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Hypersonic Bizjet: A multi-mission technology demonstrator

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European Aerospace Cluster Partnership



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DAC: role and approach

DAC

The aerospace production chain is strategic for the Region with **12% investment in R&D**. DAC is the second largest aerospace cluster in Italy, with a **ruling industrial shareholdership**

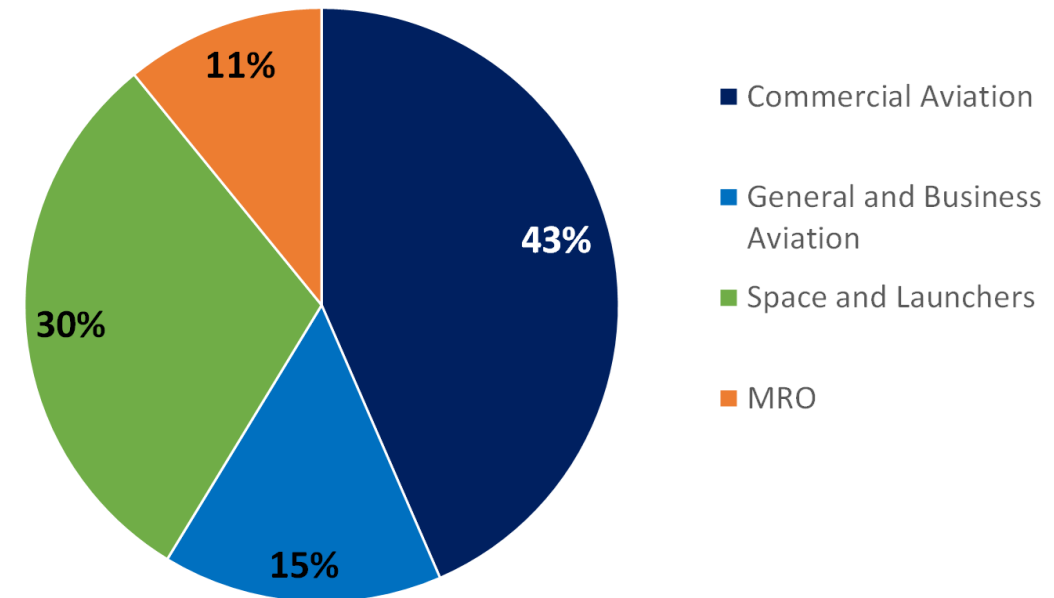
- About 160 members, direct and indirect
- 22 Large companies, 110 SMEs, 13 Research Centers, 5 Universities, other supporting entities
- 13000 employees
- 2.8 B€ revenue

Approach

“Industry first”, i.e. short-to-mid term

“Best value for money”

Enterprises for each DAC sector

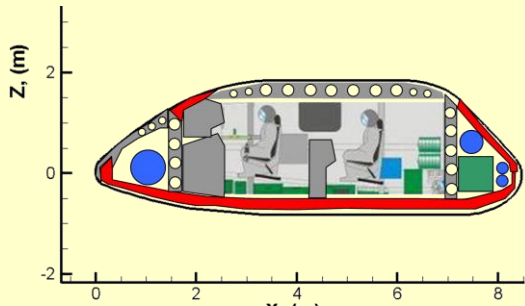


Hypersonic Projects – National Initiatives

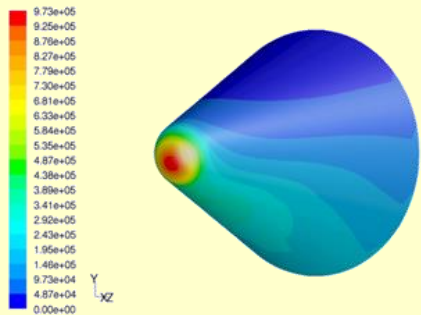


Hypersonic Projects – International Initiatives

Campania participation



Lifting Body configuration. Crew Accommodation (Univ Vanvitelli)



Heat Flux on nose wall (W/m²)
USV nose cap – SIPROT (Aerosoft)

<p>ACCESS TO SPACE</p>	<p>EXPERT</p> 	<p>IXV</p> 	<p>SPACE RIDER</p> 
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>LAPCAT 1 & 2</p> 	<p>HEXAFLY-INT</p> 	<p>STRATOFly</p> 

Campania Research and Innovation Smart Specialization Strategy

*“... the premises exist for a characterization of Campania extending its traditional positioning in the field of Regional Transportation and General Aviation to that of the **Business Aviation**, including innovation related to the implementation of **supersonic/hypersonic speeds** ...”*



General Aviation



Regional Transportation



Hypersonic Business Jet

DAC Hypersonic WG

A dedicated Working Group has been set up by DAC formed by:

Large Enterprises

AEROSOFT

BLUE ENGINEERING

MBDA

SMEs

CALTEC

EURO.SOFT

LEAD TECH

PROTOM GROUP

SÒPHIA HIGH TECH

TSD SPACE

TECNOSISTEM

Research Centers

CIRA

CNR-ISASI

Academia

Univ. Campania "L. VANVITELLI"

Univ. Naples "FEDERICO II"



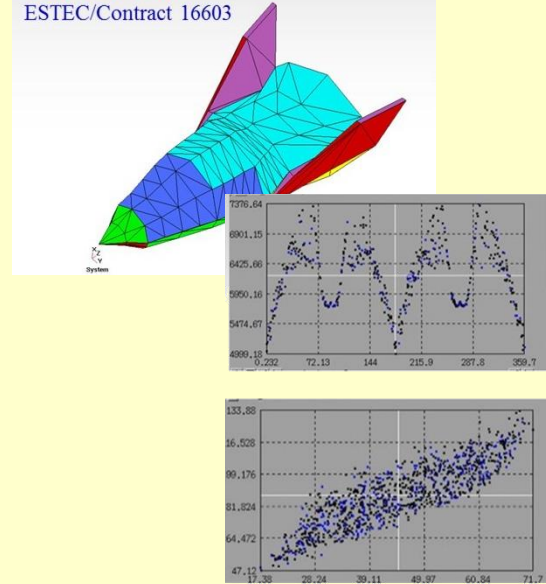
USV (CIRA)

Project: FUSAST

Feasibility of using a Stochastic Approach for Space Thermal Analysis

PARTNER: ESA

ESTEC/Contract 16603



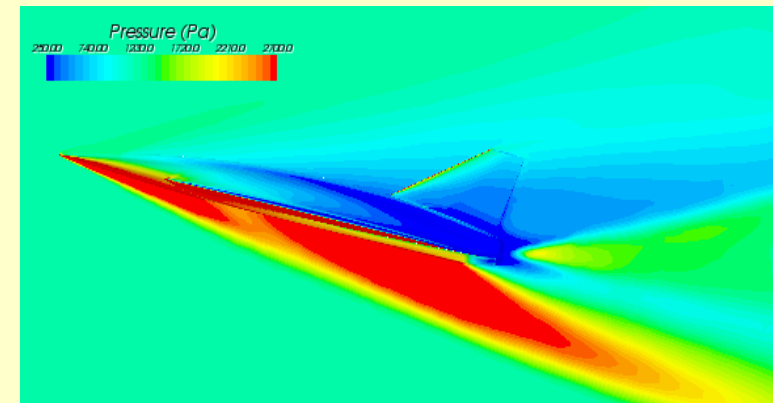
Reentry system thermal analysis (Blue Engineering)

DAC Hypersonic WG Objectives

- Build-up a roadmap based on system study, on the basis of:
 - Regional scientific **tradition** and **background**
 - **Present activities** of its members
 - Specific “**reference target products**”
 - **Priority** technologies as much common as possible with respect to target products
 - Technologies that can reach **TRL 6** in some **5 years**
 - Target realization of a flight **demonstrator**
 - Consolidation of national and international **collaborations**



Supersonic air-to-air missile (*MBDA*)



Hyplane pressure distribution at hypersonic speed (*Univ Napoli Federico II*)

DAC Hypersonic WG

Reference Target Products

1. Business jet for passenger/cargo transport

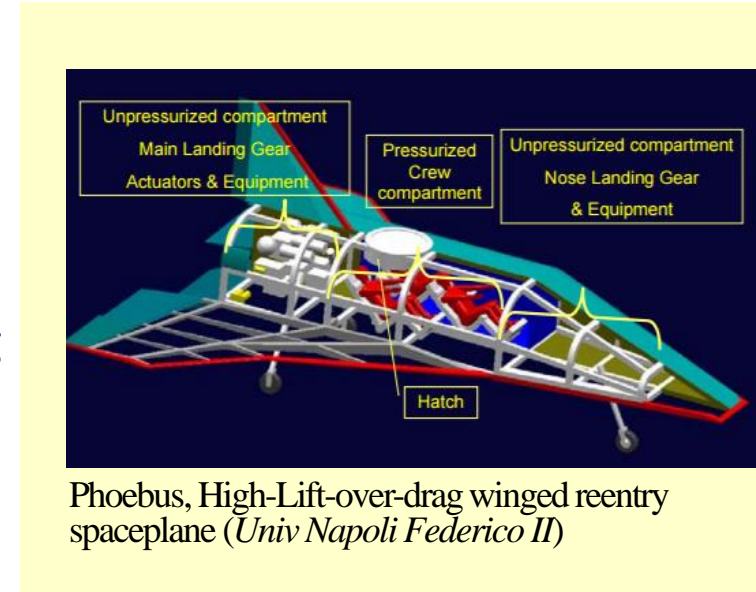
For P2P transportation. Single stage, air-breathing propulsion, low wing load, 6-10 pax, \leq Mach 4-5, low environmental impact propellant, CS25 certification and/or specific regulation

2. Suborbital spaceplane

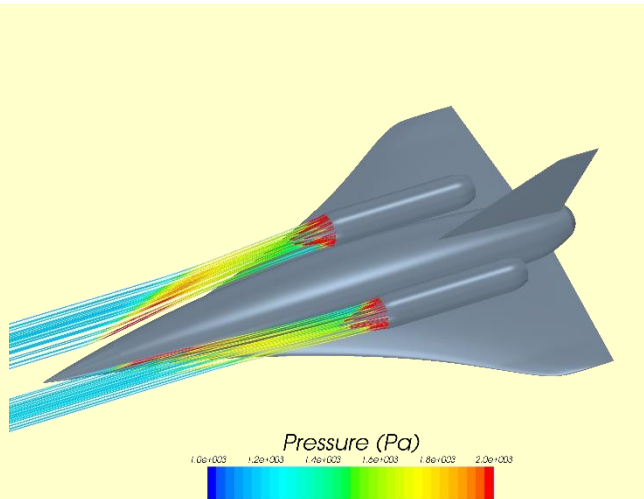
For precursor microgravity experimentation and training, space tourism and access to space. Single HTHL stage, 6-10 pax or alternatively 600-1000 kg payload for small satellites launch to LEO, airbreathing-rocket combined propulsion, P2P flight capability (\approx 400 km downrange), not certified as a transport aircraft but in accordance with specific rules

3. Manned or unmanned winged defense system

For defense/dual-use applications (surveillance, recognition, intelligence, transport), HTHL, \leq Mach 8



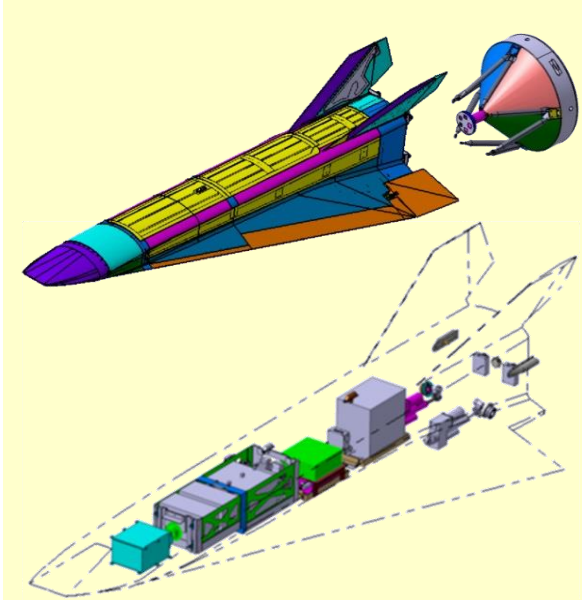
Phoebus, High-Lift-over-drag winged reentry spaceplane (Univ Napoli Federico II)



Hyplane, pressure along streamlines (Blue Engineering)

Perspectives

- **No doubt** about mid-to-long term perspectives of passenger-carrying hypersonic airplanes
- This **requires** ultra-fast, ultra-sleek winged vehicles, with low wing loading, streamlined fuselages, sharp nose and wing leading edges, able to maneuver along flight trajectories at small angles of attack
- Such kind of transportation requires accelerations and load factors of the **same order** as those characterizing the present civil aviation aircrafts (FAA/EASA standards)



Hexafly-Int - CIRA is the project design authority



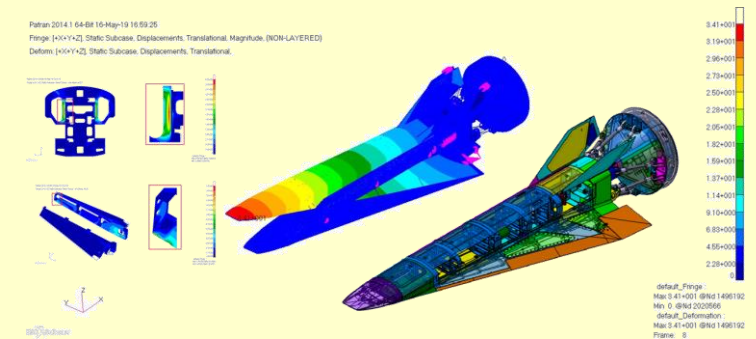
USV Avionic Subsystems (TSD Space)

Hypersonic P2P Transportation

- HTHL business-sized airplane for not too high speeds (\leq Mach 5) is **more affordable** than larger & faster hypersonic airplanes, in terms of both technology and market maturation
- Market analysis speculations **support** such a development, taking into account both military, commercial and institutional purposes
- It shall and can be based on **state-of-art almost available technologies**, e.g. titanium for structures and turbo-ramjet engines (instead of less proven scramjets required for faster aircrafts)



Hyplane concept development (*Trans-Tech*)



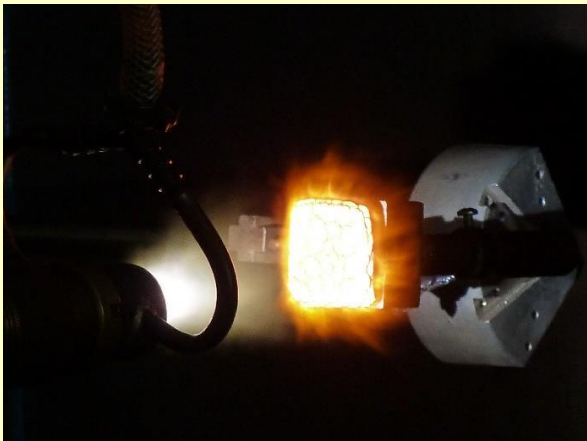
Design and analysis of structures of Hexafly-Int (*Tecnosistem*)

Technology Assessment alone is not sufficient to determine the maturity of a system

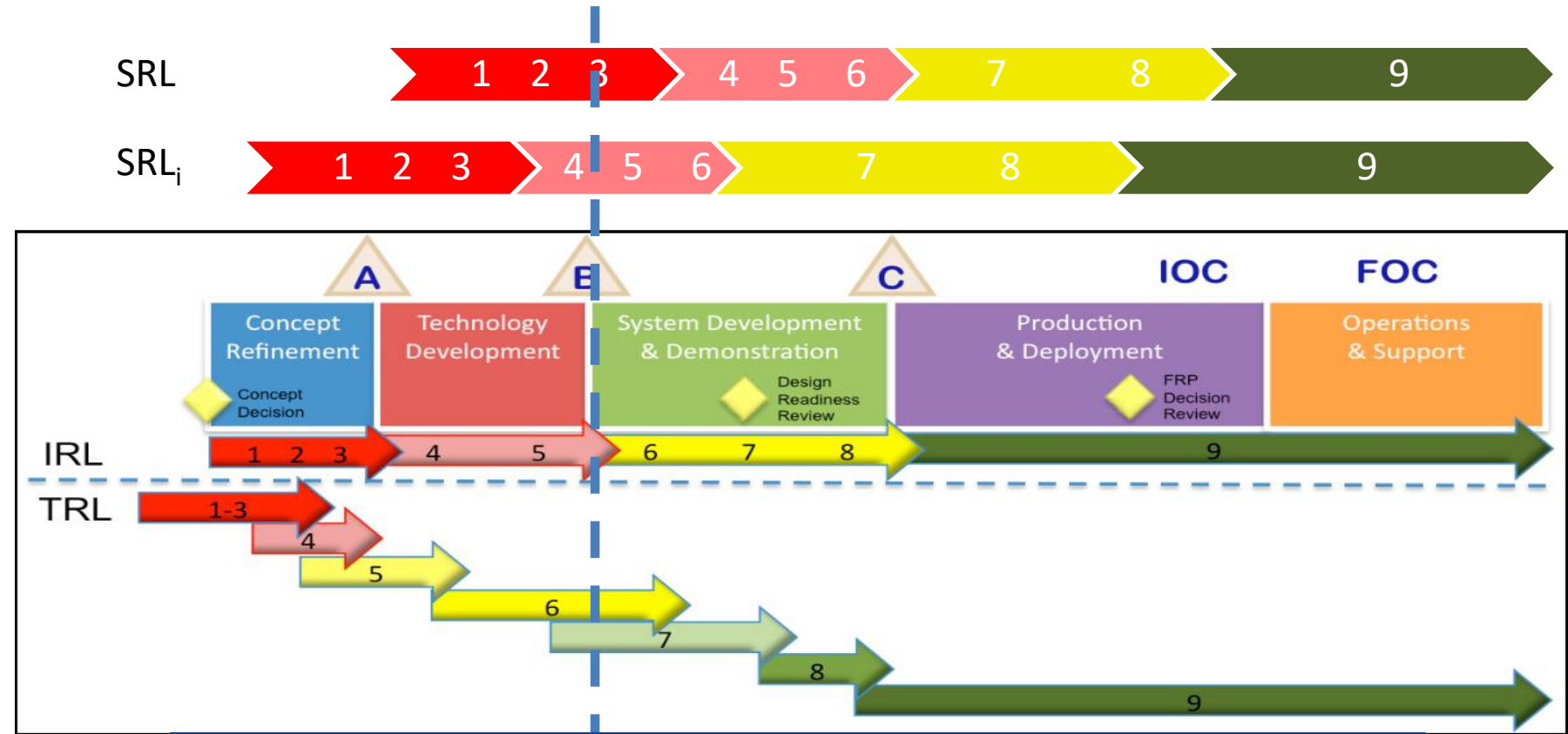
$$IRL_{ij} = f(TRL_i, TRL_j)$$

$$SRL_i = f(TRL_j, IRL_{ij})$$

$$SRL = f(SRL_1, SRL_2, \dots, SRL_n)$$



IXV tiles testing in SPES PWT (Univ Napoli Federico II)



IRL_{ij} Integration Readiness Level of technologies "i" and "j"
 SRL_i Sub-system "i" Readiness Level impacted by technologies "i" and "j"
 SRL System Readiness Level



Hyplane (Trans-Tech, Univ Napoli Federico II)

- 6-seats, Mach 4.5 spaceplane
- HTHL from 80% of available airports (L<1000 m) within the present set of governing rules
- Market:
 - Urgent Business Travel & Perishable Commodity Air Cargo
 - Micro-g Research, Space Tourism, Training, High-altitude Air-launch
 - Other

A possible concept

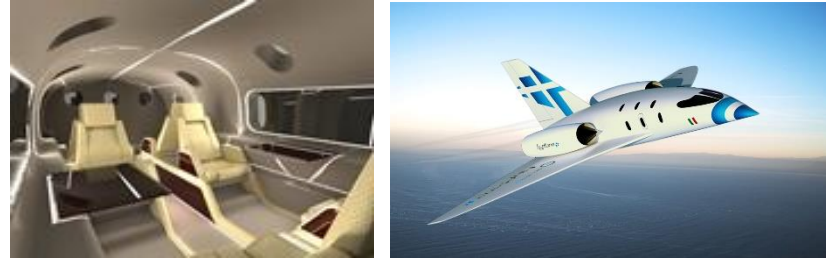
- may fly up to three sub-orbital parabolas to 70 km altitude or one to the Karman line
- or 7000 km point-to-point trajectories in less than 2 hours at a cruise altitude of about 30 km



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University of Naples "Federico II"

P2P Stratospheric Flight Scenario

20 km, Mach=2.5
Switch to Ramjet mode



Cruise phase,
30 km, Mach=4.5
(Range >7000 km)

Descent and approach to terminal area

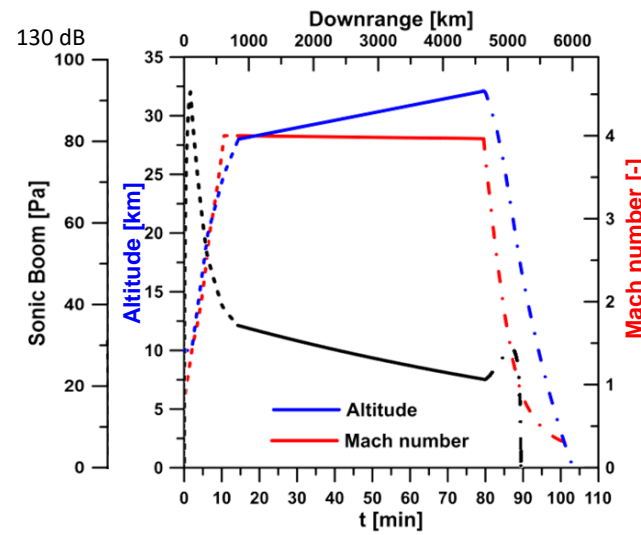
Horizontal landing



Acceleration along a constant dynamic pressure trajectory

10 km, Mach=0.8

Horizontal take off



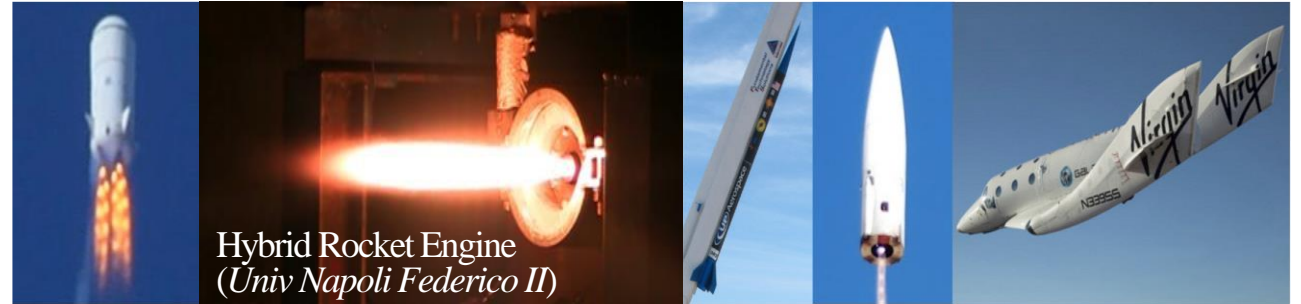
$$\Delta p = \frac{KW^{\frac{1}{2}}(M_0^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{8}}}{M_0 H^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

K from Concorde and Space Shuttle data
W instantaneous weight
M₀ instantaneous Mach
H instantaneous altitude



Suborbital Flight

➤ The increased interest for commercial space access is creating conditions for a **new spaceflight industry** to produce Suborbital Reusable Vehicles (SRV's)



- Suborbital space activities (e.g. micro-gravity research, technological demonstrators, space tourism) will be accomplished at **highly reduced costs**
- From another point of view, the cost associated with suborbital space access flight is strongly conditioned by the **still small dimension of its market** and accessibility to critical technologies
- Therefore, hypersonic technologies suitable for this market as well as for point-to-point fast transportation **can facilitate** the endeavor

Comparison of Space Tourism Vehicles











Mini Irene Demonstrator – Mechanical Design (*Lead Tech*)



Additive Manufacturing design and production of space systems components (*Sophia High Tech*)



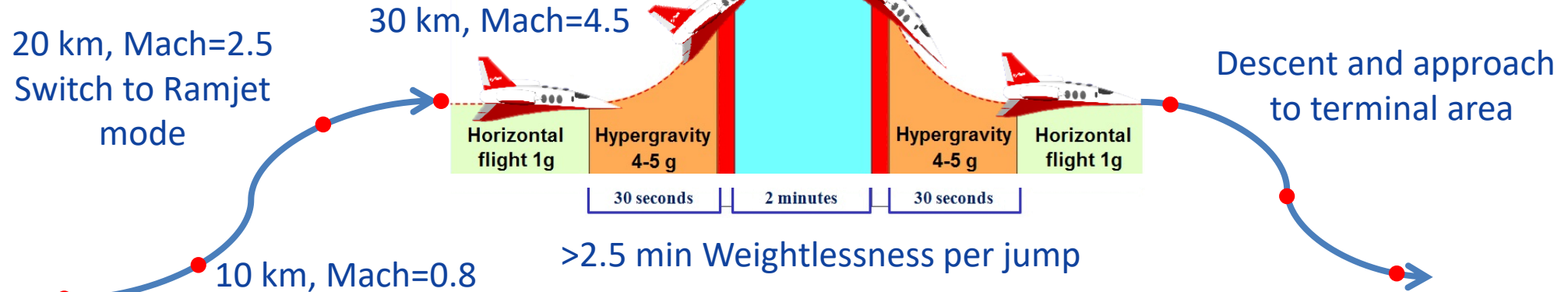
IXV reentry vehicle - engineering participation (*CIRA*)

Comparison with Similar projects	 HyPlane [IT]	 SpaceShipTwo [USA]	 Lynx [USA]	 Spaceplane [FR]
				
Speed [Mach]	Mach 4.5	Mach 4	Mach 3.5	Mach 3.5
Max altitude [km]	100	110	70	100
Pax number	6	6	1	4
Downrange [km]	1.500 (7.000 stratospheric flight)	56	n.a.	n.a.
Max acceleration [g]	4.2 (better comfort)	6	4.5	4.5
Propulsion type	Turbo-Ramjet (green propellants)	"Hybrid " rocket (Mather aircraft support)	"Cryogenic" rocket	Turbojet + "Cryogenic" rocket
Take-off and landing site	Any Civil Airport (runway < 1000m)	Spaceports	Spaceports	Spaceports

Suborbital Flight Scenario



Either 1 parabola at >100 km or up to 3 parabolas at ~70 km



Horizontal take off



Horizontal landing



Potential Market Size

The correct potential marketplace for Hyplane is the combination of two markets:

- **Supersonic/Hypersonic transportation**
- **Suborbital space flight**

The first one addresses mainly the segment of **urgent business travel for passengers** as well as **fast cargo transportation for special goods/products** such as mail and express, pharms, valuables live, perishable, transcontinental organ transport

The second one refers mainly to **space tourism, research, training & services.**

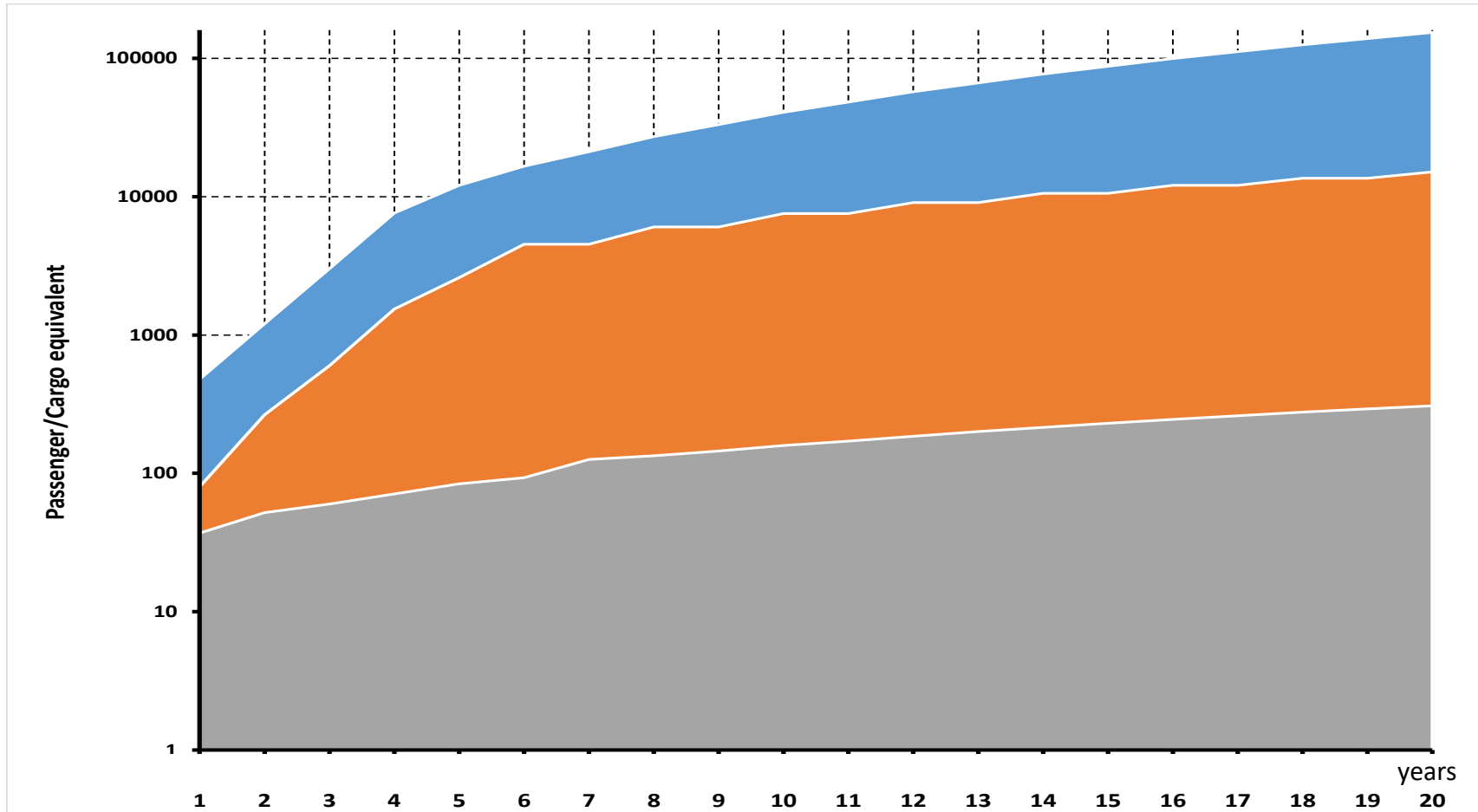


Mini-Irene Flight Experiment,
Mechanical parts (*Lead Tech*)



Digitalization processes and Virtual
Reality (*Protom Group*)

Potential Market Estimate



Source: FAA, Airbus, Boeing, GAMA, Bombardier et al. Analysis by Trans-Tech

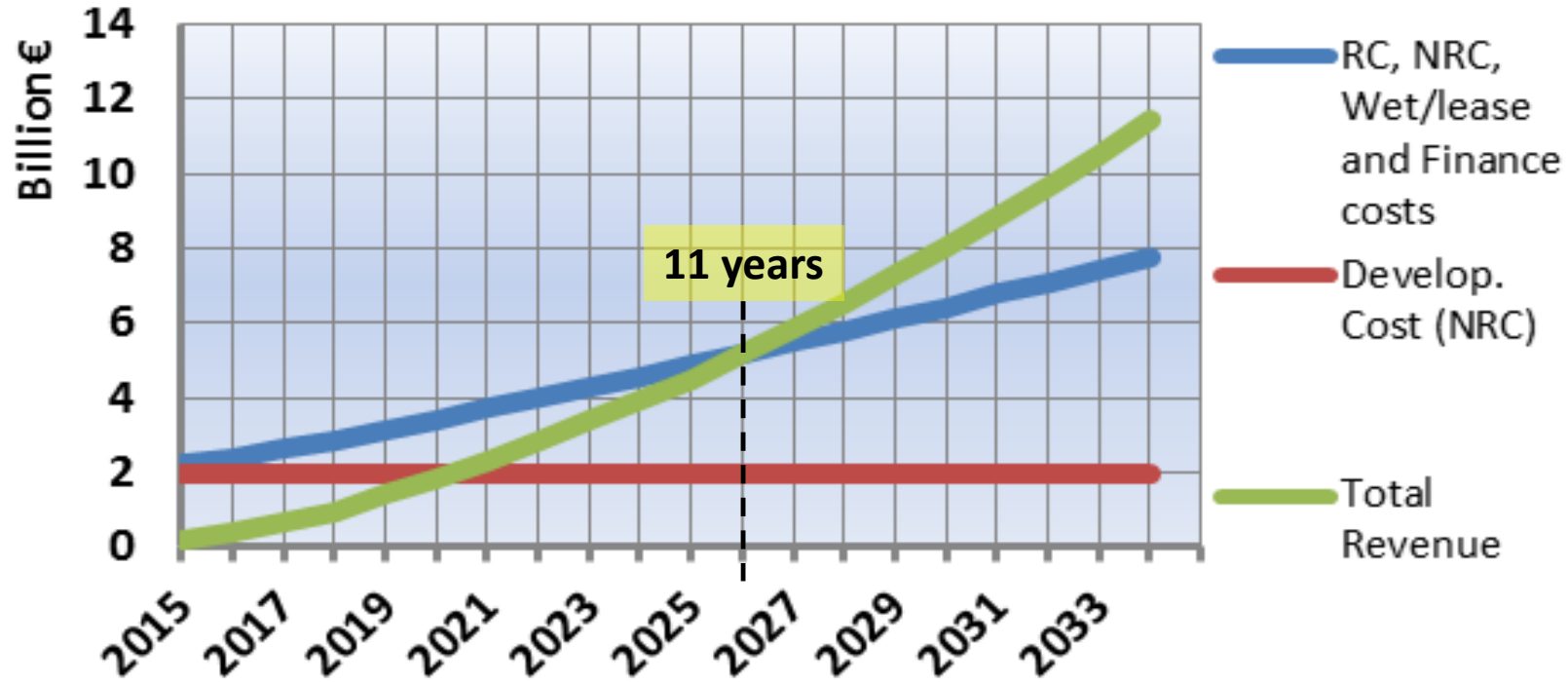
P2P passenger/cargo transportation

Suborbital flight for experimentation, training and tourism

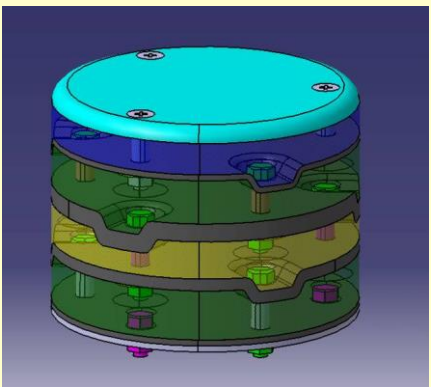
Others

Results of the Business Plan

Break Even Point for the manufacturer



- 2 B€ development investment
- 10 B€ total life cycle cost
- 13.7 B€ total life cycle revenue
- 3.7 B€ total life cycle First Operating Margin (EBITDA)**



Multi-layer multimaterial
SIPROT TPS (Aerosoft)

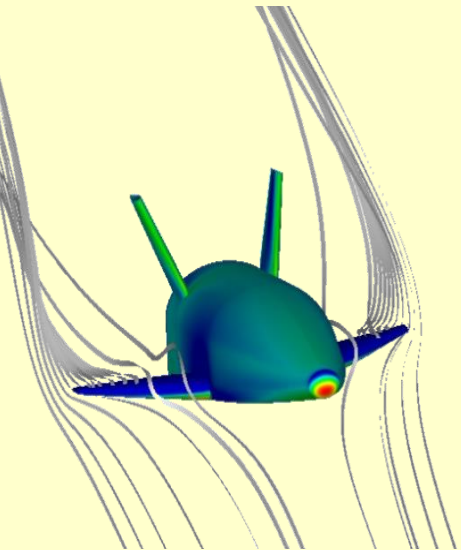
Defence and Dual-Use

➤ The need to protect an area from possible threats **coming from very high altitudes or even space** is acquiring stronger and stronger relevance:

- Global deployability
- Prompt global strike
- Enemy defense suppression
- Operational responsive space access



Supersonic/hypersonic radomes (MBDA)



Hypersonic winged body configuration (Univ Varvitelli)

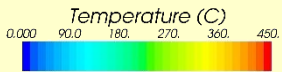
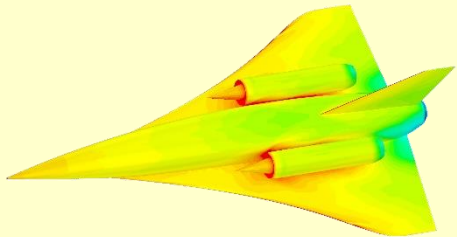
Defence and Dual-Use

➤ **Rapid reach** of a military theater or interception of very fast intruders in the air space are acquiring higher priority for air forces:

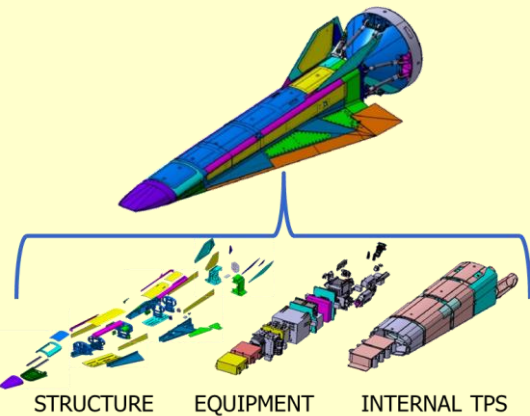
- Surveillance
- Recognition
- Intelligence
- Transport



Hyplane military configuration (*Trans-Tech*)

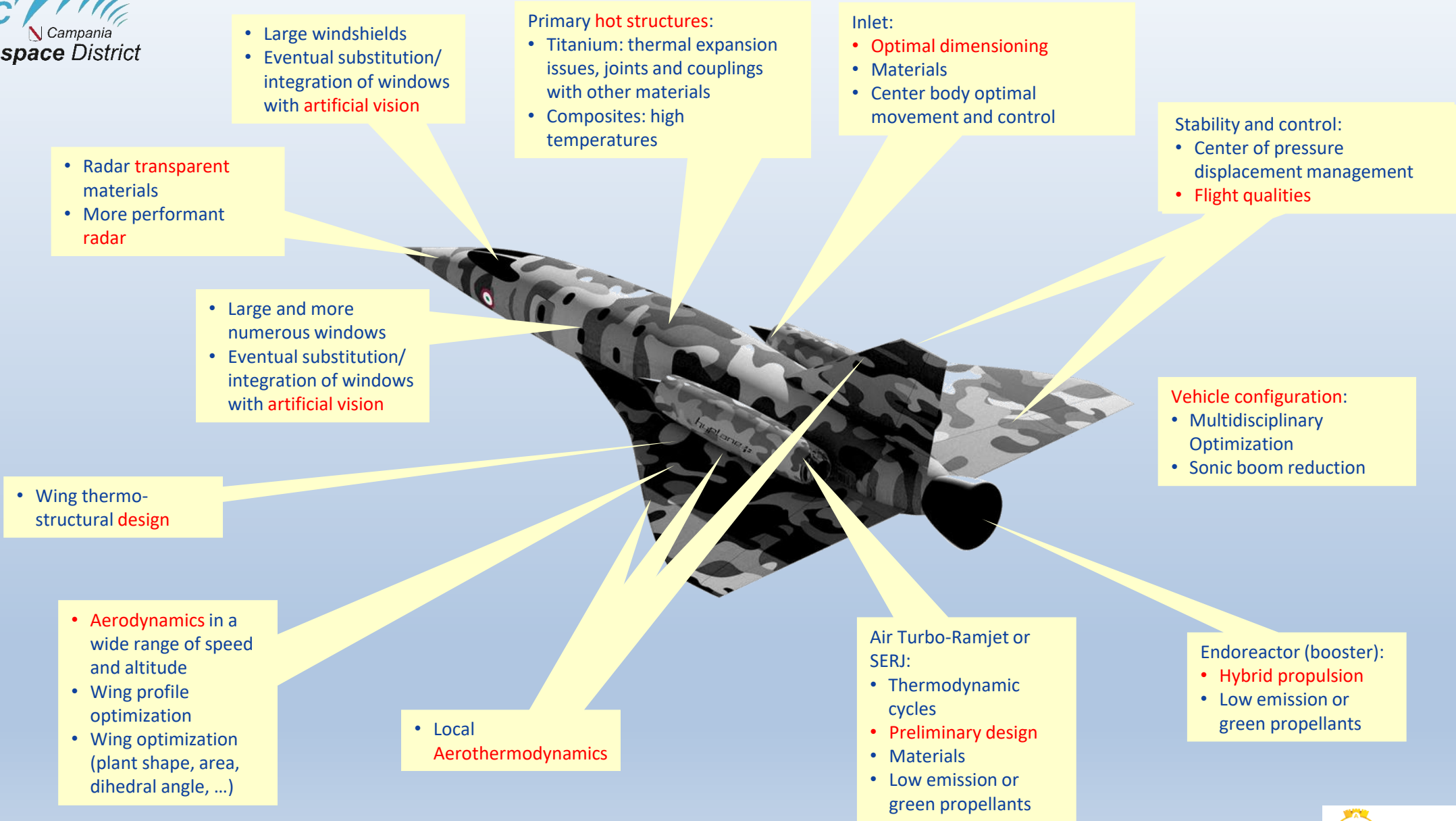


Hyplane surface temperature
(*Blue Engineering*)



Structural Design and equipment
accommodation of Hexafly-Int
(*Tecnosistem*)

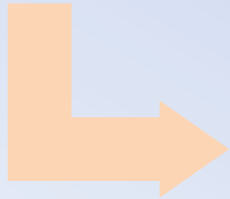
Technologies



Build up the Roadmap

Step 1

- Freeze top requirements from reference target projects



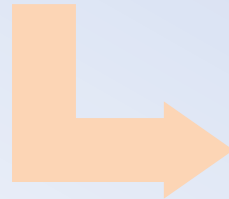
Step 2

- Identify (common) high-TRL available technologies



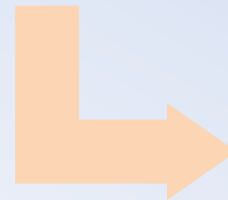
Step 3

- Set up collaborations and work sharing



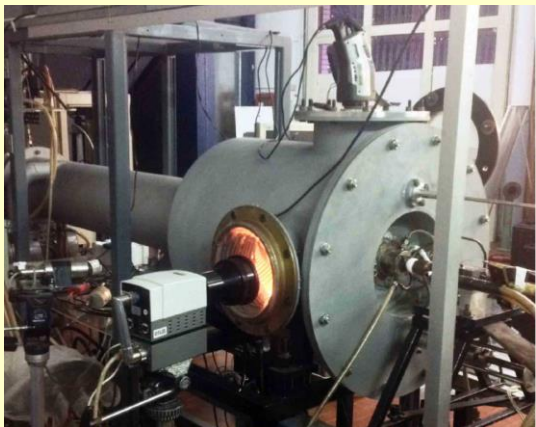
Step 4

- Bring selected technologies at adequate TRL



Step 5

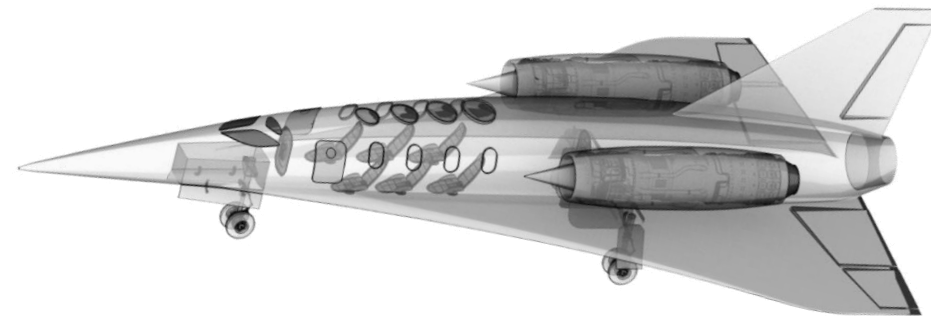
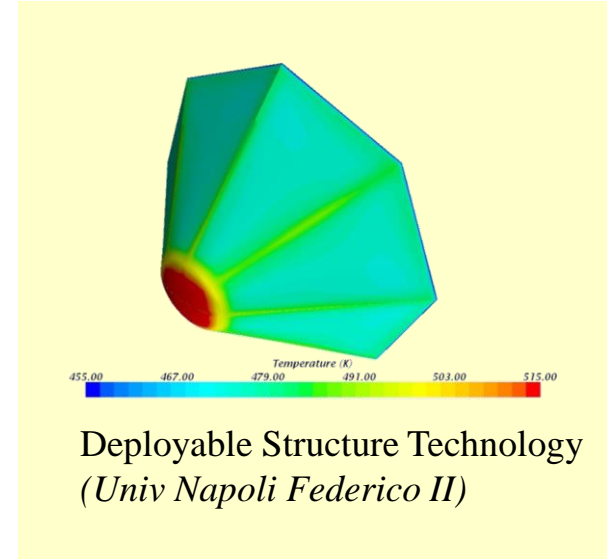
- Develop the demonstrator



SPES PWT
(Univ Napoli Federico II)

Proposed Demonstrator

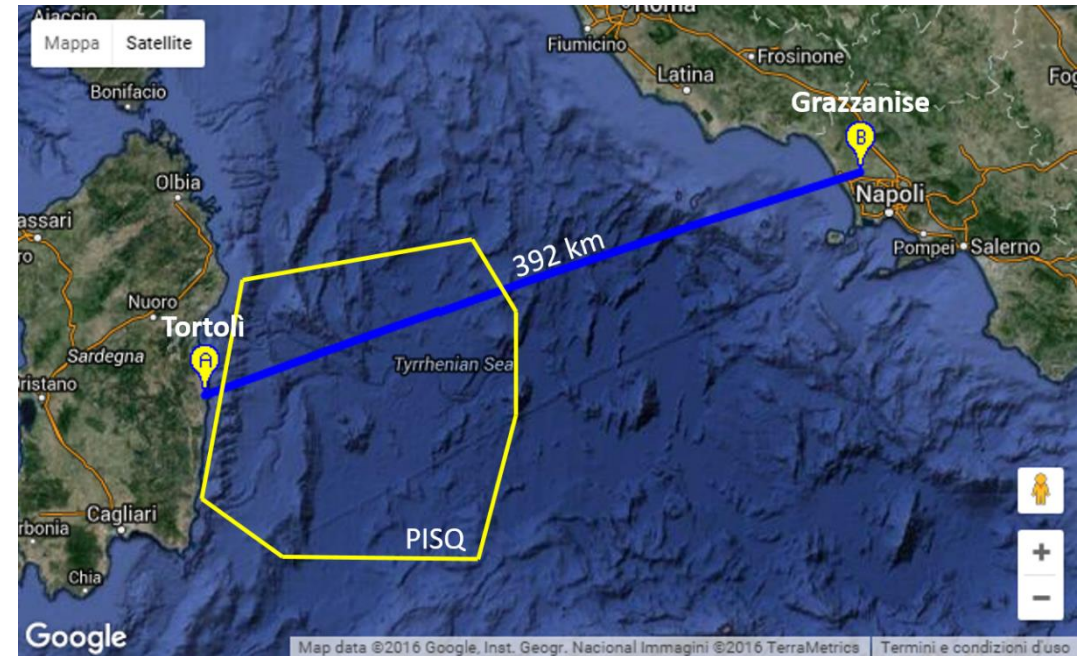
- Aerostructure: titanium baseline
- Propulsion system: twin EJ200 turbofan (from Eurofighter) + rocket booster
- People on board: one experimental pilot
- Target missions:
 - A) 1 suborbital jump up to 100 km with 300 km downrange
 - B) < 1.000 km stratospheric flight
- Development cost: ~1/10 of full development costs, i.e. ~200 M€
- Development time: ~4 years
- Operations: from Grottaglie or from the Suborbital Experimental Polygon



Suborbital Experimental Polygon

*DAC is supporting the development of **Grazzanise military airport** to become an experimental safe spaceport. Furthermore, DAC is promoting the development of the **Suborbital Experimental Polygon** combining Grazzanise with PISQ (inter-forces polygon of Salto di Quirra) and Tortoli or Decimomannu airport in Sardinia.*

This Suborbital Experimental Polygon will make available the perfect operational scenario where to test and make use of the hypersonic demonstrator.



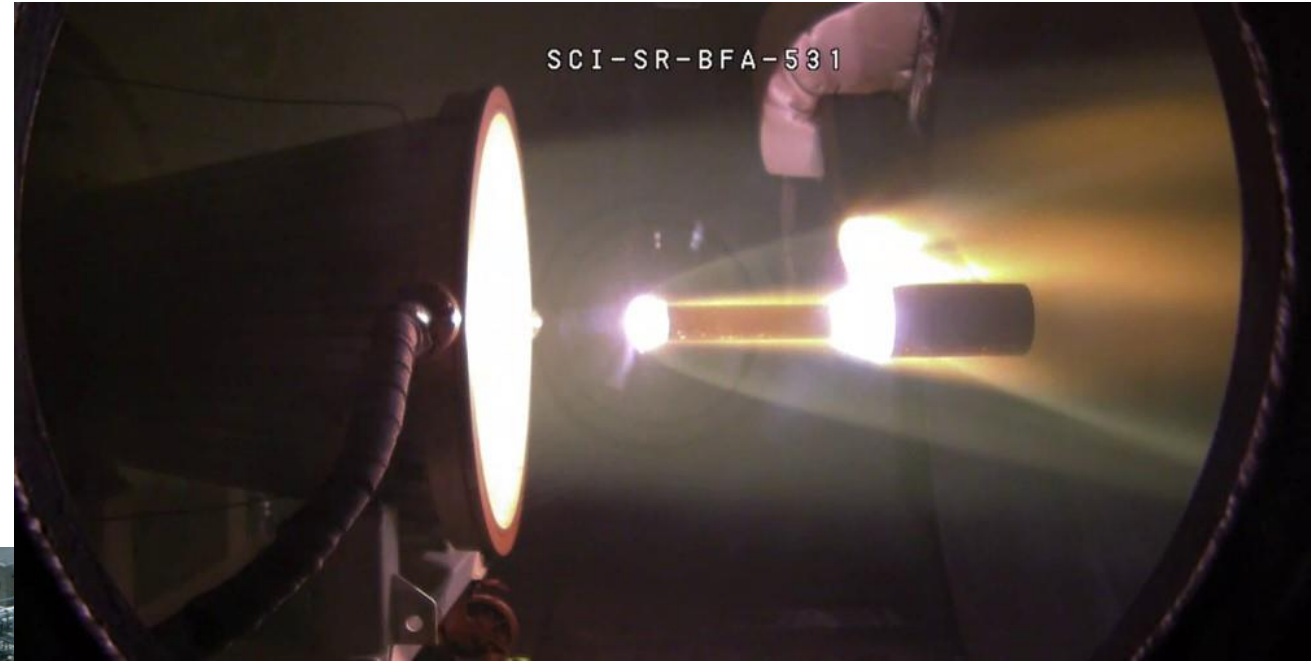
Grazzanise Safe Spaceport

ICAO Indicator: LIRM
2990 x 30 m airway
ATS Authority: Italian Air Force
Special Rules for VFR Traffic: see ENR 6.3-9
Less than 10 km away from the sea
Few and scattered habitations

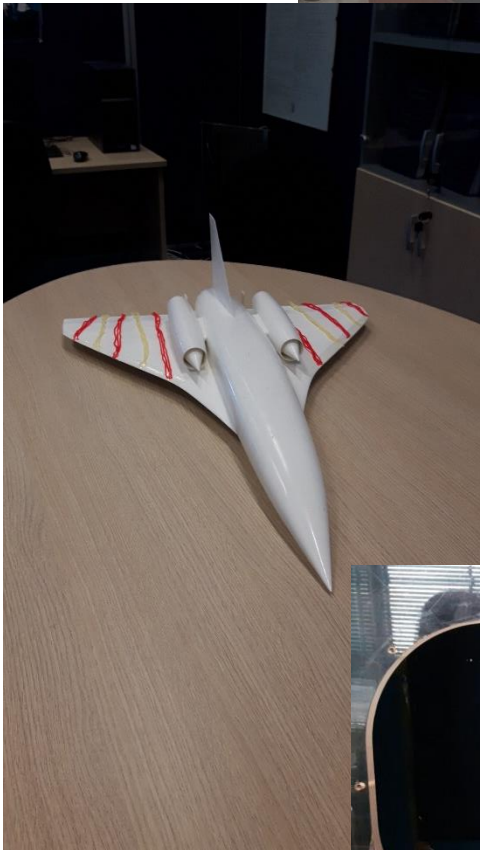
Ground Facilities

70 MW PWT Scirocco of CIRA

- Modification to test hypersonic propulsion systems



Thank you for the attention!



**A special thank to the
students and young
engineers groups**



RESERVE

Market Estimate for a Hypersonic Civil Airplane (HCA)

First class - decreasing since years:

1980: 5%; 1990: 2% Today <0.2% → 3 million pax/yr.

Business class – Most of the old first class passengers are today business class customers, representing 20% → 330 million pax/yr.

Concorde (up to 2003) - 0.01% → 150.000 pax/yr.; 80% business + 20% High Net Worth Individuals

Assuming the HCA will be chosen by 10% of first class travelers + all Concorde wealthy passengers + 10% Concorde business passengers → 342000 pax/yr. (i.e. 0,16% of Premium class) →

some 950 pax/day

The **HCA market is too low** for an aircraft of the class of hundreds tons MTOW and/or hundred passengers!

Ticket price would have to rise by at least 5X Concorde → >100000€!

Market Estimate for a Hypersonic Business Jet (HBJ)

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5% of Concorde passengers are willing to pay up to € 80,000 a ticket for a hypersonic point-to-point journey (Webber, 2012)

Assuming conservatively the HBJ will be chosen by 10% Concorde business passengers + all Concorde wealthy passengers → 42.000 pax/yr. →

100-150 pax/day

Potential buyers could be:

Fractional owner companies

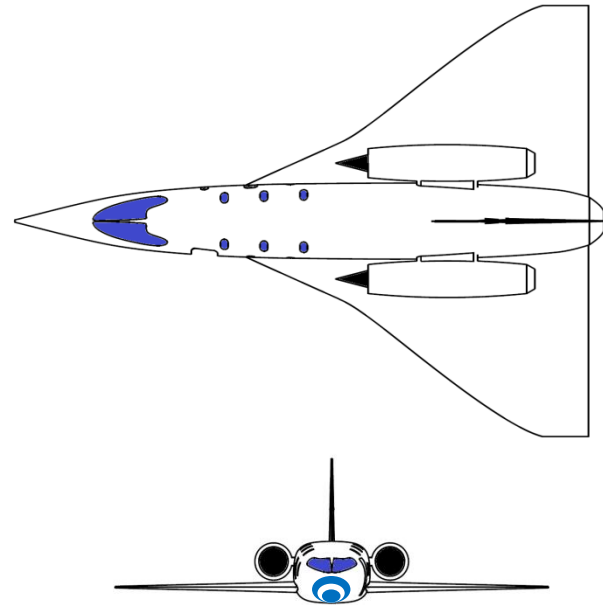
Private individuals

International/multinational companies

Governments

Business Plan Summary

- Reference frame: time 20 years and 1/5 market share
- Number of units per Market typology:
 - ✓ **102 units** from SBJ/HBJ
 - ✓ **10 units** from suborbital space tourism, research, training & services
- Development cost (NRC) = **2 B€**
- Production cost of one vehicle (RC) = **40 M€**
- HYPLANE selling price = **80 M€**
- Operating cost: **28 k€/ P2P flight** **155 k€/STflight**
- Ticket price : **10 k€ (P2P)** **50 k€ (ST)**



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THE PRESENT FOR THOSE **DESIGNING** THE FUTURE