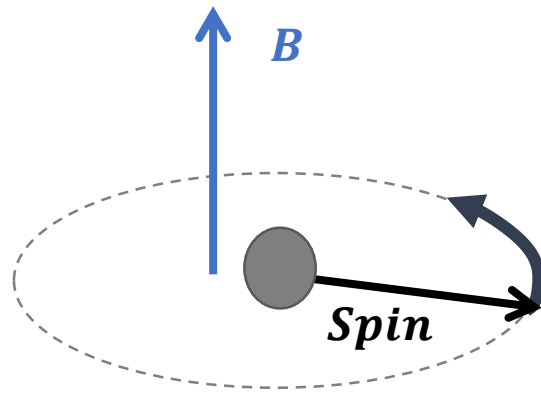


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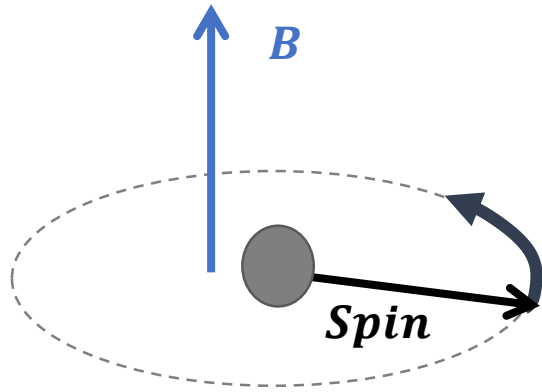
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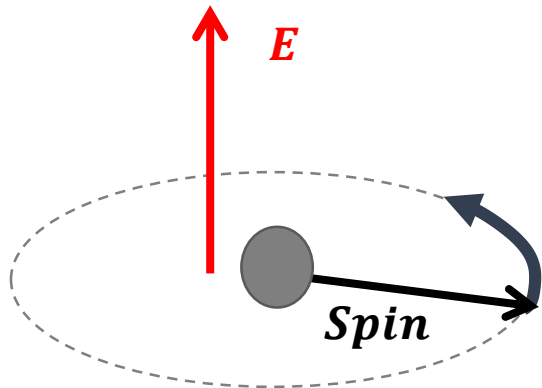
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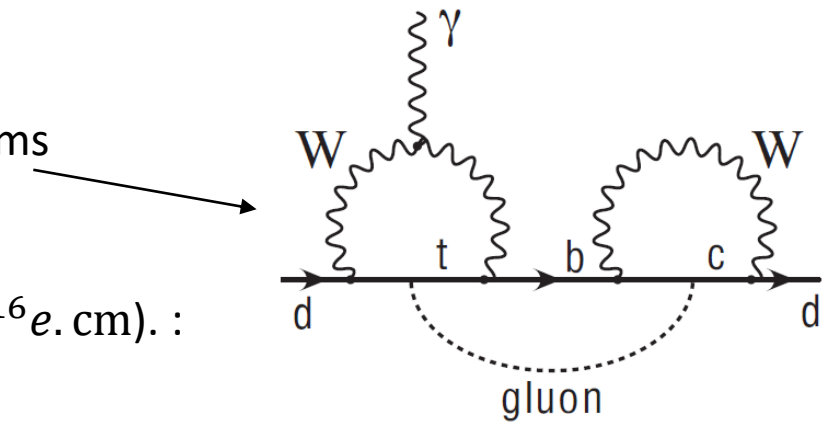
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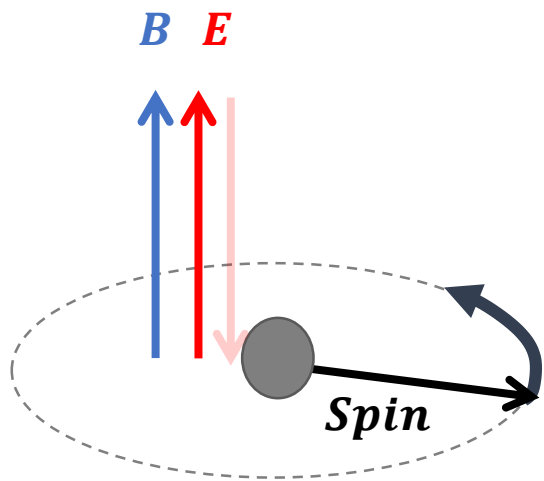
- CKM phase contribution to quark EDMs through at least 3 loops diagrams
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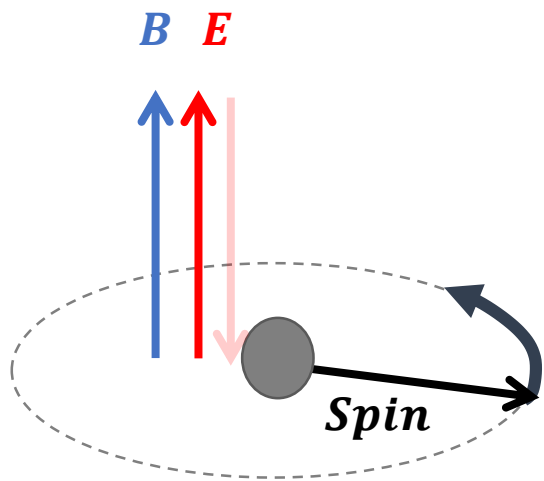
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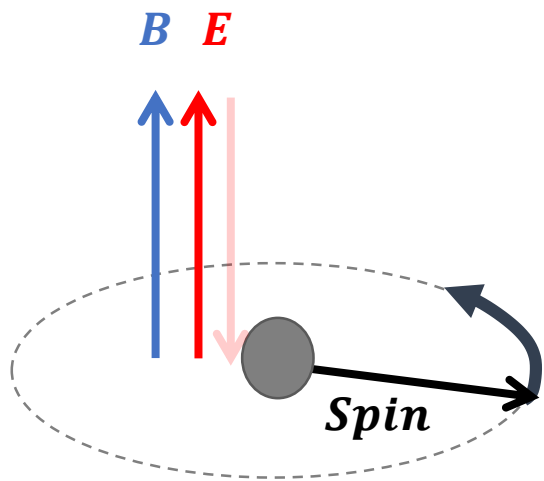
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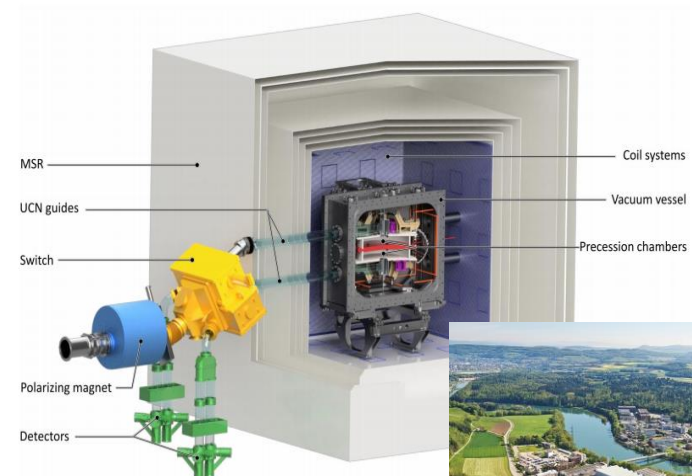


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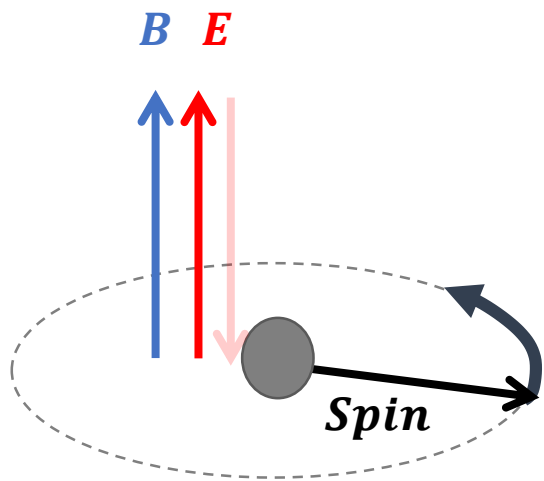


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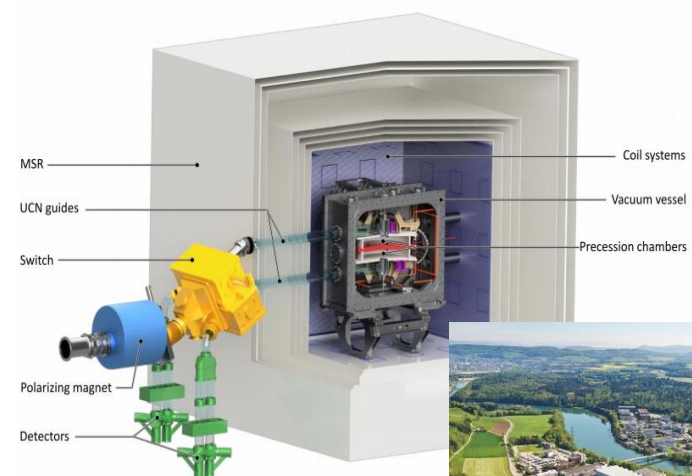
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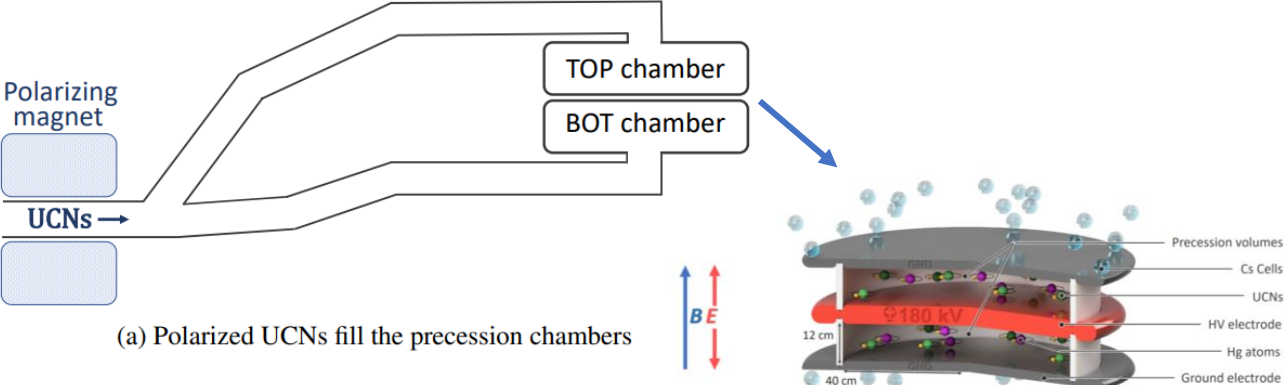


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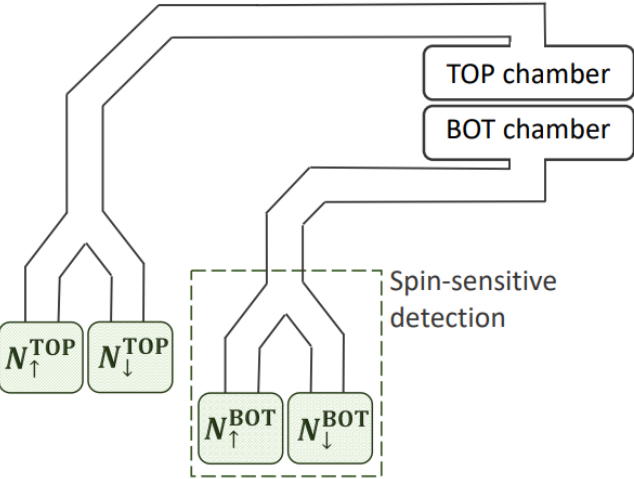
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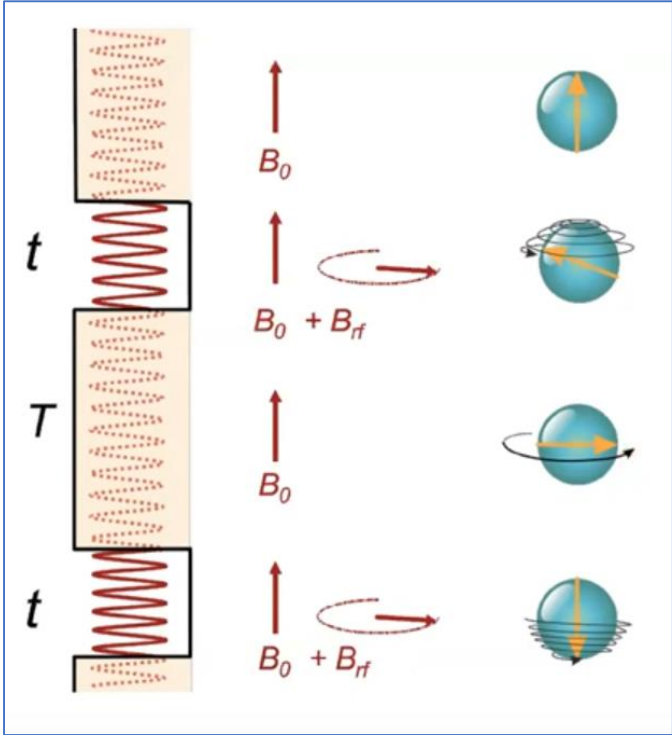
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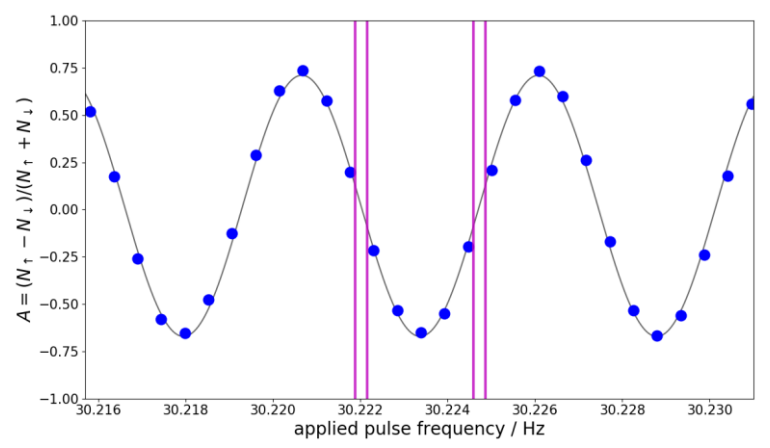
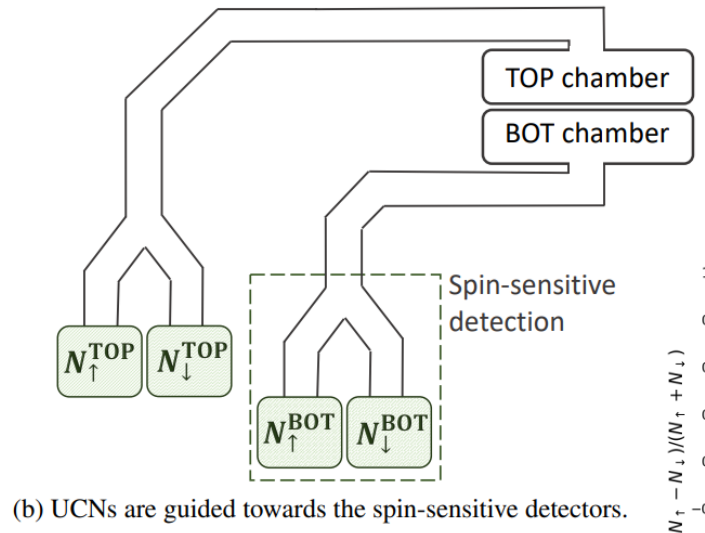
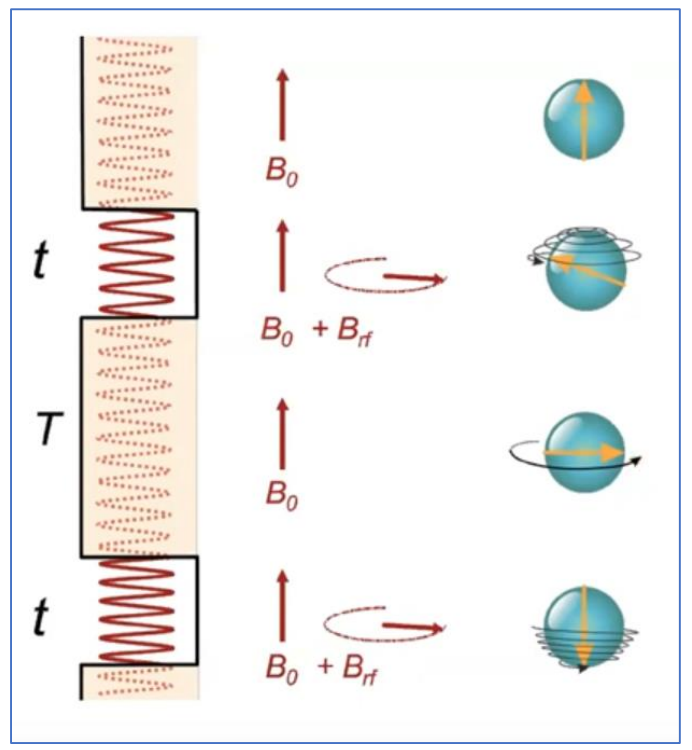
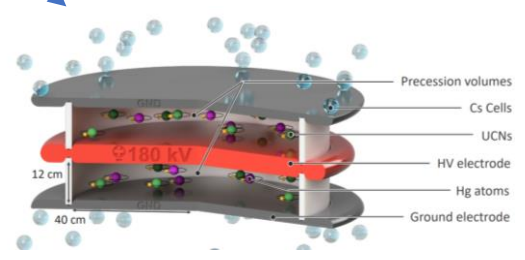
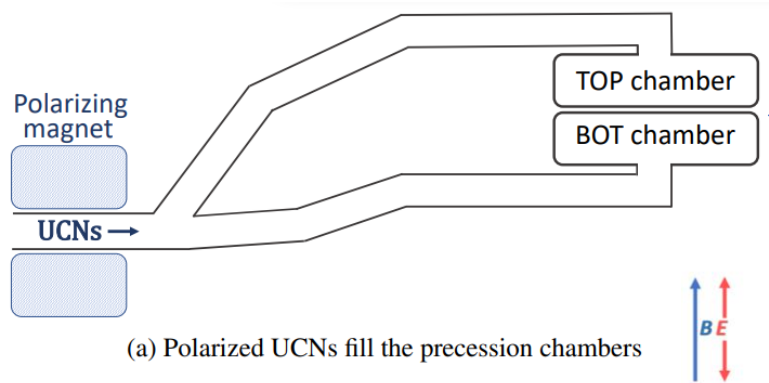
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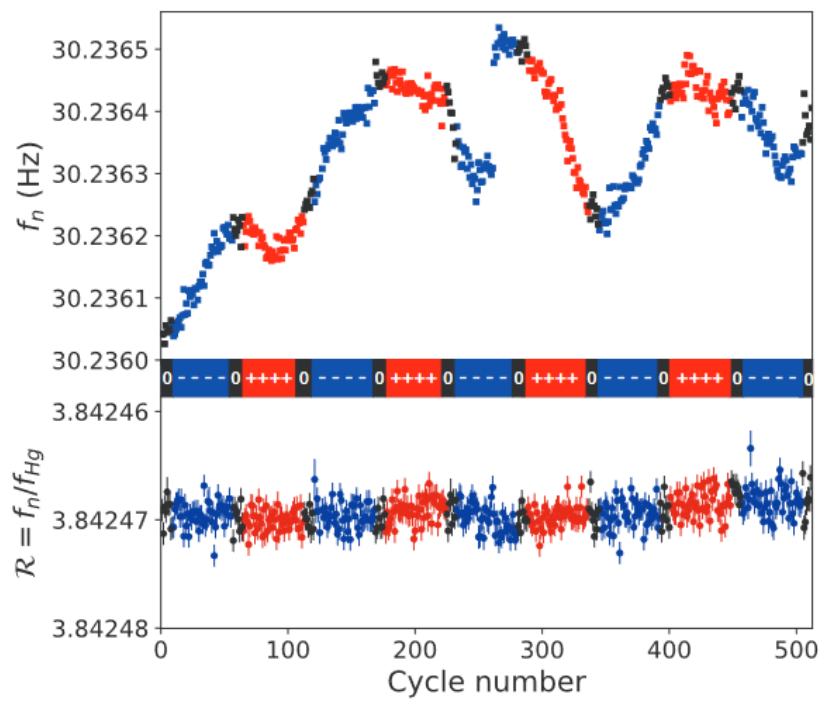


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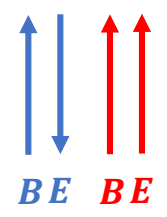


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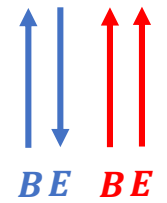
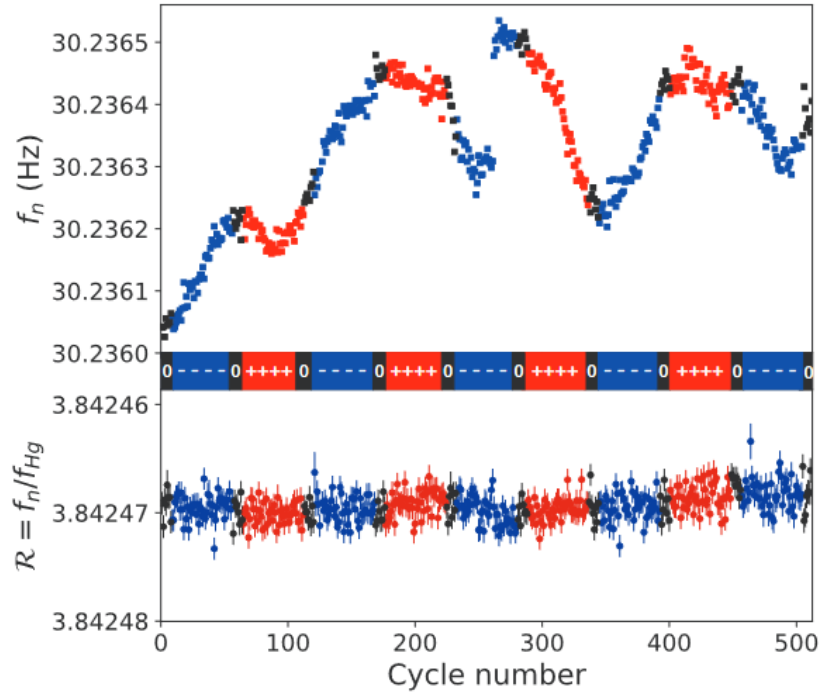
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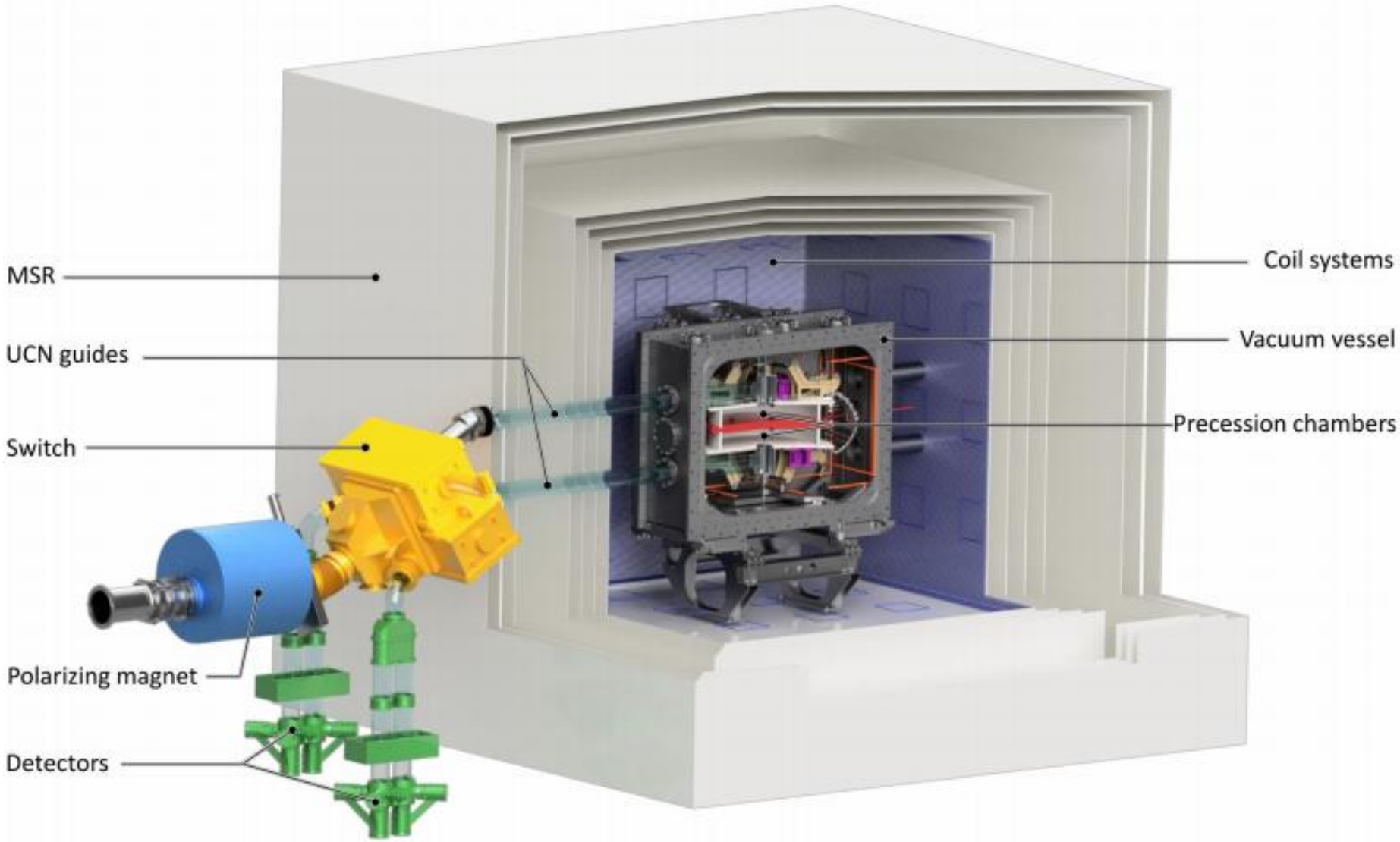
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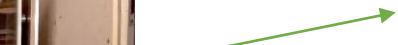
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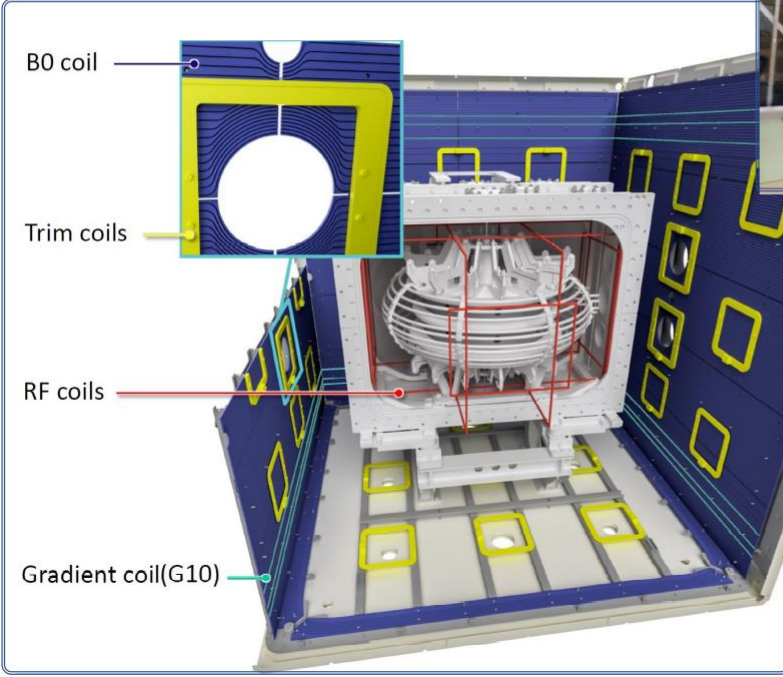
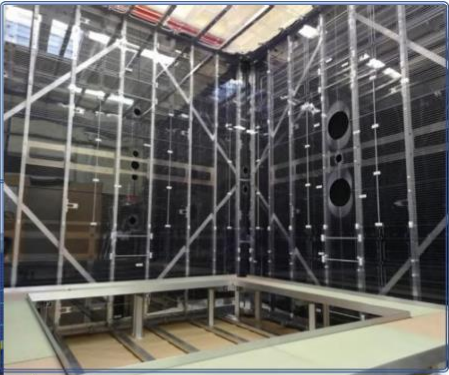
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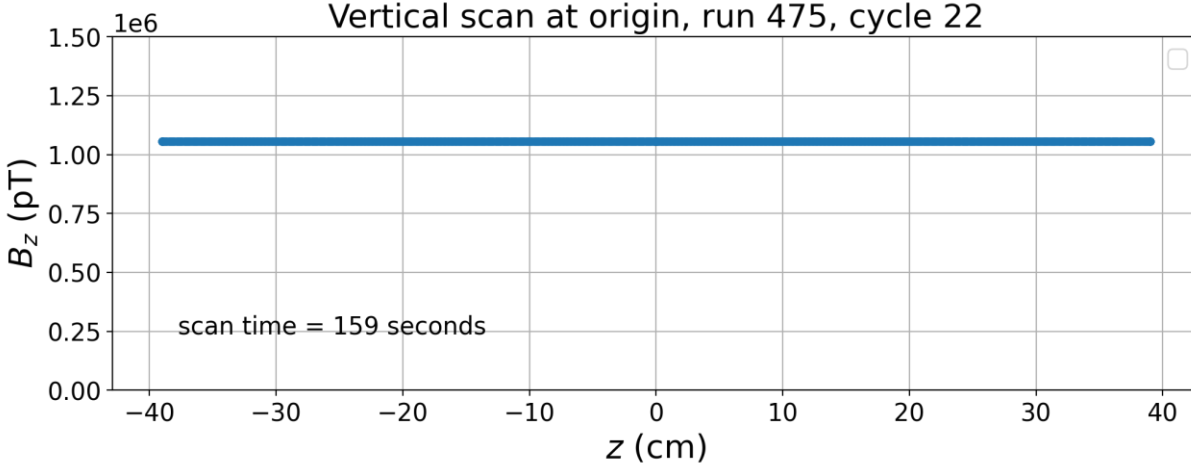
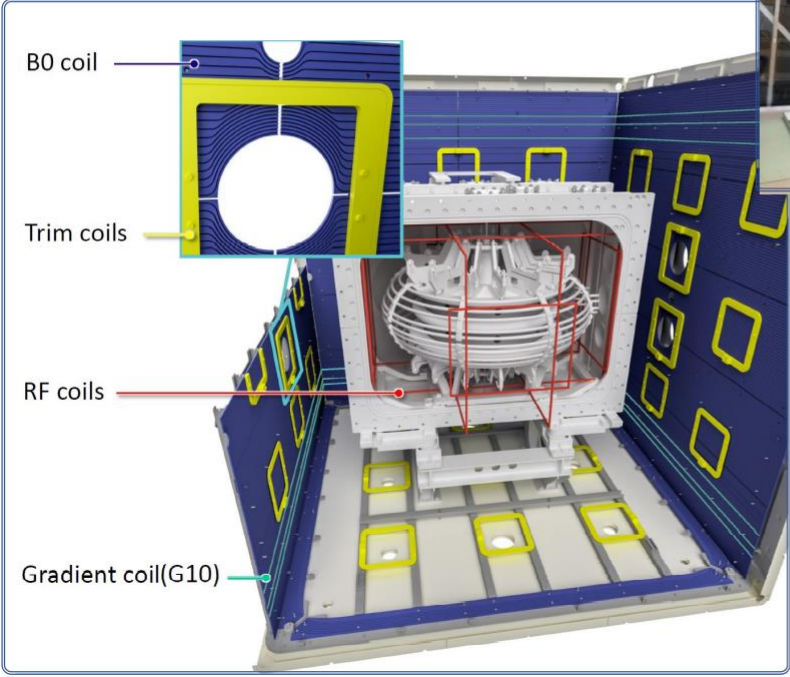
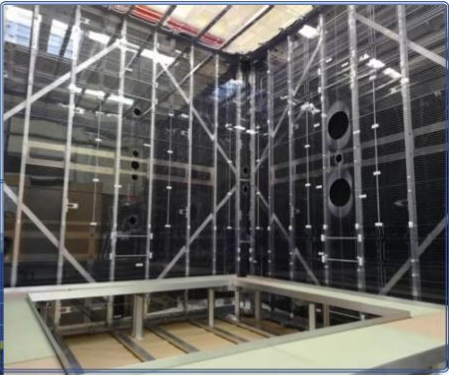
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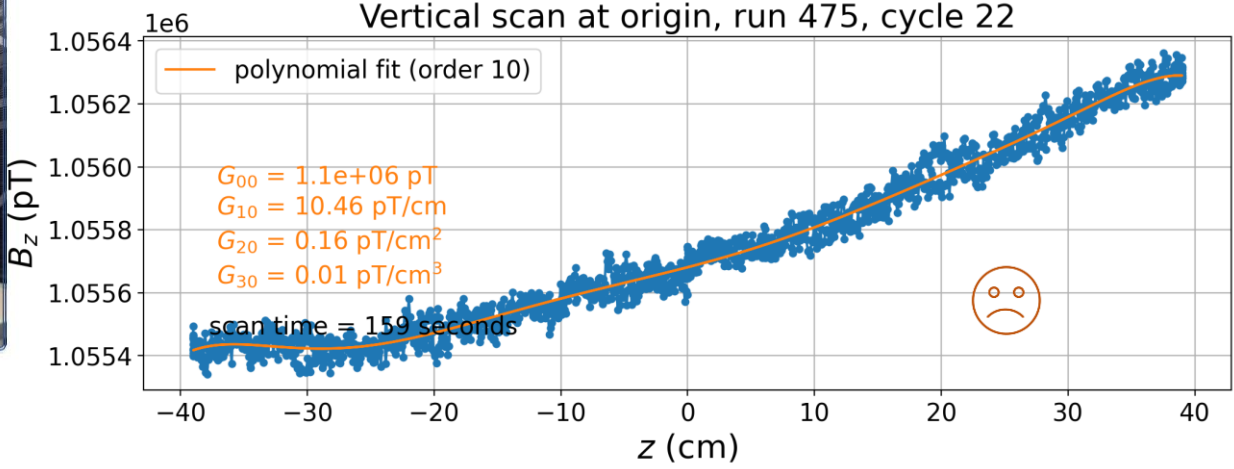
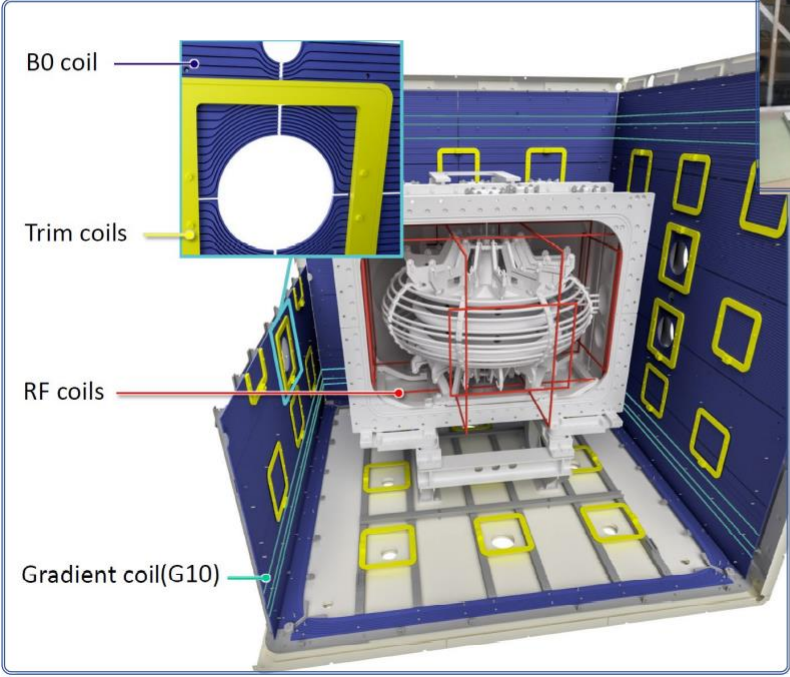
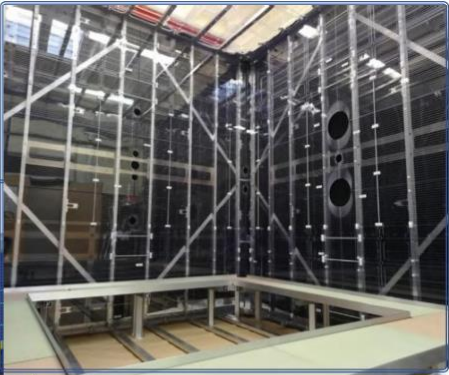
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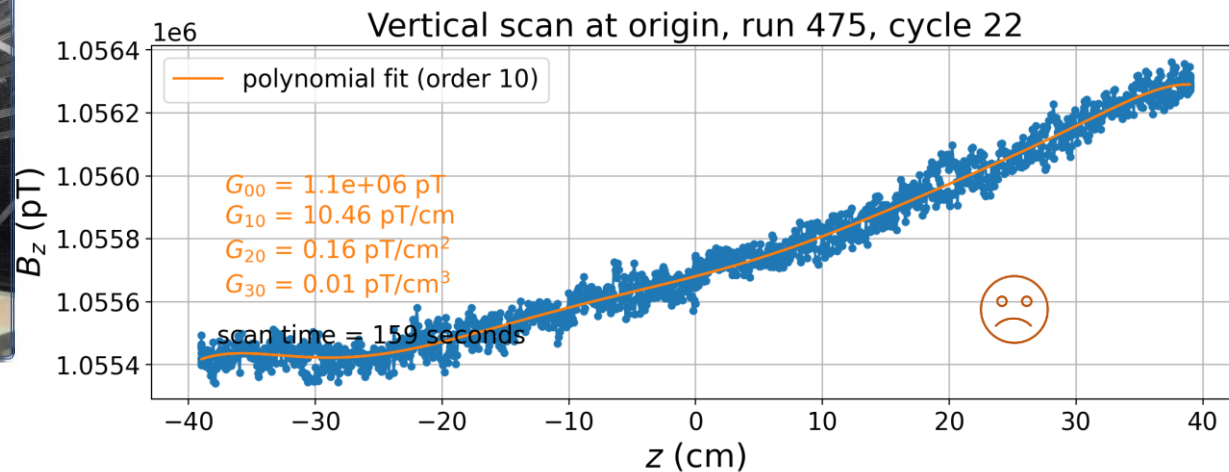
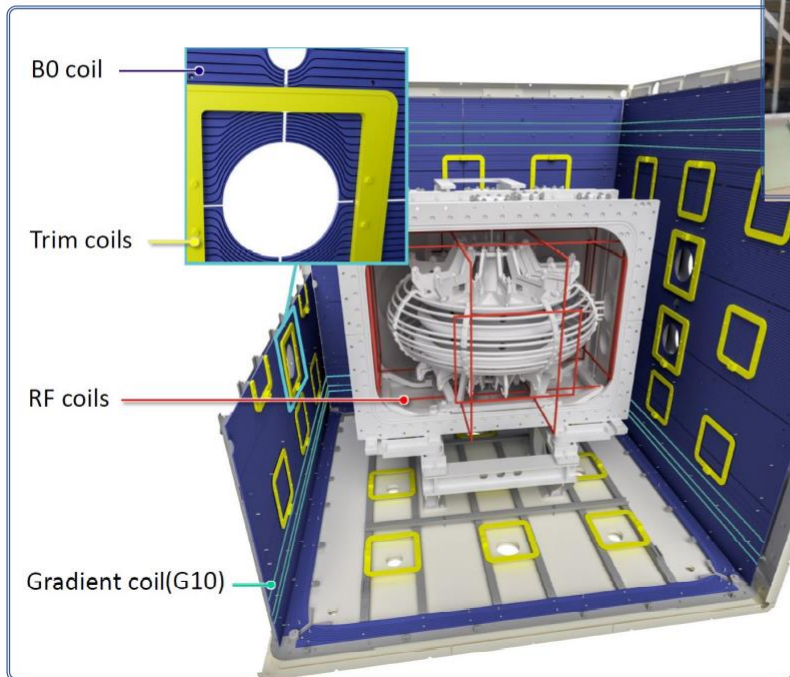
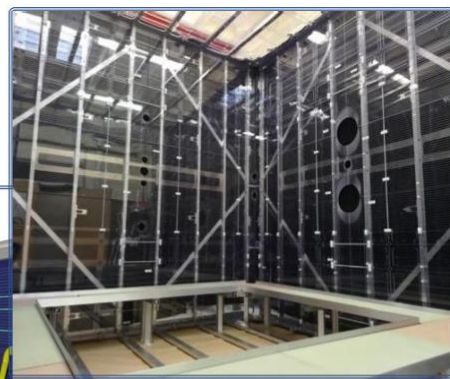
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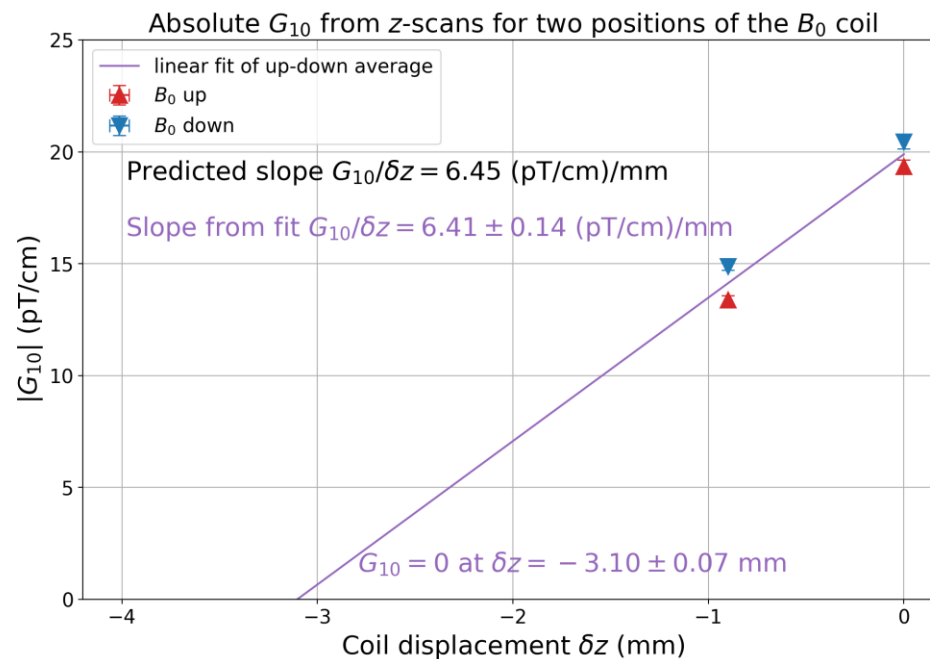


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Finite Element calculation $\rightarrow G_{10} = 6.45 \times \delta_z$



Result: we need to move the coil by 3mm! \leftarrow

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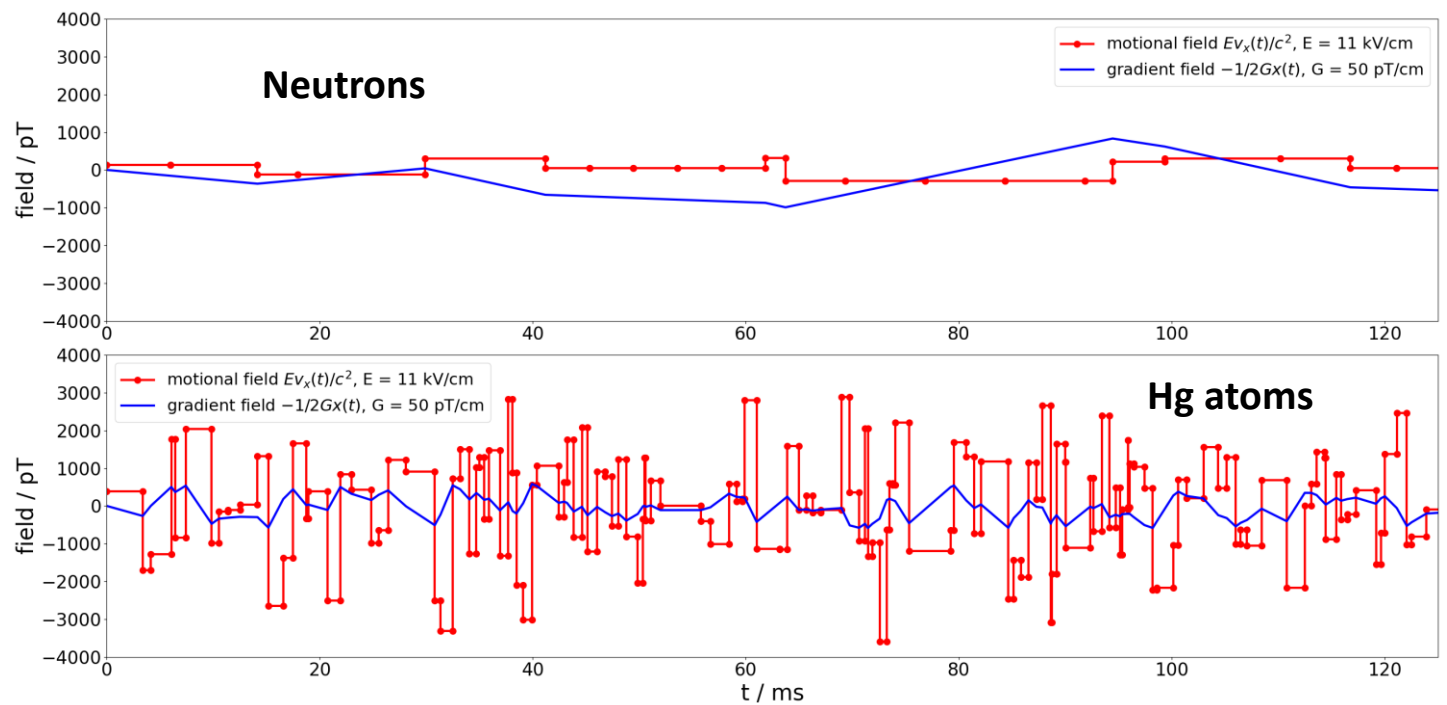
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horizontal field fluctuations
 non-uniform field + motional field



$$v_n \approx 3 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

- Greater time constants for neutrons than for Hg means dilated non-uniform field
- Motional field larger for fast Hg atoms than for slow neutrons

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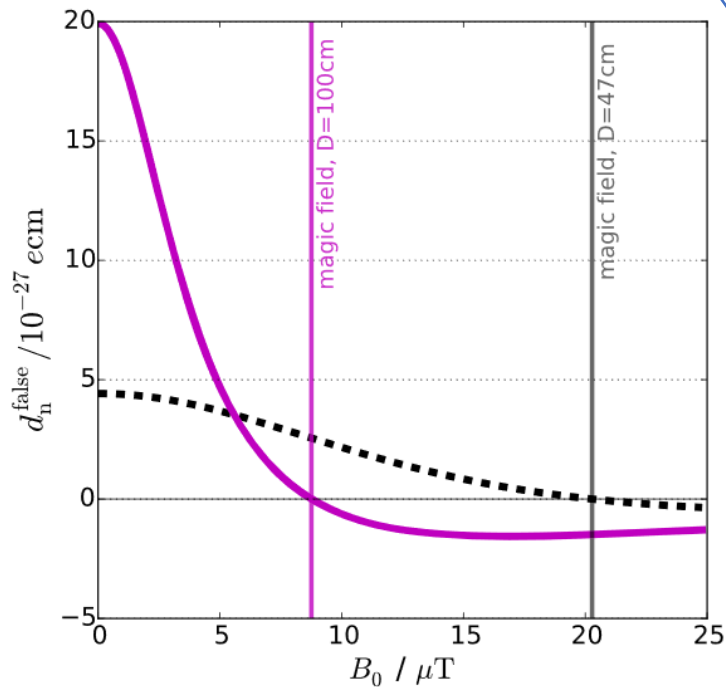
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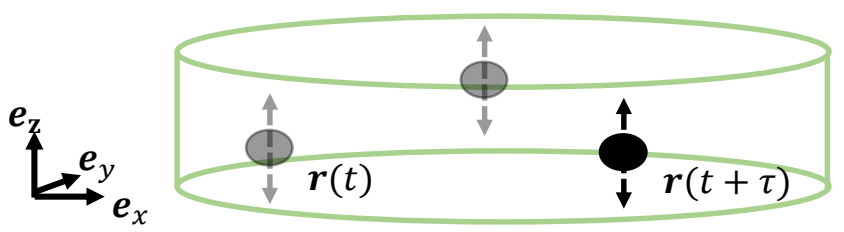
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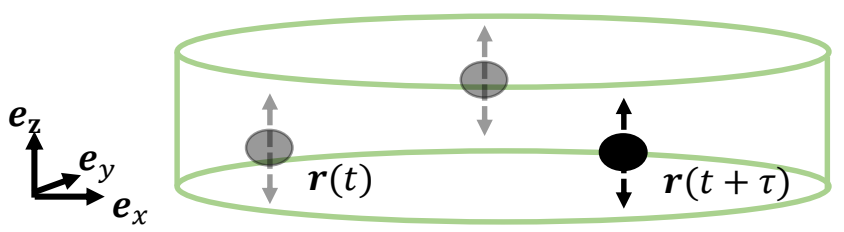
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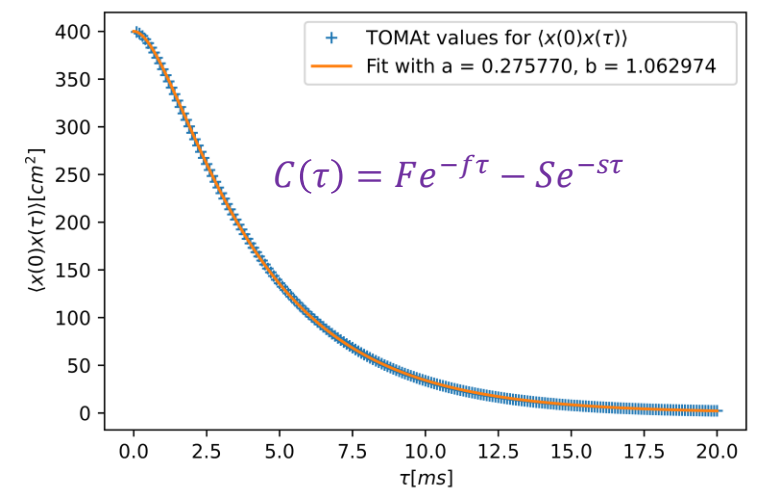
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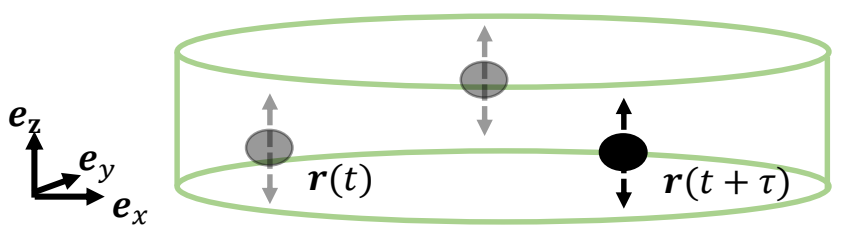


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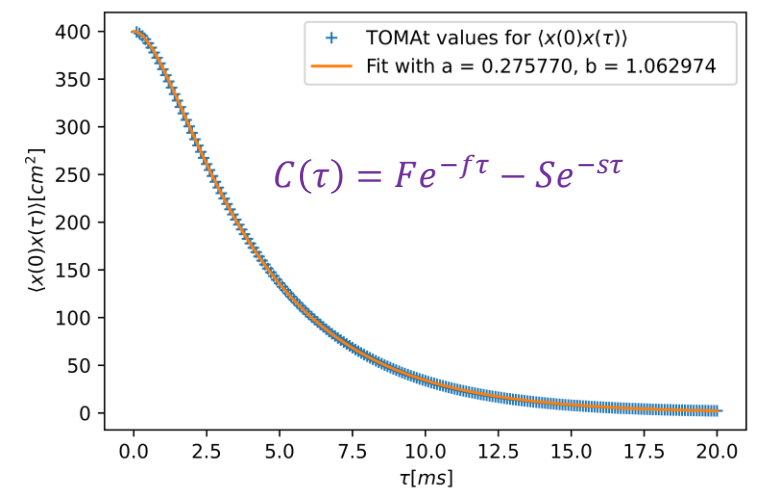
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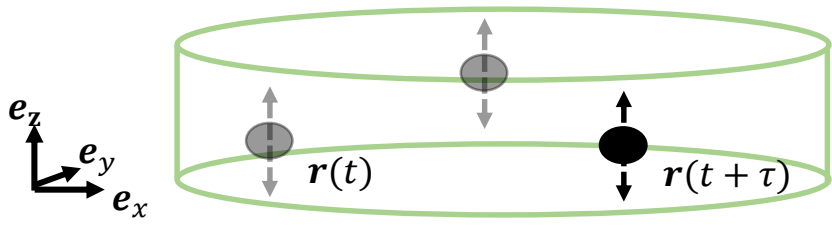


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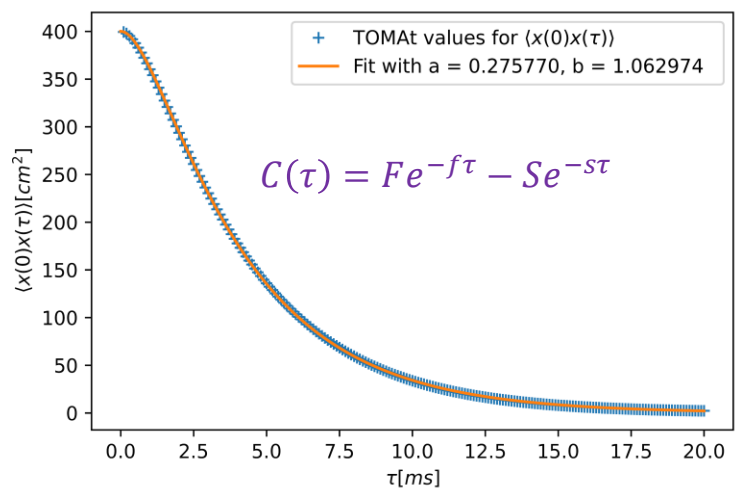
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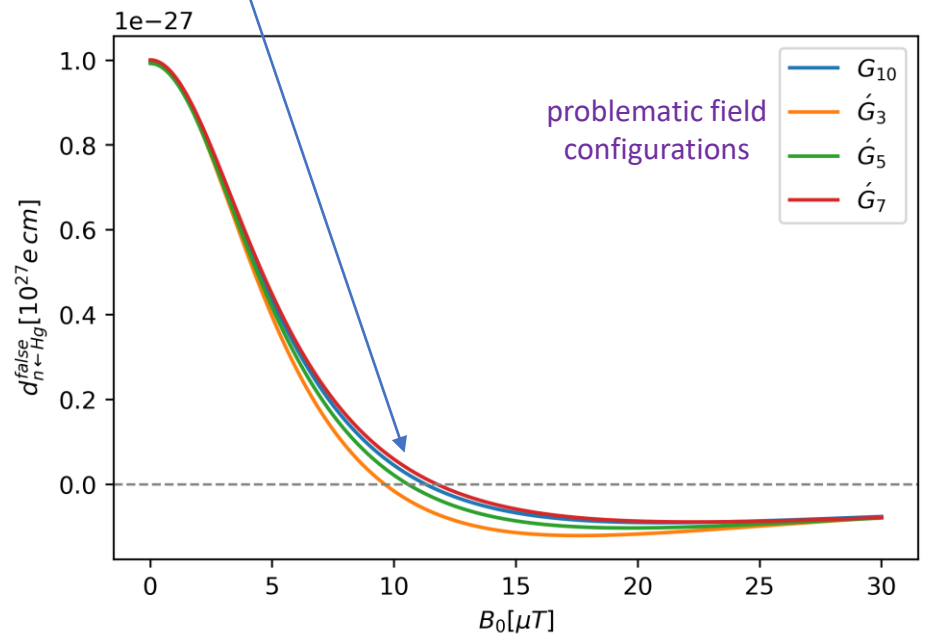
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4) Set the holding field to a value that cancels the false EDM generated by this magnetic configuration

Example: the “magic” value that cancels the false EDM generated by

$$\mathbf{B}(x, y, z) = G_{10} \begin{pmatrix} -x/2 \\ -y/2 \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

is $B_m = 11.2 \mu\text{T}$



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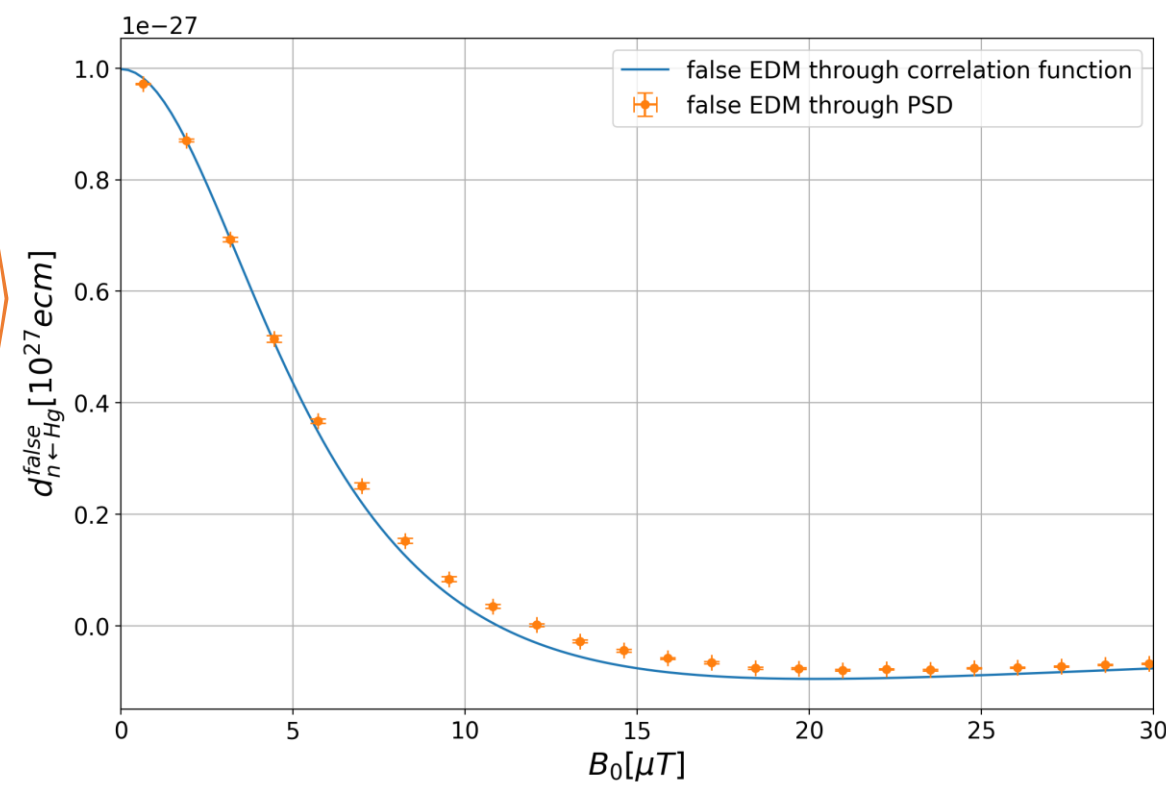
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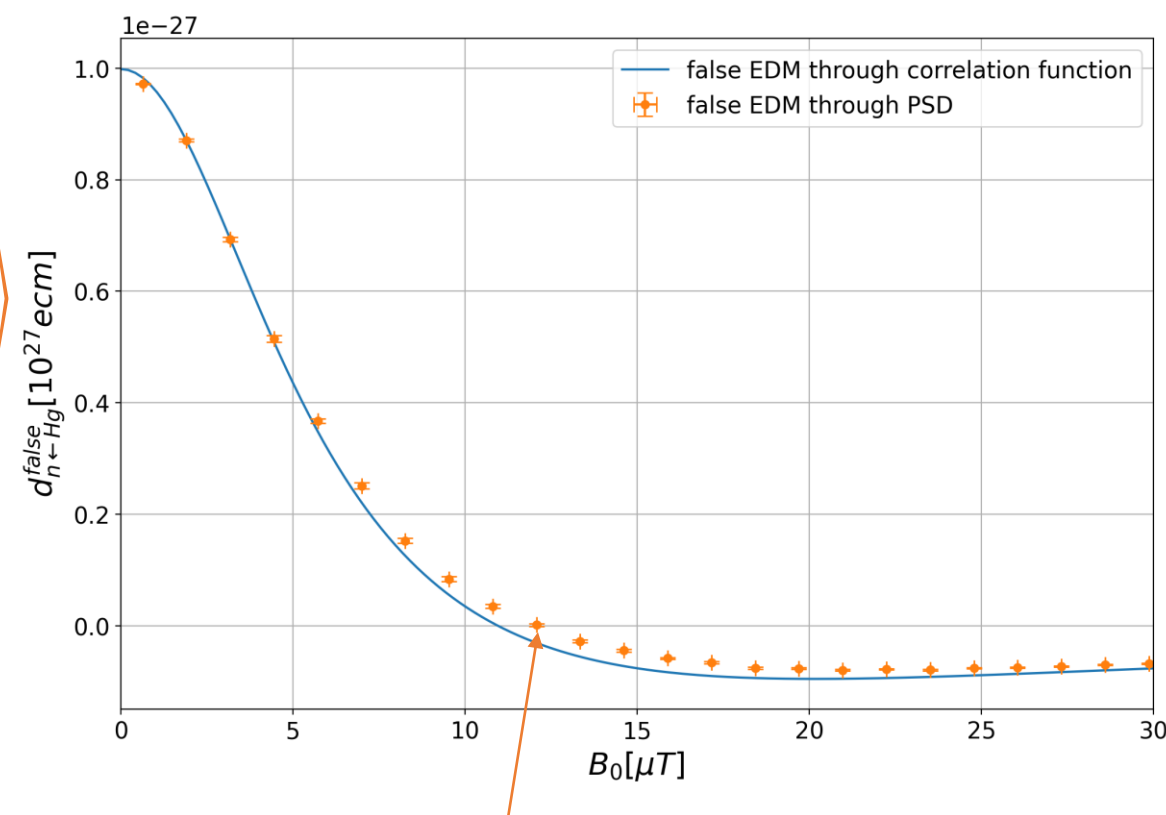
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Result: magic value is slightly different

$$B_m = 12.0 \mu\text{T}$$

Conclusion on systematics

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 - False EDM can be estimated at low fields or suppressed at specifically high fields (“magic fields”)
 - Different challenges:
 1. Low fields: require accurate measurement of generalized gradients
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- next step: thorough comparison of numerical efficiency of two methods