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# Préparation de solutions radioactives étalons par un labora-

### e primaire

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### Let's step back from the end certificate to the primary measurement....

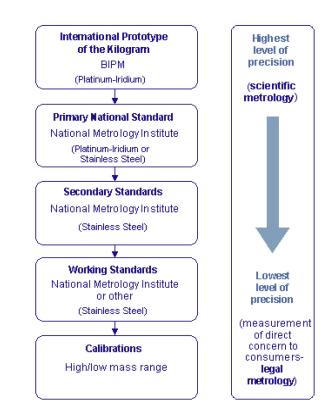


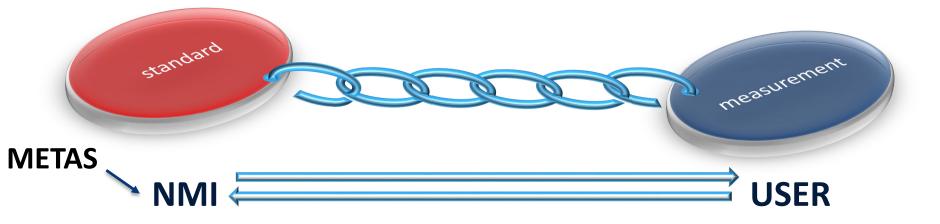
### METROLOGY

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In many countries, national standards are maintained by a National Metrology Institute (NMI)  $\rightarrow$  highest level of standards for the calibration / measurement traceability infrastructure in that country.

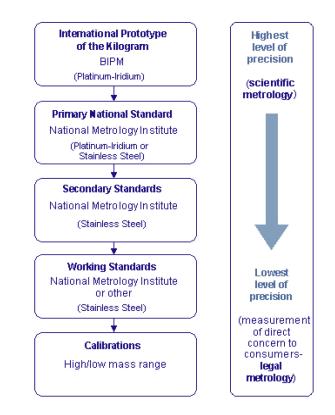


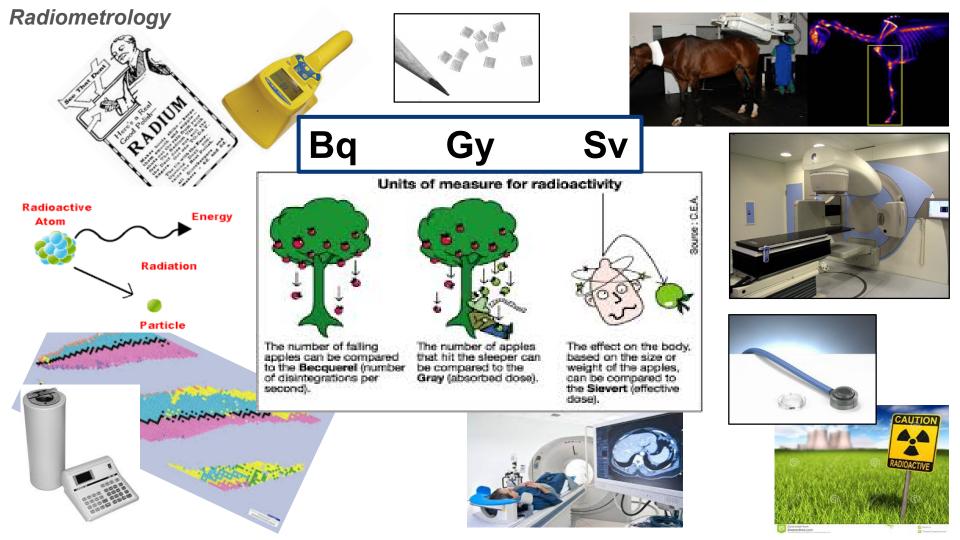
### **METROLOGY + RADIO = IONISING RADIATION**

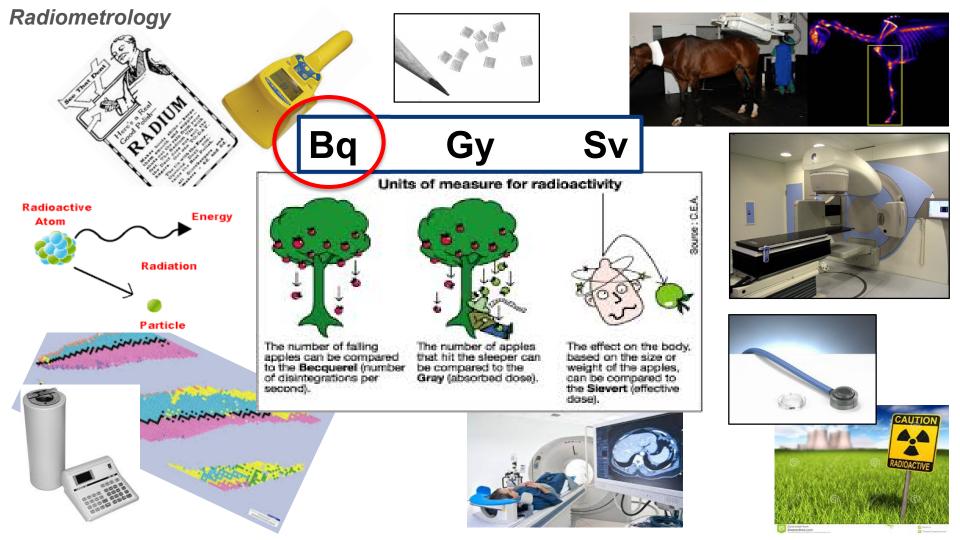
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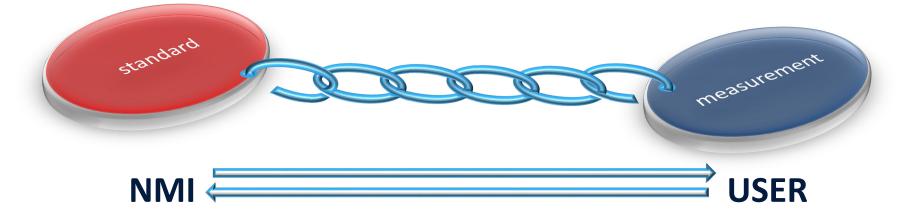
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### Measurement Traceability

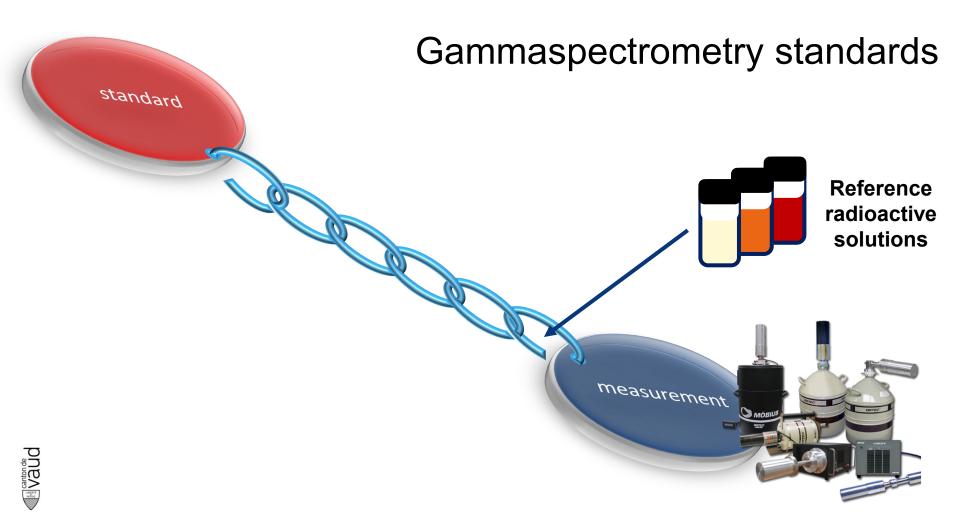


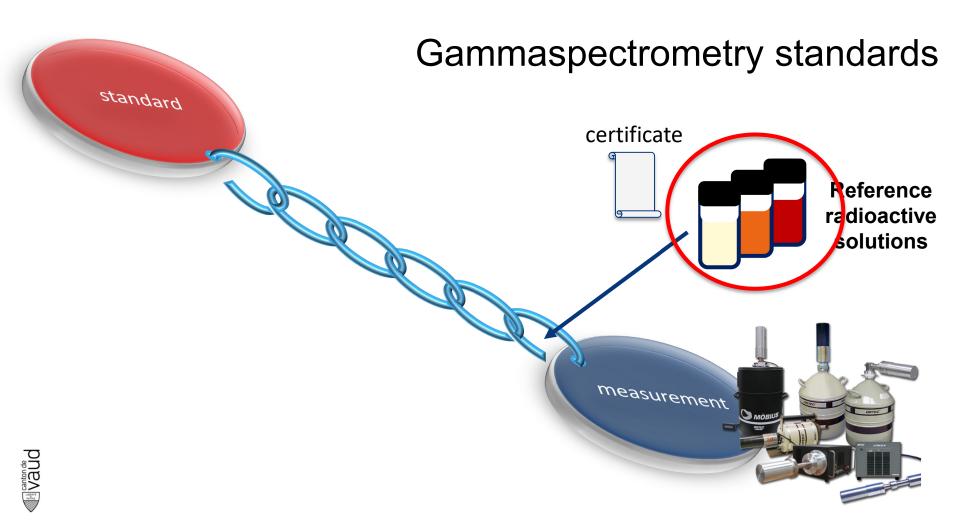
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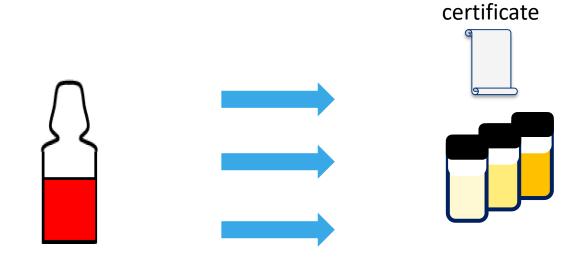






## Mother/master solution





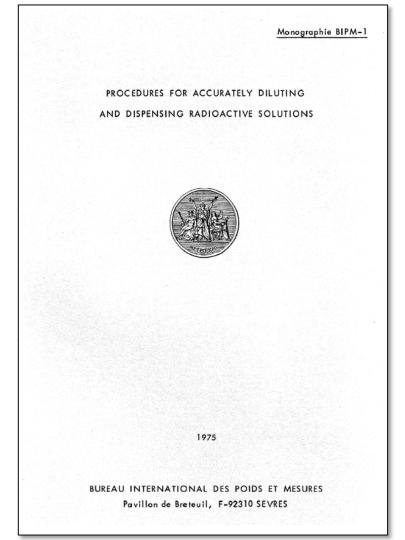
# **Gravimetric dilutions**





Gravimetric procedures for radionuclide metrology are described in a monographie of the BIPM (1975)

- → It is maybe old, but nothing change in chemical interactions.
- → Detailed description of precautions (chemistry, physics, …)
- → One important recommendation is that the dilution factor must be < 50 and preferably > 30.



Example: procedure to produce Co-57 standard

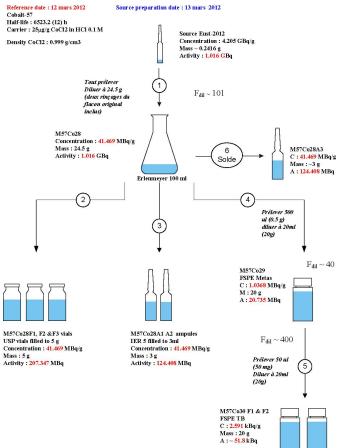
Goal of the manipulation:

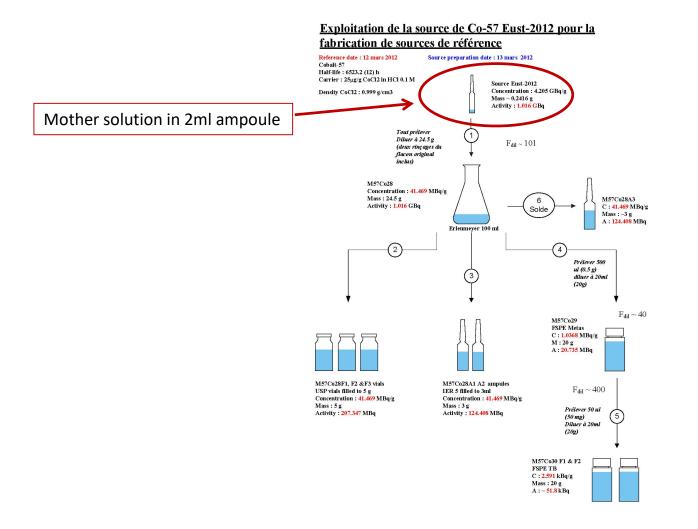
Realize three vials of Co-57 with an activity of around 200 MBq (concentration 40 MBq/g) from a mother sample at high concentration (4 GBq/g)

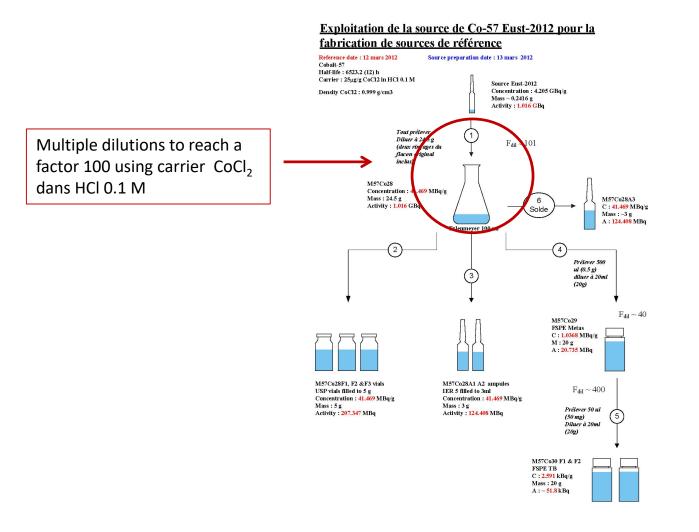
Use of several samples to obtain an accurate measurement of the activity: Traceable measurement of the activity concentration using a sealed ampoule (using the CIR) Control the presence of impurities (Co-58, Co-56...) by gamma spectrometry

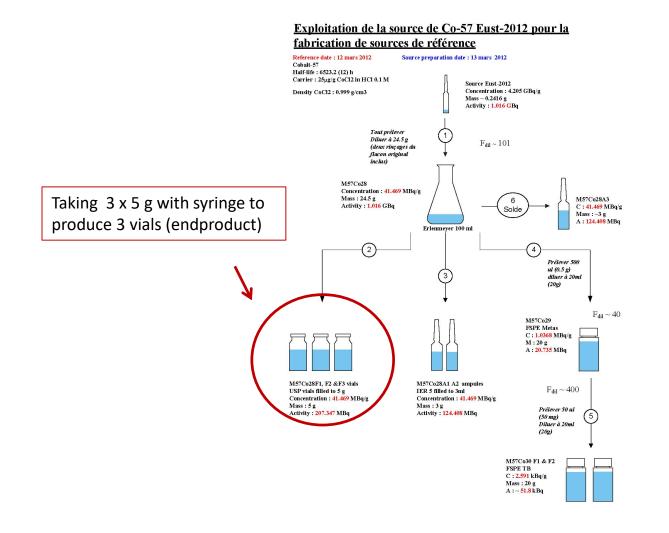
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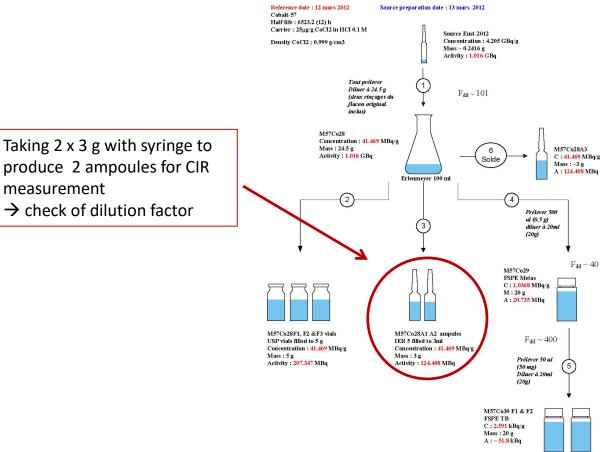






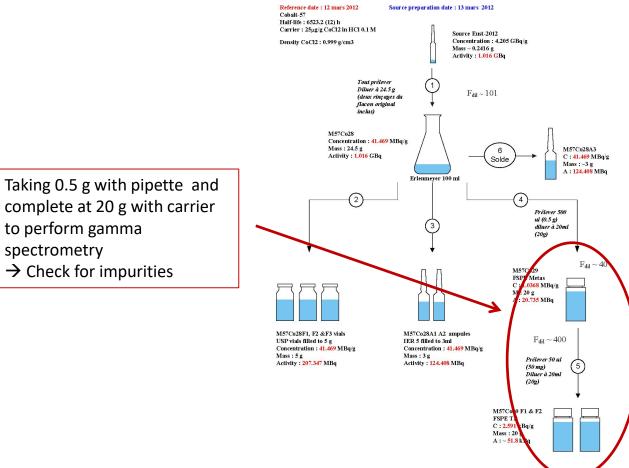
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spectrometry

Glassware preparation

- Treated with deconnex (detergent) during 24h
- Rinsed and bathed with distilled water during 24h
- Rinsed and bathed with carrier during 24h
- Rinse and streamed during 8h
- Each container is referred and covered with parafilm

Preparation of accessories

- 2 syringes 1ml, 1 syringe 5ml, 1 syringe 10 ml; 100 ml of carrier; 2 pipettes 500ml et 50ml
  - + laboratory material, shielding and contamination monitor.
- Each syringe is refered

### Weighing room is climatised 24 h before use

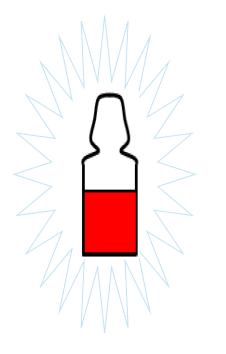
At each dilution step the containers are weighed to know the mass content and to estimate the waste (leftovers in containers, syringes ...)

The weighing values are automatically saved in an Excel file and recorded by hands

The continuous mass recording is essential to know precisely the mass of the solution of each container

The final uncertainty on mass is < 0.01%

But how do we make/get the mother/master solution?



 $\rightarrow$  Magic of the realization of the unit Bq

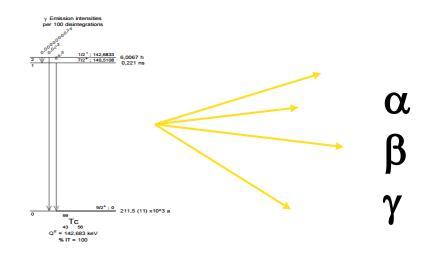
# Realization

Radioactive solution Primary measurement Primary measurement Primary measurement





The measurement technique depends on the radionuclide (its decay scheme).



Standardization  $\rightarrow$  activity concentration [Bq/g] and associated uncertainty

Defined solid angle alpha counting (Rn-222)

LSC (F-18, Y-90, beta), Triple to Double Coincidence Ratio (TDCR) (H-3, C-14, Ni-63, Fe-55...)

4*π*γ-counting (F-18, I-123, Tc-99m)

Coincidence counting:



4 $\pi\beta$ -4 $\pi\gamma$ -counting (F-18, Cs-134, Ba-133,...) 4 $\pi\beta\gamma$ -counting (Co-57, I-123, I-125, I-131, Tc-99m)

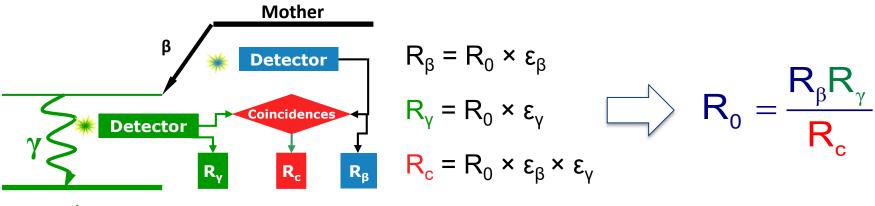






## $\beta$ - $\gamma$ coincidence counting

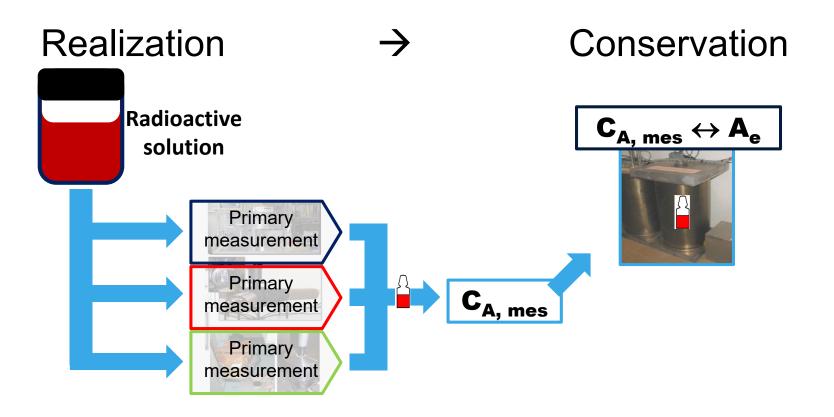
For a radionuclide which emits a beta ( $\beta$ ) followed by a gamma ( $\gamma$ ) particle, one can write :



Daughter

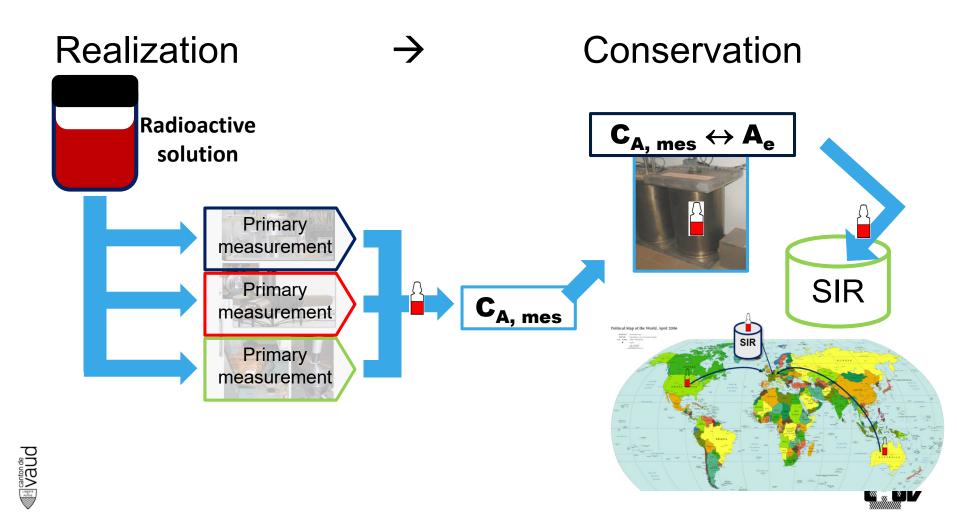














- Realization of the physical quantity

KCDB : Key Comparison Database

**CDB** 

- Conservation

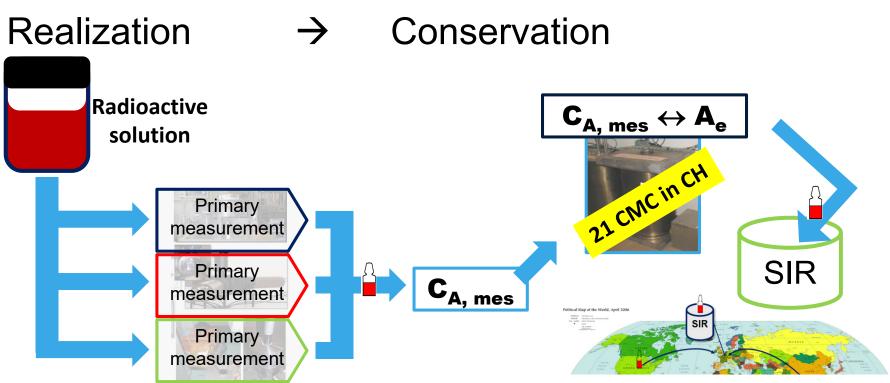
Political Map of the World, April 200



- Dissemination



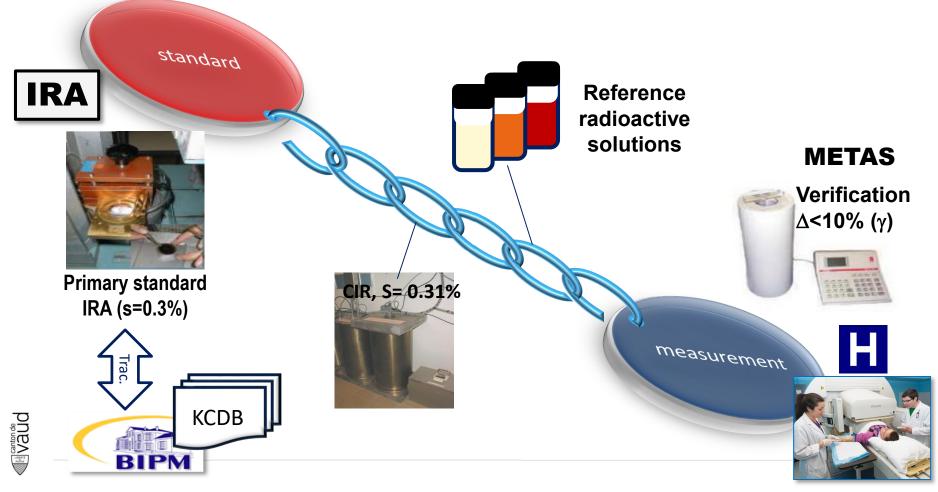
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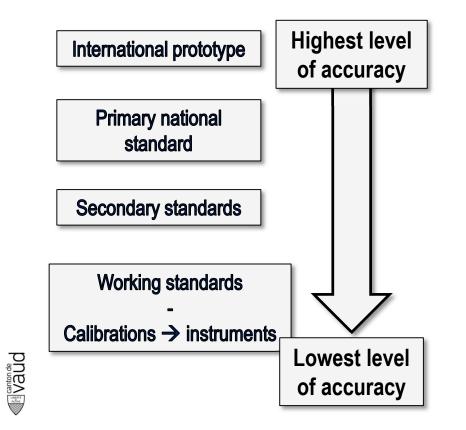
Up to now, **30** international comparisons of radionuclides, of which 17 are now CCRI(II) key comparisons  $\rightarrow$  this is it for now!



### Traceability brought to clinical site $\rightarrow$ Example of radionuclide calibrators



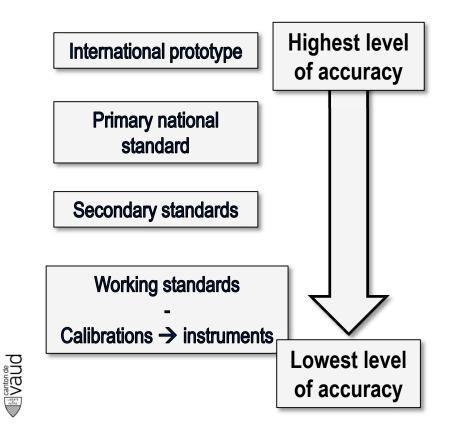
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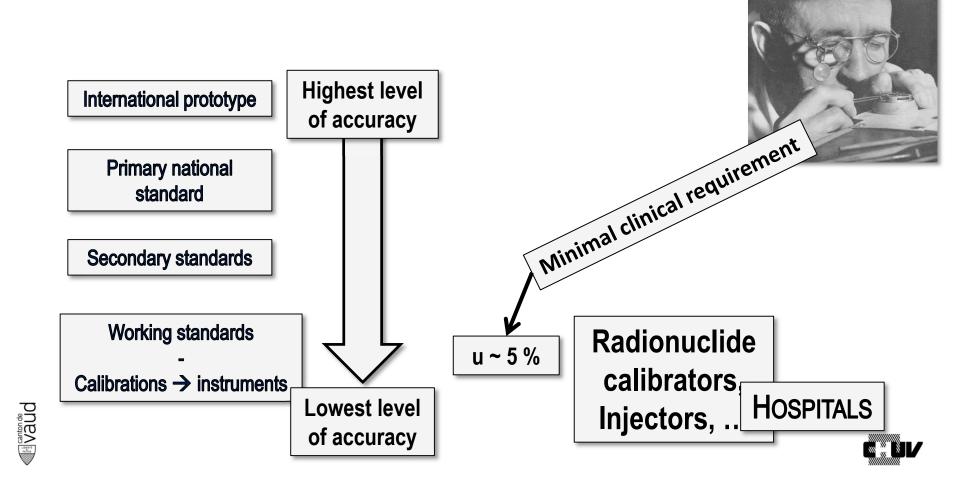
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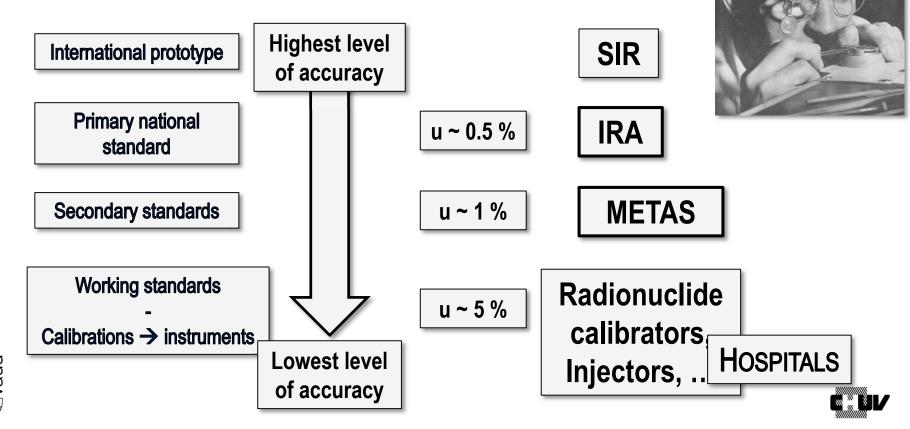
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Thanks you.....



