

# Aspects of traceability of dimensional CT measurements

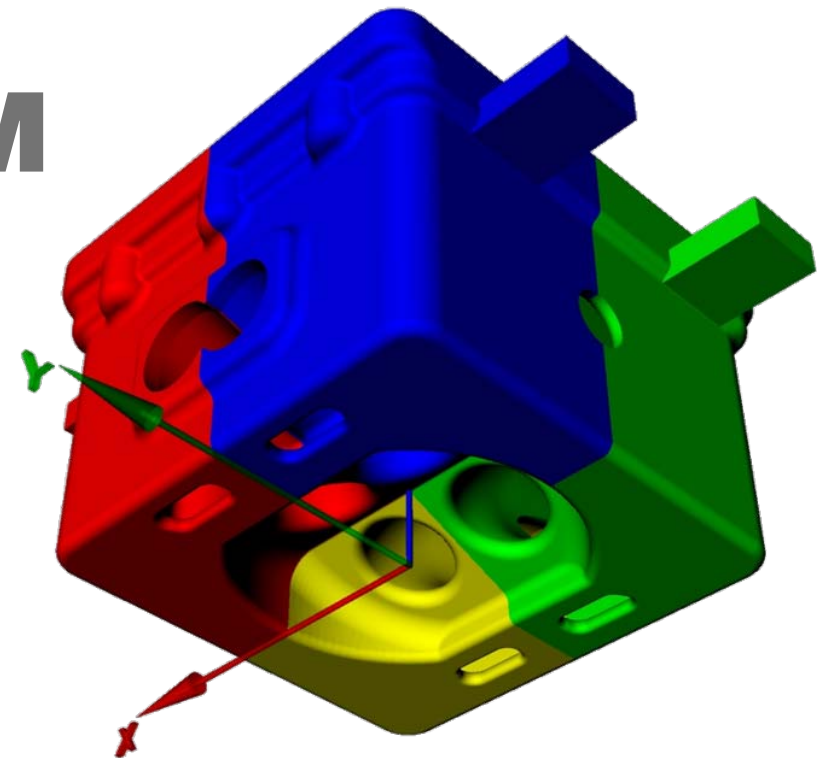
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## 1. Introduction

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Traceability

## 2. Aspects of traceability of dimensional CT

Dismountable reference standard

Tactile measurements of freeforms

Actual-nominal value comparisons

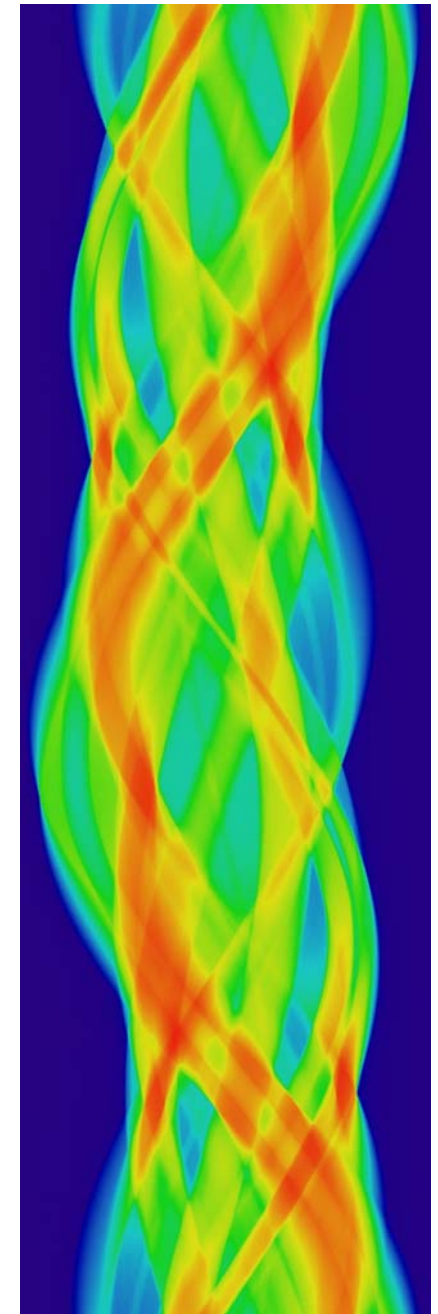
Modeling for enhanced probing

## 3. Short Outlook: reference standards for micro CT

Microtetrahedrons as reference standards

Application of microtetrahedrons

## 4. Conclusions





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**Metrology light source  
MLS in Berlin-Adlershof**



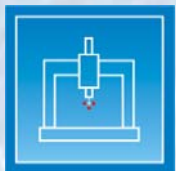
**Berlin-Charlottenburg**

**PTB – German national metrology institute**



**PTB-lab at BESSY II  
in Berlin-Adlershof**

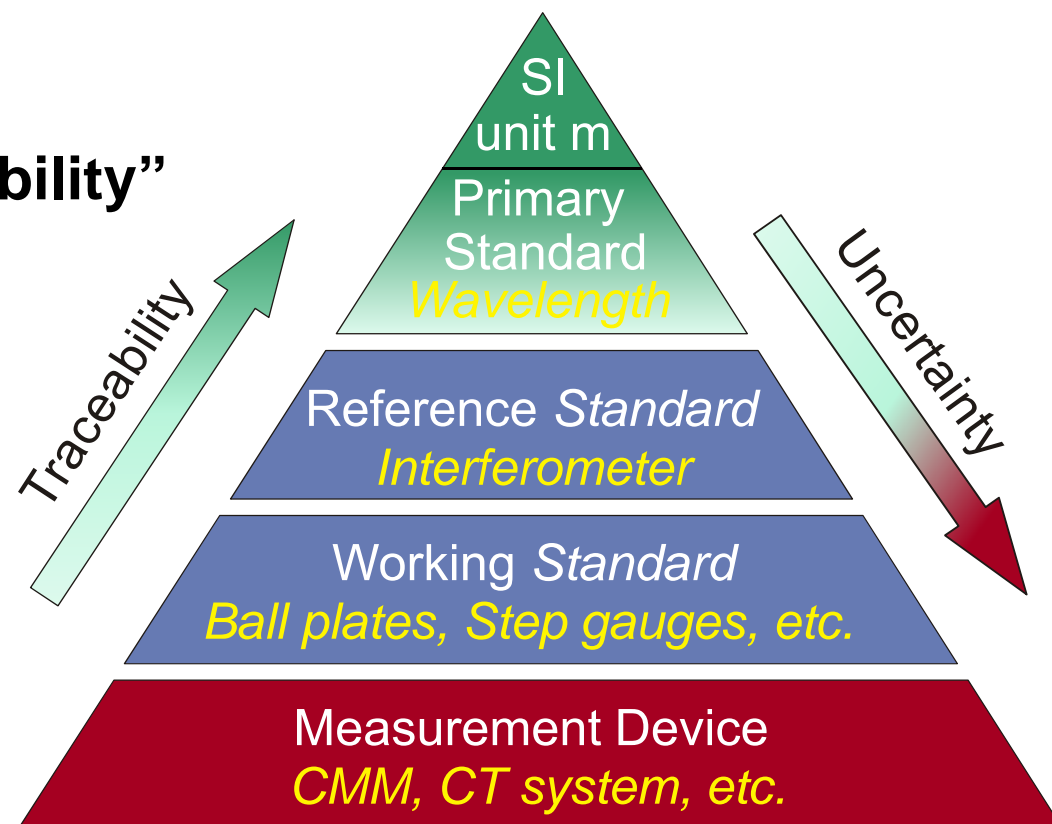




**Metrological traceability often unequal to colloquial use of “traceability”**

**Definition:**

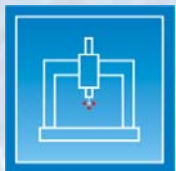
- results traceable to SI-unit “meter”
- continuous calibration chain
- measurement uncertainty renowned



**For complex measurements systems traceability is often not accomplished for all measurements; i.e. the device is not traceable.**

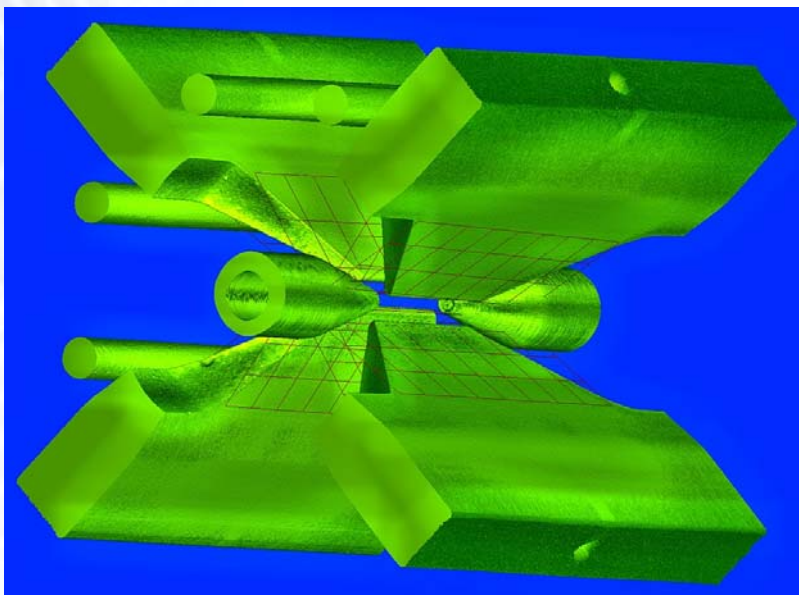
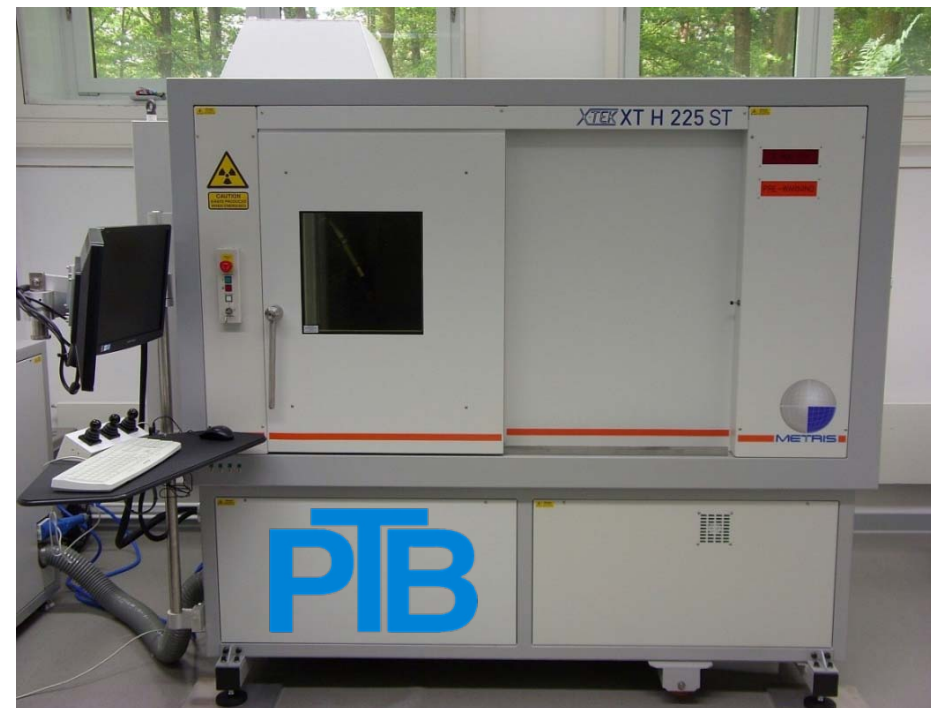
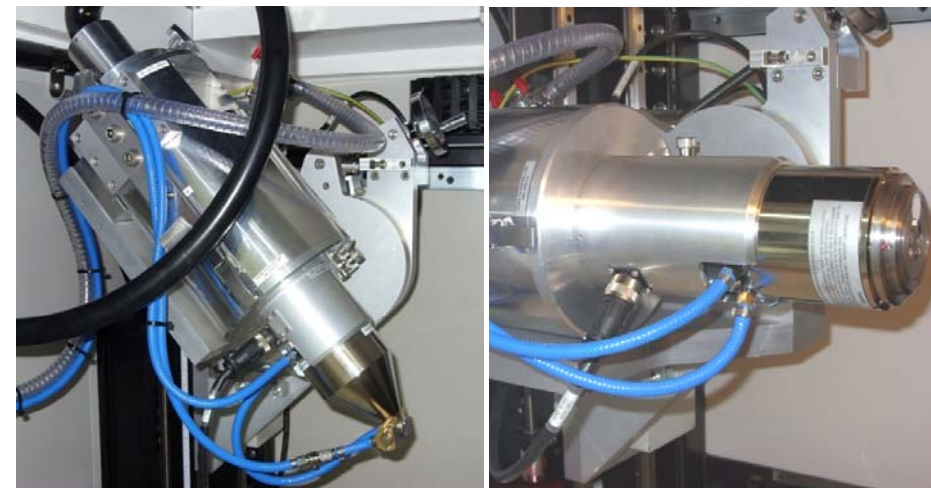
**Traceability is one of the primary tasks of national metrology institutes**



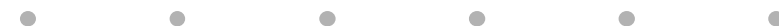


## NIKON Metrology XT H 225 ST CT system

- X-ray tube with two X-ray heads:
  - 225 kV 225 W reflection target
  - 225 kV 20 W transmission target
- 2k x 2k PerkinElmer 1620 (detector size 400 mm)
- Axes with linear scales
- Fast reconstruction (5-10 min)
- 225 kV rotational target 640 W in aquisition

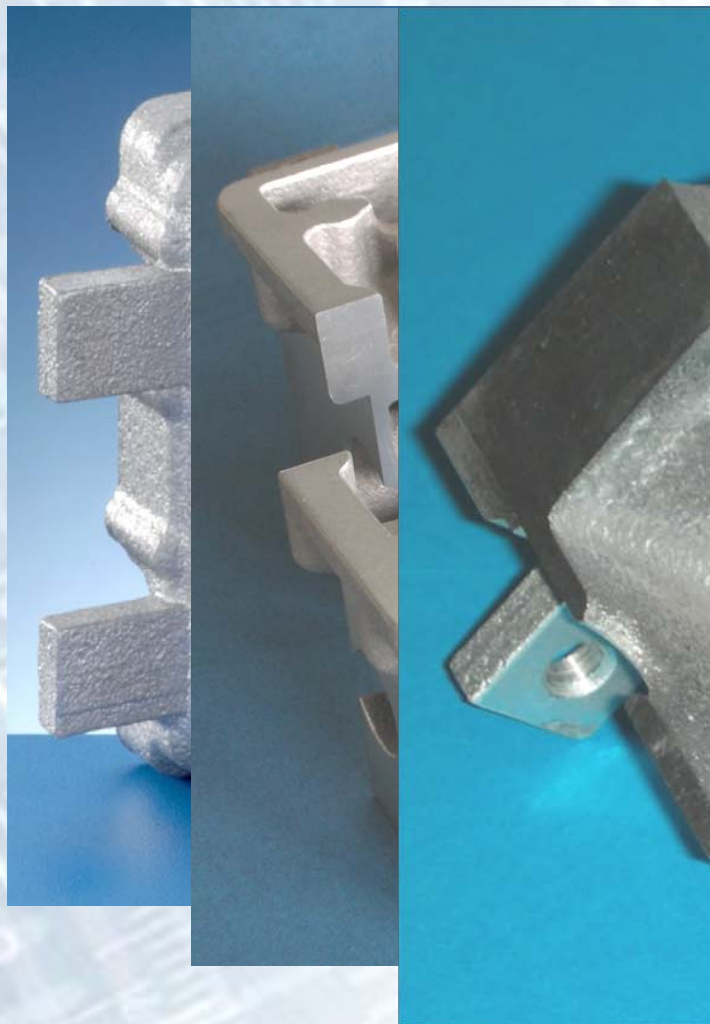


Ion trap  
CT measurement  
(J. Wübbena,  
PTB, QUEST)

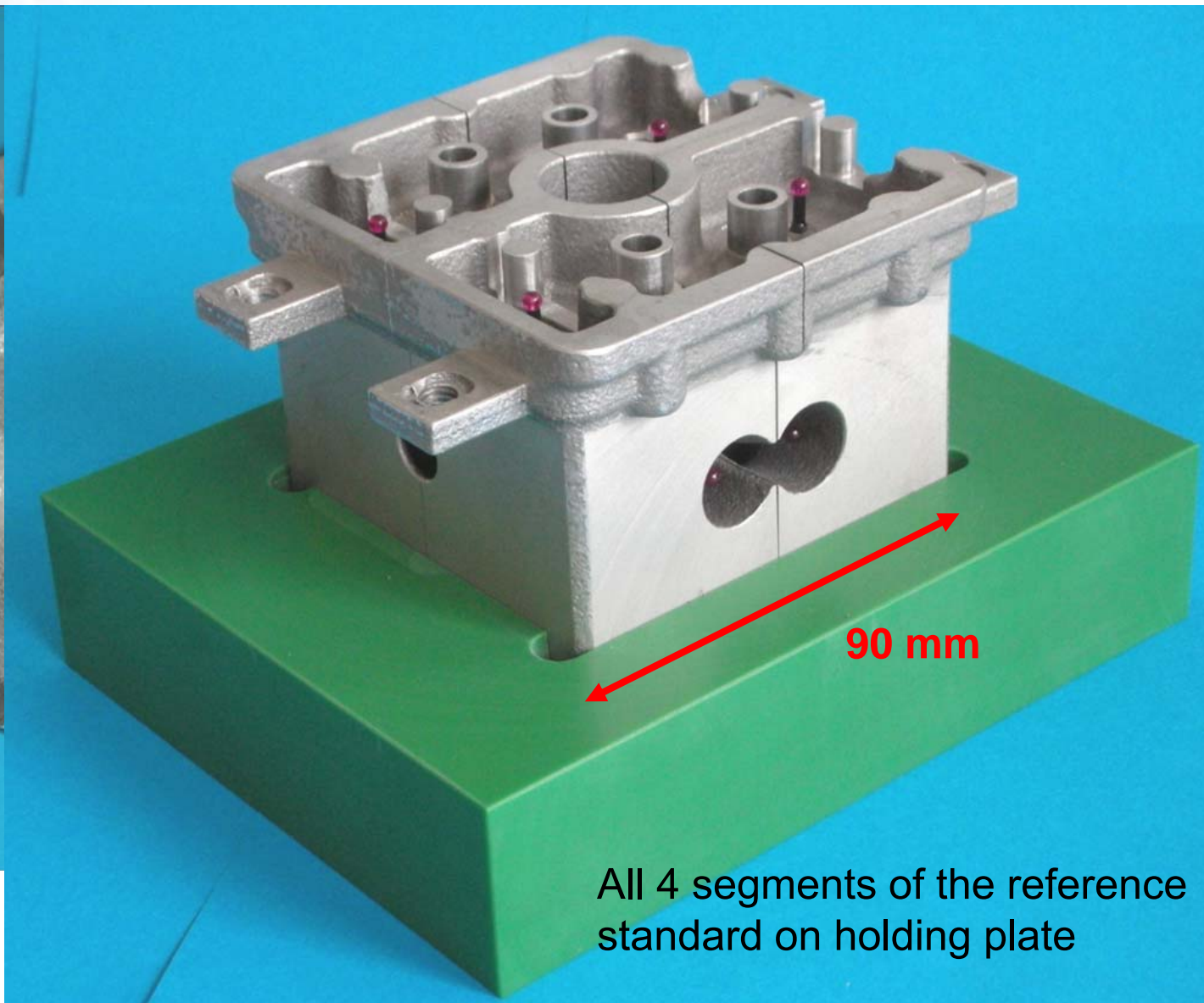




## Design & manufacturing



Cast aluminium part  
ACTech GmbH

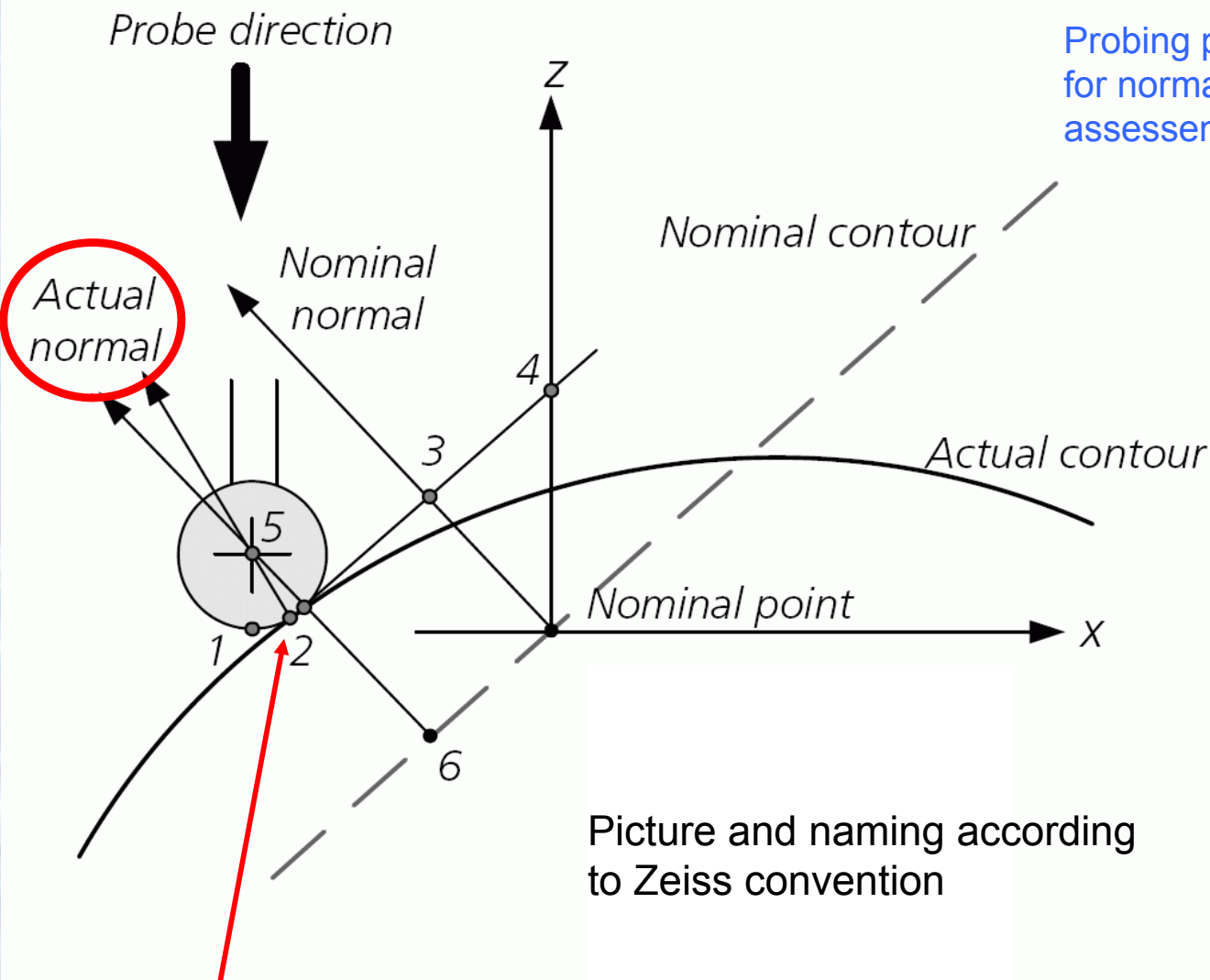


All 4 segments of the reference standard on holding plate



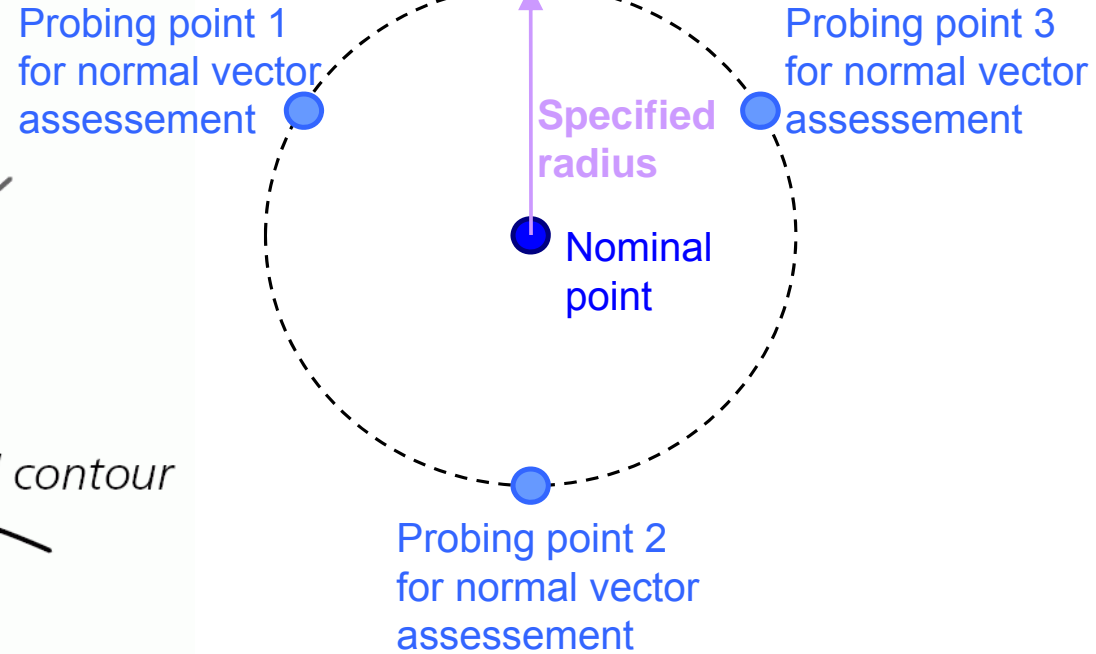


Challenge: Probing direction, probe radius correction, point determination

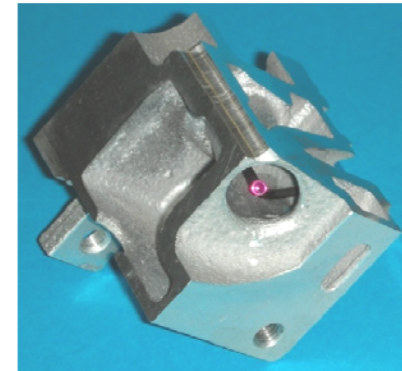


Picture and naming according to Zeiss convention

Point 2 ("Plane-point") is the most probable contact point for the tactile probing of the surface



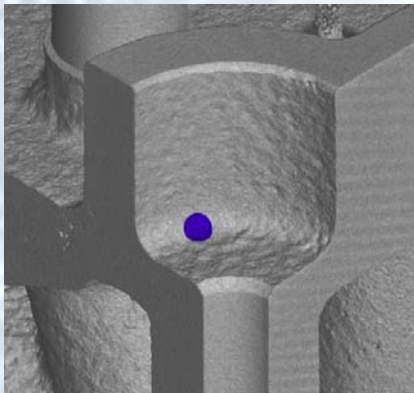
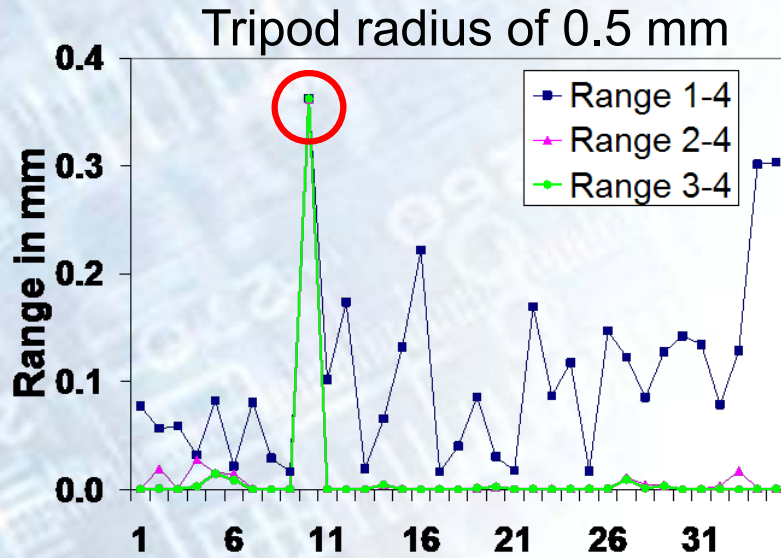
Enhanced probing scheme using Zeiss feature: "Raumpunktmessung"





## Results of iterative probing scheme

### Effect in probing direction



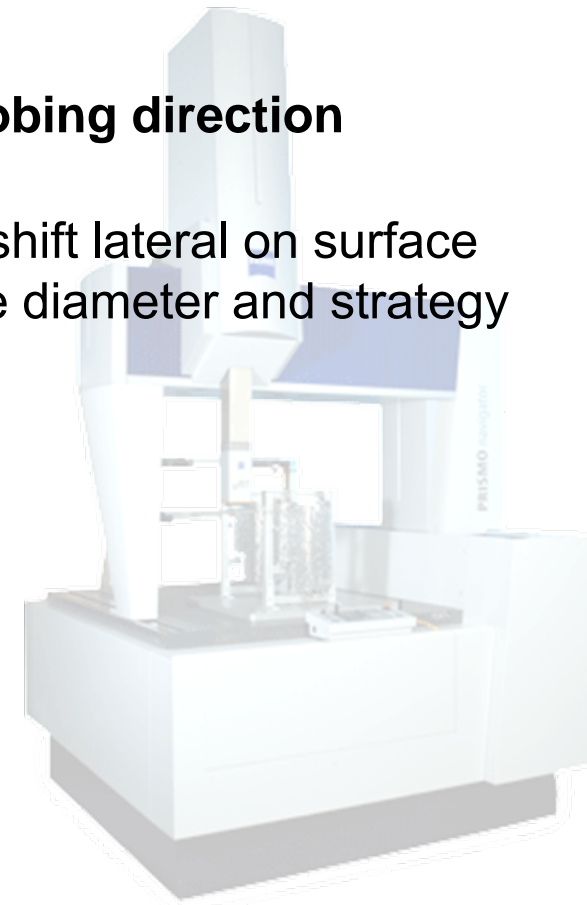
**one point suspicious (unstable)**

### Effect perpendicular to probing direction

Iteratively measured points shift lateral on surface → effect of topology, sphere diameter and strategy

For tripod radius 0.5 mm average lateral shift: 25 μm

**Unstable point shows: 150 μm lateral shift**



### Consequences

- Iterative probing success can be controlled
- Further analysis with a variable tripod necessary
- “Plane” approach may fail at certain critical points



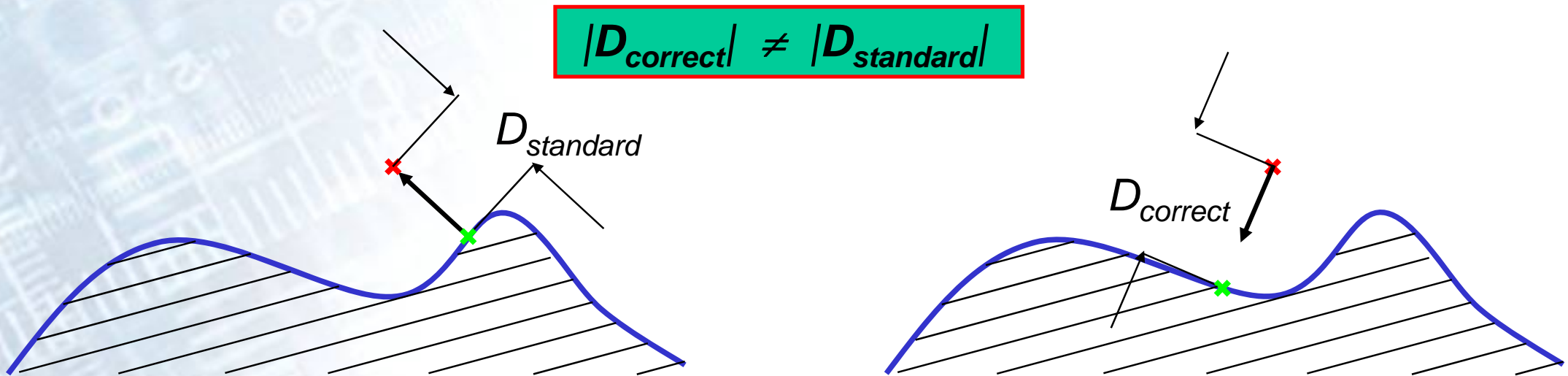




## Proper actual-nominal value comparisons

Standard (false) scheme:  
Tactile CMM measurement point  
set as actual and surface set as  
reference (nominal value)

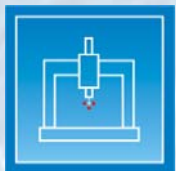
Correct scheme:  
Tactile CMM measurement point and  
assessed surface vector set as reference  
(nominal value) and surface set as actual



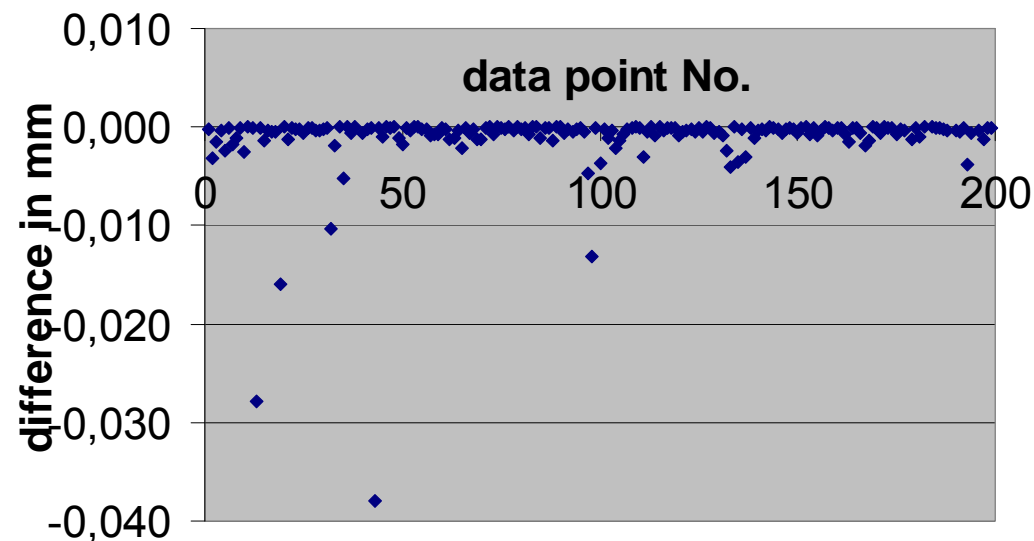
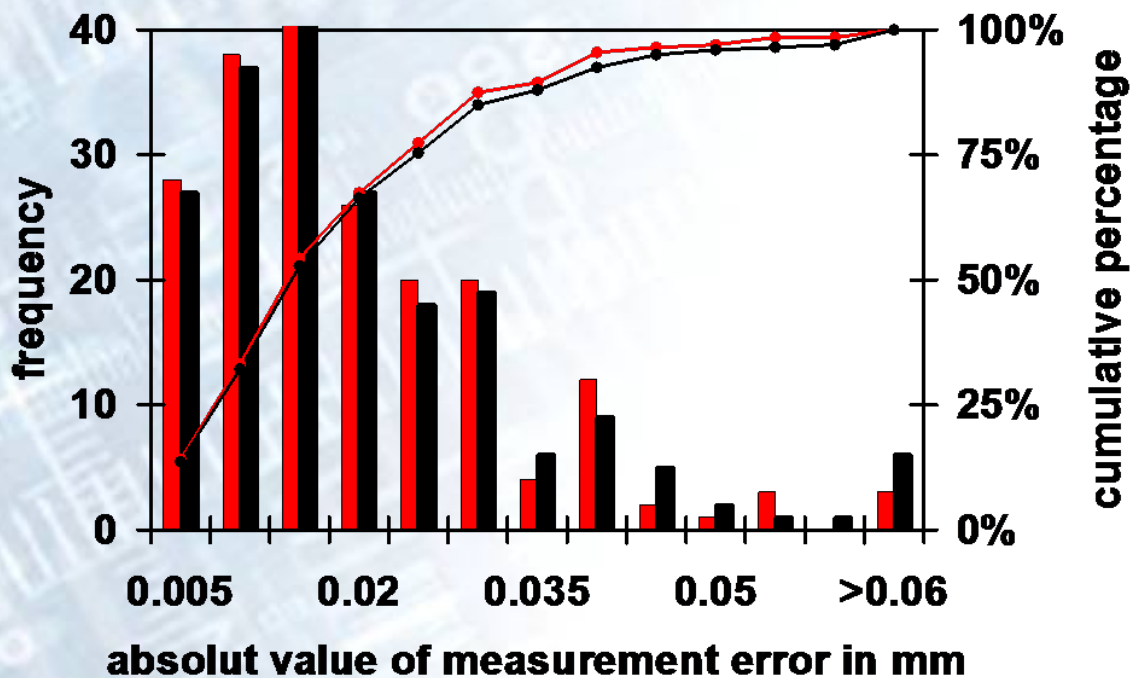
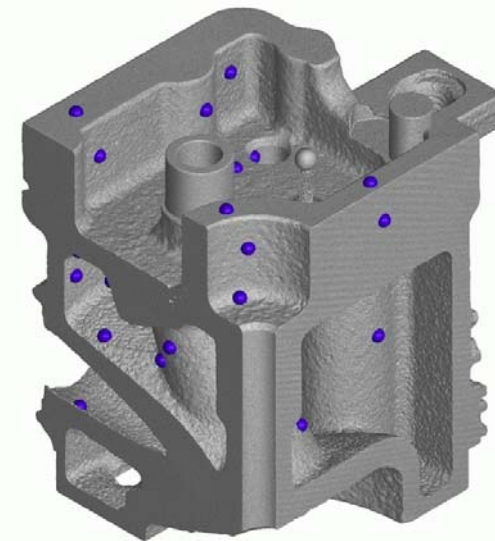
### Solution for applying the correct scheme:

Use appropriate CMM measurement & actual-nominal comparison (inspection) software:  
Here, ATOS 6.2 (GOM Corp., Germany) is used (data analysis Dr. Thesing, GOM)  
or use successor software GOM Inspect





**Measurement result:**  
6 CT measurements, 205 kV – 210 kV,  
(48 μm)<sup>3</sup> – (105 μm)<sup>3</sup> voxel size, analyzed  
at 29-35 points, iterative tactile probing



**red:** CT (reference) - tactile (actual)  
**black:** tactile with normal vector (reference) - CT (actual)

Difference between false and correct comparison scheme (difference between deviations „red minus black“)



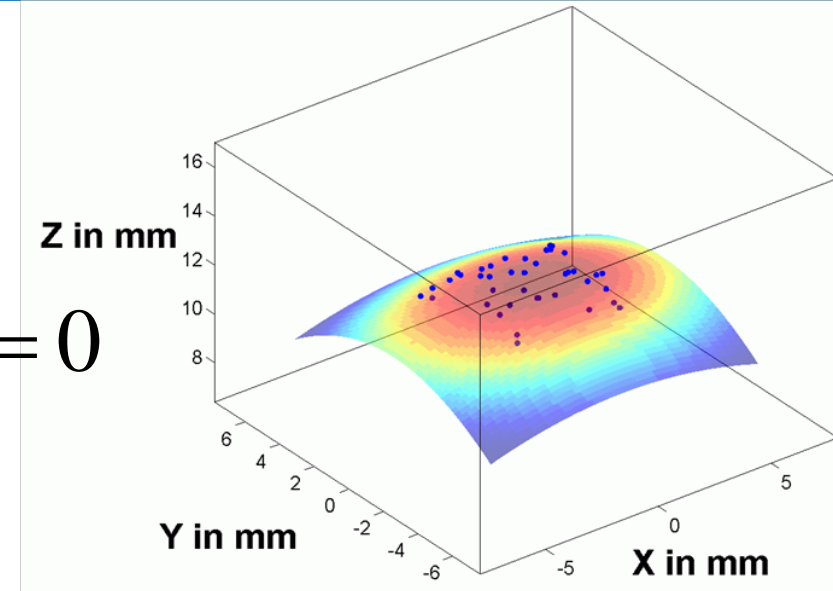
## Local modeling of surface patch by quadric

$$G(\vec{r}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{b}, c) = \vec{r}^T \cdot \mathbf{C} \cdot \vec{r} + 2 \cdot \mathbf{b}^T \cdot \vec{r} + c = 0$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $a_{mn} = a_{nm}$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{14} \\ a_{24} \\ a_{34} \end{bmatrix}, \quad c = a_{44} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$



**Observations and fitted quadric:**

$\vec{r}_i$  form the observations  $\mathbf{L}$

for data points  $i=1, \dots, n$

$\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $c$  form the unknown parameters  $\mathbf{X}$  of the model



## Mathematical formulation – fitting of quadric to surface point data

$$G_i(\vec{r}_i, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{b}, c) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$F(\hat{\mathbf{L}}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} + F(\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{X}^0) = 0 \quad \text{Linearization (Gauß-Helmert)}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}^0 \quad \text{the reduced parameter vector}$$

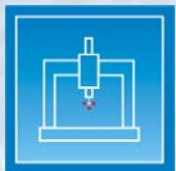
$$\mathbf{v} = (\hat{\mathbf{L}} - \mathbf{L}) \quad \text{the vector of residuals}$$

$$F(\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{X}^0) \quad \text{the inconsistency values}$$

$$\sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^2 \rightarrow \min$$

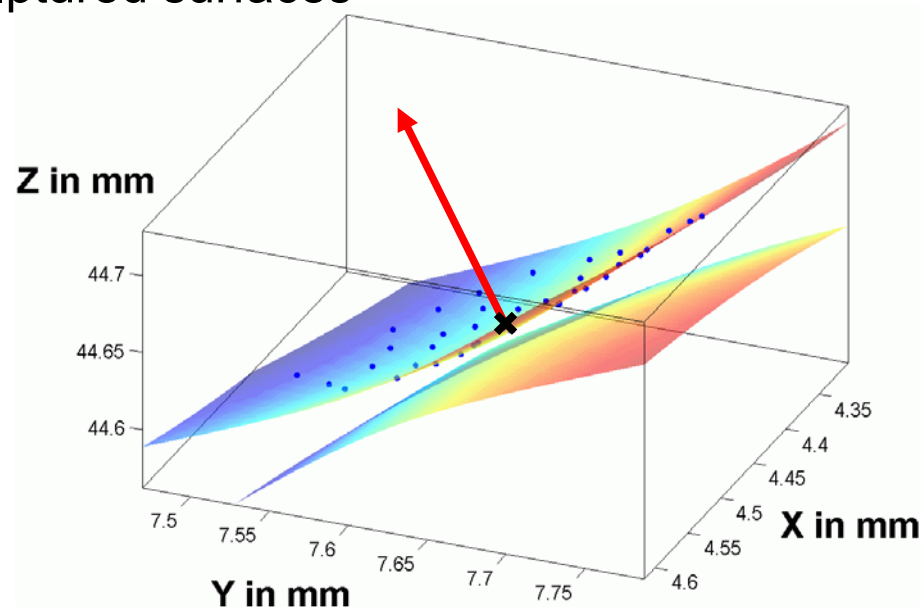
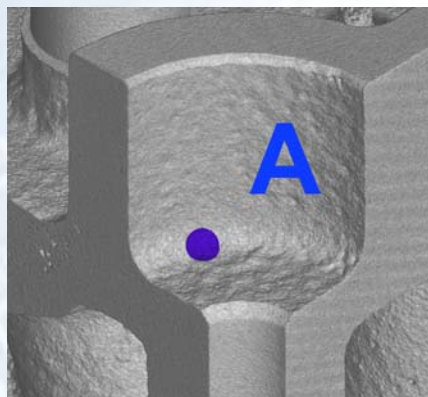
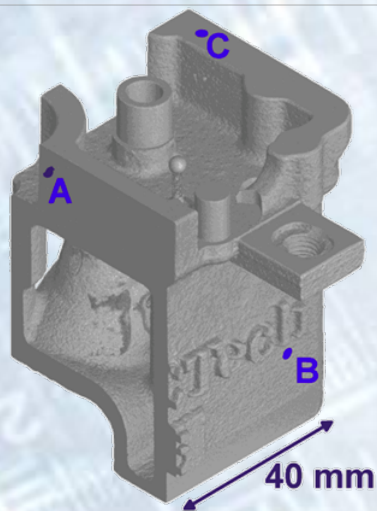
$$\Omega = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} - 2 \cdot \mathbf{k}^T \cdot F(\hat{\mathbf{L}}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}) \quad \text{with korrelates } \mathbf{k}$$

Implementation in MATLAB R2009a (using standard modules only)

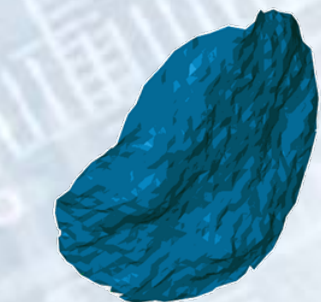


## Mathematical formulation – results from real point data (CT data)

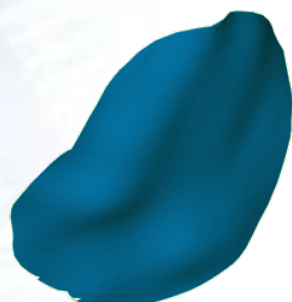
Data points from real CT data of cast part with sculptured surfaces



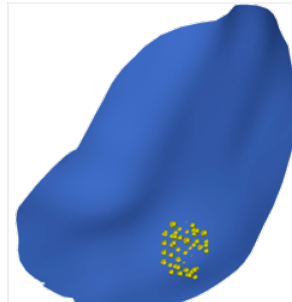
Time of fit (38 points): 0.2 s



Raw CT data



filtered CT data  
(Geomagic Studio)



filtered CT data  
with selected points

**Final result:**  
coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  and  
surface normal  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ ,  $n_z$   
of assessed surface point



## Update of ISO 15530-3 treatment of systematic errors (ISO TC 213 WG10)

Procedure of ISO 15530-3:2004 for uncorrected systematic errors was not consistent with GUM

$$Y = y - b \pm U$$

According to GUM systematic error  $b$  has to be corrected and to be stated in the result  $Y$

$$U = k \sqrt{u_{cal}^2 + u_p^2 + u_w^2 + \underline{u_b}^2}$$

rewritten formula  
conformant to GUM

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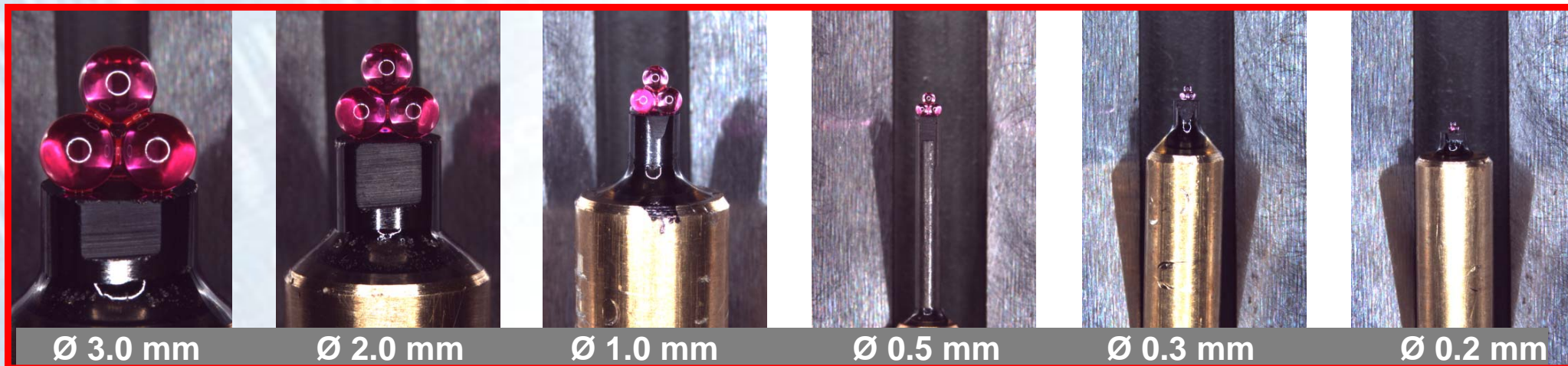
Additional treatment of uncorrected systematic errors  $b$  in upcoming VDI/VDE 2630-2.1 draft

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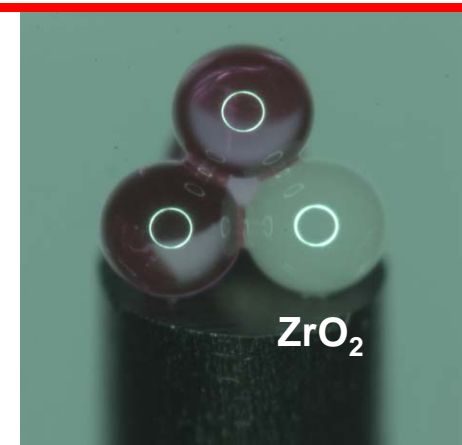
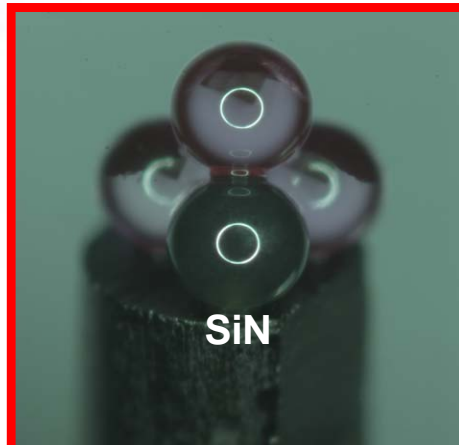
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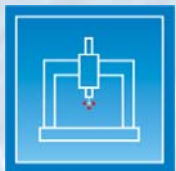
### Task specific microtetradheron standards (made by PTB)



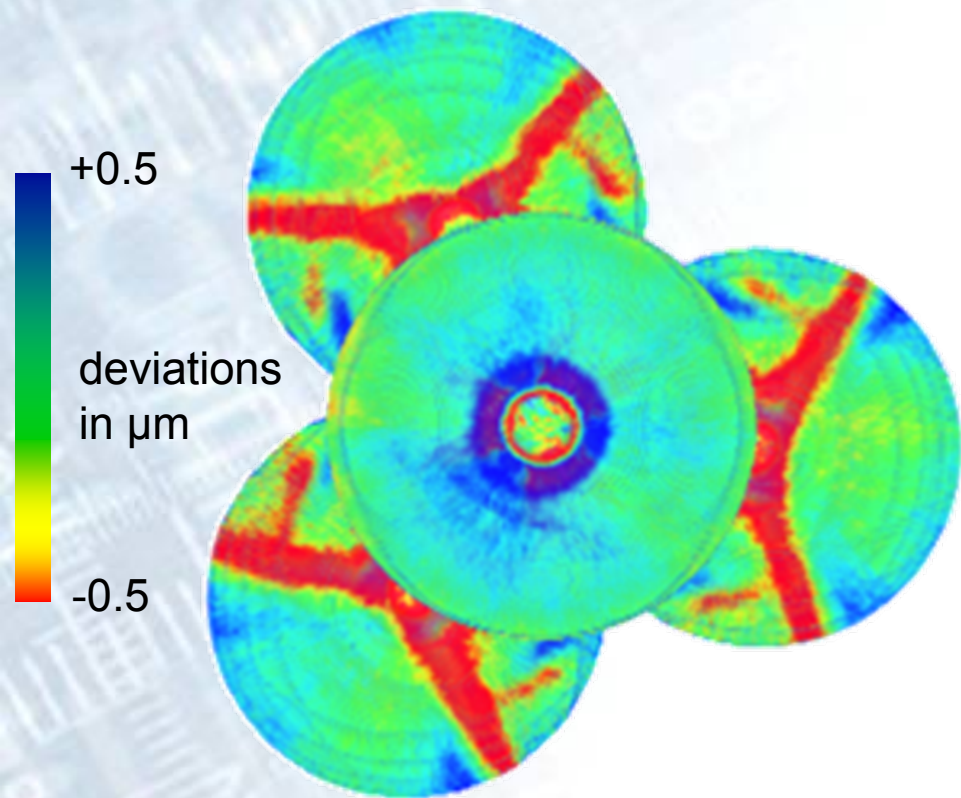
Microtetrahedrons with stepped size with 4 ruby sphere, respectively



Microtetrahedrons with 3 ruby spheres and one sphere of different material (all Ø 0.5 mm)

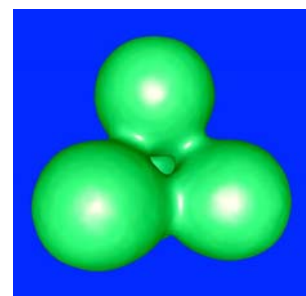


## Applications of microtetrahedrons (here 4 ruby spheres $\varnothing$ 0.5 mm) Analysis of systematic errors and effects

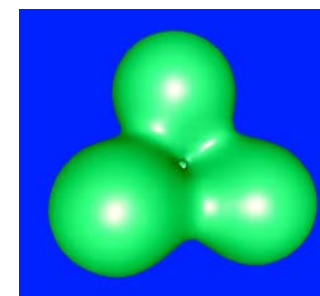


$\mu$ CT 40 kV  
BAM (225 kV CT system)

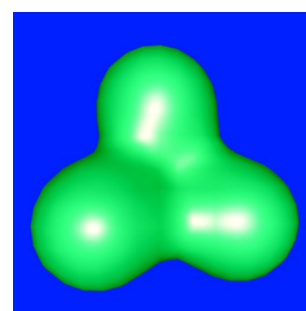
ISO study structural resolution for TC 213 WG 10  
(38 kV, industrial CT system)



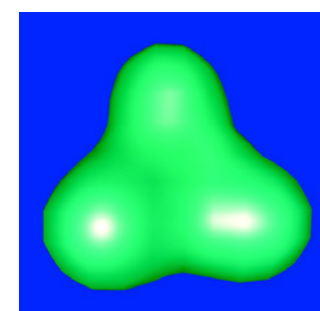
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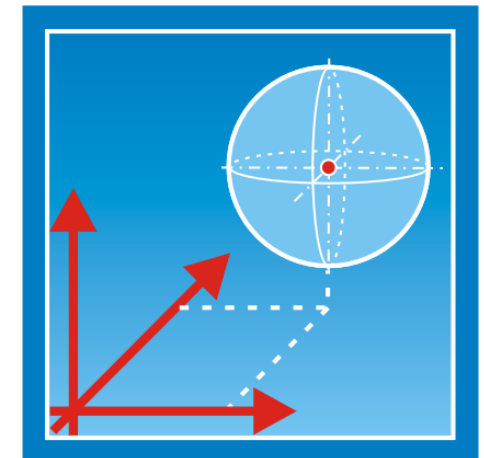
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Criteria for structural resolution limits are to be defined





- **Traceability** is the core objective for any measurement technique
- **Certain aspects** and challenges have been addressed **for CT systems**:
  - use of dismountable reference standard
  - correct calibration & analysis of freeforms and assessed datasets
  - enhanced probing scheme for freeform surfaces
  - treatment of systematic errors according to ISO 15530 & VDI 2630-2.1
- **Micro CT** requires dedicated reference standards, e.g. tetrahedrons.  
Applications of standards up to now can be the analysis of systematic effect, system approval and structural resolution analysis





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