

Thermometry for future generations

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Thermometry measurements in daily life



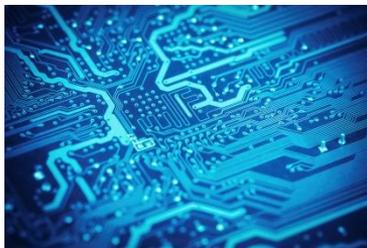
Sustainable society



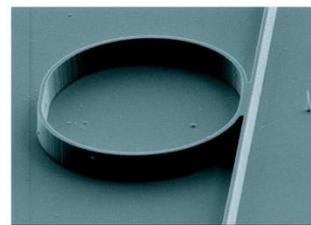
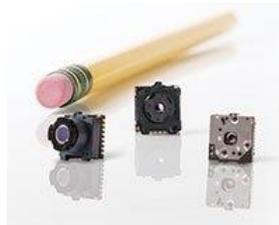
Health, safety and research



Any technology relies on reliable temperature and/or humidity measurements



Manufacturing and fair trade



New techniques and innovation

CCT – some figures



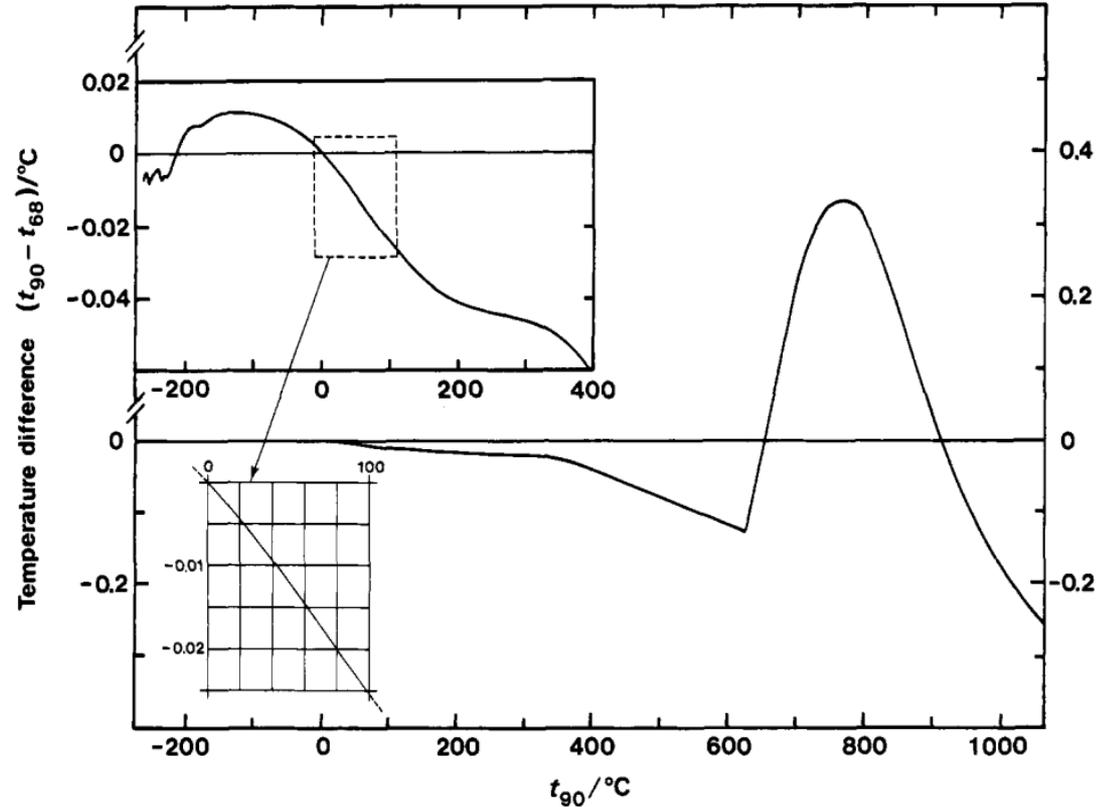
- 24 members and one official observer
- Met in June 2017
- CMI (Czech Republic) new member in 2017
- INM (Colombia), INTiBS (Poland), NIS (Egypt) and SASO-NMCC (Saudi Arabia) participated as observers
- Seven working groups

Global forum for progressing the state-of-the art

Key role: establish and maintain a temperature scale

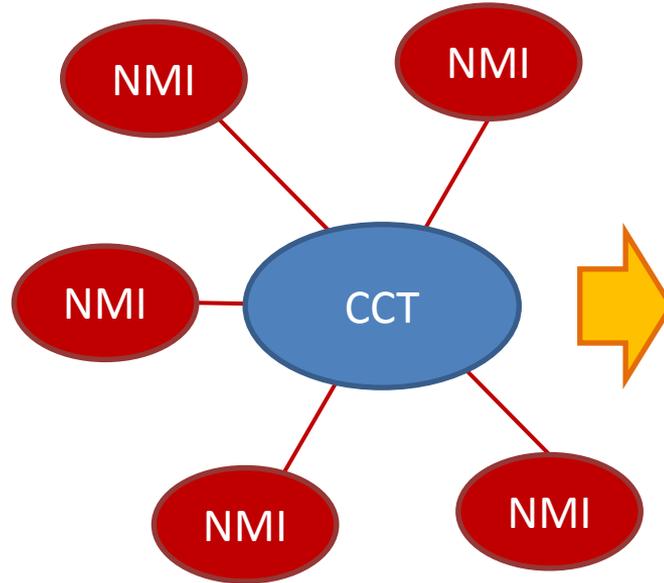
ITS-90

Issues going from extremely low to high temperatures, humidity, thermophysical quantities, environment...



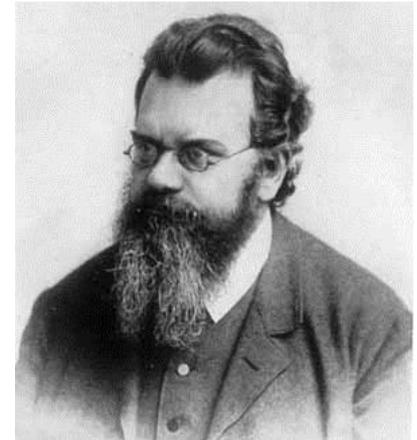
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Redefinition of the kelvin



Boltzmann
Constant

k



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**Acoustic
Gas Thermometry**

Speed of sound $\rightarrow kT$

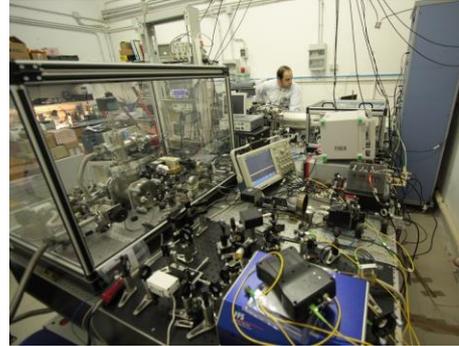
**Dielectric Constant
Gas Thermometry**

$$\rho = kT \varepsilon_0 (\varepsilon_r - 1) / \alpha_0$$



**Johnson Noise
Thermometry**

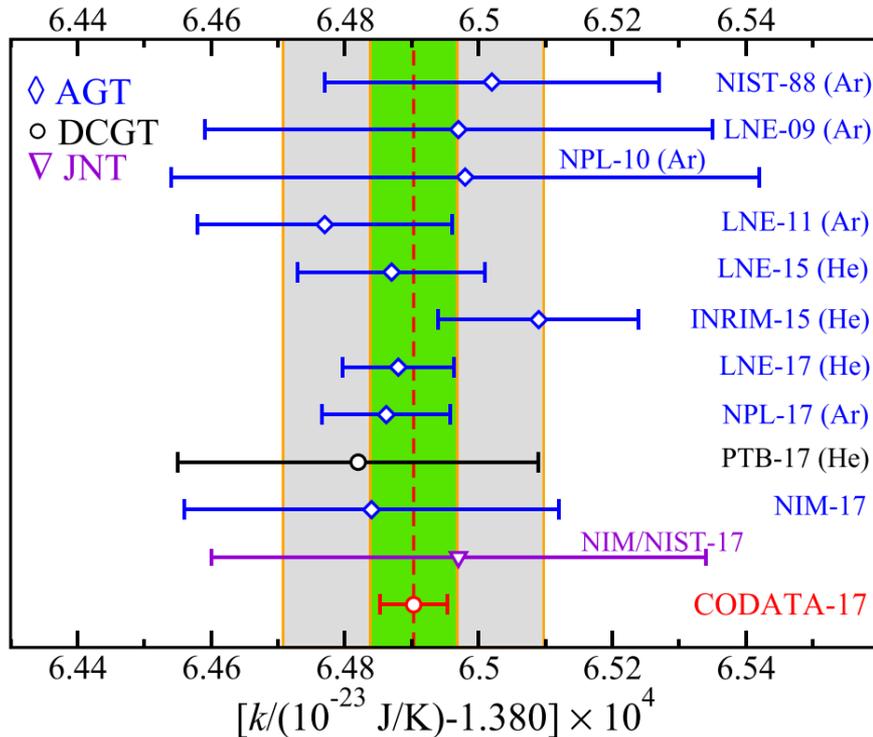
Electric noise $\rightarrow kT$



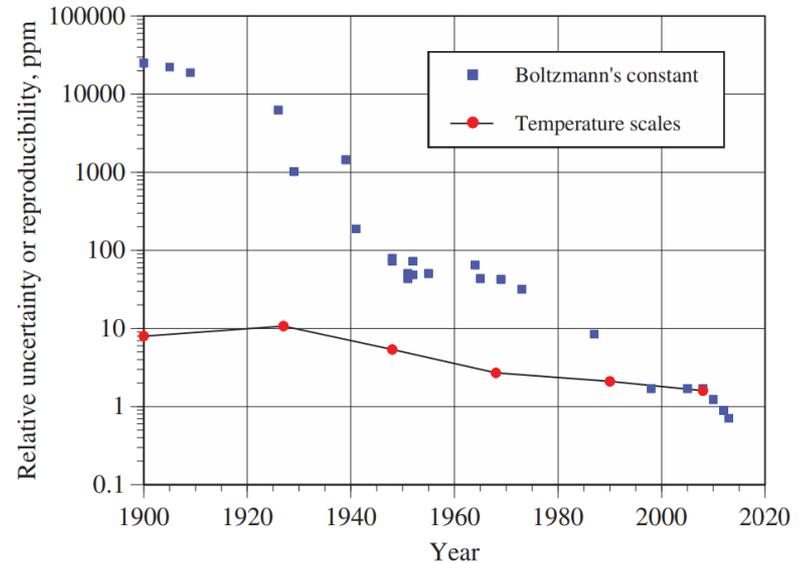
**Doppler Broadening
Thermometry**

Spectral width $\rightarrow kT$

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« the right time to redefine... »



$$k = 1.380\,649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

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Mise en Pratique, electronic document

- Drafted by a team from the CCT
- Includes a number of annexes describing different techniques
- New techniques may be added successively

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Guide to the Realization of the ITS-90

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Working and task groups on

- Contact thermometry
- Radiation thermometry
- Humidity
- Thermophysical quantities
- Environment
- Secondary thermometry
- Emerging technologies



Global comparability of measurements



Influence of isotopic composition of water revealed via the CCT-K7 comparison

CIPM MRA: a framework for world-wide acceptance of measurement results

- 64 countries with CMCs in temperature and humidity
- Efficient review process
- Strategic set of key comparisons

Forward looking

- Possibility for a new temperature scale extended to a wider range, based on measurements using the primary standards that were used for the determination of the Boltzmann constant
- New technologies providing small size and self-calibrated devices will change the thermometry landscape and enable progress, notably in bio- and nano science

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