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Search for Higgs bosons in Two-Higgs-Doublet models in the $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ channel with the ATLAS detector

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Abstract

The Higgs-like boson observed at the LHC with a mass of approximately 125 GeV could be part of an extended scalar sector originating from two complex Higgs doublets. The analysis presented in this note investigates the possibility of a Two-Higgs-Doublet model (2HDM) being realized in nature by searching for evidence of a second, heavier, CP-even scalar boson in the $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow e^{-}\bar{\nu}_e\mu^{+}\nu_{\mu} / e^{+}\nu_e\mu^{-}\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ decay mode. The analysis is based on proton-proton collision data at a centre-of-mass energy of 8 TeV collected with the ATLAS detector and corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 13.0 fb^{-1} . Artificial neural network techniques are used to maximise the sensitivity. No evidence for a second scalar boson is found in the investigated mass range between 135 and 300 GeV. Exclusion limits on type-I and type-II 2HDMs are set as a function of the two mixing angles α and β as well as the mass m_H of the heavier scalar boson. For the limits the signal hypothesis includes the Higgs-like boson at 125 GeV and assumes that it is the light scalar h of a 2HDM, while the null hypothesis assumes no Higgs boson at all.



1 Introduction

The experiments ATLAS and CMS at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) have observed a Higgs-like boson at a mass of approximately 125 GeV [1, 2]. To-date, all measurements concerning the production rates, the branching ratios and kinematic distributions are compatible with this particle being the Higgs boson predicted by the Standard Model (SM). The mass of the observed state is also consistent with constraints on the Higgs boson mass obtained from electroweak precision measurements [3].

The so-called Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) mechanism [4, 5, 6] implements the spontaneous breaking of the electroweak gauge symmetry and thereby explains the mass generation of elementary particles, in particular the mass of the weak gauge bosons, but also the mass of the fermions via the Yukawa coupling. The resulting field and the associated Higgs boson are essential to formulate a consistent and coherent theory of electroweak interactions.

The BEH mechanism of the SM postulates the existence of one doublet of complex fields, yielding four degrees of freedom, three of which provide the longitudinal polarisation modes of the massive weak gauge bosons, while one degree of freedom materialises as the Higgs boson. In this form the SM BEH mechanism constitutes only a minimal configuration to implement the breaking of the electroweak symmetry and the generation of particle masses. A simple extension of the SM Higgs sector is given by the addition of a second complex Higgs doublet [7], giving rise to five Higgs bosons: two CP-even scalar fields h and H , one pseudoscalar A (CP-odd), and two charged fields H^\pm . These Two-Higgs-Doublet models (2HDM) are phenomenologically interesting since they can explain the generation of the baryon asymmetry in the universe [8] and are an important ingredient of axion models that are designed to explain its the dark matter content [9]. Finally, the minimal supersymmetric SM [10] contains two Higgs doublets as well. Four different types of 2HDMs can be distinguished, depending on the different coupling of the two scalar fields h and H to fermions and weak gauge bosons. In type-I models all quarks couple to just one of the Higgs doublets, while in type-II models the right-handed up-type quarks couple to one Higgs doublet and the right-handed down-type quarks to the other doublet. Type-III and type-IV models differ only from type-I and type-II models in their couplings to the leptons. Since the analysis presented in this note is not sensitive to the leptonic couplings, type-III and type-IV models are not considered. Recent detailed reviews on 2HDMs can be found in Refs. [11, 12]. Since the discovery of the Higgs-like boson at the LHC, 2HDMs have attracted much attention in phenomenological studies [13, 14, 15, 16, 17], which provide a strong incentive for dedicated experimental investigations in this direction. Searches for generic 2HDMs have been performed by the CDF collaboration at the Tevatron [18, 19]. The rate of the Higgs-like boson at 125 GeV in the two-photon channel provides also constraints on 2HDMs [20], mainly reducing the parameter space of type-II models.

The analysis presented in this note investigates the possibility that the boson observed by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at a mass of 125 GeV originates from a Higgs boson that is part of a 2HDM. In particular, it is assumed that the observed particle is the low mass Higgs h of the 2HDM. The analysis searches for additional signal contributions by the higher mass CP-even boson H of the model. Both Higgs bosons are reconstructed in the $h/H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e\mu^+\nu_\mu / e^+\nu_e\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$ decay channel and their contributions are both part of the signal hypothesis, while the null hypothesis assumes no Higgs boson at all. The pseudoscalar A does not decay to pairs of vector bosons and therefore does not contribute to the signal rates directly. Indirect contributions, for example via $A \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ decays, are neglected, which leads to a slight underestimation of the sensitivity. The following two production modes of Higgs bosons are considered: the gluon fusion process, see Fig. 1(a) and the vector-boson-fusion (VBF) process, see Fig. 1(b). To be sensitive to both production mechanisms the analysis considers two different final states. In the first channel, two charged leptons and large missing transverse momentum E_T^{miss} are required (0-jet channel), and in the second channel, which is sensitive to the VBF process, two high- p_T jets (2-jet channel) are reconstructed in addition.



Figure 1: Leading order Feynman diagrams for Higgs boson production via (a) gluon fusion and (b) vector boson fusion (VBF).

The expected signal rates depend on the mixing angles α and β of the two Higgs doublets and the mass m_H of the higher mass state H . Different signal hypotheses characterized by different values of $\cos \alpha$, $\tan \beta$, and m_H are tested using the CLs method. Artificial neural networks (NN) are used to enhance the sensitivity by combining the information contained in various kinematic and angular variables. The mass interval of $135 < m_H < 300$ GeV is probed in the hypothesis tests.

2 Data samples and samples of simulated events

The analysis described in this note uses LHC pp collision data at a centre-of-mass energy of 8 TeV collected with the ATLAS detector [21] between April and September 2012. The selected events were recorded based on single-electron and single-muon triggers. Stringent detector and data quality requirements are applied, resulting in a dataset corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 13.0 fb^{-1} .

The ATLAS detector is built from a set of cylindrical subdetectors, which cover almost the full solid angle¹ around the interaction point.

ATLAS is composed of an inner tracking system close to the interaction point, surrounded by a superconducting solenoid providing a 2 T axial magnetic field, electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters, and a muon spectrometer. The electromagnetic calorimeter is a lead liquid-argon sampling calorimeter (LAR) with high granularity. An iron-scintillator tile calorimeter provides hadronic energy measurements in the central pseudorapidity range. The endcap and forward regions are instrumented with LAR calorimeters for both electromagnetic and hadronic energy measurements. The muon spectrometer consists of three large superconducting toroids, a system of trigger chambers, and precision tracking chambers.

In the analysis, the production of the two CP-even Higgs bosons h and H of the 2HDM is modelled with samples of simulated events generated for SM Higgs boson studies, while scaling the production cross sections according to the parameters of the 2HDM. The mass of the light Higgs boson h is fixed to $m_h = 125$ GeV in simulation. The mass of the heavy Higgs boson H is varied between 135 and 300 GeV, using steps of 5 GeV between 135 and 200 GeV and steps of 20 GeV between 200 and 300 GeV. In the search region, the natural width of the Higgs bosons is negligible with respect to the experimental resolution. The samples of simulated events for the Higgs boson gluon fusion and the VBF processes are generated with the POWHEG [22, 23] package, interfaced to PYTHIA [24] for showering and hadronisation. The associated WH and ZH production processes are modelled using PYTHIA, with the Higgs boson decaying to W^+W^- , while the W and Z bosons decay inclusively to all modes. At particle level

¹ATLAS uses a right-handed coordinate system with its origin at the nominal interaction point in the centre of the detector and the z -axis along the beam direction. The z -axis is parallel to the anti-clockwise beam viewed from above. The pseudorapidity η is defined as $\eta = -\ln[\tan(\theta/2)]$, where the polar angle θ is measured with respect to the z -axis. The azimuthal angle ϕ is measured with respect to the x -axis, which points towards the centre of the LHC ring. Transverse momentum and energy are defined as $p_T = p \sin \theta$ and $E_T = E \sin \theta$, respectively. The ΔR distance is defined as $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$.

an event filter is applied that requires two charged leptons from the decay of the Higgs boson. The CT10 [25] set of parton distribution functions (PDF) is used for the gluon-fusion, the VBF, and the WH/ZH samples.

The cross section of the gluon-fusion process has been computed with next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) QCD corrections [26, 27, 28], next-to-leading order (NLO) electroweak corrections [29, 30], and corrections arising from the resummation of soft-gluon terms [31]. When rescaling the SM gluon-fusion cross section to a specific 2HDM, the different scaling of the top-quark-loop and bottom-quark-loop contributions, as well as their interference, is properly accounted for by using calculations that provide the relevant split of these three contributions [32, 33]. The expectation value of VBF Higgs boson events is computed by using theoretical cross-section predictions that include full NLO QCD and electroweak corrections [34, 35, 36] and approximate NNLO QCD corrections [37]. The theoretical cross-sections for the Higgs-strahlung processes WH and ZH are calculated with NNLO QCD corrections [38] and NLO electroweak corrections [39].

Inclusive W and Z/γ^* vector boson production in association with jets is simulated using the leading-order (LO) generator ALPGEN version 2.13 [40], showered with HERWIG [41] in connection with the JIMMY [42] underlying event model. W +jets and Z +jets events with up to five additional partons are generated. The MLM matching scheme [43] is used to remove jets generated by the parton shower and those from the matrix element.

The diboson processes (WW , WZ , $W\gamma^*$, and ZZ) are generated using POWHEG and showered with PYTHIA. An additional contribution to the continuum WW background from gluon-initiated diagrams is modelled using gg2WW [44], also interfaced to HERWIG and JIMMY. The matrix element generators MADGRAPH [45] and ALPGEN (interfaced to HERWIG) are used to model $W\gamma^*$ with $m_{\gamma^*} < 7$ GeV and $W\gamma$, respectively. Samples of the t -channel single top-quark process are produced with the ACERMC program [46] linked to PYTHIA [24] for showering and hadronisation. The s -channel single top-quark process and Wt production are generated using MC@NLO version 3.41 [47] and showered with HERWIG. Samples modelling $t\bar{t}$ pair production are generated with MC@NLO. All top-quark processes are produced with a top-quark mass of 172.5 GeV.

More details on the event generators applied in this analysis and on the theoretical cross-sections used to normalise these samples can be found in Ref. [48], describing the SM Higgs boson analysis in the $H \rightarrow WW^*$ channel.

After the event generation step, all samples are passed through the full simulation of the ATLAS detector [49] based on GEANT4 [50] and are then reconstructed using the same procedure as for collision data. The simulation includes the effect of multiple pp collisions per bunch crossing (pile-up) at a variable rate and the events are weighted to match the conditions of the data sample using the average number of collisions per bunch crossing.

3 Object definitions and event selection

Candidate events of the $h/H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ process are recorded using unrescaled single-electron and single-muon triggers with a p_T threshold of 24 GeV. A number of requirements are applied in order to ensure a consistent event quality and to remove mis-reconstructed events. Events are selected if they contain at least one good primary vertex candidate with at least three associated tracks with $p_T > 0.4$ GeV. Non-collision backgrounds are excluded, i.e. cosmic rays passing through the detector, beam backgrounds and instrumental effects like noise bursts in certain parts of the detector. The event selection is based on the identification of electrons, muons and jets and on the reconstruction of E_T^{miss} (missing transverse momentum).

Electron candidates are selected from LAr electromagnetic calorimeter clusters matched to tracks and are reconstructed offline using a Gaussian sum filter algorithm [51]. The energy of an electron candidate

is taken from the calorimeter cluster, while its η and ϕ are taken from the track. It is required that the track points back to the primary vertex with transverse impact parameter significance (the ratio of the transverse impact parameter to its error) less than 3. The z -position of the track has to be compatible with the primary vertex. Electron candidates are excluded if they lie in the pseudorapidity ranges $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ or $|\eta| > 2.47$. The electron candidates are further required to fulfil stringent criteria regarding calorimeter shower shape, track quality, track-cluster matching, and transition radiation energy to ensure high identification quality. Electron candidates are required to be isolated by placing cuts on $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{track}})$, the scalar sum of the transverse momenta of tracks in a cone of $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} = 0.3$ around the candidate excluding the track associated to the electron candidate, and $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{calo}})$, the scalar sum of the transverse momenta of calorimeter energy deposits for a cone of the same size also excluding the energy deposit associated to the candidate. For an electron candidate the fractional track based isolation, $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{track}})/p_T$ is required to be below 0.16, and this is tightened to 0.12 for candidates with p_T below 25 GeV which have more background, while $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{calo}})/p_T$ is required to be below 0.16. If two electron candidates are reconstructed within a cone of $\Delta R = 0.1$, the candidate the with lower p_T is discarded.

Muons are reconstructed by taking a statistical combination of the matched tracks in the Inner Detector (ID) and in the Muon Spectrometer (MS). The muon candidates are required to have a sufficiently large number of hits in the silicon detector and the Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT). Muon tracks are required to have at least one hit in the pixel detector, and four or more hits in the Semiconductor Tracker (SCT). Tracks are vetoed if they have more than two missing hits in the SCT and pixel detectors, as well as tracks with an excessive number of outlier hits in the TRT. The momentum as measured using the ID is required to agree with the momentum measured using the MS after correcting for the predicted muon energy loss in the calorimeter. Muon candidates are required to have $p_T > 15$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$, and must satisfy a similar isolation and the same impact parameter cuts as electron candidates. The required calorimeter isolation is $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{calo}})/p_T < 0.014/\text{GeV}\cdot p_T - 0.15$ and $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{calo}})/p_T < 0.20$, while for the track based isolation $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{track}})/p_T < 0.01/\text{GeV}\cdot p_T - 0.105$ and $\Sigma(p_T^{\text{track}})/p_T < 0.15$ is required. If an electron lies in a cone of $\Delta R = 0.1$ around a reconstructed muon, the electron candidate is ignored.

The reconstruction, identification and trigger efficiencies of electrons and muons were measured using tag-and-probe methods on samples enriched with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$, $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell\ell$, or $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell\nu$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) events.

Jets are reconstructed from topological clusters using the anti- k_t algorithm [52] with the size parameter $R = 0.4$. The response of the calorimeter is corrected through a p_T - and η -dependent factor, which is derived from simulated events and is applied to each jet to provide an average energy scale correction [53]. The selected jets are required to have $p_T > 25$ GeV at the hadronic energy scale. This threshold is increased to 30 GeV in the forward region ($|\eta| > 2.5$) which is more sensitive to reconstruction issues arising from pile-up events. Only jets within $|\eta| < 4.5$ are used. To reject jets from pile-up events, a quantity called the jet-vertex fraction (JVF) is defined as the ratio of $\sum p_T$ for all tracks within the jet that originate from the primary vertex associated to the hard-scattering collision to the $\sum p_T$ of all tracks matched to the jet; and it is required that $\text{JVF} > 0.5$. For jets having no matched tracks, this criteria is omitted. Selected jets are identified as b -quark jets by reconstructing secondary and tertiary vertices from the tracks associated with each jet and combining lifetime related information with a NN [54]. The identification requirement has an efficiency of 85% for b -quark jets in $t\bar{t}$ events. If a jet candidate lies within a cone of $\Delta R = 0.3$ around a reconstructed electron, the jet candidate is ignored.

The \vec{E}_T^{miss} is reconstructed starting from topological energy clusters in the calorimeters, with corrections for measured muons [55]. To reduce the effect of mismeasurements of jets and leptons leading to artificial E_T^{miss} , the event selection uses the $E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}}$ variable which is defined as

$$E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}} = \begin{cases} E_T^{\text{miss}} \sin(\Delta\phi_{\min}) & \text{if } \Delta\phi_{\min} < \pi/2 \\ E_T^{\text{miss}} & \text{if } \Delta\phi_{\min} \geq \pi/2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Table 1: The expected number of signal and background events for 13 fb^{-1} of integrated luminosity in the 0-jet channel and in the 2-jet channel after all selection cuts. The event yield of a potential signal is illustrated for a light Higgs boson with $m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$ and a heavy Higgs boson with $m_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$ in a type-I 2HDM with $\tan\beta = 3$ and $\alpha = \pi/2$. The W +jets background is entirely determined from data [48]. The uncertainties quoted in the table are determined from the sum in quadrature of two sources: the total rate uncertainty, see Table 3, and the corresponding cross-section uncertainties. Since the W +jets background is derived from collision data the uncertainties of the data-driven estimation are used.

Process	0 jet	2 jet	Top control region	WW control region
Signal ($m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$)	2.55 ± 0.50	5.52 ± 0.71	1.35 ± 0.19	0.76 ± 0.13
Signal ($m_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$)	470 ± 140	76 ± 19	20.9 ± 5.7	16.1 ± 3.9
$WW/WZ/ZZ/W\gamma/W\gamma^*$	1140 ± 290	63 ± 18	22.1 ± 6.2	1170 ± 310
$Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$	41 ± 15	194 ± 72	84 ± 31	15.7 ± 6.4
W +jets	135 ± 58	23.4 ± 9.7	18.3 ± 7.6	78 ± 32
$t\bar{t}/tW/tb/tqb$	175 ± 49	168 ± 77	1760 ± 440	313 ± 97
Total background	1490 ± 420	450 ± 180	1890 ± 480	1580 ± 450
S/B	0.31	0.18	–	–
Observed	1815	483	1986	1725

where $\Delta\phi_{\min}$ is the minimum separation ϕ angle between a lepton or a jet with $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and E_T^{miss} .

The following pre-selection requirements for $h/H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ candidates are imposed. They are the same as for the SM $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$ analysis [48]. Exactly two leptons of different flavour (electron or muon) and opposite charge are required. The lepton with the highest p_T is called the leading lepton ℓ_1 and must have $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$, while the second lepton ℓ_2 fulfils $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$. The invariant mass of the two leptons $m(\ell_1\ell_2)$ is required to be larger than 10 GeV . The $E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}}$ is required to be at least 25 GeV . This provides a strong suppression against multijet production via QCD processes and against the Z +jets background which originates predominantly from the $Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ decay channel.

After the preceding cuts the events are divided into two analysis channels: the 0-jet channel, in which exactly zero jets are required, and the 2-jet channel, which features exactly two jets. In the 0-jet channel there is a requirement on the absolute value of the difference in the azimuth angle ϕ of the two leptons, $|\Delta\phi(\ell_1, \ell_2)| < 2.4$, and in addition $m(\ell_1\ell_2) < 75 \text{ GeV}$ is required. These two cuts remove background in regions where only a small signal contribution is expected, such that the training of the NN can be focused on the more challenging phase space.

In the 2-jet channel events containing a b -tagged jet are rejected in order to suppress backgrounds involving top-quarks. The two jets are required to lie in opposite pseudorapidity hemispheres, $\eta(j_1) \times \eta(j_2) < 0$, and $m(\ell_1\ell_2) < 80 \text{ GeV}$. Another cut is placed on the transverse mass m_T which is defined as

$$m_T = \sqrt{(E_T(\ell_1\ell_2) + E_T(\nu\nu))^2 - (\vec{p}_T(\ell_1\ell_2) + \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}})^2} \quad (2)$$

where $E_T(\ell_1\ell_2) = \sqrt{\vec{p}_T^2(\ell_1\ell_2) + m^2(\ell_1\ell_2)}$ and $E_T(\nu\nu) = \sqrt{(E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 + m^2(\ell_1\ell_2)}$. It is required that $m_T < 180 \text{ GeV}$.

Table 1 shows the event yield of background and signal in the 0-jet channel and in the 2-jet channel after all selection cuts. The signal was split into two rows to distinguish between the light Higgs boson at $m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$ and the heavy Higgs boson at $m_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$ in the 2HDM. The lowermost row

shows the observed numbers of events in the data. The diboson background ($WW/WZ/ZZ/W\gamma/W\gamma^*$), the Z/γ^* + jets background and the top-quark background ($t\bar{t}/tW/tb/tqb$) are estimated by using the theoretical cross sections, detector acceptances from simulated events, and data-driven correction factors for identification and reconstruction efficiencies. In the subsequent statistical analysis the *a-priori* estimates are re-evaluated in the maximum-likelihood fit to the NN-discriminants and the event yield in a specifically defined top-quark control region. In this fit the top-quark background is entirely free to float, while the diboson and Z/γ^* + jets backgrounds are floating within the uncertainties of the *a-priori* estimate given in Table 1.

The W +jets background is estimated using a data-driven technique [48]. A control sample is defined by one lepton that satisfies all identification requirements as defined in the main analysis and one so-called anti-identified lepton that fails these criteria, but passes a looser selection. Except for the lepton identification the events in the W +jets control sample pass all other selections as required for the signal samples. To obtain an estimate of the number of W +jets in the signal sample, the efficiency ϵ_{fake} to misidentify an anti-identified lepton as a lepton has to be accounted for. A dijet data sample is used to determine ϵ_{fake} as a function of the p_T of the anti-identified lepton. Residual contributions of leptons originating from W and Z decays are subtracted.

4 Signal and background discrimination

To separate 2HDM Higgs boson signal events from background in the $WW^{(*)}$ channel, several kinematic variables are combined to one discriminant in each of the two analysis channels by employing NNs. The NeuroBayes [56] tool is used for preprocessing the input variables and for the training of the NNs. A large number of input variables is studied, but only the highest-ranking variables are chosen for the training of the NNs. The ranking of the variables is automatically determined as part of the preprocessing step and is independent of the training procedure [57].

As a result of this optimisation procedure in the 0-jet channel, six kinematic variables are identified that serve as inputs to three NNs trained at three different Higgs boson mass points: $m_H = 150$ GeV, 180 GeV, and 240 GeV. Dedicated studies showed that the NNs at these three mass points achieve the same sensitivity in terms of the expected exclusion contours in the $\cos\alpha - m_H$ plane as a large number of NNs that are trained with a spacing of 5 GeV in m_H . The physical reason for this is the relatively low mass resolution in the $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \ell^- \bar{\nu}$ channel of approximately 20 GeV. It was further studied that the addition of more variables to the NNs would lead only to an improvement well below 1% in the expected CLs values across the $\cos\alpha - m_H$ plane. In the same way nine variables are selected in the 2-jet channel.

The selected variables are listed and explained in Table 2. The two most important input variables for the NN in the 0-jet channel trained at $m_H = 150$ GeV are $m(\ell_1 \ell_2)$ and m_T , while the two most important input variables for the NN in the 2-jet channel are $m(j_1 j_2)$ and $m(\ell_1 \ell_2)$.

The modelling of the input variables is checked in two control regions that are enriched with the dominating backgrounds: diboson production and $t\bar{t}$ production. The $t\bar{t}$ control region is obtained by requiring at least one b -tagged jet. In the final statistical analysis, the $t\bar{t}$ -enriched control sample is included in order to determine the rate of $t\bar{t}$ events in situ. The diboson control region is defined by all events passing the full event selection except the cut on $m(\ell_1 \ell_2)$. Rather than $m(\ell_1 \ell_2) < 75$ GeV it is required that $m(\ell_1 \ell_2) > 80$ GeV. To reduce the Z/γ^* + jets background one additionally requires that $p_T(\ell_1 \ell_2) > 30$ GeV. The two most important input variables of the two analysis channels are shown in Fig. 2 in their respective control regions. Good modelling of the important diboson and $t\bar{t}$ backgrounds is found.

Table 2: Input variables used for the NNs in the 0-jet and 2-jet channels. The definitions of the variables use the terms *leading lepton* and *leading jet*, defined as the lepton/jet with the highest p_T .

Variables used in the 0-jet channel and the 2-jet channel	
$ \eta(\ell_1) $	The absolute value of the pseudorapidity of the leading lepton.
m_T	The transverse mass of the lepton- E_T^{miss} system, as defined in Equation 2.
$m(\ell_1\ell_2)$	The invariant mass of the dilepton system.
Variables used in the 0-jet channel only	
$p_T(\ell_1\ell_2)$	The transverse momentum of the dilepton system.
$E_{T,\text{rel}}^{\text{miss}}$	The projection of the calorimeter-based missing transverse momentum.
$ \Delta Y(\ell_1\ell_2) $	The absolute value of the rapidity differences of the two charged leptons.
Variables used in the 2-jet channel only	
$p_T(\ell_2)$	The transverse momentum of the second-leading lepton.
$p_T(j_1)$	The transverse momentum of the leading jet.
$m(j_1)$	The mass of the leading jet.
$\cos \theta(\ell_1, \ell_2)$	The cosine of the angle between the two charged leptons.
$m(j_1j_2)$	The invariant mass of the dijet system.
p_T^{tot}	The total transverse momentum, defined as the magnitude of the vector sum of the transverse momenta of the two jets, the two leptons and the missing transverse momentum: $p_T^{\text{tot}} = \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{tot}} = \mathbf{p}_T^{\ell_1} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\ell_2} + \mathbf{p}_T^{j_1} + \mathbf{p}_T^{j_2} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} .$

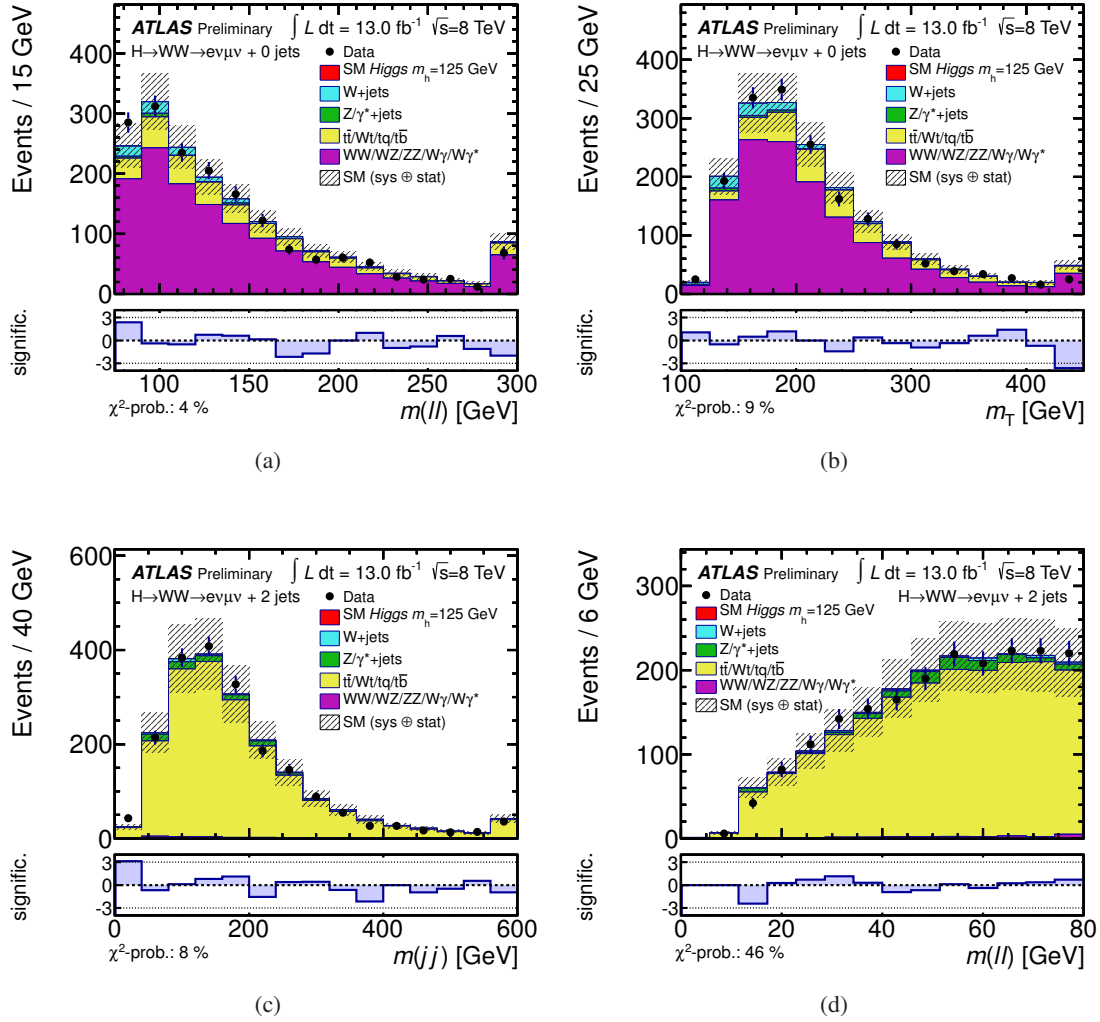


Figure 2: Distributions of the two highest-ranking input variables of the NN optimised for $m_H = 150$ GeV in the diboson control region, (a) and (b), and in the $t\bar{t}$ control region, (c) and (d). The distributions observed in collision data are compared to a model based on simulated events for which the contribution of each process is normalised to the fitted event rate. The significance of deviations between the model prediction and the observed data is shown in the lower histograms, following [58]. When computing the significance only statistical uncertainties are taken into account.

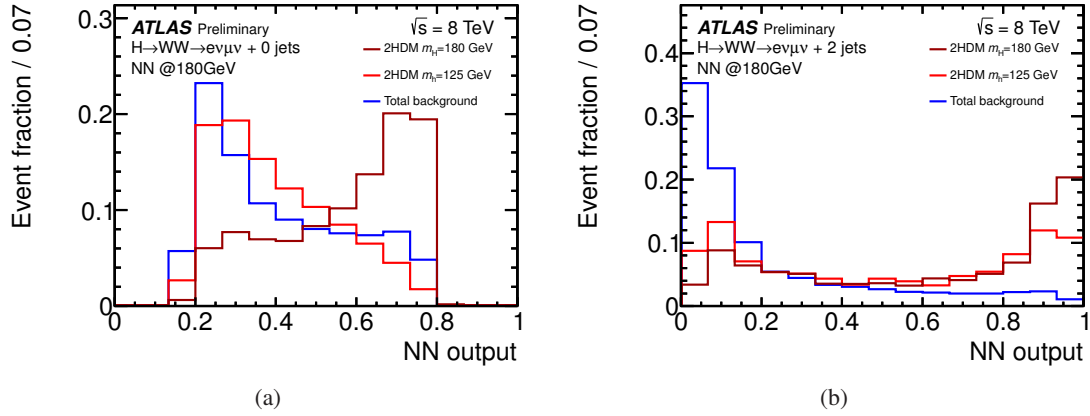


Figure 3: Normalised discriminant distributions (templates) obtained for the NN optimised at $m_H = 180$ GeV for the 2HDM signal and background, (a) in the 0-jet channel and (b) in the 2-jet channel. The distributions are normalised to unit area.

Once a set of variables has been chosen based on the criteria outlined above, the analysis proceeds with the training of the NNs using a three-layer feed-forward architecture. Bayesian regularisation techniques are applied for the training process to damp statistical fluctuations in the training sample and to avoid overtraining. The ratio of signal to background events in the training is chosen to be 1:1, while the different background processes are weighted according to the number of expected events. The resulting distributions of the 2HDM signal and the total background normalised to unit area are shown in Fig. 3 for the NN optimised at $m_H = 180$ GeV. The shape of the NN discriminant of the light Higgs boson h in a 2HDM is the same as the one of a pure SM Higgs boson. Only the predicted rate is changed.

After the training is completed, the modelling of the NN-discriminant distributions is checked in the $t\bar{t}$ -enriched control region. One example of these cross-check distributions is shown in Fig. 4. The agreement between the model and the observed data is very good, and the next step of the analysis is the application of the NNs to the events in the signal samples. The corresponding distributions of the NN discriminants are shown in Fig. 5. The distributions observed in collision data are compared to a model

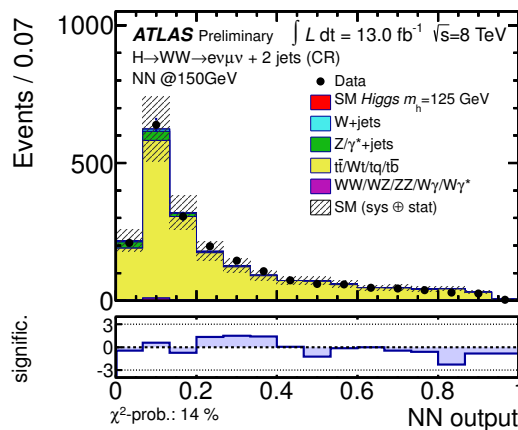


Figure 4: Discriminant distribution obtained with the NN optimised for $m_H = 150$ GeV with the standard training sample, but evaluated in the $t\bar{t}$ enriched control region in which at least one b -tagged jet is required. The contribution of each process is normalised to the fitted event rate.

based on simulated events for which the contribution of each process is normalised to the fitted event rates including the SM Higgs boson. The fit is performed to the NN-discriminant distributions in 5(a) and 5(b), simultaneously. The fit results are applied to all other distributions in the signal region as well. The fitted value of the SM Higgs boson event yield is compatible with that measured in the SM analysis in the WW^* channel [48].

To cover the mass range of a potential heavy Higgs boson H from 135 GeV to 300 GeV the three NNs are applied in the following sub-ranges: the NN trained at $m_H = 150$ GeV is evaluated at the mass points from 135 GeV to 160 GeV; the NN trained at $m_H = 180$ GeV is applied in the range from 165 GeV to 200 GeV; and the NN trained at $m_H = 240$ GeV is used at the mass points from 220 GeV to 300 GeV. The evaluation of the background samples and the observed data remains the same for each NN, and only the distributions of the 2HDM Higgs boson samples vary from mass point to mass point. The statistical analysis of the resulting discriminant distributions is discussed in section 6.

The distributions of the input variables are checked in the signal regions by comparing the data to the distributions predicted by the model of simulated events normalised to the fitted event rates of the different components, as described above. The distributions of the two most important variables in the 0-jet and 2-jet channels are shown in Fig. 6. A good agreement between data and the SM prediction is found.

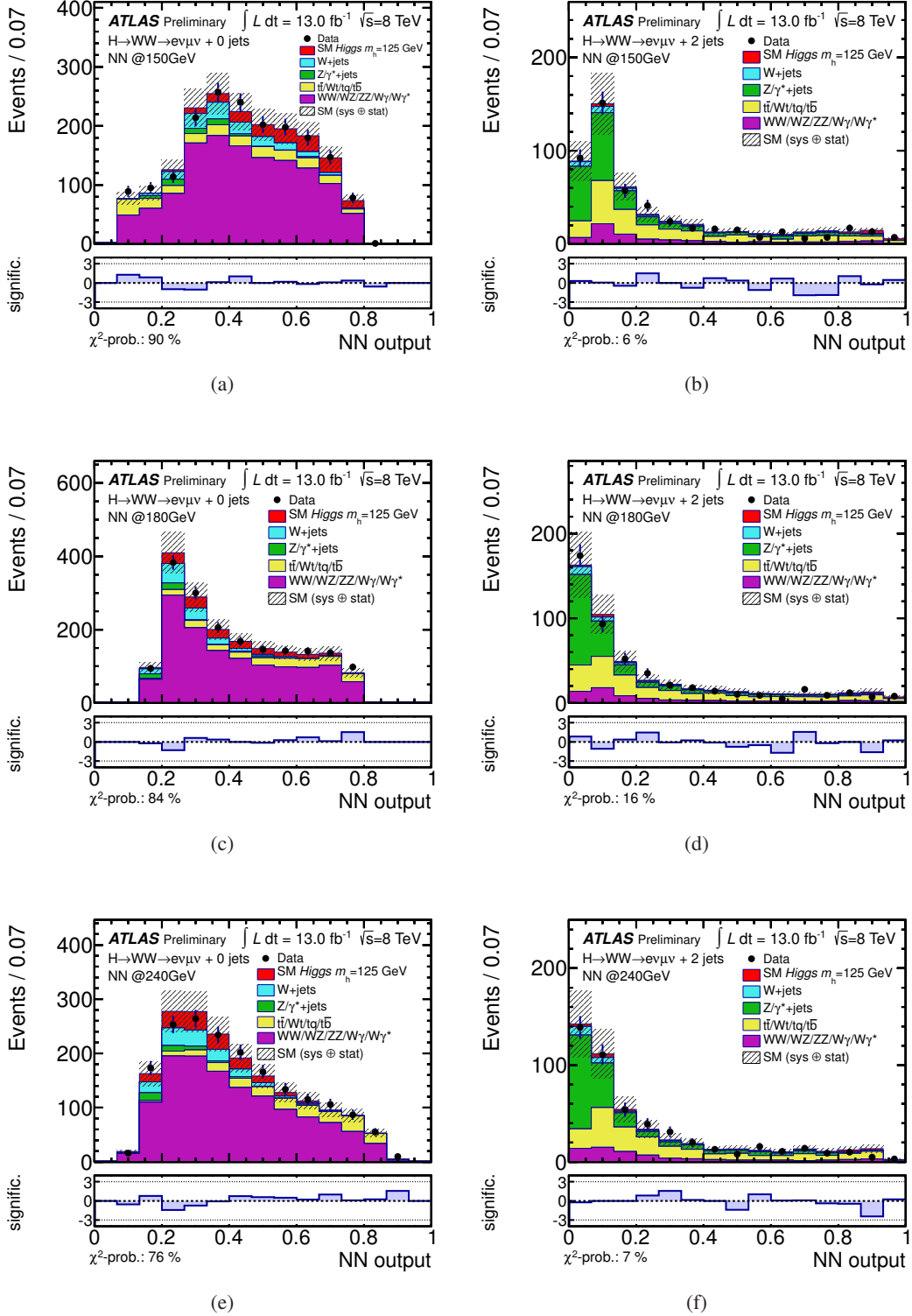


Figure 5: Discriminant distributions obtained from the NNs for three different Higgs boson mass points in the 0-jet and the 2-jet channel. The distributions observed in collision data are compared to a model based on simulated events for which the contribution of each process is normalised to the fitted event rates including the SM Higgs boson. The fit is performed to the NN-discriminant distributions in (a) and (b) and the fit results are applied to the other distributions as well. The fitted value of the SM Higgs boson event yield is compatible with that measured in the SM analysis in the WW^* channel [48]. The shape of the NN discriminant of the SM Higgs is the same as the one of the light Higgs boson h in a 2HDM with $m_h = 125$ GeV.

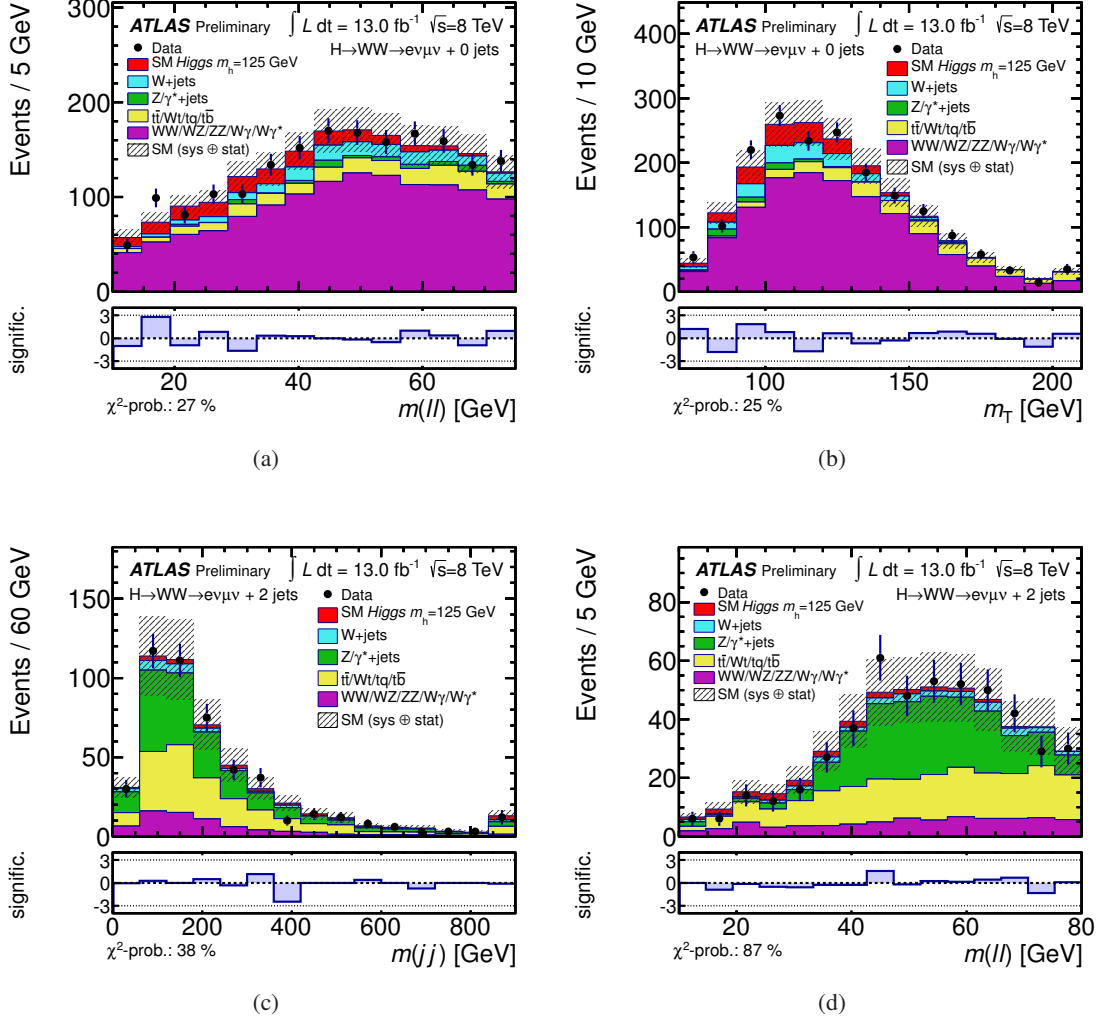


Figure 6: Distributions of the two highest-ranking input variables of the NN optimised for $m_H = 150$ GeV in the signal region of the 0-jet channel, (a) and (b), and in the signal region of the 2-jet channel, (c) and (d). The distributions observed in collision data are compared to a model based on simulated events for which the contribution of each process is normalised to the fitted event rates including the SM Higgs boson. The fit is performed to the NN-discriminant distributions in Figs. 5(a) and (b). The fitted value of the SM Higgs boson event yield is very well compatible with that measured in the $H \rightarrow WW^*$ SM analysis [48]. The significance of deviations between the model prediction and the observed data is shown in the lower histograms, following [58]. When computing the significance only statistical uncertainties are taken into account.

5 Systematic uncertainties

Systematic uncertainties in the normalisation of the different backgrounds, on the signal acceptance, and on the shape of the NN-discriminant distributions for signal and background processes reduce the sensitivity of the search for Higgs boson production. Systematic uncertainties arise due to the limited understanding of the residual differences between data and Monte Carlo simulations for the reconstruction and energy calibration of jets, electrons, and muons. Other sources of systematic uncertainties are due to the modelling of physics processes in simulations. All uncertainties are fully propagated through the entire analysis. The following categories of systematic uncertainties are considered:

Jet modelling The main source of uncertainty on the modelling of jets comes from the jet energy scale (JES) [59]. For the jet definition applied in this analysis, the JES uncertainty varies from 2% to 14% as a function of p_T and η . An additional contribution to the JES uncertainty is caused by pile-up effects and ranges from less than 1% to 4% as a function of jet p_T and η . For b -quark induced jets an additional JES uncertainty of 0.8% to 2.5%, depending on the jet p_T , is added in quadrature to the JES uncertainty. Scale factors, determined from collision data [60], are applied to correct the b -tagging performance in simulated events to match the data. The uncertainties in the scale factors vary from 10% to 20% for b -jets. For light-quark jets, the mis-tagging uncertainty ranges from 20% to 50% as a function of jet p_T and η . Uncertainties in the modelling of the jet energy resolution (JER) also contribute and are estimated from collision data. Additional uncertainties arise from the modelling of jets with $p_T < 20$ GeV as well as from soft energy deposits in the calorimeter that are not associated with reconstructed physics objects. Other minor uncertainties are assigned to the reconstruction of E_T^{miss} and to account for the impact of pile-up collisions on E_T^{miss} .

Lepton modelling Uncertainties in the electron and muon reconstruction, identification, and trigger efficiencies are estimated using tag-and-probe methods on samples enriched with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$, $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell\ell$, or $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell\nu$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) events. Other components include the electron and muon energy scale.

Luminosity The uncertainty on the integrated luminosity is 3.6%. It is derived, following the same methodology as that detailed in Ref. [61], from a preliminary calibration of the luminosity scale derived from beam-separation scans performed in April 2012.

PDFs The systematic uncertainties related to the parton distribution functions are taken into account for all samples using simulated events. The events are reweighted according to each of the PDF uncertainty eigenvectors. The uncertainties are calculated using the formula given in Equation 43 of Ref. [62]. The envelope is calculated, following the PDF4LHC recommendation, of the estimated uncertainties for the CT10 PDF set, the MSTW2008nlo [63] PDF set, and the NNPDF2.0 [64] set as final PDF uncertainty.

Generator and parton shower Uncertainties in the modelling of the event kinematics with Monte Carlo generators are taken into account for the top-quark background and the diboson background. The uncertainty due to the choice of POWHEG as generator for the diboson background is estimated by comparing the event rate and the shape of the NN discriminants to the ones obtained with MC@NLO. The generator uncertainty on the $t\bar{t}$ background is estimated by comparing MC@NLO and ALPGEN. In addition, uncertainties are assigned to the modelling of the parton showers and hadronisation by interchanging the modelling between PYTHIA and HERWIG.

Pile-up The uncertainty on the modelling of pile-up events is determined by varying the average number of collisions per bunch crossing in simulated events.

MC statistics The impact of using simulation samples of limited size is also taken into account. This is done by generating pseudo-experiments, where the probability density of the NN discriminants (templates) is varied within their statistical uncertainty.

Background rates The rate of top-quark background is normalised using the event yield in a control region as one component in the maximum-likelihood fit. However, when generating the pseudo-experiments for the statistical analysis the theoretical cross-section uncertainty of 22% is taken into account. The W +jets background arises from a jet being misidentified as a lepton. The uncertainty on understanding the misidentification rate and the resulting W +jets event rate is 43% in the 0-jet channel and 41% in the 2-jet channel (see section 3). The diboson and Z +jets backgrounds are normalised according to the cross sections predicted by theoretical computations and the corresponding uncertainties are quoted in Table 3.

Signal cross-section The relative uncertainty on the signal cross sections (gluon fusion, VBF and WH/ZH) is determined following Ref. [65, 66]. The relative cross-section uncertainty of these processes is assumed to be 25% for gluon fusion in the 0-jet channel and 30% in the 2-jet channel, while the uncertainty on the combined VBF/ WH/ZH category is 10%. These uncertainties also account for uncertainties in the modelling of the underlying event. The cross-section uncertainties in the gluon-fusion process are treated uncorrelated between the 0-jet channel and the 2-jet channel, since they arise from different sources.

The rate and cross-section uncertainties of the background processes that are modelled based on simulated events are summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: Relative systematic rate uncertainties for background processes in the 0-jet channel and the 2-jet channel. The uncertainties are rounded to full per cent, but all uncertainties that are smaller than 1% are rounded up. As described in the text above, the exact value of the luminosity uncertainty is 3.6% for each process. DY stands for Drell-Yan processes and the single top-quark processes are denoted $Wt/tq/t\bar{b}$.

Process		$WW/WZ/ZZ/W\gamma/W\gamma^*$	$t\bar{t}/Wt/tq/t\bar{b}$	DY/Z+jets
Jet modelling	0-jet bin	3%	14%	10%
	2-jet bin	11%	37%	12%
Lepton modelling	0-jet bin	2%	2%	6%
	2-jet bin	2%	2%	2%
Lumi	0-jet bin	4%	4%	4%
	2-jet bin	4%	4%	4%
PDF	0-jet bin	6%	6%	6%
	2-jet bin	5%	7%	5%
Generator	0-jet bin	1%	3%	–
	2-jet bin	2%	22%	–
Pile-up modelling	0-jet bin	2%	1%	2%
	2-jet bin	1%	1%	1%
Parton Shower	0-jet bin	–	7%	–
	2-jet bin	–	13%	–
Total	0-jet bin	8%	18%	14%
	2-jet bin	13%	46%	14%
Cross section		25%	22%	34%

6 Hypothesis tests

To estimate the signal content of the selected samples, a maximum-likelihood fit is performed to the NN output distributions and to the event yield in the $t\bar{t}$ control region. Including all bins of the NN output distributions in the fit has the advantage of making maximal use of all signal events remaining after the event selection, and, in addition, allows for constraining the background rates from the data. The likelihood fit is performed simultaneously in both signal channels, that is the 0-jet channel and the 2-jet channel, and in the $t\bar{t}$ control region where only the event yield is considered, since it is very pure and discrimination between different processes is not needed. The sensitivity to the background rates is given by the background dominated region of the NN output distribution, that is the region close to zero, and the event yield in the $t\bar{t}$ control region.

The likelihood function is given by the product of Poisson probability terms for the individual histogram bins. The background rates, except for the $t\bar{t}$ background, are constrained by Gaussian priors that are added multiplicatively to the likelihood function. Within the likelihood function the predicted signal and background rates are multiplied by scale factors β^s for the signal and β_j^b for the backgrounds, respectively; with the index j running over all background processes.

6.1 The q -value test statistic

The compatibility of the observed data with the different signal hypotheses, which depend on the parameters of the 2HDM, and the background-only hypothesis is evaluated by performing frequentist hypotheses tests based on pseudo-experiments. Two hypotheses are compared. The null hypothesis H_0 assumes, that there is no Higgs boson at all. The signal hypothesis H_1 assumes a Higgs boson signal as predicted by a specific 2HDM, depending on the values of $\cos\alpha$, $\tan\beta$, and m_H . The Higgs-like boson observed at 125 GeV is part of the signal hypothesis, assuming that it is the h of a 2HDM. The signal strength of the h boson used in the statistical test is the one predicted by the 2HDM under consideration. In addition, the signal hypothesis includes the contribution of the H boson. For both scenarios ensemble tests, that is large sets of pseudo-experiments, are performed. To distinguish between the two hypotheses the so-called q value is used as a test statistic. It is defined as minus two times the difference of the logarithm of the maximum of the likelihood function evaluated when fixing the signal cross sections to their predicted values in 2HDM ($\beta_j^s = 1$) and found by setting the signal cross sections to zero ($\beta_j^s = 0$). The background scale factors β_j^b are left free to float in both cases within their uncertainties. The two fits yield the two maxima $\mathcal{L}(\beta^s = 1, \hat{\beta}_j^{b,1})$ and $\mathcal{L}(\beta^s = 0, \hat{\beta}_j^{b,0})$, respectively, and the q value is then defined as

$$q \equiv -2 \ln \left(\mathcal{L}(\beta^s = 1, \hat{\beta}_j^{b,1}) / \mathcal{L}(\beta^s = 0, \hat{\beta}_j^{b,0}) \right). \quad (3)$$

The q value is computed for each pseudo experiment done under the two hypotheses. Each time the pseudo data are fitted twice to obtain the two values of the likelihood function.

By running a large set of pseudo experiments one obtains the q -value distribution of the null hypothesis, denoted by $g_0(q)$, and the q -value distribution of the signal hypothesis $g_1(q)$. By normalising these distributions to have an area of unity, one obtains the probability densities $\hat{g}_0(q)$ and $\hat{g}_1(q)$.

To test the compatibility of the observed data with the two hypotheses H_0 and H_1 , one computes the observed q -value q^{obs} by fitting the discriminant distributions in data and compares q^{obs} with the two probability densities $\hat{g}_0(q)$ and $\hat{g}_1(q)$.

6.2 Exclusion Limits

The CL_s method [67, 68] is used to derive confidence levels (CL) for a certain value of q^{obs} . Based on the q -value probability densities $\hat{g}_0(q)$ and $\hat{g}_1(q)$ one first computes the background p -value, also referred to

as p_b , and the signal plus background p_{s+b} -value as follows:

$$p(q^{\text{obs}}) = \int_{-\infty}^{q^{\text{obs}}} \hat{g}_0(q') dq' \quad (4)$$

$$p_{s+b}(q^{\text{obs}}) = \int_{q^{\text{obs}}}^{-\infty} \hat{g}_1(q') dq' . \quad (5)$$

The definition of CL_s is given by:

$$\text{CL}_s = \frac{p_{s+b}}{1 - p_b} . \quad (6)$$

Due to the denominator, the CL_s method includes the sensitivity to distinguish between the considered hypotheses and thus avoids spurious exclusions. A particular signal hypothesis H_1 , determined by a triplet of the 2HDM parameters $\cos \alpha$, $\tan \beta$, and m_H , is excluded at the 95% CL if one finds $\text{CL}_s < 0.05$.

7 Results

The hypotheses tests are performed for a large part of the 2HDM parameter space, considering type-I as well as type-II models. The mixing angle α is scanned in $\cos \alpha$ in steps of 0.1. The following values of $\tan \beta$ are considered: 1, 3, 6, 20, for type-I and type-II models and $\tan \beta = 50$ for type-I models only. For type-II models the highest $\tan \beta$ is not investigated since for some part of the parameter space the width of the Higgs boson becomes so large that the width used in the Monte Carlo simulation would no longer be valid. The mass range of $135 < m_H < 300$ GeV is considered for the mass of the CP-even Higgs boson H , avoiding the mass region close to the light Higgs boson at $m_h = 125$ GeV. The mass range is scanned in steps of 5 GeV from $m_H = 135$ GeV to 200 GeV and in steps of 20 GeV in the range from 200 GeV to 300 GeV. For each combination of these parameters the CL_s values are determined and exclusion contours are drawn in the $\cos \alpha - m_H$ plane at the 95% CL. The results are given in Fig. 7 for type-I 2HDMs and in Fig. 8 for type-II 2HDMs. For further illustration exclusion contours at the 99% CL are also displayed.

In the mass region from 135 to 200 GeV a large part of the $\cos \alpha - m_H$ plane can be excluded. In type-I models with $\cos \alpha \approx 0$ and $\tan \beta = 1$ masses up to 250 GeV are excluded. For type-II models the excluded region shrinks strongly with increasing $\tan \beta$, since the branching fraction to the WW final state decreases. The reason for this is that the couplings to third generation down-type fermions, namely the bottom quark and the tau lepton, scale with $\tan \beta$ in type-II models. As the branching fraction to $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$ final states increases, the branching fraction of the WW channel decreases.

To get an understanding of the *a-priori* sensitivity of the analysis, the expected exclusion contours are also computed. In this calculation, the median q_0 of the $\hat{g}_0(q)$ distribution instead of q^{obs} is used. In general, one finds a very good agreement between the expected and the observed exclusion. In most cases, the observed exclusion is slightly smaller than the expected one, since one finds an excess of events over the expectation. This is particularly true when approaching the mass region close to the observed Higgs-like boson at 125 GeV, which was not included in the null hypothesis. Not including it makes the background estimate lower and the expected limits are therefore less constraining.

8 Conclusion

The analysis presented in this note hypothesises that the Higgs-like boson h observed by the LHC experiments at $m_h \approx 125$ GeV is part of a 2HDM. Following this hypothesis, a search for a second, heavier, CP-even scalar boson H , has been performed, including the new boson h as part of the 2HDM

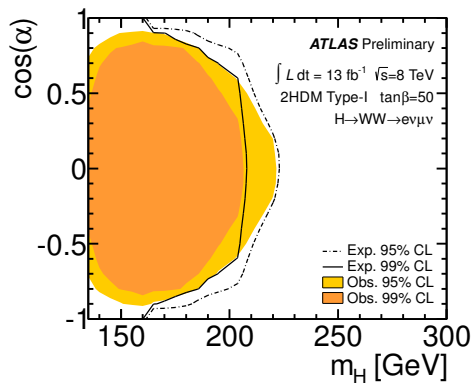
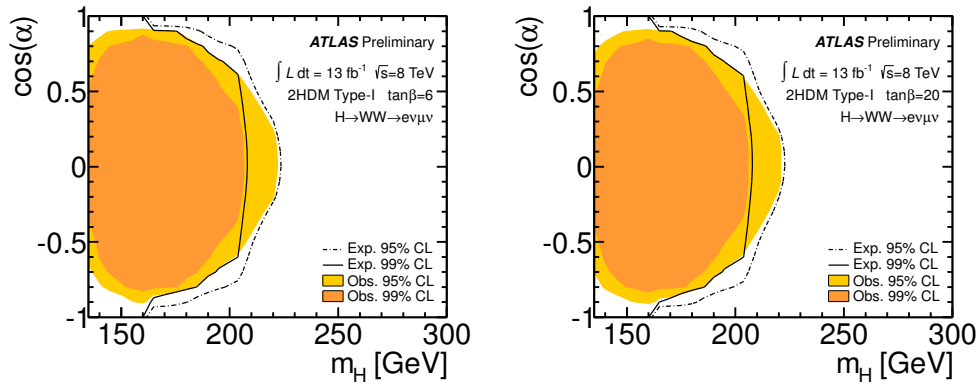
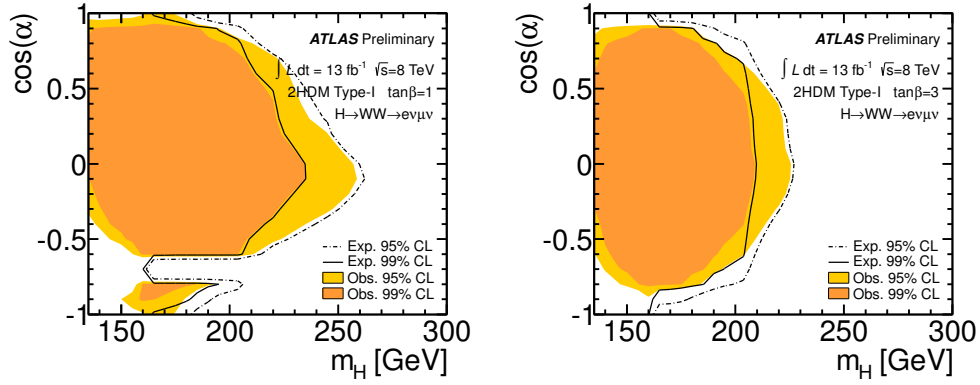


Figure 7: Exclusion contours in the $\cos\alpha - m_H$ plane for type-I 2HDMs.

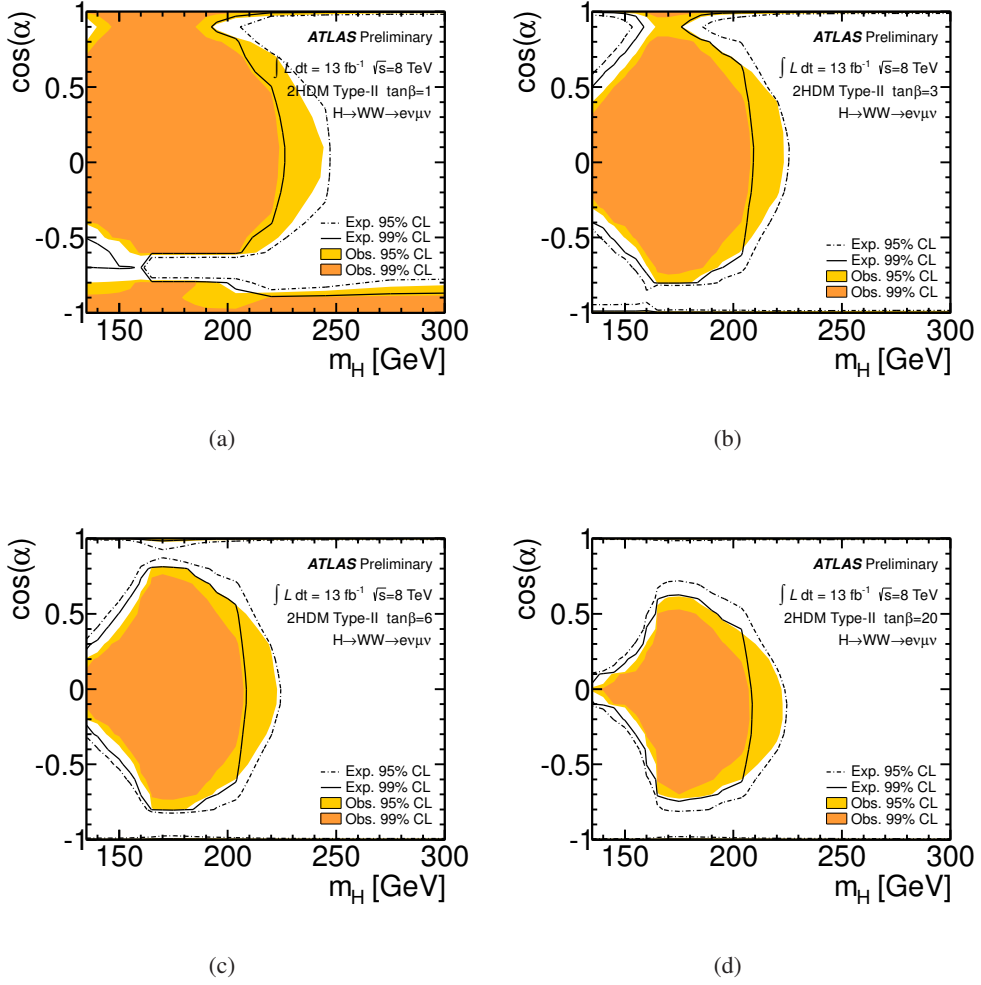


Figure 8: Exclusion contours in the $\cos\alpha$ - m_H plane for type-II 2HDMs.

signal model and comparing it to a background only model. Both bosons are reconstructed in the $h/H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ decay channel and contribute to the signal rate. The collision data at a centre-of-mass energy of 8 TeV were recorded with the ATLAS detector and correspond to an integrated luminosity of 13.0 fb^{-1} . No evidence for an additional Higgs boson H is found in the investigated mass range of $135 < m_H < 300 \text{ GeV}$ and exclusion contours at the 95% and 99% CL are determined in the $\cos\alpha$ - m_H plane for different values of $\tan\beta$ ranging from 1 to 50. In the mass region from 135 to 200 GeV a large part of the $\cos\alpha$ - m_H plane can be excluded for type-I 2HDMs.

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Appendix

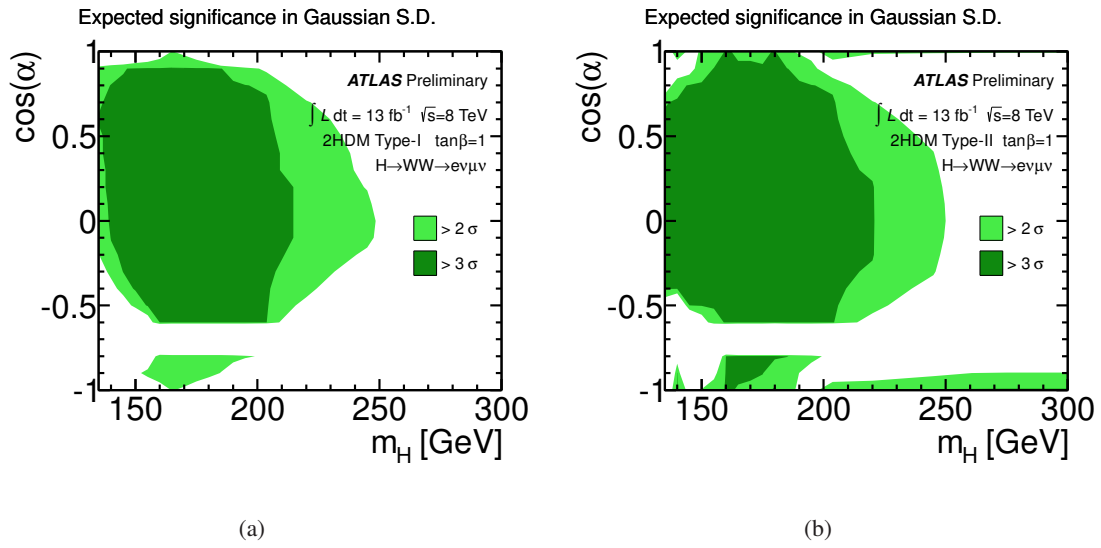
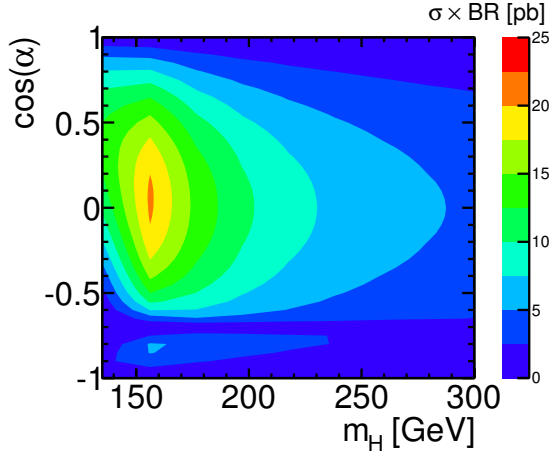
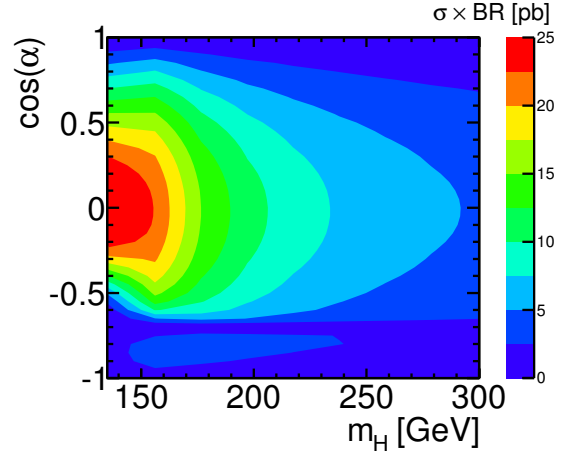


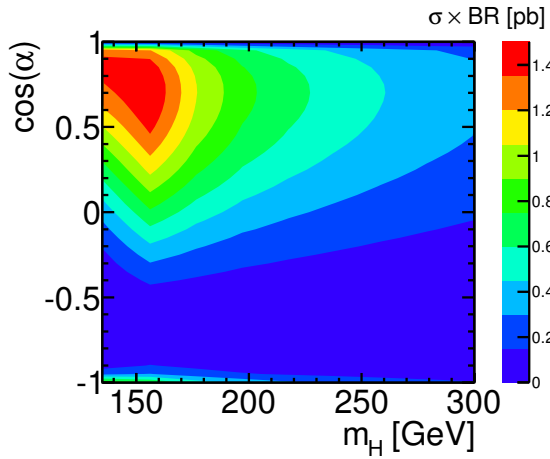
Figure 9: Contour plots of expected significance in Gaussian standard deviations for a type-I model (a) and a type-II model (b). The SM Higgs boson is included as part of the null hypothesis.



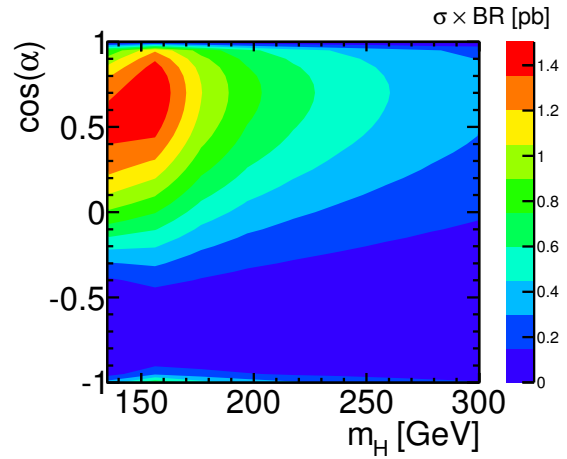
(a) Type-I, gg fusion, $\tan\beta = 1$



(b) Type-II, gg fusion, $\tan\beta = 1$



(c) Type-I, VBF, $\tan\beta = 1$



(d) Type-II, VBF, $\tan\beta = 1$

Figure 10: Cross section times branching ratio for the 2HDMs type-I and type-II in pb in the $\cos\alpha$ - m_H plane for $\tan\beta = 1$. Fig. (a) and (b) show the gluon fusion cross sections, fig. (c) and (d) show the VBF cross sections. The cross sections were calculated with *SusHi* [32].

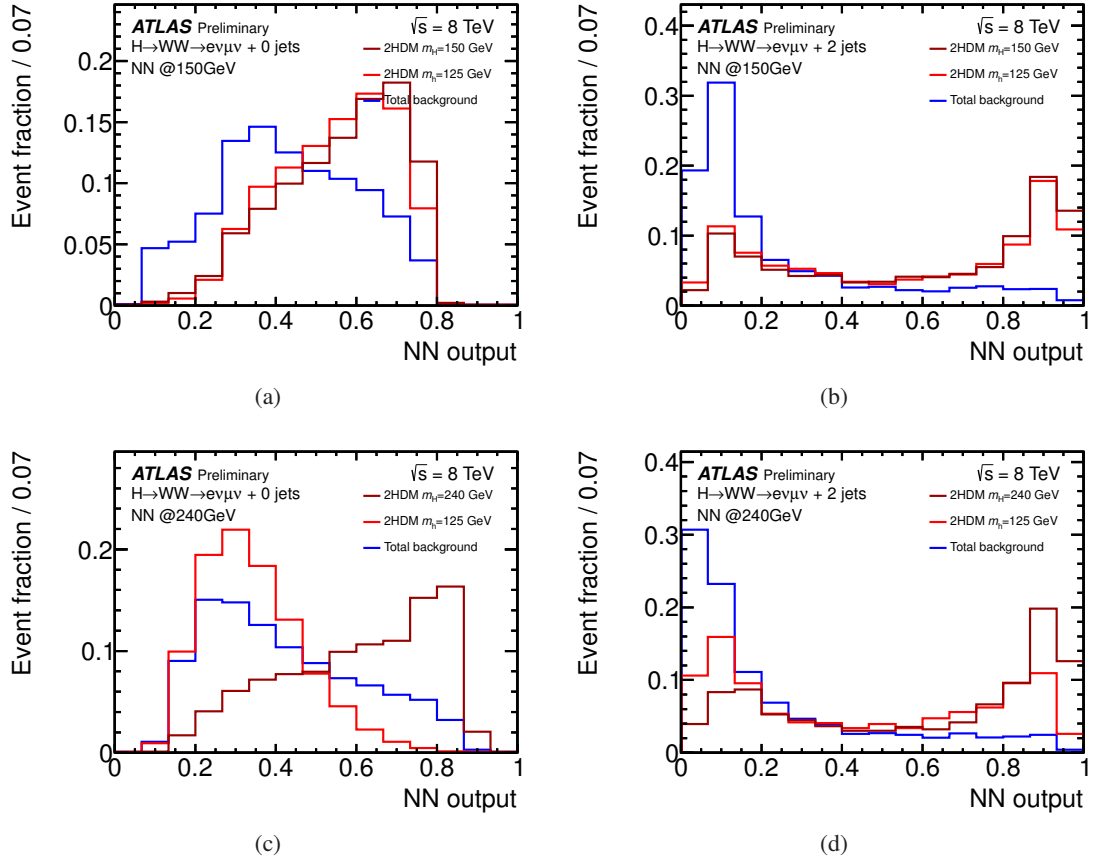


Figure 11: Normalised discriminant distributions (templates) obtained for the NNs optimised at $m_H = 150$ GeV and $m_H = 240$ GeV for the 2HDM signal and background, (a) and (c) in the 0-jet channel, and (b) and (d) in the 2-jet channel. The distributions are normalised to unit area.

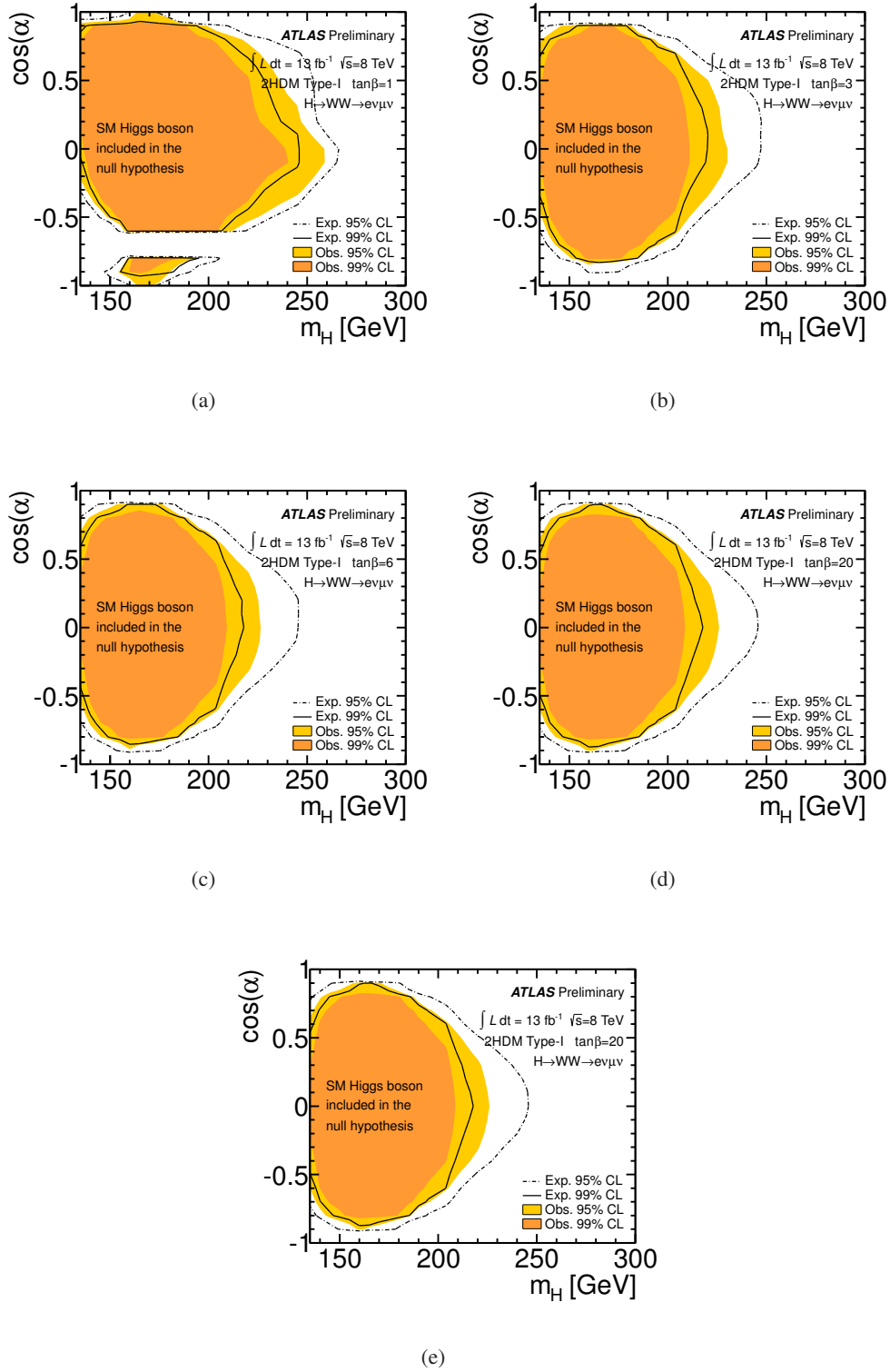


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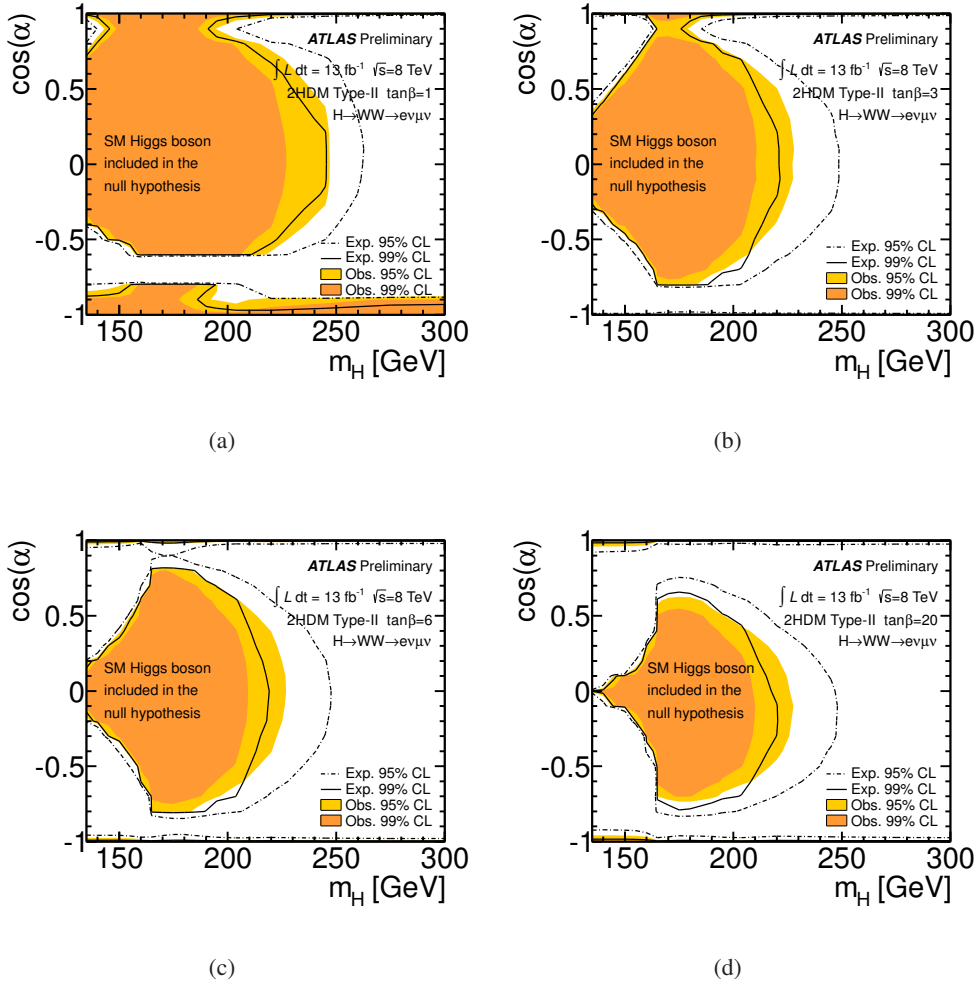


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