

# One Microgravity Technology, Three Human Health Applications

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# Space Tango provides automated solutions for data collection and manufacturing in space.

We facilitate the design, certification and operation of systems across space platforms.

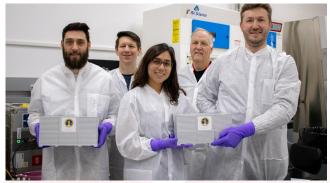
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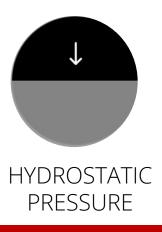
### **Microgravity Enables Innovation**

**DIFFERENCE** 









**PRODUCT** 

**Retinal Implants** 

Lab Grown
Patient Specific
Organs

Patient Specific Stem Cell Manufacturing

Organoid Growth for Drug Discovery

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### The Technology

CubeLabs are **designed to scale** and provide a suite of integrated capabilities to satisfy science requirements.

Integrated CubeLab capabilities:

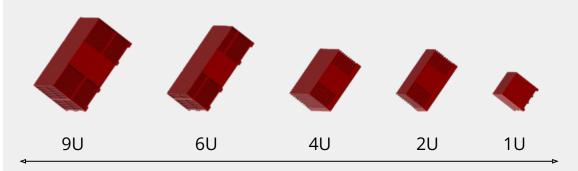
- ✓ Fluidic
- ✓ Thermal
- ✓ Electrical
- ✓ Imaging

#### **Powered Ascent Utility Locker (PAUL)**

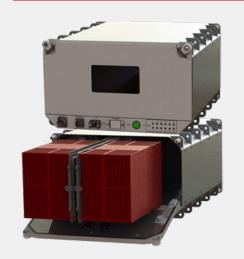
Platform-agnostic facilities provide power and data throughout the full flight lifecycle:

- ✓ Ascent
- ✓ On-Orbit
- ✓ Descent

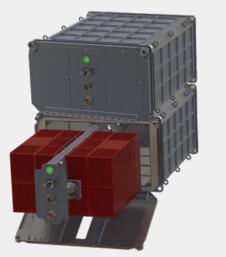
#### **CUBELAB™ ARCHITECTURE**



#### **TANGOLAB**



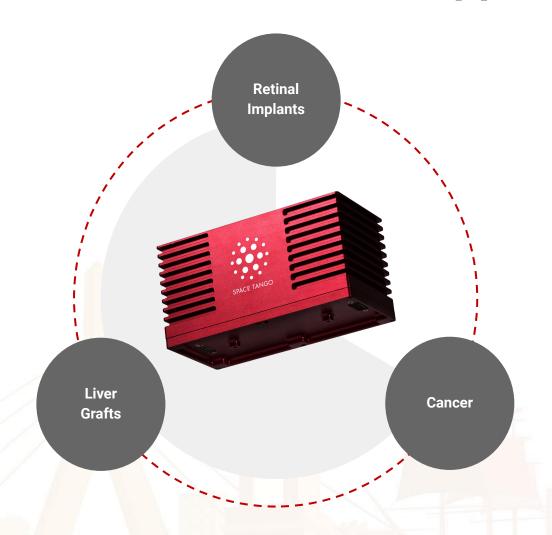
#### **PAUL**



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### **Three Human Health Applications**



- Life science applications require predetermined environmental controls mandated to reduce human error throughout operations
- Quality control is dependent on consistency and reliability
- Feasibility studies benefited from supply heritage, but transitioning to manufacturing usable products requires greater output volume



### **Unearthing Solutions** | Artificial Retinas

#### **Age-Related Macular Degeneration**

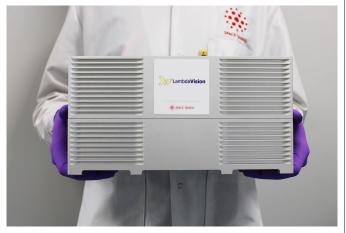
**288M** people affected globally, with 20 million US AMD & Retinitis Pigmentosa diagnosis

**\$15B** predicted in patient benefits from future AMD treatments

Sight is considerably humanity's most valued sense. People will choose 4.6 years of perfect health over 10 years without sight.

Exploring Solutions - LambdaVision





**Microgravity improves** protein uniformity and alignment during layer-by-layer deposition, leading to a more effective artificial retina that is less affected by gravity-induced settling.

Sources: Vyawahare et. al, Genentech, Cleveland Clinic, Healthcare Finance News, Enoch et. al



### **Unearthing Solutions** | Liver Grafts

#### **Chronic Liver Disease**

**1.5B** people affected globally, with 4.5 million US adult liver disease diagnoses.

**\$14K** more in healthcare expenses than average.

#### Liver Transplant Waitlist

**12%** mortality rate, with over 10,000 patients.

**25%** more patients added to the waitlist on average compared to recovered organs.

**Exploring Solutions - UCSF** 







**In microgravity**, cells interact more effectively because sedimentation is eliminated, leading to the creation and improvement of liver-like functionalized grafts.

Sources: Insights10, Stepanova et. al, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network



### **Unearthing Solutions | Cancer**

#### Cancer

**2nd** leading cause of death in the United States

**1.9M** new cases in 2023

**42%** of new cases are avoidable with proper diagnosis and novel treatments

The survival rates for acute myeloid leukemia (adult), glioblastoma multiforme, and pancreatic cancer are often below 30% due to their aggressive nature and limited treatment options.

Exploring Solutions - UCSD Integrated Space Stem Cell Orbital Research (ISSCOR) Center





**Microgravity accelerates** cellular aging and provides valuable insights into disease progression, as well as new possibilities for diagnosis and treatment.

Sources: American Cancer Society, Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, National Brain Tumor Society, Yale Medicine



### **Roadmap for Human Health in Space**

# Space Tango's automated systems are poised to bridge the gap between ISS & CLD transition

- ✓ Systems may be autonomous or remotely operated from ground bases
- ✓ Systems are platform agnostic, and can support research aboard free-flyers

Science Prime advances the contained CubeLab form-factor to a modular, autonomous glovebox format

- ✓ Supports up to 112 simultaneous experiments
- Facility integrates plug-and-play internal payloads for specific solution needs and longevity testing

#### **SCIENCE PRIME**





# Thank you!

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