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# Leica GS18 T

## World's **Fastest** GNSS RTK Rover

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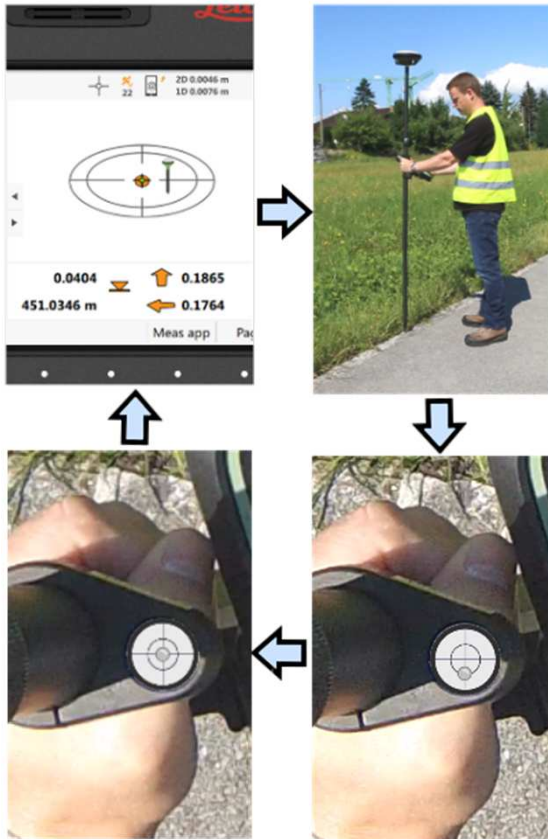
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*You are not solving customer's problems until you understand his pain points”*

*... Bernhard Richter (GNSS Business Director at Leica Geosystems)*

# Customer's pain points in GNSS RTK surveying

## 1. Levelling the pole



## 2. Measuring obstructed points



## 3. Time-consuming calibrations



## 4. Magnetic disturbances



## 5. Limited tilt compensation range

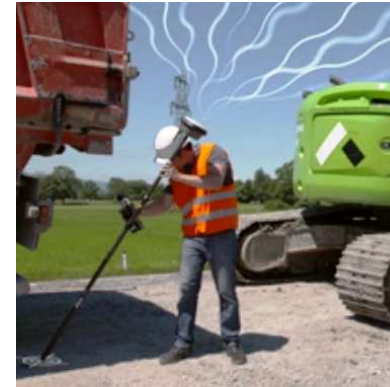


## Tilt compensation solution of the Leica GS18 T

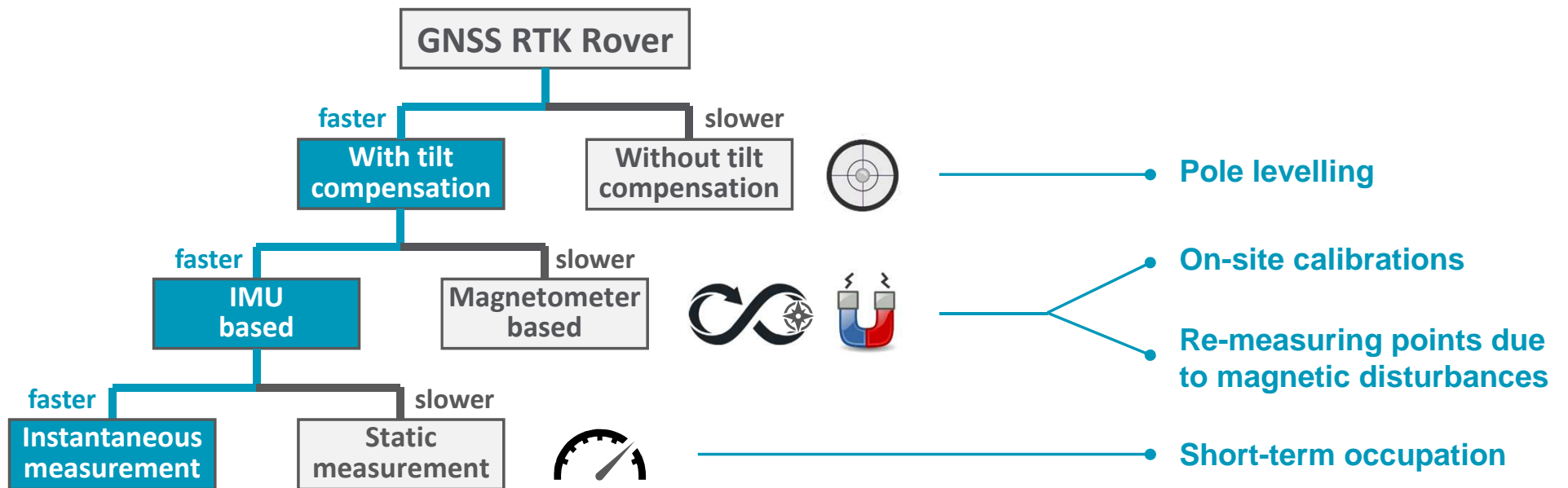
- Key technologies
  - Using precise IMU measurements (instead of magnetometer)
  - Sophisticated GNSS/INS integration with quality control mechanisms
- Main advantages
  - Completely free from on-site calibrations
  - Immune to magnetic disturbances
  - Applicable at large tilt angles (> 30 degrees)

IMU: inertial measurement unit

INS: inertial navigation system



# Why is the Leica GS18 T world's fastest GNSS RTK rover?



**Technological innovations**

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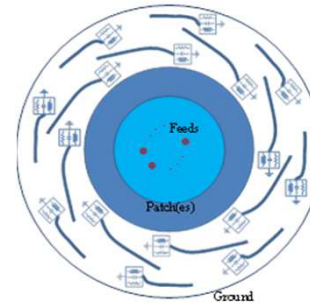




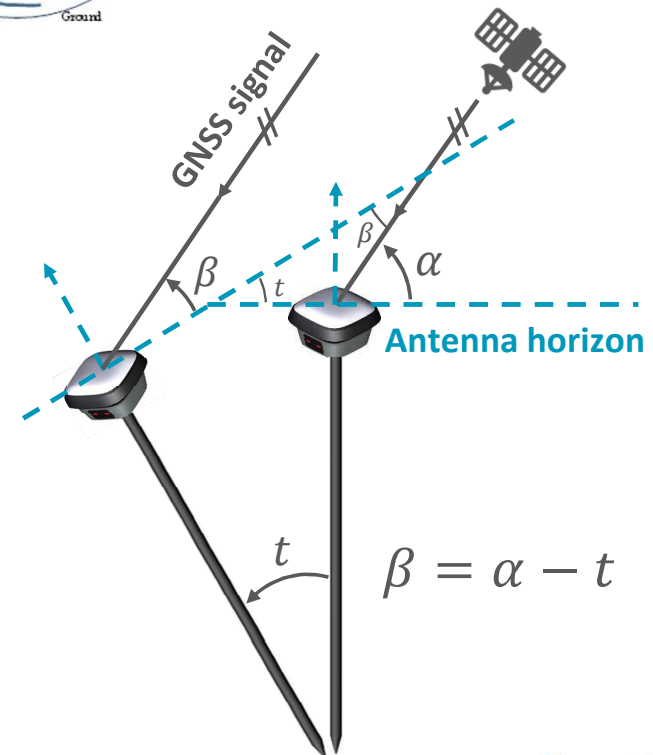
## Advanced GNSS signal tracking

- Key components
  - High-performance patch antenna with **multiple design patents**
  - 555-channel ME7 with faster signal acquisition and higher sensitivity
- Main advantages
  - **Superior low-elevation tracking capabilities**
  - Sub-millimetre phase centre stability
  - Multi-constellation and multi-frequency GNSS

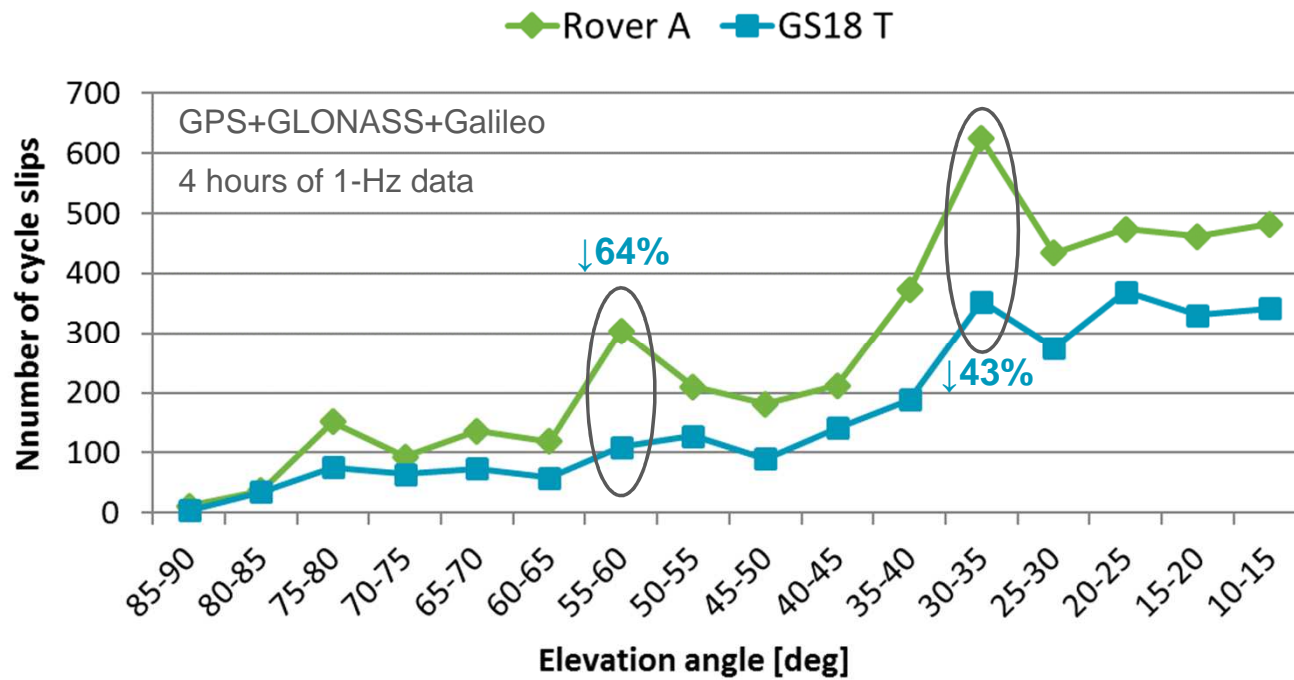
ME7: measurement engine 7



GS18 T patch antenna with parasitic circular array loading technology



## Advanced GNSS signal tracking

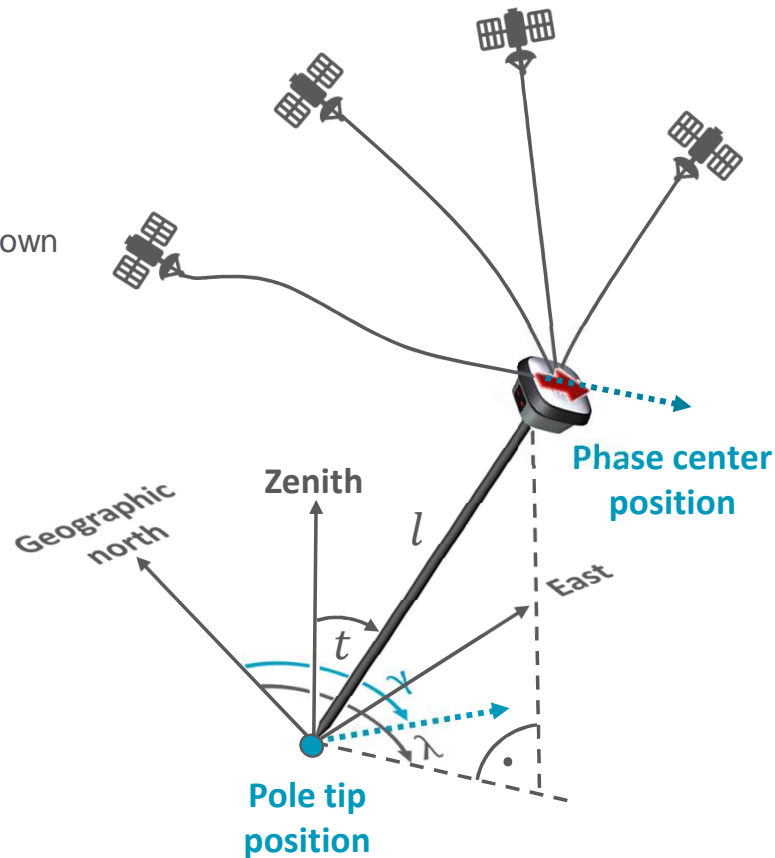


When compared to Rover A (a survey-grade GNSS smart antenna), GS18 T reduces the total number of cycle slips by 40% under heavy canopy.



# IMU-based tilt compensation

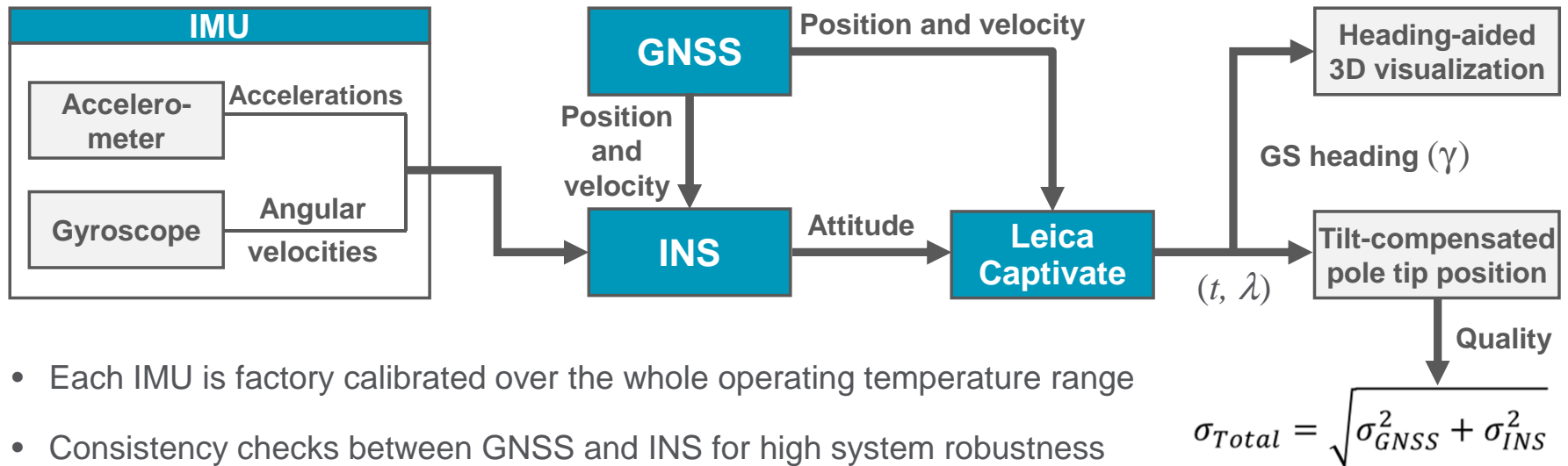
- Assumptions
  - Surveying pole is a rigid body
  - Length of the pole is precisely known
- Pole tip position derived using
  - GNSS phase centre position
  - Length of the pole ( $l$ )
  - Attitude of the pole
- Interpretation of pole attitude
  - Tilt ( $t$ ) and direction of tilt ( $\lambda$ )
  - GS heading ( $\gamma$ )



GS18 T tilt information panel

| Current GS position       |            | 2D 0.0099 m<br>1D 0.0081 m |           |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Position                  | Baseline   | Speed                      | Tilt      |
| Overall tilt quality      |            | 0°44'02"                   |           |
| Tilt                      | 13°19'55"  |                            | $t$       |
| Tilt quality              | 0°07'21"   |                            |           |
| Direction of tilt         | 258°25'24" |                            | $\lambda$ |
| Direction of tilt quality | 0°50'57"   |                            |           |
| GS heading                | 37°51'45"  |                            | $\gamma$  |
| GS heading quality        | 0°31'12"   |                            |           |
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## GNSS/INS integration



- Each IMU is factory calibrated over the whole operating temperature range
- Consistency checks between GNSS and INS for high system robustness
- Automatic start of tilt compensation through metre-level movements
- Total error budget behaves according to the error propagation law

IMU: inertial measurement unit

INS: inertial navigation system

## User benefits

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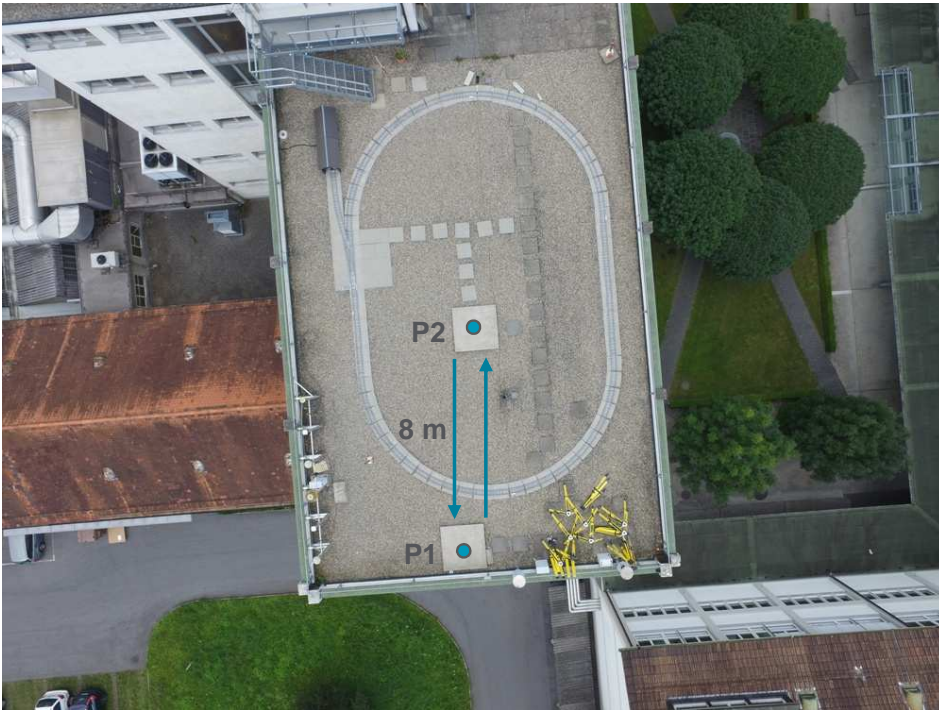
## Increased productivity

With the Leica GS18 T, high-precision RTK becomes **more applicable**...

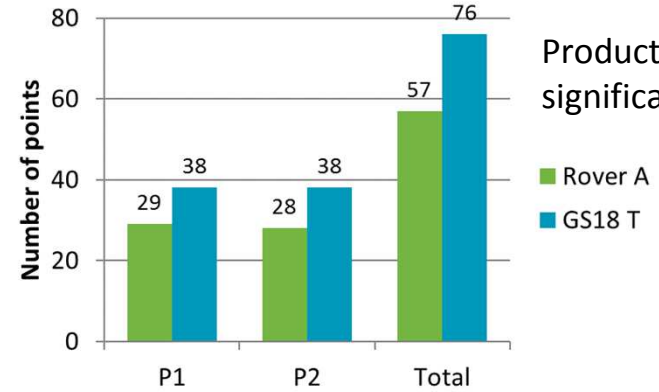


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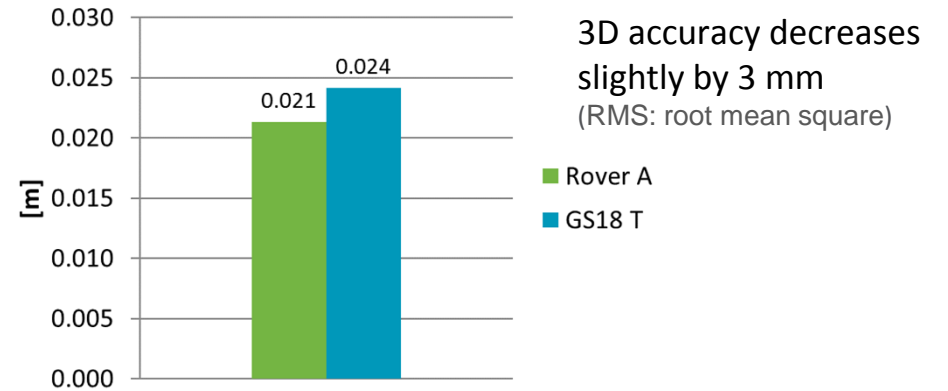
Without the need to level the pole, points can be measured **faster**...



### Instantaneous points within 10 min



### 3D RMS error

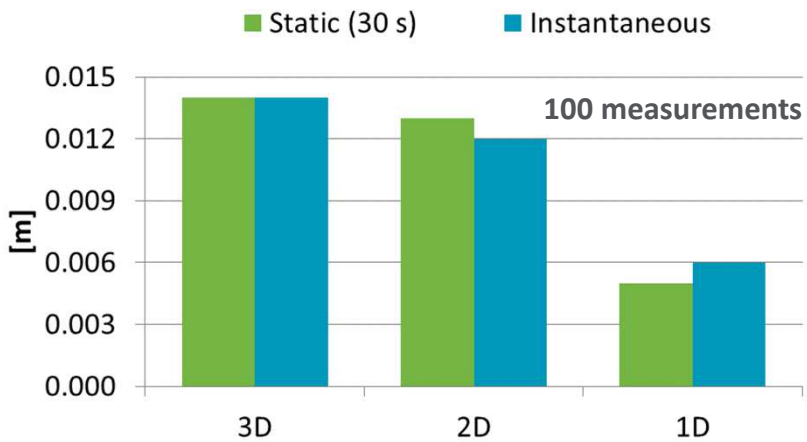


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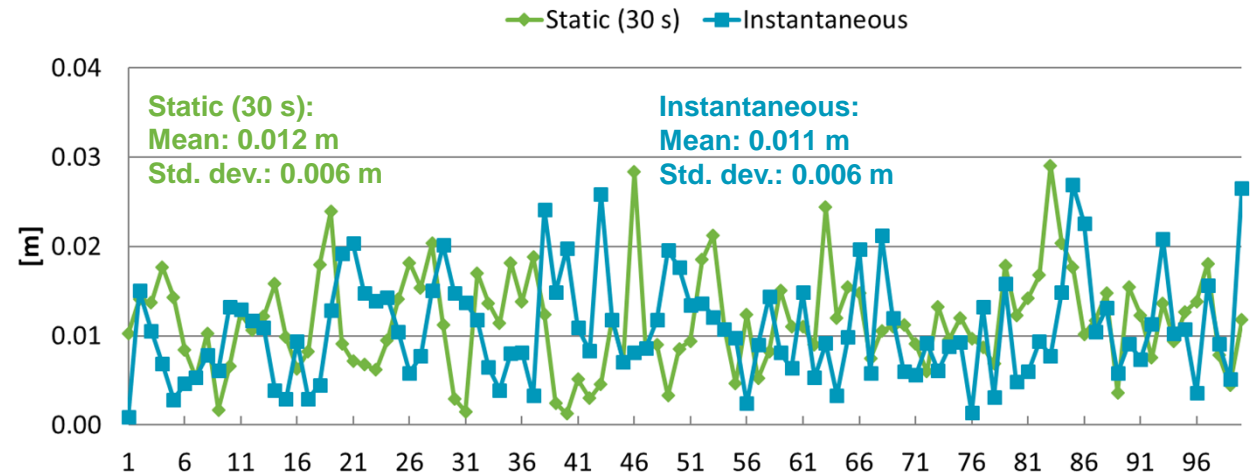
Using tilt compensation, the instantaneous method enables **the fastest RTK measurement with high accuracy...**

Similar accuracy between 30-static and instantaneous measurements

**RMS error of tilt-compensated RTK positions**



**2D errors of tilt-compensated RTK positions**

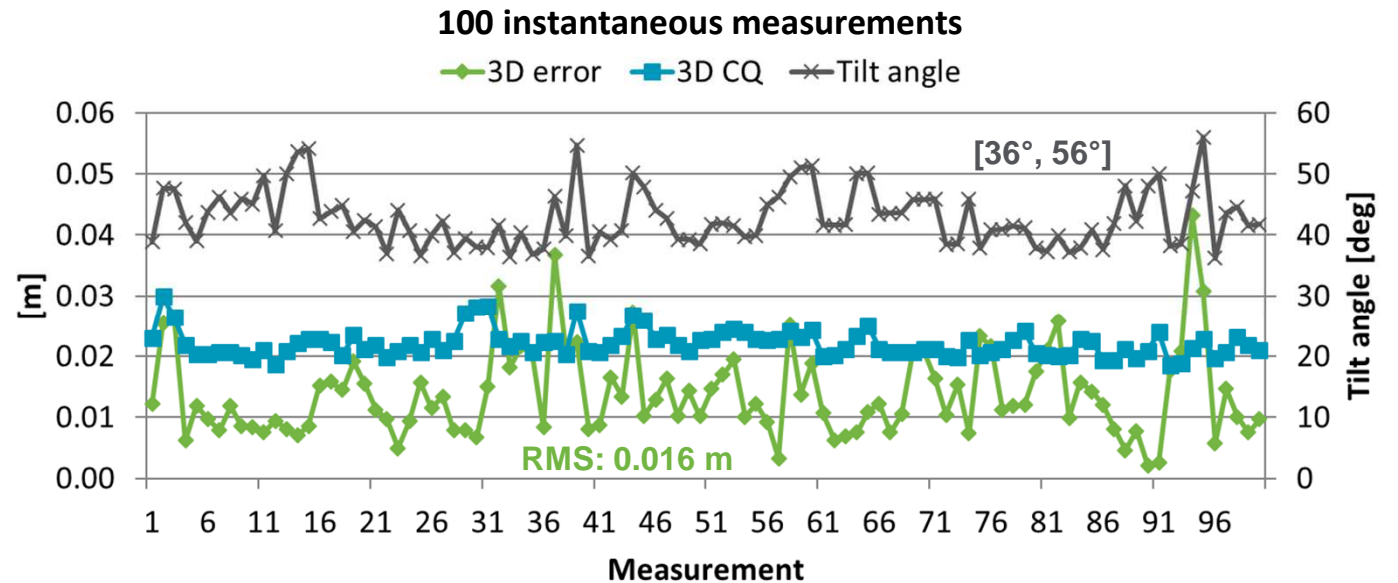




# Increased productivity

The Leica GS18 T is **applicable at large tilt angles...**

3D accuracy below 2 cm with a realistic uncertainty level



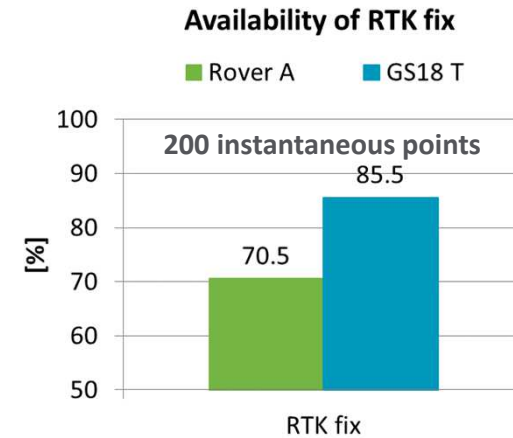
CQ: coordinate quality

# Superior RTK performance

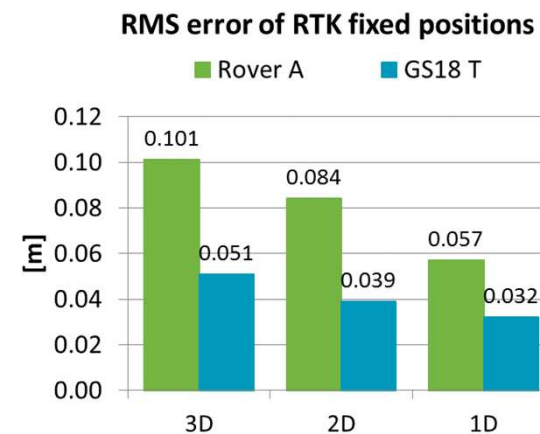
With the Leica GS18 T, RTK-fixed positions are **more available** and **more accurate**...



Test environment with strong multipath and magnetic disturbances



Availability increases significantly by 15%



3D accuracy is largely improved by 50%

## Superior RTK performance

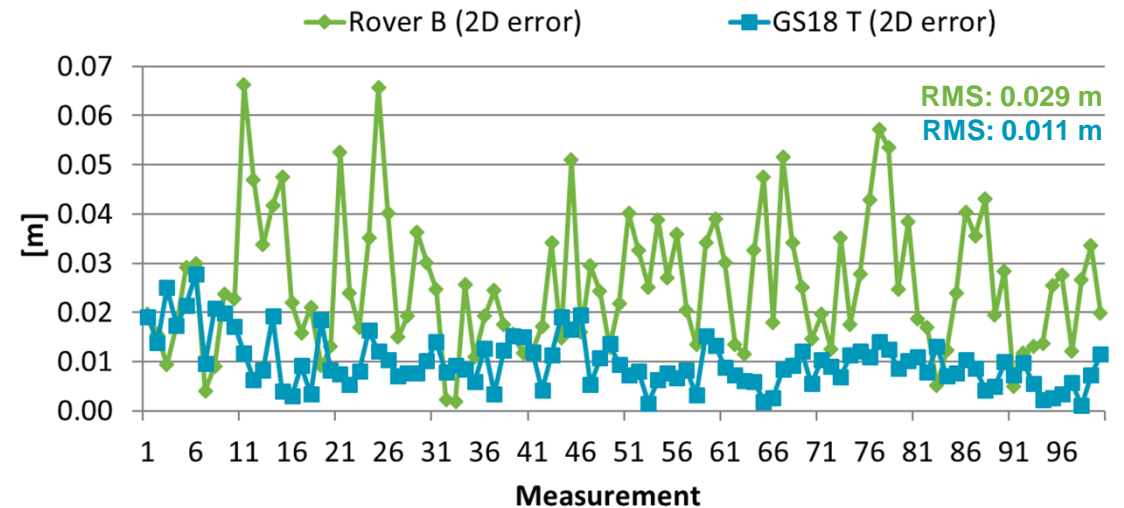
The IMU-based tilt compensation provides **more accurate** RTK positions than magnetometer-based approaches...



Test environment with magnetic disturbances

Rover B with magnetometer-based tilt compensation

### 100 static measurements



## Enhanced user experience

The Leica GS18 T is the **easiest-to-use** GNSS RTK rover with tilt compensation...

- Free from on-site calibrations
- No need to level the pole
- Automatic start/stop of tilt compensation
- No limitation on tilt compensation range
- **Heading-aided 3D visualisation**

## Leica GS18 T Augmented Stake-Out

- when it has to be right 

# Enhanced user experience

By storing attitude information with point records, the Leica GS18 T enables **full traceability and complete quality reporting**...

Quality report from the Leica Captivate field software

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## GNSS Points Report

### Job details

Job name: MDBTEST03  
 Date: 29.08.17  
 Operator: AJOS  
 Sensor type: CS20

### Measured points

| Point ID | Easting    | Northing    | Height  | 3D QC | Tilt       | Tilt quality | Tilt direction | Tilt direction quality | Tilt compensation used |
|----------|------------|-------------|---------|-------|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| GS0001   | 546665.884 | 5250780.032 | 425.243 | 0.023 | 5°47'12.2" | 0°04'37.2"   | 67°37'61.9"    | 0°45'13.3"             | ✓                      |
| GS0002   | 546623.734 | 5250783.937 | 422.964 | 0.084 |            |              |                |                        | ✗                      |
| GS0003   | 546664.237 | 5250781.373 | 425.836 | 0.004 | 2°23'22.1" | 0°02'12.4"   | 132°23'61.2"   | 0°12'11.3"             | ✓                      |
| GS0004   | 546623.232 | 5250723.938 | 425.125 | 0.098 |            |              |                |                        | ✗                      |

Attitude shown in the Leica Infinity office software

| From Station  | To       | Tilt [°] | Max. Tilt [°] | Tilt Direction [°] | Sensor Heading [°] |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0017 | 16.8604  | 17.2427       | 185.9133           | 274.8734           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0100 | 10.0402  | 10.7563       | 295.0456           | 301.4027           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0033 | 14.9906  | 15.0279       | 180.8732           | 184.6618           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0035 | 11.0813  | 11.5379       | 279.9958           | 179.7060           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0093 | 4.0189   | 5.4650        | 188.2040           | 335.9238           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0050 | 12.0051  | 14.8526       | 238.9310           | 90.5609            |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0019 | 11.9055  | 12.3044       | 261.6544           | 272.9070           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0011 | 24.3436  | 24.7415       | 266.7597           | 359.5545           |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0094 | 6.7794   | 7.8059        | 269.0739           | 2.6027             |          |
| RTCM-Ref 0014 | STAT0047 | 25.5266  | 25.9783       | 81.3315            | 172.7648           |          |
|               |          | 034      | 12.8714       | 13.4524            | 244.6246           | 179.1467 |
|               |          | 099      | 11.8109       | 16.4238            | 112.4739           | 319.0290 |
|               |          | 029      | 28.3320       | 28.6226            | 7.4414             | 276.5981 |

**Antenna**

Antenna Height: 1.8000 m

Vertical Moving Offset: - m

**Tilt**

Tilt: 16.8604 °

Tilt Direction: 185.9133 °

Sensor Heading: 274.8734 °

**Local Position**

Easting: 546'676.2116 m

Northing: 5'250'776.6005 m

Ortho. Height: - m

Ellip. Height: 471.2921 m

Geoid Separation: - m

**Edit Antenna Height**

Height Reading: 1.8000 m

Carrier Offset: 0.0000 m

Antenna Height: 1.8000 m

OK Cancel

Possibility of editing the pole length

## Conclusions

- Leica GS18 T is designed to solve customer's pain points in GNSS RTK surveying
- Innovative technologies
  - Advanced GNSS signal tracking
  - IMU-based tilt compensation
- Main advantages
  - On-site calibration free
  - Immune to magnetic disturbances
  - Applicable at large tilt angles
  - Heading-aided 3D visualisation
- User benefits
  - Improved productivity and user experience
  - Superior RTK performance

**Fast  
Accurate  
Easy-to-use**



**LEICA GS18 T**

**THE WORLD'S FASTEST  
GNSS RTK ROVER**

**IN YOUR WORDS**

The image shows a Leica GS18 T GNSS RTK rover, which consists of a white and black receiver unit mounted on a black pole. A Leica handheld controller with a color screen and a keypad is attached to the pole. The background is a light green and blue gradient.



“ With the Leica GS18 T, Leica Geosystems sets new standards for high-precision RTK through easy-to-use sensor-fusion techniques.”

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