# Helmoltz coils to study the magnetic field effects on MAPMTs

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## A device to study the magnetic field effects on MAPMTs

#### Requirements:

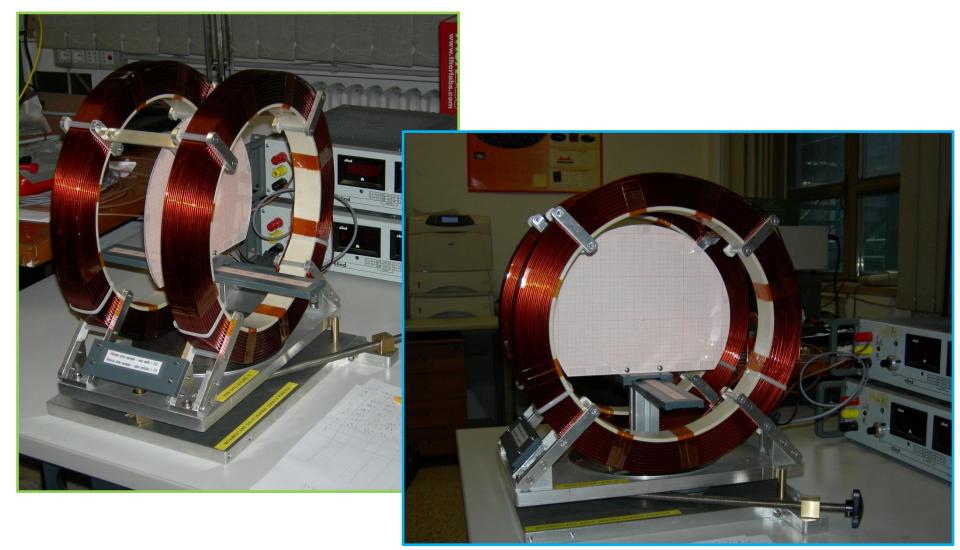
- magnetic field strength up to 100 gauss on the MAPMT
- uniform magnetic field across the volume of the MAPMT
- possibility of exploring different orientations of the magnetic field with respect to the MAPMT
- the device will be operated within the dark box
  - it must be easy to install and to handle
- Solution:
  - we built a pair of Helmoltz coils equipped with a support for the MAPMTs
    - Helmoltz coils provide a uniform magnetic field in the region within the coils
    - the Helmoltz coils can be rotated with respect to the MAPMT

# **Design details**

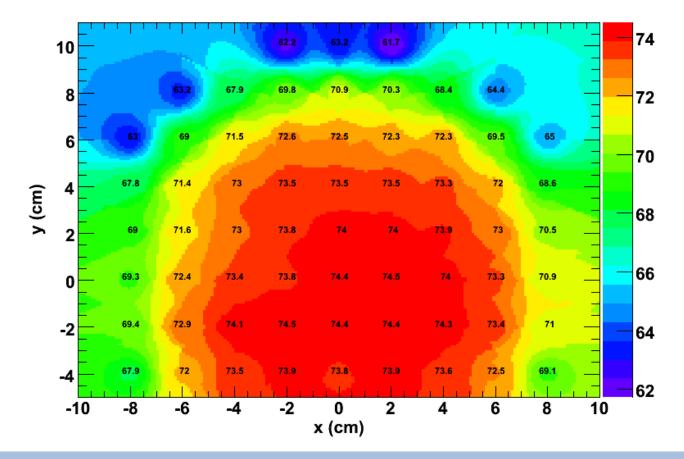
- The coils were built with enameled copper wire
  - average radius of each coil = 14.242cm
    - inner radius = 12.5cm; outer radius = 15.984cm
  - distance between the centers of the coils = 14.242cm
  - number of turns per coil = 295
  - wire outer diameter = 2.1mm
  - wire inner diameter = 2mm
    - if  $J_{max}=2.5A/mm^2 \rightarrow i_{max}=7.85A$
  - total length of a coil = 264m
  - mass of a coil = 8.2kg
  - total electrical resistance =  $3\Omega$
- Magnetic field in the center of the coils:

$$-B = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\mu_0 N i}{R} \rightarrow B=74.5 \text{ gauss with } i=4A$$

#### The device

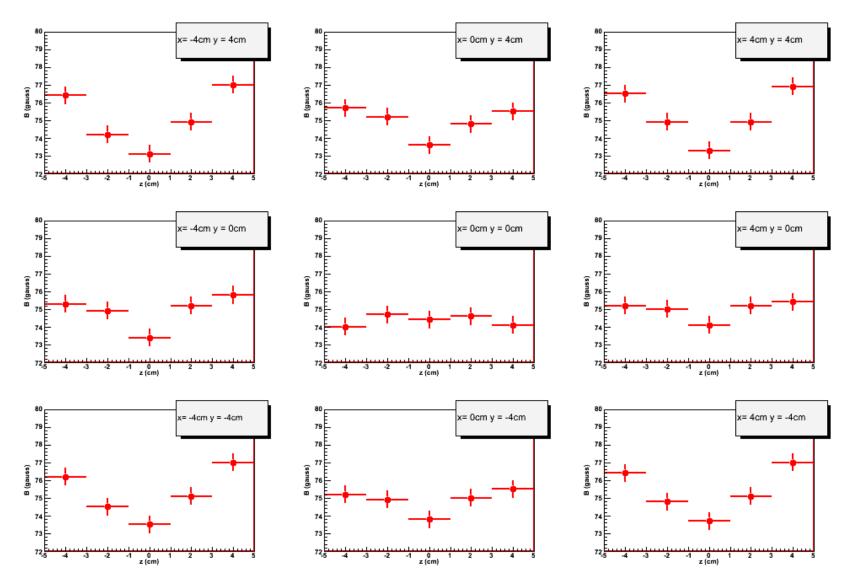


#### **Measurement of the B field**



- The magnetic field was measured setting i=4A and using a Hall probe
- This map refers to the center of the coils (z=0)
- The measurement is in agreement with the theoretical expectations
- The magnetic field is almost uniform in the region where the MAPMT will be placed

#### Uniformity along the z-axis



### Conclusions

- We designed and built a device to test the MAPMTs inside the magnetic field generated by a pair of Helmoltz coils
- The coils can rotate with respect to the MAPMT in order to study the effects of the different orientations of the magnetic field
- The magnetic field was measured using a Hall probe
  - the Helmoltz coils generate an approximately uniform magnetic field within the volume of the MAPMT