

Direct hole-ice simulations with Upgrade-like geometry

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Resources

Scripts and plots for this talk:

<https://github.com/fiedl/hole-ice-study/issues/117>

YouTube video with Steamshovel visualization:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_QGNdGG9Ew

Thesis (2018-09-05) with more info on direct hole-ice simulation:

<https://github.com/fiedl/hole-ice-latex>

Previous talks:

<https://github.com/fiedl/hole-ice-talk/releases>

LATEX version of these presentation slides:

<https://github.com/fiedl/hole-ice-talk>

Simulation scenario

For each angle polar and azimuthal angle, shoot photons onto the DOM, possibly propagate through the bubble column, and count hits.

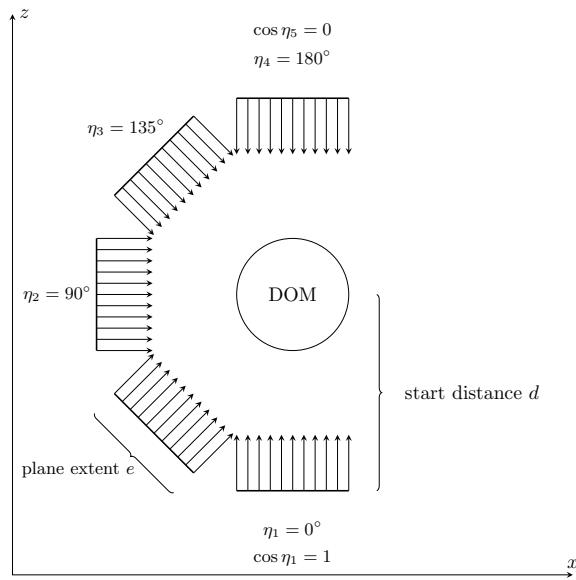


Figure: View from the side. Shooting photons from different polar angles.

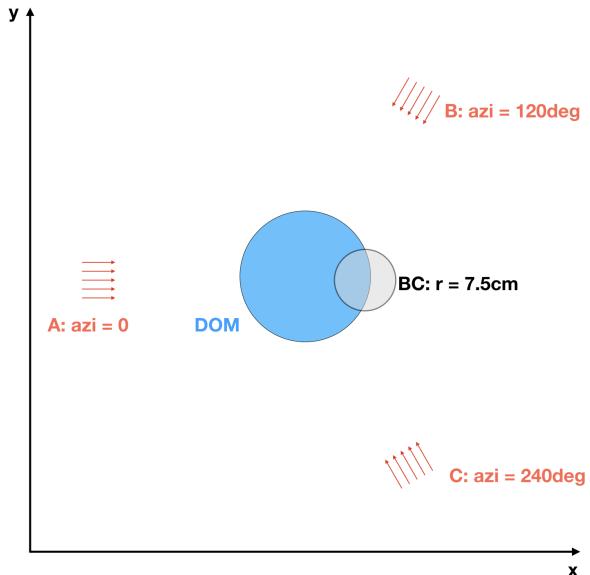
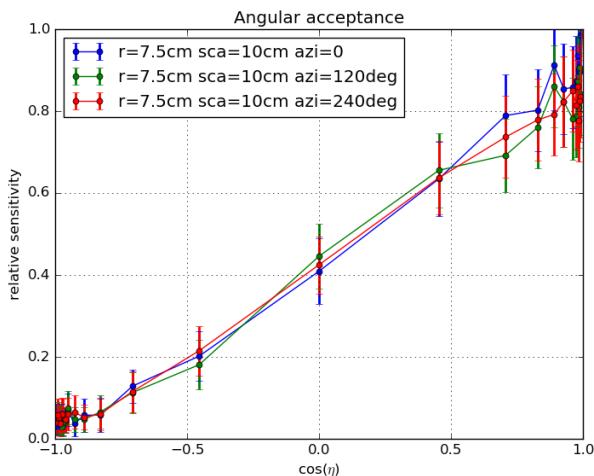


Figure: View from above. Shooting photons from different azimuthal angles.

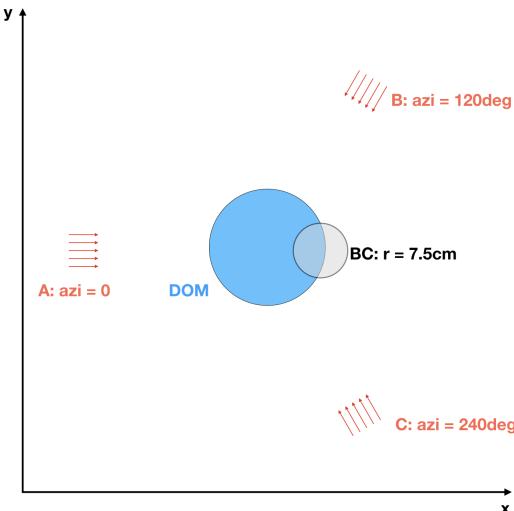
Simulation results



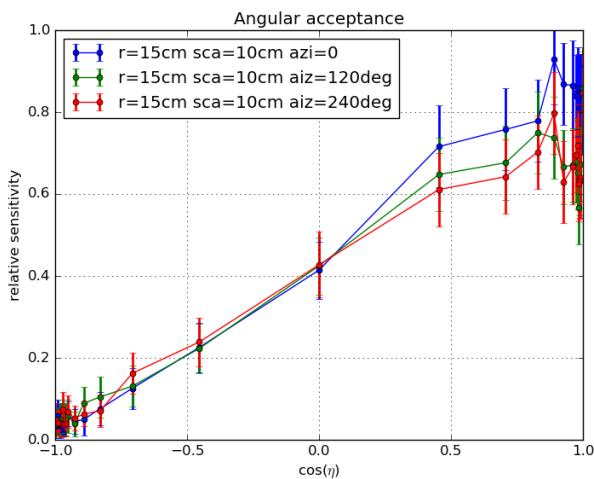
Total photon hit count: 12968 / 1e6

Configuration: Starting distance 3 m, plane-wave extent 3 m, bubble-column geometric scattering length 10 cm, bulk-ice geometric scattering length 130 cm.

- For lower polar angles ($\cos \eta \approx 1$), less photons should arrive from azimuths B and C as from azimuth A as the DOM's PMTs look downwards and photons from B and C are more likely to cross the bubble-column cylinder.
- From azimuths B and C, the same number of photons should arrive due to the symmetry of the scenario (right image).



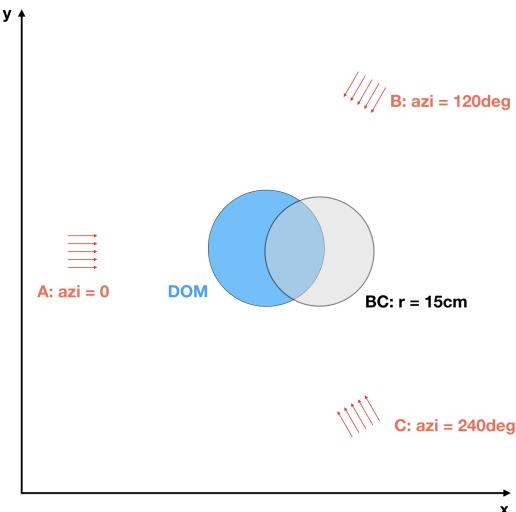
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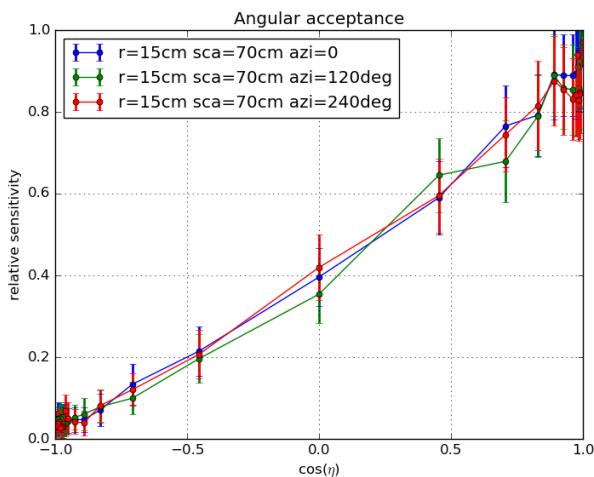
Total photon hit count: 11600 / 1e6

Configuration: Starting distance 3 m, plane-wave extent 3 m, bubble-column geometric scattering length 10 cm, bulk-ice geometric scattering length 130 cm.

- For a larger bubble column with same scattering lenght, the effect should increase. ✓



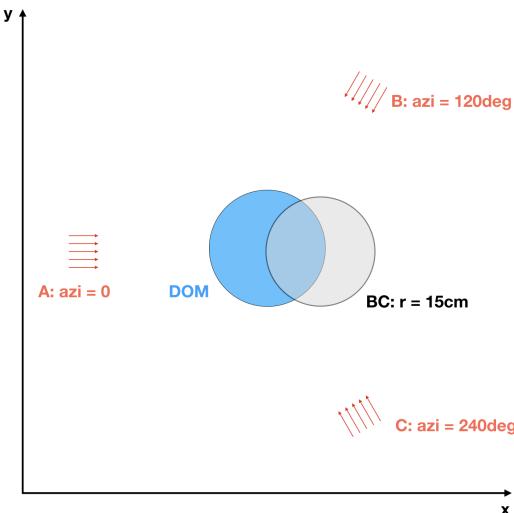
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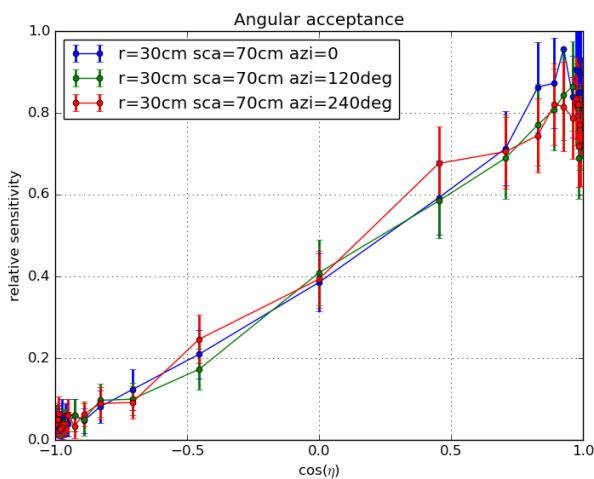
Total photon hit count: 13115 / 1e6

Configuration: Starting distance 3 m, plane-wave extent 3 m, bubble-column geometric scattering length 70 cm, bulk-ice geometric scattering length 130 cm.

- For a larger scattering length (weaker bubble column), the effect should decrease. ✓



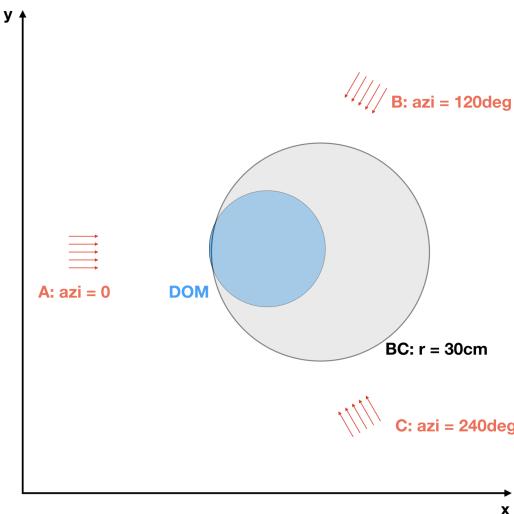
Simulation results



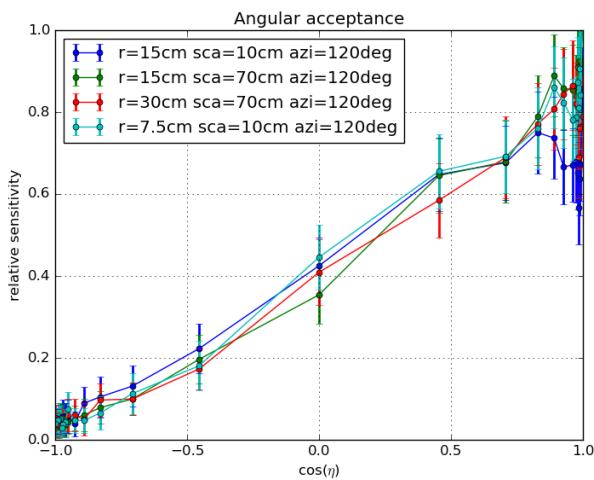
Total photon hit count: 12339 / 1e6

Configuration: Starting distance 3 m, plane-wave extent 3 m, bubble-column geometric scattering length 70 cm, bulk-ice geometric scattering length 130 cm.

- For a larger bubble column, the effect should increase.
- Less photons should arrive in total as the whole DOM is now shielded by the hole ice. ✓

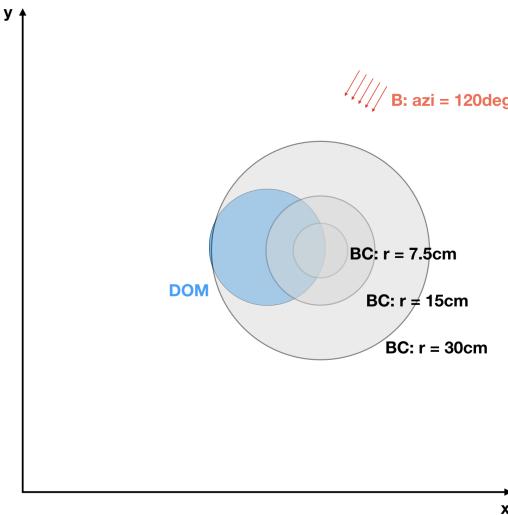


Simulation results



Configuration: Starting distance 3 m, plane-wave extent 3 m, bulk-ice geometric scattering length 130 cm.

- Comparing different bubble columns for the same direction of incoming photons.
- For a stronger or larger bubble column, the effect should increase.

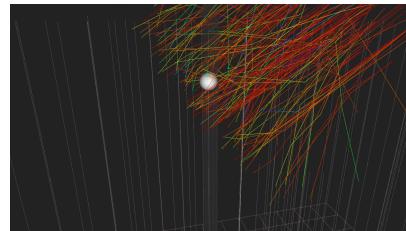


Thanks for your attention!

Any input you might have is welcome:

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