

# A Method for Inferring Signal Strength Modifiers by Conditional Invertible Neural Networks

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# Analysis Introduction

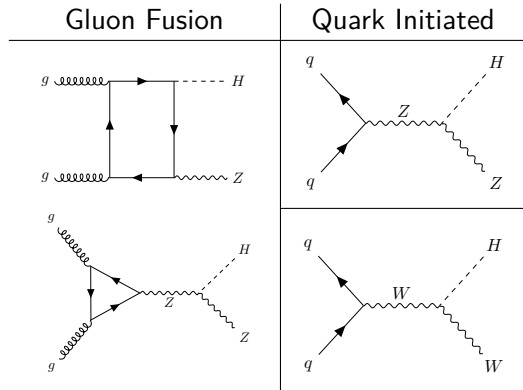
## ► Why conditional Invertible Neural Networks (cINNs)<sup>1</sup>?

- Many parameter fits: time-consuming  
→ Posterior inference with cINNs is time-efficient
- cINN model preserve gradients  
→ Applicable in differentiable workflows

## ► VH-Analysis at CMS:

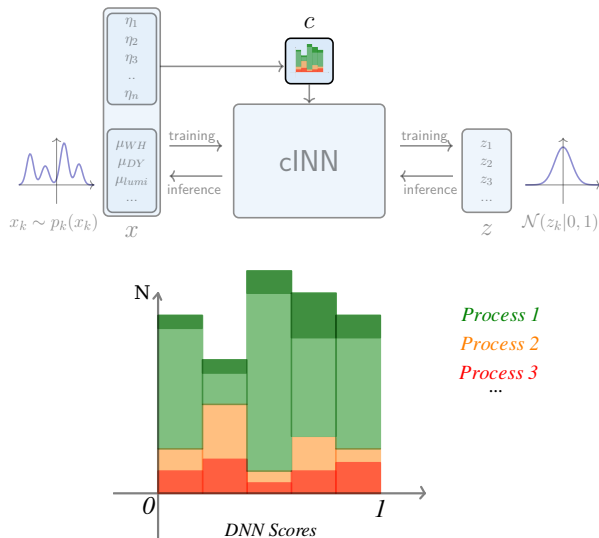
- 3 Signal processes:
  - $gg \rightarrow ZH$
  - $qq \rightarrow ZH$
  - $qq \rightarrow WH$
- 13 Background processes:
  - Drell-Yan Process
  - $t\bar{t}$  production
  - Vector boson fusion Higgs production...

## ► Goal: infer the signal strength modifier parameters $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$



# Analysis Strategy and -Setup

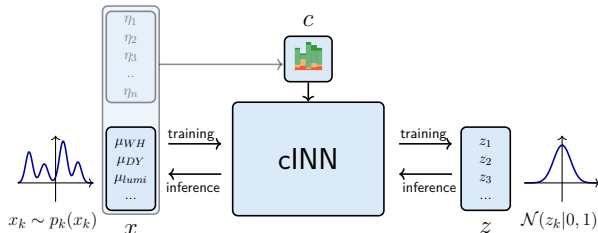
- ▶ Analysis performed at CMS
- ▶ Based on simulated MC samples
- ▶ Analysis workflow:
  1. Simulated events
  2. Final state object selection
  3. DNN process categorization
  4. Fit
- ▶ Maximum likelihood fit:
  - Histogrammed DNN scores
    - Used as condition  $c$  for the cINN



# Conditional Invertible Neural Networks – Theory

## ► cINN architecture:

- Based on normalizing flows  
→ invertibility and differentiability
- Alternating network blocks:
  - Affine coupling blocks
  - Permutation blocks



## ► Forward direction: training

- Approximate the unknown true posteriors  $p(x|c)$
- Map inputs to a  $\mathcal{N}(z|0, 1)$

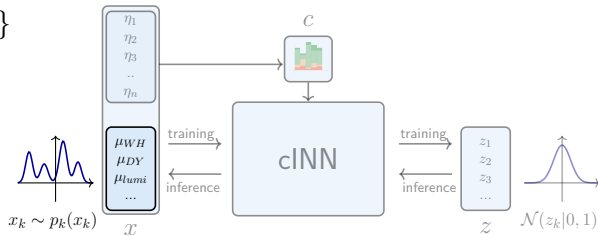
## ► Backward direction: inference

- Sampling from  $\mathcal{N}(z|0, 1)$  and inversion  
→ Posterior samples  
→ Predictions

# Network Setup – Inference Model

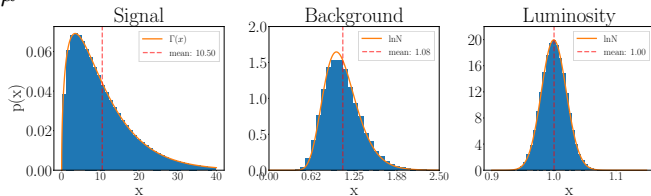
## ► Goal: infer signal modifier parameters $\{\mu_i\}$

- Dataset contains expected  $\{\mu_i\}$  and nuisance parameter effects
- Scale processes with their  $\mu_i$
- Model uncertainties



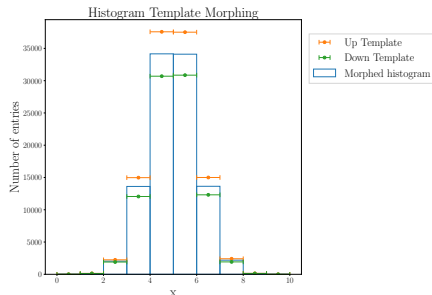
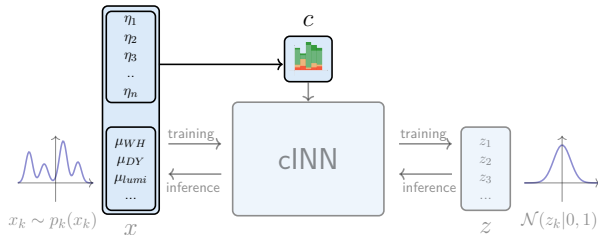
## ► $\mu$ Priors:

- Signal:  $\Gamma$ -distribution
  - Finer sampling around expected  $\mu$
  - Sensitivity for  $\mu \gtrsim 10$
- Background:
  - Lognormal  $\langle x \rangle = 1 \pm 27\%$
- Luminosity:
  - Lognormal  $\langle x \rangle = 1 \pm 2\%$
  - Affects all processes equally



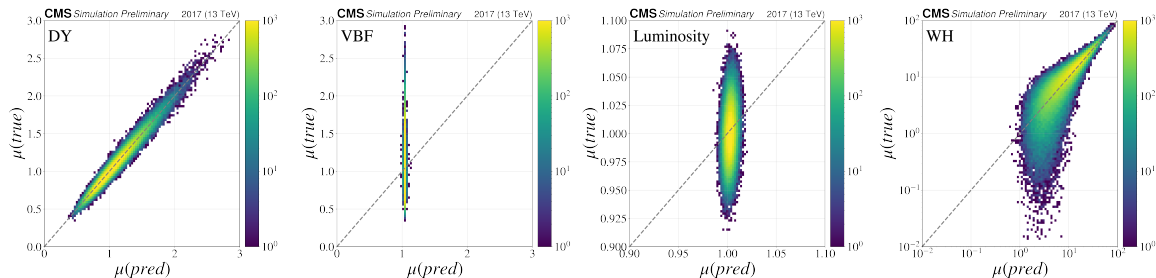
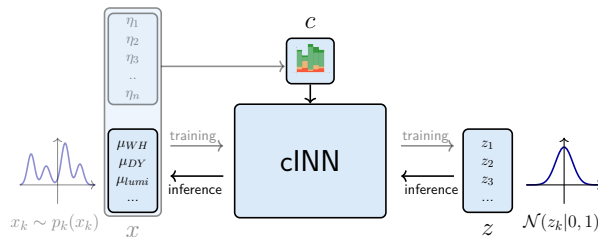
# Network Setup – Inference Model – Uncertainties

- ▶ Statistical uncertainties
  - Expected measurement uncertainty
  - MC sample size
  - Both follow a Poisson distribution
- ▶ Systematic effects:
  - Normalizing uncertainties
    - Process scaling
  - Shape-changing uncertainties
    - Histogram template morphing



# Signal Modifier Parameter Inference – Predictions

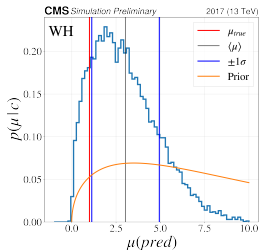
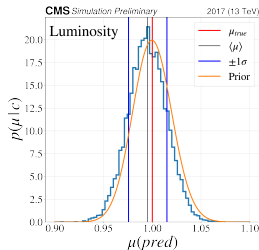
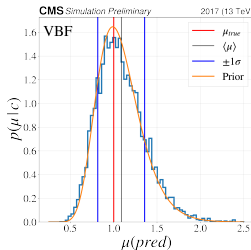
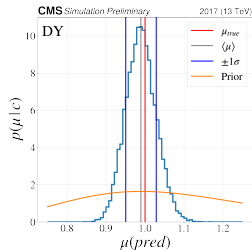
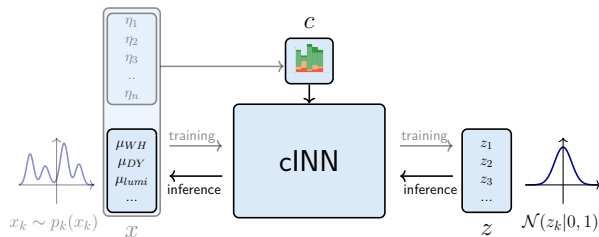
- 3 parameters groups per sensitivity:
  - well-reconstructed parameters ( $\mu_{DY} \dots$ )
  - unrecognized parameters ( $\mu_{VBF} \dots$ )
  - weakly-recognized parameters ( $\mu_{lumi} \dots$ )
- Signal: sensitivity threshold for small  $\mu$





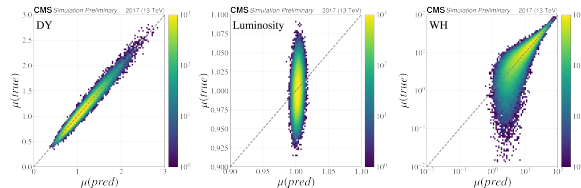
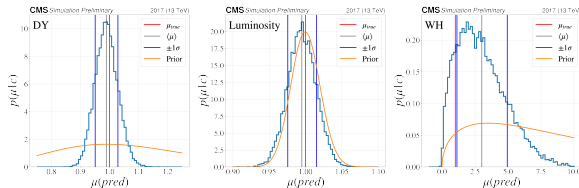
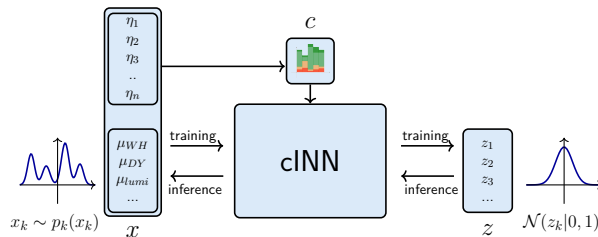
# Signal Modifier Parameter Inference – Posteriors (Asimov)

- ▶ Background (DY, ...):
  - narrow posteriors = high sensitivity
- ▶ Unrecognized (VBF, ...):
  - posteriors = **priors**
- ▶ Luminosity nuisance: weakly recognised
- ▶ Signal: broad posteriors  $\rightarrow$  high uncertainty
- ▶ Comparable results to likelihood fit



# Conclusion

- cINN is able to infer the signal strength modifiers  
→ applicable in HEP
- Good prediction performance
  - Posterior width reflects network sensitivity
  - Signal: sensitivity drop for signal for small  $\mu$
  - Comparable results to likelihood fit

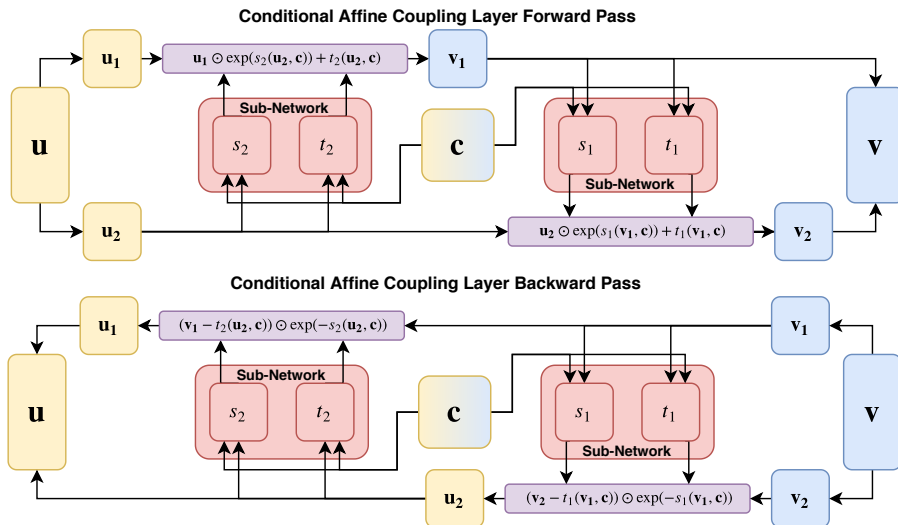


Backup

# Network Setup – cINN Architecture

- ▶  $\dim c = 235$
- ▶  $\dim x = 17$ 
  - 3 signal modifier parameters
  - 13 background modifier parameters
  - 1 nuisance parameter (luminosity)
- ▶ 12 GLOW Blocks with permutation layers
- ▶ Subnetworks with 3 layers à 128 nodes with ReLU

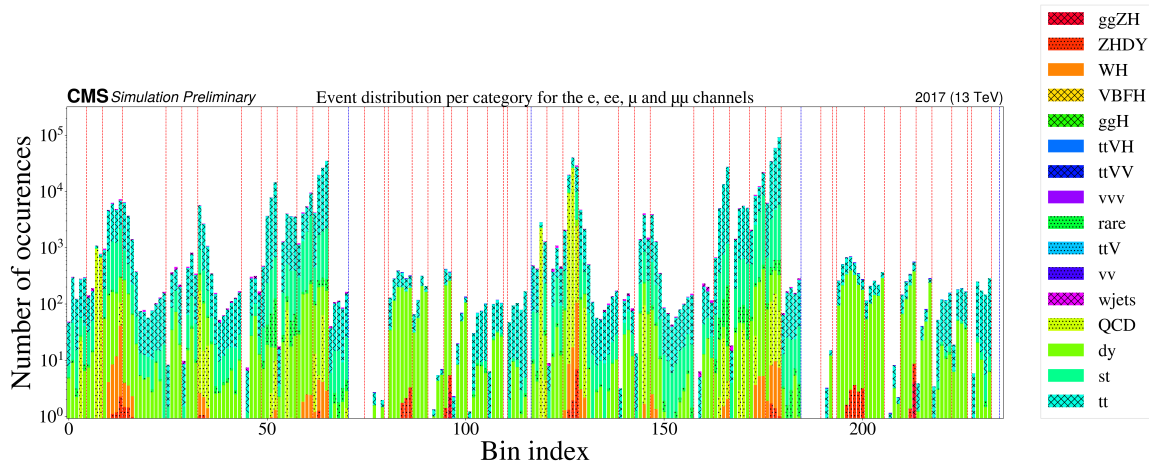
# The GLOW Coupling Block



from [2007.08391]

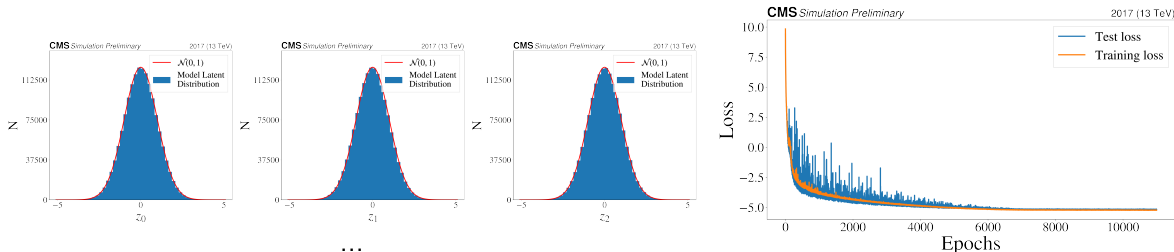
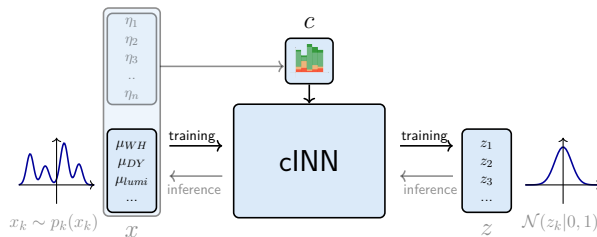
# The Conditions – Nominal with $\mu = 1$

- ▶ 4 channels: 2 SL + 2 DL
- ▶ 13 subcategories



# Signal Modifier Parameter Inference – Latent Distributions

- ▶ Training: loss converges
- ▶ Latent space distribution follows  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- ▶ Sampling from  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  yields well-approximated posteriors

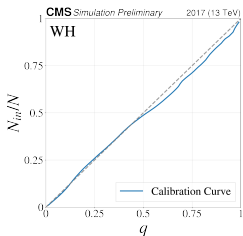
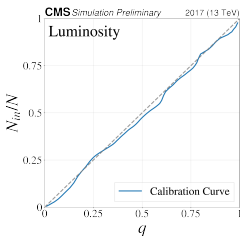
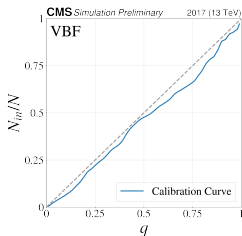
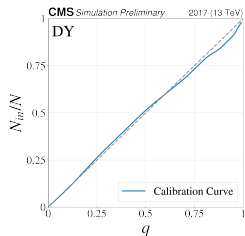
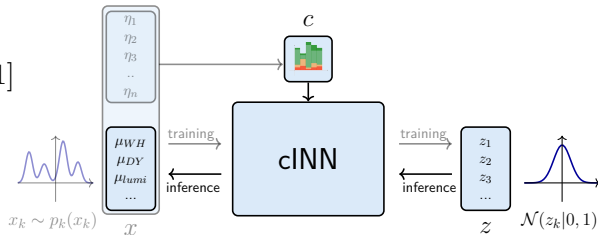


# Signal Modifier Parameter Inference – Calibration Curves

- Calibration error: measure of model bias

$$e_{cal}(q) = \frac{N^{in}}{N} - q, \quad q \text{ quantile}; q \in [0, 1]$$

- $N^{in}$ : number of posteriors containing the true MC value in their  $q$  quantile
- Ideal calibration:  $e_{cal}(q) = 0$



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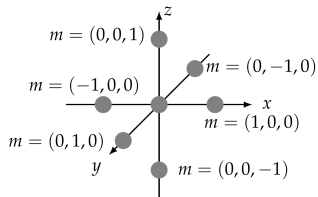
- Max median absolute calibration error  $\lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.04)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  No strong biases in the network model



# Morphing

$$f(x|\mathbf{m}_i) = \underbrace{f(x|0)}_{f_0} + \sum_{j=1}^T \underbrace{\frac{\partial f(x|\mathbf{m})}{\partial m_j} \Big|_{\mathbf{m}=0}}_{f'_j} (m_i)_j + \sum_{j=1}^T \underbrace{\frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f(x|\mathbf{m})}{\partial m_j^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{m}=0}}_{f'_{jj}} (m_i)_j^2 + \mathcal{O}((m_i)_j^3)$$

- Express the unknown derivatives  $f'_j$ ,  $f'_{jj}$
- 24 templates: 24 shape changing uncertainties



$$\begin{pmatrix} f(x|(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ f(x|(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ f(x|(0, -1, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ \vdots \\ f(x|(0, 0, 0, \dots, 1)) \\ f(x|(0, 0, 0, \dots, -1)) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_M \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f'_1 \\ f'_{11} \\ \vdots \\ f'_T \\ f'_{TT} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(x|\mathbf{m}) = (1, m_1, m_1^2, \dots, m_T, m_T^2) M^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$