

MEASURE – BLINK

	Hitt <i>mehhur-</i> ‘time’
Sogd <i>nimiž</i> ‘blink’, MidPers <i>miž</i> ‘eyelid’	Skrt <i>māti</i> , <i>mīmīte</i> ‘to measure’, <i>mātrā</i> ‘measure’
	Gk <i>μητις</i> ‘advice, reason’, <i>μητιάω</i> ‘I reason’
Lat <i>micō</i> , <i>micāre</i> ‘shine, glitter’	Lat <i>mētior</i> ‘I measure’
MidLowGerm, MidDutch <i>micken</i> ‘direct one’s eye, observe’	Goth <i>mitan</i> ‘to measure’, <i>mēla</i> ‘measure of grain’, OHG <i>mezzan</i> ‘measure’
Lith <i>miegù</i> , <i>miegóti</i> ‘to sleep’, <i>miēgas</i> ‘sleep’, Latv <i>miēgt</i> ‘close one’s eyes’, OPruss <i>meicte</i> ‘to sleep’, <i>maiggun</i> ‘sleep’, UpSorb <i>mikać</i> ‘blink, squint, glitter’	Lith <i>mētai</i> ‘year’
Slav <i>*mīžuriti</i> ‘squint’, <i>*mīgno₂tī</i> ‘blink’, <i>*migŭ</i> ‘moment’, OCS <i>мѣчѣтъ</i> ‘fantasy’, Russ <i>mečtat’</i> ‘dream’	
	Alb <i>mat</i> , <i>mas</i> ‘I measure’, <i>mot</i> ‘year, weather’

The forms are from Vasmer (II, 60, 600, 614, 618-619). The original meaning of the joint root **megh-/*mekh-/*mē-* can be reconstructed as “to measure with one’s eye, to dream, to reason”. Note the exact morphological correspondence between Slav **mīžuriti* and Hitt *mehhur-* and the semantic match between Slavic words for ‘moment’ and the Hittite word meaning ‘time’.