



Introduction to the FORUM-MD Discussion Group on Sensor Networks (FORUM-MD-DG-SN)

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Overview

Organization of FORUM-MD-DG-SN (2025~)

▪ Terms of Reference

- to **advise** the FORUM-MD on matters relating to metrology for sensor networks;
- to **facilitate** knowledge transfer relating to the field;
- to **harmonize** the terms and definitions related to the field.

▪ Co-Chairs

- Dr. Shan Cui

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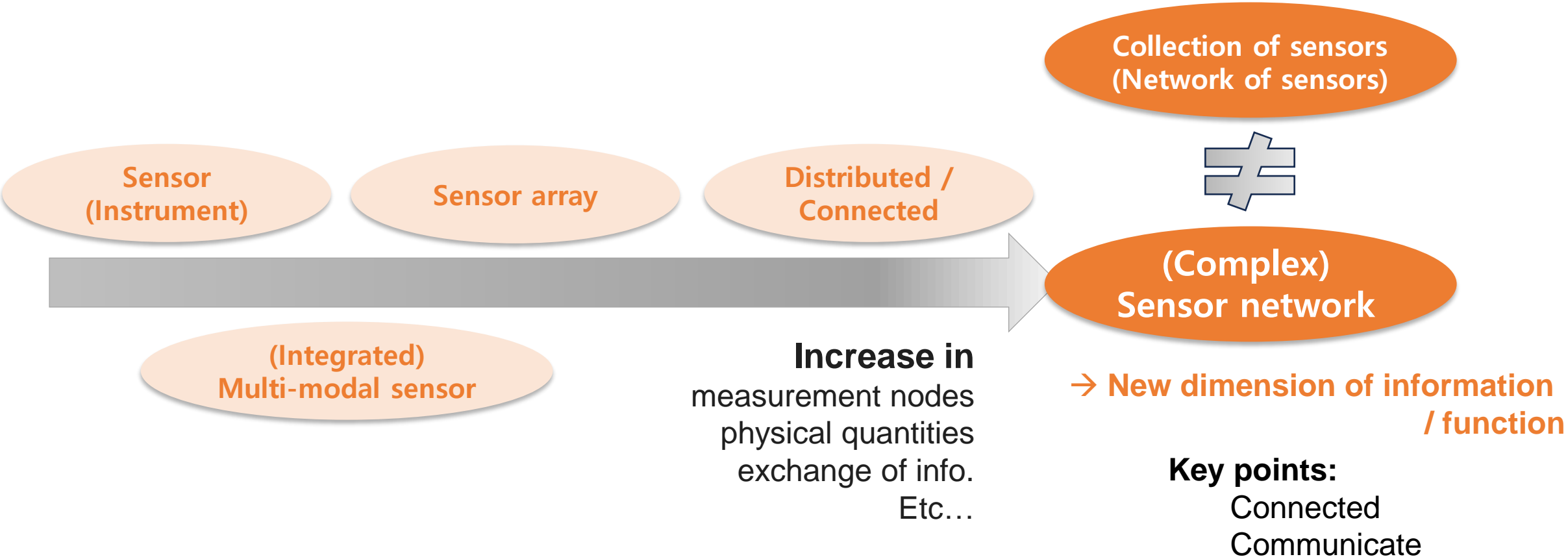
- Dr. Wan-Ho Cho

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Conceptualization

Sensor/Array/Network



Initiation

1st FORUM-MD Meeting (2024)

- **Discussion to organize TG/WG @ breakout session**
 - Traceability, DCCs and DCRMs, Services and Applications
Chaired by Ms. G. Macdonald, NRC/Director, NCSLI/President
 - Interoperability and quality of data
Chaired by Dr. R. Hanisch, NIST/Office director
 - RMOs, Capacity Building and interaction between CCs and the BIPM
Chaired by Dr H. Laiz, INTI
 - Future Technologies
Chaired by Prof. C. Denz, PTB/President
- **Discussed topics in 'Future Technologies' session**
 - Blockchains as distributed technology: importance of smart contracts
 - Digital twins: physics-informed virtual simulations
 - Artificial intelligence: Metrology for AI, AI methods for NMI tasks
 - Smart sensor networks: Metrology of emerging features



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▪ Task Groups proposed from 'Future Technologies' session

- Proposed TG 1: Secure and trustworthy AI

- ✓ Identification of uniform quality metrics for AI & workflows for AI
- ✓ Quality of data: accuracy & uncertainties representativeness
- ✓ Quality of algorithms: transparency, explainability, robustness



Accepted:

FORUM-MD-TG-AI

- Proposed TG 2: Complex sensor networks

- ✓ Harmonize metrics for networks of many & heterogenous sensors
- ✓ Defining measures of networks of (smart) sensors as a whole
- ✓ Uncertainty, traceability, calibrations, ... control methods



Recommended that
a decision be made after
further discussion through
Workshops, etc.

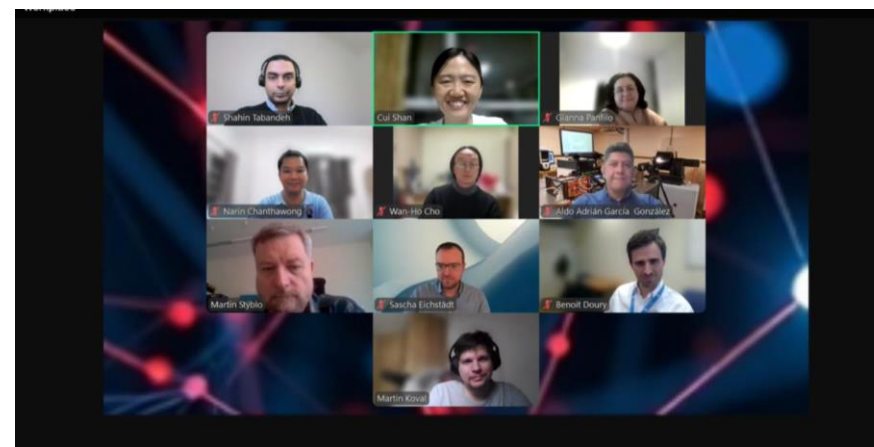
Preliminary event

FORUM-MD Workshop on Metrology for Complex Sensor Networks

■ Overview

- Date: February 11-12, 2025
- Fully online supported by BIPM's Zoom webinar service
- Theme: Sensor network metrology, regional examples of (heterogeneous) sensor networks, seismic sensors, sensors in cities of the future, energy networks, ...
- Organising committee:
 - Aldo Adrián García González, CENAM
 - Cui Shan, NMC
 - Martin Koval, CMI
 - Narin Chanthawong, NMIT
 - Sascha Eichstädt, PTB
 - Wan-Ho Cho, KRISS
- More info:

<https://www.bipm.org/en/committees/fo/forum-md/wg/forum-md-ws/2025-02-11>



195 registrations



Actual attendance: 138

Including speakers and panellists: 11

Preliminary event

FORUM-MD Workshop on Metrology for Complex Sensor Networks

▪ Program (Day 1)

Title	Presenter
Challenges and Opportunities in Sensor Network Metrology (EURAMET TC-IM 1551)	Dr. Martin Koval Czech Metrology Institute (CMI)
EPM-FunSNM: from Generic Tools to Real-World Applications	Dr. Shahin Tabandeh Valtion Teknillinen Tutkimuskeskus, Mittatekniikan Keskus (VTT MIKES)
Metrology for Sensor Networks in Asia Pacific Metrology Programme's Focus Group on Digital Transformation	Dr. Shan Cui National Metrology Centre, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (NMC, A*STAR)
Pilot Metrology Cloud with IOT Sensor Network THB for SIM Region	M.Sc. Aldo Adrián García González Centro Nacional de Metrología (CENAM)



Preliminary event

FORUM-MD Workshop on Metrology for Complex Sensor Networks

▪ Program (Day 2)

Title	Presenter
Innovative Metrology for Complex Sensor Networks: Insights from the CTBTO IMS Stations	Mr. Benoit Doury Comprehensive nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
Sensor Networks in Future Cities	Dr. Barbara Jung Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)
Computational Reconstruction of Calorific Value on Gas Distribution Networks	Mr. Martin Stýblo SIMONE Research Group
Panel Discussion Moderator: Dr. Sascha Eichstaedt, PTB	Panellists: Mr. Benoit Doury, CTBTO Mr. Martin Stýblo SIMONE Dr. Shahin Tabandeh, VTT



Preliminary event

FORUM-MD Workshop on Metrology for Complex Sensor Networks

▪ Outcomes

- Potential topics identified panel discussion

- ✓ To answer what calibrating a sensor network really means
- ✓ To consolidate knowledge gained and to facilitate knowledge transfer
- ✓ To develop guidelines on
 - Calibrations; vocabularies; interface to digital twins
 - Collecting high quality big data using sensor networks
 - Data communication from sensor networkse.g. recommendation to IEEE community on meta data to address metrology information

- Proposal to establish an official group for collaboration

- ✓ Task Group/Sub-Task Group/Interest Group in the future on Sensor Network Metrology

Establishment

Change of FORUM-MD organization in 2025

▪ FORUM-MD-TG-AI

- FORUM-MD ad hoc Task Group on Secure and Trustworthy AI
- Chair: Dr. Louise Wright (NPL)

▪ FORUM-MD-TG-DQ&FPM

- FORUM-MD Task Group on Data Quality and
Fair Practice in Metrology
- Chair: Dr. Robert Hanisch (NIST)
Dr. Daniel Hutzschenreuter

▪ FORUM-MD-TG-MS

- FORUM-MD ad hoc Task Group on Metrological Semantics
- Chair: Dr. Tyan White (NRC)

▪ FORUM-MD-TG-H-DCC/DRMC

- FORUM-MD ad hoc Task Group on Harmonizing DCC and DRMC
- Chair: Dr. Martin Koval (CMI)

▪ FORUM-MD-TG-SIDF

- FORUM-MD ad hoc Task Group on SI-digital Framework
- Chair: Dr. Anna Cypionka (BIPM)

▪ FORUM-MD-WG-S

- FORUM-MD Working Group on Strategy
- Chair: Prof. Dr. Cornelia Denz (PTB)

▪ FORUM-MD-WG-CC

- FORUM-MD Working Group on coordination between CC
- Chair: Dr. Peter Blattner (METAS)

▪ FORUM-MD-WG-RMO

- FORUM-MD Working Group on coordination between RMO
- Chair: Mr. Nikita Zviagin (Mendeleyev Institute for Metrology)



▪ FORUM-MD-DG-SN

- FORUM-MD Discussion Group on Sensor Networks
- Chair: Dr. Shan Cui (NMC A*Star)
Dr. Wan-Ho Cho (KRISS))

Challenges

Potential candidates of topics to be discussed

Definition & ranges

- Definition of terminology (including 'Sensor Networks')
- Decision of sub-topics to be covered by DG

Method for quality assurance

- Efficient & practical calibration method for sensor network system/elements
- Traceability & communication protocol
- Application of Digital Calibration Certificate

Harmonization

- Harmonization with traditional metrology standards
- Harmonization with existing smart sensor standards
(e.g. IEEE 1451 transducer electronic data sheet (TEDS))

→ IEEE is not signed the Joint Statement of Intent on the digital transformation

Application of sensor network in acoustics

Introduction

▪ Type of acoustic sensor configurations

	Single node – limited range	Multi node – wide range
Non synchronized - Magnitude	Sound information only Platform: Sound level meter, Etc... - Monitoring at single sampled position	Spatial distribution of sound Platform: Outdoor measurement system, Etc... - Monitoring at various sampled positions
Synchronized - Magnitude + Phase	Sound & Spatial information – direction Platform: Array system - Sound localization - Spatial filtering of signal	Sound & Spatial information – 3D + α Platform: Connected sensor network - Wide range surveillance - Acoustic scene analysis

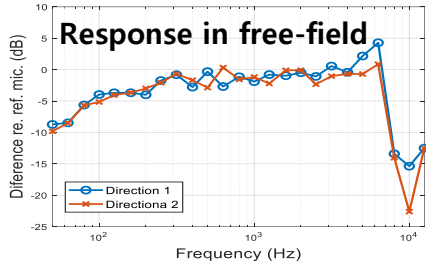
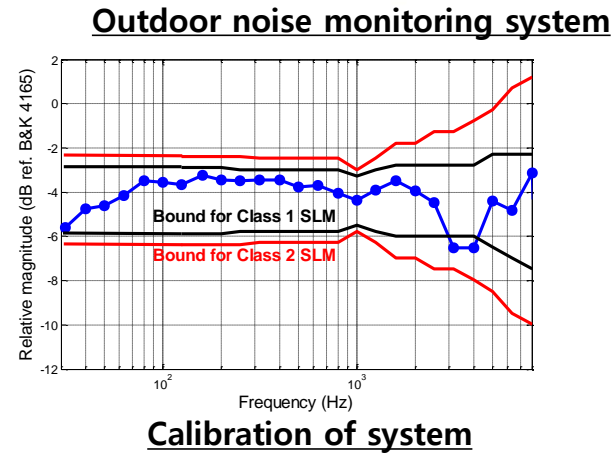
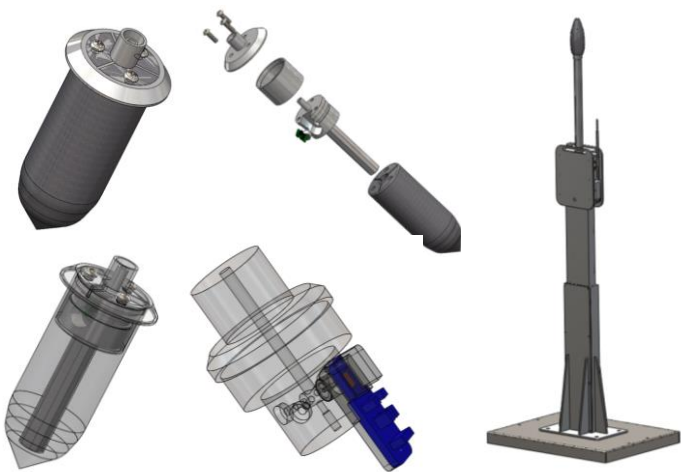
▪ Change of measurement process

	Traditional	Recent / Future
Performer/Operator	Self measurement or provided by known operator → Detailed measurement condition also known	Contribution by unknown operator & devices → Cloud of measurement data
Scalability	Limited	
Accessibility	Accessible to every step of measurement data & instruments	Not accessible to every step (even any)

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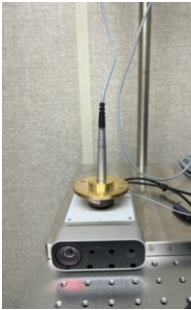
Research works on single node – Single sensor

- Sensor development/validation/management
 - Development of outdoor microphone
- Quality infrastructure for non-standardized devices
 - Low-cost sensor / Smart device application

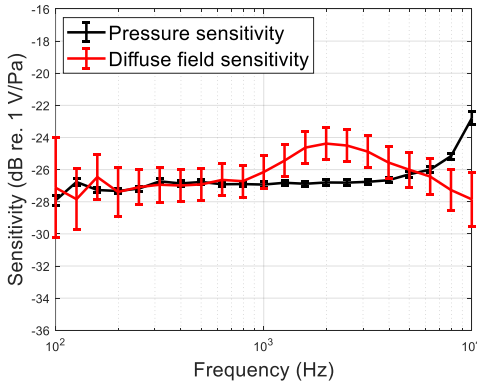


Pt.	Overall SPL (Diffuse field, dBA)	
	WS2	Smart watch
1	90.26	90
2	90.44	90
3	90.26	90
4	90.07	90
5	90.09	90

Example of smart watch evaluation



Efficient calibration of MEMS microphone



Development of reliable sensor

Validation & qualification of sensor

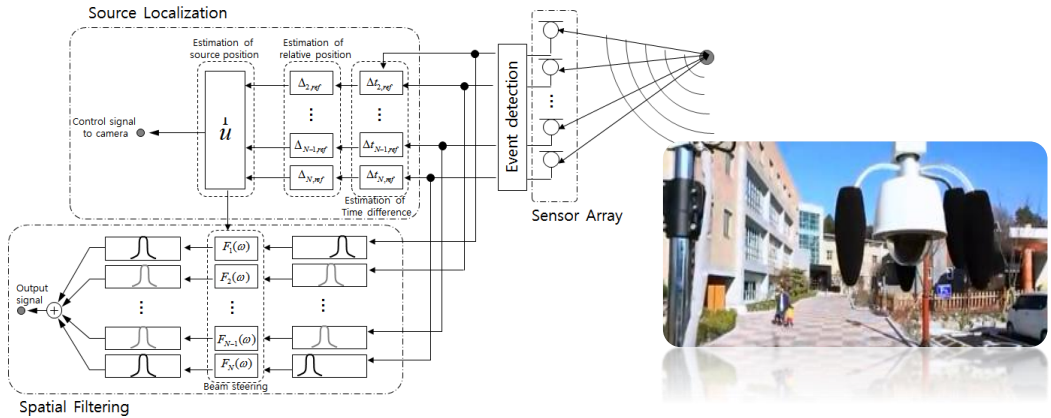
DCC compatibility can be applied as a type approval requirement

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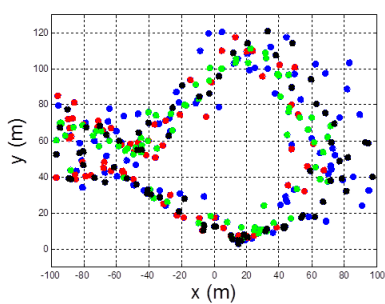
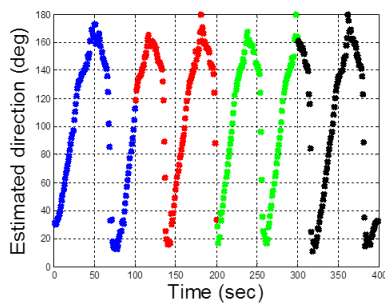
Research works on single node – Array system

- Conventional application
 - Sound source localization
 - Signal enhancement

by TDoA, Beamforming, Etc...

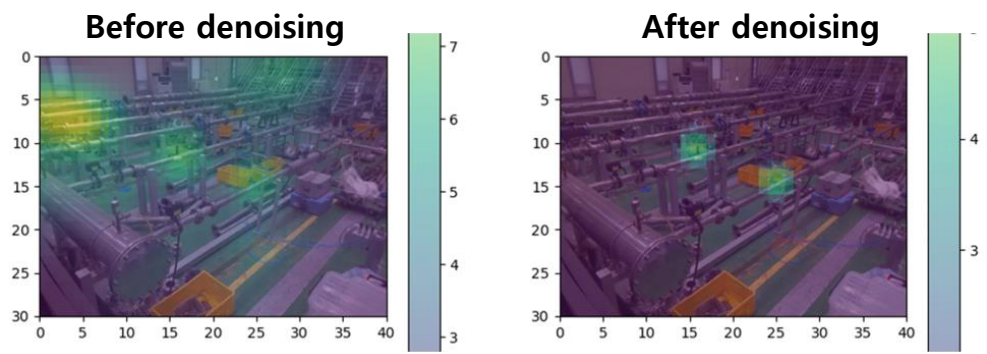


Configuration of acoustic surveillance system with CCTV

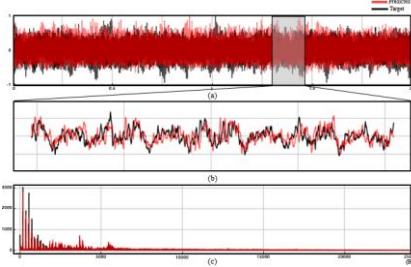


Localization & tracking of moving vehicle

- Expansion of application
 - Expansion of frequency range: Ultra- & Infrasound range
 - With AI & ML techniques: Low S/N ratio condition
- Diagnosis & Inspection (e.g.) partial discharge, leakage, ...
- Wide range monitoring (e.g.) anti-drone, ...



Inspection & localization of gas leakage in noise condition



Reconstruction of drone noise

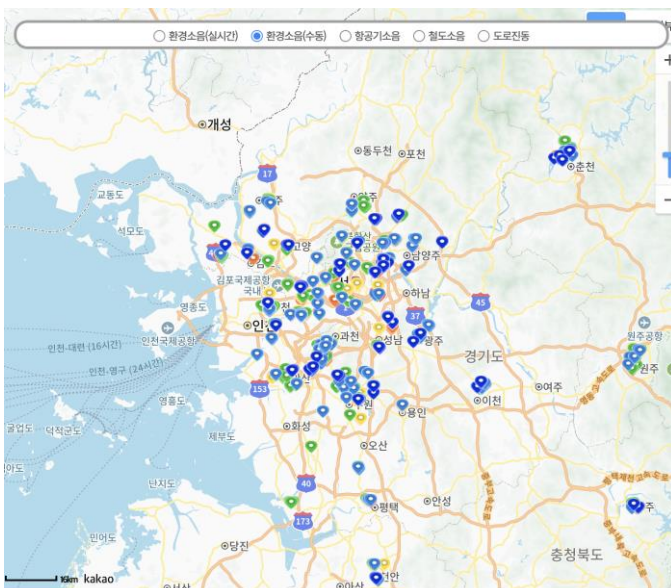


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Research works on multi node application

Conventional monitoring network

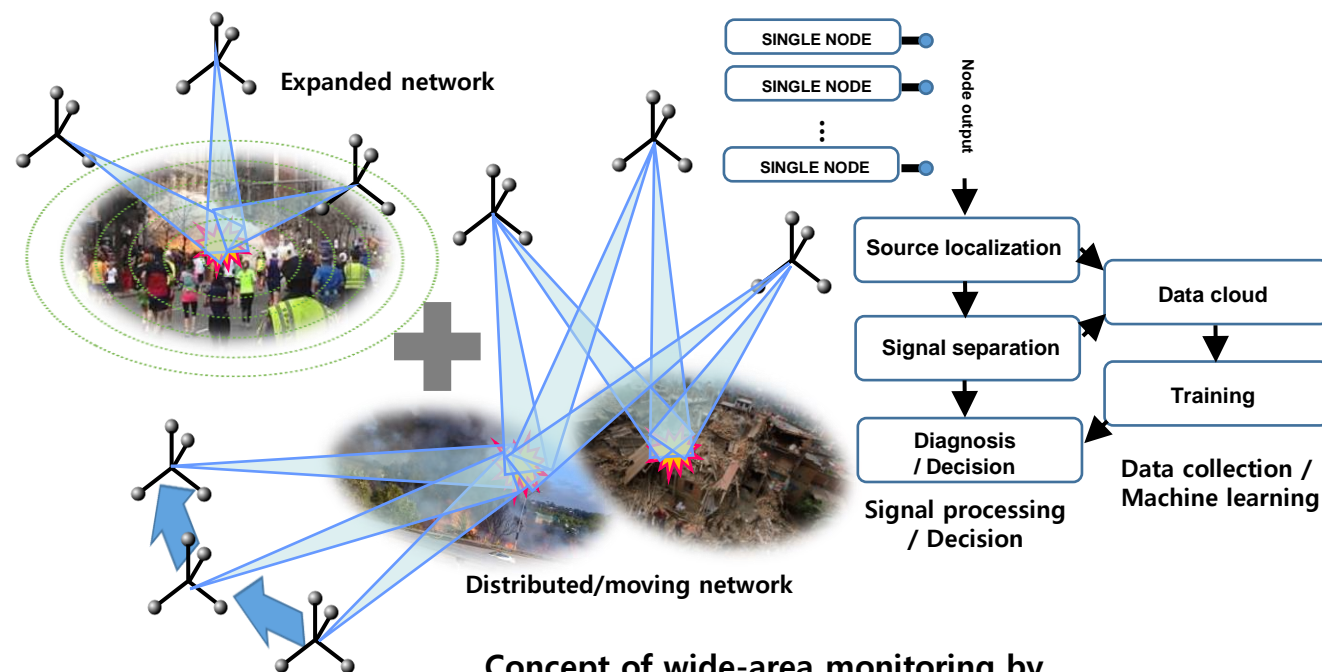
- Environmental noise monitoring
- Sampled information (Time & position)
- Real time & constant monitoring with high density locations



National noise information system
(<https://www.noiseinfo.or.kr>)

Wide-area monitoring by distributed/dynamic network

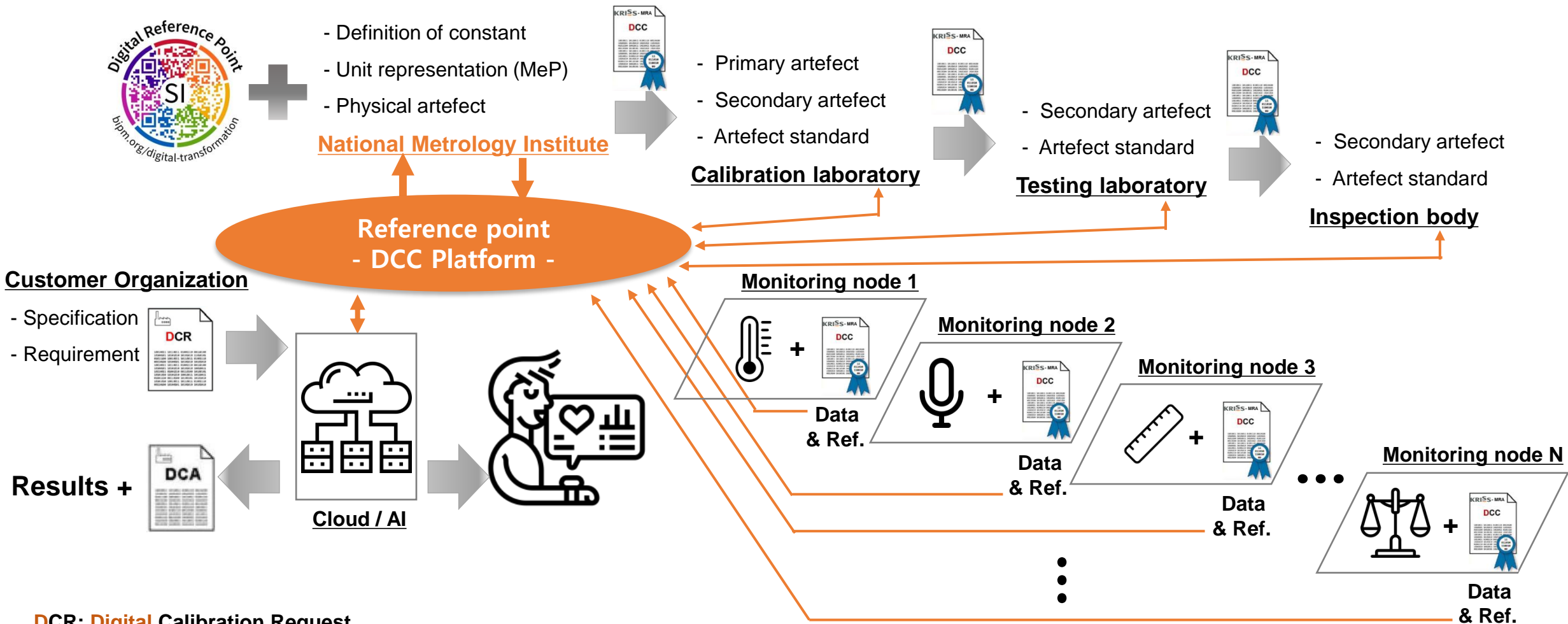
- Data collection by scalable sensor network
- Application of acoustic scene analysis
- Real-time monitoring & decision for various situations



Concept of wide-area monitoring by distributed/dynamic acoustic sensor network

Future Scan

Ex) DCC based quality infrastructure



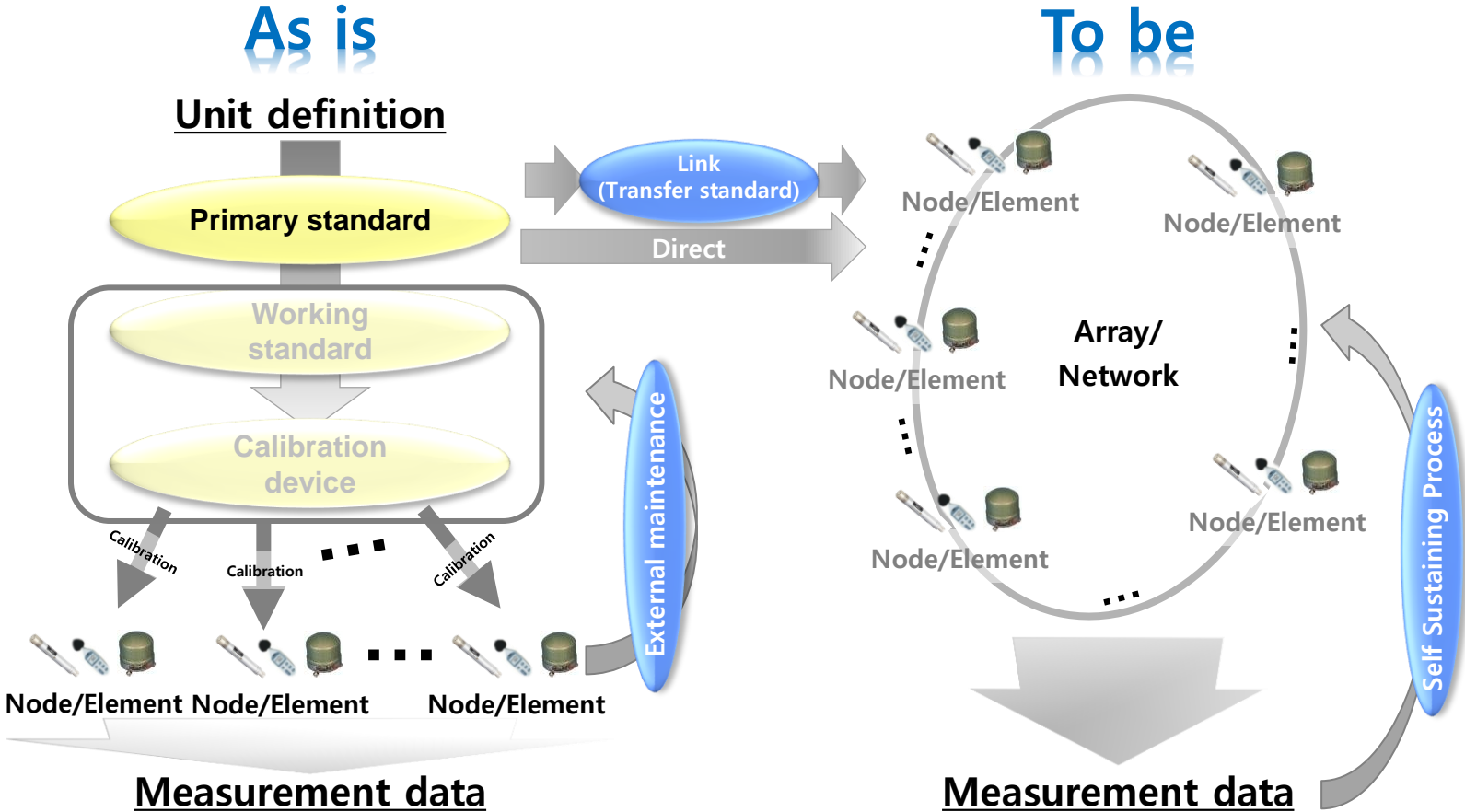
DCR: Digital Calibration Request
DCC: Digital Calibration Certificate
DCA: Digital Calibration Answer

Future Scan

Ex) Sustainable sensor network

Challenges in calibration

- On-site calibration
- Self diagnosis / calibration
- Constant calibration



Future related event

Special session @ M4d conference

- **IMEKO TC-6 International Conference on Metrology and Digital Transformation**

- September 3-5, 2025, Benevento, Italy

- **Special Session:**

- Advancing Sensor Network Metrology for Industry 4.0 and IoT Applications**

- **Organized by**

- Shan Cui, National Metrology Centre, A*STAR, Singapore
 - Anupam Vedurmudi, Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Germany
 - Narin Chanthawong, National Institute of Metrology, Thailand

- **Topics**

- Metrological principles for digital sensor networks
 - Uncertainty evaluation for time series data in IoT applications
 - Digital representation of metrological information for networked sensors
 - Machine-readable and machine-actionable metrology for automated sensor networks
 - Calibration, co-calibration and data-driven (or virtual) calibration techniques for sensor networks
 - Sensor fault detection and diagnostics
 - Metrology-assisted production and quality control in Industry 4.0



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