

CURTAINs for your sliding window

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A 'standard' bump hunt

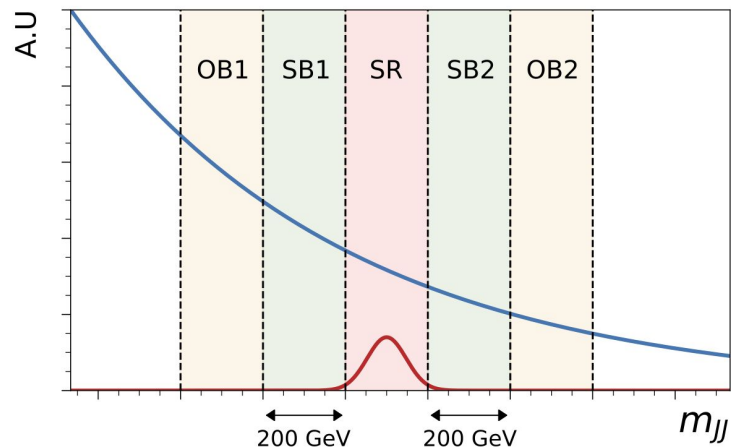
Expected New physics \sim localised in smoothly falling feature
 \Rightarrow Bump in the spectrum

Method:

- Split spectrum into sliding 'side bands'
- Fit the distribution in sidebands \rightarrow Interpolate into the signal region
- Look for an excess
- Slide window and repeat

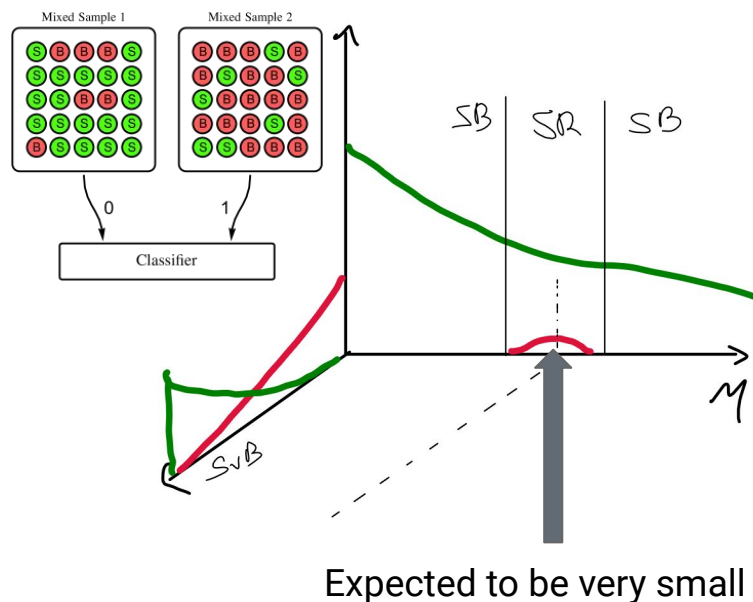
Limitations: New Physics is rare \rightarrow Bump \sim background dominated.

- Utilise information other than just the resonant observable.



Extending Bump hunts with CWoLa

- Identify features of interest that help Signal vs Background discrimination
- Train a classifier on SideBand vs Signal Region - Equivalent to Signal vs Background - The CWoLa limit
 - [Collins et. al.](#)



Problem: **What if the features are correlated with the resonant feature?**

CURTAINS – Constructing Unobserved Regions by Transforming Adjacent Intervals

Learn a conditional transformation of datapoints

- *What would a datapoint look like if it had a different value of mass?*

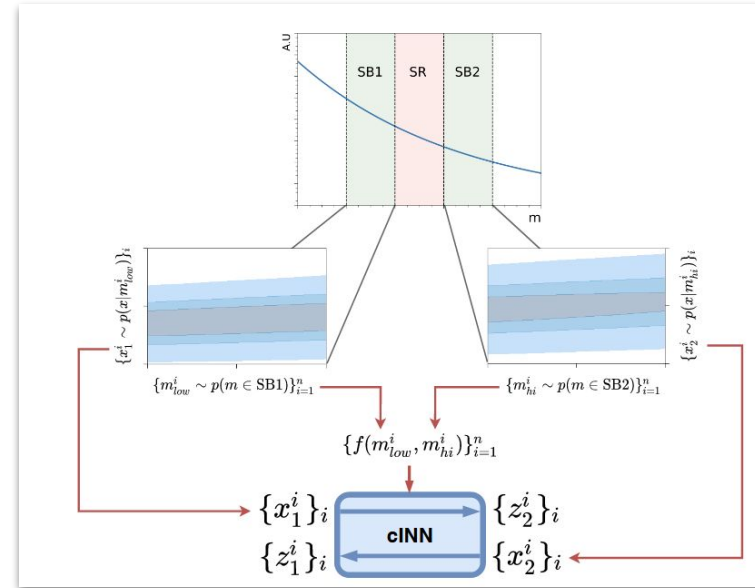
Train an Invertible Neural Network (INN) to map between sidebands:

- Condition on (a function of) input and target mass.

Post training - Choose target mass values in SR →

Transport sideband data to Signal Region

⇒ Signal region template made of conditionally transformed features!



Training:

Draw data x from SB1 and SB2

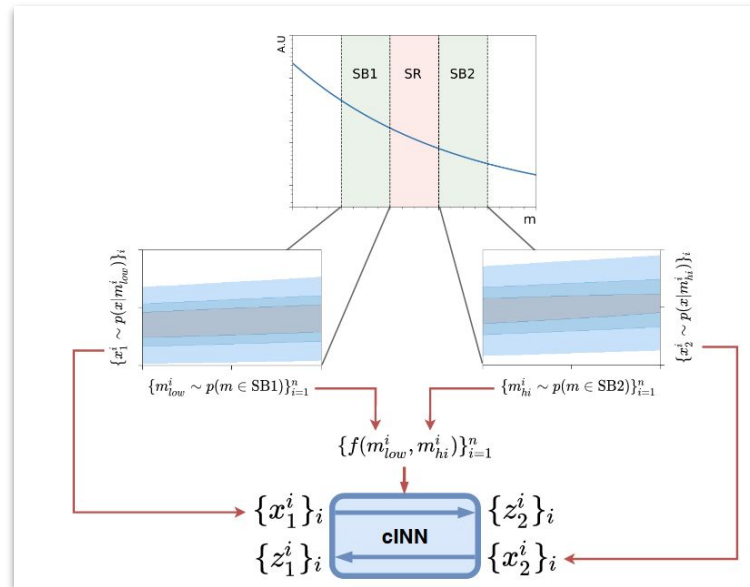
Assign target masses based on batch

Transport data from SB1 \leftrightarrow SB2

- Can **train bidirectionally!**

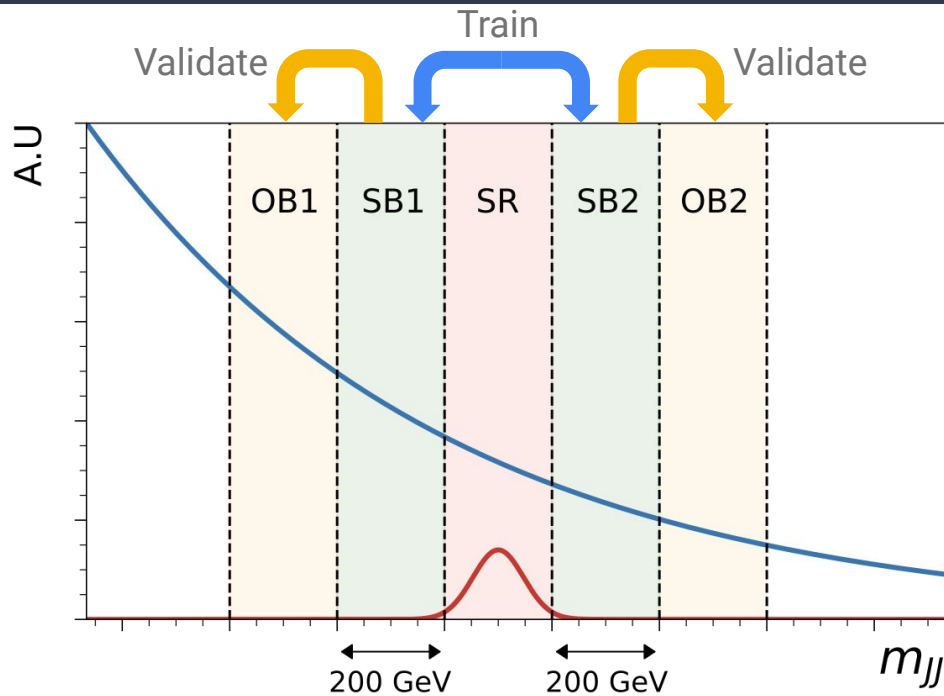
Measure the sinkhorn distance between z_2 and x_2 and z_1 and x_1

Learned transformation \sim good approximation for true optimal transport.



Validating Transformations

- Fix sidebands
- Define Outer-Band (OB) validation regions
- Train CURTAINS transformer
- Validate on OBs



Results from Validation

CURTAINS applied to a dijet system: Training on the [LHCO R&D anomaly detection dataset](#)

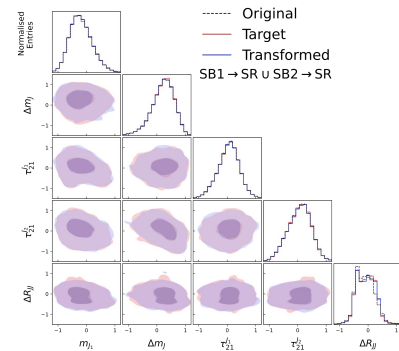
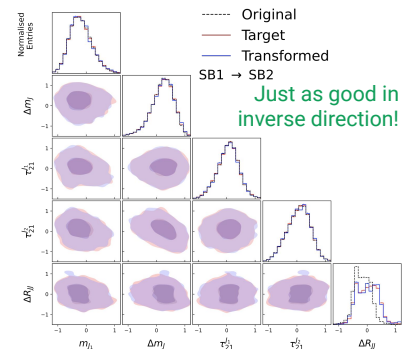
- Sideband 1: [3200, 3400] GeV
- Sideband 2: [3600, 3800] GeV

Five observables - M_{J1} , $M_{J1} - M_{J2}$, τ_{J1}^{21} , τ_{J2}^{21} , ΔR_{JJ} (due to correlation to M_{jj})

Excellent agreement across all features!

Compare SR template and SR data (not possible in analyses):

- Excellent agreement \rightarrow Near perfect background template!



Comparisons

1. CATHODE: [\[2109.00546\]](#) ~ Learn the conditional density in the sidebands - interpolate and generate samples in the Signal region.
 - a. Full - use everything other than SR as sidebands.
 - b. Local - same window definition as CURTAINS.

Benchmarks:

- a. Supervised: Train a classifier on labelled nominal vs labelled signal.
- b. Idealised: Train a classifier on data vs a perfect background simulation.

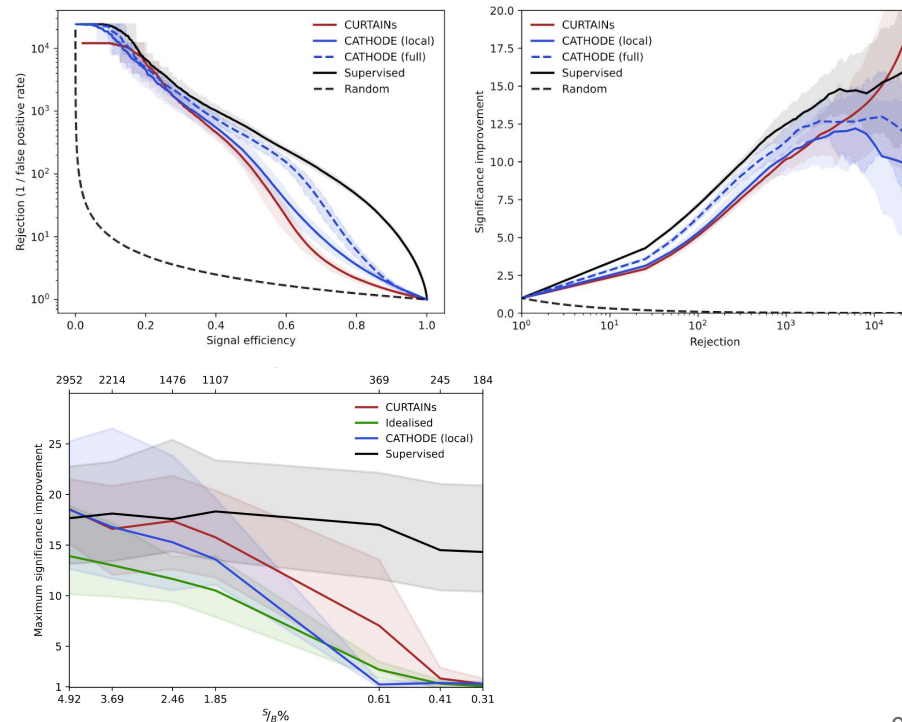
Anomaly Detection: Performance

Results for SR Window centralised on and containing the Signal peak:

$$\text{Measure Significance Improvement (SI)} = \frac{\text{signal efficiency}}{(1 - \text{background efficiency})^{0.5}}$$

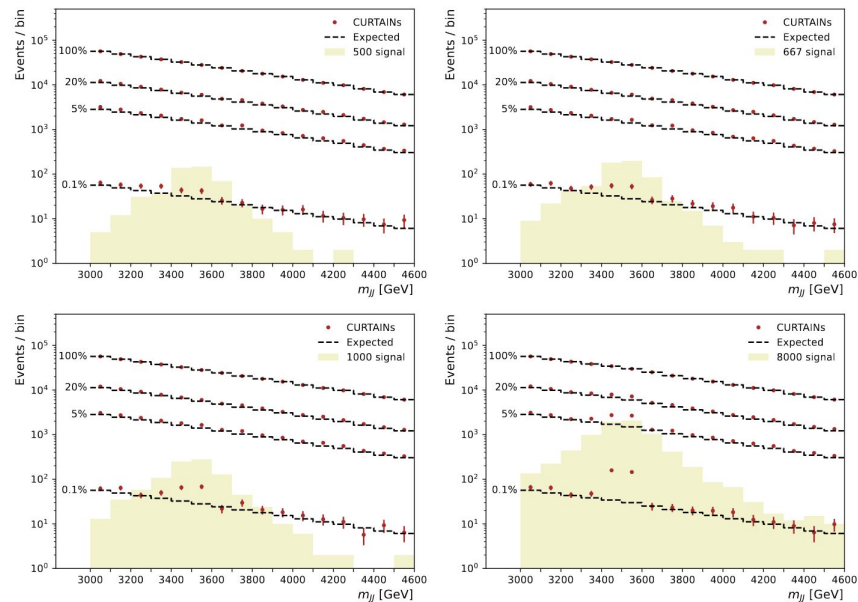
Measure the maximum SI as a function of injected signal.

CURTAINS outperforms CATHODE (local) at low signal fractions.



Anomaly Detection: The Bump Hunt

- Define SB-SR-SB \rightarrow Train CURTAINS and construct template in SR.
- Train a CWoLa style classifier on template vs SR data.
- Slide window and repeat.



Bump hunt performance as a function of injected signal \rightarrow more signal \Rightarrow prominent bump!

Flows₄Flows

Use normalizing flows to parametrise base distribution! No more approximate OT loss!

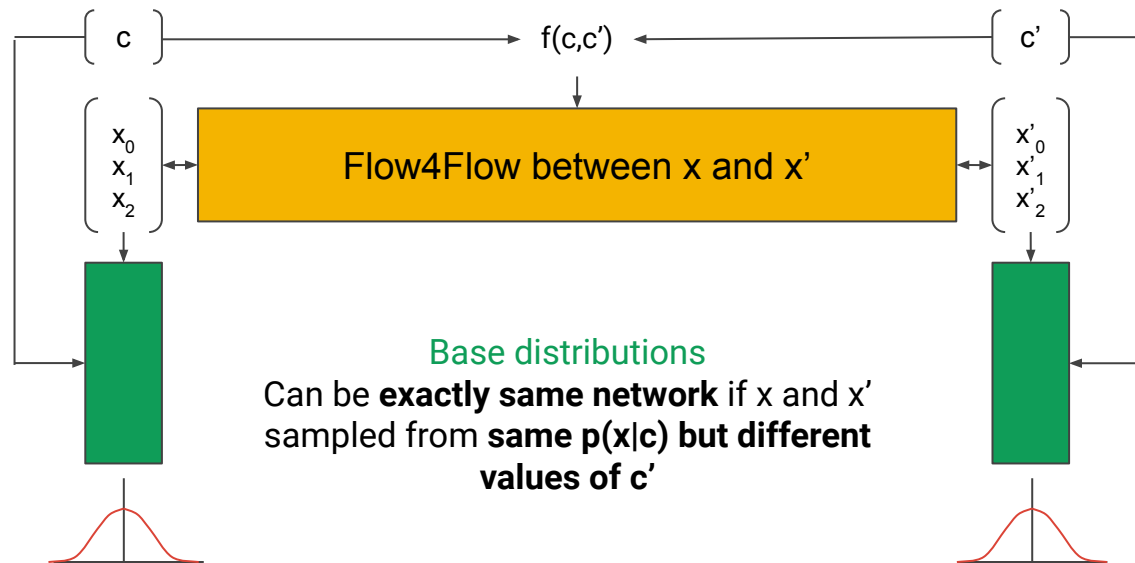
Flows₄flows

Train a flow between arbitrary distributions

Simply another change of variables for $p(z)$ in normalizing flows!

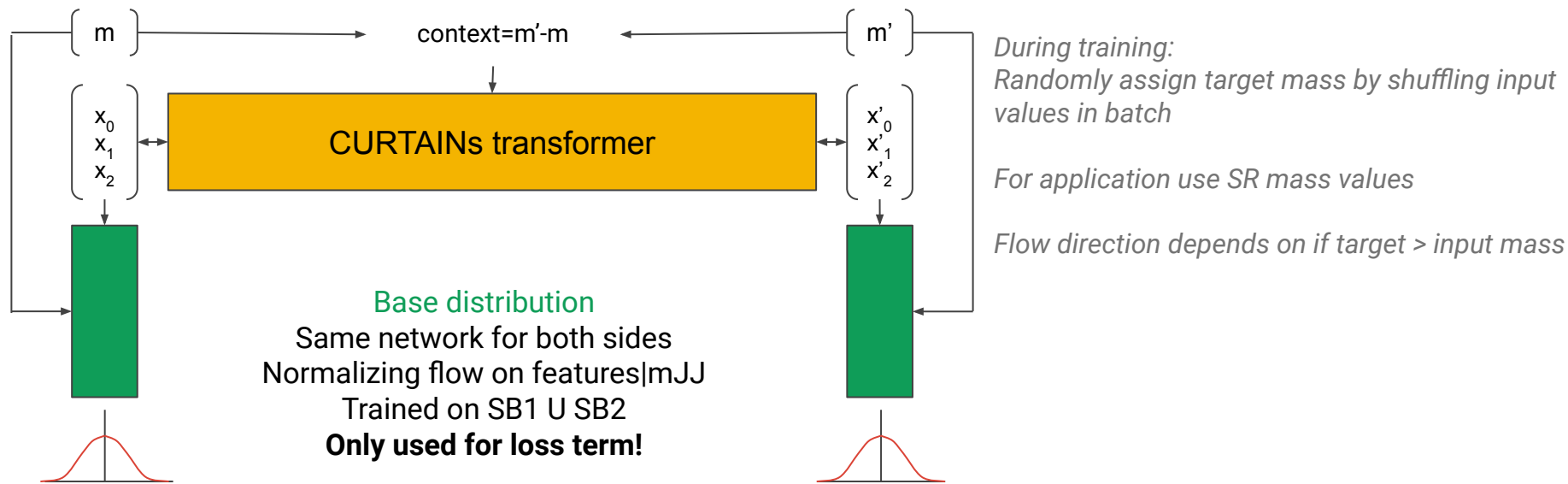
Pretrain base distribution(s)

Use base distribution for loss in exact maximum likelihood



Can now train CURTAINS with exact maximum likelihood!

CURTAINs: Flows₄Flows



$$\text{Loss: } \log(p(x)) = \log \det |J(f(x|m, m'))| + \log \det |J(g(f(x|m, m')|m')) + p(g(f(x|m, m')|m'))$$

Comparisons with CURTAINS v1

Significant improvement with new loss!

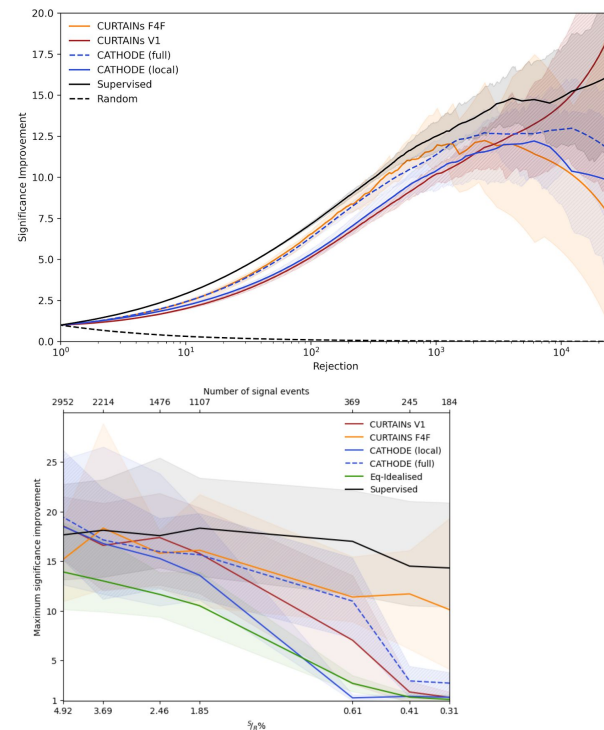
Much faster to train (factor 5-6),
including base density

Still trained on a very local window

- Only 200GeV either side of SR

Compared to CURTAINS v1

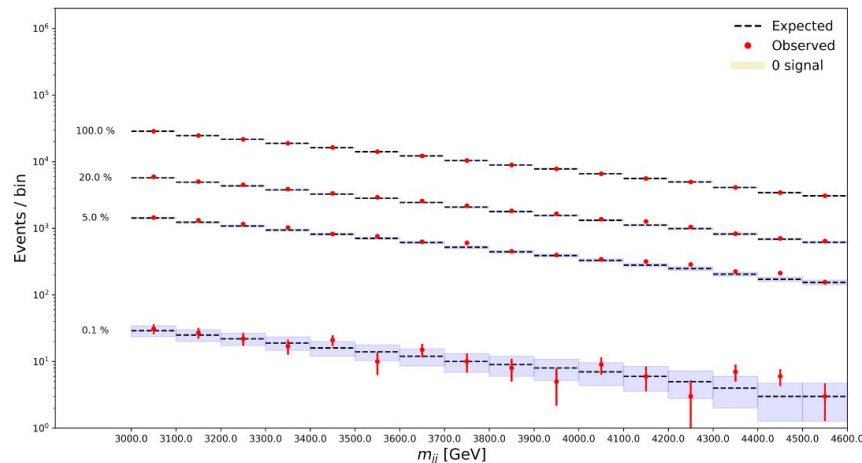
- **Simpler** to set up and train
- Higher max SI at low signal fractions!



Bump Hunt with Flows4Flows

Compared to CURTAINS v1

- **Simpler** to set up and train
- Still **robust** to case where there is no signal



Concluding remarks

- CURTAINs - powerful and robust technique - can be applied to any 1D resonance searches!
- Improved: CURTAINs Flows4Flows → much faster and performant out of the box!
 - Pre-print in works.

Backup

Process and stats details:

- Background: dijet QCD
 - Signal: $W' \rightarrow X (\rightarrow qq) Y (\rightarrow qq)$;
 - $m_{W'} = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$, $m_X = 500 \text{ GeV}$, $m_Y = 100 \text{ GeV}$
 - Jets reconstructed with $R=1.0$ antiK_T algo.
 - p_T requirements: At least one jet $> 1.2 \text{ TeV}$.
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- 1 million QCD dijet events.
 - A total of 100,000 signal events.

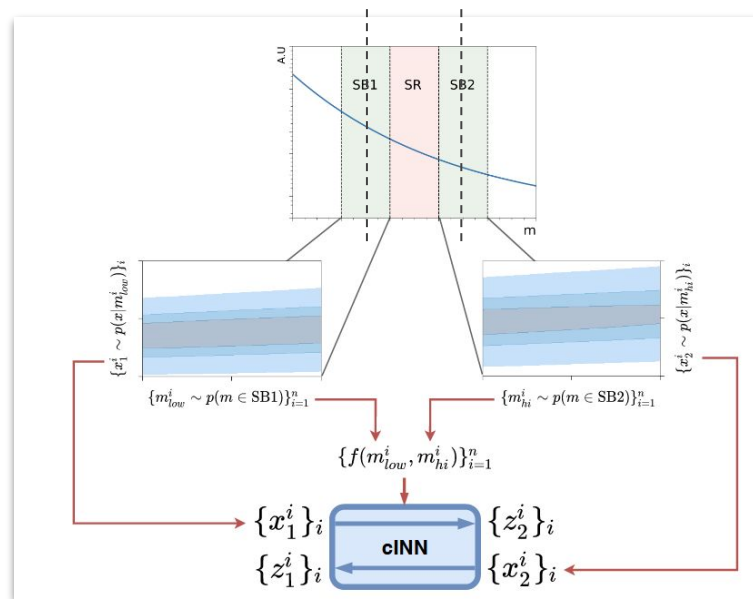
Conditional Transformations: Technicality

Using $f(m, m') = m' - m$

- During training **min value is width of SR**
- To transport data from SB \rightarrow SR **min value is 0**
- Outside of training domain...

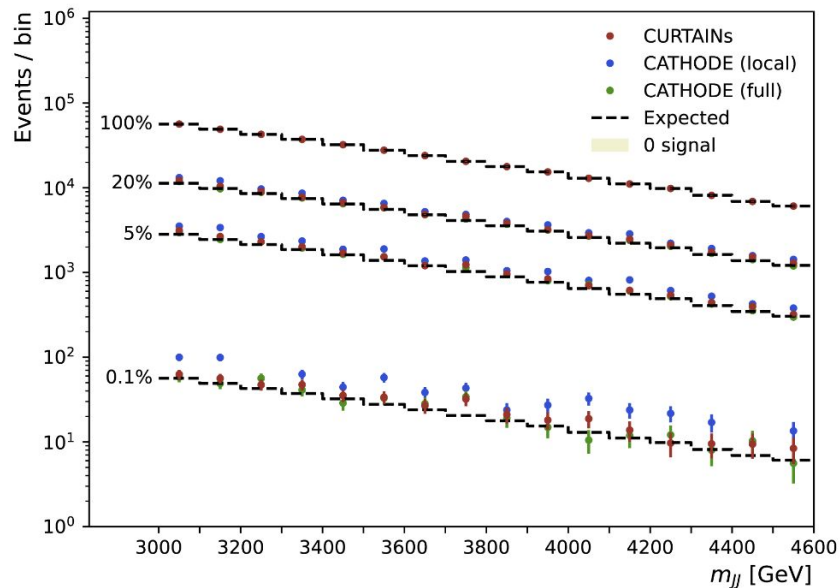
Solution: Split sidebands into two

- Train between lower and upper half of SB1/2
- Now min value is also 0



V1 CURTAINS (+CATHODE) bump hunt

- Robust when there are no signal events present.



Flows

Flow = Base Density + Invertible Function

$$\log p_{\theta, \phi}(x) = \log p_{\theta}(f_{\phi}^{-1}(x)) - \log \left| \det(J_{f_{\phi}^{-1}(x)}) \right|$$

data distribution $p_D(x)$

base density p_{θ}

CURTAINS on OuterBands

- Outer Band agreement, just as good.

