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User Manual
Calibration Software
PTC04 Programmer

Introduction

In this document you'll find a description of:

- The Calibration Setup.
- How to proceed with the calibration check.
- What if the calibration check fails?
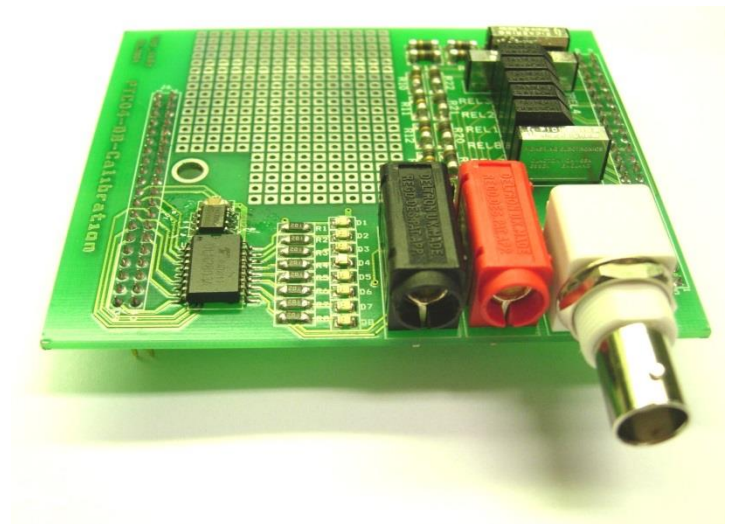- How does the calibration work?
- What do we calibrate?

Figure 1: PTC04-DB-Calib.

Contents

Calibration Setup

Requirements

For the calibration test you need:

- A high accuracy voltmeter;

- A PTC04 calibration board (PTC04-DB-Calib Supporting daughter board for calibration of PTC04 programmer).

The software has an automatic calibration feature. For this you need a Keithley 2000 or an Agilent (HP) 34401A multimeter. The Agilent 34401A multimeter is supported in the PTC04 User Interface revision 1.35 or higher.
If you use the automatic calibration feature, all channels will be calibrated with the multimeter as reference meter.

If a manual approach is used, only the first sensing line is calibrated with the external reference meter. For all the other channels the first sensing line will be used as reference.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
*Although the firmware version of the PTC04 has no impact on the quality of the PTC04 calibration, it is advised to upload the ptc04_mlx90251_firmware.hex or ptc04_mlx90316_firmware.hex firmware to the PTC04 **before** replacing the daughter board of the PTC04 with the PTC04-DB-Calibration.*

Figure 2: Connections
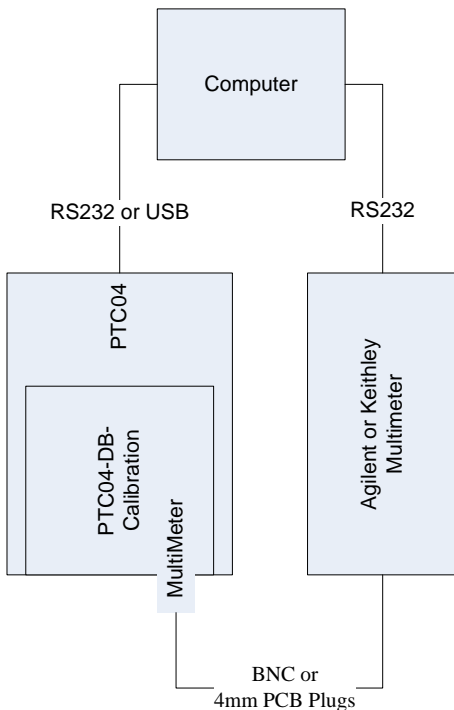
Because: some firmware versions have a pre-configuration of the relays on the daughter board that does not match with the relay configuration of the PTC04-DB-Calibration.

Connections

1. Replace the daughter board of the PTC04 with the calibration board:
   - Remove the cover of the PTC-04;
   - Remove the PTC04 Daughter Board of the MLX device;
   - Plug in the PTC04 Calibration Board;

2. Connect the reference voltmeter to the BNC connector **or** 4mm PCB Plugs (Both connections are in parallel);

3. Connect the RS232 or USB cable to the PTC04 and the PC;

4. Connect the RS232 of the multimeter to the PC;

5. Connect the power supply of the PTC04.

Figure 3: PC Connections

RS232 settings

The RS232 communication of the multimeter has to be configured as follows:

Keithley 2000 multimeter		Agilent (HP) 34401A multimeter			
BAUD:	19.2 K	BAUD:	9600	BAUD:	4800
FLOW:	NONE	PARITY:	EVEN: 7BITS **OR**	PARITY:	NONE: 8BITS
TX TERM:	CR	LANGUAGE:	SCPI	LANGUAGE:	SCPI

For configuration instructions, please consult the user's manual of your multimeter.
All other settings are set by the software via RS232 commands.

Check Calibration of the programmer

Now your PTC programmer is connected and you can **start-up the MPT software**.
When the software is started, double click on **PTC-04** in the UI modules list
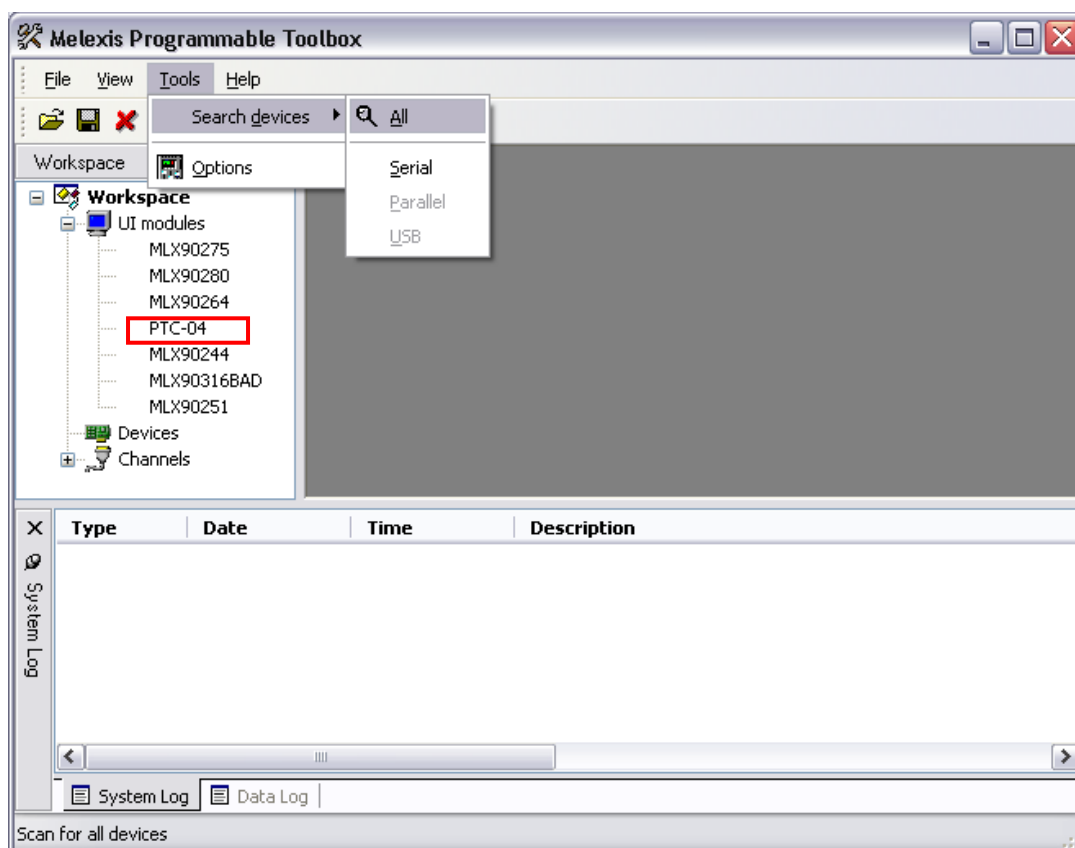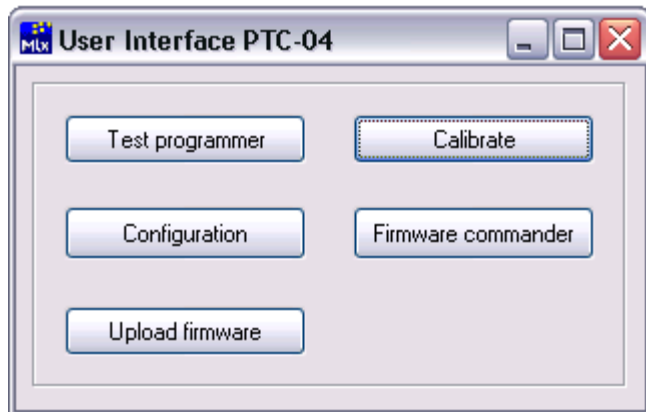or select from the menu "Tools → Search devices → **All**"

Figure 4: Melexis Programmable Toolbox.

The software will search for all available devices. When a PTC programmer is found it will be initialized. Otherwise the software will display a notification that no PTC devices have been found and will enter the disconnected state.

Figure 5: User Interface PTC-04.

If the connection failed, check the serial cable and power connection or change the settings if you have connected the programmer to a different serial port.

To open the Calibration test module, press the button **Calibrate** on the PTC04 User Interface.

Calibration check

This module of the PTC-04 User Interface is used to verify if the calibration parameters of the programmer are within tolerance. The software will check the power drivers (DAC) and the voltmeter (ADC), and compare its results with the calibration parameters. If the calibration parameters are out of tolerance, they **can** be corrected.

Before starting the calibration check

- It is advised to leave the programmer powered up for minimum 30 to 60 minutes before starting the calibration. For the accuracy of the calibration, it is important that the programmer is at operating temperature.

- **Very important**: do not connect any load on the connectors of the calibration board during the calibration check. Any additional load will corrupt the calibration parameters and lead to an unusable set-up. If this should happen, restart the calibrate check without a load connected to the programmer.

- If you have a Keithley 2000 or an Agilent (HP) 34401A Multimeter, select the correct multimeter from the selection box (1) before you start the calibration check. The multimeter has to be connected to the PC used for the calibration check. The default COM-port for the multimeter is COM2. One can change the selected COM-port in the "COM port #" Edit-box (2).
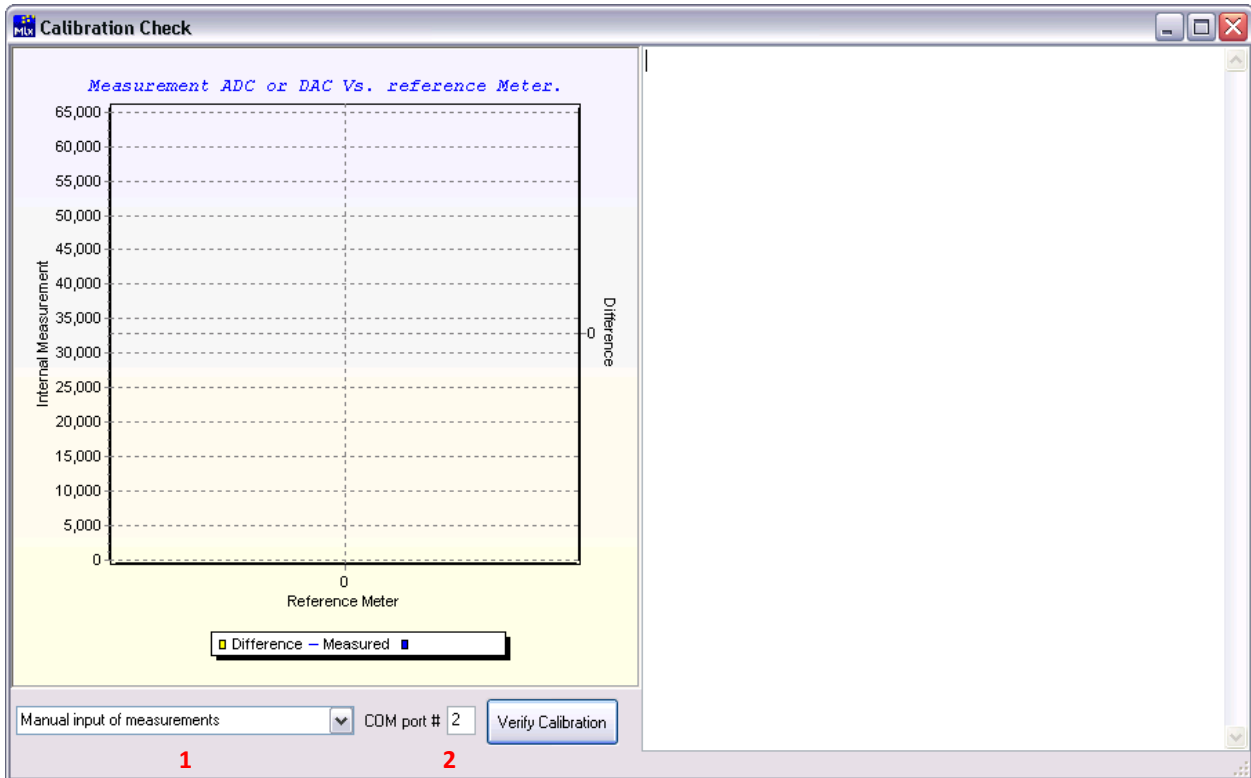
Figure 6: Calibration Check.

▪ Press **Verify Calibration** to start the calibration.

You are reminded to leave your PTC04 powered up for minimum 30 to 60 minutes before starting the calibration.
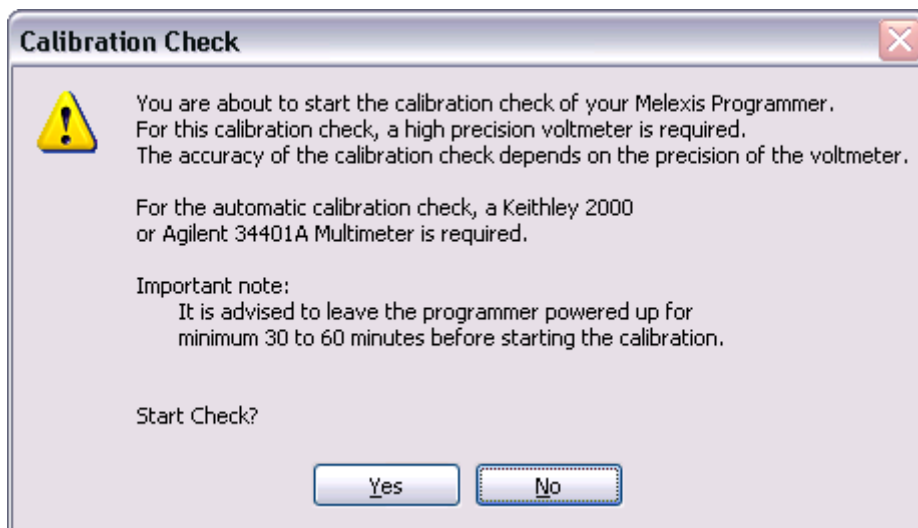

Figure 7: Start Check?

▪ Press **yes** to continue.

If you **don't use** a Keithley 2000 or Agilent 34401A multi meter, you have to use a high accuracy voltmeter. The accuracy of the calibration depends on the precision of the voltmeter and the number of digits entered. With a manual voltmeter, the program will start with calibrating the internal voltmeter which will be used to check the PTC04 programmer.
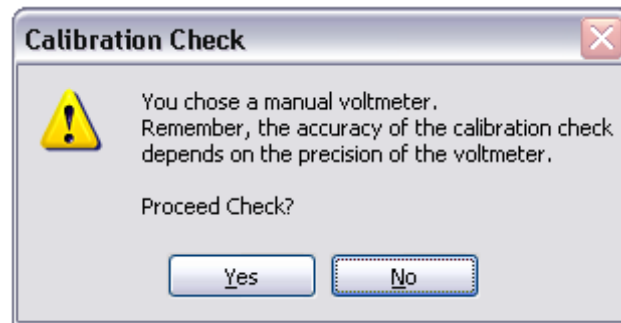

Figure 8: Proceed Check?

- Press **yes** to continue.

At this stage the software will check if the calibration board and, if selected, the Keithley 2000 or Agilent 34401A Multimeter are connected. If the calibration board is not detected, a message is shown.
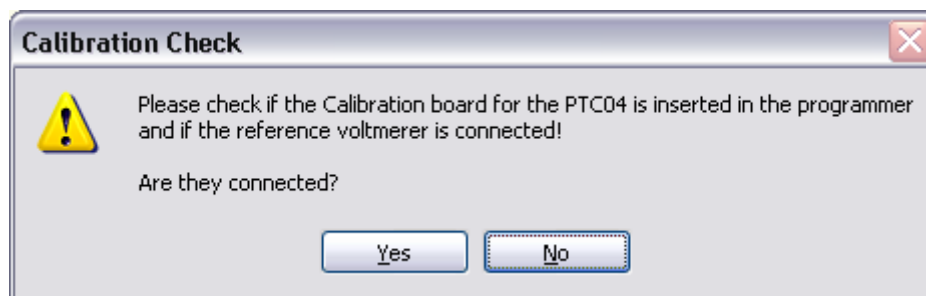

Figure 9: Check setup

- If the setup is not complete, press No, switch of the programmer, check your setup and restart the program.

Manual voltmeter

If the *Keithley 2000 or Agilent 34401A multimeter* feature is **not** selected the program will ask you to put in a few values from your voltmeter manually. These are used to calibrate the first sensing line of the PTC-04. This sensing line will be used as reference meter for the calibration check.

Note: the accuracy of the calibration depends on the precision of the voltmeter and the number of digits you enter.
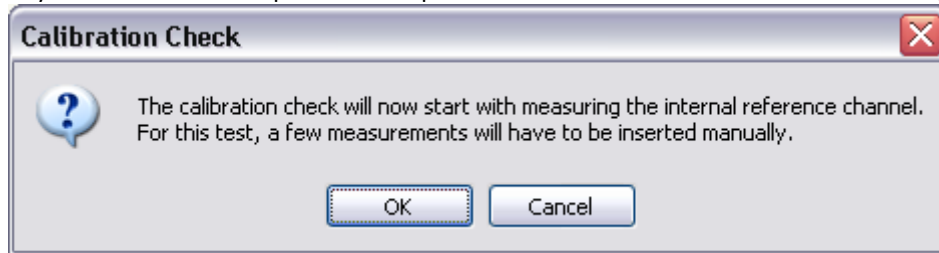

Figure 10: Manual calibration internal reference meter.

▪ Press **OK** to continue.

For the calibration of the internal reference meter, two series of 32 values are required. Once the internal reference meter is calibrated the software will continue with the calibration check.

Note: the decimal separator of the software is "." not ",". If one uses a "," as decimal separator, the calculated parameters will be incorrect.
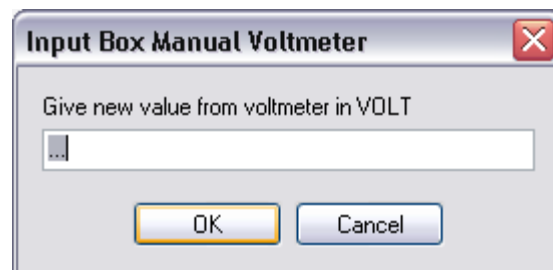

Figure 11: Input Box Manual Voltmeter.

▪ Insert the value from the voltmeter in volt [V] and press **OK**.

Note: If you entered a wrong value, press **Cancel**. Two error messages are shown.
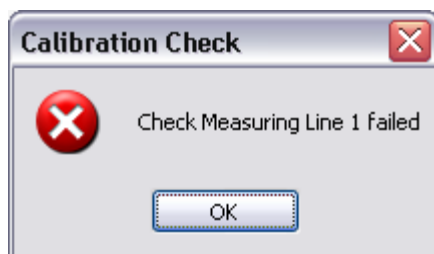

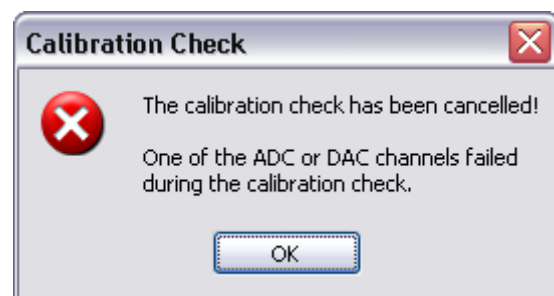*Figure 12: Check Measuring line 1 Failed*

Figure 13: The calibration check has been cancelled.

▪ Press **OK** on both messages to continue.

Now the calibration check is terminated, you can restart the calibration check.

The calibration check

Now the calibration software will perform a number of measurements on all the ADC and DAC channels of the programmer. This can take several minutes. At the end of the calibration check the program verifies if a correction of the calibration parameters is needed.
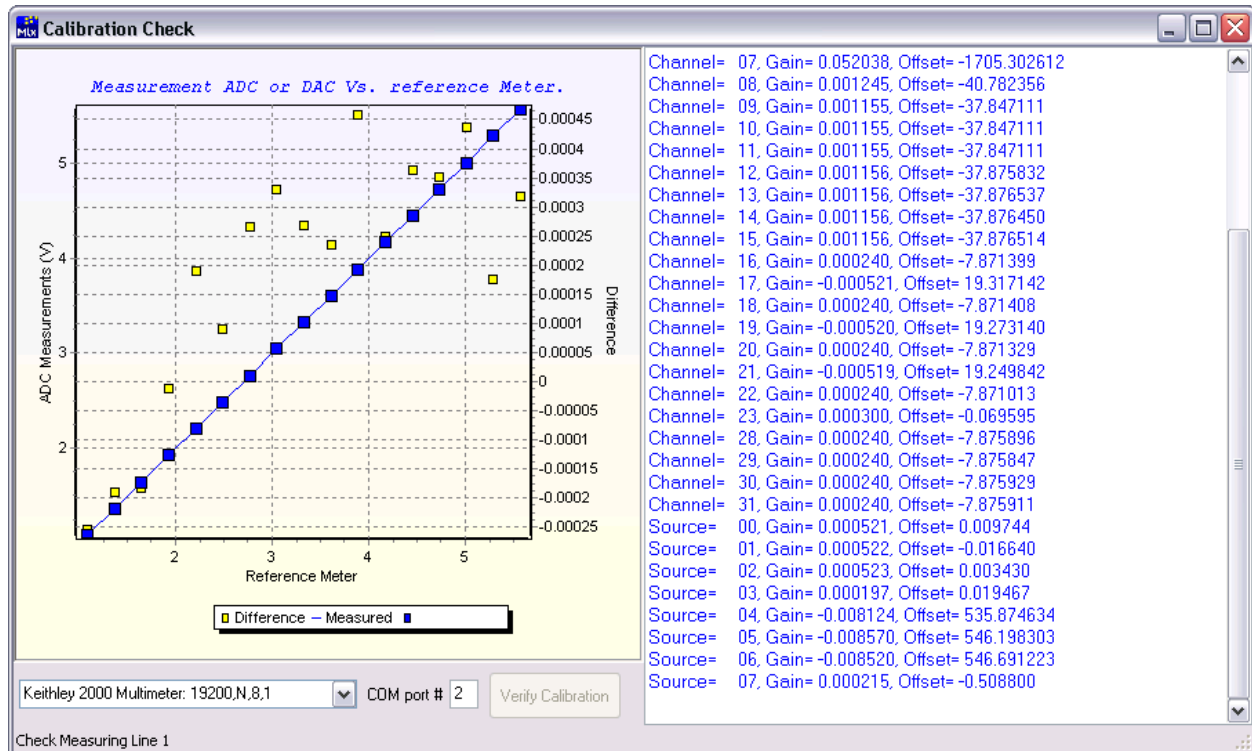

Figure 14: Calibration Check

There are three possible outcomes

1. The program notifies you that the current calibration is out of tolerance and ask you if you want to corrected the calibration parameters or not.
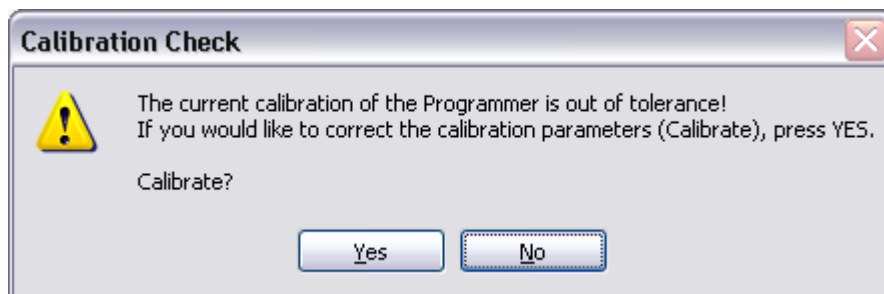

Figure 15: Calibrate?

- If you press **yes**, the new calibration parameters are written into the PTC04.
- If you press **no**, there are no modifications done.

2. The program notifies you that the current calibration is within tolerance! No Correction of the calibration parameters (Calibration) is needed.
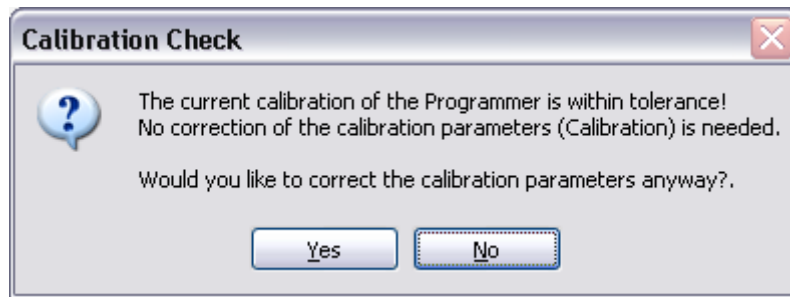

Figure 16: Calibrate Anyway?

If no calibration is needed you can still choose to calibrate or not.

- If you press yes, the new calibration parameters are written into the PTC04.
- If you press no, there are no modifications done.

3. At the end of the calibration, the software verifies if the programmer was at temperature when the calibration started. If the programmer was not at temperature, the following message is given.
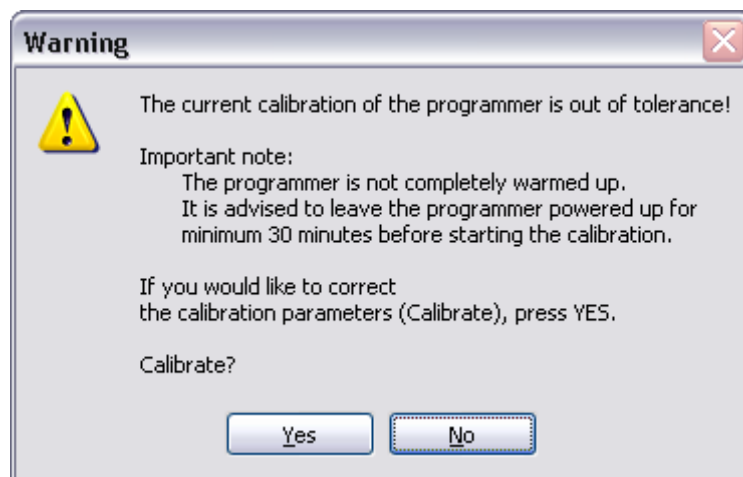

Figure 17: Programmer is not at temperature.

It is advised not to calibrate (store the new calibration parameters in the programmer) when the programmer is not at operating temperature. This is important for the accuracy of the PTC04 programmer.

- If you press **yes**, the new calibration parameters are written into the PTC04.
- If you press **no**, there are no modifications done.

When you choose to calibrate (press **yes**), the new calibration parameters are written into the PTC04.
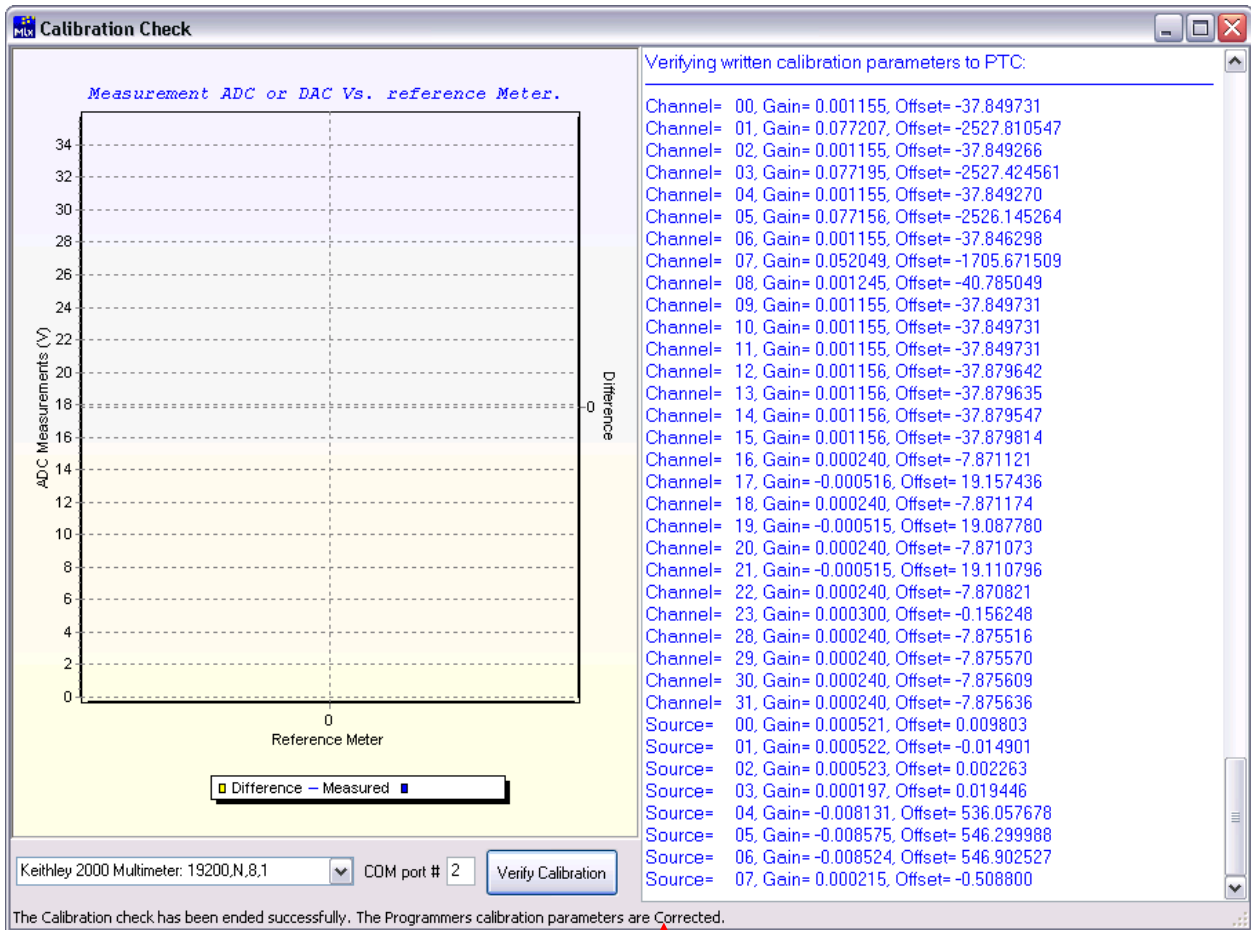Afterwards the software verifies if the writing of the calibration data in the PTC04 was done correctly.

Figure 18: The Calibration check has been ended successfully.

Now the calibration check is completed.
The END status of the calibration check is shown in the status bar of the calibration window.

What if the Calibration check failed

When the calibration fails, it is usually caused by a bad connection, measurement or incorrect input of measured data. If this occurs, check the setup and redo the calibration check.

Very important:

- If the calibration check is done with a manual voltmeter, you have to take extra care that the measurements are done correctly. These measurements are used to calibrate the first sensing line of the PTC-04. This sensing line will be used as reference meter for the calibration check.

- The accuracy of the calibration also depends on the precision of the voltmeter and the number of digits you enter for each measurement.

- The connection of the calibration board and the voltmeter are very imported. A bad connection or any additional load will corrupt the calibration parameters.

- The decimal separator of the software is "." Not ",". If one uses a "," as decimal separator, the calibration of the first sensing line will not be done correctly.

Check Calibration Setup

Before the measurements for the calibration check are started, the software will perform a hardware check on the on the calibration setup. This test will verify: if the PTC04 is well connected and in good health, if the PTC04-DB-Calibration is plugged in on the main board, the resistors on the PTC04-DB-Calibration, if the PTC04-DB-Calibration is connected to the reference voltmeter and if the reference voltmeter is connected to the PC (this is not the case for the manual calibration). If the check fails the calibration check will be discontinued. The following message is displayed if a failure is detected on the calibration setup.
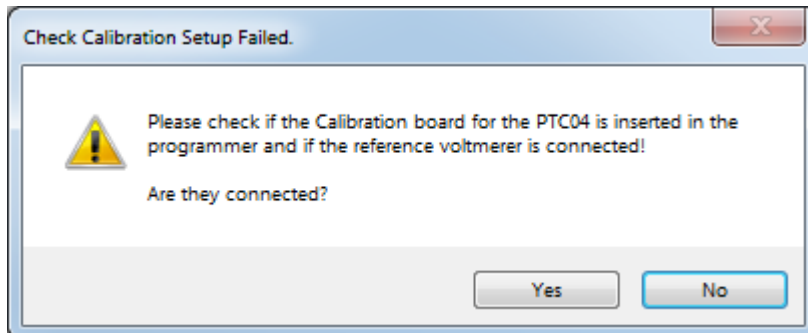
Figure 19: Check calibration setup failed.

Measurement failed

The following error message is shown during the calibration procedure;

- If there is a bad connection in the setup. For example: between the PTC04 main board and the calibration board.

- When using a Keithley 2000 multimeter for the calibration, the failure can also be caused by a wrong measurement of the Keithley. For example: communication error.

- When you are using the manual calibration procedure. The software will perform a check on the data you enter. If there is a large deviation from the expected data. The check will fail and the calibration check is ended.
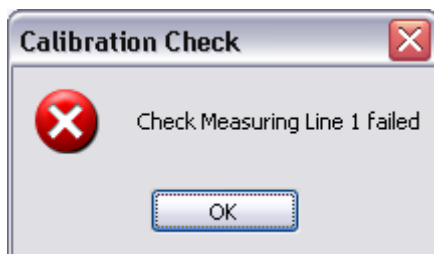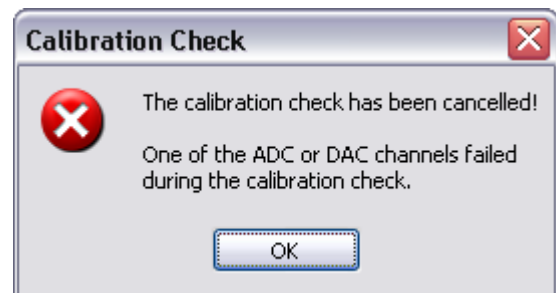

Figure 20: Check Measuring line 1 Failed

Figure 21: The calibration check has been cancelled.

To determine this:

- Press OK on both messages to cancel the calibration check.

- Remove the calibration board, place it back and check the connections with the voltmeter. The connection of the calibration board and the voltmeter are very imported. A bad connection or any additional load will corrupt the calibration parameters.

- After checking the setup, restart the calibration check. If the same channel fails again it is possible that there is hardware damaged on the PTC04. Please contact your local sales representative in this case.

Large deviation

When all the measurements are completed, the software calculates the new calibration parameter.
After the calculation of the calibration parameters, the software verifies if there is a large deviation with the standard (expected) calibration parameters. If the deviation is too large the following warning message is shown.
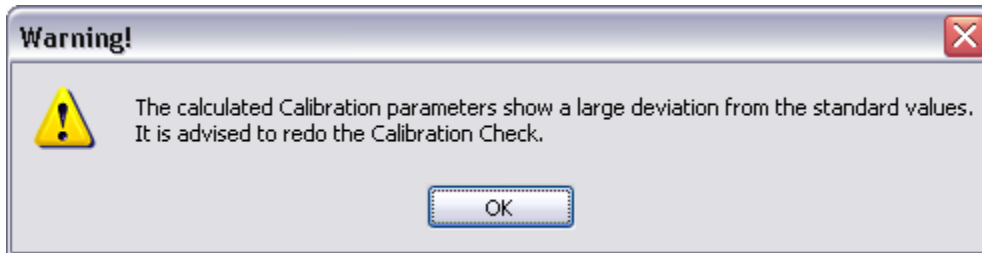

Figure 22: Large deviation of the calibration parameters.

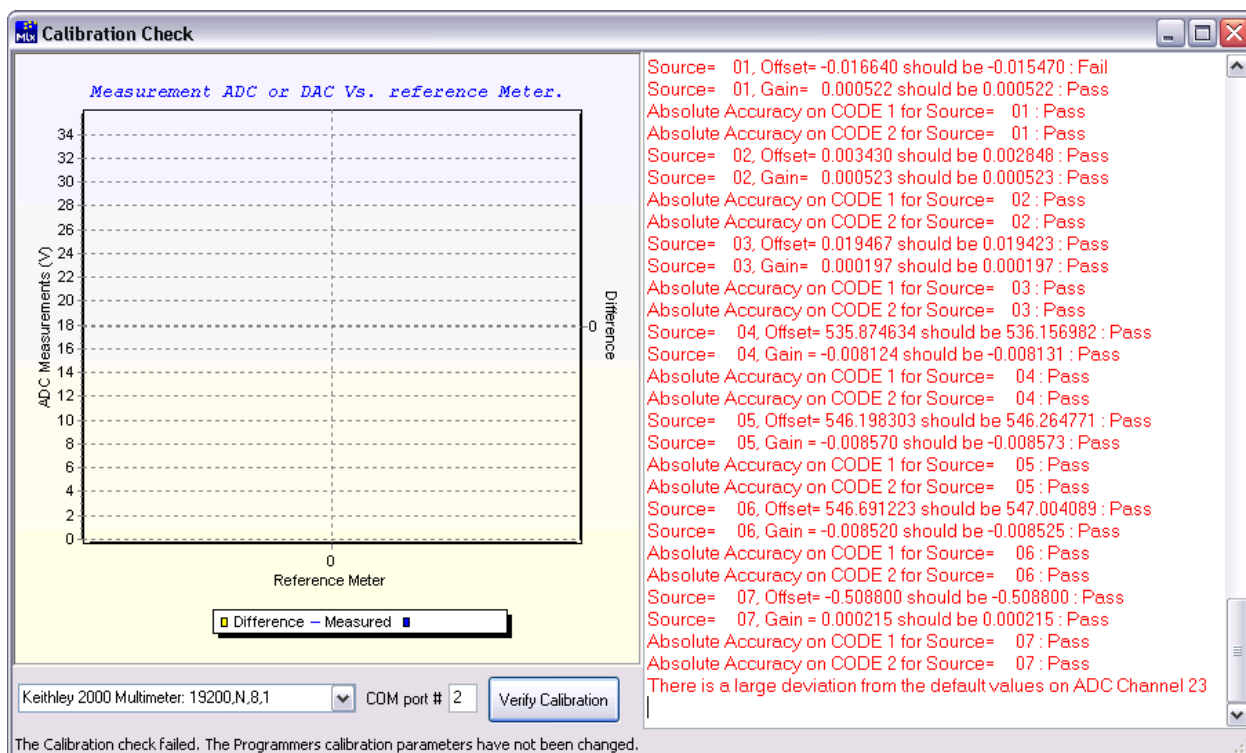In the main window you get a list of the channels that have a large deviation from the default values.

Figure 23: List of channels that have a large deviation.

The large deviation could be a result of incorrect reference measurements.
If it occurs:

- Remove the calibration board, place it back and check the connections with the voltmeter. The connection of the calibration board and the voltmeter are very imported. A bad connection or any additional load will corrupt the calibration parameters.

- After checking the setup, restart the calibration check. If the same channel(s) fail(s) again it is possible that there is hardware damaged on the PTC04.

Loggings

Each time a calibration check is performed and the new correction parameters are saved in the PTC-04 programmer, the old and the new parameters are logged in a file called "Calibration_log_PTC04_SN_xxxxxxxx.txt", where xxxxxxxx stands for the SN of the PTC04. This file is for information purpose only and **is not used by the PTC-04 programmer.**
The log file is stored under "C:\Users\...\AppData\Roaming\Melexis\PTC04UI" or "C:\Documents and Settings\...\application data\Melexis\PTC04UI".

Calibration details

How does the calibration work?

ADC

In the graph below, you have two curves: the measurements of the ADC (left Y-axis) and the reference measurements of the external voltmeter (the right Y-axis). The internal voltage source is used as supply (Set DAC X-axis). The purpose of the calibration check is to compare the ADC with the external high precision voltmeter.
For the check, a number of voltage values are measured to calculate the difference between the ADC of the PTC04 and the External Voltmeter which results in to correction parameters for offset and gain.
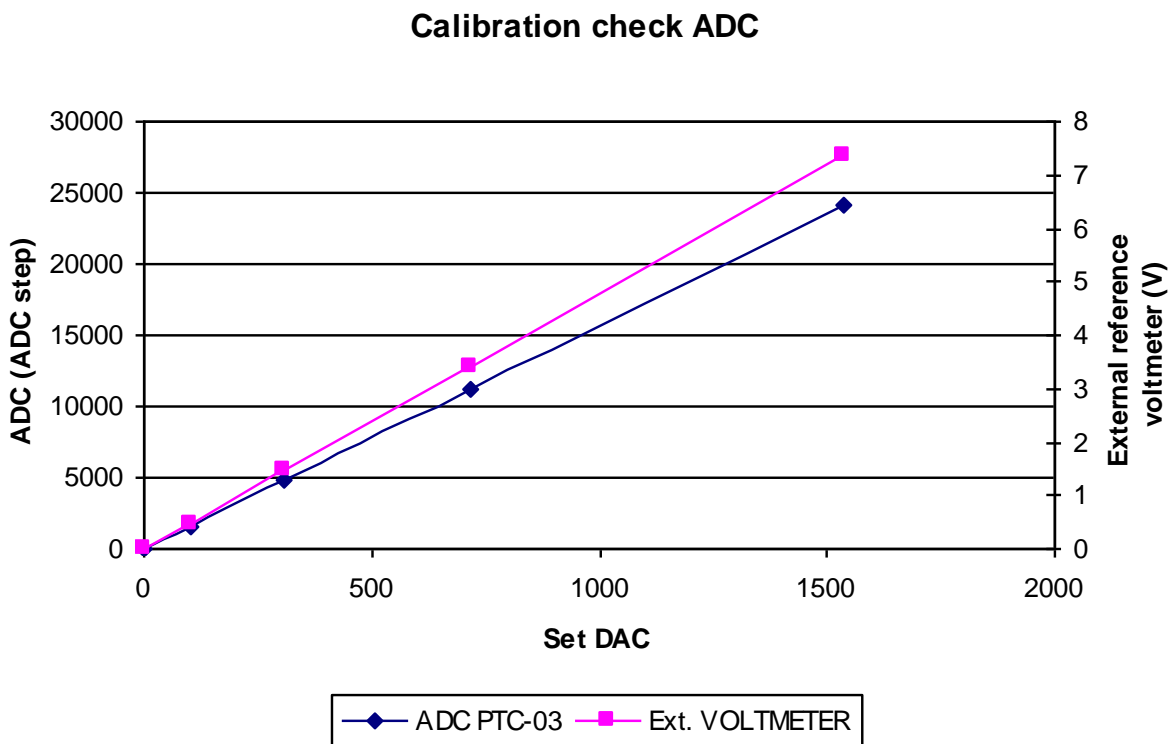
Graph 1

DAC

In the 2nd graph, you have again two curves: the Set DAC (left Y-axis) and the reference measurements of the external voltmeter (the right Y-axis). The purpose of the calibration check is to compare the DAC with the external high precision voltmeter.

Also for this check, a number of values are measured to calculate the difference between the DAC of the PTC04 and the External Voltmeter which results in to correction parameters for offset and gain.

Calibration check DAC
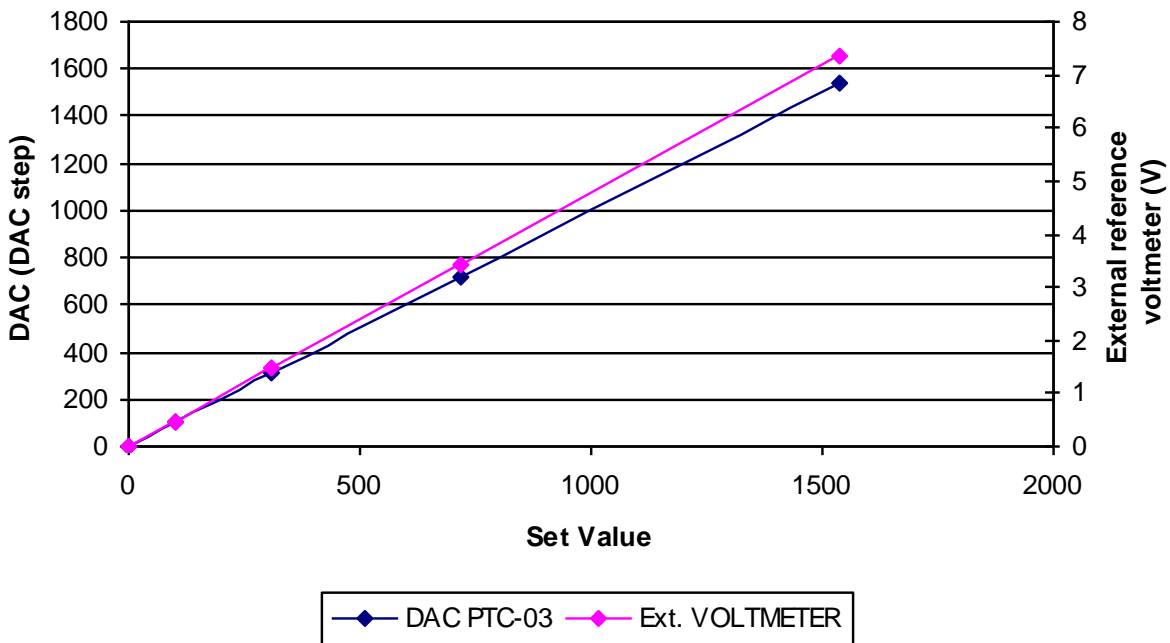
Graph 2

At the end of the calibration check these values, of the ADC channels and the DAC, are compared with the values stored in the PTC. If the parameters for offset and gain, that are currently stored in the PTC04, are out of specifications in comparison with the new correction parameters, the software gives a warning and asks if the new correction parameter may be saved.

What do we calibrate?

Sensing lines:

There are four sensing lines with independent ground connection.
The source and reference that are used to calibrate the sensing lines are PPS 1 and the external voltmeter.

Sensing line 1	channel 12 and Channel 28 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
Sensing line 2	channel 13 and Channel 29 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
Sensing line 3	channel 14 and Channel 30 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
Sensing line 4	channel 15 and Channel 31 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**.

PPS1:

For each PPS, the software checks the ADC first then the DAC and then the additional channels that are connected to that source.

Voltmeter on the PPS1	channel 0 and Channel 16 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
PPS1	channel 0 of the *DAC*;
Current meter on the PPS1	channel 1 of the **ADC**;
PPS 5: IDD limiter PPS1	channel 4 of the *DAC*.

PPS2:

Voltmeter on the PPS2	channel 2 and Channel 18 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
PPS2	channel 1 of the *DAC*;
Current meter on the PPS2	channel 3 of the **ADC**;
PPS 6: IDD limiter PPS2	channel 5 of the *DAC*.

PPS3:

Voltmeter on the PPS3	channel 4 and Channel 20 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
PPS3	channel 2 of the *DAC*;
Current meter on the PPS3	channel 5 of the **ADC**;
PPS7: IDD limiter PPS3	channel 6 of the *DAC*.

PPS4:

Voltmeter on the PPS4	channel 6 and Channel 22 (High sensitivity) of the **ADC**;
PPS4	channel 3 of the *DAC*;
Current meter on the PPS4	channel 7 of the **ADC**;
PPS8: IDD limiter PPS4	channel 7 of the *DAC*.

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