かぐや(セレーネ)搭載高感度磁力計LMAGの地上校正

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Ground calibration of a high-sensitivity SELENE lunar magnetometer

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Ground calibration experiments of the SELENE high sensitivity fluxgate Lunar Magnetometer (LMAG) have been performed in order to determine the alignment, sensitivity, and offset of the sensors (MGF-S). It is checked out that the sensors are orthogonal to each other within 0.4 degrees, and the linearity of the ambient magnetic field and the sensors are confirmed. Also, the temperature dependences of the offset and sensitivity are examined but no clear signatures of temperature dependencies can be seen. SELENE has an in-flight calibration system in order to determine the direction of the magnetometer routinely. The sensor alignment monitor coil (SAM-C) system is going to generate known magnetic fields to be observed by the magnetometer for calibrations. The magnetic field distributions generated by SAM-C are determined and accuracy of the magnetometer position and direction determination are estimated. Multiple measurements will allow us to determine the direction with about 0.1-degree accuracy. It is possible to recover magnetic field near the moon with accuracy about 0.1 nT by the measurements using MGF-S and appropriate corrections referring the results of the ground calibration and in-flight routine calibrations.