

A Novel Laser Tracking System Based on Optical Frequency Comb

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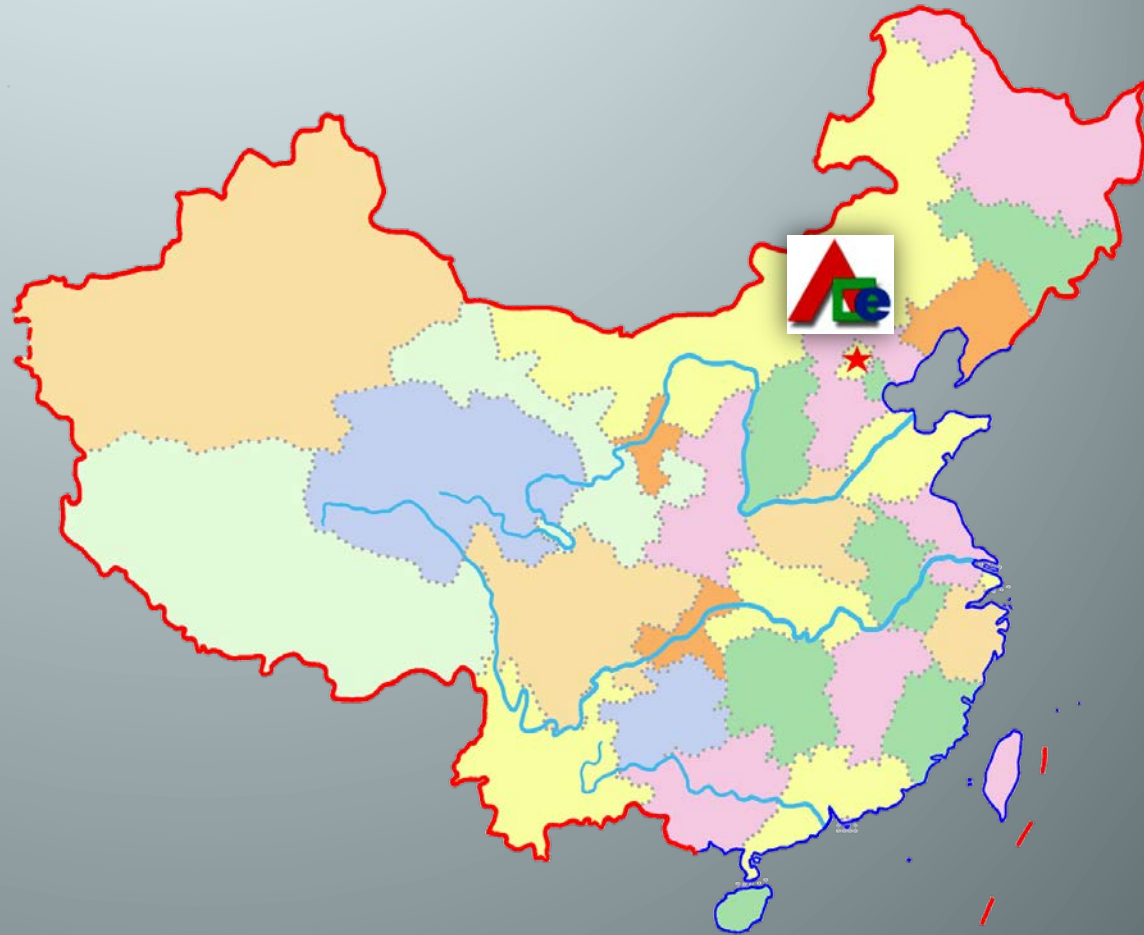
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My research work

Academy of Opto-electronics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (AOE)

- ★ Founded in Dec. 2003
- ★ Dedicated in the research and development of optical remote sensing, laser and its application, space science & technology.



The headquarter of AOE (Beijing)



Division of Laser Measurement Technology



Employee: 20

Professor: 1

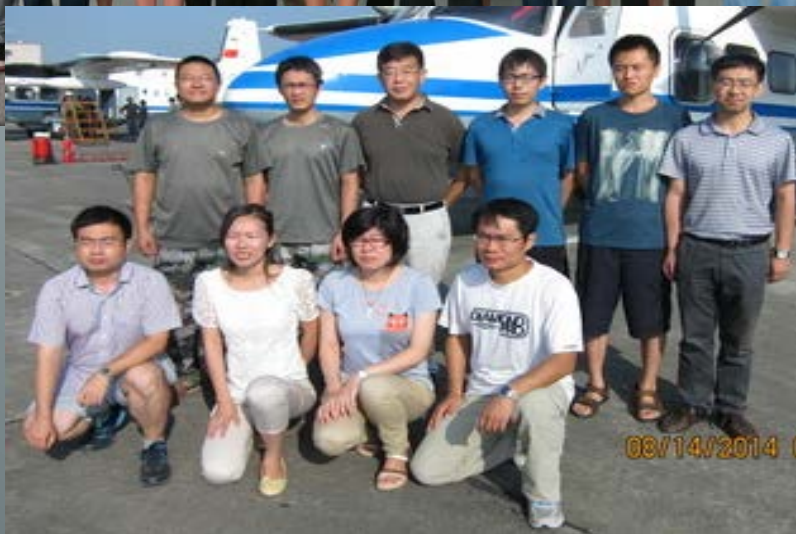
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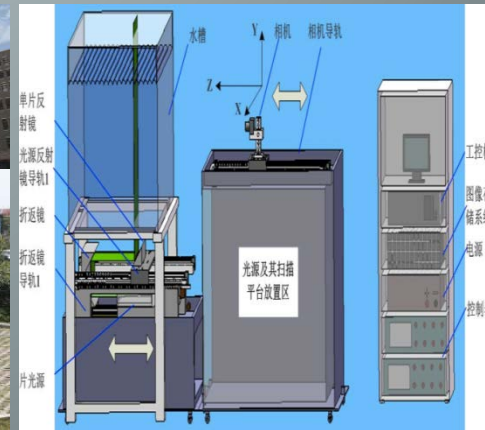
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Laser measurement technology

- ◆ Traditional ranging technology
- ◆ Femtosecond laser ranging technology
- ◆ Angle measurement technology
- ◆ Precision tracking control technology
- ◆ Calibration and error compensation
- ◆ software



Traditional Laser Tracker

Application



Manufactures

Leica
Switzerland



API
USA



FARO
USA



PI
Germany

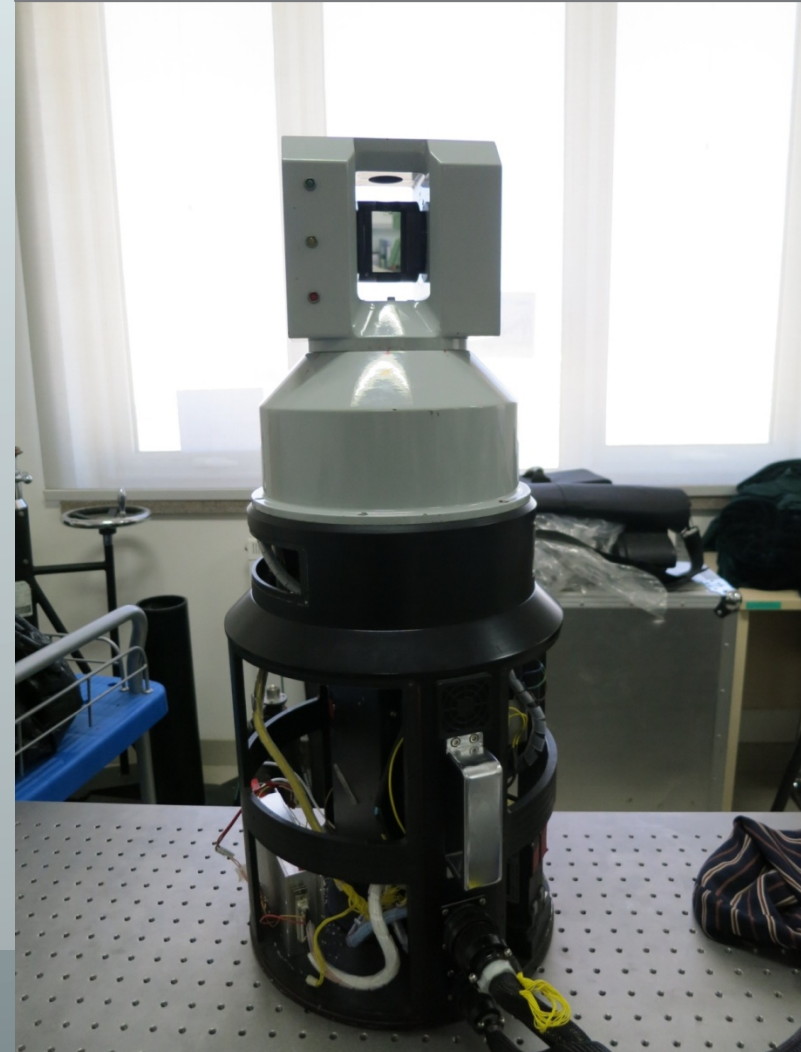


Prototype



- **Measurement Range** 0 ~ 42m
- **Horizontal Angle Range** $\pm 270^\circ$
- **Vertical Angle Range** $-45^\circ \sim +60^\circ$
- **Coordinate Uncertainty** 17ppm
- **Tracking Speed** 2rad/s
- **Tracking Acceleration** 2rad/s²
- **Sampling Rate** 1000pts@1s

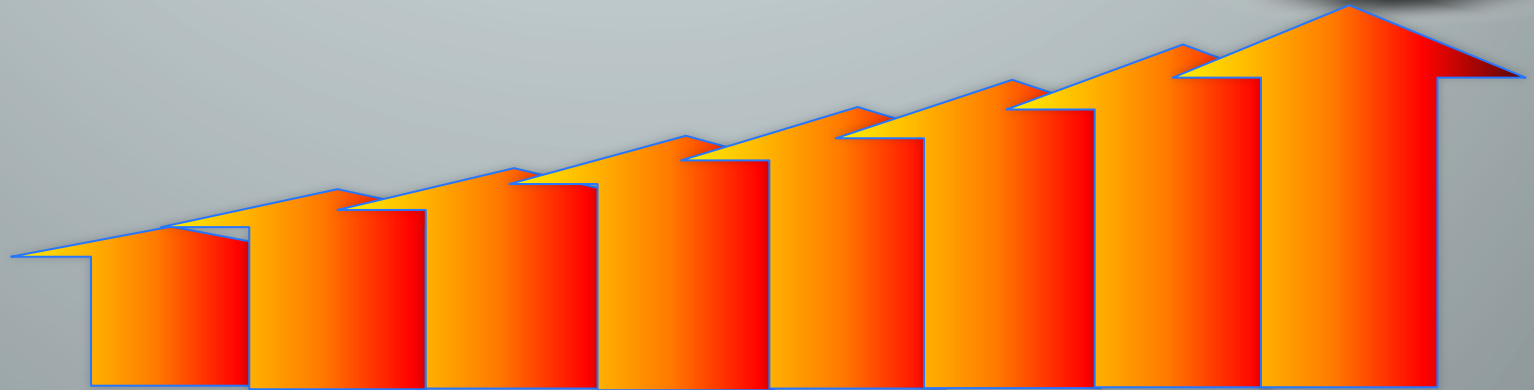
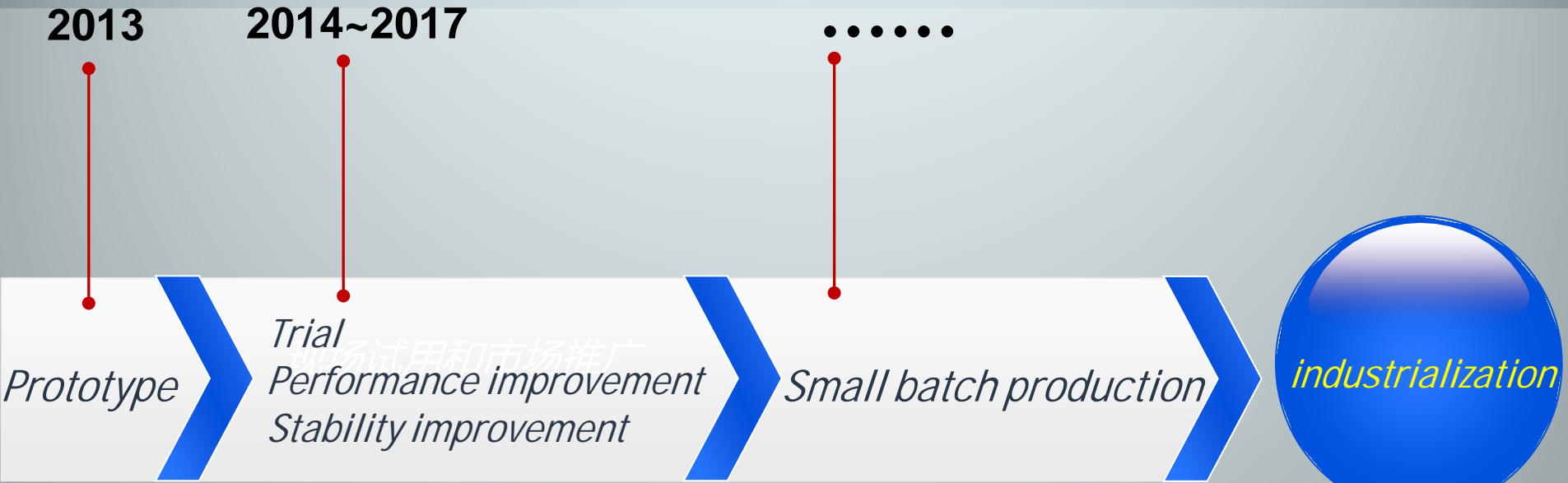
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Performance comparison

Specification	Leica (AT402)	Our prototype
Measuring scale	320m	42m
Horizontal angle Measuring scale	$\pm 360^\circ$	$\pm 270^\circ$
Horizontal angle Measuring scale	$-145^\circ \sim +145^\circ$	$45^\circ \sim +60^\circ$
Angle measuring accuracy	0.5"	1"
Distance measuring accuracy	$\pm 10\mu\text{m}$	$15\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$
Coordinate measuring accuracy	$\pm 15\mu\text{m} + 6\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$	$17\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$
Data acquiring rate	3000pts/s	1000pts/s
Tracking speed	$180^\circ / \text{s}$	2rad/s
Accelaration	$360^\circ / \text{s}^2$	2rad/s ²

Development history and Orientation



Continuous Financial support

Laser Tracker Based on Optical Frequency Comb

Supported by Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China

Goal of Project

- (1) To develop Laser Trakers using Femto-second Laser Distance Measurement Technology . The function and performance of new tracker will reach the international level (Dist. resolution: 50nm, Accuracy: 0.5ppm) ;**
- (2) Break through the key technology of Femto-second Laser Source, Femto-second Laser Frequency Comb Distance Measurement, Air Refractive Index measurement and Compensation;**
- (3) Develop engineering prototype and study application technology of new generation laser tracker;**
- (4) Promote the advancement of metrology technology.**

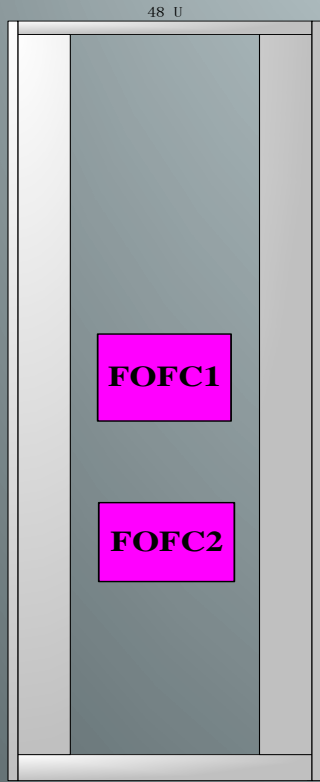
Performance expected

Title	Performance expected
Coordinate uncertainty	10ppm(10μm/m)
Measuring scale	0-60m
Distance measuring accuracy	1μm+0.5μm/m
Angle measurement accuracy	1.0"
Tracking speed	2rad/s
Tracking acceleration	1rad/s ²

Key Technology

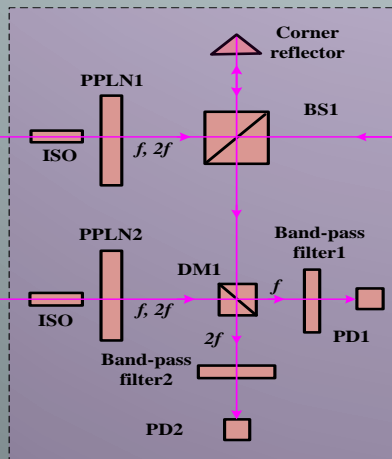
- ◆ Distance Measurement
- ◆ Precision Angle Measurement
- ◆ Precision Tracking Control
- ◆ Model, Calibration and Error Compensation
- ◆ System Software
- ◆ Optical and Mechanical Integration

System Design



Femtosecond
Optical
Frequency Comb

Distance Measurement
Based on FOFC Module



Tracking and
Detecting Module

Coarse
Ranging
Module

Semiconductor
laser

Dual-Comb



Atomic clock

Frequency synthesizer $\times 2$

Frequency counter

Pump current source

Phase locked loop

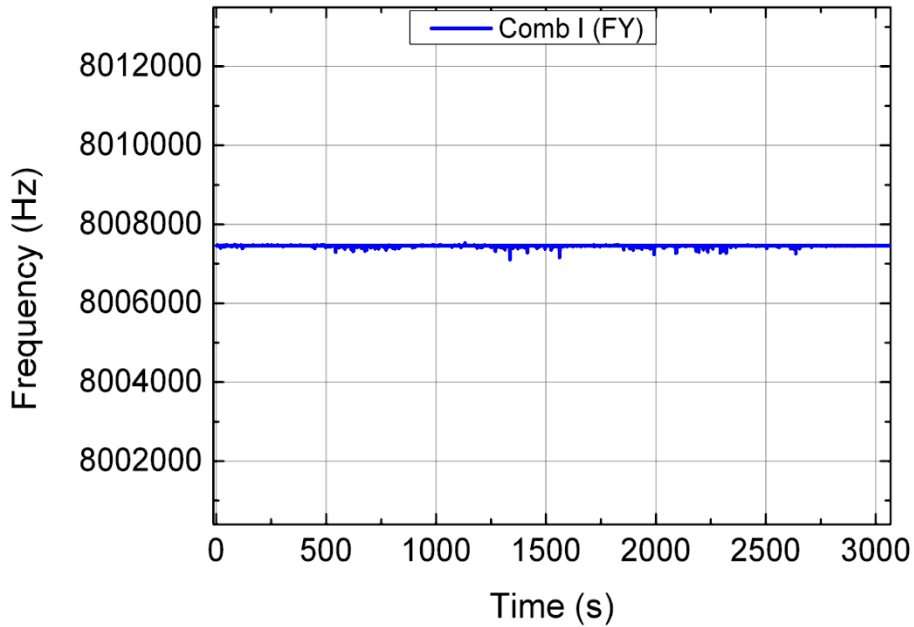
Servo $\times 2$

Coarse stabilization module of repetition rate

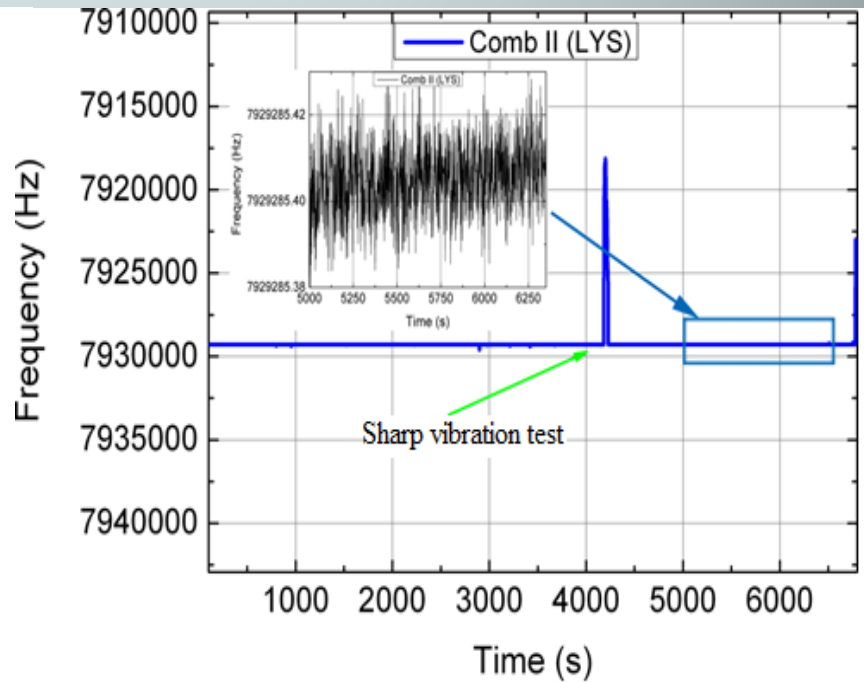
Temperature control module

Oscillator $\times 2$
amplification and compression system $\times 2$

Stability of f_{ceo}



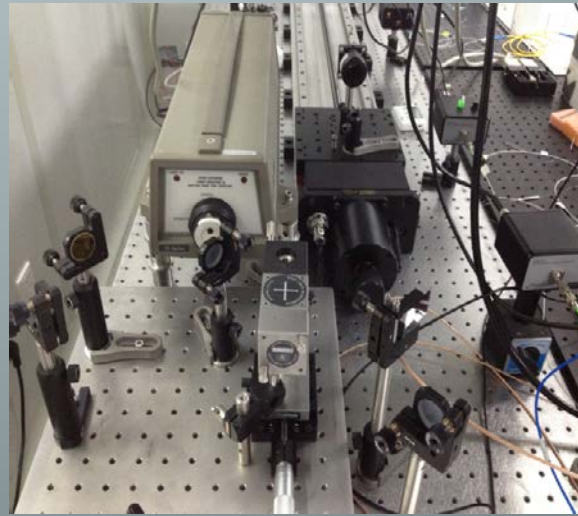
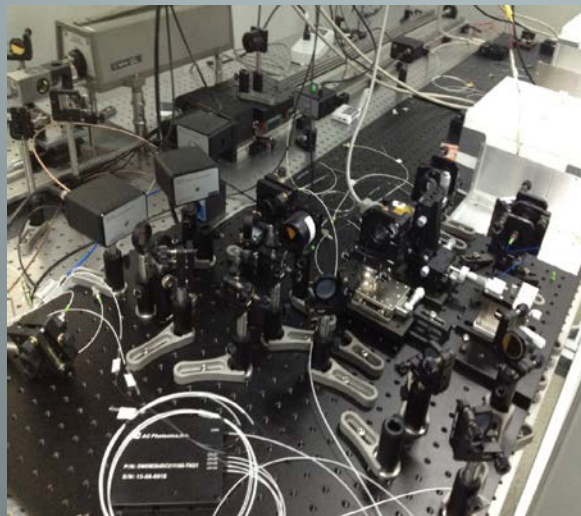
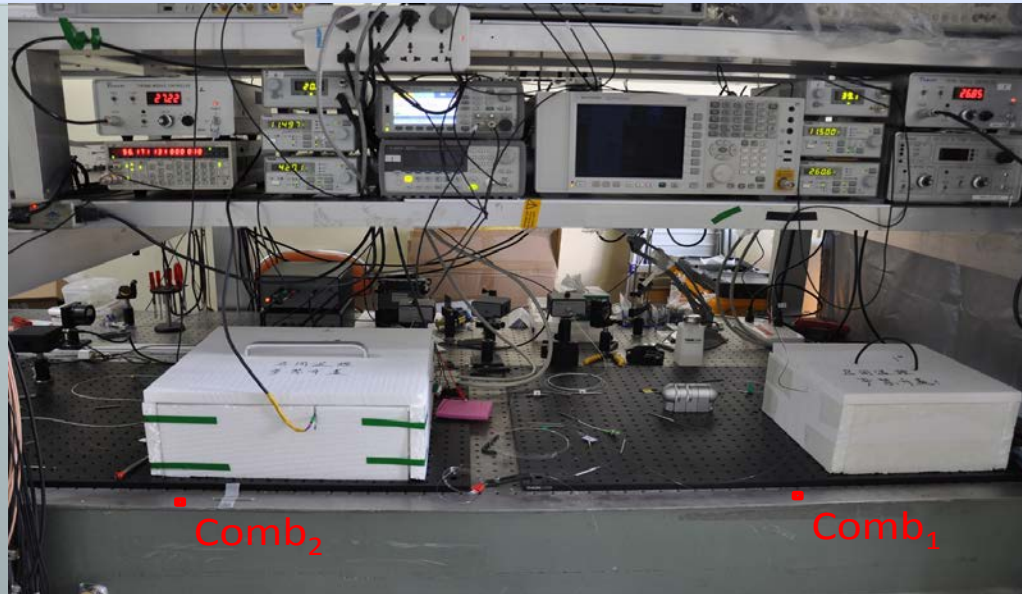
Comb 1



Comb 2

Carrier envelope offset frequency stability: $1.0 \cdot 10^{-10}/1S$

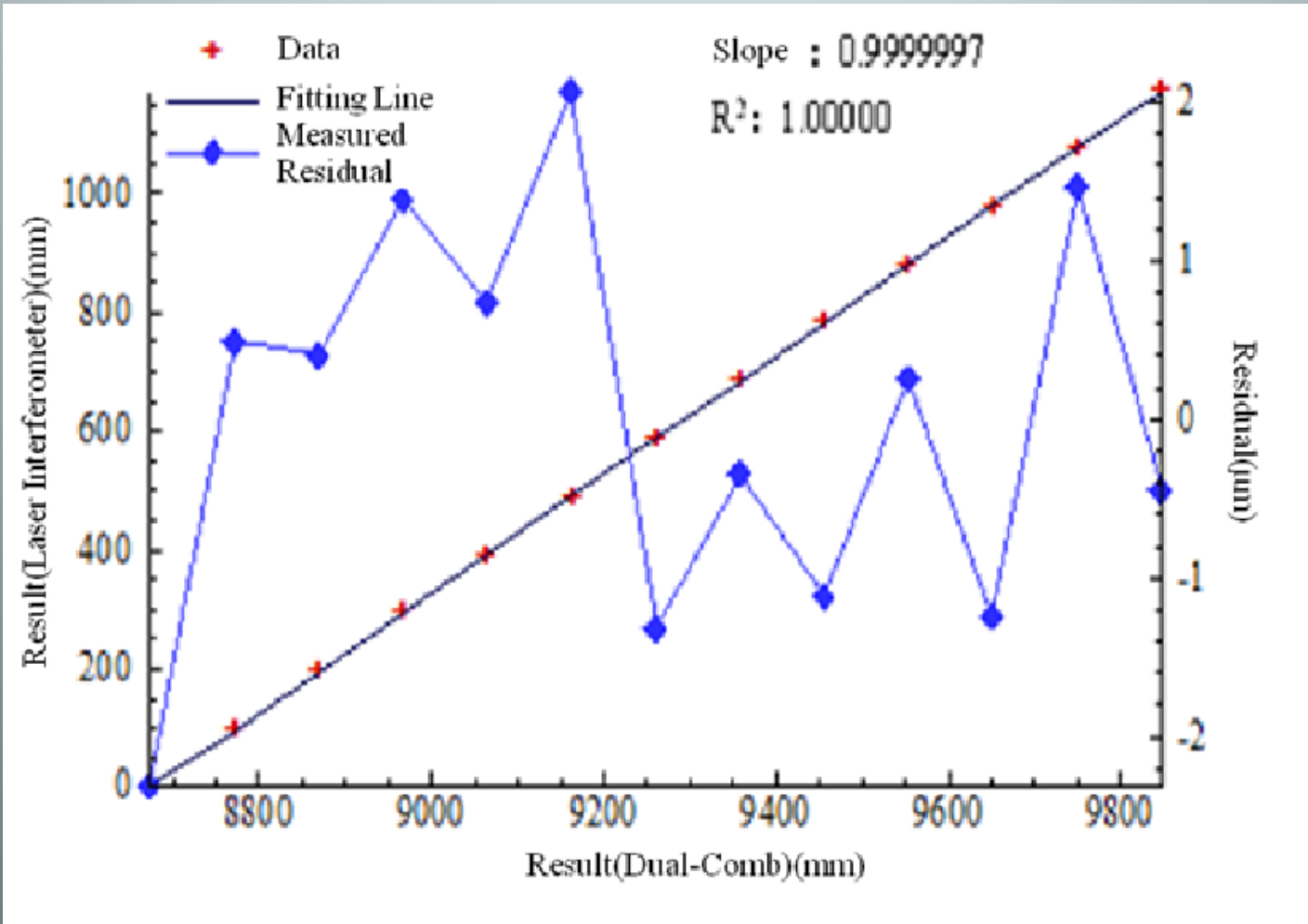
Distance measurement Setup By Dual-comb



Distance Measurement Result

Standard deviation is $\pm 2.3 \mu\text{m}$ when target is moved from 8.7m to 9.9m.

Relative error: 0.1ppm@9m



Air Refractive Index Compensation

$$D_1 = n_1 D \quad \dots \dots \lambda_1$$

$$D_2 = n_2 D \quad \dots \dots \lambda_2$$

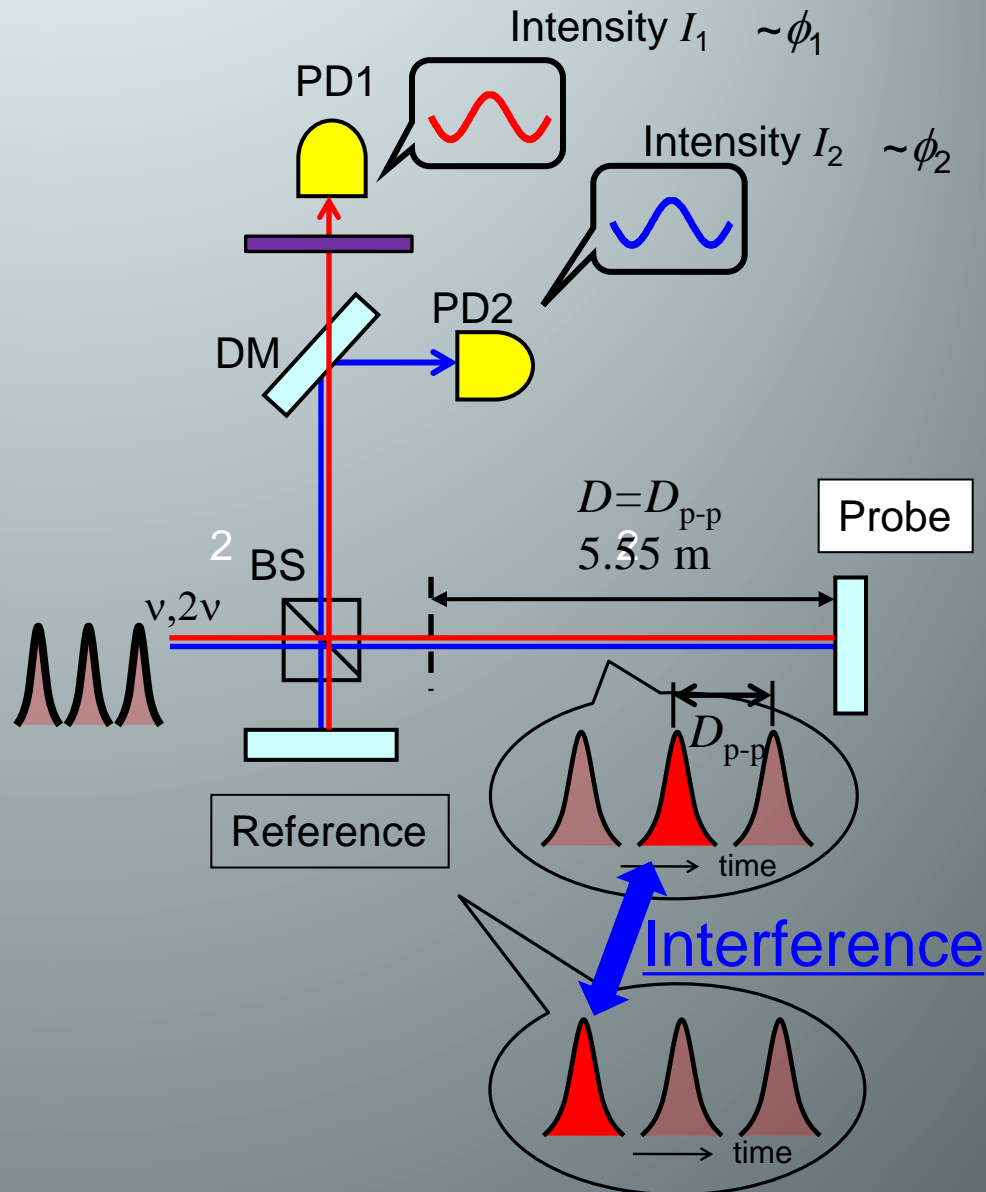
n_1 and n_2 : air refractive index

$$A \equiv \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_2 - n_1} \approx \text{const}$$

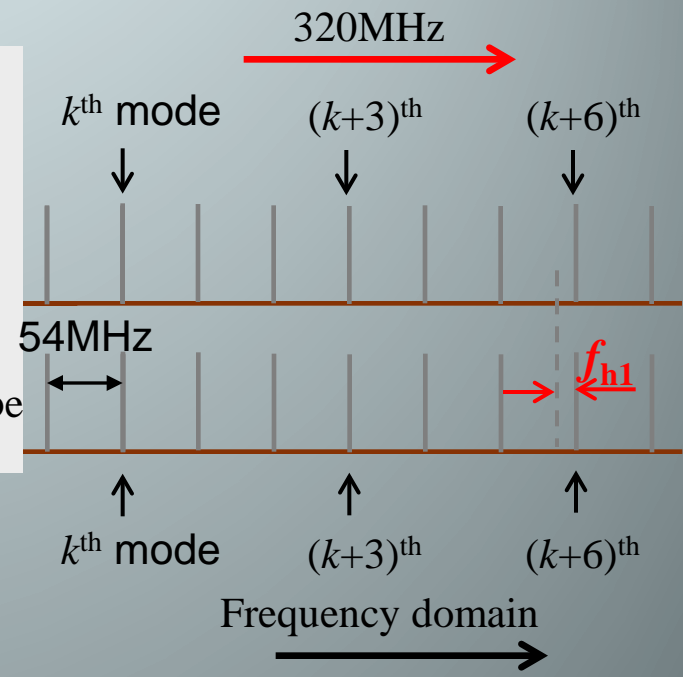
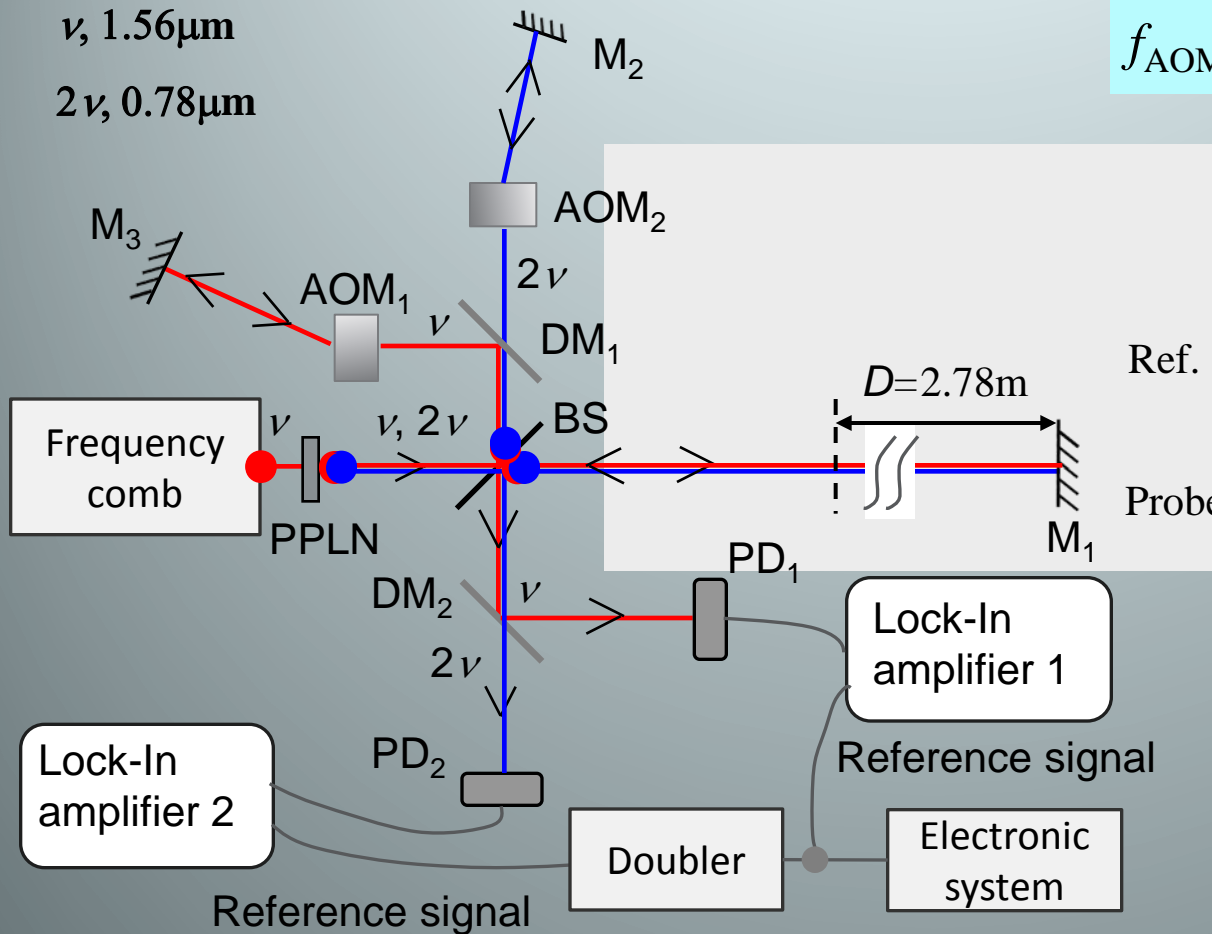
$$D = D_1 - A(D_2 - D_1)$$

For $1.56\mu\text{m}$ and $0.78\mu\text{m}$:

$$A = 141$$



Air Refractive Index Compensation

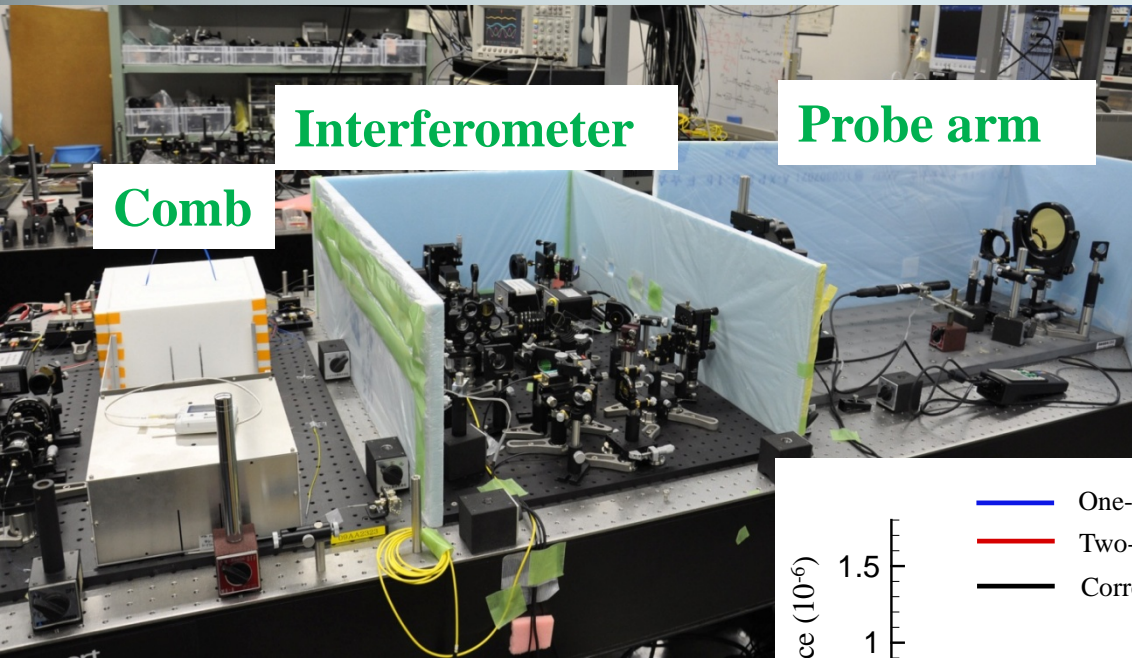


$f_{h1} = 4 \text{ MHz}$
 $f_{h2} = 2 \text{ MHz}$

M_{1-3} : Mirror; BS: Beam splitter; DM_{1-2} : Dichroic mirror; PD_{1-2} : Photodetector; AOM: Acousto-optic modulator

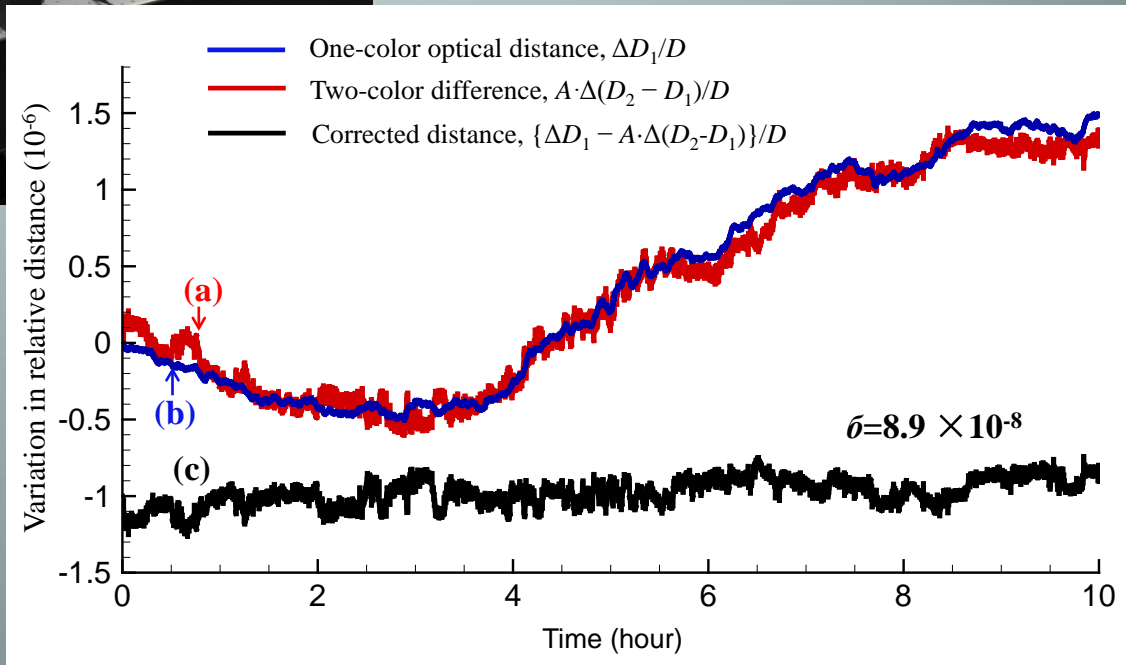
$D_1 = \phi_1 / 2\pi \times \lambda_1 / 2$
 $D_2 = \phi_2 / 2\pi \times \lambda_2 / 2$

Setup of Air Refractive Index Compensation

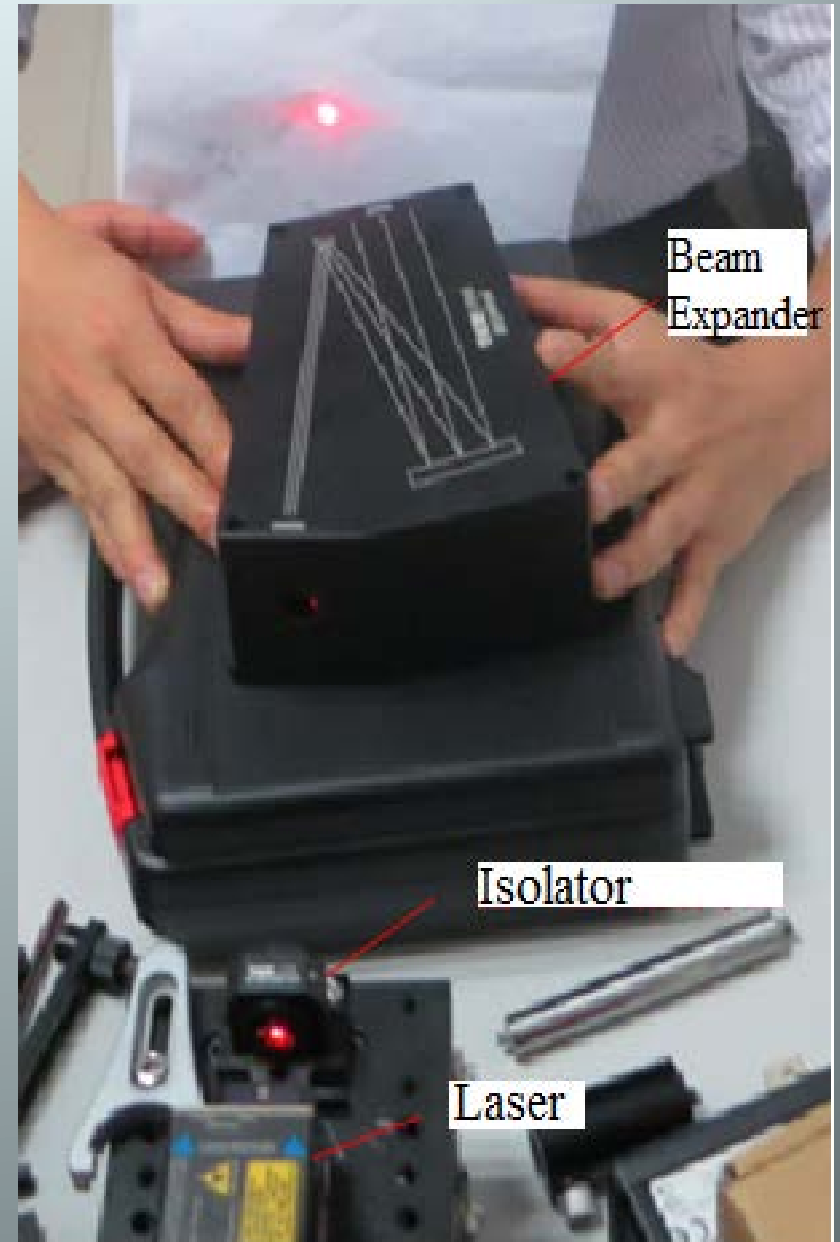
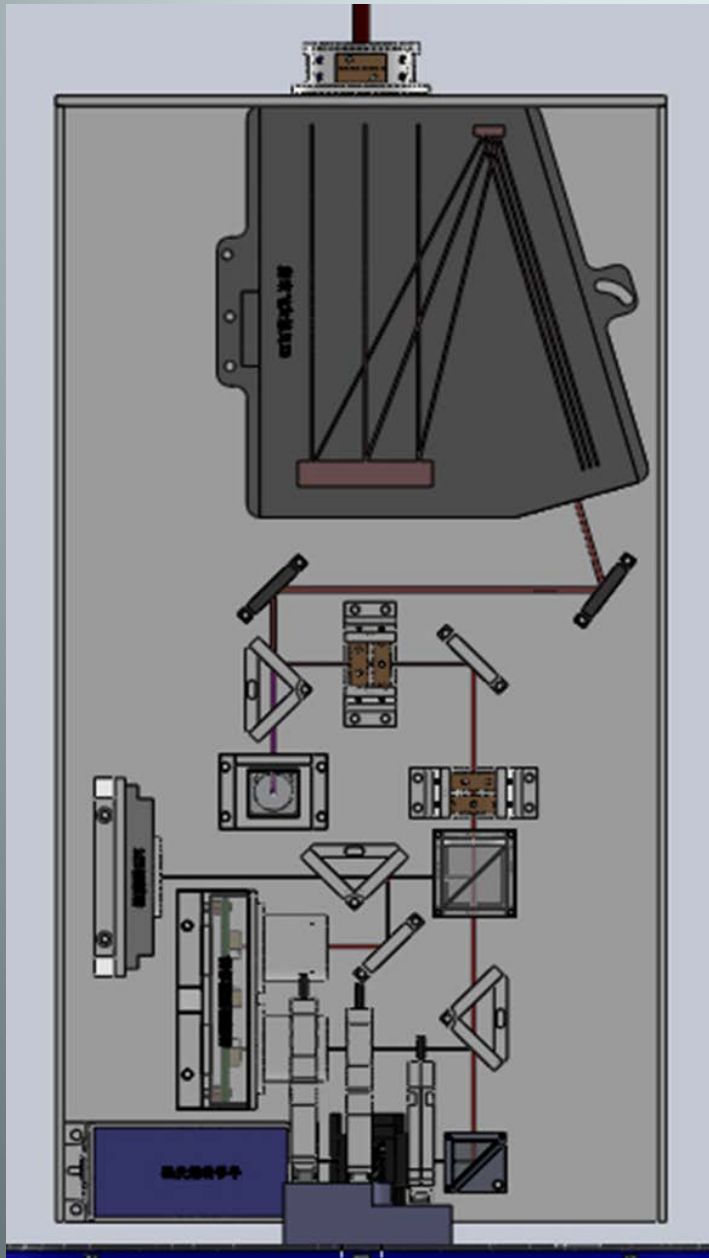


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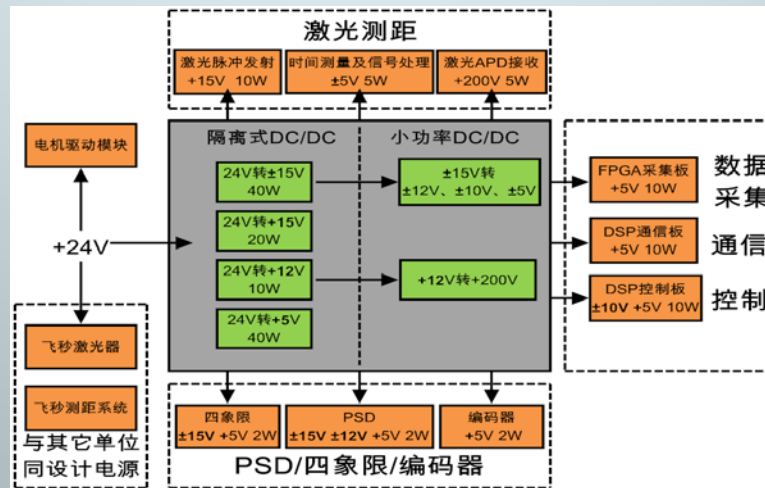
Experiment Result



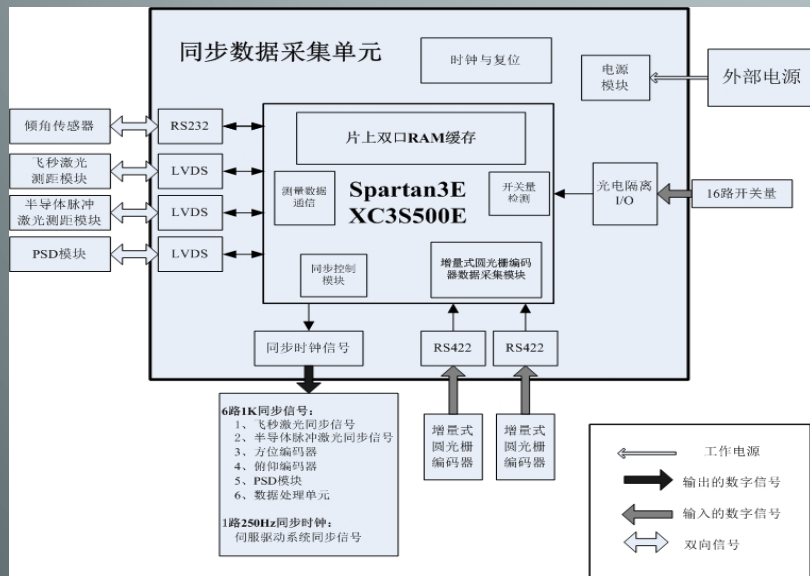
Optical Design



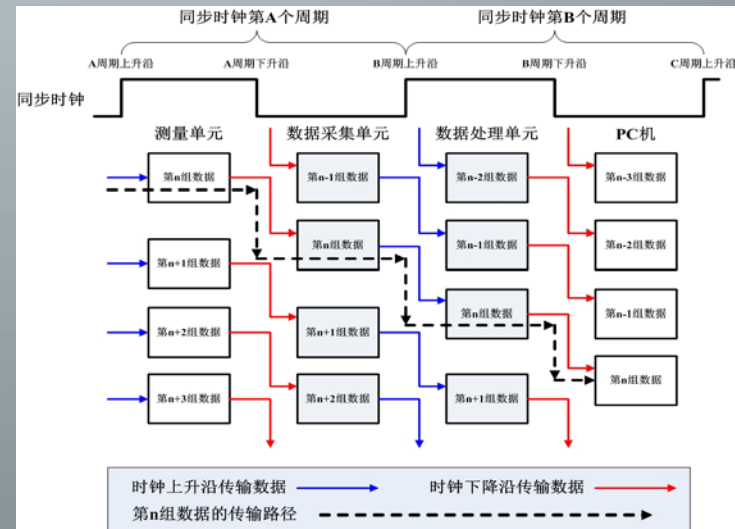
Electronics Design



Power unit

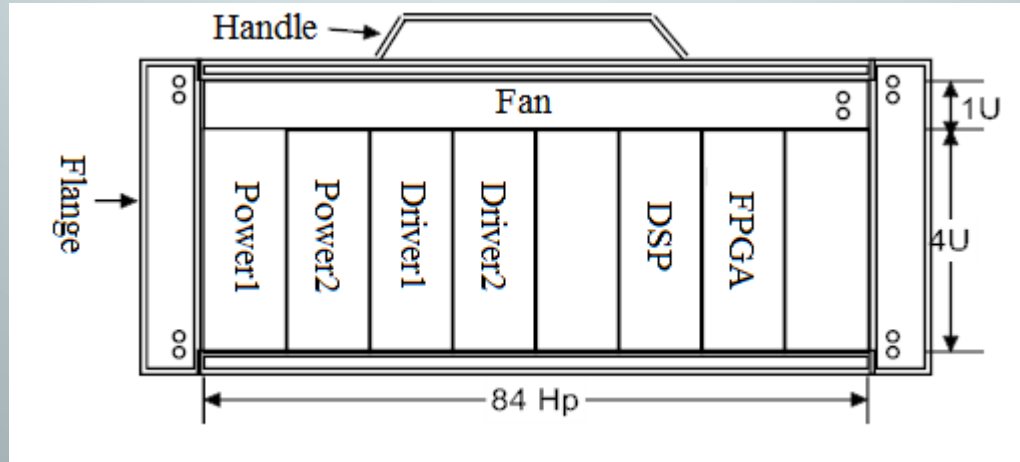


Data acquisition unit



Clock synchronization unit

Electronic Control Box



Precision Angle Measurement

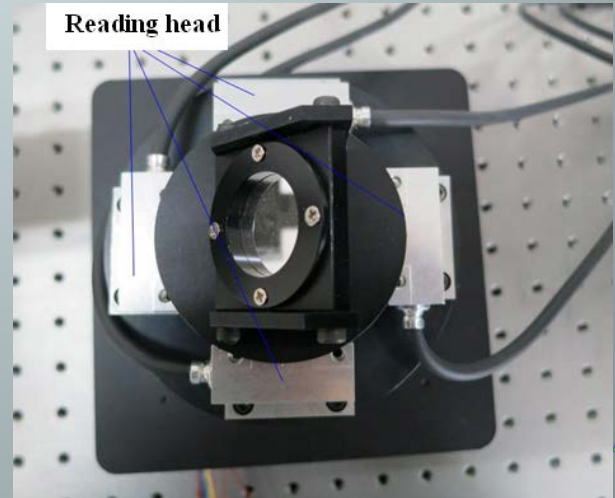
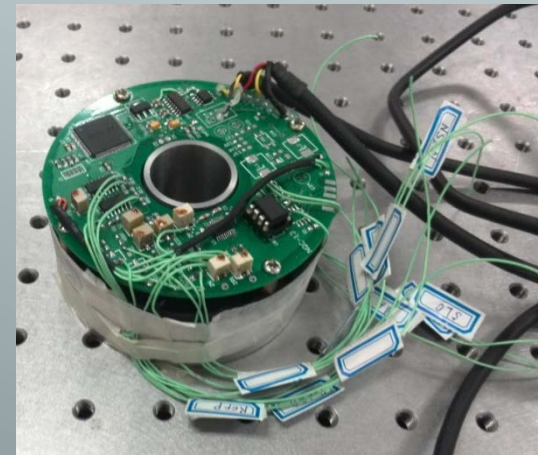
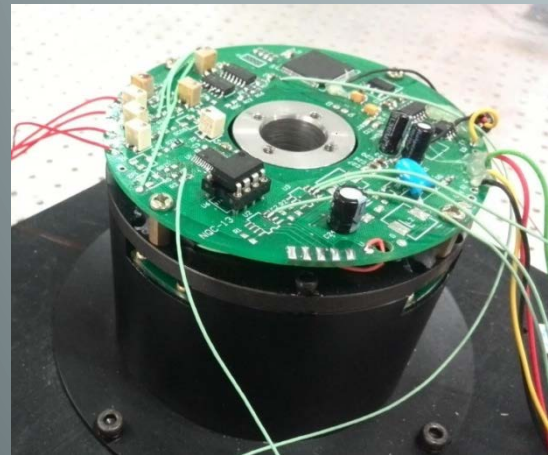
Circular Grating

Reading Head

Multiple Reading Head  Self-Calibration

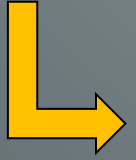


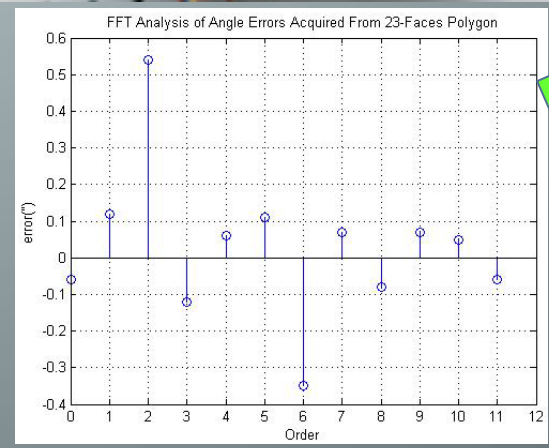
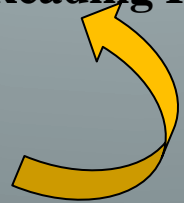
Metal circular grating with four reading head.
Without comp.: 3.5" With comp.: 0.7"



Four Reading Head

Five Reading Head

 Glass circular grating.
Without comp.: 4 "
With comp.: 1.5"

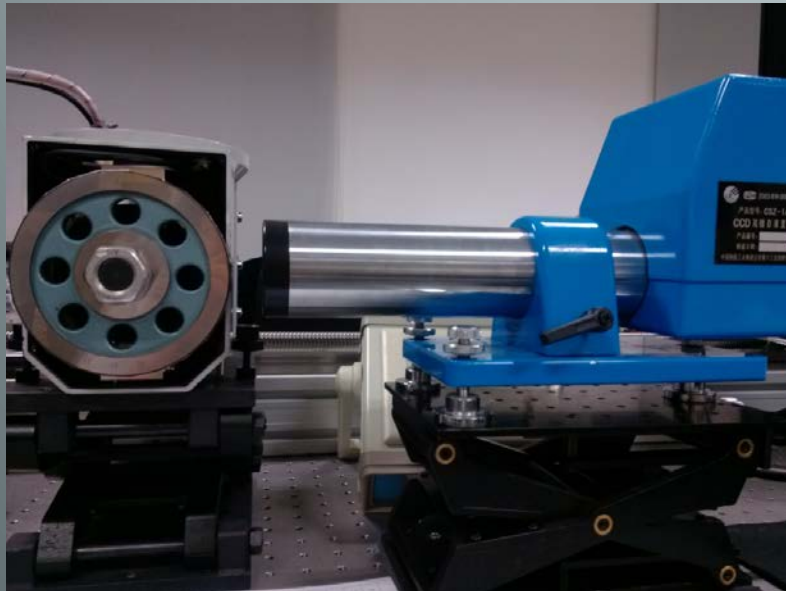


Error Mapping

Error Calibration and Compensation

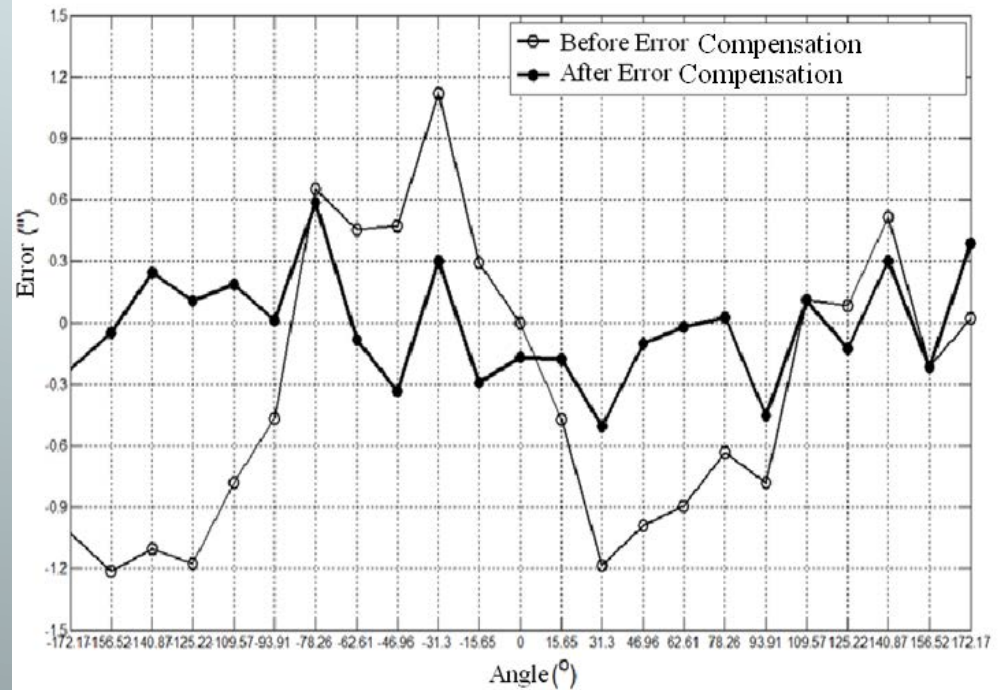


Horizontal Angle Calibration



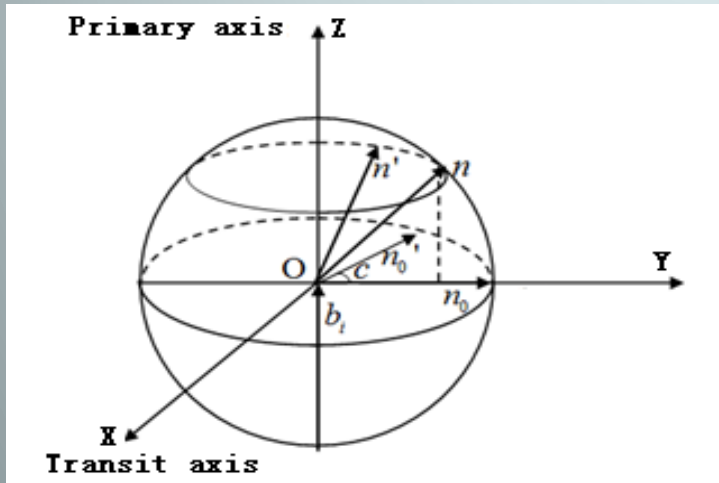
Vertical Angle Calibration

Angle Precision

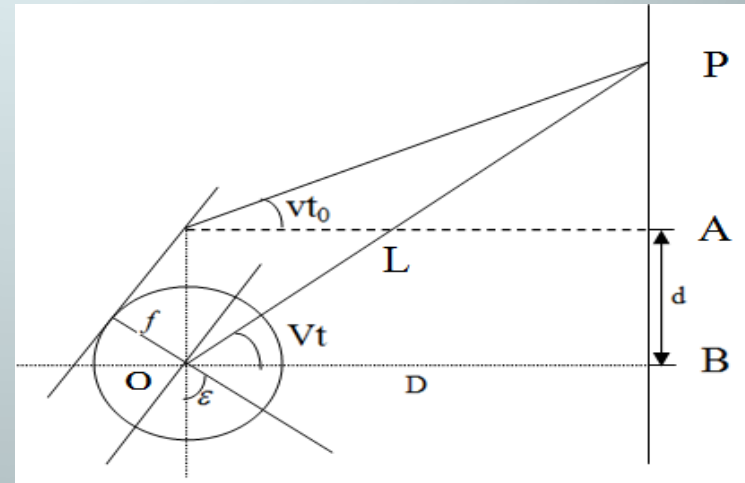


Before compensation: $\pm 1.2''$
After compensation: $\pm 0.6''$

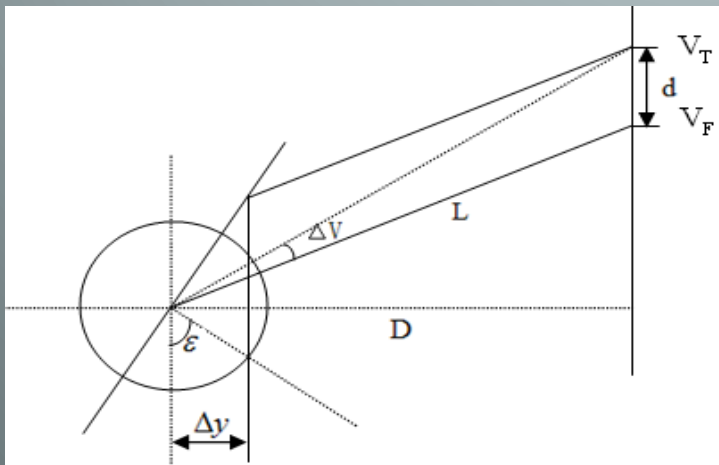
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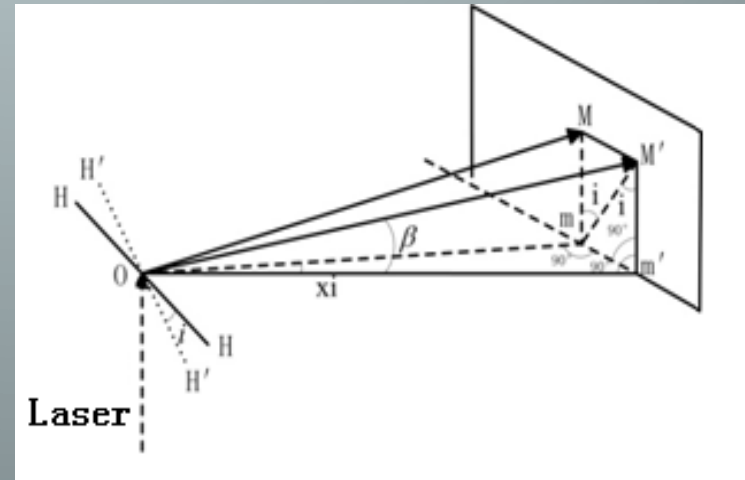
Tracking mirror tilt error



Tracking mirror offset error

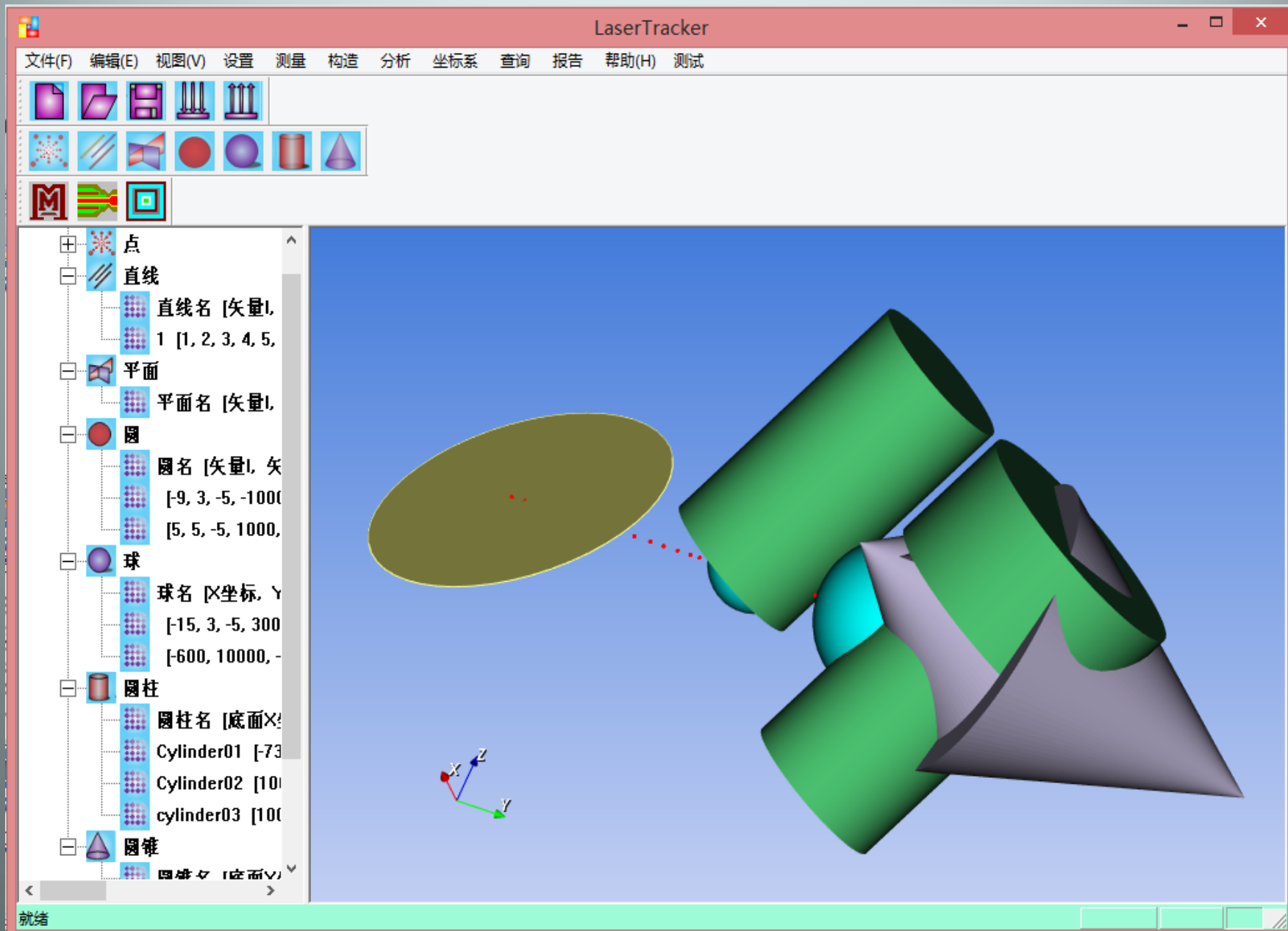


Laser beam offset error



Transit axis tilt error

Software



System integration



Control box

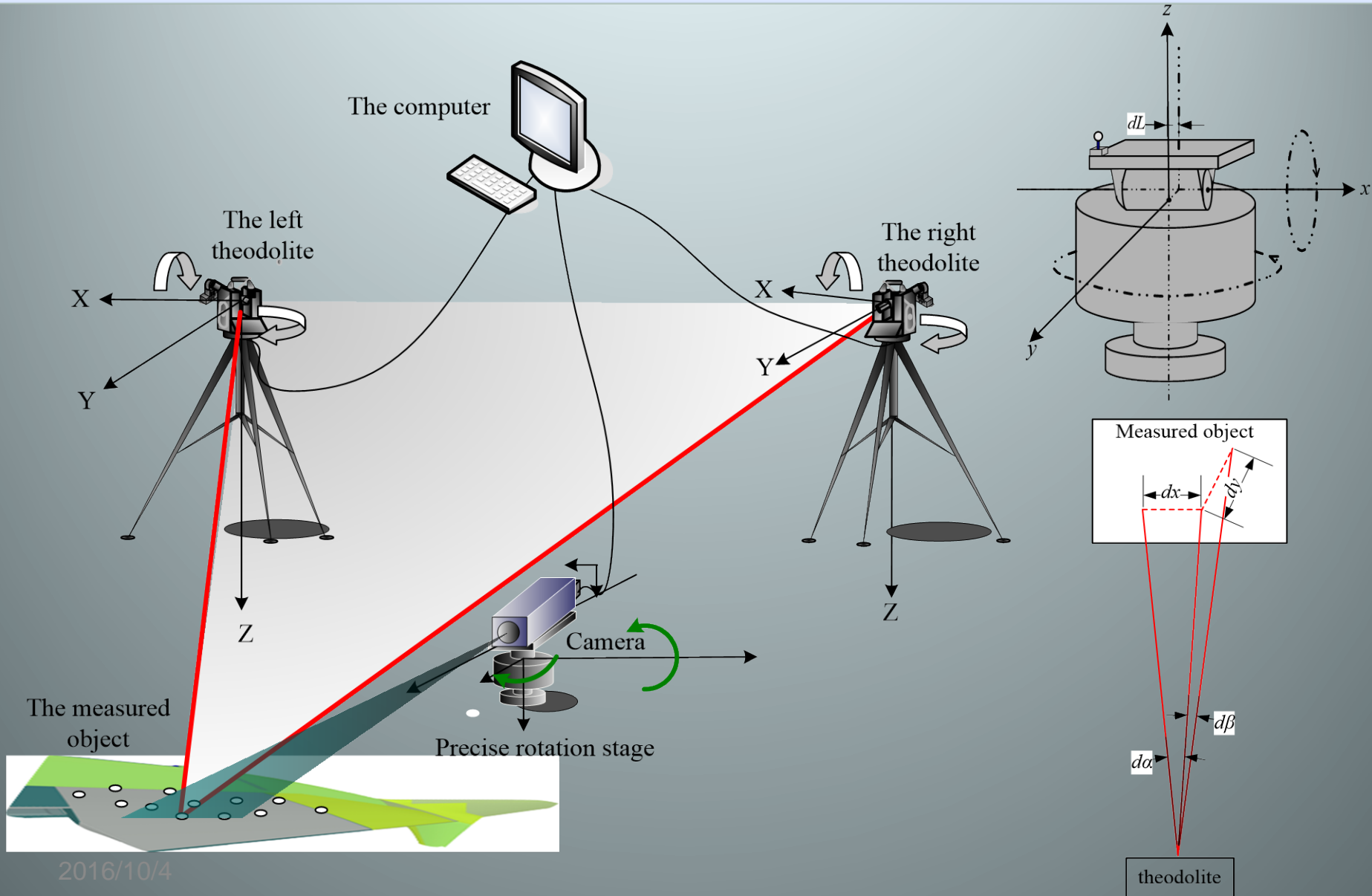
Light source

Main frame

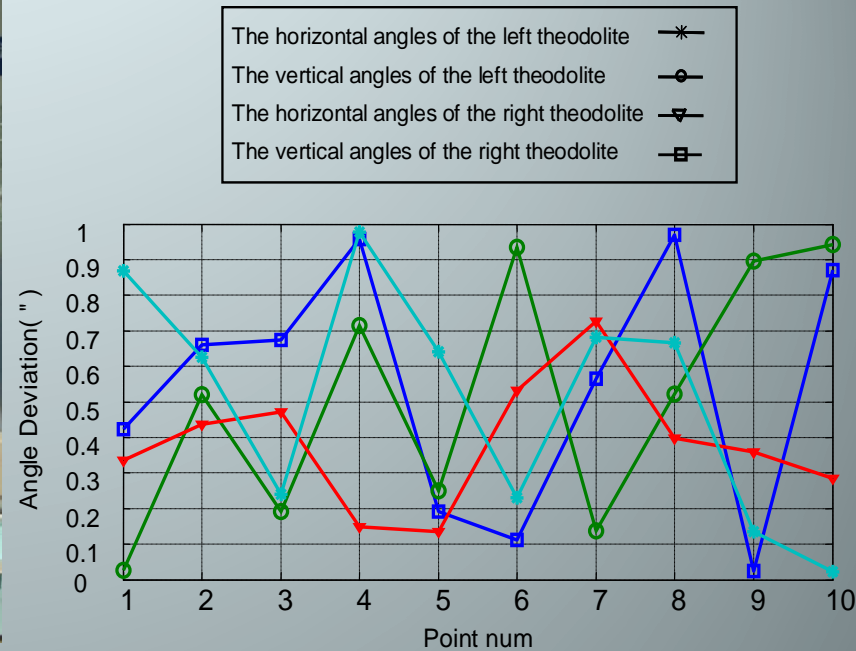
My research work

- Theodolite measurement system based on vision guidance
- Error Calibration and Compensation for laser tracker
- Software for measurement system
- Vision guided total station
- Photogrammetry

Theodolite measurement system based on vision guidance

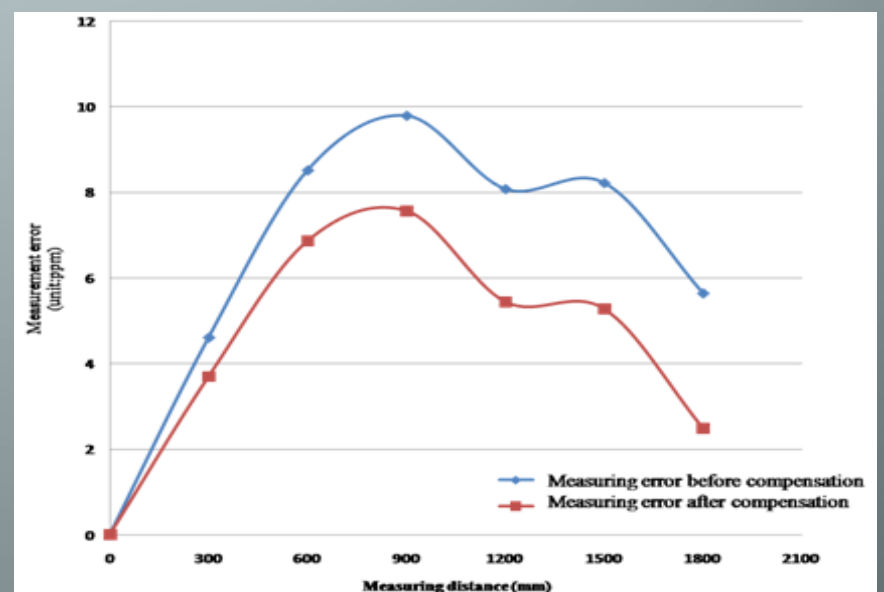
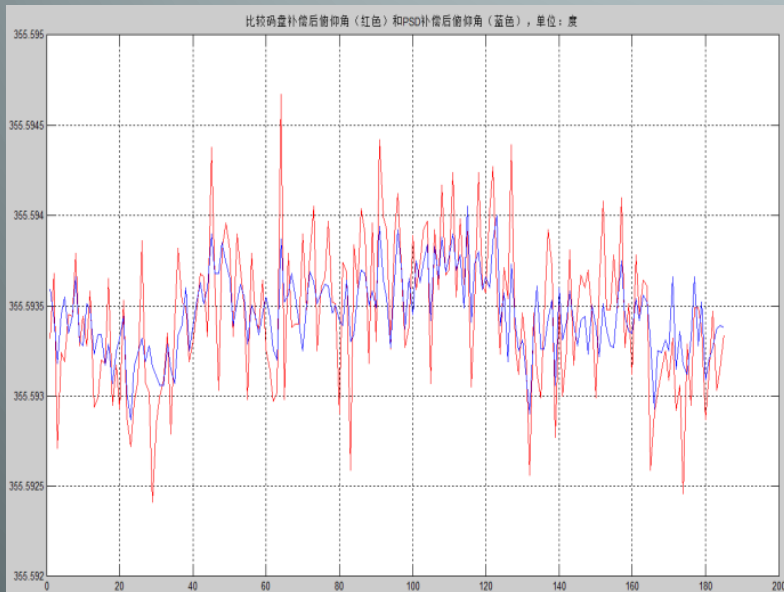
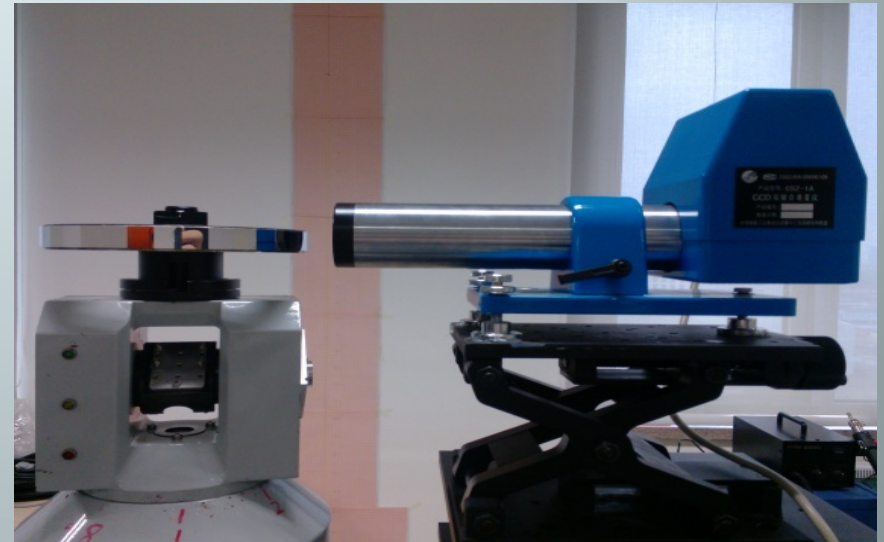


Theodolite measurement system based on vision guidance

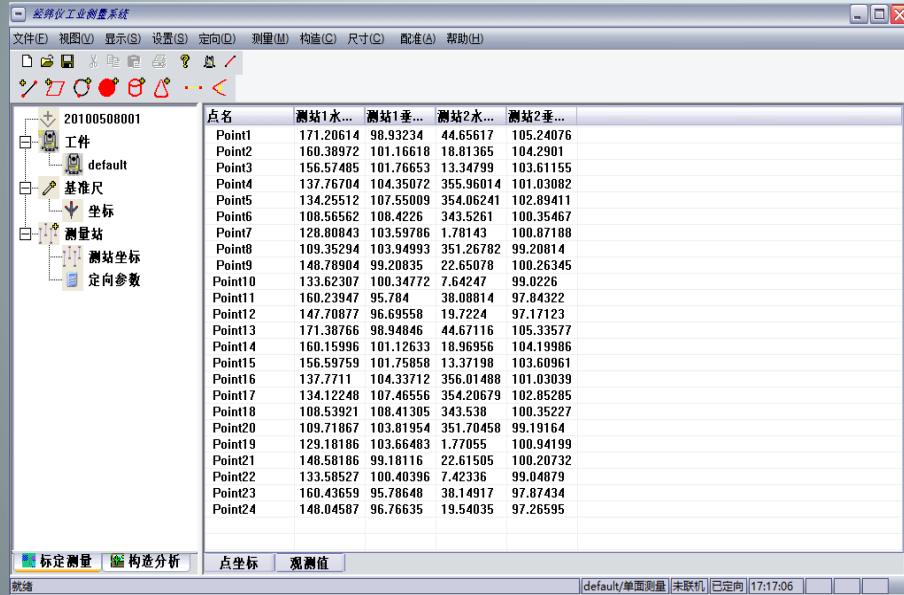


Point index	The measured results of the manual operation (mm)			The measured results of automatic theodolite (mm)			Deviation (mm)			
	x	y	z	x	y	z	Δx	Δy	Δz	Δd
1	760.083	370.834	5774.370	760.064	370.940	5774.319	-0.019	0.106	-0.051	0.119
2	951.053	374.758	5788.259	951.257	374.589	5788.401	0.204	-0.169	0.142	0.301
3	1148.296	359.947	5808.436	1148.210	360.245	5808.633	-0.086	0.298	0.197	0.367
4	652.664	389.054	5776.032	652.907	389.268	5775.839	0.243	0.214	-0.193	0.377
5	750.394	390.547	5792.920	750.662	390.420	5792.933	0.268	-0.127	0.013	0.297
6	1047.573	397.123	5813.998	1047.749	397.348	5814.071	0.176	0.225	0.073	0.295
7	698.130	394.013	5779.836	697.941	394.029	5779.921	-0.189	0.016	0.085	0.208
8	849.731	396.690	5797.828	849.919	396.796	5797.975	0.188	0.106	0.147	0.261
9	1046.761	404.634	5819.759	1046.879	404.918	5819.642	0.118	0.284	-0.117	0.329
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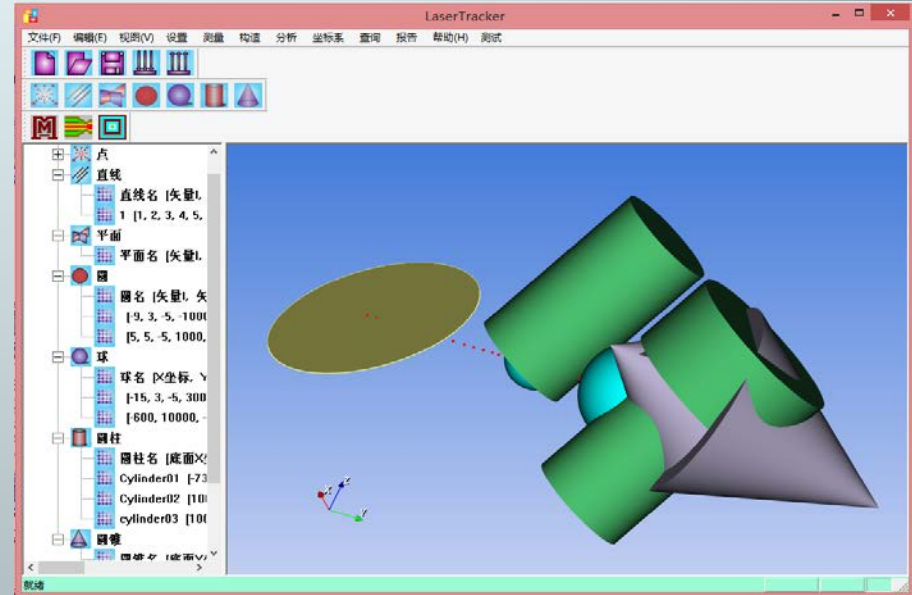
Error Calibration and Compensation for laser tracker



Software of measurement system



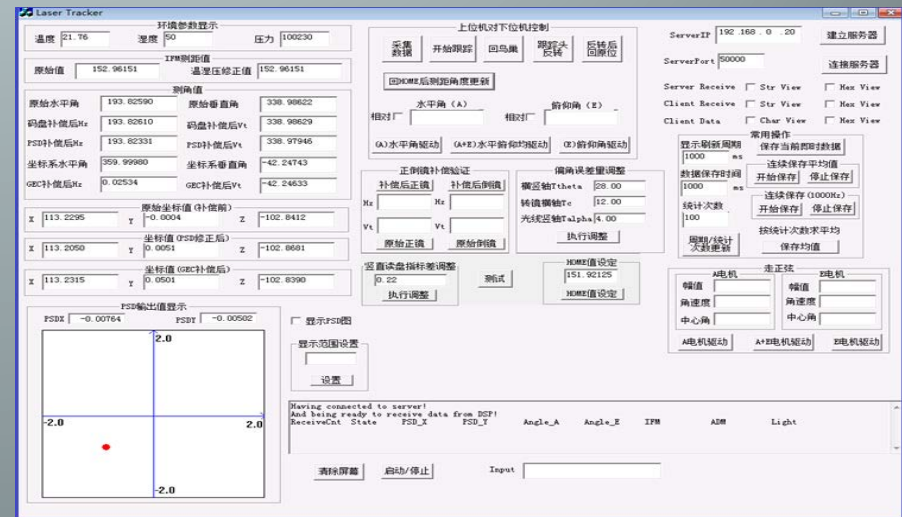
Theodolite



Laser tracker

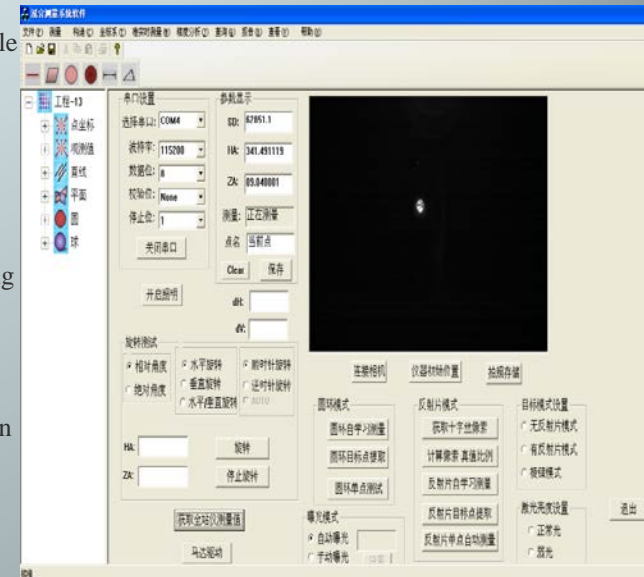
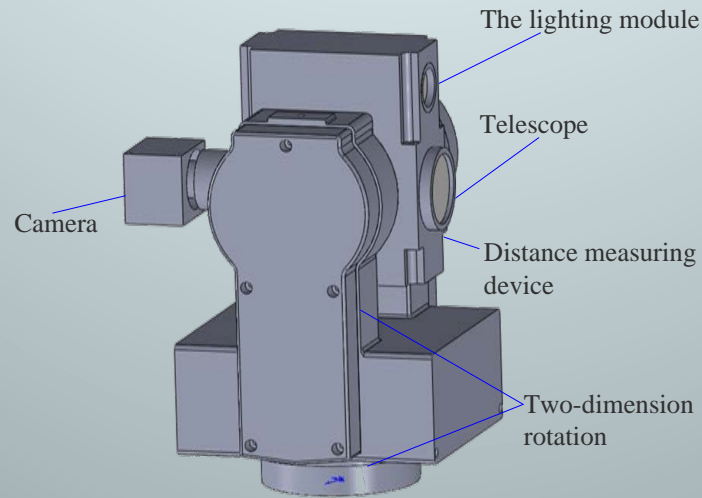


Antenna measurement system



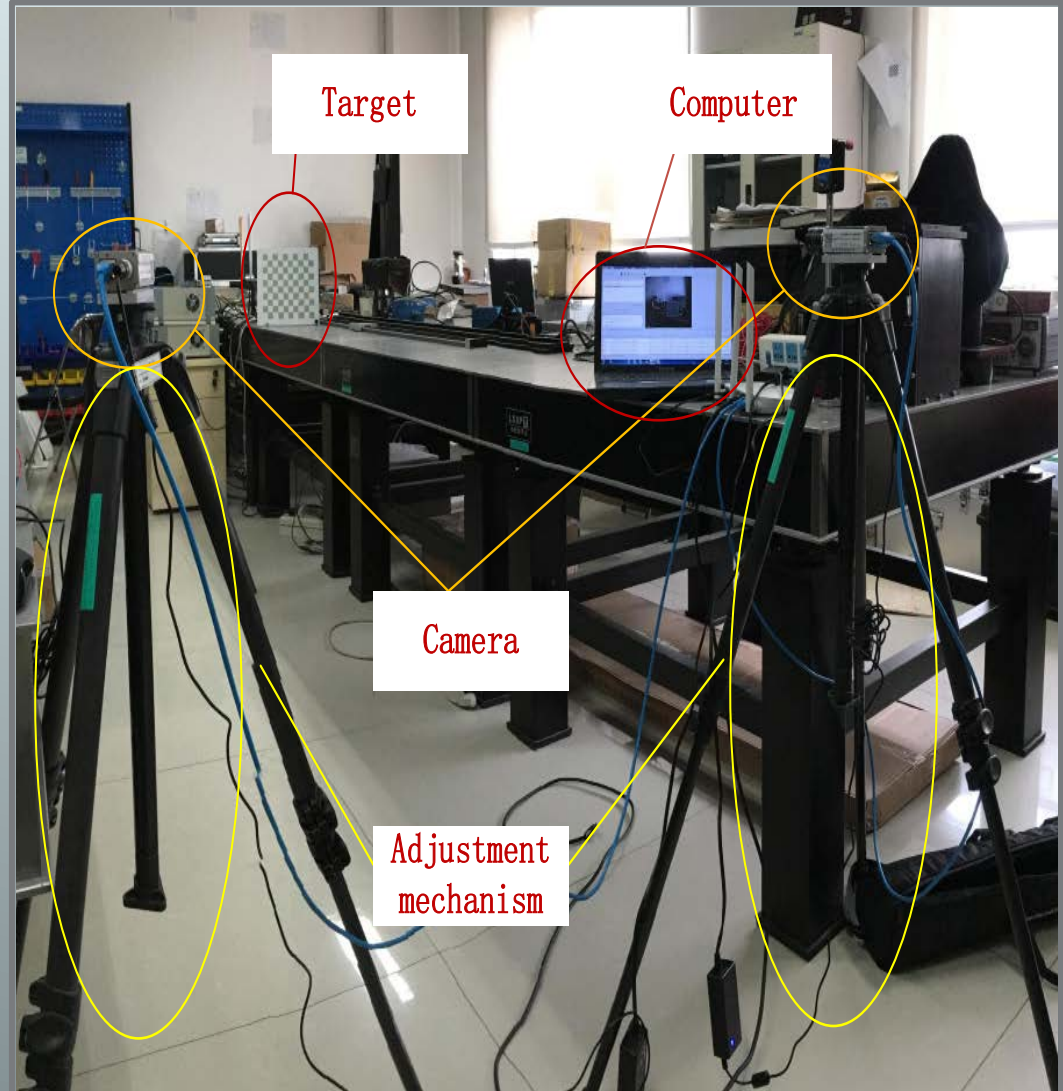
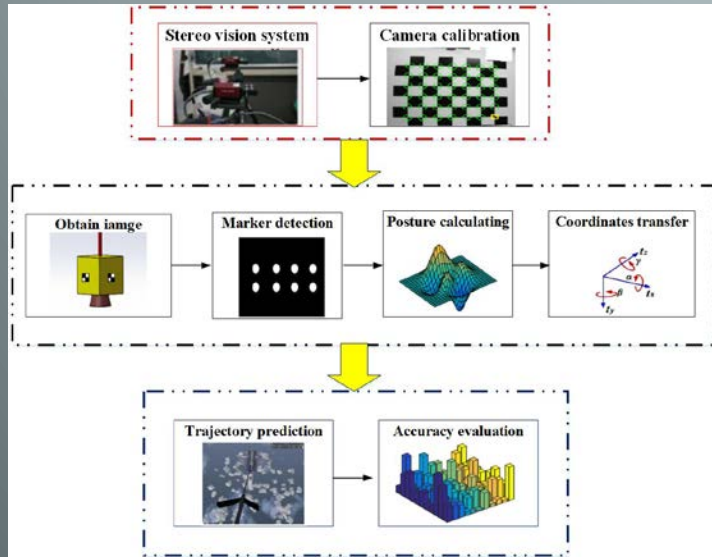
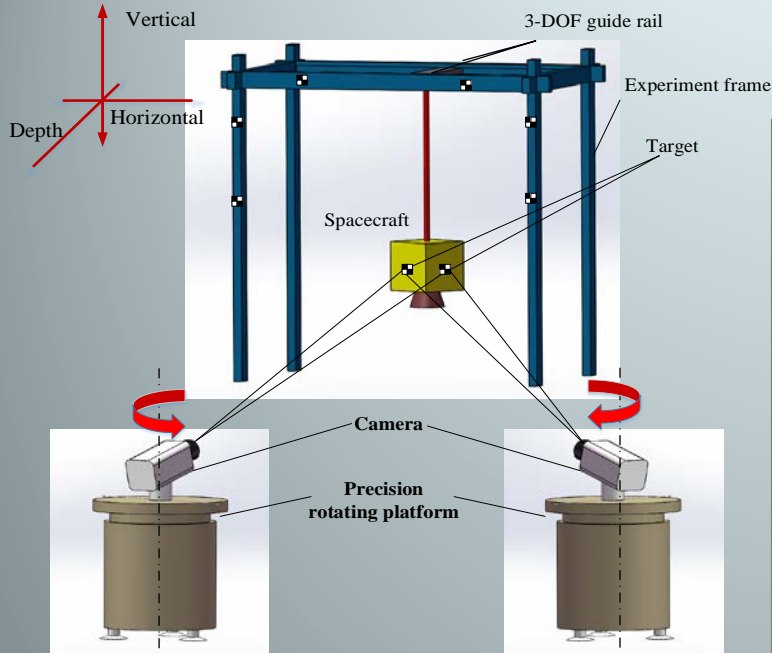
Data analysis

Vision guided total station



No.	X(mm)	Y(mm)	Z(mm)	Measured distance (mm)	Distance reference(mm)	Deviation (mm)
1	-58378.940	-13778.550	-327.386	\	\	\
2	-58387.970	-13742.860	-327.077	36.816	36.475	0.341
3	-58398.894	-13702.509	-326.446	41.808	41.627	0.181
4	-58405.762	-13675.406	-326.309	27.960	28.417	-0.457
5	-58413.977	-13644.681	-325.704	31.810	31.043	0.767
6	-58421.800	-13614.658	-326.434	31.034	31.053	-0.019
7	-58428.226	-13589.263	-326.330	26.195	26.546	-0.351
8	-58436.989	-13557.295	-325.914	33.150	33.184	-0.034
9	-58442.566	-13535.895	-325.710	22.116	22.671	-0.555
10	-58448.192	-13514.690	-325.620	21.939	20.986	0.953

Photogrammetry



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