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Tutorial: Error Theory and Adjustment of Networks Part: LASERTRACKER

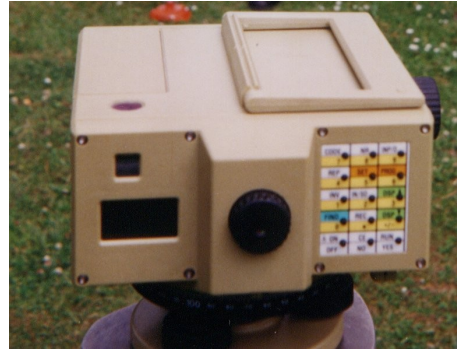
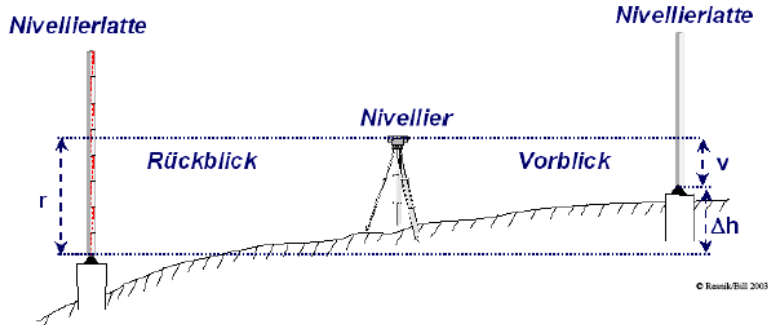
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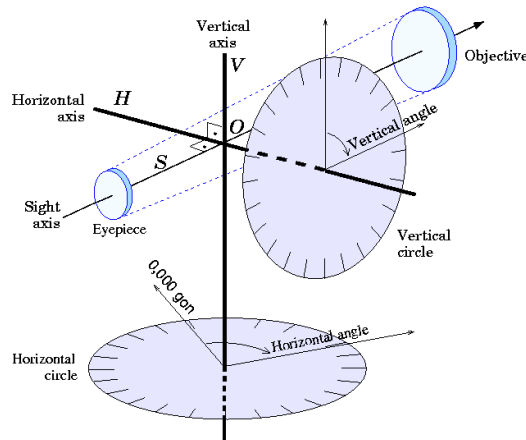
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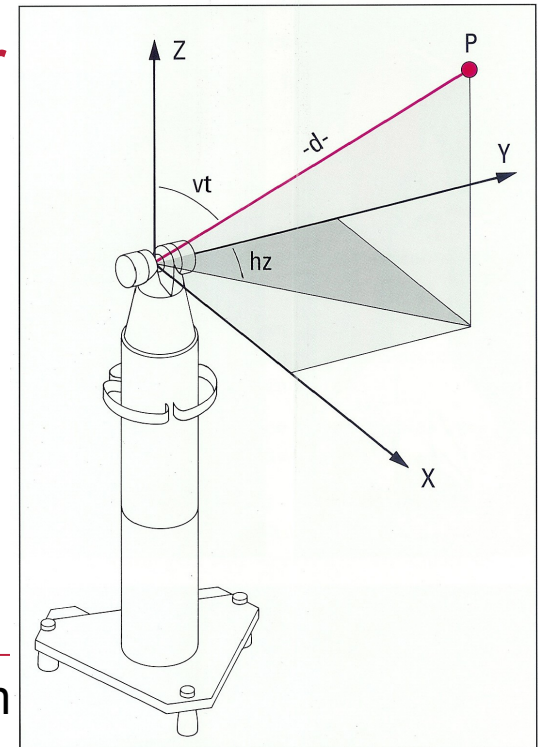
Levelling:



Total Station



Lasertracker



3D Cartesian Coordinate System

Principle: 3D-Cartesian Space

Often separated (Due to orientation to normal gravity vector)

- Horizontal xy-plane
- Vertical direction: z-component

Measurements:

- Horizontal directions / bearings r_1, r_2, \dots

Angles are differences between

- Slope distances d_i

- Zenithal angles z_i

Elevation angles $100\text{gon} - z_i$

Validity of 3D-Cartesian Coordinate System

A local cartesian coordinate system neglects the curvature of the earth. This effect can be computed for deviation in heights and for distances:

Distance [m]	Deviation in Height [mm]	Deviation for Distance in horizontal plane [mm]
50	-0.19	0.000
100	-0.78	0.000
250	-4.90	0.000
500	-19.62	0.001
1000	-78.48	0.008
2000	-313.92	0.066
5000	-1962.05	1.026

Typical observations and their pre-processing

Typical observations in local 3D networks

➤ Leveling

- Height differences

➤ Total Station

- Distances

- Directions/Bearings

- Zenith angles

➤ Laser tracker (horizontation ?, see last chapter)

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Functional relation between observations and coordinates

Observations between point P_i and P_j . X, Y, Z are point coordinates.

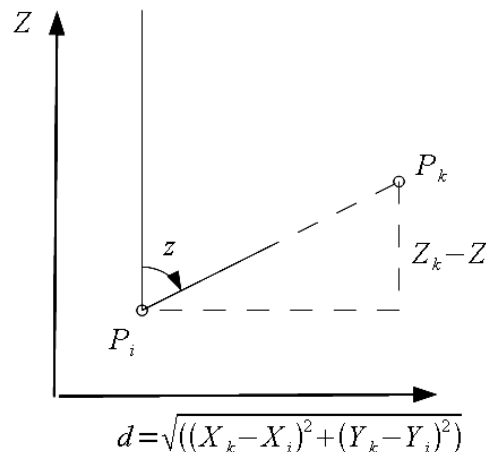
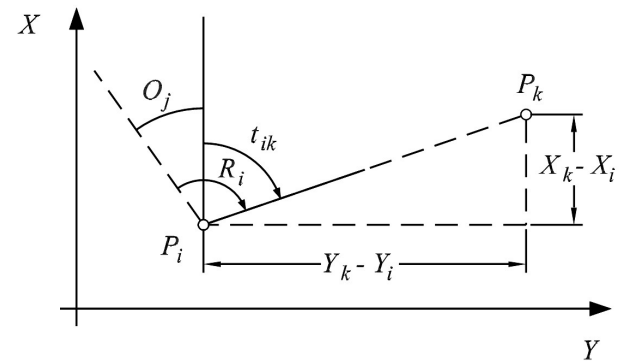
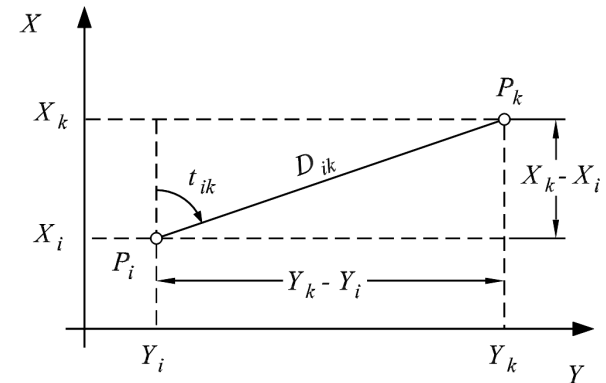
$$\Delta h_{ij} = Z_j - Z_i$$

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{(X_j - X_i)^2 + (Y_j - Y_i)^2 + (Z_j - Z_i)^2}$$

$$r_{ij} = \text{atan} \left(\frac{(Y_j - Y_i)}{(X_j - X_i)} \right) + o$$

Parameter o : orientation unknown

$$z_{ij} = \text{acos} \left(\frac{Z_j - Z_i}{d_{ij}} \right)$$



Additional Parameters:

- Calibration is not perfect, add:
 - Additional constant** for distances
 - Scale factor** for distances
- **Refraction unknown** for zenith angles
to account for atmospheric effects, e.g. in tunnels
- **Deviations of the vertical**
affects directions and zenith angles;
important to account for gravity field variations

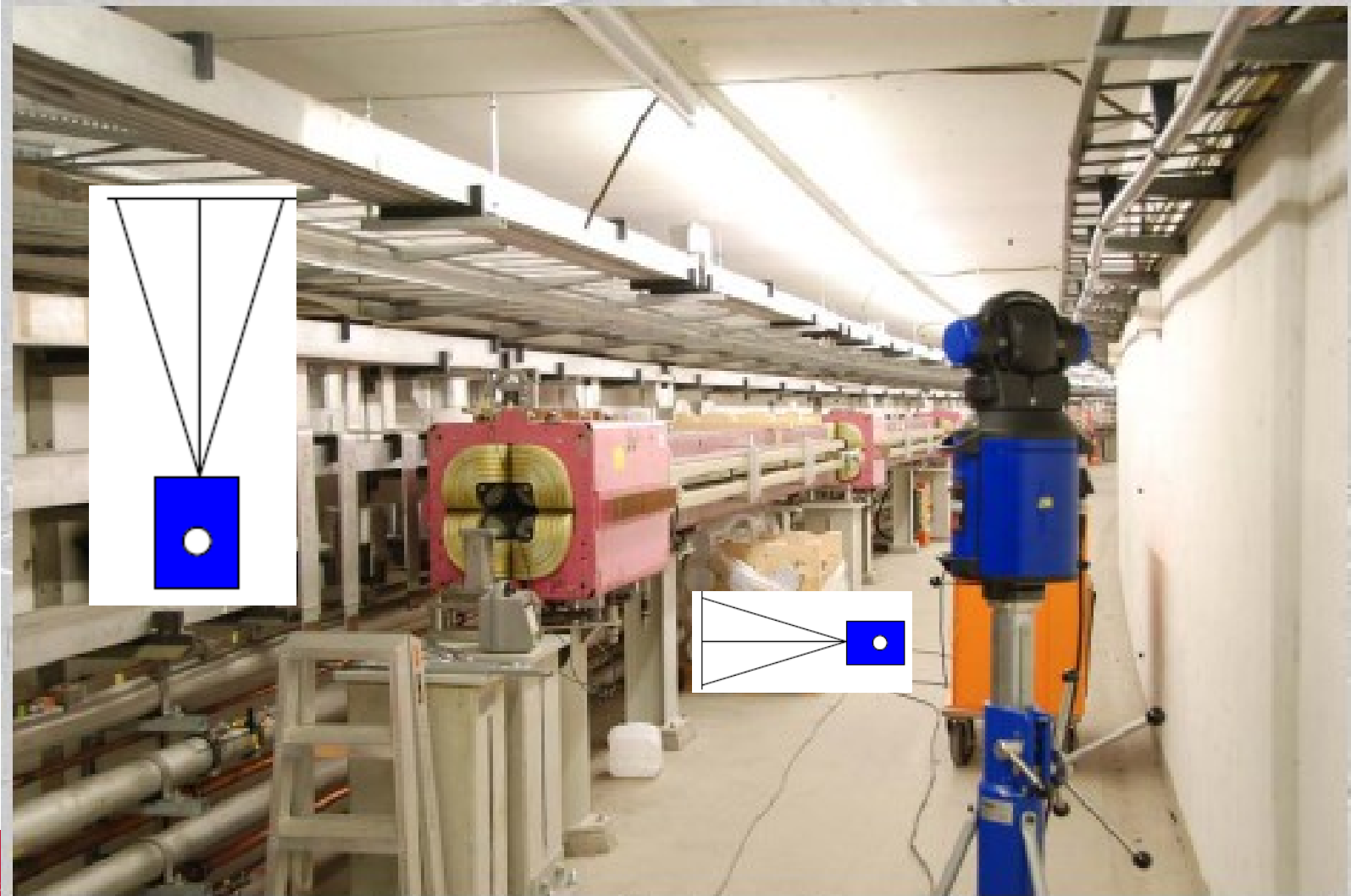
Combination of Lasertracker with other instruments



Characteristics of a Lasertracker

- **Absolute** and **relative** distances, horizontal and vertical angles/directions
- **Not** automatically oriented to earth gravity field (only by external levels)
- **Calibration** is given by manufacturer, can be controlled by user
- **Precision of Distance Measurements**
 - Interferometric: Continuous with nm precision : 10^{-9}
 - Absolute: 0.025 mm + 0.001 ppm
- **Precision of Angles Observations** (automatic readings)
 - Horizontal : 0,6 mgon
 - Vertical : 0,6 mgoni.e. less precise than total stations with e.g. $\sigma_H = \sigma_V = 0.15$ mgon

Use of Lasertracker with arbitrary orientation : Rotation up to 180°



Treatment of extremely rotated Lasertracker :

Include for each set-up (position) of lasertracker data a complete set of three orientation angles

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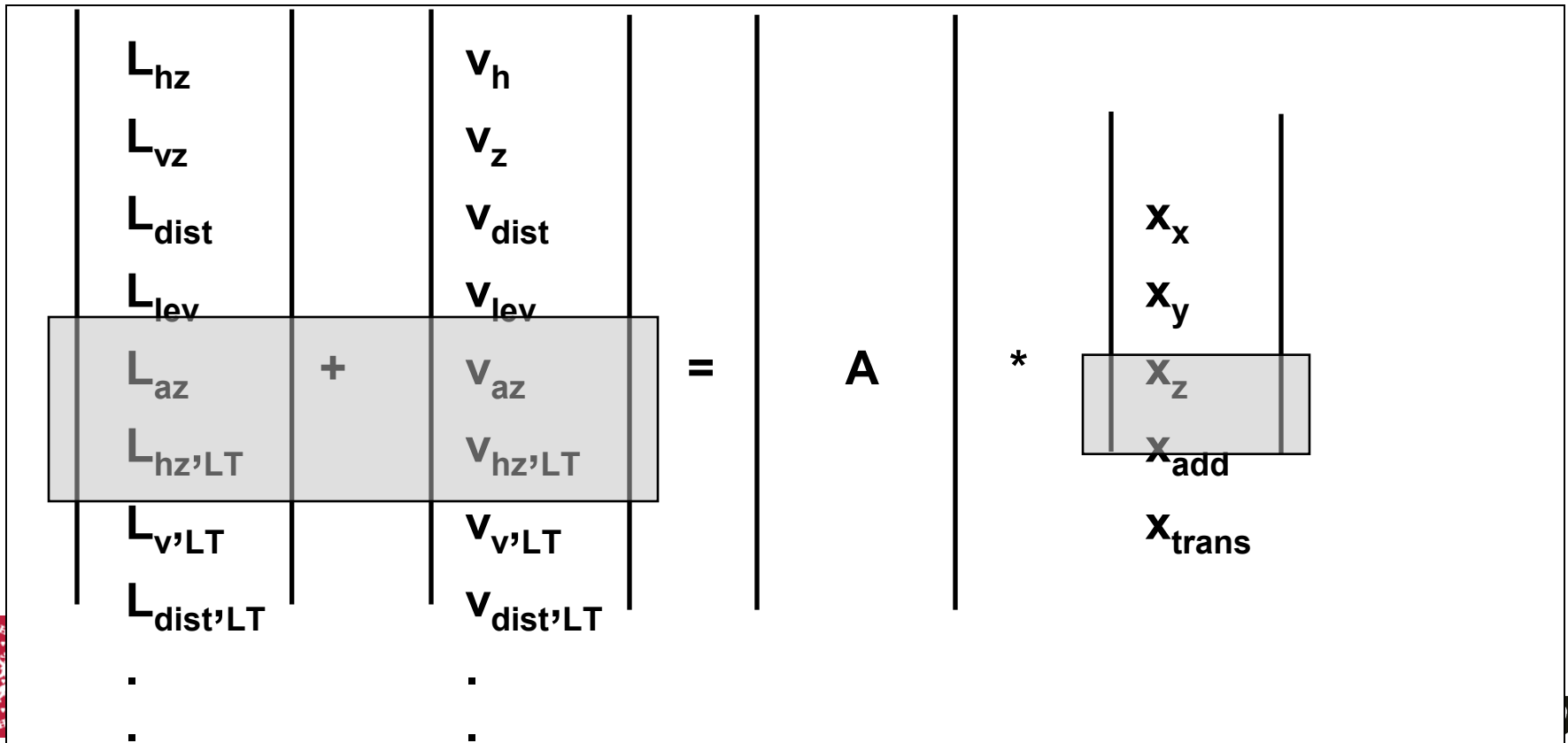
i.e. use **full 3D-rotation matrix** for observations

To be introduced for each instrumental set up

Requires : Approximate values for these rotation angles.
(Their determination is without the scope
of this tutorial)

Rigorous hybrid adjustment is possible: Lasertracker, Total Station and levelling

Use **lasertracker measurements**,
i.e. horizontal directions, vertical angles and distances
with their adequate covariance-matrix
as **additional group of observations** in **adjustment model**.



Software Package PANDA



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Package for Addjustment of Networks and Deformation-Analysis

Interactive processing of **1D-, 2D- and 3D-**geodetic networks out of all areas of surveying and geodesy

Preprocessing of **raw total station and leveling data**, including plausibility control and computation of approximate coordinates

Combined rigorous adjustment of **lasertracker, total station, leveling** and **azimuth** observations together with **GPS-coordinate sets** and existing/**given coordinates**

Deformation analysis for 1D-, 2D- and 3D-networks (e.g. rigorous congruency tests)

Interactive **simulation** and network **optimization**



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Independant development **for PC** under WINDOWS

Local cartesian, local spherical, ellipsoidal and global cartesian coordinate systems; different mapping systems

Different **transformation** concepts are included

All common **datum definitions**: **Fixed datum, minimum constraint and weak datum; hierarchical concept**

All common **quality measures** for **precision** and **reliability**

Can process **large networks** (e.g. 20.000 stations) in acceptable time