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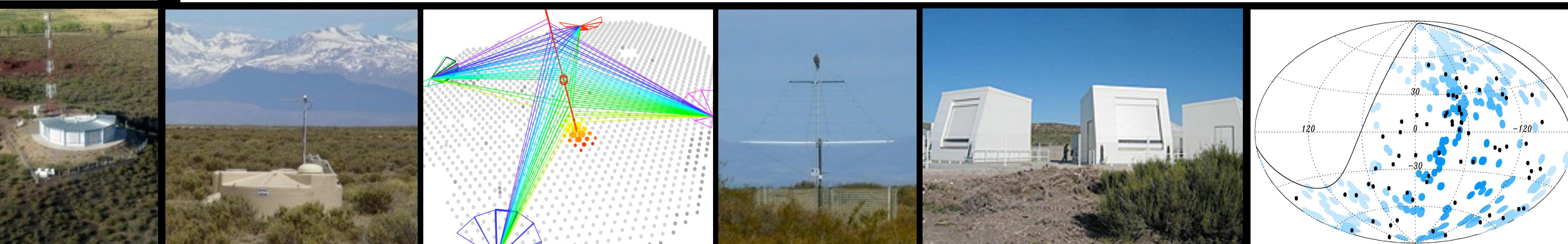
Grand Workshop

SELFAS

Simulation of **E**Lectric **F**ield emitted by **A**ir **S**

Focus on horizontal air showers

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SELFAS Concept

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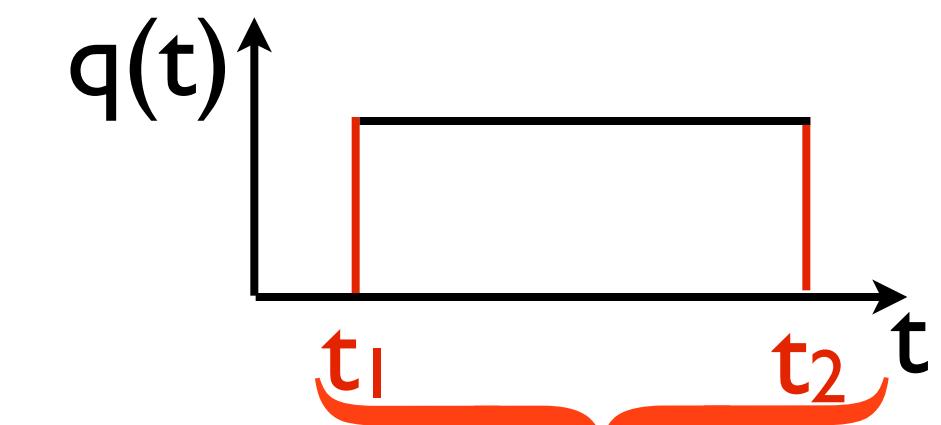
- Dedicated to radio emission in the MHz range
- Autonomous code which doesn't launch any full shower simulation (CORSIKA, AIRES)
- Based on air shower universality
- Using relevant universal distributions :
 - GIL Longitudinal profile or CONEX
 - Energy distribution
 - Vertical and horizontal momentum direction
 - lateral distribution
 - Delay time (shower front thickness)
- Generate only e^+ and e^- of the shower front (3D)
- Track each e^+/e^- along their trajectory to compute and sum up all individual field contribution at any observation point

Formalism, field

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Individual charge with a finite life time

t_1 = start point time t_2 = end point time



Charge density $\rho(\mathbf{x}', t')$ = $q[\theta(t' - t_1) - \theta(t' - t_2)]\delta^3(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}_0(t'))$

Current density $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t')$ = $\rho(\mathbf{x}', t')\mathbf{v}(t')$

With Maxwell equations :

(Lorentz gauge)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3x' dt' \frac{1}{R} \left[-\nabla' \rho - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t'} \right]_{\text{ret}} \delta \left\{ t' - \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c} \right) \right\}$$

Performing time and spatial integrations :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \left[\frac{\mathbf{n}q(t_{\text{ret}})}{R^2(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})} \right]_{\text{ret}} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\mathbf{n}q(t_{\text{ret}})}{R(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})} \right]_{\text{ret}} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\mathbf{v}q(t_{\text{ret}})}{R(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})} \right]_{\text{ret}} \right\}$$

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At shower scale : summing up all contributions

$$\mathbf{E}_{tot}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \sum_{i=1} \left[\frac{\mathbf{n}_i q_i(t_{ret})}{R_i^2(1 - \beta_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)} \right]_{ret} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_{i=1} \left[\frac{\mathbf{n}_i q_i(t_{ret})}{R_i(1 - \beta_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)} \right]_{ret} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_{i=1} \left[\frac{\mathbf{v}_i q_i(t_{ret})}{R_i(1 - \beta_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_i)} \right]_{ret} \right\}$$

global Coulombian

Summation of all individual static contributions.

Charge excess variation

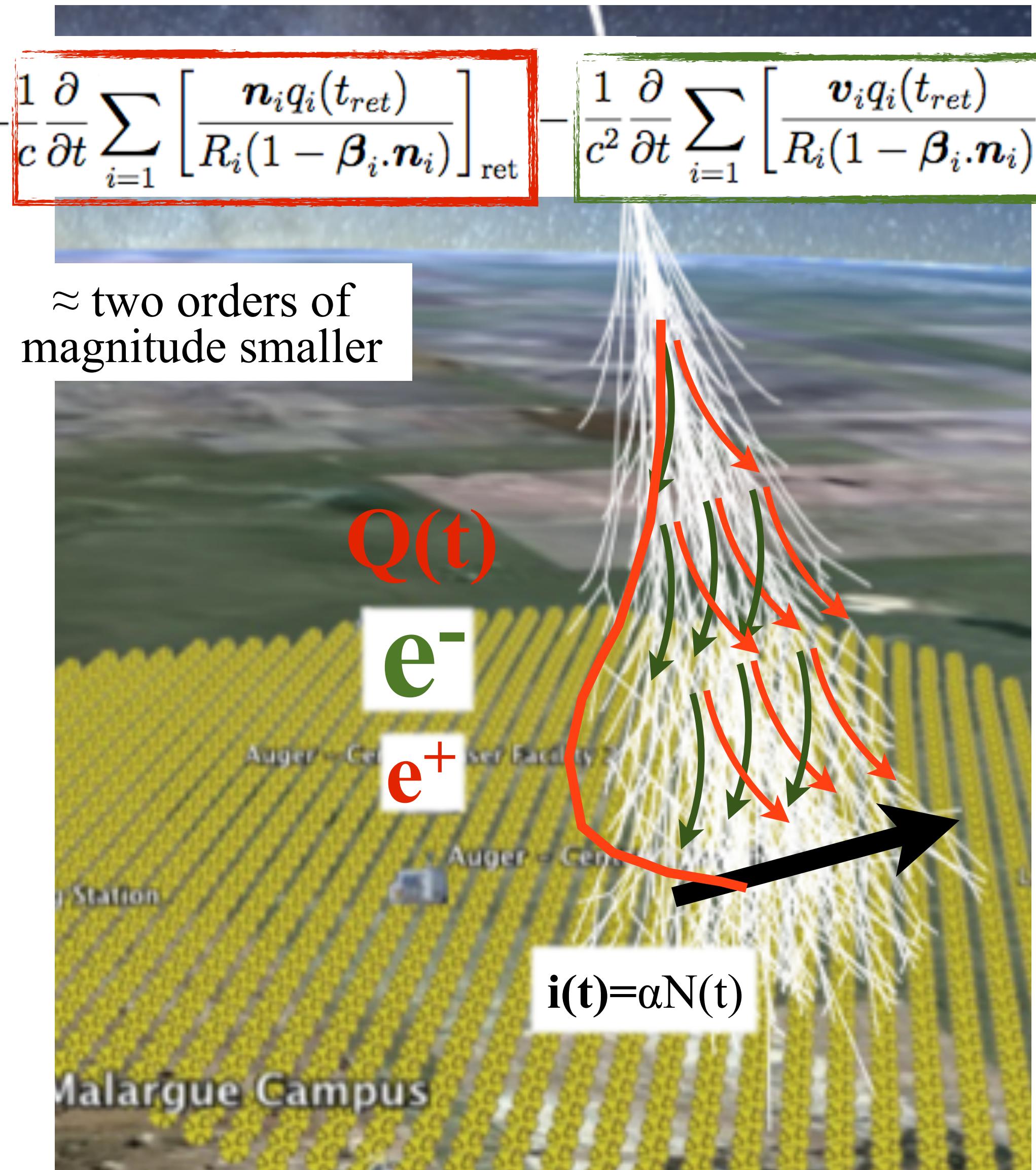
Due to the e^- in excess
 $Q(t) = \alpha N(t)$

Transverse current variation

Systematic opposite drift of e^- and e^+ in the earth magnetic field.

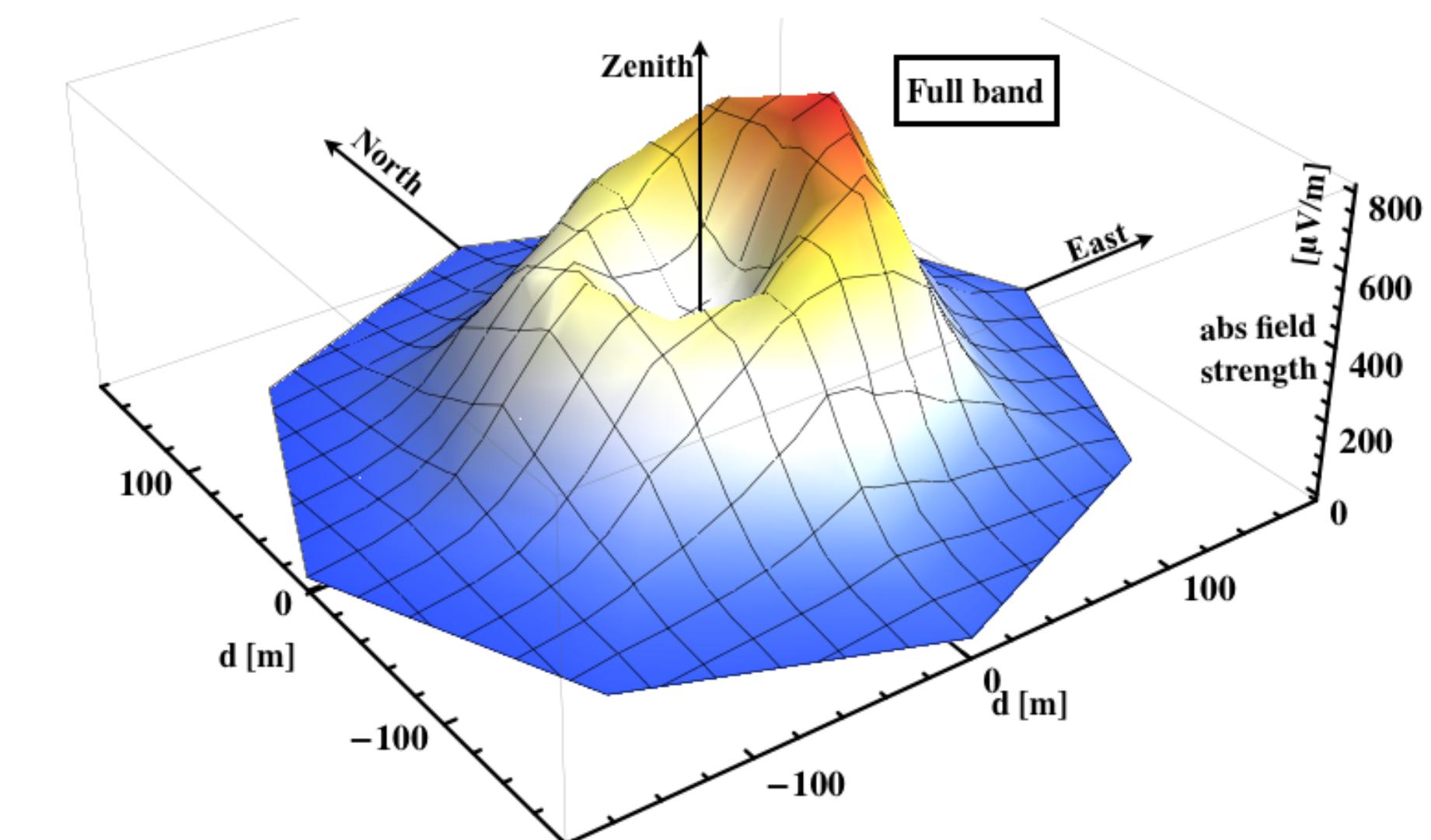
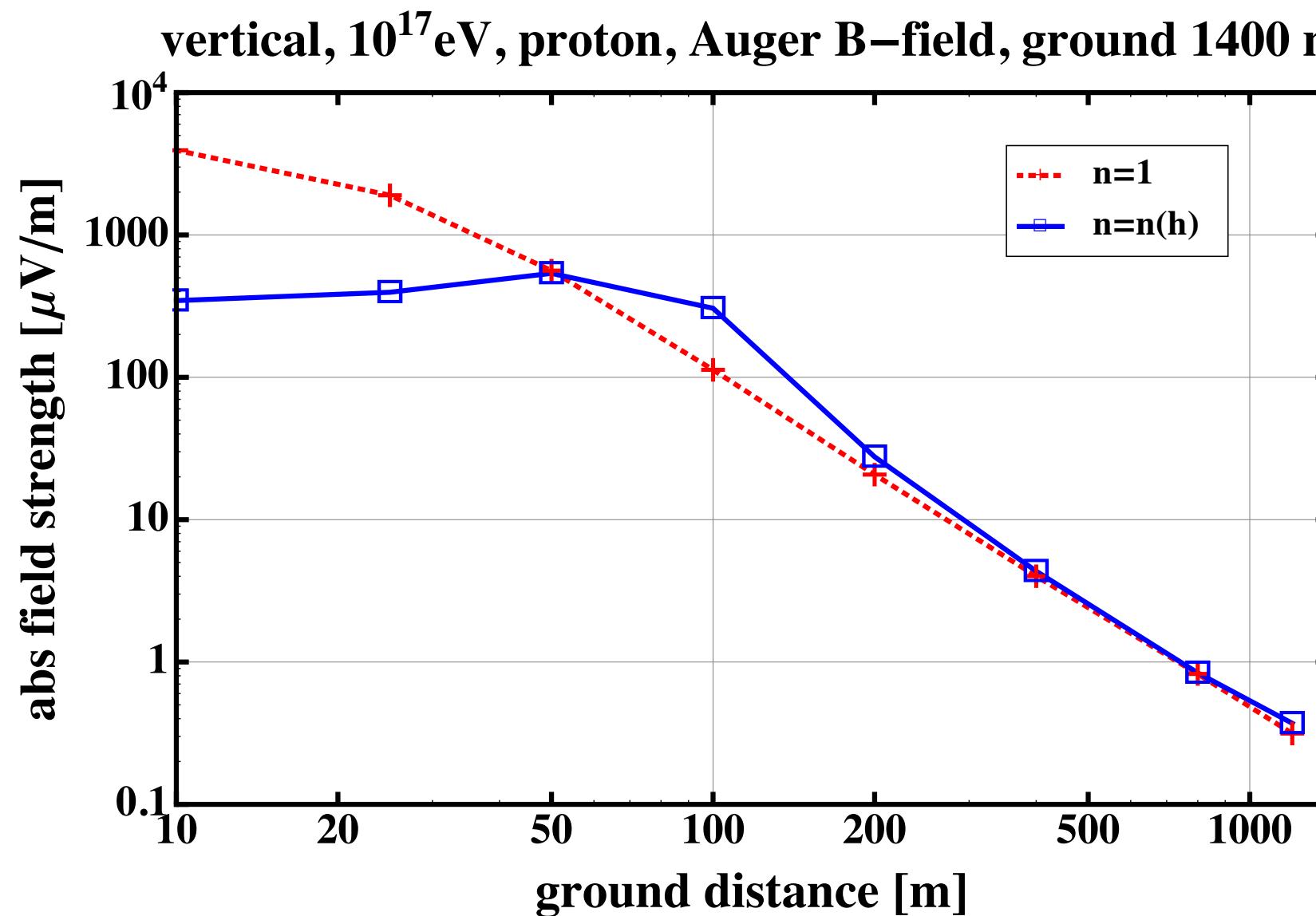
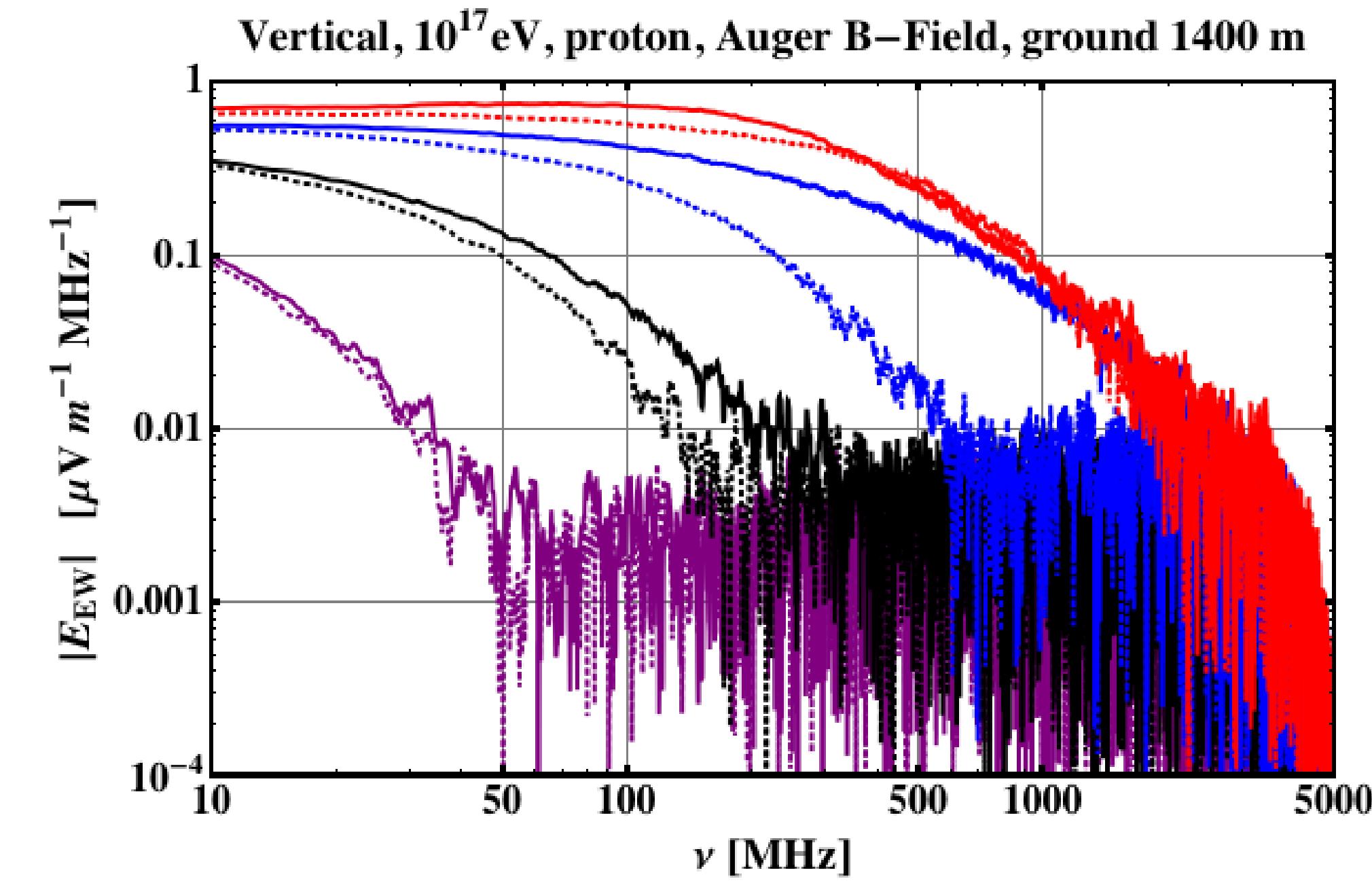
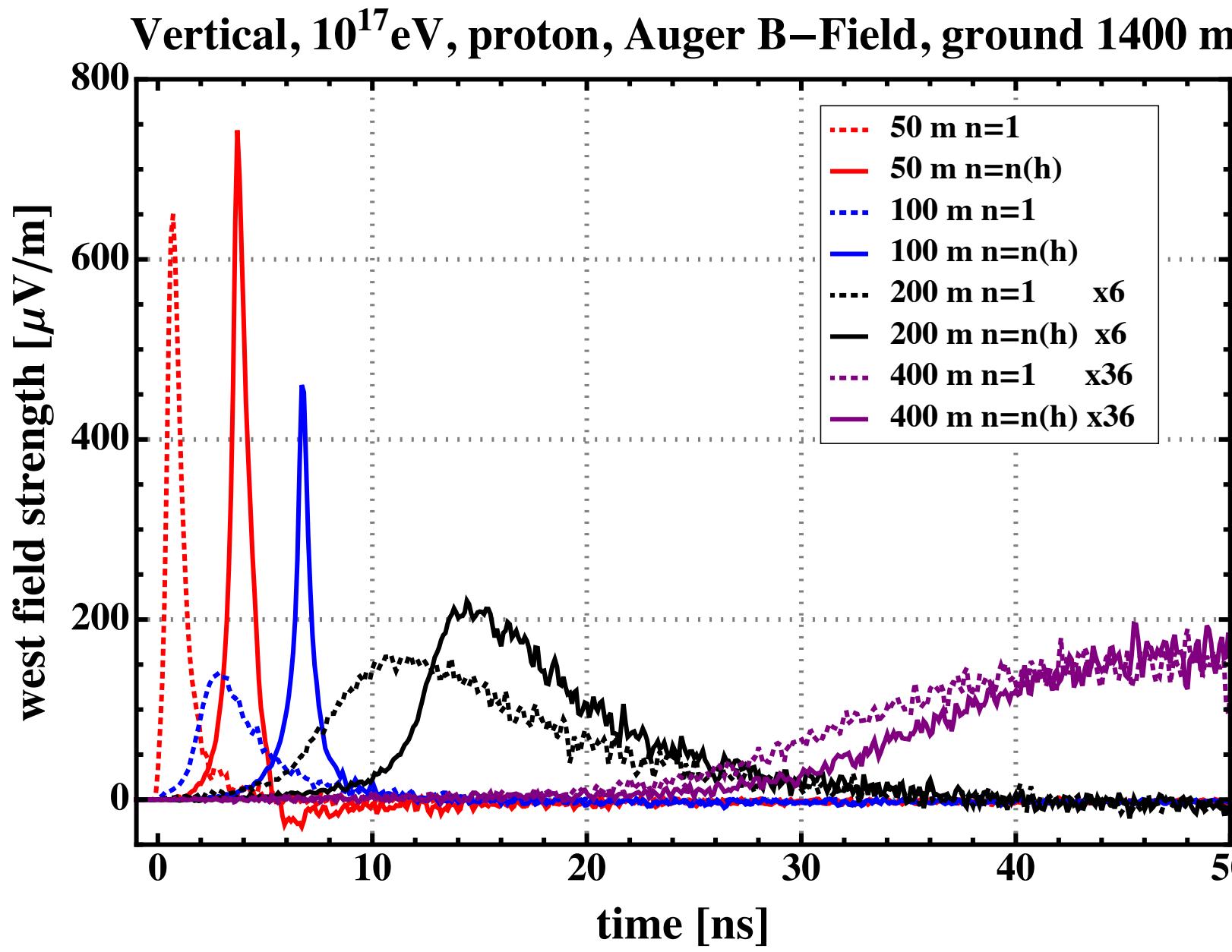


Dominant, except for showers parallel to the geomag. field



Some results... Vertical case

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Preamble...

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Adapt SELFAS to the situation.....

.... to prepare this workshop....



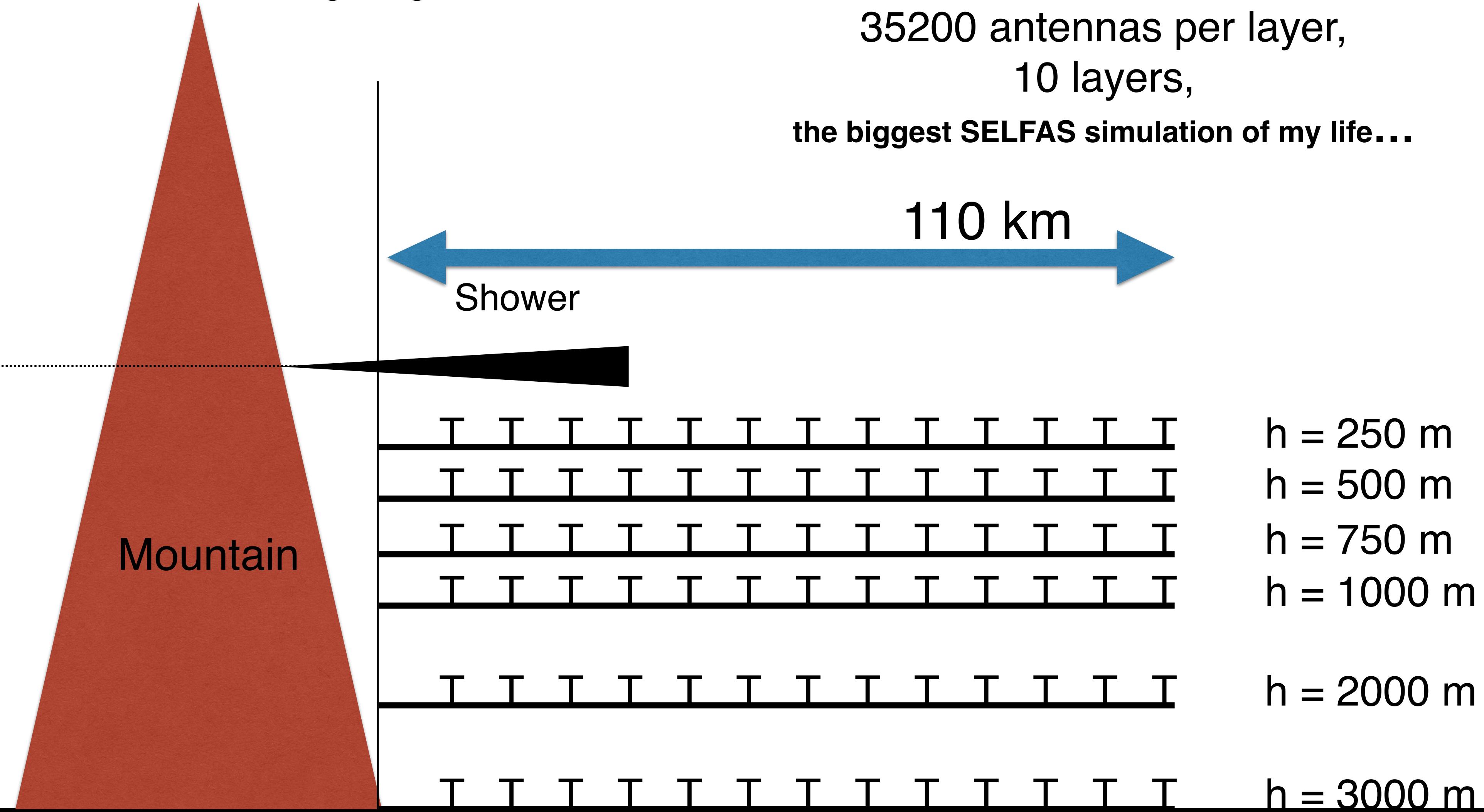
Ground effects for horizontal showers ... ??

Antenna response with ground effects is needed

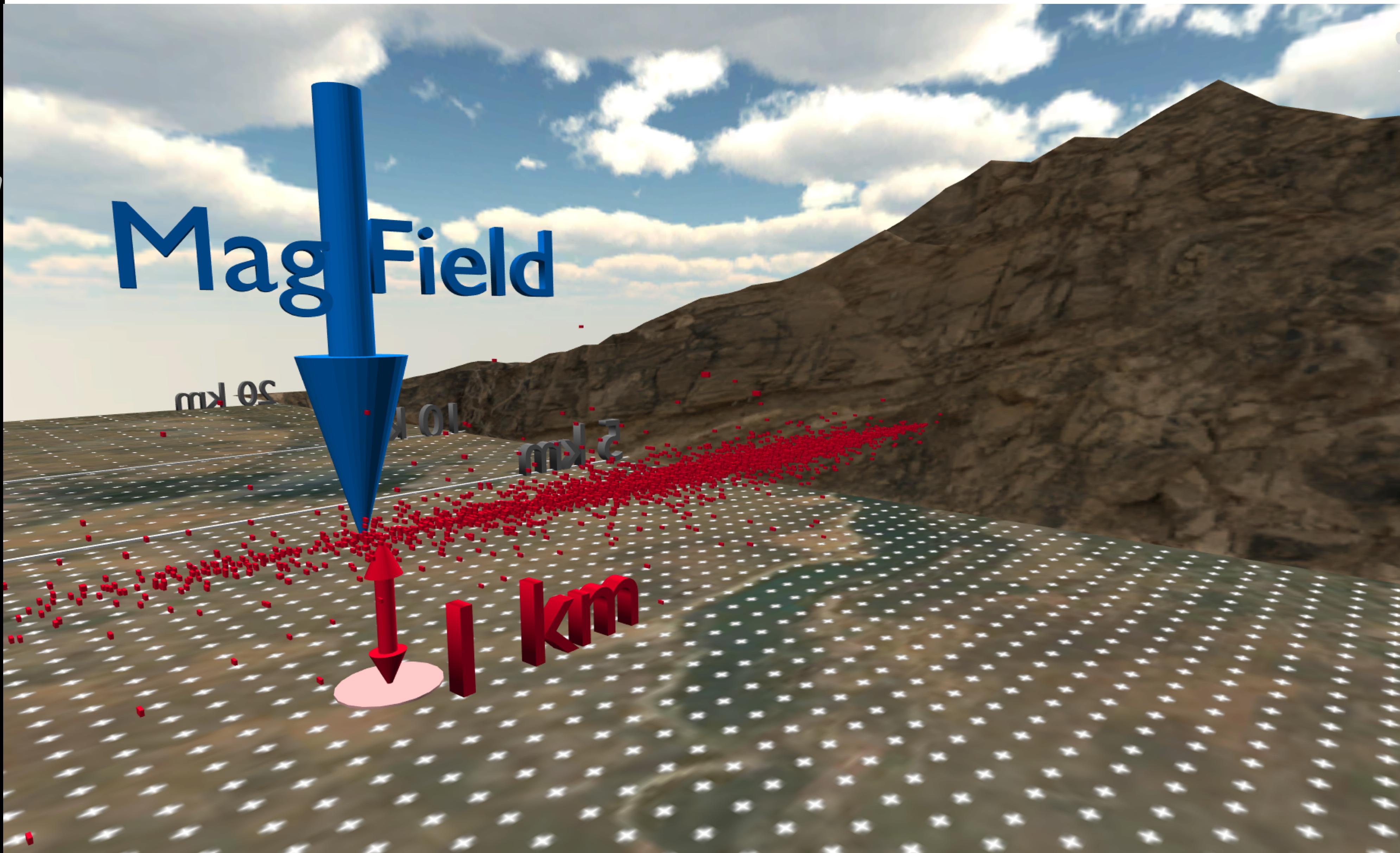
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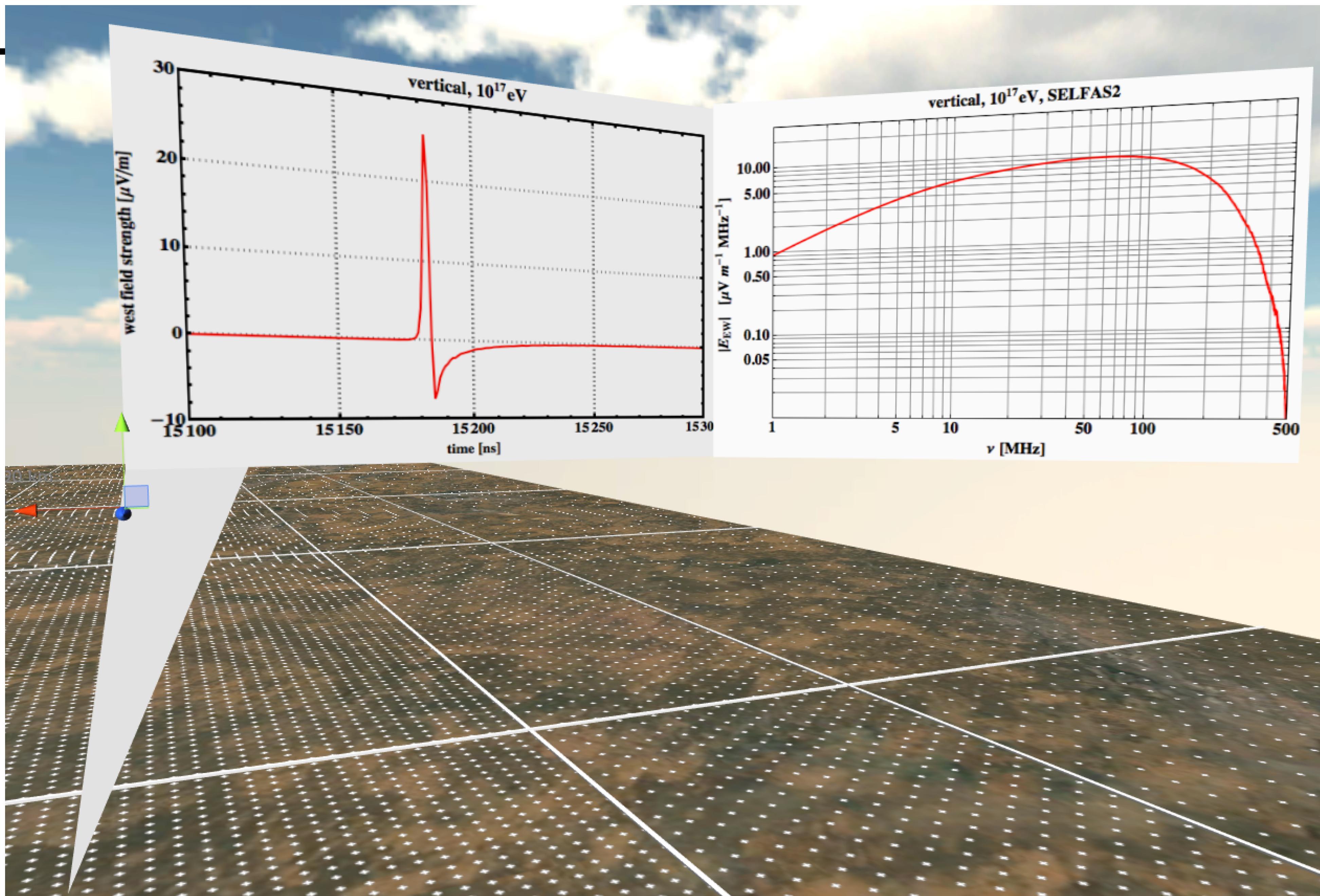
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 10^{17} eV



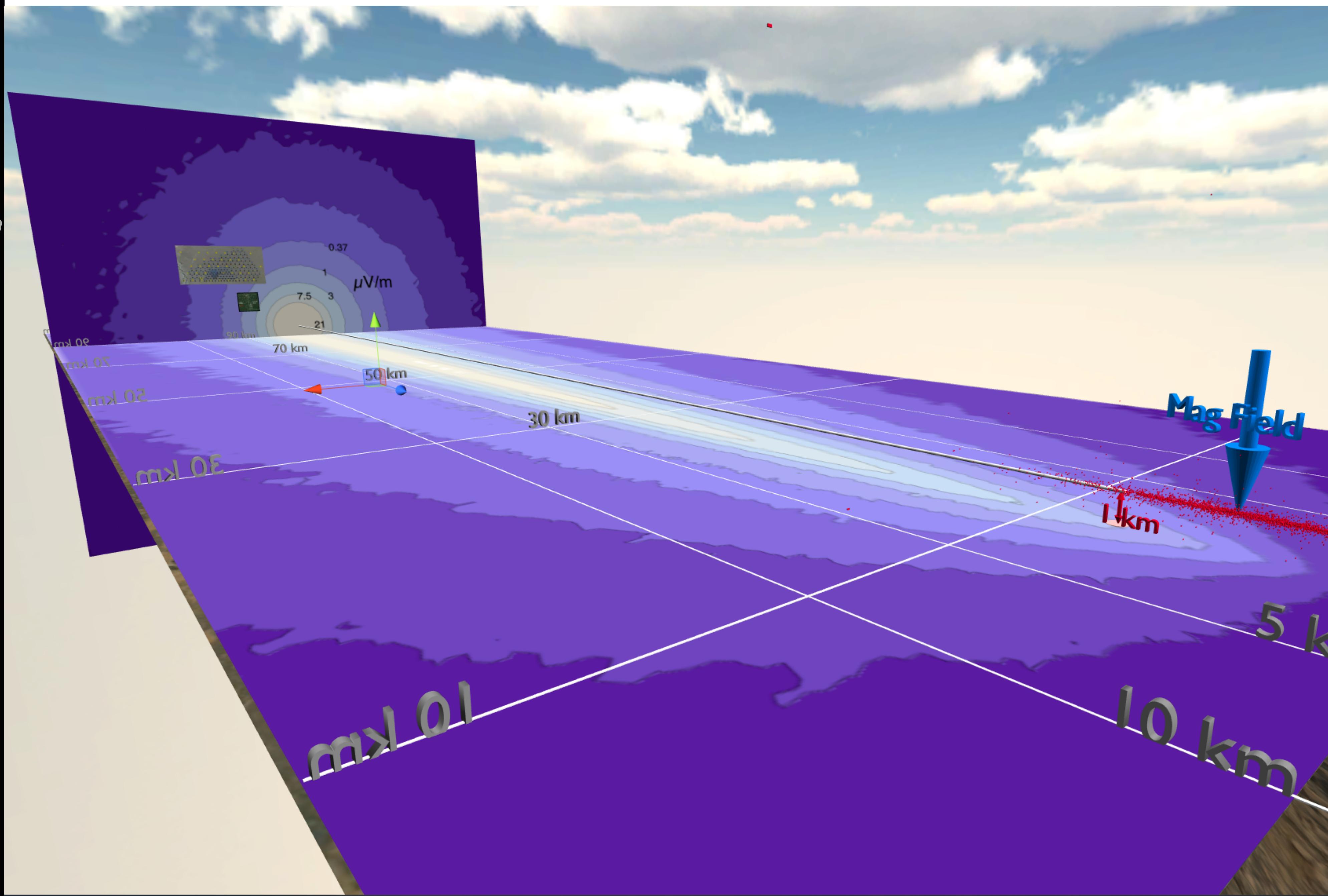
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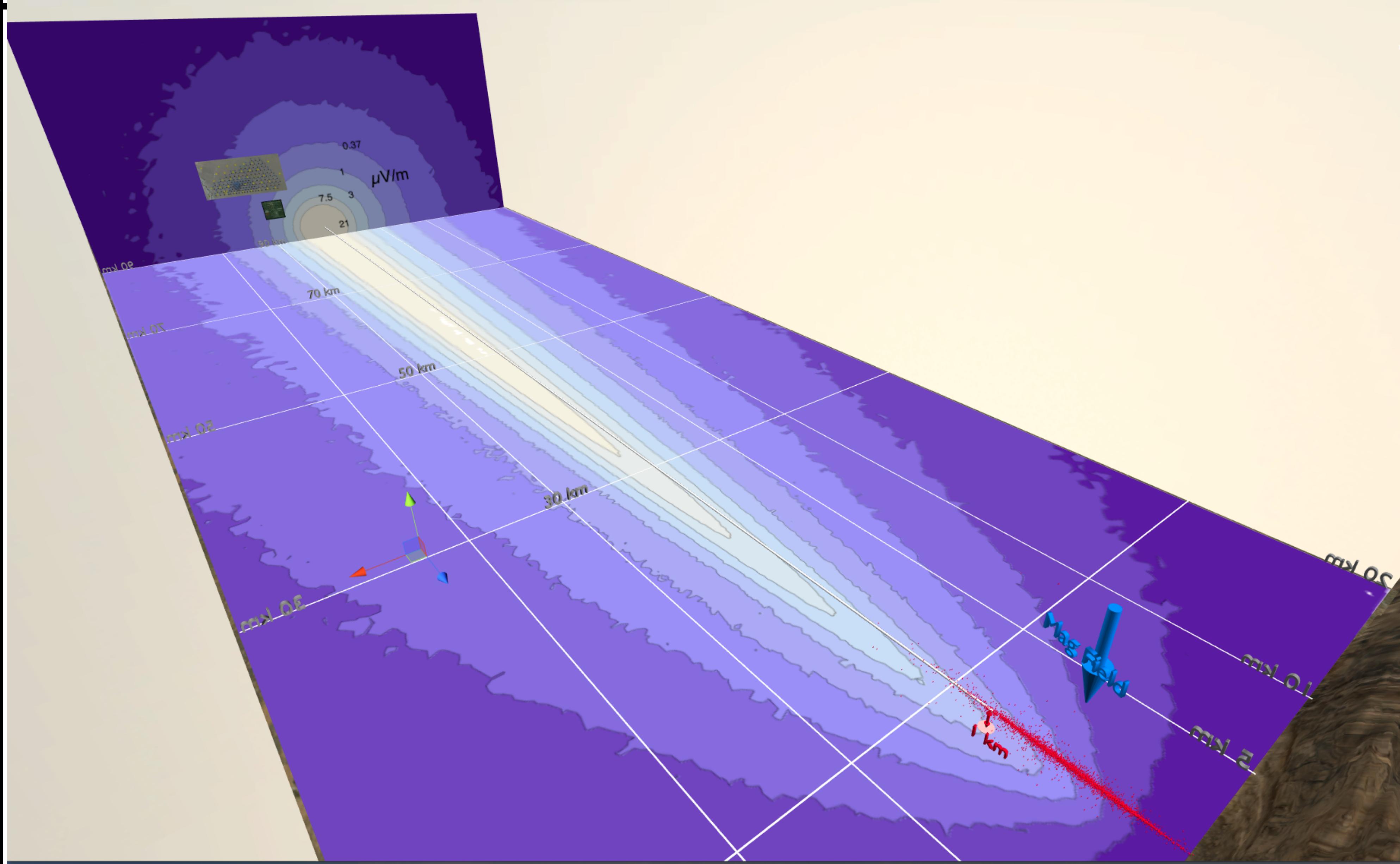
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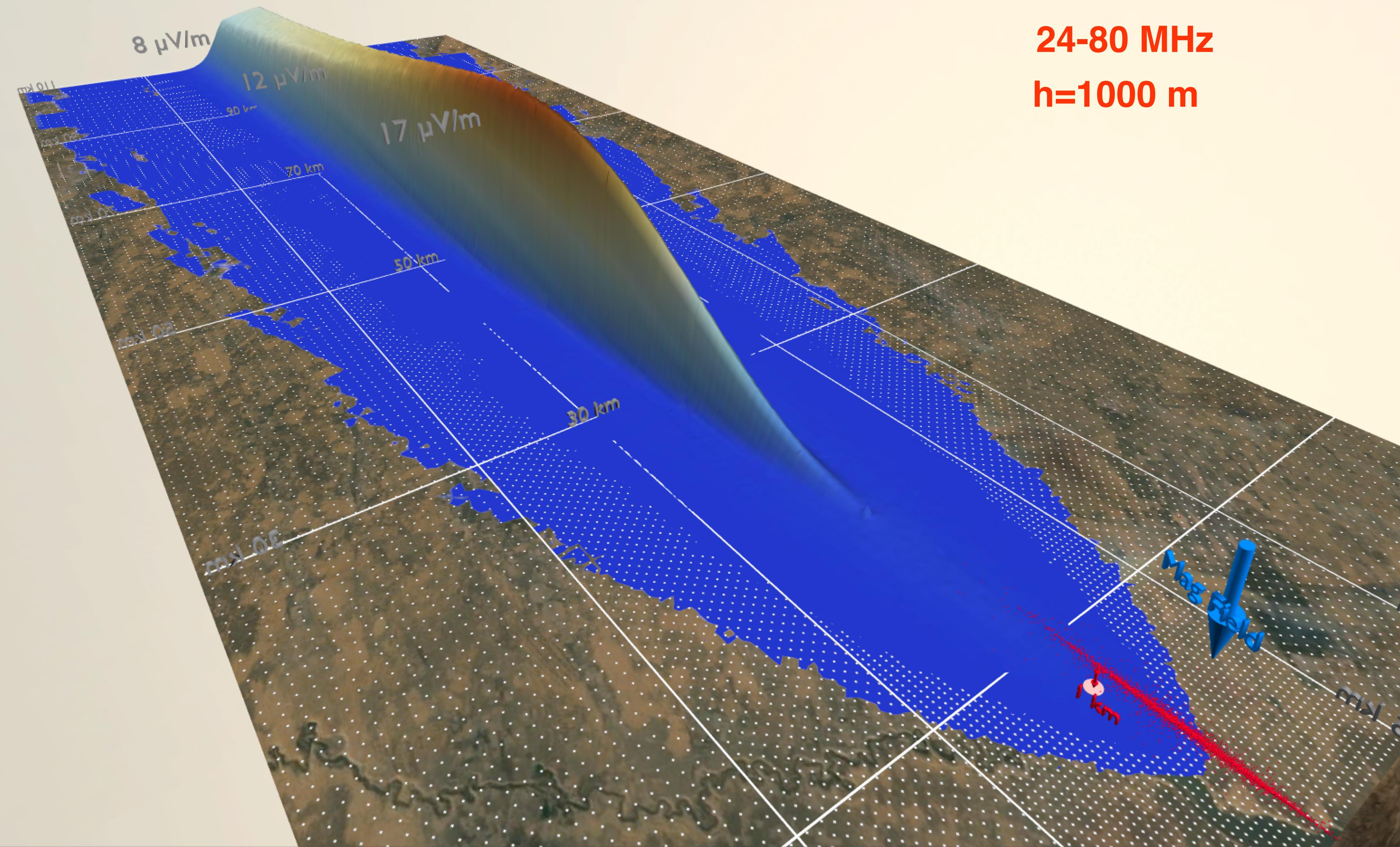
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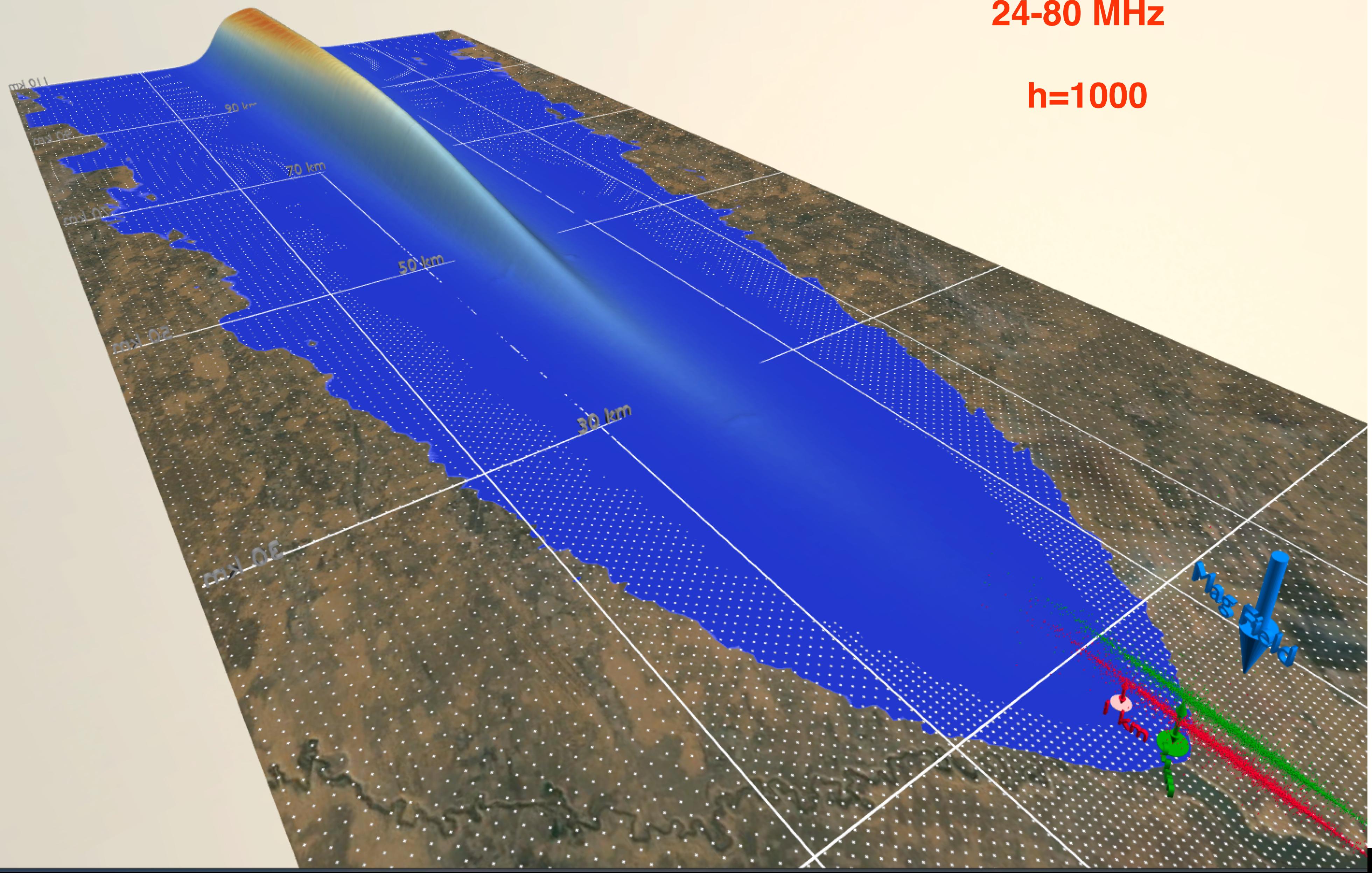
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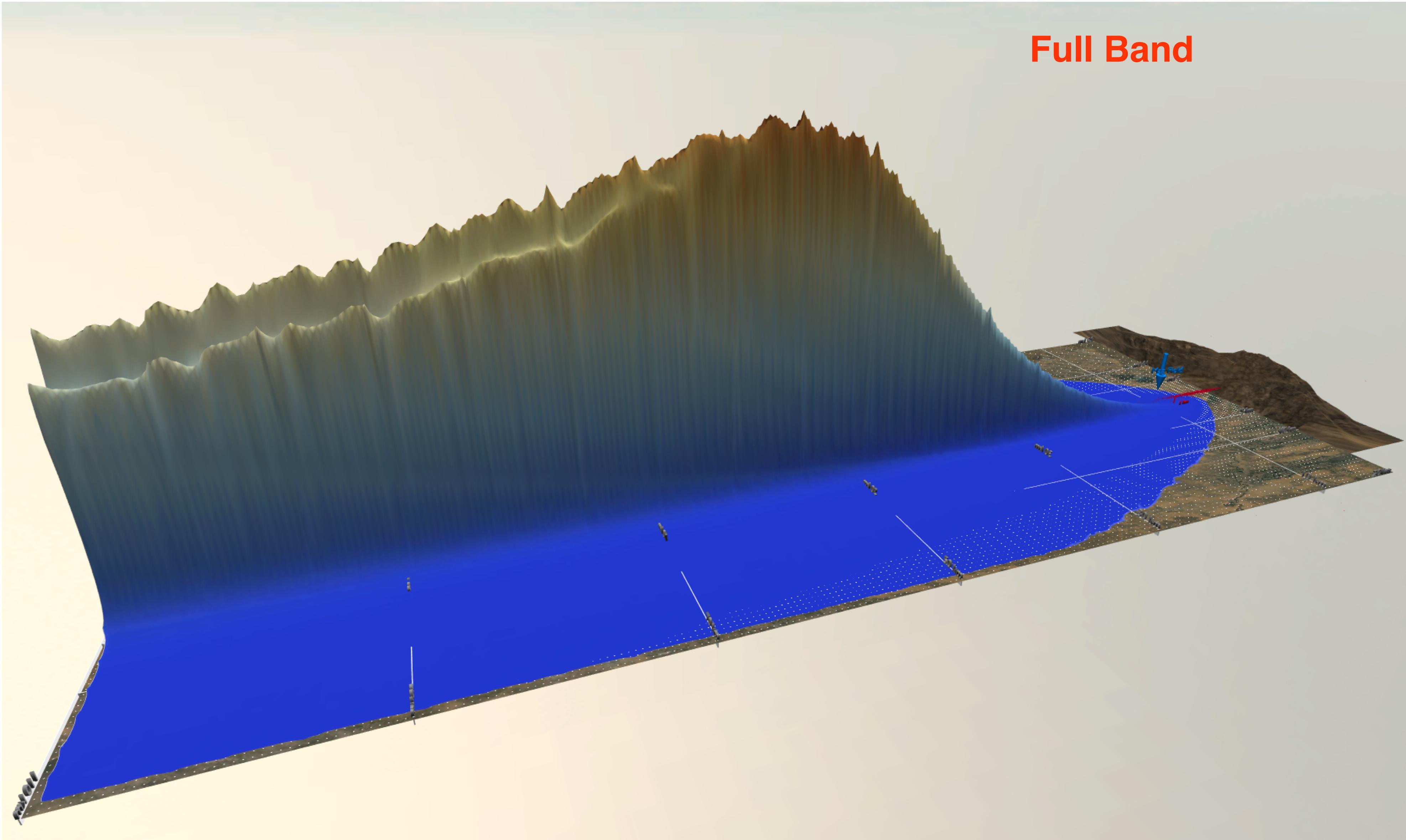
24-80 MHz

$h=1000$



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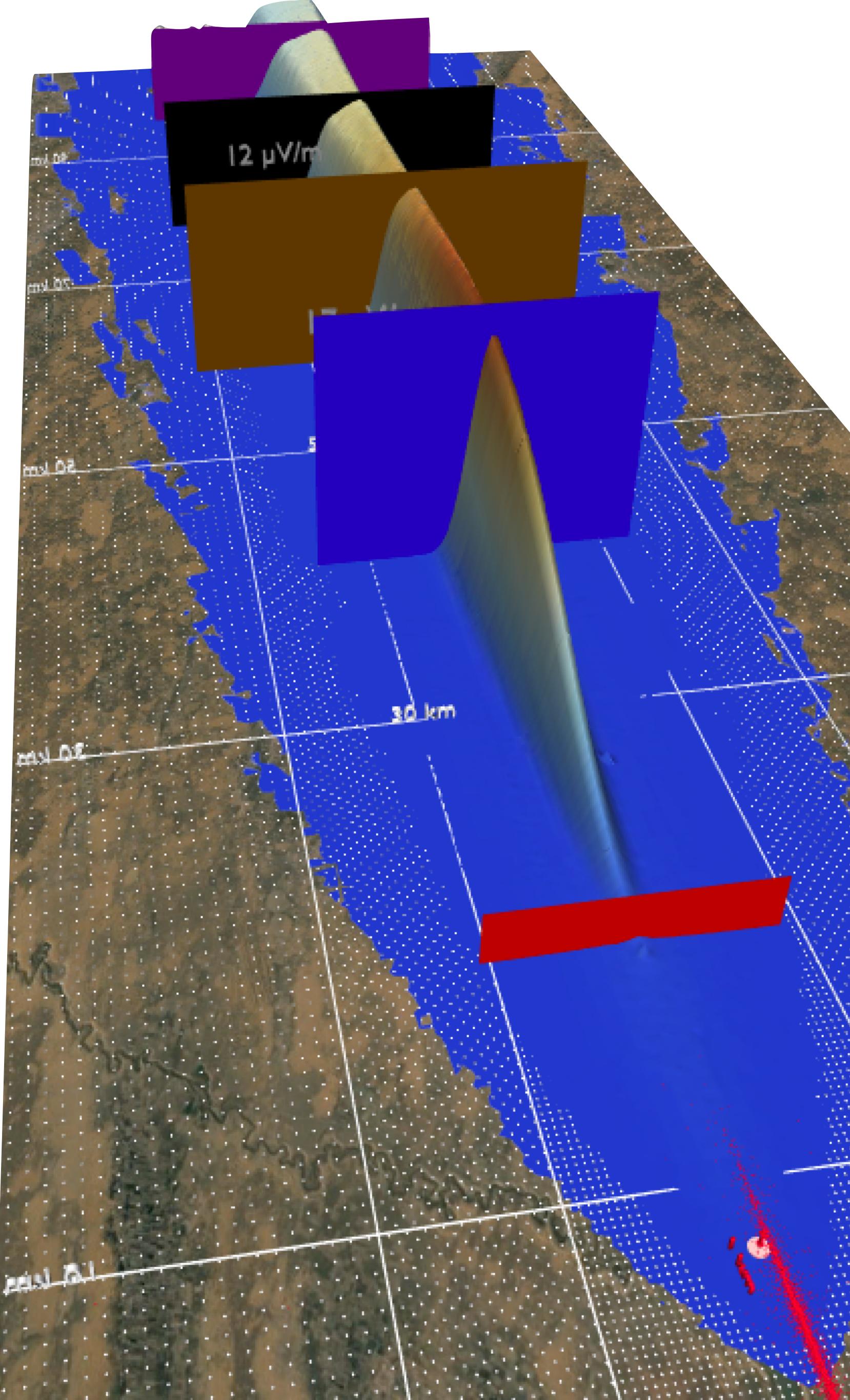
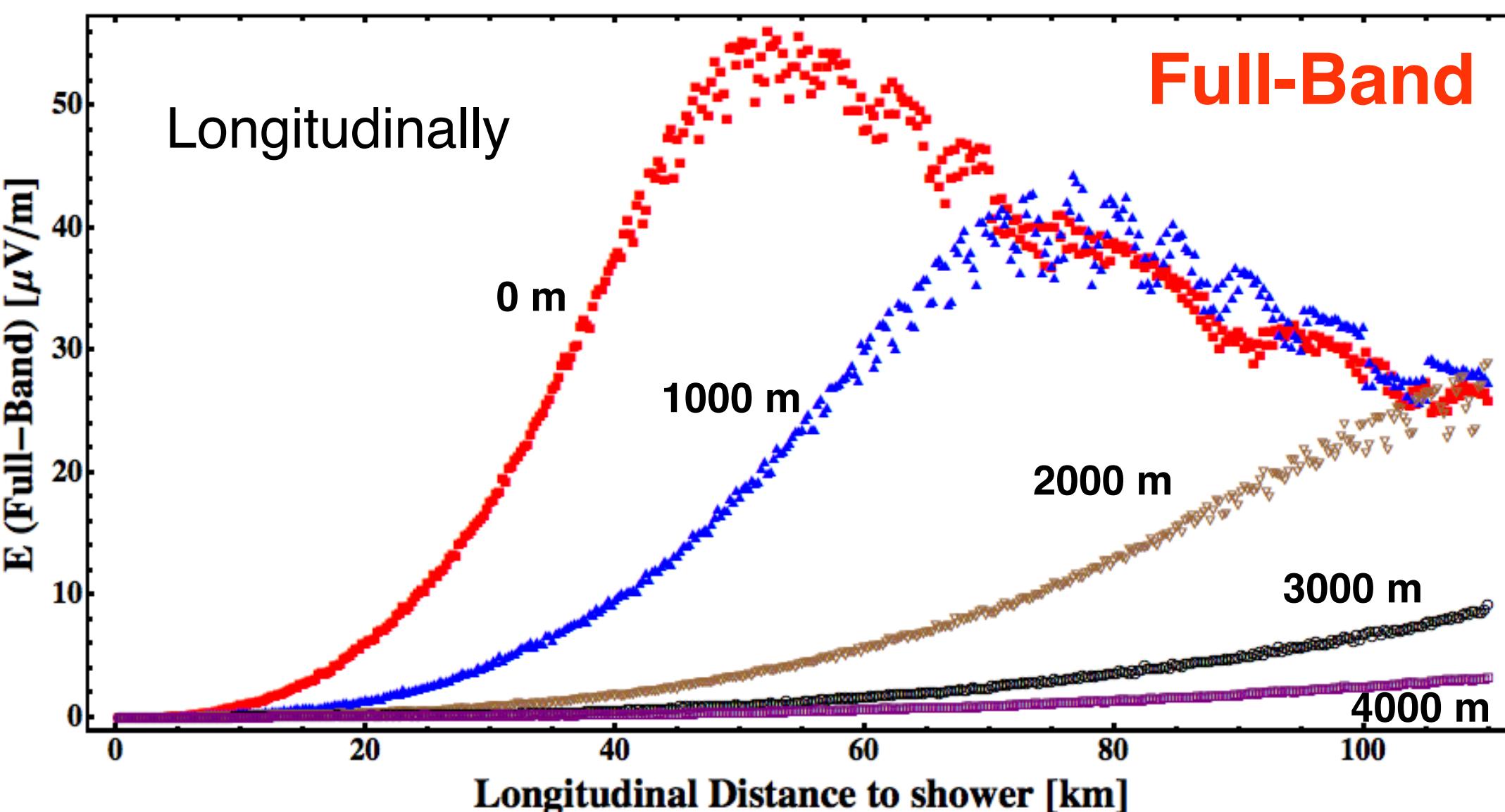
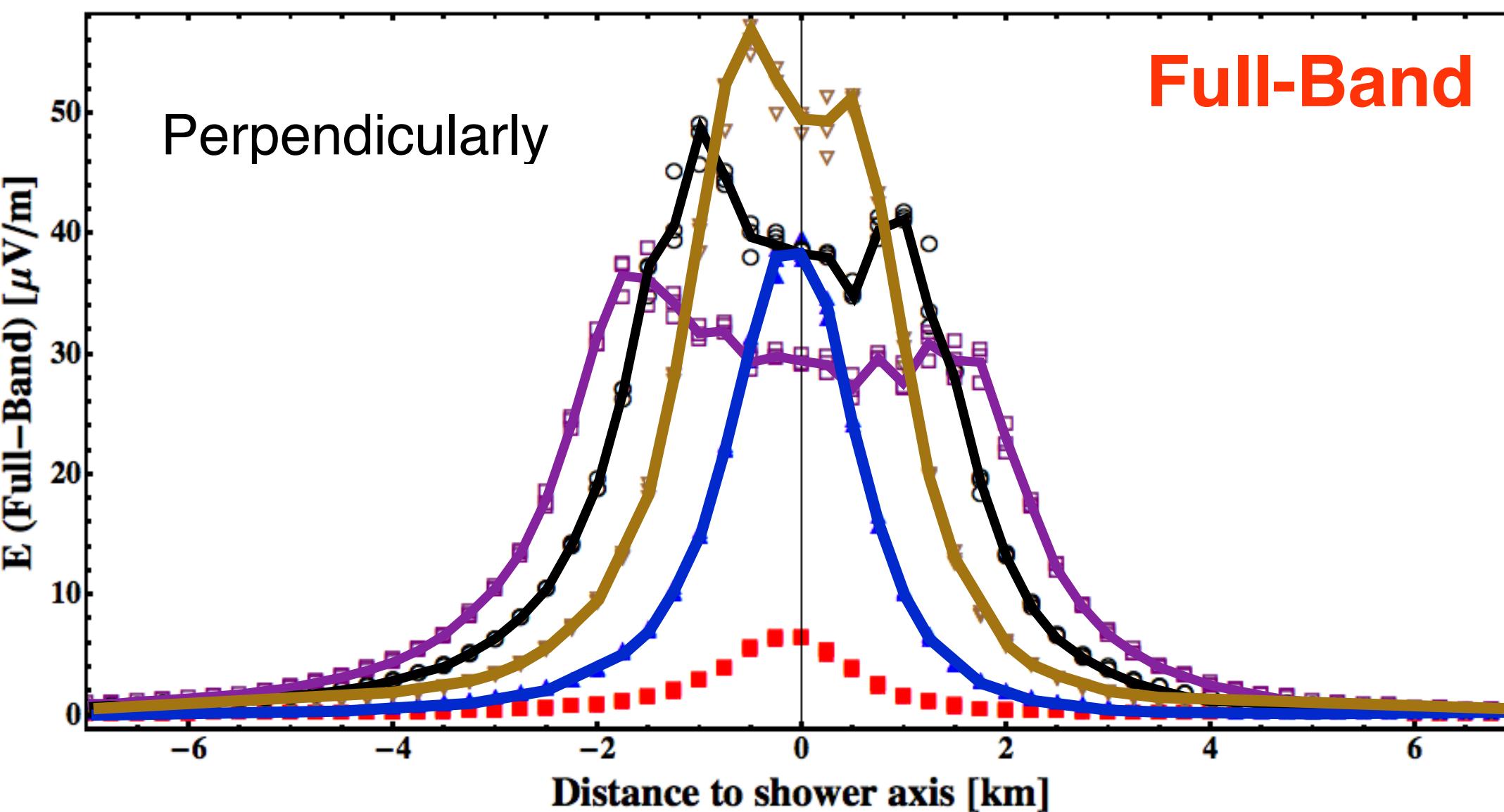
Full Band



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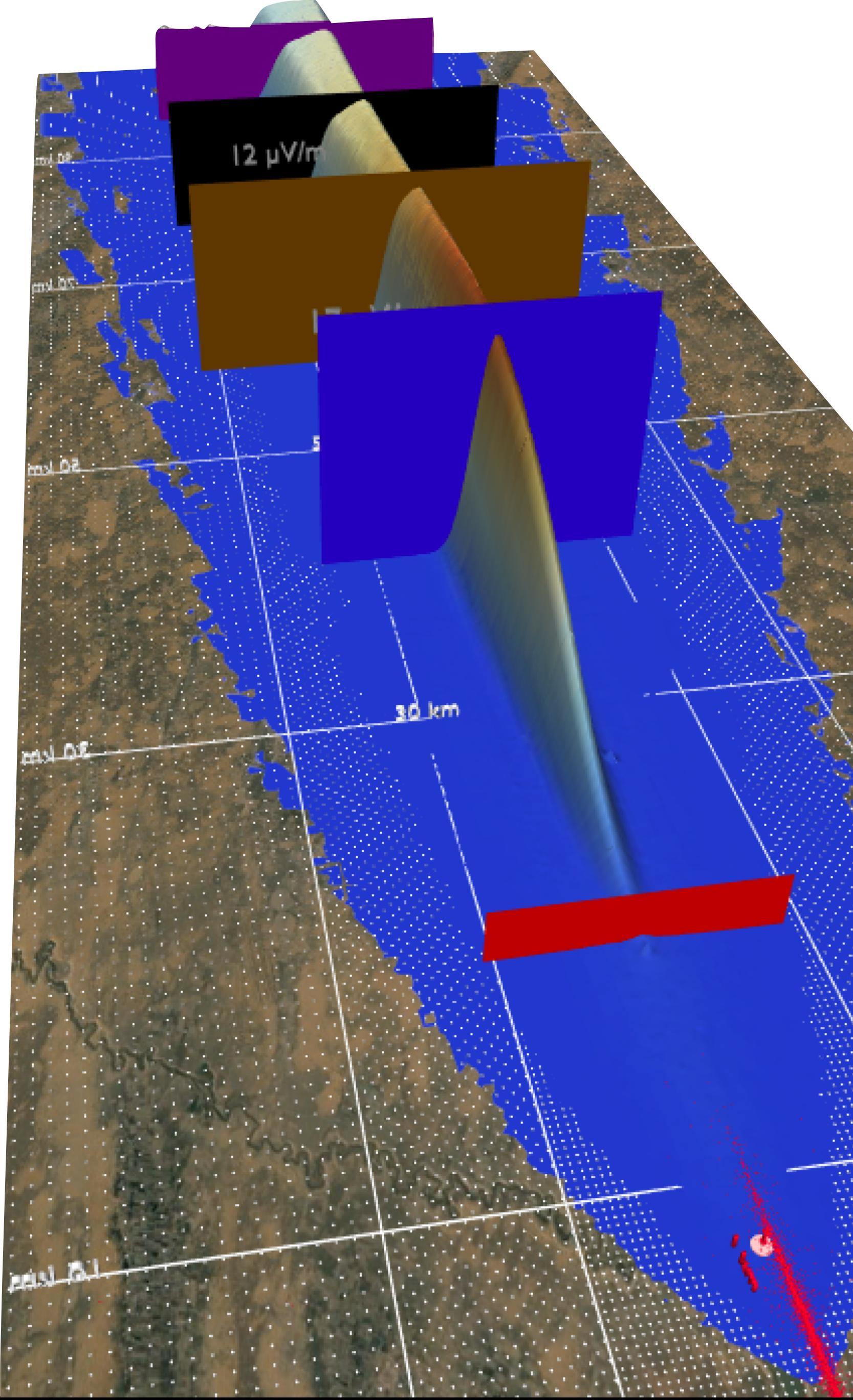
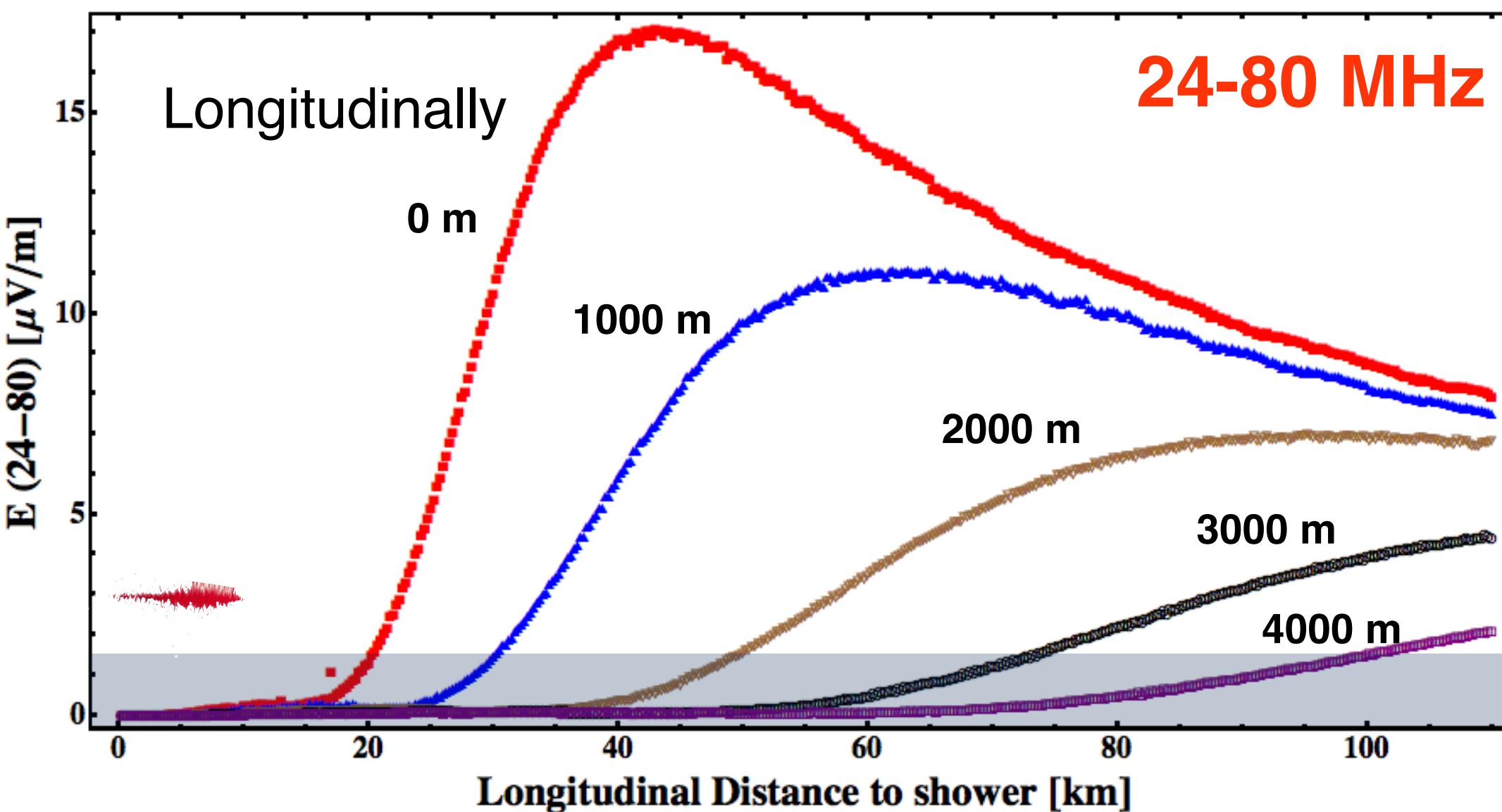
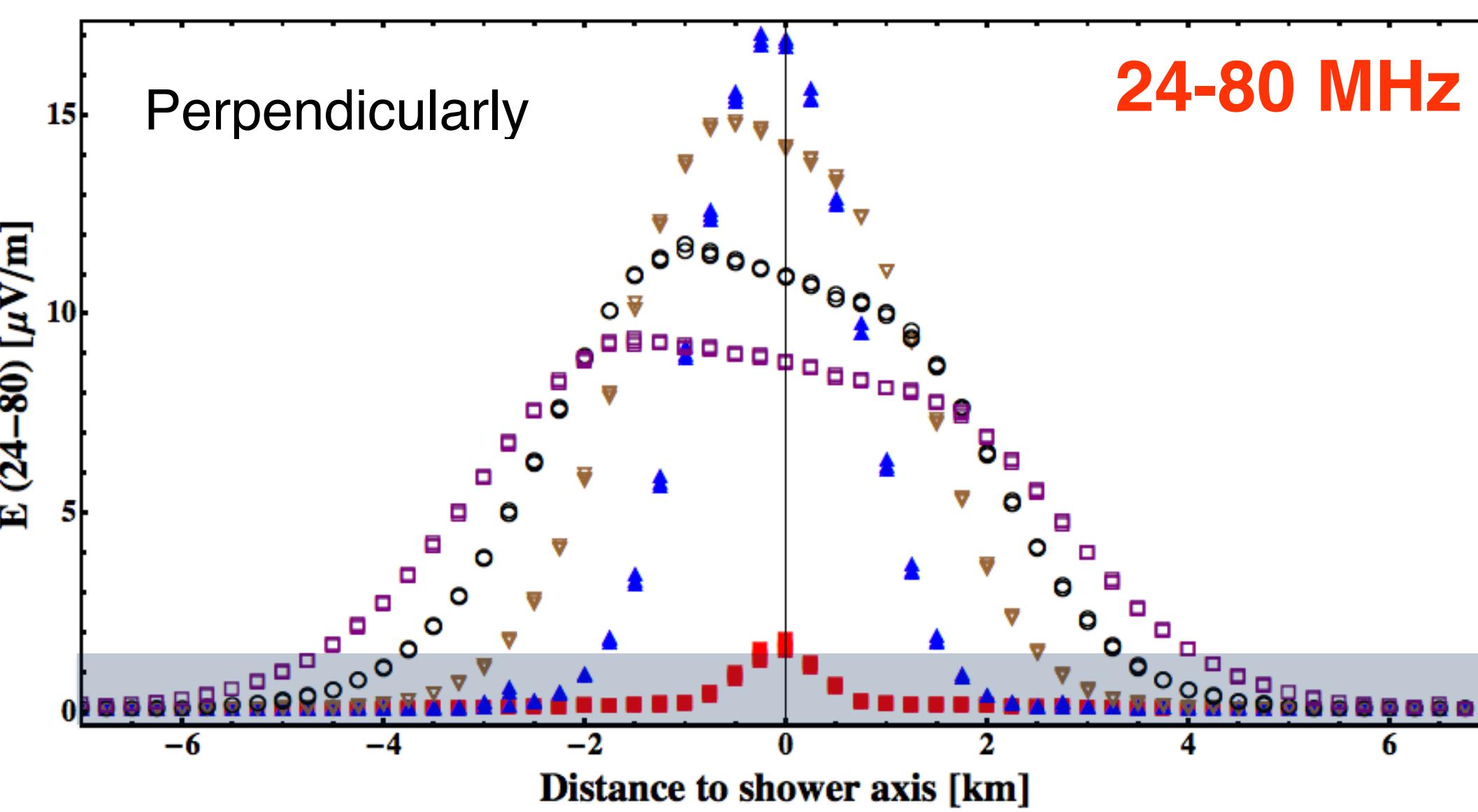
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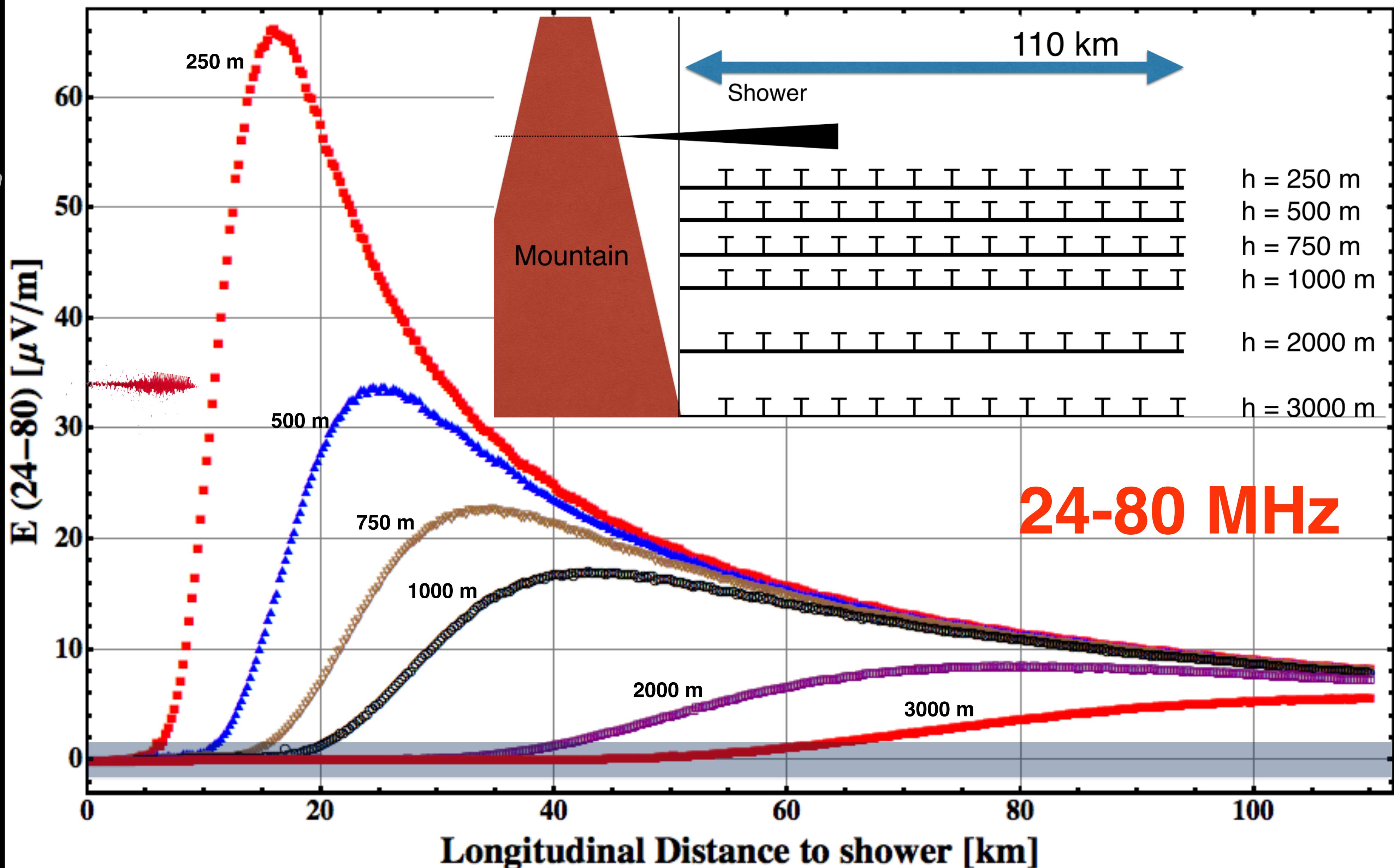
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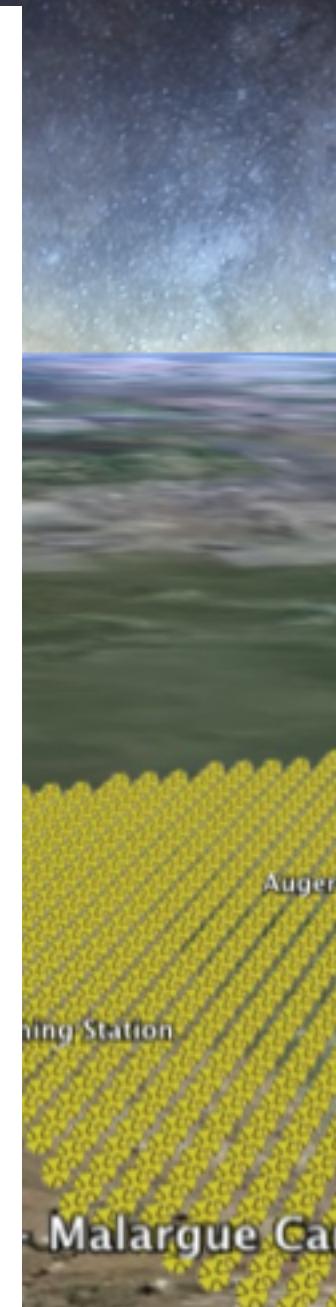
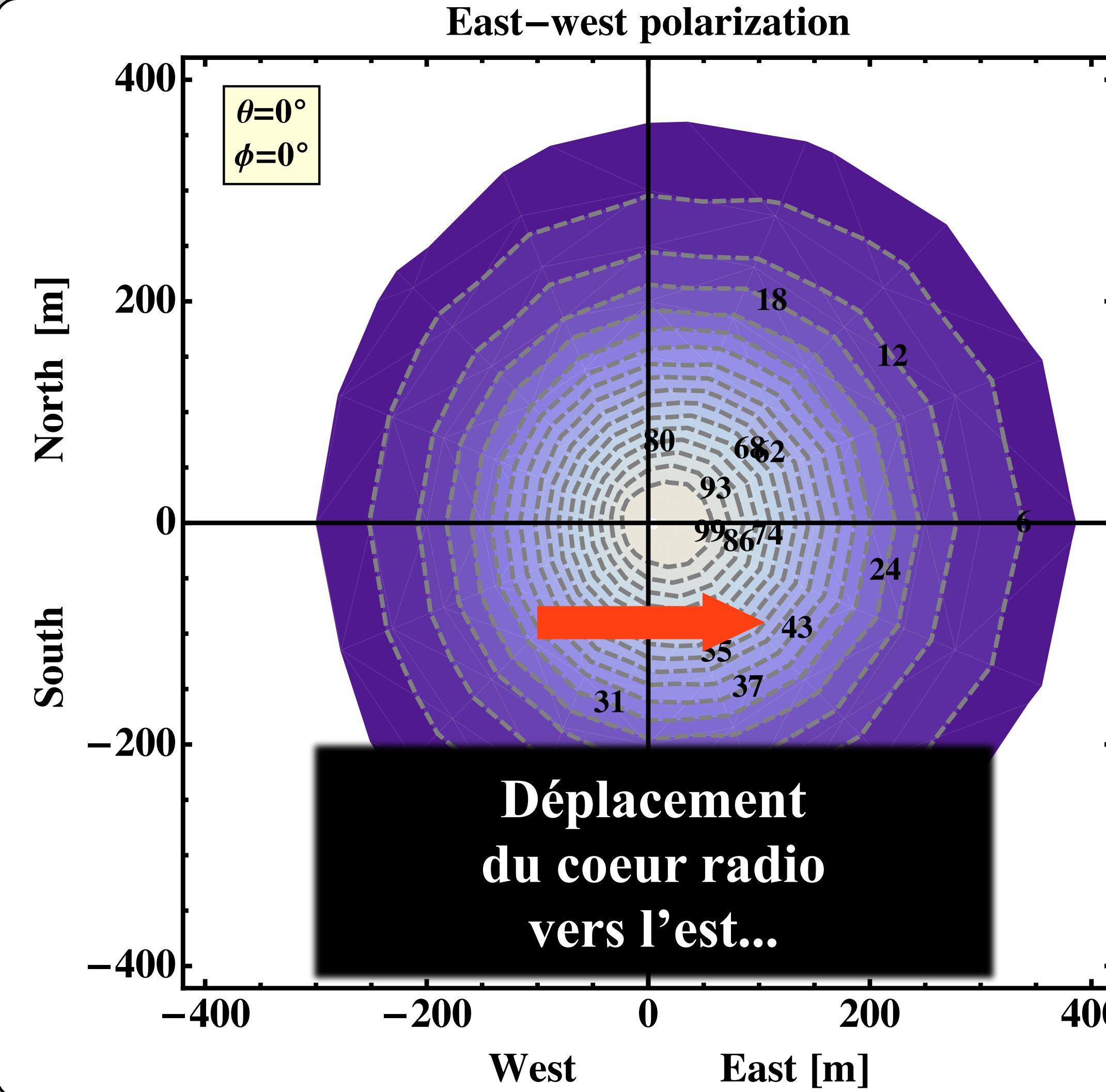
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- The shower emits electric field in a strong narrow cone
- The radio detection could be done really far from the shower (>100 km, may be 200 km) if detectors are located along the shower direction (However caution with wave propagation... Not clear for the moment)
- Detectors located close to the shower are blind due to the « cone effect ».
- 10^{17} eV showers seem to be « detectable » above Galactic BG
- 10^{18} eV, field $\sim \times 10$, so better detection.

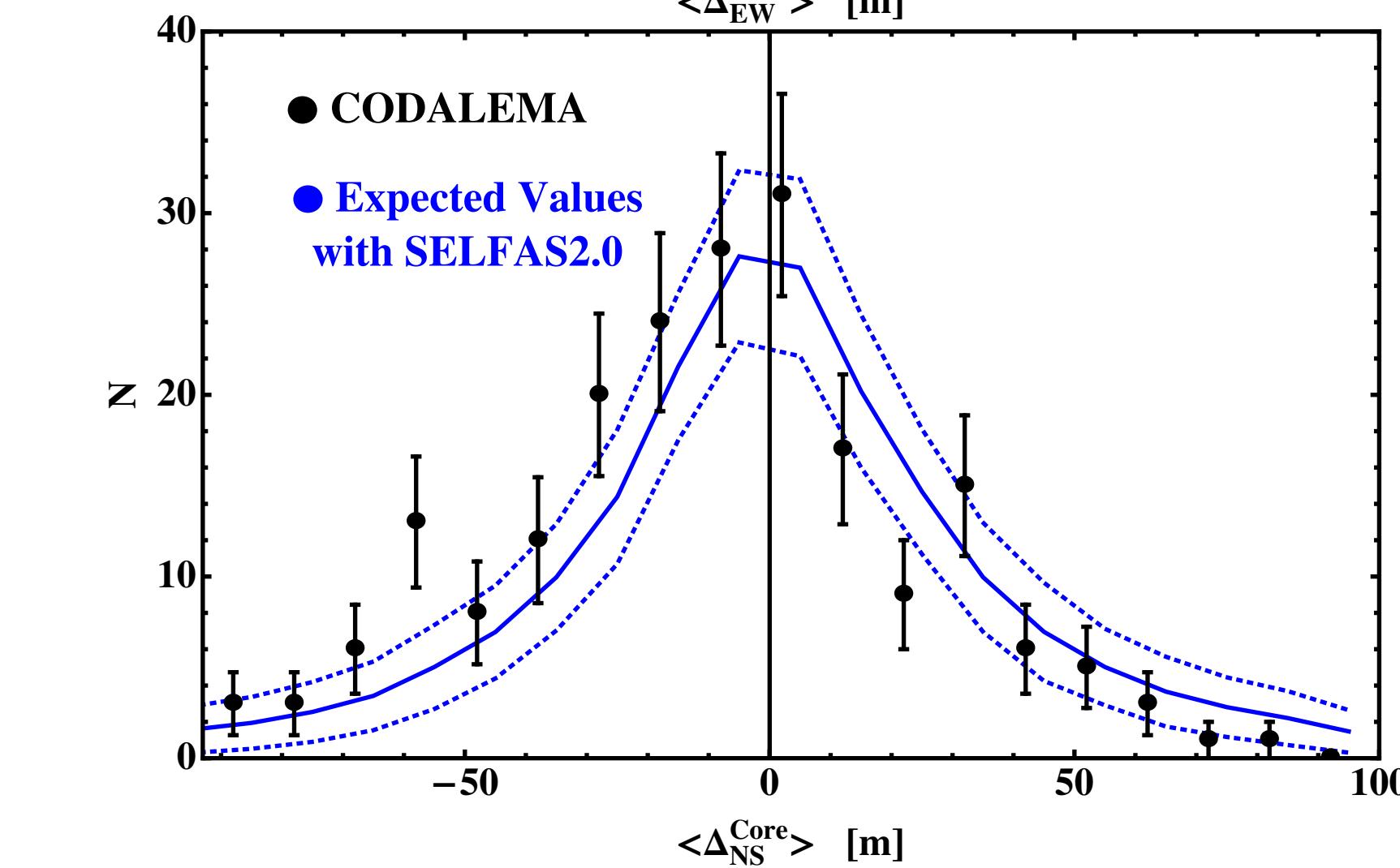
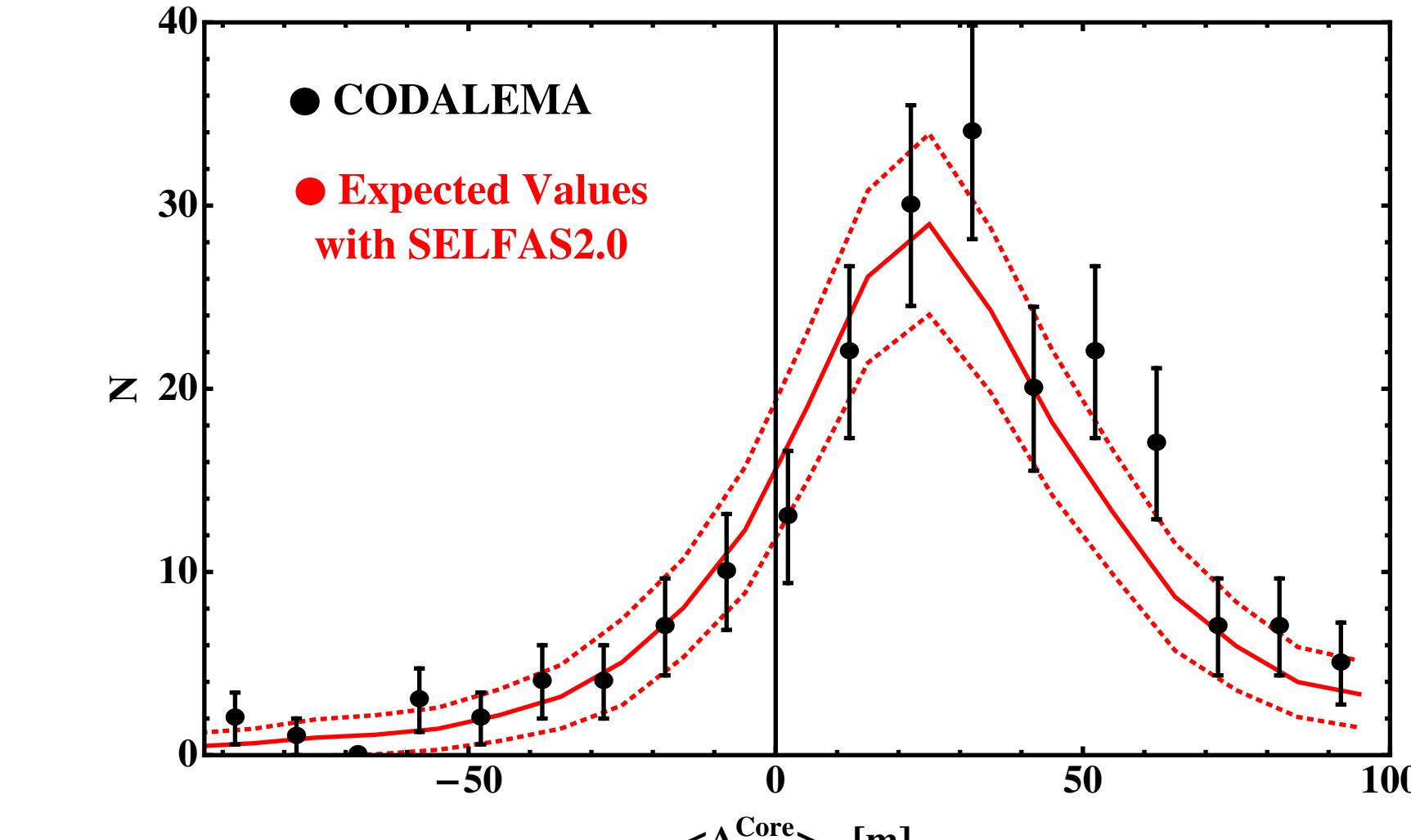
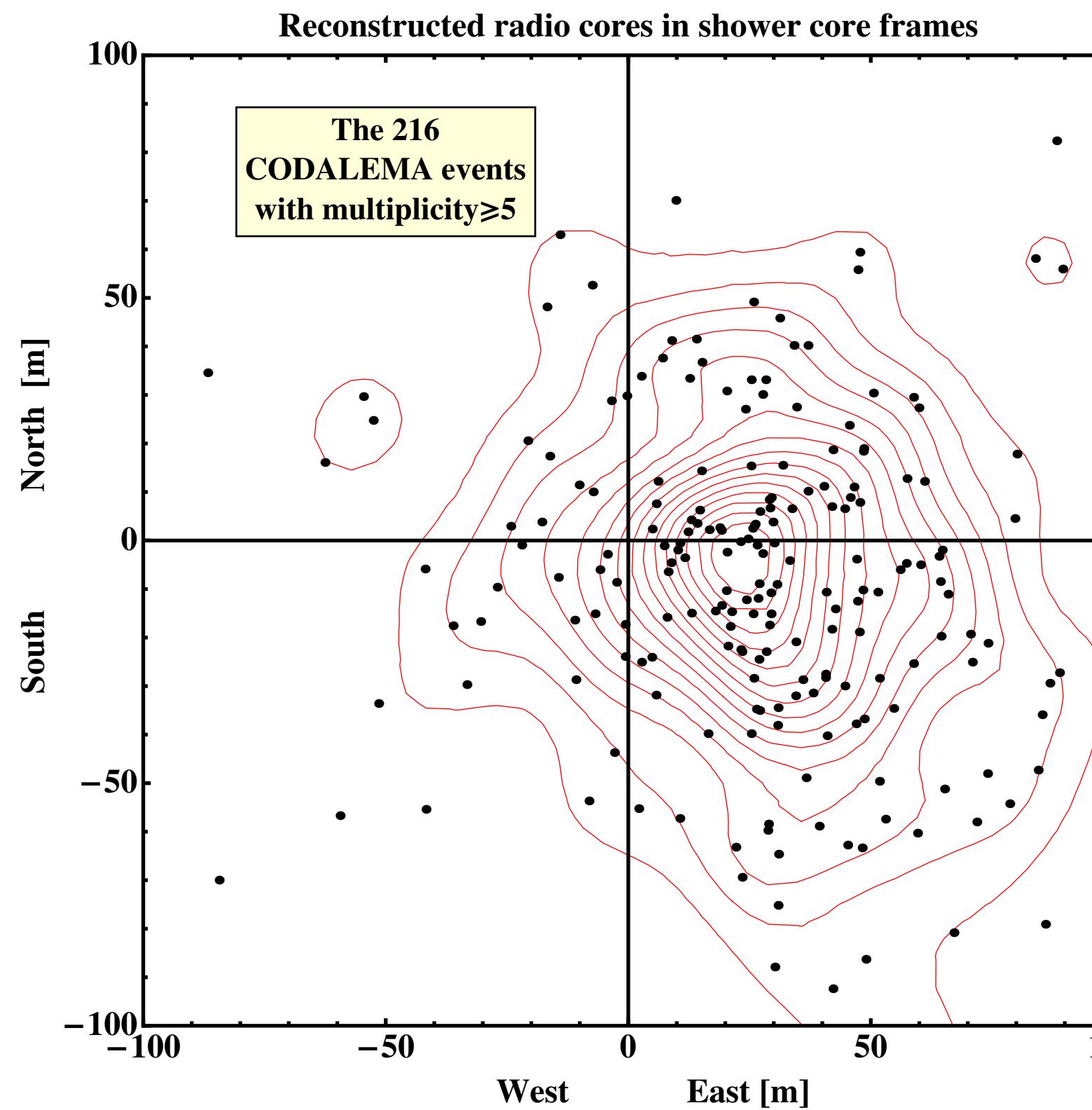
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- Caution with wave propagation and ground effects (conductivity, permitivity dielectric...). Currently in progress in SELFAS.
- Proton shower but what about real neutrino showers?

Orientation du champ selon le mécanisme

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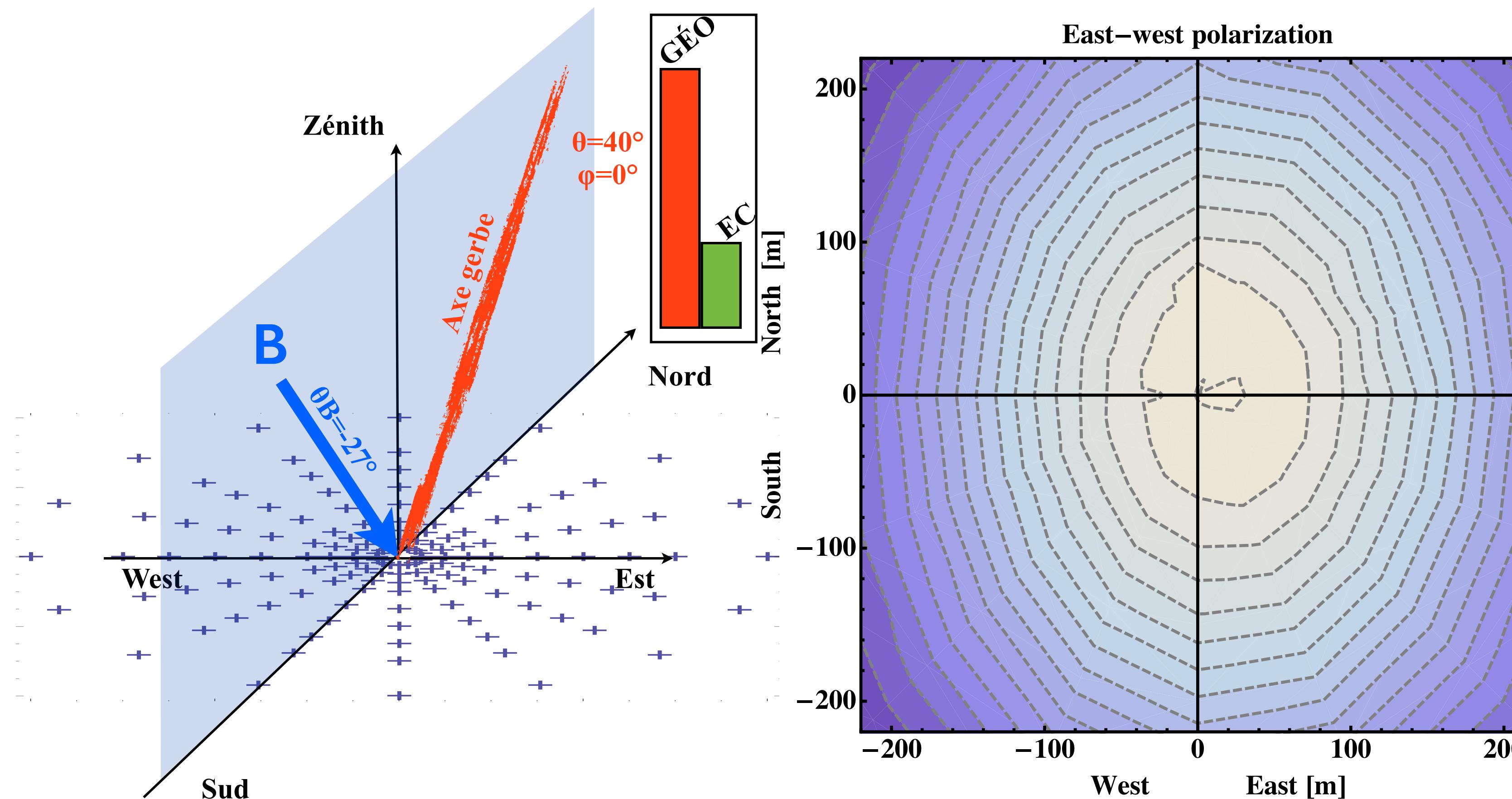
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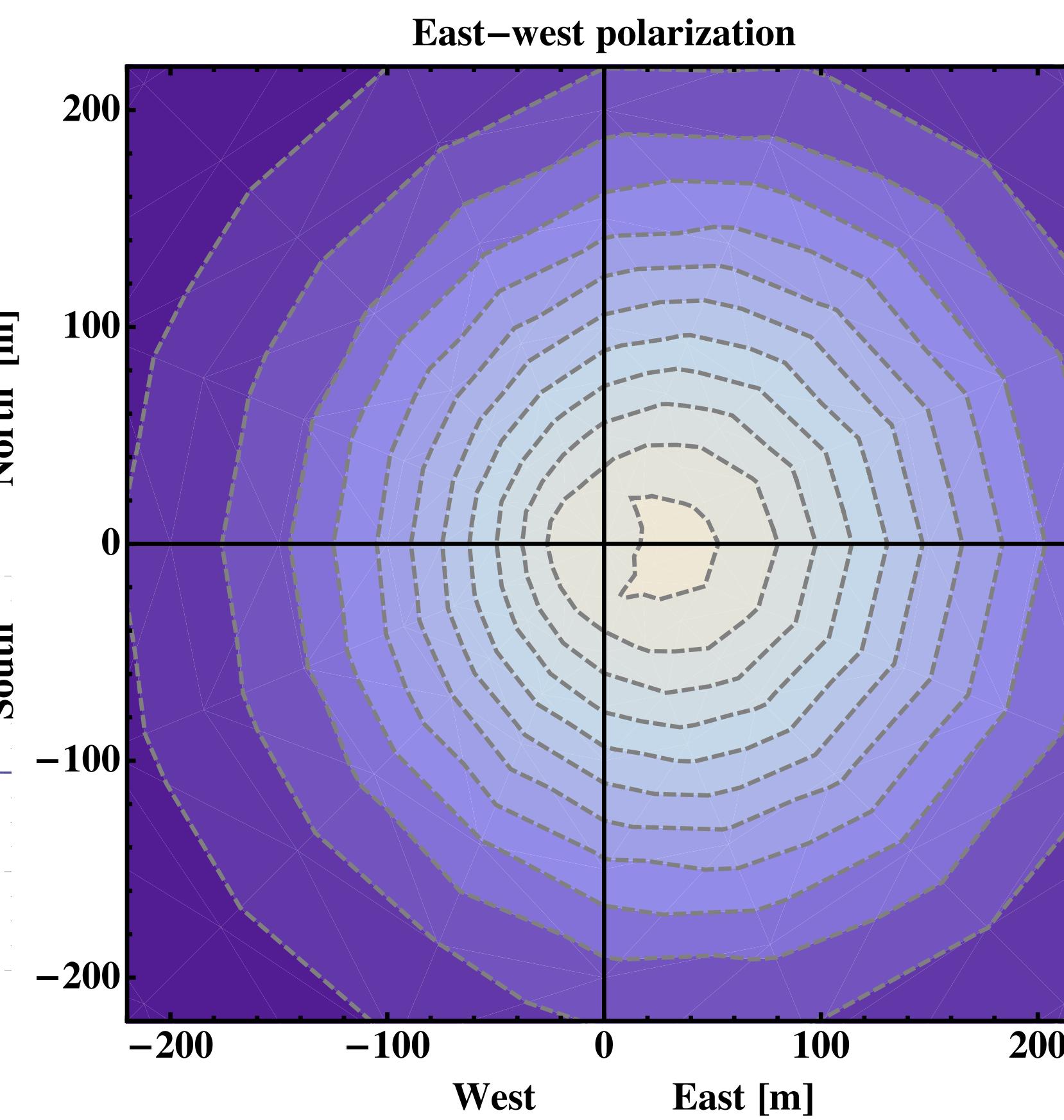
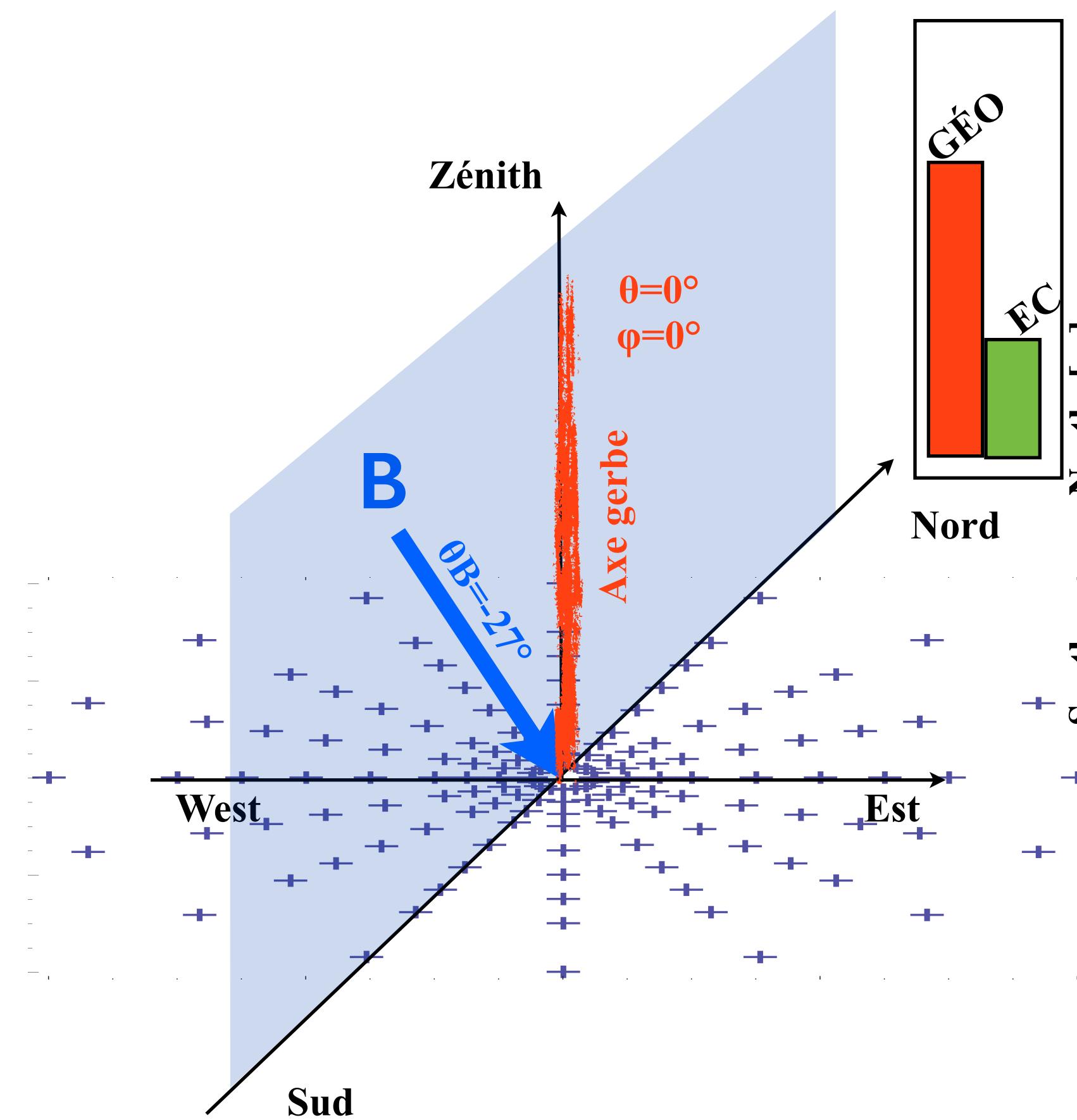


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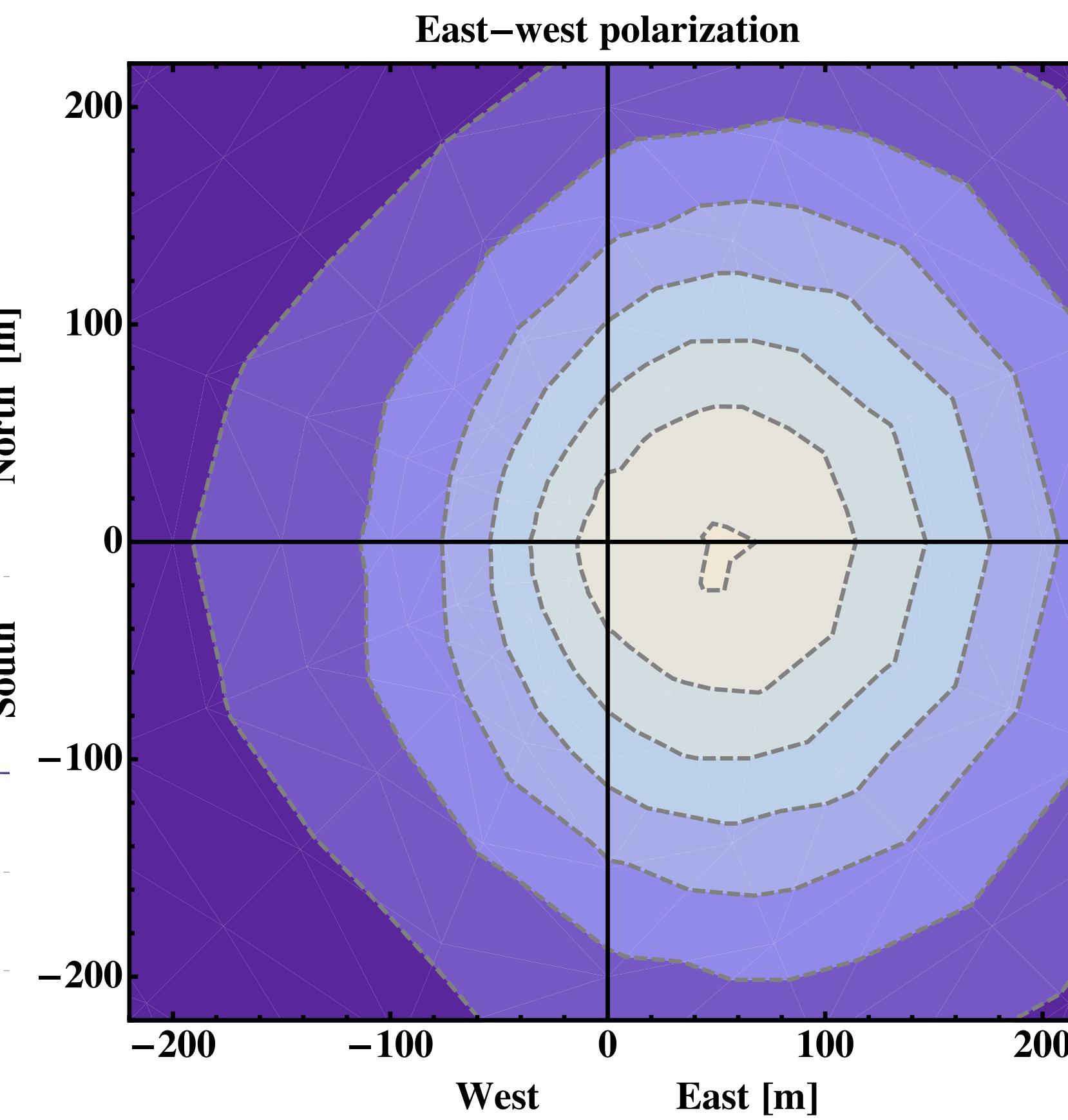
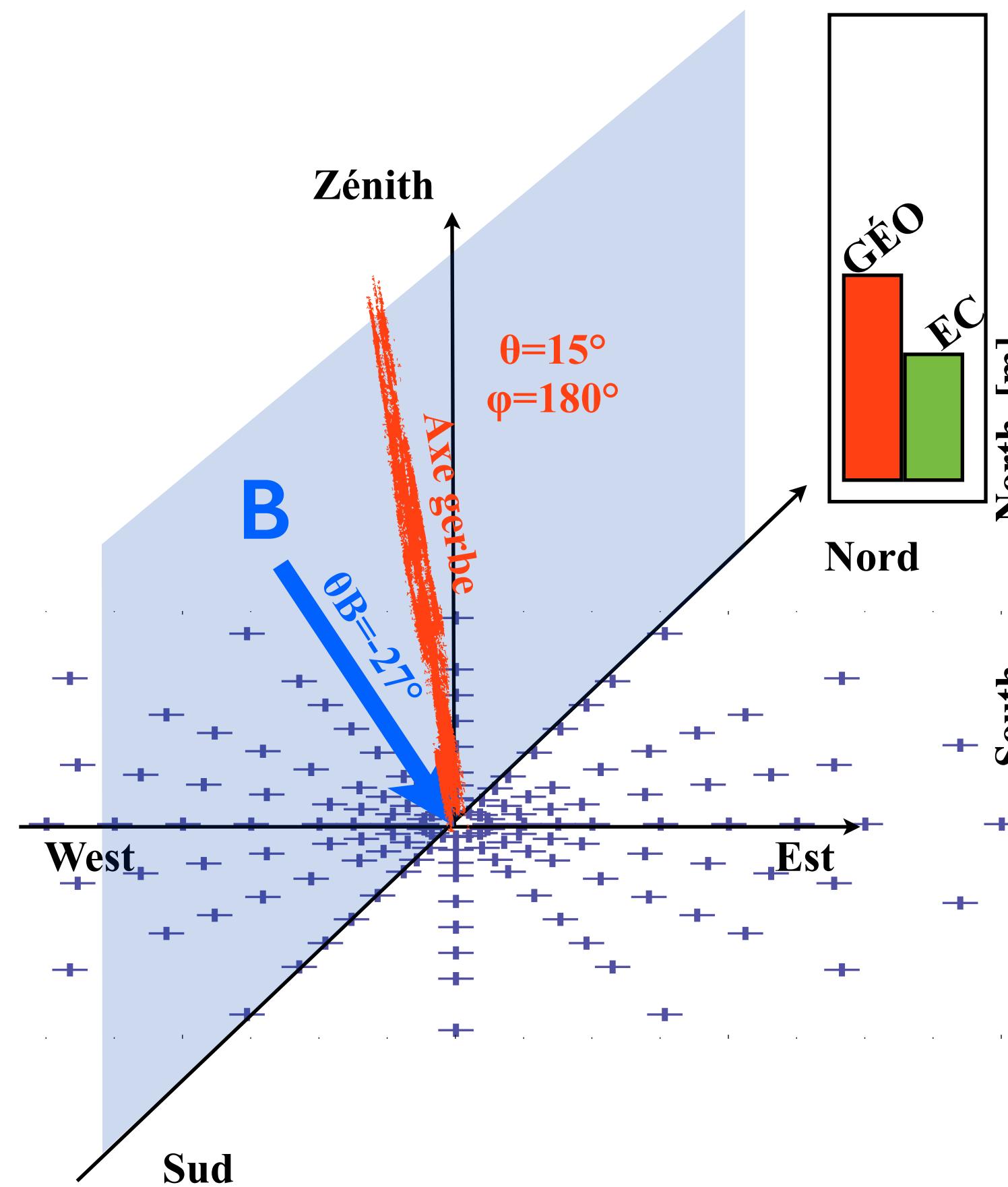


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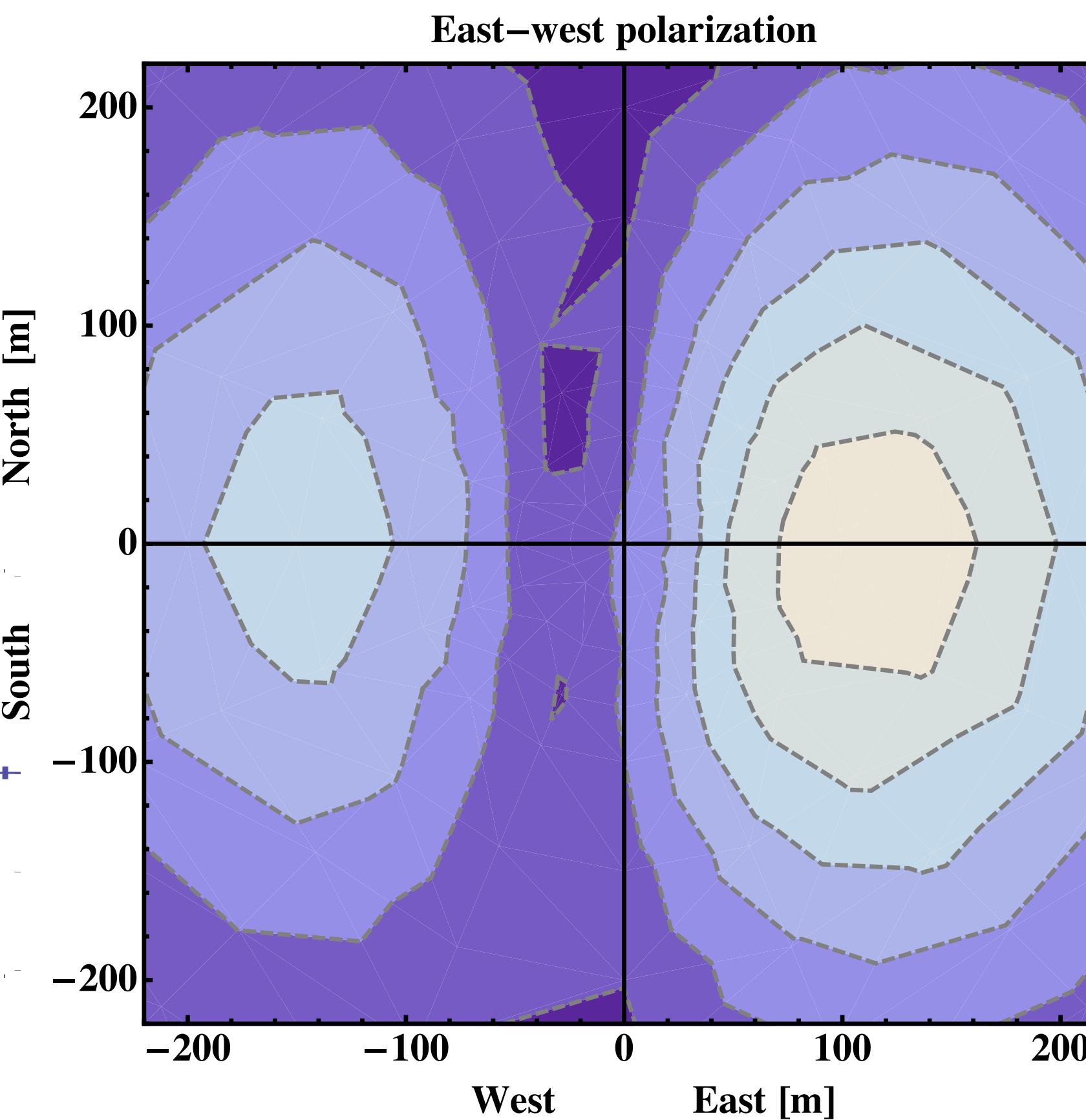
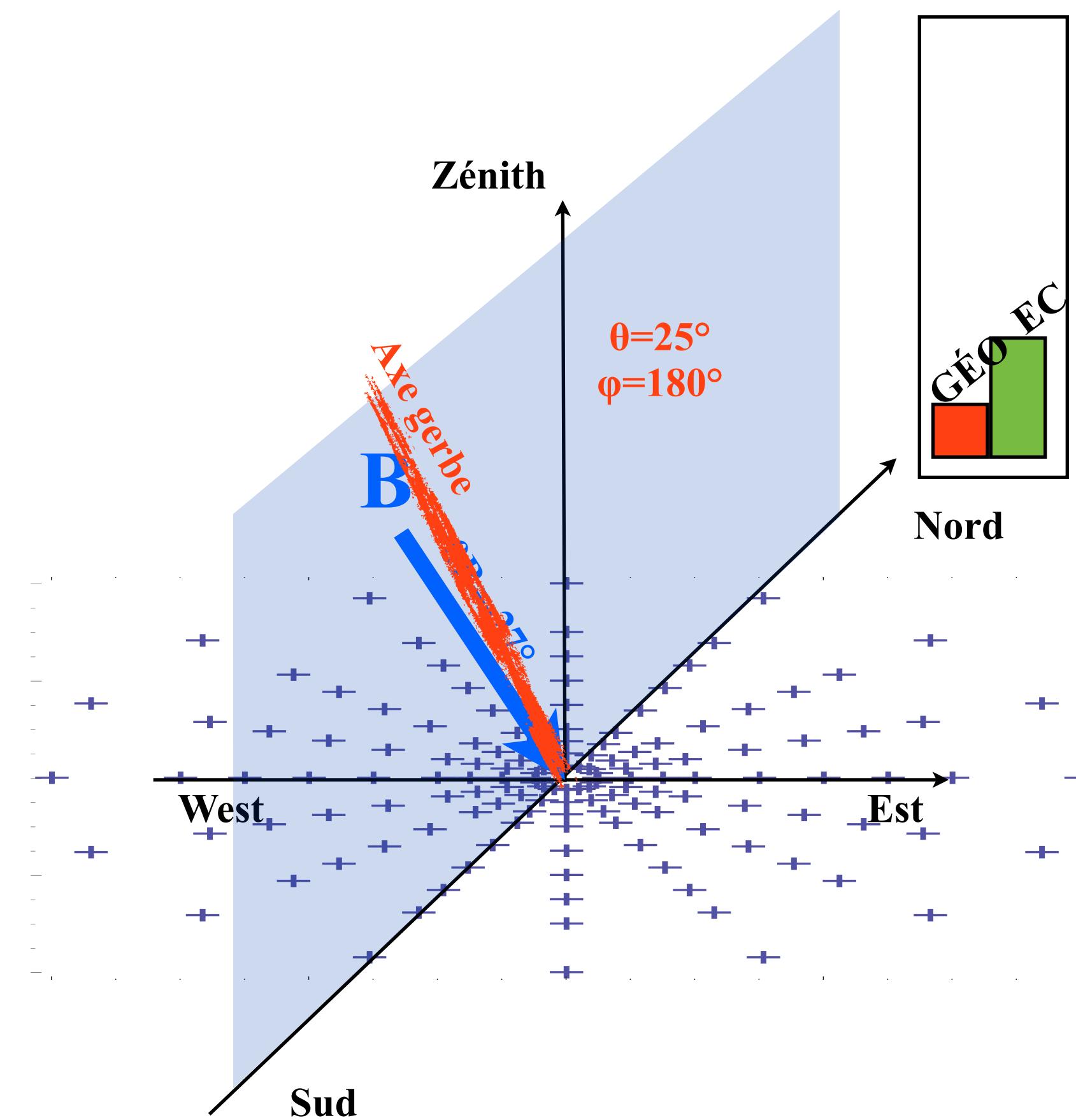


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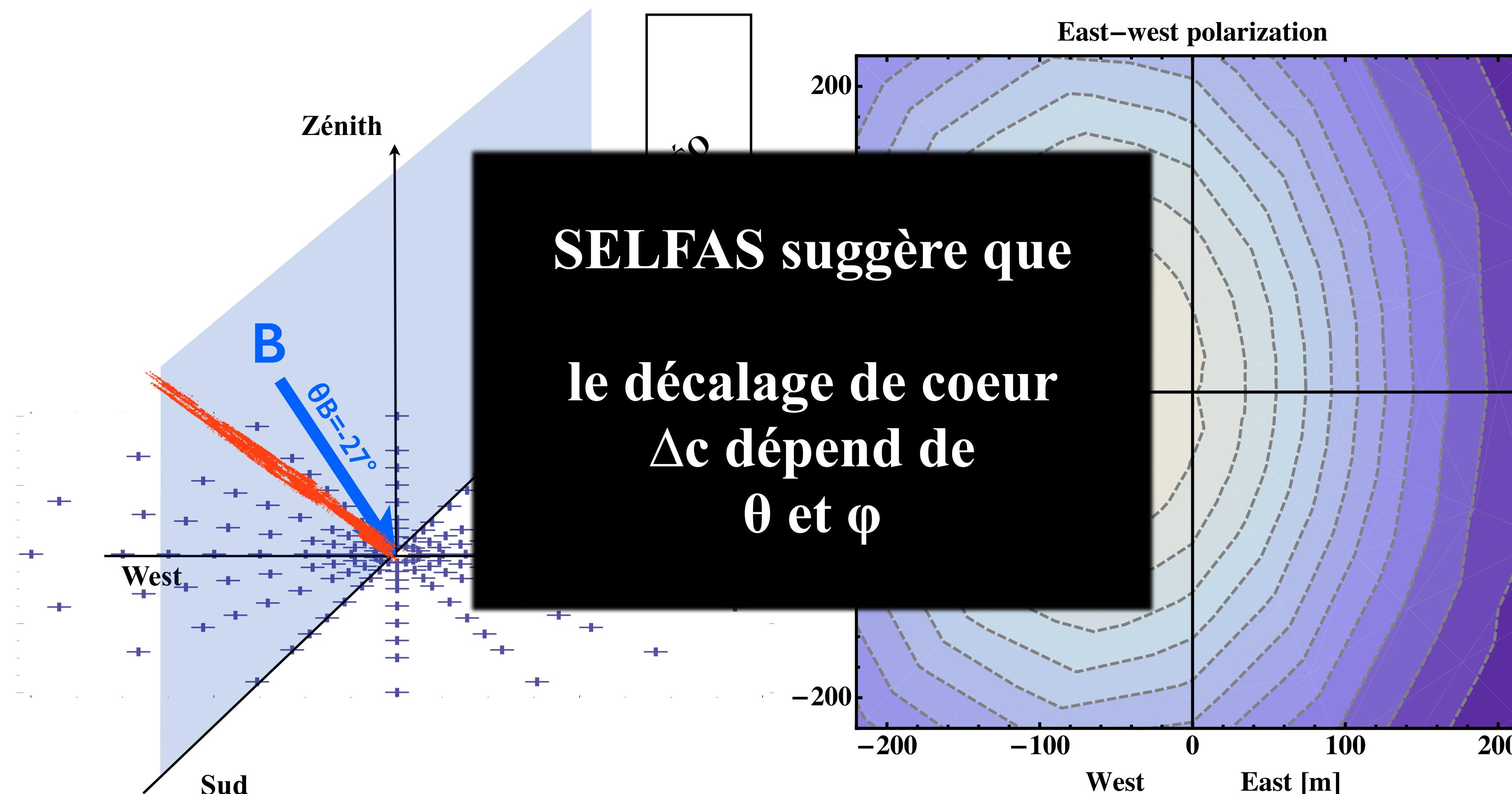


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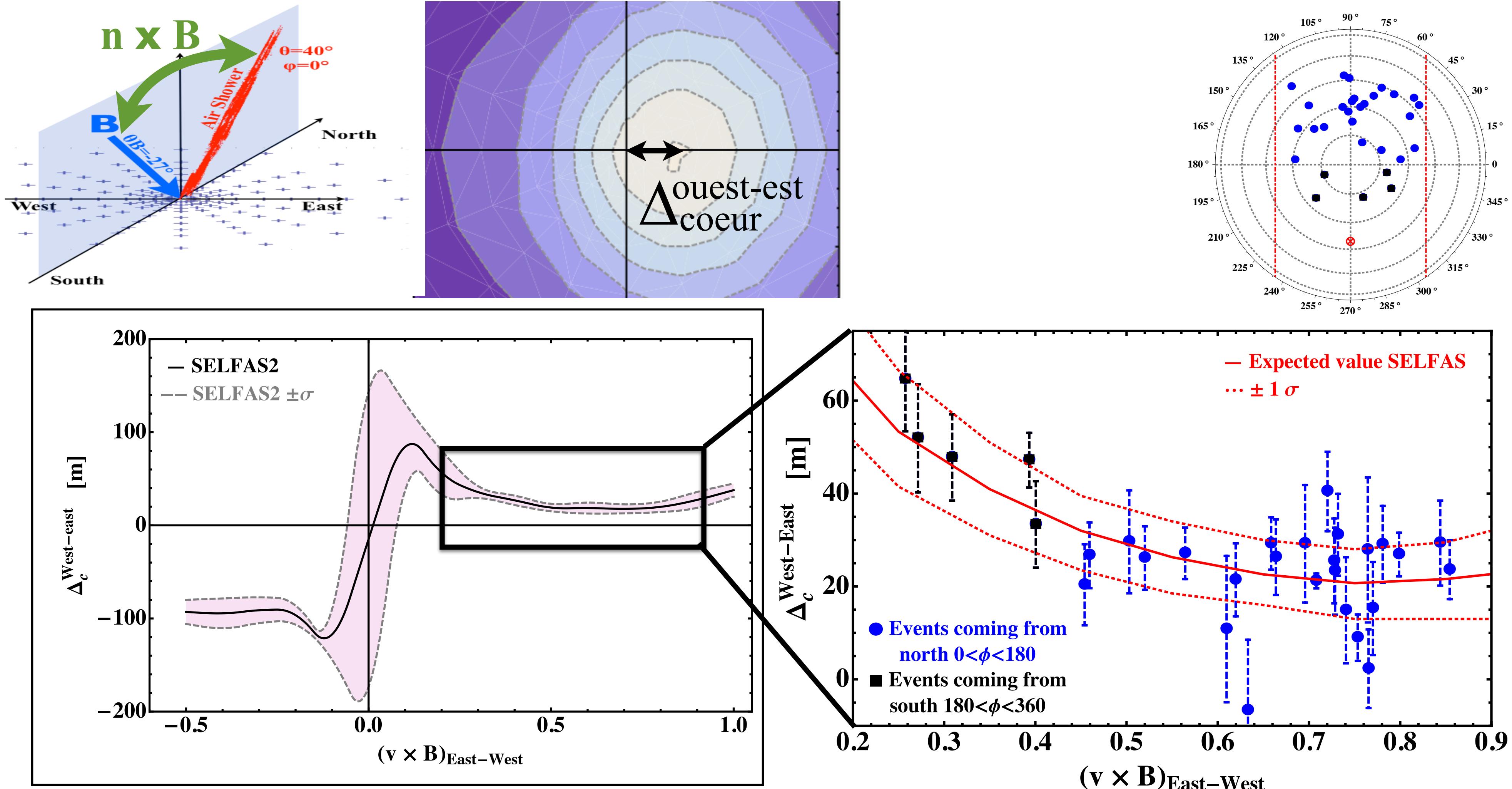
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Notre compréhension au fil des Hz et des années...

