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*The Uncertainty of
Measurements* Cambridge
Scholars Publishing
Results of measurements
and conclusions derived

from them constitute much of the technical information produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In July 1992 the Director of NIST appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Uncertainty Statements and charged it with recommending a policy on this important topic. The Committee concluded that the CIPM approach could be used to provide quantitative expression of measurement that would satisfy NIST's customers' requirements. NIST initially published a Technical Note on this issue

in Jan. 1993. This 1994 edition addresses the most important questions raised by recipients concerning some of the points it addressed and some it did not. Illustrations. Experimental Uncertainty Analysis: A Textbook for Science and Engineering Students CRC Press The scientific method is based on the measurement of different physical quantities and the search for relations between their

values. All measured values of physical quantities are, however, affected by uncertainty. Understanding the origin of uncertainty, evaluating its extent, and suitably taking it into account in data analysis, are fundamental steps for assessing the global accuracy of physical laws and the degree of reliability of their technological applications. The introduction to

uncertainty evaluation and data analysis procedures is generally made in laboratory courses for freshmen. During my long-lasting teaching experience, I had the feeling of some sort of gap between the available tutorial textbooks, and the specialized monographs. The present work aims at filling this gap, and has been tested and modified through a feedback interaction with my students for several	years. I have tried to maintain as much as possible a tutorial approach, that, starting from a phenomenological introduction, progressively leads to an accurate definition of uncertainty and to some of the most common procedures of data analysis, facilitating the access to advanced monographs. This book is mainly addressed to undergraduate students, but can be a useful reference for	researchers and for secondary school teachers. The book is divided into three parts and a series of appendices. Part I is devoted to a phenomenological introduction to measurement and uncertainty. In Chap. <i>Quantities, Units and Symbols in Physical Chemistry</i> Springer Science & Business Media The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) and its predecessor U.S. Global Change Research Program have sponsored climate research and
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observations for nearly 15 years, yet the overall progress of the program has not been measured systematically. Metricsâ€"a system of measurement that includes the item being measured, the unit of measurement, and the value of the unitâ€"offer a tool for measuring such progress; improving program performance; and demonstrating program successes to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and the public. This report lays out a framework for creating and implementing metrics for the CCSP. A general set of metrics provides a starting point for identifying the most important measures, and the principles provide guidance for refining the

metrics and avoiding unintended consequences.

An Approach via the Mathematical Theory of Evidence ASQ Quality Press

Uncertainties are inevitable in any experimental measurement.

Therefore, it is essential for science and engineering graduates to design and develop reliable experiments and estimate the uncertainty in the measurements. This book describes the methods and

application of uncertainty analysis during the planning, data analysis, and reporting stages of an experiment. This book is aimed at postgraduate and advanced undergraduate students of various branches of science and engineering. The book teaches methods for estimating random and systematic uncertainties and combining them to determine the overall uncertainty in a measurement. In addition, the method

for propagating measurement uncertainties in the calculated result is discussed. The book also discusses methods of reducing the uncertainties through proper instrumentation, data acquisition, and experiment planning. This book provides detailed background and assumptions underlying the uncertainty analysis techniques for the reader to understand their applicability. Various solved examples are provided to demonstrate

the application of the uncertainty analysis techniques. The exercises at the end of the chapters have been chosen carefully to reinforce the concepts discussed in the text. **An Introduction to Error Analysis** DIANE Publishing "This introduction to measurement uncertainty is intended for metrology professionals working in calibration laboratories and metrology institutes, as well as students in tertiary-level science and engineering programmes. The subject

matter is presented with an emphasis on developing models of the physical measurement process. The level of mathematics and statistics used is basic and is typically covered by high school studies"--Distributor's website.

Historical, Philosophical, and Physical Inquiries into the Foundations of Quantum Mechanics National Academies Press

The theory of errors dealing with the errors of measurements hints at the true or accurate value of the quantity measured stating it

with an element of reliability to be reposed in it.

Measurements and Their Uncertainties McGraw-Hill Science, Engineering & Mathematics

This book deals with the practice of Optical Radiation Measurements with introductory material to introduce the topics discussed. It will be most useful for students, scientists and engineers working in any academic, industrial or governmental projects related to optical radiation. The book contains chapters

that treat in detail the procedures and techniques for the characterization of both sources and detectors to the highest degree of accuracy and reliability. It has a chapter devoted specifically to optical measurements of laser sources and fiberoptics for communication and a chapter devoted to uncertainty in measurement and its treatment with real examples of optical measurements. The book contains introductory materials that will allow a

newcomer to radiometry to develop the expertise to perform exacting and accurate measurement. The authors stress the various causes of uncertainty in each phase of a measurement and thus allow for users to arrive at a correct assessment of their uncertainty of measurement in their particular circumstance. - Authors are from the Standards laboratories of AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ENGLAND, GERMANY and the USA. - Latest techniques and practice of

laboratory measurements to achieve the highest accuracy in the use of sources or detectors. • Unique illustrations of the apparatus and measurement techniques. • Practical measurement examples of calibration with full uncertainty analysis. • Comprehensive treatment of optical standards such as sources, detectors and radiometers. • A complete chapter on laser power measurements and standards for fiber optic measurements • A complete chapter on

correlations in radiometry and practical examples. • A chapter devoted to diffraction effects in radiometry Measurement Uncertainty Cambridge University Press This book fulfills the global need to evaluate measurement results along with the associated uncertainty. In the book, together with the details of uncertainty calculations for many physical parameters, probability distributions and their properties are discussed. Definitions of various terms are given and will help the practicing metrologists to grasp the subject. The book helps to establish international standards for the evaluation of the

quality of raw data obtained from various laboratories for interpreting the results of various national metrology institutes in an international inter-comparisons. For the routine calibration of instruments, a new idea for the use of pooled variance is introduced. The uncertainty calculations are explained for (i) independent linear inputs, (ii) non-linear inputs and (iii) correlated inputs. The merits and limitations of the Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM) are discussed. Monte Carlo methods for the derivation of the output distribution from the input distributions are introduced. The Bayesian alternative for calculation of expanded

uncertainty is included. A large number of numerical examples is included.

Quantifying Measurement Springer Science & Business Media

Measurement of values are fundamental in science and technology. Masatoshi's book includes the importance of uncertainty, accuracy and precision of measurement and explains how laser technology has helped improve measurement and in redefining standards. SI units, standards and the

importance of lasers for measurement in modern metrology are covered, including the redefinition of the SI units over time.

Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results (rev. Ed.) Springer Science & Business Media

A standard reference does not exist for evaluating and expressing systematic and random uncertainty, thus, there is no basis for comparing measurement uncertainties at different facilities. Based on recommendations of the International Committee for Weights and Measures, the

National Center for Standards and Certification Information, which is responsible for information on standardization programs and related activities, has published ISO-TAG4, Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (1993). The guide establishes general rules for evaluating and expressing uncertainty in physical measurements by presenting definitions, basic concepts and examples. it focuses on the methods of evaluating uncertainty components rather than categorizing the components, thus avoiding the ambiguity encountered when categorizing uncertainty components as "random" and "systematic." This

paper presents an overview of the terms specific to the guide, including standard and combined standard uncertainty, Type A and Type B evaluation, expanded uncertainty, and coverage factor. It illustrates Type A and Type B evaluation of random and systematic errors in forms relating to nuclear material accountability work. This guide could be adapted by the MC & A community.

Quantifying Uncertainty in Analytical Measurement Univ Science Books

The coronavirus pandemic has upended local, national, and global food systems, and put the Sustainable Development Goals further out of reach. But

lessons from the world ' s response to the pandemic can help address future shocks and contribute to food system change. In the 2021 Global Food Policy Report, IFPRI researchers and other food policy experts explore the impacts of the pandemic and government policy responses, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged, and consider what this means for transforming our food systems to be healthy, resilient, efficient, sustainable, and inclusive. Chapters in the report look at balancing health and economic policies, promoting healthy

diets and nutrition, strengthening social protection policies and inclusion, integrating natural resource protection into food sector policies, and enhancing the contribution of the private sector. Regional sections look at the diverse experiences around the world, and a special section on finance looks at innovative ways of funding food system transformation. Critical questions addressed include: - Who felt the greatest impact from falling incomes and food system disruptions caused by the pandemic? - How can countries find an effective

balance among health, economic, and social policies in the face of crisis? - How did lockdowns affect diet quality and quantity in rural and urban areas? - Do national social protection systems such as cash transfers have the capacity to protect poor and vulnerable groups in a global crisis? - Can better integration of agricultural and ecosystem policies help prevent the next pandemic? - How did companies accelerate ongoing trends in digitalization and integration to keep food supply chains moving? - What different challenges did the

pandemic spark in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and how did these regions respond? Measurement, Prediction and Assessment National Academies Press
This short book is primarily intended to be used in undergraduate laboratories in the physical sciences. No prior knowledge of statistics is assumed, with the necessary concepts introduced where needed, and illustrated graphically. In contrast to traditional treatments a combination of spreadsheet and calculus-based approaches is used. Error analysis is introduced at a level accessible to school leavers, and carried through to research level. The

emphasis throughout is on practical strategies to be adopted in the laboratory. Error calculation and propagation is presented through a series of rules-of-thumb, look-up tables and approaches amenable to computer analysis.

Sixty-Two Years of Uncertainty Supreet Singh Bahga

Problems after each chapter
Generalized Gaussian Error Calculus Springer

The Art of Measuring in the Thermal Sciences provides an original state-of-the-art guide to scholars who are conducting thermal experiments in both

academia and industry. Applications include energy generation, transport, manufacturing, mining, processes, HVAC&R, etc. This book presents original insights into advanced measurement techniques and systems, explores the fundamentals, and focuses on the analysis and design of thermal systems. Discusses the advanced measurement techniques now used in thermal systems Links measurement techniques to concepts in thermal science and engineering Draws upon

the original work of current researchers and experts in thermal-fluid measurement Includes coverage of new technologies, such as micro-level heat transfer measurements Covers the main types of instrumentation and software used in thermal-fluid measurements This book offers engineers, researchers, and graduate students an overview of the best practices for conducting sound measurements in the thermal sciences. Uncertainty in Acoustics

National Academies Press The book is devoted to one of the important areas of theoretical and experimental physics—the calculation of the accuracy of measurements of fundamental physical constants. To achieve this goal, numerous methods and criteria have been proposed. However, all of them are focused on identifying a posteriori uncertainty caused by the idealization of the model and its subsequent computerization in comparison with the physical system. This book focuses on formulating an a priori interaction between the

level of a detailed description of a material object (the number of registered quantities) and the lowest uncertainty in measuring a physical constant. It contains the materials necessary for the optimal design of models describing a physical phenomenon. It will appeal to scientists and engineers, as well as university students.

Using the GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement) Springer Science & Business Media

The expression of uncertainty in measurement poses a challenge since it involves physical, mathematical, and

philosophical issues. This problem is intensified by the limitations of the probabilistic approach used by the current standard (the GUM Instrumentation Standard).

This text presents an alternative approach. It makes full use of the mathematical theory of evidence to express the uncertainty in measurements. Coverage provides an overview of the current standard, then pinpoints and constructively resolves its limitations.

Numerous examples throughout help explain the book 's unique approach. An Introduction to Uncertainty in

Measurement Routledge

It is now becoming recognized in the measurement community that it is as important to communicate the uncertainty related to a specific measurement as it is to report the measurement itself. Without knowing the uncertainty, it is impossible for the users of the result to know what confidence can be placed in it; it is also impossible to assess the comparability of different measurements of the same parameter. This volume collects 20 outstanding papers on the topic, mostly published from 1999-2002 in the journal "Accreditation and Quality Assurance." They provide the rationale for why it is important

to evaluate and report the uncertainty of a result in a consistent manner. They also describe the concept of uncertainty, the methodology for evaluating uncertainty, and the advantages of using suitable reference materials. Finally, the benefits to both the analytical laboratory and the user of the results are considered.

A Practical Guide to Modern Error Analysis Springer Science & Business Media

In the courtroom, critical and life-changing decisions are made based on quantitative forensic science data. There is often a range in which a measured value is expected to fall and, in this, an inherent uncertainty associated

with such measurement.

Uncertainty in this context is not error. In fact, estimations of uncertainty can add to the utility and reliability of quantitative results, be it the length of a firearm barrel, the weight of a drug sample, or the concentration of ethanol in blood. Measurement Uncertainty in Forensic Science: A Practical Guide describes and defines the concepts related to such uncertainty in the forensic context. The book provides the necessary conceptual background and framework—a baseline—for developing and deploying reasonable and defensible uncertainty estimations across forensic disciplines. Information is presented conceptually, using

easily understood examples, to provide a readable, handy reference for scientists in the laboratory, as well as investigators and legal professionals who require a basic understanding of the science underpinning measurement results.

The Uncertainty in Physical Measurements CRC Press

It is difficult to overestimate the importance that physical measurements performed with nondestructive assay instruments play throughout the nuclear fuel cycle. They underpin decision making in many areas and support: criticality safety, radiation protection, process control, safeguards, facility compliance, and waste

measurements. No physical measurement is complete or indeed meaningful, without a defensible and appropriate accompanying statement of uncertainties and how they combine to define the confidence in the results. The uncertainty budget should also be broken down in sufficient detail suitable for subsequent uses to which the nondestructive assay (NDA) results will be applied. Creating an uncertainty budget and estimating the total measurement uncertainty can often be an involved process, especially for non routine situations. This is because data interpretation often involves complex algorithms and logic combined in a highly intertwined

way. The methods often call on a multitude of input data subject to human oversight. These characteristics can be confusing and pose a barrier to developing and understanding between experts and data consumers. ASTM subcommittee C26-10 recognized this problem in the context of how to summarize and express precision and bias performance across the range of standards and guides it maintains. In order to create a unified approach consistent with modern practice and embracing the continuous improvement philosophy a consensus arose to prepare a procedure covering the estimation and reporting of uncertainties in non destructive

assay of nuclear materials. This paper outlines the needs analysis, objectives and on-going development efforts. In addition to emphasizing some of the unique challenges and opportunities facing the NDA community we hope this article will encourage dialog and sharing of best practice and furthermore motivate developers to revisit the treatment of measurement uncertainty. **An Introduction to Error Analysis CRC Press** One of the pathways by which the scientific community confirms the validity of a new scientific discovery is by repeating the research that produced it.

When a scientific effort fails to independently confirm the computations or results of a previous study, some fear that it may be a symptom of a lack of rigor in science, while others argue that such an observed inconsistency can be an important precursor to new discovery. Concerns about reproducibility and replicability have been expressed in both scientific and popular media. As these concerns came to light, Congress requested that the National Academies of	Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine conduct a study to assess the extent of issues related to reproducibility and replicability and to offer recommendations for improving rigor and transparency in scientific research. Reproducibility and Replicability in Science defines reproducibility and replicability and examines the factors that may lead to non-reproducibility and non-replicability in research. Unlike the typical expectation of reproducibility between two computations,	expectations about replicability are more nuanced, and in some cases a lack of replicability can aid the process of scientific discovery. This report provides recommendations to researchers, academic institutions, journals, and funders on steps they can take to improve reproducibility and replicability in science.
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