



# SPACEPHARMA

Remote-Controlled Miniaturized Microgravity Solutions

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*“Following the light of the sun, we left the  
Old World.”*

— Inscription on Columbus' caravels

*“Per aspera ad astra”-*  
through hardships, to the stars

— Motto of NASA

*“Every cubic inch of space is a  
miracle.”*

— Walt Whitman

# SPACEPHARMA in Milestones



2012

SpacePharma established



2015

Top world Game-Changers



2016

1# space company to watch

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SpacePharma was established in 2012 by a unique multidisciplinary team of experienced space and science experts, former satellite developers, operators, engineers



2015

## Top world Game-Changers

Announced as one of the top world list of 55 Game-Changers by CB Insights



2016

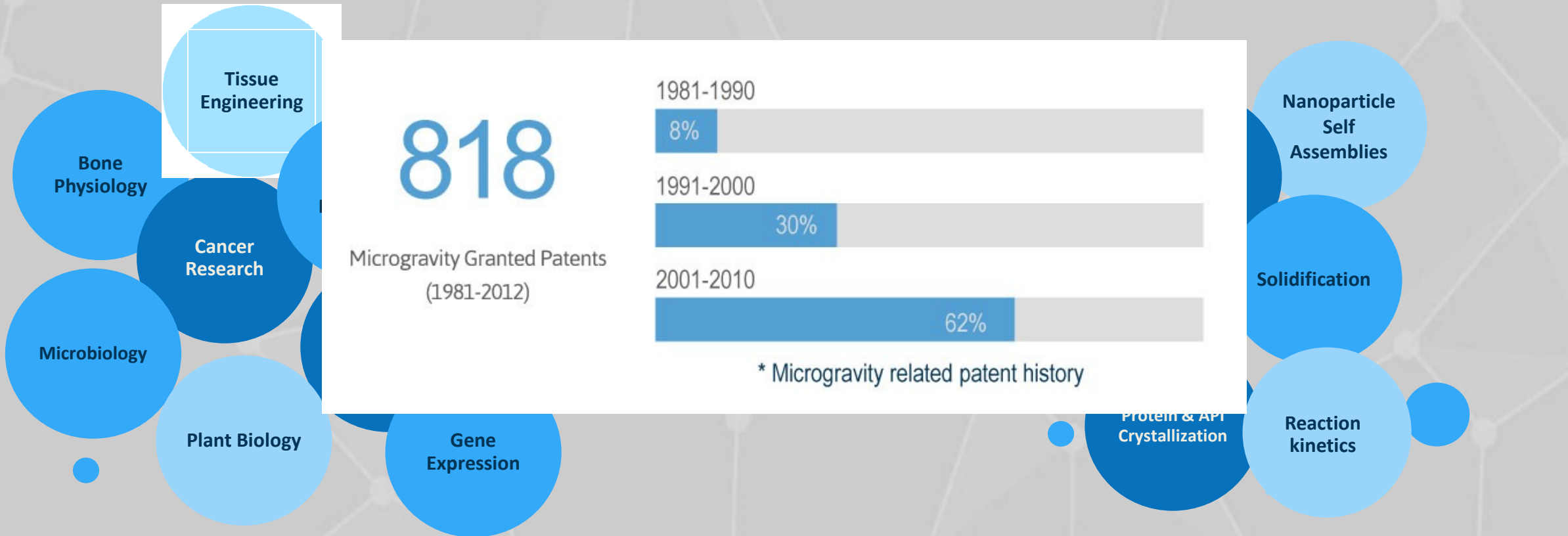
## 1# space company to watch

Selected by Geektime.com 1st among 10 space companies to watch in 2016 & 2017

# Microgravity Research Fields

BioMed & BioTech

Pharma & Chemistry



# Access to Microgravity Research today is limited to International Space Station (ISS)



## **BARRIER**

Control over experiment out  
of your hands



## **BARRIER**

Limited space agencies, long  
wait times (years)



## **BARRIER**

Very expensive



## **BARRIER**

IP ownership  
issues



# Current issues - Space agenda today:



# Background: **Climate Change and Virus Outbreak**



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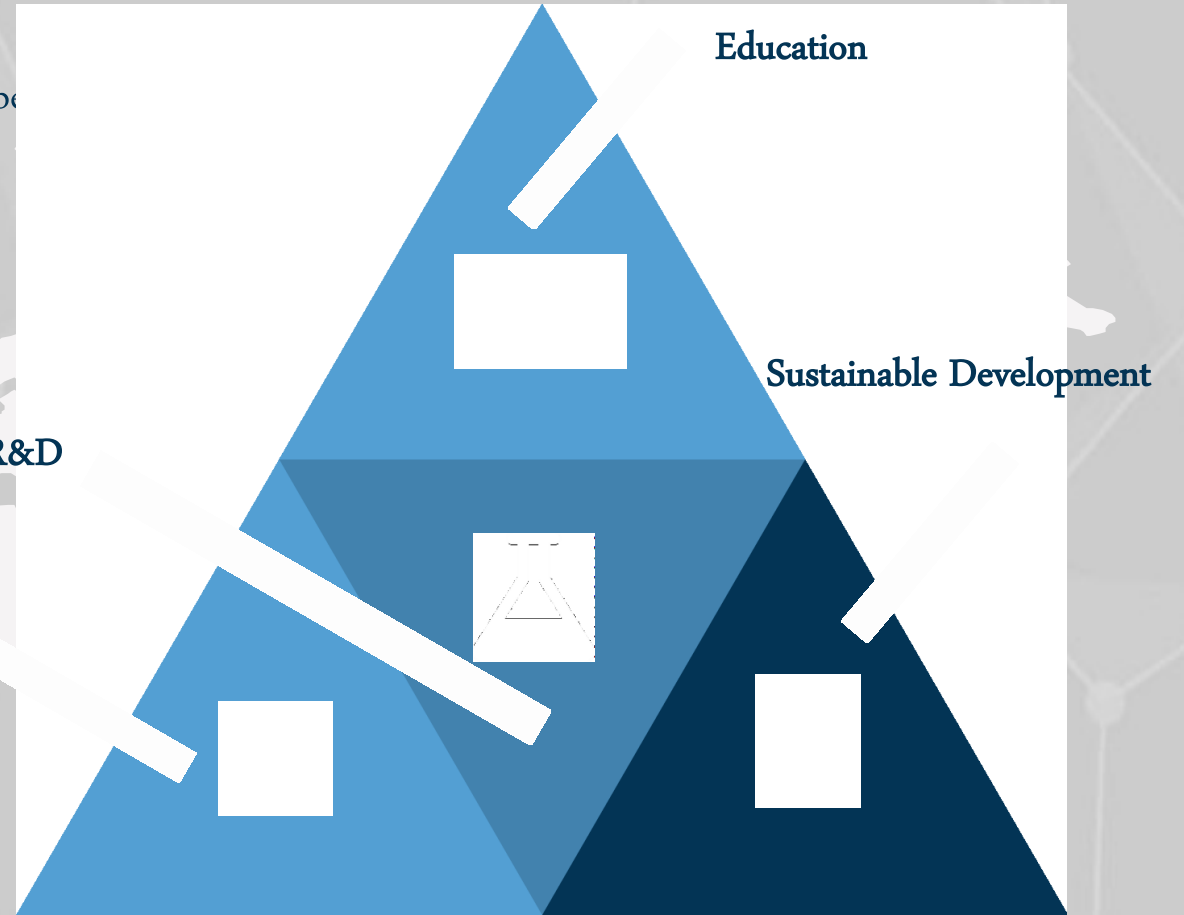
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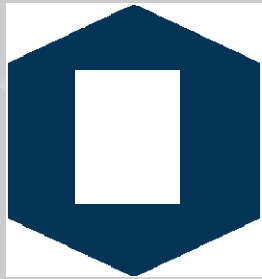


# SpacePharma's Contribution Areas

Enabling research in space will allow us to learn on how space can be used to improve Global Health and Sustainable Development

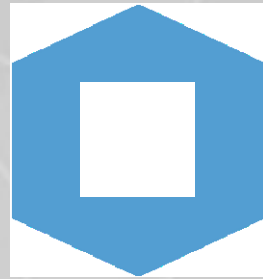


# SpacePharma Contribution



## Space and Sustainable Development

- Space Farming
- New Vaccines
- Improved Shelf life of colloidal-based products

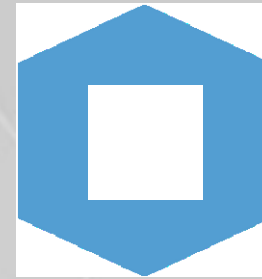


## International cooperation

- Novel Antiviral & Antibiotics
- Drug Screening

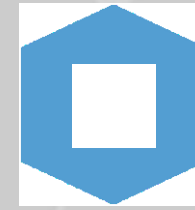


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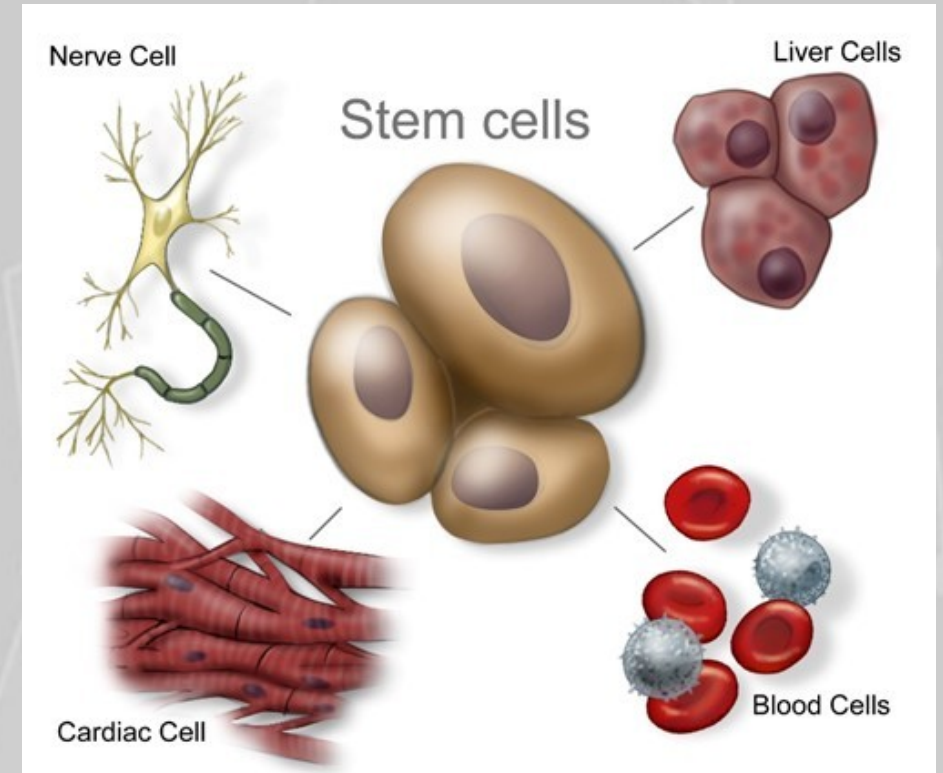
## Space and Global Health

- Stem cell therapy
- Differential Gene Expression in Space

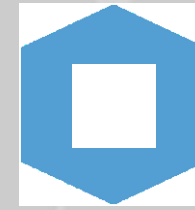


# I. Stem Cells in Microgravity

- In both space-based and simulated-microgravity experiments, various types of stem cells and progenitor cells have shown distinct responses.
- Some types of cells show **increased proliferation** and viability. Others show **enhanced differentiation**
- Microgravity research has the potential to advance stem cell therapies by identifying novel cell properties and pharmaceutical targets



## II. Bacterial Virulence In Microgravity

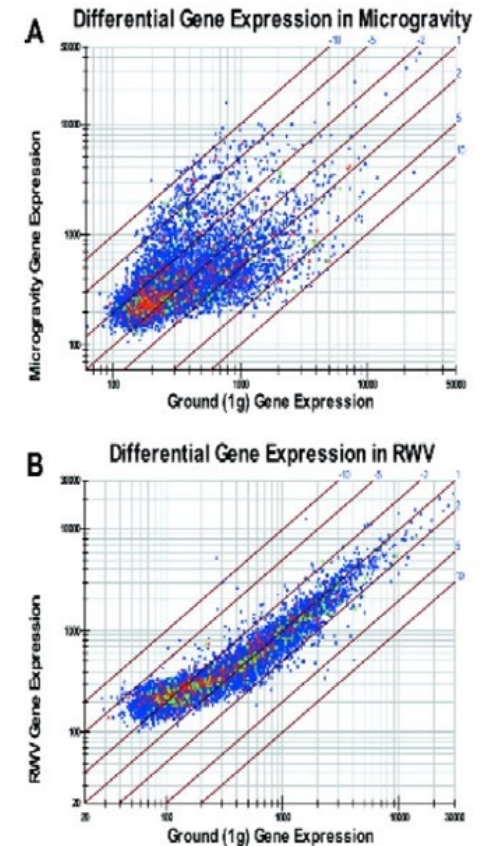
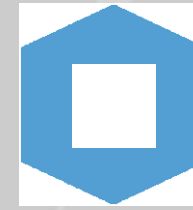


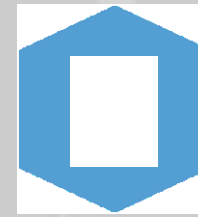
- In microgravity bacterial virulence increases
- Experiments executed across a number of bacterial species reported a reduced lag phase, increased growth rate and increased final cell population densities under microgravity conditions
- In  $\mu\text{G}$ , bacteria were shown to become more resistant to common antibiotics and presented enhanced biofilm formation
- Discovering the factors responsible for growth and virulence of bacteria is very important
- Thus, **microgravity has the potential to lead to the identification of novel regulation of genes, providing novel potential targets for vaccine and development of new antibiotic drugs**



### III. Differential Gene Expression in Microgravity

- **In the absence of gravity, certain genes in cells turn off and others turn on.** Studying these changes will allow scientists to develop a better understanding on how cells function and how to manipulate them in labs on Earth
- **Out of 10,000 genes evaluated, 1632 genes were altered in  $\mu$ G**
- Genetic expression of cytokines (interleukins, interferon-gamma, tumor necrosis factor) in human cells is changed during spaceflight
- Expression of proto-onco-genes, *c-fos* and *c-jun*, in human epidermoid A431 cells flown on sounding rockets are altered



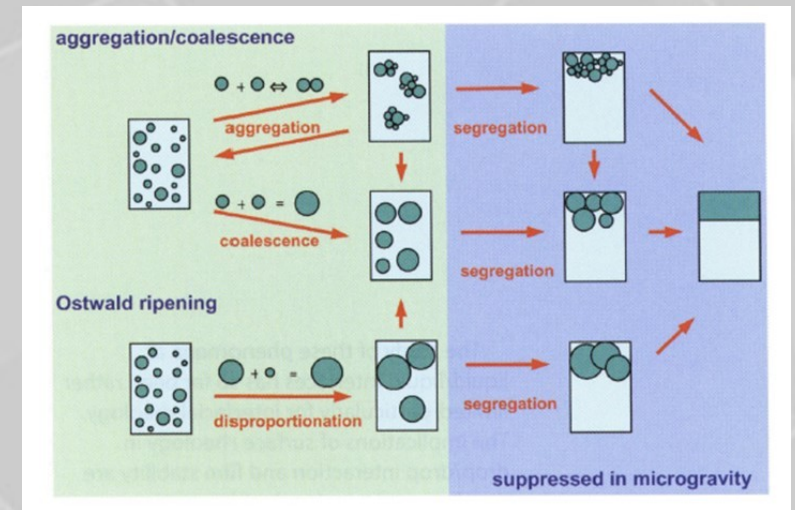


Current issues - Space agenda today

## IV. Improved shelf-life of colloidal-based products

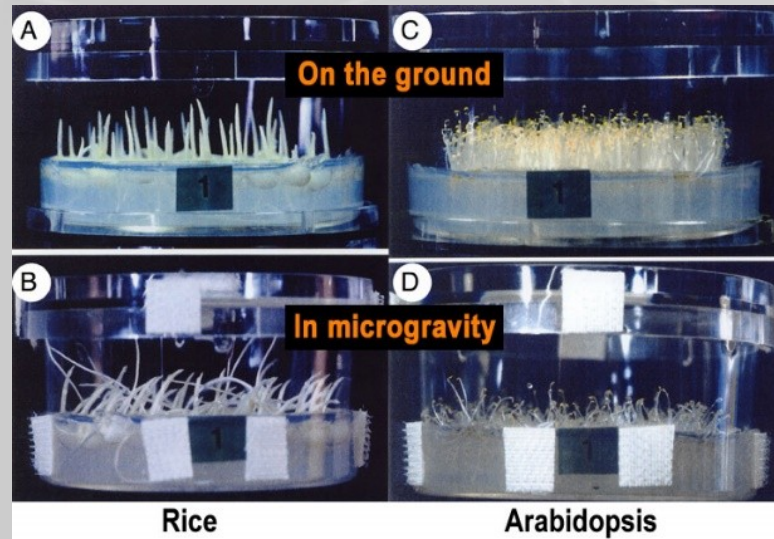
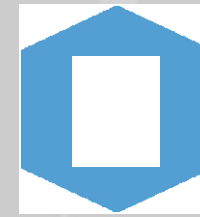
Examples of colloidal systems strongly affected by gravity include **macromolecular crystallization, self-assembly of proteins and polymers, liquid crystals, suspensions, emulsions and foams**

- Particles are under constant motion → aggregation → sedimentation & phase separation
- The behaviour is not well modeled (unpredictable) since gravity is a masking and catalytic factor
- The **lack of sedimentation and buoyancy in  $\mu\text{G}$**  helps understanding the process allowing differentiation between aggregation/phase separation and sedimentation





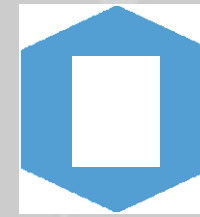
## V. Space Farming: Plant Biology



### Microgravity effects on plants growth

Exposure of cells to microgravity results in various cellular alterations that affect structure and function, including signal transduction, gene-expression, immune response and metabolism

## V. Space Farming: Plant Biology



### **‘Space Cherry’ Tree Blossoms 6 Years Early Following Trip Aboard The ISS, Cosmic Forces May Have Spurred Growth**

By *Philip Ross*  
on April 12 2014 4:23 PM

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Microgravity enables the examination of fundamental plant biology and contributes to the understanding of main processes such as gravitropism, phototropism, and juvenility



# SpacePharma's Solution – $\mu$ Gnify

Simple, Affordable, Accessible, End-to-End  $\mu$ G solution:



Build Research Procedure



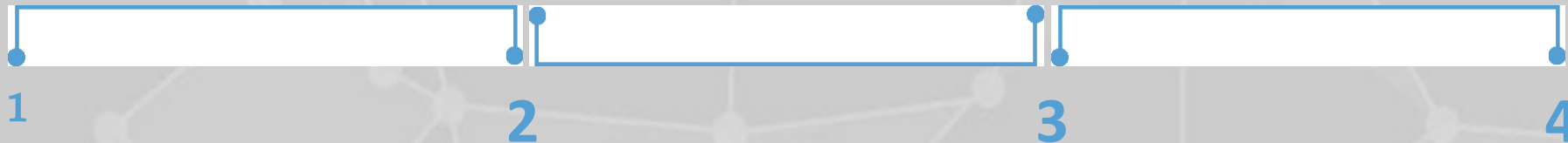
Customize Lab  
for Research Needs



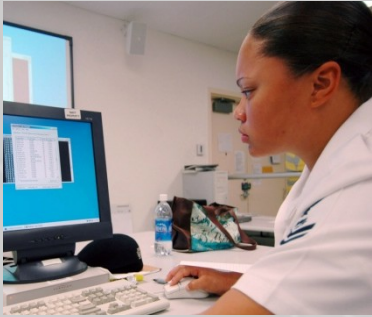
Place Lab in Microgravity Platform



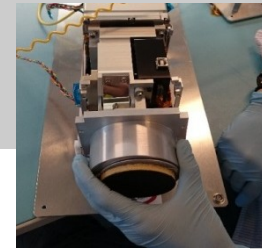
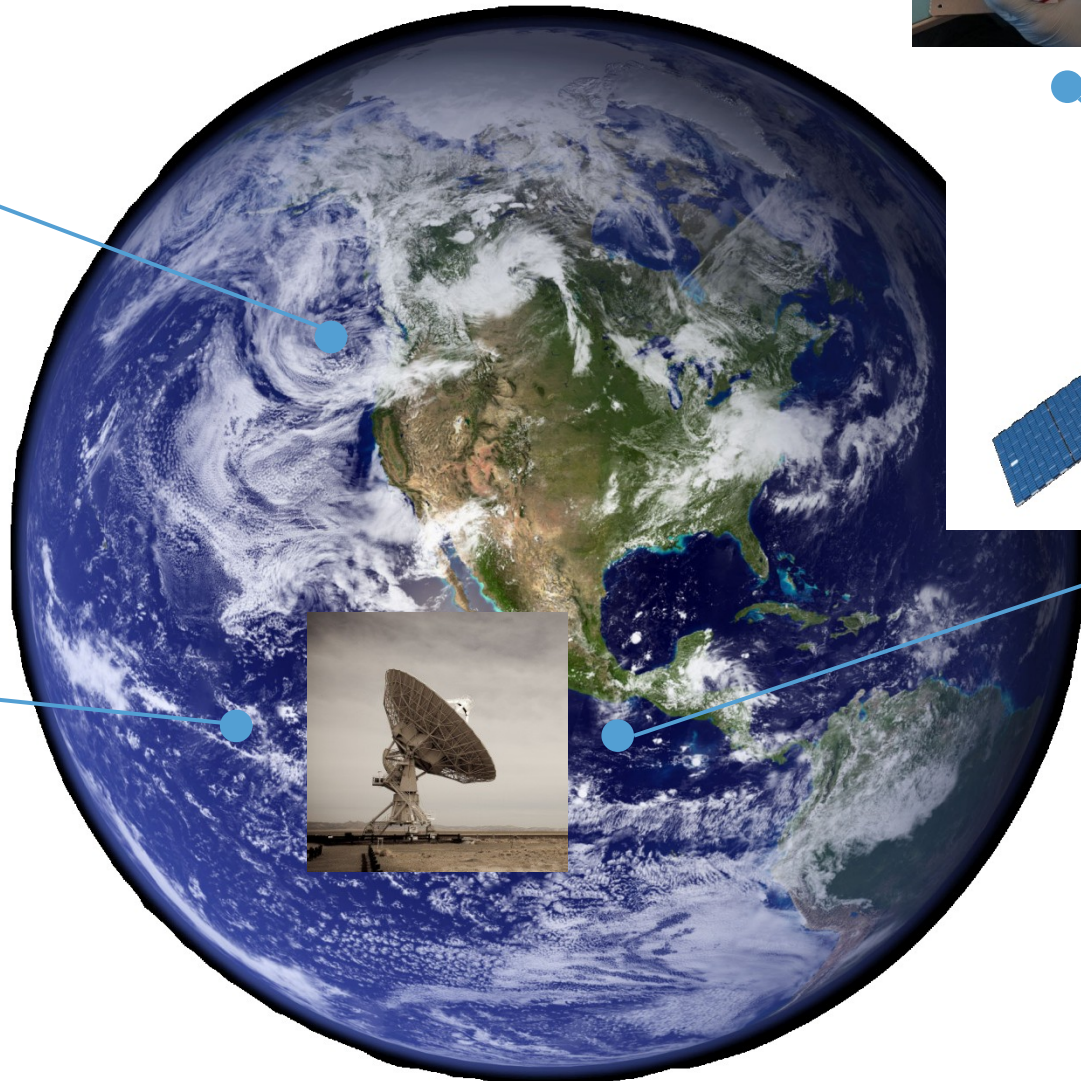
Control Microgravity Experiment and Get  
Results



# SpacePharma's Technology



Customers monitor & control experiment from their location



Experiment will be preformed in micro-labs inside the satellite



SpacePharma transmits the experiment protocol to the satellite.



The results, including environmental reading, are received at SpacePharma's ground station

# SpacePharma's Technology

- Miniaturized Nano-laboratory
- Easily customized
- Fits inside multiple microgravity platforms
- Remote controlled by customers
- Flexible usage model
- Secured data protection



# SpacePharma's First Satellite – DIDO1

Upcoming launch:

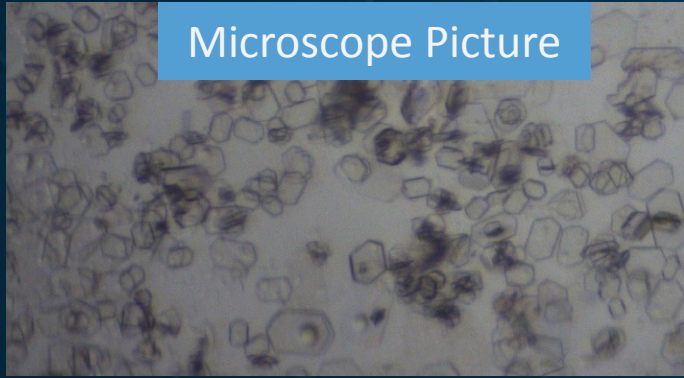
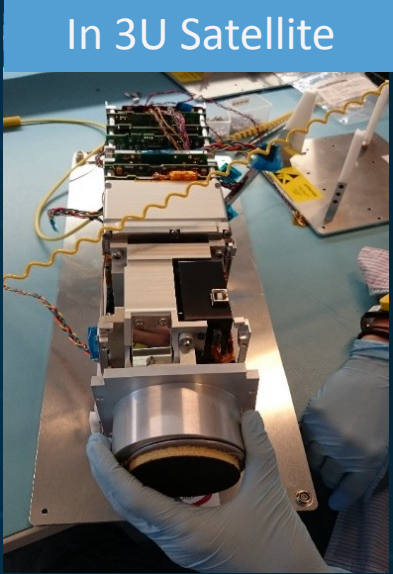
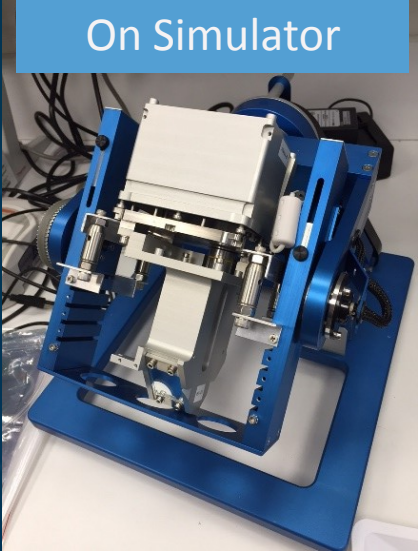
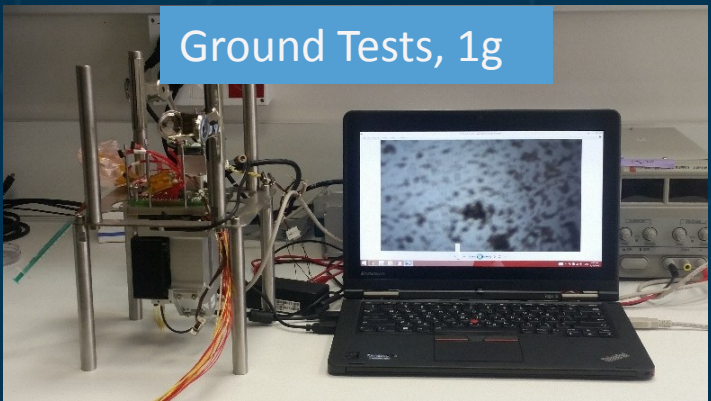
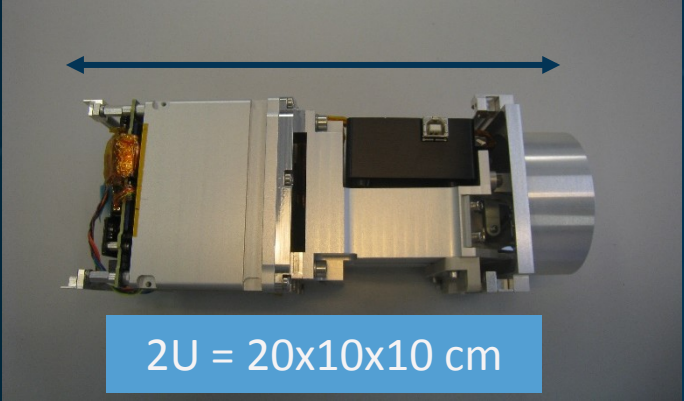
## SPmgLab:

Bacterial growth, Antibiotics resistance, Self-assembly, Enzymatic reactions,  
Polymerization, Nanoparticle synthesis, Particle aggregation dynamics, Emulsion  
stability, Crystallization



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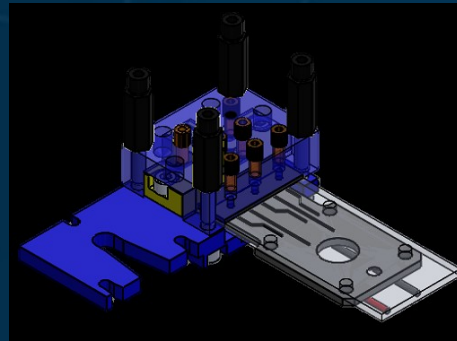
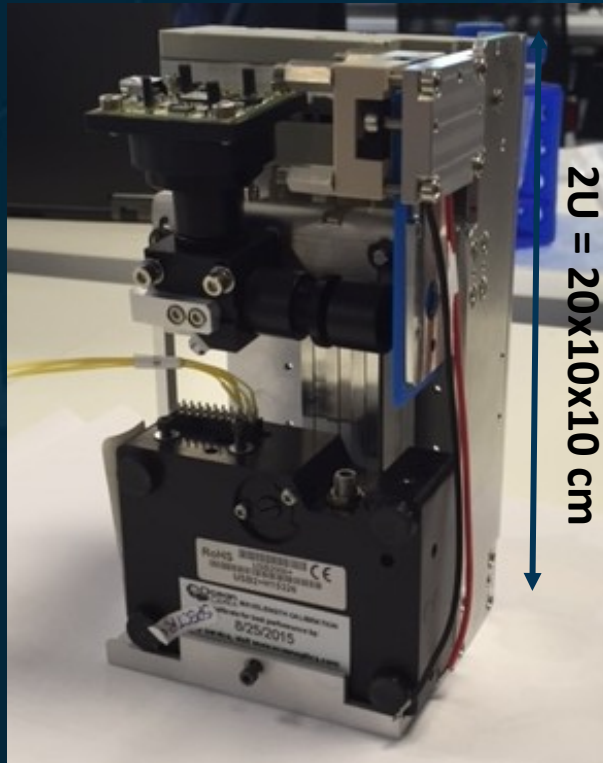
Upcoming launch:



# SpacePharma's Capabilities – SPad Lab

- Advanced Labs

- Plug-n-Play Micro-/Mill-fluidic Chips



- Example Sensors:

- Microscopy
- Spectrometry
- Fluorescence Microscopy
- Fluorometry
- Heating & Cooling

- Multiple Platforms

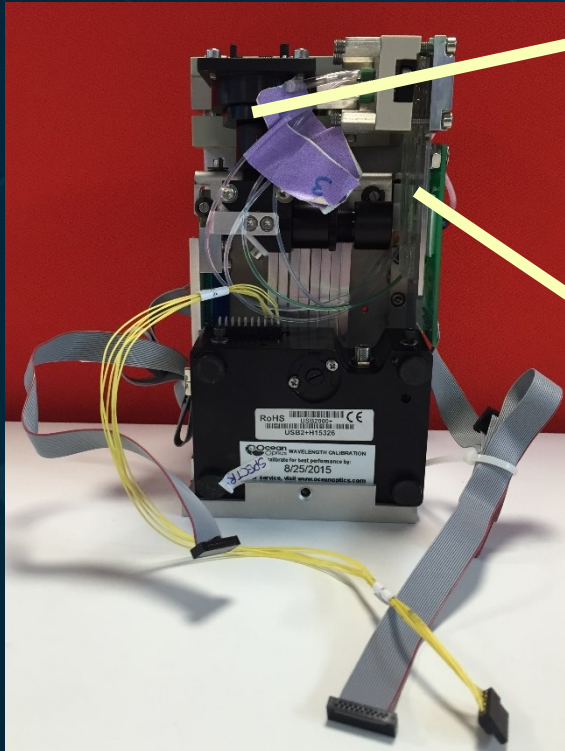
- Customizable Payload Wrapper – Interface between App-platform-lab



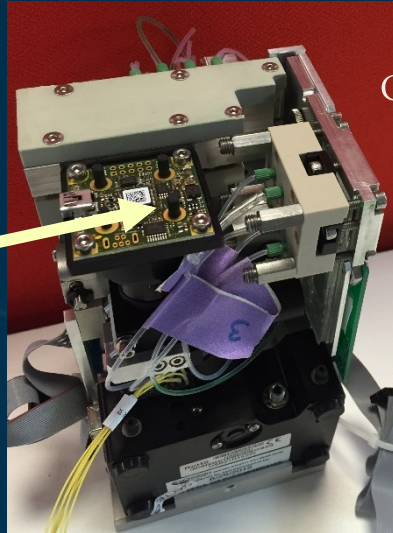
- Working on being able to mount labs in other platforms
  - Simulator
  - Parabolic Flights
  - ISS
  - Drop Towers



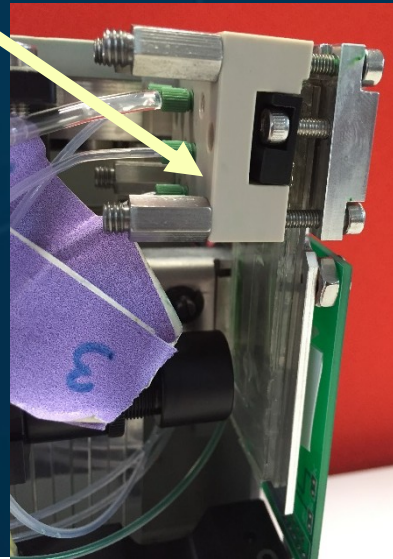
# Spad Lab - Packaged



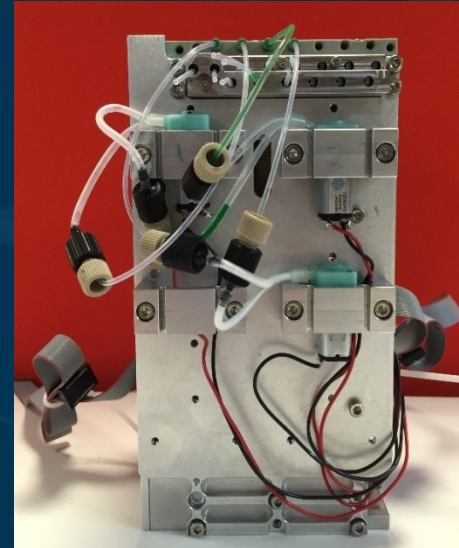
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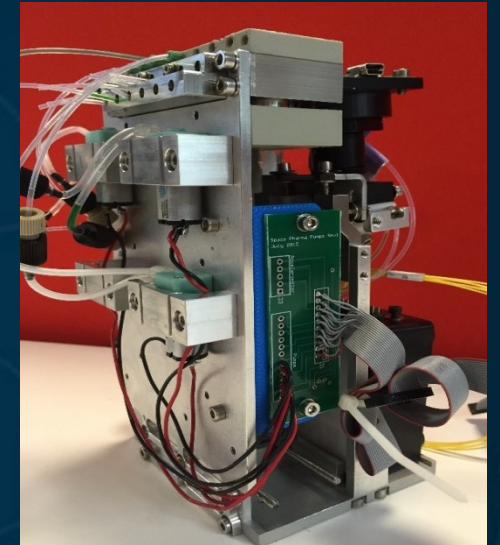
Side View:  
Chip Holder & Chip



Top View:  
Microscope



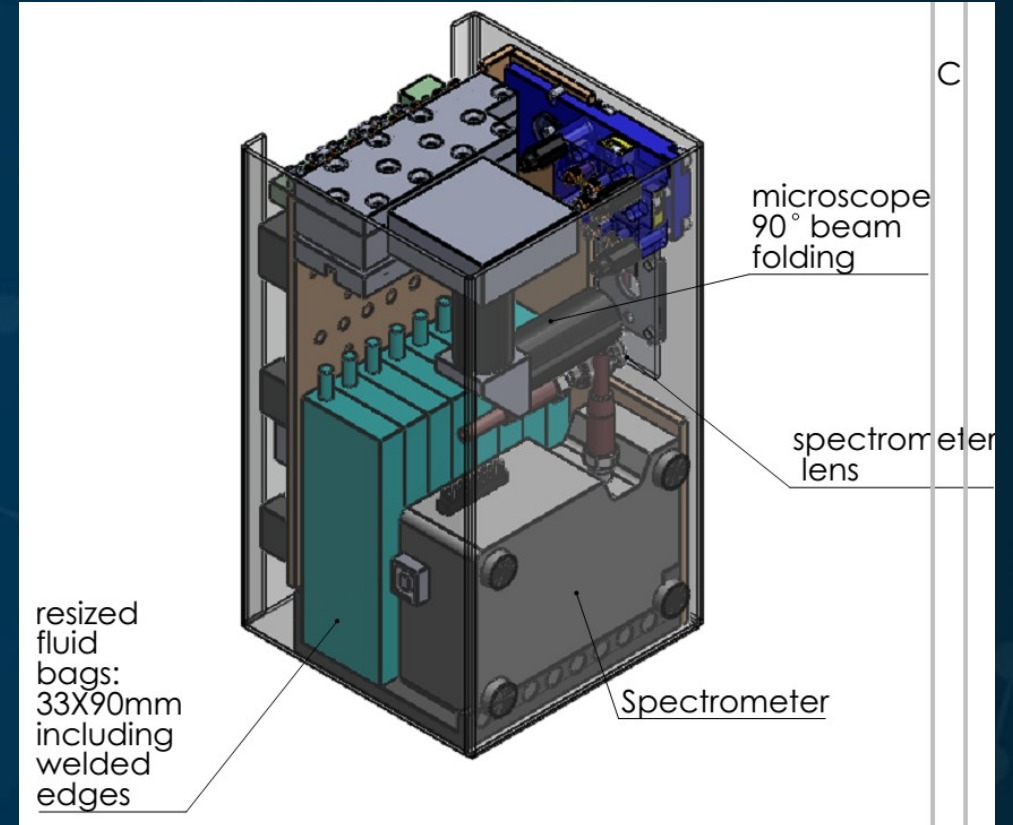
Back View:  
Pump



Side View:  
Pumps & Pump/LED  
Electronics

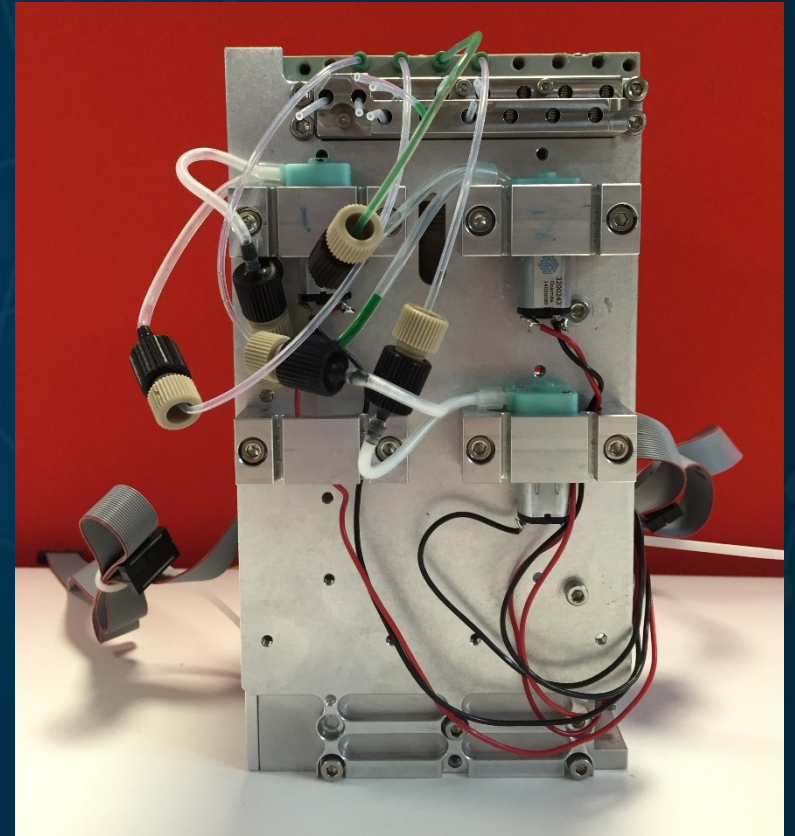
# Current Capabilities – Inside the lab

- Microscope with 1x-8x magnification
- Spectrometer – range 300nm-1000nm
- Visible and UV LED light
- Temperature control of the chip to  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 10mL reservoir bags
- Smooth or pulsating flow pumps
- Chips
  - Mixing - chemical and bio-chemical reactions, colloidal chemistry
  - Droplet creation – foam and emulsion stability
  - Cell/Bacteria/Yeast culture



# Fluid Handling System

- Contains up to 6 pumps with 8 reservoir bags (6 inlets and 2 outlets)
- Chip holder for plug-and-play changing of chips
- Environmental control of chip
  - Enables biological experiments
- Software to operate pumps and perform end-to-end experiments



# Scientist Front-end Software

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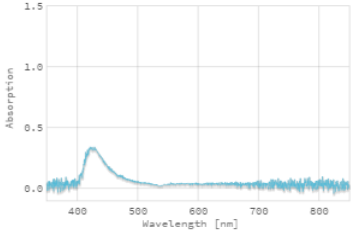
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Absorption

Wavelength [nm]

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## Peptide Self Assembly | Complete Summary

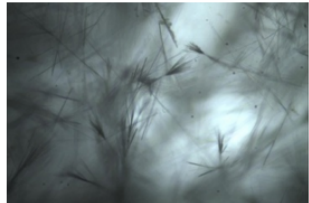
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The proposed experiment will examine the self-assembly process of a short peptide into ordered microstructures under microgravity conditions.

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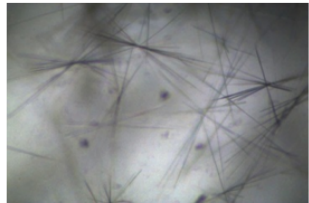
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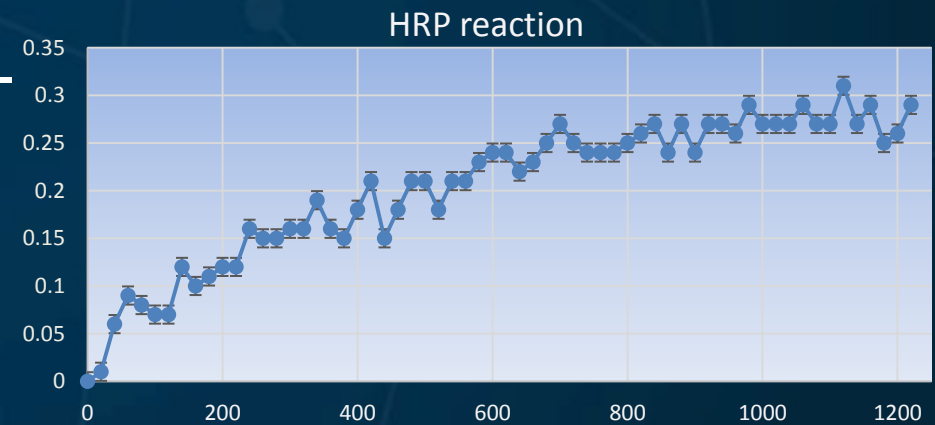
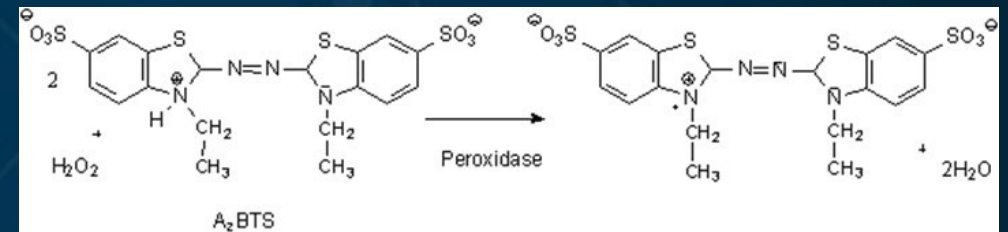
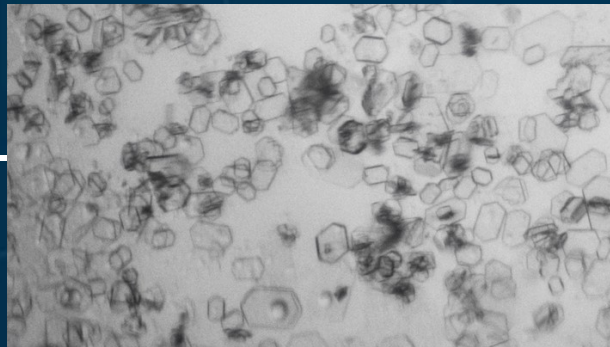
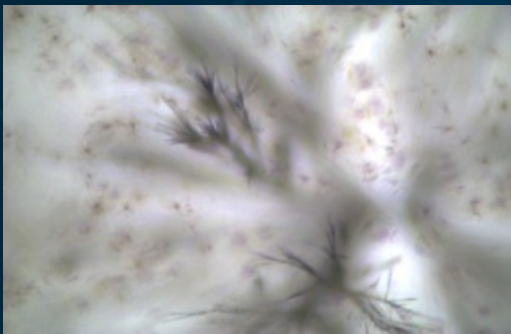
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# Current Microgravity Research at SpacePharma

- Preliminary feasibility studies have shown the ability of SpacePharma SPmgLab to perform microgravity research in the following fields:

- Colloidal chemistry: crystal growth
- Self-assembling of macromolecules
- Enzymatic reactions
- Bacterial growth



# Status

- Ground station : April 2016
- ITU frequencies : May 2016
- First satellite launch: May 2016
- First parabolic flight: August 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> satellite launch: August 2016



Ground Station Switzerland



Ground Simulator



Parabolic Flight



DIDO-I







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