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# Evaluating the impact of Inferred Probe Qualification on Automotive Inspection Process



- Helping UK high-value manufacturing to deliver high quality products, in large volumes and short time-frames, through the effective use of metrology solutions coupled with fundamental research and innovation.
- Unique composition of mathematicians, computer scientists and engineers, with over a century of combined expertise.
- State-of-the-art CT and Metrology facilities, including industrial sized Twin Column CMM and Kuka robot and rail solution.

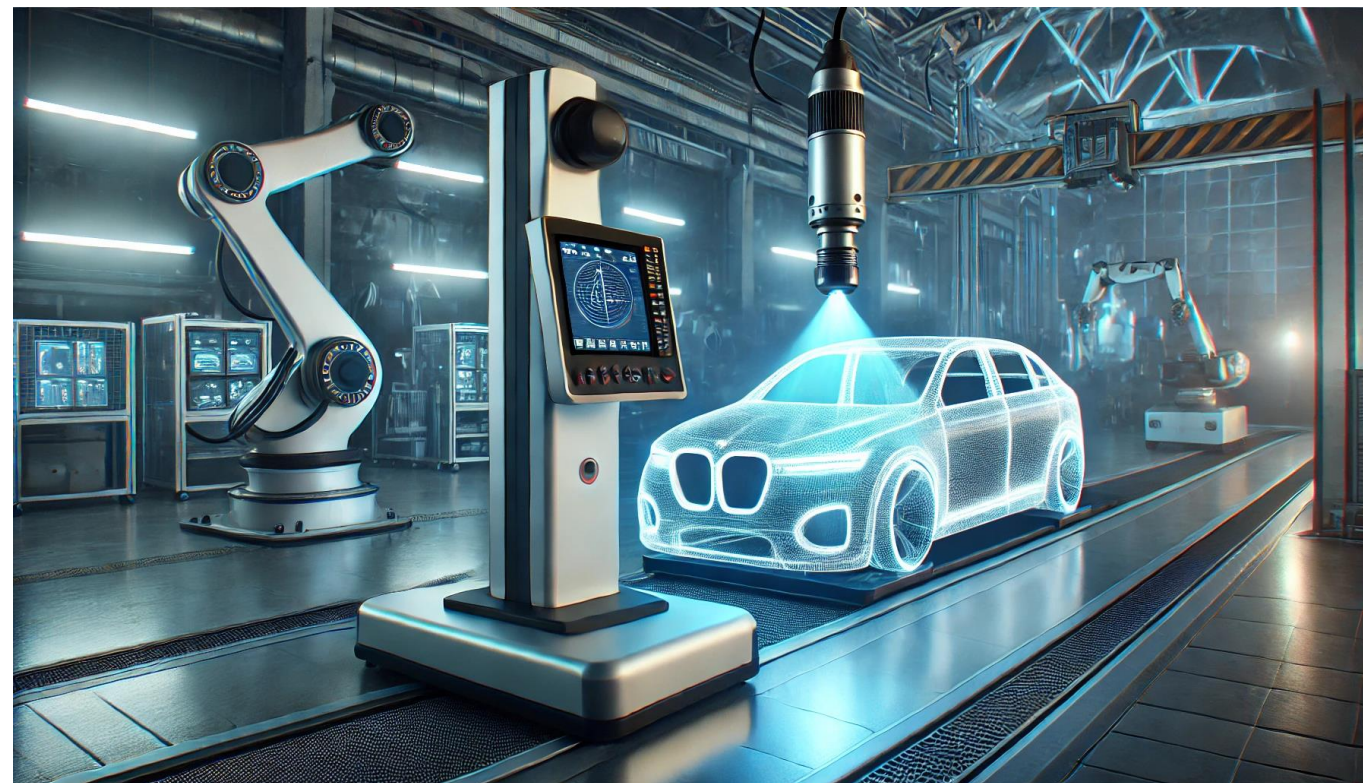


- **UK First** – Hexagon 3D Hairpin Inspect (Tube inspect P8.2)
- **Specialised Nikon HN-C3030** – able to quickly capture details on any rotating components.
- **A Leitz Reference Xi and Nikon iNEXIV VMA 4540** completes the Aerospace a-grade metrology rooms capability.





# DALL-E- Futuristic Image of CMM

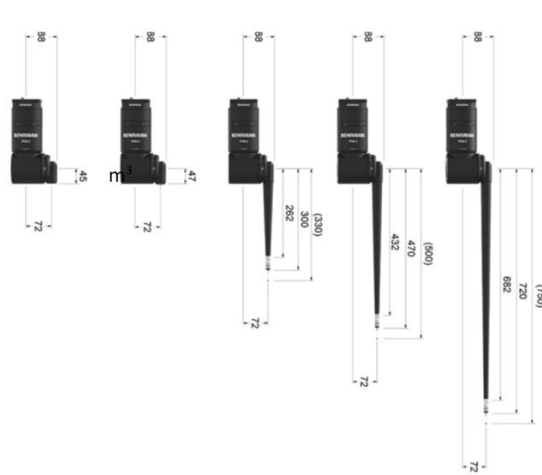


- Investigate the effectiveness of inferred probe qualification in coordinate measuring machines (CMMs)
- Compare the performance of different probing methods
- Evaluate the impact of inferred probe qualification on dimensional results
- Assess the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of inferred probe qualification
- Identify challenges and potential limitations of inferred probe qualification



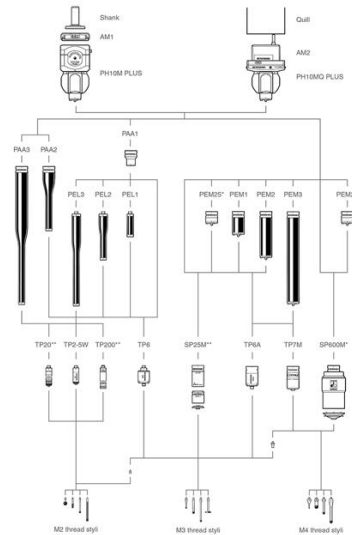
# PHS2 Experience so far

- Long extension range
  - Measurement volume increases from 20.16m<sup>3</sup> to 27,09m<sup>3</sup> per arm



PHS2

Up to 700 mm extension



PH10MQ



225mm extended multiwire arm

Ability to have an extension for the laser heads



Roof Ditch Seal Area



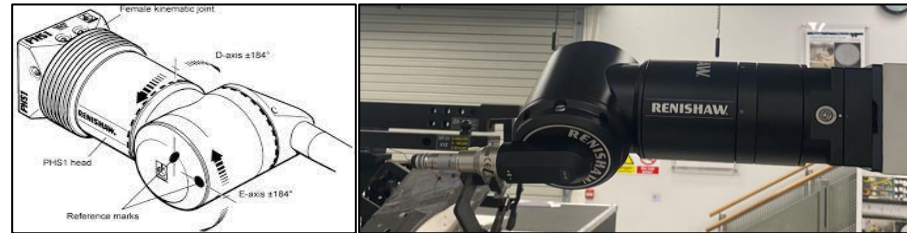
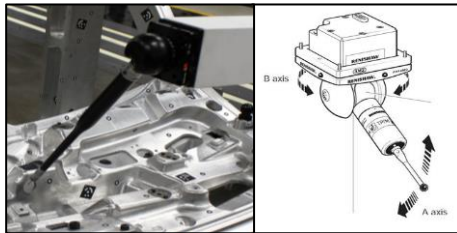
Cant Rail



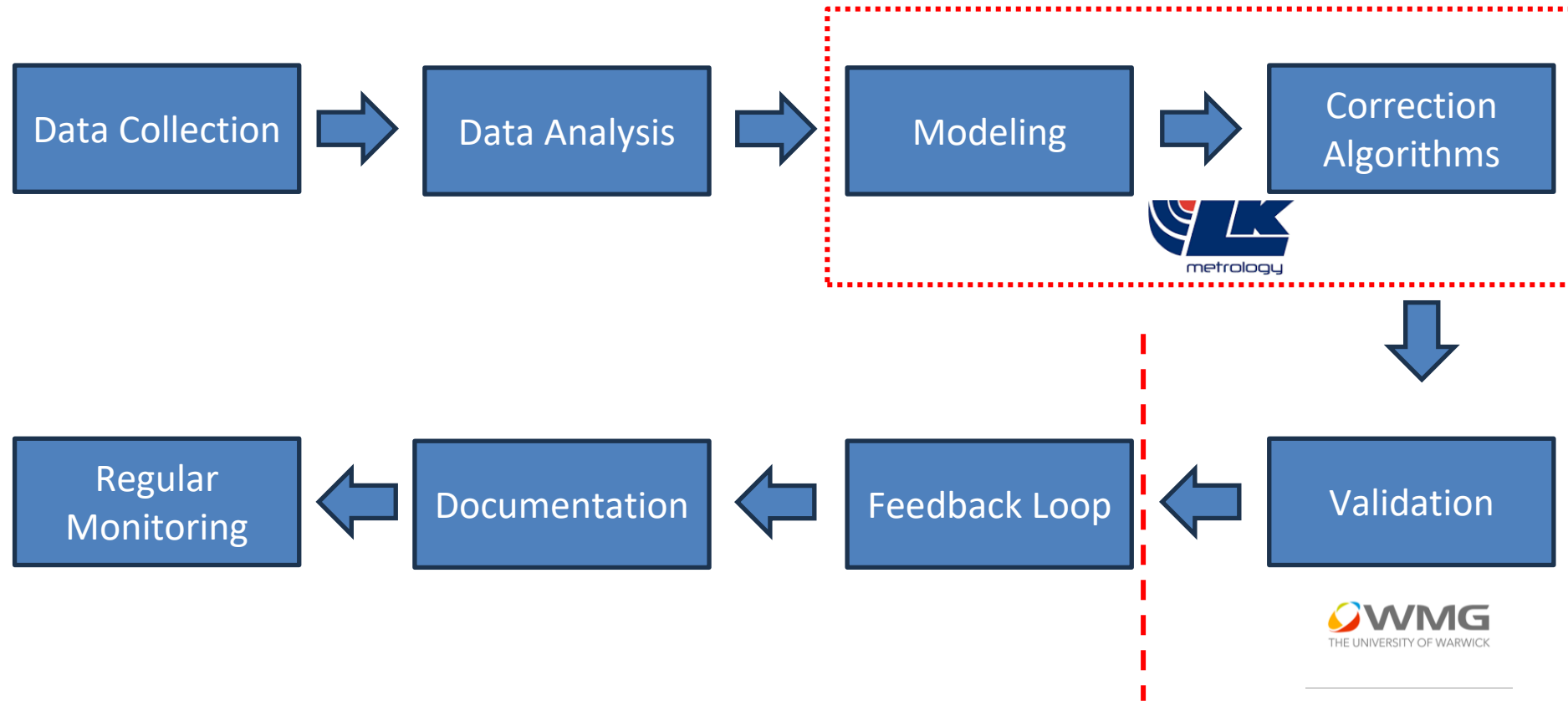
Tailgate Aperture



- Current practice for qualifying process
- Inferred measurement process
- Experimental Validation



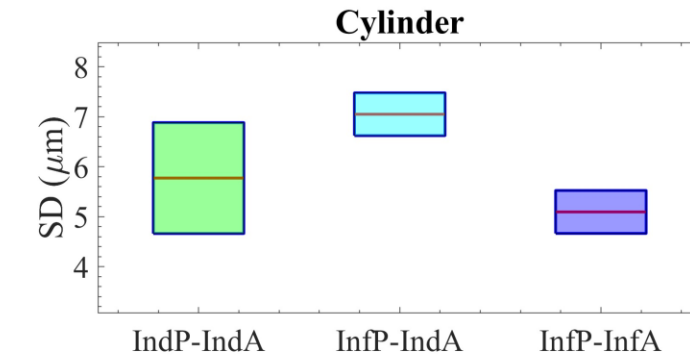
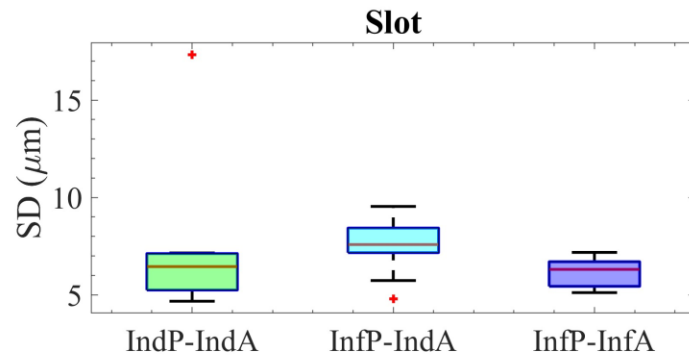
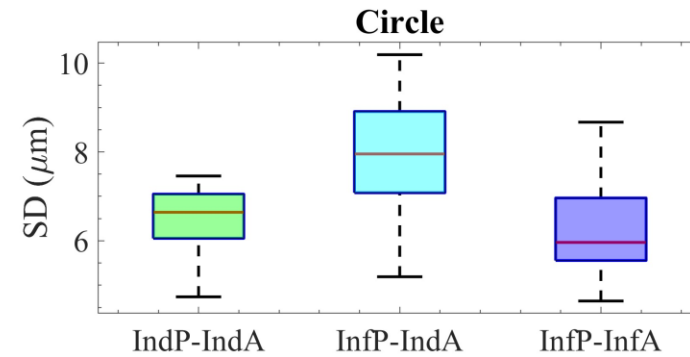
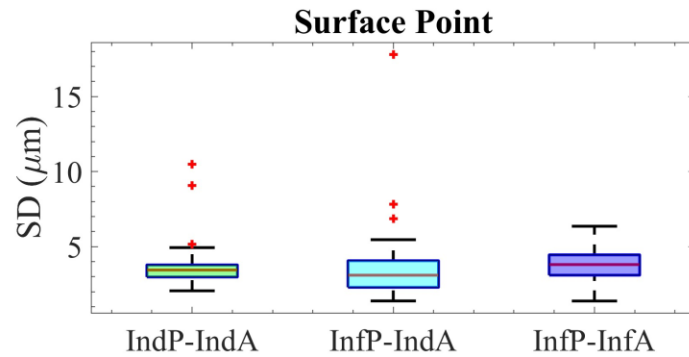
# Steps involved in inferred calibration



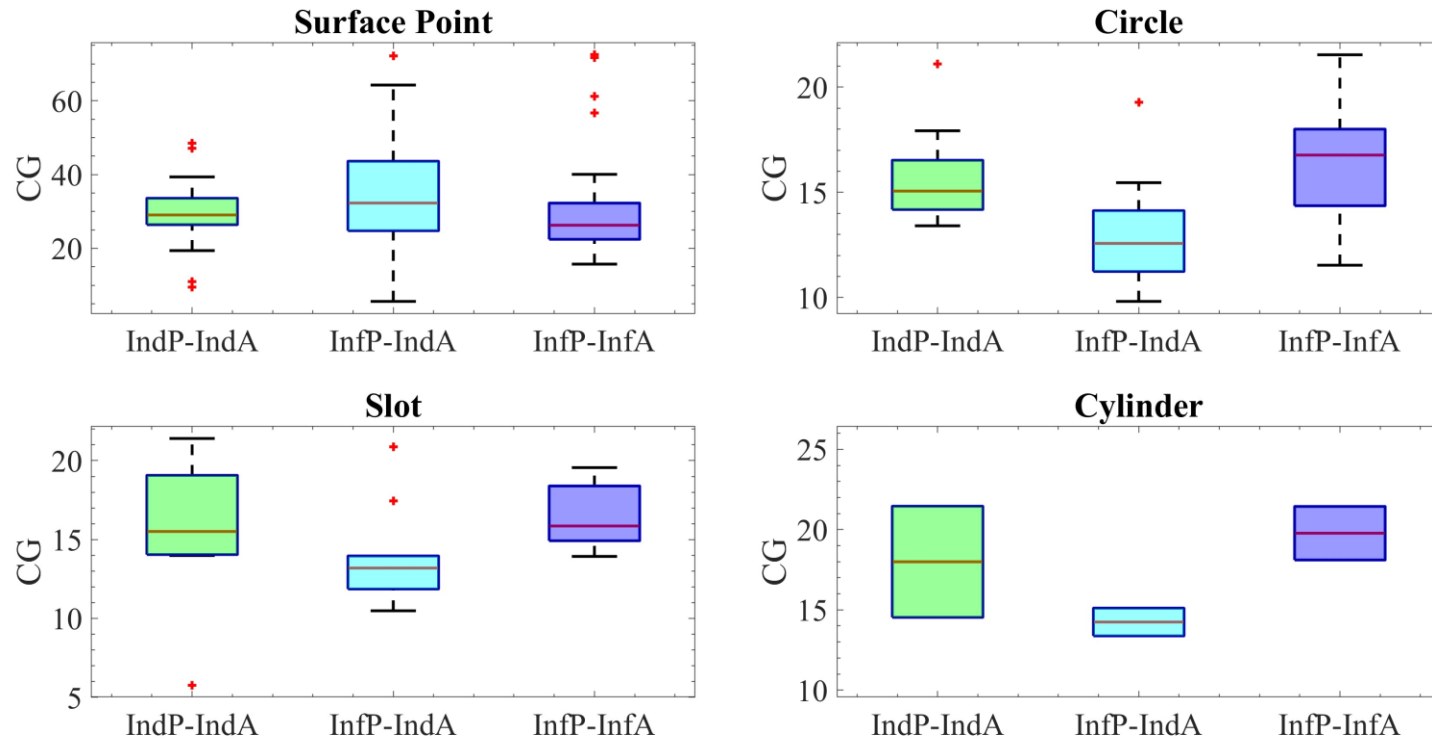
- Measurement programmes were written to measure all features for the Z9
- In total, 115 measurement points
  - Surface points: 67
  - Holes: 26
  - Slots: 20
  - Pins: 2
- A single horizontal arm were used in the study.
- The alignment datum was used throughout the study
- 30 repeat runs of the measurement program. In total, 90 runs. Each run took 29 min.
- The artefact was stationary throughout the study and the environment was maintained at  $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1$



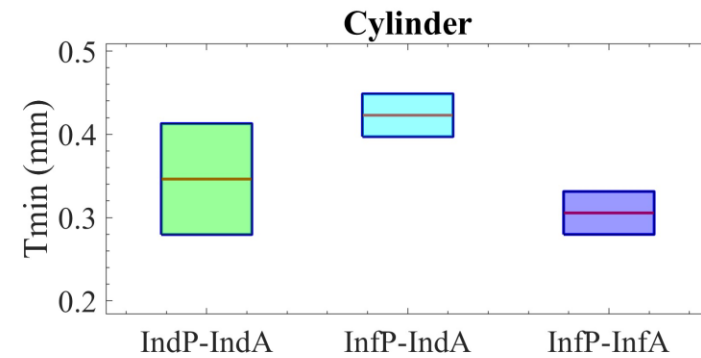
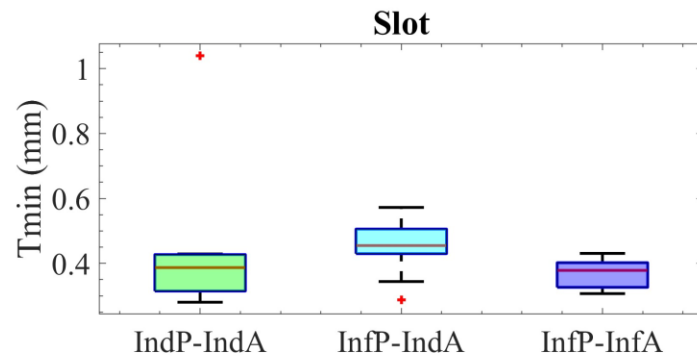
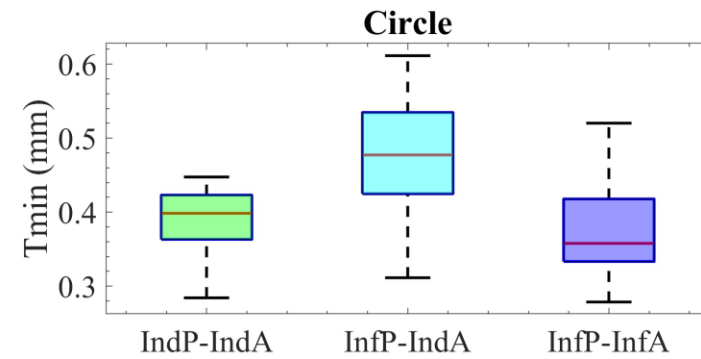
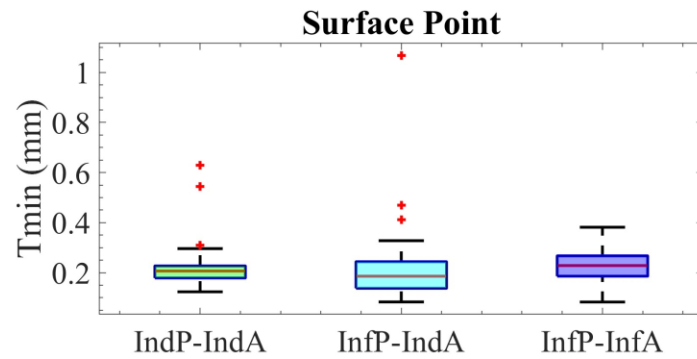




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$$T_{min} = \frac{1.33 * 3 * SD}{\left(\frac{k}{200}\right)} \cdot \begin{matrix} 6\sigma \text{ (Cgk = 1.00)} \\ 8\sigma \text{ (Cgk = 1.33)} \\ 10\sigma \text{ (Cgk = 1.67)} \\ 12\sigma \text{ (Cgk = 2.00)} \end{matrix}$$

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## Key Findings:

- Inferred probe qualification can effectively be used in automotive inspections *without compromising measurement accuracy*.
- There is no significant difference in measurement results between using inferred probes or indexing probes.
- Mixing inferred and indexing probes can lead to higher variations in measurements.
- Inferred probe qualification can reduce measurement costs and improve overall productivity.

## Benefits:

- **Time-saving:** Eliminates the need for frequent physical calibrations.
- **Cost-effective:** Reduces measurement costs and measurement setup times.
- **Improved quality:** Ensures higher quality of manufactured parts.
- **Increased productivity:** Streamlines measurement processes.

# Next Steps

- **Expand the scope of studies:** Investigate the effectiveness of inferred probe qualification in other manufacturing industries and applications.
- Inferred calibration for laser scanners.
- **Develop standardized guidelines:** Create industry-wide standards for implementing inferred probe qualification.
- **Address implementation challenges:** Develop strategies to overcome technological and training barriers.
- **Promote awareness:** Raise awareness of the benefits of inferred probe qualification among manufacturing professionals.

