

# TC for Ionising Radiation: Highlights and Challenges

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# OUTLINE

- **Conclusions of the EUROMET RI(I)-S3 Supplementary Comparison (*EUROMET project No. 545, 2004-2008*)**
- **Scientific challenges of JRP T2.J06 and T2.J07 (*EMRP ERANET plus, funded by EC*)**
- **Challenges in radionuclide metrology**
- **Organisational challenges of IR TC (2008-2011)**

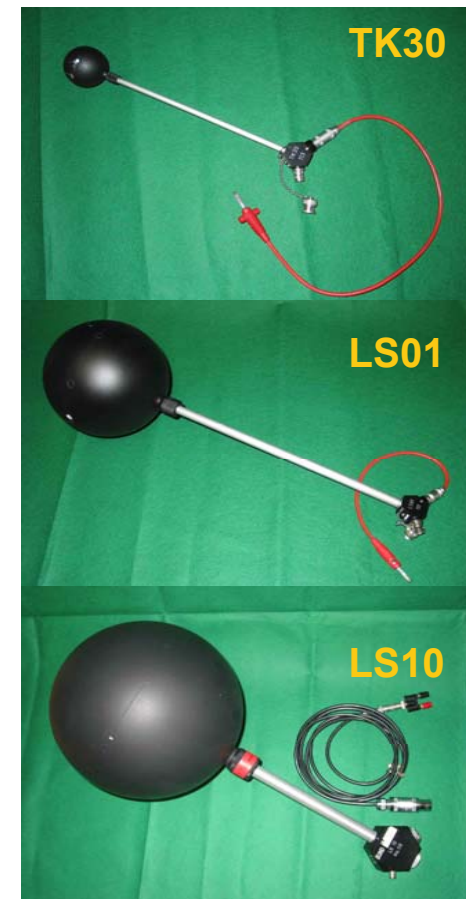


## Intercomparison of NMI's air kerma standards for ISO 4037 narrow spectrum series X-ray radiation (30 kV-300 kV) *EUROMET RI(I)-S3 Supplementary Comparison*

First intercomparison to support the CMCs related to the rad. prot. dosimeter calibration in X-ray beams !

- Tasks:** 1. Establishing the air kerma ( $K_{air}$ ) SCR<sub>V</sub> and DoE for the rad. prot. applications ( $H^* = K_{air} \times h_K^*(10;E)$ )  
2. Influence of beam size used for calibrations

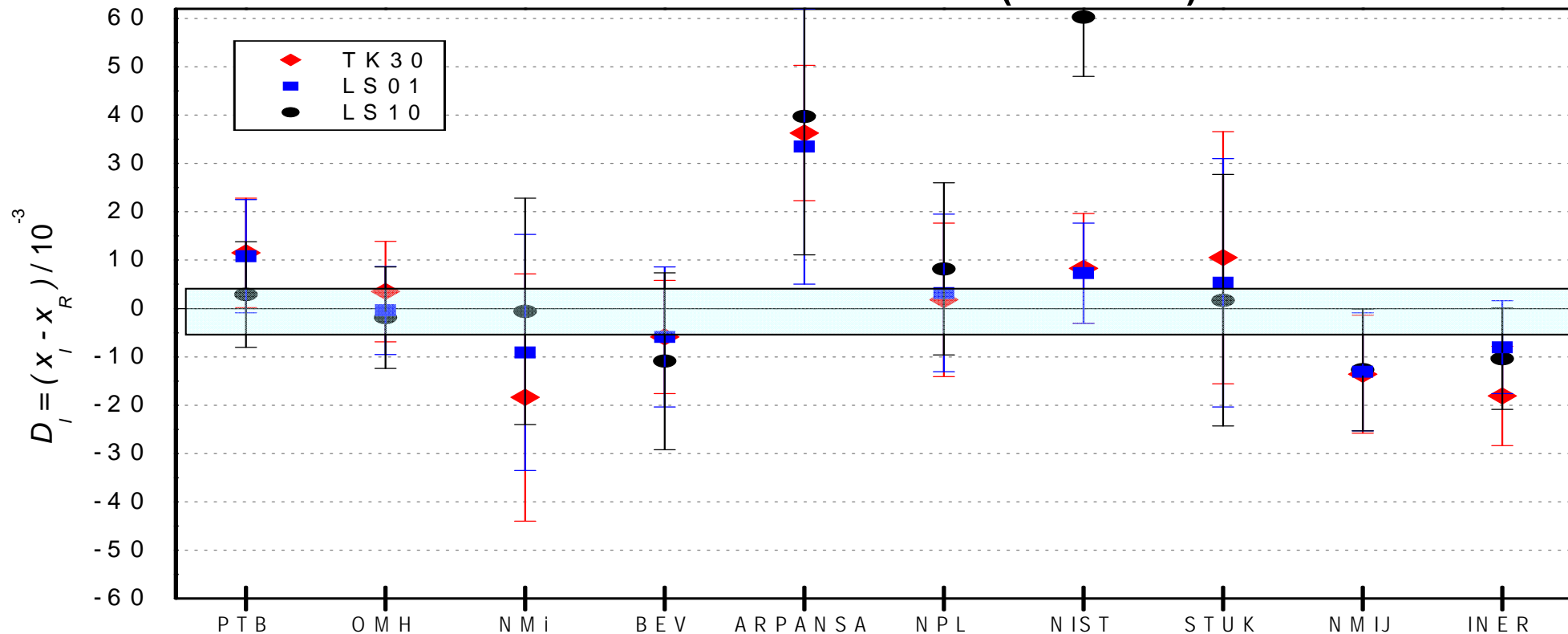
**Participants:** PTB; OMH (MKEH); NMi; BEV; NPL; STUK;  
ARPANSA; NIST; NMIJ; INER





## Conclusions of the EUROMET RI(I)-S3 Supplementary Comparison

### DoE for 300 kV and influence of the beam (chamber) size on the results



**Inconsistent ( $DoE_i/U_i > 1$ ) results for all qualities were 9%, 10.5% and 16% for TK30; LS01; LS10 chambers respectively**







## Conclusions of the EUROMET RI(I)-S3 Supplementary Comparison

1. Review of calibration procedures using broad beam for low dose rate
2. Investigation of X-ray beam profiles
3. Re-evaluation of published CMCs uncertainties of participants
4. Encourage the missing 5 NMIs having primary standard to link this supplementary comparison to use single SCRv and DoE matrix.

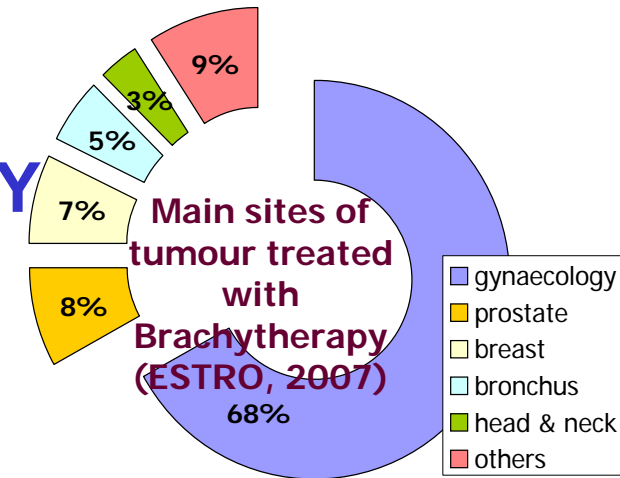
ISO 4037 Narrow beam quality CMC claims 10 beam qualities						
	NMI	Country	CMC U % published	Traceable to	U(DoE) %	incon. results (small beam)
1	ARPANSA	Australia	1,5		1.0-3.6	1
2	BEV	Austria	0,8		0.7-1.1	0
3	NMi	Netherland	1,5		1.3-2.6	2
4	NPL	UK	1,6		1.6-2.0	0
5	NIST	USA	1		0.7-1.1	1
6	MKEH	Hungary	1		0.7-1.0	0
7	PTB	Germany	0,77		0.7-1.1	0
8	INER	Taiwan	1		0.6-1.1	2
9	NMIJ	Japan	1,2		0.7-1.2	2
10	STUK	Finland	?	PTB	2.5-3.0	1
11	NIM	China	3,3		?	
12	LNE-LNHB	France	1,8		?	
13	ENEA	Italy	2,8		?	
14	GUM	Poland	1		?	
15	VNIIM	Russia	1,5		?	
16	Belgim	Belarus	5	VNIIM		
17	CMI	Czech Rep.	4	IAEA		
18	IAEA	Int. Org.	1,2	PTB		
19	RMTC	Latvia	3	PTB		
20	ITN	Portugal	1,8	PTB		



## Scientific challenges of iMERA+ JRP T2.J06

### INCREASING CANCER TREATMENT EFFICACY USING 3D BRACHYTHERAPY

- 1. Development of two different wide-angle water-equivalent extrapolation chambers, waterproof X-ray spectrometer for LDR I-125, water and graphite calorimeter for HDR Ir-192 to determine the absorbed dose to water  $u(D_w) < 2\%$  at 1cm from the sources. (183 work months)**
- 2. Accurate determination of 3D dose distributions (MC calc., gel,  $1\text{mm}^3$  scintillation probe, TLD, alanine, semiconductor, liquid ionization chambers, 2D multidetector systems, radiochromic films tech. Collaborators: PTW, Wellhöfer, Linköping Univ.)**





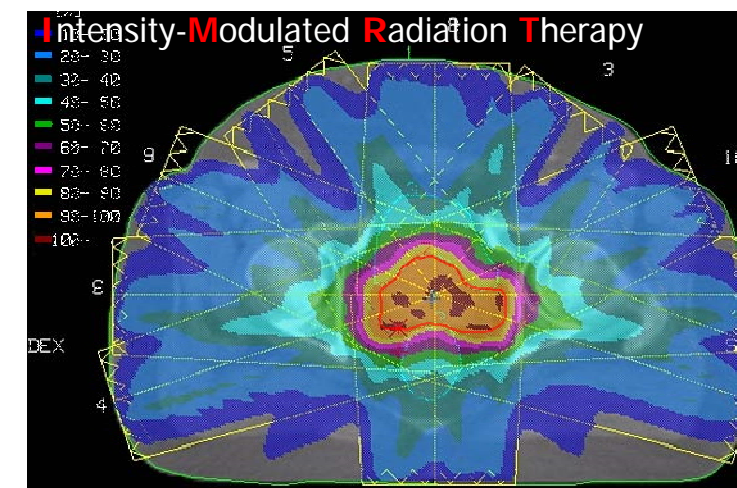
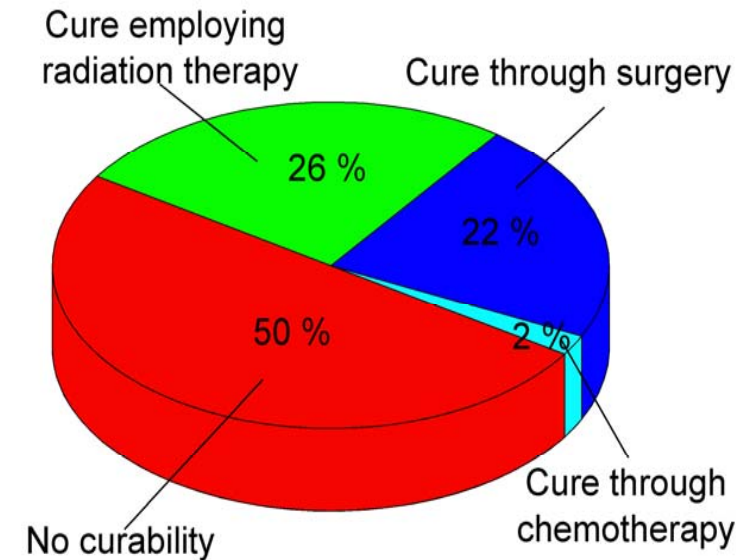
## Scientific challenges of iMERA+ JRP T2.J07

### External Beam Cancer Therapy

*High conformity between the tumor volume and dose distribution is required, ( $u(D) < 2.5\%$  ICRU)*

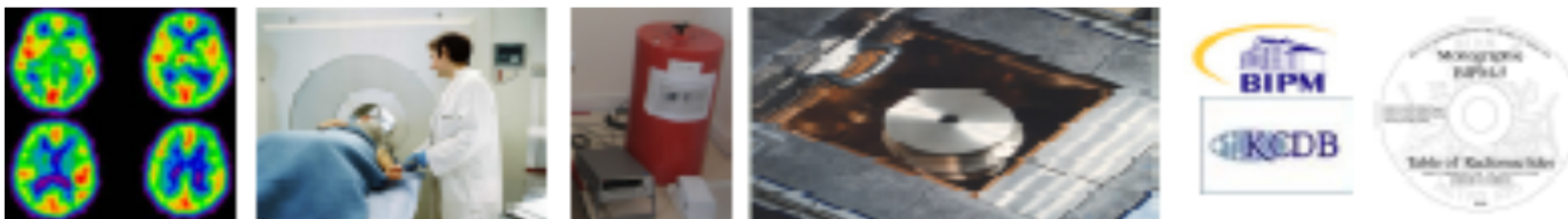
1. Development of water (PTB) and graphite calorimeters (NPL, LNHB) to determine the absorbed dose to water  $u(D_w) < 0.5\%$  in 3 cm diameter, 6-25 MeV energy photon beams
2. Determine the 3D dose distribution by Alanine/ESR dosimeters, ( $\sim 1\text{Gy}$ ?) diamond and MOSFET detectors, and radiochromic film

**2.3 Mio cancer/ year in the EU**  
**3 %/year increase**





## Challenges in radionuclide metrology



**Standardisation, decay data evaluation and international traceability of radionuclides emerging in medical applications**

**- for radio immunotherapy**

**(At-211; Cu-67; Lu-177 ; Sc-47; Sn-117m; Y-86; Sc-44m; Sr-82; Ac-225; Bi-213; Bi-212; Re-186; Re-188; Th-226...)**

**- for PET imaging (Cu-64; Sc-44; Fe-52; Zr-89; Co-55; I-124...)**

**Develop primary standardisation techniques ( $4\pi\beta\gamma$  ; TDCR-LSC ) for short-lived radionuclides (F-18; C-11; N-13; O-15) for PET**

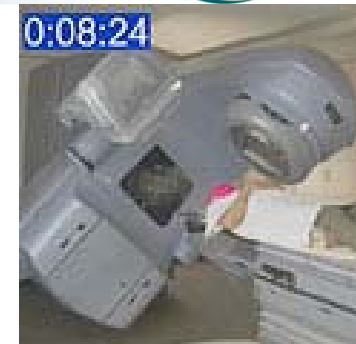
**Apply the possibilities offered by digital signal processing techniques**





# Organisational challenges of IR TC

1. Nomination of the most competent persons for TC chair and convenors at the next CP meeting in this October
2. Maintain the integrity of the IR TC (*16 DIs, 15 NMIs*), more efforts to involve the emerging laboratories into the EMRP and supporting comparisons of CMCs (*11 ERANET+ partners, 21 labs have CMCs*)
3. Maintaining common absorbed dose to water primary standards for high energy photon and electron beams, and fluence determination of reference neutron beams ?



**Thank you for your attention!**