VR technology exists ... but one major component is missing: <u>it is not collaborative (</u>as open tool)! This requires developing networks between VR systems ... not so obvious .. lots of funds needed! If this works, people will meet in Virtual Environments as <u>avatars</u>, communicating 'virtually' with each other: for medicine already tested .. but not for earth sciences - as far as we know (not for immersive VR).



