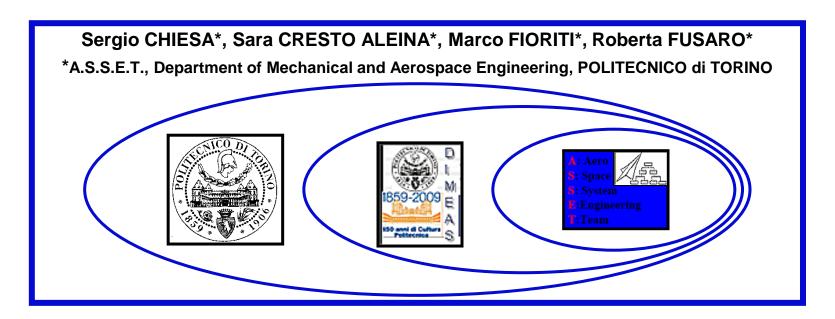




# Hypothesis for Hypersonic Flight development



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#### **TWO NEEDS**

for a (NOT FAR) future

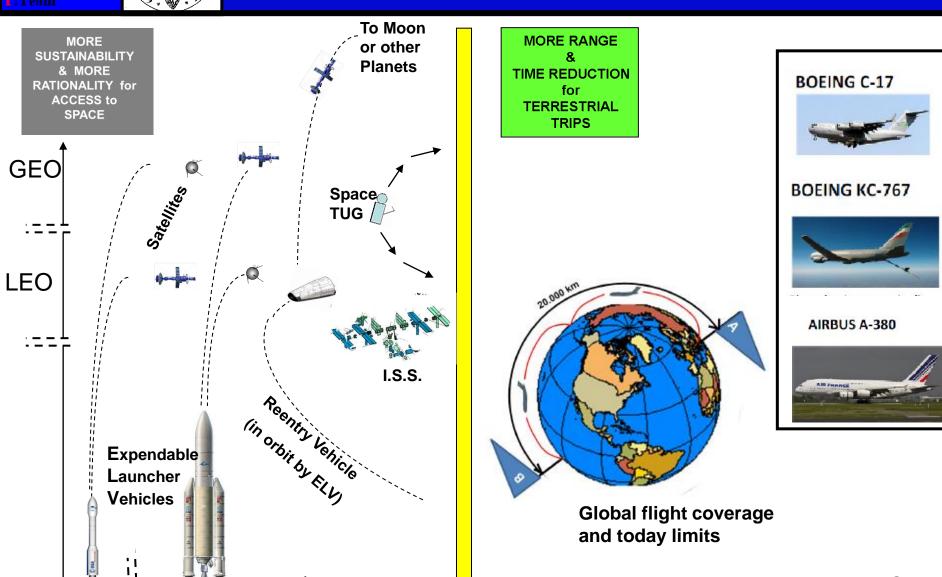


MORE
SUSTAINABILITY
& MORE
RATIONALITY for
ACCESS to
SPACE

MORE RANGE & TIME REDUCTION for TERRESTRIAL TRIPS



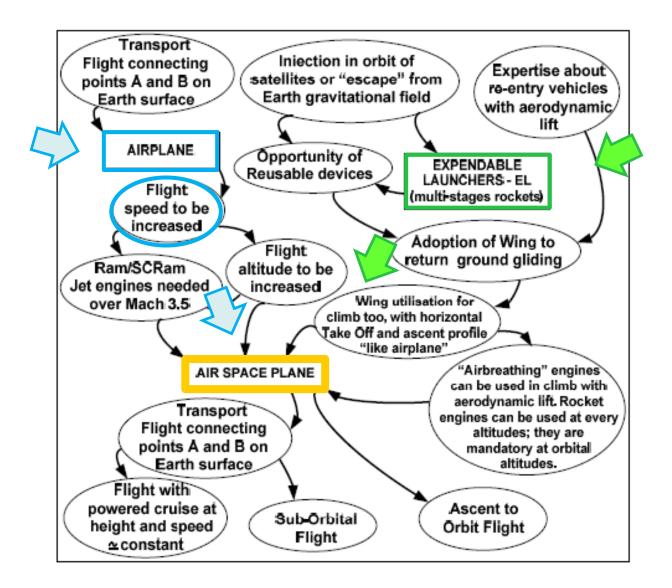






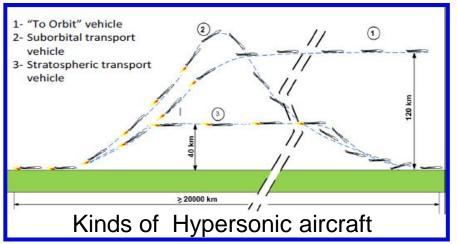


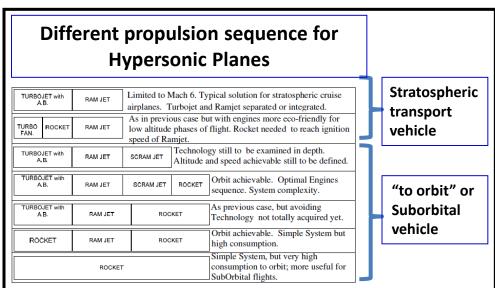
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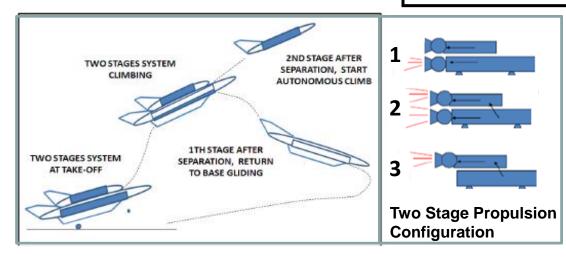












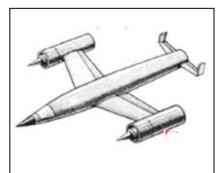




W.W.IIHistorical Project



**SOVIET ANTIPODAL BOMBER** 



T.S.T.O.SANGER II



S.S.T.O. NASP X 30



S.S.T.O. HOTOL



1990's



**Bristol ASCENDER** 



Fund. Techn.Sys. "Aurora"



Pan Aero Inc. "Sabre Rockt"



XCOR "Lynx"



90's and 00's

Space Tourism





# Hypersonic: the future

Hypersonic Transport Passengers (300 pax) Mach 5 "Antipodal" range



#### LAPCAT A2

Type: hypersonic passengers transport Pax no 300 139 m Length Wing span 41 m 900 m<sup>2</sup> Wing area Take Off Gross Weight 400.000 kg Fuel Weight 198.000 kg 4 Scimitar Cruise Engines Speed Mach 5 18700 km Range Unit cost (estimated) 639 M€

A2 LAPCAT, Pictorial representation, Technical Data



#### SKYLON

Crew: None, remote controlled from ground. Capacity: Potential for up to 30 passengers

Payload: 15.000 kg (33,000 lb)

Length: 70 m Wingspan: 22 m

Fuselage diameter: 6.75 m Empty weight: 53.000 kg Loaded weight: 345.000 kg

Powerplant: 2 × SABRE 1,350 kN eachThrust/weight: ~1.2 - 3 at

burnout (~0.768 atmospheric)

Specific impulse: 3500 s atmospheric, 450 s exoatmospheric Service ceiling: 26.000 m air breathing, >200 km exoatmospheric

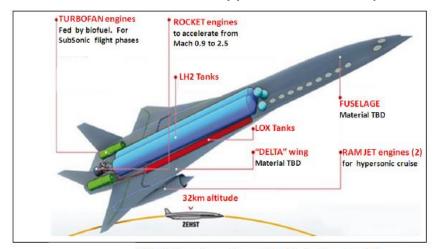
Maximum speed: Orbital (airbreathing Mach 5.5)

SSTO Derived from HOTOL - 2x SABRE engine ("air-breather" and Rocket )

#### EADS ZEHST-Zero Emissions HyperSonicTransport

Hypersonic Transport Passengers (60 pax) Engine sequence:

- -Turbofan (bio fuel)
- -Rocket
- -Ramjet (LH2)



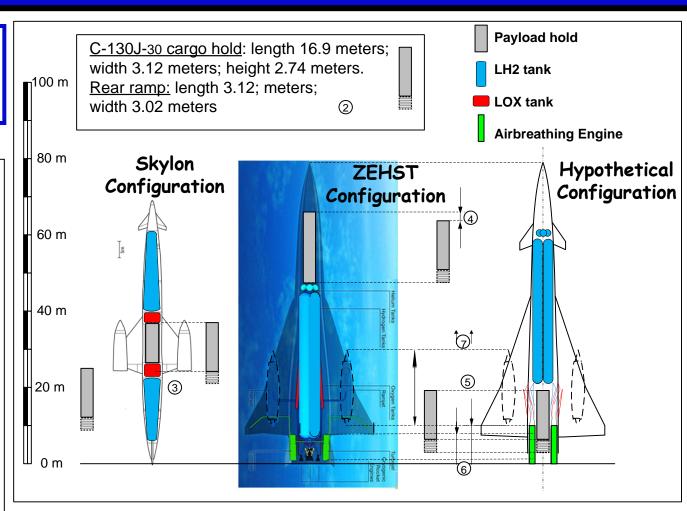
ZEHST configuration and Vehicle characteristics

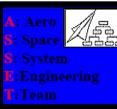




# Configuration study for a Military Hypersonic Transport

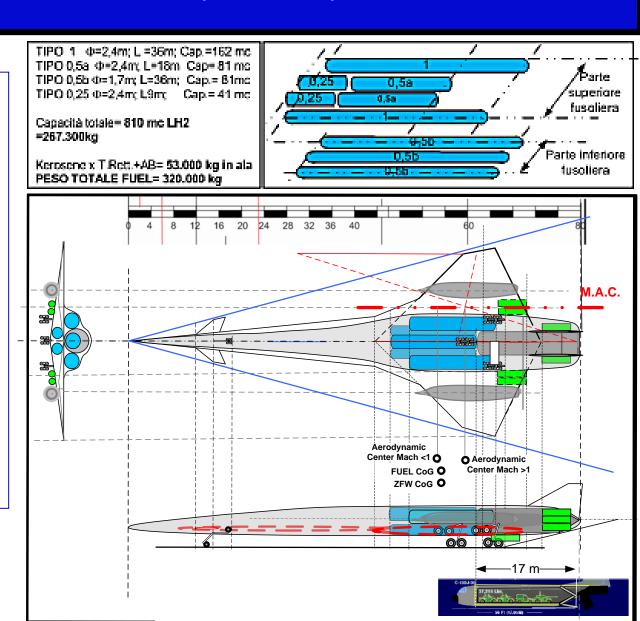
- 1 Configuration based on ZEHST project
- Main project requirement: the Cargo-bay has to have the same dimensions of the C-130 one with rear ramp
- Cargo-bay largest than Skylon one
- Cargo-bay smallest than ZEHST one
- The cargo-bay is placed on rear fuselage eliminating the ZEHST rocket engine
- 6 Need to replace the ZEHST turbofan engine with Turbojet engine with A/B to start Ram-Jet
- 7 Same Ram-Jets used in ZEHST configuration







- Considering the better Specific Impulse, during hypersonic cruise the RAM-Jets are fueled by LH2
- Significant configuration changes are required to install the LH2 tanks closer to the aircraft C.G. avoiding unacceptable C.G. excursion
- The new configuration stores the necessary LH2 in several tanks placed around the cargo-bay. The aircraft C.G. is now close to the aerodynamic center.
- The volume in the forward fuselage can be used for light payload as Command & Control room or VIPs passengers



- This unconventional concept study can be useful as basis for discussion
- It is based on a hypothetical requirement of "Global Reach Capability". The result is a configuration study supported by:
  - simple performance calculation (takeoff, climb and cruise)
  - application of simple WERs (weight estimation relationships)
- Certainly, a conceptual and preliminary design or even a development of this kind of aircraft would result in a significant economic commitment

In the following slides, low cost studies are proposed to facilitate the start of the work on hypersonic flight (in Italy, if possible)





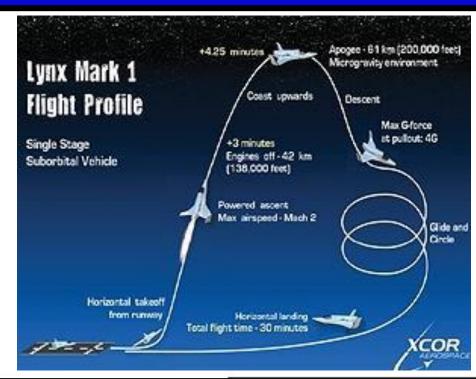
# **SPACE TOURISM**



XCOR "Lynx"



VIRGIN GALACTIC AIR SHIP TWO





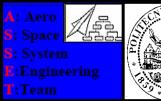


Space Tourism EADS; pictorial view and passengers cabin layout mock-up

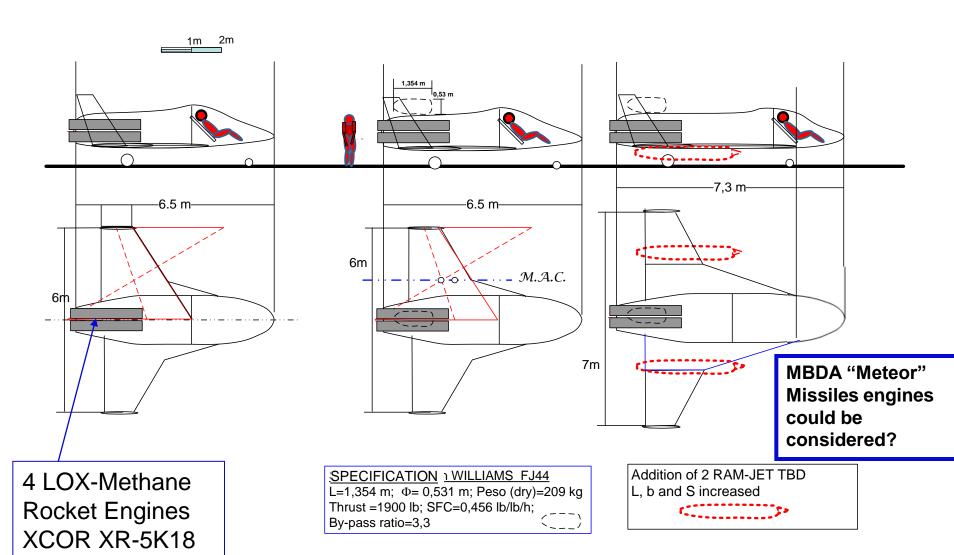




- Performing a sub-orbital flight, for space tourism, does not seem an unachievable task
- The mission profile is relatively simple
- Relatively simple are the aircraft like XCOR Lynx: two-seater, 4 rockets with 1250 kg (each) of thrust. A TOGW = 6000 kg is possible considering 3000 kg of fuel, 200 kg of payload and an empty weight of 2800 kg.
- More complex concepts are based on "business jet aircraft" configuration
- We propose 3 low cost concept to begin thinking on hypersonic flight:
  - developing from XCOR Lynx a simple hypersonic experimental aircraft
  - an hypersonic aircraft based on well known Fighter
  - Hyplane project conceived by Space Renaissance (Italy)

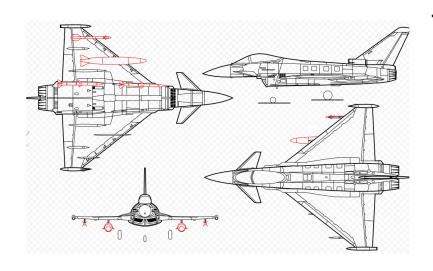


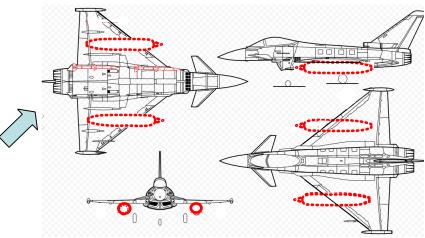


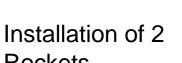




#### Installation of 2 **RAM-Jets**

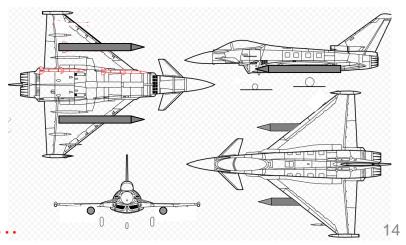






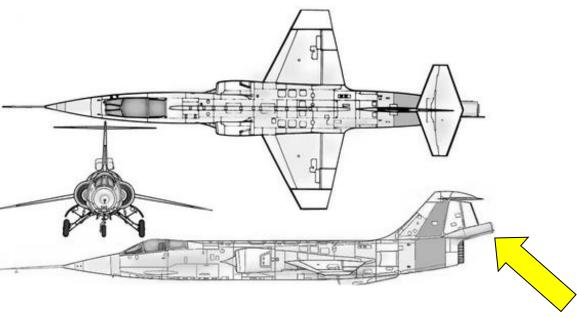
...may be XCOR Engines....

**Rockets** 





# ....some time ago...



NF 104 A, modified by NASA, with a supplementary rocket engine, for research purpose









The University of Naples "Federico II", under the eagis of the Space Renaissance Italia Space Tourism Program and with the support of other Universities and small and medium enterprises, is investigating a new vehicle concept for long-duration space tourism missions and hypersonic point-to-point transportation









# Bristol Spaceplanes Limited













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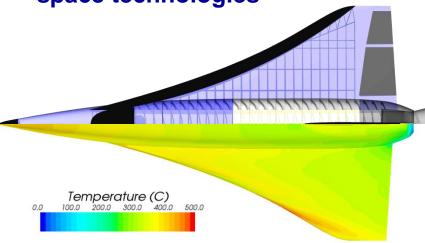
#### A personal <u>HY</u>personic air <u>PLANE</u>

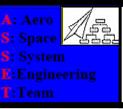


- 6-seats small Mach 4-4.5 spaceplane
- HTHL within the present rules governing common airports
- Urgent Travel market segment
- Space tourism
- Future reusable first stages of airbreathing space-access vehicles

- can fly a series of Space Tourism parabolas at max altitude above 70 km
- 6000 km distances in less than 2 hours with cruise altitude at about 30 km

integrates state-of-art aeronautic and space technologies







# Why don't we try some of these simple experiments?

Sentence inspired by <u>"From Earth to Moon"</u> by Jules Verne (1865)