

**Search for Higgs boson pair production in the final state of  $\gamma\gamma WW^*(\rightarrow lvjj)$  using  $13.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $pp$  collision data recorded at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  with the ATLAS detector**

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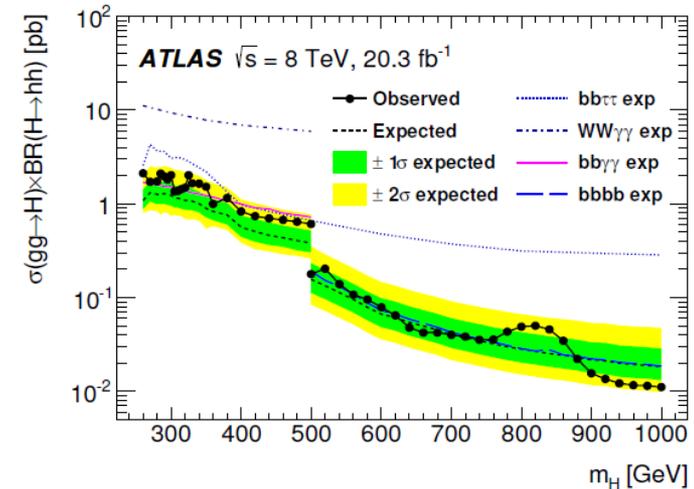
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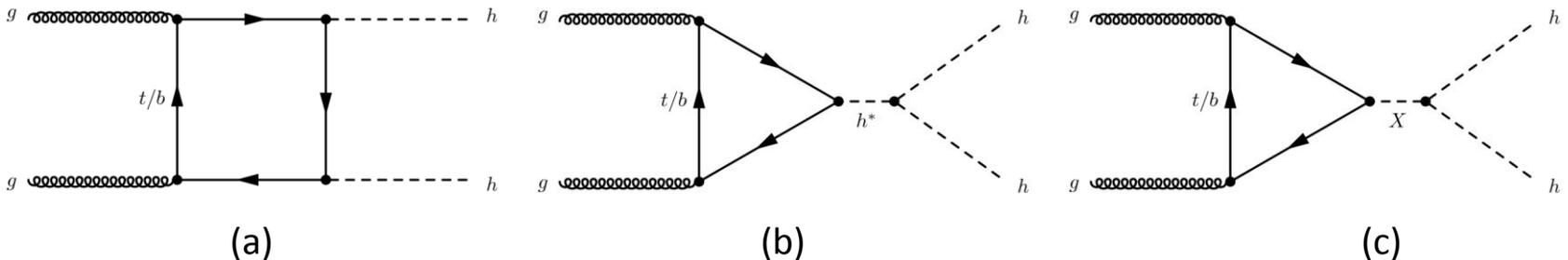
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# Introduction

- Higgs pair production has a small XS in SM ( $\sim 33$  fb @ 13 TeV) with triangle and box destructive interference.
- BSM can effectively enhance Higgs pair production.
  - non-resonance: altered Higgs self-coupling or  $ttH$  coupling. [Fig. (a) and (b)]
  - resonance: BSM resonance decay, such as heavy Higgs and Kaluza-Klein graviton. [Fig. (c)]
- This has been extensively searched with  $hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $WW\gamma\gamma$  in RUN I and  $hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb$ ,  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $bbWW$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $\gamma\gamma WW$  in RUN II



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# $hh \rightarrow \gamma\gamma WW^*$ analysis

- Search for Higgs pair with  $\gamma\gamma WW \rightarrow \gamma\gamma lvjj$ 
  - Benefit from a clean signature from  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and a large BR from  $h \rightarrow WW$
  - Explore non-resonant production
  - Explore resonance in low mass region: 260, 300, 400, 500 GeV
- Share the same selections in non-resonant and resonant searches
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# Selection

## Photons

Two well identified and isolated photons with the following  $p_T$  and  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  selections:

$$\frac{p_T(\gamma 1)}{m(\gamma\gamma)} \geq 0.35, \frac{p_T(\gamma 2)}{m(\gamma\gamma)} \geq 0.25;$$

$$m(\gamma\gamma) \in [105, 160] \text{ GeV.}$$

## Jets

Anti-kt jets with  $R = 0.4$ ;

$$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}; |\eta| < 2.5;$$

Jet Vertex Tagging algorithm (JVT) used to suppress the pileup jets;

## Electrons / Muons

$$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV};$$

## Event selection

- Start with the selections aiming at identifying  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events
- At least two central jets
- B-veto (Working Point: 70%)
- At least one lepton
- Tight mass window (TMW),  $|m_{\gamma\gamma} - 125.09| < 2 \times 1.7 (\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}) \text{ GeV}$
- **[SR] Signal Region (above)**
- **[SB] Sideband Region (reverse “Tight Mass Window”)**
- **[CR] Control Region (reverse “Tight Mass Window” &  $N(\text{lepton}) = 0$ )**

# Background estimations

- SM Higgs background is estimated with MC.
- Continuum background is estimated with data-driven method.

$$N_{SR}^{continuum} = N_{SB}^{continuum} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}}{1 - \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}}$$

$\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  is extracted from CR ( $N_{lep} = 0$ ) with a fit.

$$\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\int_{TMW} f(m_{\gamma\gamma}) dm_{\gamma\gamma}}{\int_{105}^{160} f(m_{\gamma\gamma}) dm_{\gamma\gamma}}, f(m_{\gamma\gamma}) \rightarrow \text{fit function}$$

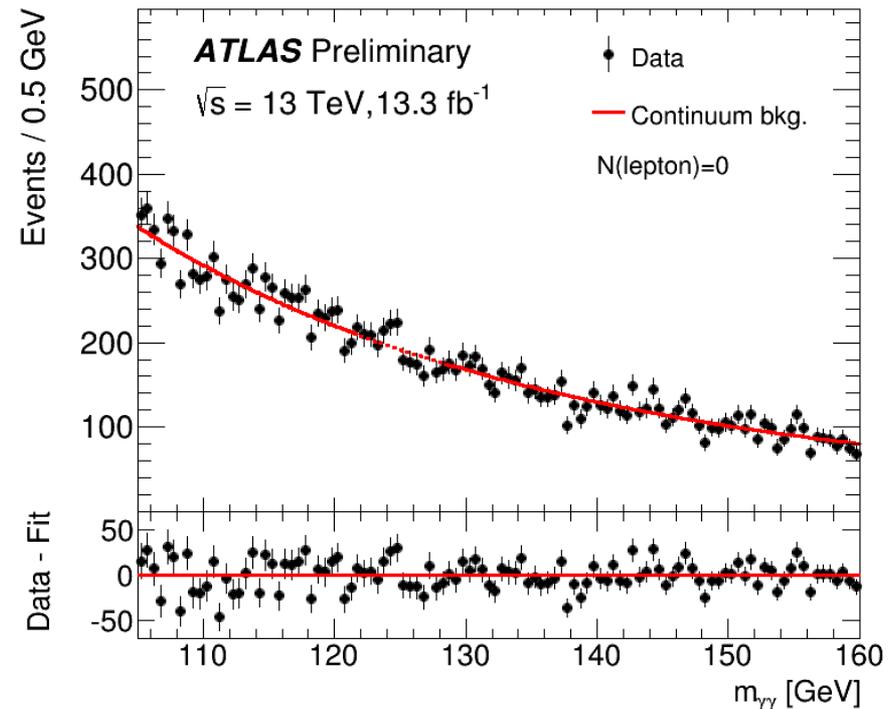
# $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ measurement

- $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  is measured in zero-lepton control region with data
- The exponential with 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomial is used to model background

$$N_{SB}^{continuum} = 46 \text{ events}$$

$$\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma} = 13.64\%$$

$$N_{bkg}^{continuum} = 7.26 \text{ events}$$



# Uncertainties (1)

- **The uncertainties are related to the continuum background.**
- **Statistical uncertainty of events in sideband: 14.7%.**
- **The uncertainties on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  measurement**
  - **From lepton multiplicity: 7.4%,**
  - **From fitting functions: 3.8%,**
  - **From sideband definition: 1.2%,**
  - **From statistics : 1.3%.**

# Uncertainties (2)

- **Luminosity error, 2.9%, combining errors on luminosity in 2015 and 2016**
- **Theoretical uncertainties**
  - **+2.1/2.0% on  $\text{br}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  and  $\pm 1.5\%$  on  $\text{br}(h \rightarrow WW)$ .**
  - **Scale and PDF uncertainties on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow hh)$  and cross section of SM Higgs processes. Details are shown as next slide.**
  - **Special 37.5% assigned to Wh process for high jet multiplicity, comparing Pythia8 (parton shower jets ) and MadGraph5 (matrix element jets) both with 2 jets inclusively.**
- **Experimental uncertainties:**
  - **Pileup reweighting, photons, jets, leptons, b-tagging**
  - **See next slide.**

# Uncertainties (3)

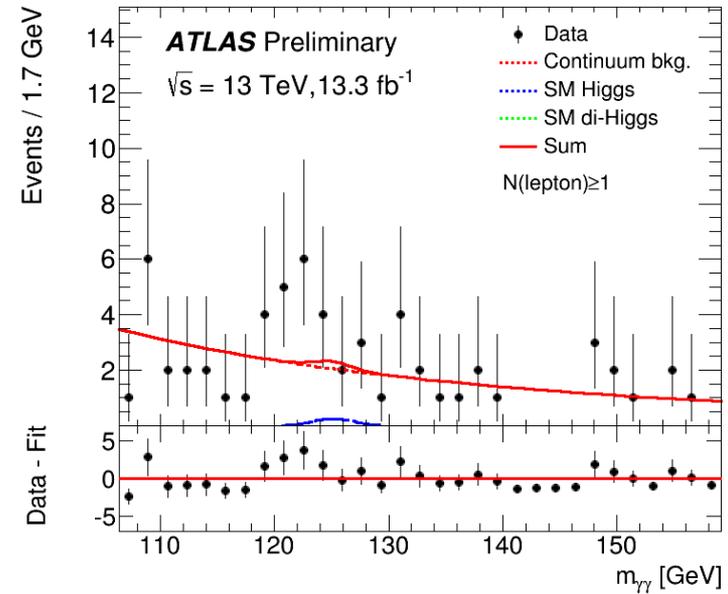
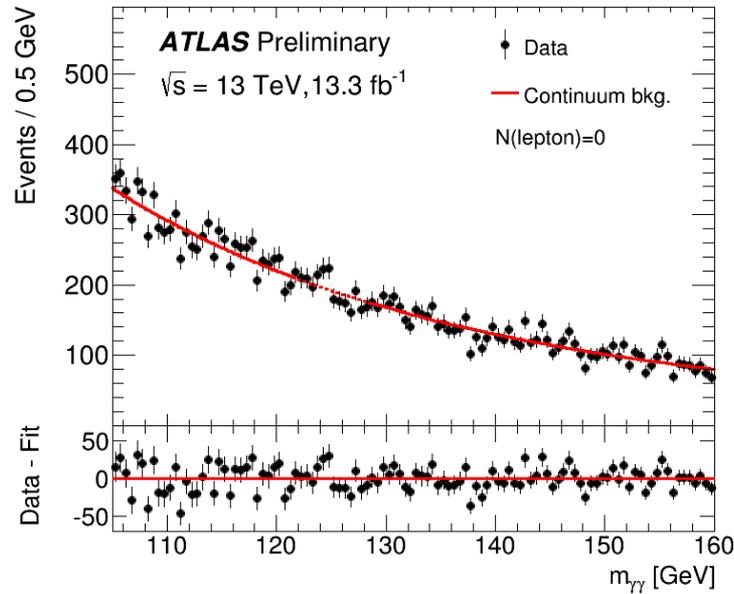
Source of uncertainties		Non-resonant $hh$	$X \rightarrow hh$	Single- $h$ bkg	Cont. bkg
All numbers are in %					
Luminosity 2015+2016		2.9	2.9	2.9	-
Trigger		0.4	0.4	0.4	-
Pileup re-weighting		0.8	0.2	1.8	-
Event statistics		2.0	1.8	2.7	14.7
Photon	energy resolution	2.0	1.8	1.2	-
	energy scale	4.2	4.1	1.6	-
	identification	4.2	4.2	4.2	-
	isolation	1.0	1.0	1.1	-
Jet	energy resolution	0.8	0.2	8.0	-
	energy scale	3.5	3.5	5.2	-
$b$ -tagging	$b$ -jets	0.06	0.05	5.4	-
	$c$ -jets	0.5	0.5	0.3	-
	light jets	0.4	0.4	0.4	-
	extrapolation	0.006	0.06	0.8	-
Lepton	electron	0.7	0.7	0.7	-
	muon	0.3	0.3	0.6	-
$\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$	lepton dependence	-	-	-	7.4
	background modelling	-	-	-	3.8
	sideband definition	-	-	-	1.2
	statistics on $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$	-	-	-	1.3
Theory	PDF	(2.1)	-	2.2	-
	$\alpha_S$	(2.3)	-	1.5	-
	scale	(6.0)	-	3.7	-
	HEFT	(5.0)	-	-	-
	jet multiplicity	-	-	12.5	-
	BR( $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )	2.1	2.1	2.1	-
	BR( $h \rightarrow WW^*$ )	1.5	1.5	1.5	-
Total		12.0	8.4	18.6	17.0

# Event yields

The signal and background yields in the signal region.  
 Assuming hh production cross section in SM is 33.41 fb and  
 $\mathcal{L} = 13.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Process	Number of events	
Continuum background	7.26	$\pm 1.23$
SM single-Higgs	0.616	$\pm 0.115$
SM di-Higgs	0.0187	$\pm 0.002\ 24$
Observed	15	

# $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distributions

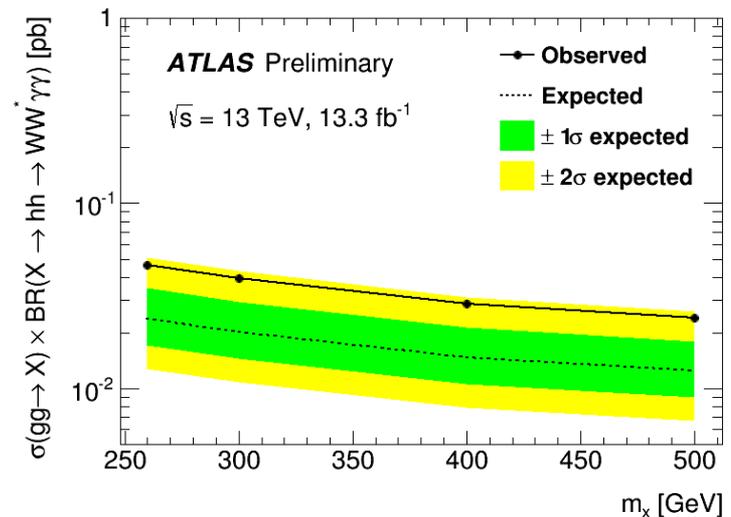
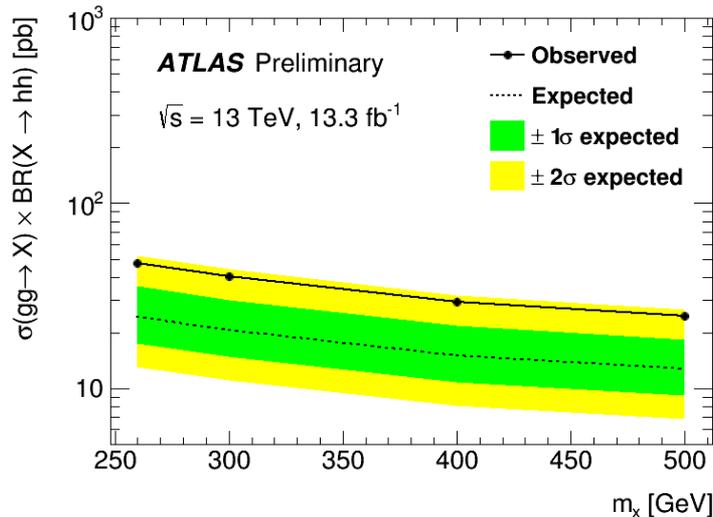


The invariant mass of diphoton system in zero-lepton control region (left) and the one-lepton signal region (right).

# Expected upper limits

Histfactory is used to build up the statistical model for an event-counting experiment. Asymptotic approximation is used (was validated with throwing toy MCs).

In the non-resonant search, a 95% CL upper limit is set: the expected limit on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow hh)$  is 12.9 pb, and the observed one is 25.0 pb. For resonant search, the expected limit on the resonant production times the branching fraction of  $X \rightarrow hh$  ranges from 24.3 – 12.7 pb and the observed limit ranges from 47.7 – 24.7 pb.



# Summary

**No significant excess is observed with respect to the SM background-only hypothesis.**

**A 95% confidence-level upper limit is set.**

**For non-resonant production, the observed limit is 25.0 pb and expected limit is 12.9 pb.**

**For resonant production, the observed limit ranges from [47.7, 24.7] pb and the expected limit ranges from [24.3, 12.7] pb.**

# Backup

# $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ measurement (a)

Test against different lepton multiplicities with MC to quantify the impact on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ .

MC  $j\bar{j}l\nu\gamma\gamma$  and  $j\bar{j}\gamma\gamma$  are compared.

The difference on the  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  is 2.2%.

Test against different lepton multiplicities with data control regions to quantify the impact on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ .

As the MC samples have high diphoton purity,  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  has been measured with regions by inverting either the photon isolation or the photon identification to check the impact of lepton multiplicities.

The difference on the  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  is 7.4% and considered as one of uncertainties conservatively introduced by lepton multiplicities.

Test against different sideband region definitions to quantify the impact on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ .

The difference (1.2%) on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  between nominal definition and varied one is considered as one of uncertainties introduced by the SB definition.

# $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ measurement (b)

- Test against various fitting functions of background modeling to quantify the impact on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$ .
- Fitting functions: 0 order polynomial, 1<sup>st</sup>-order polynomial, 2<sup>nd</sup>-order polynomial, exponential.
- The largest difference on  $\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}$  to the nominal is taken as uncertainty except comparing the 0 order polynomial due to this function is improper to fit the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  shape.
- The difference between the 1st order polynomial and nominal fit model is 3.8% and is considered as uncertainty introduced by the choice of fitting functions.