



## **Fiber-optic gyroscope to catch ground motion: a short review of blueSeis use**

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# ixblue for blueSeis **Seismology**

The highest grade of  
Fiber Optic Gyroscope (=FOG)

From navigation  
(used for nuclear deterrence) ...

... to seismology  
(used for nuclear-test-ban control ? )

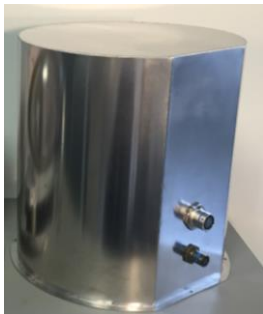


blueSeis starts the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2016  
It has been more than 5 years from first prototypes...  
...to reference sensor recognition by the community.

To make a long story short, here under is the summary:

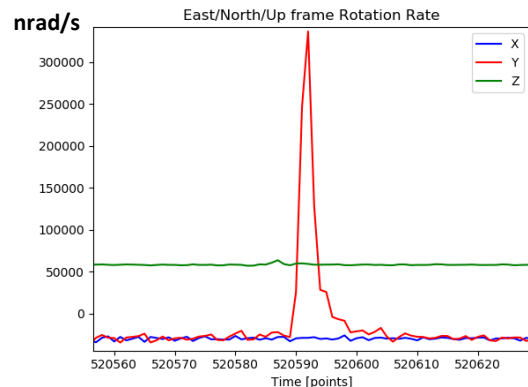
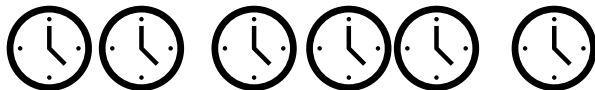
- Main past shortcomings
- Present product line
- Two remaining issues
- Top papers released
- Upcoming chapters for blueSeis

PAST ERRORS



Handles, Robustness and levelling bubble are actually....critical

Each sample was properly time stamped  
But the datarate was free to change over time



'Spike' issue in transient temperature due to a coil manufacturing issue



Since 2017

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Each sample is properly time stamped  
And the datarate is GNSS disciplined through an OCXO



Since 2019

Coiling manufacturing is properly defined and controlled to avoid those 'spike'



Standard deviation of seismic station orientation installed with a magnetic compass is ~5°

Whereas CTBTO requires < 3°

(Array Derivative Rotation computation needs < 1°)

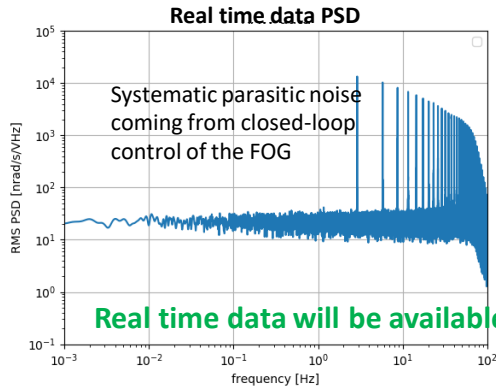
**blueSeis-3A Rotational seismometer**

- Broadband (DC-50Hz)
- Flat transfer function from 10<sup>-2</sup> Hz to 50Hz
- Very low self-noise at **20 nrad/s/√Hz**
- No translation sensitivity
- No cross coupling between Axis (=orthogonality)
- Digital output miniSEED streaming TCP/IP
- 20 kg / 18Watt

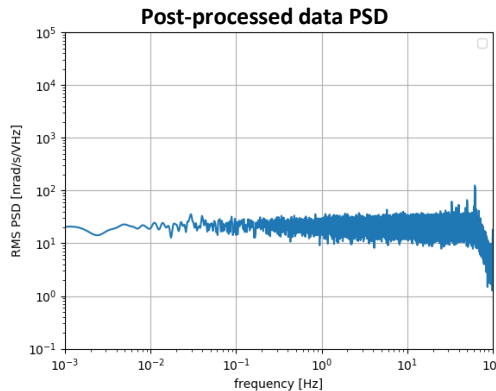
**Seistans Optical gyrocompass**

- **0.23°** seclat True North accuracy
- Free of Export
- Dedicated to static use
- GNSS denied environment compatible
- 2.7kg / 9W

RESIDUAL ISSUE



Real time data will be available in 2021 !



DATA boards (9W)  
FOG boards (8W)  
IN/OUT board (1W)

Total power consumption : 19 W



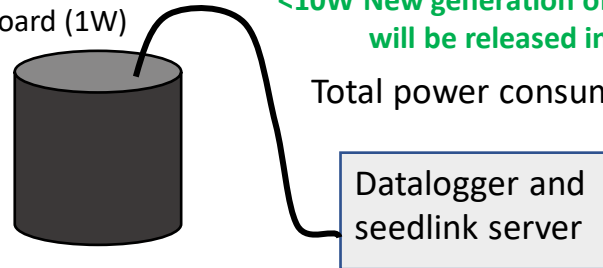
**iXcube :**  
Datalogger and  
seedlinkserver

Made by **DiG**

FOG boards (8W)  
IN/OUT board (1W)

<10W New generation of blueSeis-3A  
will be released in 2022

Total power consumption : 9 W



Datalogger and  
seedlink server

## Improved inversion using rotation

DONNER, S., MUSTAĆ, M., HEJRANI, B., *et al.* **Seismic moment tensors from synthetic rotational and translational ground motion: Green's functions in 1-D versus 3-D.** *Geophysical Journal International*, 2020  
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## BlueSeis-3A characterization

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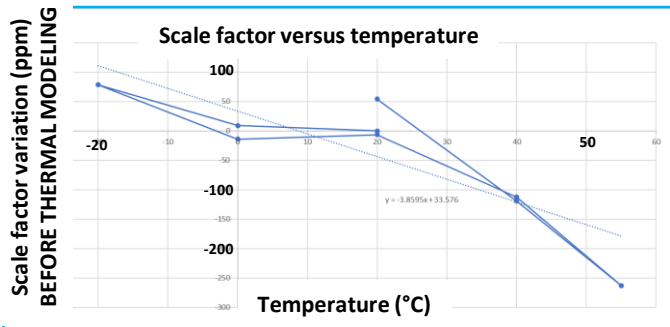
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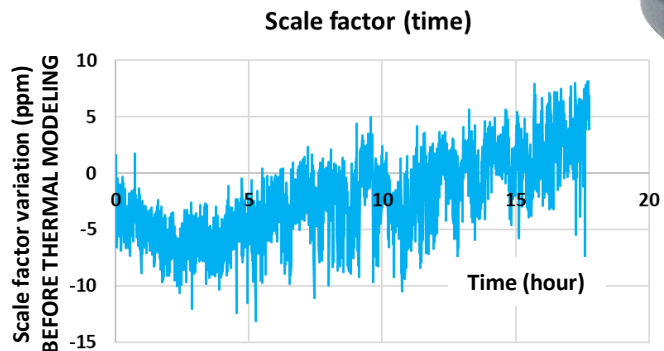
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<https://doi.org/10.3390/s21093170>

Sollberger, D., Igel, H., Schmelzbach, C., Edme, P., van Manen, D. J., Bernauer, F., ... & Robertsson, J. O. (2020). **Seismological Processing of Six Degree-of-Freedom Ground-Motion Data.** *Sensors*  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/s20236904>



5ppm/°C before thermal modelling  
Scale factor residue target is < 100 ppm in [-20°;60°C]



Scale factor stability at constant T°C is <10 ppm

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**Preliminary test results from  
Upcoming product : blueSeis-1C**  
First prototypes with half-length coil  
to validate manufacturing

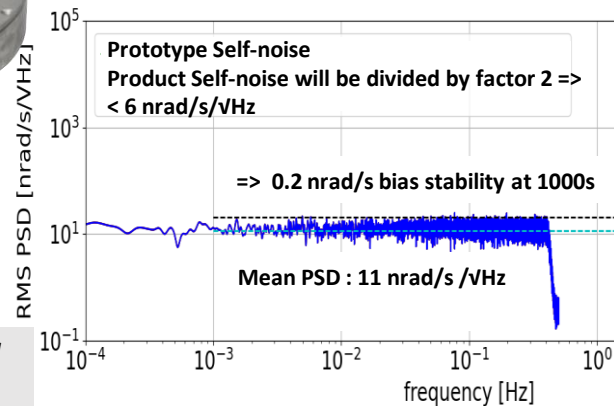


40cm diameter / 4kg

Higher frequencies are not displayed  
due to filter applied to handle very  
long duration test at 200Hz datarate



Typical magnetic sensitivity : ~100 nrad/s / Gauss



NEXT CHAPTERS



- Rotation measurement of the ground brings interesting information for inversion
- blueSeis offers a screened and field proven rotational seismometer
- Scientific community has started to use it with a great interest
- Continuous improvement: Real time and lower Watt available shortly
- A new rotational seismometer is coming with a self-noise decreased four-fold