

## CCT member and observer Activity Report

**Period:** January to December 2021

**Institute:** INRiM – Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica (Italy)

**State economy:**

**Number of persons involved in thermometry of the institute:** 23

**Short summary of research and development:** Development of primary thermometry methods, e.g. acoustic gas thermometry (AGT) and refractive index gas thermometry (RIGT) to implement the new definition of the kelvin and determination of the differences ( $T-T_{90}$ ) between the thermodynamic temperature and ITS-90 in the range between 14 K and 430 K; Study of the reproducibility of eutectic metal-carbon (M-C) fixed points; Maintenance and development of the fixed points of the International temperature scale of 1990 (ITS-90); Research activities to extend the contribution of the thermal metrology community to climate science and meteorology; In hygrometry, extension of dew/frost point measurement capabilities by the realization of humid gas generators between  $-105\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $180\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and, in pressure up to 0.5 MPa with different carrier gases; Determination of thermophysical properties, like speed of sound, heat capacity, vapor pressure of fluid substances (e.g. water, seawater, new refrigerants, liquid natural gas, biofuels, ..); Design and realization of thermal apparatus in support of fundamental research (e.g. atomic and quantum physics); Participation and piloting of international Key Comparisons in Temperature and Humidity; Dissemination and services related to NMI role: calibrations – Inter-Laboratory Comparisons (ILC) – industrial testing and investigations – technical workshops – training; Development of new CMCs for thermometry and humidity; Participation into the working groups and Committees of BIPM and Euramet including Chairmanship of the WG Environment (CCT-WG-Env), of the newly formed Air TG-Env-AirT and participation working groups Non-Contact Thermometry (CCT-WG-NCTh); Thermophysical Quantities (CCT-TG-ThQ); Body Temperature Measurement (CCT TG-NCTH-BTM); ; Collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) with INRiM staff contributing with membership and chairmanship to several WMO expert teams and committees.

### Short summary of recent comparison activity:

- CCT-K8: Key comparison of realizations of local scales of dew-point temperature of humid gas; INRiM measurements completed;
- CCT K7 2021: Key Comparison of Triple Point of Water cells will likely be abandoned by INRiM in 2022 due to rupture of transfer standard;
- CCT K9: Key Comparison of SPRT calibration between Ar and Zn fixed points; approval of Draft A and preparation of results for publication
- CCT K2.2: Bi-Lateral Key Comparison between INRiM and NIM on realizations of the ITS-90 from 24.5 K to 273.16 K: waiting for completion of NIM measurement activities;
- EURAMET T.K8, Key Comparison of high dew-point temperatures: awaiting for final report;
- EURAMET.T-K9: Regional key comparison: follows corresponding CCT K9;
- coordination of the WMO ILC on temperature, pressure and humidity: the ILC is now being organized in the WMO South American and African Regional Instrument Centres.

**Short summary of other activities:** Several international and national research projects are running with the contribution of or the coordination by INRiM. These include:

- EMPIR 20IND02 (2021-2024) Metrology for trace water in ultra-pure process gases “PROMETH2O” - [INRiM coordination](#). The project will develop a range of optical methods to measure amount fractions of water down to 5 ppb for gases other than nitrogen, and a primary method down to 50 ppb to validate chilled-mirror hygrometers down to  $-105^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- EMPIR 19SIP03 (2020-2023) Climate Reference Station “CRS” – [INRiM coordination](#) – study of best instrumentation for completing a Climate Reference Station for the future GCOS Surface Reference Network. A test site field installation, together with the INRiM laboratories will provide a research infrastructure for the project and initiative.
- EMPIR 18NRM03 (2019-2022) Calibration and accuracy of non-catching instruments to measure liquid/solid atmospheric precipitation “INCIPIT” – [INRiM coordination](#). In 2021 the prototype of a rain generator was concluded by DTI and tests have been made at INRiM to evaluate the drops dispersion after more than 10 m of vertical falling trajectories. The project will study and propose best practice for the calibration of non-catching rain gauges;
- EMPIR 20IND27 (2021-2024) Metrology for decarbonisation of the gas grid “Decarb”. INRiM contributes by thermodynamic property measurements of natural gas and biogas fluid mixtures
- EMPIR 19SIP03 (2020-2023) Increasing the comparability of extreme air temperature measurements for meteorology and climate studies “COAT”. INRiM is supporting the installation of a field site for the intercomparison of thermometers and solar shields in the Arctic. In cooperation with CEM and the Italian Polar Sciences Institute, work is ongoing for hosting the WMO intercomparison in polar conditions.
- EMPIR 18SIB02 (2019-2022) Realising the redefined kelvin “Real-K”. INRiM contributes by AGT and RIGT thermodynamic temperature measurements, study of eutectic metal-carbon fixed points and evaluation of the ITS-90 Type 3 non-uniqueness;
- EMPIR 18SIB04 (2019-2022) Towards quantum-based realisations of the pascal “QuantumPascal”. Among other activities, INRiM contributes by developing a primary pressure standard based on RIGT primary thermometers;
- EMPIR 17IND12 (2018-2021) Metrology for the Factory of the Future “Met4FoF”. INRiM contributes by development of next generation process thermometry, photonics and phosphor-based sensors, to enhance manufacturing industrial processes
- EMPIR 17IND04 (2018-2021) Enhancing process efficiency through improved temperature measurement 2 “EMPRESS2” INRiM contributes by Development and traceable calibration of phosphor thermometry
- H2020 MIDAS (2021-2024) – Modular and Integrated Digital Probe for SAT Aircraft Air Data System. Partnership of INRiM with Politecnico di Torino for the characterization of prototype sensor systems for small aircraft. Sensors are being tested under a wide range of variability of the quantities of interest: temperature, pressure (altitude), airspeed and angles.
- EURAMET P1459 (2018-2022) Air Temperature Metrology “ATM” INRiM coordinates this EURAMET project aiming at proposing guidelines for the calibration of thermometers in air. The associated three-loops ILC was concluded in 2021;
- Participation in Euramet Project 1123: On site Peer Review INRiM, CEM, IPQ

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