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Search for a Higgs Boson in Decays to  $WW^*$  at CDF BRIT-NEY RUTHERFORD, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, CDF COLLAB-ORATION — We present a search for Standard Model Higgs production in  $p\overline{p}$ collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV using approximately 4 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data collected with the CDF II detector. We consider the diboson decay channel,  $H \rightarrow WW$ , which is the dominant decay mode for Higgs boson masses above 140 GeV/ $c^2$ . We further require both W bosons to decay leptonically. Both single and associated Higgs production modes are considered. In order to maximize sensitivity, a combined Matrix Element method and Neural Network approach is utilized to distinguish signal from background processes. Cross-section limits are presented for Higgs mass hypothesis between 110 GeV/ $c^2$  and 200 GeV/ $c^2$ .

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