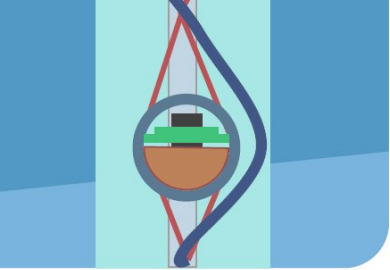


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# Discussions on detector & ice systematics

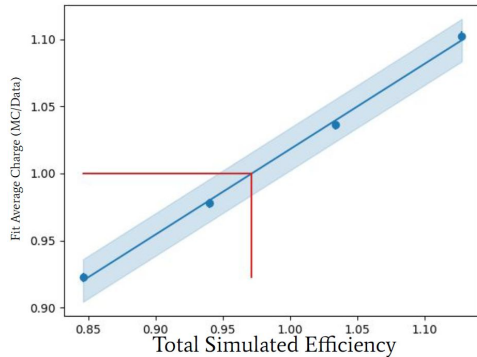
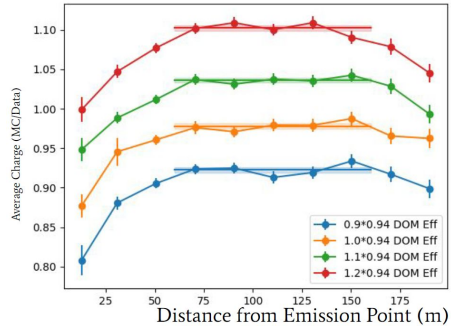
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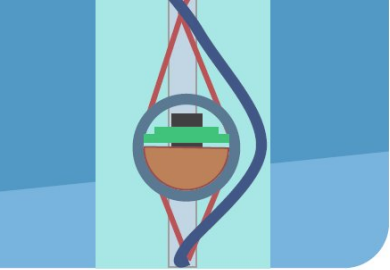


# How we derive DOM efficiency uncertainty

- Select minimum ionizing muons
- Match their average charge at a stable distance range to MC assuming different DOM efficiencies
- Complicated by systematics such as angular acceptance, distance dependent wavelength attenuation, fiducial volume ...
- Usually interpret stat.+ syst. 1sigma error of analysis as systematic DOM efficiency uncertainty for discrete sets



Current status from Thomas



# How we derive ice systematics

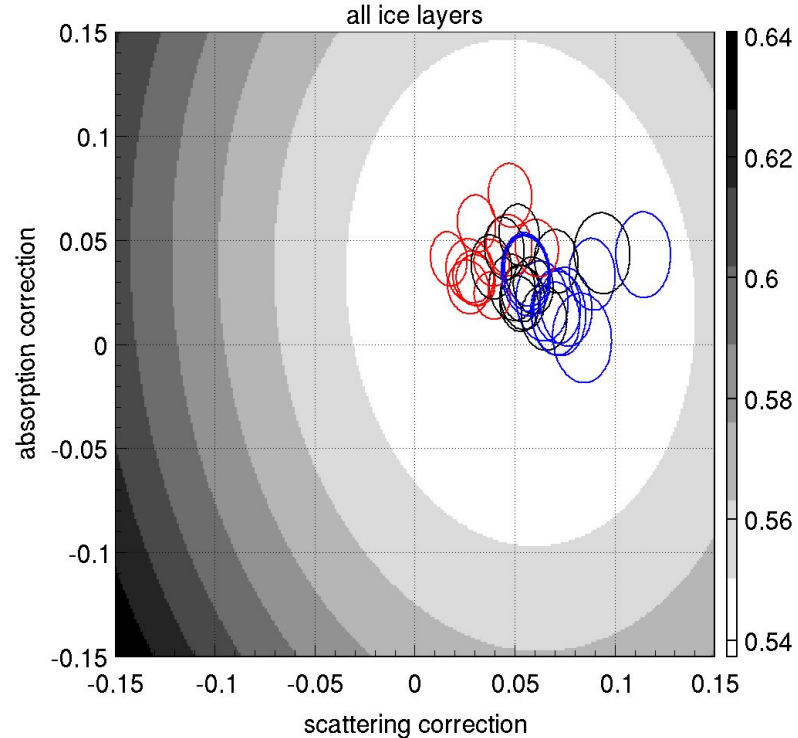
Refit global scaling of scattering & absorption for:

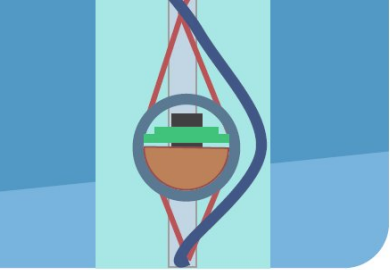
- Horizontal & tilted LEDs
- Different anisotropy assumptions
- Different relative DOM efficiencies
- Different angular acceptance curves
- Different flasher pulse timing profiles
- Different flasher angular emission templates
- Different scattering functions

Identify range that covers ~68% of deviations.

Latest full compilation here:

[https://events.icecube.wisc.edu/event/106/contributions/1317/attachments/952/1035/ice\\_systematics.pdf](https://events.icecube.wisc.edu/event/106/contributions/1317/attachments/952/1035/ice_systematics.pdf)





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## Different ways of providing & applying systematics

Our primary concern is avoiding biases

→ release improved ice models even if their uncertainty not fully evaluated

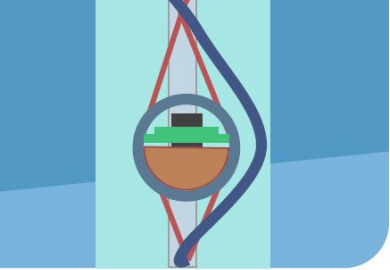
Ways to provide systematics

- Discrete sets, syst. error at analysis level is full discrepancy to baseline set
- Apply systematics as priors without fitting (requires PDFs to be provided)
- Fitting nuisance parameters (as also in SnowStorm) (may deviate from Bayesian priors)

Systematics are no exact science... Consistency between analyses is more important.  
So that techniques and their resulting sensitivities can be compared.

This has not been the case for a while now, with people interpreting the discrete sets in different ways. Aim to provide guidance for PDF based approaches. Full consistency not possible anymore.

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*As presented at the last collaboration meeting*

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## Recommended ice model and systematics

[https://wiki.icecube.wisc.edu/index.php/Ice\\_models](https://wiki.icecube.wisc.edu/index.php/Ice_models)

Moving from discrete sets to recommending priors so to support Bayesian analyses.

**SpiceBFRv2** for new datasets, legacy support for Spice3(.x) but being phased out

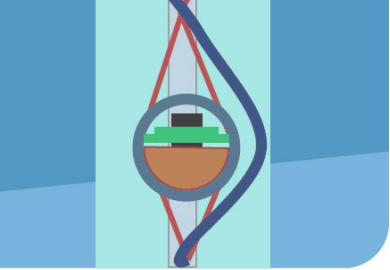
**DOM efficiency:** rectangular flat prior between 0.9 and 1.1 (until update by Thomas)

**Absorption/scattering:** 2D Gaussian with individual standard deviations of 5% each

**Anisotropy: Analysis dependent.** If critical and BFR can not be used, test 0% to ~10% in Lea/3.2.  
BFR uncertainties currently being evaluated.

**Hole ice: Analysis dependent.** Unified Hole Ice Model with  $p_0 = -0.27$  &  $p_1 = -0.042$  as default.  
Flat rectangular priors between  $p_0 = [-0.5, 0.3]$  and  $p_1 = [-0.1, 0.05]$   
*(Exact cable positions known for some time now, but still requires implementation and testing.)*

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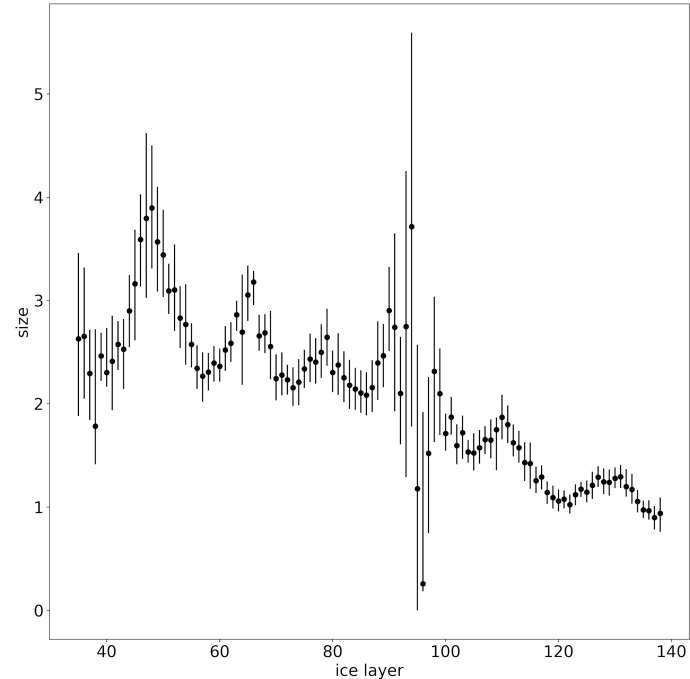
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# Anisotropy uncertainty

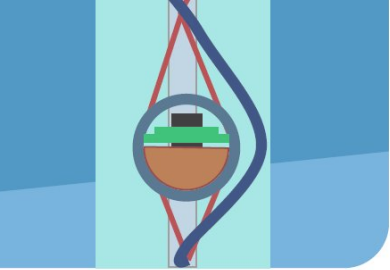
**For SpiceBFRx models:** no well established method yet

the granularity (size) parameter serves as the primary scaling parameter, the average relative uncertainty is  $\sim 15\%$ , this could be used as the std. of a Gaussian.

**For Spice3.x models:** Uniform prior between 0% (best timing) to  $\sim 10\%$  (best charge)







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## DOM efficiency

For the DOM efficiency we currently recommend  $\pm 10\%$ .

Muon analyses yield smaller statistical errors, but last complete analysis is on rather outdated ice, recos, detector simulation...

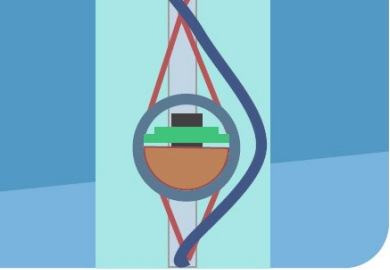
*This interconnection is a somewhat historic caution, may be dropped as we now see ice model photon yields to be extremely compatible (sub%)*

**Would opt to stick with a conservative uncertainty. For example uniform from 0.9 to 1.1.**

**This was critized for being less conservative than a Gaussian prior. May be revisited.**

*SPICE3 analysis by Thomas ongoing. Preliminary results indicate 95% for IceCube DOMs and 90% for DeepCore. SpiceBFR should have no impact, but needs to be checked.*





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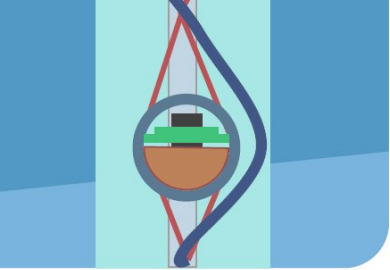
## Cable / DOM orientation

As released is just the DOM LED orientation.

For the cable which is the relevant effect, the attachment uncertainty has to be taken into account -> 5-10deg Gaussian???

(as this is significantly smaller than the uncertainty of the cable shadow analysis a perturbation on this level is probably irrelevant -> does not need to be varied)

Two implementation schemes: Direct simulation (oversizing 1 specific) or backward propagation after hit (also possible at higher oversizing). cISim implementations lacking.



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## Items not currently considered

**Direct hole ice:** SpiceHD orientations discredited as cable correlated.  
Analysis by Dima ongoing. New orientations, size and scattering length seem reasonable.  
First release with SpiceBFRv2 → wait until at least tested by LowEn-Group

**Ice stratigraphy:** Per-layer uncertainty as deduced by Dima and applied as random scatter is subdominant. Perturbation as considered in the FFT ice model still under investigation.

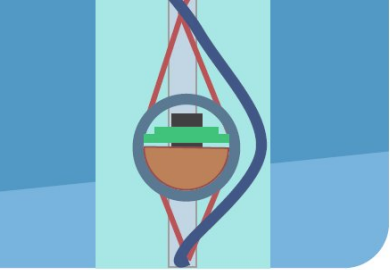
**Geometry:** Potential ~10% effect on for example high energy direction reco known for some time. Muon analysis by Matti ongoing. Flasher analysis so far unsuccessful.

**Relative DOM efficiencies:** Flasher study by Dima recently updated.  
Dedicated studies with muons ongoing.

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A photograph of a car's roof and hood covered in a thick layer of snow. A dark, rectangular sensor is mounted on the left side of the hood. The snow is unevenly distributed, with some areas appearing more compacted than others. The background is a bright, overcast sky.

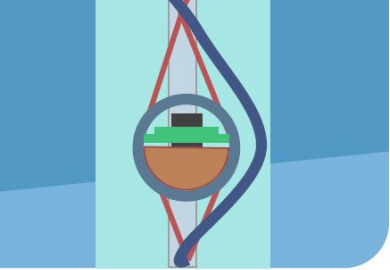
**Now for the SnowStorm specifics**



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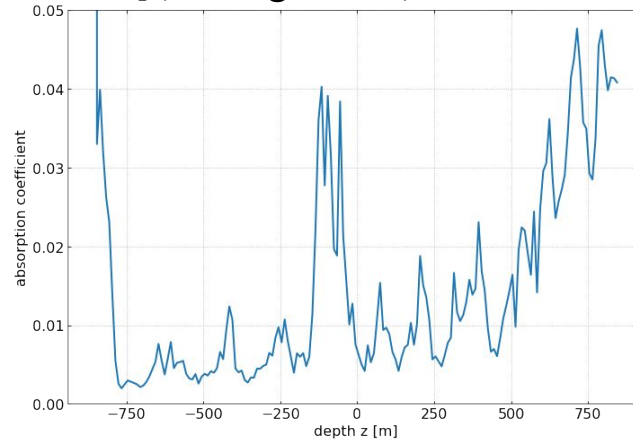
# SnowStorm Photon Propagation

- Perturbation of detector + ice systematics during photon propagation
  - a. Define all SnowStorm parameters to use and their sampling distributions
  - b. Load a baseline ice-model
  - c. Dice SnowStorm ice-model parameters and update CLSim's photon propagation kernel
  - d. Process a bunch of frames with these ice-model settings (~ 100 – 1000)
  - e. Dice + load new SnowStorm ice-model parameters
  - f. Repeat steps d + e

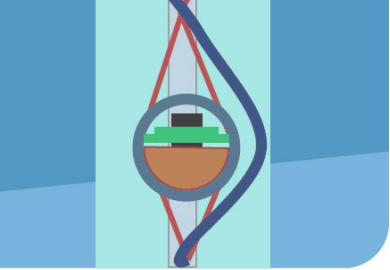


# SnowStorm Parametrizations

- (Global) scaling of the bulk ice scattering + absorption coefficient
  - In the actual code, the scattering/absorption length is scaled by  $1/x$
- Currently: uniform sampling [0.9 - 1.1] (scaling factor)



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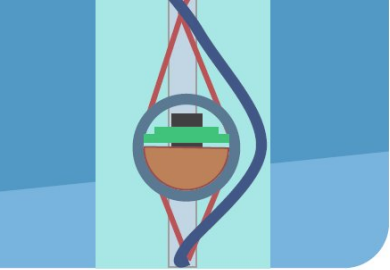


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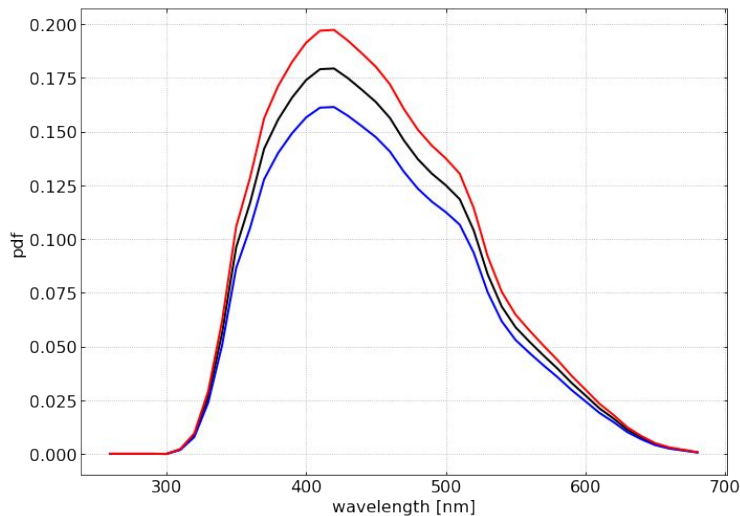
- Scaling of the 2d ice anisotropy ellipse
- Currently: uniform sampling [0.0 - 2.0] (scaling factor)
  - Corresponds to 0 - 15% anisotropy

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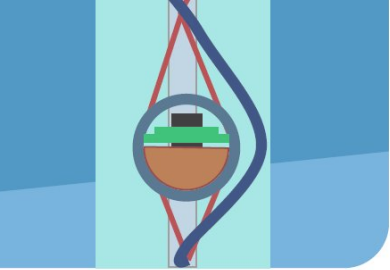


# SnowStorm Parametrizations

- Direct scaling of the DOM's wavelength acceptance
- Currently: uniform sampling [0.9 - 1.1] (scaling factor)

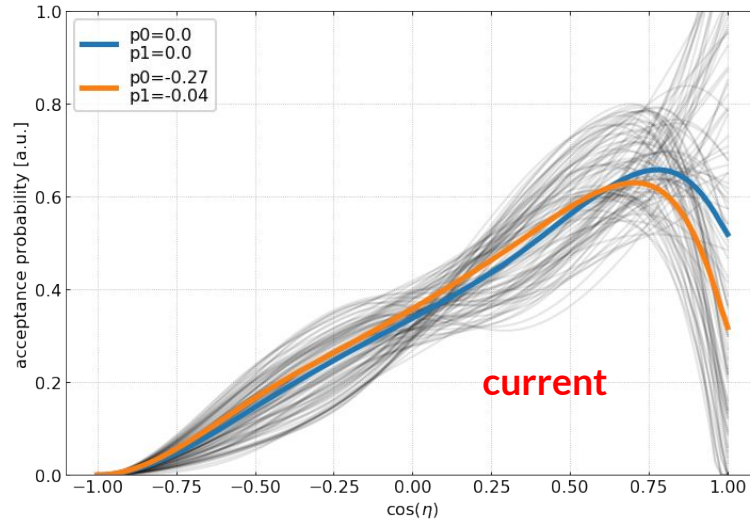


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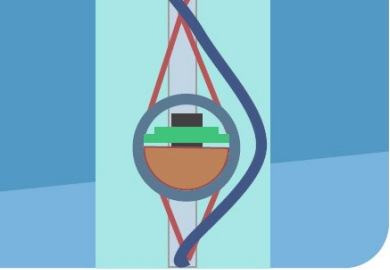
# SnowStorm Parametrizations

- Using the unified HoleIce model from Phillipp Eller
- Independent uniform sampling of both parameters
  - $p0 = [-1.0, +1.0]$
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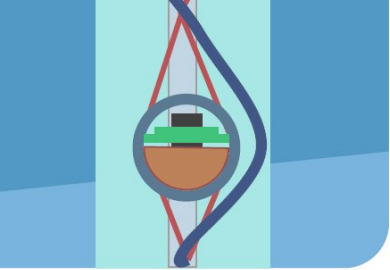


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## SnowStorm Parametrizations

- Depth dependent scaling of the ice absorption + scattering using the icewave ice-model from icetray
- Only varying the IceWavePlusModes, 12 modes, 2 parameters (amplitude, phase) each
- Not used/applied in first SnowStorm production sets:
  - Minor changes of single modes were yield to ice-models 15-30 sigmas away from the flasher best fit model:  
[slides](#)

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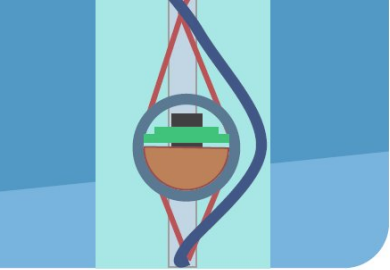


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## SnowStorm Systematics - Overview

- Overview of all currently “snowstormable” parameters
- All SnowStorm parameters are based on Spice3.2.1 as baseline ice-model
  - The baseline model gets loaded/initialized before any perturbations gets applied
  - HoleIceUnified baseline:  $p_0 = p_1 = 0.0$

Systematic	Sampling Distribution	Range
IceWavePlusModes	2x 12 Gaussians	---
Scattering	uniform	[0.9, 1.1]
Absorption	uniform	[0.9, 1.1]
AnisotropyScale	uniform	[0.0, 2.0] (= 0-15%)
DOMEfficiency	uniform	[0.9, 1.1]
HoleIceForward_Unified	uniform	p0 [-1.0, +1.0] p1 [-0.2, +0.2]

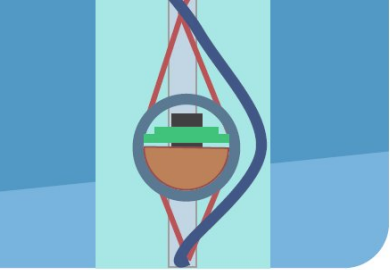


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# SnowStorm Systematics - Outlook

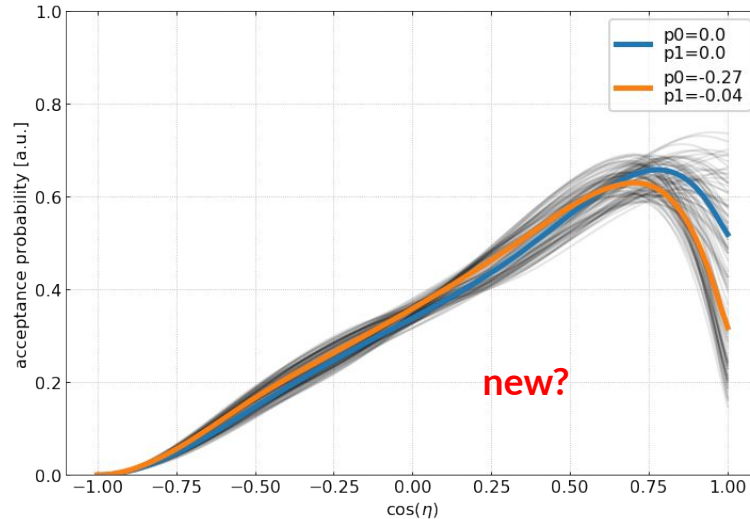
- Update the baeline ice-model from Spice3.2.1 to SpiceBFR (v1)
  - Do we need to modify the existing parametrizations?
- Update HoleIce baseline to new values
- Adjust sampling distributions?

<b>Systematic</b>	<b>Sampling Distribution</b>	<b>Range</b>
<a href="#">IceWavePlusModes</a>	2x 12 <a href="#">Gaussians</a>	---
<a href="#">Scattering</a>	uniform	?
Absorption	uniform	?
<a href="#">AnisotropyScale</a>	uniform	?
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<a href="#">HoleIceForward_Unified</a>	uniform	?



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