

# Konformitätsprüfung gegenüber Grenzwerten für MMW-Strahlung

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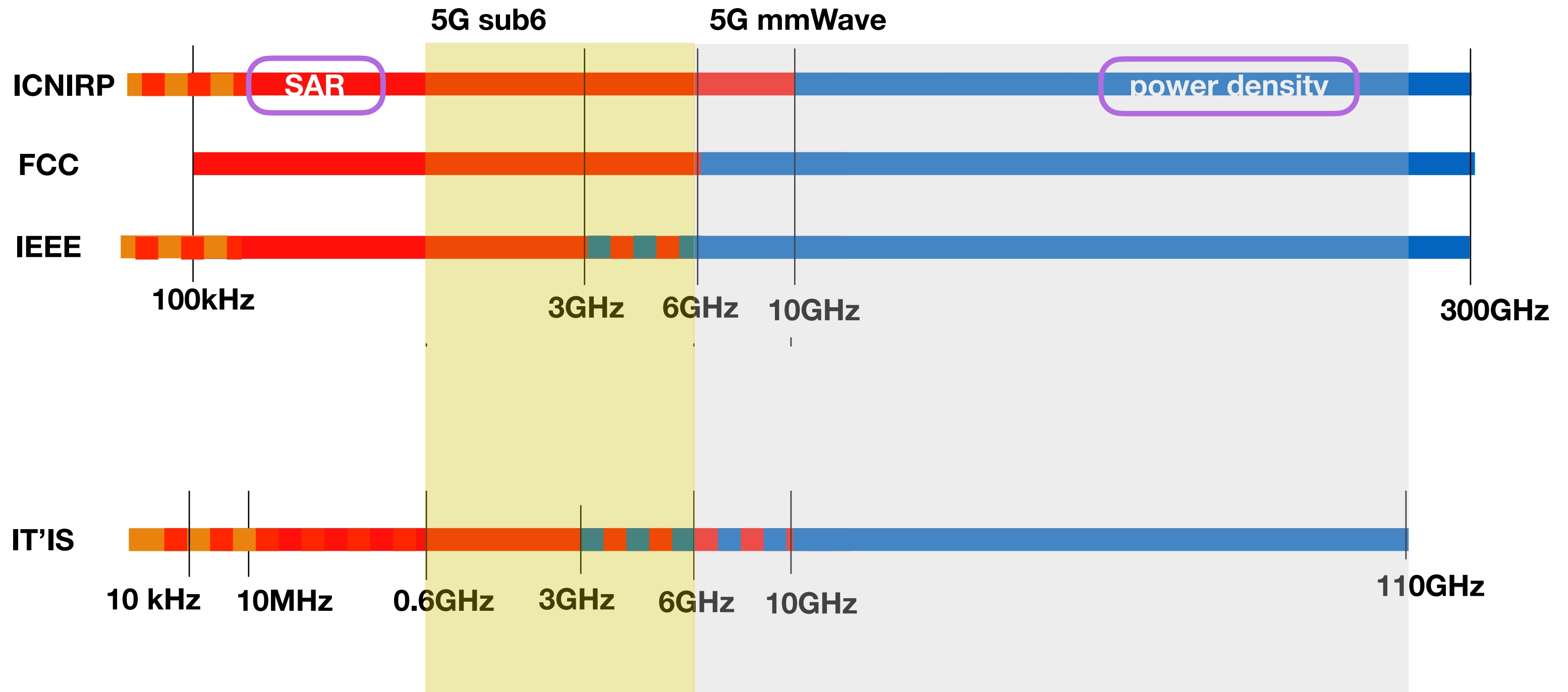
# 5G brings...



QTM052 mmWave antenna modules

- ...mmWaves into consumer electronics
- ...mmWaves into consumer electronics used on the body
- a previously rare and far-field type exposure becomes ubiquitous and a near-field type exposure

# EM Safety Guidelines / Regulations - sub6 & mmWave



**sub6: 600 MHz – 6 GHz**



# Gold SAR Standard: Robot Based

- IIEC 62209
- FCC KDB 865664 ...
- IEEE 1528
- ANSI-C63.19
- IEC 62232
- EN 50385
- EN 50383:2010
- EU Directive RED 2014/53/EU
- AS/NZS 2772-2:2011
- ARIB STD T-56 3.1
- IS16133
- DT-IFT-007-2015
- IEEE/IEC 1528-62209
- etc.



**mmWave: 6 (10) – 110 GHz**

**compliance testing of mobile devices with mmWave transmitters**

# Safety Guidelines: Open Issues



# Regulation: Safety Guidelines Being Currently Revised / Equipment Developed

- incident power density
  - poorly defined in the reactive near-field
  - instead SAR or Str should be used < 20GHz
- transmitted power
  - instrumentation test systems not ready
- correlation w/ temperature
  - averaging area
  - averaging time
  - pulse limitation
  - combination w/ SAR

**ICNIRP**  
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON  
NON-IONIZING RADIATION PROTECTION

ICNIRP Radiofrequency Guidelines  
Public Consultation Version  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Basic Restrictions Summary

**Table 2.** Basic restrictions for electric, magnetic and electromagnetic field exposure ( $\geq 6$ -minutes).<sup>a</sup>

Exposure Scenario	Frequency Range	Whole body average SAR ( $\text{W kg}^{-1}$ )	Local head/torso SAR ( $\text{W kg}^{-1}$ )	Local limb SAR ( $\text{W kg}^{-1}$ )	Local $S_{tr}$ ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ )
Occupational	100 kHz – 6 GHz	0.4	10	20	---
	>6 GHz – 300 GHz	0.4	---	---	100
General Public	100 kHz – 6 GHz	0.08	2	4	---
	>6 GHz – 300 GHz	0.08	---	---	20

<sup>a</sup> Note:  
1. Whole body average SAR is to be averaged over 30-minutes.  
2. Local SAR and  $S_{tr}$  exposures are to be averaged over 6-minutes.  
3. Local SAR is to be averaged over a 10-g cubic mass.  
4. Local  $S_{tr}$  is to be averaged over 4 cm<sup>2</sup> (>6-30 GHz), or 1 cm<sup>2</sup> (>30 GHz).

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# The Need

## a test system that...

- can assess the safety in terms of incident power density in the closest vicinity of the device under test
- combines the exposure to EMF from multiple simultaneous sources (MIMO, WIFI, Bluetooth, WPT, carrier aggregation, multi-band transmission) in various frequency ranges with different basic restrictions

# **Review: mmWave Reactive Near-field Assessment Methods**

# Possible mmWave Near-Field Assessment Methods

## Via Measurement in the Far-Field

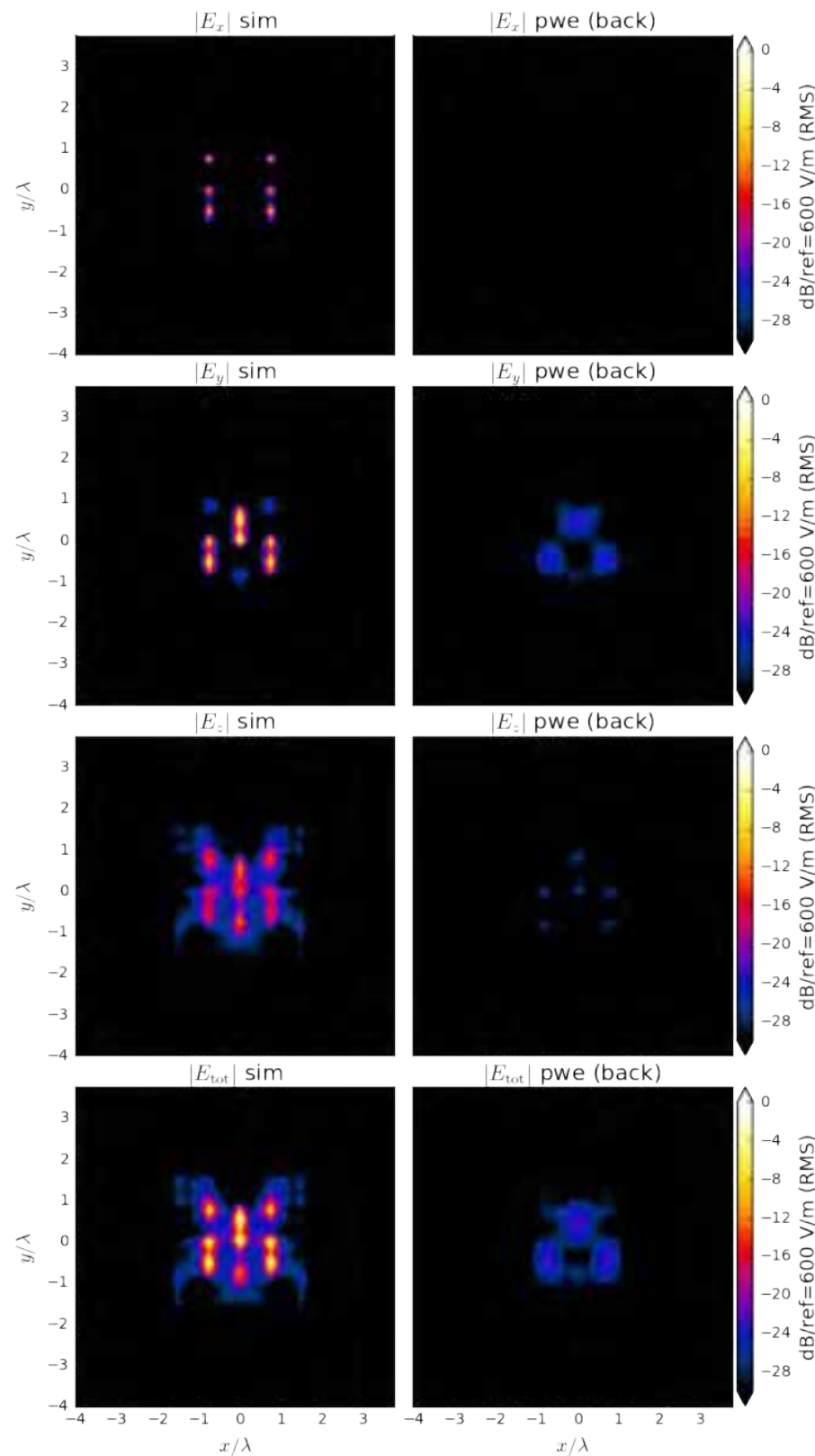
- measurement with horn antennas in the far field + backward transformation to the near-field
  - challenges
    - error < a few dBs

## By Direct Measurement in the Near-Field

- E-field probes (broadband)
  - challenges
    - field distortions by substrates / probe body
    - receiving pattern
- H-field probes (broadband)
  - challenges
    - field distortion / scattering by probe body
    - parasitic E-field sensitivity
- electro-/magneto-optical probes
  - challenges
    - spatial resolutions
    - sensitivity
- wave-guide
  - challenges
    - large field distortions
    - fixed impedance

# Backward Transformation (Towards the Source)

- information about reactive fields and evanescence fields are missing
- backward transformation falls apart very close to the source
- unreliable with uncertainties  $\gg 3$  dB
- cannot be used for compliance testing





# Near-Field Assessment Methods

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- challenges
  - ▶ error < a few dBs

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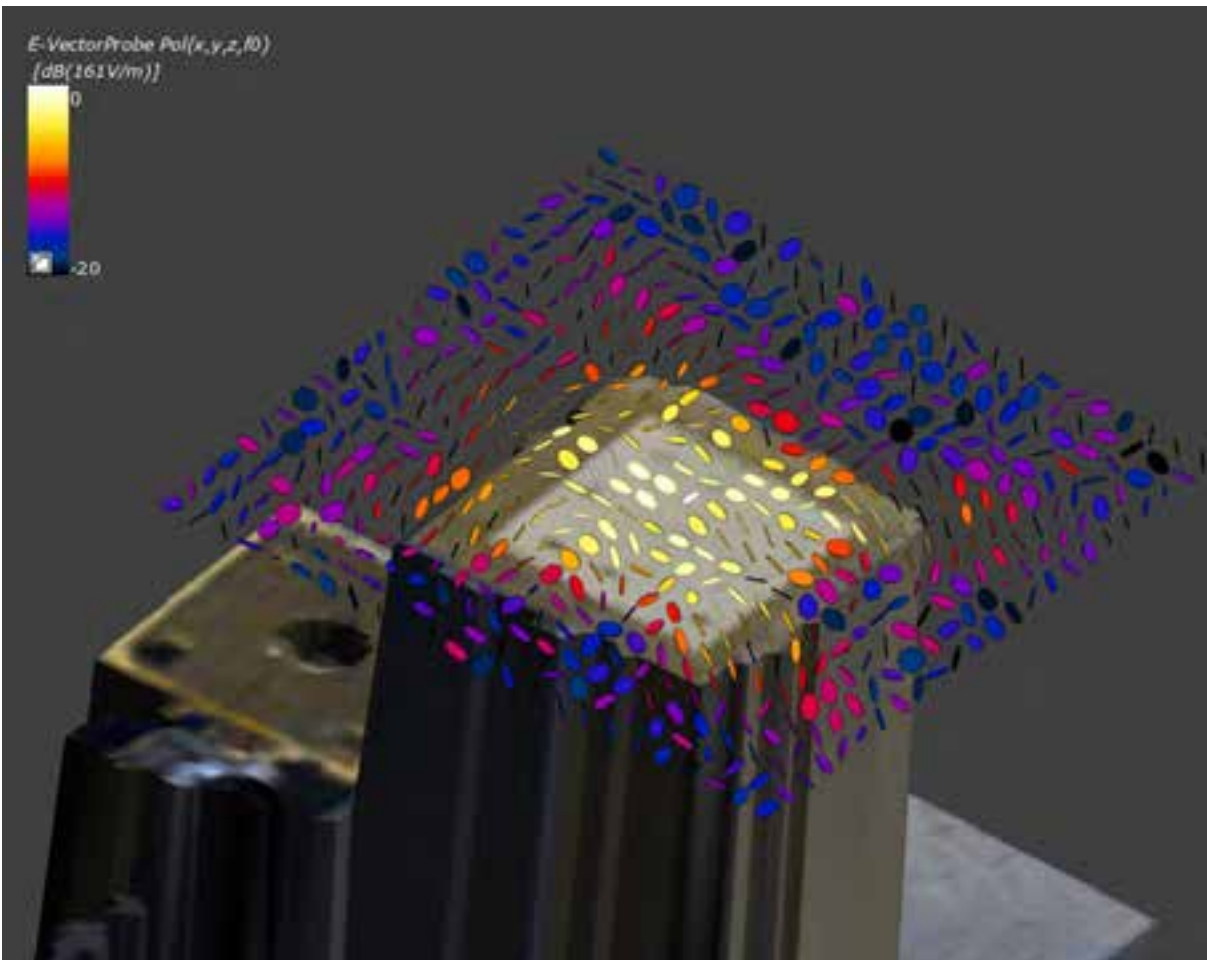
- E-field probes
  - challenges
    - ▶ field distortions by substrates / probe body
    - ▶ directionality
- H-field probes
  - challenges
    - field distortion/scattering by probe body
    - E-field sensitivity
- electro-/magneto-optical probes
  - challenges
    - spatial resolutions
    - sensitivity
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# Implemented mmWave Test Method

# Reactive Near-Field E-Field Probe <10 to >100 GHz

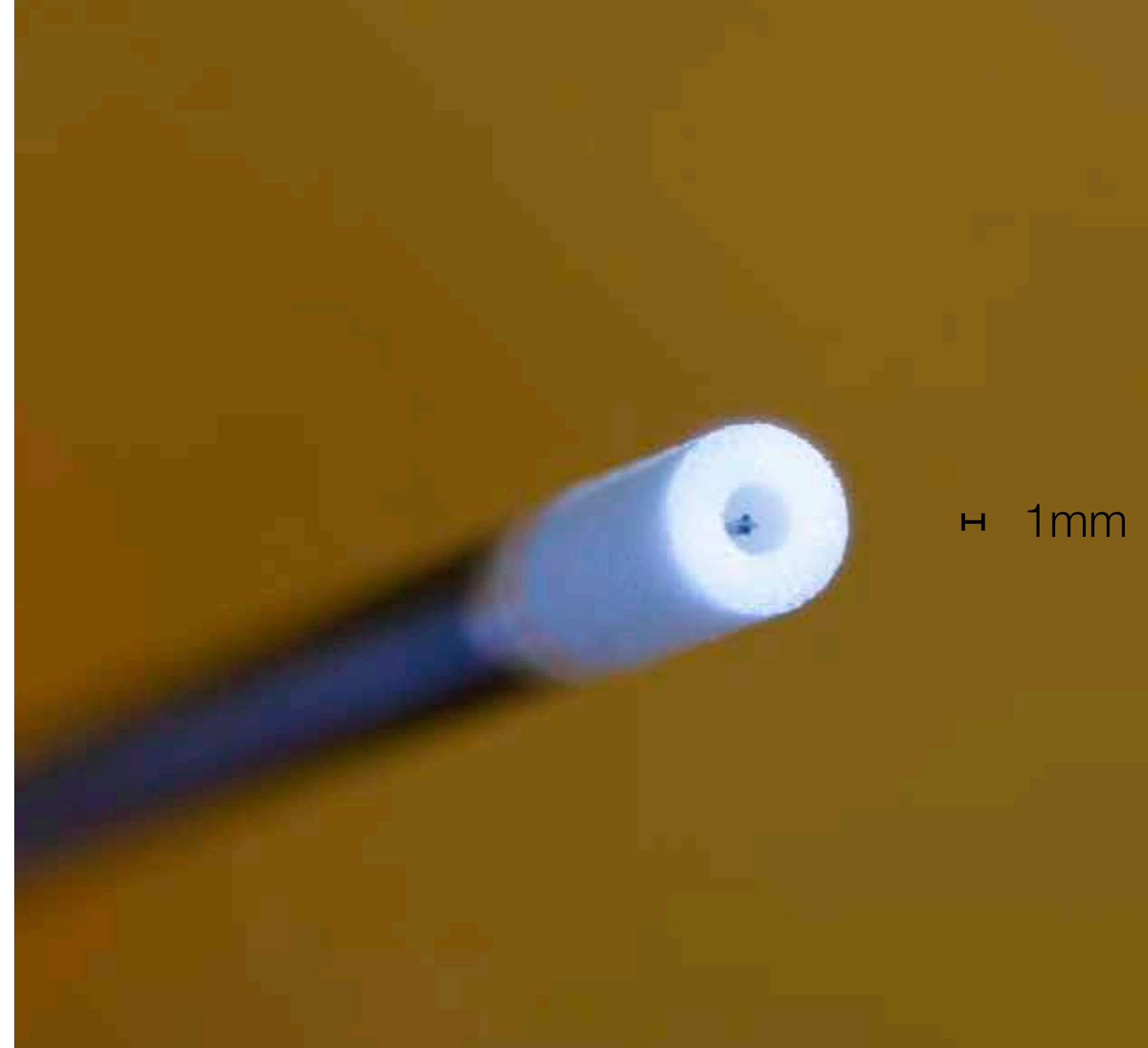
# EUmmWV2 Probe: Pseudo-Vector Design

- probe
  - 2 dipoles (one each side of the quartz substrate)
  - $\approx 0.9$  mm long and diode loaded
  - typical distance between physical tip and sensor center: 1.5 mm
- quartz substrate
  - 0.9 mm wide
  - 20 mm long
  - 0.18 mm thick
  - dipole sensors present
  - $\epsilon_r = 3.8$  (quartz) homogeneous
- measurement: three rotations around axis, (i.e., six E-field measurements in total)
- reconstruction of polarization and elimination of mechanical tolerances



# EUmmWV2 Probe Performance

- frequency range: 750 MHz – 110 GHz
- dynamic range: <20 – 10,000 V/m with PRE-10 (minimum <50 – 3000 V/m)
- deviation from hemispherical isotropy: <0.5 dB at 60 GHz
- linearity: <0.2 dB



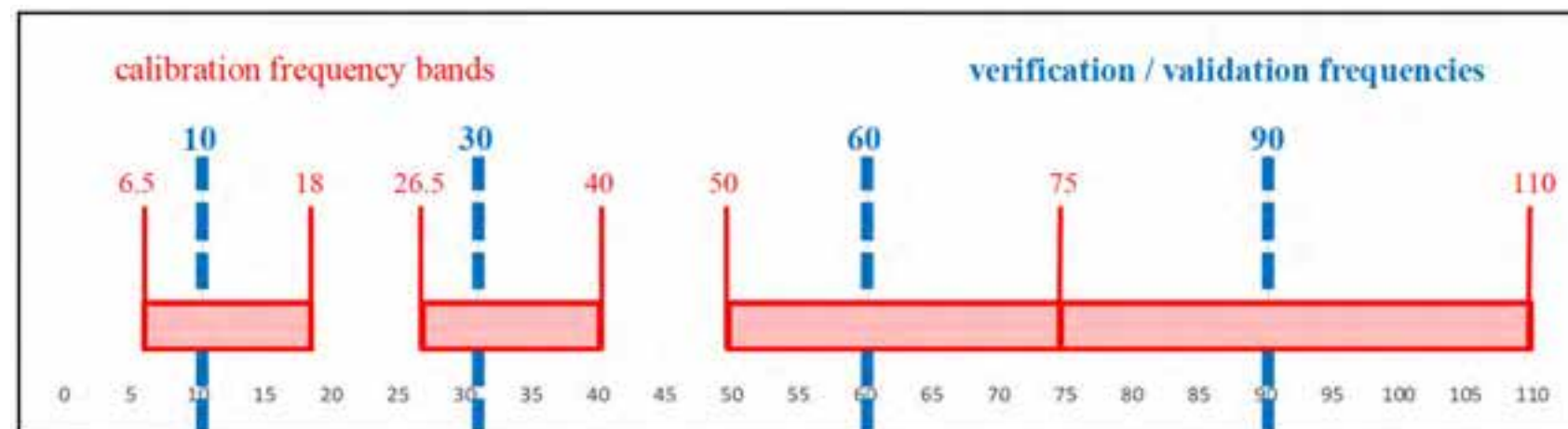


# EUmmW Probe: System Integration in Automated Test Systems



# Calibration Method & Procedure

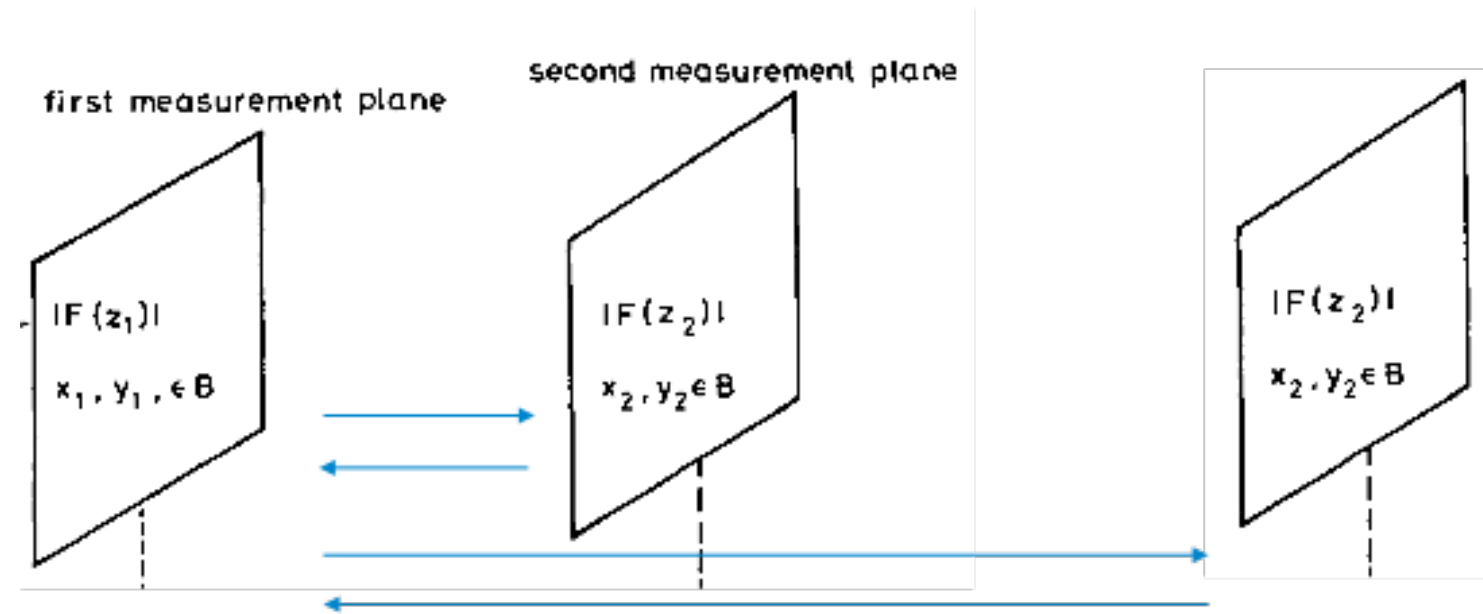
- sensor model (f): 6 parameters
- known calibration field: 3-antenna method
- calibration points: 25 + 8 frequencies and different inclination
- determination of the sensor model parameters with a least square fit
- assessing deviation at 33 frequencies
- determination of isotropy at x frequencies



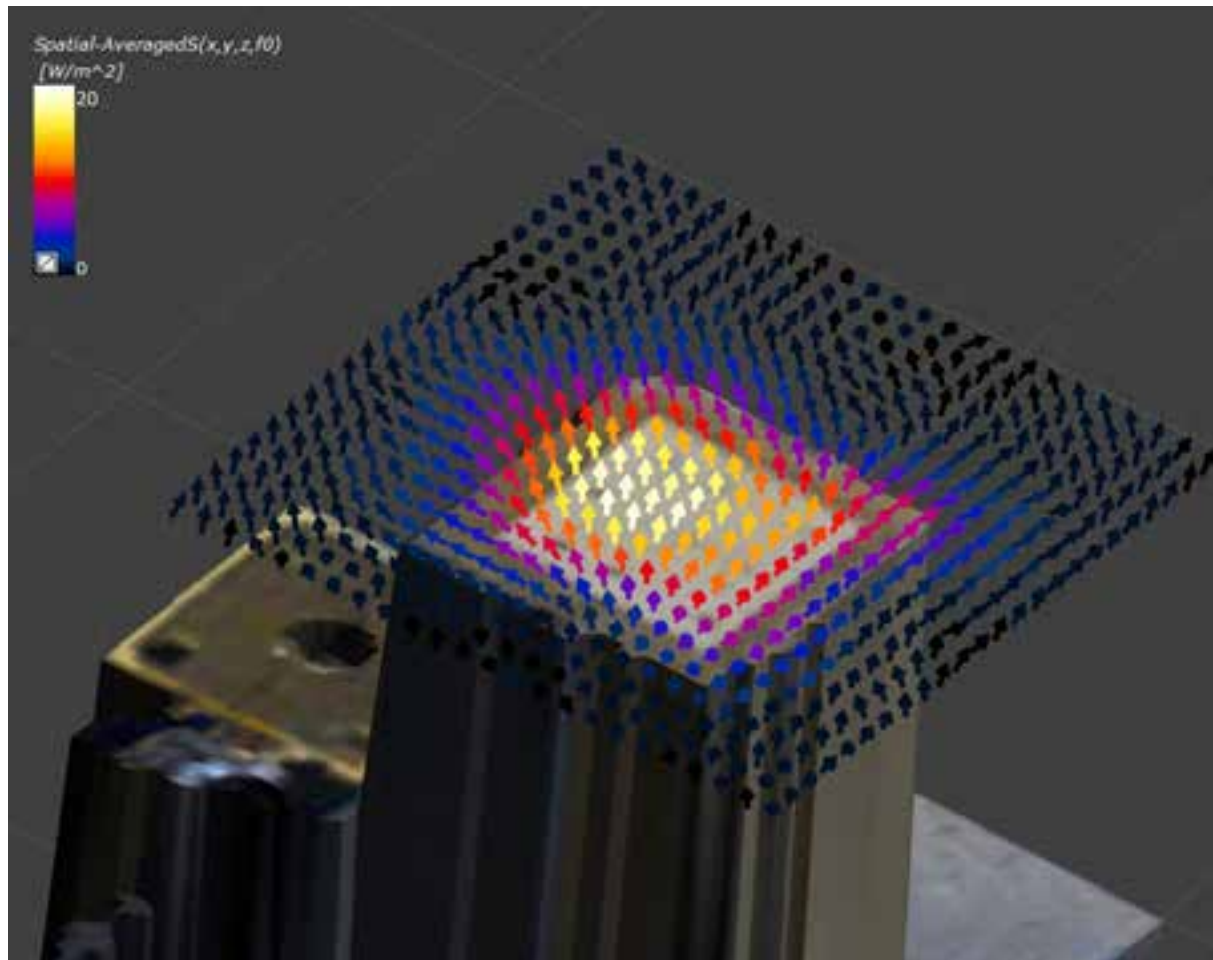
# Scanning, Field Reconstruction and Power Density Calculation



# Reconstruction






- determination of Poynting Vector
- knowledge of E-polarization field on two planes allows reconstruction of phase and H-field
- our solution for reconstruction
  - novel and improved algorithm based on Gerchberg–Saxton (GS) (R. W. Gerchberg and W. O. Saxton, “A practical algorithm for the determination of the phase from image and diffraction plane pictures,” Optik 35, 237 (1972))
- measurement requirement:
  - 2 planes (grid-step  $\lambda/4$ )
  - $\lambda/(2\pi)$  minimum distance ( $<2\text{mm}$  @ 28 GHz)





# Total Field Reconstruction in the Near Field Using Pseudo-Vector $E$ -Field Measurements

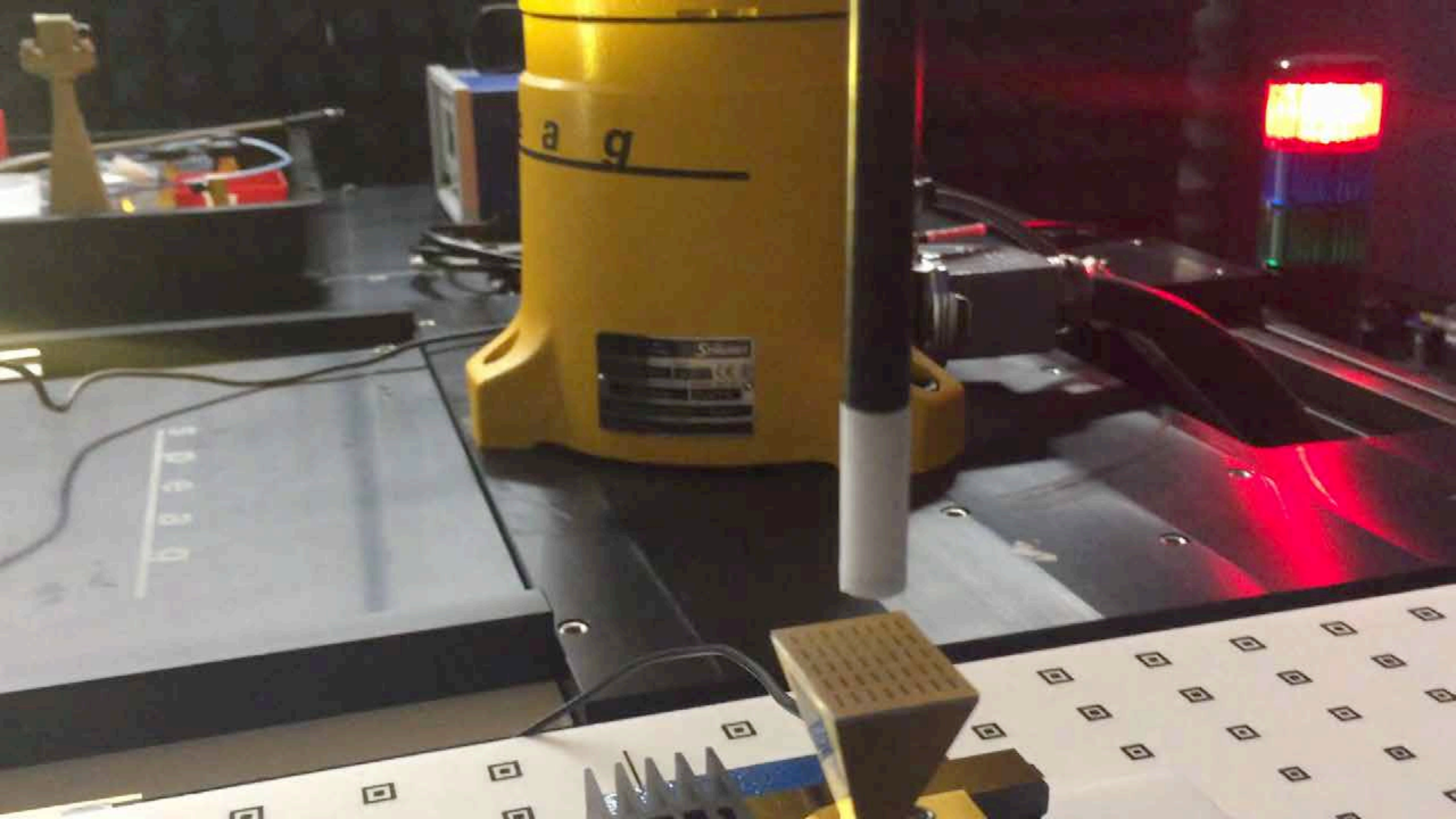
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**Abstract**—Exposure assessments in the frequency range above 10 GHz typically require knowledge of the power density very close to the radiator (at 2-mm distance), which can be obtained through the total electric and magnetic fields. However, phase measurements are often not feasible in this frequency range, in particular in the reactive near field. We developed a novel phase reconstruction approach based on plane-to-plane reconstruction algorithms. It uses  $E$ -field polarization ellipse information, which can be obtained extremely close to the source with probes based on the pseudo-vector sensor design. The algorithm's robustness and accuracy were analyzed and optimized for distances of a fraction of the wavelength  $\lambda$ , and a comprehensive set of realistic exposure conditions was simulated to evaluate the algorithm. For distances greater than  $\lambda/5$ , the error of the spatially averaged peak incident

Human exposure to millimeter-wave sources has so far mainly been considered as a far-field problem, but it becomes a near-field problem with integration into mobile devices. This presents potential problems regarding the introduction of 5G technology, as current safety guidelines [1] may not be appropriate for localized sources. Furthermore, there is a lack of measurement equipment available to test compliance very close to 5G millimeter wave devices with regard to current safety guidelines, i.e., the averaged power density  $S$  incident to human skin.

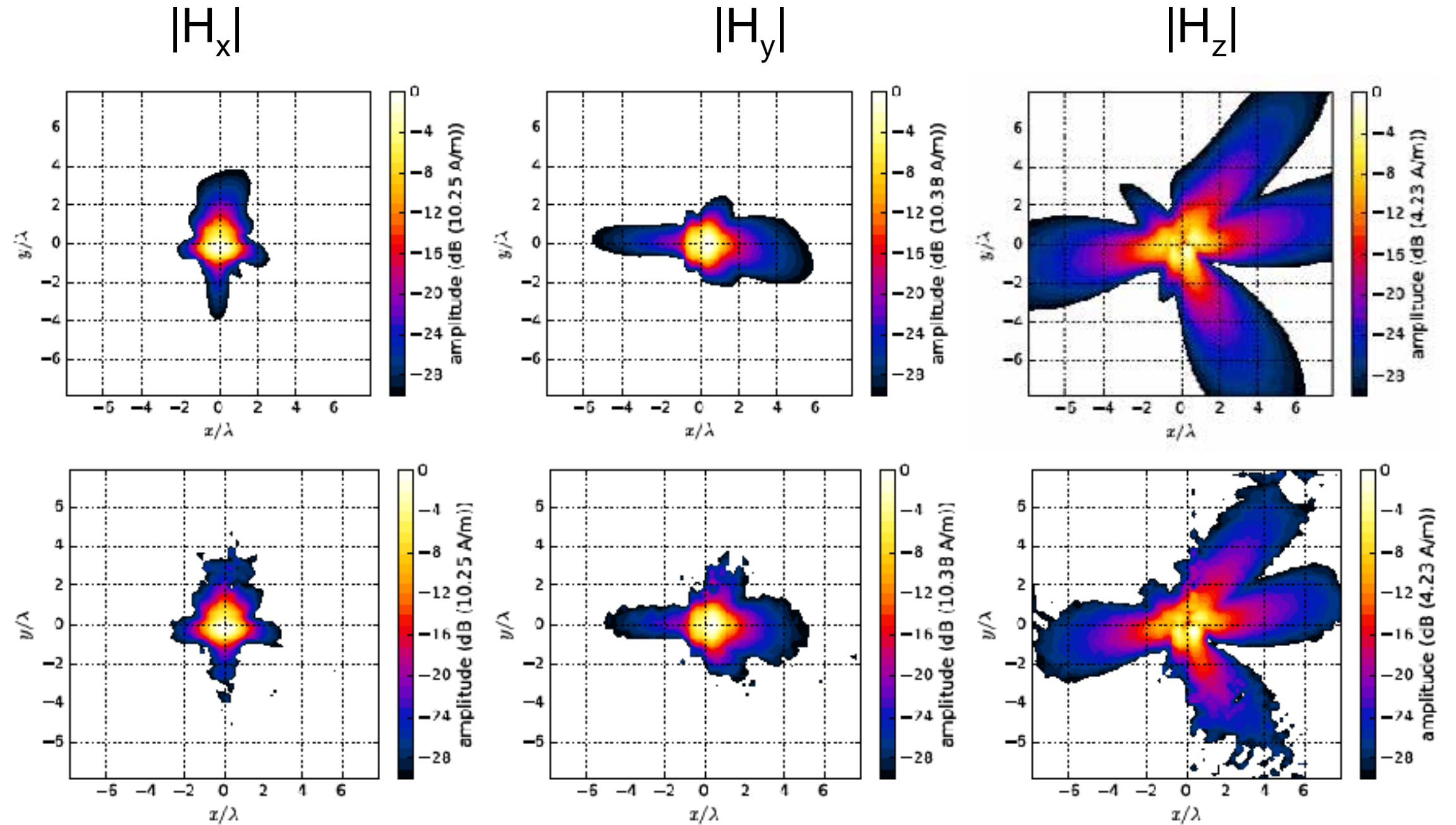
Computation of  $S$ , in general, requires knowledge of the complex  $E$ - and  $H$ -field vectors in the plane of incidence. Furthermore, there is interest in minimizing the knowledge about the overall





# Demonstration: H-Field Reconstruction from E-Field Magnitudes

reference  
(simulation)



reconstruction



Preliminary Module mmWave Uncertainty Budget Evaluation Distances to the Antennas > $\lambda/2\pi$ Based on the 62209 Standard Family						
Error Description	Uncertainty Value ( $\pm$ dB)	Probability Distribution	Div.	(ci )	Std. Unc. ( $\pm$ dB)	(vi) v <sub>eff</sub>
<b>Measurement System</b>						
Probe Calibration	0.49	N	1.00	1	0.49	$\infty$
Hemispherical Isotropy	0.5	R	1.73	1	0.29	$\infty$
Linearity	0.2	R	1.73	0	0.00	$\infty$
System Detection Limits	0.04	R	1.73	1	0.02	$\infty$
Modulation Response	0.4	R	1.73	1	0.23	$\infty$
Resource Block Offset	0.1	R	1.73	1	0.06	$\infty$
Readout Electronics	0.03	N	1.00	1	0.03	$\infty$
Response Time	0	R	1.73	1	0.00	$\infty$
Integration Time	0	R	1.73	1	0.00	$\infty$
RF Ambient Noise	0.04	R	1.73	1	0.02	$\infty$
RF Ambient Reflections	0.21	R	1.73	1	0.12	$\infty$
Probe Positioner	0.04	R	1.73	1	0.02	$\infty$
Probe Positioning	0.3	R	1.73	1	0.17	$\infty$
Savg Reconstruction	0.6	R	1.73	1	0.35	$\infty$
<b>Test Sample Related</b>						
Power Drift	0.1	R	1.73	1	0.06	$\infty$
Input Power	0.27	N	1.00	0	0.00	$\infty$
Combined Std. Uncertainty				0.74	$\infty$	
<b>Expanded Std. Uncertainty</b>				<b>1.48</b>		

# Measurement Uncertainty

■ <1.5 dB (95th percentile coverage) for arbitrary mmWave sources

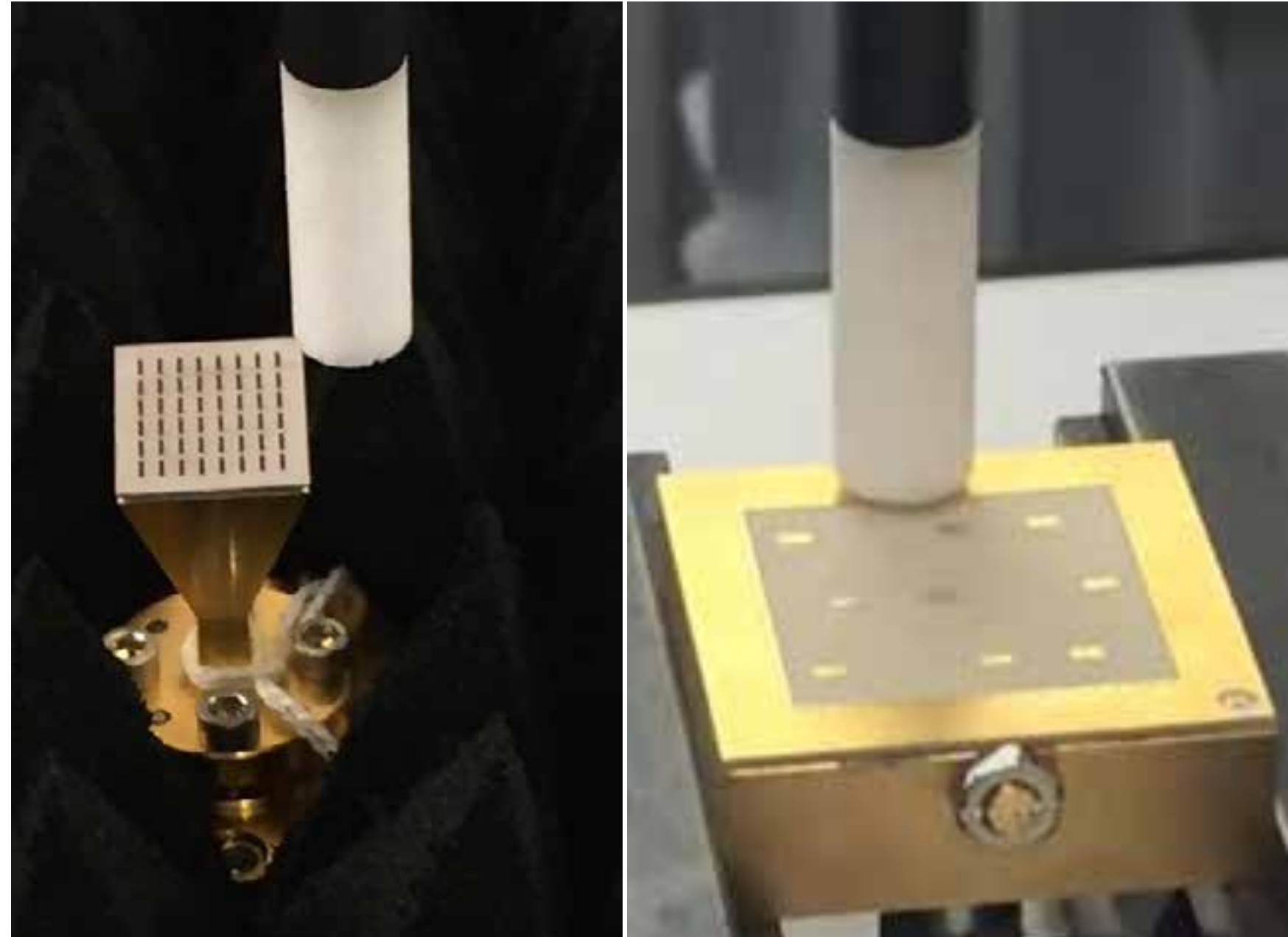
# **System Validation**

**by test system manufacturers according to IEC/IEEE 63195**

# Validation Sources (Compliant with IEC/IEEE 63195)

- two fundamental EM sources
  - electric dipoles
  - magnetic dipoles (slots)
- simulated & measured
- test for E, H, S reconstruction within test uncertainty

- sources
  - Cavity Backed Array of Dipoles
  - Pyramidal Horn with Slot Array
- frequencies: 10, 30, 60 90 GHz
- validated at IT'IS
- ongoing round-robin (12 labs)

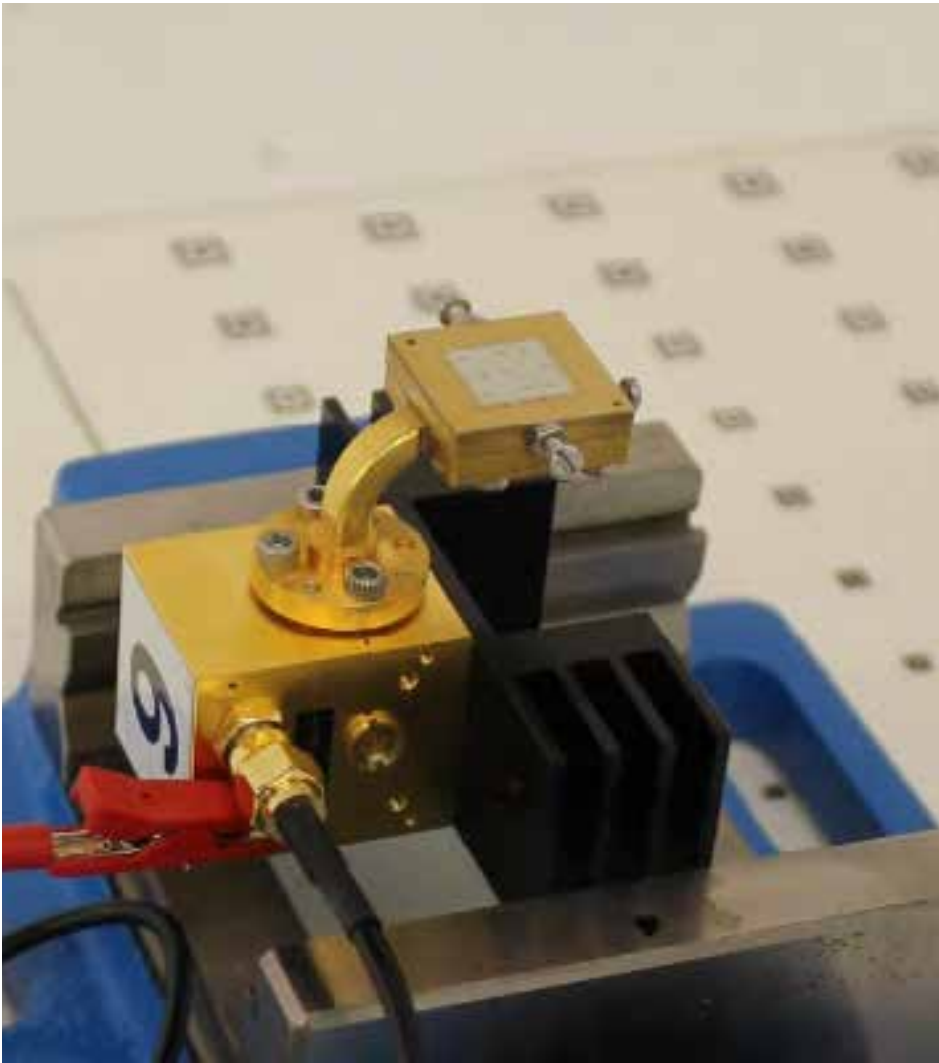




# 60 GHz Cavity Backed Array of Dipoles (cont.)

■ normalized to 0-dBm radiated power

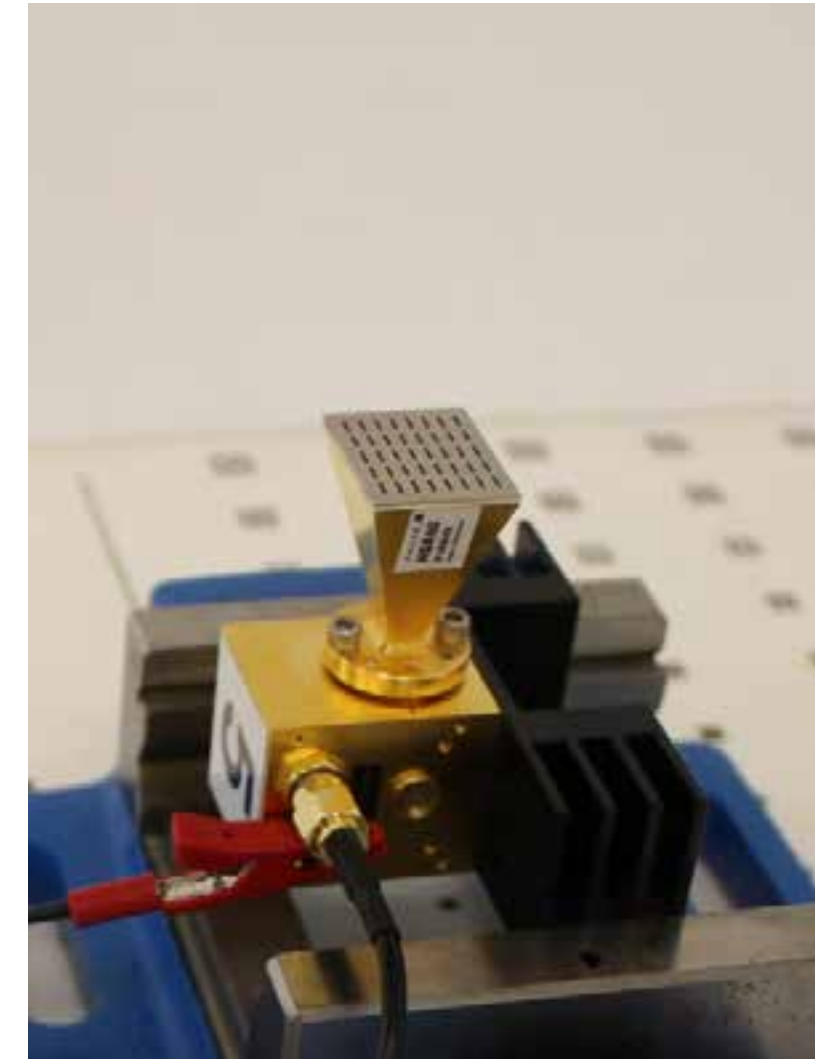
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	$E_{total}$ (V/m)	$S_{avg1cm^2}$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$E_{total}$ (V/m)	$S_{avg1cm^2}$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	$E_{total}$ (dB)	$S_{avg1cm^2}$ (dB)
2	89.2	7.53	98.2	6.99	0.8	-0.3
5	93.2	5.20	94.4	5.31	0.1	0.1
10	72.9	4.40	75.6	4.46	0.3	0.1
20	44.0	3.28	45.8	3.13	0.4	-0.2
50	18.6	0.873	19.5	0.873	0.4	0.0



## 60 GHz Pyramidal Horn with Slot Array (cont.)

▀ normalized to 0-dBm radiated power

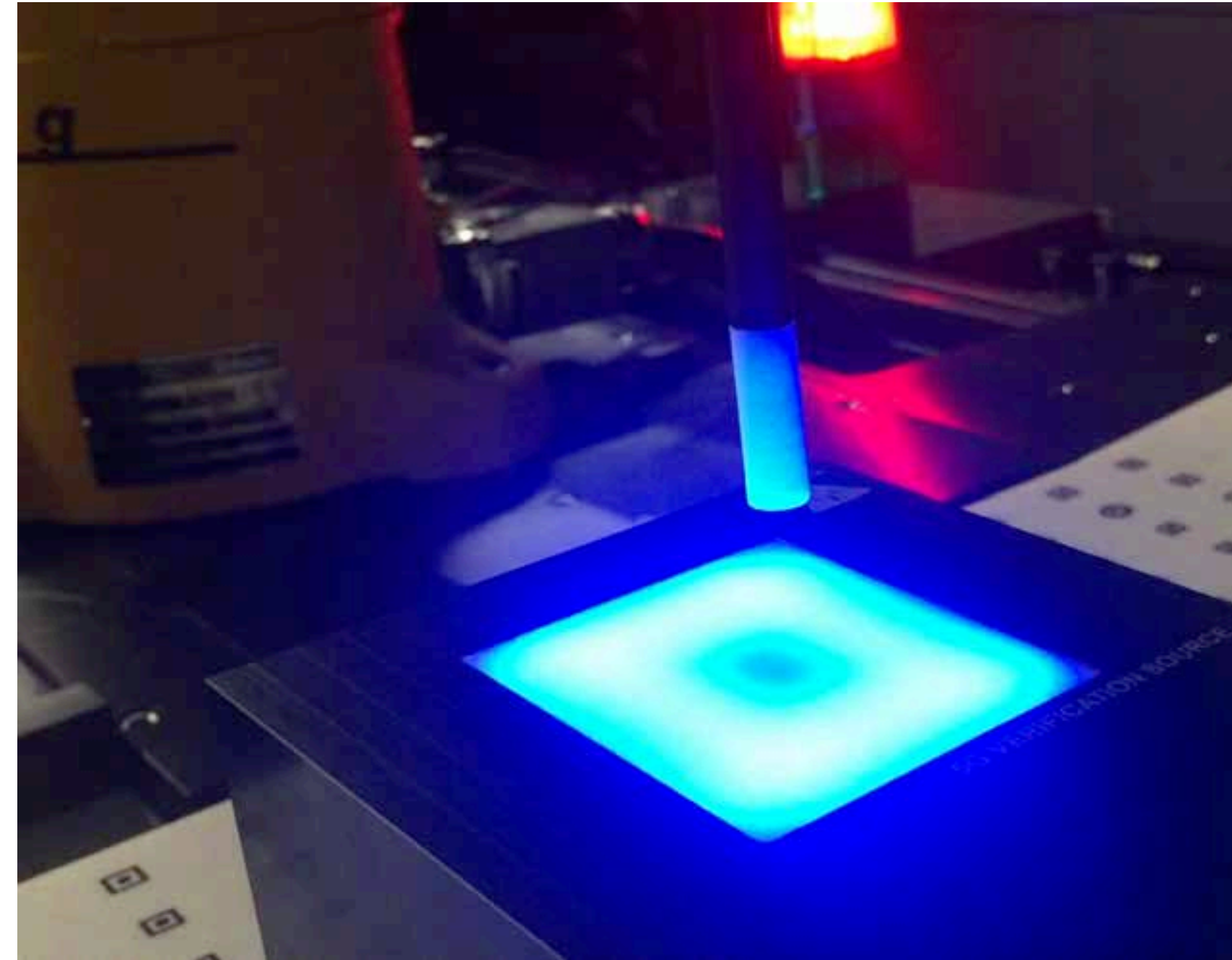
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2	65.1	4.51	75.0	4.96	1.2	0.4
5	63.0	3.87	64.5	4.12	0.2	0.3
10	46.9	3.37	49.3	3.51	0.4	0.2
20	33.4	2.36	37.6	2.54	1.0	0.3
50	24.7	1.48	26.2	1.48	0.5	0.0



# System Verification

# 5G System Verification Packages: 10, 30, 45, 60, and 90 GHz


- system check before a compliance test at a test lab
- 10, 30, 60, and 90 GHz: stand-alone fixed-frequency sources with integrated with horns
- compliant with IEC/IEEE 63195
- verification uncertainty  $<0.66\text{dB}$  ( $k=2$ )



# Application in Compliance Tests



# Applied Since 2017 for Compliance Testing

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## The first FCC-type certification of a 60 GHz WiGig module granted on the basis of assessment with SPEAG's unique 5G test system

Another first for SPEAG; the US Federal Communications Commission ([FCC](#)) recently granted the first radiofrequency (RF) exposure-type approval ([FCC ID PD9-18265NG](#), dated 09/19/2017) for a WiGig embedded wireless communication module. To achieve this remarkable breakthrough, SPEAG worked closely with the manufacturer and the [IT'IS Foundation](#). The module was designed to be embedded into conventional clamshell PCs as well as in modern 2-in-1 (detachable) platforms and tablet-like platforms. As part of the submission, the WiGig module was connected to a beam-forming antenna array.



Latest News

MEASUREMENT

Update from FCC on 5G NR sub-6GHz NSA SAR Measurements  
26/03/2019

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SPEAG Exhibition at MWC19 in Barcelona  
01/03/2019

MEASUREMENT

Release of cDASY6 Module mmWave V1.6  
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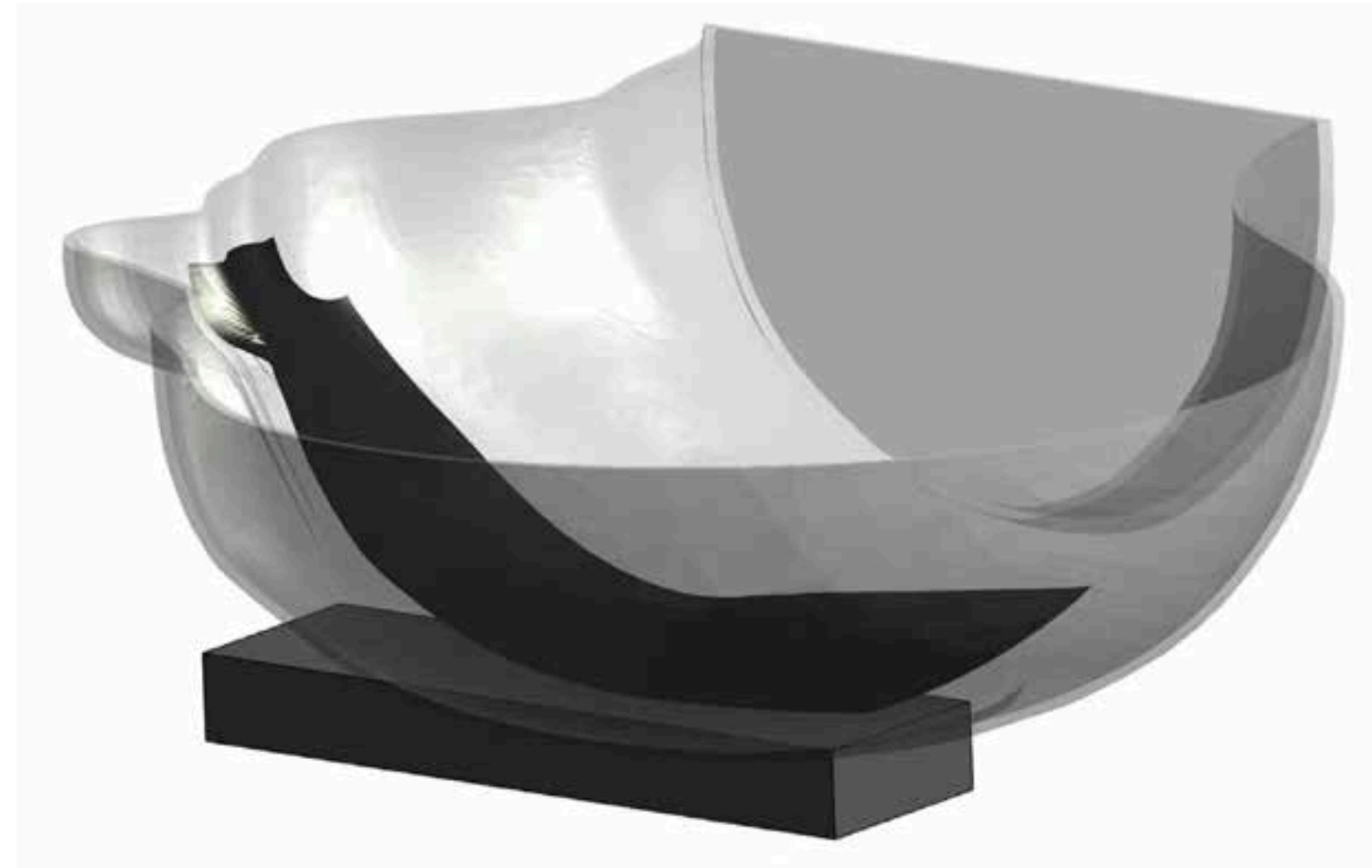
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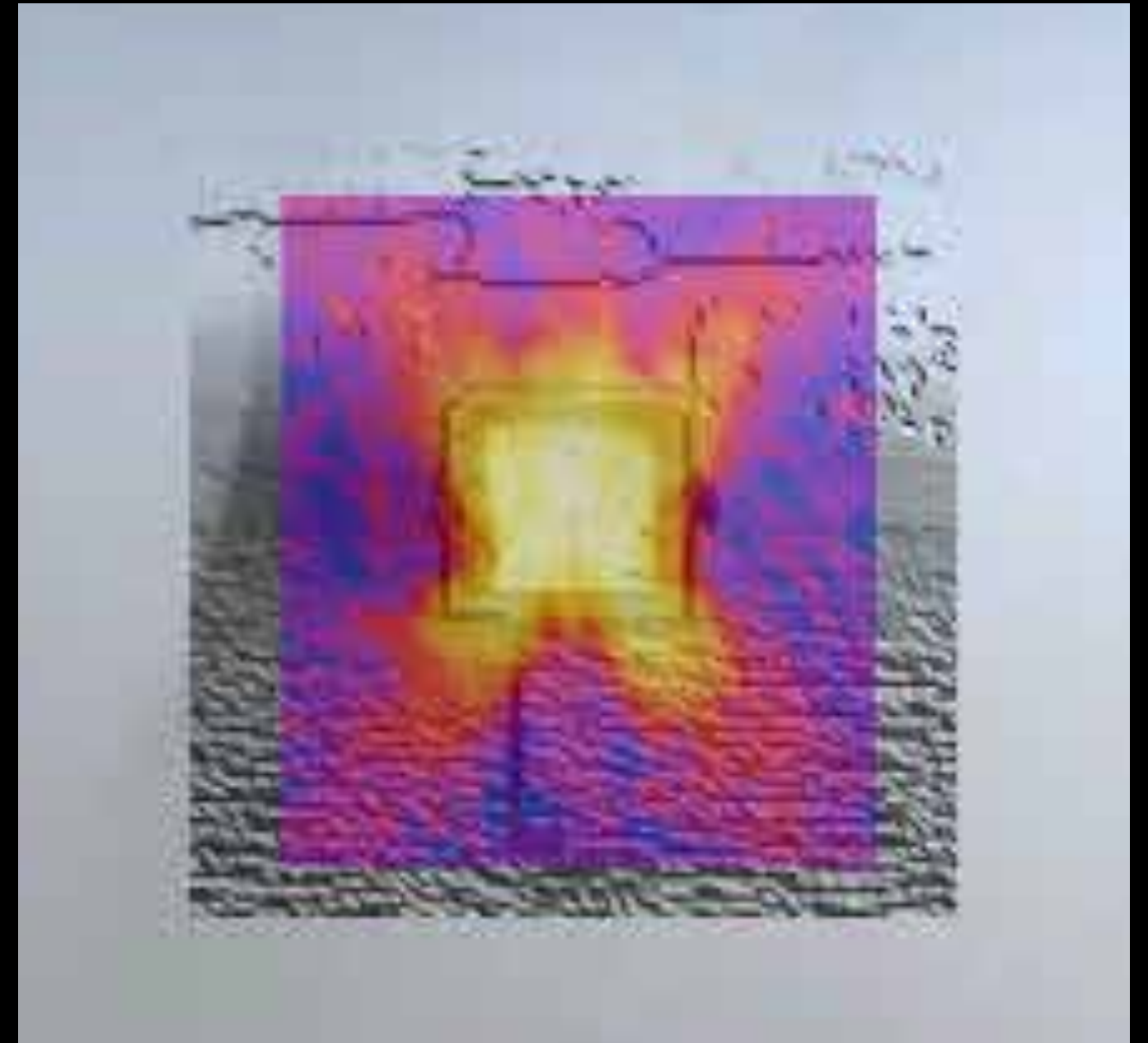
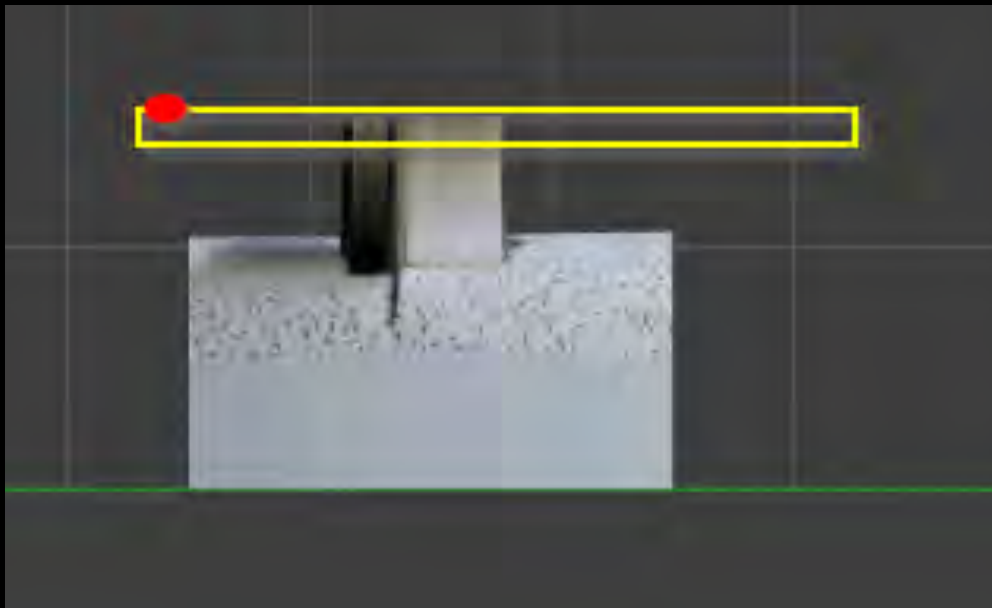
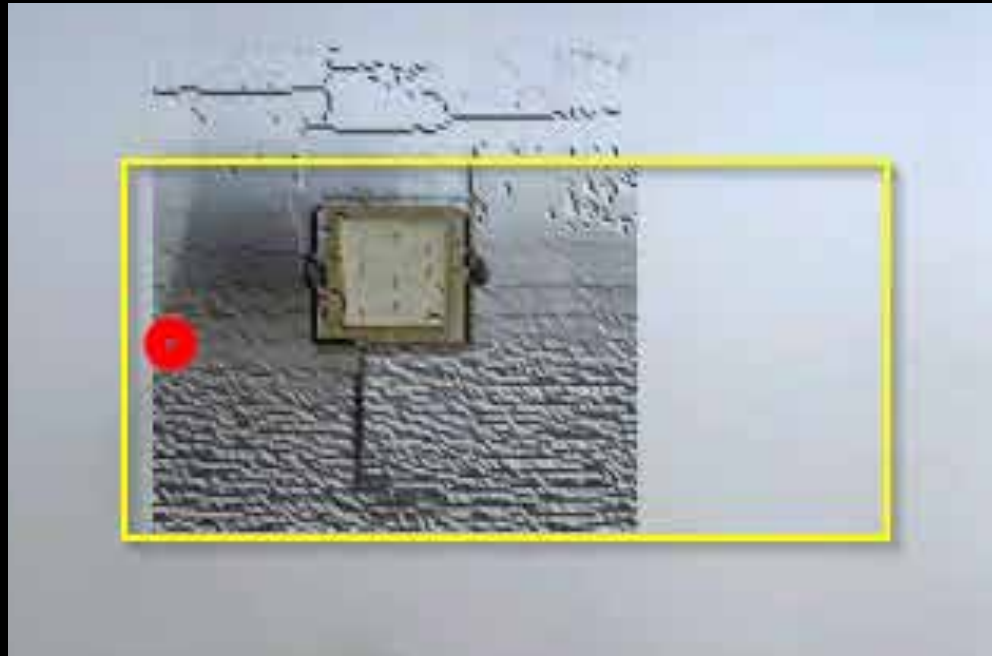
# Solutions Currently Under Development

# Forward Transformation Evaluation (FTE)

- the need: projection of  $S$  on arbitrary volumes / surfaces for combination with SAR
- measurements on two or three planes for each side of the phone
- conservative averaged PD evaluator based on either:
  - validated simulations
  - measurements of each antenna group separately (can be controlled individually with a code book)
- evaluation of the exposures in 3D based on forward propagation techniques
- evaluation of PD distribution on any virtual surface (e.g., SAM head, ELI phantoms, face-down)

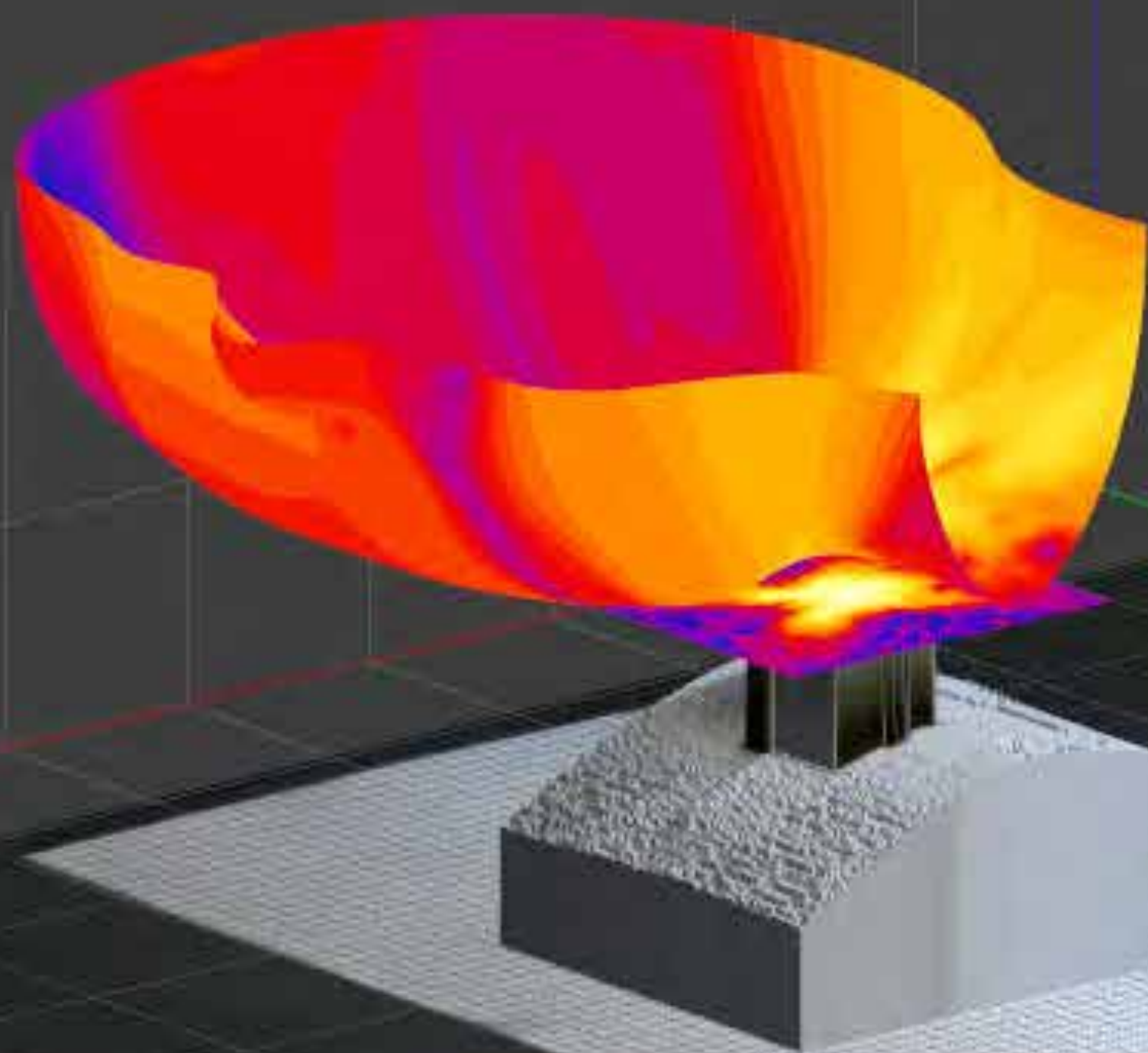


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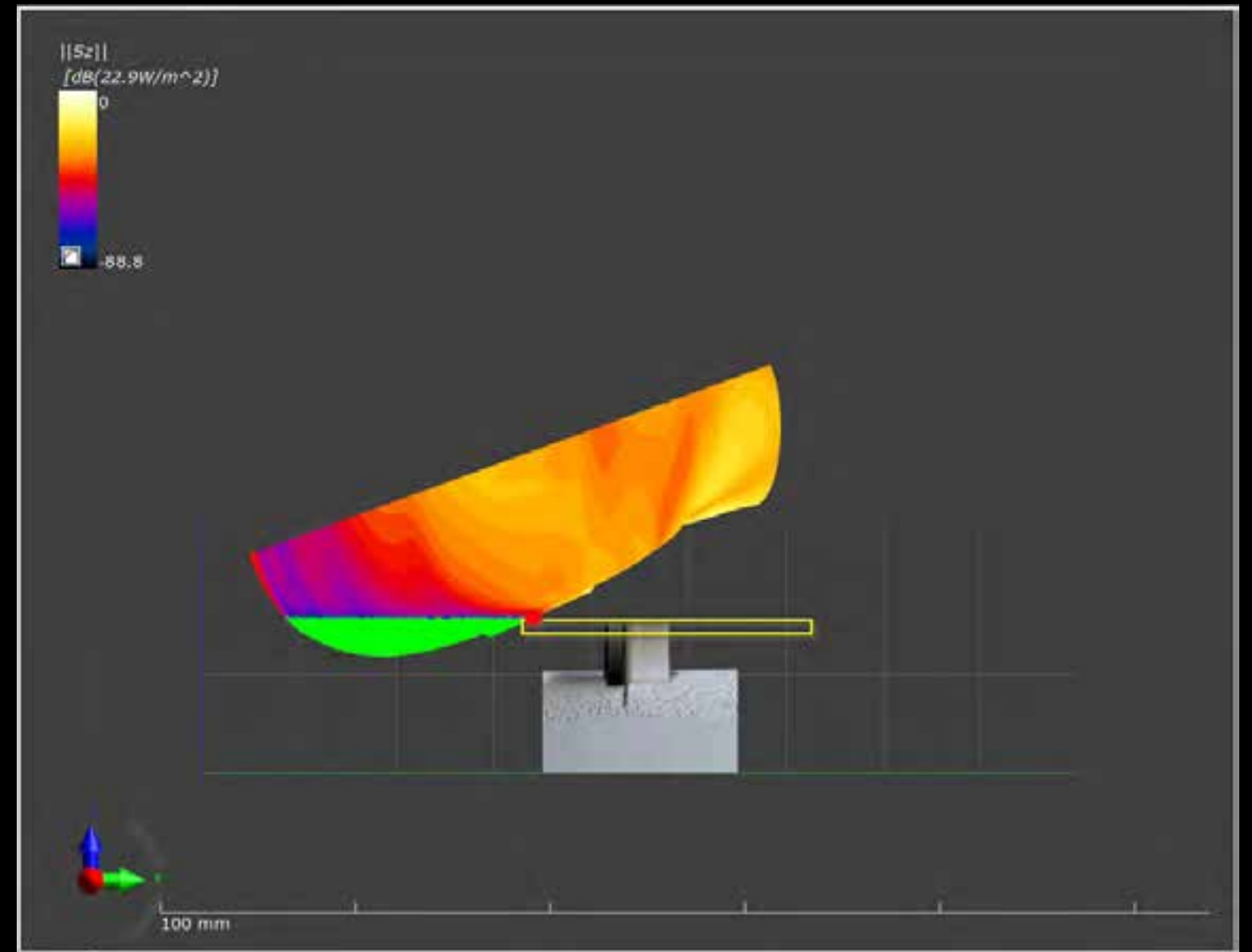
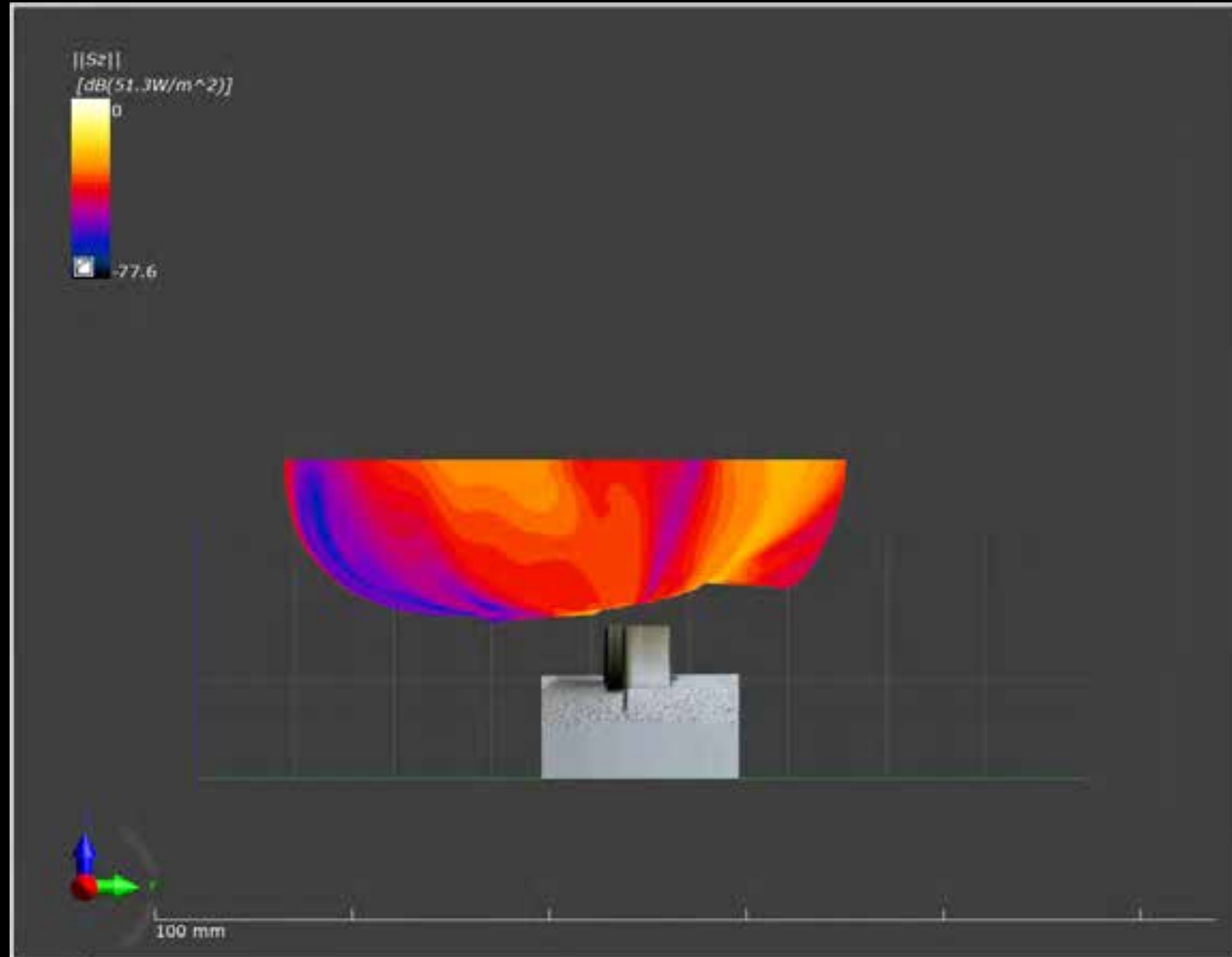


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[dB(51.3W/m<sup>2</sup>)]

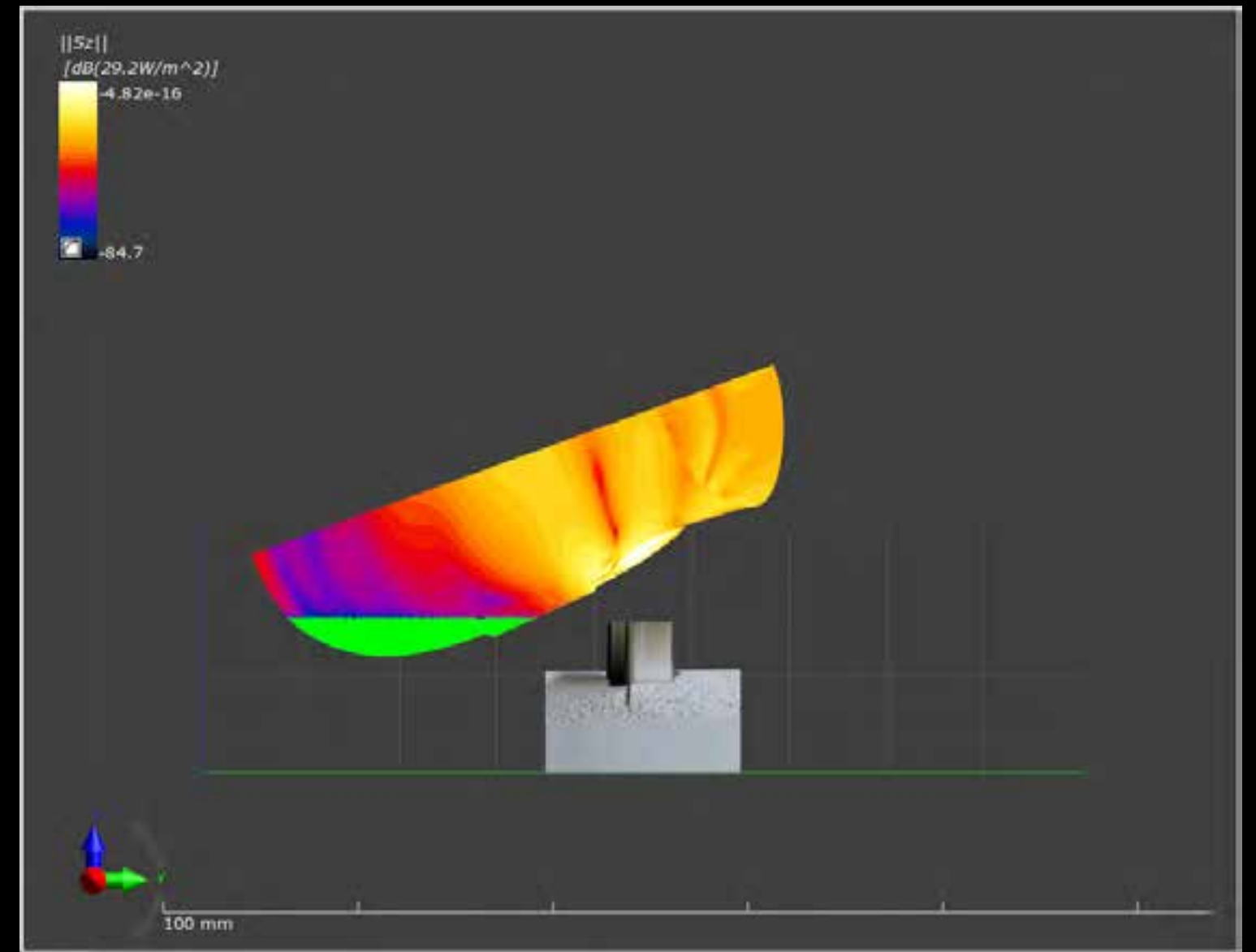
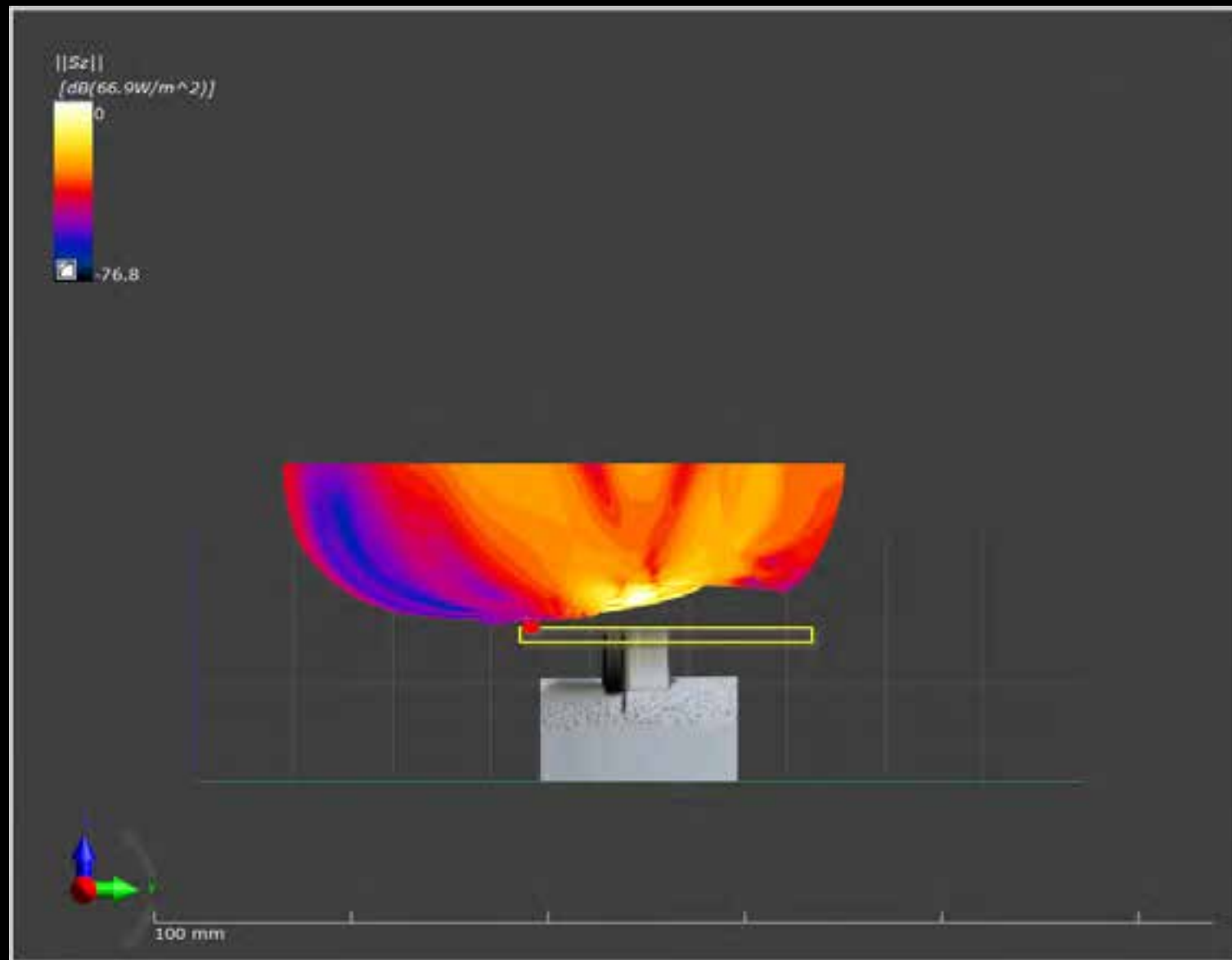




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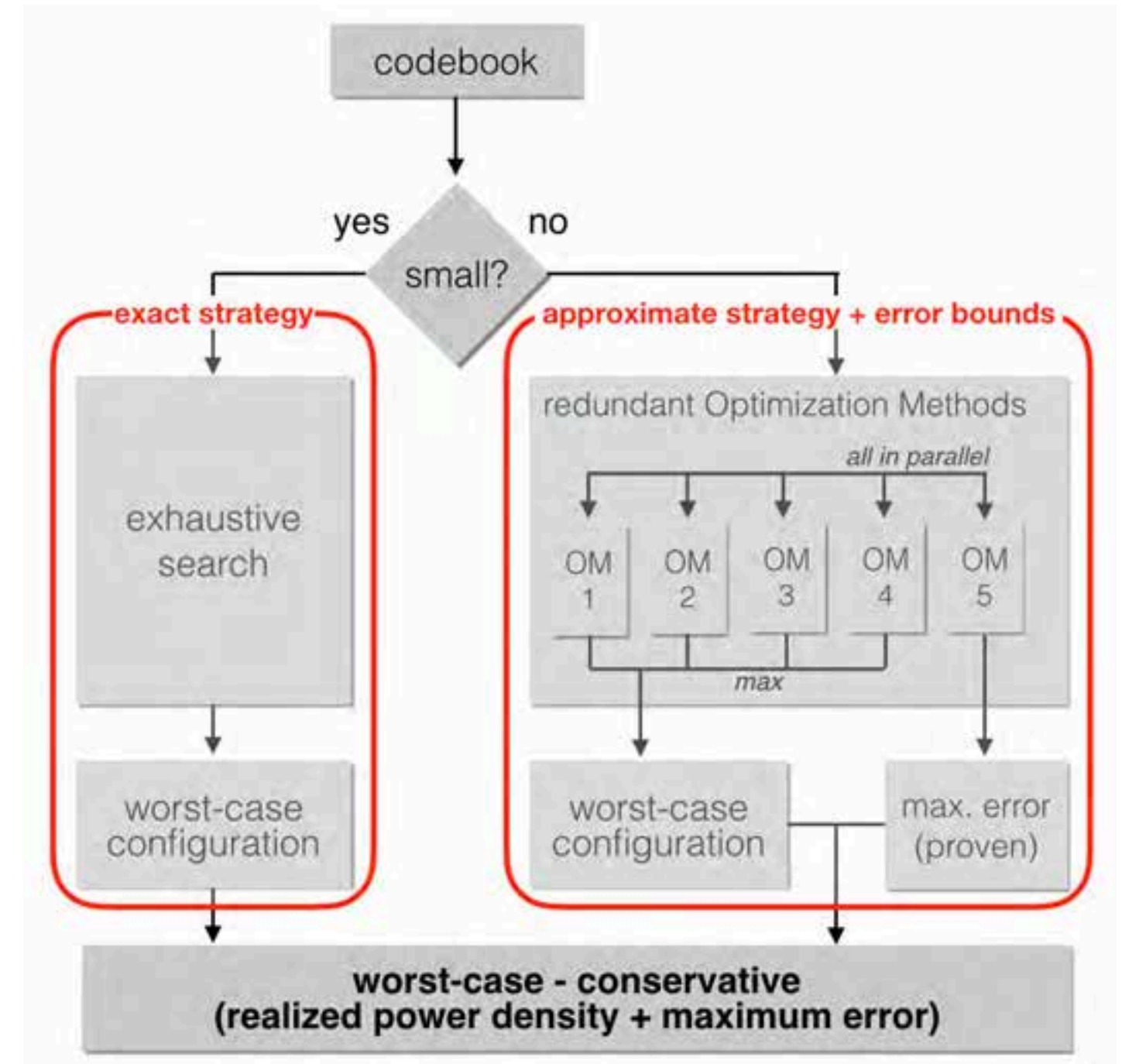


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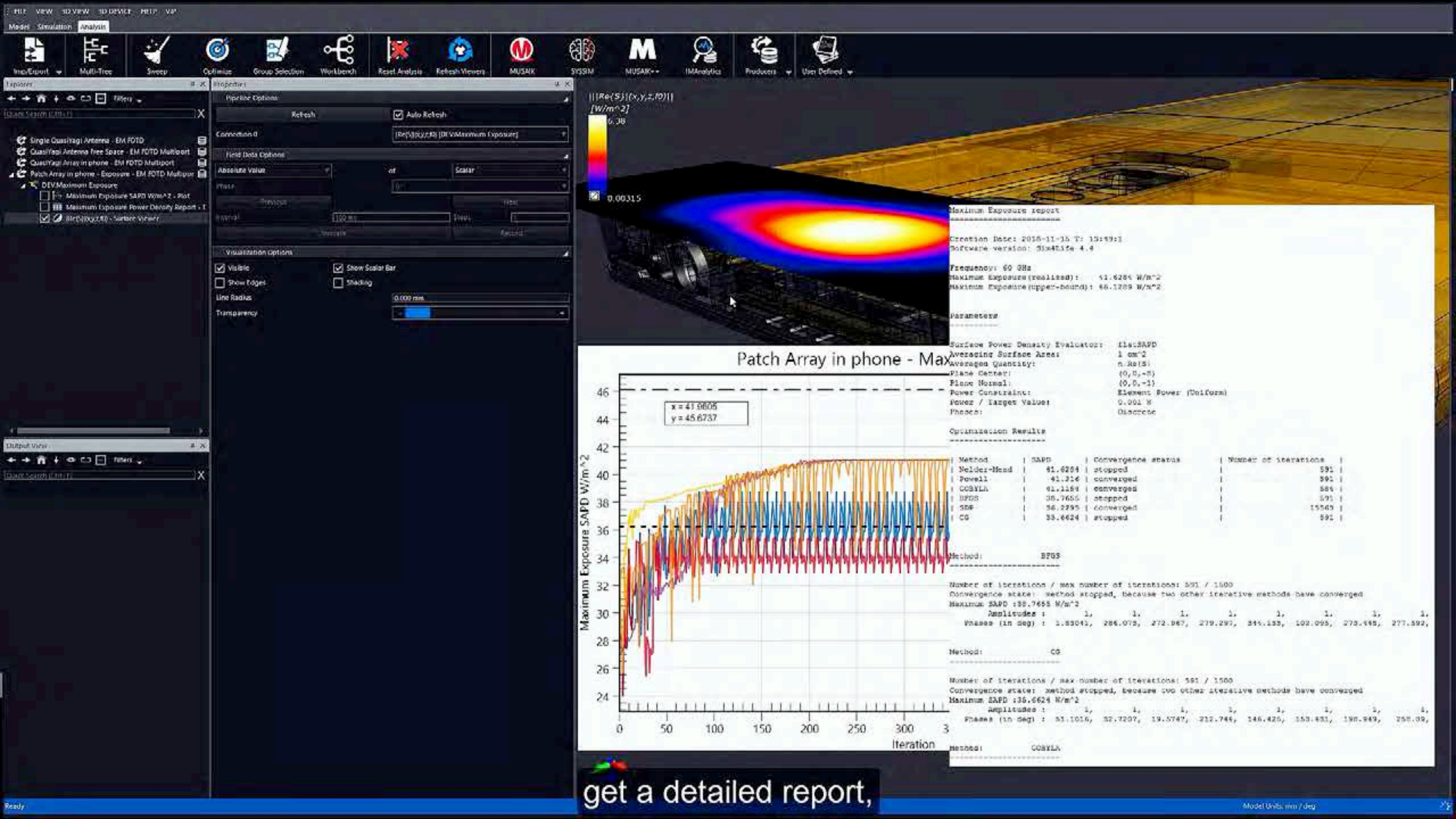


# Maximum Exposure Evaluation

- the need: MIMO may require to test millions of configurations to find the worst-case excitation
- measurements on two or three planes for each side of the phone
- conservative averaged PD worst-case optimizer based on either:
  - validated simulations
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# Combination of SAR and Power Density

- the need: combine S with other sub6 sources (SAR distributions)
- based on FTE and worst-case optimizer

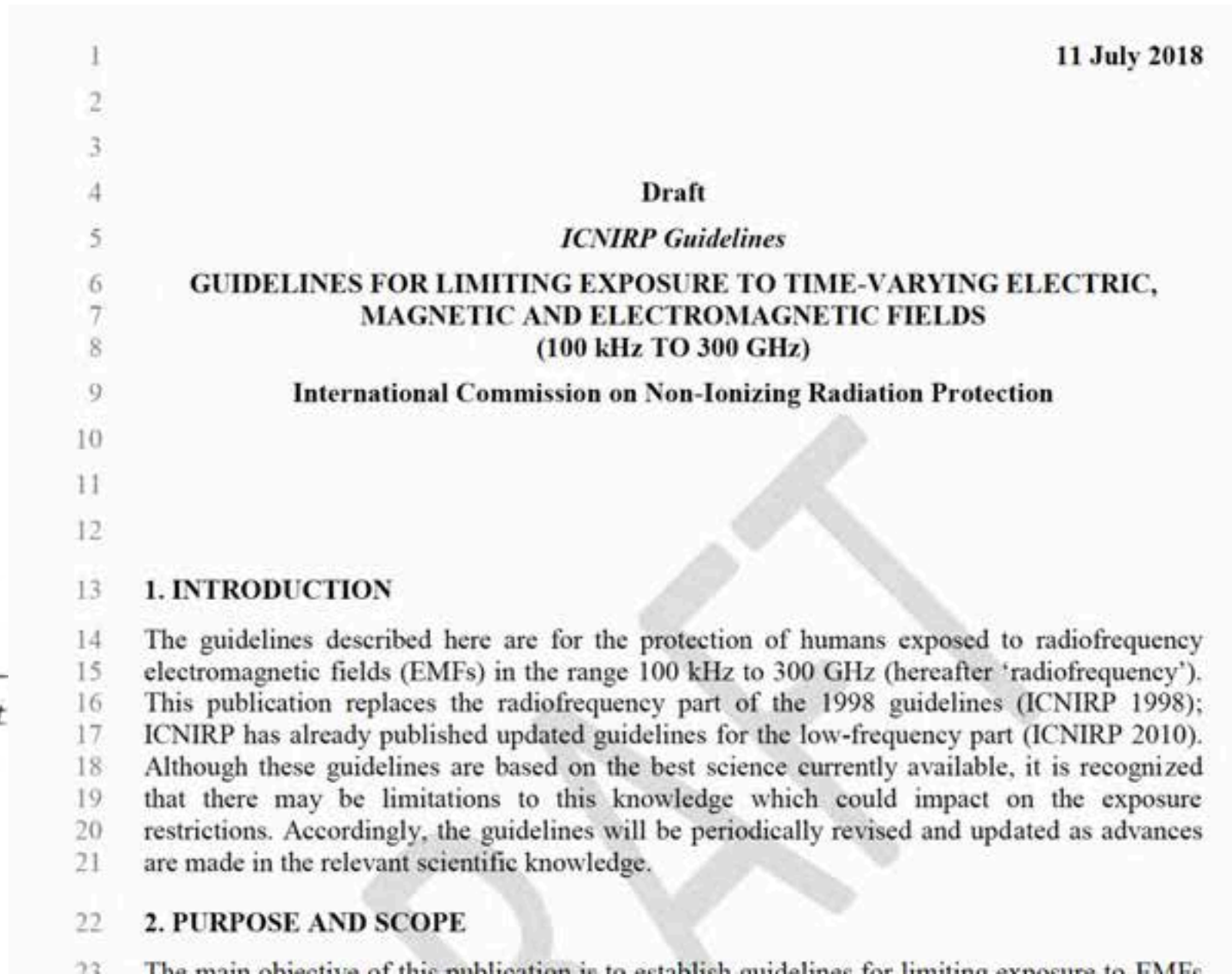
$$\frac{\text{Total Exposure}}{\text{Limit}} = \sum_{n=1}^n \frac{SAR_n}{SAR_{n,limit}} + \sum_{m=1}^m \frac{S_{inc_m}}{S_{inc_m,limit}}$$



# Assessment of Transmitted Power ( $S_{tr}$ )

- evaluation of transmitted PD  $S_{tr}$  for frequencies below 24 GHz
- cDASY7 module for measuring transmitted power  $S_{tr}$  in phantoms (in development)
- no overestimation in the reactive near-field of transmitters ( $<\lambda/2\pi$ )

$$\frac{\text{New Total Exposure}}{\text{Limit}} = \sum_{n=1}^n \frac{SAR_n}{SAR_{n,limit}} + \sum_{m=1}^m \frac{S_{inc_m}}{S_{inc_m,limit}} + \sum_{j=1}^j \frac{S_{tr_j}}{S_{tr_j,limit}}$$



# Conclusions: 5G Radio Exposure Measurement

## Conclusion: 5G mmWave (>6 GHz)

- with 5G mmWave compliance testing became a near-field problem
- incident power density has no meaning below 10/20 GHz
  - SAR or  $S_{tr}$  should be used
- new test equipment
  - EUmmW probe with traceable calibration
  - novel validated reconstruction algorithm ( $d > \lambda/2\pi = 2\text{mm @}28\text{GHz}$ )
  - test uncertainty:  $\sim 0.7$  dB ( $k=1$ )
- test solutions currently under development
  - forward transformation - project PD on arbitrary surfaces and combine with other sources
  - optimiser - find worst case exposure configuration for MIMO
  - combiner SAR and Power Density
  - transmitted power density measurement system
- more research required on dosimetric quantities and biological mechanisms