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**Welcome to the webinar:  
“Measurement Uncertainty of Force Measurements”**

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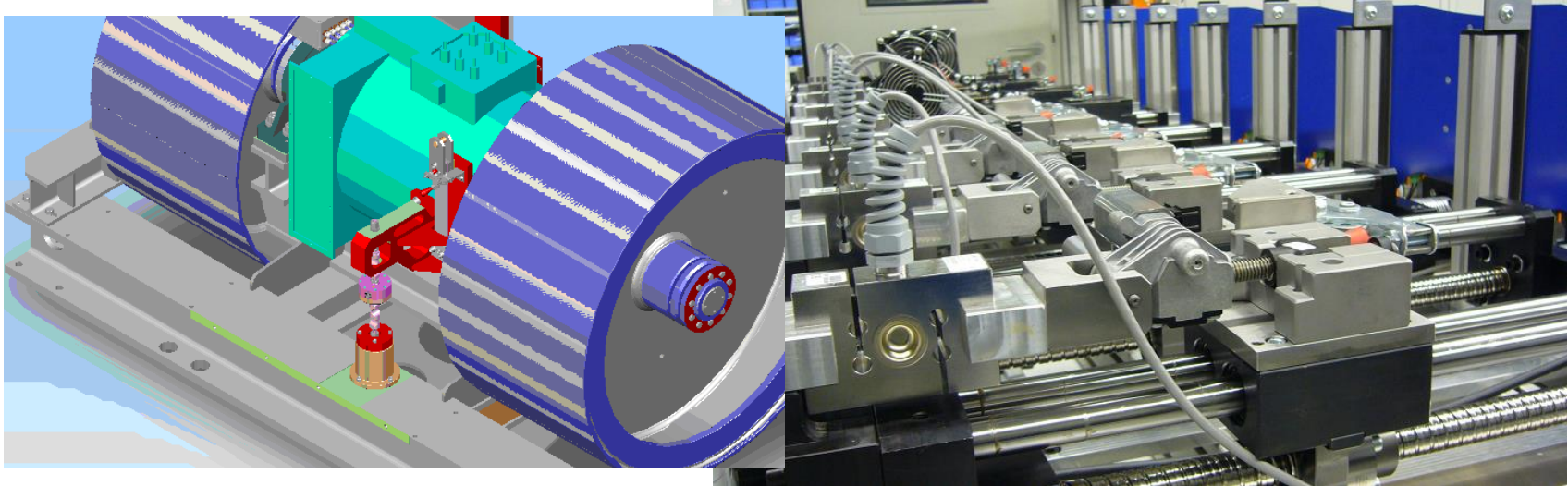


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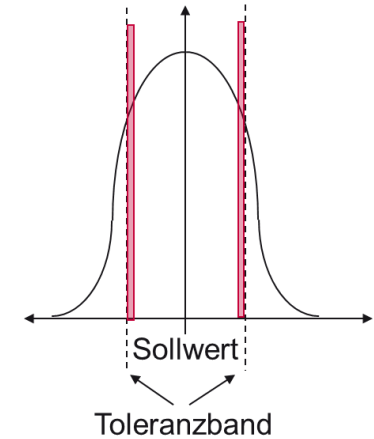
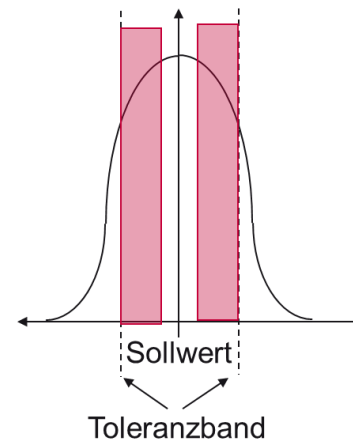
- General remarks / definitions
- Accuracy classes
- Systematic errors
- How to estimate a measurement uncertainty
- Example
- Not precise enough?



# Accuracy – why?



- New more strict regulations and standards require lower measurement uncertainty
- End-of-the-line-Tests: lower tolerance optimize the yield of your production



=> Lower measurement uncertainty helps to reach goals and ensure that the measurement equipment can be used for years

## Prof. Werner Richter:

„A measurement result without an uncertainty calculation is so much disputable that it should not be mentioned

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## Kleckers

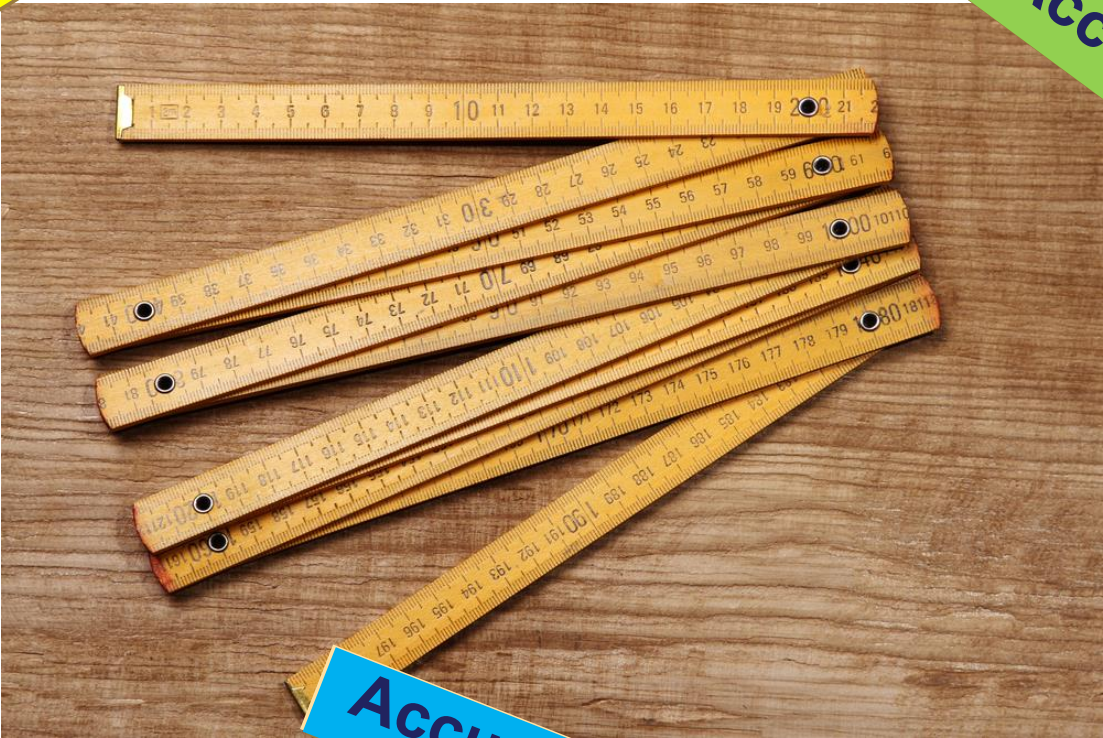
It is important to know

- what the value of my measurement uncertainty is
- how I can improve my accuracy

# Terms and definitions

**Resolution**

**Accuracy**



**Accuracy class**

## Resolution



This measurement device has a resolution of 1 mm



A DMP41 has 2 Mio digits in a measurement range of +/- 2.5 mV/V  
Resolution:  $2,5\text{mV/V}/1\text{Mio}=0,0025\ \mu\text{V/V}$



## Accuracy class?

Strain gauge full bridge, 5 or 10 mV/V measuring range, bridge excitation AC / carrier frequency		
Accuracy class		0.05
Carrier frequency (sine)	Hz	4800 ± 1.5
Bridge excitation voltage (effective)	V	1 and 2.5 (± 5 %)
Transducers that can be connected		strain gauge full bridges
Permissible cable length between MX840B and transducer	m	< 100



Type				S2M						
Nominal (rated) force	$F_{nom}$	N		10	20	50	100	200	500	1000
Accuracy										
Accuracy class							0.02			
Relative reproducibility and repeatability errors without rotation	$b_{rg}$						0.02			
Relative reversibility error	$v$						0.02			
Non-linearity	$d_{lin}$		%				0.02			
Relative creep over 30 min	$d_{creep}$						0.02			

## Accuracy class ?



### Amplifier:

- Linearity
- Repeatability
- TCZero
- TC of amplification

### Transducer:

- Linearity error
- Hysteresis
- Creep
- Zero point return
- Repeatability in unchanged mounting position
- TCZero
- TCSpan



## Accuracy class ?

### Everybody can do whatever he/she wants!

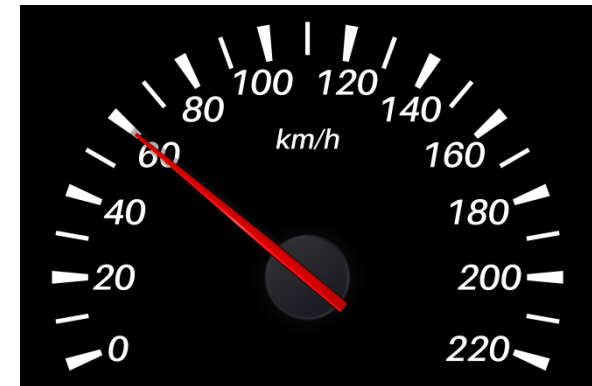
- No standard existing
- % of full scale
- Do not mix up with
  - Measurement uncertainty
  - Accuracy class according ISO376



- **You can not compare sensors from different suppliers**
- **You can not calculate any errors or uncertainties with the accuracy class**
- **BUT: Choosing a DAQ-System that fits to the sensor- this works!**

It is known if the difference is positive or negative as well as the value of the deviation

→ have to be corrected



## Example

The influence of the weight of load introduction parts are used:  
=> Tare your measurement chain



# What is the accuracy of my measurement chain?

Sorry, depends on ....

## Measurement chain

Hysteresis  
Linearity  
TCZero  
TCSpan  
Bending moment  
sensitivity...

## Process

Temperatures  
Side load existing?  
Hmidity?  
...

Post process or  
real time  
calculation

Used filter  
Rounding error  
...

## Measurement uncertainty

Adjustment of the  
measurement chain

According datasheet?  
According test certificate?  
According individual  
calibration?  
...

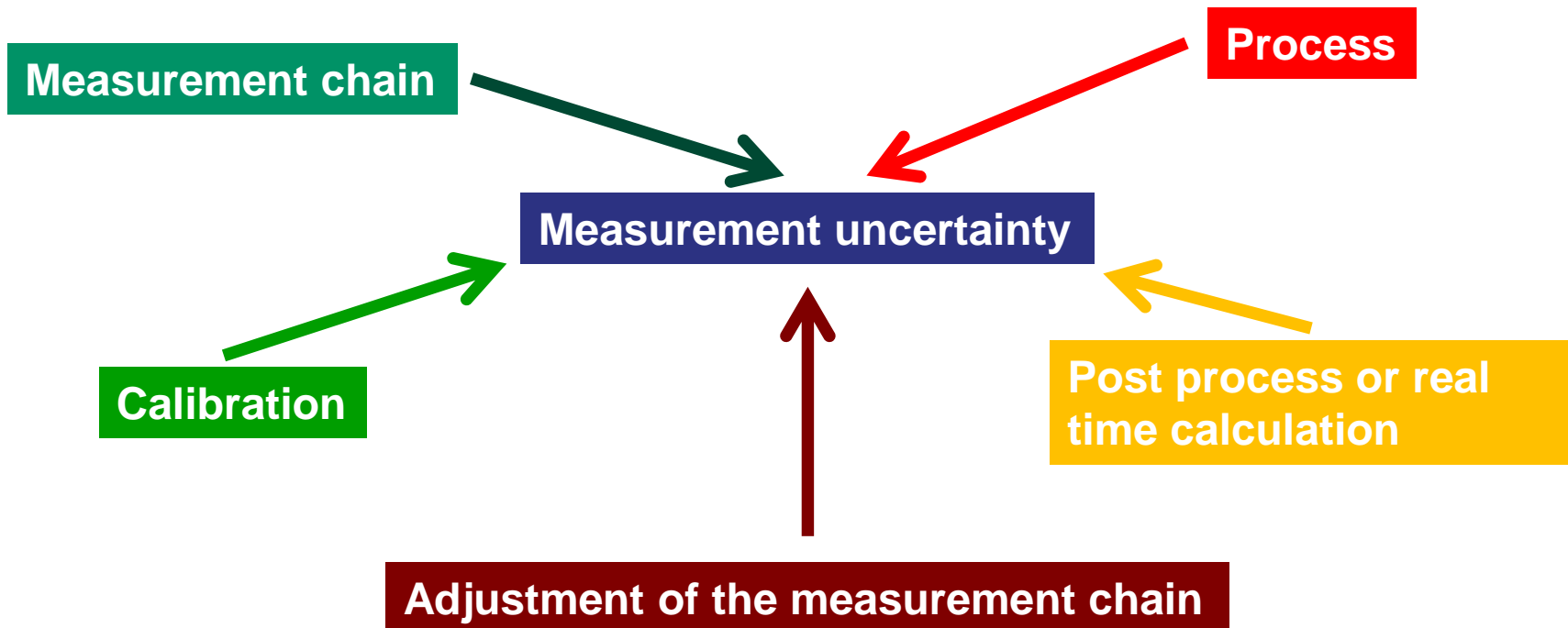
## Calibration

Daks-Calibration?  
Calibration in mounting  
position?

## Other measurement errors (not systematic)

It is **not** known if the error is positive or negative as well as the value

→ Measurement uncertainty



~~(Accuracy class) X  
measurement value~~

Use of the GUM  
standard

A down to earth way of calculating the  
individual measurement uncertainty

## **GUM** = „*Guide to the Expression of **U**ncertainty in **M**easurement*“

- For highest scientific demands
- complex
- High effort

„The determination of the measurement uncertainty is not a routine job or a math's problem- a detail knowledge about the measurement task is required“



## Methods according GUM-standard

### Method A

- Get a suitable number of individual measurements
- Calculate the mean value
- The measurement uncertainty can be calculated by calculating the standard deviation of the results

### Method B

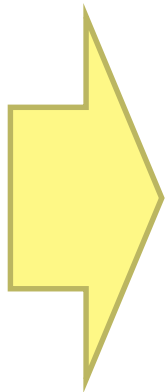
- Use of existing information on influences that have an impact on the measurement uncertainty
- Calculating the resulting measurement uncertainty by using the single results above

**Method B is the better choice for force measurements in most case**

Strategy with measurement uncertainty:

- Calculation of the individual errors
- ~~Statistical characteristic of the individual properties~~
- Geometrical addition
- ~~Taking care for the range of uncertainty~~

We need to state: No single error is dependent on another one!



**This is a more or less rough estimation**

HINT: HBM Seminar “Uncertainty of measurement chains”

## Tension measurement for a component test

- Load cell U2B/5KN Capacity 5 kN
- Range of force (Sinus) between 0 and 1 kN
- Temperature range 23°C up to 45°C
- Frequency 15 Hz
- Testing duration 30 min
- Zero point setting before every test
- Adjustment according datasheet  $5 \text{ kN} = 2 \text{ mV/V}$

## Data sheet of the U2B:



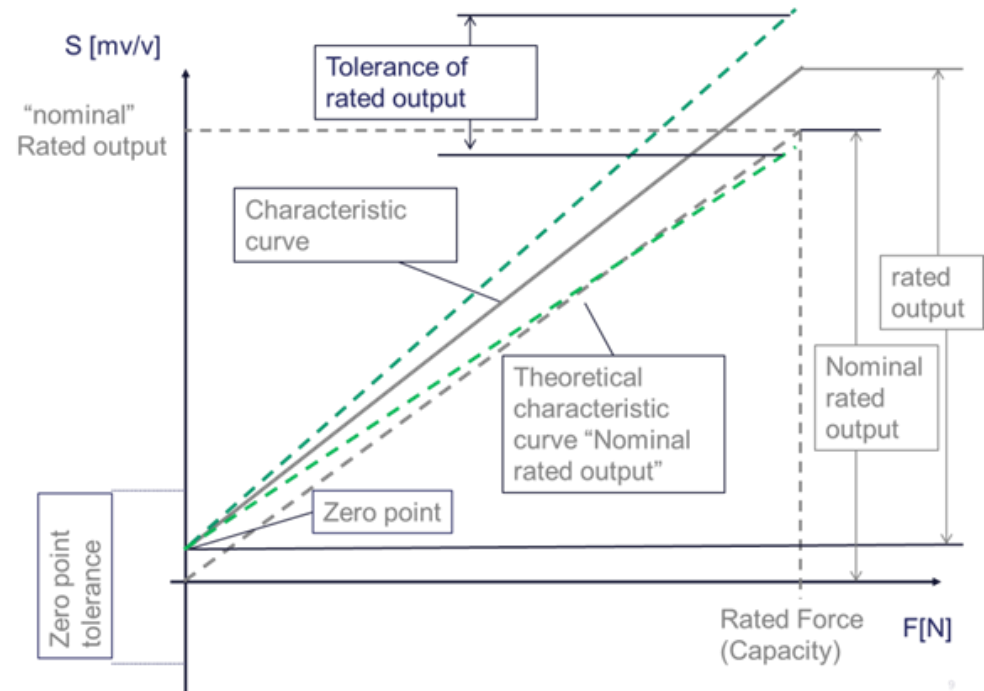
- Tolerance of rated output:  $\pm 0.2\%$  (related to MV)
- Linearity deviation.:  $\pm 0,1\%$  (related to FS)
- Hysteresis:  $0,15\%$  (related to FS)
- TC Span:  $\pm 0,1\%$  (related to MV)
- TC Zero:  $\pm 0,05\%$  (related to FS)
- Creep (30 min):  $\pm 0,06\%$  (related to MV)

MV = Measurement Value

FS = Full scale

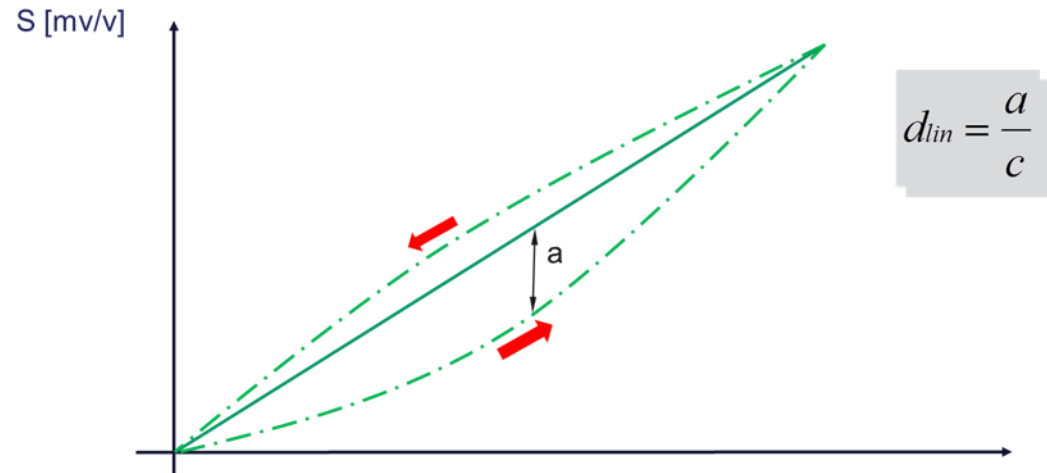
# Example

## Tolerance of the rated output (related to actual value)



$$\Delta_{dC} = 0.2 \% \text{ of } 1 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{2 \text{ N}}}$$

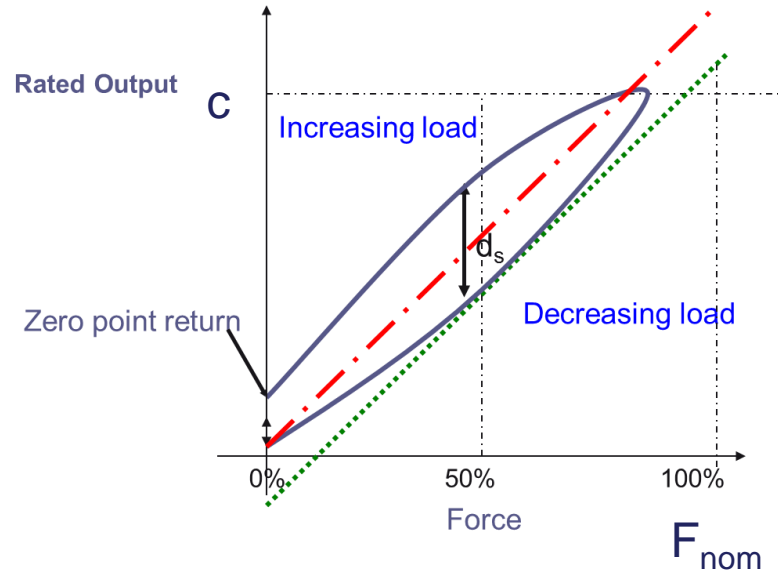
- **Linearity deviation**  
(Related to full scale)



$$\Delta_{d\ lin} = 0,1 \% \text{ of } 5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{5 \text{ N}}}$$

## • Hysteresis

(Related to full scale)



$$v = \frac{d_s}{C}$$

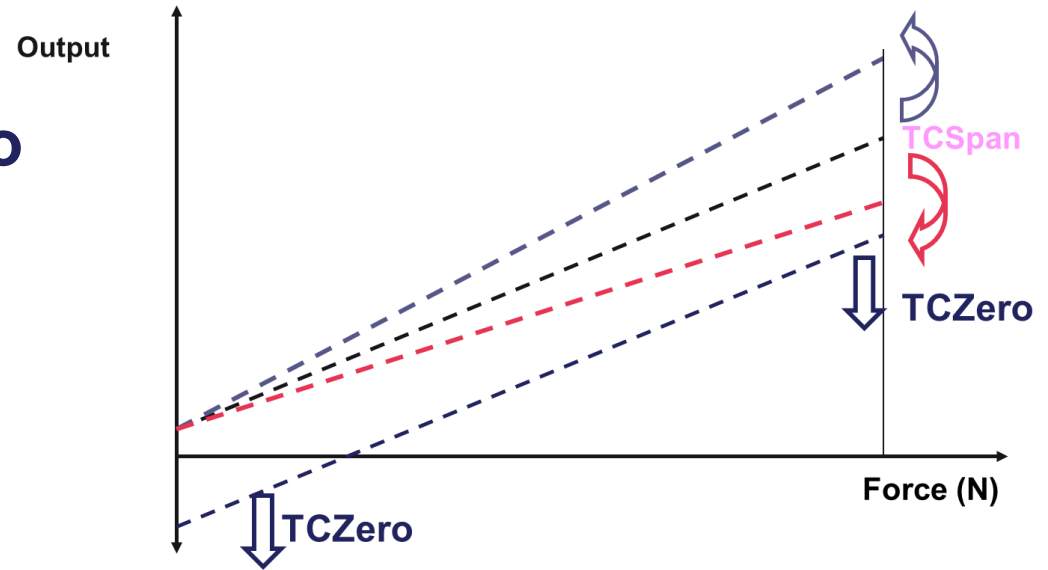
Typical values:

- S2M: 0,02%
- U10M: 0,02...0.05%
- C9c: 0,2%

$$\Delta_{\text{hys}} = 0.15 \% \text{ of } 5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{7,5 \text{ N}}}$$

- Influence of changes in temperature on the zero point: TCZero (Related to full scale)

TCZero and TCSpan

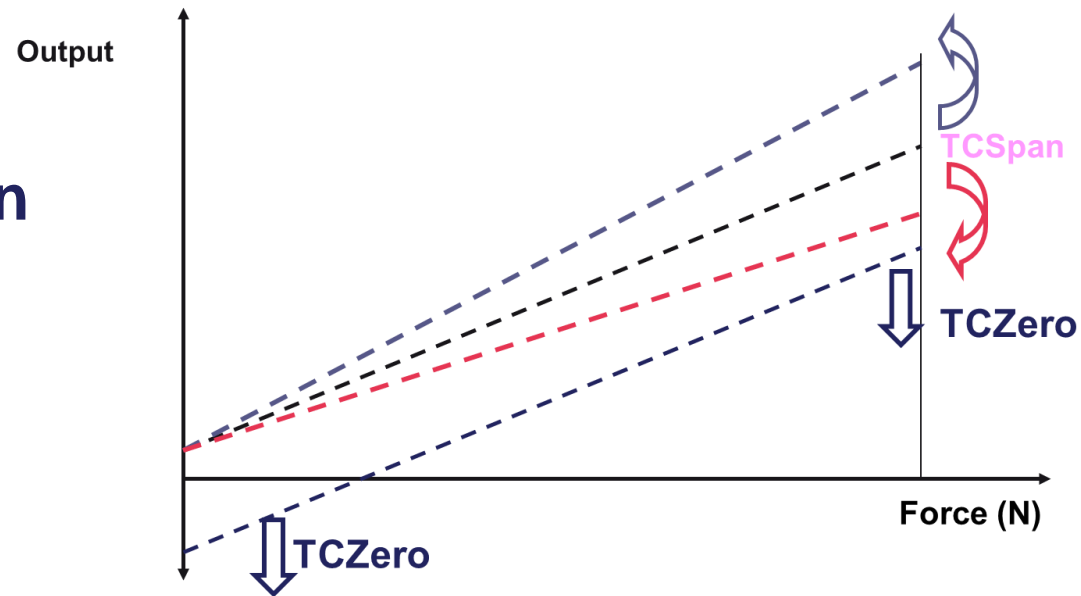


$$\Delta_{TK0} = 0,05 \% \text{ of } 5 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{5,5 \text{ N}}}$$



- Influence of changes in Temperature on the Sensitivity: TCSpan (related to actual value)

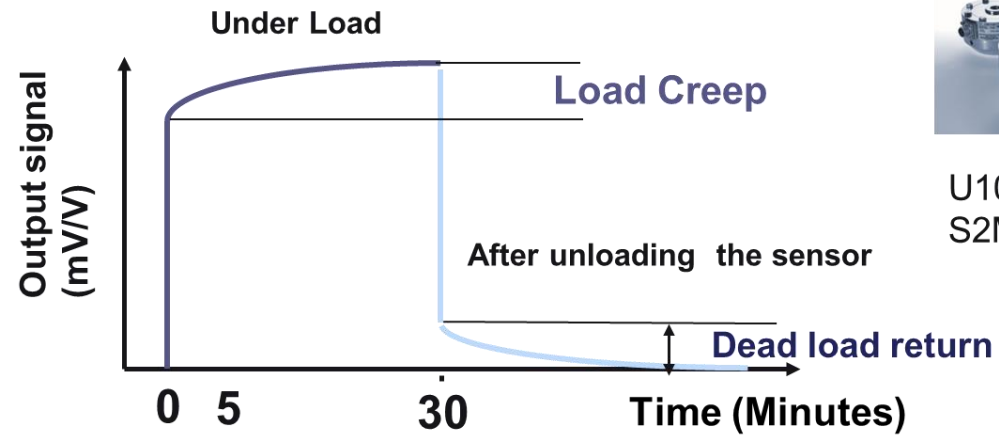
TCZero and TCSpan



$$\Delta_{TKC} = 0,1 \% \text{ of } 1 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{2.2 \text{ N}}}$$

## • Creep

(related to actual value)



U10M: 0,02 %

S2M: 0.02 %

$$\Delta_{cr} = 0,06 \% \text{ of } 1 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0.6\text{N}}}$$

## Example

- **Tolerance of the rated output (related to actual value)**

$$\Delta_{dC} = 0.2 \% \text{ von } 1 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{2 \text{ N}}}$$

- **Linearity deviation (Related to full scale)**

$$\Delta_{d \text{ lin}} = 0,1 \% \text{ von } 5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{5 \text{ N}}}$$

- **Hysteresis (Related to full scale)**

$$\Delta_{\text{hys}} = 0.15 \% \text{ von } 5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{7,5 \text{ N}}}$$

- **TCSpan (Related to actual value)**

$$\Delta_{\text{TKC}} = 0,1 \% \text{ von } 1 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{2.2 \text{ N}}}$$

- **TCZero (related to full scale)**

$$\Delta_{\text{TK0}} = 0,05 \% \text{ von } 5 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{5,5 \text{ N}}}$$

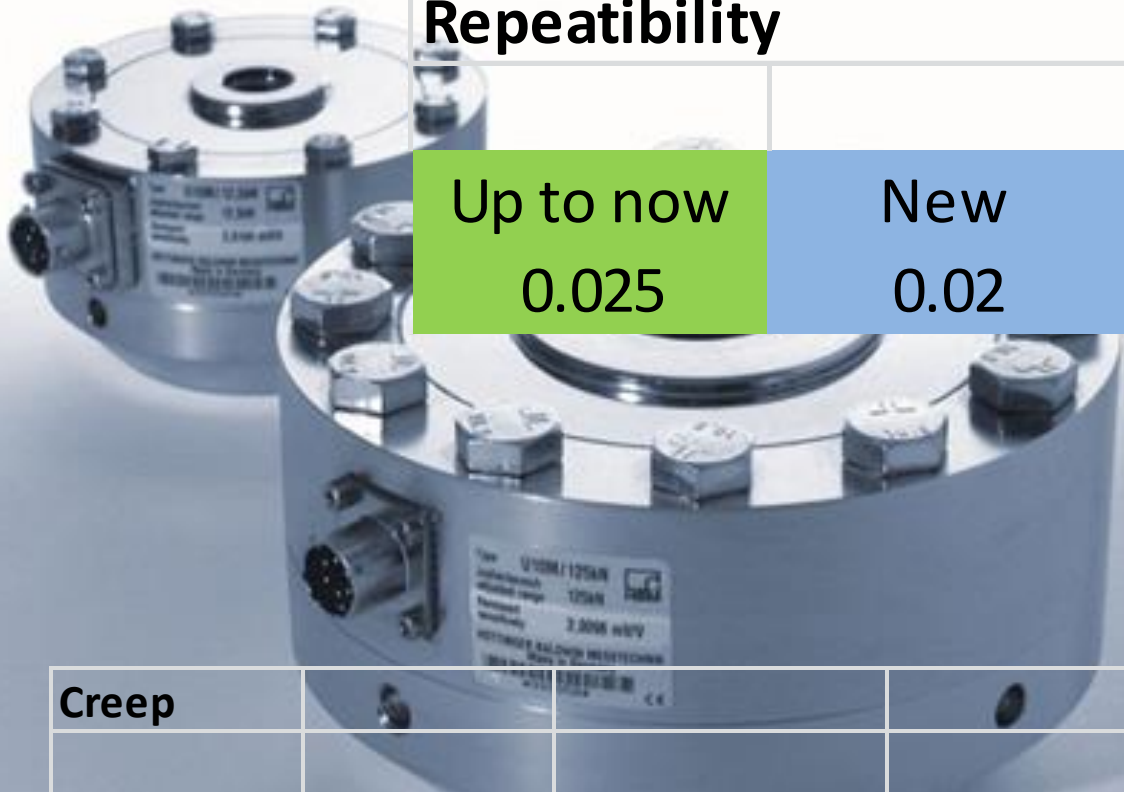
- **Creep (related to actual value)**

$$\Delta_{\text{cr}} = 0,06 \% \text{ von } 3 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0.6 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}U_{\text{ges}} &\approx \sqrt{\Delta_{dC}^2 + \Delta_{dlin}^2 + \Delta_{hys}^2 + \Delta_{TKC}^2 + \Delta_{TK0}^2 + \Delta_{cr}^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2 \text{ N})^2 + (5 \text{ N})^2 + (7.5 \text{ N})^2 + (2.2 \text{ N})^2 + (5.5 \text{ N})^2 + (0.6 \text{ N})^2} \\ &\approx \underline{\underline{10,98 \text{ N}}}\end{aligned}$$

**Uncertainty: 1,1%....too big??**

- **Lower capacity**  
(lower influence of all parameters that related to full scale)
- **More stable temperature conditions**  
(lower influence of TCZero/TCSpan)
- **Calibration at HBM**  
(Lower linearity deviation, lower tolerance of sensitivity)



## Repeatability

Up to now 0.025	New 0.02	Improvement 25%
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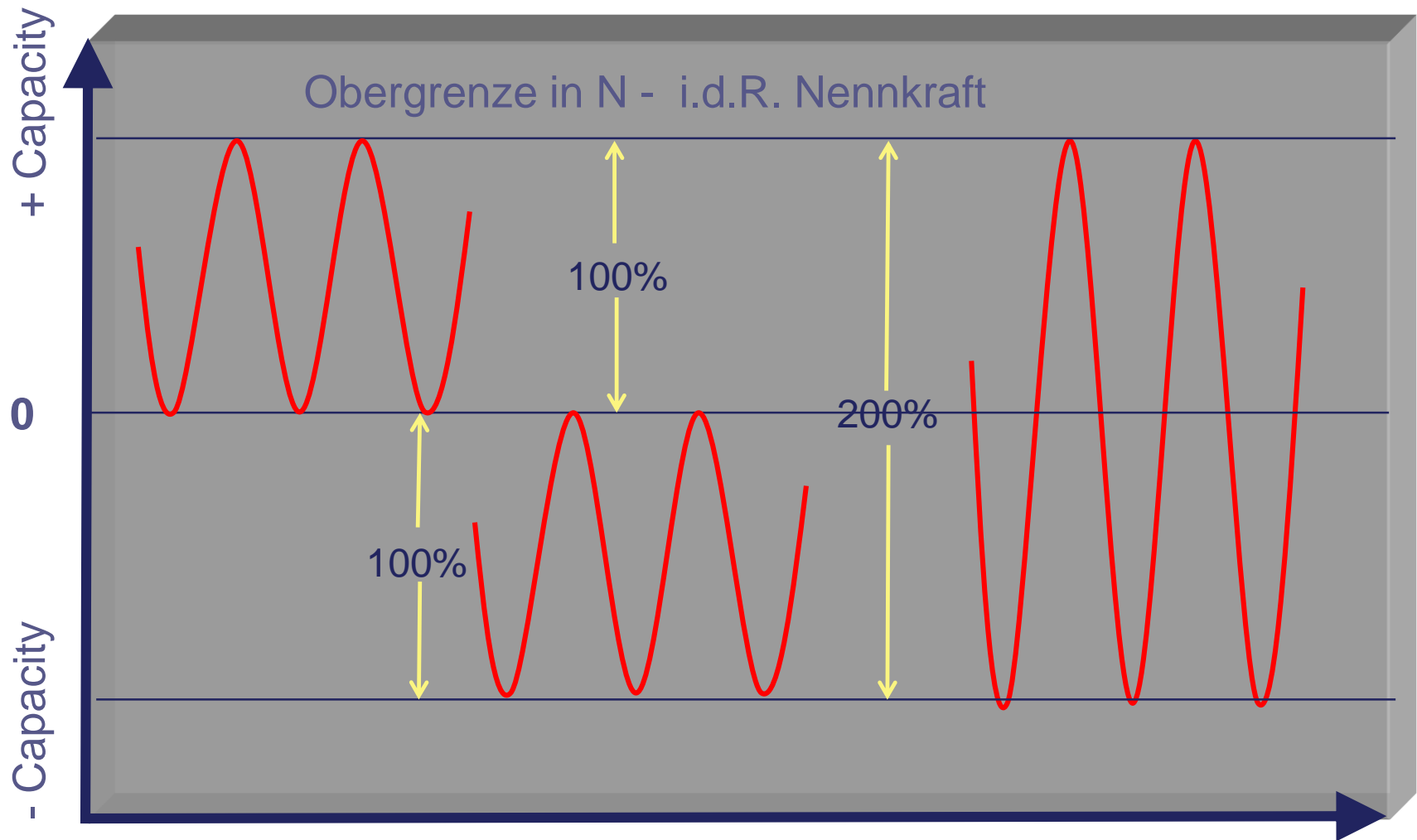
Creep	Up to now	New	Improvement
1.25...5 kN	0.04	0.02	50%
12.5...500kN	0.025	0.02	20%

# Influence of the load cell

Linearity error			
Capacity	Up to now	New	Improvement
1.25 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
2.5 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
5 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
12.5 kN	0.04	0.03	25%
25 kN	0.04	0.03	25%
50 kN	0.04	0.035	13%
125 kN	0.04	0.035	13%
250 kN	0.04	0.035	13%
500 kN	0.06	0.05	17%

Hysteresis			
Capacity	Up to now	New	Improvement
1.25 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
2.5 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
5 kN	0.03	0.02	33%
12.5 kN	0.04	0.035	13%
25 kN	0.04	0.035	13%
50 kN	0.05	0.035	30%
125 kN	0.05	0.04	20%
250 kN	0.05	0.04	20%
500 kN	0.05	0.05	0%

# Use the robustness of HBM's U10M series: 200 % calibration



- **Tolerance of the rated output (related to actual value)**  
 $\Delta_{dC} = 0.02 \% \text{ von } 1 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0,2 \text{ N}}}$
- **Linearity deviation (related to full scale)**  
 $\Delta_{d \text{ lin}} = 0.02 \% \text{ von } 2.5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0,5 \text{ N}}}$
- **Hysteresis (related to full scale)**  
 $\Delta_{\text{hys}} = 0.02 \% \text{ von } 2.5 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0.5 \text{ N}}}$
- **TCSpan (related to actual value)**  
 $\Delta_{\text{TKC}} = 0,015 \% \text{ von } 1 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{0.33 \text{ N}}}$
- **TCZero (related to full scale)**  
 $\Delta_{\text{TK0}} = 0,015 \% \text{ von } 5 \text{ kN} \cdot (45^{\circ}\text{C} - 23^{\circ}\text{C}) / 10\text{K} = \underline{\underline{0.4125 \text{ N}}}$
- **Creep (related to actual value)**  
 $\Delta_{\text{cr}} = 0,02 \% \text{ von } 3 \text{ kN} = \underline{\underline{0.2\text{N}}}$

**Error: 1,03 N (=0,13%)  
(2,06 N (=0,26%) in case of k = 2)**





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1.25 MN

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50 N  
50 kN

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