



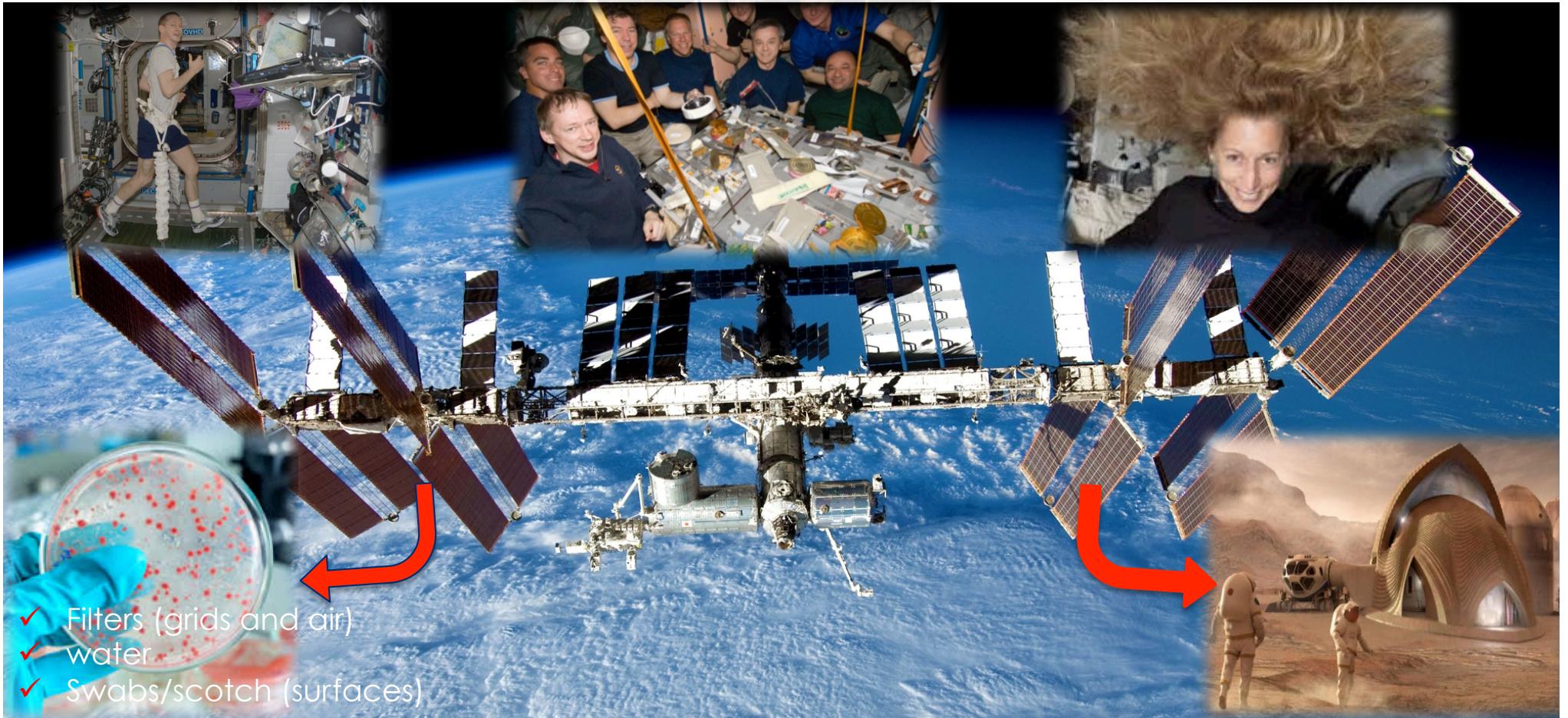
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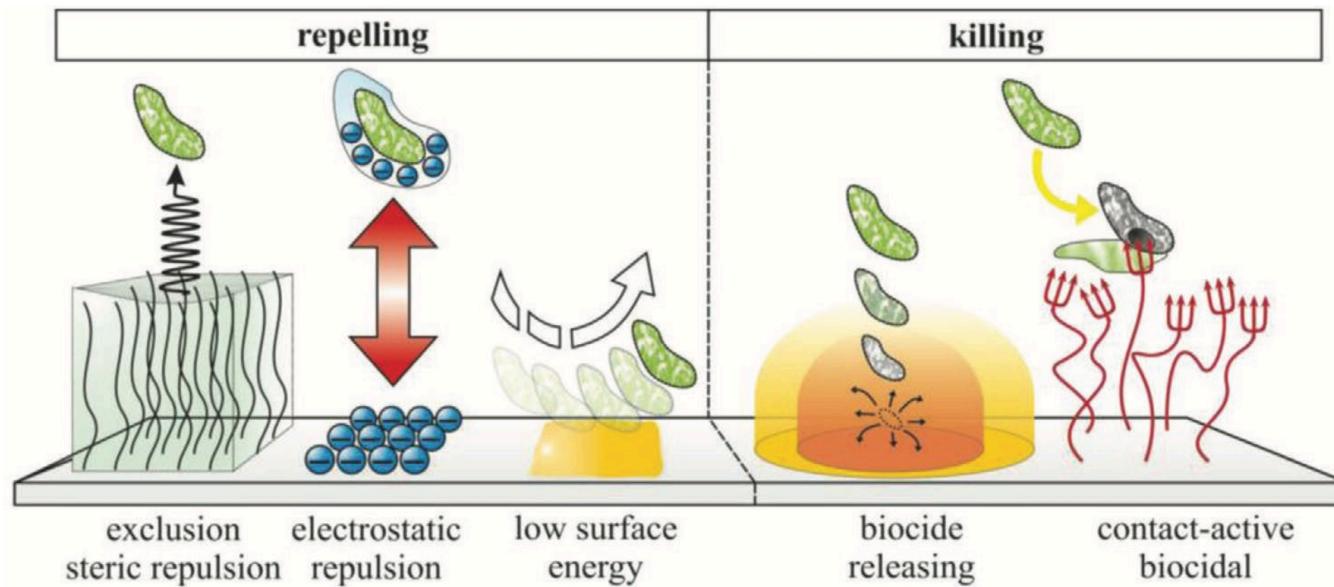
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Surface biocontamination in the ISS



Antimicrobial Surfaces for ISS applications

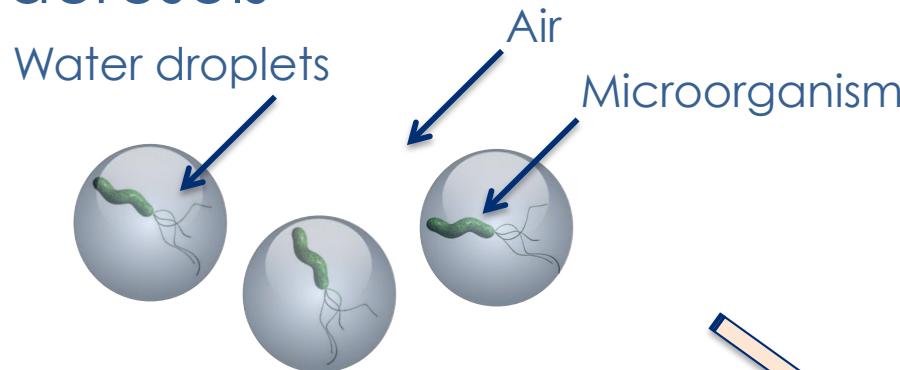
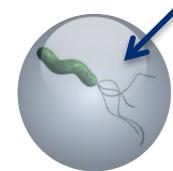


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Hydrophobicity to reduce surface contamination

Bioaerosols

Water droplets



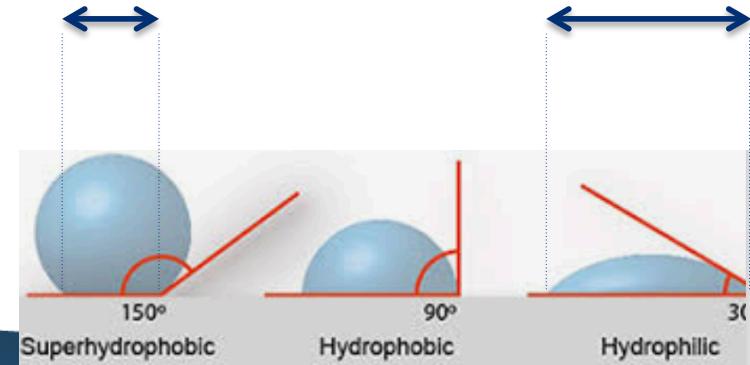
Air

Microorganism

Floating condensates



Contaminated areas

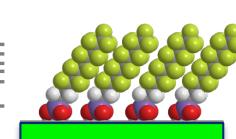


Hydrophobic surfaces of silica glass

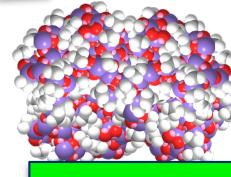
Uniform and inert nm-thick layers
Depositing in vapor phase



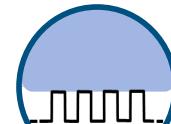
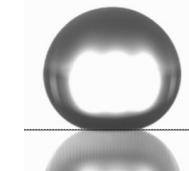
1 nm



50 to 1000 nm



Patterned hybrid silica layer
Patterning of surface



20 µm

Know how

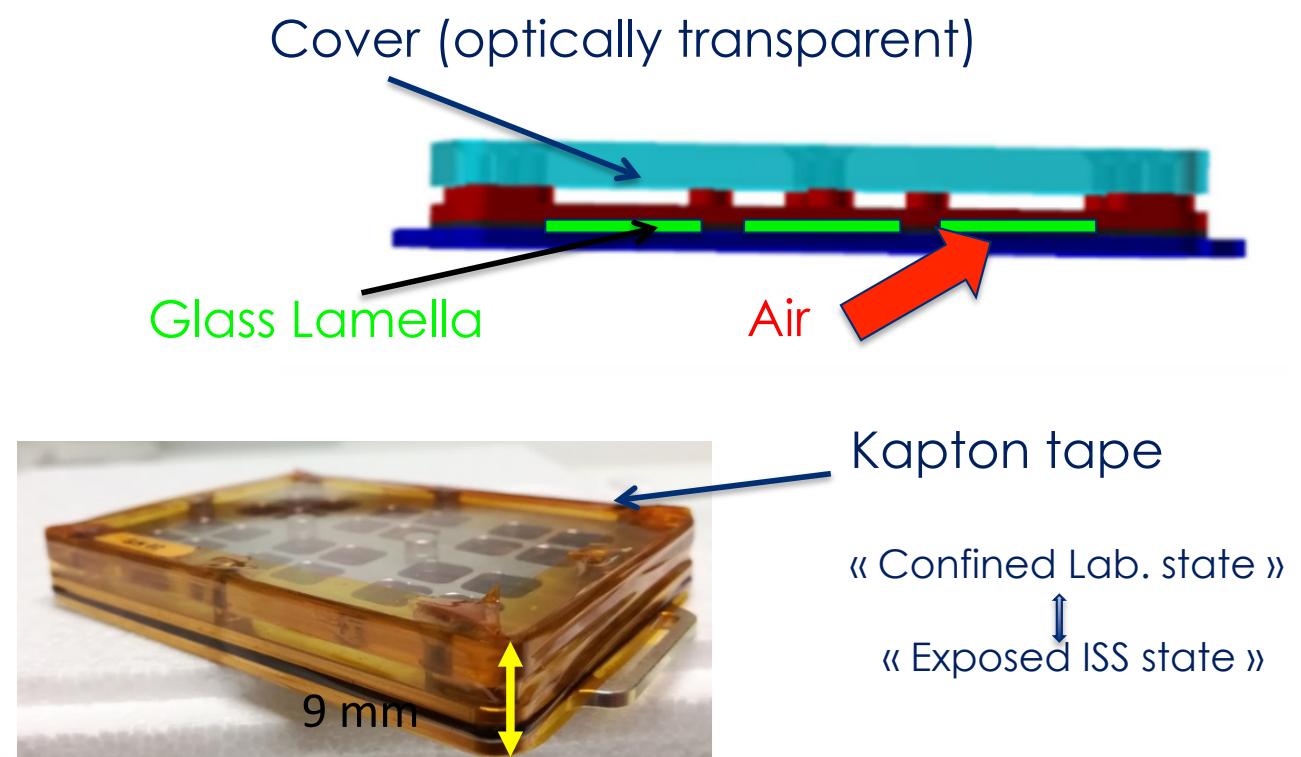
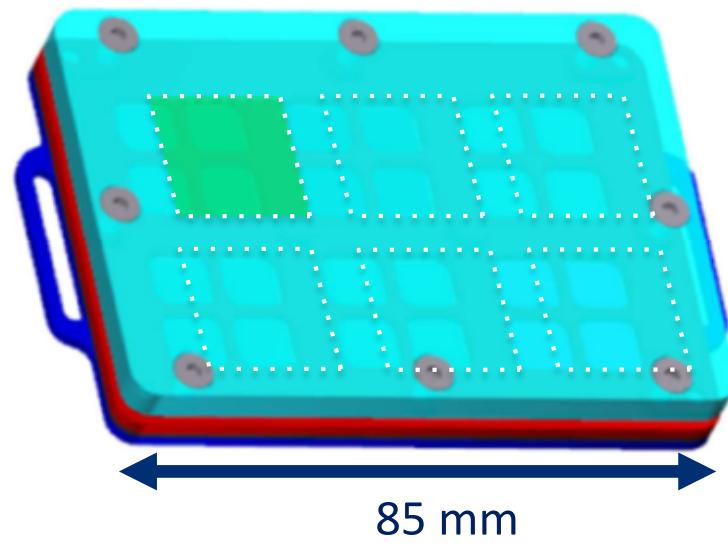


Know how

SURFACE DU VERRE ET INTERFACE
Joint
Laboratory

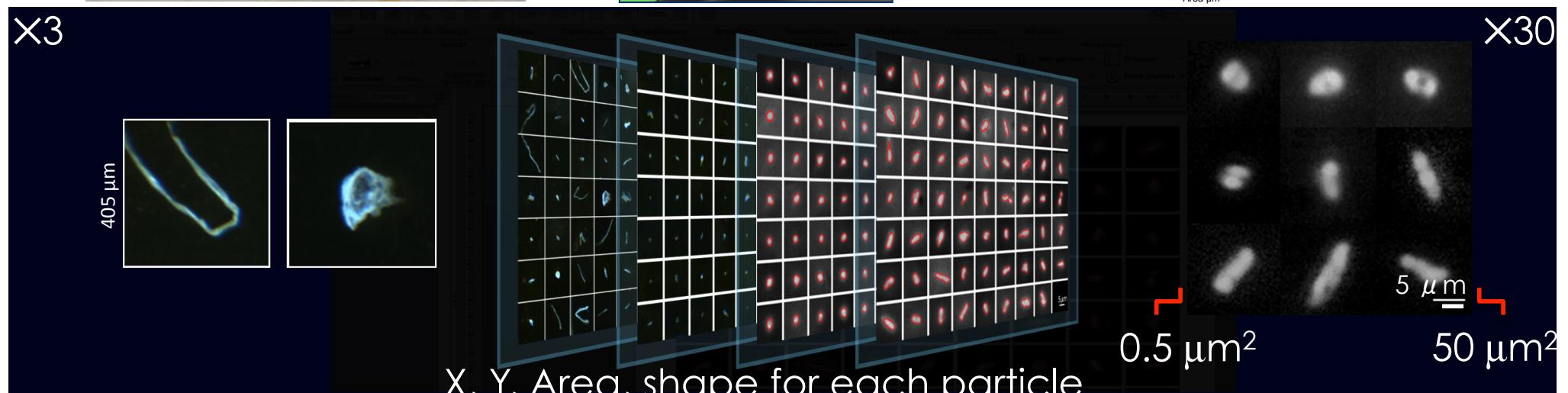
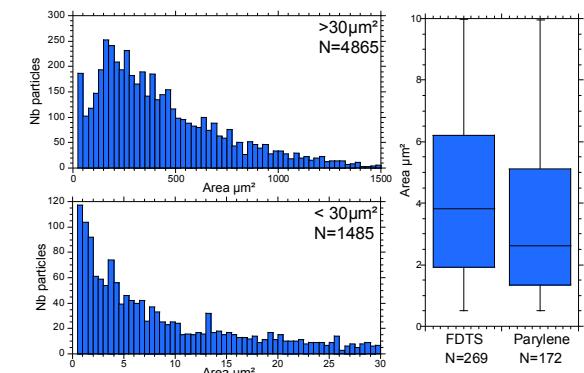
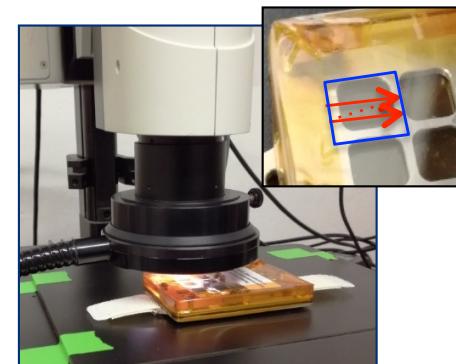
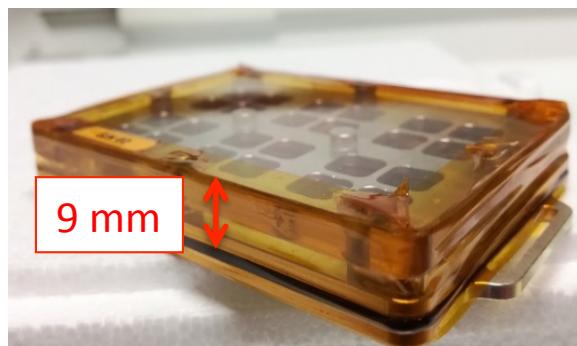


A safe and long exposure in the ISS



Laboratory optical microscopy

« Confined Lab. state »

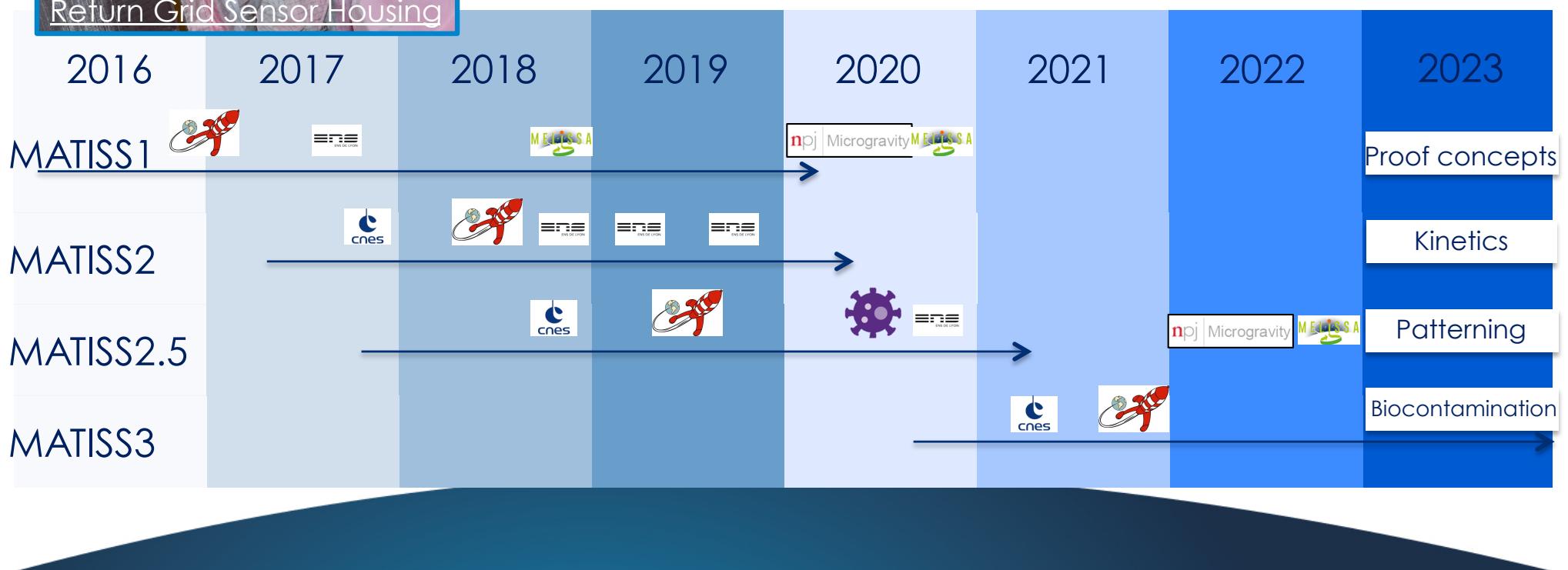


« Exposed ISS state »



Return Grid Sensor Housing

Three campaigns
(8 holders, RGSH, > 6 months)



First campaign

Towards a passive limitation of particle surface contamination in the Columbus module (ISS)

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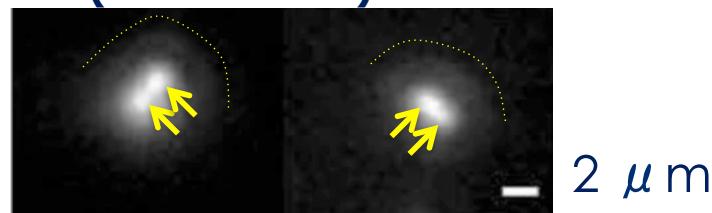
- Experimental proof-of-concept MATISS1: **MATISS sample holder** for investigating the particulate contamination after long-term exposure
- Relatively clean surfaces and clean environment (**few particles.mm⁻²**)
But final coverage of 2.2% in 20 years

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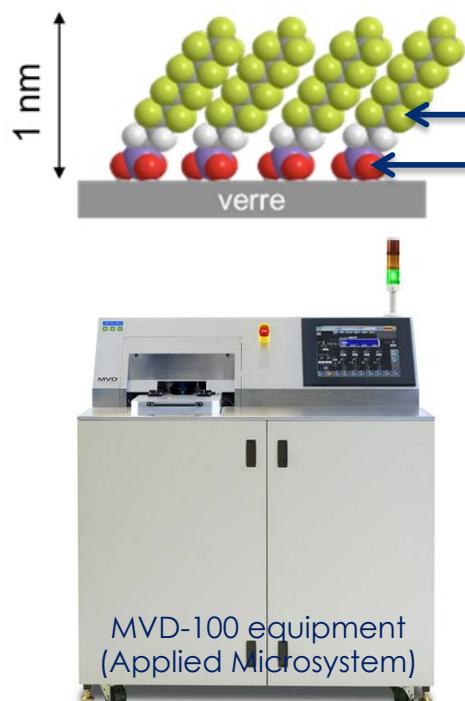
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- Varied shapes in the coarse ($50\text{-}1500 \mu\text{m}^2$, **N=4678**) and fine (0.5-50 μm^2 , **N=3175**) fractions => 2 biocontamination sources : scale dices (tissue or skin) and **microbial cells (bioaerosols)**



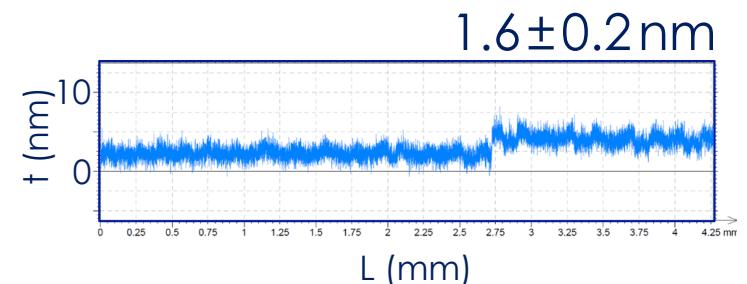
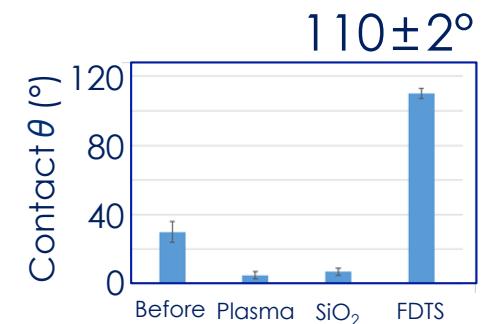
- More coarse/less fine particles on **FDTs** than on **SiOC** and **parylene** => impact of hydrophobic coatings ? Focus on FDTs

FDTs fluorinated silane grafting by MVD. Application to the study of surface biocontamination in ISS



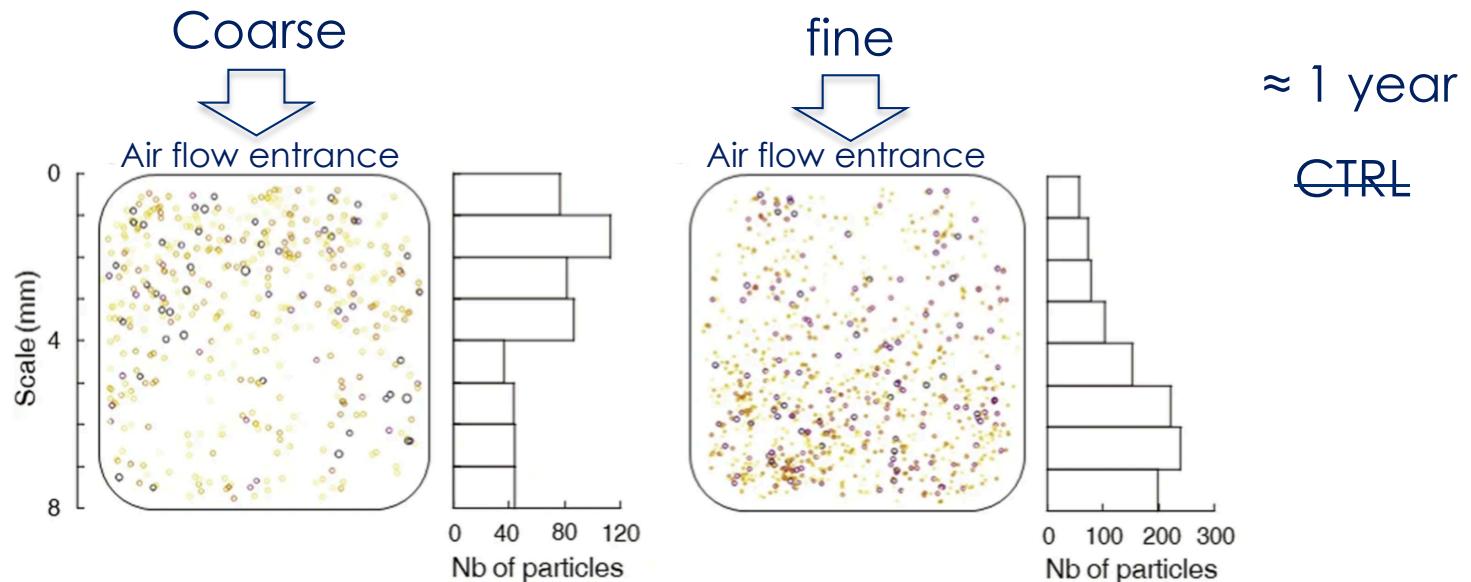
Fluorinated silane monolayers
Fluorinated tails toward air interface
Covalent bonds by silanisation on SiO_2 -surface

- No solvent
- High diffusivity
- Fast reaction
- Automated processing
- Low temperature processes
- Ultra-thin SAM films
- Outstanding uniformity and conformity



Three campaigns

Impact of an FDTs coating on the contamination



- Higher density values of the coarse particles near the flow entry (opposite for fines)
Only on FDTs and thus related to hydrophobic interactions
- Perspective : to constrain the action mechanism (chemical nature of the particles)
- New holder to combine optical, Raman and X-rays analyses

Three campaigns

Surface contamination and astronauts' occupancy rates

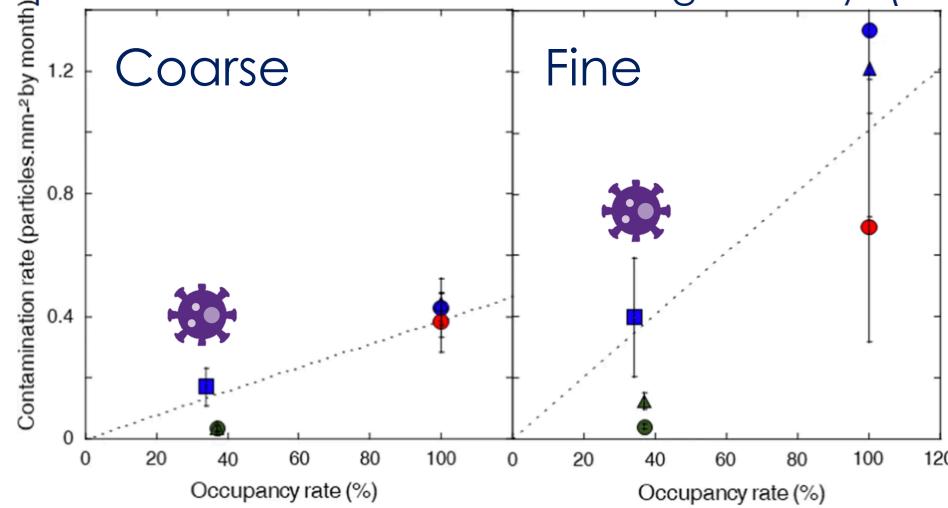
- Coarse particles sources vary over monthly periods

- FDTs contamination by fine particles (N=2310)

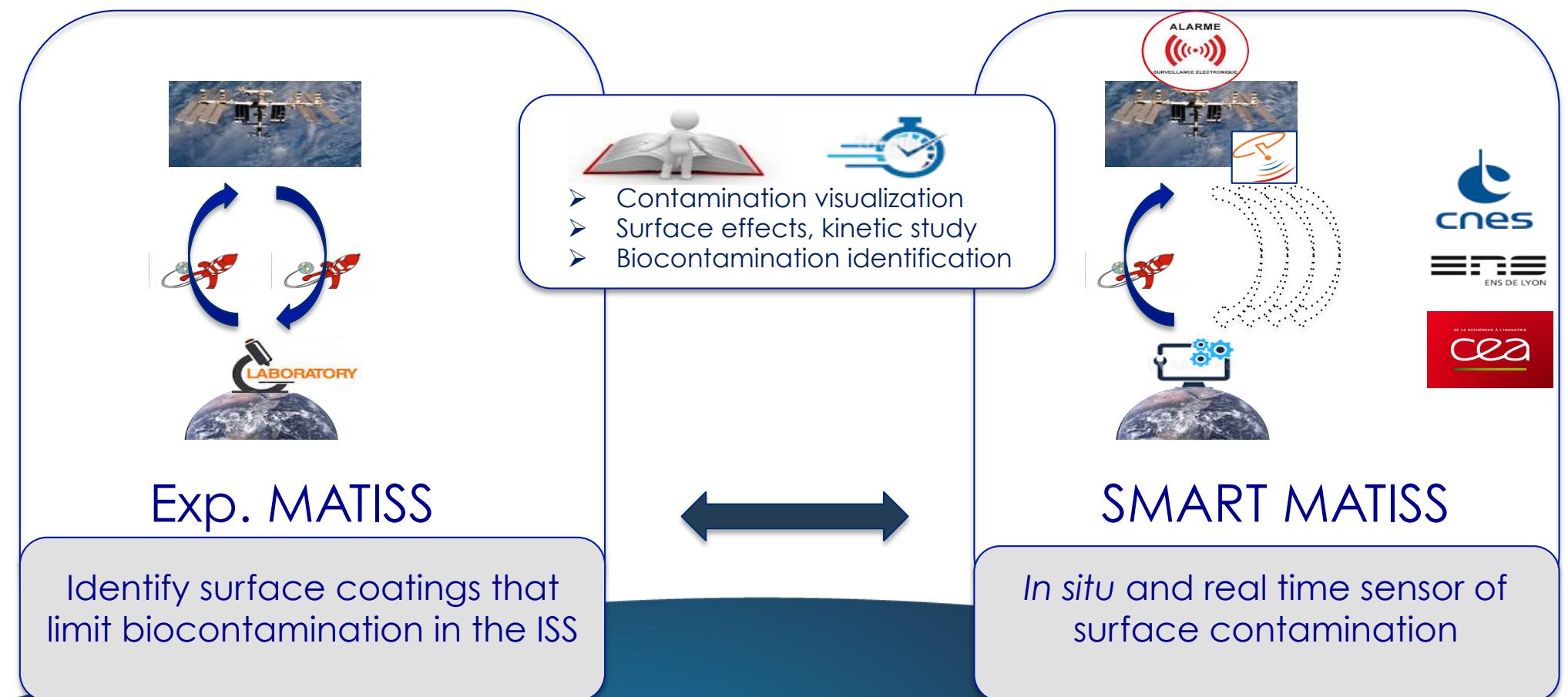
4.45 ± 2.66 particles. mm^{-2} for MATISS-1 during 193 days (mid-2017)

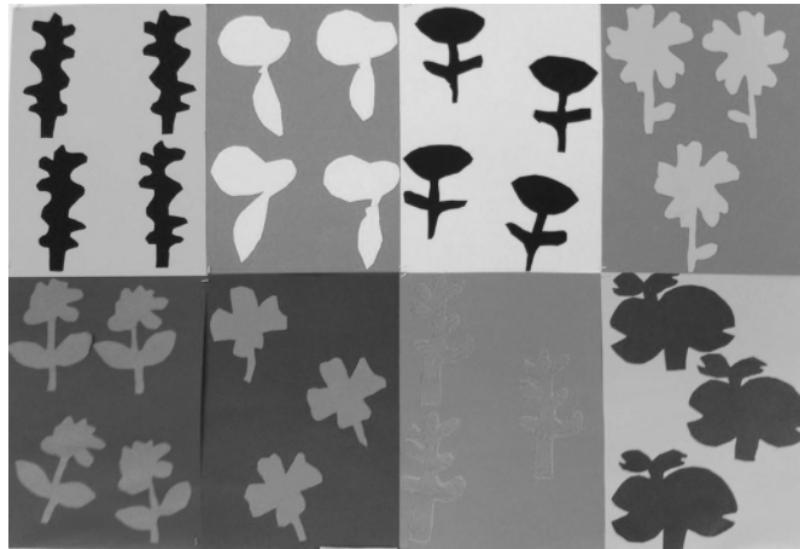
4.68 ± 2.30 particles. mm^{-2} for MATISS-2 during 354 days (2019)

1.02 ± 0.58 particles. mm^{-2} for MATISS-2.5 during 365 days (2020)



In situ monitoring of surfaces biocontaminations in the ISS





Thank you for your attention.

Three campaigns

Passive limitation of surface contamination by perFluoroDecylTrichloroSilane (FDTS) coatings in the ISS

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➤ Microbial contamination:



- skin and mucous membranes, of the outer ear and the intestine
- soil and/or water habitats

➤ Sources : coarse particles sources vary over monthly periods