

From the new SI to environmental observations. BIPM activities and interaction with the WMO.



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The Importance of Metrology

- Metrology is the “science of measurements”.
- It deals with
 - The **definition** of internationally accepted units of measurement
 - The **realization** of units of measurement by scientific methods
 - **Dissemination** and **traceability** through accreditation and certification
 - Prescriptions of **calibration** procedures
 - Guidelines for **terminology** (VIM) and evaluation of **uncertainty** (GUM)
 - Support in evaluation of **measurement uncertainties**

METROLOGY - GENERAL

The Science of Measurement:

- ✓ **Scientific Metrology** –

- ✓ establishment of units of measurement,
- ✓ the development of new measurement methods,
- ✓ the realisation of measurement standards

- ✓ **Industrial and applied Metrology**

- ✓ application of measurement to manufacturing and other processes

- ✓ **Legal Metrology**

- ✓ fulfills regulatory requirements that arise from the need for protection of health, public safety, the environment, enabling taxation, protection of consumers and fair trade

METROLOGY - GENERAL

New fields of metrology

- ✓ **Metrology for Meteorology and Climate**

- ✓ Cooperation with WMO
- ✓ Support in evaluating field uncertainties
- ✓ Contribution to guidelines and best practices

- ✓ **Health Metrology**

- ✓ Evaluation of performances
- ✓ Quality control
- ✓ Instrumental uncertainties

- ✓ **Soft Metrology** The set of measurement techniques and models which enable the objective quantification of properties which are determined by human perception



The Importance of Metrology

Have you ever considered that...

with the single unit “**the meter**” and a decimal system of multiples and fractions, we can make measurements in nanotechnologies up to astronomy, for physics, geology, infrastructures, GPS or miniaturized techniques, in designing dresses or buildings, etc.

Or with the **kilogram** we can buy tomatoes at the marketplace, or evaluate the mass of nanoparticles or samples in biology, weight the amount of load of a containers cargo, up to the mass of asteroids and planets...

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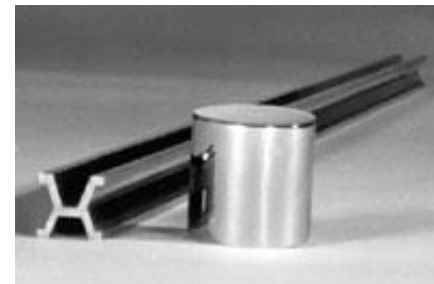
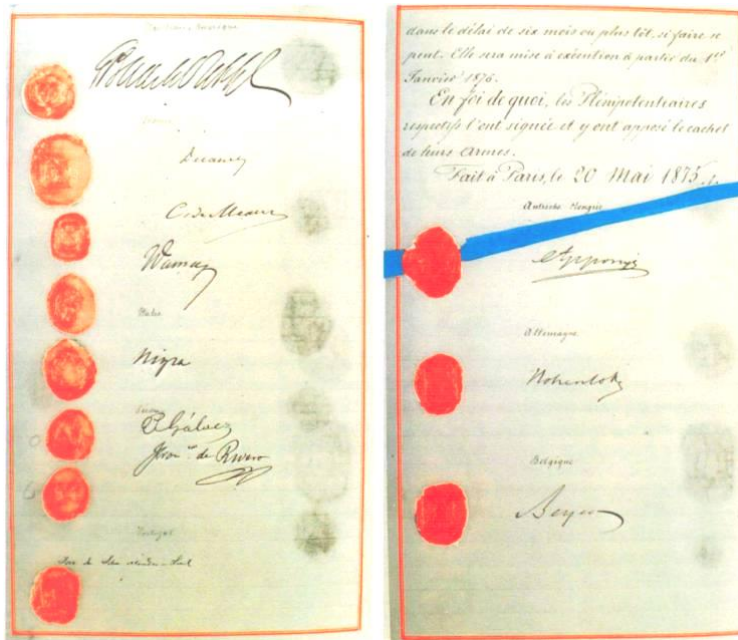
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With just seven units and a decimal system we can measure everything!

The **Metre Convention** (French: *Convention du Mètre*), also known as the **Treaty of the Metre**, is the international treaty that was signed in Paris on 20 May 1875 by representatives of 17 nations

(Argentina, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, Ottoman Empire, United States of America, and Venezuela).



Meteorology



Geneve - Swiss

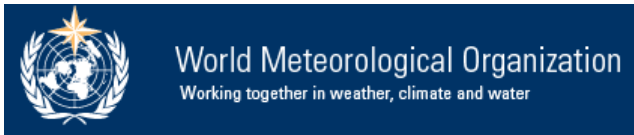
Founded (as IMO) in **1873**

Metrology

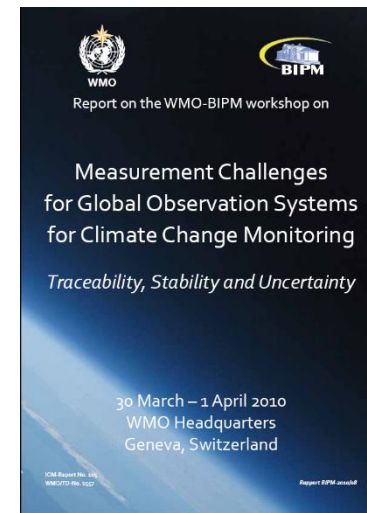


Sevres - France

Convention of the metre in **1875**



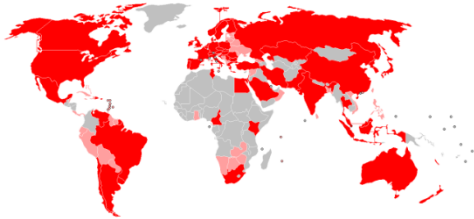
WMO entered the Convention du Metre by signing the Mutual recognition Arrangement. The signing ceremony took place on 1 April 2010



Left to right: Len Barrie (WMO), Andrew Wallard (Director BIPM), Michel Jarraud (Secretary General WMO), Ernst Göbel (President CIPM), Wenjie Zhang (WMO)

Metrology

Convention du Mètre today



Member States

-  Argentina (1877)
-  Australia (1947)
-  Austria (1875 as Austria-Hungary)
-  Belgium (1875)
-  Brazil (1921)
-  Bulgaria (1911)
-  Cameroon (1970)
-  Canada (1907)
-  Chile (1908)
-  China (1977)
-  Croatia (2008)
-  Czech Republic (1922 as part of Czechoslovakia)
-  Denmark (1875)
-  Dominican Republic (1954)
-  Egypt (1962)
-  Finland (1923)
-  France (1875)
-  Germany (1875)
-  Greece (2001)
-  Hungary (1925)
-  India (1957)
-  Indonesia (1960)
-  Iran (1975)
-  Ireland (1925)
-  Israel (1985)
-  Italy (1875)
-  Japan (1885)
-  Kazakhstan (2008)
-  Kenya (2010)
-  Malaysia (2001)
-  Mexico (1890)
-  Netherlands (1929)
-  New Zealand (1991)
-  North Korea (1982)
-  Norway (1875 as part of Sweden and Norway)
-  Pakistan (1973)
-  Poland (1925)
-  Portugal (1876)
-  Romania (1884)
-  Russia (1875 as the Russian Empire)
-  Saudi Arabia (2011)
-  Serbia (2001)
-  Singapore (1994)
-  Slovakia (1922 as part of Czechoslovakia)
-  South Africa (1964)
-  South Korea (1959)
-  Spain (1875)
-  Sweden (1875 as part of Sweden and Norway)
-  Switzerland (1875)
-  Thailand (1912)
-  Tunisia (2012)
-  Turkey (1875)
-  United Kingdom (1884)
-  United States (1878)
-  Uruguay (1908)
-  Venezuela (1879)

Associates

At its 21st meeting (October 1999), the CGPM created the category of "associate" for those states not yet members of the BIPM and for economic unions.^[40]

-  Albania (2007)
-  Bangladesh (2010)
-  Belarus (2003)
-  Bolivia (2008)
-  Bosnia and Herzegovina (2011)
-  Botswana (2012)
-  Caribbean Community (2005)
-  Chinese Taipei (2002)
-  Costa Rica (2004)
-  Cuba (2000)
-  Ecuador (2000)
-  Estonia (2005)
-  Georgia (2008)
-  Ghana (2009)
-  Hong Kong (2000)
-  Jamaica (2003)
-  Latvia (2001)
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-  Mauritius (2010)
-  Montenegro (2011)
-  Namibia (2012)
-  Oman (2012)
-  Panama (2003)
-  Paraguay (2009)
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-  Philippines (2002)
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-  Seychelles (2010)
-  Slovenia (2003)
-  Sri Lanka (2007)
-  Syria (2012)
-  Ukraine (2002)
-  Vietnam (2003)
-  Zambia (2010)
-  Zimbabwe (2010)

International Organisations

The following international organisations have signed the CIPM MRA:

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria (1999)
- Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM), Geel, Belgium (1999)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Geneva, Switzerland (2010)
- European Space Agency (ESA), Paris, France (2012)

BIPM is located in Sevres



Meeting of the CCT (Consultative Committee for Thermometry) at BIPM



Did you know?...

New SI in 2019. Based on fundamental constants.

Last values submission to CODATA: **01 July 2017**

Adoption of new values: **CGPM 2018**



Adoption of new definitions: 20 May 2019

Further, the definitions of all seven base units of the SI will also be uniformly expressed using the explicit-constant formulation, and specific *mises en pratique* will be drawn up to explain the **realization** of the definitions of each of the base units in a **practical way**.

<https://www.bipm.org/utils/en/pdf/CGPM/Draft-Resolution-A-EN.pdf>

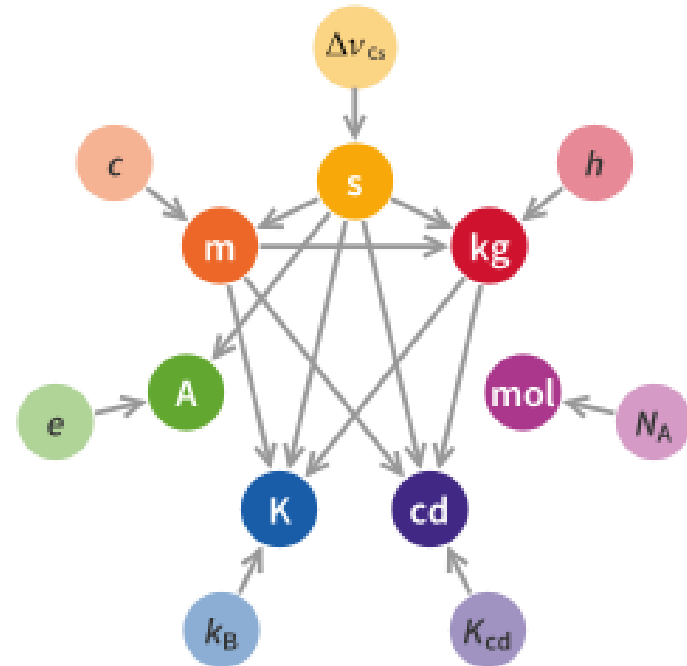


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The (new) SI will be the system of units in which:

- the ground state hyperfine splitting frequency of the caesium 133 atom (^{133}Cs)_{hfs} is exactly 9 192 631 770 Hz,
- the speed of light in vacuum c is exactly 299 792 458 m/s,
- the Planck constant h is exactly 6.626 070 x 10⁻³⁴ J s
- the elementary charge e is exactly 1.602 176 634 x 10⁻¹⁹ C,
- the Boltzmann constant k_B is exactly 1.380 649 x 10⁻²³ J/K
- the Avogadro constant N_A is exactly 6.022 140 76 x 10²³ mol⁻¹,
- the luminous efficacy K_{cd} of monochromatic radiation of frequency 540 x 10¹² Hz is exactly 683 lm/W,

The SI based on fundamental constants



2019 May 20. The new System of Units

The SI is the system of units in which the following constants have these exact values.

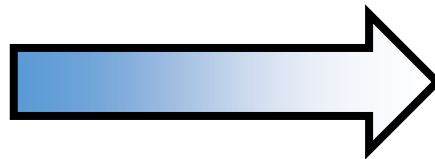
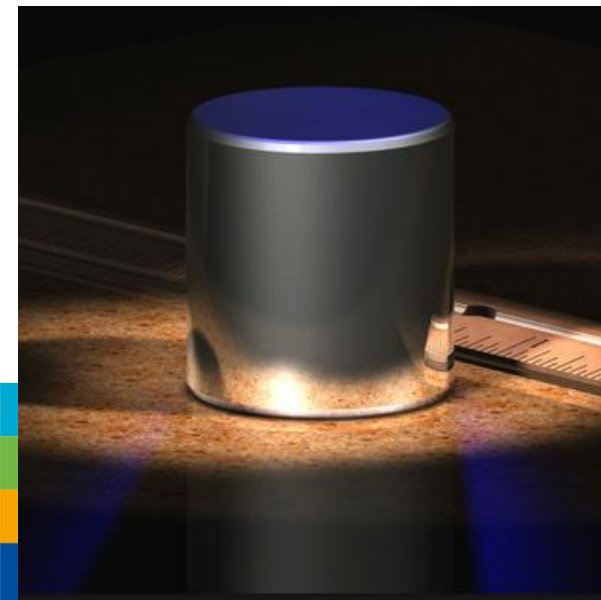


Symbol	Base Unit	Constant	Numerical Value	Unit
$\Delta\nu_{Cs}$	second	the unperturbed ground state hyperfine transition frequency of the caesium 133 atom	9 192 631 770	Hz
c	metre	the speed of light in vacuum	299 792 458	$m s^{-1}$
h	kilogram	the Planck constant	$6.626\ 070\ 15 \times 10^{-34}$	J s
e	Ampere	the elementary charge	$1.602\ 176\ 634 \times 10^{-19}$	C
k	Kelvin	the Boltzmann constant	$1.380\ 649 \times 10^{-23}$	J/K
N_A	mole	the Avogadro constant	$6.022\ 140\ 76 \times 10^{23}$	mol^{-1}
K_{cd}	candela	the luminous efficacy of monochromatic radiation of frequency 540×10^{12} hertz	683	lm/W.



Kilogram

•The kilogram can then be realized by any suitable method, (for example the Kibble (watt) balance or the Avogadro (X-ray crystal density) method).. The value of the Planck constant will be chosen to ensure that there will be no change in the SI kilogram at the time of redefinition. The uncertainties offered by NMIs to their calibration customers will be broadly unaffected.



Kelvin

Old definition of the kelvin.

The kelvin, symbol K, is the fraction $1/273.16$ of the thermodynamic temperature of the triple point of water.



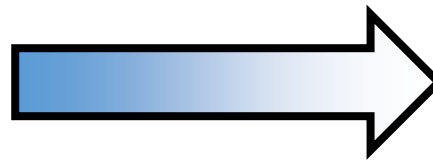
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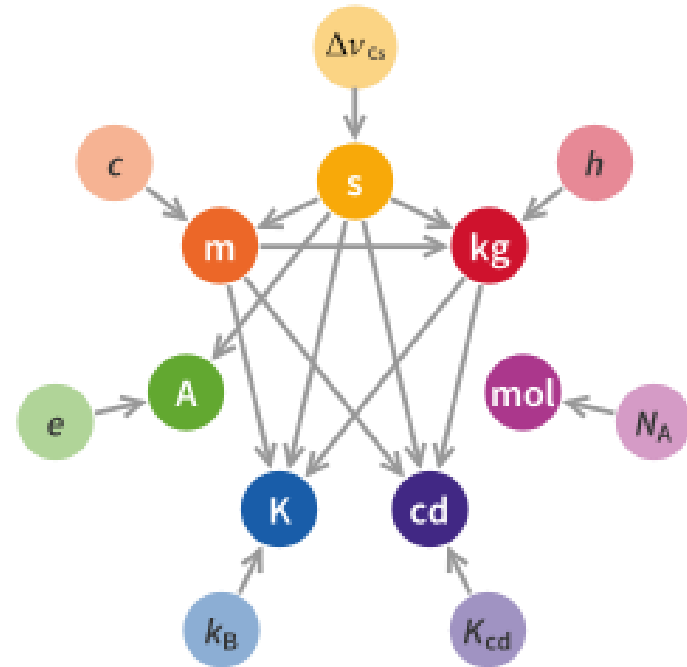
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New definition of the kelvin.

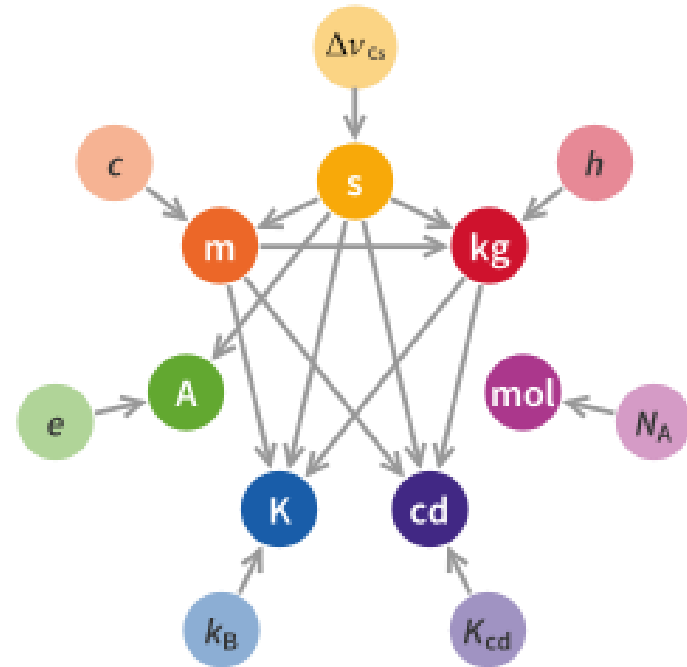
The kelvin, symbol K, is the SI unit of thermodynamic temperature; its magnitude is set by fixing the numerical value of the Boltzmann constant to be equal to exactly $1.380\,649 \times 10^{-23}$ when it is expressed in the SI base unit $\text{s}^{-2} \text{m}^2 \text{kg K}^{-1}$, which is equal to J K^{-1} where the kilogram, metre and second are defined in terms of h , c and $\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}$



The SI based on fundamental constants



The SI based on fundamental constants



But no worries... nothing will change for instrument and measurement results.

Fundamental Metrology



Fundamental Metrology



Applied Metrology



Traceability

Fundamental Metrology



International Standards

National Standards

Primary Standards

Secondary Standards

Working Standards

Measuring Instruments

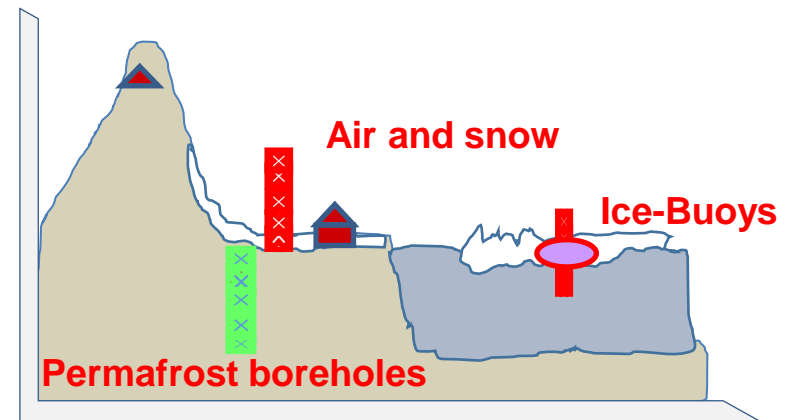
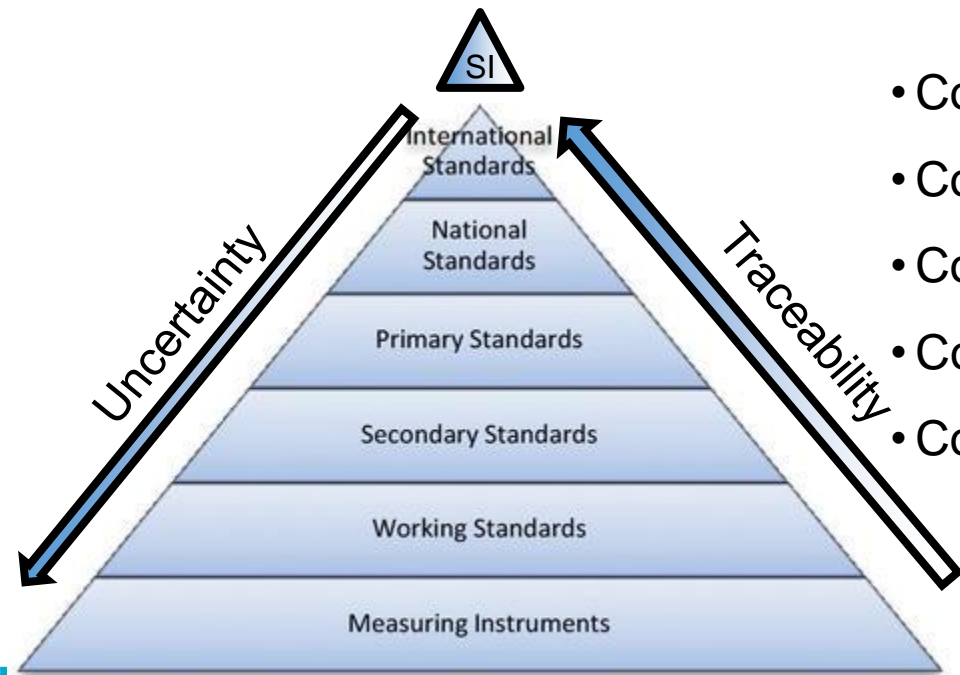


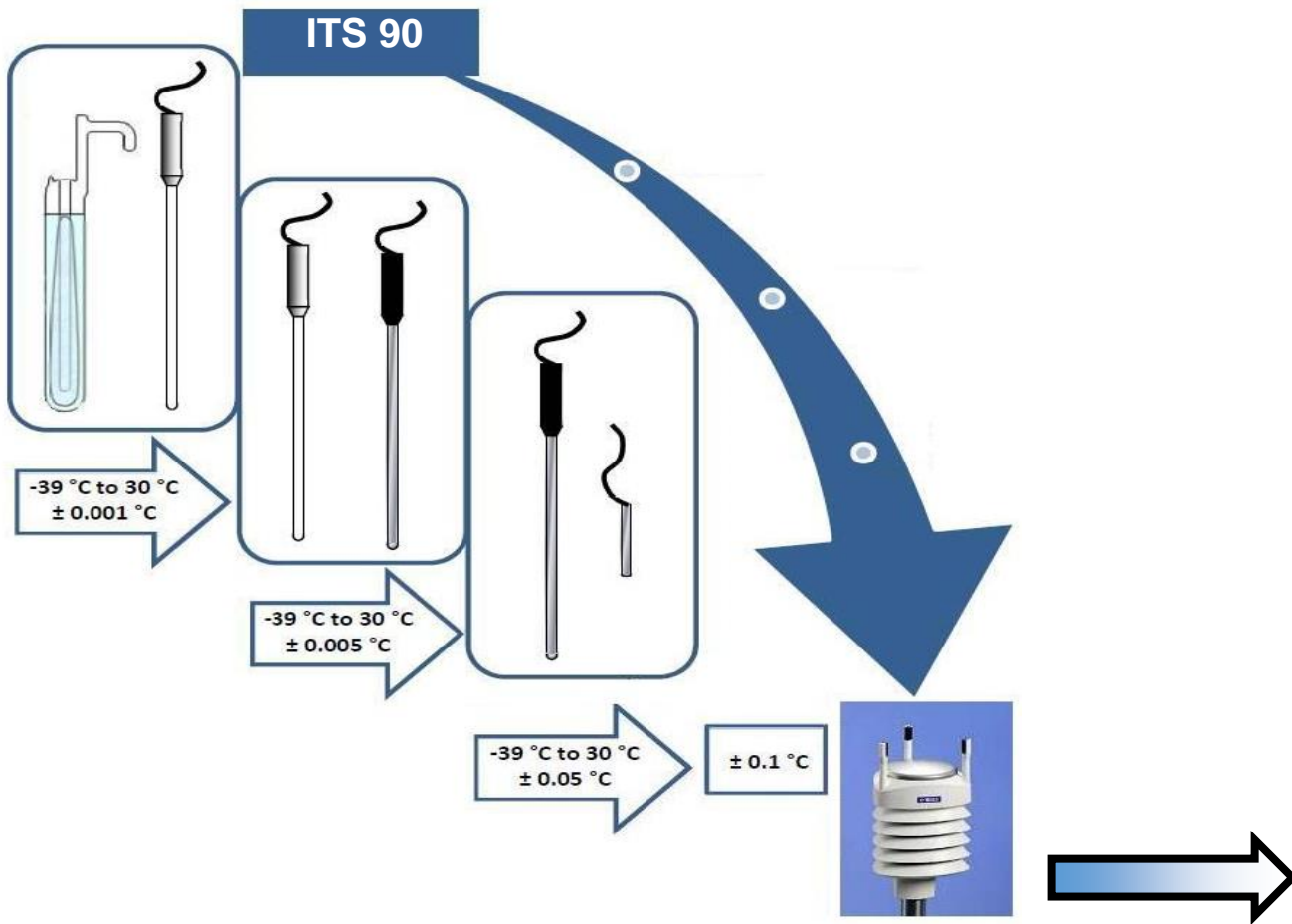
Applied Metrology



Traceability is required to reach full comparability

- Comparability on climate-change scales
- Comparability to fundamental physical models
- Comparability across generations
- Comparability across borders & organizations
- Comparability across methodologies



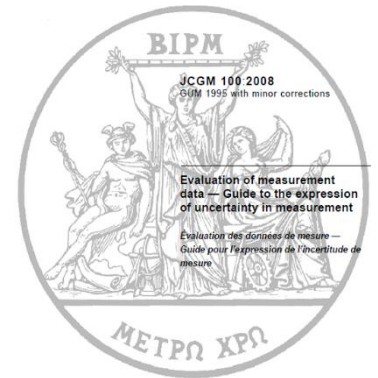


The Importance of Metrology

A common understanding, expression and evaluation of uncertainties

Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement – JCGM 100:2008

aka the “GUM”



First edition: September 2008
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→ See training module on «Uncertainties»

Uncertainty:

a logical doubt

*about our limits to know the
true*

The Importance of Metrology

A common terminology.

International vocabulary of basic and
general terms in metrology
JCGM 200:2012

Aka the “VIM”



→ See training module on «International Vocabulary of Metrology»

The JCGM

The Joint Committee has the responsibility for maintaining and updating the *International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology (VIM)* and the *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM)*



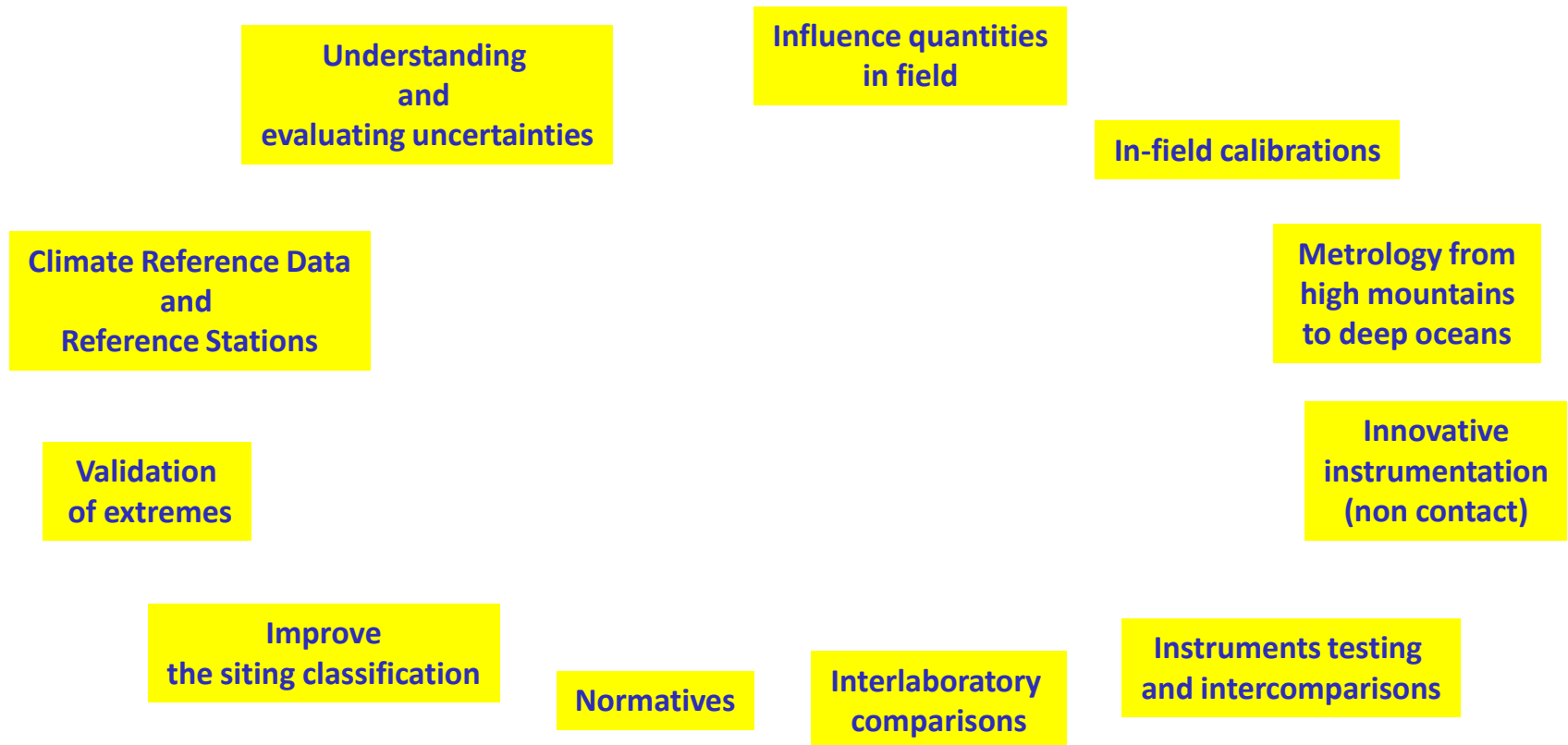
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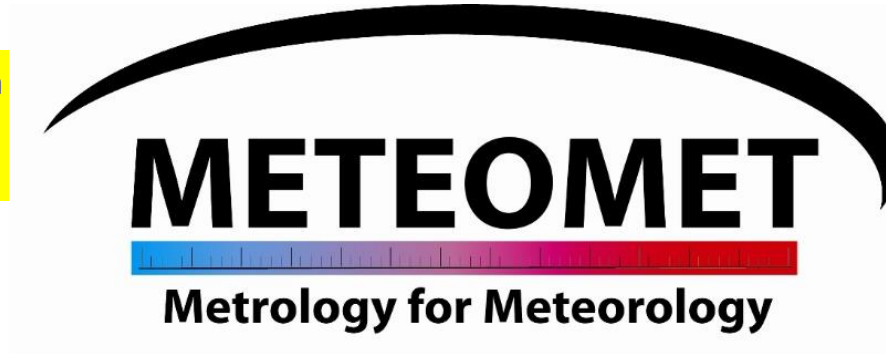
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<http://www.iso.org/sites/JCGM/JCGM-introduction.htm>

Metrology for climate and environment

Metrology for climate and environment





Understanding and evaluating uncertainties

Influence quantities in field

In-field calibrations

Metrology from high mountains to deep oceans

Innovative instrumentation (non contact)

Instruments testing and intercomparisons

Interlaboratory comparisons

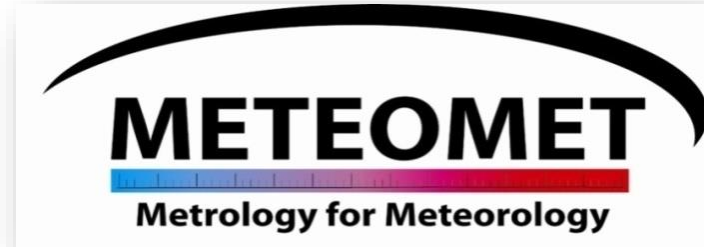
Normatives

Improve the siting classification

Validation of extremes

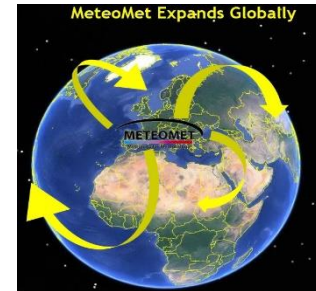
Climate Reference Data and Reference Stations

2011 -> 2023



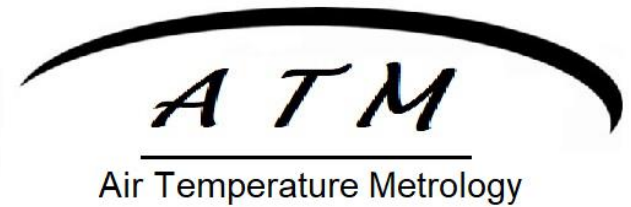
a worldwide consortium born
as a EURAMET project

- 24 National Institutes of Metrology
- 12 Universities
- 13 Research centers
- 11 Instrument Companies
- 19 Meteorological services

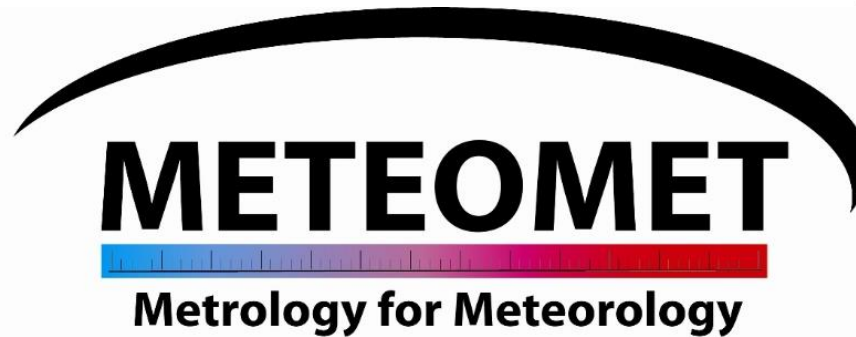




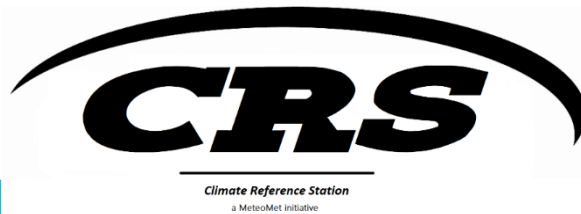
2020-2023



2017-2024



2011 - 2017



2019-2022



2018-2022

A thermometer measures the temperature of the air.



A thermometer measures the **temperature** of the air.



A thermometer measures the **temperature** of the **air**.



A (contact) thermometer gives an indication of its heat equilibrium at **that** time in **that** place under **those** conditions.

Different sensors, *different* solar shields, *different* technical solutions, *different* effects of environmental factors...

all of them introduce *different* errors and uncertainties, resulting in biases in records and data series

Issues on the definition of the measurand, similar to sea surface temperature



Air Temperature Metrology

1. A pilot study in the form of interlaboratory comparisons
2. World guide on calibration of thermometers in air
3. Propose a reference definition (practical) of air temperature
4. Provide a complete uncertainty budget for field measurements

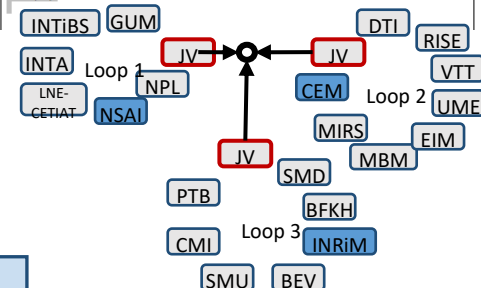


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**BIPM CCT Task Group Air Temperature
kick off meeting 8 November 2021**

Innovative
instrumentation
(non contact)

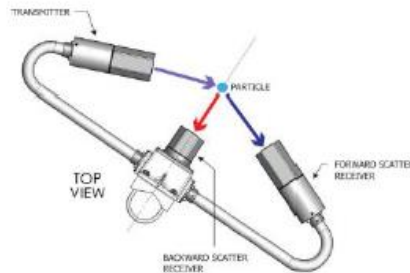
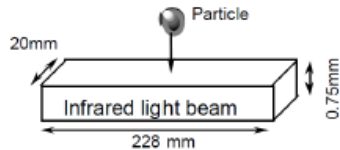
Normatives



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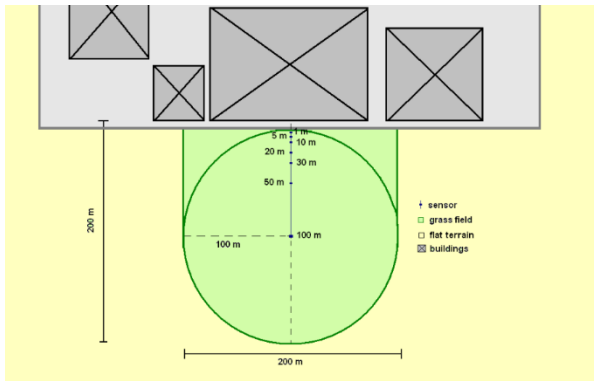
Metrology for non-catching rain instruments

Traceable calibration methods for non-catching precipitation gauges to be incorporated into standards.



no.	Participant Type	Short Name	Organisation legal full name	Country
1	Internal Funded Partner	INRIM	Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica	Italy
2	Internal Funded Partner	CEM	Centro Español de Metrología	Spain
3	Internal Funded Partner	DTI	Teknologisk Institut	Denmark
4	Internal Funded Partner	SMD	Federale Overheidsdienst Economie, KMO, Middenstand en Energie	Belgium
5	External Funded Partner	UNIGE	Università degli Studi di Genova	Italy
6	Unfunded Partner	EDI	Eidgenössische Departement des Innern	Switzerland

MeteoMet siting experiments



Three identical experiments

Thermometers at 2 m, 5 m, 10 m, 50 m, 100 m following the WMO classification

**Experiments
to support
the siting classification**



Road (Italy)



Trees (Czech Rep.)



Buildings (Spain)

**Preliminary result
(2020)**

The WMO siting
classification
over-estimates the
uncertainties

METEOMET

Metrology for Meteorology

Interlaboratory
comparisons



World Meteorological Organisation
Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation (WG TDI)
in RAVI
Task Team on Regional Instrument Centre
in cooperation with



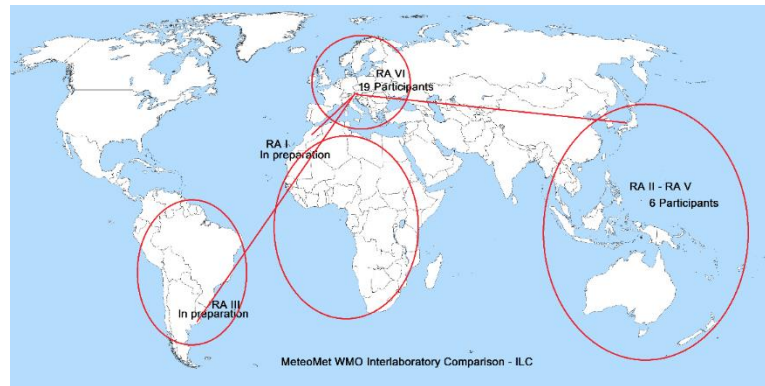
Final ILC protocol

INSTRUCTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON

**Title: Intercomparison in the field of temperature, humidity and pressure
MM-ILC-2015-THP**

Date of approval of the protocol:
04.04.2016

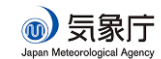
- Items:
- Two Pt-100 resistance thermometers ELPRO type 2210 4700/X in combination with Keysight/Agilent/Hewlett Packard 34420A
 - Capacitive hygrometer Vaisala HMP155 A2GB11A0A1A1A0A
 - Barometer Vaisala PTB220 ACA2A3A1AB



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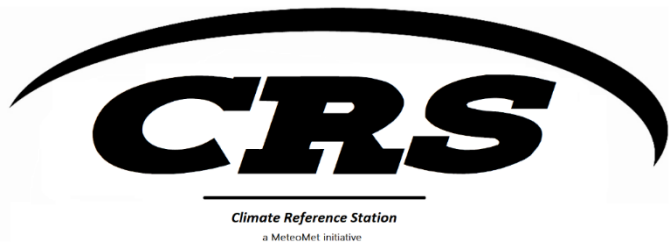


WMO-MM-ILC-2018-THP-2 in WMO region II and V
is in a final draft stage



To spread the same idea is planned
WMO-MM-ILC-2020-THP in WMO region I, III and IV





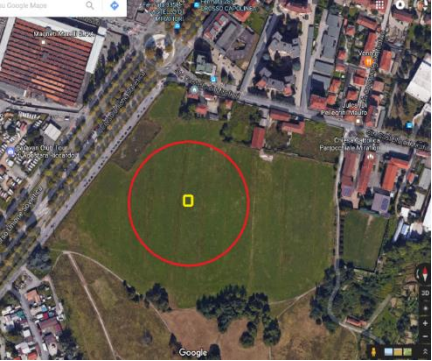
Instruments testing
and intercomparisons

Study and characterisation in laboratory and field
for instruments to establish a research site associated to the GCOS GSRN

Hysteresis, robustness, stability.

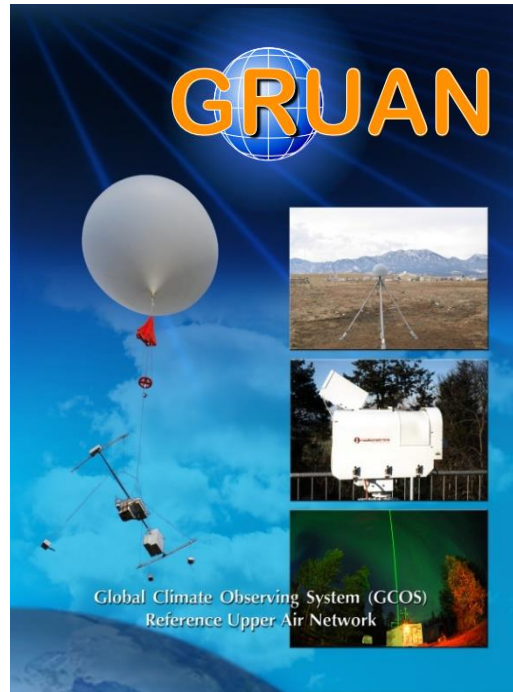
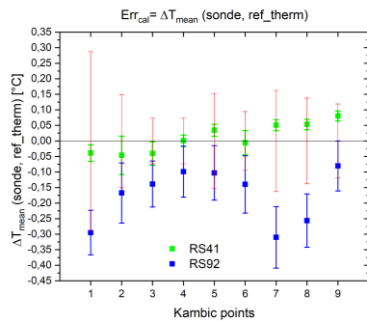


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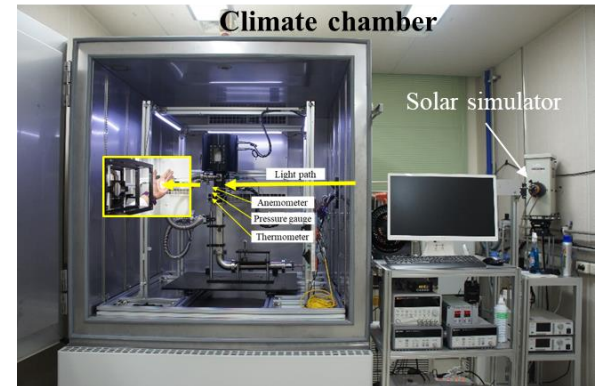


Climate Reference Data

Comparison between Vaisala RS41 and RS92 radiosondes at INRiM and CNR



Studies on the solar radiation correction of radiosonde at KRISS



Low-Temperature and Low-Pressure Humidity Chamber

- Temperature: (-70 – 30) °C
- Pressure: (50 – 1000) hPa
- Dew/frost point temperature: (-90 – 20) °Cdp/fp
- Relative humidity: (2 – 100) %rh
- $U = 1.96\%rh$ ($k = 2$)

Metrology for
high mountains and
polar environment

July 2017, August 2018, August 2019. A metrology lab at 3000 m

In-field calibrations



Ny-Ålesund 10 May 2017

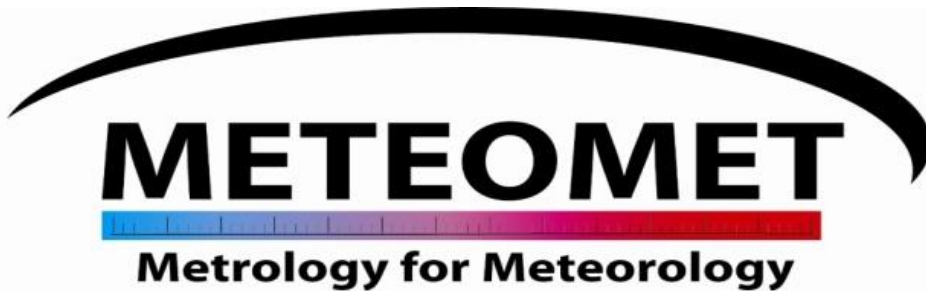
New Metrology lab opened in Ny-Ålesund



Intercomparison of thermometers and shields in polar environment

JPI OCEANS

- Internal Management actions in order Spain supports the *European Marine Sensor Calibration Network (EMSCN) of JPI Oceans*
- Contribution to the paper: *White Paper on Marine Calibrations in Europe (JPI Oceans)*
C. Garcia Izquierdo

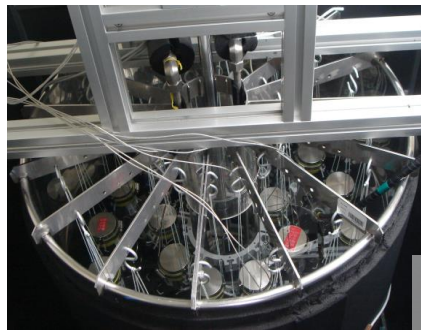


CEM, CNAM, VSL activities in metrology for sea (deep sea, sea surface) temperature measurements.

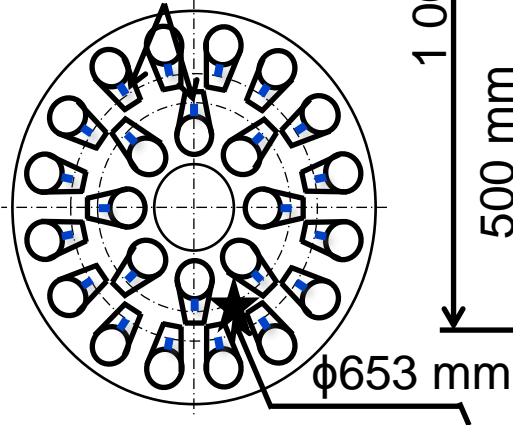
Setup of ocean thermometers for calibration



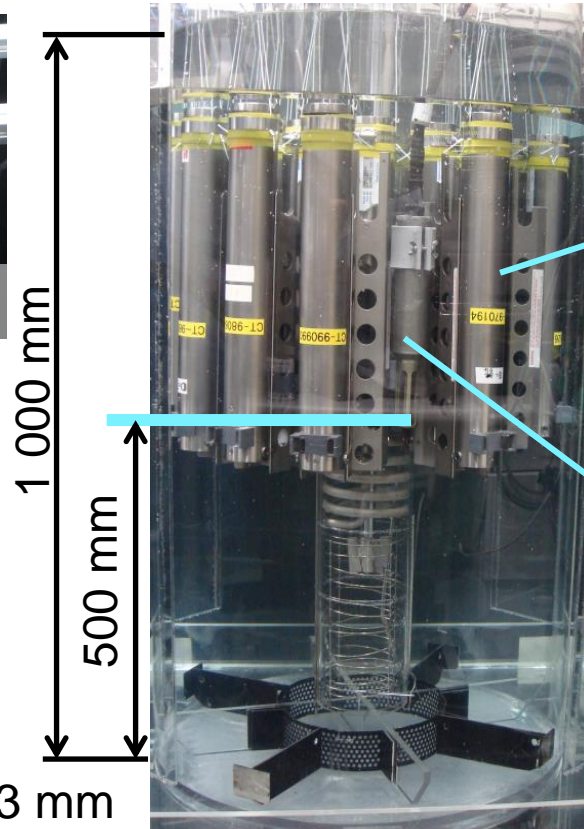
Uncertainty of calibration: < 10 mK (0 °C to 30 °C)*



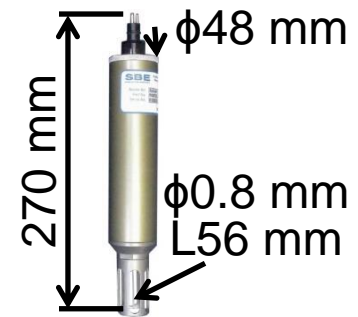
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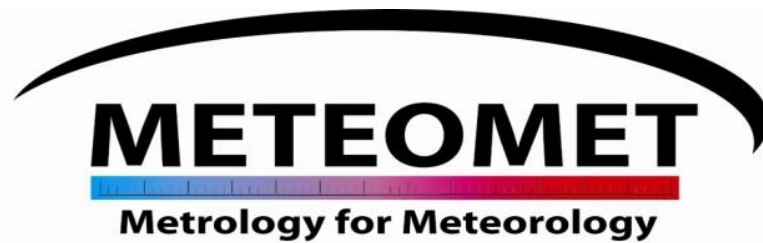
Loading; 24 DUTs, 1 reference thermometer



Calibrated Therm.



Reference thermo.



Pressure sensitivity of deep ocean thermometers (JRP-v03 MeteoMet2)

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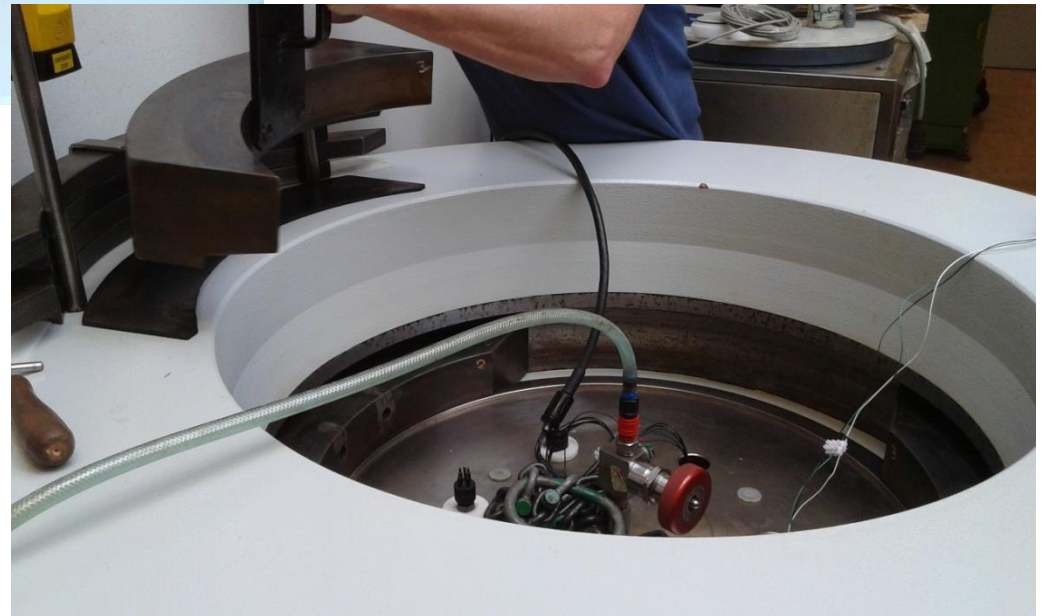
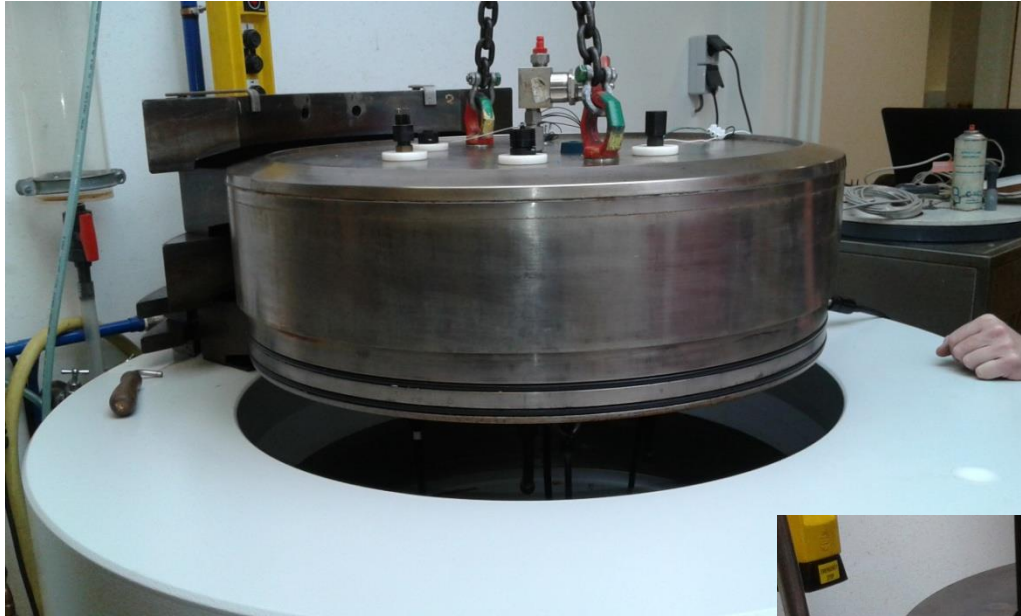
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Pressure sensitivity of SBE35 and SBE3: experimental set-up

- Mounted in comparator block:
 - At atmospheric pressure:
 - I. SPRT Rosemount (sn 3223)
 - II. SBE35 (sn 0012)
 - At chamber pressure:
 - III. SBE 35 (sn 0081)
 - IV. SBE3 (sn 4812)
- Comparator block submersed in the water of the pressure chamber
- Chamber pressurized at P
- Overnight temperature stabilization
- Simultaneous monitoring of the 4 devices for ~ 1 h
- Repeated for different pressure values: 0.1 MPa, 10 MPa, 20 MPa, 30 MPa, 40 MPa, 50 MPa, 60 MPa
- 2 measurement runs in June 2016
- Temperature not controlled (maximum drift $\approx 10 \text{ mK}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$)



Pressure chamber



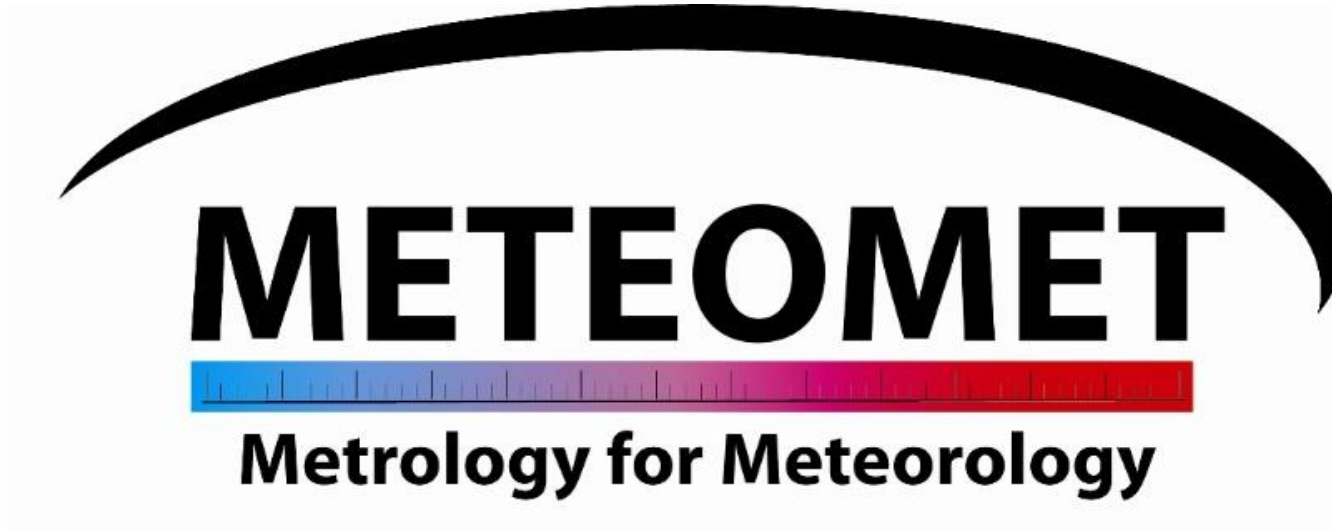
Under-water connections



Calibration of SBE35 and SBE3 in the VSL sub-millikelvin calibration facility

- Calibration by comparison in water bath 0 °C to 30 °C
- Resistance ratio bridge: Isotech MicroK 70
- Homemade temperature control of the water temperature
- Brass comparator block:
 - SBE35 (sn 0019)
 - SBE3 (sn 4812)
 - 2 reference SPRTs
- Investigation of potential heating of SBE35 from SBE3 sensor and head:
 - Both SBE35 and SBE3 on
 - SBE35 on and SBE3 off
 - Both SBE35 and SBE3 on but bath stirring motor disabled→ No measurable effect observed





New collaboration activities are welcome.

Thank you



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