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**Numerical Simulation of 3D DC and AC Resistivity Logging
Measurements Using a Fourier Series Expansion in a
Non-Orthogonal System of Coordinates and a 2D hp-FEM.**

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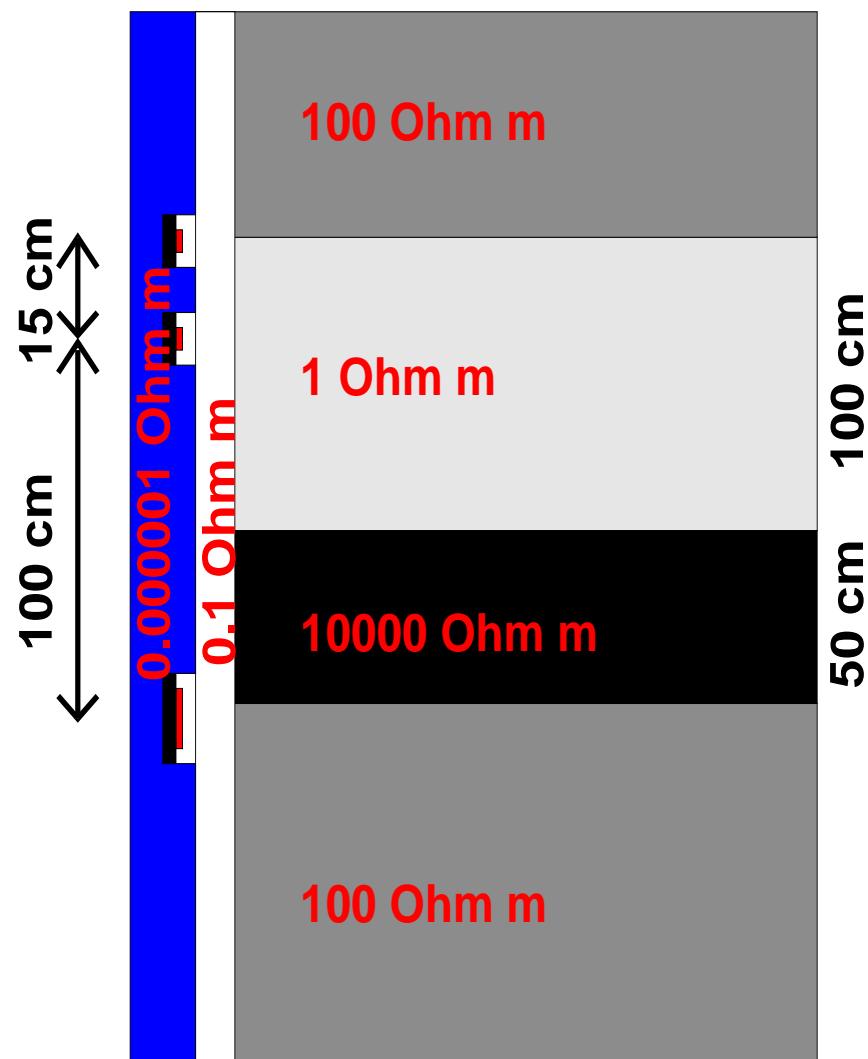
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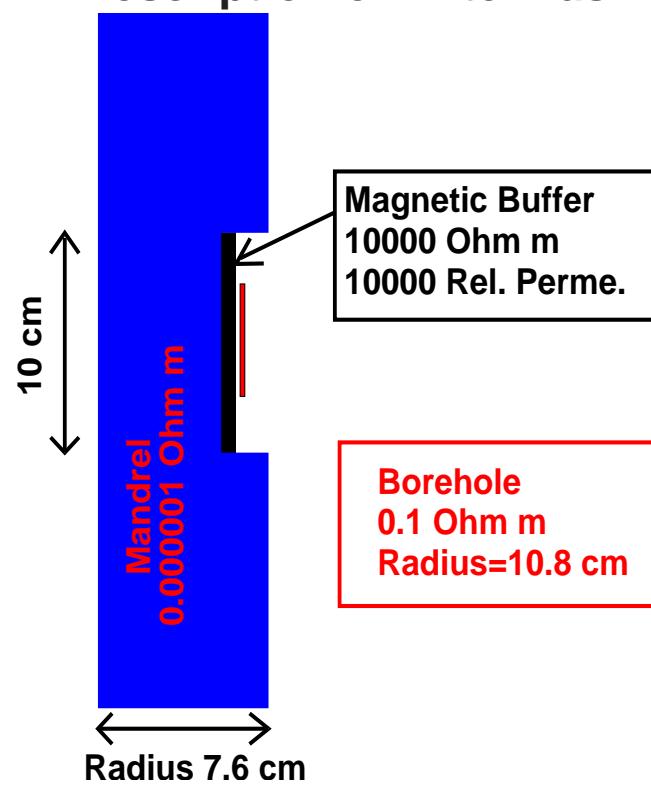
OVERVIEW

- 1. Motivation: Simulation of resistivity logging measurements in deviated wells.**
- 2. Methodology:**
 - Fourier series expansion.
 - Non-orthogonal system of coordinates.
 - 2D goal-oriented self-adaptive hp -FEM.
 - Verification of the methodology.
- 3. Numerical results:**
 - 3D DC measurements in deviated wells.
 - 3D AC wireline measurements in deviated wells.
 - 3D AC LWD measurements in deviated wells.
- 4. Conclusions and future work.**

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS YEARS



Description of Antennas



Goal: To Study the Effect
of Invasion, Anisotropy, and
Magnetic Permeability.

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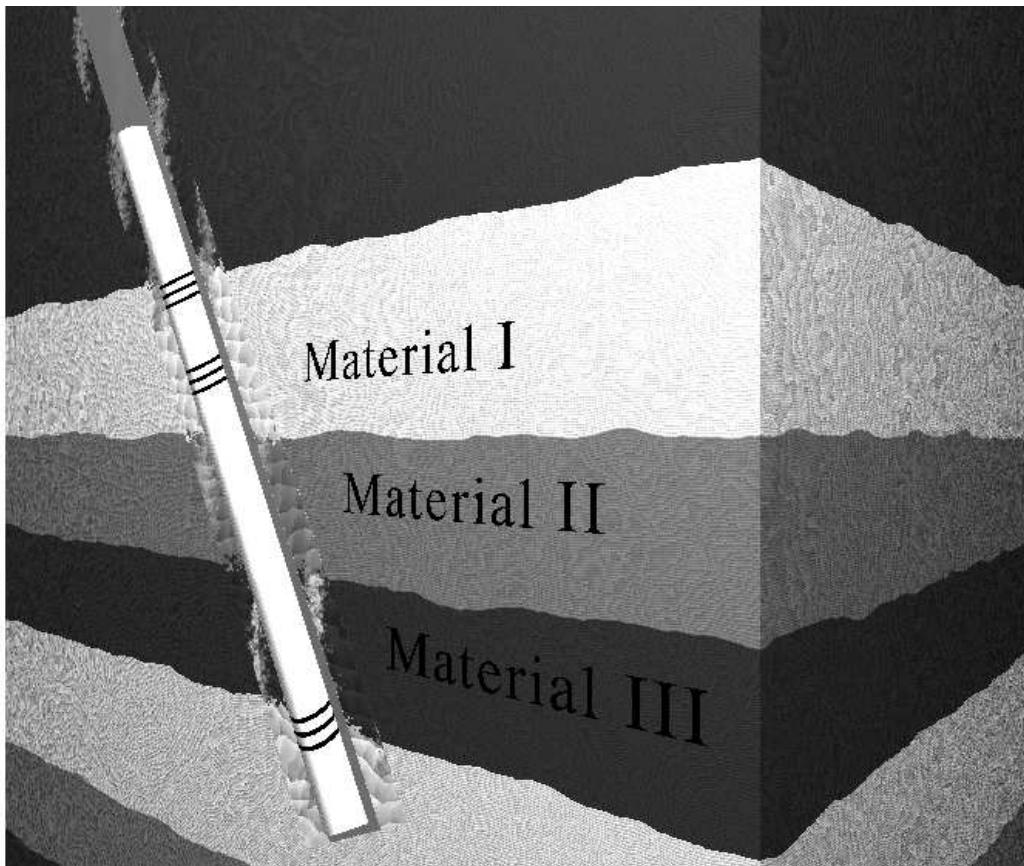
Type of Problems We Can Solve with 2Dhp90

Physical Devices	Magnetic Buffers	Insulators	Displacement Currents
	Casing	Casing Imperfections	Combination of all
Materials	Isotropic	Anisotropic	
Sources	Toroidal Antennas	Solenoidal Antennas	Dipoles in Any Direction
	Electrodes	Finite Size Antennas	Combination of All
Logging Instruments	LWD/MWD	Laterolog	Normal
	Induction	Dielectric Instruments	Cross-well
Frequency	0-10 Ghz.		
Invasion	Water	Oil	etc.

ALL AXISYMMETRIC RESISTIVITY LOGGING PROBLEMS

MOTIVATION (APPLICATIONS)

Deviated Wells (Forward Problem)

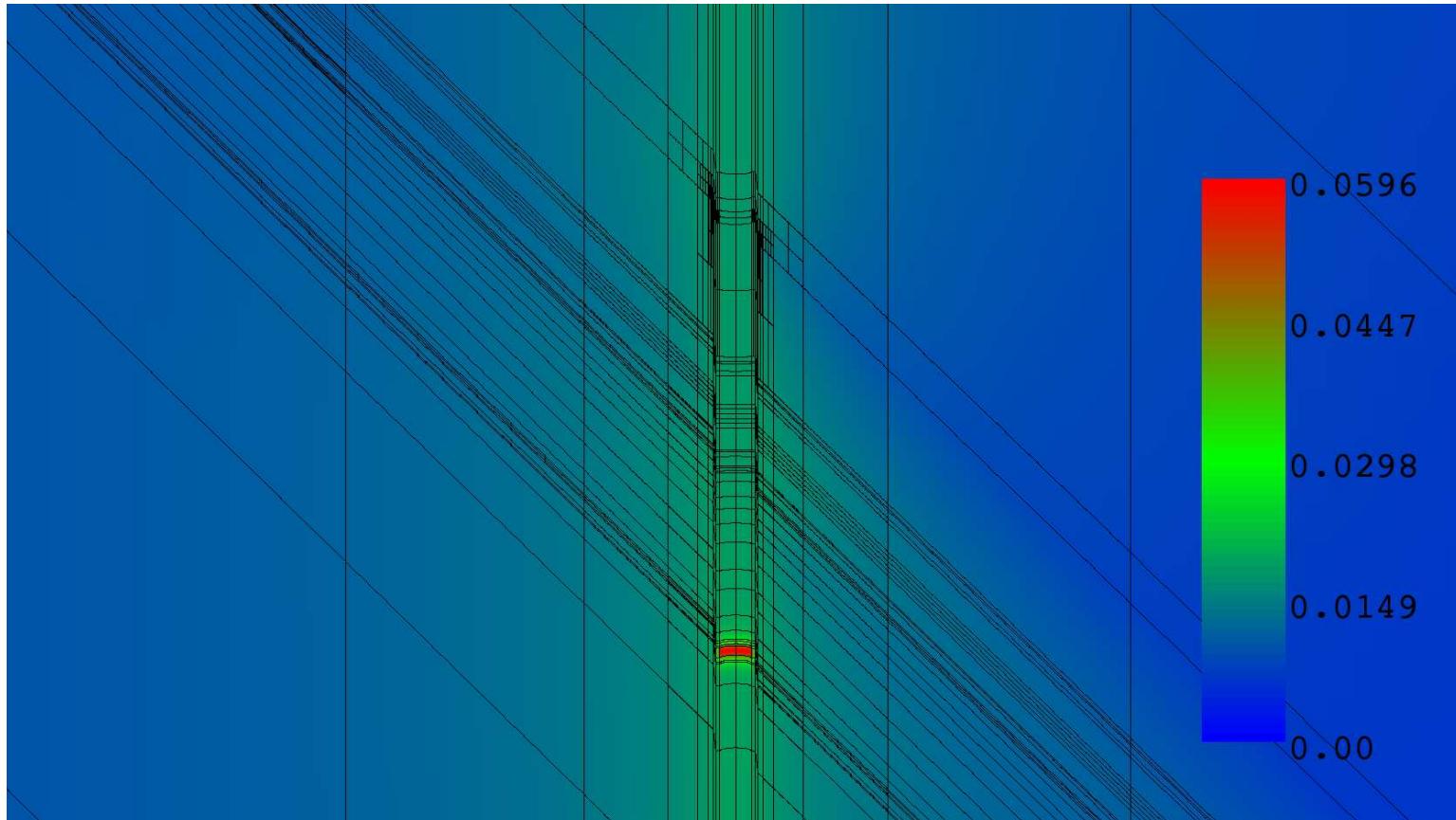


Dip Angle
Invasion
Anisotropy
Triaxial Induction
Eccentricity
Laterolog
Through-Casing
Induction-LWD
Induction-Wireline
Inverse Problems
Multi-Physics

Objective: Find solution at the receiver antennas.

MOTIVATION (APPLICATIONS)

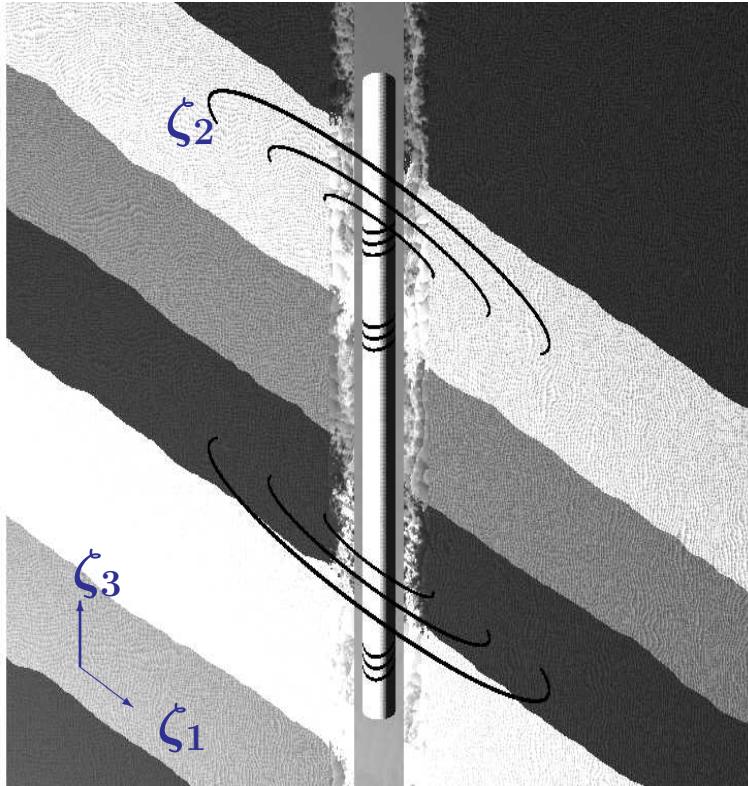
Example: Solution in a 60 degrees deviated well ($-\nabla\sigma\nabla u = f$)



Several hours to obtain one solution (3D forward simulation).
Several months needed to solve the inverse problem.

METHODOLOGY: MAIN IDEA

Non-Orthogonal System of Coordinates



Material coefficients are constant with respect to the quasi-azimuthal direction ζ_2

Fourier Series Expansion in ζ_2

DC Problems: $-\nabla \sigma \nabla u = f$

$$u(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{l=\infty} u_l(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jl\zeta_2}$$

$$\sigma(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{m=\infty} \sigma_m(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jm\zeta_2}$$

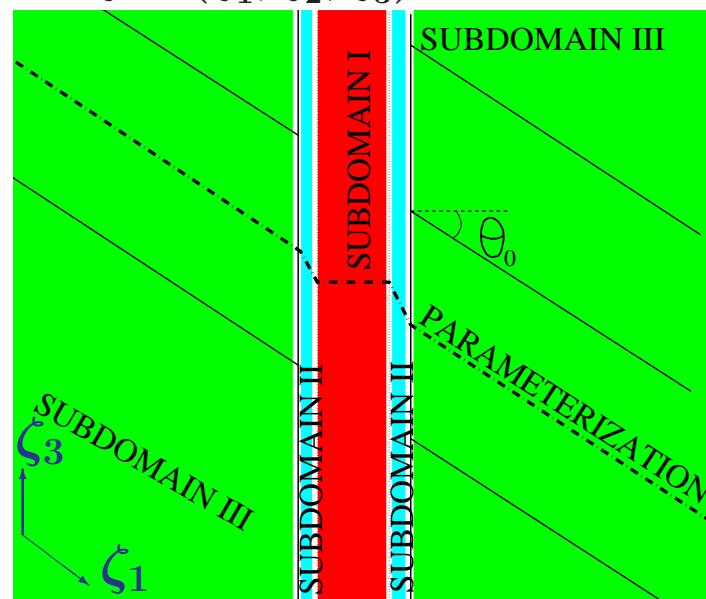
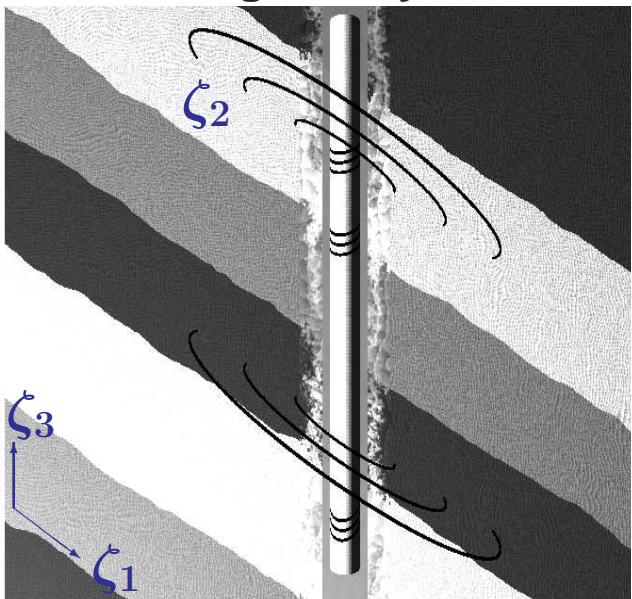
$$f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} f_n(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jn\zeta_2}$$

Fourier modes $e^{jl\zeta_2}$ are orthogonal high-order basis functions that are (almost) invariant with respect to the gradient operator.

METHODOLOGY: NEW SYSTEM OF COORDINATES

Cartesian system of coordinates: $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

New non-orthogonal system of coordinates: $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)$.



Subdomain I

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \zeta_1 \cos \zeta_2 \\ x_2 = \zeta_1 \sin \zeta_2 \\ x_3 = \zeta_3 \end{cases};$$

Subdomain II

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \zeta_1 \cos \zeta_2 \\ x_2 = \zeta_1 \sin \zeta_2 \\ x_3 = \zeta_3 + \tan \theta_0 \frac{\zeta_1 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 - \rho_1} \rho_2 \end{cases};$$

Subdomain III

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \zeta_1 \cos \zeta_2 \\ x_2 = \zeta_1 \sin \zeta_2 \\ x_3 = \zeta_3 + \tan \theta_0 \zeta_1 \end{cases}$$

METHODOLOGY: NEW SYSTEM OF COORDINATES

Final Variational Formulation

We define the Jacobian matrix $\mathcal{J} = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, x_3)}{\partial(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)}$ and its determinant $|\mathcal{J}| = \det(\mathcal{J})$.

Variational formulation in the new system of coordinates:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u \in u_D + H_D^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \left\langle \frac{\partial v}{\partial \zeta}, \tilde{\sigma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} = \langle v, \tilde{f} \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall v \in H_D^1(\Omega), \end{array} \right.$$

where:

$$\tilde{\sigma} := \mathcal{J}^{-1} \sigma \mathcal{J}^{-1T} |\mathcal{J}| \quad ; \quad \tilde{f} := f |\mathcal{J}| .$$

Same variational formulation with new materials and load data

METHODOLOGY: FOURIER SERIES EXPANSION

For a mono-modal test function $v = v_k e^{jk\zeta_2}$, we have:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u \in u_D + H_D^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \\ \sum_{m,n} \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \zeta} \right)_k e^{jk\zeta_2}, \tilde{\sigma}_m \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right)_n e^{j(m+n)\zeta_2} \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} = \\ = \sum_l \left\langle v_k e^{jk\zeta_2}, \tilde{f}_l e^{jl\zeta_2} \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall v_k e^{jk\zeta_2} \in H_D^1(\Omega) \end{array} \right.$$

Using the L^2 -orthogonality of Fourier modes:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u \in u_D + H_D^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \\ \sum_n \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \zeta} \right)_k, \tilde{\sigma}_{k-n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right)_n \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} = \left\langle v_k, \tilde{f}_k \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} \quad \forall v_k \end{array} \right.$$

METHODOLOGY: FOURIER SERIES EXPANSION

Five Fourier modes are enough to represent EXACTLY the new material coefficients.

$$\tilde{\sigma}(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = \sum_{m=-2}^{m=2} \tilde{\sigma}_m(\zeta_1, \zeta_3) e^{jm\zeta_2}$$

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METHODOLOGY: VARIATIONAL FORMULATION

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Direct Current:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u \in u_D + H_D^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \sum_{n=k-2}^{n=k+2} \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \zeta} \right)_k, \tilde{\sigma}_{k-n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right)_n \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} = \left\langle v_k, \tilde{f}_k \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} \quad \forall v_k \end{array} \right.$$

Alternate Current:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } (\mathbf{E})_s \in H_{\Gamma_E}(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \sum_{n=s-2}^{n=s+2} \left\langle (\nabla^\zeta \times \mathbf{F})_s, (\tilde{\mu}^{-1})_{s-n} (\nabla^\zeta \times \mathbf{E})_l \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} \\ - \left\langle \mathbf{F}_s, (\tilde{k}^2)_{s-n} \mathbf{E}_l \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} = -j\omega \left\langle \mathbf{F}_s, (\tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{imp})_s \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})} \quad \forall \mathbf{F}_s \end{array} \right.$$

METHODOLOGY: IMPLEMENTATION

Example (7 Fourier Modes)

$$\sum_{n=k-2}^{n=k+2} \underbrace{\left\langle \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \zeta} \right)_k, \tilde{\sigma}_{k-n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right)_n \right\rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})}}_{(k, k-n, n)} = \langle v_k, \tilde{f}_k \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_{2D})}$$

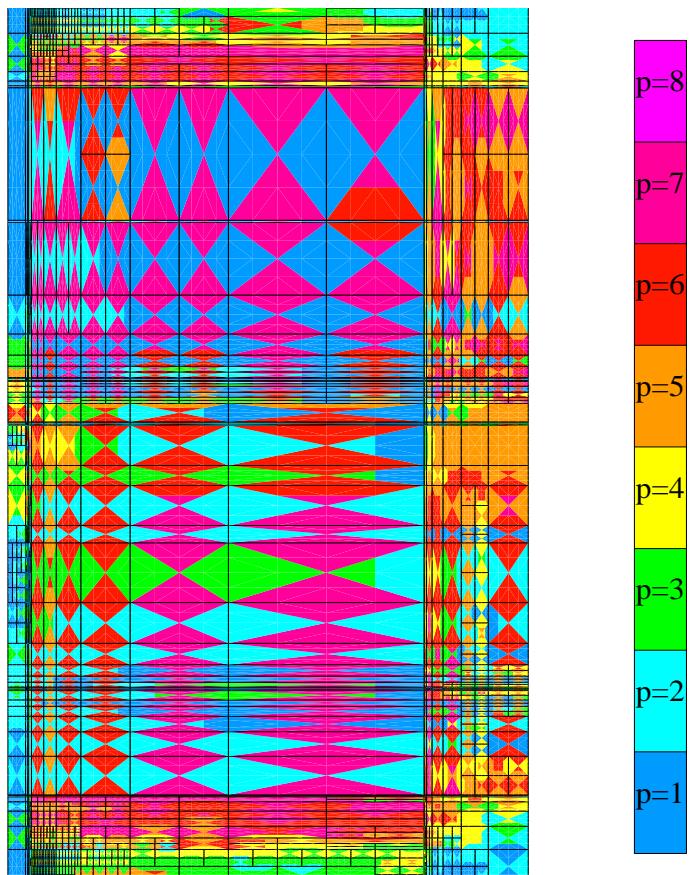
Stiffness Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (-3,0,-3) & (-3,-1,-2) & (-3,-2,-1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (-2,1,-3) & (-2,0,-2) & (-2,-1,-1) & (-2,-2,0) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (-1,2,-3) & (-1,1,-2) & (-1,0,-1) & (-1,-1,0) & (-1,-2,1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (0,2,-2) & (0,1,-1) & (0,0,0) & (0,-1,1) & (0,-2,2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1,2,-1) & (1,1,0) & (1,0,1) & (1,-1,2) & (1,-2,3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (2,2,0) & (2,1,1) & (2,0,2) & (2,-1,3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (3,2,1) & (3,1,2) & (3,0,3) \end{pmatrix}$$

METHODOLOGY: 2D hp -FEM

A Self-Adaptive Goal-Oriented hp -FEM

Optimal 2D Grid
(Through Casing Resistivity Problem)



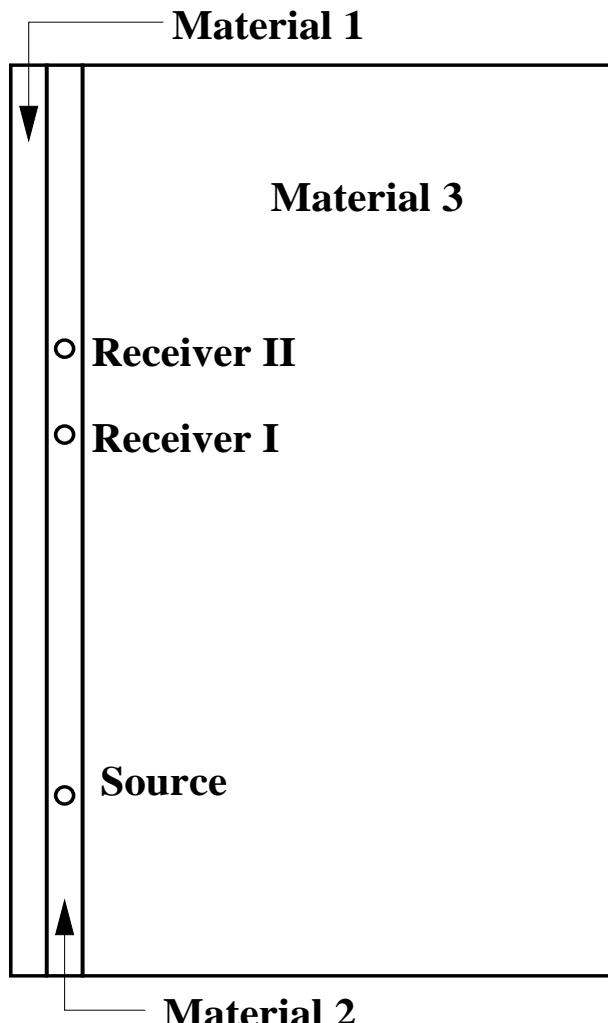
We vary locally the element size h and the polynomial order of approximation p throughout the grid.

Optimal grids are automatically generated by the computer.

The self-adaptive goal-oriented hp -FEM provides exponential convergence rates in terms of the CPU time vs. the error in a user prescribed quantity of interest.

NUMERICAL RESULTS: VERIFICATION

Three Model Problems



Problem I (Uniform Materials)

Material 1: $1 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 2: $1 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 3: $1 \Omega\text{-m}$

Problem II

Material 1: $0.00001 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 2: $10 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 3: $1 \Omega\text{-m}$

Problem III

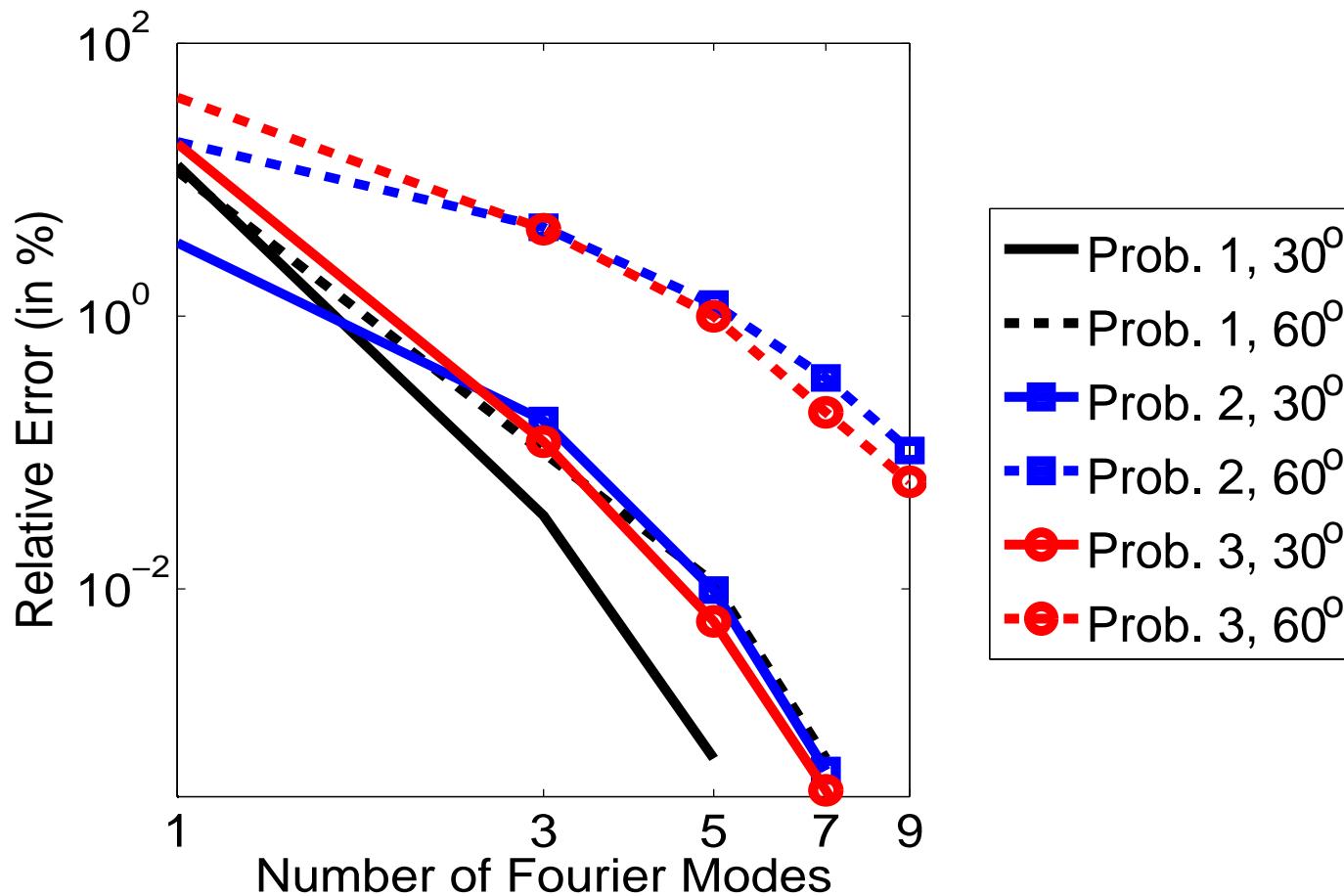
Material 1: $10000 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 2: $0.2 \Omega\text{-m}$

Material 3: $1 \Omega\text{-m}$

NUMERICAL RESULTS: VERIFICATION

Three Model Problems (DC)



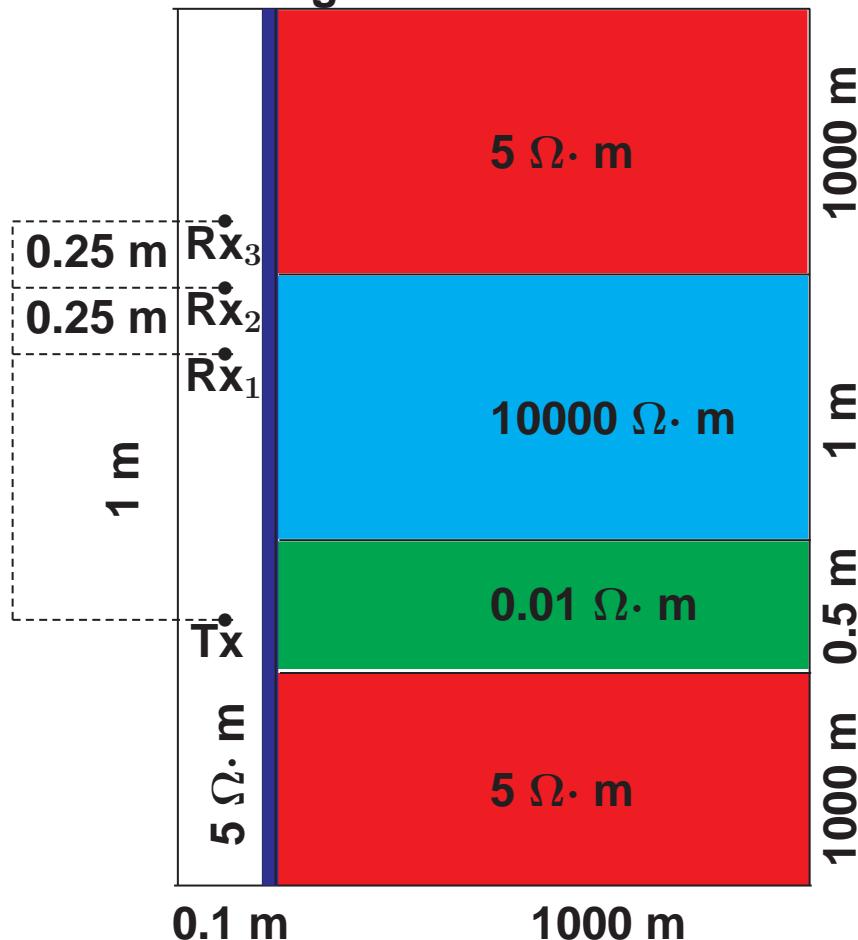
Exponential Convergence in terms of the Number of Fourier Modes

NUMERICAL RESULTS: DC RESULTS

Simulation of Through Casing Resistivity Measurements

Casing resistivity: $10^{-5} - 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$

Casing thickness: 0.0127 m



Left Figure:
Axial-symmetric model
One current electrode (emitter)
Three voltage electrodes (collectors)

Objective:
 Compute second diff. of potential
 for various depth angles and
 possibly with water invasion

Method of solution:
 Fourier series expansion +
 change of coordinates +
 2D goal-oriented hp-FEM

NUMERICAL RESULTS: DC RESULTS

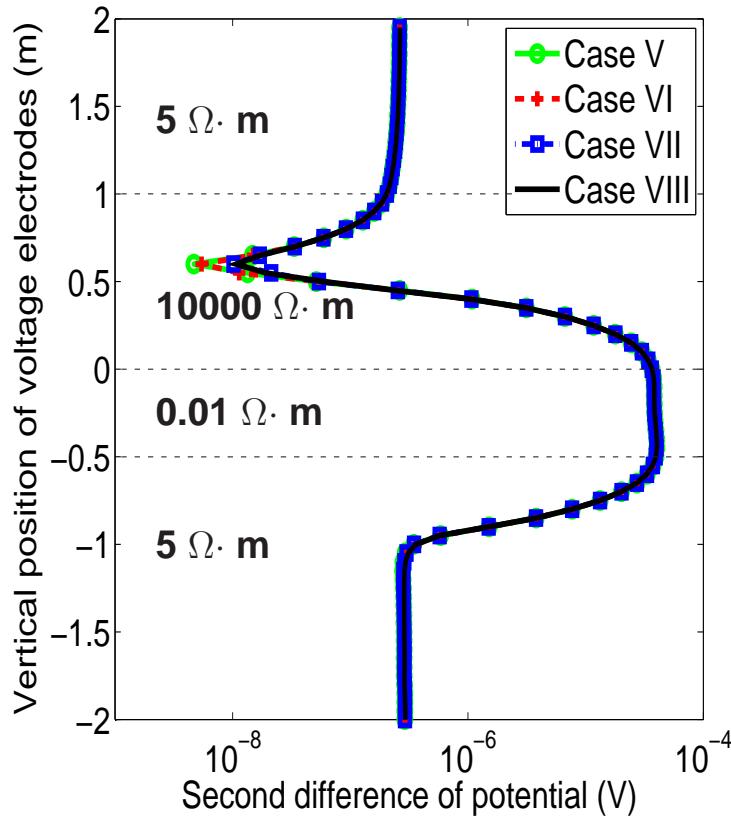
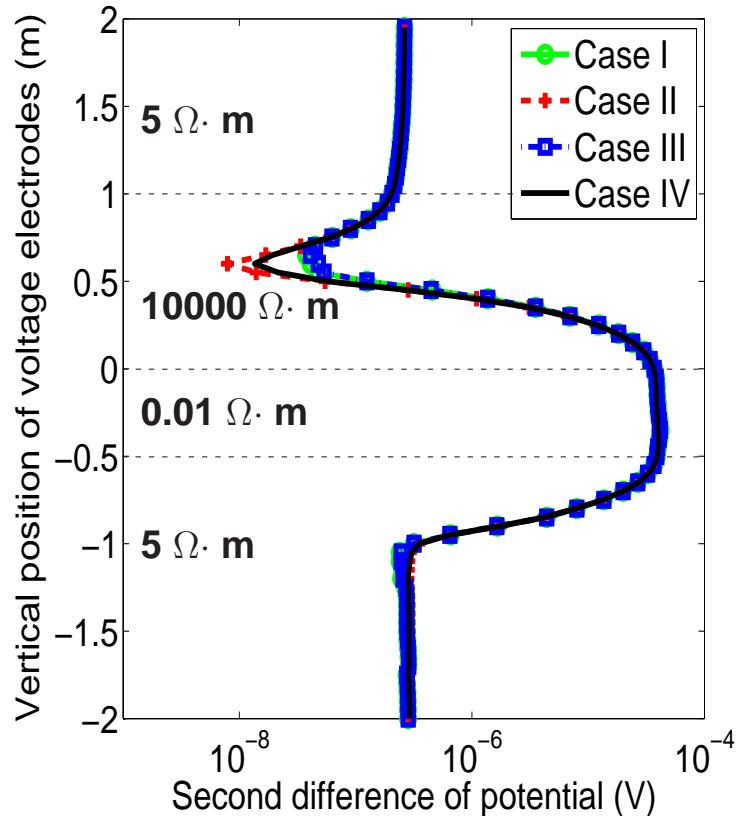
Simulation of Through Casing Resistivity Measurements

Algorithm (Case) Number	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1 Fourier mode used for adaptivity	X	X	X	X				
5 Fourier modes used for adaptivity					X	X	X	X
Final hp-grid NOT p-enriched	X		X		X		X	
Final hp-grid globally p-enriched		X		X		X		X
9 Fourier modes used for the final solution	X	X			X	X		
15 Fourier modes used for the final solution			X	X			X	X

Different algorithms provide different levels of accuracy

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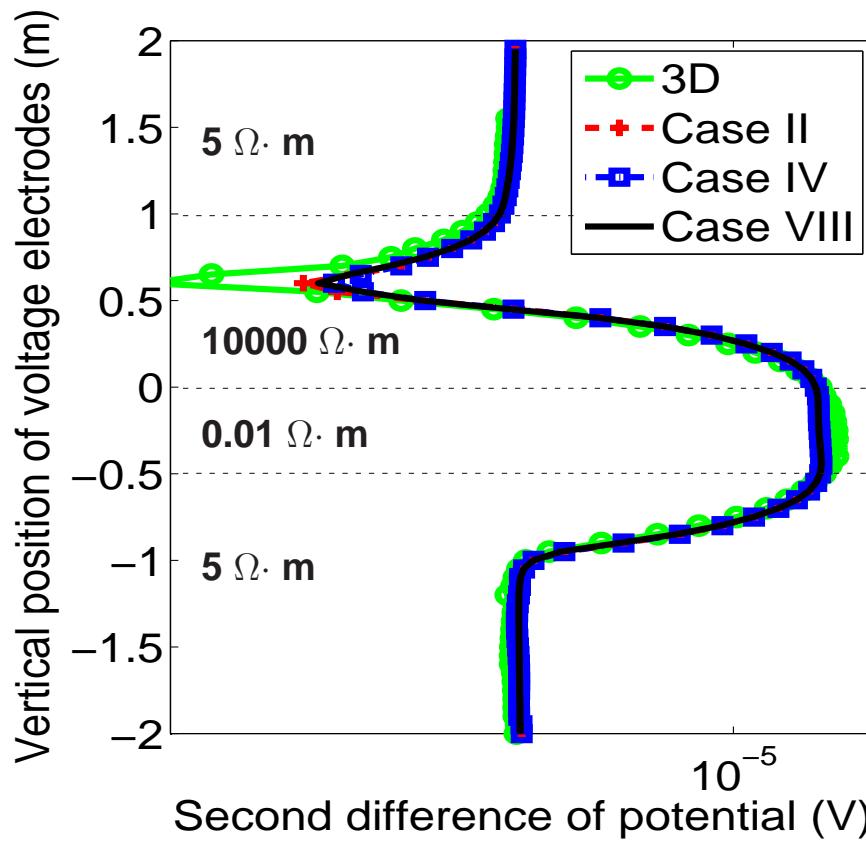
Through Casing Resistivity Measurements (60-Degree Deviated Well)



Case Number	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Total Time (minutes)	21'	40'	39'	109'	244'	290'	286'	432'

NUMERICAL RESULTS: DC RESULTS

Through Casing Resistivity Measurements (60-Degree Deviated Well)

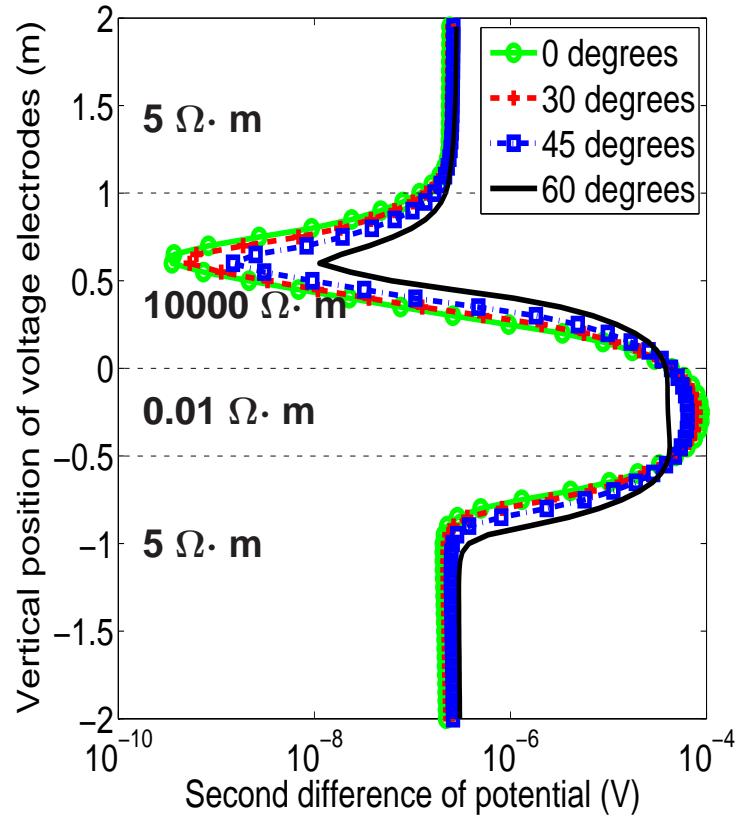


Results with the new methodology seem more accurate than those obtained with the 3D software. In addition, with the new methodology we reduce the CPU time from several days to two hours.

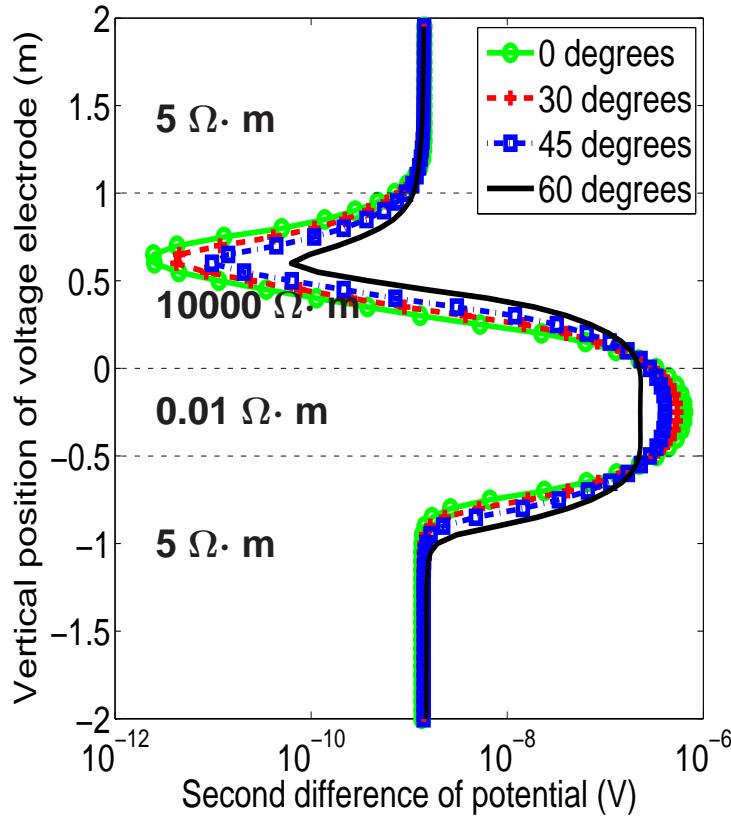
NUMERICAL RESULTS: DC RESULTS

Through Casing Resistivity Measurements (Casing Conductivity)

Casing Resistivity= $10^{-5}\Omega \cdot \text{m}$



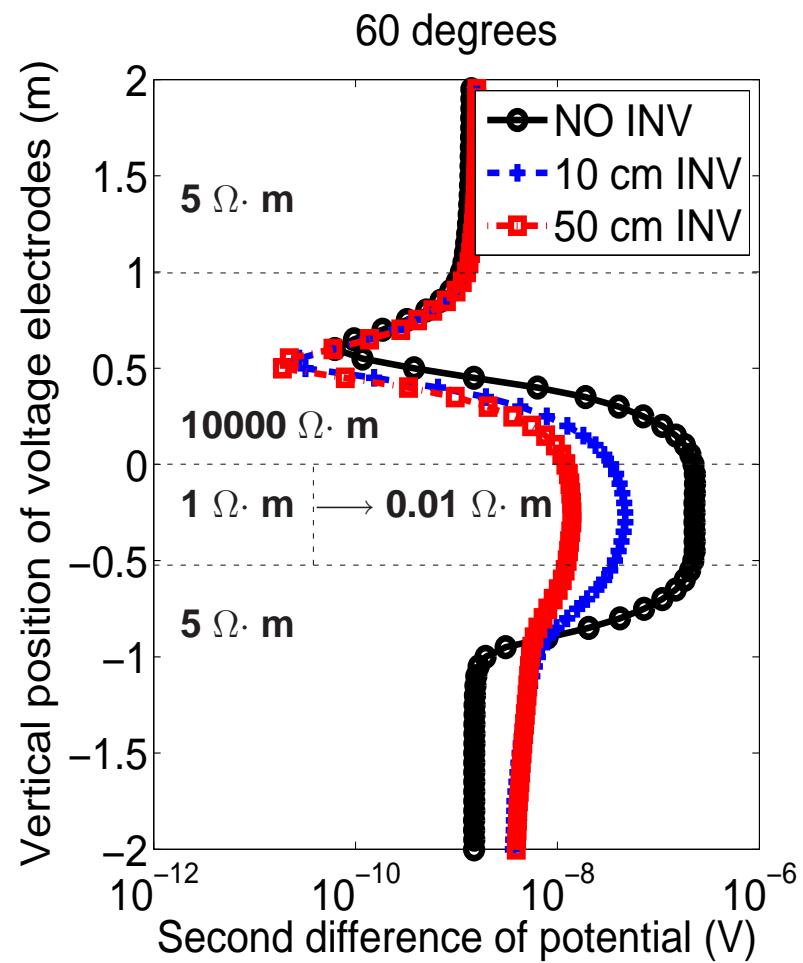
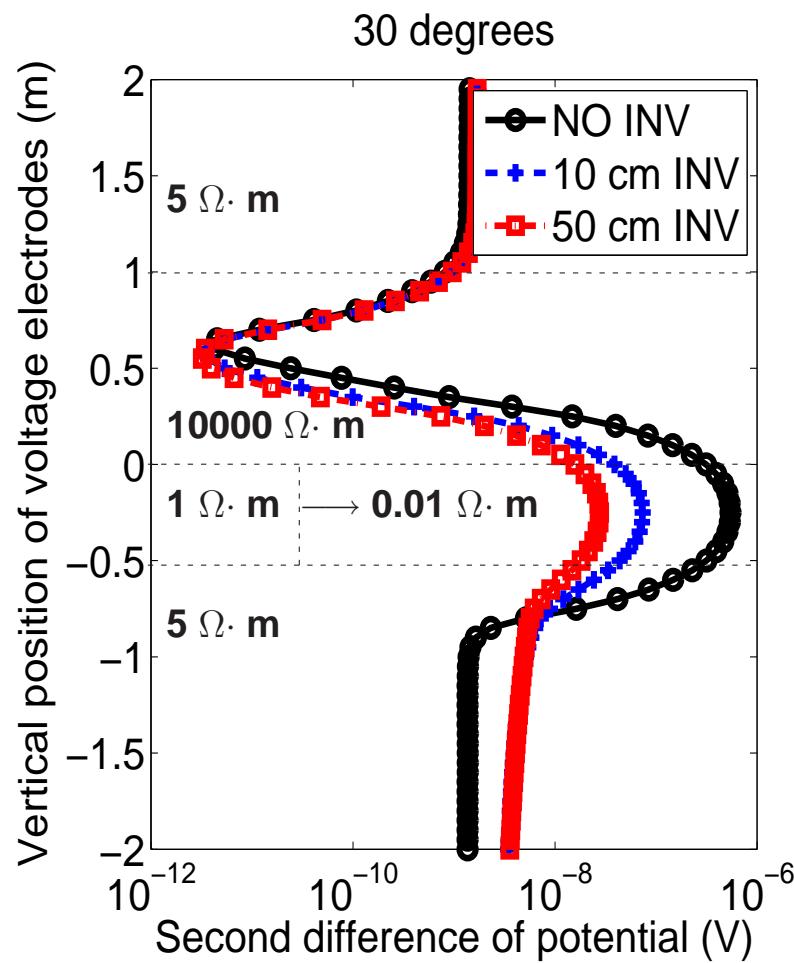
Casing Resistivity= $2.3 \times 10^{-7}\Omega \cdot \text{m}$



Qualitatively, results for various casing conductivities are similar even for deviated wells.

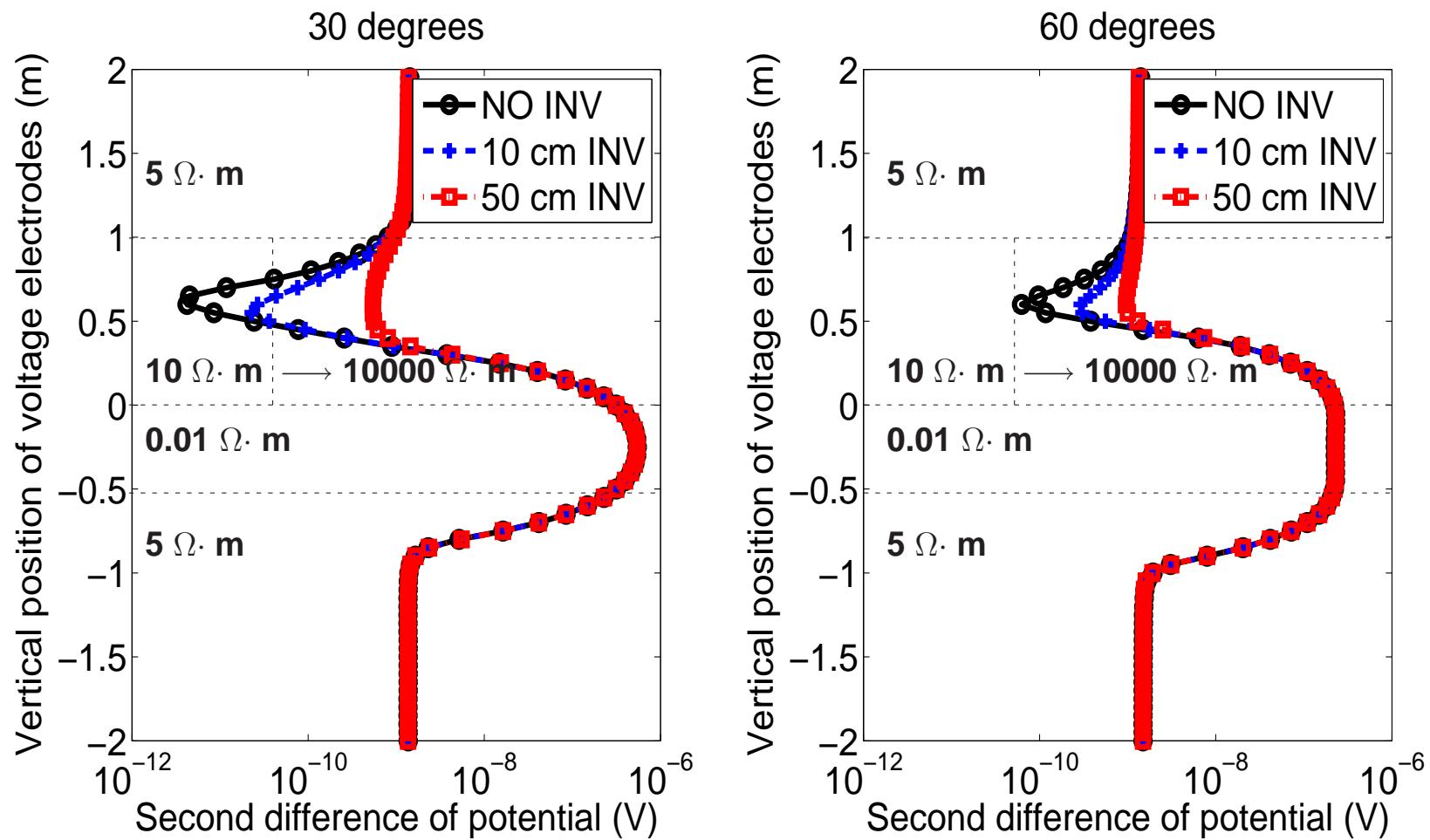
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Through Casing Resistivity Measurements (Invasion)



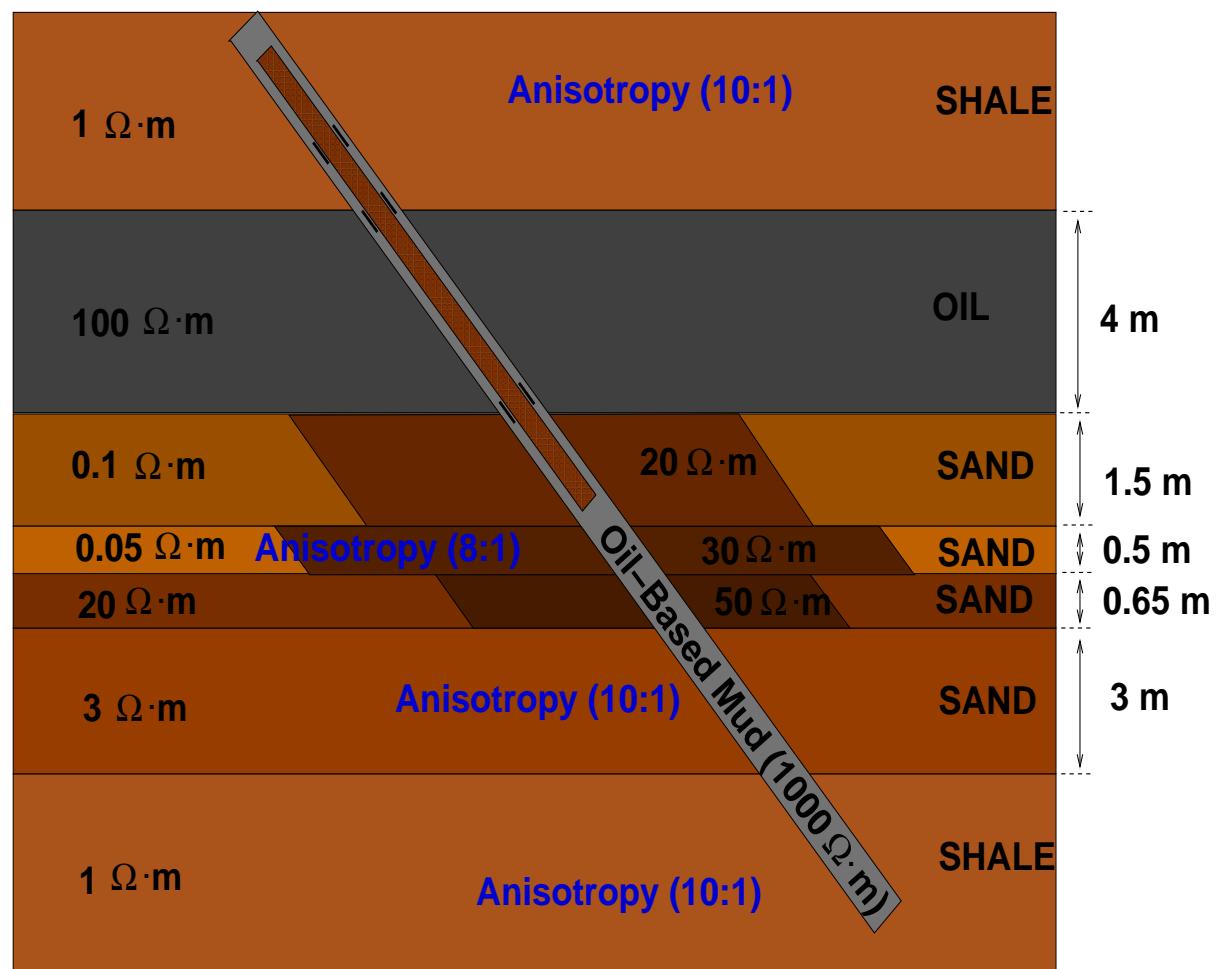
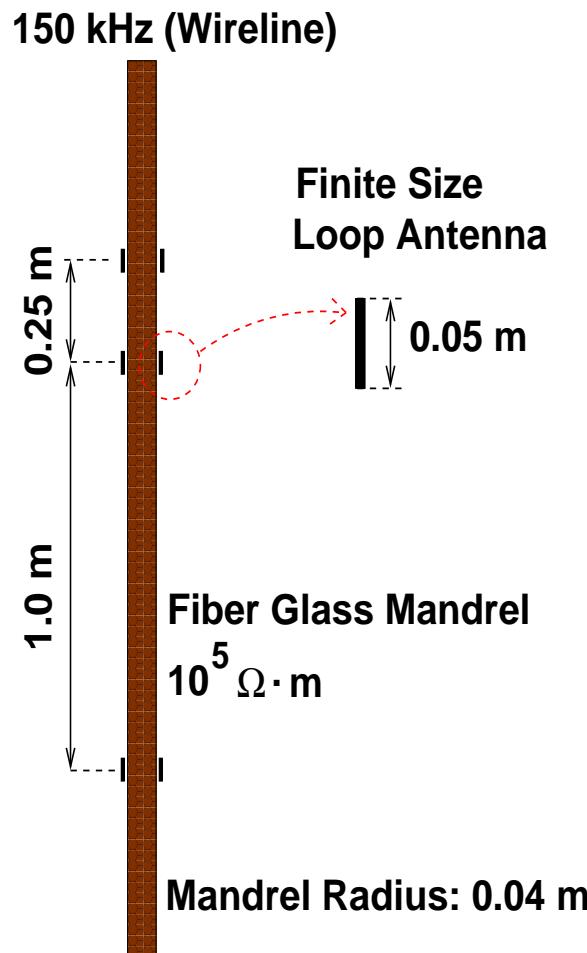
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Through Casing Resistivity Measurements (Invasion)



NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

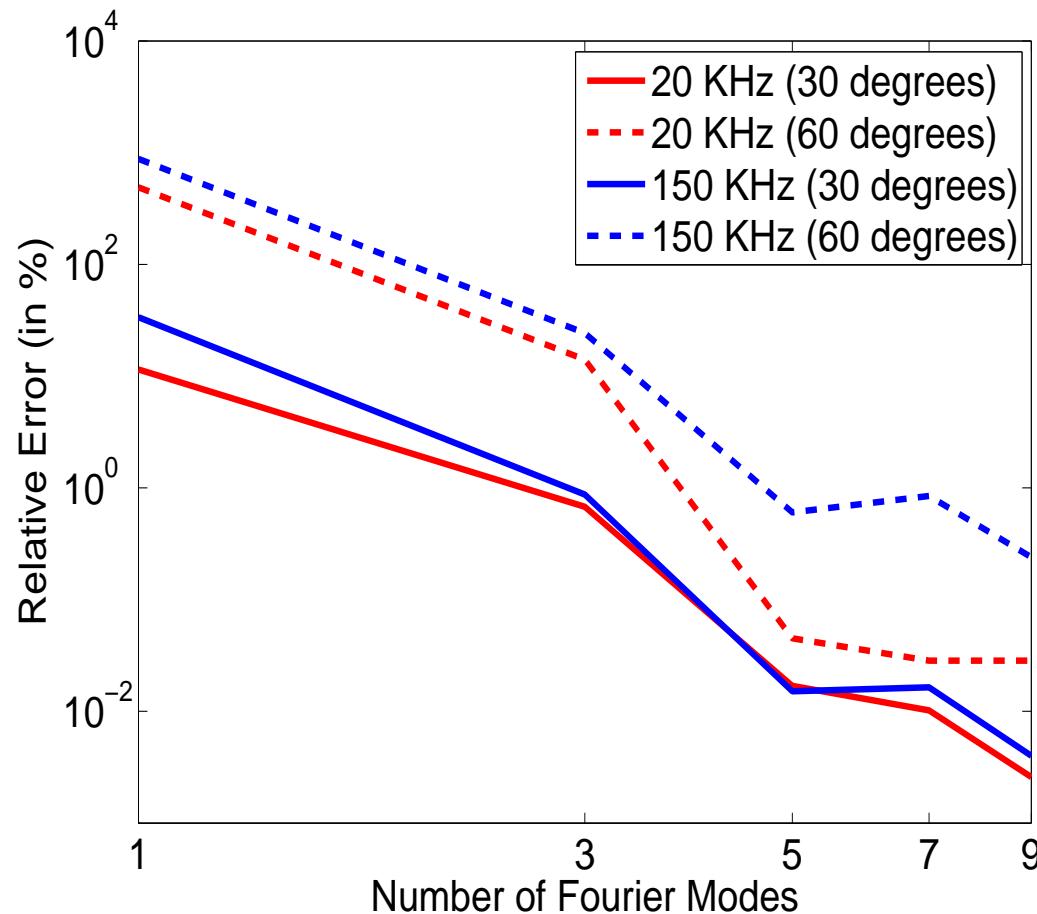
Model Problem



NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

Verification

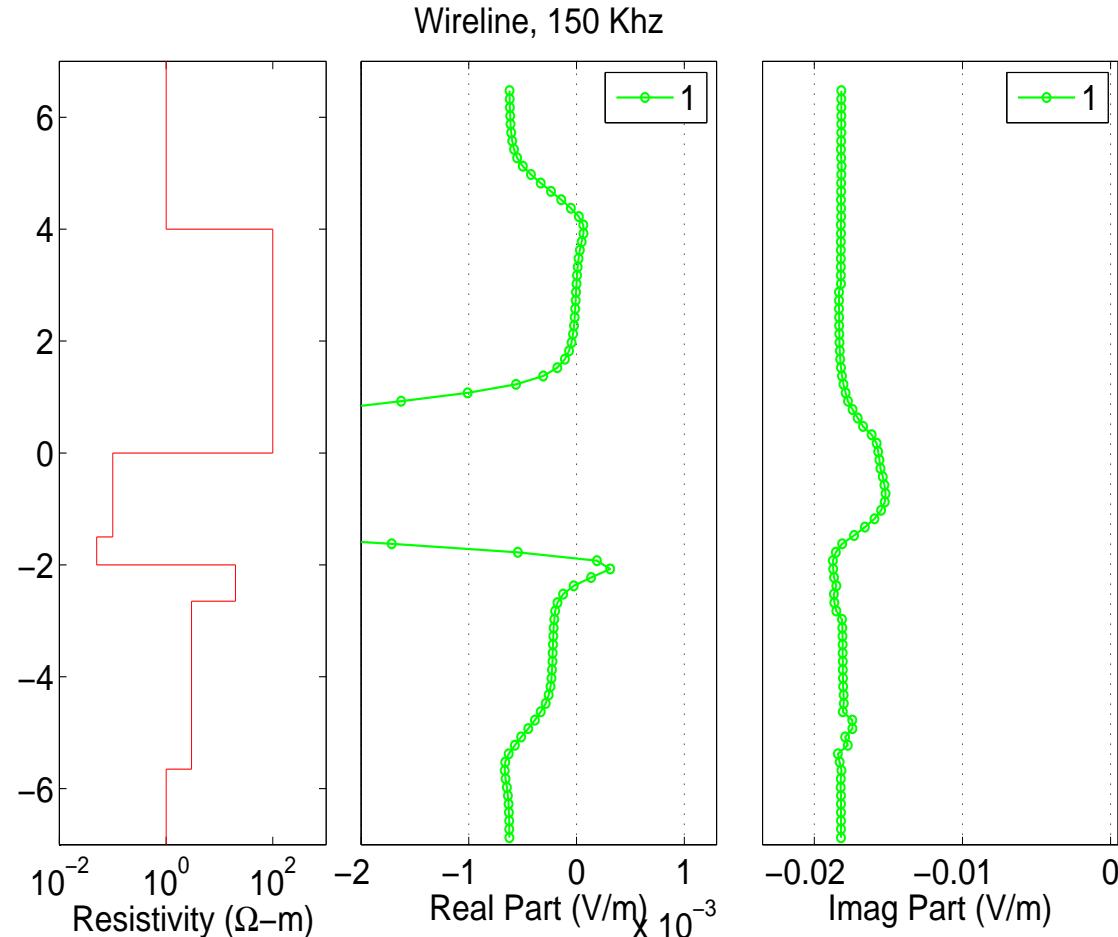
Logging Instrument in a Homogeneous Formation



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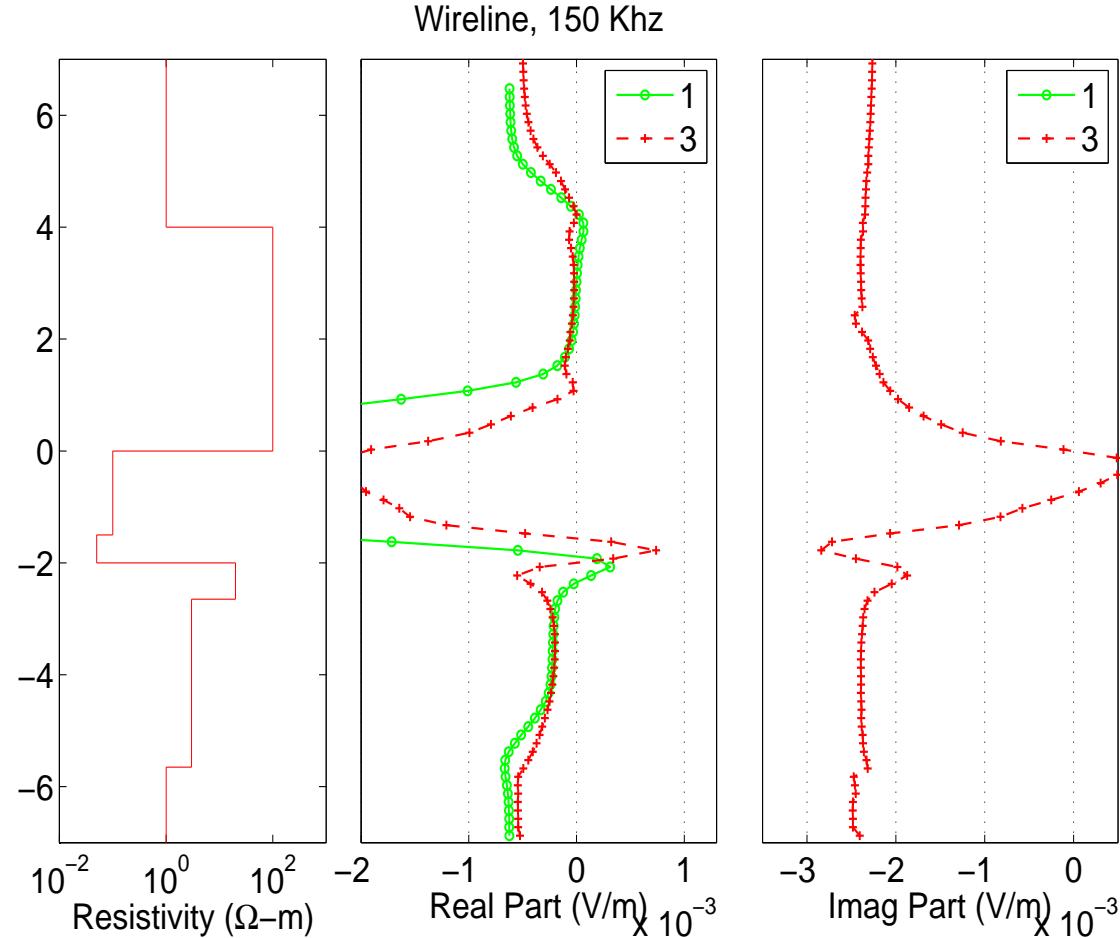
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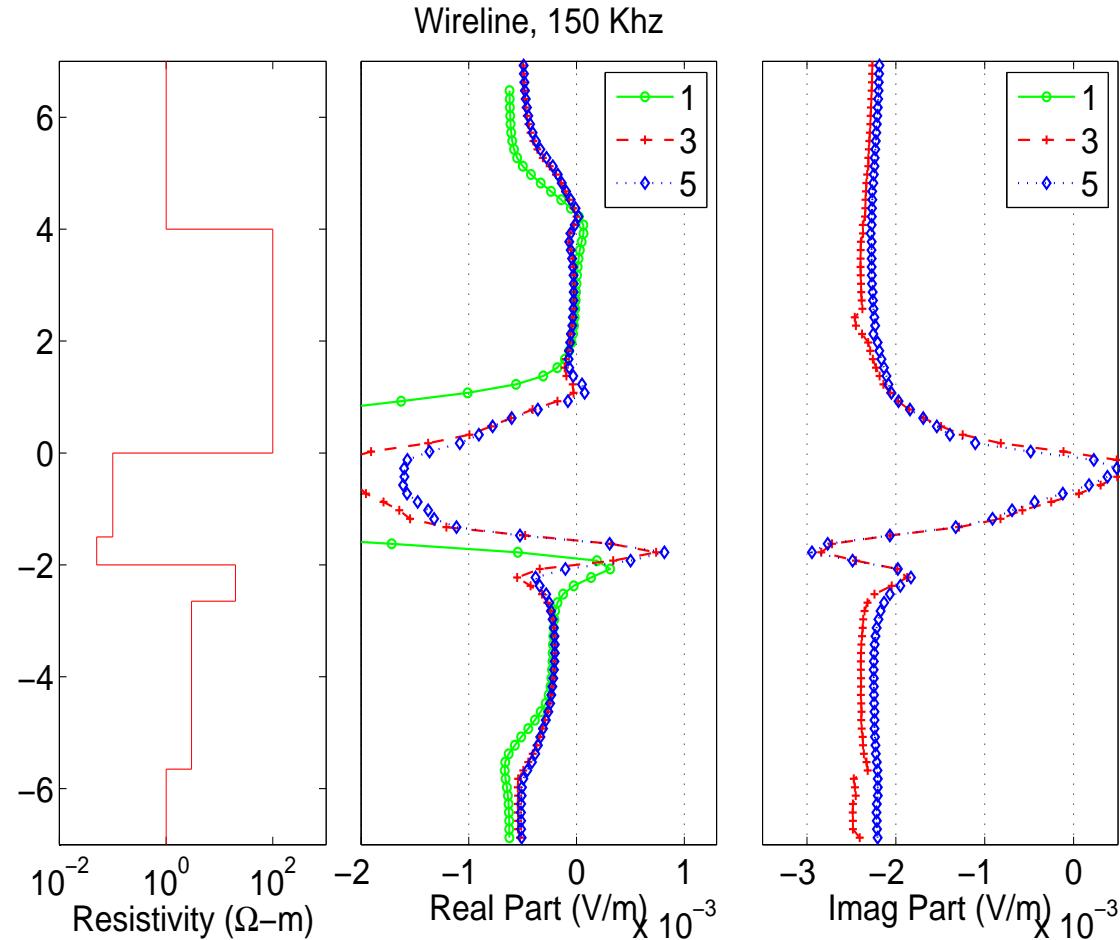
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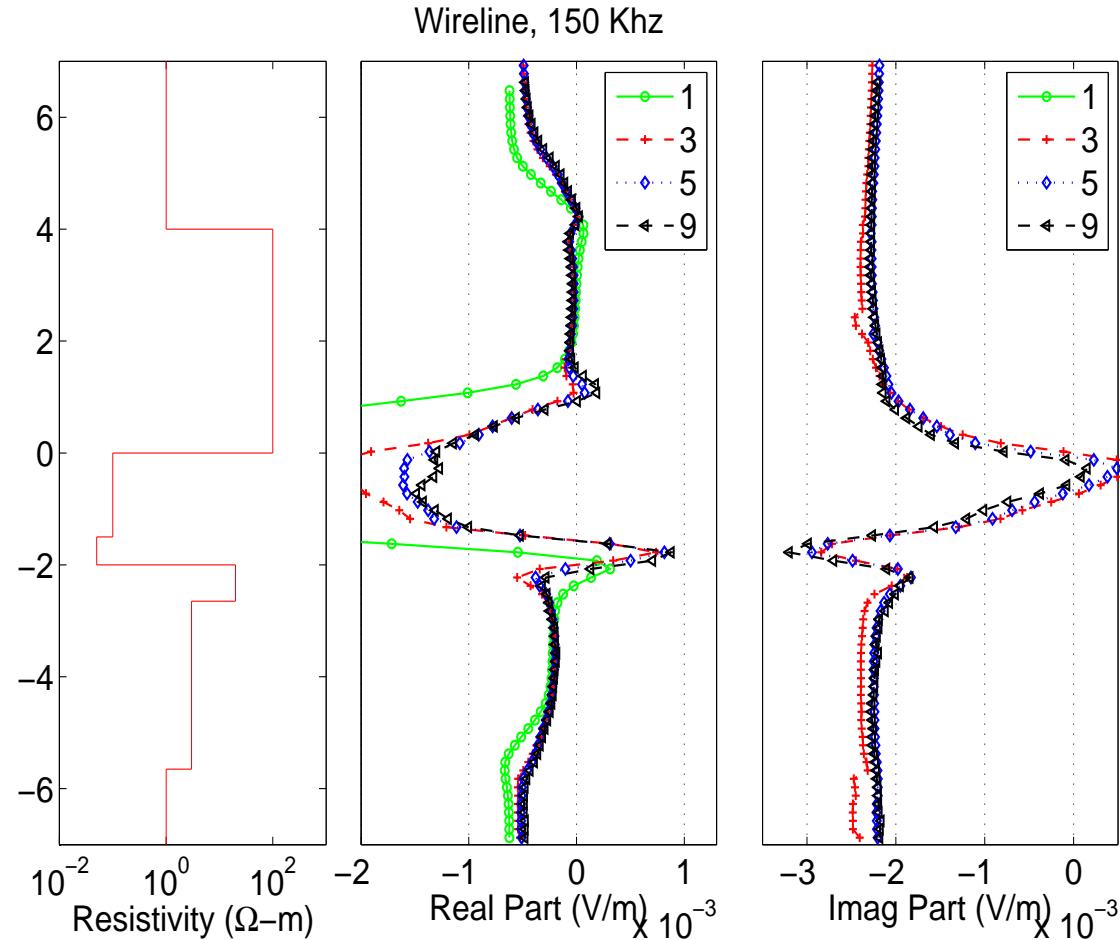
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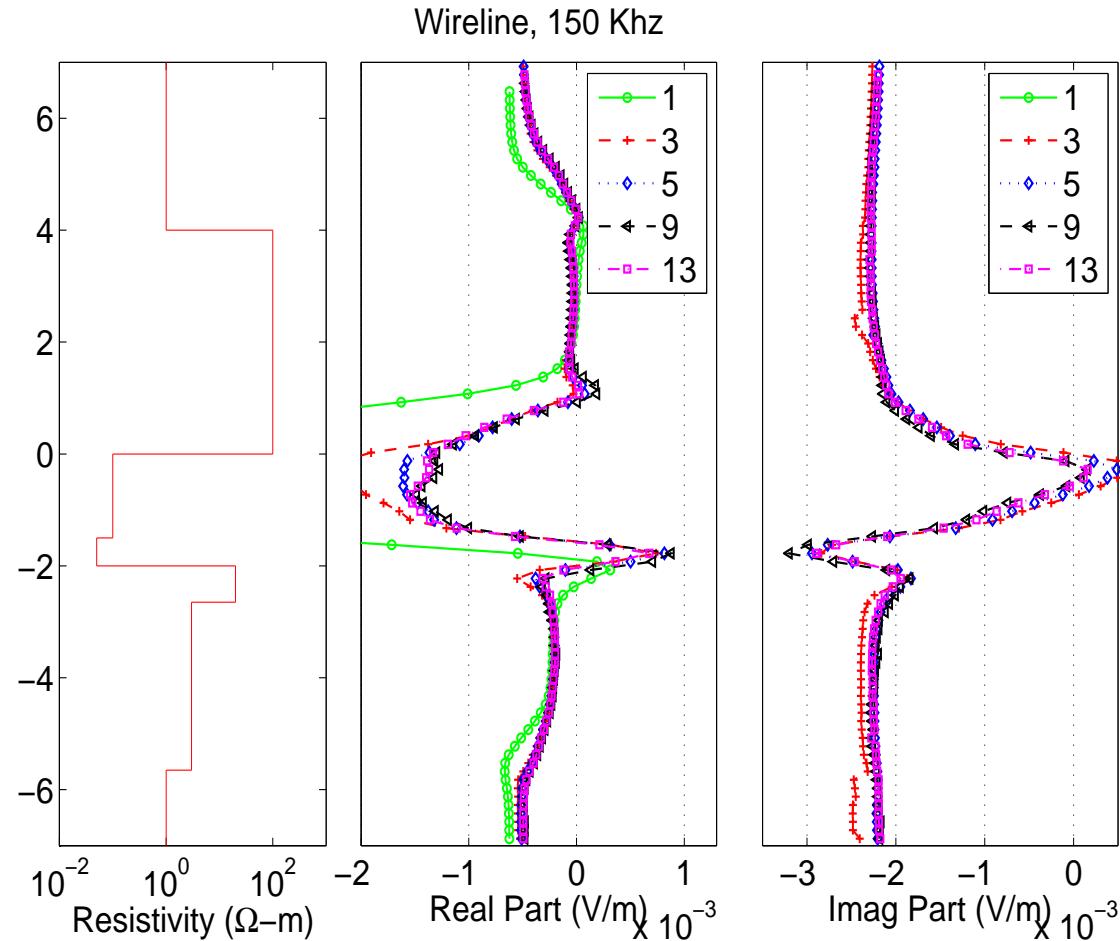
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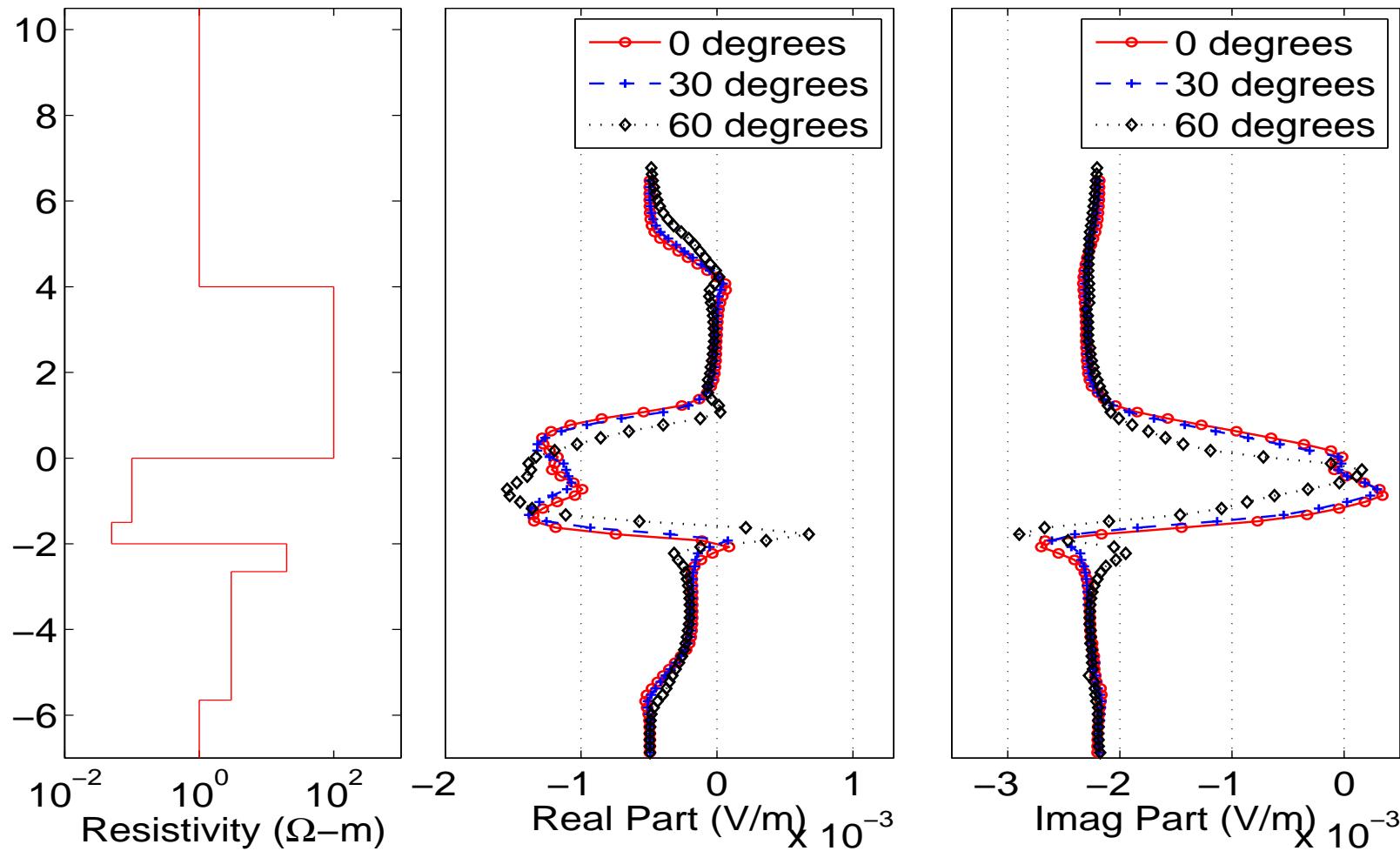
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Dip Angle

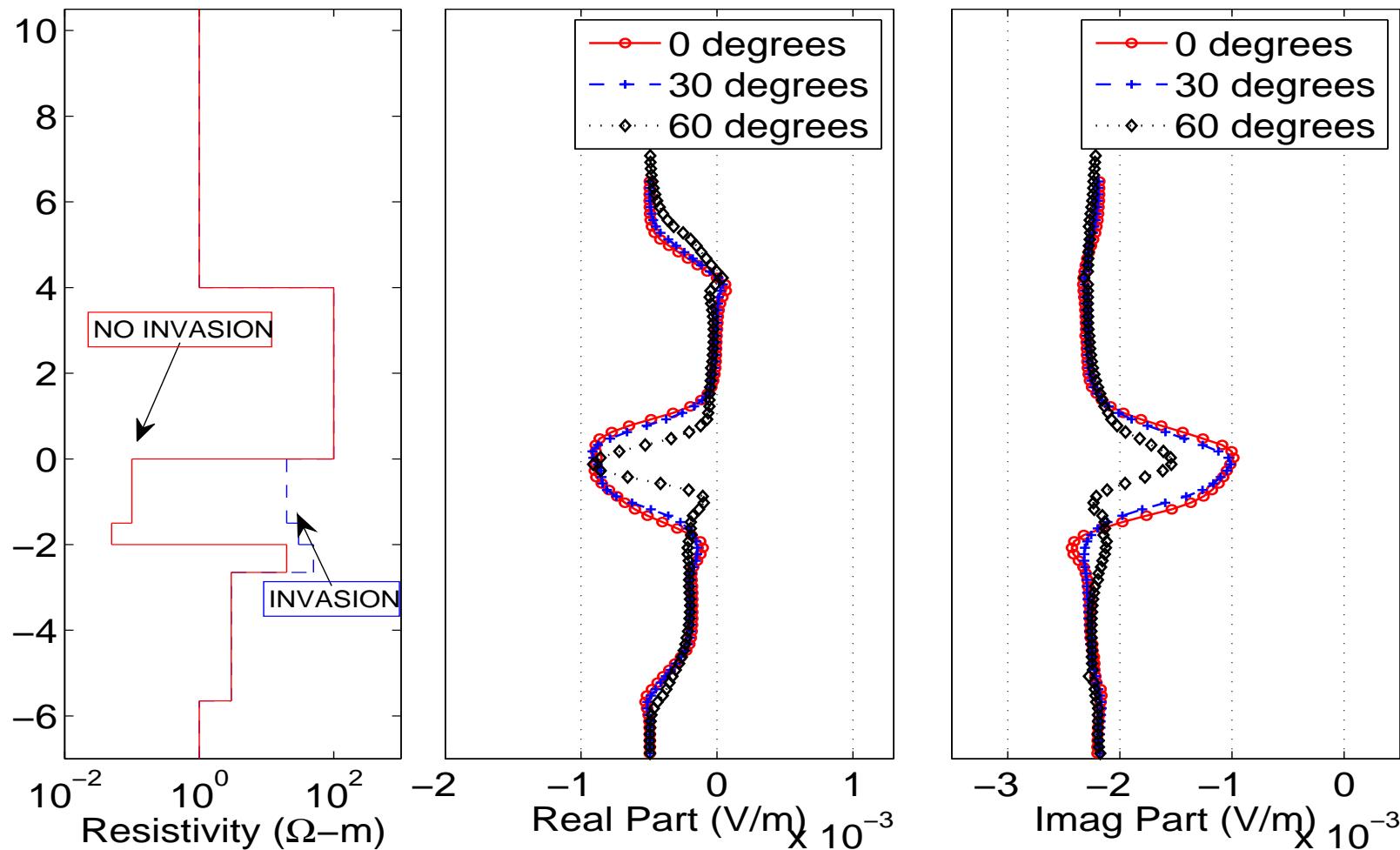
Wireline, 150 KHz



NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

Dip Angle + Invasion

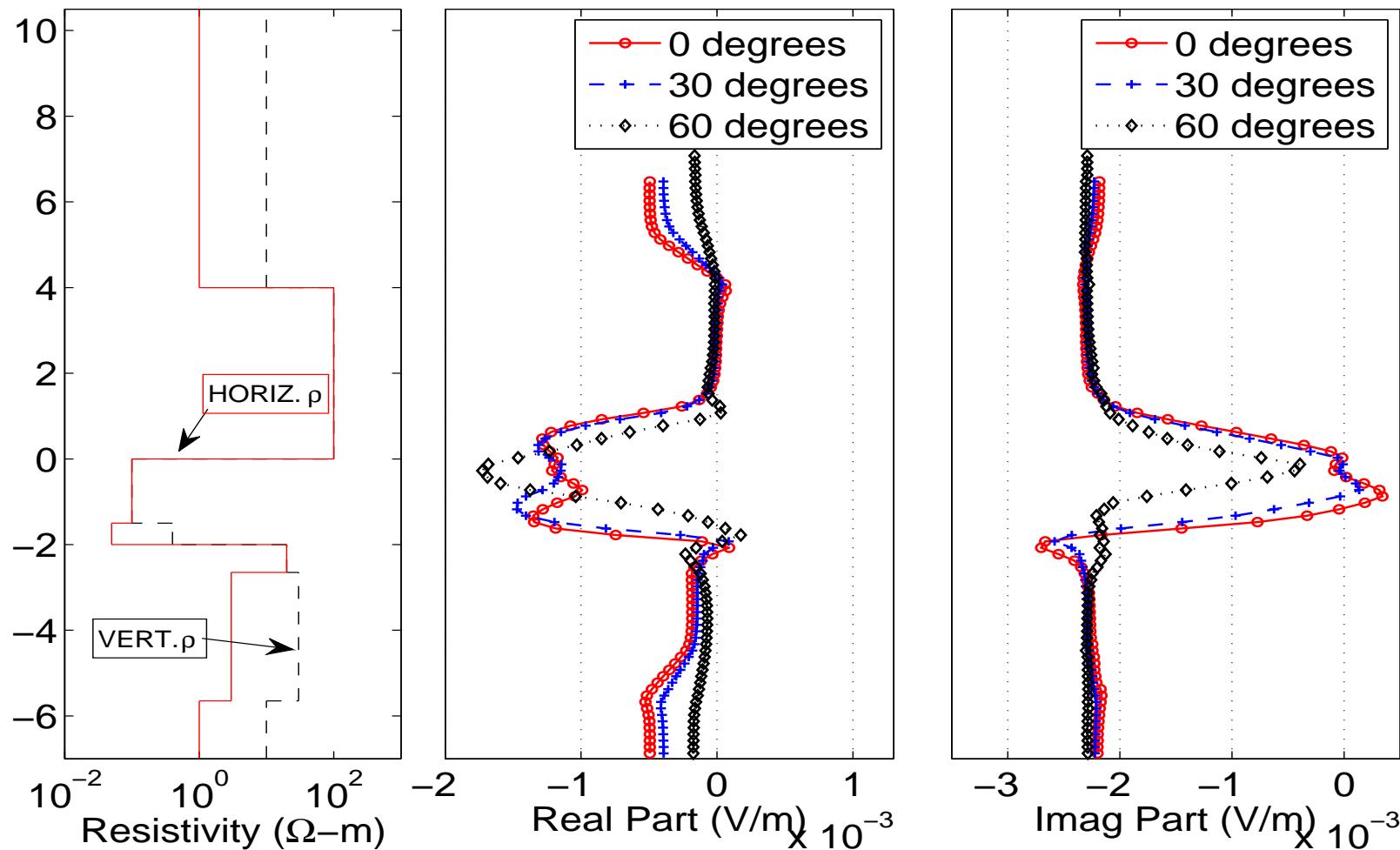
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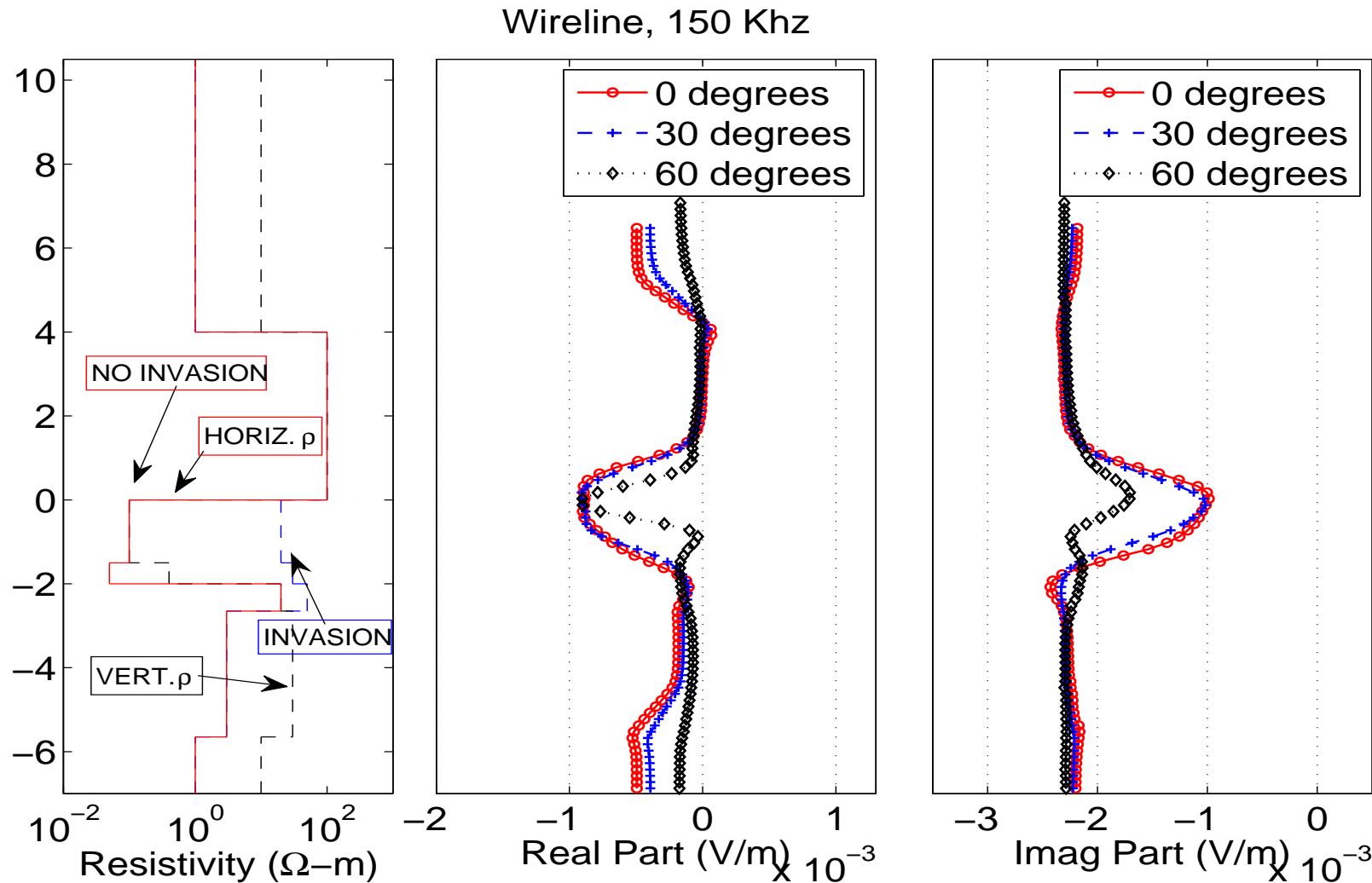
Dip Angle + Anisotropy

Wireline, 150 KHz



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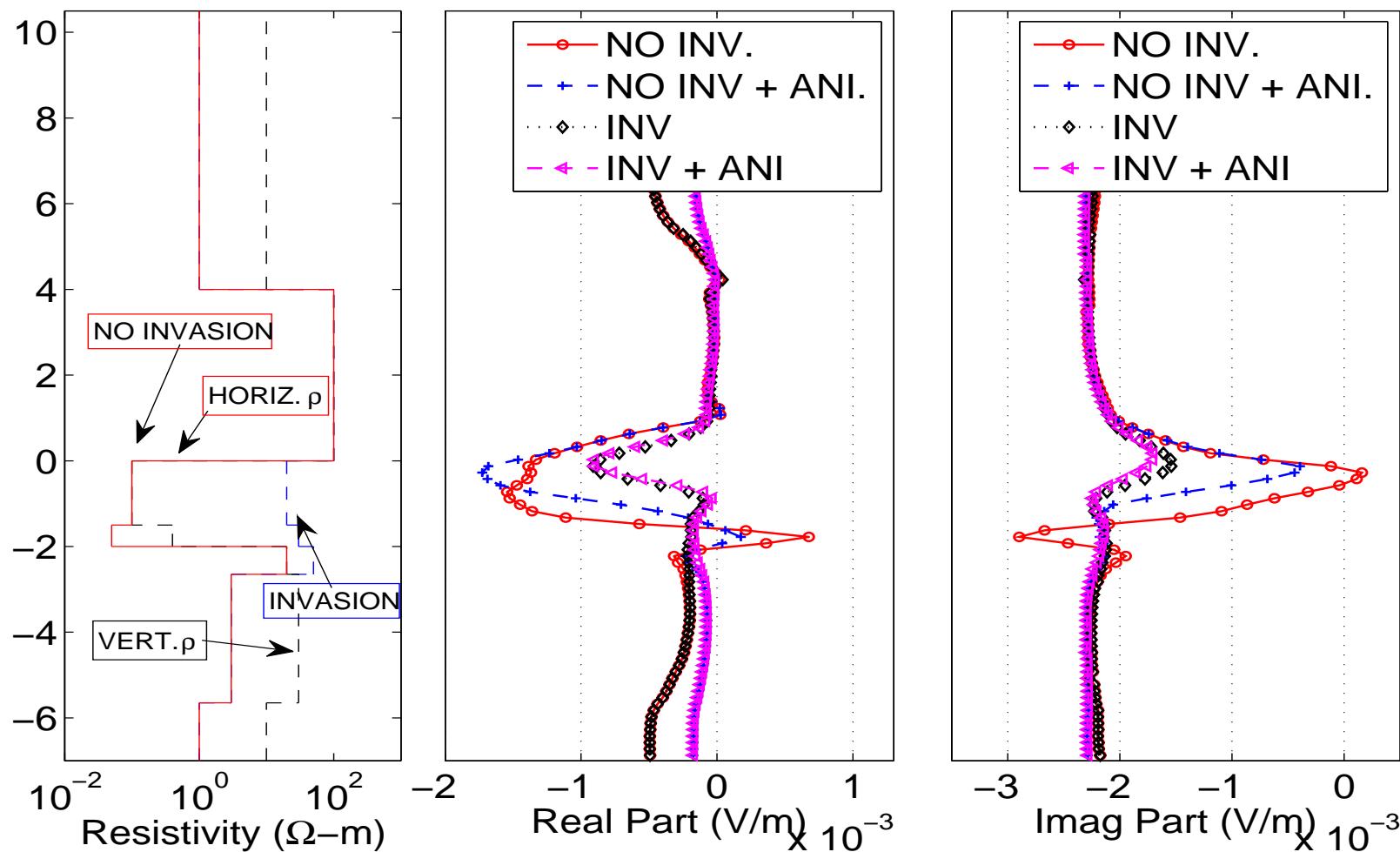
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NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

60-Degree Deviated Well

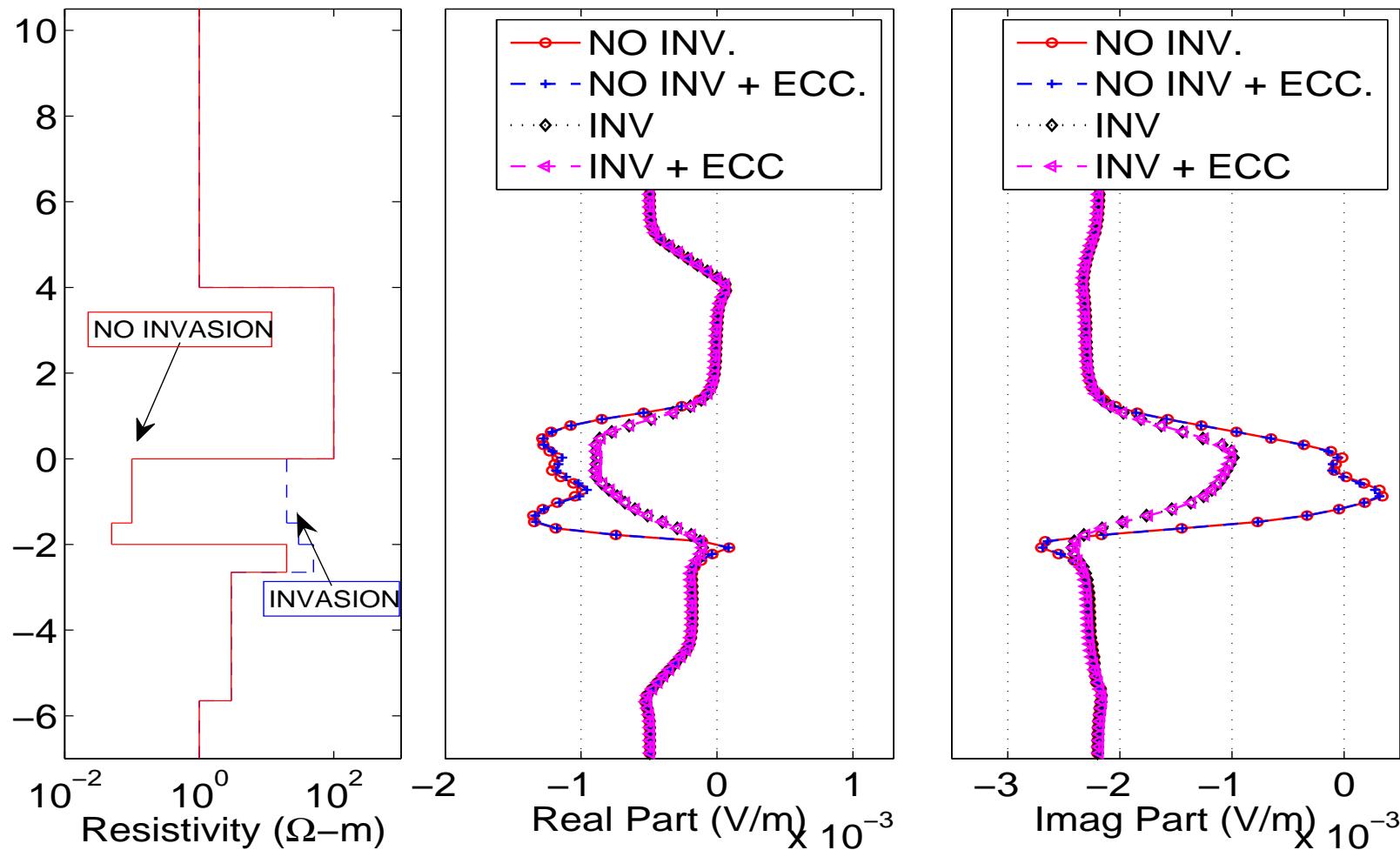
Wireline, 150 KHz



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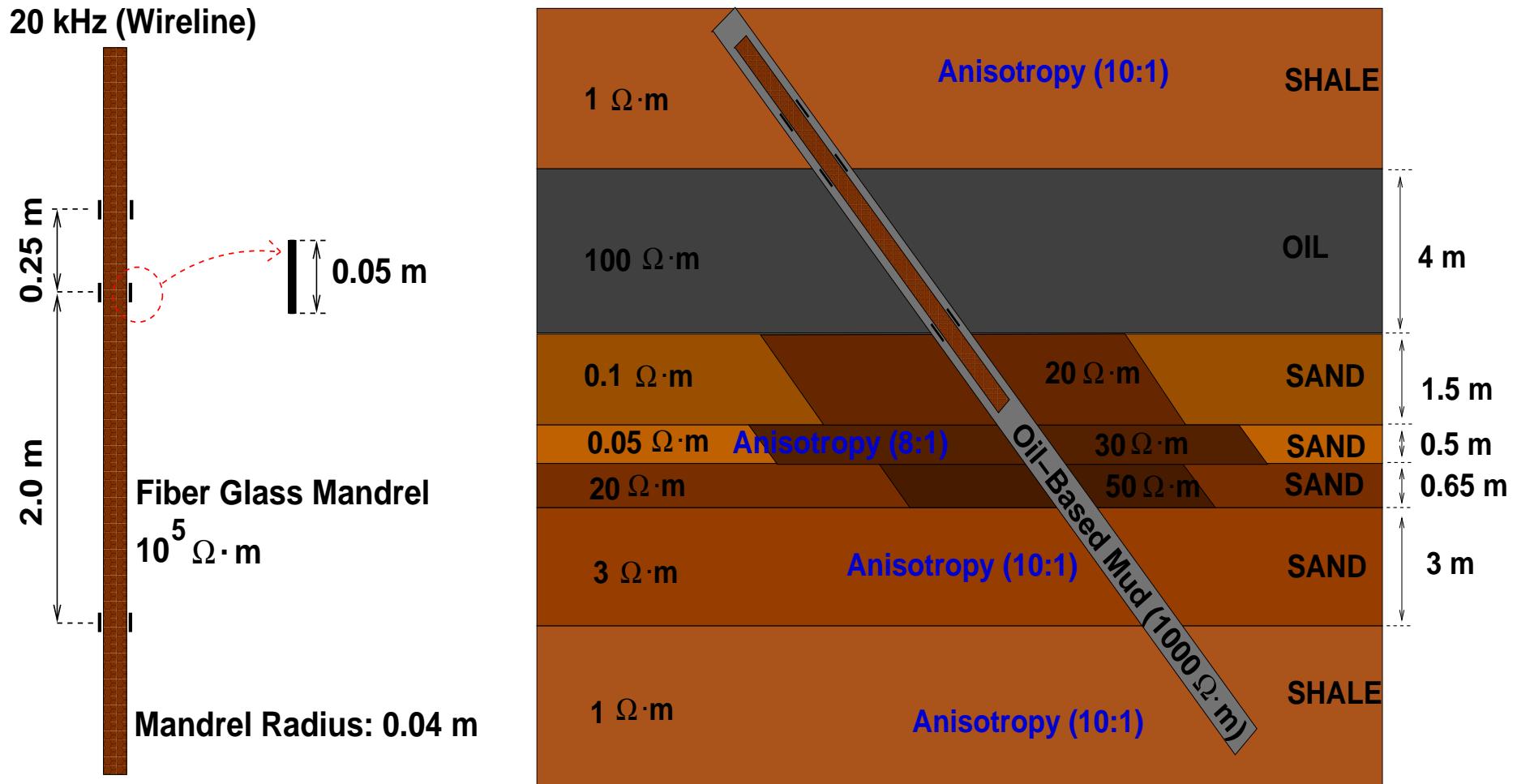
Vertical Well with 0.03 m Eccentricity

Wireline, 150 KHz



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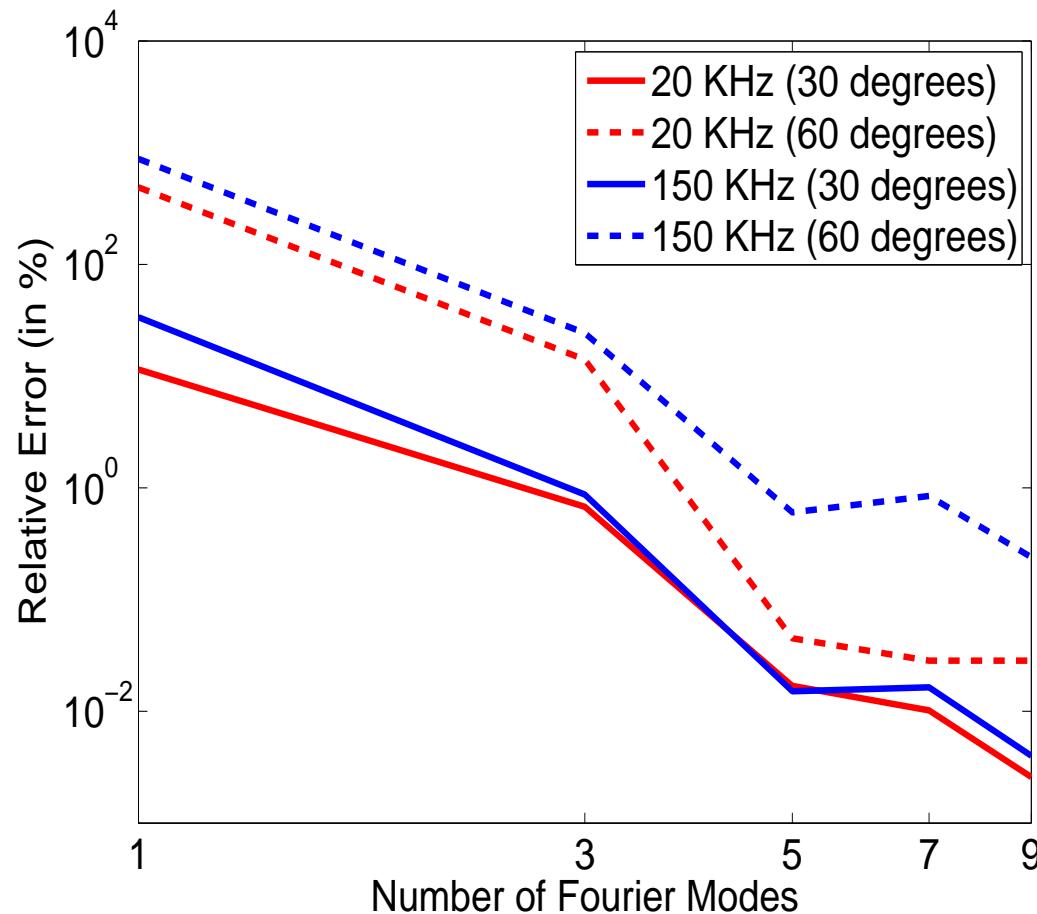
Model Problem



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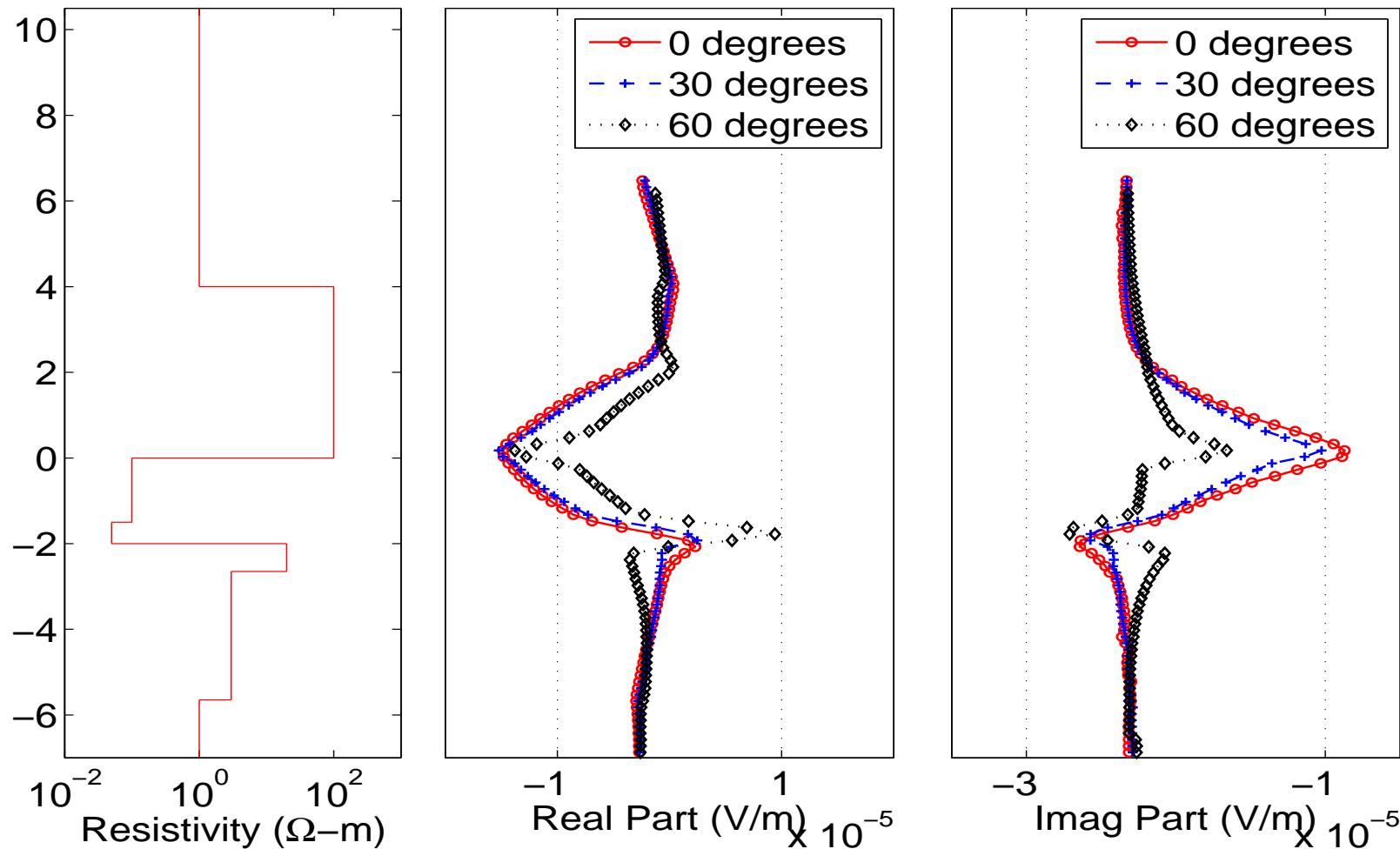
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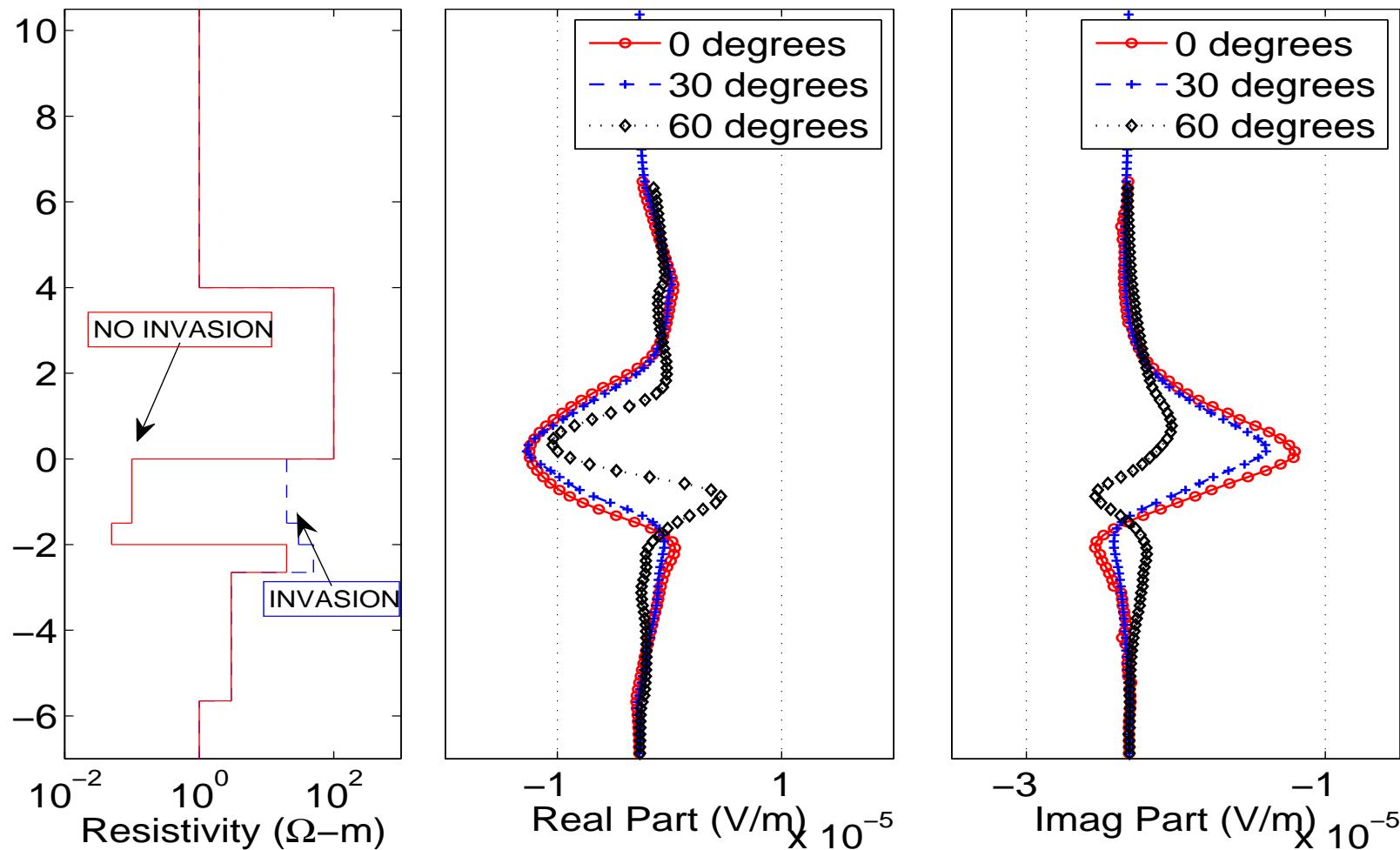
Wireline, 20 KHz.



NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

Dip Angle + Invasion

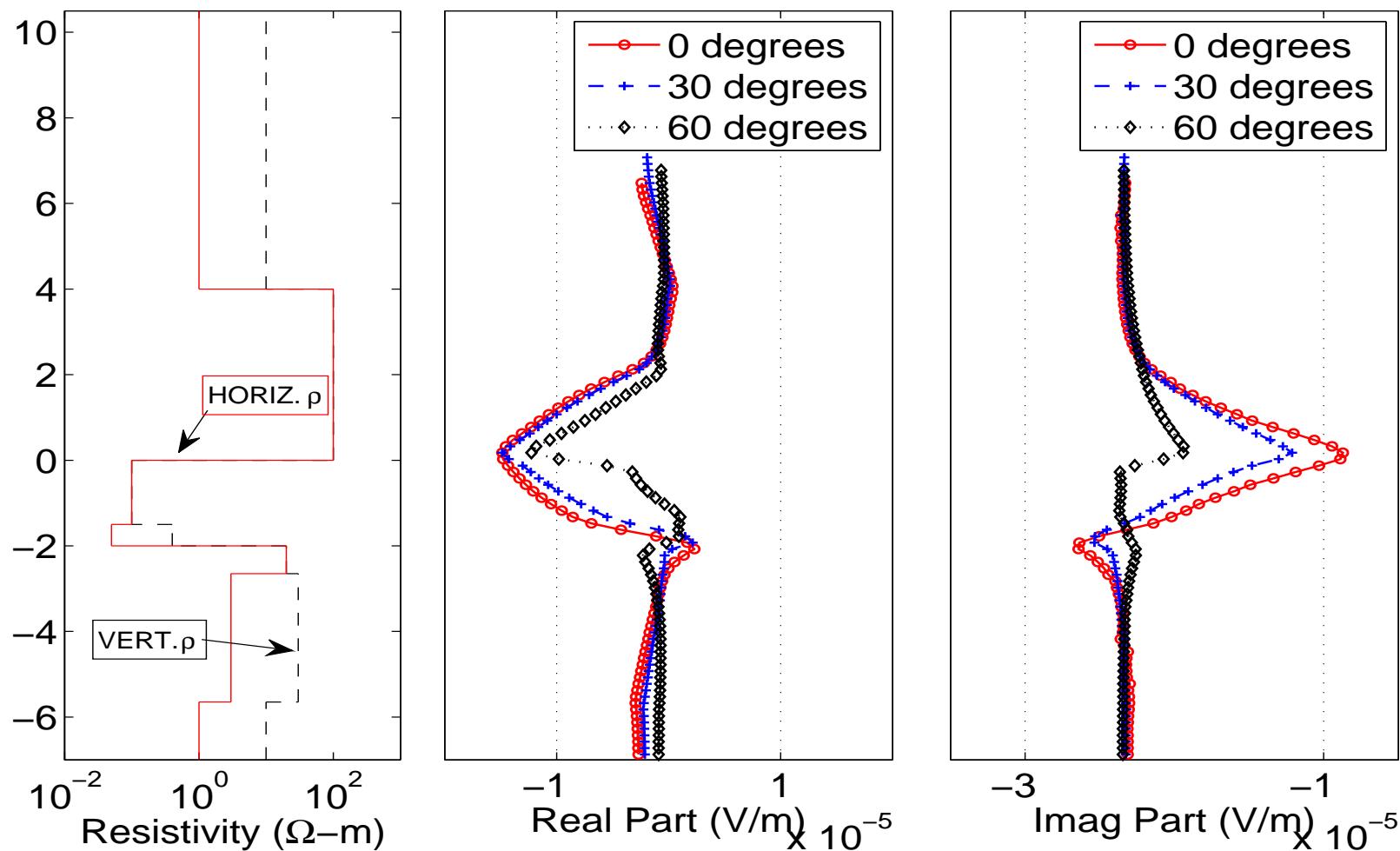
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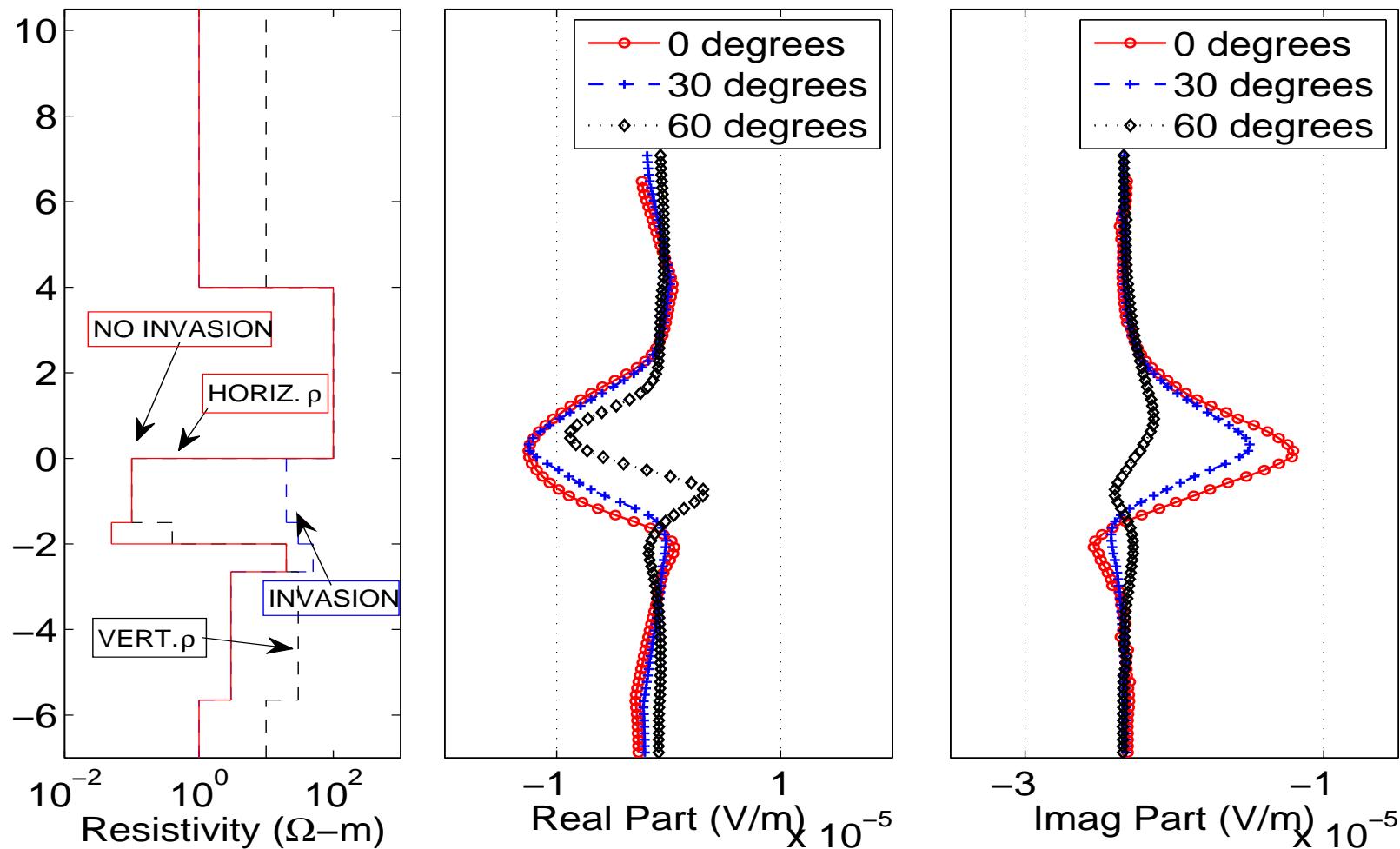
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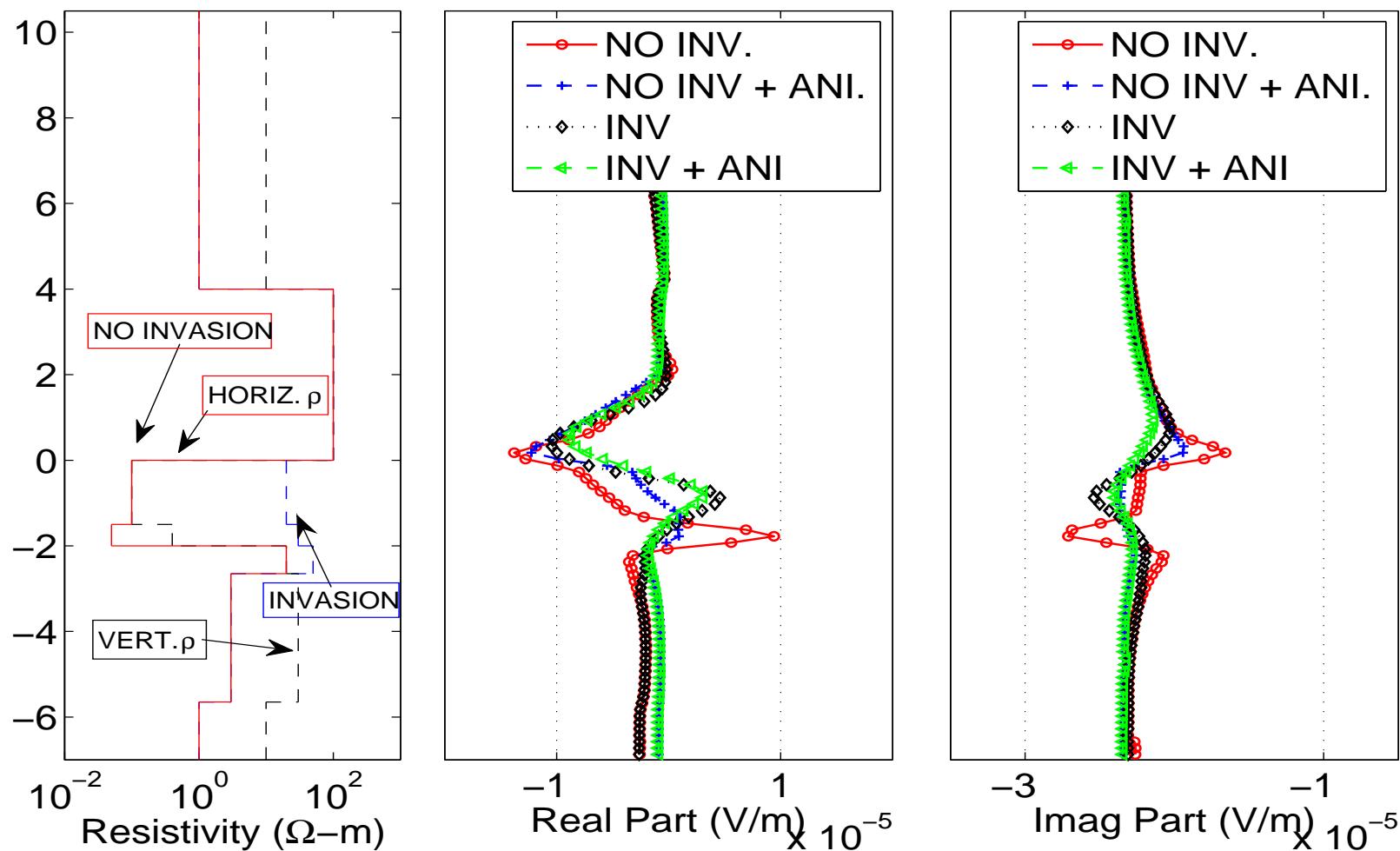
Wireline, 20 KHz.



NUMERICAL RESULTS: AC RESULTS

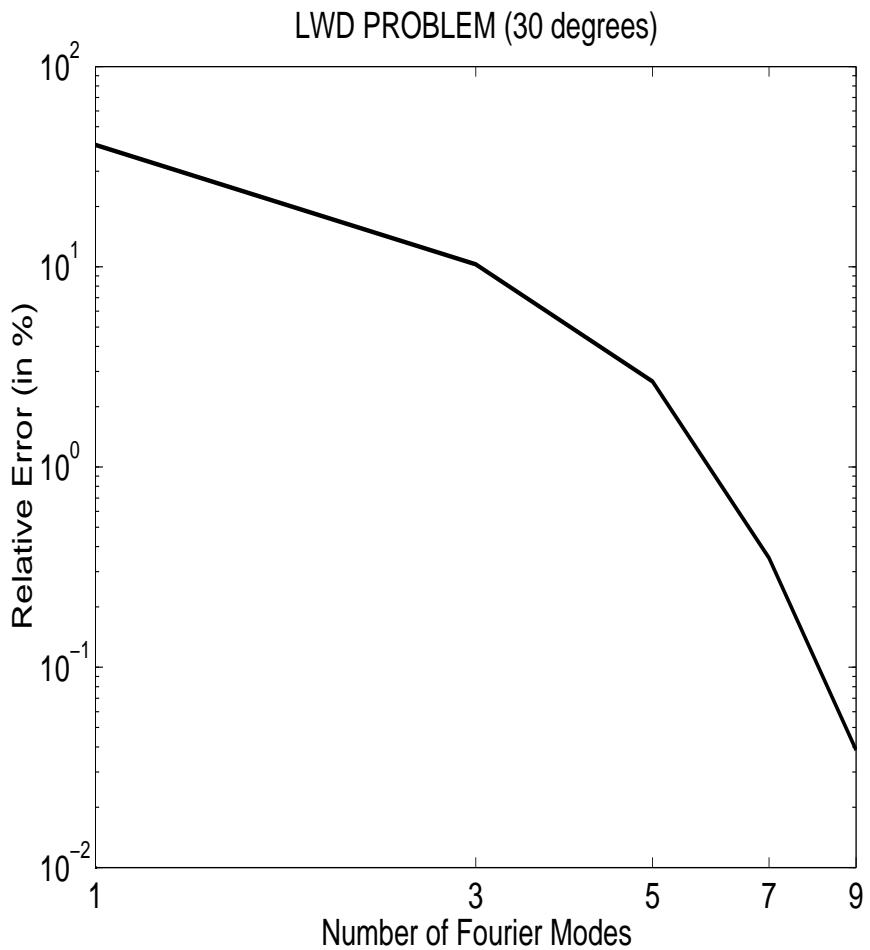
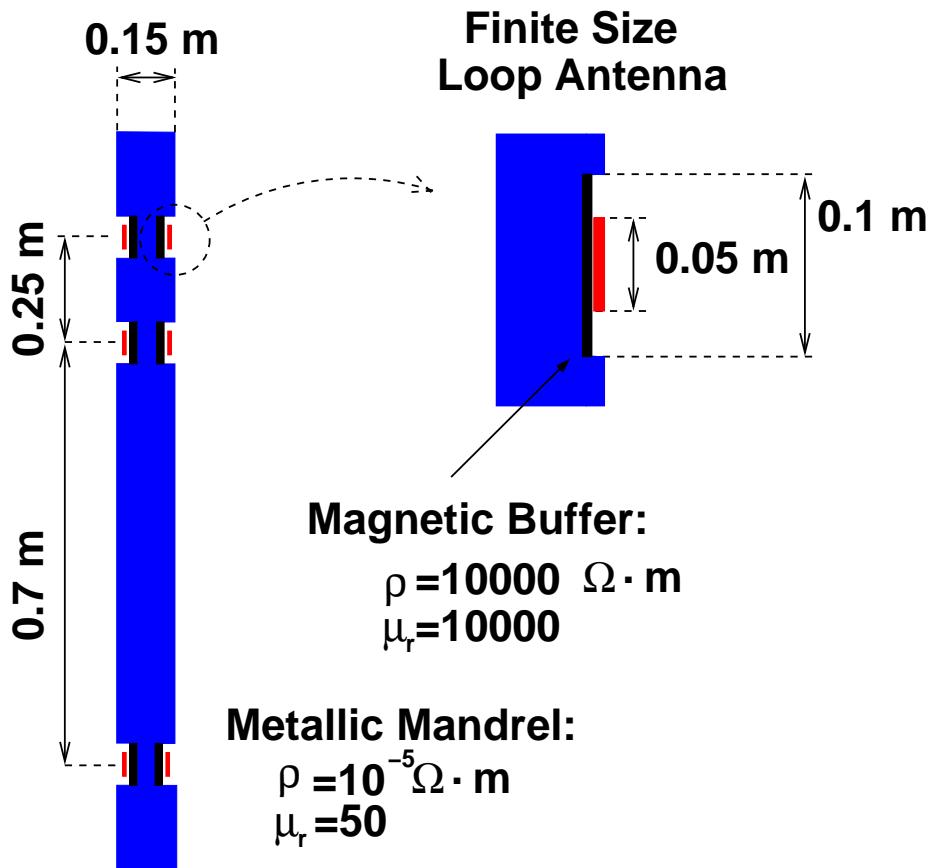
60-Degree Deviated Well

Wireline, 20 KHz.



NUMERICAL RESULTS: LWD

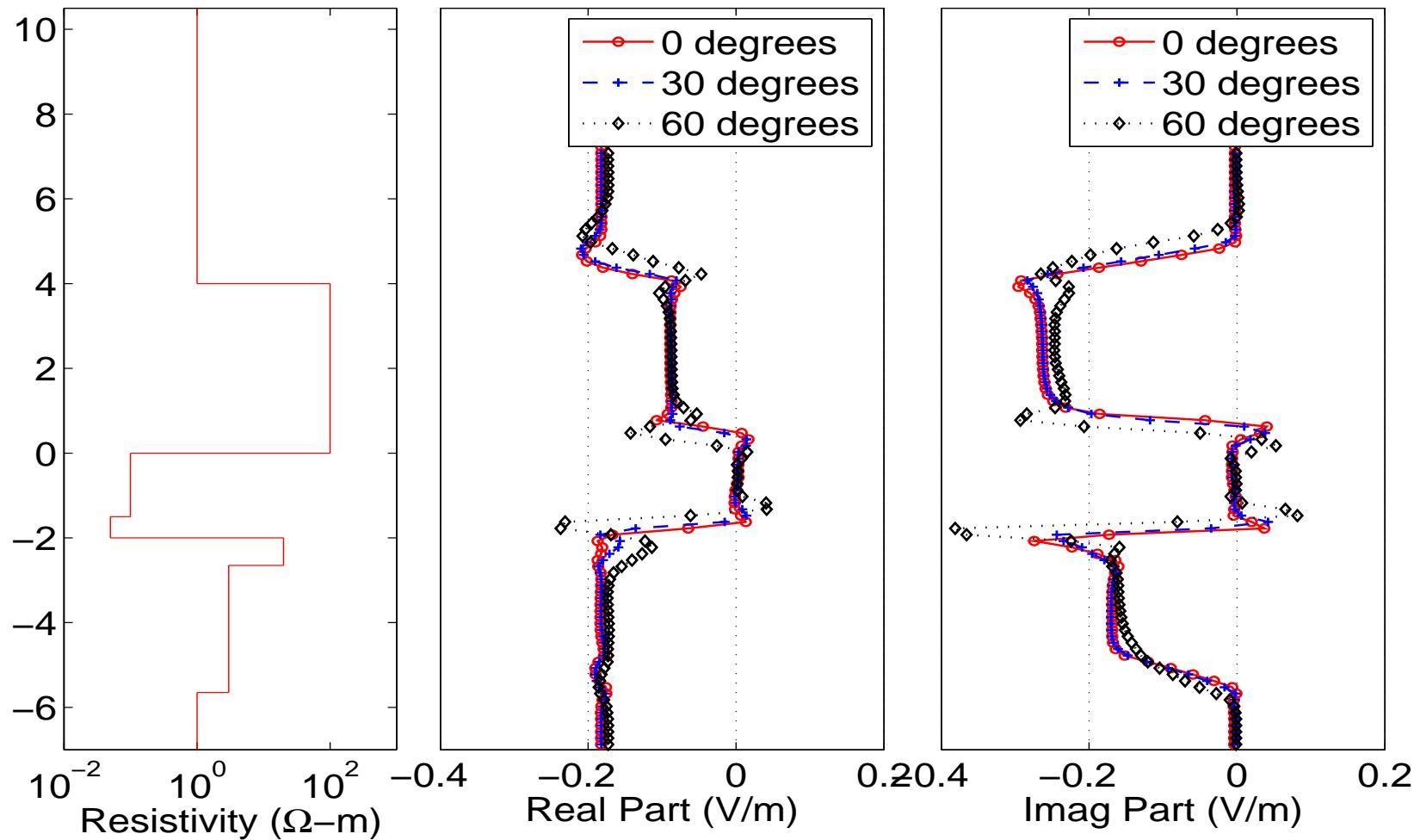
Model Problem and Verification



NUMERICAL RESULTS: LWD

Dip Angle

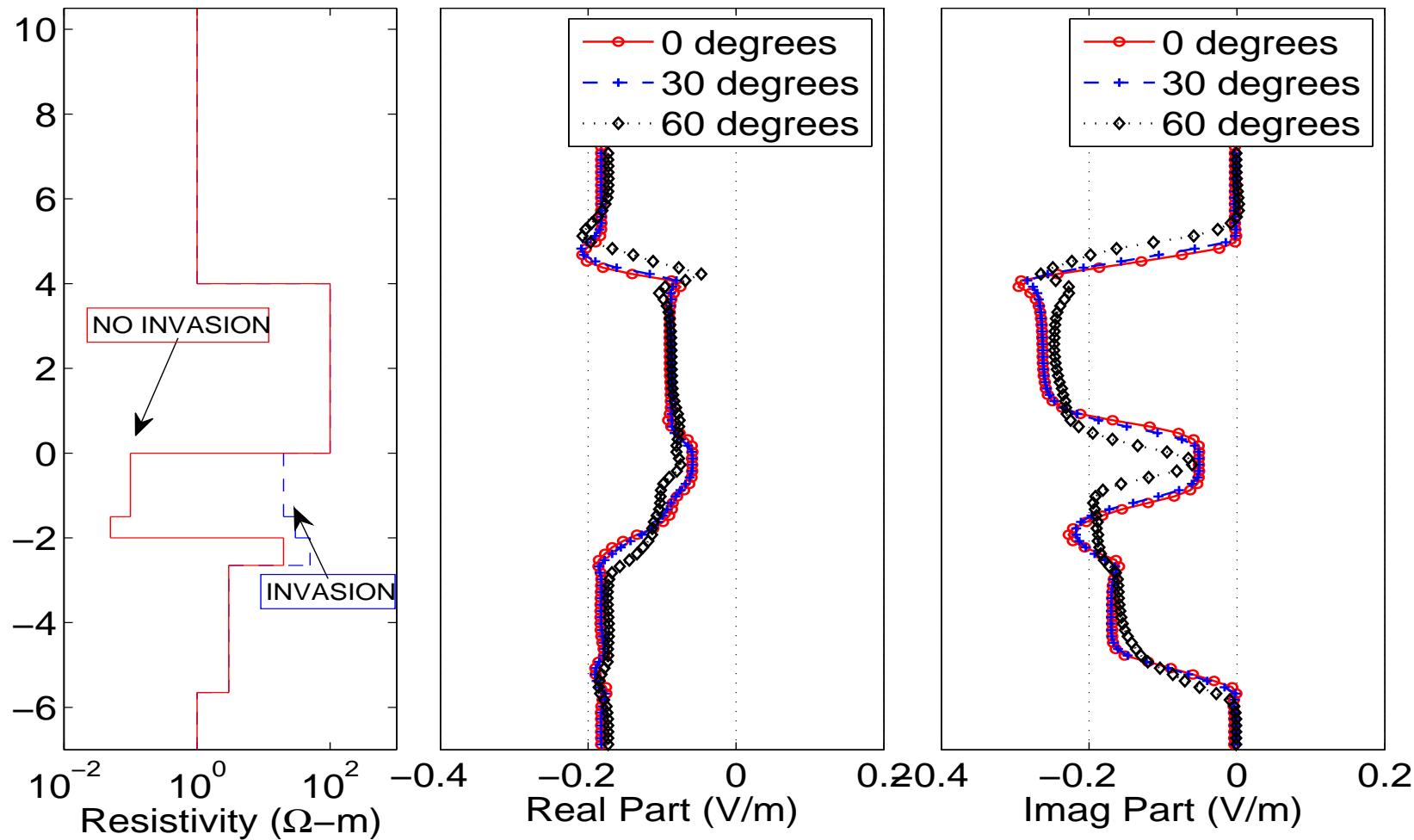
LWD, 2 Mhz



NUMERICAL RESULTS: LWD

Dip Angle + Invasion

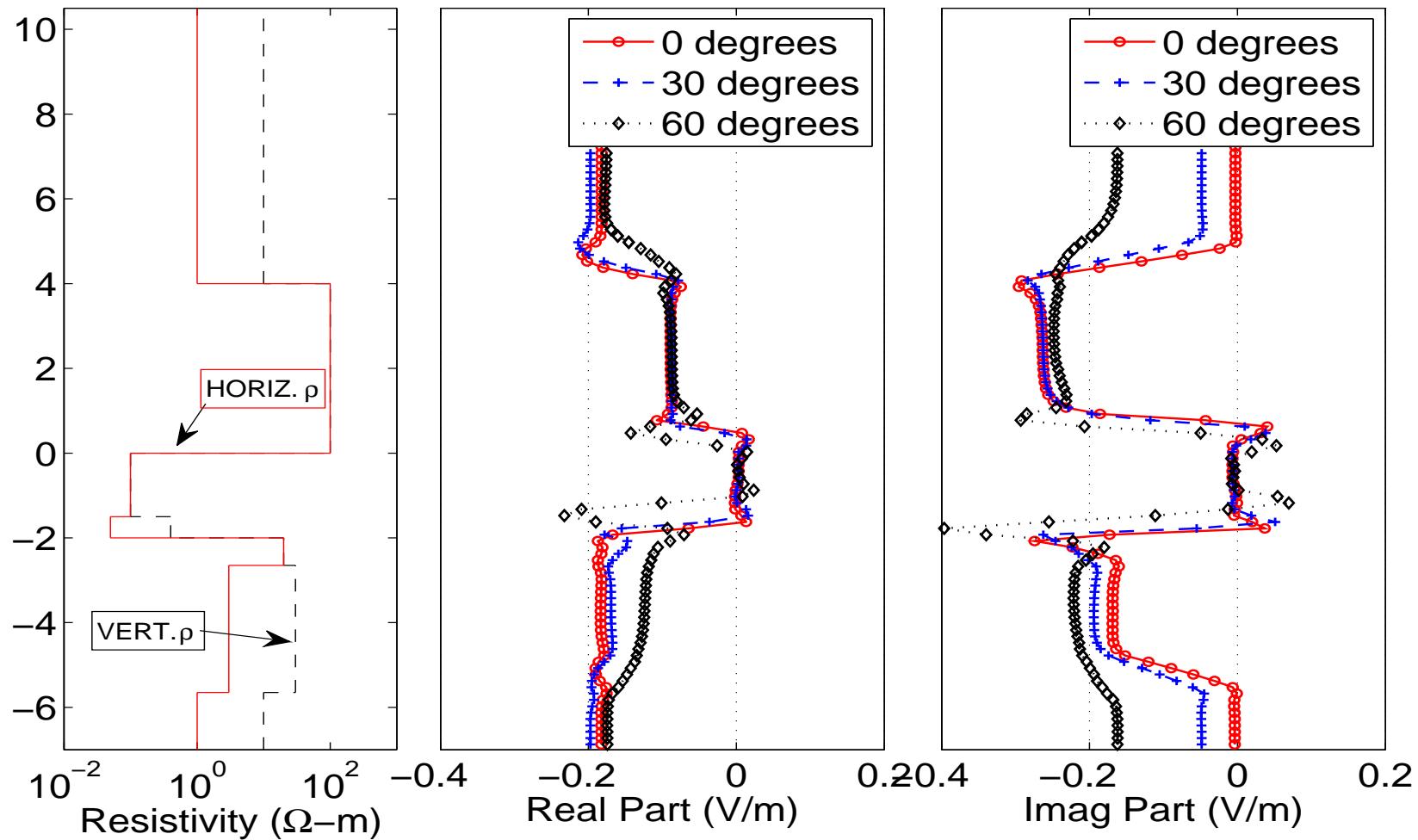
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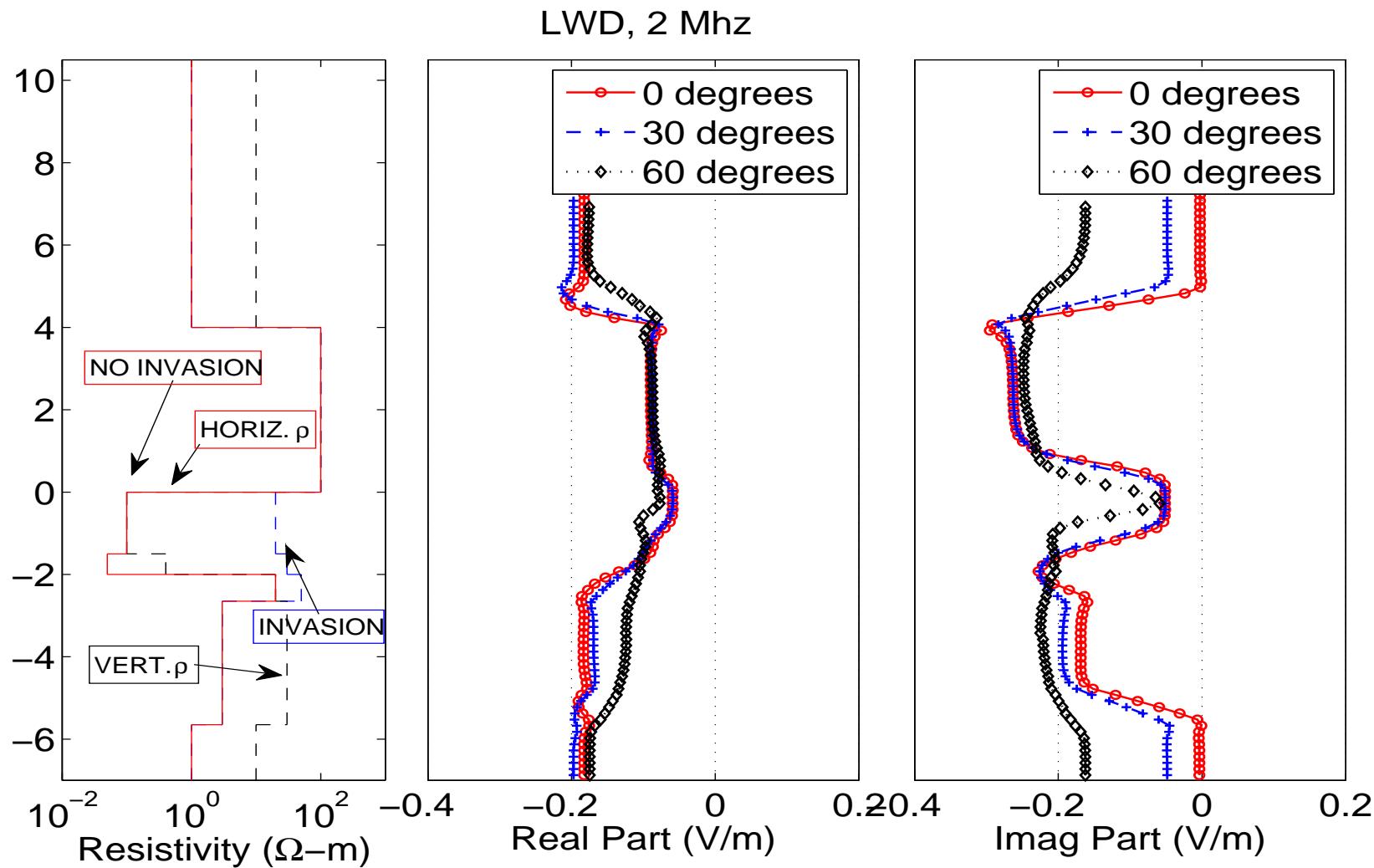
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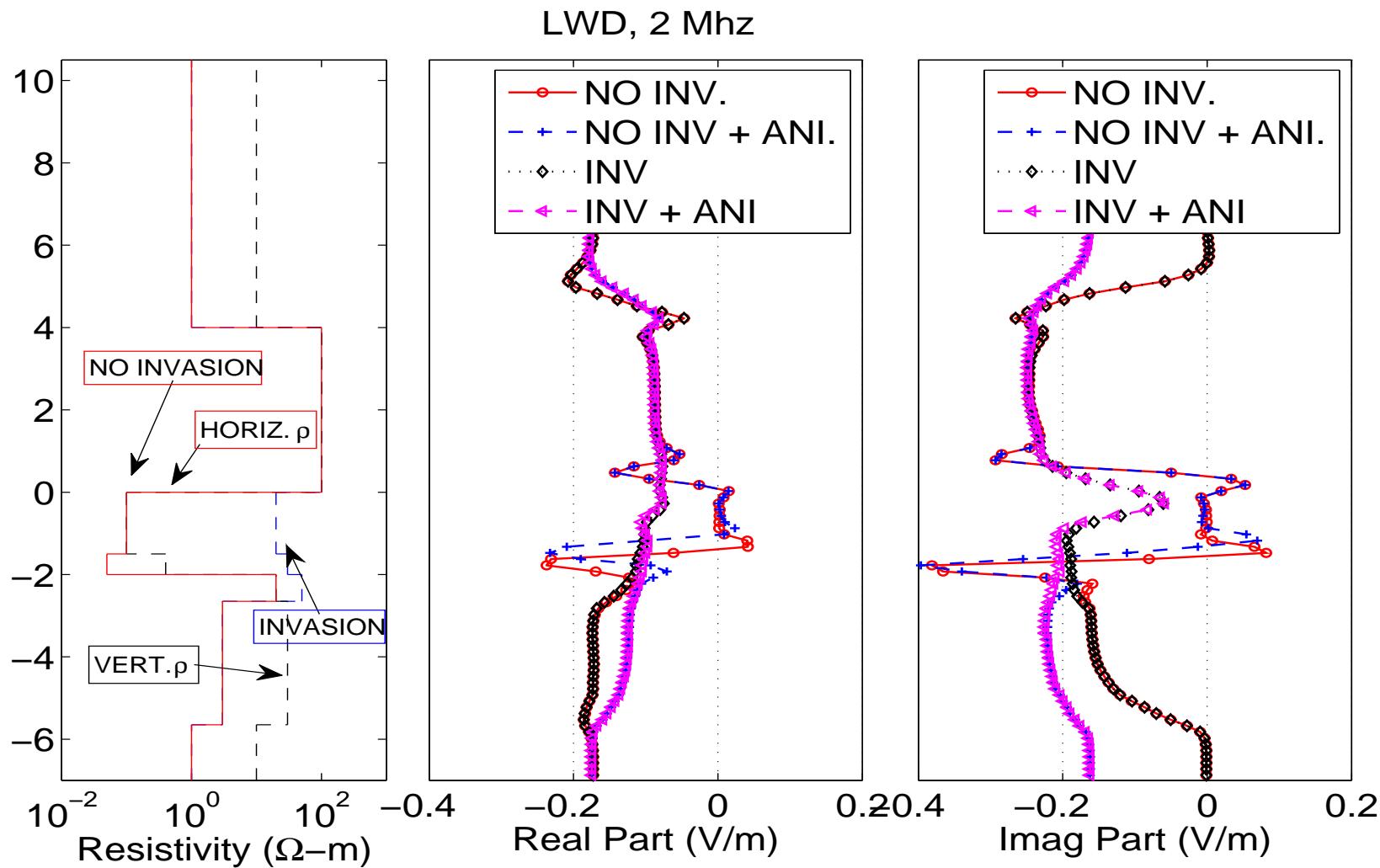
NUMERICAL RESULTS: LWD

Dip Angle + Invasion + Anisotropy



NUMERICAL RESULTS: LWD

60-Degree Deviated Well



CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

We have developed a new method based on a Fourier series expansion in a non-orthogonal system of coordinates.

- **LIMITATION:** Geometry of the problem.
- **ADVANTAGE:** It combines exponential convergence with sparse (penta-diagonal) matrices.
- **FURTHER APPLICABILITY OF THE METHOD:**
 - Eccentric measurements and tilted antennas.
 - Time-domain simulations.
 - Multi-Physics: Resistivity logging instruments, sonic logging instruments (acoustics + elasticity), fluid-flow, geomechanics, etc.
 - Inverse problems.
- **FUTURE WORK:** Iterative solver based on 2D-block Jacobi preconditioners.

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