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expression of uncertainty in measurement” (<http://www.bipm.org/en/publications/guides/gum> including the 2008 Supplement). Application of this approach in the practice of chemical measurements and its further development are still favorite topics highlighted in ACQUAL’s articles.

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