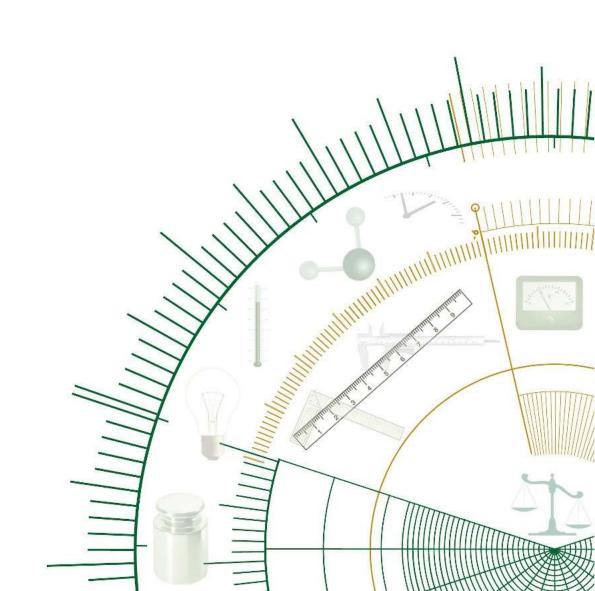


# Standards for space

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# Introduction

- NMISA is mandated by the Measurement Units and Measurement Standards Act, Act 18 of 2006, "To apply the International System of Units (SI) in South Africa and maintain and disseminate the National Measurement Standards (NMS)".
- NMISA is one of the DTIC's Technical Infrastructure institutes.

- Technical laboratories:
  - Chemical Material and Medical Metrology
  - Physical and Electrical Metrology
  - Applied Metrology



# Physical and Electrical Metrology

Flow	Length	Photometry and Radiometry	Mass	Force
Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration	Pressure	DC Low Frequency and Radio Frequency	Temperatur e and Humidity	Torque





## Metrology?

The science of measurement; including all theoretical and practical aspects

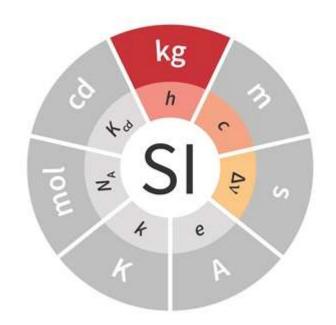
#### Measurement?

Process of experimentally obtaining one or more values attributed to a quantity.

Example: the mass (quantity) m of an object is measured once as m = 1 kg.

## Role of metrology?

Link measurements to the SI units; ensure international traceability, with an assigned uncertainty.





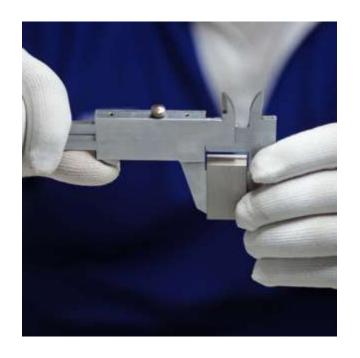


#### NMISA's role in SA?

To provide calibration and measurement services to SA industry, traceable to international standards.

#### Calibration?

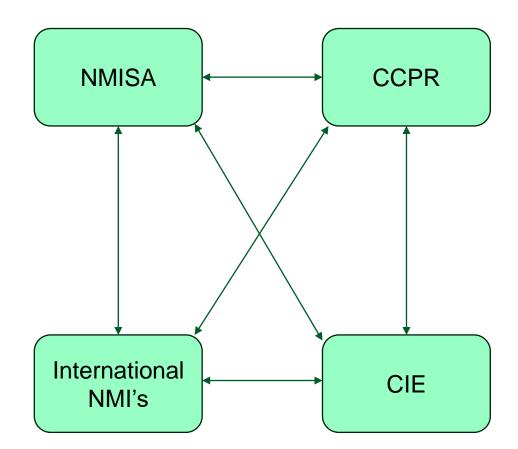
Comparison of measurement values produced by a device under test to a known value provided by an internationally defined calibration standard of known accuracy.





#### **Standard?**

- A measuring system or device (i.e. equipment standards).
- Documented principles/methods/procedures describing how to use equipment standards when performing a measurement.
- "Document" standards set up by international experts that interact through various international committees and working groups.





#### Calibration

### **Traceability**

Traceability: "a property of a measurement result whereby the result can be related to a reference through a documented unbroken chain of calibrations, each contributing to the measurement uncertainty".

International vocabulary of metrology

## **Uncertainty of measurement**

Uncertainty can be described as the doubt that exists about the result of a measurement.

A calibration certificate typically reports the following:

"The mass of the mass piece is 1,00 kg ± 0,01kg, at a confidence level of 95 %".

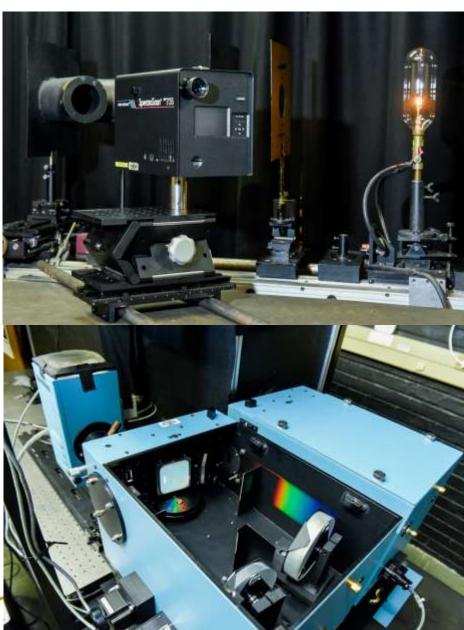
This means that the true value of the mass lies somewhere between 0,99 kg and 1,01 kg and that we are 95 % sure of that.





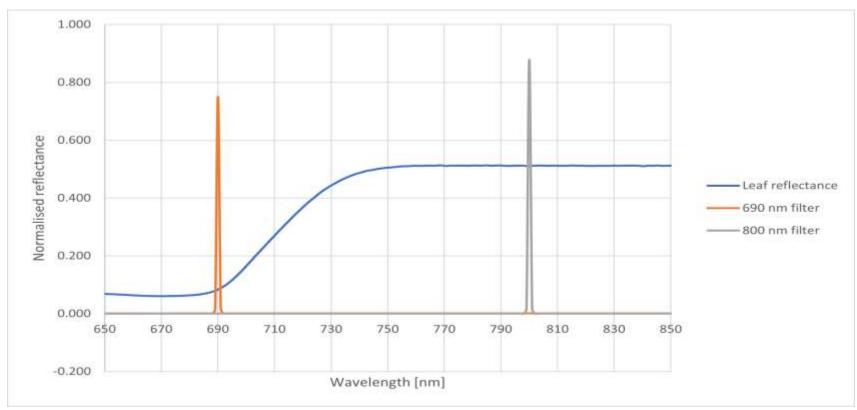
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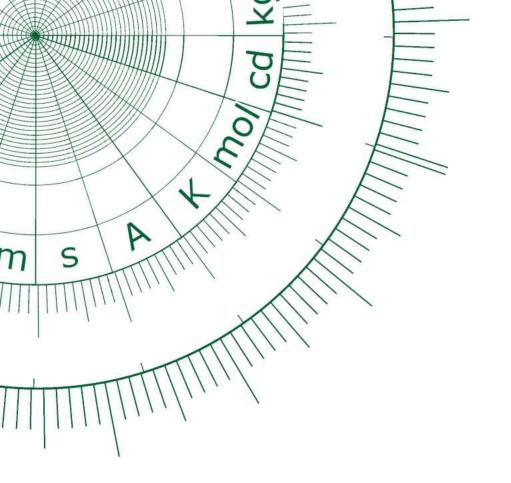
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800 nm filter: 0,5 % shift in central wavelength  $\rightarrow$  ~ 1,7 % change in band radiance

690 nm filter: 0,5 % shift in central wavelength  $\rightarrow$  ~ 25 % change in band radiance





# Thank You

We measure what matters