

The SI Digital Framework: Underpinning FAIR measurement data

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About NPL

- UK's National Metrology Institute founded in 1900
- A public corporation owned by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)
- Based in Teddington (London) with locations in Glasgow, Surrey, Cambridge, Huddersfield and Solihull
- Strategic partners DSIT, the University of Surrey and The University of Strathclyde
- 800 scientists with a breadth and depth of metrology expertise.



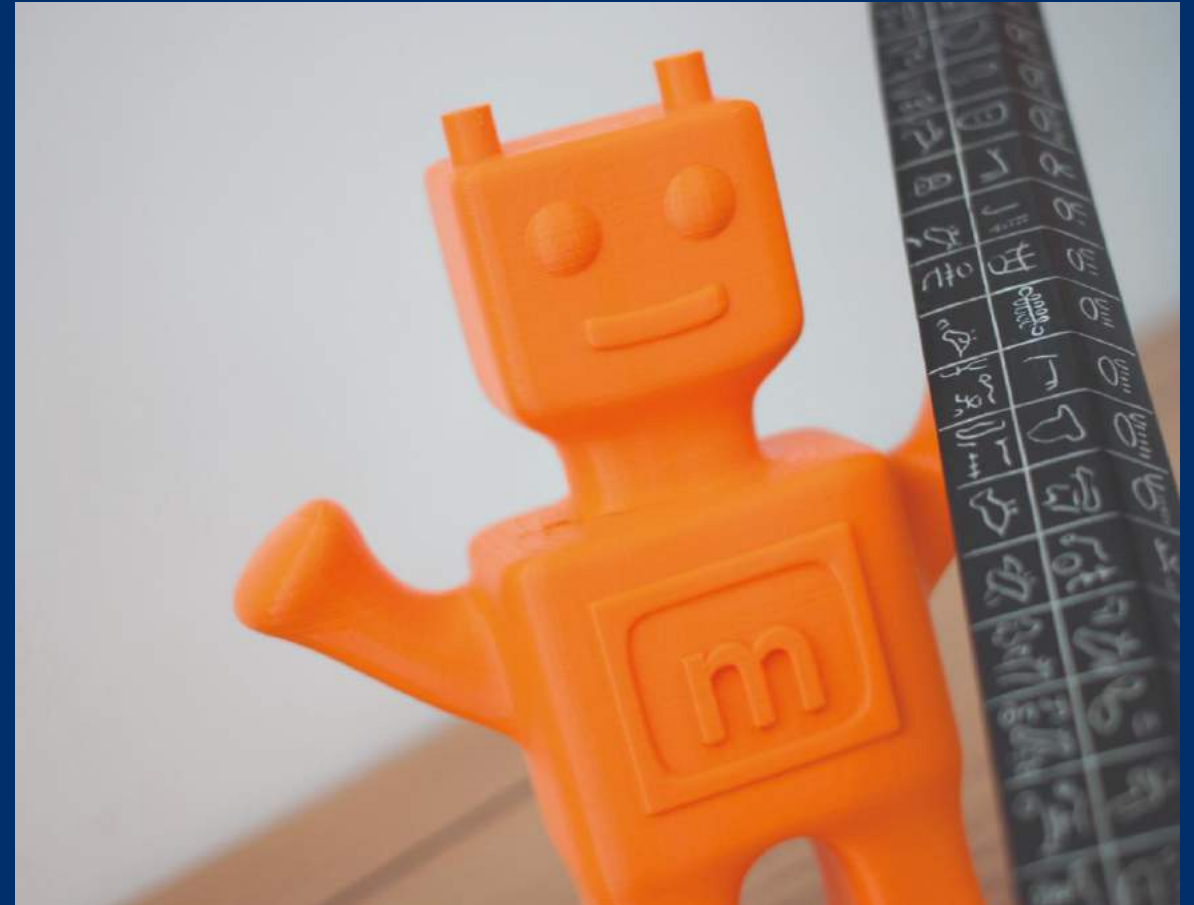
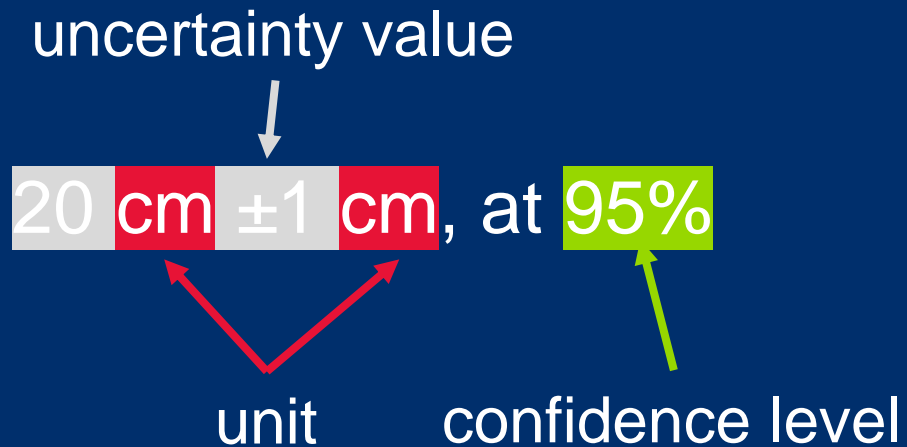
National Challenges



Metrology improves the effectiveness and efficiency of science and trust in its outcomes, which in turn unlocks the potential of innovation, allowing faster routes to market. Evidence-based policy, regulation and decision making are heavily reliant on measurements and data, and NPL is key in providing and digitising that measurement infrastructure.

Measurement

Measurement result = numerical value assigned to a physical property of an object



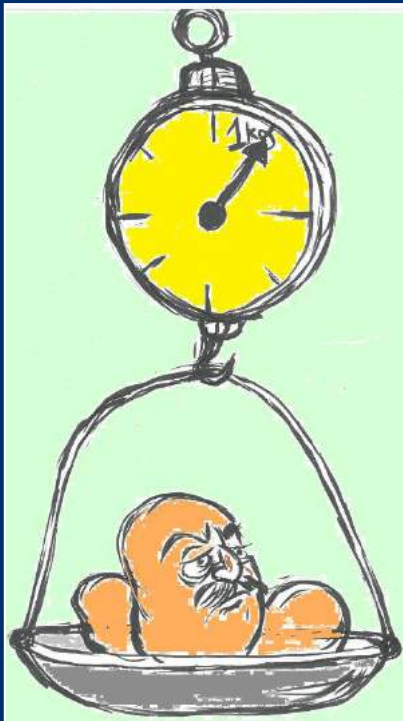
Metrology

Metrology:

- is the science of measurement
- cuts across all domains of science
- contributes to industry's quality infrastructure
- has an essential role in reproducibility in evidence-based science

Traceability chain

1 kg of potatoes, weighed using retailer's weighing scales



Retailer's weighing scales calibrated against

Local trading standards weights

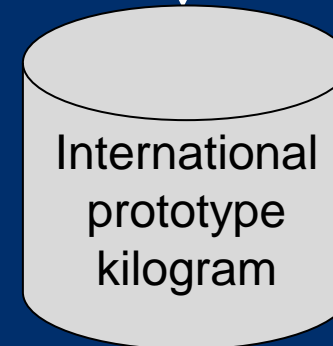


Calibrated against

UK national standard kilogram



International intercomparison



The BIPM – an international organisation

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 (and Associates as observers).



CIPM – Comité international des poids et mesures

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



Administrative and technical secretariat/BIPM staff, (Sèvres, France)

- *Laboratory work carried out by the BIPM*
- *Liaison, Coordination, Communication and Promotion*
- *Capacity building*



1875

17 Member States

14 CIPM Members

Director + 2 Assistants

2024

64 Member States + 36 Associates

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



CENTRE for COLLABORATION
Scientific and technical collaboration between Member States

ADVOCACY
Representing the world-wide measurement community

COORDINATION
of the world-wide measurement system

BIPM

Laboratory activities

Calibrations Comparisons

JCGM CIPM MRA UTC

CBKT JCTLM



Established in 1875 when 17 States signed the Metre Convention, now with 64 Member States and 36 Associates, covering around 98 % of the world's GDP according to 2022 IMF data.

“to assure the international unification and perfection of the metric system”

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

Drivers: CIPM MRA

- CIPM Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) is:
 - a mechanism for international comparability of measurement data
- CGPM 2022 resolution 2 recognized the need for
 - “a full digital representation of the SI, including robust, unambiguous, and machine-actionable representations of measurement units, values and uncertainties”

Drivers: FAIR principles

The FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) guiding principles established in the seminal paper Wilkinson, M. D. *et al.* (2016) :

- To ensure credibility of research data
- To improve research data curation
- To achieve wider dissemination of scientific results
- To promote data-driven innovation

The SI Digital Framework will help measurement data producers adhere to the FAIR principles

Drivers: FAIR principles

Findability, Accessibility

The SI Digital Framework supports **Findability** through:

- Resolvable URI-based persistent identifiers
- Semantic Web language OWL

The SI Digital Framework supports **Accessibility** through:

- Standard web languages and protocols (OWL, SPARQL, REST APIs),
- Unique reference point under the root URI <http://si-digital-framework.org/>

Findable			
F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier	F2. Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1)	F3. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe	F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource
Accessible			
A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol		A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available	
A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable	A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary		

Source: <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>

Drivers: FAIR principles

Interoperability, Reusability

The SI Digital Framework supports **Interoperability** through:

- A coherent network of OWL ontologies
- Resolvable URI-based ontology namespaces
- Relying on existing FAIR ontologies where possible

The SI Digital Framework supports **Reusability** through:

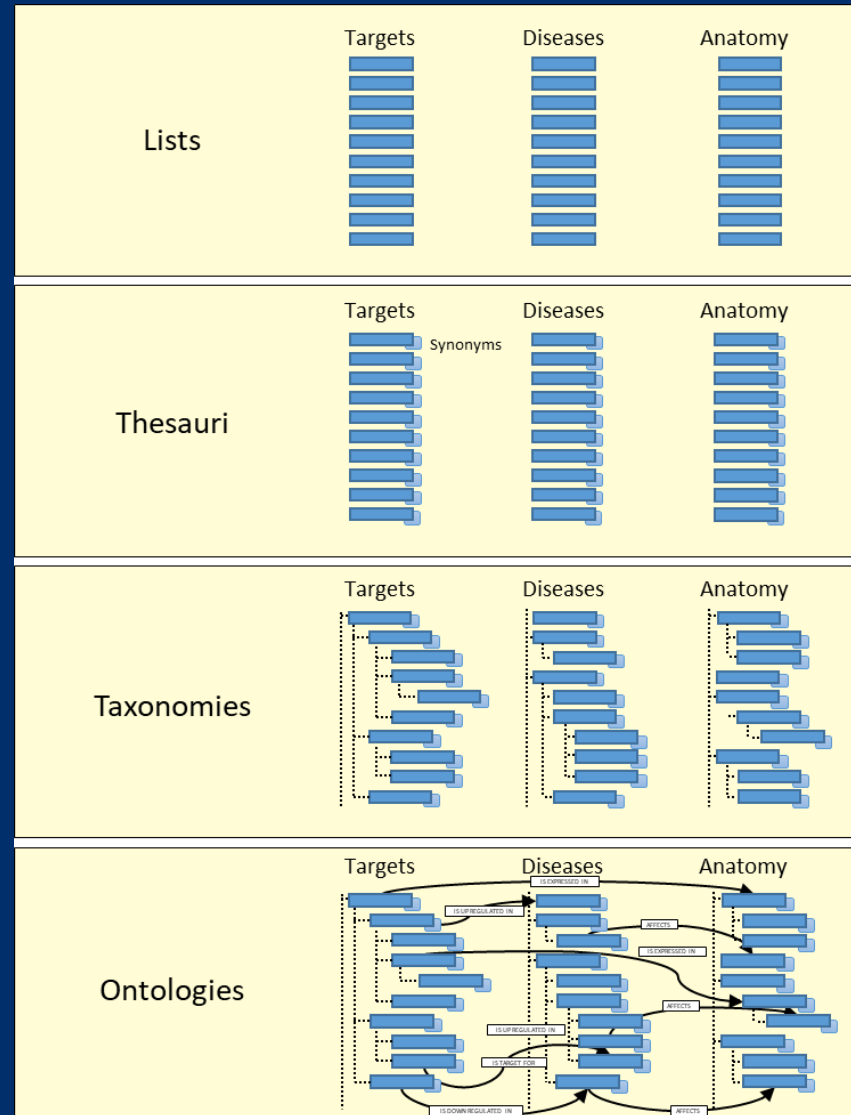
- Authoritative digital reference for the International System of Units
- Semantic description of decisions/resolution

Interoperable		
I1. (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.	I2. (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles	I3. (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data
Reusable		
R1. (Meta)data are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes		
R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license	R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance	R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

Source: <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>

Ontologies

- Ontologies are shareable, reusable and computable representations of knowledge



- SI Digital Framework adopts the OWL language, a W3C standard for the semantic web

Image: Swain, M. (2013). Knowledge Representation. In: Dubitzky, W., Wolkenhauer, O., Cho, KH., Yokota, H. (eds) Encyclopedia of Systems Biology. Springer, New York, NY.
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<https://www.w3.org/OWL/>

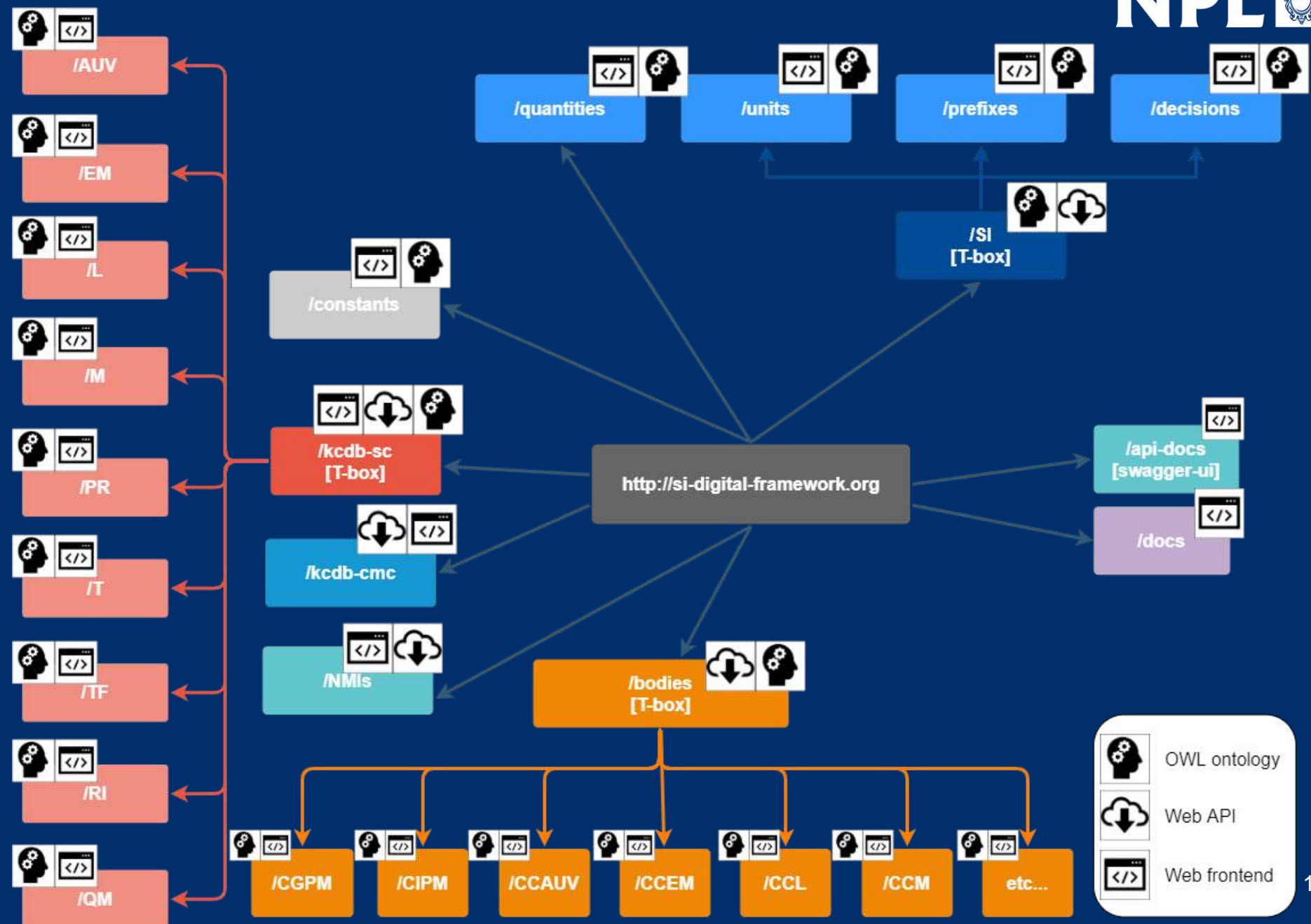
Drivers: Reproducibility and Quality assurance **NPL**

Digital elements of the reproducibility and quality chain must be characterised:

- Datasets;
- Models (e.g., used to evaluate measurement uncertainty);
- Algorithms;
- Software.

Complete characterisation must include FAIR references to the International System of Units (SI)

SI Digital Framework namespace hierarchy



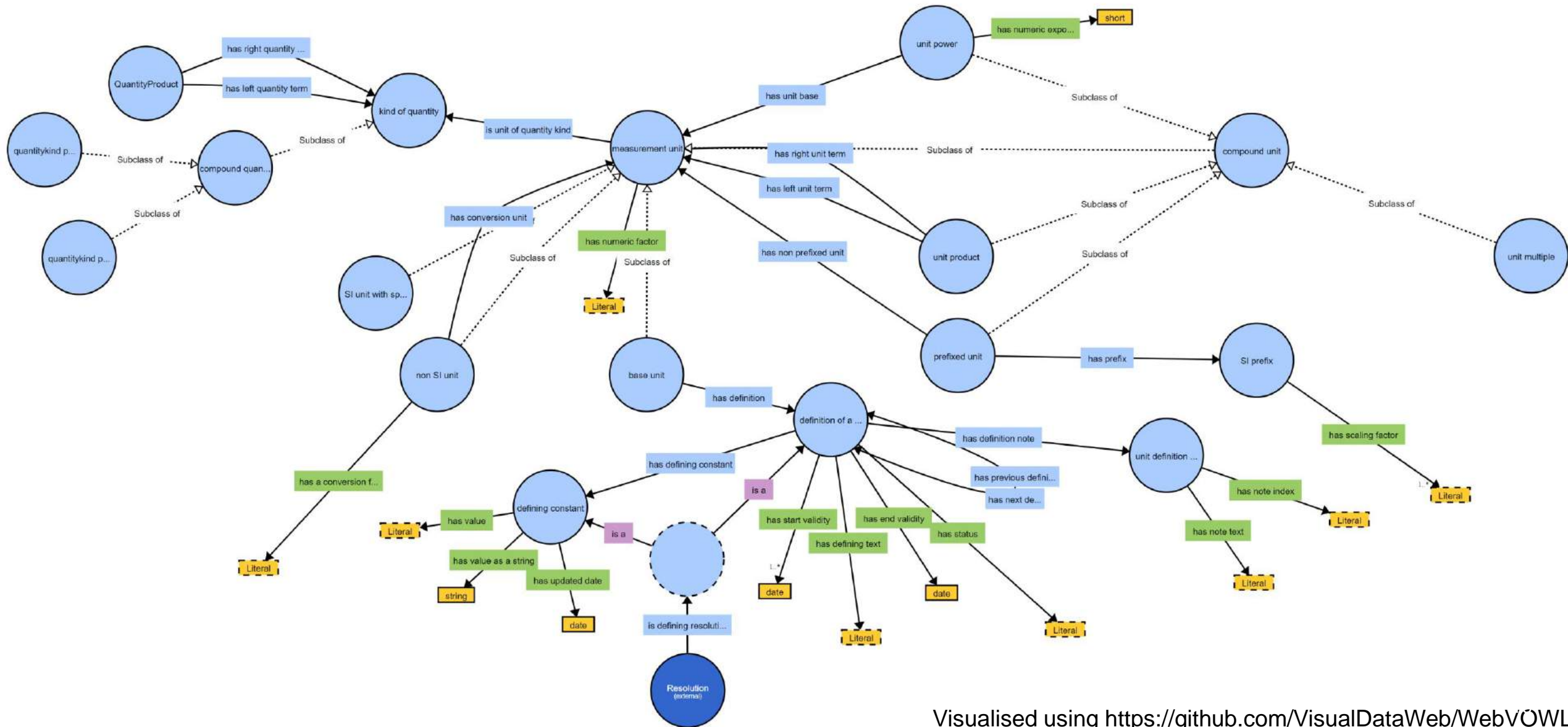
The SI Digital Framework is meant to:

- Complement existing semantic resources, with authoritative, persistent and unique digital SI references
- Complement other aspects to measurement data quality
- First release, expecting feedback from the metrology community

Overview of the SI Reference Point

- Aims to provide unique digital references for the concepts and definitions of the International System of Units (SI)
- Source of content is mainly the SI Brochure
- Aims for machine-actionability:
 - Unique persistent identifiers for findability
 - Resolvable URIs for accessibility
 - Underpinned by OWL ontologies for interoperability

SI ontology



SI Units

In the SI Brochure:

$$1 \text{ Hz} = \frac{\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}}{9\,192\,631\,770} \quad \text{or} \quad 1 \text{ s} = \frac{9\,192\,631\,770}{\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}}$$



```
units:second a si:SIBaseUnit ;
  si:hasDefinition si:second1960,si:second1967,si:second2018 ;
  si:hasSymbol "s"^^xsd:string ;
  si:hasUnitTypeAsString "SI base unit"@en,"Unité SI de base"@fr ;
  si:isUnitOfQtyKind quantities:TIME ;
  skos:prefLabel "second"@en,"seconde"@fr .
```

- Second is an SI base unit
- It has had three definitions
- Its symbol is “s”

- It is the SI unit for quantity time

Examples use the Turtle
syntax
<https://www.w3.org/TR/turtle/>

Unit definitions

```
si:second2018 a si:Definition ;
  si:hasDefiningConstant constants:HyperfineTransitionFrequencyOfCs-133 ;
  si:hasDefiningEquation "[1\\;{\rm{Hz}} = [...]"^^xsd:string ;
  si:hasDefiningResolution cgpm:CGPM26-Res1 ;
  si:hasDefiningText "The second, defined by [...]"@en,
  si:hasDefinitionNote si:second2018note1,
    si:second2018note2,
    si:second2018note3,
    si:second2018note4,
    si:second2018note5 ;
  si:hasPreviousDefinition si:second1967 ;
  si:hasStartValidity "2019-05-20"^^xsd:date ;
  si:hasStatus "current"^^xsd:string ;
  si:prefixRestriction false ;
  skos:prefLabel "second2018"@en,
    "seconde2018"@fr .
```



- Second 2018 definition has this defining constant
- It has this defining equation (LaTeX string for now...)
- It has been decided by this resolution
- It has some definition notes
- The previous definition is 1967
- It has been valid since 20/05/2019 ...

Defining Constants

```
constants:HyperfineTransitionFrequencyOfCs-133 a si:Constant ;
  si:hasDatatype xsd:integer ;
  si:hasDefiningResolution cgpm:CGPM13-Res1 ;
  si:hasSymbol "$\\Delta\\nu_{\\rm{Cs}}$"^^xsd:string ;
  si:hasUnit units:hertz ;
  si:hasUpdatedDate "1967-10-13"^^xsd:date ;
  si:hasValue 9192631770 ;
  si:hasValueAsString "9 192 631 770"^^xsd:string ;
  skos:hiddenLabel "HyperfineSplitting"^^xsd:string ;
  skos:prefLabel "hyperfine transition frequency of Cs-133"@en,
    "fréquence de la transition hyperfine du césium"@fr .
```

- The hyperfine transition frequency of cesium 133 is an SI constant
- It has been defined in a CGPM resolution
- Its unit is hertz
- Its numeric value is this number



```
prefixes:milli a si:SIPrefix ;
  si:hasDatatype xsd:decimal ;
  si:hasDefiningResolution cgpm:CGPM11-Res12 ;
  si:hasScalingFactor 0.001 ;
  si:hasSymbol "m"^^xsd:string ;
  skos:prefLabel "milli"@en,
    "milli"@fr .
```

- milli is an SI prefix
- It has been defined in this resolution
- Its scaling factor is 0.001
- Its symbol is “m”

Prefixes (digression)

2019 9th edition

3 Decimal multiples and sub-multiples of SI units

Decimal multiples and submultiples ranging from 10^{30} to 10^{-30} are provided for use with the SI units. The names and symbols of these multiple and sub-multiple prefixes are presented in Table 7.

Prefix symbols are printed in upright typeface, as are unit symbols, regardless of the typeface used in the surrounding text and are attached to unit symbols without a space between the prefix symbol and the unit symbol. With the exception of da (deca), h (hecto) and k (kilo), all multiple prefix symbols are upper-case letters and all sub-multiple prefix symbols are lowercase letters. All prefix names are printed in lowercase letters, except at the beginning of a sentence.

Table 7. 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
10^{27}	ronna	R	10^{-27}	ronto	r
10^{30}	quetta	Q	10^{-30}	quecto	q

The SI prefixes refer strictly to powers of 10. They should not be used to indicate powers of 2 (for example, one kilobit represents 1000 bits and not 1024 bits). The names and symbols for prefixes to be used with powers of 2 are recommended as follows:

kibi	Ki	2^{10}
mebi	Mi	2^{20}
gibi	Gi	2^{30}
tebi	Ti	2^{40}
pebi	Pi	2^{50}
exbi	Ei	2^{60}
zebi	Zi	2^{70}
yobi	Yi	2^{80}

M (1960, Resolution 12; CR, 87) adopted a series of prefix names and symbols to form the names and symbols of the decimal multiples and sub-multiples of SI units, ranging from 10^{12} to 10^{-12} . Prefixes for 10^{15} and 10^{18} were adopted by the 12th CGPM (1964, Resolution 8; CR, 94), for 10^{15} and 10^{18} by the 17th CGPM (1975, Resolution 10; CR, 106 and *Metrologia*, 1975, **11**, 180-181), and for 10^{21} and 10^{24} by the 19th CGPM (1991, Resolution 4; CR, 185 and 192, **29**, 3). Table 5 lists all approved prefix names and symbols.

Binary prefixes

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

2006 8th edition

These SI prefixes refer strictly to powers of 10. They should not be used to indicate powers of 2 (for example, one kilobit represents 1000 bits and not 1024 bits). The IEC has adopted prefixes for binary powers in the international standard IEC 60027-2: 2005, third edition, *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology – Part 2: Telecommunications and electronics*. The names and symbols for the prefixes corresponding to 2^{10} , 2^{20} , 2^{30} , 2^{40} , 2^{50} , and 2^{60} are, respectively: kibi, Ki; mebi, Mi; gibi, Gi; tebi, Ti; pebi, Pi; and exbi, Ei. Thus, for example, one kibibyte would be written: $1 \text{ KiB} = 2^{10} \text{ B} = 1024 \text{ B}$, where B denotes a byte. Although these prefixes are not part of the SI, they should be used in the field of information technology to avoid the incorrect usage of the SI prefixes.

Prefixed units

```
units:kilogram a si:PrefixedUnit,si:SIBaseUnit ;
  si:hasDefinition si:kilogram1901,
    si:kilogram2018 ;
  si:hasNonPrefixedUnit units:gram ;
  si:hasPrefix prefixes:kilo ;
  si:hasSymbol "kg"^^xsd:string ;
  si:hasUnitTypeAsString "SI base unit"@en,
    "Unité SI de base"@fr ;
  si:isUnitOfQtyKind quantities:MASS ;
  skos:prefLabel "kilogram"@en,
    "kilogramme"@fr .
```

- Kilogram is an SI base unit, that is also a prefixed unit
- It has had two definitions
- Its corresponding non prefixed unit is gram
- Its prefix is kilo

```
quantities:TIME a si:QuantityKind ;  
  si:hasUnit units:second ;  
  skos:altLabel "TIME"^^xsd:string ;  
  skos:prefLabel "time"@en,  
    "temps"@fr .
```

Time's unit is a simple SI unit: second

```
quantities:VELO a si:QuantityKind ;  
  si:hasUnit [ a si:UnitProduct ;  
    si:hasLeftUnitTerm units:metre ;  
    si:hasRightUnitTerm [ a si:UnitPower ;  
      si:hasNumericExponent "-1"^^xsd:short ;  
      si:hasUnitBase units:second ] ] ;  
  skos:altLabel "VELO"^^xsd:string ;  
  skos:prefLabel "velocity"@en,  
    "vitesse"@fr .
```

Velocity's unit is a compound unit:
metre per second

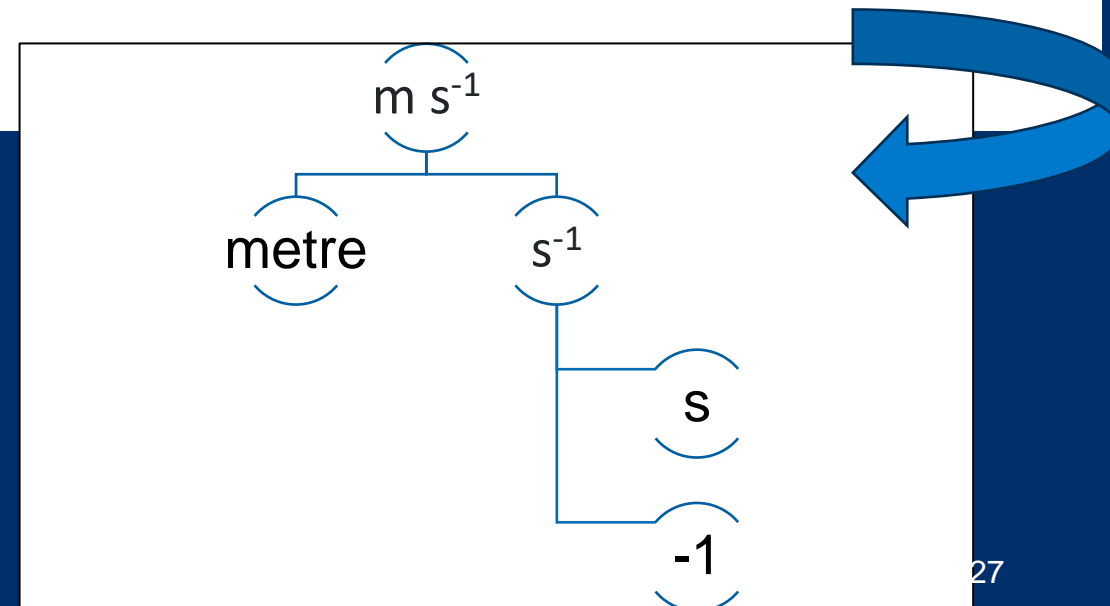
Compound units

Example for metre per second (m s⁻¹)

```
[ a          si:UnitProduct ;
  si:hasLeftUnitTerm  units:metre ;
  si:hasRightUnitTerm [ a          si:UnitPower ;
                        si:hasNumericExponent "-1"^^xsd:short ;
                        si:hasUnitBase       units:second
                      ]
] .
```

This representation preserves the order:

- s⁻¹ m
mathematically equal but never seen in practice



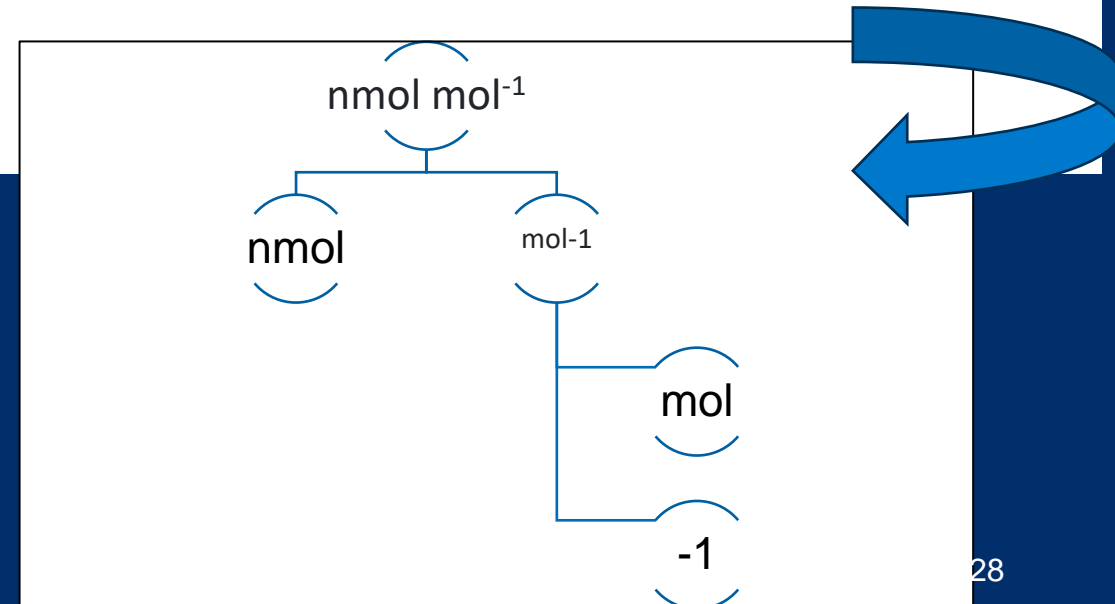
Compound units

Example for nanomole per mole (nmol mol⁻¹)

```
[ a      si:UnitProduct ;
  si:hasLeftUnitTerm [ a      si:PrefixedUnit ;
                        si:hasNonPrefixedUnit units:mole ;
                        si:hasPrefix          prefixes:nano
                      ] ;
  si:hasRightUnitTerm [ a      si:UnitPower ;
                        si:hasNumericExponent "-1"^^xsd:short ;
                        si:hasUnitBase       units:mole
                      ]
] .
```

This representation preserves meaning:

- nmol mol⁻¹
mathematically equal to 1
(order is also important in this case, mol⁻¹ nmol not seen in practice)



Current limitations

Still to be resolved:

- Number π (Pi) semantic representation
- Logarithmic quantities
- Actionable defining equations

Calibration and Measurement Capabilities

Now also accessible at <http://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-cmc/EURAMET-M-AL-00000DS2-1>

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Published in the **KCDB**

Approved on 20 July 2015

KCDB Service Category: M/Mass-1.1.1

Albania, DPM (Drejtoria e Pergjithshme e Metrologjise/General Directorate of Metrology)



Mass , Mass : **10 g to 100 g**

Mass standard

Absolute expanded uncertainty : **7.4 μ g to 2.0E1 μ g**

Comparison in air

The volume of the mass standards is known

Specified using SI Reference Point

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Refers to CC classification of services

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Mass, Mass : **10 g to 100 g**

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CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES IN MASS AND RELATED QUANTITIES

4 January 2022

METROLOGY AREA: MASS AND RELATED QUANTITIES

BRANCH: MASS

1. Mass
 - 1.1 Mass standard
 - 1.1.1 Mass standard¹: *mass standard*

BRANCH: DENSITY

2. Density
 - 2.1 Density of solid
 - 2.1.1 Density of solid: *solid density artefact*
 - 2.1.2 Volume of solid: *solid artefact*
 - 2.2 Density of liquid
 - 2.2.1 Density measuring device
 - 2.2.2 Density of liquid
 - 2.3 Refractive index of liquid
 - 2.3.1 Refractive index of liquid

CC classifications of Service Categories

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Classification of services in Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration

Last update: June 2018

¹Metrology Area: Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration

Branch: Sound in Air

1. Measurement microphones
 - 1.1 Pressure sensitivity level
 - 1.1.1. Modulus: *frequency*
 - 1.1.2. Phase: *frequency*
 - 1.2 Free-field sensitivity level
 - 1.2.1. Modulus: *frequency*
 - 1.2.2. Phase: *frequency*
 - 1.2.3. Directivity: *frequency*
 - 1.3 Diffuse field sensitivity level
 - 1.3.1. Modulus: *frequency*
 - 1.3.2. Phase: *frequency*
 - 1.4 Electrostatic actuator normalized response
 - 1.4.1 Modulus: *microphone type, frequency*
2. Sound calibrators
 - 2.1 Single frequency
 - 2.1.1. Sound pressure level: *microphone type*
 - 2.2 Multi-frequency
 - 2.2.1. Sound pressure level: *microphone type*

Consultative Committees agree on classifications for specific areas of metrology

CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES IN ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

Version No 9 (dated 04 June 2020)

METROLOGY AREA: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

BRANCH: DC VOLTAGE, CURRENT, AND RESISTANCE

1. DC voltage (up to 1100 V, for higher voltages see 8.1)
 - 1.1 DC voltage sources
 - 1.1.1 Single values¹: *standard cell, solid state voltage standard*
 - 1.1.2 Low value ranges (below or equal to 10 V): *DC voltage source, multifunction calibrator*
 - 1.1.3 Intermediate values (above 10 V to 1100 V): *DC voltage source, multifunction calibrator*
 - 1.1.4 Noise voltages (for noise currents see 3.1.5, for RF noise see 11.4): *DC voltage source, DC amplifier*
 - 1.2 DC voltage meters
 - 1.2.1 Very low values (below or equal to 1 mV): *nanovoltmeter, microvoltmeter*
 - 1.2.2 Intermediate values (above 1 mV to 1100 V): *DC voltmeter, multimeter, multifunction transfer standard*
 - 1.3 DC voltage ratios (for input voltages up to 1100 V)
 - 1.3.1 Up to 1100 V: *resistive divider, ratio meter*
 - 1.3.2 Attenuation: *attenuators*
2. DC resistance
 - 2.1 DC resistance standards and sources

Make the classifications machine-interpretable for the SI Digital Framework

Designing a common model (for Physics)

AUV Acoustics, Ultrasound And Vibration

L Length

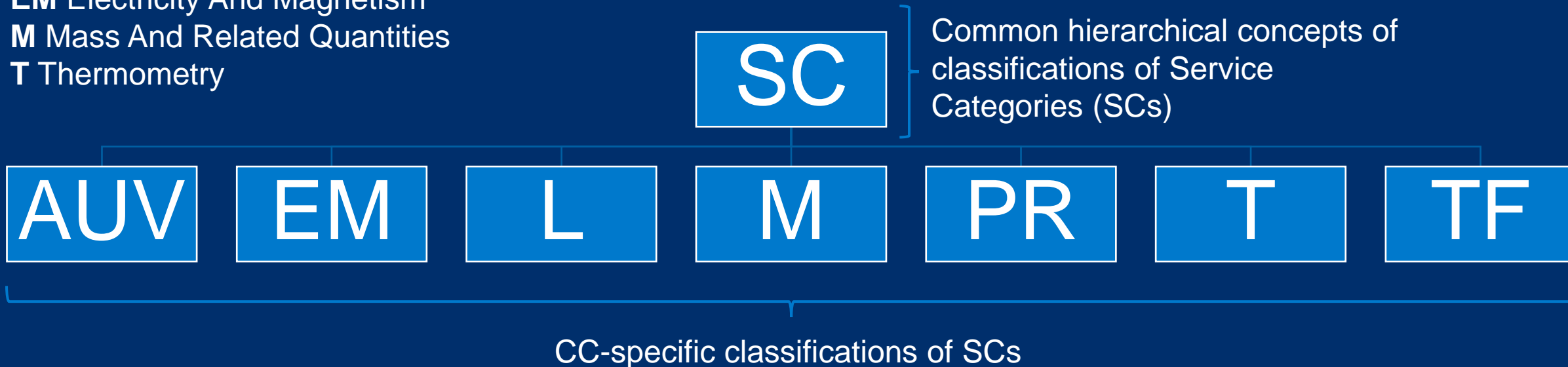
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TF Time And Frequency

EM Electricity And Magnetism

M Mass And Related Quantities

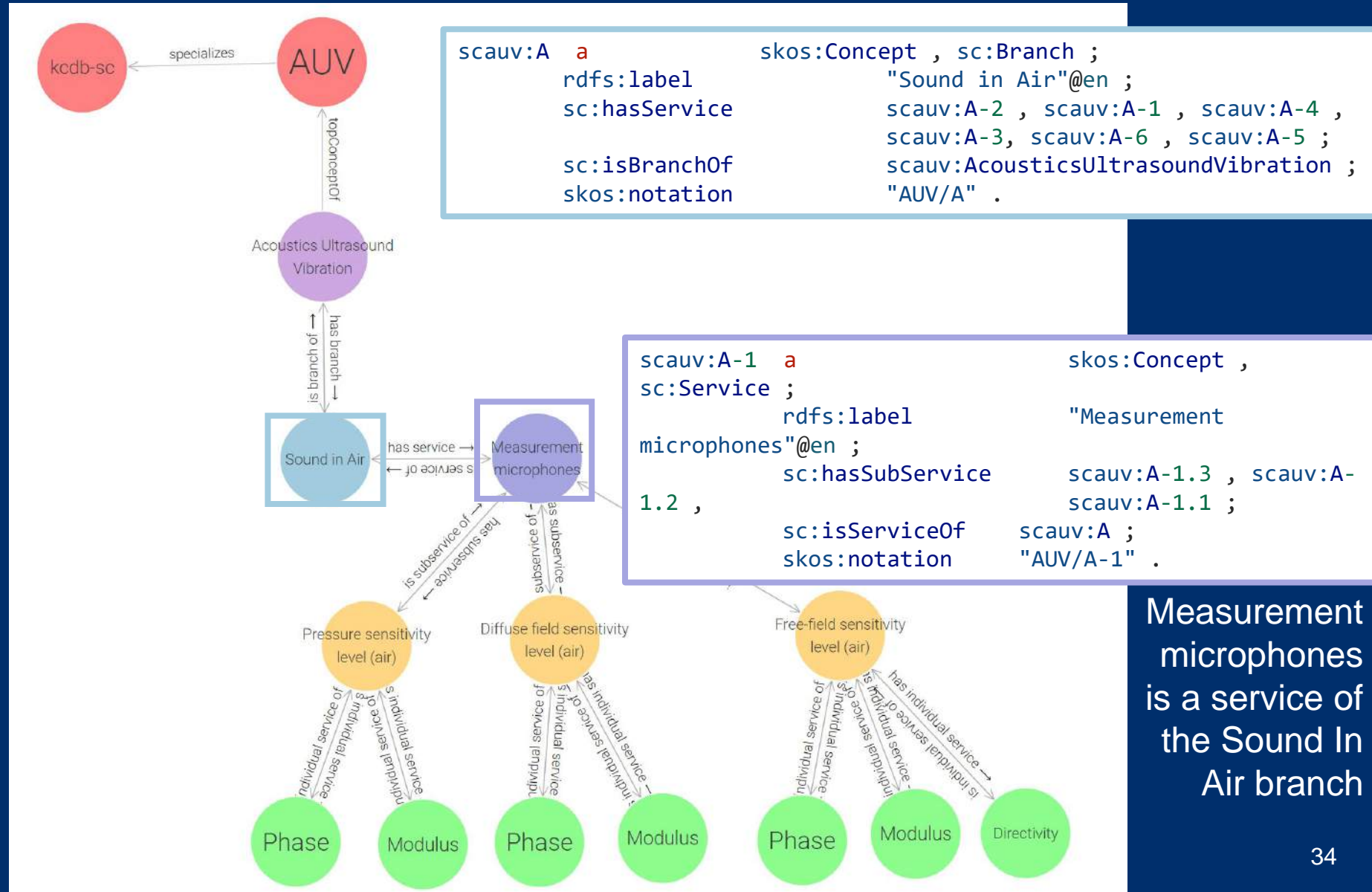
T Thermometry



Note: RI (IONIZING RADIATION) and QM (AMOUNT OF SUBSTANCE: METROLOGY IN CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY) have different models

Example classification of service categories

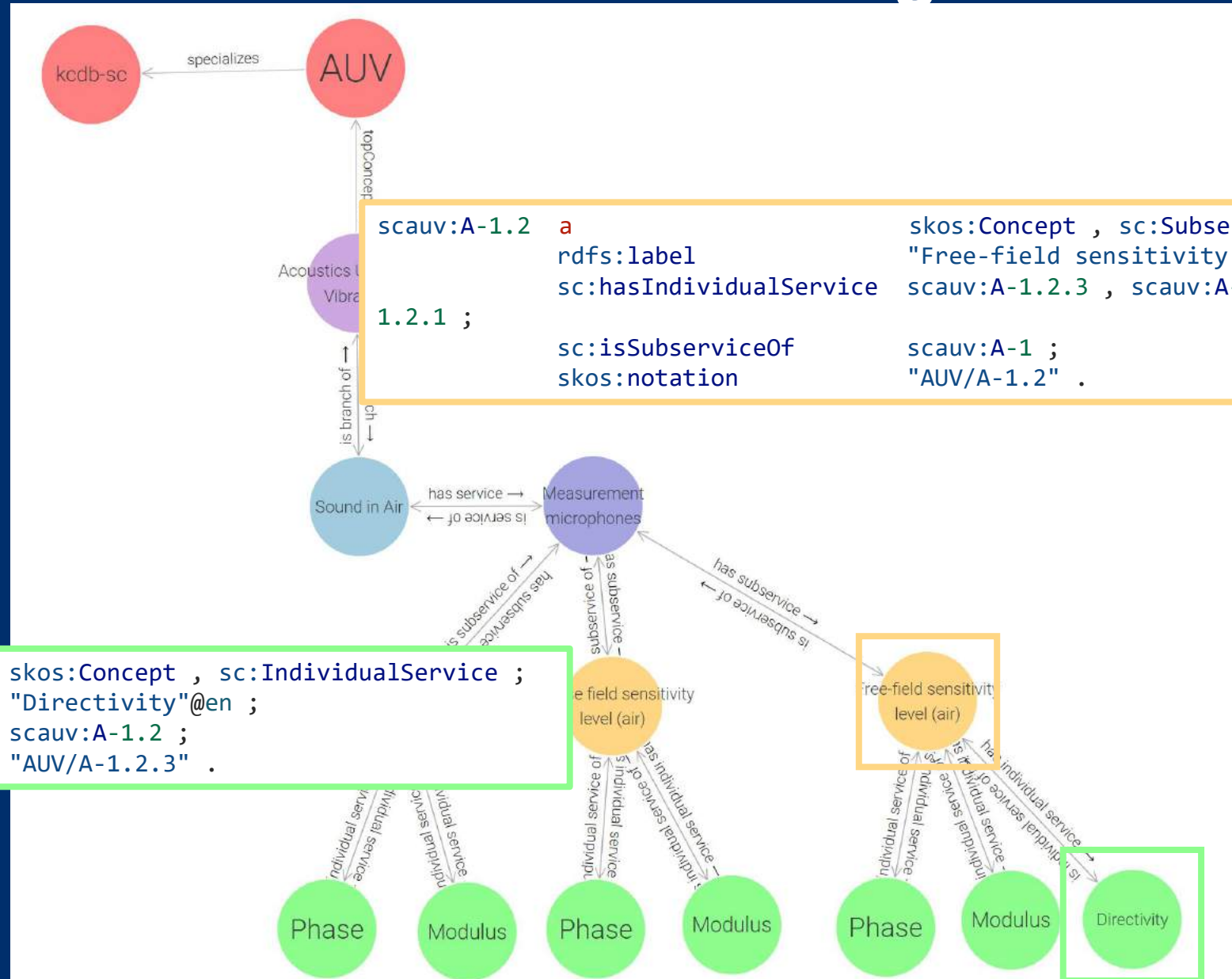
Sound In Air is a branch of the AUV metrology area



Measurement microphones is a service of the Sound In Air branch

Examples use the TURTLE syntax
<https://www.w3.org/TR/turtle/>

Example classification of service categories



```

scauv:A-1.2 a
  rdfs:label
  sc:hasIndividualService
  1.2.1 ;
  sc:isSubserviceOf
  skos:notation
  scauv:A-1 ;
  "AUV/A-1.2" .
skos:Concept , sc:Subservice ;
"Free-field sensitivity level (air)"@en ;
scauv:A-1.2.3 , scauv:A-1.2.2 , scauv:A-
  
```

Directivity is an individual service of the Free-field sensitivity level (air) subservice

```

scauv:A-1.2.3 a
  rdfs:label
  sc:isIndividualServiceOf
  skos:notation
  skos:Concept , sc:IndividualService ;
  "Directivity"@en ;
  scauv:A-1.2 ;
  "AUV/A-1.2.3" .
  
```

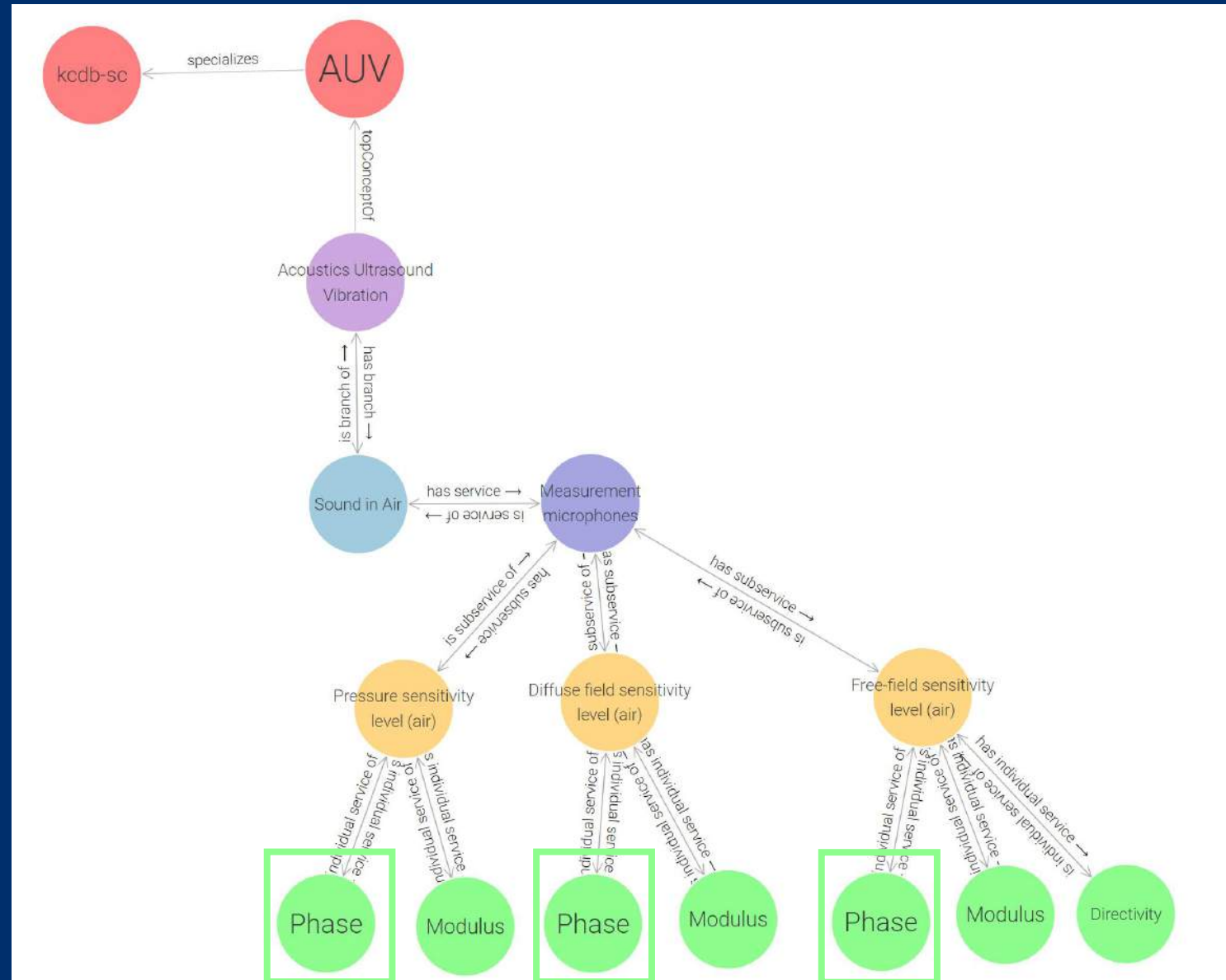
Free-field sensitivity level (air) is a subservice of the Measurement microphones service

Note on label vs persistent identifier

Some service categories have the same label:

- They cannot be confused semantically (distinct position in the hierarchy)
- They have unique persistent identifiers

- <http://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-sc/AUV/A-1.1.2>
- <http://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-sc/AUV/A-1.2.2>
- <http://si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-sc/AUV/A-1.3.2>



Browsing SI Reference Point

SI Digital Framework

SI REFERENCE POINT

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SI Units

Lists the set of named SI units.

The database file can be downloaded from this link: [UNITS.TTL](#)

CHECKSUM: SHA-256 - f3 67 5d b3 c6 00 54 5f 81 17 64 ab 1e d4 42 f0 9b 69 77 2f 3b 95 31 83 aa d7 18 7a 4e 4a da 09

Unit	Symbol	Quantity	PID (Unit)
ampere	A	electric current	
becquerel	Bq	activity referred to a radionuclide	
candela	cd	luminous intensity	
coulomb	C	electric charge	

Browsing Service Categories

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CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES

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Metrology Area: [Mass And Related Quantities](#) [KCDB](#)

M/Mass Mass

M/Dens Density

M/Dens-2 Density

- M/Dens-2.1 Density of solid**
 - M/Dens-2.1.1 Density of solid PID (Quantity) PID (Unit)
 - M/Dens-2.1.2 Volume of solid PID (Quantity) PID (Unit)
- M/Dens-2.2 Density of liquid**
 - M/Dens-2.2.1 Density measuring device PID (Quantity) PID (Unit)
 - M/Dens-2.2.2 Density of liquid PID (Quantity) PID (Unit)
- M/Dens-2.3 Refractive index of liquid**
 - M/Dens-2.3.3 Refractive index of liquid PID (Quantity) PID (Unit)

SPARQL Querying

SPARQL Assistant

Allows running of custom SPARQL queries on the database.

Example 1: Units

Example 2: Prefixes

Example 3: Constants

```
PREFIX skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>
PREFIX xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX si: <http://si-digital-framework.org/SI#>
SELECT ?EnLabel ?FrLabel (?PrefixSymbol AS ?Symbol) ?Factor ?dataType
WHERE { {
    ?SIPrefix si:hasSymbol ?PrefixSymbol ; skos:prefLabel ?EnLabel ; skos:prefLabel ?FrLabel ; si:hasScalingFactor ?Factor ; si:hasDatatype ?dataType .
}
FILTER (lang(?EnLabel)='en'). FILTER (lang(?FrLabel)='fr'). } order by ?Factor
```

RUN

Results

Rows count: 24, Execution time: 0.004 s

FrLabel	EnLabel	Symbol	Factor	dataType
quecto	quecto	q	1e-30	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float
ronto	ronto	r	1e-27	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float
yocto	yocto	y	1e-24	http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#float

Unit expressions

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Unit expressions

Compound units analysing and parsing

Non-ASCII characters used for representation of prefix micro and units degree Celsius, ohm, degree, arcminute, arcsecond.

Syntax: Enter your unit expression (without spaces) using the recommended symbols for units and prefixes. Use the buttons above to enter any special characters.
Indicate multiplication of units using a dot on the line (e.g. N.m for newton metre).
Indicate an exponent with a digit (e.g. mm² for millimetre squared, mm²); use a minus sign for negative exponents (e.g. ns⁻² for per nanosecond squared, ns⁻²).

Expression analysis

Compound unit **kg.mm2.ns-2**

Compound unit	Prefix	Unit	Exponent	Relation
kg : kilogram		kg: kilogram	1	
mm : millimetre	m: milli	m: metre	2	1 mm ² = 10 ⁻⁶ m ²
ns : nanosecond	n: nano	s: second	-2	1 ns ⁻² = 10 ⁻¹⁸ s ⁻²

Unit expressions (continued)

Binary tree expression

```
@prefix prefixes: <http://si-digital-framework.org/SI/prefixes/> .
@prefix owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix si: <http://si-digital-framework.org/SI#> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix units: <http://si-digital-framework.org/SI/units/> .

[ a      si:UnitProduct ;
  si:hasLeftUnitTerm [ a      si:UnitProduct ;
    si:hasLeftUnitTerm  units:kilogram ;
    si:hasRightUnitTerm [ a      si:UnitPower ;
      si:hasNumericExponent "2"^^xsd:short ;
      si:hasUnitBase [ a      si:PrefixedUnit ;
        si:hasNonPrefixedUnit units:metre ;
        si:hasPrefix  prefixes:milli
      ]
    ]
  ] ;
  si:hasRightUnitTerm [ a      si:UnitPower ;
    si:hasNumericExponent "-2"^^xsd:short ;
```

Compound unit PID

<http://si-digital-framework.org/SI/units/kilogram.millimetre2.nanosecond-2>

Recap

SI Digital Framework

- To support digital transformation in metrology and beyond, reproducible science and quality chain
- Set of services for humans and software agents underpinned by semantic representations
- SI Reference Point just released, third service of framework, after CMC and Service Categories
- Expecting user feedback

What's next?

- Link Calibration and Measurement Capabilities with SI Reference Point
- Ontologies for RI and QM service categories
- Finalise mapping with SI Reference Point
- Expansion of knowledge graph for responsible bodies and decisions
- Improve interoperability with external (digital) references from stakeholders

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