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Present-day European Metrology Research

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Services of Nummela Standard Baseline

- Results of interference measurements as an (inter)national standard for metrological research and practical purposes

 Scale traceable to the SI unit metre with known uncertainty
- Highest accuracy calibrations of EDM instruments
- Scale transfer measurements and comparisons
 - Within European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP)
 - PTB, UniBW, CNAM; Metsähovi
 - Bilateral
 - Finland—Lithuania as an example



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Traceability chain in geodetic length measurements utilizing a Väisälä Baseline

Definition of the metre and its realization

Quartz gauge system

Measurement of a standard baseline using the Väisälä interference comparator

Calibration of a transfer standard (or other EDM equipment) at a standard baseline



Scale transfer measurements at another baseline or test field











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Time series 1947–2013 of Nummela Standard Baseline lengths



- Typically 0.02 mm to 0.09 mm standard uncertainties; < 0.7 mm variations in 70 years
- Large uncertainty in 2013 caused by severe weather conditions
- Much of the variation is probably due to challenges in working with the quartz gauge: 100 nm uncertainties at 1 m would accumulate to nearly 0.1 mm at 864 m



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European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP) Joint Research Project (JRP) tasks at Nummela

- "Absolute Long Distance Measurement in Air" 2008–2011
- "Metrology for Long Distance Surveying" 2013–2016
 - PTB, Germany, tested TeleYAG, a refractivity compensated EDM based on interferometry with four different wavelengths using YAG lasers at 1 064 nm and frequency doubled radiations at 532 nm
 - CNAM, France, tested Telediode, a refractivity compensated EDM based on diode lasers
 TeleYAG







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European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP) Joint Research Project (JRP) tasks at Nummela

- "Metrology for Long Distance Surveying" 2013–2016
 - VTT-MIKES, Finland, tested spectroscopic temperature measurement for geodetic measurements
 - FGI determined the traceable scale in the GNSS test field and local ties network for global geodesy applications at FGI's Metsähovi Geodetic Fundamental Station







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European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP) Joint Research Project (JRP) tasks at Nummela

- Using the Nummela scale and high-precision EDM as transfer standard, FGI calibrated the geodetic baselines of PTB, Braunschweig, and UniBW München, Neubiberg in Germany
- Observation data from traditional and novel instruments from the selected baselines computed and analyzed uniformly by TUBS, Germany (not published yet)







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New good practice guides

EMRP JRP SIB60 deliverables





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- for calibration of electro-optic distance meters on baselines
 - requirements for reference baselines
 - recommendations for calibration measurements
 - data processing
 - measurement uncertainty
 - presentation of results
- for high accuracy GNSS based distance metrology





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Calibration (using scale transfer from Nummela) of Kyviškės calibration baseline (VGTU, Lithuania), time series 1996–2014















Lengths with expanded uncertainties, k = 2; 95 %



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Outcome – Use of Nummela Standard Baseline in Present-day European Metrology Research –

- World-class geodetic measurement standard maintained
 - New absolute calibration results of quartz gauges
 - New interference measurement results using the Väisälä interference comparator
 - Regular projections keep the Nummela Standard Baseline continuously usable for the highest accuracy distance measurement applications
 - Prerequisite for participation in international metrological R&D projects (EMRP, EMPIR)
- New distance measurement instrument prototypes tested
- New good practice guides for surveyors composed
- Dissemination of the SI unit system by transferring the traceable scale
 - For scientific and practical purposes
 - For international comparisons and for development of national calibration services



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