

# agro-nutrition & health

WEBINAR

Choose Space for your Agro-nutrition & Health R&D!

JULY, 8<sup>TH</sup> 2021 - 3PM

DURATION 90'

ORGANIZERS

PARTNERS





## Agenda

- Overview (15')
  - MEDES and Connect by CNES
  - Announcement new market opportunity
  - Introduction of Clubster NSL and Role in Program
- Agro-Nutrition & Health Opportunities in Space (30')
  - Why Space?
  - Scientific Overview
  - Case Studies
  - Relevant Applications and Propositions
  - How Can You Engage?
  - Service Providers
- Panel Discussion (25')
- Q&A (20')



# Introduction of Connect by CNES and Medes

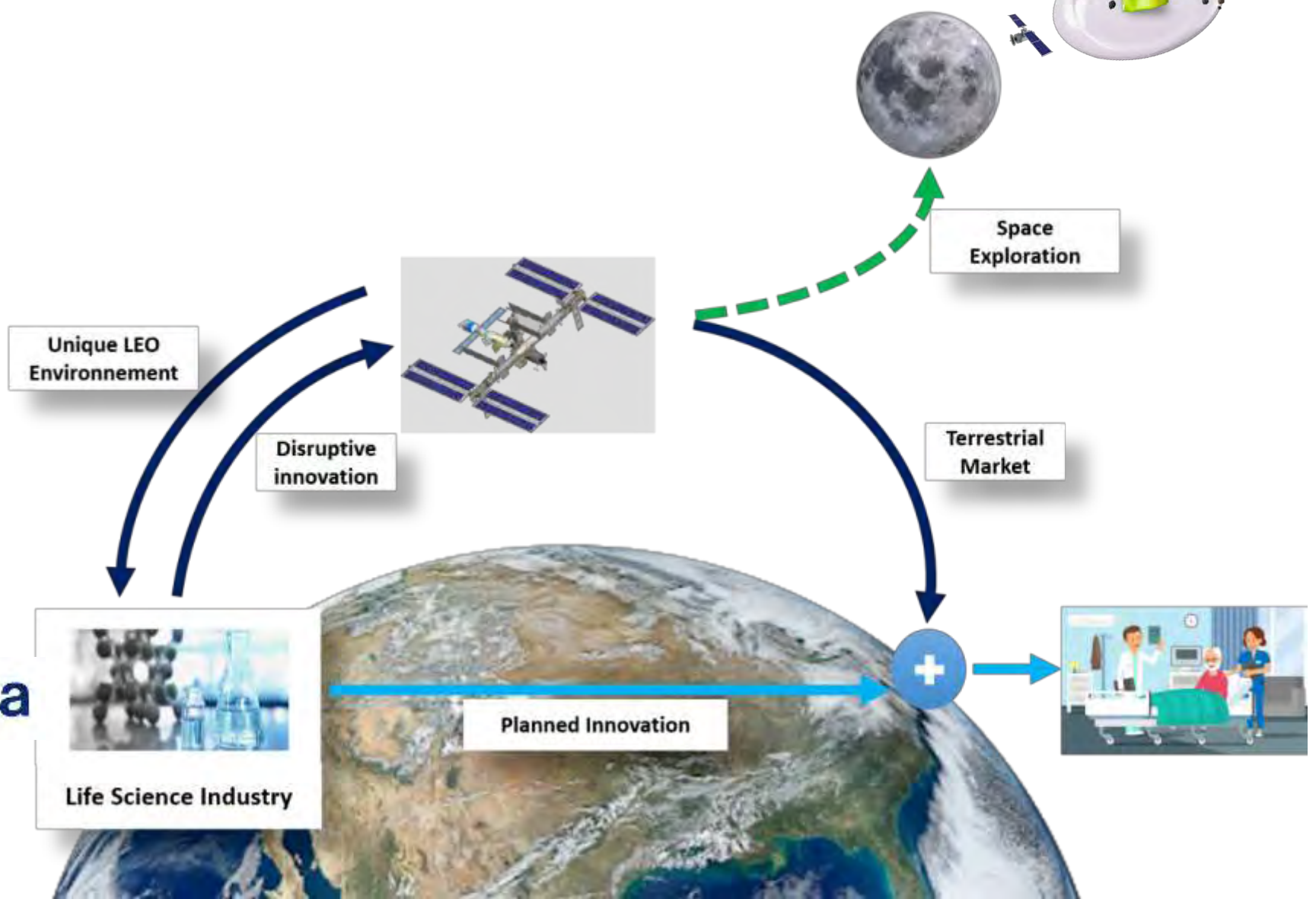




# agro-nutrition & health

WEBINAR







## Medes

A hybrid organization – for space and health



Economic Group of Interest – Private but public members

Main members – CNES / Toulouse University Hospital, other French universities and hospitals



## Our missions

- Provide expertise & operational support in the field of space physiology and medicine for space agencies for manned spaceflight
- Support ground based clinical research
- Promote societal applications and innovations for space and health



## OPERATIONAL SUPPORT



Expertise for space medicine related aspects for manned spaceflights

## CLINICAL RESEARCH



Expertise & clinical research infrastructure  
Access to a large network of top-level medical experts at international level

## APPLICATIONS & INNOVATIONS FOR SPACE AND HEALTH



Bridging space (satellite-based services / space data and technologies & knowledge from space exploration) and health





## Connect by CNES Goals

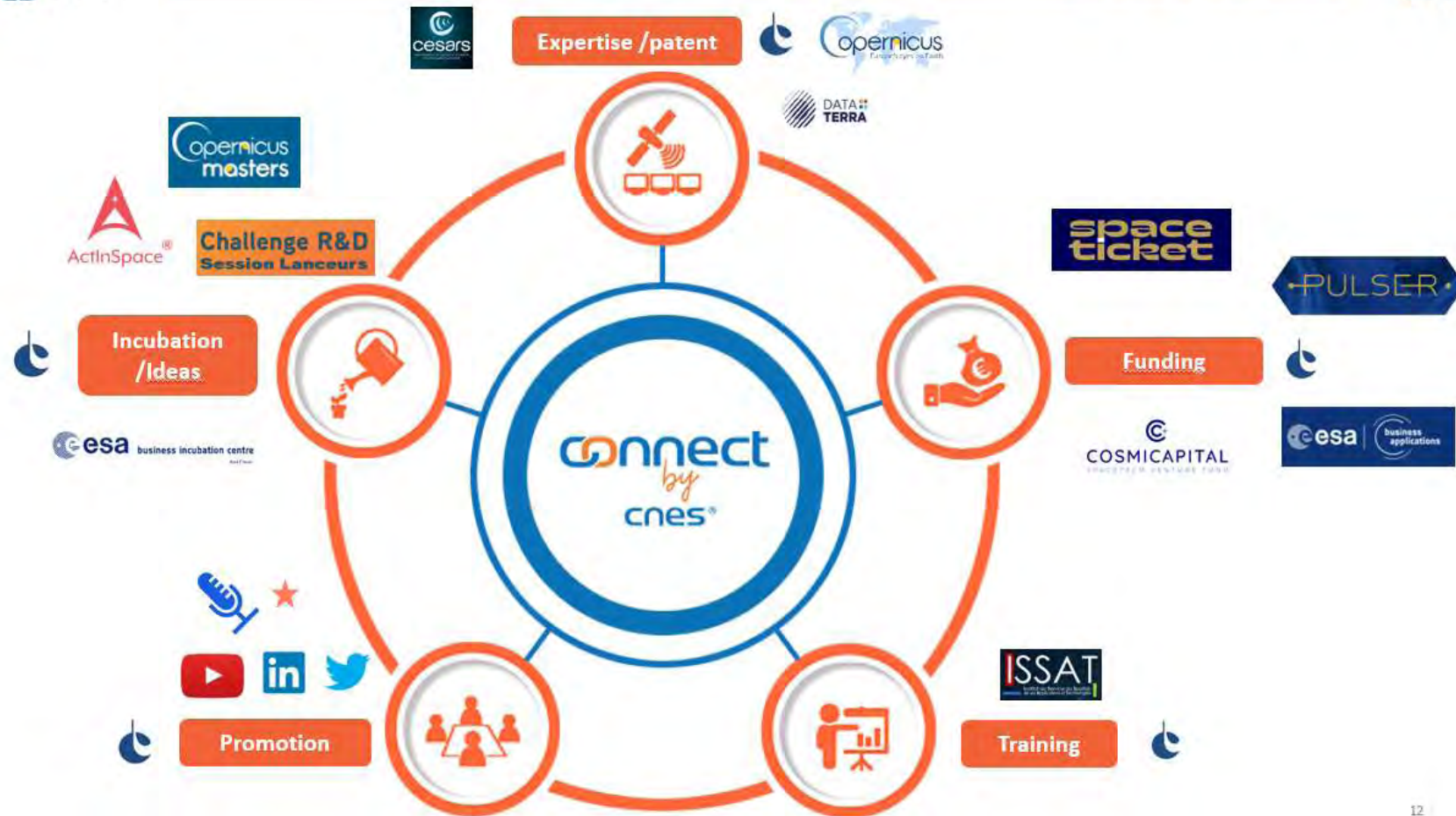
### Develop a new community of users

- In order to boost economic, societal and environmental development in France in particular by adding value through the use of satellite data and innovative services for the healthcare, environment and mobility sectors.





Our OFFER





# Introduction of Clubster NSL



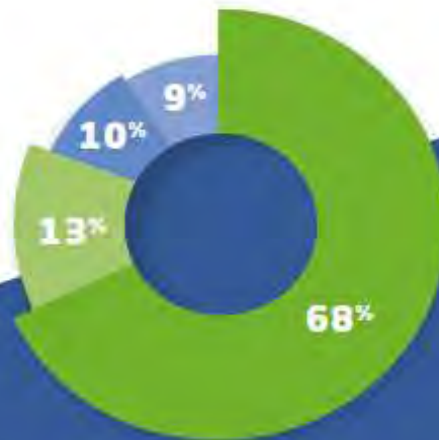
# CLUBSTER NHL : WHERE THE HEALTH AND FOOD SECTORS CONVERGE



THE 1ST PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Of industrials, academics,  
healthcare and nutrition  
professionals in Hauts-de-France.

Clubster NHL includes a group of stakeholders with complementary profiles in the fields of **nutrition** and **human, animal and plant health**.



#### TYPOLOGY OF MEMBERS:

- Companies **68%**
- Innovation partners **13%**
- Academic, technical centers and training bodies **10%**
- Care institutions **9%**



#### MEMBER ACTIVITY SECTORS:

- Agro-nutrition **30%**
- MedTech-hospitech **25%**
- Biotech-pharma **22%**
- Healthy ageing **13%**
- Digital health **10%**

+300 MEMBERS

## OUR MISSION

---

**Federate and stimulate health and nutrition actors in the conception, the development and the funding of innovation.**



**INNOVATION**



**NETWORKING**



**DEVELOPEMENT**

# KEY PROJECTS AND TOPICS

---

## AGRO-NUTRITION & HEALTH KEY TOPICS

- One Health : link between Plant , animal and human health
- Microbiota and associated research fields
- Omics technologies, personalized nutrition & health
- Food, feed, functional ingredients and formulation
- Chronic diseases : prevention and treatment (obesity, diabetes...)

...



# CLUBSTER NHL AS CO-ORGANISER OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



- The leading European partnering event for early-stage innovation deals and investment rounds in the field of **Life Sciences**



- NutrEvent is dedicated to **innovation in Food, Feed, Nutrition and Health**. It aims at identifying industrial, scientific, commercial and financial partners for your R&D projects and innovations



- AgeingFit is the European event fostering innovation for **well-being in older-age**.



- With 700 international participants from 25+ countries, MedFIT is your opportunity to connect with international key innovators in the **MedTech, diagnostic and digital health sectors**.



# Overview of LEO





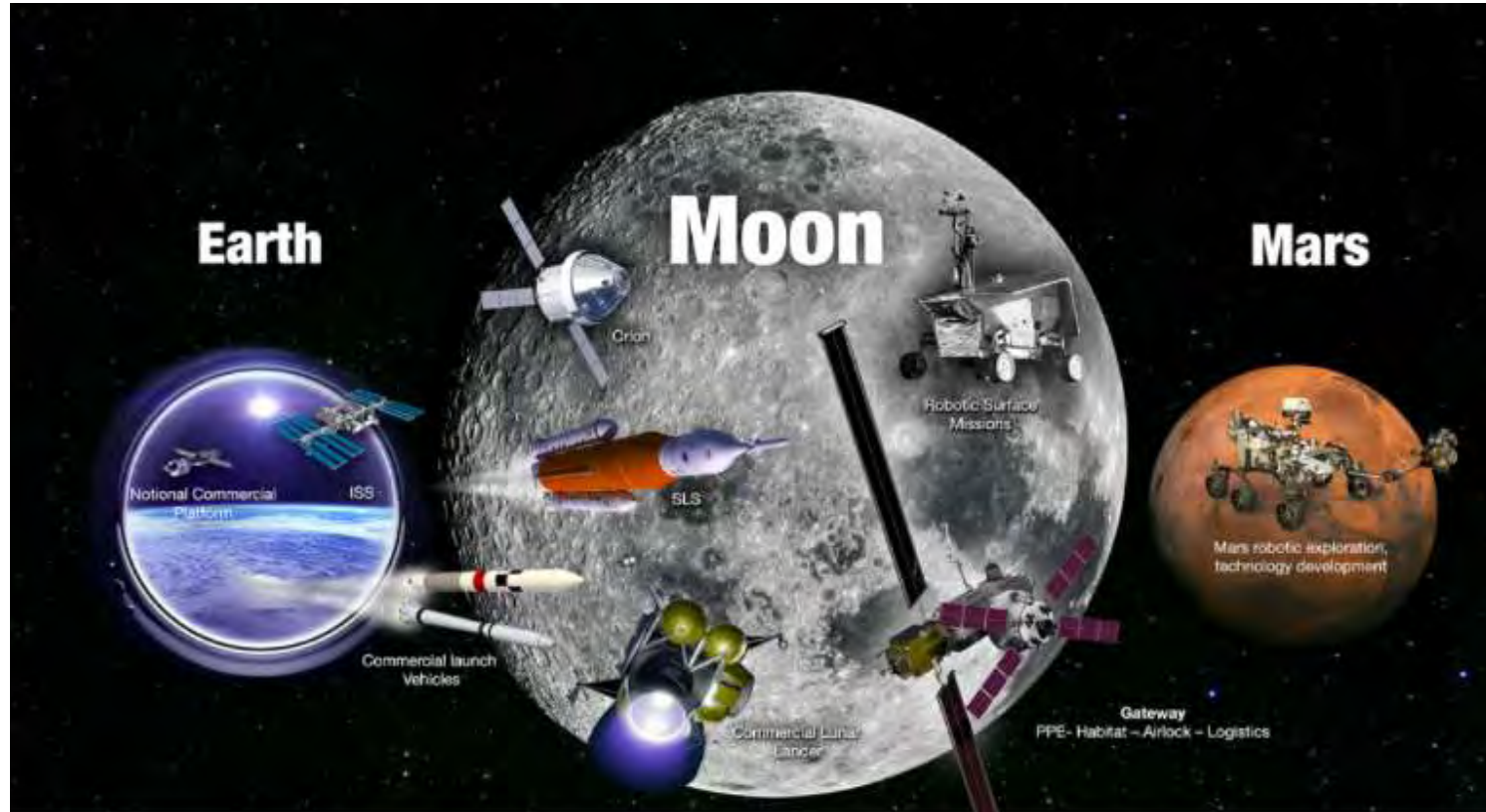


# The Opportunity: International Space Station and Low Earth Orbit is Open for Business

- **New Science and Innovation** – Higher Quality R&D and Manufactured Products
- **Commercial Opportunity** – Incremental Revenue, New Product Offerings, Attract Funding
- **Marketing and Branding** – Capitalize on the PR Opportunities



# Space Continuum



**In LEO**  
Commercial & International  
partnerships

**In Cislunar Space**  
A return to the moon for  
long-term exploration

**On Mars**  
Research to inform future  
crewed missions

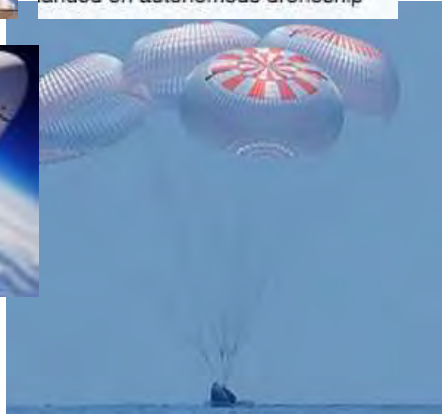
## Traditional Focus on Supply Side



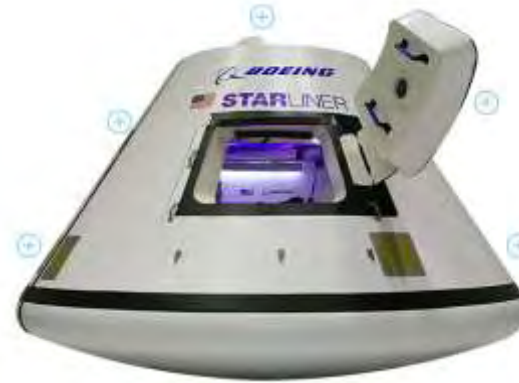
SpaceX



First stage of Falcon 9 Flight 23 landed on autonomous droneship



Boeing



Sierra Nevada



Sierra Nevada Corp's Dream Chaser

Axiom



Axiom announces crew for first private ISS mission

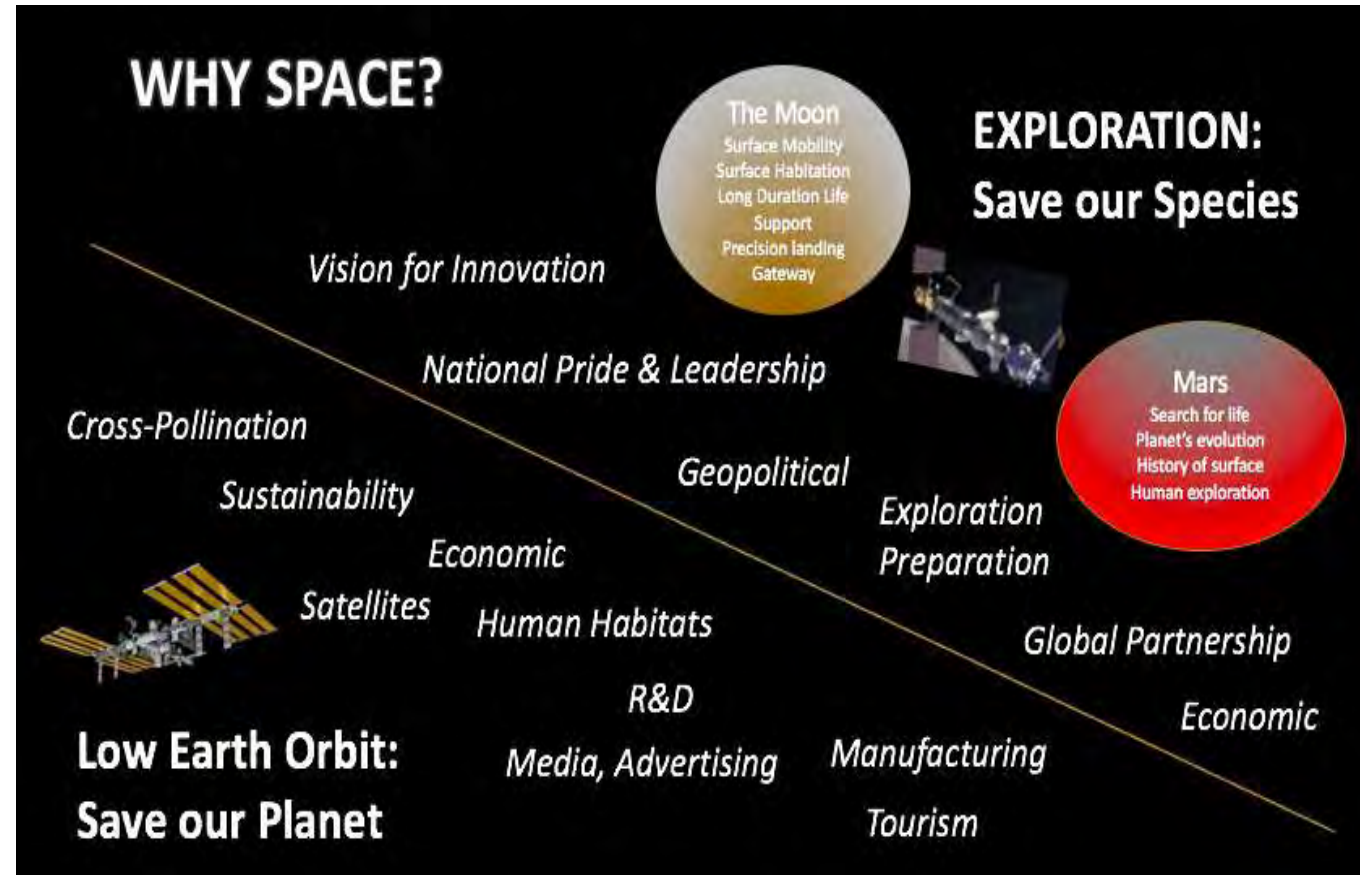


Concept by Sierra Nevada Corp. for a commercial space station using inflatable module technology. It is envisioned and serviced by Dream Chaser spacecraft. Credit: STC.



## But What About Demand? Why Space?

- Formulation of novel materials and better manufacturing processes
- Broad-based sustainability programs focused on: climate change, plastics in the ocean, water scarcity, sustainable crop production, and energy conservation.
- Better drug delivery systems: increased access of therapies
- Accelerated disease modeling: aging and chronic disease
- Regenerative medicine: repair, restore, or replace damaged tissues and organs
- Crop science: indoor/vertical agriculture, water management, and beneficial bacteria
- Remote sensing and satellite technology capability: maritime security, weather monitoring, agriculture monitoring, energy, urban development, and national security





## Broader Benefits from Space-Based Activity

### Economic

- ✓ New Job Creation
- ✓ New Revenue
- ✓ Accelerated Time to Market
- ✓ Cost Saving

### Innovation/Science

- ✓ Innovation Pathways
- ✓ Published Papers and Citations
- ✓ Patents
- ✓ Ideation Volume

### Humankind/Social

- ✓ Quality of Life
- ✓ Environmental Impact
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Lives Saved



## Currently there is Extensive Commercial and Scientific LEO Activity



### Life Science & Crop Science

### Consumer Products & Industrial

### Technology & Communications

### Sustainability

- Drug Discovery & Development
- Cellular Biology
- Regenerative Medicine
- Accelerated Disease Models
- Manufacturing & Optimization

- In Orbit Manufacturing
- Accelerated Degradation
- Material Synthesis
- Combustion
- Transport Phenomena
- Interfacial Phenomena

- VR/AR/AI
- Optics/Photonics
- Robotics
- Autonomous Systems
- Data Imagery
- IOT

- Climate Change
- CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration
- Ocean Health
- Water Efficiency
- Energy
- Mobility



## Benefitting Research Areas and Industries

### Research:

- Plant Science
- Materials Science
- Chemistry
- Fluid Dynamics
- Earth Science
- Remote Sensing
- Technology Demonstration
- Disease Modeling
- Cell Biology
- Genomics

### Industries:

- Food & Beverage
- Raw Materials
- Consumer Products
- High Tech
- Industrial Materials
- Pharmaceuticals
- Aerospace
- BioTech
- CleanTech
- Energy



# Coalition Support for Social Responsibility and Sustainability Programs



Coalition  
Management and  
Support

Focused on Large  
Issues like Climate  
Change &  
Sustainability

Using X-Prize type  
Open Innovation  
Competitions





## Scientific Benefits of LEO





## Microgravity

**Microgravity**, weightlessness, alters observable phenomenon within the physical and life sciences. Microgravity influences cell behavior, organism health, fluid physics, combustion, and various processes across the physical and life science.





## Extreme Conditions



Extreme Environmental Conditions of space include extreme thermal cycling, atomic oxygen, ultra-high vacuum, debris impacts and high energy radiation.



## Vantage Point

The ISS offers a unique vantage point at about 400km overhead in Low Earth Orbit (LEO). The orbital path of the ISS covers about 90% of the Earth's population every few days and provides unique spatial resolution and variable light conditions.





## Crystallization

Larger more ordered structures can be obtained in microgravity

- Microgravity Molecular Crystal Growth (MMCG)
- New targets for significant diseases
- Drug discovery, formulation and delivery
- Biomarker discovery

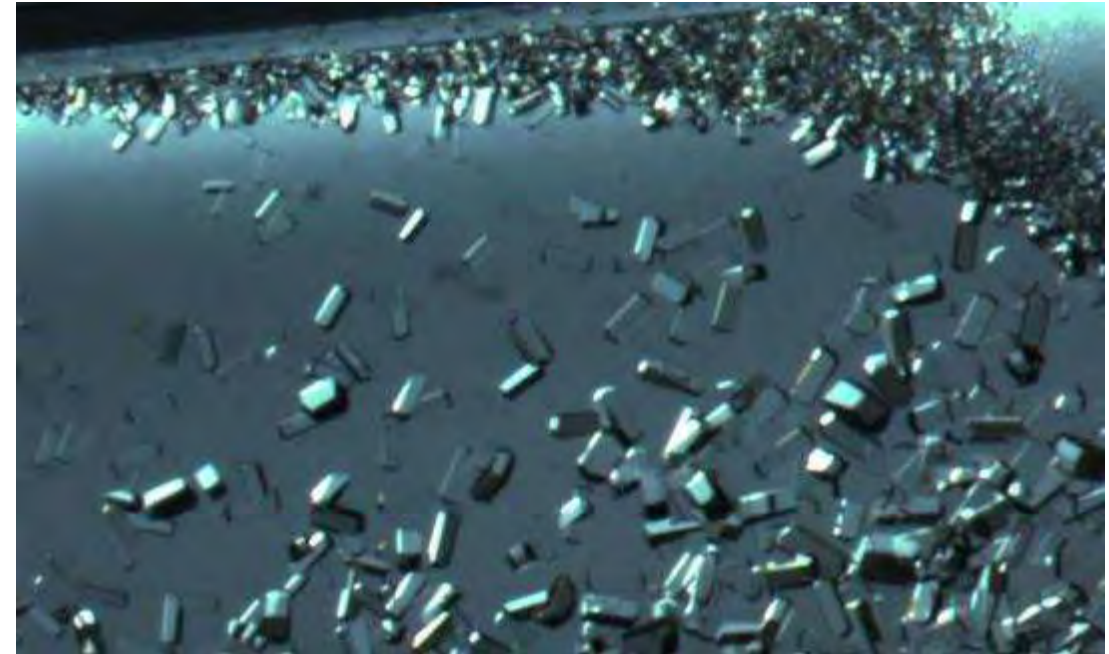


Image courtesy of phys.gov and Lawrence DeLuca.



## Cell Biology

Microgravity effects cell's behavior, gene expression, and allows 3D structures to form without the use of a scaffolding or matrix

- Tissue-on-Chips
- 3D Cell Culture
- 3D Bio-printing
- Stem Cells
- Regenerative Medicine



Image courtesy of Science.



## Microorganisms

The diffusion driven environment of space induces changes in the behavior and virulence of microorganisms

- Bacteria
- Fungus
- Viruses
- Biofilms





## Disease Models

Microgravity induces changes in the human body and cells that mimic age related diseases

- Muscle & bone loss
- Immune dysfunction
- Cancer Tumors
- Organoids
- Model organisms - rodents

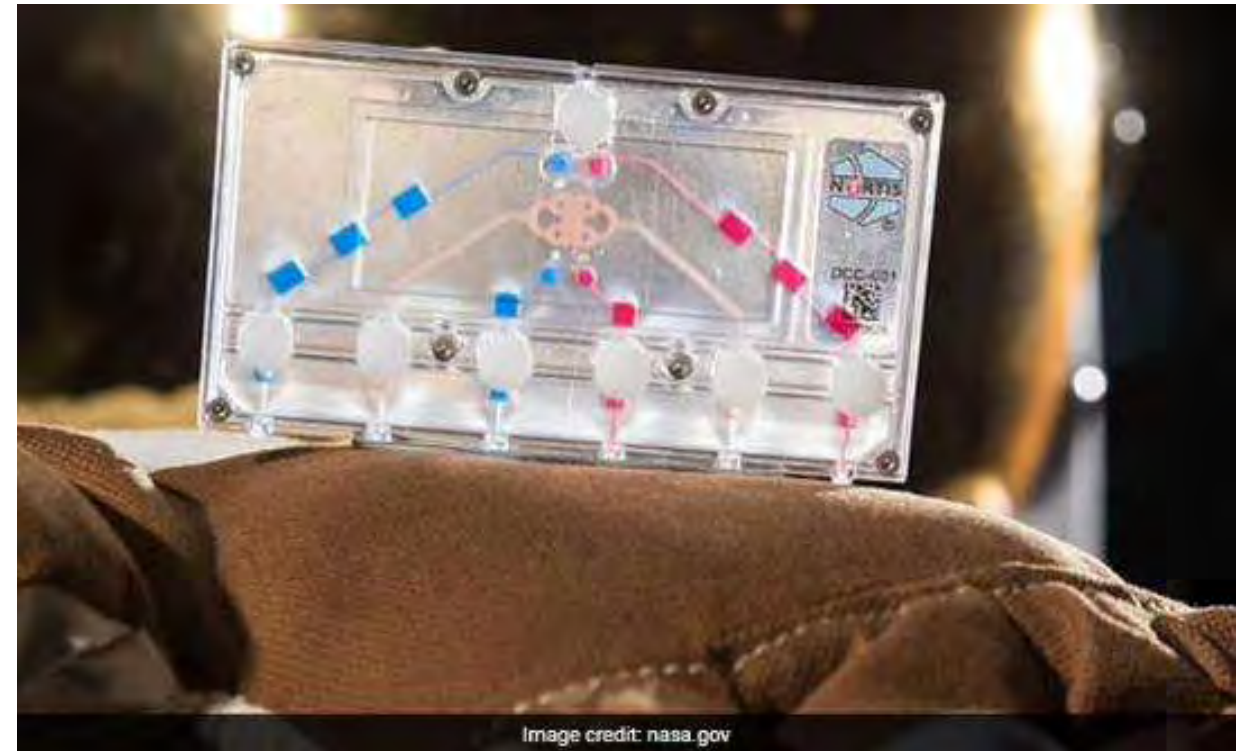


Image credit: nasa.gov





## Plant Science

Microgravity can be used to probe mechanisms to understand how terrestrial plants respond to gravity and activates stress response in plants

- Plant growth
- Plant Stress
- Plant/microbe interaction
- Crop monitoring
- Water monitoring

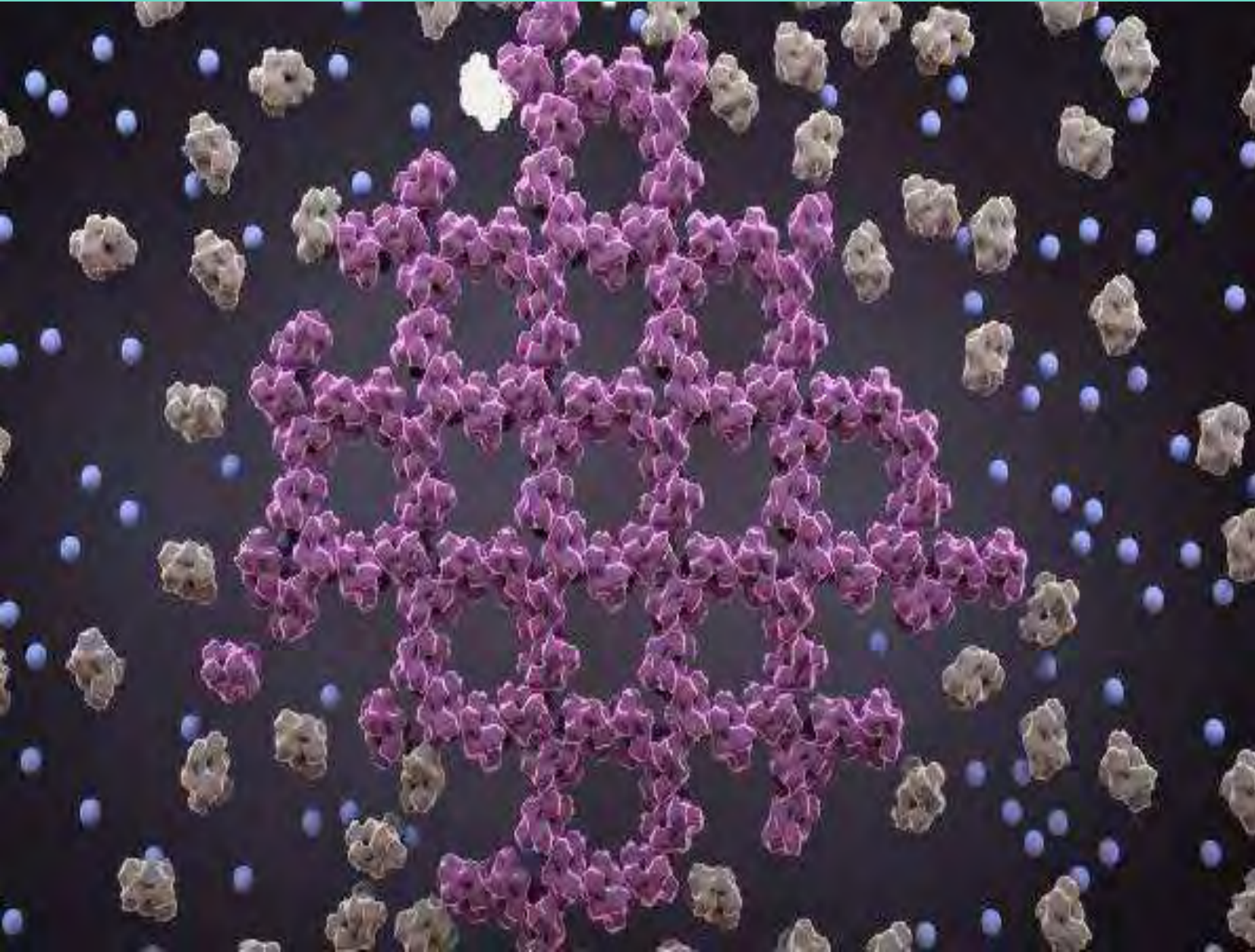




## Materials Synthesis

More ordered material structures can be developed in microgravity

- Polymers
- Biomaterials
- Composites
- Ceramics
- Metals
- Semiconductors





## Property Measurements & Behavior

Critical properties of materials and systems can be measured more accurately in microgravity leading to more exact design models

- Thermophysical Properties
- Transport & Modeling Coefficients
- Phase Transitions





## Fluid Dynamics & Transport Phenomena

Unique fluid behavior in microgravity can allow for easier studies of:

- Multiphase Flows
- Capillary Flow
- Diffusion
- Surface Tension
- Separation and Agglomeration
- Interfacial Behavior



## Reaction Chemistry

Lack of gravitational forces can influence:

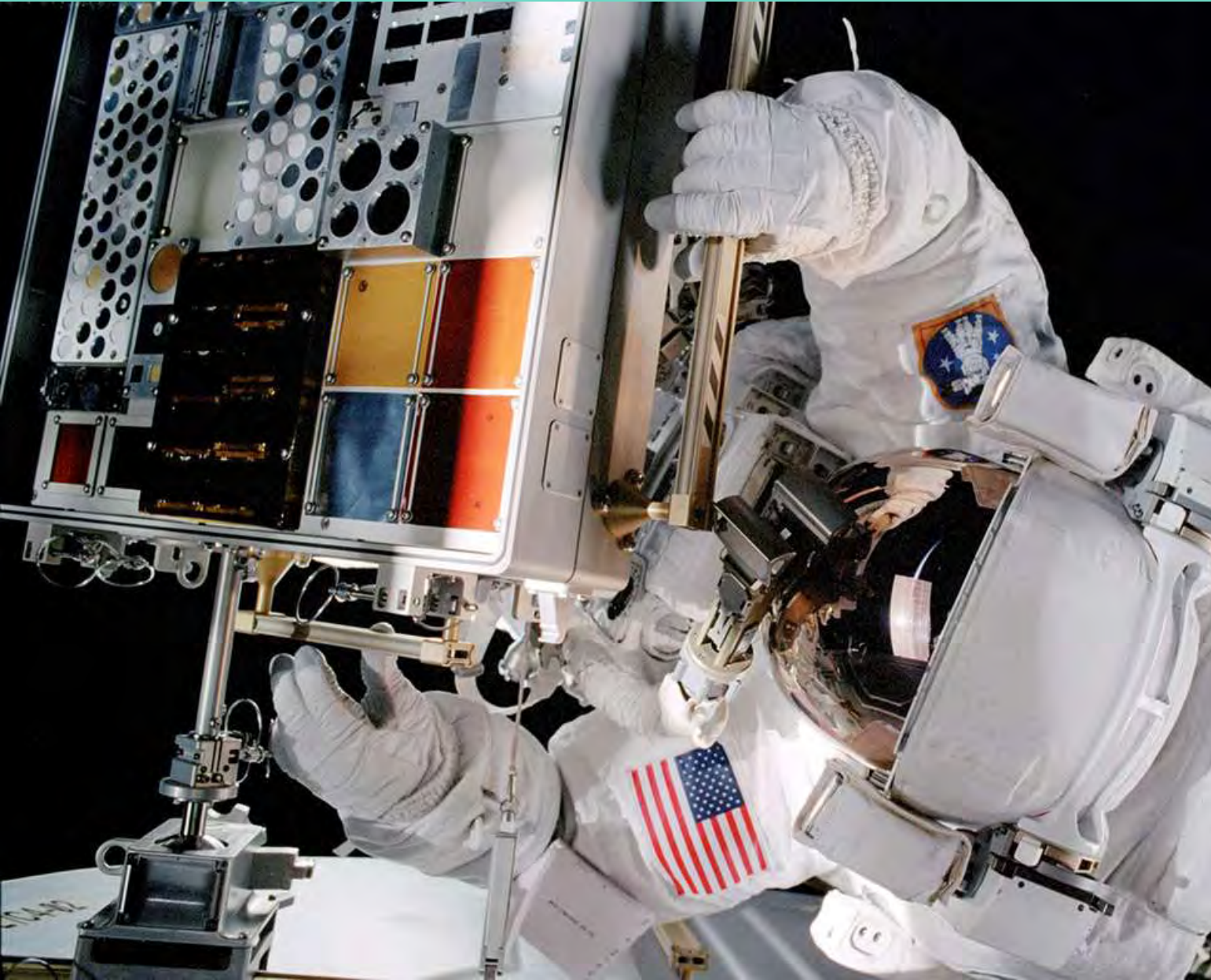
- Chemical Product Formulation
  - Flow
  - Batch
- Mixing Behavior
- Combustion





## External Materials Testing

- The extreme conditions of space provide the ultimate platform for materials testing:
  - Degradation
  - Corrosion
  - Other Failure Modes
- Degradation process occurs orders of magnitude faster than on Earth





## Remote Sensing

- Vantage point of ISS provides opportunity to collect important data sets (regional, continental, global)
- Sensing Options:
  - Visible/Hyperspectral
  - Infrared
  - RADAR
  - RF
- Data Applications:
  - Sustainability
  - Climate Change
  - Planet Health
  - Raw Materials
  - Mapping

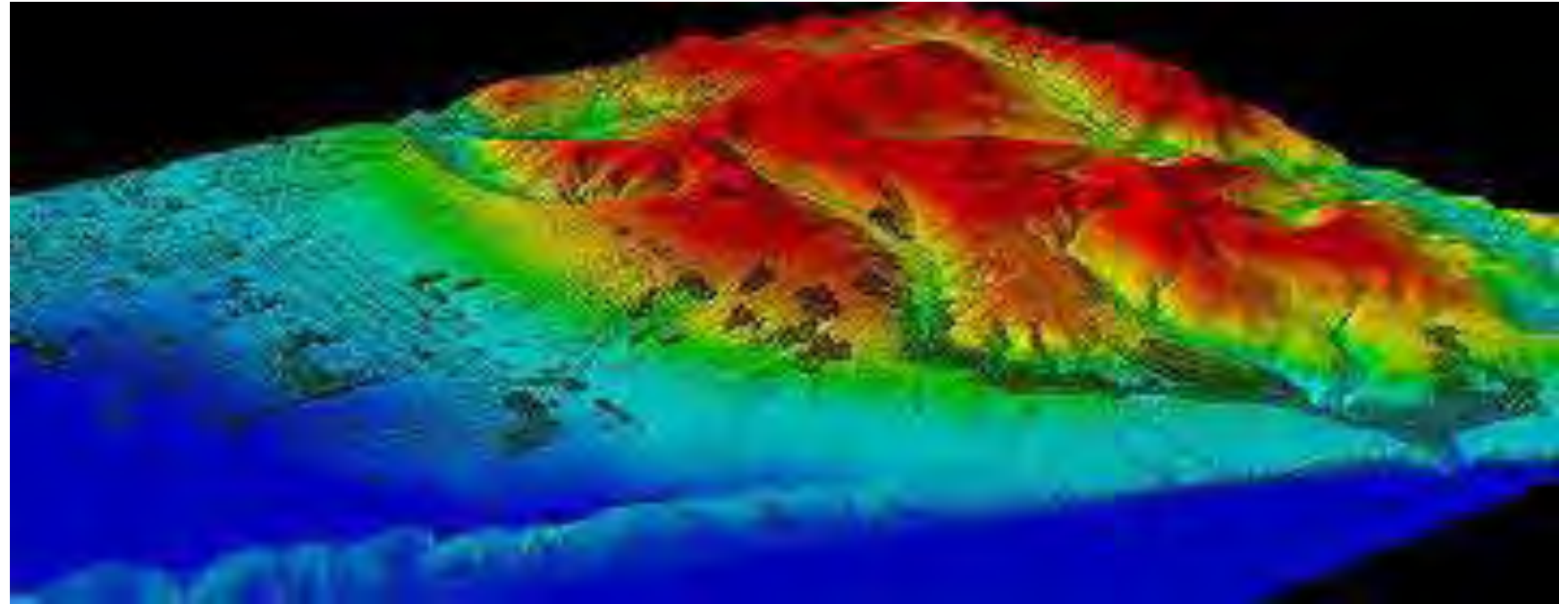


Image courtesy of NOAA



## Examples of Flight Projects







## Biofilm Thickness & Corrosion – ChampionX

- Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC) causes \$0.5-1.5T in damages and lost revenue annually, mostly in oil & gas industries
- Driving forces behind MIC risk: number of cells, total mass, and thickness of film
- The microgravity environment enables these factors to increase in biofilms
- Can determine if these thicker films lead to more corrosion in carbon steel

*Why Space: Biofilms grow significantly faster and larger in microgravity, compared to what can be grown on Earth. This provides a much better platform to determine the extent of biofilm growth on surfaces*

*Value Impact: Reduction of damaged oil & gas pipelines, lessening the risk of leaks/spills, potentially saving billions of dollars in damages*





## Colloidal Stability – Procter & Gamble



- Phase separation is significant issue in the reduction of shelf life for consumer products (foods, cleansers, etc.)
- Sedimentation, driven by gravity, is not the only driver of phase separation

*Why Space: Non-gravitational factors contribute to phase separation of colloids, but these factors can only be clearly studied in microgravity since sedimentation is nullified*

*Value Impact: Increased shelf life and formula stability of numerous, everyday household products*

## Lyophilization – Eli Lilly

- Freeze-drying may create layering or other textures in the presence of gravity
- Eli Lilly-Lyophilization freeze-dries a range of samples under microgravity conditions onboard the ISS and then returns the samples to Earth for comparison with control samples

*Why Space: Microgravity prevents the sedimentation of particles by weight and the near-perfect vacuum of space provides an excellent solution for drying*

*Value Impact: Improved shelf life of sensitive medications. Improved ability to store medications without refrigeration. Increased access to medications*



Images courtesy of NASA.gov

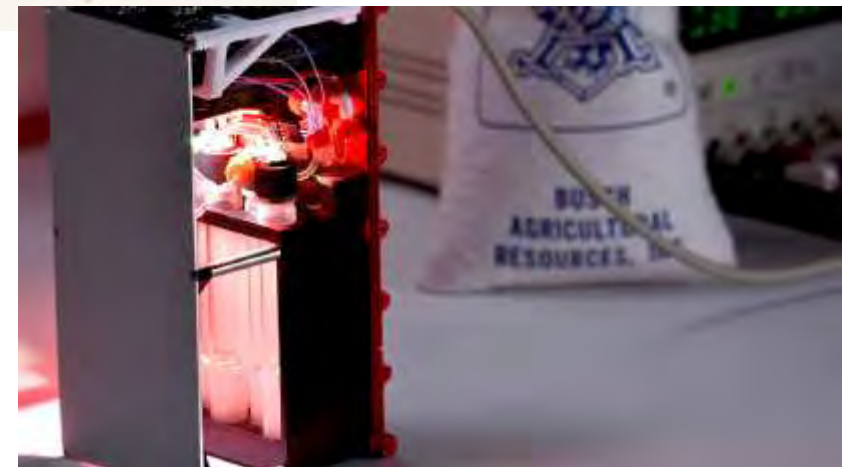


## Barley Seed Germination - Budweiser

- Plant growth in microgravity provides clues towards plant growth under various stresses on Earth
- The lack of gravitational forces influences growth mechanisms and could lead to a better structured strand of barley, which can be used not only in products for human consumption, but also livestock feed

*Why Space:* Plants grown in microgravity experience changes in their gene expression, root structure, shoot growth, and more

*Value Impact:* Influence how barley and other raw materials should be grown/developed on the ground and aid in creating more stress resistant strains of core crops. Increased crop production to feed a growing population





## Plant-Microbe Interactions - SyNRGE

- Foods like soybeans, peas, beans, and more rely on bacteria when grown in nitrogen depleted soil
- Bacteria in microgravity can become more virulent and see other physiological changes
  - Leading to a change in the plant-microbe relationship

*Why Space: Changes in the behavior of bacteria and plants due to microgravity and changes in gene expression*

*Value Impact: Understanding how changes in bacterial physiology increase the symbiotic nature of plant-microbe interactions for agricultural biologics. Fewer chemicals used in large-scale farming leading to improved water and soil health*





# Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector





## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Formulations
  - Synthesis
  - Mixing
- Product Stability
  - Phase Separations
  - Active Agents
- Raw Materials
  - Sustainability
  - Global Material Sources
- Packaging
  - Sustainable Packaging
  - Flow Profiles
  - Degradation
- Microbiome
  - Nutrient Encapsulation
  - Bacteria Physiology
  - Self-assembled Peptides
- Biofilms
  - Rapid Growth
  - Product Degradation



# How Do You Engage?







## Where to start?

- Talk to us! [Lucie.campagnolo@medes.fr](mailto:Lucie.campagnolo@medes.fr) [Marie-Laure.gouzy@medes.fr](mailto:Marie-Laure.gouzy@medes.fr)
- You have an idea / project?
  - We work with you to consolidate your project and build a proposal
- You are not sure but are interested?
  - Secure a Keynote and Workshop at your headquarters / facility to work hands-on with your innovation team



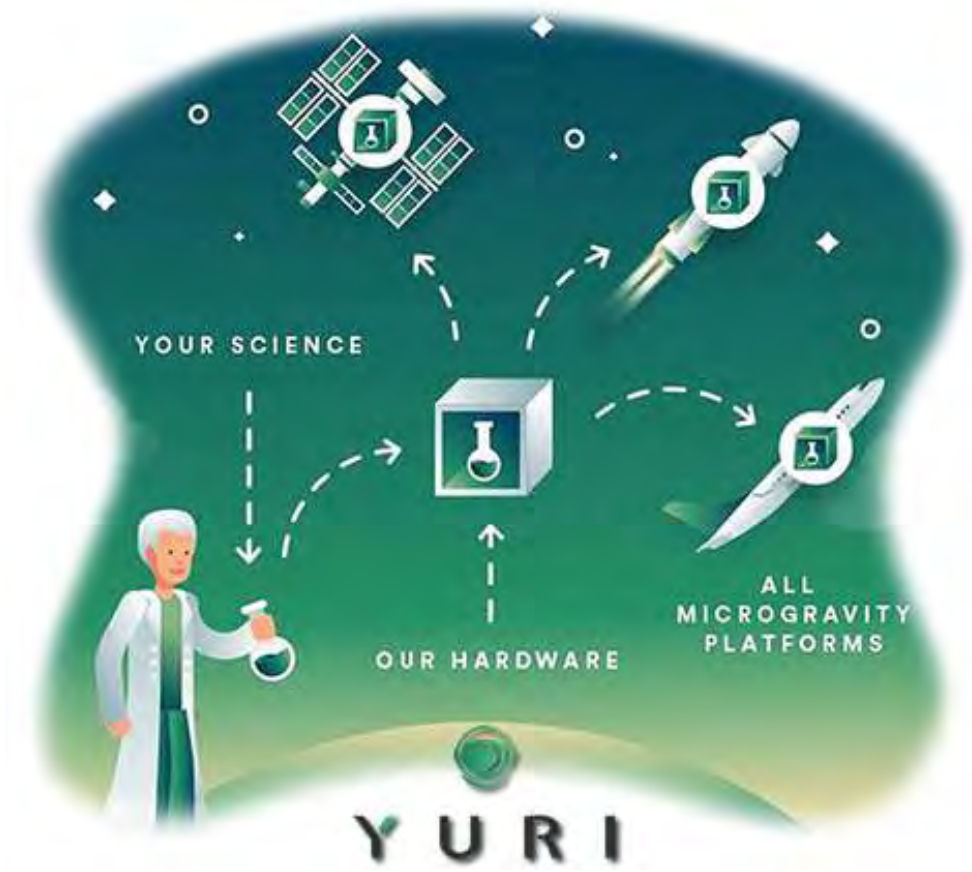
## Hardware – Service Providers





## Yuri (Germany)

- General microgravity facility focused on life and material sciences
- Partners with ICE Cubes and LaMont
- Support projects focused on:
  - Crystallization
  - Shelf Life & Product Stability
  - Mixing & Emulsifying
  - Fluid Dynamics
  - Medical Devices





## ICE Cubes (Belgium)

- Hardware designed for use by life sciences, food & beverage, material sciences, and Technology Readiness Level (TRL) demonstrations using their experiment cube
- Partner with yuri and Bioreactor
- Support projects focused on:
  - Microorganisms
  - Shelf Life & Product Stability
  - Mixing & Emulsifying
  - Interfacial Studies
  - Fluid Dynamics
  - Separations
  - Medical Devices





## Bioreactor Express (Italy)

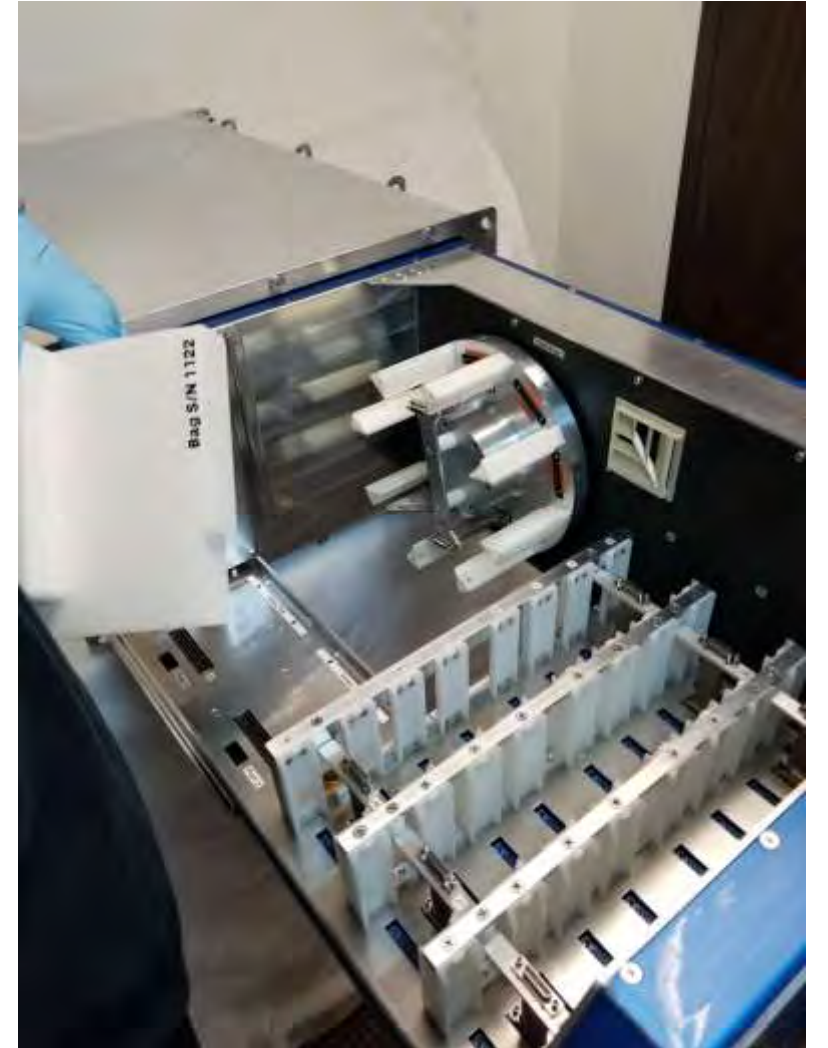
- Primarily life sciences based using miniaturized bioreactors for biotechnology, food & beverage, and fluids applications
- Support projects focused on:
  - Microorganisms
  - Shelf Life & Product Stability
  - Mixing & Emulsifying
  - Medical Devices





## LaMont Aerospace (USA)

- Life and materials science research centered on their LaMont BioResearch Facility and centrifuge and now moving into more complex project work in the cell culture arena
- Partners with yuri and Bioreactor Express
- Supports projects focused on:
  - Crystallization
  - Microorganisms
  - Mixing & Emulsifying
  - Interfacial Studies
  - Shelf Life & Product Stability
  - Separations
  - Medical Devices





## Techshot (USA)

- Primarily life science focused on complex payloads, with capability in 3D Bioprinting, tissue chip, cell culturing and stimulation, microorganisms, and bone densitometry
- Support projects focused on:
  - Crystallization
  - Shelf Life & Product Stability
  - Interfacial Studies
  - Mixing & Emulsifying
  - Fluid Dynamics
  - Separations
  - Medical Devices





# panel discussion

DURATION ☀ 25'



Lucie Campagnolo

CNES / MEDES



Cynthia Bouthot

Space Commerce Matters



Anne-Charlotte Pupin

Clubster NSL



Mark Kugel

Yuri Gravity



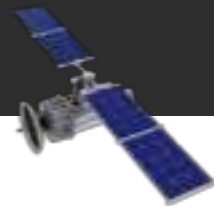
Vic Keasler

ChampionX



Hilde Stenuit

Space Application Services

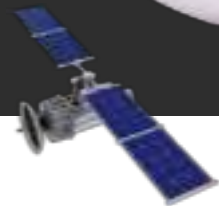






## Q&A

DURATION ☀ 20'





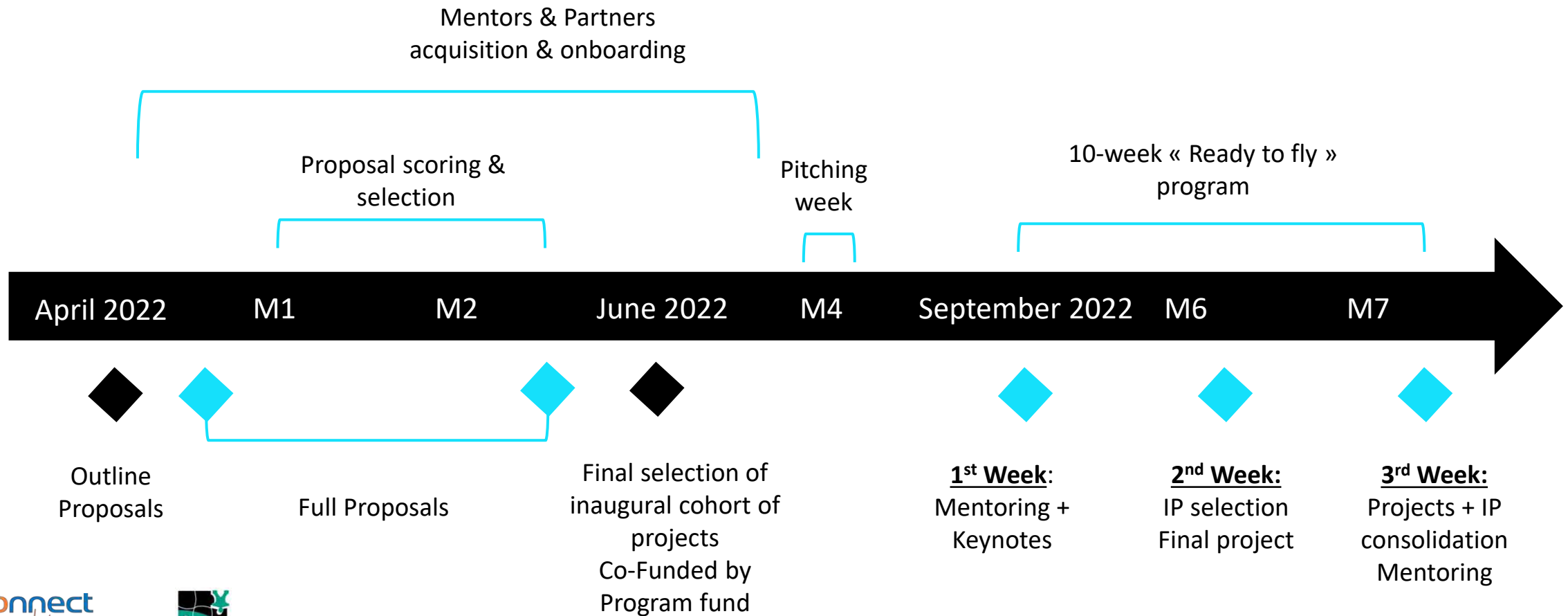
thank you



# Appendix



## Program Timeline





## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Formulations
  - What does the lack of convection, buoyancy, and sedimentation have on the synthesis of:
    - Active agents
    - Emulsions (sauces, dressings, etc.)
    - Other Colloids
    - Additives
  - How do ingredients mix differently in microgravity?
    - Can apply to various phases
      - Solid/Liquid/Gases
      - Singular and multiphase mixtures



## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Product Stability
  - In addition to sedimentation, are there any other forces at play that contribute to phase separation of products? On both a macro and microscale?
  - How do these forces affect the performance of active agents?
- Manufacturing
  - Can optimal crystalline structures & multilayered materials be manufactured with gravitational forces being suppressed?
  - How does a surface tension dominant environment (microgravity) affect the application of coatings to products or products to a surface (flavorings or seasonings on food)?
  - Can a better separation process be developed to purify a liquid with the knowledge of how things behave without sedimentation, convection, and buoyancy?



## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Raw Materials
  - Use the vantage point of LEO to develop remote sensing opportunities that help better identify sources of raw materials on ground used for food & beverage products
    - Vegetables
    - Fruits
    - Grains
  - What are other areas that could possibly contain or produce these raw materials based on soil characteristics, climate, etc.?



## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Packaging
  - Sustainable Packaging
    - Formulate novel packaging materials for food products in microgravity that are more sustainable and less harmful to the environment (i.e. plastics polluting the oceans)
  - Flow Profiles
    - What are the differences in flow profiles within liquid dispensers in microgravity?
  - Degradation
    - Rapidly accelerate degradation of packaging material to learn about failure modes





## Possible LEO Topics for the Agro-Nutrition Sector

- Microbiome
  - Investigate nutrient encapsulation methods for improved nutrient diffusion and targeting, nutrient uptake via new methods of nutrient delivery, diffusion based nutrient scavenging of bacteria leading to a better understanding of gut microbiome
  - How do changes in bacteria physiology and virulence leading to changes in behavior that provide new insights into gut microbiome?
  - How can changes in self-assembled peptides in microgravity aid in understanding disease causing mechanisms?
- Biofilms
  - How does significantly accelerated biofilm growth in microgravity compared to ground help determine the severity that biofilms have on the surfaces they impact?