

Outline

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 - Hilltop
- Stacking

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Soil conductivity and dielectric constant

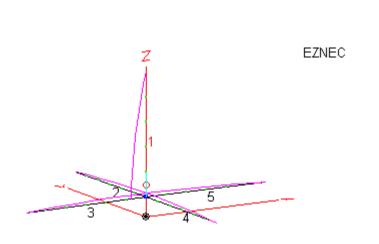
Earth Type	Conductivity	Permittivity
	Sigma (Mhos/m)	Epsilon
Poor	0.001	4.0 - 5.0
Moderate	0.003	4.0
Average	0.005 - 0.01	10.0 - 15.0
Good	0.01 - 0.02	4.0 - 30.0
Dry, sandy, flat (typical of coastal land)	0.002	10.0
Pastoral Hills, rich soil	0.003 - 0.01	14.0 - 20.0
Pastoral medium hils and forestation	0.004 - 0.006	13.0
Fertile land	0.002	10.0
Rich agricultural land (low hills)	0.01	15.0
Rocky land, steep hills	0.002	10.0 - 15.0
Marshy land, densely wooded	0.0075	12.0
Marshy, forested, flat	0.008	12.0
Mountainous/hilly (to about 1000 m)	0.001	5.0
Highly moist ground	0.005 - 0.02	30.0
City Industrial area of average attenuation	0.001	5.0
City industrial area of maximal attenuation	0.0004	3.0
City industrial area	0.0001	3.0
Fresh water	0.002 - 0.01	80.0 - 81.0
Fresh water at 10.0 deg C (At 100 MHz)	0.001 - 0.01	84.0
Fresh water at 20.0 deg C (At 100 MHz)	0.001 - 0.01	80.0
Sea water	4.0 - 5.0	80.0 - 81.0
Sea water at 10.0 deg C (to 1.0 GHz)	4.0 - 5.0	80.0
Sea water at 20.0 deg C (to 1.0 GHz)	4.0 - 5.0	73.0
Sea ice	0.001	4.0
Polar ice	0.00025	3.0
Polar Ice Cap	0.0001	1.0
Arctic land	0.0005	3.0
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1. Influence of nearby WATER on vertical antenna

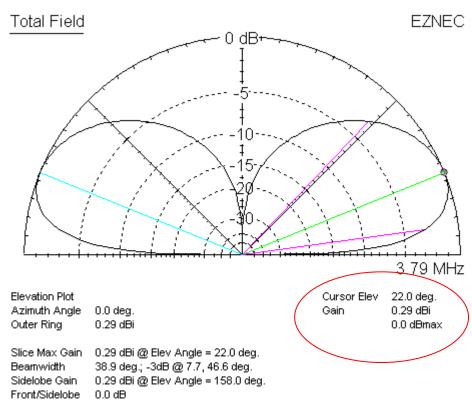


80m vertical, average flat ground

4 elevated radials up 3m



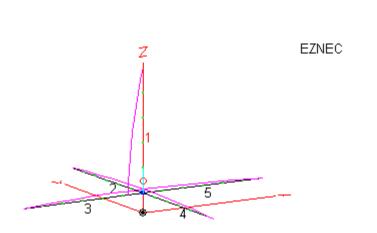
Average ground 5mS, €=13



Theoretical maximum gain 5.15dBi

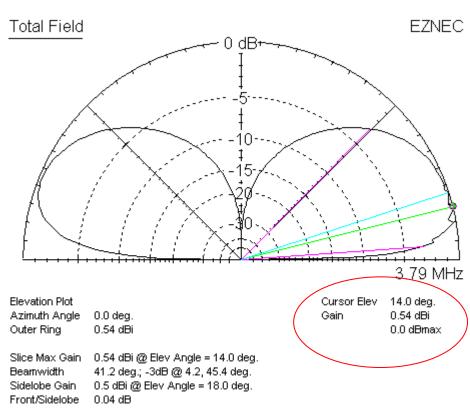
Vertical, fresh water 50m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



X<50m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13

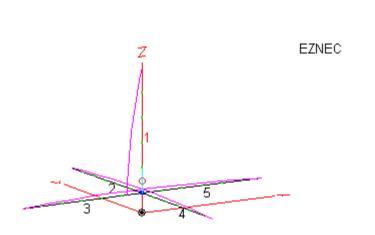
X>50m, Z=-3m, Fresh water 5mS, ε =80



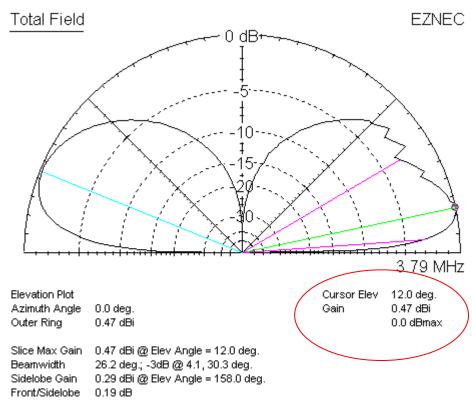
0.25dB fresh water gain 8deg lowered TOA

Vertical, fresh water 20m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



X<20m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13 X>20m, Z=-3m, Fresh water 5mS, E=80

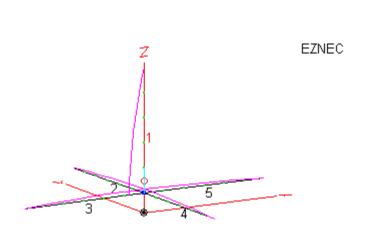


0.18dB fresh water gain10deg lowered TOA

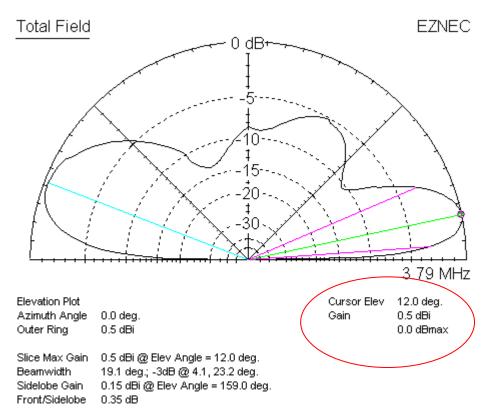
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Vertical, fresh water 0m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



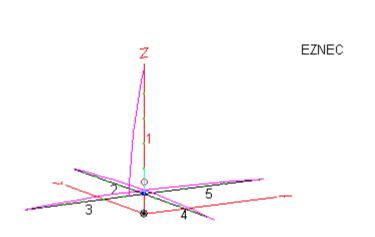
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0.21dB fresh water gain10deg lowered TOA

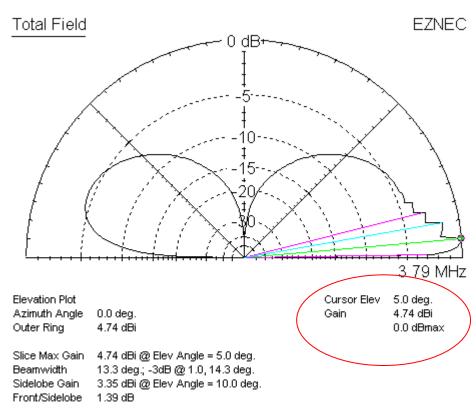
Vertical, sea water 50m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



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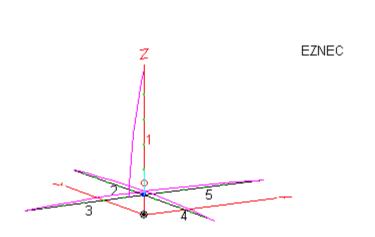
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4.45dB sea water gain17 deg lowered TOA

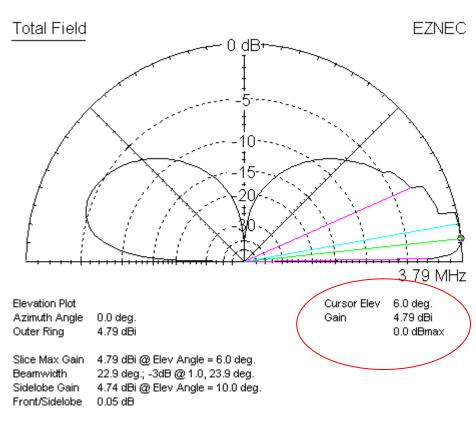
Vertical, sea water 20m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



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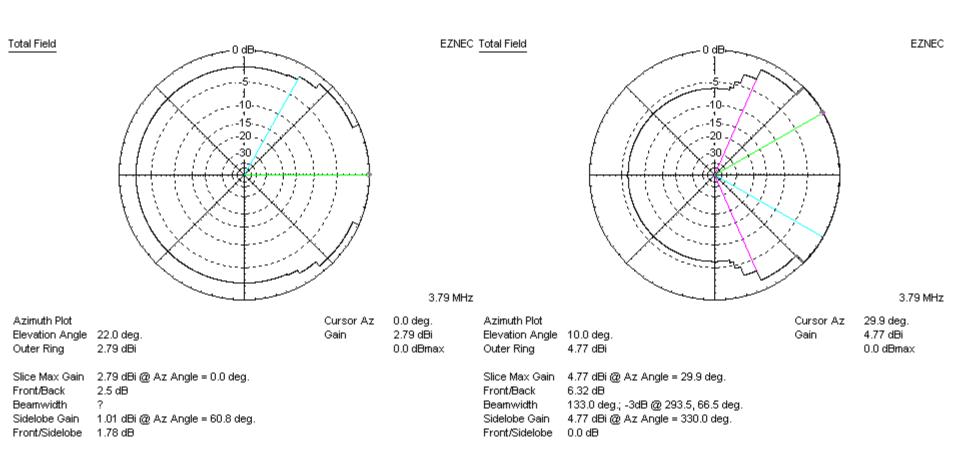
X>20m, Z=-3m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



4.50dB sea water gain 16deg lowered TOA

Vertical, sea water 20m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m Elevation angles 22 and 10 deg

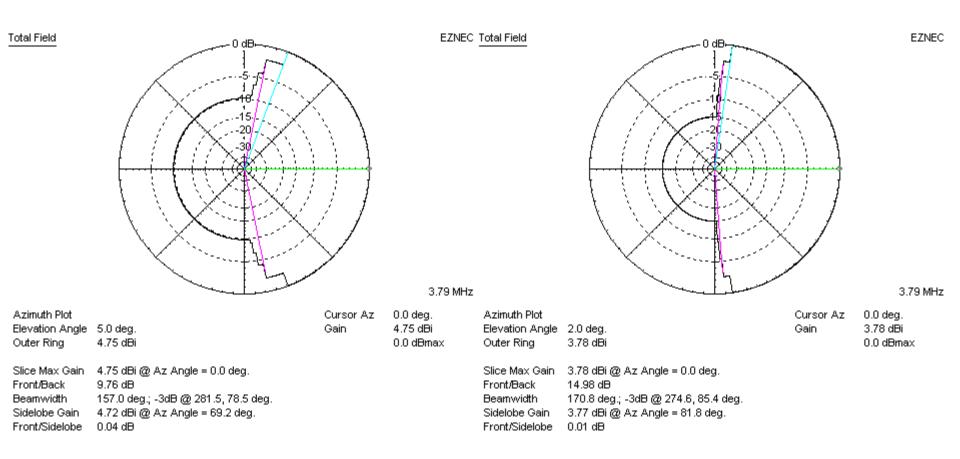


2.5dB sea water gain on 22deg

6dB sea water gain on 10deg

Vertical, sea water 20m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m Elevation angles 5 and 2 deg

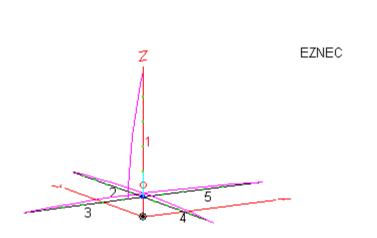


10dB sea water gain on 5deg

15dB sea water gain on 2 deg

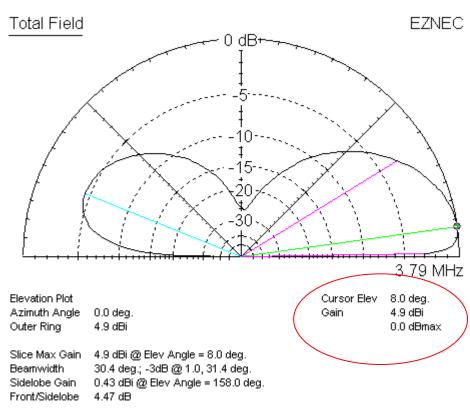
Vertical, sea water 0m away, 3m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



X<0m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, \mathfrak{E} =13

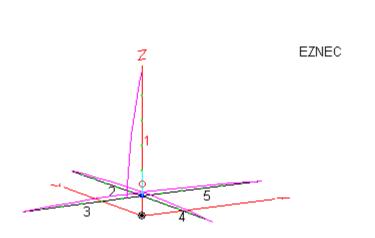
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4.6dB sea water gain

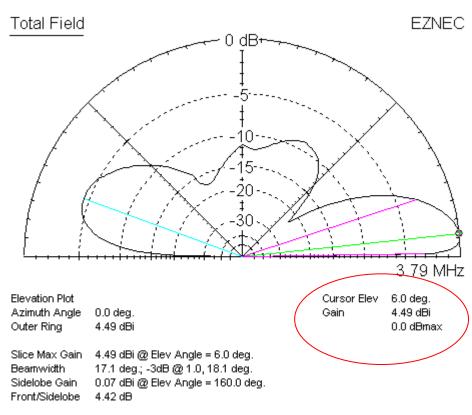
Vertical, sea water 0m away, 20m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



X<50m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

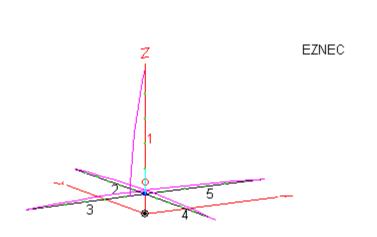
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4.2dB sea water gain

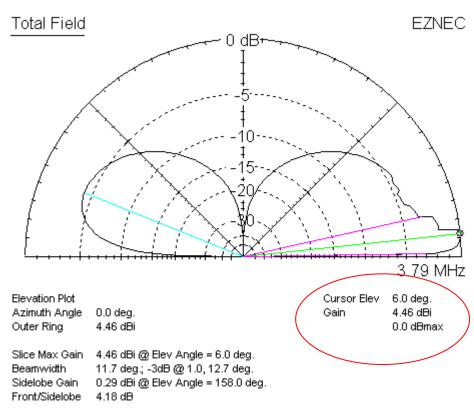
Vertical, sea water 40m away, 20m down

4 elevated radials 3m high



X<40m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, \mathfrak{E} =13

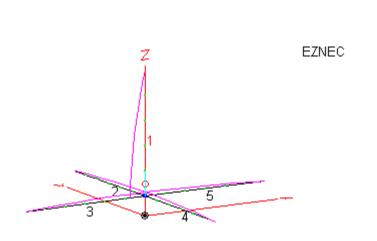
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4.26dB sea water gain

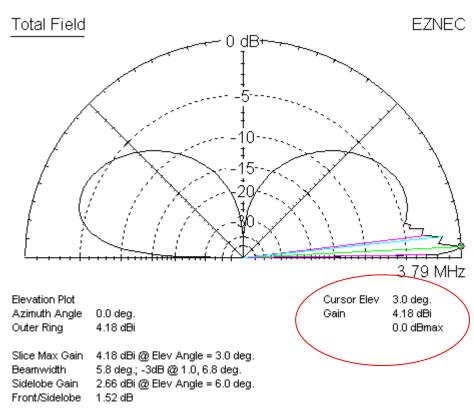
Vertical, sea water 80m away, 20m down

4 elevated radials up 3m



X<80m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13

X>80m, Z=-20m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



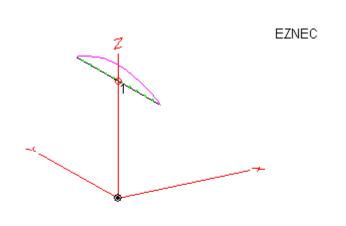
3.9dB sea water gain

Influence of water on vertical antenna Conclusions:

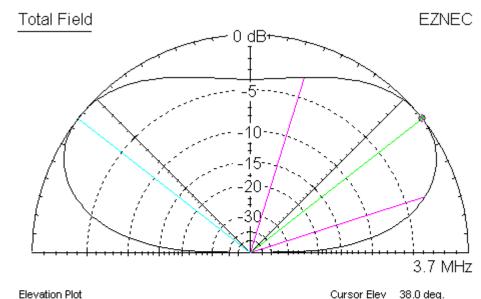
- Fresh water provides very little help, a bit lowered TOA
- Sea water gives almost 5dB gain plus lower angle of radiation, effect is up to 3 S-units on low angles
 - Water line shall be less than ½ wavelengths from the antenna
- Antenna elevation from water provides no advantage
 - (elevated radials are ok)

2. Influence of nearby water on horizontal antenna

80m dipole up 30m average ground



Average ground 5mS, €=13



6.39 dBi

0.0 dBmax

Gain

Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 6.39 dBi

 Slice Max Gain
 6.39 dBi @ Elev Angle = 38.0 deg.

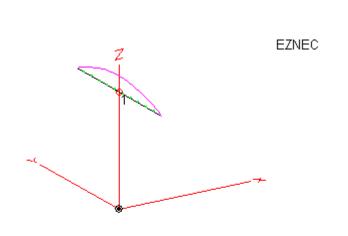
 Beamwidth
 55.1 deg.; -3dB @ 17.7, 72.8 deg.

 Sidelobe Gain
 6.39 dBi @ Elev Angle = 142.0 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 0.0 dB

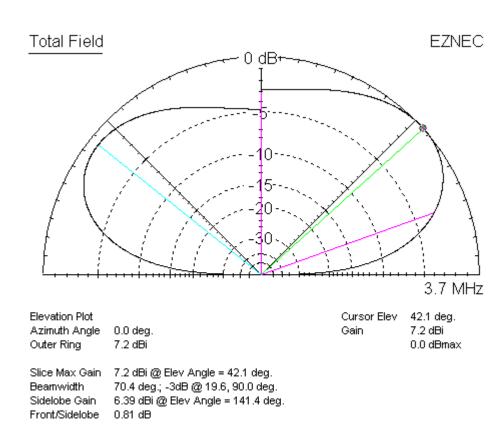
80m dipole up 30m

x<0 is average ground, x>0 is sea 0m down



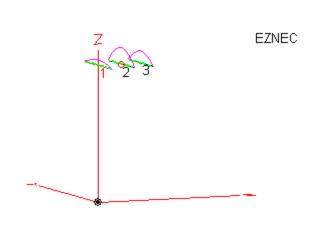
X<0m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>0m, Z=0m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)

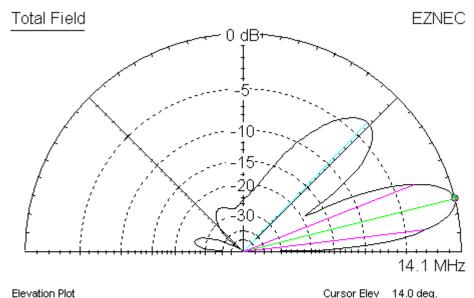


0.8dB sea water gain

3-el yagi up 21m average flat ground



Average ground 5mS, €=13



Elevation Plot Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg. Outer Ring 13.41 dBi

Slice Max Gain 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 14.0 deg. Beamwidth 14.6 deg.; -3dB @ 6.8, 21.4 deg. Sidelobe Gain 9.99 dBi @ Elev Angle = 46.0 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 3.42 dB

water gain reference

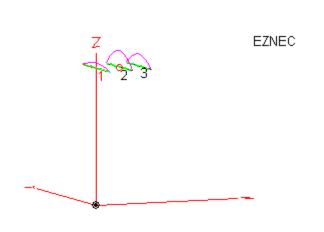
14.0 deq.

13.41 dBi

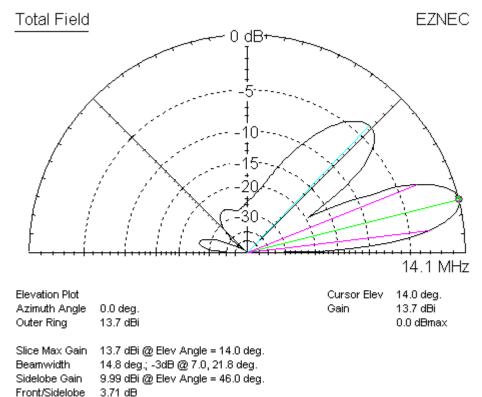
0.0 dBmax

Gain

fresh water 50m away

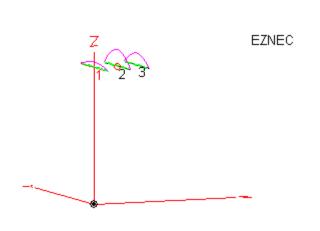


X<50m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13 X>50m, Z=0, Fresh water 5mS, E=80

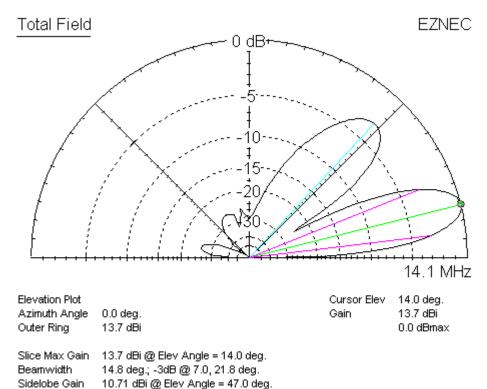


0.3dB fresh water gain

fresh water 0m away



X<0m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, €=13 X>0m, Z=0, Fresh water 5mS, €=80

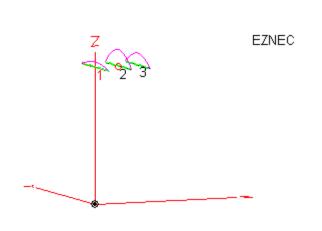


0.3dB fresh water gain

Front/Sidelobe

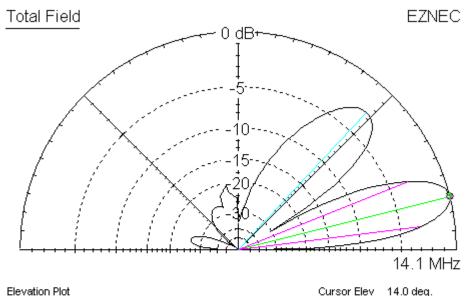
2.99 dB

sea water 0m away



X<0m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13

X>0m, Z=0m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 13.91 dBi

Slice Max Gain 13.91 dBi @ Elev Angle = 14.0 deg.
Beamwidth 14.8 deg.; -3dB @ 7.1, 21.9 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 11.32 dBi @ Elev Angle = 47.0 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 2.59 dB

0.5dB sea water gain

Gain

13.91 dBi

2. Influence of nearby water on horizontal antenna Conclusions:

- Fresh water has practically no influence
- Even sea water increases gain only by 1/2dB
- Horizontal antennas depend very little on quality of ground

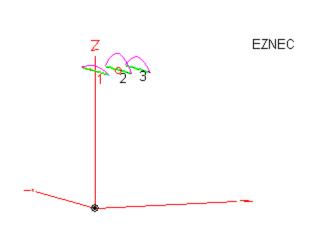
Seaside QTH provides very little advantage, when using horizontal antennas

3. Influence of steep coast on horizontal antenna

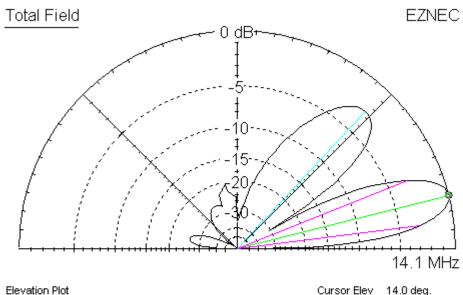


3-el yagi 14100kHz up 21m

sea water 0m away, 0m down (reference)



X<0m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13 X>0m, Z=0m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 13.91 dBi

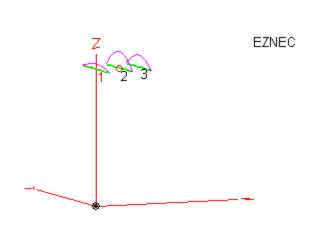
Slice Max Gain 13.91 dBi @ Elev Angle = 14.0 deg.
Beamwidth 14.8 deg.; -3dB @ 7.1, 21.9 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 11.32 dBi @ Elev Angle = 47.0 deg.
Front/Sidelobe 2.59 dB

cliff gain reference

Gain

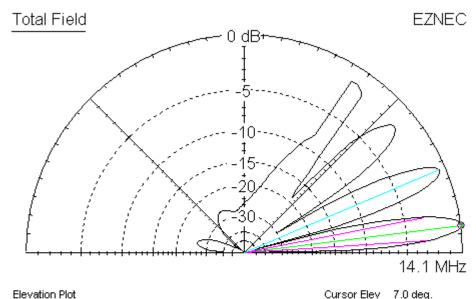
13.91 dBi

sea water 20m away, 20m down



X<20m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>20m, Z=-20m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.07 dBi

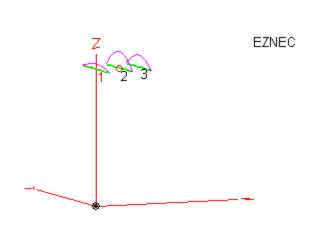
Slice Max Gain
Beamwidth
Sidelobe Gain
Front/Sidelobe
4.4.07 dBi @ Elev Angle = 7.0 deg.
7.4 deg.; -3dB @ 3.7, 11.1 deg.
13.53 dBi @ Elev Angle = 23.0 deg.
6.54 dB

0.16dB cliff gain7deg lowered TOA

Gain

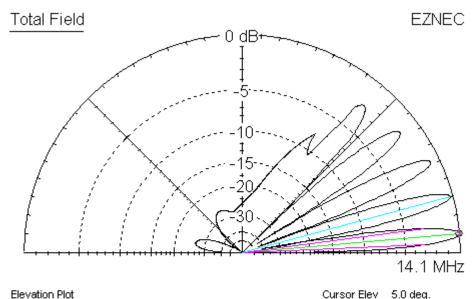
14.07 dBi

sea water 20m away, 40m down



X<20m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>20m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



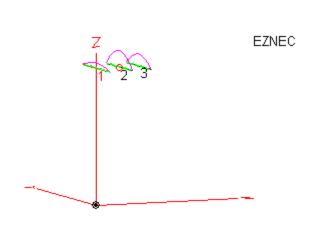
Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.13 dBi

0.22dB cliff gain9deg lowered TOA

Gain

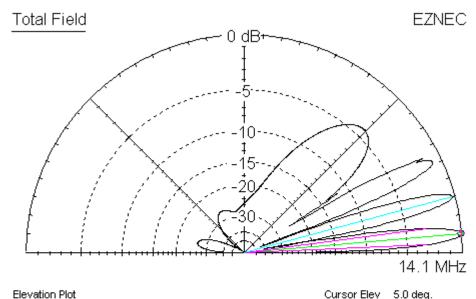
14.13 dBi

sea water 40m away, 40m down



X<40m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>40m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Gain

14.13 dBi

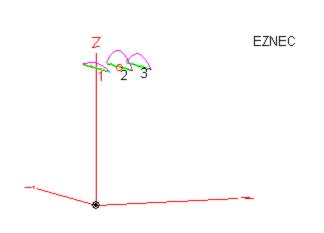
0.0 dBmax

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Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.13 dBi

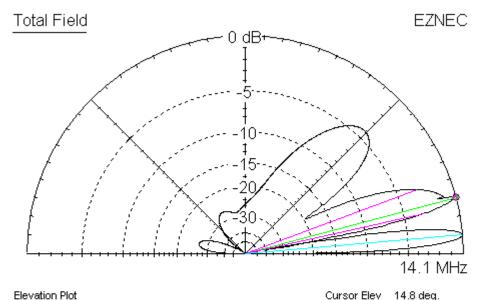
0.22dB cliff gain

sea water 80m away, 40m down



X<80m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>80m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.17 dBi

Slice Max Gain 14.17 dBi @ Elev Angle = 14.8 deg.
Beamwidth 7.8 deg.; -3dB @ 12.7, 20.5 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 14.13 dBi @ Elev Angle = 5.0 deg.

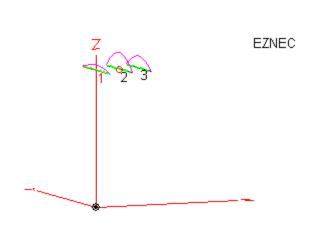
Front/Sidelobe 0.03 dB

0.26dB cliff gain additional 7deg lower TOA

Gain

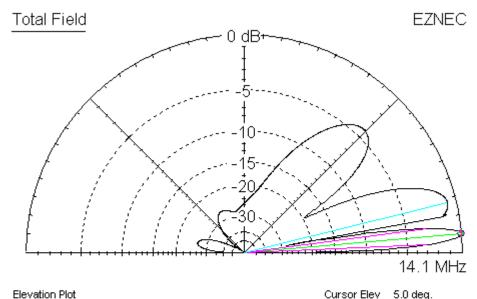
14.17 dBi

sea water 120m away, 40m down



X<120m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>120m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, €=80 (Baltic Sea)



Gain

14.13 dBi

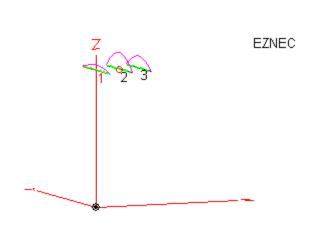
0.0 dBmax

Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.13 dBi

Slice Max Gain 14.13 dBi @ Elev Angle = 5.0 deg.
Beamwidth 5.0 deg.; -3dB @ 2.5, 7.5 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 13.8 deg.
Front/Sidelobe 0.72 dB

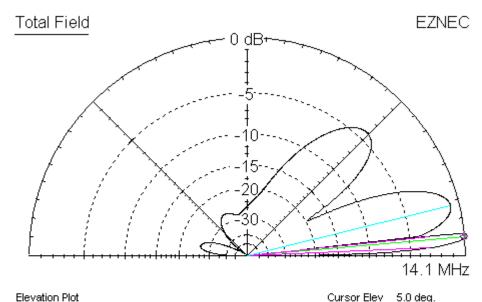
0.22dB cliff gain 9deg lowered TOA

sea water 200m away, 40m down



X<200m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>200m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, €=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.13 dBi

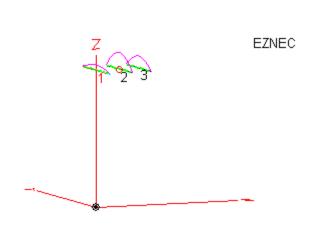
Slice Max Gain 14.13 dBi @ Elev Angle = 5.0 deg.
Beamwidth 3.6 deg.; -3dB @ 2.5, 6.1 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 13.8 deg.
Front/Sidelobe 0.72 dB

0.22dB cliff gain9deg lowered TOA

Gain

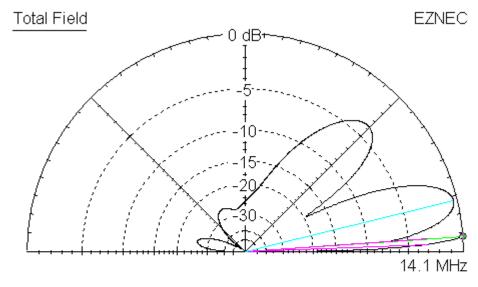
14.13 dBi

sea water 300m away, 40m down



X<300m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>300m, Z=-40m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 13.71 dBi

Slice Max Gain 13.71 dBi @ Elev Angle = 4.0 deg.
Beamwidth 1.7 deg.; -3dB @ 2.3, 4.0 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 13.8 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 0.3 dB

-0.2dB cliff gain additional 10deg lower TOA

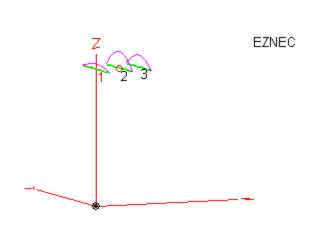
Cursor Elev

Gain

4.0 deq.

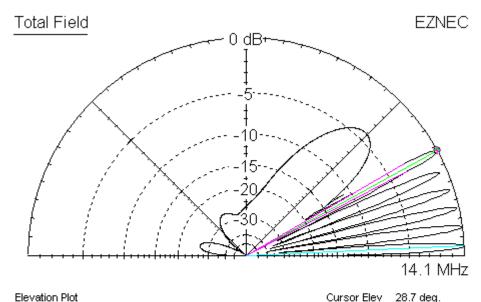
13.71 dBi

sea water 40m away, 100m down



X<40m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, E=13

X>40m, Z=-100m, Sea water 2S, €=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg. Outer Ring 14.17 dBi

Slice Max Gain 14.17 dBi @ Elev Angle = 28.7 deg. 2.5 deg.; -3dB @ 27.6, 30.1 deg. Sidelobe Gain 14.16 dBi @ Elev Angle = 2.5 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 0.01 dB

> 0.26dB cliff gain multiple TOA down to 2.5deg

Gain

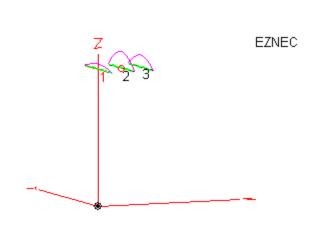
14.17 dBi

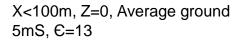
0.0 dBmax

Beamwidth

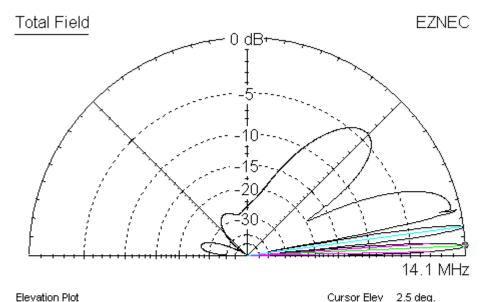
3-el yagi up 21m

sea water 100m away, 100m down





X>100m, Z=-100m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.16 dBi

 Slice Max Gain
 14.16 dBi @ Elev Angle = 2.5 deg.

 Beamwidth
 2.5 deg.; -3dB @ 1.3, 3.8 deg.

 Sidelobe Gain
 14.09 dBi @ Elev Angle = 7.6 deg.

 Front/Sidelobe
 0.07 dB

0.25dB cliff gain

0.25dB cliff gain11.5deg lowered TOAMultiple TOA's

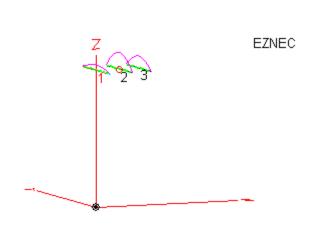
Gain

14.16 dBi

0.0 dBmax

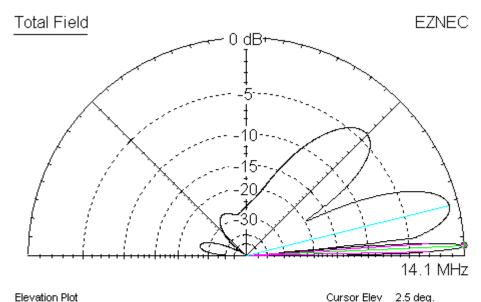
3-el yagi up 21m

sea water 200m away, 100m down



X<200m, Z=0, Average ground 5mS, ε =13

X>200m, Z=-100m, Sea water 2S, E=80 (Baltic Sea)



Elevation Plot
Azimuth Angle 0.0 deg.
Outer Ring 14.16 dBi

Slice Max Gain 14.16 dBi @ Elev Angle = 2.5 deg.
Beamwidth 2.5 deg.; -3dB @ 1.3, 3.8 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 13.8 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 0.75 dB

0.25dB cliff gain11.5deg lowered TOA

Gain

14.16 dBi

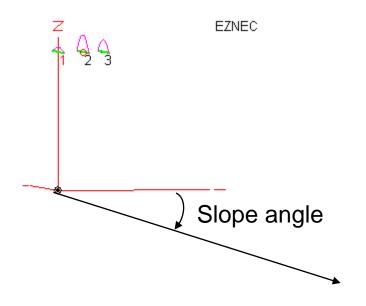
0.0 dBmax

3. Influence of steep cliff on horizontal antenna Conclusions:

- Nearby cliff has the same influence as tower height
 - Lower TOA
 - a bit more gain
- Distance to cliff can be quite long for low TOA's
 - In the example
 - Antenna height 1 lamda
 - Cliff height 2 lamda
 - >Cliff distance can be up to 6 lamda
- Distance to cliff lowers secondary lobes
- Deep reflector can be any type of soil, doesn't need to be sea water

4. Influence of sloping terrain on horizontal antenna

TOA of Hill Top QTH

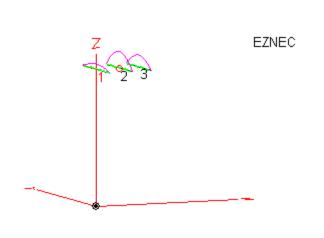


TOA = TOA (on flat surface) – slope angle

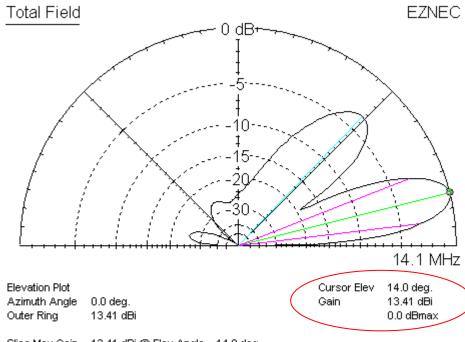
This can become even negative which is not useful

5. Influence of stacking

3-el yagi 1 wavelength high average flat ground



Average ground 5mS, €=13



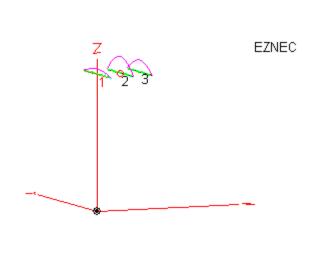
 Slice Max Gain
 13.41 dBi @ Elev Angle = 14.0 deg.

 Beamwidth
 14.6 deg.; -3dB @ 6.8, 21.4 deg.

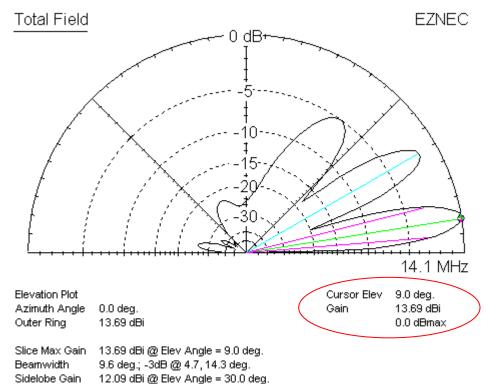
 Sidelobe Gain
 9.99 dBi @ Elev Angle = 46.0 deg.

Front/Sidelobe 3.42 dB

3-el yagi 1.5 wavelength high average flat ground

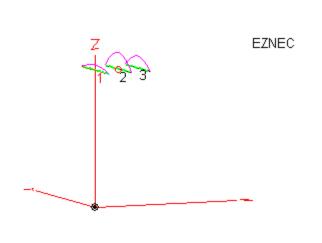


Average ground 5mS, €=13

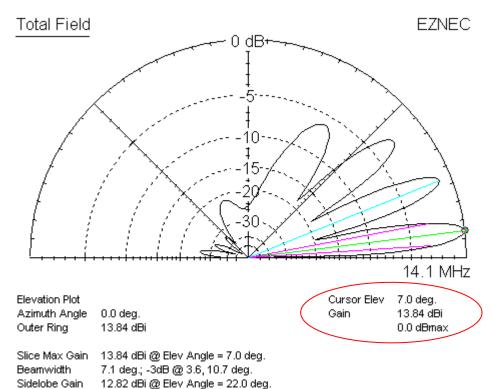


Front/Sidelobe 1.6 dB

3-el yagi 2 wavelength high average flat ground



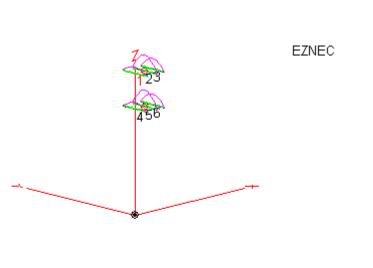
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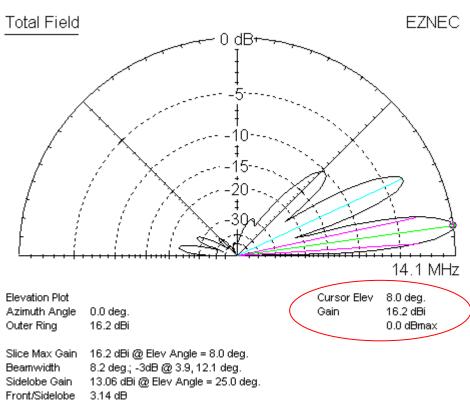
Front/Sidelobe 1.02 dB

Stacked 2x 3-el yagi's

1.5 and 2.0 wavelength high



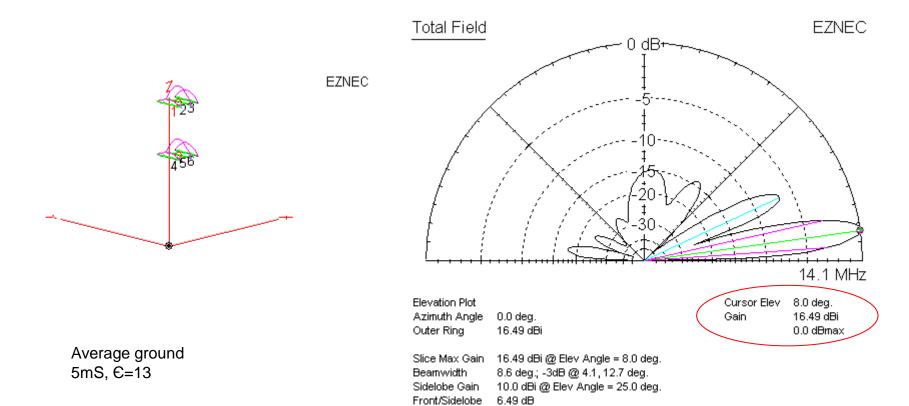
Average ground 5mS, €=13



2.36dB stacking gain

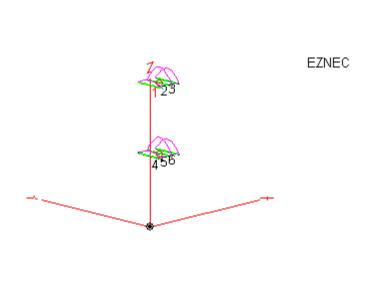
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1.25 and 2.0 wavelength high

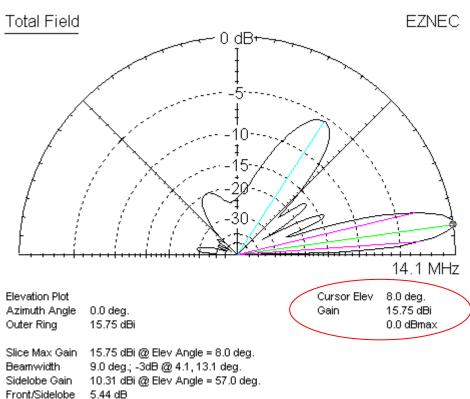


Stacked 2x 3-el yagi's

1.0 and 2.0 wavelength high



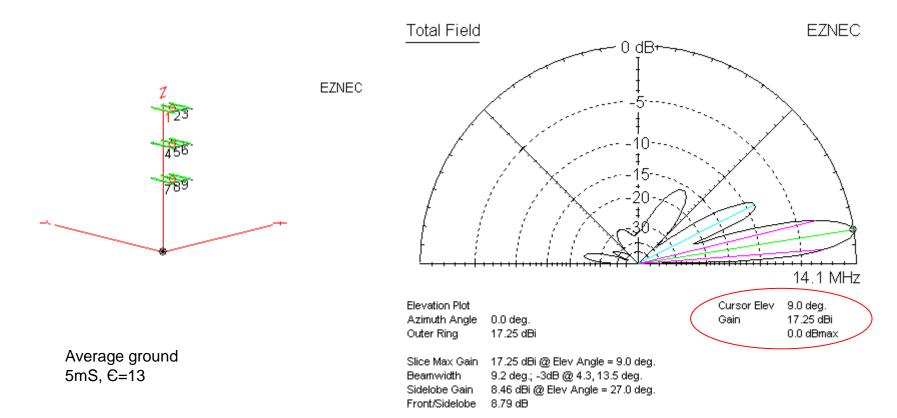
Average ground 5mS, E=13



1.91dB stacking gain

Stacked 3 x 3-el yagi's

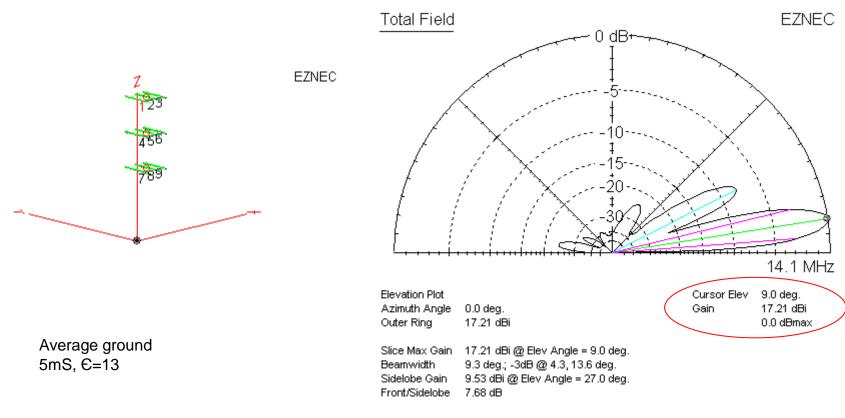
1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 wavelength high, equal powers



3.41dB stacking gain

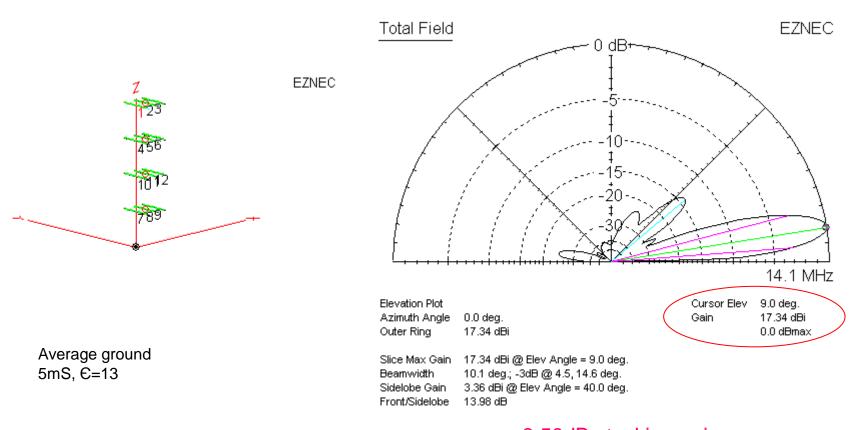
Stacked 3 x 3-el yagi's

1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 wavelength high, powers 1:2:1



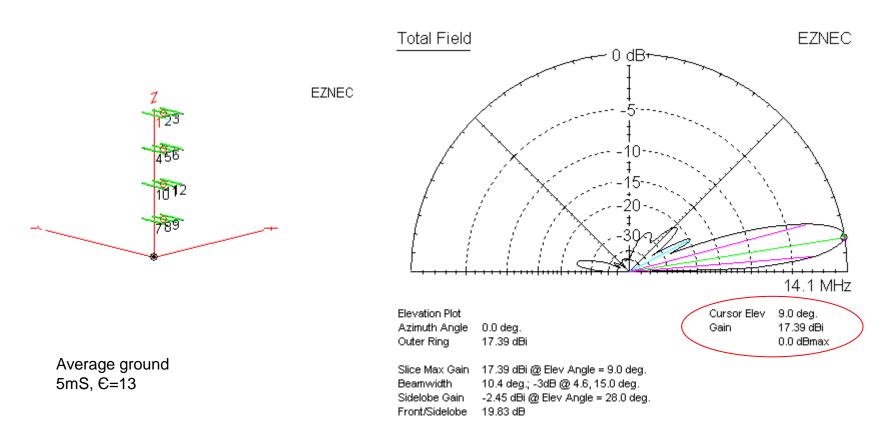
Stacked 4 x 3-el yagi's

0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 wavelength high, equal powers



Stacked 4 x 3-el yagi's

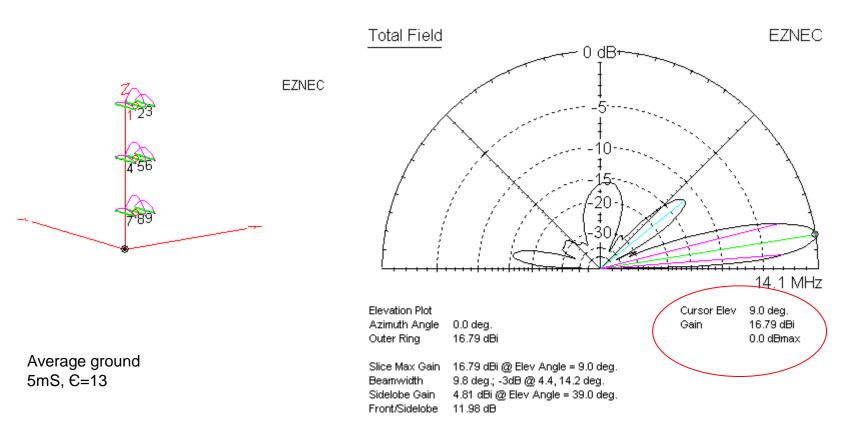
0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 wavelength high, powers 1:2:2:1



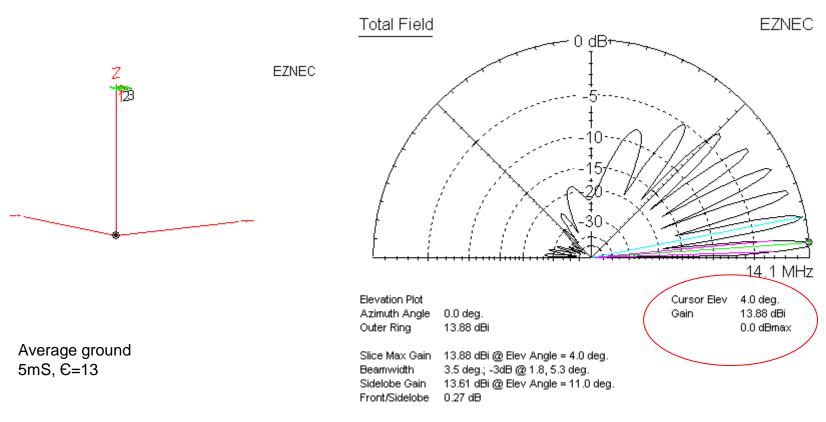
3.55dB stacking gain

Stacked 3 x 3-el yagi's

0.5, 1.25 and 2.0 wavelength high, powers 1:1:1

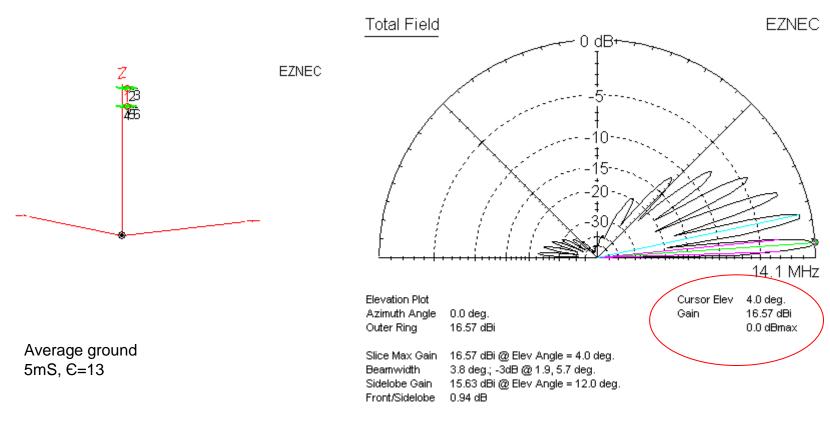


3-el yagi's, up 84m up 4.0 wavelength



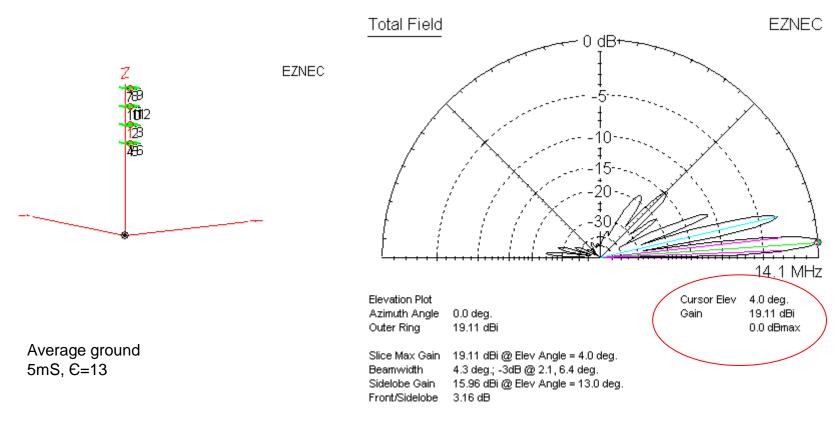
Stacked 2 x 3-el yagi's, highest up 84m

3.5 - 4.0 wavelength high in 0.5 wl steps, equal powers



Stacked 4 x 3-el yagi's, highest up 84m

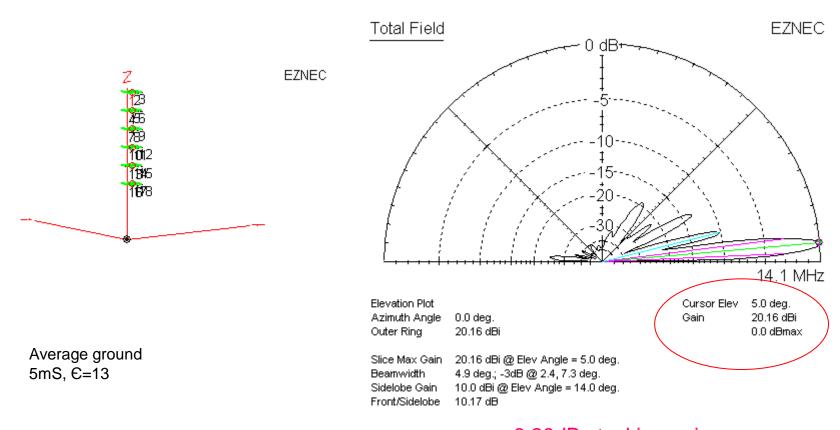
2.5 - 4.0 wavelength high in 0.5 wl steps, equal powers



5.23dB stacking gain

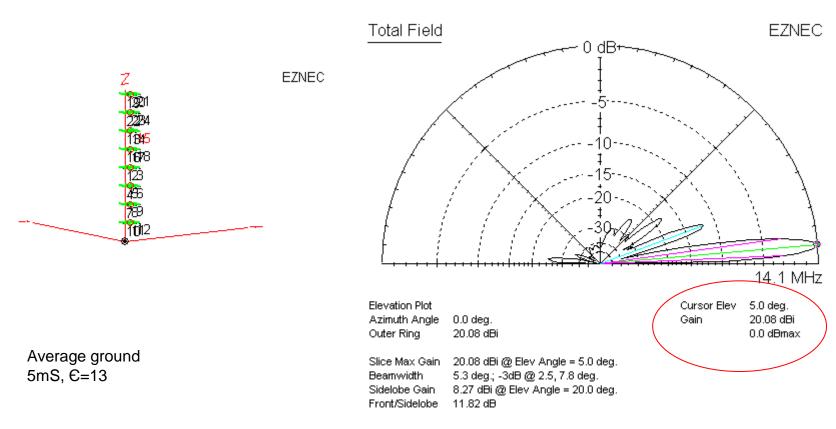
Stacked 6 x 3-el yagi's, highest up 84m

1.5 - 4.0 wavelength high in 0.5 wl steps, equal powers



Stacked 8 x 3-el yagi's, highest up 84m

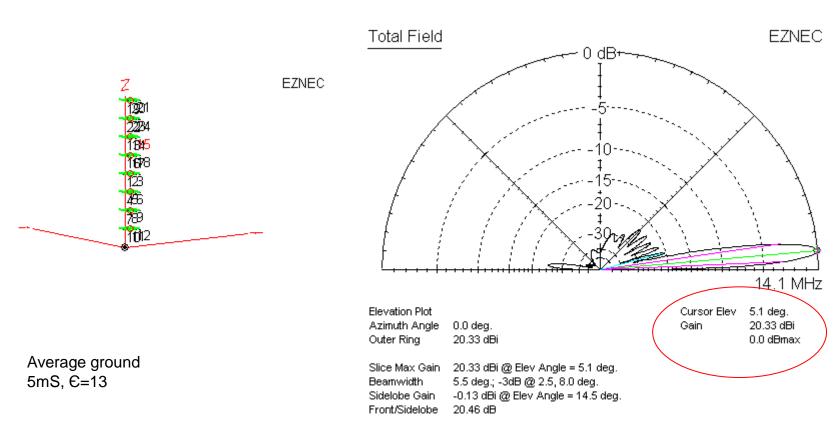
0.5 - 4.0 wavelength high in 0.5 wl steps, equal powers



6.20dB stacking gain

Stacked 8 x 3-el yagi's, highest up 84m

0.5 - 4.0 wavelength high in 0.5 wl steps tapered currents: 1/1/1.2/1.41/1.41/1.2/1/0.5



6.45dB stacking gain

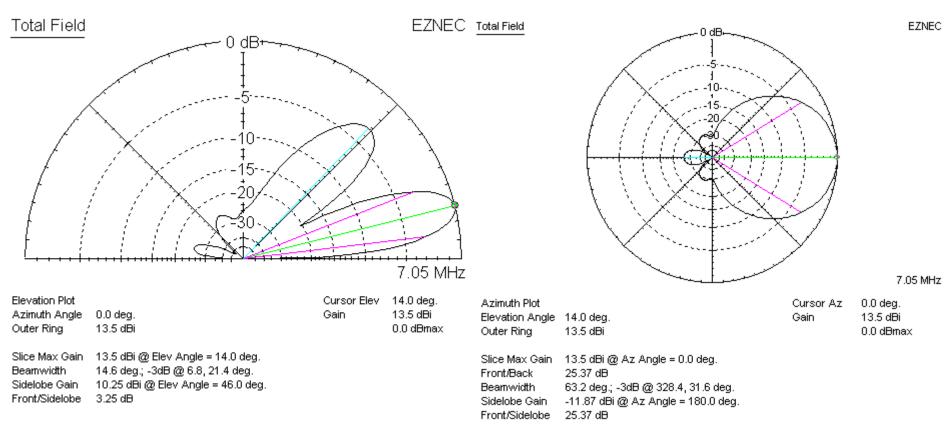
5. Stacking horizontal antennas Conclusions:

- Highest antenna dictates the take-off-angle TOA
- Ideal stacking distance is ½ wavelengths
- For best sidelobe attenuation all heights n x 0.5 x wavelength, n=1,2,.. are needed
- Stacking gain is generated by the highest 3/4 of antennas
 - The lowest 1/4 of antennas contribute mainly to sideloop attenuation
 - In very high stacks levels 0.5 and 1 lamda can be omitted
- Power tapering improves sidelobe attenuation with stacks of 3 and higher

6. Mutual coupling of different band antennas

How close can other band antennas be installed?

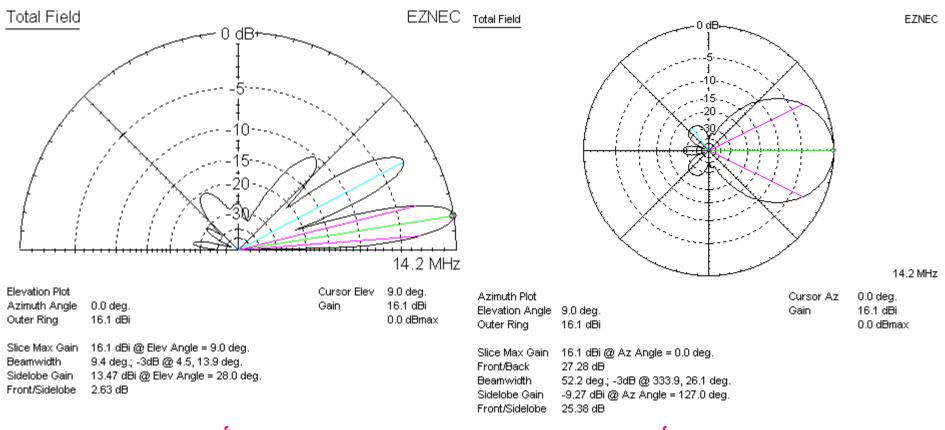
3-el 40m yagi, 42m high no other antennas



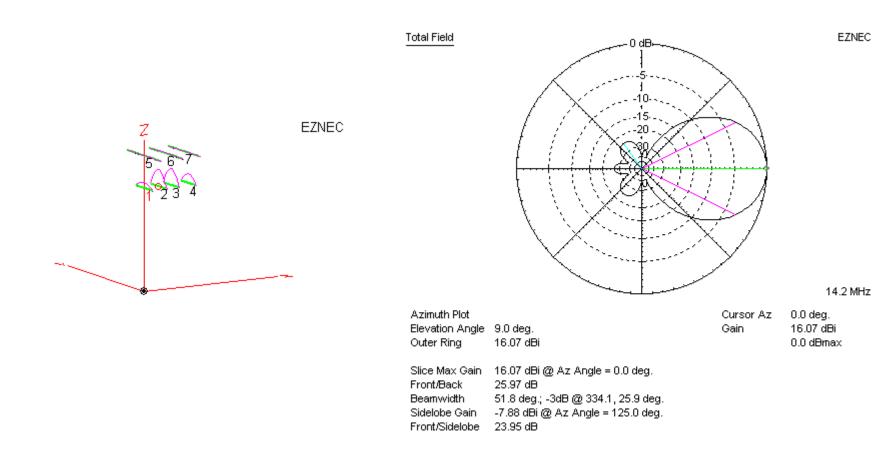
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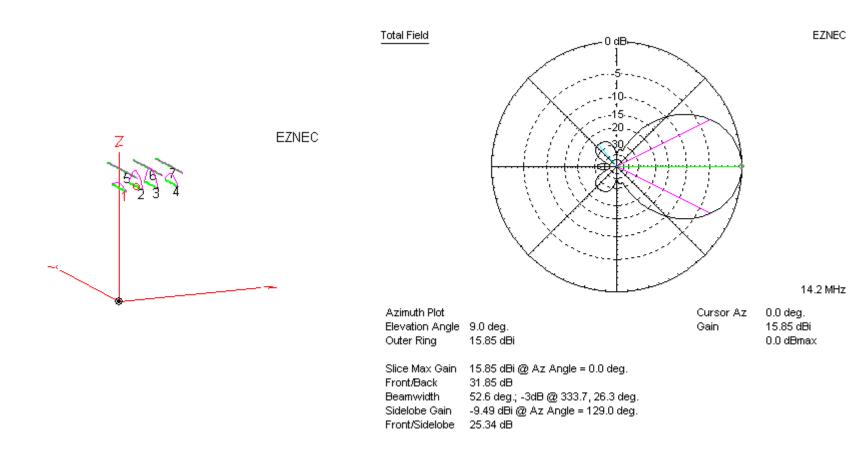
4-el 20m yagi, 32m high, no other antennas



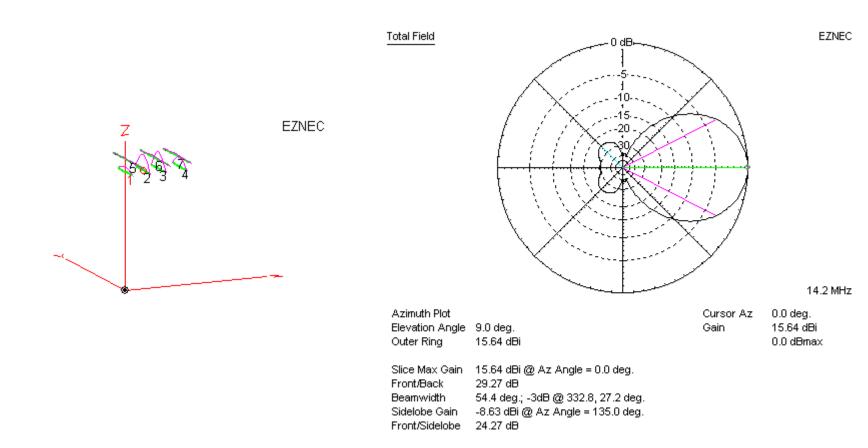
7050kHz@42m / 14200kHz@32m 10m dist



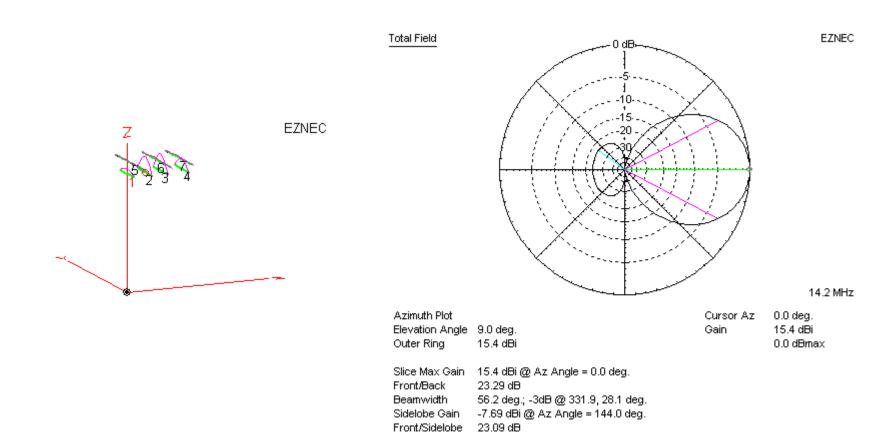
7050kHz@37m / 14200kHz@32m 5m dist



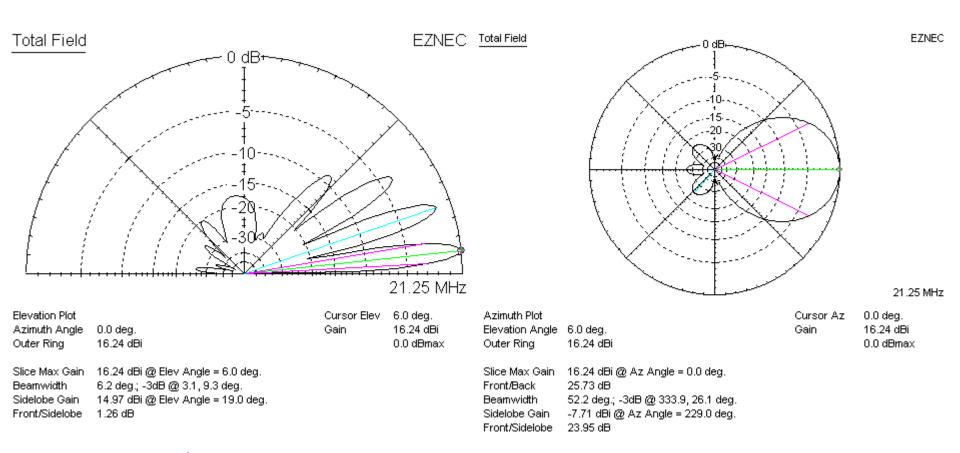
7050kHz@35m / 14200kHz@32m 3m dist



7050kHz@34m / 14200kHz@32m 2m dist



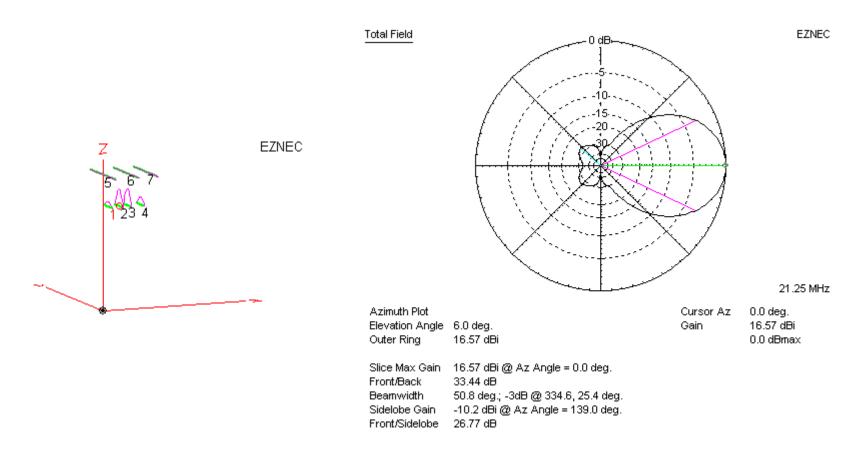
4-el 21250kHz@32m, no other antennas



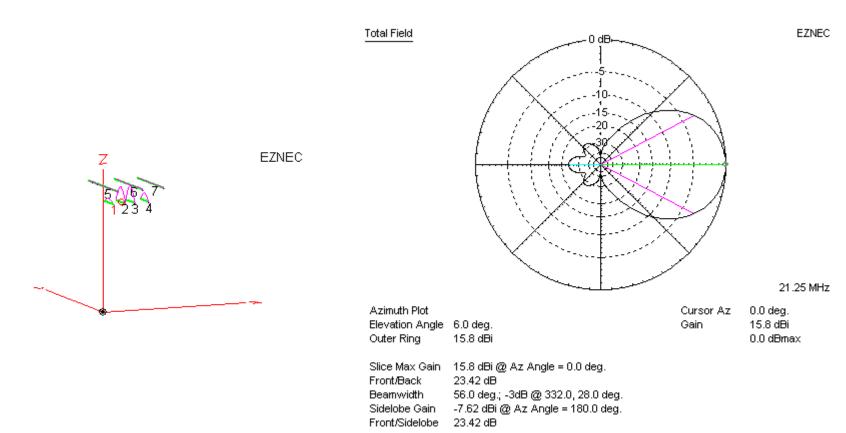
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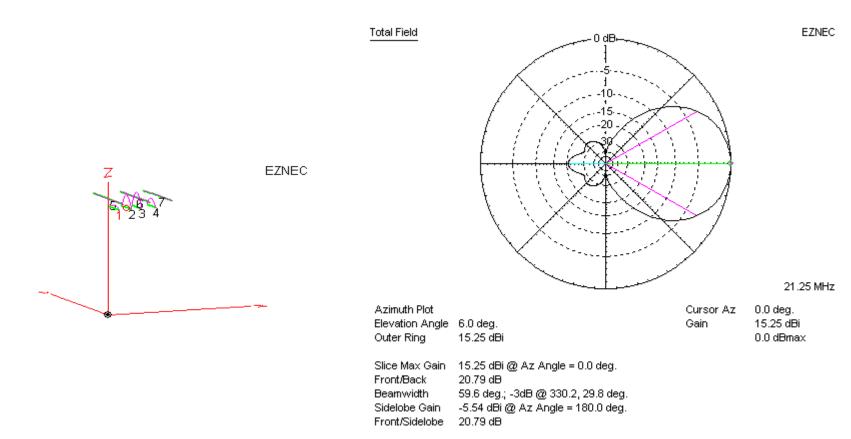
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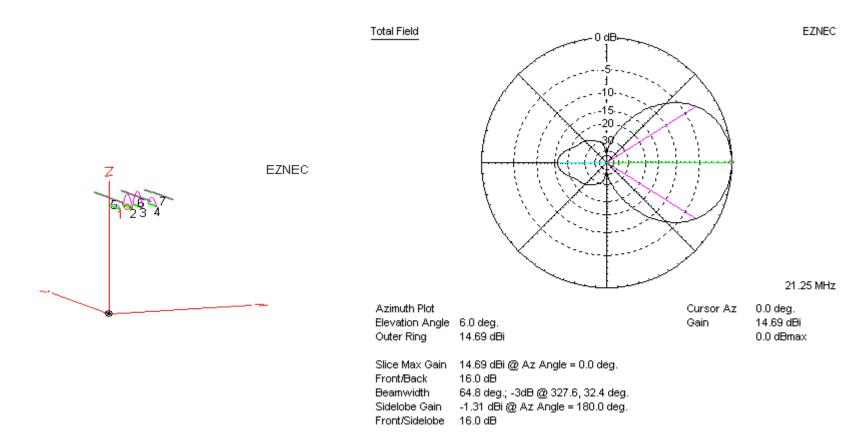
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7050kHz @35m / 21250kHz@32m 3m dist

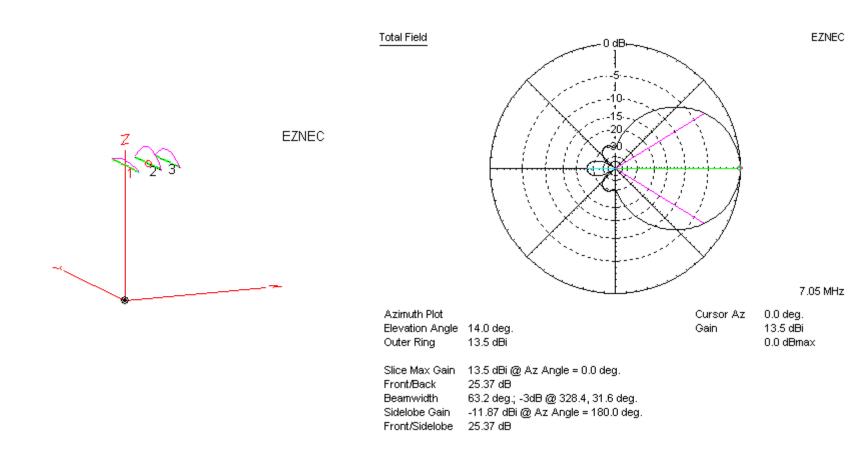


7050kHz @34m / 21250kHz@32m 2m dist



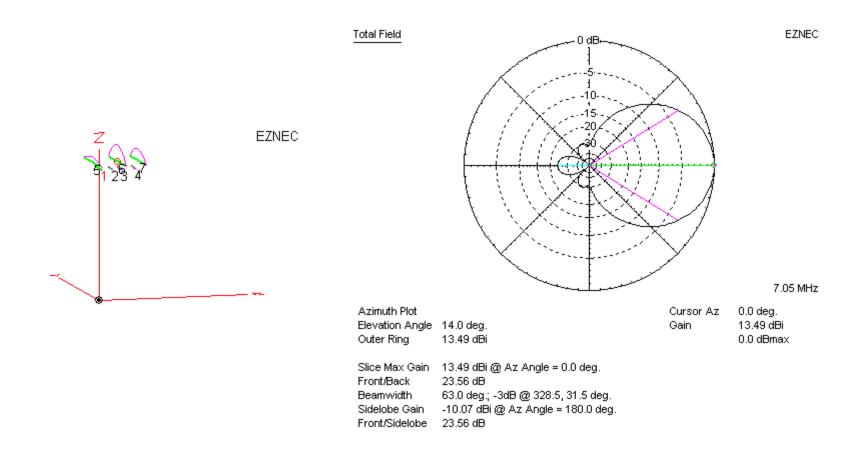
Influence to lower band

3-el yagi 7050kHz@42m, no other antennas



Influence to lower band

7050kHz @42m / 21250kHz@40m 2m dist



6. Mutual coupling of different bands Conclusions:

- Lower band suffers very little, even when spacing is 0.05 lamda
- Higher band lose gain and F/B when lower band antenna is too close
 - With distances less than 0.5 lamda there is a risk for losing performance
 - In the example of 20/40m 0.15 lamda was about the limit
 - In the example of 15/40m 0.3 lamda was about the limit
- Every case should be studied separately, it is impossible to give accurate guidance