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Fetal MCG with Atomic Magnetometer Array ZACK DELAND, MICHAEL D. BULATOWICZ, IBRAHIM A. SULAI, COLIN P. WAHL, RONALD T. WAKAI, THAD G. WALKER, University of Wisconsin-Madison — We present results on the development of ^{87}Rb atomic magnetometers for the detection of a fetal magnetocardiogram (fMCG). Operating in the spin-exchange relaxation free (SERF) regime, the magnetometers' sensitivities are reported at the $\sim 1 {\rm fT}/\sqrt{{\rm Hz}}$ level. Environmental common-mode noise, including the field from the maternal heart, can be suppressed by operating the magnetometers in a gradiometric configuration. We report on schemes from implementing such gradiometers along with recent fMCG measurements. This work is supported by the National Institutes of Health.

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