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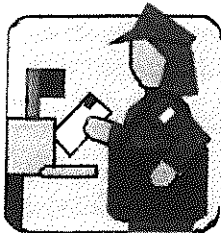
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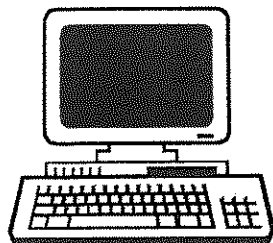
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**PART I**  
**INTERNAL MATTERS**



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1. HOW TO OBTAIN THE BULLETIN**
- 2. HOW TO REQUEST DATA**
- 3. USUAL SERVICES B.G.I. CAN PROVIDE**
- 4. PROVIDING DATA TO B.G.I.**



## 1. HOW TO OBTAIN THE BULLETIN

*The Bulletin d'Information of the Bureau Gravimétrique International is issued twice a year, generally at the end of June and end of December.*

*The Bulletin contains general information on the community, on the Bureau itself. It informs about the data available, about new data sets...*

*It also contains contributing papers in the field of gravimetry, which are of technical character. More scientifically oriented contributions should better be submitted to appropriate existing journals.*

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## 2. HOW TO REQUEST DATA

### 2.1. Stations descriptions Diagrams for Reference, Base Stations (including IGSN 71's)

*Request them by number, area, country, city name or any combination of these.*

*When we have no diagram for a given request, but have the knowledge that it exists in another center, we shall in most cases forward the request to this center or/and tell the inquiring person to contact the center.*

*Do not wait until the last moment (e.g. when you depart for a cruise) for asking us the information you need: station diagrams can only reach you by mail, in many cases.*

### 2.2. G-Value at Base Stations

*Treated as above.*

### 2.3. Mean Anomalies, Mean Geoid Heights, Mean Values of Topography

*The geographic area must be specified (polygon). According to the data set required, the request may be forwarded in some cases to the agency which computed the set.*

### 2.4. Gravity Maps

*Request them by number (from the catalogue), area, country, type (free-air, Bouguer...), scale, author, or any combination of these.*

*Whenever available in stock, copies will be sent without extra charges (with respect to usual cost - see § 3.3.2.). If not, two procedures can be used:*

- we can make (poor quality) black and white (or ozalide-type) copies at low cost,*
- color copies can be made (at high cost) if the user wishes so (after we obtain the authorization of the editor).*

*The cost will depend on the map, type of work, size, etc... In both cases, the user will also be asked to send his request to the editor of the map before we proceed to copying.*

### 2.5. Gravity Measurements

#### 2.5.1. CD-Roms

*The non confidential data, which have been validated by various procedures are available on two CD-ROMs. The price of these is :*

- 800 (Eight hundred) French francs for individual scientists, universities and research laboratories or groups working in geodesy or geophysics.*
- 3000 (Three thousand) French francs for all other users.*

*Most essential quantities are given, in a compressed format. The package includes a user's guide and software to retrieve data according to the area, the source code, the country.*

#### 2.5.2. Data stored in the general data base

*BGI is now using the ORACLE Data Base Management System. One implication is that data are stored in only one format (though different for land and marine data), and that archive files do not exist anymore.*

*There are two distinct formats for land or sea gravity data, respectively EOL and EOS.*

**EOL  
LAND DATA FORMAT  
RECORD DESCRIPTION  
126 characters**

Col.	1-8	B.G.I. source number	(8 char.)
	9-16	Latitude (unit : 0.00001 degree)	(8 char.)
	17-25	Longitude (unit : 0.00001 degree)	(9 char.)
	26-27	Accuracy of position The site of the gravity measurements is defined in a circle of radius R 0 = no information 1 - R <= 5 Meters 2 = 5 < R <= 20 M (approximately 0'01) 3 = 20 < R <= 100 M 4 = 100 < R <= 200 M (approximately 0'1) 5 = 200 < R <= 500 M 6 = 500 < R <= 1000 M 7 = 1000 < R <= 2000 M (approximately 1') 8 = 2000 < R <= 5000 M 9 = 5000 M < R 10...	(2 char.)
	28-29	System of positioning 0 = no information 1 = topographical map 2 = trigonometric positioning 3 = satellite	(2 char.)
	30	Type of observation 1 = current observation of detail or other observations of a 3rd or 4th order network 2 = observation of a 2nd order national network 3 = observation of a 1st order national network 4 = observation being part of a nation calibration line 5 = coastal ordinary observation (Harbour, Bay, Sea-side...) 6 = harbour base station	(1 char.)
	31-38	Elevation of the station (unit : centimeter)	(8 char.)
	39-40	Elevation type 1 = Land 2 = Subsurface 3 = Lake surface (above sea level) 4 = Lake bottom (above sea level) 5 = Lake bottom (below sea level) 6 = Lake surface (above sea level with lake bottom below sea level) 7 = Lake surface (below sea level) 8 = Lake bottom (surface below sea level) 9 = Ice cap (bottom below sea level) 10 = Ice cap (bottom above sea level) 11 = Ice cap (no information about ice thickness)	(2 char.)
	41-42	Accuracy of elevation 0 = no information 1 = E <= 0.02 M 2 = .02 < E <= 0.1 M 3 = .1 < E <= 1 4 = 1 < E <= 2 5 = 2 < E <= 5 6 = 5 < E <= 10 7 = 10 < E <= 20 8 = 20 < E <= 50 9 = 50 < E <= 100 10 = E superior to 100 M	(2 char.)

43-44	Determination of the elevation 0 = no information 1 = geometrical levelling (bench mark) 2 = barometrical levelling 3 = trigonometric levelling 4 = data obtained from topographical map 5 = data directly appreciated from the mean sea level 6 = data measured by the depression of the horizon 7 = satellite	(2 char.)
45-52	Supplemental elevation (unit : centimeter)	(8 char.)
53-61	<b>Observed gravity</b> (unit : microgal)	(9 char.)
62-67	<b>Free air anomaly</b> (0.01 mgal)	(6 char.)
68-73	<b>Bouguer anomaly</b> (0.01 mgal) Simple Bouguer anomaly with a mean density of 2.67. No terrain correction	(6 char.)
74-76	Estimation standard deviation free-air anomaly (0.1 mgal)	(3 char.)
77-79	Estimation standard deviation bouguer anomaly (0.1 mgal)	(3 char.)
80-85	<b>Terrain correction</b> (0.01 mgal) <i>computed according to the next mentioned radius &amp; density</i>	(6 char.)
86-87	Information about terrain correction 0 = no topographic correction 1 = tc computed for a radius of 5 km (zone H) 2 = tc computed for a radius of 30 km (zone L) 3 = tc computed for a radius of 100 km (zone N) 4 = tc computed for a radius of 167 km (zone 02) 11 = tc computed from 1 km to 167 km 12 = tc computed from 2.3 km to 167 km 13 = tc computed from 5.2 km to 167 km 14 =tc (unknown radius) 15 = tc computed to zone M (58.8 km) 16 = tc computed to zone G (3.5 km) 17 = tc computed to zone K (18.8 km) 25 = tc computed to 48.6 km on a curved Earth 26 = tc computed to 64. km on a curved Earth	(2 char.)
88-91	Density used for terrain correction	(4 char.)
92-93	Accuracy of gravity 0 = no information 1 = $E \leq 0.01$ mgal 2 = $.01 < E \leq 0.05$ mgal 3 = $.05 < E \leq 0.1$ mgal 4 = $0.1 < E \leq 0.5$ mgal 5 = $0.5 < E \leq 1.$ mgal 6 = $1. < E \leq 3.$ mgal 7 = $3. < E \leq 5.$ mgal 8 = $5. < E \leq 10$ mgal 9 = $10. < E \leq 15.$ mgal 10 = $15. < E \leq 20.$ mgal 11 = $20. < E$ mgal	(2 char.)
94-99	Correction of observed gravity (unit : microgal)	(6 char.)
100-105	<b>Reference station</b> <i>This station is the base station (BGI number) to which the concerned station is referred</i>	(6 char.)



106-108	Apparatus used for the measurement of G 0.. no information 1.. pendulum apparatus before 1960 2.. latest pendulum apparatus (after 1960) 3.. gravimeters for ground measurements in which the variations of G are equilibrated of detected using the following methods : 30 = torsion balance (Thyssen...) 31 = elastic rod 32 = bifilar system 34 = Boliden (Sweden) 4.. Metal spring gravimeters for ground measurements 41 = Frost 42 = Askania (GS-4-9-11-12), Graf 43 = Gulf, Hoyt (helical spring) 44 = North American 45 = Western 47 = Lacoste-Romberg 48 = Lacoste-Romberg, Model D (microgravimeter) 5.. Quartz spring gravimeter for ground measurements 51 = Norgaard 52 = GAE-3 53 = Worden ordinary 54 = Worden (additional thermostat) 55 = Worden worldwide 56 = Cak 57 = Canadian gravity meter, sharpe 58 = GAG-2 59 = SCINTREX CG2 6.. Gravimeters for under water measurements (at the bottom of the sea or of a lake) 60 = Gulf 62 = Western 63 = North American 64 = Lacoste-Romberg	(3 char.)
109-111	<b>Country code (BGI)</b>	(3 char.)
112	<b>Confidentiality</b> 0 = without restriction .....1 = with authorization 2 = classified	(1 char.)
113	<b>Validity</b> 0 = no validation 1 = good 2 = doubtful 3 = lapsed	(1 char.)
114-120	Numbering of the station (original)	(7 char.)
121-126	Sequence number	(6 char.)

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SEA DATA FORMAT  
RECORD DESCRIPTION  
146 characters**

Col.	1-8	<b>B.G.I.</b> source number	
	9-16	<b>Latitude</b> (unit : 0.00001 degree)	(8 char.)
	17-25	<b>Longitude</b> (unit : 0.00001 degree)	(8 char.)
	26-27	Accuracy of position	(9 char.)
		The site of the gravity measurements is defined in a circle of radius R	(2 char.)
		0 = no information	
		1 - R <= 5 Meters	
		2 = 5 < R <= 20 M (approximately 0'01)	
		3 = 20 < R <= 100 M	
		4 = 100 < R <= 200 M (approximately 0'1)	
		5 = 200 < R <= 500 M	
		6 = 500 < R <= 1000 M	
		7 = 1000 < R <= 2000 M (approximately 1')	
		8 = 2000 < R <= 5000 M	
		9 = 5000 M < R	
		10...	
	28-29	System of positioning	(2 char.)
		0 = no information	
		1 = Decca	
		2 = visual observation	
		3 = radar	
		4 = loran A	
		5 = loran C	
		6 = omega or VLF	
		7 = satellite	
		8 = solar/stellar (with sextant)	
	30	Type of observation	(1 char.)
		1 = individual observation at sea	
		2 = mean observation at sea obtained from a continuous recording	
	31-38	<b>Elevation of the station</b> (unit : centimeter)	(8 char.)
	39-40	Elevation type	(2 char.)
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		2 = ocean submerged	
		3 = ocean bottom	
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		2 = .02 < E <= 0.1 M	
		3 = .1 < E <= 1	
		4 = 1 < E <= 2	
		5 = 2 < E <= 5	
		6 = 5 < E <= 10	
		7 = 10 < E <= 20	
		8 = 20 < E <= 50	
		9 = 50 < E <= 100	
		10 = E superior to 100 Meters	
	43-44	Determination of the elevation	(2 char.)
		0 = no information	
		1 = depth obtained with a cable (meters)	
		2 = manometer depth	
		3 = corrected acoustic depth (corrected from Mathew's tables, 1939)	
		4 = acoustic depth without correction obtained with sound speed 1500 M/sec. (or 820 fathom/sec)	
		5 = acoustic depth obtained with sound speed 1463 M/sec (800 fathom/sec)	
		6 = depth interpolated on a magnetic record	
		7 = depth interpolated on a chart	
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92-93	Mathew's zone <i>when the depth is not corrected depth, this information is necessary. For example : zone 50 for the Eastern Mediterranean Sea</i>	(2 char.)
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96-101	Correction of observed gravity (unit : microgal)	(6 char.)
102-110	Date of observation <i>in Julian day - 2 400 000 (unit : 1·10 000 of day)</i>	(9 char.)
111-113	Velocity of the ship (0.1 knot)	(3 char.)
114-118	Eötvös correction (0.1 mgal)	(5 char.)
119-121	<b>Country code</b> (BGI)	(3 char.)
122	<b>Confidentiality</b> 0 = without restriction 1 = with authorization 2 = classified	(1 char.)
123	<b>Validity</b> 0 = no validation 1 = good 2 = doubtful 3 = lapsed	(1 char.)
124-130	Numbering of the station (original)	(7 char.)
131-136	<b>Sequence number</b>	(6 char.)
137-139	<b>Leg number</b>	(3 char.)
140-145	<b>Reference station</b>	(6 char.)

Whenever given, the theoretical gravity ( $\gamma_0$ ), free-air anomaly (FA), Bouguer anomaly (BO) are computed in the 1967 geodetic reference system.

The approximation of the closed form of the 1967 gravity formula is used for theoretical gravity at sea level:

$$\gamma_0 = 978031.85 * [ 1 + 0.005278895 * \sin^2 (\phi) + 0.000023462 * \sin^4 (\phi) ] , \text{ mgals}$$

where  $\phi$  is the geographic latitude.

The formulas used in computing FA and BO are summarized below.

### Formulas used in computing free-air and Bouguer anomalies

Symbols used :

$g$	: observed value of gravity
$\gamma$	: theoretical value of gravity (on the ellipsoid)
$\Gamma$	: vertical gradient of gravity (approximated by 0.3086 mgal/meter)
$H$	: elevation of the physical surface of the land, lake or glacier ( $H = 0$ at sea surface), positive upward
$D_1$	: depth of water, or ice, positive downward
$D_2$	: depth of a gravimeter measuring in a mine, in a lake, or in an ocean, counted from the surface , positive downward
$G$	: gravitational constant ( $667.2 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$ ) $\Rightarrow k = 2 \pi G$
$\rho_c$	: mean density of the Earth's crust (taken as $2670 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )
$\rho_w^f$	: density of fresh water ( $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )
$\rho_w^s$	: density of salted water ( $1027 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )
$\rho_i$	: density of ice ( $917 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )
FA	: free-air anomaly
BO	: Bouguer anomaly

Formulas :

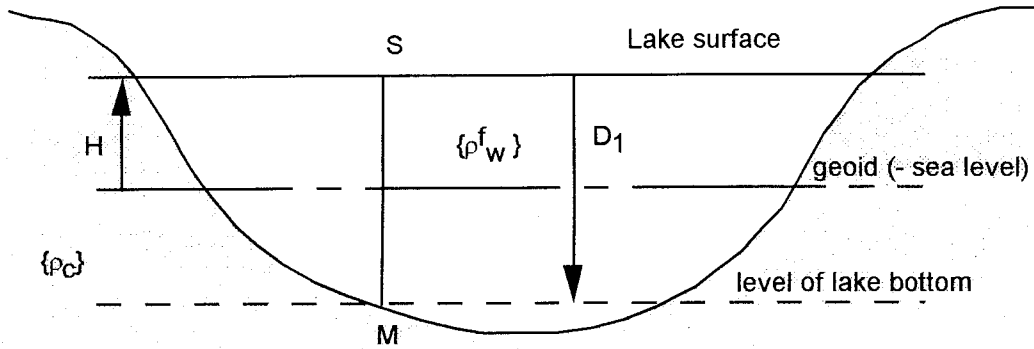
\* FA : The principle is to compare the gravity of the Earth at its surface with the normal gravity, which first requires in some cases to derive the surface value from the measured value. Then, and until now, FA is the difference between this Earth's gravity value reduced to the geoid and the normal gravity  $\gamma_0$  computed on the reference ellipsoid (classical concept). The more modern concept \* in which the gravity anomaly is the difference between the gravity at the surface point and the normal (ellipsoidal) gravity on the telluroid corresponding point may be adopted in the future depending on other major changes in the BGI data base and data management system.

\* BO : The basic principle is to remove from the surface gravity the gravitational attraction of one (or several) infinite plate (s) with density depending on where the plate is with respect to the geoid. The conventional computation of BO assumes that parts below the geoid are to be filled with crustal material of density  $\rho_c$  and that the parts above the geoid have the density of the existing material (which is removed).

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\* cf. "On the definition and numerical computation of free air gravity anomalies", by H.G. Wenzel. Bulletin d'Information, BGI, n° 64, pp. 23-40. June 1989.

For example, if a measurement  $g_M$  is taken at the bottom of a lake, with the bottom being below sea level, we have :



$$g_S = g_M + 2k\rho_w^f D_1 - \Gamma D_1$$

$$\Rightarrow FA = g_S + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$$

Removing the (actual or virtual) topographic masses as said above, we find :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta g_s &= g_s - k\rho_w^f D_1 + k\rho_c (D_1 - H) \\ &= g_s - k\rho_w^f [H + (D_1 - H)] + k\rho_c (D_1 - H) \\ &= g_s - k\rho_w^f H + k(\rho_c - \rho_w^f)(D_1 - H) \\ \Rightarrow BO &= \delta g_s + \Gamma H - \gamma_0 \end{aligned}$$

The table below covers most frequent cases. It is an update of the list of formulas published before.

It may be noted that, although some formulas look different, they give the same results. For instance BO (C) and BO (D) are identical since :

$$\begin{aligned} -k\rho_i H + k(\rho_c - \rho_i)(D_1 - H) &\equiv -k\rho_i(H - D_1 + D_1) - k(\rho_c - \rho_i)(H - D_1) \\ &\equiv -k\rho_i D_1 - k\rho_c(H - D_1) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, BO (6), BO (7) and BO (8) are identical.

Elev. Type	Situation	Formulas
1	Land Observation-surface	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_c H$
2	Land Observation-subsurface	$FA = g + 2 k \rho_c D_2 + \Gamma (H - D_2) - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_c H$
3	Ocean Surface	$FA = g - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^s) D_1$
4	Ocean submerged	$FA = g + (2 k \rho_w^s - \Gamma) D_2 - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^s) D_1$
5	Ocean bottom	$FA = g + (2 k \rho_w^s - \Gamma) D_1 - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^s) D_1$
6	Lake surface above sea level with bottom above sea level	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_w^f D_1 - k \rho_c (H - D_1)$
7	Lake bottom, above sea level	$FA = g + 2 k \rho_w^f D_1 + \Gamma (H - D_1) - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_w^f D_1 - k \rho_c (H - D_1)$
8	Lake bottom, below sea level	$FA = g + 2 k \rho_w^f D_1 + \Gamma (H - D_1) - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_w^f H + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^f) (D_1 - H)$
9	Lake surface above sea level with bottom below sea level	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_w^f H + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^f) (D_1 - H)$
A	Lake surface, below sea level (here $H < 0$ )	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_c H + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^f) D_1$
B	Lake bottom, with surface below sea level ( $H < 0$ )	$FA = g + (2 k \rho_w^f - \Gamma) D_1 + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_c H + k (\rho_c - \rho_w^f) D_1$
C	Ice cap surface, with bottom below sea level	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_i H + k (\rho_c - \rho_i) (D_1 - H)$
D	Ice cap surface, with bottom above sea level	$FA = g + \Gamma H - \gamma_0$ $BO = FA - k \rho_i D_1 - k \rho_c (H - D_1)$

*All requests for data must be sent to :*

*Mr. Bernard LANGELLIER  
Bureau Gravimétrique International  
18, Avenue E. Belin - 31401 Toulouse Cedex 4 - France  
E-mail : [Bernard.Langellier@cnes.fr](mailto:Bernard.Langellier@cnes.fr)*

*In case of a request made by telephone, it should be followed by a confirmation letter, or fax.  
Except in particular case (massive data retrieval, holidays...) requests are satisfied within one month  
following the reception of the written confirmation, or information are given concerning the problems  
encountered.*

*If not specified, the data will be written as tarfiles on DAT cartridge (4 mm). for large amounts of data, or on  
diskette in the case of small files. The exact physical format will be indicated in each case. Also a FTP anonymous  
service is available on our computer center.*

### 3. USUAL SERVICES BGI CAN PROVIDE

The list below is not restrictive and other services (massive retrieval, special evaluation and products...) may be provided upon request.

The costs of the services listed below are a revision of the charging policy established in 1981 (and revised in 1989) in view of the categories of users : (1) contributors of measurements and scientists, (2) other individuals and private companies.

The prices given below are in French Francs. They have been effective on January 1, 1992 and may be revised periodically.

#### 3.1. Charging Policy for Data Contributors and Scientists

For these users and until further notice, - and within the limitation of our in house budget, we shall only charge the incremental cost of the services provided. In all other cases, a different charging policy might be applied.

However, and at the discretion of the Director of B.G.I., some of the services listed below may be provided free of charge upon request, to major data contributors, individuals working in universities, especially students ...

##### 3.1.1. Digital Data Retrieval

. on CD-Roms : see 2.5.1.

. on one of the following media :

\* printout ..... 2 F/100 lines

\* diskette..... 25 F per diskette (minimum charge : 50 F-

\* magnetic tape ..... 2 F per 100 records

+ 100 F per DAT cartridge  
(if the tape is not to be returned)

. minimum charge : 100 F

. maximum number of points : 100 000 ; massive data retrieval (in one or several batches) will be processed and charged on a case by case basis.

##### 3.1.2. Data Coverage Plots : in Black and White, with Detailed Indices

. 20°x20° blocks, as shown on the next pages (maps 1 and 2) : 400 F each set.

. For any specified area (rectangular configurations delimited by meridians and parallels) : 1 F per degree square : 100 F minimum charge (at any scale, within a maximum plot size of : 90 cm x 180 cm).

. For area inside polygon : same prices as above, counting the area of the minimum rectangle comprising the polygon.

##### 3.1.3. Data Screening

(Selection of one point per specified unit area, in decimal degrees of latitude and longitude, i.e. selection of first data point encountered in each mesh area).

. 5 F 100 points to be screened.

. 100 F minimum charge.

##### 3.1.4. Gridding

(Interpolation at regular intervals  $\Delta$  in longitude and  $\Delta'$  in latitude - in decimal degrees) :

. 10 F ( $\Delta\Delta'$ ) per degree square

. minimum charge : 150 F

. maximum area : 40° x 40°

##### 3.1.5. Contour Maps of Bouguer or Free-Air Anomalies



*At a specified contour interval  $\Delta$  (1, 2, 5, ... mgal), on a given projection :  
10 F/ $\Delta$  per degree square, plus the cost of gridding (see 3.4) after agreement on grid stepsizes. (at any scale, within a maximum map size for : 90 cm x 180 cm).*

*. 250 F minimum charge*

*. maximum area : 40° x 40°*

### **3.1.6. Computation of Mean Gravity Anomalies**

*(Free-air, Bouguer, isostatic) over  $\Delta x \Delta'$  area : 10F/ $\Delta \Delta'$  per degree square.*

*. minimum charge : 150 F*

*. maximum area : 40°x40°*

## **3.2. Charging Policy for Other Individuals or Private Companies**

### **3.2.1. Digital Data Retrieval**

*. on CD-Roms : see 2.5.1.*

*. 1 F per measurement for non commercial use (guaranteed by signed agreement), 5 F per measurement in other cases (direct or indirect commercial use - e.g. in case of use for gridding and/or maps to be sold or distributed by the buyer in any project with commercial application). Minimum charge : 500 F*

### **3.2.2. Data Coverage Plots, in Black and White, with Detailed Indices**

*. 2 F per degree square ; 100 F minimum charge. (maximum plot size = 90 cm x 180 cm)*

*. For area inside polygon : same price as above, counting the area of the smallest rectangle comprising the polygon.*

### **3.2.3. Data Screening**

*. 1 F per screened point for non commercial use (guaranteed by signed agreement), 5 F per screened point in other cases (cf. 3.2.1.).*

*. 500 F minimum charge*

### **3.2.4. Gridding**

*Same as 3.1.4.*

### **3.2.5. Contour Maps of Bouguer or Free-Air Anomalies**

*Same as 3.1.5.*

### **3.2.6. Computation of Mean Gravity Anomalies**

*Same as 3.1.6.*

## **3.3. Gravity Maps**

*The pricing policy is the same for all categories of users*

### **3.3.1. Catalogue of all Gravity Maps**

*Printout : 200 F*

*DAT cartridge (4 mm) 100 F*

### 3.2.2. Maps

. Gravity anomaly maps (excluding those listed below) : 100 F each

. Special maps :

#### Mean Altitude Maps

FRANCE	(1: 600 000)	1948	6 sheets	65 FF the set
WESTERN EUROPE	(1:2 000 000)	1948	1 sheet	55 FF
NORTH AFRICA	(1:2 000 000)	1950	2 sheets	60 FF the set
MADAGASCAR	(1:1 000 000)	1955	3 sheets	55 FF the set
MADAGASCAR	(1:2 000 000)	1956	1 sheet	60 FF

#### Maps of Gravity Anomalies

NORTHERN FRANCE	Isostatic anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1954	55 FF
SOUTHERN FRANCE	Isostatic anomalies Airy 50	(1:1 000 000)	1954	55 FF
EUROPE-NORTH AFRICA	Mean Free air anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1973	90 FF

#### World Maps of Anomalies (with text)

PARIS-AMSTERDAM	Bouguer anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1959-60	65 FF
BERLIN-VIENNA	Bouguer anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1962-63	55 FF
BUDAPEST-OSLO	Bouguer anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1964-65	65 FF
LAGHOUAT-RABAT	Bouguer anomalies	(1:1 000 000)	1970	65 FF
EUROPE-AFRICA	Bouguer Anomalies	(1:10 000 000)	1975	180 FF with text 120 FF without text
EUROPE-AFRICA	Bouguer anomalies-Airy 30	(1:10 000 000)	1962	65 FF

#### Charts of Recent Sea Gravity Tracks and Surveys (1:36 000 000)

CRUISES prior to	1970	65 FF
CRUISES	1970-1975	65 FF
CRUISES	1975-1977	65 FF

#### Miscellaneous

##### CATALOGUE OF ALL GRAVITY MAPS

listing	200 FF
tape	300 FF

##### THE UNIFICATION OF THE GRAVITY NETS OF AFRICA

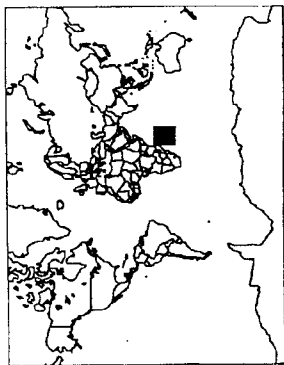
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. Black and white copy of maps : 150 F per copy

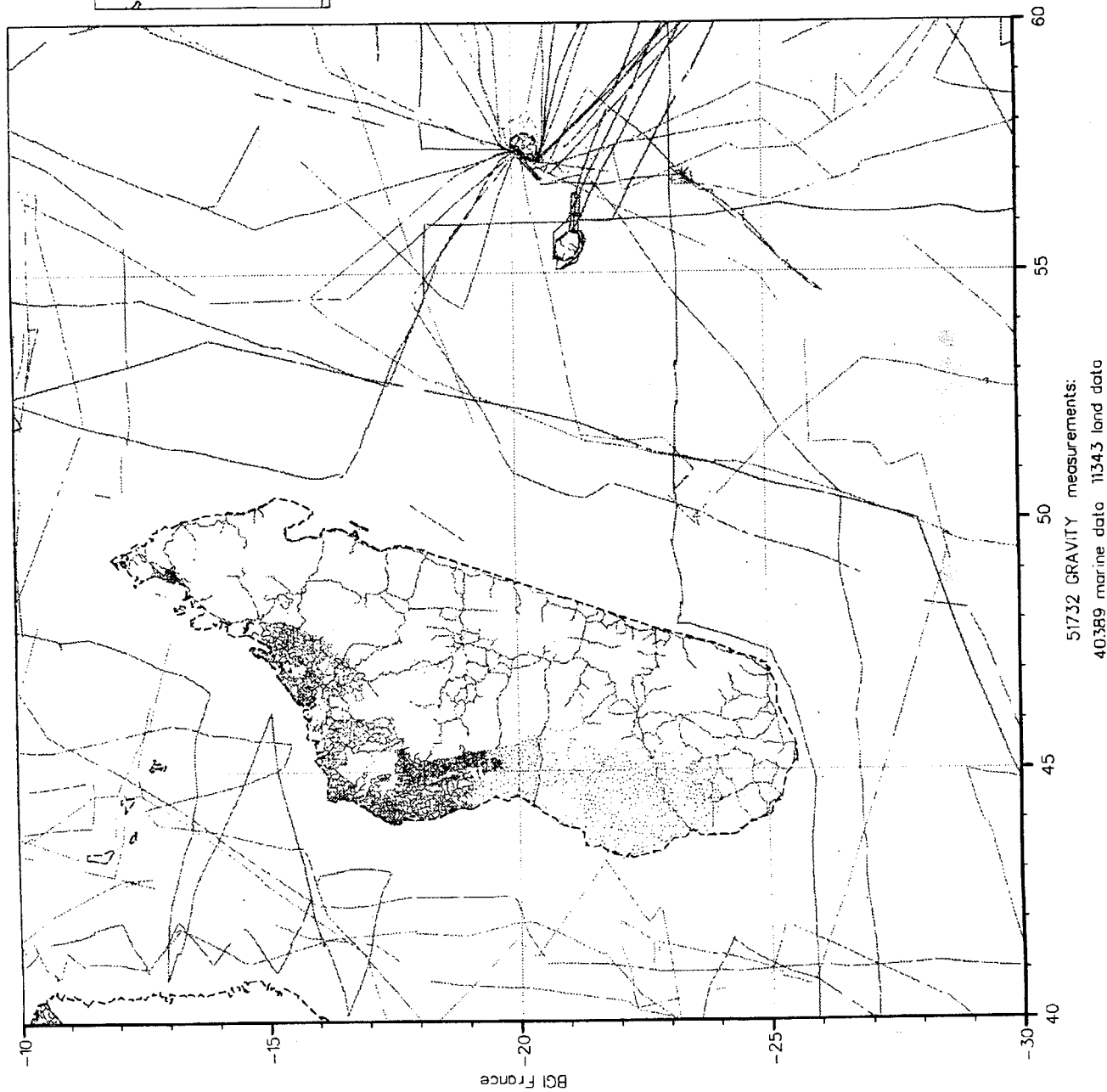
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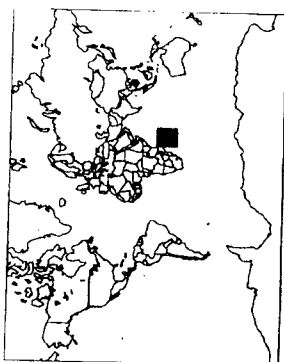
Map 1. Example of data coverage plot



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Map 2. Example of detailed index (Data coverage corresponding to Map 1)



**BGI GRAVITY DATA  
MEAN FREE AIR ANOMALY**

1st field : number of points  
2nd field : mean value (mgal)  
3rd field : Std. Dev. (mgal)

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214	102	15	52	8	26	29	184	53	65	26	8	116	138	51	44	52	85	66
233	-38.8	5.6	-25.9	-14.5	-18.3	-27.7	-22.5	-23.9	-27.9	-8.2	-7.2	-5.5	-13.1	-5.8	-3.8	-1.5	-9.2	-13.9
10.1	42.1	6.2	12.0	1.3	4.3	17.6	26.3	10.3	26.7	37.4	24.0	8.2	11.1	6.0	12.2	23.2	9.1	9.4
118	118	39	53	37	41	85	2	2	13	62	43	29	3	25	68	40	37	21.3
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21	20.7	5.1	28	98	7.4	32	31	14	11	15	10.1	26	26	35	58	50	6	76
-55.9	-41.0	-63.4	93.6	6.4	66.8	-47.1	68.0	37.9	64.8	-32.7	-17.2	-12.3	-20.4	-23.8	-11.0	-8.6	-6.1	58.7
5.6	15.9	12.2	14.6	83.6	121.5	3.7	6.1	9.1	17.3	1.7	4	7.2	5.9	3.1	13.1	10.1	1.4	4.8
3	3.3	17.0	20.4	125	84	172	35	195	117	4								62
-47.8	-13.0	-40.3	-39.8	-52.1	-40.1	-38.4	-32.0	29.6	34.3	82.6	-5.9							12.4
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18	24.9	13	88	84	97	87	10.1	44	60	71	62							49
13.8	-37.0	-28.4	-36.3	-42.4	-42.4		-13.1	12	12.3	47.8	-0.8							3
		3.0	4.0	7.6	5.2	32.8	32.6	36	47	20.2	4.5							12.3
		220	54.6	396	151	103	329	617	146	36	47							39.7
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-41.2	-45.8	16.8	-20.2	-23.4	40.8	67.2	31.8	56.6	-8.8	-13.3	-8.8							72.2
8.5	15.1	19.8	10.0	19.7	29.0	87.7	26.5	2.1	11	11	3.7							4.5
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30314 GRAVITY measurements:  
19050 marine data 11264 land data

## 4. PROVIDING DATA TO B.G.I.

### 4.1. Essential Quantities and Information for Gravity Data Submission

#### 1. Position of the site :

- latitude, longitude (to the best possible accuracy),
- elevation or depth :
  - . for land data : elevation of the site (on the physical surface of the Earth) \*
  - . for water stations : water depth.

#### 2. Measured (observed) gravity, corrected to eliminate the periodic gravitational effects of the Sun and Moon, and the instrument drift \*\*

#### 3. Reference (base) station (s) used. For each reference station (a site occupied in the survey where a previously determined gravity value is available and used to help establish datum and scale for the survey), give name, reference station number (if known), brief description of location of site, and the reference gravity value used for that station. Give the datum of the reference value ; example : IGSN 71.

### 4.2. Optional Information

The information listed below would be useful, if available. However, none of this information is mandatory.

#### . Instrumental accuracy :

- identify gravimeter (s) used in the survey. Give manufacturer, model, and serial number, calibration factor (s) used, and method of determining the calibration factor (s).
- give estimate of the accuracy of measured (observed) gravity. Explain how accuracy value was determined.

#### . Positioning accuracy :

- identify method used to determine the position of each gravity measurement site.
- estimate accuracy of gravity station positions. Explain how estimate was obtained.
- identify the method used to determine the elevation of each gravity measurement site.
- estimate accuracy of elevation. Explain how estimate was obtained. Provide supplementary information, for elevation with respect to the Earth's surface or for water depth, when appropriate.

#### . Miscellaneous information :

- general description of the survey.
- date of survey : organization and/or party conducting survey.
- if appropriate : name of ship, identification of cruise.
- if possible, Eötvös correction for marine data.

#### . Terrain correction

Please provide brief description of method used, specify : radius of area included in computation, rock density factor used and whether or not Bullard's term (curvature correction) has been applied.

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\* Give supplementary elevation data for measurements made on towers, on upper floor of buildings, inside of mines or tunnels, atop glacial ice. When applicable, specify whether gravity value applied to actual measurement site or it has been reduced to the Earth's physical surface (surface topography or water surface)  
Also give depth of actual measurement site below the water surface for underwater measurements.

\*\* For marine gravity stations, gravity value should be corrected to eliminate effects of ship motion, or this effect should be provided and clearly explained.

. *Isostatic gravity*

*Please specify type of isostatic anomaly computed.*

*Example : Airy-Heiskanen, T = 30 km.*

. *Description of geological setting of each site*

#### **4.3. Formats**

*Actually, any format is acceptable as soon as the essential quantities listed in 4.1. are present, and provided that the contributor gives satisfactory explanations in order to interpret his data properly.*

*The contributor may use the EOL and/or EOS formats as described above, or if he wishes so, the BGI Official Data Exchange Format established by BRGM in 1976 : "Progress Report for the Creation of a Worldwide Gravimetric Data Bank", published in BGI Bull. Info, n° 39, and recalled in Bulletin n° 50 (pages 112-113).*

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**PART II**  
**CONTRIBUTING PAPER**





# **An International Reference Station for Inter-comparison of Absolute Gravimeters (ISIAG) in Walferdange, Luxembourg: the GRAVILUX Project**

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## **Abstract.**

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is establishing a new International Reference Station for Intercomparisons of Absolute Gravimeters (ISIAG). The station is located in the Walferdange Underground Laboratory for Geodynamics 100 meters below the surface. Since 1967, the laboratory has been used for Earth tides research and from that work has gained an international reputation as a seismogenically quiet location where sensitive instruments can be tested and evaluated. A permanent staff of scientists and a technical engineer from the European Centre for Geodynamics and Seismology (ECGS) maintain the laboratory under the authority of the National Museum of Natural History of Luxembourg (NMNH) and the Royal Observatory of Belgium (ROB).

Four Luxembourg institutes including the NMNH, ECGS, Institut Supérieur de Technologie (IST) and the Administration du Cadastre et de la Topographie (ACT), have recently joined together to manage the station under the framework of the new GRAVILUX project. GRAVILUX is a program established to enhance geodynamics research within Luxembourg. The project has added two geophysicists in 2000 and is expected to add two additional technical engineers in 2001. The instrumentation to support the project includes a superconducting gravimeter, which is currently being built, an absolute gravimeter, which will be purchased in 2001, and other ancillary equipment necessary to support research.



## Introduction.

The Walferdange Underground Laboratory for Geodynamics (WULG) is located at the far end of a long labyrinth of galleries which originally have been established for the commercial extraction of very pure gypsum (Figure 1). Exceptional temperature and humidity stability, the absence of water and human perturbations, distance from the ocean and easy access, were some of the motivations for initially choosing this site for instrumentation and Earth tide research. Instruments to measure the micro-deformations produced by the tidal forces have been developed and tested in the Laboratory for more than 30 years. Ground deformations and earthquakes are recorded continuously by means of spring gravimeters, vertical and horizontal pendulums, long base water-tube tiltmeters, vertical and horizontal strain meters, short period and broad band seismometers. Meteorological parameters (temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure), as well as radon gas emissions, are also continuously monitored in various locations within the mine.

Close collaborations have been pursued for the last 30 years with many different organizations including (but not limited to): the Royal Observatory of Belgium, GeoForschungZentrum (Potsdam) and Bonn University (Germany), Institute of Astronomy and Geodesy of the University of Madrid (Spain), Nordic Volcanological Institute of Reykjavik (Iceland), Osservatorio Vesuviano and University Federico II, Napoli (Italy), Instituto Superior Tecnico (Lisboa, Portugal), State Seismological Bureau of Wuhan (China), Russian Academy of Science, University of Savoie and Institut de Physique du Globe (France), Finnish Geodetic Institute (Finland), and Kyoto University (Japan).

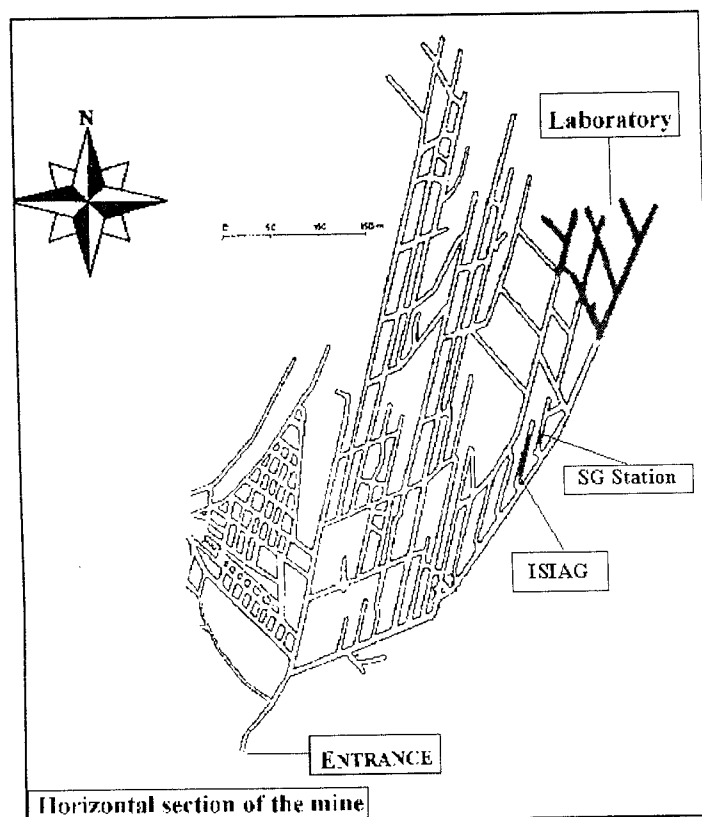


Figure 1: Horizontal cross-section of the Walferdange Mine.

## **The GRAVILUX project.**

Although not very common, absolute gravimeters are used worldwide to measure the instantaneous-absolute value of the gravitational acceleration. The precision and accuracy of these instruments currently reaches one microgal (1 microgal =  $10^{-8}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>), i.e. one billionth of the mean gravity on the surface of the Earth. The acceleration of gravity at the surface of the Earth varies in time and space due to mass changes above and below the Earth's surface and changes in the height of that surface. Hence, absolute gravity observations can be used to constrain the geoid, to calibrate local gravity networks, and to measure small crustal deformations such as those associated with post-glacial rebound, sea level, tectonics and environmental loading. In addition, they may also be used to monitor magmatic intrusions on volcanoes, changes in local hydrology, or changes in the ice mass of glaciers and ice sheets.

Being absolute instruments, these gravimeters cannot really be calibrated. Only some of their components (such as the atomic clock or the laser) can be calibrated by comparison with known standards. The only way one currently has to verify their good working order is via a simultaneous intercomparison with other absolute gravimeters of the same or even of a different model. Intercomparisons of this type are difficult to arrange which is why they have only officially been organized every 4 years by the BIPM. This time scale is not sufficient for most users as most also regularly deploy their instruments for field observations.

In the case of regular field deployments, the users must be sure that there isn't an offset in their measured values of gravity caused by instrument malfunction. To be sure that an instrument is indeed in good working condition, the instrument needs to be regularly checked by measuring gravity in a place where gravity is well known. But as mentioned above, gravity at any given location will change with time due to Earth tides, ocean or atmospheric loading effects, or water table variations. So, gravity changes of the reference station must be carefully monitored in time. The best way to achieve this with enough precision is to continuously measure the gravity variations by means of a superconducting gravimeter. Those relative gravimeters operate by measuring the voltage required to maintain the position of a levitating sphere in a magnetic field. The field is produced by an electric current caught in a coil at the temperature of the liquid helium. At that temperature (about 4 °K, i.e. -269 °C), the current circulates without any resistance and produces a very stable magnetic field. Superconducting gravimeters reach a precision of a few nanogal ( $10^{-12}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>), i.e. one thousandth of a billionth of the mean gravity on the surface of the Earth) on diurnal and semi-diurnal periods by integrating over 2 or 3 years.

The establishment of a quiet gravity reference station in the WULG was one of the motivations behind the establishment of the GRAVILUX project. The current infrastructure, scientific knowledge, technical support, and the scientific instruments to be obtained will allow for 1) international comparisons of all absolute gravimeters at a seismically quiescent site in Europe and 2) a gravity reference site where temporal changes in gravity are continuously monitored.

## **The gravity stations**

Many structural renovations and other practical matters needed to be addressed to convert our old gypsum mine into an underground laboratory appropriate for absolute gravity intercomparisons. For the sake of safety, the first 300 meters of the entrance of the mine were recently shored up by using large steel I-beams and concrete. To transport the 500 kilograms of equipment (the typical

weight of an FG5 absolute gravimeter and its peripherals) over the 400 meters to the gravimetric stations, an electric golf cart was purchased. The cart travels on a smooth newly installed concrete surface.

Two stations, in neighbouring galleries, were especially constructed and outfitted with power, UPS, and internet access for the GRAVILUX gravity instrumentation intercomparison goal: the smallest room ('SG station', 20 m<sup>2</sup>) will house the superconducting gravimeter (figure 2). The larger room ('ISIAG station', 150 m<sup>2</sup>), built in a dead end gallery, is large enough to accommodate as many as 15 absolute gravimeters operating simultaneously (figure 3). (At the Table Mountain Gravity Observatory in Boulder, Colorado and at the BIPM, where previous intercomparisons have been held, only 5 and 6 absolute instruments respectively, can operate simultaneously.)



Figure 2: the SG station.

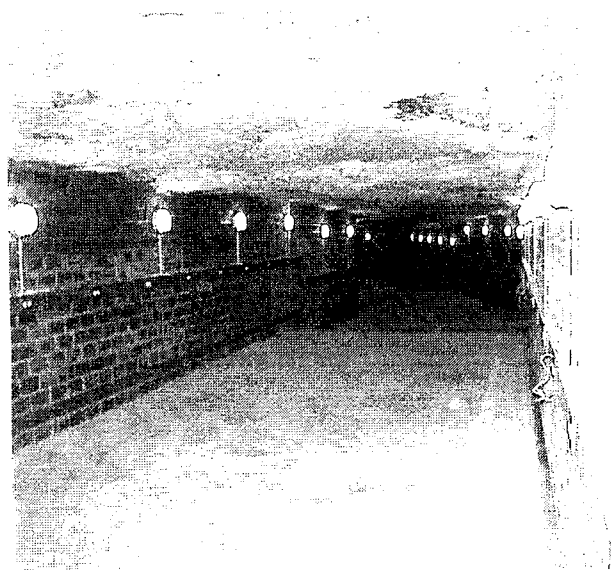


Figure 3: the ISIAG station.

In 1997 and 1998, absolute gravity observations were undertaken in the Underground Laboratory by the team from the ROB (Tables 1 and 2) using the FG5-202 absolute gravimeter. The precision (set standard deviation) of the measurements is about 1 microgal. The drop-to-drop scatter (mean standard deviation) is between 7.8 and 10.0 microgal. (For comparison, the drop-to-drop scatter is 21.4 microgals and 7.8 microgals at the BIPM and TMGO respectively for the same instrument.) This was the lowest value observed by the ROB team with that instrument in all of 1997, confirming the quality of the WLUG as a quiet "gravimetric" site. (It is interesting to note that at the time of the 1997 observations, the electronics of the FG5-202 had been not yet upgraded with the fast data rate card. And, in 1998, the superspring was not perfectly tuned due to electronic problems. We would thus expect even better performance with the new FG5.)

In addition to the absolute gravity measurements, vertical gravity gradients have been measured at the absolute gravity point as well as at 4 different places within the gallery where the absolute gravimeter intercomparisons are expected to take place. To determine the vertical gravity gradient, gravity differences have been measured between 3 different height levels (floor, 0.9 m and 1.3 m) using a Scintrex spring gravimeter. The values of the vertical gradient in the gallery are very close, with values in the range  $-2.77$  and  $-2.79 \pm 0.01$  microgal/cm. Moreover, no strong non-linearities in the vertical values were observed.

A small gravity network has also been established connecting the entrance of the gallery to the different points where the vertical gravity gradients have been measured. We obtained a 1.697 milligal difference in gravity between the site at the entrance to the mine and the Laboratory at the end of the gallery where the absolute gravity measurements were carried out. We also determined a difference of 1.110 milligal between the Laboratory and the gallery where the new absolute gravity stations will be established. So in addition to providing a location for absolute gravity intercomparisons, the laboratory also maintains a relative gravity calibration line in a seismogenically quiet site with no temperature variations. In the future, regular absolute gravity observations will be performed at the two extremities of the calibration line further enhancing its usefulness.

In tables 3-5, we display the results of the absolute gravity measurements carried out at the Centre Universitaire de Luxembourg. The site is located on the University Campus in Luxembourg city. The first measurements were taken there by Jaakko Maakinen with the Jilag-5 in 1991. We can see the remarkably low noise level for a gravity station located within an urban environment.

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Table 1.

<b>STATION: WALFERDANGE</b>												
City:	Walferdange					Country:	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg					
Location:	Laboratoire souterrain					Particularity:						
Situation:	Laboratoire					Remarks:						
Date:	July 10-11, 1997											
Code number:												
Latitude:	49.6647 degrees											
Longitude:	6.1528 degrees											
Elevation:	295 m											
Gradient:	-2.522 µgal/cm											
Reference height:	502.5 mm											
Meter:	FG5											
S/N:	202											
<b>Ocean loading correction (µgal, -local phase- degree)</b>												
Waves	M <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>f</sub>	M <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>sa</sub>	
Ampl.	0.184	0.060	0.021	0.015	0.037	0.007	0.015	0.042	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Phase:	299.1	328.1	297.1	190.3	283.2	284.5	329.5	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Polar motion correction</b>						<b>Air pressure correction</b>						
X-coordinate:	0.0550			arc seconds			Nominal air pressure:			978.31 mbar		
Y-coordinate:	0.5342			arc seconds			Barometric admittance factor:			0.3 µgal/mbar		
<b>Gravity</b>												
Set gravity mean:	9 80 963 955.4					microgal						
Set std. dev.:	1.186					microgal						
Mean std. dev.:	7.79					microgal						
Number of sets:	25											
Number of drops per set:	100											
Drop interval:	10 seconds											
Set interval:	60 minutes											
Nominal/datum height:	0.0 cm											
Local Contact: Nicolas d'Oreye												
Author: O. Francis						Observatoire Royal de Belgique						
Date: October 12, 1999												

**Table 2.**

<b>STATION: WALFERDANGE</b>											
City:	Walferdange					Country:	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg				
Location:	Laboratoire souterrain					Particularity:					
Situation:	Laboratoire					Remarks:					
Date:	December 16-18, 1998										
Code number:											
Latitude:	49.6647 degrees										
Longitude:	6.1528 degrees										
Elevation:	295 m										
Gradient:	-2.522 µgal/cm										
Reference height:	500.5 mm										
Meter:	FG5										
S/N:	202										
<b>Ocean loading correction (µgal, -local phase- degree)</b>											
Waves	M <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>f</sub>	M <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>sa</sub>
Ampl.	0.184	0.060	0.021	0.015	0.037	0.007	0.015	0.042	0.0	0.0	0.0
Phase:	299.1	328.1	297.1	190.3	283.2	284.5	329.5	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Polar motion correction</b>						<b>Air pressure correction</b>					
X-coordinate:	0.1379		arc seconds			Nominal air pressure:			978.31 mbar		
Y-coordinate:	0.3157		arc seconds			Barometric admittance factor:			0.3 µgal/mbar		
<b>Gravity</b>											
Set gravity mean:	9 80 963 952.6					microgal					
Set std. dev.:	1.098					microgal					
Mean std. dev.:	10.00					microgal					
Number of sets:	37										
Number of drops per set:	100										
Drop interval:	10 seconds										
Set interval:	60 minutes										
Nominal/datum height:	0.0 cm										
Local Contact: Nicolas d'Oreye											
Author: O. Francis						Observatoire Royal de Belgique					
Date: October 12, 1999											

Table 3.

<b>STATION: LUXEMBOURG</b>											
City:	Luxembourg					Country:	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg				
Location:	Centre Universitaire					Particularity:					
Situation:	Cave					Remarks:	Site occupied by Jaakko Mäkinen				
Date:	20/21 August 1996						with a Jilag-5 in March 1991				
Code number:											
Latitude:	49.6278 degrees										
Longitude:	6.1153 degrees										
Elevation:	328 m										
Gradient:	-2.782 µgal/cm										
Reference height:	503.5 mm										
Meter:	FG5										
S/N:	202										
<b>Ocean loading correction (µgal, -local phase- degree)</b>											
Waves	M <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>f</sub>	M <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>sa</sub>
Ampl.	0.184	0.060	0.021	0.015	0.037	0.007	0.015	0.042	0.0	0.0	0.0
Phase:	299.1	328.1	297.1	190.3	283.2	284.5	329.5	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Polar motion correction</b>						<b>Air pressure correction</b>					
X-coordinate:	0.29248		arc seconds			Nominal air pressure:			974.4 mbar		
Y-coordinate:	0.38644		arc seconds			Barometric admittance factor:			0.3 µgal/mbar		
<b>Gravity</b>											
Set gravity mean:	9 80 960 407.5					microgal					
Set std. dev.:	1.534					microgal					
Mean std. dev.:	13.54					microgal					
Number of sets:	12										
Number of drops per set:	181										
Drop interval:	10 seconds										
Set interval:	60 minutes										
Nominal/datum height:	0.0 cm										
Local Contact: Antoine Kies (352) 46 66 44 328											
Author: O. Francis						Observatoire Royal de Belgique					
Date: August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 1996											



**Table 4.**

<b>STATION: LUXEMBOURG</b>											
City:	Luxembourg					Country:	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg				
Location:	Centre Universitaire					Particularity:					
Situation:	Cave					Remarks:	Site occupied by Jaakko Mäkinen				
Date:	11/12 July 1997						with a Jilag-5 in March 1991				
Code number:											
Latitude:	49.6278 degrees										
Longitude:	6.1153 degrees										
Elevation:	328 m										
Gradient:	-2.782 µgal/cm										
Reference height:	503.0 mm										
Meter:	FG5										
S/N:	202										
<b>Ocean loading correction (µgal, -local phase degree)</b>											
Waves	M <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>f</sub>	M <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>sa</sub>
Ampl.	0.184	0.060	0.021	0.015	0.037	0.007	0.015	0.042	0.0	0.0	0.0
Phase:	299.1	328.1	297.1	190.3	283.2	284.5	329.5	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Polar motion correction</b>						<b>Air pressure correction</b>					
X-coordinate:	0.0610 arc seconds					Nominal air pressure:					974.4 mbar
Y-coordinate:	0.5355 arc seconds					Barometric admittance factor:					0.3 µgal/mbar
<b>Gravity</b>											
Set gravity mean:	9 80 960 410.3					microgal					
Set std. dev.:	1.524					microgal					
Mean std. dev.:	8.48					microgal					
Number of sets:	15										
Number of drops per set:	100										
Drop interval:	10 seconds										
Set interval:	60 minutes										
Nominal/datum height:	0.0 cm										
Local Contact: Antoine Kies (352) 46 66 44 328											
Author: O. Francis						Observatoire Royal de Belgique					
Date: July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1997											

**Table 5.**

<b>STATION: LUXEMBOURG</b>												
City:	Luxembourg					Country:	Grand-Duché de Luxembourg					
Location:	Centre Universitaire					Particularity:						
Situation:	Cave					Remarks:	Site occupied by Jaakko Mäkinen					
Date:	22 December 1998						with a Jilag-5 in March 1991					
Code number:												
Latitude:	49.6278 degrees											
Longitude:	6.1153 degrees											
Elevation:	328 m											
Gradient:	-2.782 µgal/cm											
Reference height:	502.0 mm											
Meter:	FG5											
S/N:	202											
<b>Ocean loading correction (µgal, -local phase degree)</b>												
Waves	M <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	Q <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>f</sub>	M <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>sa</sub>	
Ampl.	0.184	0.060	0.021	0.015	0.037	0.007	0.015	0.042	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Phase:	299.1	328.1	297.1	190.3	283.2	284.5	329.5	126.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Polar motion correction</b>						<b>Air pressure correction</b>						
X-coordinate:	0.1430			arc seconds			Nominal air pressure:			974.4 mbar		
Y-coordinate:	0.3082			arc seconds			Barometric admittance factor:			0.3 µgal/mbar		
<b>Gravity</b>												
Set gravity mean:	9 80 960 410.9					microgal						
Set std. dev.:	0.850					microgal						
Mean std. dev.:	10.16					microgal						
Number of sets:	14											
Number of drops per set:	100											
Drop interval:	10 seconds											
Set interval:	60 minutes											
Nominal/datum height:	0.0 cm											
Local Contact: Antoine Kies (352) 46 66 44 328												
Author: O. Francis						Observatoire Royal de Belgique						
Date: January 5, 1999												

