



# EMRP collaborative project TIM

(Traceable In-process Metrology)



**Development of multi-purpose material standards for mapping task-specific measurement errors of machine tools  
(Final meeting – PTB)**

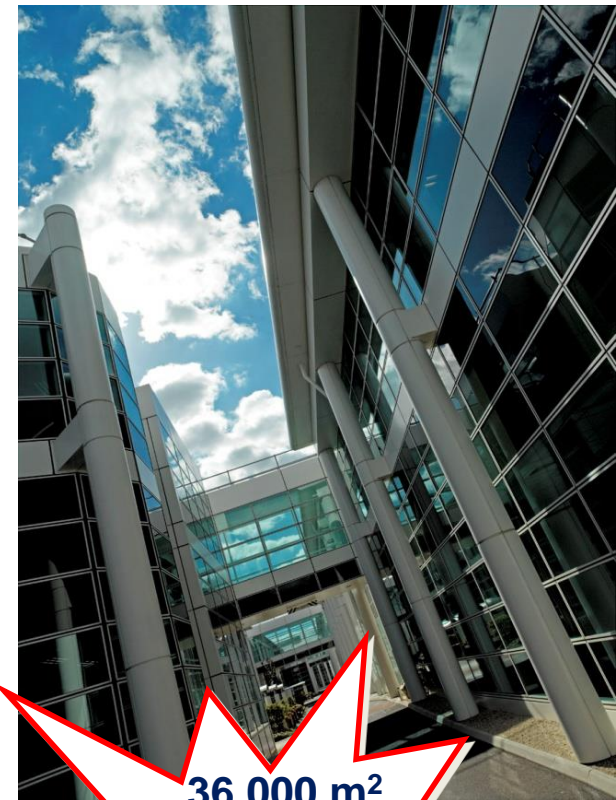
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# NPL in brief

We are UK's national standards laboratory

- Founded in **1900**
- World leading **National Measurement Institute**
- ~700 staff, from over 150 different nationalities; 500+ specialists
- State-of-the-art laboratory facilities
- Engineering measurement, design, manufacturing facilities and instrument development.
- The heart of the UK's **National Measurement System** to support business and society
- Experts in **Knowledge Transfer**
- Government owned and operated in conjunction with two UK universities, since early 2015



**36 000 m<sup>2</sup>**

**388 Laboratories**

**purpose built**

# In-process measurement

**Manufacture validation**



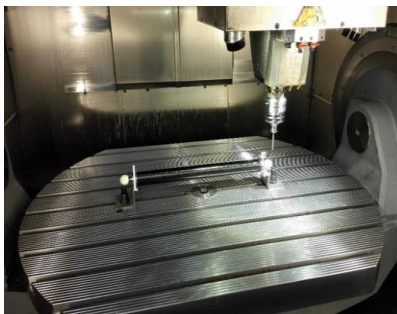
**Artefact being manufactured**



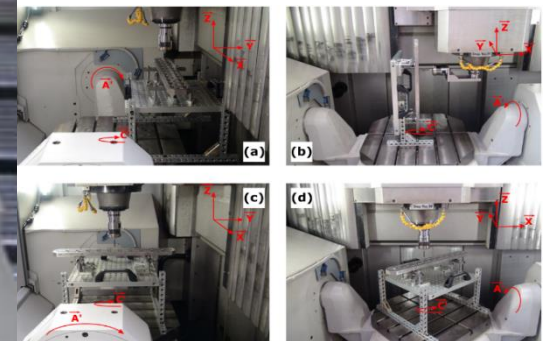
**Manufacture validation**



**System validation**



**System calibration**

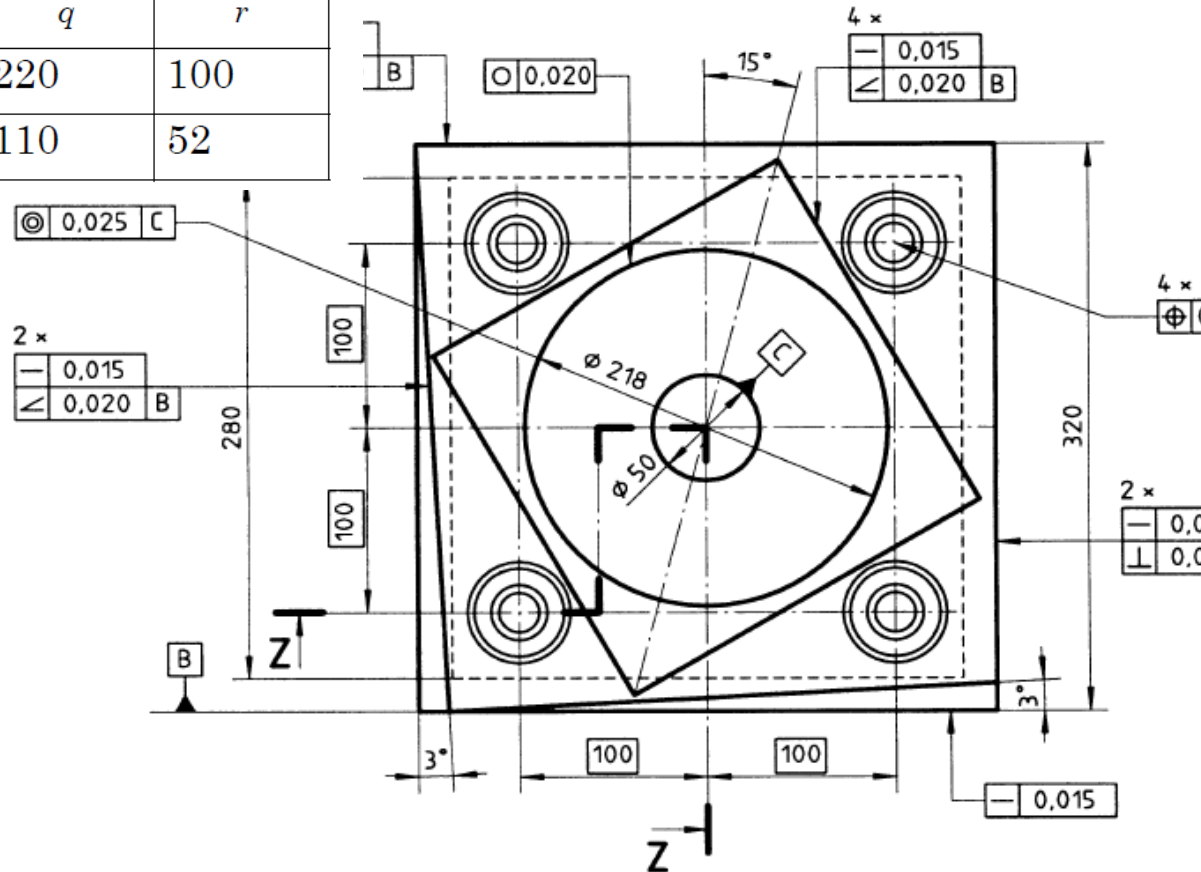


# NPL and BS/ISO 10791-7 Artefact design concept

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size, $l$	$m$	$p$	$q$	$r$
320	280	50	220	100
160	140	30	110	52

Note: NPL has further developed this concept (a non-Freeform standard).



# What do we mean by: Task Specific

- We want it to measure typical machine manufacturing geometries:
  - Cylinder, Sphere, Flat...
- We want to be able to check:
  - Their form
  - Their position
  - Their relative position

# Initiating the design



Solution

Problem



- What has it got to do
- Single design or multiple designs
- Is it for comparison
- Does it do any analysis
- How do we get traceability

# What information do we want it to divulge

## Form

- Sphere
- Cone
- Cylinder
- Torus

## Position (Tool tip)

- Location (x,y,z), form, radius
- Location (x,y), form
- Location (x,y), form

## Trajectory

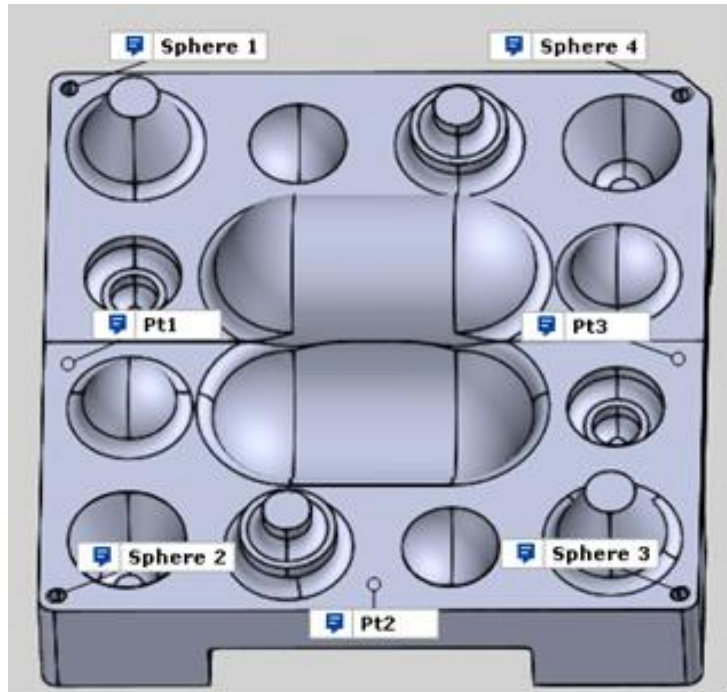
- Smooth
- Resolution

The system may be capable of doing:

- Manufacture the form to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree of precision
- Place it in the correct place

However, it may not be able to do both

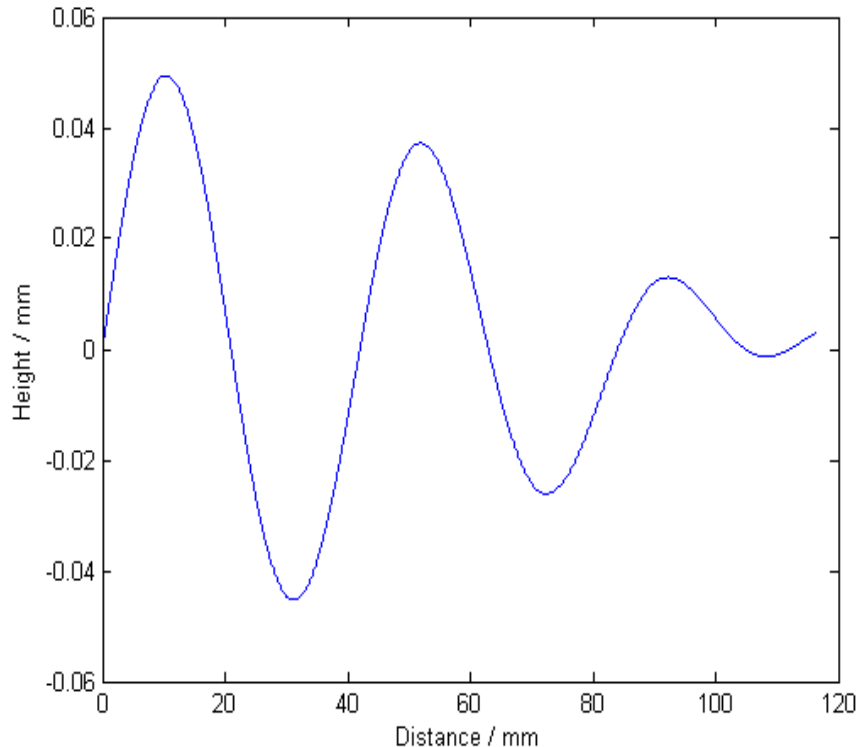
# NPL Prismatic form 200 mm square



- Simple robust mathematical form:- Sphere, cone, cylinder, flat...
- External and internal design (z-axis)
- Centre of shape, intersection with plane (x,y axis)
- Gaussian and Chebyshev analysis (position, goodness of fit)
- Regular grid allows 180° rotation

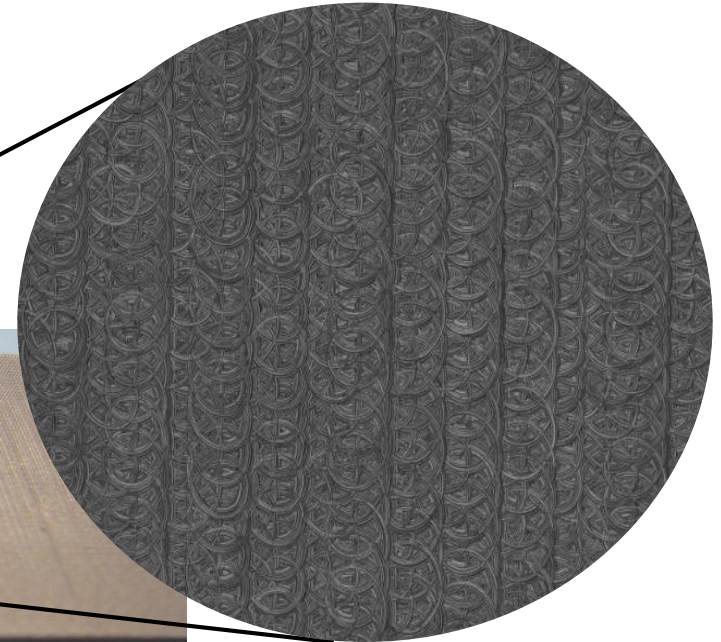
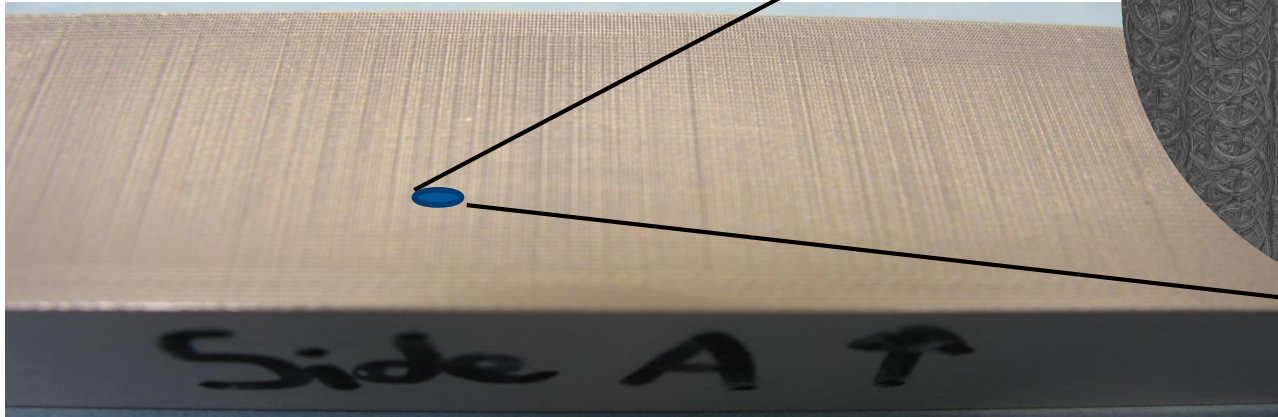
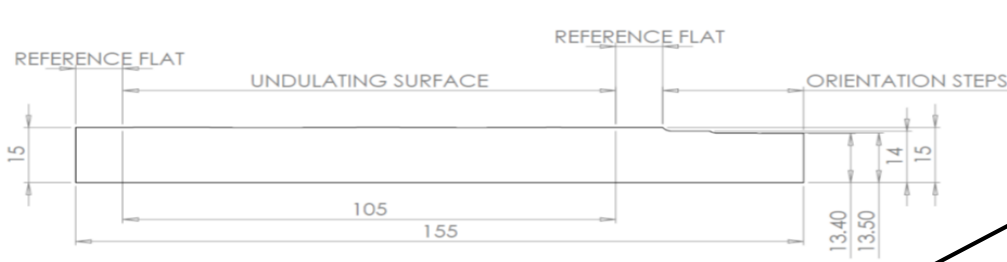


# Perturbation surface - sensitivity



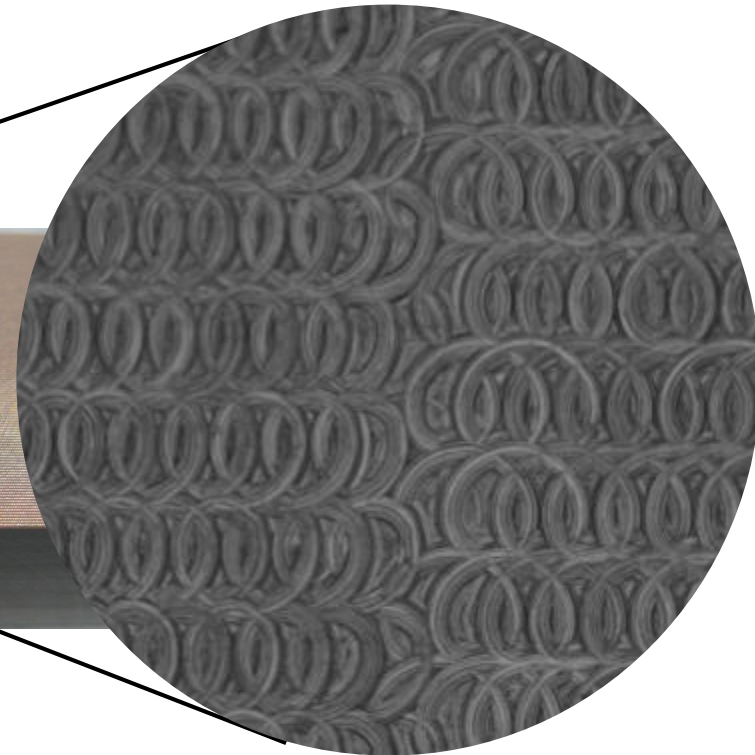
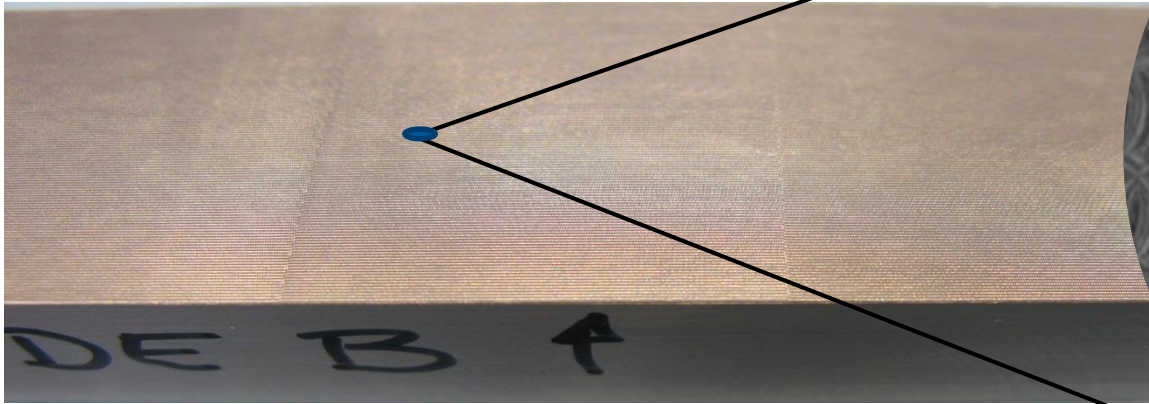
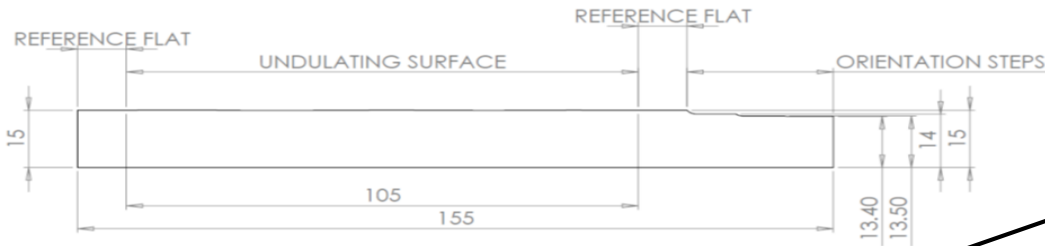
- Systems ability to measure
- Small form error
- Size of perturbation 20  $\mu\text{m}$  – 50  $\mu\text{m}$
- 50% of surface
- Decreasing sine wave
- Manufacturing – CAD to CAM control

# Manufacture check - Transverse



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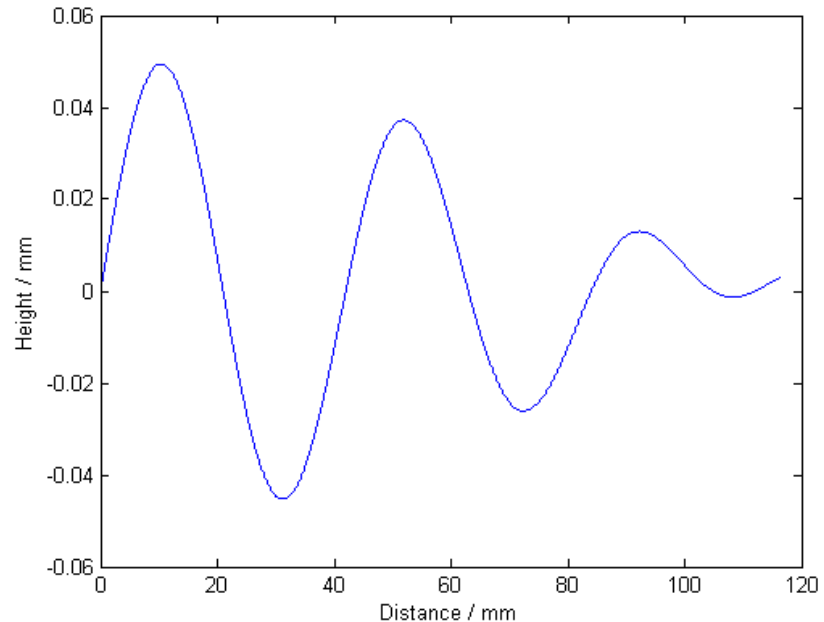
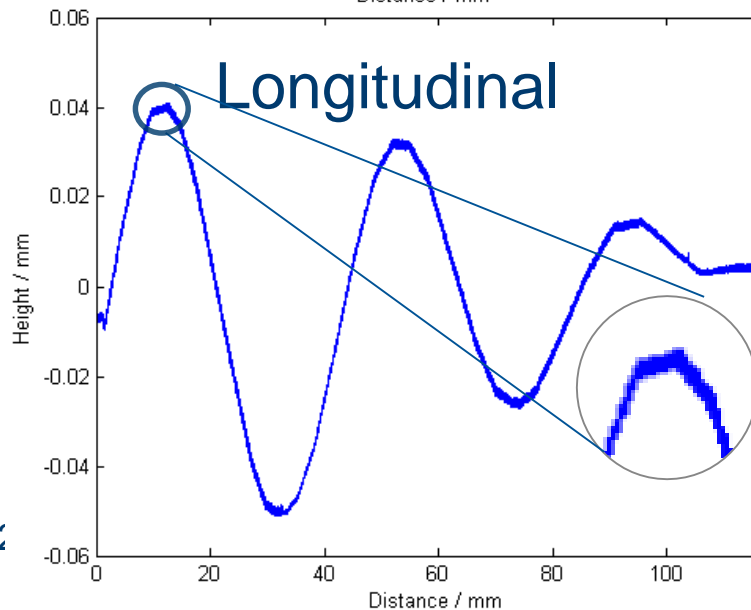
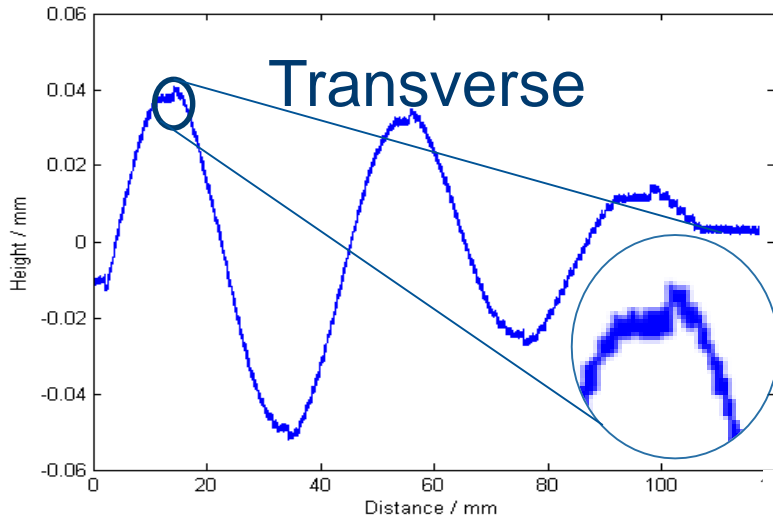
# Manufacturing check - Longitudinal



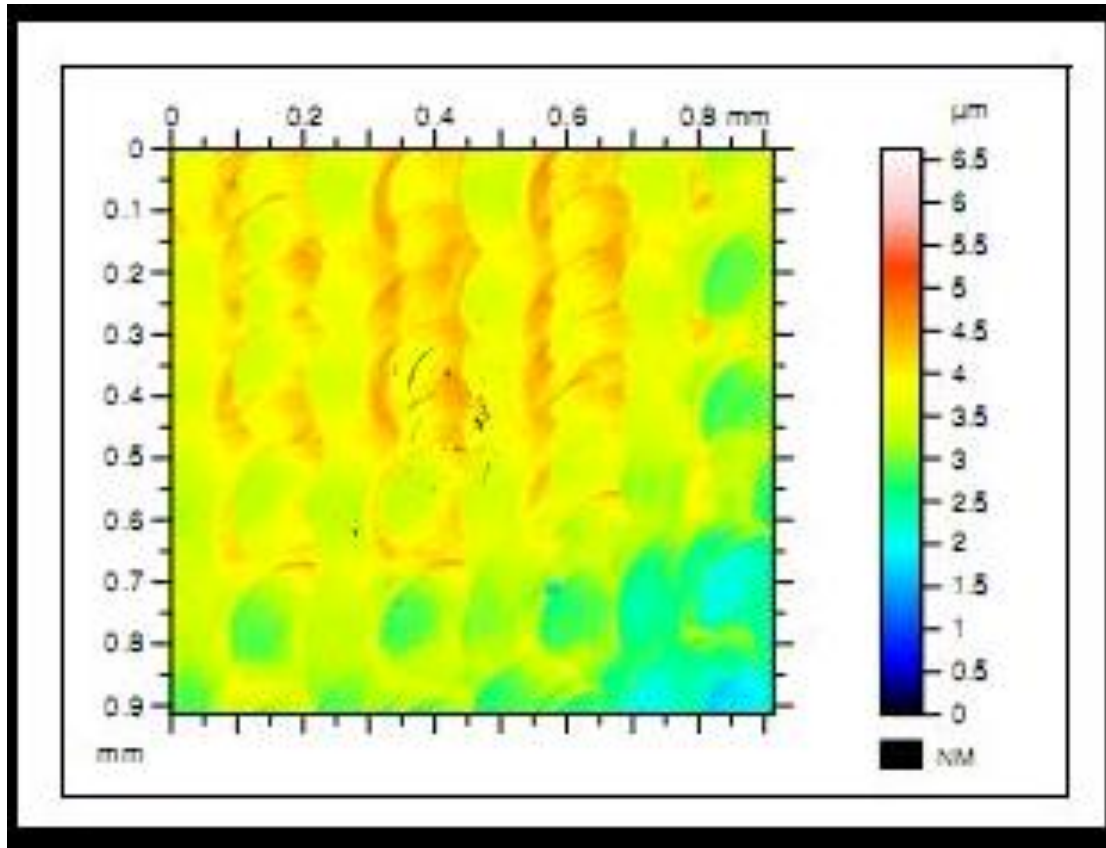
Magnified

# Profile measurement of perturbation

- Taylor Hobson PGI 1000
- 20  $\mu\text{m}$  stylus, every 0.125  $\mu\text{m}$
- 5 mm 'Bull nose' mill
- 0.1 mm steps



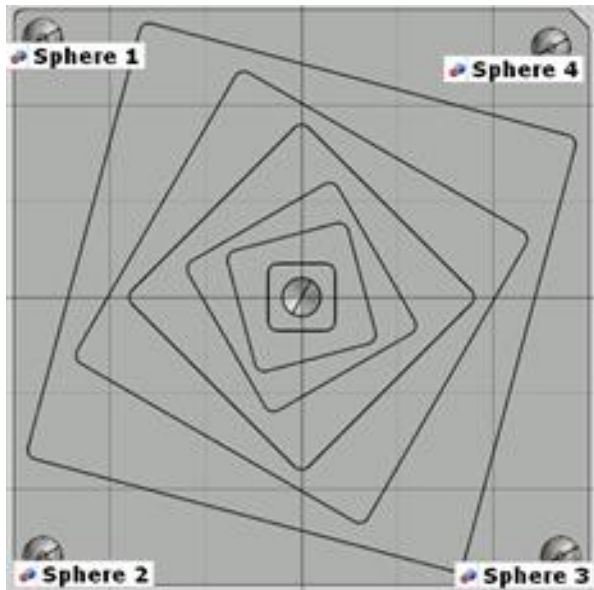
# Optical measurement of finished surface



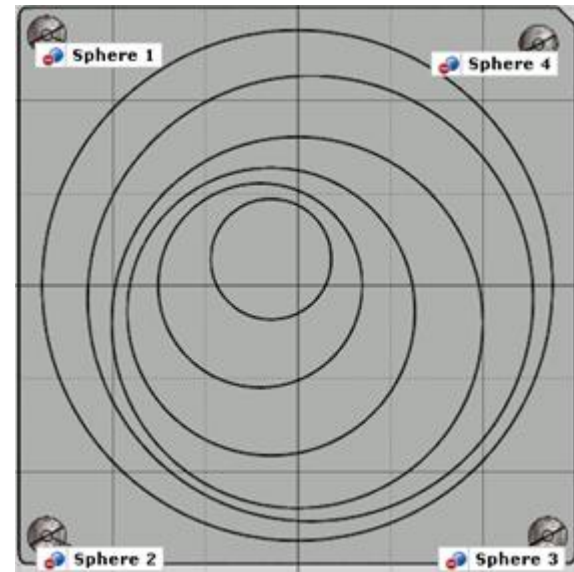
Optical scan of sample surface:  $PV \ll 1 \mu\text{m}$

# NPL's work replica standards

## Square material standard

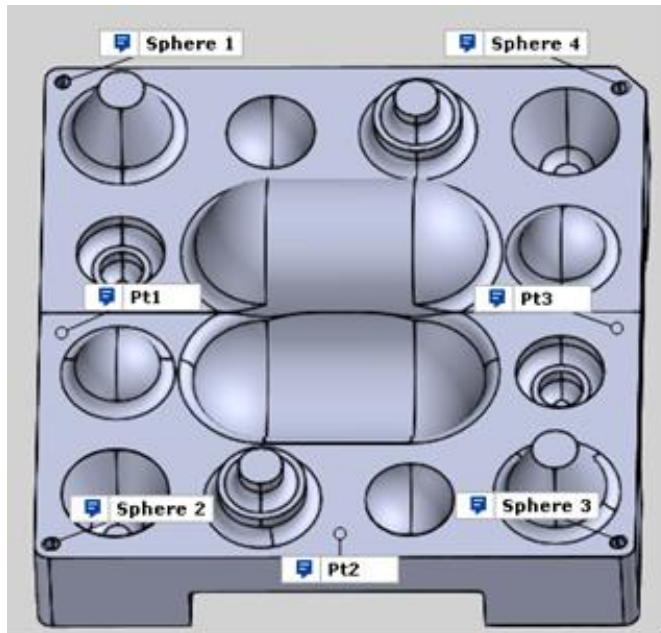


## Cylindrical material standard



# NPL's prismatic material standard (200 x 200)mm

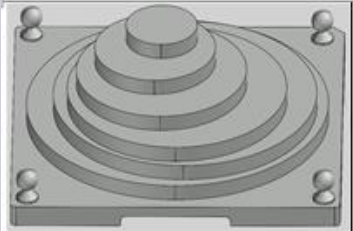
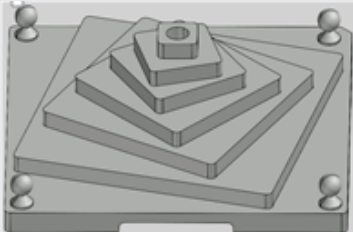

## Form measurement



- Calibration: CMM <math>< 2 \mu\text{m}</math>
- Form:
  - Sphere, cone, cylinder, flat, perturbation
- Properties:
  - Form NOT position
- Scalar check:
  - Tooling spheres (not shown)
- Mass: 20 kg
- Coating:
  - Electroless nickel

# NPL's: TSEM-MS (smooth surface)

# NPL's: TSMU-MS (perturbed surface)

Name	NMI	Design
Non-Centric cylinders	NPL	
Centric squares	NPL	
Prismatic shape	NPL	

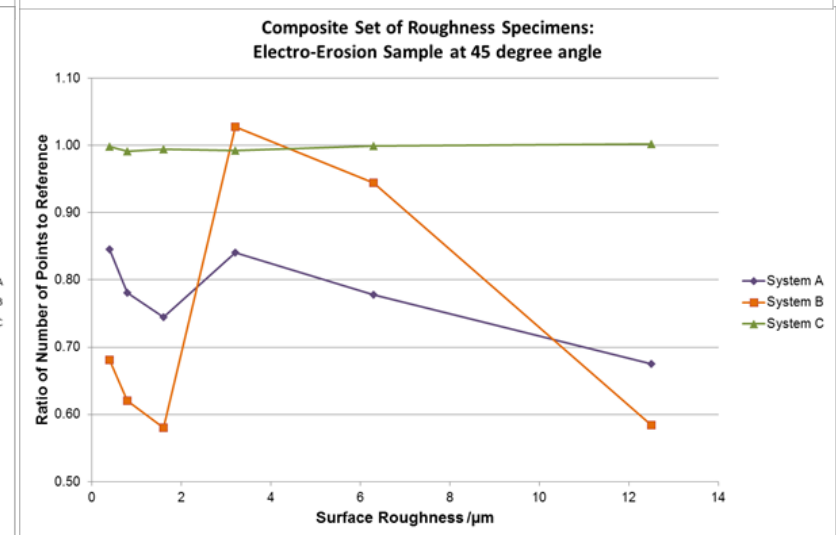
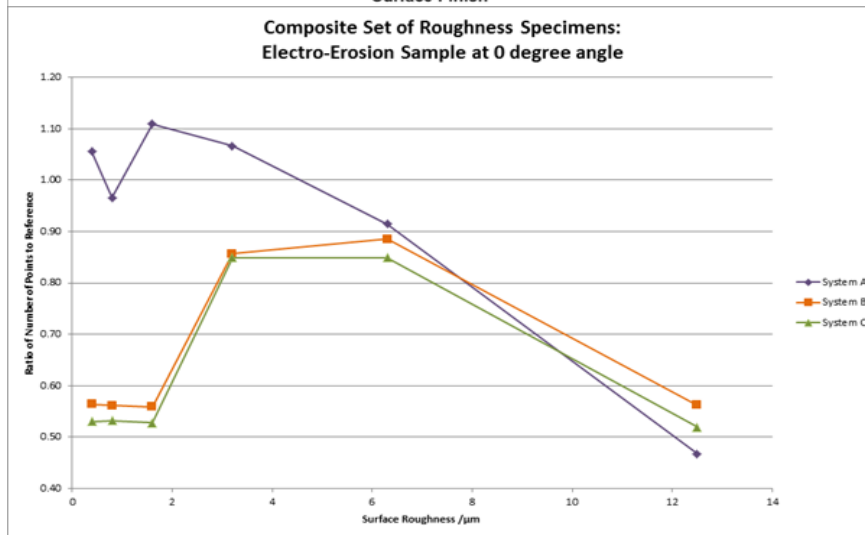
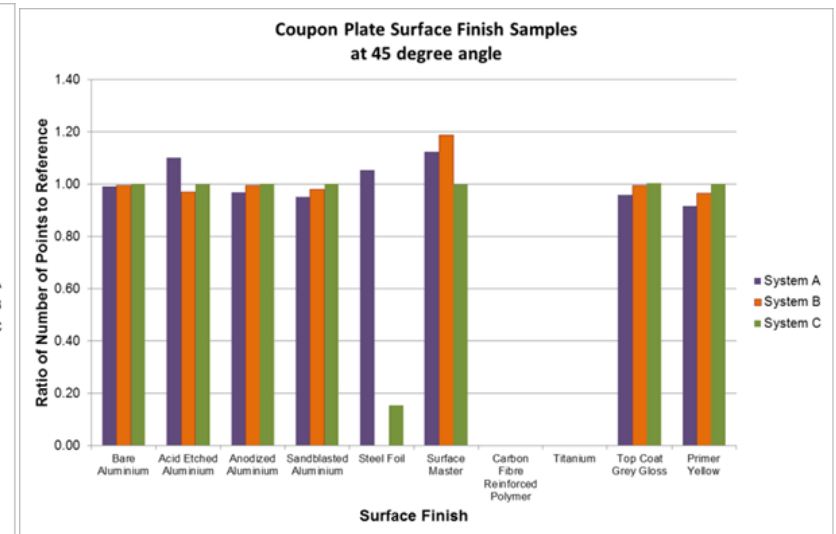
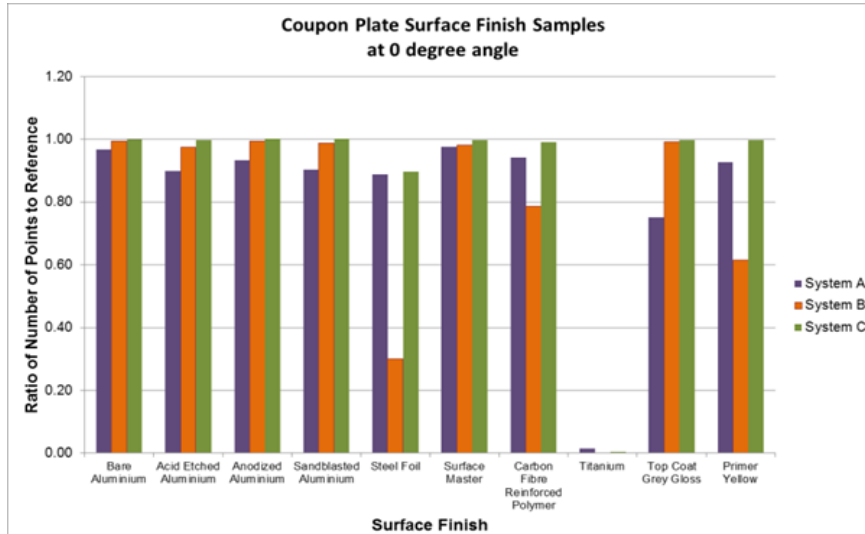


# Optical properties of materials



- Scanners
- Opacity
- Surface finish:
  - Structure
  - Colour
- Plating:
  - Electroless
  - Brighness
- Orientation

# Optical properties results



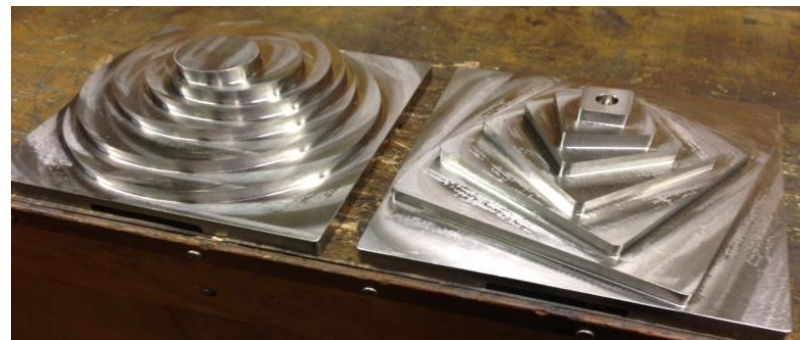
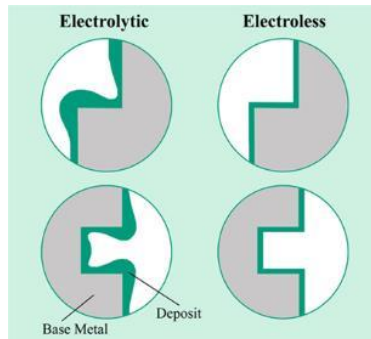
# Material properties

## Against

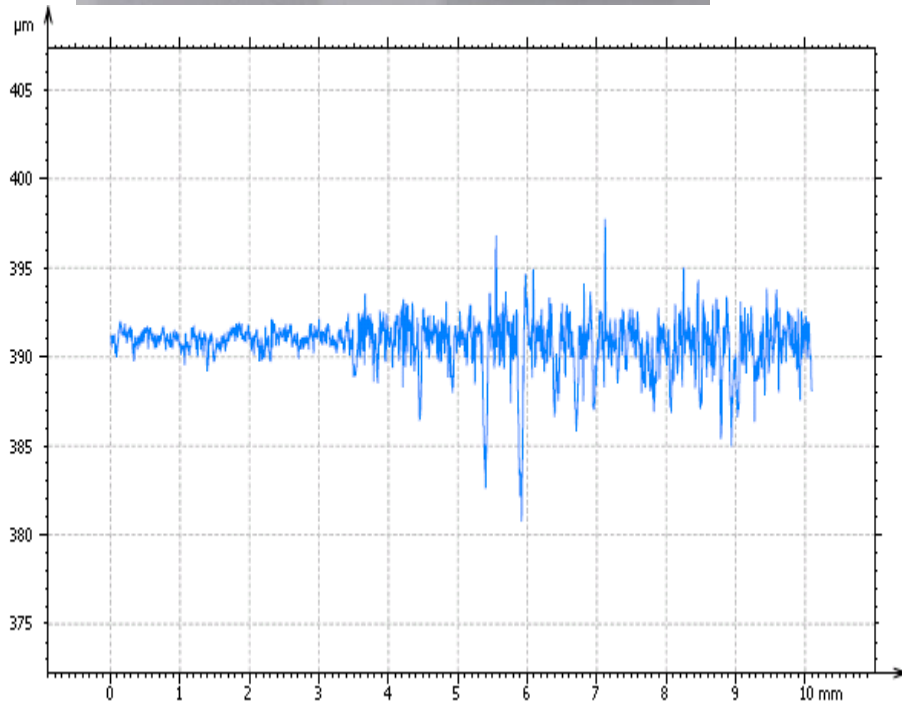
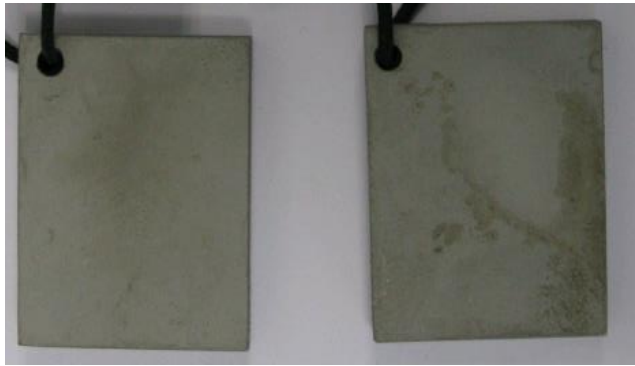
- Invar will corrode  
Handling causes corrosion
- Shiny surface  
Scanner problem
- High mass  
Manual handling

## Solution

- Coat the surface:  
Paint, plating,
- Treat the surface  
Acid etch, anodize
- Reduce size, hollow out  
Scale down, machine out.



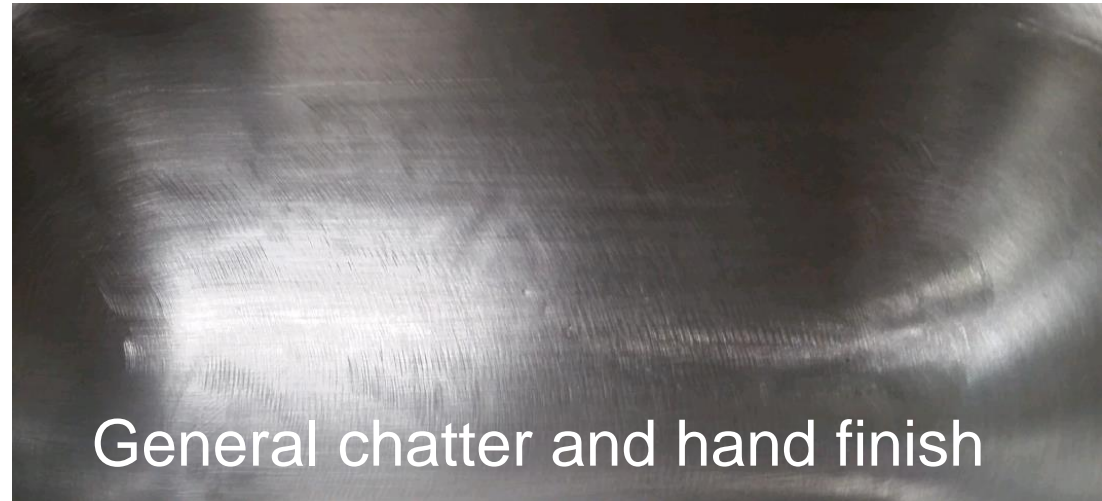
# Plating the material standard



Change in surface due to bead blast

- Several sample, solutions, times, concentrations tried
- Size matters
- Bead blast, then dip, copper coat and electroless nickel plating.

# Manufacturing issues



Invar is not easy to machine:

- Rough machining
- Annealing
- Does no polish

# Mathematical modelling of material standard - FEA

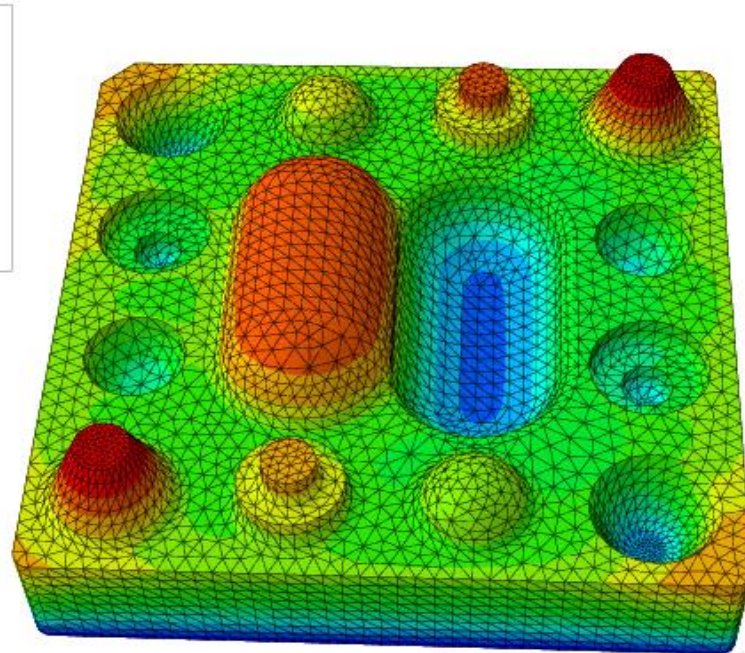
- Assume that the material standard has an initial uniform temperature of 20 °C
- It remains in an environment of 20 °C
- The lower surface remains at a fixed temperature
- What is the temperature variation within the standard
- Examine the subsequent stress distribution and deformation

# Typical NPL engineering workshop environment - temperature



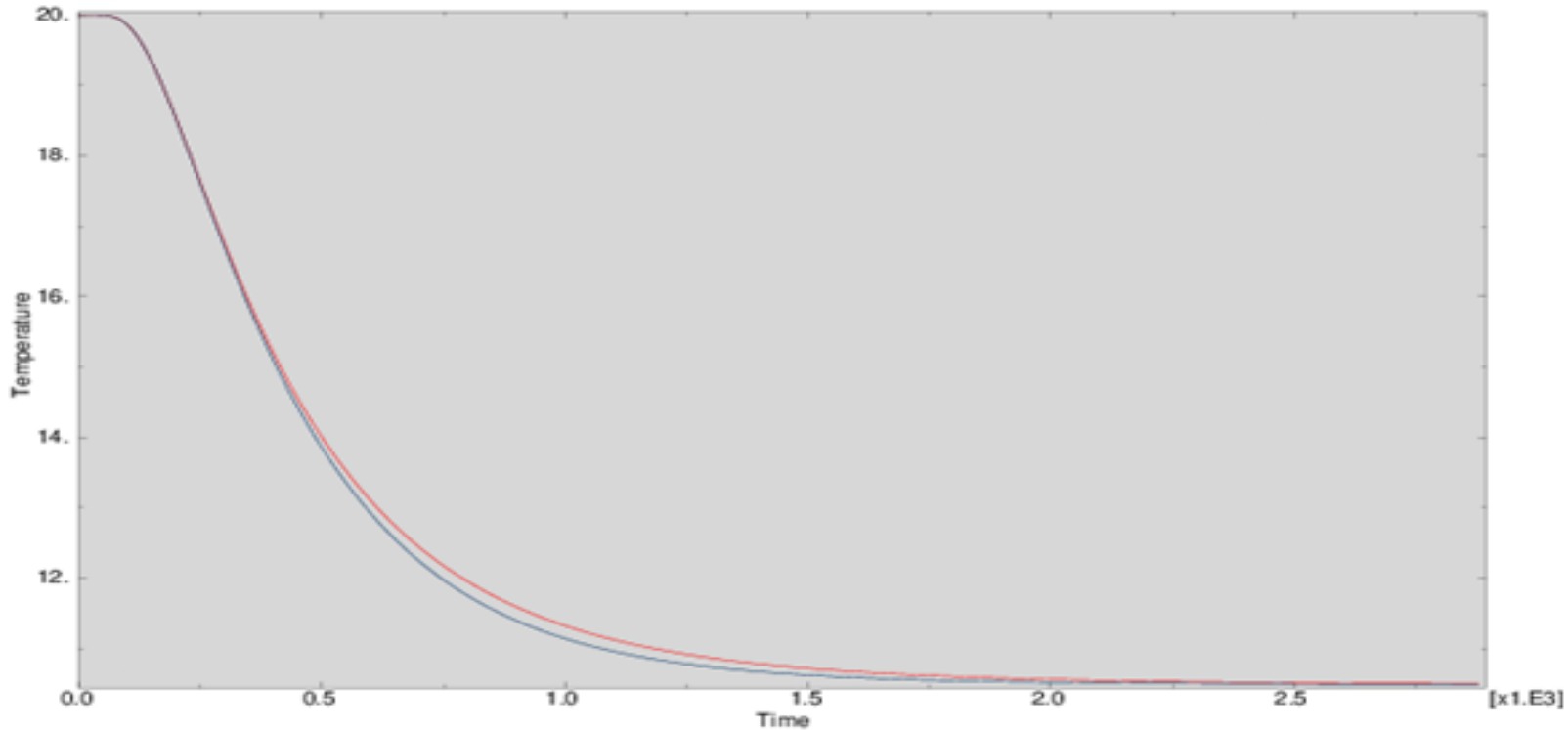
# Final temperature distribution

- Temperature distribution of hollow prismatic material standard
- Base temperature at 10 °C
- Thermal equilibrium:
  - Hollow – 50 min
  - Solid – 40 min
- Maximum displacement  
 $\pm 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 0.96 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
- Temperature difference of standard on equilibrium  
 $\pm 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 0.76 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$





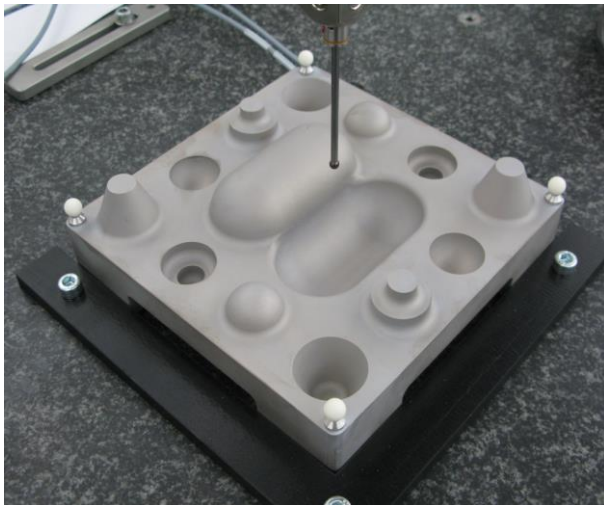
# FEA thermal analysis of NPL's TSEM-MS



Temperature versus time: Hollow prismatic material standard – Initial base temperature 10 °C.

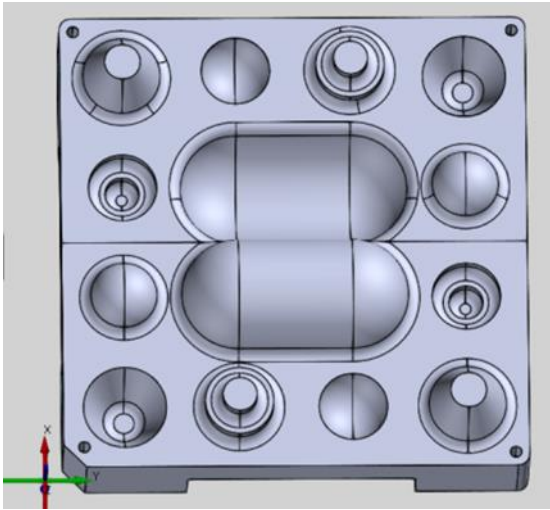
# TSEM-MS/TSMU-MS

NMI: NPL



- Invar – Temperature invariant
- (200 x 200 x 50)mm 25 kg
- Tactile and optical measurement of prismatic shapes
- $U < 2 \mu\text{m}$   $k=2$

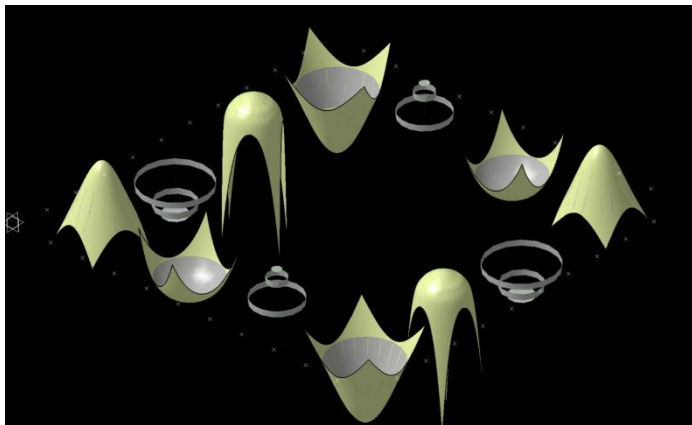
# Reverse engineering of CAD – The approach



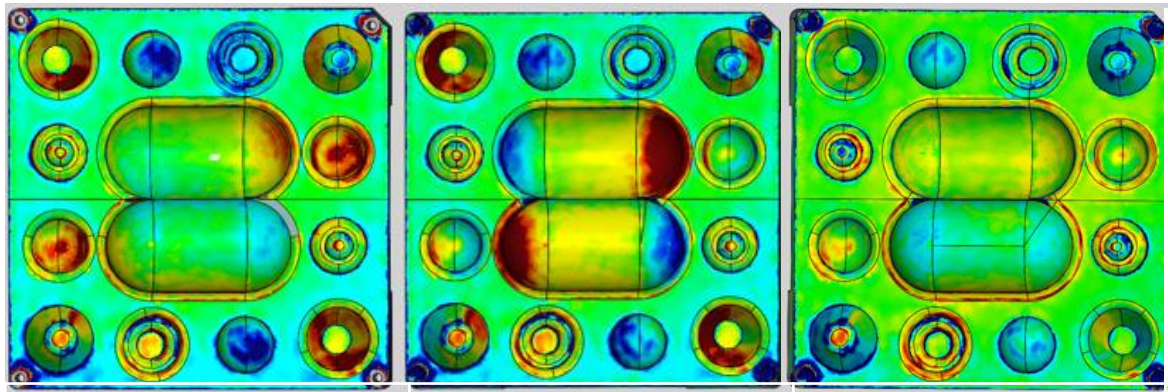
Reverse engineering of the Prismatic material standard has been completed.

Due to point density, it was not possible to re-engineer the total surface.

As individual prismatic are the concern, these individual parts were redefined in the CAD model.



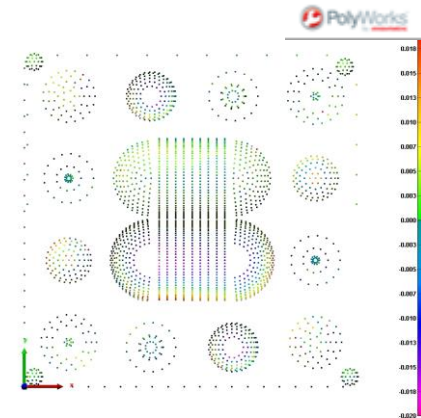
# Reverse engineering of CAD – The results



CAD(1)

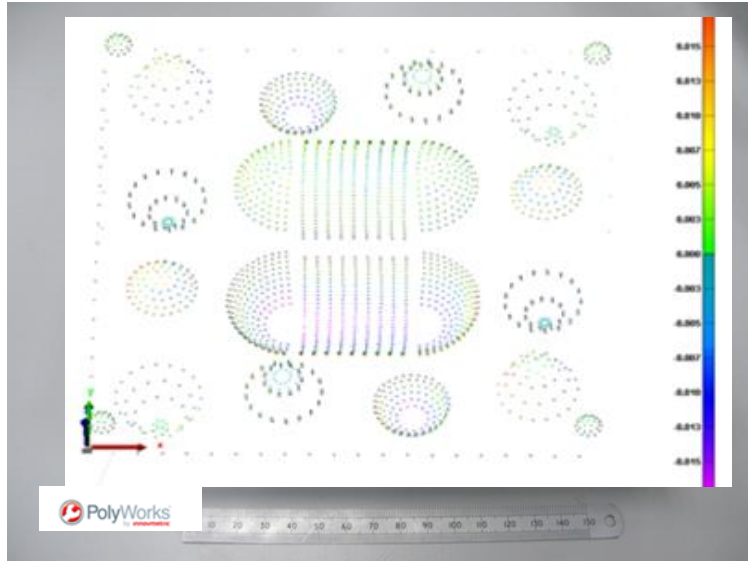
CAD(2)

CAD(6)

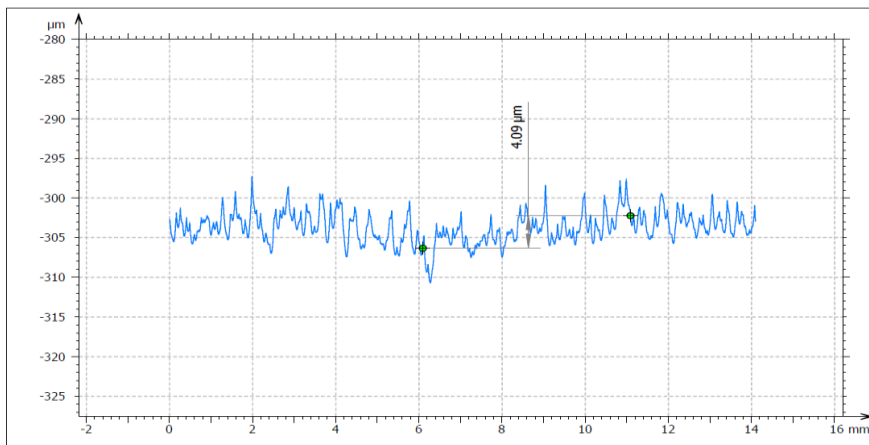


- The CMM data was compared to the original CAD(1)
- First iteration, CAD(2), inferred that the model was getting worse; due to compound entity.
- Separation of bathtub and single prismatic adjusted
- CAD(6) final CAD model.

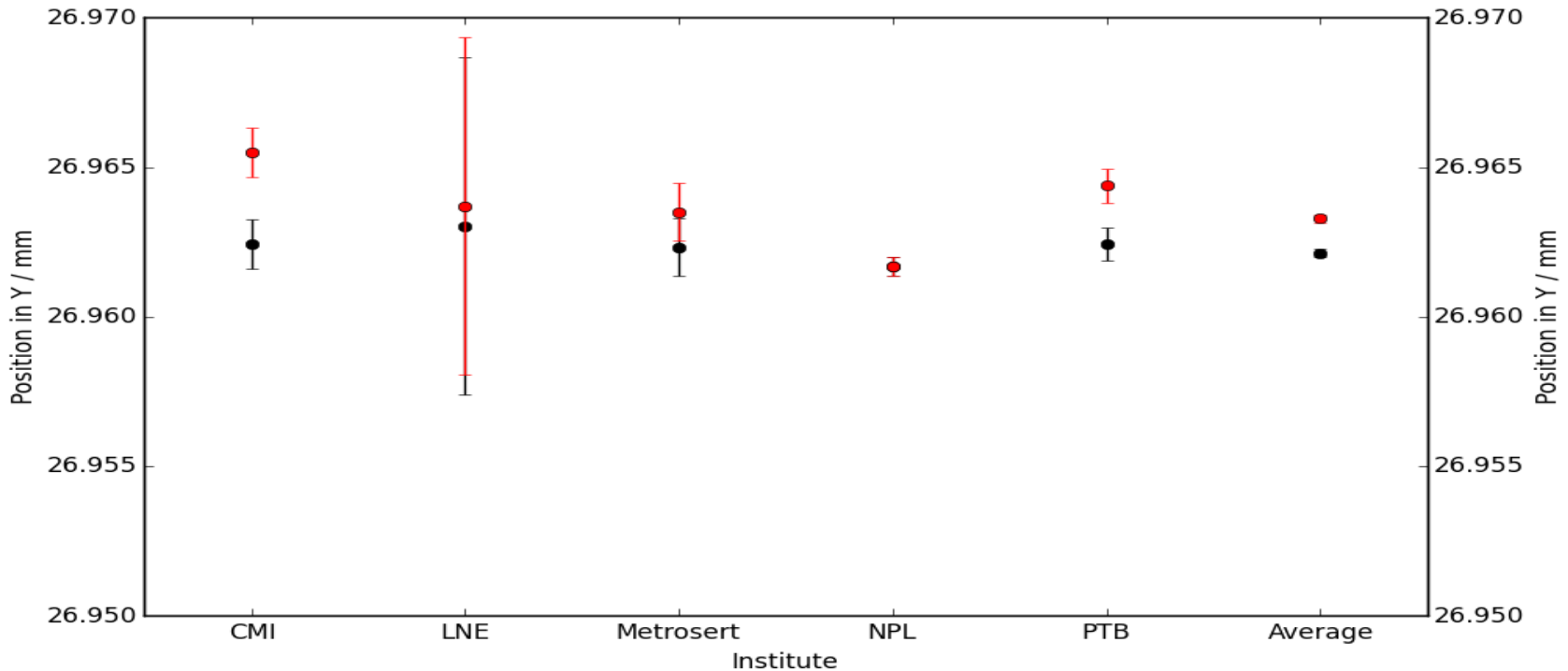
# Computation of uncertainties



- Two software packages used: Pundit and VCMM.
- The original data used, defined the surface roughness to be  $0.5\mu\text{m}$ .
- Profile plot indicates the true roughness to be more like  $5\mu\text{m}$ . VCMM model adjusted.



# Inter-comparison of NPL's prismatic material standard



**External Cone 2, axis intersection with  $z = 0$  plane, relative to  $y$  axis. Black points represent the alignment adjusted values and red points represent the measured values**

# Conclusion

- Multiple geometries
- More difficult than first imagined to coat Invar
- Re-engineering CAD do not over constrain
- Surface roughness affects cleaning
- Storage container insert must be inert
- Due consideration must be given to alignment points

# Questions.... if time permits

