

MASTER'S PROJECT IN SPACE ARCHITECTURE

# Do more with less:

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# efficient furniture for

# Mars

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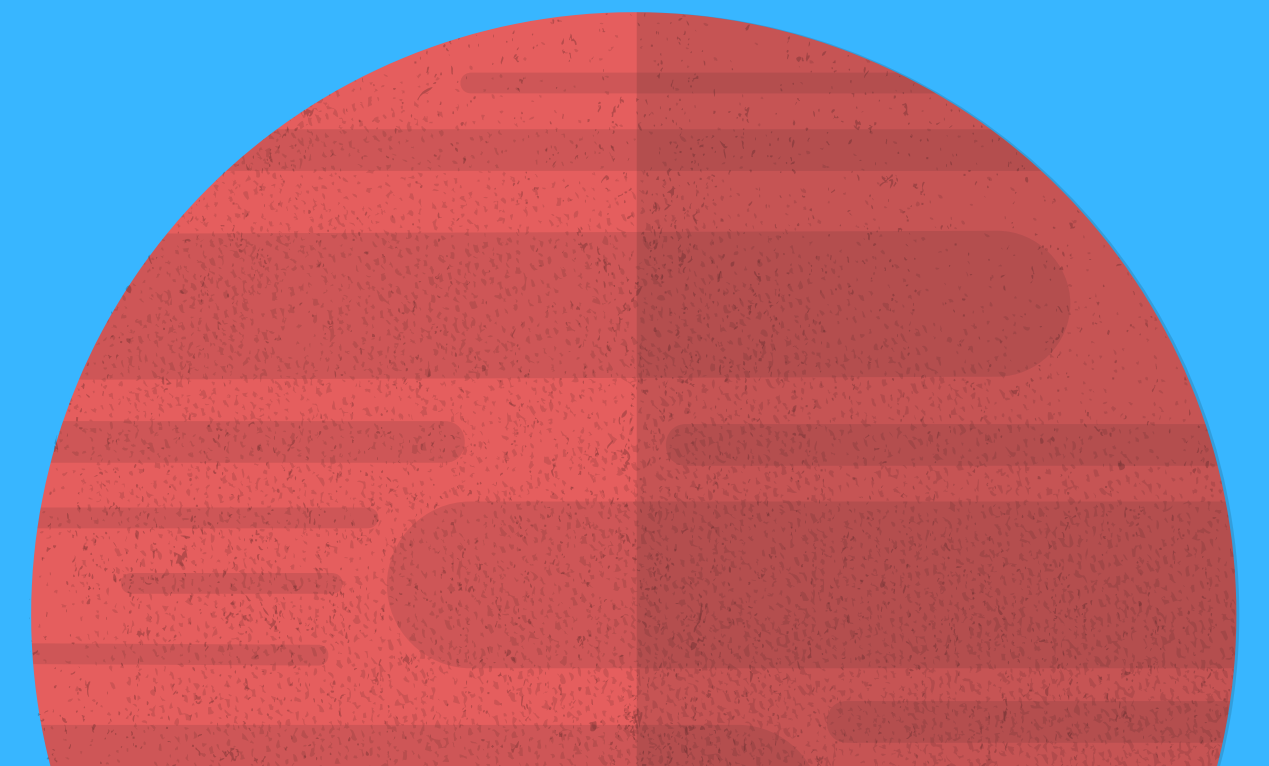
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**NASA aims to go to Mars in  
the **2030s****

**SpaceX aims to go to Mars  
in the **mid-2020s****

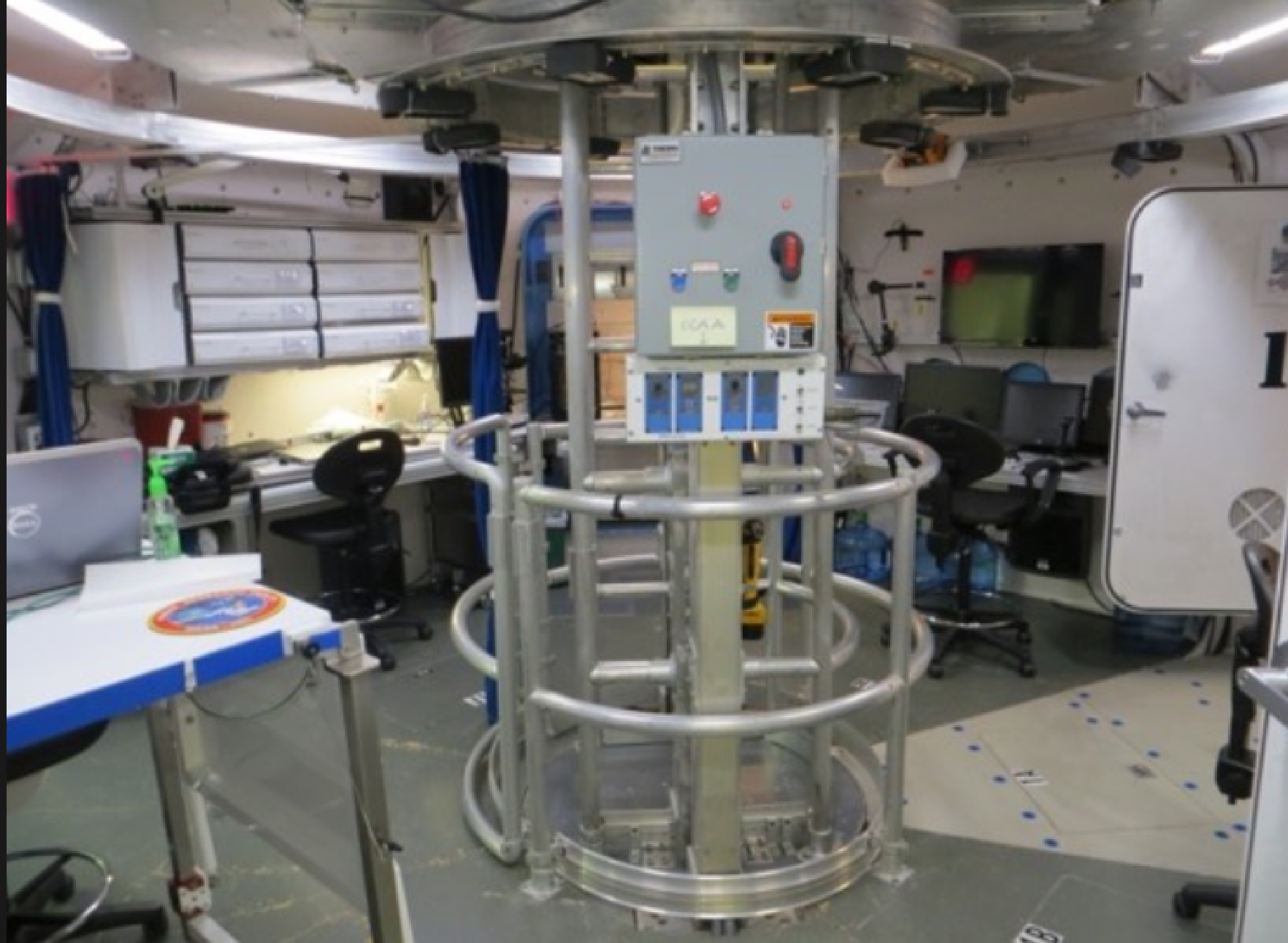




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Ground-based Analog HERA, NASA JSC





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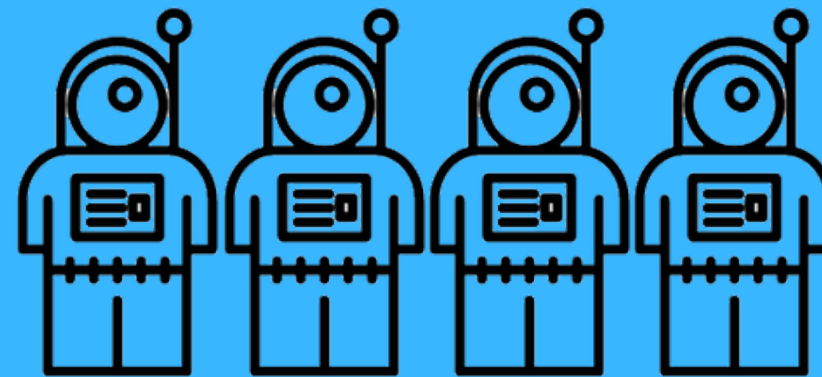
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# Context

FIRST MISSION  
TO MARS



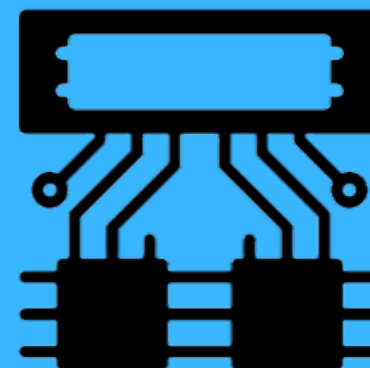
CREW OF FOUR



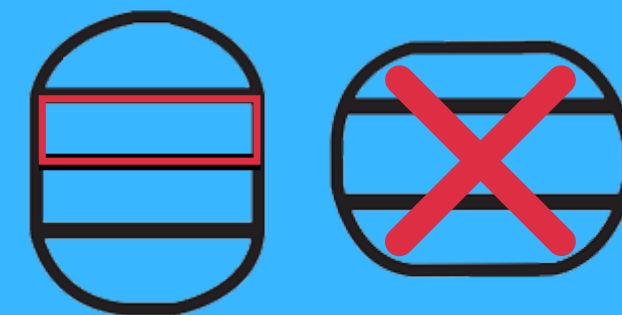
26'DIAMETER  
HARD SHELL  
MODULE

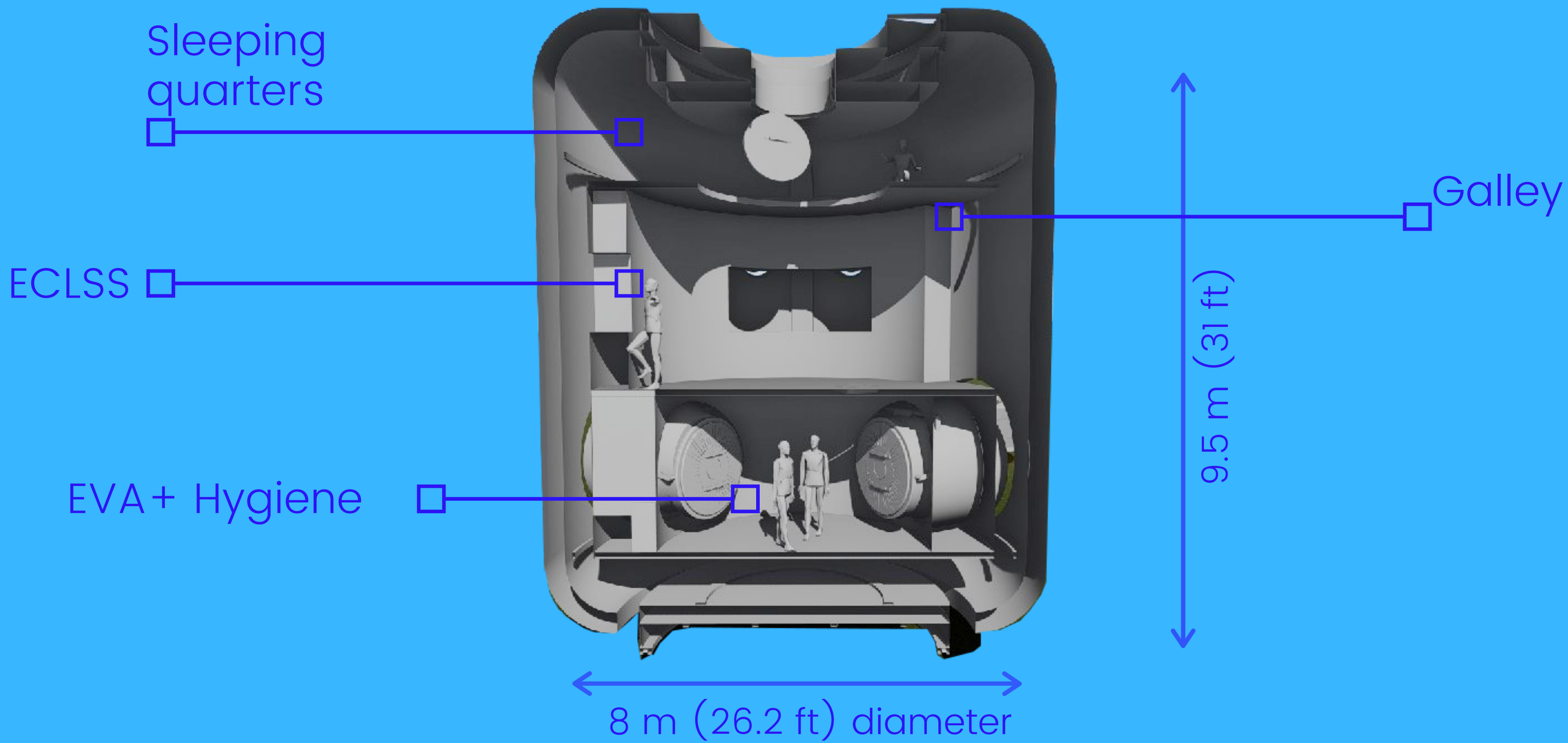


PRE-INTEGRATED  
STRUCTURES  
& SYSTEMS

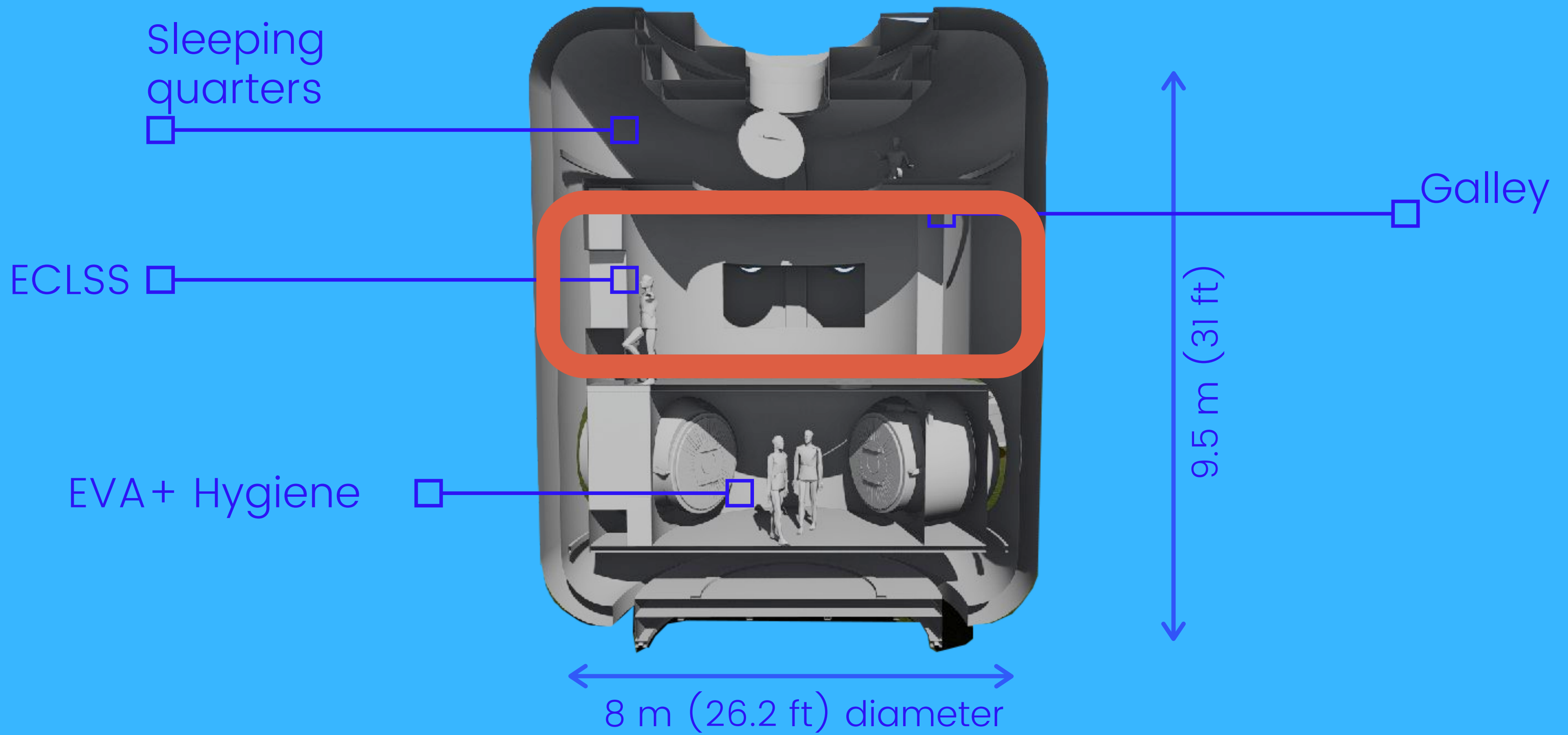


VERTICAL  
ORIENTATION



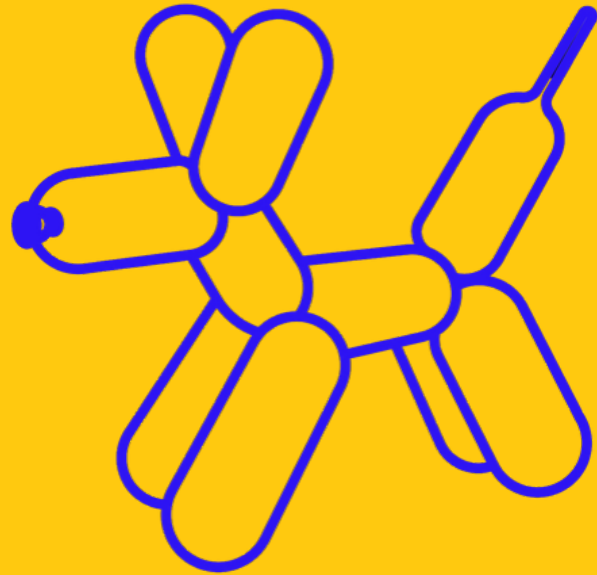




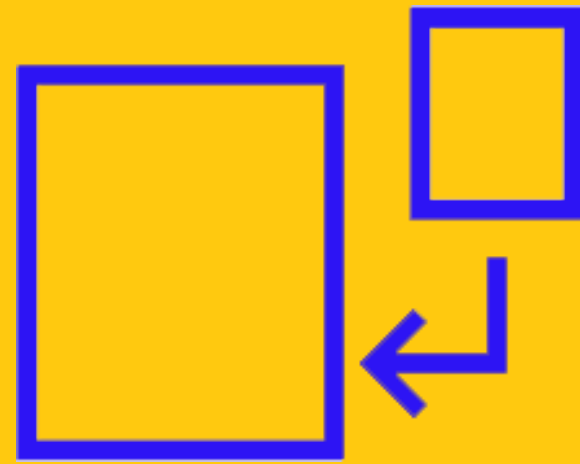




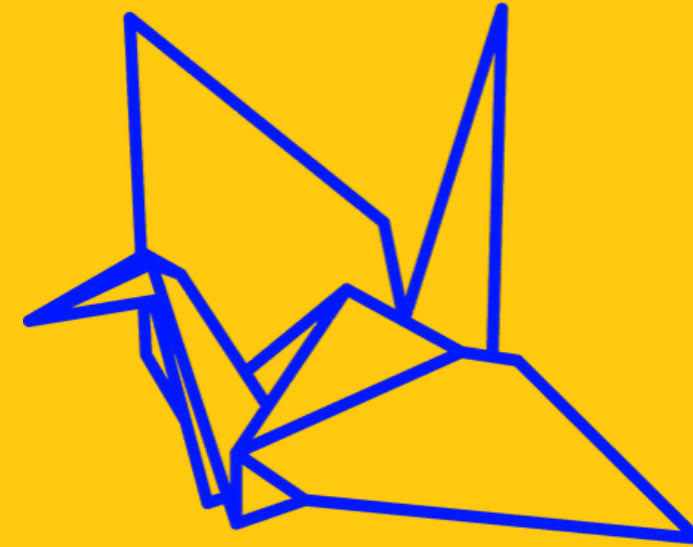
LIGHTWEIGHT



RECONFIGURABLE



DEPLOYABLE



NON-  
FLAMMABLE



EASY  
MAINTAINABLE



OFF GASSING



REQUIREMENTS

# Biomechanics of sitting posture

Mars g

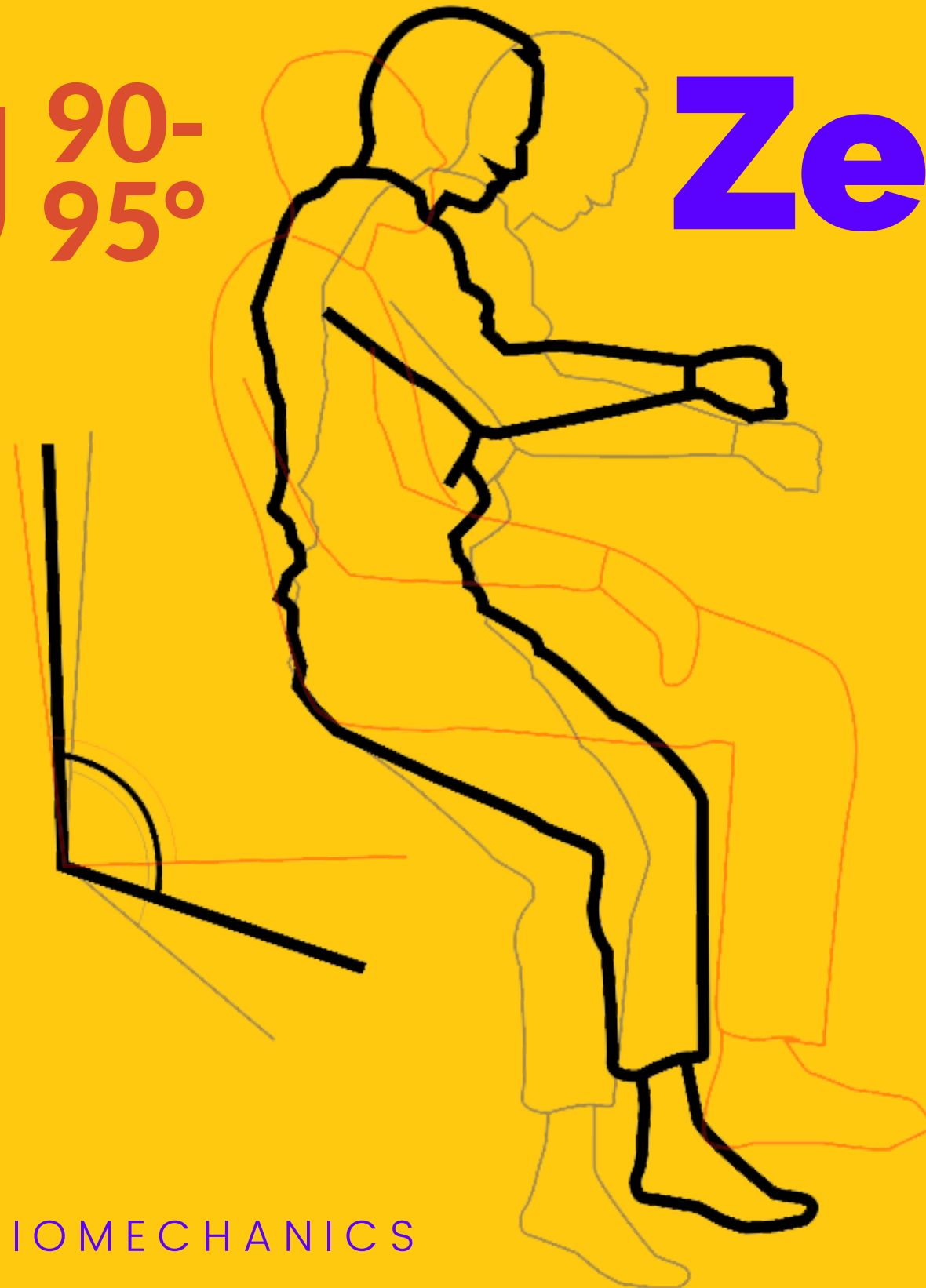


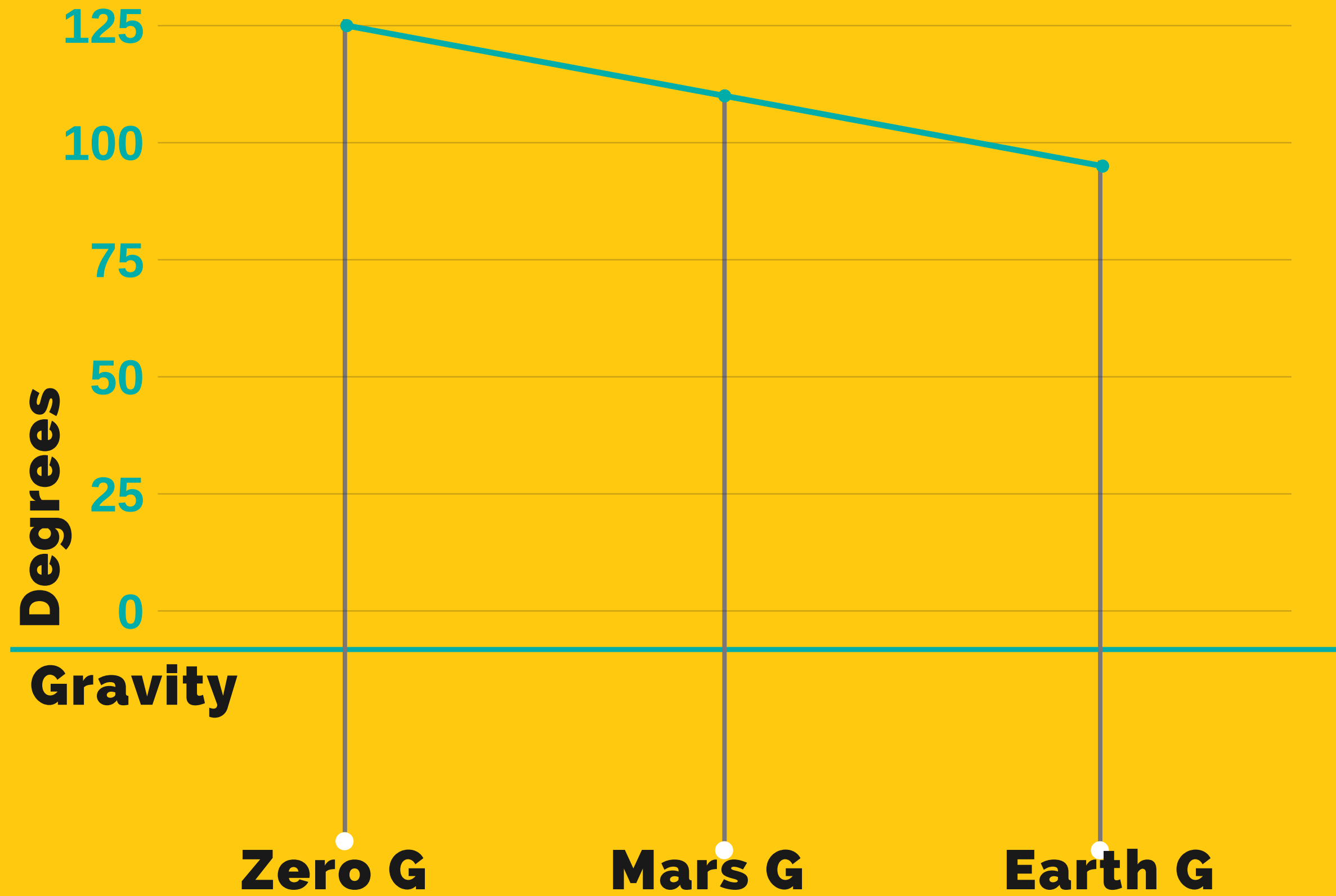
$\sim 110^\circ$

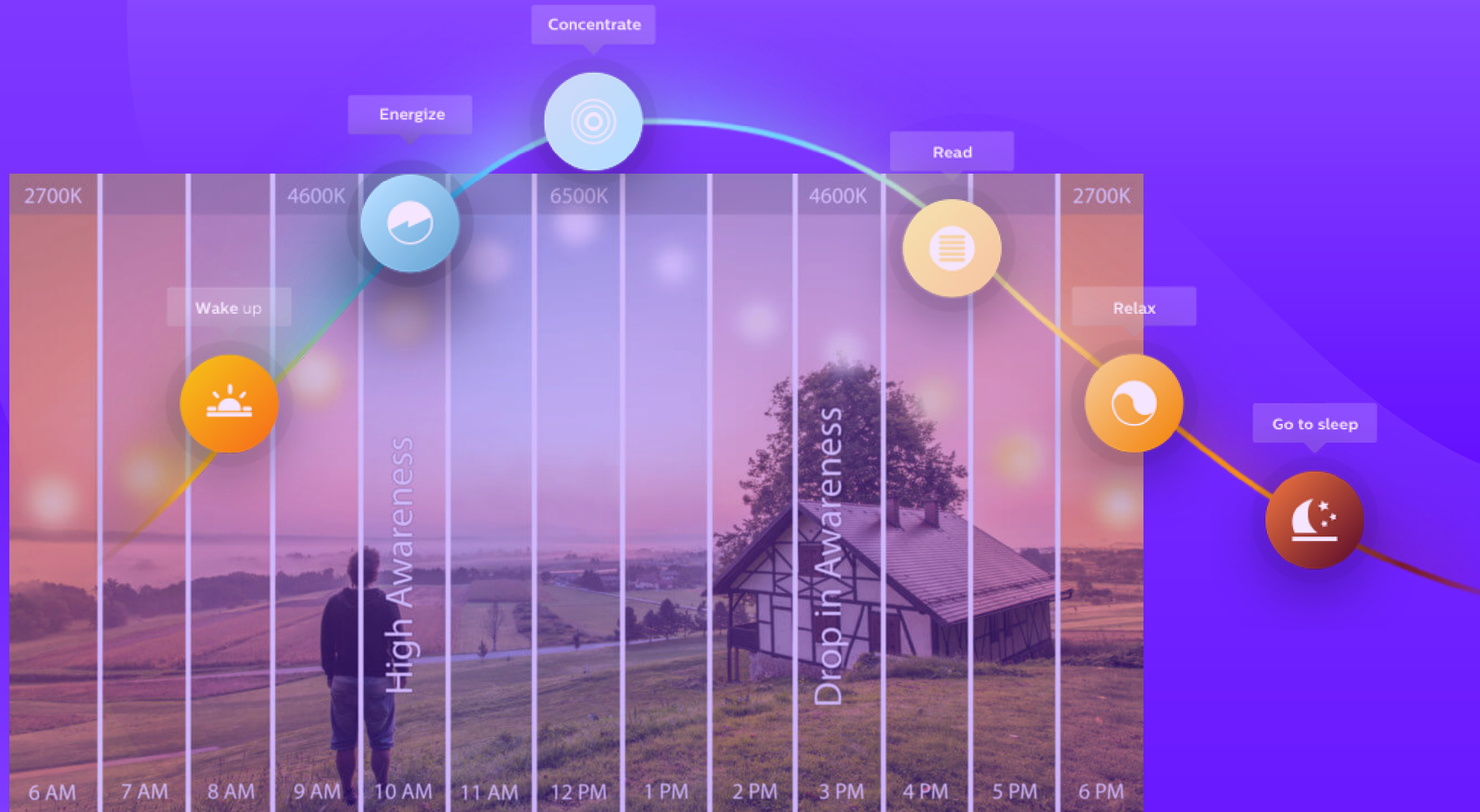
**Earth g** <sup>90-  
95°</sup>

**Zero g** <sup>125-  
130°</sup>

**~110°**













# Deployable Adjustable Workstation

GALLEY &  
STORAGE

1/32"

polymer sheet

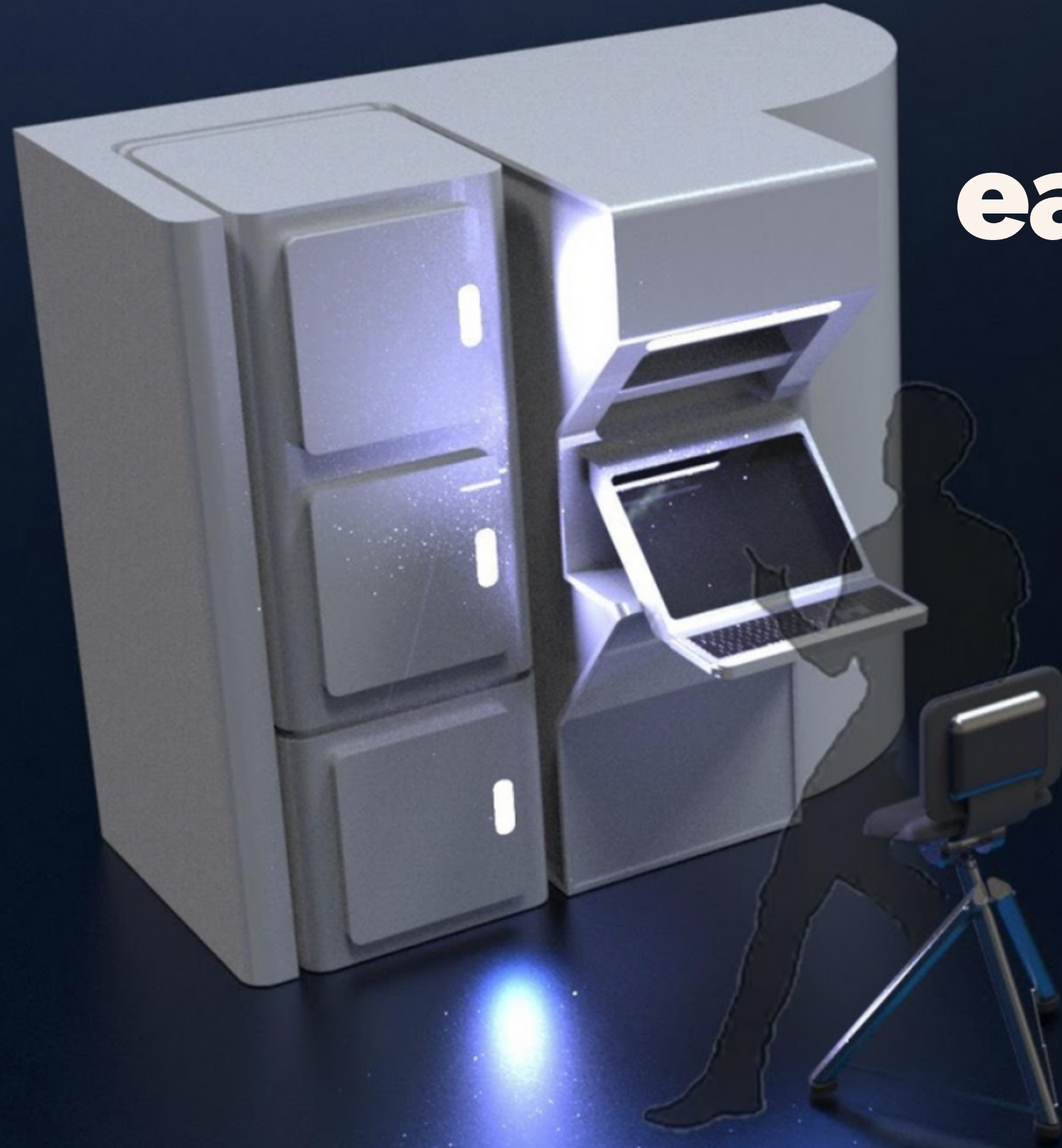
closed cell foam board

polymer sheet

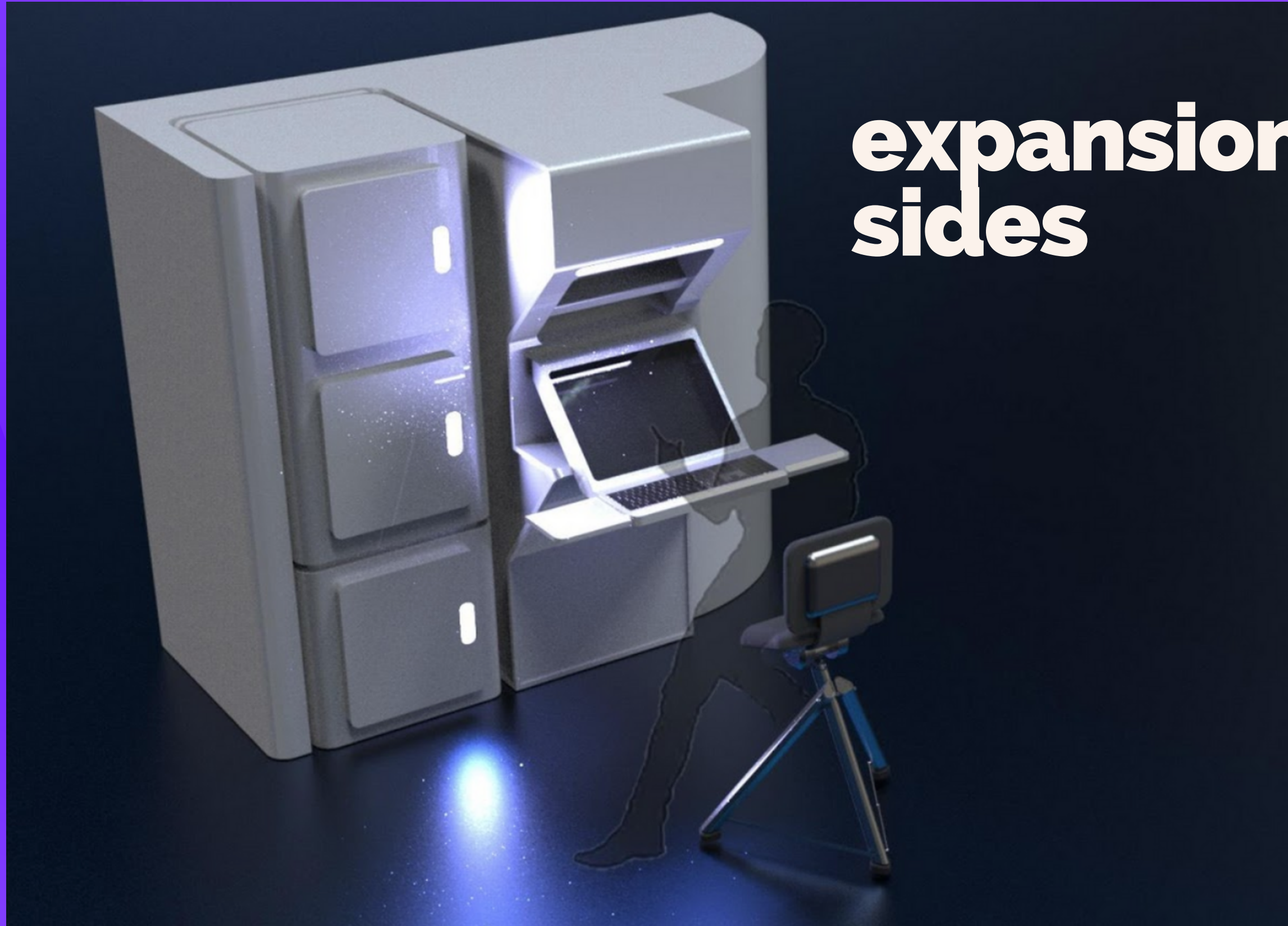




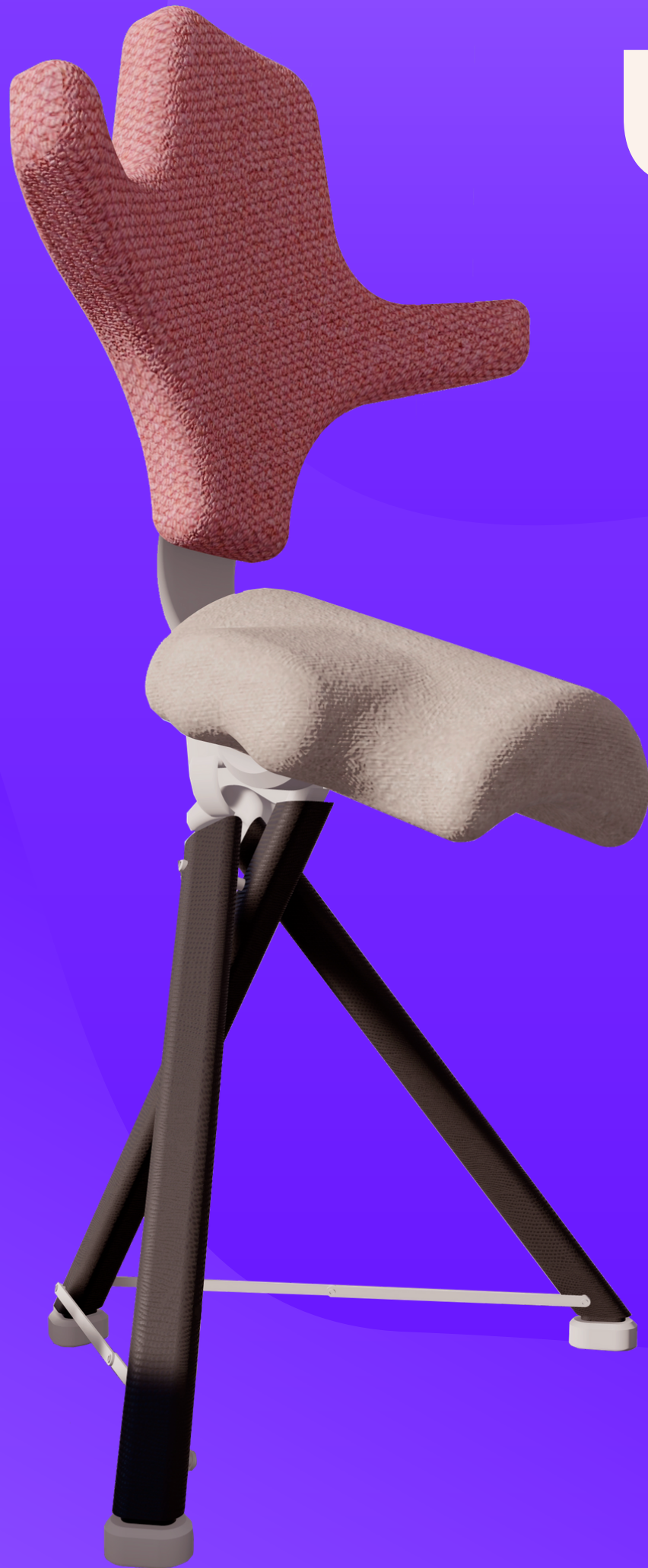
**easily reconfigurable**



**expansion of the desk  
sides**







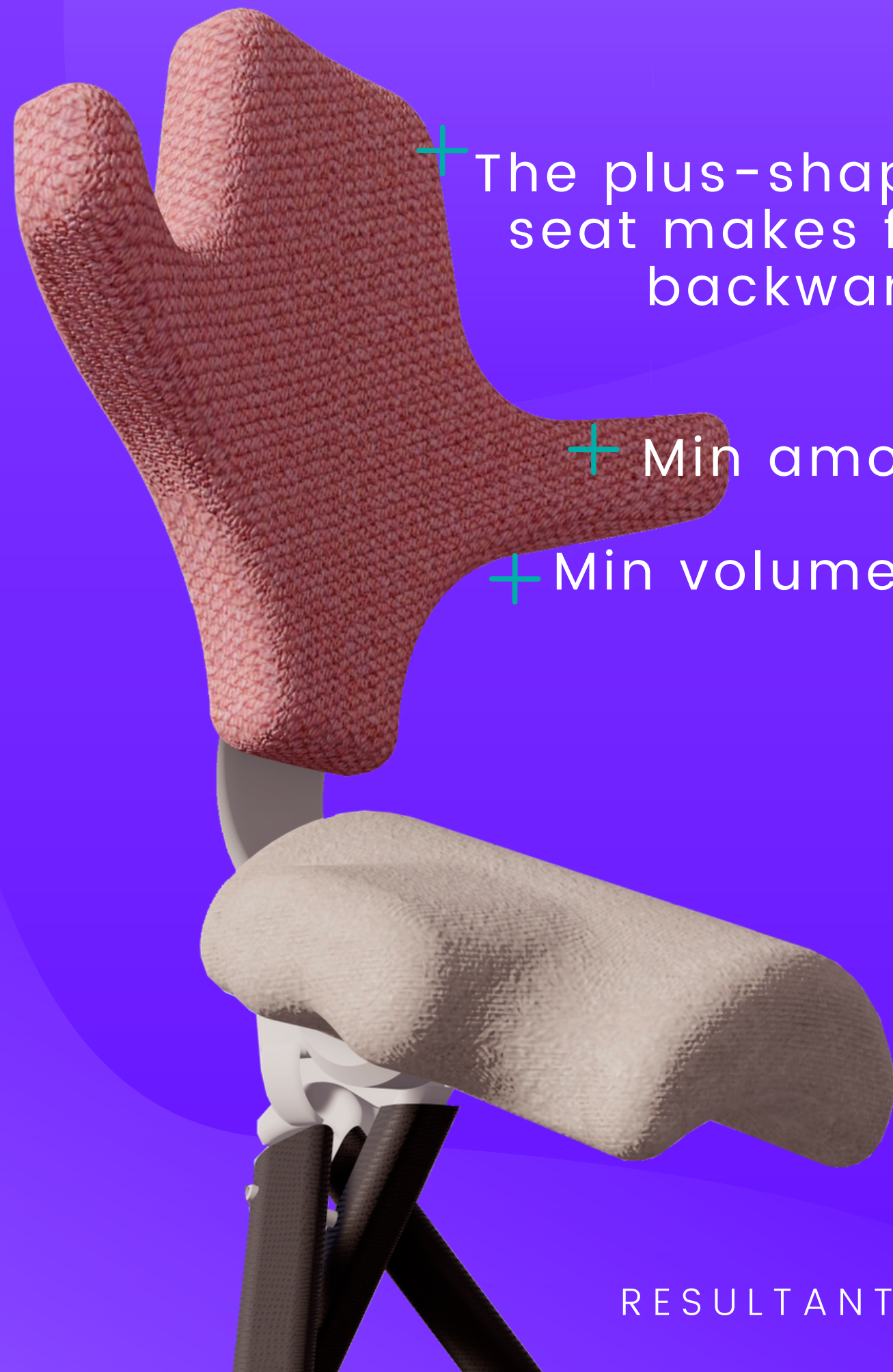
# Ultralight Collapsible Extendable Chair

**4 TIMES**  
LIGHTER THAN AN  
OFFICE CHAIR  
(6.6 lbs vs 1.5 lbs)

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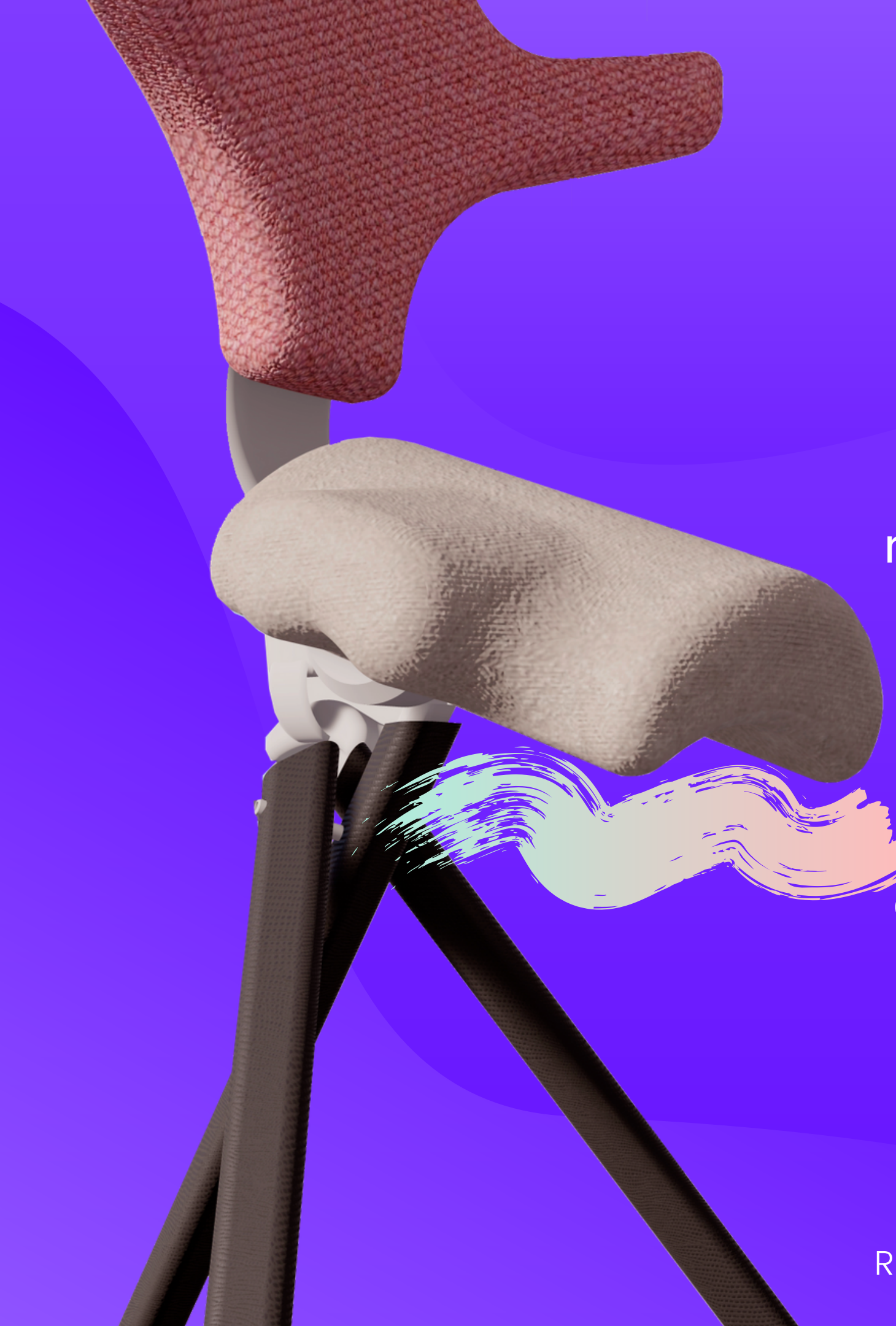




+ The plus-shaped back of the seat makes for comfortable backwards or sideways sitting

+ Min amount of material

+ Min volume when stowed



+ By utilization the 110 degrees trunk-thigh angle, its resting position keep a slight unbalance forcing the use of the back muscles and legs and thus preserving their integrity

+ Even if this system is more subtle than active exercises and electrical impulses, it is a noninvasive additional solution

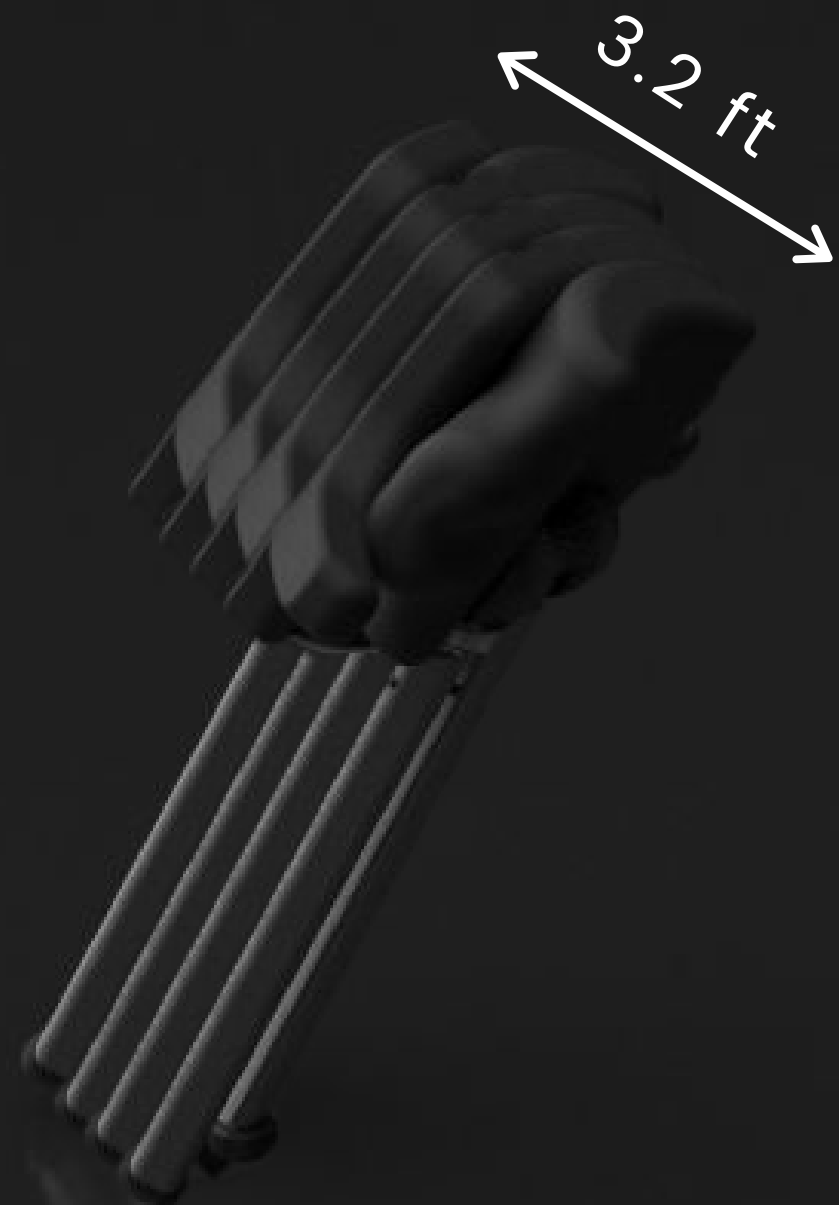












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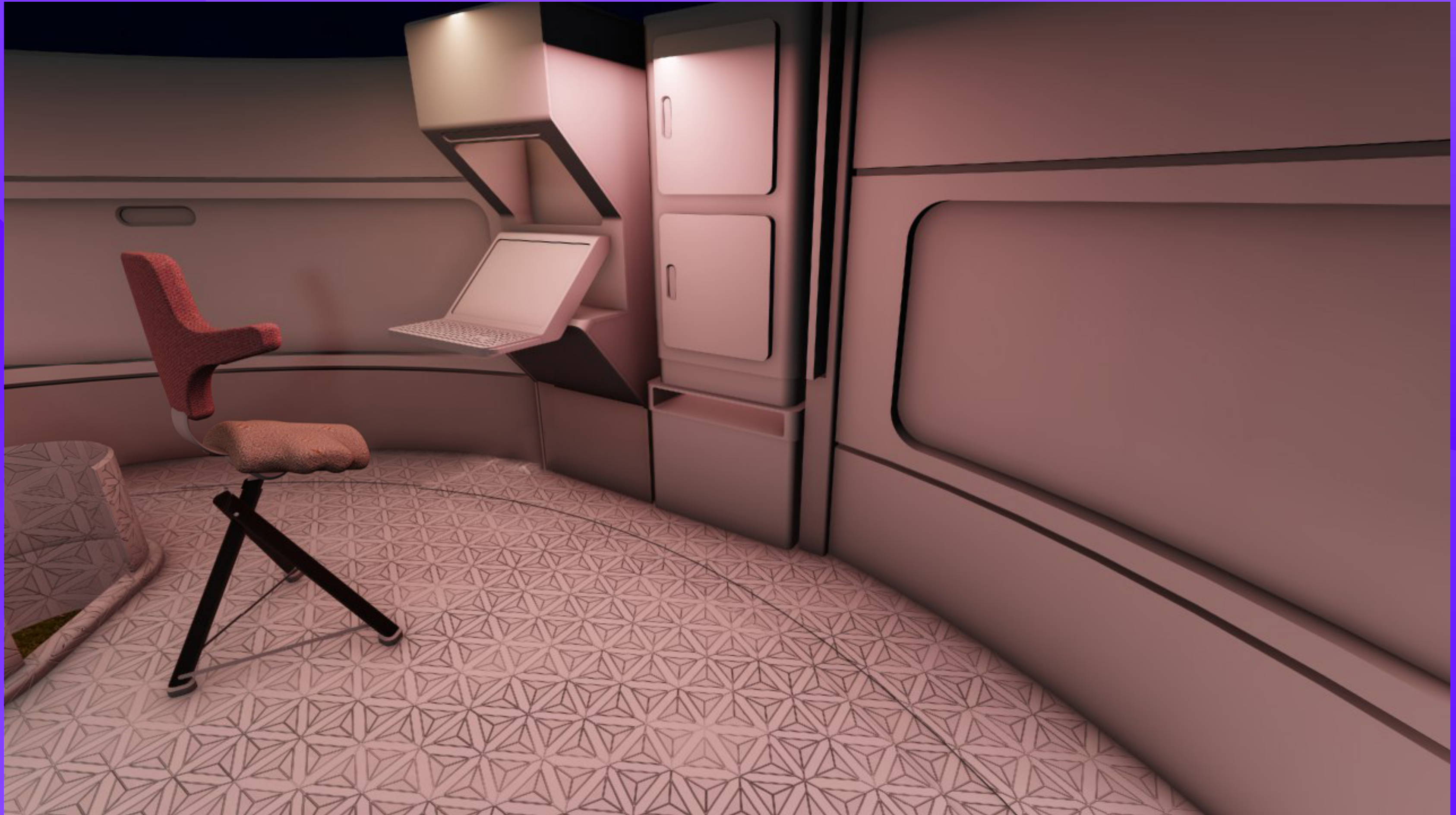


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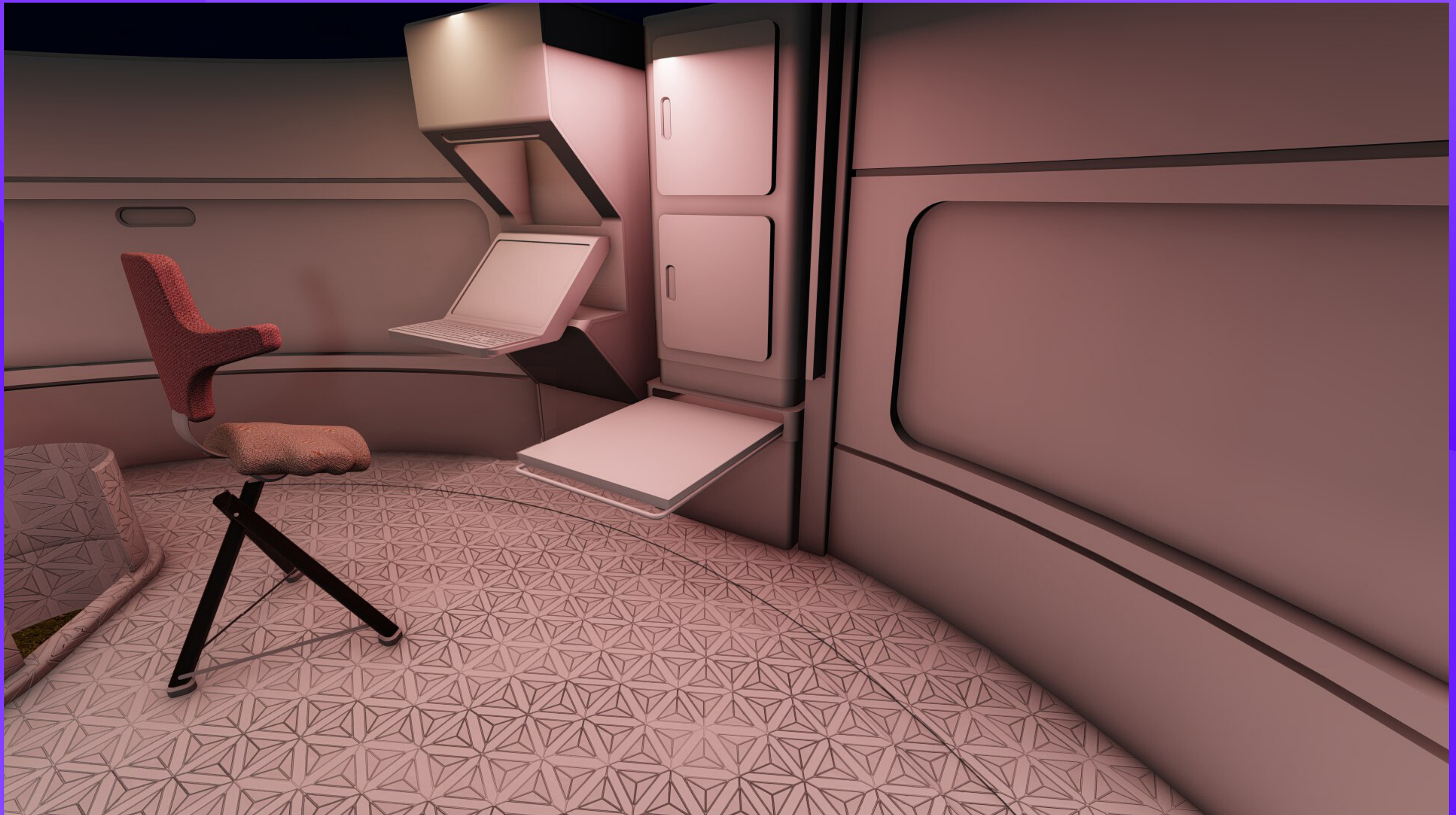
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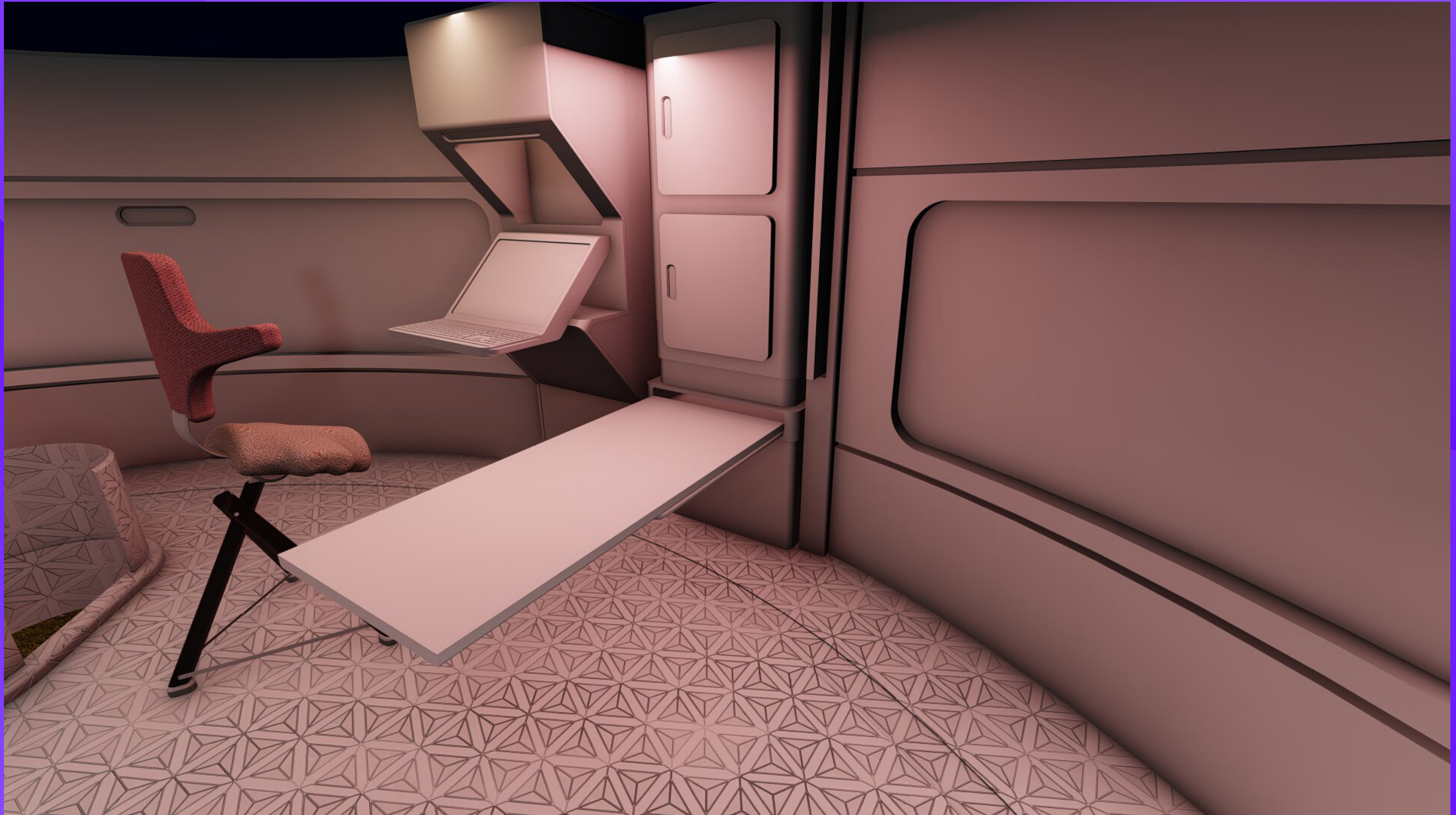
MODES OF OPERATION | SOCIAL GATHERING DEPLOYMENT





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**helping  
crew to  
unwind  
with  
warmer  
white light**





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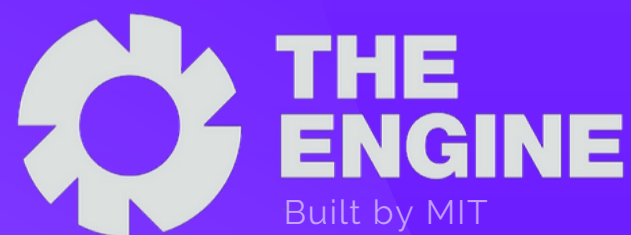
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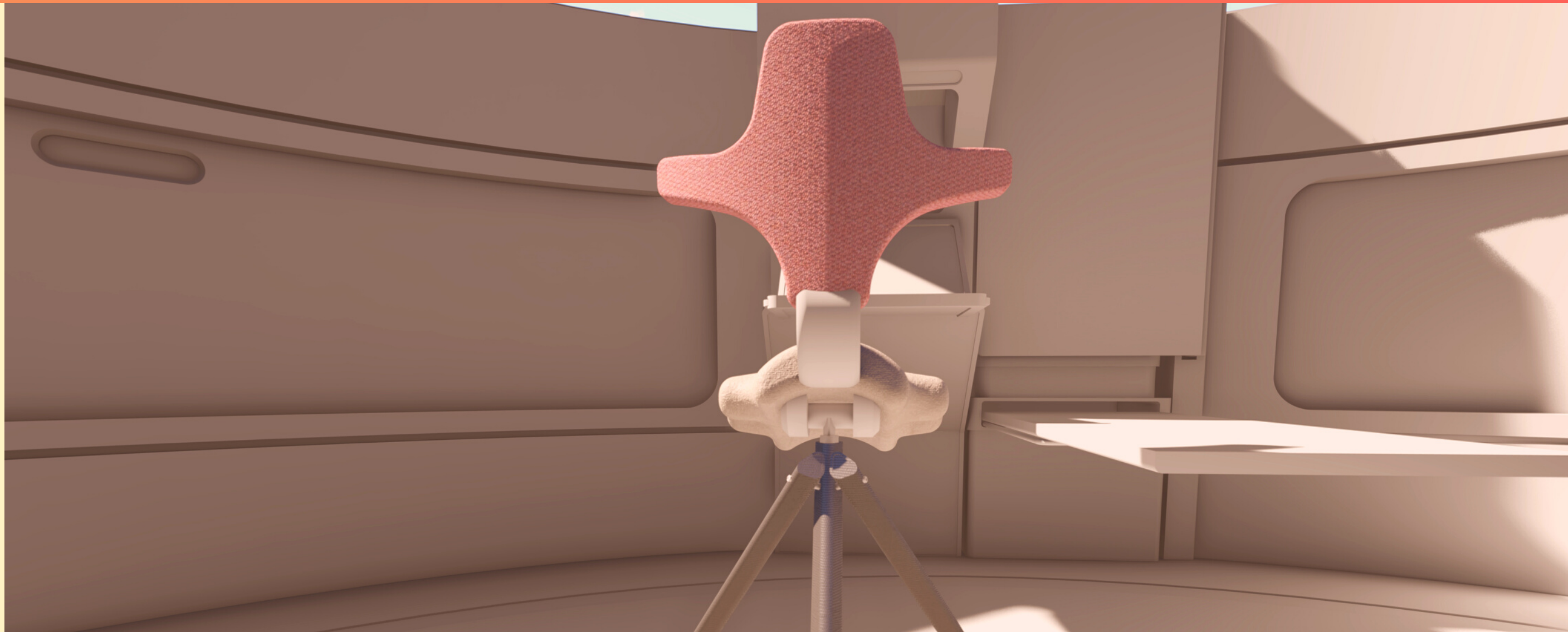
**\$195 000**

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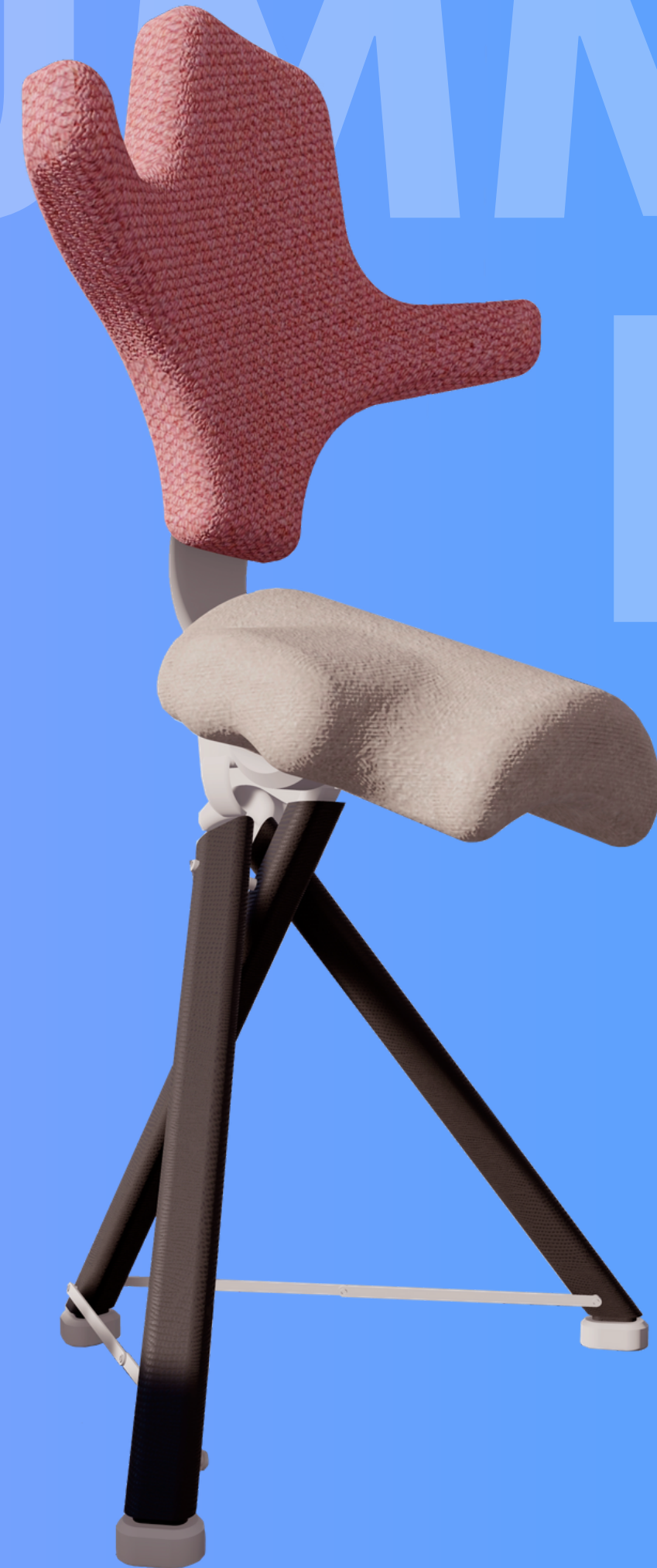
# SUMMARY

## INSIGHTS

- + **LIGHTWEIGHTNESS**
- + **RECONFIGURATION**
- + **DEPLOYABILITY**

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# THANK YOU!

# Q&A

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