

# S P E S M E D

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## Research Fields

Nuclear Physics, Medical Radionuclides, Cross Section Measurements, Radiation Detectors.

## Duration

3 years.

# The SPES Project

The **SPES** project  
(**S**elective Production of **E**xotic **S**pecies)

## **SPES- $\alpha$**

Cyclotron and  
related  
infrastructure



## **SPES- $\beta$**

ISOL facility and the  
acceleration of  
neutron-rich unstable nuclei

## **SPES- $\delta$**

Multidisciplinary  
neutron sources

## **SPES- $\gamma$**

Production of  
radionuclides for  
applications

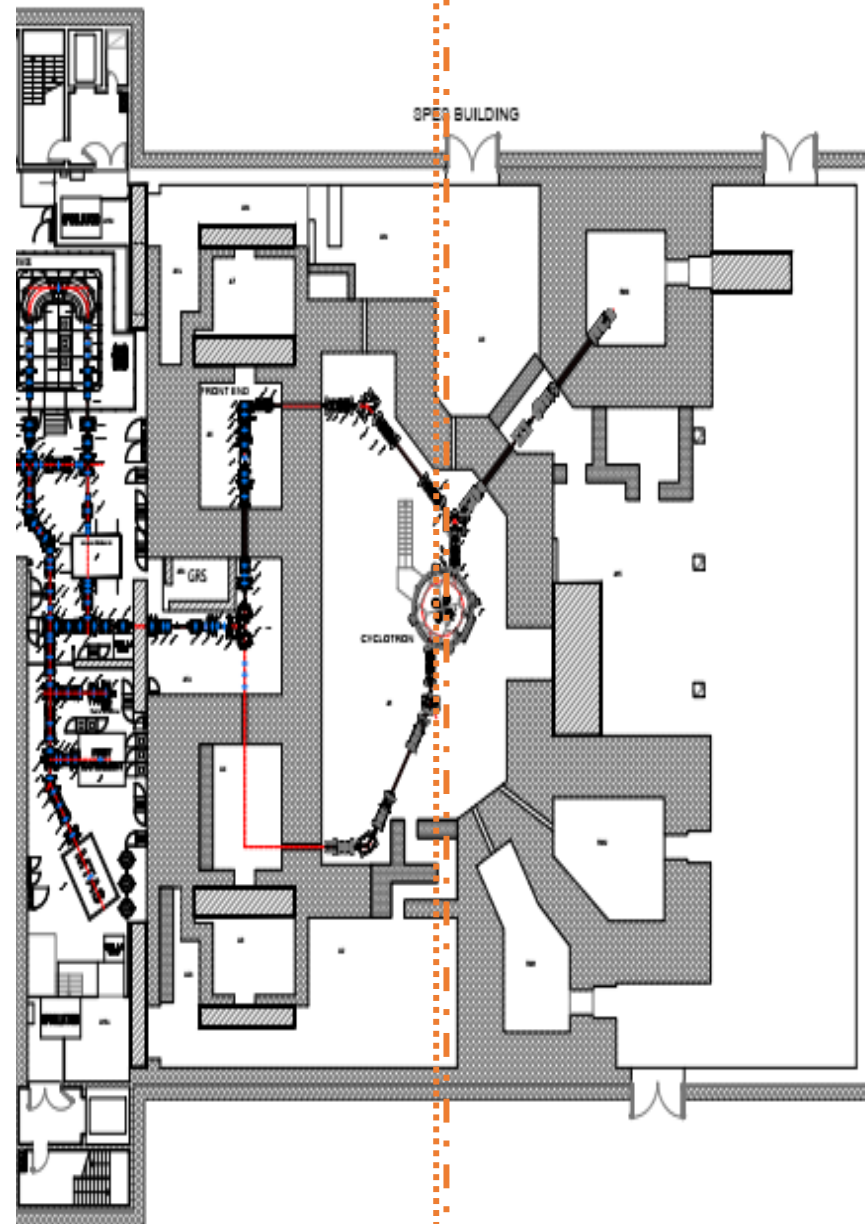


& **ISOLPHARM**  
*SPES exotic beams for medicine*

# SPES- $\gamma$ : Produzione di radionuclidi per le applicazioni



**Production of  
Medical-Radio-Isotope  
using the  
ISOL technique**



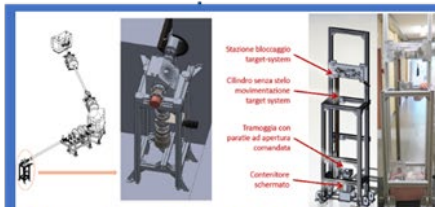
**Direct production of  
Medical-Radio-Isotope  
using the  
Cyclotron**

# SPES- $\gamma$ : Produzione di radionuclidi per le applicazioni

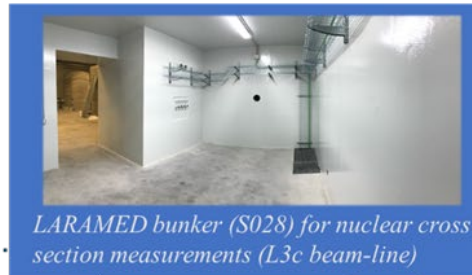


SPES front end installed in the S018 bunker («ISOL-1»)

ISOLPHARM  
SPES exotic beams for medicine



L6 beam-line & Target station in the S008 bunker («ISOL-2»)



LARAMED bunker (S028) for nuclear cross section measurements (L3c beam-line)



SPES cyclotron in the S020 bunker

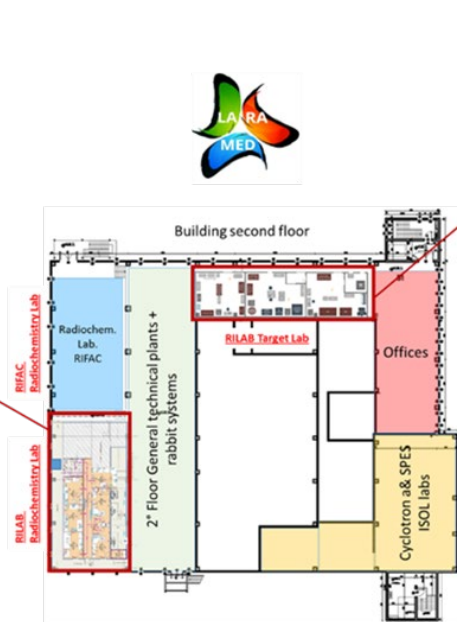
Due bunker per l'irraggiamento:

1. misure di sezioni d'urto nucleari per fasci di protoni <math><100\text{ nA}</math>;
2. irraggiamento di bersagli solidi ad alta intensità

RILAB Radiochemistry lab:

Examples of new technologies:

STARDIS Project



RILAB Target lab:

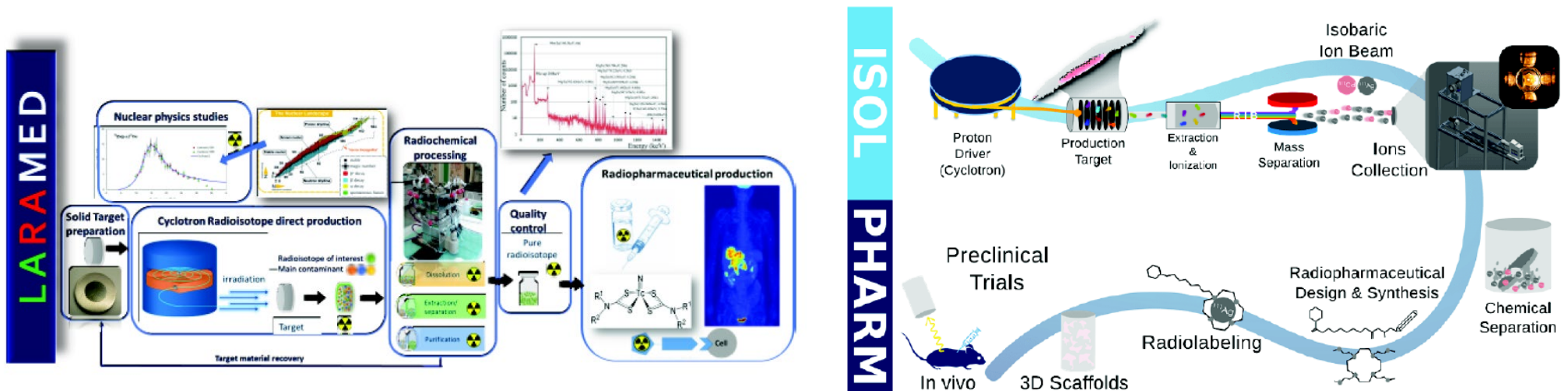
Examples of innovative target manufacturing techniques:

Due laboratori al secondo piano:

1. preparazione bersagli;
2. radiochimica, R&D per produzione, separazione e purificazione

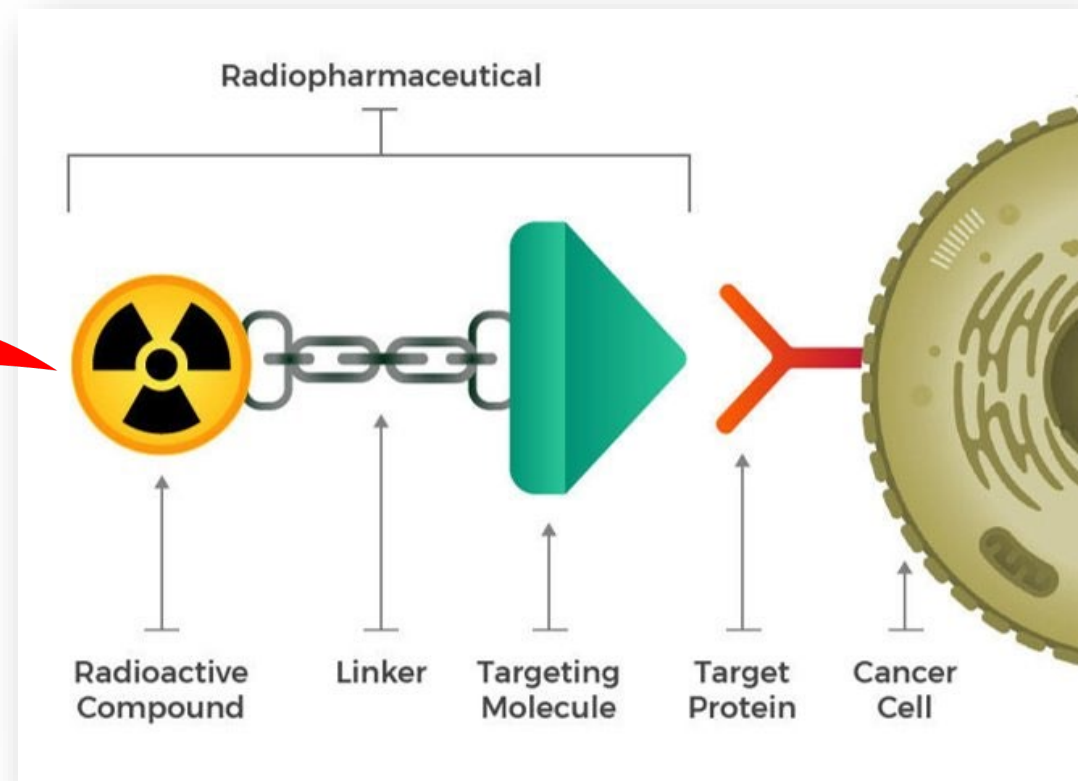
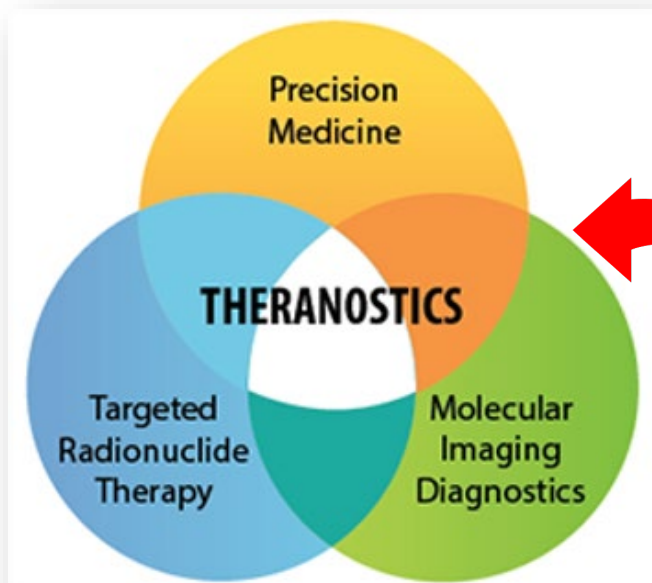
# General goals

- Perform measurements of nuclear cross sections aiming at the optimization of medical radionuclides production (**WP1**), also using nuclear modelling tools to find out the best irradiation conditions (WP3);
- Provide a precise measurement of the ISOL production yields originating from SiC and TiC targets (WP2);
- Compare the produced data with the existing simulation libraries, with the purpose of providing an experimental benchmark when the theoretical predictions fail (WP3).



# WP1 - Nuclear cross section measurements

In nuclear medicine, a wide variety of radioisotopes is needed to provide: diagnostic, therapeutic and (possibly) theragnostic capabilities



# WP1 - Nuclear cross section measurements

**Main goal:** measure unexplored nuclear reactions leading to the production of both the radionuclide of interest and its contaminants, aiming to find out the best irradiation parameters for each specific case.

The nuclear reactions of interest are:

- $^{49}\text{Ti}(d,x)^{47}\text{Sc}$  up to 30 MeV, in collaboration with the ARRONAX facility (LNL team, 1 year);
- $^{68}\text{Zn}, ^{70}\text{Zn}(p,x)^{67}\text{Cu}, ^{64}\text{Cu}$  for proton beams with energy higher than 70 MeV, in collaboration with the i-Themba facility (LNL team, 1 and 2 year);
- $^{70}\text{Zn}(p,x)^{67}\text{Cu}, ^{64}\text{Cu}$  in the energy range 25-50 MeV at SPES (LNL team, 3 year);
- $^{159}\text{Tb}(p,5n)^{155}\text{Dy} \rightarrow ^{155}\text{Tb}$  up to 70 MeV at SPES, also in the framework of the PRIN PNRR 2022 entitled "APHRODITE-155" and focused on  $^{155}\text{Tb}$  production (LNL and MI team, 1 year);
- $^{\text{nat}}\text{Eu}(\alpha,x)^{155}\text{Tb}$  in the energy range 10-30 MeV in collaboration with ARRONAX facility (1 year) and with Czech Nuclear Physics Institute CAS (1 and 2 year) (MI team);
- $^{\text{nat}}\text{Gd}(p,x)^{152,149}\text{Tb}$  in the energy range 40-70 MeV at SPES (LNL and MI team, 2 and 3 year) and at energies up to 200 MeV in collaboration with i-Themba facility (LNL and MI team, 2 and 3 year);
- $^{\text{nat}}\text{Gd}(\alpha,x)^{152,155}\text{Tb}$  in the energy range 10-70 MeV in collaboration with ARRONAX facility (MI team, 1 and 2 year) and CAS (MI team, 2 and 3 year).

# WP1 – MI team

## Imaging

## Therapy

Isotope	Half-life	$\beta^+$ $E_{\text{average}}$ [keV] (I)	X and $\gamma$ with I > 10% [keV] (I)	$\beta^-$ $E_{\text{average}}$ [keV] (I)	Conv. & Auger electrons (>1 keV) $E_{\text{average}}$ [keV] (I)	Energy $\alpha$ [keV] (I)
<b><math>^{149}\text{Tb}</math></b>	4.1 h	730 (7%)	42-50 (69%), 165 (26%), 352 (29%), etc.	-	32 (85%)	3967 (17%)
<b><math>^{152}\text{Tb}</math></b>	17.5 h	1140 (20%)	42-50 (65%), 344 (64%)	-	36 (69%)	-
<b><math>^{155}\text{Tb}</math></b>	5.32 d	-	42-50 (108%), 87 (32%), 105 (25%)	-	19 (204%)	-
$^{161}\text{Tb}$	6.89 d	-	45-53 (39%), 75 (10%)	154 (100%)	19 (227%)	-

- Irradiations on  **$^{159}\text{Tb}$**  with **p**;
- Irradiations on  **$^{\text{nat}}\text{Gd}$**  with **p** and  **$\alpha$** ;
- Irradiations on  **$^{\text{nat}}\text{Eu}$**  with  **$\alpha$** .



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# FTE and Budget

MI			
Name	Expertise – Activity in the project	WP	FTE
Simone Manenti (MI local resp.)	Experimental physicist	1	0,6
Flavia Maria Groppi Garlandini	Experimental physicist, associate professor	1	0,3
Michele Colucci	Physics PhD student at Milano University	1	0,3
Francesco Broggi	Dipendente INFN	1	0,3
Elisa Persico	Experimental physicist	1	0,5
Total MI FTE			2,0
Total project FTE			~15

		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
		[k€]	[k€]	[k€]	[k€]
	<b>WP1 - Nuclear cross-section measurements</b>				
<b>EQUIPMENT (INV)</b>	-	0	0	0	0
<b>CONSUMABLES</b>	<b>Targets and custom clearance</b>	20	5	0	25
	<b>Maintenance</b>	2	2	2	6
	<b>Radioactive transport</b>	8,5	8,5	8	25
<b>TRAVELS</b>	<b>Travels for experimental activity</b>	13,5	18,5	21	53
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>Publication fees</b>	3	3	3	9
	<b>TOTAL WP1 - Milano</b>	47	37	34	118
	<b>Total Budget</b>	145	89	71	322

**Grazie per l'attenzione!**

# Extended Gantt and Budget

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		M3	M6	M9	M12	M15	M18	M21	M24	M27	M30	M33	M36
	<b>WP1 - Nuclear cross-section measurements</b>												
MS1.1	159Tb(p,5n)155Dy → 155Tb up to 70 MeV at SPES	→			•								
MS1.2	49Ti(d,x)47Sc at ARRONAX facility up to 35 MeV	→				•							
MS1.3.1	natEu(a,x)155Tb at ARRONAX	→				•							
MS1.3.2	natEu(a,x)155Tb at Czech Nuclear Physics Institute CAS			→			•						
MS1.4	68,70Zn(p,x)67,64Cu up to 200 MeV at i-Themba lab			→				•					
MS1.5.1	natGd(p,x)152,149Tb in the energy range 40-70 MeV at SPES				→						•		
MS1.5.2	natGd(p,x)152,149Tb up to 200 MeV at i-Themba lab						→						•
MS1.6.1	natGd(a,x)152,155Tb at ARRONAX			→				•					
MS1.6.2	natGd(a,x)152,155Tb at Czech Nuclear Physics Institute CAS							→					•
MS1.7	70Zn(p,x)67Cu,64Cu in the 25-50 MeV range at SPES												•

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