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The New ISO Standard for a Field-Testing  
Procedure of Terrestrial Laser Scanners and its  
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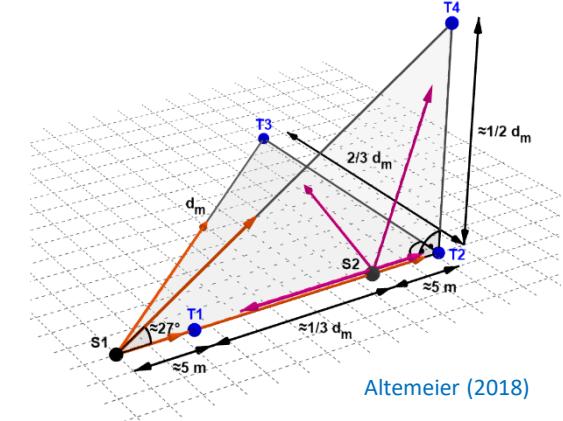
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## The New ISO Standard for a Field-Testing Procedure of Terrestrial Laser Scanners and its Practical Performance

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## Focus of this collection of ideas / proposals

- Simple, fast, reliable checking of the instrument specifications
  - Within a few hours
  - (Measurement) Uncertainty
  - Detection of non acceptable (systematic) deviations
- The procedure(s) must be independent (manufacturer)
- No laboratory procedures
- No calibration
- Methods which fit into the testing philosophy of ISO 17123 (DIN 18723)
  - Simplified and full test procedure
  - Independent procedure with standard equipment

- 1. General Information**
- 2. Test procedure**
  - i. Simplified Test Procedure(s)
  - ii. Full Test Procedure(s)
- 3. Sensitivity of the test procedure(s)**
- 4. Measurement uncertainty (thresholds)**
- 5. Conclusions**

# General information

2011 Proposal for a full/extended test procedure (Feldmann, Petersen, Staiger)

⇒ Reference distances (coordinates) for full procedure to consider the scale of the TLS measurements.

2012 - 2014: DVW - technical Bulletin for a test procedure:

(F. Neitzel; B. Gordon; D. Wujanz; WG 3 of DVW)

⇒ mainly following the ideas of Heister / Staiger (2009)

2014 - 2018 ISO WIP for a simple and full test procedure:

(17123-9; under the lead from the DIN Working group)

⇒ mainly following the ideas of the DVW - technical Bulletin

Future Extend and/or translate the ISO 17123-9 for DIN 18723

# General information

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## DVW Bulletin

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### Verfahren zur standardisierten Überprüfung von terrestrischen Laserscannern (TLS)

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Berechnungsformular zum DVW-Merkblatt  
**"Verfahren zur standardisierten Überprüfung von terrestrischen Laserscannern"**

<b>I. Daten der Messung</b>	<b>II. Prozesskette</b>
Prüfkörper: <b>Stahlkugel</b> Instrument: <b>LaserScanner</b> Prüfkörper-Typ: <b>Schwebebahn</b> Ressourcenfluterte: <b>Software</b>	Prüfkörper: <b>Messlängen</b> Instrument: <b>LaserScanner</b> Prüfkörper-Typ: <b>Schwebebahn</b> Ressourcenfluterte: <b>Software</b>

<b>III. Definition der Testgröße</b>	<b>IV. Messwerte der Zentriekreuzer</b>
Messwerte des Kreuzkreuzers u. d. zu Herstellerangaben: $\sigma_1 = 1,0 \text{ mm}$	→ Vergleichsgröße $\bar{\sigma}_1 = 1,0 \text{ mm}$

Standpunkt S <sub>i</sub>	Zentriekreuzer T <sub>1</sub>				Zentriekreuzer T <sub>2</sub>				Zentriekreuzer T <sub>3</sub>				Zentriekreuzer T <sub>4</sub>			
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# General information

## ISO 17123-9

**Optics and optical instruments — Field procedures for testing geodetic and surveying instruments**

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## Overview on the actual test procedure(s)

Procedure	DVW Bulletin	ISO-Group (ISO 17123-9)	DIN Working Group (DIN 18723)	Proposal of Feldmann et al. (2011)
Simple	---	Yes	Yes	(Yes)
Full	(Yes)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extended (reference distances)	----	---	Under discussion	Yes (with fix installed targets)
Measurement Uncertainty	Partly	Yes	Yes	partly

**Simple:** Red / Green decision without statistical treatment

fix installation

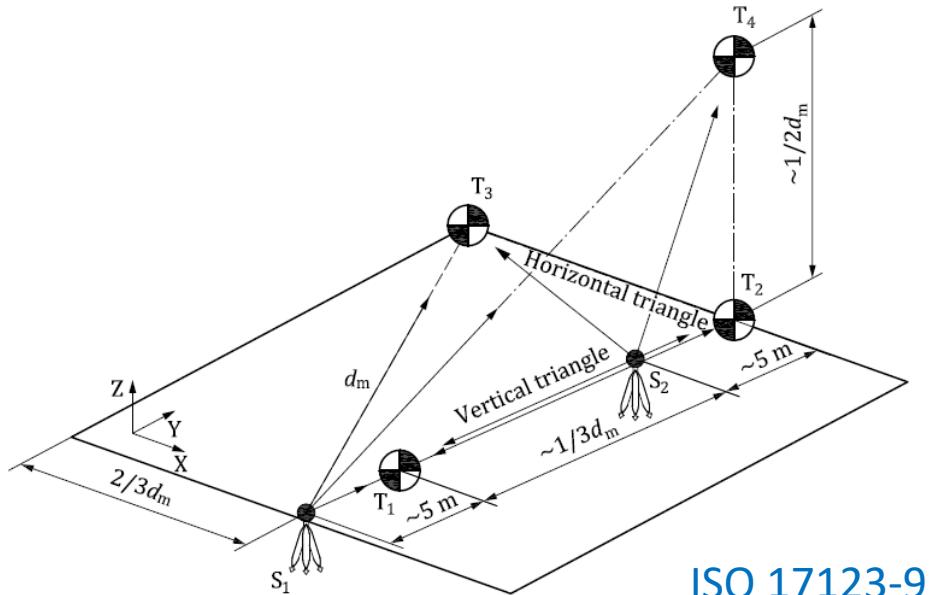
**Full:** Repeated observations with statistical checking/judgement of the results

**Extended:** Introduction of reference distances

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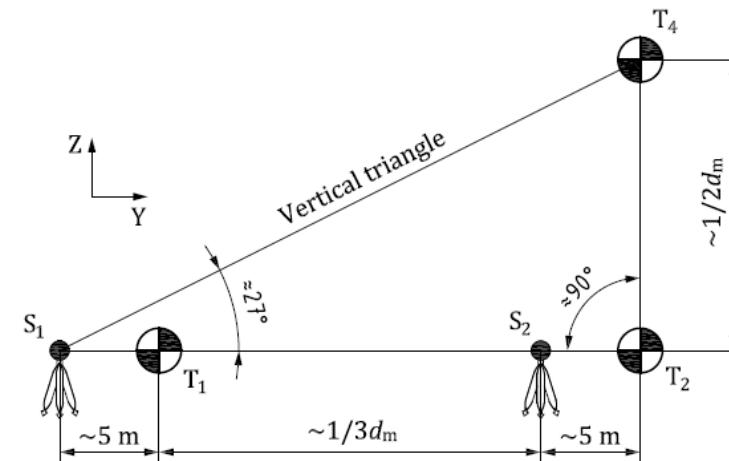


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**Key**

$S_1, S_2$	instrument station
$T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$	target point
$d_m$	maximum distance

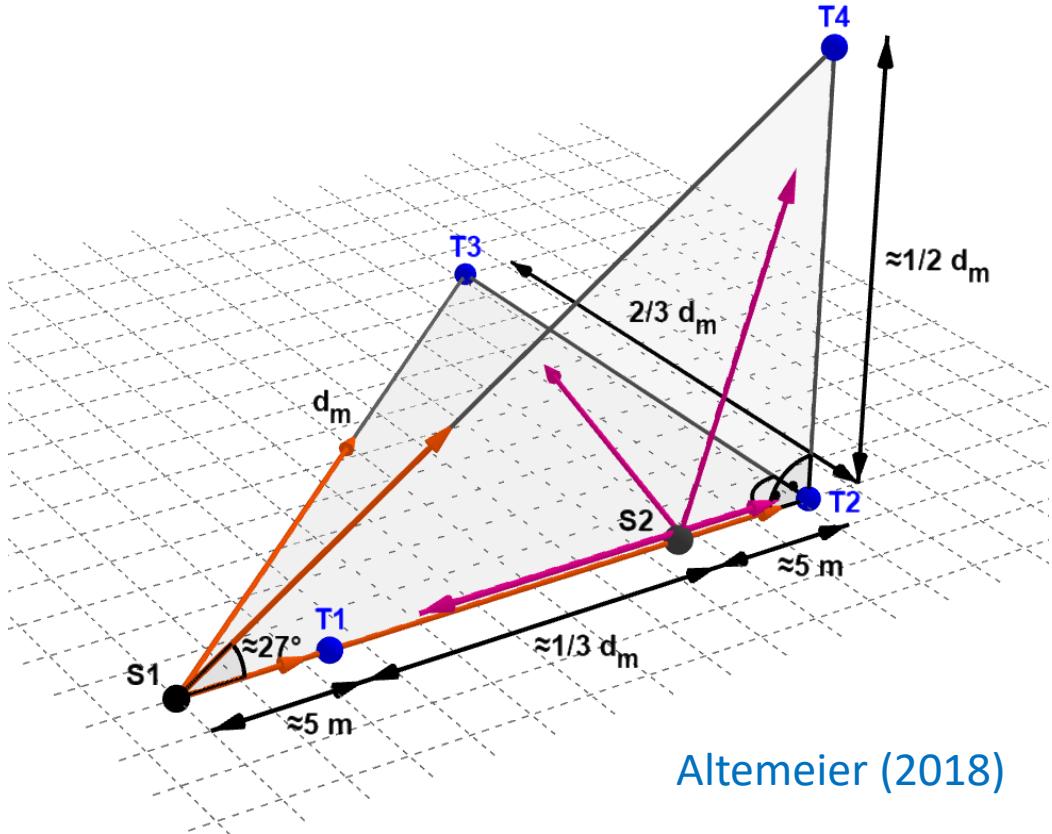
- 4 Targets ( $T_j$ )
  - 2 Instrument stations ( $S_i$ )
  
  - 1 measurement on  $S_i$  (simple procedure)
  - 3 independent measurement on  $S_i$
- All 4 targets are determined  $3 \times 2$  (full procedure)



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Altemeier (2018)

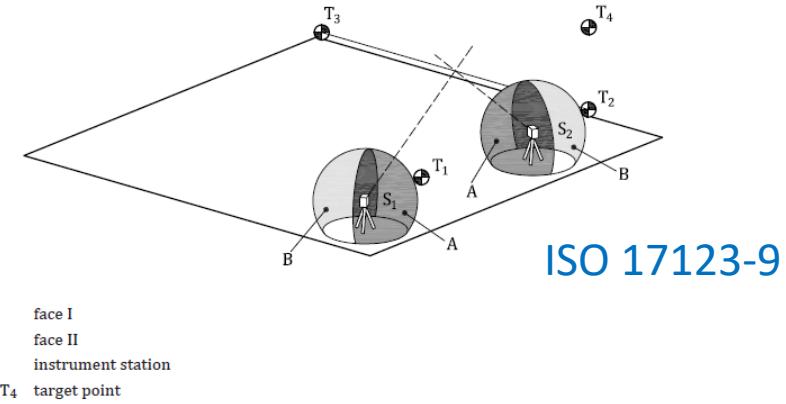
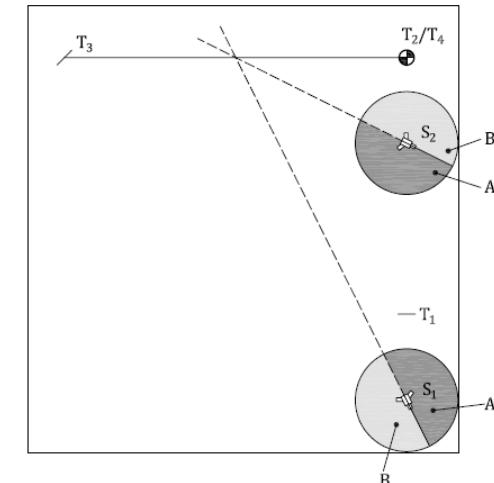


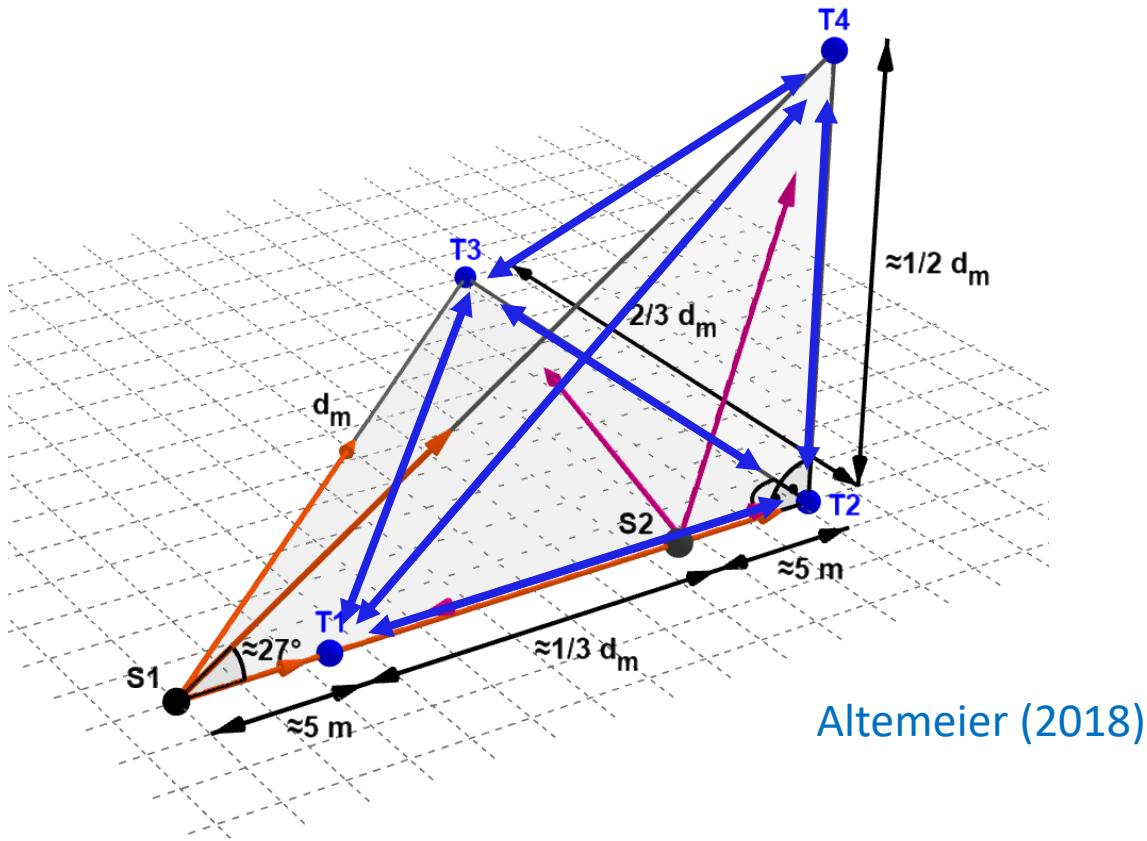
Figure 3 — Instrument orientations on both positions (side view)



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Station 1 ( $S_1$ )      Station 2 ( $S_2$ )

$$(T1 - T2)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad (T1 - T2)(2)$$

$\downarrow$   
2 x additional constant

$$(T1 - T3)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_2 \quad (T1 - T3)(2)$$

$$(T1 - T4)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_3 \quad (T1 - T4)(2)$$

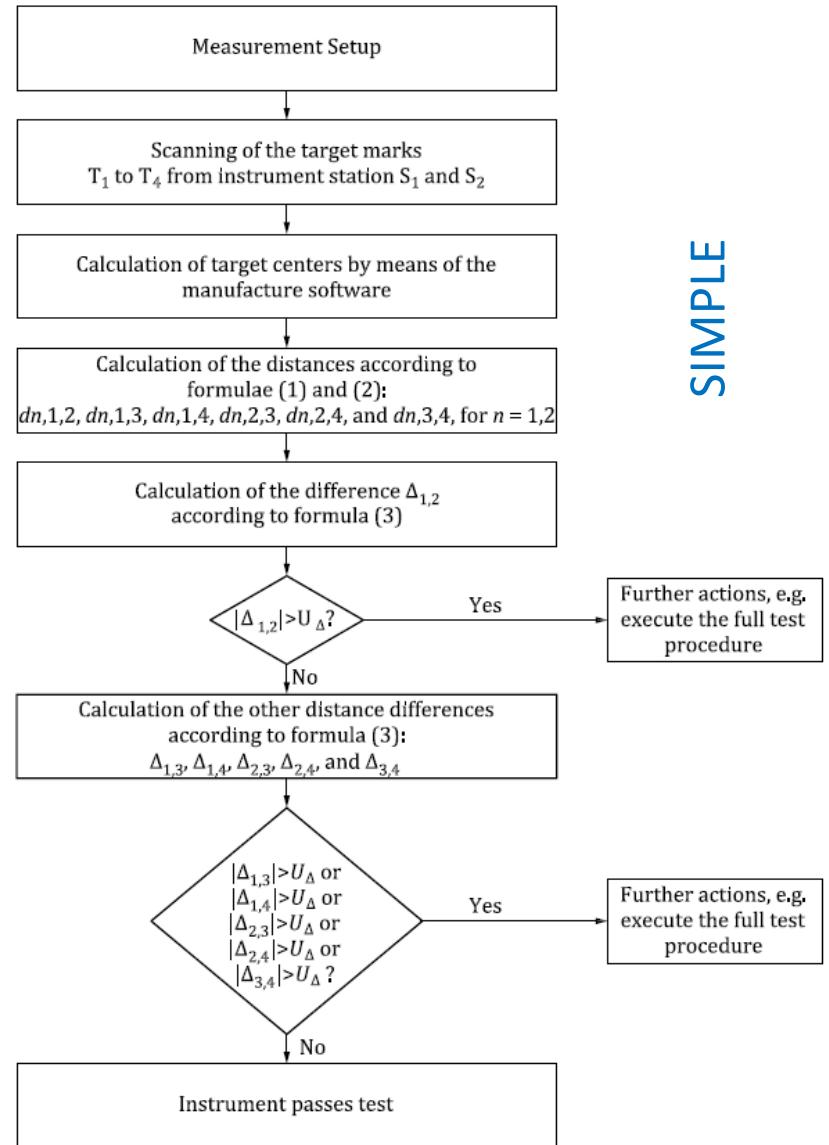
$$(T2 - T3)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_4 \quad (T2 - T3)(2)$$

$$(T2 - T4)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_5 \quad (T2 - T4)(2)$$

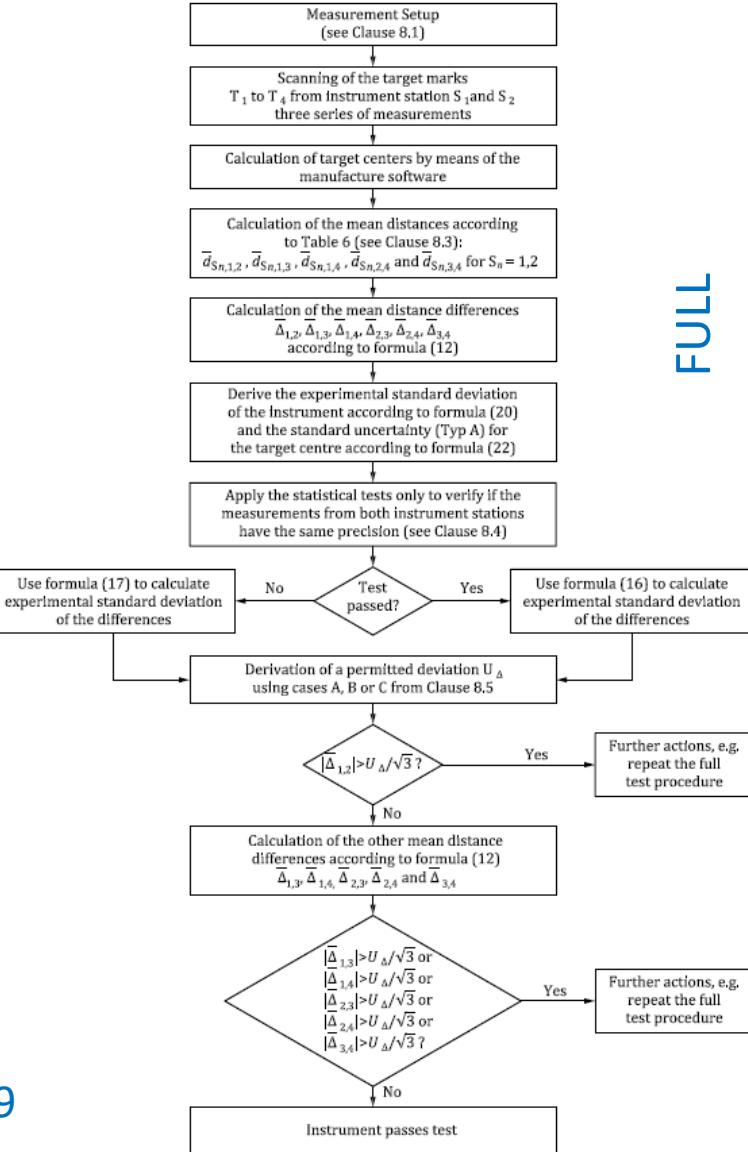
$$(T3 - T4)(1) \Rightarrow \Delta_6 \quad (T3 - T4)(2)$$

Most important for angle errors

# Test procedure – summary



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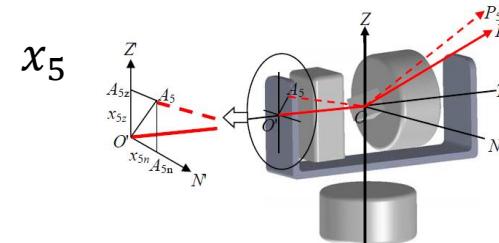
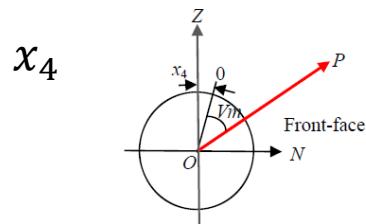
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# Sensitivity of the procedure

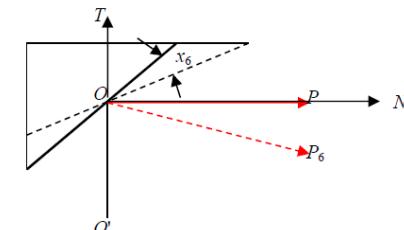
Simulation of most important calibration parameters (Altemeier, 2018)

Geometric model according to Muralikrishnan et al. (2015) (selected parameters)

Parameter	Description	Influence on
$x_4$	Vertical index offset	$\Delta Vm$
$x_{5n}$	Beam tilt component along n	$\Delta Hm, \Delta Vm$
$x_{5z}$	Beam tilt component along z	$\Delta Hm, \Delta Vm$
$x_6$	Mirror tilt	$\Delta Hm$
$x_7$	Transit tilt	$\Delta Hm$
$x_{10}$	Zero-offset (Bird-bath error)	$\Delta Rm$



$x_6$



Muralikrishnan et al. (2015)

# Sensitivity of the procedure

## Simulation of most important calibration parameters (Altemeier, 2018)

Selection of the simulation parameters

Simulation of reference values

Adding the systematic error

Randomize the observations

Apply testing procedure  
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- Selected instrument
- Configuration of the test field
- Magnitude of the systematic deviations ( $x_4, x_{5n}, x_{5z}, x_6, x_7, x_{10}$ )

- Polar elements: Distance ( $R$ ), Horizontal direction ( $H$ ), Vertical angle ( $V$ )

- Geometric model after Muralikrishnan et al. (2015):  $\Delta Rm, \Delta Hm, \Delta Vm$

- Generate random deviations (according to the instruments data sheet)
- → 3 observation sets: measurement values  $Rm, Hm, Vm$

- Transformation to the cartesian coordinates of the target centers:  $X, Y, Z$
- Calculation and testing of the distance deviations:  $|\bar{d}_{ij}| > U_d / \sqrt{3}$

Analysis of 10000 Monte-Carlo-Runs



# Sensitivity of the procedure

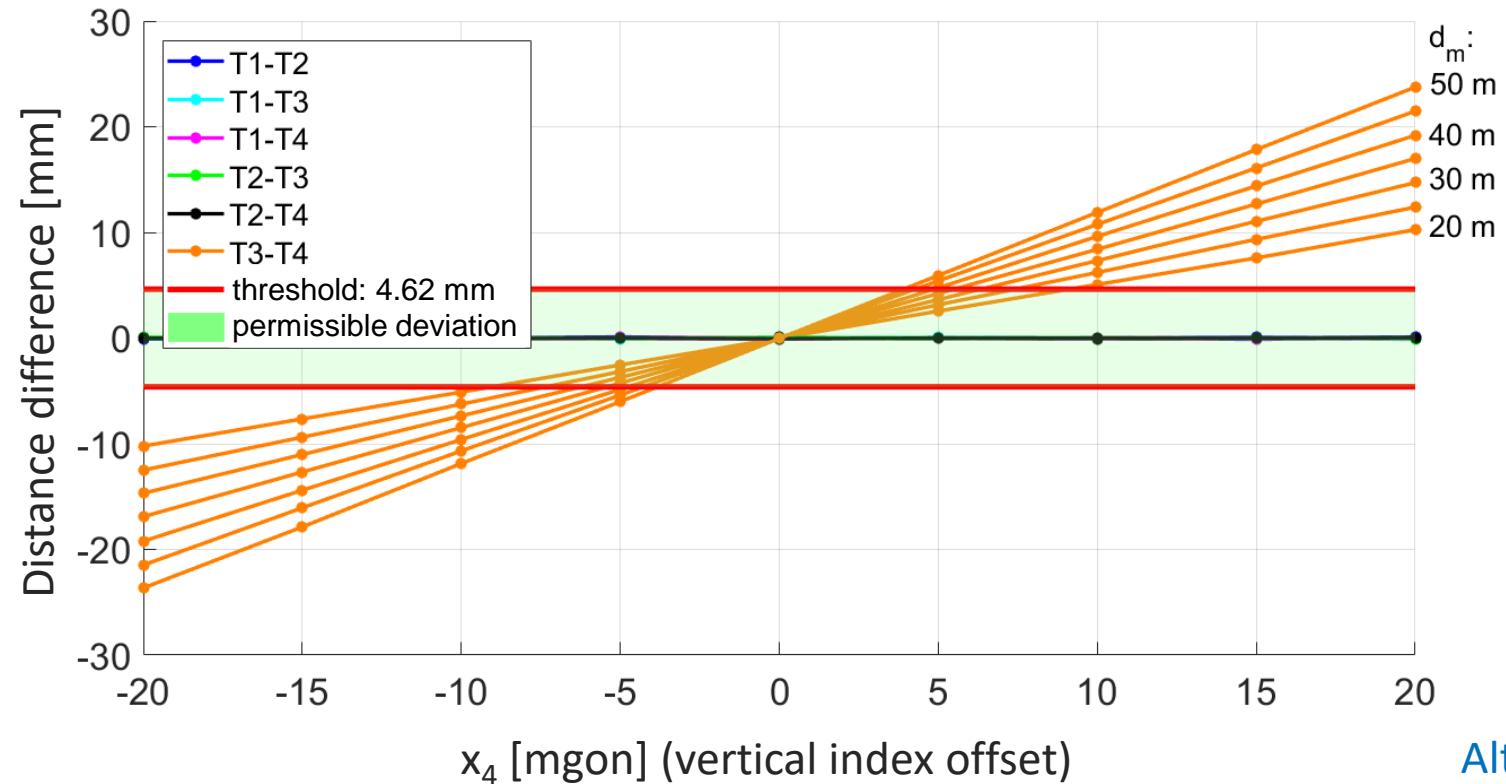
## Simulation of most important calibration parameters (Altemeier, 2018)

- Influence of the measurement configuration
  - Variation of the test field size ( $d_m$ )
  - Variation of the height of target T4
  - Violation of the test field configuration (X and Y)      → Small influence
  - Deviation of other criteria (Perpendicularity, 5 m, ...)      → Small influence
- Influence of the systematic deviations under
  - Variation of individual parameters
  - Combination of minimum two parameters      } See next slides
- Determination of the threshold for the judgement of the TLS      → Not treated in this presentation

# Sensitivity of the procedure

Simulation of most important calibration parameters (Altemeier, 2018)

## Influence of the measurement configuration

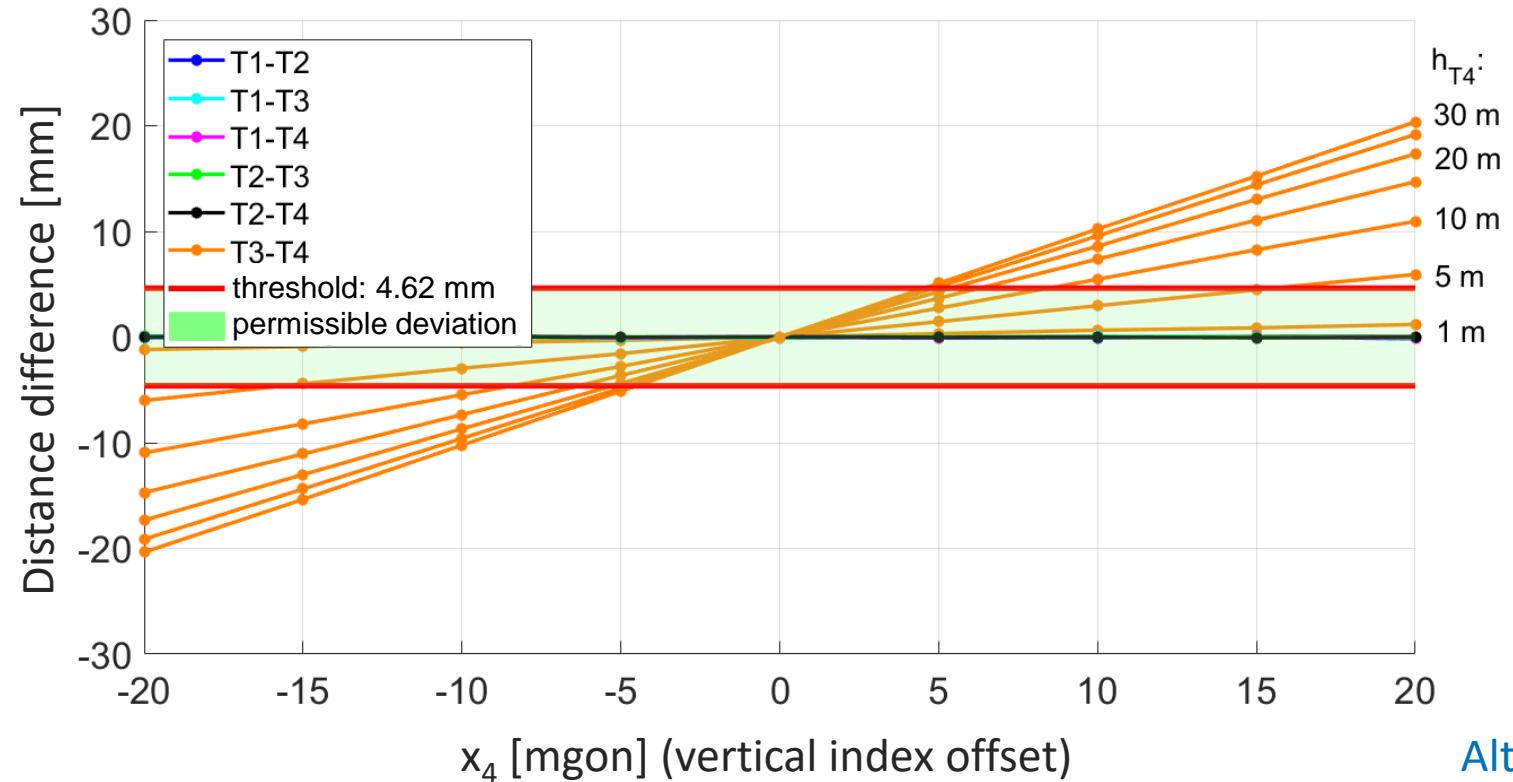


Altemeier (2018)

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## Influence of the measurement configuration



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## Identification of sensitive distances

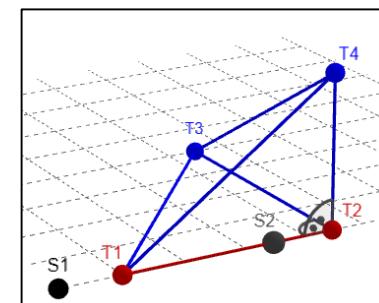
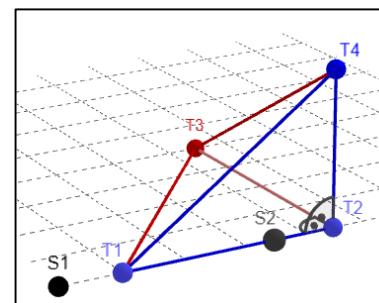
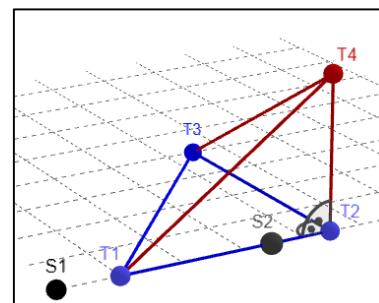
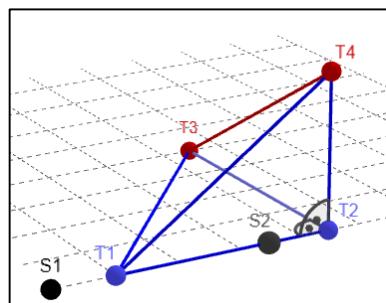
	$x_4$	$x_{5n}$	$x_{5z}$	$x_6$	$x_7$	$x_{10}$
T1-T2	-	-	-	-	-	+
T1-T3	-	-	-	-	-	+
T1-T4	-	+	+	-	-	+
T2-T3	-	-	-	-	-	+
T2-T4	-	+	-	-	-	+
T3-T4	+	+	+	+	-	+

legend: Influence of the parameters: - no / + significant / + dominant

Negligence of the test field configuration (X,Y):

- less sensitive
- less specific
- $x_{10}$  not influenced

$T_4$  height dependent

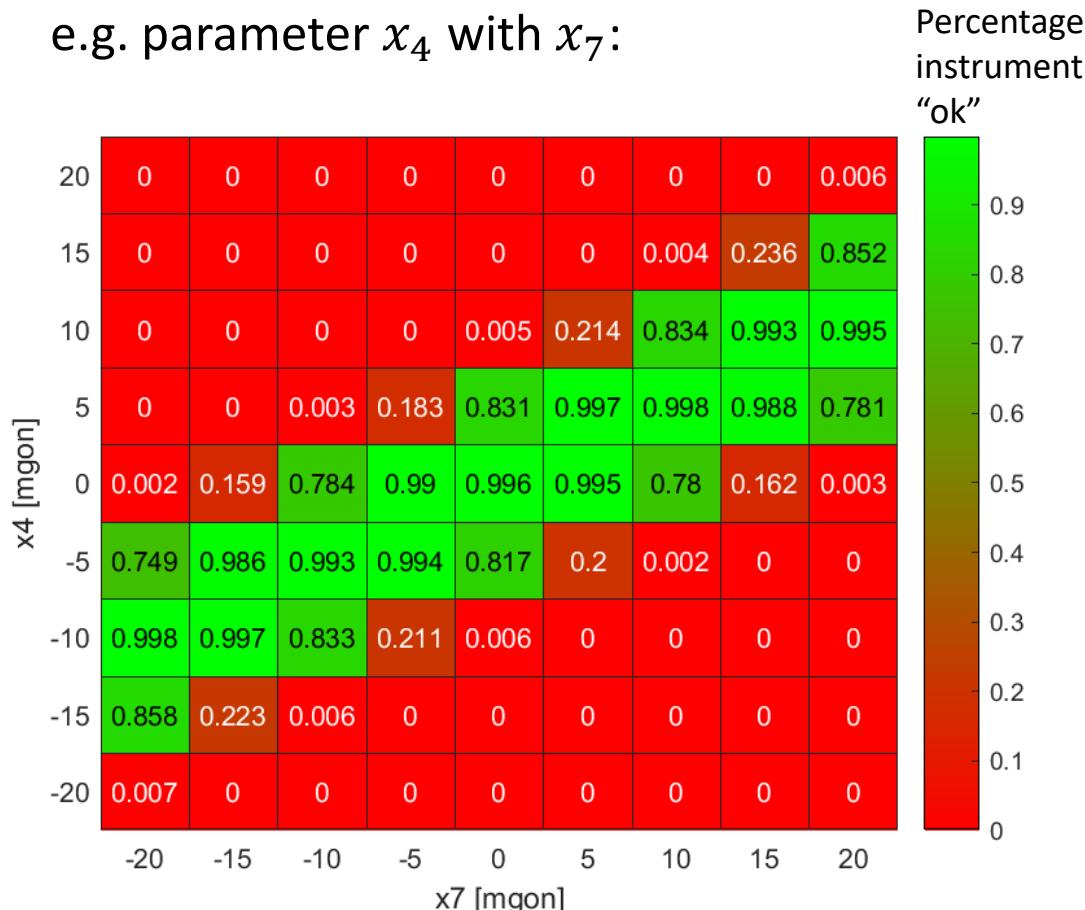


# Sensitivity of the procedure

Simulation of most important calibration parameters (Altemeier, 2018)

## Combination of parameters

e.g. parameter  $x_4$  with  $x_7$ :



## Result:

- Compensation/ amplification of the influences
- Sensitivity of distance differences changes
- Depending on the magnitude and sign of the parameters

→ Inference difficult

# Sensitivity of the procedure

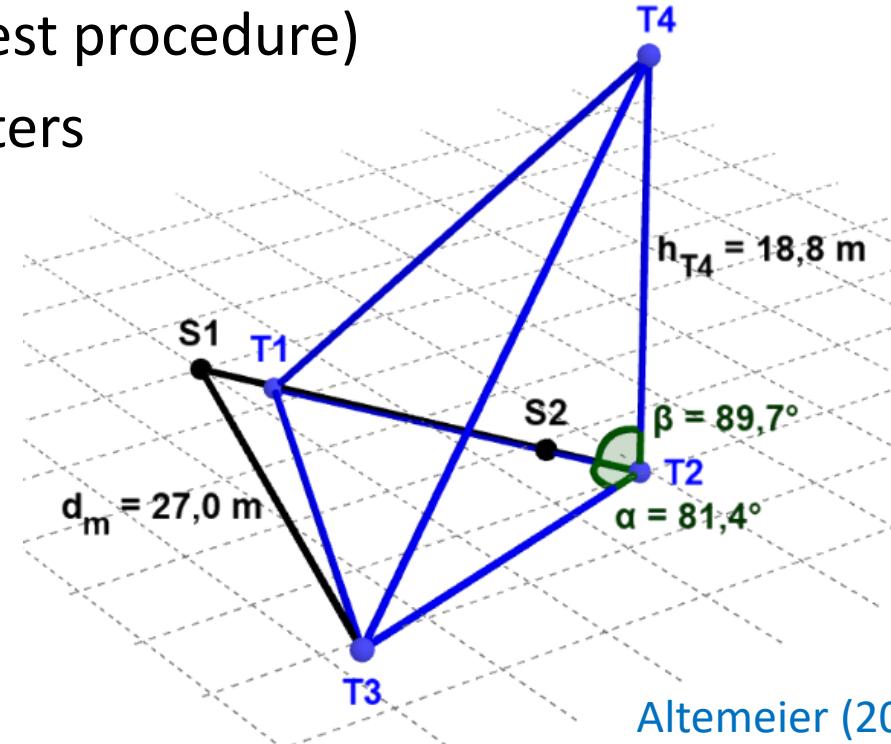
Empirical evaluation and validation of the results

## Evaluation of real measurements (Leica Geosystems AG)

- Measurements according to ISO 17123-9 (full test procedure)
- Systematically manipulated calibration parameters  
 $(x_4, x_{5n}, x_{5z}, x_6, x_7)$

Results:

- Sensitivity proofed
- Inference on manipulated parameters possible (for individual parameters)



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# (Measurement) uncertainty

## Quantification for the measurement uncertainty (MU)

### **Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurements (GUM)**

- ISO [1995]: Evaluation of Measurement Data - Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM). Eds: BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ILAC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP and OIML.
- Detection of all significant influence factors on the MU is requested
- For random, systematic (and non modelled) effects
- Consideration of type „A“ and type „B“ uncertainties

### **Thresholds for the comparison of the distance differences**

- A) Based on manufacturer / project requirements
- B) Based on the measurements itself (only if no other information is available)
- C) Combination of B) and numerical calculation of MU

## Quantification for the measurement uncertainty

### Characteristics of type „A“ and type „B“ uncertainties

- Type A:
  - Uncertainties that can be obtained from repeated measurements with the aid of statistical methods
  - Approximation of the distribution
  - Often a simple mean and the standard deviation of a measurand
- Type B:
  - Uncertainty that is obtained by other methods (as statistical analysis)
  - e.g. values from previous measurements, expert knowledge, manufacturer information, calibration certificates, books, ....
  - The consideration of this type of uncertainty need a (very) good knowledge about the sensors and the underlying measurement process

$$u = \sqrt{u_A^2 + u_B^2} \quad \longrightarrow \text{Simple case: From manufacturer}$$

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# Conclusions

- Summary
  - Reversal of the burden of proof → **high relevance**
  - ISO 17123-9 is recommended (but DVW Bulletin still ok)
    - DVW only uses 3 important distances as decision criterion
    - DVW has not a detailed uncertainty treatment
  - **Very high sensitivity with respect to typical calibration models**
  - **Very fast measurements and analysis procedure (2h – 3h)**
- Further comments:
  - DIN and ISO will maybe have different content of the documents  
→ difference lies mainly only in the “extended” version
  - The collaboration between the different institutions is beneficial
  - DVW Bulletin will most probably be updated

Thanks a lot for the attention and contributions!

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