

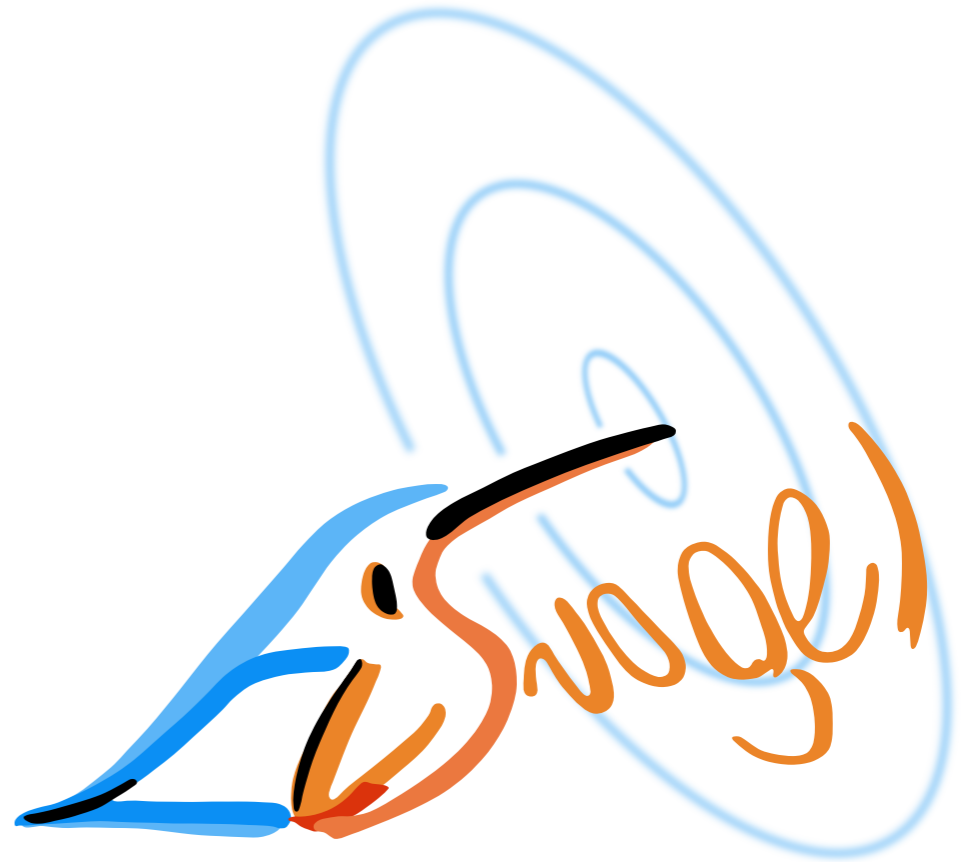
# Eisvogel and C8

*Radio propagation through general media*

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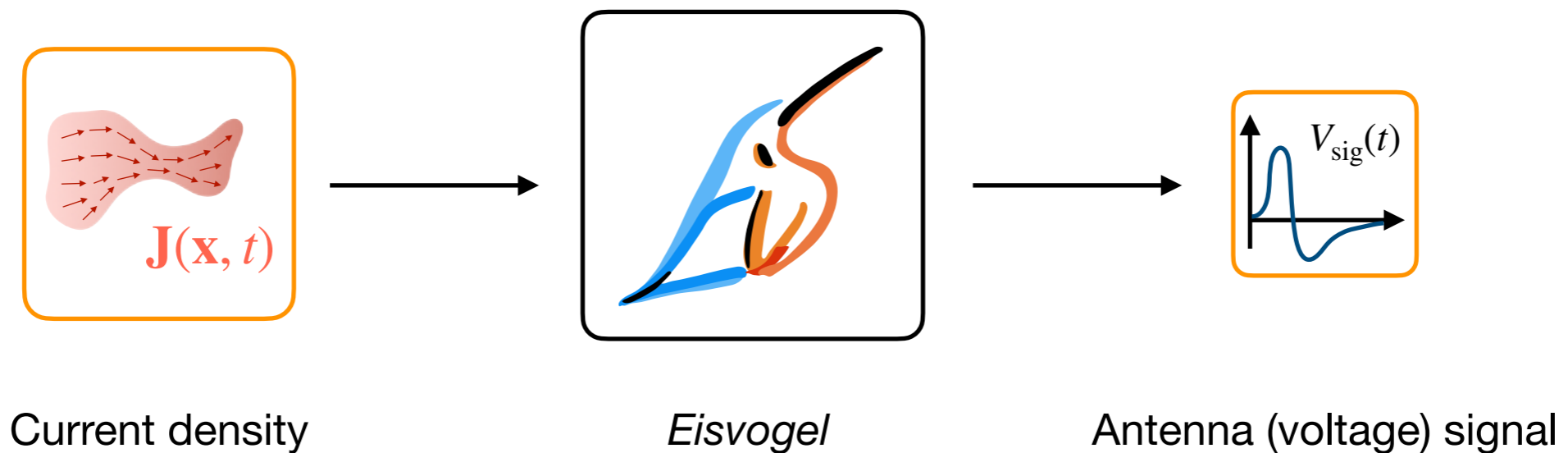
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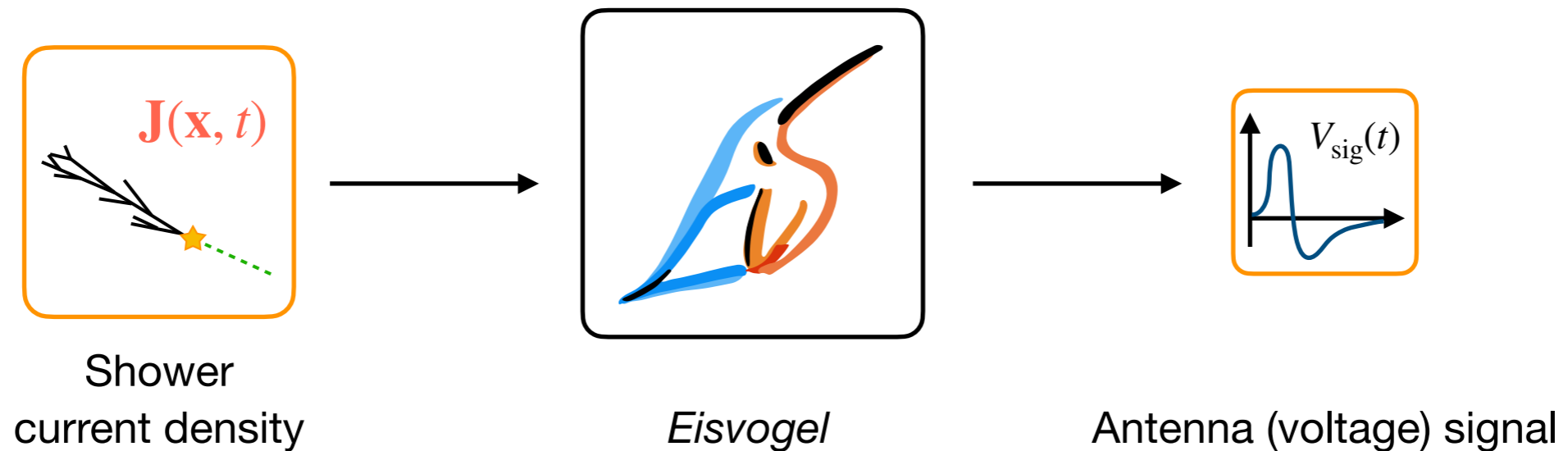
Two dashed L-shaped arrows point from the 'Current density' and 'Antenna (voltage) signal' boxes towards a central box containing the following equations:

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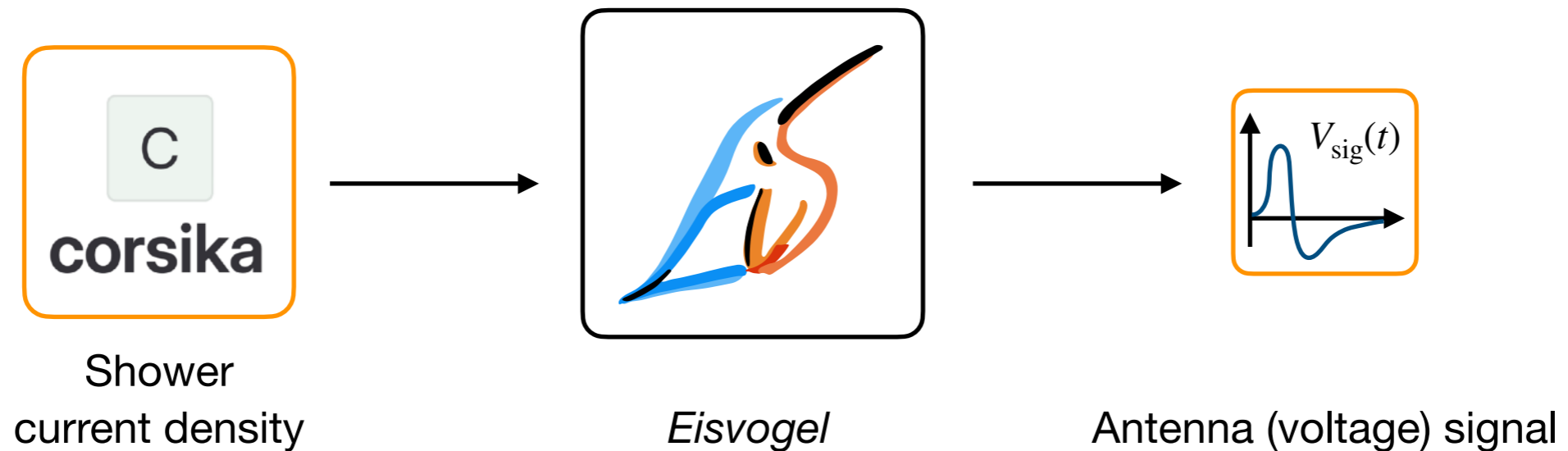
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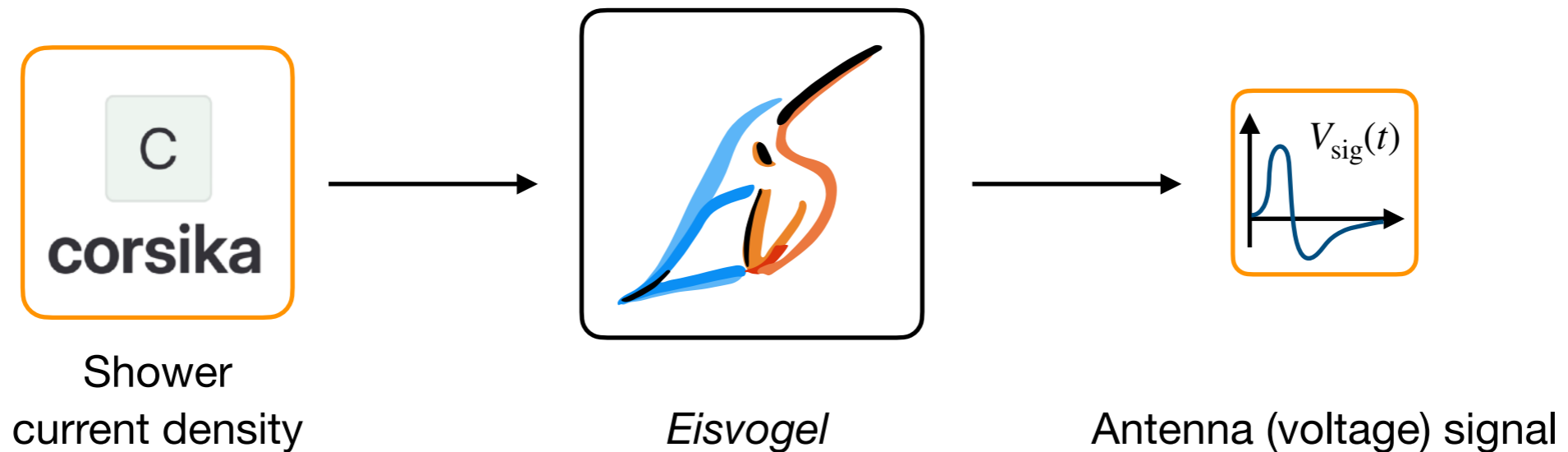
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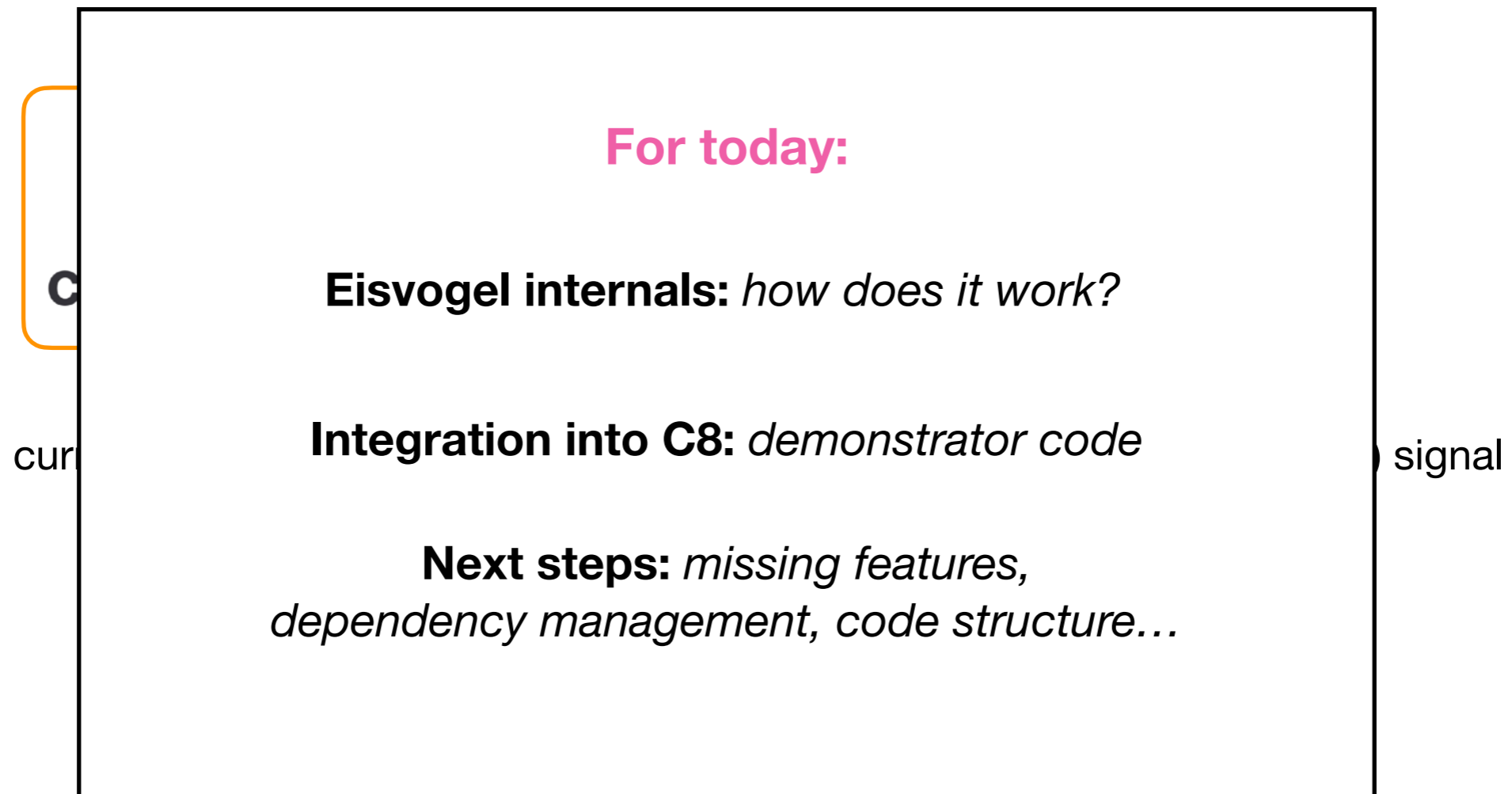


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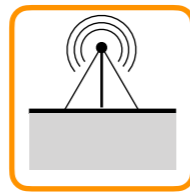
# How does it work?

Isn't it hopeless to solve Maxwell's equations for large-scale geometries?

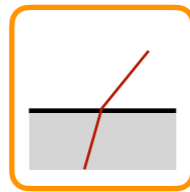
Yes, but ...

km-scale simulation domains  
cm-scale material features  
cm-scale wavelengths

Antenna



Environment

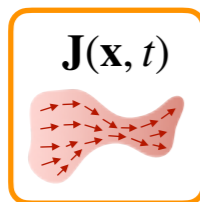


$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, t)$

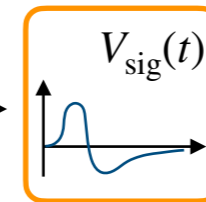
**Green's function for Maxwell's equations**  
Encodes properties of environment and antenna

Performed once

Shower current



$$V_{\text{sig}}(t) = \int dt' \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}', t - t') \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t')$$



Antenna signal

Performed for every shower

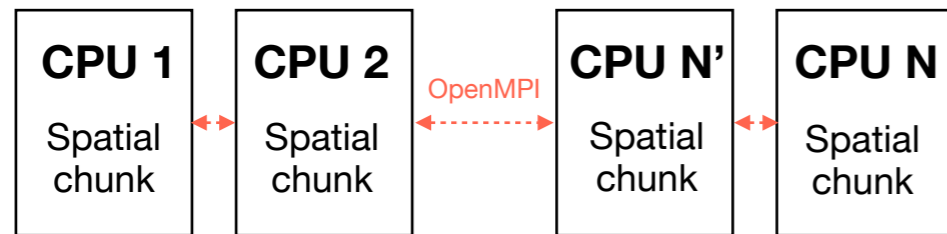
**Convolution with shower is fast!**

**Calculation of complicated radiation propagation amortized into Green's function**

# How does it work in practice?

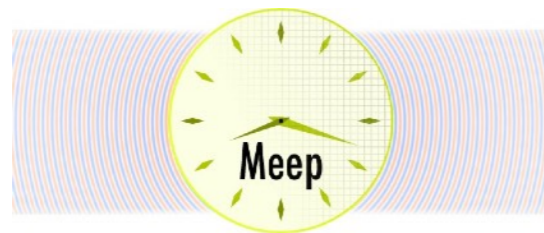
## Green's function calculation ...

Off-the-shelf numerical solvers for Maxwell's equations applied to large-scale geometries



Distributed-memory parallelism

Eisvogel interfaces with open-source solver *MEEP*  
[\[homepage\]](#) [\[code\]](#)



**O(5 hours)** on 128 cores, **O(100 GB)** disk space  
(300m cylindrical geometry, 1.2cm resolution)

## ... and storage

Effectively a **custom file system**  
for large sparse arrays

(Green's function is "lookup table",  
 $\geq 10$  TB when stored naively)

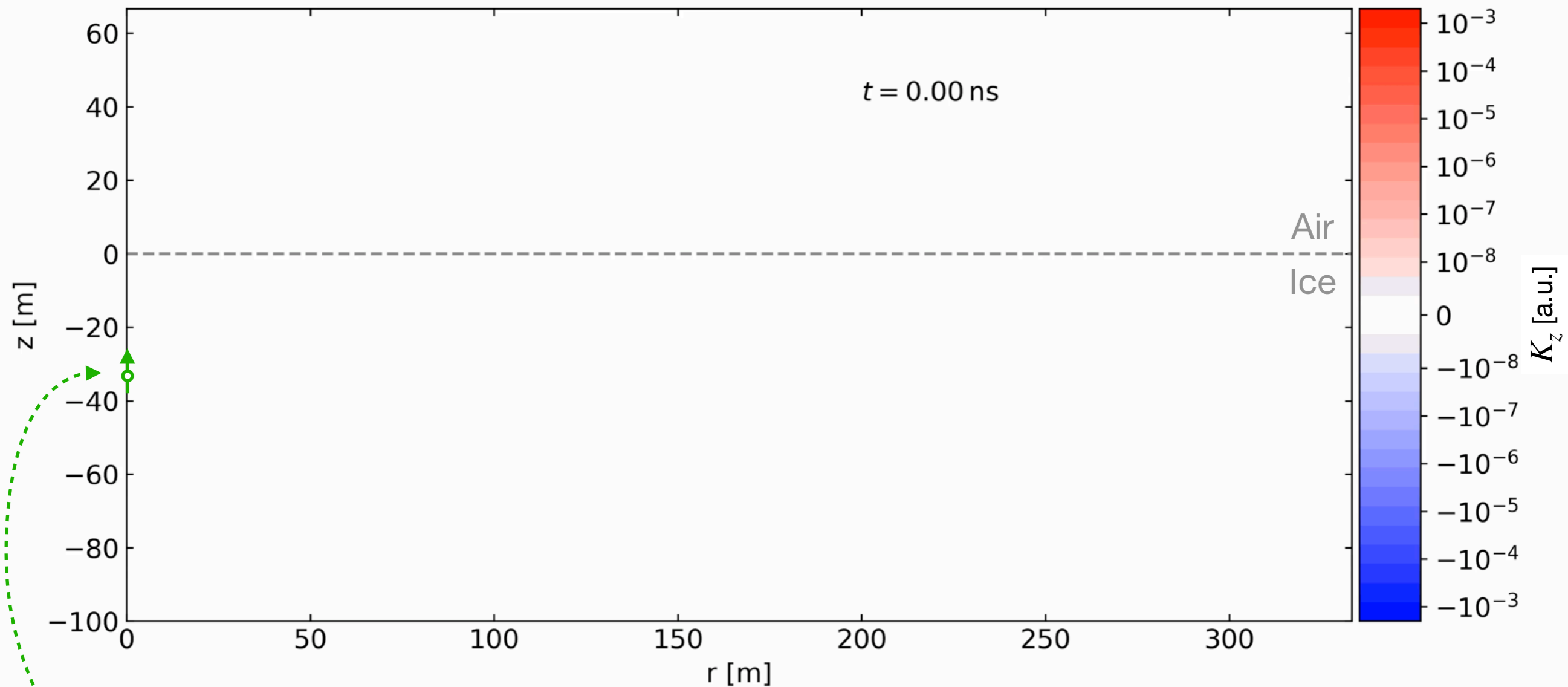
**Shower signal calculation**

Starting from parametrized / binned **1-dim in-ice shower profile ...**  
(similar to NuRadioMC)

**... or microscopic showers (with C8)**

**O(100 ms)** for **1-dim in-ice shower**  
(Single-threaded, but vectorized)

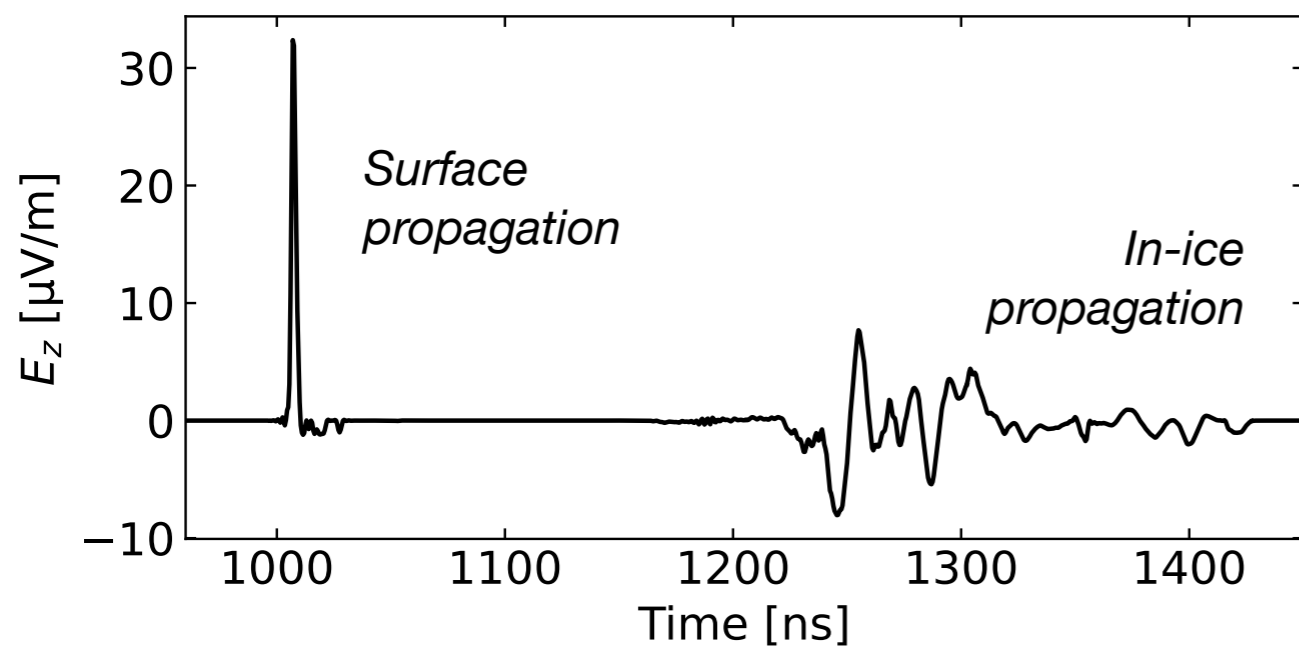
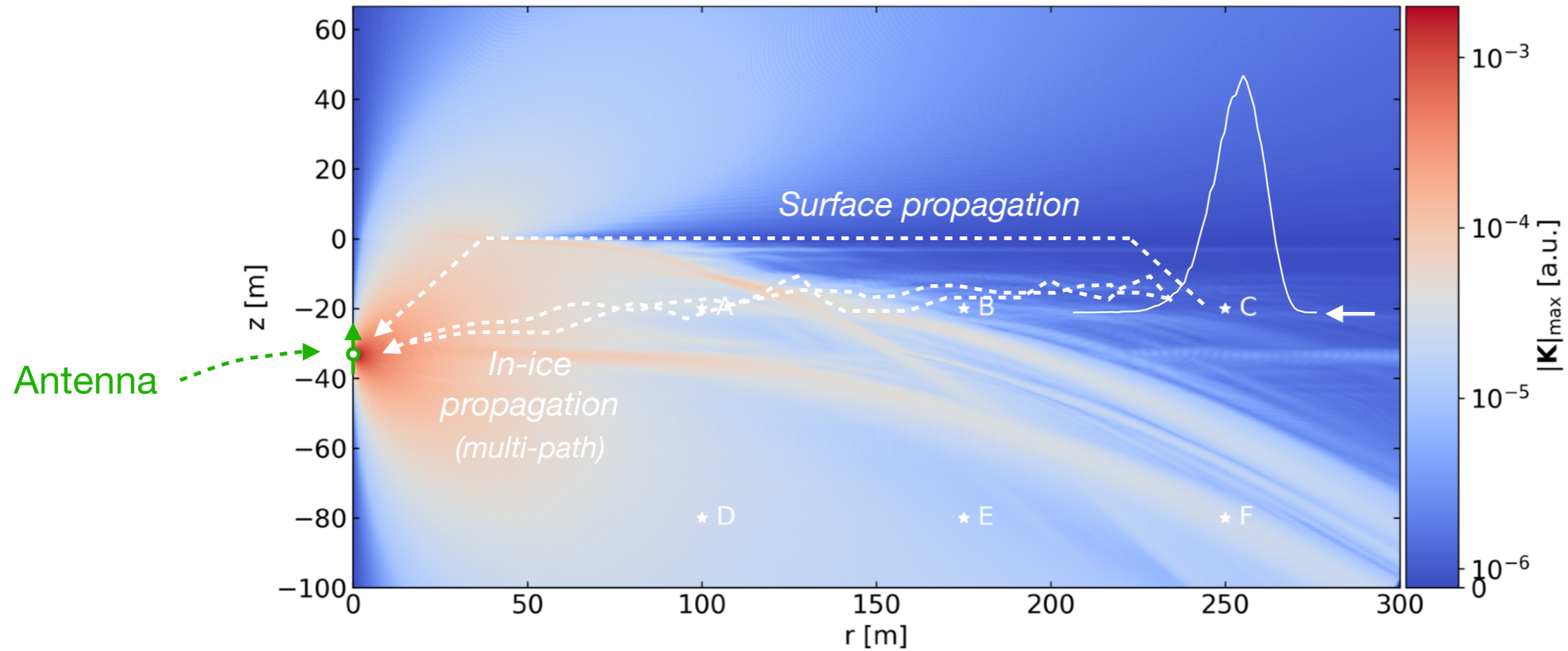
# A Green's function for in-ice neutrino detectors



Vertically-polarized  
dipole antenna

Wavefront in the **topmost part of the ice** (*the "firn"*)  
is **extremely complicated!**

# Signals from neutrino-induced showers



Expect **very complicated and dispersed** signals from **cosmic-ray air showers** impacting in **shadow zone**

$10^{18}$  eV hadronic shower, 1-dim profile

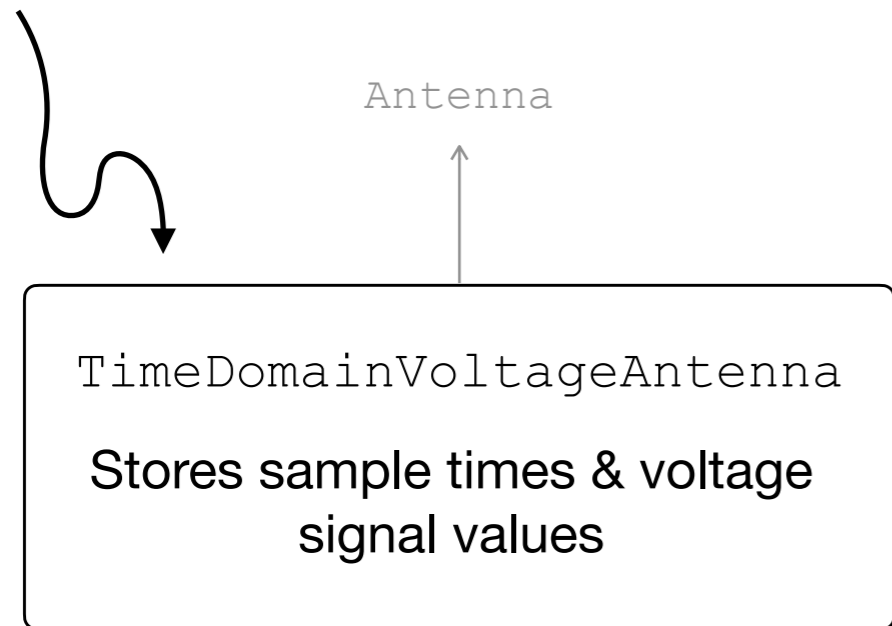
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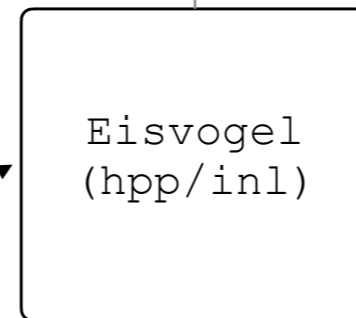
**C corsika**

Structure of a RadioProcess does not fit nicely  
(no explicit "radio propagator")

Eisvogel fundamentally calculates  
voltage across antenna terminals  
(*not the electric field*)



ContinuousProcess



Signal  
 $\{V(t_i)\}$

Track

**Green's  
function**



eisvogel.so

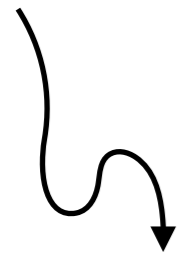
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TimeDomainVoltage  
Stores sampled  
signals

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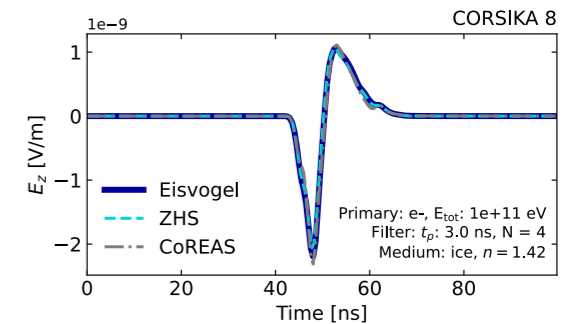
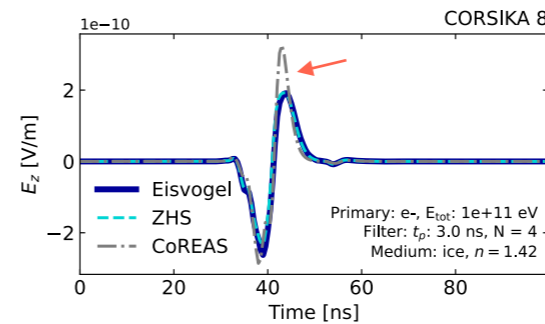
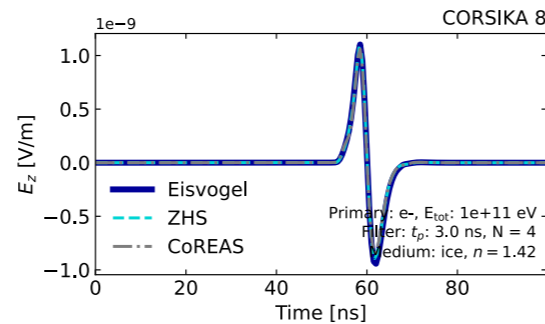
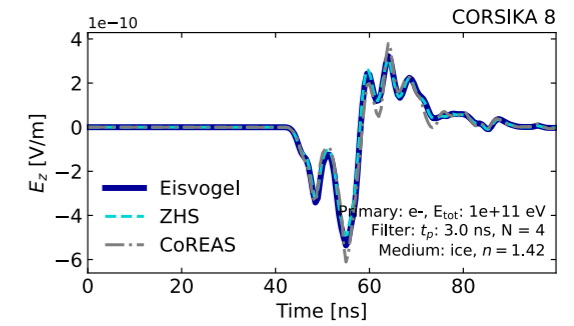
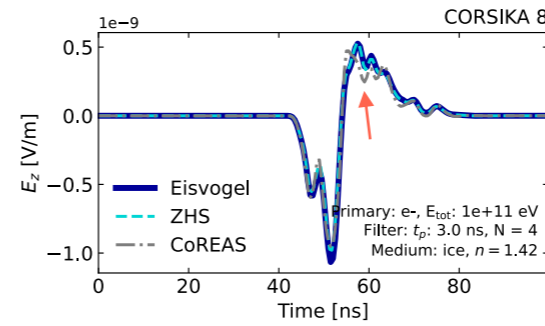
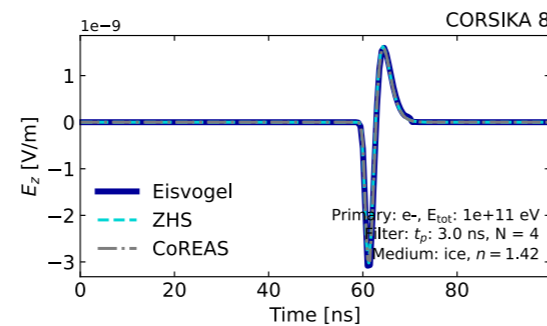
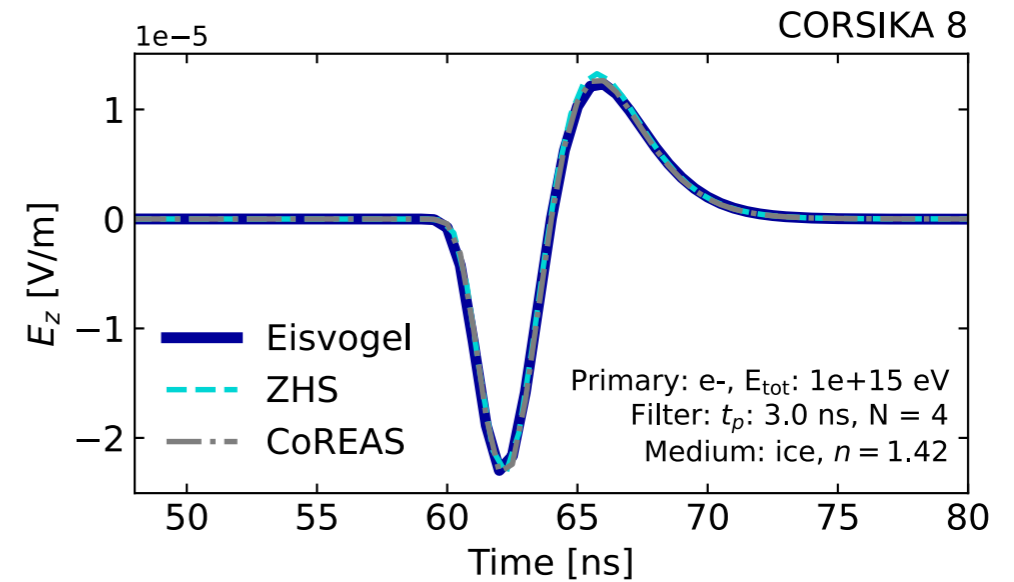
### Quick test with showers in homogeneous ice

(Where DummyTestPropagator  
is accurate)

Near-perfect agreement  
with ZHS

Good agreement  
with CoREAS

(approxThreshold = 0.4)



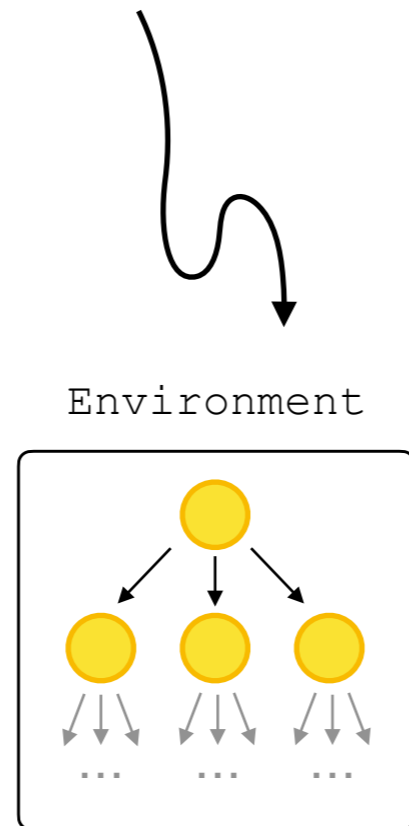


# Coming next: environment dump?

**Green's function calculation:** Need to ensure consistency between geometry for shower simulation and Green's function!

**C corsika**

**Ideal solution:** have C8 environment serialize itself to a file  
(*symbolically if possible, rasterize if needed*)



environment.yaml (?)

**Green's function**



build\_greens\_function  
(Standalone executable  
running on cluster)

Git issue [\[here\]](#)

# Questions from me / next steps

## Any thoughts on the general structure of the Eisvogel integration?

```
Inheriting from ContinuousProcess instead of RadioProcess;  
new TimeDomainVoltageAntenna
```

## Important outstanding feature: dump of environment to parseable file

(Found some discussion in a git issue; is anybody already working on it? If not, I'm happy to help.)

## Build practicalities

(Eisvogel uses C++20, C8 uses C++17 → build Eisvogel into .so, then link C8 against it)

Eventually, need to discuss “how” to include Eisvogel code into C8:

- Build .so from source in separate build step (Conan?)
- Alan: Include Eisvogel repository as submodule in C8?

<https://github.com/eisvogel-project/Eisvogel>

# Summary

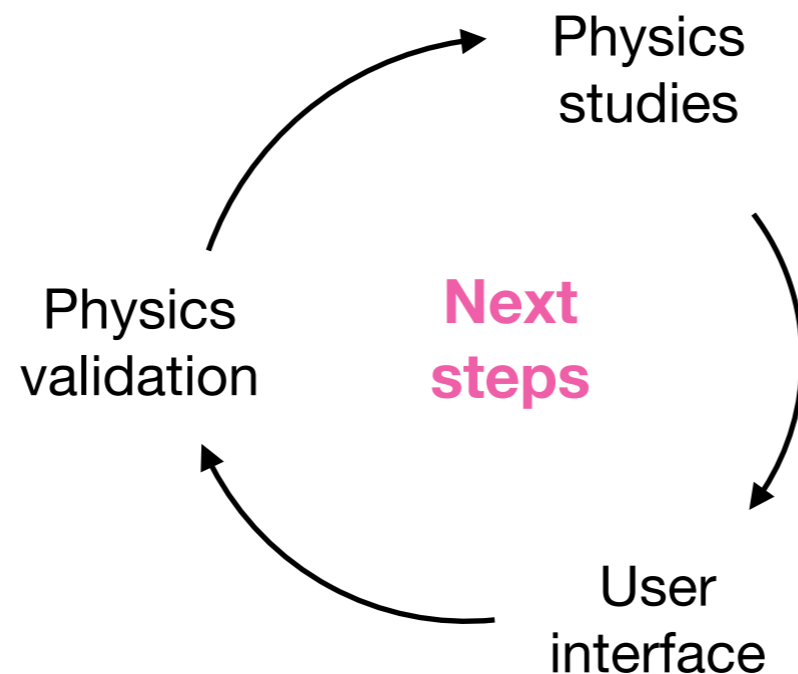
**We can now calculate electro-dynamically-correct radio signals in general media**

Can test scenarios where ray-tracing does not apply

→ *Should make this as easily-accessible as possible!*

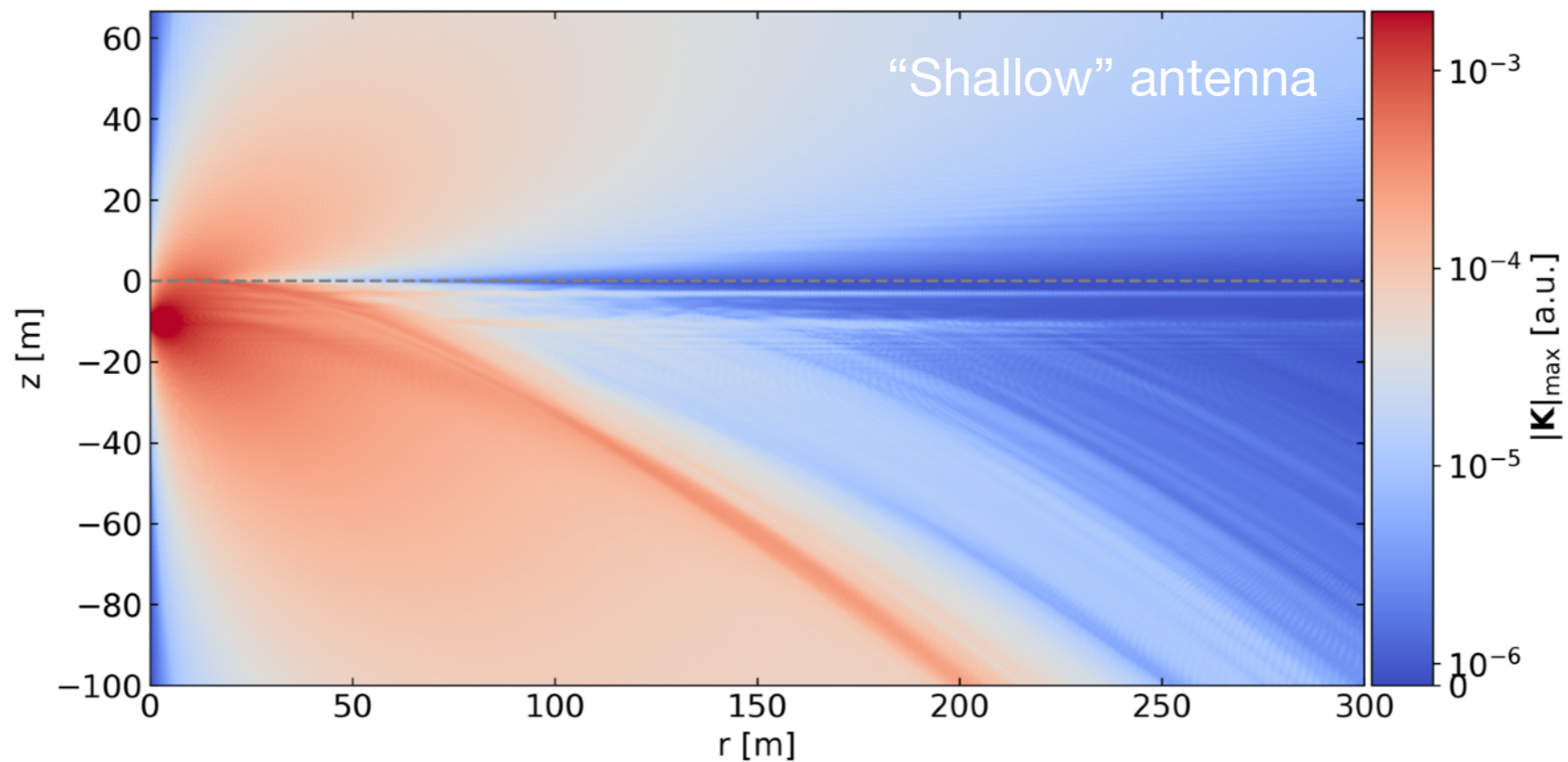
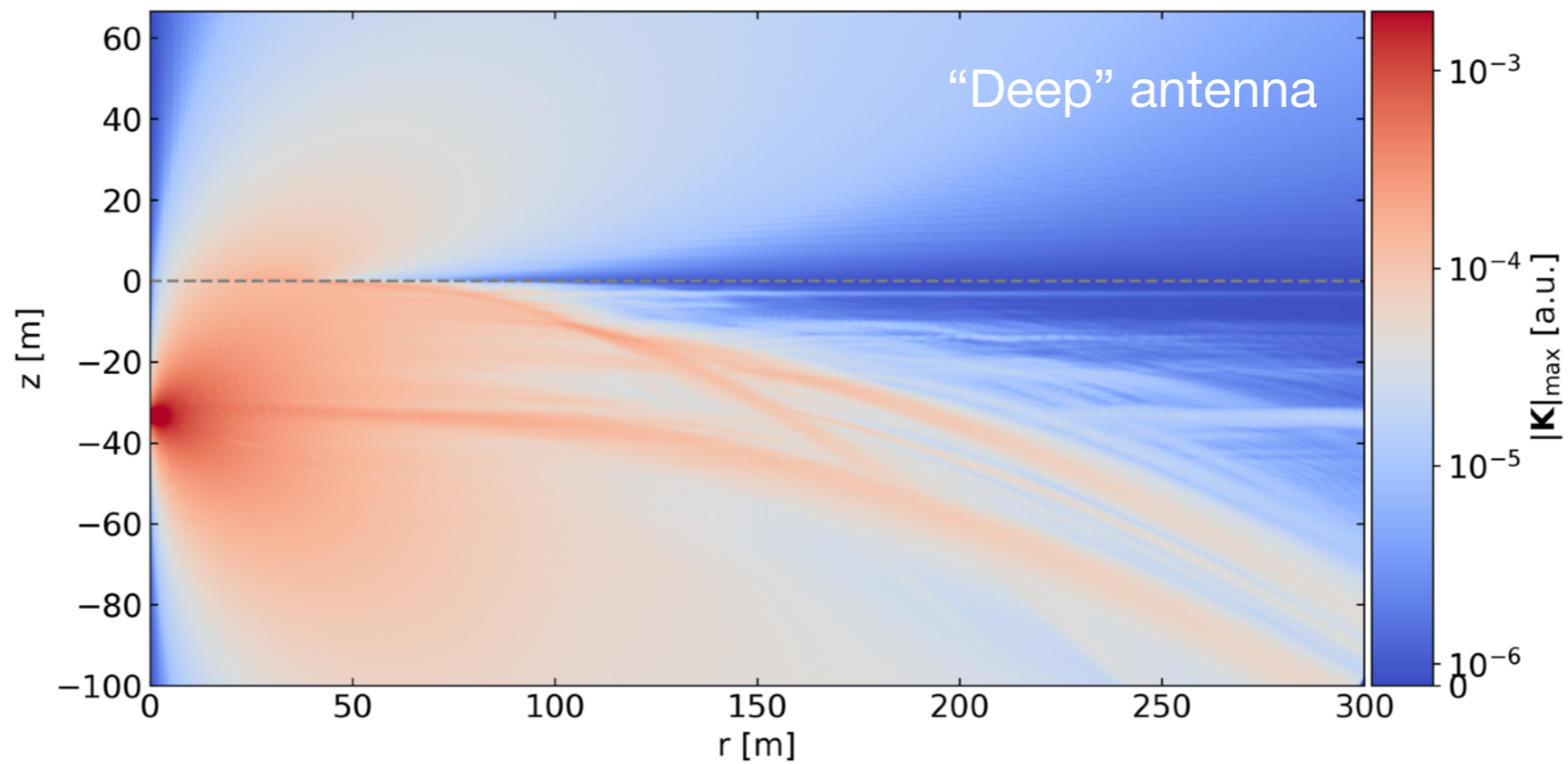
**Have working prototype integration of Eisvogel in C8**

Works if you know what you are doing ... but no guardrails yet!

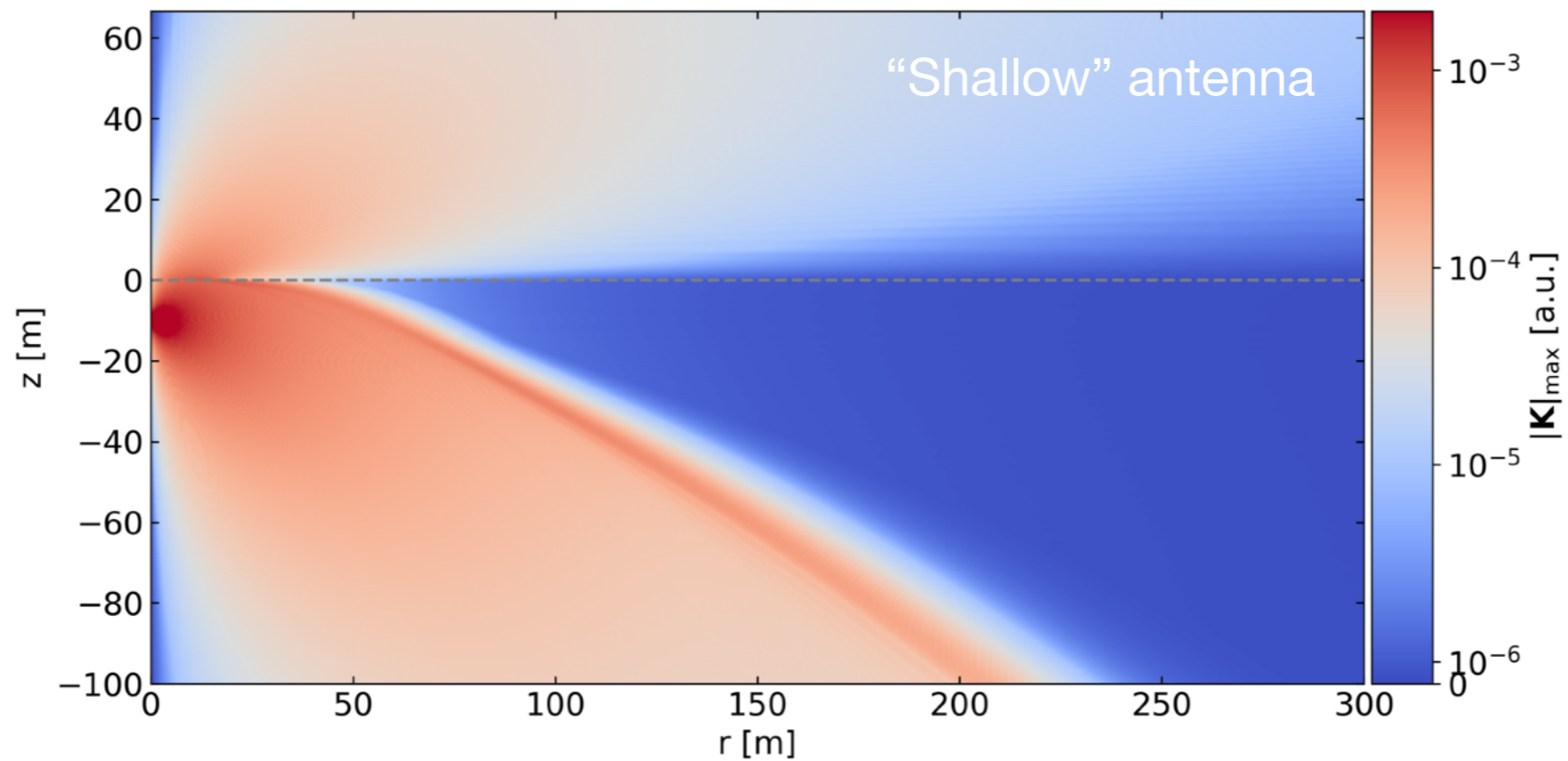
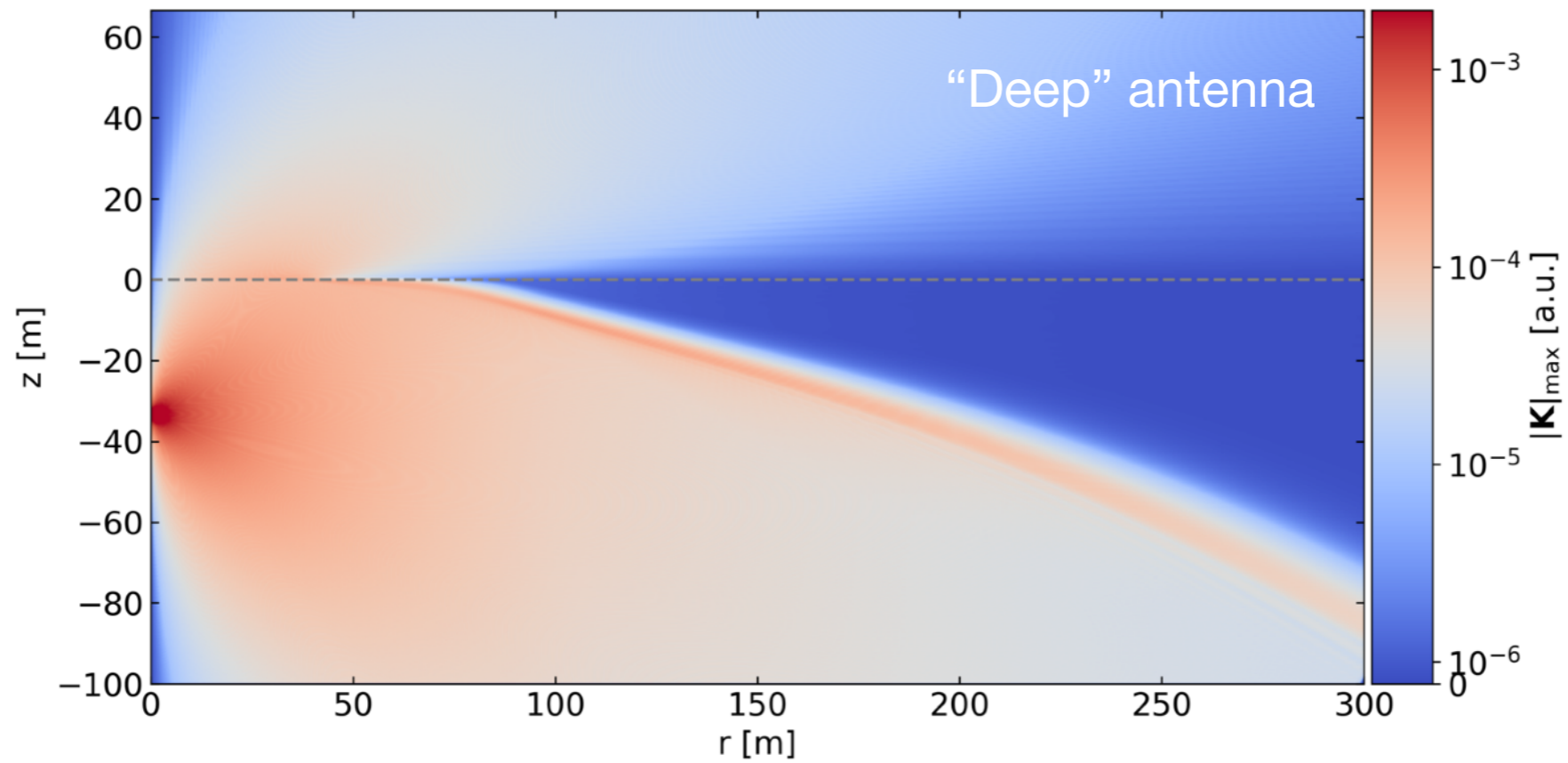


# Backup

# “Deep” vs “shallow” antenna placement



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# Dependencies

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ldd libeisvogel-corsika.so
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Only used to generate filenames  
→ if problematic, can be substituted

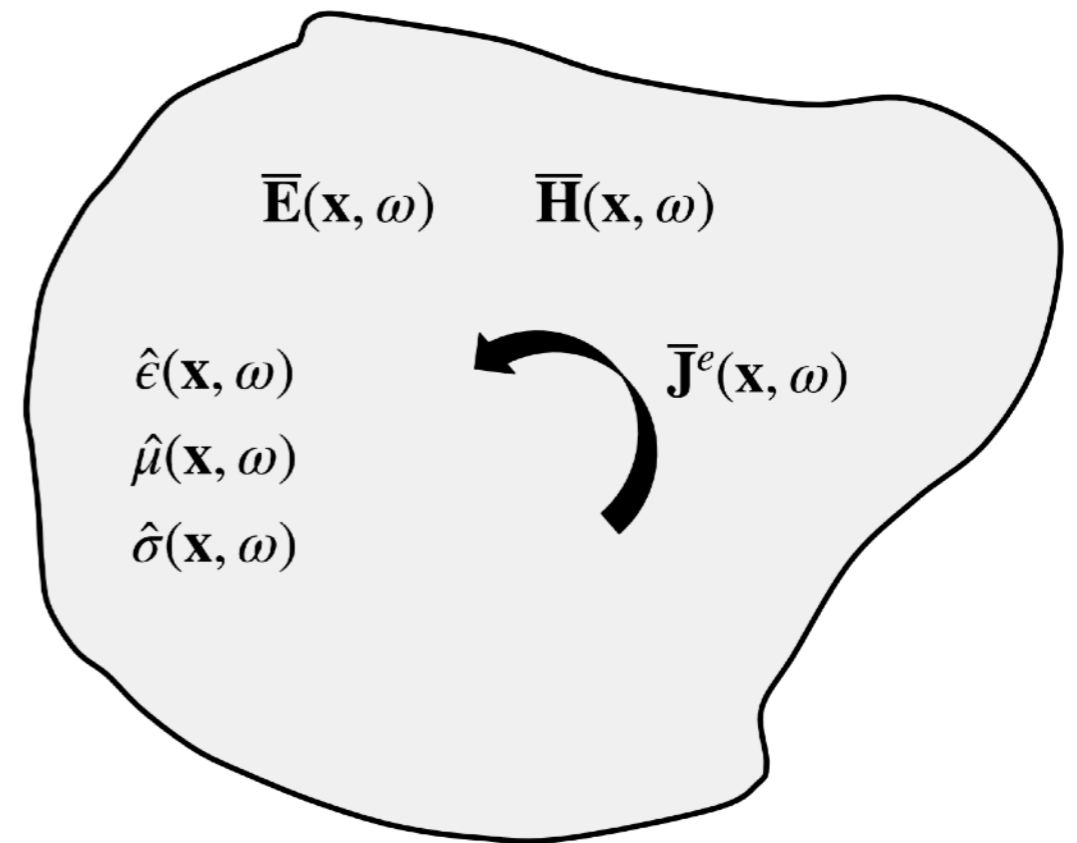
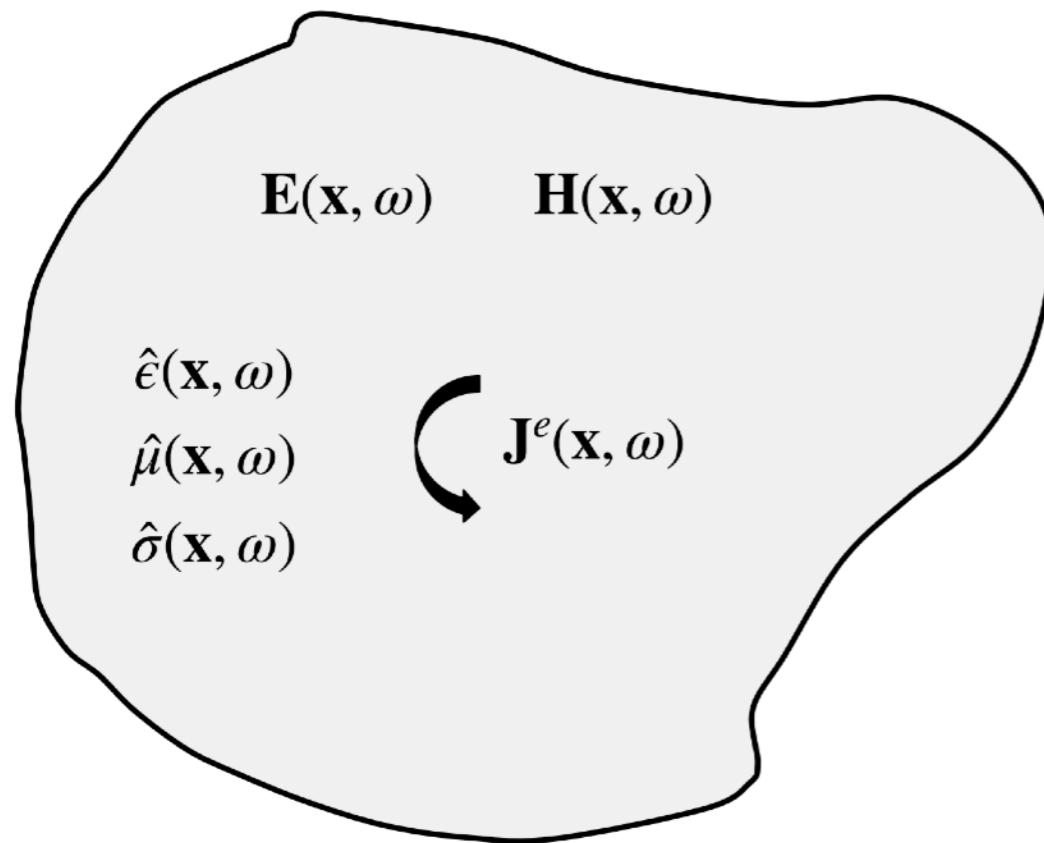
Picked up through liberal usage of  
`std::execution::unseq` but not actually called into  
→ can probably be avoided entirely

No “real” dependencies that are not already required for C8

# Lorentz reciprocity

**Classical electrodynamics has a built-in method to relate two different situations** (*with identical geometry*)

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Field distributions

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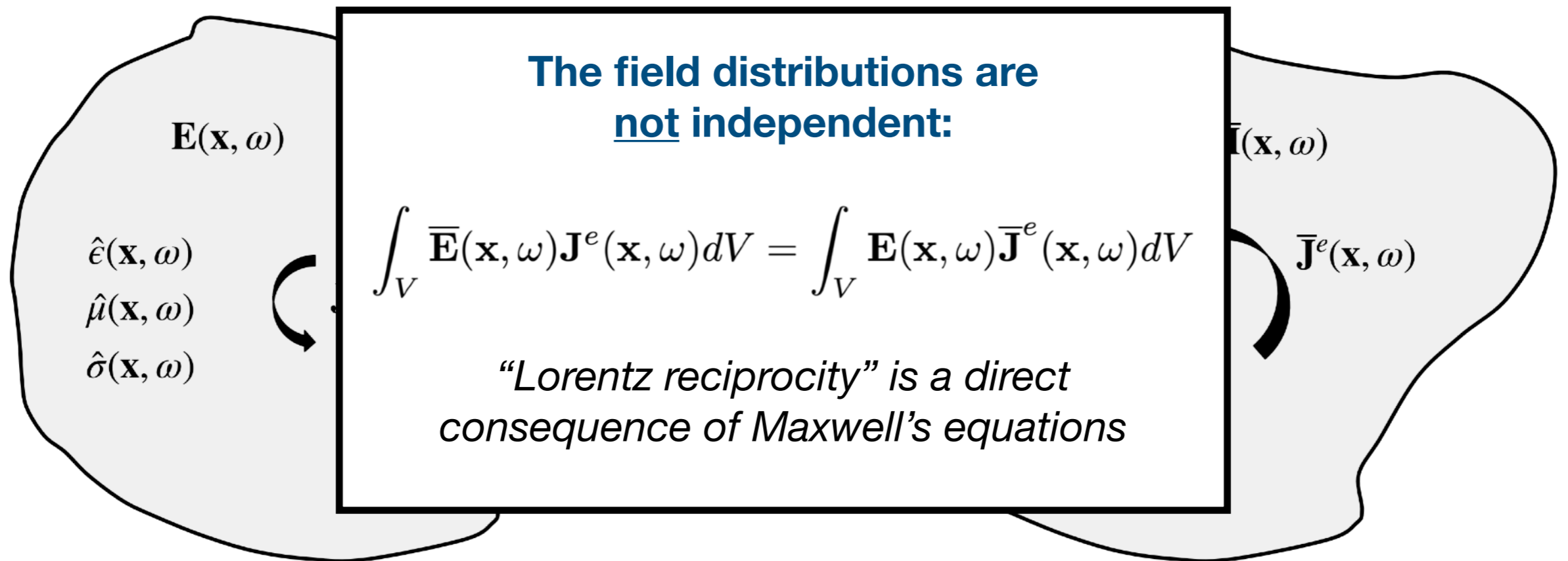
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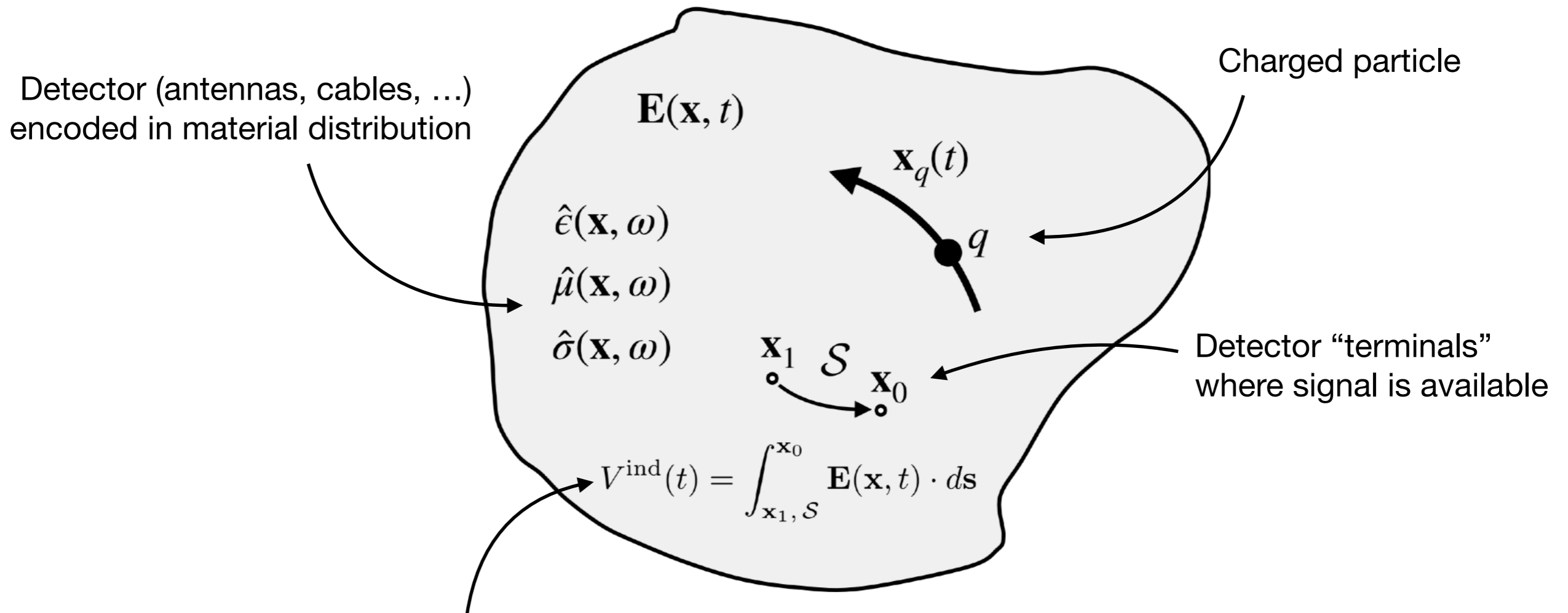
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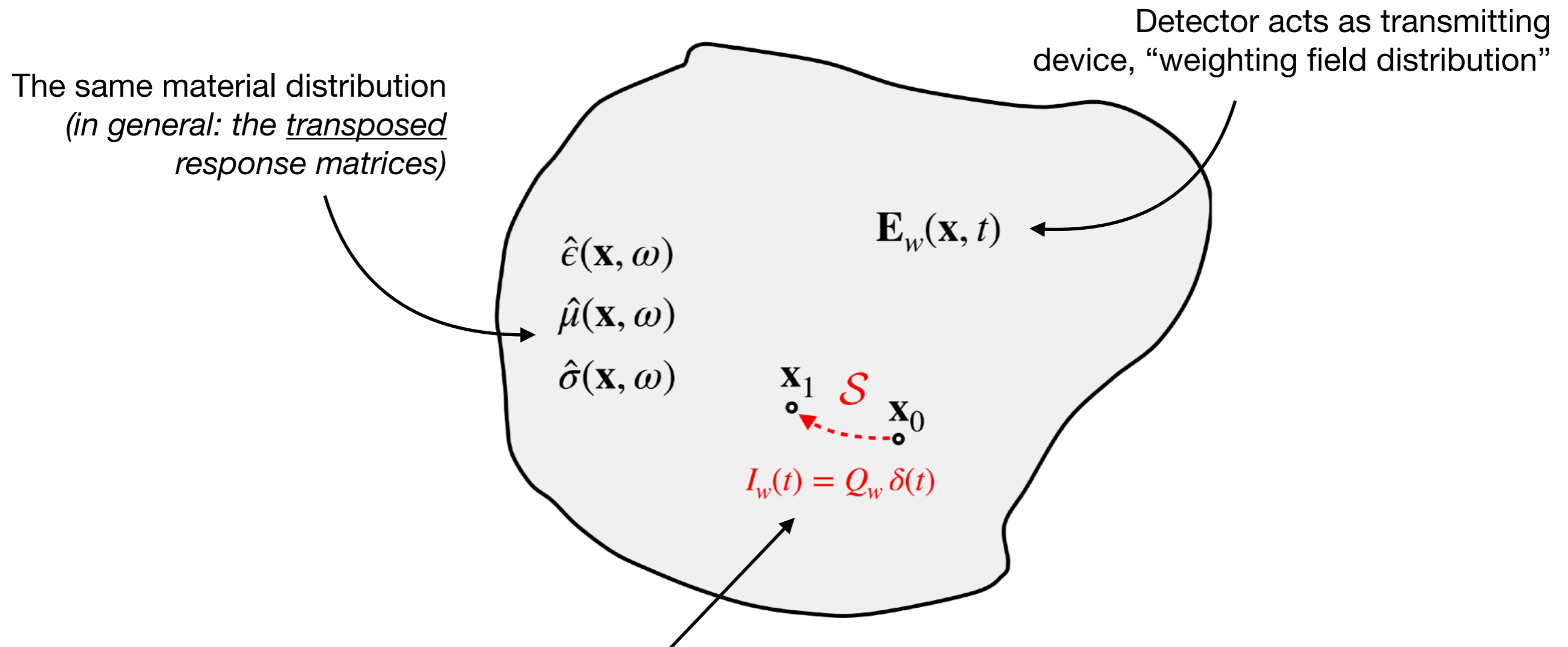


Detector “signal” is voltage difference across terminals  
(measured along a specific path,  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \neq 0$  in general!)

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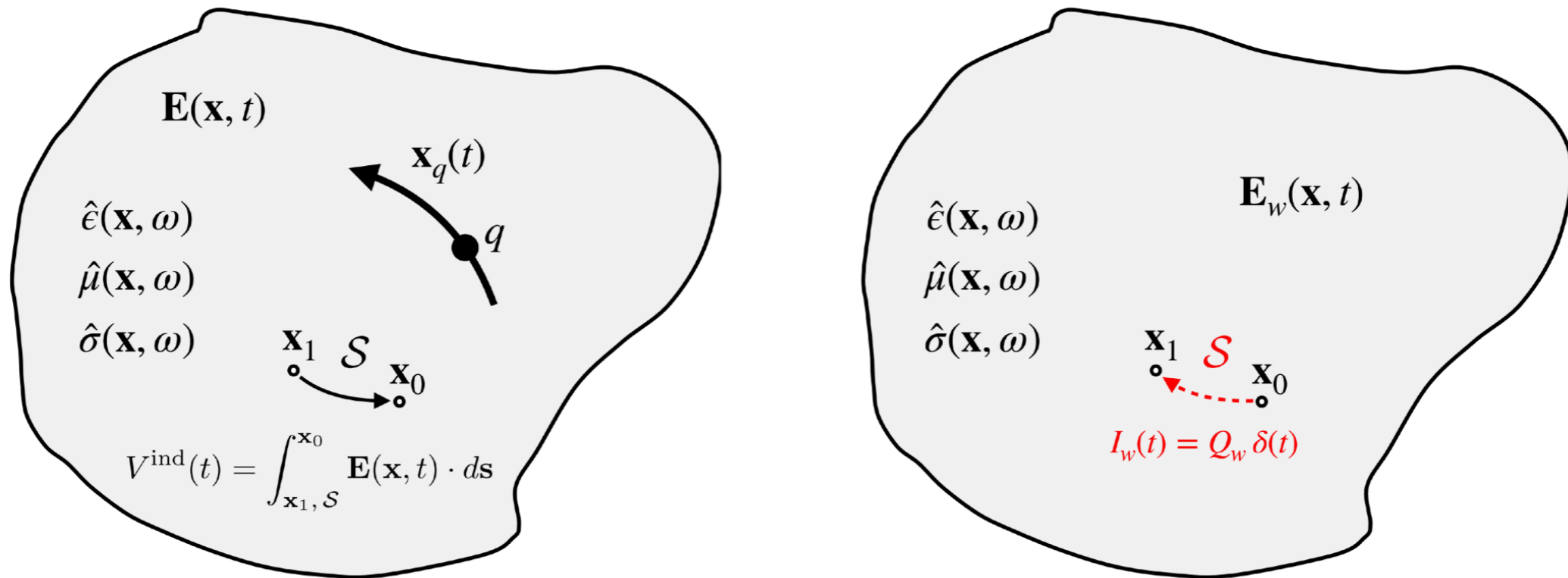
The “dual” situation:



Current source attached to detector terminals:  
delta-like current applied along the signal-defining path

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$$\int_V \bar{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \mathbf{J}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dV = \int_V \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \bar{\mathbf{J}}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dV$$

$$V^{\text{ind}}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathcal{S}}^{\mathbf{x}_0} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{1}{I_w(\omega)} \int_V \mathbf{E}_w(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \mathbf{J}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dV$$

# A fully general signal theorem

In the time-domain, this is

$$V^{\text{ind}}(t) = -\frac{q}{Q_w} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_w(\mathbf{x}_q(t'), t - t') \dot{\mathbf{x}}_q(t') dt'$$

Normalising constant      Weighting field      Particle trajectory

**“Weighting field”**: Green’s function for detector signal

*Encodes information about detector geometry & environment;  
reciprocity defines concrete algorithm to compute it*

**Fully general, no approximations**

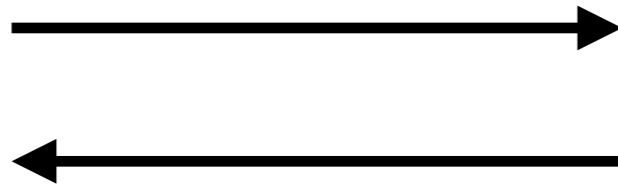
*holds exactly for all linear, anisotropic materials;  
approximately for nonlinear, anisotropic materials*

# The idea: reciprocity

Alice



Alice can see Bob ...



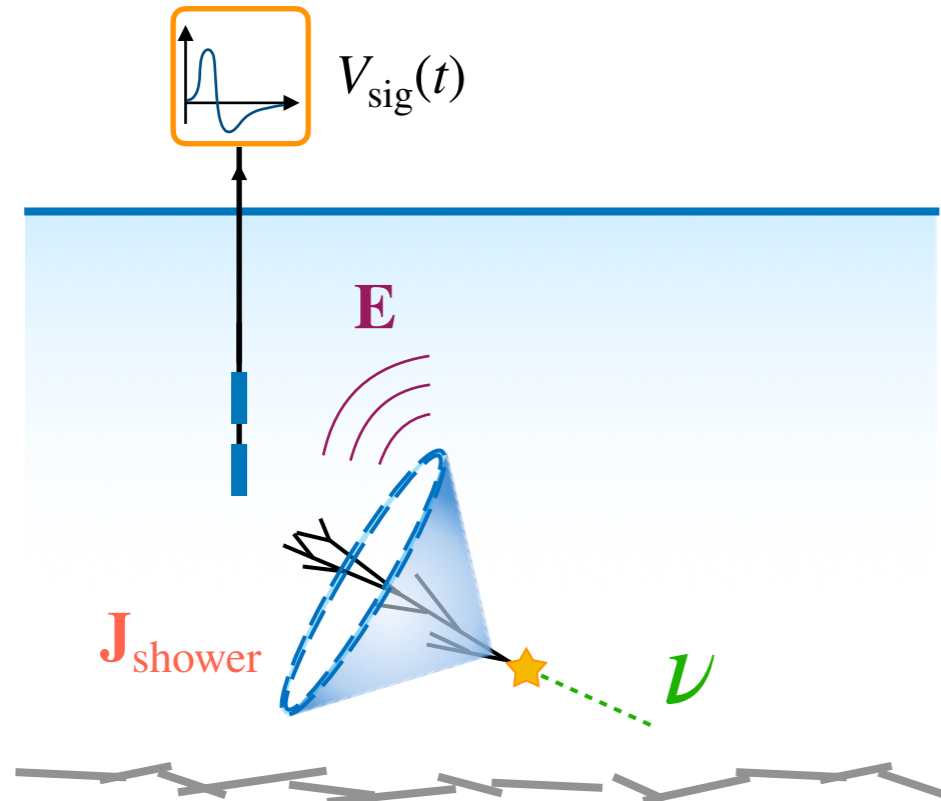
... if and only if  
Bob can see Alice

Bob



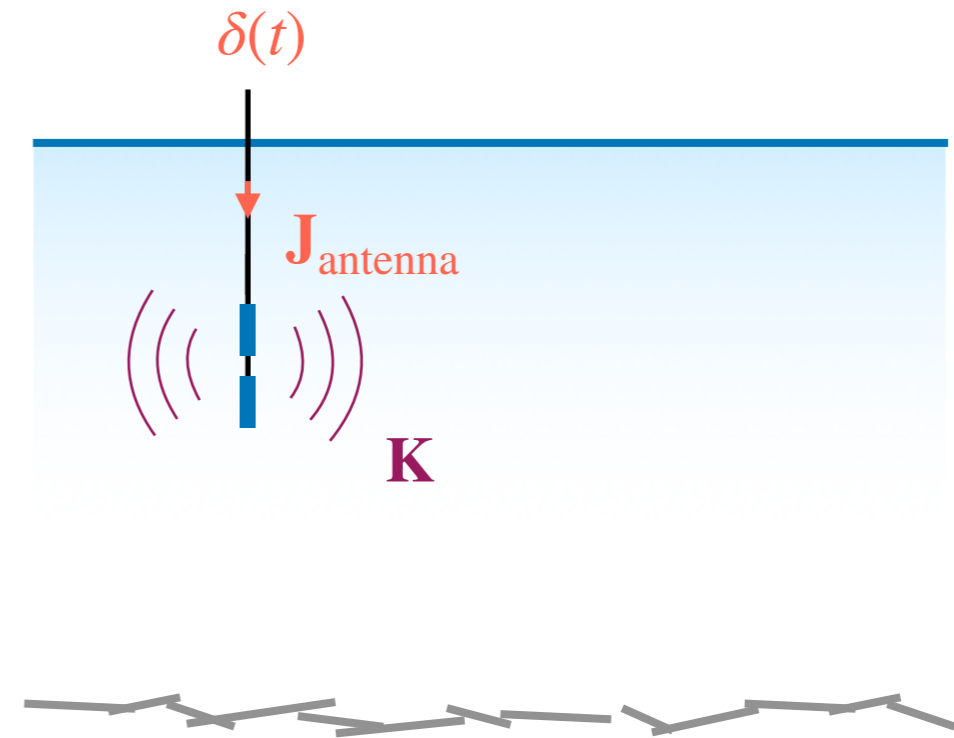
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**Antenna is receiver,  
produces voltage signal**

*Antenna “sees” shower*



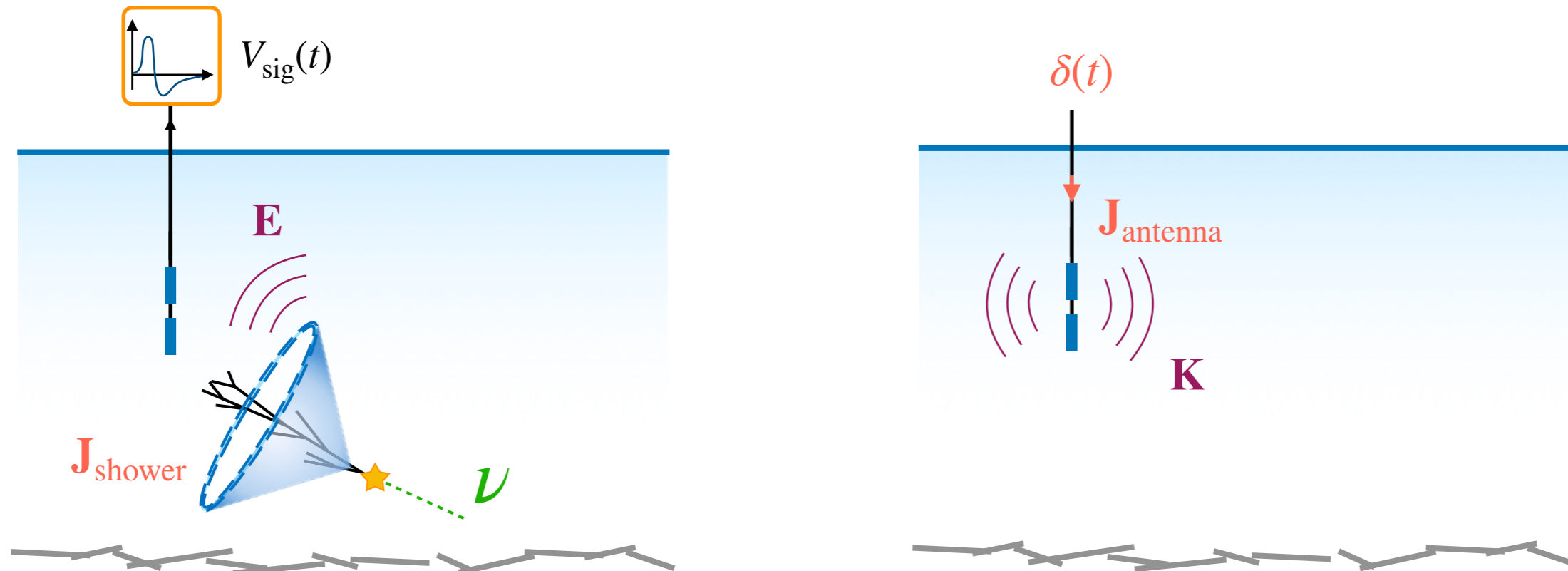
**Feed delta-like signal into antenna,  
is transmitter**

*Shower “sees” antenna*

←→  
*Reciprocity*

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$$V_{\text{sig}}(t) = \int dt' d^3x' \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}', t - t') \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\text{shower}}(\mathbf{x}', t')$$

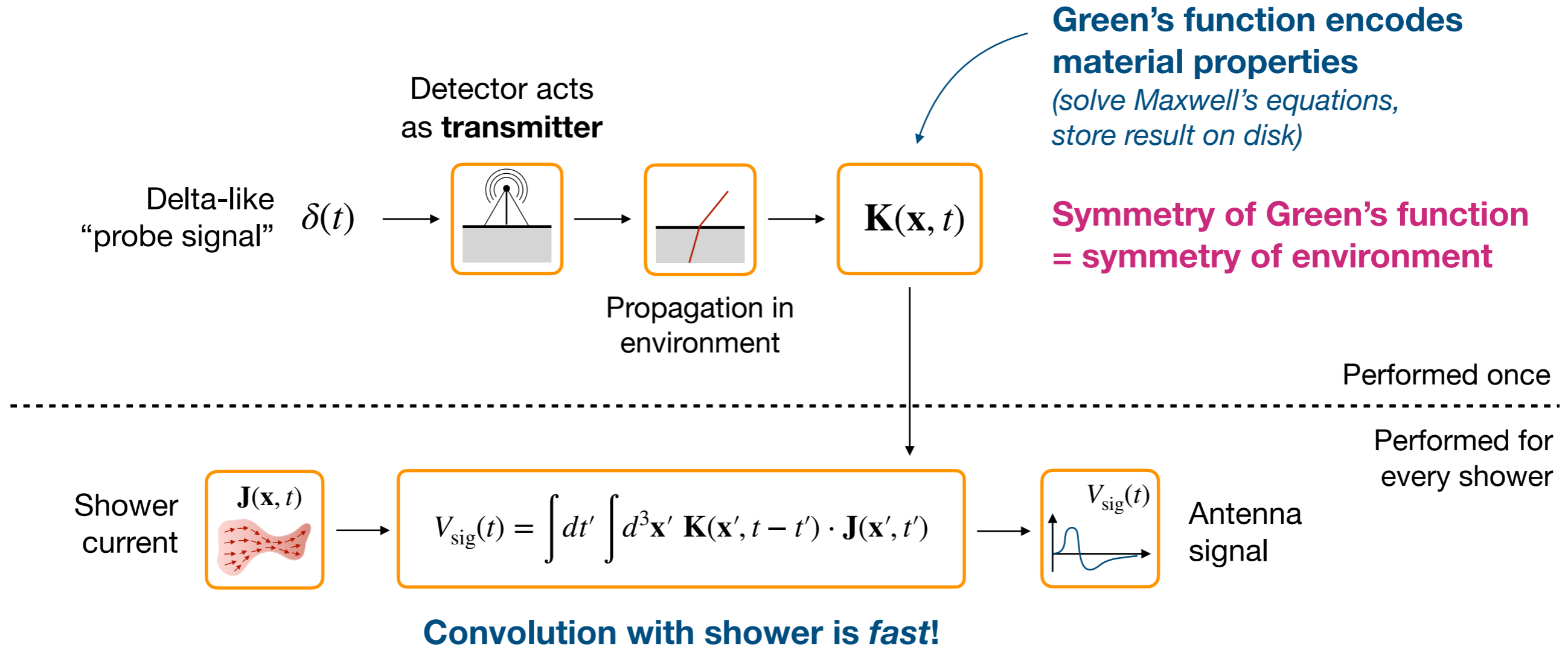
The electric field transmitted by the antenna is a Green's function for the received signal ...

... for **all linear media**  
(even anisotropic, frequency-dependent ones)



# A reciprocal simulator

**This makes fully-electrodynamic signal calculations possible!**

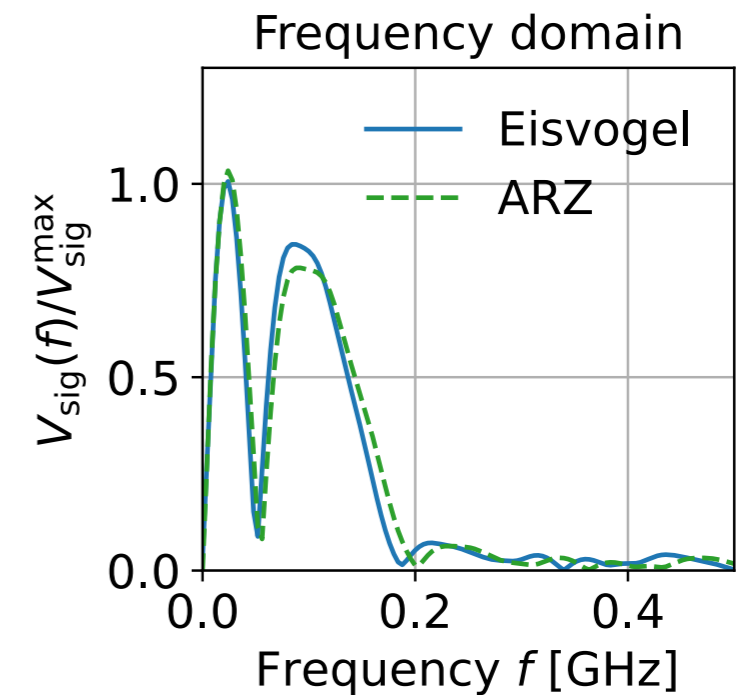
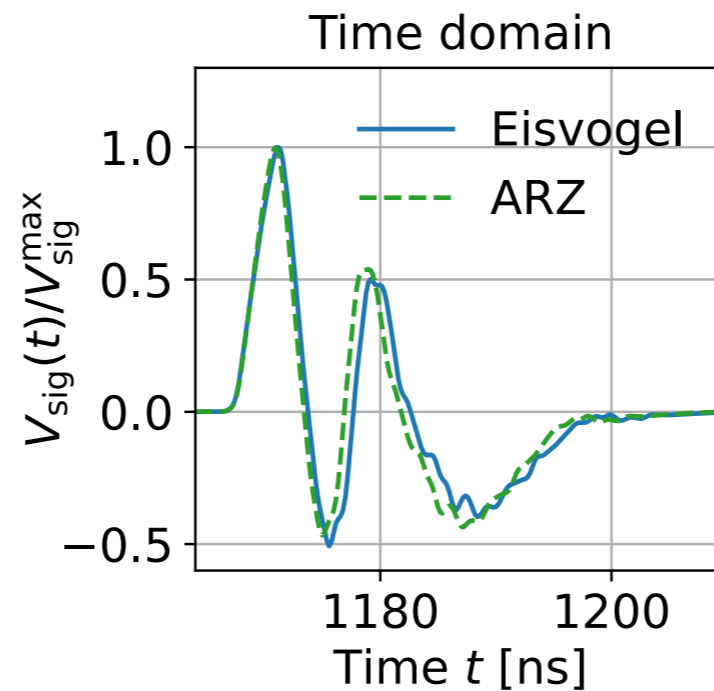
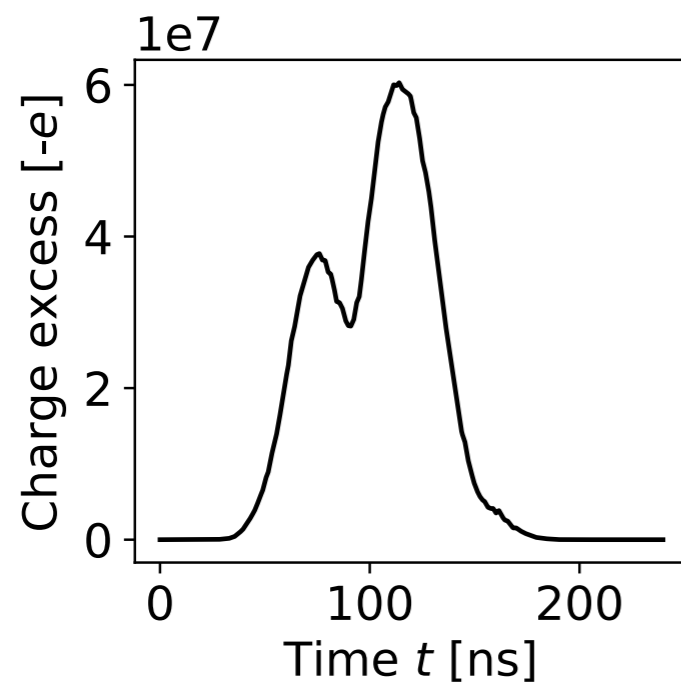


*Calculation of complicated radiation propagation amortized into Green's function*

# Comparison with ARZ

## Comparison with ARZ (as implemented in NuRadioMC)

1-dim profile of electromagnetic shower developing in homogeneous medium with  $n = 1.78$



**Good agreement!**