

DEEP SPACE GATEWAY CONCEPT SCIENCE WORKSHOP
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**Space Biology Model Organism Research on the Deep Space Gateway to
Pioneer Discovery and Advance Human Space Exploration
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Vision

- Lead the space life and physical science research community to enable space exploration and benefit life on Earth

Mission

- Enable Exploration to expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space
- Pioneer Science Discovery in and beyond low Earth orbit to drive advances in science, technology, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, innovation, economic vitality, and to inspire

Drivers for SLPSRA Science Goals:

- 1) 2011 Decadal Survey Recommended Priorities (*Recapturing a Future for Space Exploration: Life and Physical Sciences Research for a New Era*)
- 2) NASA Agency and HEOMD Objectives for Advancement of Space Exploration
 - LEO and Beyond LEO
- 3) Human Research Program Pathways to Risk Reduction
- 4) Commercial and Earth Benefits]
- 5) Inspiring and training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and space exploration leadership₂

Space Biology Program

(Space Biology Plan - <https://www.nasa.gov/content/space-biology-program>)



Space Biology Vision

2016-2025:

•NASA Space Biology research results expand the scientific knowledge base for Space Life Sciences applications and for improvement of life on Earth

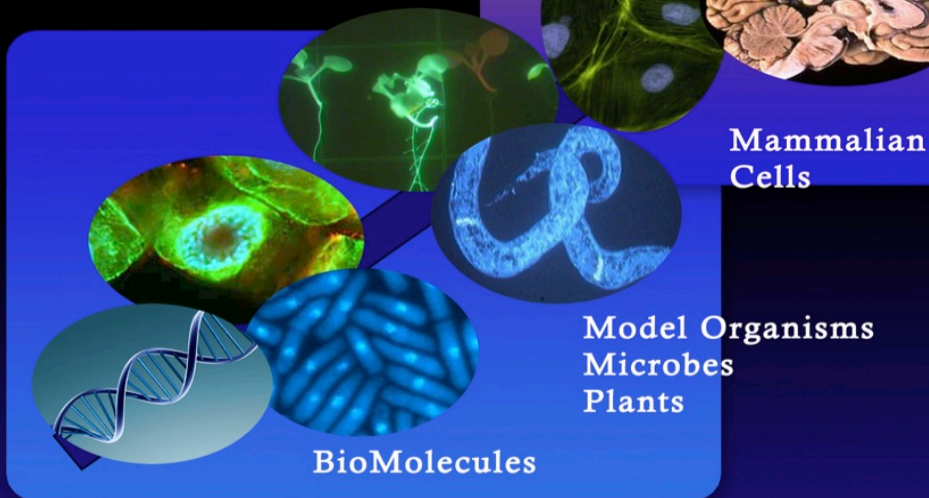
•Space Biology and NASA's Human Research Program work cooperatively to Facilitate "Translational Research by Design"

•New knowledge will contribute to NASA's ability to predict human biological health and reduce engineering risks during long-term space exploration.

Space Biology Science Elements

- 1) Microbiology
- 2) Cell and Molecular Biology
- 3) Plants
- 4) Animals: a: Vertebrate
b: In-Vertebrates
- 5) Developmental, Reproductive, and Evolutionary Biology

Biological Systems Emphasis



Human Health Emphasis

Human Exploration Emphasis

Exploration Subsystems

Humans

Small Organisms (Mice, Rats)

Tissues Organs

Mammalian Cells

Model Organisms
Microbes
Plants

BioMolecules

- Microgravity
- Gravity Continuum
- Radiation
- Combined Effects

Translational Research by Design: Space Life Sciences at NASA



Instrument Function Statement and Gateway Usage



STATEMENT	INSTRUMENT/CONCEPT DETAILS
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SLSPRA Space Biology will use the DSG to address questions of exploration importance that can only be answered in the deep space environment.

Example questions:

- How does true deep space radiation affect biology?
- What are the effects on biology due to combined effects of radiation, deep space environment, microgravity, and exposure duration?
- Are the impacts to biology by deep space different between LEO and beyond LEO environments (radiation and non-radiation-induced)?
- Are there different biological effects between the sexes?
- How are the MoBE and MoHumBio impacted in the deep space environment?
- Can AG (0g-1g) mitigate or reduce deep space effects on biology?
- Are the effects of the deep space environment reversible or persistent after return to Earth or exposure to a partial gravity level?

- 1) Investigations are conducted during crew occupation of the DSG
- 2) Experiments conducted during the period when crew does not occupy the DSG
- 3) Experiments are conducted on the outside space-exposed surface of the DSG (+/- radiation shielding)
- 4) Experiment conducted in the DSG habitat
- 5) Experiments conducted with parallel Earth and LEO experiment runs – in the future lunar or Mars surface, too
- 6) End-to-end experiments where the analyses are conducted on the DSG
- 7) Hardware that include a centrifuge for AG
- 8) Crew, environment, and surface sampling for characterizing the microbial diversity and ecology
- 9) Organisms returned alive or in a preserved state

The Deep Space Gateway enables exposure of organisms to the beyond LEO environment that cannot be accurately replicated in LEO or in Earth-based laboratories:

- True deep space environment – is radiation the only difference between LEO and beyond LEO environments that is important to biology?
- True deep space radiation
- Combined effects (environment, exposure duration, etc.)

The types of organisms to be studied:

- Invertebrates
- Vertebrates (fish and eventually rodents)
- Microbes
- Plants

All organisms have well characterized physiologies and genetics. Some organisms are models of human physiology and disease

Basic Instrument Parameters



PARAMETER	INSTRUMENT ESTIMATE & ANY COMMENTS
MASS (KG)	Dependent on hardware used
VOLUME (M)	From 1U CubeSat to double express rack locker equivalent
POWER (W)	Dependent on hardware used
THERMAL REQUIREMENTS	Dependent on hardware used
DAILY DATA VOLUME	Experiment dependent for imagery and data
CURRENT TRL	Hardware dependent – new hardware to adapting flown ISS hardware to DSG use
WAG COST & BASIS	Hardware dependent
DURATION OF EXPERIMENT	Variable duration – 30 days to 1 year or more. May include periodic sample collection for longitudinal time course studies.
OTHER PARAMETERS	Active heating and cooling; Commanding; periodic data downlink; crew access to specimens

Instrument Gateway Usage



USAGE	INSTRUMENT REQUIREMENTS & COMMENTS
ORBIT CONSIDERATIONS	None
FIELD OF VIEW REQUIREMENTS	None
REQUIRES USE OF AIRLOCK	Only for transfer of experiments to space-exposed facilities outside the DSG
CREW INTERACTION REQUIRED?	Experiment dependent - examples: experiment transfer to and from DSG, experiment initiation, sampling, analysis, and termination, surface and crew sampling,
WILL ASTRONAUT PRESENCE BE DISRUPTIVE?	No
DOES THE INSTRUMENT PRESENT A RISK TO THE CREW	Hardware dependent
OTHER CONSUMABLES REQUIRED	Normal air supply
SPECIAL SAMPLE HANDLING REQUIREMENTS	Refrigeration and freezer for specimen storage before the experiment run and for sample preservation; thermal conditioned containers for specimen return; glovebox for manual sample processing/dissections; radiation dosimeters; accelerometers; live sample return; internal and outside DSG experiment locations
NEED FOR TELEROBOTICS?	Yes – during the period of time when no crew will be at the Gateway
OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE GATEWAY?	Maintenance of normal power, ECLSS, temperature, and atmospheric pressure during non-crewed phase for experiments that are maintained at cabin ambient conditions; power for incubators



References and Status of Work in this Field

References:

- 1) <https://taskbook.nasaprs.com/Publication/welcome.cfm>JSC publications
- 2) <https://taskbook.nasaprs.com/Publication/spaceline.cfm>
- 3) https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/research/results_category

Studies in Space Biology are on-going with investigations using the wide diversity of organisms being conducted on the ground, on ISS, and free-flyers. Planning is progress for Space Biology investigations on the EM-1 Orion flight – approved allocation for Space Biology science.