Dear Authors,

now that the discussion period is over, you are required to reply carefully to all comments. The three reviews of your manuscript have been very critical. Thus a new version of the manuscript should be a profound revision of the text with respect to organization and content. The discussion has shown that the manuscript should be clarified and expanded in particular concerning the methodological aspects: your use of the Stein-Alpert method, and the relation of your setup to this approach. The reviewers have also given several other suggestions for improving the text.

All the best, Volker Rath
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