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Dimensional calibration of CFVN

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What is a sonic nozzle?

“Dry” Calibration

Using ISO 9300 Cd Model
or
From 1st principles e.g. CFD

**Requires dimensional
characterisation**

“Wet” Calibration

Flow calibration against a reference

The requirements vary for each calibration approach. Regardless, nozzles are usually based on the ISO 9300 shape

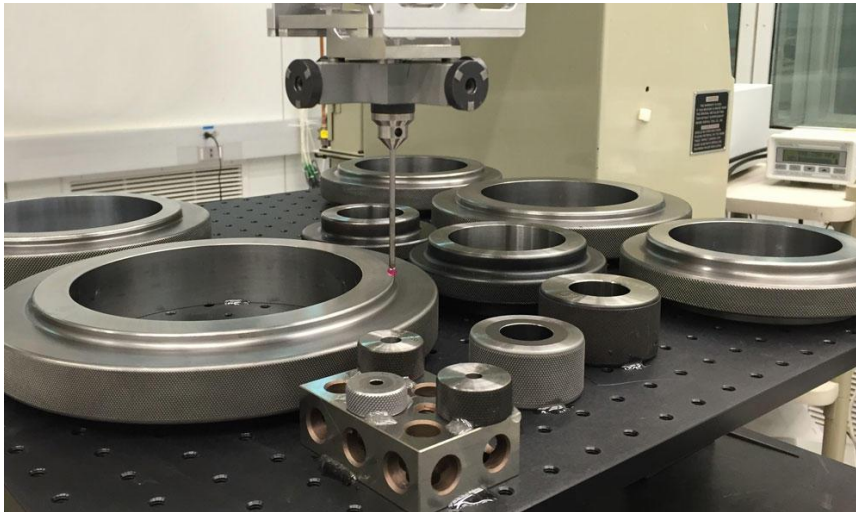
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- The diagram shows a cross-section of a diffuser inlet. Key features include:
 - Inlet Curvature:** A green oval highlights the inlet corner, with a callout showing three quarter-circle options with radii $r_c = 1.8d_{nt} - 2.2d_{nt}$. Text specifies: "Inlet curvature: $(1.8 \text{ to } 2.2) \cdot d_{nt}$ " and "Toroidal shape".
 - Throat Diameter:** A red oval highlights the narrowest part of the inlet, labeled "throat diameter".
 - Diffuser Shape:** A blue oval highlights the diverging section, labeled "diffuser, conus shape".
 - Geometric Parameters:**
 - $\theta = 3^\circ - 6^\circ$: Diffuser half-angle.
 - d : Diffuser throat diameter.
 - $\geq 4d_{nt}$: Minimum diffuser length.
 - ϕd_{nt} : Inlet height parameter.
 - $2,4d_{nt} - 2,6d_{nt}$: Inlet width parameter.
 - Φ (AOS): Angle of attack.
 - $1,1D - 0,9D$: Distance from inlet to a reference point.
 - 4 : Inlet height.
 - $1,8d_{nt}$ and $2,2d_{nt}$: Radii for the inlet curvature.

Coordinate measuring machine (CMM)

$$U(k=2) = 50 \text{ nm}$$

Measure geometry by sensing discrete points on the surface of the object with a probe



Source:
NIST

μ -CMM characteristic properties



Measuring volume:	80 mm x 80 mm x 40 mm
Position measurement:	3-axis Laserinterferometer, no Abbe offset
Reference system:	Zerodur cube corner with mirrors
Stage:	Vacuum air bearings
Frame:	Aluminium metrology frame
Control:	METAS LabView controller 3D track control
High level SW	QUINDOS, Leitz protocol
Operating modes:	Point probing Closed loop freeform scanning

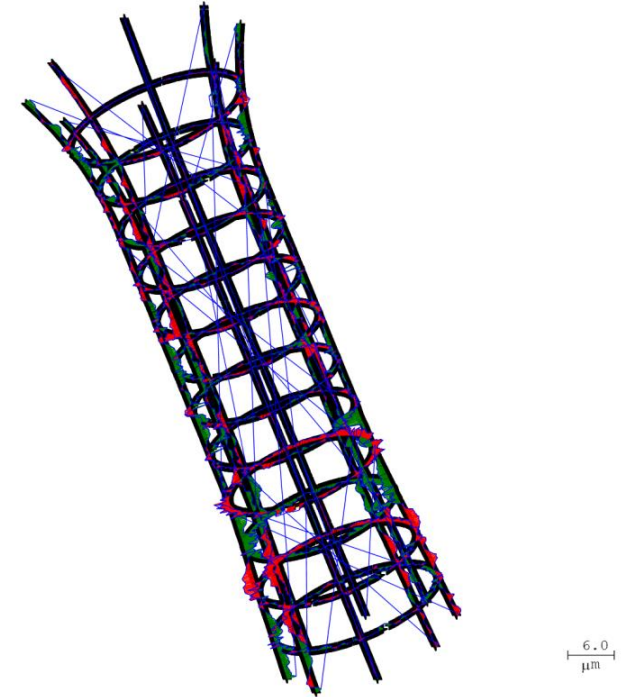
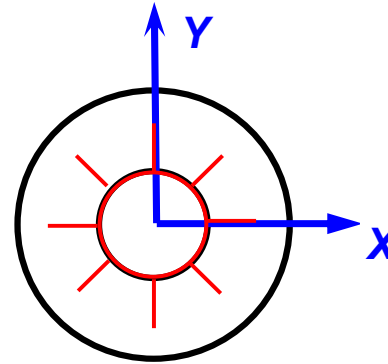
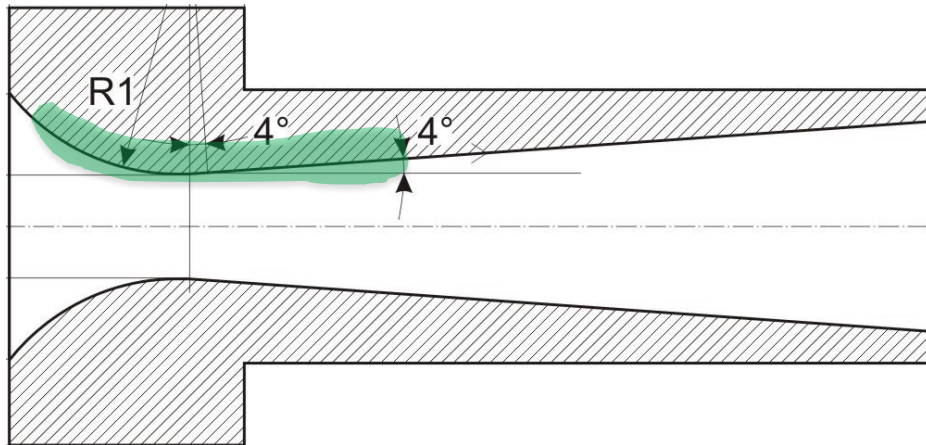
Probing repeatability (1s): 5 nm, single point

Source: METAS

Measurement procedure (example)

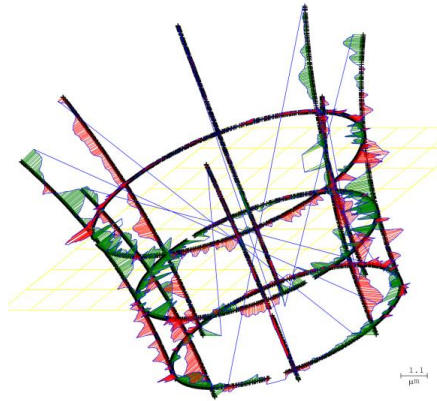
- Measure shape of the nozzle in the axial direction
- Measure throat diameter

1. $8 \times 45^\circ$ (8 surface lines), or more
2. Around 200 points per surface line
3. Locate the throat position
4. At throat position, measure circle with at least 120 points

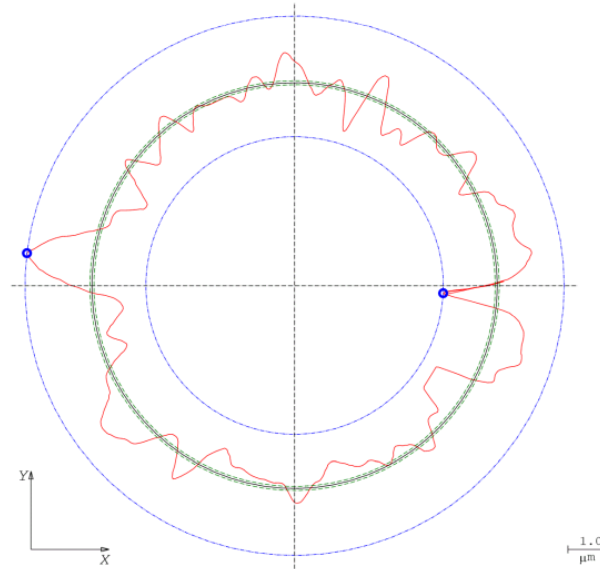


Results from CMM

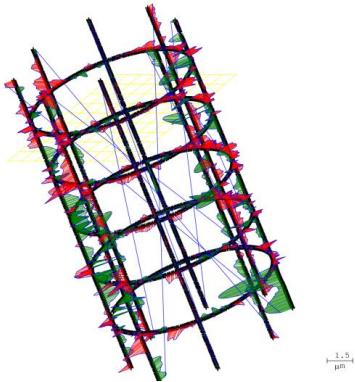
Inlet
curvature



form error

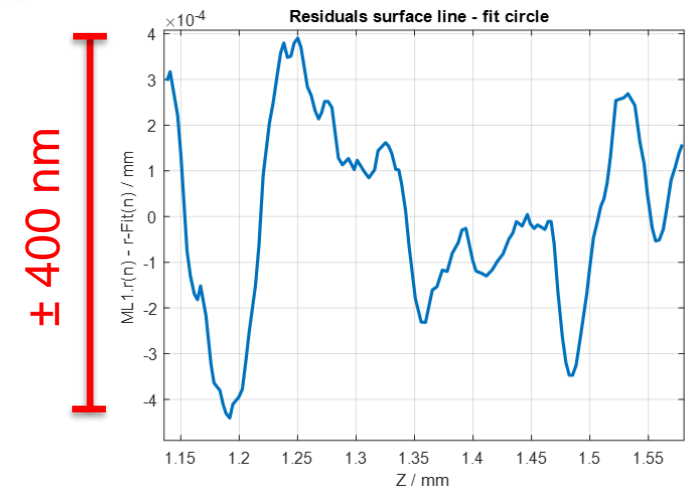
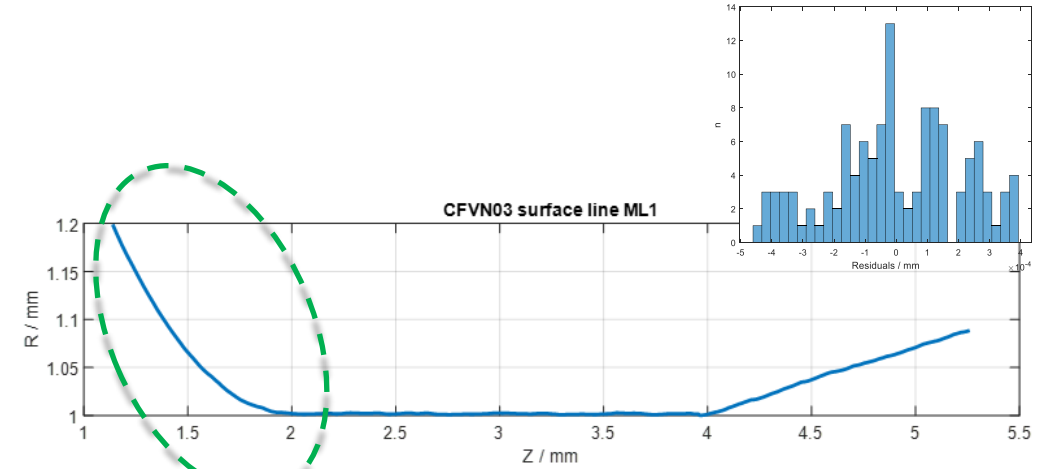


throat diameter



Diameter in mm

Durchm. :	2.003282	Form:	0.002958
X-Koord. :	0.000151	Toleranz :	0.000100
Y-Koord. :	-0.000126	Ueberh. ..:	100
Z-Koord. :	-2.667187	Punkte ...:	616



Summary

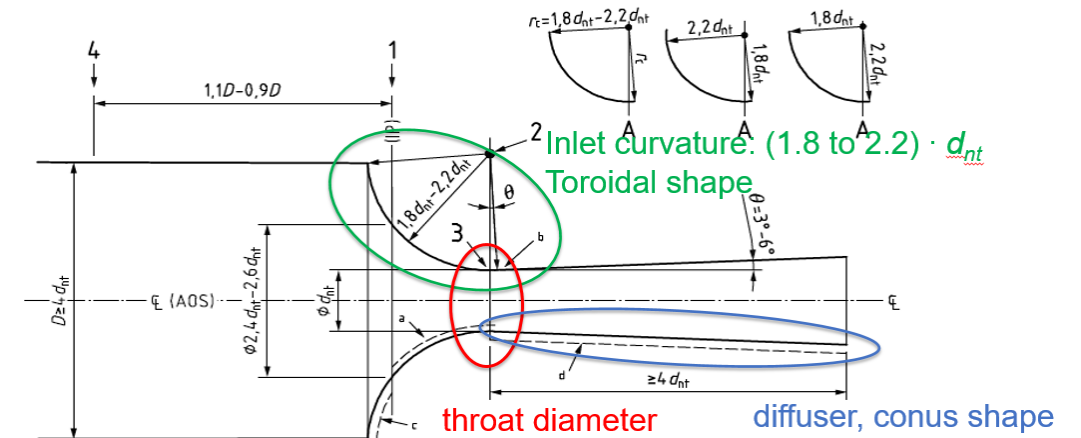
- Dimensional calibration: verification of form and dimensions
- Inlet curvature
- throat diameter
- diffuser angle



REPORT: Good Practice Guide on the dimensional characterisation of sonic nozzles (CFVNs) with different size, shape and surface roughness

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- Tolerances are very challenging for small nozzles
- CMM measurements are challenging for small nozzles ($d_{nt} \leq 2mm$)
- Outline of procedure for CMM measurements
- Personalised analysis of CMM data also possible
- Uncertainty ($k=2$) on throat diameter with state of the art CMM and accurately machined nozzles: (1 to 3) μm

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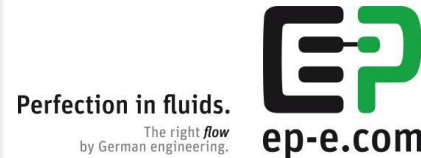
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