Characterisation of magnetic field fluctuations at different locations within the Laboratoire Souterrain à Bas Bruit

Aim: Compare data from the [SQUID]² magnetometer (in the Capsule), with that measured by a portable SQUID magnetometer (in other locations)



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cryoEDM search for the electric dipole moment of the neutron

- Non accelerator particle physics
 experiment
- Location ILL, Grenoble
- Aim: measure neutron EDM to 10⁻²⁸e-cm
- T violation
- How? Measure neutron spin precession frequency in +/– electric field
- Magnetic field drift can give false positive signal



cryoEDM SQUID magnetometer

- Track drift in the magnetic field of ≤0.1pT over 100-1000s
- Extrapolate magnetic field in neutron cell from multiple pick-up loop measurements \rightarrow 12-channel system
- SQUID sensors ~2m from pick-up loops
- High EMI environment



Small SQUID magnetometer used by Oxford group at LSBB

3-axis SQUID magnetometer



Operate in helium dewar

No magnetic shielding

Noise higher than expected above 1Hz

Intrinsic SQUID noise higher than expected



[SQUID]² magnetometer



see talk by Elizabeth Pozzo di Borgo for full details

- SQUID with Shielding QUalified for Ionosphere Detection
- 3-axis SQUID magnetometer permanently installed in LSBB capsule
- Study seismo-ionosphere coupling
- LSBB Capsule magnetic noise <2fTHz^{-1/2} above 10Hz

Seismo-ionosphere detection by underground SQUID in low-noise environment in LSBB-Rustrel, France, G. Waysand et al. Eur. Phys. J. Appl. Phys. 47, 12705 (2009) DOI: 10.1051/epjap:2008186





Measurements taken

Location	Start date	Duration [ho	urs]
Capsule	25 September	17.3	
Galerie Anti-Souffle	26 September	3.4 – disrupted (by thunderstorm?)	
	27 September	5.7	
Galerie Gaz Brûles	27 September	14.8	
Outside capsule	29 September	14.4	SQUIDs very unstable
Outdoors	30 September	15.1 🤳	noise



Calibration



200-300 turn calibration coil

Calibration signal recorded by 3 SQUIDS

- Apply current step to coil
- Model calibration coil as magnetic dipole to calculate average field through each loop
- Note in cryoEDM experiment absolute calibration will come from neutron precession frequency

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SQUID reset correction

- DAQ range ±10V
- When output approached limit, SQUID resets output jumps by $n\Phi_0$
- Software correction possible provided dB/dt < slew rate





↑ Correction possible

←Correction not possible

SQUID reset correction

• Determine magnitude of resets







Results: Capsule





Results: Galerie Anti-Souffle



Results: Galerie Gaz-Brûles





Results: Outside Capsule







Results: Outdoors



[SQUID]² – Oxford comparison

Scale Oxford data to fit [SQUID]2 signal

 $B'_{ox} = \alpha B_{ox} + \beta$ calculate α , β to minimise

 $\sum \left(B'_{ox} - B_{[SOUID]^2} \right)^2$



[SQUID]² – Oxford comparison

- Problem flux jumps
- We can only do an accurate comparison for periods without any resets



[SQUID]² – Oxford comparison

- Better fit \rightarrow more consistent value for α
- Take α values only from samples with R²≥0.97







Preliminary results

- [SQUID]² system always in Capsule
- Oxford system in remote location
- α = scaling factor [SQUID]² : Oxford

If both magnetometers measure same signal in Capsule, then deviation from 1 is due to calibration inaccuracy

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Location	α		
	Z	NS /	EW
CAP	0.769	0.811	1.308
GAS	0.563	0.671	0.881
GGB	0.560	0.611	0.985

→ Magnitude of field fluctuations in Capsule relative to Galerie Anti-Souffle and Galerie Gaz-Brûles

$\alpha_{capsule}$	$-\langle B$	Anti–Souffle	۱
$\alpha_{Anti-Souffle}$		$\langle B_{capsule} \rangle$	

Location	Z	NS	EW
GAS	73%	83%	67%
GGB	73%	75%	75%

Are these figures accurate?

- This analysis assumes:
 - •No local magnetic field sources
 - •Field is homogeneous within capsule
 - "Shielding factor" does not change with frequency
 - •No sample selection bias when analysing data
 - •Negligible pick-up of orthogonal field components
- To assess the significance of these, we need to
 - •Take measurements at multiple locations within capsule
 - •Analyse frequency spectrum of data
 - •Limited by maximum period between resets/flux-jumps

Frequency domain analysis

Low frequency magnetic noise at LSBB



Conclusions

- LSBB is an ideal environment for testing precision magnetometry
- Noise in Galerie Anti-Souffle (GAS) and Galerie Gaz-Brûles (GGB) is comparable to that in Capsule
- Prelimary time domain analysis suggest magnitude of magnetic field fluctuations in capsule is ~74% that in GAS/GAB.
- Further analysis necessary

