

PMT assignment of photons with Neural Networks

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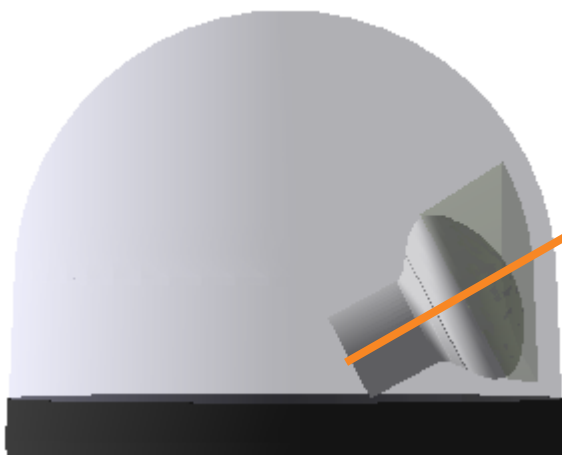
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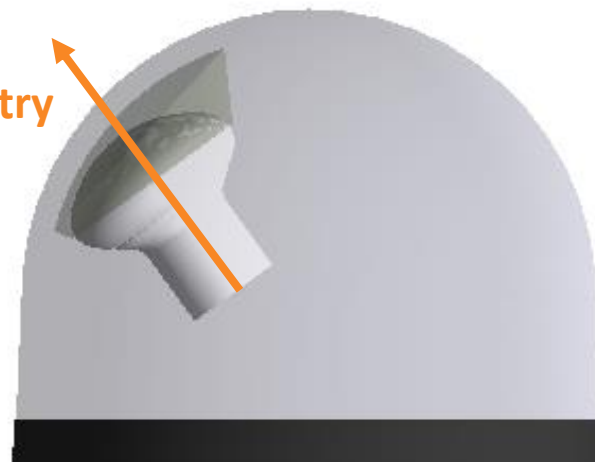
Motivation I

- Current IceCube simulation for Gen2 OM (PPC) assumes:
 1. All PMTs within an OM are equivalent
 2. The angular acceptance of a PMT is symmetric with respect to its symmetry axis
- These assumptions are not true → especially for LOM:
 - Gel Pads are not symmetric
 - PMT symmetry axis does not align with the pressure vessel normal vector
 - There are two “types” of PMT: **Polar and Equatorial**

Equatorial PMT

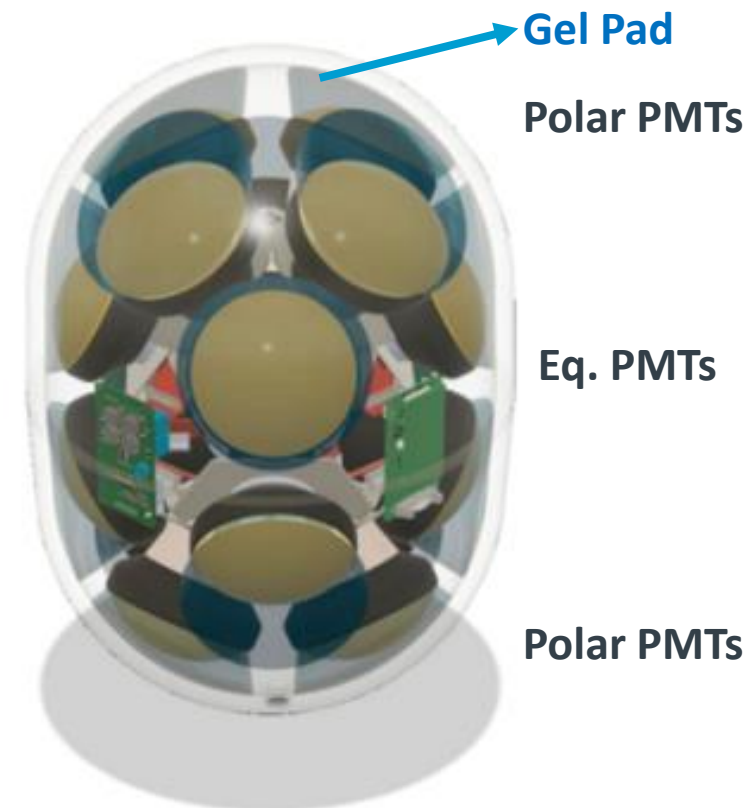


Polar PMT



PMTs symmetry
axis

IceCube-Gen2 LOM16



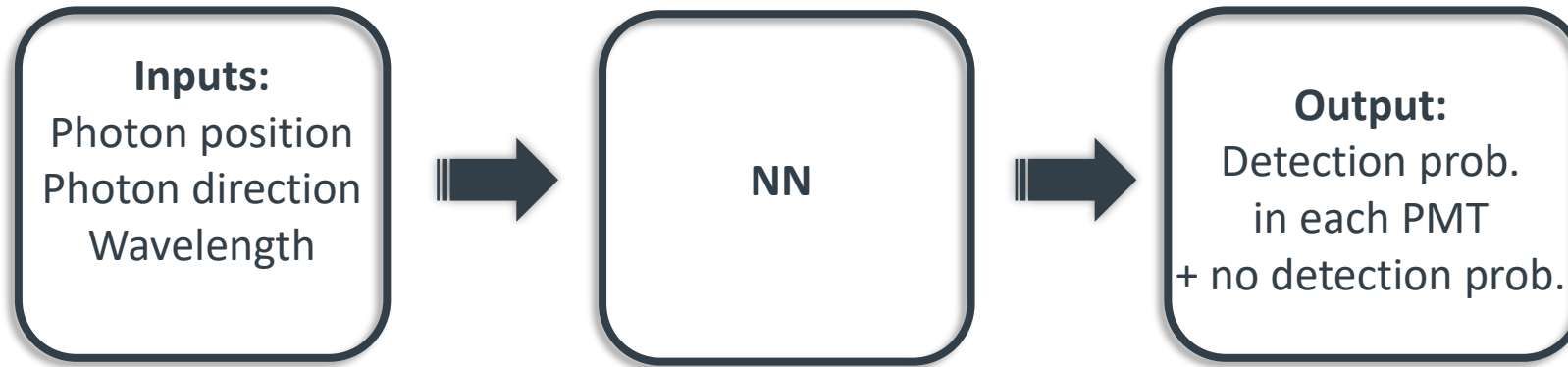
Motivation II: Why Neural Networks?

Challenging to find an analytical parametrization of angular acceptance → alternatives:

1. Direct Geant4 simulation (might be too slow/challenging to pipe)
2. Interpolation tables (e.g. DEgg)
3. Neural Network based parametrization of angular acceptance (today's talk):
 - NNs excel at high dimensional problems (LOM needs more degrees of freedom than D-Egg)
 - NNs provide fast inference times using a GPU

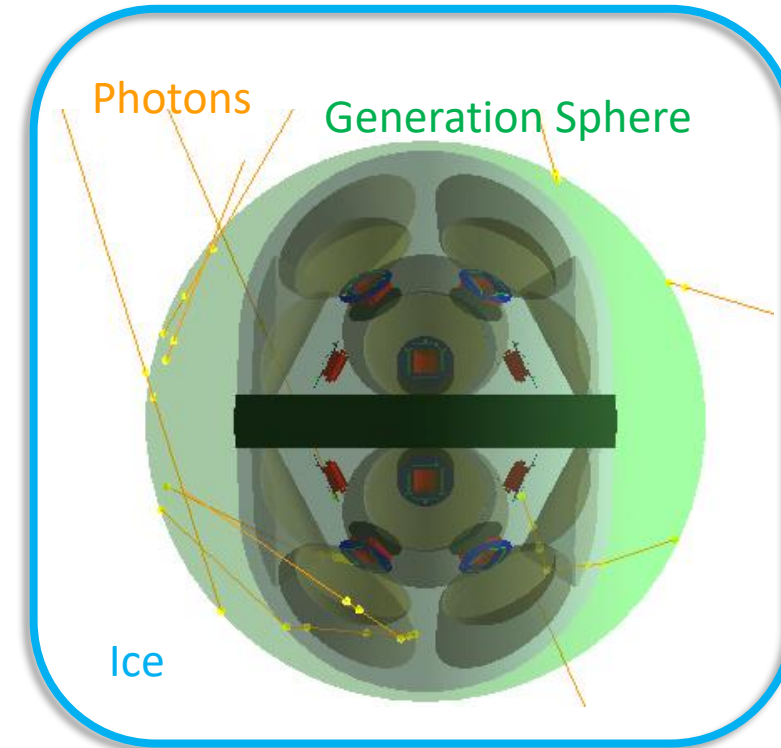
PMT assignment of photons with NN: Concept

- Neural Networks (NNs) are essentially function approximators

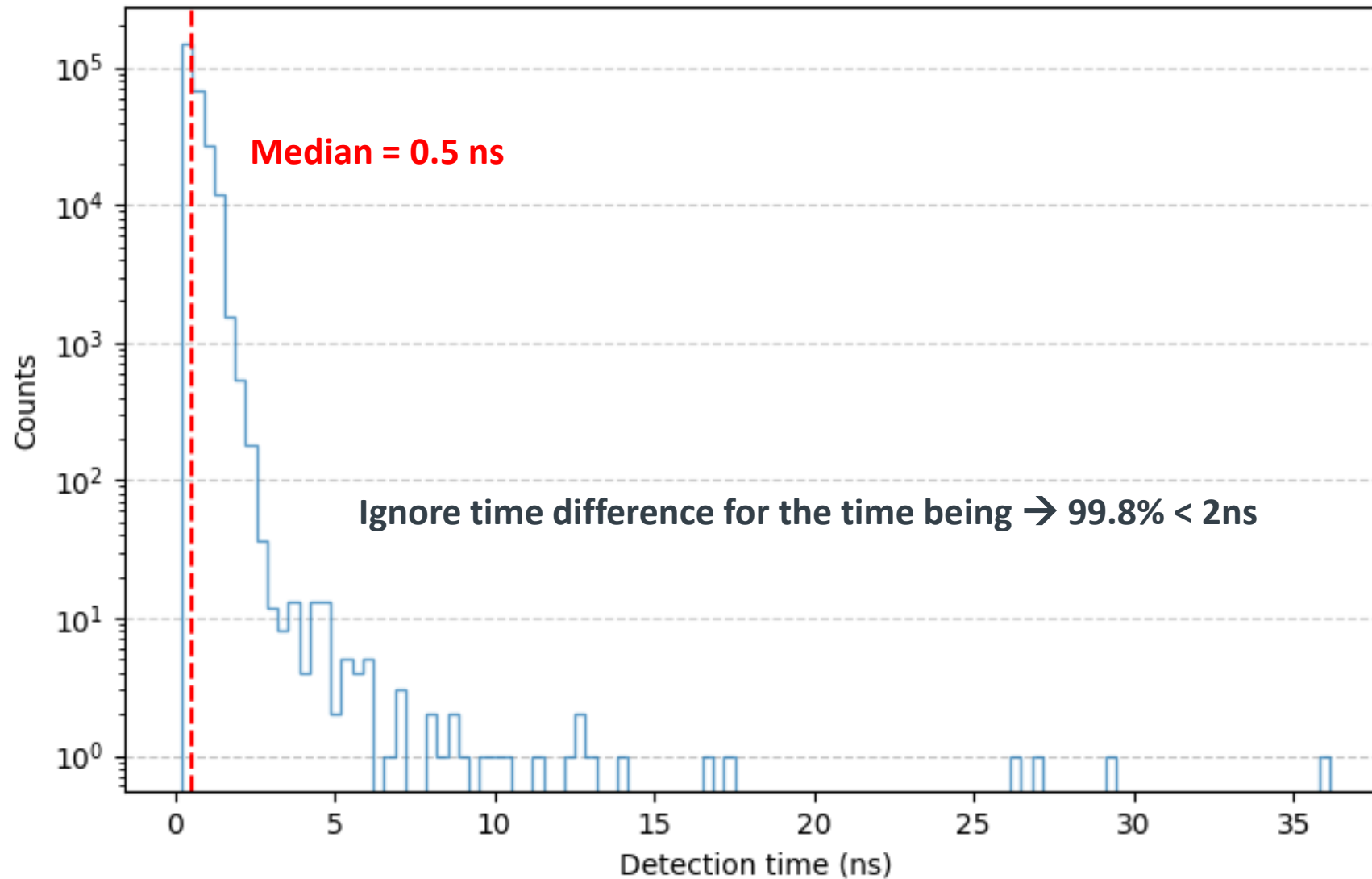


- Train NN on photons generated randomly on a sphere surrounding the LOM:
 - 30 billion photons simulated
 - Random uniform wavelength sampling (270 nm – 700 nm)
 - Radius of the sphere = 23 cm

Geant4 simulation

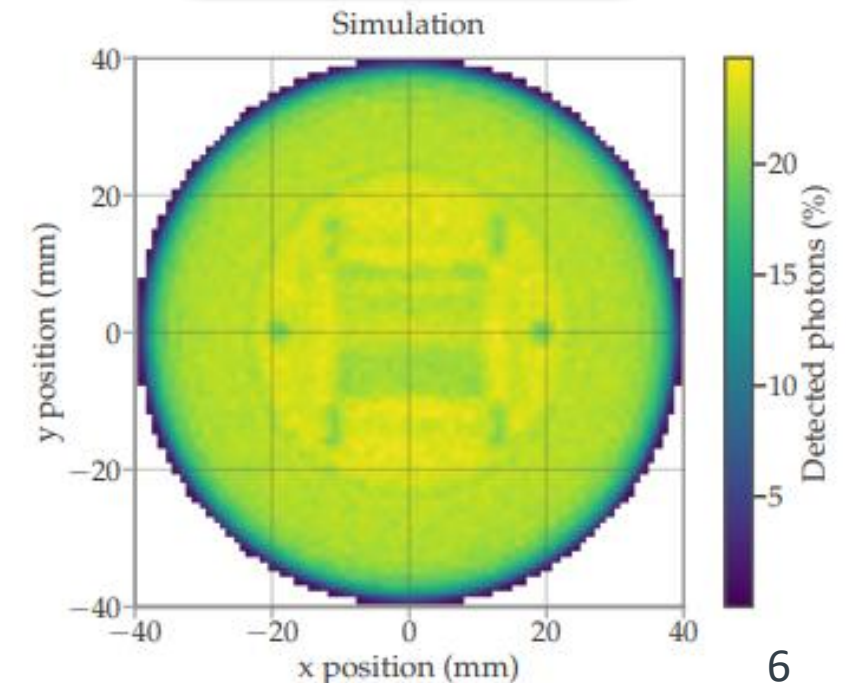
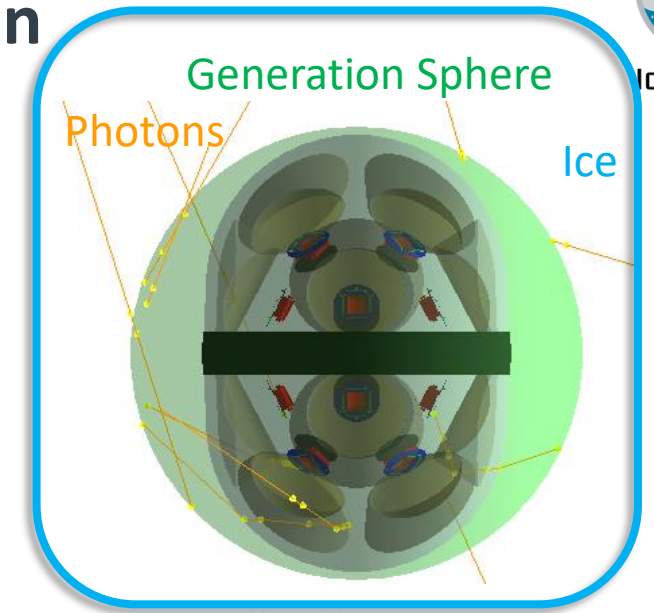


Relative Detection Time



LOM16 Geant4 Simulation

- Using Münster's OMSim framework
- Most current and next-gen OMs included
- Did not consider harness / internal components for the first study
→ Could include in next training iteration
- Ice properties considered:
 - ✓ Refractive index
 - ✗ Absorption length
 - ✗ Scattering length
- Possible to perform detailed PMT detection probability simulation:
→ Match simulation with PMT measurements
→ **Main difference with respect to DOUMEKI**



LOM Symmetries in NN Design

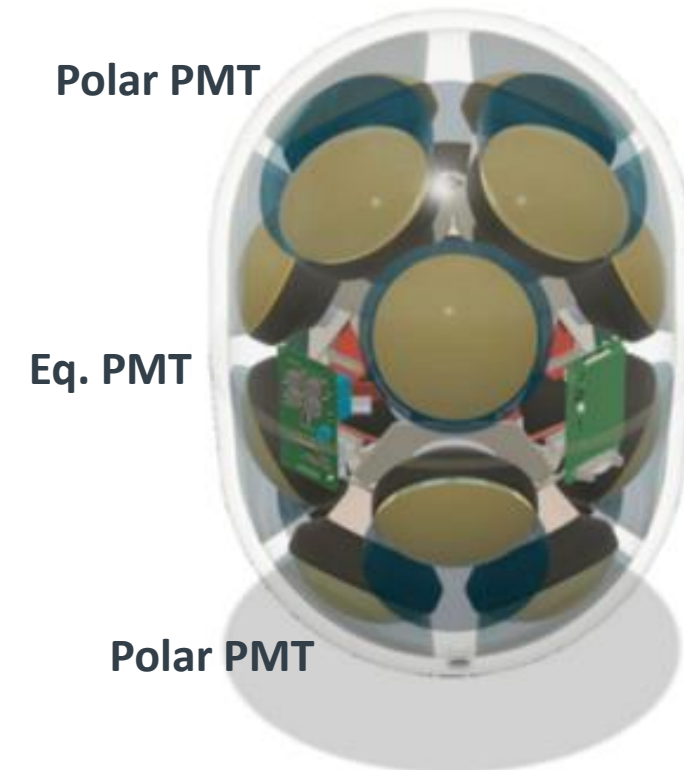
- Any kind of NN could approximate this task but not with the same accuracy
- All PMTs of a same kind (polar/equatorial) have the same properties
- Leverage LOM symmetries for best performance

How?

1. Describe incoming photon properties based on relative values for each PMT
2. Identify symmetries within one PMT for equivalent scenarios:
→ azimuthal symmetry in XY plane
3. Use CNN layers with relative values as input for each PMT → [n_features,16]
4. One of the features must be a Polar/Eq. PMT identifier
5. Combine with linear layers for symmetry breaking properties e.g. penetrator cable

If one PMT sees some relative values:

- CNN with kernel size 1×1 can map the outcome to any other PMT
- Inspired by Event-Generator



NN Architecture

5 relative inputs + wavelength
+ polar/eq. PMT identifier

CNN layer [batch, features, 16]

Relu (nonlinear function)

× 4

Relative values and symmetries

6 absolute inputs:

- Direction
- Position

Dense layer [batch, 16, 5]

Concat

symmetry breaking
features e.g. penetrator cable

Dense layer [batch, 16, features]

× 2

Relu (nonlinear function)

Dense layer [batch, 17]

16 PMT + absorption prob

logsoftmax

sum of the outputs for each photon is 1

Loss function

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \left(\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \right)$$

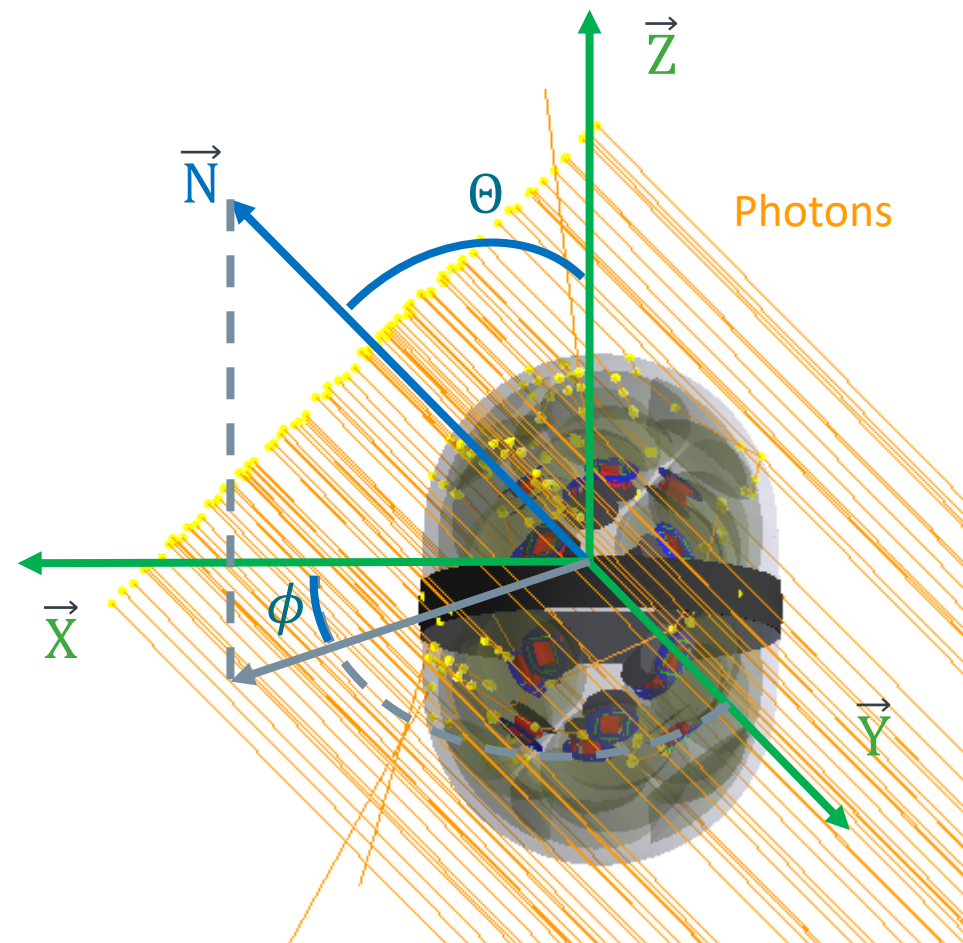
→ True PDF
→ Pred. PDF

+ 0.1 × Mean squared error (stability)

Performance Checks: Effective Area

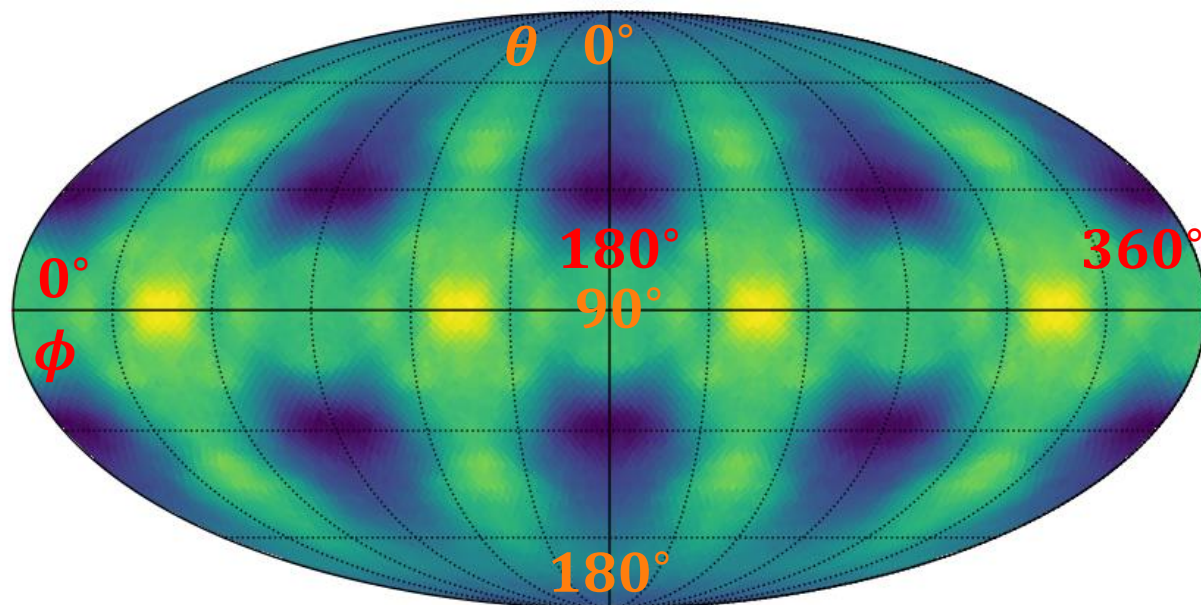
$$A_{\text{eff}}(\lambda, \theta, \phi) = \frac{N_{\text{det}}}{N_{\text{emit}}} \cdot A_{\text{beam}}$$

Interpretation: Area of the module if it were 100% efficient

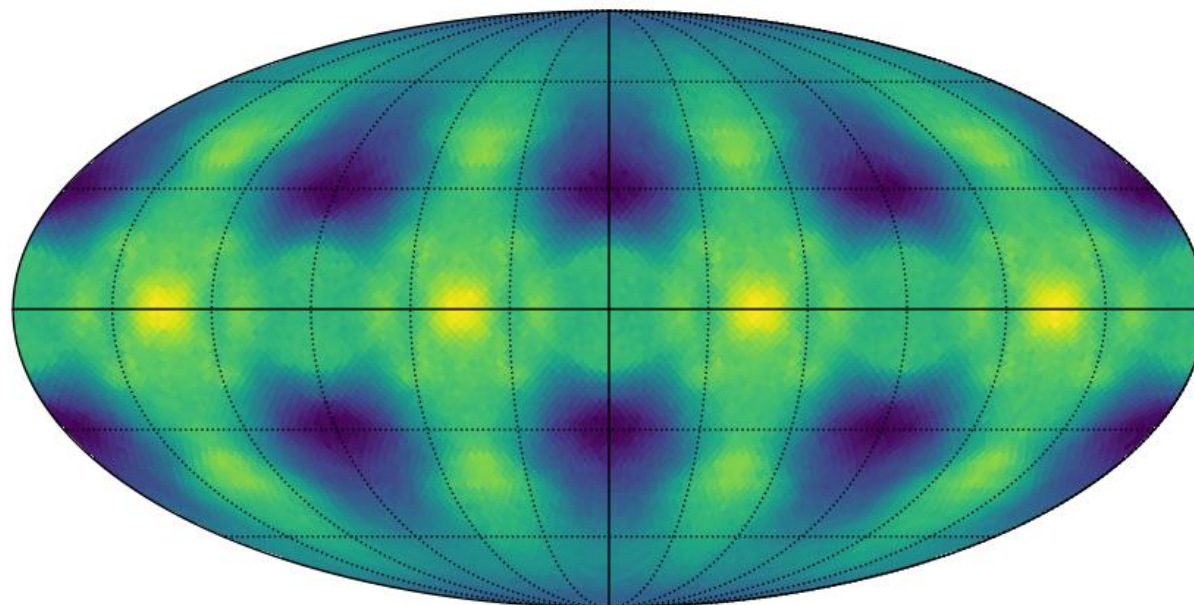


Effective Area: Comparison at 400 nm

NN $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 94.2 \text{ cm}^2$

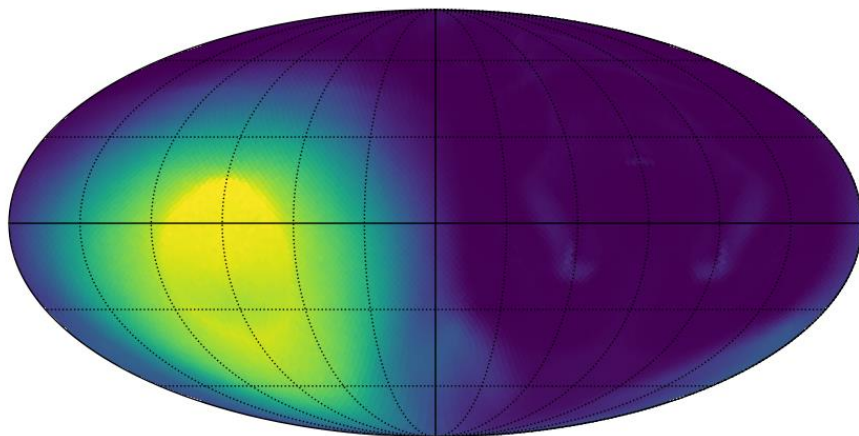


Geant4 $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 100.2 \text{ cm}^2$

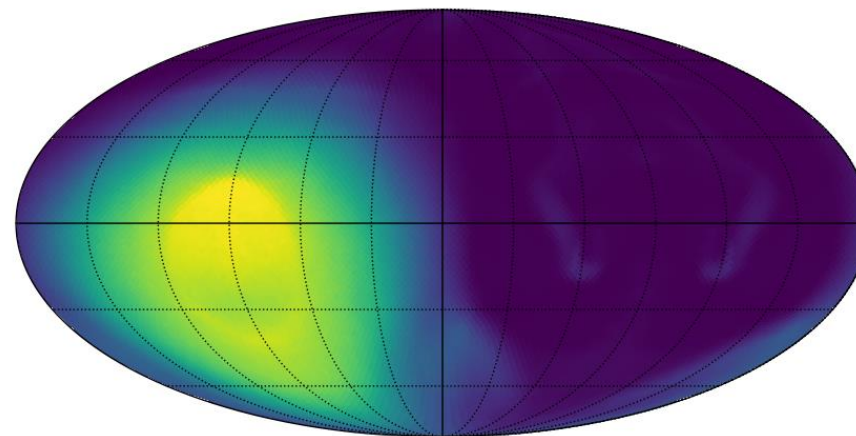


Single PMT Effective Area: Comparison at 400 nm

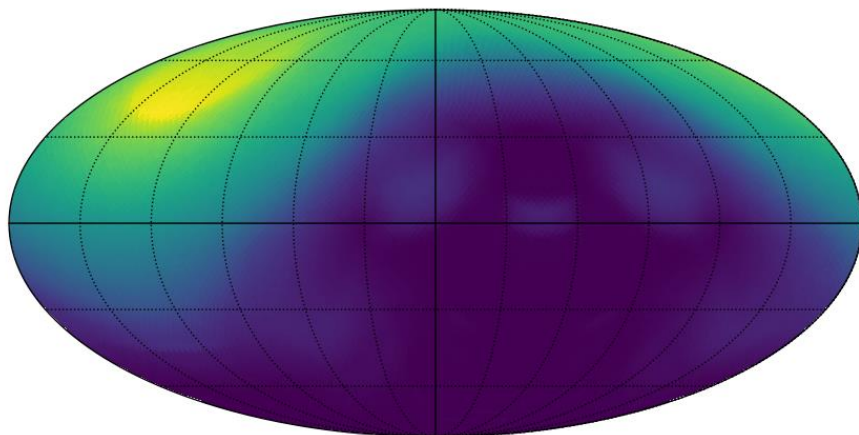
Geant4 Equatorial $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 5.9 \text{ cm}^2$



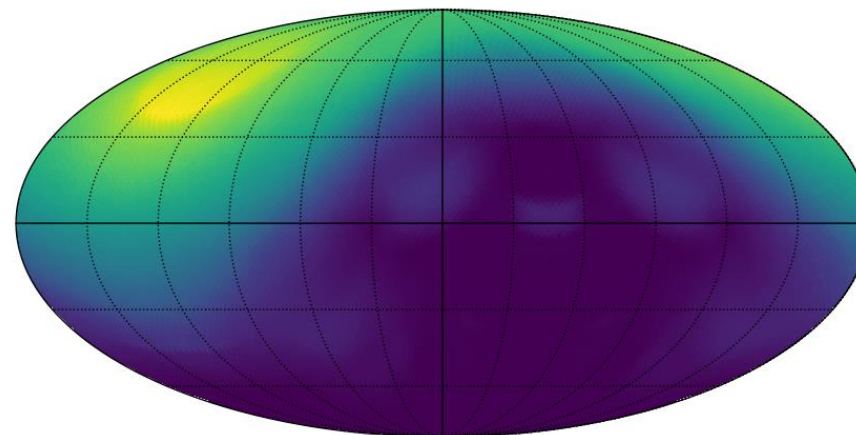
NN Equatorial $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 5.55 \text{ cm}^2$



Geant4 Polar $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 6.62 \text{ cm}^2$

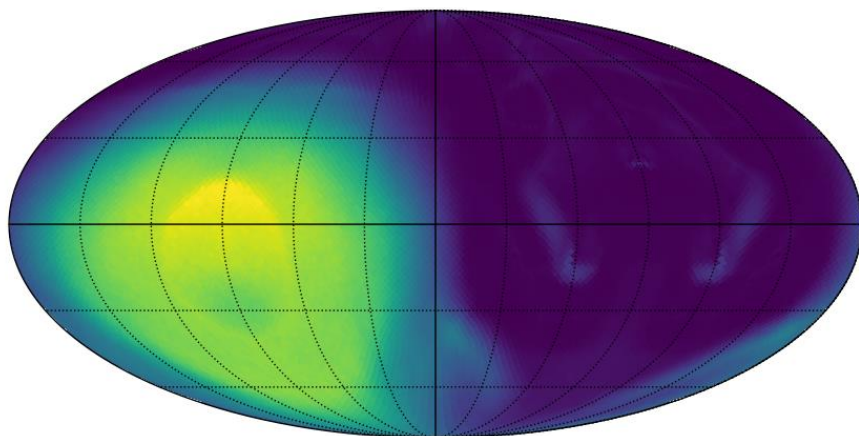


NN Polar $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 6.23 \text{ cm}^2$

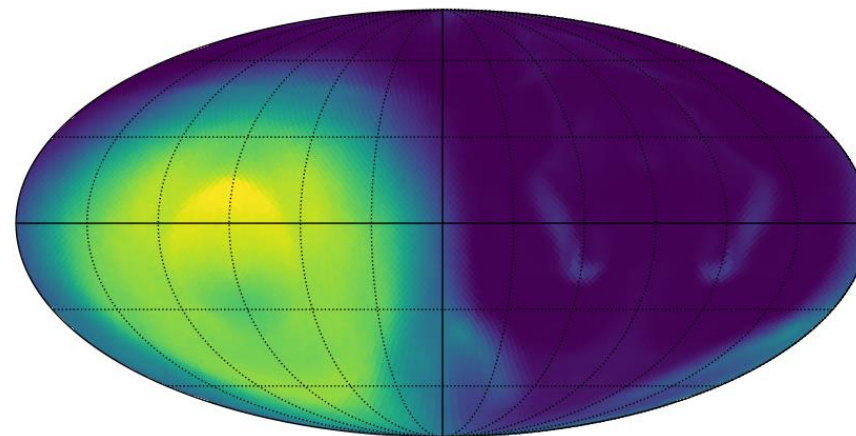


Single PMT Effective Area: Comparison at 550 nm

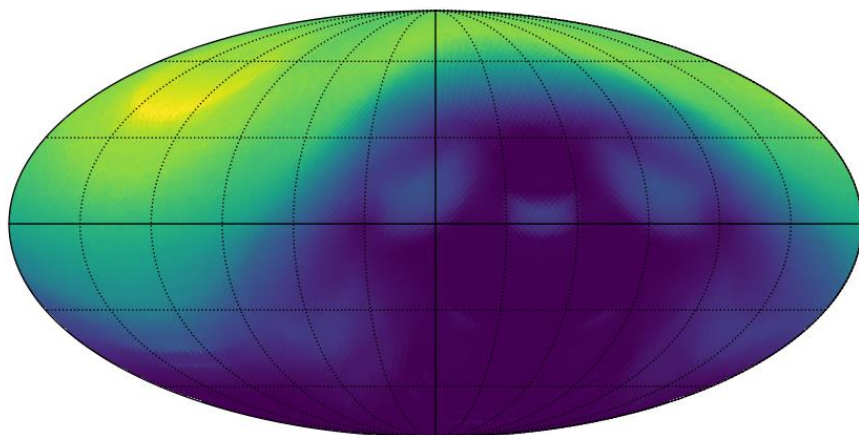
Geant4 Equatorial $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 2.78 \text{ cm}^2$



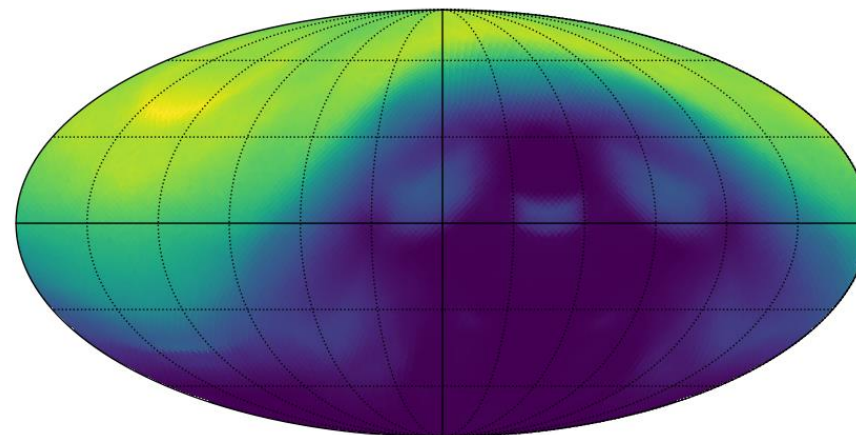
NN Equatorial $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 2.70 \text{ cm}^2$



Geant4 Polar $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 3.18 \text{ cm}^2$

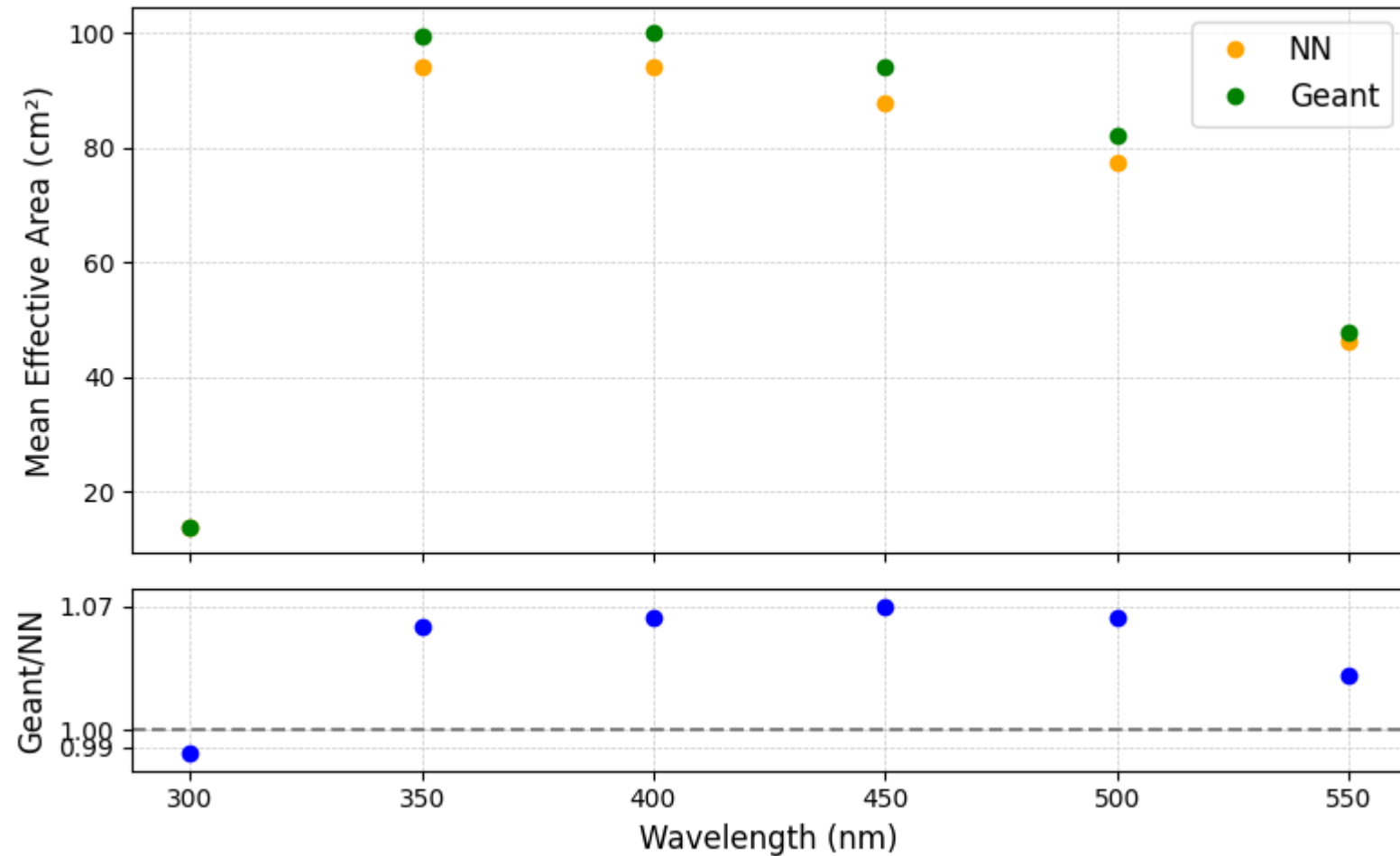


NN Polar $\bar{A}_{\text{eff}} = 3.09 \text{ cm}^2$



Mean Effective Area vs Wavelength

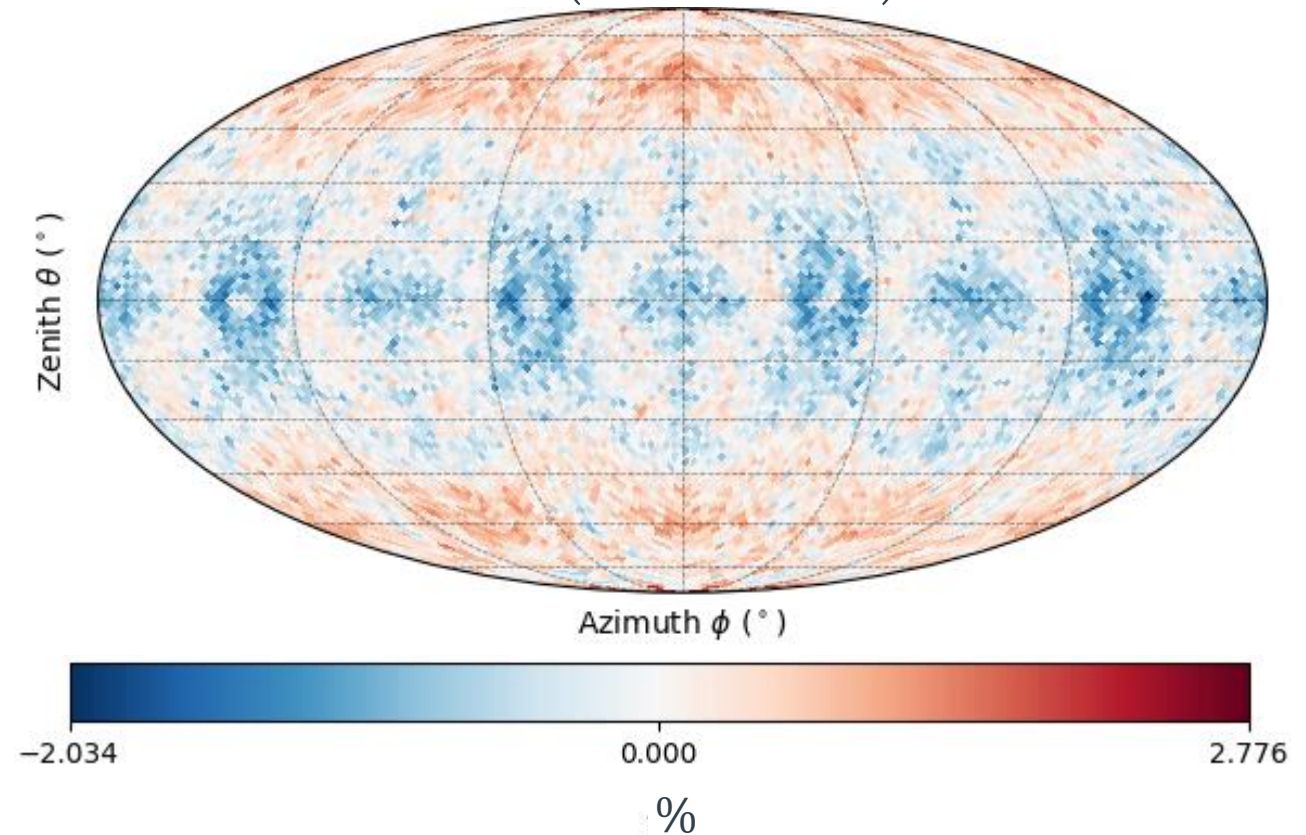
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- Relative probability seem okay
- Scale NN predictions?



Scaled difference @ 400 nm

$$\left(\text{Geant4} - \text{NN} \cdot \left(\frac{\text{mean}(\text{Geant4})}{\text{mean}(\text{NN})} \right) \right) / \text{Geant4}$$

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- Differences less than 3%:
→ Within expected module to module variations



Summary

Gen2 OM NN-based simulation seems promising:

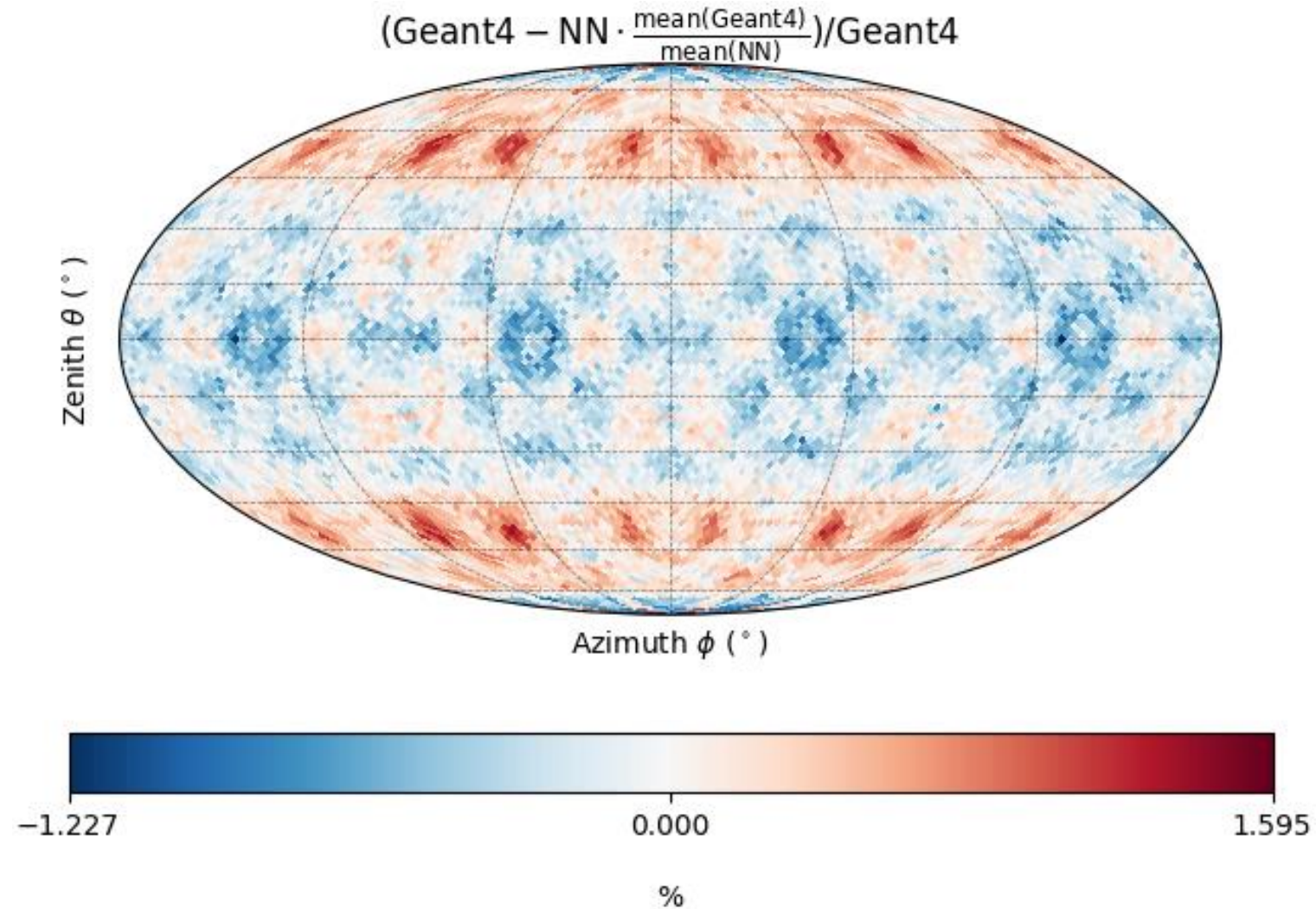
- NNs excel at interpolation of high-dimensional problems
- Use CNN with kernel size 1×1 to leverage symmetries
- Fast inference times in GPU (0.3 s / 1 million photons \rightarrow expect to reduce at least by 2)

Outlook

- Take Yukiho's PR as a reference for implementation in clsim
- Optimize NN hyperparameters and architecture
- Think how oversize / hole ice could be considered
- Any feedback is very welcome

Back-Up

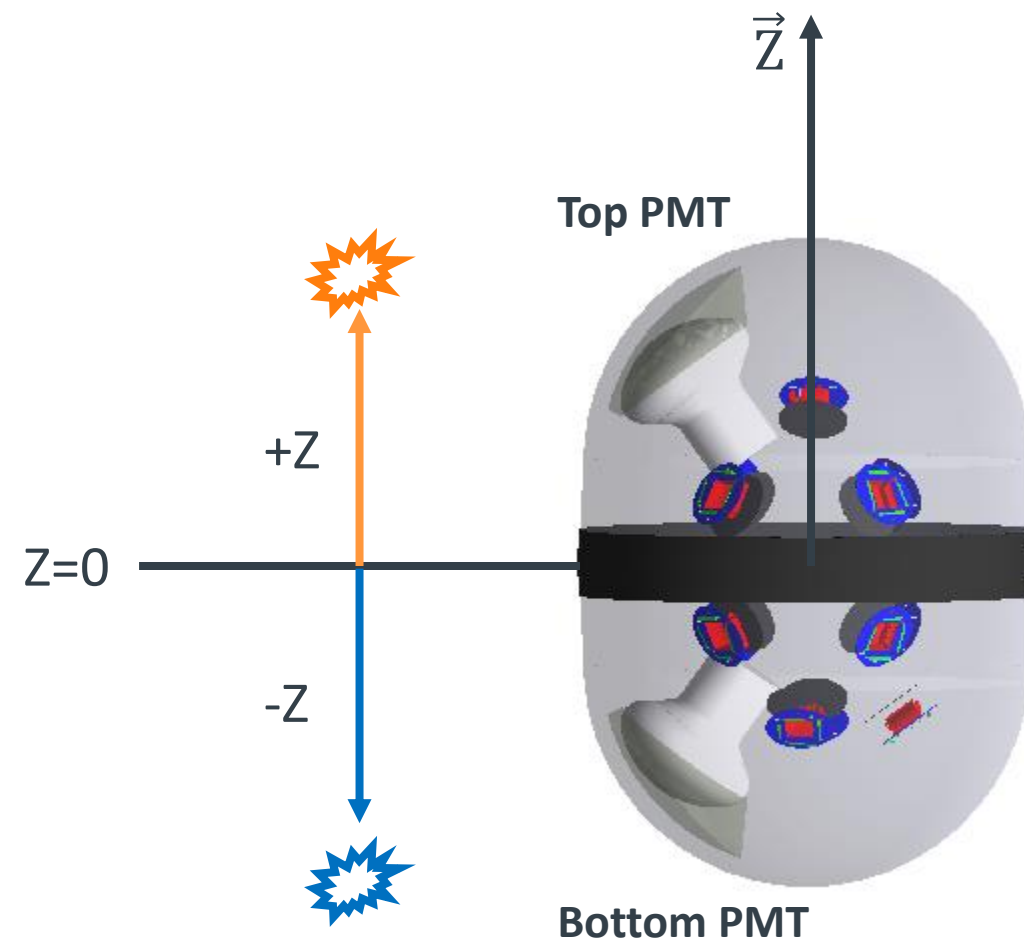
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LOM16 PMT Relative Values and Symmetries

Photon Position (at least 2 values required):

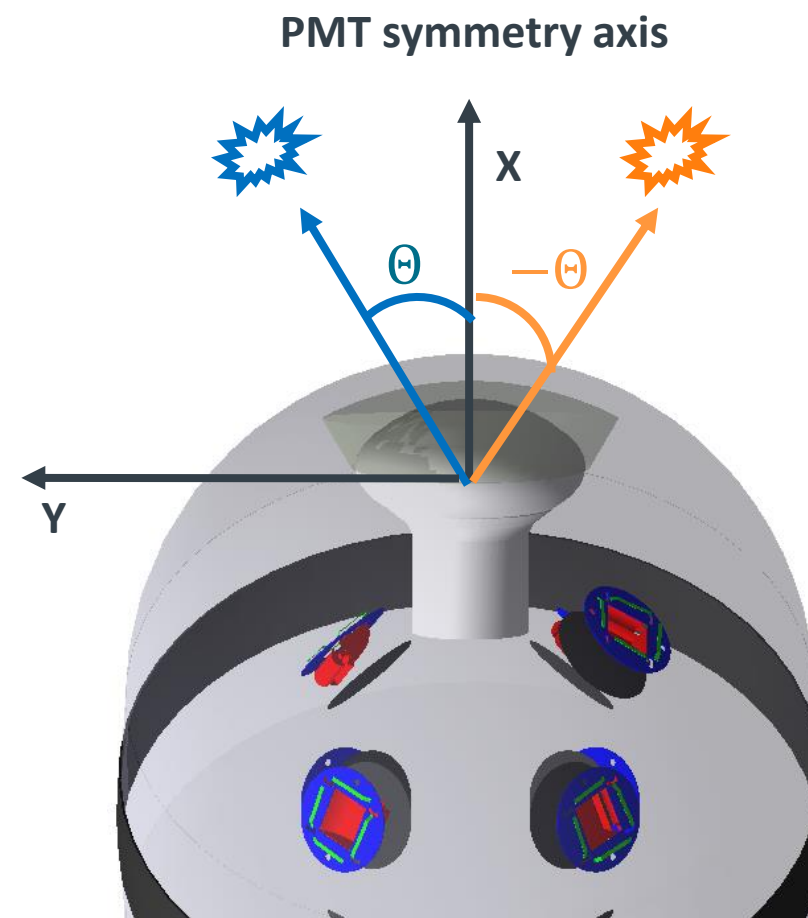
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 - Orange is to bottom PMT what blue is to top PMT
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2. Azimuth symmetry with respect to PMT symmetry axis in XY plane:
 - Blue and orange are equivalent
 - Give cosine of relative azimuth as an input



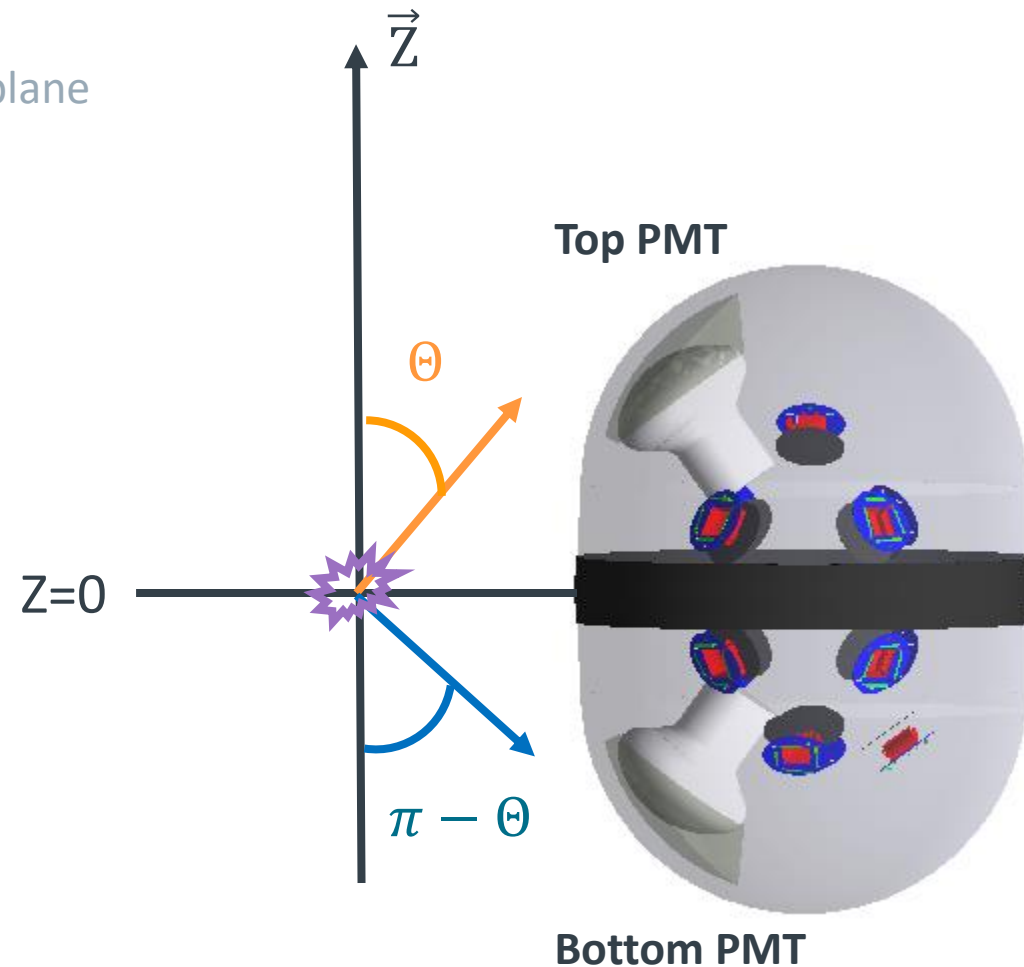
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Photon Direction (at least 2 values required):

1. Revert $\cos(\text{zenith})$ sign for bottom PMTs
 2. Mirror symmetry in azimuth
 - 1 and 3 have same azimuth, different from 2 and 4
 - 2 and 3 are equivalent, same goes for 1 and 4
 - Give cosine of relative azimuth as input
 - Identifier telling whether direction points to PMT as input
- will the photon get closer to PMT's "y" in the next step?

