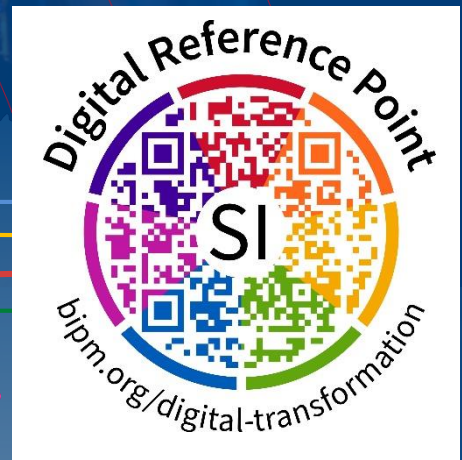


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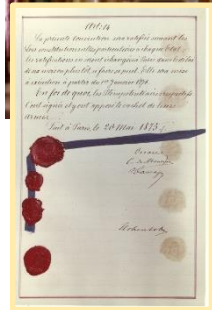
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The BIPM - Bureau international des poids et mesures

The Metre Convention was signed in Paris by 17 nations on **20 May 1875** “to assure the international unification and perfection of the metric system”



CGPM – Conférence générale des poids et mesures

Official representatives of Member States



CIPM – Comité international des poids et mesures

14 then 18 members all from different nationalities and elected by the CGPM.



Headquarters (Scientific and technical secretariat, Sèvres, France)



1875

17 Member States

14 CIPM Members

Director + 2 Assistants

2022

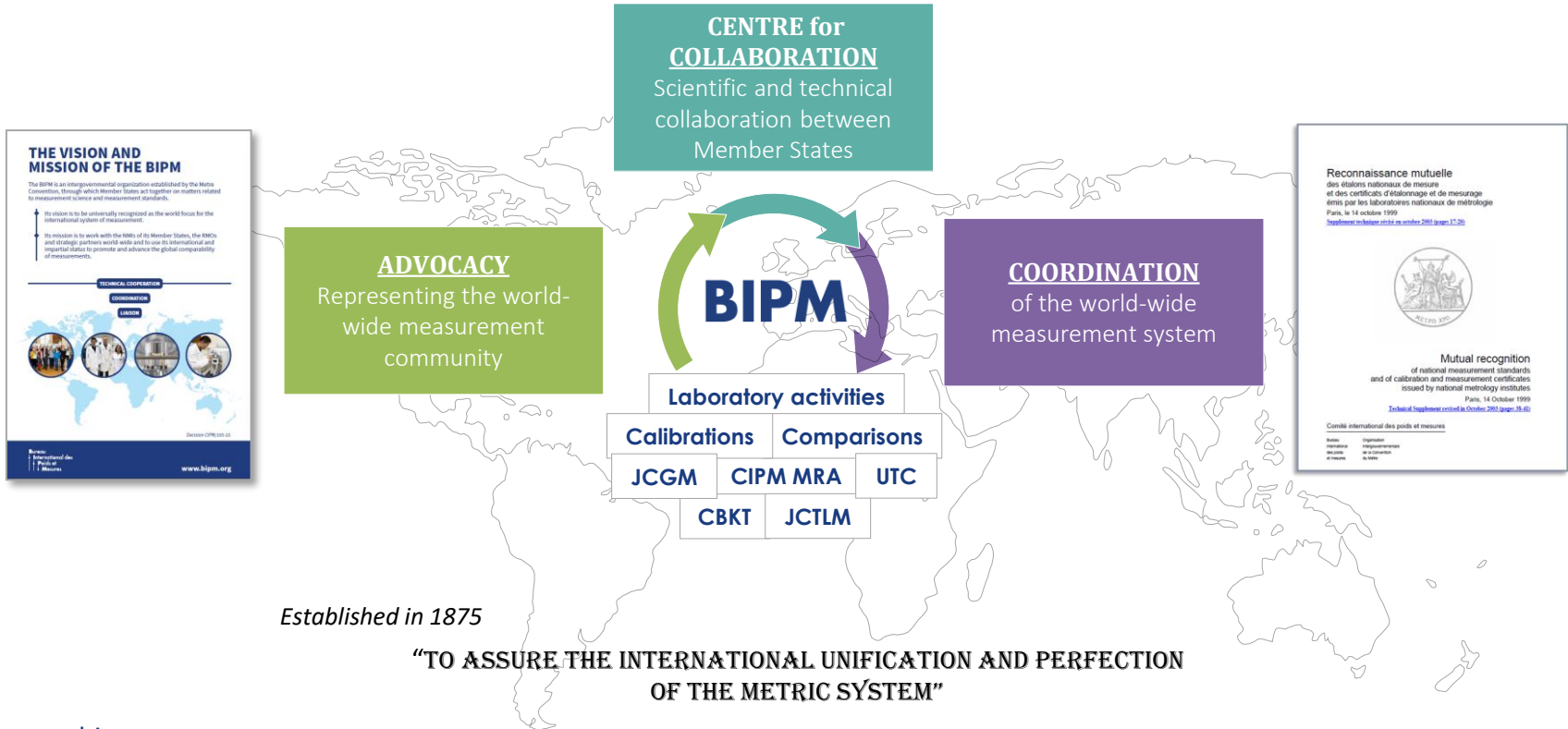
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18 CIPM Members

Director + 70 staff

The BIPM

... is the **intergovernmental organization established by the Metre Convention in 1875**, through which Member States act together on matters related to measurement science and measurement standards



Members and Associates (May 2023)



- 64 Member States* and
- 36 Associates of the CGPM
(States and Economies)

** The official term is "States Parties to the Metre Convention"; the term "Member States" is its synonym and used for easy reference.*

Members and Associates *(May 2023)*

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des étalons nationaux de mesure
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émis par les laboratoires nationaux de métrologie
Paris, le 14 octobre 1999

[Supplément technique révisé en octobre 2003 \(pages 17-20\)](#)



Mutual recognition
of national measurement standards
and of calibration and measurement certificates
issued by national metrology institutes

Paris, 14 October 1999

[Technical Supplement revised in October 2003 \(pages 38-41\)](#)

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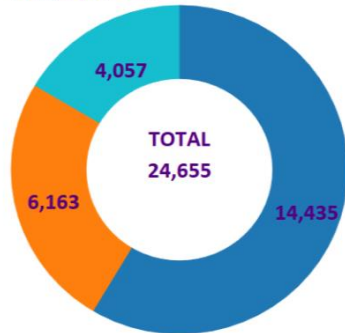
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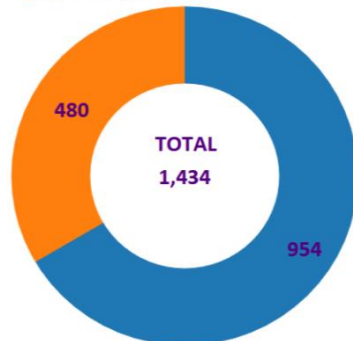
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CMC area
■ General physics
■ Chemistry
■ Ionizing Radiation



Comparisons
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The BIPM – main technical roles.

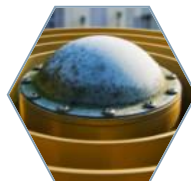
Travelling standards

Maintains travelling standards to compare fixed national references *e.g.*, Josephson Junctions for the volt, Quantum Hall devices for the ohm, etc.



Coordinated Universal Time

Realizes and disseminates Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) based on weighted averages of ~ 500 clocks from over 80 national laboratories world-wide.



kilogram

Ensures metrological traceability of mass measurements based on the new definition of the kilogram in terms of a physical constant.



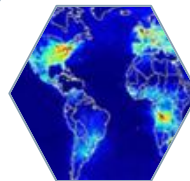
Coordinate comparisons

Organizes comparisons for physical and chemical quantities world-wide.



Unique world reference facilities

Maintains unique world reference facilities *e.g.*, SIR (ionizing radiation and isotopes), ozone spectrophotometers



Liaison and Coordination

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The BIPM works to foster cooperation with international organizations and promotes the world-wide comparability of measurements.

The Joint Statement

"On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure"

Digital Transformation

Joint Statement of Intent *On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure*

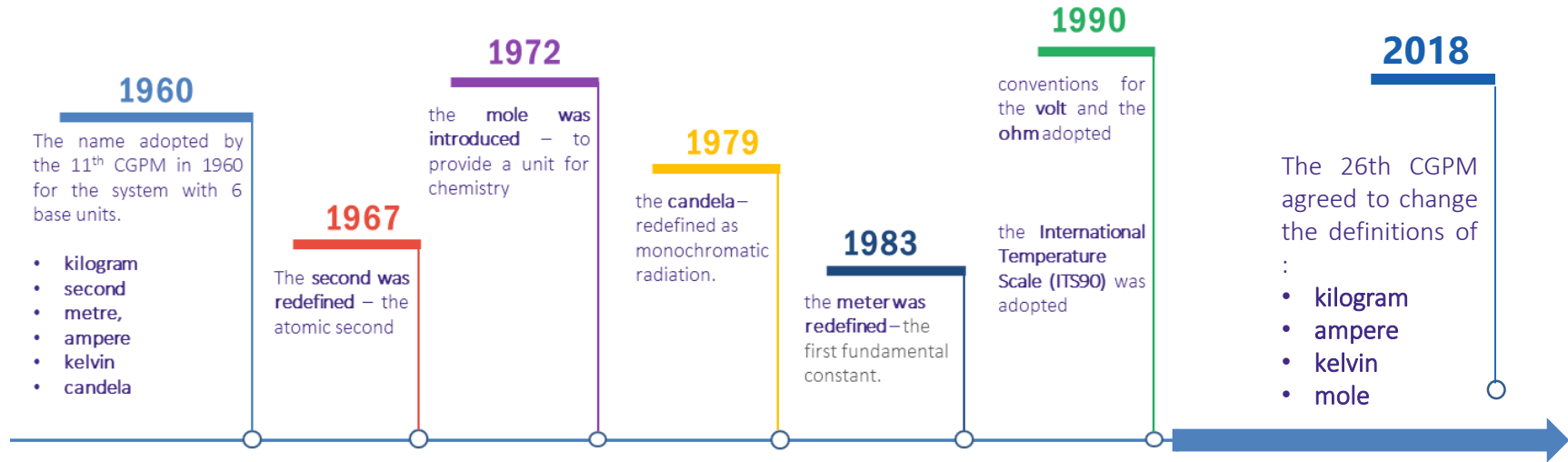
Joint Statement of Intent

On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure

We the undersigned undertake to support in a way appropriate to each organisation the development, implementation, and promotion of the SI Digital Framework as part of a wider digital transformation of the international scientific and quality infrastructure.



A brief history of the SI



The International System of Units (SI)

Prefixes

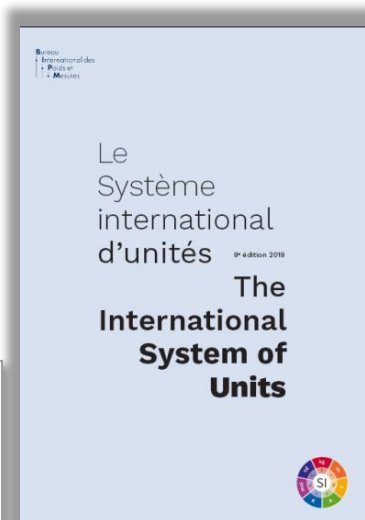
Table 5. SI prefixes

Factor	Name	Symbol	Factor	Name	Symbol
10^1	deca	da	10^{-1}	deci	d
10^2	hecto	h	10^{-2}	centi	c
10^3	kilo	k	10^{-3}	milli	m
10^6	mega	M	10^{-6}	micro	μ
10^9	giga	G	10^{-9}	nano	n
10^{12}	tera	T	10^{-12}	pico	p
10^{15}	peta	P	10^{-15}	femto	f
10^{18}	exa	E	10^{-18}	atto	a
10^{21}	zetta	Z	10^{-21}	zepto	z
10^{24}	yotta	Y	10^{-24}	yocto	y

Base units

Table 1. SI base units

Base quantity		SI base unit	
Name	Symbol	Name	Symbol
length	<i>l, x, r, etc.</i>	metre	m
mass	<i>m</i>	kilogram	kg
time, duration	<i>t</i>	second	s
electric current	<i>I, i</i>	ampere	A
thermodynamic temperature	<i>T</i>	kelvin	K
amount of substance	<i>n</i>	mole	mol
luminous intensity	<i>I_v</i>	candela	cd



The 9th edition of the SI Brochure is available from the BIPM website.

Derived units

Table 3. Coherent derived units in the SI with special names and symbols

Derived quantity	SI coherent derived unit ^(a)			
	Name	Symbol	Expressed in terms of other SI units	Expressed in terms of SI base units
plane angle	radian ^(b)	rad	1 ^(b)	m/m
solid angle	steradian ^(b)	sr ^(c)	1 ^(b)	m ² /m ²
frequency	hertz ^(d)	Hz		s ⁻¹
force	newton	N		m kg s ⁻²
pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	N/m ²	m ⁻¹ kg s ⁻²
energy, work, amount of heat	joule	J	N m	m ² kg s ⁻²
power, radiant flux	watt	W	J/s	m ² kg s ⁻³
electric charge, amount of electricity	coulomb	C		s A
electric potential difference, electromotive force	volt	V	W/A	m ² kg s ⁻³ A ⁻¹
capacitance	farad	F	C/V	m ⁻² kg ⁻¹ s ⁴ A ²
electric resistance	ohm	Ω	V/A	m ² kg s ⁻³ A ⁻²
electric conductance	siemens	S	A/V	m ⁻² kg ⁻¹ s ³ A ²
magnetic flux	weber	Wb	V s	m ² kg s ⁻² A ⁻¹
magnetic flux density	tesla	T	Wb/m ²	kg s ⁻² A ⁻¹
inductance	henry	H	Wb/A	m ² kg s ⁻² A ⁻²
Celsius temperature	degree Celsius ^(e)	°C		K
luminous flux	lumen	lm	cd sr ^(c)	cd
illuminance	lux	lx	lm/m ²	m ⁻² cd
activity referred to a radionuclide ^(f)	becquerel ^(g)	Bq		s ⁻¹
absorbed dose, specific energy (imparted), kerma	gray	Gy	J/kg	m ² s ⁻²
dose equivalent, ambient dose equivalent, directional dose equivalent, personal dose equivalent	sievert ^(g)	Sv	J/kg	m ² s ⁻²
catalytic activity	katal	kat		s ⁻¹ mol



<https://www.bipm.org/en/committees/cg/cgpm>

Resolution 2

“On the global digital transformation and International System of Units”

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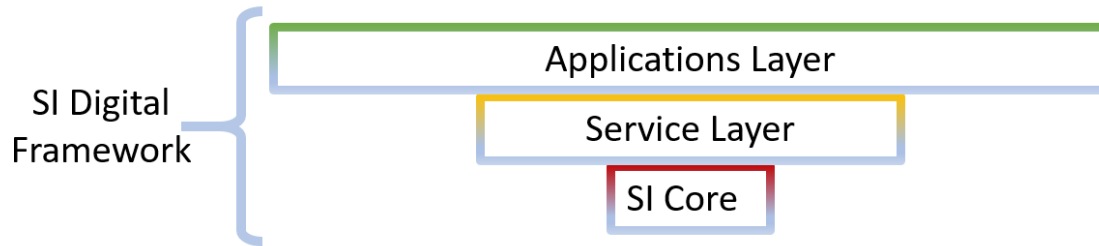
the CIPM to undertake the development and promotion of an SI Digital Framework, that will include the following features:

- a globally accepted digital representation of the SI, compatible with, and useable within, digital data exchange standards and protocols, whilst maintaining compatibility with existing non-digital solutions,
- facilitating use of digital certificates in the existing robust infrastructure for the world-wide recognition and acceptance of calibration and measurement capabilities,
- the adoption of the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) for digital metrological data and metadata, ensuring that other communities recognize the critical importance of metrological traceability for measurement data, the latter being an established requisite for building trust.

the SI Digital Framework

Being developed by the CIPM with three layers:

1. **SI core representation**, defined by CIPM: Metadata models and exchange format implementations for basic data elements comprising values, units and uncertainty of a quantity based on the BIPM SI Brochure.
2. **Services**, implemented by the NMIs, BIPM and related organizations: Open data formats and software tools and services that build upon the SI core representation. Such services enable data to be ready for analysis, improve data quality and reliability, facilitate life-cycle analysis, communicate that data is fit for purpose, and improve data transparency.
3. **Applications**, developed and deployed in the broader metrology community and in research disciplines that rely upon the SI: Tools and services can be utilized in domain-specific applications, including sophisticated analysis and AI/ML methods, and, through layering on the SI core representation, assure reliability and traceability.



“Transforming the International System of Units for a Digital World”
Approved Oct 2020 - CIPM/109-17

The CIPM Vision for

“Transforming the International System of Units for a Digital World”

Vision for SI Digital Framework

- the network of tools, services, and applications that instantiate the Digital SI
- assures that measurements are FAIR, machine-readable, machine-actionable, and support digital metrological traceability.

The SI Digital Framework is coordinated by CIPM and consists broadly of three layers:

SI core representation and core data services

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Data services

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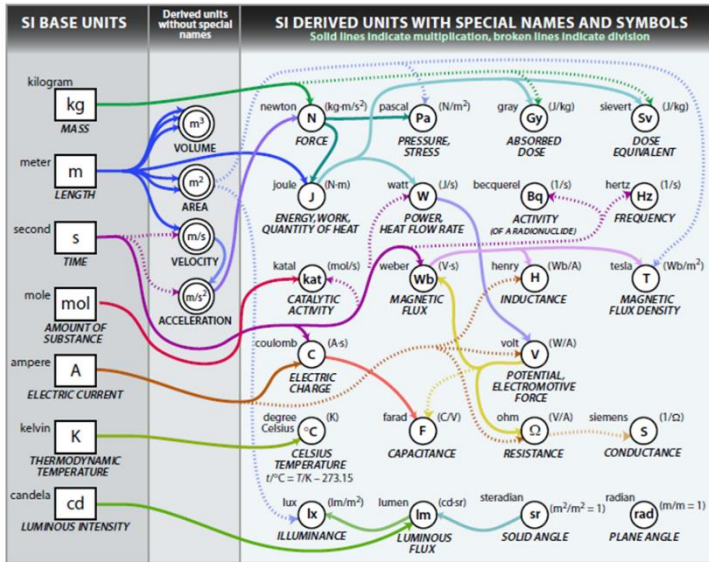
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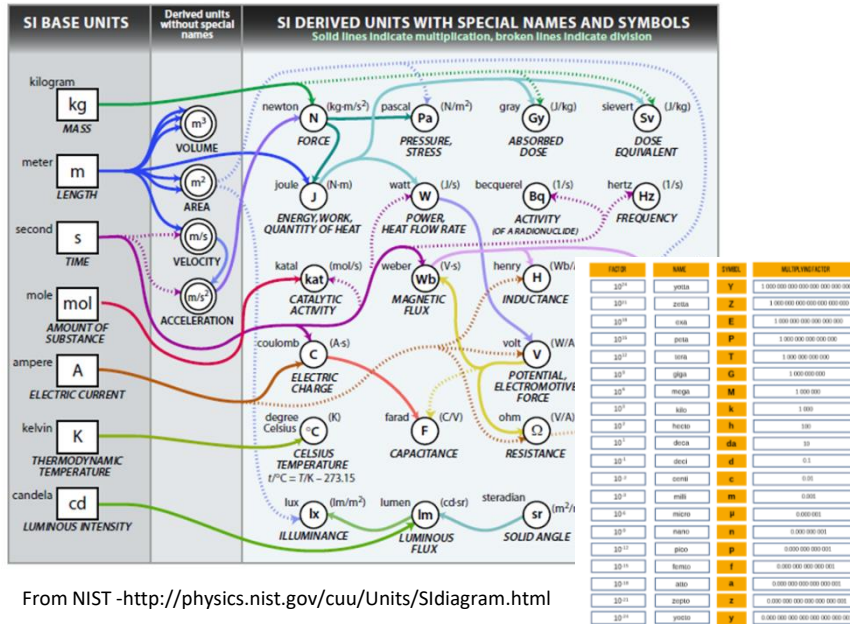
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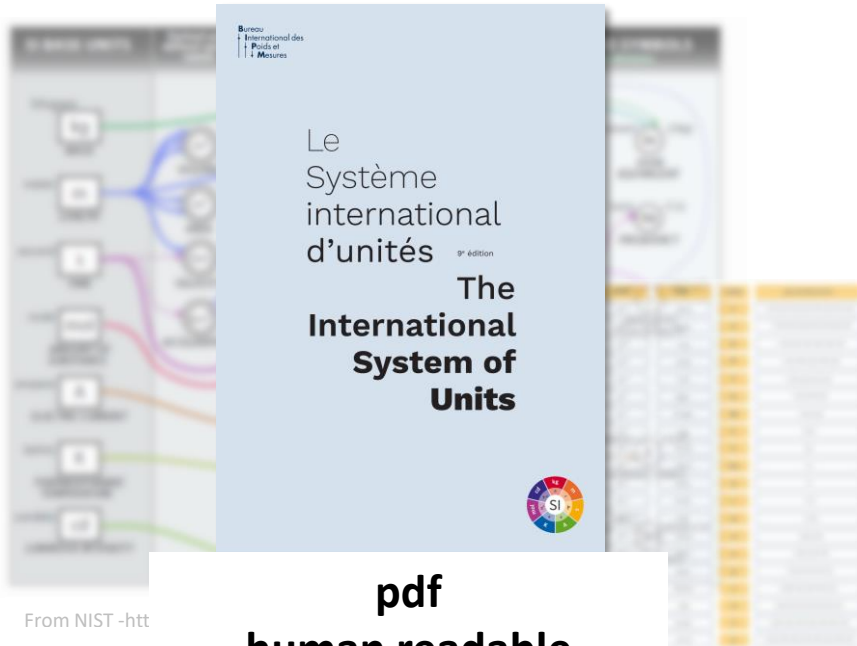
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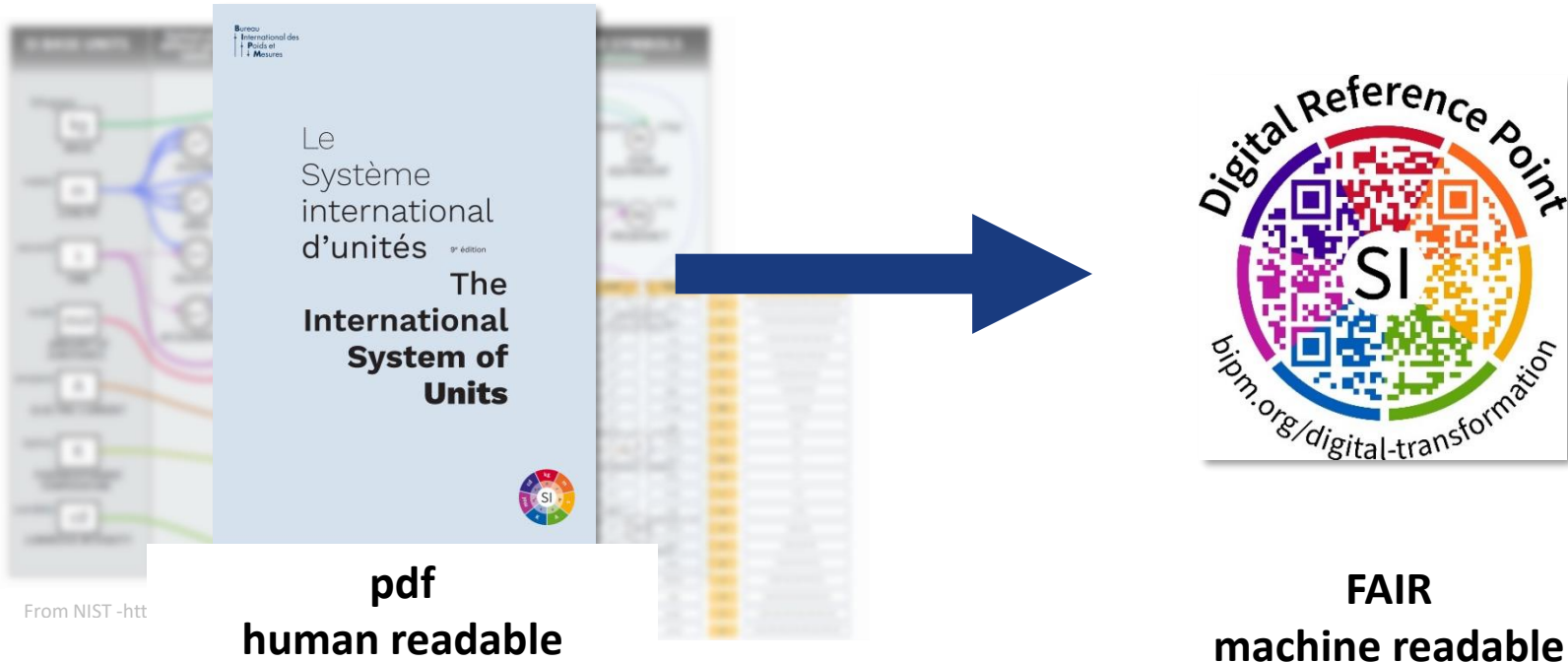
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What are **digital references**?

- A persistent identifier (PI or PID) is a long-lasting reference to a document, file, web page, or other object.
- you can plug it into a web browser and be taken to the identified source.

Barcodes



eg DOIs

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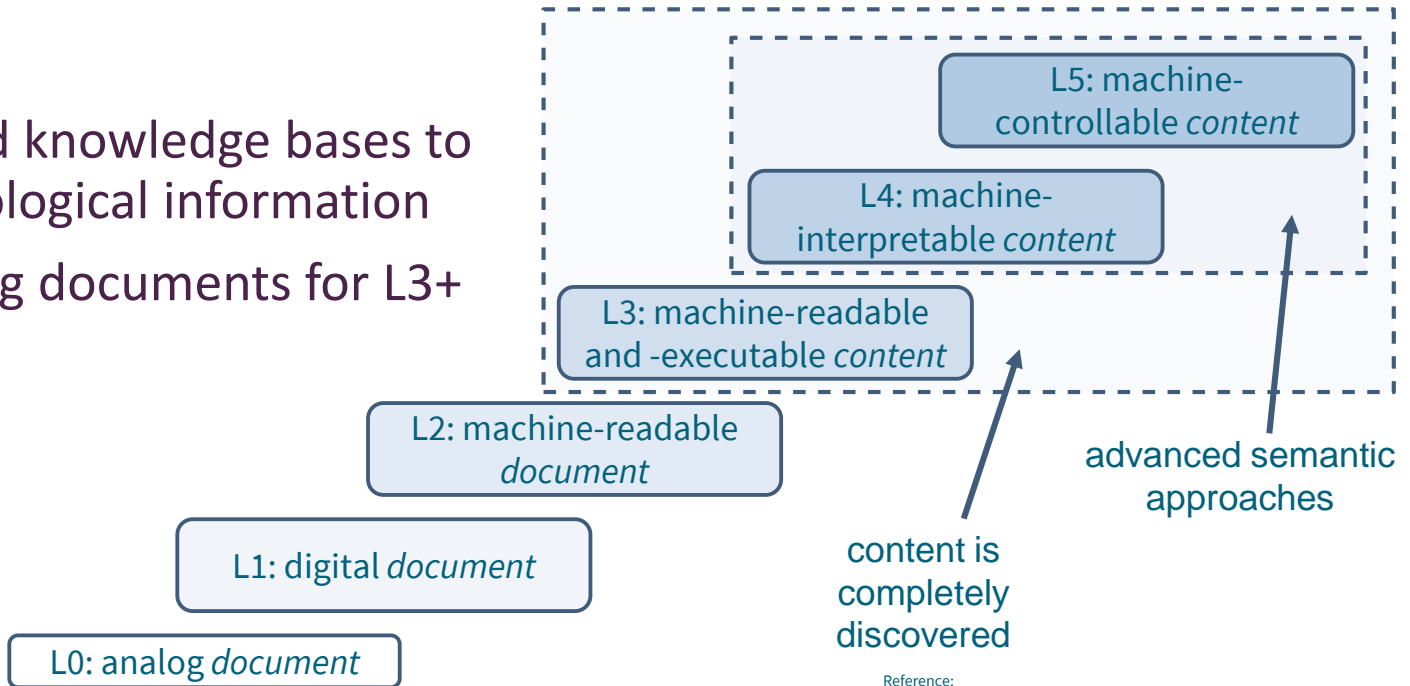
The SI Reference Point

Machine-interpretable reference for the International System of Units

Motivation

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- provide trusted knowledge bases to describe metrological information
- prepare existing documents for L3+



Reference:
<https://www.din.de/resource/blob/801106/0251eb1280a9a97e53285d42d3bf1fea/whitepaper-idis-en-data.pdf>

Building blocks of the semantic web

addition of formal logic to the web

- express data and rules
- reason about content
- describe and express complex properties
- remain decidable

integration with existing standards

- build on accepted tools
- use (hidden) annotations in *XML*
- describe meaning and relations with *RDF*
- identify concepts globally using a *URI*

available collections of information

- capture domain specific knowledge
- ontologies define concepts and relations
- interrelate concepts between ontologies

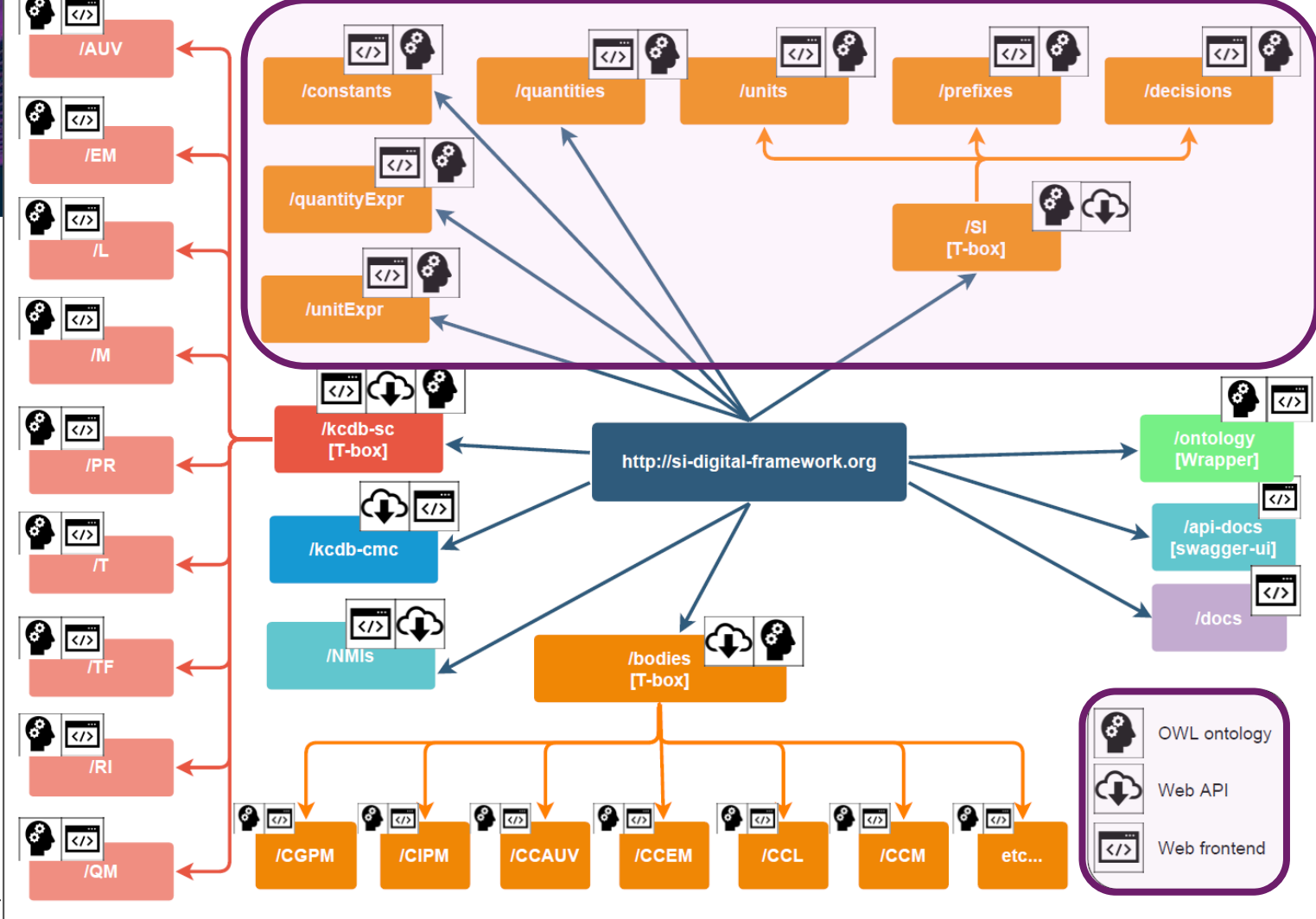
The principal pillars



- SI units
- SI prefixes
- Defining constants
- Selected quantities
- Decisions concerning the SI

Information encoded in knowledge graphs (serialized as TTL / JSON-LD)

Usable by both humans and machines.



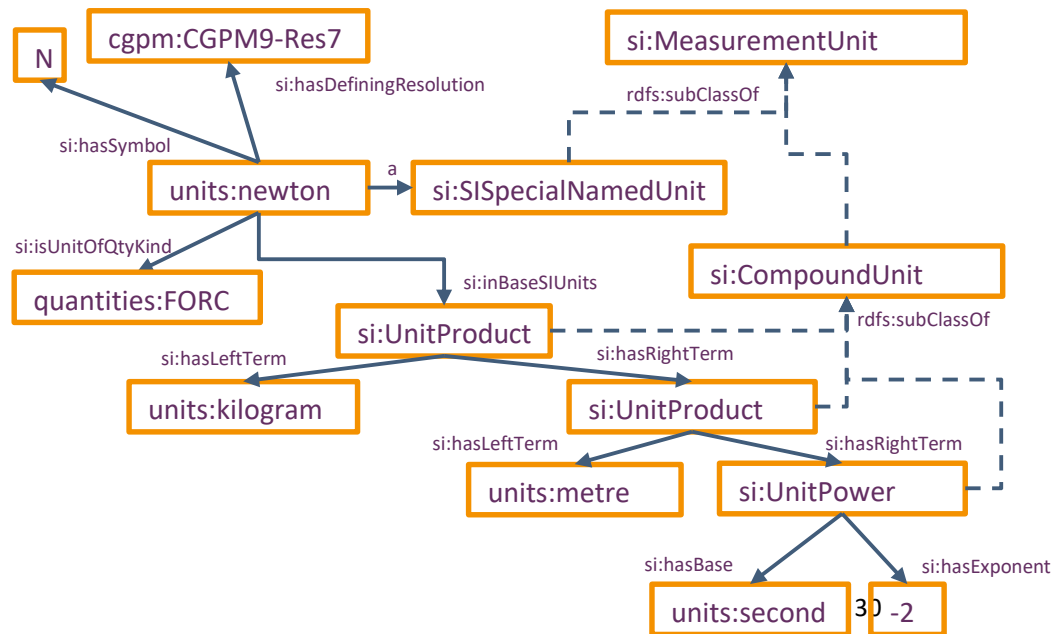
Constructing units from expressions

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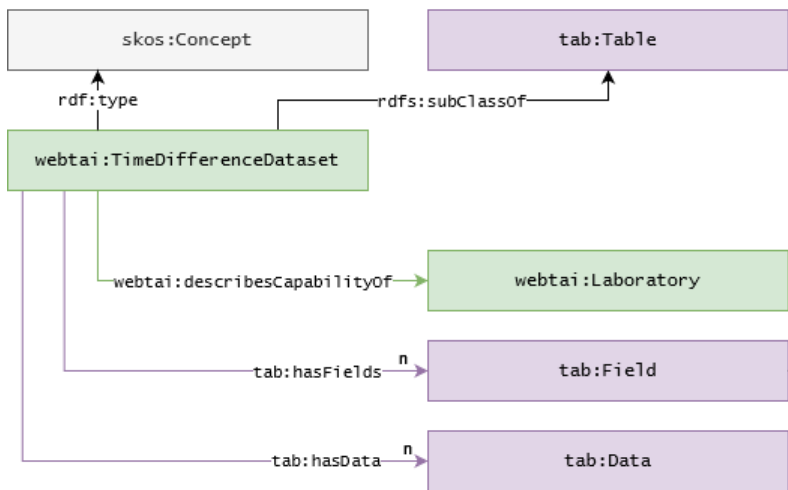
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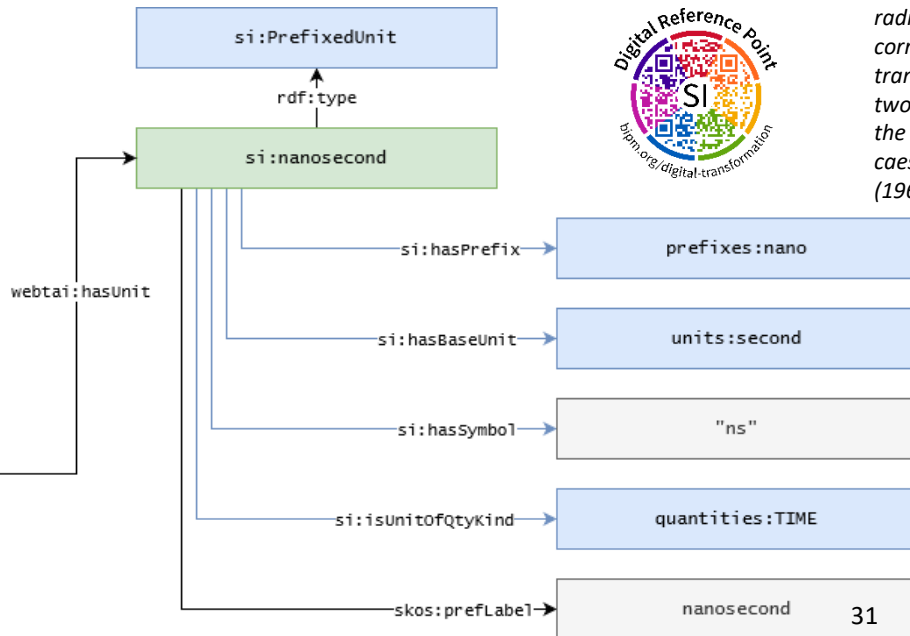


How to link data to units?

What is “ns”?



08/03/2024



“The second is the duration of 9 192 631 770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the caesium 133 atom (1967)”

Links and thanks

- <https://si-digital-framework.org/> : the root URI and web endpoint
- https://github.com/TheBIPM/SI_Digital_Framework : public github repository where files and documentation are available, and issues can be raised.
- Current version : 1.0beta, **comments and feedback welcome.**

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Quick Start: CMC Identifiers

Published on the
KCDB Help page.

Quick start on CMC identifiers

QUICK START: CMC IDENTIFIERS

USE CASES

1. In its Recommendation JCRB/46-1, the Joint Committee of Regional Metrology Organizations and the BIPM (JCRB) recommends the use by NMIs and Dis of **CMC identifiers**, for example in quality management documentation and in calibration certificates (digital or otherwise).
2. The BIPM has established a new digital service that allows a **permanent link** to be provided to the corresponding CMC.

YOUR CMC IDENTIFIER

The identifier is automatically attributed as soon as a CMC is declared on the KCDB web platform, and is **displayed in the KCDB along with the CMC** when the CMC is published.

The CMC identifier is composed as follows, according to document CIPM MRA-G-13¹:

RMO-Area-A2-ID-V

where

- RMO acronym of the Regional Metrology Organization through which the CMC was submitted
- Area acronym of the metrology area
- A2 ISO 3166-1 2-letter country code (or BIPM code for an international organization participating in the CIPM MRA)
- ID 8-character alphanumeric code
- V 1-character alphanumeric version value (from 1 to Z).

PERMANENT LINK

To access a web address please use the following link including your CMC identifier:

[https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/"CMC identifier"](https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/)

(where "CMC identifier" is replaced by your CMC identifier).

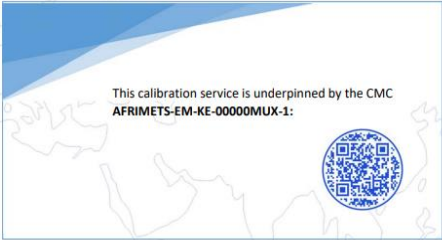
To return machine-readable (JSON or XML) code (for example in a digital certificate), use:

[https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/"CMC identifier"?type=json](https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/)
[https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/"CMC identifier"?type=xml](https://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/)

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Quick start for CMC identifiers

EXAMPLE



This calibration service is underpinned by the CMC
AFRIMETS-EM-KE-00000MUX-1:

¹<https://www.bipm.org/committees/jc/jcrb/meeting-outcomes>
²CMCs - Calibration and Measurement Capabilities in the context of the CIPM MRA: Guidelines for their review, acceptance and maintenance (2022), CIPM MRA-G-13, <https://www.bipm.org/documents/20126/43742162/CIPM-MRA-G-13.pdf>

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The SI Digital Framework – next steps

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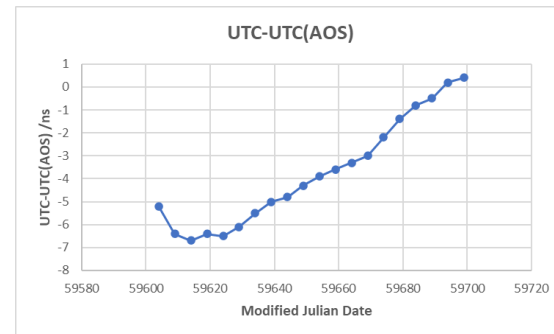
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The SI Digital Framework – actions by the Consultative Committees

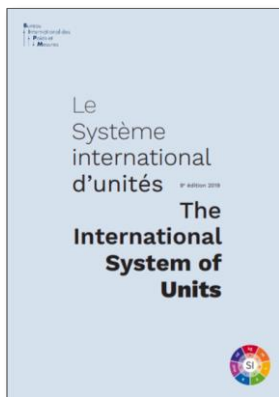
The SI-digital framework provides the basis for new Digital Transformation actions in the CCs. Examples:

- CCTF** demonstration API to allow UTC labs to access Time Dept database directly
- CCRI** digital comparison report formats
- CCL/CCTF** database for wavelength and frequency standards for the Mise en Pratique of the meter and the second with API access
- CCQM** FAIR data workshop
- ..
- ..



At the BIPM we are -

- supporting open data practices by providing digital reference points and machine-accessible data,
- providing the anchor of trust for metrology data.



The development of the SI Digital Framework has been a collaborative effort.

Many thanks to:

- NMI Partners (PTB, NIST, NPL, METAS)
- QI partners collaborating on the SI Reference Point



“thank you”

