Improvements of the MVA classifiers for the $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ analysis in the dilepton channel with full Run2 data in the CMS experiment

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In the Standard Model (SM), the Higgs boson couples to fermions with a Yukawa-type interaction and a strength proportional to the fermion mass. The associated production of a Higgs boson with a top-quark pair ($t\bar{t}H$) is therefore the best direct probe of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling, a vital element to verify the SM nature of the Higgs boson. In the SM, the Higgs boson decays into b-quark-antiquark pair with the largest branching fraction, and is thus experimentally attractive as a final state. The dominant background contributions arise from $t\bar{t}$+jets production, and in particular the $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ background is irreducible with respect to $t\bar{t}H$,$H \to b\bar{b}$. To better enhance the sensitivity, the signal is extracted exploiting multivariate analysis (MVA) techniques.

This talk focuses on the analysis of the $t\bar{t}H$,$H \to b\bar{b}$ process in final states with two leptons using proton-proton data collected by the CMS experiment at the LHC during 2016-2018 at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV. The possibility to critically increase the sensitivity to the $t\bar{t}H$ signal is investigated using machine learning approaches. Detailed studies on the optimization and performance of MVA discriminants trained using Artificial Neural Networks are presented in this final state.