

The new *SpaceLand Center* in Mauritius : benefits for African and Asian Countries



Incubating the Future, in Microgravity

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Kids, elderly, people with disabilities:



***anyone* can be *actively engaged* in
educational & techno-scientific
innovation in *microgravity***

Record-breaking crew-members selected among the general public, trained and brought to fly by SpaceLand team led by former ESA-zero-gravity test engineer and Space Station MIR European Technology Experiments Coordinator Doct. Carlo Viberti for *biomedicine, technology and/or bioengineering* experiments commissioned by Nobel-Prize-winner led groups, taking off from the NASA Space Shuttle L.F. (Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida)

World's youngest kid as research test subject in zero-gravity: 11 yrs old

11-year-old Kim Marco Viberti flew in 2008 as test subject for neurobiological sampling experiments related to studies on neuropathologies such as the Alzheimer's syndrome, commissioned to SpaceLand by the European Brain Research Institute led by dr. Rita Levi Montalcini (Nobel Prize winner), Italian State Health Institute (ISS), Italian State Research Center (CNR) and University of Milan (I); results reported in scientific paper issued for the European Low Gravity Research Association's Congress in Bonn (D).



Left : free-flying break between sampling, right: interview by Italian State TV "TG1" prime news report

World's oldest man in zero-gravity: 93 yrs old

93 year old man, flying as test subject for bioengineering experiments commissioned by the Don Gnocchi Science Foundation's Bioengineering Center of Milan (image from CNN TV news report)



Images show footages from CNN TV reports

World's 1st disabled for technology tests in zero-g

100% disabled woman as test operator for hand-free ICT control systems commissioned by AIDA Modena ("Informatic tools for disabled and elderly")



Footage showing Elma operating at the SpaceLand technology payload rack, broadcasted by the Italian State TV "RAI2" and Mediaset TG 4 news reports

First non-US citizen taking off from NASA Space Shuttle L.F.

SpaceLand Flight Mission Commander **Eng. Doct. Carlo Viberti** is the **1st non-U.S. citizen** authorized to take off for microgravity research flights from the NASA Kennedy Space Center. He has been formally proposed by the *Head of the Italian Space Agency* to fly as **1st Astronaut-Engineer** on the *first sub-orbital research flight campaigns*. The program has been presented with guest lectures in Oxford at the 1st UK Space Agency's workshop on microgravity and the 1st Space Commerce Summit in 2013 in London with NASA



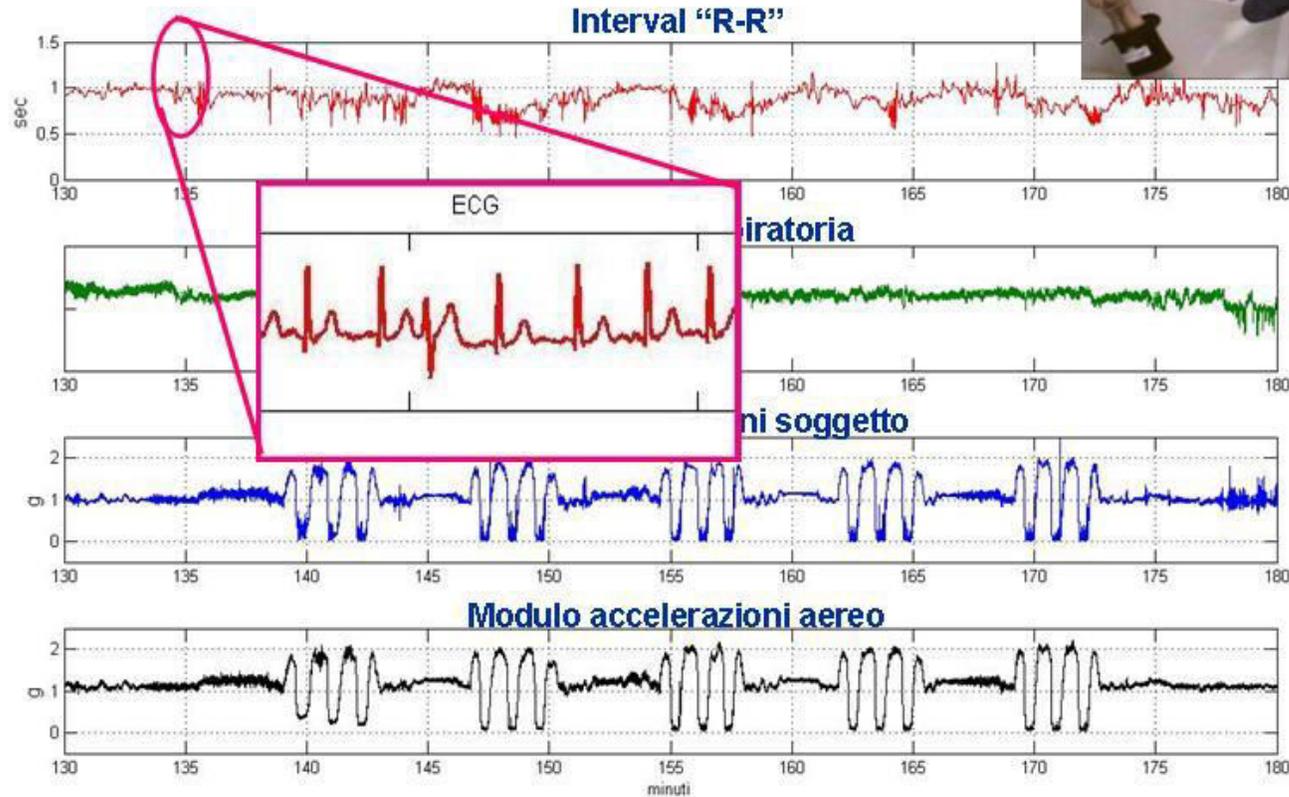
Left: footage from RAI and Swiss State TV; right: Viberti with Space Shuttle pilot Rick Searfars.

SpaceLand / Carlo Viberti have been awarded, inter alia, the following prizes:

- . European "EOS" Award for Innovation Policy, by the European Commission
- . Prize "Torre di Castruccio" - Gold Medal by the President of the Republic of Italy
- . Prize "Etica ed Impresa" by Italy's Federmanagement and AssoQuadri associations
- . Italian Aeronautics and Astronautics Association Award
- . Finalist rank for Italy's ConfCommercio "Innovation Prize"



SpaceLand's micro-g ECG on 93-yr-old subject



93-year-old test subject ECG during SpaceLand research flight April 28, 2007 in Mars-G, Moon-G, 0-g
jointly with Polo Tecnologico Fondaz. Don Gnocchi Milano Italy

Bio-garment zero-G qualified by SpaceLand
and utilized since 2015 by the astronauts
on the International Space Station

NGF, BDNF AND CORTISOL LEVELS DURING PARABOLIC FLIGHT

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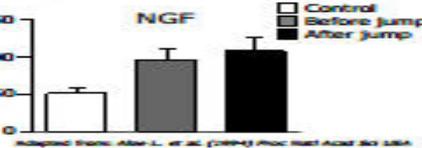
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...studied polypeptide growth factor...
 ...in the central nervous system NGF...
 ...neurons (mainly cholinergic and...
 ...rate in disorders, such as Alzheimer's...
 ...rely more frequent due to the longer...
 ...more recently, NGF target cells have...
 ...one, and endocrine systems, and an...
 ...that NGF, in addition to its role as a...
 ...rough multiple paths to ultimately...
 ...behavioural coping.

...mouse model of social stress to...
 ...use both in plasma and in the...
 ...aggressive interactions and more...
 ...F levels both in plasma and in some...
 ...hippocampus and hypothalamus, of...
 ...microgravity (2g).



...THE BLOOD OF PARACHUTISTS...
 ...BEFORE AND AFTER JUMPING



...stress related to a space mission...
 ...levels of NGF preceding the hormonal

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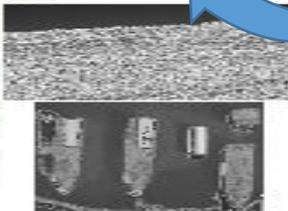


...of gravitational environment in developing mice" to 28

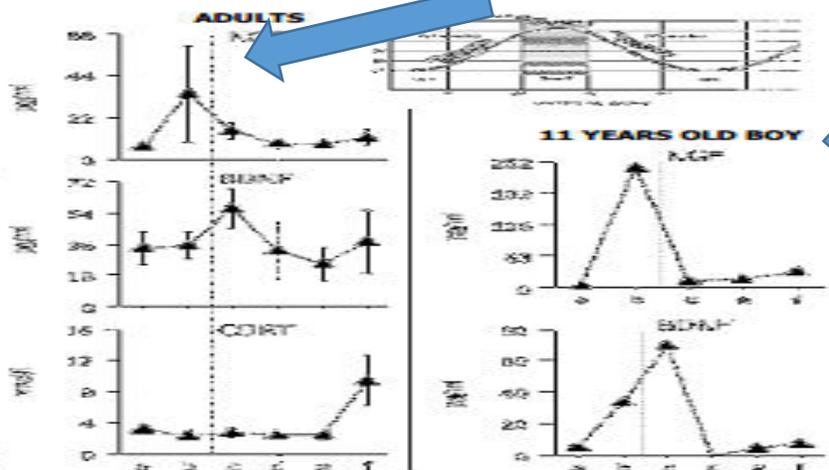
EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

Saliva samples were self-collected by the experimental subjects (nine adults and a 11 years old boy) using Salivette kits (Sarstedt, Aktiengesellschaft & Co., D-51588 Nümbrecht, Germany) before, during and after the parabolic flight. Saliva was collected by chewing on a cotton rolls for 2-3 min and returned to transport vial. Samples were stored frozen at -70°C until assay.

Saliva was assayed for nerve growth factor (NGF), brain derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) and cortisol (CORT) levels.



SALIVARY LEVELS OF NGF, BDNF AND CORT MEASURED DURING THE PARABOLIC FLIGHT



CONCLUSION

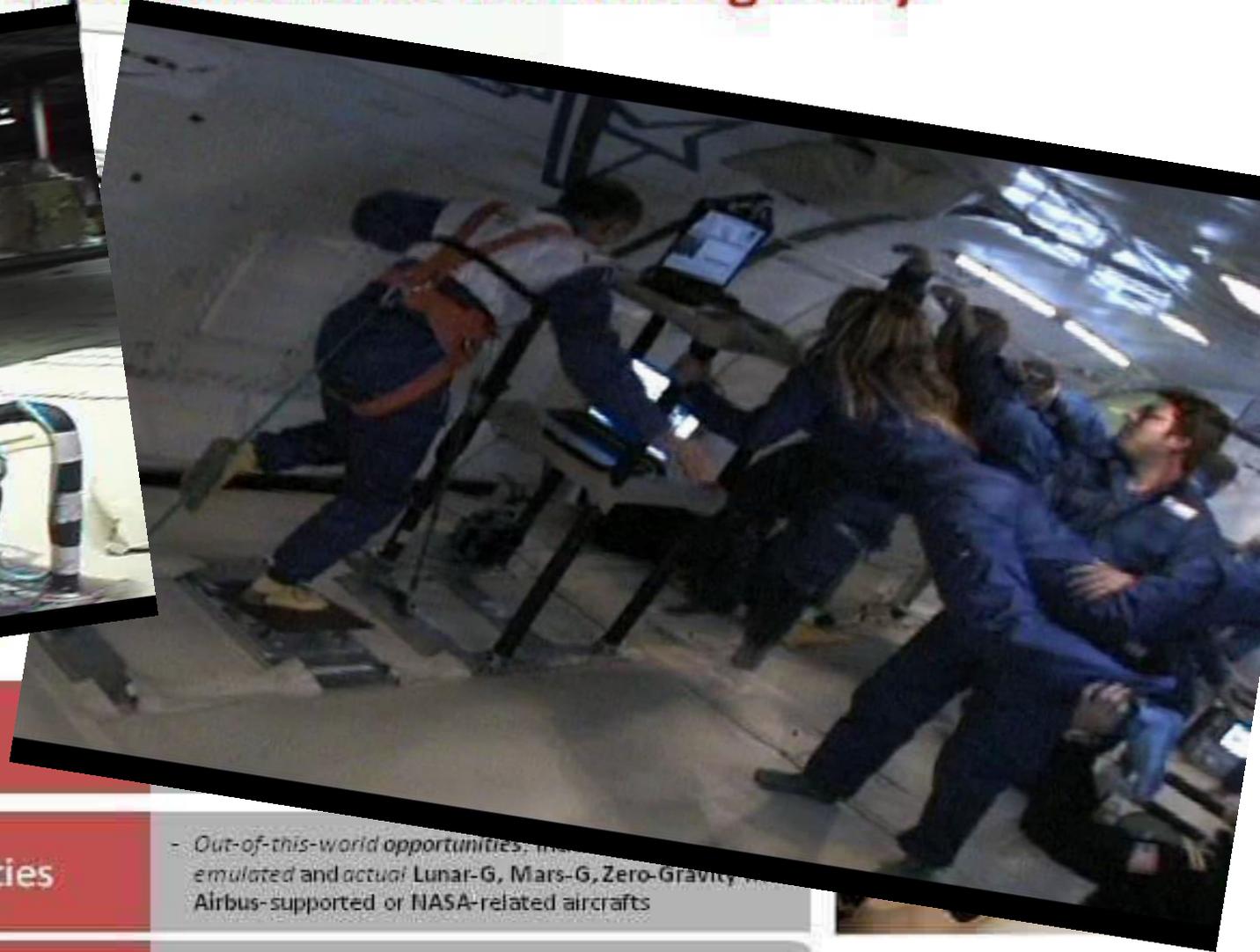
In agreement with previous studies on parachutists and on astronaut experiencing stress related to skydiving and space mission, experimental subjects showed an increase in salivary levels of NGF and BDNF only during specific phases of the flight. Moreover, individual as well as age-related differences have been observed. These data confirm the role of NGF and BDNF in the adaptive response to "extreme situations" involving psychological stress.

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Implementing the first Center of Excellence for Microgravity

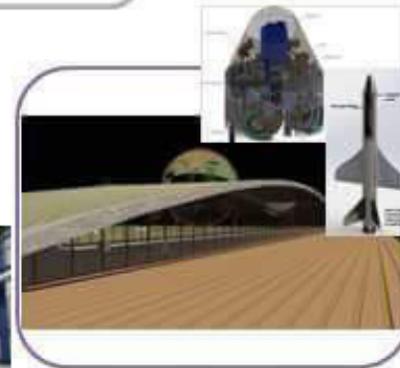
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inside the chosen land



System requirements analysis
and architectural concepts



Preliminary design of 22 facilities
(completed, 0.75 M EUR invested)



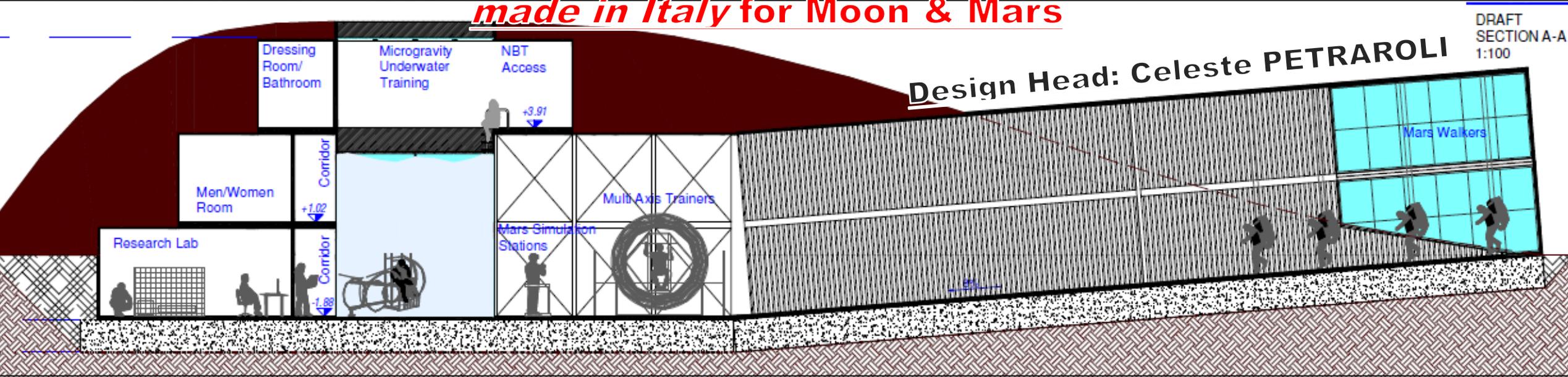
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and detailed design
(within the next year)



Construction and start of
operations (within the next 2 years)

**Business plan sized for 165,000 visitors/year,
facilities dimensioned for up to 400,000/year**

**Renewable energies, recycled materials, «near 0» consumption design,
made in Italy for Moon & Mars**



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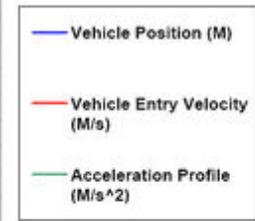
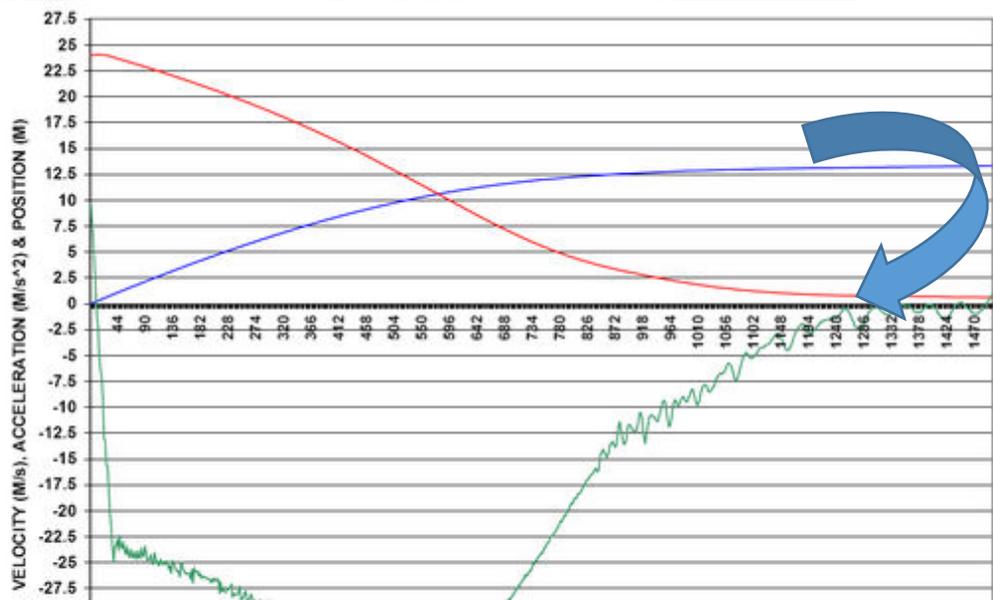
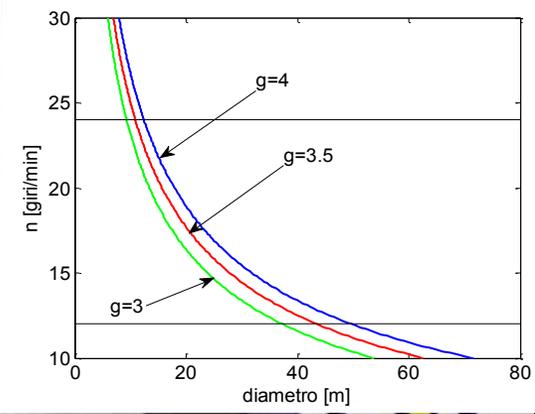
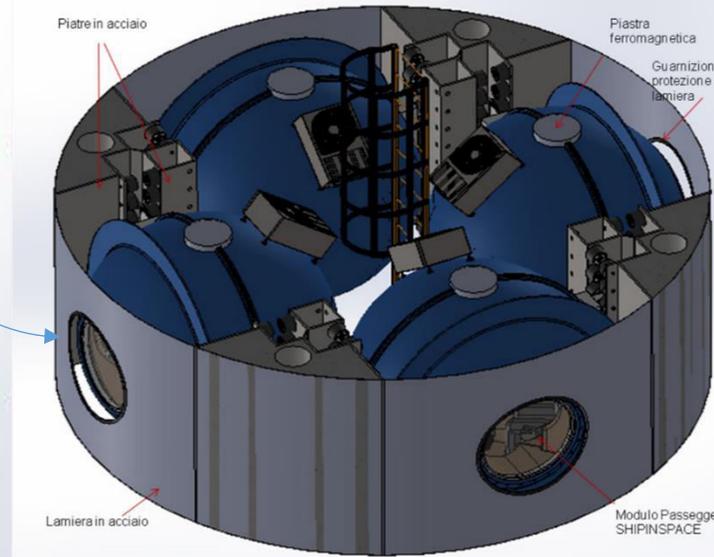
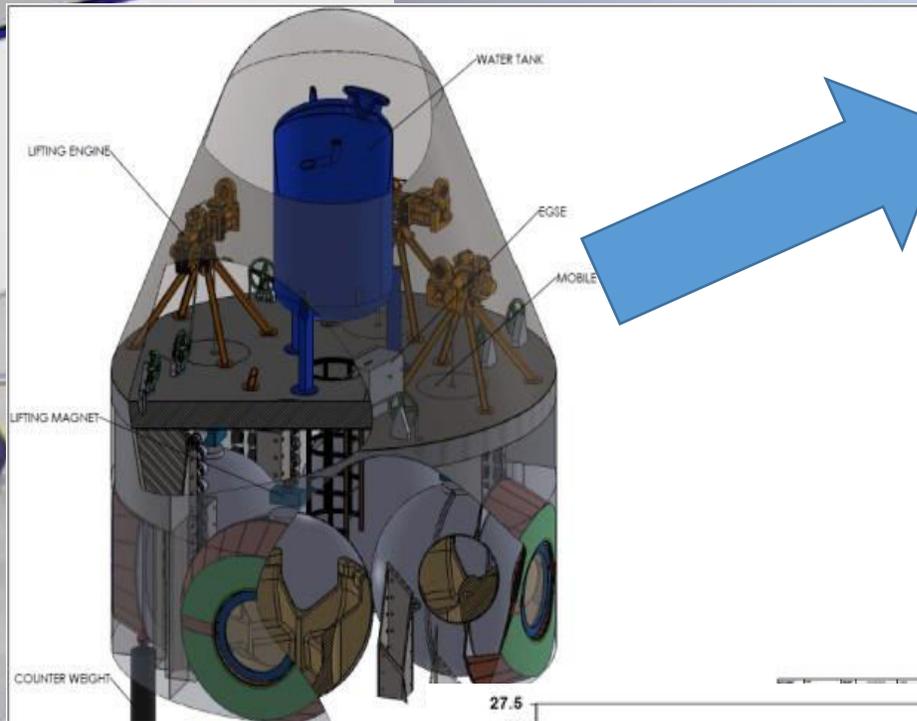
Democratizing the access to innovation in microgravity:

addressing planetary exploration and Moon-G / Mars-G educational

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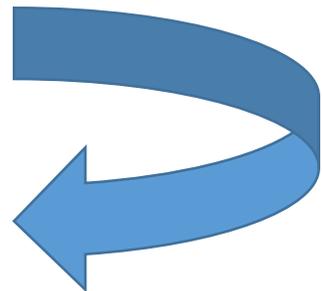
6-year ROE

Every \$ invested in *space centers* brings up to 7 \$ into local economy

besides.....



- R.O.E. (Return on equity) yearly
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- a) EBIT / Total of Investments
- Lineare (R.O.E. (Return on equity))



...SpaceLand is **NOT** a *standard* space center,
hardly accessible by the people,

rather, it is an

international Hub for Microgravity R&D

generating a new «**Space Economy**»

and preparing **any African** and **Asian**

for a **new future**, leading to the **Moon** and **Mars...**