

Ensuring the validity of measurement results through the use of triangulation rules

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Measurement results are critical in various industries, including healthcare, aerospace, and manufacturing. Inaccurate measurements can lead to severe consequences, such as faulty medical diagnoses, airplane crashes, and defective products. Therefore, it is essential to ensure the validity of measurement results to maintain the integrity and reliability of measurements.

To comply with the ISO/IEC 17025 standard, laboratories must demonstrate the validity of their measurement results [1]. They can achieve this by using the triangulation rules, which involves using multiple methods or instruments to measure the same quantity. By comparing the results of multiple measurements, laboratories can identify any discrepancies.

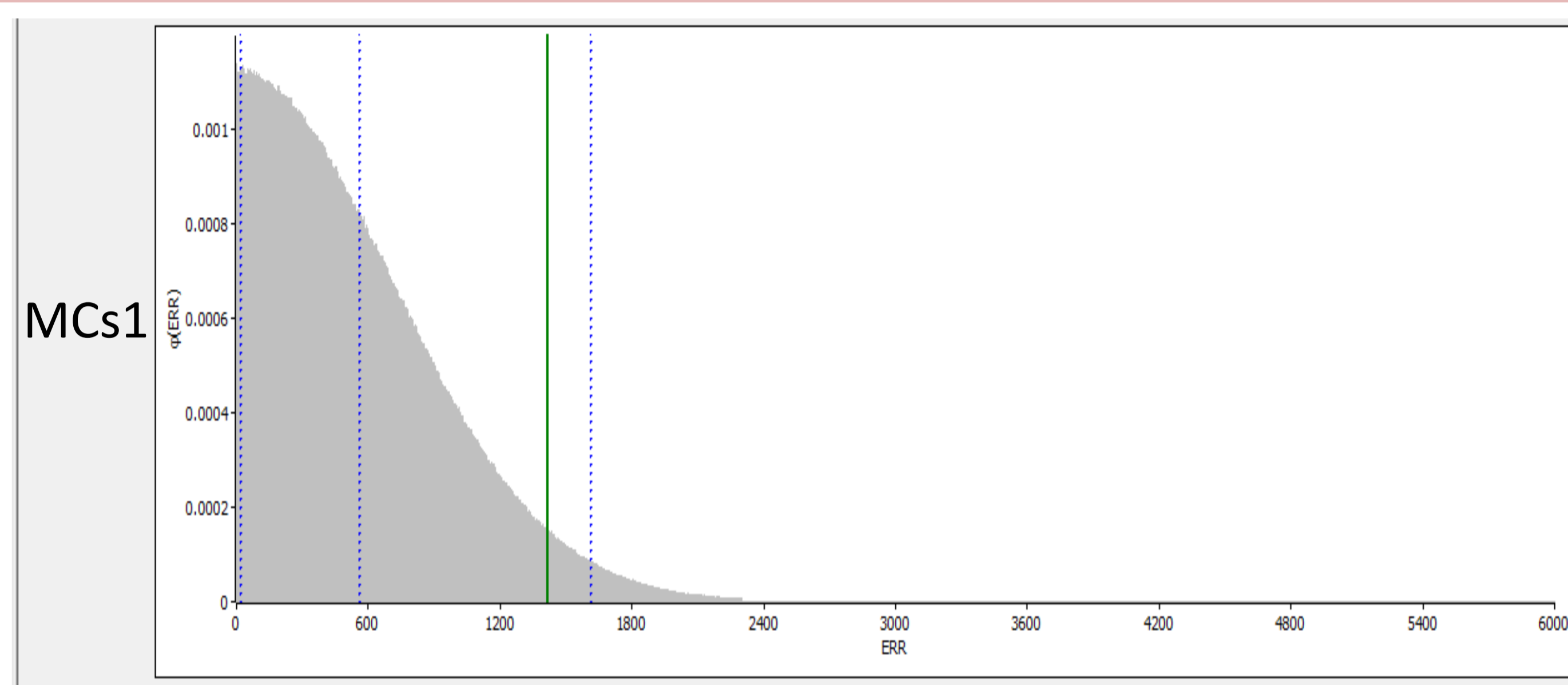
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The proposed tool is indicated, for example, for measurements involving ratios, such as the calibration of high standard resistors using a **commercial dual sources high resistance bridge based on a modified Wheatstone bridge** [2, 3, 4]. To evaluate the equation limit (1a, 1b) we performed Monte Carlo simulations (MCs), by GUM Workbench software in the student version OMCE V: 1.2.14, in the following scenarios of equation (2) using data [3, 4]:

MCs1: Error 0, meaning there are no differences between the traceability paths, and approximately 90% of the values obtained from the MCs are below the equation's limit.

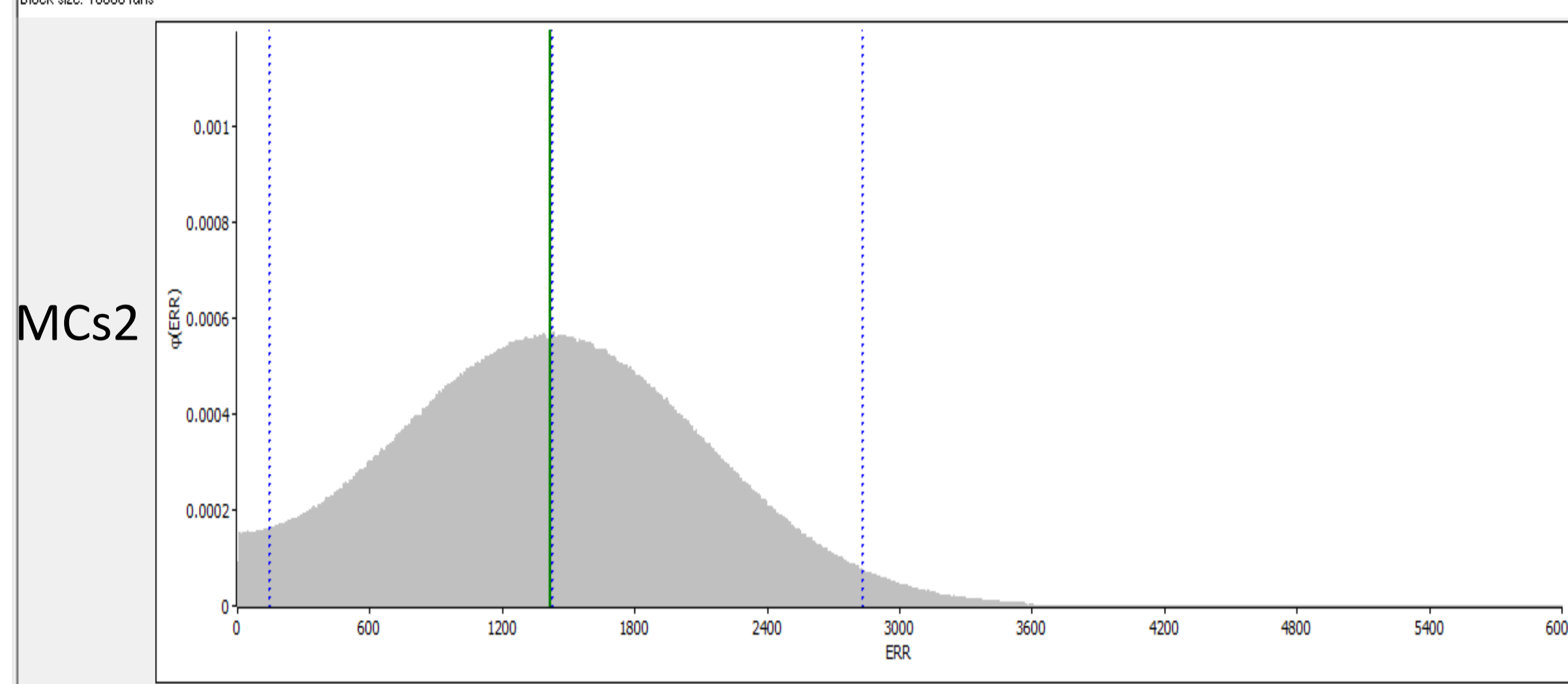
MCs2: Error equal to the equation's limit (sum of the uncertainties of the ratios), meaning the difference between the traceability paths is equal to the error limit, and about 50% of the values obtained from the MCs are below the equation's limit.

MCs3: Error equal to twice the equation's limit (sum of the uncertainties of the ratios), meaning the difference between the traceability paths is double the error limit, and only about 10% of the values obtained from the MCs are below the equation's limit.



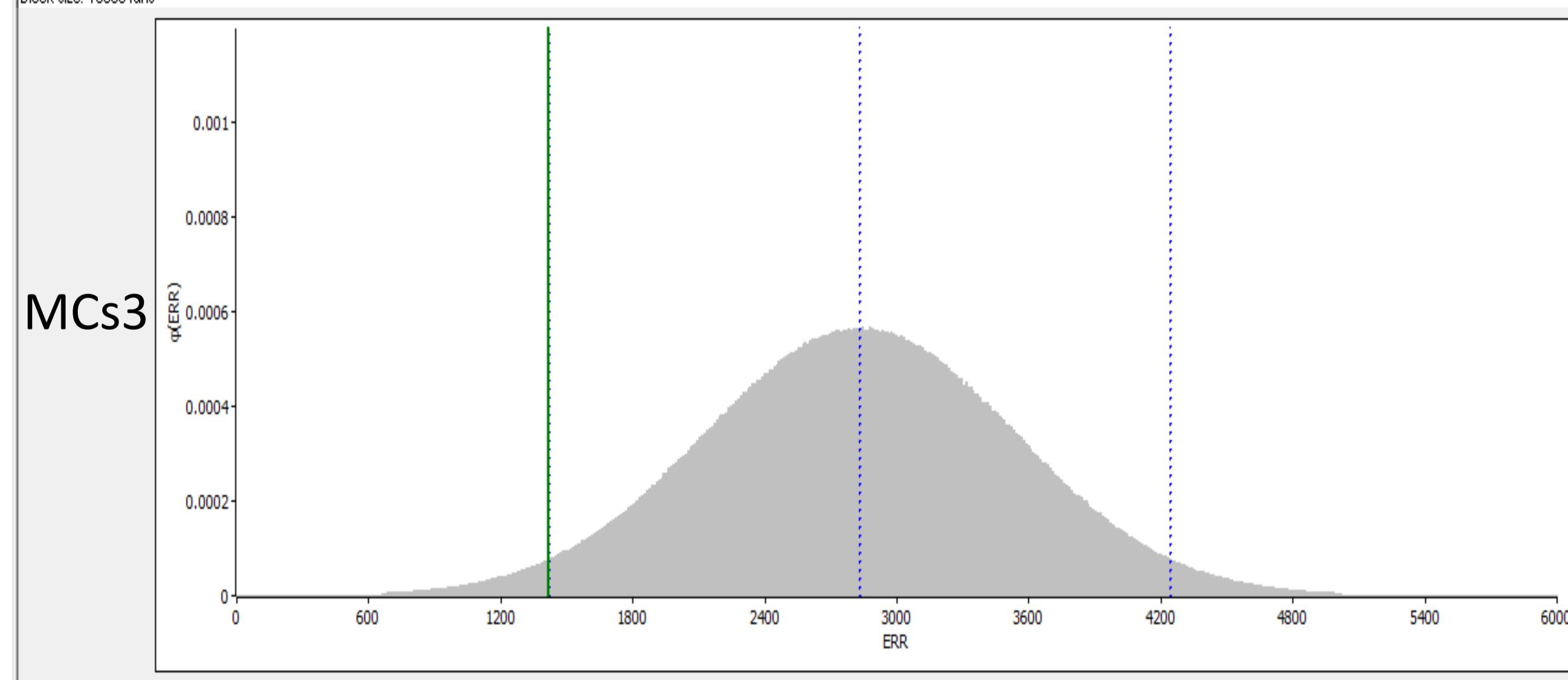
MCs1

Simulator: OMCE V:1.2.14
Mean Value: 570
Standard Uncertainty: 430
Coverage Interval (p=0.9545): [20, 1620] (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Expanded Uncertainty Interval (p=0.9545): (+1000, -500) (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Number of Monte Carlo Trials: 800000
Block size: 10000 runs



MCs2

Simulator: OMCE V:1.2.14
Mean Value: 1430
Standard Uncertainty: 680
Coverage Interval (p=0.9545): [150, 2300] (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Expanded Uncertainty Interval (p=0.9545): (+1400, -1300) (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Number of Monte Carlo Trials: 800000
Block size: 10000 runs



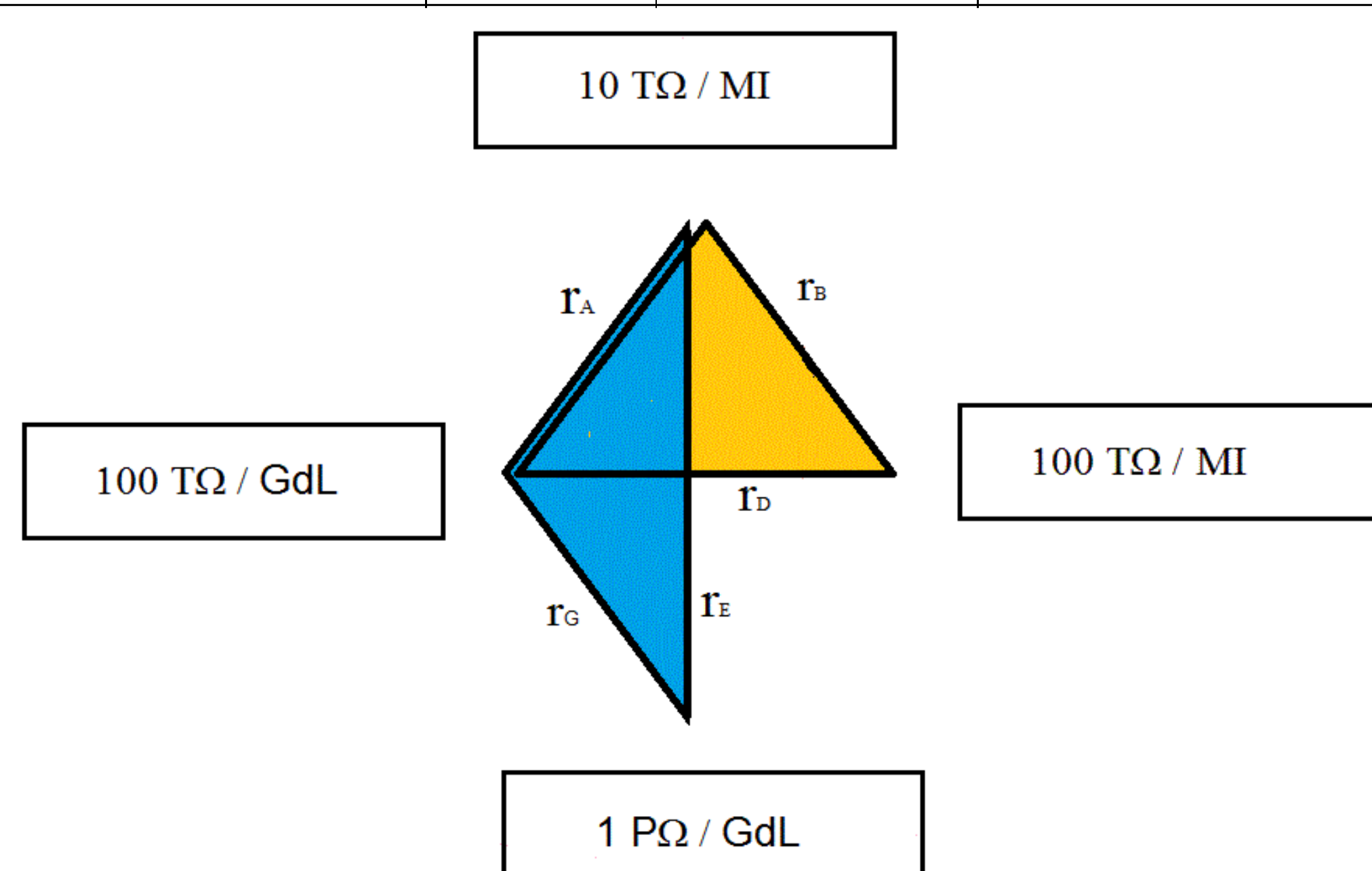
MCs3

Simulator: OMCE V:1.2.14
Mean Value: 2940
Standard Uncertainty: 710
Coverage Interval (p=0.9545): [1420, 4250] (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Expanded Uncertainty Interval (p=0.9545): (+1400, -1400) (Probabilistically Symmetric)
Number of Monte Carlo Trials: 800000
Block size: 10000 runs

$$\bar{r}_A \cdot \bar{r}_G \cong \bar{r}_E \quad (1a) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(1 - \frac{\bar{r}_A \cdot \bar{r}_G}{\bar{r}_E}\right) \cdot 10^6 \cong 0 \quad (\text{ppm}) \quad (1b)$$

$$\text{abs}\left(1 - \frac{\bar{r}_A \cdot \bar{r}_G}{\bar{r}_E}\right) \cdot 10^6 < \sqrt{u_{rA}^2 + u_{rE}^2 + u_{rG}^2} \quad (\text{ppm}) \quad (2)$$

Comparisons	Ratio	Mean ratio \bar{r}	Relative standard deviation (of the mean), u_r	Measurement distribution	
A.	10 TΩ / MI : 100 TΩ / GdL	1 : 10	\bar{r}_A	u_{rA}	Normal
E.	10 TΩ / GdL : 1 PΩ / GdL	1 : 100	\bar{r}_E	u_{rE}	Normal
G.	100 TΩ / GdL : 1 PΩ / GdL	1 : 10	\bar{r}_G	u_{rG}	Normal



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