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In-situ calibration device for the measurement of the snow accumulation and the index-of-refraction profile [Time: 10+3]

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High-precision neutrino energy reconstruction requires a real time monitoring of the firn properties (snow accumulation h and the index-of-refraction profile n(z)). In this talk, I will present a design for an in-situ calibration device applicable to an IceCube-Gen2 radio array, consisting of two shallow emitter antennas and a receiver at 15m depth. The optimal configuration of the emitters, that yields the best reconstruction in h and a two-parameter n(z) model, is determined. A simplified version of this technique has already been tested in-situ at one ARIANNA station at the Ross Ice Shelf to continuously measure the snow accumulation.

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