

# TC for ionising radiation

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# Overview of the TC-IR

- Reorganisation of the TC-IR
- EURAMET projects
- EMRPs
- Strategic planning (3 roadmaps)

# Reorganising of the TC-IR

- At the last Contact Person meeting the TC-IR changed its organisation from three Sub-Committees to Working Groups
  - WG CMCs and Comparisons, Convenor István Csete (IAEA) and member Bruno Chauvenet (LNE-LNHB)
  - WG Health care and new dose quantities, Convenor Jean Marc Bordy (LNE-LNHB)
  - WG Radionuclides and Dosimetry in Energy, Industry and Environment (nuclear and non-nuclear), Convenor Franz-Josef Maringer (BEV).
- Members of the groups will come later

# EURAMET projects

Euramet TC-IR projects		Coordinator	No of institutions		Status
Refr.no	Title		EURAMET	Non-EURAMET	
1257	Comparison on the activity concentration of the same 166mHo solution	Karsten Kossert (PTB)	5	0	Agreed/ started
1243	The interlaboratory comparison of the radionuclide calibrators	Arunas Gudelis (VMT/FMC)	2	0	Proposed
1221	Comparison of air kerma measurements for diagnostic X-ray beam qualities	Igor Gomola (IAEA)	2	0	Agreed/ started
1219	The peer review of the QMS of the IAEA Dosimetry Laboratory	Joanna Izewska (IAEA)	4	0	Agreed/ started
1200	Comparison of air kerma measurements of the medium energy X-ray radiation in radiation protection measurements	István Csete (IAEA)	2	0	Agreed/ started
1177	Comparison of calibration of KAP meters in terms of air kerma area product	Costas J. Hourdakos (IRCL/GAEC-EIM)	11	8	Agreed/ started
1132	Comparison of the ambient dose equivalent rate for photon radiation	Oliver Hope (PTB)	16	1	Agreed/ started

# JRPs

## EMRP JRPs in progress:

[MetroFission](#), Metrology for New Generation Nuclear Power Plants, coordinator Lena Johansson (NPL), UK, 12 partners

[MetroMeta](#), Measuring radiation in scrap metals, coordinator Eduardo Garcia-Toraño (CIEMAT), Spain, 14 partners

[MetroRWM](#), Metrology for radioactive waste management, coordinator Petr Kovar (CMI), Czech Republic, 13 partners

[MRI safety](#), Metrology for new generation safety standards and equipment in MRI, Bernd Ittermann (PTB), Germany, 3 partners

[MetrExtRT](#), Metrology for radiotherapy using complex radiation fields, Jean-Marc Bordy (CEA), France, 10 partners

[MetroMRT](#), Metrology for Molecular Radiotherapy, Vere Smyth (NPL) UK, 14 partners

[BioQuaRT](#), Biologically weighted quantities in radiotherapy, Hans Rabus (PTB) Germany, 7 partners

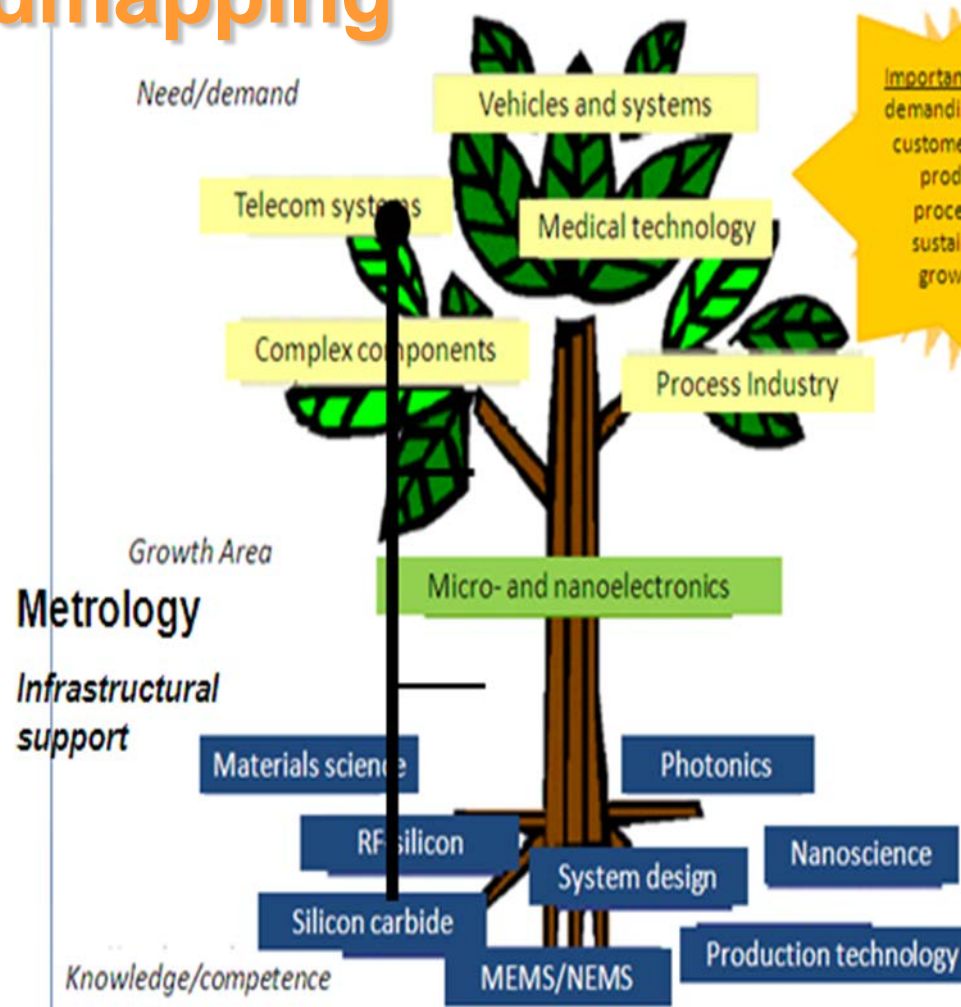
[MetroNORM](#), Metrology for processing materials with high natural radioactivity, Franz Josef Maringer (BEV), Austria





# Overview of the IR roadmapping

- Revision of the roadmaps started in 2011, chaired by Lena Johansson (NPL)
- TC-IR road map meeting at NPL 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

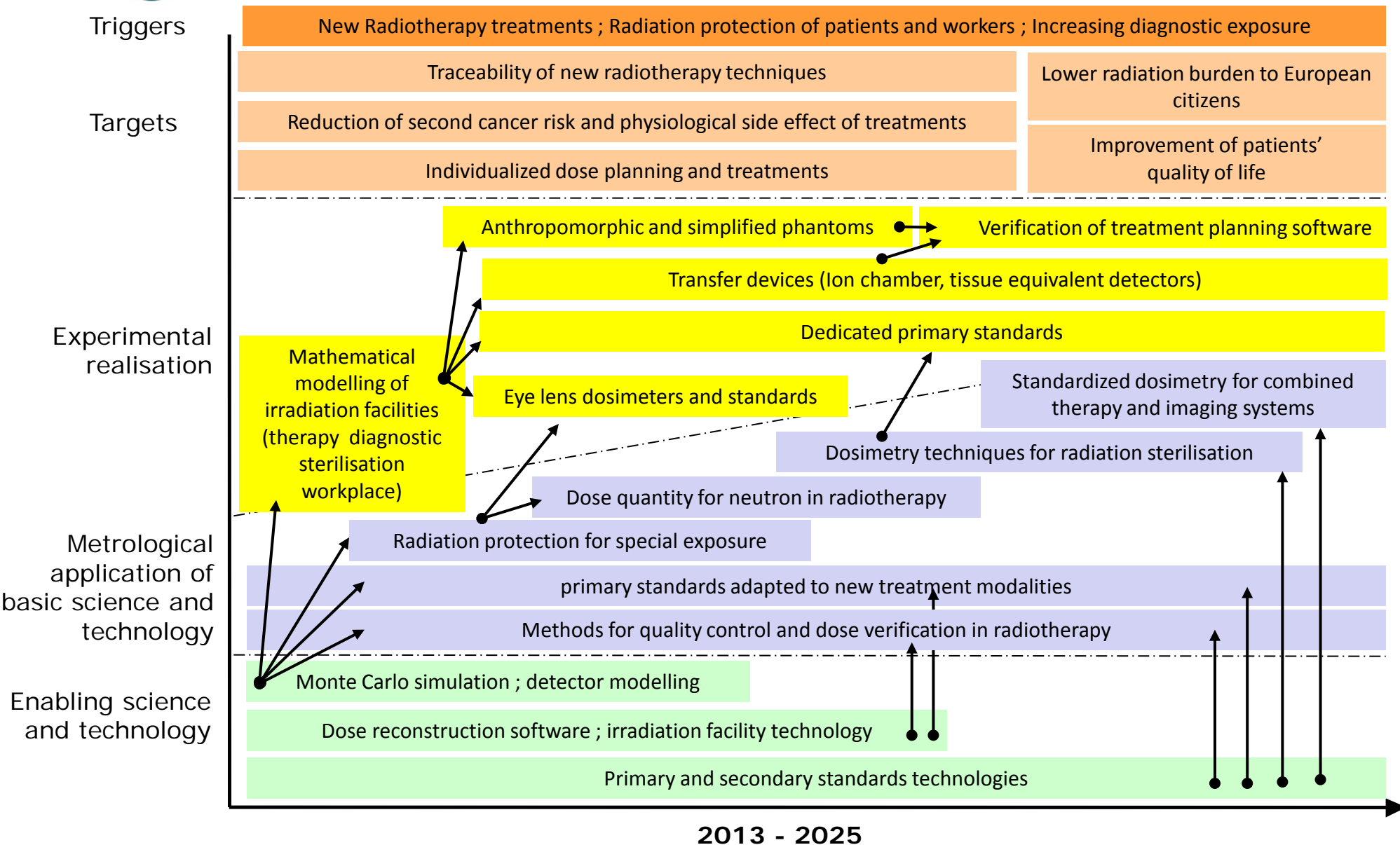




# Dosimetry and Radionuclides in Health Care

- Traceability of the patient dose in complex forms of radiotherapy
  - Rotational therapy and robotic techniques using small fields
  - Online imaging (Conebeam CT, MRI linacs)
  - New electron brachytherapy sources
  - Protontherapy, Hadrontherapy
  - Targeted radionuclide therapy
- Novel diagnostic equipment
  - new CT scanners (two tube scanners, 256 line scanners)
  - new or adapted quantities well suited for new diagnostic modalities
- Challenges for radiation protection dosimetry
  - Stricter limits on eye lens
  - Definition of operational quantities







# Anthropogenic and Natural Radionuclides in Environment and Industry



## Radioactivity in Industrial Processes

Development of metrology for:

- Consistent and reliable control of naturally occurring radioactive material
- Conformity with recommendations and EU council directives
- Improved accuracy in monitoring networks for radioactive releases

## Nuclear Industry

- Improved safety, sustainability and reduced environmental burden in the use of nuclear power
- Better and safer control in Decommissioning operations
- Improved accuracy in waste sentencing
- Reduced environmental impact and socio-economic benefits from better radioactive waste management

## Anthropogenic and Natural Radionuclides in Environment and Industry



### Homeland Security

Prevention of significant security threats by

- improved detection networks and monitoring of food stuff
- Development of Nuclear Forensics
- Development of quick, specific, high yield chemical analyses
- Improved de-contamination methods

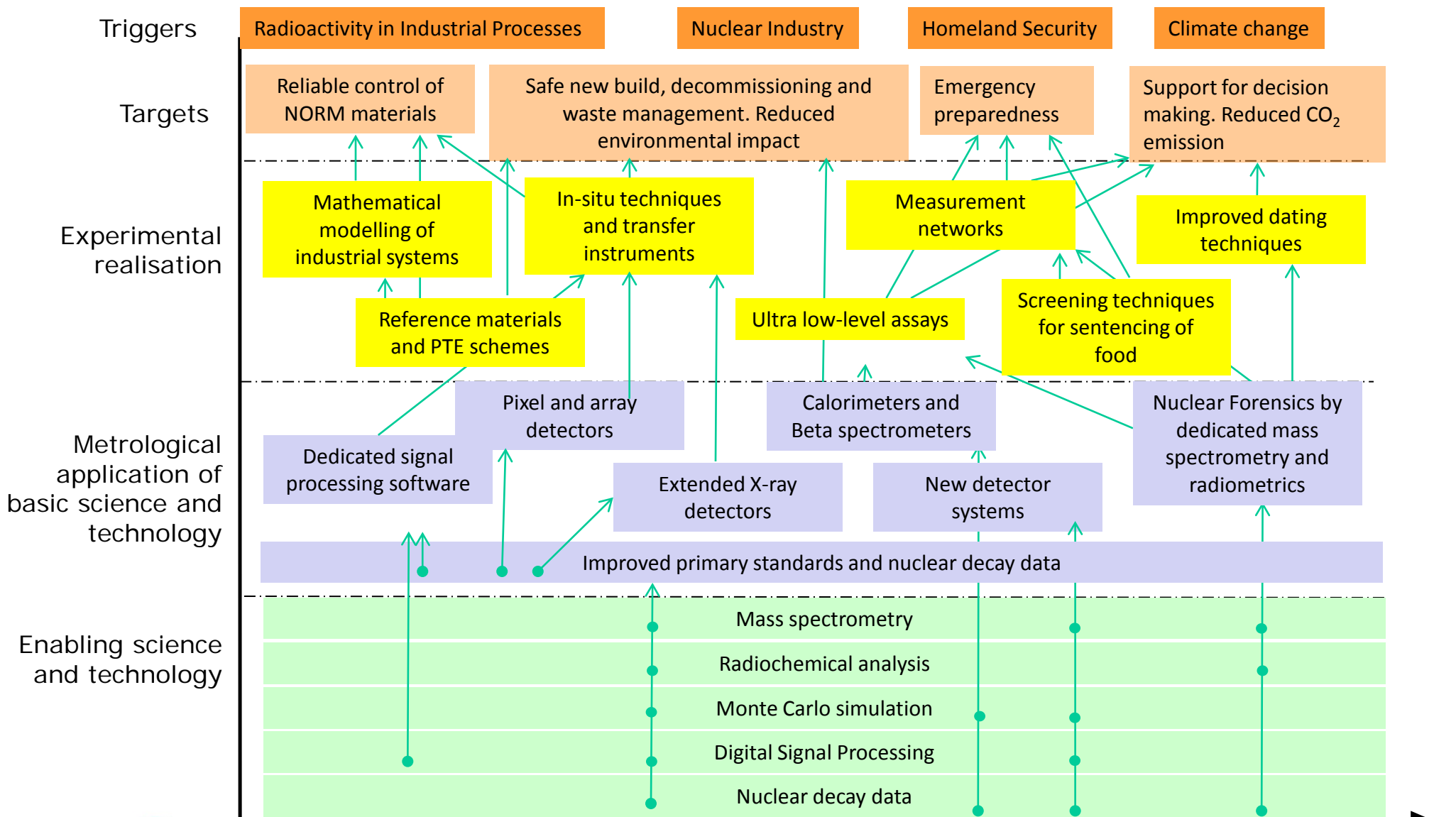
### Climate Change

- Development and support for radionuclide tracer methods including low-level techniques and mass spectrometry
- Provide accurate and traceable measurements of radionuclides and isotope ratios for accurate conclusion regarding climate change

### Science

- Detector developments applied to other fields e.g. X-ray detection in space applications
- Relation between activity and mass investigated as a unit by implementing new technology such as single atom counting

# Anthropogenic and Natural Radionuclides in Environment and Industry



## Novel dosimetry concept for ionising radiation interaction with matter

### **Medical applications of ionising radiation**

- combination of different treatment modalities
- optimisation of image-guided techniques in radiotherapy
- development of radio-sensitizers and patient-specific treatment planning based on quantitative measures of individual radiation sensitivity

### **New or redefined operational quantities in dosimetry**

- Improved standards for occupational radiation protection
- Better data base for decision maker and regulatory bodies
- Reduction of radiation risk to occupationally exposed personnel and the general public

### **Facilitation the development of radiation-resistant**

- nano-electronics and other nano-structured devices
- reliable biological-cell based production techniques

### **Realisation of the components of the virtual human that are related to ionising radiation**

**Drivers/  
Challenges**

ESTRO 2020 Vision of multi-disciplinary approach to individualised radiotherapy

Proper assessment of low-dose radiation risk

Radiation-sensitivity of nano-electronics

**Targets**

Facilitating the combination of different treatment modalities

Virtual human

Measure for individual radiation sensitivity

Improved radiation protection quantities

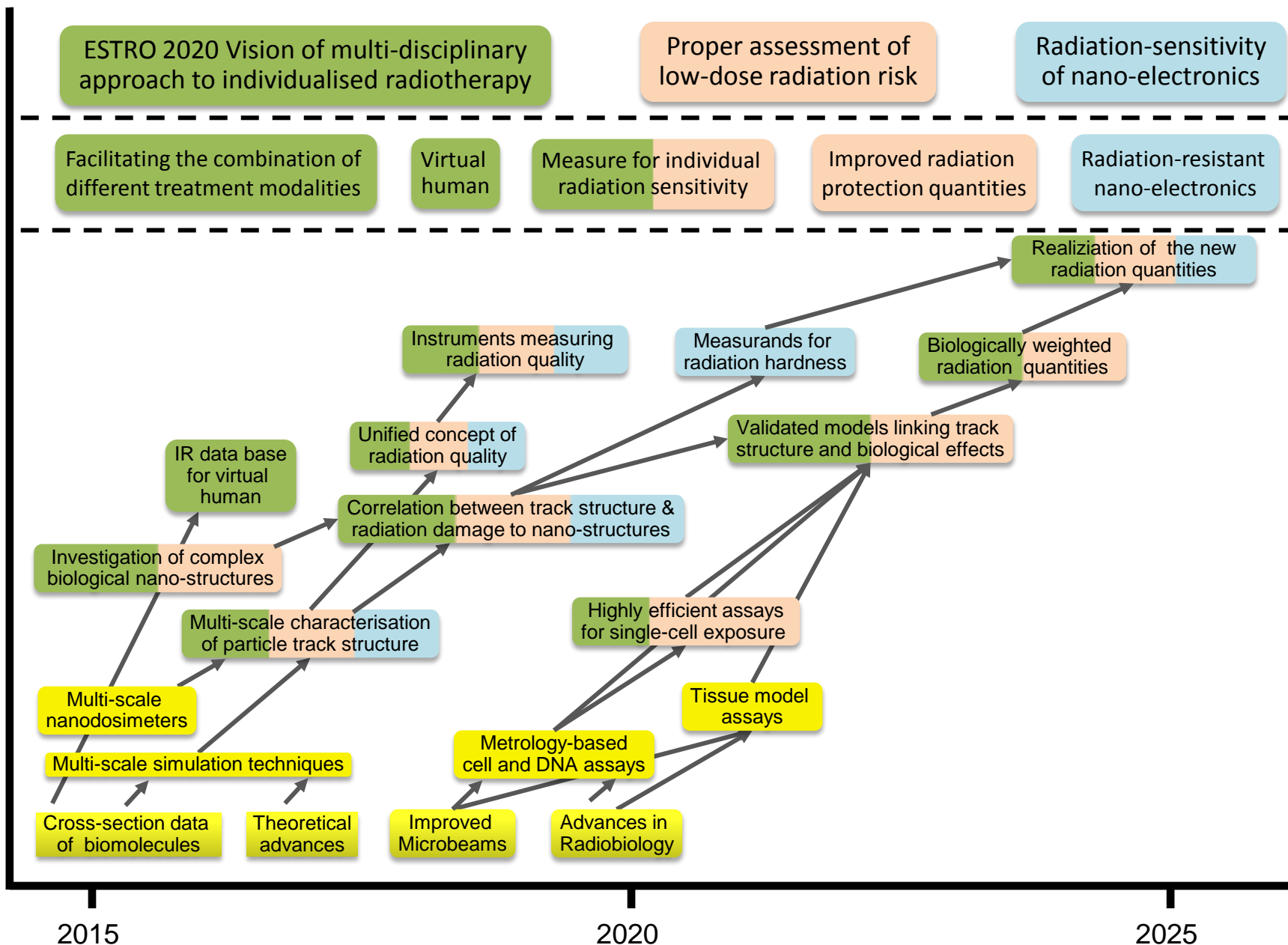
Radiation-resistant nano-electronics

**Deliverables**

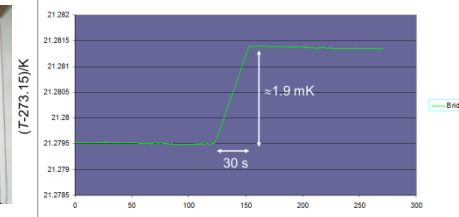
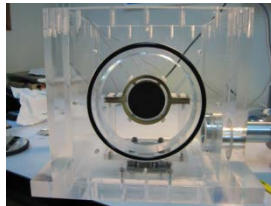
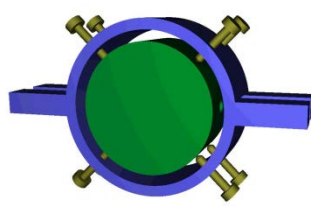
Realization of the new radiation quantities

**Technologies**

**Enabling Science**







# International traceability for high-energy photon dosimetry

## Background

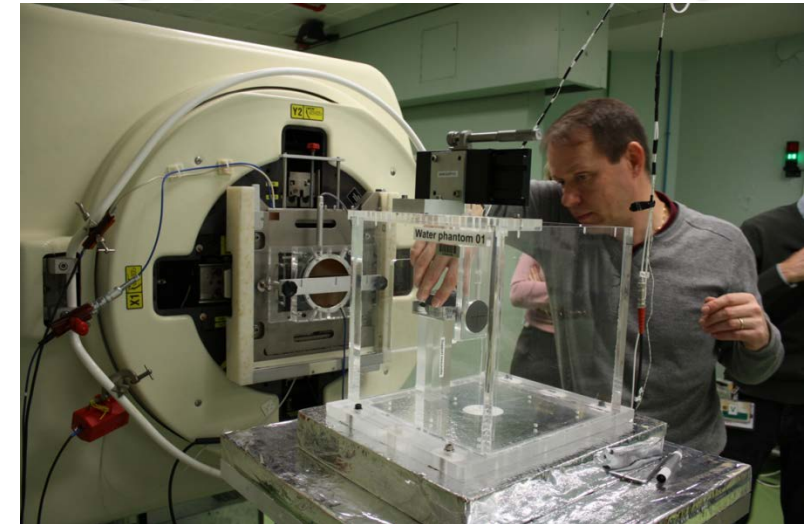
For comparisons to be meaningful, the uncertainties need to be smaller than the uncertainty of the standards. In the case of high energy photon standards the uncertainty should be not more than a few tenths of one per cent.

## Alternative methods for key comparisons – RI(I) K6

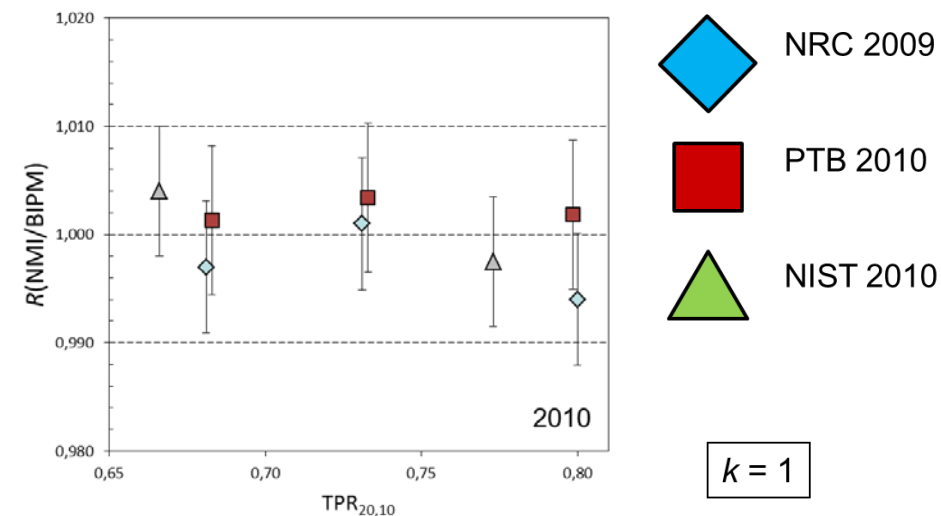
a) A reference accelerator facility at the BIPM

b) Using several NMIs as a distributed network of reference accelerator facilities

c) Status quo; the BIPM has a travelling calorimeter facility that can be taken to NMIs



Philippe setting up the water phantom at the LNE-LNHB



**Thank you for your attention -  
Questions?**

