





# ISOLPHARM\_EIRA

# Experiment on Interdisciplinary research on Radioactive Ag





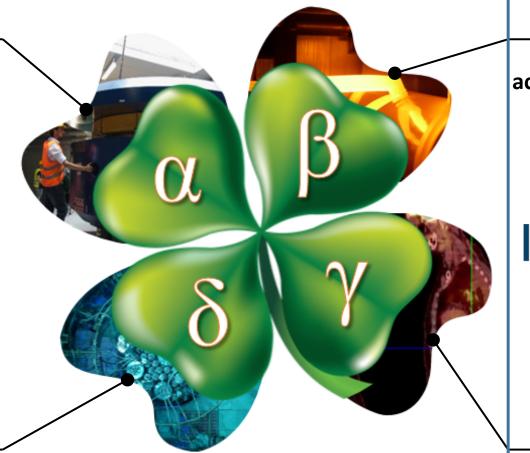


## ISOLPHARM framework: the SPES project



#### SPES-α

at the heart of SPES: the cyclotron and related infrastructure.



#### SPES-β

the ISOL facility and the acceleration of neutron-rich unstable nuclei.



#### SPES-y

production of radionuclides for applications.

SPES-8

multidisciplinary neutron sources.

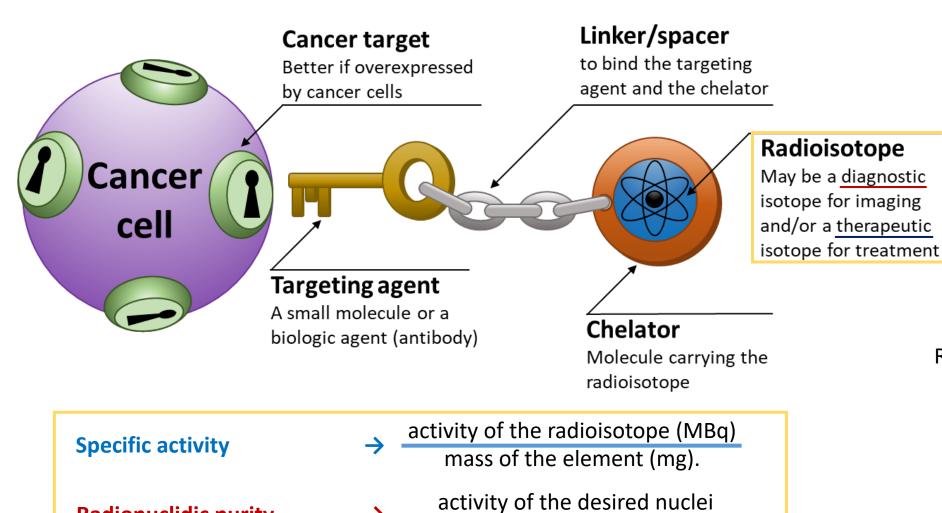




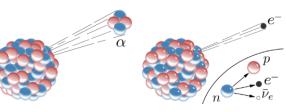
**Radionuclidic purity** 

## Radiopharmaceuticals

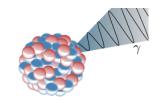




#### Therapeutic agents



#### **Diagnostic agents**



#### Radionuclides properties:

Decay properties

Chemical properties

**Production Feasibility** 

Half-life



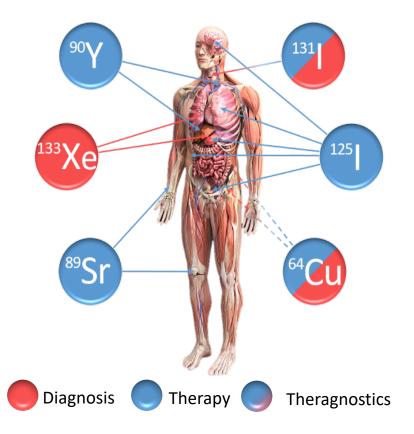
overall activity of the compound



## Possible ISOL isotopes medical interest

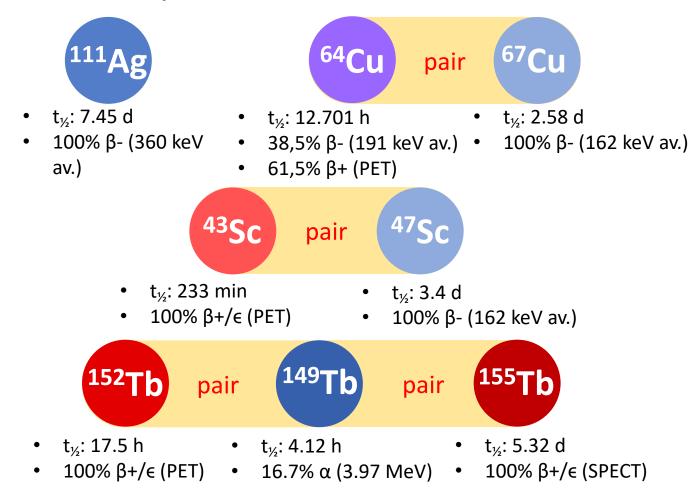


## Early feasibility studies were focused on state-of-art radionuclides:



F. Borgna et al., Appl. Radiat. Isot., 2017

# ISOLPHARM true potential can be expressed if innovative/less available nuclides are considered





## **Project organization**





Task 1: Physics







- Simulation and study of  $^{111}$ Ag production via the  $^{110}$ Pd(n,y) $^{111}$ Ag reaction.
- Quality control of the production of <sup>111</sup>Ag trough spectroscopy analysis
- Laser ionization of Ag







- Development of a library of novel chelators for silver and copper and characterization of their properties.
- Small molecules and linker development
- Radiolabeling of the synthetized compounds prior with <sup>64</sup>Cu and then with <sup>111</sup>Ag, characterization of their properties (stability, etc.)
- Development of more efficient purification methods from isobaric contaminant



Task 3: Biology







- In vitro activities: study of affinity and internalization using florescence (eventual studies with <sup>64</sup>Cu and <sup>111</sup>Ag)
- Development of 3D scaffold and cell cultures for studies in dynamic conditions
- In vivo tests using florescence
- In vivo imaging using <sup>64</sup>Cu and <sup>111</sup>Ag radiolabelled compounds











## Task 3: Biology











#### In vivo tests using florescence

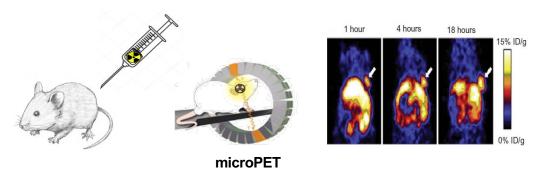
- Injection of mice with fluorescent compounds
- Analysys of mice bearing tumours using the In-Vivo Xtreme I (Bruker) at the CIBIO MOF
- Verification of the uptake of molecules from aspecific sites or from rare cells with higher CCK2R levels
- Evaluation of the therapeutic potential

# Xtreme Region (c)

#### In vivo Xtreme

# *In vivo* imaging using <sup>64</sup>Cu, <sup>68</sup>Ga and <sup>111</sup>Ag radiolabelled compounds

- Injection of mice with <sup>64</sup>Cu, <sup>68</sup>Ga and <sup>111</sup>Ag radiolabelled compounds
- In vivo imaging experiments with radiolabelled compounds will be performed at CAPIR – Center for Advanced Preclinical in vivo Research
- Evaluation of the therapeutic potential







## Infrastructures and Laboratories





Task 3: Biology







In-vivo tests with radiolabelled compounds: IBFM-CNR and Department of Biomedical and **Biotechnological Sciences- University of Catania** 





**In-Vivo Xtreme** 





## **Infrastructures and Laboratories**





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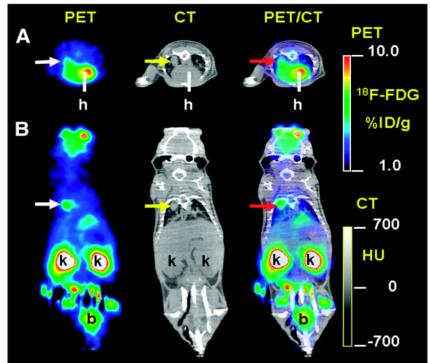






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Test with <sup>64</sup>Cu and <sup>68</sup>Ga labelled



Summitted Animal Ethical Committee protocol





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#### **Direct Radioisotopic Imaging**



Multimodal Optical/X-ray/DRI
One system for all imaging needs



- Radioisotopic Phosphor Screen
- Cherenkov and <u>Non-Cherenkov</u> isotopes
- 18F, 111In, 99mTc, 125I, 64Cu, 32P, 68Ga, ...
- Small compound tracking
- Complimentary to dedicated PET/SPECT platforms



**Sensitive Bioluminescence** 

High resolution X-ray

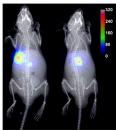
**Multispectral Fluorescence** 

**Cherenkov Imaging** 

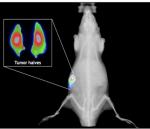
**Direct Radioisotopic Imaging** 

**Reflectance Imaging** 









Test with <sup>111</sup>Ag labelled

Xtreme II

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## **Economic Plan- INFN-LNS**





LNS		[€]	[€]	[€]
INFN-LNS				
Inventoriables		0	0	0
	mice Balb/C nude (130€/mouse)			3900
	Animal Housing (0,1€/mouse/day)			100
	Imaging exams (PET and 2D image)			2100
	Organ removal to activiy measurment			600
	TOTAL	0	0	6700
Travels	Travels for meetings	2000	2000	5000
TOTAL INFN-LNS		2888	2000	11700

Not used for COVID

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3

We ask to push on 2021 2500€, consumables, of 3th year to start the preclinical studies





## **Personnel involved**



#### 2021

- Giorgio Russo, Local Resp., 30% FTE
- Francesco Paolo Cammarata, 30% FTE
- Rosalba Parenti, 70% FTE
- Alessandro Stefano, 30% FTE
- Marco Pometti, 70% FTE







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