Digital twin of robotic 3D scanning system: providing metrological traceability

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OUTLINES

FRAMEWORK

USE CASE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAZBLE DIGITAL TWIN

FUTURE WORKS









FRAMEWORK

A BRIEF REMINDER:

"All measurements are subject to uncertainty and a measurement result is complete only when it is accompanied by a statement of the associated uncertainty."*

* JCGM 100:2008 GUM 1995



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*UNE 66180 recommendation

FRAMEWORK

DIMENSIONAL METROLOGY IN THE INDUSTRY:

- The core of quality inspection.
- Ensuring tolerances are met.
- Minimizing waste in the manufacturing.
- Improving productivity.
- Providing reliable data for the IA models.

Metrology is a powerful vector to stay competitive in a globalized market.



True Value

International Calibration Laboratory

National Calibration Laboratory

Accredited Calibration Laboratory

Plant's Reference Standard

Plant's Working Standard

Plant's Process Instruments

FRAMEWORK

HOW DO WE EVALUATE THE MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY?

- Performing the instrument calibration.
- Comparing and correcting of the measurements of the instrument with a standard reference.
- Assuring the traceability chain of the standard reference. Provided by the traceability pyramid from the plant process to the international true value.
- Documented and registered procedure.



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FRAMEWORK

HISTORIC IMPLEMENTATION

- Calibration in the laboratory.
- Using traditional instruments (Contact technologybased) :
 - Micrometers
 - Calipers
 - CMM
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- Guided by well-established procedures and normative.
- Inspection process in the laboratory.
- Instrument calibration procedure similar to real use. Intended for non-complex parts.



FRAMEWORK

METROLOGY EVOLUTION.

- Wide range of measuring instruments.
- Non-contact measuring systems:
 - Laser Tracker.
 - Laser triangulators .
 - Fringe projection.
 - Close range photogrammetry.
- Inspection process in the workshop.
- Measurement uncertainty is highly influenced by the part characteristics. Having more complex parts with free forms, and different surfaces finishings.
- The calibration measurements of the instrument are not the same as the actual use case.
- The measurement uncertainty is often not representative of the actual measurement error.



Wahyudin Syam. CMM measurement uncertainty estimation: ISO 15530-4. Wasy Research

FRAMEWORK

METROLOGY EVOLUTION.

- Digitalization of equipment, processes and components.
 - Virtual Product: Development of simulation models for an optimized design of products and applicability to their entire life cycle.
 - MBD
 - QIF
 - PMI
 - Virtual Manufacturing: Development of simulation models of manufacturing processes, production means and complex systems
 - Smart Product: Monitoring and control of manufacturing processes for the acquisition of knowledge and for its prediction and optimization.

VIRTUAL METROLOGY:

- Virtual CMM
 - More representative uncertainty for the measurements.
 - Determining the optimal measurement strategy.
 - Maximize the measurement accuracy.







FRAMEWORK

ROBOTIC MEASURING SYSTEMS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Integrating different measuring instruments.
- Using the robot just as positioner. Needing markers or external instruments for the complete reconstruction of the scan. Element redundancy
- Inspection out of the manufacturing process (Quality control). Alternative to CMM.
- Measurement uncertainty based on the sensor calibration (MPe). Not considering the measuring procedure.
- Virtual tools only to plan the scanning path, ensuring complete measurement of the work piece. Uncertainty assessment for the measurement procedure is not included.
- The virtual tools do not evaluate the system metrological performance.









USE CASE

- 3D robotic measurements integrating a structured light sensor.
- Application: Additive Manufacturing







USE CASE

- Additive Manufacturing process :
 - Using thermal energy to fuse materials to create three dimensional objects by depositing materials.
- Measuring requirements:
 - In process requirements for monitoring part distortion, and part growth.
 - Evaluating the machining overthickens, by comparing the final work piece with CAD.
- Benefits of uncertainty evaluation:
 - Assure manufacturing tolerances.
 - Optimizing manufacturing process.
 - Improving decision-making.



TRACEABLE DIGITAL TWIN



DEVELOPMENT OF THE DT

ELEMENTS OF MEASUREMENT CHAIN

- 1. Robot Position: the position of the robot is used for the reconstruction of the measurements.
- 2. Referencing of sensor to robot : the relative transformation from the robot flange to the sensor coordinate system.
- 3. Sensor acquisition: 3D points measured points in sensor coordinate system.

These are the main sources of uncertainty in the measurement chain.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DT



DT PARAMETRIZATION

- The parameters define the model of the DT.
- Applying this parameters in the mathematical model the measurement procedure can be replicated .



DEVELOPMENT OF THE DT

EVALUATION OF THE UNCERTAINTY

- TYPE A :
 - Based in statistic methods.
 - Measured with a series of repetitions.
 - Needs calibrated artifacts for each different measured part.

Validating

- TYPE B:
 - Using indirect methods.
 - No needs for repetitions.
 - Using mathematical models.
 - Includes influence parameters
 - Consider the measurement procedure
 - MONTE CARLO methods





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EVALUATION OF THE MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

- Procedure to calibrate the digital twin parameters and estimate the uncertainty (type B Monte Carlo Approach).
- Using the calibrated parameters and its uncertainty to evaluate the uncertainty for the measurements (type B Monte Carlo Approach).
- Uncertainty assessment based on point clouds.

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CALIBRATING THE DT

- Robot and referencing parameters (self-calibration).
 - In process calibration.
 - Using calibrated artifact.
 - Scanning in different positions.
 - Automatic and integrated process.
 - Optimized algorithms, based on sensitivity and correlation analysis.
- Sensor parameters:
 - Offline calibration.
 - Using special artifact for vision system.

Periodic updating of the calibrated parameters.



TRACEABILITY OF THE DT

- Establishing the calibration procedure.
- Using traceable calibrated artifact (by the CMM).
- Store and transmit the DT model.
 - Using open standard file (json).
 - Including all the calibrated parameters and their uncertainties.
 - Including used data for the calibration (date info, measurements, operator, procedure...).
- GUI program to estimate the measurement uncertainty applying the DT.
 - Inputs: Calibration file, measurement data.
 - Outputs: Uncertainty for the scanned points.



TRACEABILITY OF THE DT

HOW IT WORKS?

- Communication between virtual and real world.
- Updating the DT parameter, performing regular calibrations.
- Estimation of the measurement uncertainty using the calibrated parameters.
- Implementing optimized strategies.
- Decision making.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DT



VIRTUAL ENVIROMENT FOR THE 3D ROBTIC MEASUREMENTS.

- TOOLS:
 - MATLAB.
 - Implementing the DT model for the scanning process.
 - Implementing the algorithms for calibration and uncertainty evaluation.
 - Robo DK
 - Virtual representation of the DT.
 - Reproduce the robot's operation in the scanning process.
- FEATURES:
 - Defining the best measurements strategies.
 - Assuring complete measurement of the scanned part.
 - Evaluation of different measurement configurations.
 - · Communication with the real system.
- BENEFITS:
 - Minimizing the uncertainty of the measured points, choosing the most suitable strategy.
 - Assuring measurement uncertainties below specified tolerances.
 - Improving system accuracy by applying the calibrated parameters of the robot.
 - Reliable and trustworthily DT for decision making





FUTURE WORKS

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- Validate and verify the uncertainty estimation of the DT with complex geometry calibrated artefact. Comparing with evaluation uncertainty by statistical analysis type A.
- Improving the DT by introducing different factors related to the work piece (reflectiveness, material, shape...).
- Applying surrogate models for agile DT. (Good-Enough)
- Testing the development in aeronautical industrial use case (Aernnova as stakeholder).

FINAL REMINDERS



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