

# WOPM 2023 Magnetometer Enabling Technology Survey

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### Question 1

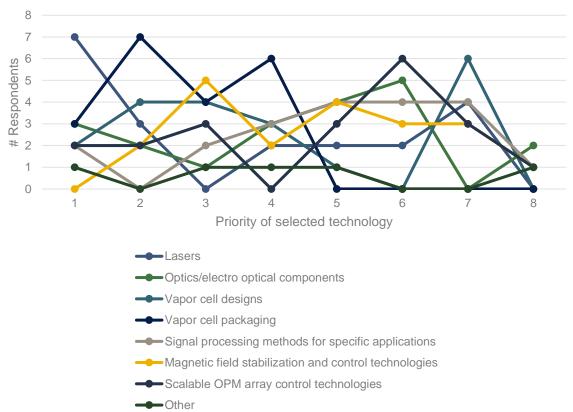
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| Lasers   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Optics or electro-optical components   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vapor cell designs   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vapor cell packaging and manufacturing methods   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Signal processing methods for specific applications (biomagnetism, geomagnetism, etc.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Magnetic field stabilization and control technologies                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scalable OPM array control technologies  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



### **Question 1 - Results**

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|   | Average<br>Priority | # in top 3 |
|---|---------------------|------------|
| Vapor cell packaging                                  | 2.65                | 14         |
| Lasers  | 3.55                | 10         |
| Vapor cell designs                                    | 4.05                | 10         |
| Magnetic field stabilization and control technologies | 4.7                 | 7          |
| Scalable OPM array control technologies               | 4.75                | 7          |
| Optics/electro optical components                     | 4.4                 | 6          |
| Signal processing methods for specific applications   | 5                   | 4          |
| Other   | 7.8                 | 2          |

Vapor cell packaging, designs, and lasers most selected



Histogram of enabling technology priority

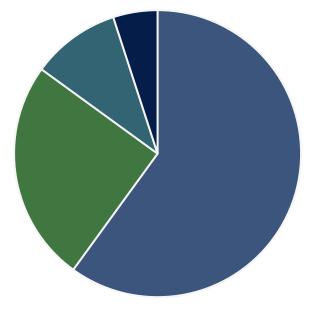
## Question 1 – Comments made in form

| Enabling Technology                                    | All Comments  |  |  |   |   |                 |                        |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| Lasers   | Lasers for pulsed optical pumping: 500 mW   | The lack of VCSELs in the UK, and<br>the struggles in mass-producing<br>them, is proving to become<br>problematic for OPM development. | prefer to have multi VCSEL<br>sources. 1k/year now, potentially<br>100k/year in 5 years. | the laser frequency<br>typically fluctuates<br>by 50 MHz in a day | single  | low-nose        | high<br>power<br>vcsel | More compact high powered<br>lasers                 |
| Optics/electro optical<br>components                   | Extreme miniaturization for shuttering, amplitude control, and frequency modulation.  | intergrated photonic systems, e.g. laser and cells   | low-magnetization and high-<br>bandwidth   | miniaturized  |   |                 |                        |   |
| Vapor cell designs                                     | Optical coating on the interior surfaces, both<br>AR and HR. Operable up to 200 C for<br>potassium. Sizes ranging from 1 mm^3 to 50<br>cm^3. Ensure long lifetime of the alkali metal<br>at high temperature. |  | increase the number of atom and decrease the size of the cell                            | intra-cell optical<br>elements and<br>coatings                    | cell is the<br>most<br>important<br>component | more<br>compact | minituriz<br>ed        |   |
|  | Better thermal insulation. Maintain cell at 150<br>C for less than 500 mW of power.   | High temperature paraffin coating  | every bit of reduction in standoff helps   | alkali+buffer gas<br>cells with vacuum<br>package                 | spin<br>protecting<br>cell coating            |                 |                        | Labs without cell fabrication could enter the field |
| Signal processing methods<br>for specific applications |   |  |  |   |   |                 |                        |   |
| Magnetic field stabilization and control technologies  | For applications off the shelf products would lower development time  | Larger dynamic range and mitigation of CAPE  | high-stabilization current source  | active noise compensation   |   |                 |                        |   |
| Scalable OPM array contro technologies                 | >100 sensors  | considering the cross-talks  | Flexible standard electronics would lower costs  |   |   |                 |                        |   |
| Other  | New Sensor Architectures - Dead Zone Free<br>Operation, Low Heading Error, Higher<br>Bandwidth/Dynamic Range etc.   | detect high frequency brain signals<br>(70-8,000 Hz)   | Improving OPM dynamic range & noise  | more attention to<br>long-term stability                          | turnkey<br>multi-opm-<br>systems              |                 |                        |   |



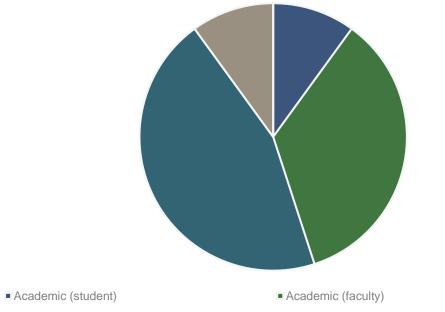
### **Respondent data**

Breakdown of Survey Respondants (20 total)



• OPM Researcher • OPM User • OPM enabling technology developer • Other

Respondent career stage



Research scientist (non-profit or government lab) Government (program management)

Company

• Other (please specify)

