

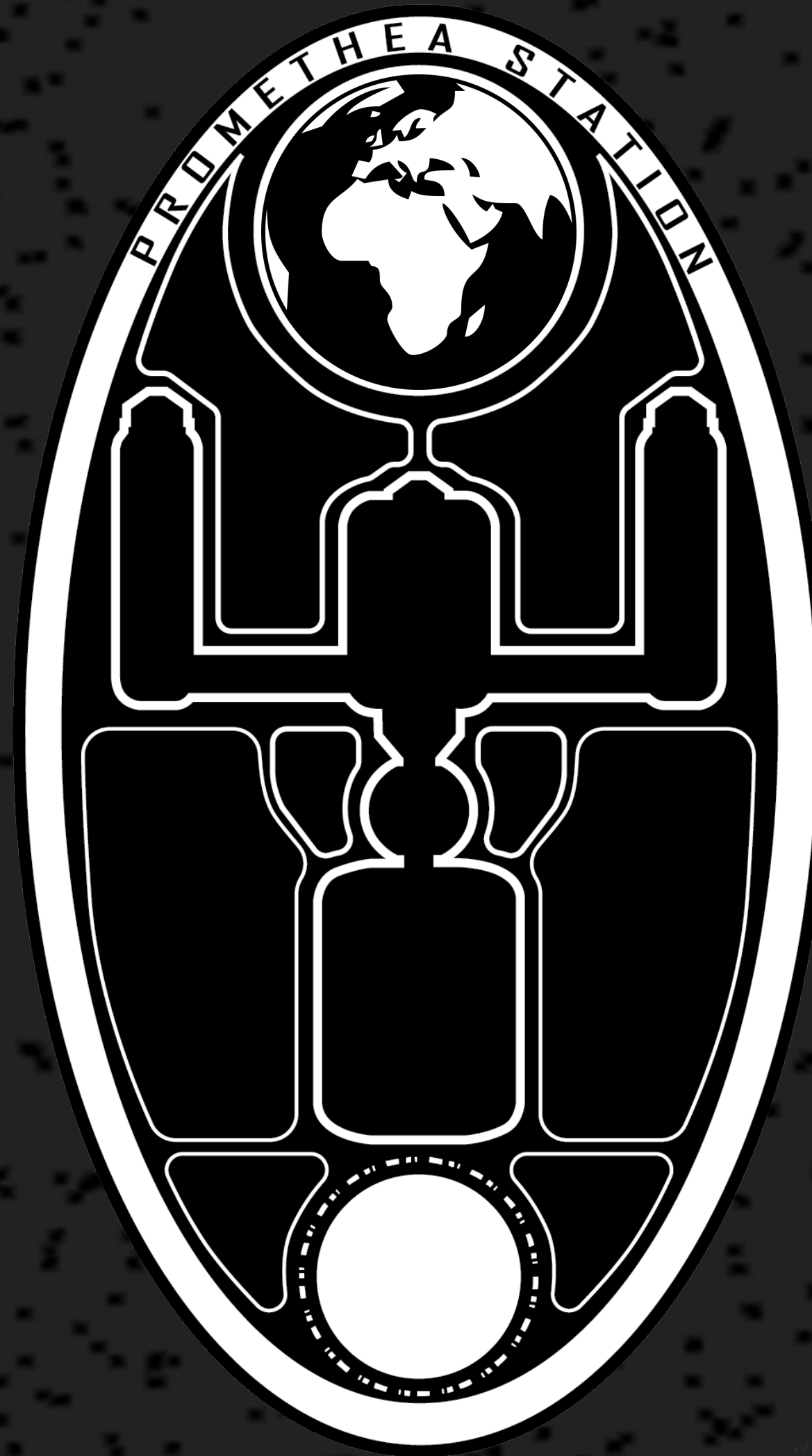
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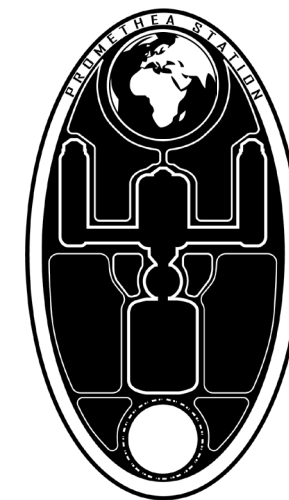
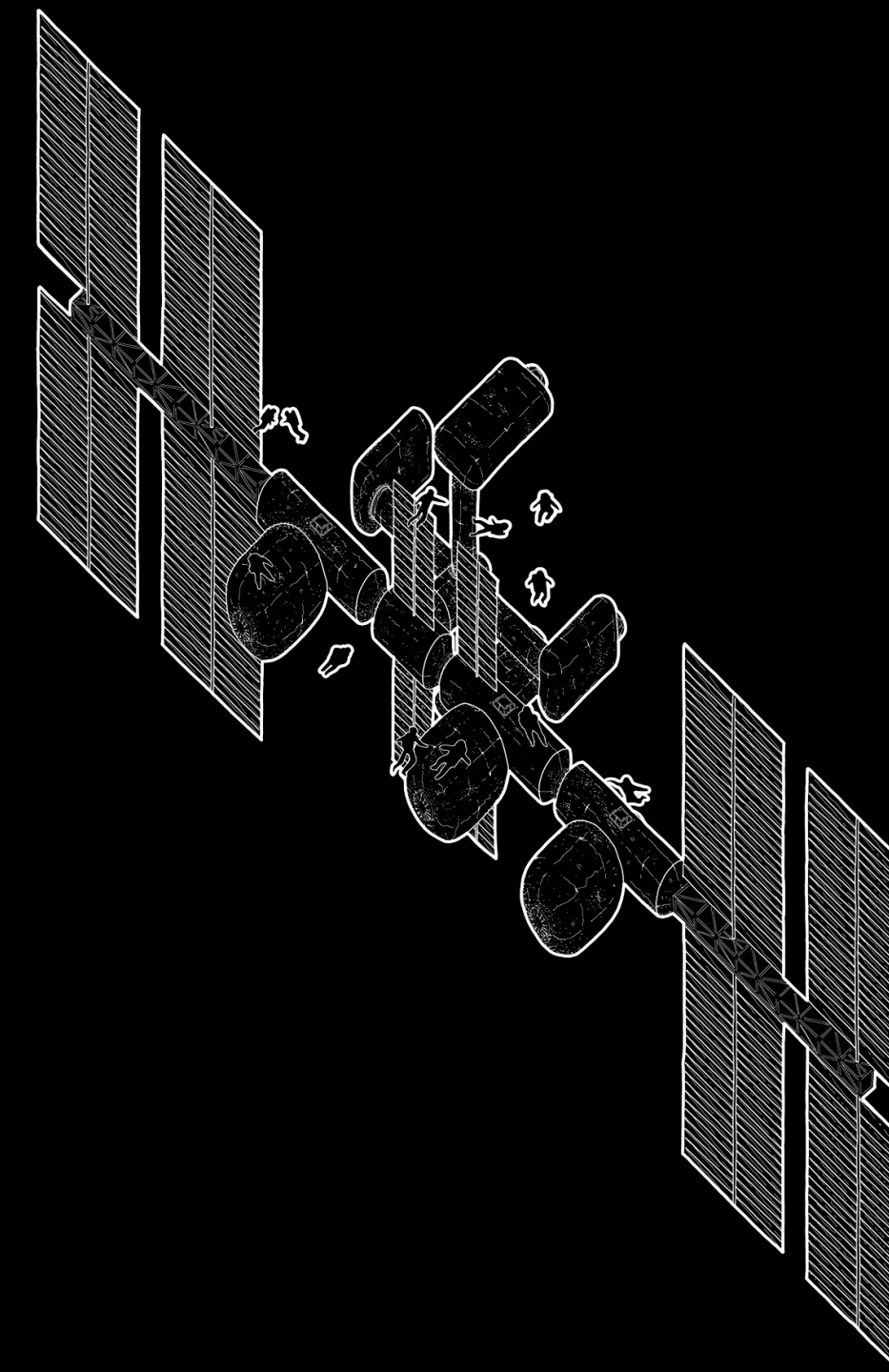
# PROMETHEA STATION

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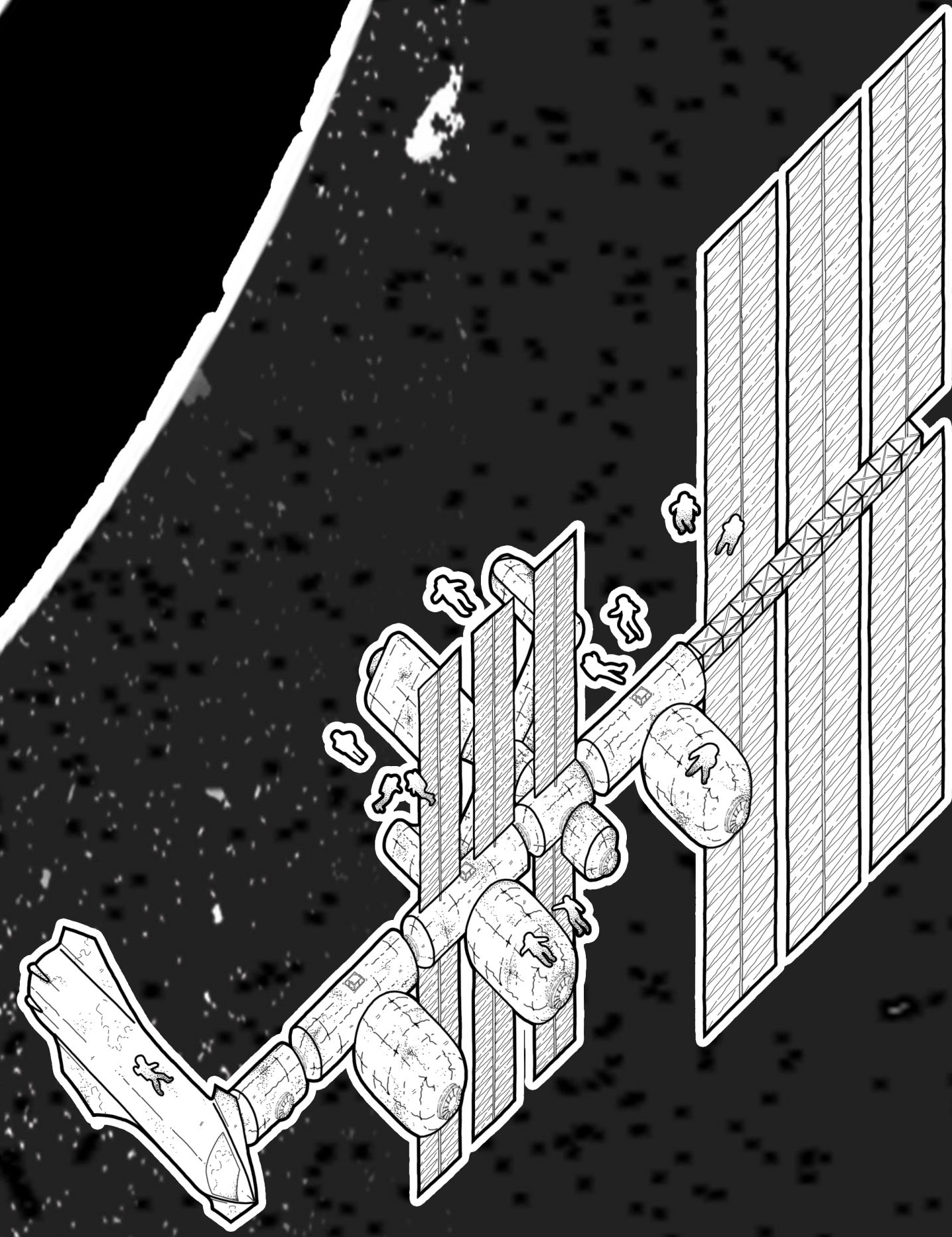
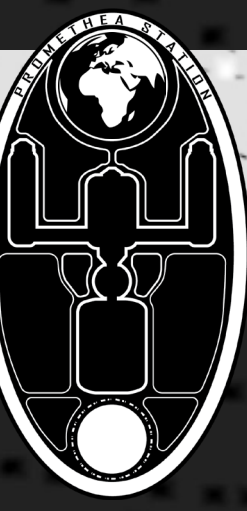


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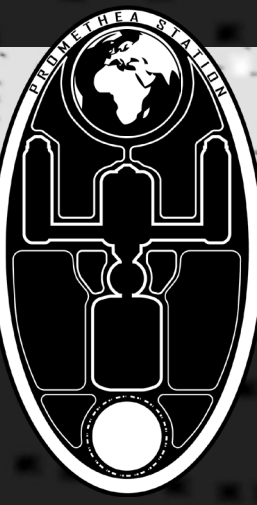
# PURPOSE



- **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)**
- **Microgravity + Martian gravity**
- **Primary objective** - modern successor to the International Space Station (ISS)
  - Future, long missions will require reliable, self-sustaining systems
    - ie. an **ecological life support system and artificial gravity**
  - Long-term testing of new systems to ensure their dependability for future space travel
- **Secondary objective** - introduce **space tourism**

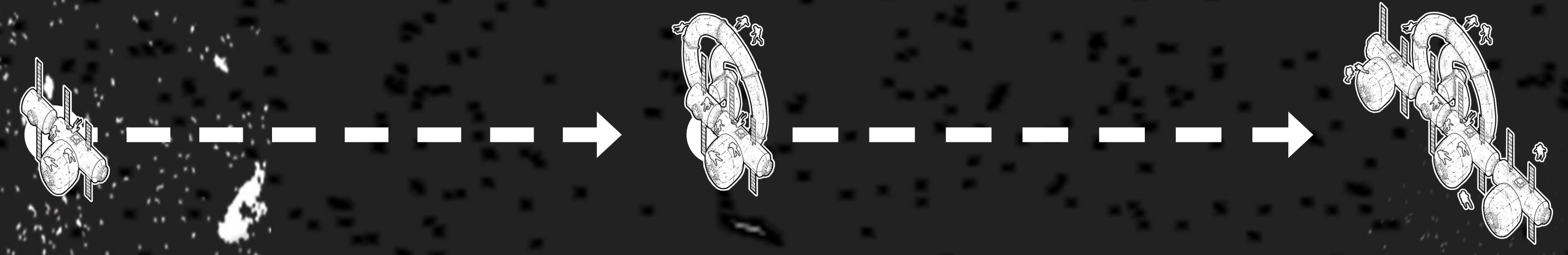


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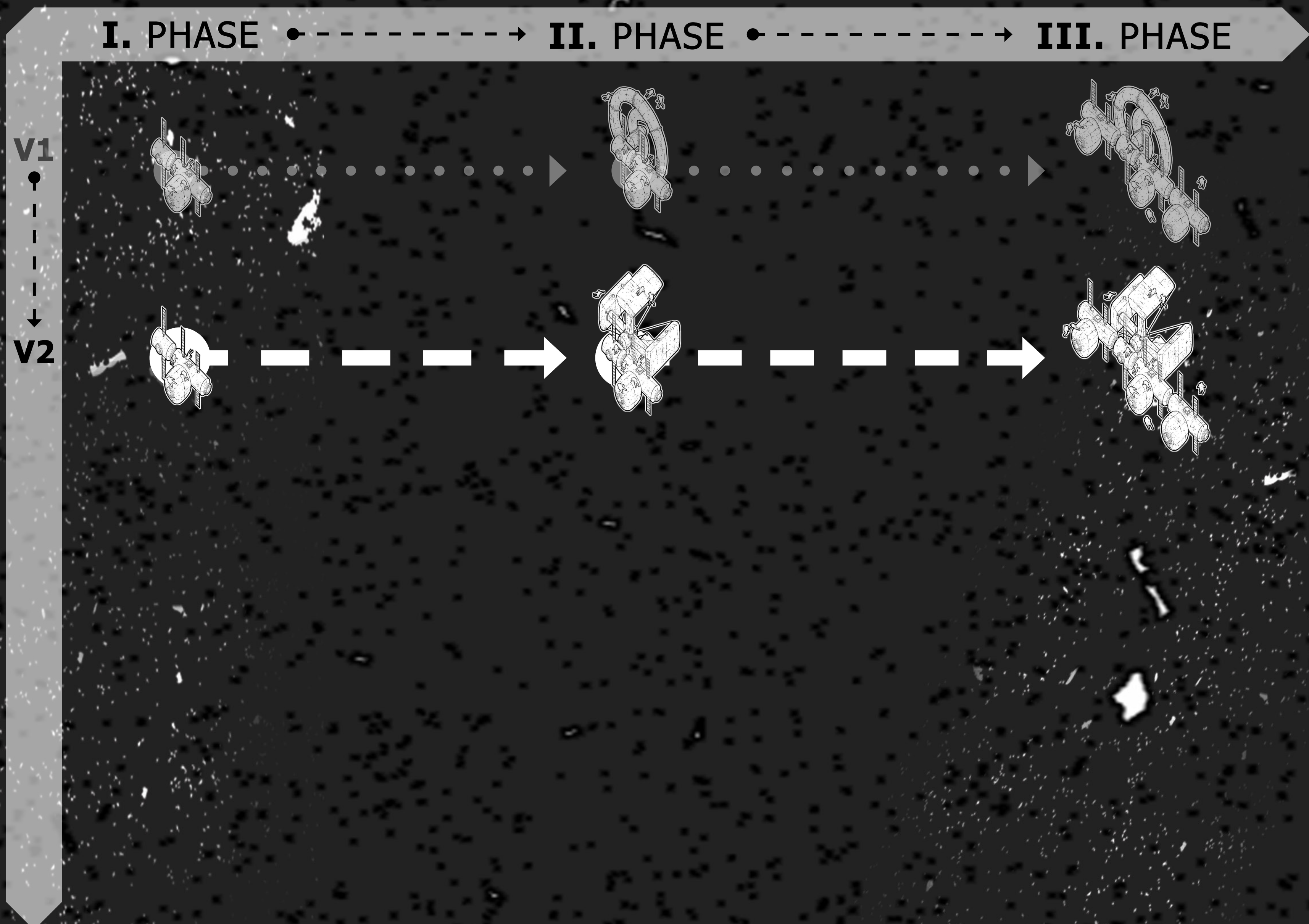
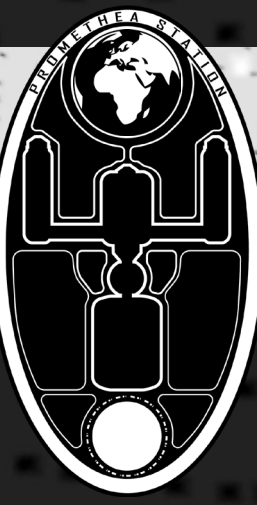


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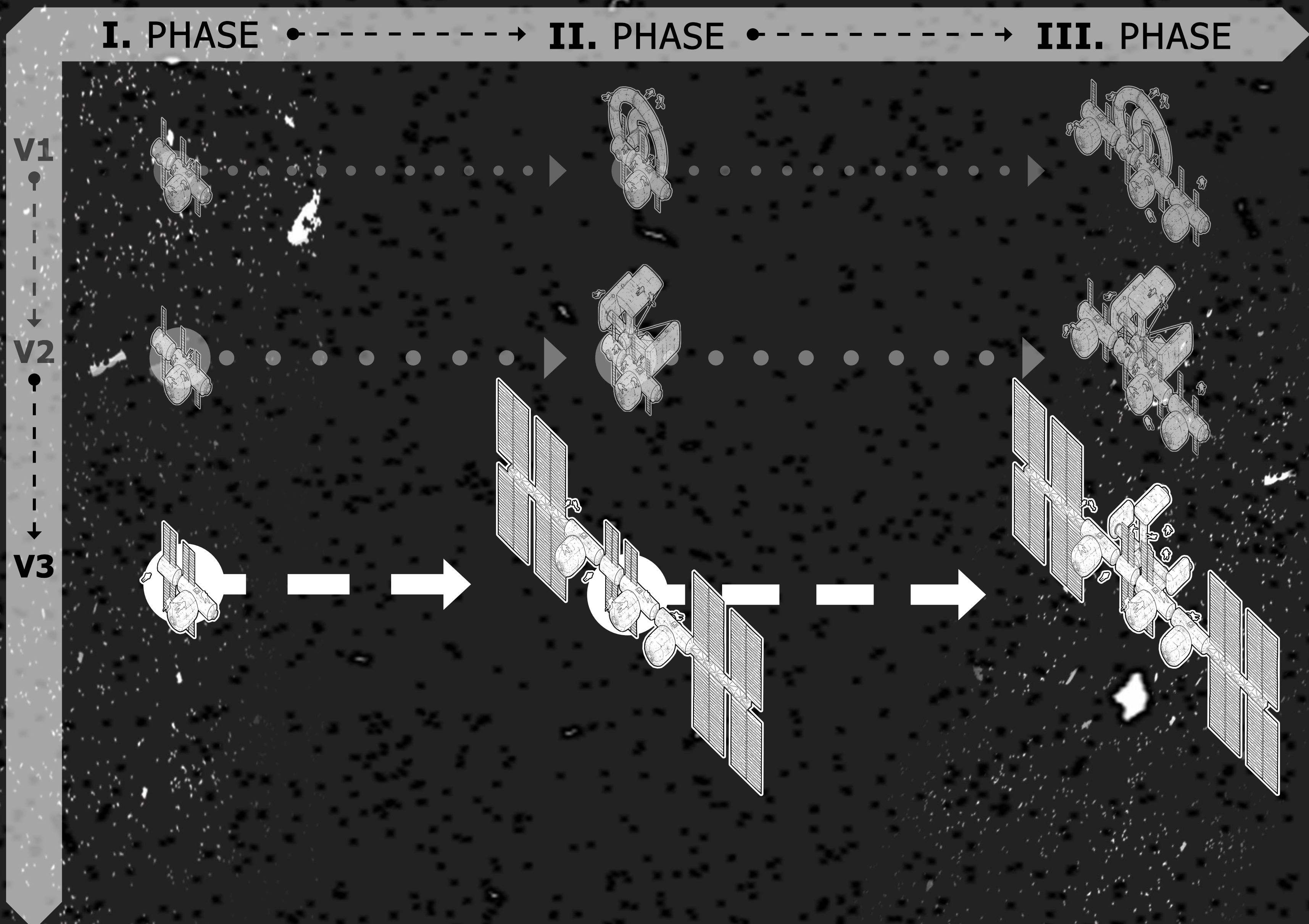
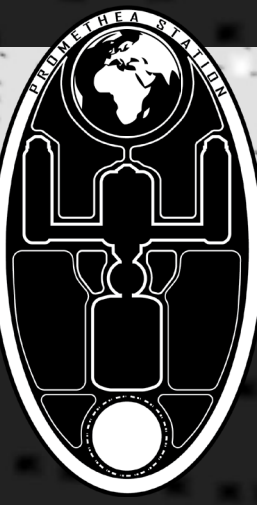
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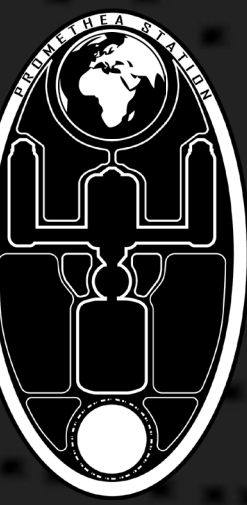


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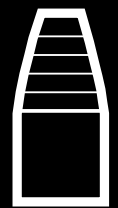


# LAUNCH PHASES

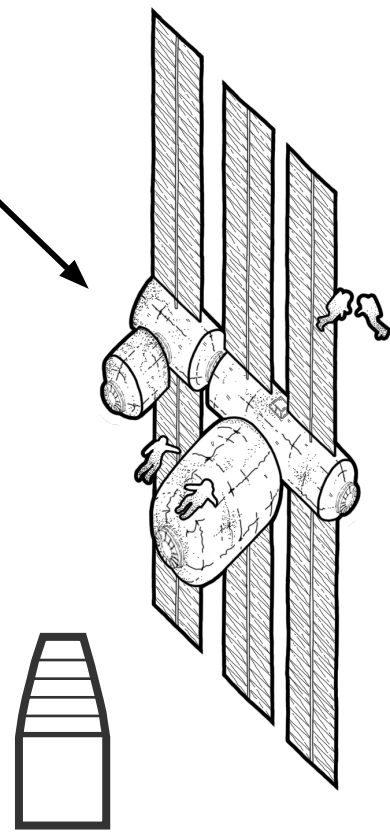


## I. PHASE

SpaceX Starship payload size  
8m (circular base) x 17,24m (height)



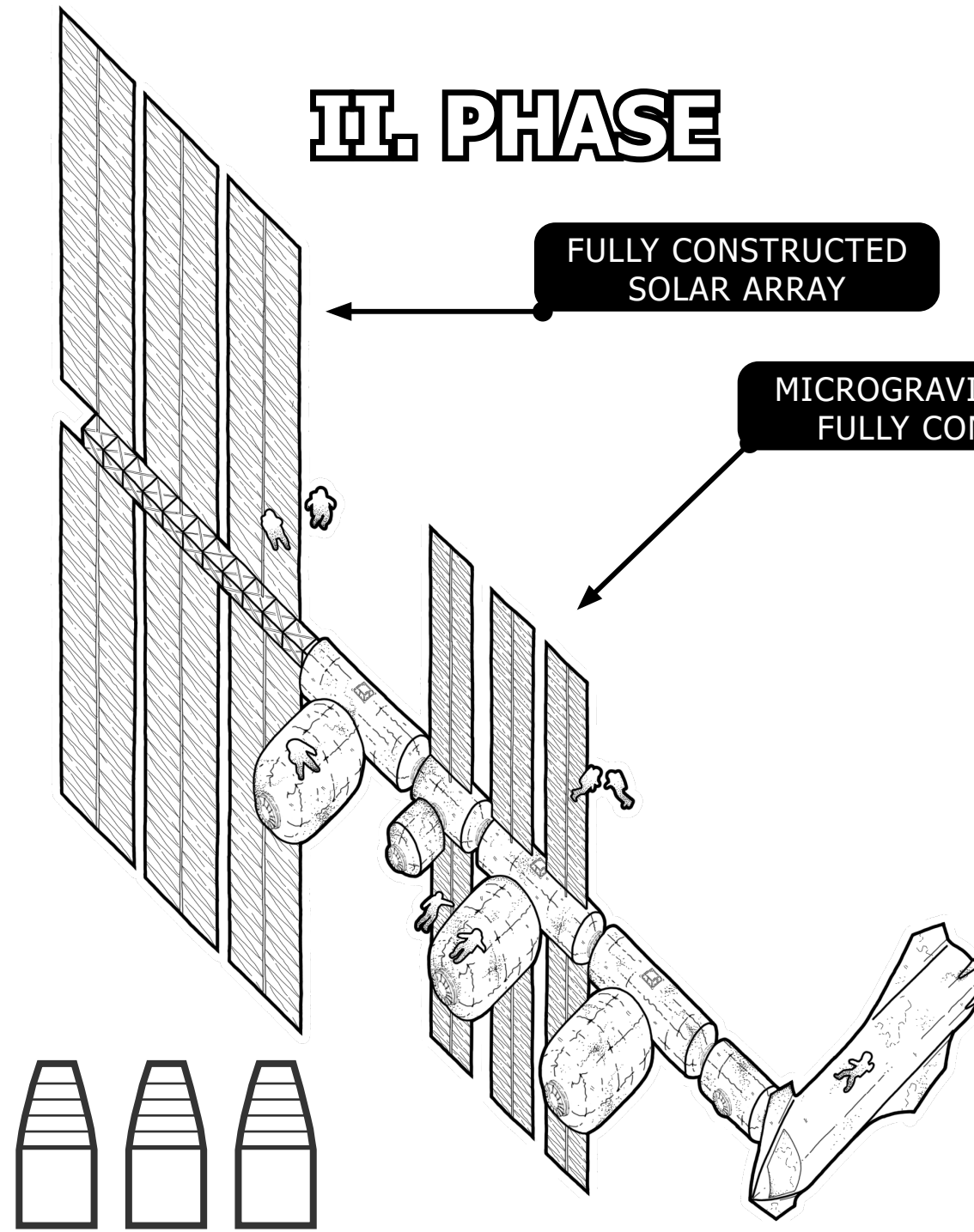
INITIAL BASE



## II. PHASE

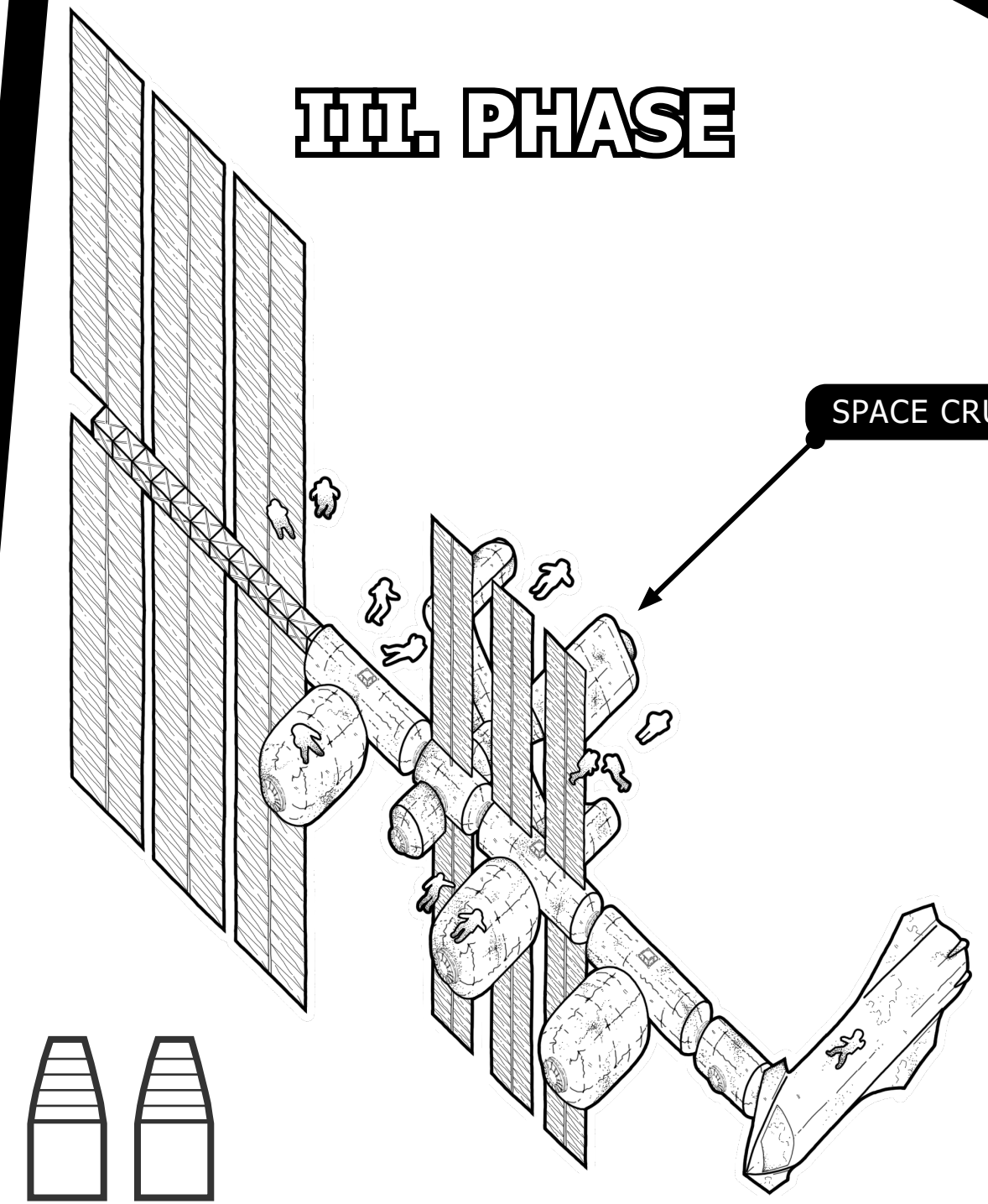
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SOLAR ARRAY

MICROGRAVITY BACKBONE  
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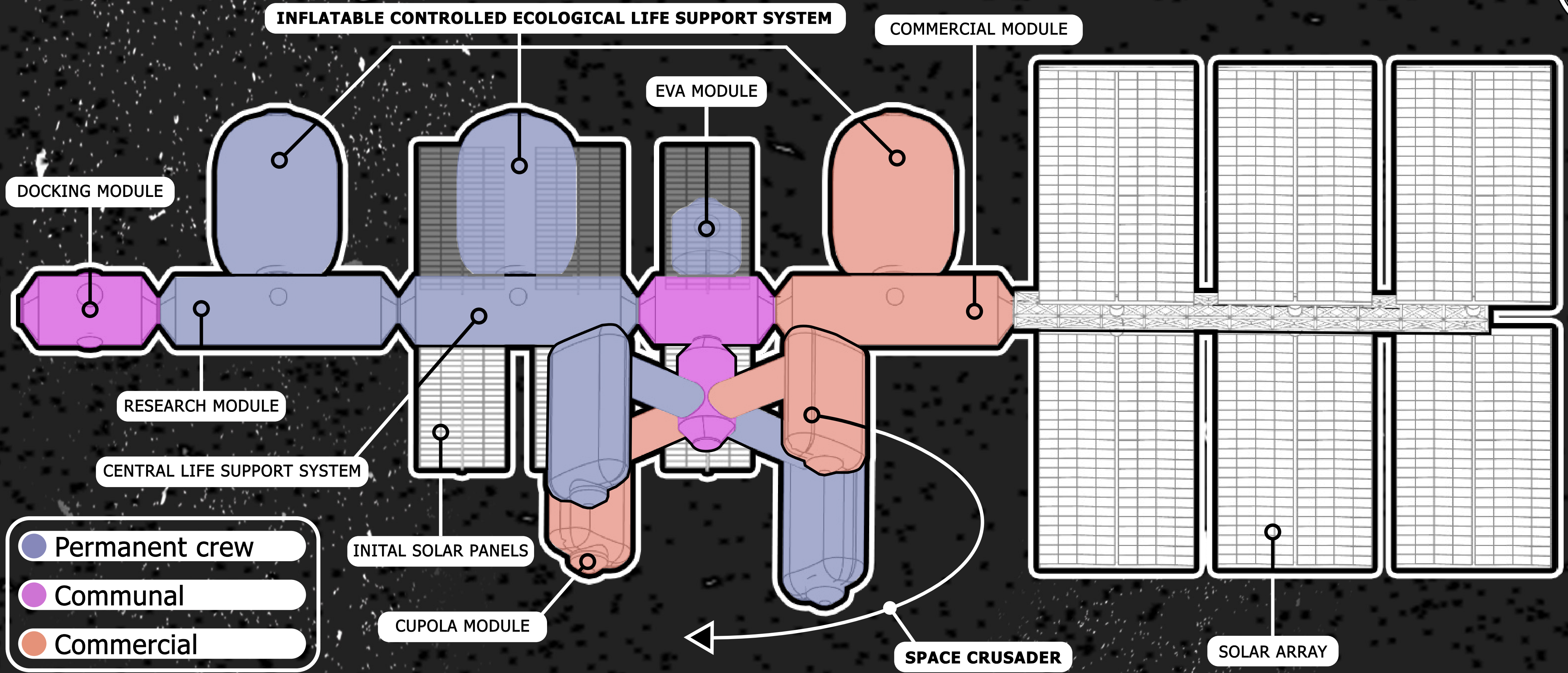
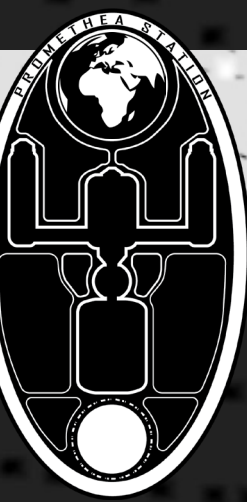


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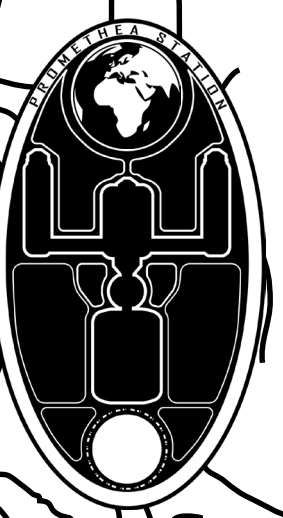
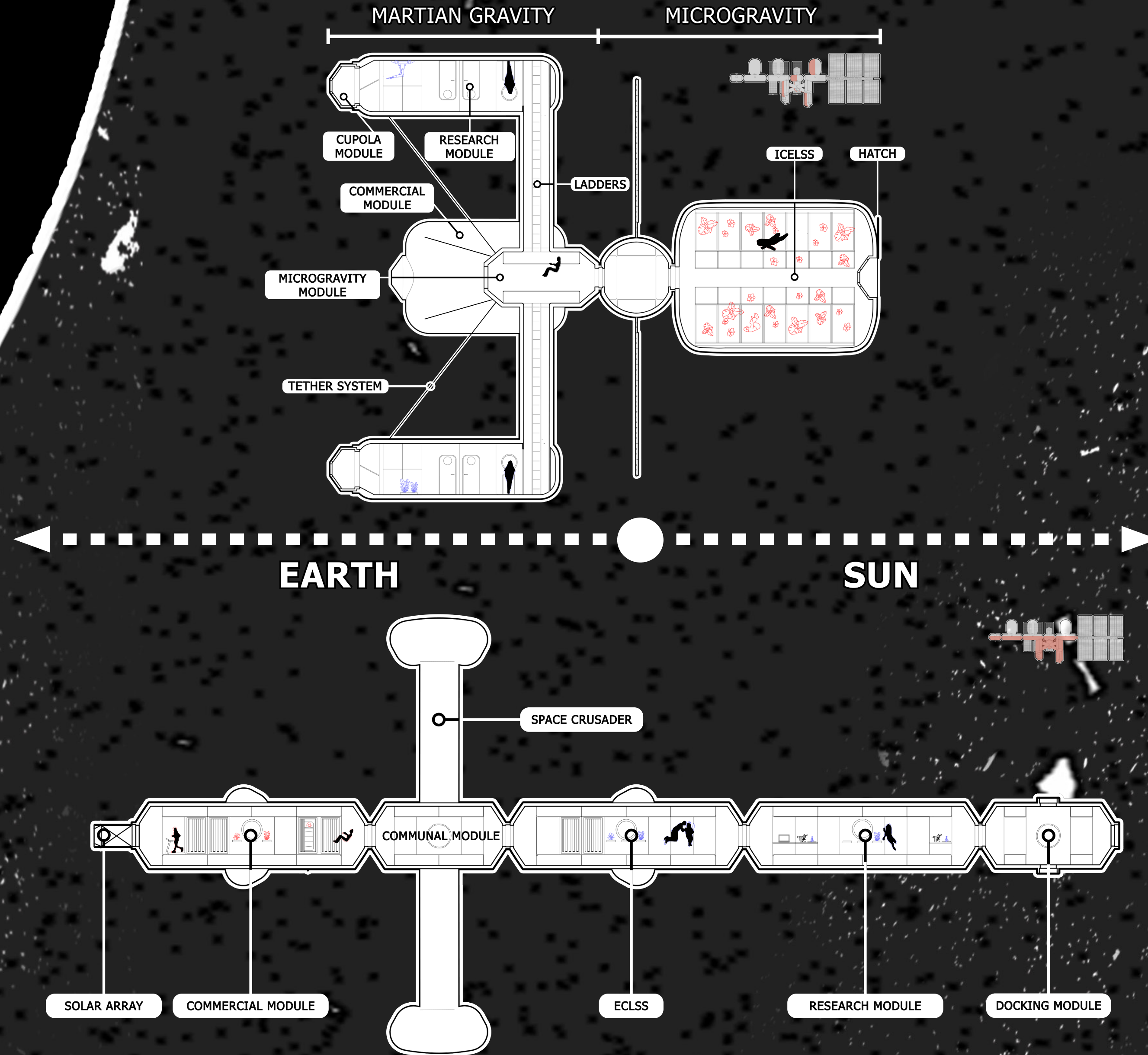
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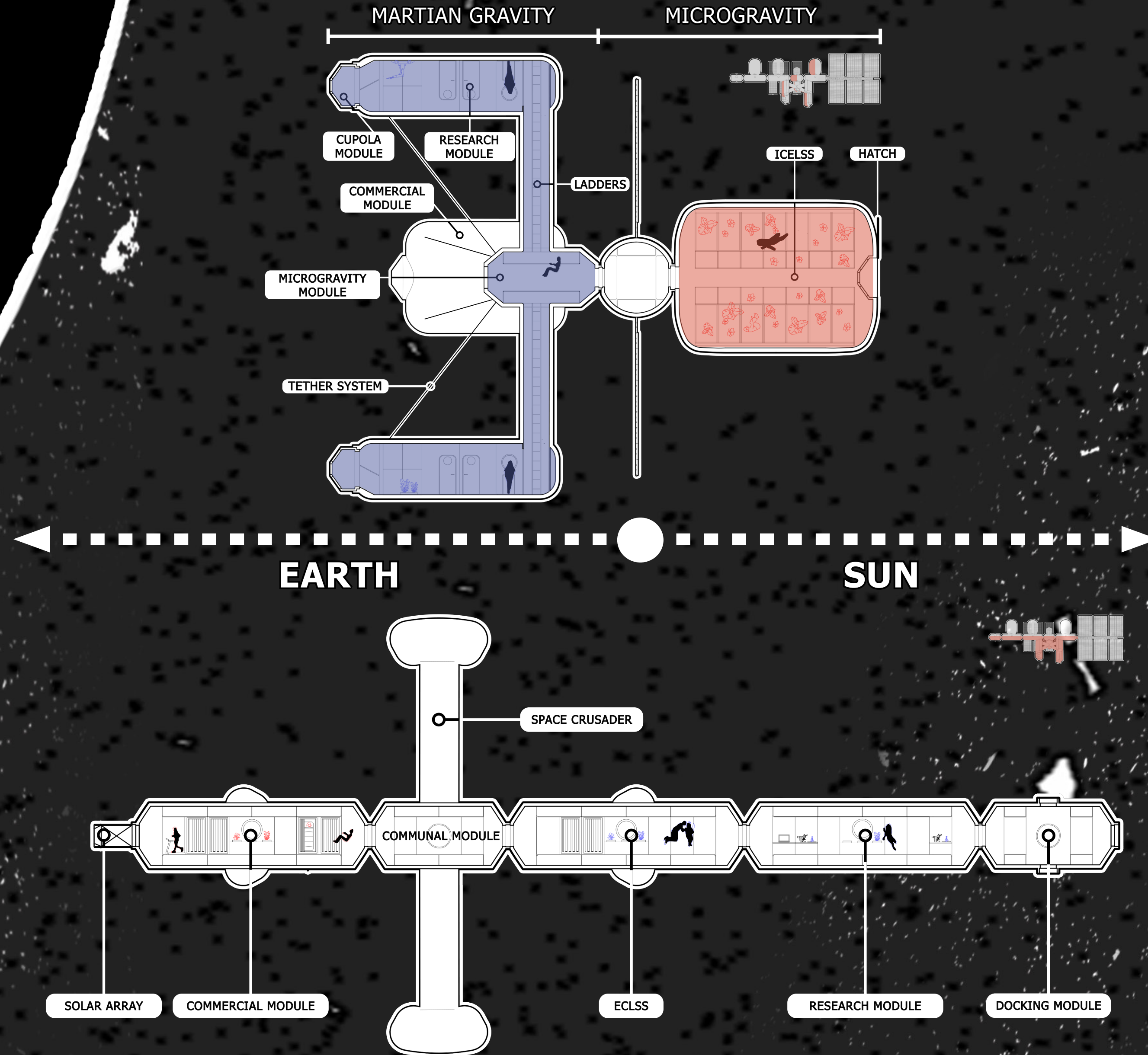
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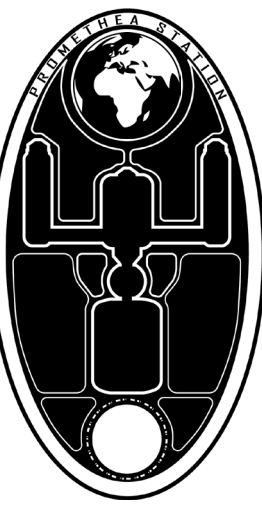
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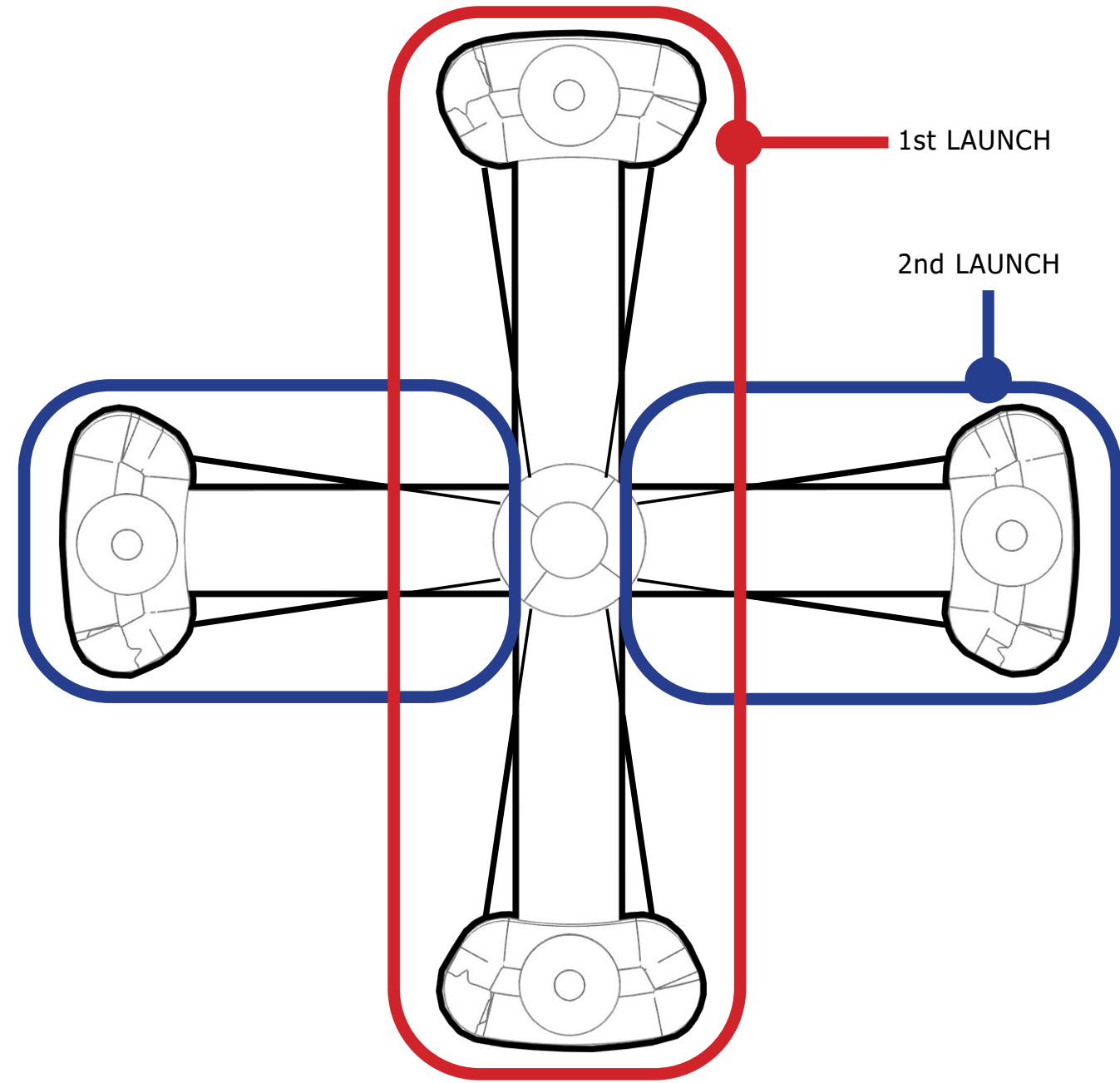
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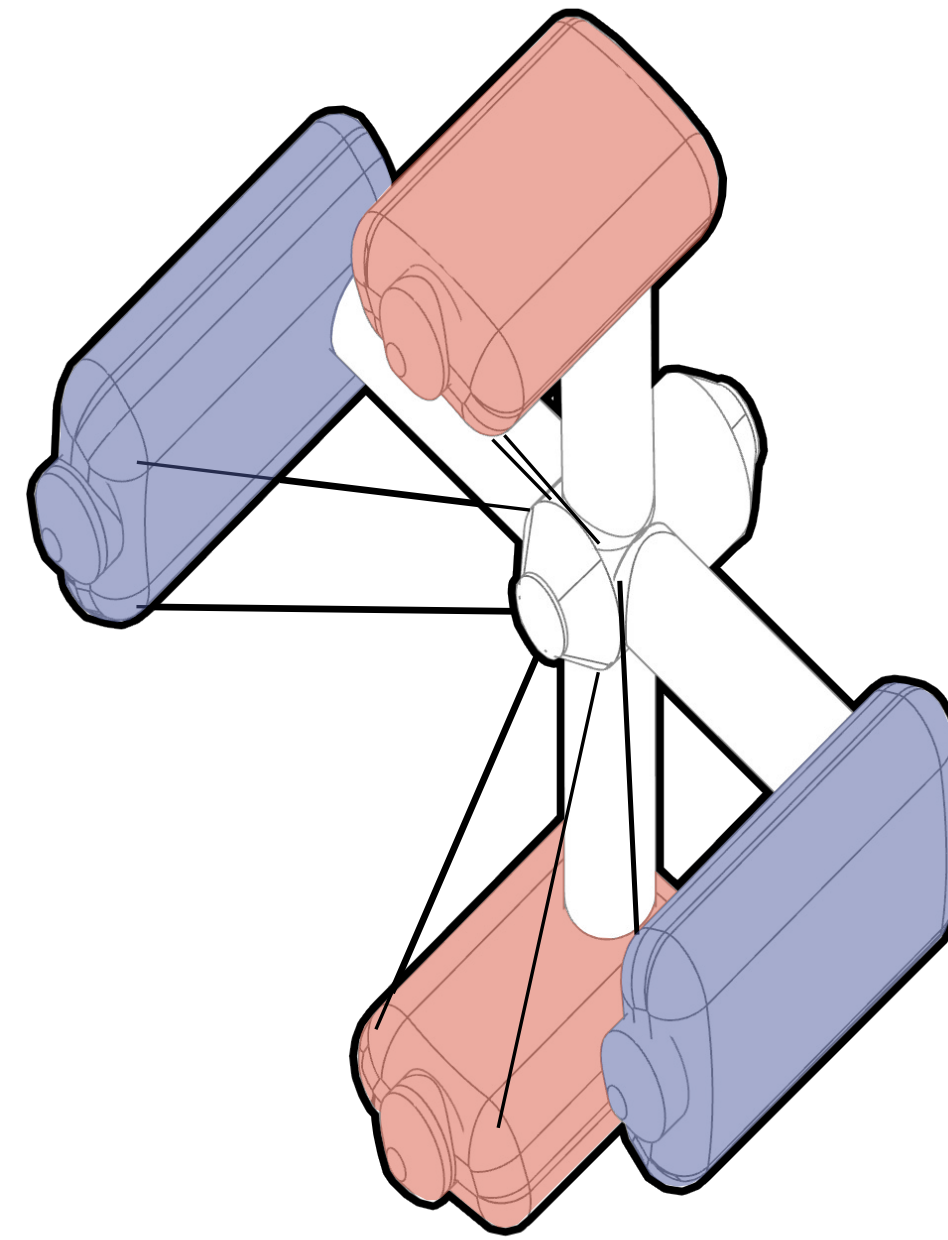
# KEY FEATURE #1 - ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY



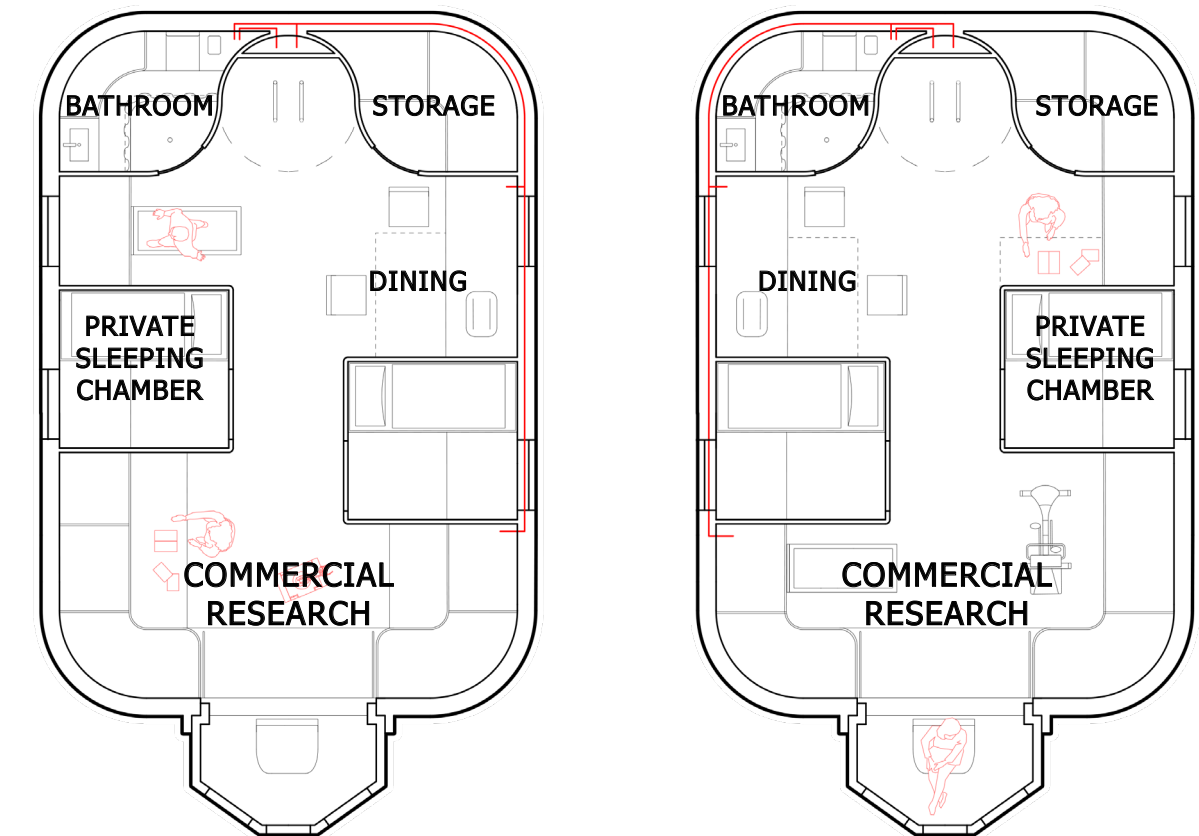
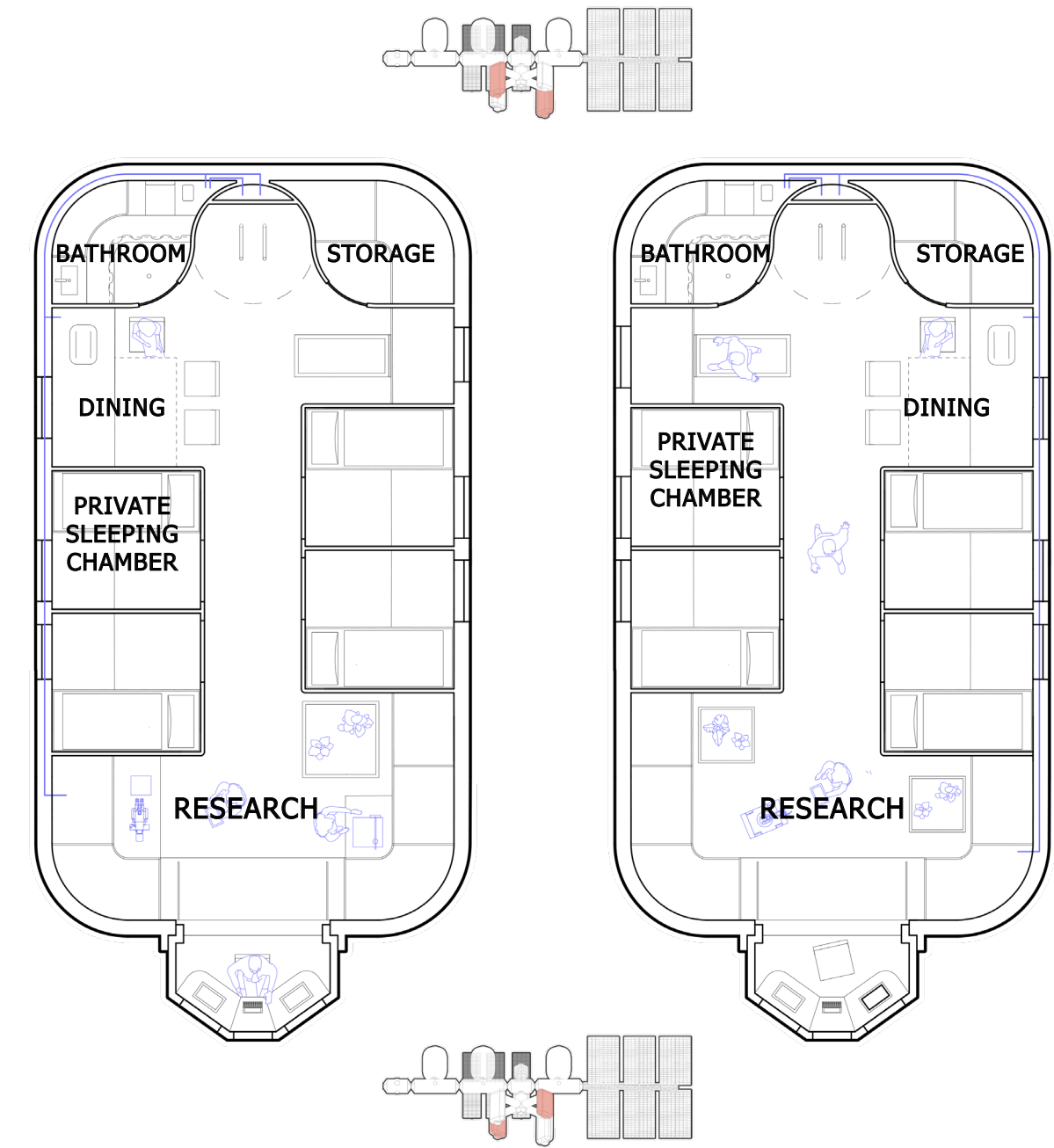
● Commercial ● Permanent crew



Space Crusader frontal view



Space Crusader axonometric view



Space Crusader research and commercial modules

**Radius (R)**  
 meters  
input

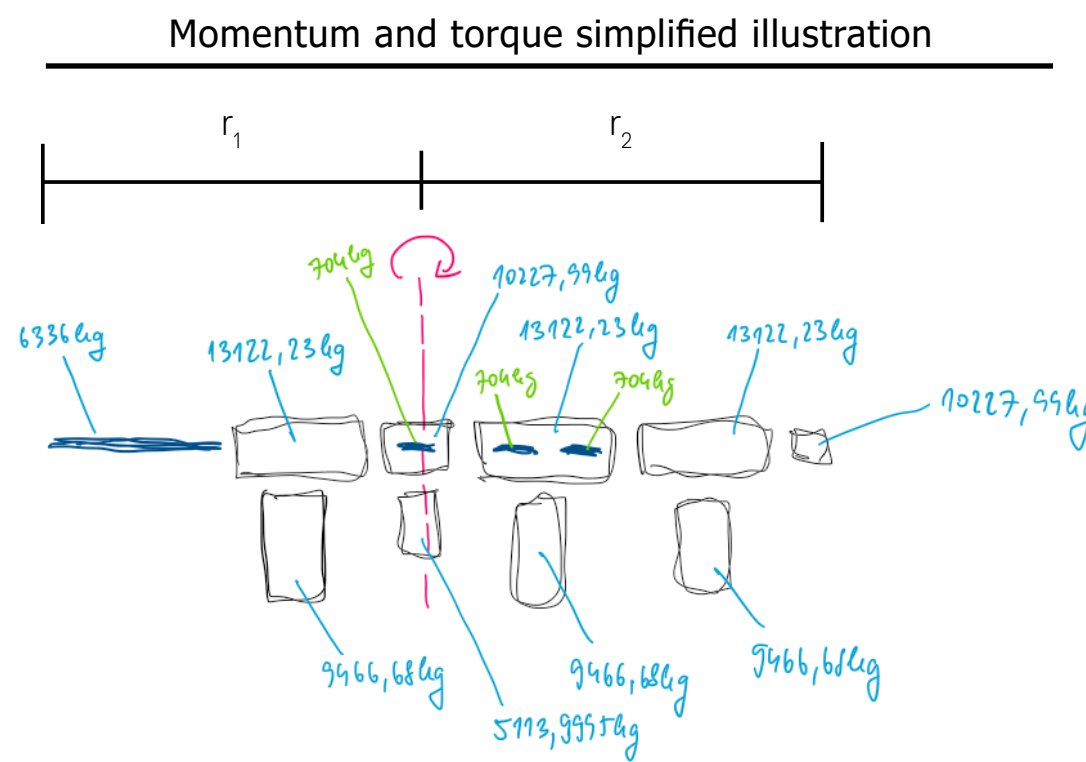
**Angular Velocity (Ω)**  
 rotations/minute  
 $\Omega \propto (A/R)^{1/2}$

**Tangential Velocity (V)**  
 meters/second  
 $V \propto (A \cdot R)^{1/2}$

**Centripetal Acceleration (A)**  
 g  
input

- ⚠ The value is too high for comfort or will require deliberate adaptation.
- ⚠ The value may be too high for immediate comfort - authors disagree. A period of adaptation may be necessary.
- ✅ The value is in the comfort zone, with little or no adaptation.
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SpinCalc - artificial gravity value calculator



Angular momentum and torque

$$r_1 = 49,27 \text{ m}$$

$$r_2 = 40 \text{ m}$$

$$m_1 = 36947,91 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 64836,81 \text{ kg}$$

$$L = I \cdot \omega$$

$$I = \frac{1}{3} m \cdot r^2$$

$$L = \frac{1}{3} m \cdot \omega \cdot r^2$$

$$L_1 = -3130857,65 \text{ Nms}$$

$$L_2 = -3621178,78 \text{ Nms}$$

$$L_{total} = -6752036,43 \text{ Nms}$$

$$\tau = \frac{L_{total}}{t}$$

$$t = 1 \text{ day} = 24h = 86400s$$

$$\tau = \frac{6752036,43 \text{ Nms}}{86400s}$$

$$\tau = 78,15 \text{ Nm}$$

Coriolis : centripetal

$$a_{coriolis} = 2 \cdot \Omega \cdot v_{rim}$$

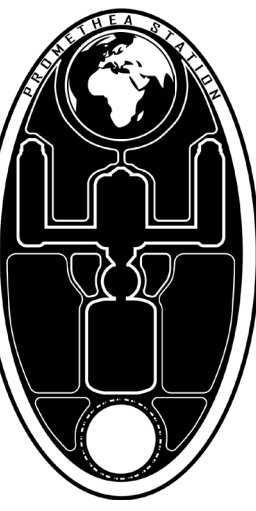
$$a_{coriolis} = 2 \cdot 0,10472 \cdot 6,03$$

$$a_{coriolis} = 1,263 \text{ m/s}^2$$

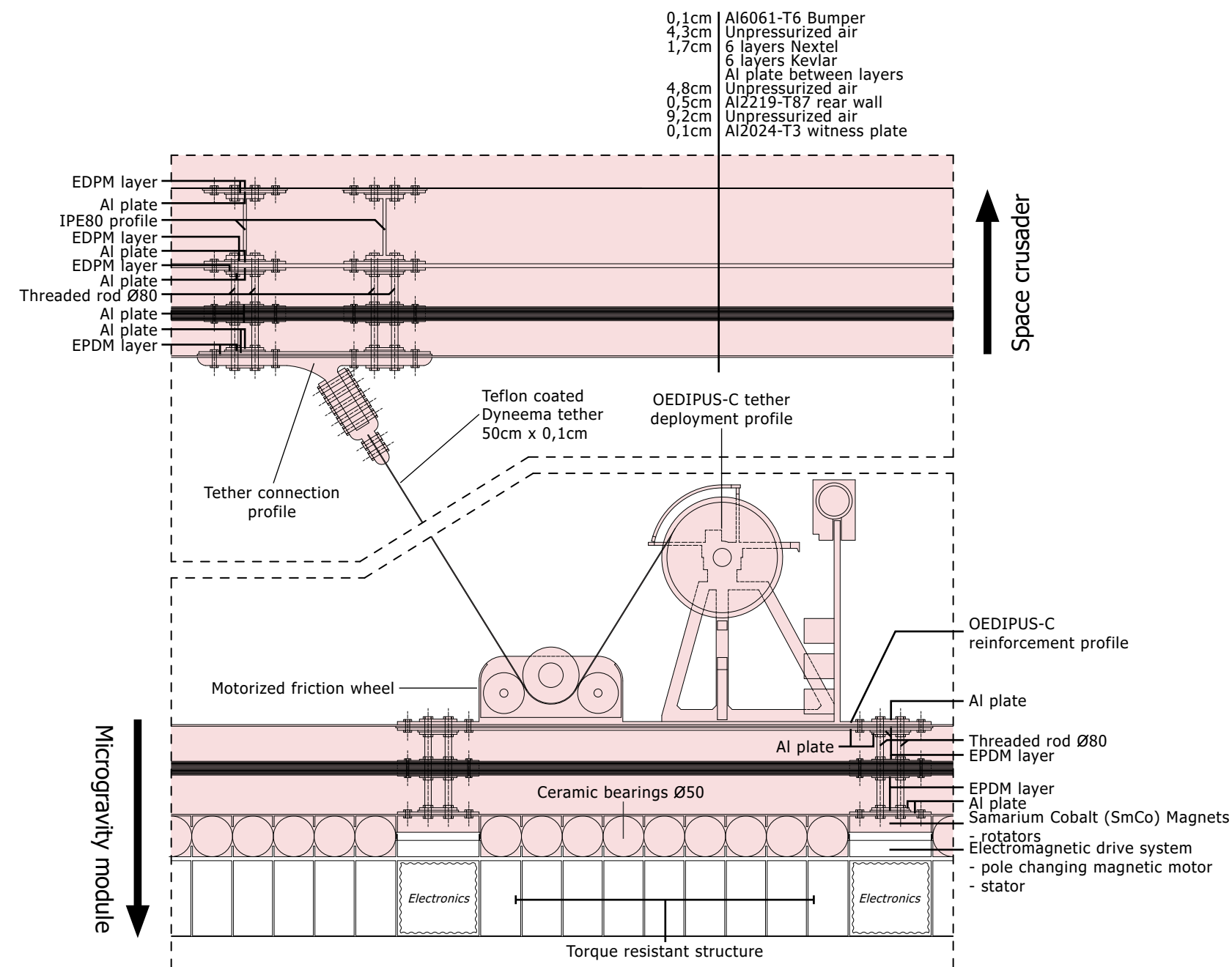
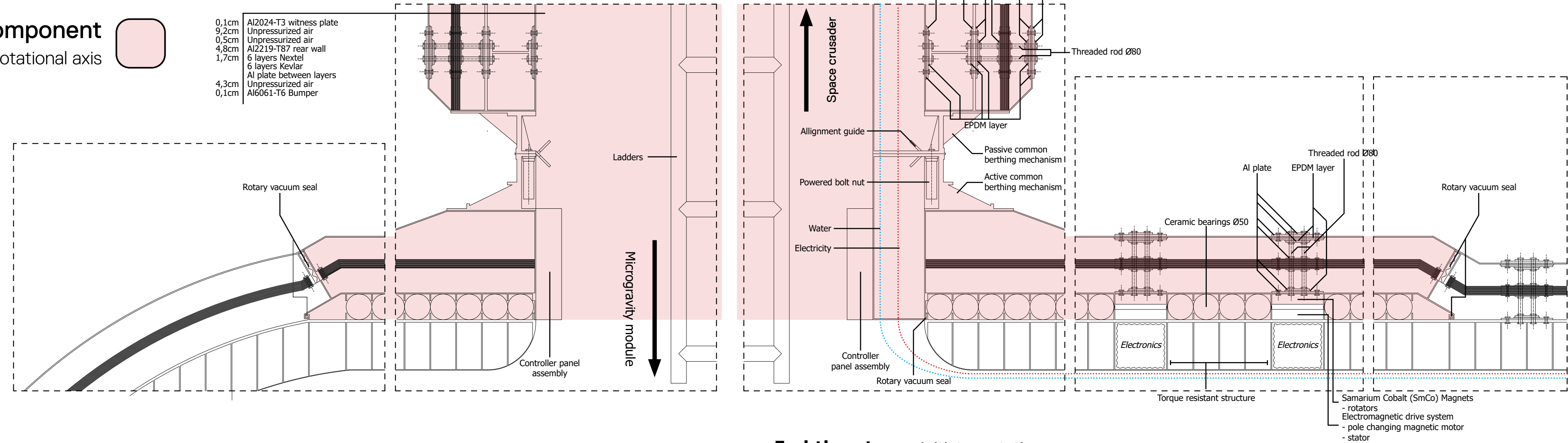
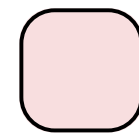
$$\frac{a_{coriolis}}{a_{centripetal}} = \frac{1,263}{3,73} = \frac{1}{2,95} \approx \frac{1}{3} = 0,38g$$

The calculation above indicates that within the Space Crusader there is a constant Coriolis force approximately equivalent to that of **lunar gravity**.

# SPACE CRUSADER DETAILS

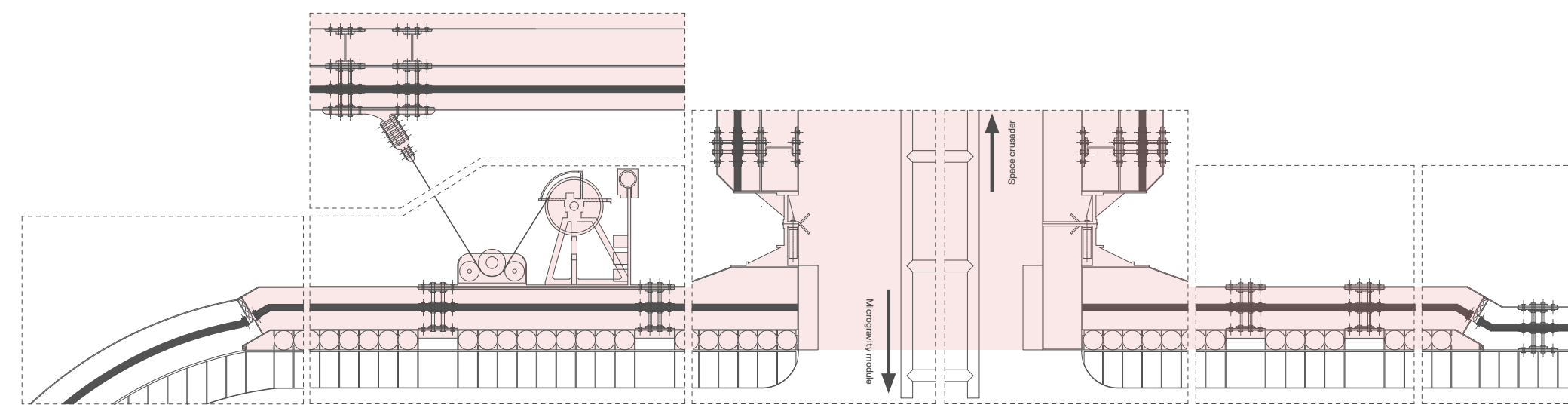


Rotating component  
around rotational axis



- **End thrusters** - initiates rotation
- **Solar-powered electromagnetic pole-switching motors** - sustains rotation
- **Samarium Cobalt magnets** - forms the rotators around the stators
- **Multi-ring ceramic bearing system** - supports radial and axial loads without magnetic interference
- **Torque-resistant frame** - links rotating and static sections, housing cabling and drive systems
- **Rotary vacuum seals** - maintains pressure integrity
- **Tether stabilisation system** - balances rotation and prevent floor misalignment

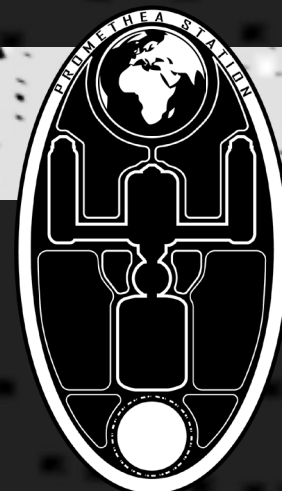
## Full detail



References and theoretical  
framework, used to draw the  
two details and design the  
Space Crusader:

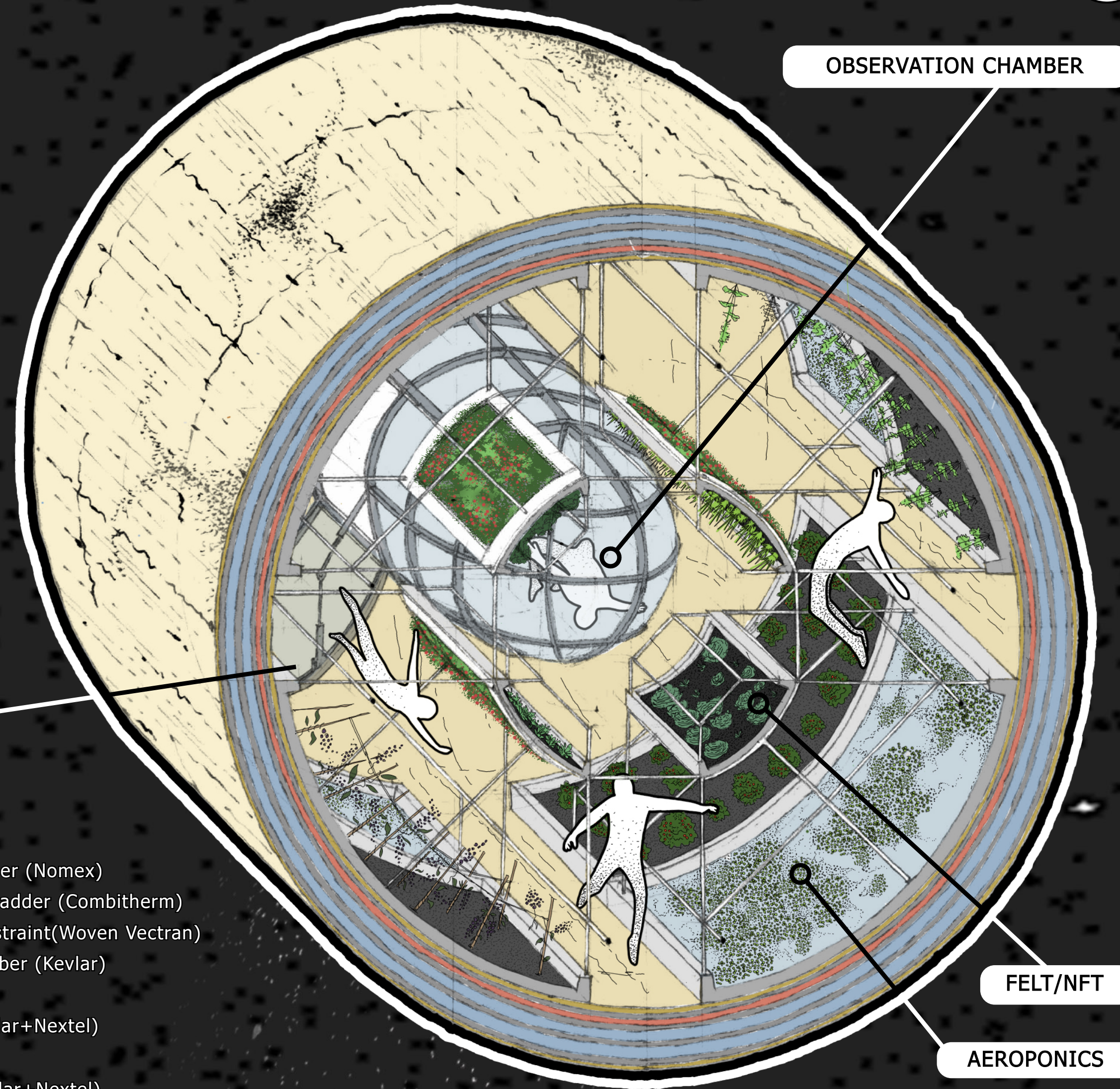
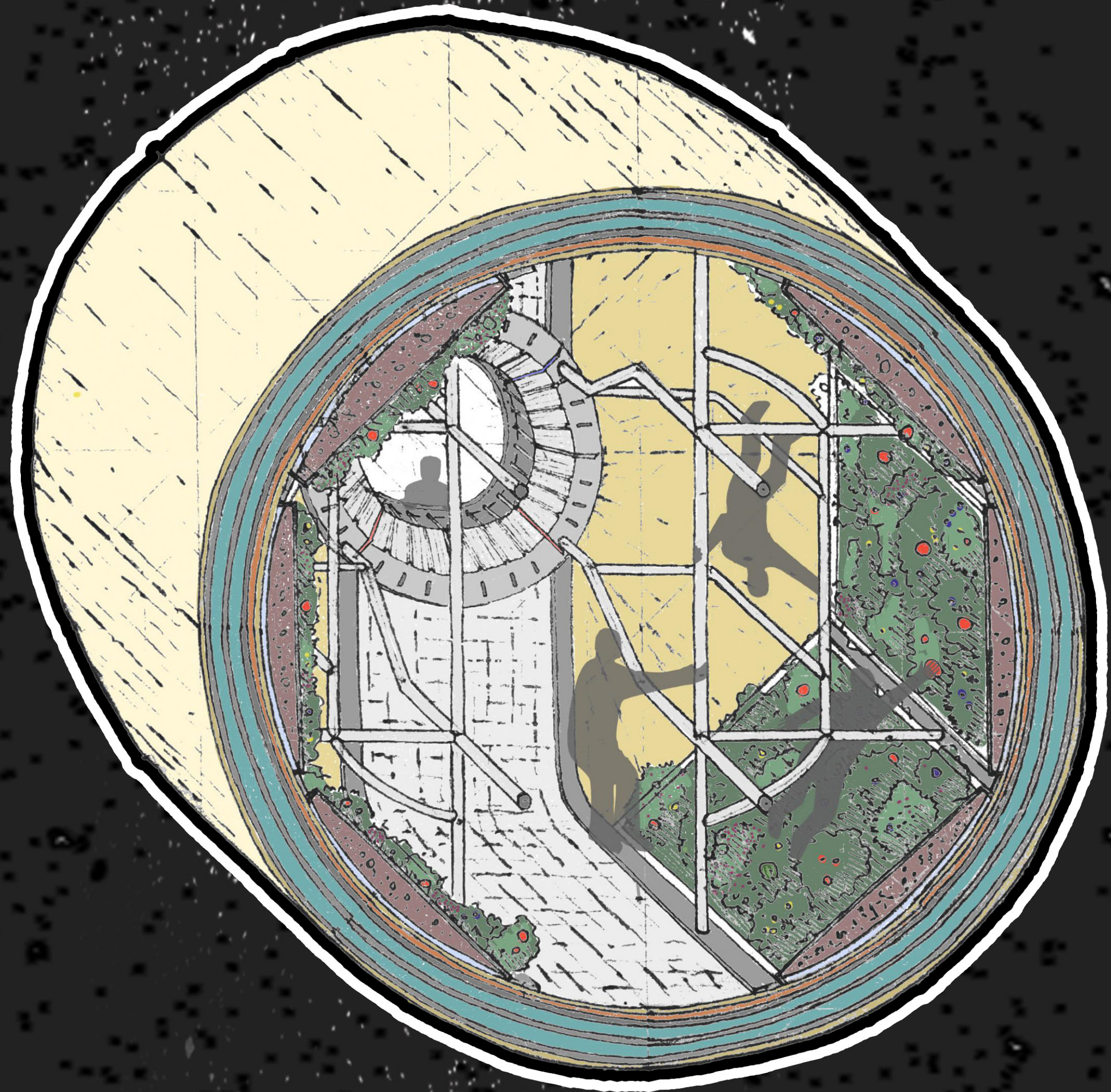
- Cosmo et al., 1997
- Ding et al., 2024
- Hall, 2006
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- Hall, 2002
- Lackner et al., 2003
- Lansdorp et al., 2012
- Liu et al., 2023
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- Wang et al., 2006

# KEY FEATURE # 2 - LIFE SUPPORT



First iteration of ICELSS (Inflatable Controlled Ecological Life Support)

Final Iteration of ICELSS



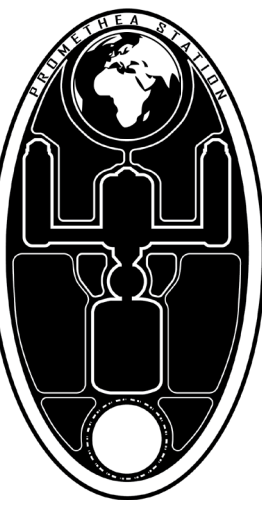
- I. Internal barrier (Nomex)
- II. Redundant bladder (Combitherm)
- III. Structural restraint(Woven Vectran)
- IV. Energy absorber (Kevlar)
- V. Foam (PU)
- VI. Bumper (Kevlar+Nextel)
- VII. Foam (PU)
- VIII. Bumper (Kevlar+Nextel)
- IX. MLI (Mylar)

OBSERVATION CHAMBER

FELT/NFT

AEROPONICS

# CELSS - CROP CHARTS



## KEY INFORMATION

- features two types of cultivation methods: **aeroponics and felt/NFT** (Nutrient Film Technique)
- each inflatable accommodates the life support needs of **4 individuals**
- total surface area required per individual - **40m<sup>2</sup>** (Wheeler, 2003)
- 40 -> 14 cultivation areas
- 7 aeroponics-based (**4,421m<sup>2</sup>** each)
- 7 felt/NFT-based (**1,341m<sup>2</sup>** each)
- 28 aeroponics units per module
- 28 felt/NFT units per module
- emphasis on providing plants rich in **antioxidants** (ie. lutein and zeaxanthin)

### Literature, used to gather crops from:

- Coughlan et al., 2022      Salisbury et al., 1997
- Escobar et al., 2017      Schwartzkopf, 1922
- Ewert et al., 2022      Skoog, 1984
- Hava et al., 2019      Ushakov et al., 2011
- Meinen et al., 2018      Wheeler, 2003
- Mitrea et al., 2024      Wheeler, 2021
- Nelson et al., 2009      Wheeler et al., 2003
- Olson et al., 1984      Wilks, 1962
- Polutchko et al., 2022      Yuan et al., 2016
- Romano et al., 2021      Zabel et al., 2016
- Salisbury et al., 1996

CATEGORY	Name (EN)	Name (LA)	Key nutrients	plant density/m <sup>2</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub> absorption g/m2d	O <sub>2</sub> production g/m2d	days to maturity	harvest cycle (days)	Spread harvesting	Notes regarding harvest
<b>Leafy greens</b>										
X	Cabbage	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Vit C, Vit K, Fiber, Folate	4	9,88	7,19	70-100	Single harvest		
X	Chard	<i>Beta vulgaris cicla</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Mg, K	4	15,79	11,49	70-100	Single harvest		
	Chinese cabbage	<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Ca, Fe	6	14,68	10,67	50-80	10-14	X	
	Collards	<i>Brassica oleracea var. acephala</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Ca, Fiber	6	6,36	4,62	60-85	7-14	X	
X	Celery	<i>Apium graveolens</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Fiber	6	16,83	12,24	100-130	Single harvest		
	Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Ca, Fe	10	3,53	2,57	40-50	10-15	X	
	Endive	<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Fiber	10	8,15	5,93	45-95	10-15	X	
	Kale	<i>Brassica oleracea Acephala</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Antioxidants	8	7,83	5,69	55-75	7-14	X	
X	Lettuce	<i>Lactuca</i>	Vit A, Vit K	10	10,70	7,78	30-55	5-10	X	
	New Zealand spinach	<i>Tetragonia tetragonoides</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Ca, Fe	6	2,65	1,93	55-70	7-10		
	Red mustard	<i>Brassica juncea</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Antioxidants	15	35,87	26,08	30-50	7-10	X	
X	Spinach	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Fe, Folate	20	10,70	7,78	35-50	7-10*	X	regrows once or twice
	Swiss chard	<i>Beta vulgaris cicla</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Mg, K	40	4,82	3,50	50-65	7-14	X	
	Turnip greens	<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Ca	4	4,54	3,30	30-40	7-10	X	
<b>Herbs/spices</b>										
	Chives	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Antioxidants	25	2,65	1,93	60-90	14-21	X	
	Dill	<i>Anethum graveolens</i>	Vit C, Mn	20	1,41	1,03	60-90	7-14	X	
	Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Vit C, Fiber, K	10	28,27	20,55	60-90	14-21	X	
	Oregano	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Vit K, Vit E, Antioxidants	8	0,94	0,68	80-100	14-28	X	
	Parsley	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K	20	4,24	3,08	40-60	14	X	
	Saffron	<i>Safranum</i>	Vit C, Mn, Antioxidants	100	3,18	2,31	40-60	90	X	
	Sage	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	Vit K, Antioxidants	8	2,65	1,93	75-90	28-42	X	
	Thyme	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Antioxidants	8	5,30	3,85	70-90	21-28	X	
<b>Grains</b>										
	Barley	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Vit B, Se, Fiber	250	0,88	0,64	80-100	Single harvest		
	Flax	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Omega-3 acids, Fiber, Lignans	2000	0,36	0,26	90-120	Single harvest		
	Millet	<i>Millium</i>	Vit B, Mn, P	200	0,28	0,20	60-90	Single harvest		
	Oats	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Vit B, Fe, Fiber	250	0,46	0,33	90-120	Single harvest		
	Quinoa	<i>Chenopodium quinoa</i>	Mg, Fe, Protein	10	0,15	0,11	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Rice	<i>Oryza</i>	Vit B, Fiber	50	36,55	26,57	100-150	Single harvest		
	Sorghum	<i>Syrucum</i>	Vit B, Fe, Antioxidants	80	0,76	0,55	100-120	Single harvest		

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<b>Tubers &amp; roots</b>										
X	Beet	<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	Mn, Nitrates, Folate	25	9,77	7,10	50-70	Single harvest		
X	Carrot	<i>Daucus carota subsp. sativus</i>	Beta-Carotene	40	22,50	16,36	60-80	Single harvest		
	Garlic	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Vit C, Vit B6, Allicin	25	0,28	0,20	240-270	Single harvest		
	Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Gingerol, Anti-inflammatory properties	10	2,01	1,46	240-300	Single harvest		
X	Green onion	<i>Allium fistulosum</i>	Vit B, Vit C, Quercetin	20	14,67	10,67	60-75	Single harvest		
	Horseradish	<i>Armoracia rusticana</i>	Vit C, Glucosinolates	10	0,99	0,72	140-180	Single harvest		
	Kohlrabi	<i>Brassica oleracea var. gongyloides</i>	Vit C, K, Fiber	10	1,27	0,92	45-60	Single harvest		
	Nut sedge	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Fiber, Starch	40	0,91	0,66	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Onion	<i>Allium cepa</i>	Vit C, Vit B6, Quercetin	25	16,50	12,00	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Vit C, Antioxidants	50	16,31	11,86	25-40	Single harvest		
X	Sweet potato	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Beta-Carotene, K, Fiber	6	56,54	41,12	90-150	Single harvest		
	Taro	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Vit E, Fiber, Starch	4	2,12	1,54	150-200	Single harvest		
	Turnip	<i>Brassica rapa subsp. rapa</i>	Vit C, Fiber	25	1,33	0,97	40-60	7-10		
X	White potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Vit B6, Vit C, K	6	45,23	32,23	90-120	Single harvest		
	Young potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Vit B6, Vit C, K	8	2,73	1,98	60-80	Single harvest		
<b>Fruiting crops</b>										
	Butternut squash	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i>	Vit A, Vit C, K, Mg, Fiber, Antioxidants	2	10,60	7,71	90-110	Single harvest		
	Cucumber	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Vit C, Vit K, K, Antioxidants	6	53,00	38,53	50-70	3-5	X	
	Gac	<i>Momordica cochinchinensis</i>	Vit A, Vit C, K, Fe, Fiber, Antioxidants	2	5,62	4,09	180-210	7-14		
X	Pepper	<i>Capsicum annum</i>	Vit C, Capsaicin	6	33,98	24,71	60-90	Single harvest	X	2-3 weeks of continous harvest
	Pumpkin	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	Vit C, Vit K, Fe, Mn, Fiber, Folate, Protein	1	7,95	5,78	85-125	Single harvest		
<b>Ultra dwarf fruit trees</b>										
	Banana	<i>Musa x paradisiaca</i>	Vit B6, Vit C, K	2	8,83	6,42	270-450	Single harvest		
	Grape	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Vit K, Antioxidants	1	0,29	0,21	730-1095	90		
	Melon	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	Vit C	1	3,74	2,72	70-100	Single harvest		
	Papaya	<i>Carica papaya</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Digestive enzymes	1	3,79	2,76	275-425	7-14		
	Spicy peppers	<i>Capsicum annum</i>	Vit C, Capsaicin	4	6,63	4,82	60-100	7-10*		for 4-8 weeks
X	Strawberry	<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i>	Vit C, Antioxidants	20	34,82	25,32	90-120	3-5*	X	for 2-6 weeks
	Tomatillo	<i>Physalis philadelphica</i>	Vit C, Niacin	2	3,18	2,31	70-100	5-7*	X	for 2-4 weeks
X	Tomato	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Vit C, K, Lycopene	2	26,36	26,36	60-85	5-7*	X	for 4-8 weeks
<b>Legumes</b>										
	Chickpea	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	Fe, Folate, Fiber, Protein	30	0,16	0,12	90-110	Single harvest		
	Cowpea	<i>Vigna unguiculata</i>	Fe, Folate, Protein	85	0,26	0,19	60-100	7-10		
X	Dry Bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Fe, Folate, Fiber, Protein	15	42,17	30,67	60-90	Single harvest		
	Graden pea	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Fiber, Protein	75	0,40	0,29	55-75	3-5*	X	for 2-3 weeks
	Green bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>		25	0,24	0,17	50-70	2-4*	X	for 2-4 weeks
	Lentil	<i>Lens culinaris</i>	Fe, Folate, Fiber, Protein	150	1,15	0,84	80-110	Single harvest		
X	Pea	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Vit K, Fiber, Protein	10	45,26	32,92	60-90	Single harvest		
	Pinto bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Fe, Folate, Fiber, Protein	25	1,01	0,73	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Snap bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Fe, Folate, Fiber, Protein	15	50,09	36,43	50-70	Single harvest		
	Snow pea	<i>Pisum sativum var. saccharatum</i>	Vit C, Fiber	15	0,49	0,36	60-70	3-5*	X	for 2-3 weeks
X	Soybean	<i>Glycine max</i>	Fe, Ca, Protein	20	19,13	13,91	80-120	Single harvest		
	Winged bean	<i>Psophocarpus tetragonolobus</i>	Vit A, Vit C, Protein	4	0,18	0,13	80-100	3-7	X	
<b>Oil-storing crops</b>										
	Canola	<i>Brassica napus</i>	Omega-3 acids	80	0,40	0,29	90-120	Single harvest		
	Flax (oil)	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Omega-3 acids, Lignans	30	0,10	0,07	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Peanut	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	Folate, Niacin, Protein, Healthy fats	15	49,28	35,84	100-140	Single harvest		
	Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Vit E, Healthy fats	6	0,61	0,44	90-120	Single harvest		
X	Wheat	<i>Triticum</i>	Vit B, proteins	300	77,00	56,00	100-130	Single harvest		
<b>Special crops</b>										
	Green tea extract	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Catechins, Antioxidants	10000	2,65	1,93	300	7-14		
	Duckweed	<i>Lemna</i>	Protein, Antioxidants, Amino acids	whole gu	145,75	105,96	7-14	3-5		

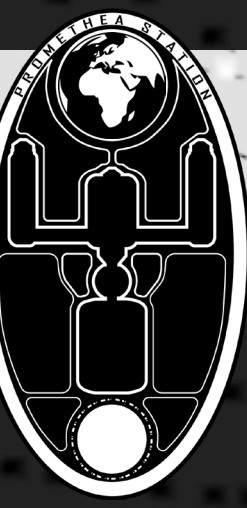
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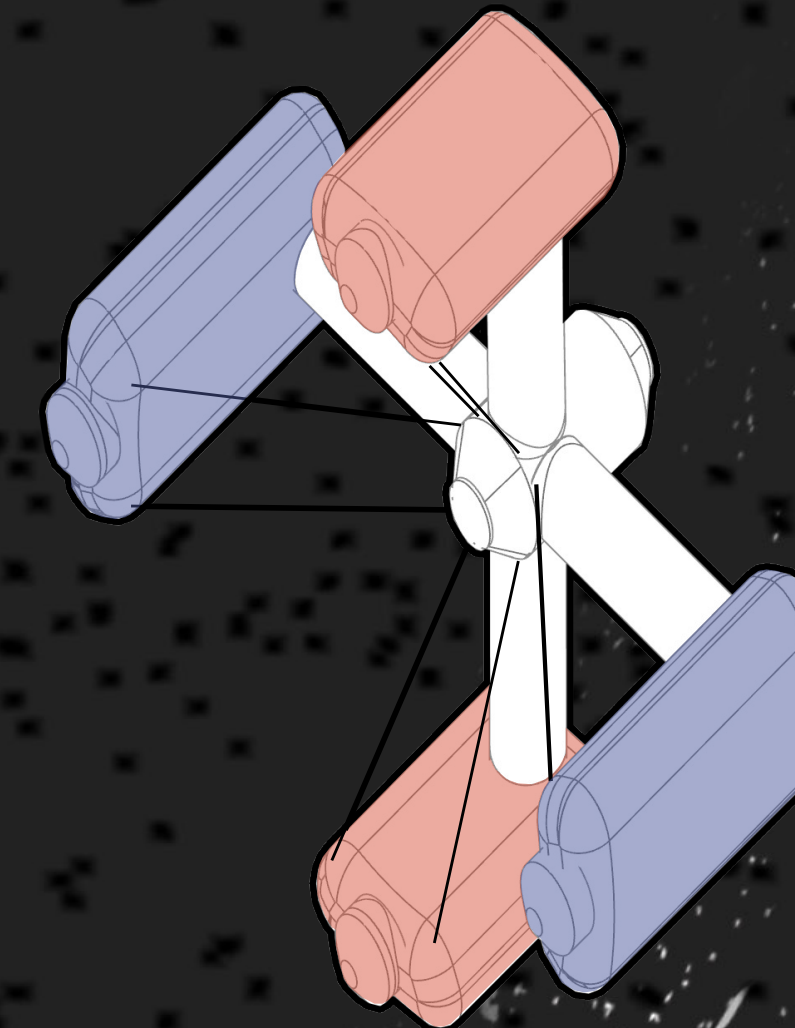
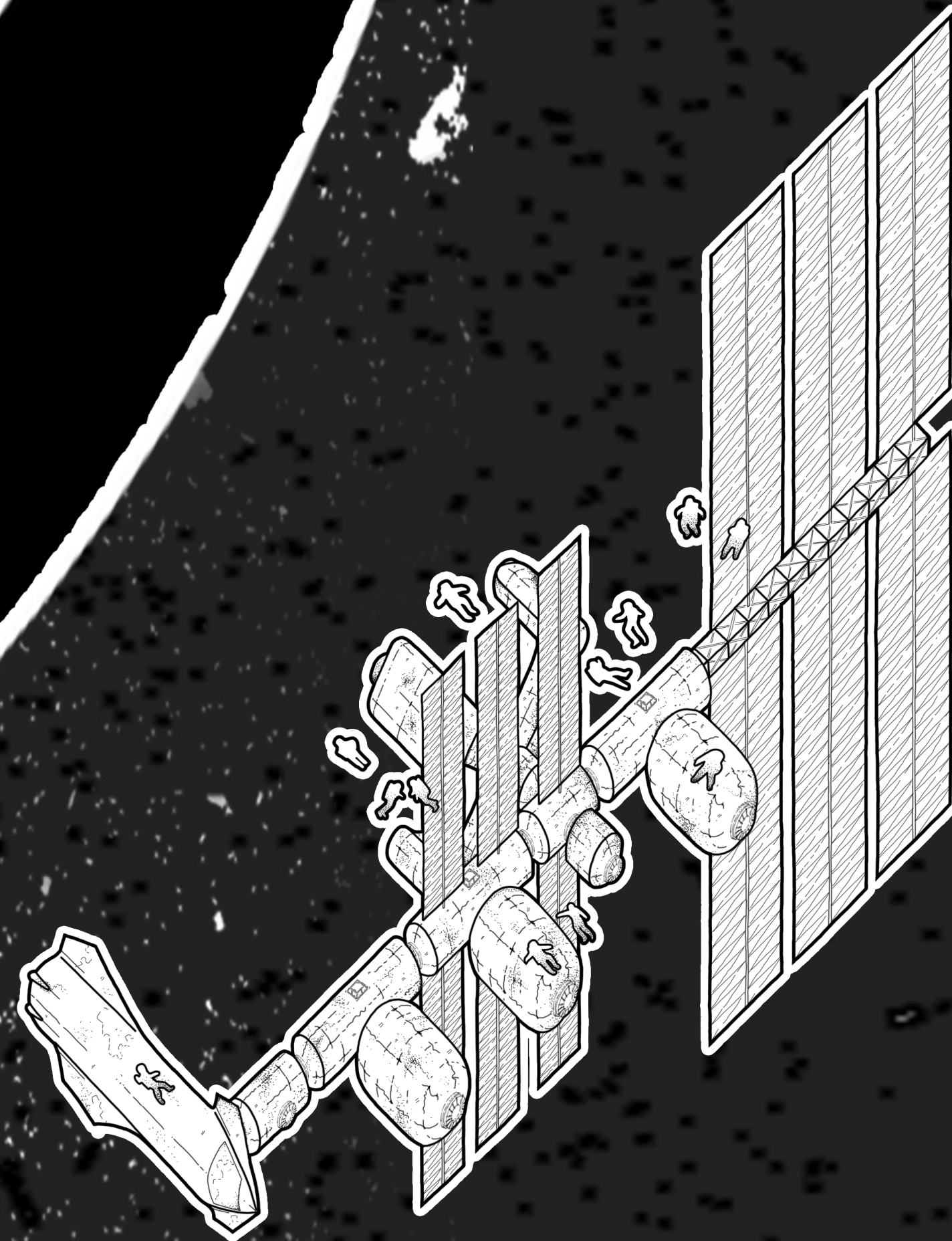
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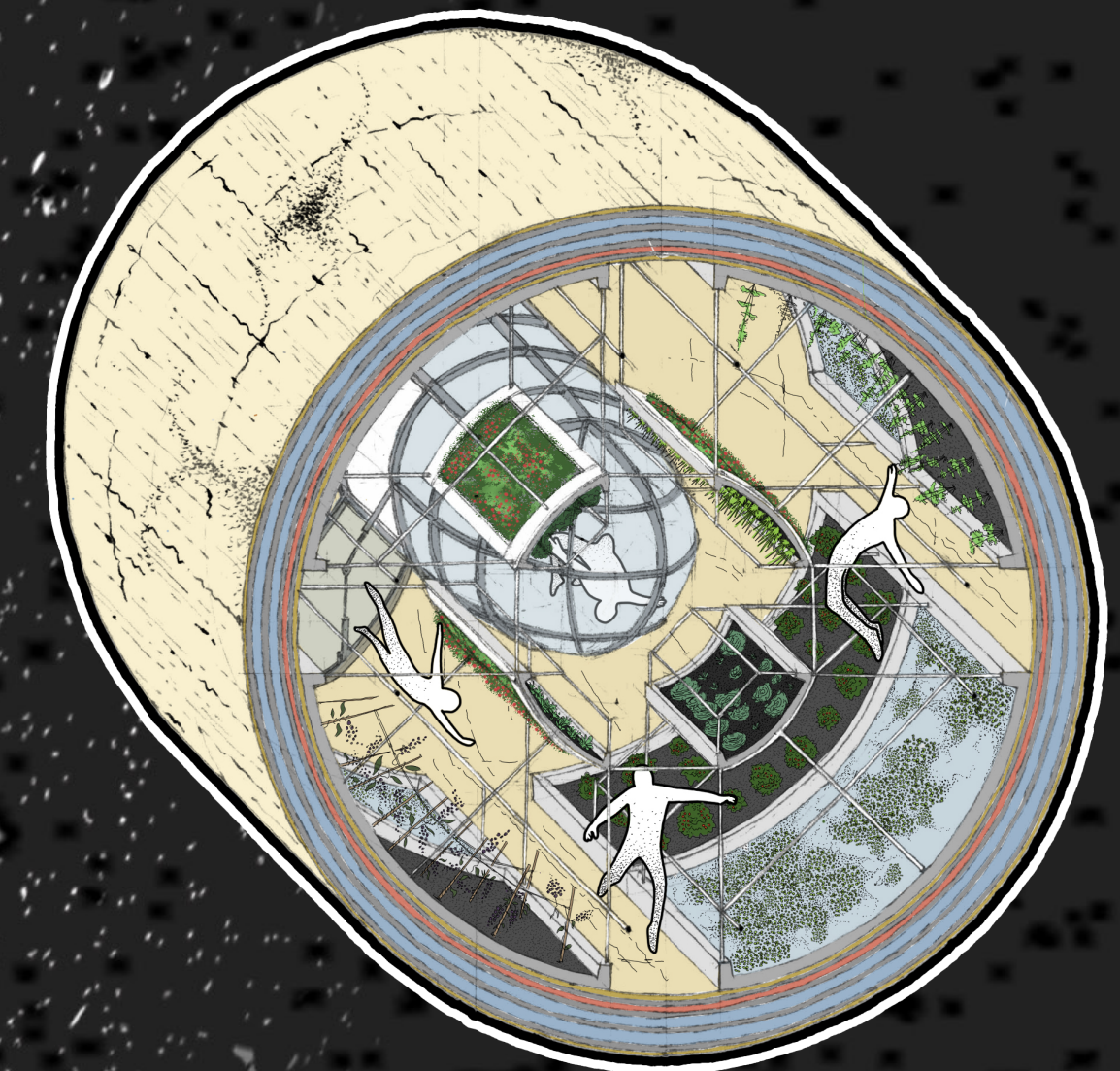
- Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
- 12 crewmembers (8 crew + 4 tourists)
- Microgravity + Martian gravity
- 3 phases, 6 launches
- Primary objective - Long-term testing of new systems
- Secondary objective - introduce space tourism

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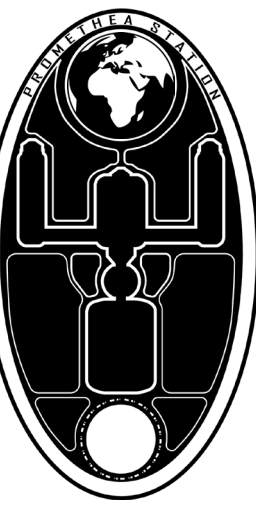
- 10,8m radius
- 2 launches
- 2 permanent crew modules, 2 tourist modules
- electromagnetic-pole switching motors
- tether stabilisation system
- $F_{\text{coriolis}} = \text{lunar gravity}$

## ICELSS



- 3 modules
- 40m<sup>2</sup> per individual (160m<sup>2</sup> per module)
- aeroponics and felt/NFT
- focus on crops advised by literature and rich in antioxidants
- automated harvesting

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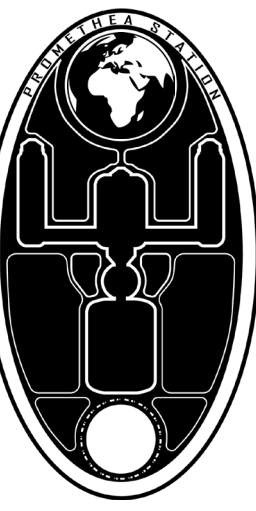
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