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- **ISS Orbit Characteristics**

- LEO ~ 400 km altitude
- 28.000 km/h – 90 minutes orbit
- Inclination 51.6°
- Covers 85% of Earth surface with 95% of population

- **ISS Space Environment**

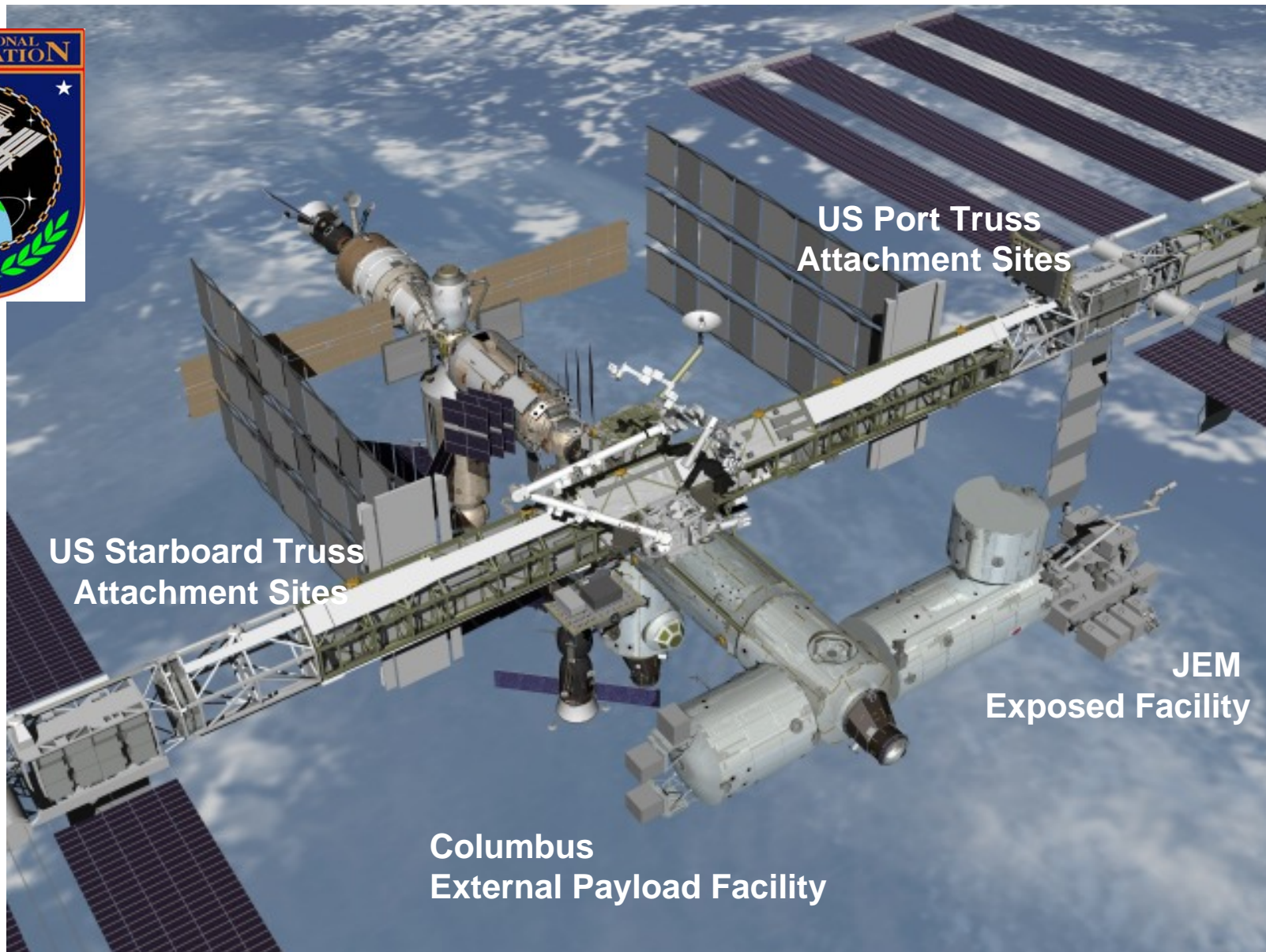
- Cosmic rays
- Solar wind and charged particles
- Space debris
- Vacuum
- Extreme temperatures

- **ISS Platform Features**

- Manned
- Payloads retrievable
- Power/telemetry/cooling resources

**=> Microgravity & Observation/Exposure**

- Life & Physical Sciences
- Astrophysics, Astrobiology, Radiology
- Earth Observation, Navigation
- Space Technology
- Human Exploration Preparation

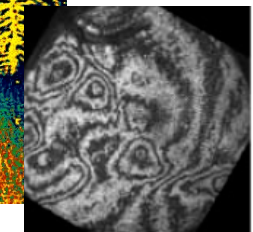
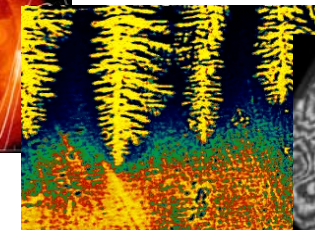
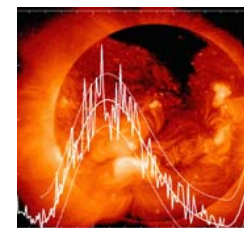
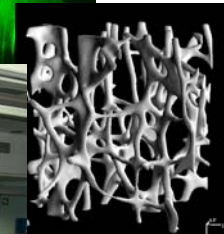
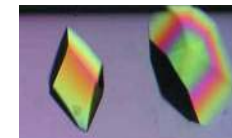
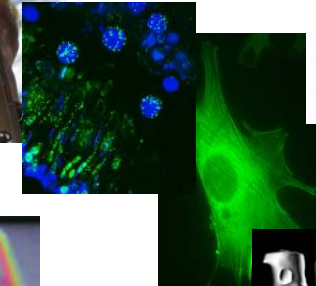


## ISS Exploitation Key Objectives

- Optimum long-term exploitation of ESA's ISS assets (Columbus module and research infrastructure, ATV/ARV, Astronauts)
- Execution of the European Life & Physical Sciences Programme (ELIPS) with a broad ISS utilisation spectrum in fundamental, applied and industrial research
  - ◆ Exobiology / Biology / Human adaptation and performance
  - ◆ General Physics / Materials sciences / Physics of fluids and combustion
  - ◆ Medical - Materials – Environment – Energy – Processes
  - ◆ Space & Earth Observation – Technology
  - ◆ Education/Outreach
- Significant use of the permanent ISS testbed in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) as a first major step for Human Exploration of Space
- Long-term fruitful ISS collaboration within International Partnership as an invaluable experience basis for future global Human Exploration endeavours
- High European interest in ISS lifetime extension to expand yield in all areas of space research and experience in space operations for Human Spaceflight endeavours beyond LEO

## ISS System & Utilization Achievements

- Launch of complete Columbus laboratory (Feb 2008) outfitted with 4 multi-user Research Racks (Biolab, EPM, FSL, EDR) and 2 External Payloads (EuTEF, SOLAR)
- Maiden mission of ATV Jules Verne (March-Oct 2008)
- Flight of 6 ESA astronauts, ISS commander Incr 21
- Re-Location of 4 NASA Research Racks from Destiny to Columbus (...) and deployment of further ESA research elements in Destiny, Kibo and RS labs
- Continuous execution of broad experimental programme with a total of more than 100 ESA experiments performed on ISS to date
- Increasing implementation rate of applied research projects and Human Exploration related activities
- Very active European user community with multi-national research teams
- Very promising augmentation of European utilisation envelope in the frame fruitful science collaboration with International Partners
- Continuous gain of invaluable ISS ops experience



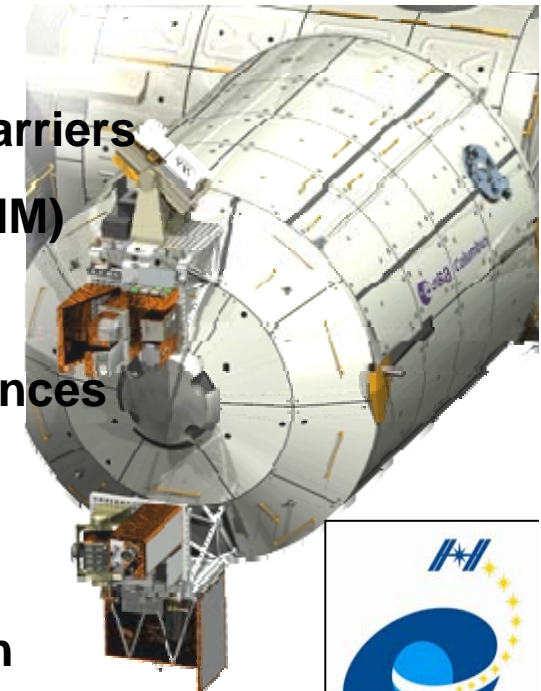
## International Collaboration

- ISS Memorandum of Understanding with NASA provides 8.3% of USOS resources to ESA
- Numerous ESA-NASA barter and cooperative science projects
- Joint ISS research calls with numerous proposals from international teams
- ISS Programme Science Forum fosters international science collaboration and promotes broad use of ISS for research
- ESA DG and NASA Administrator push for enhancement of Climate Change study efforts at international level
- ISS Utilisation Framework Agreement between ESA and Roscosmos allows to implement joint science experiments
- High interest of collaboration between ESA and JAXA
- Canadian Space Agency (CSA) participating in ELIPS programme
- ISS lifetime extension to 2020/2025 will further expand the perspectives for international collaboration and pooling of ISS research capabilities and resources



## 2010-2015 ISS Utilisation Outlook

- Shuttle retirement and adaptation to new ISS cargo carriers
- Launch of major ESA payloads (EML, PK-4, ACES/ASIM)
- Functional evolution of on-orbit payloads
- Start of advanced on-orbit analysis tools for Life Sciences
- Continuation of advanced biology programme
- Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation physiology experiments
- Execution of Human Exploration preparation research
- Start of Climate Change experimentation
- Advanced physical science experimentation (complex plasma, colloids, emulsions, heat & mass transfer, etc.)
- Enhancement of applied research and industrial R&D activities
- Expansion of international collaboration



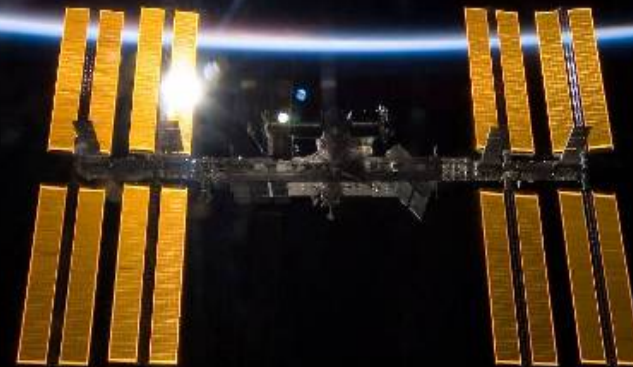
## 2015+ ISS Utilisation Plans & Ambitions

- Use of new ISS crew vehicles (also for science logistics)
- Launch of new COL P/L facilities (2<sup>nd</sup> generation, new research themes incl. Climate Change)
- Functional evolution of on-orbit payloads
- Full implementation of advanced on-orbit analysis tools
- Biotechnology and rodent research programme
- Enhancement of biomedical and physical research for Human Exploration
- Deployment of EuTEF-2 platform for accommodation of technology testing and other External P/L elements
- Advanced physics experimentation (complex plasma, atomic clocks)
- Full deployment of applied research and industrial R&D activities
- Full scheme of broad international research collaboration



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