

# Comparative Tracking Error analysis of five different Optical tracking systems

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# PAKCoR Project

## **Precise Automated Kinematic Calibration of RCM Robots**

**Main Goal:** Quantify the error of RCM and develop more accurate RCM

### **Important Steps:**

- Calibrating the accuracy of Polaris Optical Tracking System
- Quantify the error of RCM
- Develop a new and more accurate RCM

# Background

## **Comparative Tracking Error Analysis of Five Different Optical Tracking Systems**

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- Precision Analysis using Jitter\* measurement
- 5 different Optical Tracking Systems
- Tested in X-Y-Z axis
- Tested in all range of Digitizing Volume\*

\*Digitizing volume: a range of position inside of which the tracking apparatus is completely visible to the camera

\*jitter: the undesired deviation from true periodicity of an assumed periodic data(wikipedia)

# Introduction

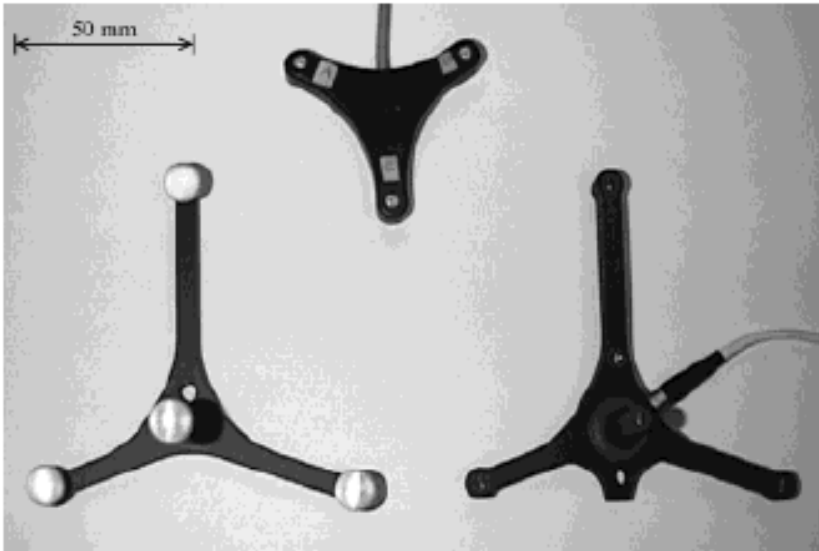
- Optical Tracking Systems (OTS)

Consist of 1D or 2D image sensors and emitters

- 5 OTSs tested in this paper

System	Manufacturer
300 mm FlashPoint	Image Guided Technology Inc. (IGT)
580 mm FlashPoint	Image Guided Technology Inc.
1 m FlashPoint	Image Guided Technology Inc.
Polaris	Northern Digital Inc. (NDI)
Polaris(passive)	Northern Digital Inc.

# Introduction



## **DRF:**

Dynamic Reference Frame

- Active Configuration

Emitters are mounted on the DRF

- Passive Configuration

Camera emits the Infrared light and DRF reflects the light

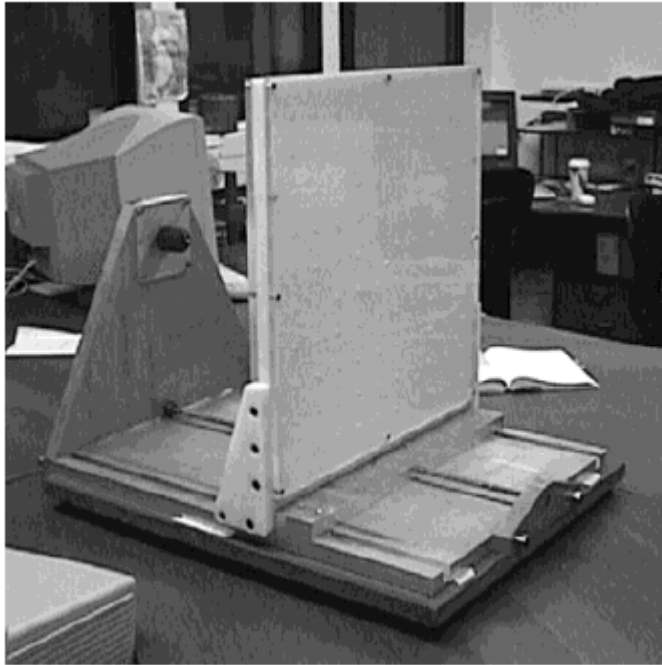
# Introduction

## DRF used

System	DRF
300 mm FlashPoint	3 LED 50 mm ACTIVE
580 mm FlashPoint	3 LED 50 mm ACTIVE
1 m FlashPoint	3 LED 50 mm ACTIVE
Polaris	4 LED Active TRAXTAL
Polaris(passive)	4 LED Passive TRAXTAL

# Methods

## LTA (Linear testing apparatus)



- Precision-machined
- 500  $mm^2$  plate with 10x10 grid of holes (X-Y axis)
- 700 mm linear track with 10mm shift (Z-axis)



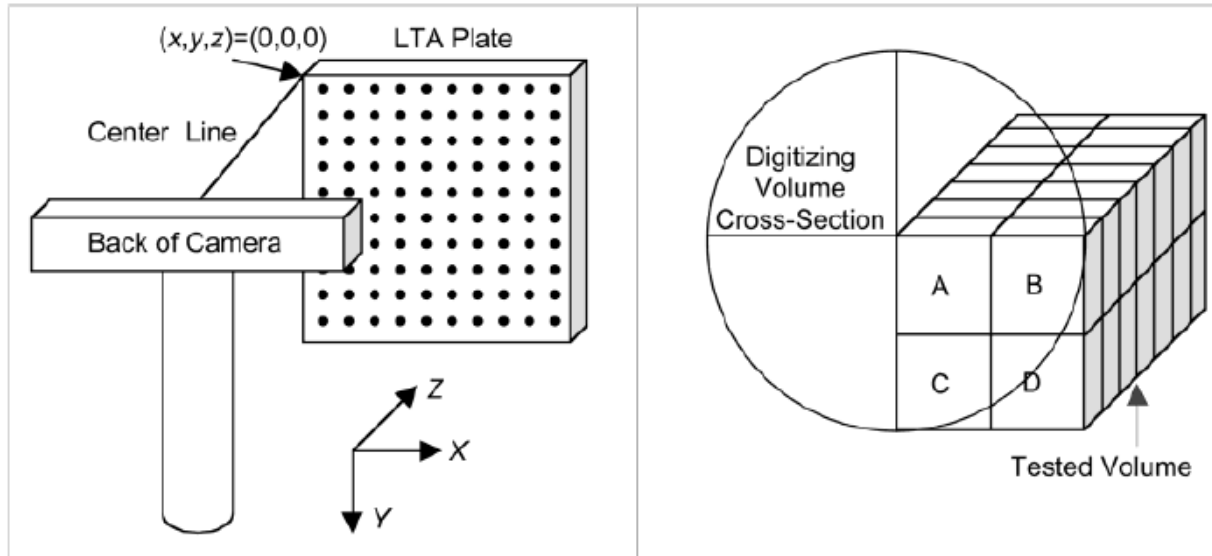
# Methods

## Digitizing Volume (Spec & Tested)

Camera	Max <i>X</i> spec [mm]	Max <i>X</i> tested [mm]	Max <i>Y</i> spec [mm]	Max <i>Y</i> tested [mm]	Min <i>Z</i> spec [mm]	Min <i>Z</i> tested [mm]	Max <i>Z</i> spec [mm]	Max <i>Z</i> tested [mm]
300 mm Flashpoint	150	300	150	400	600	600	900	900
580 mm Flashpoint	500	430	500	650	1000	1060	2000	2160
1 m Flashpoint	500	800	500	650	1000	1060	2000	2160
Polaris	500	410	500	620	1400	1400	2400	2400
Polaris (passive)	500	350	500	620	1400	1400	2400	2400

- Tested moving the LTA Volume Unit in 3 dimensions
- 30 degree was chosen for viewing angle

# Methods



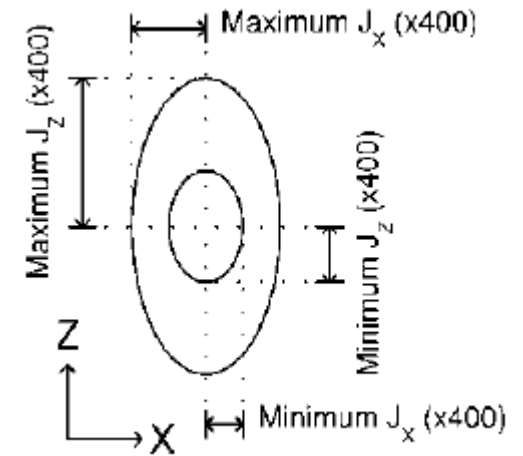
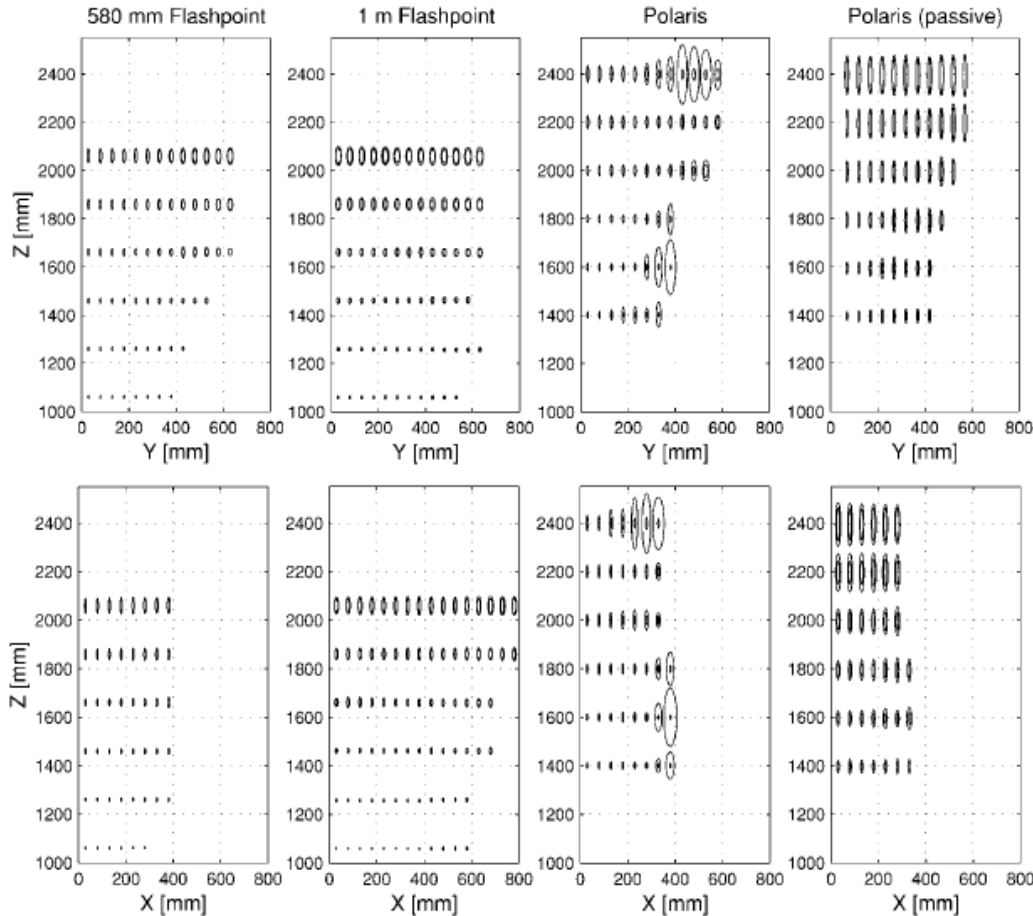
- DRF was Mounted on X-Y 100 holes and 10cm shift in Z
- Camera was mounted on a tripod
- Orientations of camera and LTA were Aligned
- Tested in all range of digitizing volume

# Methods

$$J_{xyz} = \left\| [X_i \ Y_i \ Z_i]^T - [\mu_X \ \mu_Y \ \mu_Z]^T \right\|$$

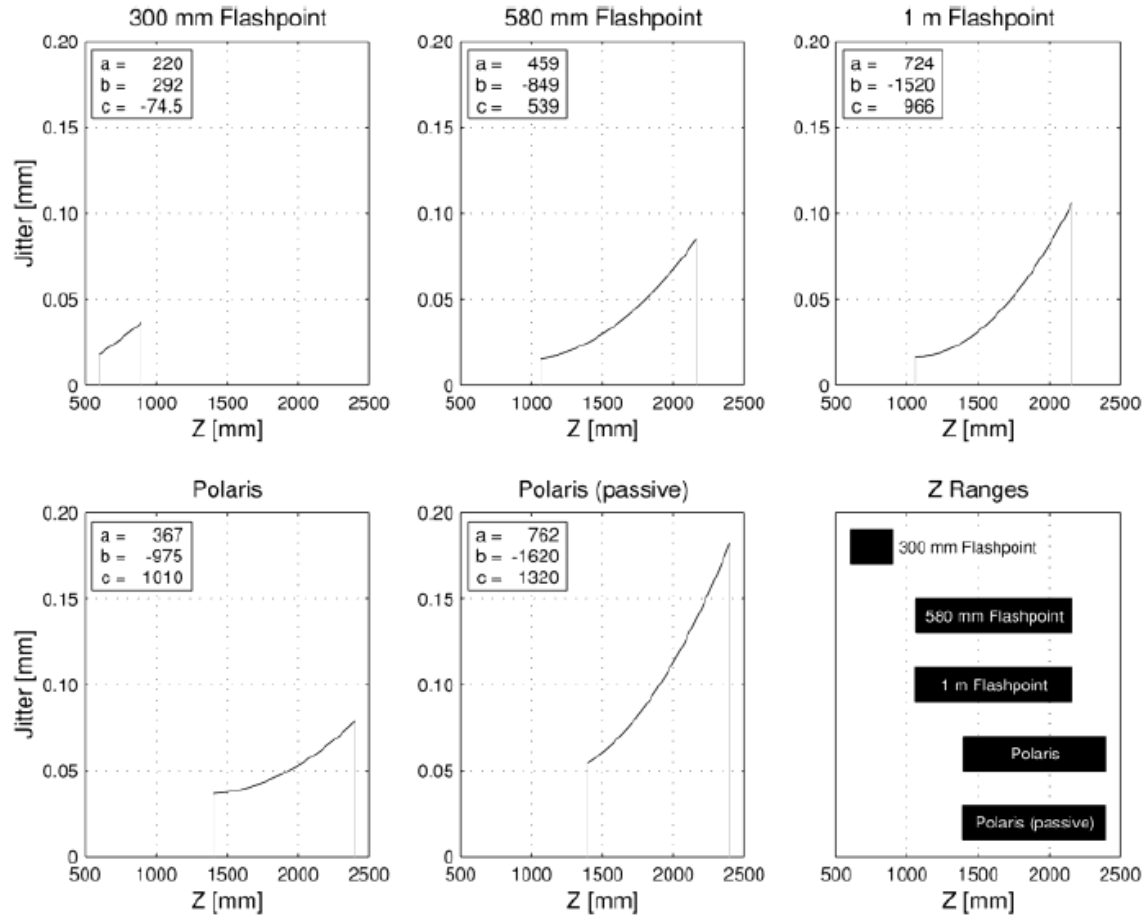
- Sampled 100 times,  $(X_i \ Y_i \ Z_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 100$
- Jitter was calculated relative to the mean coordinates –  $(\mu_X \ \mu_Y \ \mu_Z)$
- $J_X, J_Y, J_Z$  are the normalized standard deviation of each x, y, z
- \*jitter: the undesired deviation from true periodicity of an assumed periodic data(wikipedia)

# Results



Jitter in Z increases with increasing distance Z.

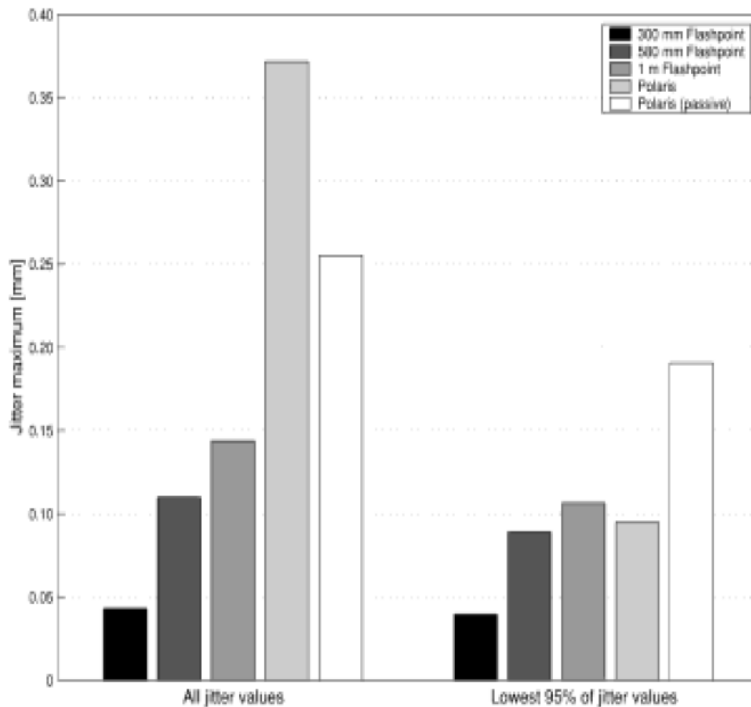
# Results



Quadratic Model of mean Jitter using Least-squares fit

$$J(z) \approx \frac{az_m^2 + bz_m + c}{10000}$$

# Results



- Maximum Jitter values
- For all, NDI Polaris shows largest Jitter value.
- For Lowest 95%, IGT OTSs and NDI OTSs are comparable

# Author's Conclusion

- Jitter result data is dominated in Z axis
- Suggestions
  - ✓ OTS camera should be as close as possible
  - ✓ Z axis of Camera should be in direction that is **least clinically significant**
- Among 5 OTSs, IGT active systems were more predictable than NDI

# My Opinion

## **Positive**

- Tried 5 different OTSs
- X-Y-Z analysis
- Jitter measurement
- The ellipses method
- Tested all range

## **Negative**

- Hard to believe the orientations are perfectly aligned
- Author did not consider the other static errors
- Only dealt with precision
- The LTA did not reflect the typical clinical use
- Correction Algorithm



# Future Step

- Build the Accuracy Analysis methods
- Mathematic model and Correction algorithm
- Apparatus which can reflect the real use of tracking systems such as rotational or angular movements.

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# THANKS