Measurement of the ZZ production cross section and search for the standard model Higgs boson in the four lepton final state

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Due to its small branching ratio, the process $p\bar{p}\to Z/\gamma_* \ Z/\gamma_* \to l+l-l'+l'-$ has one the smallest cross sections in the Standard Model (SM). However, the presence of four isolated leptons in the final state makes this process a very pure one, with a relatively small background. In this work we present a measurement of the cross section $p\bar{p}\to Z/\gamma_* \ Z/\gamma_* \to l+l-l'+l'-$ with up to 9.8 fb-1 of data collected with the D0 detector between 2001 and 2011. We also perform a search for SM Higgs boson studying the process $gg\to H\to ZZ\to l+l-l'+l'-$ and the ZH associated production where $H\to \tau\tau\to l\nu\nu l\nu\nu$, $H\to WW\to l\nu l\nu$, and $H\to ZZ$ where at least one of the Z bosons decays leptonically.

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