

# Some in-process measurement challenges for ultra precision production

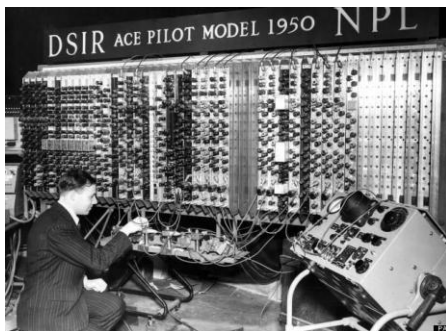
Professor Paul Shore, FREng



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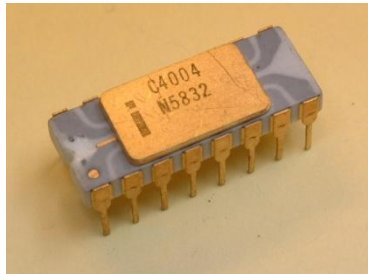
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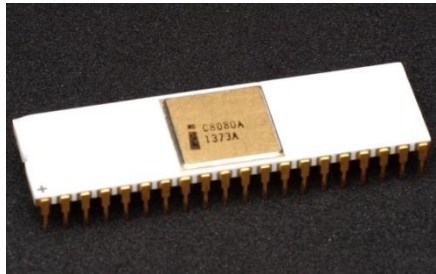
# Some things have got "smarter"!



# One critical thing has got smaller!



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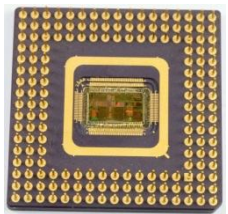
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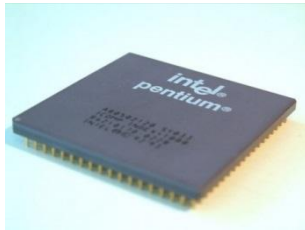
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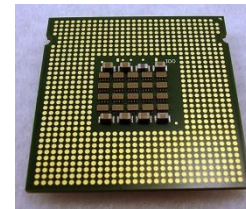
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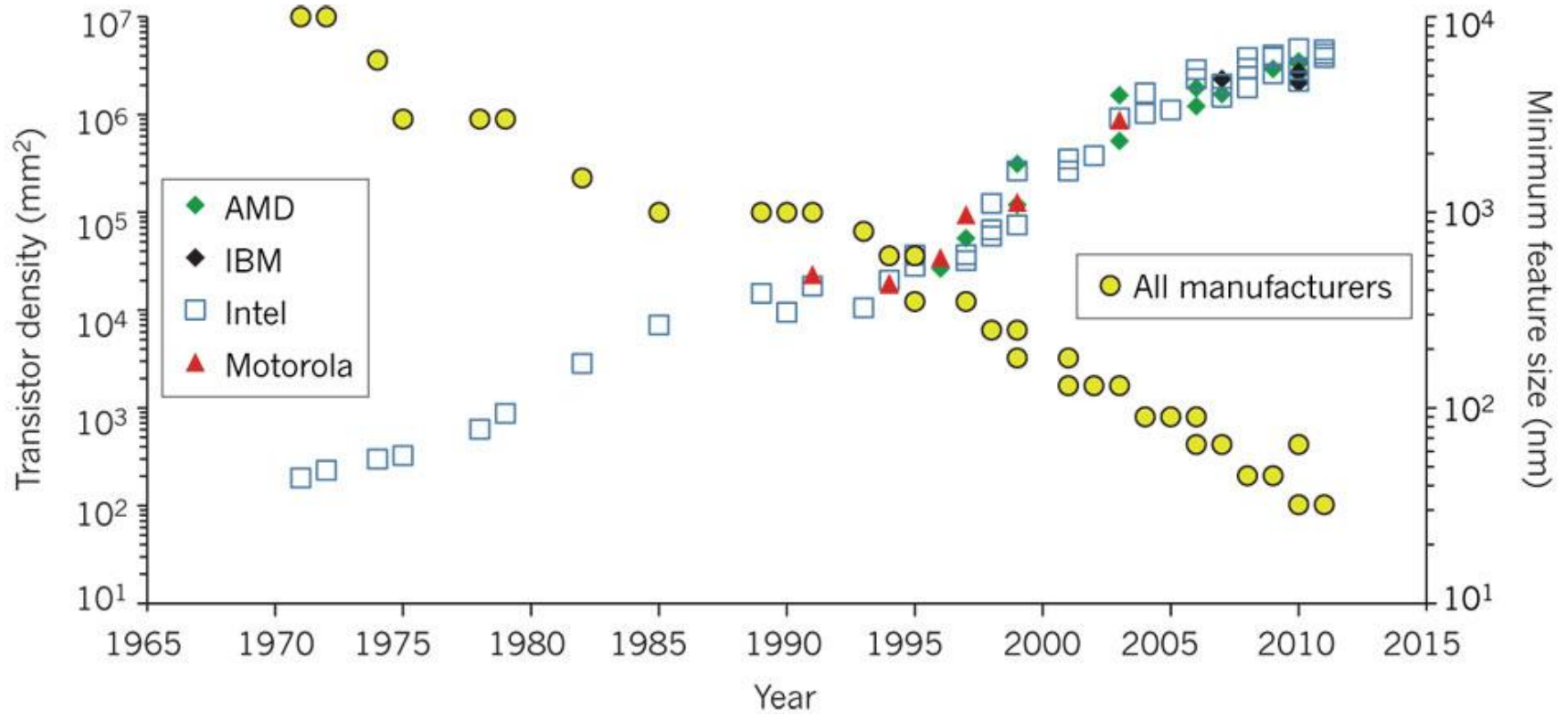
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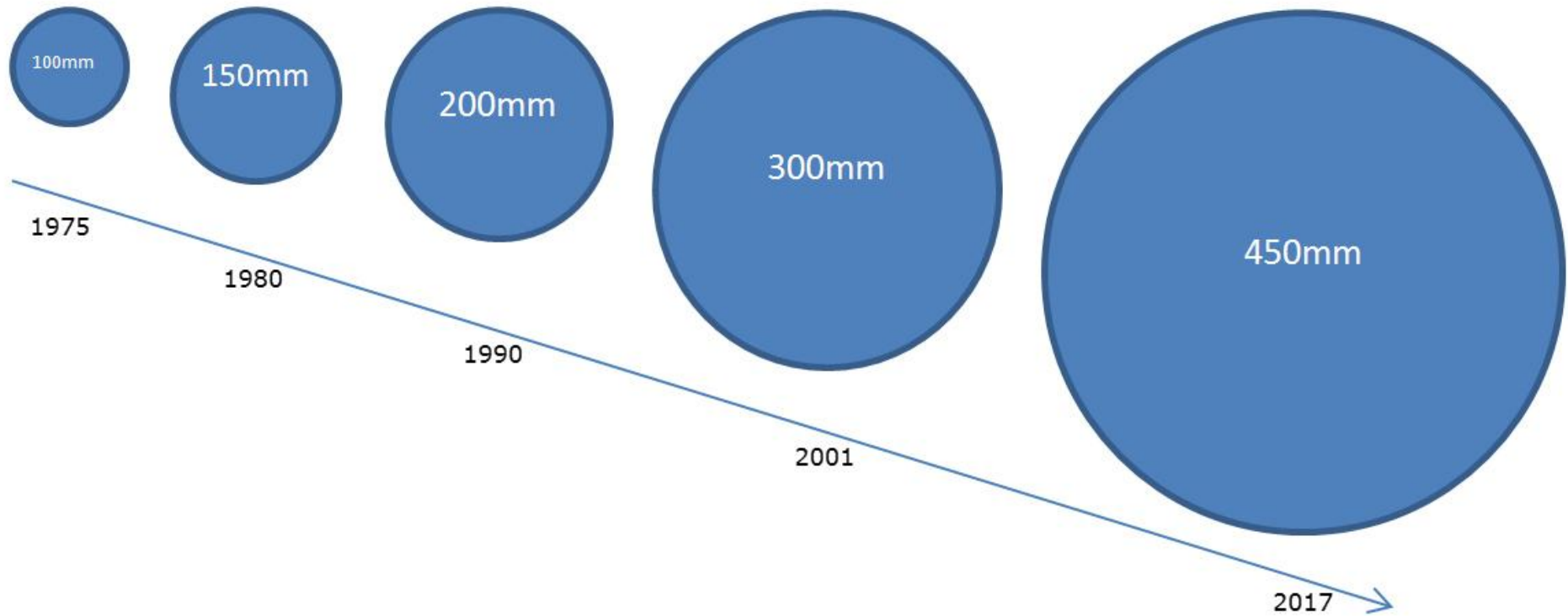
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# Minimum feature size/areal density

## Development of transistors

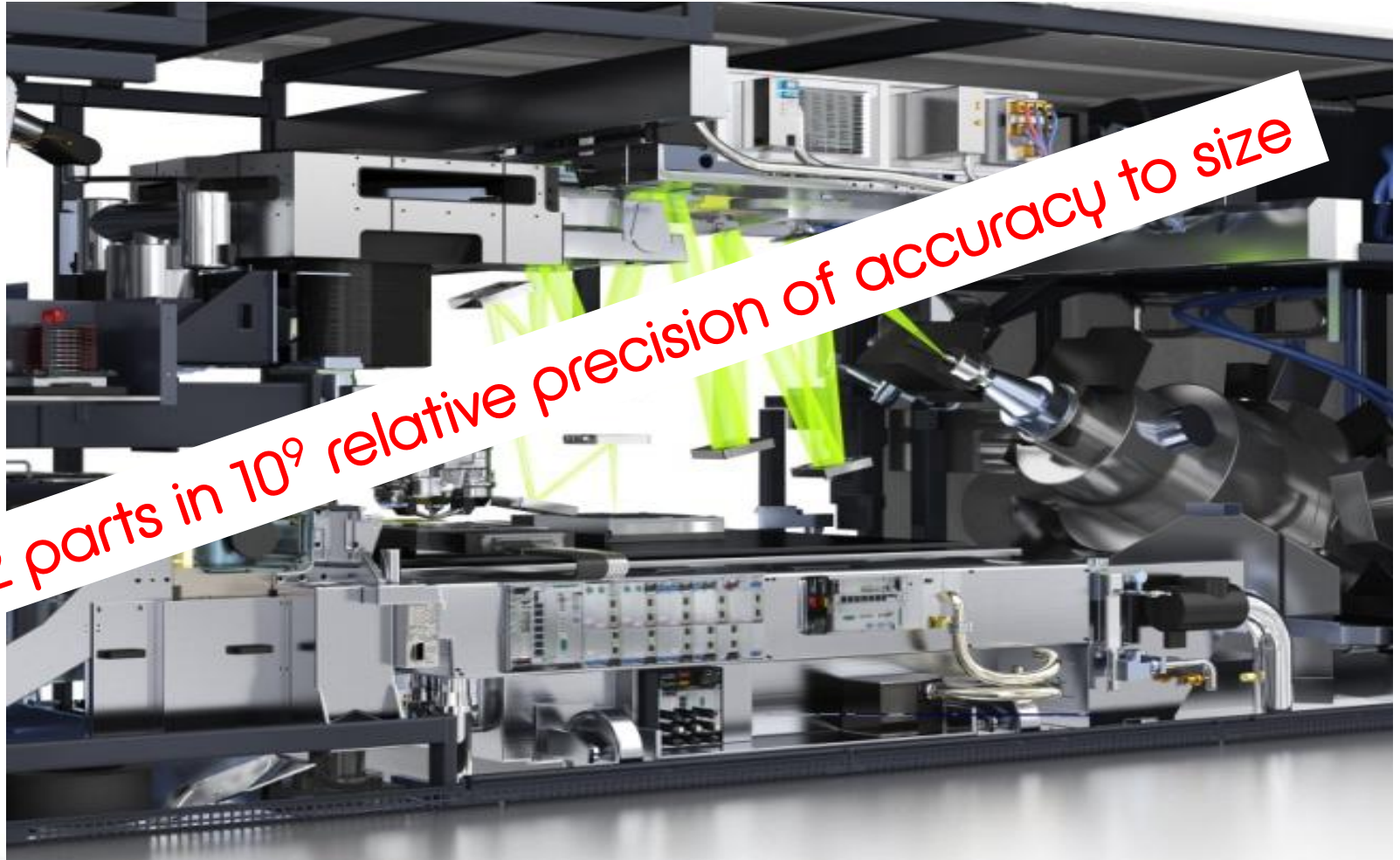


# Silicon wafers getting bigger



# Adherence to Moore's law

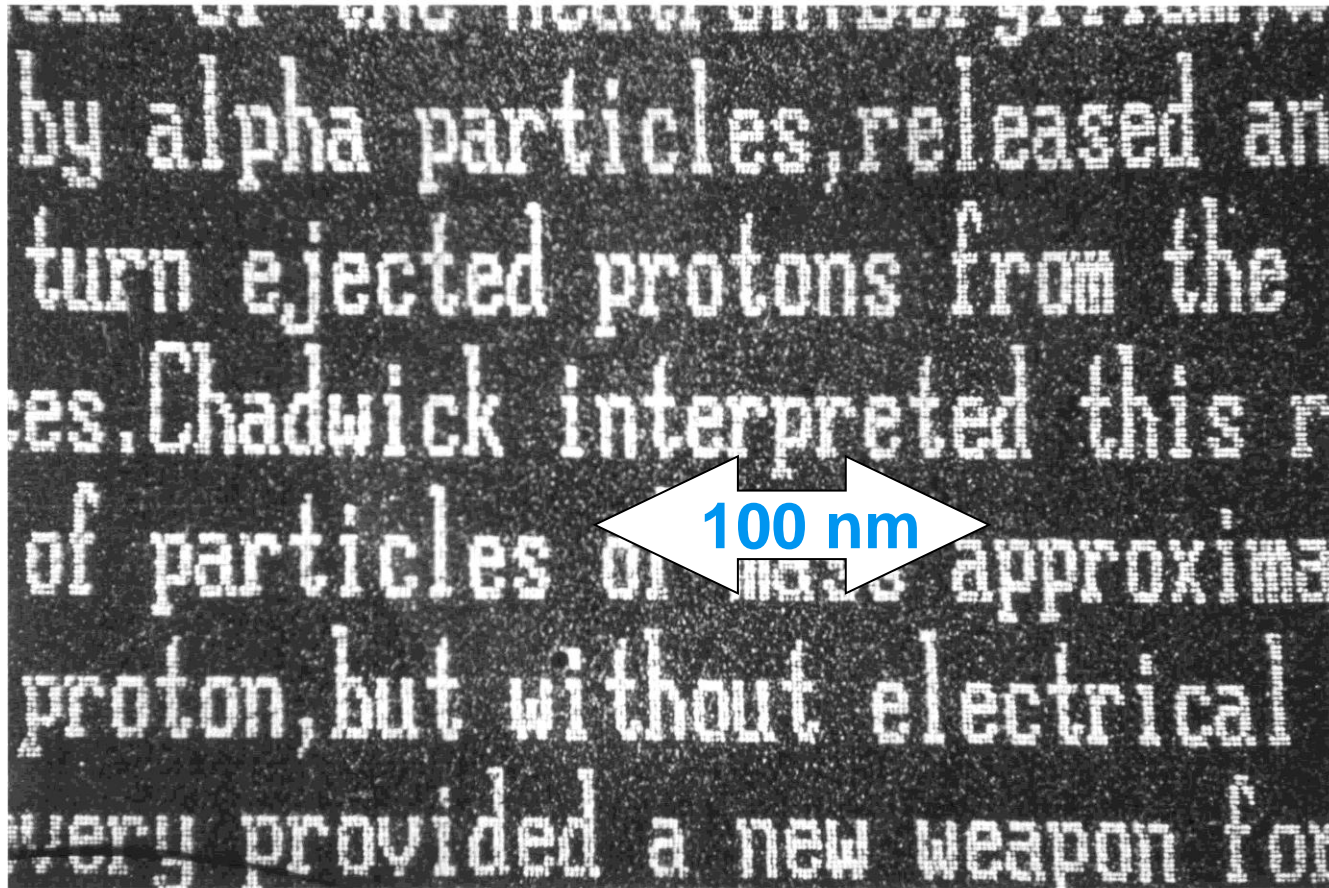
2 parts in  $10^9$  relative precision of accuracy to size





# Electron beam writing

Encyclopaedia Britannica on the head of a pin



Each letter is made of holes approximately 4nm diameter

C. Humphreys, 1992, University of Cambridge

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## Energy = enabling our future

- Wind turbine market will increase and mature
- Solar energy generation will increase and mature

(government drive/environmental pressure)

- People in rapidly growing countries need more energy, and soon



## Environment = enabling our future

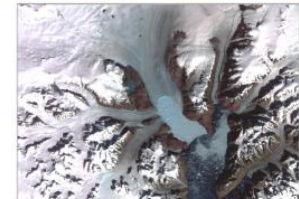
- Flooding seems to be a growing problem
- Drought continues to plague many despite huge technical advancements
- Fires rage in locations near wealthy human dwellings
- Consumption of earth's natural resources is not slowing
- Lots of bright / credible scientists say the earth is warming up

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Mission results



Land Cover & Vegetation



Global Science



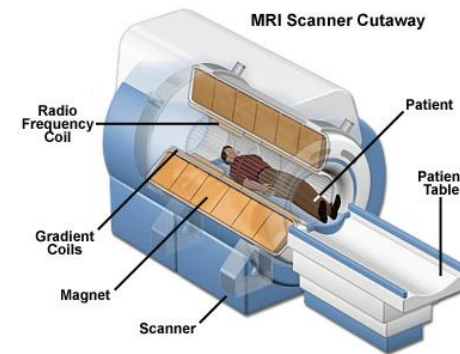
Floods



Fire

# Medical /aging population = enabling our future

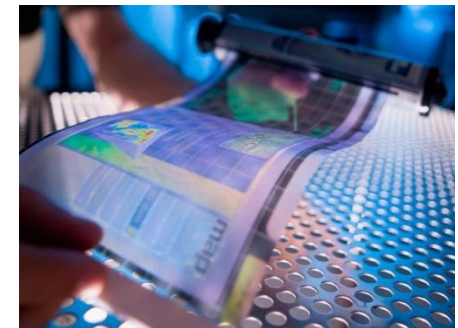
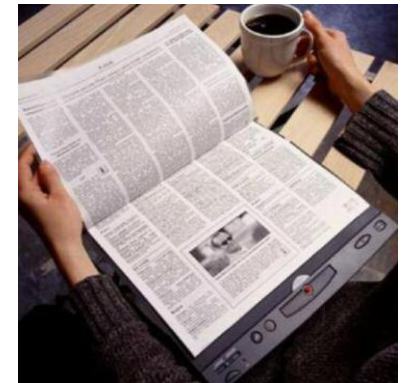
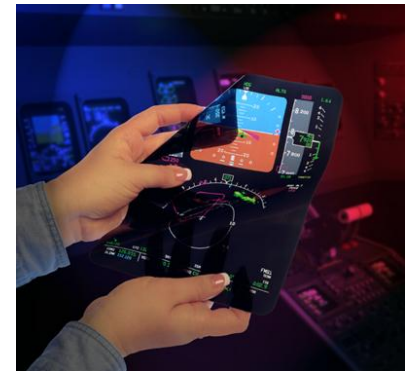
- People live longer
- People want to be active longer & will spend money on doing so
- People are more conscious of their appearance
- Younger people are familiar (trust) computer based technologies
- Lots of bright / credible scientists say the protective layers of the earth are waning



## Consumer devices = enabling our future

- Display based products will increase & they will become 2.5D / 3D capable
- Plastic WiFi enabled “newspapers” will emerge
- Hand held communications devices present major opportunities

Computing speeds will need to continue to increase

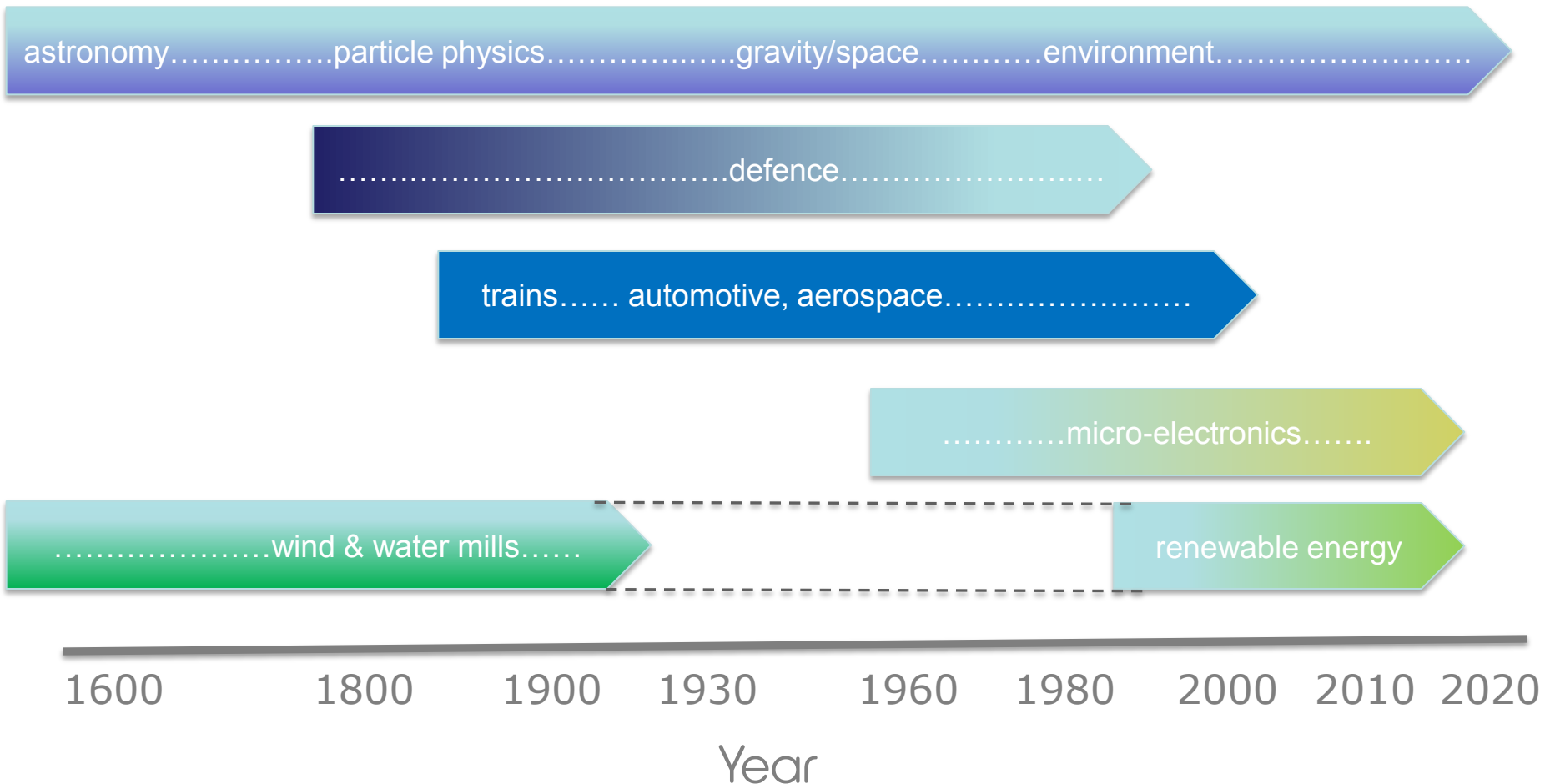


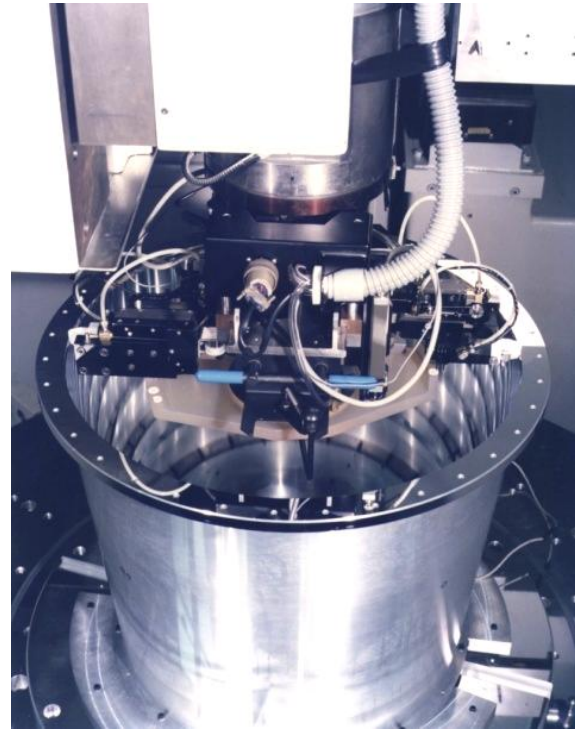
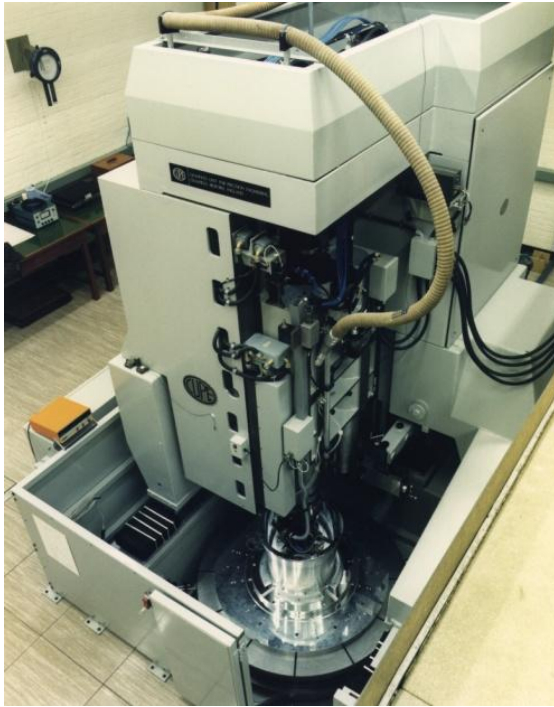
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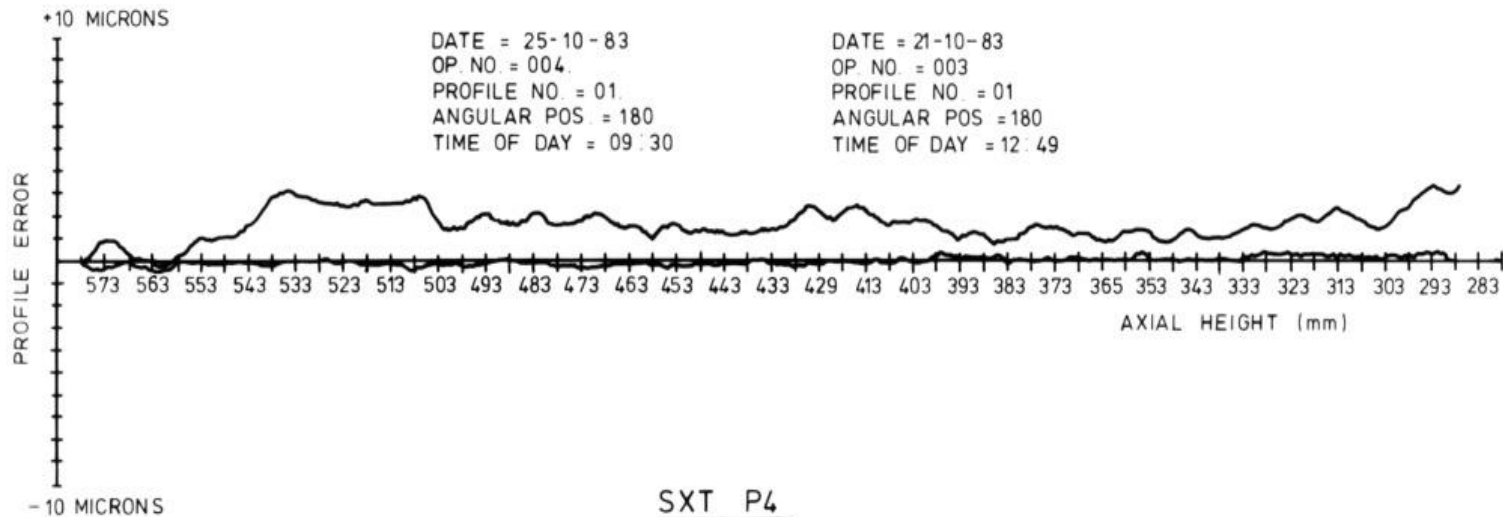
# Drivers of manufacturing accuracy capability



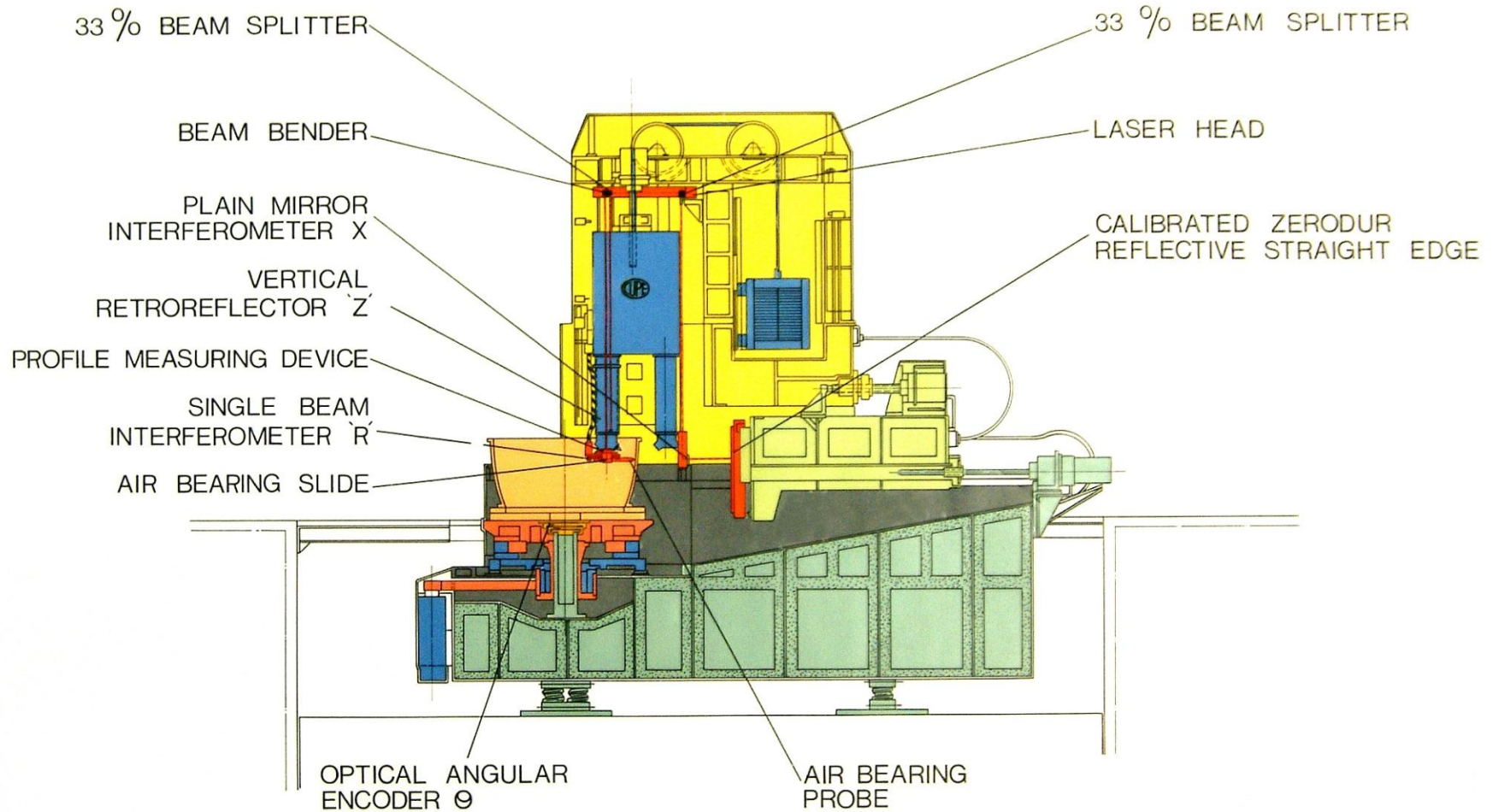


## Rosat Space Telescope Mirrors

## Large Diamond Turning Machine (1982)

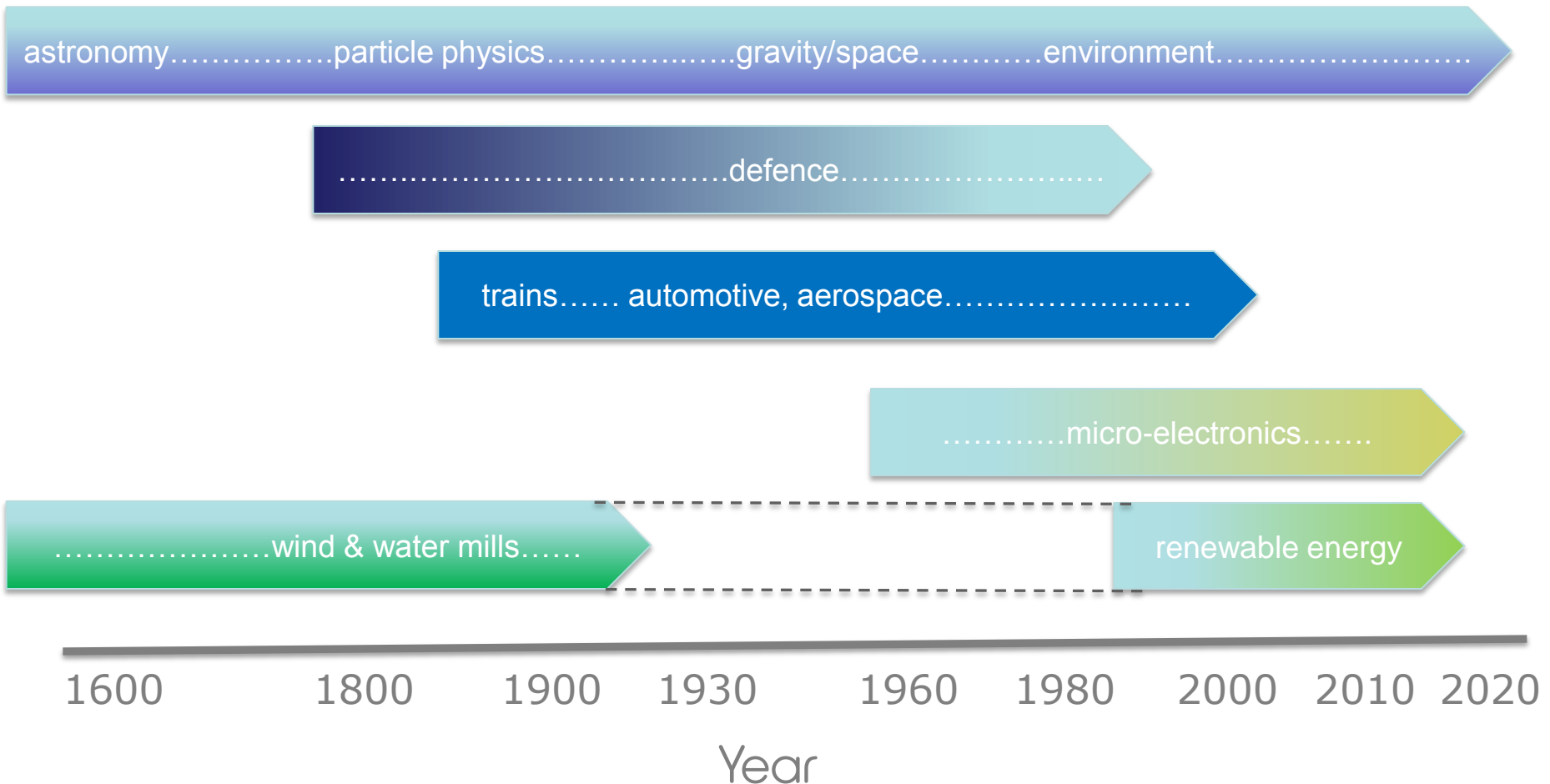


# Large Diamond Turning Machine for producing X ray Astronomy Mirrors (1982)

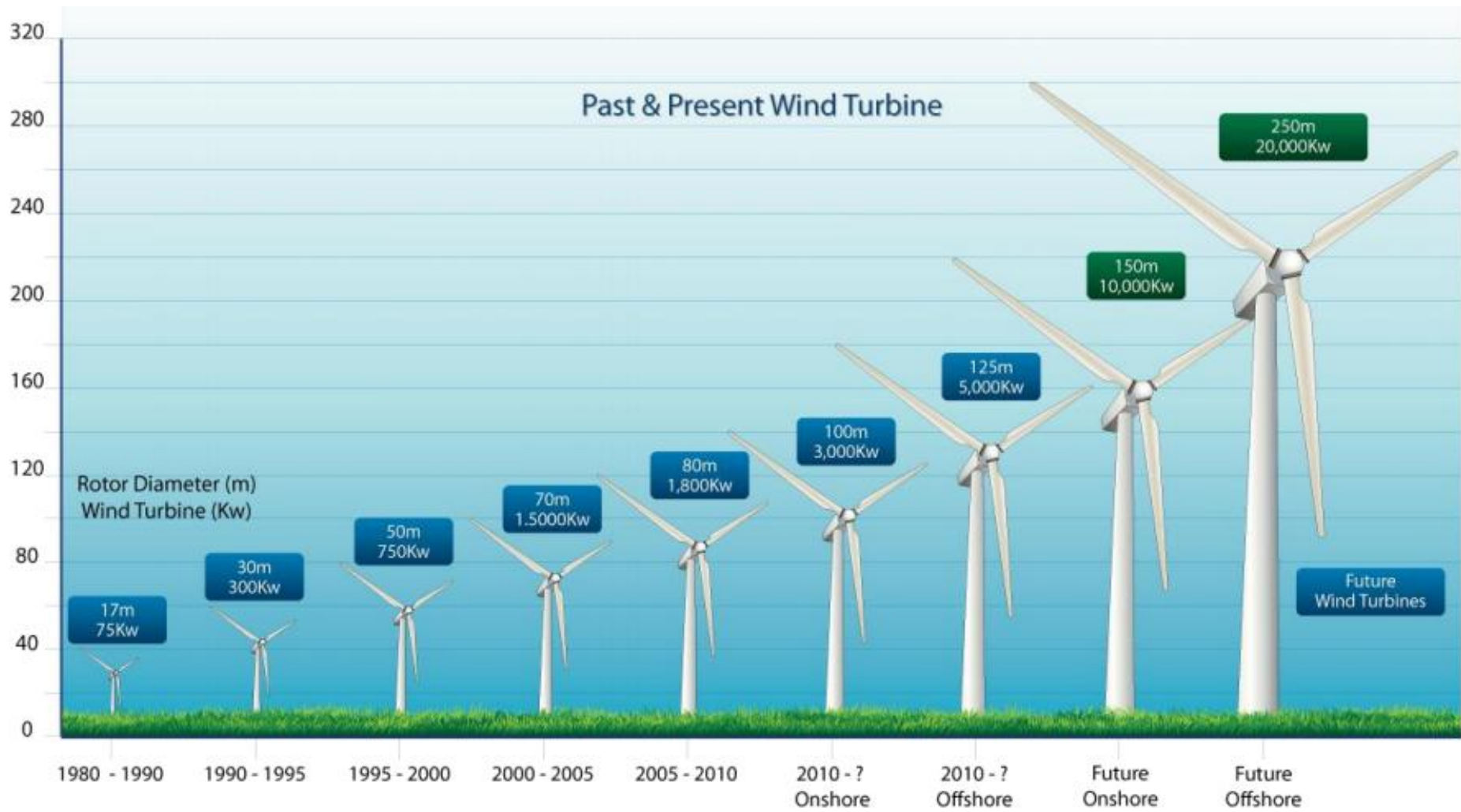


CUPE / SERC DTM

# Drivers of manufacturing accuracy capability



# Growth in size of commercial wind turbines (height in metres)



IPCC (2011), "Special report on renewable energy"

# Wind turbine bearing fabrication



LIDKÖPING

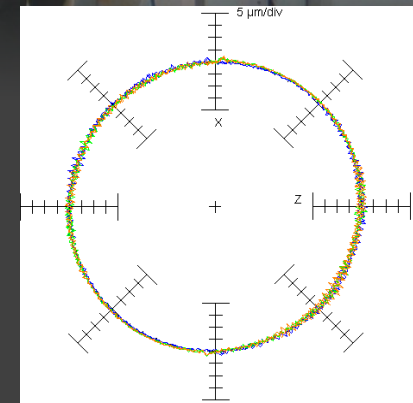
LIDKÖPING

# KMT Lidköping Vertical Hard turning/Grinding machine

- Grinding and hard turning in same setup.
- Machine designed for bearing rings.
- Dedicated Man-Machine-Interface.
- Linear motors – ultra precision.
- Hydrostatic slides and workhead.
- In machine probe metrology

**Machine weight** 145 000 kg  
**Working range, OD** 1 300 – 4 000 mm  
**Max workpiece weight** 10 000 kg

X-Z slide  
circular  
accuracy  
diagram



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# CE Johansson



**Carl Edvard Johansson 1864–1943**  
inventor and metrologist



# Combination gauge block set



CE Johansson worked for the Swedish Carl Gustaf arms factory.

Johansson was concerned that components of their rifles were not “interchangeable”.

His combination gauge block set, which he patented, enabled effective calibration of inspection gauges and testers.



# Henry Ford



Henry Ford employed CE Johansson

Ford realised the concept of “interchangeability” proposed by Leland at Cadillac to produce high quality cars would allow others to employ a new production concept to make affordable automobiles.

## **Production-line assembly**

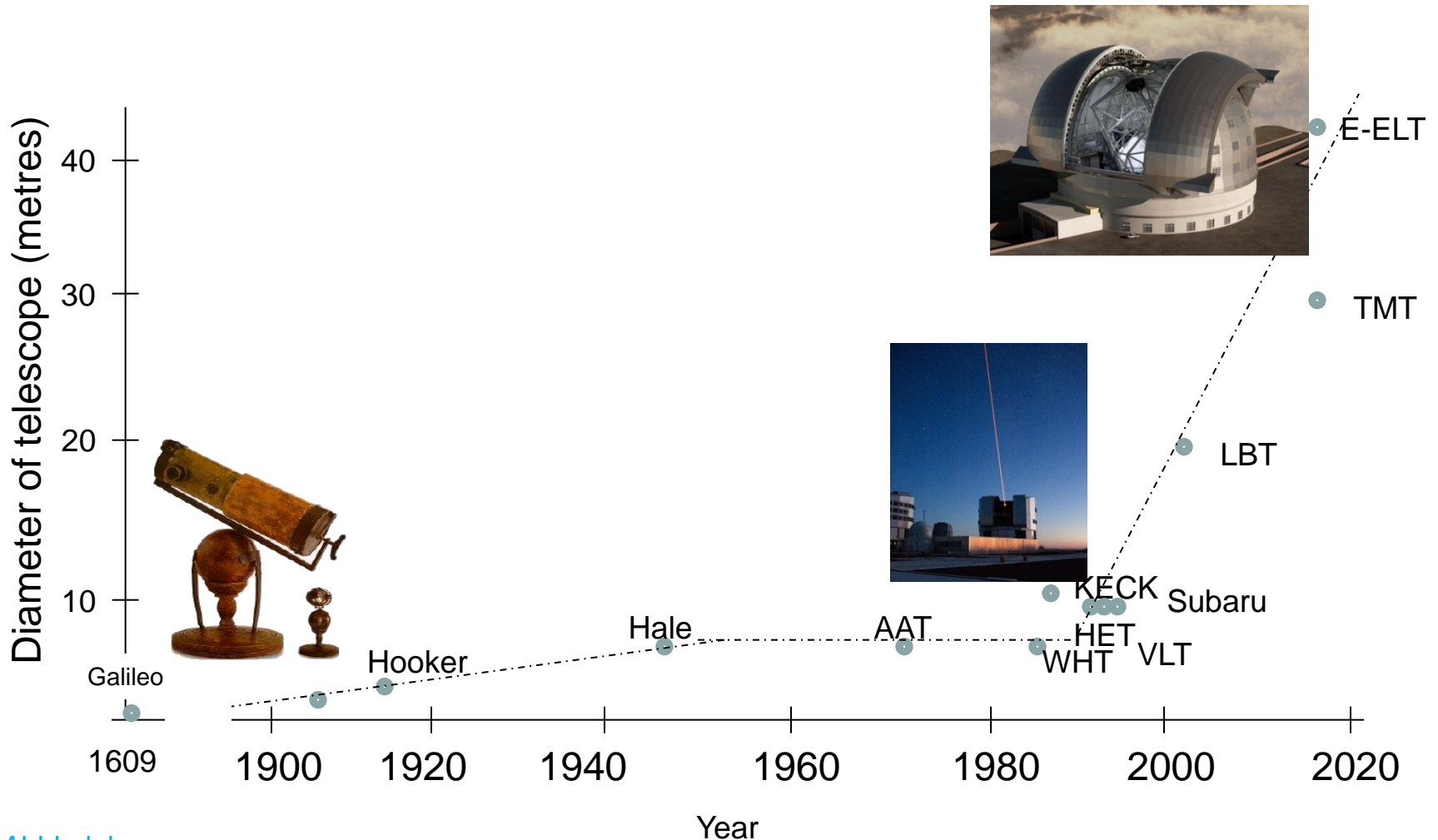
Mass production assembly is enabled through effective inspection of components prior to assembly.

Johansson Slip gauges were in practice the mechanism by which inspection could be achieved in factories.

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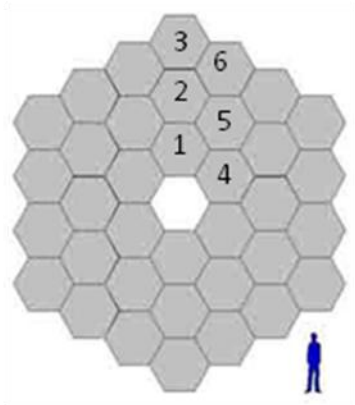
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# Astronomy: driver of Precision Manufacture



# Keck telescopes from 1990's

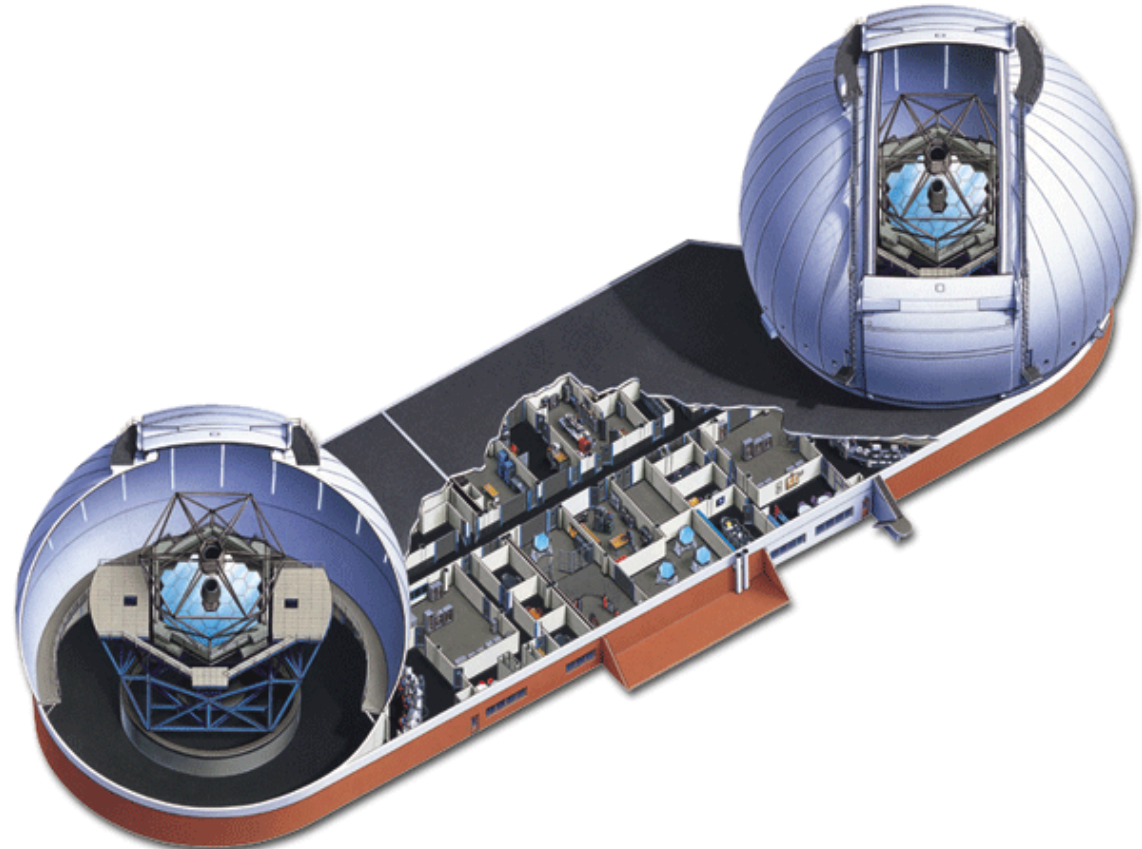
## Active segmented mirror technology



36 mirror segments

**Mirror Segment  
Production Rate**

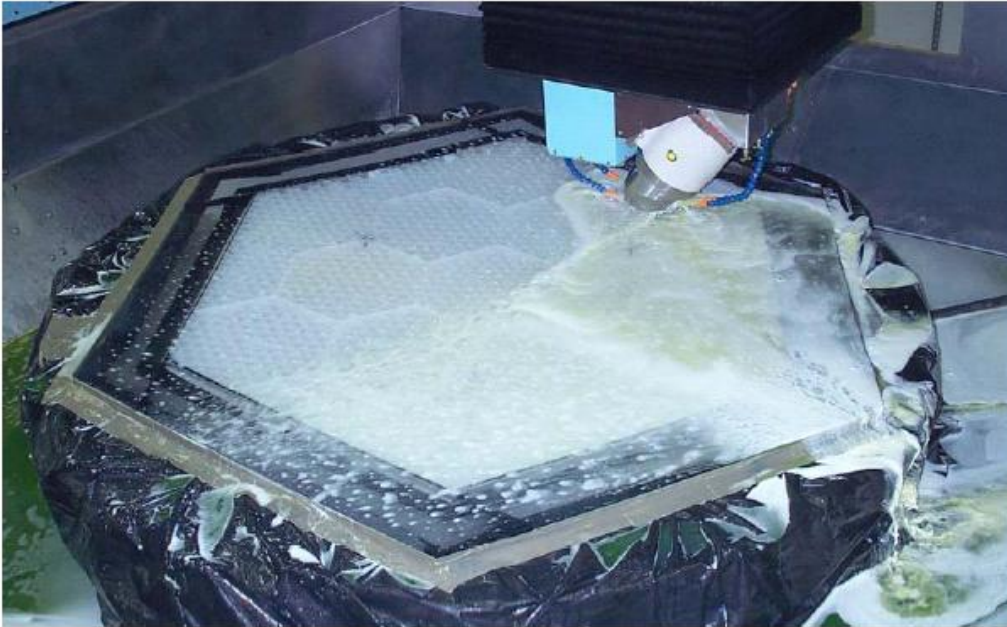
**1 mirror segment each  
month**





# Aspheric Generation

TAKE PICTURES. FURTHER.



**Off-Axis Generation Machine (OAG) used to impart final asphere onto AMSD mirror**

**10 micron P-V surface generated**



# Off Axis Grinding & Co-ordinate Measuring machine

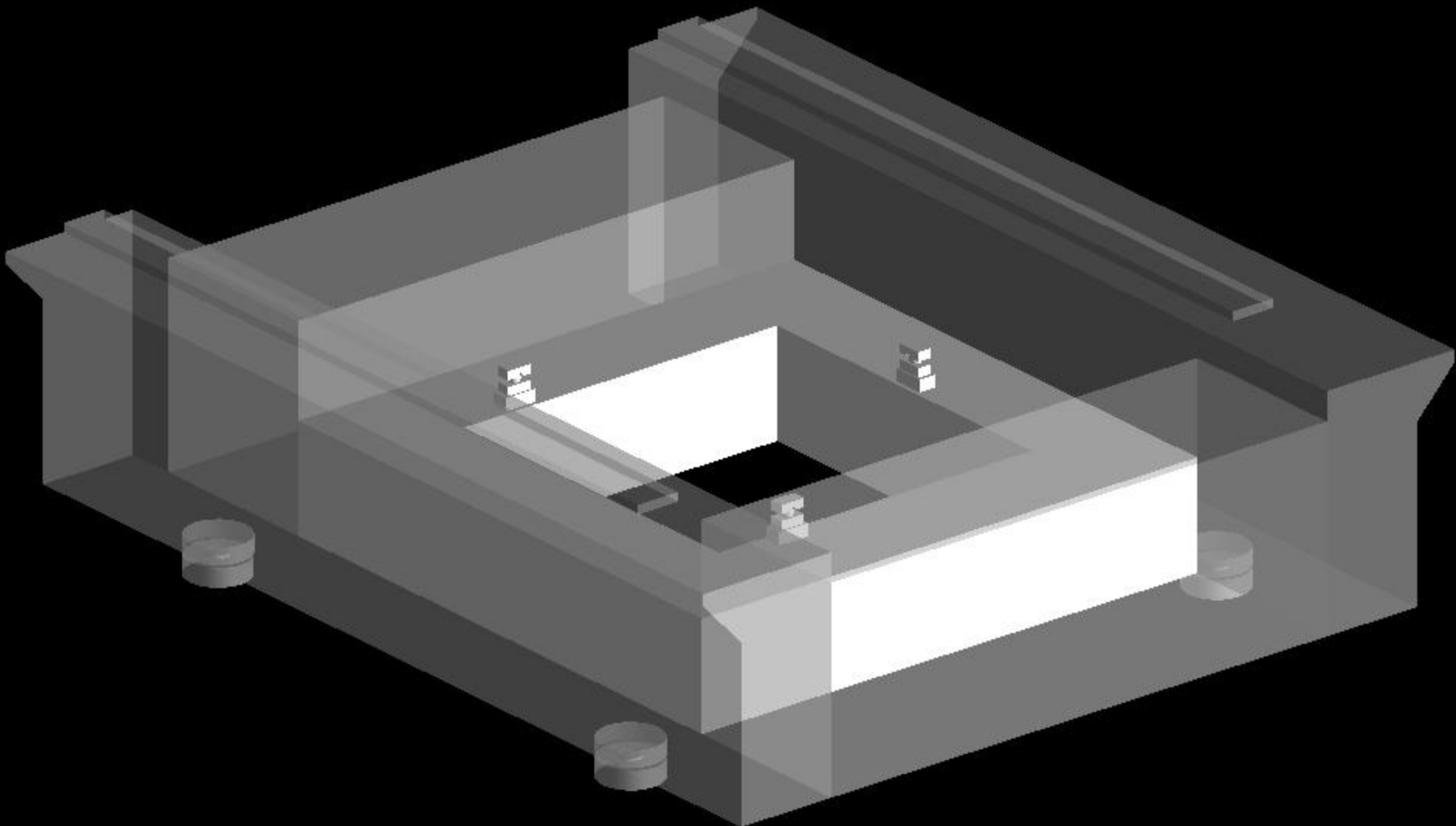


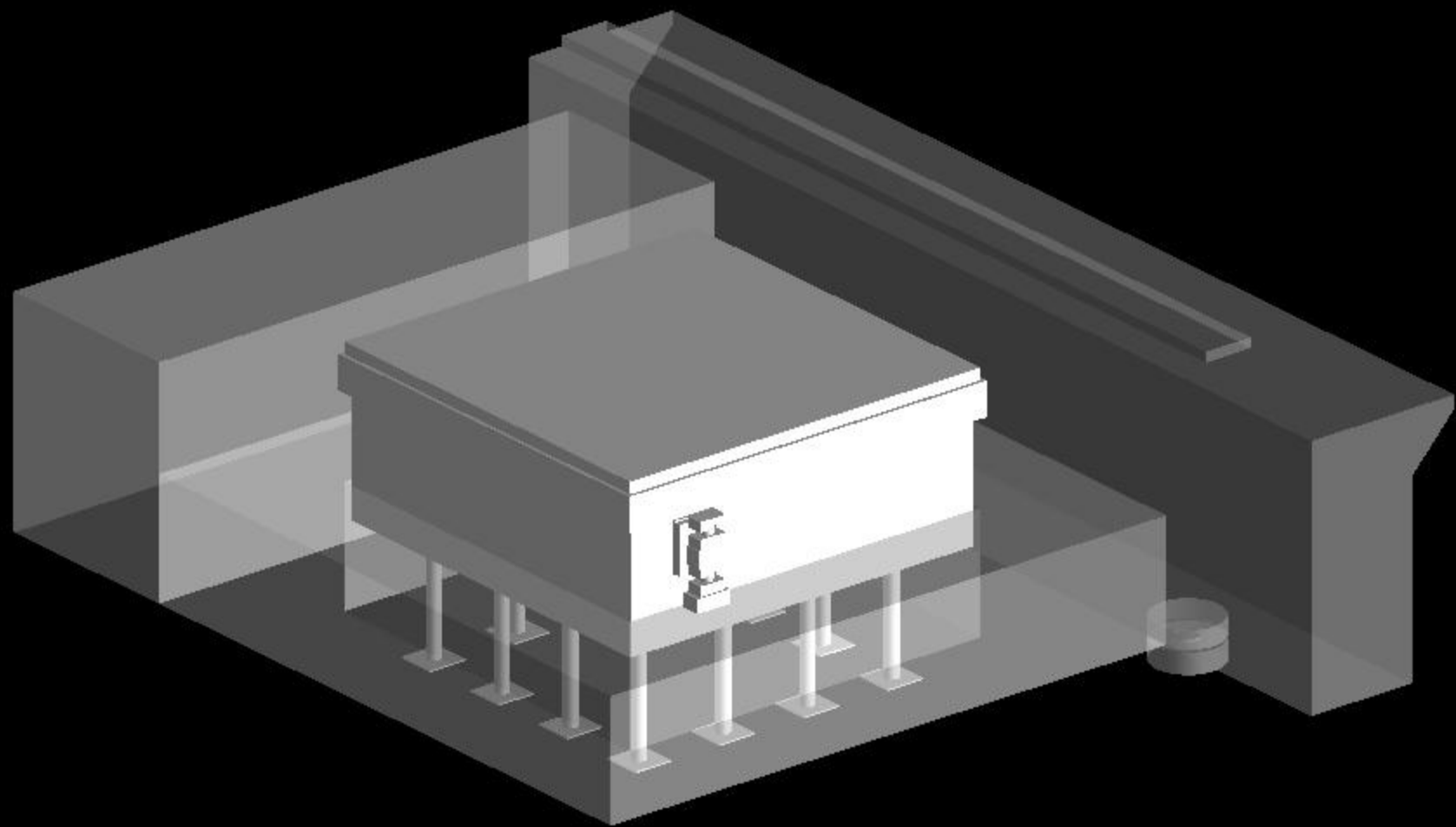
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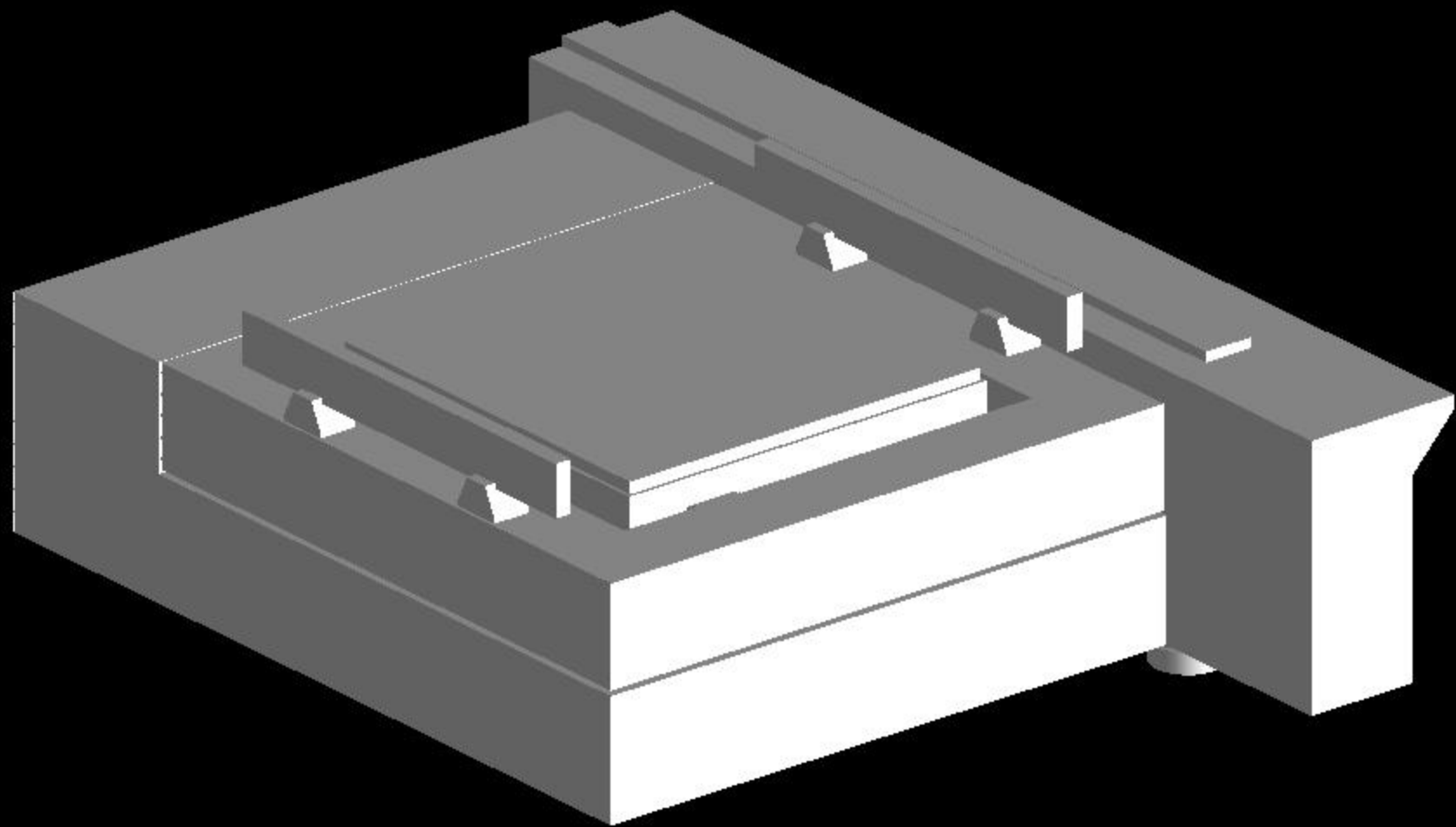


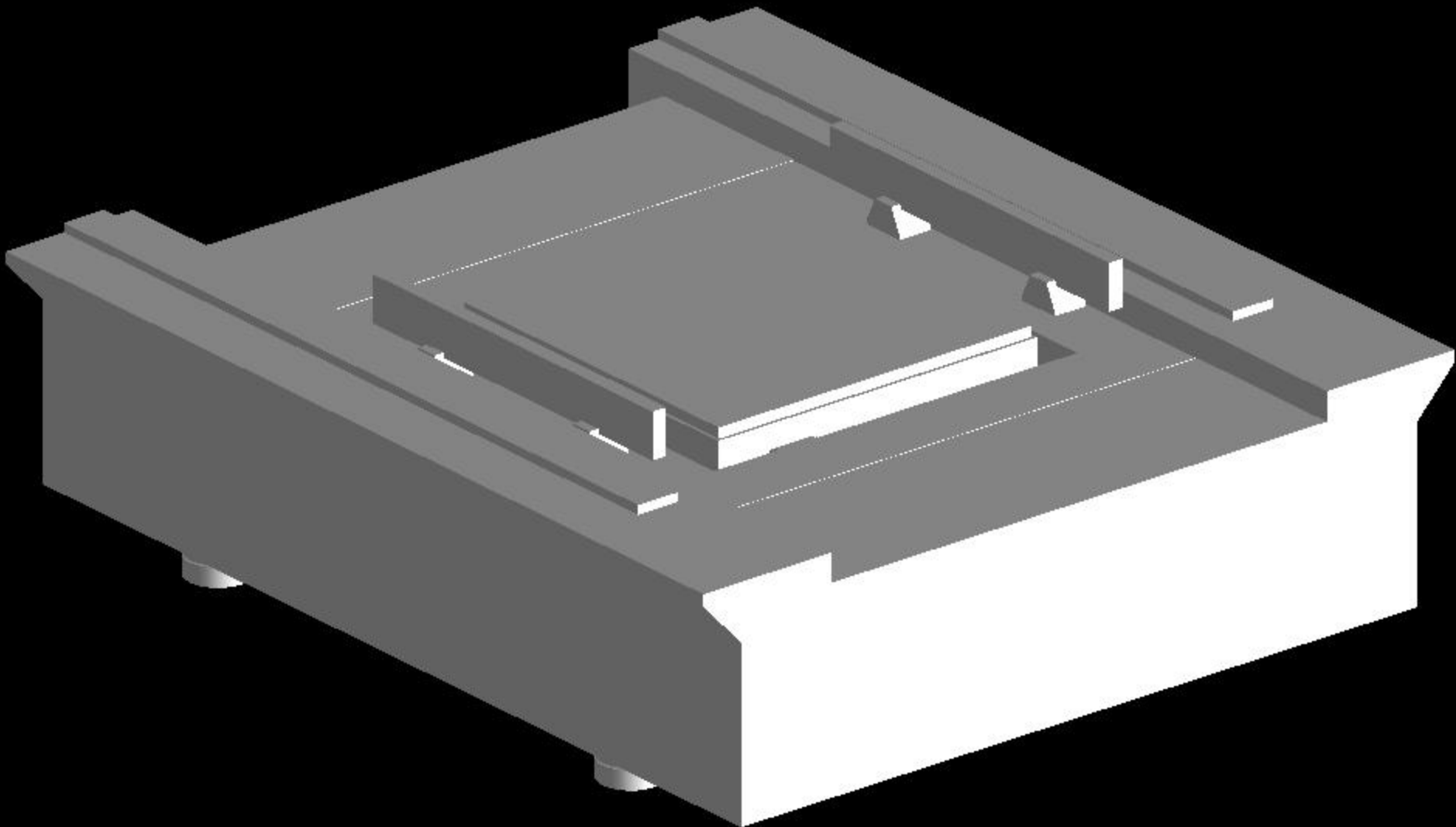
# Off-axis grinding machine - Eastman Kodak

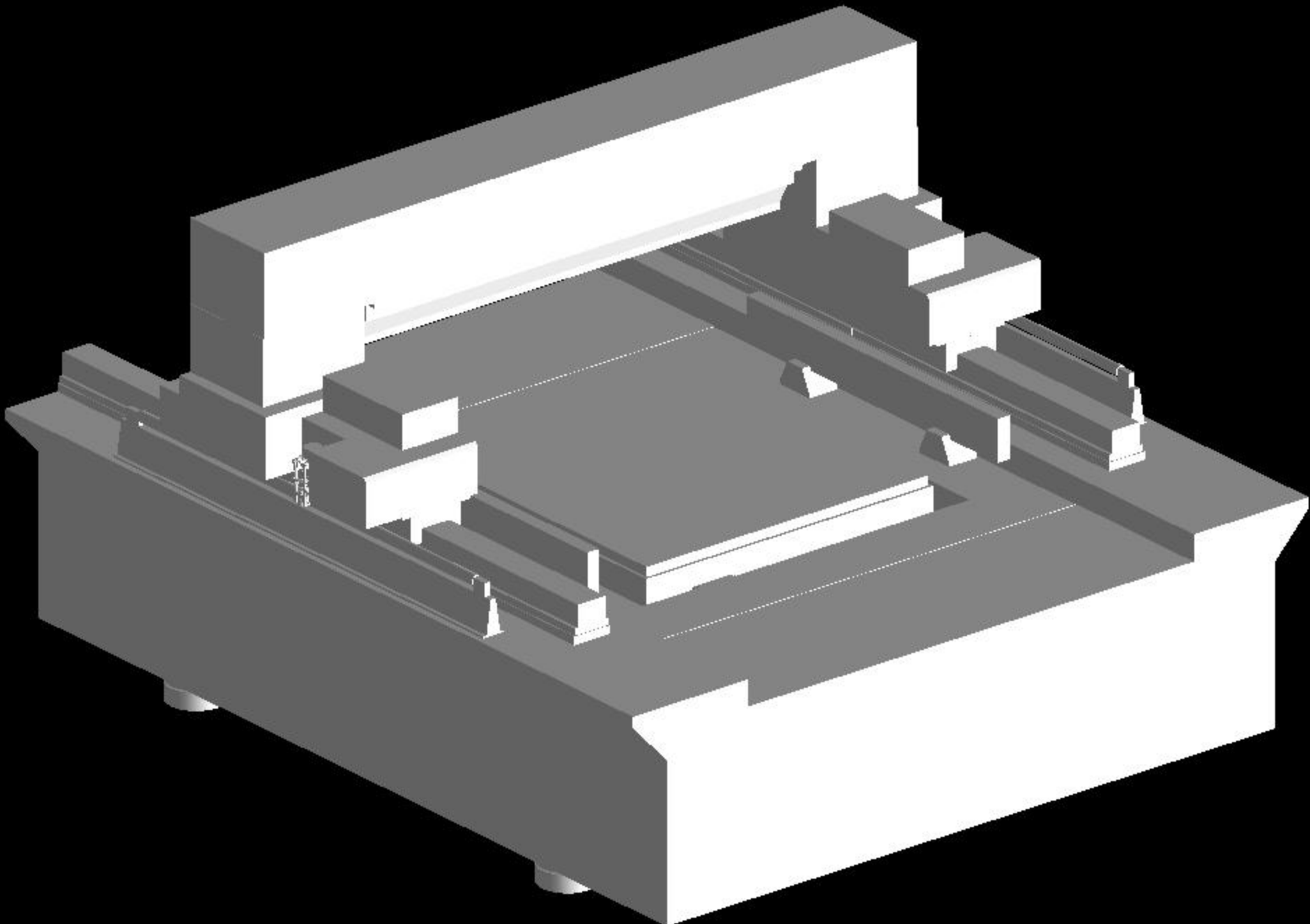


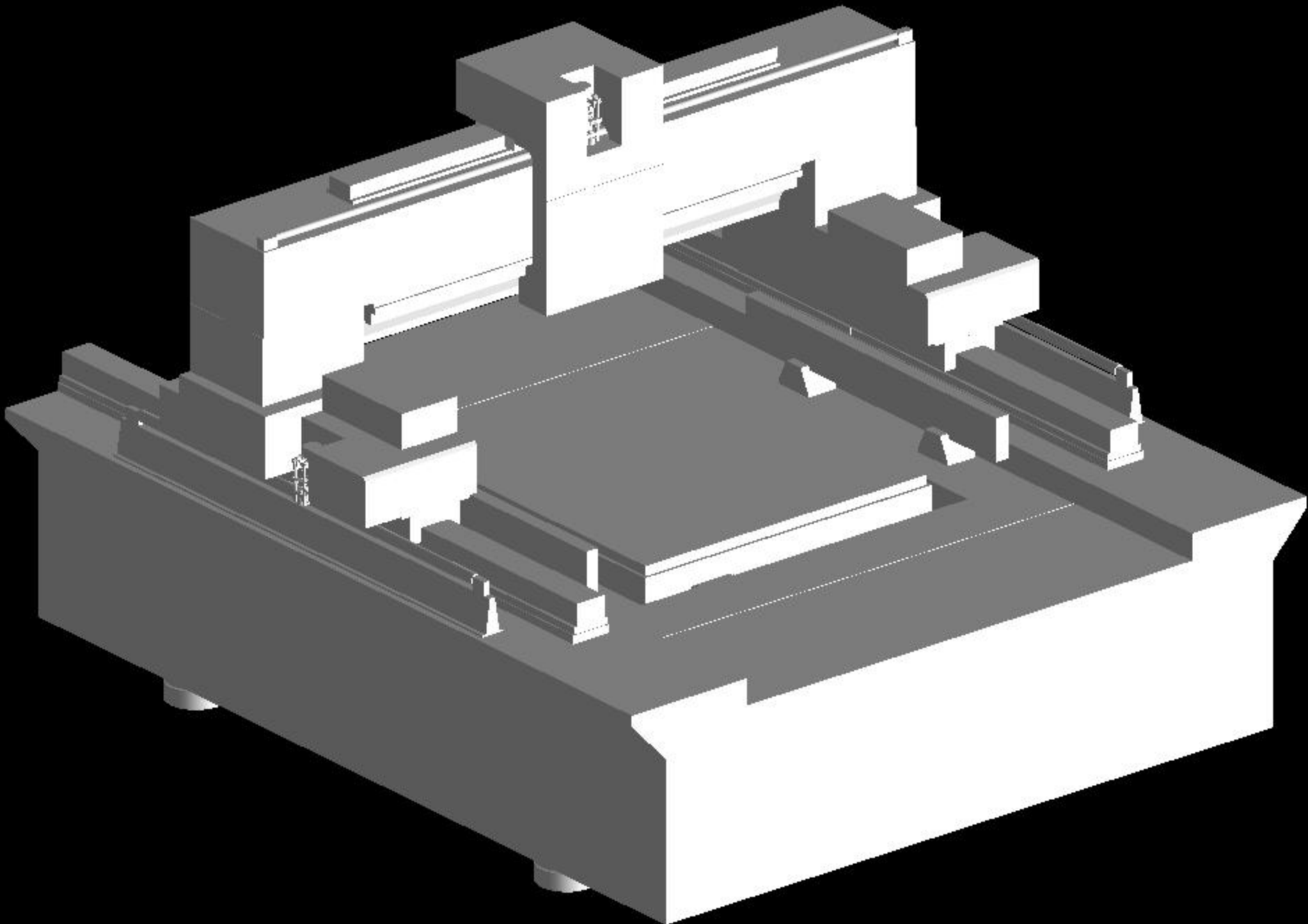


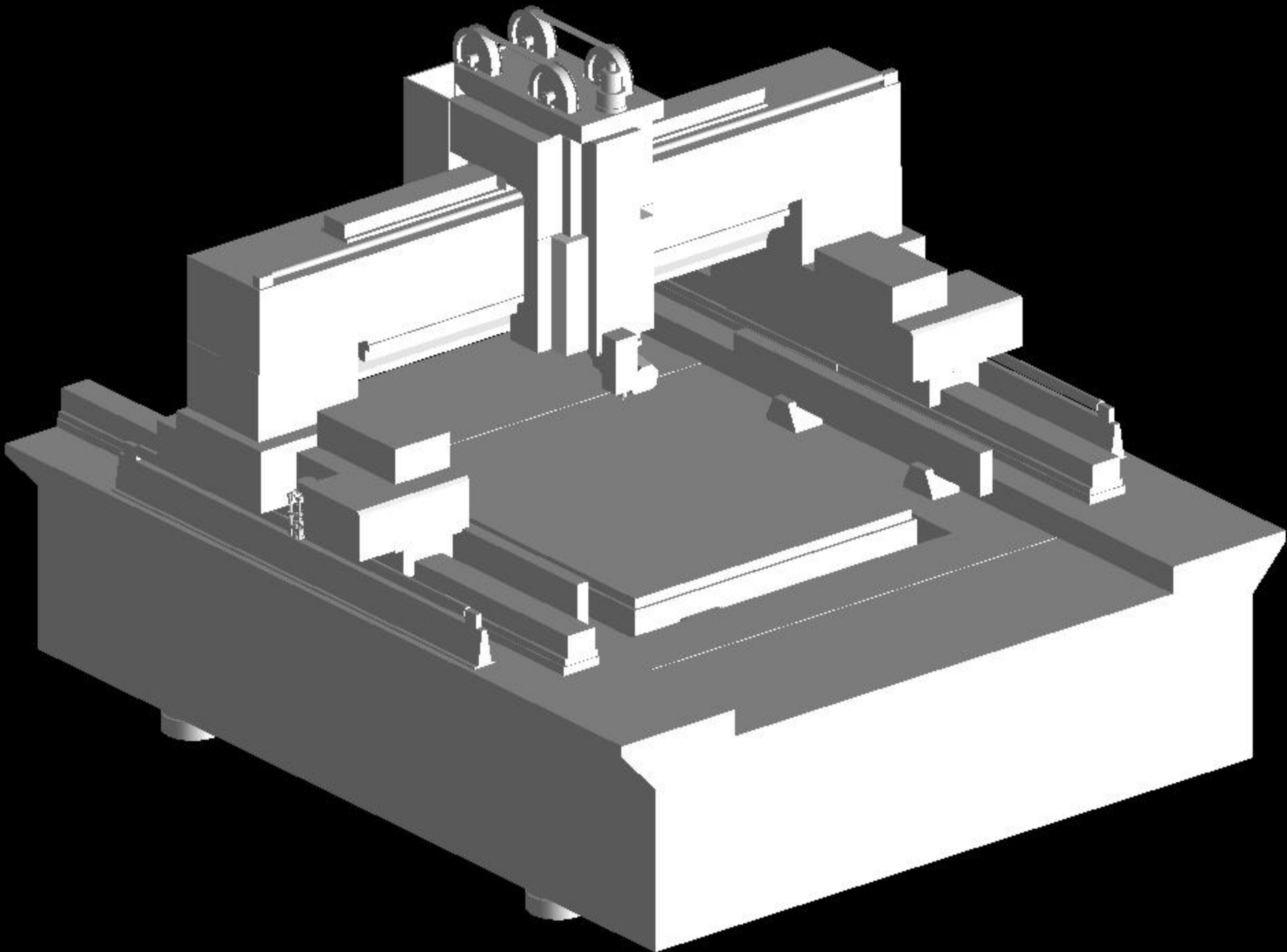




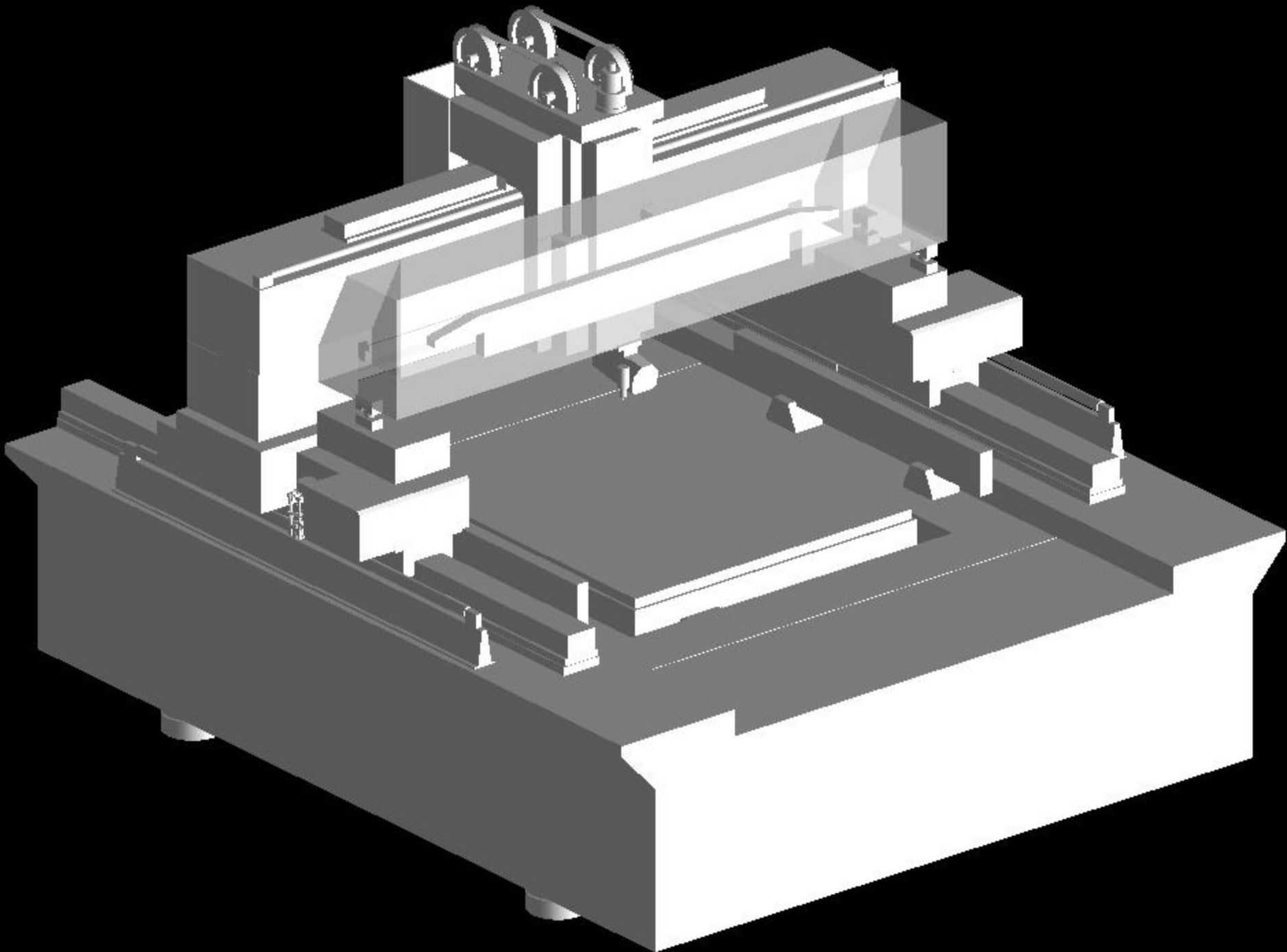




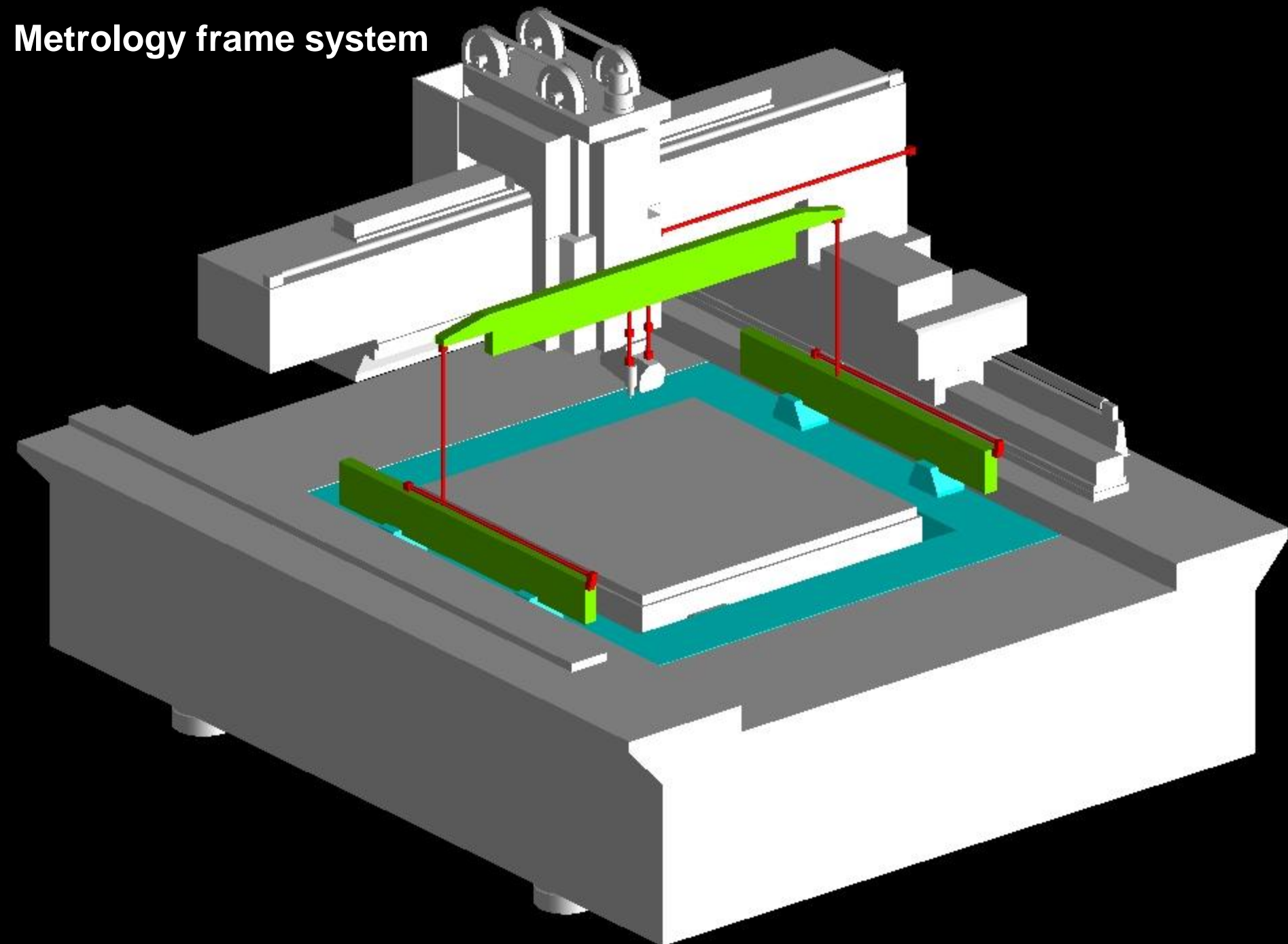


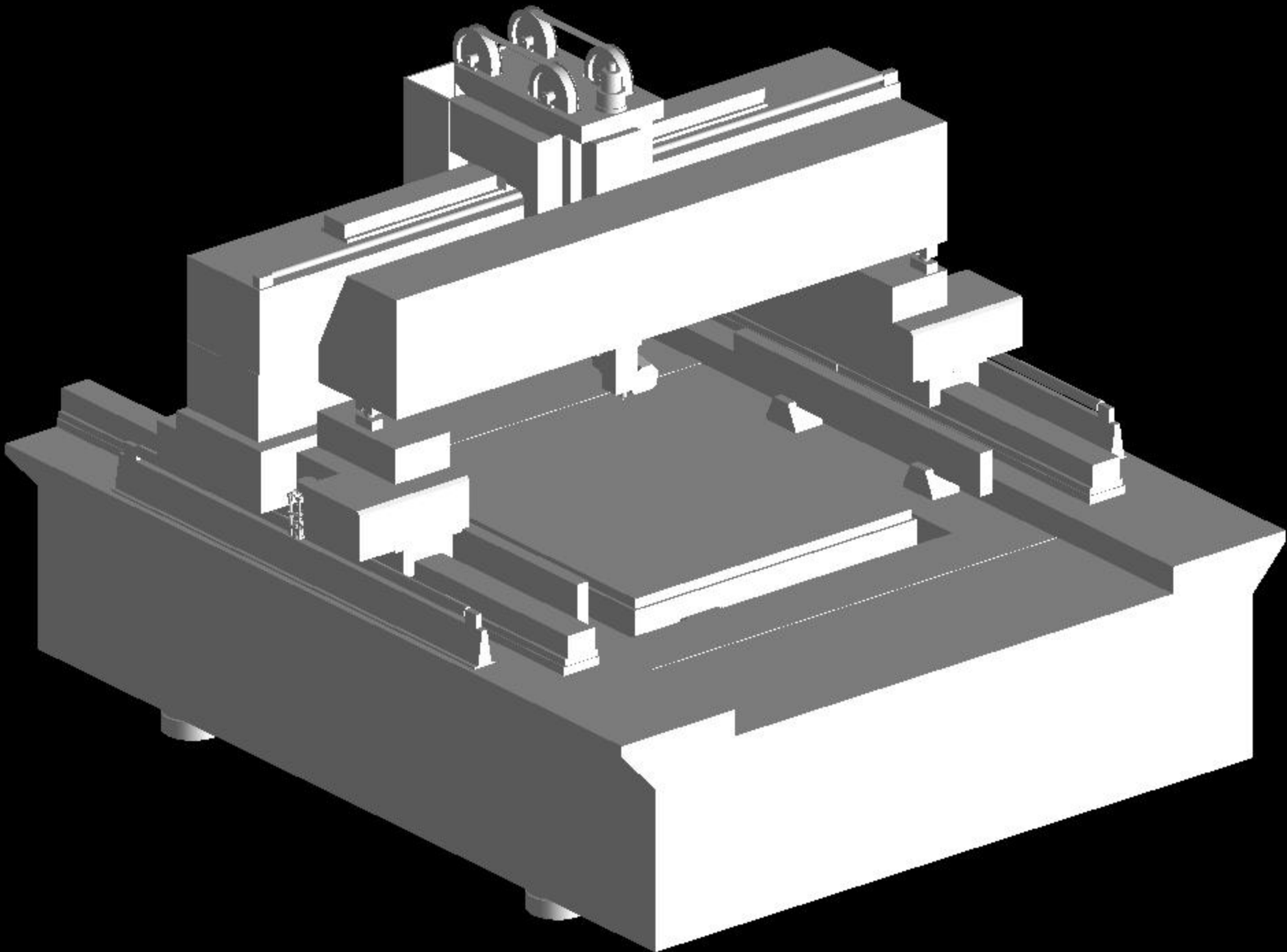






# Metrology frame system





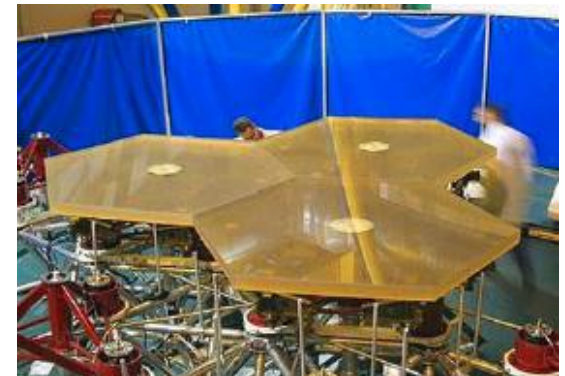
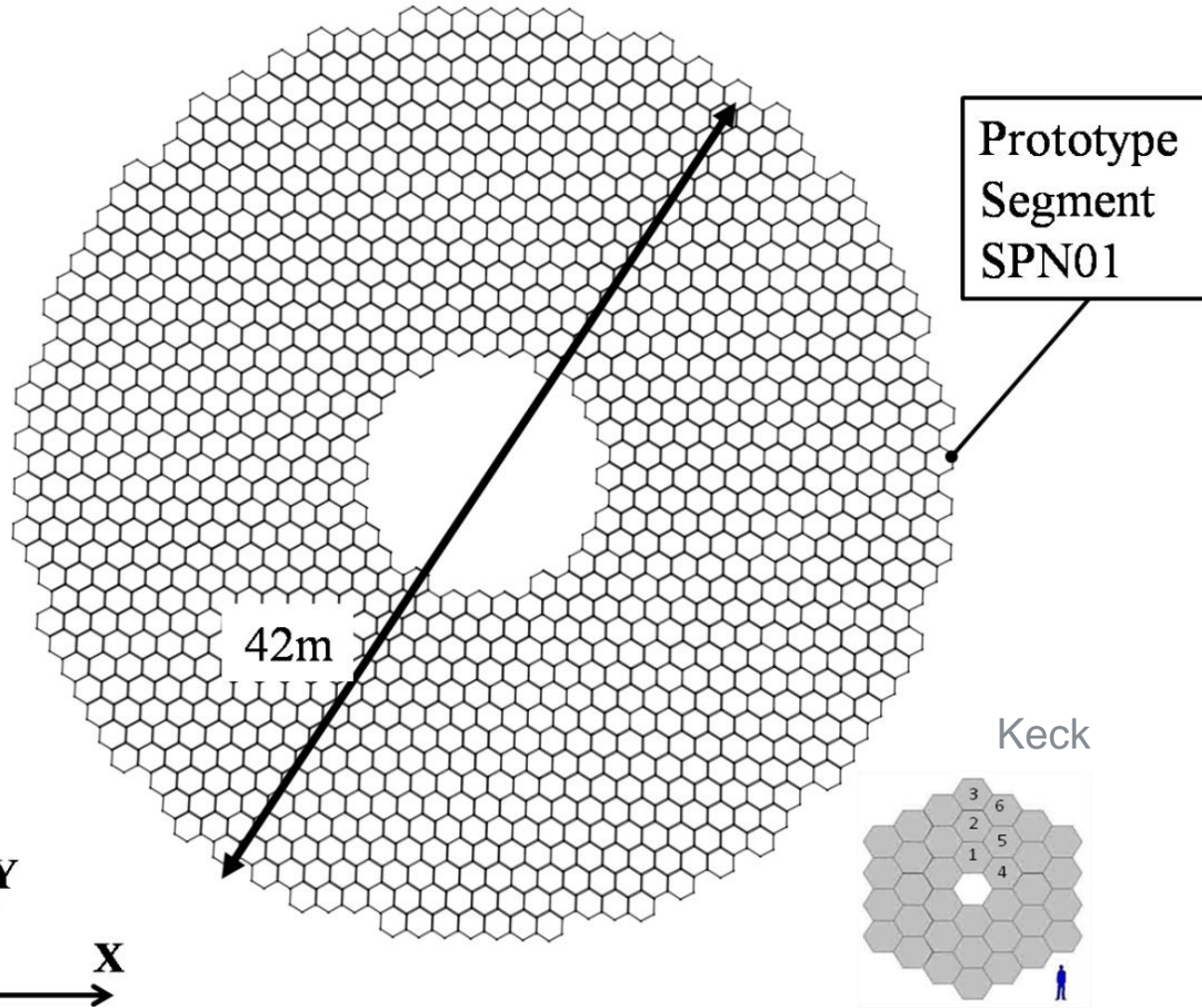
# Next generation ground-based telescope



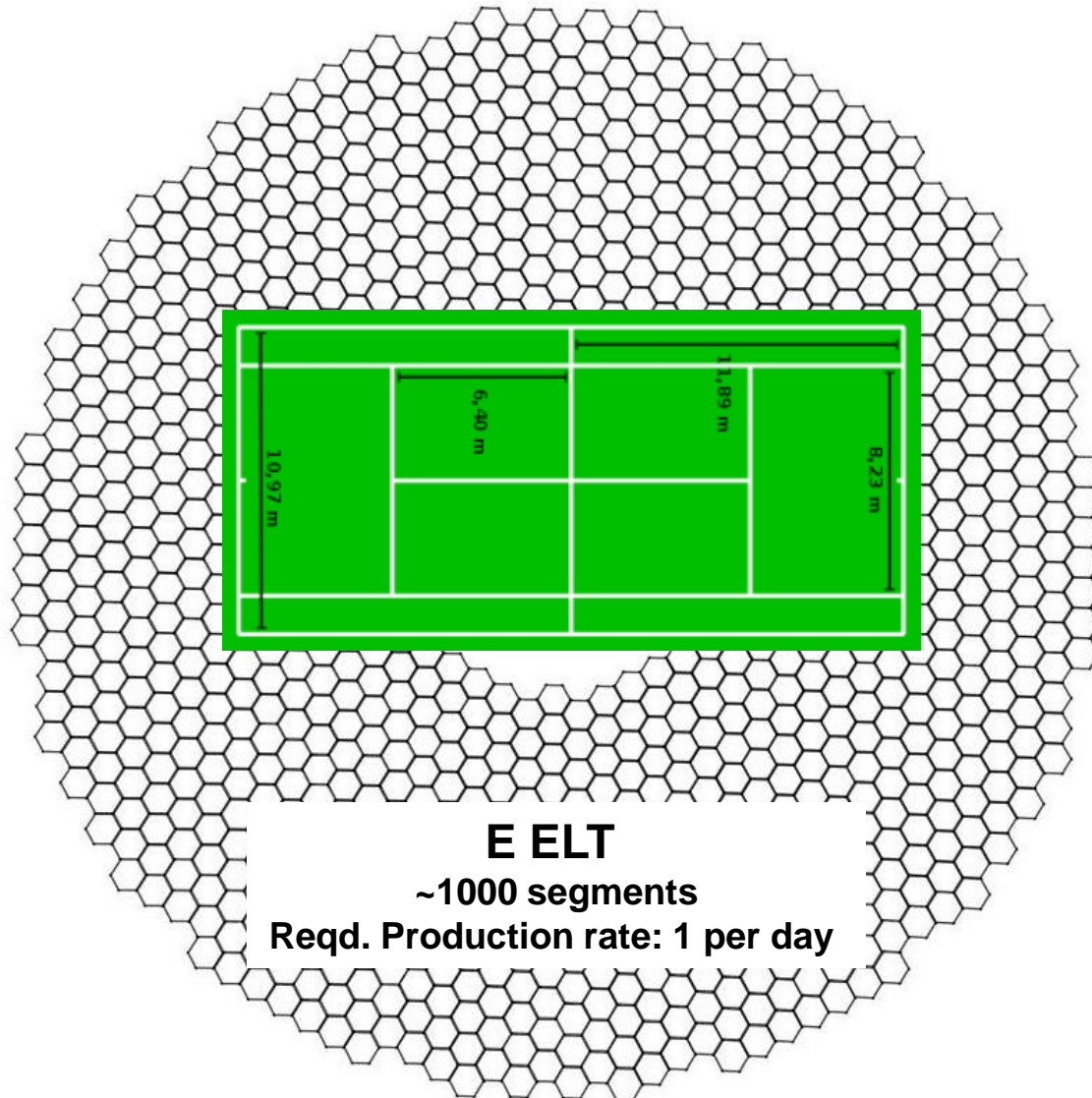
# ELT M1 - Primary mirror

~800 mirror segments  
of 1.45 metre scale  
(across corners)

At Keck production  
rate of 1 per month it  
would take 66 years to  
produce the ELT  
segments

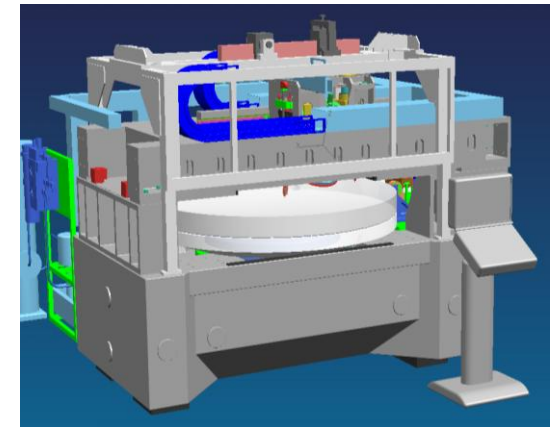
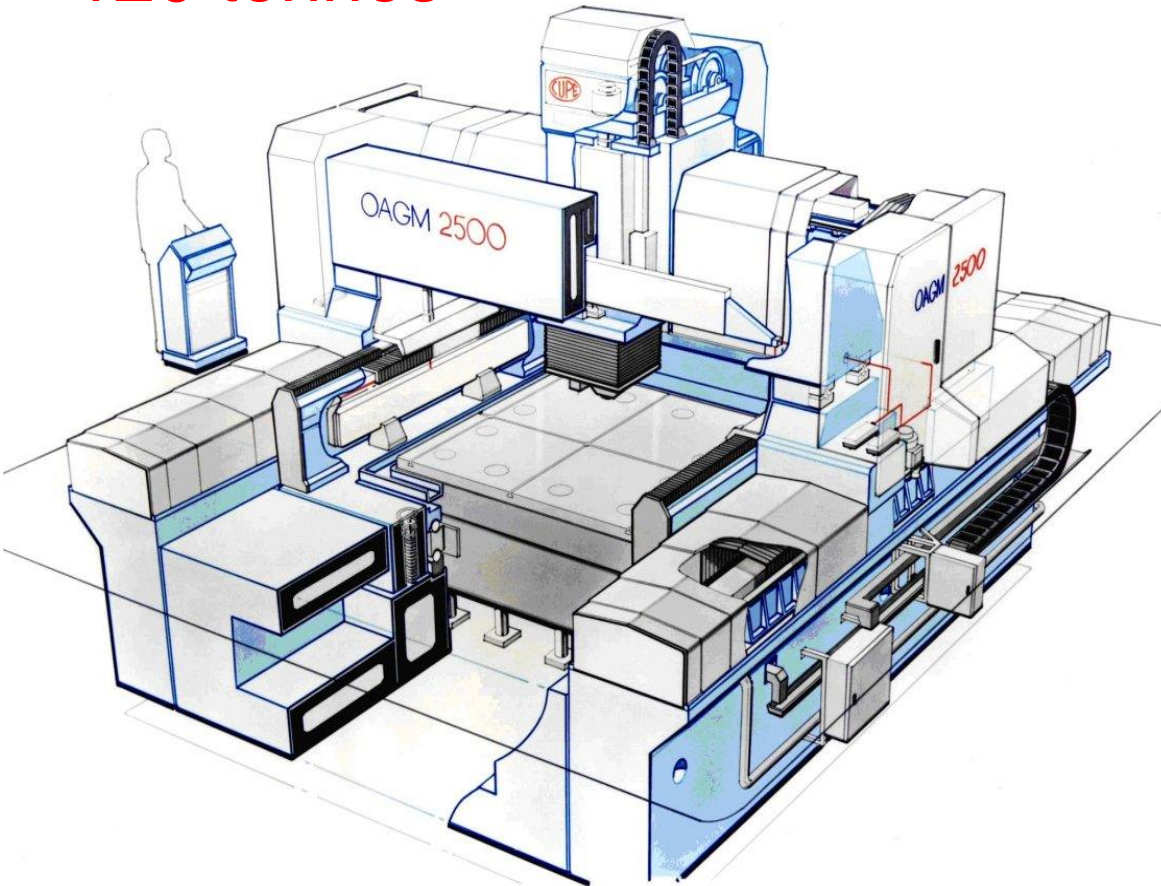


# Astronomy: driver of production & precision



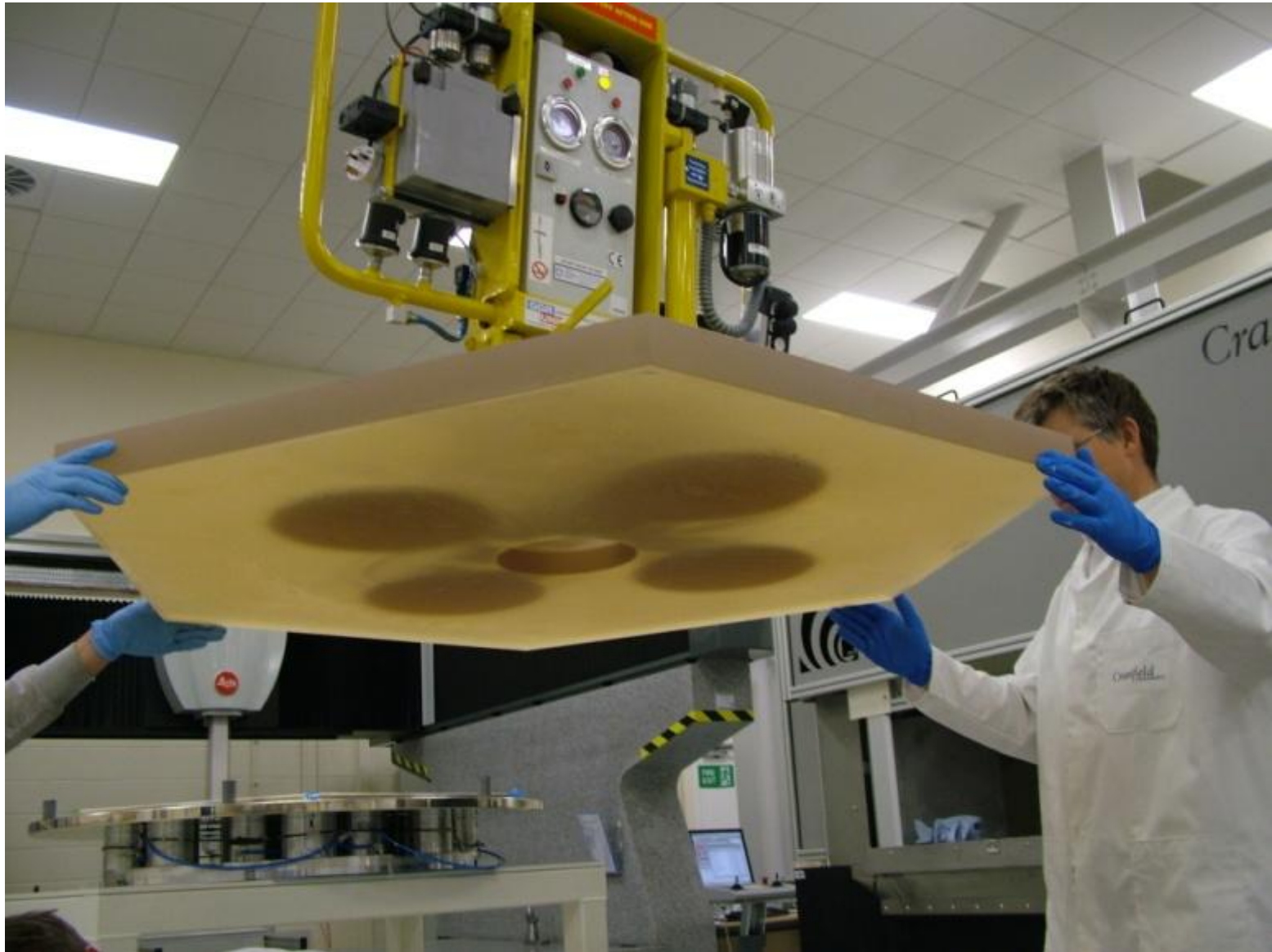
OAGM 2500  
2.5m capacity  
**120 tonnes**

Machine size comparison



BoX<sup>®</sup> Grinder  
2.1m capacity  
**15 tonnes**

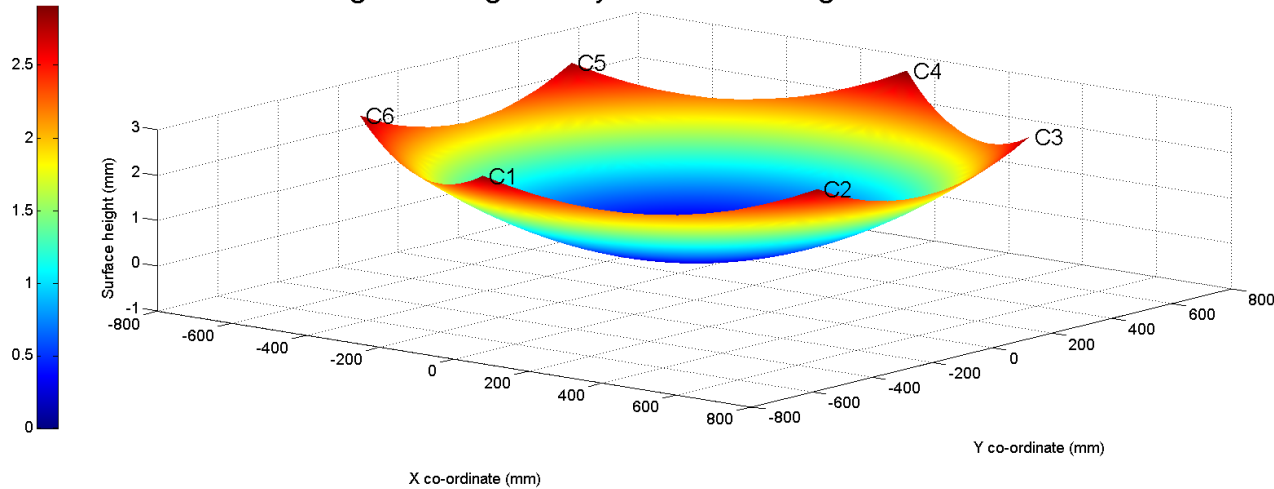
# ESO ELT mirror segment





# Segment SPN01 surface geometry

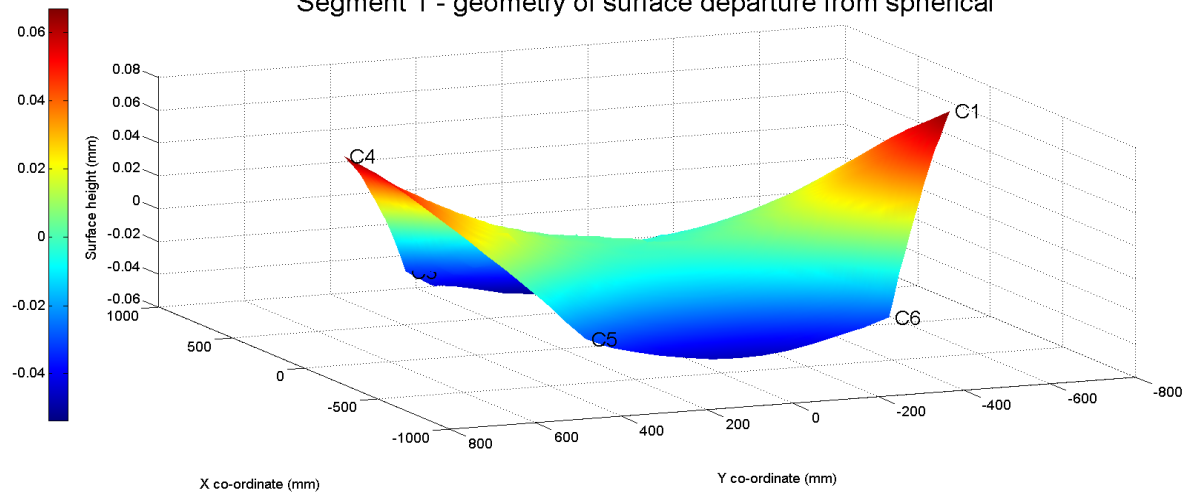
Segment 1 - geometry of surface in segment co-ordinates



Ellipsoidal form,  
~ 3mm sag

Segment 1 - geometry of surface departure from spherical

Spherical  
departure ~ 150  
microns



# BoX<sup>®</sup> Ultra Precision Machine 1600

Rapid grinding and measuring system  
for free-form optics

BoX<sup>®</sup> 1600 performance

## Work-piece quality

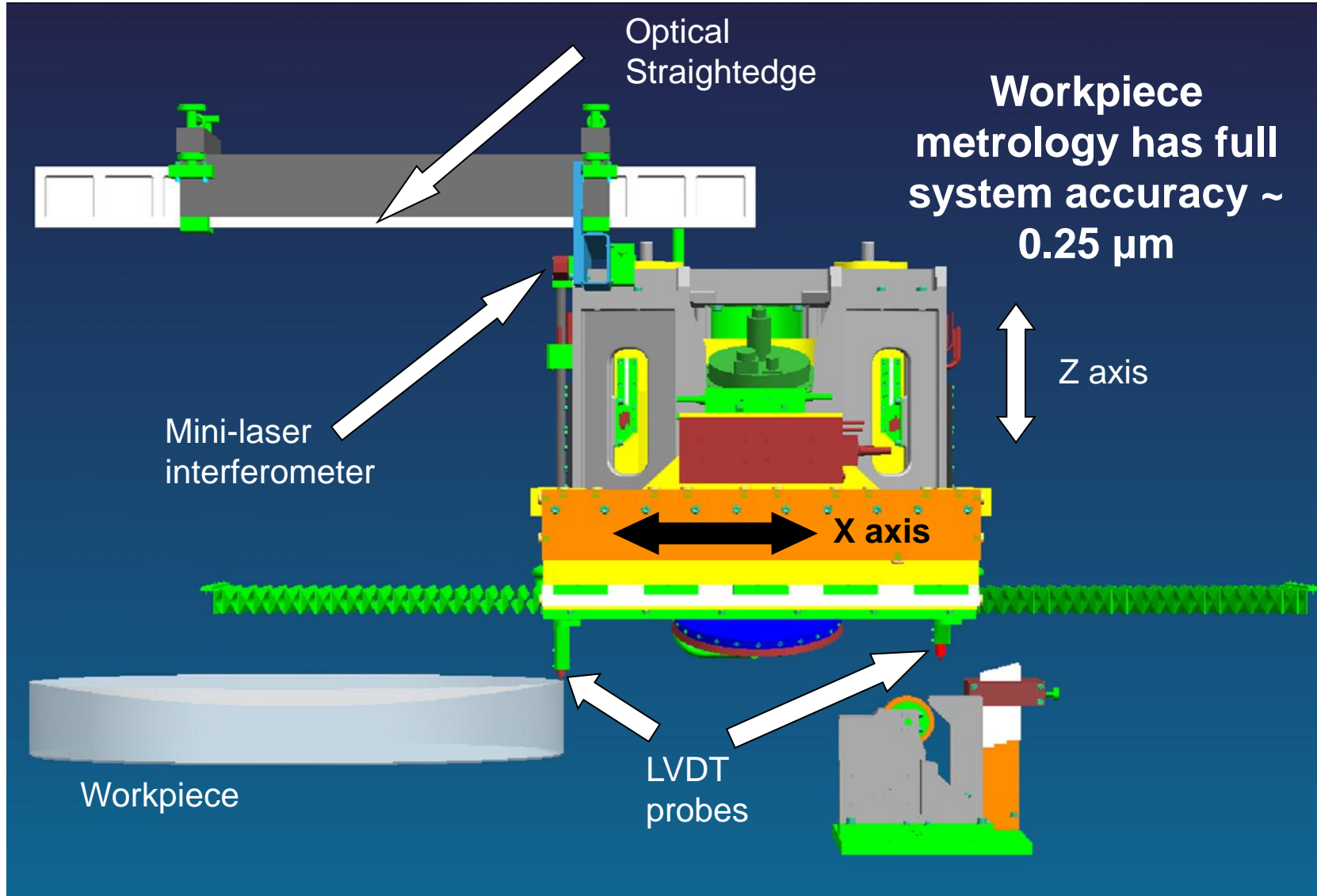
Form accuracy: < 1  $\mu\text{m}$  RMS  
Sub-surface damage: < 5  $\mu\text{m}$   
Roughness: 100 - 200 nm  
(Zerodur data)

## Processing rate

Grind time: 20 hours  
(10 hours per  $\text{m}^2$ )  
Measurement time: ~ 4 hours  
Load time: 1 hour

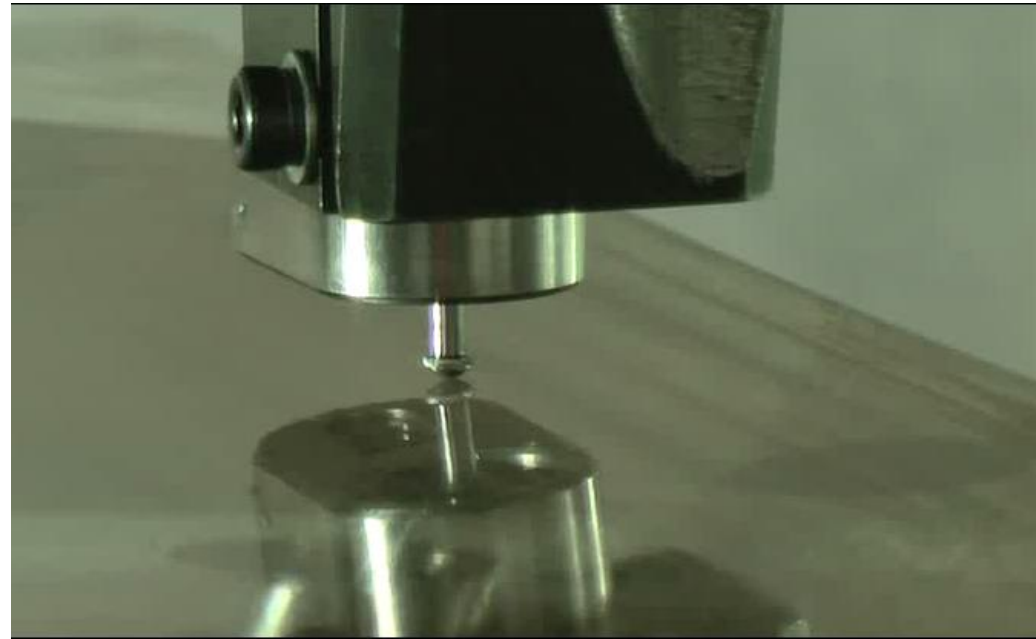
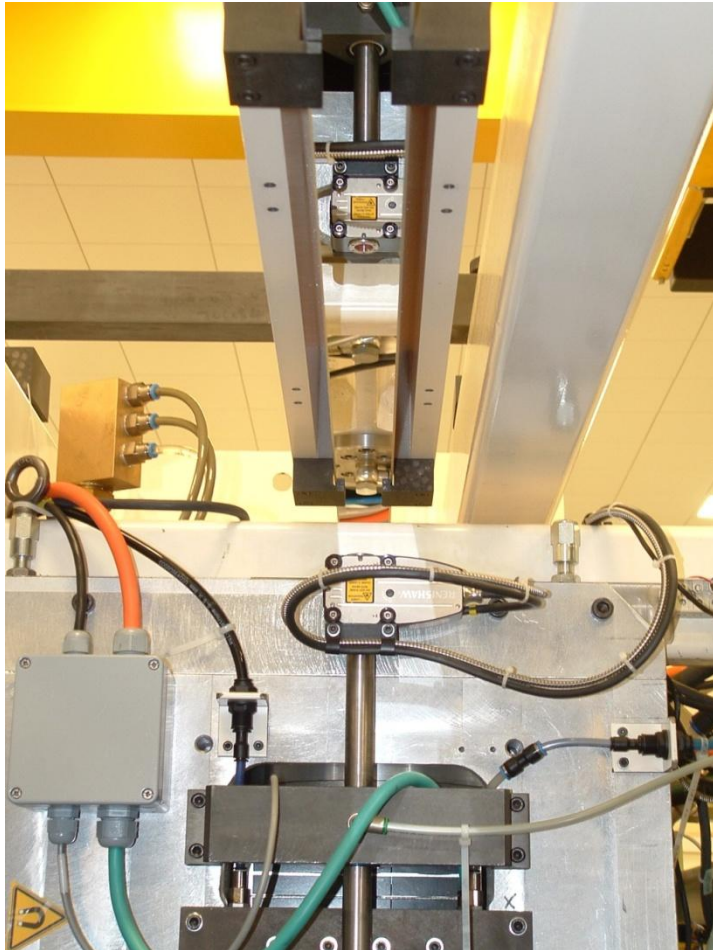


# In machine metrology

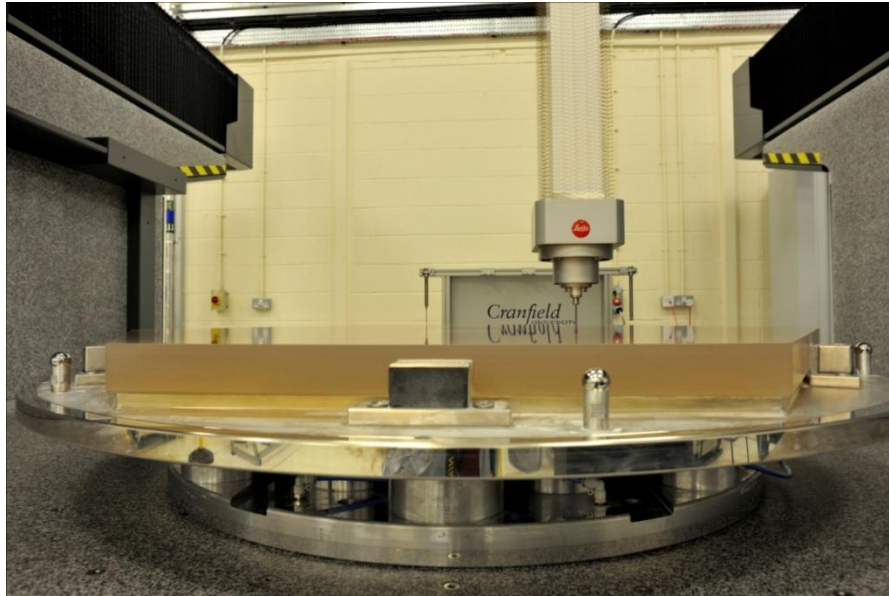


# BoX<sup>®</sup> Ultra Precision Machine 1600

In-situ post grinding measurement  
using laser based metrology frame



# BoX<sup>®</sup> Mirror segment (1)

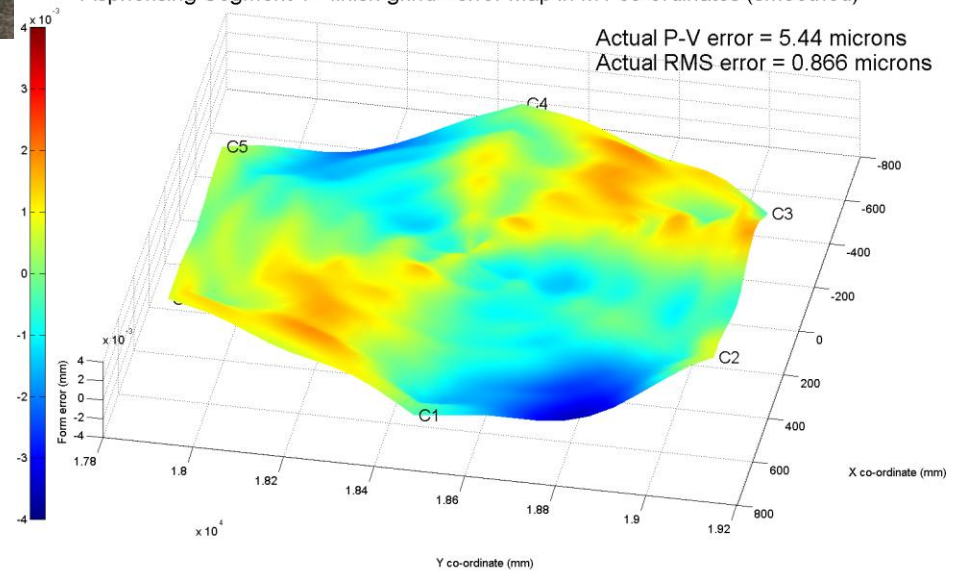


## Results:

- Surface map (CMM)
- RMS < 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , P-V < 5.5  $\mu\text{m}$
- No visible edge chipping
- No attributable cavity effect
- Some error attributable to the CMM

- ELT segment SPN01 (15:15)
- Material – Zerodur
- 580,000 measurement points
- Data to within 0.5mm of the edge.

Aspherising Segment 1 - finish grind - error map in M1 co-ordinates (smoothed)



# On machine metrology in support of manufacture

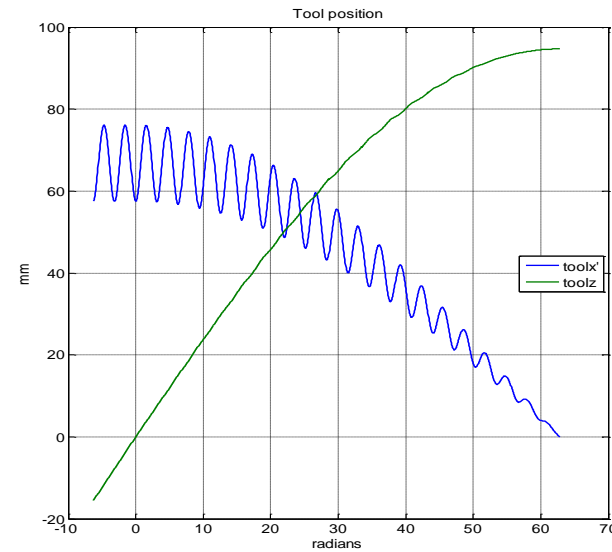
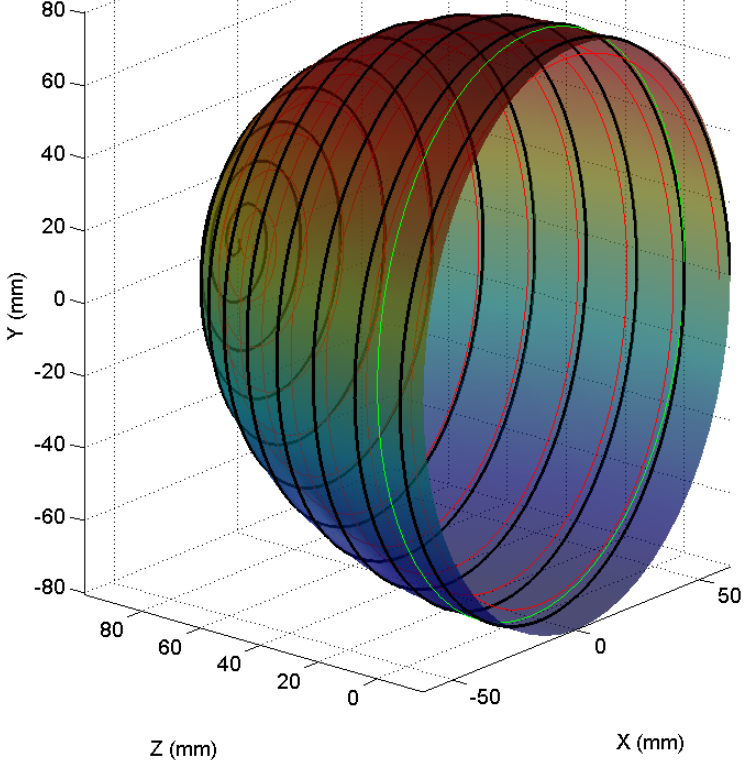
- The ‘spheres’ were made at Cranfield
- Three metrology techniques were used at Cranfield in support of the diamond turning
- On-machine profilometry (1) was eclipsed by:
  - (2) Interferometry
  - (3) CMM Scanning



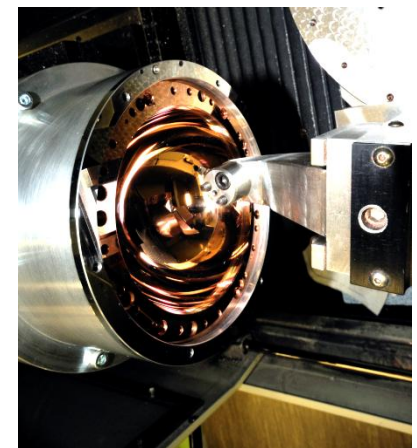
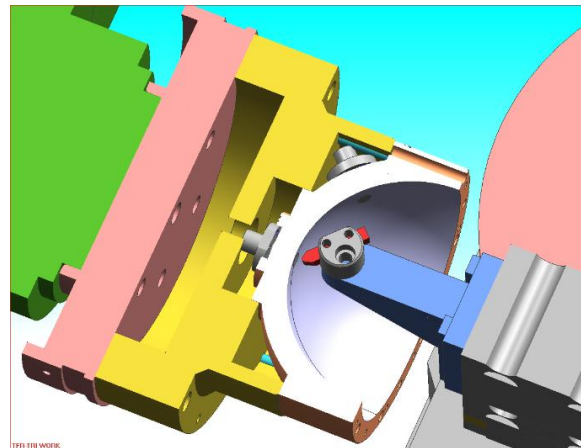
# Turning programming

Boltzmann cutting representation

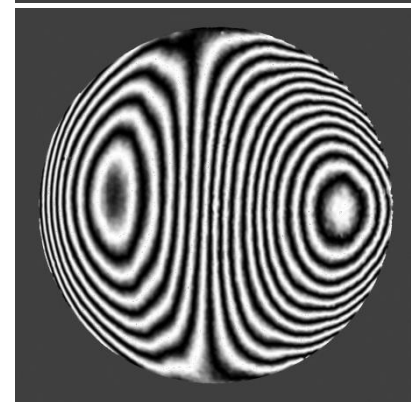
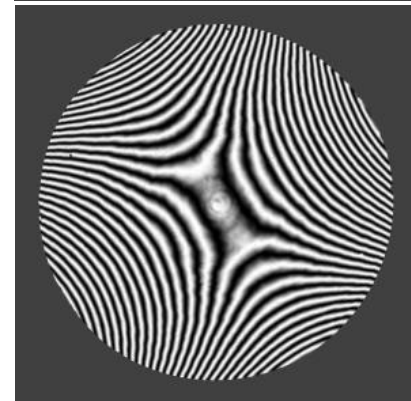
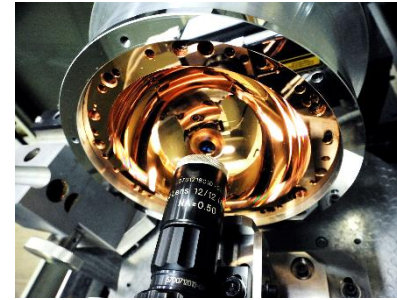
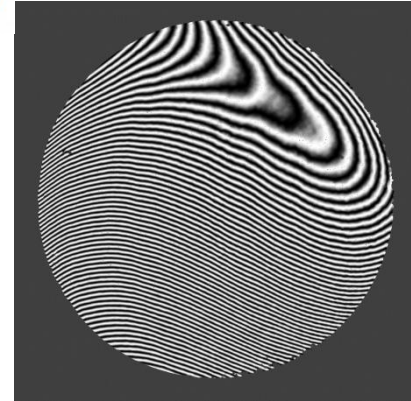
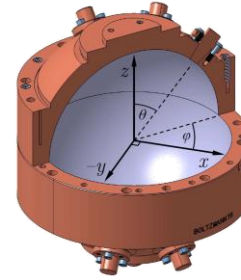
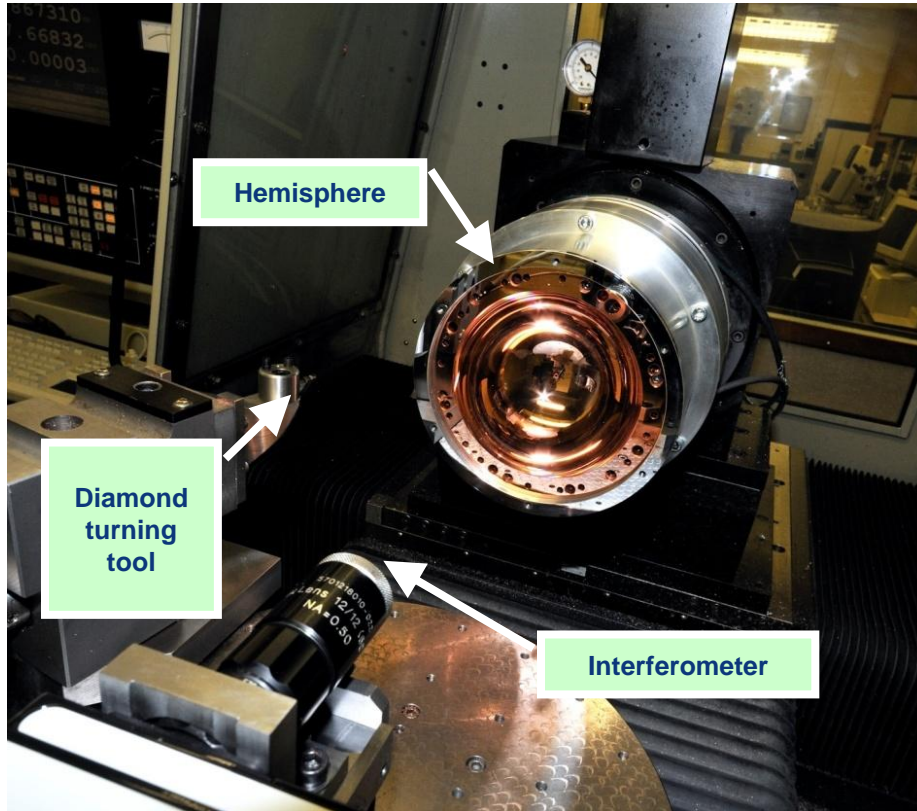
Surface identity equality check: min = 1.00000000000000, max = 1.00000000000000.  
Epsilon = 0.3; Feed per rev = 9.738937226128mm.



This is a tri-axial ellipsoid, non-rotationally symmetric (freeform) turning, with sub-micron accuracy



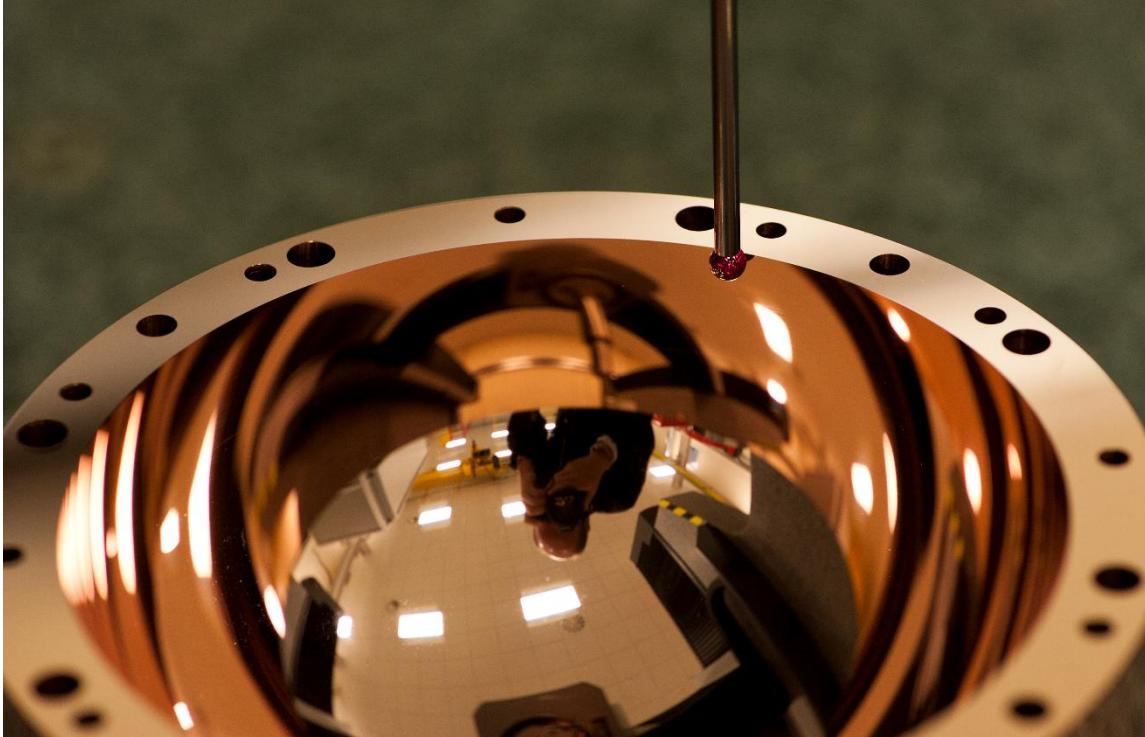
# Interferometry



Field of view and fringe spacing limitations require stitching interferometry for full hemisphere metrology

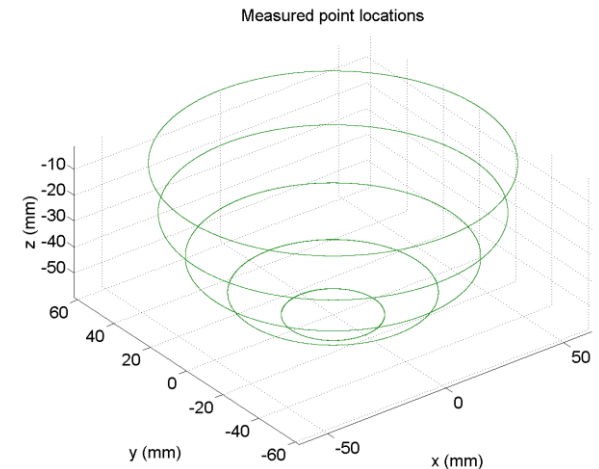
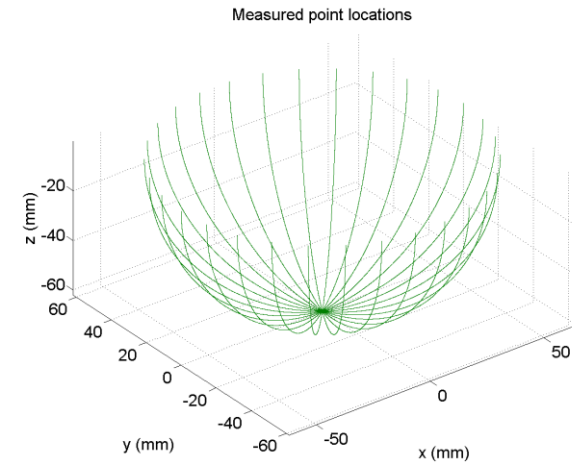


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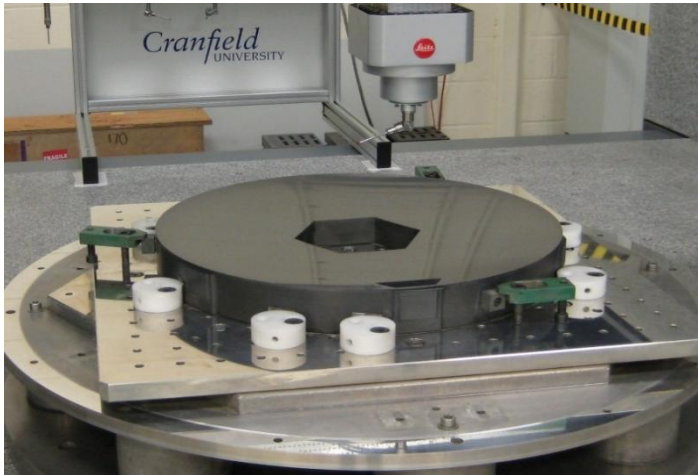


Scanning measurements (as for single point ones) will damage the surface

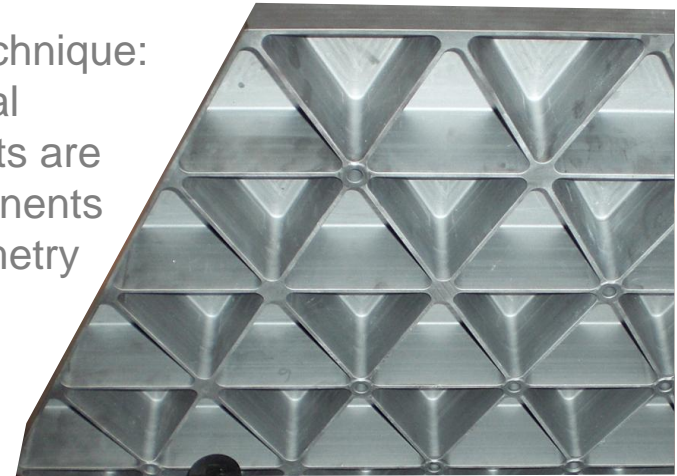
Final measurement is taken before final machining pass, which removes  $< 2 \mu\text{m}$



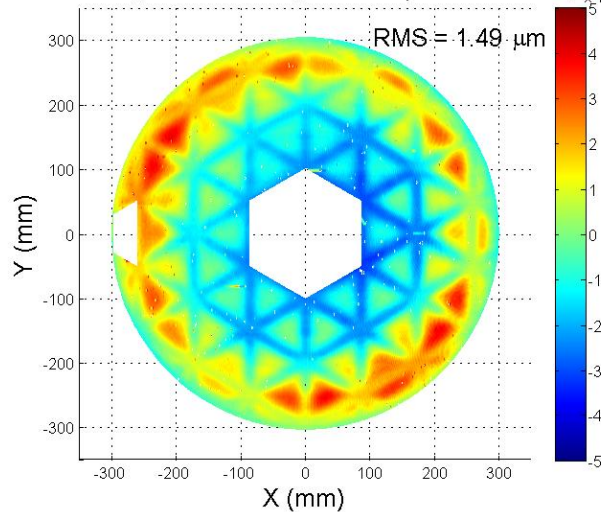
# Complex form compensation



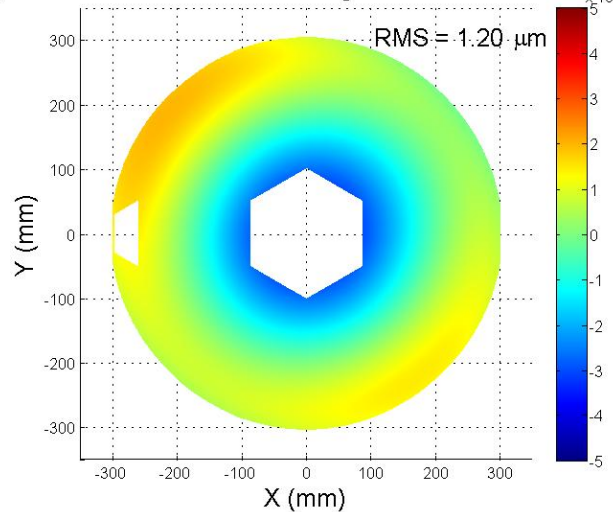
Clearer exposition of technique:  
high ( $\sim 10^6$  points) spatial  
resolution measurements are  
valuable also for components  
unsuitable for interferometry  
i.e. non-reflective



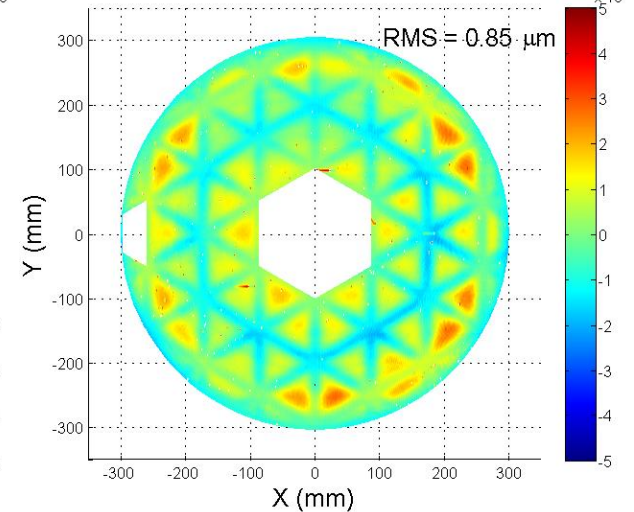
Form error (R2028 exact, with 33  $\mu\text{m}$  centre adjust)



Best fit curve through form error



Form error attributable to web structure



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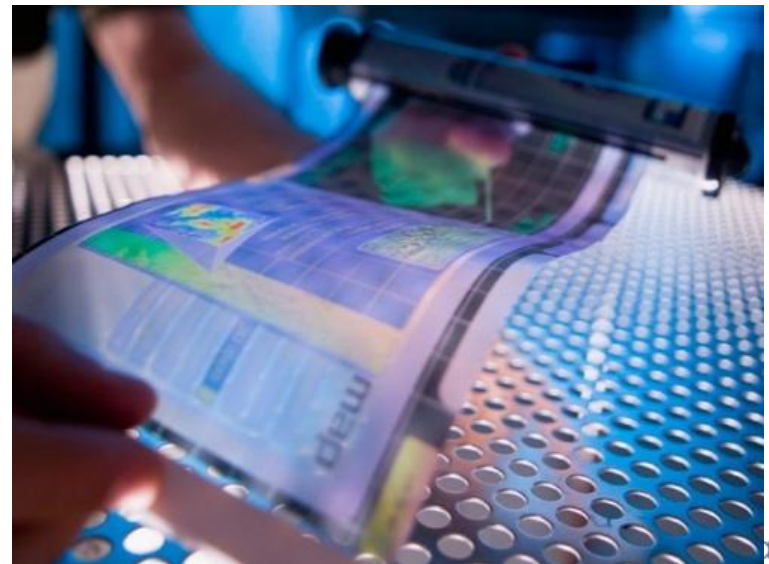
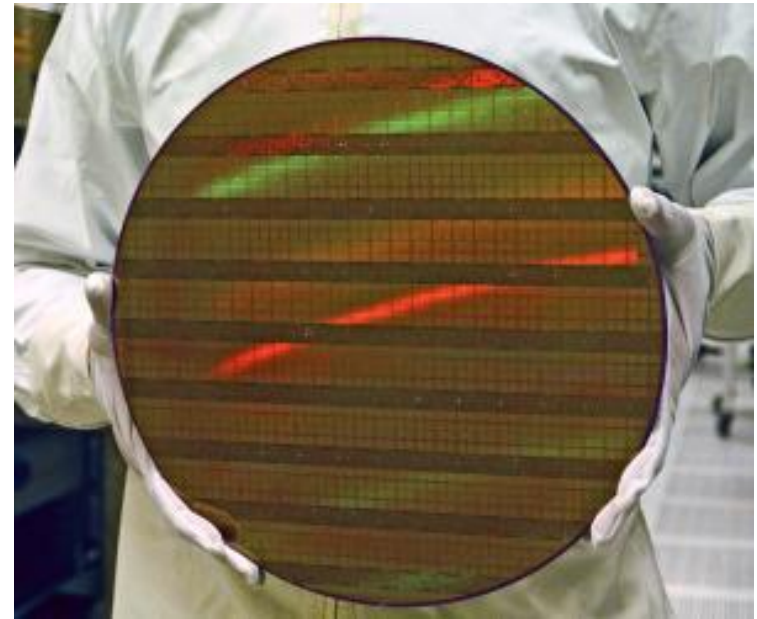
## Emerging production

Shifting from processing  
stable silicon substrates to films

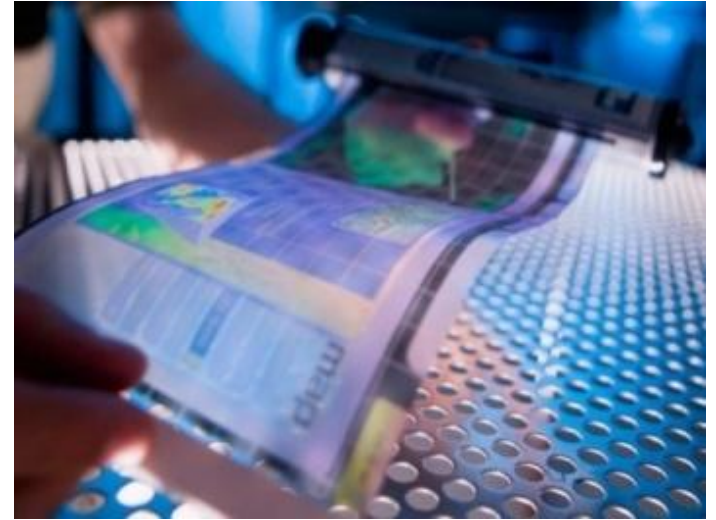
Shifting from  
“step and repeat” operations

to

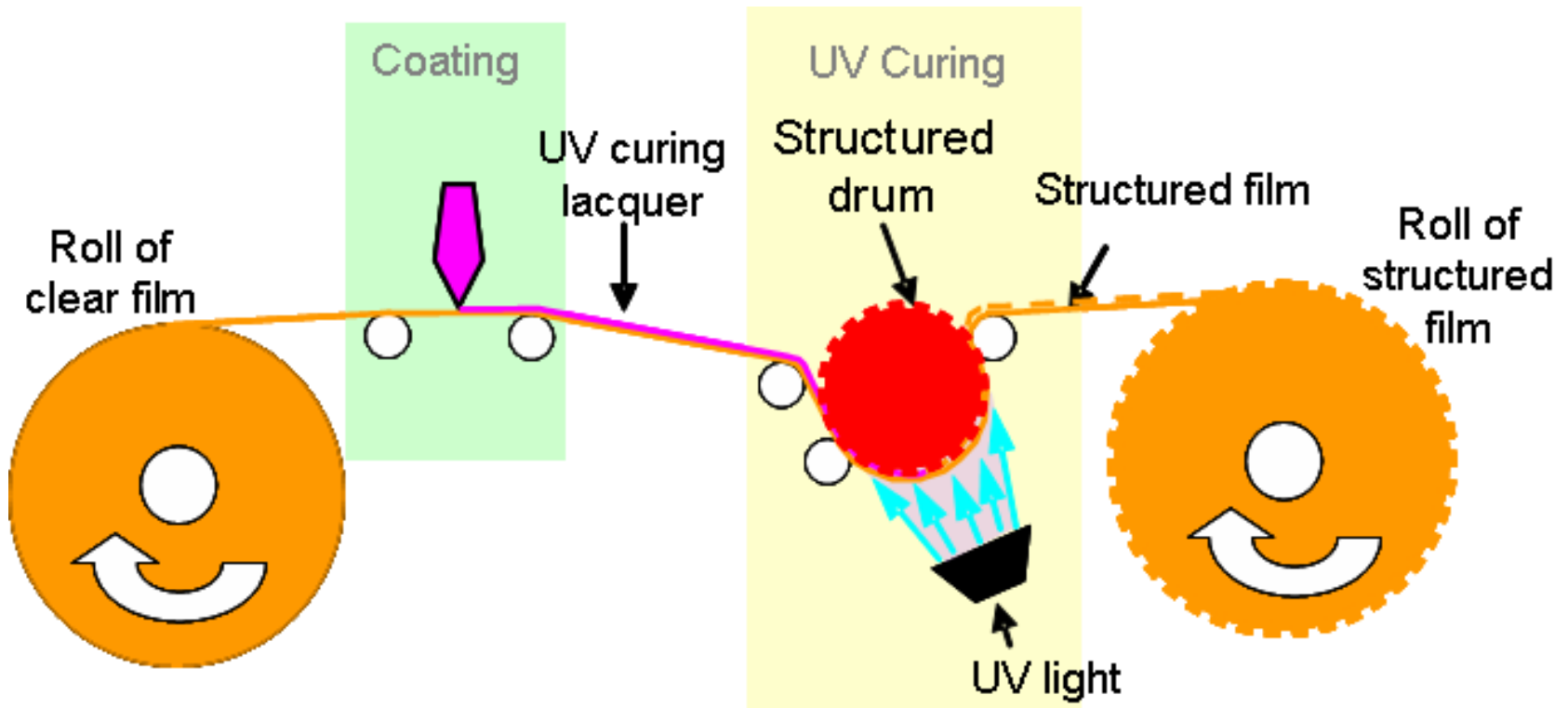
“reel to reel”  
continuous processing



# Emerging products



# Replicating film from a structured drum

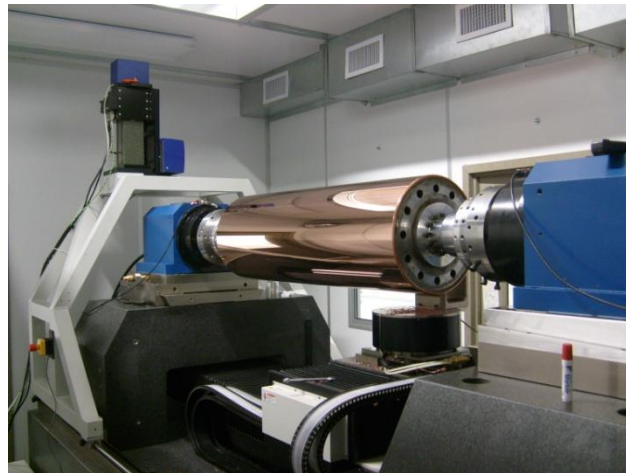


# Surface Structuring of mould tools for Reel to Reel fabrication of light handling films



**Purpose built facility**

**Clean room class 10,000**



**Lab temperature control  $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**Enclosure temperature control  
 $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$**

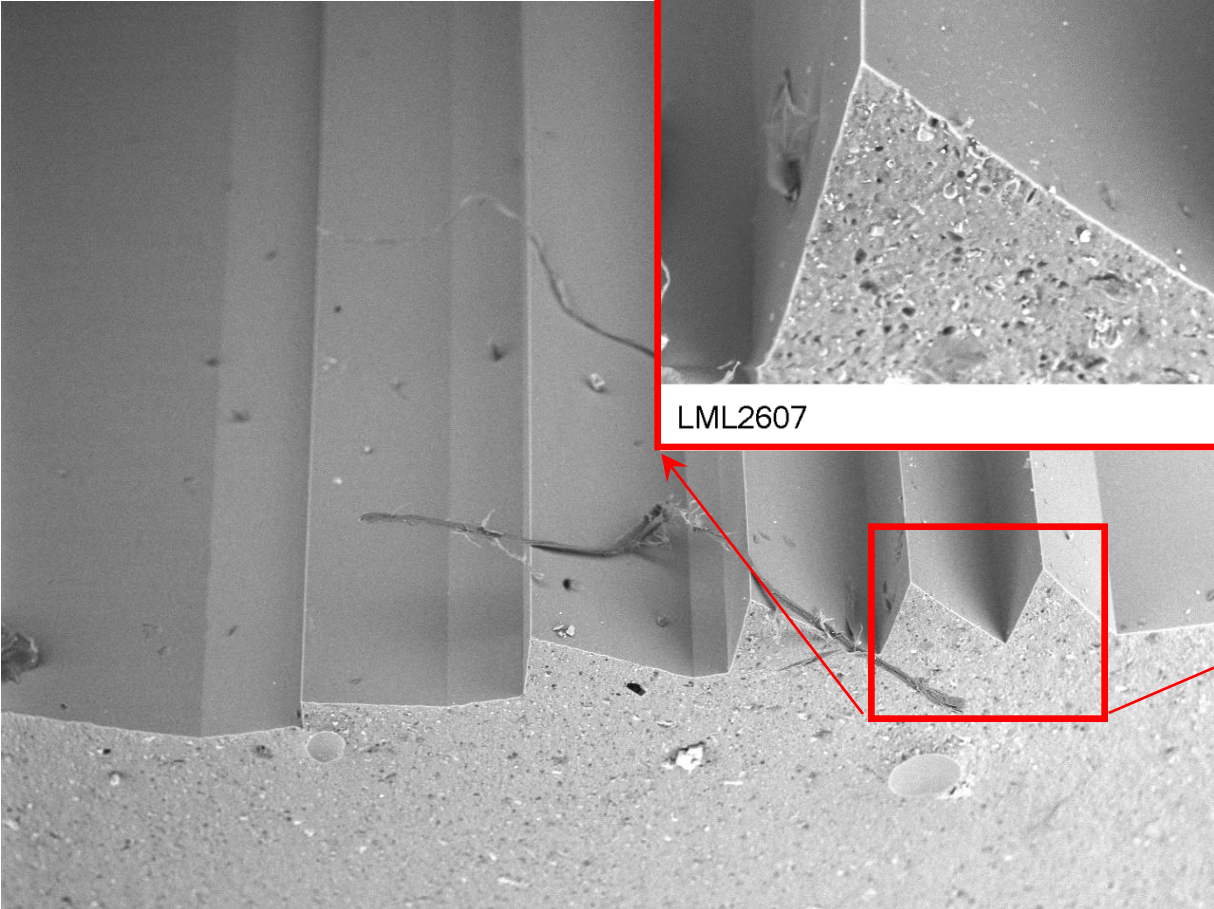
**Active vibration isolation**

# Micro-textured cylindrical mould



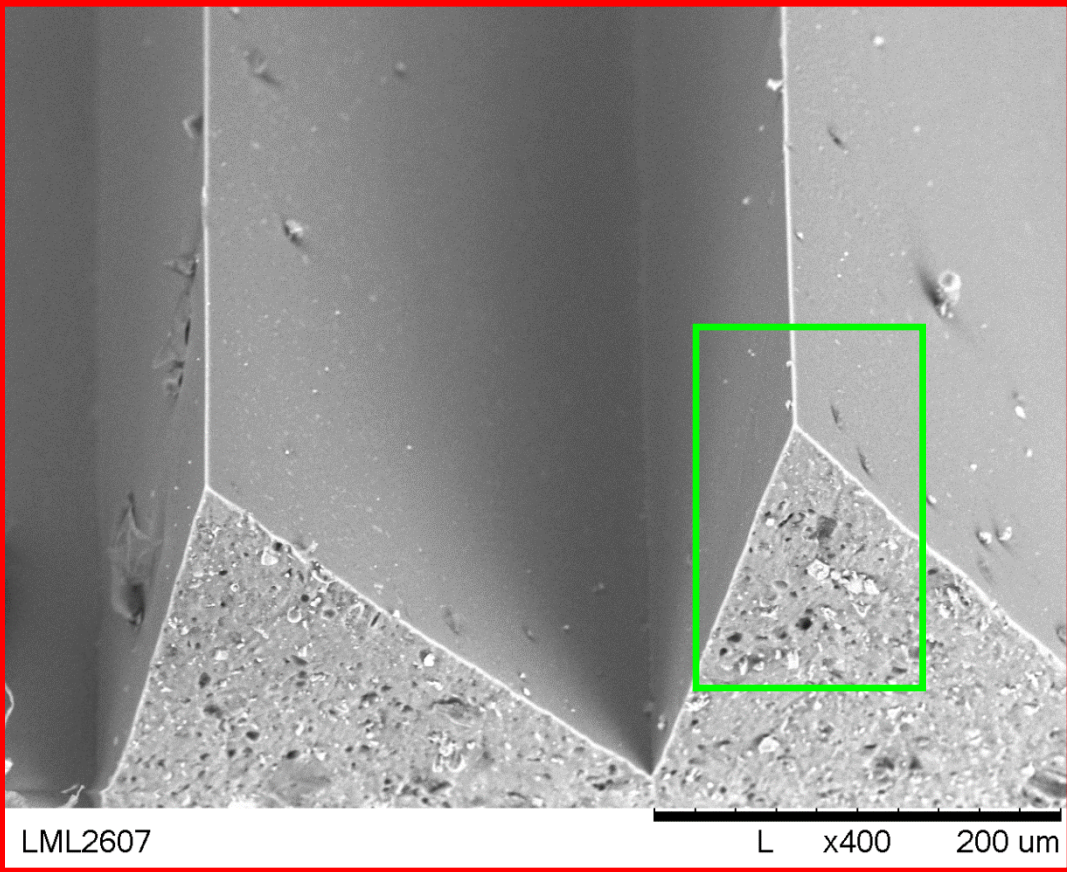


**Cutting a varying  
included angle:  
corner sharpness**



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L x80 1 mm

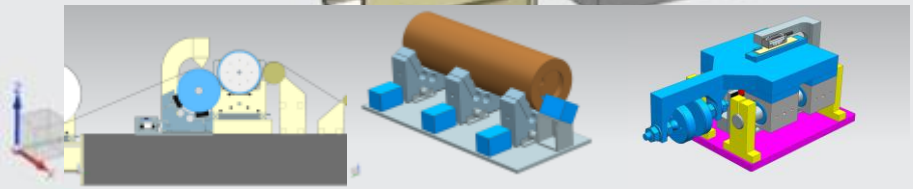
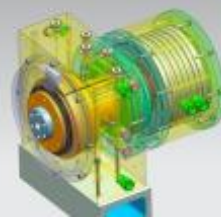
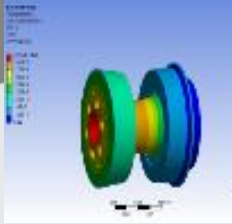
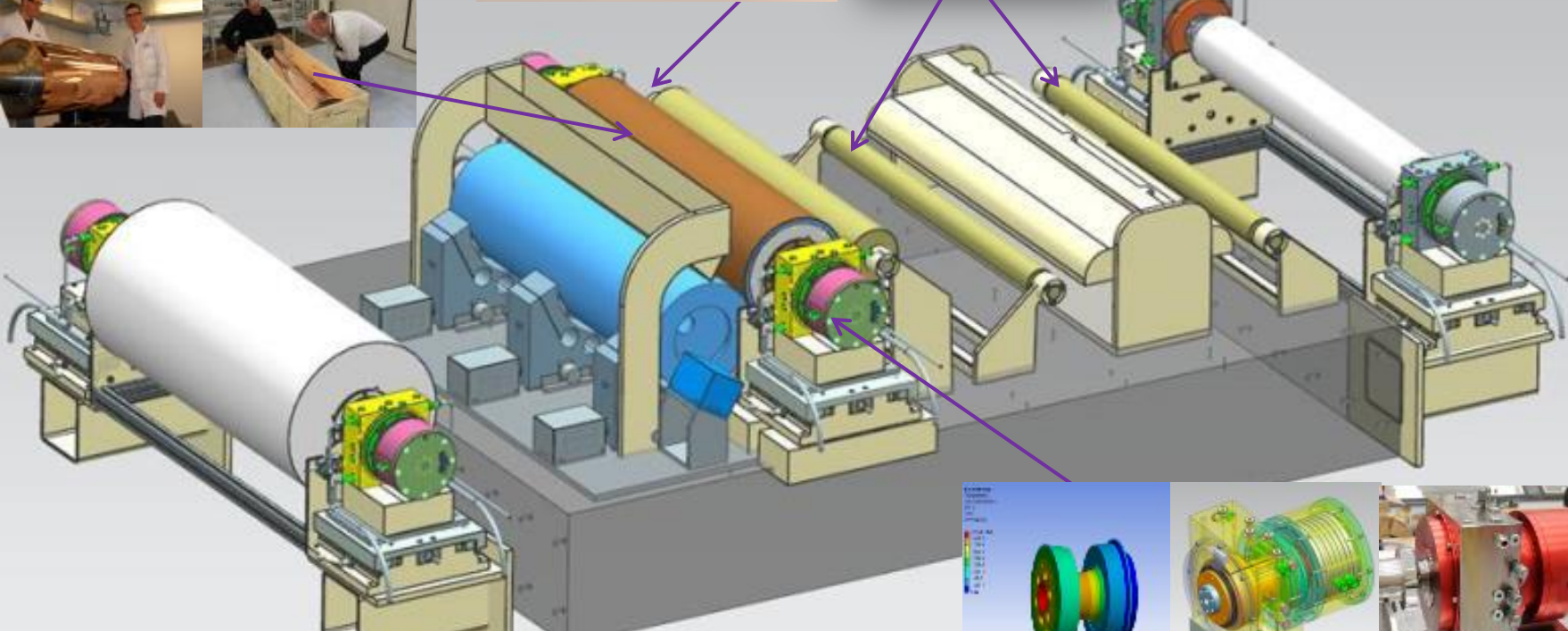
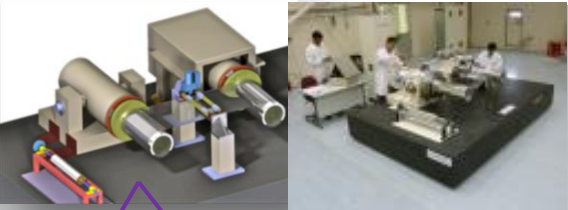
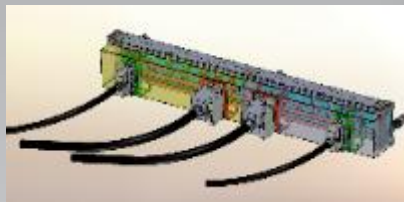


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L x400 200 um



EPSRC Centre for innovative manufacturing in ultra precision



## Research Aspirations

Create machine technologies to realise an ultra precision Roll to Roll research platform that demonstrates:

Large width film processing capability at **48"**

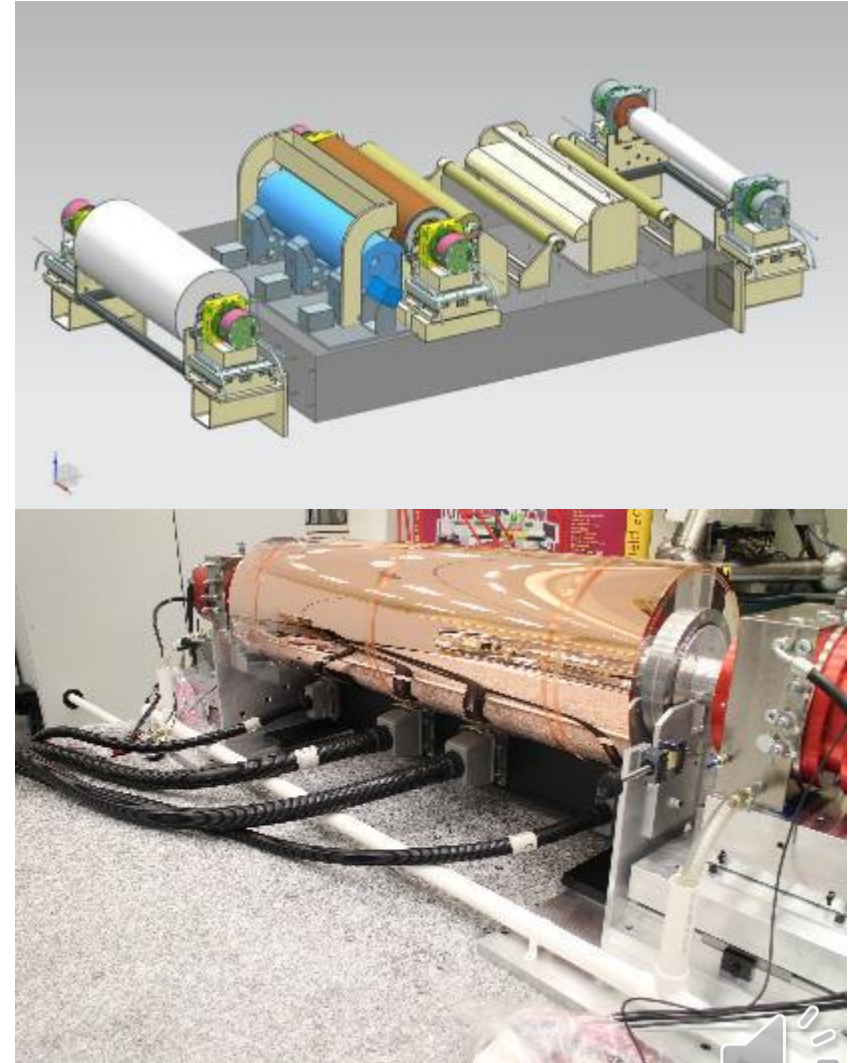
Multi stage embossing module with **200nm** re-positioning accuracy

Film alignment measuring at **100nm** accuracy

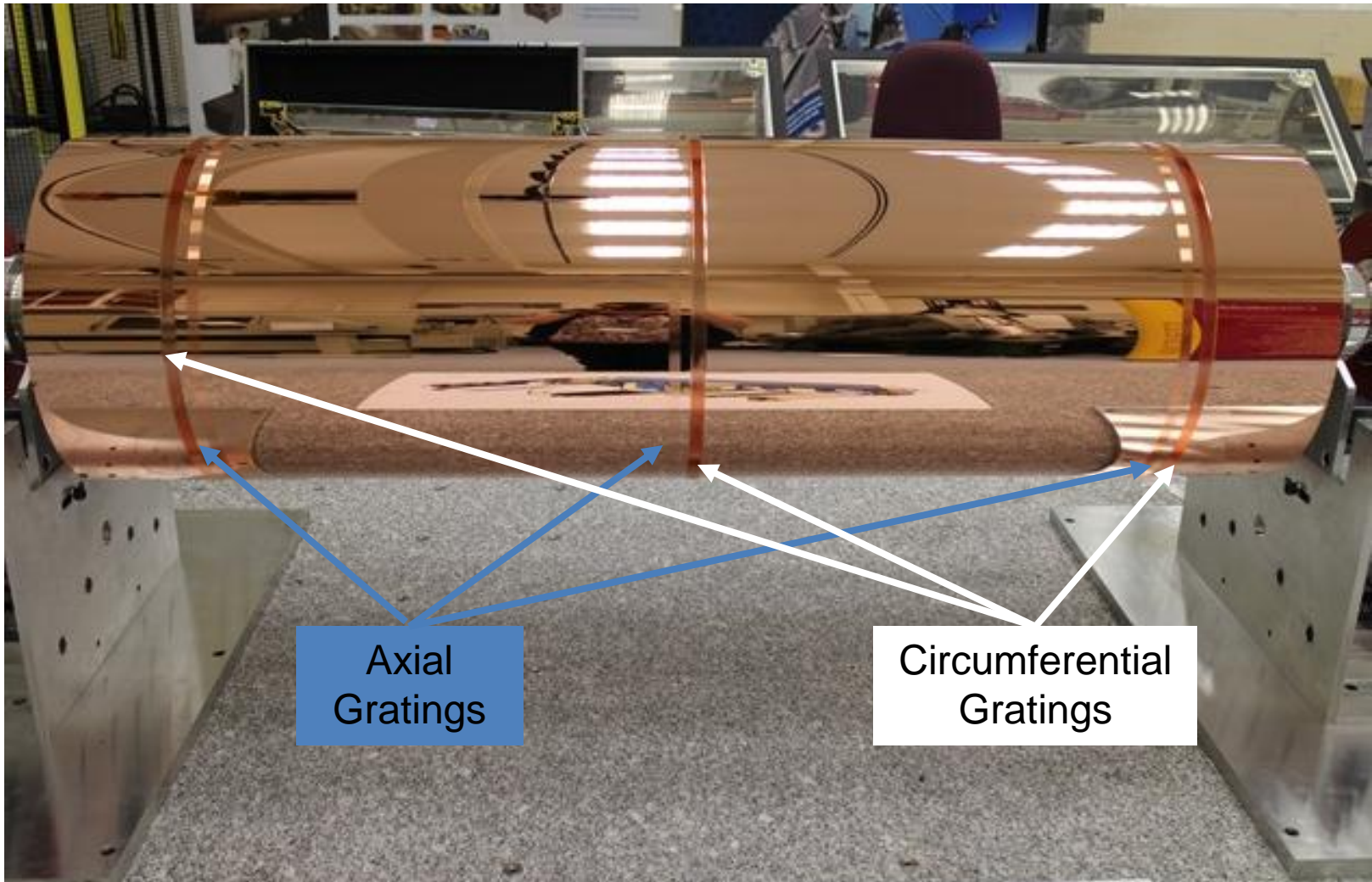
Precision alignment module for multi film lamination at **500 - 1000nm** with alignment

Apply processes:

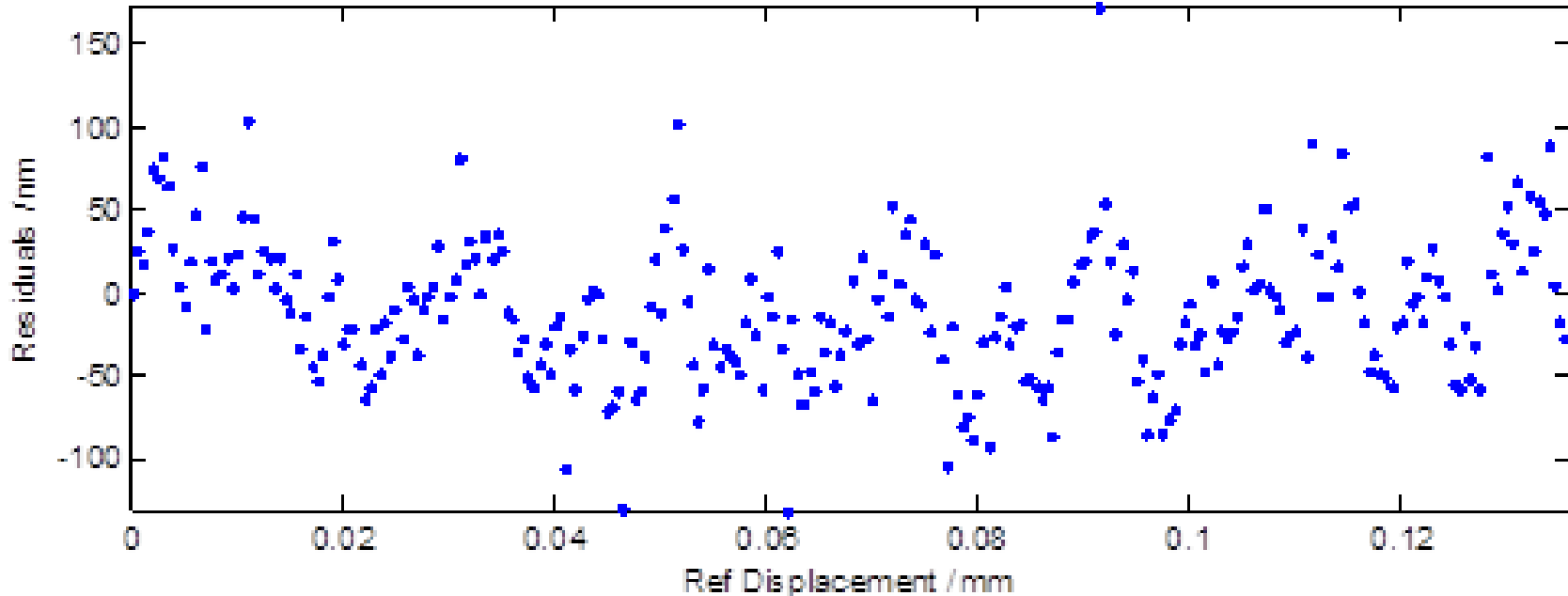
Lacquer application, embossing, UV/flash cure, inkjet, laser, precision lamination



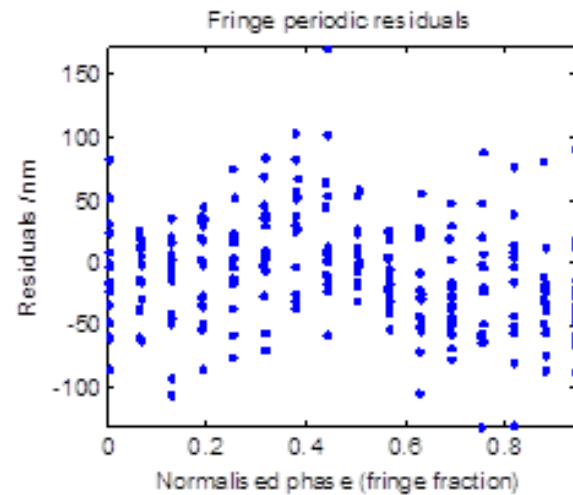
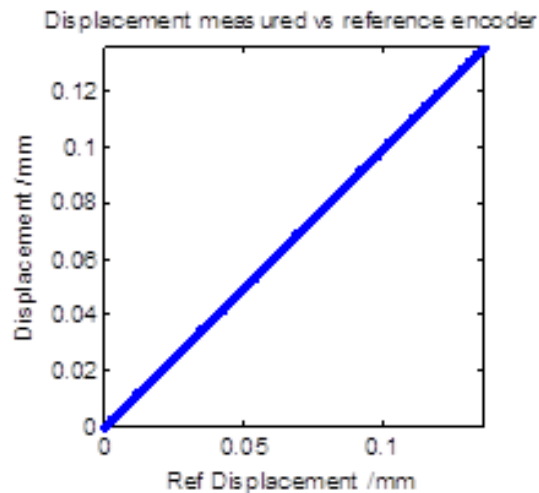
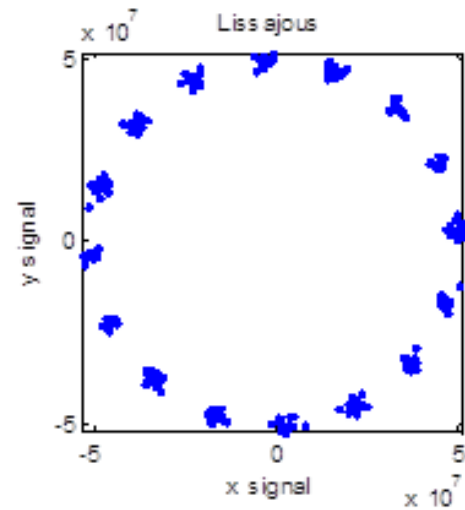
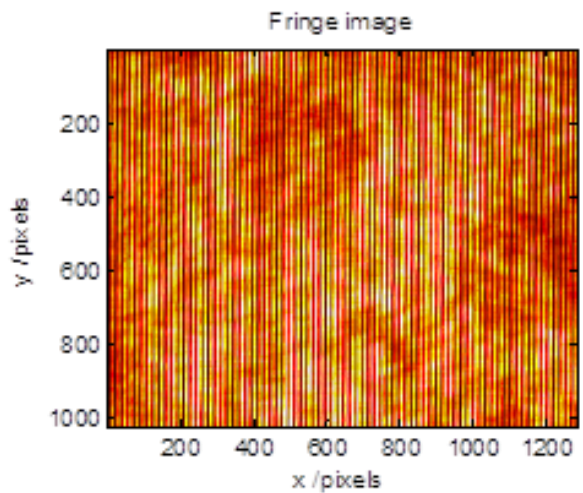
## Instrumenting films prior to processing



## Instrumented plastic film with embossed gratings residual errors



## Measurement performance of embossed gratings



## Presentation structure

1. Some observations
2. Enabling our future?
3. Drivers of accuracy improvement
4. Power of metrology innovations
5. In process measurement
  - Previous examples
  - New problem
- 6 Summary

# Power of metrology innovation

20 million metres above the earth

GPS provides 3D positioning uncertainty of < 10 metre

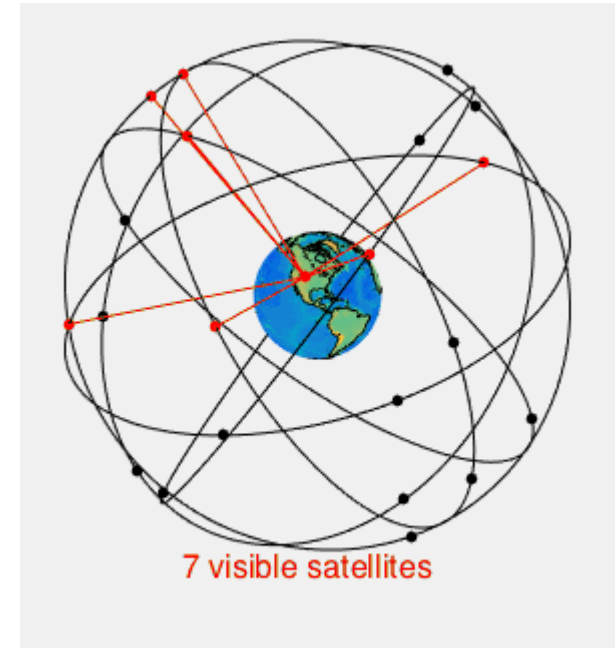
5 parts in  $10^7$

In the near future,

23 million metres above the earth

Galileo targeting a positioning uncertainty to 0.01 m (1 cm)

5 parts in  $10^{10}$





# Indoor “GPS” Technology

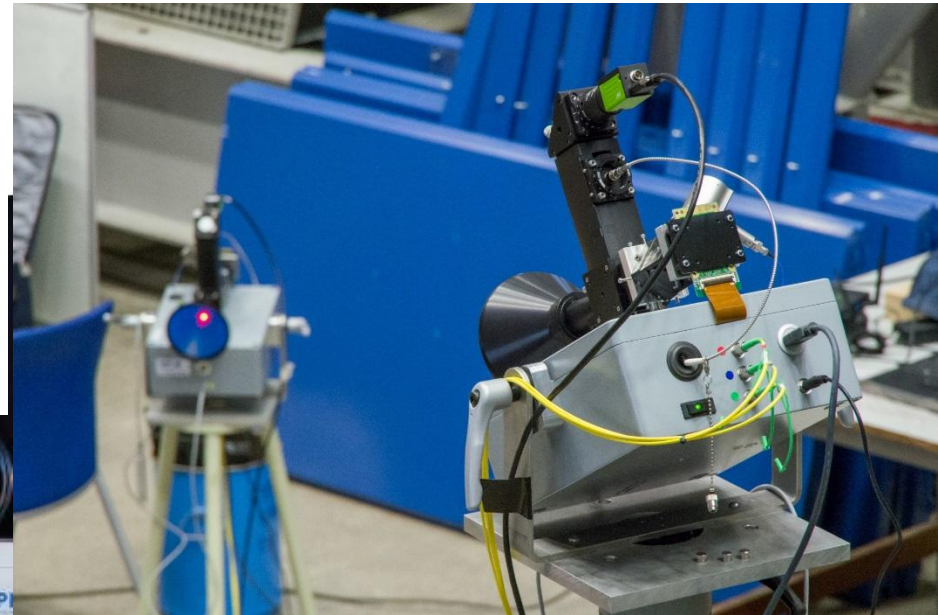
High accuracy measurement complement  
to GPS / Galileo

Frameless that makes Buildings the  
measuring machine frames

Able to identify elements and perform  
measurements on them



Confidence through traceability



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- UK National Measurement system
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- EPSRC Ultra Precision Centre
- UK National Measurement System
- Companies and organisations



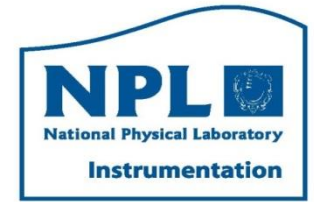
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# The NPL-Cranfield Acoustic Thermometer

**Measures the  
speed of sound  
in a spherical  
resonator**

# BOLTZMANN Primary Thermometer



## Most accurate thermometer in human history

Combined microwave and acoustic resonator with quasi-spherical inner surface enabling:

*Thermodynamic temperature within  $\pm 0.2$  mK*

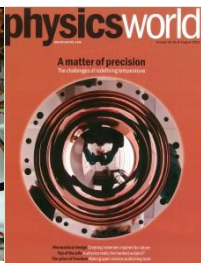
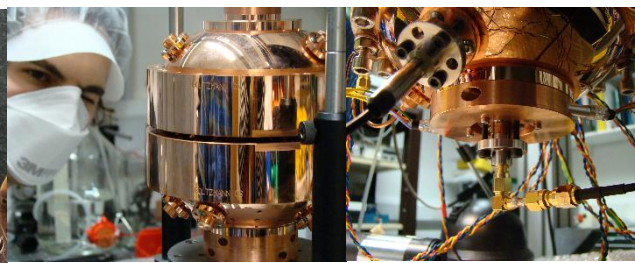
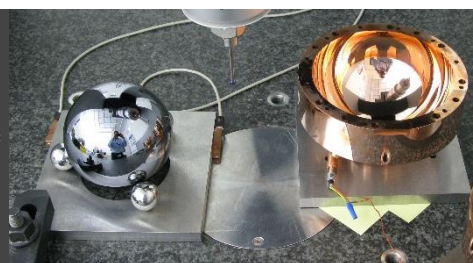
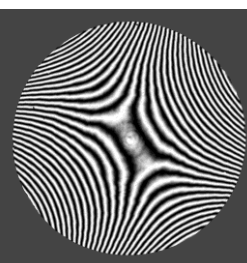
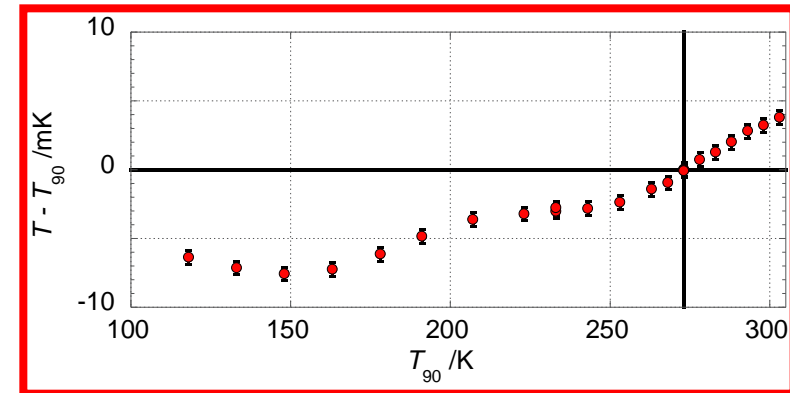
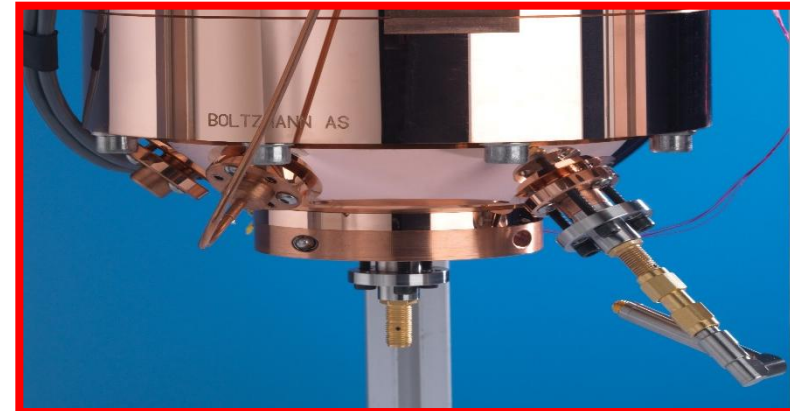
- *From 118 K to 303 K - extendable*

*Mode-to-Mode agreement:*

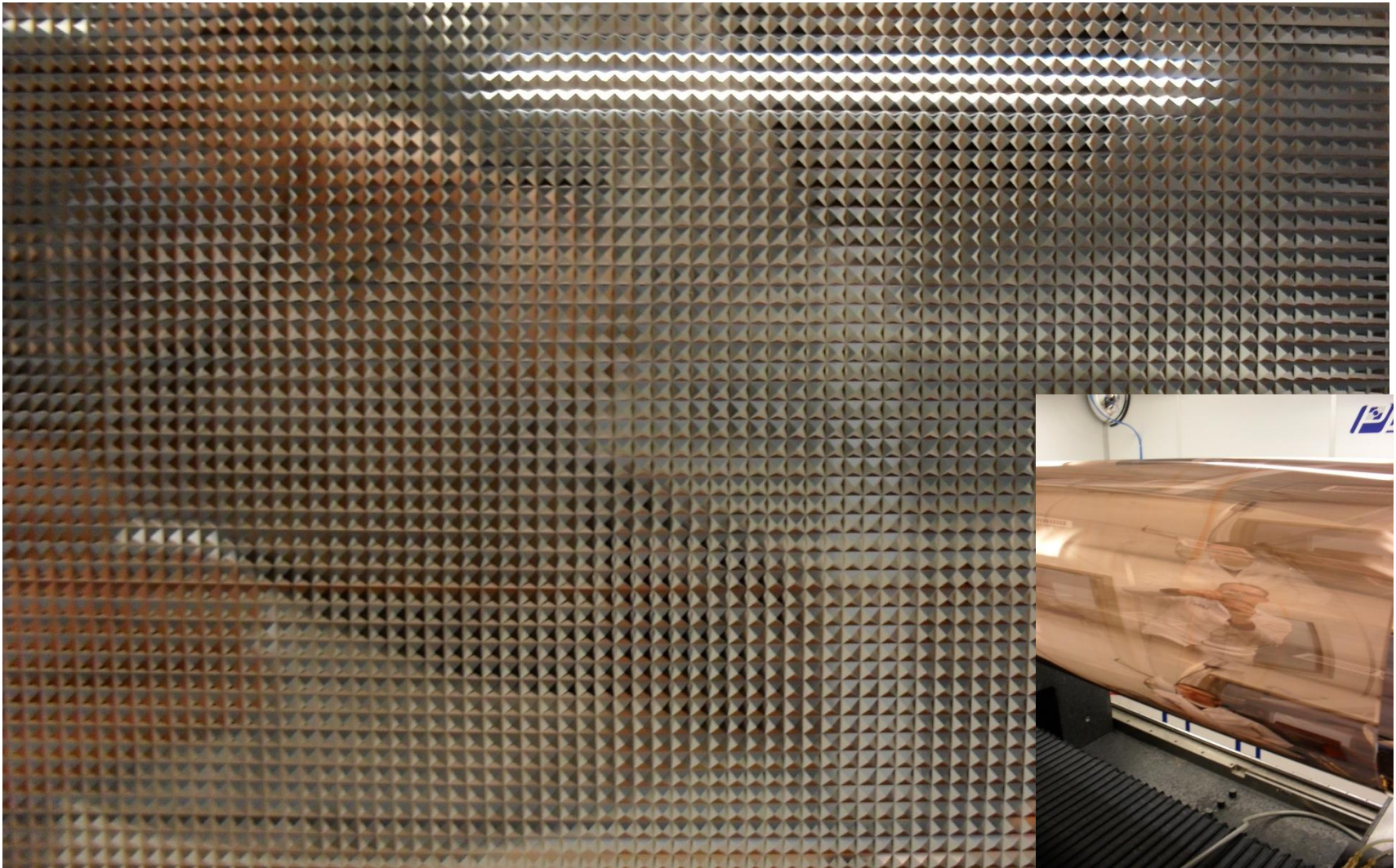
- *Acoustic resonances  $u_R < 0.5$  ppm ( $\sim 0.1$  mK)*
- *Microwave resonances  $u_R < 0.1$  ppm ( $\sim 6$  nm)*
- *Fractional Excess Acoustic half-width  $< 10^{-6}$*

Achieved by:

- *Internal surface is triaxial-ellipsoid within  $1.5 \mu\text{m}$  performed at Cranfield University*
- *Calculation of probe and shape perturbations*



# Micro-textured retro-reflecting surfaces



# Summary

1) How do product development pathways influence manufacturing, manufacturing research and measurement research?

Tend to demand higher relative levels of accuracy, on components of shape complexity with greater scale

Noting: energy is enemy of precision but the driver of production

2) What key technical developments will help secure and establish future successful manufacturing capability?

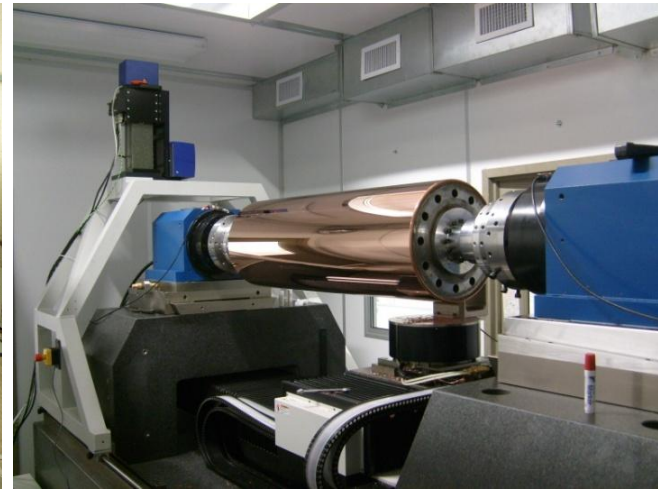
Processes that can be performed in more “hostile” environments on materials having lower stability levels and more complexity

3) What future manufacturing developments will be critical to human-kind’s long term prosperity?

Those that enable effective energy production technologies

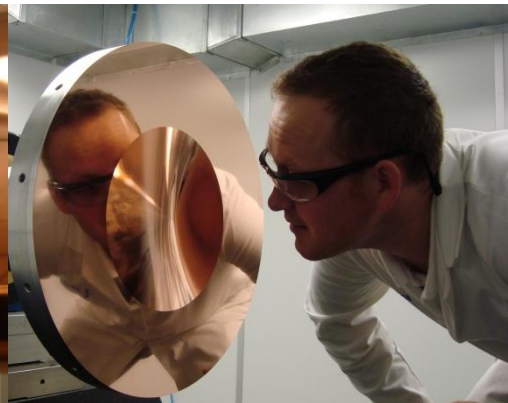
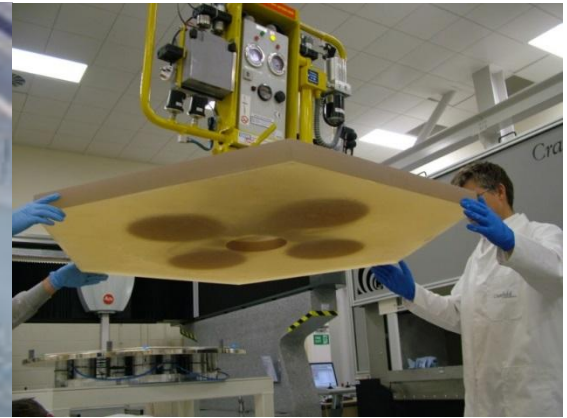
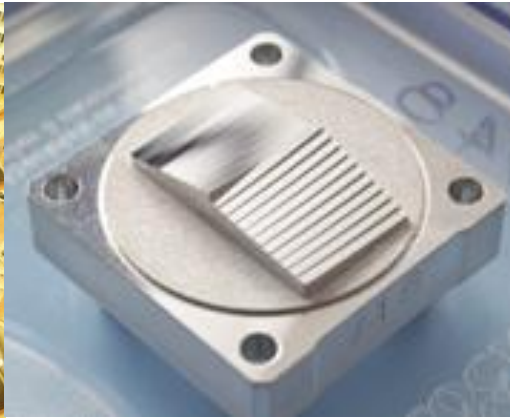
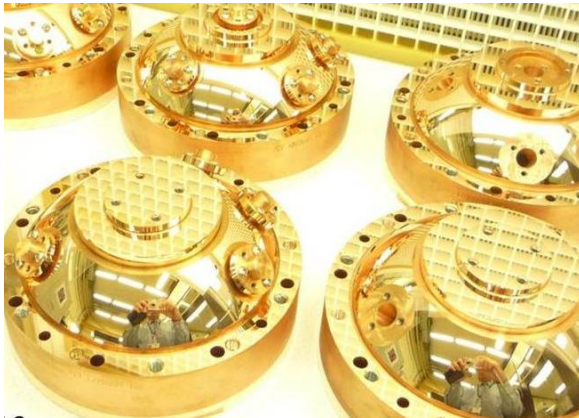
# Precision Engineering at Cranfield

We aim to hold a capability to innovate and build new machine tools, and to operate purposeful ultra precision laboratories that **provide a good place to train precision engineers.**



“marketing”, that we:

- Define temperature
- Make more mirror surfaces for Hubble replacement than anyone else
- Produce mirror segments for ESO’s extremely large telescope
- Operate leading commercial micro-structuring facility supplying “blue chips”





# The 11 Principles and Techniques for the Design of High Precision Machines (P.A. McKeown)

1. **Structure:**  
symmetry; dynamic stiff; high damping; secular stability;  
thermal stability; independent of foundation; seismic isolation.
2. **Kinematic/Semi-Kinematic Design:**  
rigid body kinematics; three point support
3. **Abbé Principle (or options)**
4. **"Direct" Displacement Transducers:**  
scale or laser interferometer(s)
5. **Metrology Frames:**  
isolate measuring system from force paths and machine distortion
6. **Bearings:**  
high accuracy; high averaging/low rumble; low  
thermal effects; low limiting friction; high damping

# The 11 Principles and Techniques for the Design of High Precision Machines (P.A. McKeown)

## 7. Drives/Carriages:

through axes of reaction; "non-influencing" couplings and clamps

## 8. Thermal Effects:

eliminate/minimise thermal inputs and drift;  
stabilisation/compensation

## 9. Servo-Drives and Control (CNC):

high stiffness/response/bandwidth; zero following errors;  
dynamic position-loop synchronisation

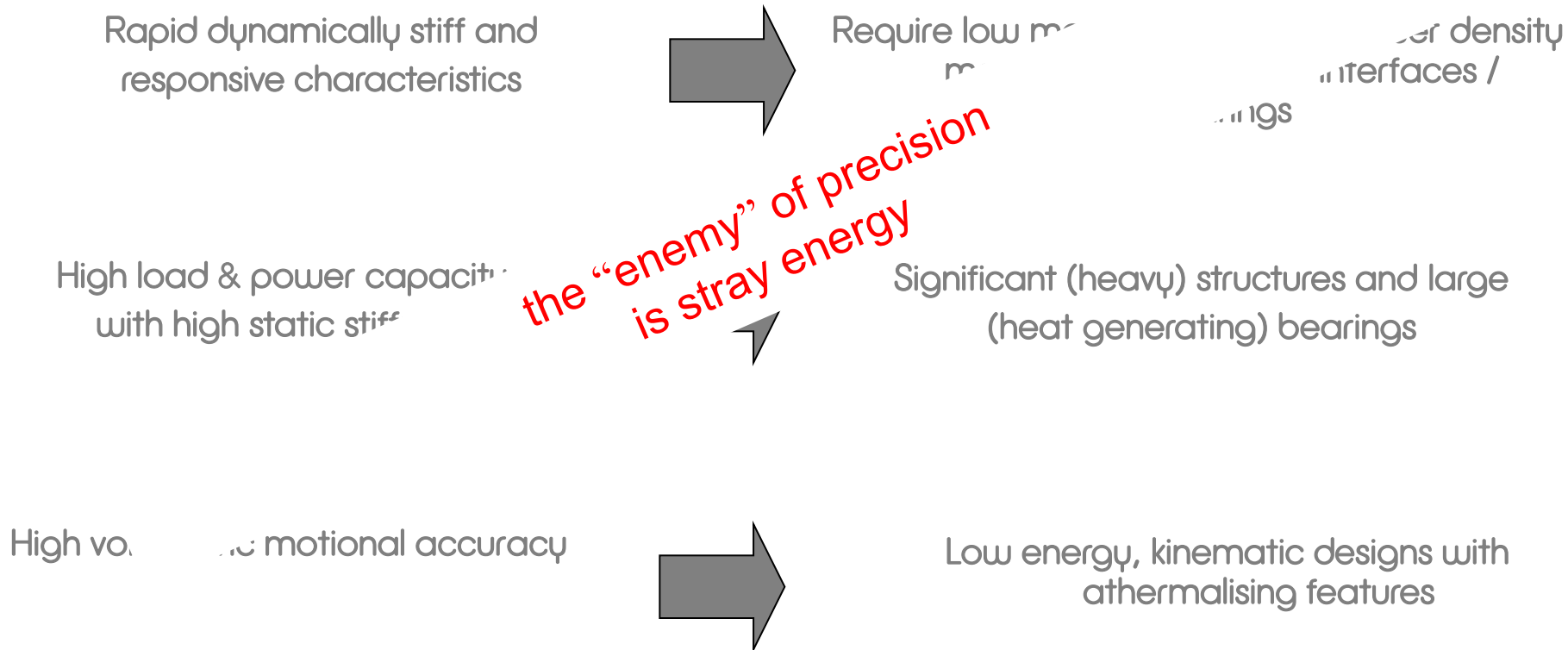
## 10. Error Budgeting:

- (i) geometrical-angular, straightness & orthogonal error motions
- (ii) thermal-loop expansions; deformations

## 11. Error Compensation:

linear; planar; volumetric; quasi-static and dynamic

## common design “tensions”

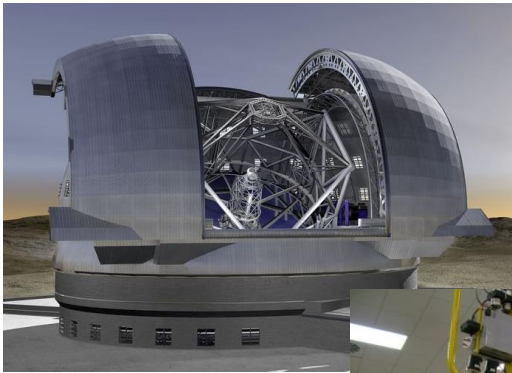


Machine Tool Productivity is significantly associated with power density

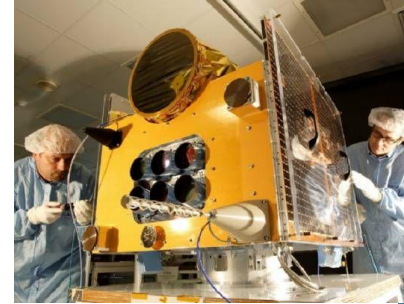
# Presentation Outline

- Cranfield approaches to design of machine systems
- **Systems thinking through a production chain**
  - Ultra Precision Surfaces at 1 foot<sup>2</sup> per hour
- Integration challenges
  - Domestic appliance sized machine
- Summary

# Production of Large Scale Optics



Telescopes  
- ELT



Space – Earth orbiters

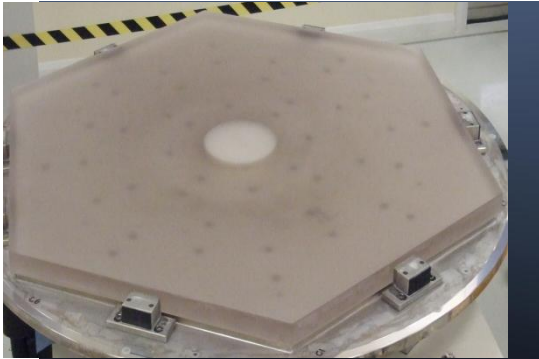


Lithography - EUV  
microlithography Systems



Fusion – High power laser optics

# Demand for Metre Scale Optics



*Astronomy.* segments up to 2 m diameter for extremely large telescopes primary mirrors.



*Laser fusion energy.* thousands of optics up to 0.75 m for laser focussing systems.



*EUV-lithography.* new reflection optics for 13 nm wavelength technology up to metre scale.

## Surface qualities

**Free form shapes (off axis Ellipsoids / Paraboloids)**

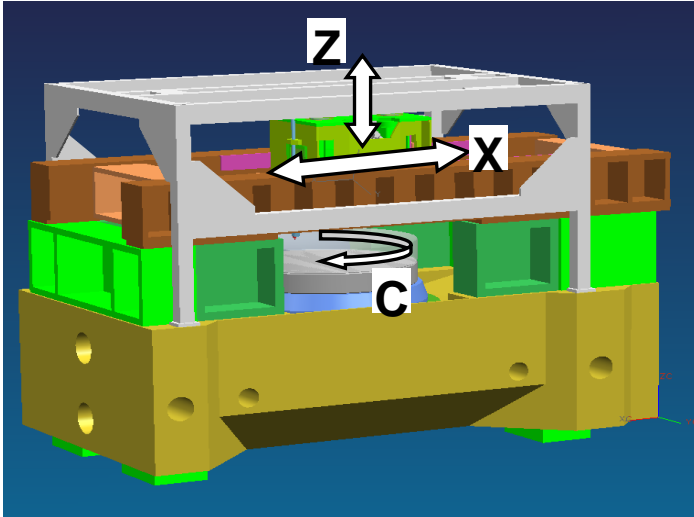
**< 1 nm RMS (Sa) surface roughness**

**~ 1 – 30 nm RMS form accuracy (including edge regions)**

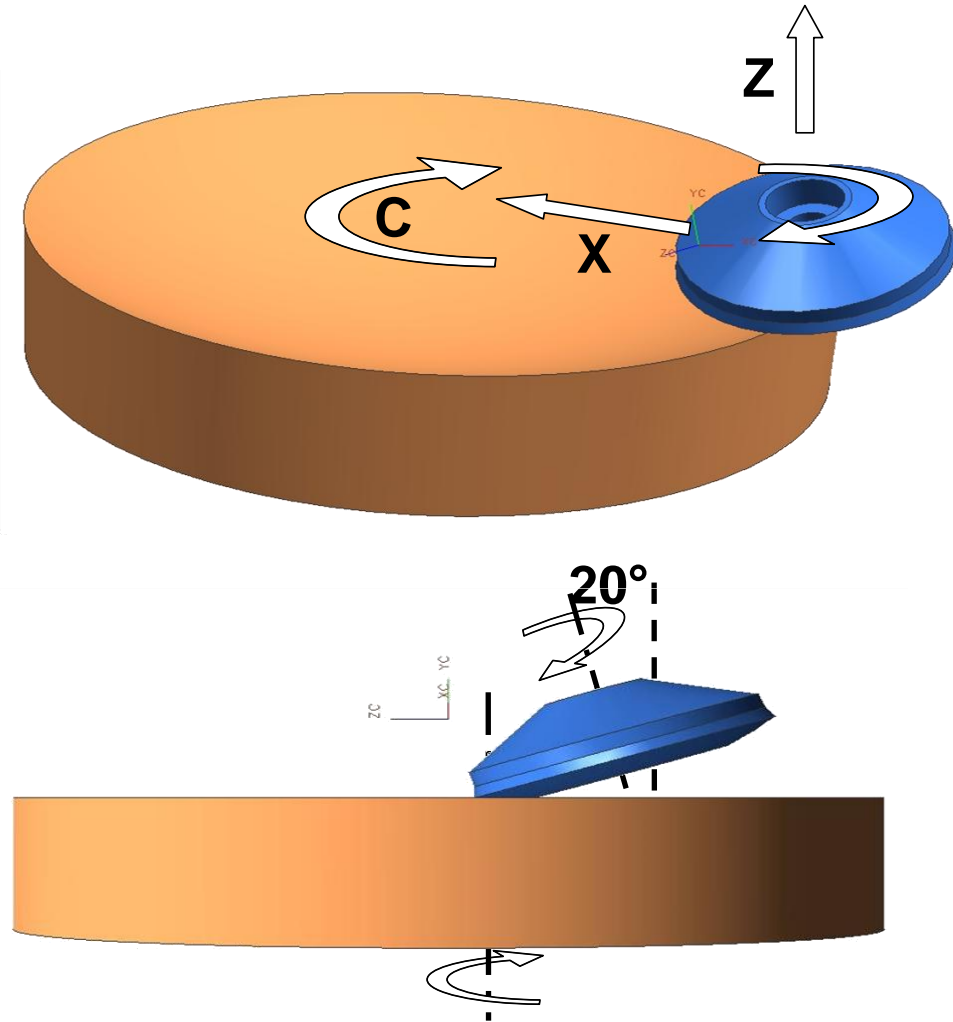
**Very limited surface structure (mid-spatial features)**

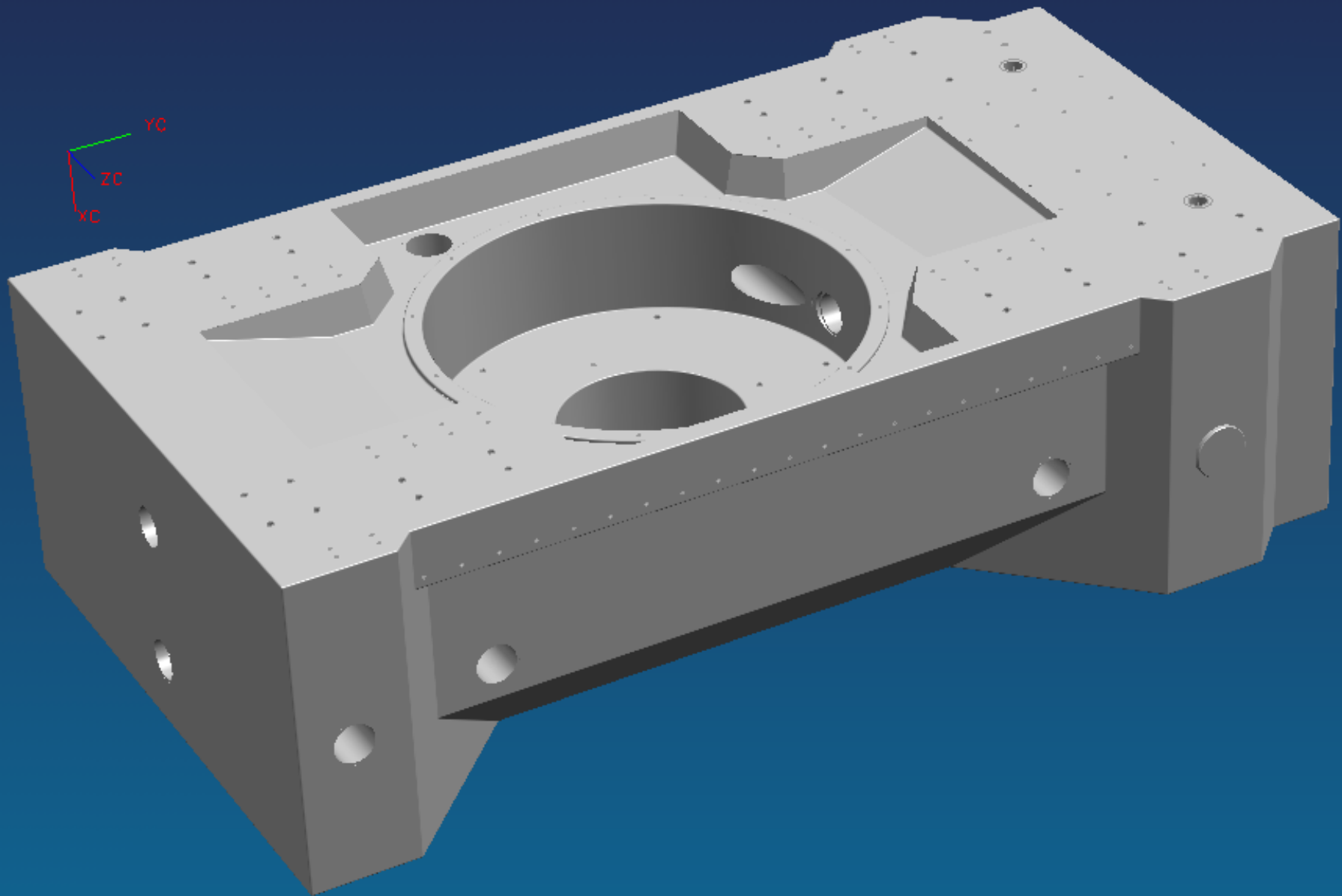
**Free of sub surface defects / stresses**

# BoX grinding motion

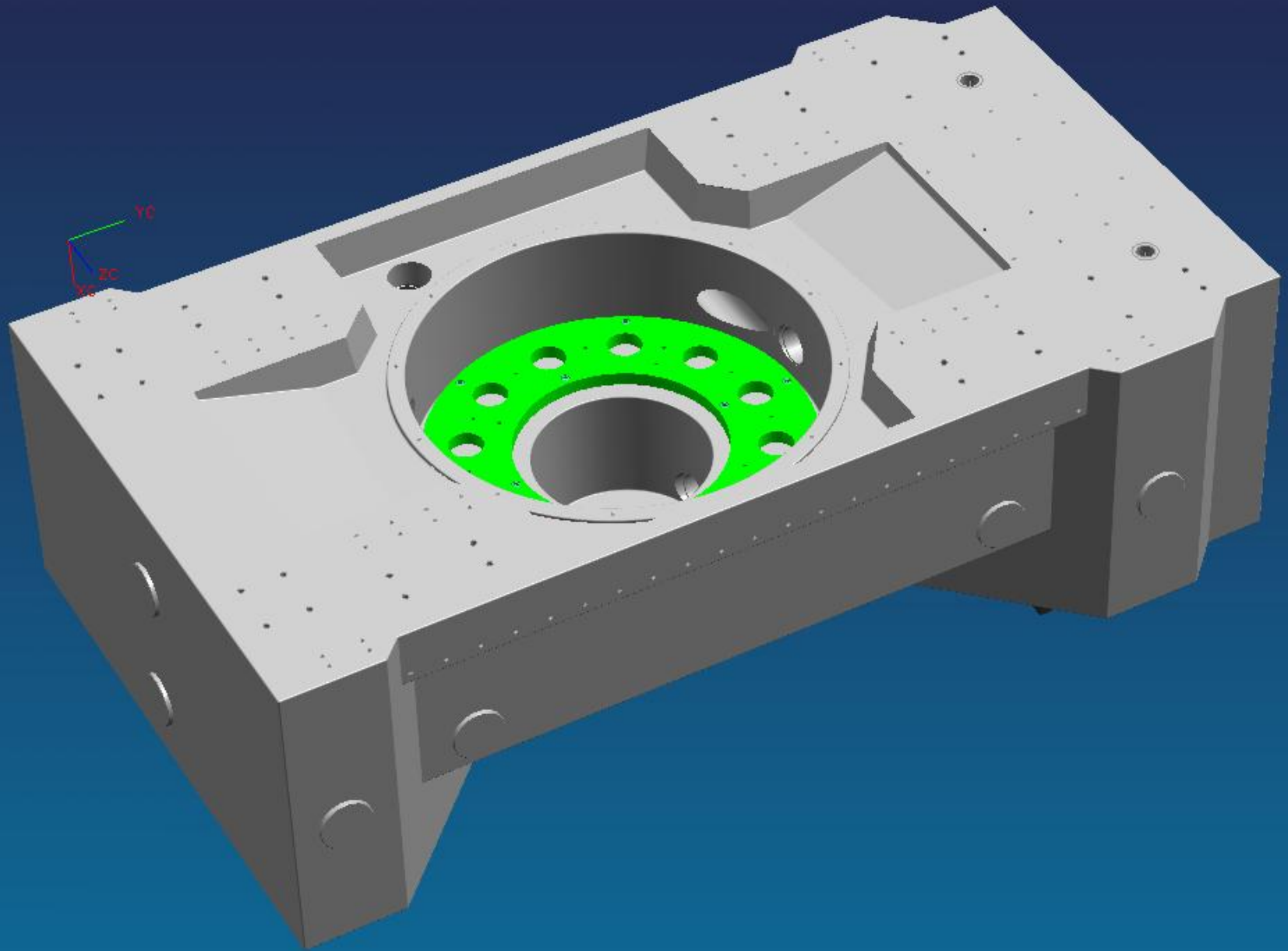


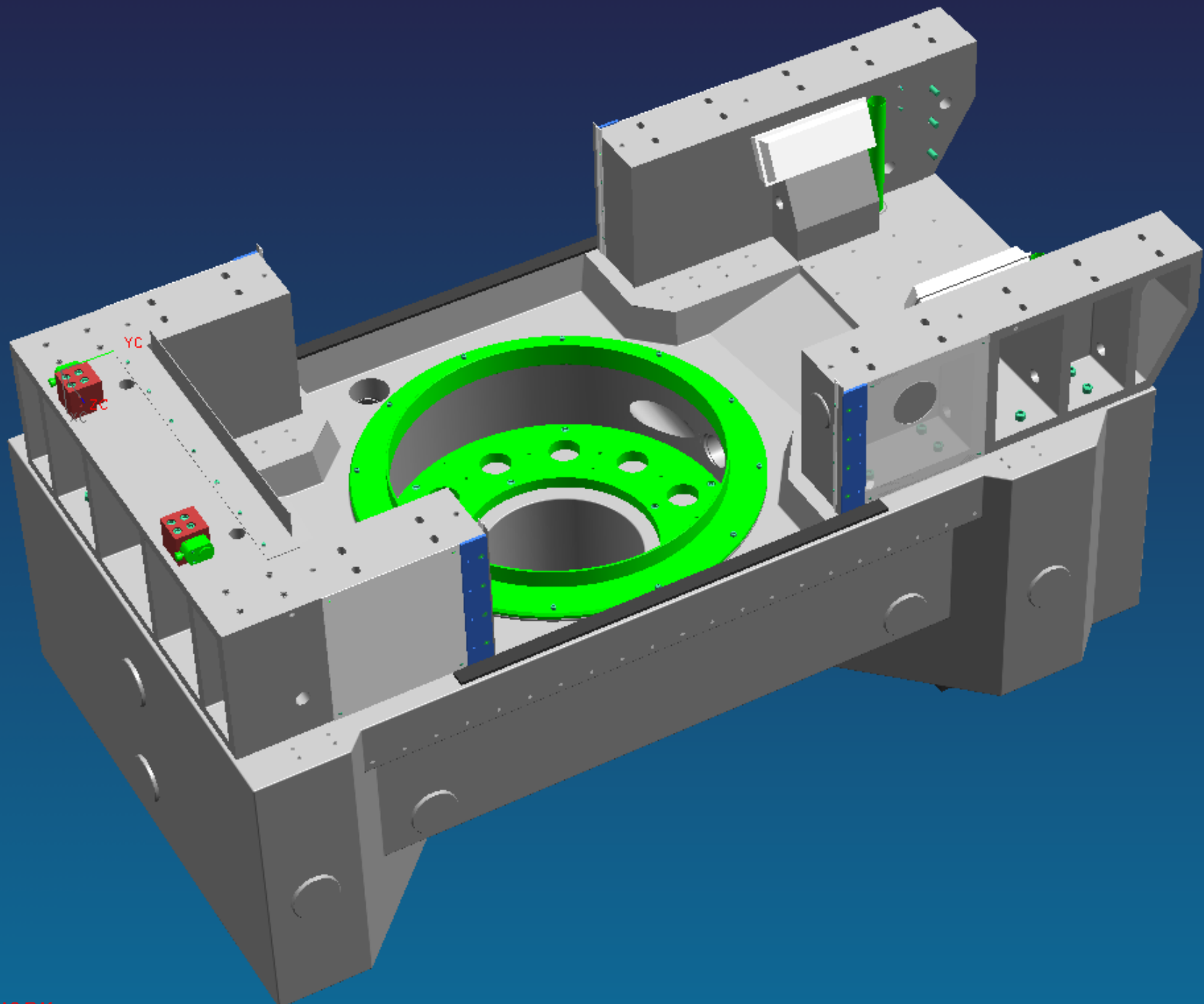
- Free-form grinding capability
- Novel 3 axes configuration
- R-theta grinding mode
- Toroidal shape grinding wheel
- Sophisticated toolpath software

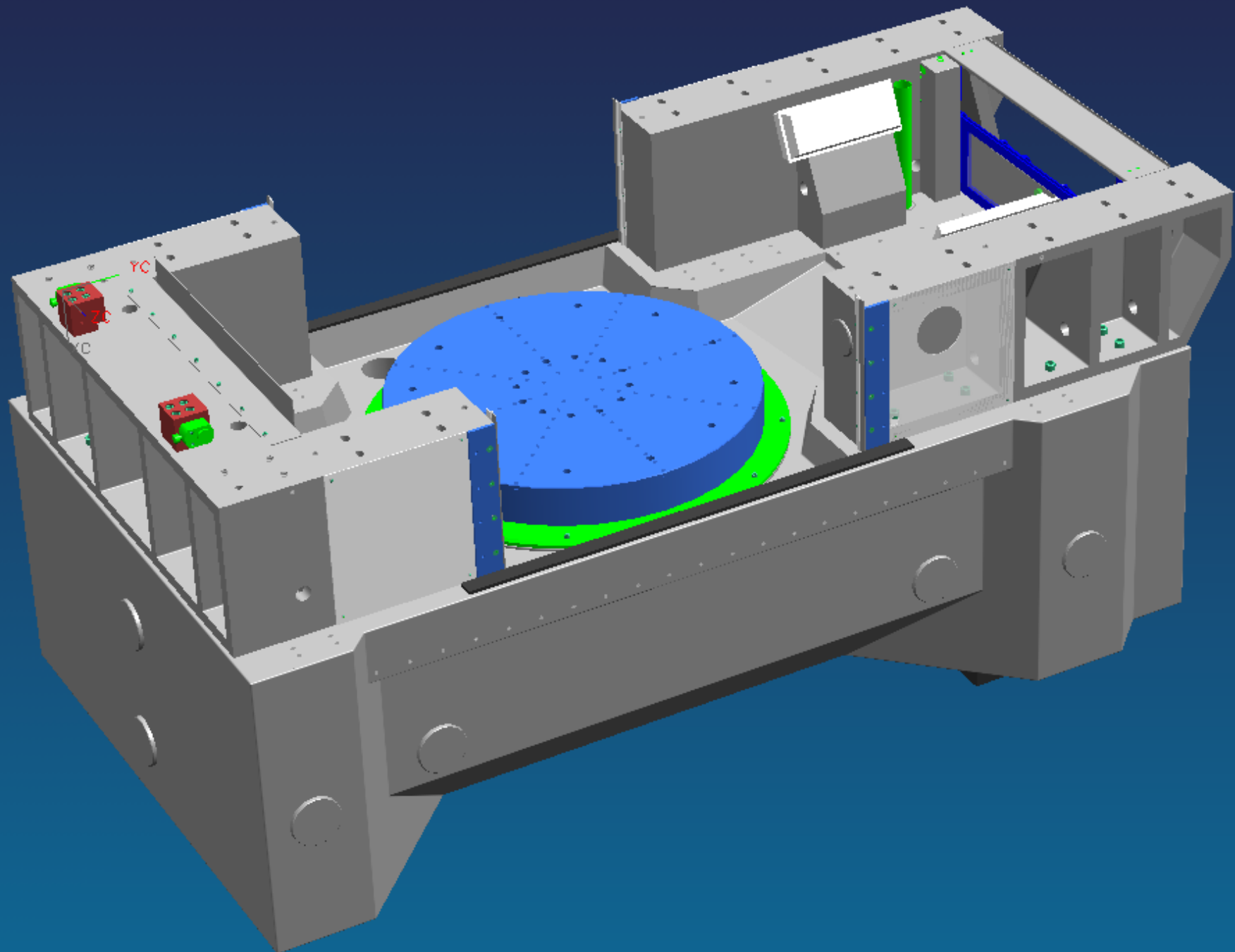


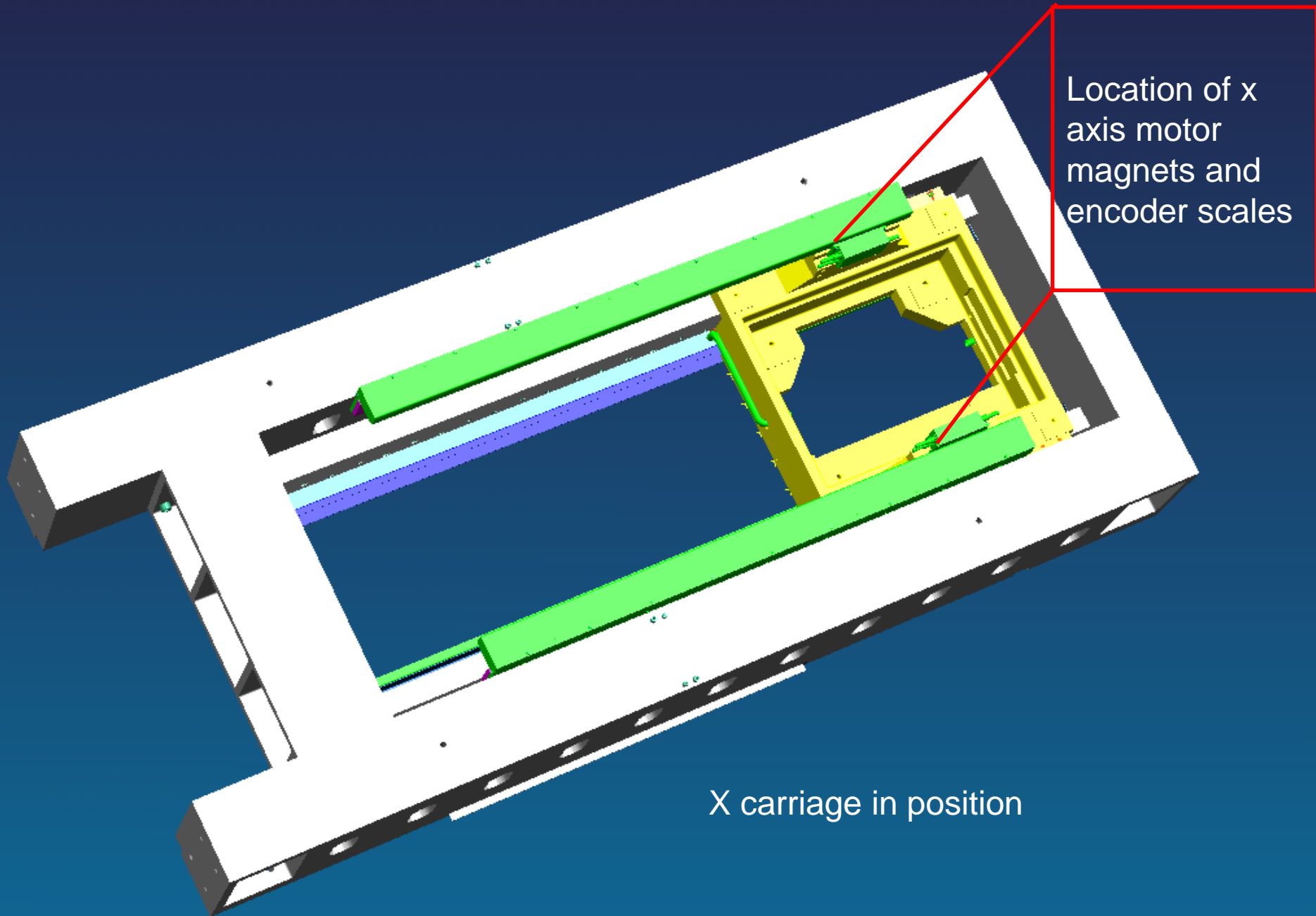






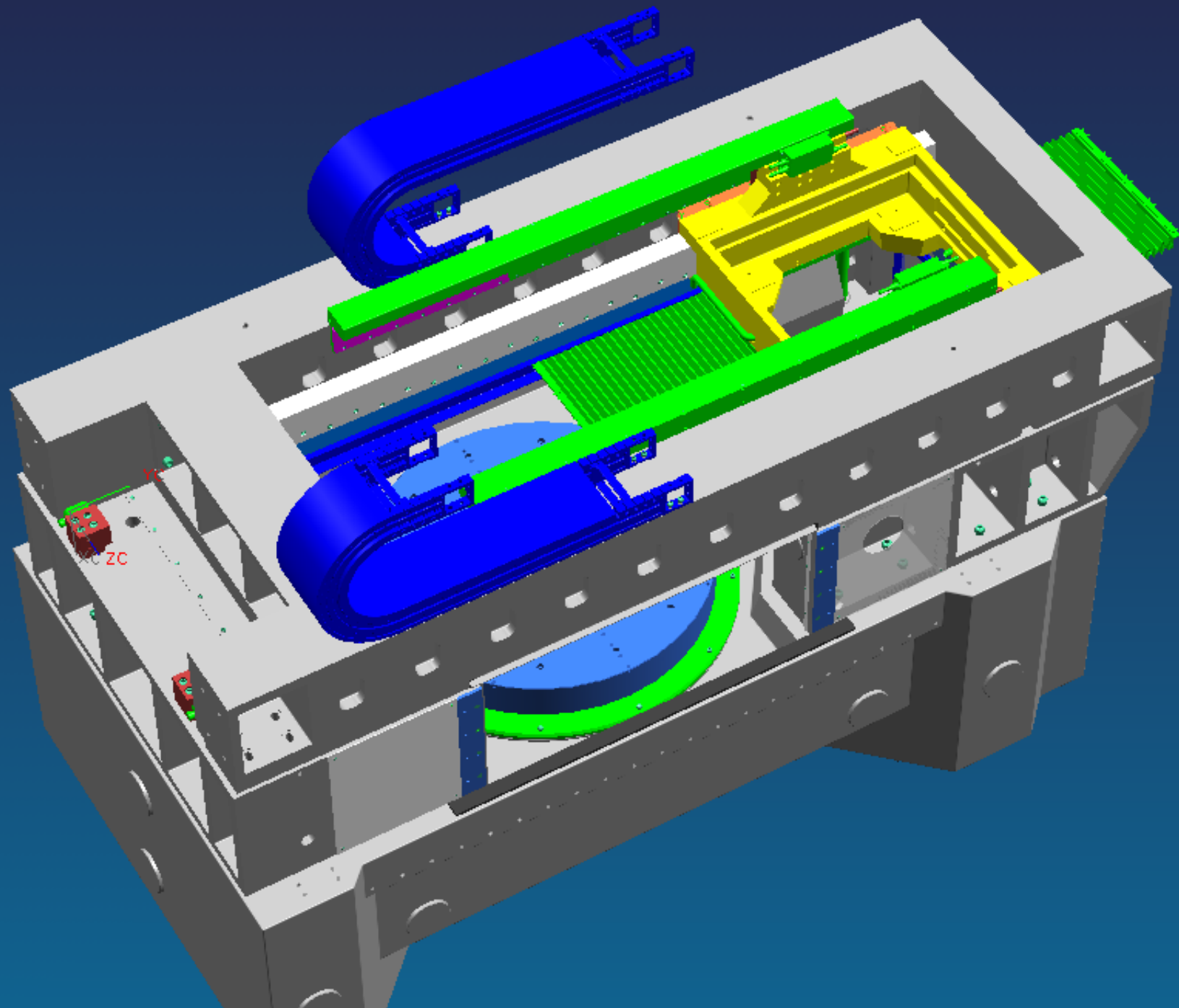


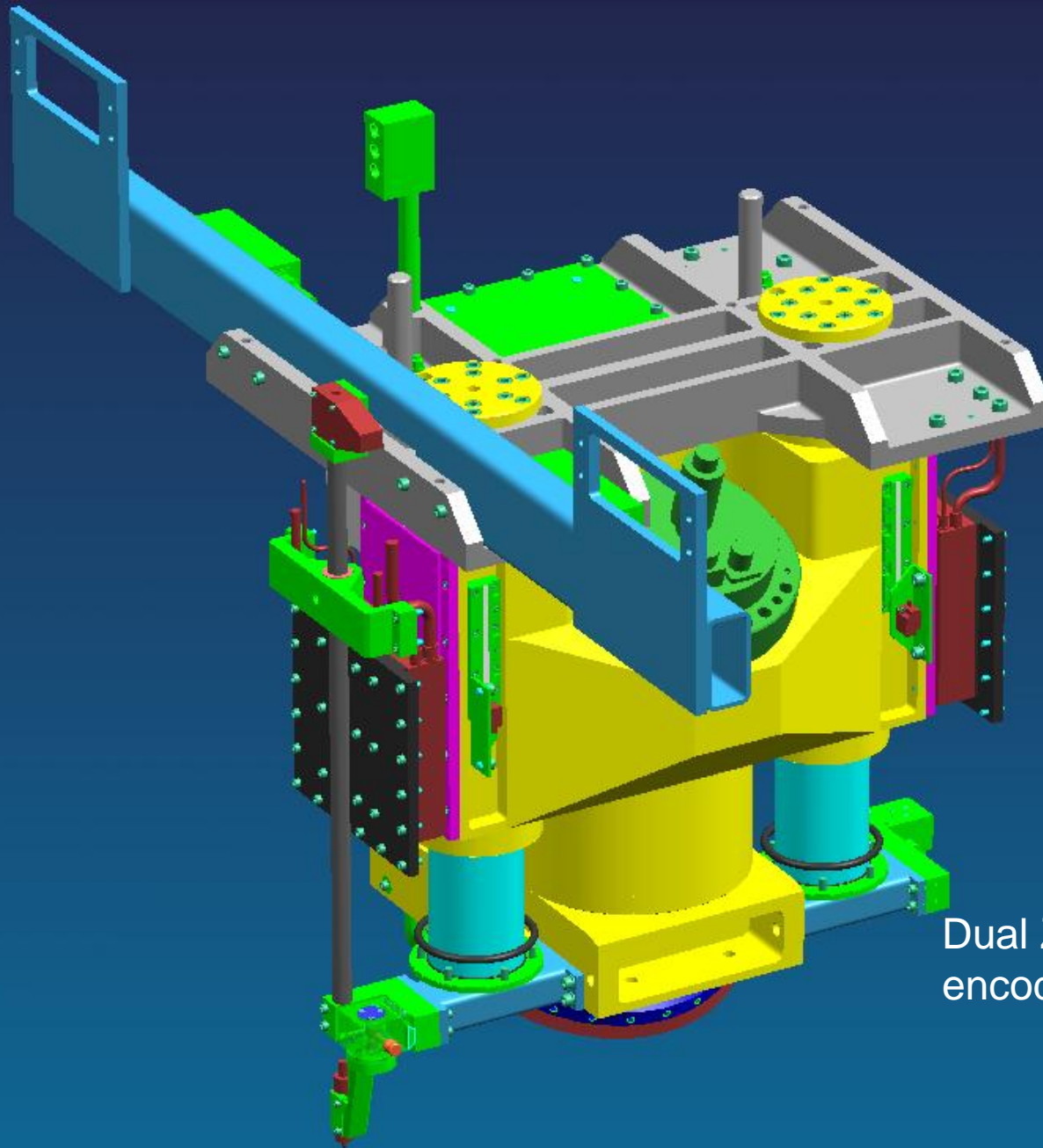




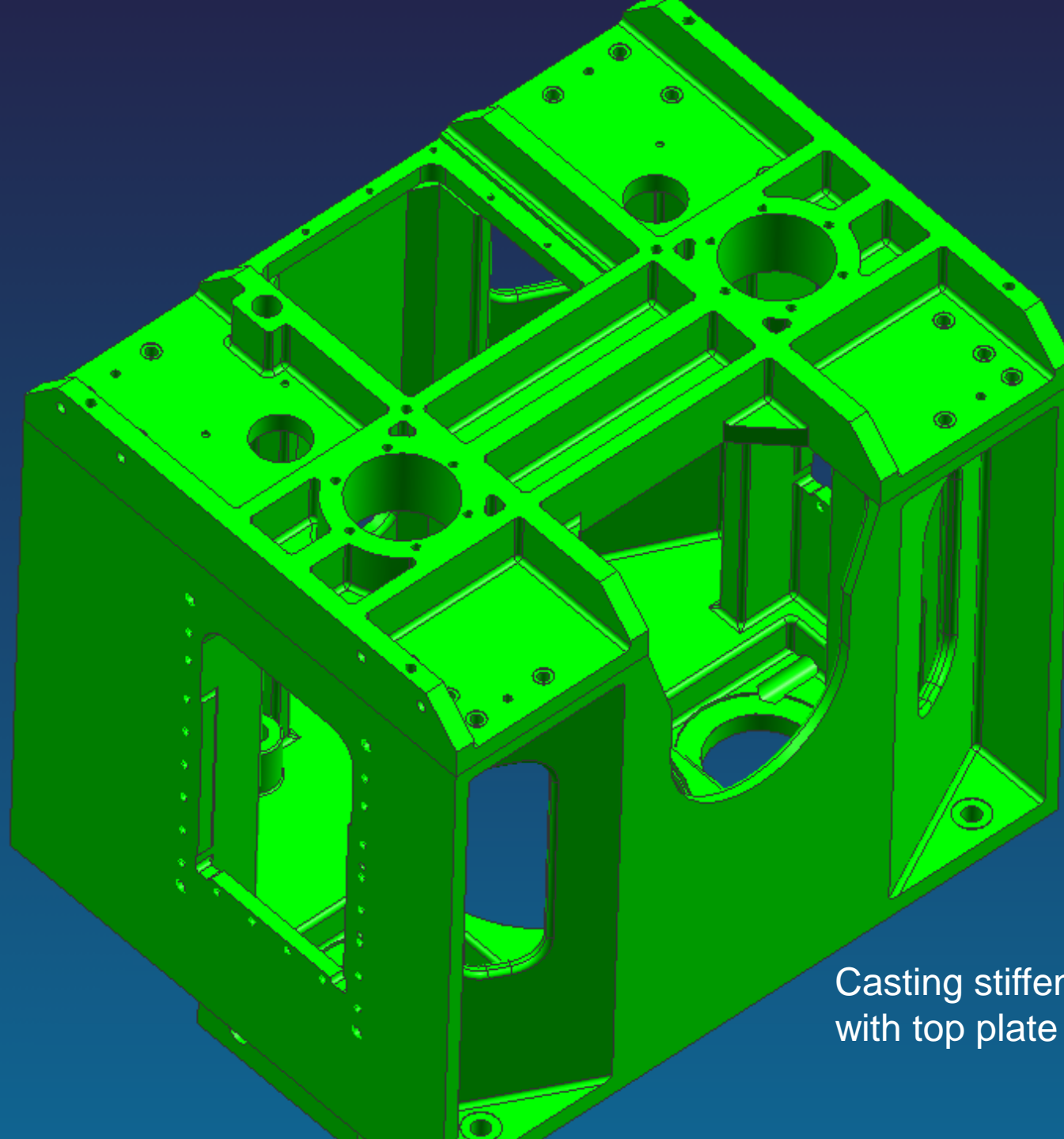
Location of x axis motor magnets and encoder scales

X carriage in position

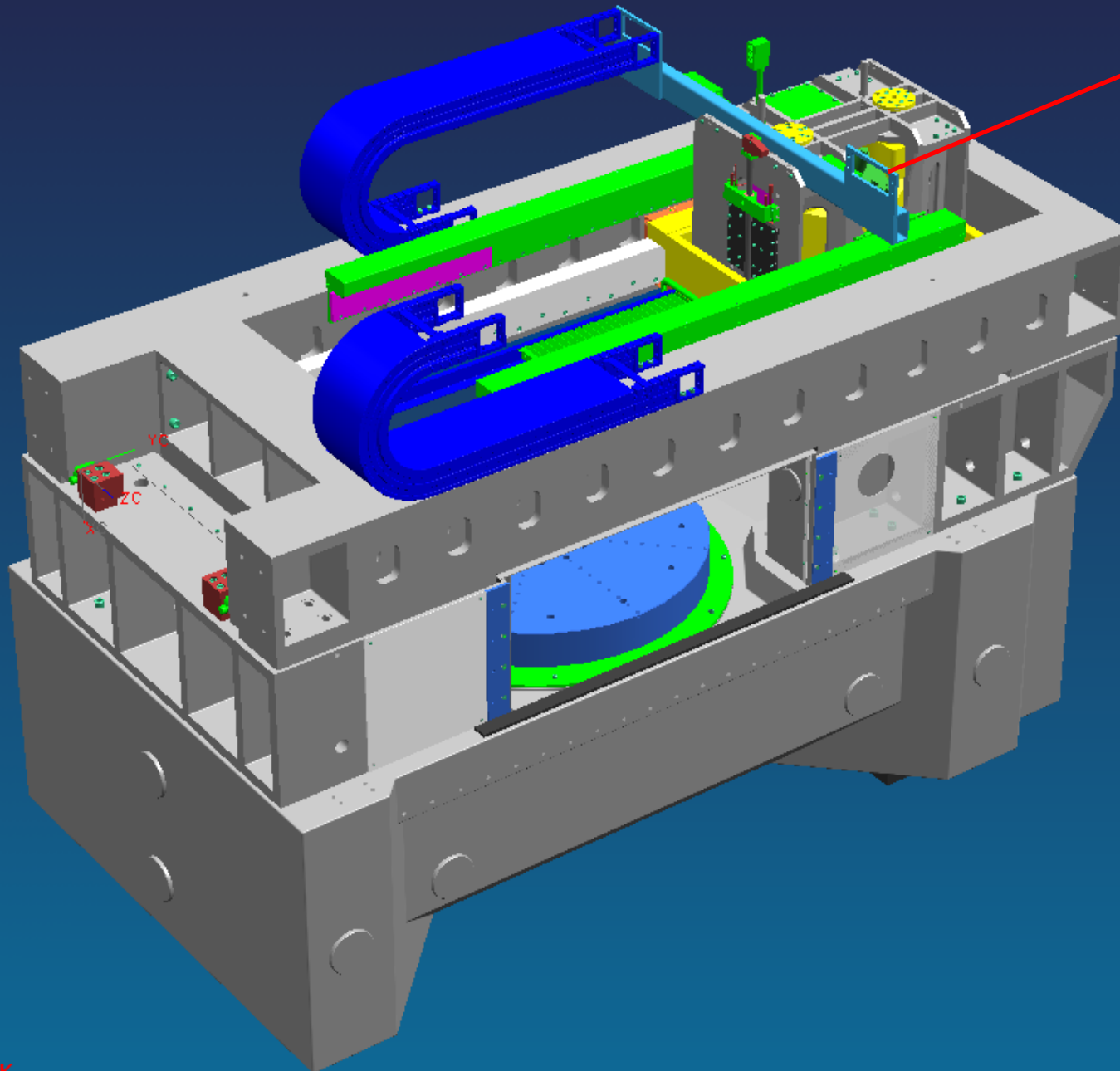




Dual Z axis motor and encoder configuration



Casting stiffened  
with top plate

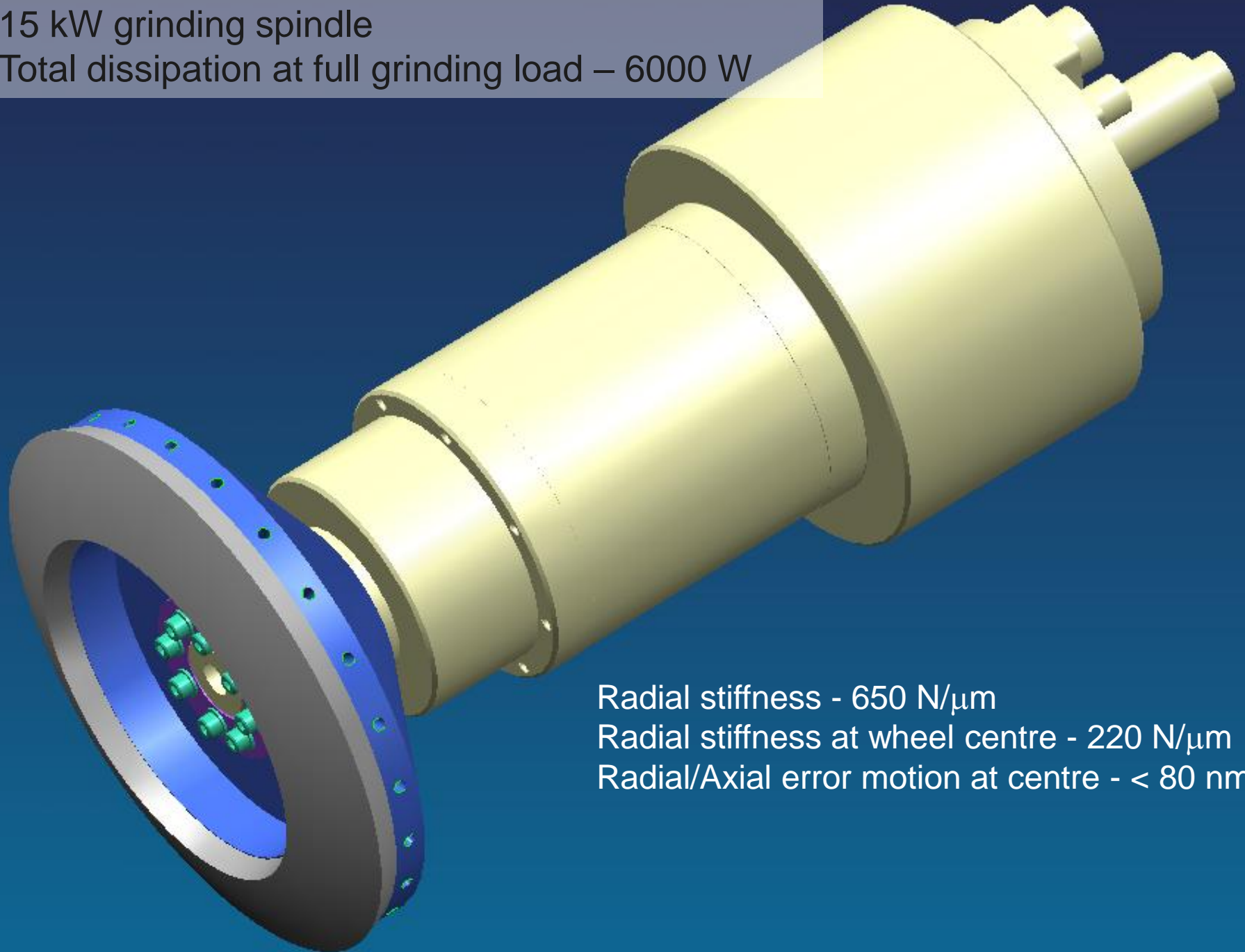


Z carriage in position



15 kW grinding spindle

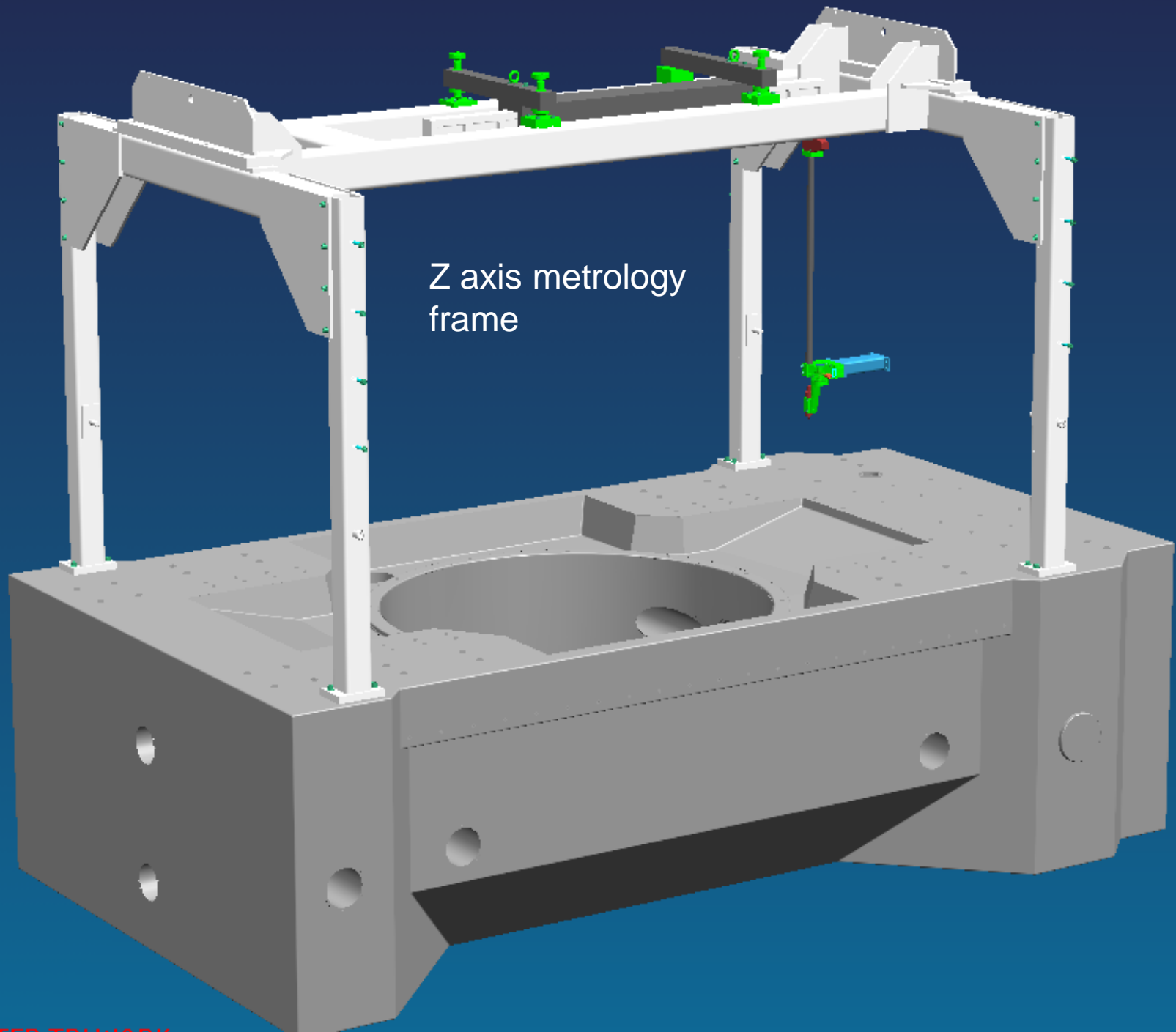
Total dissipation at full grinding load – 6000 W



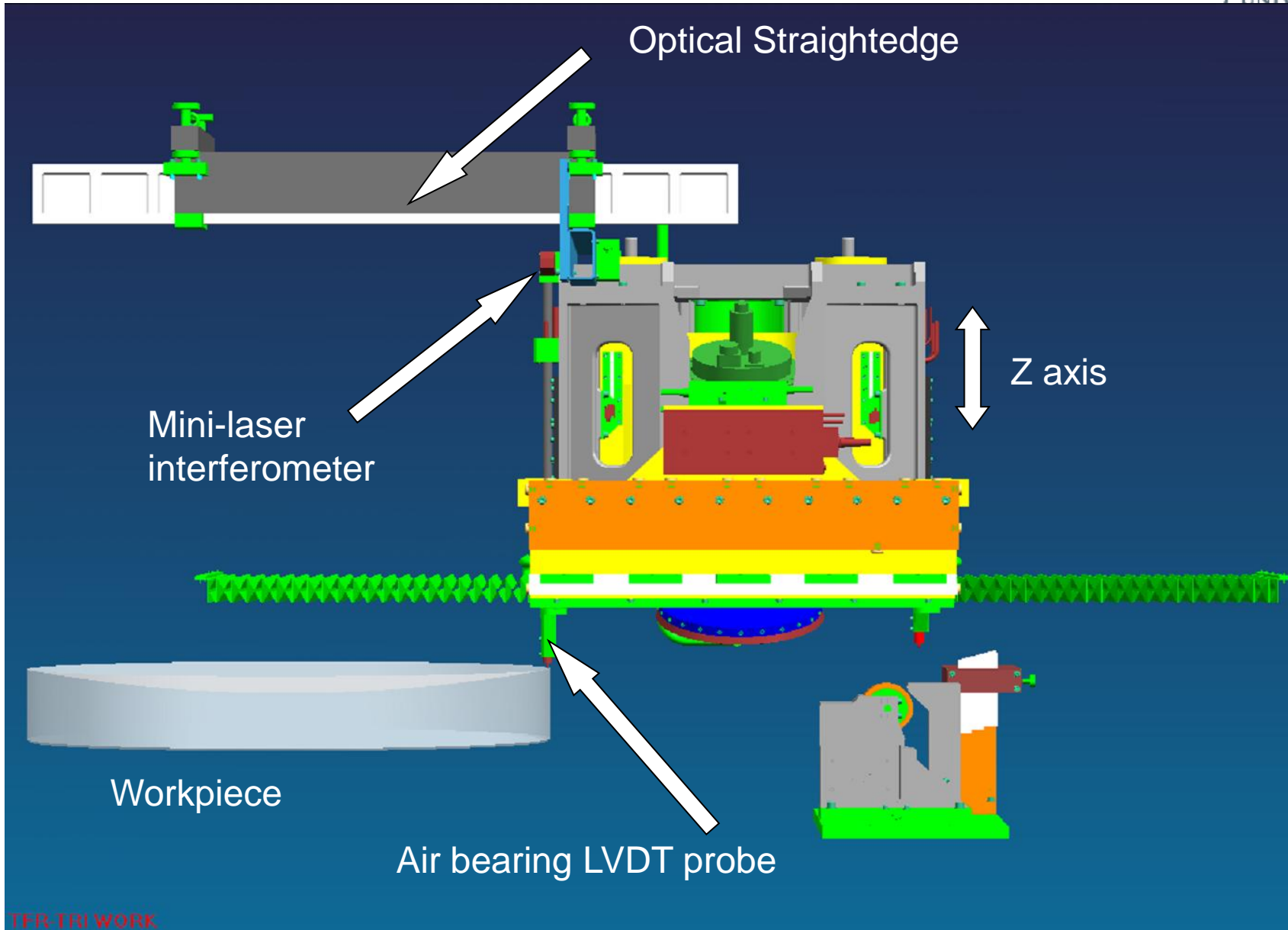
Radial stiffness -  $650 \text{ N}/\mu\text{m}$

Radial stiffness at wheel centre -  $220 \text{ N}/\mu\text{m}$

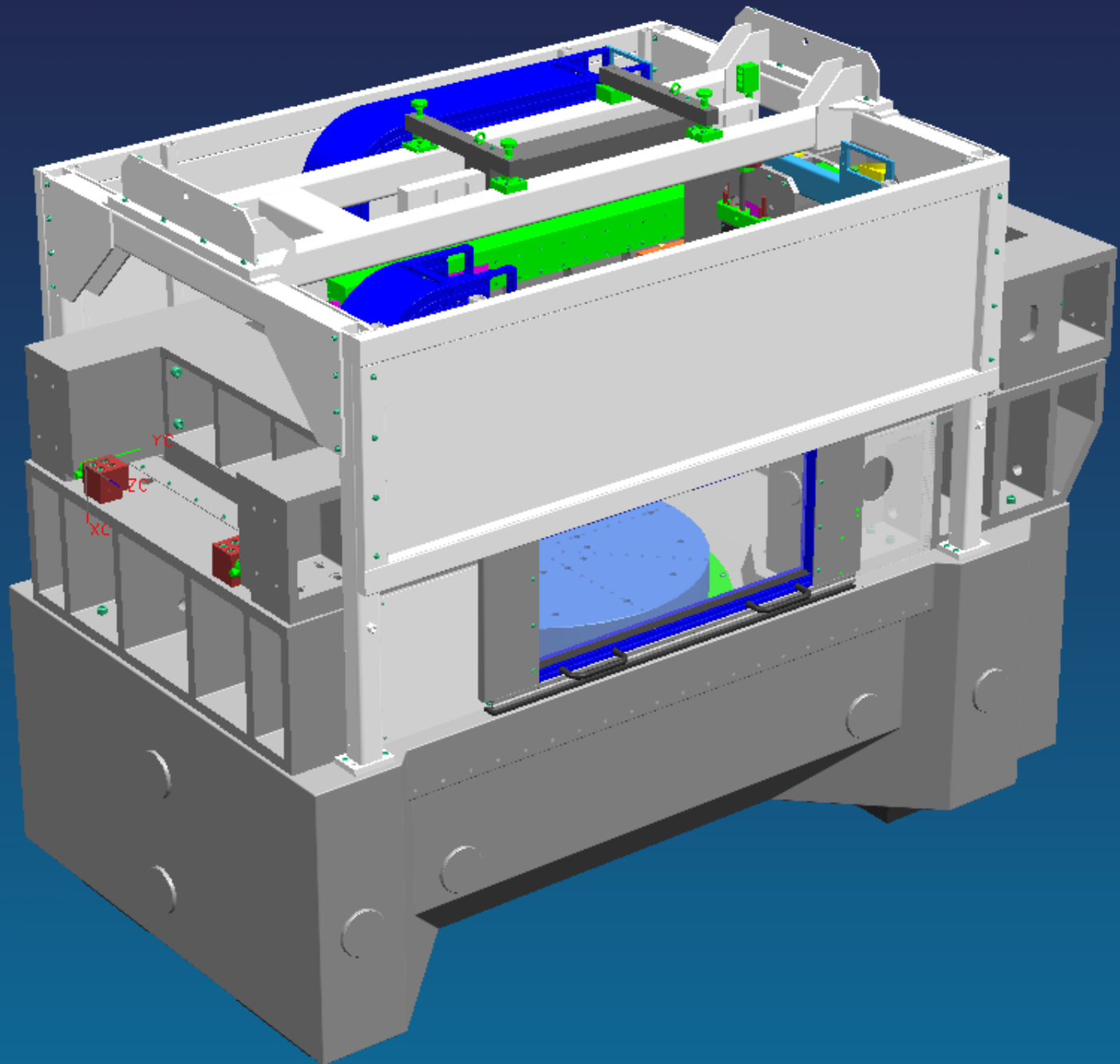
Radial/Axial error motion at centre -  $< 80 \text{ nm}$



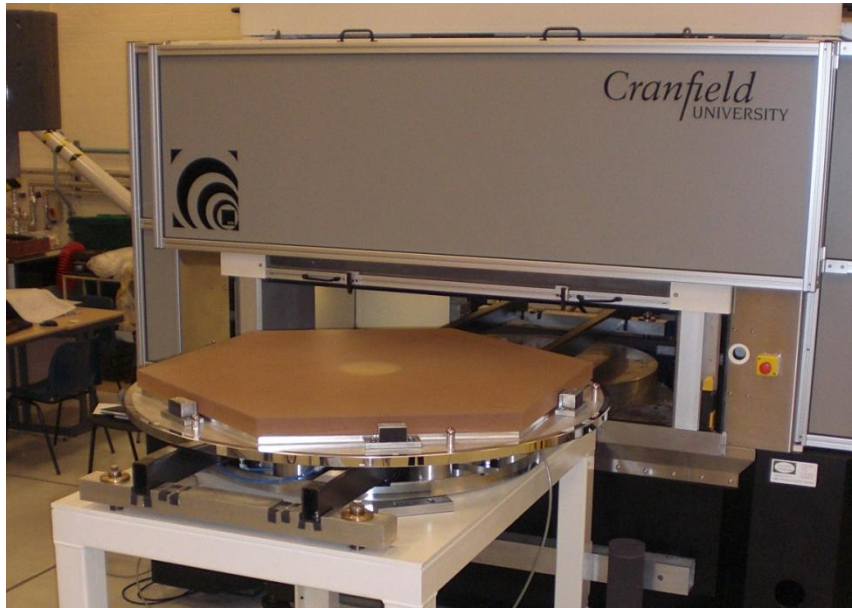
Z axis metrology  
frame



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# BoX<sup>®</sup> Mirror segment processing

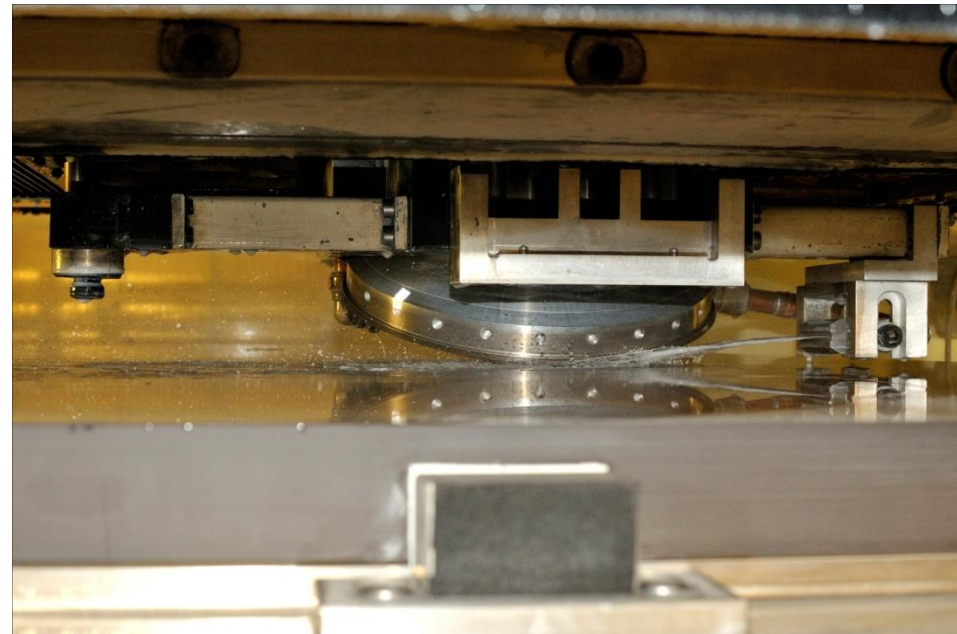


## Segment fixture

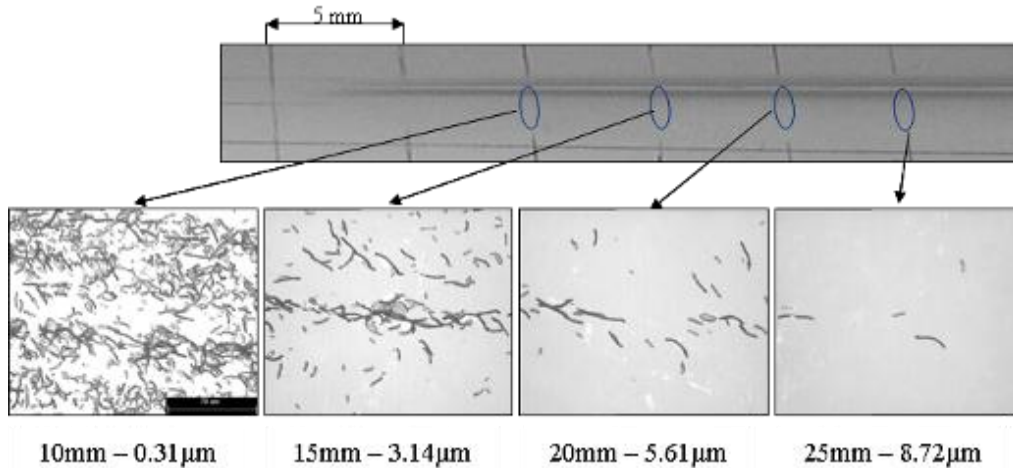
- Transportation
- Metrology
- Loading
- Grinding
- Location using master spheres

## Grinding

- 200 mm<sup>3</sup>/second MMR
- 90% material removed in 1 hour
- 2 finish grinds
  - Each 50um depth of cut
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> using form error compensation



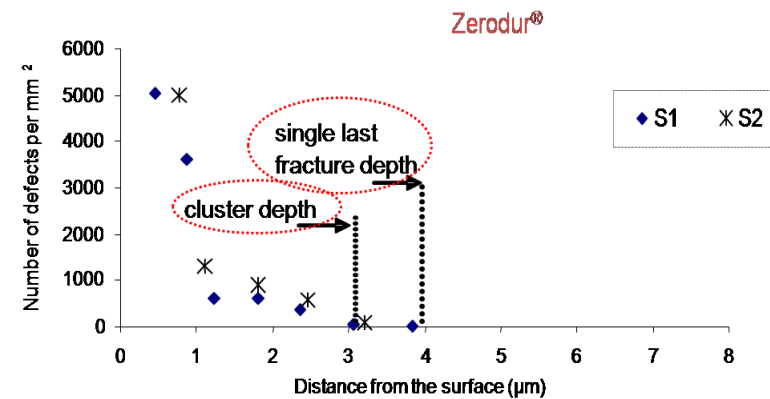
# BoX<sup>®</sup> Induced Sub-surface Damage



## Evaluation technique:

- Polished tapered grooves
- Etched HF, target removal 1 μm
- Groove depth - contact profilometry
- Crack observation using optical microscope

Grinding Conditions	Cluster depth (μm)		Last fracture depth(μm)	
	Zerodur <sup>®</sup>	ULE <sup>®</sup>	Zerodur <sup>®</sup>	ULE <sup>®</sup>
Rough cut (D76)	5	8.5	8	18.5
Semi-finish cut (D46)	4	4.5	7.5	9
Finish cut (D25)	3	4	4	8



Ref: Tonnellier, T. et al. 2008, Sub-surface damage issues for effective fabrication of large optics, Proc of SPIE Vol. 7018, pg 701836-1 to 701836-10

# BoX<sup>®</sup> Mirror segment (2)

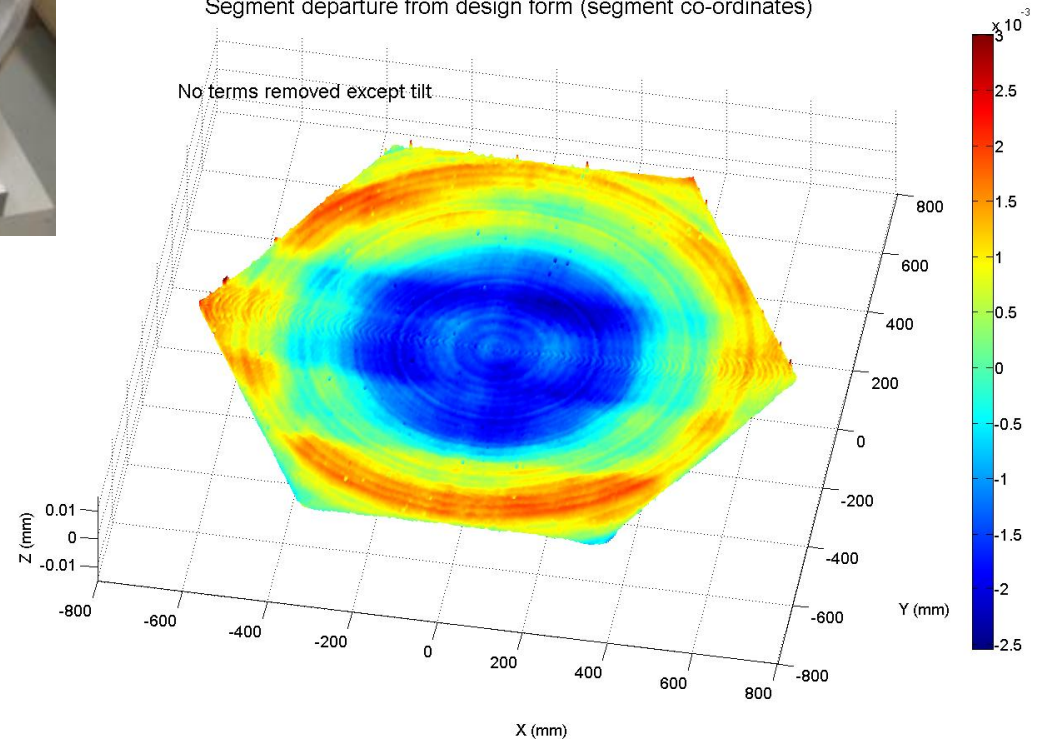


- ELT segment SPN04 (16:15)
- Material – ULE
- Grinding cycle 20 hours
- Max MMR 187.5mm<sup>3</sup>/sec

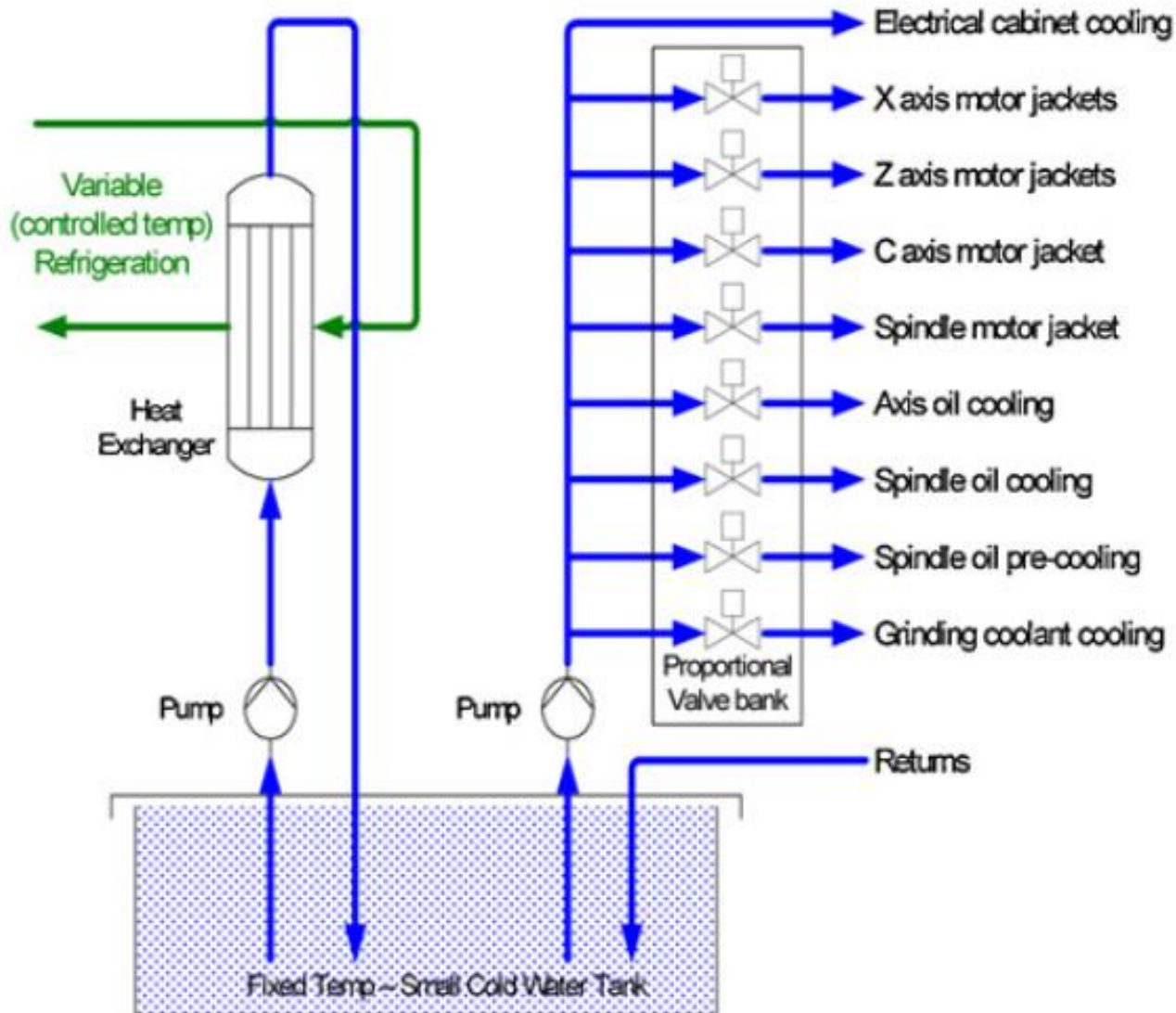
## Results:

- Surface map (CMM)
- 580,000 measurement points
- RMS < 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$
- PV < 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$

Segment departure from design form (segment co-ordinates)



# Box temperature control facility

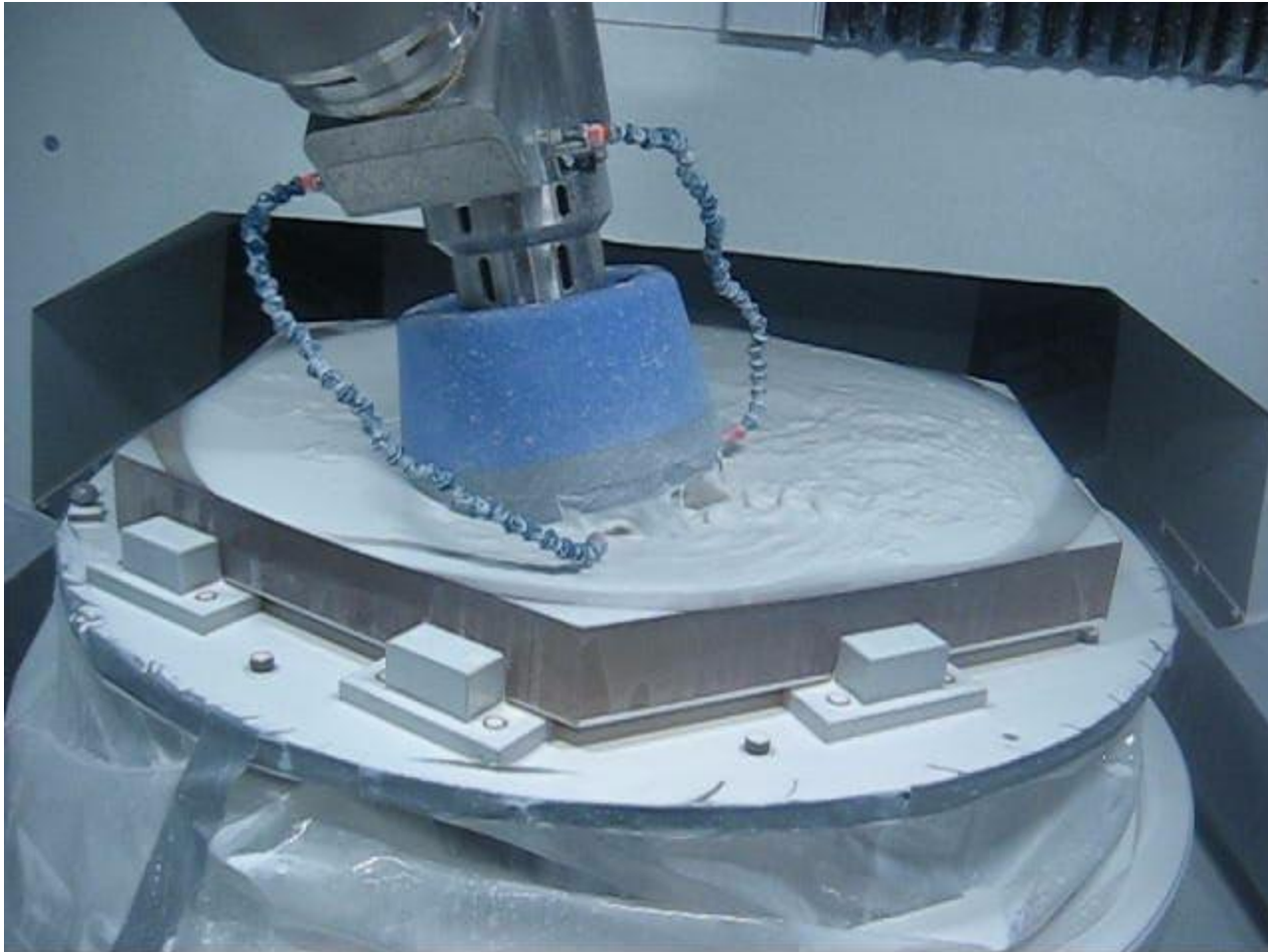




# Optical test tower over polishing system



# Free abrasive polishing technology



*Source: David Walker, University of Wales Professor of Optics at Glyndwr University  
Professorial Research Associate, University College London, Research Director, Zeeko Ltd*

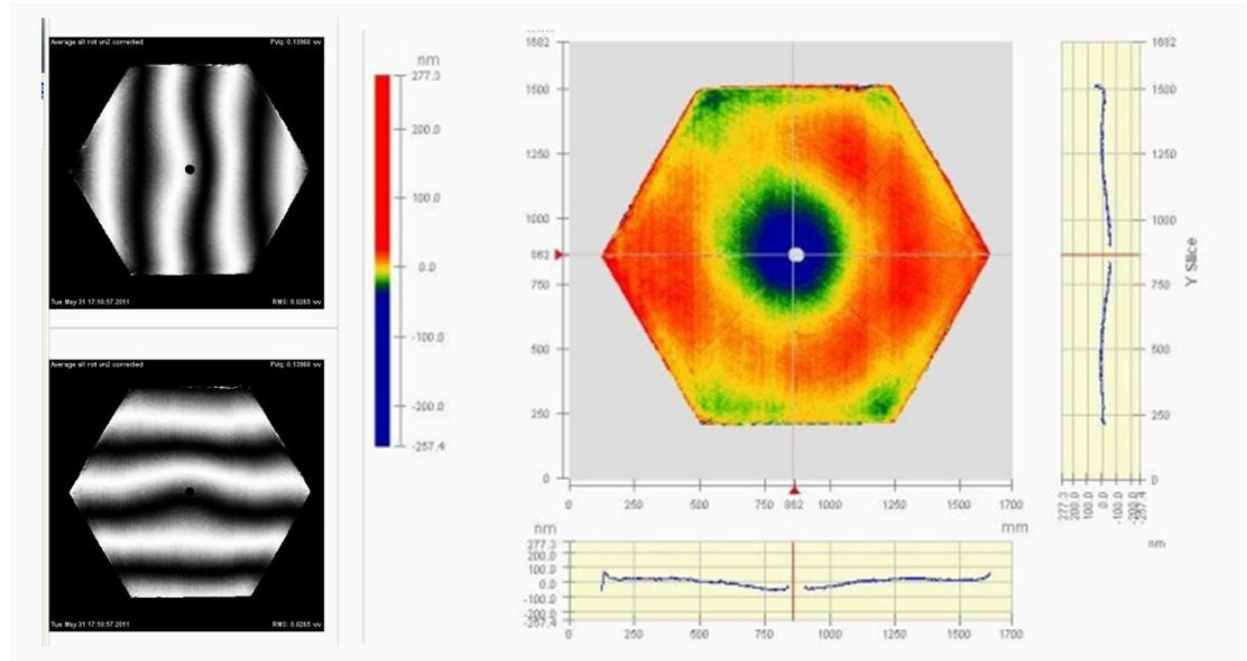
# Zeeko 1600 with OpTIC optical test tower



- Segment radius of curvature 84m
- Test tower 10m
- Folded path using spherical mirror
- 45° fold mirror near intermediate focus (central obscuration)
- Focus relayed to interferometer by pair of aspheric lenses
- Spherical aberration corrected by aspheric plate off-axis and a pair of cylindrical lenses.
- Option for final residual aberrations to be corrected by CGH
- Located over polishing machine

*Acknowledgement: Dr John Mitchell, Ultra Precision and Structured Surfaces (UPS2)*

# Master spherical segment (MSS)

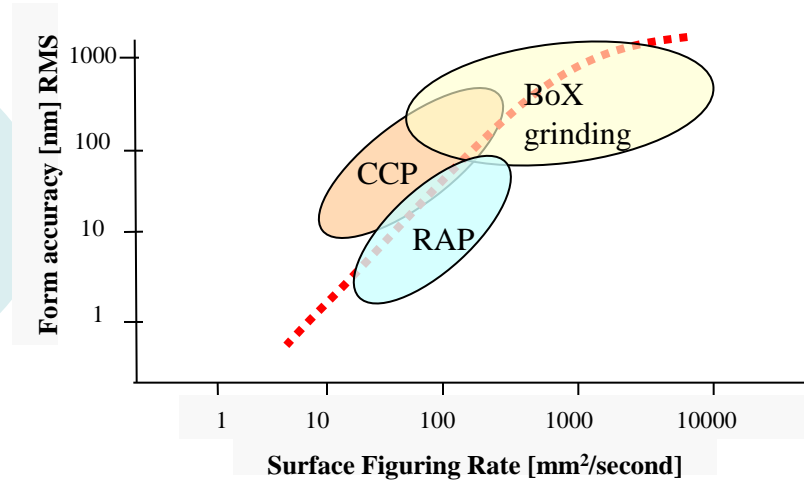
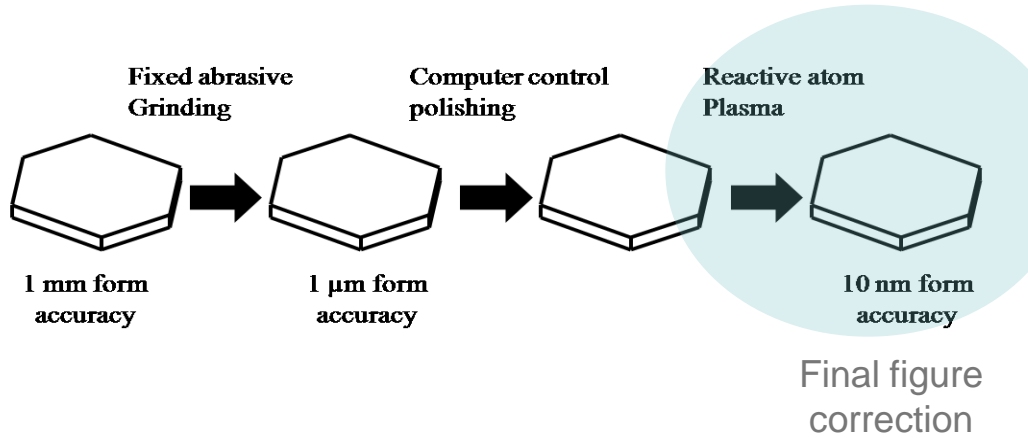


- 1.490 m across corners
- 200 mm thickness
- Spherical form 84 m ROC
- Composite measurements constructed from lateral and rotational shears
- Form  $16.8 \text{ nm} \pm 2\text{nm RMS}$
- Mid spatial frequencies  $< 5\text{nm RMS}$

Source: David Walker, University of Wales Professor of Optics at Glyndwr University , Professorial Research Associate, University College London, Research Director, Zeeko Ltd

# Reactive Atom Plasma Figuring

Research initiative – processing metre scale *freeform* optical surfaces



RAP technology for the final figuring of large metre scale optics



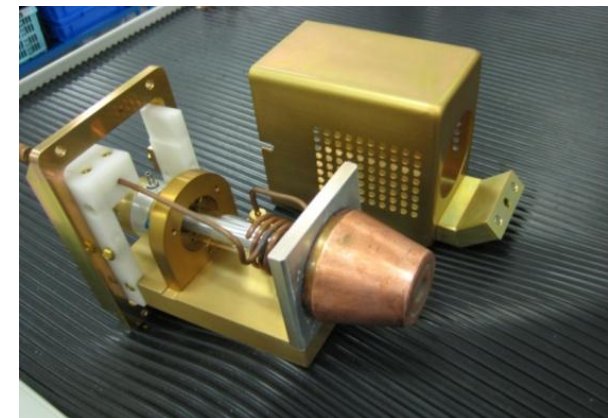
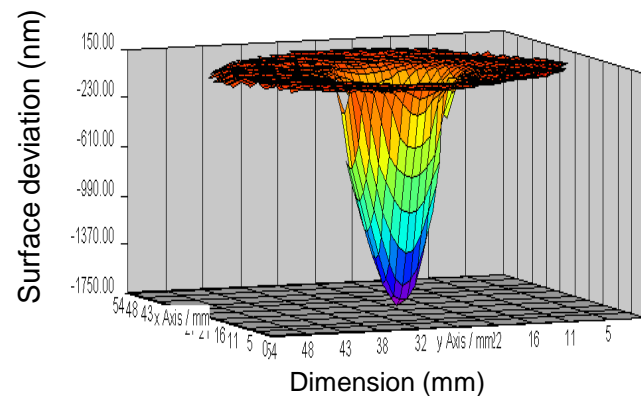
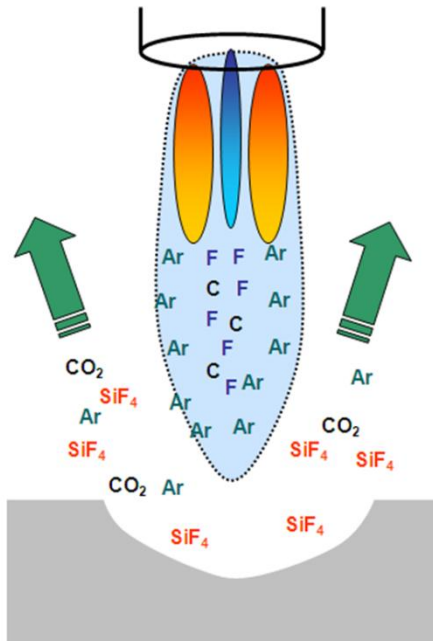
Figuring requirement:

- 1 Segment per day
- Form accuracy < 20 nm RMS
- Surface roughness < 1 nm RMS
- Removal of process signatures

# RAP technology

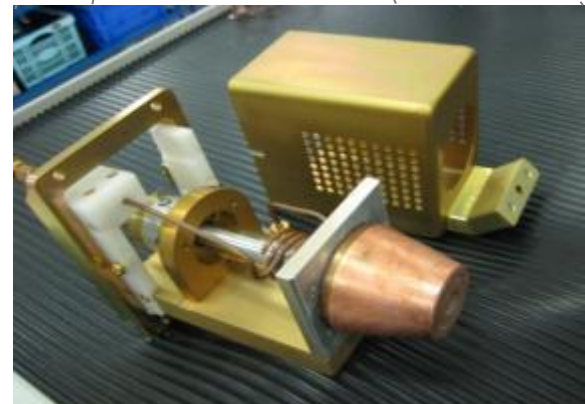
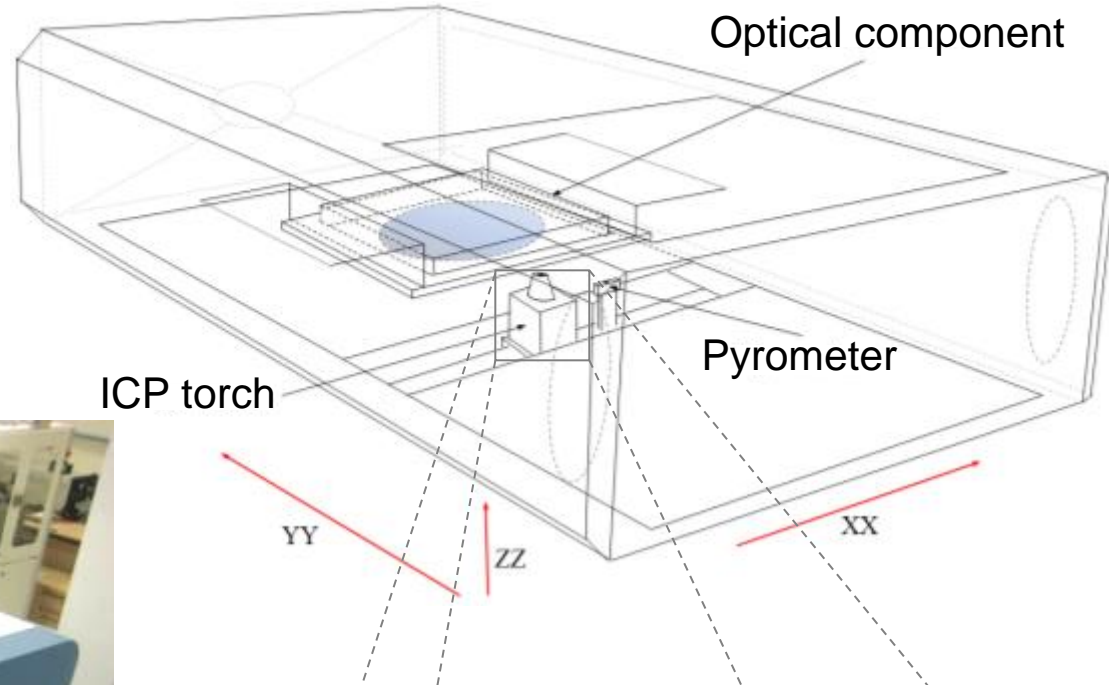
Rapid nanometer dexterity surface process for figure correction of ultra precision metre-scale optics. Technology employs inductively Coupled Plasma Torch.

- Dry etch process – fluorine based gas
- Atmospheric pressure processing
- Gaussian beam distribution
- Dwell time based raster figuring algorithm
- No induced SSD

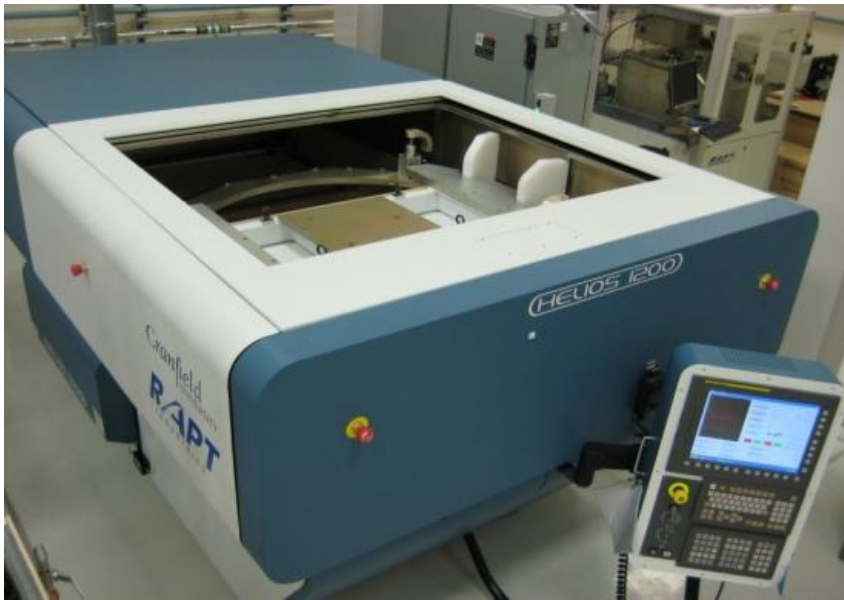


# Helios 1200 RAP figuring facility

Chamber for 1.2 m optical component



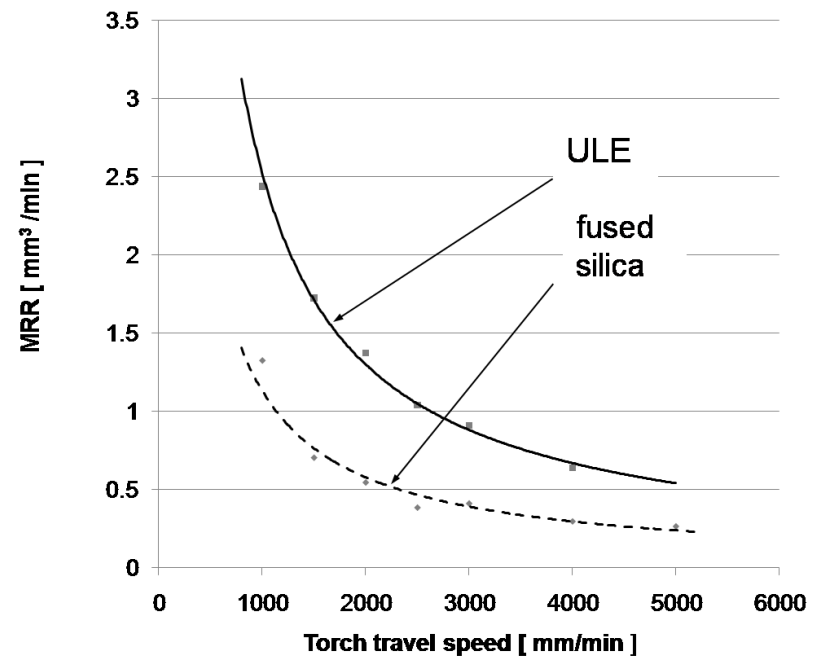
# RAP process capability



- 1.2 m capacity
- 3 axes CNC through Fanuc 30i
- Low cost operation
- Compact machine size

Processed materials:

- Fused silica
- ULE
- SiC
- Silicon
- Borosilicate

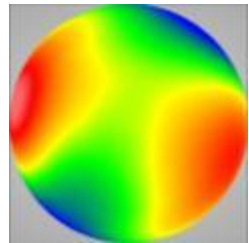


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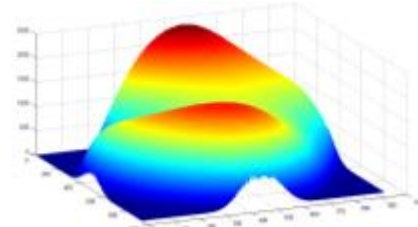
- 1: Jourdain et al., (2011). "Fast 3D Figuring of Large Optical Surfaces Using Reactive Atom Plasma (RAP) Processing", 2nd EOS Conference on Manufacturing of Optical Components, Munich (D), May 2011.
- 2: Castelli et al., (2010). "Initial Strategies for 3D RAP Processing of Optical Surfaces Based on a Temperature Adaptation Approach" 36<sup>th</sup> Matador Conference, Manchester, section:18, pp 569-572 , July 2010



# The iterative figuring procedure



Error map



Edge extension



De-convolution  
(modified)



CNC-code generation  
with optimized tool-path  
and thermal adaption



RAP process

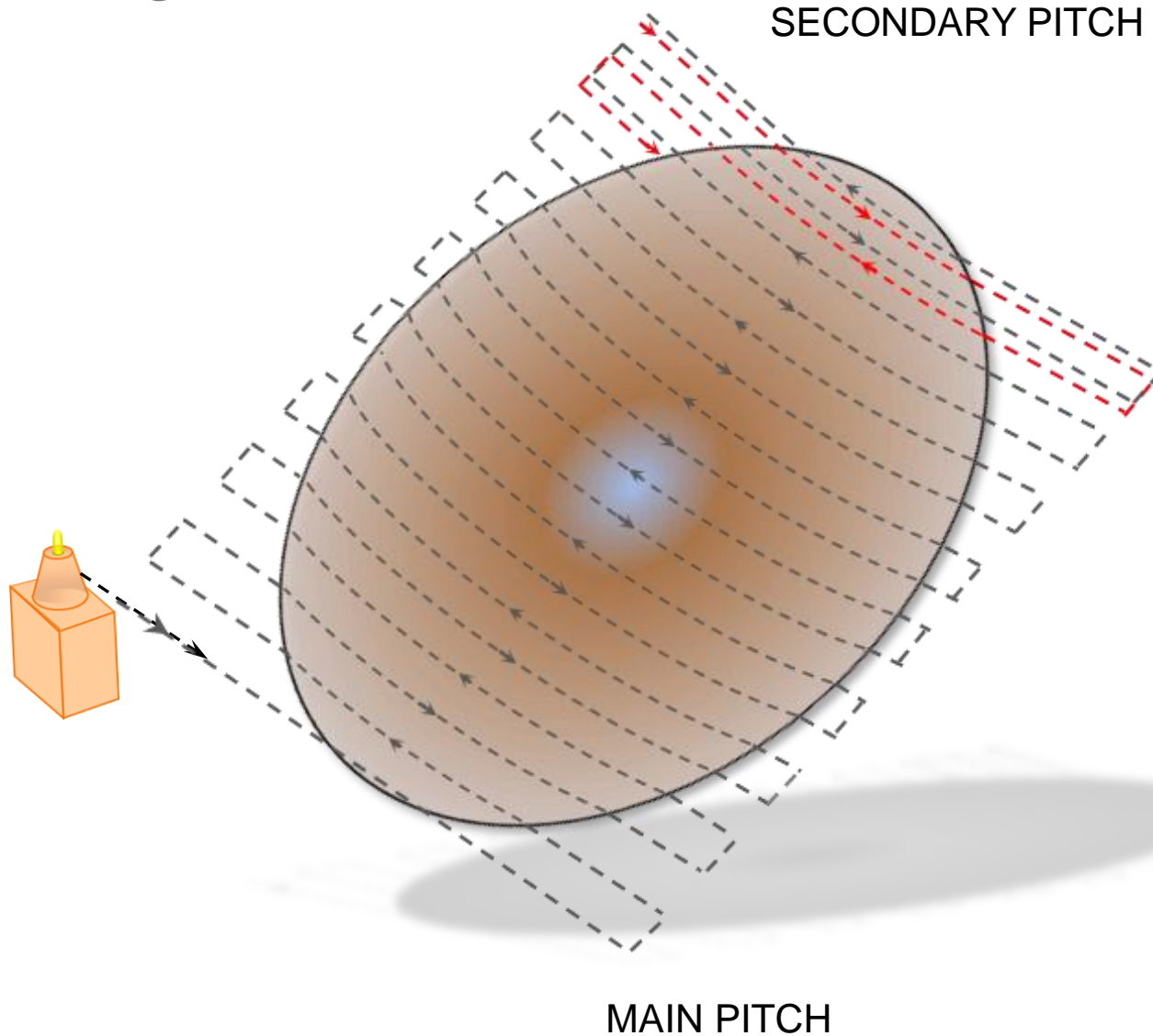


Interferometric  
measurement

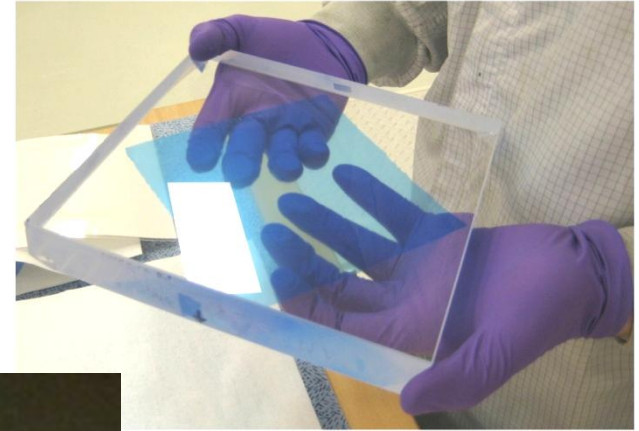


Final form accuracy down to  $\lambda/30$  rms

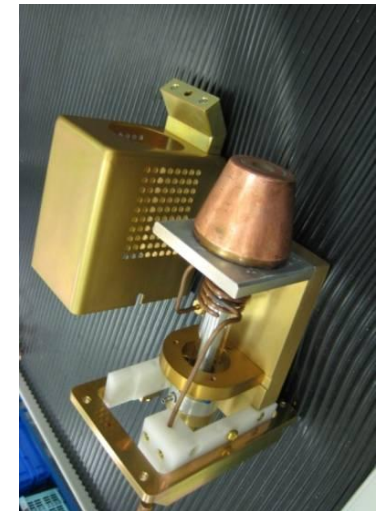
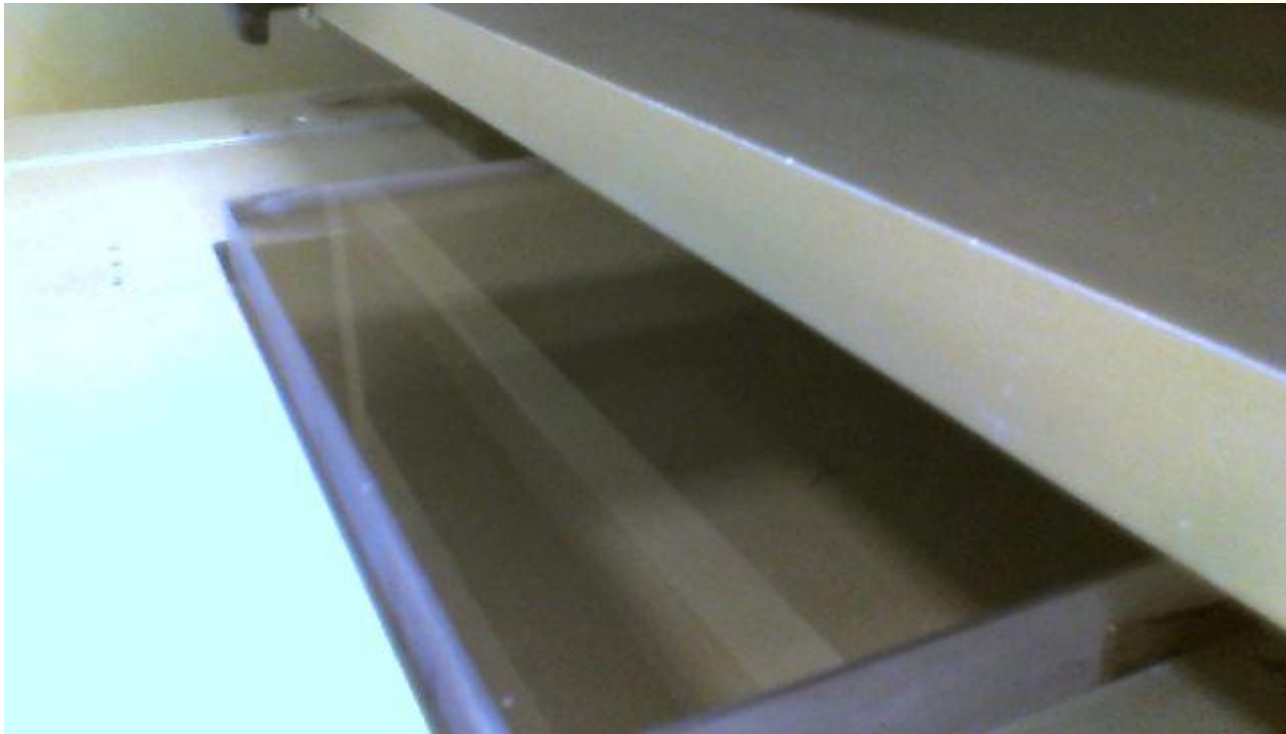
# Tool-path algorithm



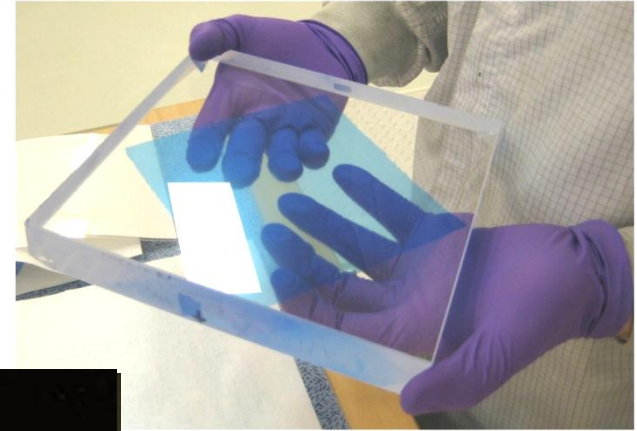
# RAP figuring process



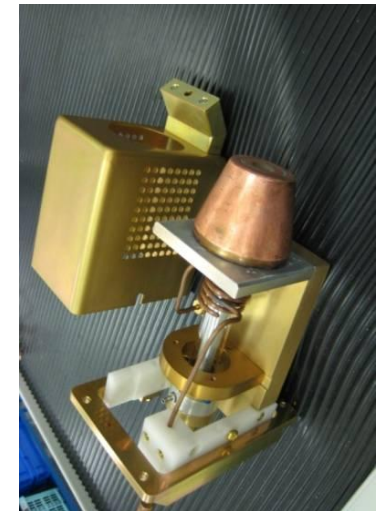
Fused Silica



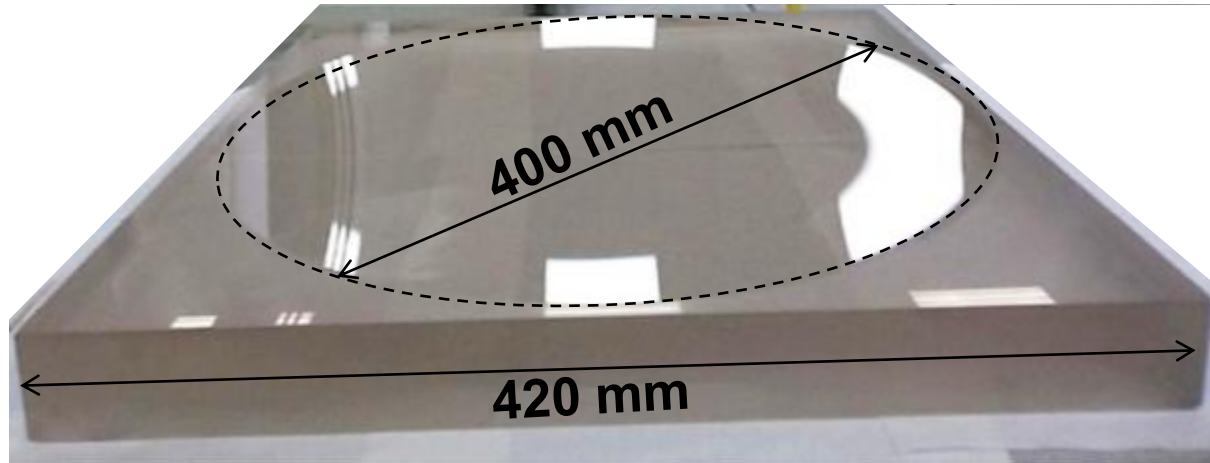
# RAP figuring process



Fused Silica



# RAP figuring capability

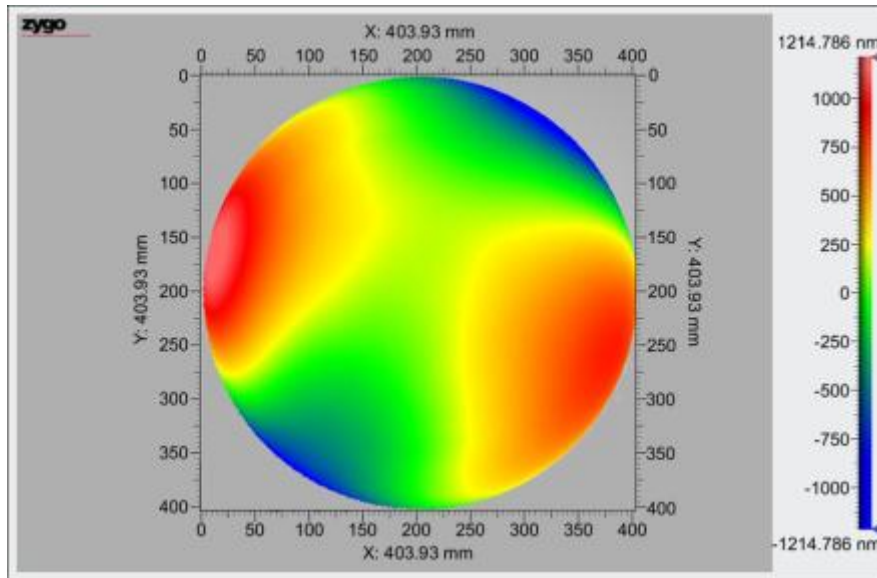


420mm x 420mm x 40mm ULE substrate

- Concave spherical geometry – 3 m ROC.
- 400 mm clear aperture.
- Ground on BoX to  $\sim 2.2 \mu\text{m}$  PV form accuracy.
- Polished to  $2.4 \mu\text{m}$  PV form accuracy.

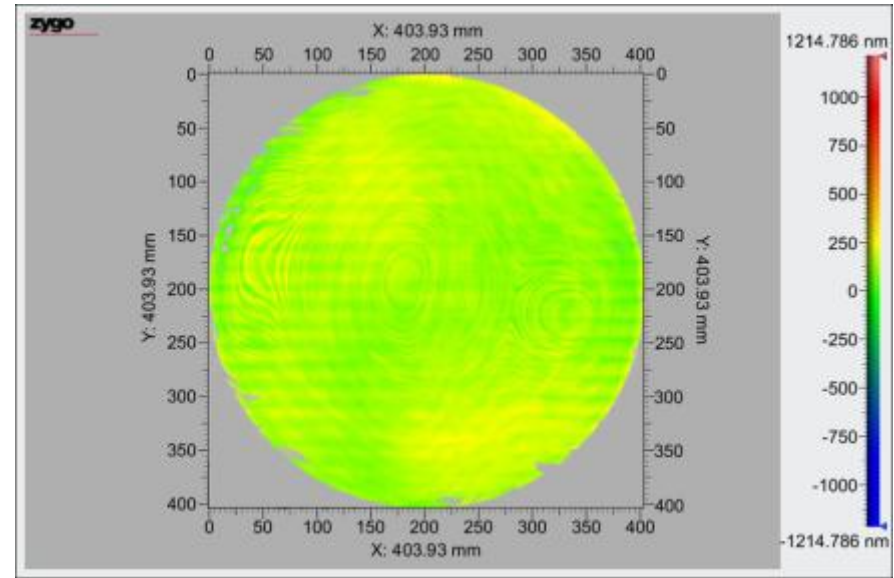
# Large scale figuring results: optic #001/1

Initial figure error



PV: 2.4  $\mu\text{m}$     PVr: 2.3  $\mu\text{m}$     RMS: 373 nm

Residual figure error

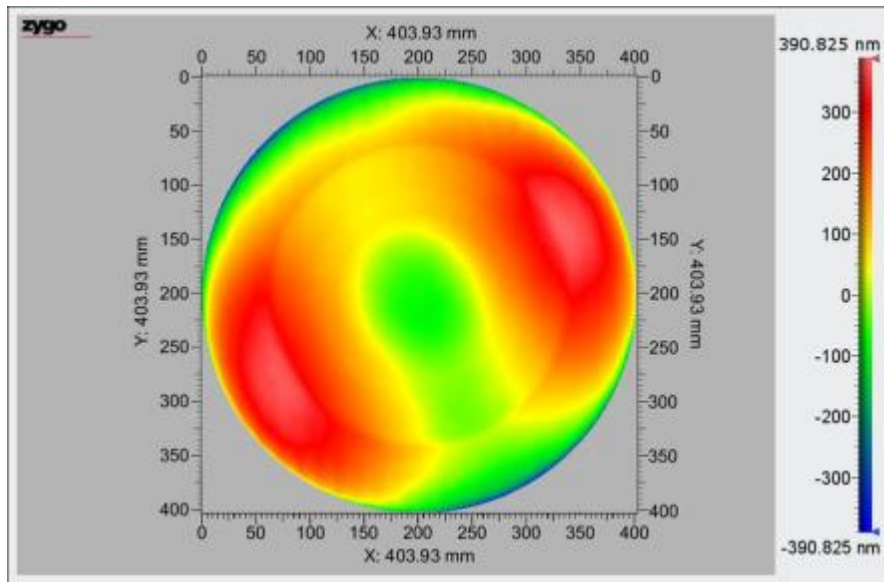


PV: 450 nm    PVr: 282  $\mu\text{m}$     RMS: 45 nm

- Mean processing time: 51 min - three iterations  $\rightarrow$  total processing time 2.5 hours
- Residual figure error: 43 nm rms
- 89% overall convergence

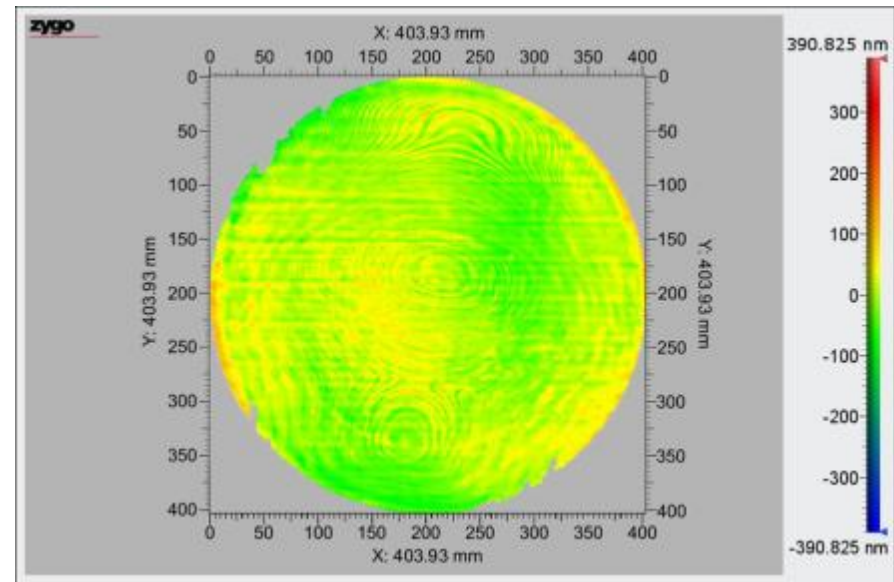
# Large scale figuring results: optic #001/2

Initial figure error



PV: 780 nm    PVr: 723 nm    RMS: 137 nm

Residual figure error

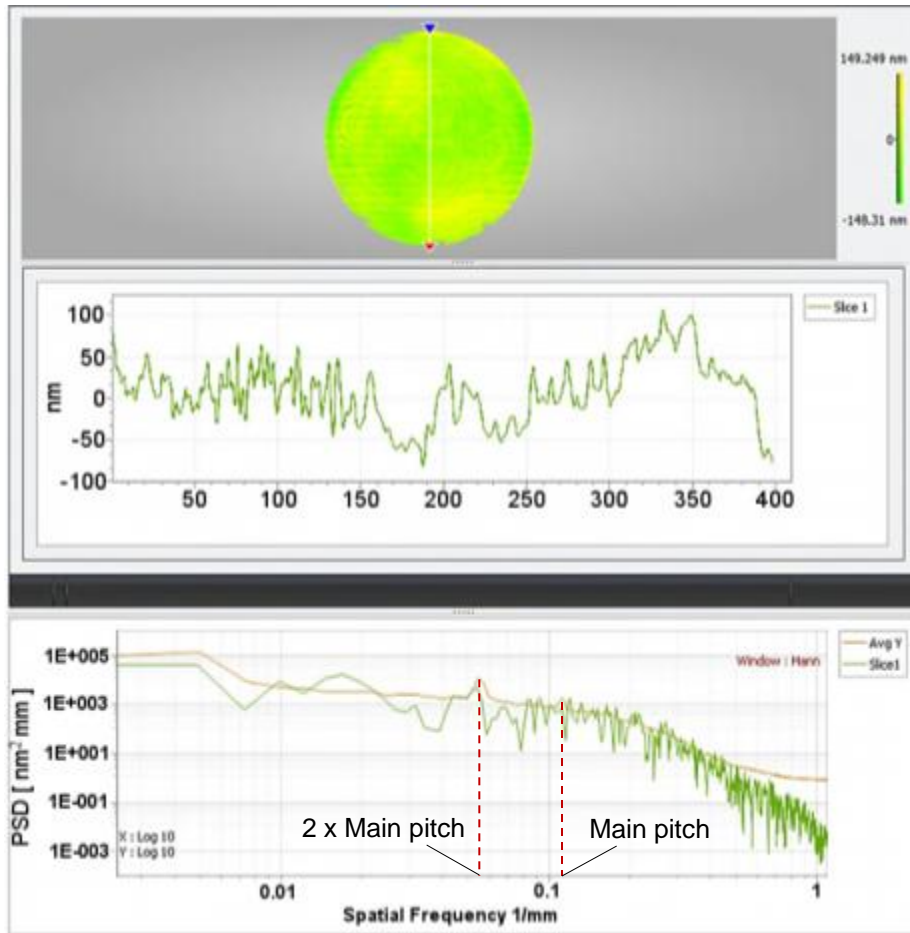


PV: 350 nm    PVr: 230 nm    RMS: 31 nm

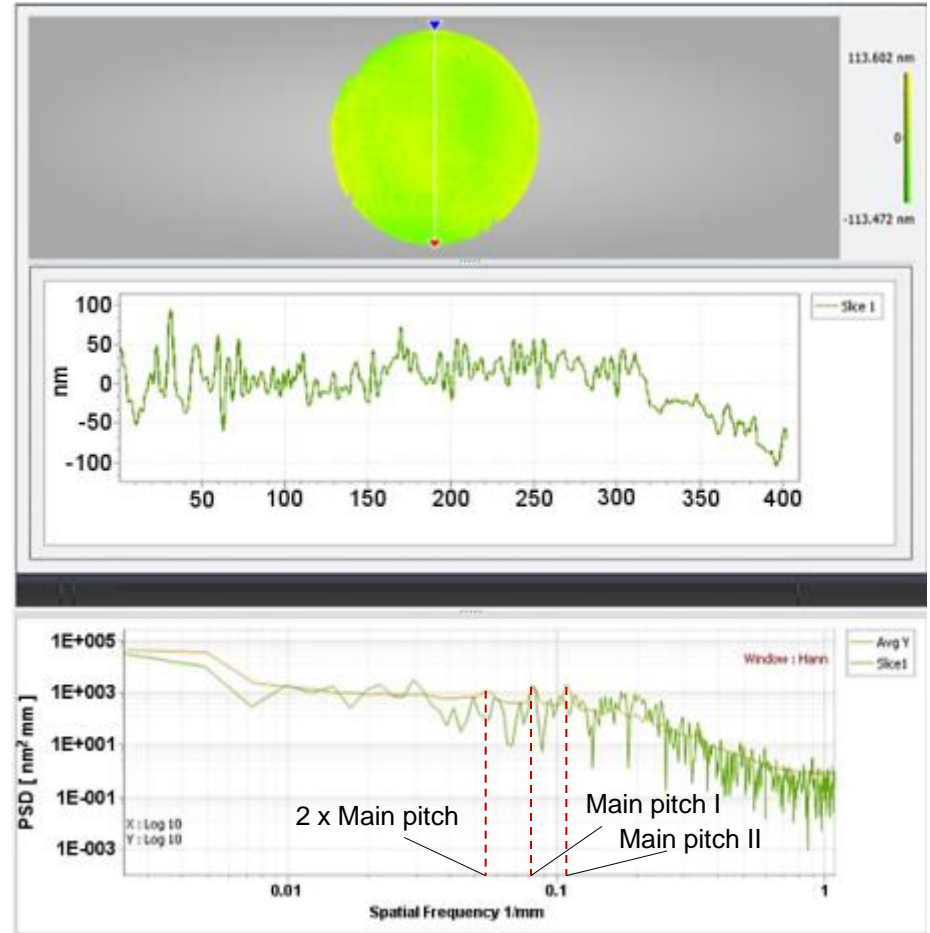
- Mean processing time: 49 min – two iterations → total processing time 1.5 hours
- Residual figure error: 31 nm rms
- 77% overall convergence

# PSD Analysis

AFTER FIRST FIGURE CORRECTION



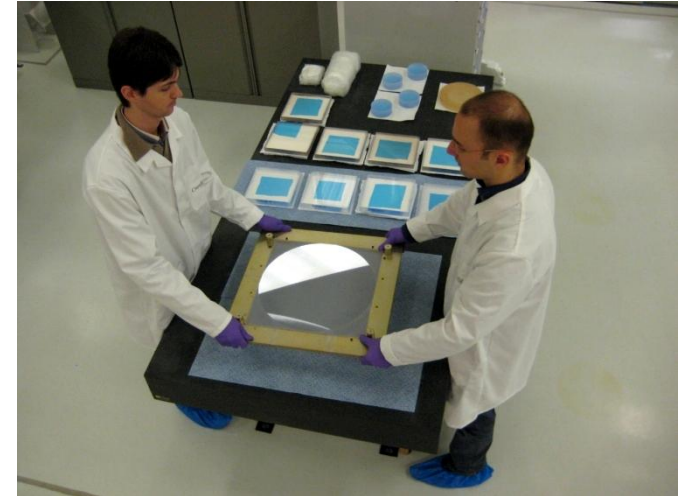
AFTER SECOND FIGURE CORRECTION





# National Ignition Facility focussing lens

- Removal depth of  $1\mu\text{m}$
- 420 mm x 420mm surface
- 2 iteration process
- Average MMR  $1.5\text{ mm}^3/\text{min}$
- Figuring time  $\sim 3$  hours
- x10 times faster than IBF

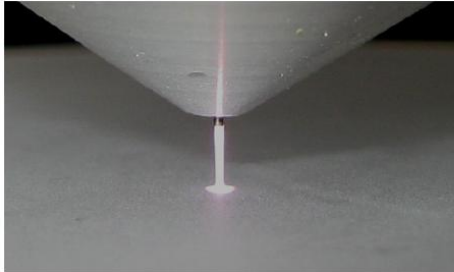


# RAP figuring results: summary

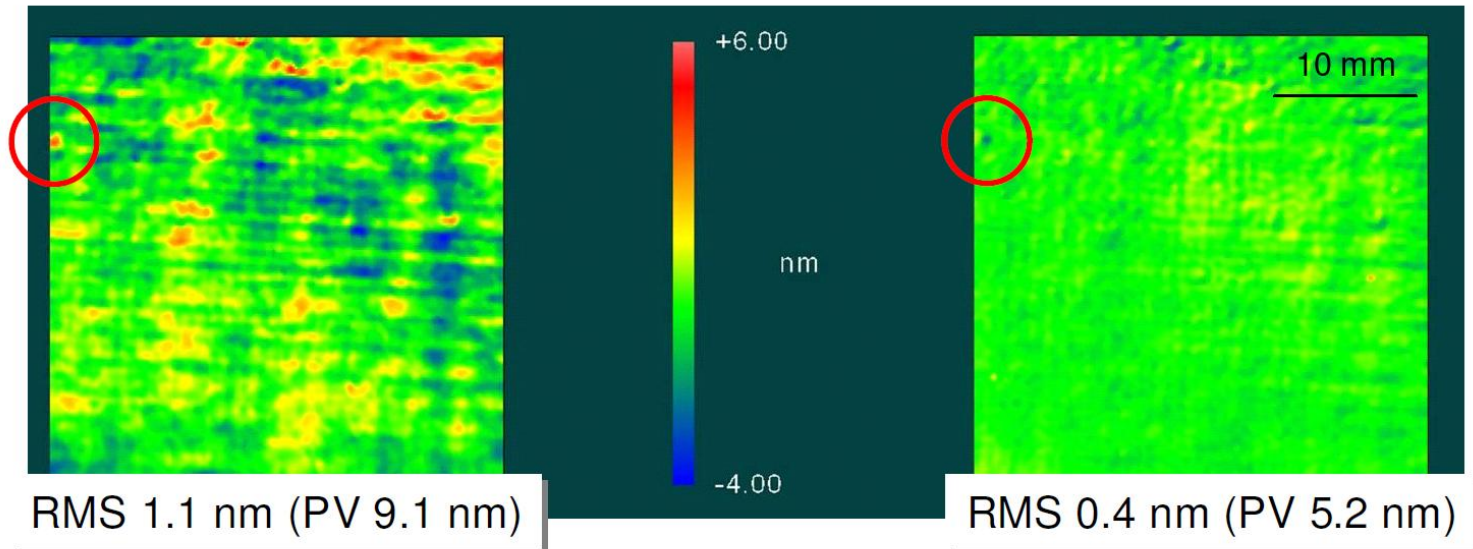
Evaluated aspect	100 mm Ø	150 mm Ø	400 mm Ø
<b>Mean figuring time [ min/iteration ]</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>
Overall convergence [ % ]	89	76	92
<b>Figure error in RMS [ nm ]</b> <b>Initial</b> <b>Final</b>	<b>169</b> <b>18</b>	<b>95</b> <b>23</b>	<b>373</b> <b>31</b>
Figure error in PV [ nm ] Initial Final	656 129	504 183	2400 230

# Fine tool corrections

## MSFR correction on aspheric fused silica lens

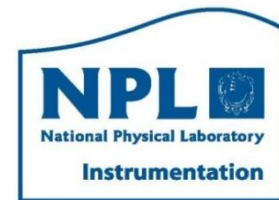


FWHM:	~ 0.65 mm
Removal rate:	~ 50 nm/s
Volume remov. rate:	~ 0.0015 mm <sup>3</sup> /min
DC removal :	~ 8 nm



# Differential Absorption LIDAR “DIAL”

## Mobile airborne pollution measurement



- *Remote sensing system providing rapid, accurate measurements of airborne atmospheric pollutants*
- *Completely self-contained laboratory carrying a suite of measurement devices to monitor meteorological parameters and ambient gas concentrations*
- Used across the World to offer service

Achieved using absorption in UV-VIS-NIR spectral regions including: SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, ozone, benzene, toluene, xylene and higher aromatics, alkanes, alkenes, petroleum and diesel vapours, HCl, N<sub>2</sub>O, HF and H<sub>2</sub>S

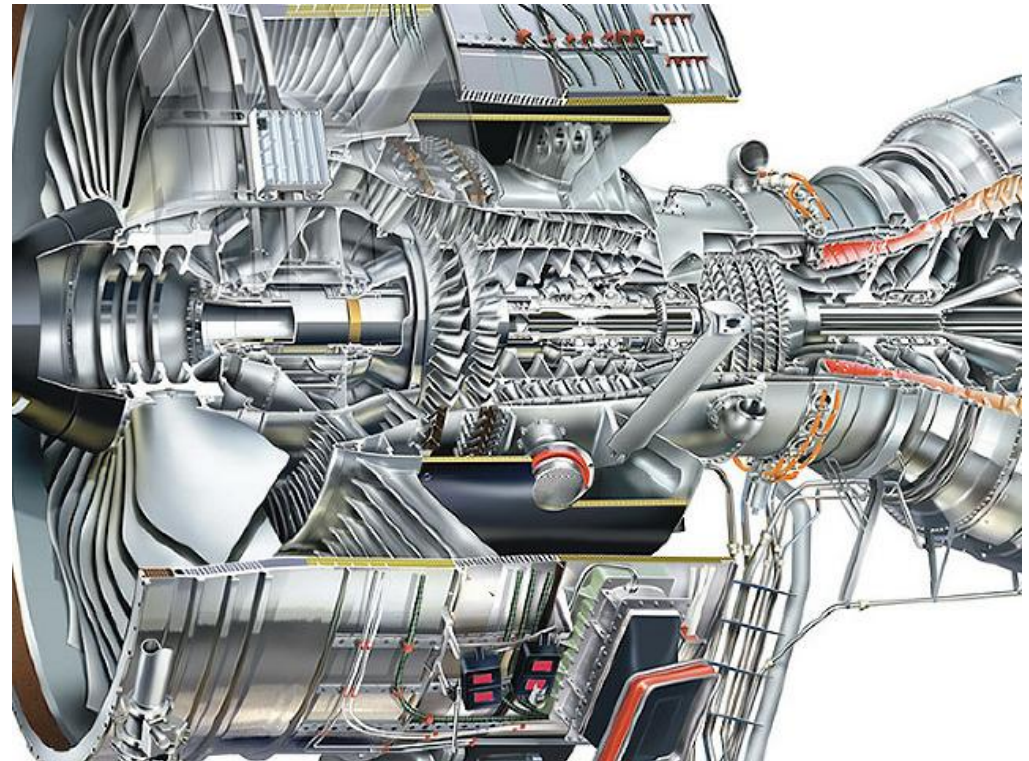


# Complex shape component processing



Technology Strand to Develop Effective Manufacturing.

Ref, Rolls Royce



# High Performance Disc Machining

A system of technology strands for a modern and competitive Method of Manufacture – technology demonstration for the Washington Disc Facility



- Operations down 40%
- Hours down 50%
- Productivity up 100%
- Quality up 15% (RFT)
- Underpins new factory investment

*Fan Disc*



*HPDM will halve the current value added time, double the productivity at zero consumable cost difference and achieve 6-sigma process capability*

# Marine Robotised Propeller Finishing

A robotised approach to replace a time-served, manual process

Current Method



Capture process

KPV & Development



Force control & OLP

System Validation



Auto tool changer

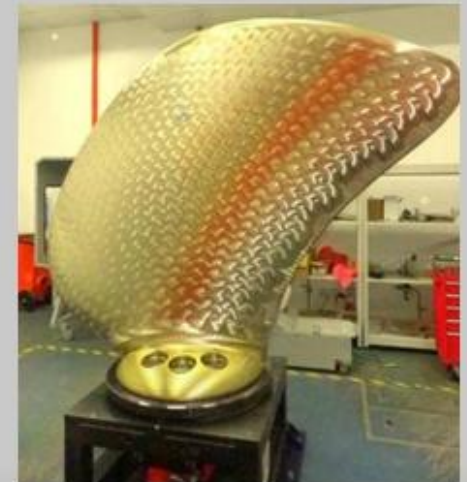
Implementation



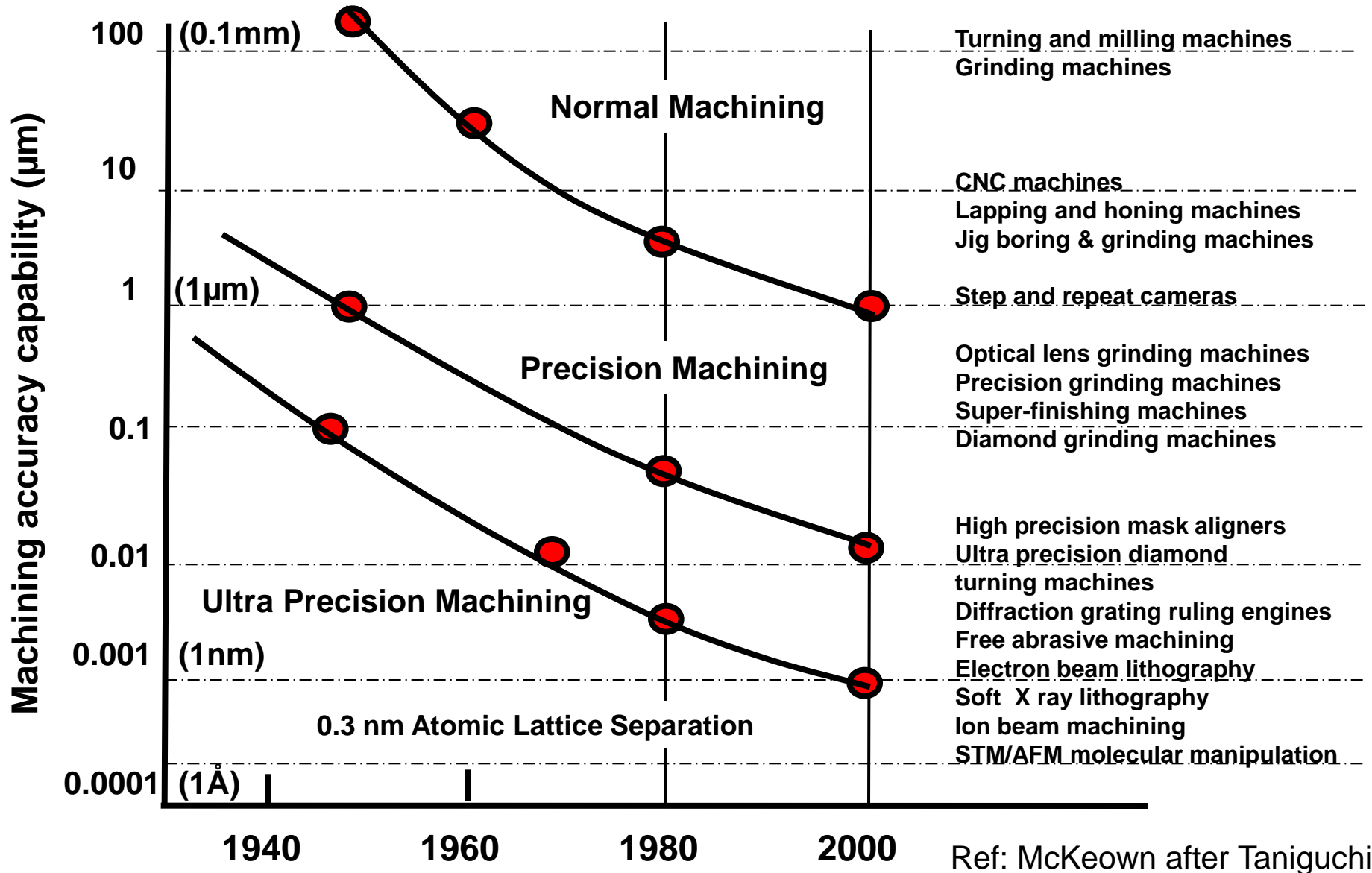
Automated Polishing

- 50% cycle time reduction
- Improved productivity
- Consistent quality
- Product configurable
- HSE benefits

Propeller  
Blade

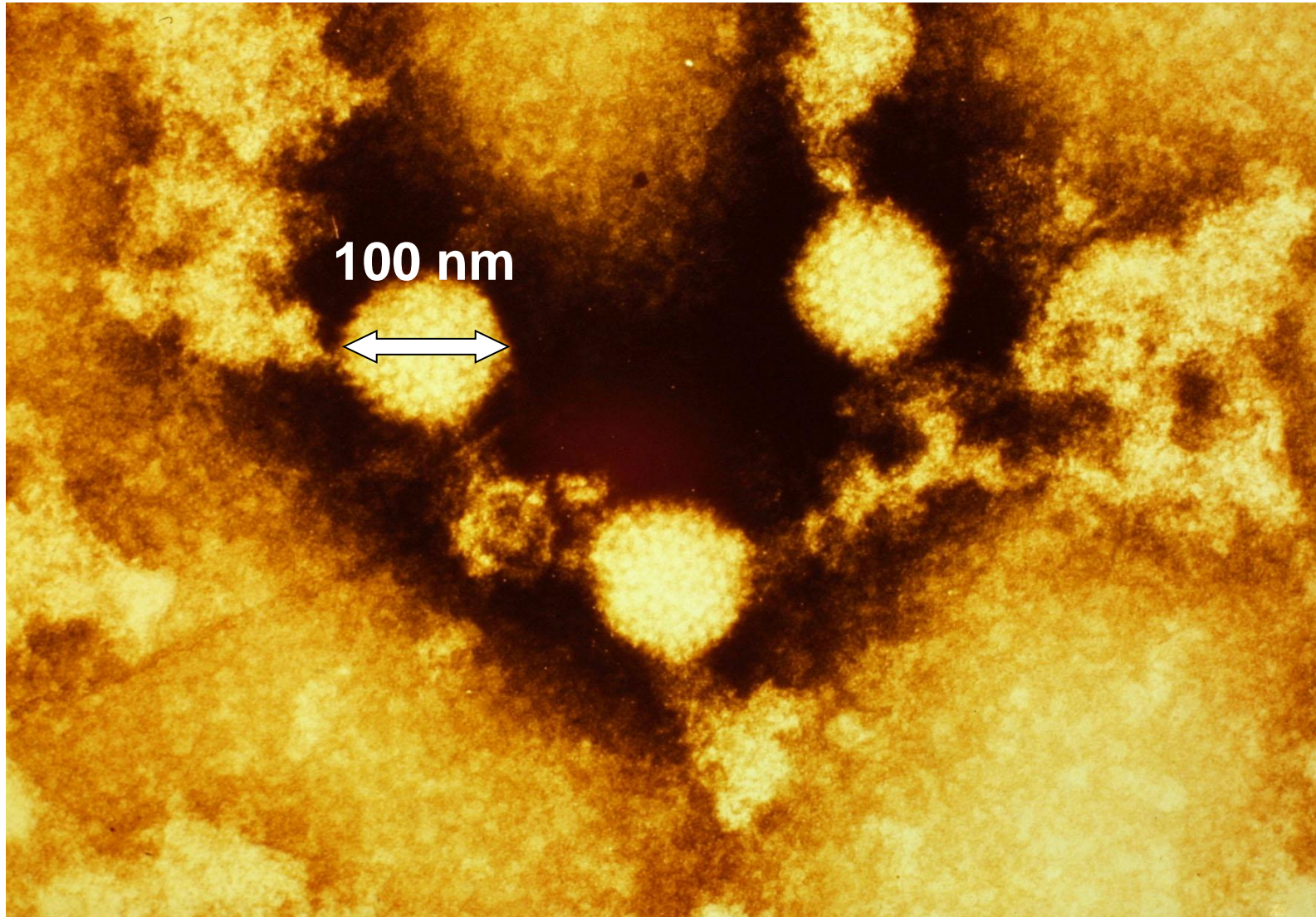


*In production and winner of the 2012 Manufacturing Excellence 'Sir Henry Royce Award'*

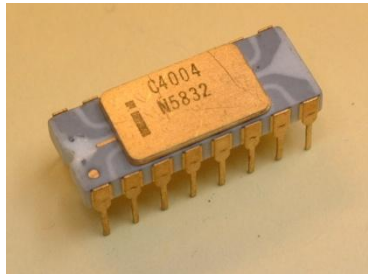




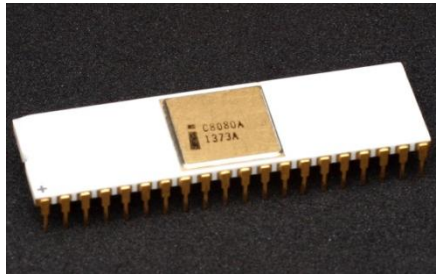
# SEM image of the cold virus



# One critical thing has got smaller!



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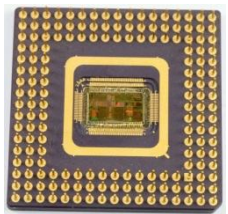
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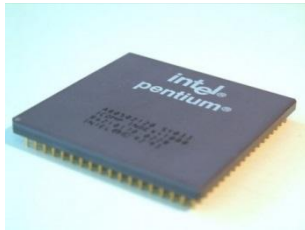
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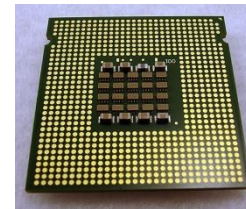
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0.00003mm



0.00002mm

***“measure what is measurable  
make measurable what is not”***

**Maxim ascribed to Galileo Galilei**



# Micro-textured "Scotchlite" material by 3M



Ref: [www.3M.scotchlite](http://www.3M.scotchlite)