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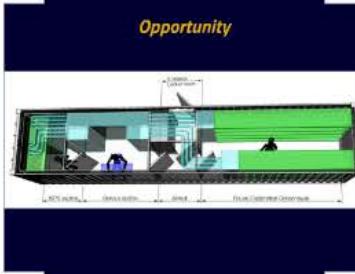
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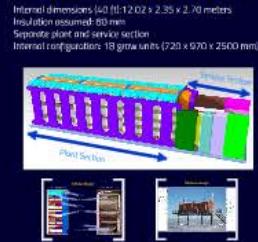
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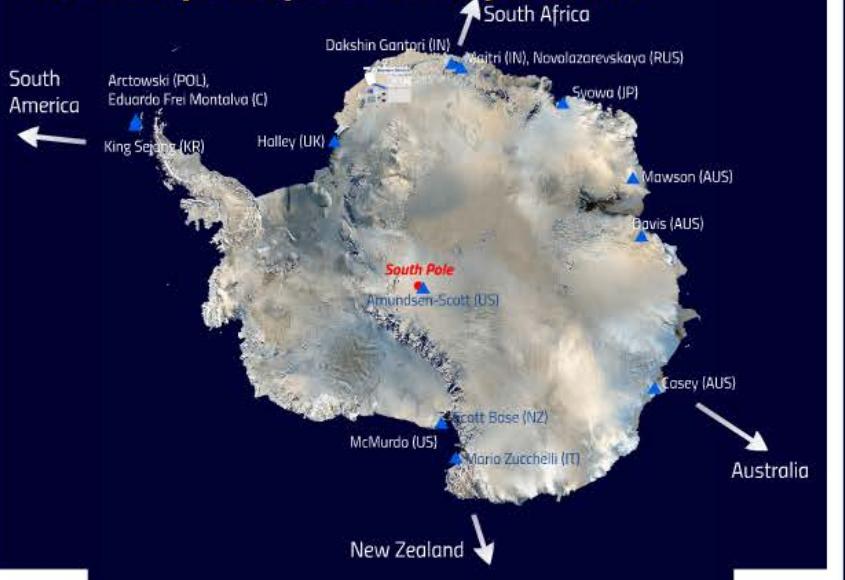
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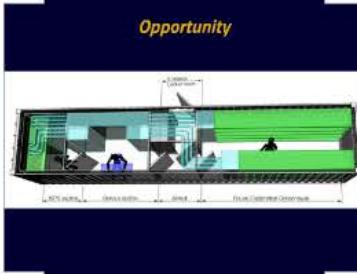
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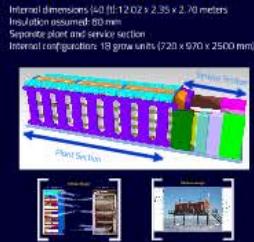
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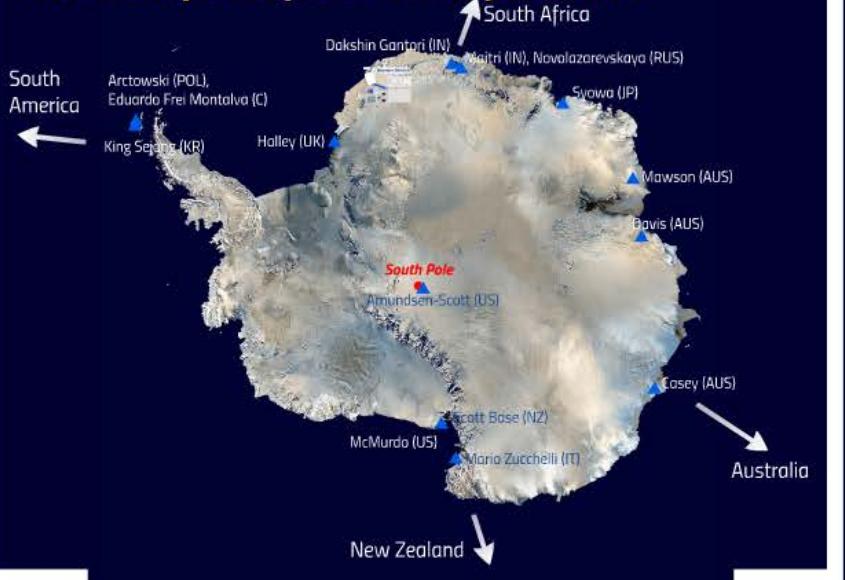
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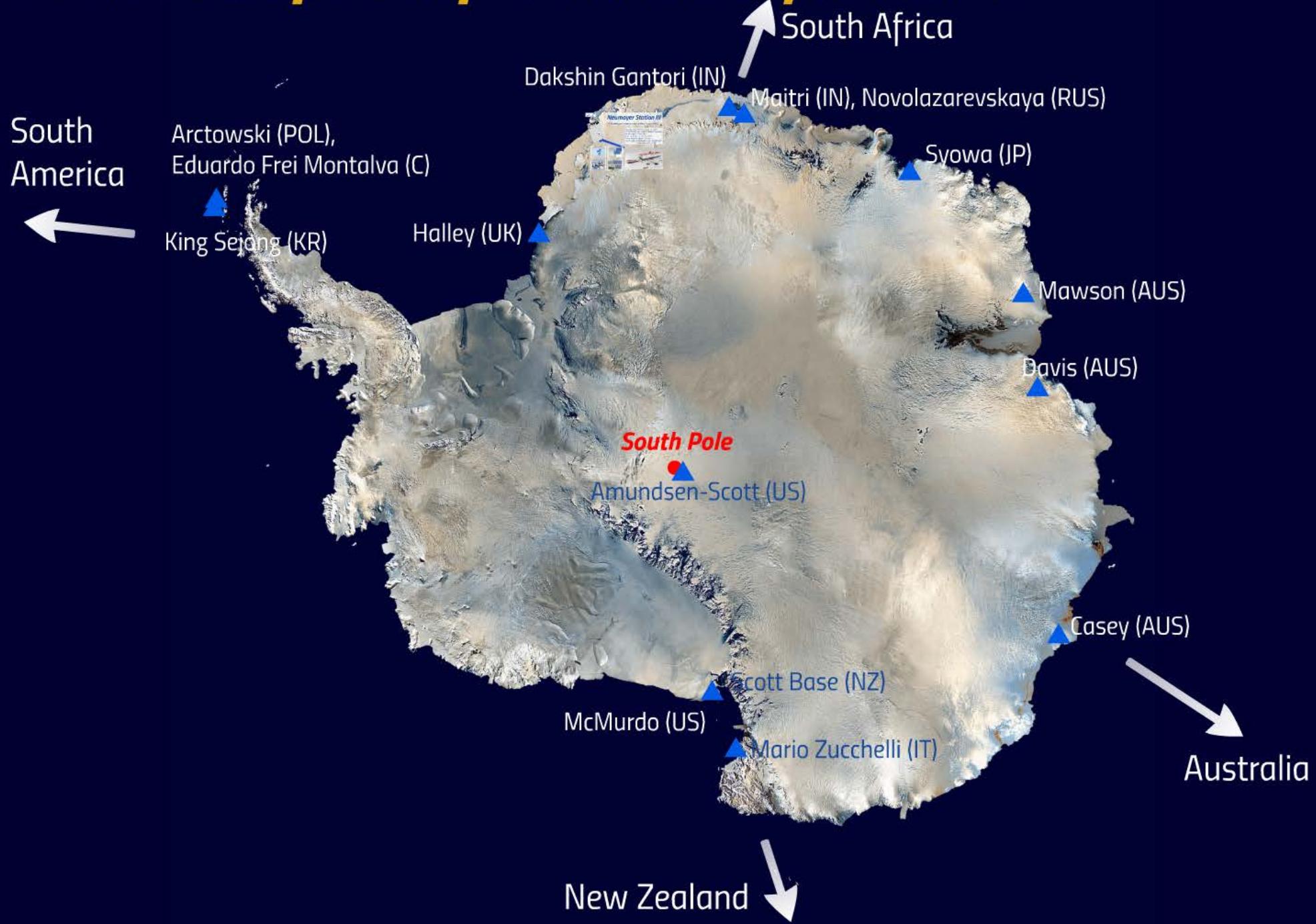
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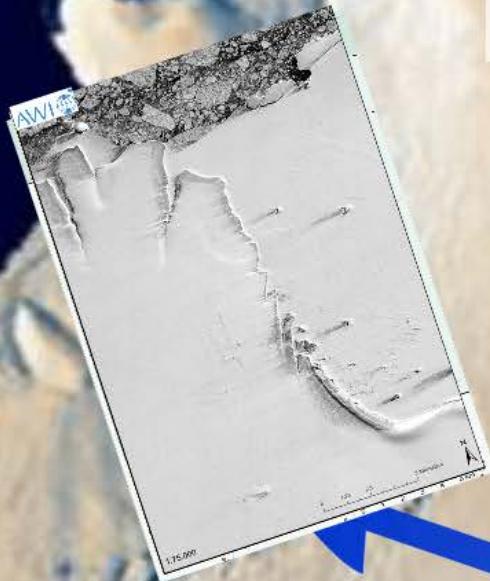
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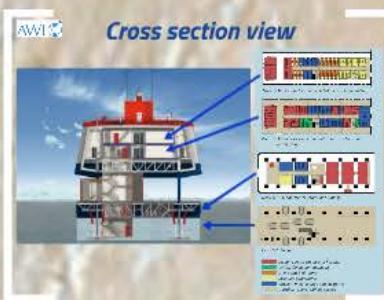


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# Building Phase



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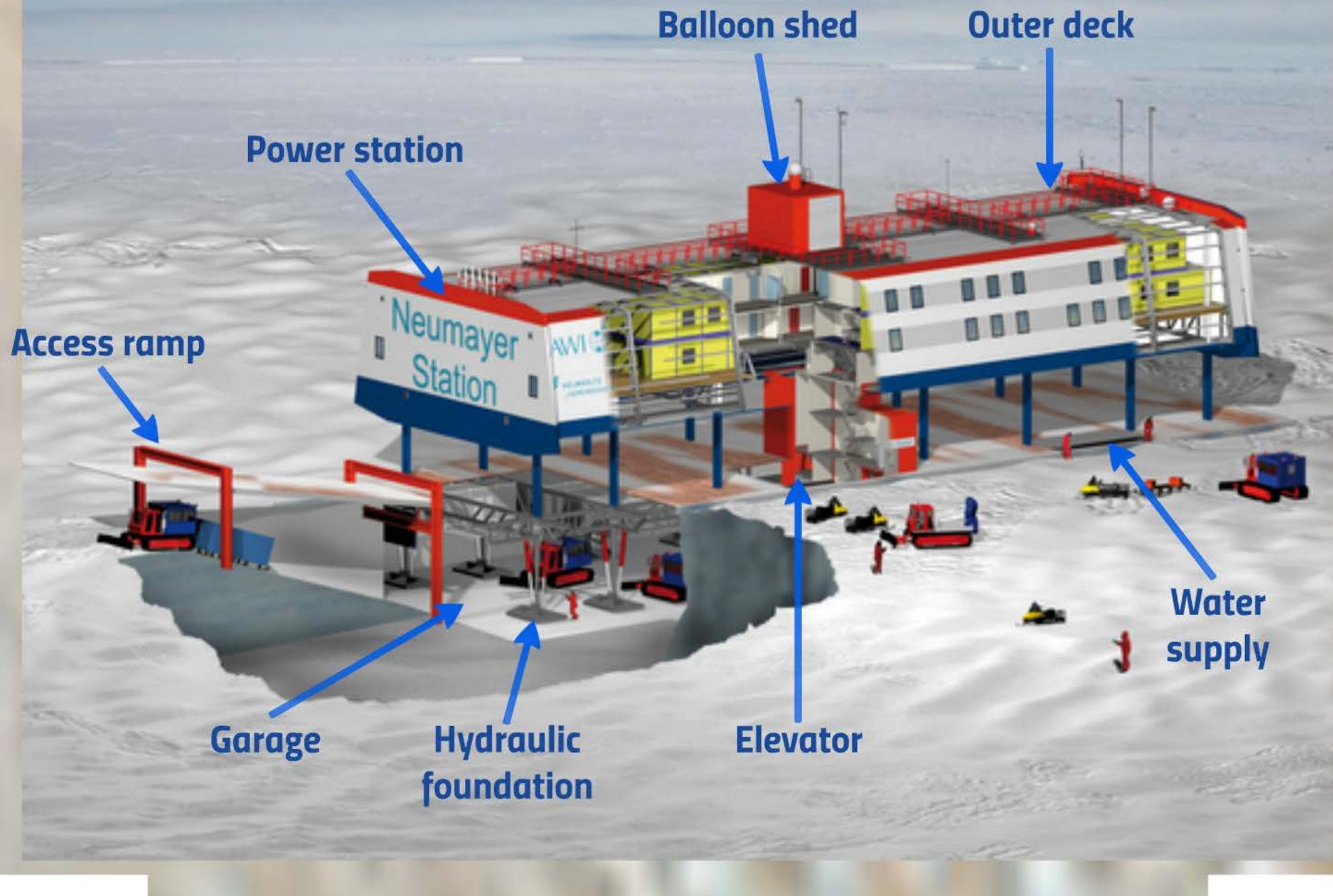
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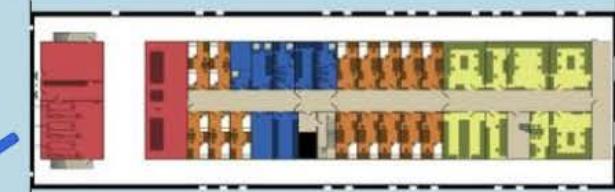
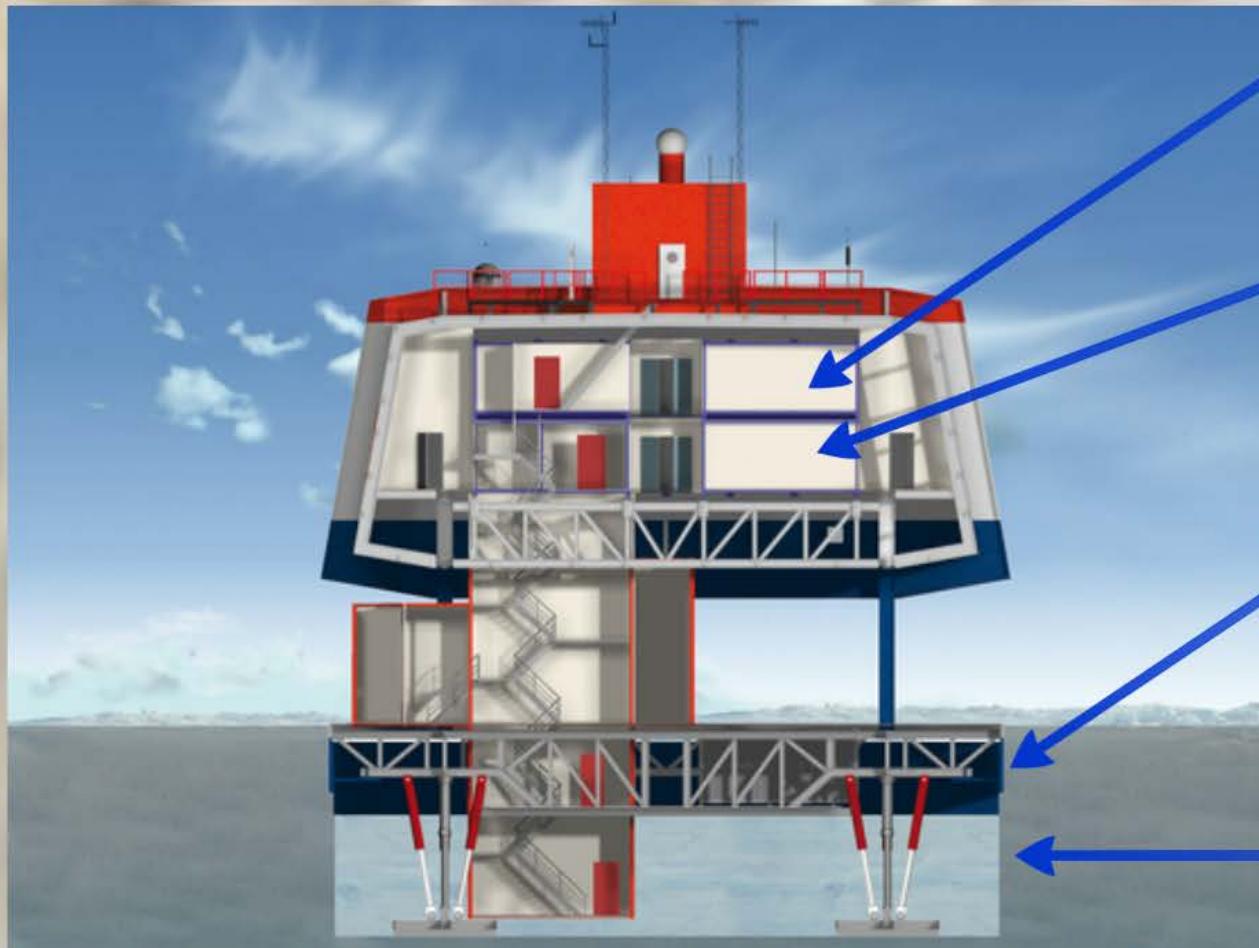
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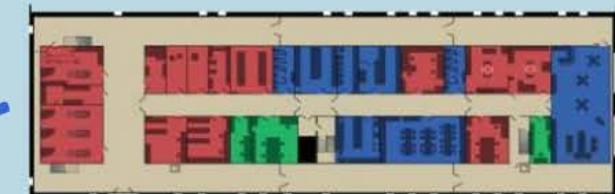
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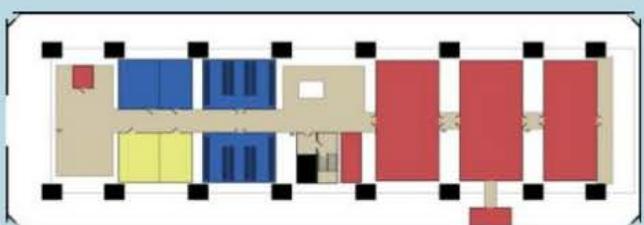
# Cross section view



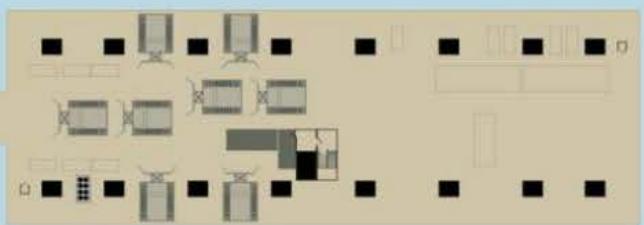
Deck 2: Station services, accomodations and laboratories



Deck 1: Station services, communications, social rooms and hospital



Deck U1: Station service rooms and storage



Deck U2: Garage

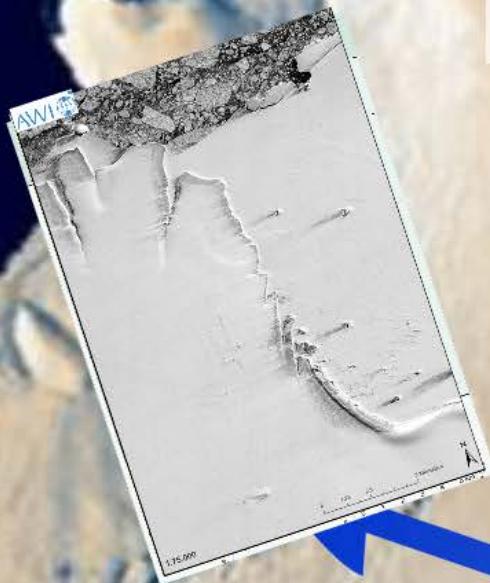
- Station service rooms and hospital
- Offices for station operation
- Living and bed rooms
- Scientific laboratories
- Kitchen, mess, lounge and lavatories
- Corridors, stairs, parking spaces

# Logistics

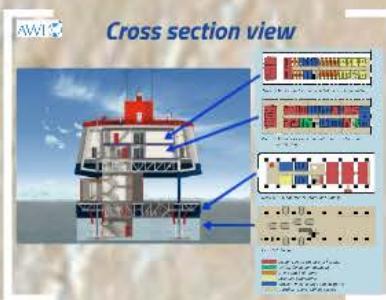


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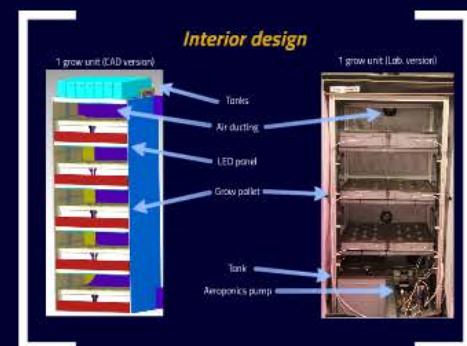
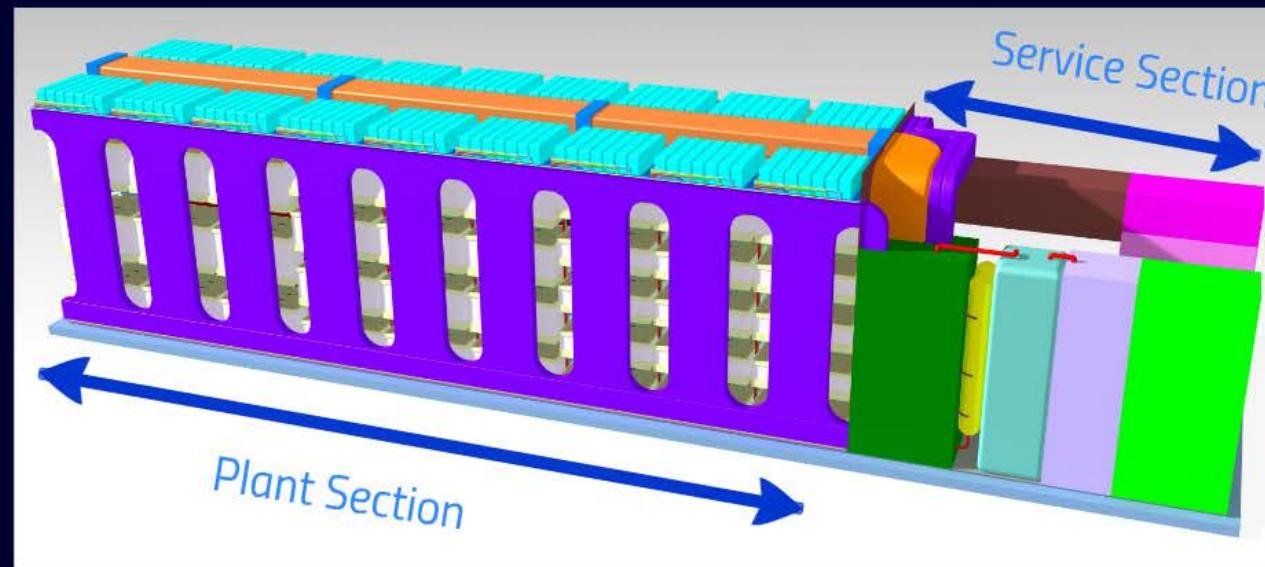
# *Greenhouse facility design*

Internal dimensions (40 ft): 12.02 x 2.35 x 2.70 meters

Insulation assumed: 80 mm

Separate plant and service section

Internal configuration: 18 grow units (720 x 970 x 2500 mm)

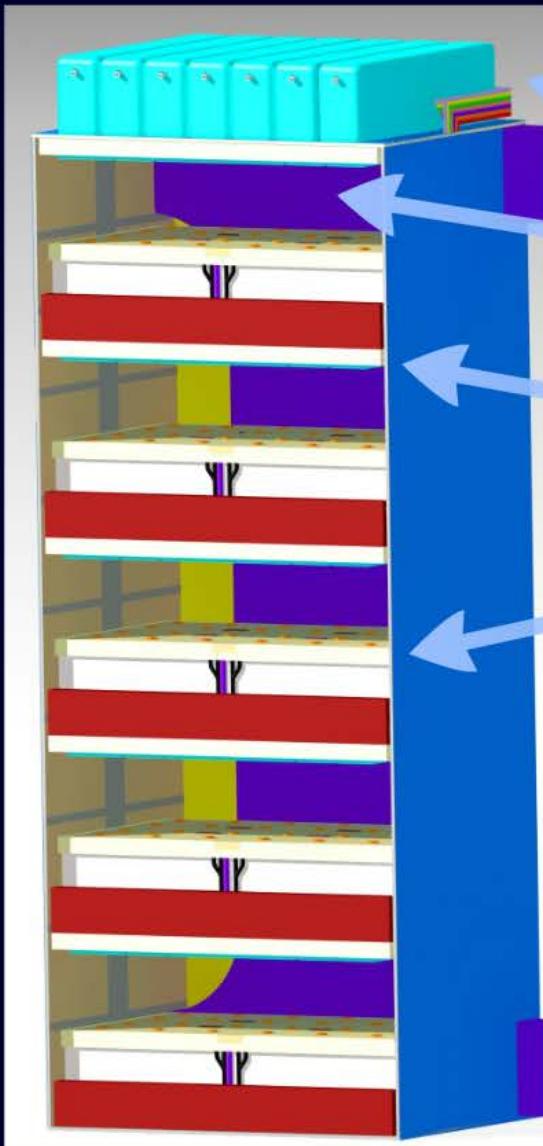


# *Platform design*



# *Interior design*

1 grow unit (CAD version)



1 grow unit (Lab. version)



# *Opportunity*

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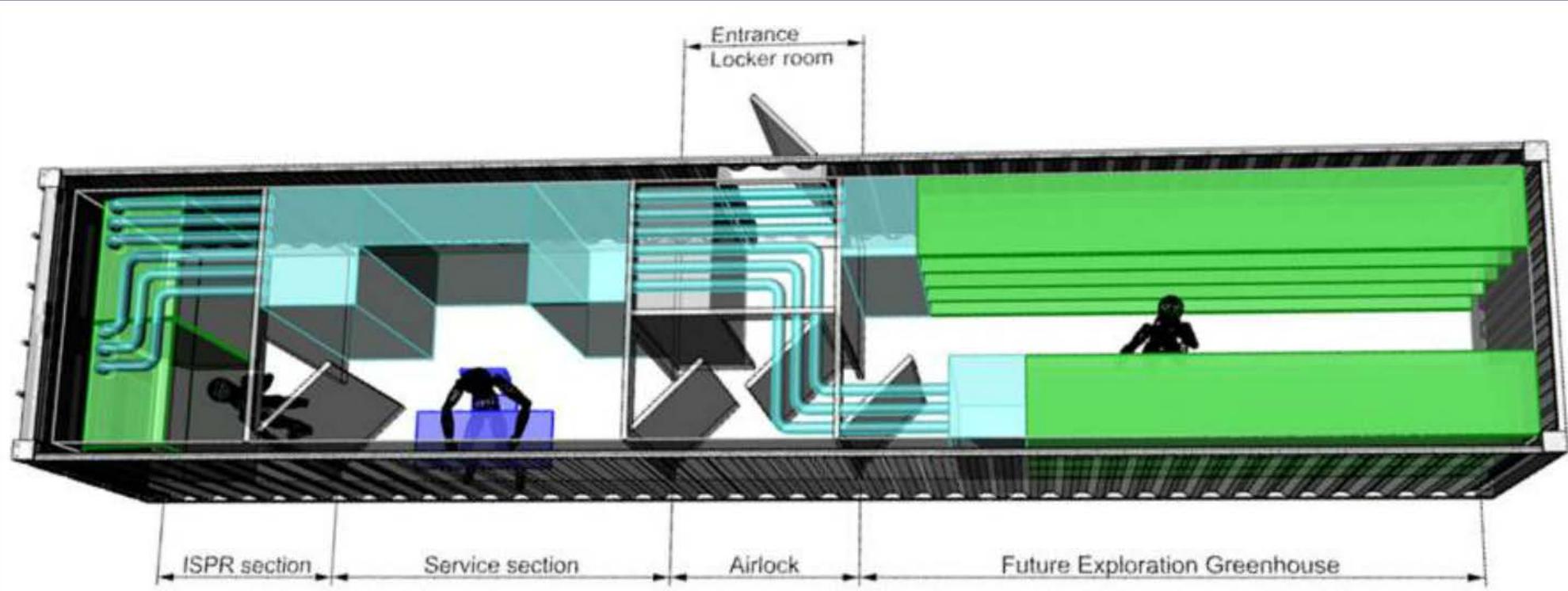
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