

# Regional modeling of electric field using EISCAT3D plasma velocity measurements

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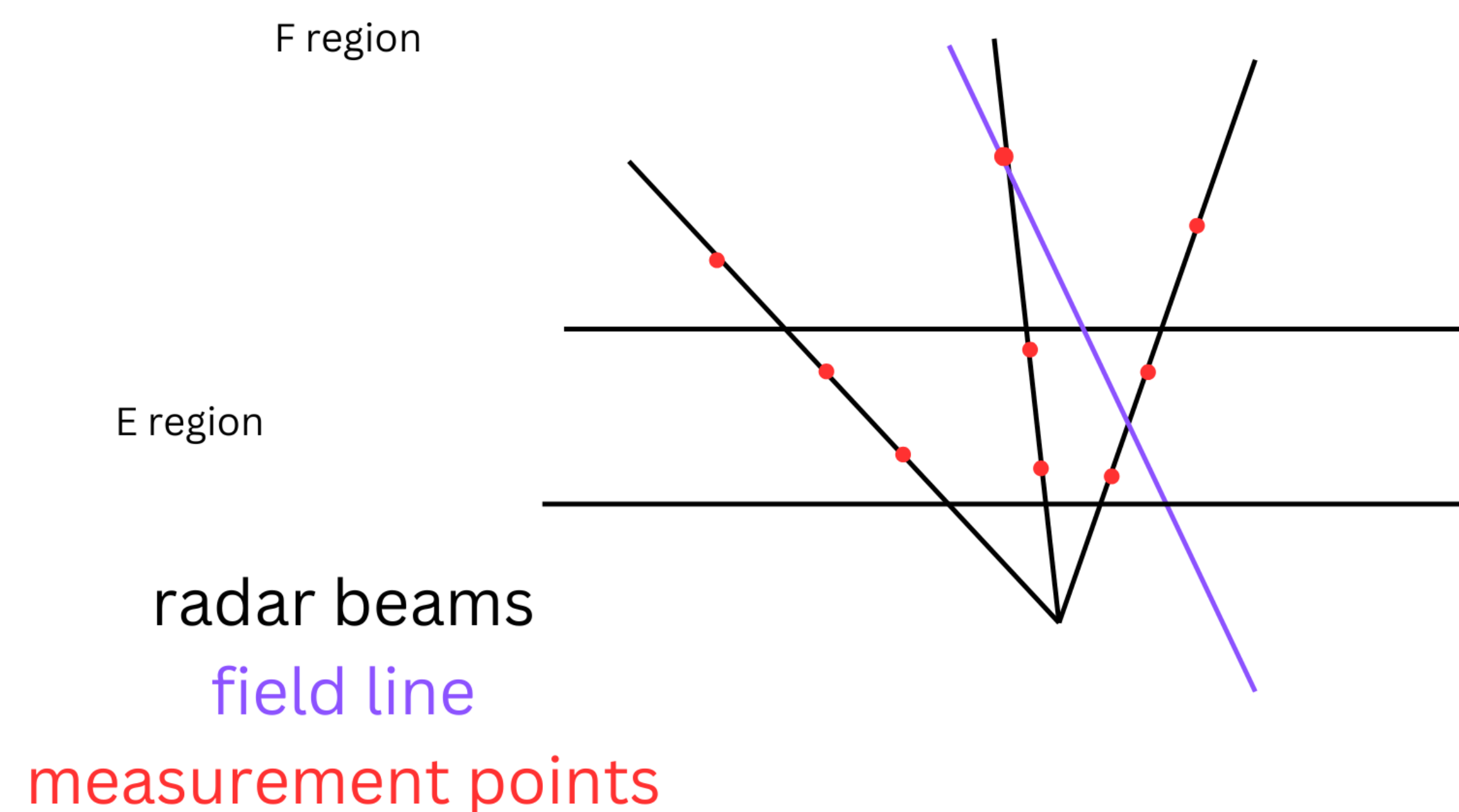
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# Introduction

- EISCAT3D will provide us the 3D ion velocity  $\mathbf{V}_i$
- In the F region, the electric field can be estimated as

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{V}_i$$

- What about E region?
- The F region electric field estimate can be mapped to the E region
- But it can't be mapped to points where E3D make observation



# Spherical elementary system (SECS)

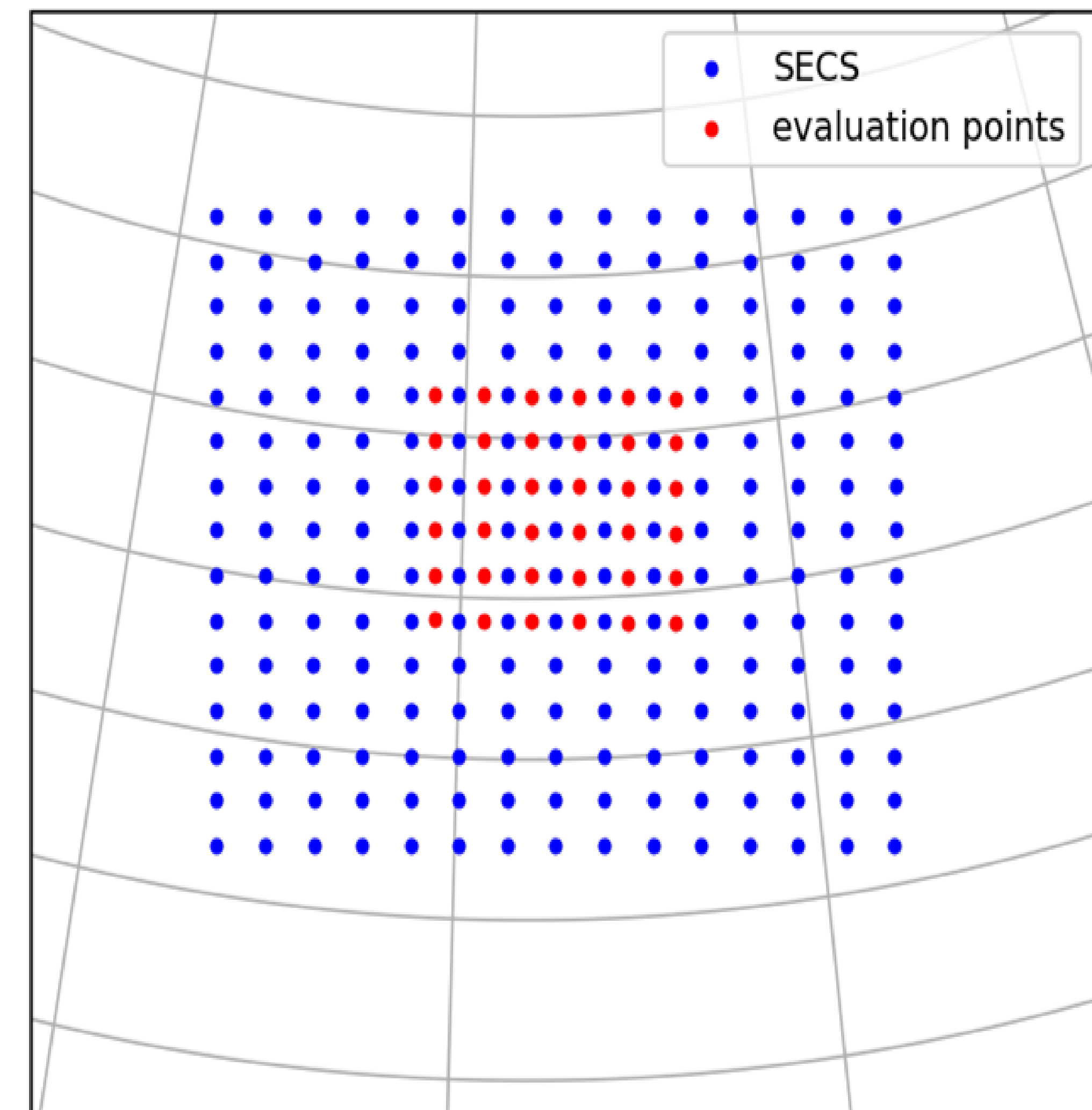
- Any 2-D vector field on a spherical surface can be represented as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_e \\ \mathbf{E}_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{S}$$

- $\mathbf{G}$  is geometry matrix of the SECS system

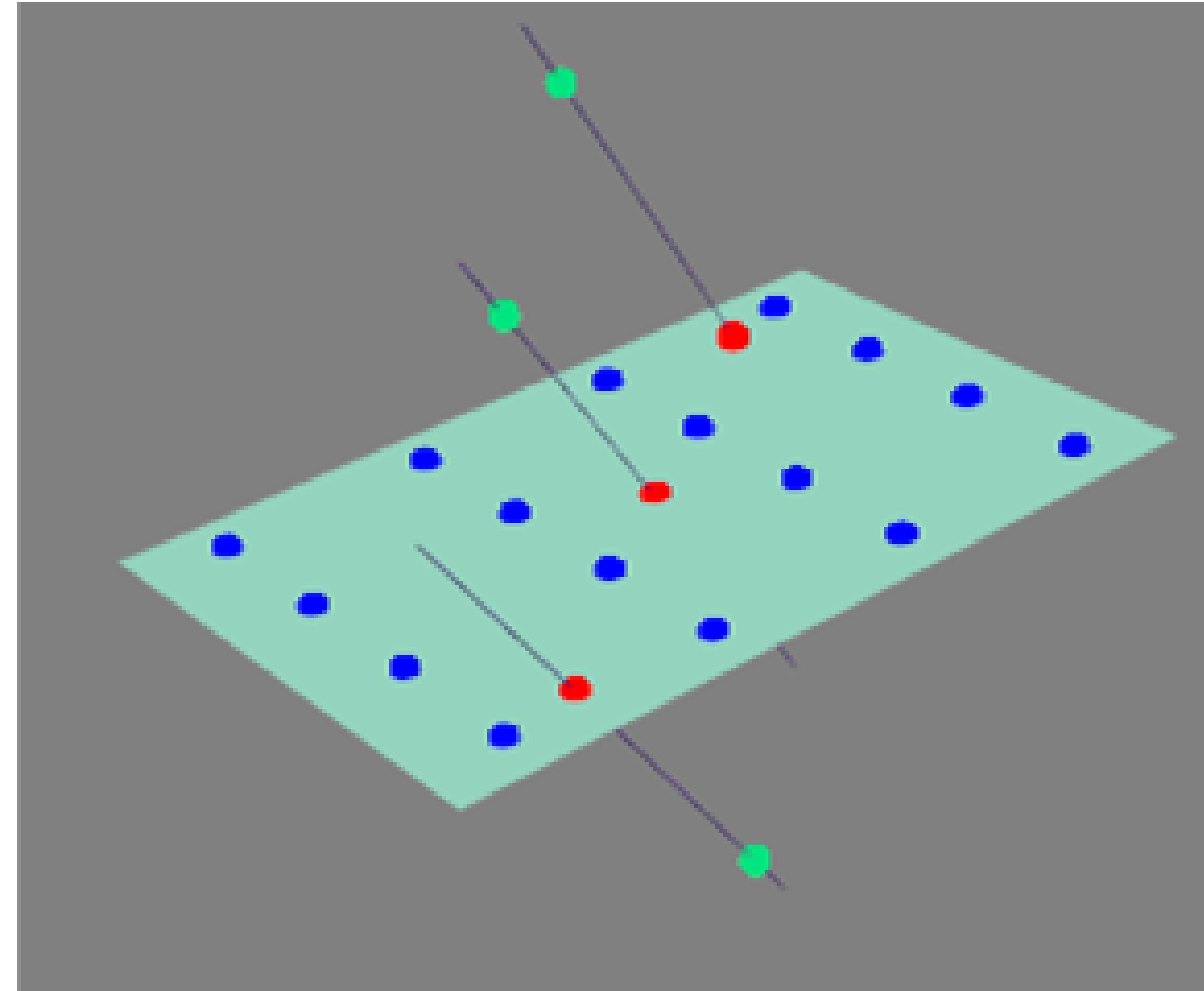
$$\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}(\theta^{el}, \varphi^{el}, \theta^p, \varphi^p)$$

- $\mathbf{S}$  is vector of SECS amplitudes



# SECS representation of E3D electric field

- The SECS system is set up at 300 km
- Map only E3D measurement points to 300 km
- Calculate the SECS geometry matrix
- Map the geometric matrix to E3D measurement points, which we call it **G**



# Fitting the SECS amplitudes to LoS data

The measured  $V_{\text{los}}$  by a receiver  $r$  is projection of  $V = V_{\perp} + V_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}$

$$V_{lr} = K_r V_{\perp} + K_r \hat{\mathbf{b}} V_{\parallel} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_r, \quad V_{\perp} = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{|\mathbf{B}|^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$V_{lr} = A_{\perp r} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_e \\ \mathbf{E}_n \end{bmatrix} + A_{\parallel r} V_{\parallel} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_r \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_e \\ \mathbf{E}_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{GS}$$

$$V_{lr} = A_r \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_r$$

## Fitting the SECS amplitudes to LoS data

$$V_{l1} = A_1 \begin{bmatrix} S \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon_1$$

$$V_{l2} = A_2 \begin{bmatrix} S \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon_2$$

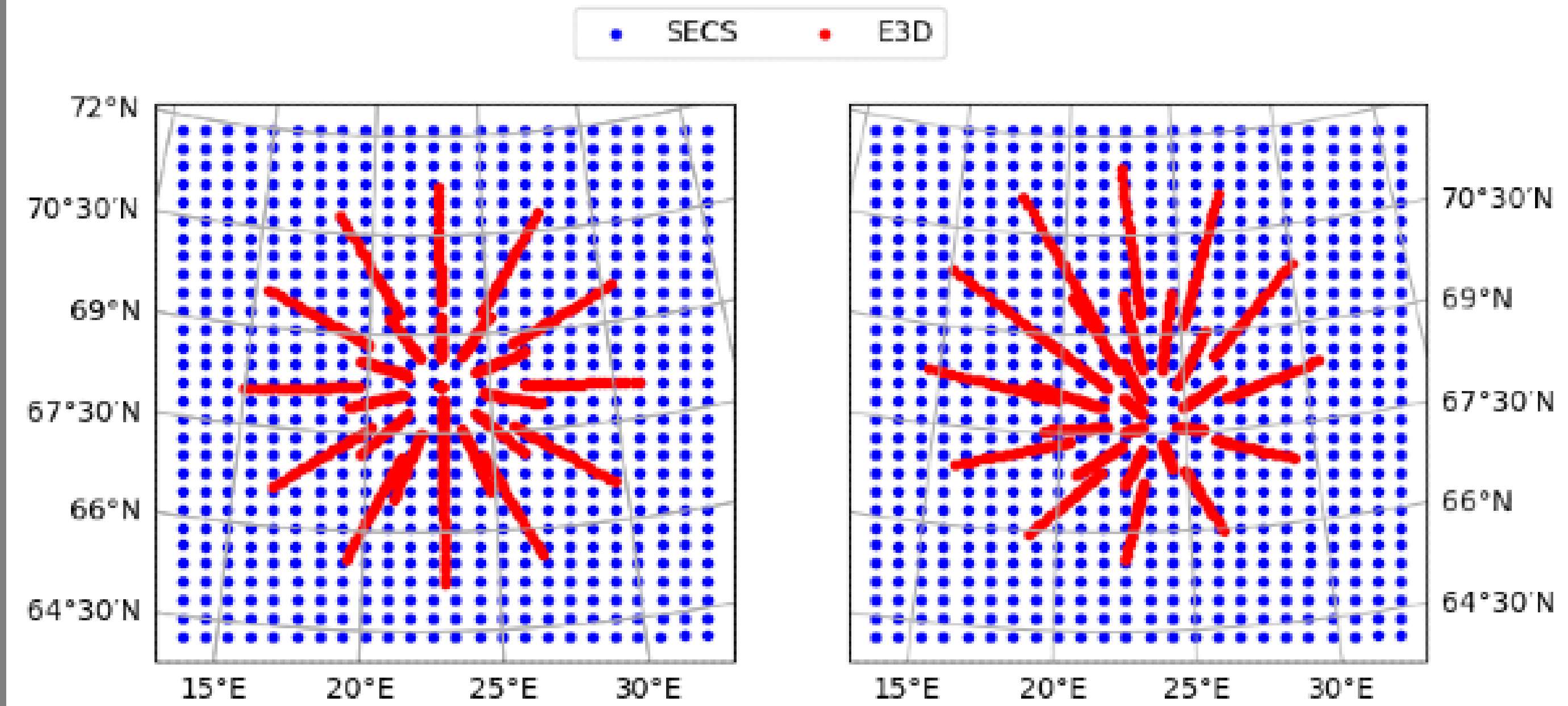
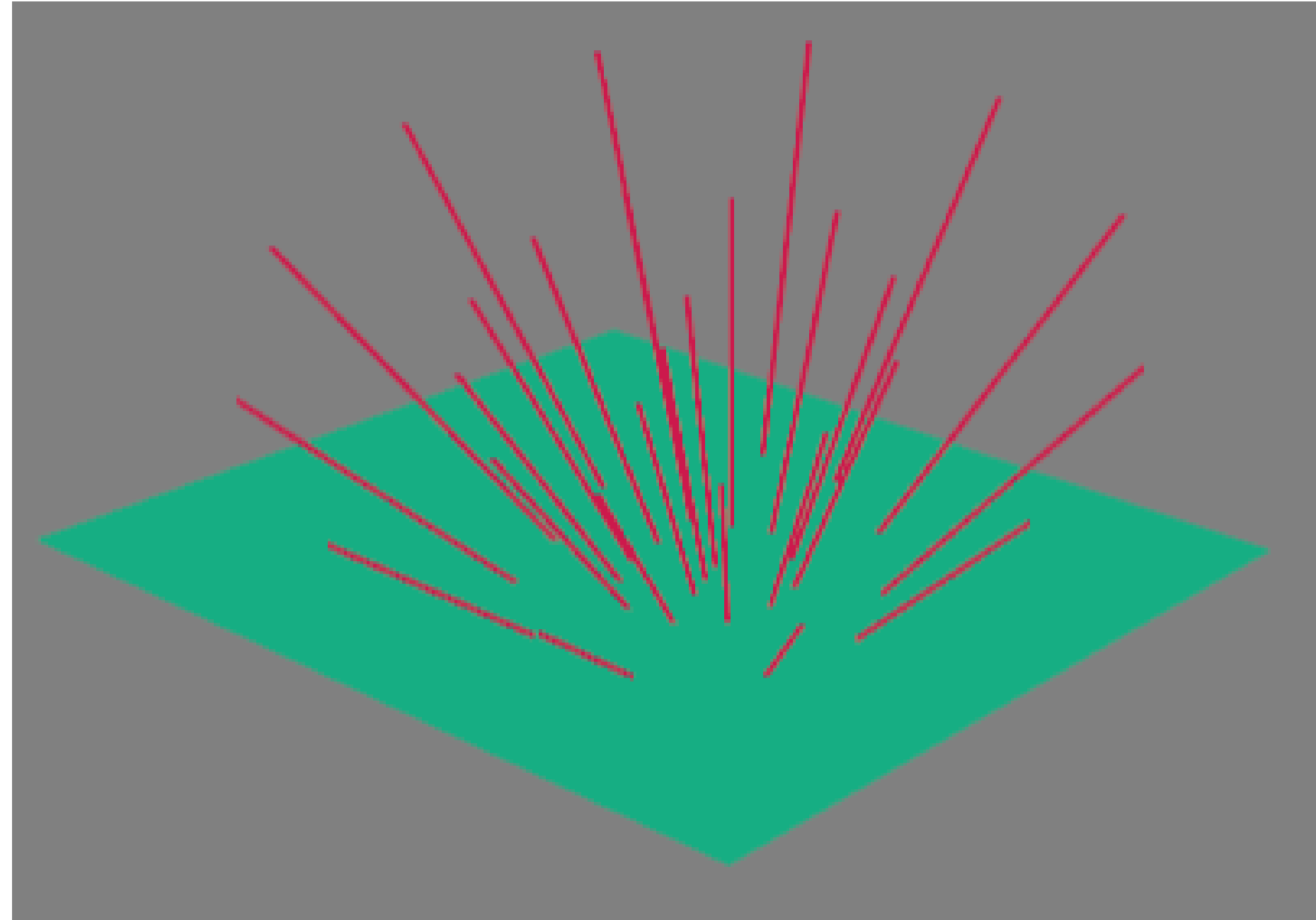
$$V_{l3} = A_3 \begin{bmatrix} S \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon_3$$

$$d = \begin{bmatrix} V_{l1} \\ V_{l2} \\ V_{l3} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} S \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{S} \\ \tilde{V}_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} = (A^T \Sigma_d^{-1} A + \lambda^2 I)^{-1} A^T \Sigma_d^{-1} d$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E}_e \\ \tilde{E}_n \end{bmatrix} = G \tilde{S}$$

# SECS grid and E3D beam



One of the Cps suggested by Ogawa

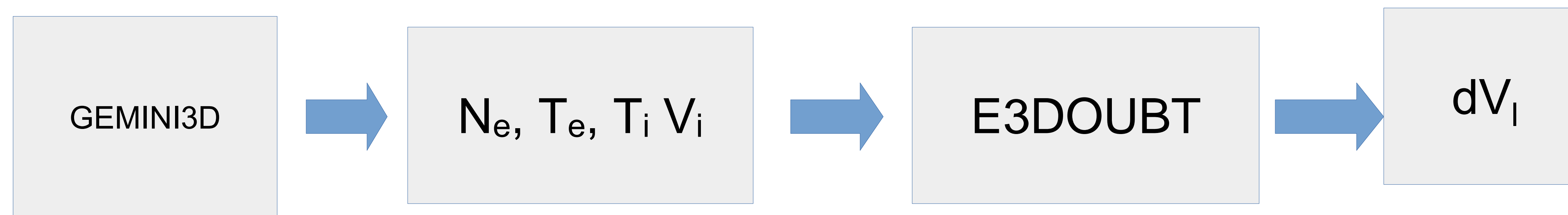
27 beams and 5 km pulse length

5 min total integration period,

~ 11 s: per beam integration period

# GEMINI simulation and E3DOUBT error estimation

- We demonstrated our modeling method using simulated plasma parameters
- GEMINI3D takes electron precipitation energy flux and FAC as inputs and provides  $N_e$ ,  $T_e$ ,  $T_i$  and  $V_i$
- The errors in the measured ion velocity are then estimated from E3DOUBT

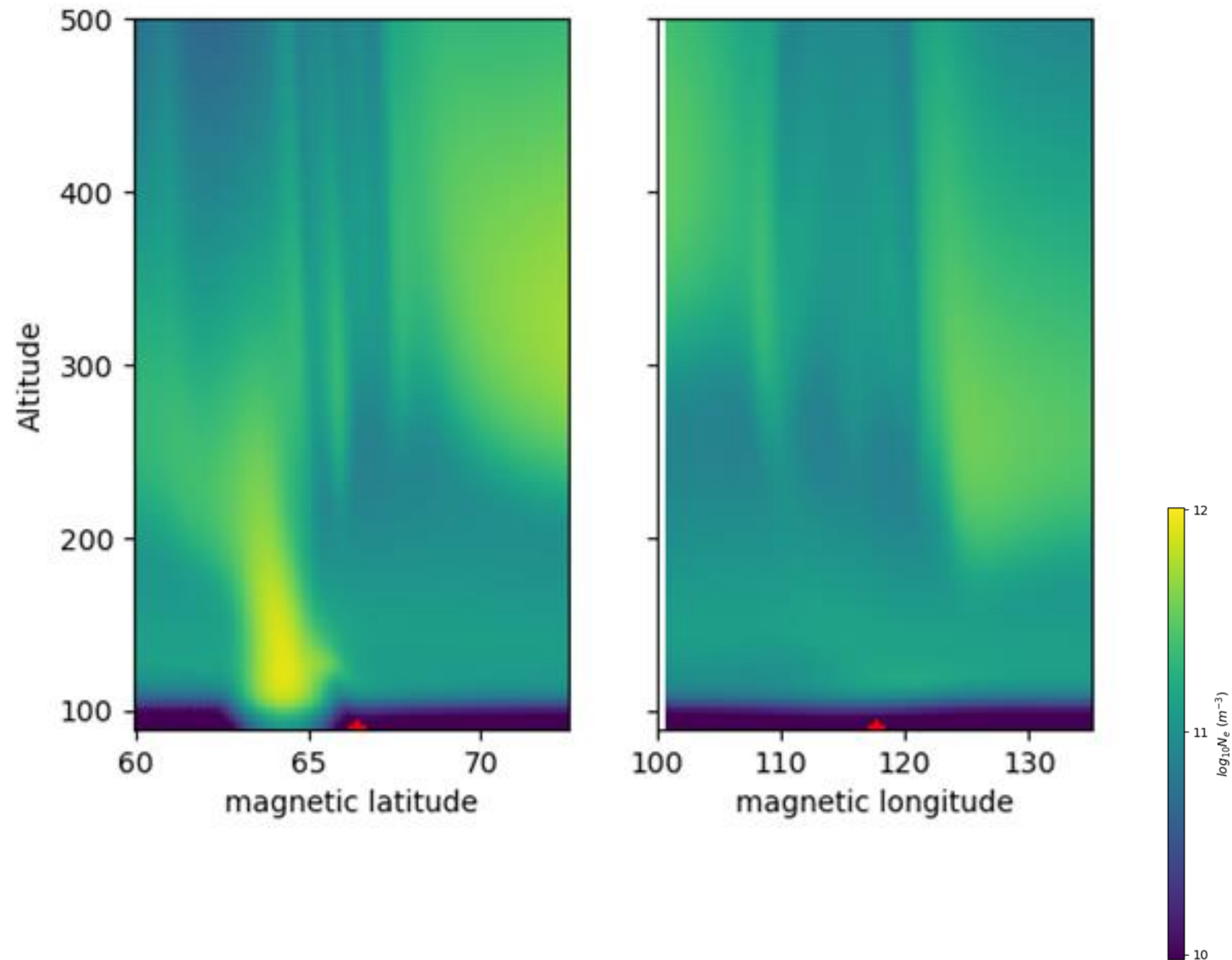


- Measured  $\mathbf{V}_l = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{V}_i + \mathbf{e}$
- Where,  $\mathbf{e} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, d\mathbf{V}_l^2)$ , and  $\mathbf{K}$  is the projection matrix to the radar line of sights

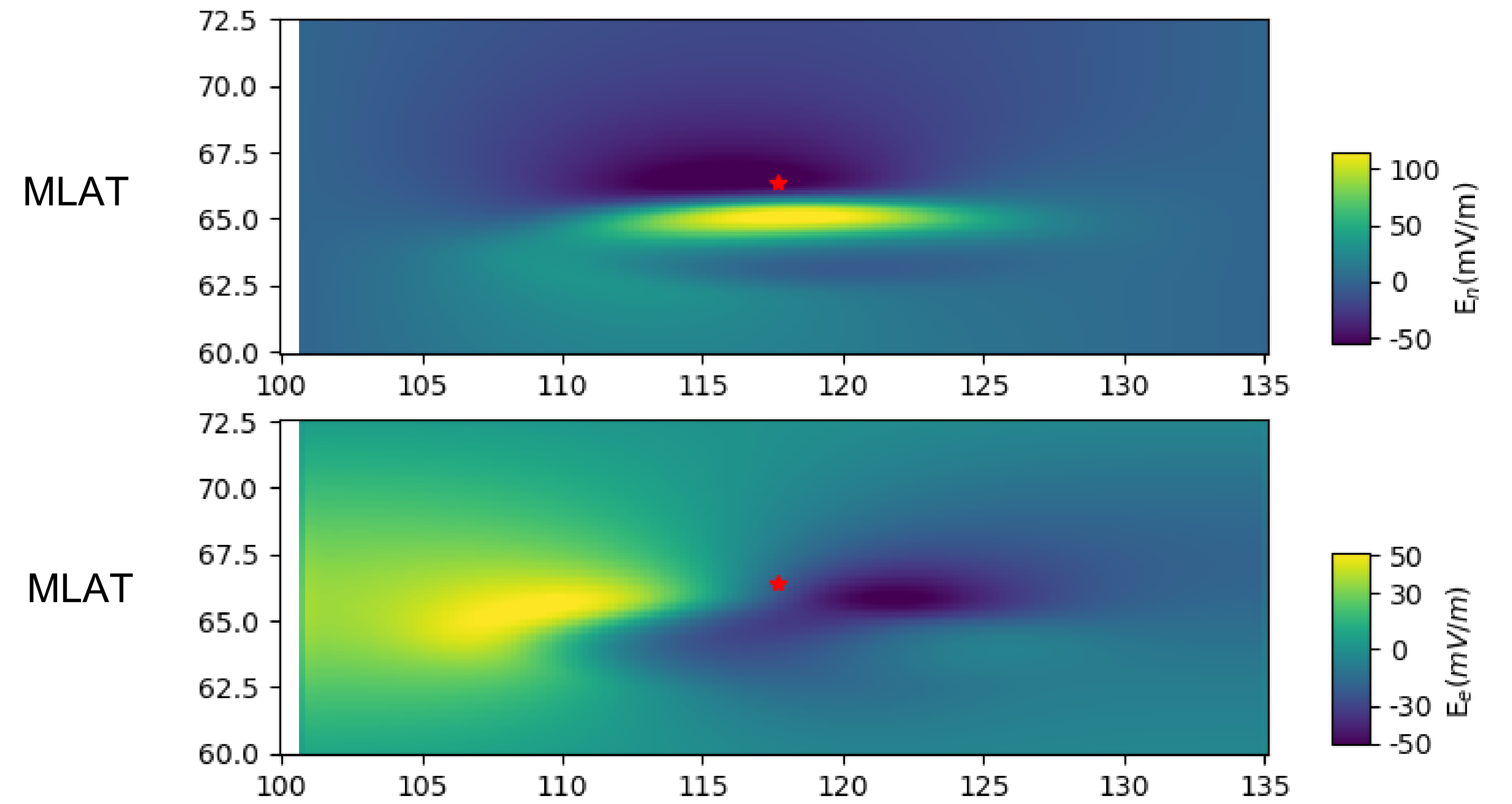


# GEMINI simulation data

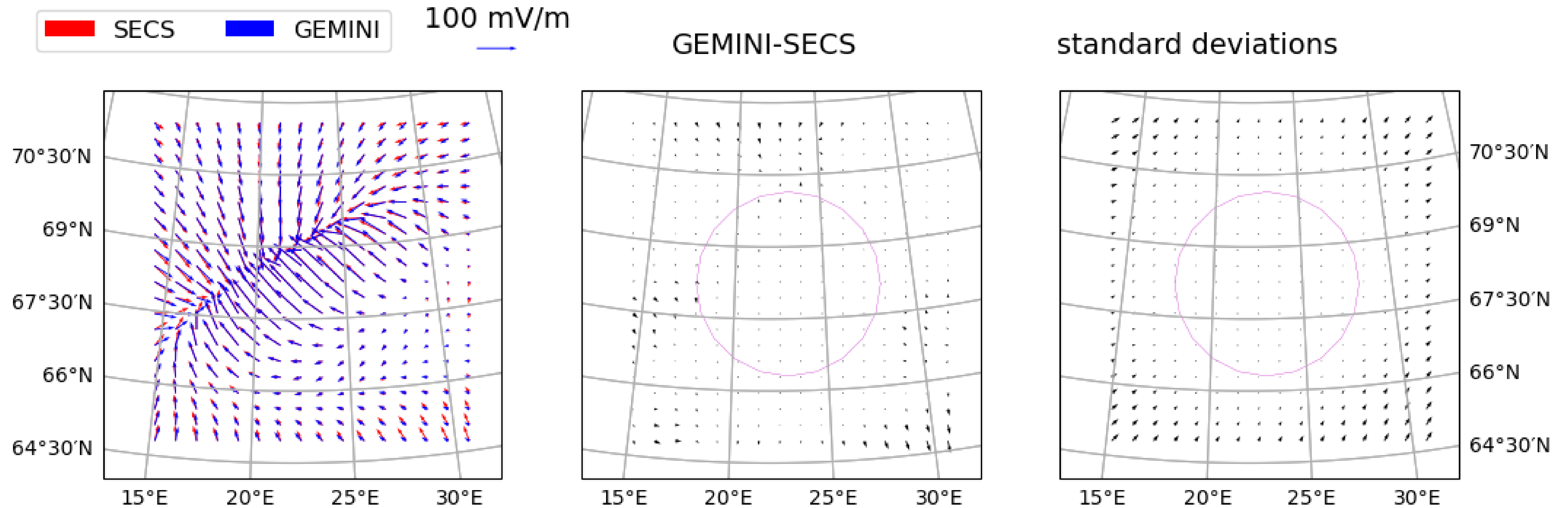
## Electron density



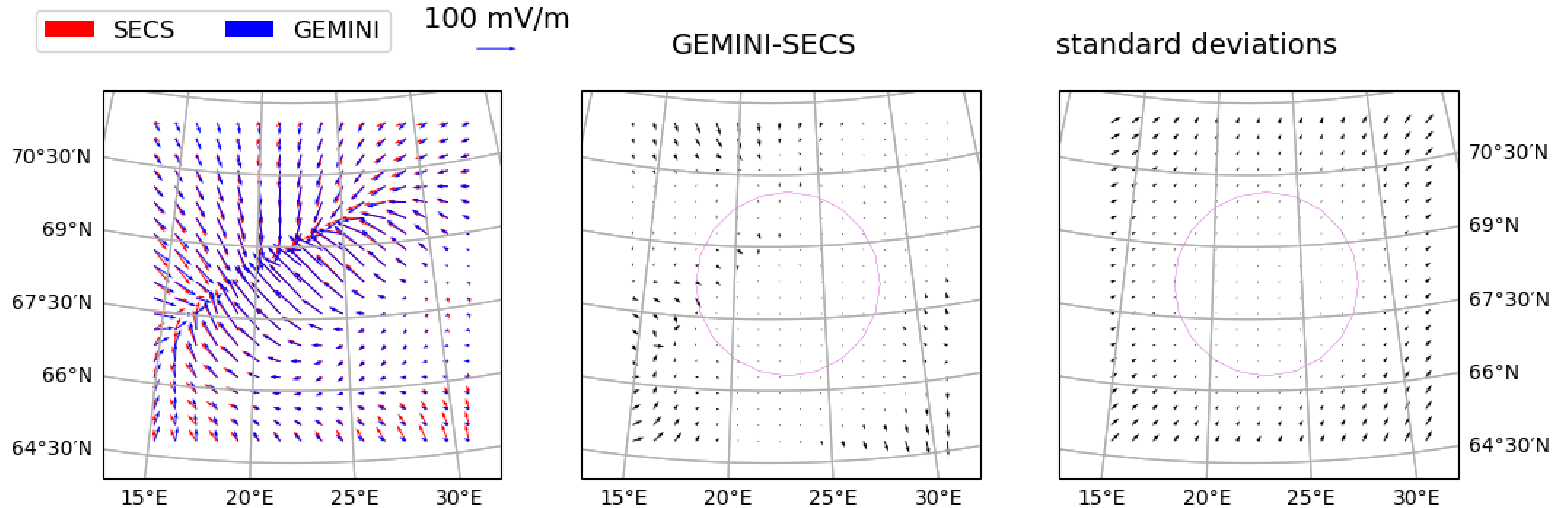
## Electric field at 300 km



# SECS analysis of tristatic E3D electric field: 5 min integration period

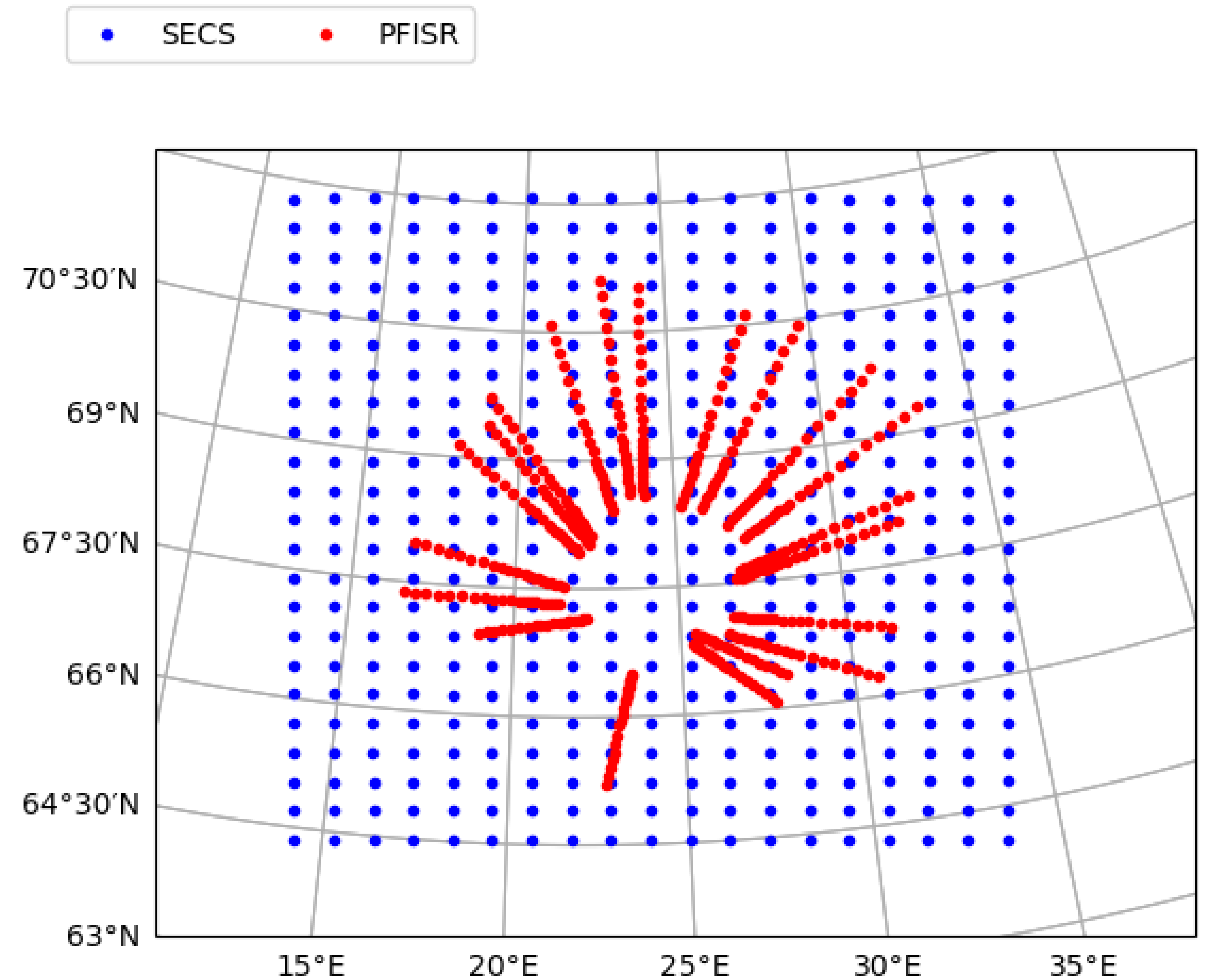


# SECS analysis of tristatic E3D electric field: 1 min integration period

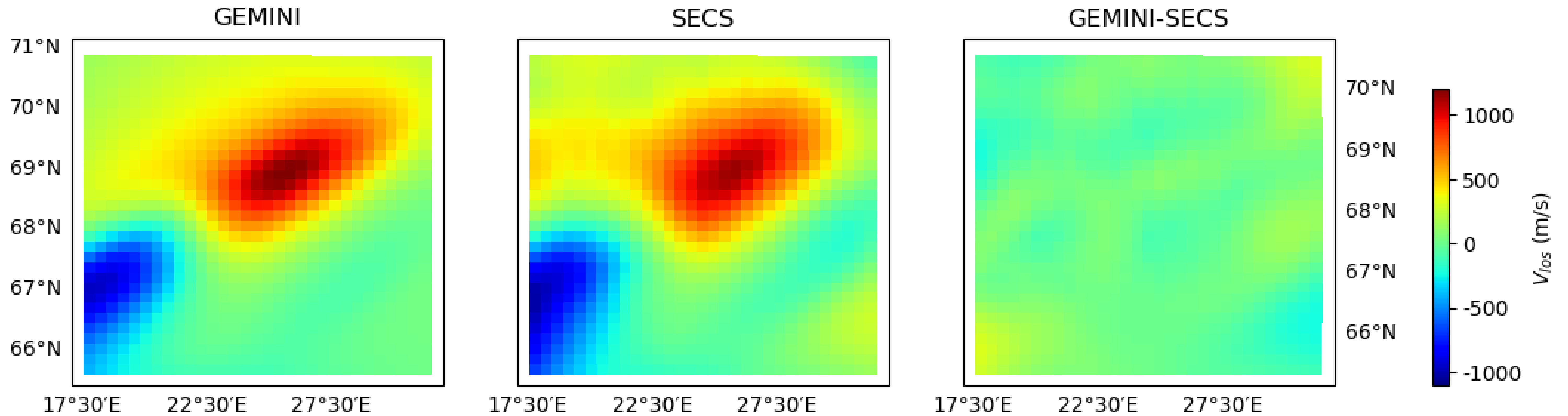


# Monostatic fit with PFISR beam

- Low elevation (<70) beams are used
- high elevation beam  $V_i$  data dominated by noise.
- Number of beams: 21
- Pulse length: 5 km
- Total Integration period: 5 min
- Integration period per beam:  $\sim 7$  s

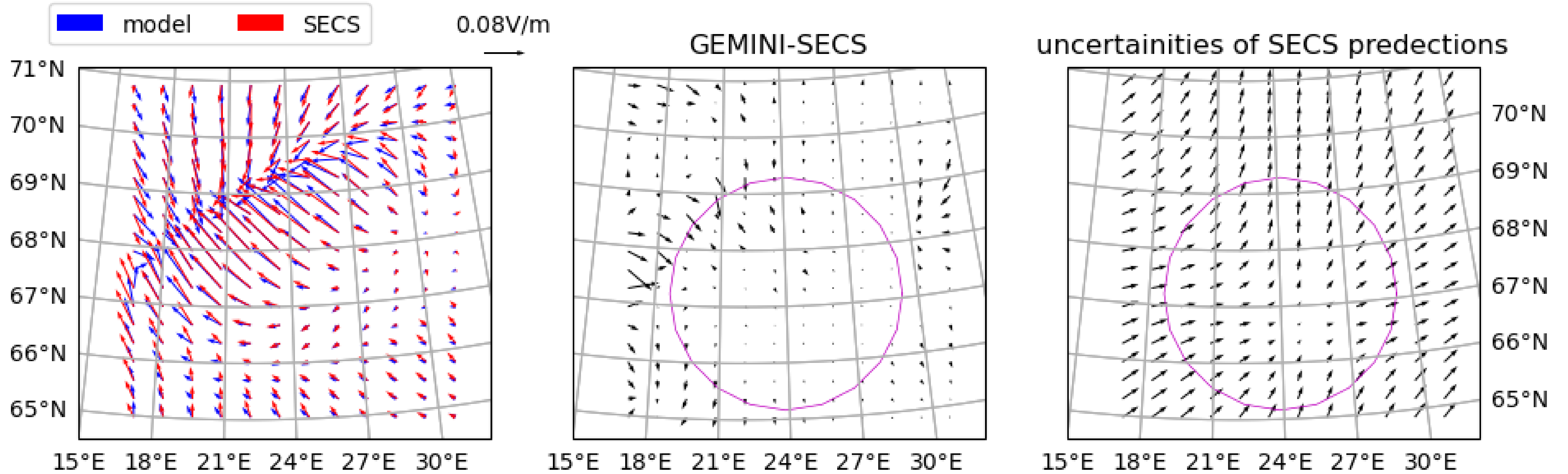


# Monostatic LoS fit with PFISR beam

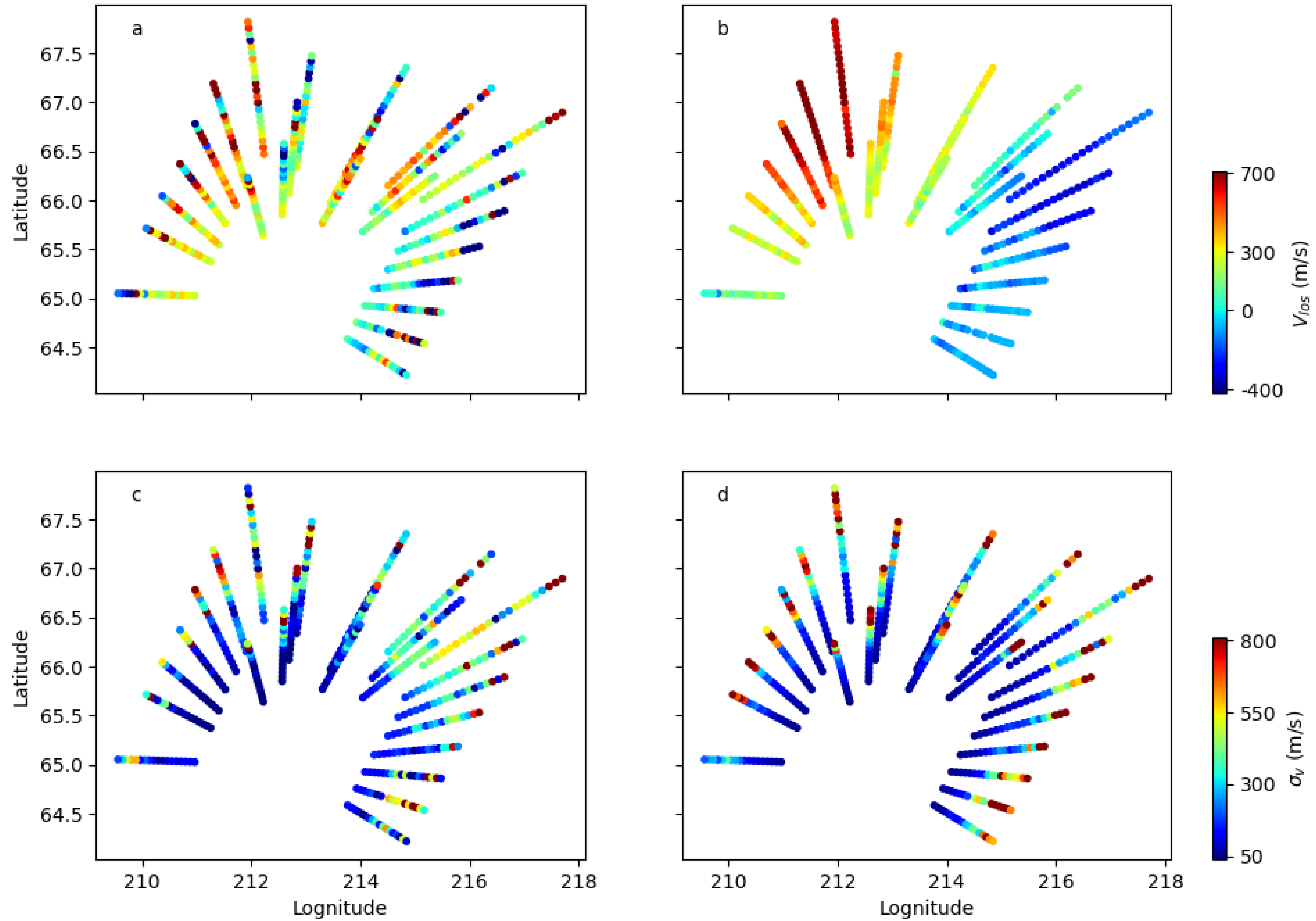


$$V_{l1} = A_1 \begin{bmatrix} S \\ V_{\parallel} \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon_1$$

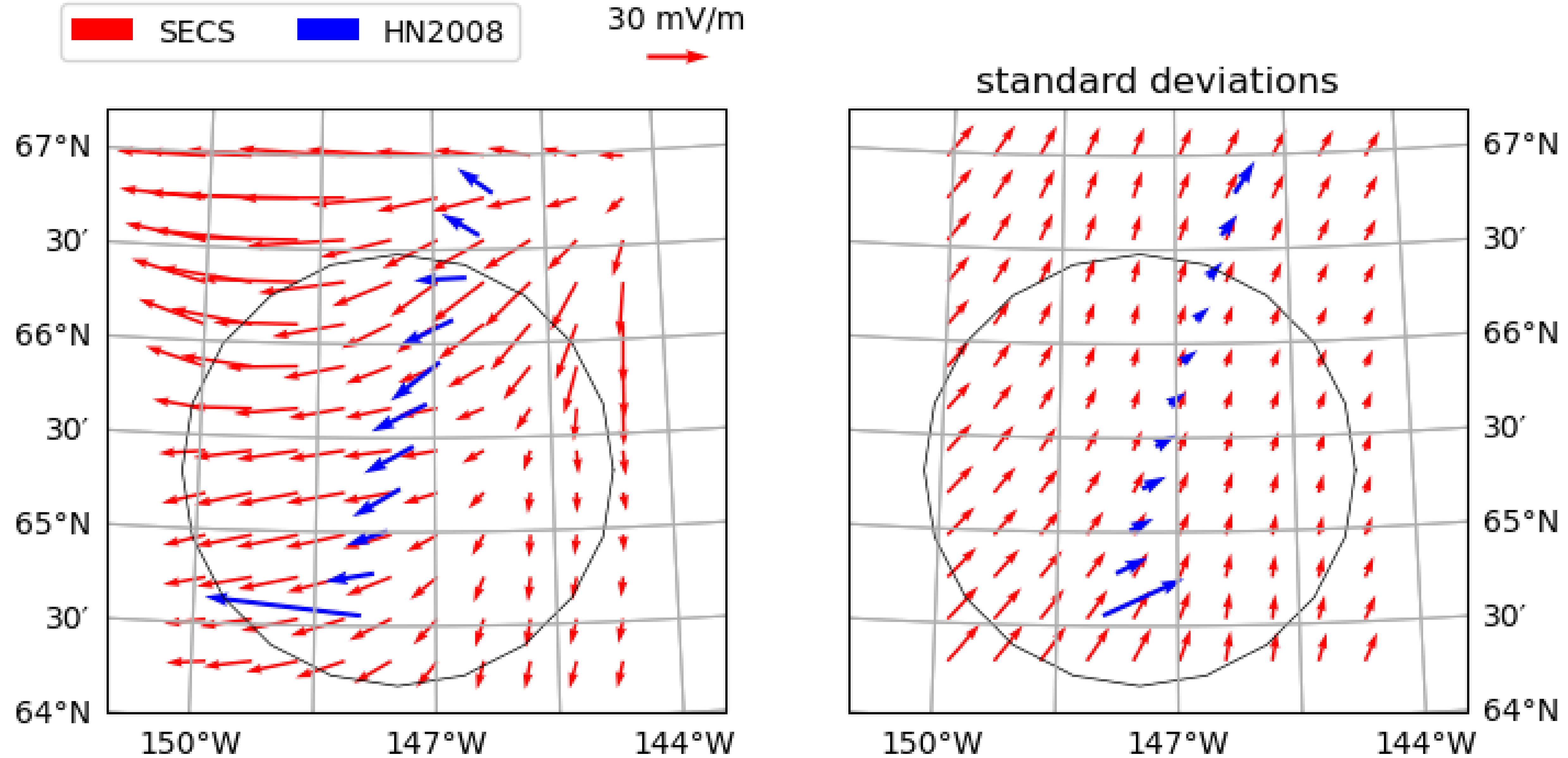
# Monostatic electric field fit



# Monostatic LoS fit with real PFISR data



# Monostatic Electric field fit with real PFISR data





# Summary

- We developed a method to fit regional model of electric field to E3D data
- We tested the method using synthetic data based on GEMINI3D simulation and E3DOUBT realistic error estimation
- Our method captures all essential features of the true background electric field when applied to the tristatic E3D configuration.
- The monostatic version of the model is applied to real PFISR data, and the model gives reasonable 2D variation of the electric field.