

# “THE X / Y NODE HAS DETECTED A COLLISION”

<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	Precision system
<b>ERROR MESSAGE:</b>	The (X/Y) node has detected a collision
<b>INFORMATION:</b>	This is an error related to motorized movement in X or Y direction only. The message will always state either X or Y. It can only occur during autopositioning, ie when the user is pressing the servo button.

## **HOW THE AFFECTED FUNCTIONALITY IN THE SYSTEM SHOULD WORK:**

The system should, when a protocol is selected and the servo button is being pressed, drive to the desired position (which is the pre-programmed autoposition selected in the protocol setup). Movement should be completed from beginning to end without any stops or error messages along the way. When the servo button goes from flashing light to steady lit the autopositioning sequence is completed.

*(note that for some examinations and depending on setup it is required that the user make final adjustments of the equipment - for example move Wallstand bucky, define stitching area etc – for the servo button to go from flashing to steady lit)*

## **SYMPTOMS OF THIS ERROR:**

When this error occur all movements will stop and an error message will be present in OTC display.

User needs to release and press the servo button again for movements to continue. The behavior then might differ from time to time - depending on the root cause. Here are a few examples:

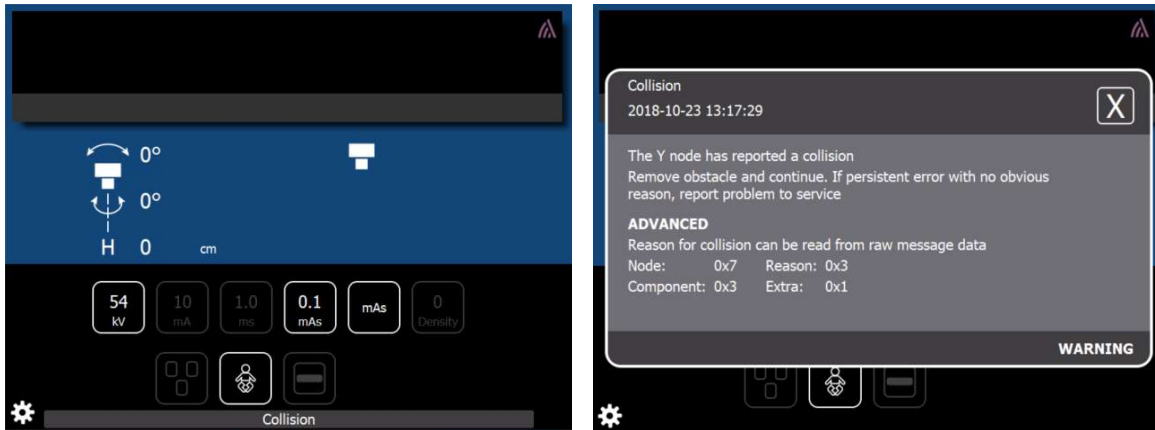
- Sometimes the movement will continue when pressing the button again and the system will reach the desired position. The user can then proceed (although slightly annoyed of course!).
- Sometimes the system will be stuck in the position even though the button is pressed again.
- Sometimes it will seem as if the system already reached its desired position. The system might even begin to drive in Z direction (to align with Table or Wallstand) and THEN all of a sudden an error message occur...!

## **POSSIBLE CAUSES:**

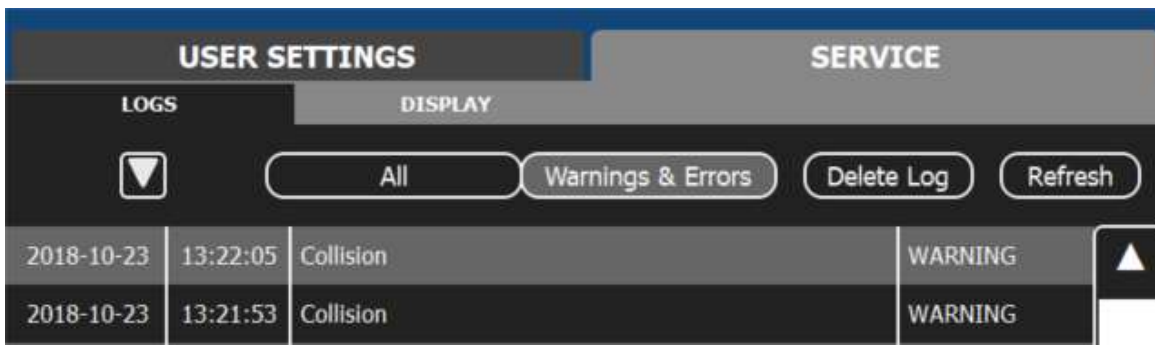
- Incorrect mechanical adjustment  
(tension between drive unit and tooth belt too strong or too weak)
- Set screws on drive unit shafts have become loose
- No or insufficient voltage supply to the drive board
- Problem with encoder (positioning feedback)
- Incorrect programming of autopositions

**ACTION STEPS:**

1. If you are on site and the error is reproducible – provoke it and check the error message by tapping the Collision-message appearing on the tube display:



2. If it is not reproducible while on site – ask users for the date and time of occurrence and check the log to find the error message:



3. The information we should focus on is the “Extra”-value.

In the above example it says: **Extra: 0x1**

There are 5 different values you might find though – and the value determines how to proceed with your troubleshooting. Here is a brief explanation of their meaning:

<b>Extra: 0x1</b>	The system reports a positioning deviation during a longer movement.
<b>Extra: 0x2</b>	Time out. The system did not reach its desired final position in time.
<b>Extra: 0x3</b>	Power to the driver board was switched off during movement.
<b>Extra: 0x4</b>	Driver board externally inhibited (electrical inputs deactivated).
<b>Extra: 0x5</b>	Encoder value feedback did not change during a movement command

If you are not yet on site and want to get this information in advance to prepare for your visit, the most convenient way is to ask someone on site to collect the CXDI NE Overwrap log files for you.

(They are stored and accessible from the image system PC as text files in the "CXDI NE OVERWRAP/Log" folder)

In these log files you will find the same information as in the display although it is stated in **decimal values** (tube display states *hexadecimal values*). See below example:

```
"Log" Warning 0 "[20170703 09:50:18.243] Table log message: The node has detected a collision. See extra bits for more information., [Code1=6 Code2=3 Code3=3 Code4=1]"  
"Log" Verbose 0 "[20170703 09:50:18.248] TableErrorInfoNotify: from table."
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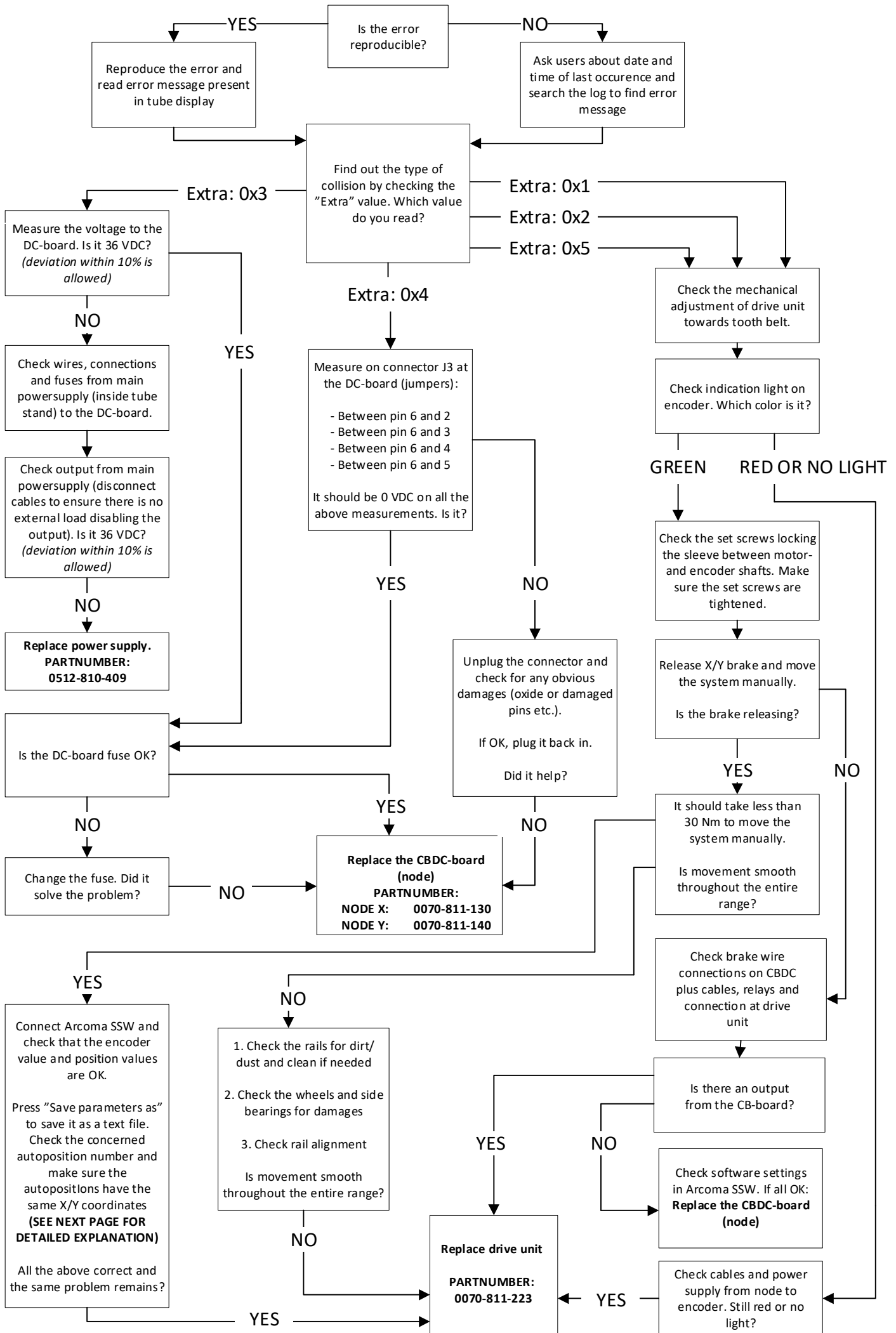
The highlighted "**Code4= 1**" above is the equivalent for "**Extra: 0x1**" in the tube display log.

So this gives us the same information:

<b>Code4: 1</b>	The system reports a positioning deviation during a longer movement.
<b>Code4: 2</b>	Time out. The system did not reach its desired final position in time.
<b>Code4: 3</b>	Power to the driver board was switched off during movement.
<b>Code4: 4</b>	Driver board externally inhibited (electrical inputs deactivated).
<b>Code4: 5</b>	Encoder value feedback did not change during a movement command

*(only difference from tube display log is it says "Code4" instead of "Extra" and format is decimal)*

4. Now that we narrowed down the meaning of the error message we have a basic understanding of the problem. Continue the trouble shooting by using the flow chart on next page.



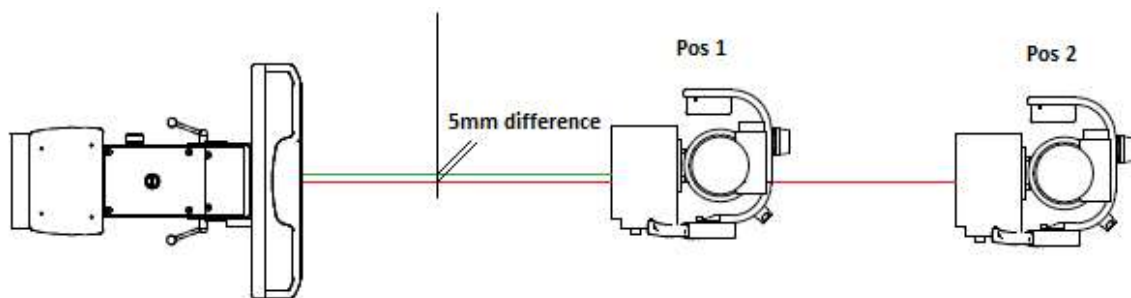
### Auto position programming and the importance of correct X/Y coordinate setup

It is important that autopositions aiming at the same detector field are programmed with the exact same coordinate *in the non-SID direction*.

**Example:** Two positions are used against the Wallstand. One is at an SID of 140cm and the other is at an SID of 180cm. The two saved positions have a difference in Y-direction of 5mm.

The positioning accuracy for Y-direction is 3mm – meaning the position needs to be this close to the desired position (the pre-programmed autoposition you defined during installation or service). Otherwise an error message will occur, stating a collision in Y-direction.

When the system is in position 1 and is required to move to position 2 it will try to move 5mm in Y direction which likely will end in a collision message from the Y node.



If you experience problems like described above a reprogramming of autopositioning may be necessary.

When saving autopositions over table; use one position to save all the other table modes. Move all axes Z, X, Y, Alpha, Beta and Bucky to the required position. Without moving anything, save all required position (modes), for example Table Flexible, Filmtracking, Table Stitching etc. This way all positions will be in the exact same place and the system will not try to move when sent between them.

The same applies for positions at the wall stand; use one position to save all the other WS modes. When setting up WS positions at different SID's, make sure to move only the axis required (X or Y depending on room layout).

The parameter file can be used to confirm that “similar” positions are stored in the exact same place.

Save the parameter file and open it with Notepad or similar. Go to **[Node Y]** and check the position address for each autoposition stated in hexadecimal values. As you can see in below examples, position 1 and 2 (P1 and P2) have the same value **0x65f7** (or 26 103 in decimal = 2610,3 mm from calibration point).

```
[NodeY]
...
...
P1PosAdress=0x65f7
P1PosValidity=0
P2PosAdress=0x65f7
P2PosValidity=0
...
...
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- This is the way it should be!

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