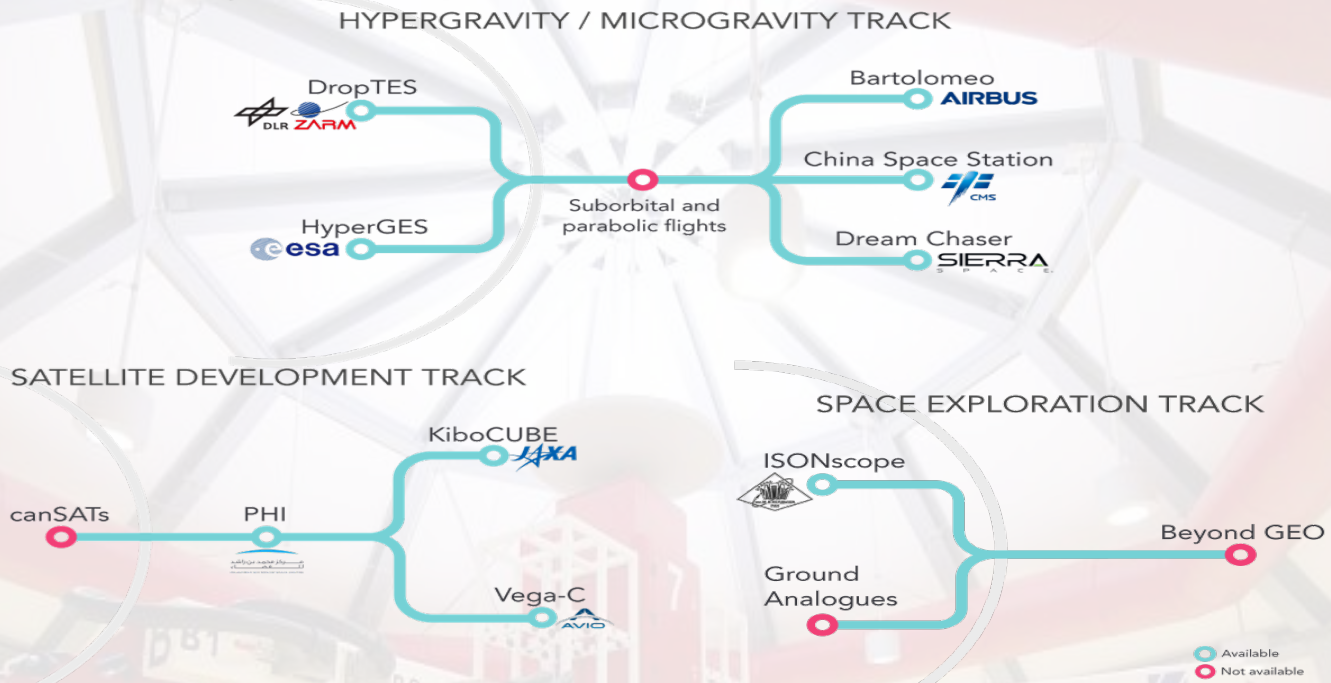

HyperGES
The ESA Large Diameter Centrifuge (LDC)

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European Space Agency : ESA

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MEMBER STATES

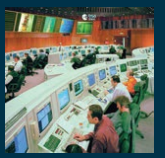
ESA Establishments *(1)*

Headquarters
Located in Paris, home to the main programme directorates that steer and formulate ESA policy.

ESRIN
ESA's centre for Earth observation activities, near Rome, Italy, also develops information systems and hosts the Vega launcher project.

ESTEC
The European Space Research and Technology Centre, Noordwijk, the Netherlands, is the largest site and the technical heart of ESA.

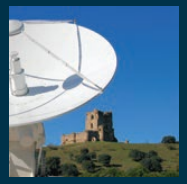
ESOC
The European Space Operations Centre, Darmstadt, Germany, tracks and controls European spacecraft.



EAC
The European Astronaut Centre, Cologne, Germany,
trains astronauts for missions to the International Space Station and beyond.

ESA Establishments *(2)*

ESAC
The European Space Astronomy Centre, near Madrid, Spain, hosts the science operation centres and archives for ESA's astronomy and planetary missions.



Harwell (ECSAT)
Harwell Centre, in Oxfordshire, UK, is focusing on commercialisation and partnerships in space activities.

Redu
Redu Centre in Belgium is part of ESA's ground station network and is also home to ESA's Space Weather Data Centre.

Guiana Space Centre
ESA's launchers lift off from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana. It is jointly operated by the French space agency (CNES) and Arianespace with the support of European industry.

ESA-ESTEC, Noordwijk, NL

TEC-MMG Lis Lab @ ESA-ESTEC

Life- and Physical Science Instrumentation Laboratory (LIS)


Jack van Loon


Alan Dowson


Francois Gaubert


Robert Lindner

meeting room

clean room

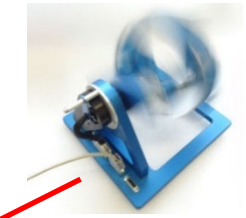
(fluor.) mic.s

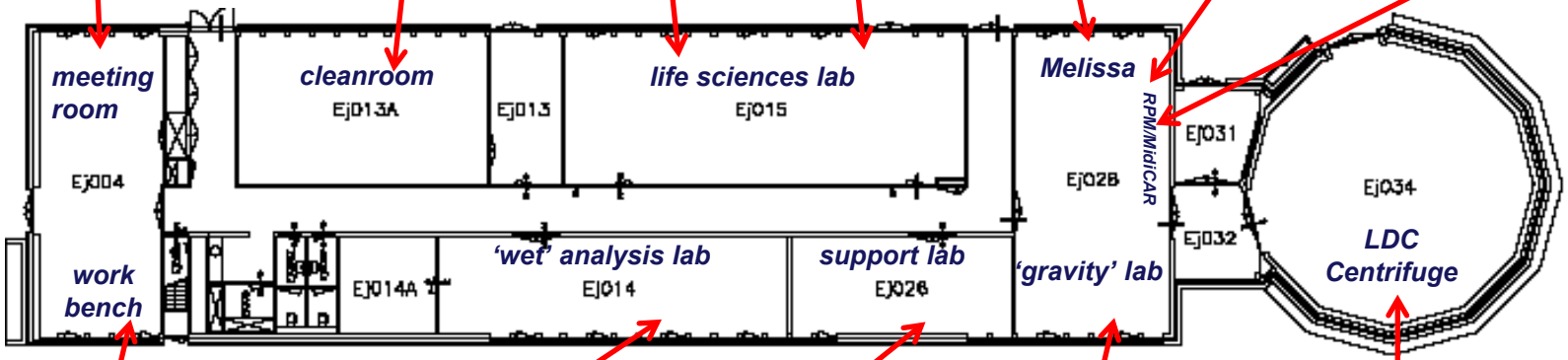
flow benches

plant chamber

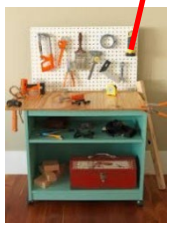
MidiCAR

RPMs





\+ other ESTEC labs !!


workbench


LC/MS


e.g. autoclaves


clinostats


LDC

Link: *ESA TEC-MMG lab*

LisLab – LDC Facilities @ ESA-ESTEC

Life- and Physical Science Instrumentation Laboratory (LIS)

main lab

support lab

LDC control room

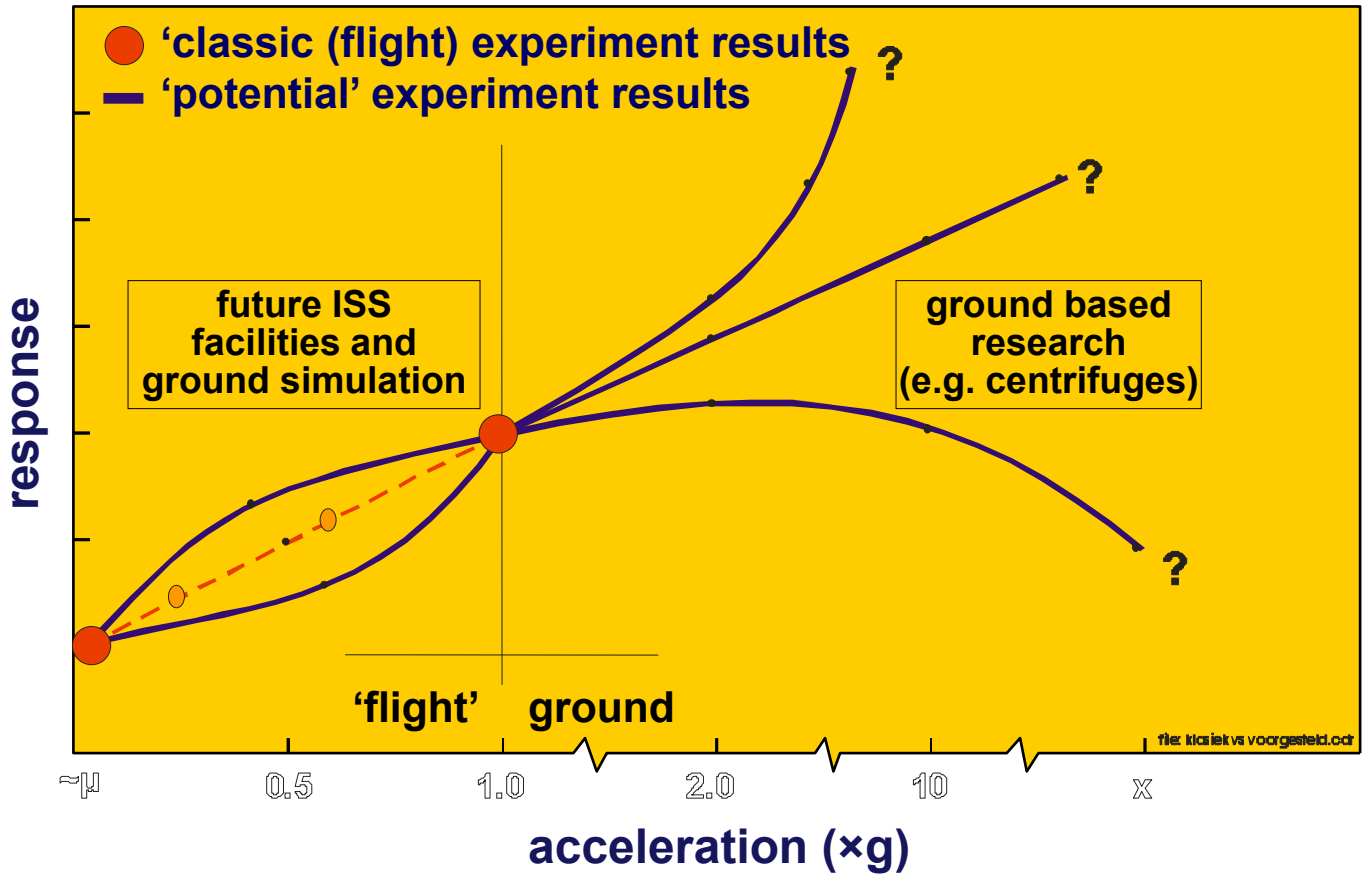
meeting room

small ‘workshop’

LDC prep lab

‘wet lab’

Current vs. 'Future' Spaceflight Research

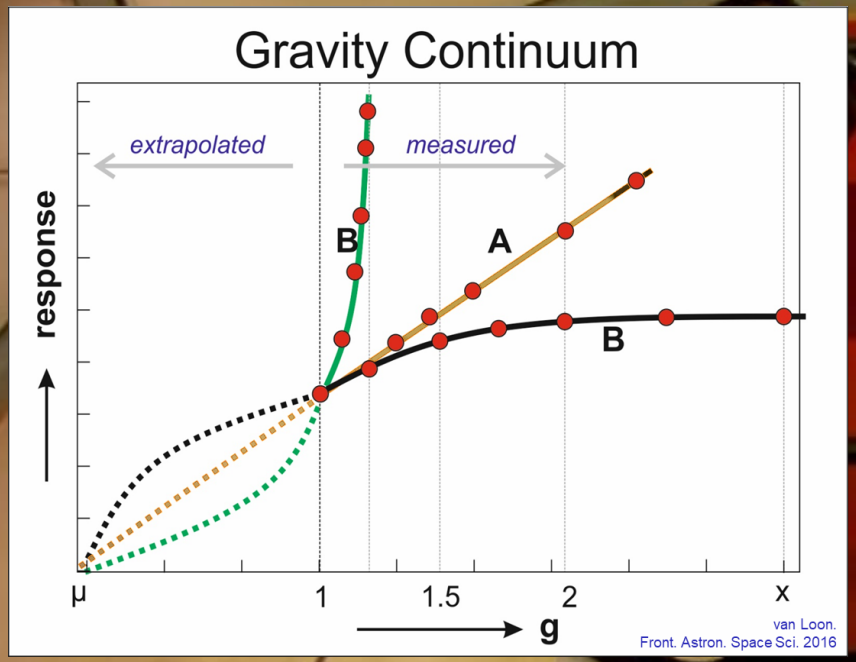


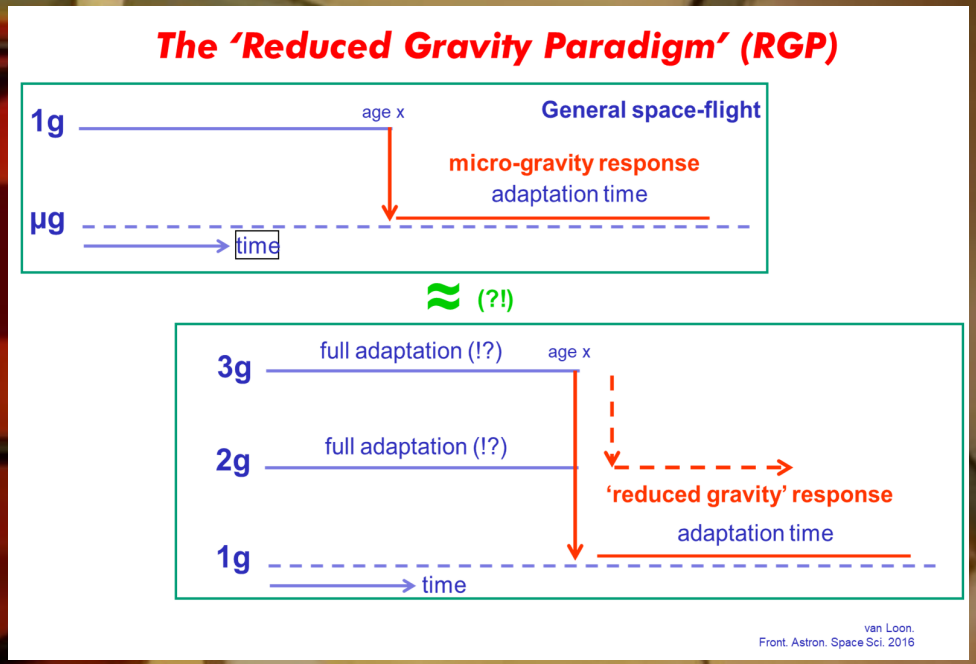
Schematic presentation of potential experiment opportunities compared to 'classic' experiment setups. Novel space station facilities as well as ground simulations and centrifuges may be applied to study the role of weight (accelerations) on various living and non-living samples.

See also: van Loon Front. Astron. Space Sci. 2016

Large Diameter Centrifuge

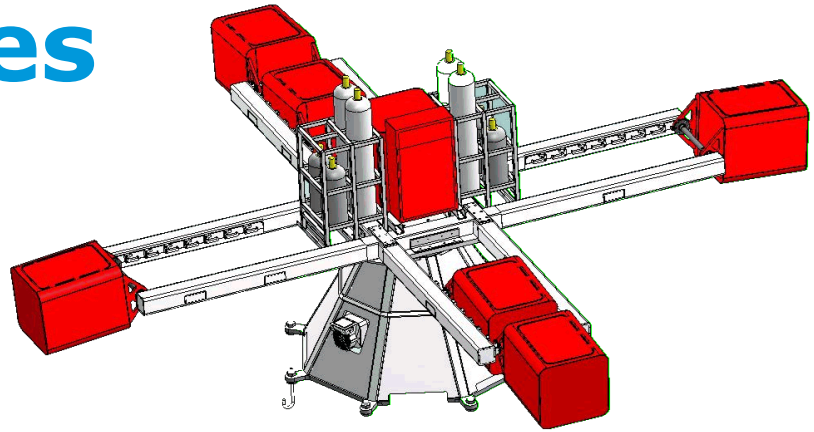
- Regular hypergravity
- Launch simulations
- Parabolic Flight hyper-g phase exploration
- ….

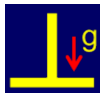




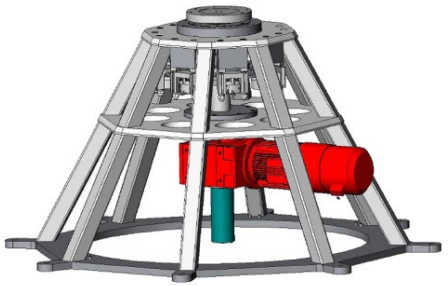
Centrifuges general topics / background / references:
doi:10.3389/fspas.2016.00021

LDC Main Properties

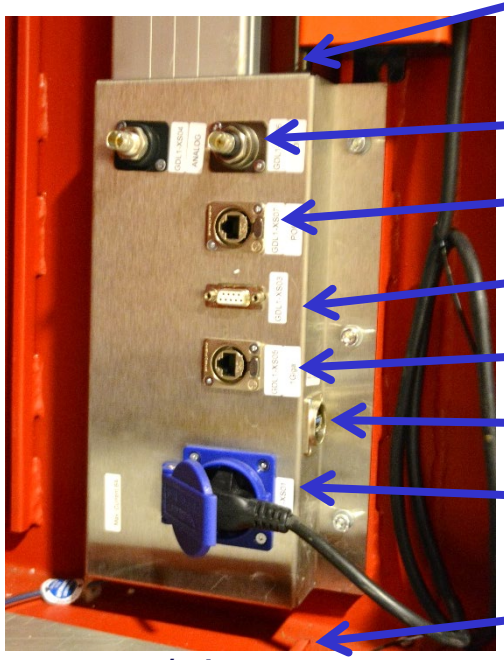


diameter : ~ 8 meter
arms : 4
g levels : various (8 locations / arm)
exp. Volume: 7 ‘gondolas’ ; 6 rotating (60×60×80 cm)
center gondola: control / g-sensitive materials
g vector : swing-out: 

payload : 80 kg per gondola (total 210 kg incl. gondola)
g load : 20×g fully loaded
motor : 22 kW (Siemens)



The Gondola : Main Properties



power / data

temp. sensor

anal. / dig. video / PoE channels

RS-232 serial channel

Ethernet channel

USB-2/3 channel

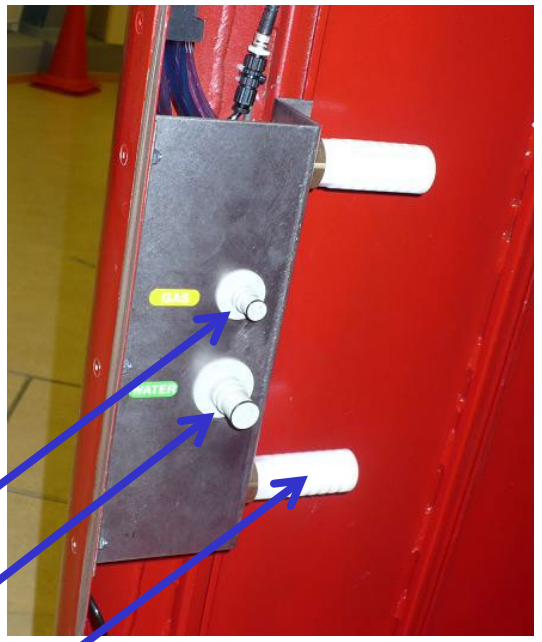
230 V/6 amp line

fixation

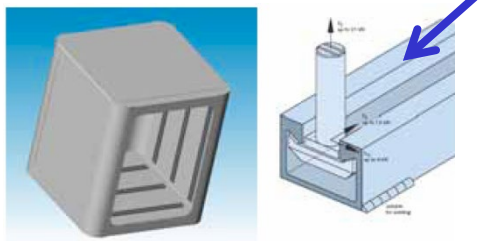
gas lines (#)

water supply

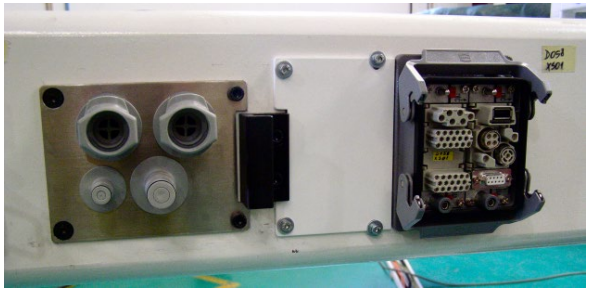
forced ventilation



gas + water lines



experiment fixation

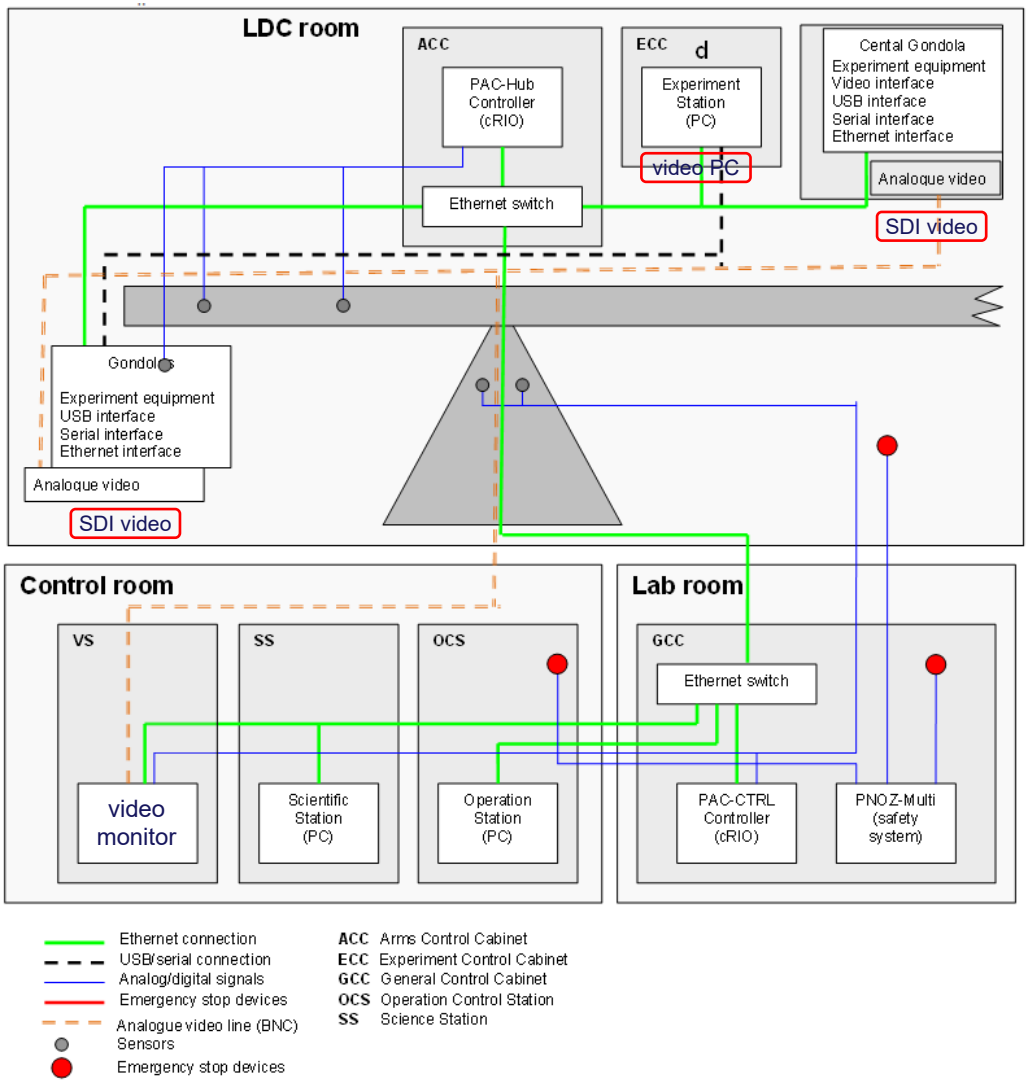


gondola connections

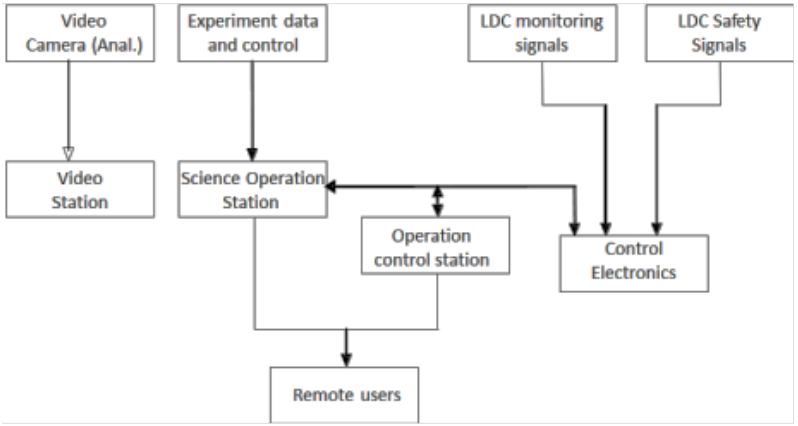
9 analogue video lines /
8 digital video lines

LDC Data / Electronics Interfaces

Operation Electronics Scheme



Operation Data Flow Scheme

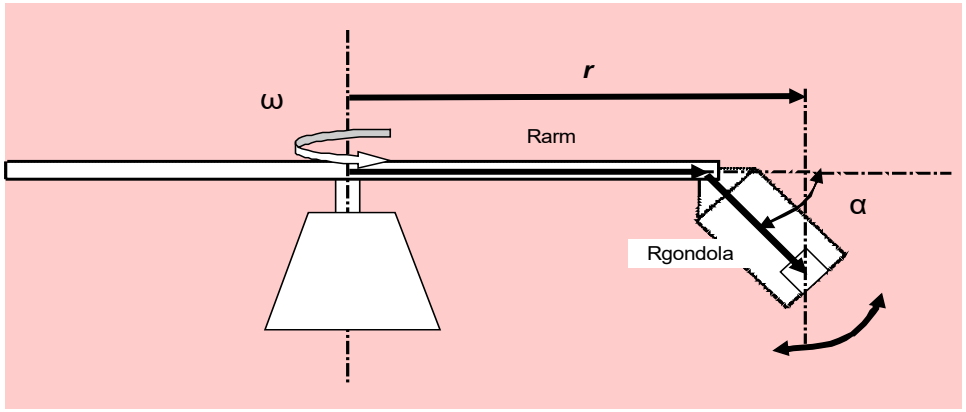


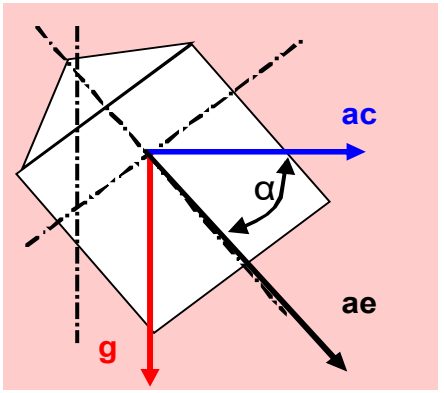
Data / Communication:

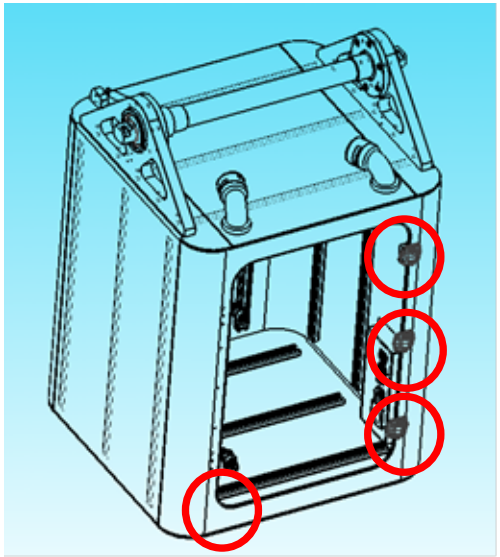
- Remote PC (Win10 / (Win7/XP!), non-Win systems) (**administrator rights!!**)
- (TeamViewer)
- Exp. dedicated

See also: *LDC user manual*

LDC Swing-Out / Integration

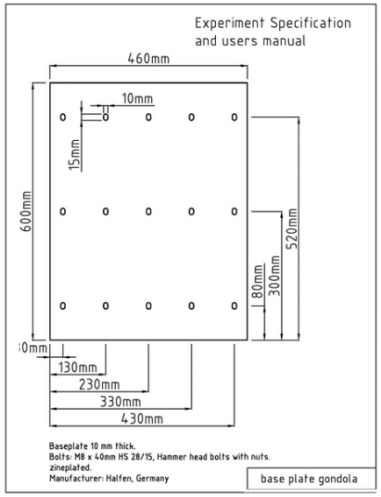






Door clearance: 450× 710 mm (WxH) (max. approximately; round corners, hinges)

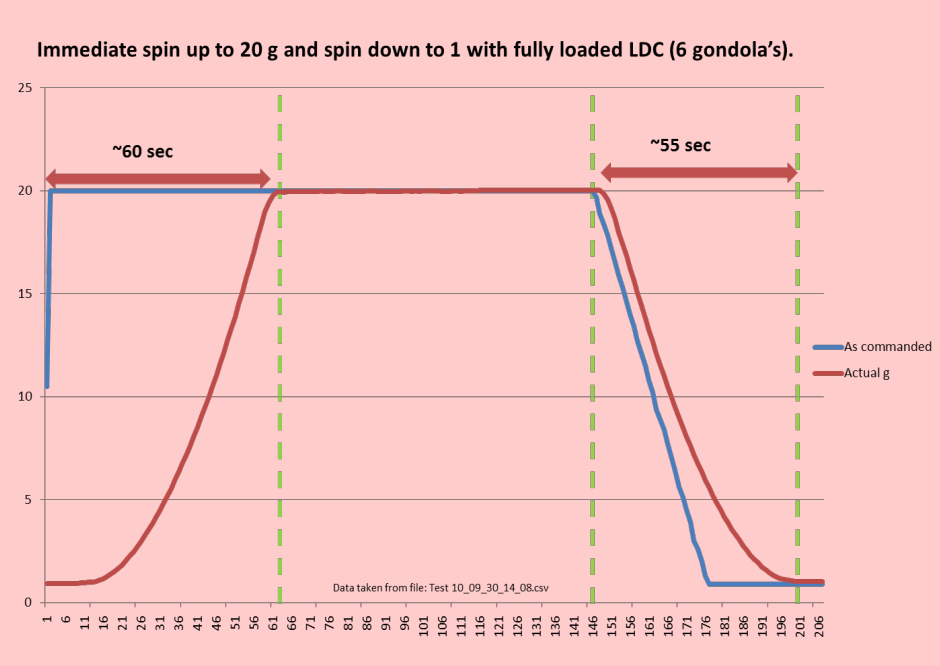
Working space inside: 500×500 × 720 mm

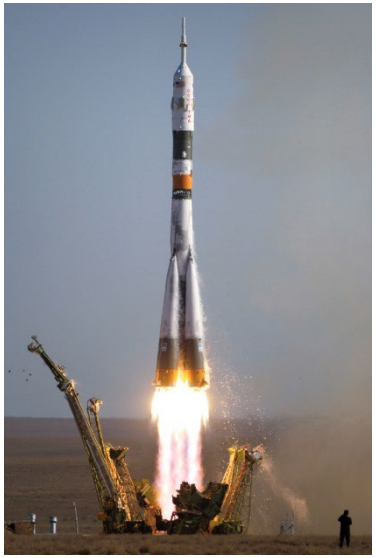


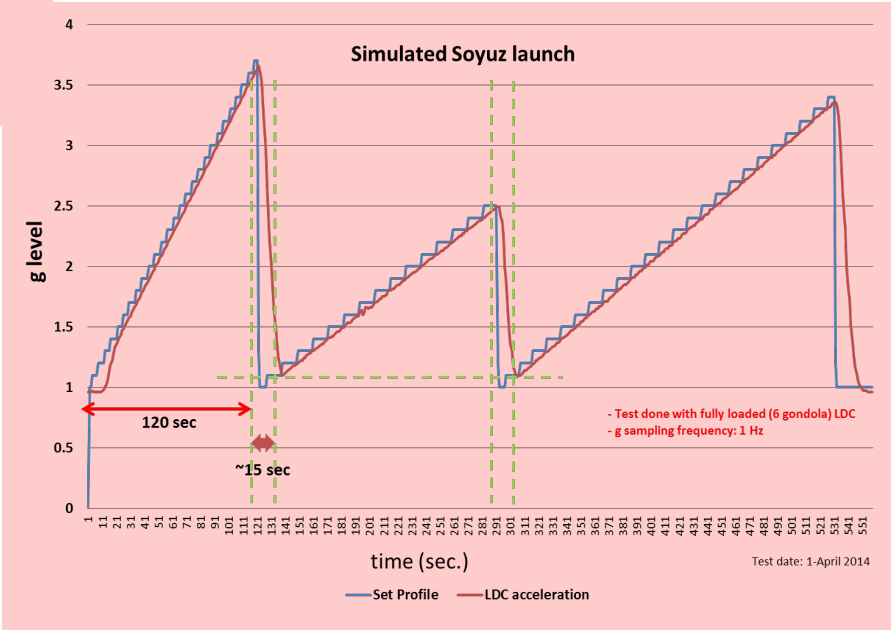
Base plate (mostly not needed)

Gas / fluid containers

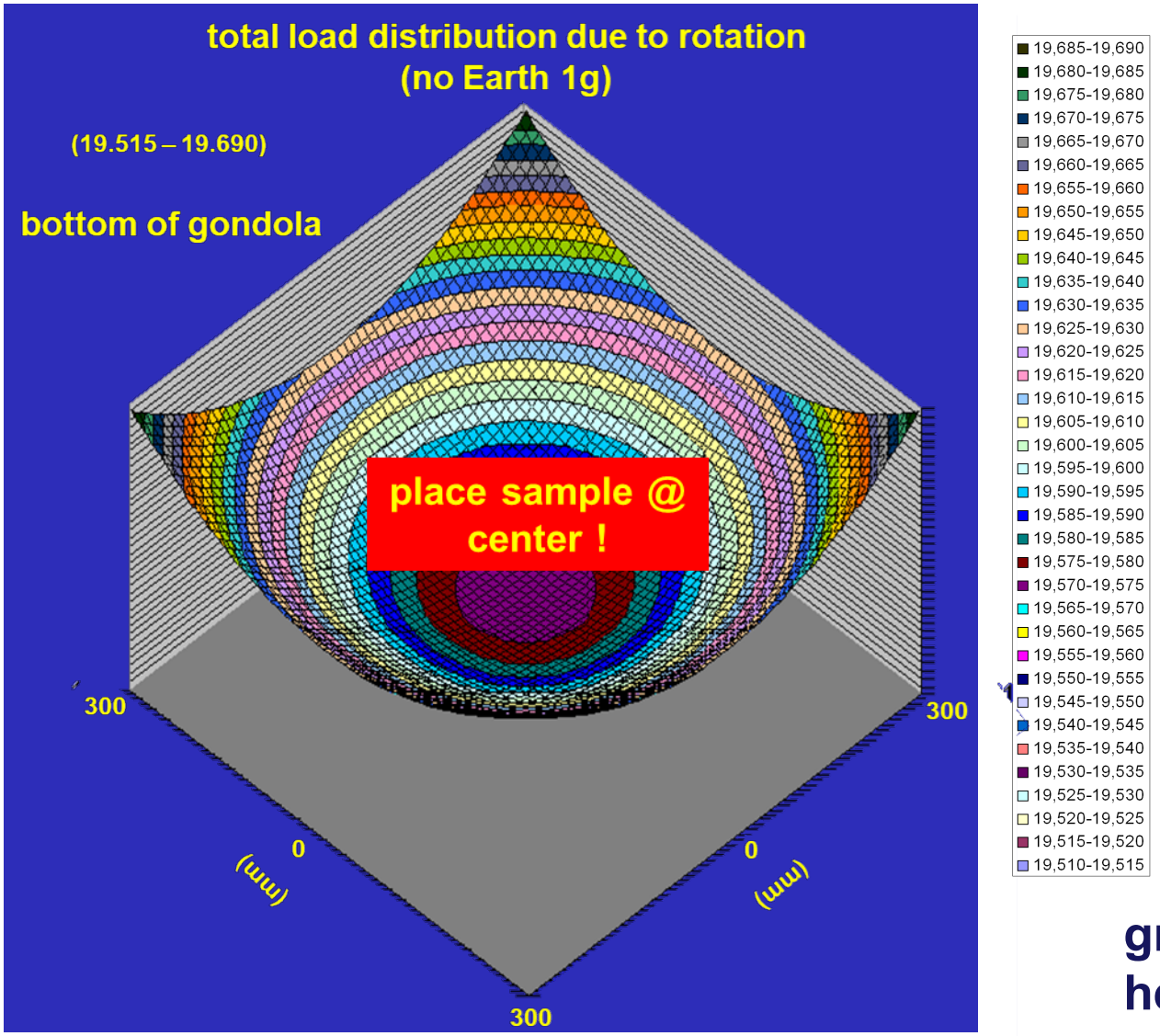
LDC Start-up & Profiles







The Gondola : Gravity Profile / Inertial Shear



20g, longest arm
total surface area
600×600 mm

max. gradient / inertial shear over full surface area:
@ 80 cm: 0.6%
@ 40 cm: 0.7%
@ 0 cm: 0.9%

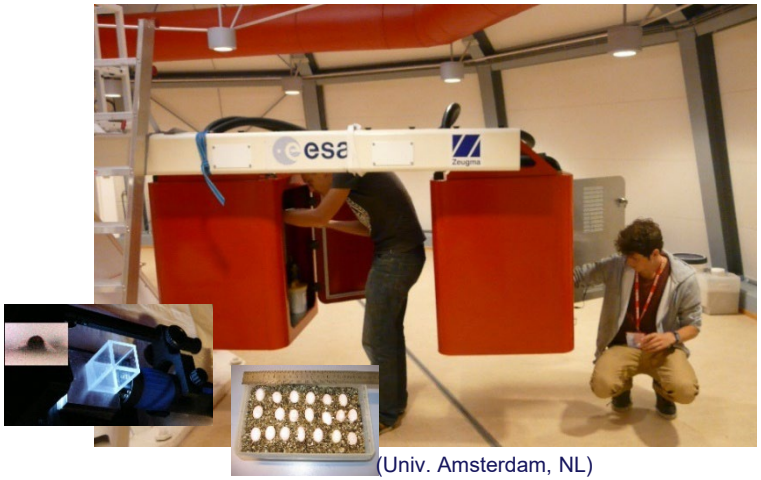
gradient over gondola height: 10.3%

Place sample in center of gondola !!

See also:
van Loon et al. J Biomechan Eng 2003

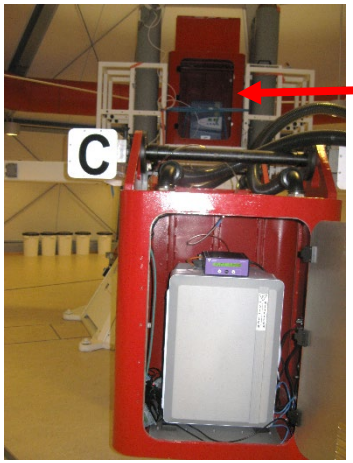
LDC Experiment Capacity

Multiple g-levels (~factor 2)



(Univ. Amsterdam, NL)

Different temperatures (~4-40 °C)

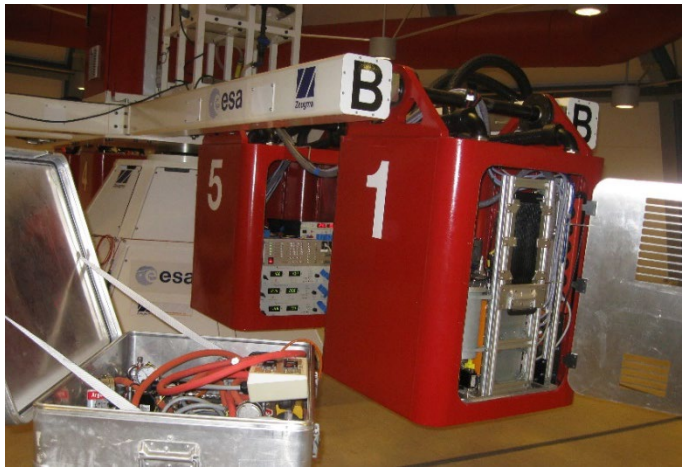


also in center

(Univ. Porto, PT)

increase exp. n !

Multiple Gondolas



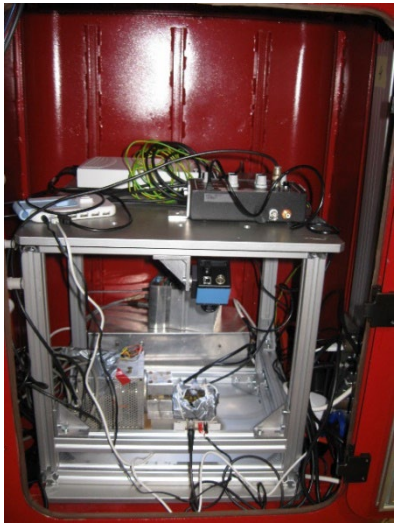
(MAP: Aachen et al. DE)

Lab Pre-integration

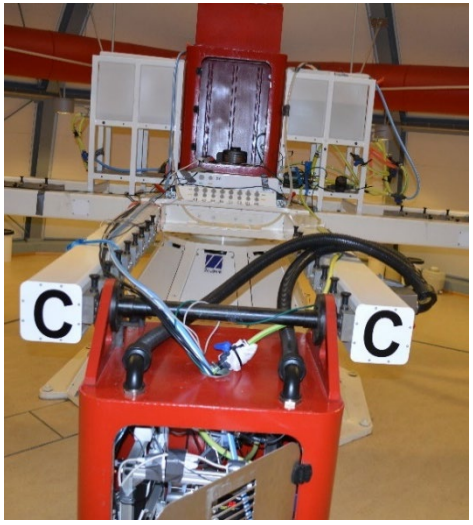
(ASML/TU/e, NL)

Some Experiment Configurations

Impact
(Glasgow,UK)



Crab/Neurovestibular
(Aberdeen, UK)



Mass & Heat Transfer
(Thessaloniki, GR)

Planetary/Glacier
(Amsterdam, NL)

Bubble Generation
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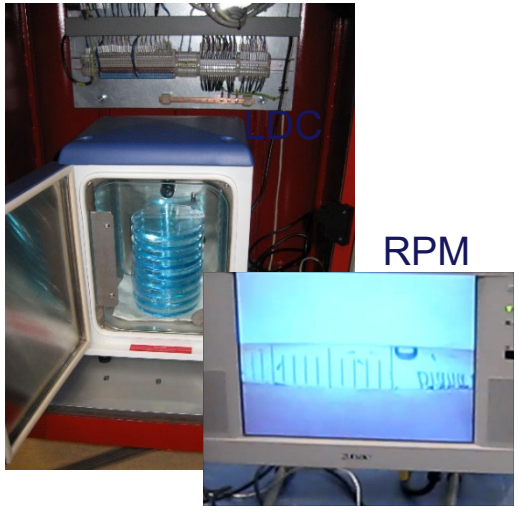

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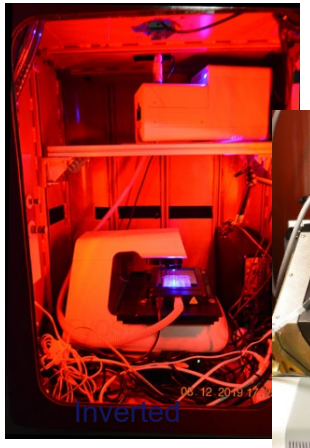

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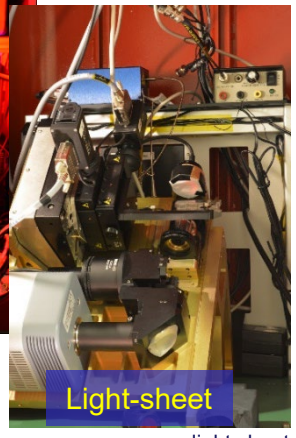

Fluorescence Mics

light sheet

Buoyancy / Coriolis
(Barcelona, ES)

The HyperGES Proposal : what should be clearly addressed?!

Why to use the LDC?

- Use LDC for 'regular' hypergravity studies / launch simulations / low gravity extrapolations / microgravity simulations (Reduced Gravity Paradigm)
- Science / application background / rationale (Preliminary data (own / from literature) / References! …)
- Duration of the experiment (max. 2 weeks)

How to use the LDC?

- Identify what parameters to measure and how (either on-line or post exposure) – Expected outcome
- Show a (preliminary) hardware configuration
- Think about schedule / logistics
- How to communicate your results (report / peer reviewed science paper / conference presentation, local and social media …….)

Before upload…..

- (Re-)check if ALL parts of the proposal are completed
- ……

Some peer reviewed papers from previous LDC studies (non-exhaustive list) on general, cell biology, plant biology, animal physiology, fluid physics, plasma physics, geology/planetary, technology, material sciences and other topics:

Centrifuges general topics / background

- doi:10.3389/fspas.2016.00021
- doi: 10.3389/frspt.2020.00003.
- DOI 10.1007/s12217-015-9462-9

Fluid physics

- https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.244501
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- doi.org/10.1016/j.ijmultiphaseflow.2019.03.029.
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- https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodres.2013.10.044.
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Cell biology:

- DOI: 10.1016/j.ejpb.2021.03.013.
- DOI: 10.1002/jbm.a.37215
- doi: 10.1016/j.bpj.2021.01.021
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Plasma physics

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Plant biology

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Animal physiology

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- DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0126928
- DOI: 10.1155/2014/679672.
- DOI 10.1007/s12217-012-9334-5

Geology/planetary

- doi: 10.1098/rspa.2016.0673

Technology

- doi: 10.1016/j.bpj.2021.01.021
- DOI: 10.1002/adv.21937
- ISBN 978-1-68108-499-2

Material sciences

- DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2018.05.151

Any question / remarks?!

Don’t wait asking !!

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