

A study into the use of simple holeplates to measure the apparent distortion in the geometry of reconstructed volumes

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  - Complex
  - Simple
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# Background to work

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- Aluminium, 8 mm holeplate manufactured at NPL, based on a design by PTB/NMIJ<sup>1</sup>
- Complex holeplate previously used to study the effects of beam hardening
- Unidirectional and bidirectional lengths measured
- Central to an emerging ISO standard



'∅ 4 mm

1. Bartscher, M. et al., 2014. Current state of standardization in the field of dimensional computed tomography. *Measurement Science and Technology*, 25(6)





### Method

- Commercially available metrology XCT system
  - MPE  $\pm$  9.96  $\mu$ m (manufacturer's specification)
- Constant voltage (170 keV)
- Constant current (60 μA)
- Magnification
  - 1.6x (voxel size = 125 μm)
  - -5x (voxel size = 40  $\mu$ m)











## Complex holeplate

- Apparent deformation of cylinder geometry
  - Dependent on the position of hole within the holeplate









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## Complex holeplate

- Apparent deformation of cylinder geometry
  - Dependent on the position of hole within the holeplate
  - Maximum deviation from circle 45  $\mu$ m



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# Simple holeplates

- 3 simple holeplates
- CMM: ± 4 μm



HP3

HP1













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# Simple holeplates

 Imaged at 0°: Maximum deviation from circle 37μm



## Circular holeplate



- Circular holeplate imaged at 0°
- Maximum deviation 37  $\mu$ m









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## Simple holeplates

HP3 45 degrees

60

90

120

30

150

Orientation during imaging:  $\bullet$ 

Maximum deviation from circle 60µm



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# Circular holeplate

Greyscale profile through reconstructed volume



# Magnification

- Deformation in geometry has the same systematic variation at both magnifications
- Magnitude of deviation decreases with magnification
- The noise in the deviation decreases with magnification (22 μm to 5 μm)









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#### Simulations

- Simulated a series of 2D images in Matlab
- Intensity of pixel computed from the path length taken by a single central ray for each pixel in the detector
- The sum of attenuation coefficients weighted for spectrum was used
- Beam hardening not applied
- Reconstructed in CT Pro as usual













# CEGE - 3DIMPact Summary and further work

- Experimental X-ray reconstructions of simple and complex holeplates demonstrate systematic deviations in recovered hole geometry of the order of 60µm
- Simulation of holeplate radial deformation based on X-ray path length shows a close correlation to experimental data with maximum deviations of up to 90 μm
- Position of hole within the holeplate effects the apparent geometry of the hole
  - Away from centre of object and rotation
- The orientation of the holeplate during imaging effects the apparent geometry
  - Extremes in path lengths depending on the projection
- Beam hardening has yet to be added to the simulation











#### Thank you for your attention.







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