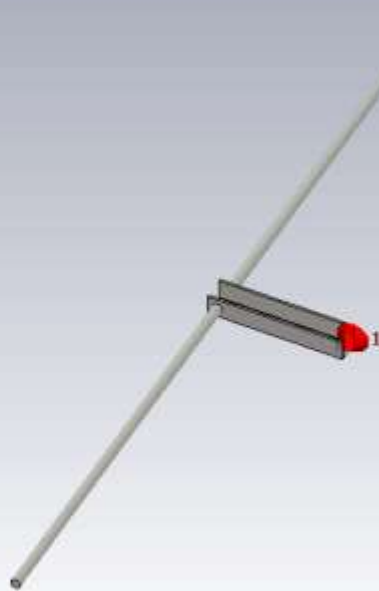


Electromagnetic Shielding

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Dipole Antenna - 160mm Long

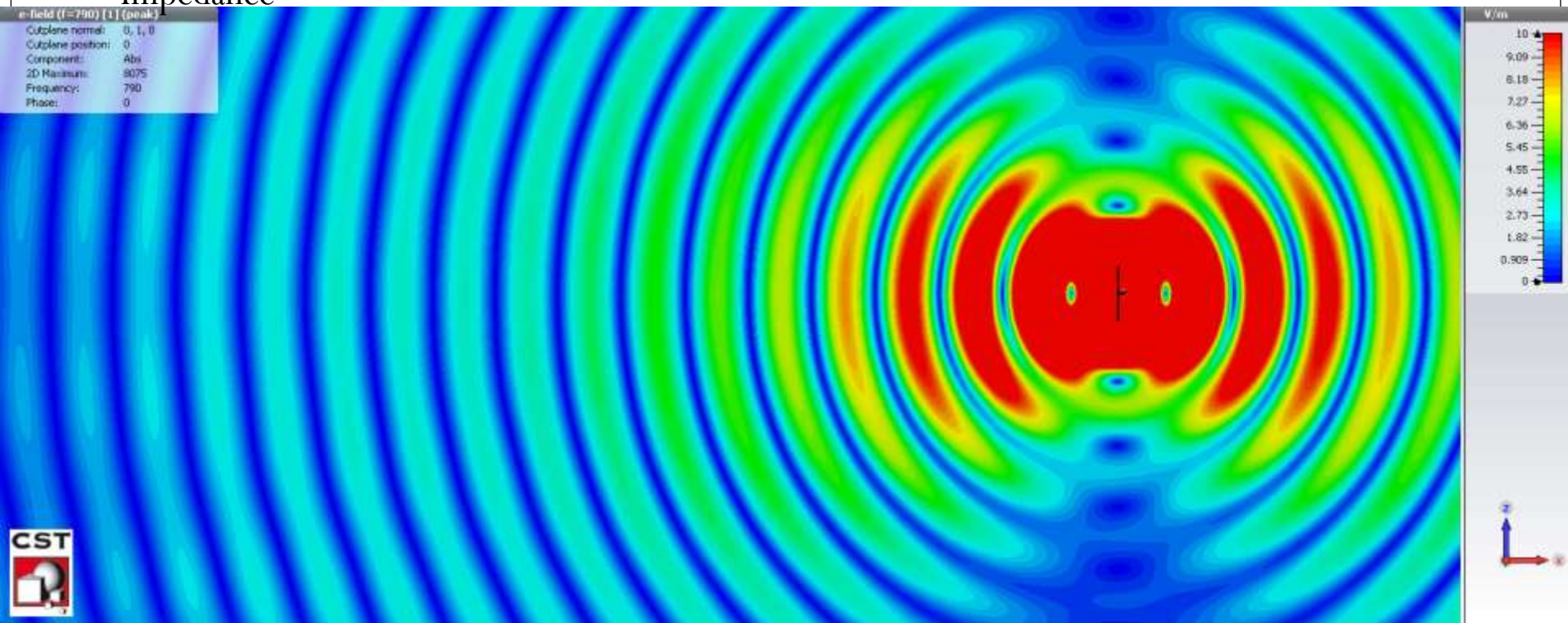


Electric Field Radiation Pattern

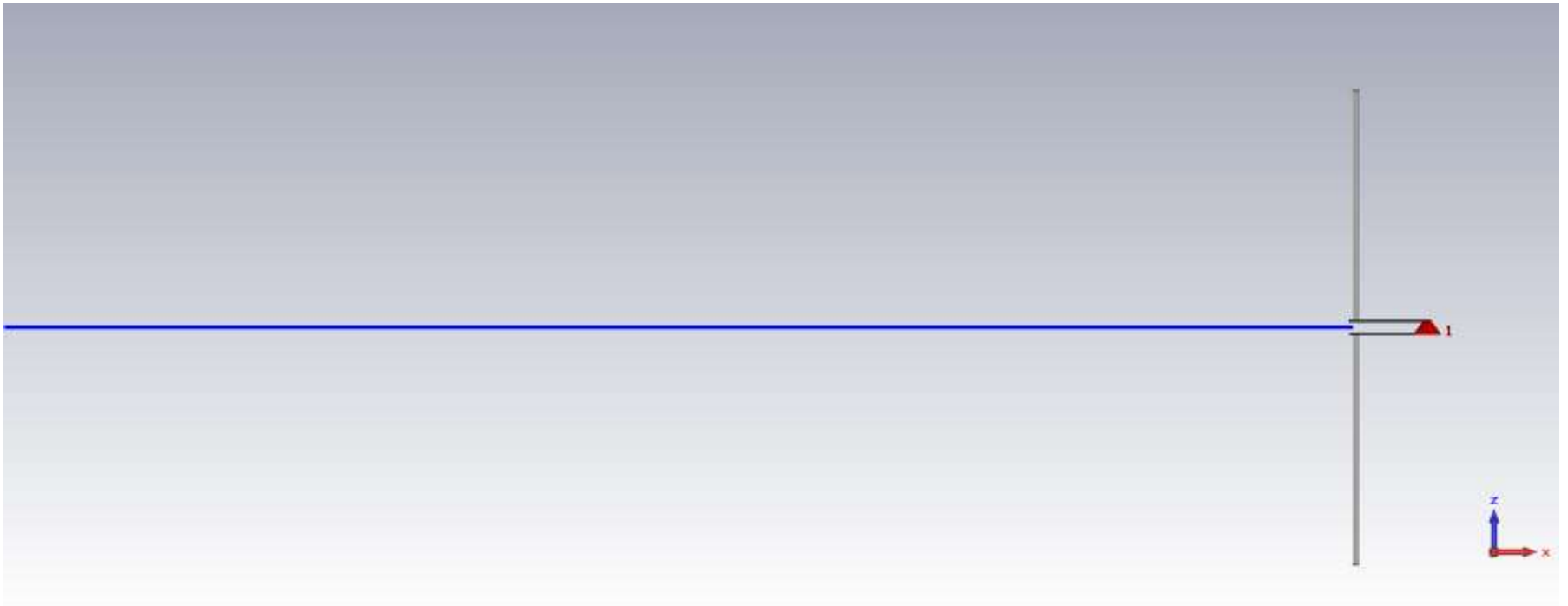
Farfield – 377Ω Wave
Impedance

Nearfield

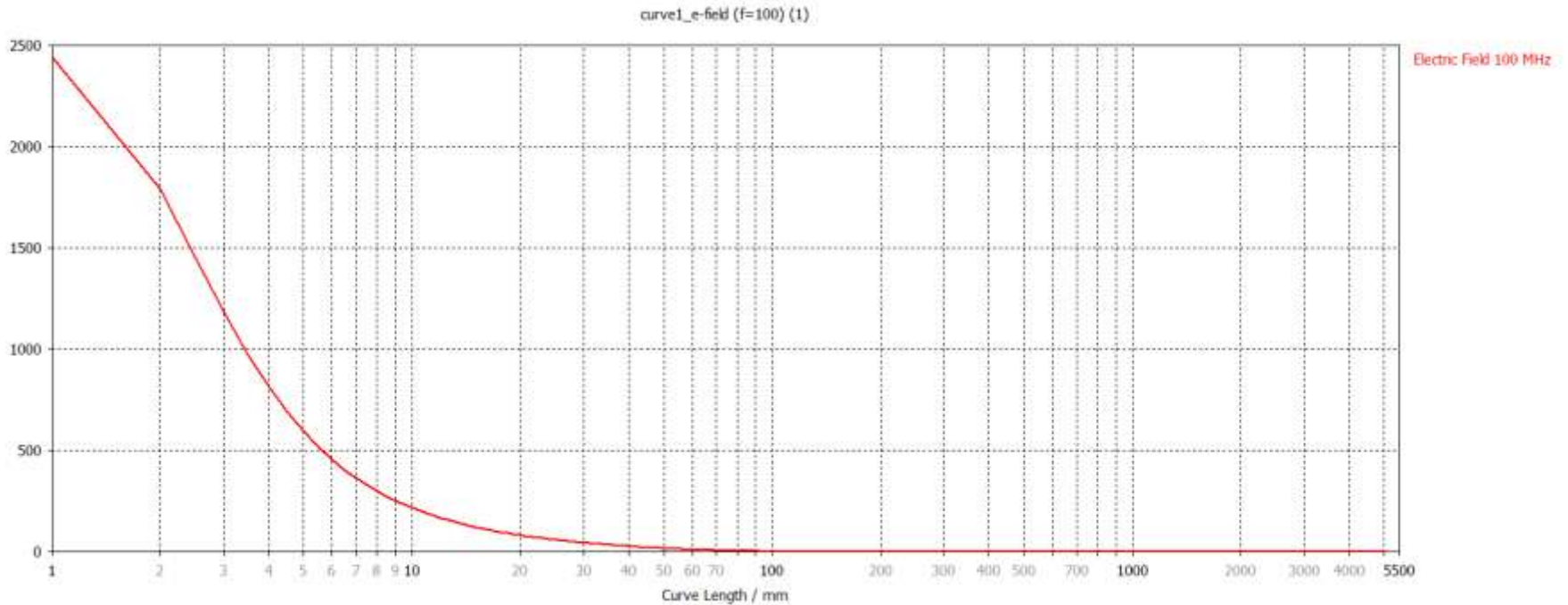
e-field (f=790) [1] (peak)
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Component: Abs
2D Maximum: 8075
Frequency: 790
Phase: 0



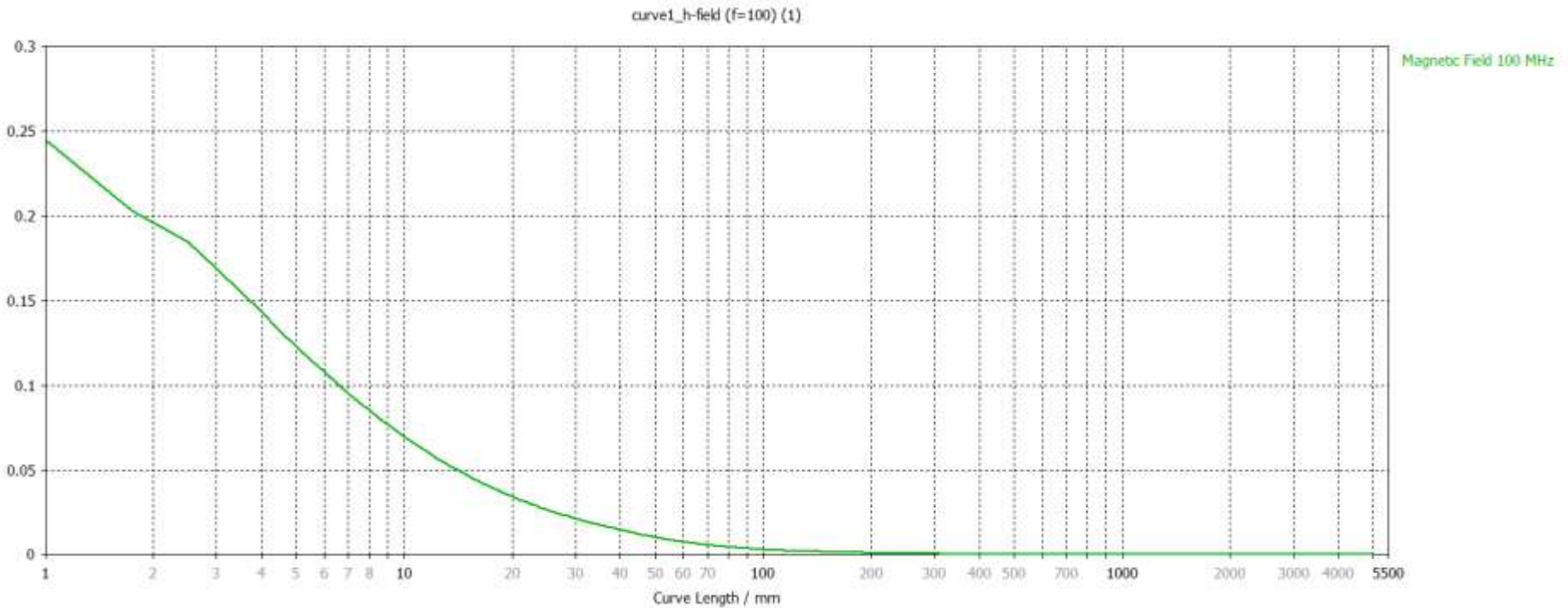
Electric and Magnetic Fields evaluated along blue line



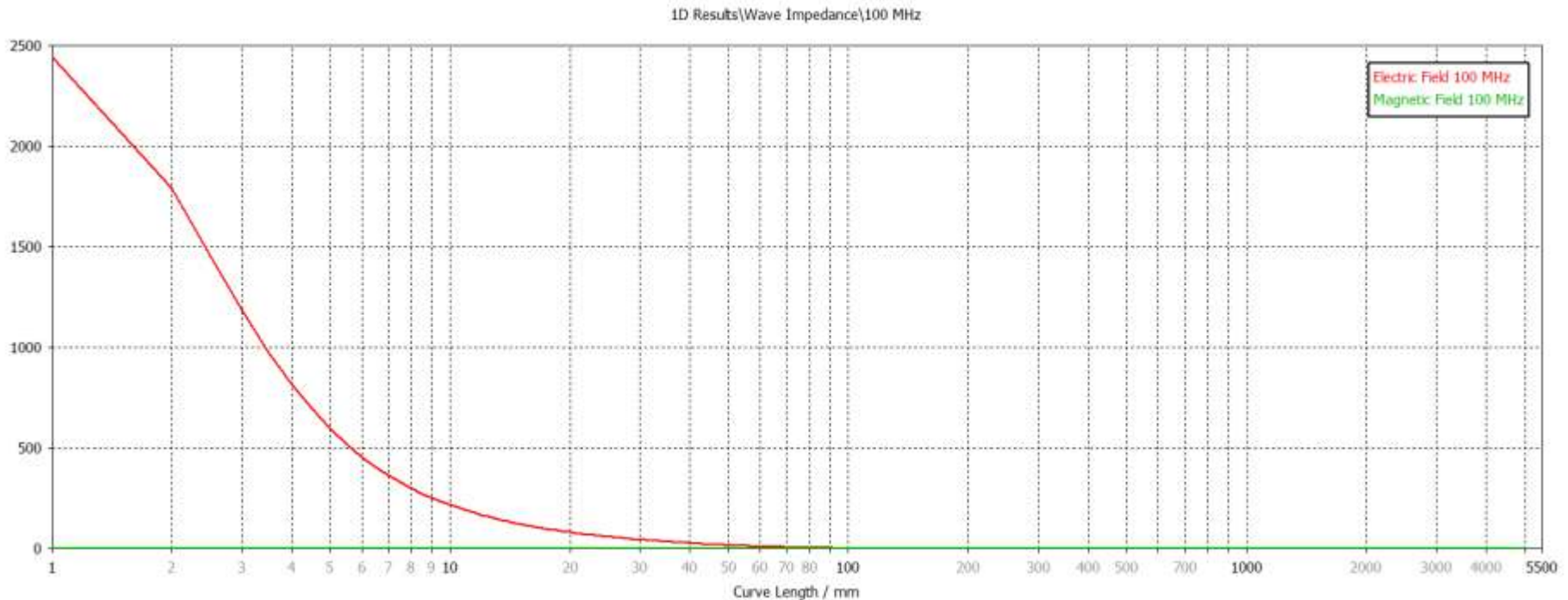
Electric Field vs. Distance from Antenna



Magnetic Field vs. Distance from Antenna



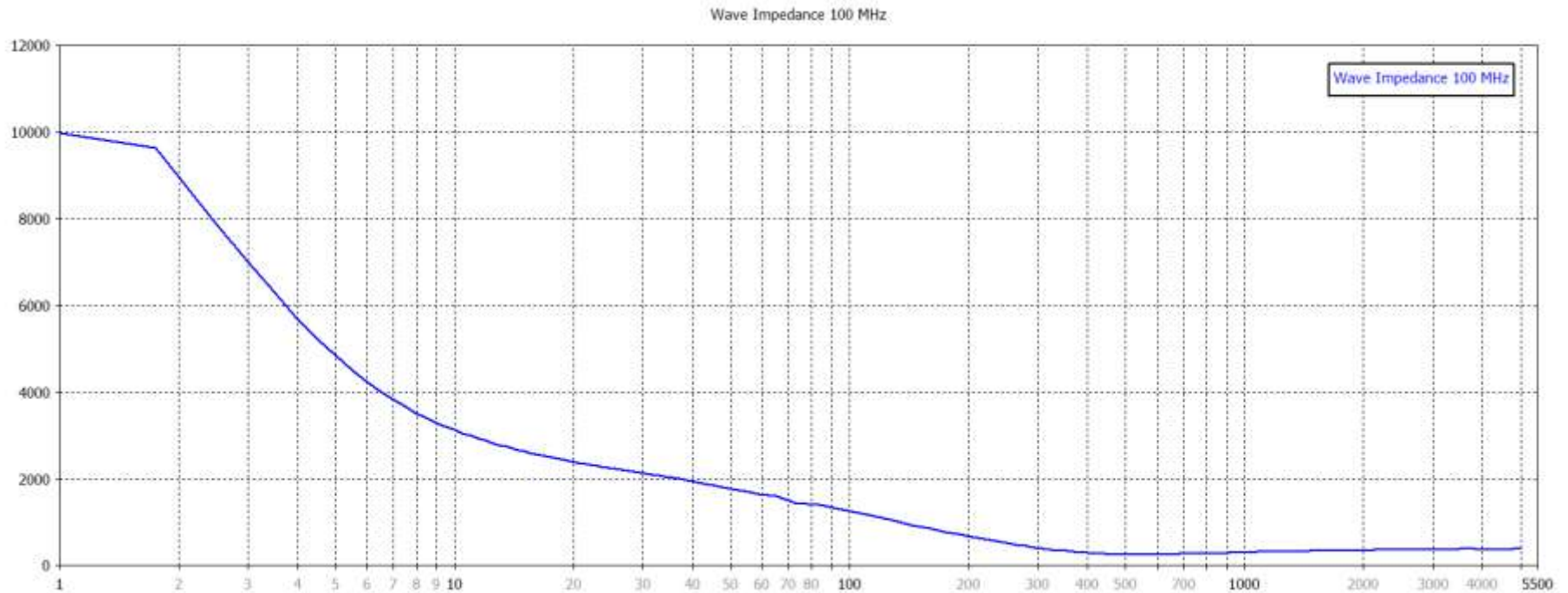
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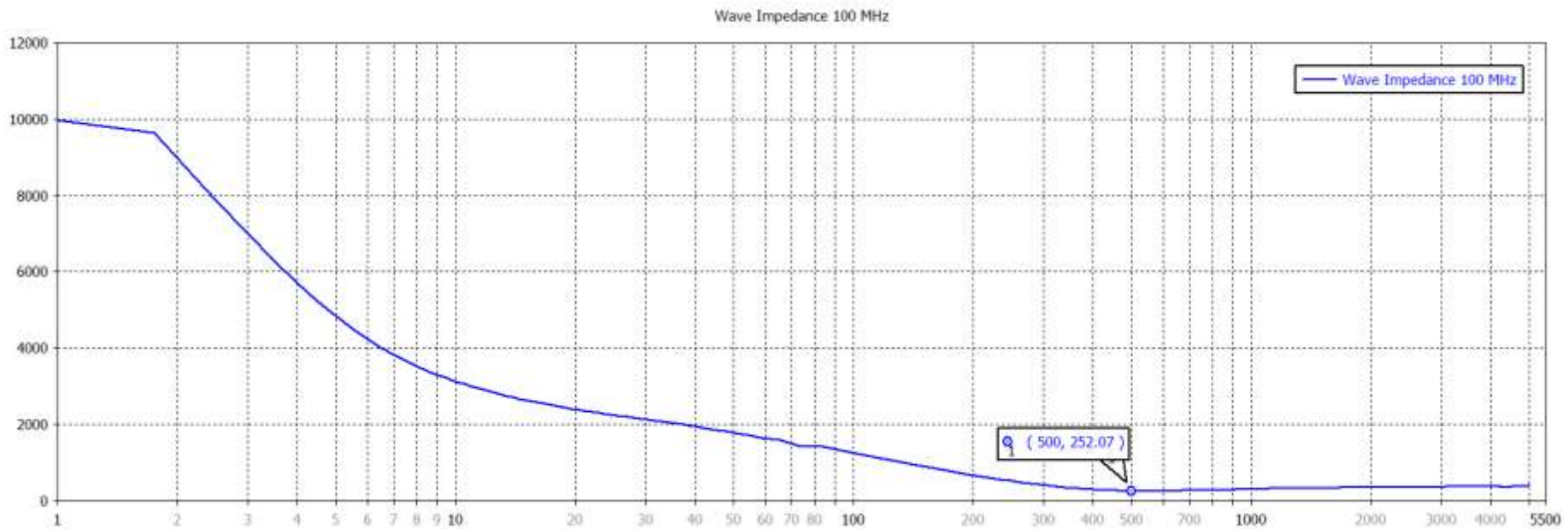
Wave Impedance

$$Z(\Omega) = \frac{E \text{ Field } \left(\frac{V}{m}\right)}{H \text{ Field } \left(\frac{A}{m}\right)}$$

Wave Impedance vs. Distance

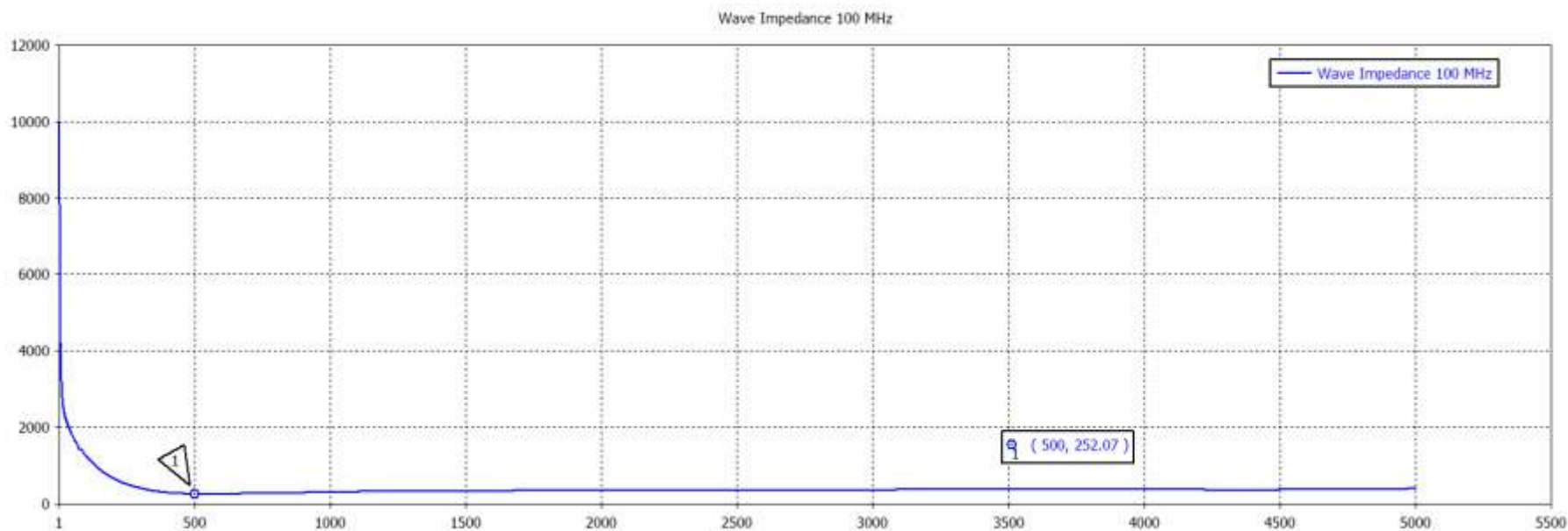


Wavelength / 6 point



500 mm – 252.07Ω

Linear X Axis



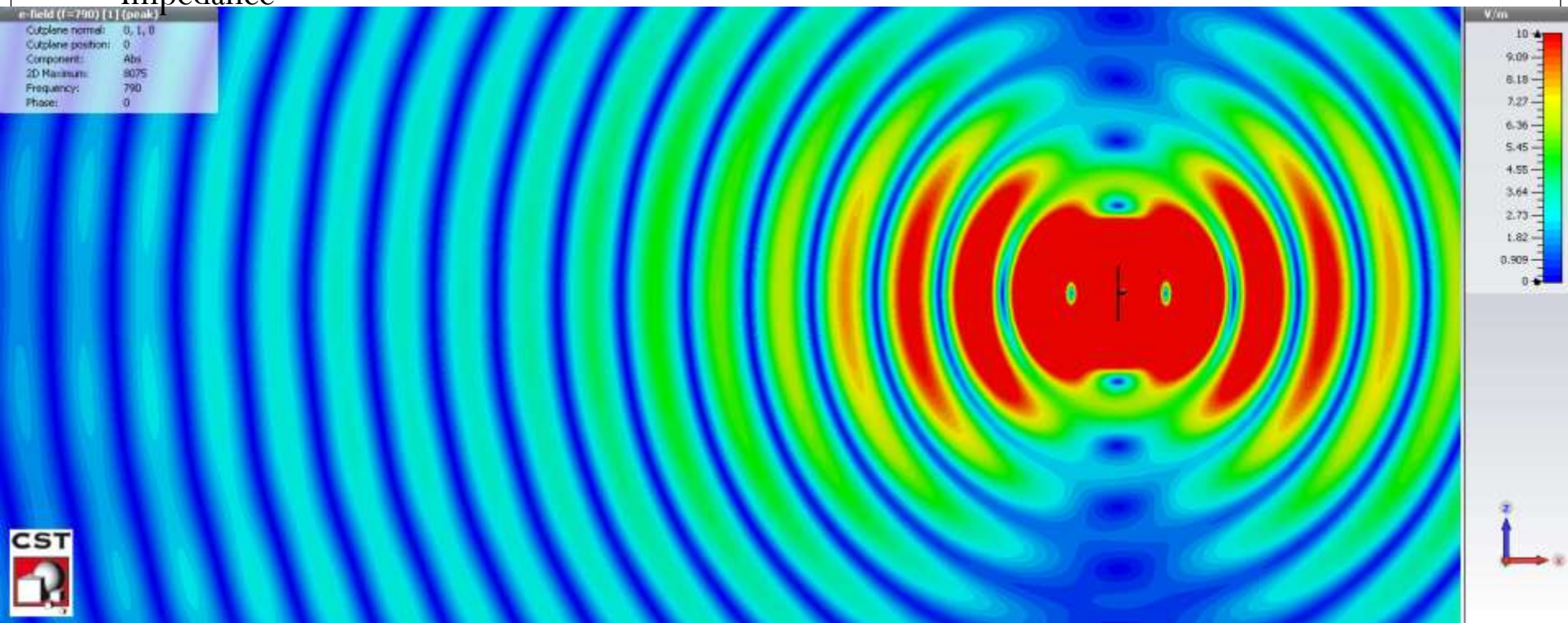
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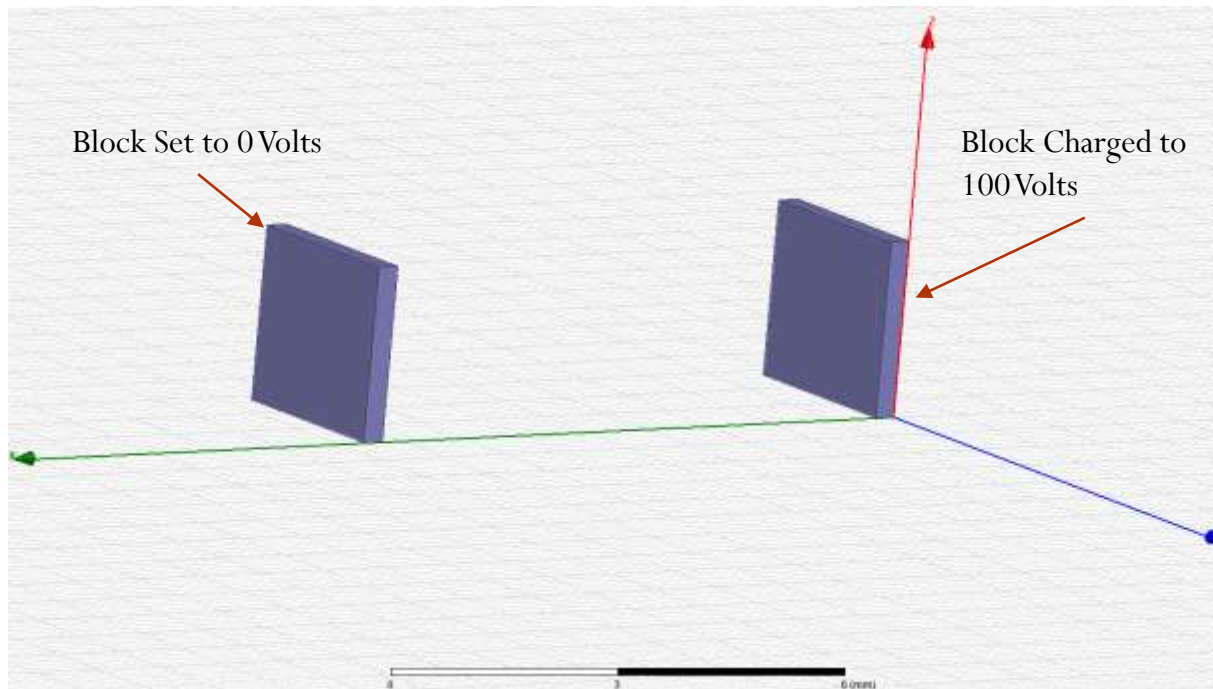
Wave Impedance

- Electromagnetic waves can originate from an electric field or magnetic field source
 - Near the source, electric or magnetic field can dominate
 - Far from the source, the ratio between electric and magnetic fields is 377
- Why do we care?
 - EMC shielding strategies are different depending on which fields (electric or magnetic) are of concern

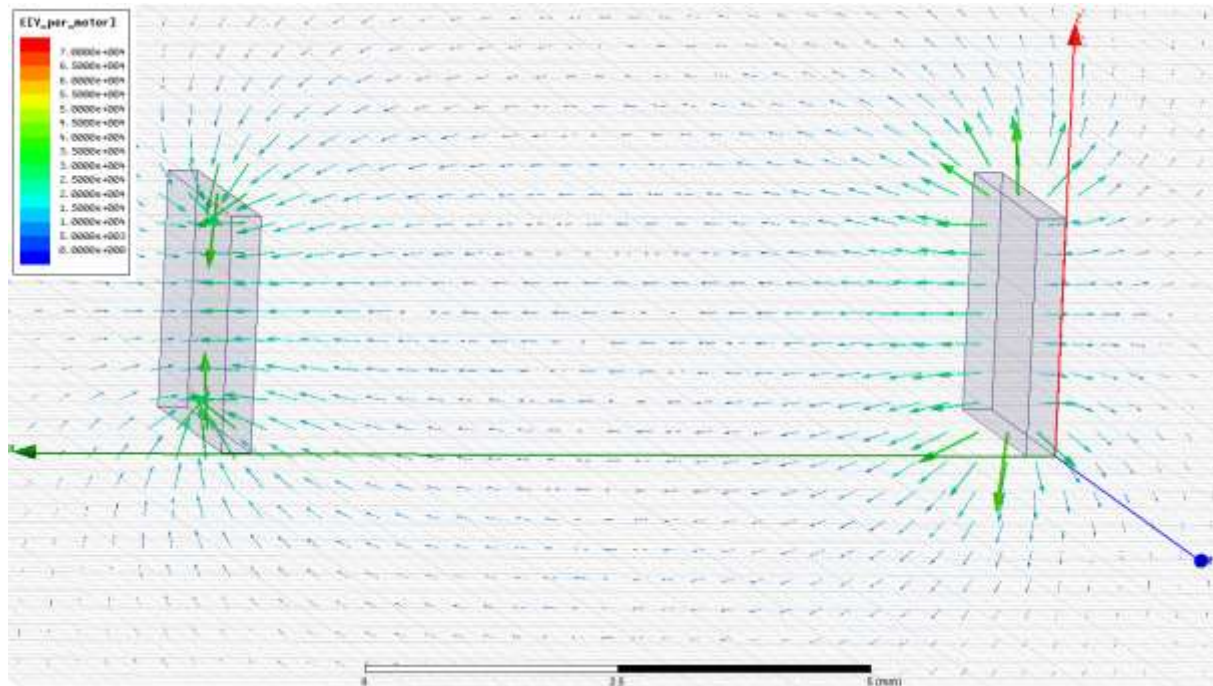
Static Shielding Examples

Static Electric Field Shielding

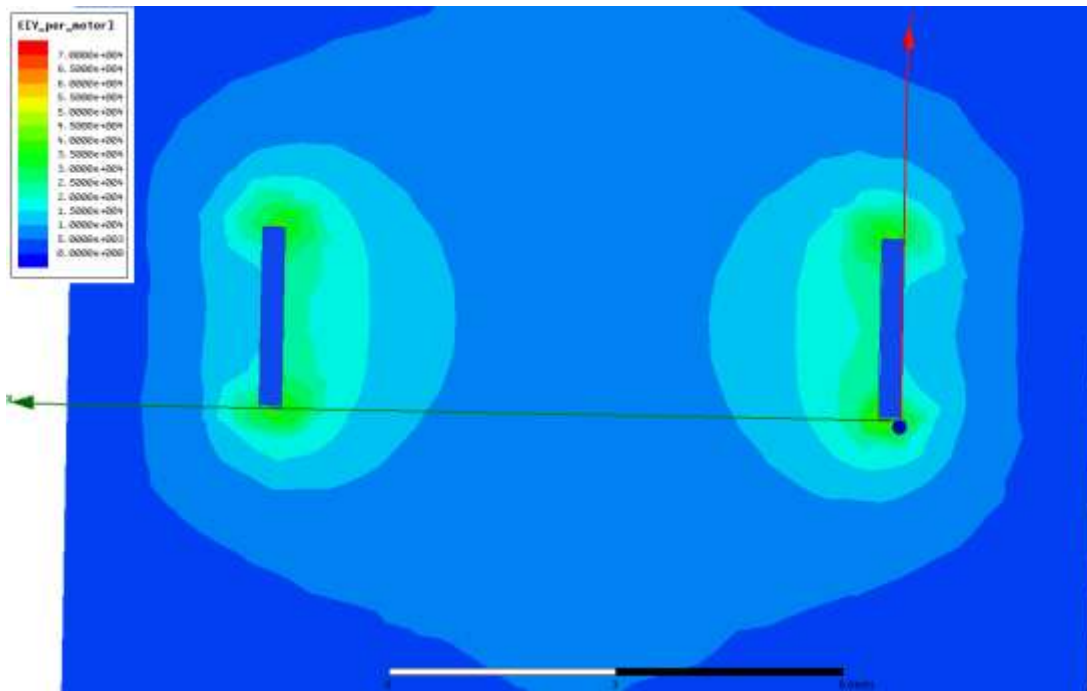
Setup



Electric Field Vectors

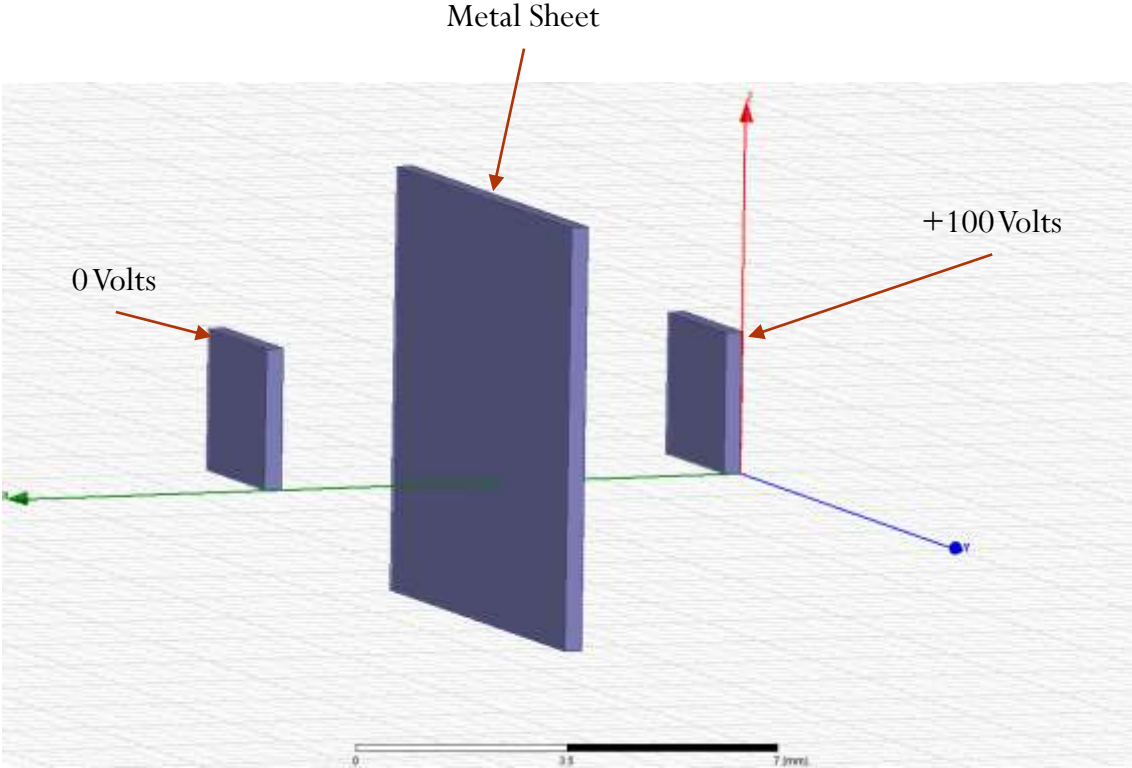


Electric Field Magnitude Between Blocks

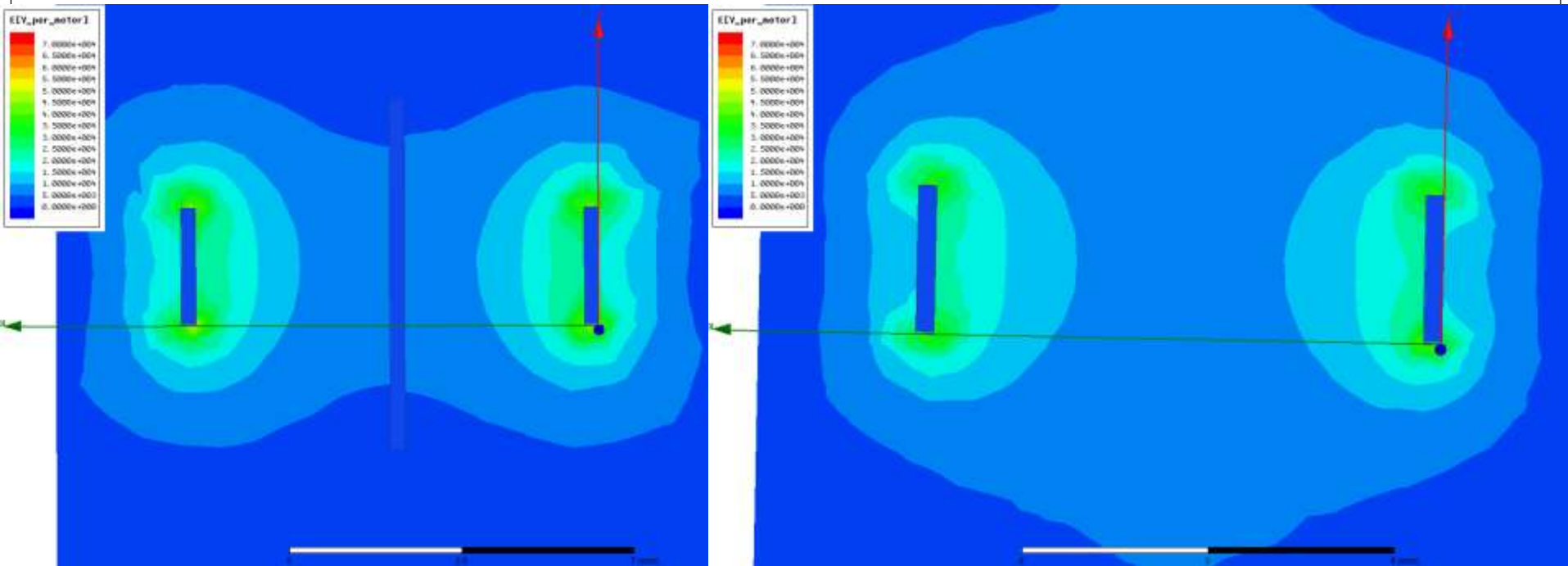


We are interested in shielding the 0V block (left) from the electric field generated by the block on the right

Shield Added



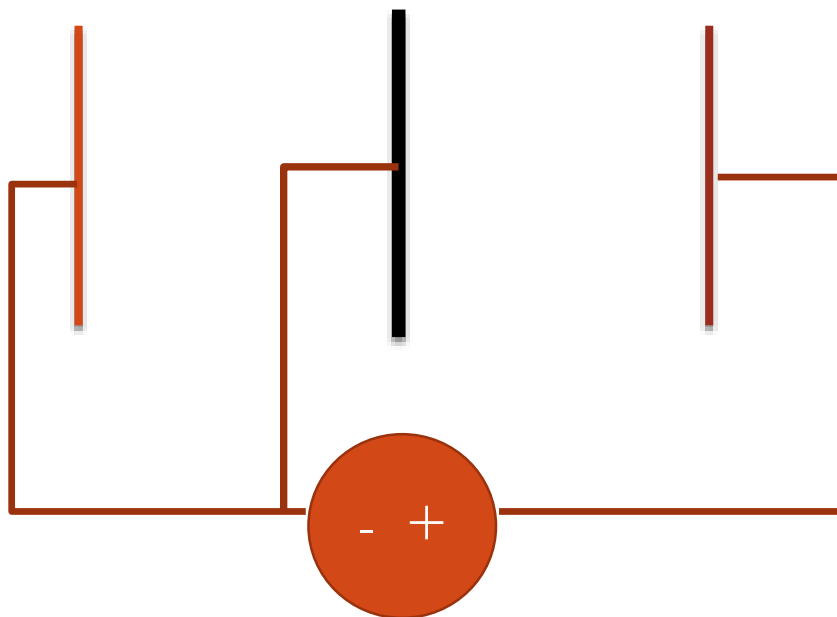
Electric Field Shielding Performance



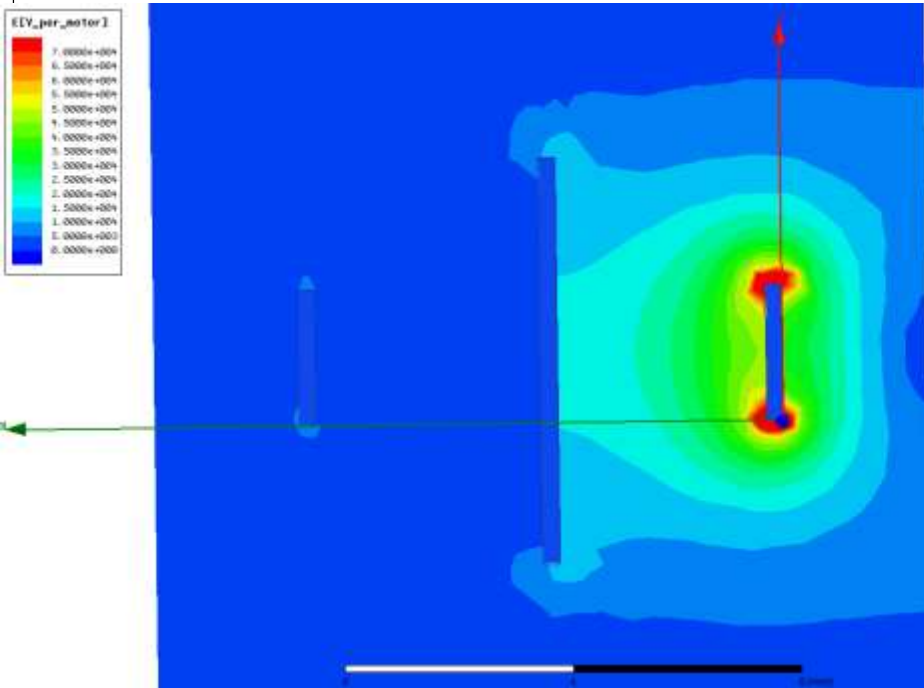
With Shield

Without Shield

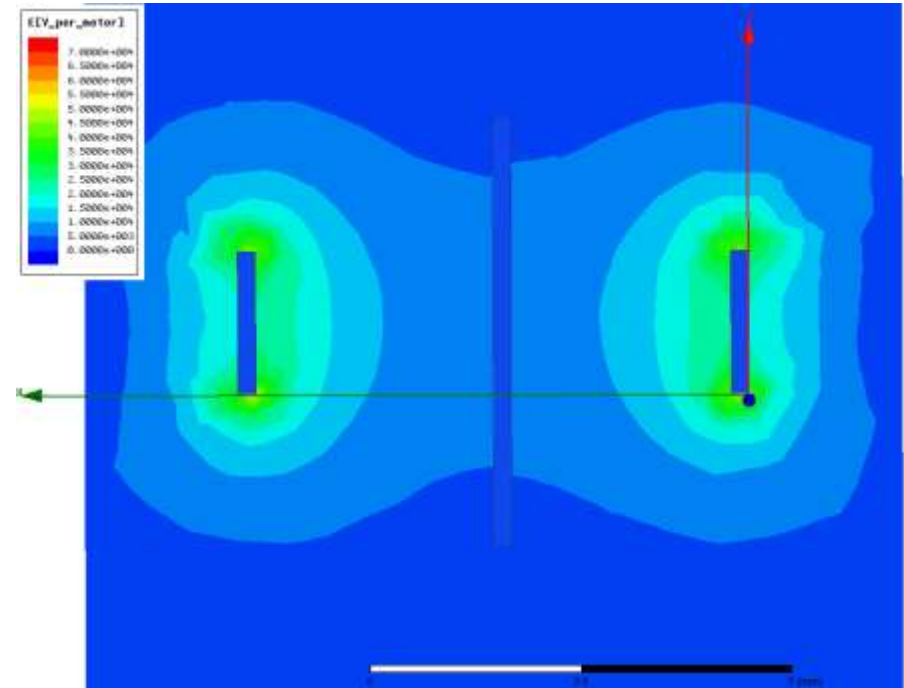
Representation



Electric Field Shielding Performance



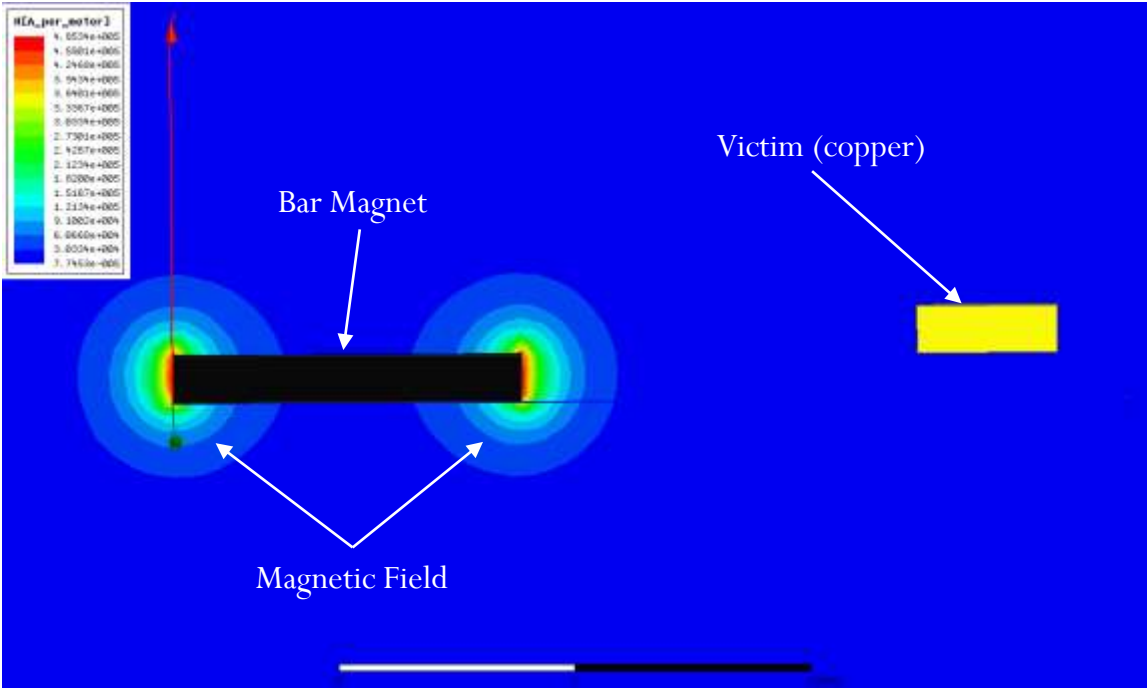
Shield at 0 Volts



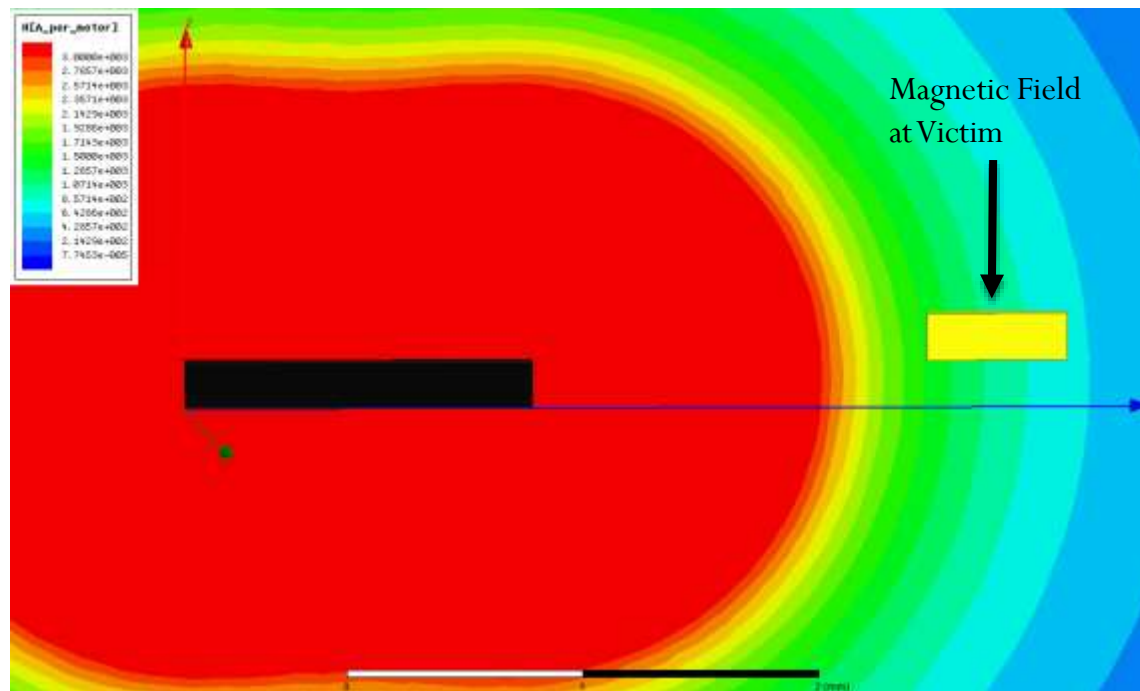
Shield Floating

Static Magnetic Field Shielding

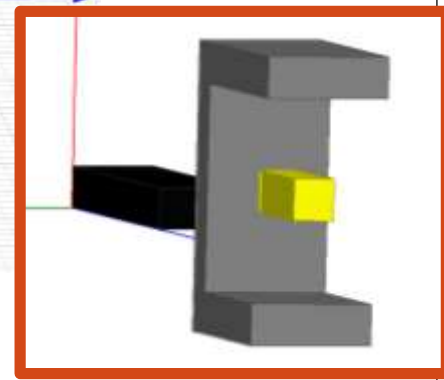
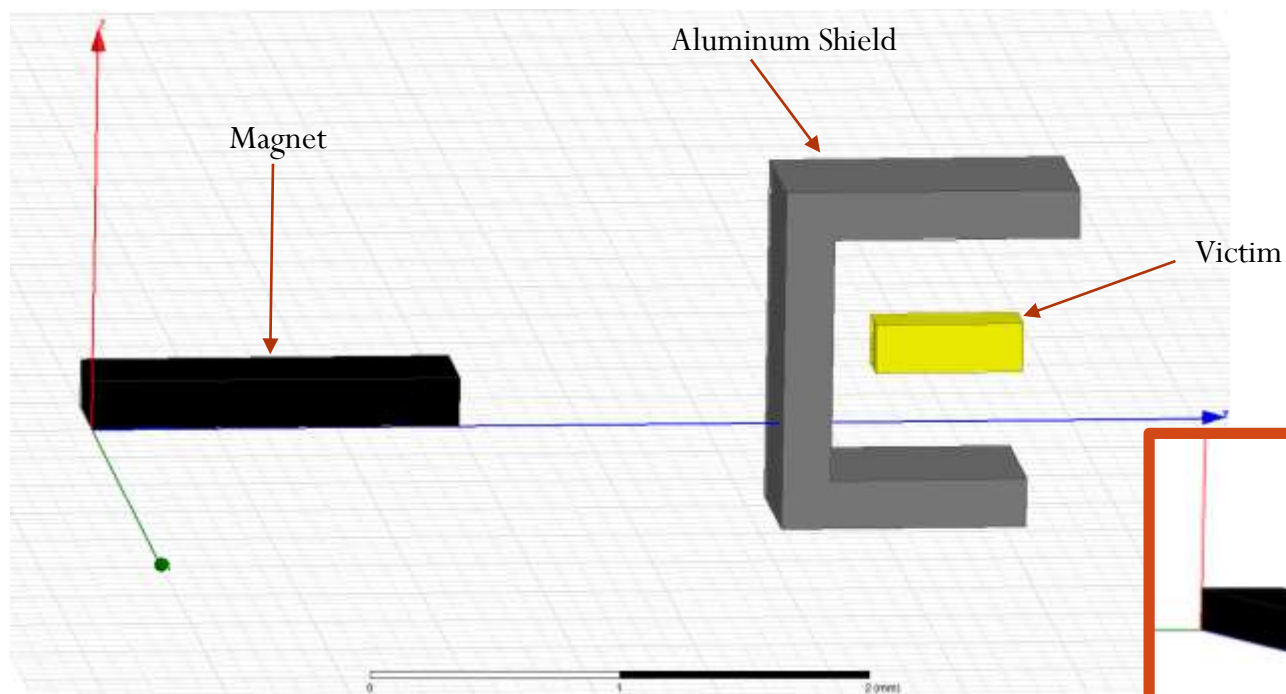
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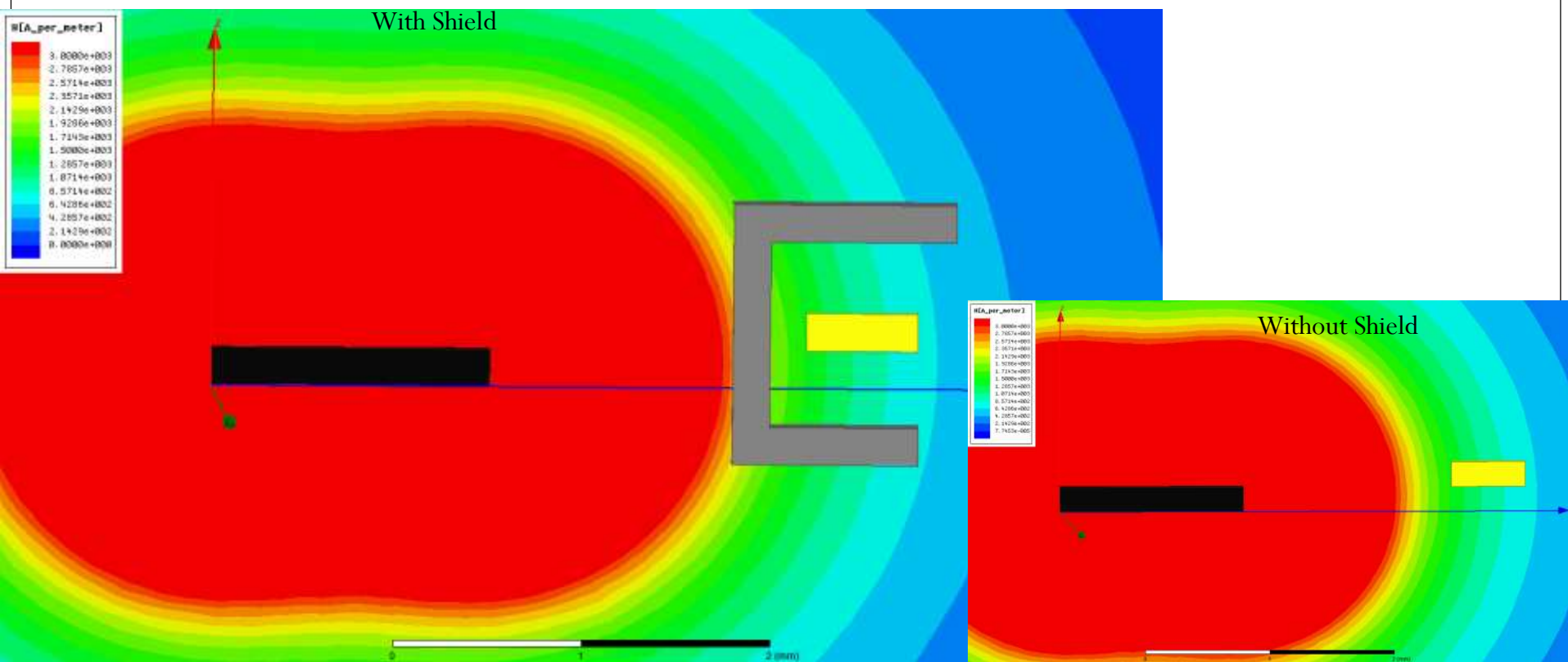
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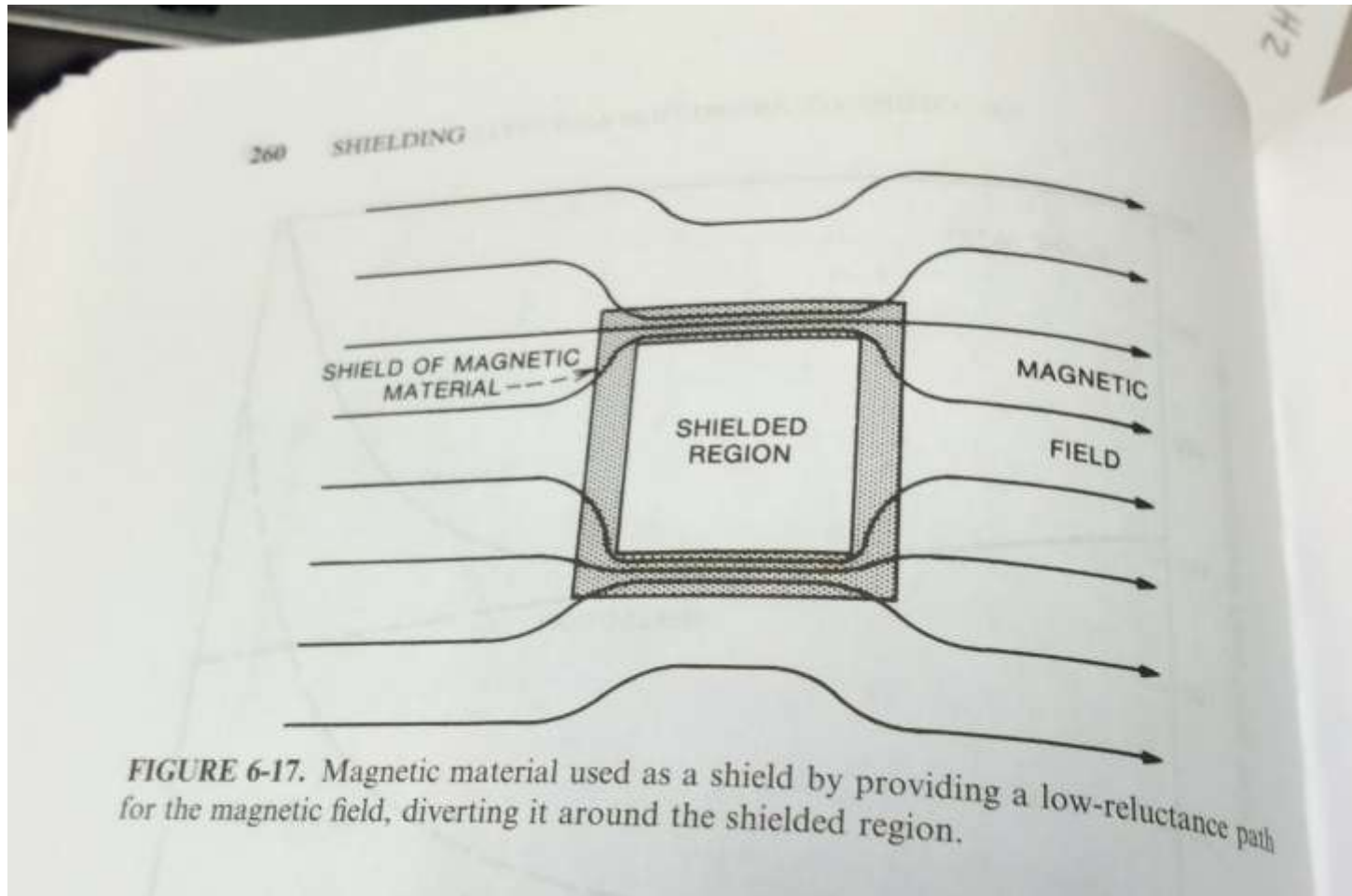
Shield added



Shielded Results



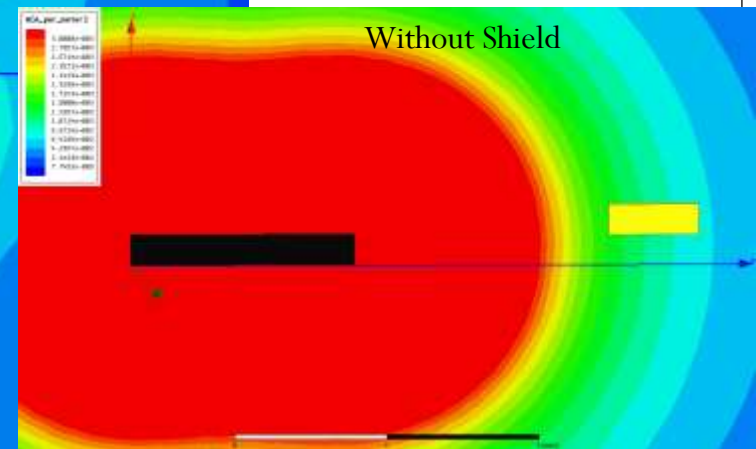
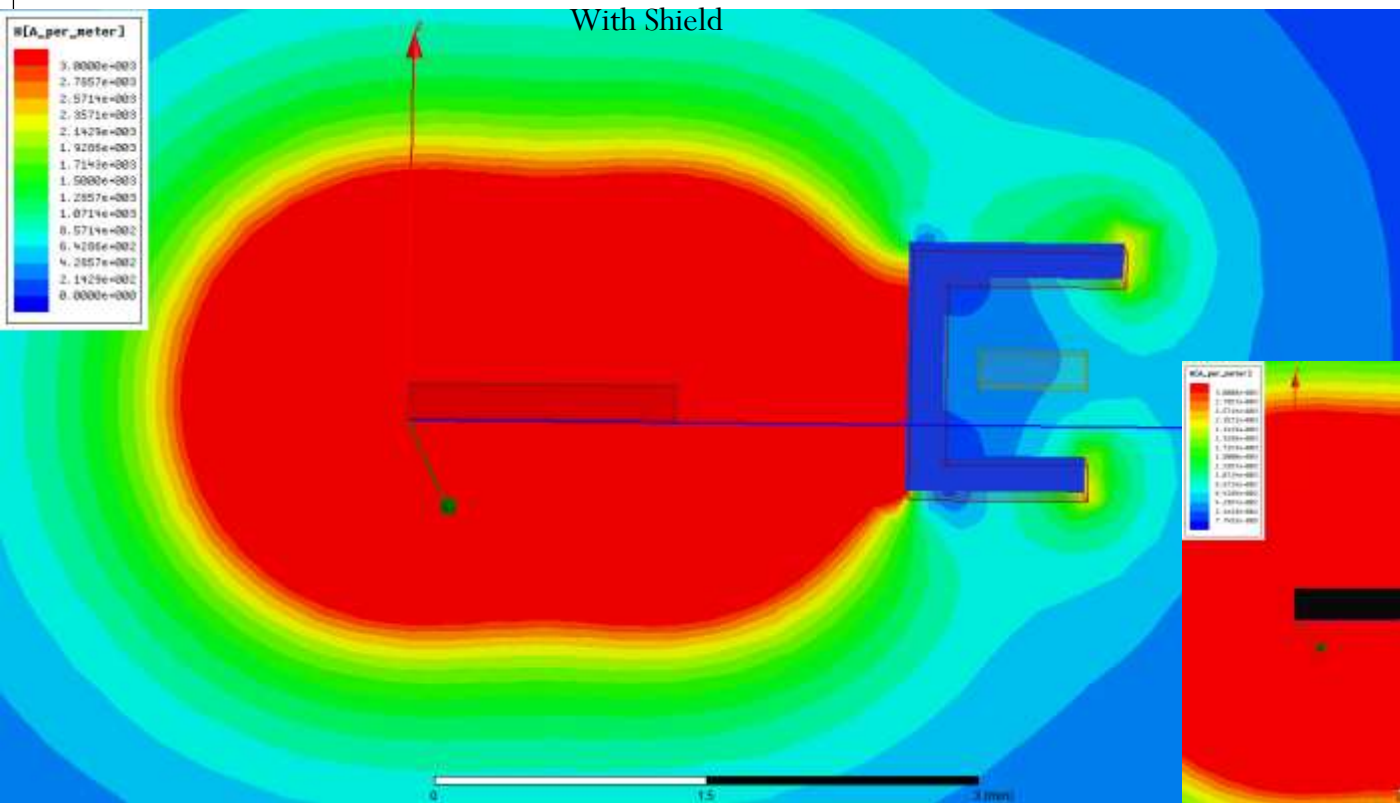
From A Text Book (Henry Ott Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineering)



Static magnetic fields can't be stopped, but can be redirected by providing a low-reluctance path
This path usually involves a material with a relative permeability (μ_r) greater than 1

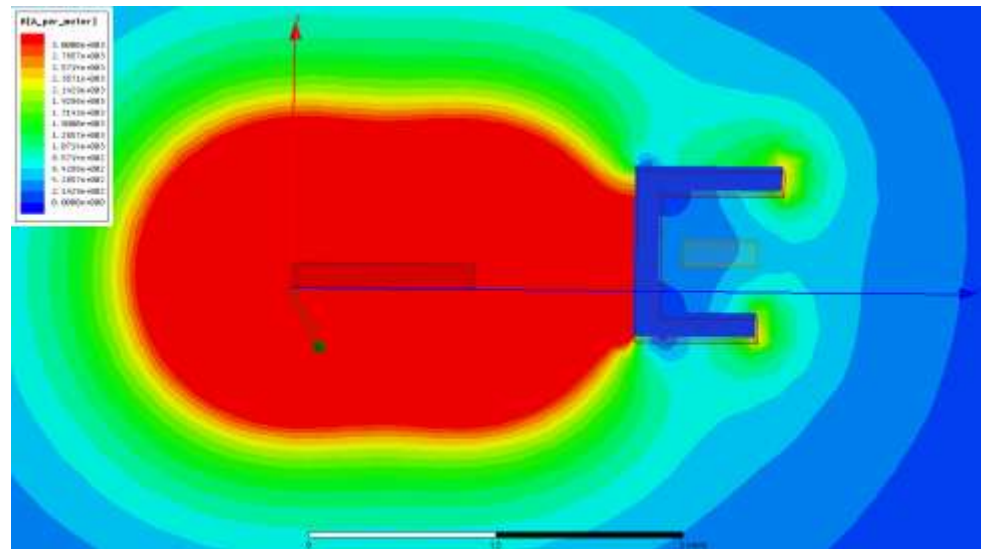
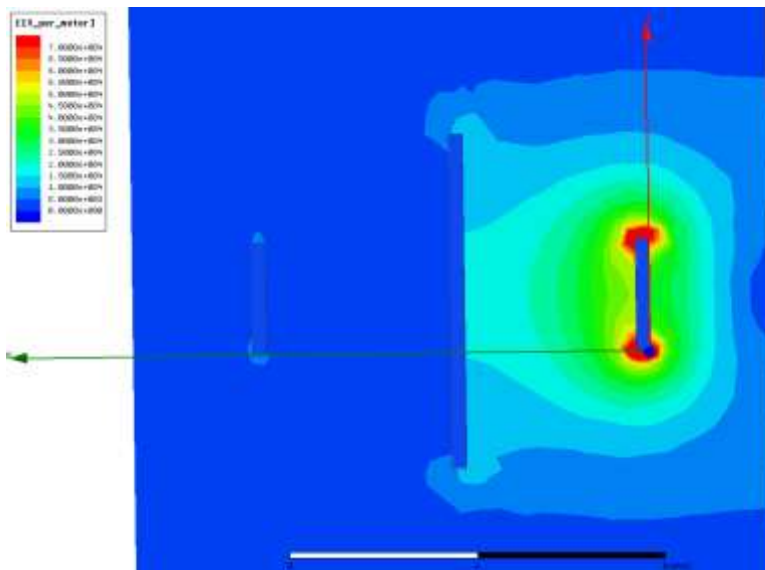
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{l}{\mu A}$$

Steel Shield Results



Static Shielding

- Electric fields need a shield at the same potential as the victim circuit
- Magnetic fields need a shield with high permeability (μ)



Demonstration of Electromagnetic Shielding Principles

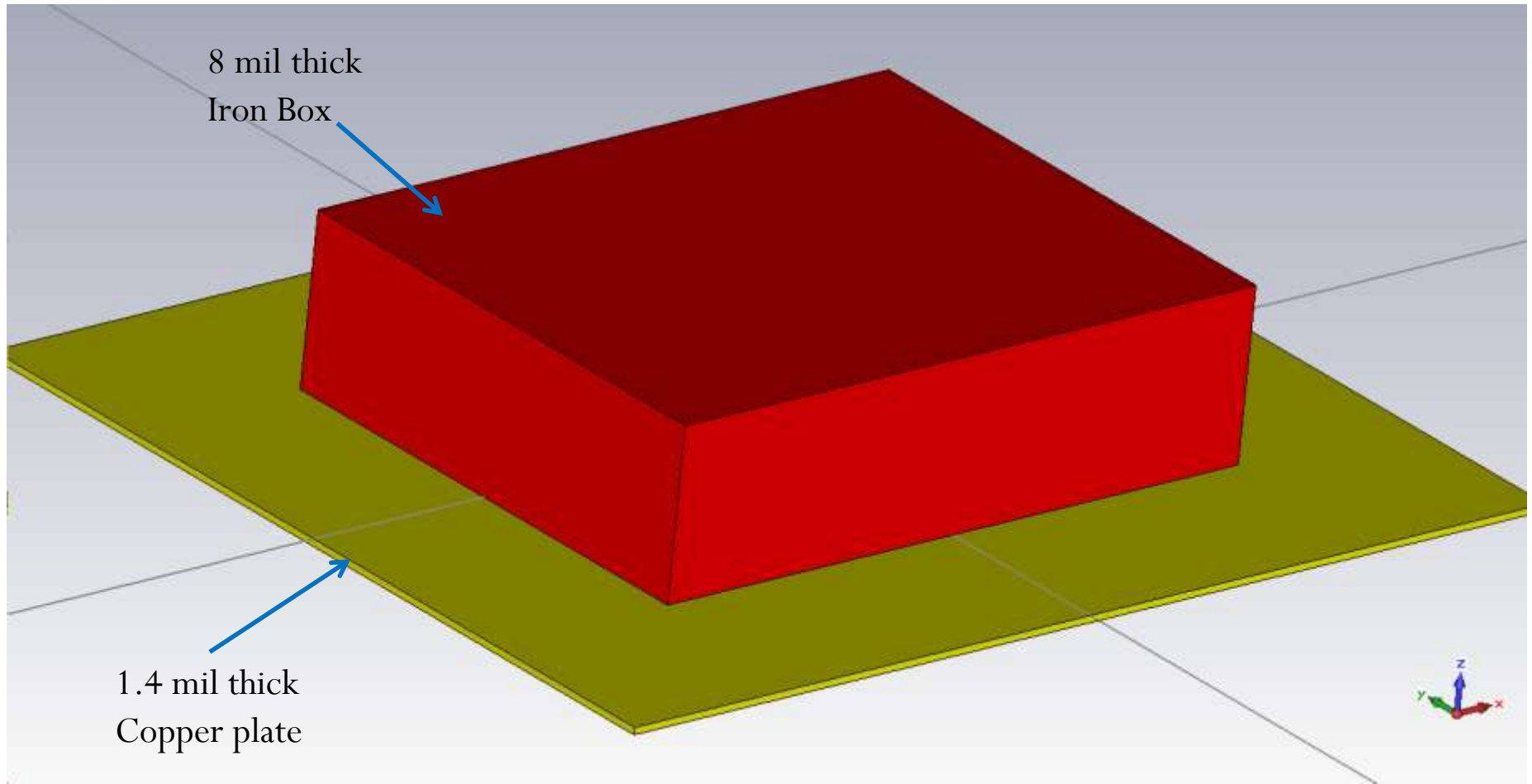
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Low Frequency Magnetic Field Shielding

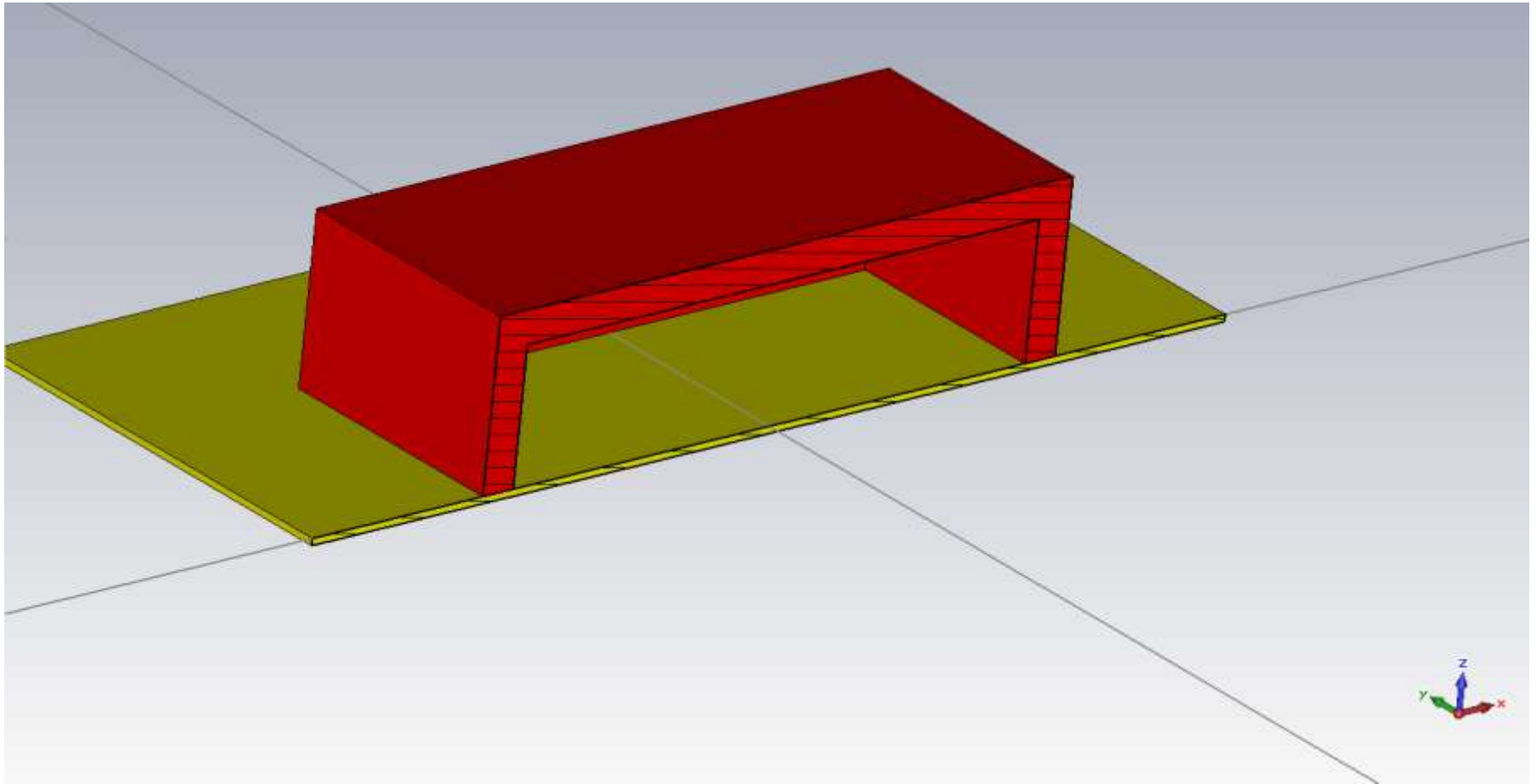
3D Model Setup

8 mil thick
Iron Box

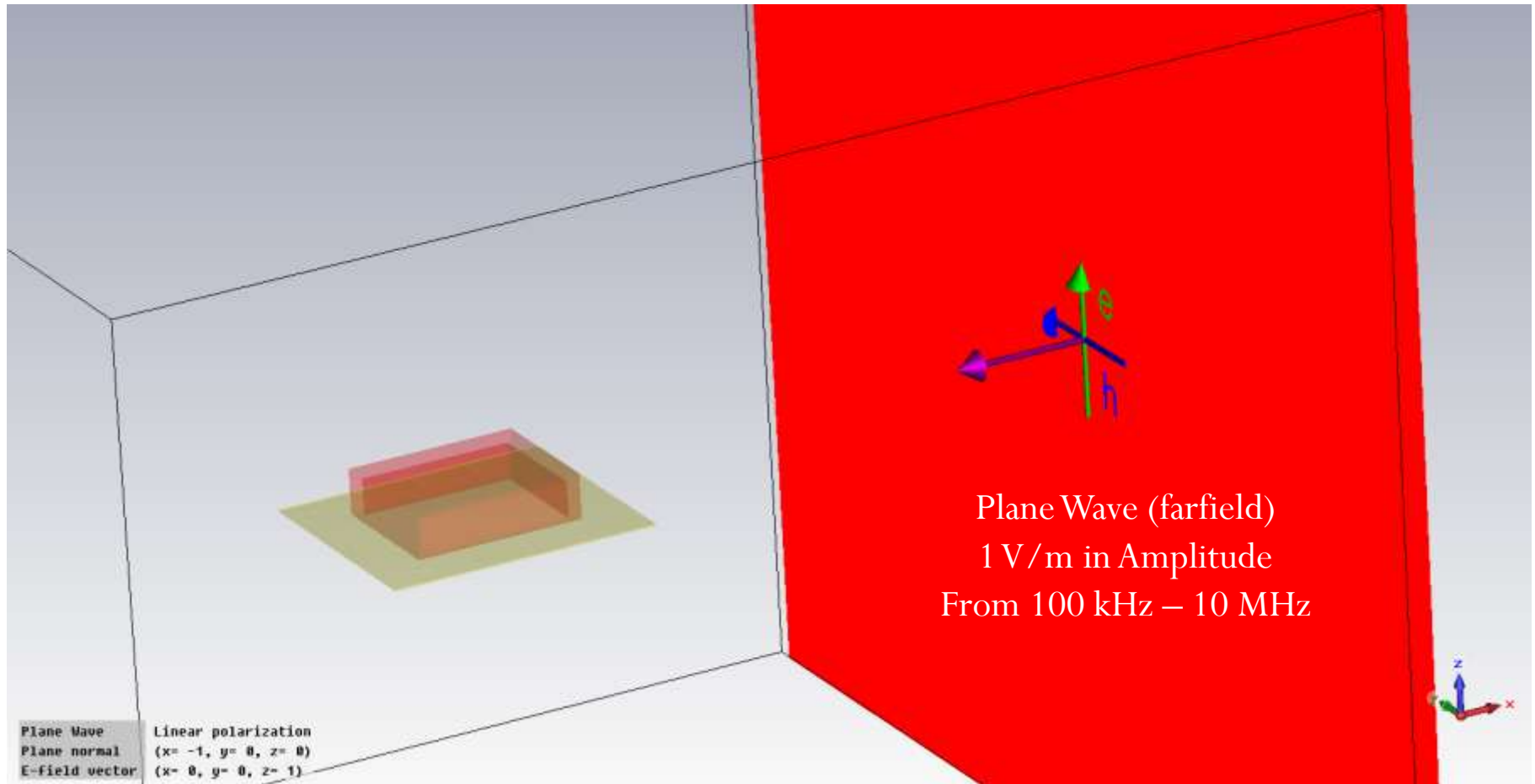


1.4 mil thick
Copper plate

Cross Section of Box



Model Excitation

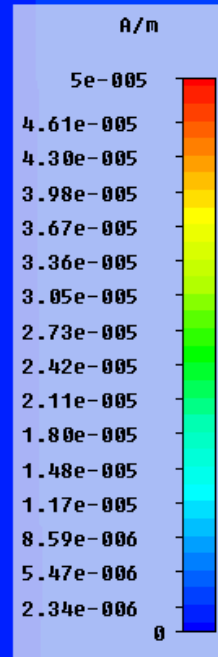


Time Animation of H Field Showing Box Cross Section

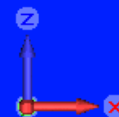
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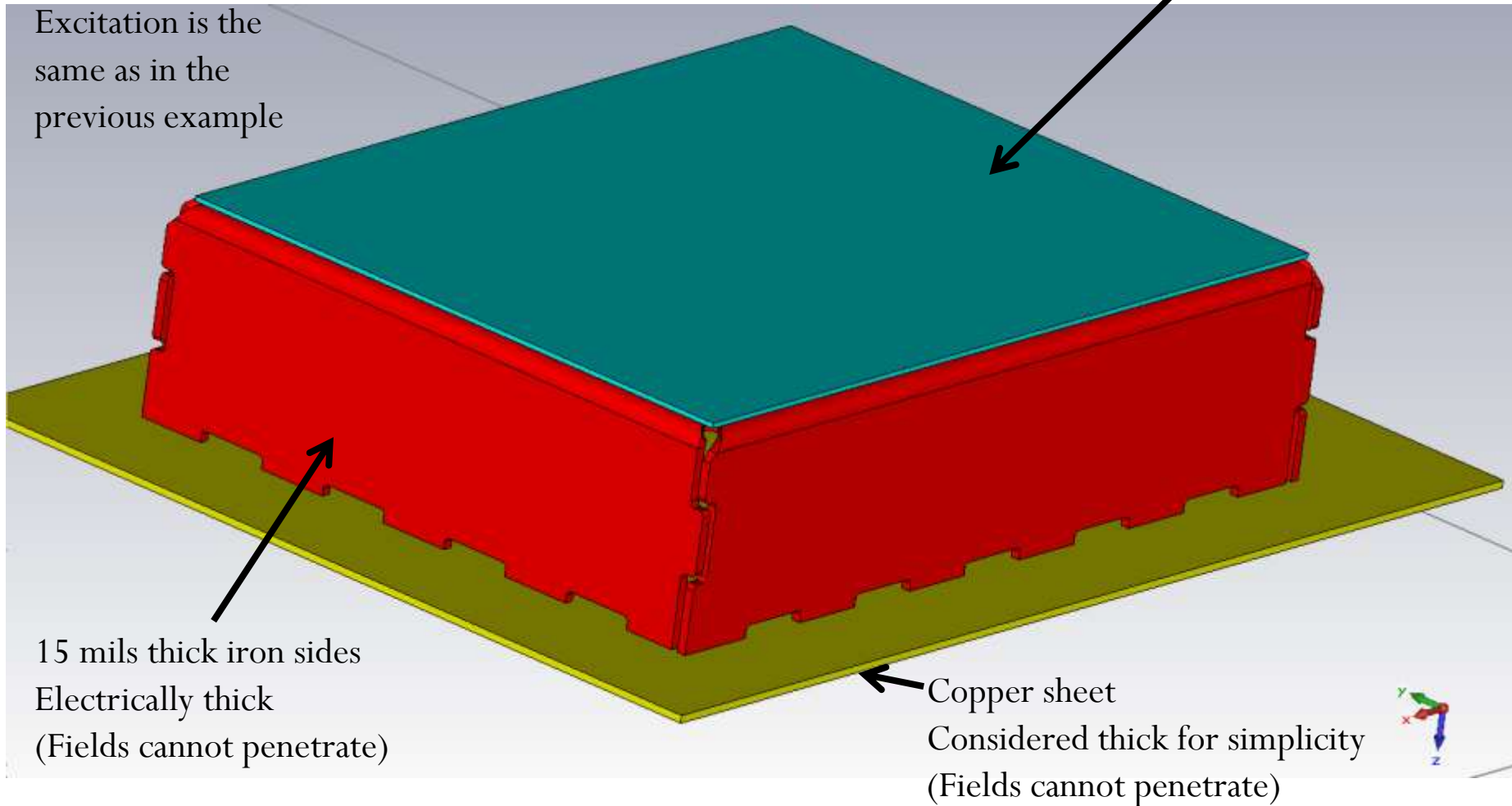
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Monitor	h-field (t=0.05..0.3(0.001)) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at y	-0.25944
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Sample	1 / 251
Time	0.05



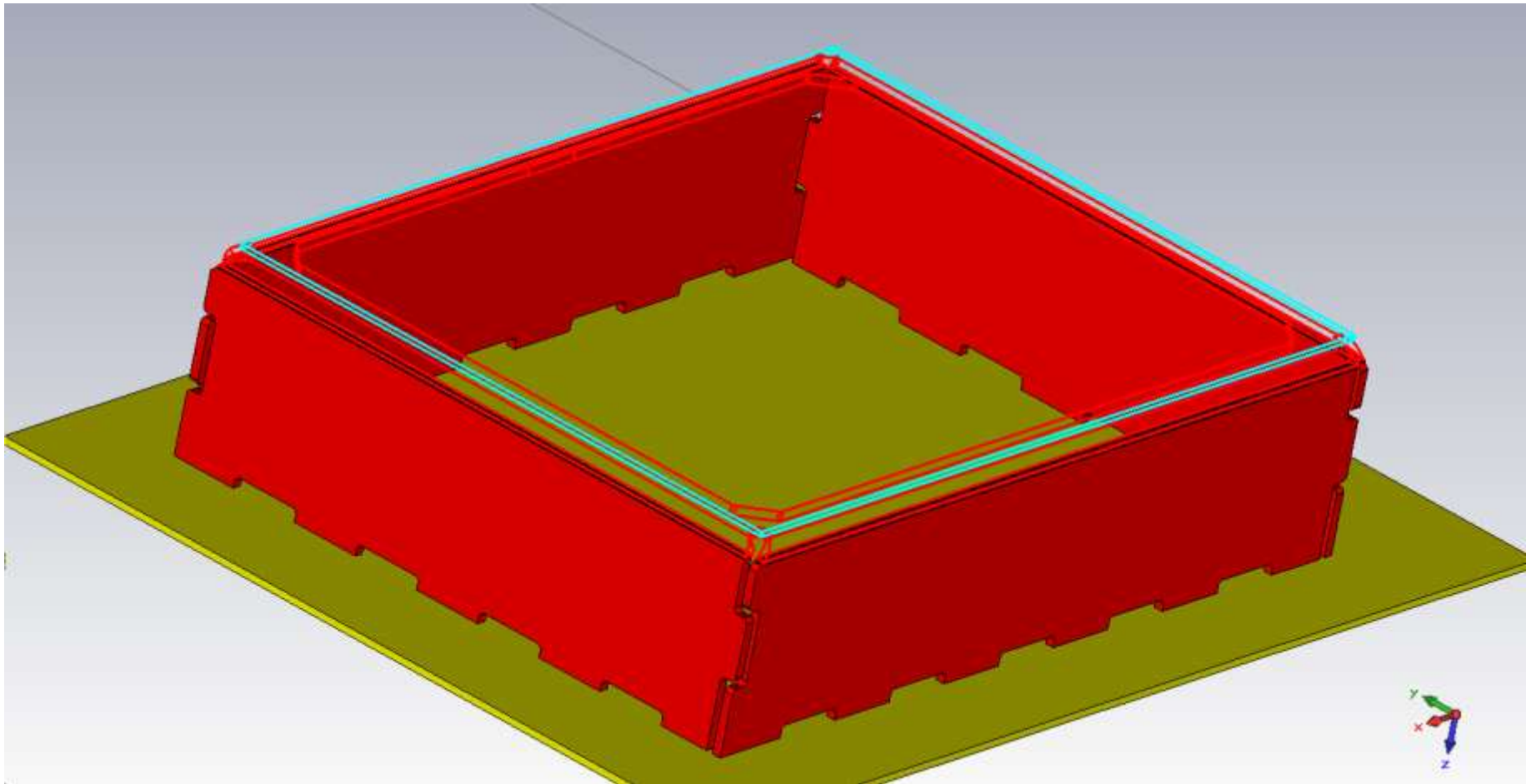
New Model

Excitation is the same as in the previous example

Nickel Silver
8 mils thick

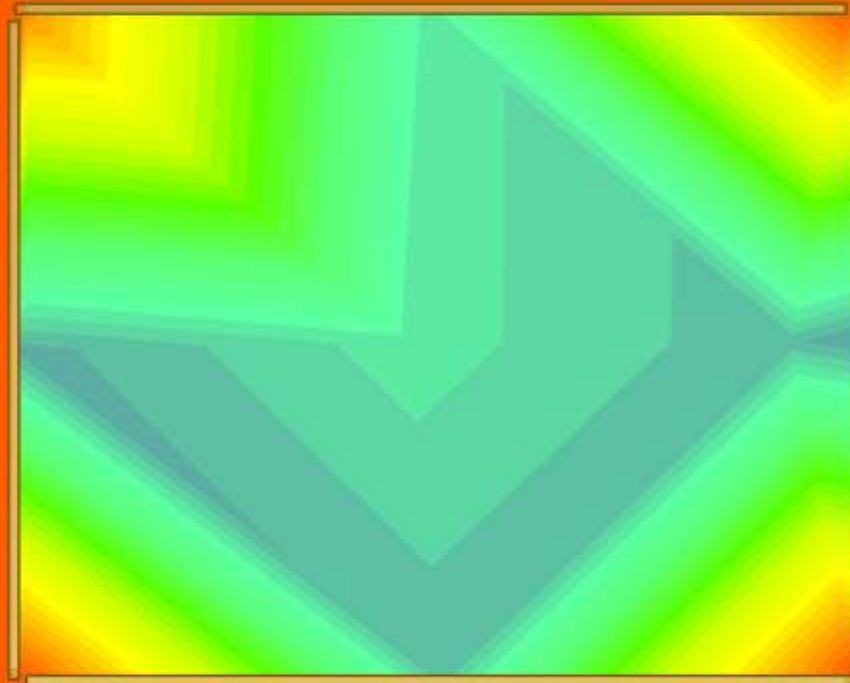


Fields Observed under Box Lid



Magnetic Field - 10 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

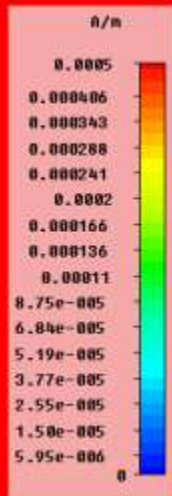
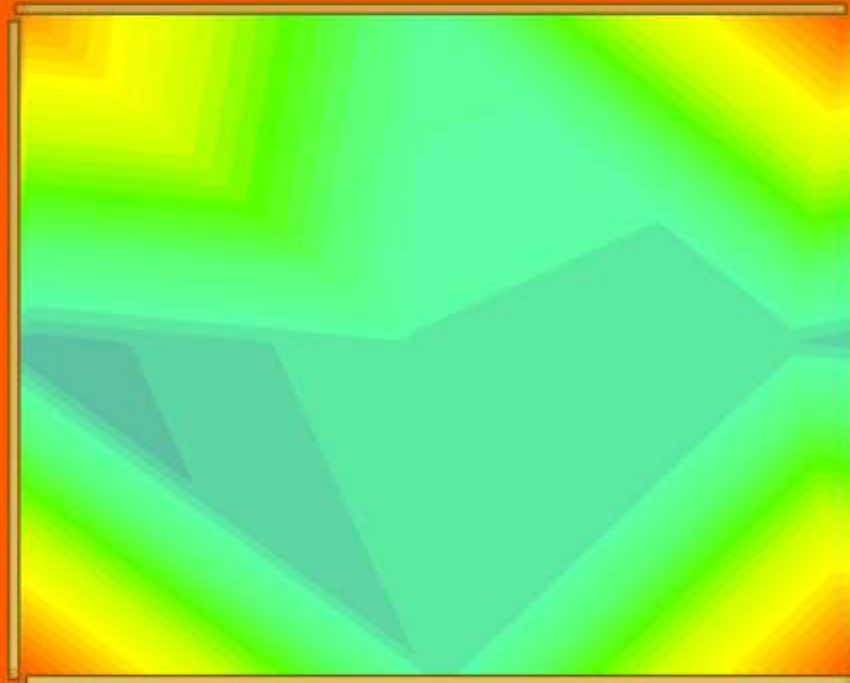


Type	H-Field (peak)
Monitor	h-field (F-10) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	0.0166969 A/m at 64.6947 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	10
Amplitude Plot	



Magnetic Field - 7 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

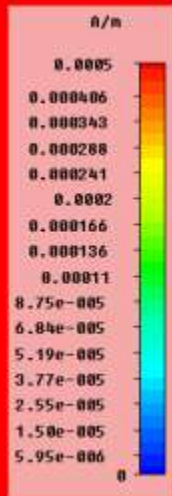
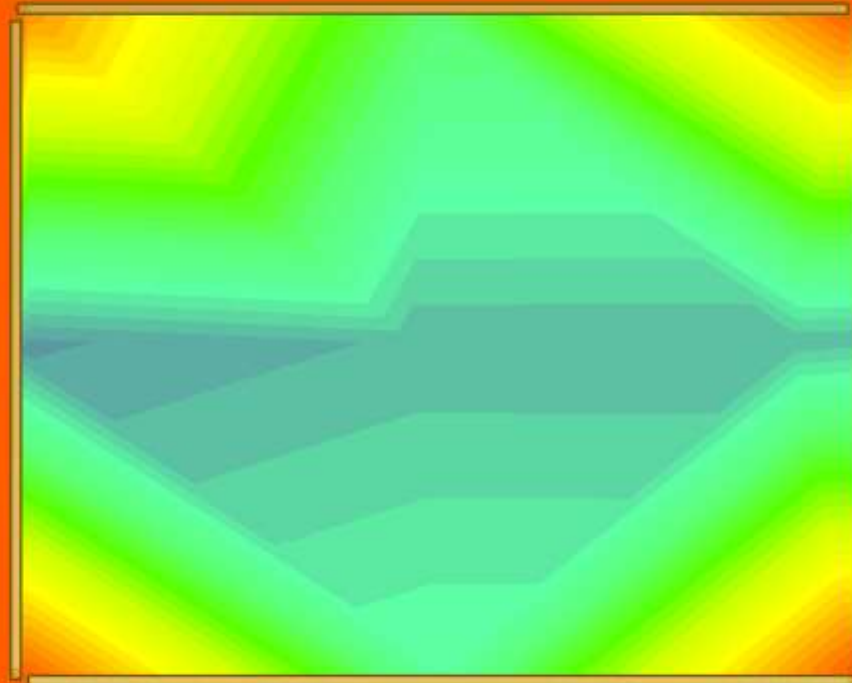


Type: H-Field (peak)
Monitor: h-field (F-7) [pw]
Component: Abs
Plane at z: -22.5
Maximum-2D: 0.0159855 A/m at 64.6947 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency: 7
Amplitude Plot



Magnetic Field – 5 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

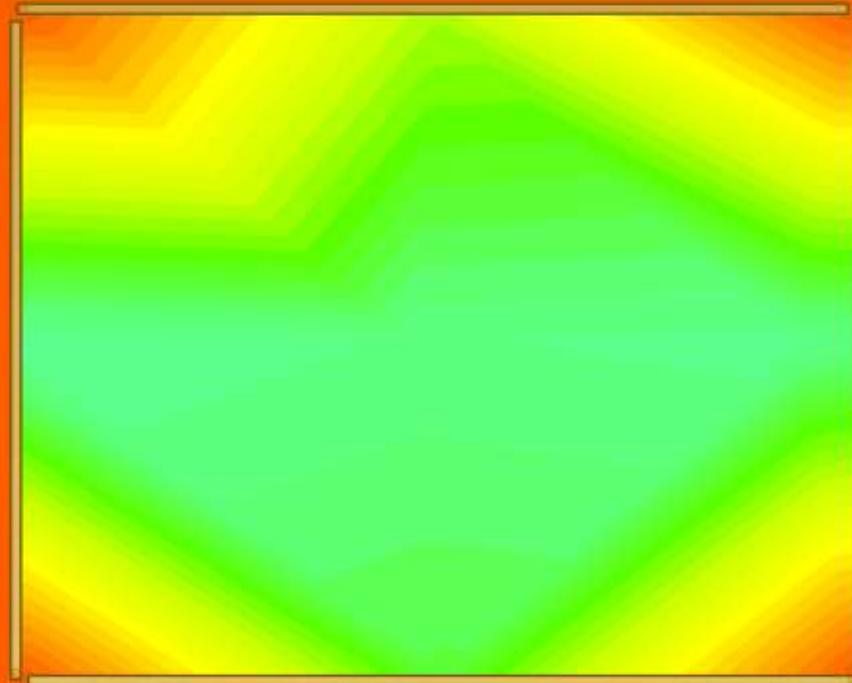


Type: H-Field (peak)
Monitor: h-field (F-5) [pw]
Component: Abs
Plane at z: -22.5
Maximum-2D: 0.0154791 A/m at 64.6947 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency: 5
Amplitude Plot



Magnetic Field - 2 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

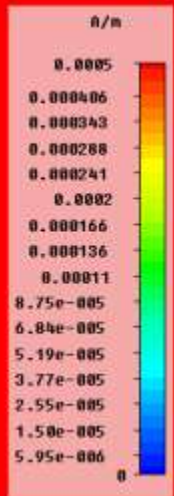


Type	H-Field (peak)
Monitor	h-field (F-2) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	0.014576 A/m at 64.6947 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	2
Amplitude Plot	



Magnetic Field - 1 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)



Type: H-Field (peak)
Monitor: h-field (f-1) [pw]
Component: Abs
Plane at z: -22.5
Maximum-2D: 0.0144872 A/m at 64.985 / -0.356999 / -22.607
Frequency: 1
Amplitude Plot



Magnetic Field – 700 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)



Type: H-Field (peak)
Monitor: h-field (f=0.7) [pw]
Component: Abs
Plane at z: -22.5
Maximum-2D: 0.0160428 A/m at 64.985 / -0.356999 / -22.607
Frequency: 0.7
Amplitude Plot



Magnetic Field – 500 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)



Type	H-Field (peak)
Monitor	h-field (f=0.5) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	0.0153924 A/m at 64.985 / -0.356999 / -22.607
Frequency	0.5
Amplitude Plot	



Magnetic Field - 200 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)



Type: H-Field (peak)
Monitor: h-field (f=0.2) [pw]
Component: Abs
Plane at z: -22.5
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Frequency: 0.2
Amplitude Plot



Magnetic Field - 100 kHz

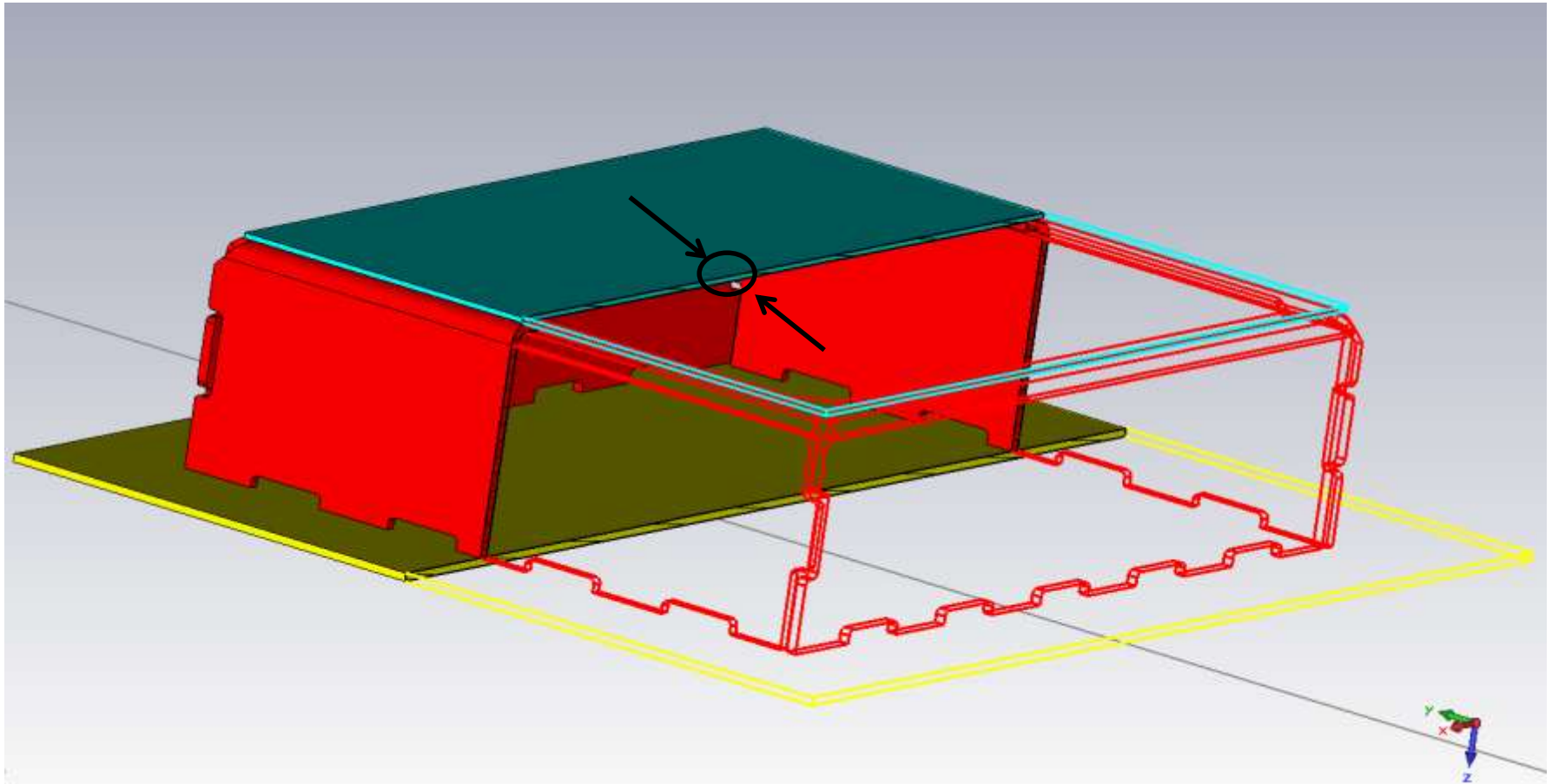
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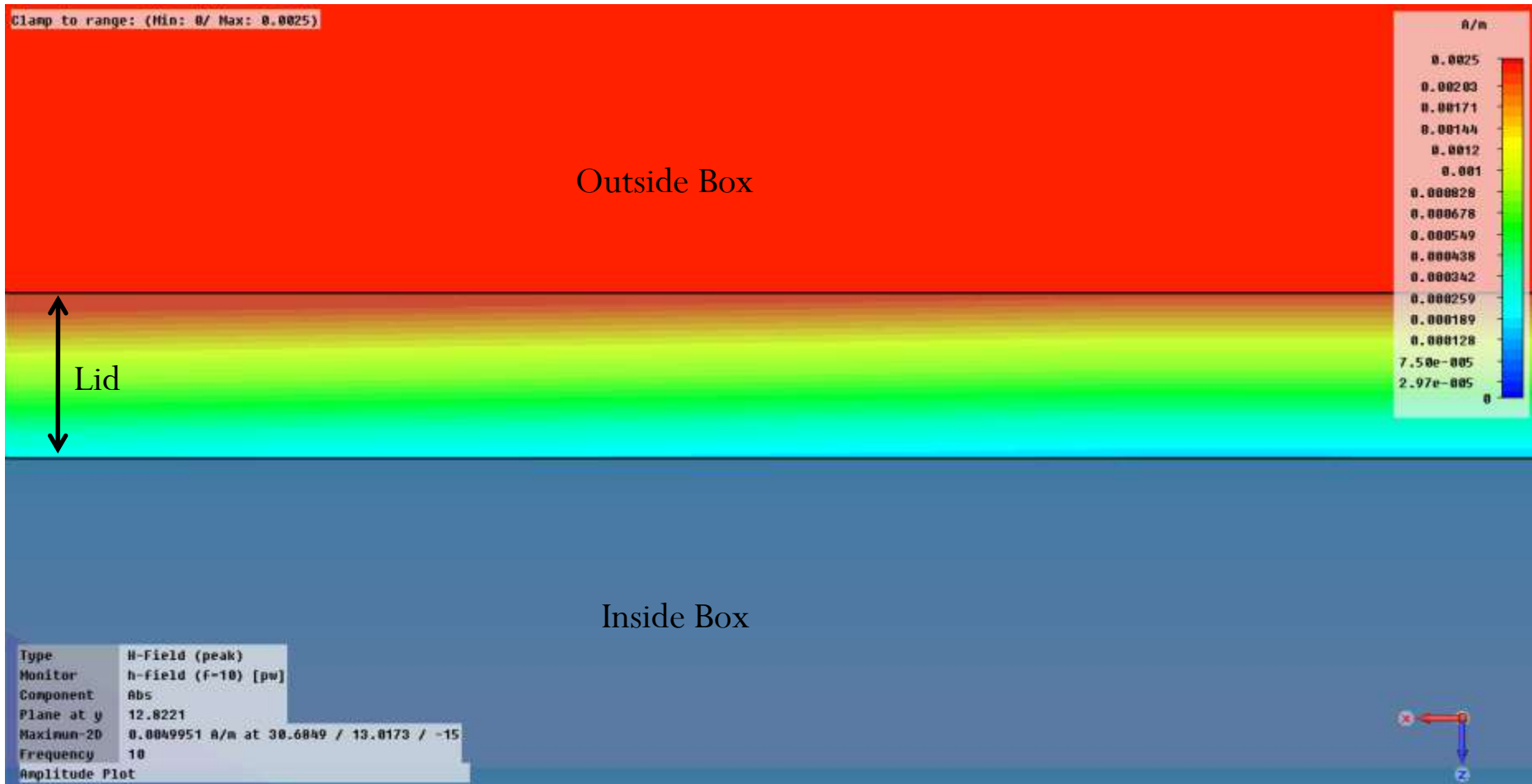
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Monitor	h-field (f=0.1) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	0.0271403 A/m at 64.985 / -0.356999 / -22.607
Frequency	0.1
Amplitude Plot	



Zoomed on Cross Section of Lid



Magnetic Field- 10 MHz



Magnetic Field- 7 MHz

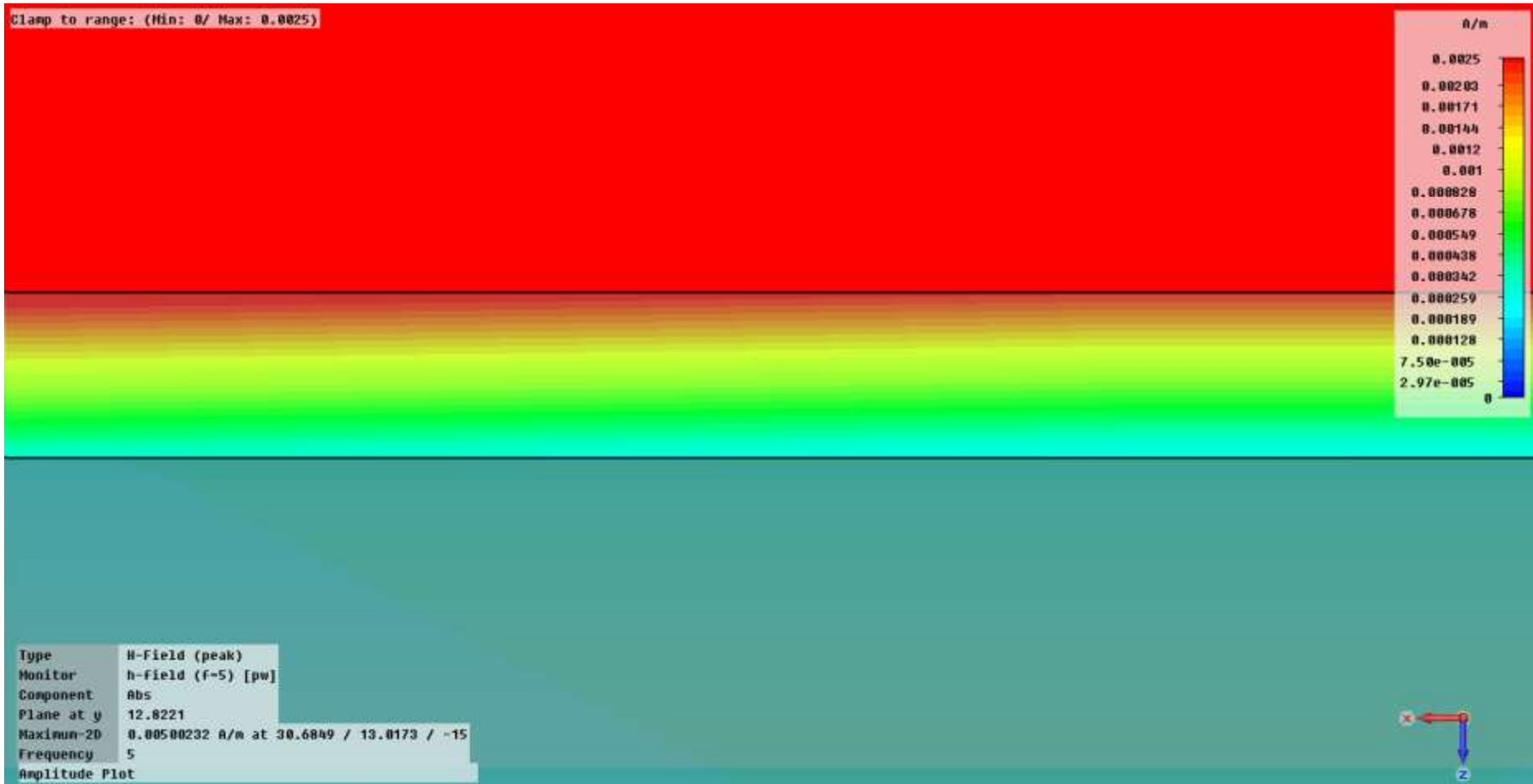
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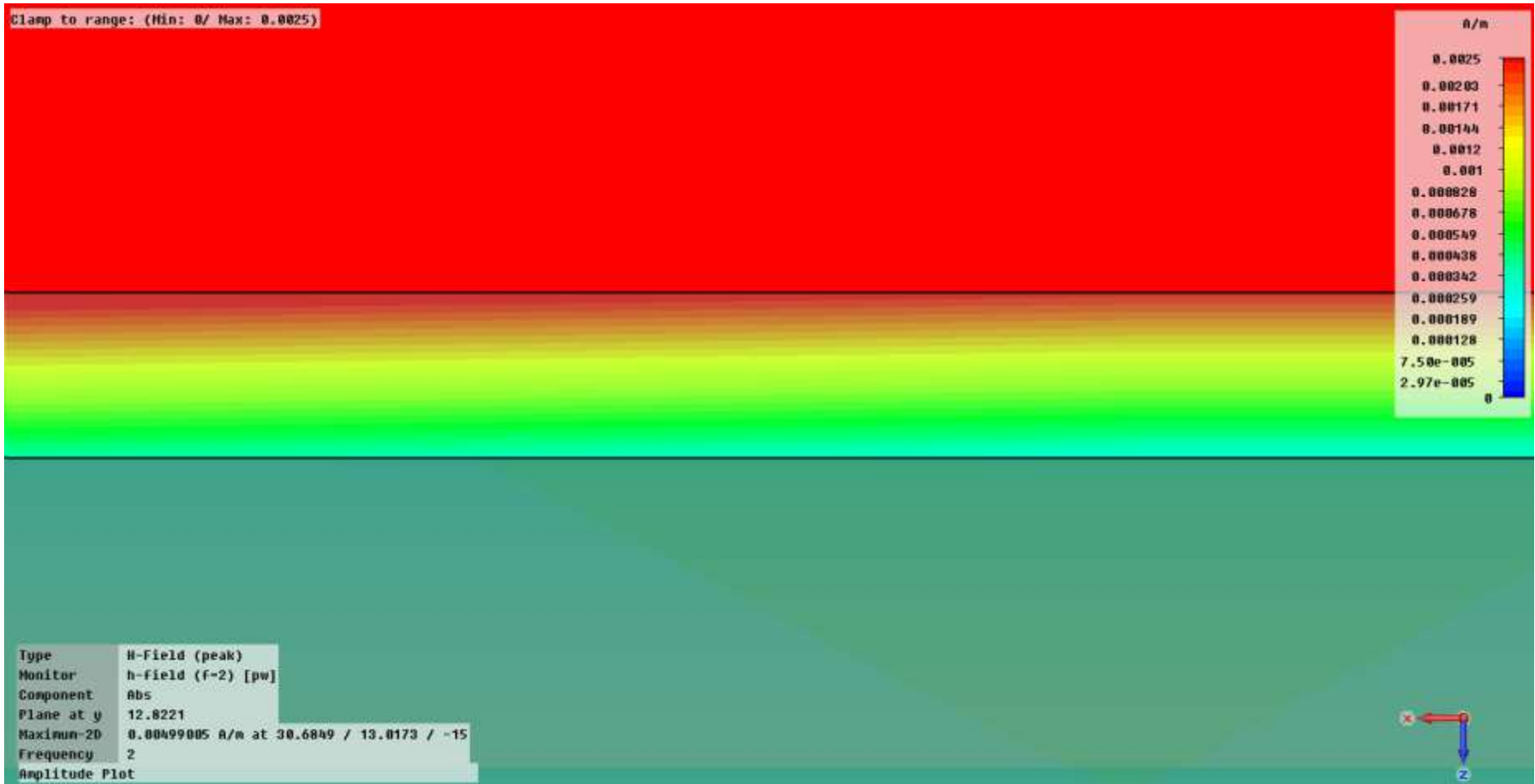
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Monitor	h-field (f=7) [pw]
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Frequency	7
Amplitude Plot	



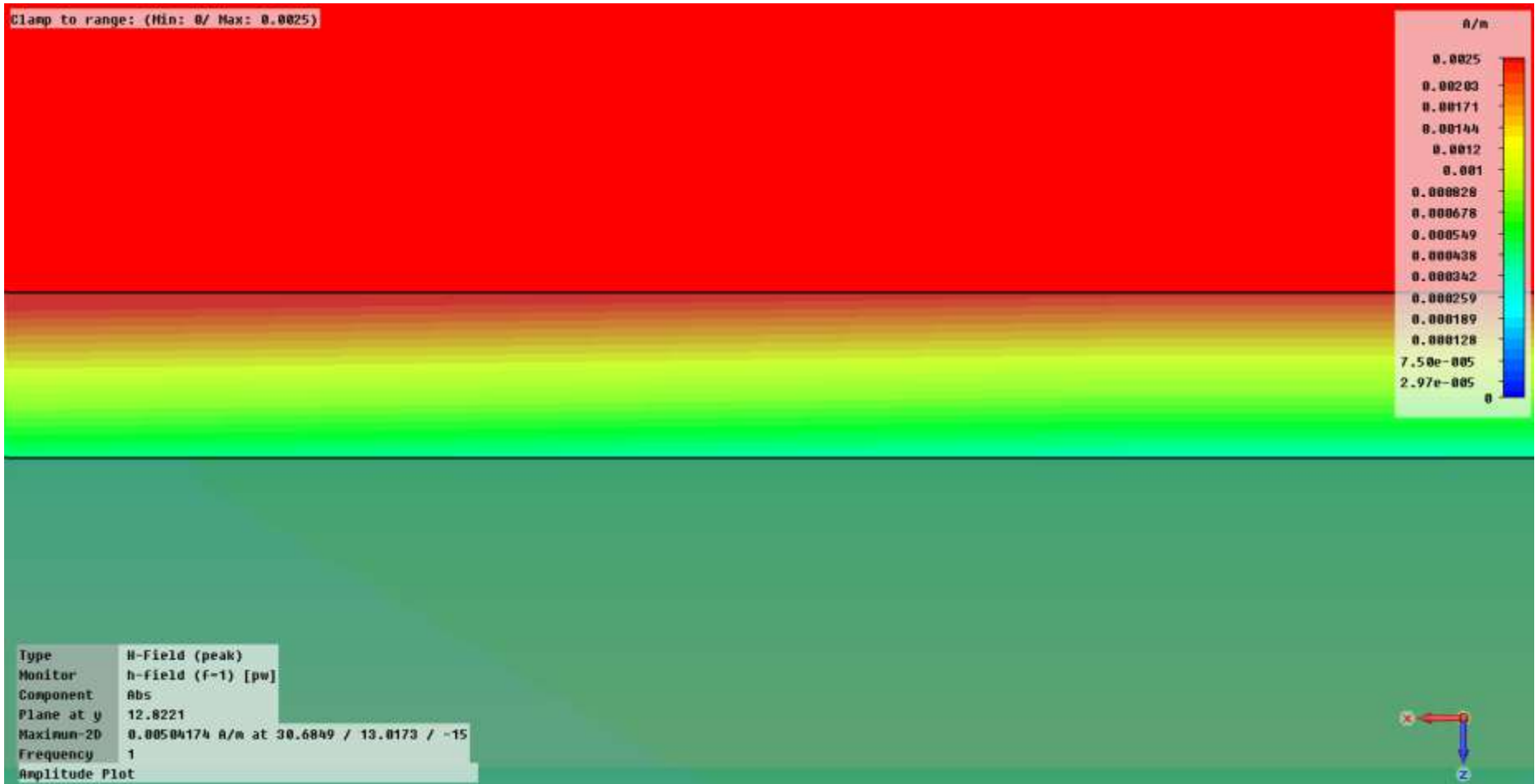
Magnetic Field- 5 MHz



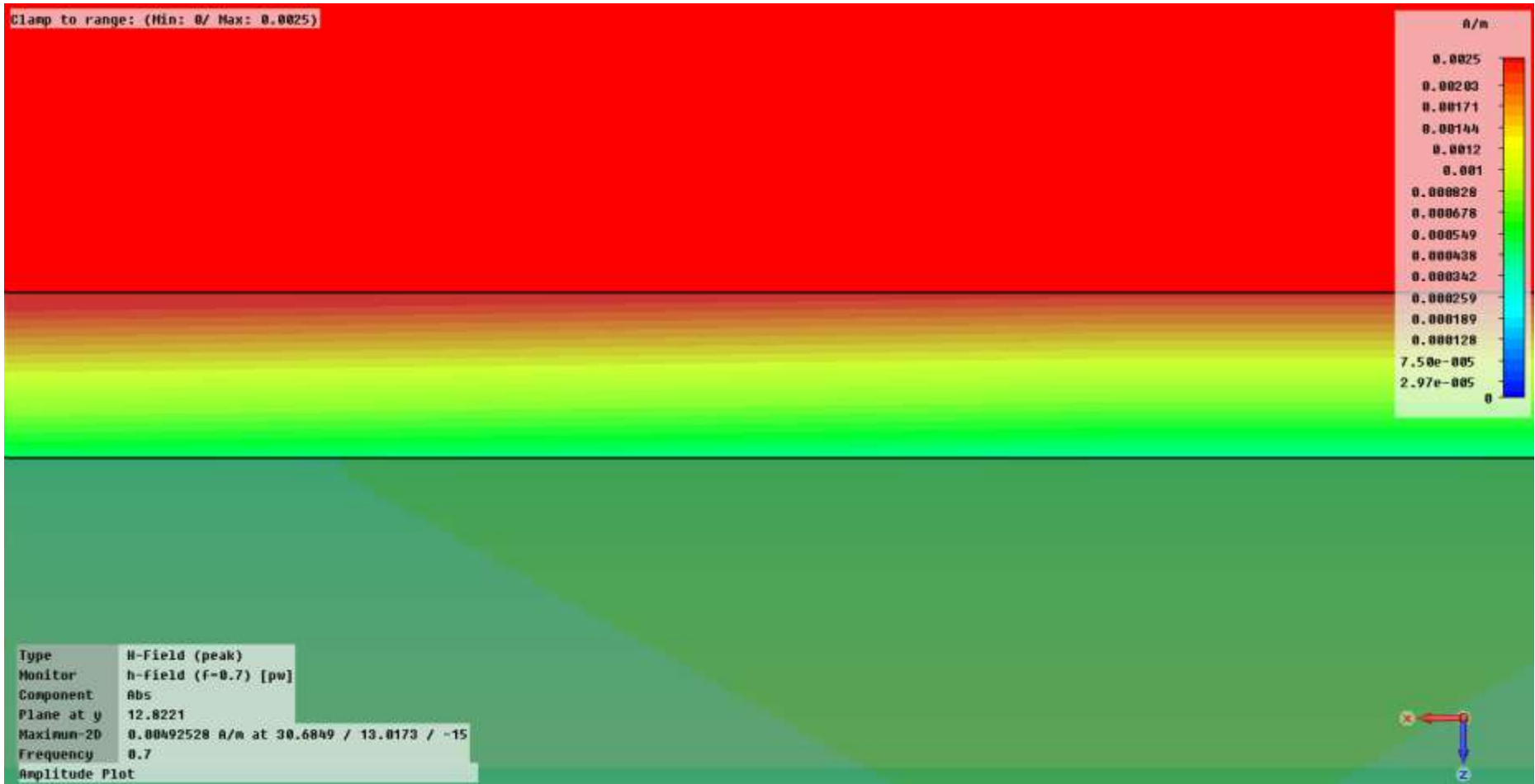
Magnetic Field- 2 MHz



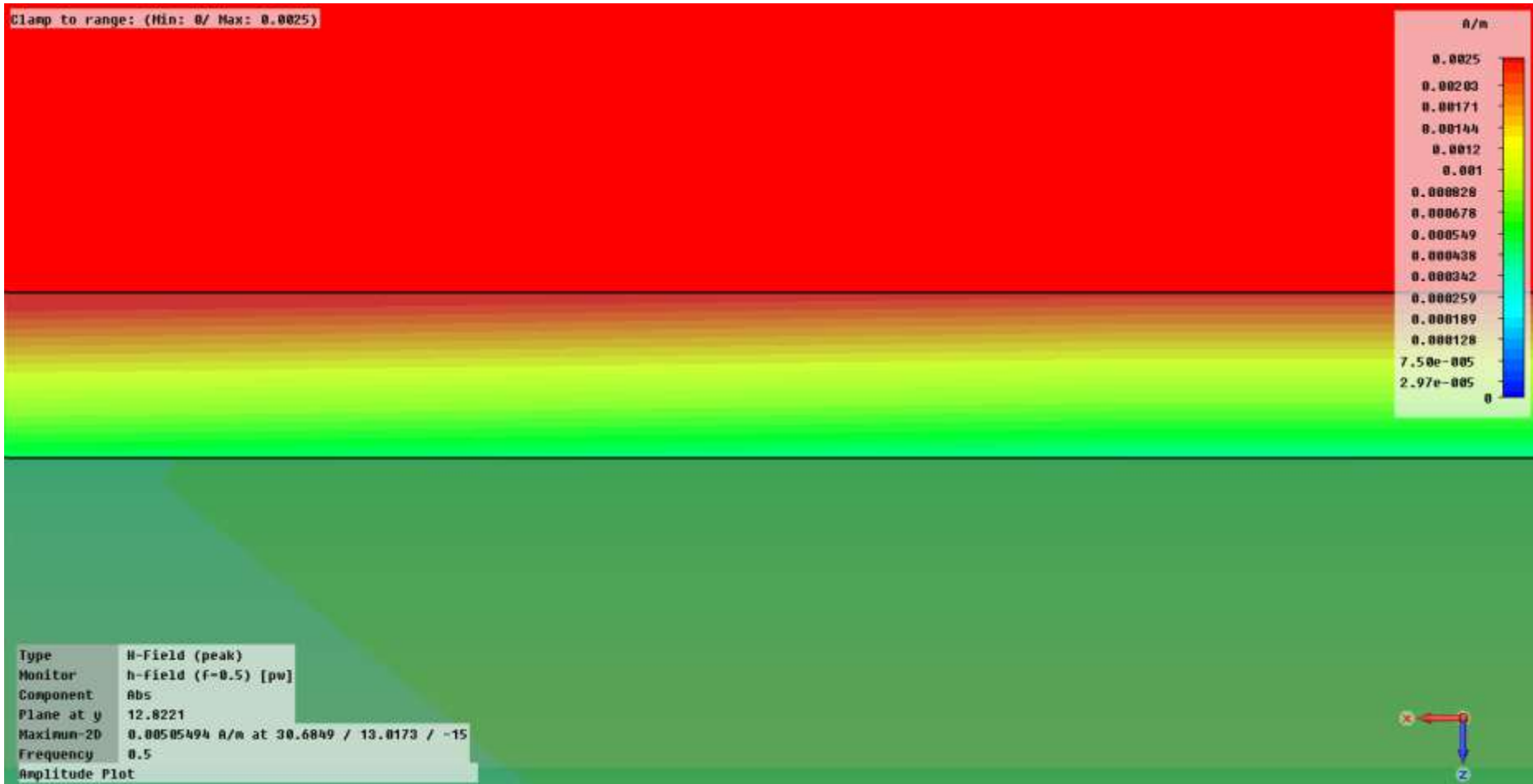
Magnetic Field- 1 MHz



Magnetic Field- 700 kHz



Magnetic Field- 500 kHz



Magnetic Field- 200 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0025)



Type	H-Field (peak)
Monitor	h-field (f=0.2) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at y	12.8221
Maximum-2D	0.00446184 A/m at 30.6849 / 13.0173 / -15
Frequency	0.2
Amplitude Plot	



Magnetic Field- 100 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0025)

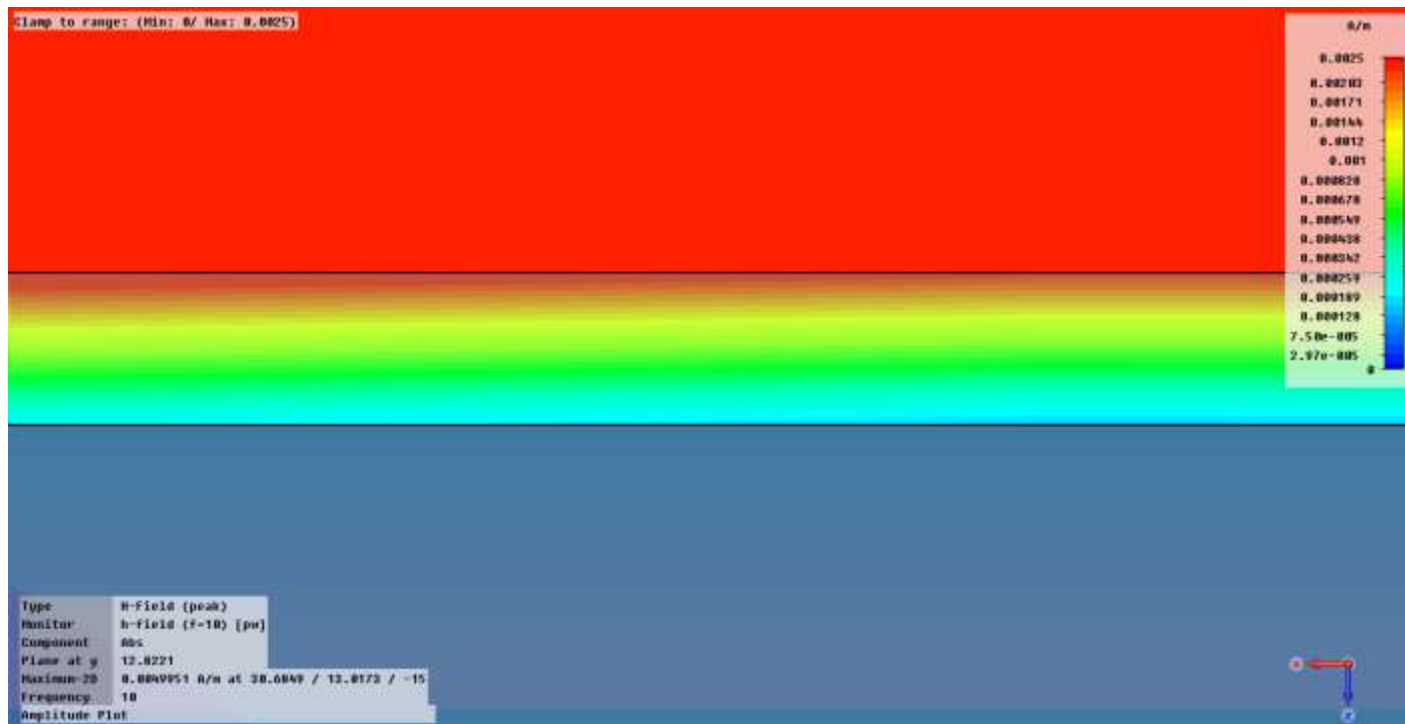


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Monitor	h-field (f=0.1) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at y	12.8221
Maximum-2D	0.00413135 A/m at 30.6849 / 13.0173 / -15
Frequency	0.1
Amplitude Plot	



Magnetic Field Shielding


- Magnetic field attenuates as it passes through a metallic medium – this is called **Absorption Loss**
- Absorption loss is greater as the frequency of the magnetic field increases



Absorption Loss


- The rate of absorption loss depends largely on the shielding material used
- **Skin depth** is the dimension at which the current falls to $1/e$ of the current found on the surface (was once measured in Nepers) – (this is about $1/3$ or 9 dB)
- Skin depth depends on **frequency** (f), **permeability** (μ), and **conductivity** of the material (σ)

Skin Depth in inches
(source: Henry Ott
*Electromagnetic
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$$\delta = \frac{2.6}{\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_r}}$$

Skin Depth of Various Materials

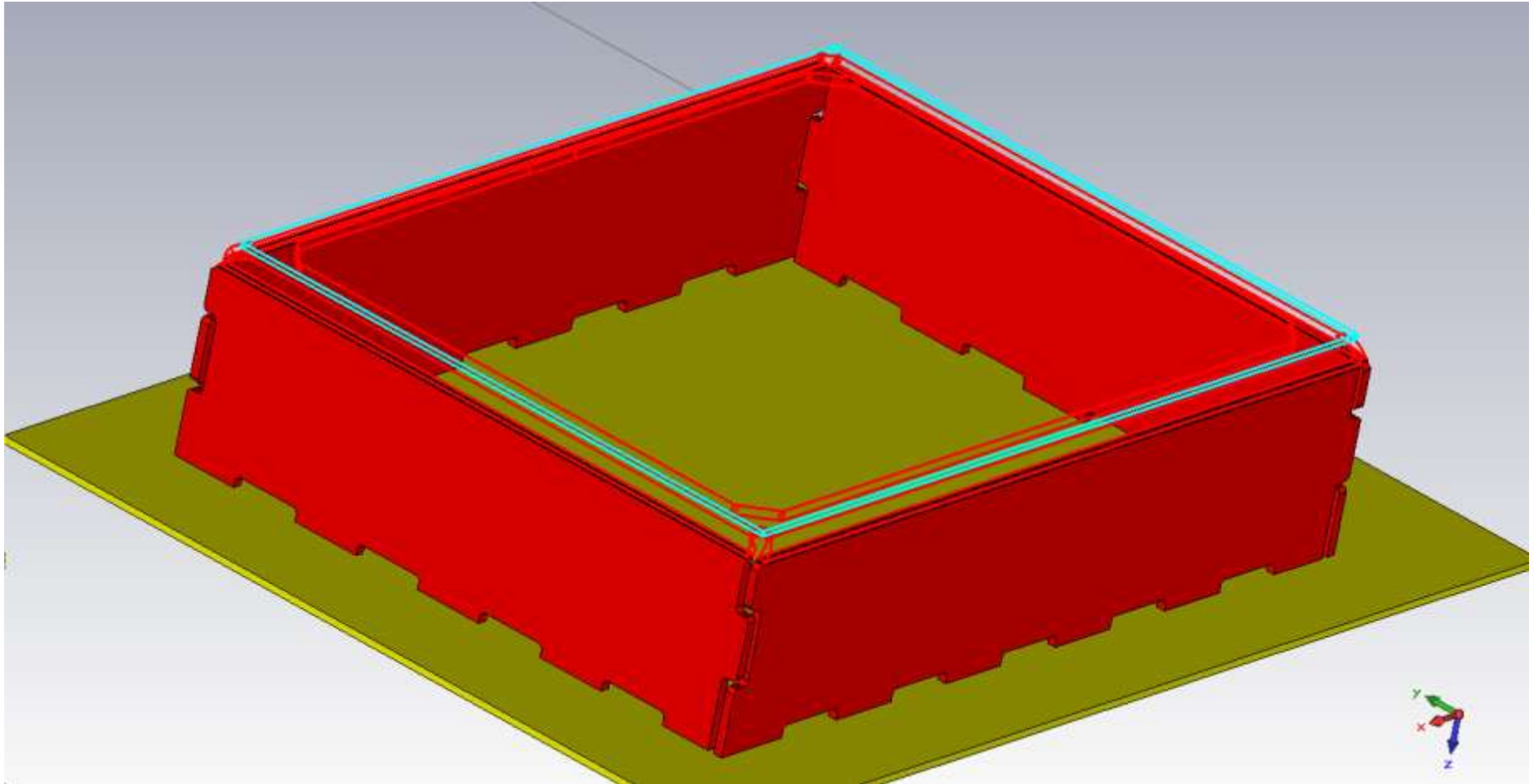
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$$\delta = \frac{2.6}{\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_r}}$$

Material	μ_r	σ_r	δ (mils) 100 kHz	δ (mils) 10 MHz
Steel	1000	0.1	0.8	0.1
Copper	1	1	8	0.8
Phosphor Bronze	1	0.15	21	2.1
Nickel Silver	1	0.06	33	3

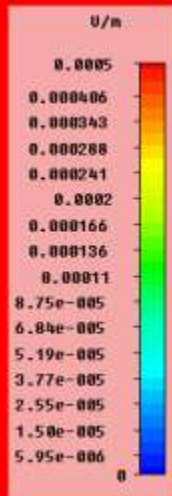
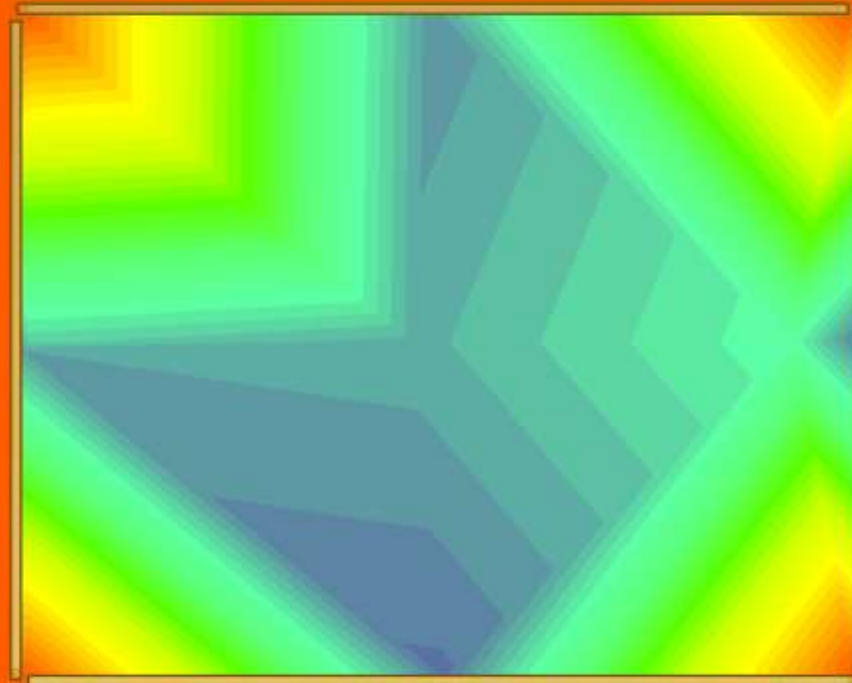
Low Frequency Electric Field Shielding

Fields Observed under Box Lid



Electric Field – 100 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

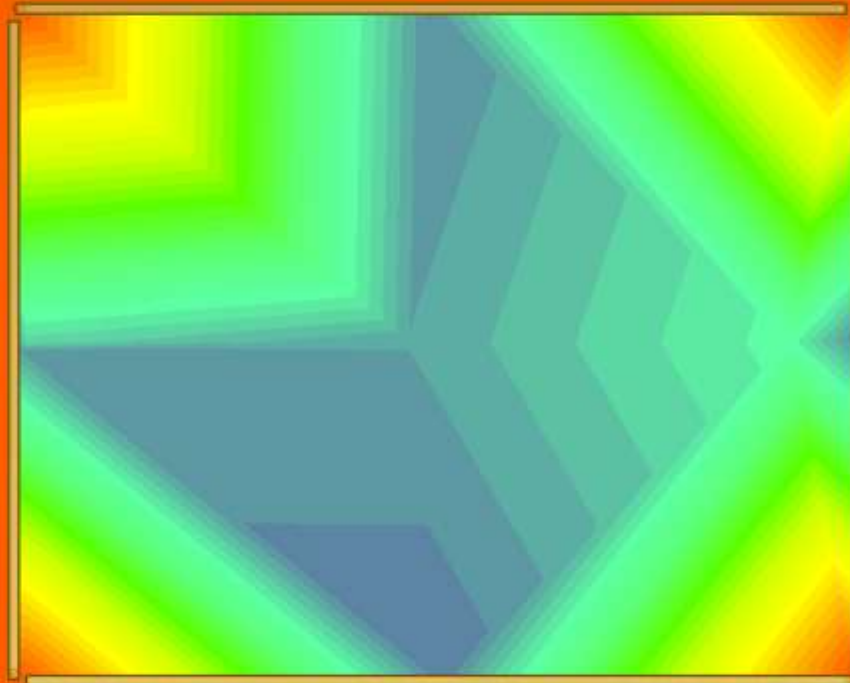


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (f=0.1) [pv]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.33923 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	0.1
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field - 200 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

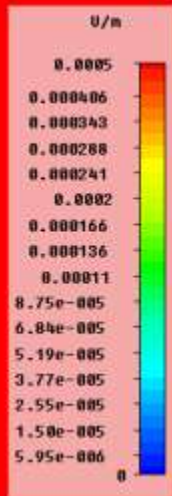
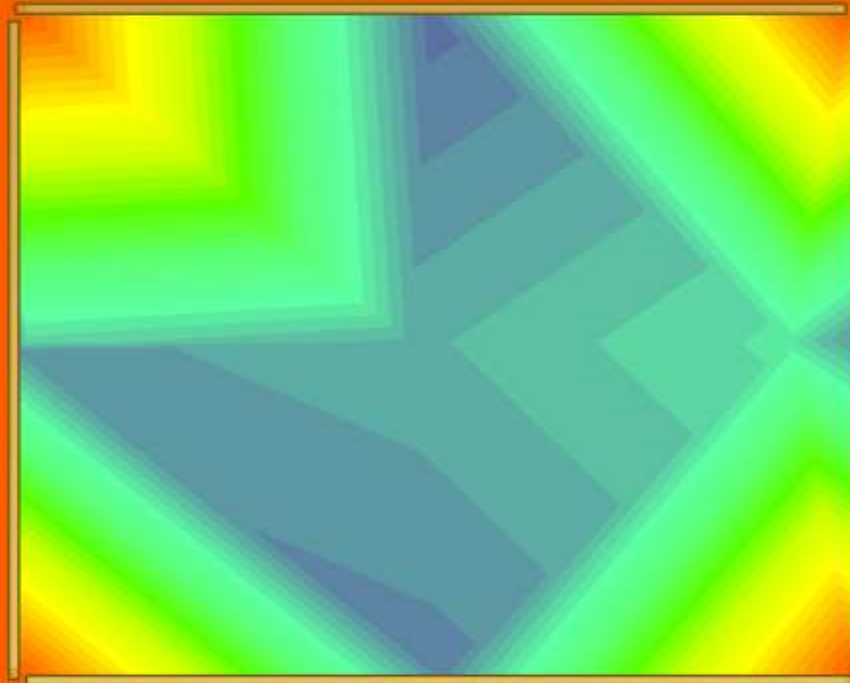


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (f=0.2) [pv]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.35758 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	0.2
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field – 500 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

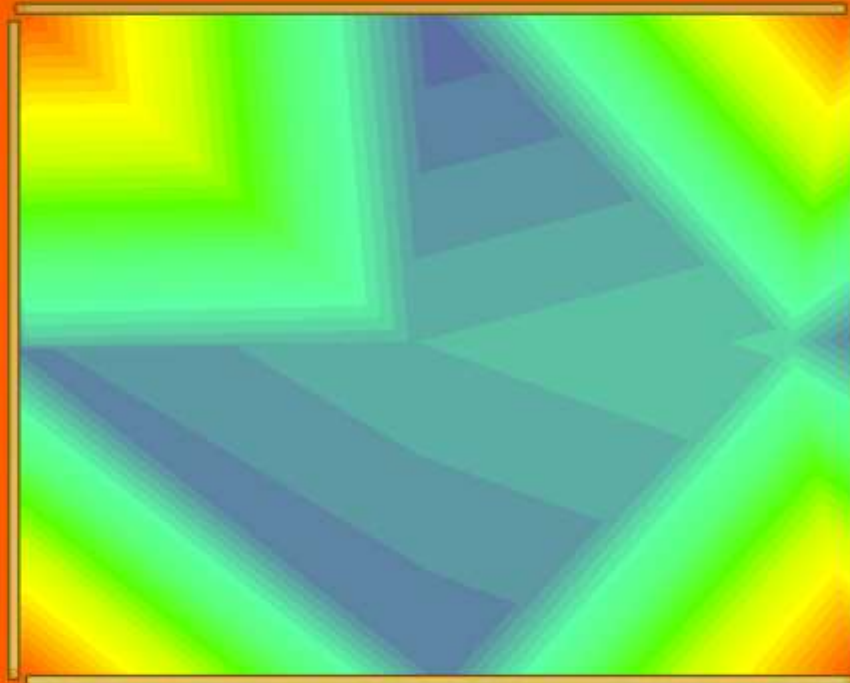


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (f=0.5) [pv]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.37636 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	0.5
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field – 700 kHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

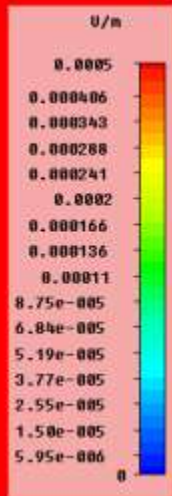
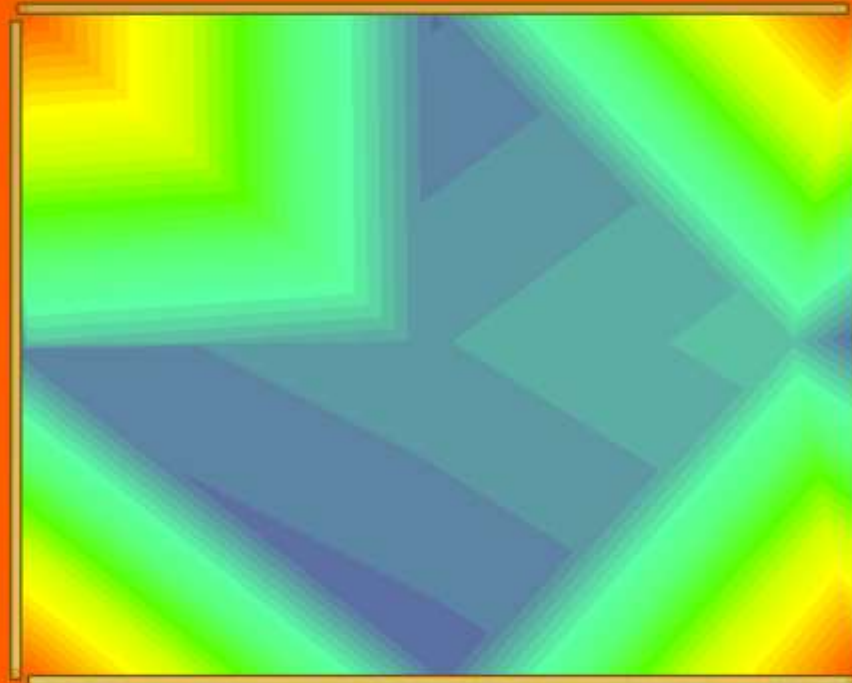


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (f=0.7) [pv]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.35908 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	0.7
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field - 1 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

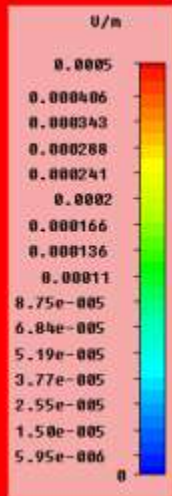
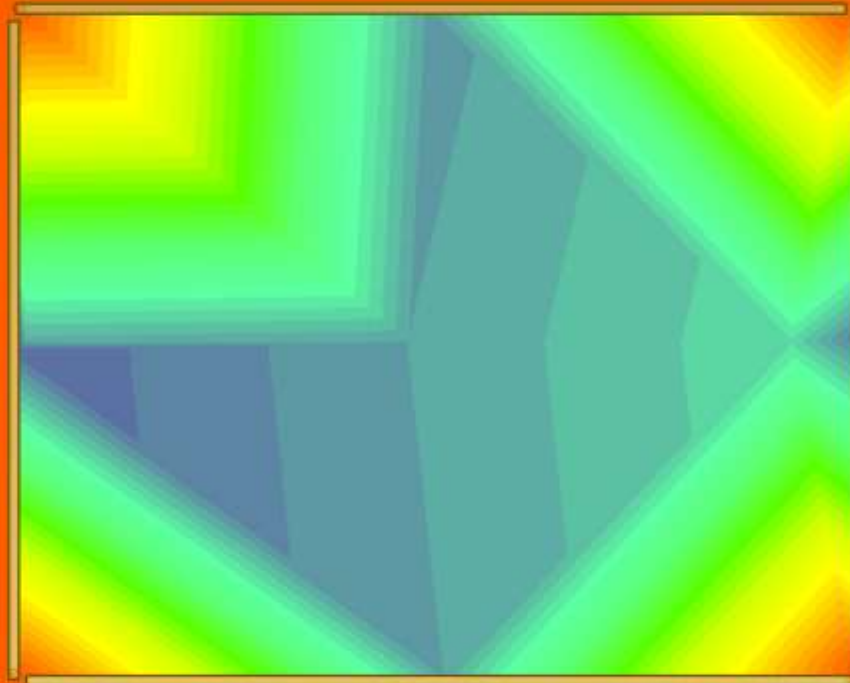


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F-1) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.37726 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	1
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field - 2 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

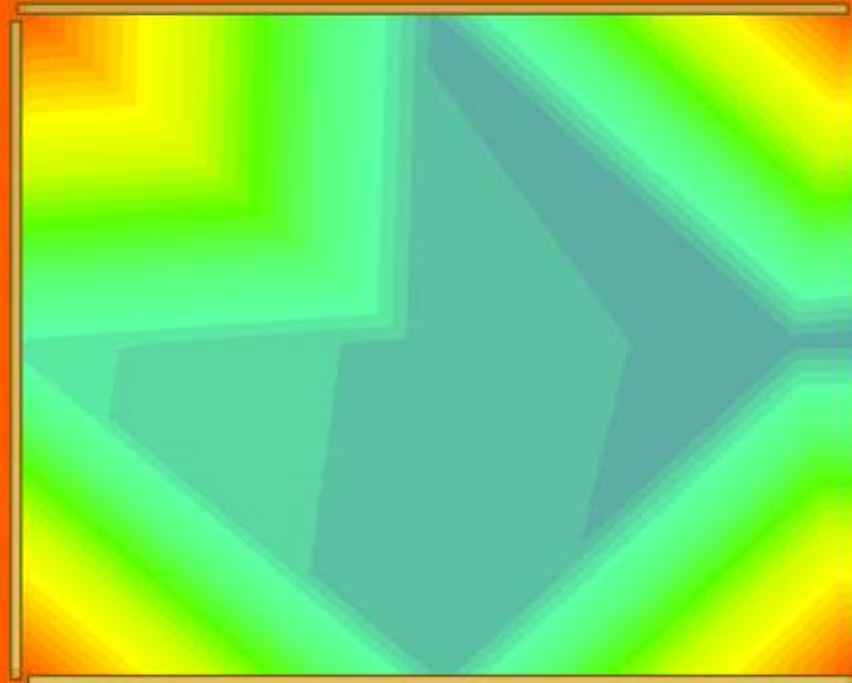


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F-2) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.36639 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	2
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field – 5 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

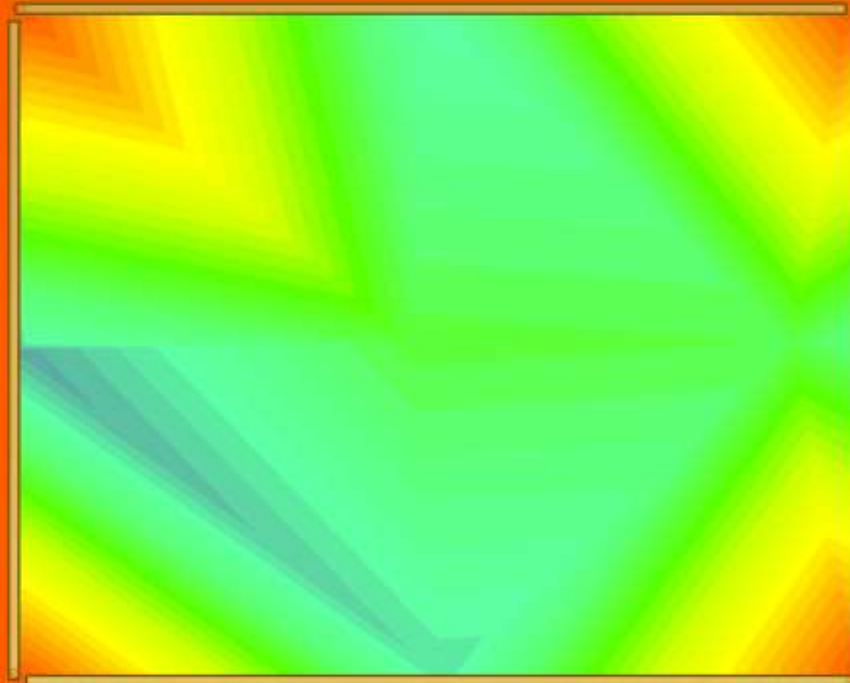


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F-5) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.37441 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	5
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field – 7 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0005)

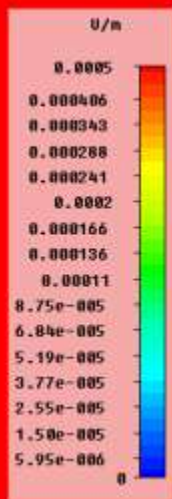
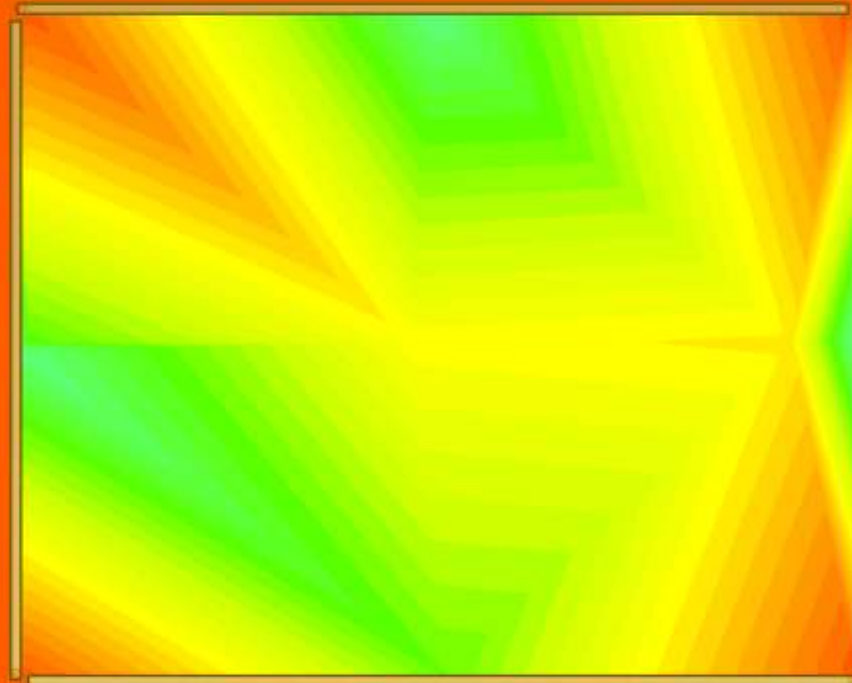


Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (f-7) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.3674 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	7
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field – 10 MHz

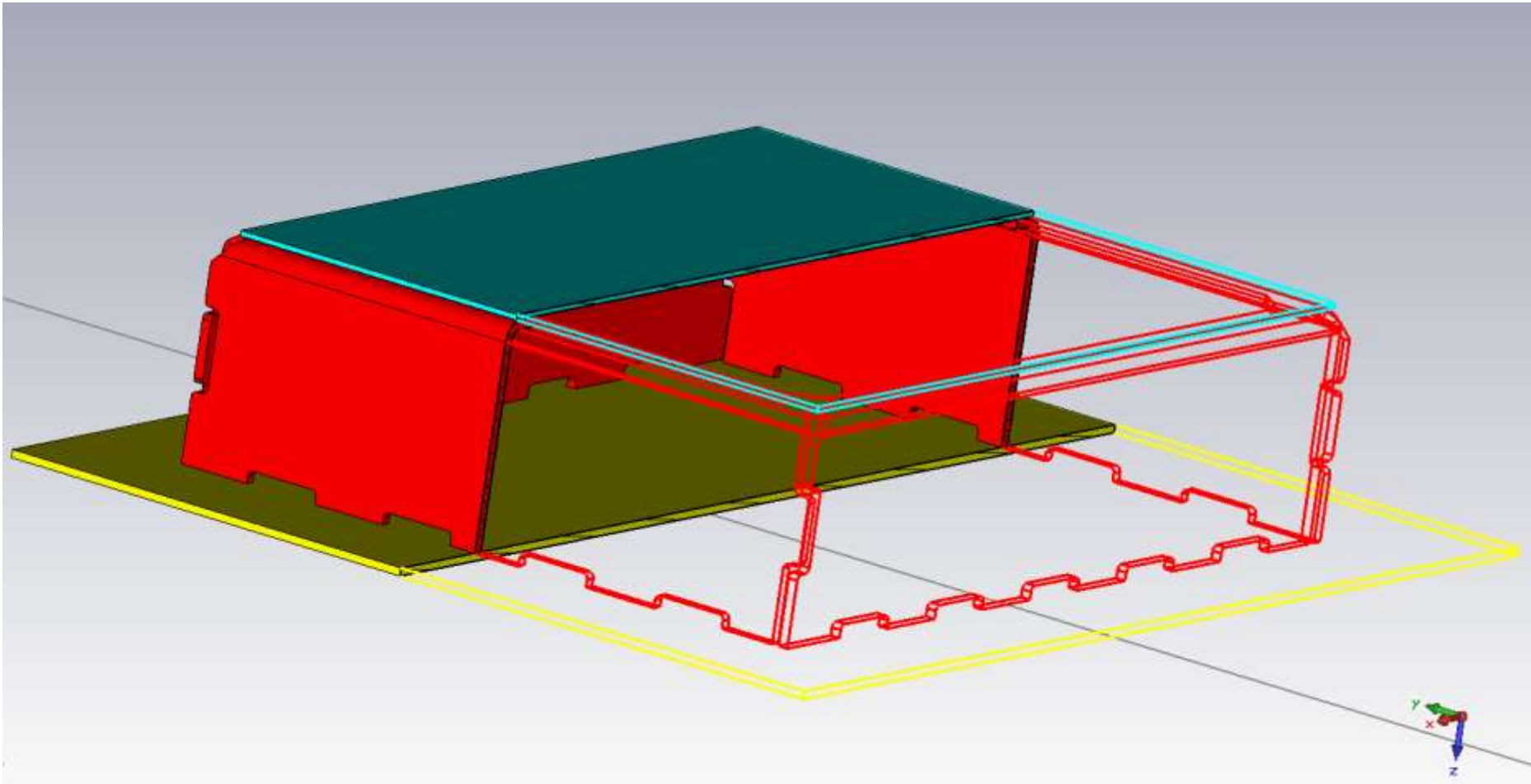
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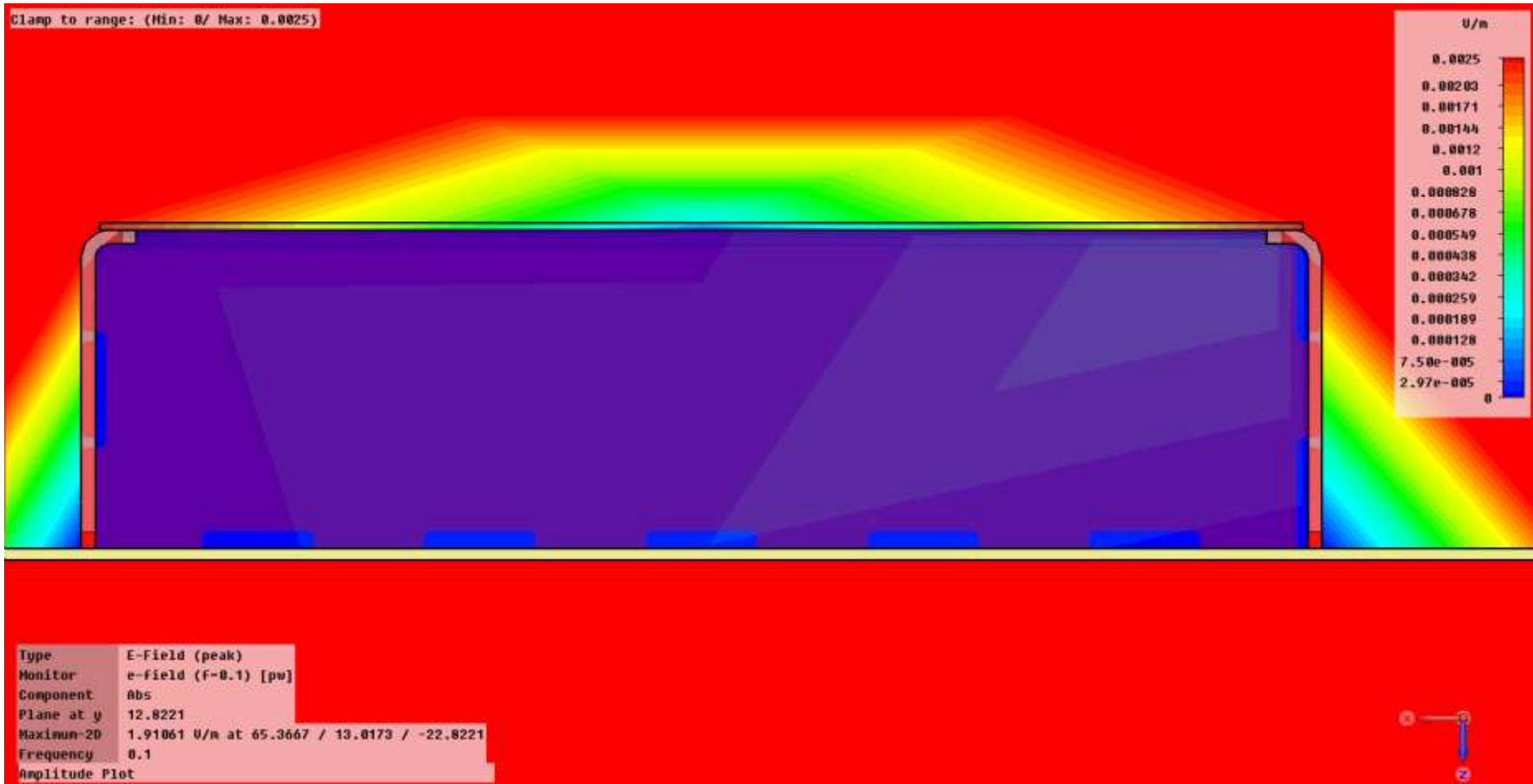
Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F-10) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at z	-22.5
Maximum-2D	3.37026 U/m at 65.3667 / 25.5935 / -22.607
Frequency	10
Amplitude Plot	



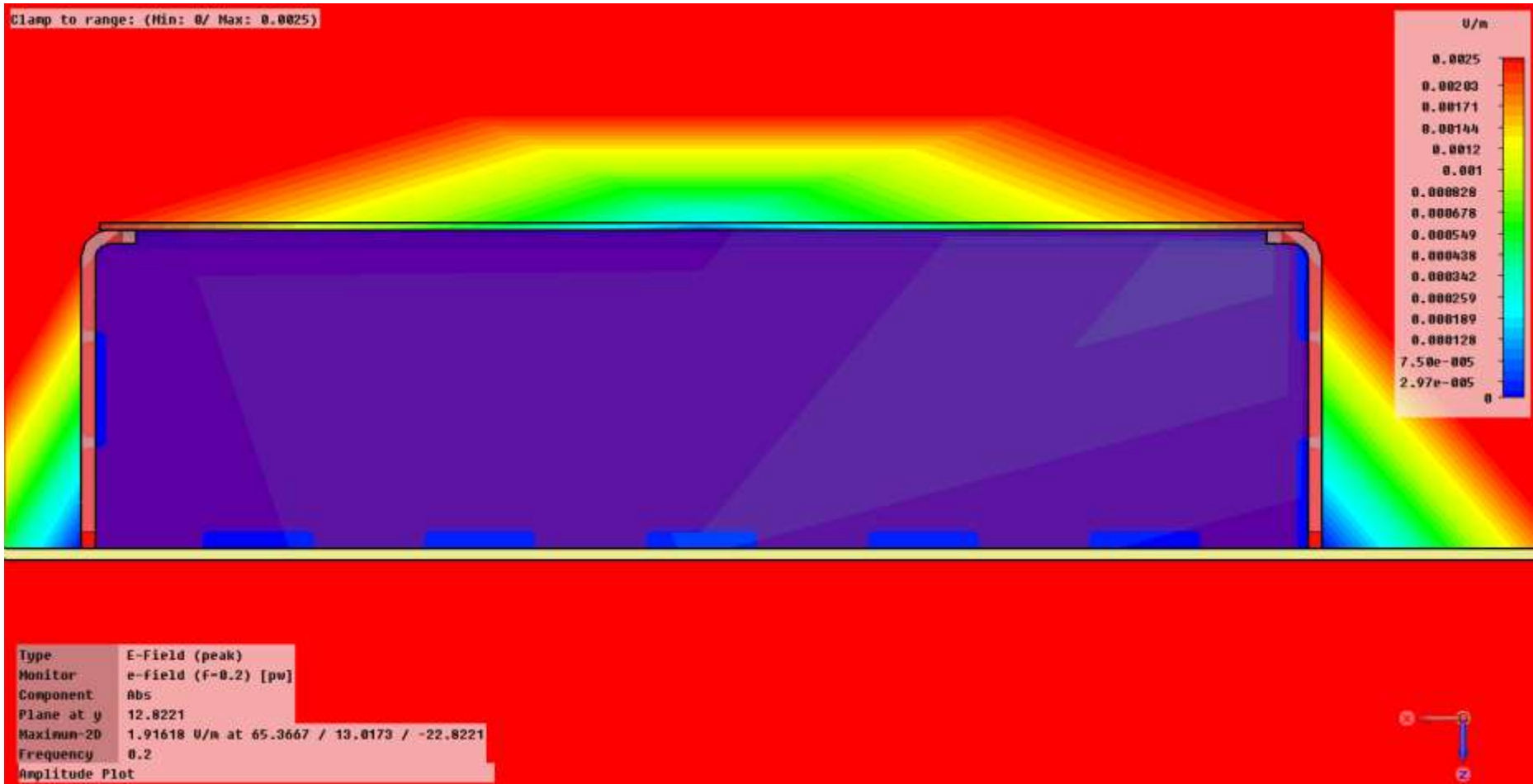
Fields Viewed from Cross Section through Box



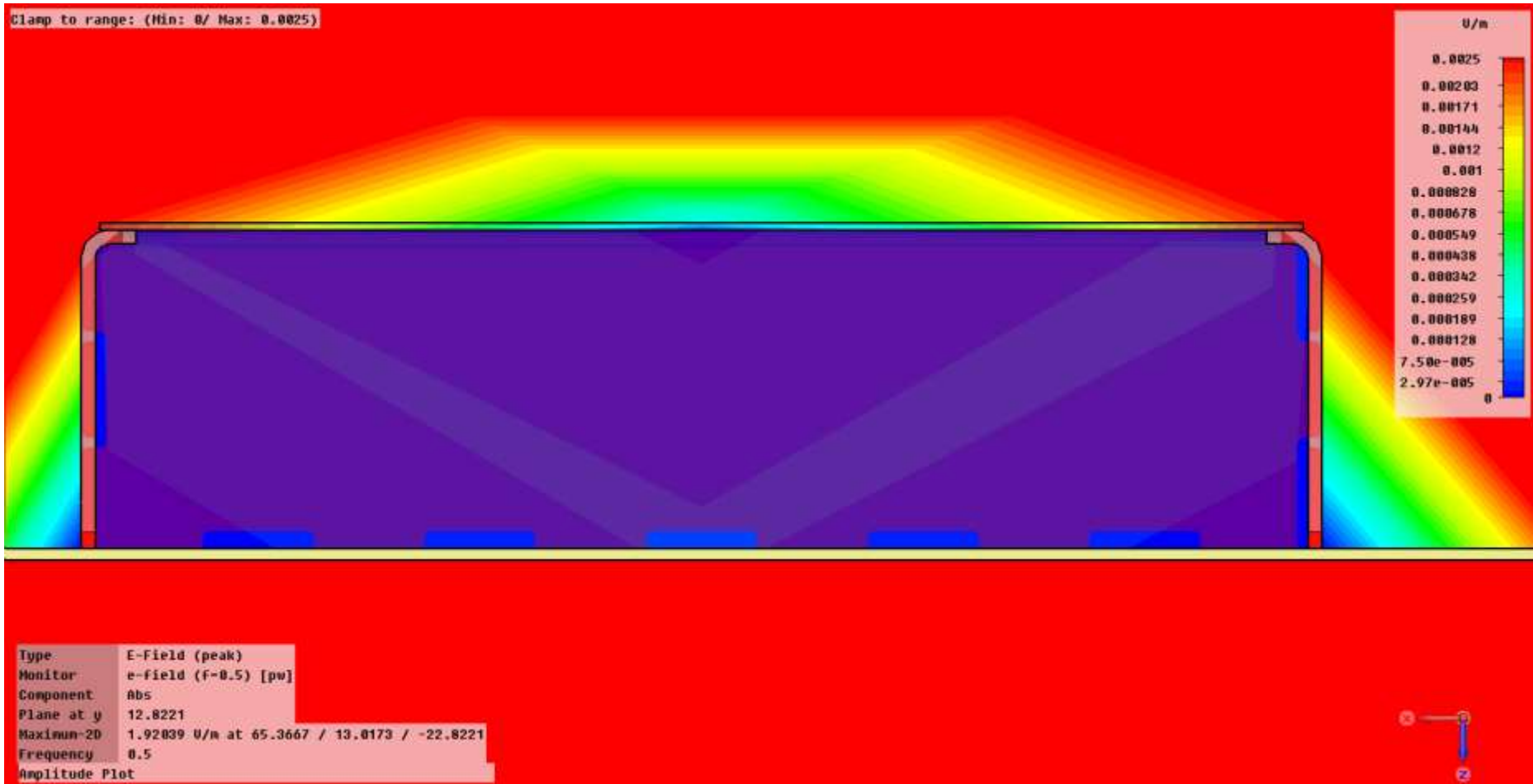
Electric Field - 100 kHz



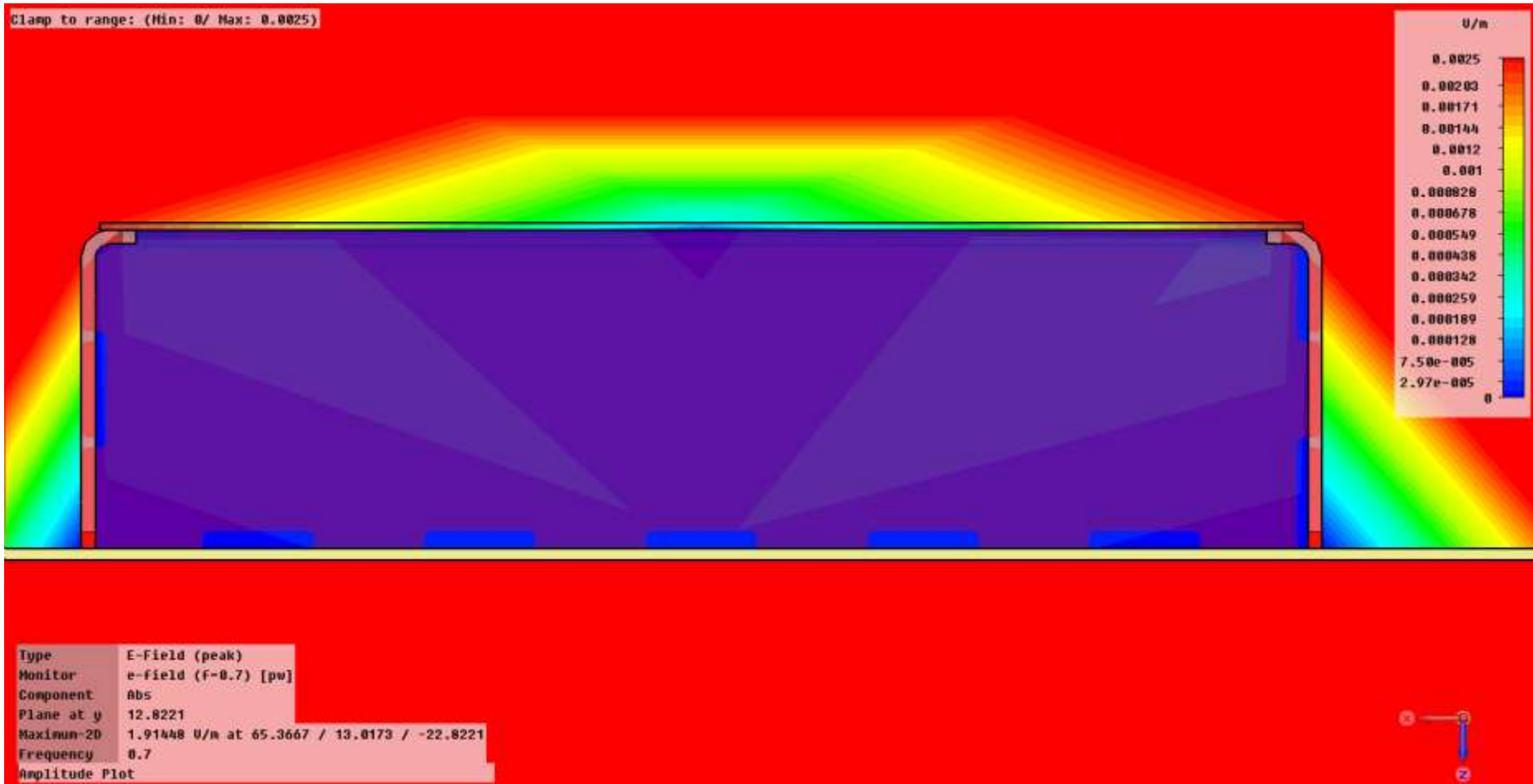
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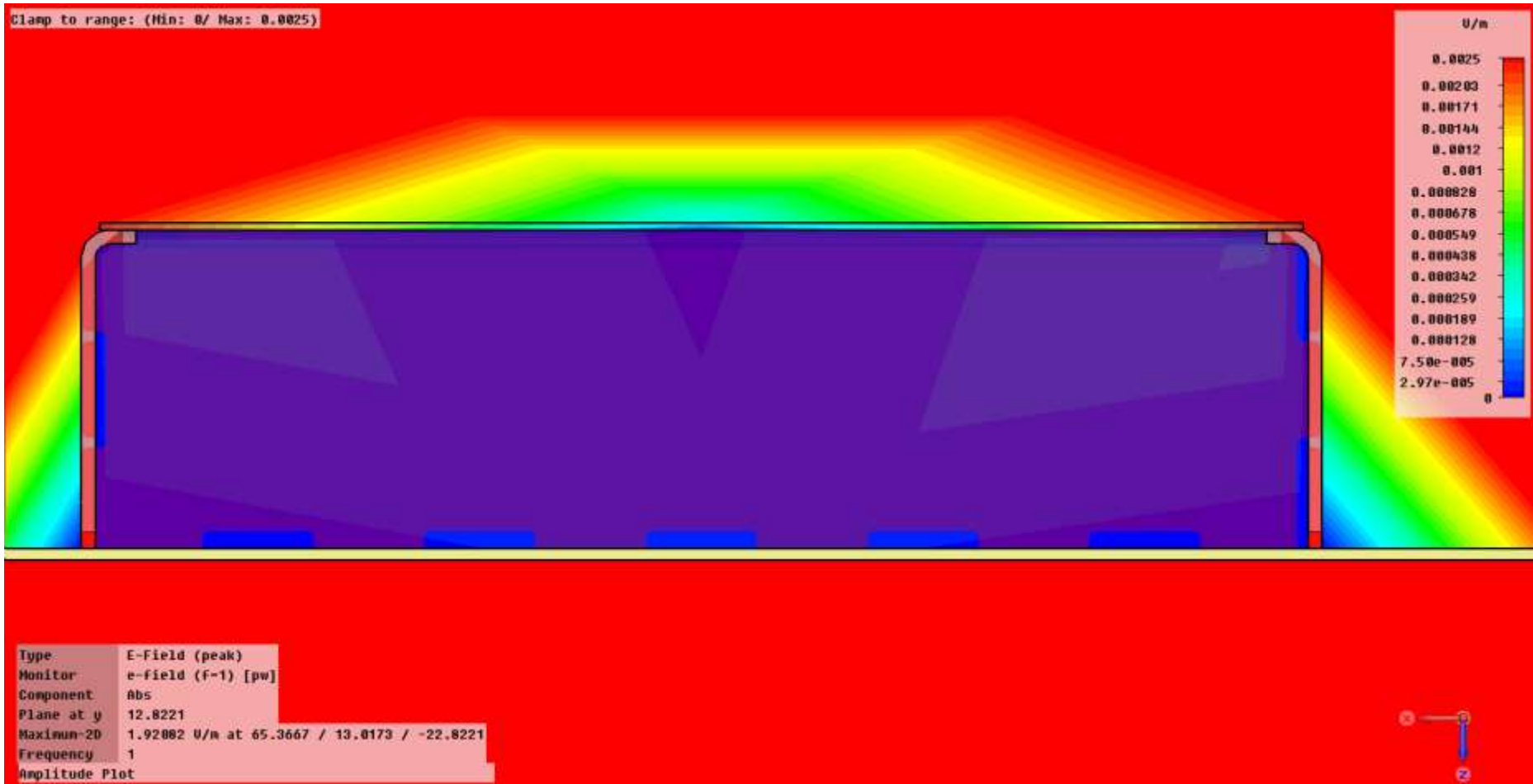
Electric Field - 500 kHz



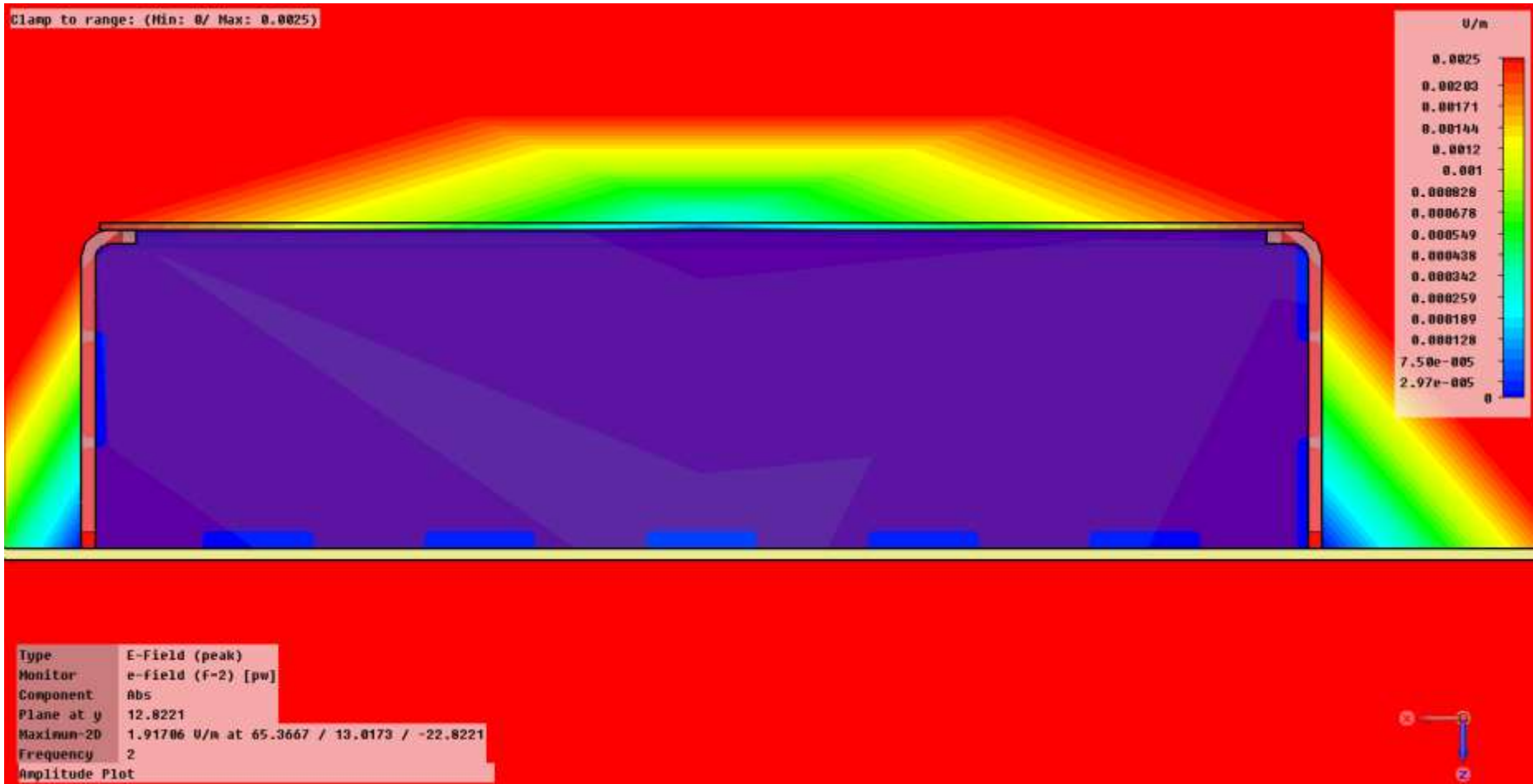
Electric Field - 700 kHz



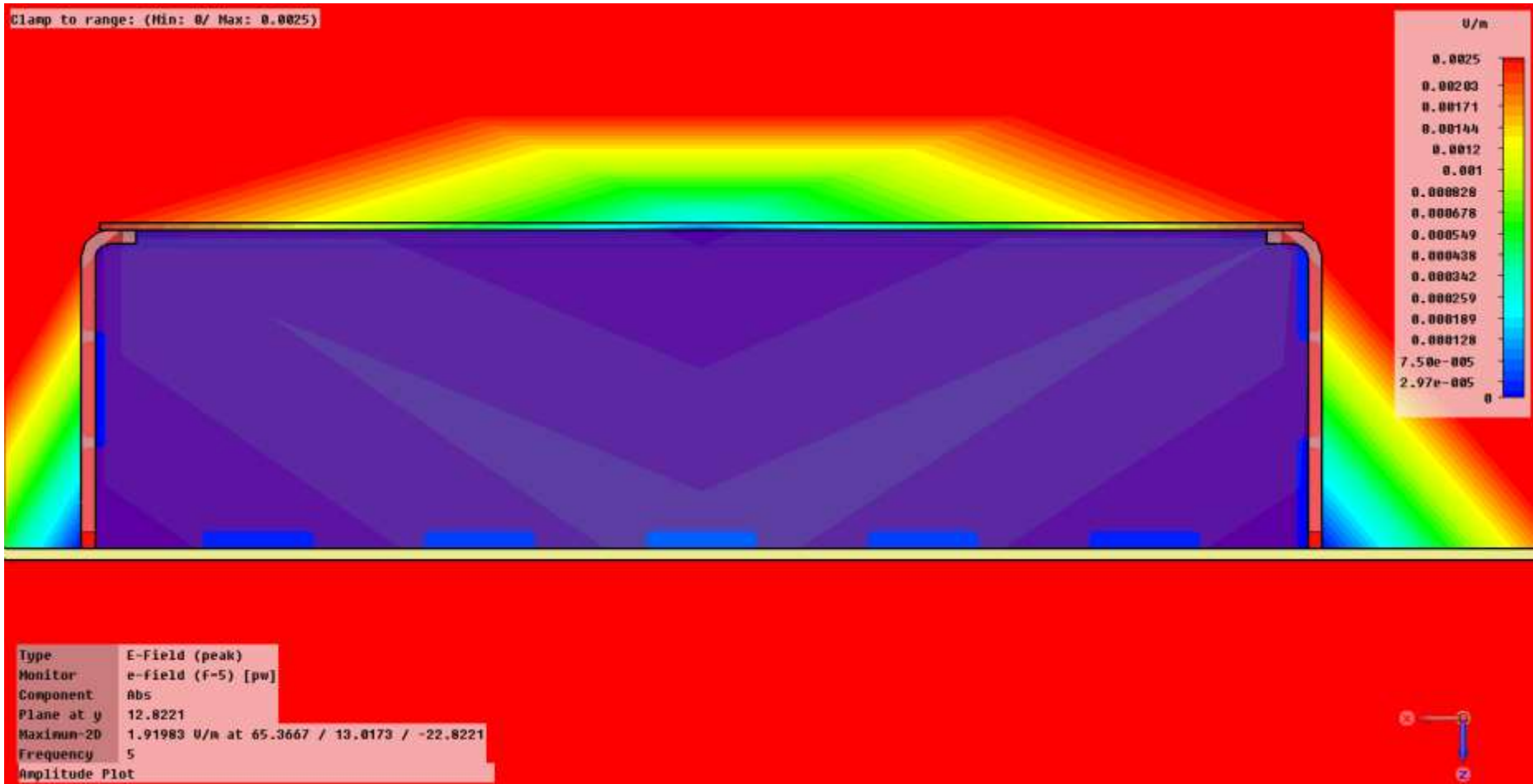
Electric Field - 1 MHz



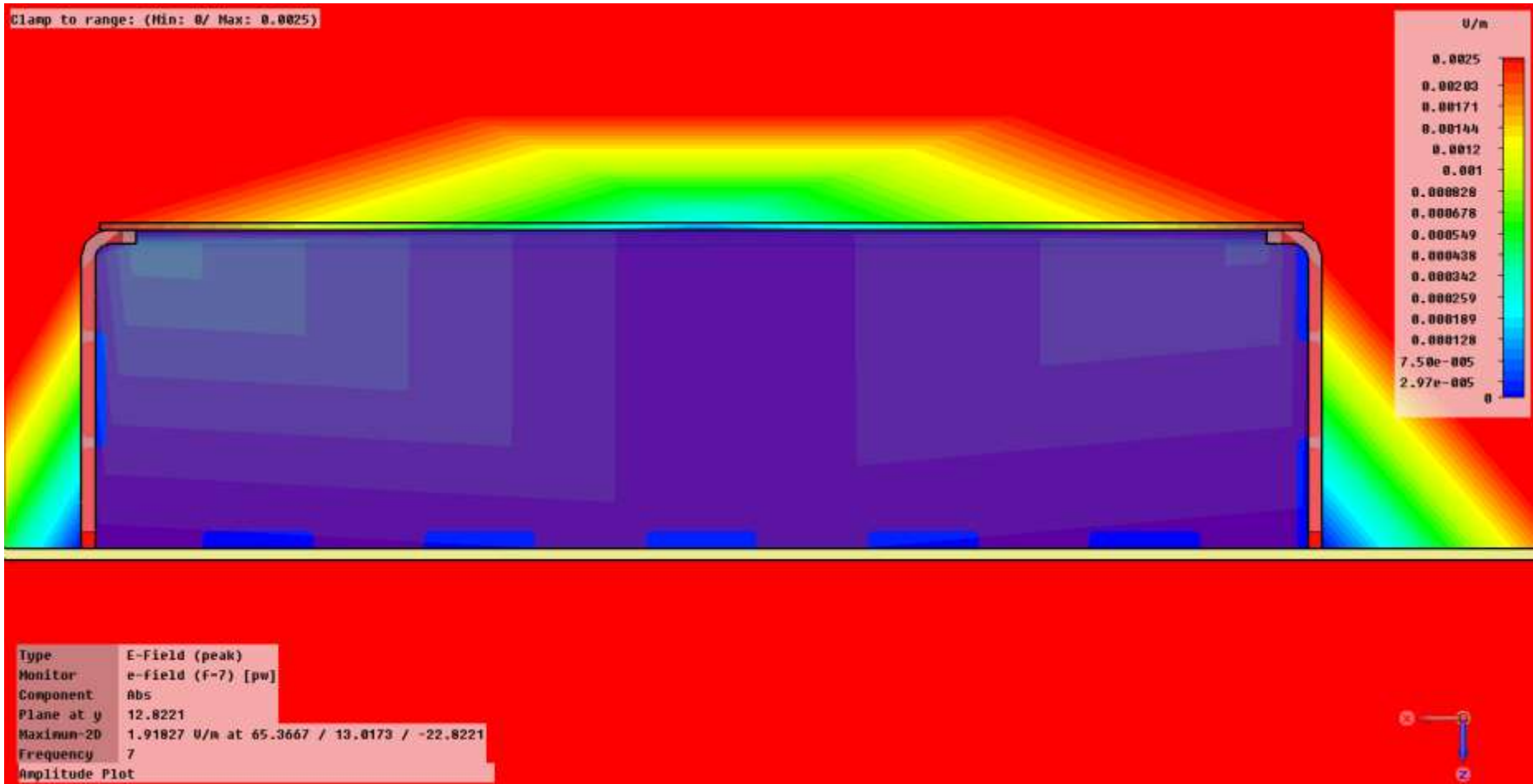
Electric Field - 2 MHz



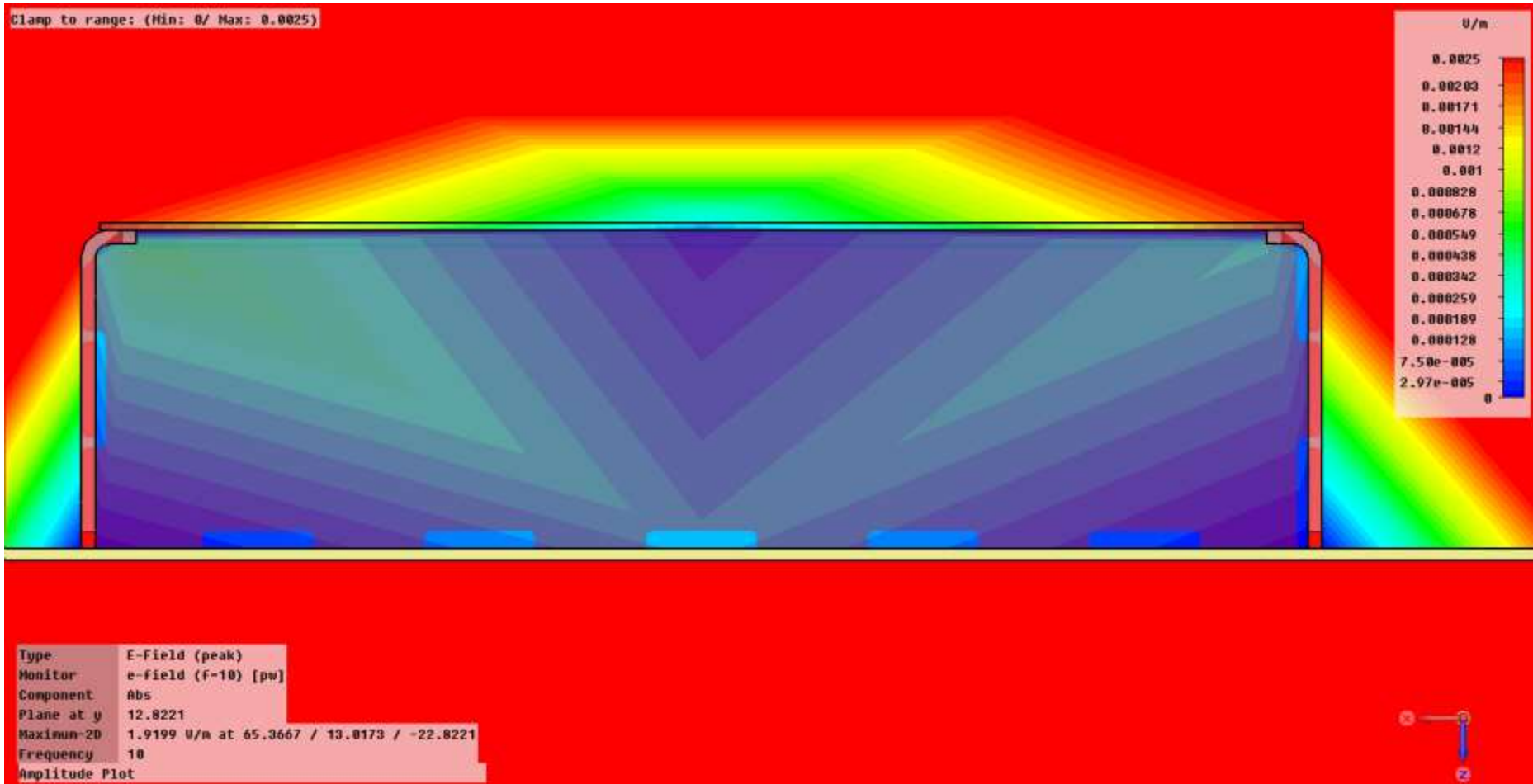
Electric Field - 5 MHz



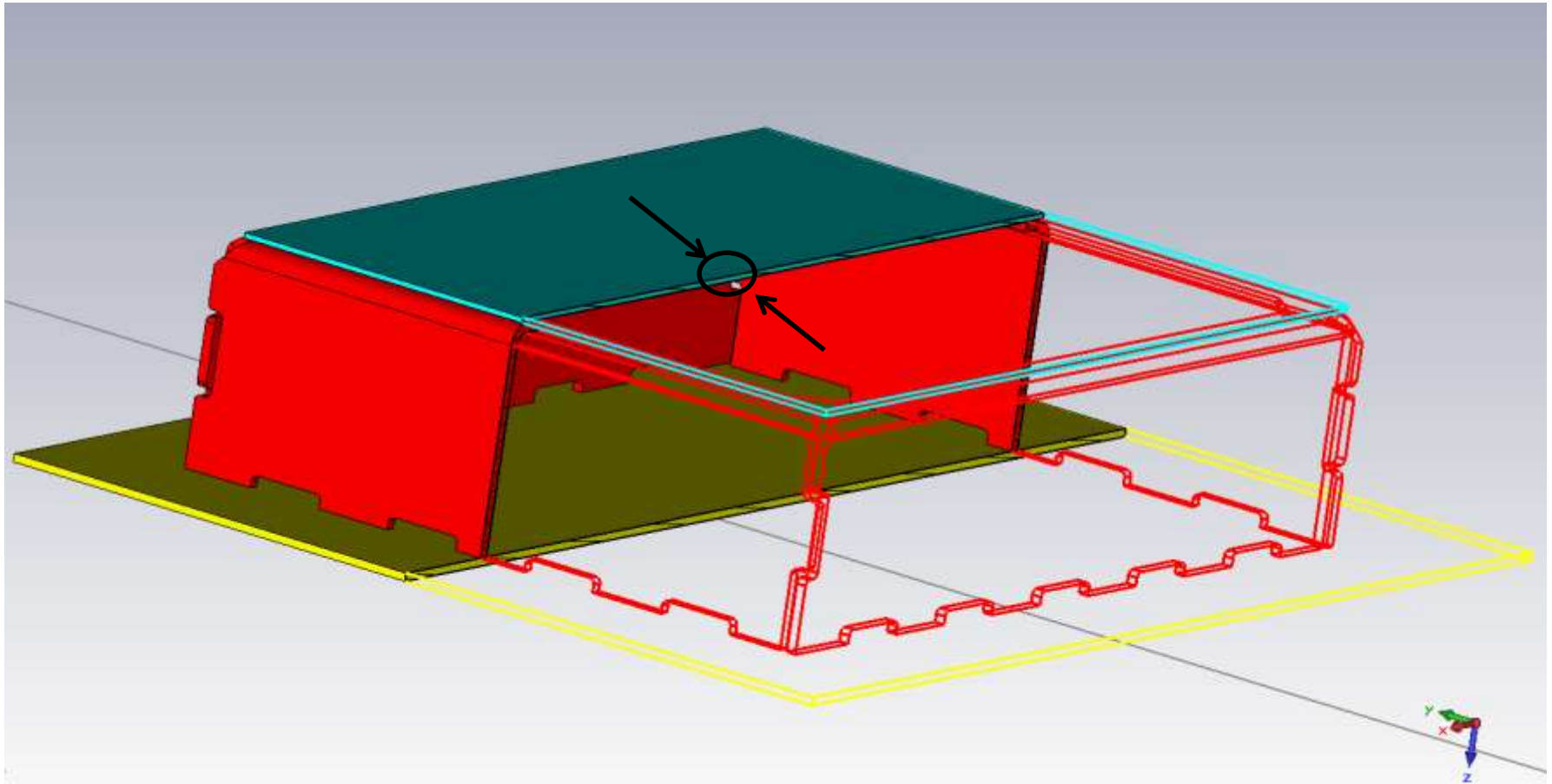
Electric Field - 7 MHz



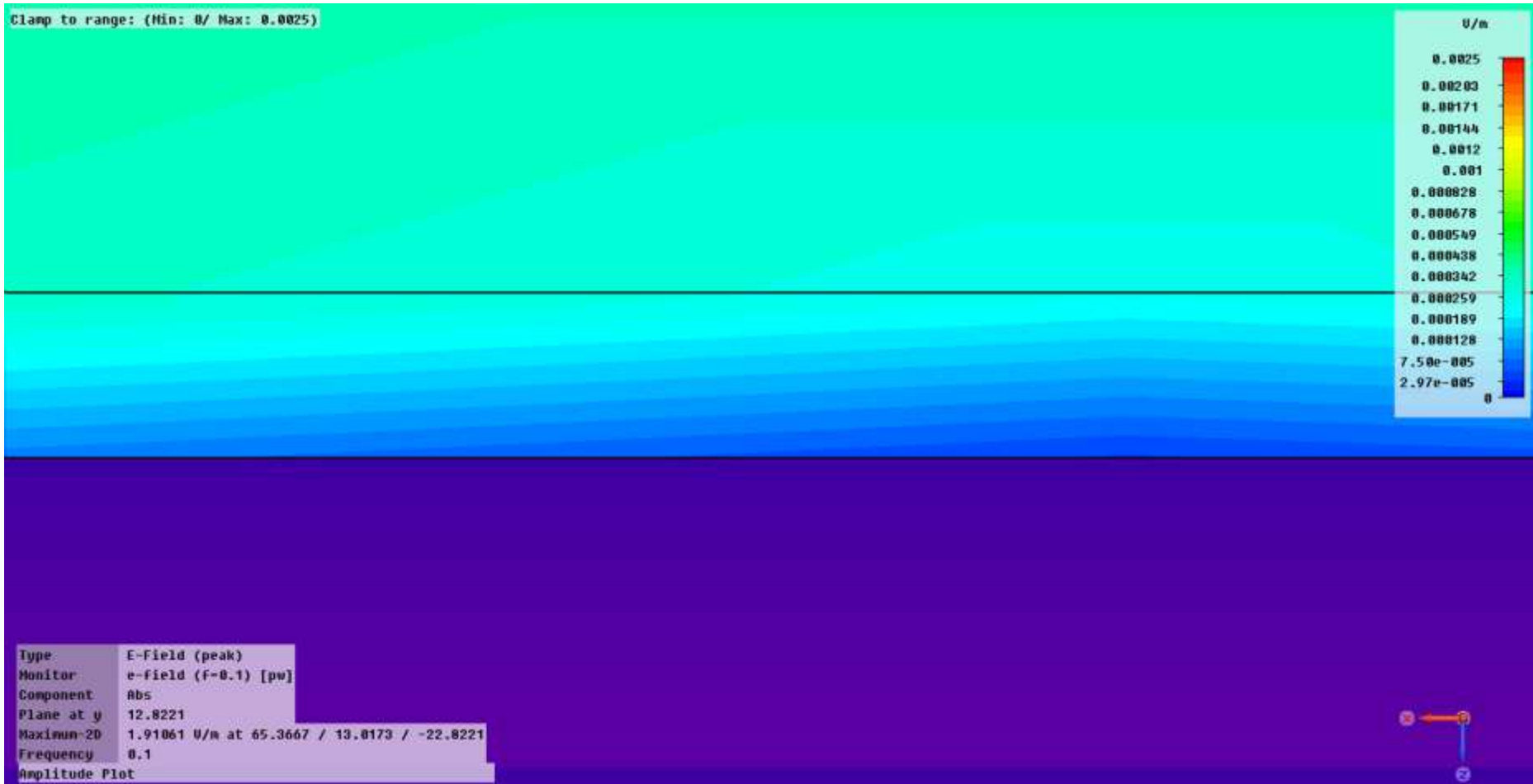
Electric Field - 10 MHz



Zoomed on Cross Section of Lid



Electric Field- 100 kHz



Electric Field- 10 MHz

Clamp to range: (Min: 0/ Max: 0.0025)



Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F-10) [pw]
Component	Abs
Plane at y	12.8221
Maximum-2D	1.9199 V/m at 65.3667 / 13.0173 / -22.8221
Frequency	10
Amplitude Plot	



Electric Field Shielding

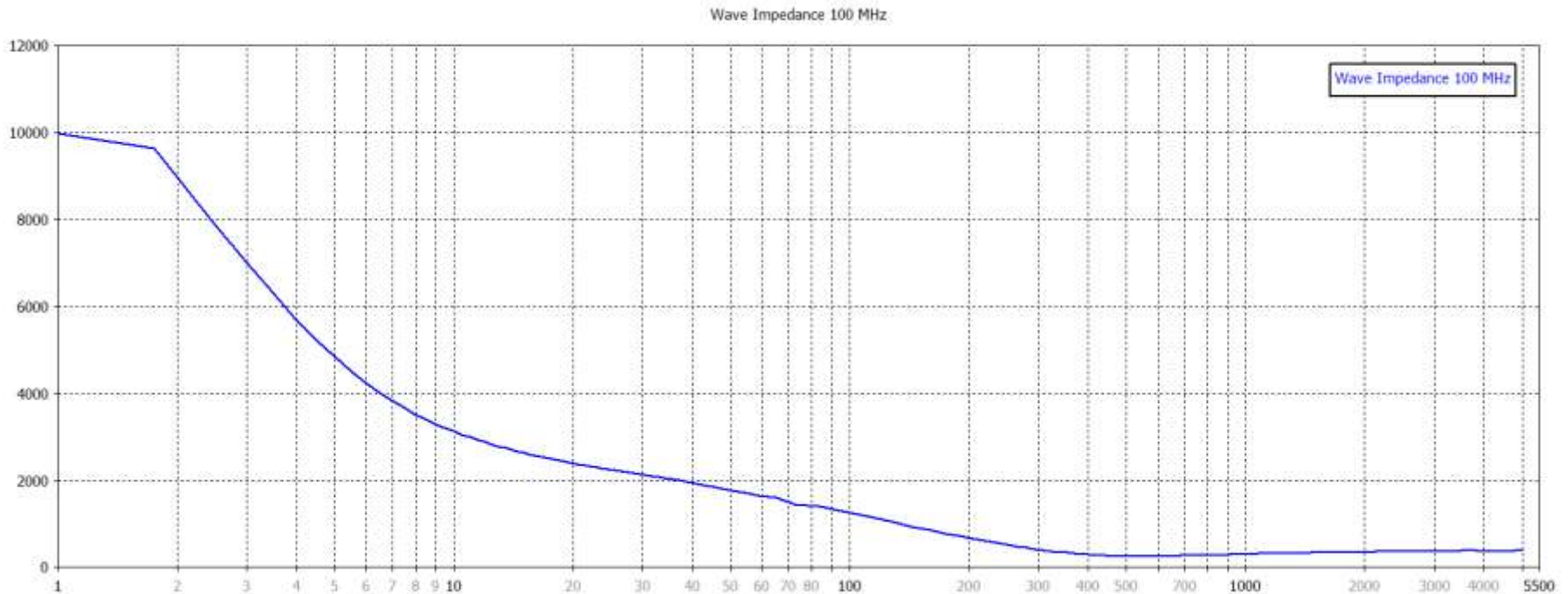
- A sudden change of impedance causes electric fields to reflect off the surface of a metal shield – this is called **Reflection Loss**
- Reflection loss is somewhat independent of frequency
- As frequency increases, typically the shielding effectiveness of a shield decreases due to apertures in the shield

$$R = 20 \log \frac{|z_w|}{4|z_s|}$$

Wave Impedance

Shield Impedance

Wave Impedance vs. Distance



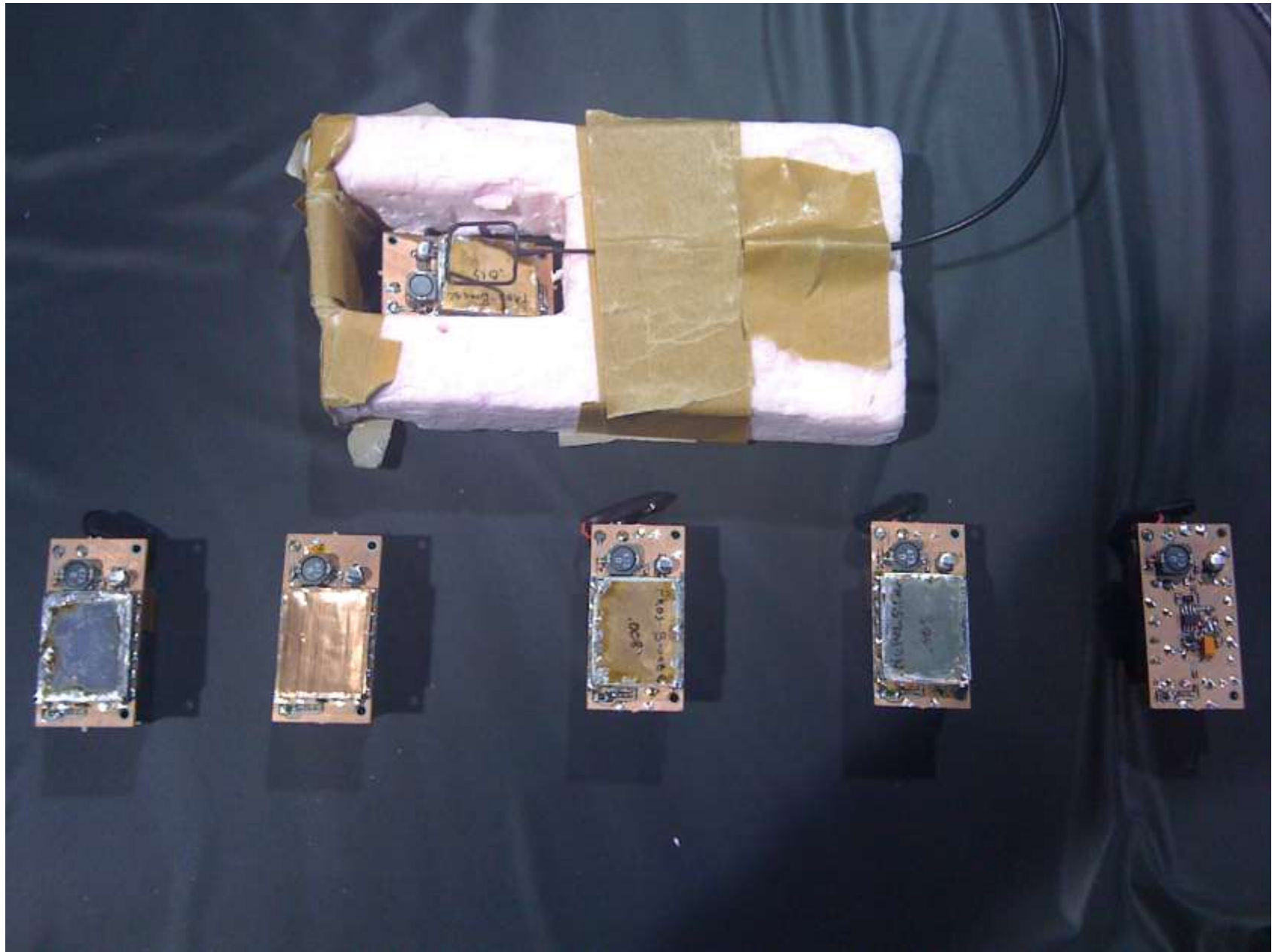
The Characteristic Impedance of Copper is $3.68 \times 10^{-7} \sqrt{f} \ \Omega$
(3.68 m Ω at 100 MHz - Big difference from 10k Ω)

As frequency goes up (and distance gets further), this gap narrows

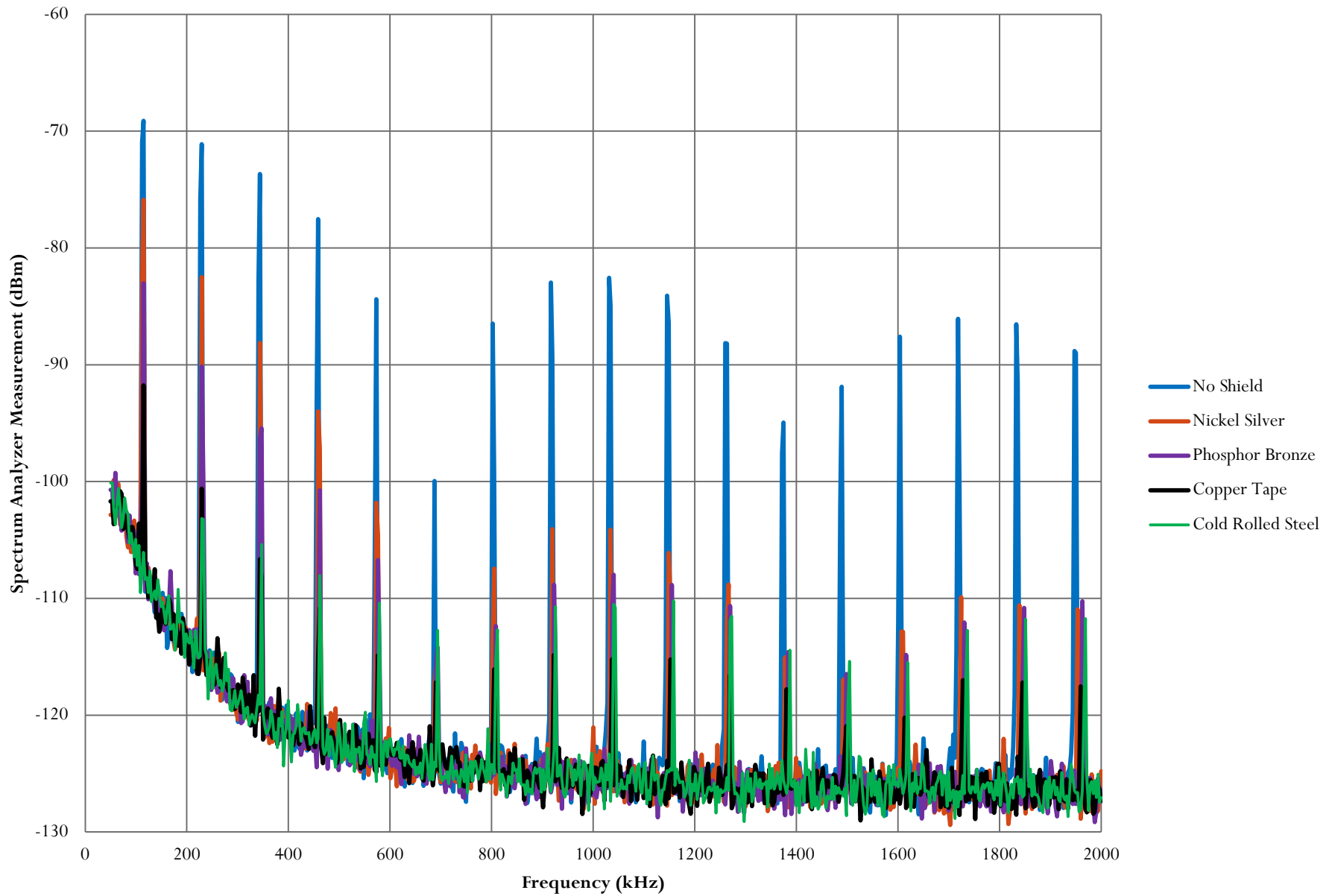
Shielding Effectiveness

- Absorption Loss + Reflection Loss will give (in most cases) shielding effectiveness
- Shielding effectiveness is given in decibels and is a ratio of the signal with the shield present vs. the shield absent
- When communicating values of shielding effectiveness, it's important to indicate if this is for electric or magnetic field shielding.
- Transmitted power shielding effectiveness is also used

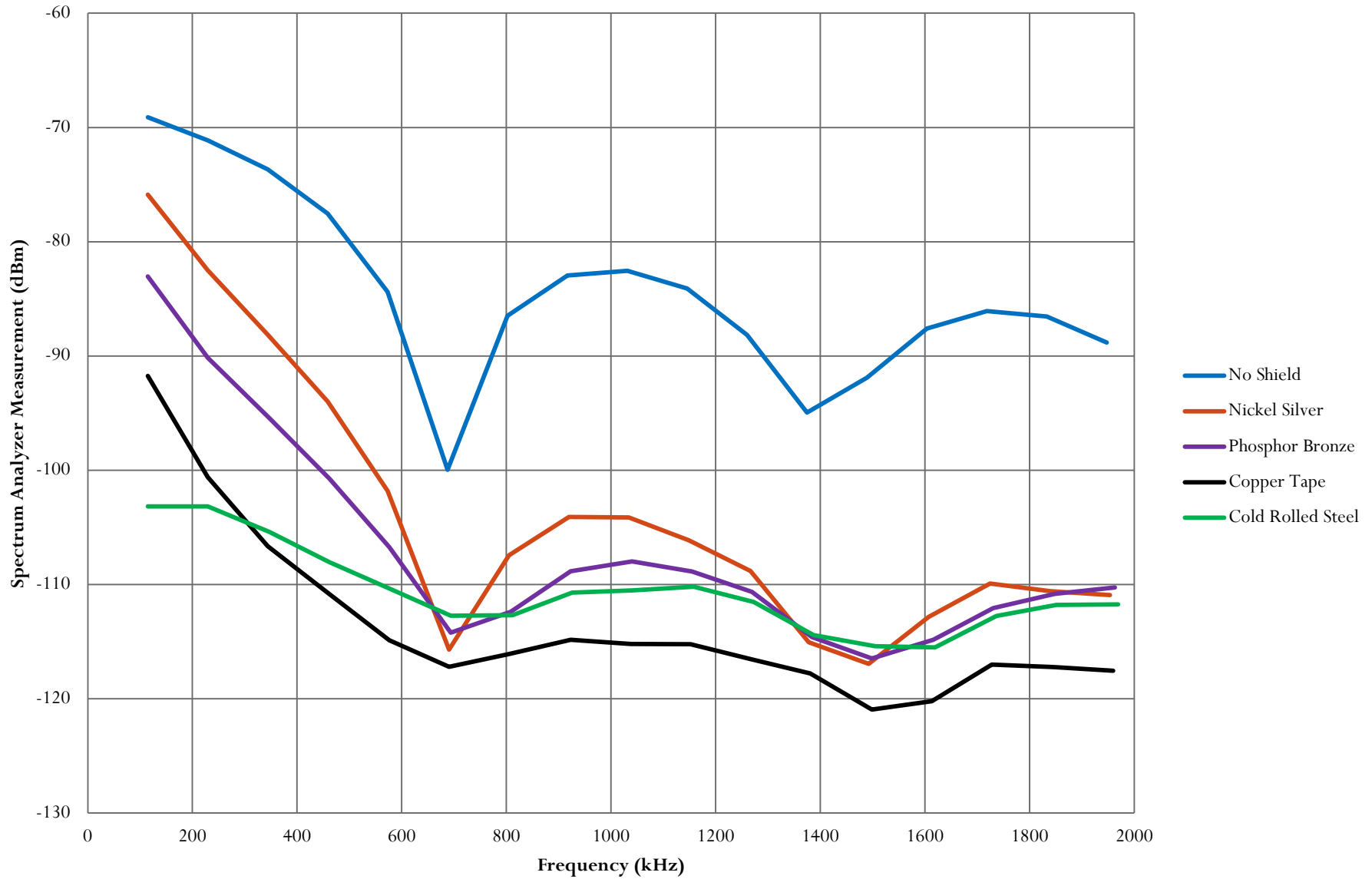
Demonstration Setup



Power Supply Shielding of Various 8 Mil Thick Materials




Power Supply Shielding of Various 8 Mil Thick Materials (Envelope)



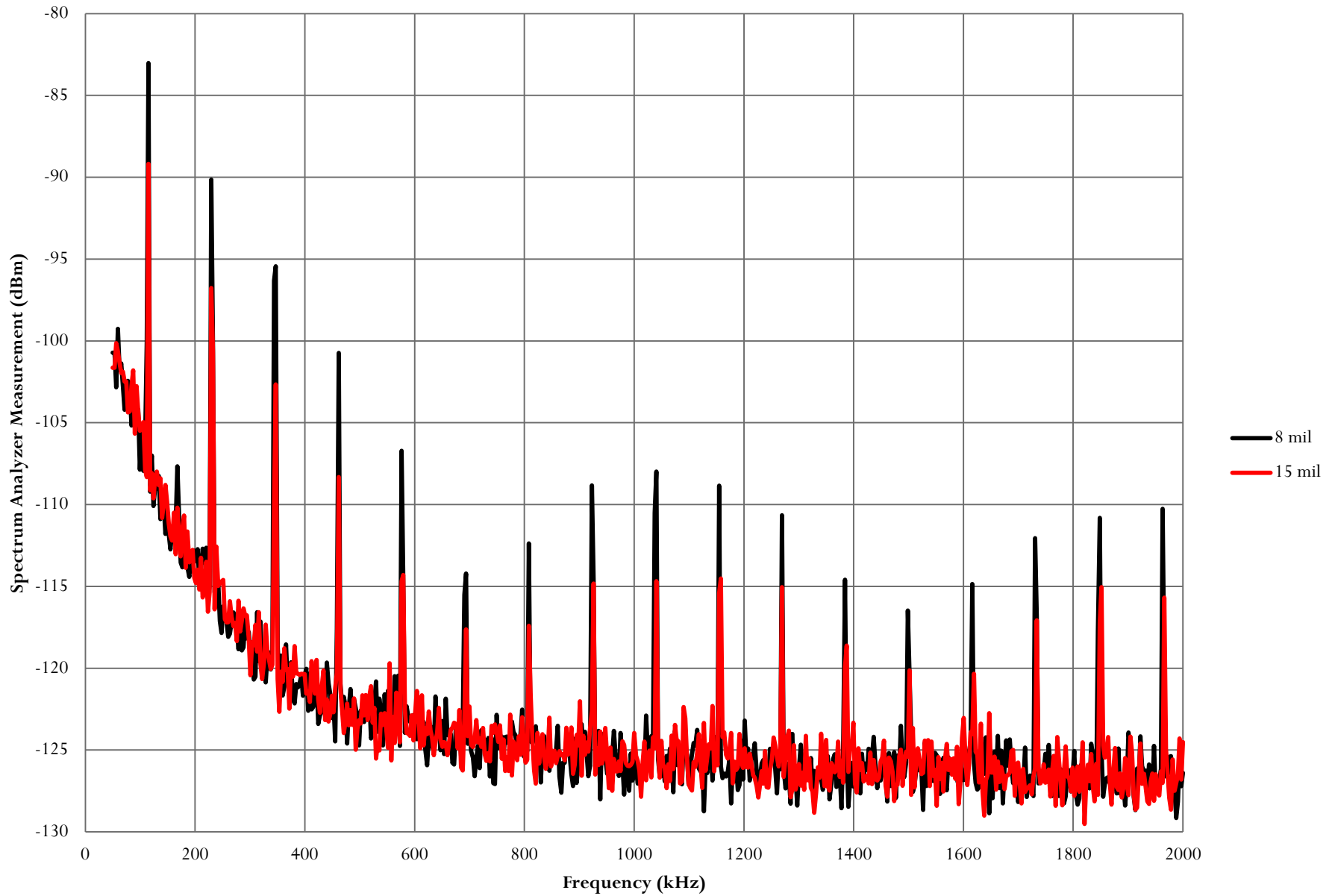
Skin Depth of Various Materials

Skin Depth in inches
(source: Henry Ott
*Electromagnetic
Compatibility Engineering*)


$$\delta = \frac{2.6}{\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_r}}$$

Material	μ_r	σ_r	δ (mils) 100 kHz	δ (mils) 10 MHz
Steel	1000	0.1	0.8	0.1
Copper	1	1	8	0.8
Phosphor Bronze	1	0.15	21	2.1
Nickel Silver	1	0.06	33	3

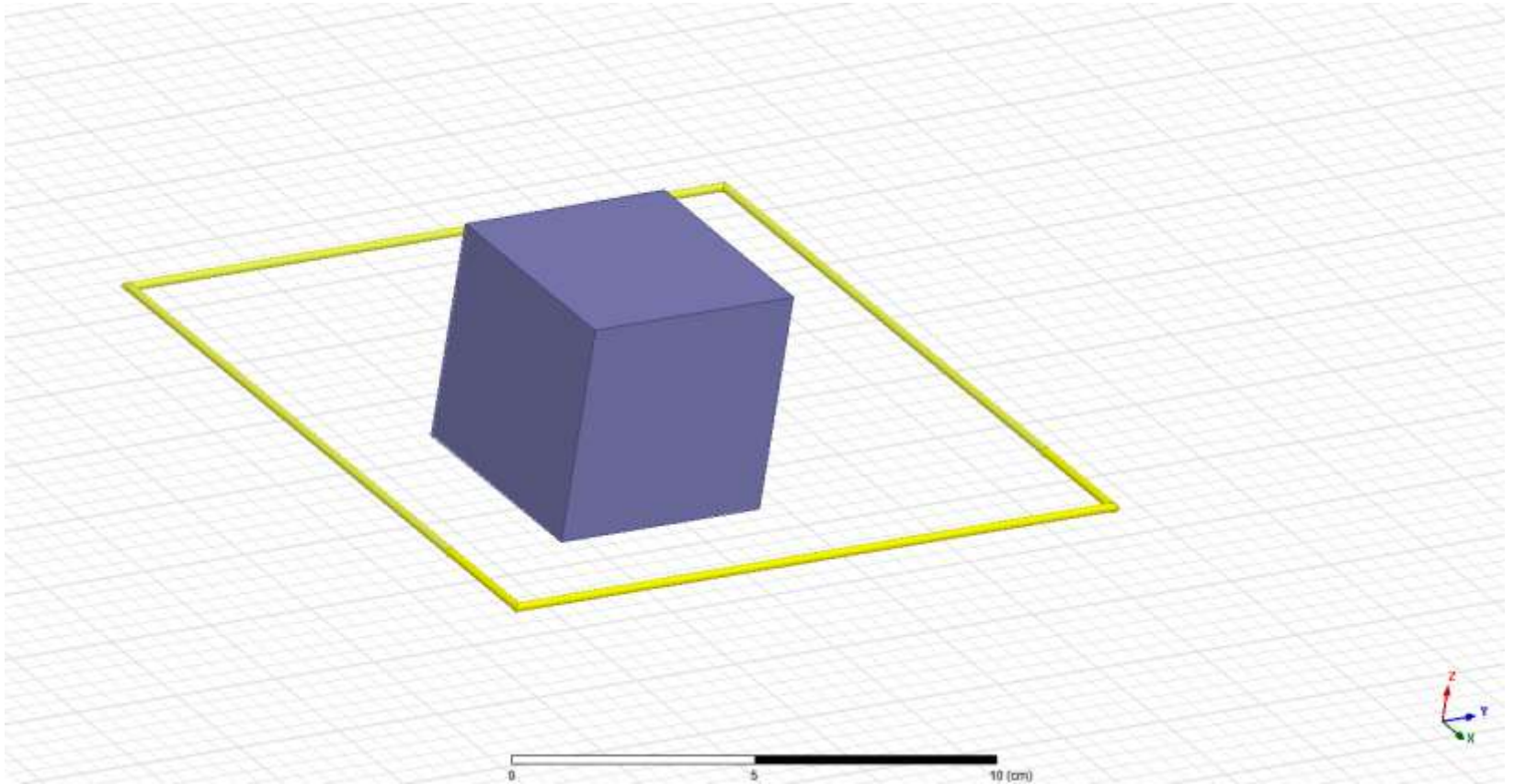
Power Supply Shielding of Phosphor Bronze of Different Thickness



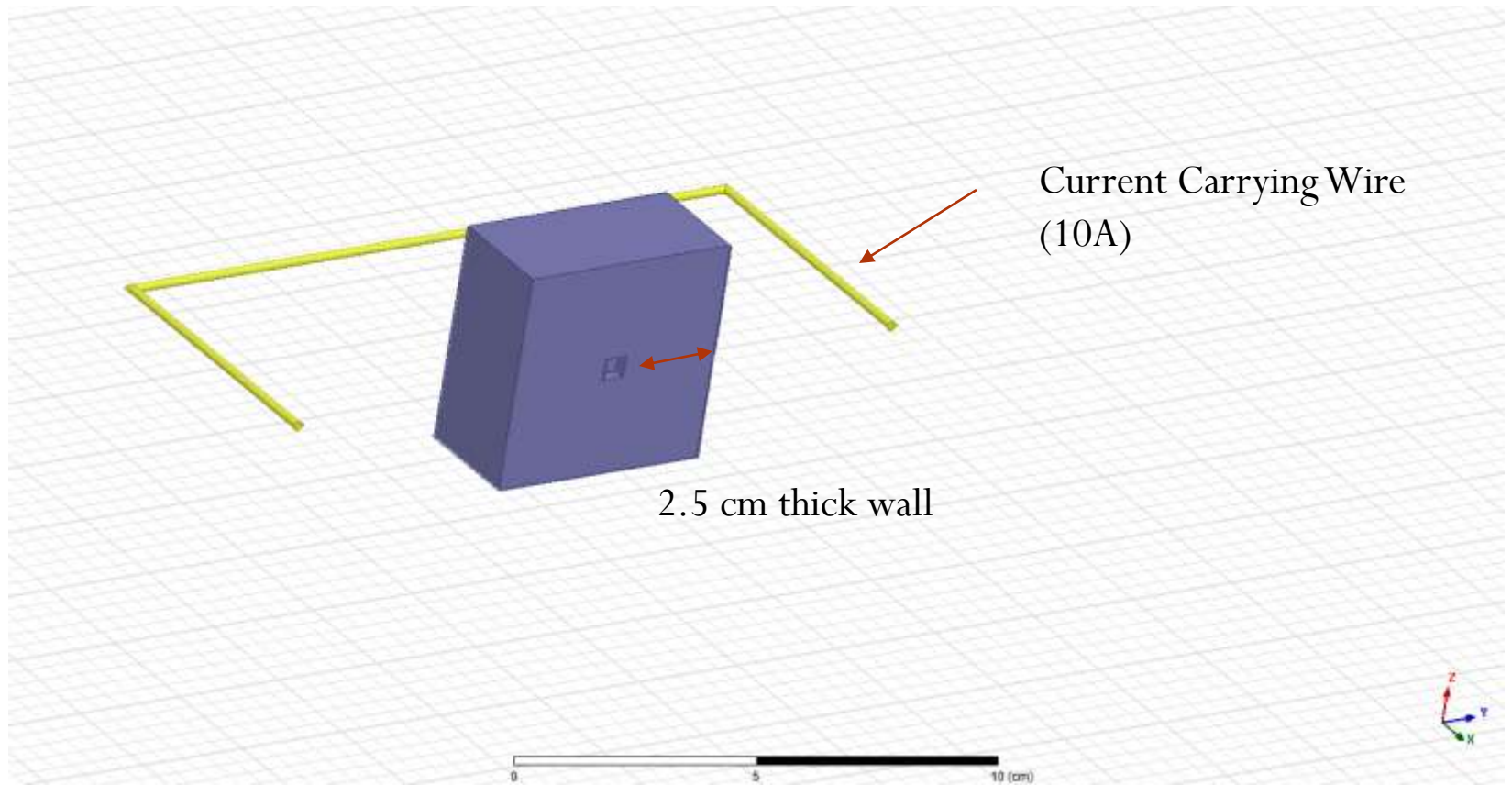
Shielding Materials

- Low frequency magnetic field shielding requires a material with a thin skin depth.
- At higher frequencies, skin depth of most materials becomes thin enough creating effective shields
- Increasing shield thickness improves shielding until the material becomes thick enough.

Additional Thought about Magnetic Field Shielding



Setup

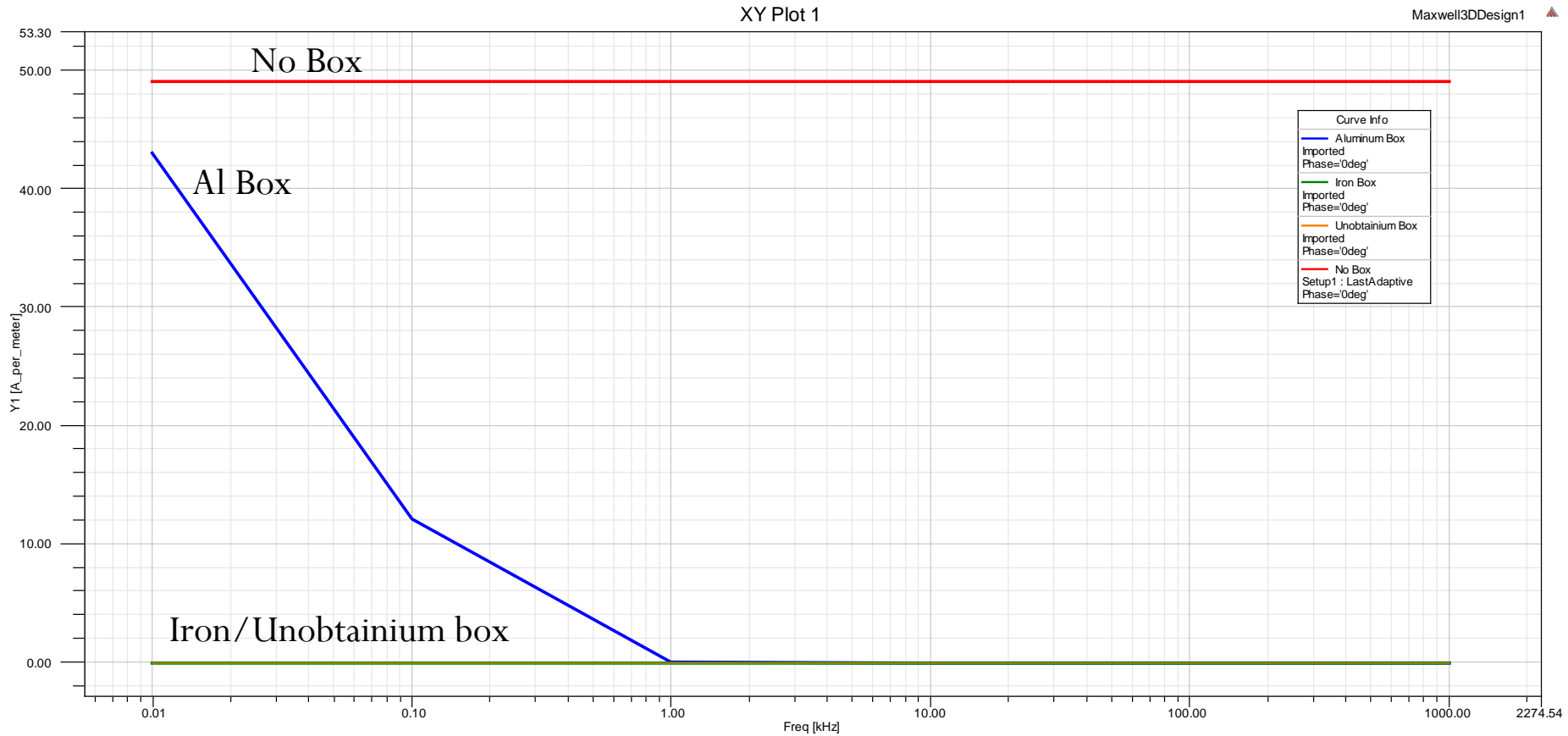


Hypothetical Case

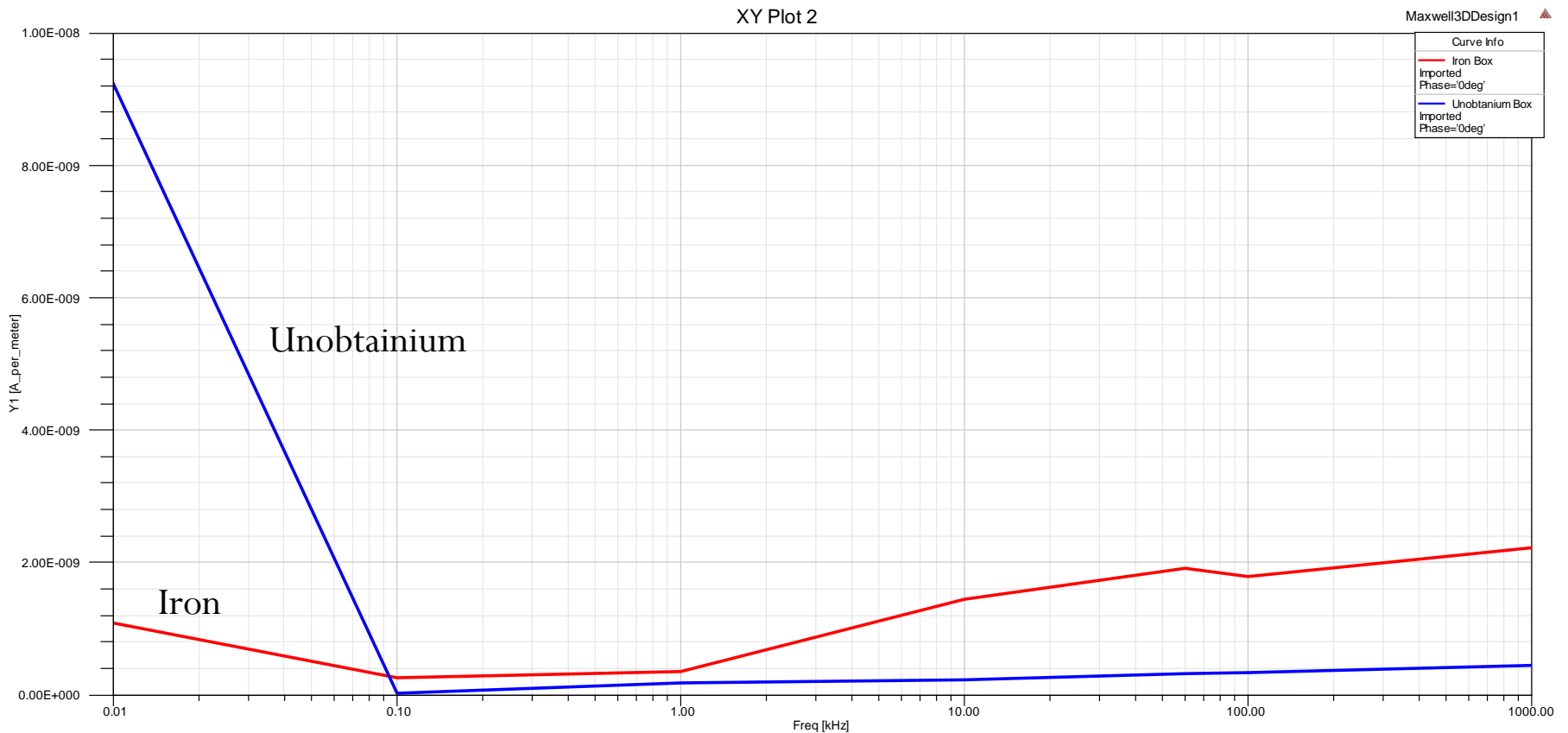
- There is a 5cm cube with a small amount of hollowed out material in the center
- There is a loop of current carrying wire at all frequencies surrounding the cube
- The cube is made of a particular material – the materials considered will be
 - Vacuum (no cube)
 - Aluminum
 - Iron
 - “Unobtainium” – has the same skin depth as iron except the relative permeability of the material is 1. but the relative conductivity is 688.

$$\delta = \frac{2.6}{\sqrt{f\mu_r\sigma_r}}$$

Magnetic Field Inside Box



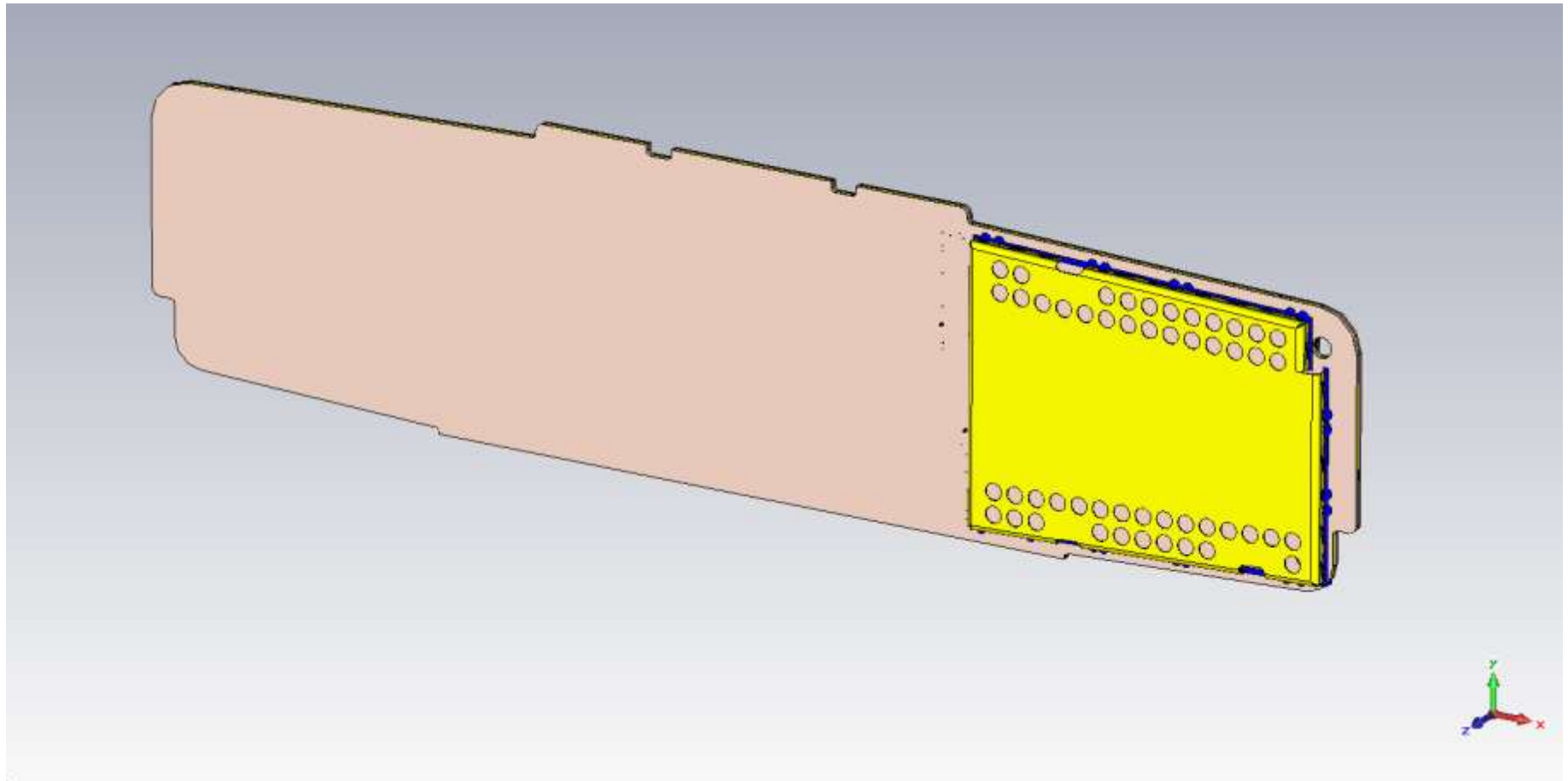
Iron vs. Unobtainium



This suggests that permeability improves shielding beyond absorption loss below 100 Hz $\mathcal{R} = \frac{l}{\mu A}$

Effect of Apertures on EM Shielding

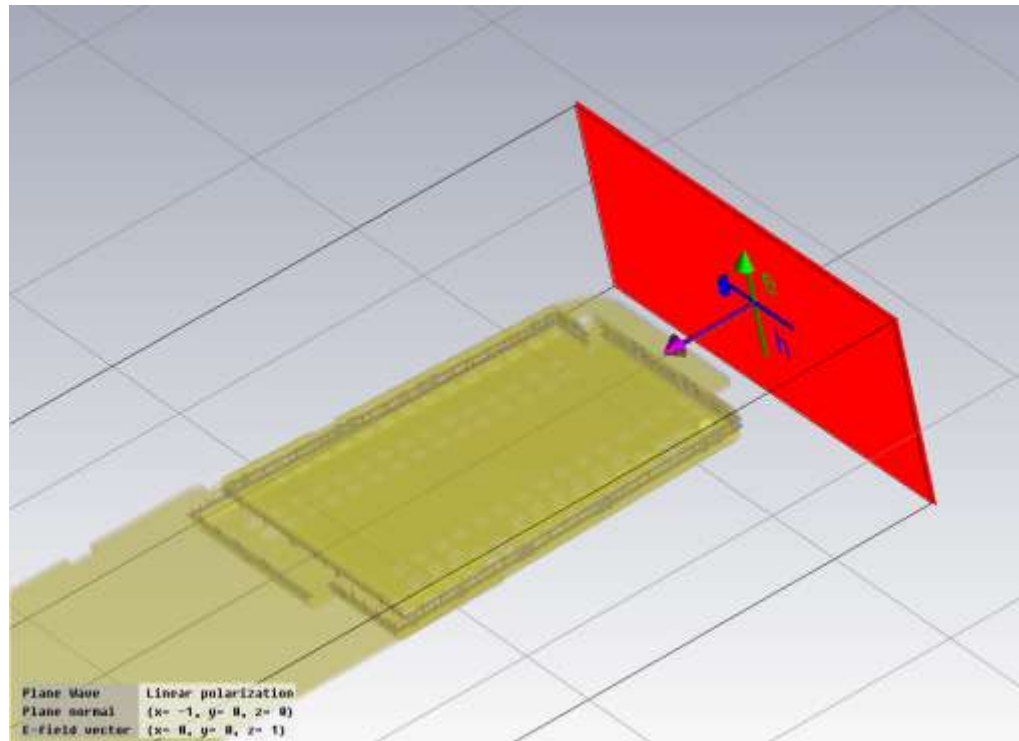
Model Setup



Principle of Reciprocity

- Most shields are passive
- The ability of a shield to stop an exterior field (immunity) is equal to its ability to stop an interior source (emissions)
- When determining shielding effectiveness, either an emissions or immunity case can be studied – whichever is more convenient
 - Typically, it's easier for physical measurement to measure emissions
 - Typically, it's easier for simulations to measure immunity

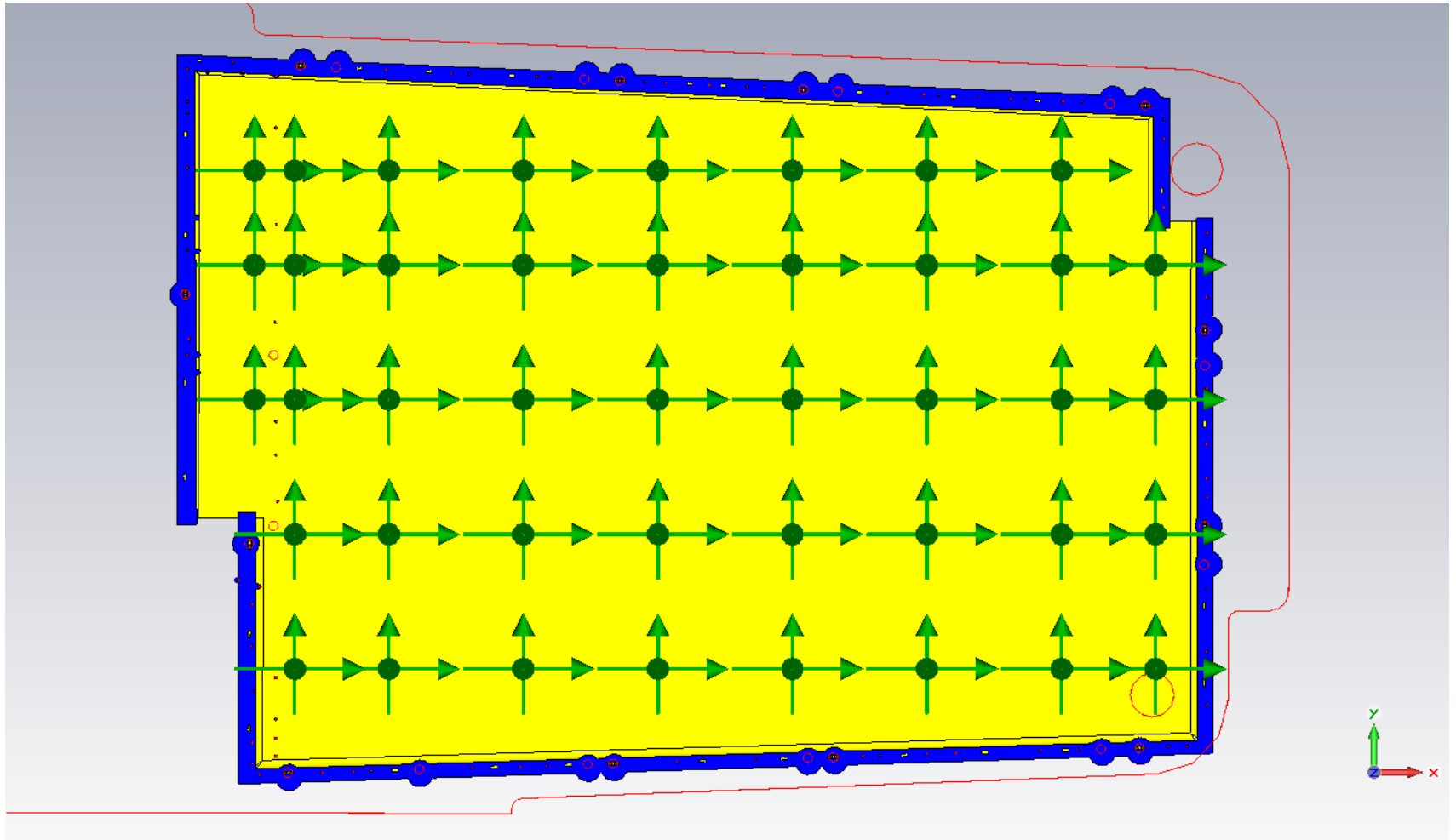
Model Excitation



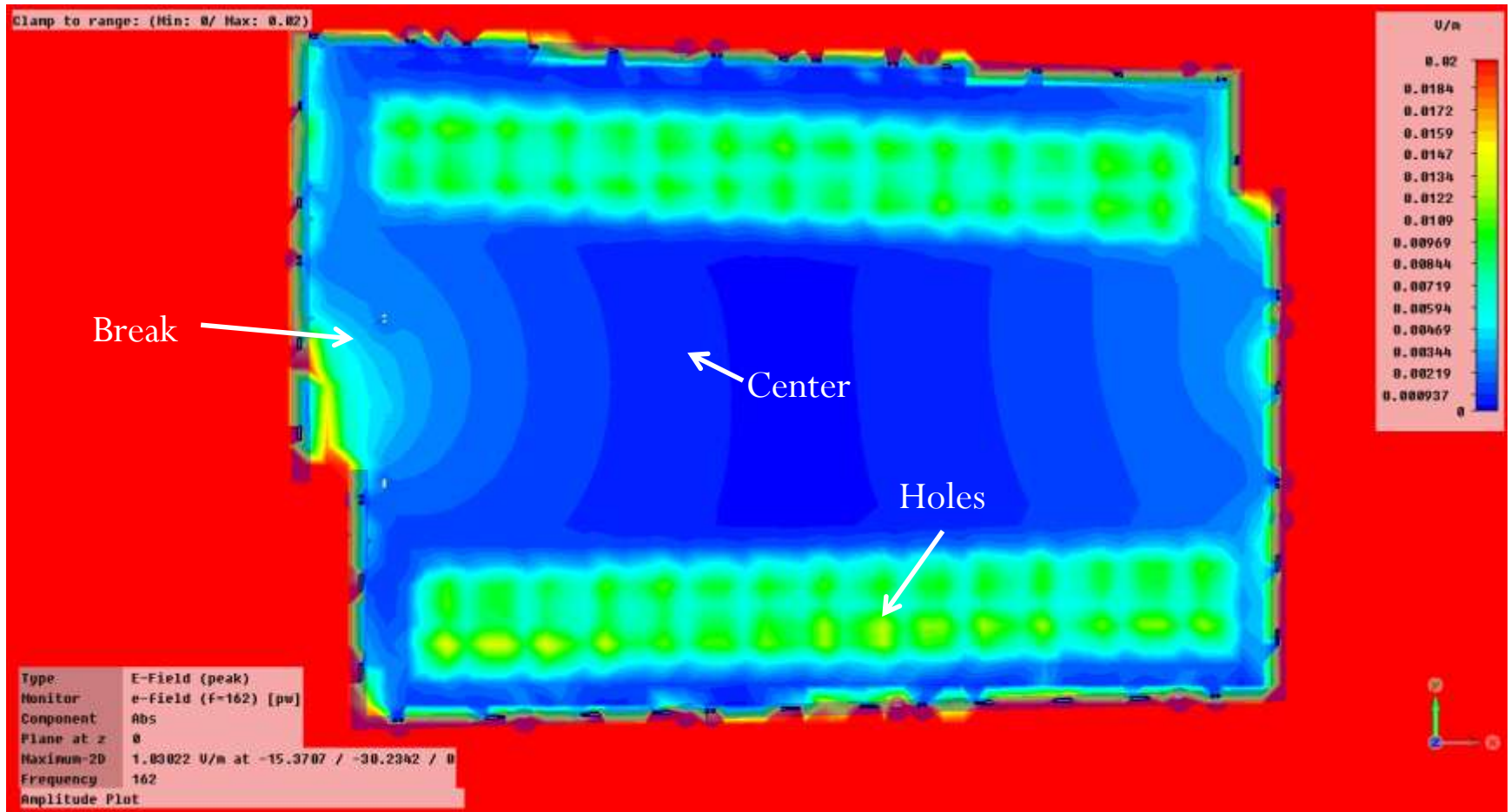
X Direction

Probe Locations

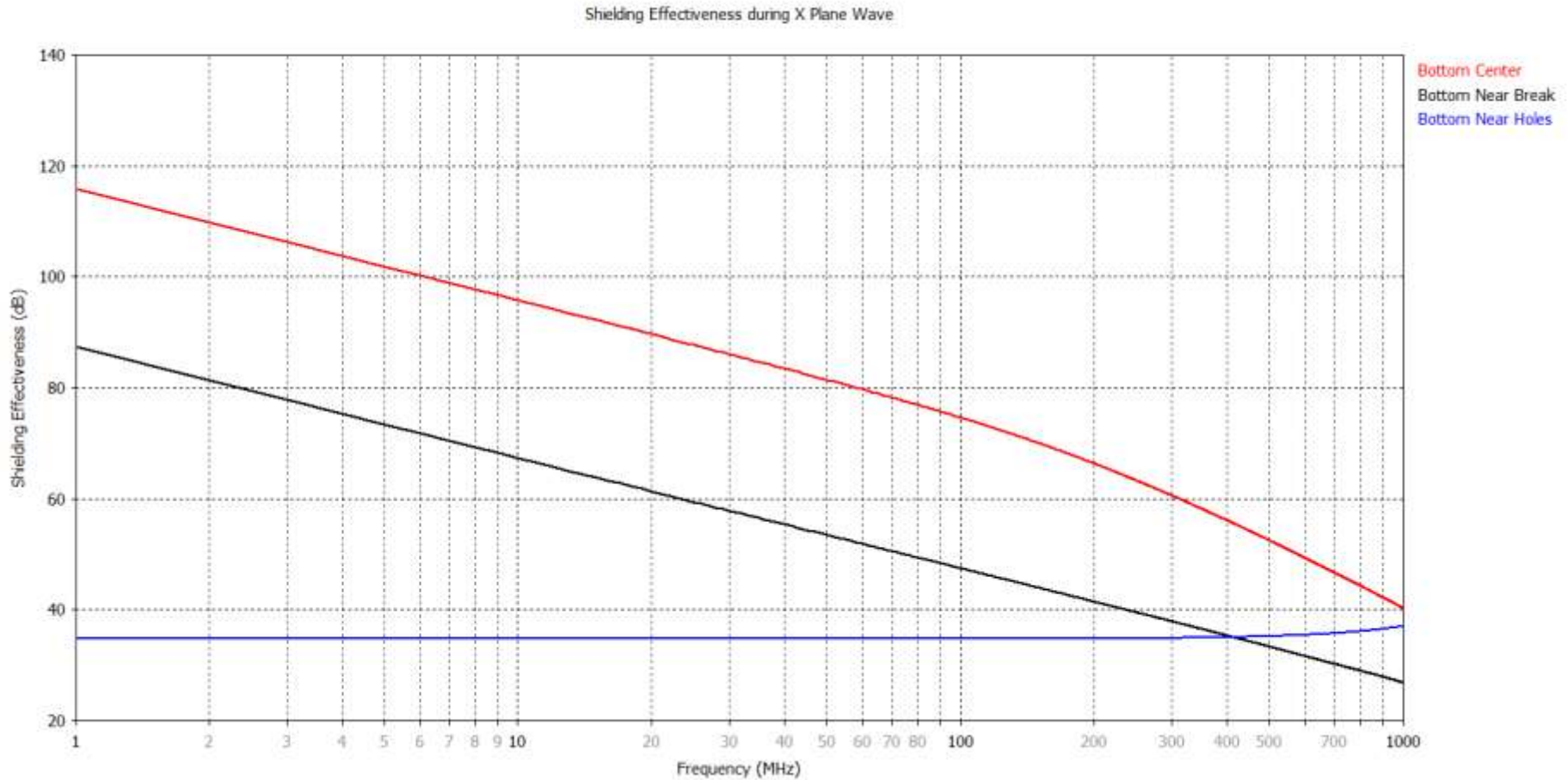
Height is at PCB Outer Layer Level



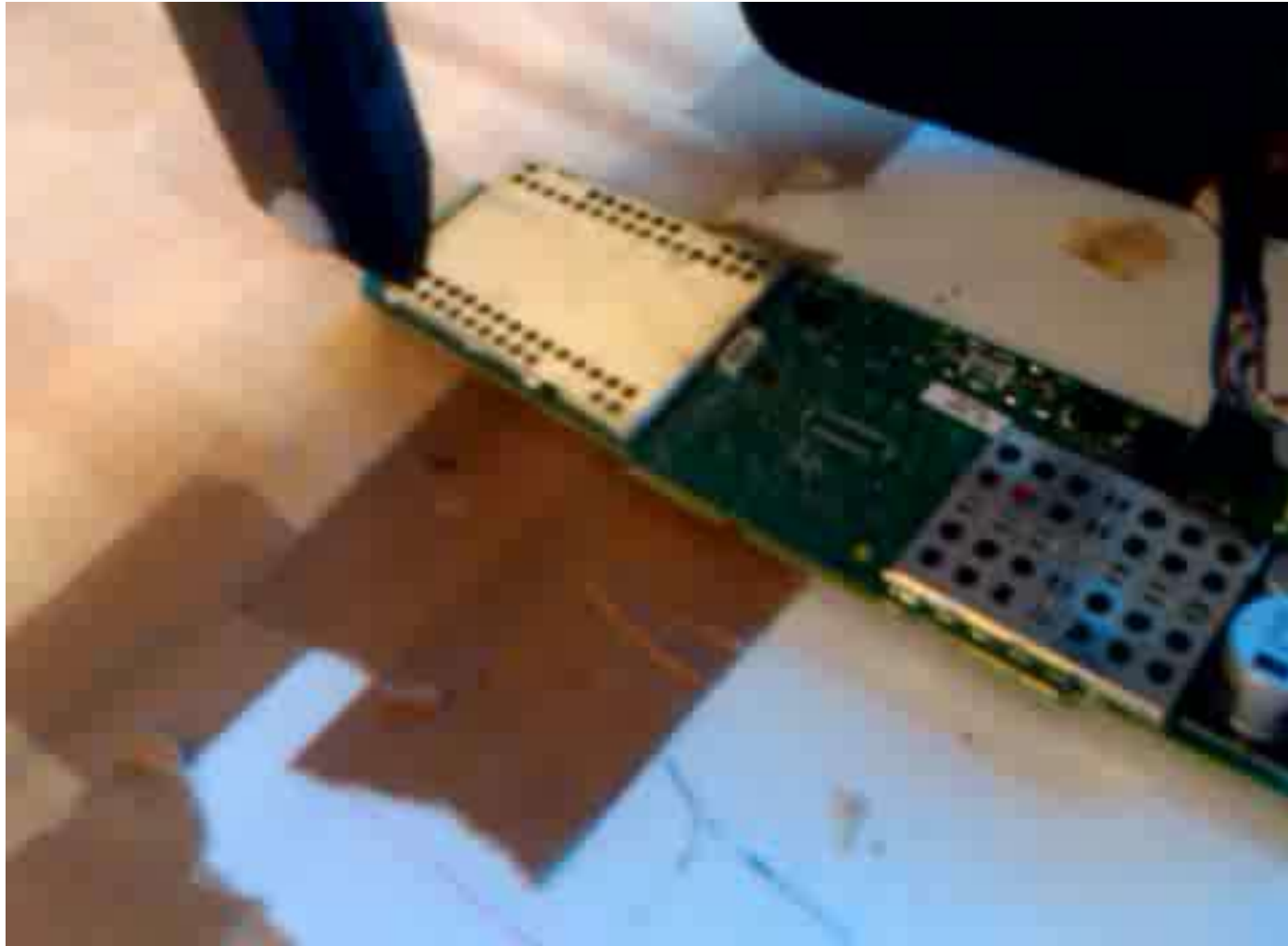
Electric Field (X Plane Wave) at 162 MHz



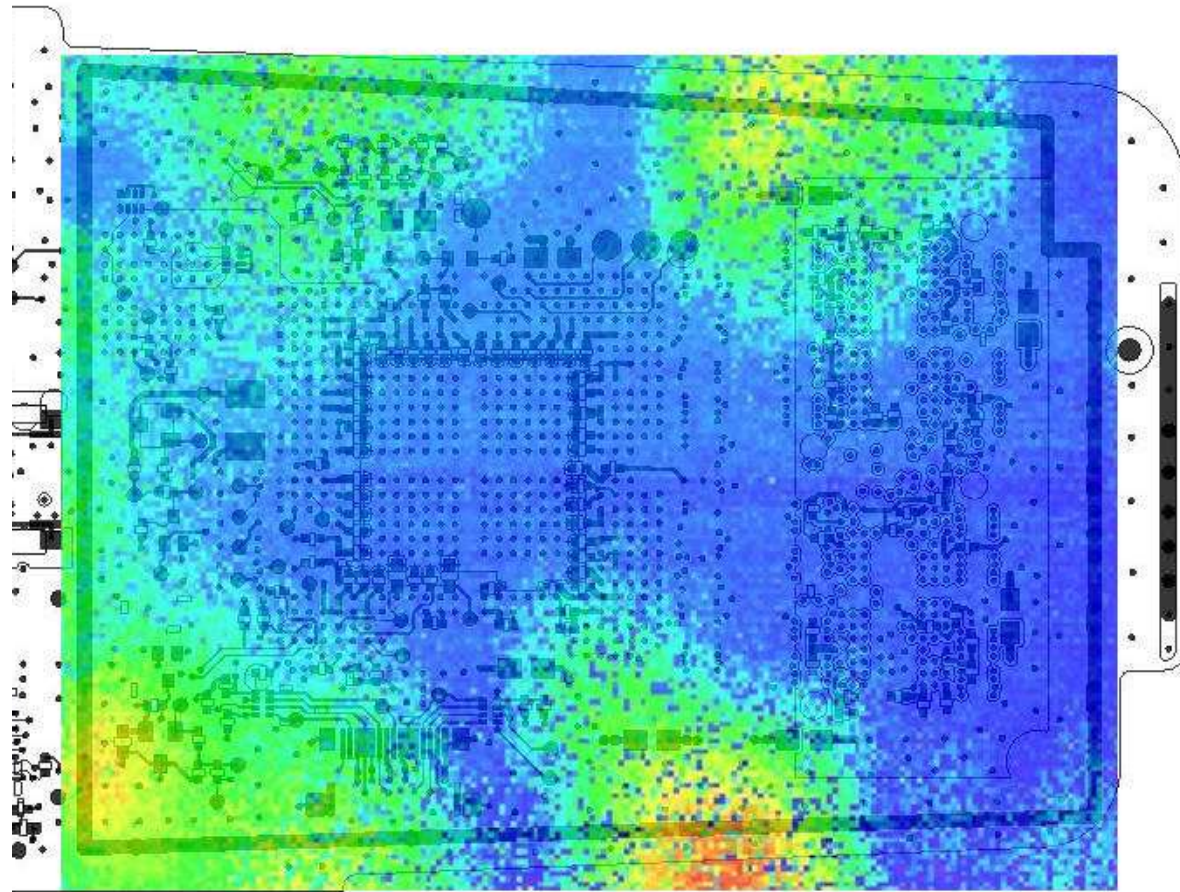
Shielding Effectiveness over Frequency



H field Scanner

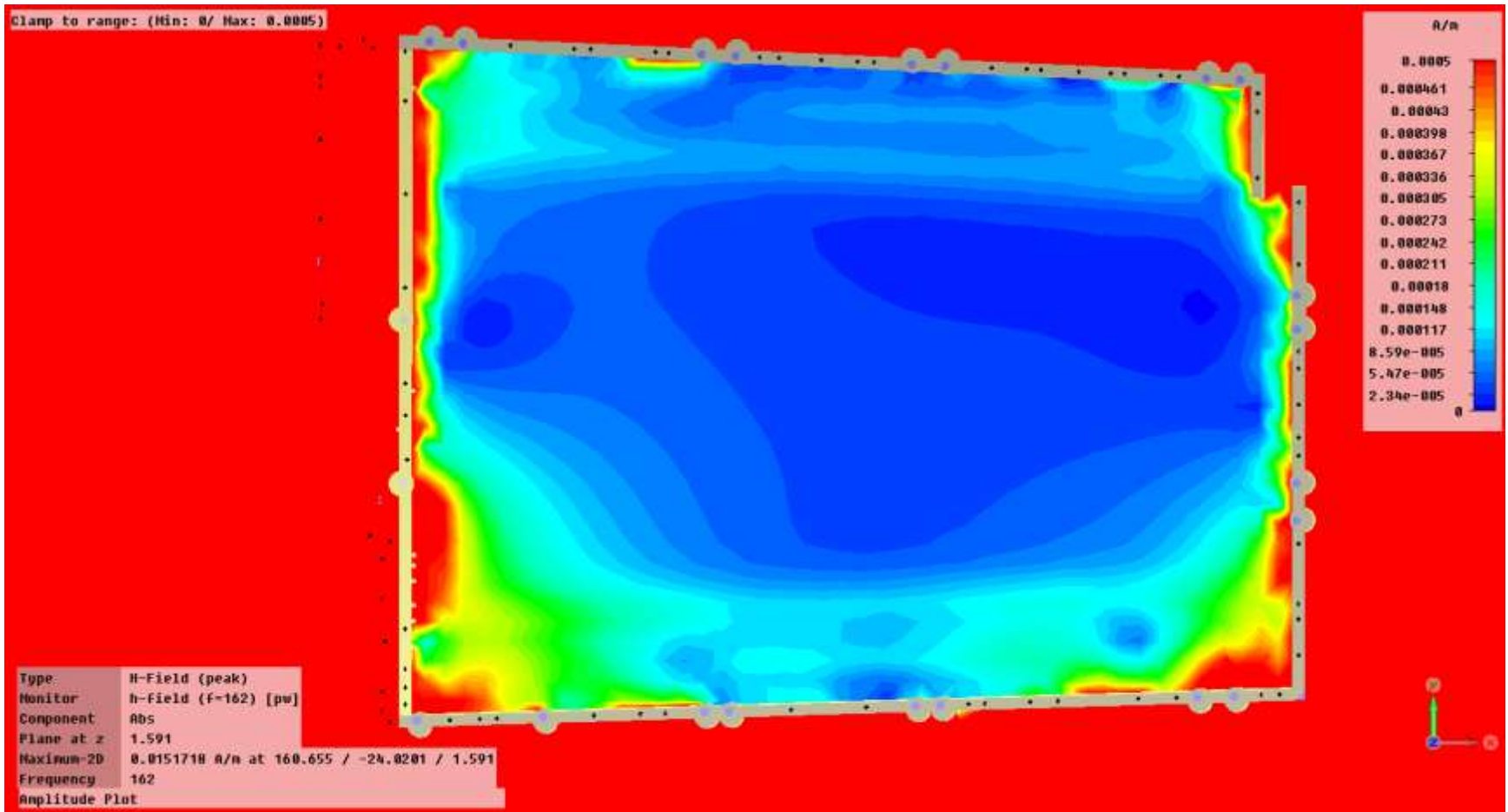


Laboratory Measurement Showing H field Product Emissions at 162 MHz

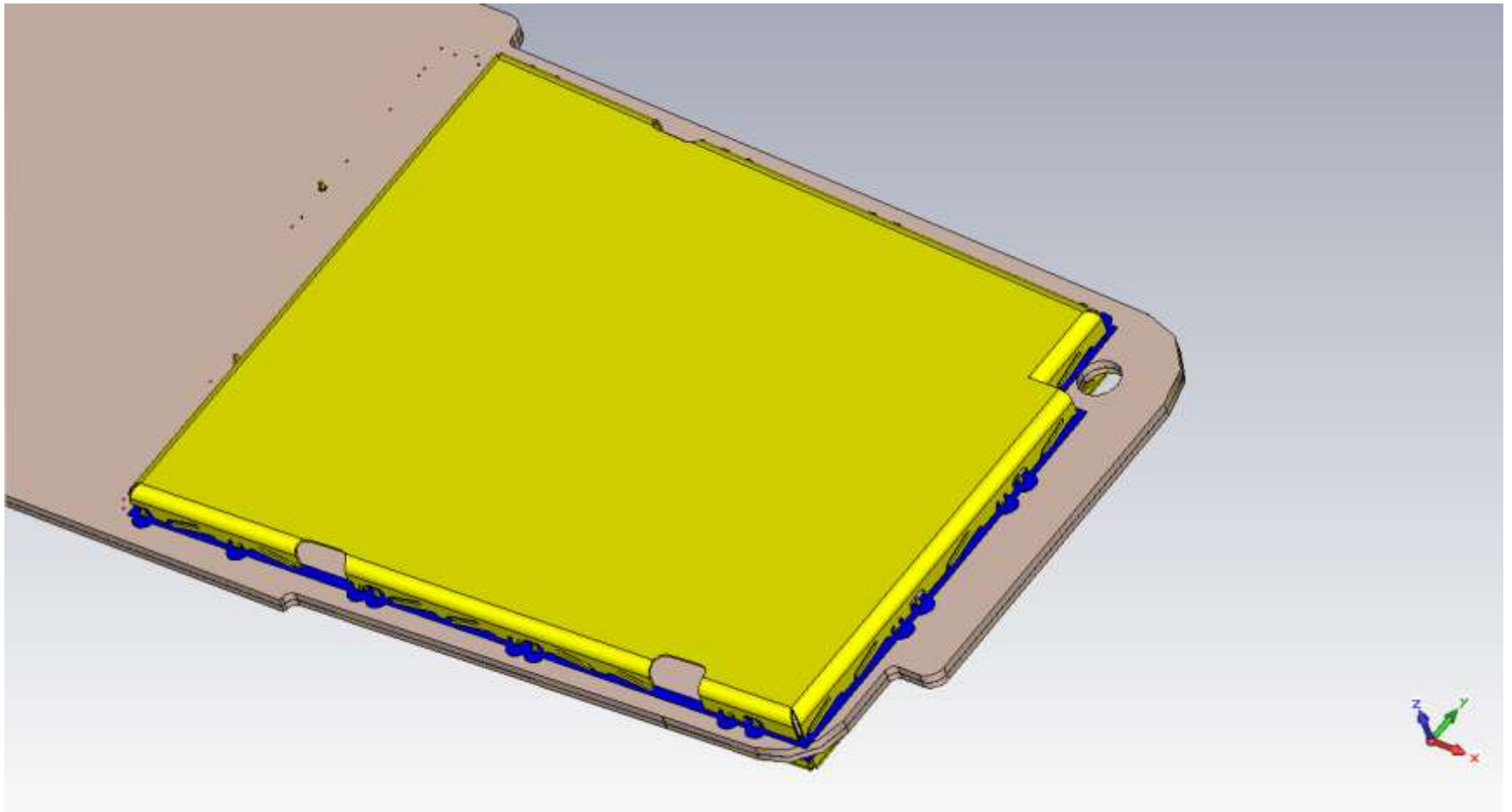


H Field Plot at 162 MHz

X Plane Wave

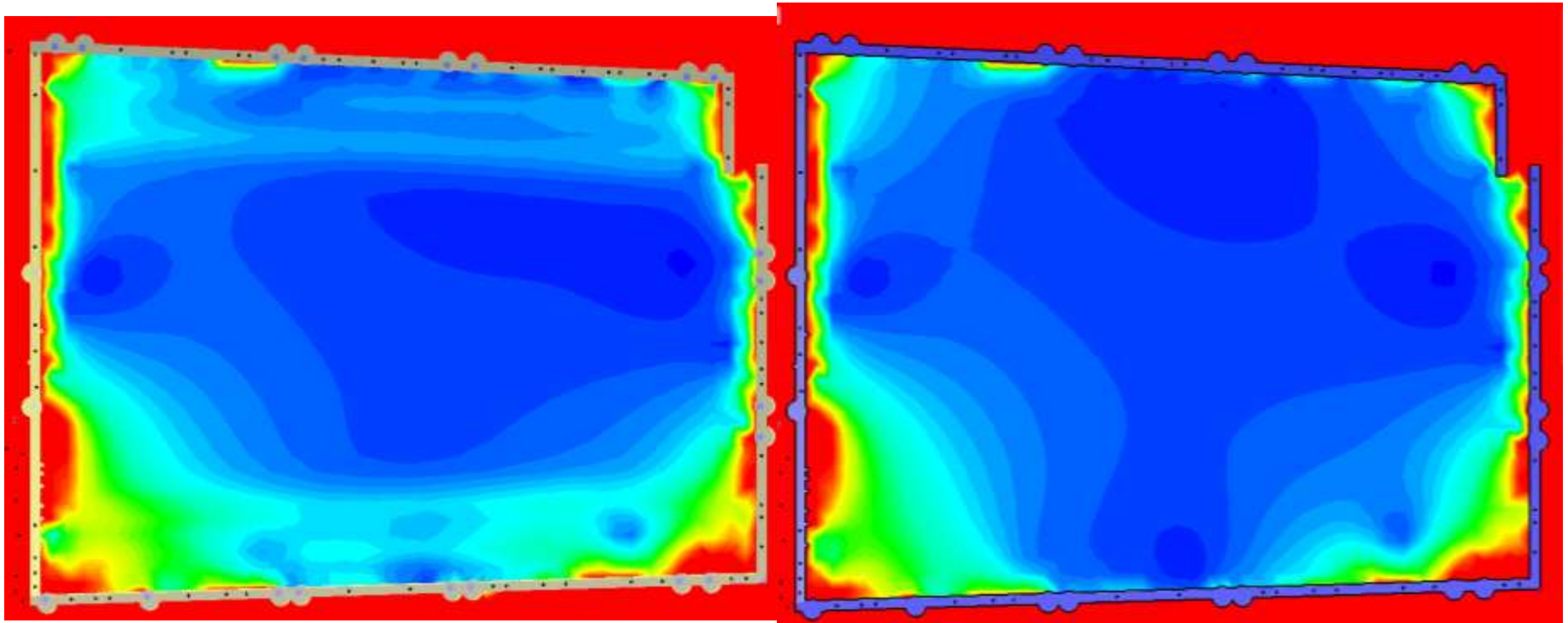


Vent Holes Removed



H Field Plot at 162 MHz

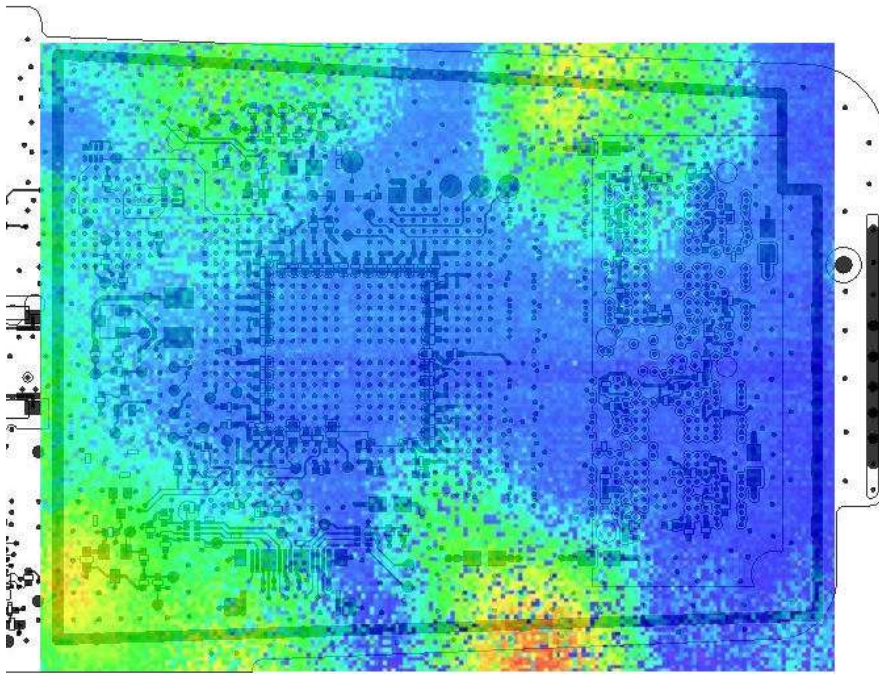
X Plane Wave



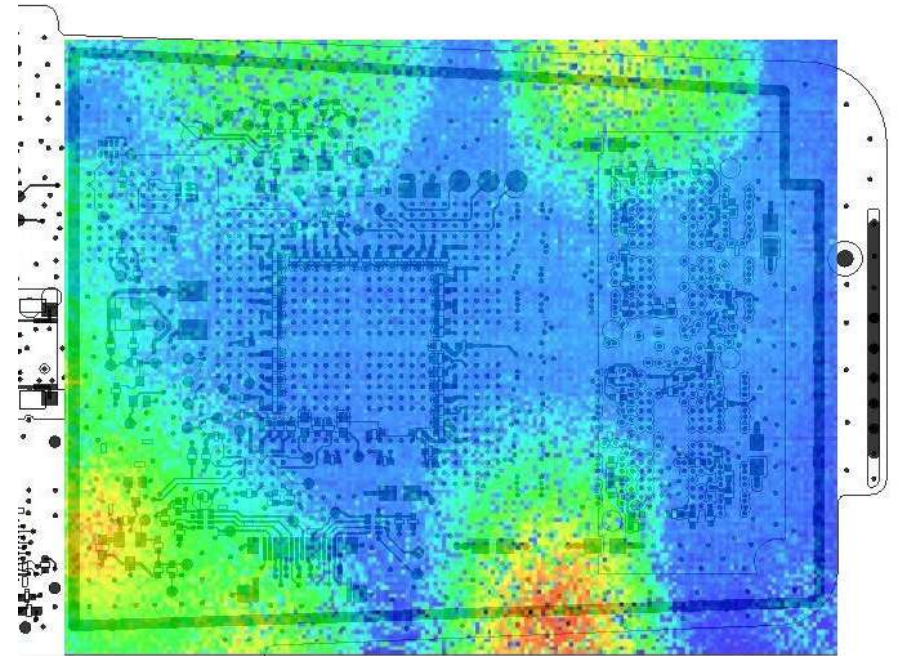
Model with Vents

Model Without Vents

H Field Laboratory Measurement At 162 MHz

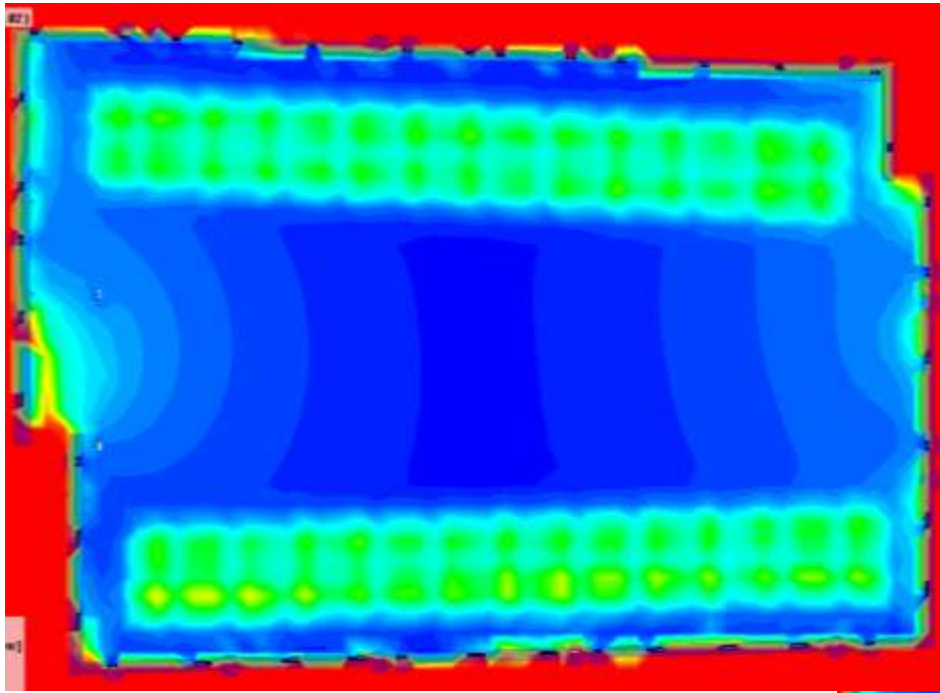


Measured With Vents



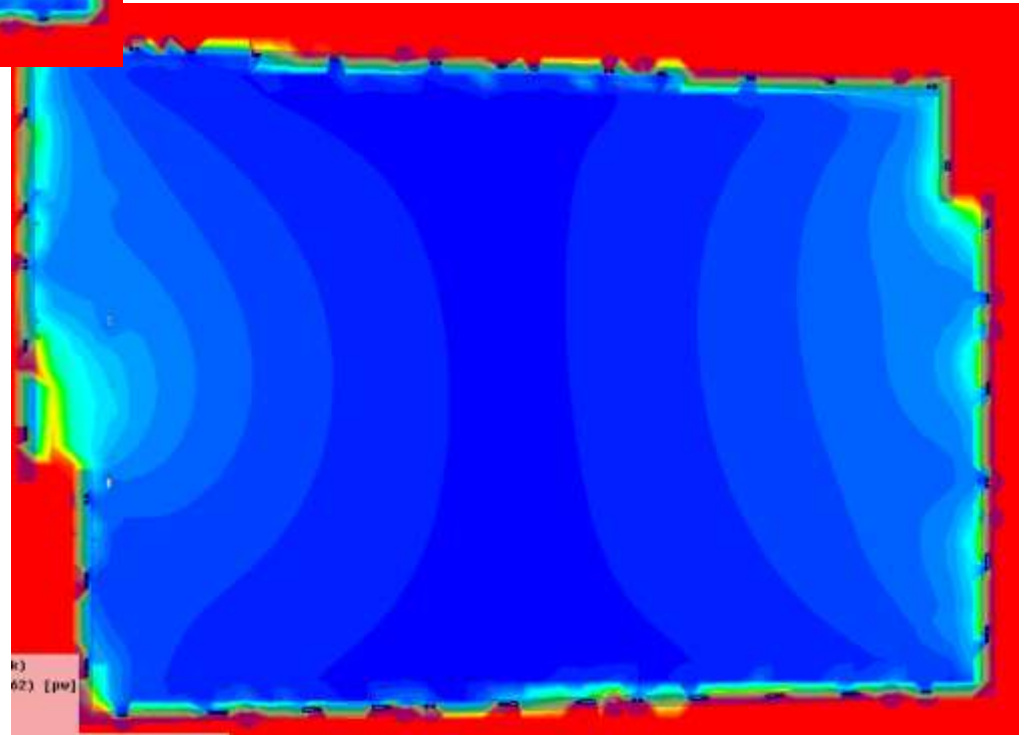
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E Field Plot At 162 MHz



Without Vents

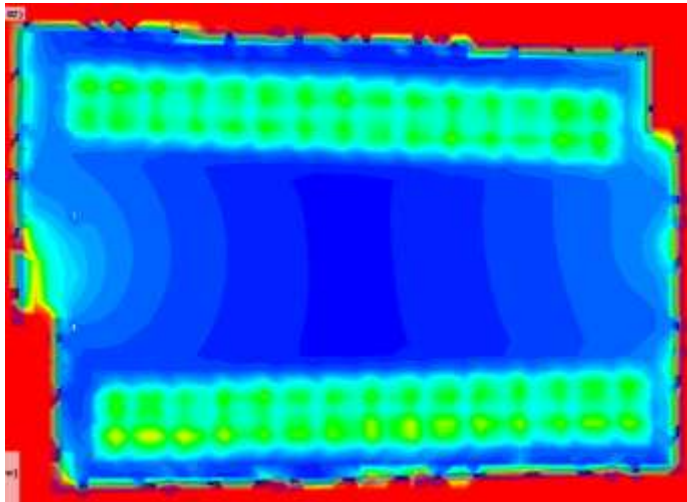
With Vents



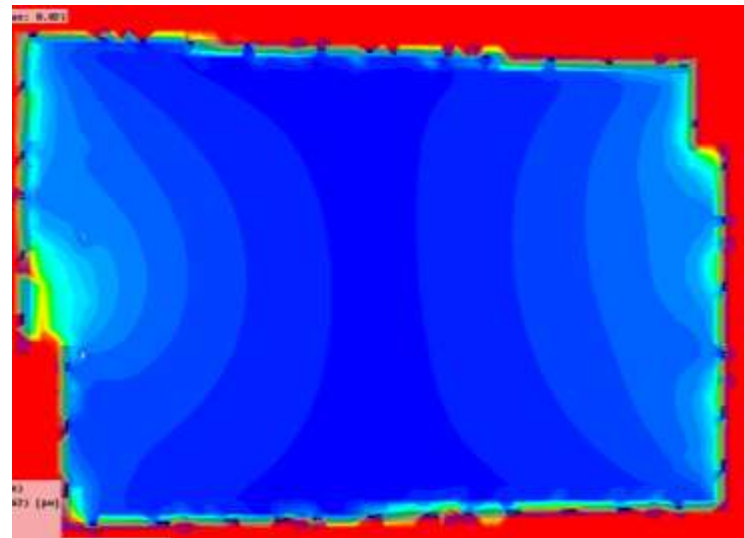
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Shield Apertures

- Electrically small apertures reduce electric field shielding when the source/receiver is close to the aperture
- This demonstration shows that apertures of a certain nature can impact electric field shielding but not magnetic field shielding

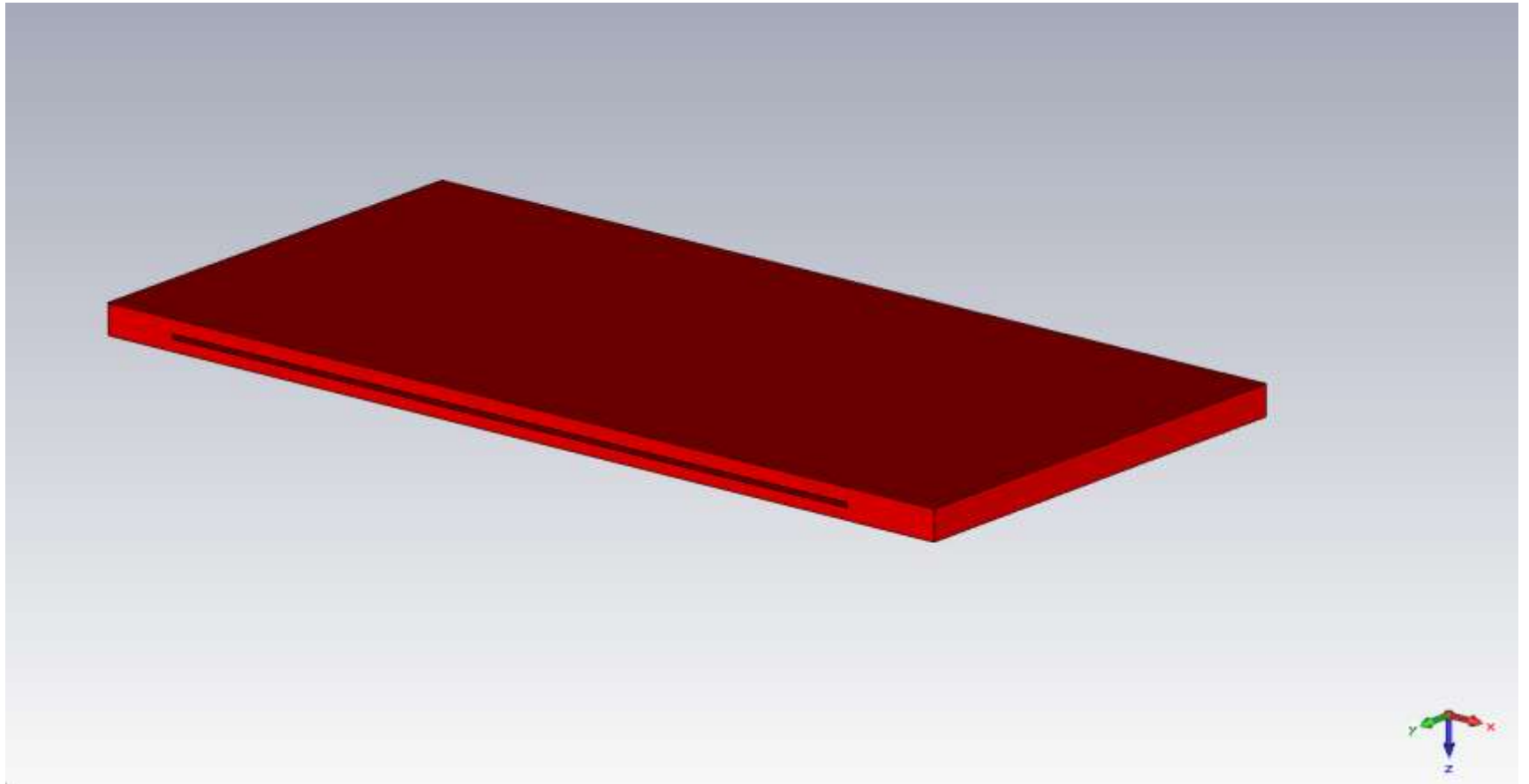


E field With Vents

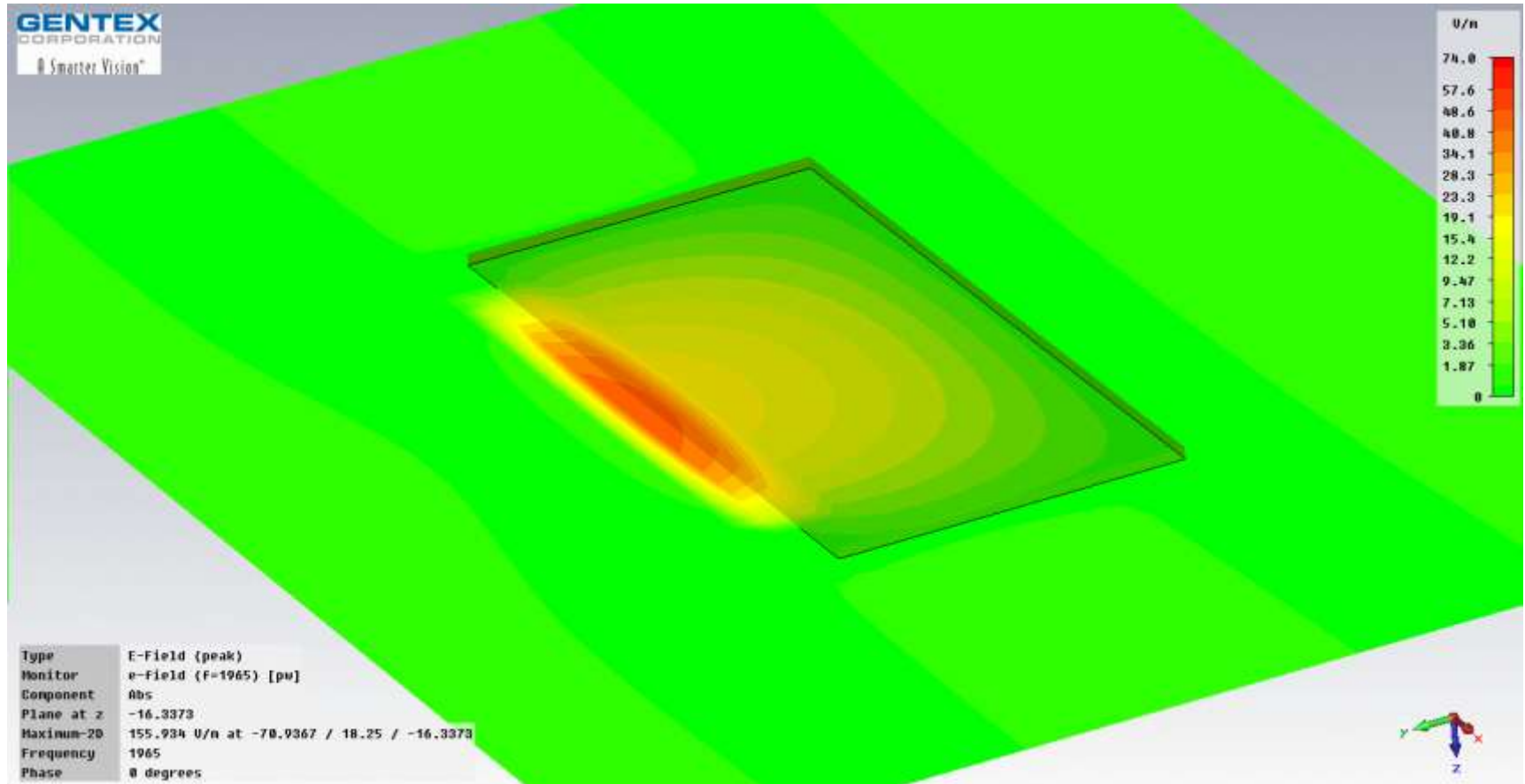


E Field Without Vents

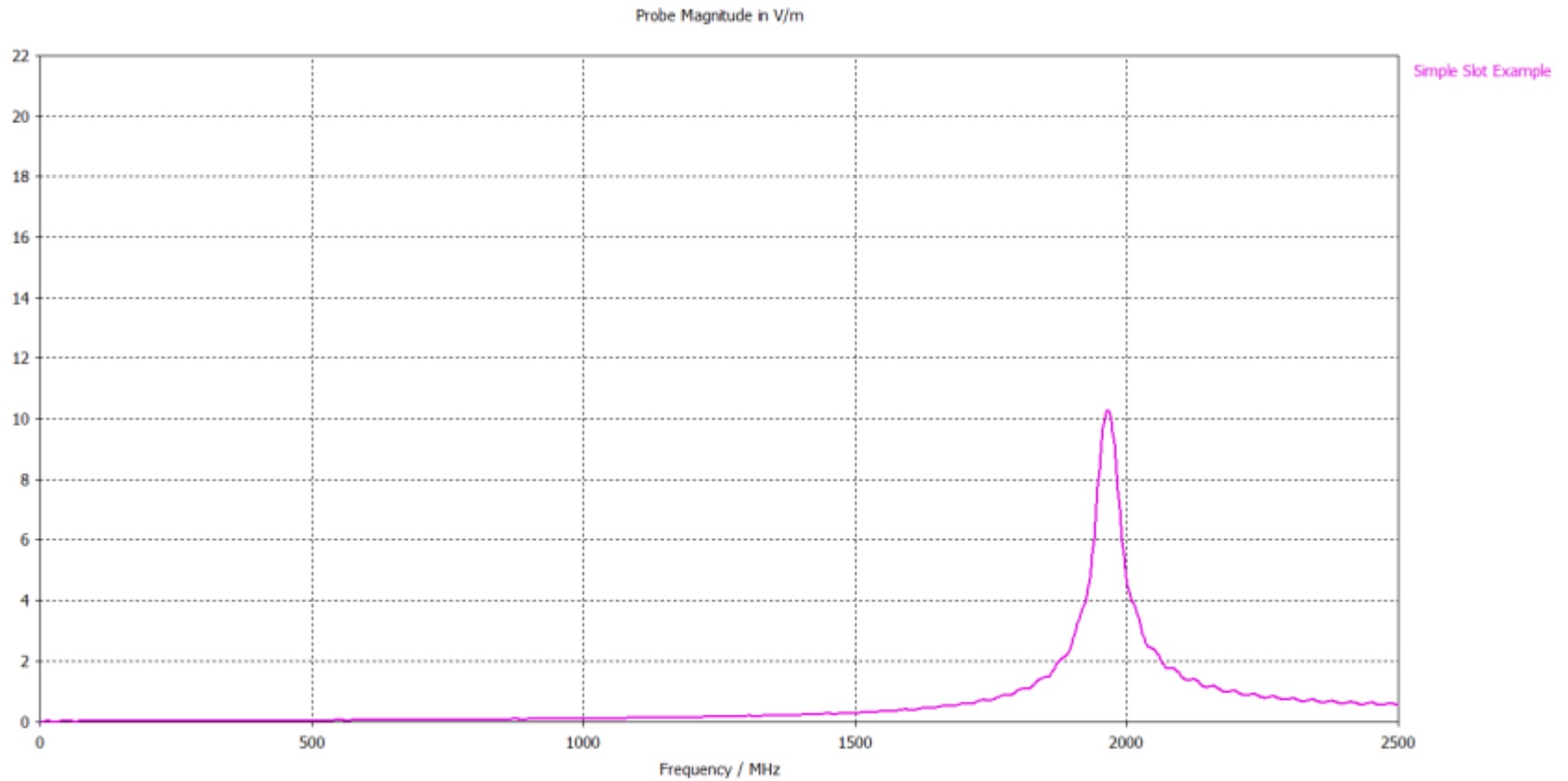
Slots



Simple Radiation Pattern



Simple Slot Graph

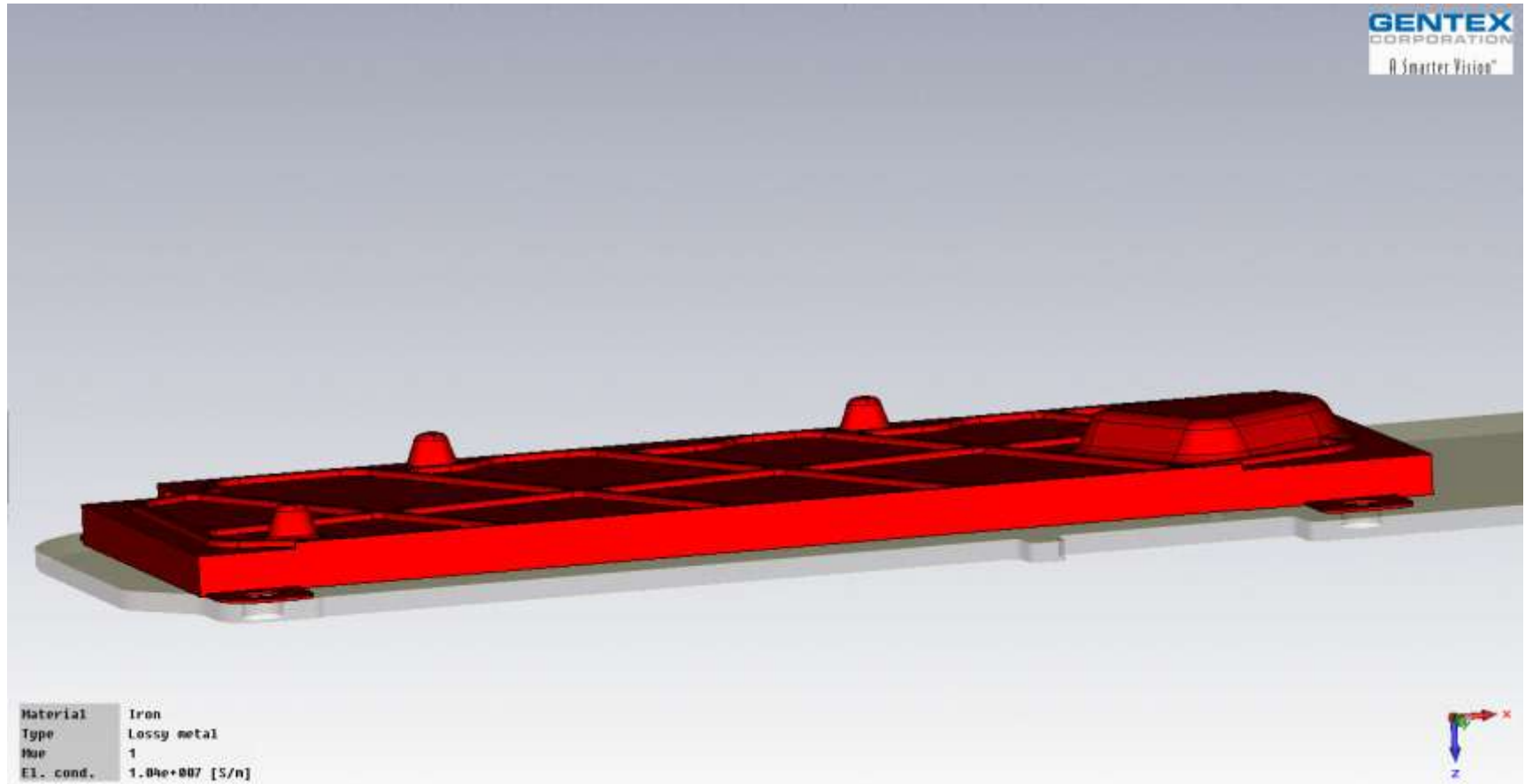


Slots

- Slots can be created in a shield through several ways
 - If two metallic surfaces are touching but not pressed together, there is a poor connection between these two surfaces
 - Seams
 - Lids
 - Gaskets
 - Paints
- A shield connection should NOT be through a screw!



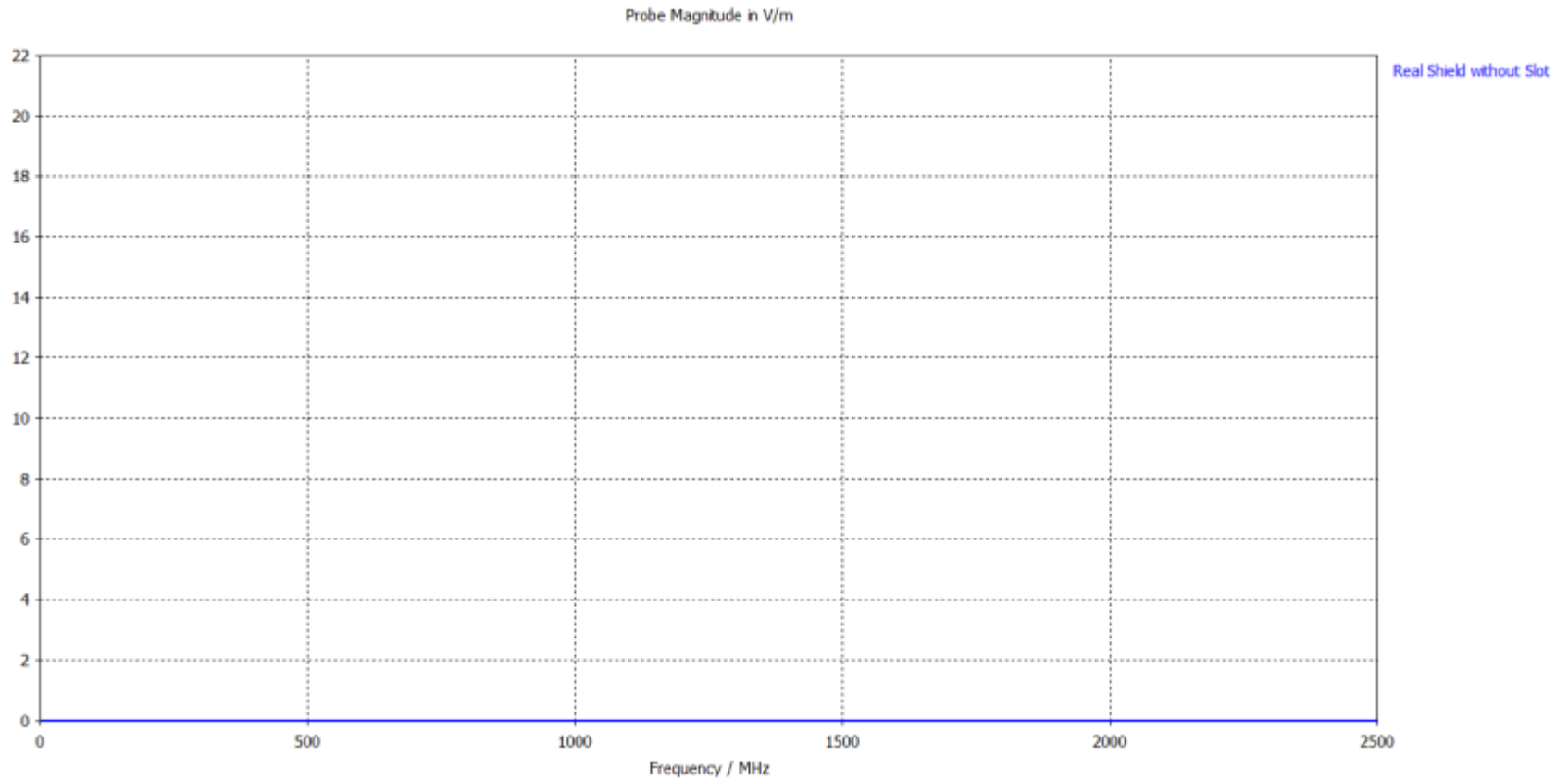
Base Line Shield



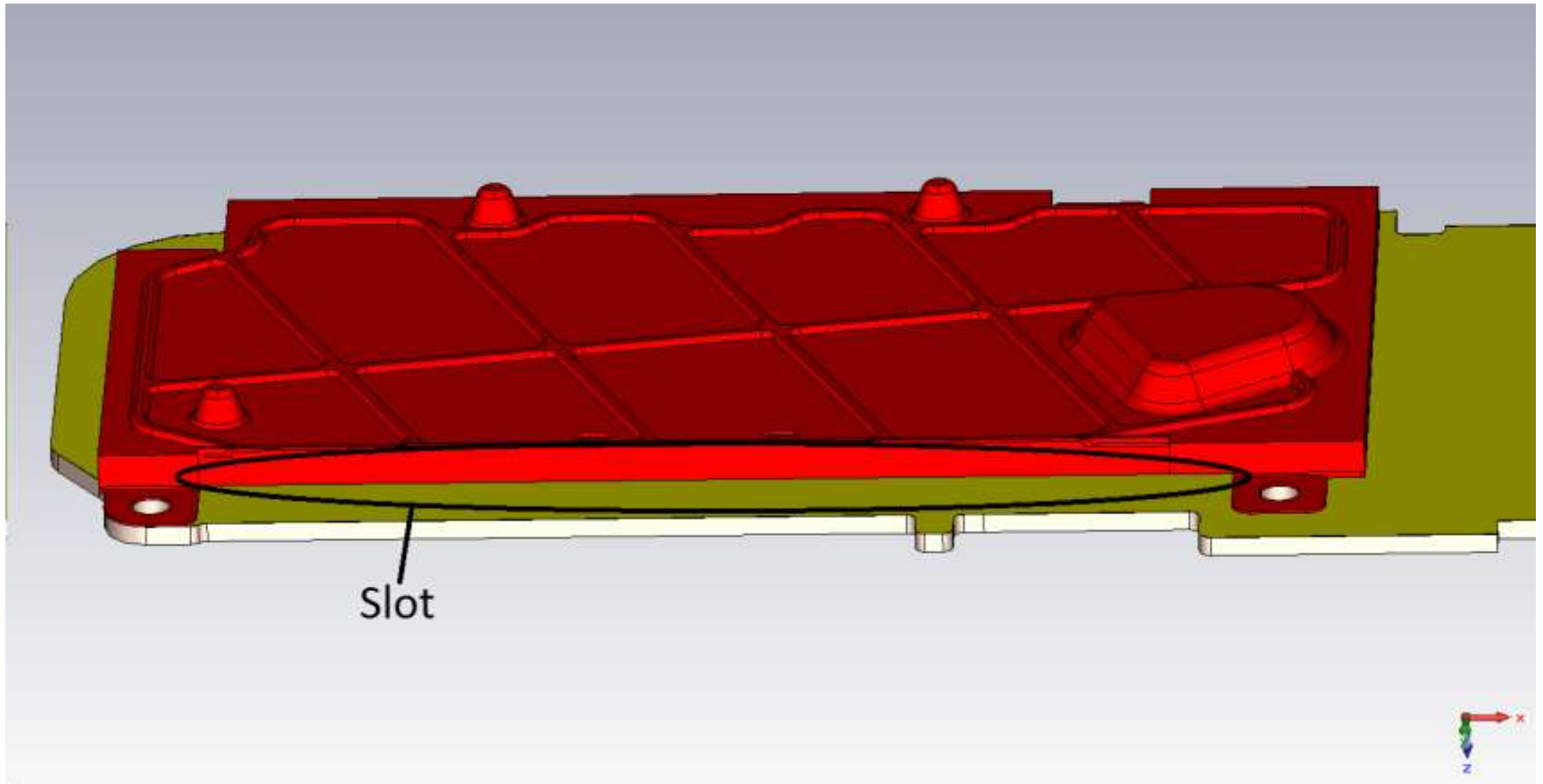
Applied EMI Wave



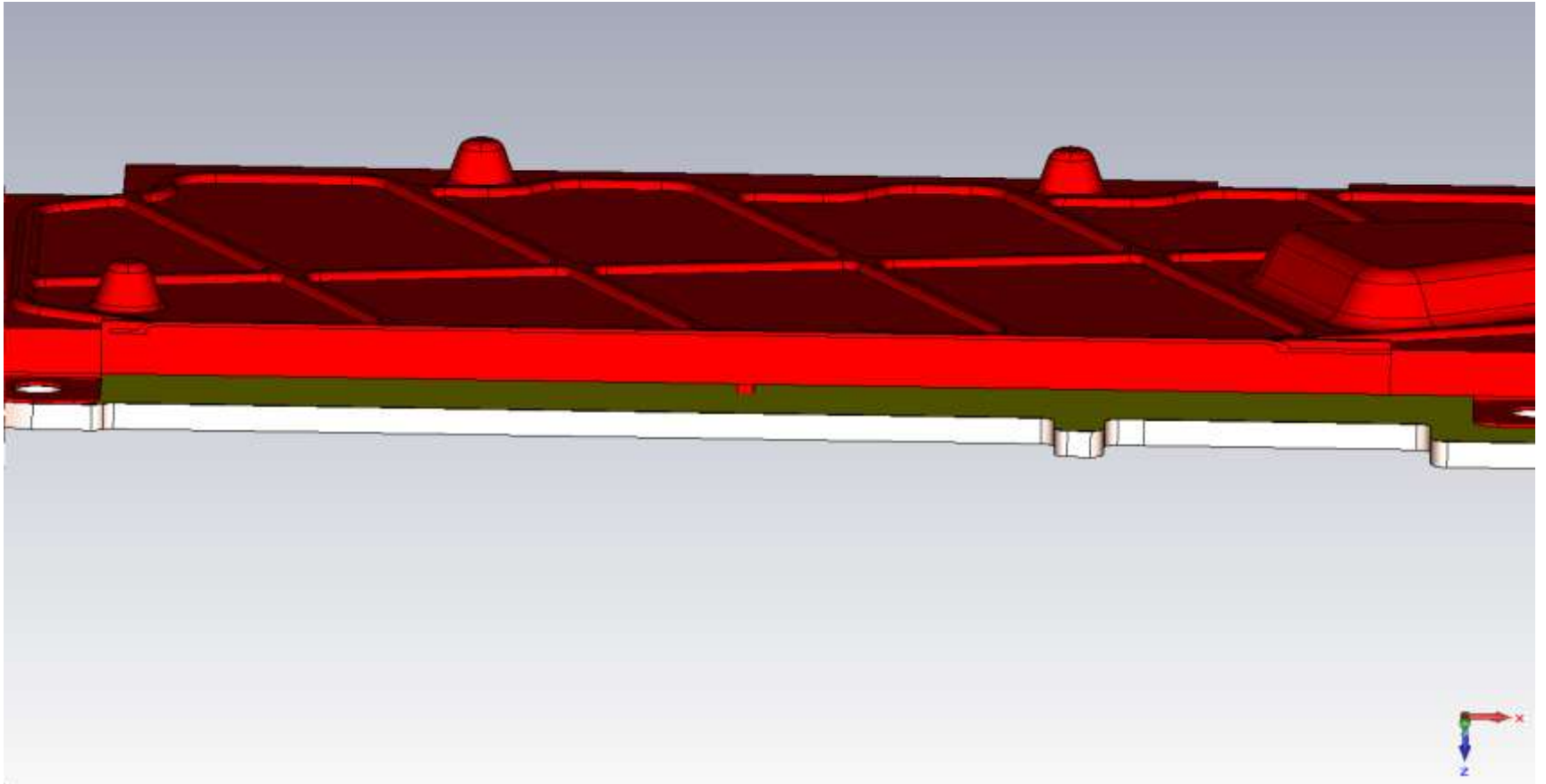
Real Shield without Slot Graph



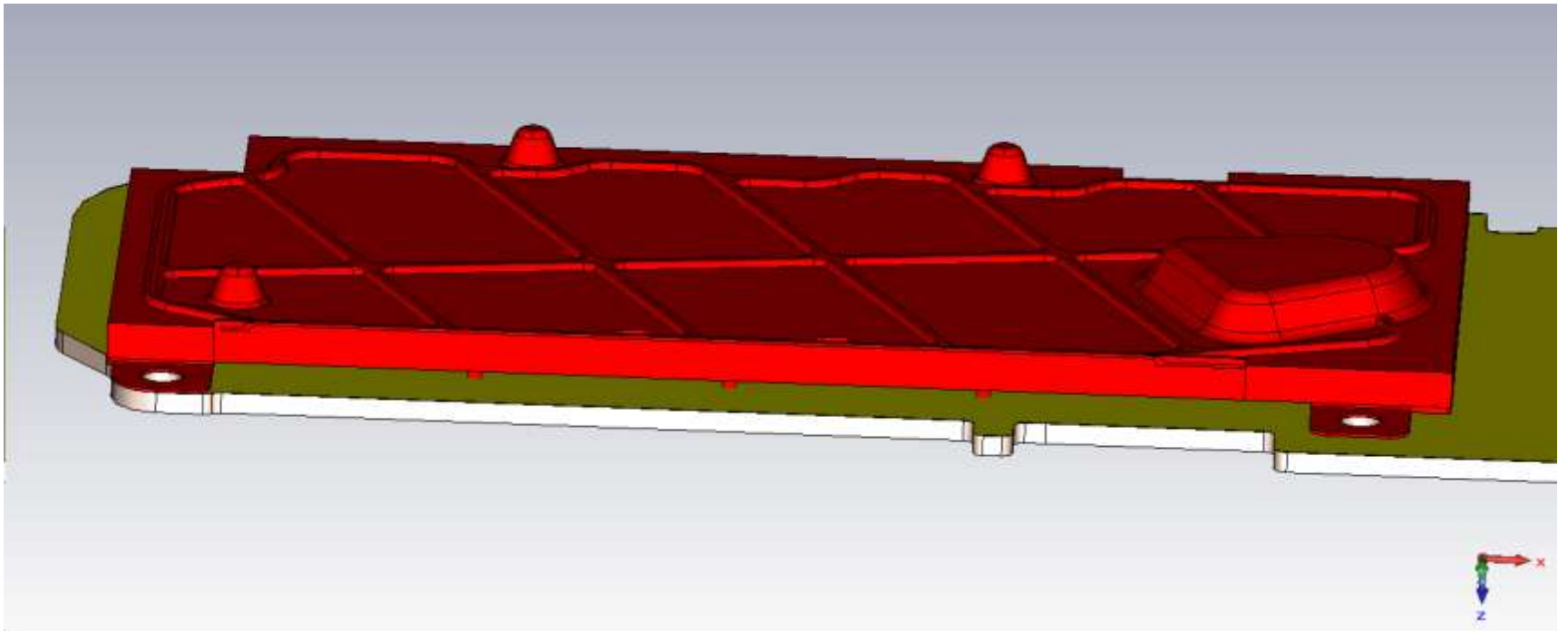
Real Shield with Slot



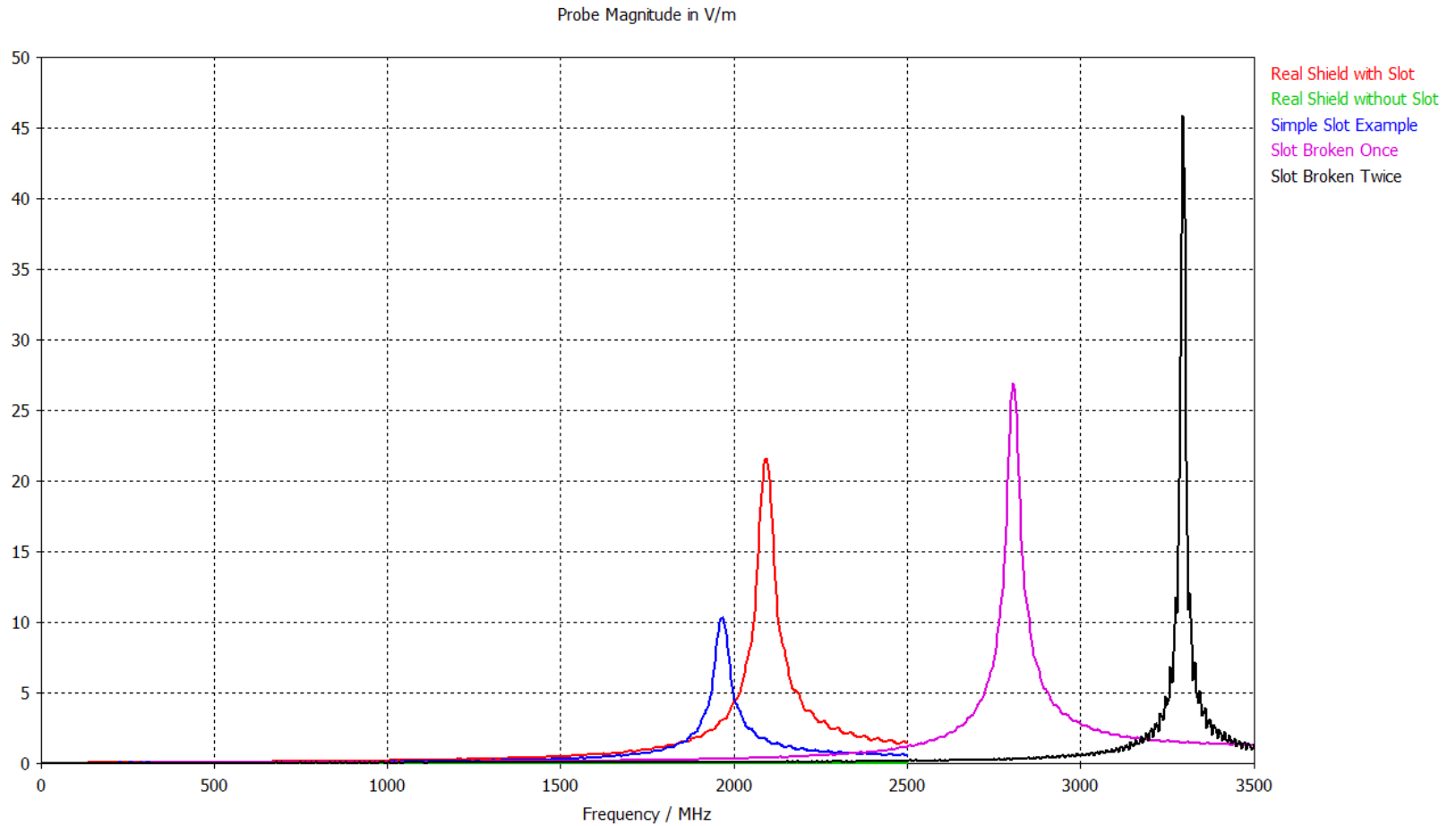
Slot Broken in Two



Slot Broken in Four

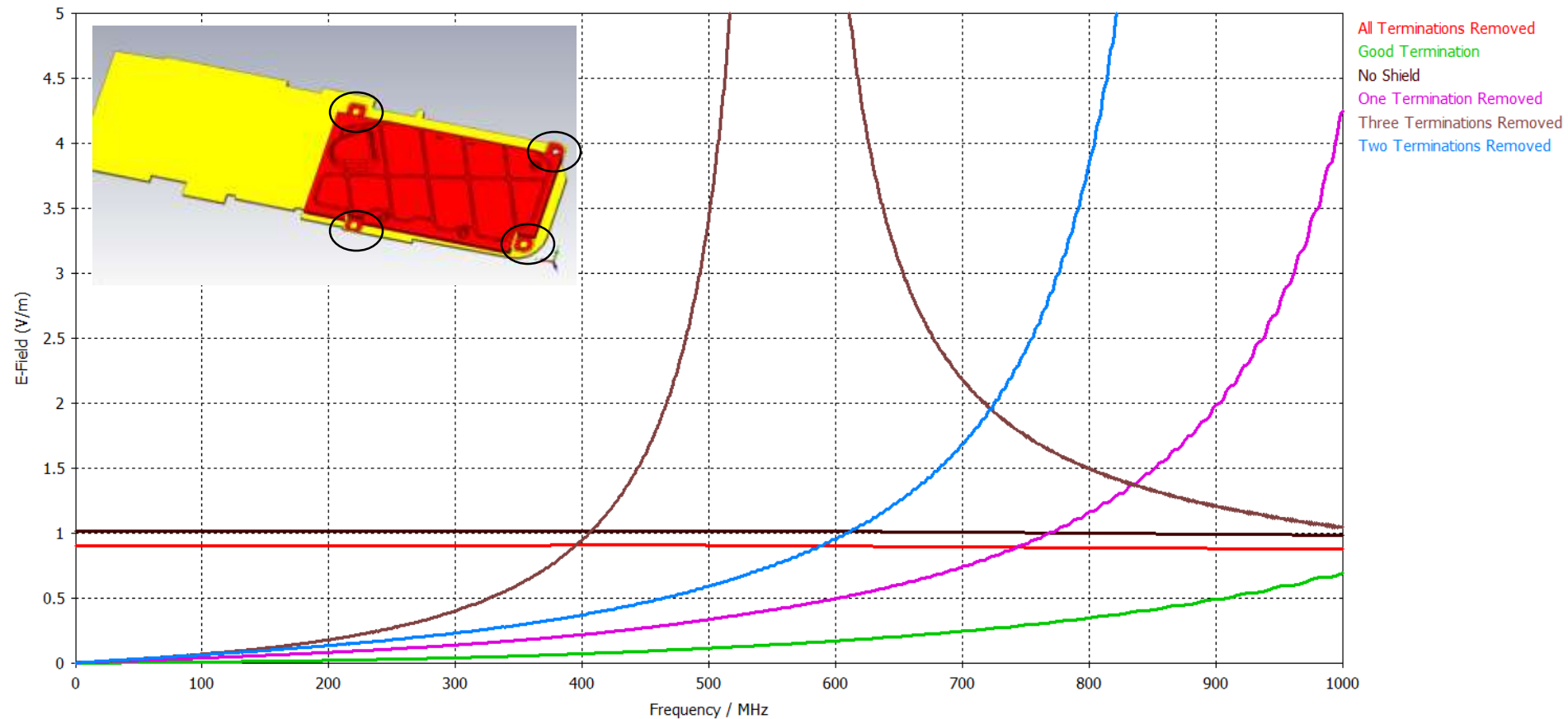


Summary Graph



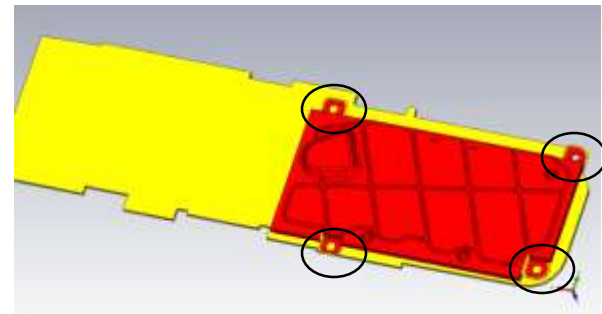
Simulation of a PCB shield with various lifted terminations:

E-Field Inside Shield with exterior 1 v/m source



PCB Shield Terminations

- Slot antennas are created between shield termination points
- Fewer shield terminations may be easier to install but may create resonant conditions at critical frequencies
- Shields reduce the fields at lower frequencies with a risk of creating resonance at higher frequencies



What Makes an Effective Shield?

Static Electric
Field

?

Static Magnetic
Field

?

Low Frequency
Electric Field

?

Low Frequency
Magnetic Field

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High Frequency
Electromagnetic
Field

?

What Makes an Effective Shield?

Static Electric
Field

Same
Potential as
Victim
Circuit

Static Magnetic
Field

High
Permeability
Material

Low Frequency
Electric Field

High
Conductivity
Material

Low Frequency
Magnetic Field

Thick
Material
(compared
with skin
depth)

High Frequency
Electromagnetic
Field

Small
Apertures
(compared
to
wavelength)