

# **INICEMC MEETING - C++ MODULE FOR RF PROPAGATION THROUGH ICE AND FIRN**

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# OUTLINE

- I. A C++ Module for RF propagation in ice - Why?
  - A. Class structure and functions
  - B. How Propagator.h works
- II. Physics questions
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  - B. Reaching the surface
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  - D. RFRay.h distance and loss tracking (new)
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## THE CODE

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# CLASS STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS - SEE GITHUB, 918PARTICLE, RAY PROPAGATION

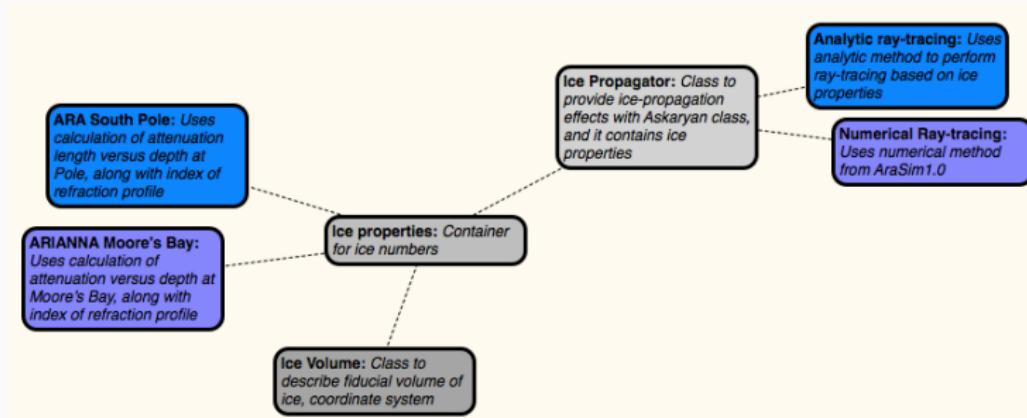


Figure 1: The original RF propagation class structure from AraSim2 outline.

# CLASS STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

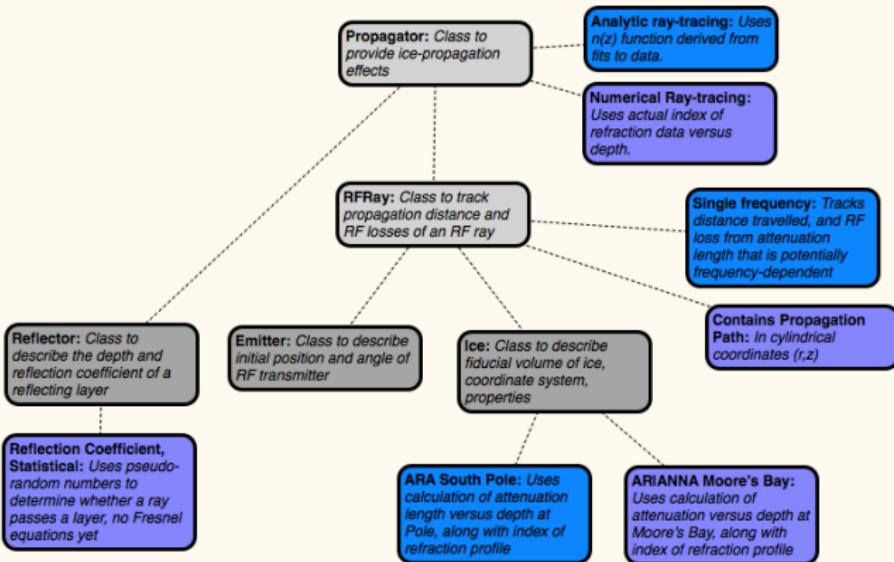


Figure 2: The current RF propagation class structure.

## HOW PROPAGATOR.H WORKS

```
class Propagator : public Reflector, public RFRay
{
public:
    float _globalTime; //nanoseconds
    float _timeStep; //nanoseconds
    std::pair<float, float> _currentPosition;
    bool _isInitialized;
    ...
    void InitializePropagator(float, ..., float);
    void AddReflector(float, float);
    void Propagate(); //Propagate ray through medium
    void ReadoutPath(std::string);
};
```

## HOW PROPAGATOR.H WORKS - CHECK FOR REFLECTIONS (ISSUE NO. 1)

```
void Propagator::Propagate()
{
float c0 = 0.299792458; //speed of light in vacuum, meters per nanosecond
float dz = 1.0e-4; //units: meters
float dndz = 0.0; //units: meters^(-1)
float theTime = 0.0;
this->_path.push_back(_emitterPosition);
bool flag = true;
while(theTime<_globalTime)
{
    float n = GetIndex(_emitterPosition.second);
    theTime+=_timeStep;
    std::pair<float,float> old_pos = _emitterPosition;
    _emitterPosition.first+=cos(_initialAngle)*_timeStep*c0/n;
    _emitterPosition.second+=sin(_initialAngle)*_timeStep*c0/n;
    this->_path.push_back(_emitterPosition);
    CheckForAReflection(_initialAngle,_emitterPosition.second);
    ...
}
```

## HOW PROPAGATOR.H WORKS - EVALUATE $dn/dz$ (ISSUE NO. 2)

```
...
if(std::abs(old_pos.second-_emitterPosition.second)>dz)
{
    dndz = (GetIndex(_emitterPosition.second)-GetIndex(old_pos.second))
        /(_emitterPosition.second-old_pos.second);
}
else
{
    dndz = (GetIndex(_emitterPosition.second)-GetIndex(_emitterPosition.second-dz))
        /(_emitterPosition.second-dz);
}
float dTheta = _timeStep*cos(_initialAngle)*dndz*c0/(n*n);
std::cout<<dTheta*180.0/3.14159<<" ";
if(dTheta>=3.14159/2.0 && dTheta<3.14159) dTheta-=3.14159/2.0;
else if(dTheta>=3.14159) dTheta-=3.14159;
_initialAngle+=dTheta;
this->_currentAngle = _initialAngle; //Change this after today, May 19th, 2017.
}
```

## PHYSICS QUESTIONS

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# MEASURED FIRN PROFILES AND CHANNELLING

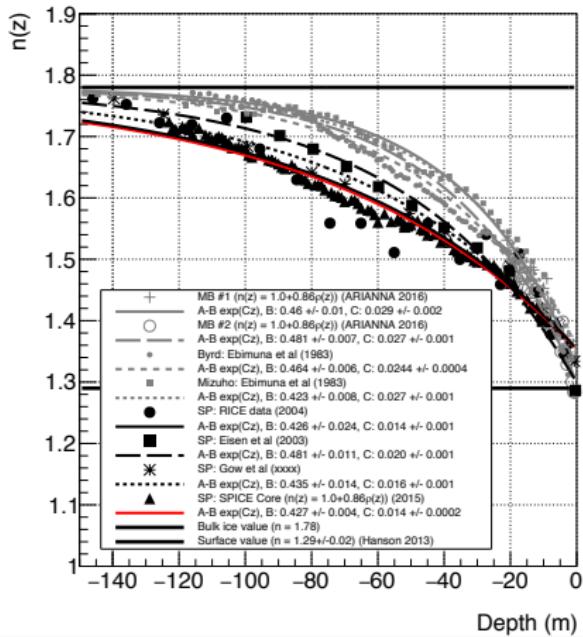
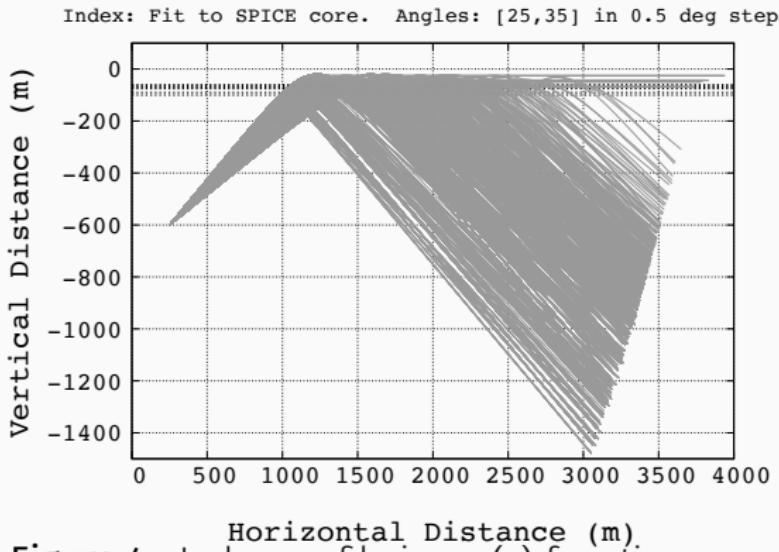


Figure 3: Summary of index of refraction data and fits.

## MEASURED FIRN PROFILES AND CHANNELLING

```
else if(modelName=="Gow")
{
    _A = 1.78;
    _B = 0.435;
    _C = 0.016;
    std::ifstream in("/home/jordan/ANewHope/Gow_withOnePlus8");
    float depth,index;
    while(in.good() && ~in.eof())
    {
        in>>depth;
        in>>index;
        _indexVsDepth.push_back(std::pair<float,float>(depth,index));
    }
    in.close();
}
```

# REACHING THE SURFACE WITH REFRACTION AND CHANELLING



**Figure 4:** Index profile is a  $n(z)$  function.

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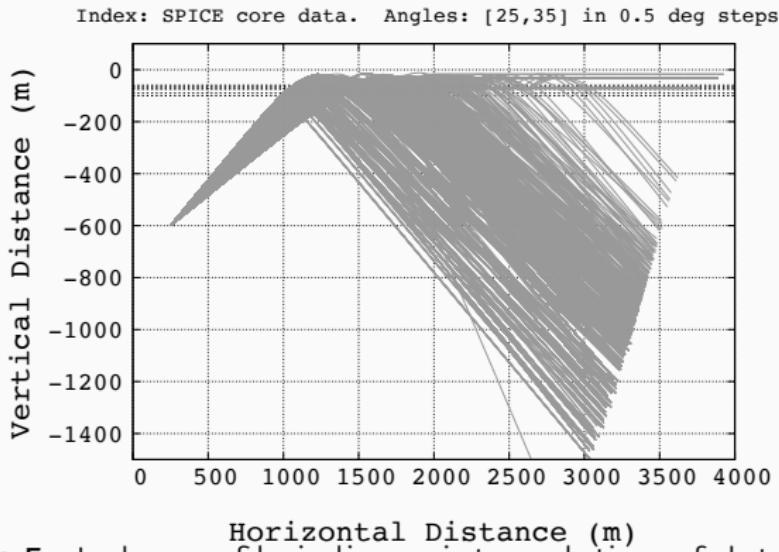


Figure 5: Index profile is linear interpolation of data.

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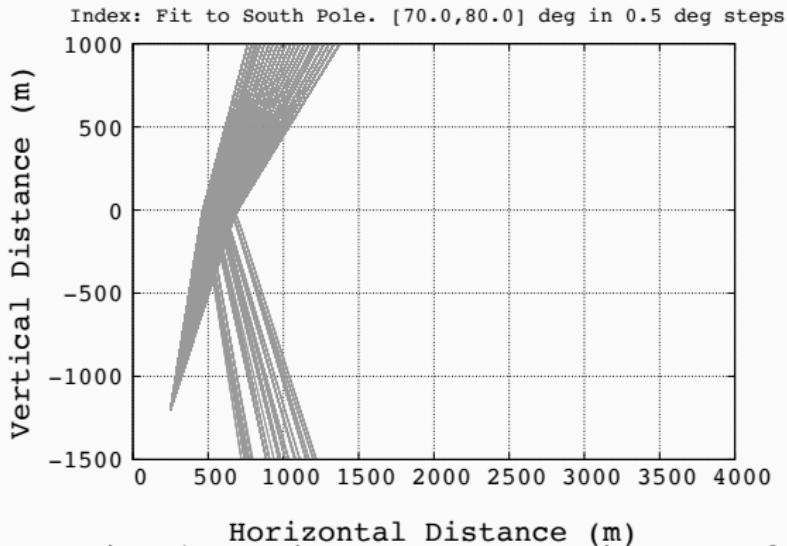


Figure 6: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

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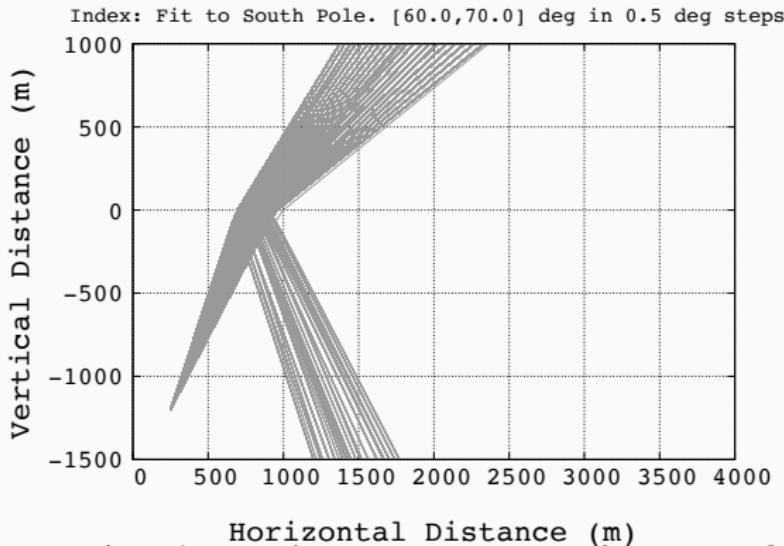


Figure 7: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

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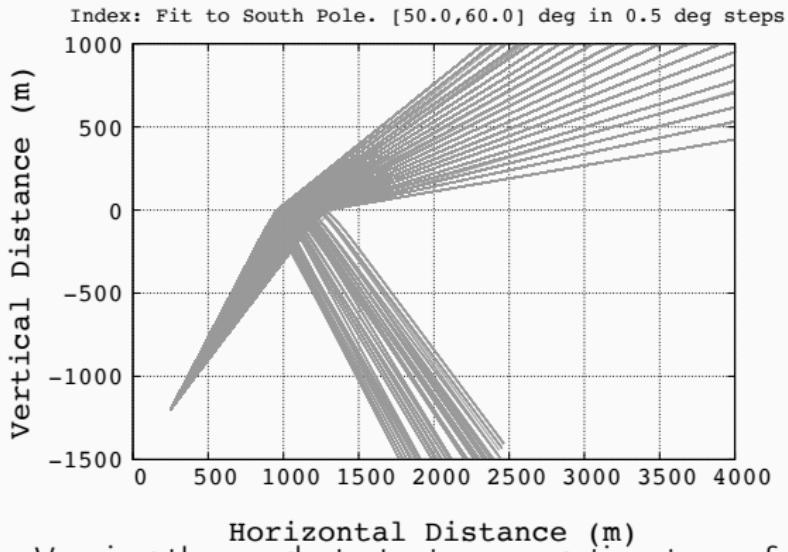


Figure 8: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

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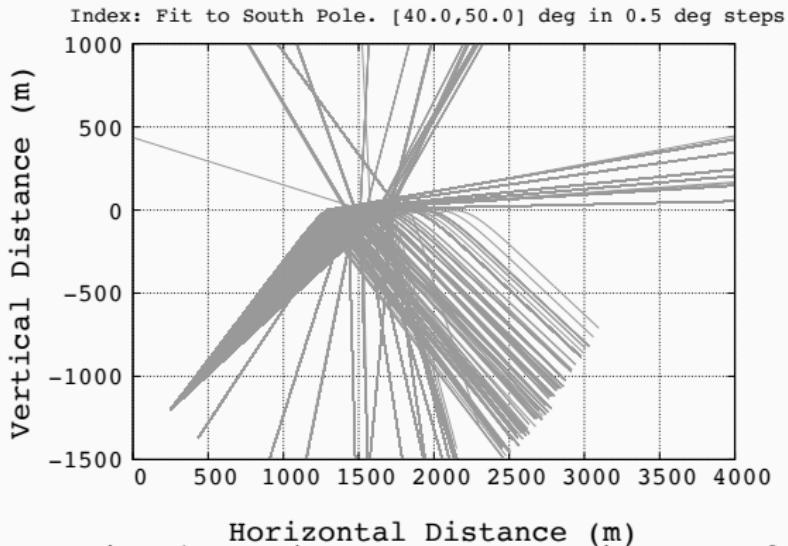


Figure 9: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

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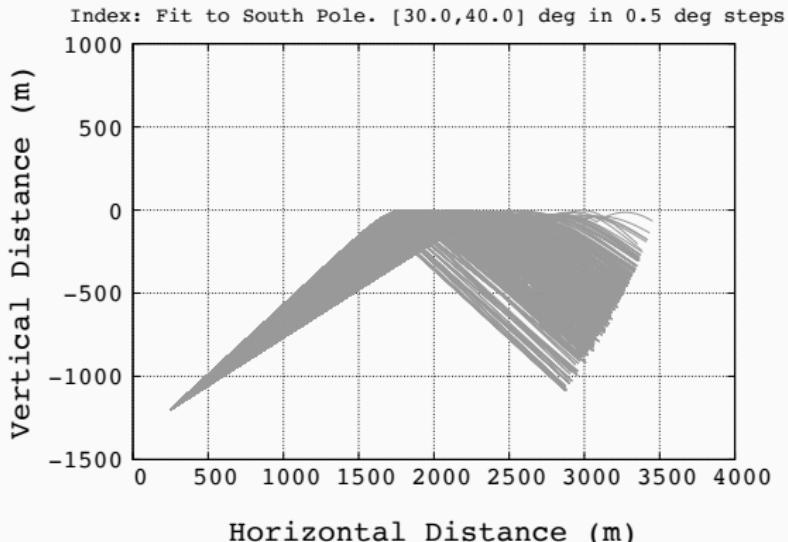


Figure 10: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

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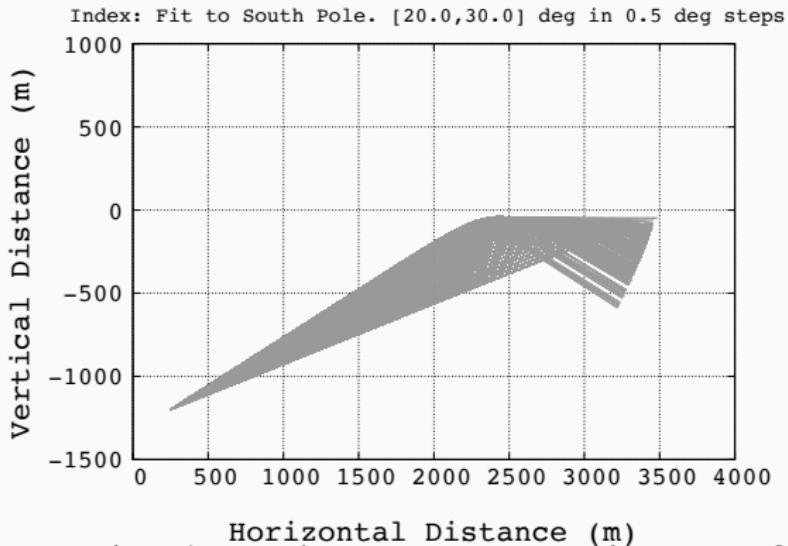


Figure 11: Varying the angle to test propagation to surface.

# SIGNALS FROM AIR TO FIRN

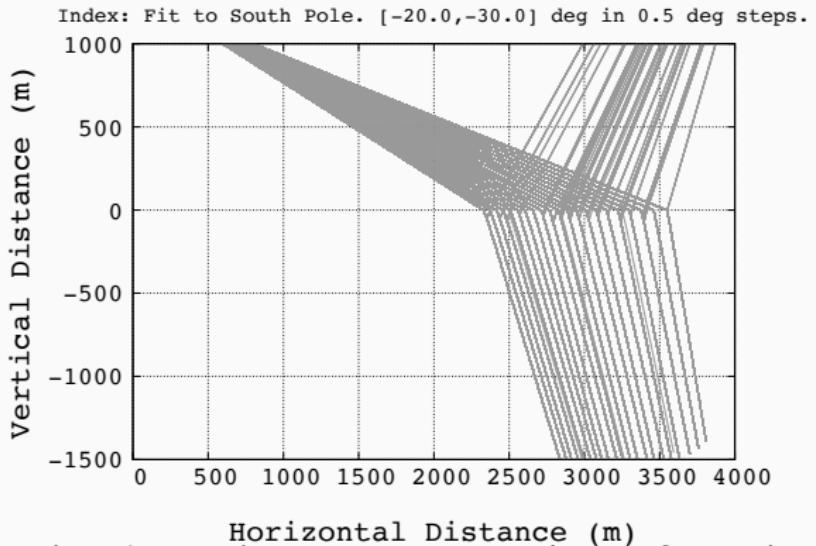


Figure 12: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

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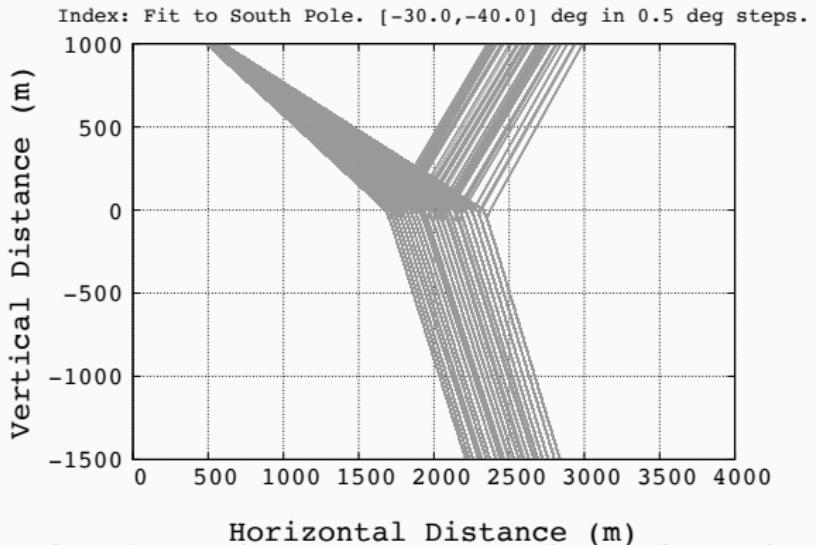


Figure 13: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

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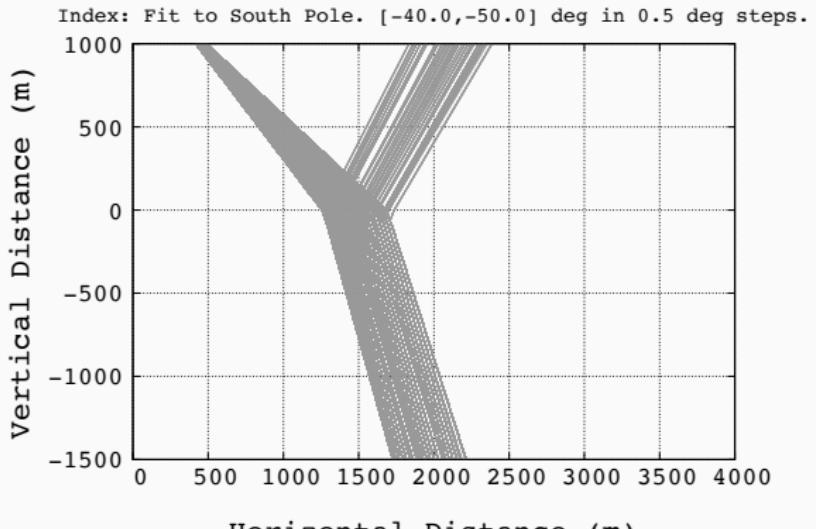


Figure 14: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

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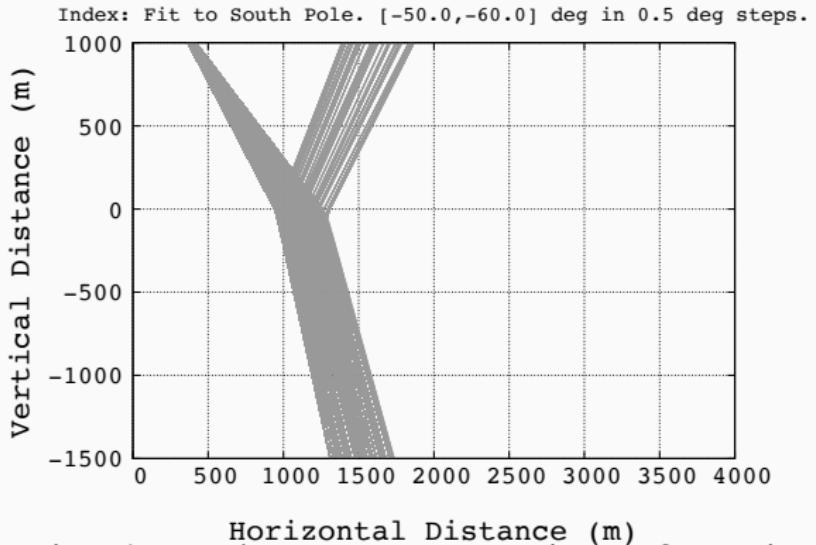


Figure 15: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

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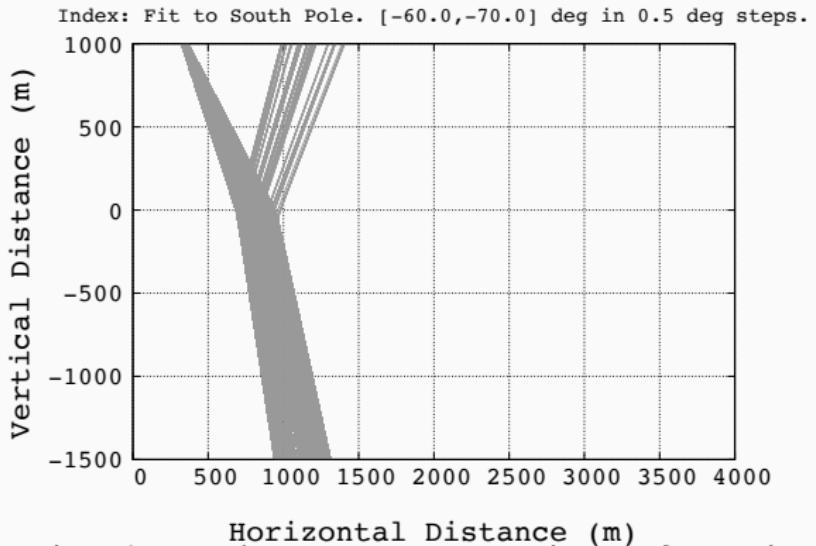


Figure 16: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

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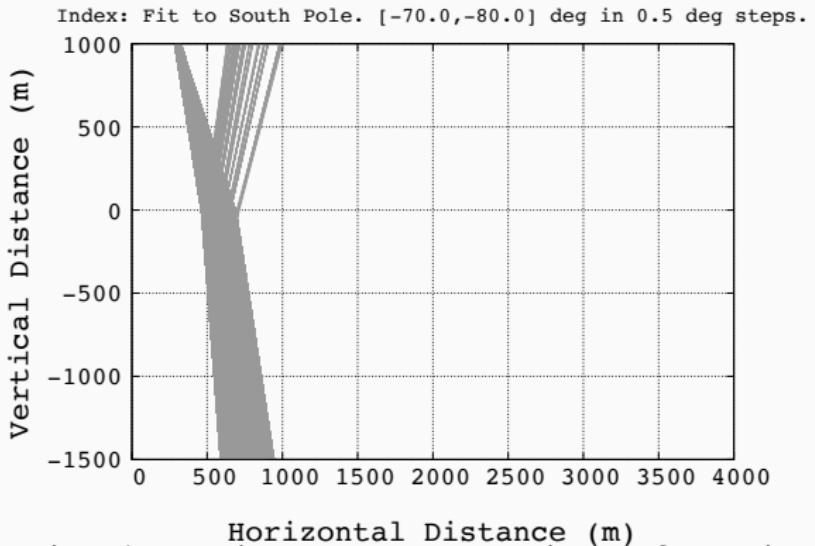


Figure 17: Varying the angle to test propagation to from air to firn.

## HOW PROPAGATOR.H WORKS

```
class RFRay : public Emitter, public Ice
{
public:
RFRay() : _distanceTravelled(0.0), _rfLoss(0.0), _freq(0.0)
void SetFreq(float);
void Update(std::pair<float,float>,float);
std::pair<float,float> _currentPosition; //Current position
float _currentAngle; //Current angle with respect to horizontal
std::pair<float,float> _priorPosition; //Current position
float _distanceTravelled; //Keeps track of the propagation distance
float _rfLoss; //Amount of attenuation (apart from distance)
float _freq; //Frequency of the ray
std::vector<std::pair<float,float> > _path;
};
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