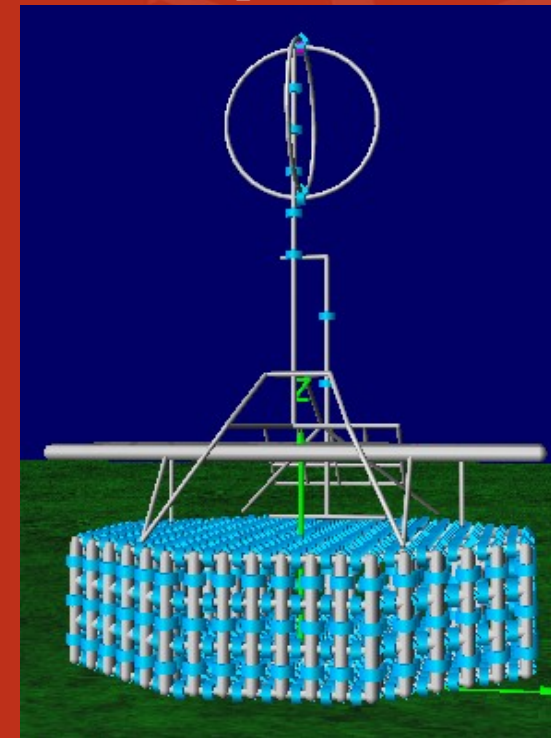
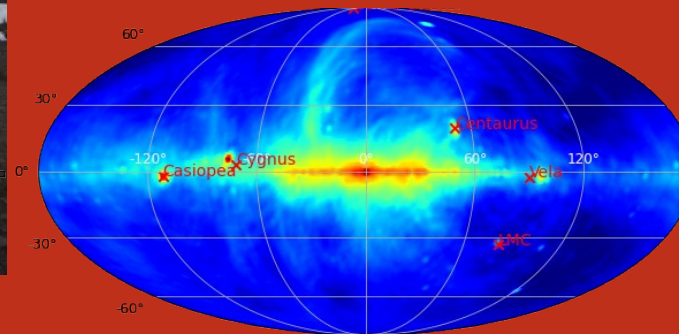




# AugerPrime Radio Detector Antenna Uncertainty



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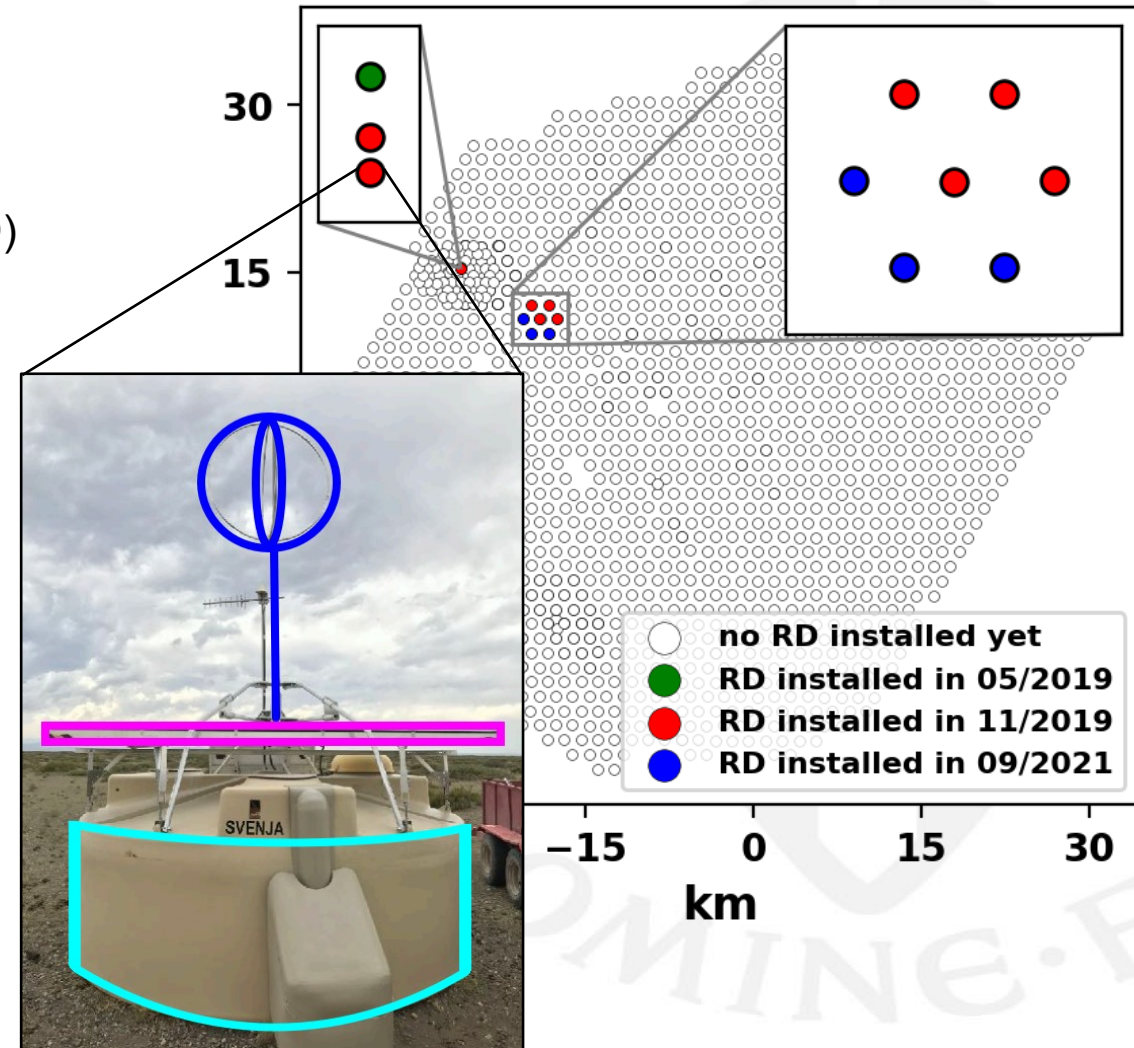
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# Pierre Auger Observatory upgrade - AugerPrime

- **AugerPrime upgrade - the Surface Detector stations will get a:**
  - ✓ Radio Detector (RD) antenna
  - ✓ Surface scintillator detector (SSD)
  - ✓ Small photo-multiplier tube to the water-Cherenkov detector (WCD)
- **Main Goal:** Primary particle mass decomposition.
- **RD purpose:** electromagnetic energy measurements above  $60^\circ$  zenith angles.
- **Current status:** 10/1661 RD antennas are installed and ongoing mass production.
- For technical details on RD see Julian Rautenberg's slides: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/826366/contributions/4885838/>
- For details on RD antenna pattern see Ugo Giaccari's slides: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/826366/contributions/4880758/>
- For expected performance of the RD see Felix Schlüter's slides: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/826366/contributions/4880764/>



Upgraded SD station. The RD antenna is in blue, the SSD in pink, the WCD is turquoise

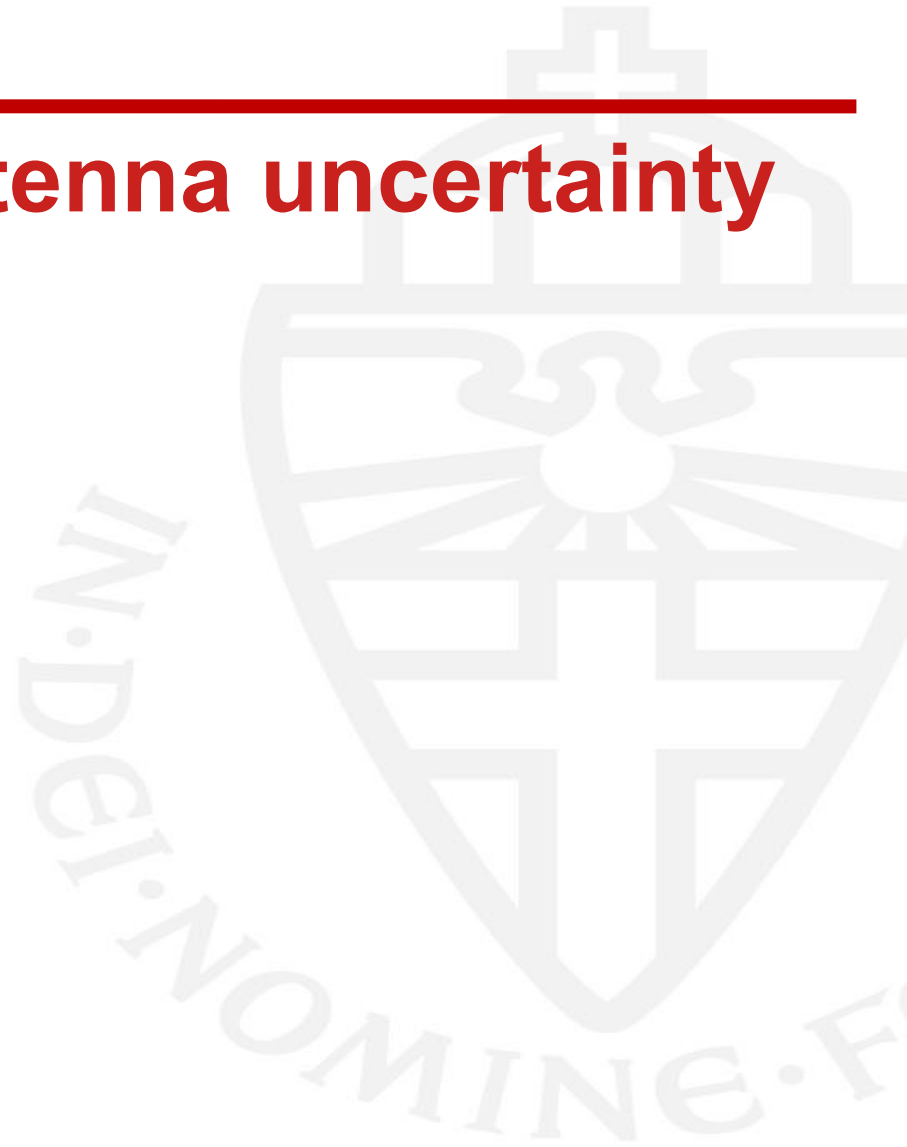
# AugerPrime Radio Detector uncertainty

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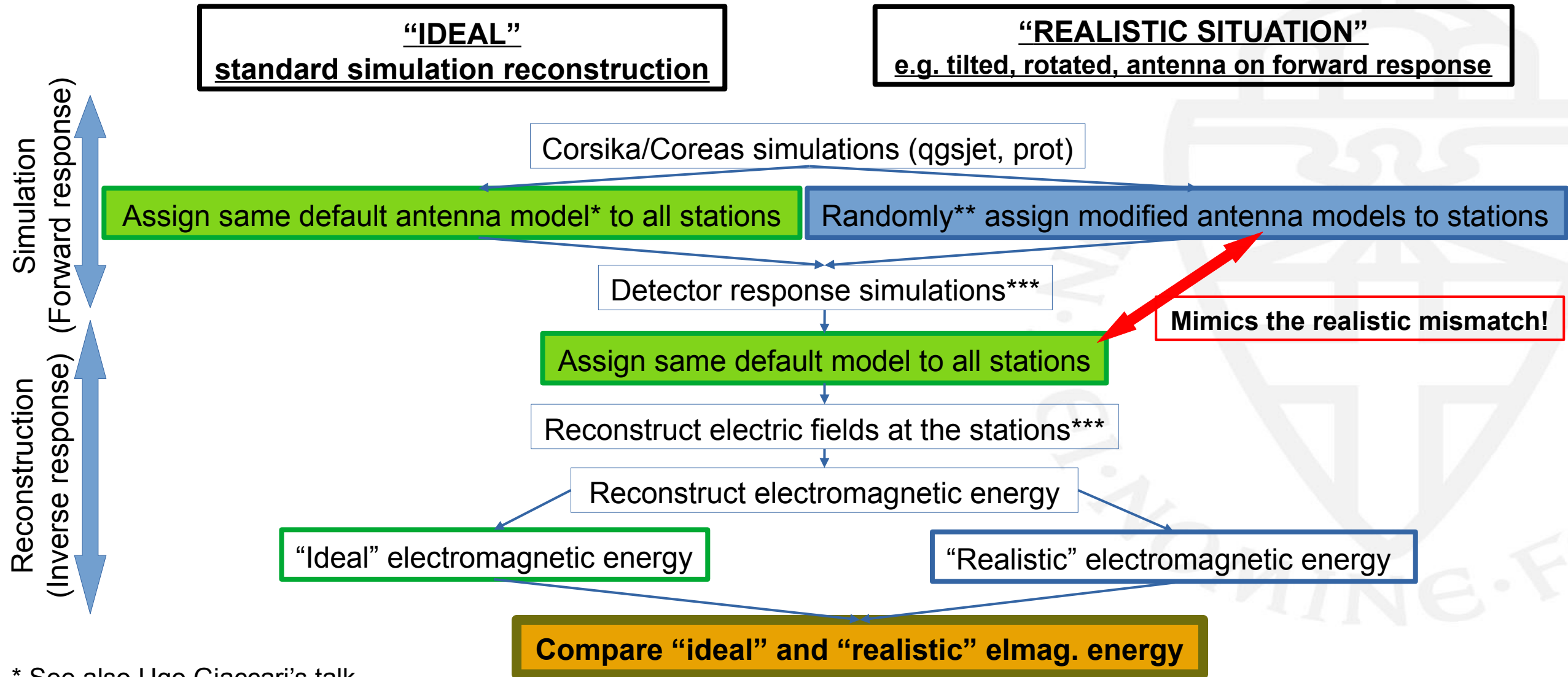
- **Event-to-event reconstruction antenna uncertainty**
  - Mismatch between the antenna model and the real construction.
  - How to objectively quantify propagated effect of this mismatch to the reconstructed electromagnetic energy?
- **Absolute antenna uncertainty**
  - Calibration using the Galactic radio emission.
  - Calibration depends on choice of radio sky map, antenna model and fitting method.

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# Event-to-event reconstruction antenna uncertainty



# Event-to-event reconstruction antenna uncertainty - Method



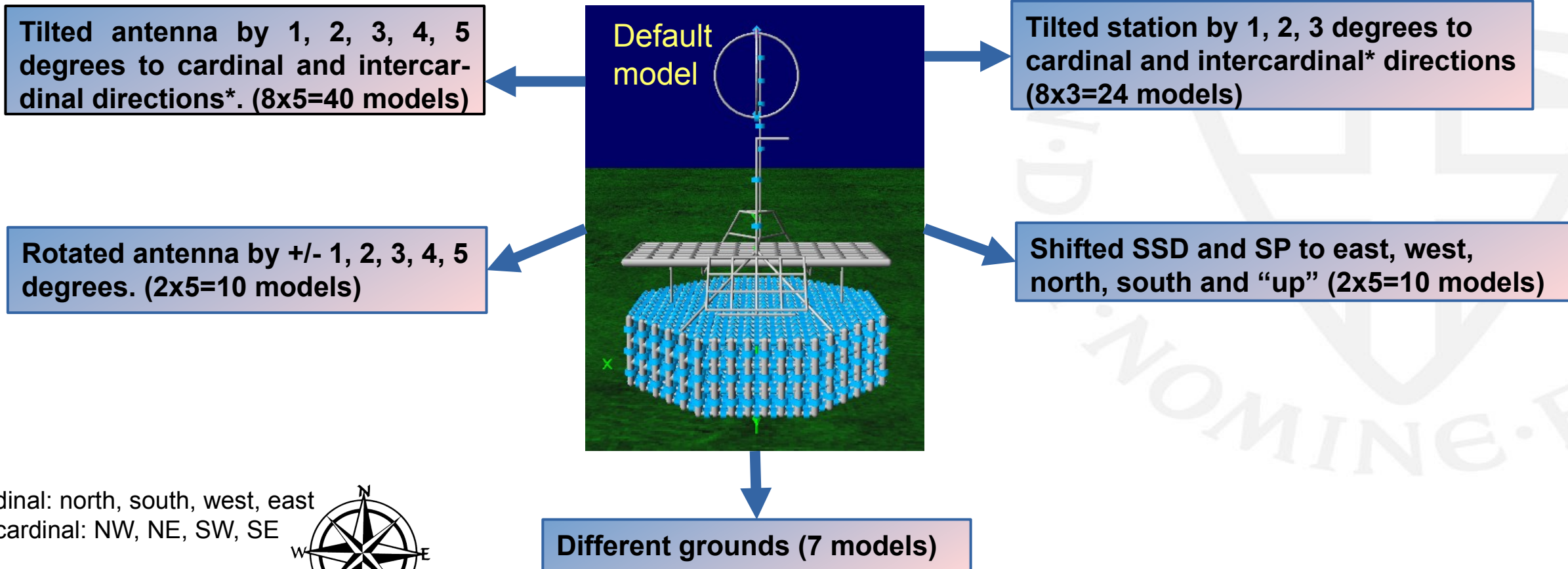
\* See also Ugo Giaccari’s talk

\*\* 5 different random seeds are used each time

\*\*\* MC shower direction is always used!

# Antenna Model modifications

- In total 91 modified antenna models were produced.
- Different random seeds were used to generate arrays with modified models.
- The following modified models were used:

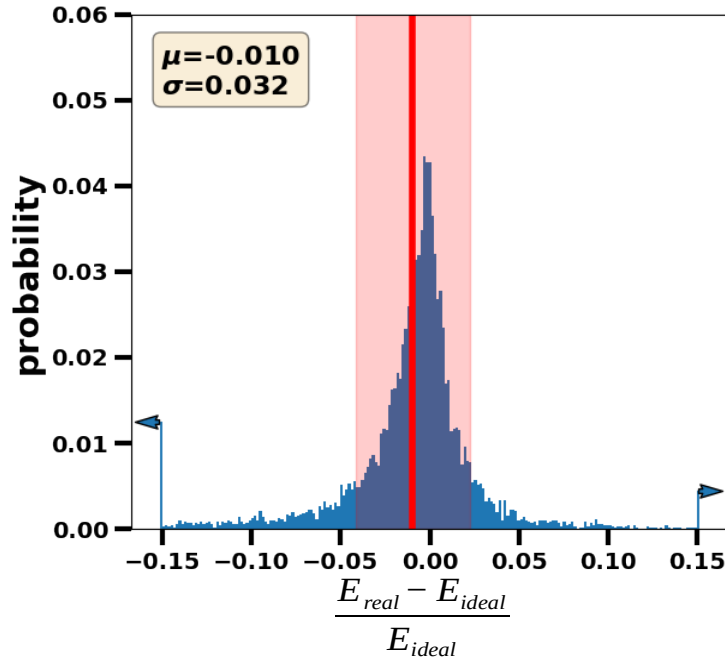


\*Cardinal: north, south, west, east  
 Intercardinal: NW, NE, SW, SE

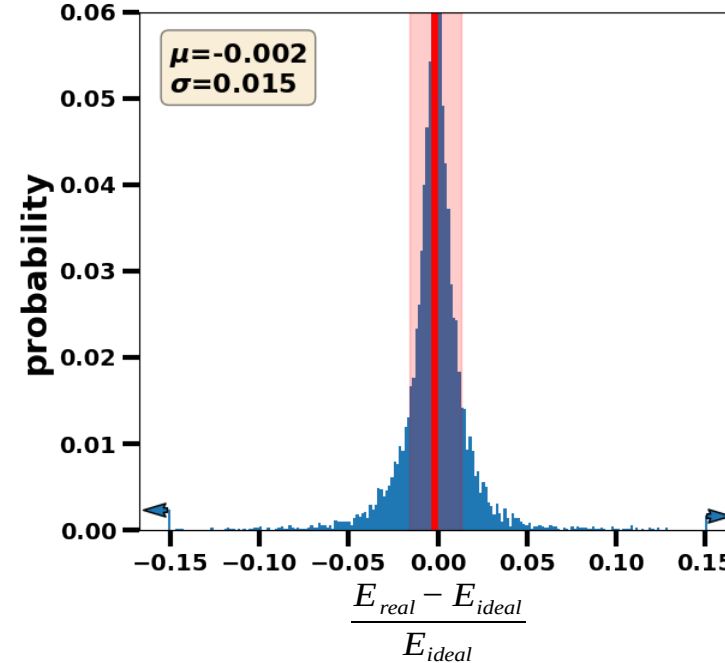


# Results – arrays with variously modified models

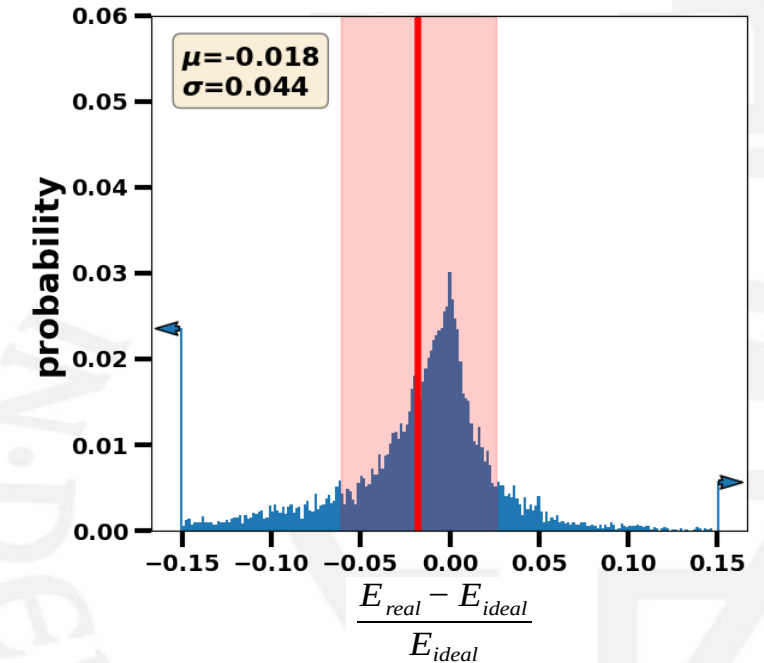
All modified models are used



Only models with modified geometry



Only modified with changed ground



- Histograms indicate differences of reconstructed electromagnetic energy between arrays with forward:default $\leftrightarrow$ inverse:default and forward:modified $\leftrightarrow$ inverse:default models.
- Ground (~4% uncertainty) seem to be more important factor than the geometry (<2% uncertainty)
- With increasing zenith angle, the uncertainty caused by deviated geometry becomes smaller.
- Very conservatively, the error caused by the antenna modeling should not be bigger than 5%.

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# Absolute antenna uncertainty





# Absolute galactic calibration – method & results

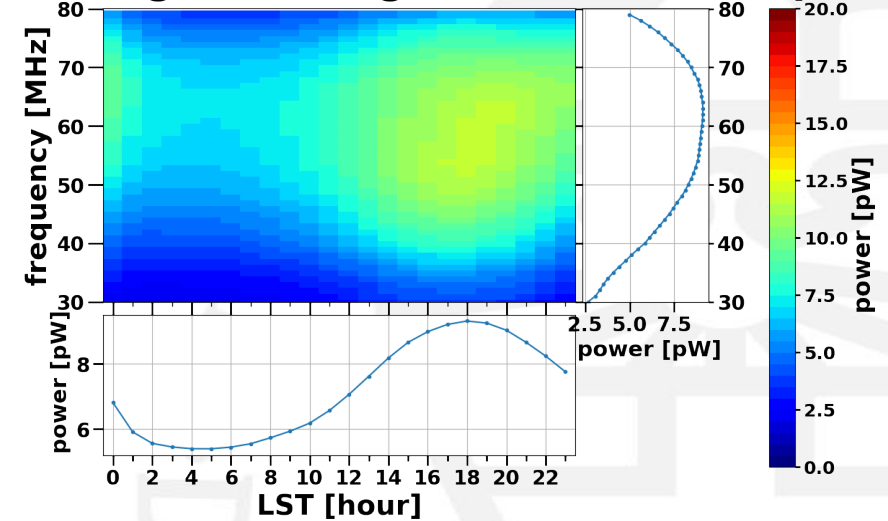
## Method

- 1) Simulate galactic signal seen by the radio station using the galactic map, antenna model and measured HW response
  - 2) Fit the simulated galactic signal with the measured noise to derive the calibration constant  
(for details on the fitting methods see Rogério Menezes de Almeida's slides: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/826366/contributions/4877946/> )
- We used 5 different maps, 17 different antenna models and 4 different fitting methods; this gives in total 340 constants which we then smeared by the underlying uncertainty of the map

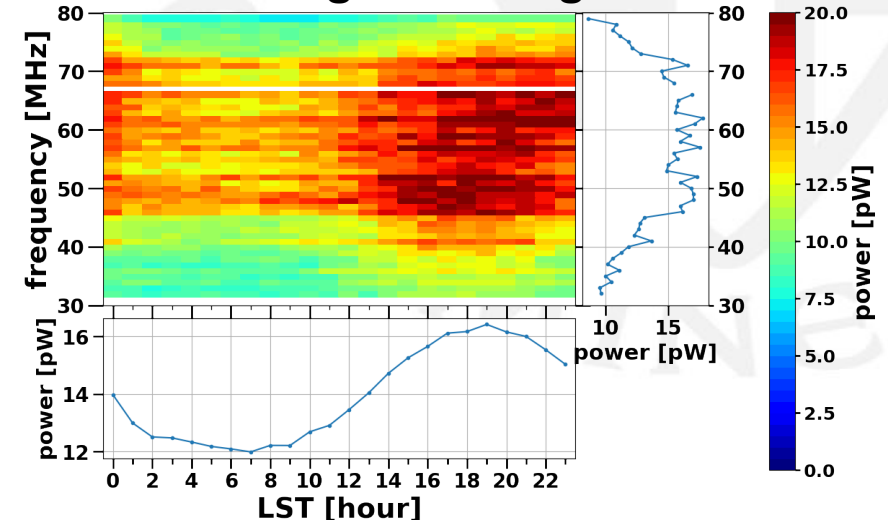
## Results

- EW calibration constant:  $1.03 \pm 9.6\% \pm 2\%$
- NS calibration constant:  $0.96 \pm 9.7\% \pm 2\%$
- Uncertainty caused by the Antenna model: max 1.5%
- For more details see this proceeding: <https://pos.sissa.it/395/>

Simulated galactic signal in the EW loop

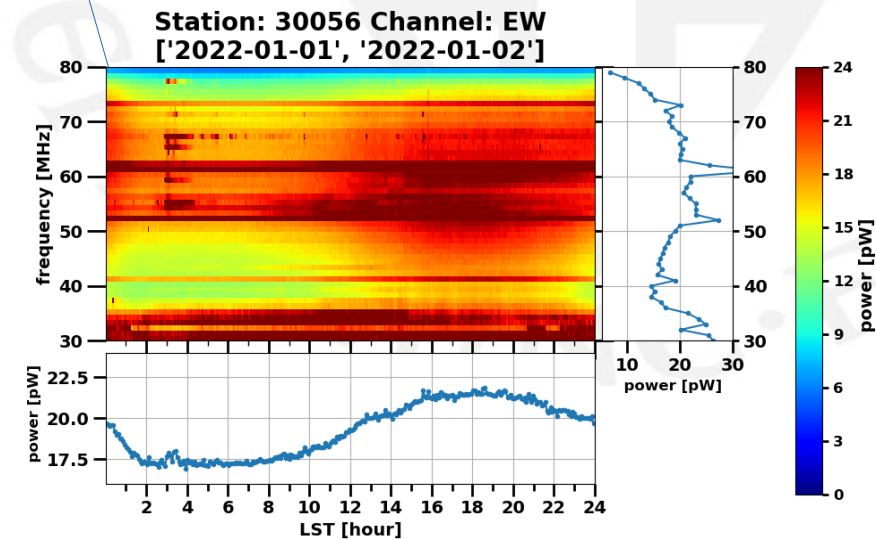
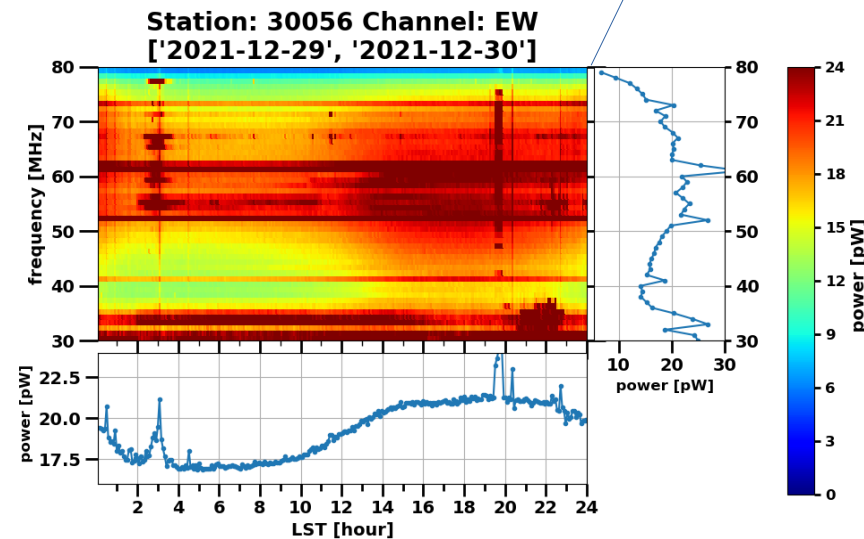
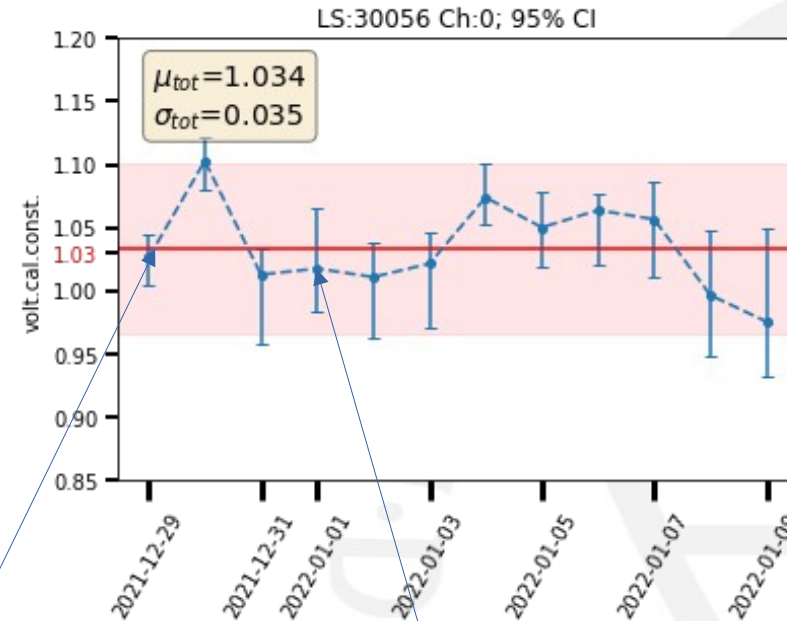


Measured noise & galactic signal in the EW loop

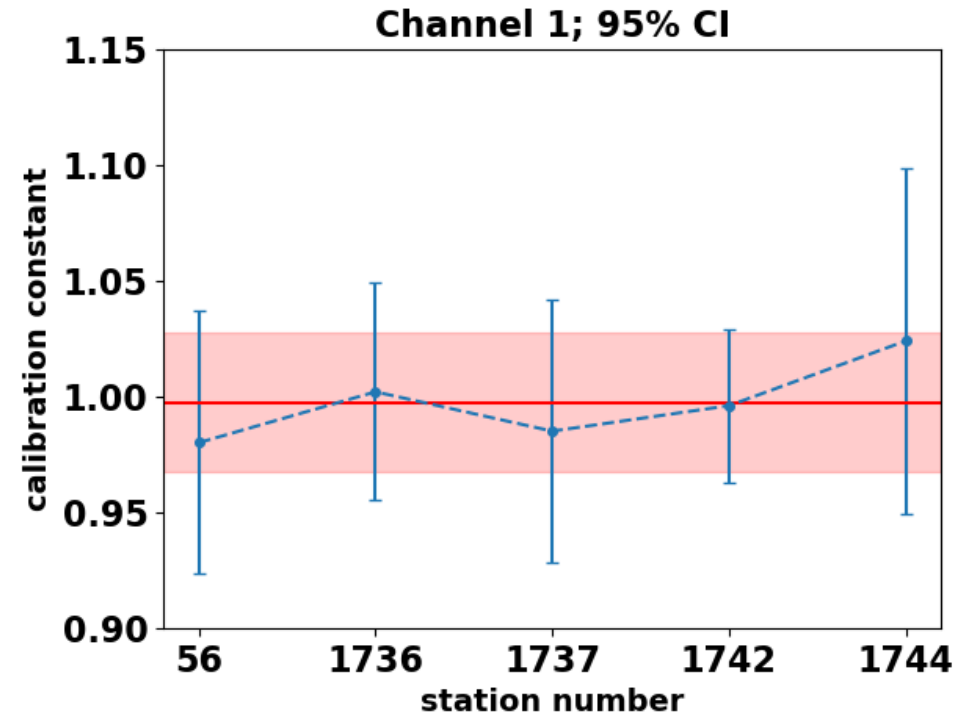
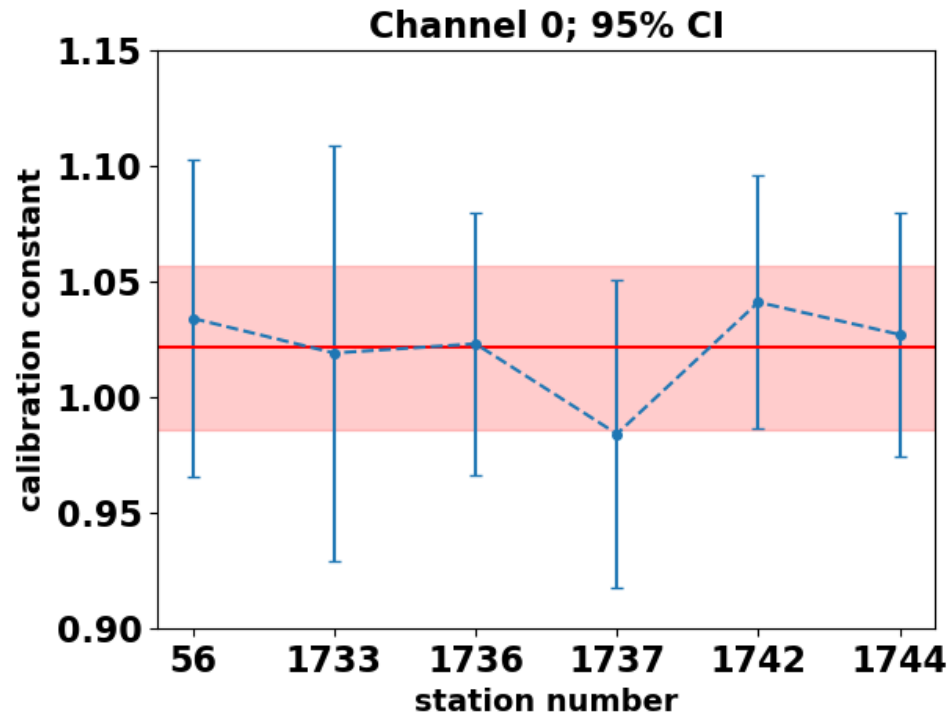


# Towards the Daily Absolute Galactic calibration

- Online rapid spectra averaging done directly in the FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Arrays)
- Every 5 minutes thousands of spectra are averaged
- Daily datasets are still better in compare to what we had after 4 months with triggered data.
- Data are suitable for a daily calibration.



# Station-to-station fluctuations



- Here we averaged the daily stations calibration constants (12 days)
- Red horizontal line is average calibration constant of all stations
- All stations are within the 95% confidence interval
- No outliers

# Conclusion

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- ✓ **Ground is the most significant factor in the modeling ( ~4% deviation)**
- ✓ **Geometric antenna uncertainties are less relevant than ground (<2% deviation)**
- ✓ **Geometric antenna uncertainties decrease with increasing zenith angle**
- ✓ **Very conservatively, the uncertainty caused by the antenna modeling should not be bigger than 5%.**
- ✓ **In the absolute galactic calibration, the antenna model causes an uncertainty of less than 1.5%.**
- ✓ **Daily galactic calibration looks promising; double use: both as a calibration tool and as a monitoring tool.**

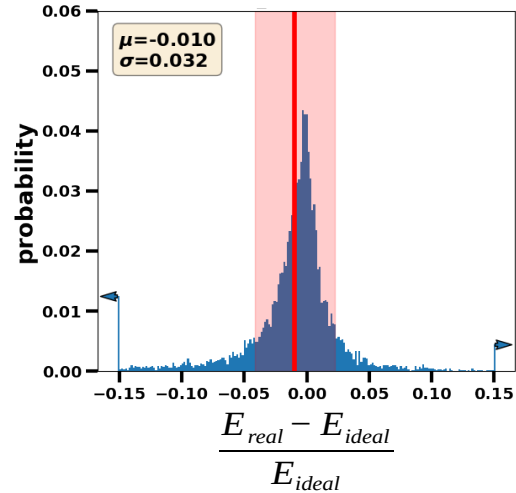
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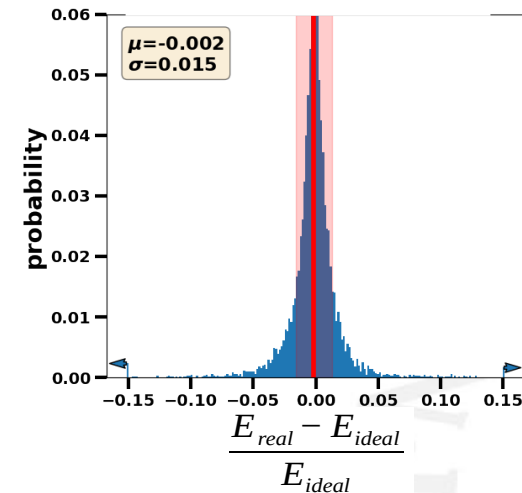
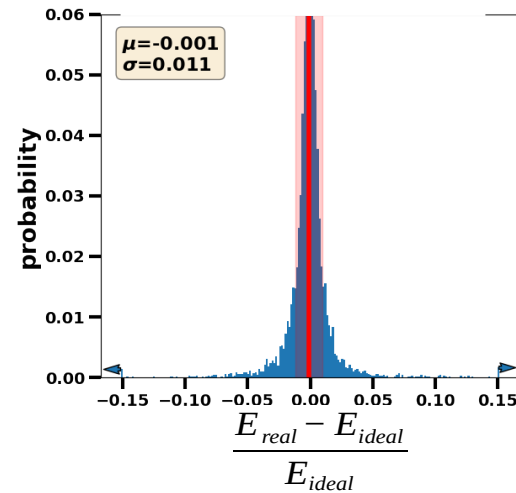


# Results – arrays with variously modified models

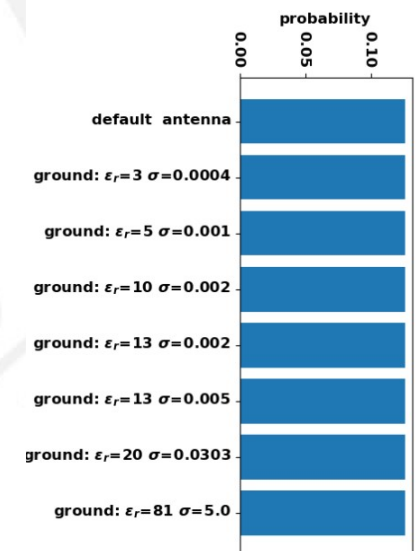
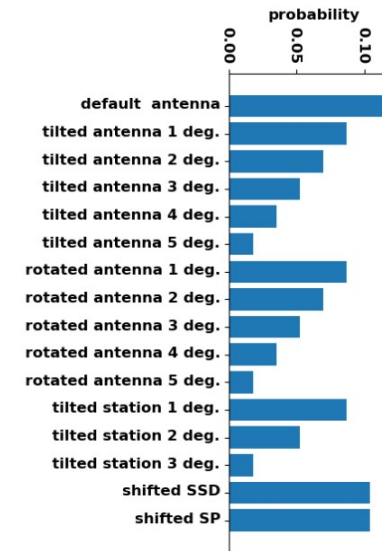
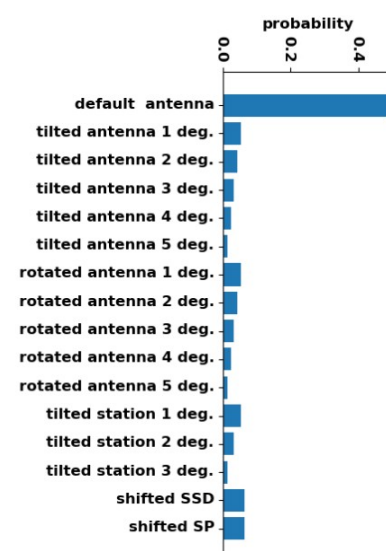
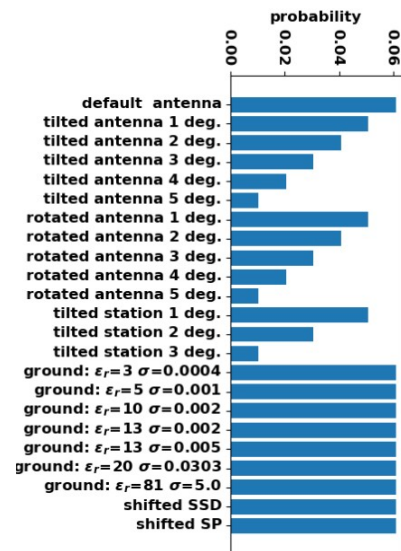
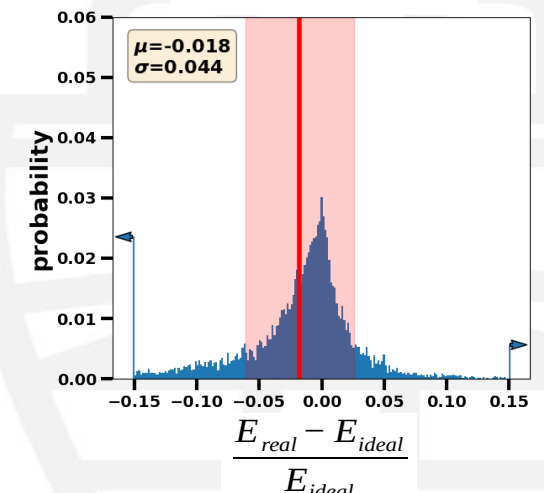
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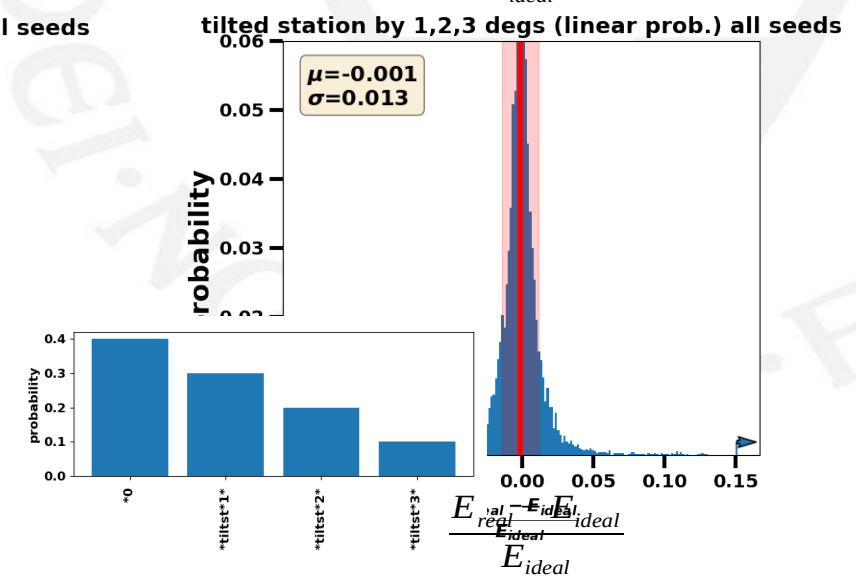
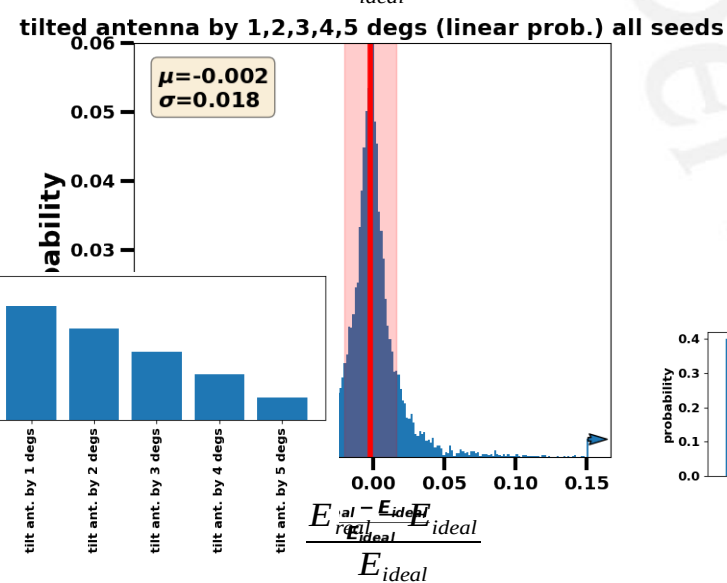
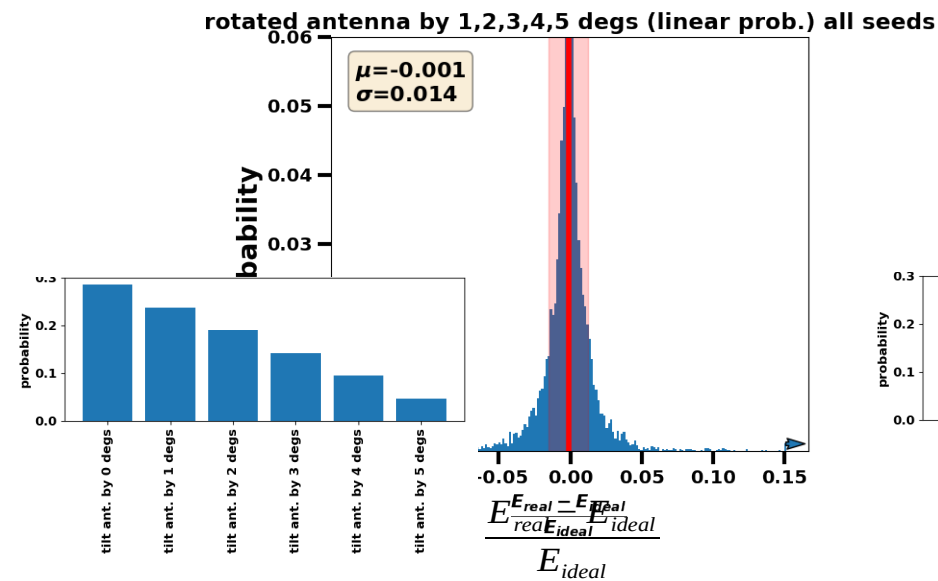
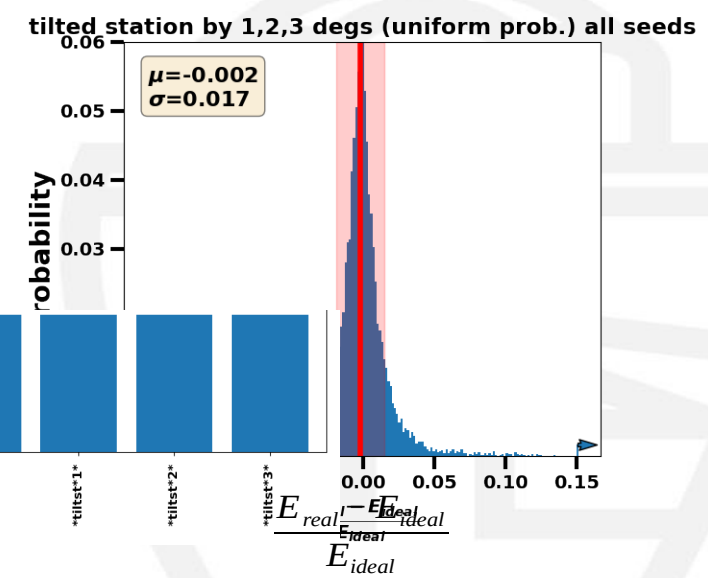
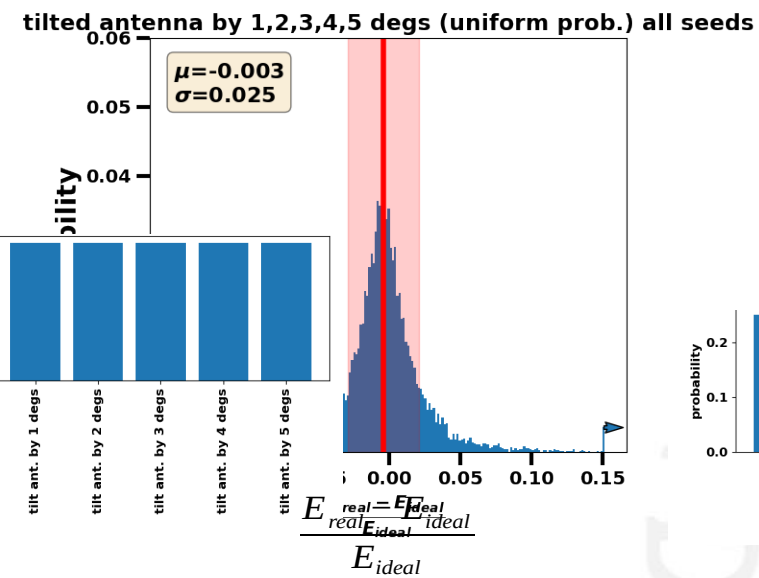
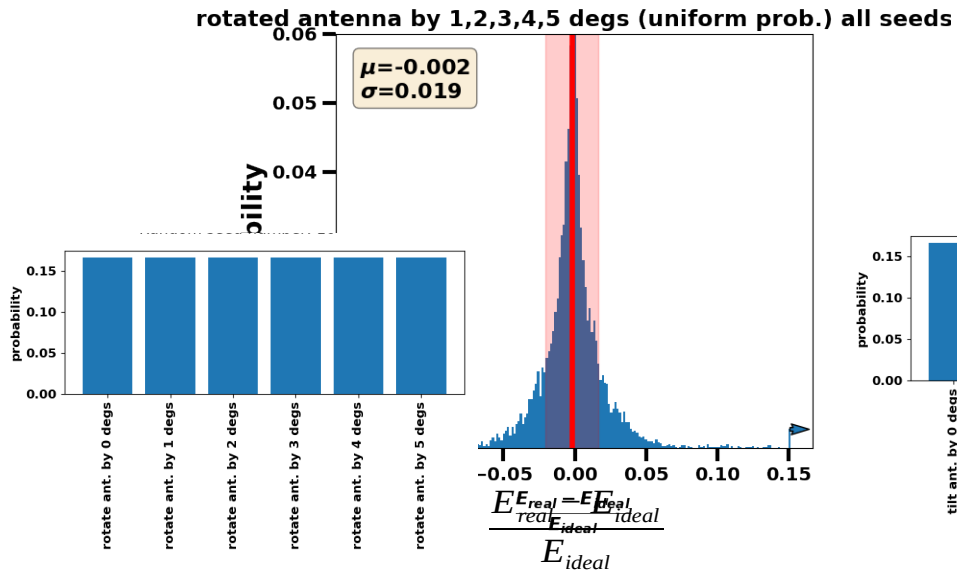
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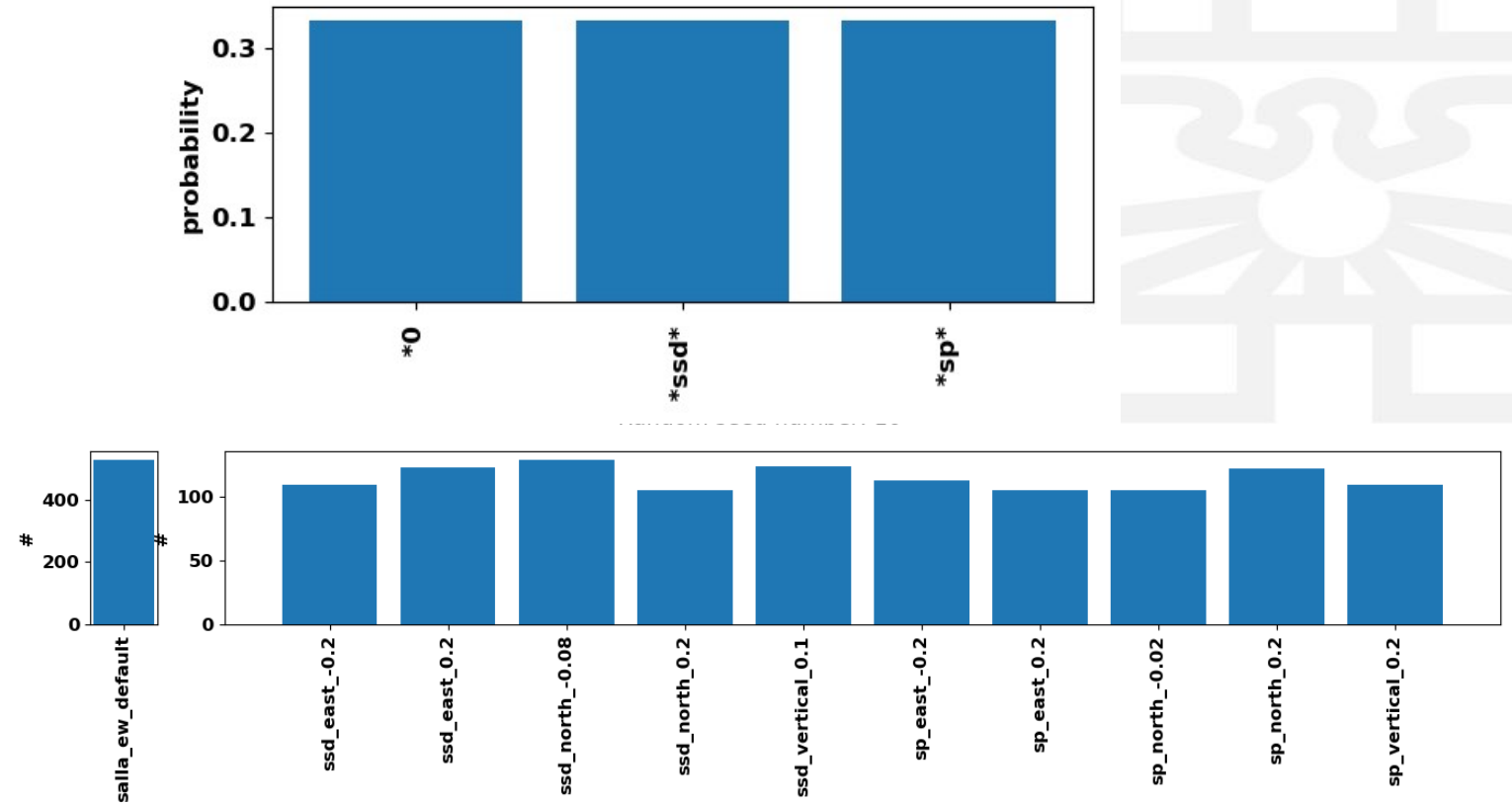
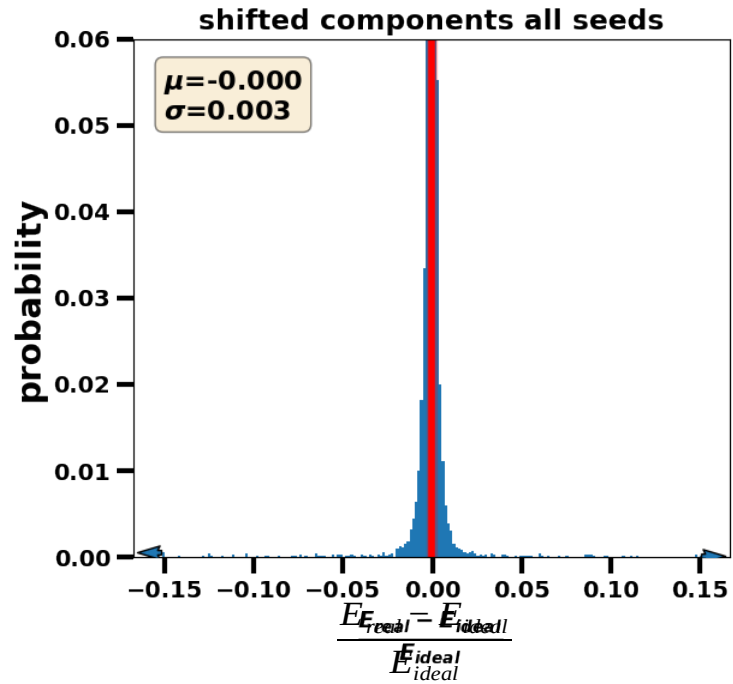
Only modified ground



# More Results – Modified geometry

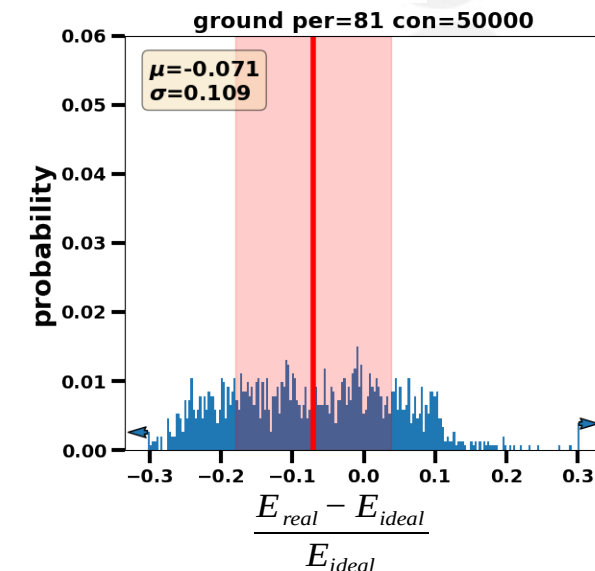
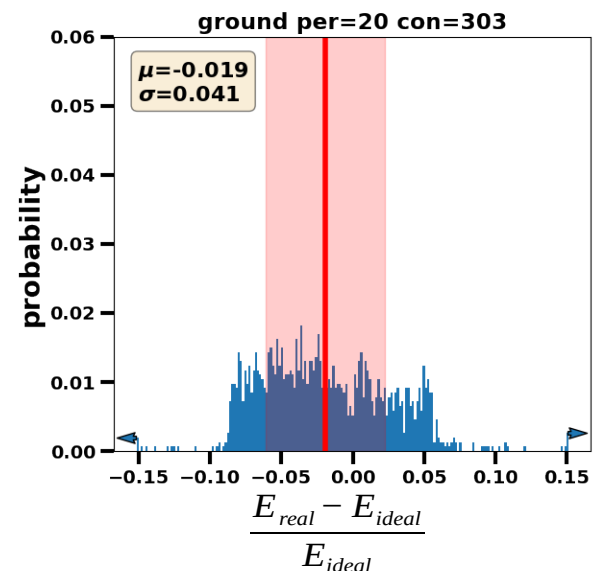
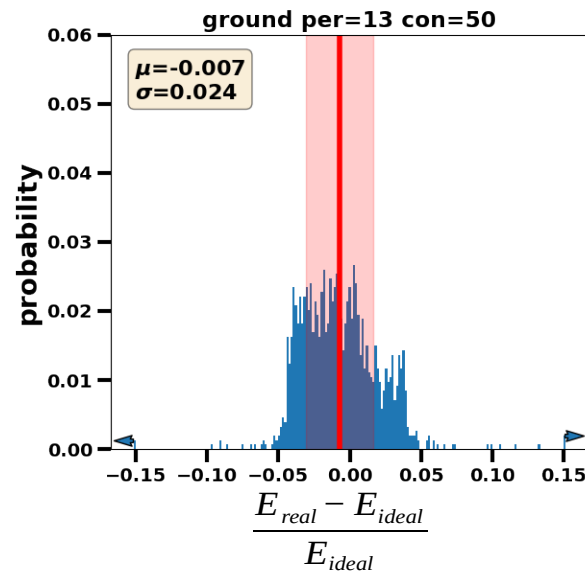
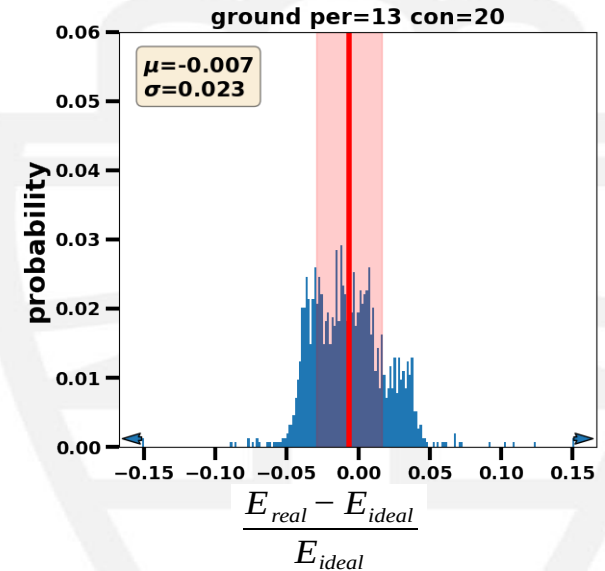
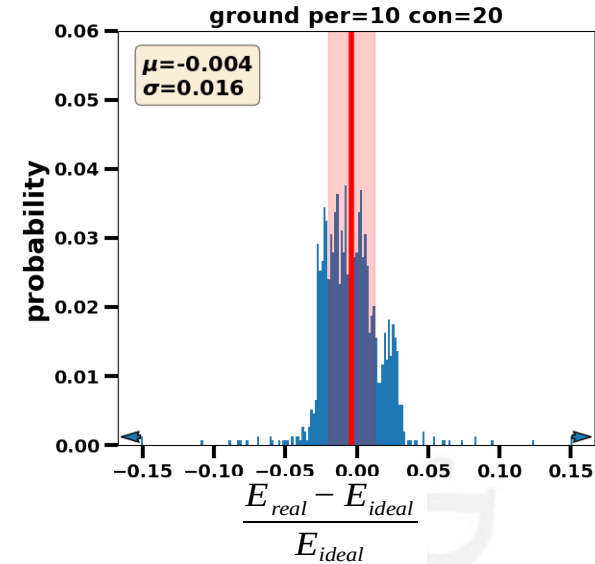
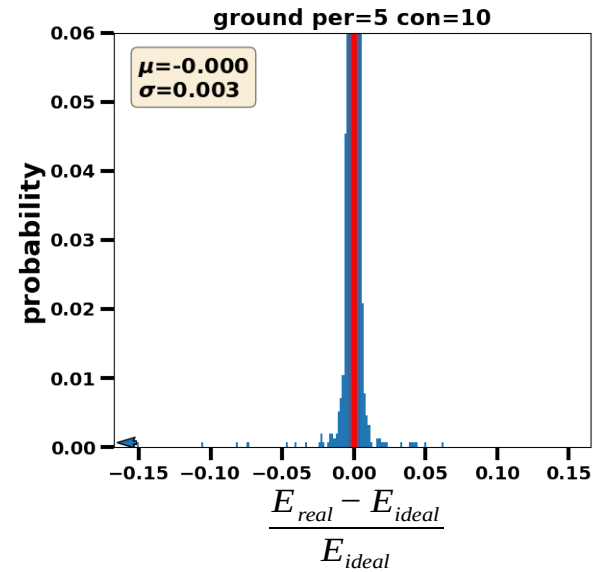
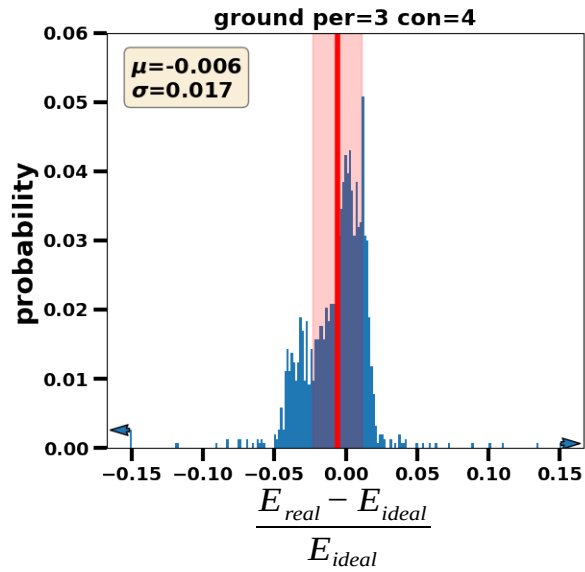


# Shifted components





# Modified grounds



\*Default model:  
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\*\* con is in EC unit,  
to convert to S/m divide  
by 10000

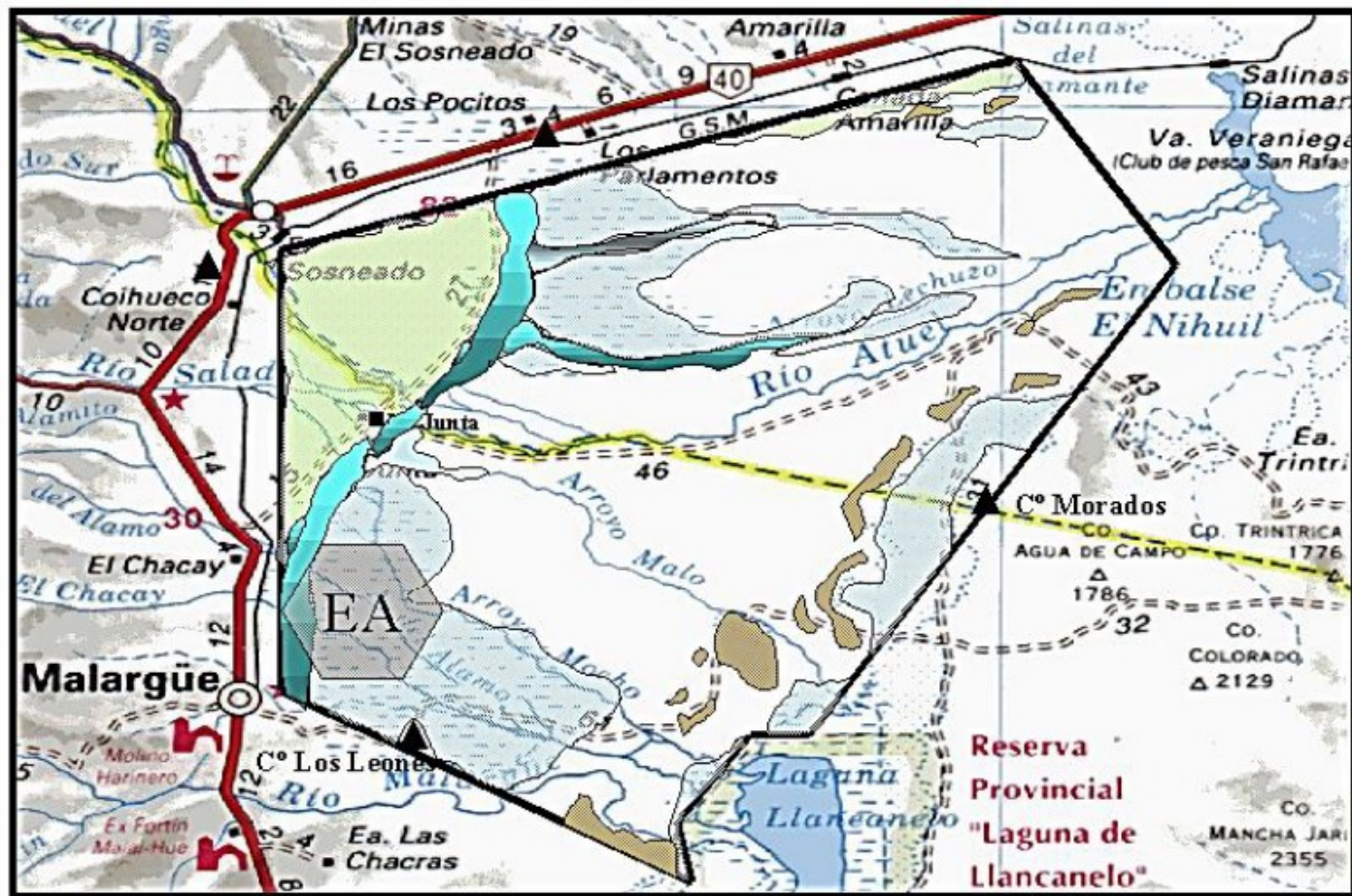
# Results of other cases

	<i>all modified models</i>	<i>all modified geometries (48% default model)</i>	<i>all modified geometries (12% default model)</i>	<i>only modified ground</i>	<i>tilted antenna (linearly decaying probability)</i>	<i>tilted antenna (uniform probability)</i>	<i>rotated antenna (linearly decaying probability)</i>	<i>rotated antenna (uniform probability)</i>	<i>tilted station (linearly decaying probability)</i>	<i>tilted station (uniform probability)</i>	<i>shifted components (uniform probability)</i>
<b>Median</b>	-0.0047	-0.0003	-0.0011	-0.0092	-0.0016	-0.0039	-0.0007	-0.0017	-0.0008	-0.0015	-0.0003
<b>Mean</b>	-0.0085	-0.0002	-0.0006	-0.0163	-0.0007	-0.002	-0.0008	-0.0007	0.0002	-0.0015	-0.0002
<b>Standard deviation (STD)</b>	0.0641	0.0374	0.0552	0.0836	0.0537	0.0674	0.0381	0.0497	0.0562	0.0343	0.0284
<b>Truncated Mean (1<sup>st</sup>-99<sup>th</sup> percentile)</b>	-0.0096	-0.0009	-0.0015	-0.0176	-0.0017	-0.0035	-0.0014	-0.0019	-0.001	-0.0016	-0.0004
<b>Truncated STD (1<sup>st</sup>-99<sup>th</sup> percentile)</b>	0.0318	0.0109	0.0146	0.0436	0.0183	0.025	0.0137	0.0185	0.0127	0.0168	0.0029
<b>Mean (within +/- 0.15)</b>	-0.0085	-0.0008	-0.0015	-0.0149	-0.0016	-0.0035	-0.0013	-0.0019	-0.001	-0.0014	-0.0005
<b>Standard deviation (within +/- 0.15)</b>	0.0323	0.015	0.0186	0.0413	0.0221	0.0281	0.0177	0.0225	0.017	0.0204	0.0088






- The geometry can result mostly in <2% deviation, ground in ~4%
- Very conservatively, the error caused by the antenna modeling should not be bigger than 5%.

## Sketch of the site soils distributions

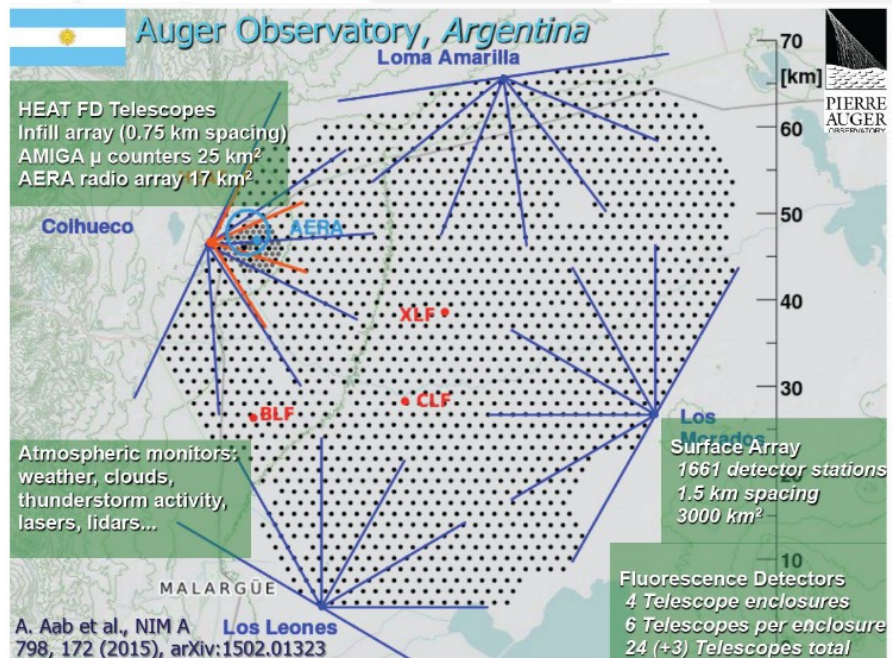
Regarding transit conditions



By Juan Carlos Meza

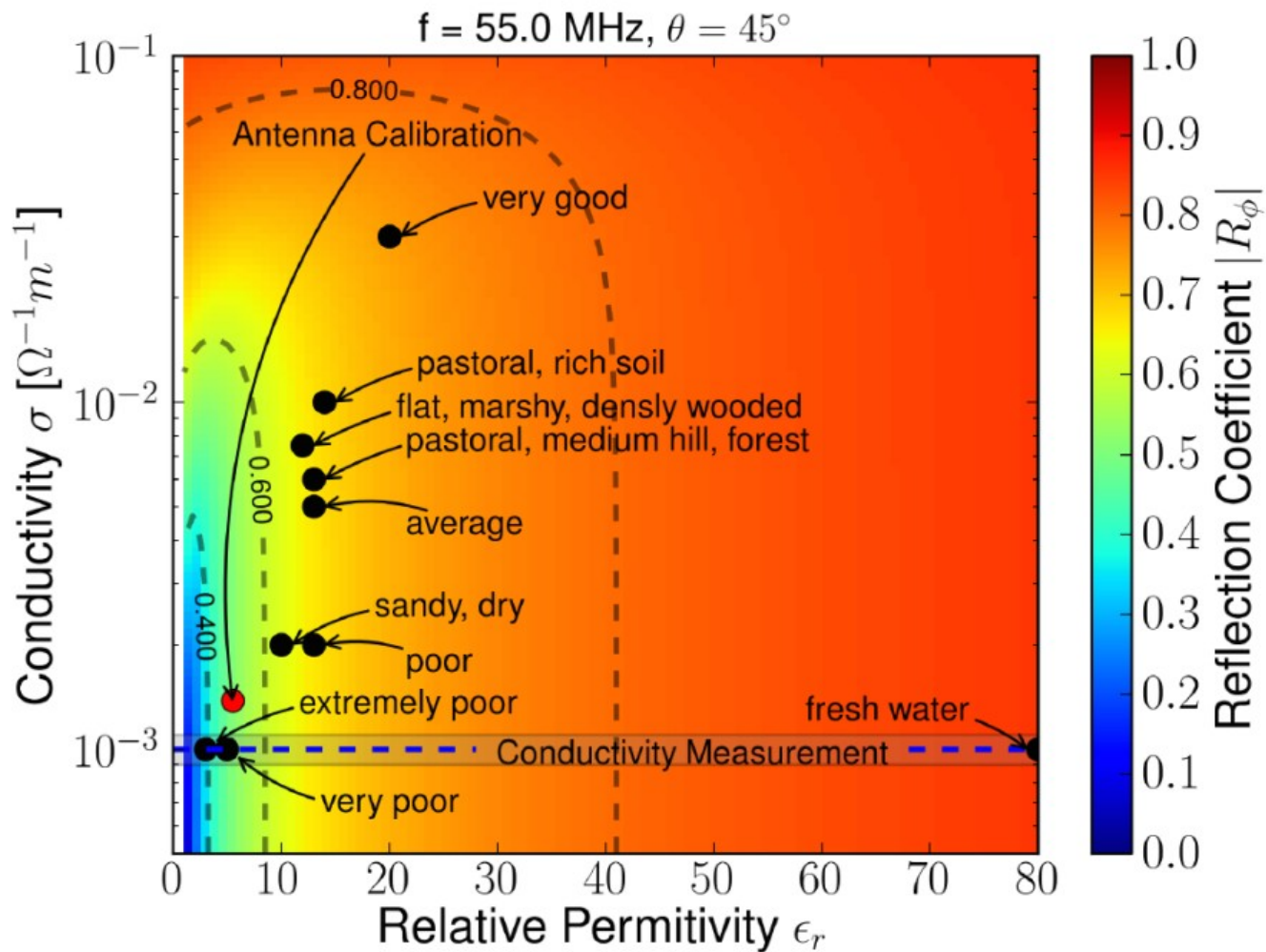
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|---|----------------------------------|--|
|  | <b>Fine grained sand.</b>        | Dunes (frequently not linked one another) resting on silty soils, scarce vegetation.                 |
|  | } <b>Silty with clay</b>         | Boggy lands with small lagoons in winter, dense bushes "cortaderas".                                 |
|  |                                  | Dry and soft soils, scarcely bushed area (mainly without thorns), difficult to pass after rain/snow. |
|  | } <b>Mainly gravel and sand.</b> | Wet and salty soils, not passable after heavy rains and hydrological rich years.                     |
|  |                                  | Alluvial cones and alluvial terrace, passable all year (bushes with dangerous thorns).               |

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lower left region of Fig. 7.6, corresponding to the extremely dry and sandy ground at AERA. Soil measurements performed at the AERA site indicate a relatively low conductivity of  $\sigma = (1 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-3} [\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}]$  [157]. We chose for antenna simulations associated with the AERA site values of  $\sigma = (1.38) \cdot 10^{-3} [\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}]$  and  $\epsilon_r = 5.5$ . 20/12

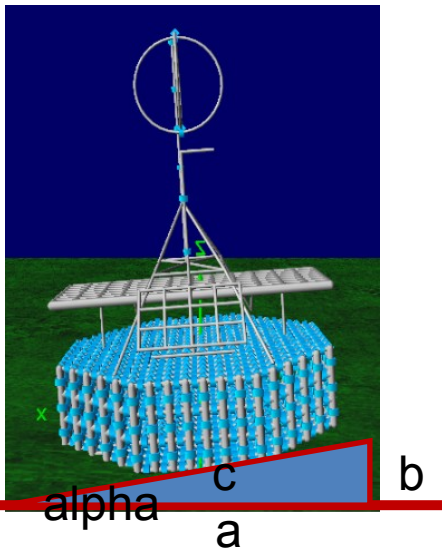
# Ground properties also change with weather

Material	Conductivity	Relative permittivity $\epsilon_r$
	S/m	F/m
Air	0	1
Water	$10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$	81
Clay dry	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$	2-6
Clay saturated	$10^{-1} - 1$	15-40
Concrete dry	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$	4-10
Concrete wet	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$	10-20
Sand dry	$10^{-7} - 10^{-3}$	4-6
Sand saturated	$10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$	10-30
Sandy dry soil	$10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$	4-6
Sandy wet soil	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$	15-30
Loamy dry soil	$10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$	4-6
Loamy wet soil	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$	10-20
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Clayey wet soil	$10^{-1} - 1$	10-15

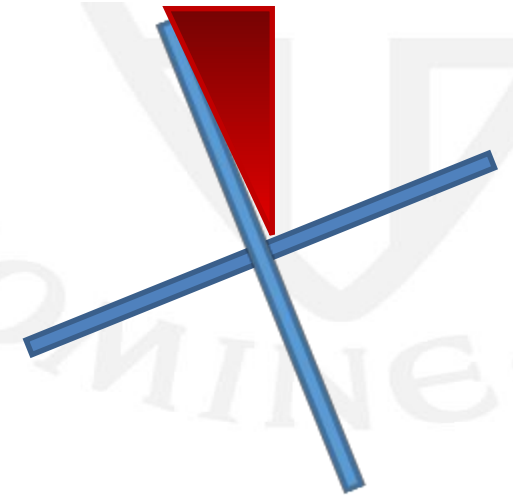
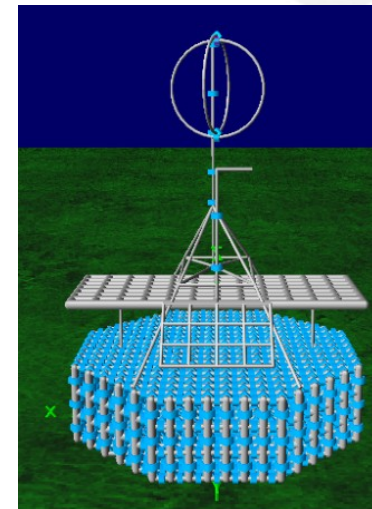
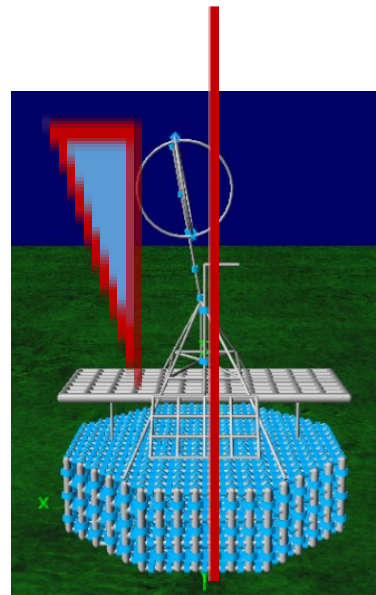
# Degree - tilt relation

- If you tilt tank (3.5 meters long) by 5 degrees, the difference between the highest and the lowest point is 31 cm.
- If you tilt antenna (~2 meters high) by 5 degrees, the difference between the top point from the perpendicular is 17 cm.
- If you rotate antenna by 5 degrees, the difference between the furthest point pointing to the north and the north is 5 cm.

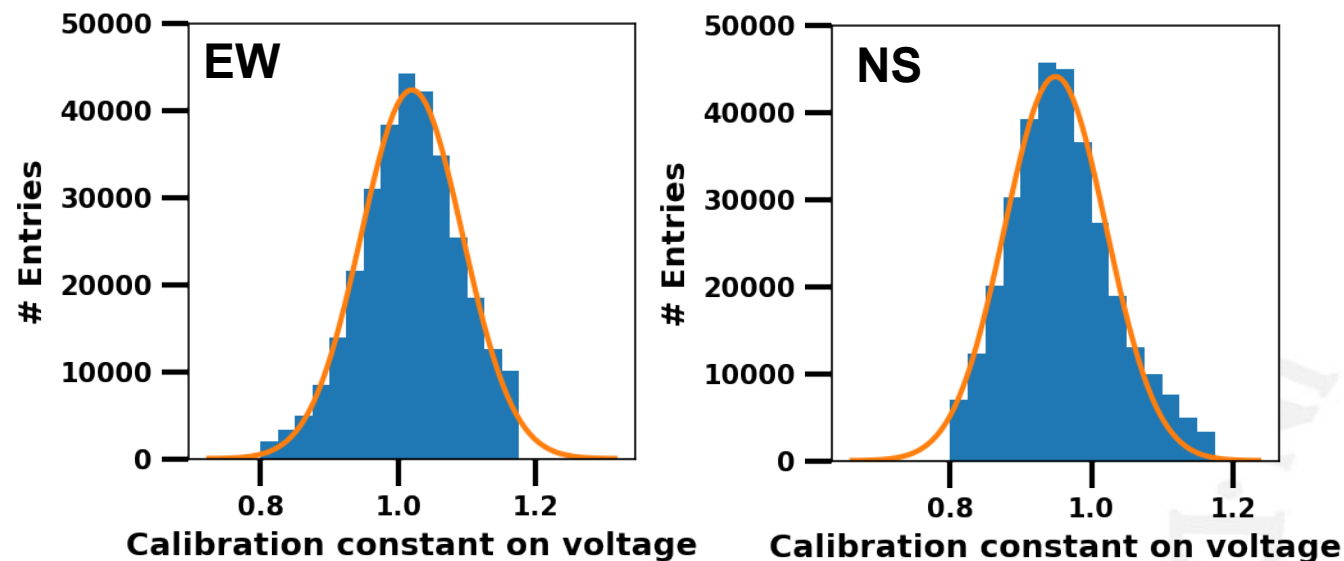
		Degrees of tilt					
		1	2.5	5	10	15	20
object size (meters)	0.6	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.10	0.16	0.21
	2	0.03	0.09	0.17	0.35	0.52	0.69
	3.5	0.06	0.15	0.31	0.61	0.91	1.22



$$b = \sin(\alpha) * c$$



# Absolute galactic calibration – method & results



channel	voltage calibration constant	factor	min	max	mean
EW	$1.03 \pm 9.6\% \pm 2.0\%$	choice of the sky map	4.0	5.1	4.5
NS	$0.96 \pm 9.7\% \pm 2.0\%$	choice of calibration method	1.6	5.0	3.6
		*	(8.4)	(11.2)	(10.0)
		antenna model	0.3	1.4	0.9
		antenna - different ground	0.2	1.8	1.0
		antenna - shifted components	0.1	0.7	0.4
		antenna - missing components	0.2	1.9	0.6

**Table 1:** Calibration constants. The first uncertainty is propagated from the simulated dataset. The second is the uncertainty propagated from the measured dataset.

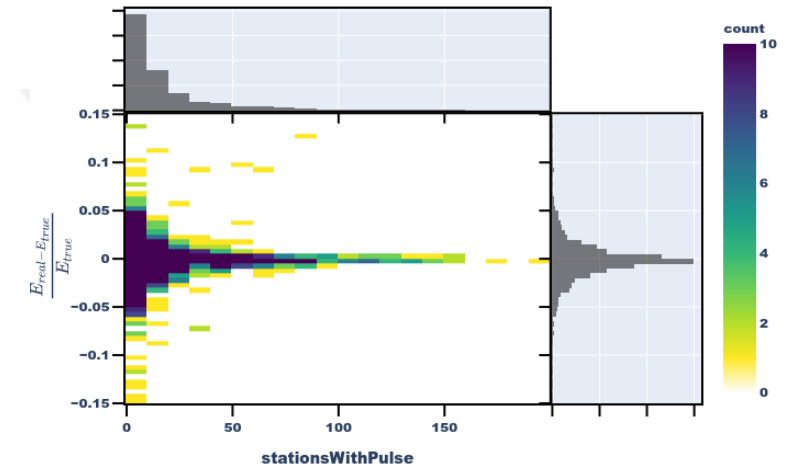
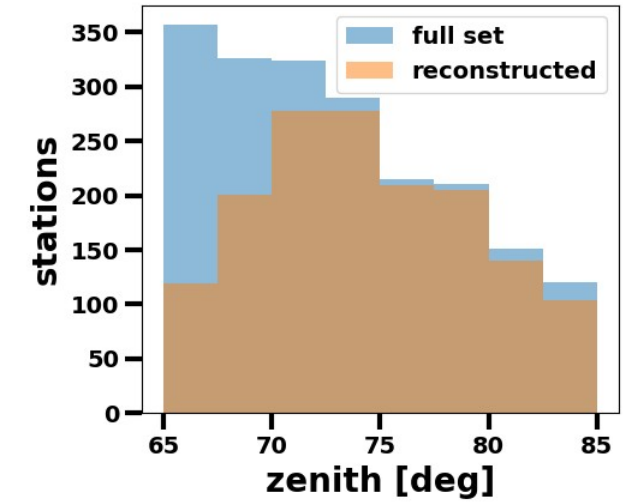
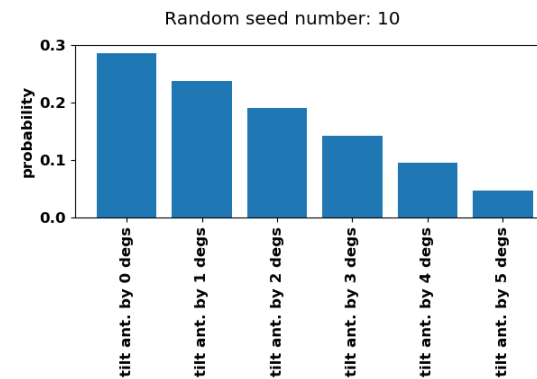
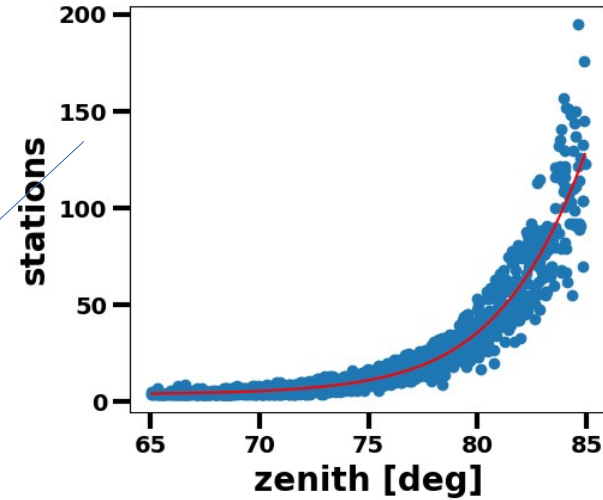
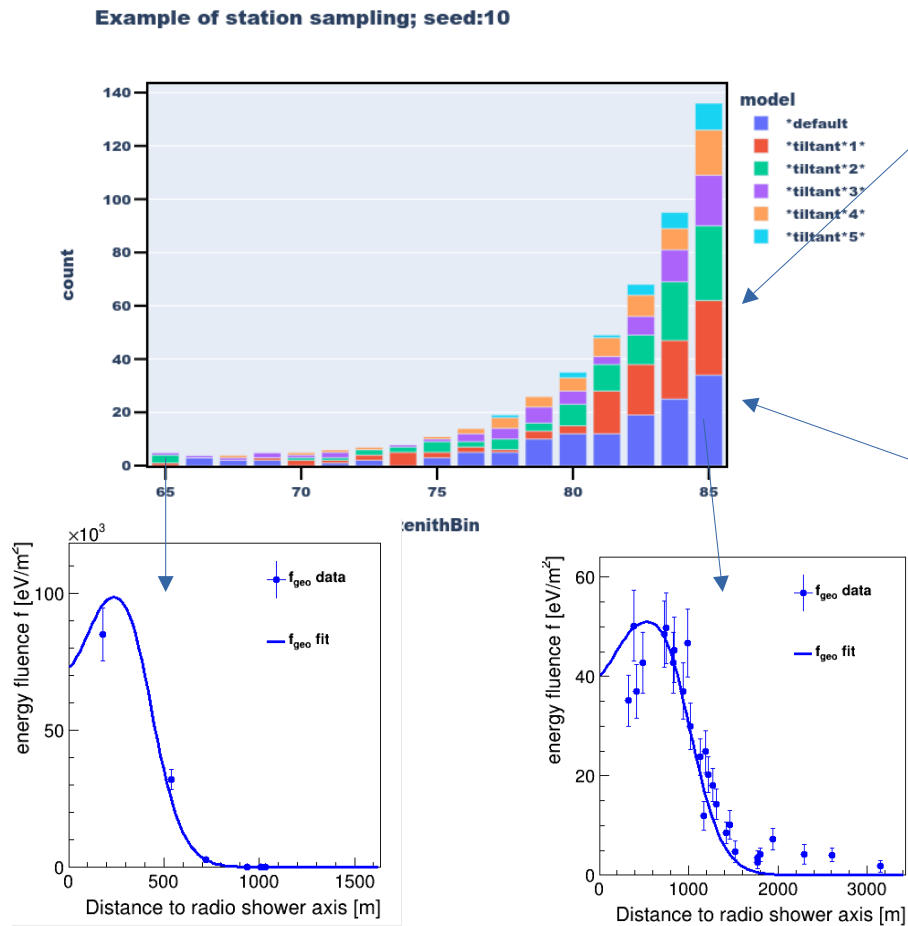
**Table 2:** Effect of the different factors (in percents) on the calibration constant. \*When the LFSS map is fixed, the methods yield higher inconsistency compared to when the other maps are used.

# Zenith correlation (tilted antenna)

Central theorem suggestion:

Large zenith  $\rightarrow$  larger foot print  $\rightarrow$  more stations  $\rightarrow$   
large sample  $\rightarrow$  better approximation of the true value

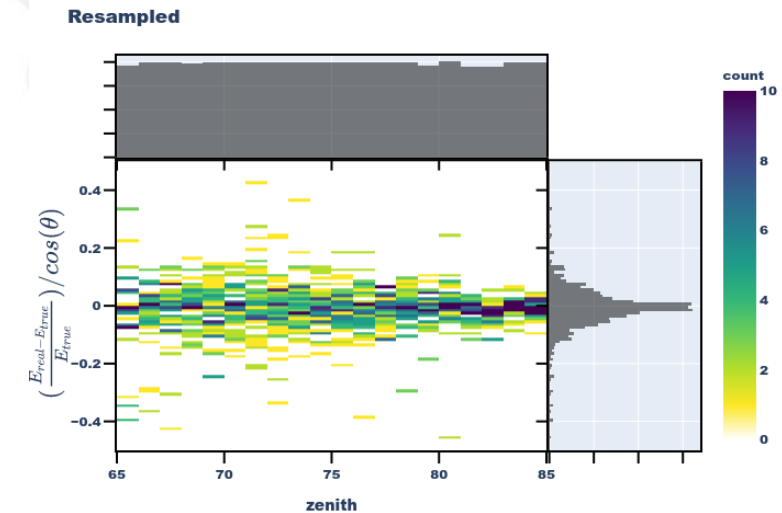
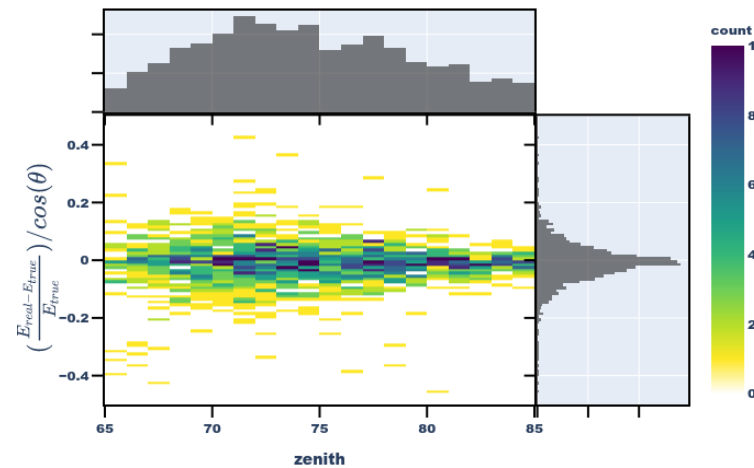
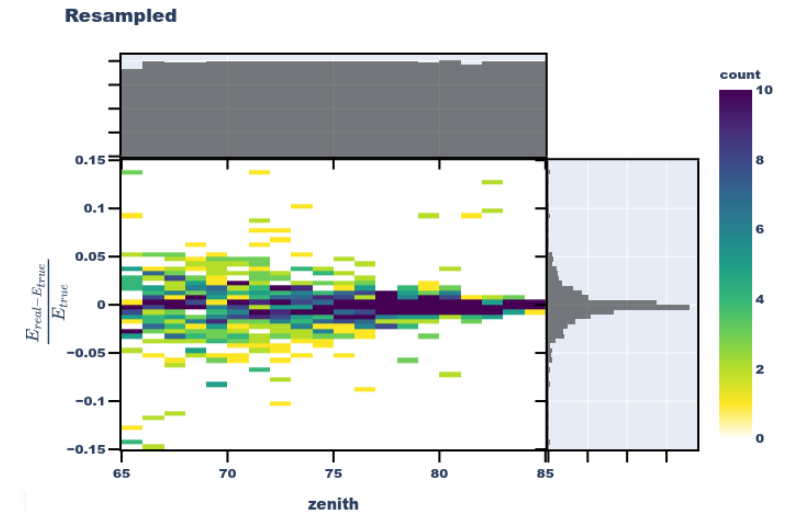
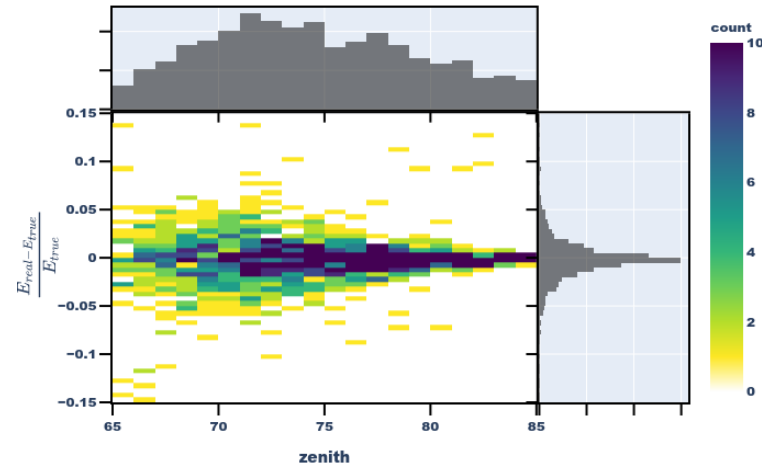
Example:





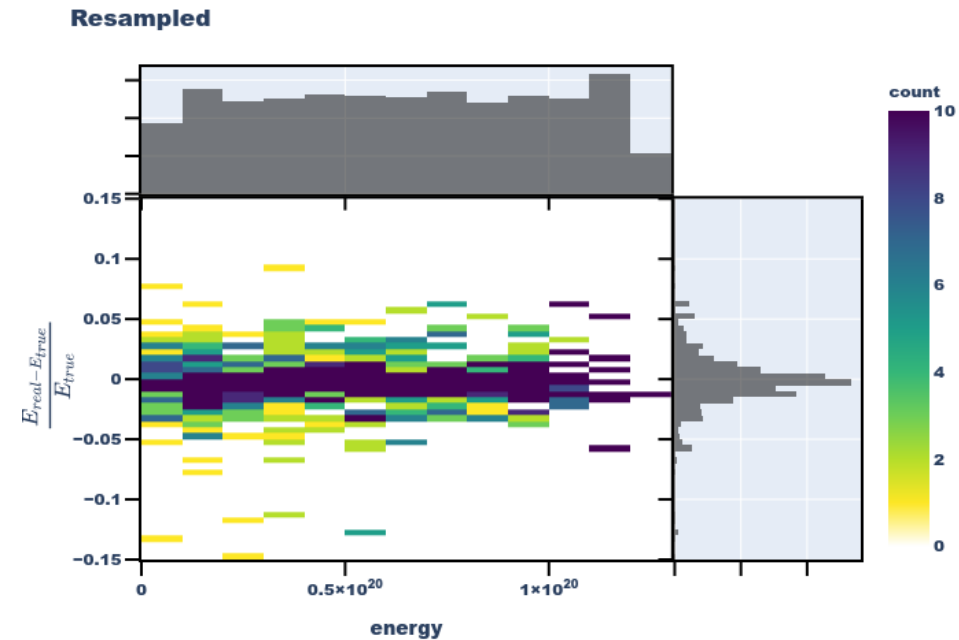
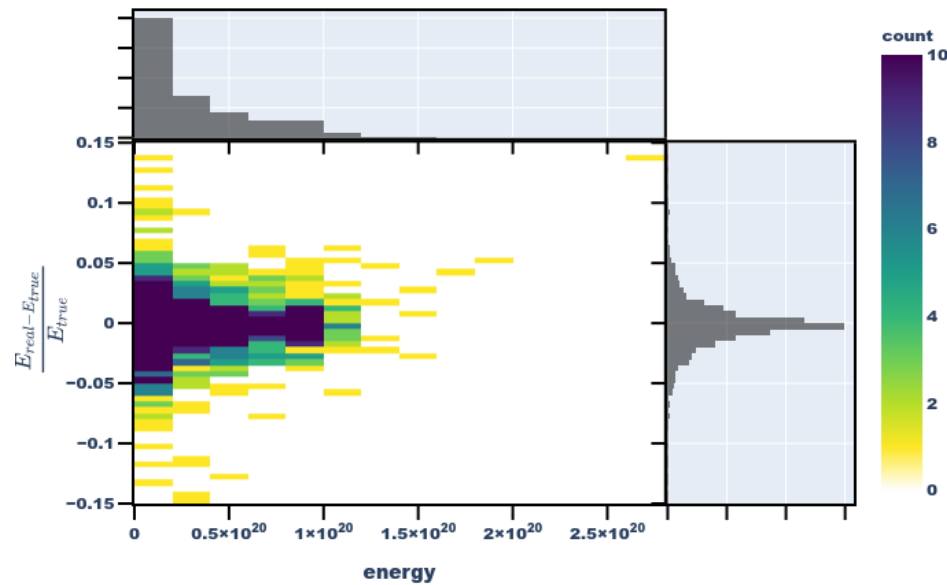
# Zenith correlation (tilted antenna)

- 1) re-sample to have same # of samples in each zenith bin
- 2) divide by  $\cos(\theta)$

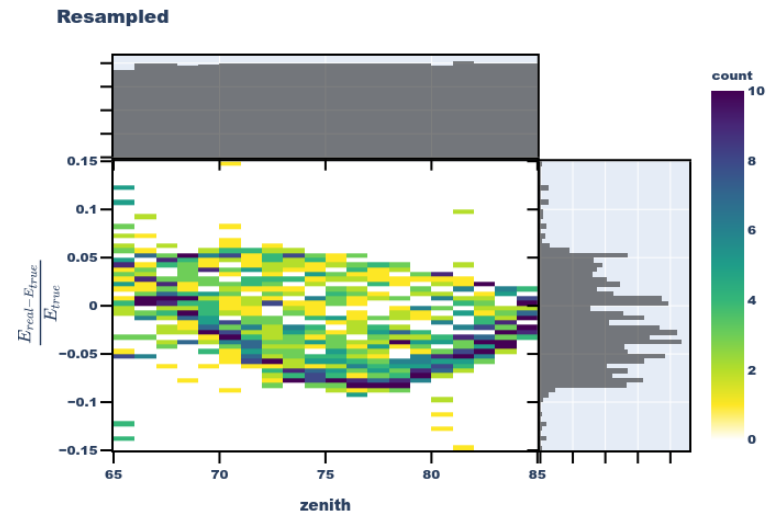
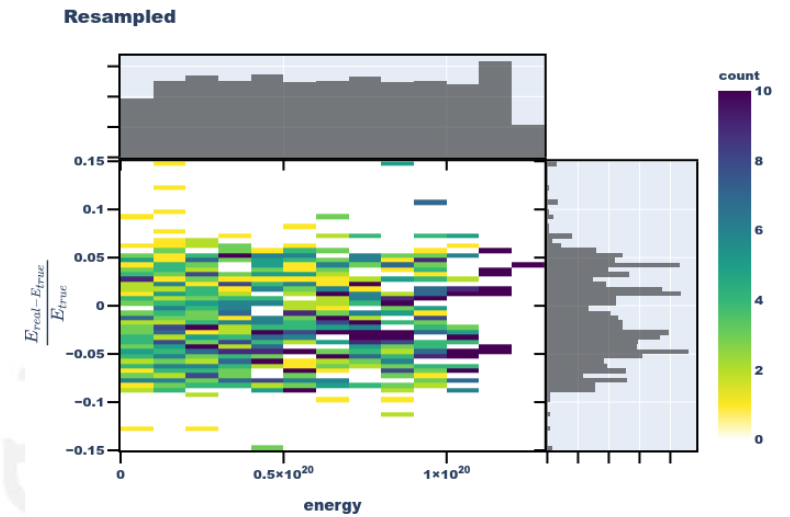
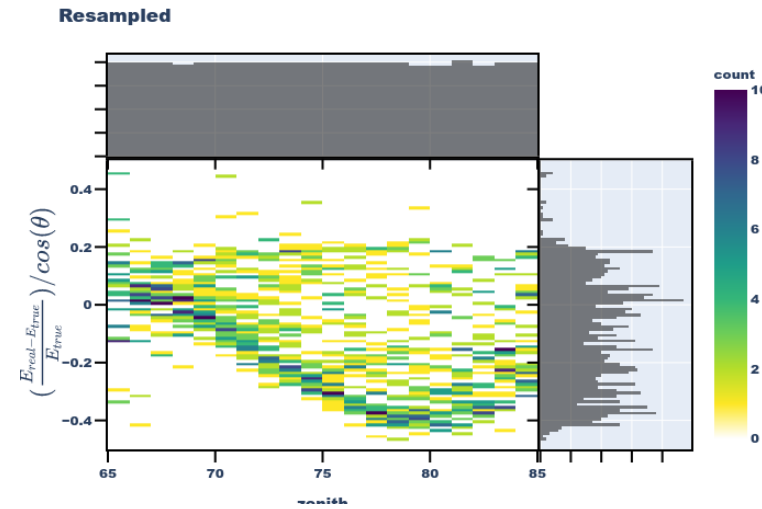
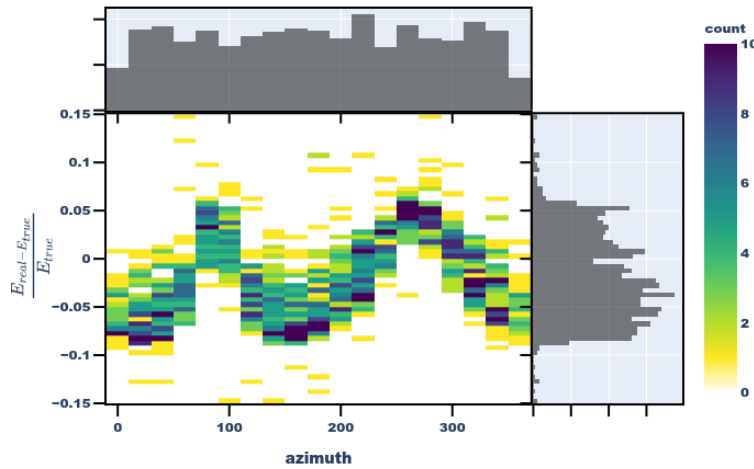


# Energy correlation (tilted antenna)

- No strong energy correlation after resampling



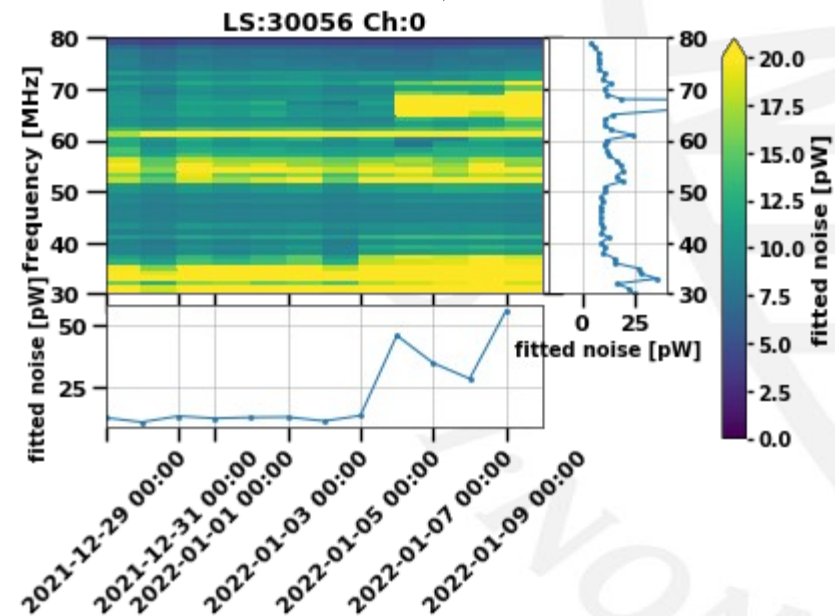
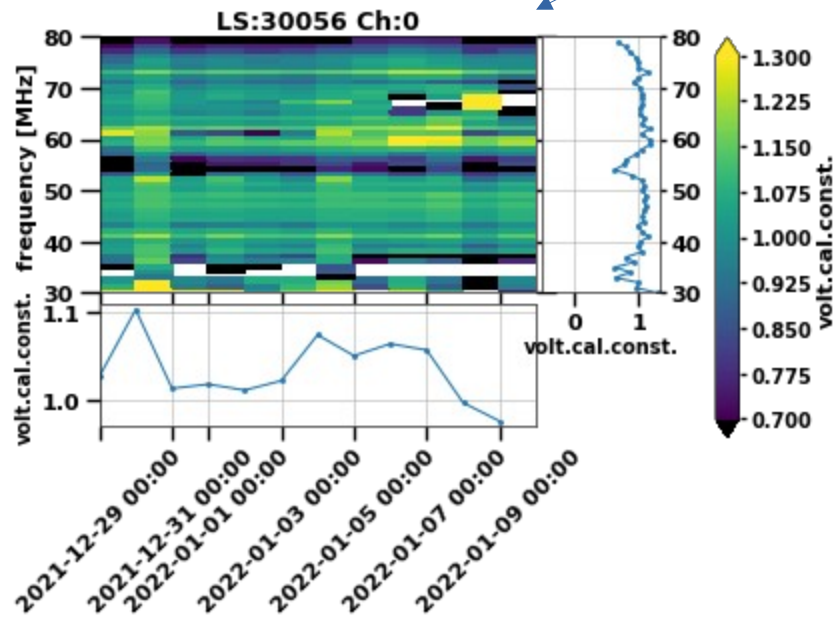
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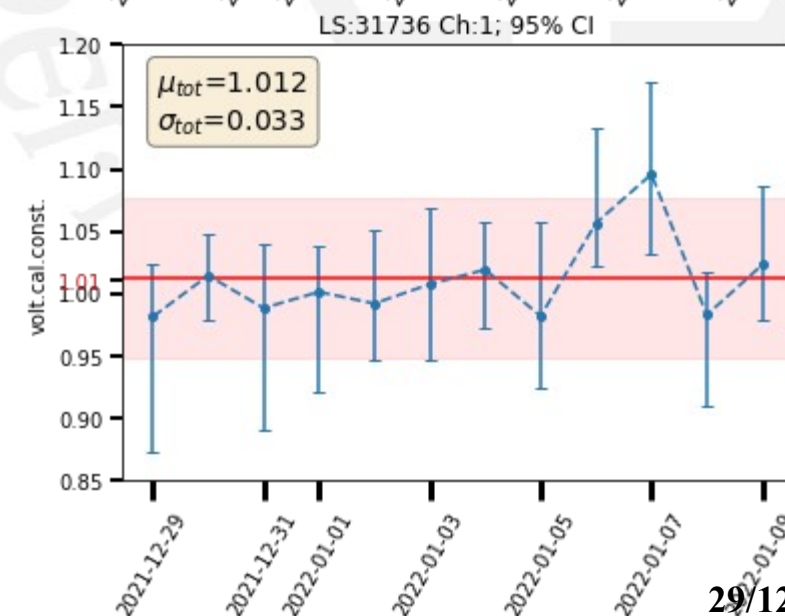
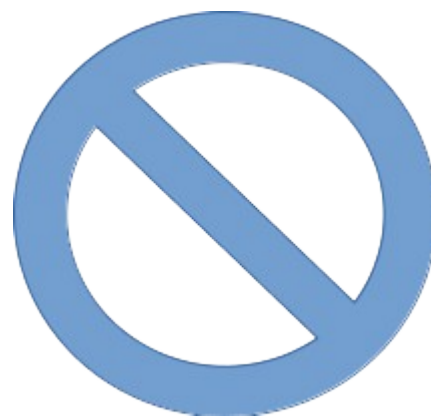
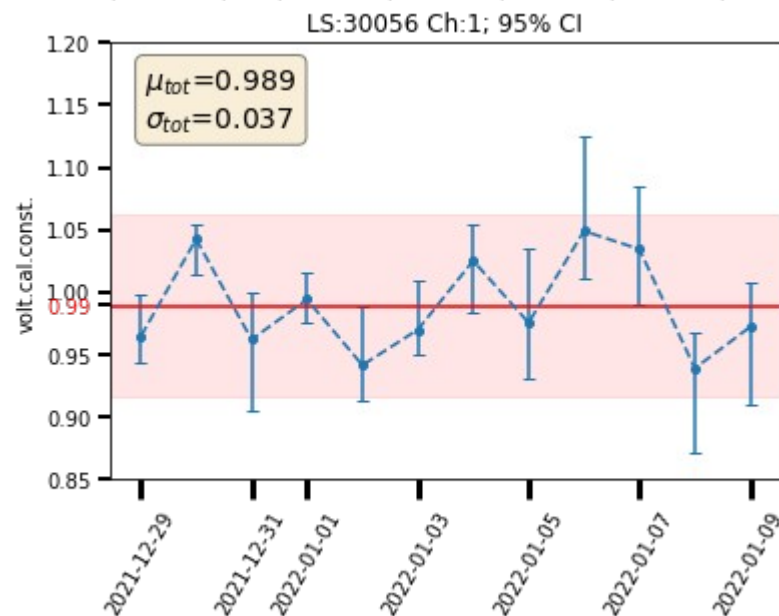
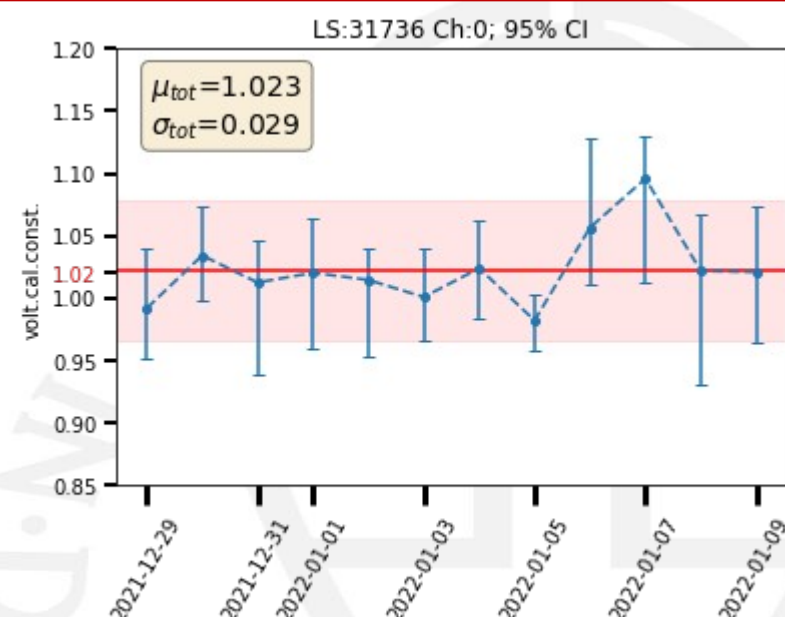
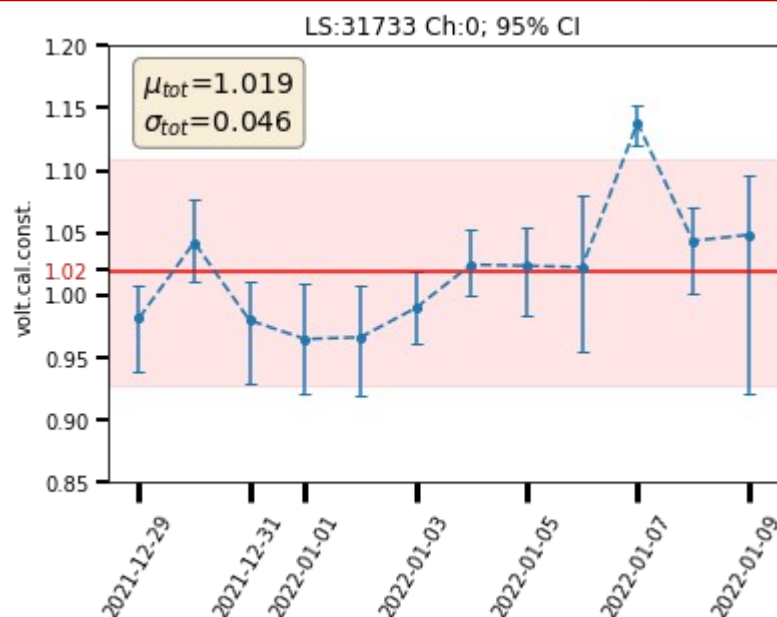
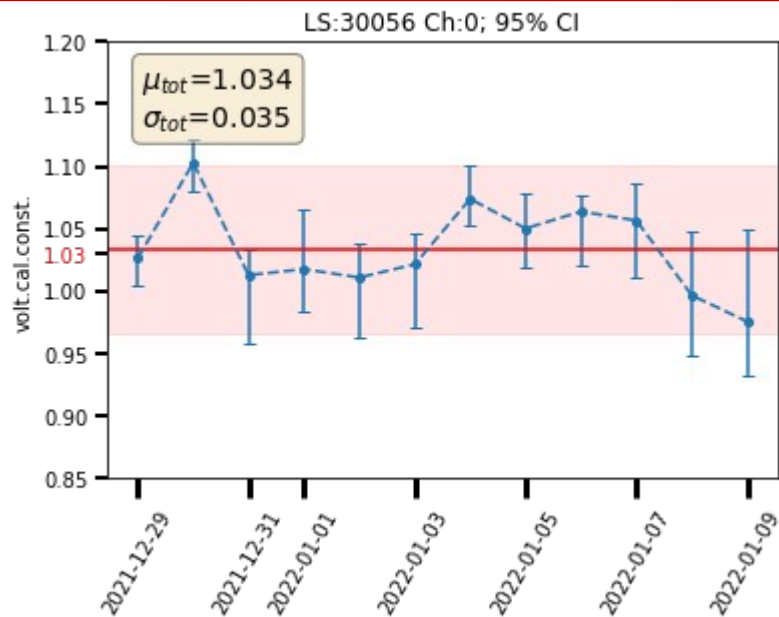
# Calibration – fitting each band separately

## Fitting formula:

Measured (f,t) = simulated (f) \* **calibration constant (f,t)** + **noise (f,t)**



# Median of the frequency dependent calibration constants



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