusion and the hadronic decay 281 products of the W- or Z-boson in Higgsstrahlung. In the case of  $t\bar{t}+h$  events, a sufficient number of 282 jets are produced from the decay of the two top quarks. The  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  shape SM Higgs is also modeled by 283 Double-Sided Crystal-ball or Crystal-ball plus Gaussian function. 284

#### **7.3** Estimating continuum background processes

The continuum background consist of  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma - jet$  and jet-jet events. The method of spurious signal is 286 used to choose the optimal function to describe the continuum background shape. The principle is to 287 perform S+B fit to large statistic background-only MC sample. The fitted yield is called spurious signal, 288  $N_{sp}$ . The  $N_{sp}$  must pass some requirements. It must be smaller than 10 % of the expected signal yield 289 and 20 % of the background uncerntainty. If all the candidate functions pass the criteria, the function 290 with least degree of freedom is chosen. One sample of 100M fast simulation diphoton plus up to 3 jets 291 is produced in HGam group and it is used in spurious signal analysis. The candidate function could be 292 exponential, 2nd-exponential, bernstein polynominal. 293

## 294 8 Systematic uncertainties

- 295 **8.1** Luminosity uncertainty
- 296 **8.2** Theory uncertainties
- 297 8.2.1 Cross-section
- 298 **8.2.2 PDF**
- 299 8.3 Object uncertainties
- 300 **8.3.1 Leptons**
- 301 8.3.2 Photons
- 302 **8.3.3 Jets**
- 303 **8.3.4** *b*-tagging
- **304** 8.4 Sideband fit uncertainties

## **305 9** Statistical interpretation

## 306 **10 Unblinded result**

## 307 11 Summary

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