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Higgs boson couplings characterization in the 4-lepton channel with the Run 2 data of the ATLAS Experiment at the LHC

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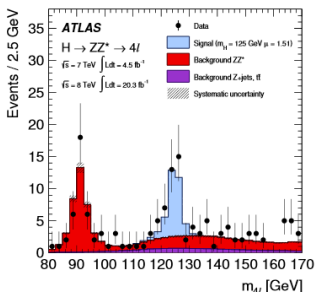
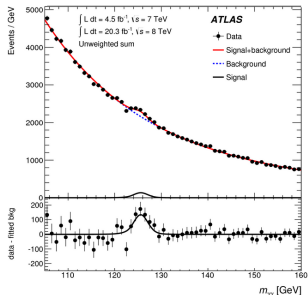
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- ① Higgs boson discovery from both ATLAS and CMS experiments
- ② exclusion of spin 1 and 2 hypotheses with the Run 1 data
- ③ search for a discrepancy in the size and structure of the Higgs boson couplings with respect to the SM predictions
- ④ assuming v , the vacuum expectation value, the expected values of the Higgs couplings with the vector bosons V and fermions f are:

$$g_{HVV} = \frac{2m_V^2}{v}, \quad g_{Hff} = \frac{m_f}{v}$$

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 SM contribution

- $\kappa_{\text{SM}} = 1$
- $c_\alpha = 1$
- all other κ -parameters not in the box equal to 0.

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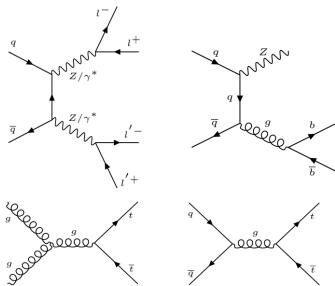
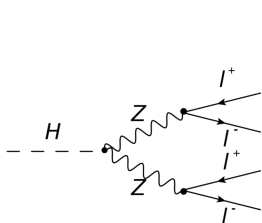
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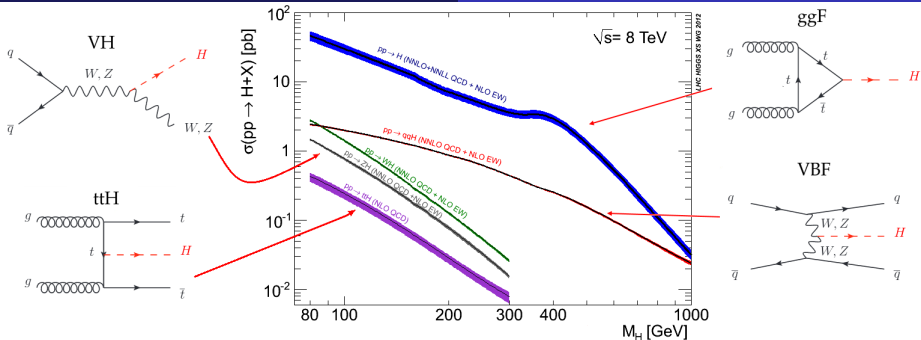
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$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ channel

- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l) = 1.25 \times 10^{-4}$ at $m_H = 125$ GeV
- $N_{events}^{exp} = \sigma_{SM} B R L_{int} \simeq 694$ with $L_{int} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- clean signature given by the presence of leptons (e and μ) in the final state
- single and dilepton trigger on e and μ
- Higgs boson candidate: quadruplet of two same-flavour, opposite-sign lepton pairs
- leptons in the quadruplet ordered in p_T : $p_T > 20$ GeV, > 15 GeV, > 10 GeV, > 6 GeV (μ) and > 7 GeV (e)
- main backgrounds: irreducible $pp \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, reducible Z +jets, $t\bar{t}$





Event candidates divided into three experimental categories: 0jet, 1jet, ≥ 2 jets

	VBF	hadronic VH	ggF
0jet	0.11	0.032	7.7
1jet	0.59	0.19	6.5
≥ 2 jets	2.1	0.62	4.5

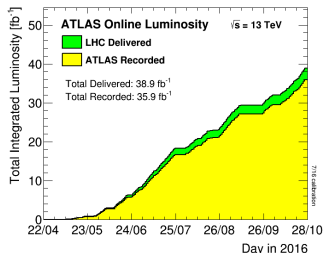
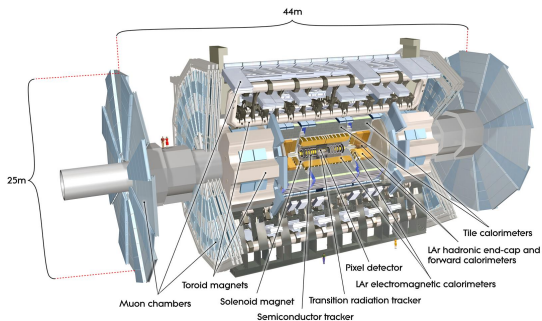
Table: Yields of VBF, hadronic VH and ggF in each category, for $L_{int} = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ and after the event selection.

≥ 2 jets category divided into two categories with a cut on the reconstructed invariant mass of the two jets M_{jj}^{reco} :

- if $M_{jj}^{reco} \geq 120 \text{ GeV}$: VBF-category
- if $M_{jj}^{reco} < 120 \text{ GeV}$: VH-category

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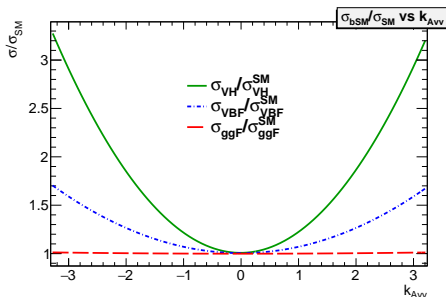
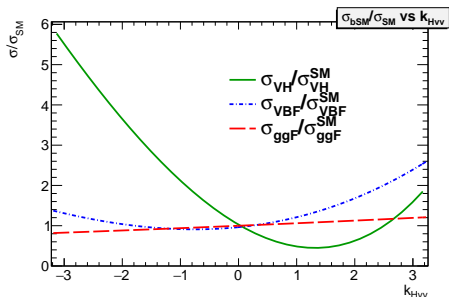


- 1 **Magnetic system:** one barrel and two end-cap toroids, central solenoid (2 T)
- 2 **Inner detector:** silicon pixels, semiconductor tracker (SCT) and transition radiation tracker (TRT)
- 3 **Electromagnetic calorimeter:** lead-liquid argon detector with accordion geometry
- 4 **Hadronic calorimeter:** iron as absorber and scintillating materials
- 5 **Muon spectrometer:** muon chambers with high resolution and standalone muons reconstruction

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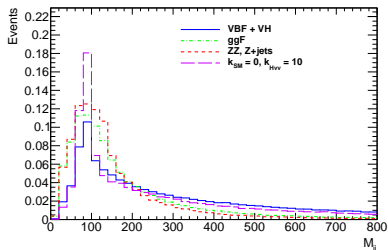
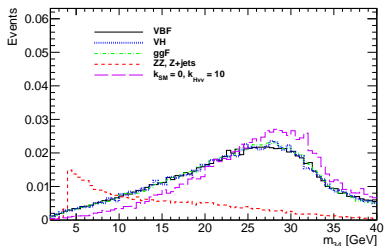
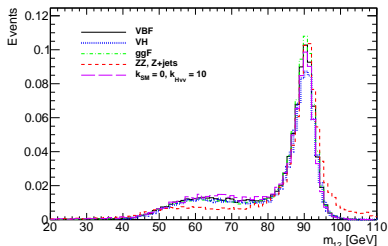
New physics effects on the signal strength [2]



- VBF and VH mechanisms have a greater sensitivity to the BSM couplings
- The ggF mechanism depends only marginally from the BSM couplings
- The SM and BSM contributions interfere when $\mu = \frac{\sigma^{BSM}}{\sigma^{SM}}$ is a function of k_{HVV} . The interference is greater in the case of VH and has an opposite sign compared to that of VBF
- No interference expected when the cross section is a function of k_{AVV}

New physics effects on the shape of kinematic differential distributions of signal and backgrounds

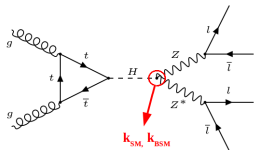
Other discriminating variables



Need a multivariate analysis to combine the shape of many kinematic distributions. \Rightarrow Matrix element based observables

Definition of the matrix element of a process

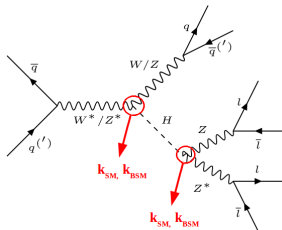
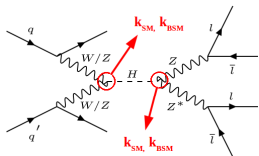
- BSM coupling entering in production or decay vertex (ggF)



$$\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) = k_{SM} \mathcal{M}_{SM} + k_{BSM} \mathcal{M}_{BSM} \quad (1)$$

use of 4 leptons to build the matrix element

- BSM coupling entering in both production and decay vertices (VBF and VH)



$$\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) = (k_{SM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{SM,p} + k_{BSM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}) \cdot (k_{SM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{SM,d} + k_{BSM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}) \quad (2)$$

use of 4 leptons and 2 jets to build the matrix element

Optimal Observables (OO) for VBF and VH [3]

$$OO_1 = \frac{\text{Interference}}{|\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2}$$

$$OO_2 = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{BSM}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 &= k_{SM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 + k_{BSM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + \\
 &+ k_{SM}^3 k_{BSM} \left[|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|) + \right. \\
 &+ \left. \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|) |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 \right] + \\
 &+ k_{SM}^2 k_{BSM}^2 (|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2) + \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

I considered as Interference all the terms that are highlighted in red:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Interference} &= |\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 - k_{SM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 - k_{BSM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 - \\
 &- k_{SM}^2 k_{BSM}^2 (|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{M}_{BSM} can be \mathcal{M}_{kHVV} or \mathcal{M}_{kAVV} → define four optimal observables: $OO_1^H, OO_2^H, OO_1^A, OO_2^A$

\mathcal{M}_{SM}

- $\Lambda = 10^3$ GeV;
- $k_{SM} = 1$;
- all BSM couplings $k_{BSM} = 0$;

 $\mathcal{M}_{k_{HV V}}$

- $\Lambda = 10^3$ GeV;
- $k_{SM} = 0$;
- $k_{HV V} = 10$;
- all other BSM couplings $k_{BSM} = 0$;

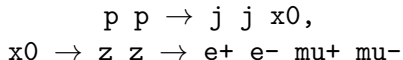
 $\mathcal{M}_{k_{AV V}}$

- $\Lambda = 10^3$ GeV;
- $k_{SM} = 0$;
- $k_{AV V} = 15$;
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Each matrix element should be created for both VBF and VH mechanisms.

VBF

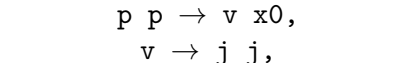
MadGraph [2] NLO process



- 6 particles in the final state:
2 jets and 4 leptons
- $jetP_T > 30$ GeV

VH

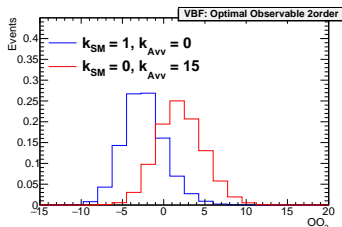
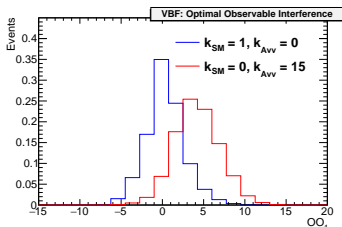
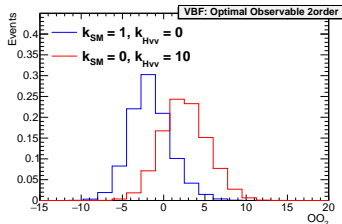
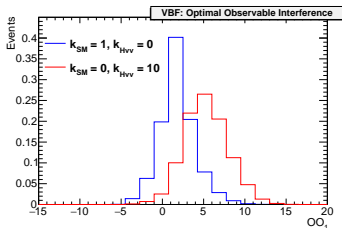
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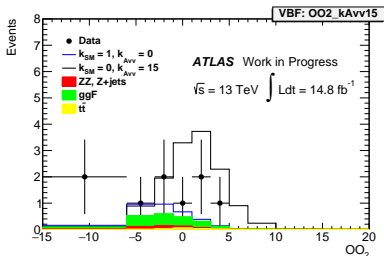
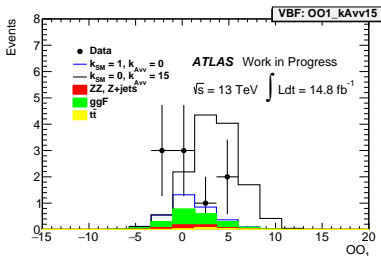
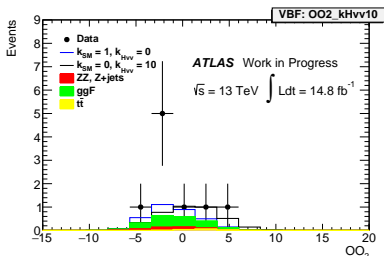
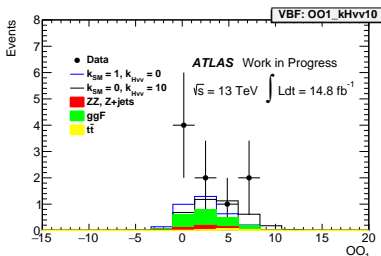
OO for the VH-category

 OO_1 OO_2 

These distributions are made using full simulation samples. ¹

¹Backup slides for those made using MadGraph samples.

OO distributions for the VBF-category with 14.8 fb^{-1} of data

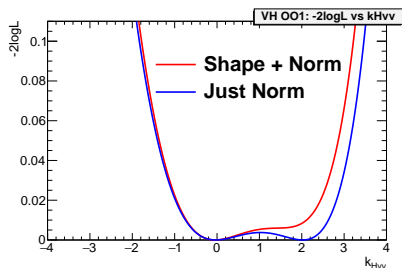
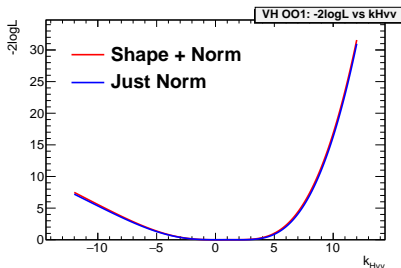
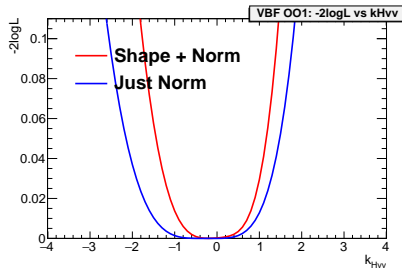
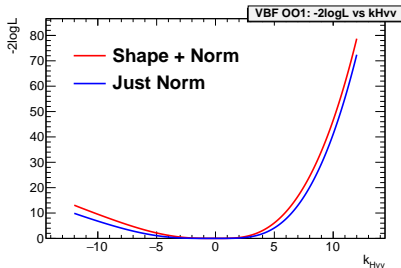


Estimation of expected OO sensitivitiy

- Use the binned OO distributions
- calculate the Poisson probability to obtain the number of events relative to a certain BSM coupling k_{test} , $n_i^{injected}(k_{test})$, if one expects a number $n_i^{expected}(k_{BSM})$
- $k_{SM} = 1$ in the fit
- ggF and backgrounds included but considered independent from the BSM coupling

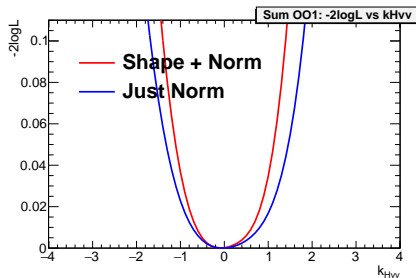
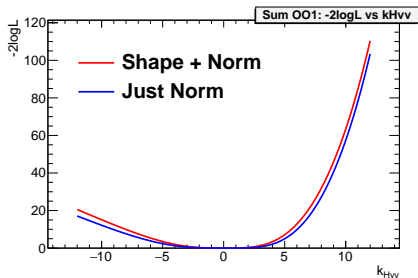
$$L(k_{BSM}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{bin}} \text{Poisson}(n_i^{injected}(k_{test}), n_i^{expected}(k_{BSM}))$$

- $n_i^{expected}(k_{BSM})$, obtained using the morphing technique [4]
- $n_i^{injected}(k_{test})$, yield of the i^{th} bin of the injected histogram relative to k_{test} ;
- N_{bin} , total number of bins of the histograms.

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_1^H $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_2^H 

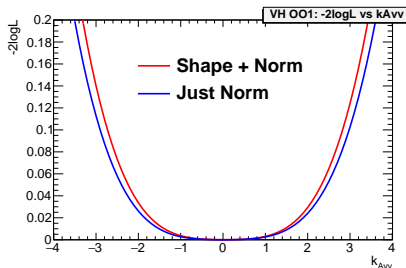
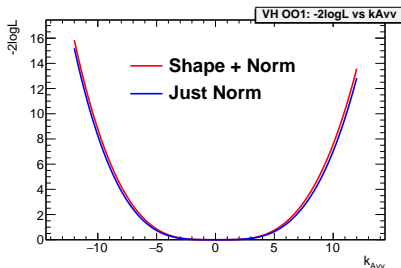
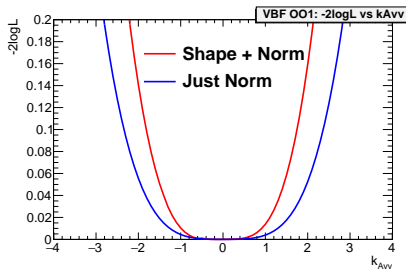
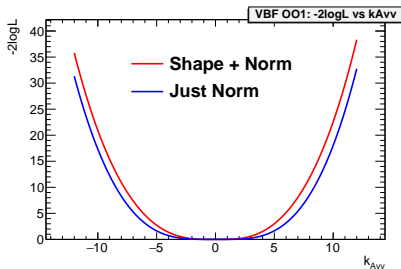
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Fits using MadGraph samples

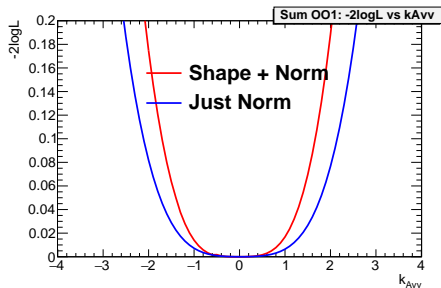
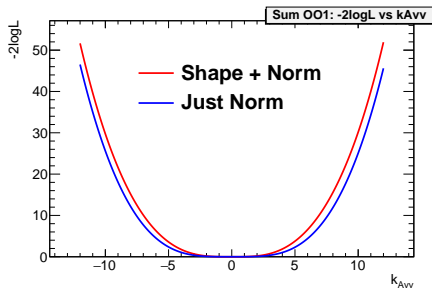


Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{HVV}	Observable	k_{HVV}
OO_1^H	[-5.2, 4.1]	OO_1^H (single bin)	[-6.1, 4.7]

Table: Expected 95% confidence intervals on k_{HVV} for OO_1^H and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_1^A $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_2^A 

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_1^A ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

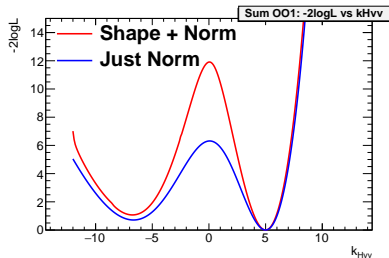
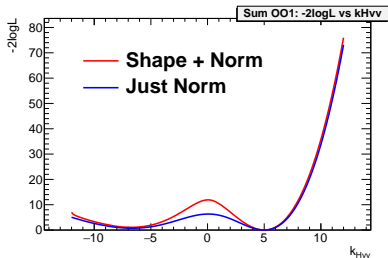
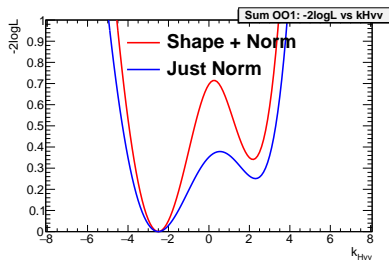
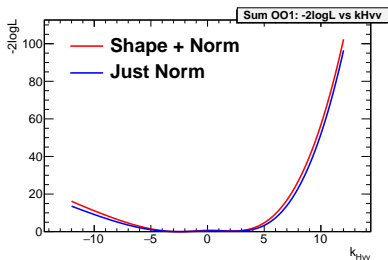


Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{AVV}	Observable	k_{AVV}
OO_1^A	[-5.1, 5.0]	OO_1^A (single bin)	[-5.8, 5.8]

Table: Expected 95% confidence intervals on k_{AVV} for OO_1^A and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{HVV} = -2.5$ and $k_{HVV} = 5$ using OO_1^H ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

Other fit closure tests



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Conclusions and plans

Conclusions:

- The use of matrix element based observables enables to increase the sensitivity to the BSM couplings with respect to the one obtained using the cross section alone;
- with higher statistics, order of 100 fb^{-1} , it will be possible to further improve the expected 95% confidence levels on the BSM couplings ².

Plans:

- addition of the 1jet category;
- exploit the OO to do a fit without fixing $k_{SM} = 1$ and discriminate between k_{HVV} and k_{AVV} ;

²The performances of this analysis on a dataset of 300 fb^{-1} can be found in the backup slides.

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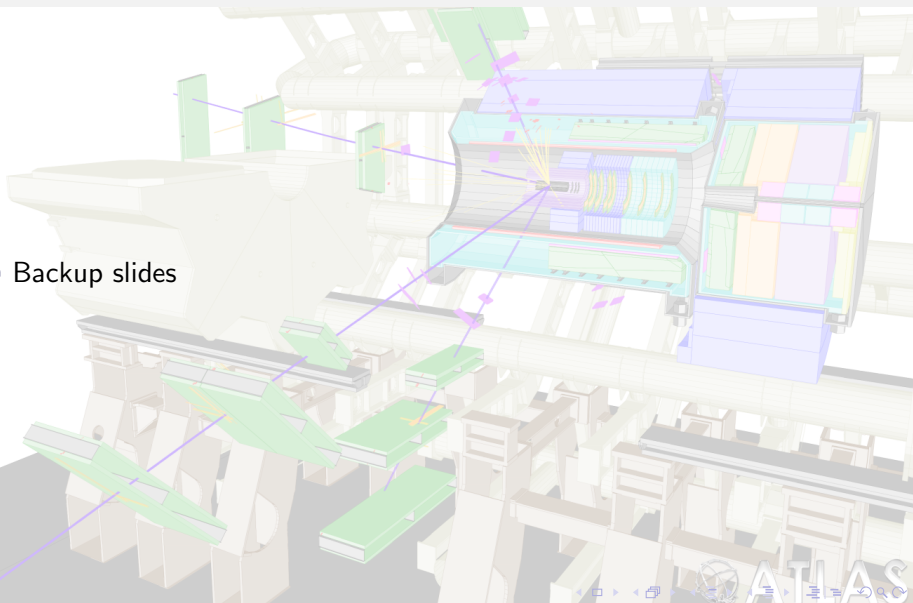
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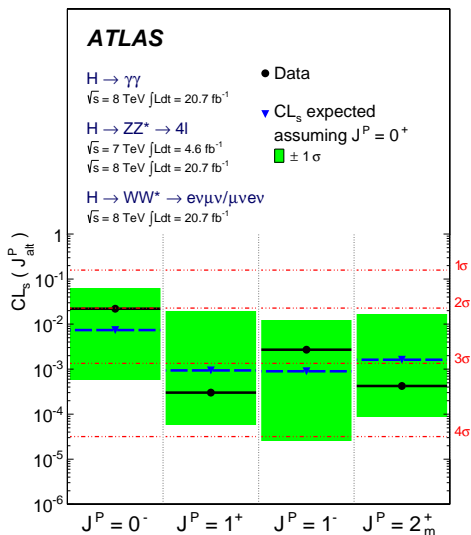
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Evidence for the spin-0 nature of the Higgs boson



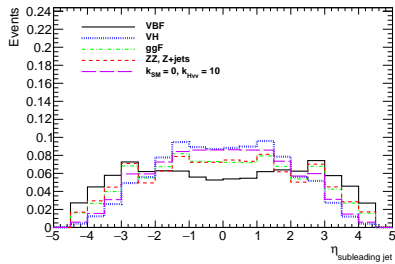
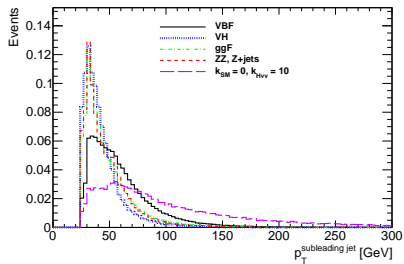
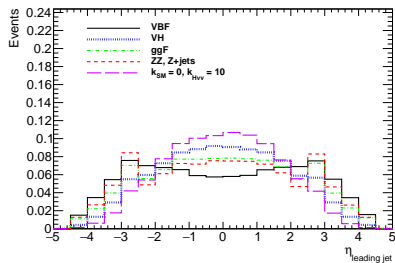
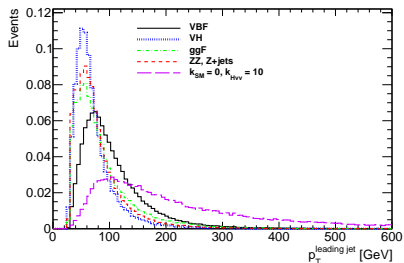
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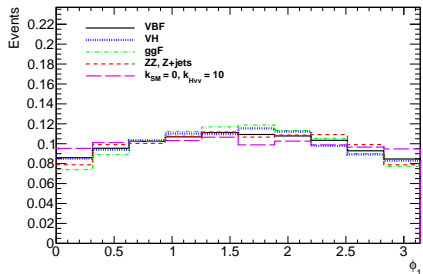
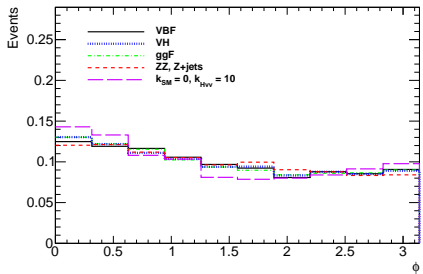
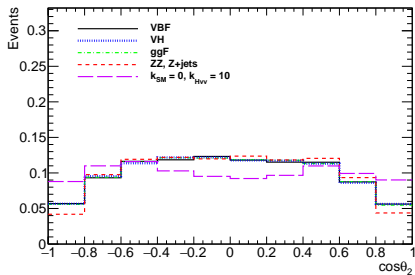
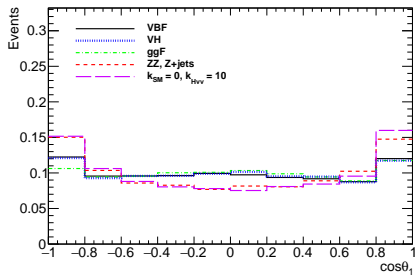
 $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

p_T, E_T and η cuts
Electrons: $E_T > 7$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.47$ Combined, standalone and segment-tagged muons: $p_T > 5$ GeV Calo-tagged muons: $p_T > 15$ GeV, $ \eta < 0.1$ Jets: $p_T > 30$ GeV
Leptons in the quadruplets
First lepton: $p_T > 20$ GeV Second lepton: $p_T > 15$ GeV Third lepton: $p_T > 10$ GeV Maximum one calo-tagged or standalone muon per quadruplet <i>Leading dilepton mass:</i> $50 < m_{12} < 106$ GeV <i>Sub-leading dilepton mass:</i> $12 < m_{34} < 115$ GeV
Isolation
Electron track isolation ($\Delta R \leq 0.20$): $\sum E_T/E_T < 0.15$ Electron calorimetric isolation ($\Delta R \leq 0.20$): $\sum E_T/E_T < 0.20$ Muon track isolation ($\Delta R \leq 0.30$): $\sum p_T/p_T < 0.15$ Muon calorimetric isolation ($\Delta R \leq 0.20$): $\sum E_T/p_T < 0.30$
Impact parameter significance
Electrons: $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$ Muons: $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ Leptons: $ (z_0 - z_{pV})\sin\theta < 0.5$ mm

Leptons and jets discriminating variables

Experimental categories





Definition of interference between SM and BSM matrix elements

OO definition

One non-SM coupling in the production or decay vertex

$$\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) = k_{SM}\mathcal{M}_{SM} + k_{BSM}\mathcal{M}_{BSM}$$

Squaring this expression, one obtains:

$$|\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 = k_{SM}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 + k_{BSM}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM}|^2 + 2k_{SM}k_{BSM} \Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{BSM})$$

Therefore, the interference in the case of the ggF production mode is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Interference} &= 2\Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{BSM}) = \\ &= \frac{1}{k_{SM}k_{BSM}} \left(|\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 - k_{SM}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 - k_{BSM}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM}|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Definition of interference between SM and BSM matrix elements

OO definition

One non-SM coupling in both production and decay

$$\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) = (k_{SM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{SM,p} + k_{BSM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}) \cdot (k_{SM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{SM,d} + k_{BSM} \cdot \mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}).$$

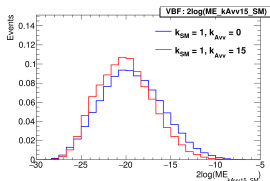
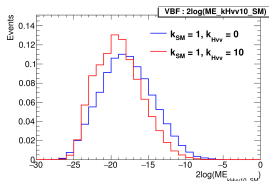
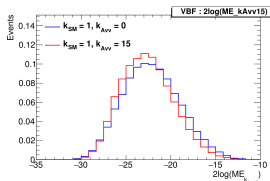
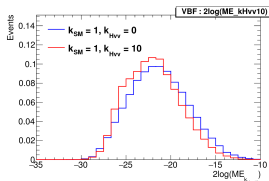
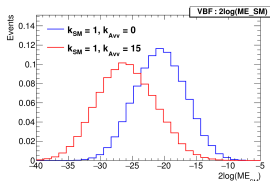
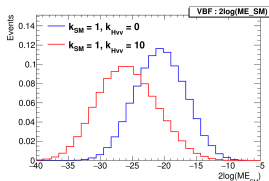
Squaring this expression, one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 &= k_{SM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 + k_{BSM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + \\ &+ k_{SM}^3 k_{BSM} \left[|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|) + \right. \\ &+ \left. \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|) |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 \right] + \\ &+ k_{SM}^2 k_{BSM}^2 (|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2) + \\ &+ k_{BSM}^3 k_{SM} \left[|\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|) + \right. \\ &+ \left. \Re(|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^* |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|) |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

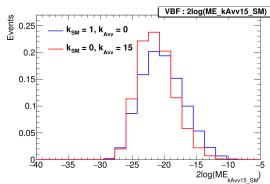
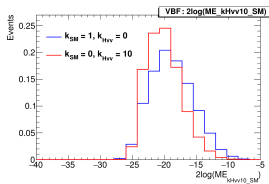
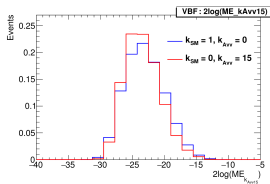
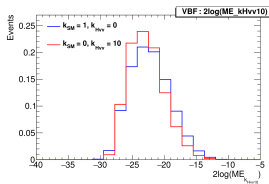
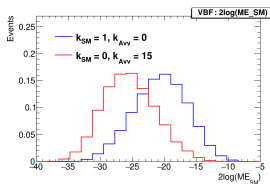
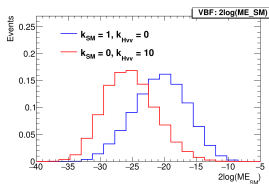
One can call Interference all the terms that are highlighted in red:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Interference} &= |\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2 - k_{SM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2 - k_{BSM}^4 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 - \\ &- k_{SM}^2 k_{BSM}^2 (|\mathcal{M}_{SM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,d}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{BSM,p}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_{SM,d}|^2) \end{aligned}$$

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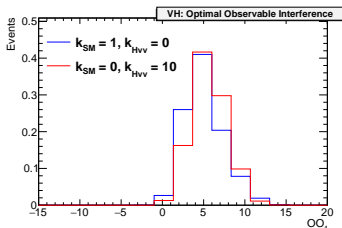
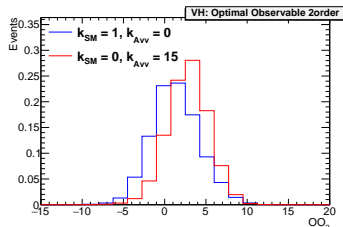
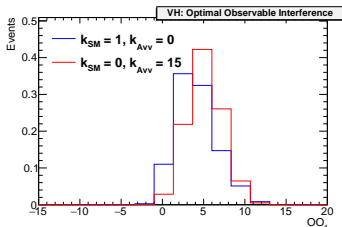
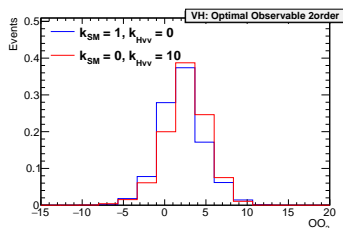


ME distributions using events of the VBF-category



OO distributions for the VH-category

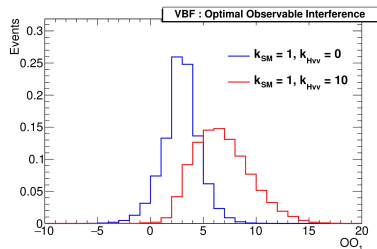
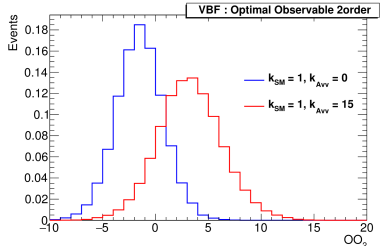
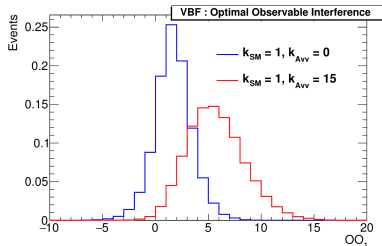
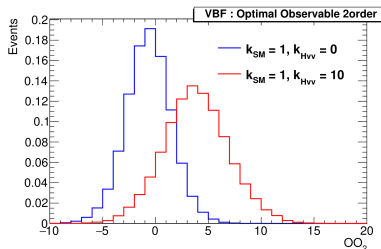
OO for the VBF-category

 OO_1

 OO_2


These distributions are made using full simulation samples.

VBF OO distributions using MadGraph samples

OO distributions

 OO_1  OO_2 

Implementation of the morphing technique

Morphing method

The morphing method can be introduced to describe the dependence of a given observable T on an arbitrary set of non-SM Higgs boson couplings $\vec{k}_{target} = k_{SM}, k_{BSM,1}, \dots, k_{BSM,n}$ to known particles. This dependence is described by a morphing function:

$$T_{out}(\vec{k}_{target}) = \sum_i w_i(\vec{k}_{target}; \vec{k}_i) T_{in}(\vec{k}_i),$$

where T_{in} are values or differential distributions obtained from Monte Carlo simulation of the signal for a given coupling configuration \vec{k}_i .

T_{in} are normalised to their expected cross sections such that the physical observable T_{out} includes both the correct shape and the correct cross section prediction.

Morphing with one non-SM coupling parameter in the production or decay vertex

Morphing method

The simpler case is that of the ggF process in which the k_{BSM} coupling with W and Z enters only in decay.

As $T(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) \propto |\mathcal{M}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM})|^2$, one can write the input distributions for arbitrary input parameters \vec{k}_i :

$$T_{in}(k_{SM,i}, k_{BSM,i}) = k_{SM,i}^2 \cdot \mathcal{M}_{SM}^2 + k_{BSM,i}^2 \cdot \mathcal{M}_{BSM}^2 + 2k_{SM,i}k_{BSM,i} \cdot \Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{BSM})$$

where $i = 1, 2, 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{out}(k_{SM}, k_{BSM}) &= (a_{11}k_{SM}^2 + a_{12}k_{BSM}^2 + a_{13}k_{SM}k_{BSM})T_{in}(k_{SM,1}, k_{BSM,1}) + \\ &= + (a_{21}k_{SM}^2 + a_{22}k_{BSM}^2 + a_{23}k_{SM}k_{BSM})T_{in}(k_{SM,2}, k_{BSM,2}) + \\ &= + (a_{31}k_{SM}^2 + a_{32}k_{BSM}^2 + a_{33}k_{SM}k_{BSM})T_{in}(k_{SM,3}, k_{BSM,3}) \end{aligned}$$

Morphing with one non-SM coupling parameter in the production or decay vertex

Morphing method

To find the unknown variables a_{ij} one can observe that if:

$$\vec{k}_{target} = \vec{k}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_{out} = T_{in}$$

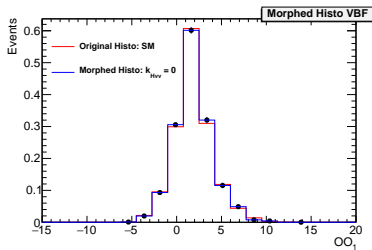
This suggests that a_{ij} coefficients can be found by solving the following condition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} k_{SM,1}^2 & k_{SM,2}^2 & k_{SM,3}^2 \\ k_{BSM,1}^2 & k_{BSM,2}^2 & k_{BSM,3}^2 \\ k_{SM,1}k_{BSM,1} & k_{SM,1}k_{BSM,1} & k_{SM,1}k_{BSM,1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{I}$$

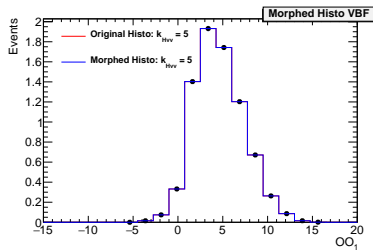
This procedure should be repeated also for the VBF process for which the number of T_{in} input distributions will be 5.

Morphing validation: VBF-category

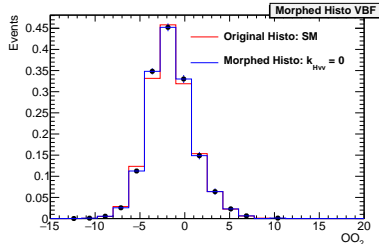
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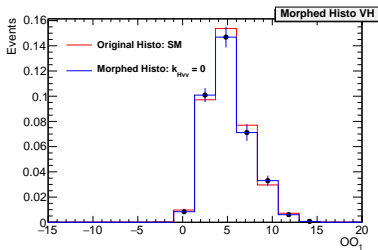


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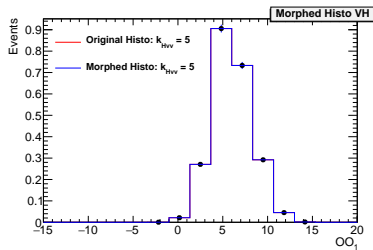


Morphing validation: VH-category

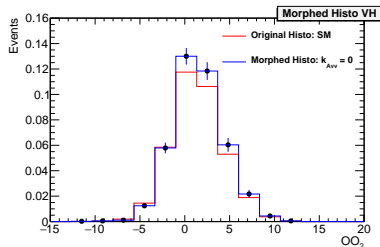
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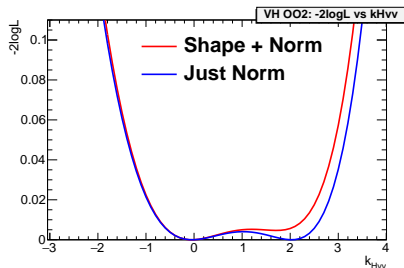
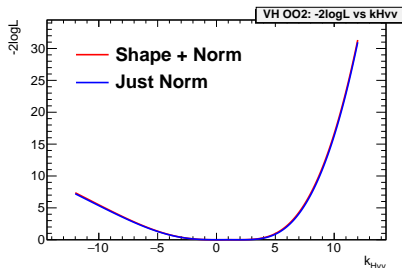
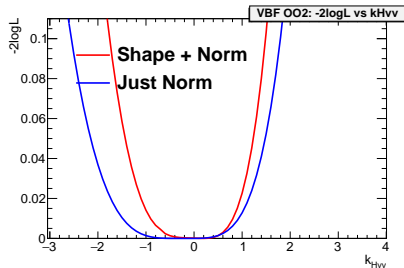
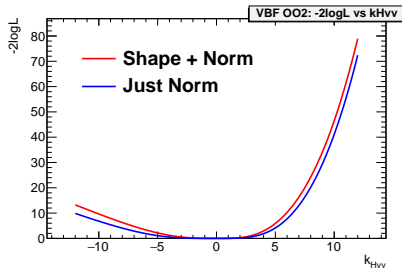


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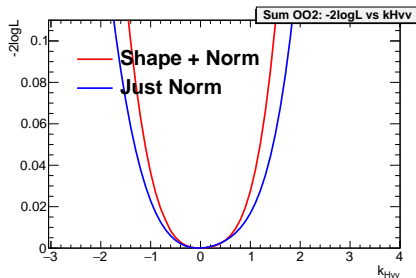
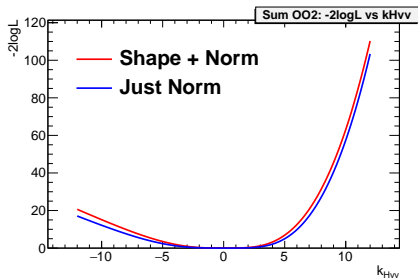


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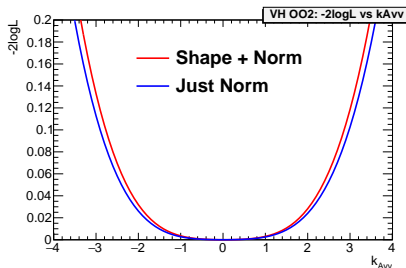
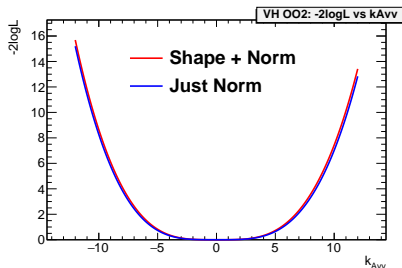
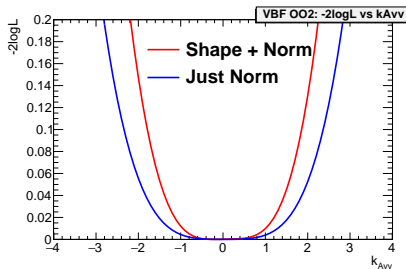
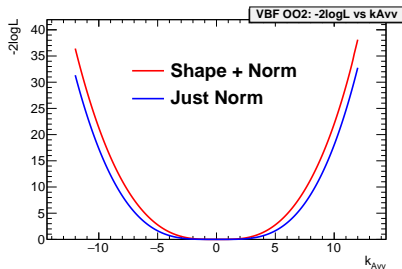
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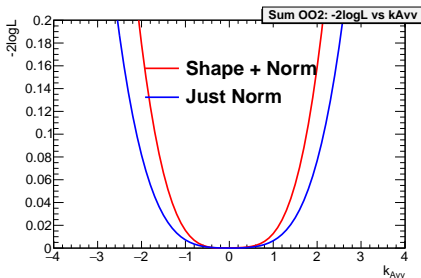
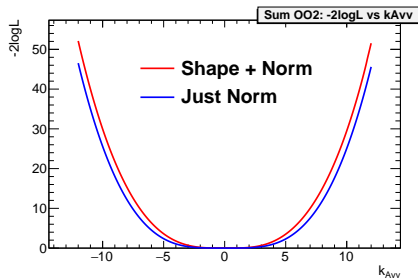
Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_2^H ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{HVV}	Observable	k_{HVV}
OO_2^H	[-5.2, 4.2]	OO_2^H (single bin)	[-6.1, 4.7]

Table: Expected 95% confidence intervals on k_{HVV} for OO_2^H and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_2^A $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_1^A 

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_2^A $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
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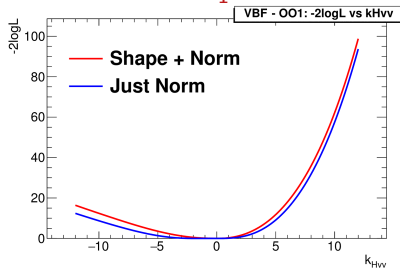
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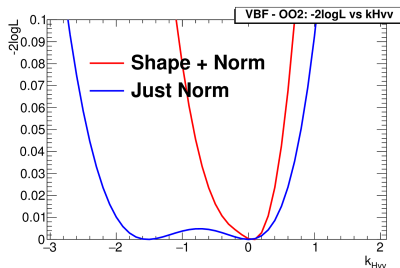
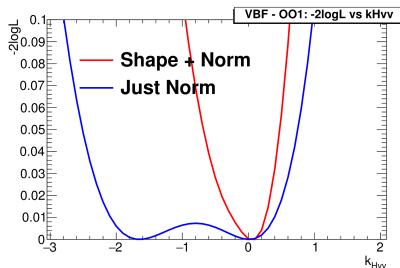
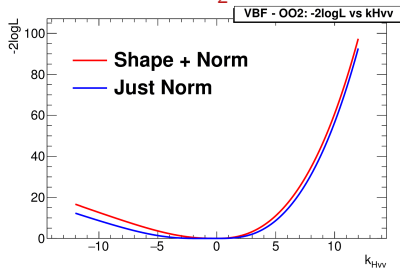
Fit closure tests using MadGraph samples

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ on a VBF sample ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

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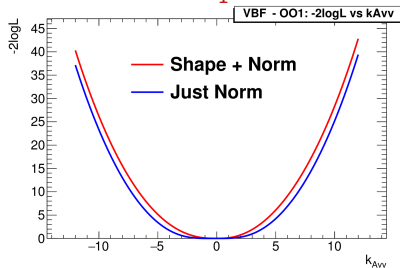
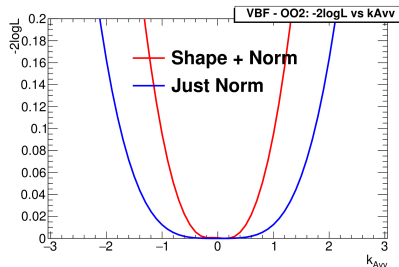
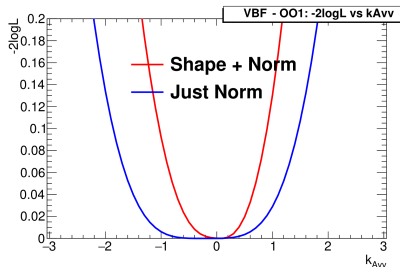
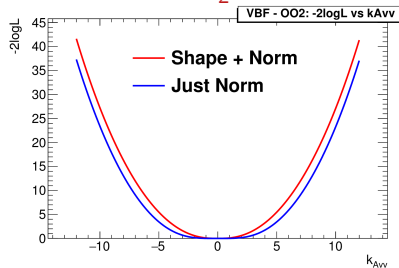


OO_2



Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ on a VBF sample ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

Fits on full sim samples

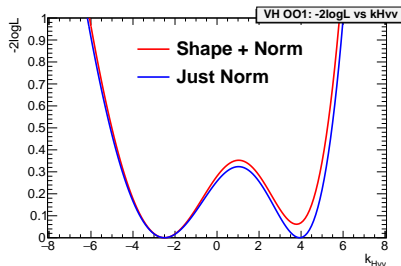
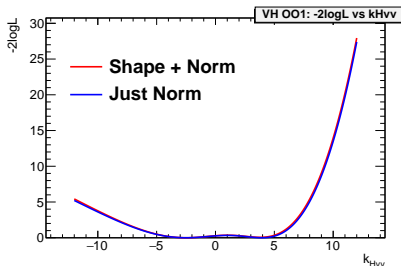
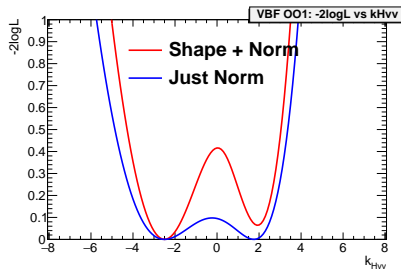
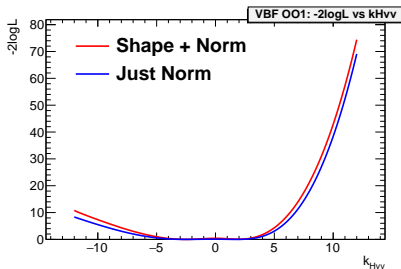
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Other fit closure tests using full simulation samples

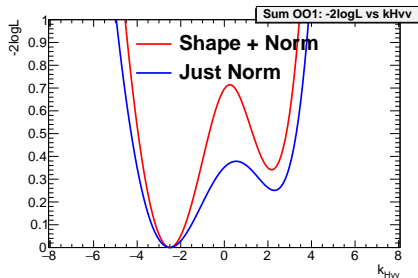
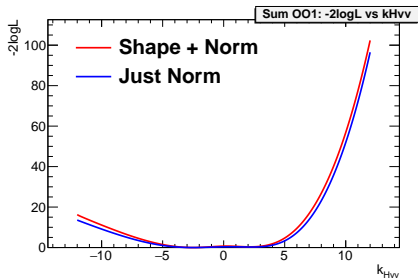
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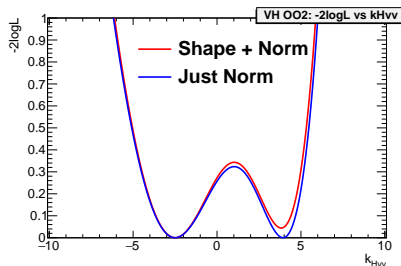
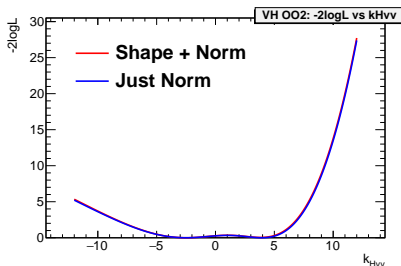
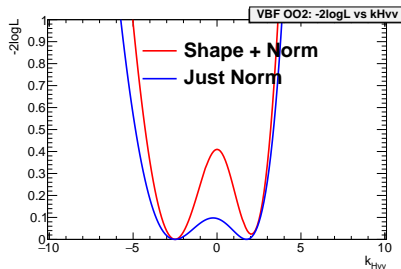
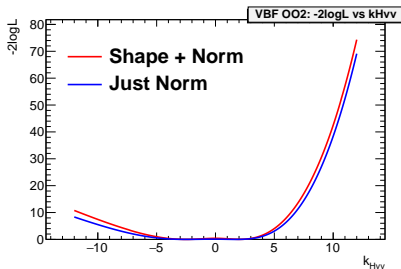
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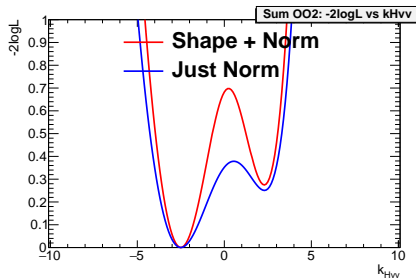
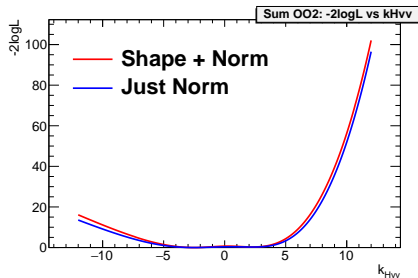
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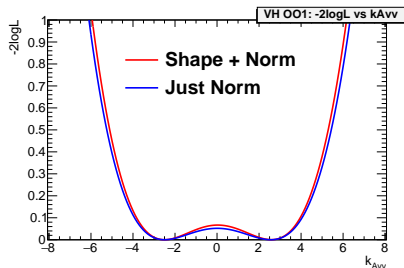
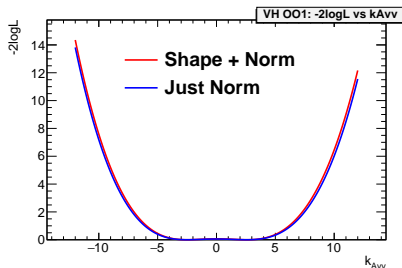
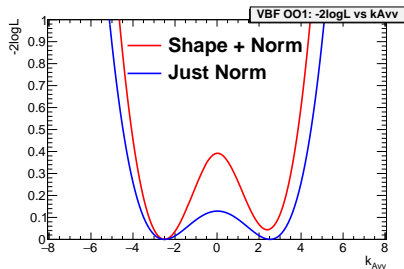
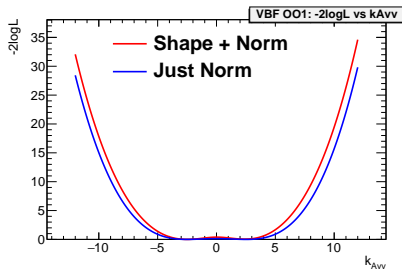
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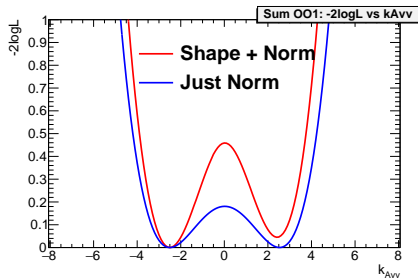
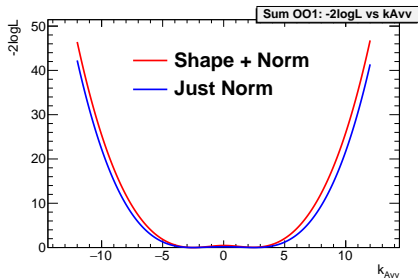
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Fit to $k_{Avv} = -2.5$ using OO_1^A $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

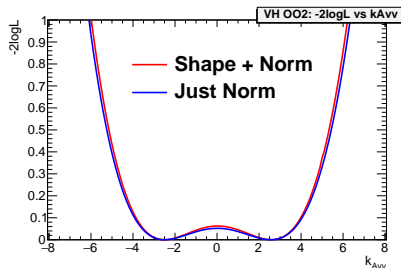
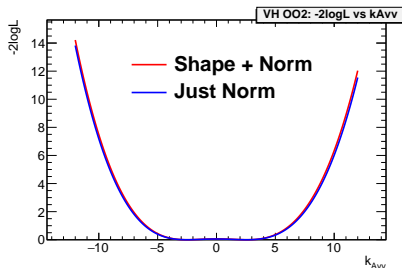
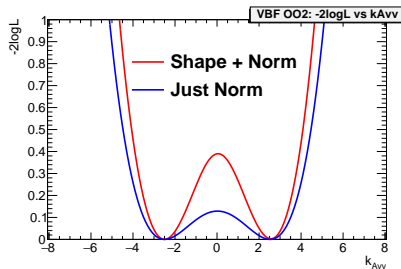
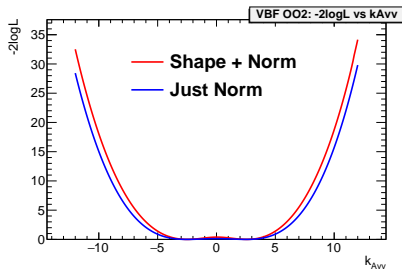
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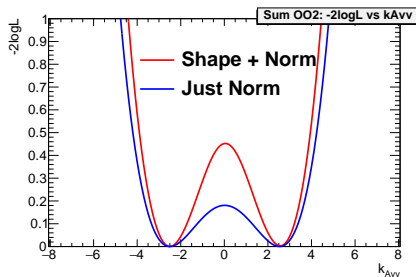
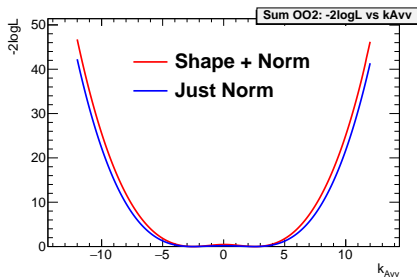
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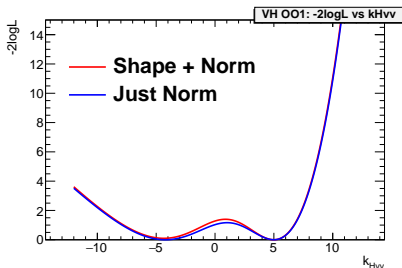
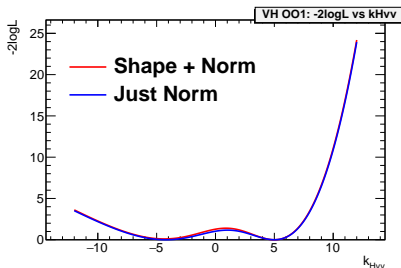
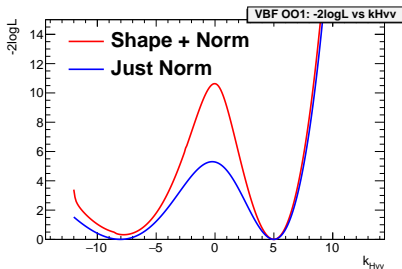
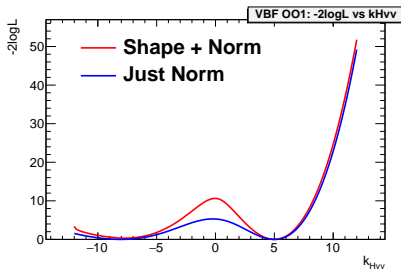
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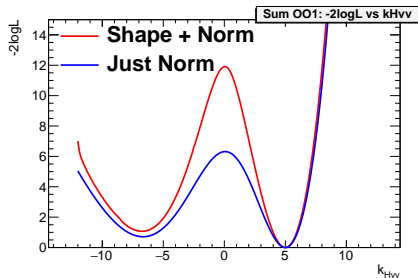
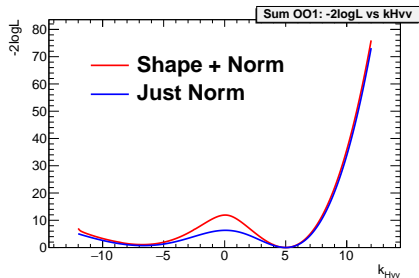
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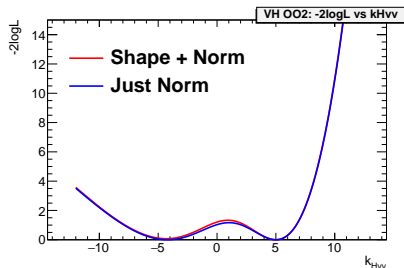
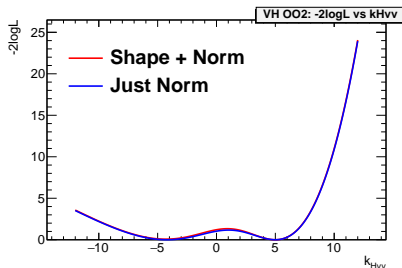
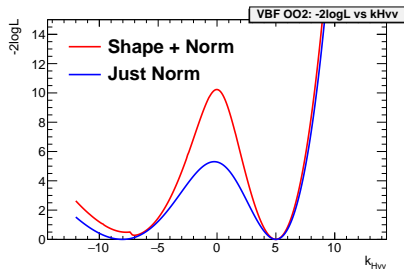
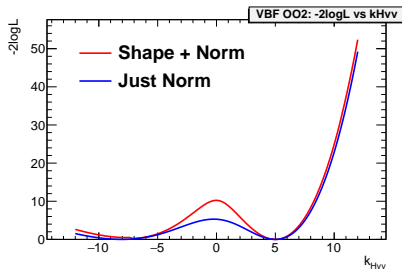


Fit to $k_{HVV} = 5$ using OO_1^H $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

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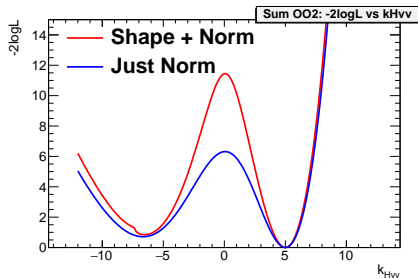
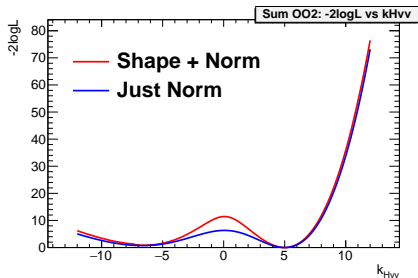
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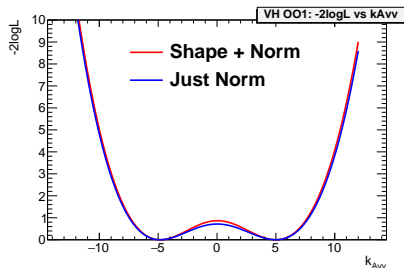
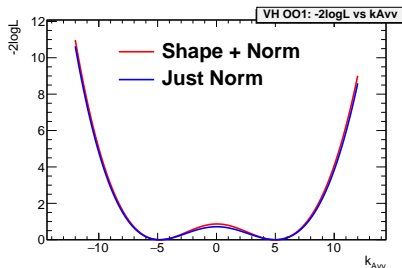
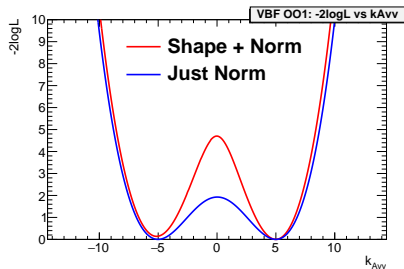
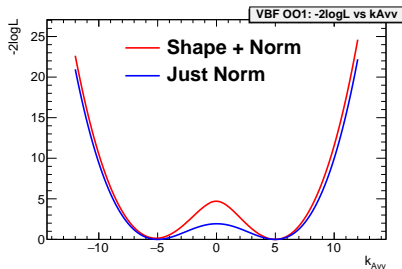
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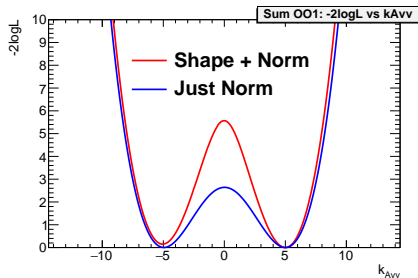
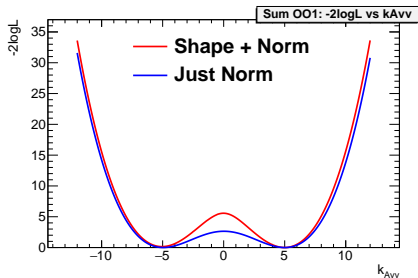
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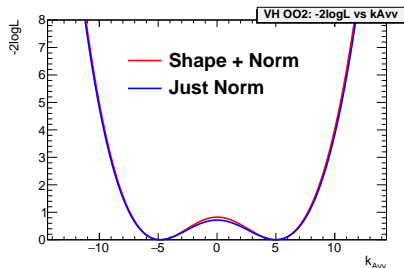
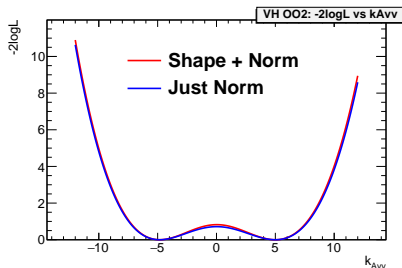
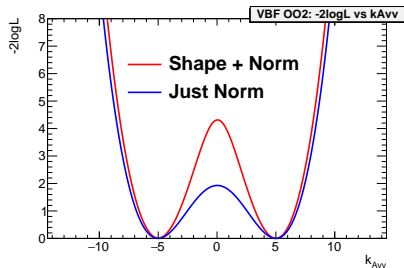
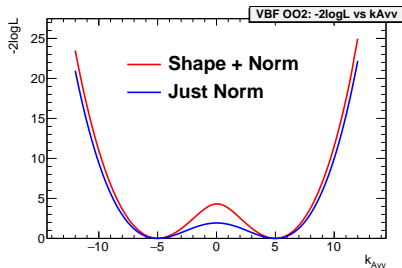
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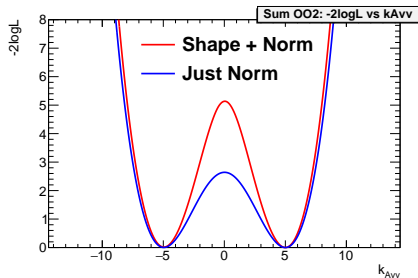
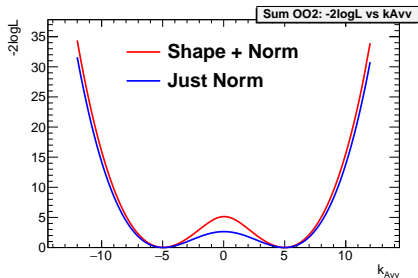
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Fit to $k_{Avv} = 5$ using OO_2^A $(L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

Fit to $k_{A\nu\nu} = 5$ using OO_2^A

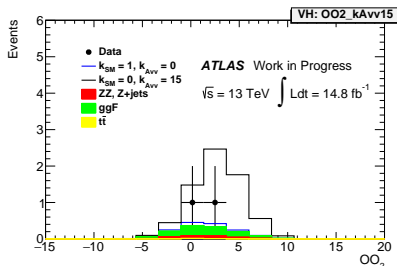
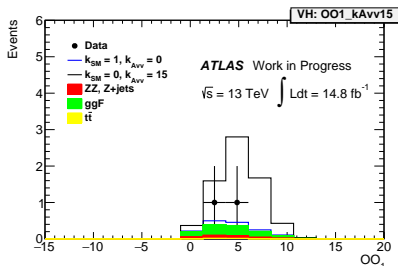
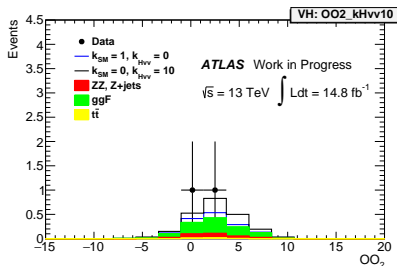
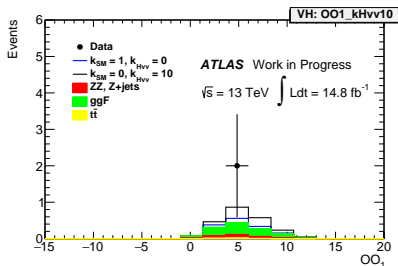
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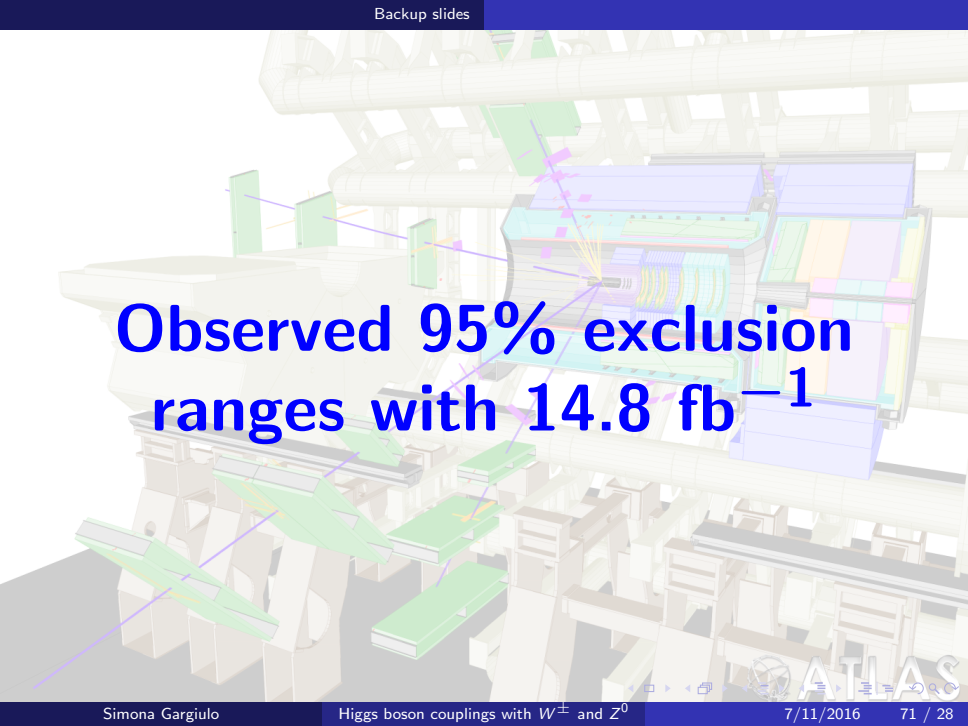




**00 distributions
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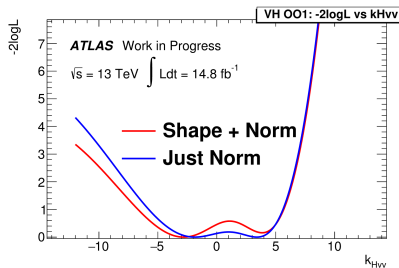
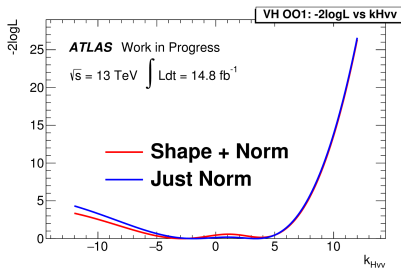
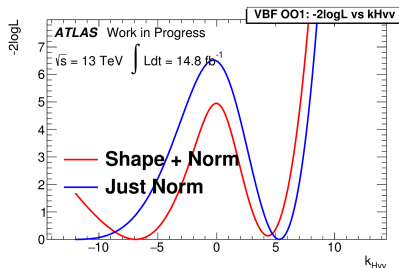
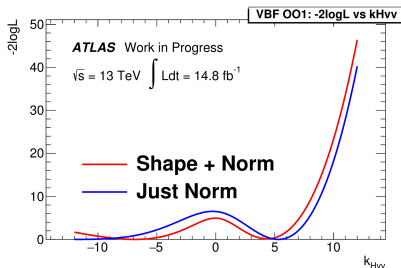
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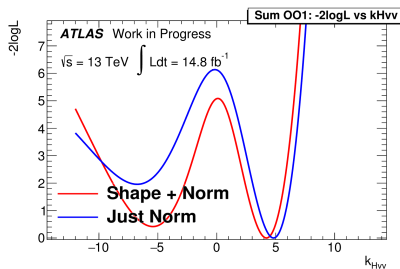
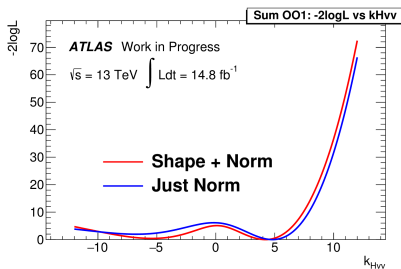


Observed 95% exclusion
ranges with 14.8 fb^{-1}

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_1^H ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



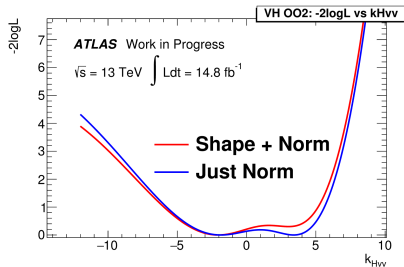
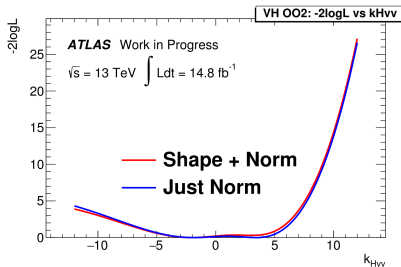
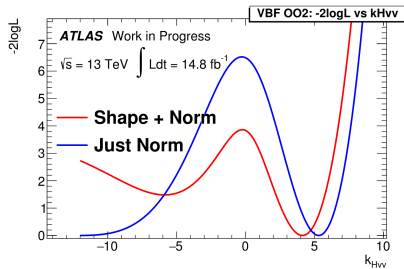
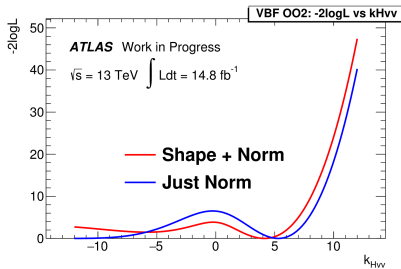
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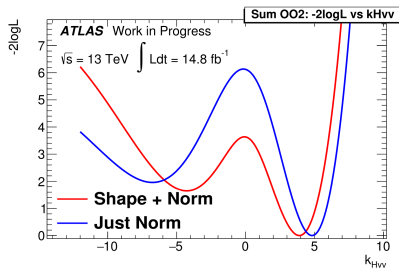
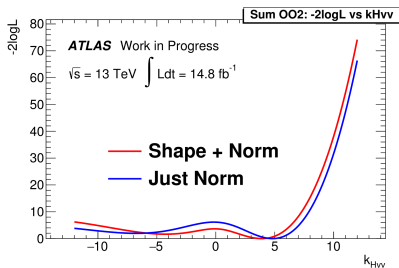
Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{HVV}	Observable	k_{HVV}
OO_1^H	$[-11, -1.3], [1.4, 6.3]$	OO_1^H (single bin)	$[-12, -3.1], [2.0, 6.8]$

Table: Observed 95% confidence intervals on k_{HVV} for OO_1^H and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_2^H ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



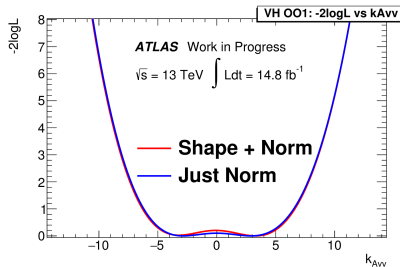
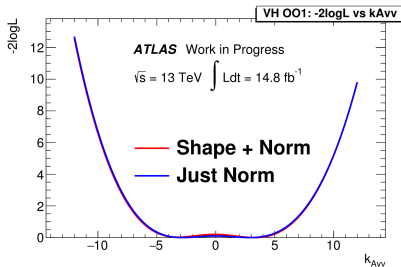
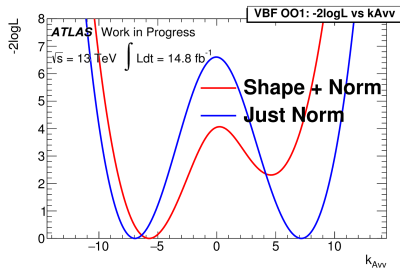
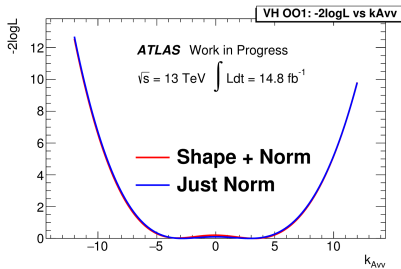
Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_2^H ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



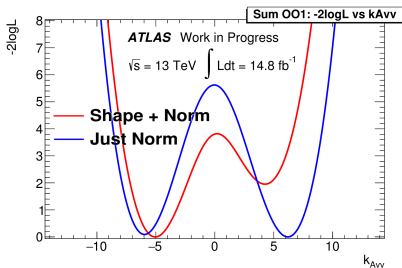
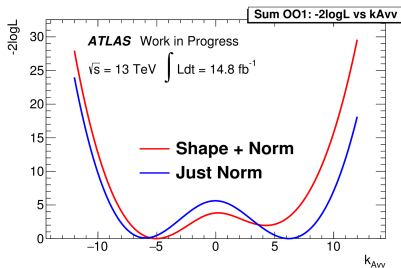
Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{HVV}	Observable	k_{HVV}
OO_2^H	[-8.8, 6,1]	OO_2^H (single bin)	[-12, -3.1], [2.0, 6.8]

Table: Observed 95% confidence intervals on k_{HVV} for OO_2^H and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_1^A ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



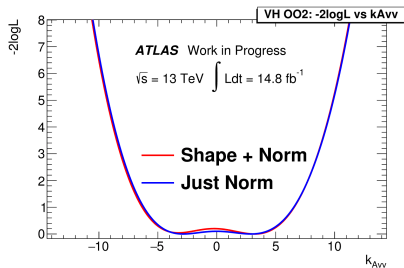
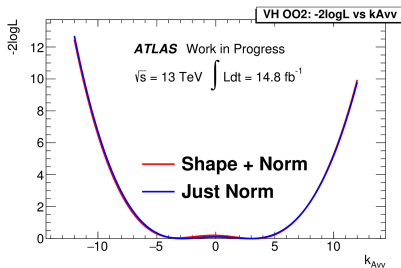
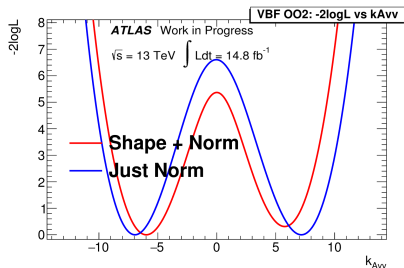
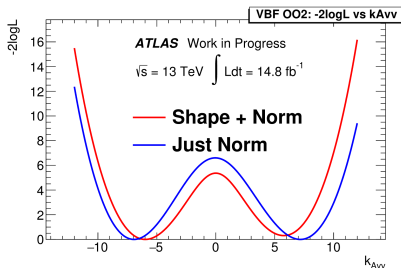
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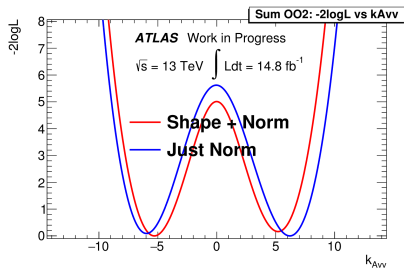
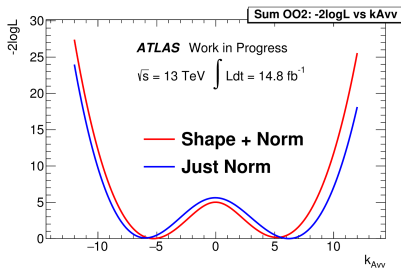
Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{AVV}	Observable	k_{AVV}
OO_1^A	$[-8.0, 6.6]$	OO_1^A (single bin)	$[-8.6, -2.3], [2.2, 9.1]$

Table: Observed 95% confidence intervals on k_{AVV} for OO_1^A and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.

Fit to $k_{A\nu\nu} = 0$ using OO_2^A ($L = 14.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

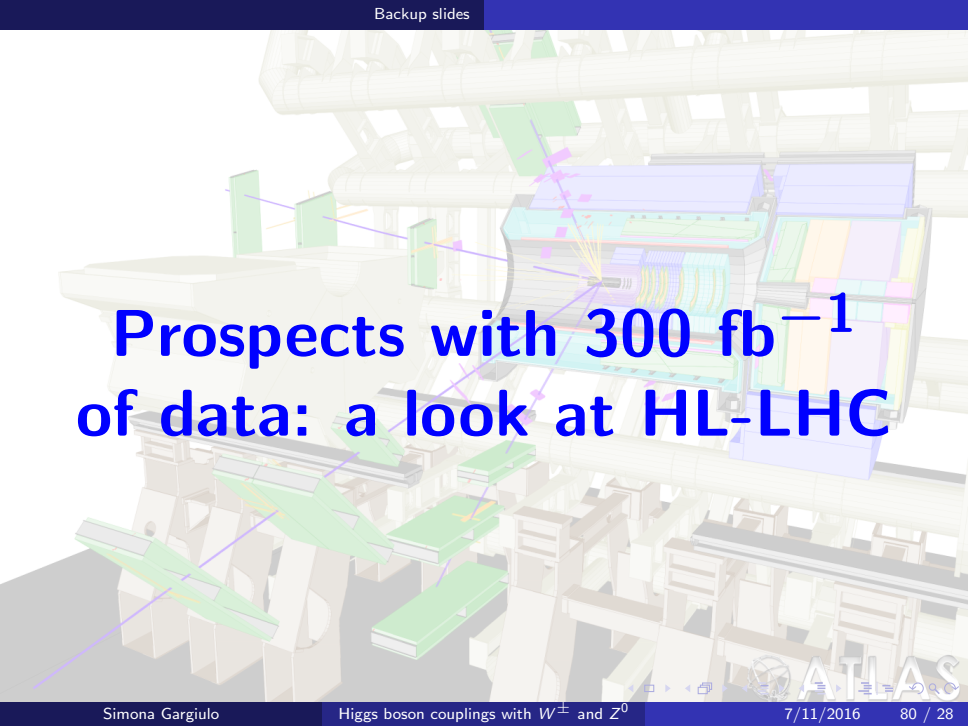


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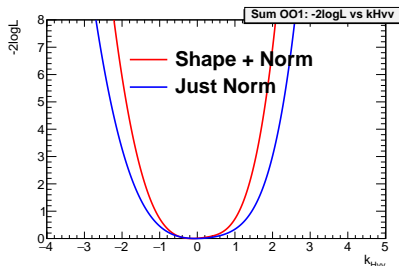
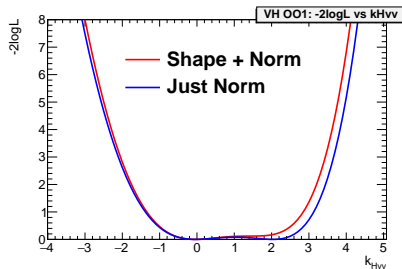
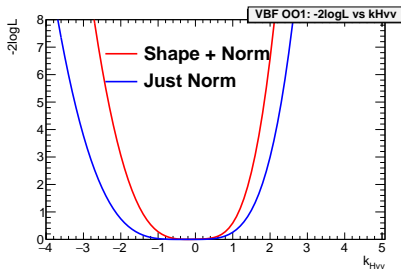


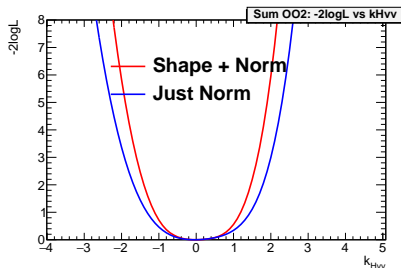
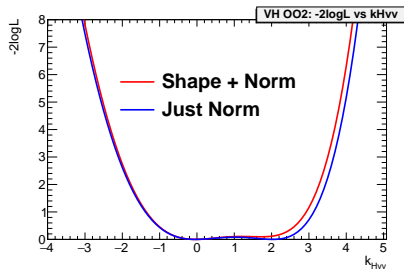
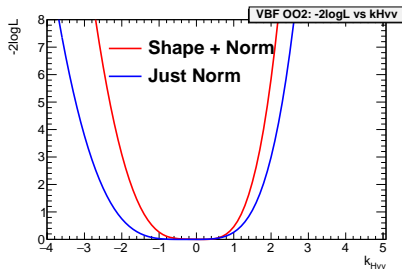
Optimal observables		Cross section alone	
Observable	k_{AVV}	Observable	k_{AVV}
OO_2^A	$[-8.1, -1.5], [1.5, 8.1]$	OO_2^A (single bin)	$[-8.6, -2.3], [2.2, 9.1]$

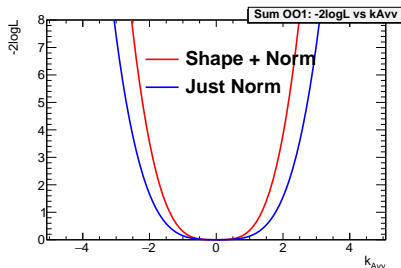
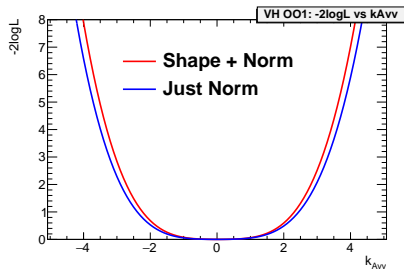
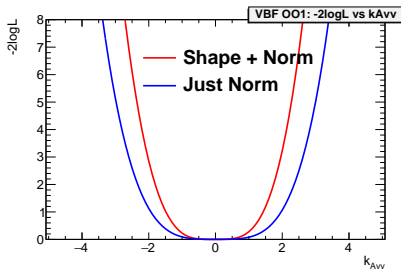
Table: Observed 95% confidence intervals on k_{AVV} for OO_2^A and for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods.



Prospects with 300 fb^{-1} of data: a look at HL-LHC

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_1^H $(L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

Fit to $k_{HVV} = 0$ using OO_2^H $(L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_1^A $(L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

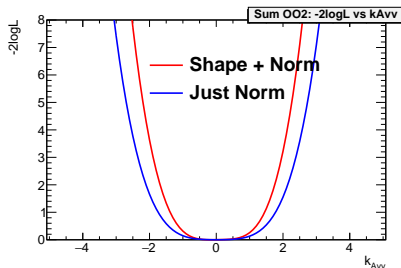
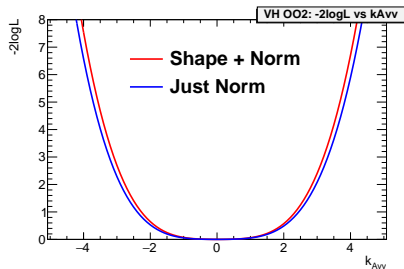
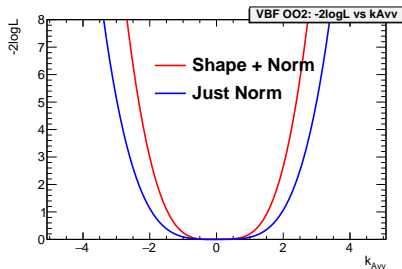
Fit to $k_{AVV} = 0$ using OO_2^A $(L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

Table: Expected 95% confidence intervals on k_{HVV} and k_{AVV} for the sum between the VBF and VH loglikelihoods. These intervals have been obtained for $L_{int} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.

Optimal observables		
Observable	k_{HVV}	k_{AVV}
OO_1^H	[-1.7, 1.7]	-
OO_2^H	[-1.7, 1.8]	-
OO_1^A	-	[-2.0, 2.0]
OO_2^A	-	[-2.0, 2.1]
Cross section alone		
Observable	k_{HVV}	k_{AVV}
OO_1^H (single bin)	[-2.1, 2.1]	-
OO_2^H (single bin)	[-2.1, 2.1]	-
OO_1^A (single bin)	-	[-2.5, 2.6]
OO_2^A (single bin)	-	[-2.5, 2.6]