

### From dosemeter development to routine use – Standards and Uncertainties – RAP25-16

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#### The concept of dosimetry

### Standardization

- Structures
- Reference radiation fields
- Dosemeters
   *Type tests and Uncertainties*
- Calibration and routine tests

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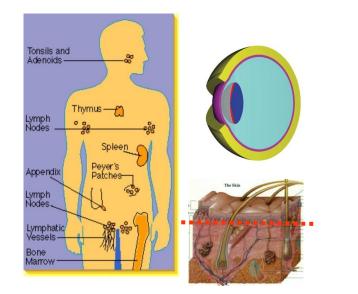
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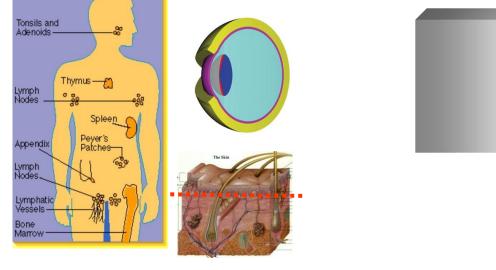


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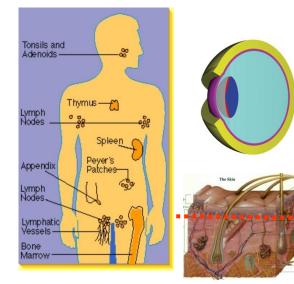
ICRU 4-element tissue

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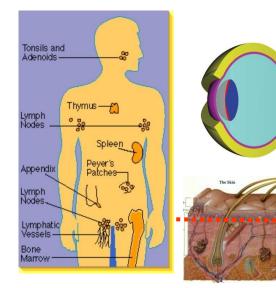


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Appropriate definition of measuring (operational) quantities

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S Measuring quantities

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### Type test and calibration

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## PB Dosimetry in radiation protection: standards

#### How can we ensure that devices measure correctly?

- Type tests and calibration/verification
  - $\rightarrow$  Requirements to dosemeters in IEC and ISO standards
- Comparable and traceable measurements/tests
  - $\rightarrow$  Reference radiation fields in ISO and IEC standards



#### The concept of dosimetry

### **Standardization**

- Structures → ... to give an overview ...
- Reference radiation fields
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## Structures in Standardization

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European region: adoption of IEC and ISO standards as EN standards on a case by case decision	European Committee for Standardization <u>CEN/TC430</u> : Nuclear energy, nuclear technologies, and radiological protection modifications of ISO standards NOT possible	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization CLC/TC45B: Radiation protection instrumentation small modifications of IEC standards possible	
National level: adoption mandatory	adoption in states of the European Union (EU), the	N (PL) etc.: modifications of EN standards NOT possible E European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Turkey dicting national standards must be withdrawn	
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Gulf region: adoption of IEC and ISO standards	هيئة التقييس الخليجية GCC StandardIzation Organization <u>https://www.gso.org.sa/en/</u>		
National level: potential adoption	YSMO (YE), KOWSMD (KW), QS (QA), DGS	K (OM), SASO (SA), BSMD (BH), MoIAT (AE)	

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### **Standardization**

- Structures
- Reference radiation fields -> Primary and secondary standard labs

(PSDL and SSDL)

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## PTB Standards for reference radiation fields – Overview

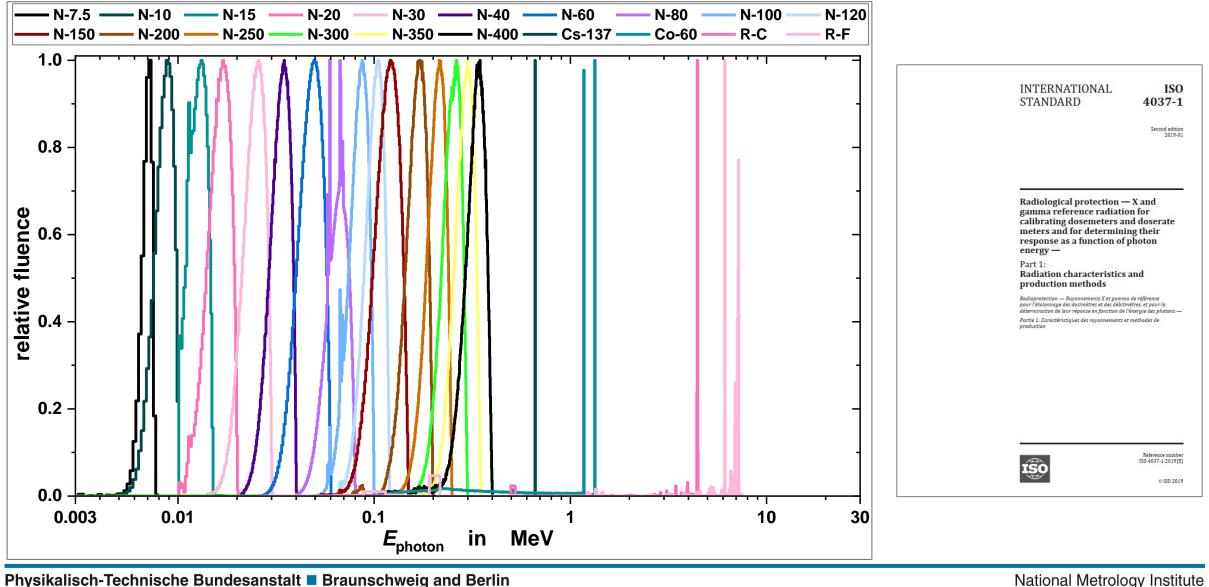
	Photons	Neutrons	Betas
General standard	ISO 29661:2012 & Amd.1:2015: Reference radiation fields for radiation protection — Definitions and fundamental concepts — <i>Revision in progress</i>		
Characteristics and methods of production	ISO 4037-1: <b>2019</b> X-rays, radionuclides, nuclear reactions	ISO 8529-1: <b>2021</b> Radionuclides, nucl. react.; updated spectra	ISO 6980-1: <b>2023</b> Radionuclides
Primary calibration of the fields; basic quantity	ISO 4037-2: <b>2019</b> Air kerma, <b>K</b> a, <b>H</b>	ISO 8529-2:2000 Fluence, <b>Ø</b> <b>Revision planned</b>	ISO 6980-2: <b>2023</b> Absorbed dose, <b>D</b> <sub>t</sub> Corr. factors simulated
Calibration of dosemeters and their energy and angular response; conversion coefficients from basic quantity to dose equivalent, <i>H</i>	ISO 4037-3: <b>2019</b> <i>h</i> <sub>p</sub> (0.07), <i>h</i> <sub>p</sub> (3), <i>h</i> <sub>p</sub> (10) <i>h</i> ' <sub>K</sub> (0.07), <i>h</i> ' <sub>K</sub> (3), <i>h</i> * <sub>K</sub> (10)	ISO 8529-3: <b>2023</b> $h_{ m p \phi}(10)$ $h^{*}_{\phi}(10)$	ISO 6980-3: <b>2023</b> <i>h</i> <sub>pD</sub> (0.07), <i>h</i> <sub>pD</sub> (3) <i>h'</i> <sub>D</sub> (0.07), <i>h'</i> <sub>D</sub> (3)
Special considerations	ISO 4037-4: <b>2019</b> low energy photons		—
Pulsed radiation	ISO TS 18090-1:2015 <i>Revision in progress</i>	ISO TS 18090-2 planned	—

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### Reference radiation fields – Photons (nearly mono-energ.)



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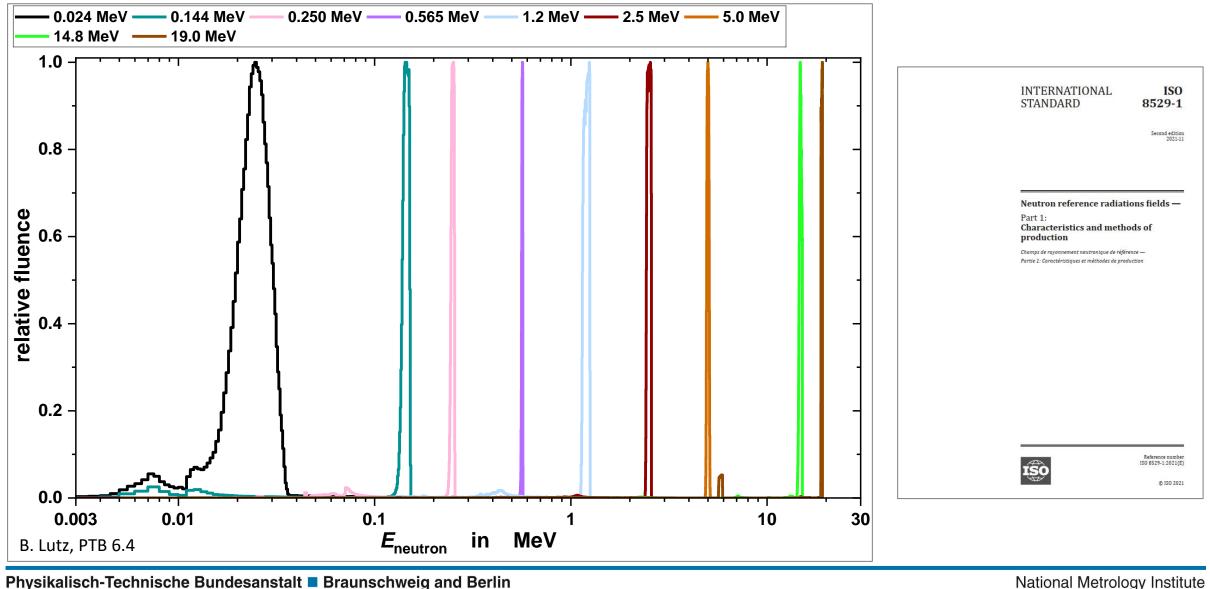
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## PTB Reference radiation fields – Neutrons (mostly mono-energ.)



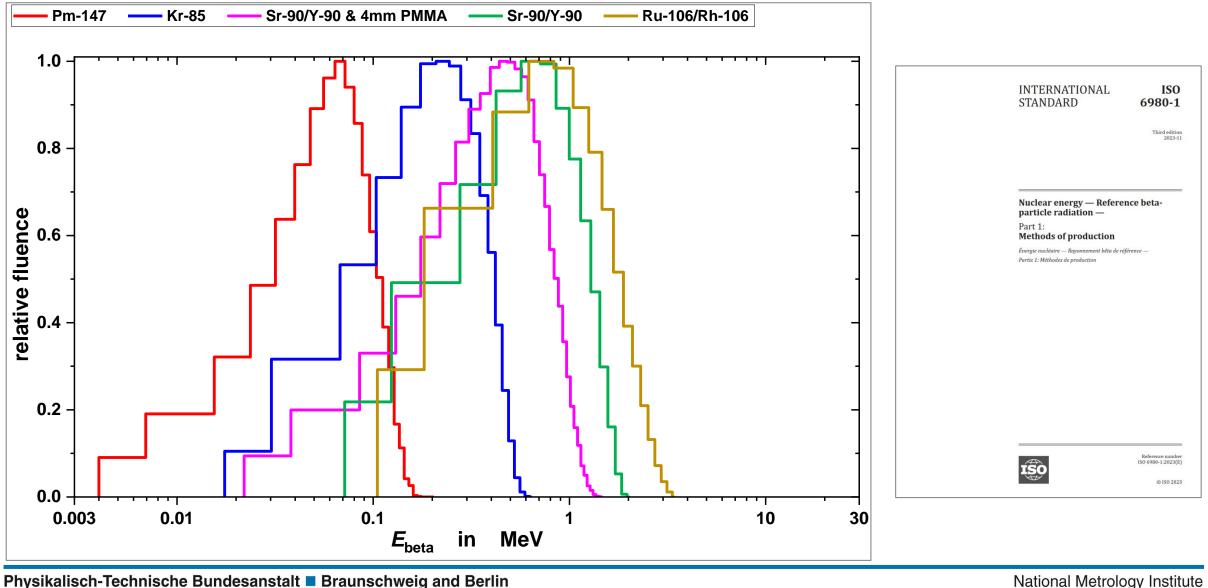
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### PTB Reference radiation fields – Betas (rather broad)



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   Manufacturers, testing labs and rad. prot. offi. / exp.
   Type tests and Uncertainties (RPO/RPE)
- Calibration and routine tests

Conclusions

# Standards for type-tests – for whom?

#### Manufacturers:

- How secure (malfunction or manipulation accidental or intentional)?
- How good must our dosemeter measure?
- What do we need to document?

### Type-test laboratories:

- What to test?
- How to test?
- How to document?

### Radiation protection officers / experts (RPOs/RPEs):

- What can a "type-tested" dosemeter measure?
- Does this cover my workplace (radiation type, energy, angle, temperature, ...)?
- How large is its uncertainty?



Who	What happens?	What is addressed?
Manufacturer 🗲	Dosemeter development (prototype)	<ul> <li>Characteristics and quality</li> </ul>
Testing lab 🗕	Type test (a few prototype specimens	s) – Relative response ∈ stated limits?
Manufacturer 🗲	Adjustment (each serial copy)	– Absolute response
Authority 🔶	Verification (each serial copy)	– Absolute response
Exposed staff ->	Use of dosemeter	- Dose monitoring
Authority →	Re-Verification (each serial copy)	– Absolute response ∈ stated limits?

### Standards for type-tests – Overview

		Photons	Betas	Neutrons
Area dosemeters: <i>H*</i> (10), partly <i>H'</i> (3) & <i>H'</i> (0.07)	Active	IEC 61017:2016 Environm. monitoring		IEC 61005:2014 Rate meters;
		IEC 60532:2010 Fixed inst. in NPPs		<ul> <li>revision in progress</li> <li>→ updated techniques</li> </ul>
		IEC 60846-1:2009 Portable; <i>revision in progress → H'</i> (3)		IEC 61322:2020
		IEC 60846-2:2015 Emergency: portable and probes		Fixed installed
	Passive dosim. systems	IEC 62387:2020 All quantities – all types <b>incl. hybrid</b> dosemeters		—
Personal	Active	IEC 61526: <b>2024</b> All types – <b>incl. hybrid</b> dosemeters and <b>updated neu</b>		eutron requirements
dosemeters: – <i>H</i> <sub>p</sub> (10), partly <i>H</i> <sub>p</sub> (3) & <i>H</i> <sub>p</sub> (0.07)	Passive dosim. systems	IEC 62387:2020 All quantities – all types <b>incl. hybrid</b> dosemeters		ISO 21909-1: <b>2021</b> All types ISO 21909-2: <b>2021</b> Workplace considerations

List of standards available: <u>https://www.ptb.de/cms/fileadmin/internet/fachabteilungen/abteilung\_6/6.3/information/norm\_lst.pdf</u>

## Standards for type-tests – Software

#### Software ...

- calculates dose
- indicates dose
- transmits data
- ...

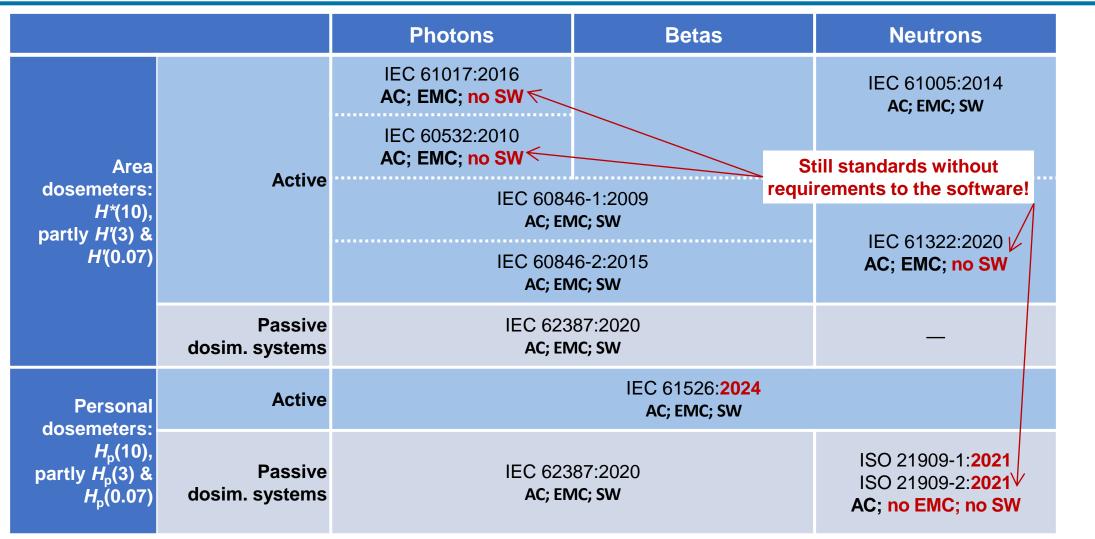
... must not be changed during or after test

separate in data relevant (e.g., dose calc.) and non-data relevant part (e.g., font, color)

#### Topics addressed ...

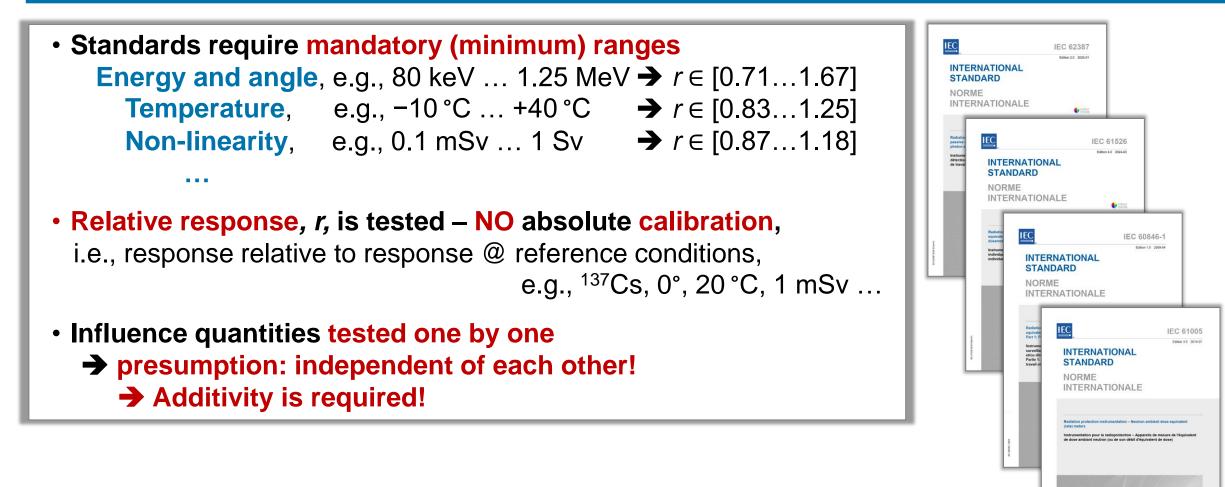
- Identification
- Authenticity
- Data storage and transmission
- Interfaces (hard- and software)
- Documentation
- ...

### Ambient conditions (AC), EMC & SW



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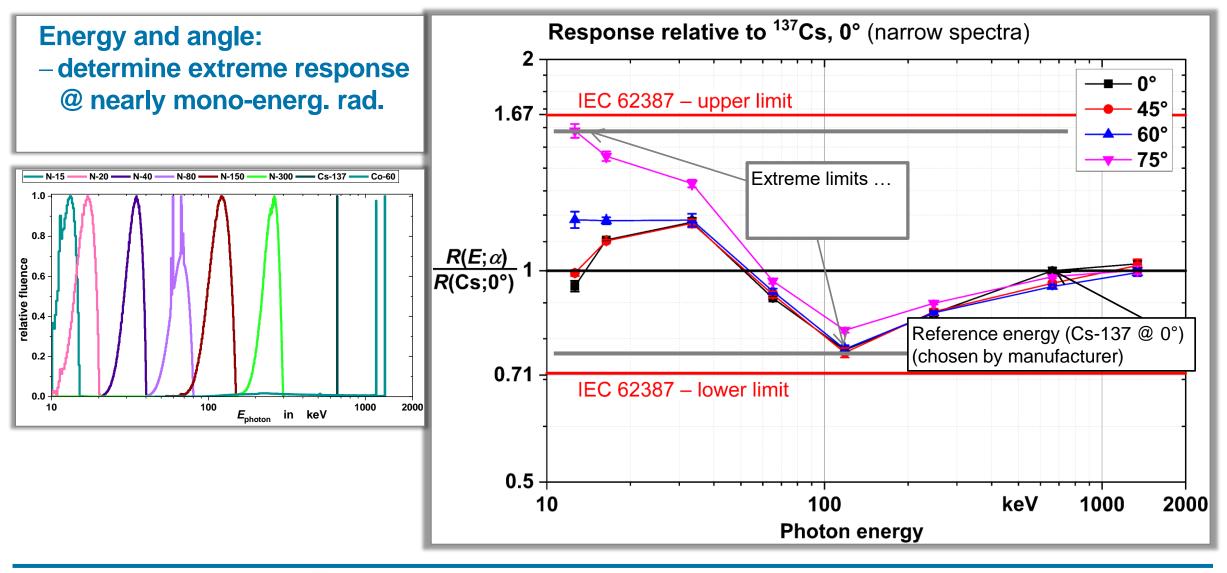


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### PTB Standards for type-tests – Example: energy and angle

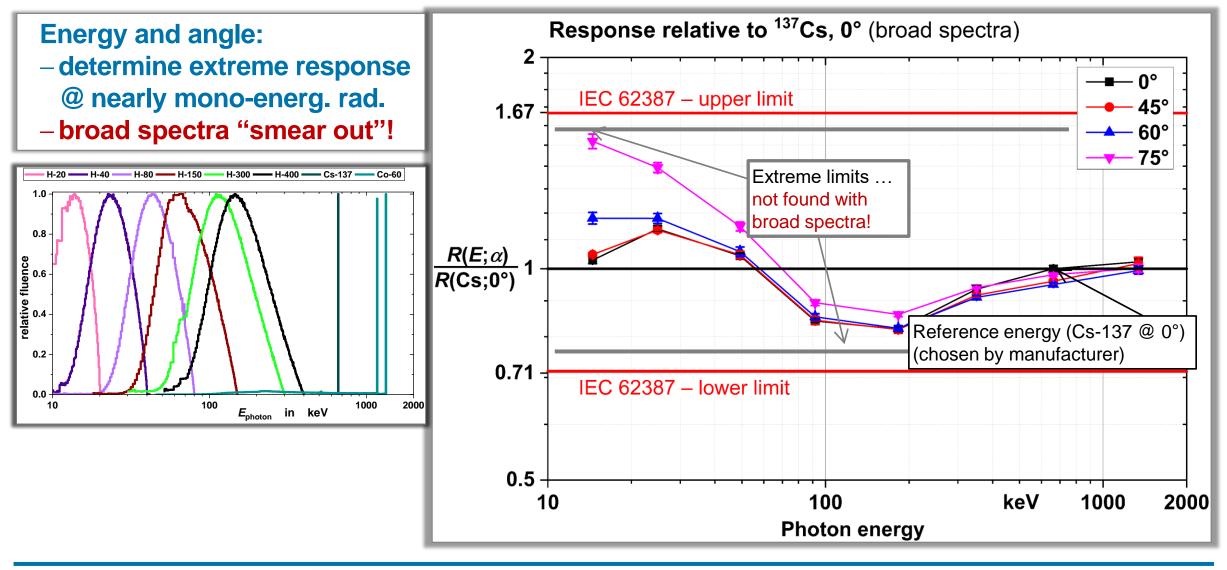


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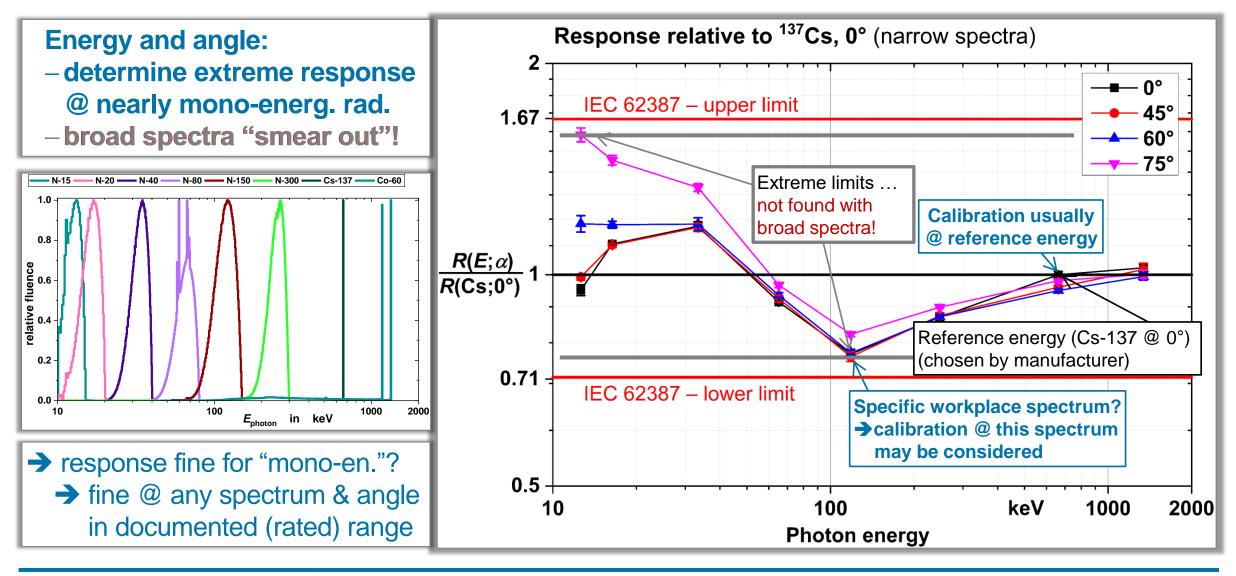


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### PB Standards for type-tests – Additivity

Badge 1 irradiated with  $H_{E1}$  ? + = Badge 3 irradiated with  $H_{E1}$  &  $H_{E2}$ Badge 2 irradiated with  $H_{E2}$ 



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Badge 1 irradiated with $H_{E1}$	-	
+	=	Badge 3 irradiated with $H_{E1} \& H_{E2}$
Badge 2 irradiated with $H_{E2}$		

Dosemeter construction	n Method of dose calculation	Additivity fulfilled?
One detector $\rightarrow$ element / signal S	dose ~ signal S	→ yes
Two or more detector $7_{1}$	dose $\sim$ linear combination or lin. optimization of signals	→ yes
elements / signals	dose ~ branching algorithm, e.g., $S_1/S_2 > 1 \rightarrow algorithm A$ $S_1/S_2 \le 1 \rightarrow algorithm E$	→ often not → test needed

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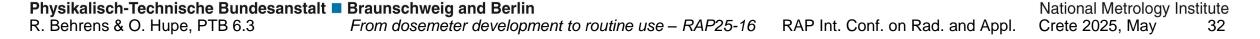
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Influence quantities ... not independent of each other ...,

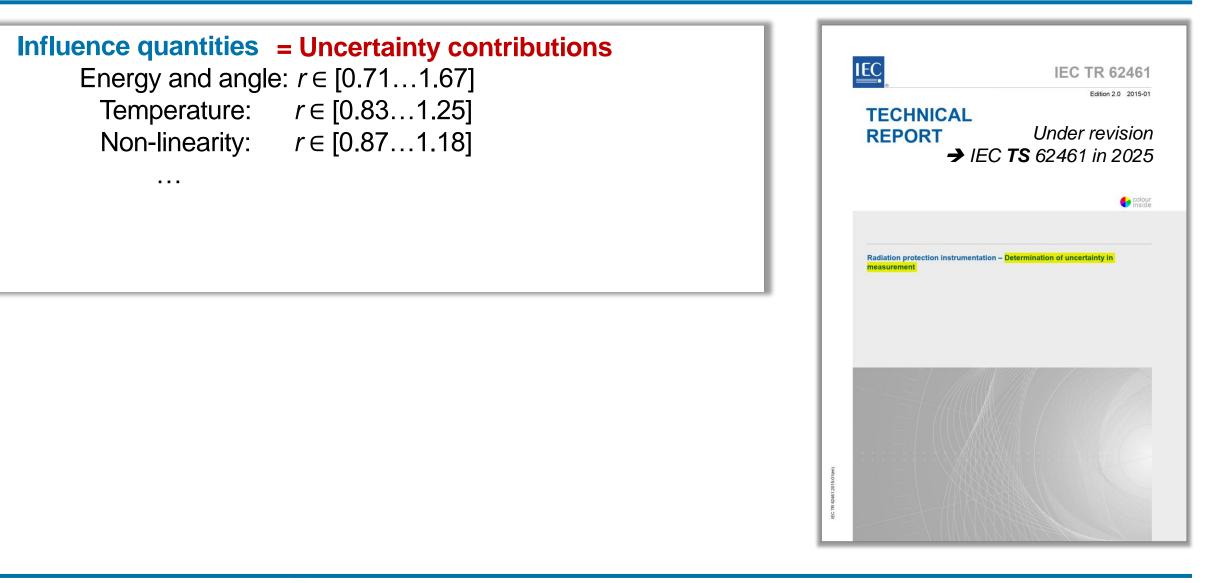
➤ e.g., branching (see above) → test @ mixture of radiation qualities

e.g., linearity depends on energy (often the case for film dosemeters)
 test linearity @ different energies

e.g., coefficient of var. depends on temperature (can the case for active counting detectors)
 test coefficient of variation @ different temperature



## PTB Standards for type-tests – Uncertainty

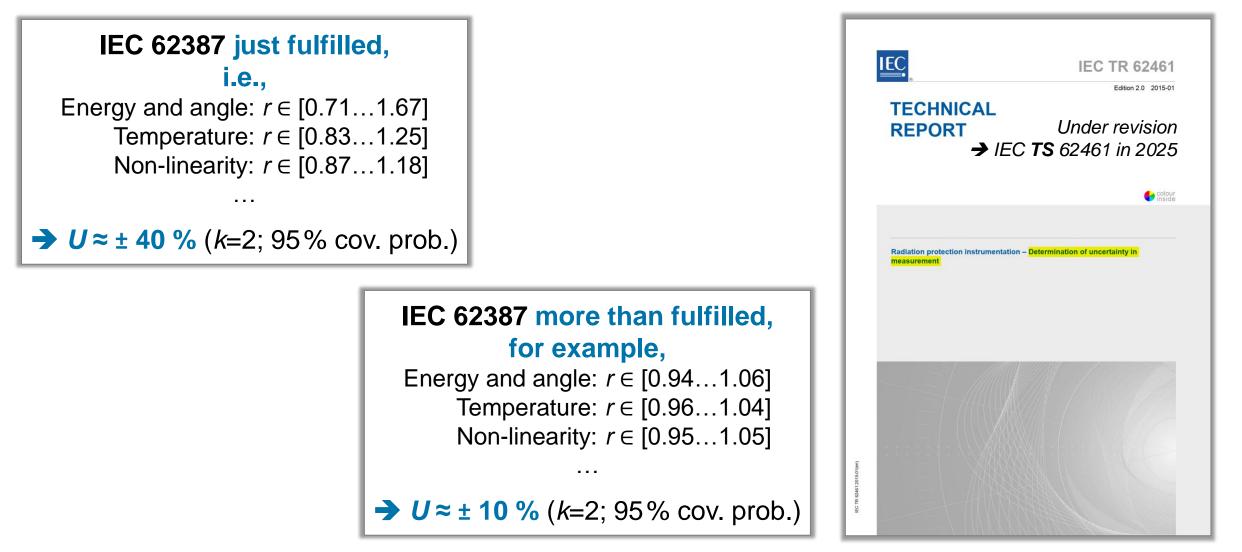


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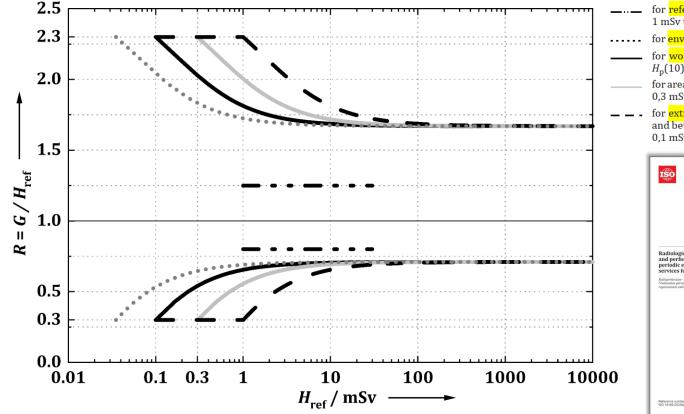
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ISO 14146:2024: Performance limits for individual monitoring services (IMS)

- → absolute calibration (ph,ß,n) < factor  $1.25 \approx R \in 0.8...1.25$ : test @ reference energy
- → overall performance (ph,ß)  $\leq$  factor 1.5 (ICRP 75)  $\approx$   $R \in 0.71...1.67$ : (usually) with broad spectra (routine)



for reference conditions for neutrons and photons (with  $\bar{E} > 10$  keV) and betas (with  $\bar{E} > 0.2$  MeV): 1 mSv to 30 mSv\_

- ..... for environmental  $H^*(10)$  dosemeters for neutrons and photons (with  $\overline{E} > 10$  keV): 0,035 mSv to 10 Sv
- for workplace  $H^*(10)$  dosemeters for neutrons and photons (with  $\overline{E} > 10$  keV) and for whole-body  $H_p(10)$  dosemeters for photons (with  $\overline{E} > 10$  keV): 0,1 mSv to 10 Sv

for area H'(3) and evelens  $H_p(3)$  dosemeters for photons (with  $\overline{E} > 10$  keV) and betas (with  $\overline{E} > 0,2$  MeV): 0,3 mSv to 10 Sv

- for extremity and whole-body  $H_p(0,07)$  and area H'(0,07) dosemeters for photons (with  $\overline{E} > 10 \text{ keV}$ ) and betas (with  $\overline{E} > 0,2 \text{ MeV}$ ): 1 mSv to 10 Sv and in addition for whole-body  $H_p(0,07)$  dosemeters from 0,1 mSv to 1 mSv

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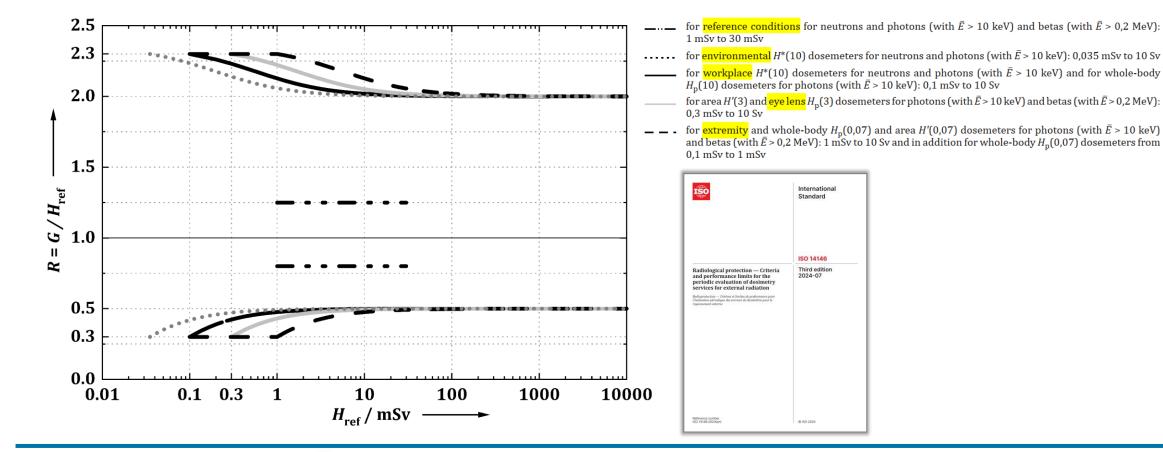
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- → overall performance (neutrons)  $\leq$  factor 2 (ICRP 75)  $\approx$  R  $\in$  0.5...2.0: (usually) with broad spectra (routine)



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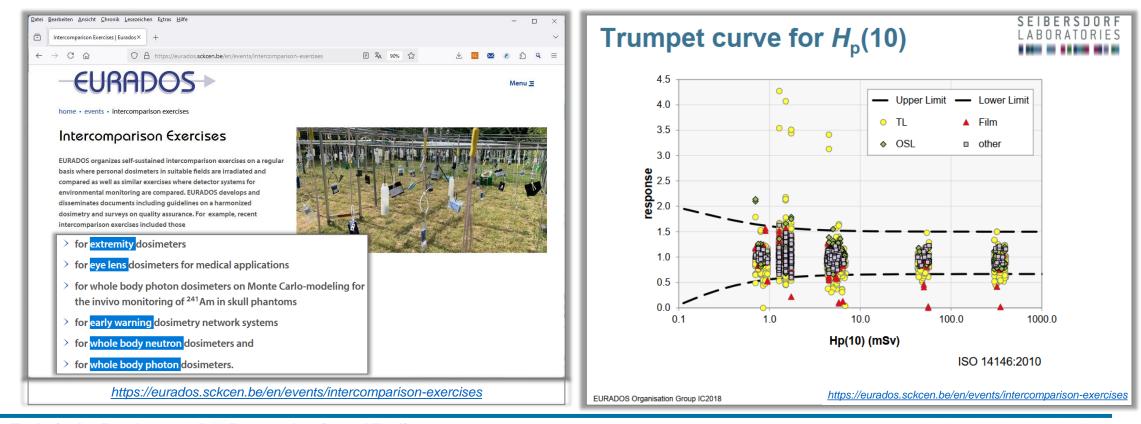
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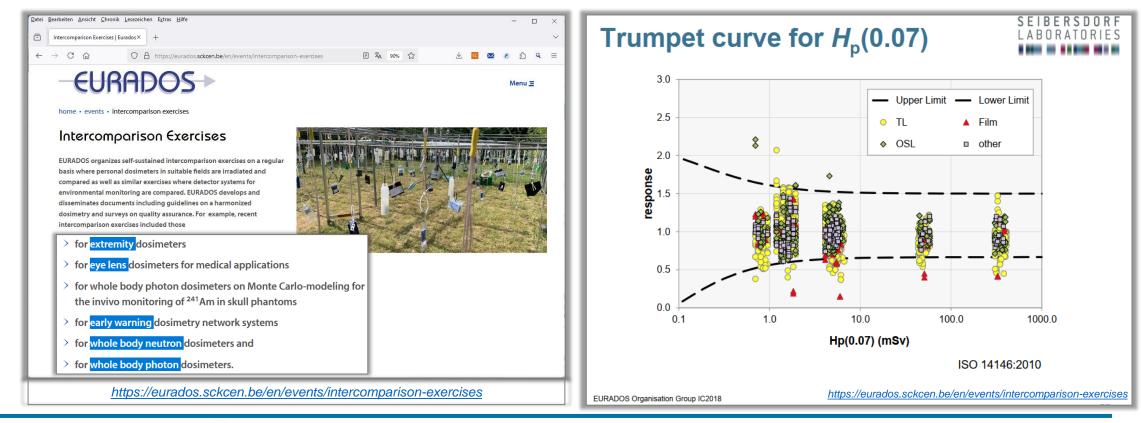
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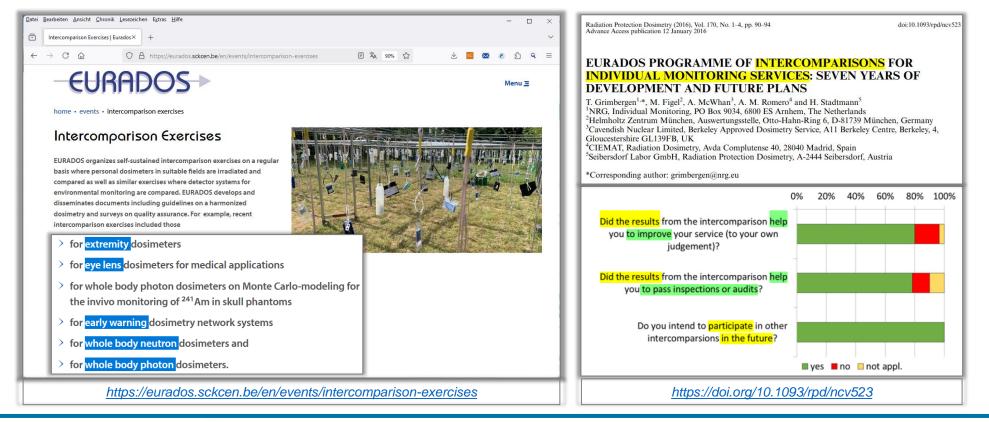
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- Production of most standards at international level
- Adoption at regional and national level → (e.g., EN and DIN) standards
  - → contribution at international level is most influential
- Type-test standards → demonstrate performance of a dosemeter in rated ranges
   → RPO/RPE: workplace in rated ranges?
- Calibration @ reference energy or workplace spectrum advisable
   ➢ Uncertainty (*k*=2; 95% cov. prob.) ∈ ICRP 75 (*R*<sub>photon.beta</sub> ≤ factor 1.5; *R*<sub>neutron</sub> ≤ factor 2))!
- Overall performance to be demonstrated (intercomparisons)
- List of standards is available at PTB's website: <u>http://www.ptb.de/cms/fileadmin/internet/fachabteilungen/abteilung\_6/6.3/information/norm\_lst.pdf</u>

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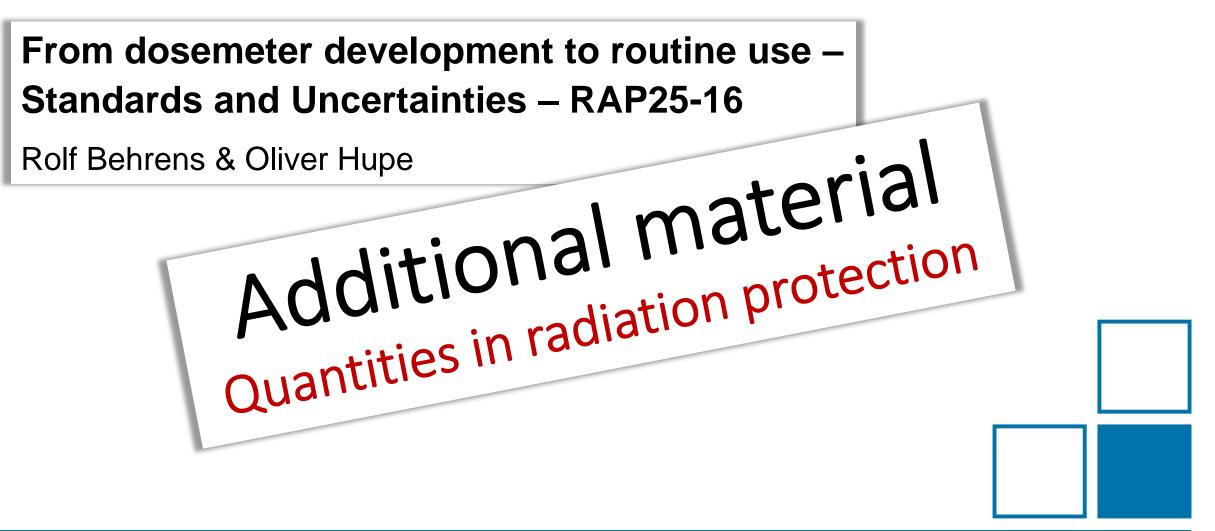
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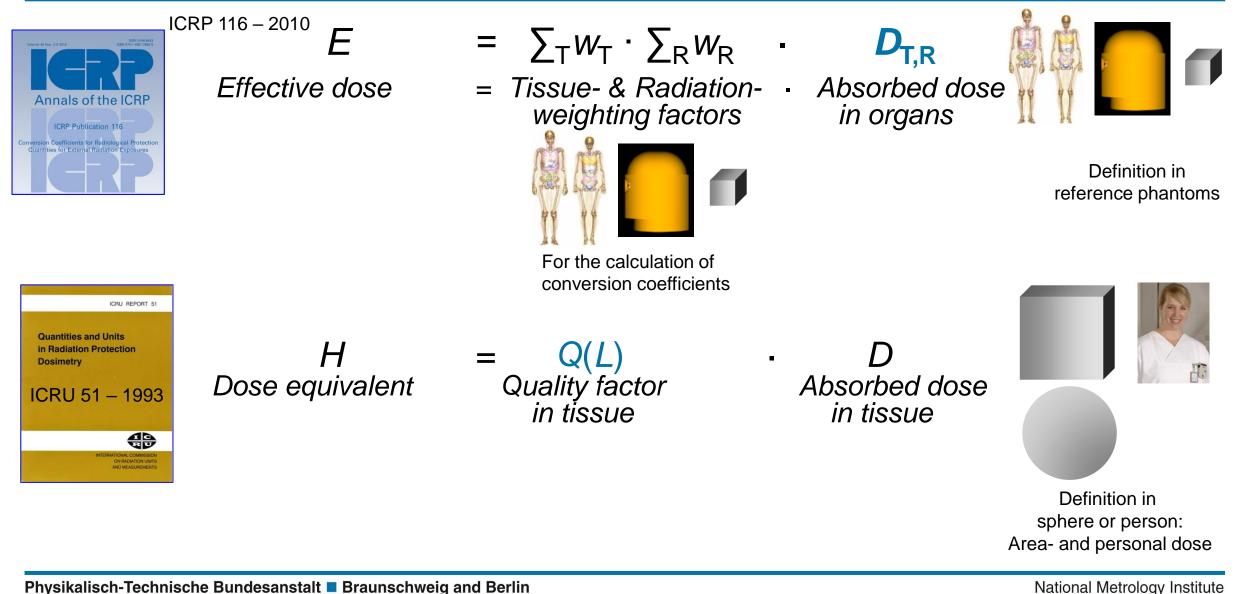
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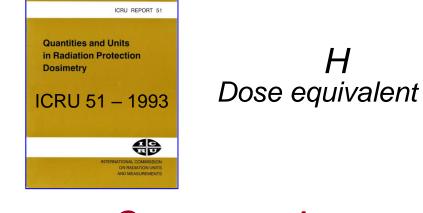


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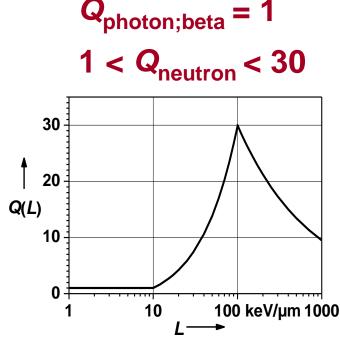
# PB Measuring quantities: definition



Q(L) Quality factor in tissue

D Absorbed dose in tissue





**Q**: Quality factor to take into account the biological effectiveness depending on the quality of the radiation

- Q(L) is a function of a physical quantity
- L is the linear energy transfer (in keV/µm) in water
- L can be measured with Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counters (TEPC)

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# PB Measuring quantities: realization

Quantities and Units in Radiation Protection Dosimetry

ICRU 51 - 1993

ICRU REPORT 51

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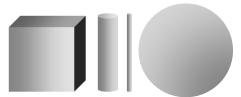
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H Dose equivalent Q(L) Quality factor in tissue D Absorbed dose in tissue

Conversion Coefficients for use in Radiological Protection Against External Radiation

ICRU 57 – 1998

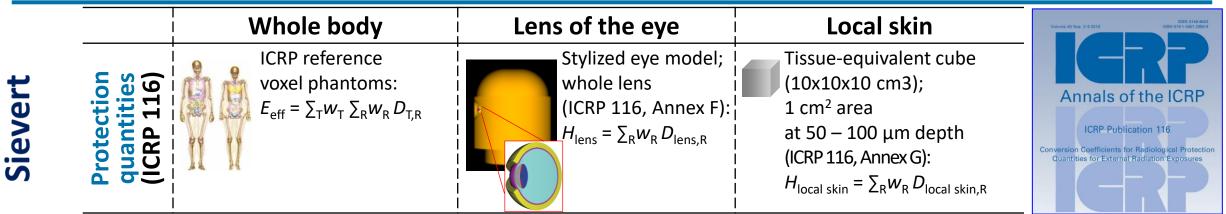
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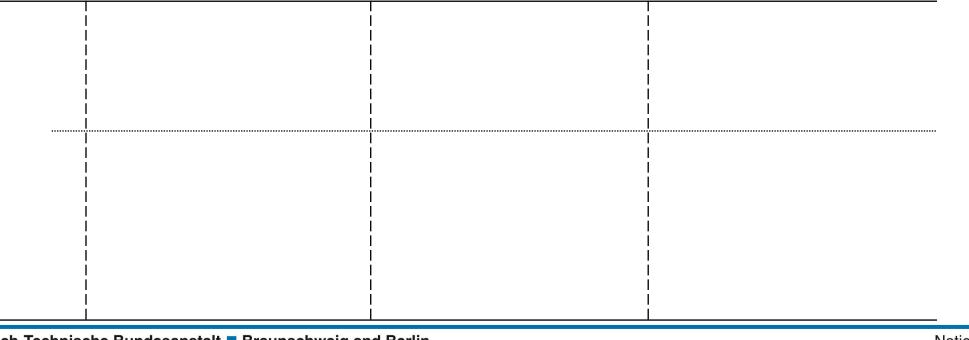


Φ bzw. K<sub>a</sub>
 Fluence or air kerma in air

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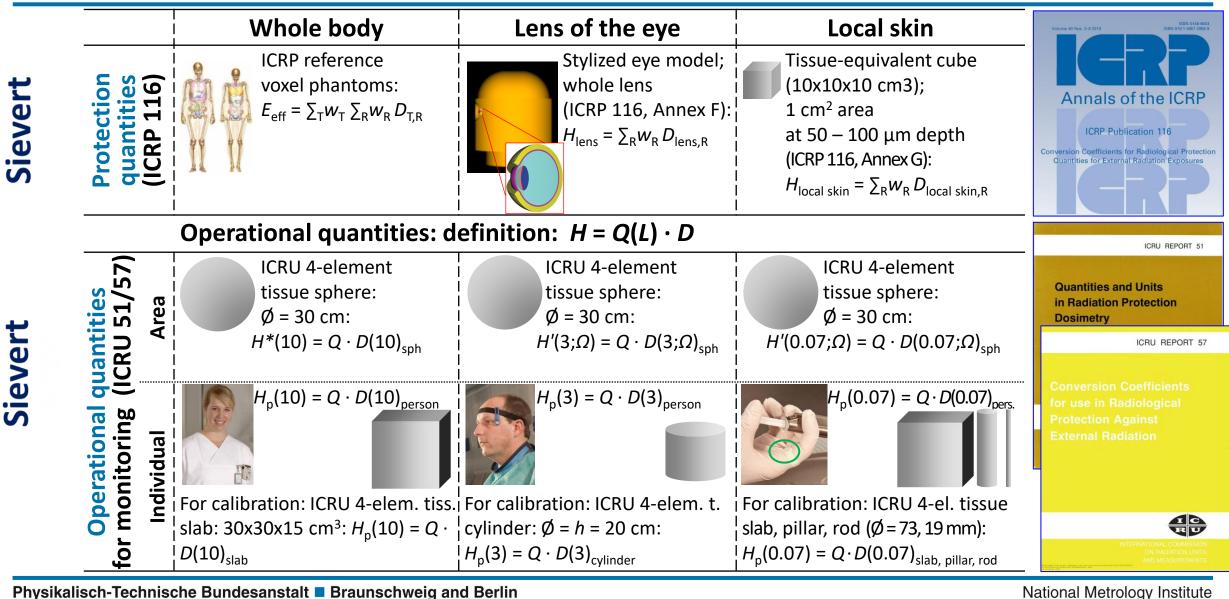
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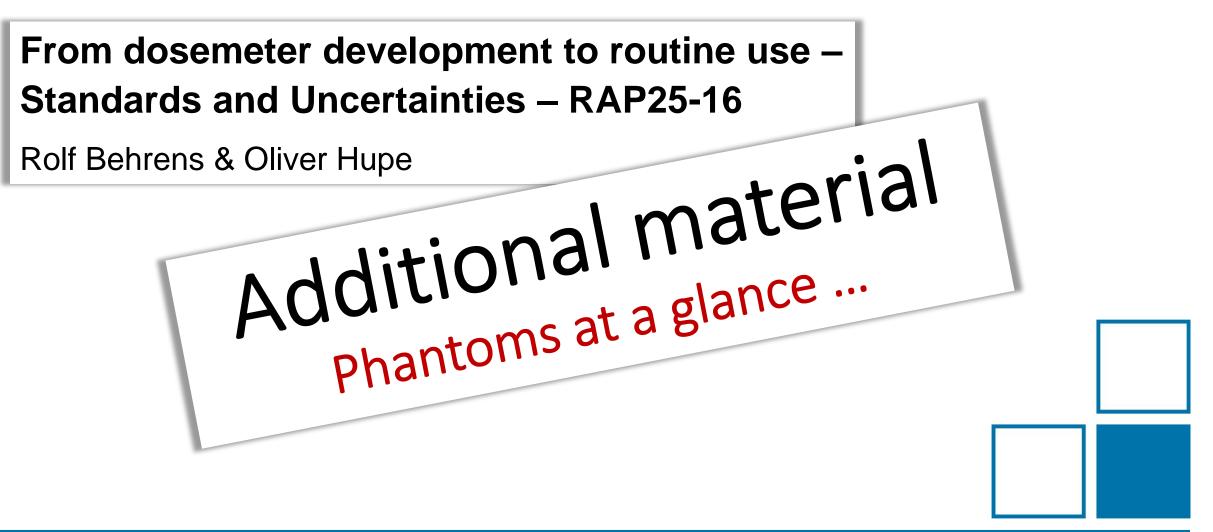


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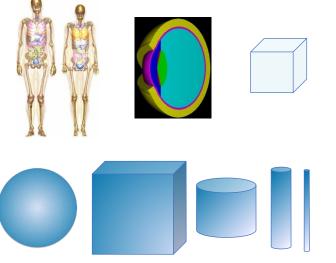
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# PB Phantoms and their purpose - at a glance



(For calculation of conversion coefficients for calibrations)



#### Phantoms for the calculation of protection quantities

- > Anthropomorphic voxel, eye, and skin phantoms from ICRP
- To calculate the absorbed dose to the organ and the effective dose

#### Phantoms for the calculation of operational quantities

- > Defined by the ICRU, consisting of ICRU 4-element tissue
- To calculate the conversion coefficients
- ICRU sphere (30 cm diameter) for area dosimetry
- ICRU slab/cylinder/pillar/rod phantom for personal dosimetry
- > No realization required

#### Phantoms for type tests and calibrations

- defined by ISO, made from PMMA and water
- Simulate the backscattered radiation field
- ISO water slab phantom (with PMMA walls)
- ISO water cylinder phantom (with PMMA walls)
- ISO water pillar phantom (with PMMA walls)
- ISO PMMA rod phantom
- Calibration of area dosemeters without phantoms

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