



Traceability, uncertainty and reference measurements for in situ climate observations



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World Meteorological Organization Working together in weather, climate and water



Michel Jarraud, Secretary General of the WMO, signed the Arrangement on behalf of the WMO. 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)





quality assurance, calibration procedures and definitions for those quantities involved in the climate studies and meteorological observations;

- to support a strong cooperation between NMIs and Meteorological Institutions at local, national and international levels;
- to encourage NMIs to work with the relevant meteorological networks to support a monitoring framework for traceable climate data over long temporal terms and wide spatial scales based on best practice metrology;





2014 XXVII CCT launches the Task Group «Environment» (A. Merlone Chair)

2017, the TG ENV becomes the permanent Working Group Environment

2021, a new TG «Air T» is created within the WG ENV



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2021

11 August 2021

Strategy Document for Rolling Programme Development for 2021 to 2030

The Consultative Committee for Thermometry

Objectives, activities and project supporting

WMO (INFCOM and SERCOM), GCOS (GRUAN and GSRN), Cryosphere science (GCW), Oceanography Arctic Environment (SIOS) Air temperature metrology (ATM)

Achievements 2017-2020	Future Scan 2021-2025	Future Scan 2025-2030+
Working Group for Environment		
CIPM RECOMMENDATION T3 (2010) "On climate and meteorological observations measurements" and the Tog of the CCT WG Environment are the basis for establishing long term collaboration with the scientific community involved in research on climate and environmental	Data comparability: Include as reliable as possible uncertainty analysis in historical data; study and assess traceability. Water content measurements (air and soil): Develop suitable measurement techniques and guides.	CCT recommends NMIs to include in their vision documents all possible actions within the expertise of the thermal metrology community contributing to improve measurement quality and knowledge on observation and monitoring of the environment and climate.
monitoring and motivates specific projects and actions from the NMIs.	Evolving technologies, such as non-contact instruments, for meteorological and climatological measurements will be constantly followed, with dedicated activities and studies.	

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Achievements 2017-2020	Future Scan 2021-2025	Future Scan 2025-2030+
The "Metrology for Meteorology and Climate" – MMC Conference series and associated workshops and satellite	Improved techniques, proposals of best practices (also for inclusion in the WMO guide no. 8) and on-site calibration devices	The WG-ENV will continue to facilitate project proposals for funding and joint activities among the members on activities.
events • were fully participated in and endorsed by CCT WG ENV members • represent world top level events for increasing the collaboration between thermal metrologists and the stakeholder communities. Joint Research projects such as MeteoMet, INCIPIT, CRS, COAT progressed the scientific studies and technical research on improving calibration and measurement procedures and uncertainty evaluation	will be addressed to cryosphere observations (high mountains and polar areas). Establishing reference test sites with the highest quality Si- traceable measurements of ECVs, including prototypes of climate reference stations and research infrastructures to support the implementation plan of the GSRN. Arctic Metrology: polar activities will continue with <u>on site</u> calibration campaigns, the implementation of the "Metrology Laboratory" at the arctic station in <u>Ny Alexand</u> and a WMO intercomparison of thermometers and shields in polar	WG-ENV members will continue studying and characterizing temperature, humidity and radiation sensors for ocean applications, ground based systems and radiosondes. Provide radimap to address needs of data quality arising from possible new climate evolution scenarios. The CCT-WG-ENV will promote and contribute to interdisciplinary initiatives, worldwide and at regional level, to create forums and expert teams, to address the stakeholder's needs under coordinated efforts with other areas of metrology, also under future CIPM initiatives.
A metrology network on climate and ocean observation has been formed by EURAMET.	On-site thermometer shield with the minimum environmental effects will be designed and tested.	
The "ATM – Air Temperature Metrology" EURAMET project was launched in 2018, to execute an intercomparison of calibration procedures for thermometers in air and produce a guide. The project formed the basis to launch global initiatives on solving calibration and measurement issues for air temperature. APMP comparison on air temperature thermometers was also started in 2018. TG Air Temperature exablished.	Support in the validation of records associated to extreme events (such as temperature extremes and heat waves, precipitation events, pressure, wind speed etc.), through metrological analysis of the whole measuring process and instrumentation. Improved monitoring techniques for essential fresh water natural and artificial reservoirs and the creation of measurement recommendations.	

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Collaboration and stakeholders	Collaboration and stakeholders	Collaboration and stakeholders
WG-ENV members are formally members of expert teams in the WMO INFCOM and SERCOM, in the Global Cryosphere Watch, the GCOS (GRUAN and GSN Task Teams) and the BSRN. WG-ENV members are involved and supporting official WMO worldwide laboratory intercomparisons in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. Formal collaborations with national meteorological and hydrological services, universities, research centres and manufacturers have been established.	The relationships with key world and international Institutions such as WMO, GCOS, and IAPWS will be sustained to provide channels for impact in the work of the WG-ENV. CCT-WG-ENV members will continue to contribute as experts in WMO, GCOS task teams. CCT-WG-ENV, together with operational meteorologists, climatologists and metrologists, to contribute with studies and activities to GCOS for the definition of the key aspects of GSRN in terms of station features, data characteristics and target uncertainties.	Impact: CCT members continue to organize events, meetings, workshops, conferences and training to discuss and plan common activities with the climate and environmental communities. The GCOS Surface Reference Network (GSRN) of observing stations on land implementation plan was approved by WMO in 2021 and will require a continuous support from the thermal metrology community, being temperature and humidity of air and soil key observables.
Task Group for Air Temperature		
In 2020 a new Task Group on "Air temperature" was formed, tasked: • To work towards and propose a practical definition of air temperature • To work towards and propose how to evaluate	Practical definition of air temperature proposed Method proposed on how to evaluate the uncertainty contributions in air temperature measurements Draft guide for the calibration of thermometers in air	Practical definition of air temperature agreed by CCT and promulgated to key stakeholders Method for evaluating the uncertainty contributions in air temperature measurement agreed by CCT Guide for the calibration of thermometers in air published on
the uncertainty contributions in air temperature measurements To develop guidelines for the calibration of thermometers in air		CCT website



WG ENV Members in WMO

Andrea Merlone (INRiM) Chair ET MU + GSRN SG5 + GCW Permafrost + Member ET QTC

Christian Monte (PTB)

Vice Chair ET – Radiation

Carmen G. Izquierdo (CEM) Member ET QTC + ET Surface & Sub Surface

Gaber Beges (LMK) Member ET QTC

Stephanie Bell (NPL) Member ET QTC

Yong-Gyoo Kim (KRISS) Member ET MU – ET Upper Air

Contributions:

- Training on measurements, uncertainties and units to be published in WMO web pages
- Revision of the "WMO Guide on Instruments and Methods of Observations
- Interlaboratory comparisons
- Measurement Quality Classification
- Studies on Measurement Uncertainty evaluation
- Siting classification and experiments
- Terminology















CIMO and BIPM and Metrology

- CIMO represented in the EURAMET Research Council + on its Task Group Environment
- BIPM experts have been involved in several CIMO Expert Teams (e.g. meeting of the CIMO Task Team on Radiation References)
- List of key topics to work on were requested by BIPM experts to WMO/CIMO to refer to when developping reaserch proposal and projects (e.g. EMPIR)
- EURAMET MeteoMet project: closer ongoing ties between european metrology and meteorology experts
- Inter-laboratory comparison: participation of all RA VI RICs and many NMHS calibration laboratories







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SPM Summary for Policymakers



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SPM



A. Understanding Global Warming of 1.5 °C

A1. Global warming is likely to reach 1.5 °C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate. (high confidence)

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measurements are so far the best way we found to understand nature



We need to measure air temperature (near surface) to

- a) make modern records comparable with historical series
- b) make traceable, comparable and higher quality climate data available for the future generations of climatologists.





A thermometer measures the temperature of the air.







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A thermometer measures the temperature of the **2**.



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 errors and uncertainties, resulting in biases in records and data series





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And we even still do not have a practical definition of air temperature...





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2011 -> 2023







a worldwide consortium born as a EURAMET project

24 National Institutes of Metrology12 Universities

- 13 Research centers
- 11 Instrument Companies
- 19 Meteorologycal services







- 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

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











EURAMET Project Form







C3S calculation tool for evaluating measurement uncertainties in near surface temperature measurements - User Manual

C3S_311a_Lot3_CNR - SC1 Access to observations from baseline and reference networks

CECMWF

Compiled by: Chiara Musacchio Date: April 2019



NPL and INRiM with Copernicus



Innovative instrumentation (non contact)





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	INRIM	Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica	Italy
	Partner			
2	Internal Funded	CEM	Centro Español de Metrología	Spain
	Partner			
3	Internal Funded	DTI	Teknologisk Institut	Denmark
	Partner		, in the second s	
4	Internal Funded	SMD	Federale Overheidsdienst Economie, KMO,	Belgium
	Partner		Middenstand en Energie	Ū
5	External Funded	UNIGE	Università degli Studi di Genova	Italy
	Partner		-	
6	Unfunded Partner	EDI	Eidgenössische Departement des Innern	Switzerland

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0.75mm

Metrology for non-catching rain instruments

INCIPIT



Calibration and accuracy of non-catching instruments to measure liquid/solid atmospheric precipitation

Overview of existing models and working principles of non-catching precipitation gauges together with test/calibration schemes for different types of non-catching precipitation gauges

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Innovative instrumentation (non contact)

2021 new experiment at INRiM

(opto-acoustic thermometer)





Climate Reference Data and Reference Stations





Measurand	Instruments specifications	Maximum allowed documented uncertainty contributions (K=1)	Notes	Required auxiliary measurement s
A :-	Torrest Combined	0.330		
temperature	Expanded Uncertainty	U.2 °C		
	Sensor: Platinum Resistance Thermometer (PRT) Type PT100 IEC-751, Class A Temperature coefficient (alpha): 0.00385 Measuring range: - 40 °C + 50 °C (or lower limit for specific locations) Uncertainty: 0.05 °C, axer, the whole range	Sensor: Max drift: 0.02 K/year Calibration: 0.02 K Sensitivity: 0.005 K Resolution: 0.005 K Logger: 0.05 K Solar Shield (incl.ageing): 0.1 K	Note 1. Documented time constant of sensor and sensor + shield (in terms of response rate as a function of time with known temperature variation, for ISO 17741: time to reach 63% of a 10 °C sudden change). Laboratory calibration certificate according to ISO 17025 (full documented traceability to NMI primary standards).	Relative humidity Solar radiation Wind speed at same height of thermom eter Precipitati on Soil temperat ure Snow

Climate Reference Station

EMPIR 19SIP03 – «Climate Reference Station»

Coordinator: A. Merlone

Primary supporter: WMO

November 2020 – October 2023

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	(WMO	International Science Council	

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

GCOS Surface Reference Network (GSRN): Justification, requirements, siting and instrumentation options

February 2019

GCOS-226

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL





a MeteoMet initiative

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



Site selection









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)



Validation of extremes



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Nor Al	Corrected Value	(°C)	Uncertainty (°C)
Kuwait calibration (A)	53.87>	26	Published 26 July 20:080
Kuwait comparison (B)	53.84		±0.064
Pakistan calibration (A)	53.72		±0.40
Pakistan comparison	53.72		
(B)	N. F. J.		±0.29
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WMO examines reported record temperature of 54°C in Kuwait, Iraq

WMO will set up a committee to examine whether Mitrabah, Kuwait, set a new highest temperature record for the Latest WMO News

Eastern hemisphere and Asia, with a reported temperature of 54.0°C (129.2°F) on 21 July 2016.

northern part of countries in the Arabian Gulf and North Africa.

suffering.

gust, heaviest hailstone etc).

- ADI I ADAD The blob one

Large parts of the Middle East and North Africa were gripped by heatwaves since last week. Temperatures

53.9°C (128°C) on Friday 22 July. Southern Morocco also saw temperatures of between 43°C and 47°C.

exceeding by a large margin the seasonal averages, and over a sustained period. This affected, in particular, the

Mitrabah reportedly saw a temperature of 54.0°C on 21 July and the city of Basra in Iraq recorded a temperature of

Governments issued heat-health warnings and took measure to minimise impacts on population. However the

refugee population in the Middle East were the most affected, with heat exacerbating their fragile situation and

WMO is responsible for the official archives of World Weather and Climate Extremes (temperature, rainfall, wind

According to this archive, the hottest temperature ever recorded was in Furnace Creek, Death Valley, California at

and the sale of Francisco be and a de-

2016 Mitribah -Kuwait 54 °C

2017 Turbat -Pakistan 54 °C

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Temperature extreme records: World Meteorological Organization metrological and meteorological evaluation of the 54.0°C observations in Mitribah, Kuwait and Turbat, Pakistan in 2016/2017

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The 63rd National Antarctic Expedition

WMO hosts women's marine leadership

WMO and CIMH co-host international

training symposium in Barbados

_ Starts - Roshydromet

1 November 2017

1 November 2017

30 October 2017

- workshop

METEOMET





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 COMAPRISON

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
 Reconstruction Valuation (RTR320 ACA2A241AR)

Barometer Vaisala PTB220 ACA2A3A1AB



WMO-MM-ILC-2015-THP in WMO region VI published as IOM Report No. 128

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











Quantities of influence in field

Albedo

Air temperature instruments are effected by radiative extra heating when exposed to snow covered surface .

Temperature records can be different from air temperature value

Different instrument show different magnitude of this effect.

Results showed effects up to 3 °C (and never 0 °C !!)





Quantities of influence in field

Precipitation

- Drops of rain are colder than the air.
- When rain starts, air temperature decreases.
- Convection causes overcooling (errors) in temperature measurements.





•Cooling effect is highly dependent on temperature difference between air and water

•Takes hours for the cooling effect to wear off, after the end of the rainfall

•Latency in the sensors can be significant













Road (INRiM - IMBiH)



Buildings (CEM)



Trees (CMI)

Preliminary result (2020)

The WMO siting classification over-estimates the uncertainties

METEOMET Metrology for Meteorology



100 m deep vertical borehole with thermistor chain





Metrology for high mountains and polar environment

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

In-field calibrations













Annual Average Temperature in 2018 www.BerkeleyEarth.org Relative to 1951-1980 average -2 -0.5 0.5 -1 0 2 6 -6 Temperature Anomaly (° C)

"Climate change comes first and faster in the Arctic"











Ny-Ålesund 10 May 2017 New Metrology lab opened and presented at the station leaders in Ny-Ålesund







Corrections on temperature profiles

13/07/2017





2017-2021 Calibration campaigns at the arctic station in Ny-Ålesund







Metrology for high mountains and polar environment

Intercomparison of thermometers and shields in polar environment









Arctic Metrology Workshops







1st Torino, April 2015
2nd Oslo, May 2016
3rd Ny-Ålesund, May 2017
4th Oslo, November 2019





•Break out session @ Arctic Circle 2015



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THE FUTURE OF ENERGY SECURITY IN THE ARCTIC

The Iceland School of Energy will organize a session on Thursday, October 15th, about the future of Arctic energy, with considerations of environmental and human security. The session will be organized in cooperation with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHINA

The Opening Session of the 2015 Arctic Circle Assembly will include an address by the Foreign Minister of the People's Republic China, Wang Yi.



METROLOGY FOR ENVIRONMENT IN THE ARCTIC

High-accuracy measurements are needed to understand the evolution of the Arctic environment in its many extremes. EURAMET, the European Association of National Metrology Institutes, is hosting a breakout session promoting common activities between metrology and Arctic scientific research to improve data quality.











Keep on working together!





Thank you

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