

# CCT WG-CMC Meeting

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# Agenda

## Final version

- 1) Review of submitted CMCs – problems and suggestions
  - results of K9 and its influence to accepted and future CMCs
- 2) Review protocol amendments – changes
  - Decrease of number of categories (thermocouples only one category) and number of CMCs (use equations, matrices, ...)
  - Changes as a result of K9
- 3) Inter-RMO review process harmonization – difficulties and delays in CMC review process in the years
  - Which comparisons cover which calibration services
- 4) Any other business

# New members

## Members:

Jovan Bojkovski, Efrem Ejigu (AFRIMET), Hisashi Abe replaced by Inseok Yang (APMP), **Sergey Kondratiev (COOMET)**, **Mohamed Sadli (EURAMET)**, Nasser Dawood (GULFMET) and Ciro Sanchez (SIM)

to establish and maintain lists of service categories and, where necessary, rules for the preparation of CMC entries;

to agree on detailed technical review criteria;

to coordinate and, where possible, conduct inter-regional reviews of CMCs submitted by RMOs for posting in Appendix C of the CIPM MRA;

to provide guidance on the range of CMCs supported by particular key comparisons;

to examine the sufficiency of existing comparisons for supporting CMC submissions and to recommend new comparisons where deemed necessary; and

to coordinate the review of existing CMCs in the context of new results of key and supplementary comparisons.

The CCT-WG-CMC is tasked to draft and update CMC review protocols, to review fast-track submissions for inclusion in the KCDB Appendix C, and to identify new comparisons needed to support CMC submissions.

# Review of submitted CMCs – problems and suggestions

results of CCT.K9 and its influence to accepted and future CMCs

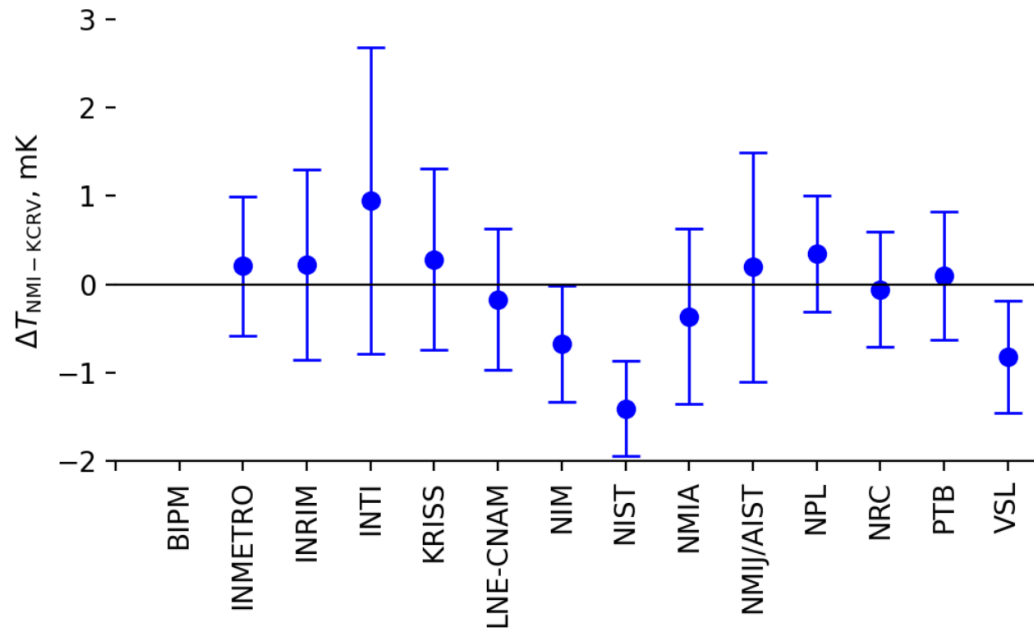


Figure 5.6: Deviation of  $\Delta T_{\text{NMI}}$  from  $\overline{\Delta T}$  at the argon point measured by each NMI. Error bars represent uncertainty calculated using the uncertainty budget supplied by the NMI for this key comparison, at the  $k = 2$  level.

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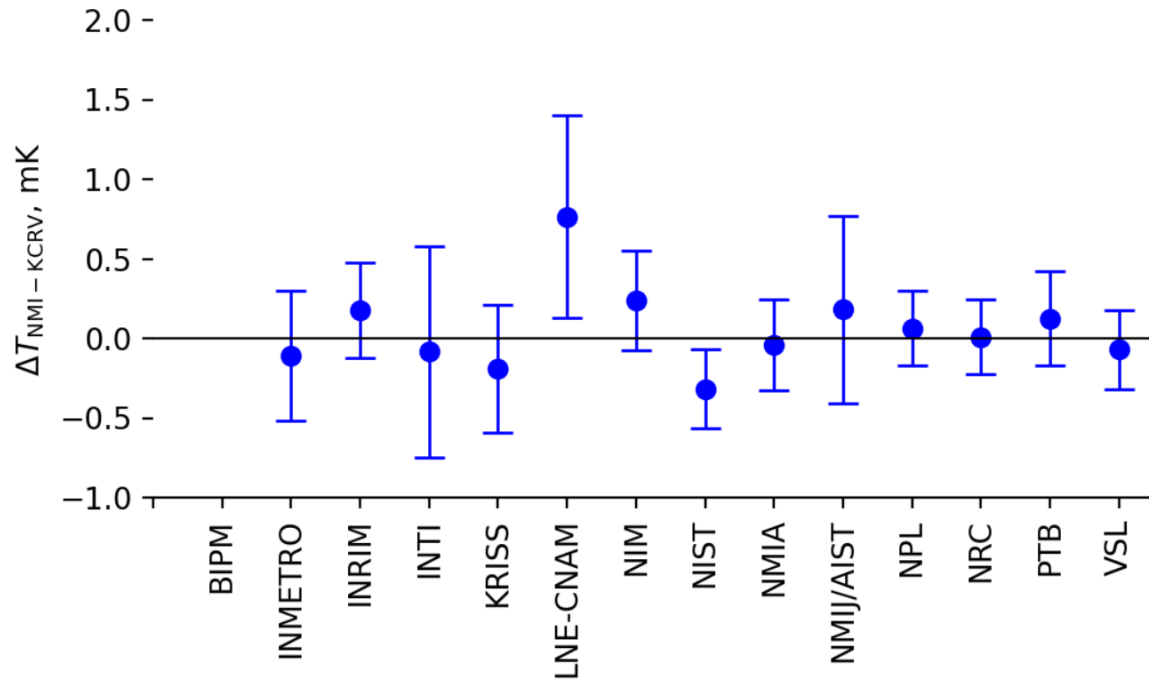


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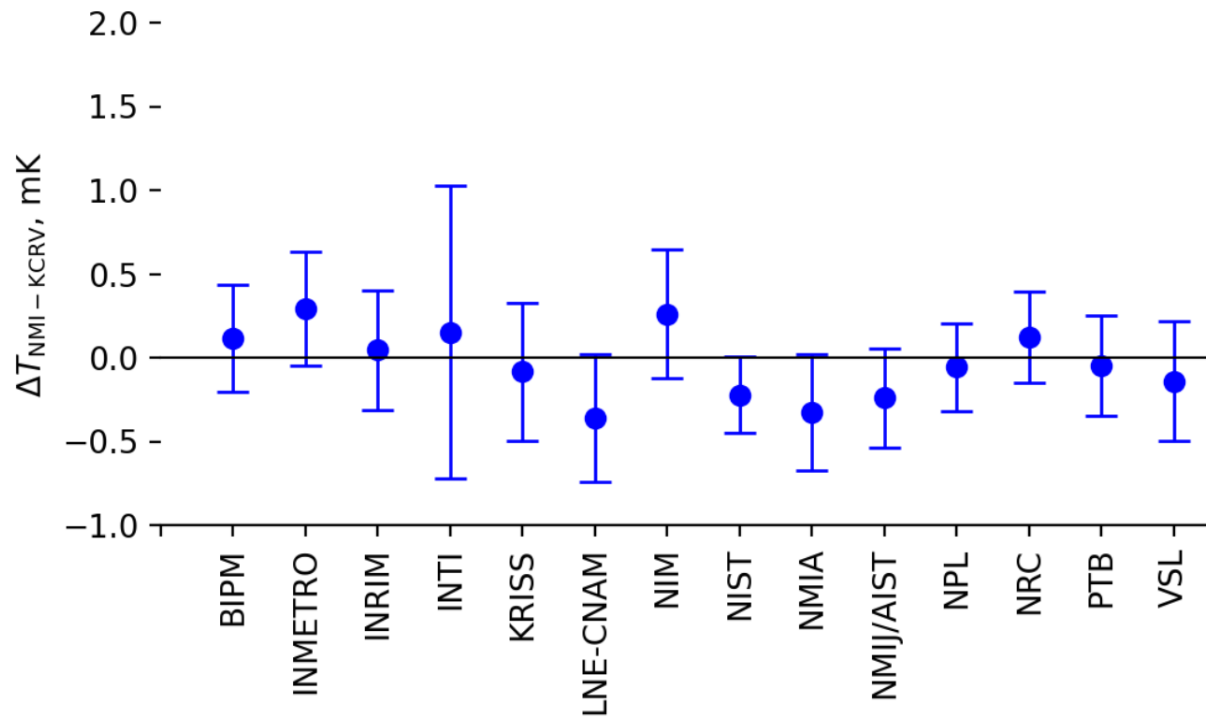


Figure 5.4: Deviation of  $\Delta T_{\text{NMI}}$  from  $\overline{\Delta T}$  at the gallium point measured by each NMI. Error bars represent uncertainty calculated using the uncertainty budget supplied by the NMI for this key comparison, at the  $k = 2$  level.

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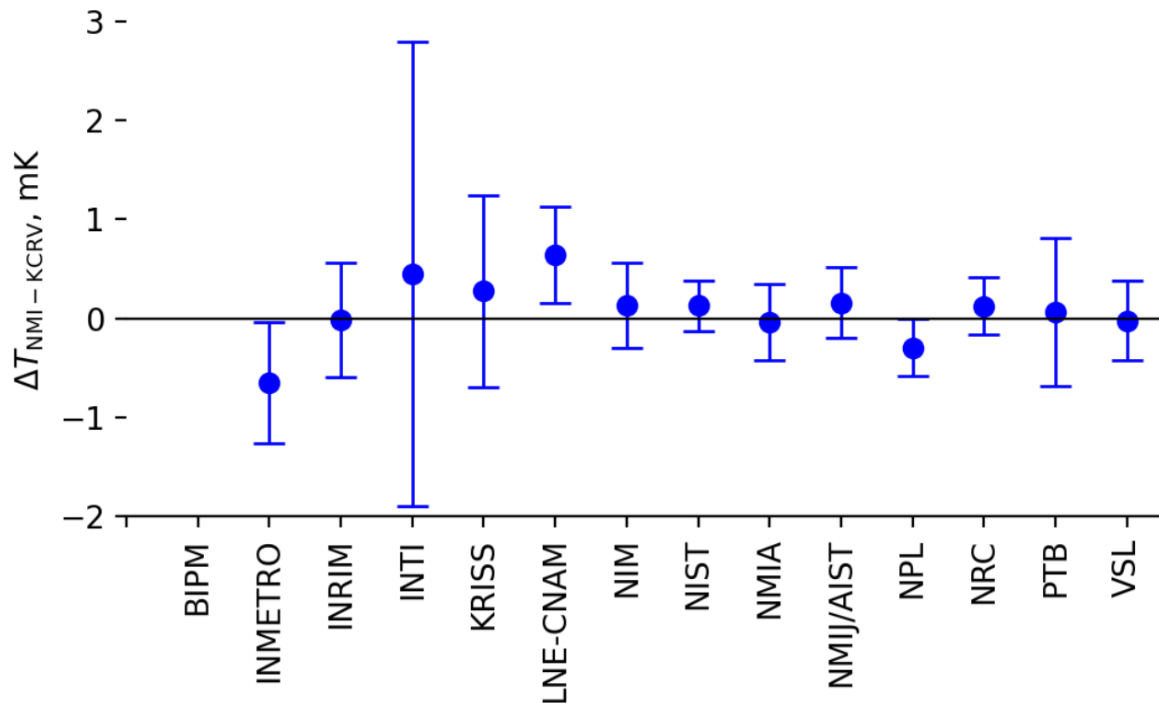


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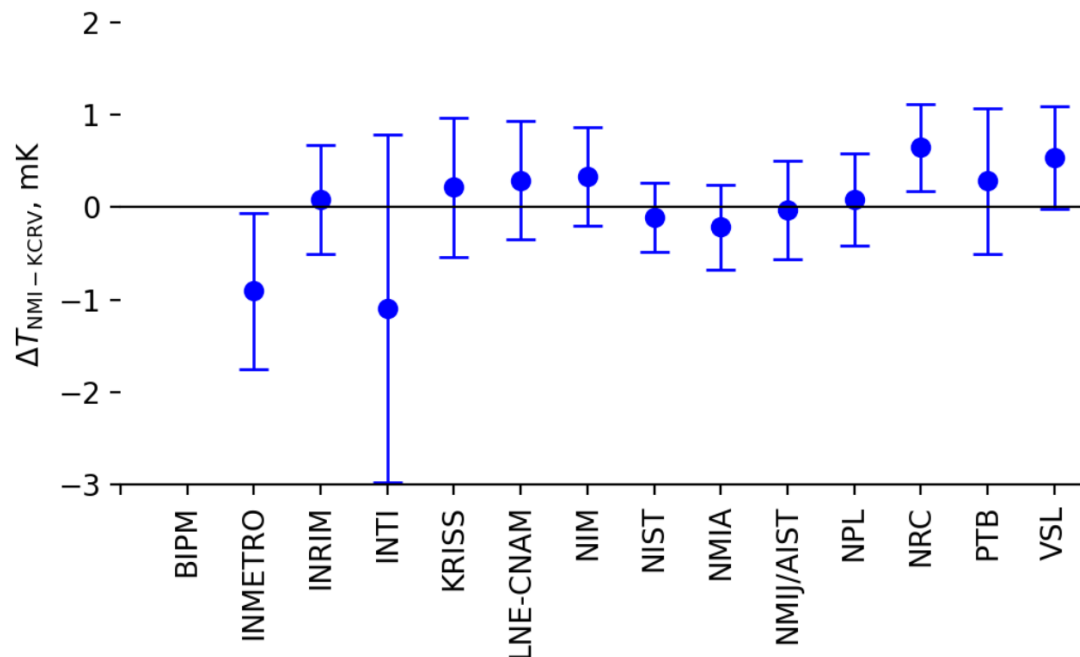


Figure 5.2: Deviation of  $\Delta T_{\text{NMI}}$  from  $\overline{\Delta T}$  at the tin point measured by each NMI. Error bars represent uncertainty calculated using the uncertainty budget supplied by the NMI for this key comparison, at the  $k = 2$  level.

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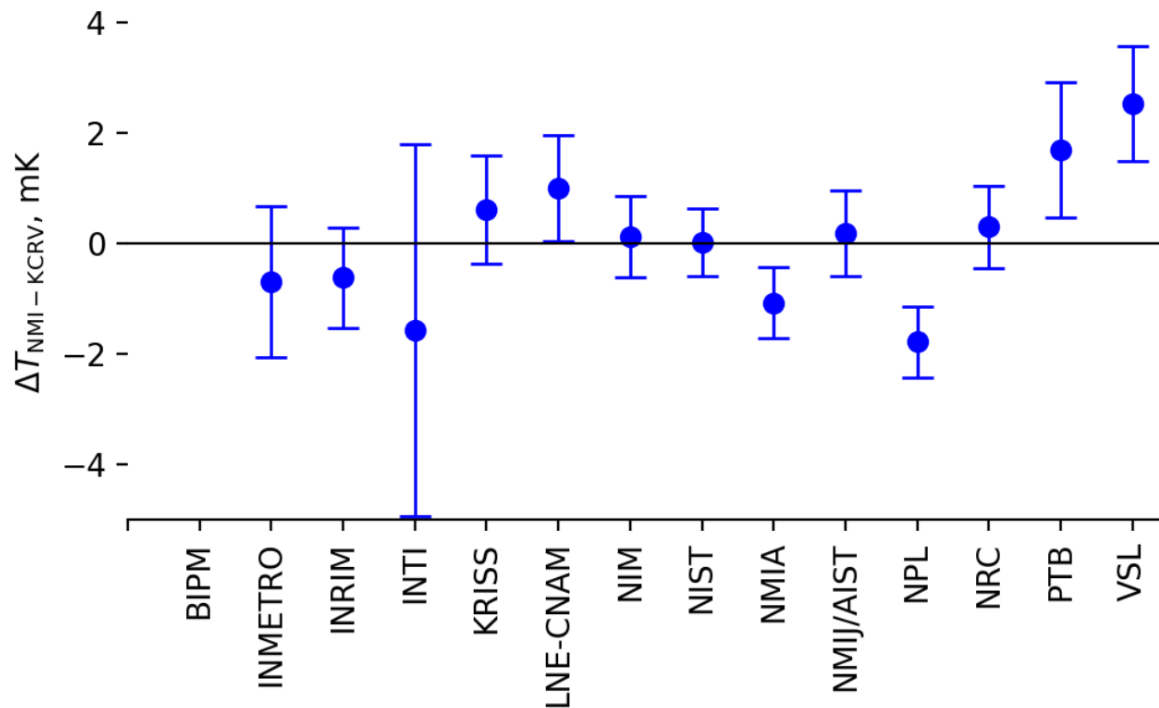


Figure 5.1: Deviation of  $\Delta T_{\text{NMI}}$  from  $\overline{\Delta T}$  at the zinc point measured by each NMI. Error bars represent uncertainty calculated using the uncertainty budget supplied by the NMI for this key comparison, at the  $k = 2$  level.

# CCT K9 – Zn point

NMI	CCT K9 result $\Delta T_{\text{NMI-KCRV}}$ mK	Unc k=2 mK	KCDB CMC mK
INMETRO	-0.69	1.37	
INRIM	-0.61	0.91	0.84
INTI	-1.56	3.37	
KRISS	0.61	0.99	1.3
LNE-CNAM	1.01	0.96	1.1
NIM	0.13	0.74	1.4
NIST	0.02	0.61	0.37
NMIA	-1.07	0.64	0.5
NMIJ/AIST	0.19	0.78	2.00
NPL	-1.78	0.64	0.90
NRC	0.30	0.75	0.6
PTB	1.69	1.23	1.3
VSL	2.53	1.04	0.9

# Review protocol amendments – changes

ITS-90 Subrange Review Protocol – revised by Jovan Bojkovski

TPW CMC Review protocol potential error – identified by Inseok Yang

# Which comparisons cover which calibration services

The BIPM key comparison database



## CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES IN THERMOMETRY

Version 1.3, January 2022

### METROLOGY AREA: THERMOMETRY

#### BRANCH: TEMPERATURE

#### 7. Temperature – Items used for disseminating thermodynamic temperature

##### 7.1 Radiation thermometry

- 7.1.1 Fixed-point blackbody cells and apparatus
- 7.1.2 Radiation thermometers
- 7.1.3 Variable temperature blackbody radiation sources

#### 1. Temperature – Items used for defining ITS-90

##### 1.1 Primary fixed-point cells

- 1.1.1 Cells for contact thermometry
- 1.1.2 Cells for radiation thermometry

# Introduction

- The NMI submitting a CMC must take part in a comparison
- The comparison protocol and report are reviewed by experts in the field and may require several iterations before approval
- The NMI drafts its CMC and submits it to its RMO
- The CMC is reviewed by the RMO experts and this may require several iterations before approval
- When required, the CMC is reviewed also by the other RMOs (Inter-RMO review) and this may also require several iterations before approval
- The comparison is published in the BIPM database

# Revision of the CIPM MRA implementation

- Why ?
  - The increased demand of resources and the time required for bringing comparisons to conclusion
  - Many signatories continuously expand the number of declared capabilities
  - Staff changes and new techniques appear, the validity of a comparison is limited in time and its ability to underpin CMC expires

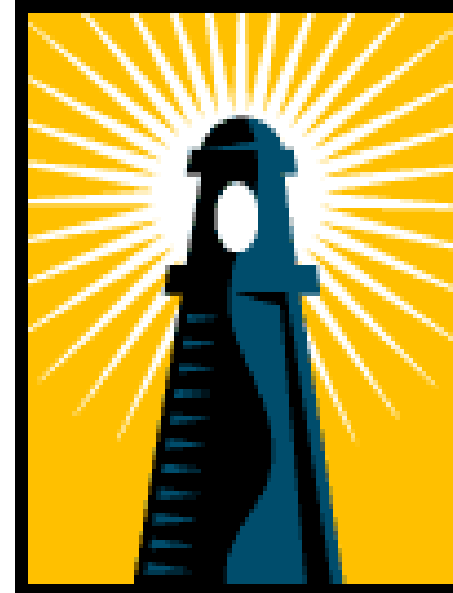
# CCT KC in contact thermometry

KC	Measurements	Year of publication of report
CCT-K1	1997 to 2001	2006
CCT-K2	1997 to 2001	2001
CCT-K3	1997 to 2001	2003
CCT-K4	1998 to 2000	2002
CCT-K7	2002 to 2004	2006
CCT-K9	2011 to 2015	2023
CCT-K7.2021	2021 to 2022	2023



# Important questions

- “How far the light shines ?”
  - It is impossible to perform comparisons for every CMC entry
  - Does the comparison in range of SPRT at fixed points also covers CMC for PRT by comparison ?
- When do we have to repeat comparison ?



# Revision of the CIPM MRA implementation

- How – the CCT new suggestion how to further reduce workload
  - taking a broader view of the impact of the comparisons, while preserving the scientific objectiveness of the process
  - an example of in the fields of contact thermometry and hygrometry

KC	Range	Device calibrated in the KC	Calibration services tested by the KC in the range
CCT-K1	0.65 K to 24.5561 K	Rhodium-Iron resistance thermometers (2.2.1)	Calibration of e-H and Ne fixed point cells (1.1.1) Calibration of complete apparatus realizing fixed points for CSPRTs (1.2.1) Calibration of Rhodium-Iron resistance thermometers at fixed points (2.2.1)
CCT-K2	13.8 K to 273.16 K	Capsule-type SPRTs (1.3.1)-	Calibration of fixed point cells for CSPRTs (1.1.1) Calibration of CSPRTs at fixed points (1.3.1) Calibration of complete apparatus realizing fixed points for CSPRTs (1.2.1)
CCT-K3	83.8058 K to 660.323 °C	Long-stem SPRTs (1.3.2)	Calibration of fixed point cells for LSPRTs (1.1.1) Calibration of fixed point cells for LSPRTs (1.1.1) Calibration of complete apparatus realizing fixed points for LSPRTs (1.2.1)
CCT-K4	660.323 °C to 961.78 °C	Long-stem SPRTs (1.3.2)	Calibration of fixed point cells for LSPRTs (1.1.1) Calibration of LSPRTs at fixed points (1.3.1) Calibration of complete apparatus realizing fixed points for LSPRTs (1.2.1)
CCT-K7	273.16 K	Triple point of water cell (1.1.1)	Calibration of fixed point cells for LSPRTs (1.1.1) Calibration of LSPRTs at fixed points (1.3.1)

KC	Range	Other calibration services underpinned by the KC
CCT-K1	0.65 K to 24.5561 K	Calibration of Rhodium-Iron resistance thermometers by comparison <b>(2.2.1)</b>
CCT-K2	13.8 K to 273.16 K	Calibration of CSPRTs in the ITS-90 sub-ranges <b>(1.3.1)</b> Calibration of industrial platinum resistance thermometers <b>(2.2.2)</b> Calibration of thermistors and other resistive thermometers <b>(2.2.3)</b> Calibration of noble-, base- and pure-metal thermocouples <b>(2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3)</b> Calibration of liquid-in-glass thermometers <b>(2.4.1)</b> Calibration of temperature sensors with display unit <b>(2.7.1)</b> Calibration of dry-well block calibrators <b>(2.8.6)</b>
CCT-K3	83.8058 K to 660.323 °C	Calibration of LSPRTs in the ITS-90 sub-ranges <b>(1.3.1)</b> Calibration of industrial platinum resistance thermometers <b>(2.2.2)</b> Calibration of thermistors and other resistive thermometers <b>(2.2.3)</b> Calibration of noble-, base- and pure-metal thermocouples <b>(2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3)</b> Calibration of liquid-in-glass thermometers <b>(2.4.1)</b> Calibration of temperature sensors with display unit <b>(2.7.1)</b> Calibration of dry-well block calibrators <b>(2.8.6)</b>
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CCT-K7	273.16 K	

KC	Range	Device calibrated in the KC	Calibration services tested by the KC in the range	Other calibration services underpinned by the KC	Other services requiring traceability to other quantities
K6/K8	-50 °C to 95 °C	Dew-point Hygrometer (3.1.1)	Dew-point hygrometers (3.1.1) Dew-point generators (4.1.1)	Psychrometers (3.2.1) Other hygrometers (3.4.1) Reference gases (5.2.1)	Relative humidity sensors (3.3.1) → T Relative humidity generators (4.2.1) → T Flow mixing (4.3.1) → Q Salt solutions (5.2.1) → T

## Other possibilities

- By reducing the number of service categories
  - For example, instead of having CMCs for noble metal, base metal and pure metal thermocouples, only a single service category for thermocouples could be defined, leaving as a remark which type of thermocouples the uncertainty refers to
- This will reduce the workload at a price of a moderate loss in the level of detail with which the BIPM database presents the calibration and measurement capabilities of the NMIs

# Discussion

- Currently the KCs are testing only the ITS-90 realization, however, with the redefinition of the kelvin in 2019, we should start reflecting on how the kelvin redefinition will affect the way KCs are performed and the way CMCs are classified
- Will separate KCs need to be performed to test primary realizations?
- Will there need to be different CMCs for two different quantities (thermodynamic temperature,  $T$ , and international temperature of 1990,  $T_{90}$ )?

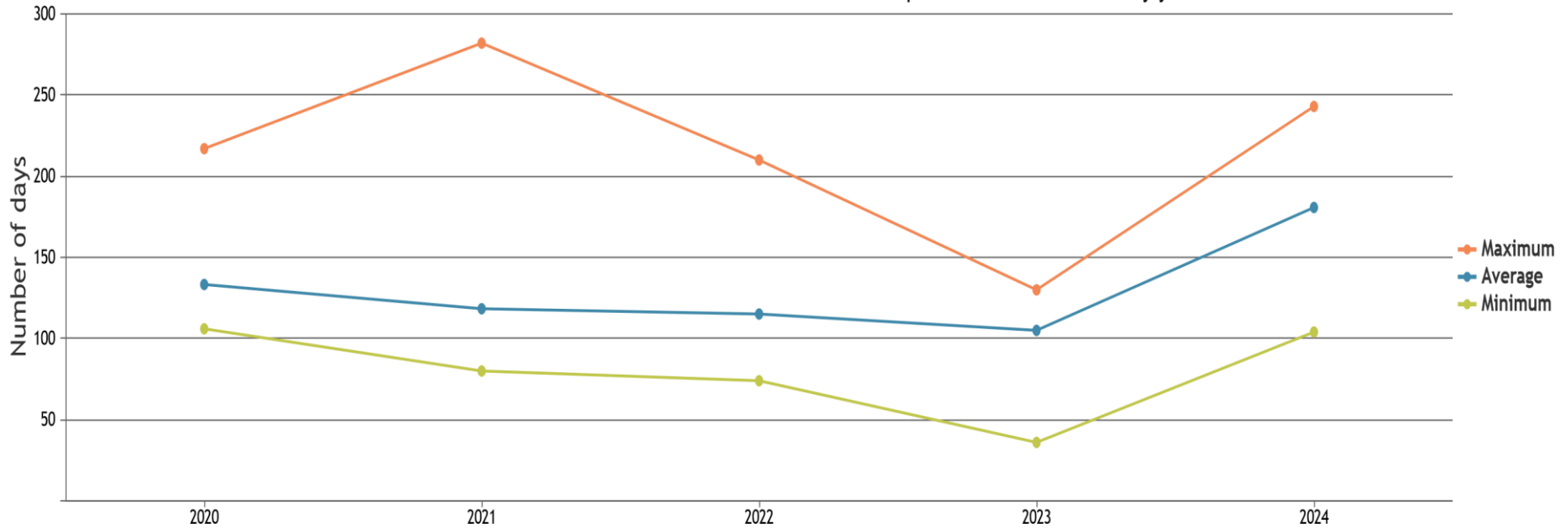
# Any other business ?

- Taking into account time frame of the comparisons, CMCs should have additional information:
  - Is the equipment still the same ?
    - If not additional support with report – paper, to provide evidence and linkage with original comparison
  - Is the location of the laboratory still the same ?
  - Is the staff still the same ?
- New key comparisons to support CMCs
  - New K4 (Al and Ag), new K9 with fixed point cells, not SPRTs
- How to speed up data processing after the measurements ?
  - Good example CCTK7.2021 (TPW)
  - Not too good example CCTK8 (high temperature dew-point)



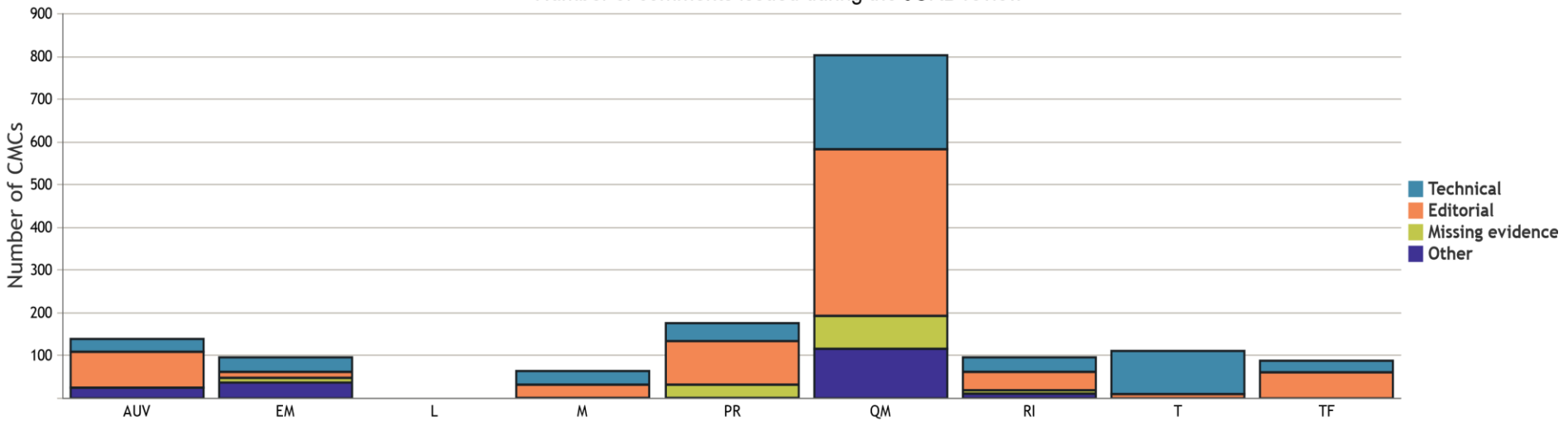
# Statistics

Duration from the first CMC submission for JCRB review to publication in the KCDB by year



# Statistics

Number of comments issued during the JCRB review



**Next meeting October 2025, TEMPMEKO 2025, France  
Thank you very much**