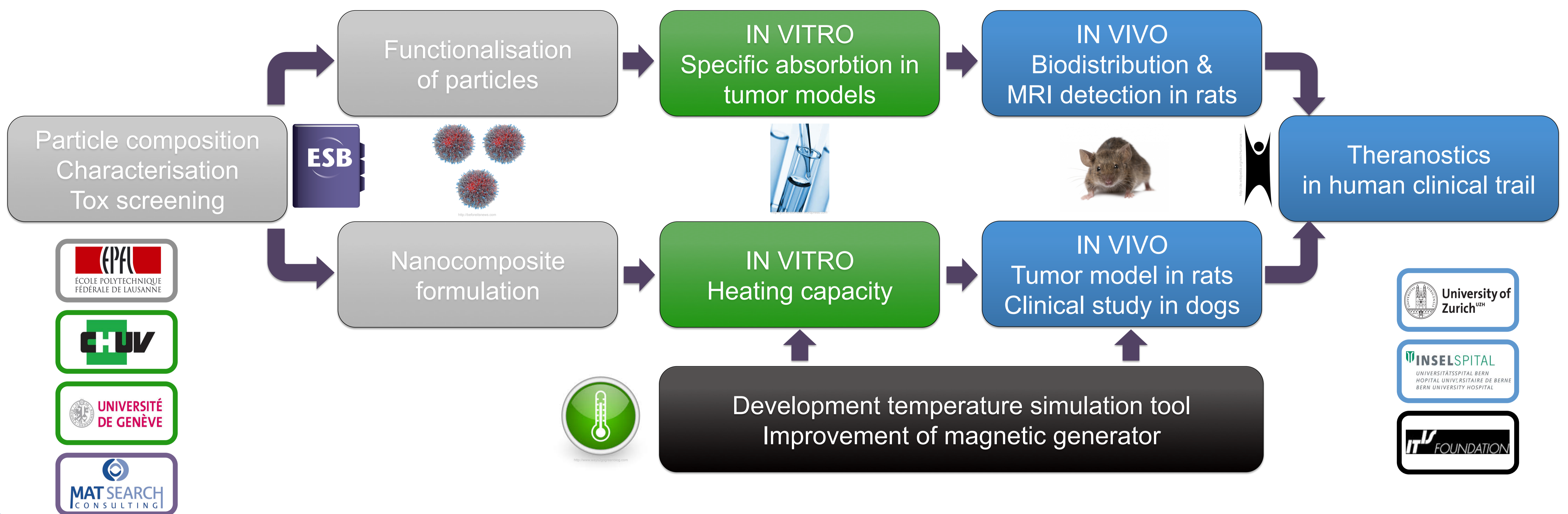


# From superparamagnetic nanoparticles to cancer detection and treatment

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## Project Layout



AIM: **diagnostic (MRI) and treatment (hyperthermia) of lymph node metastases of prostate cancer = Theranostics**

## Experimental study plan

### Tumor model & cell marker

- A prostate tumor model (MatLyLu cells) in Copenhagen rats will be used, with a high metastatic potential<sup>1</sup>
- PSMA will be used as cell marker, because its overexpressed in primary prostate adenocarcinoma and lymph node metastasis<sup>2</sup>. Its expression could be verified *in vitro* on MatLyLu cells.
- The targeting strategy is based on 3 moieties, all targeting the extracellular domain of PSMA (antibody J591<sup>3</sup>, urea-based small molecule<sup>4</sup>, aptamer A10<sup>5</sup>)

### Study design

- **1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary study (A)**
  - 12 rats, 2 groups, tumor concentration  $1e^6$  vs  $0.5e^6$  cells, observation: 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14 days
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary study (B)**
  - 9 rats, 3 groups, SPION concentration 0.5 vs 1.0 vs 2.0 mg ironoxide/rat
- **Main study (C)**
  - 3 groups for targeting strategies (antibody J591 / aptamer A10 / urea-based small molecule)
  - Each targeting strategy: 24 rats, 4 groups (survival time 1, 2, 4, 6 days)
  - Negative controls: healthy rats with 3 targeted SPIONs (aptamer A10, urea-based small molecule, antibody J591)
  - Positive controls: "tumor" rats and SPIONS devoid of their targeting moieties

