

Magnetic resonance requirements and shim coils for TUCAN

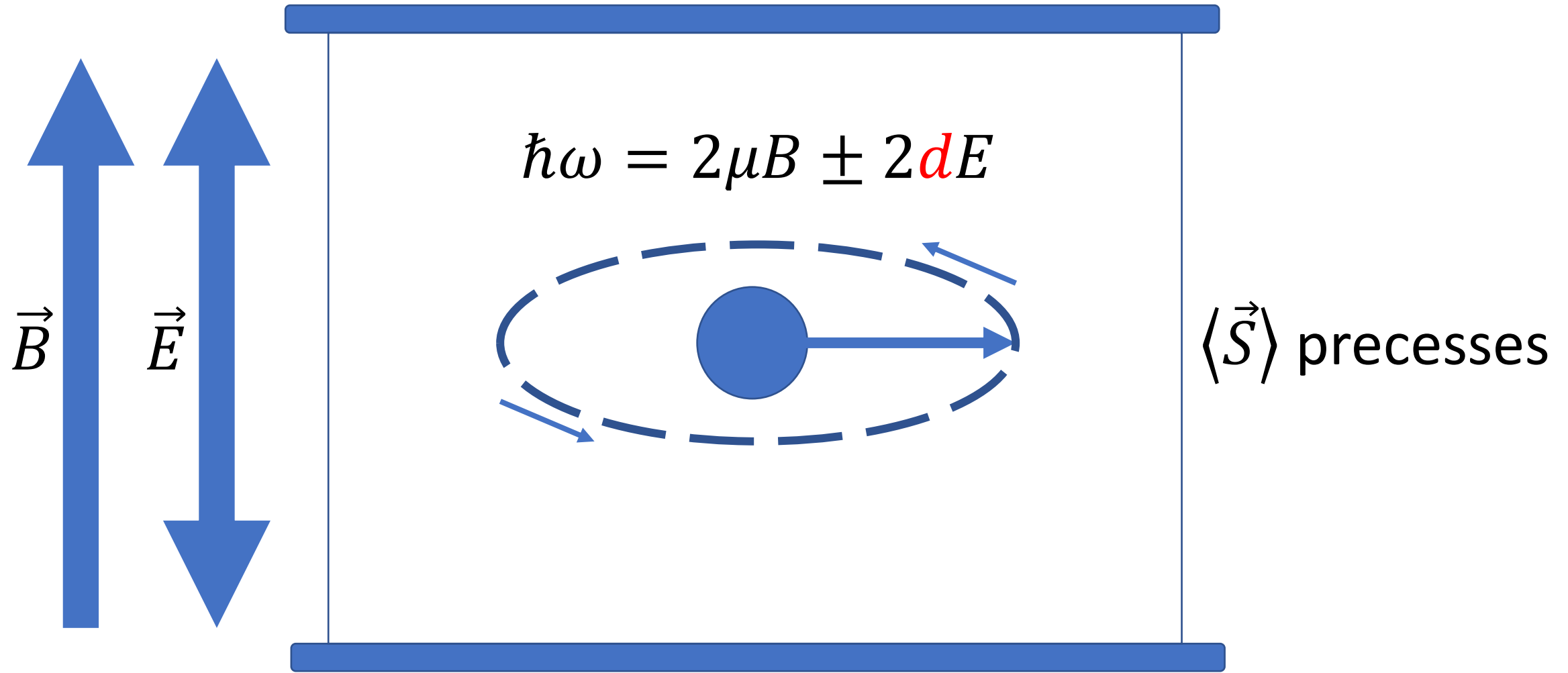
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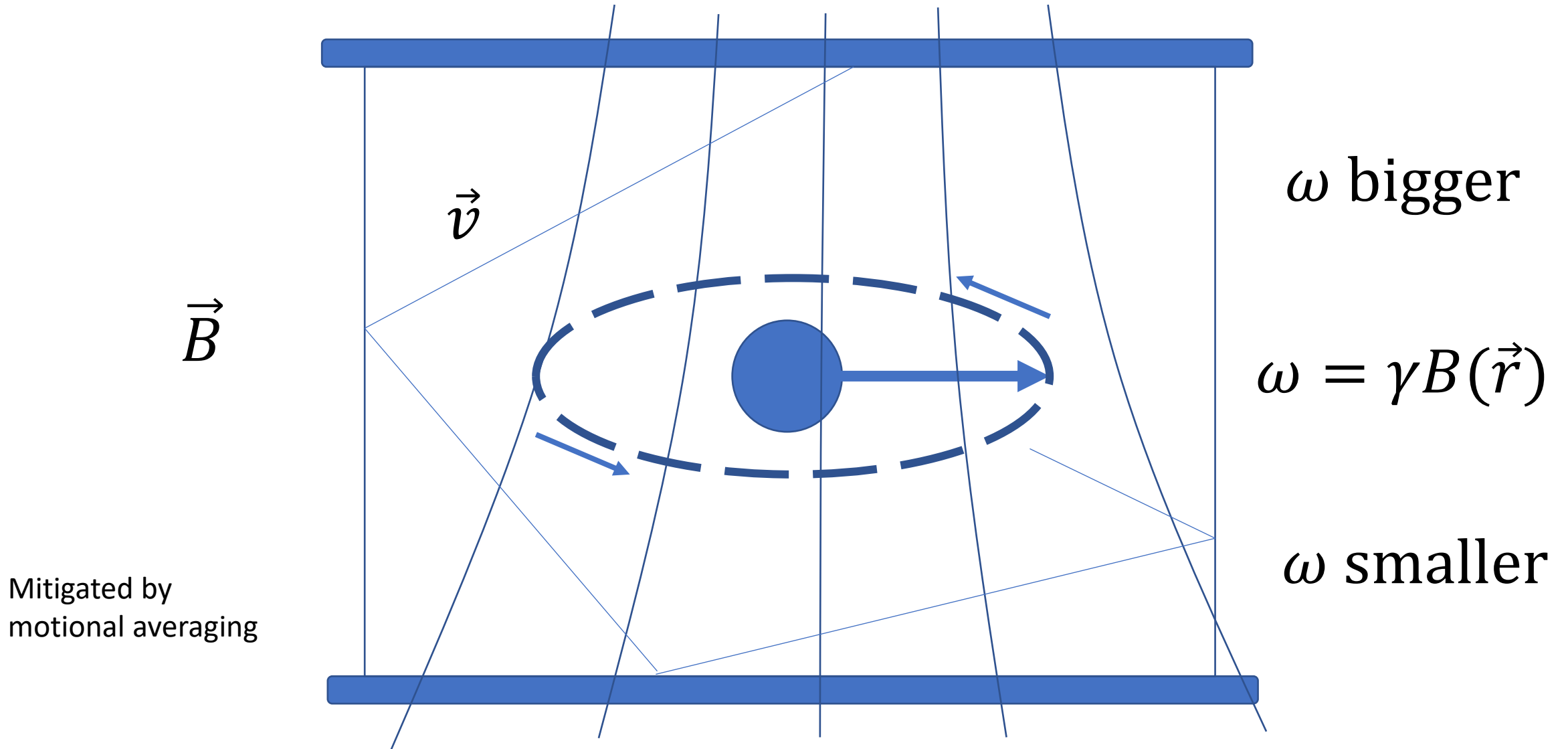


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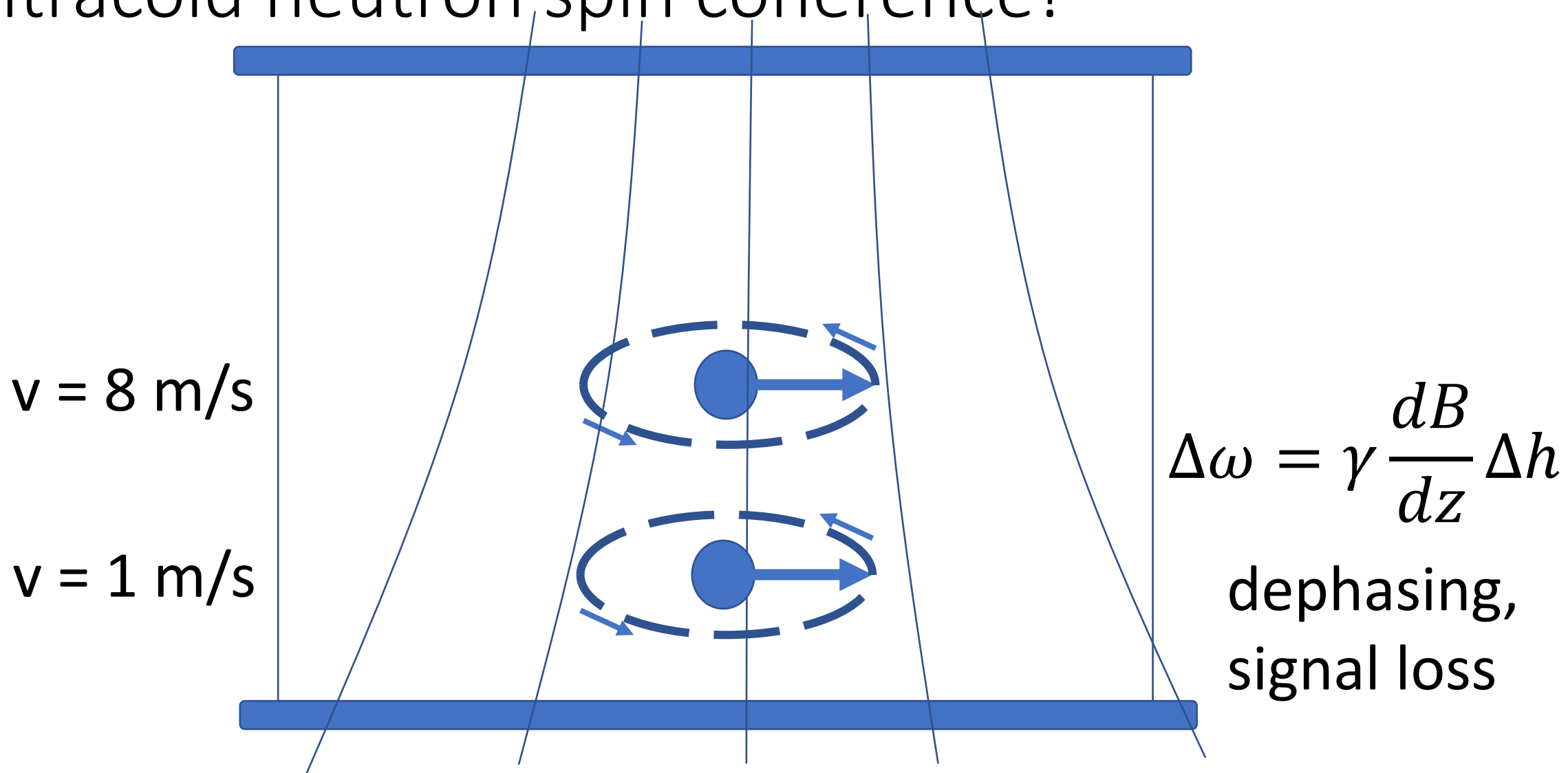
How to measure the neutron EDM



What if the magnetic field isn't homogeneous?



Kinetic energy distribution and gravity affect ultracold neutron spin coherence!



$v = 8 \text{ m/s}$

$v = 1 \text{ m/s}$

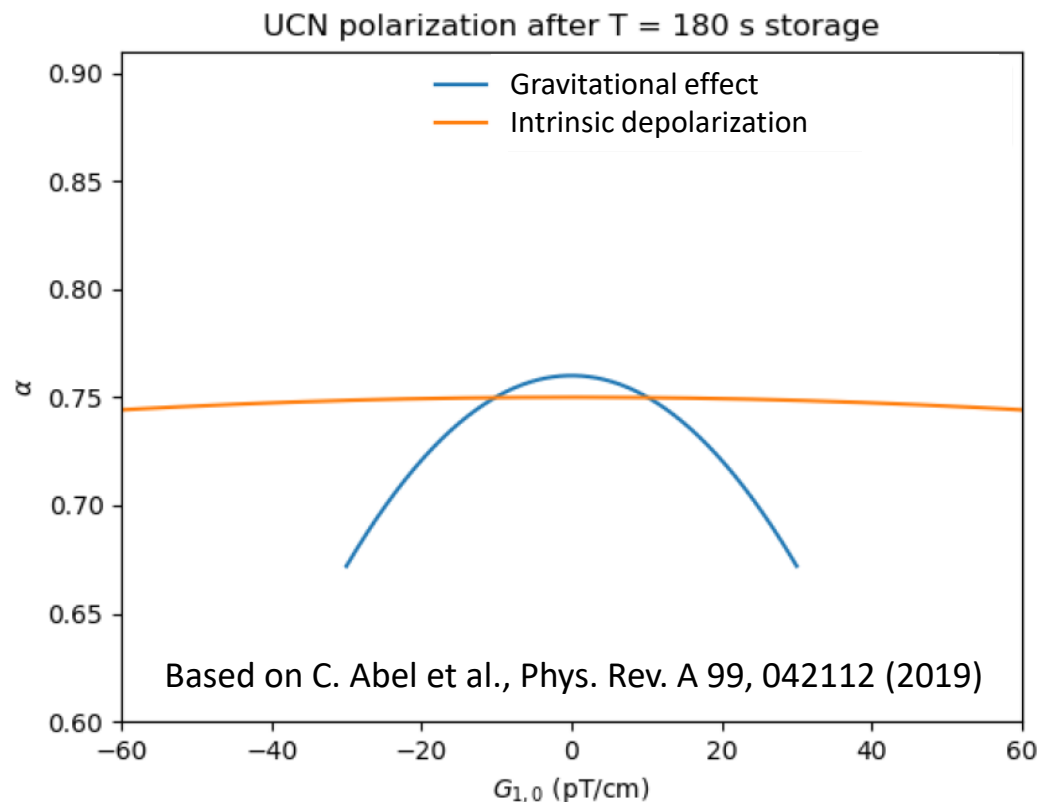
$$\Delta\omega = \gamma \frac{dB}{dz} \Delta h$$

dephasing,
signal loss

Loss of UCN polarization (α) over time

- Gravitational effect $\alpha_{\text{grav}} = \alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_n^2 G_{1,0}^2 \text{Var}[\bar{z}] T^2$

- Also: intrinsic depolarization (propagation in inhomogeneous field)



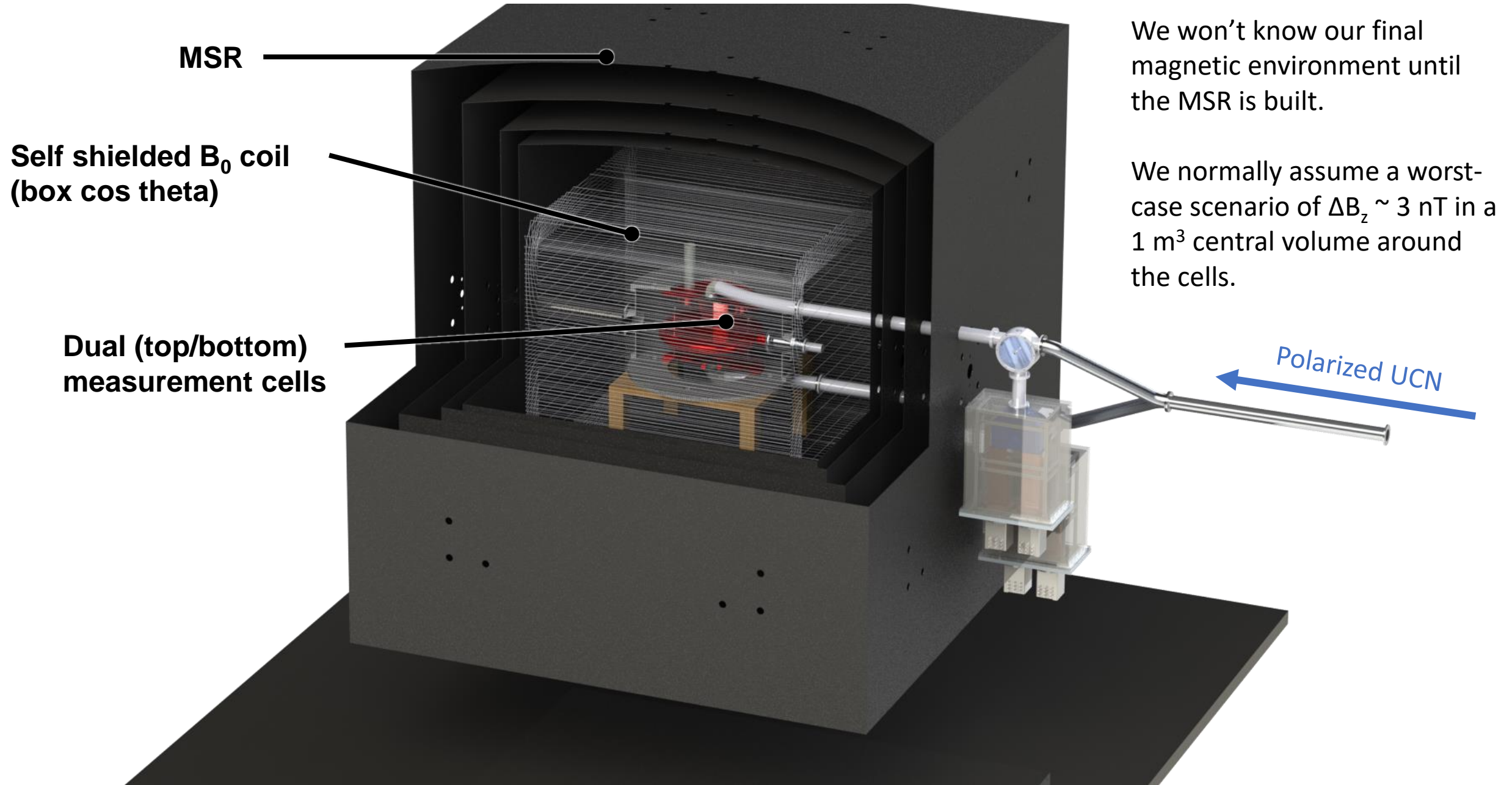
TUCAN requirement:

$$\Delta B_z < 140 \text{ pT}$$

or

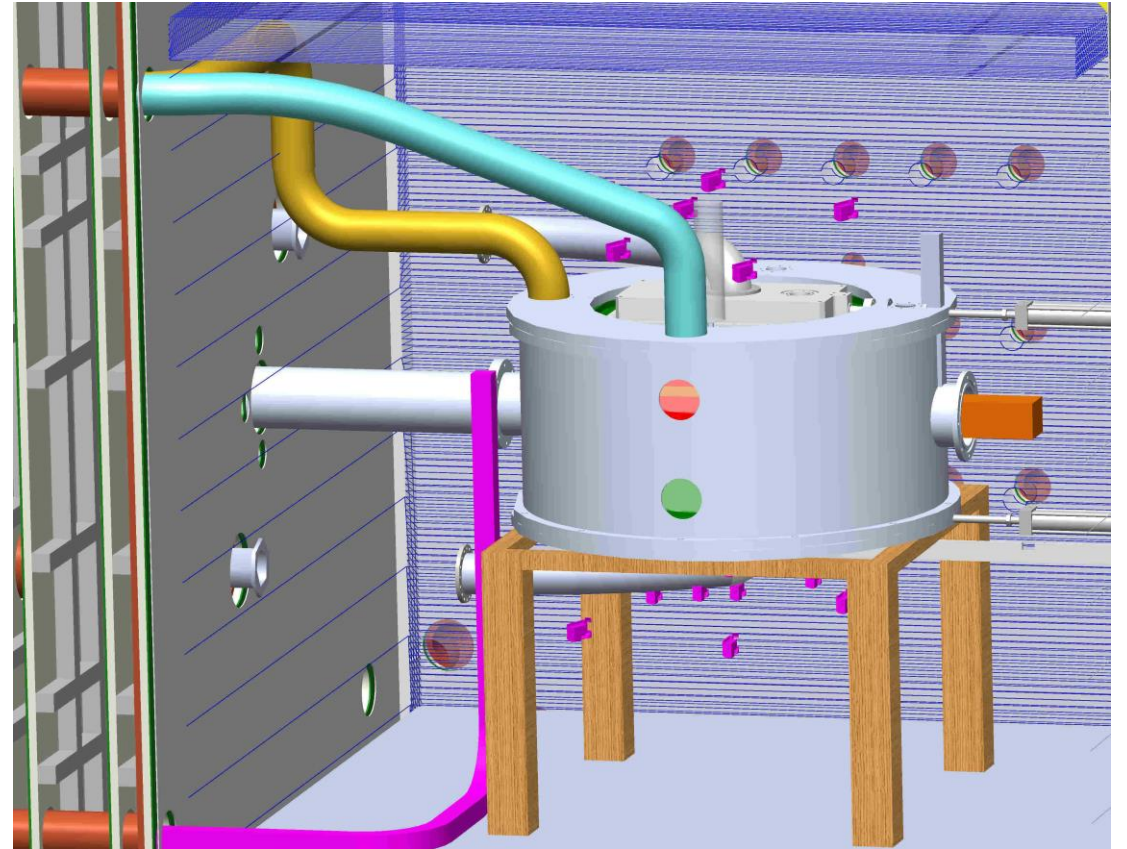
$$\sigma(B_z) < 40 \text{ pT}$$

when measured over the region
of the EDM cell(s), within the
1 μT main field



Measuring the field

- Cs magnetometers at fixed positions around the measurement cells (W. Klassen at UBC)
- Mapping the field using external mapping system (M. Lavvaf)
- Mapping the field using internal mapping system (B. Franke, *et al.* at TRIUMF)



Tailoring the field based on measurement

- Place set of square coils on cubic surface around cells.

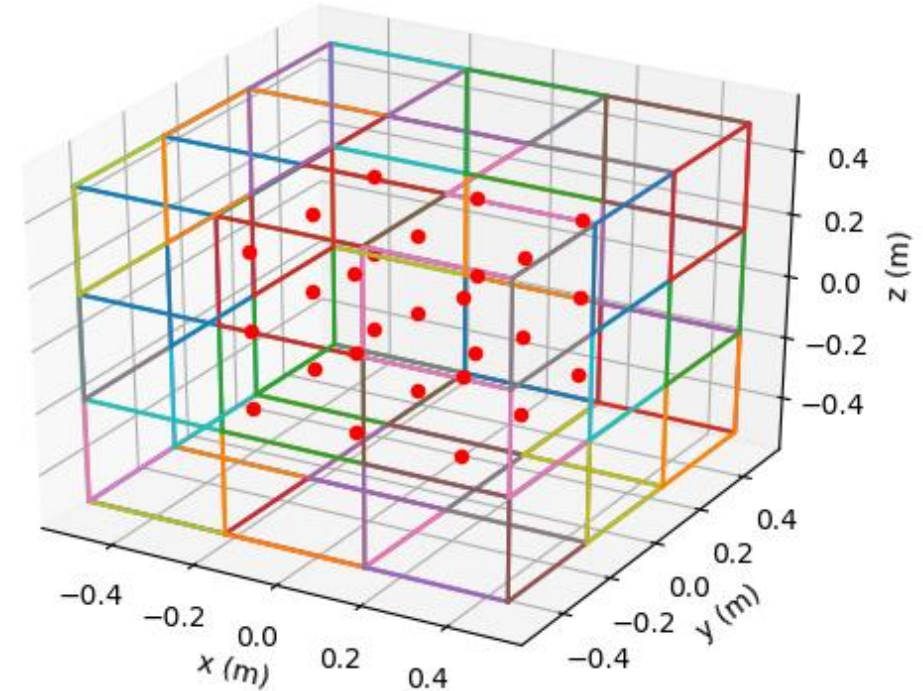
- At each of the sensor positions $B_i = \sum_{j=1}^c M_{ij} I_j$ or $B = MI$ where M is a matrix

- We can determine the currents to set on each coil to generate a target field using

$$I_{\text{set}} = M^{-1} B_{\text{target}}$$

- Problem: M is not a square matrix; use SVD: $M = USV^T \rightarrow M^{-1} = VS^{-1}U^T$ where S is diagonal and same dimension as M .

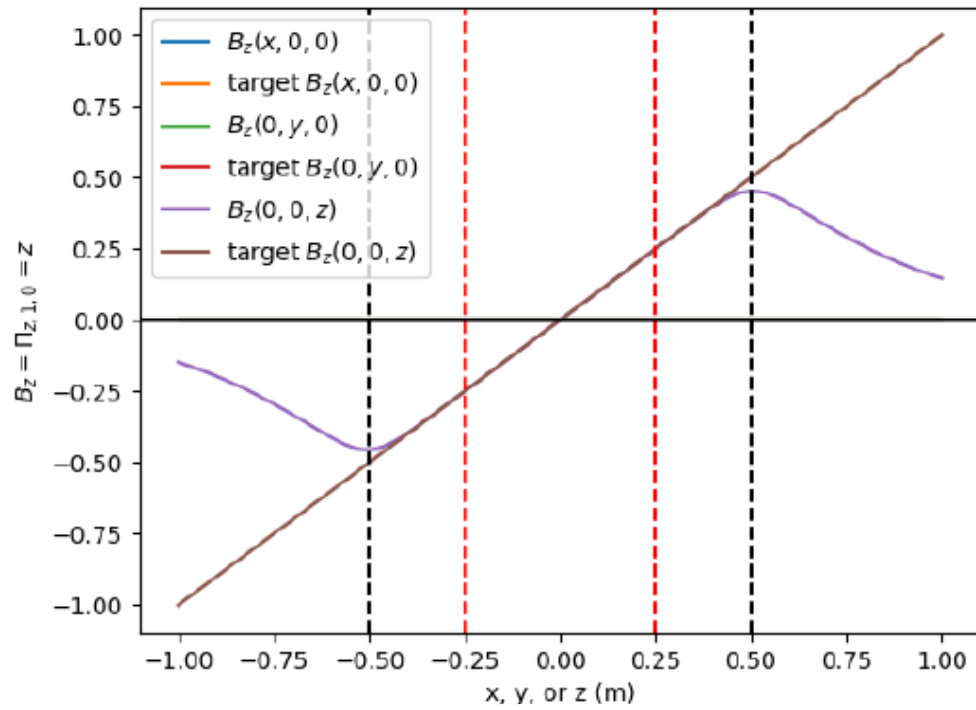
- Matrix problems: ill conditioning, bad modes, truncation
- Experimental problems: sensor positioning, sensor orientation, location of coils, magnetic mapping of coils, ...



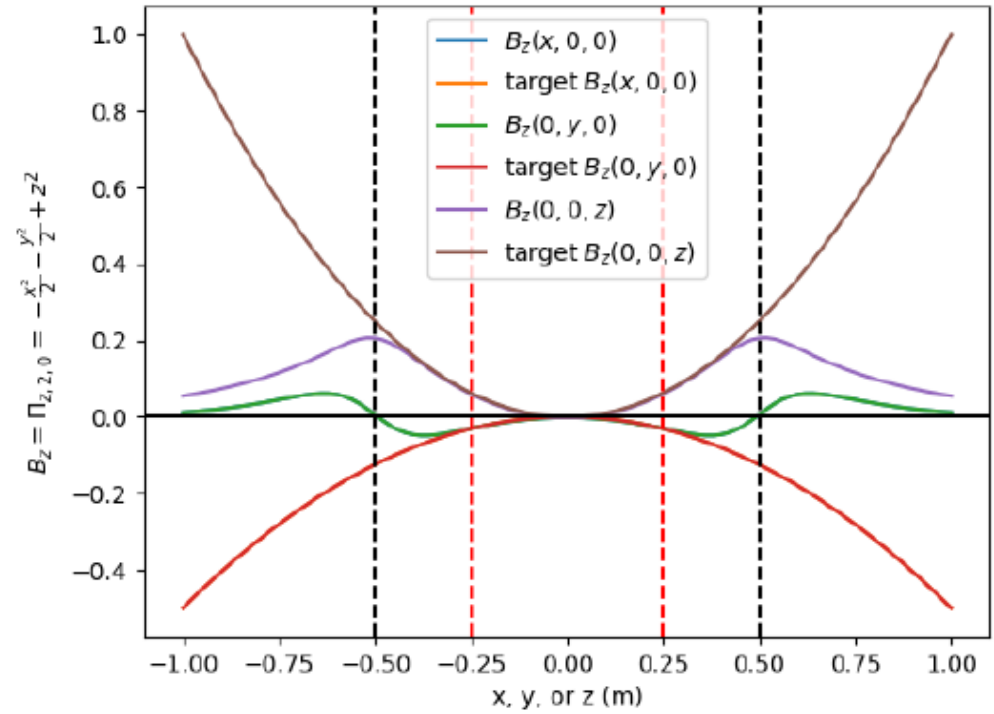
Example: 9 square coils on each of 6 faces of a cube
= 54 coils

27 sensor positions x 3 axes
= 81 sensor axes

Sample results

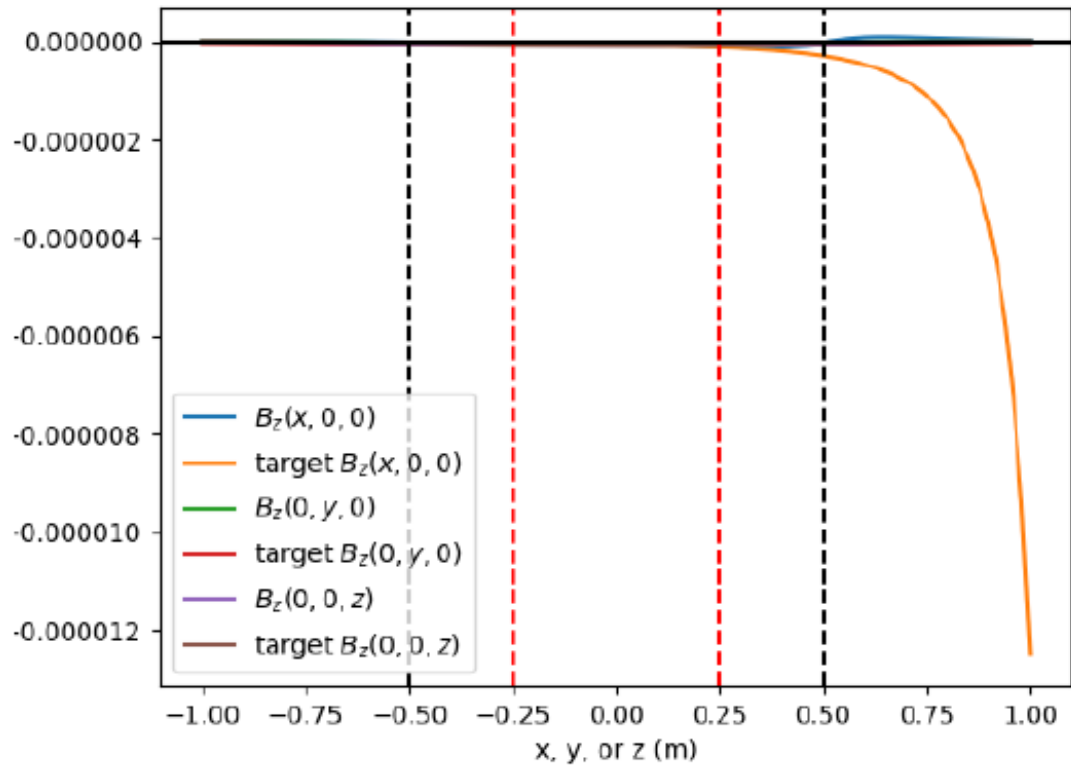


Perfectly linear gradient

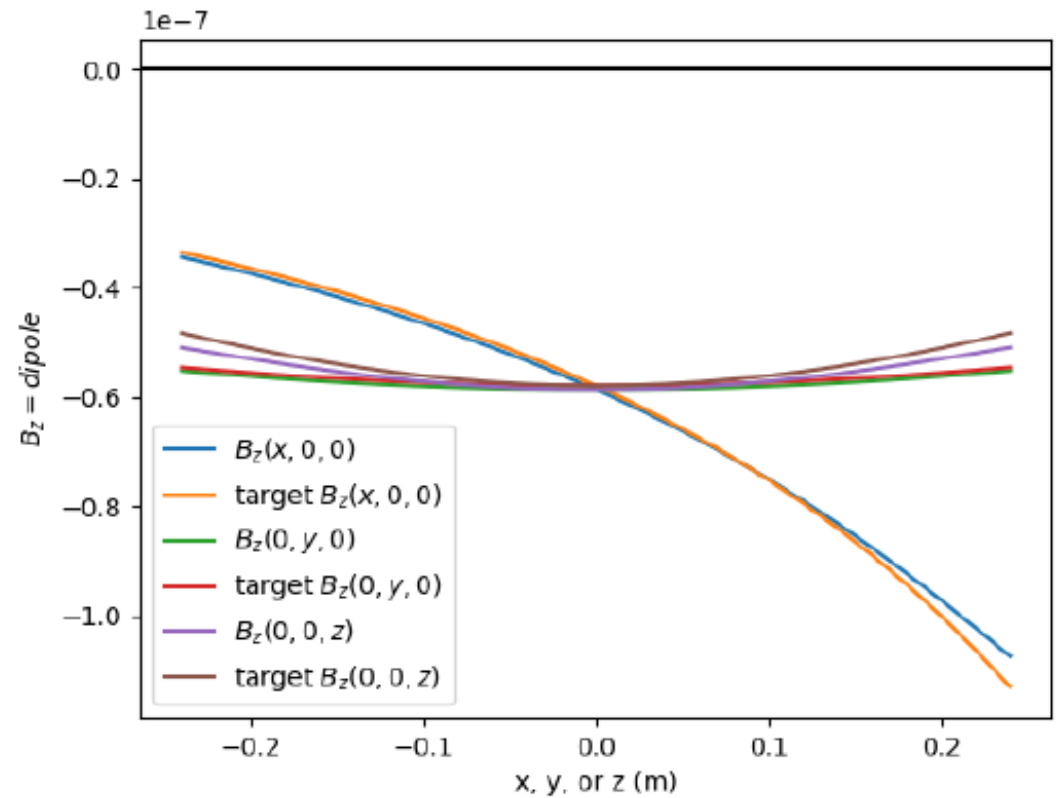


Quadratic

Dipole on inner surface of MSR



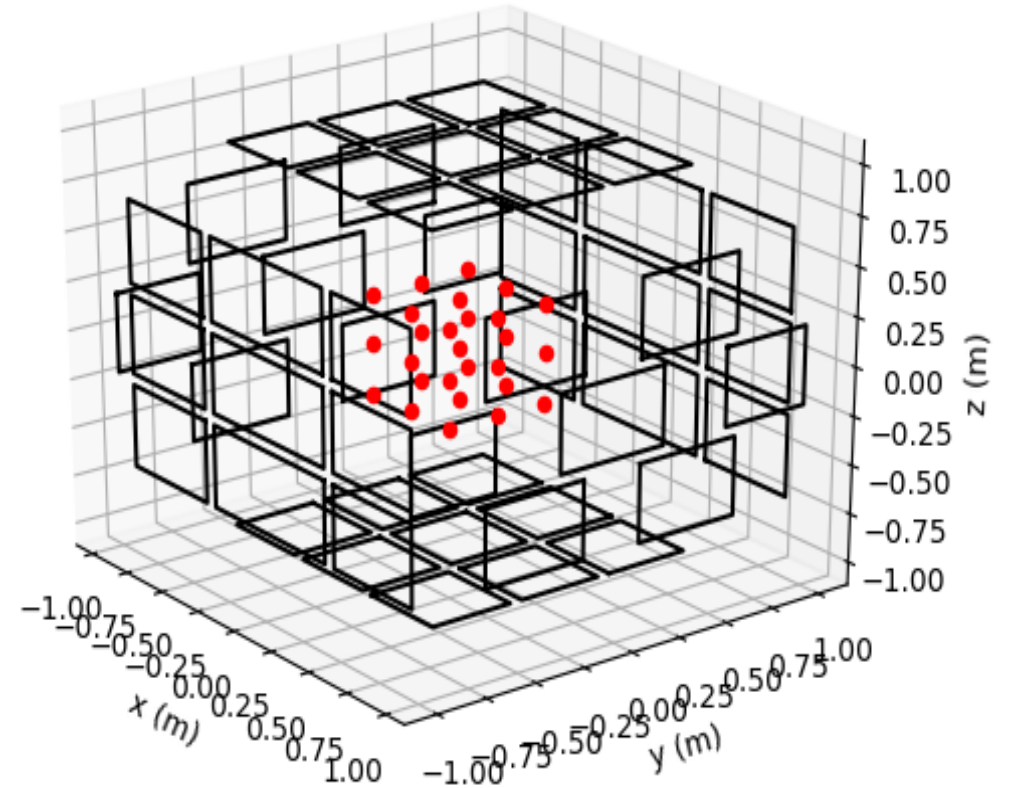
Dipole at $z = 1.1$ m



Zoomed in to central 0.5 m region on each axis

Results and conclusion

- When quantitatively measuring over the UCN cells, the coil system meets the requirements for TUCAN ($\Delta B_z < 140$ pT, $\sigma(B_z) < 40$ pT).
- Now moving into engineering of coil system:
 - Interface/mounting to B_0 coil (M. McCrea, N. Massacret at TRIUMF)
 - Development of multichannel stable current source (S. Ahmed, A. Jaison)
- Incredibly flexible design with simple geometry capable of generating arbitrary fields.



More realistic concept for TUCAN:

- Inner surface of B_0 coil used for mounting
- Coils adjusted to avoid conflicts with all feedthroughs to the experiment (UCN guides, high-voltage).

Works even better than original concept! (K. Augusto)

Thank you!



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