

The scientific and historical approach is valid. The historical measurement series are among the oldest systematic observations of the geomagnetic field which provide relevant information regarding its long-term evolution.

The paper presents a lot of old documents, sketches, not adequately inventoried until now. This should be a considerable benefit in rescuing the history of Potsdam Observatory before these facts may be lost.

A lot of geoscientists involved in running the observatory, especially Adolf Schmidt, were pioneering scientists in geomagnetism and their work is of great importance today.

Bottom of the line, the theme of the manuscript is valuable, relevant and of interest to the geomagnetic community. It is correctly structured and written, without repetition of ideas or lack of elements.

Some of the minor technical corrections I propose are in the captions of the figures:

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