### Study of $h \rightarrow z\gamma$ Decay at CEPC

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# Introduction

- One of goals for CEPC is to measure  $B(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, z\gamma)$  precisely, which arises at the one-loop level in SM, sensitive to the new Physics.
- $B(h \to z \gamma) = 0.124\%$  is very small in SM and difficult to measure.
- The current limit at ATLAS in Run1:  $<18.2\times$  SM at 95% CL and it can be measured to 15% with 3 ab^{-1} at HL-LHC.



### Data Samples

- Full CEPC samples are used and normalized to 5 ab<sup>-1</sup>.
- Background: VV, sV, QQ, bhabha and qqH.
- Signal:  $B(zh \rightarrow zz\gamma \rightarrow qq\nu\nu\gamma) = 0.1\%$ .
- Selecting tracks and PFO within the detector fiducial.
- Jet clustering with anti-Kt exclusively to 2 jets.

#### **Event Selection**

- Signal consists of two jets from z decay, one iso-photon and missing recoiling z mass.
- 10 < ntracks < 30, nclusters> 25, and nPFO< 70.
- isolated photon 20 < Pt < 50 and  $|\eta| < 1.5$
- two jet  $(E_T > 10)$  mass: dm < 12 GeV of z mass.
- Recoiling mass: dm < 15 GeV of z mass.
- Pt, Pz of z < 65 GeV.
- Extra energy out of jet cone < 5 GeV.
- $1 < \Delta R_{z\gamma} < 3.2$  and  $1 < \Delta R_{recoil\gamma} < 3.2$

#### Photons, isolation, and extra Energy



Figure : Number of photons, isolation, and Extra energy outside of jet cone > 72.6 degree.

#### 10<nTracks<30, nclus>25, nPFOs<70



Figure : Number of Tracks, Clusters, and PFOs.

# $P_t^{\gamma} > 15$ , and $P_t^j > 10$ GeV



Figure : Photon Pt, Jet0 Pt, Jet1 Pt

 $|m_{ij} - m_z| < 12, P_t^{jj} < 70, P_z^{jj} < 60$  GeV



Figure : Dijet mass, pt, and pz.

 $|m_{reco} - m_z| < 15$ ,  $P_t^{reco} < 70$ ,  $P_z^{reco} < 60 \text{GeV}$ 



Figure : Recoiling mass, pt and pz.

# $1 < \Delta R_{z\gamma}, \Delta R_{reco\gamma} < 3.2$



Figure : (a)  $\Delta R$  between z and  $\gamma$ , (b) recoiling and the  $\gamma$ 

### Mass Difference: $\Delta m = m_{z\gamma} - m_z$

- $\Delta m$  has a better resolution, less sensitive to z mass.
- Useful to discriminate the signal and background.



# $\Delta m$ for Background only

• The background shape seems not smooth, there are some excess of events near the signal region.



Figure : Fit with background polynomial only and plus Gaussian.

# $\Delta m$ for Signal + Background

• The excess of events seems close to 4 sigma in the signal region.



Figure : Fit with signal + background polynomial and fixing the background shape

#### Conclusion

- Initial study of  $zh \rightarrow zz\gamma \rightarrow qq\nu\nu\gamma$  is promising, close to  $4\sigma$ .
- Work is ongoing to include additional z decay channels of  $zh \rightarrow zz\gamma \rightarrow (qqqq, llqq, ll\nu\nu)\gamma$ , a factor of 3 more statisticals for 15% of measurement.
- Need to understand the background shape better.
- The analysis can be optimized further.
- Precise measurement of the ratio of  $H \to \gamma \gamma$  and  $H \to Z \gamma$  can be used to constrain new physics at the loop level.