



Space Health Impacts for the NASA Experience (SHINE)

2023 Space Radiation Didactic Curriculum

Welcome!



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- Questions?

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Introductions

SHINE Training Program

- Provide important information about the relevant scientific elements of the Human Research Program (HRP)
 - Space Radiation is hopefully just the first to provide a curriculum
- Targets graduate students to potential new investigators with an emphasis on early career investigators
- Virtual program meant to improve inclusion

Didactic Space Radiation Curriculum

- Program objectives:
 - Provide an overview of the **fundamental scientific concepts** to understand the space radiation environment and how it impacts human health
 - Introduce participants to **NASA experts** to broaden scientific understanding and promote **collaboration and networking** opportunities
 - Educate participants on the Human Research Program **grant application process** and potential **funding opportunities**
 - Familiarize participants with **internal NASA processes** that impact radiation risk management and research
- Future years will include a separate competitive practicum session to plan and conduct space radiation research at the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)

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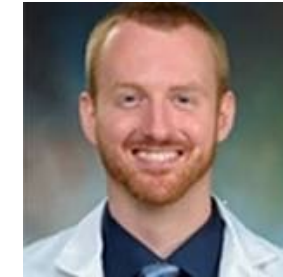
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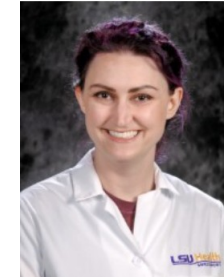
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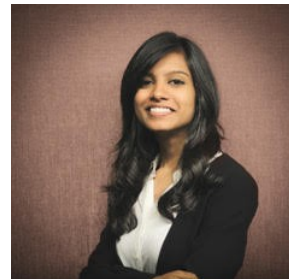
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What to Expect

Weekly Activities

Tuesdays 10a-12p Central

- **Didactic Lectures/Seminars**

- Invited speakers from NASA, academia, industry, etc.
- 1-2 hours depending on content

- **Coffee Hours**

- Informal interaction with an invited guests
- Speaker may present ~10 minutes to stimulate conversation and questions

- **Office Hours**

- Informal session to interact with Space Radiation Element (SRE) personnel
- Answer questions about mock beam-time proposals or anything else!

Other Activities

- **Mock Beam-Time Proposal**

- “Beam-time” to use of the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL) is requested by submitting a proposal to the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) Science Advisory Committee for Radiation Research (SACRR)
- Proposal is in addition to that submitted to acquire funding
- Participants will develop and present a “mock” beam-time proposal

- **Suggested Readings**

- Foundational or important papers in the field collected from speakers

- **Surveys**

- Gauge participants understanding and to improve sessions in the future

Course Outline

Month	Type	Topic
February 2023	Seminar	Space Radiation Element
March 2023	Seminar	Radiation Physics and Dosimetry
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>HRP/element</i>
	Seminar	Space Radiation Environment
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Protons/Therapy</i>
	Seminar	Space Radiation Analogs
April 2023	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>STAR/Space Biology</i>
	Seminar	Mechanism of Damage and Repair
	<i>Office Hours</i>	
	Seminar	Mechanism of Damage and Repair - Oxidative Stress

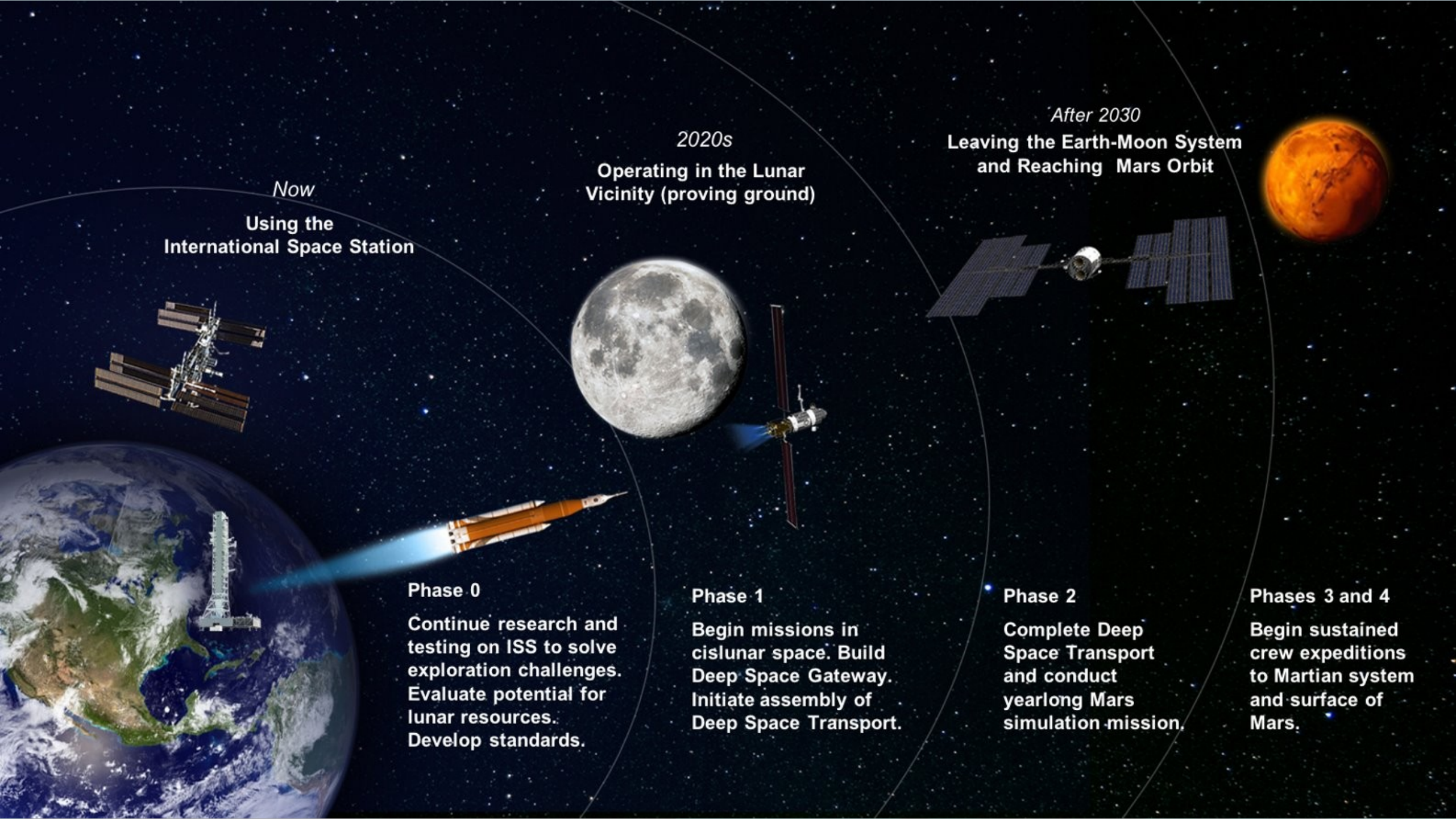
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May 2023	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>HSRB overview</i>
	<i>Seminar</i>	Biomarkers
	<i>Office Hours</i>	
	Seminar	Radioprotectants & Mitigation
June 2023	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>NASA Open Science</i>
	Seminar	Experimental Models I
	Seminar	Experimental Models II
	<i>Office Hours</i>	
	Seminar	Radiation Epidemiology and Biostatistics
July 2023	Seminar	Bioinformatics & Data Modeling
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Grants</i>
	<i>Presentations</i>	Mock Beam Time Proposals
August 2023	Seminar	Funding Opportunities



Space Radiation Element Overview



Human Research Program



Now

**Using the
International Space Station**



Phase 0

Continue research and testing on ISS to solve exploration challenges. Evaluate potential for lunar resources. Develop standards.

2020s

**Operating in the Lunar
Vicinity (proving ground)**



Phase 1

Begin missions in cislunar space. Build Deep Space Gateway. Initiate assembly of Deep Space Transport.

After 2030

**Leaving the Earth-Moon System
and Reaching Mars Orbit**



Phase 2

Complete Deep Space Transport and conduct yearlong Mars simulation mission.

Phases 3 and 4

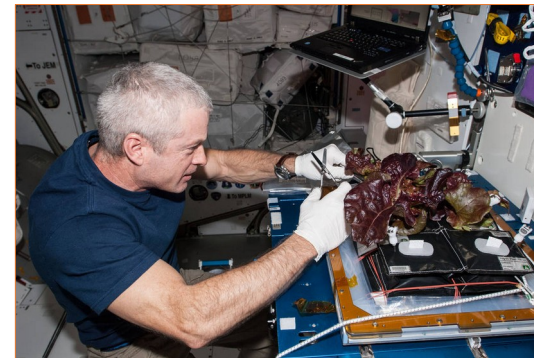
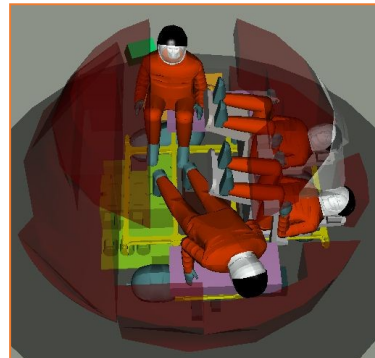
Begin sustained crew expeditions to Martian system and surface of Mars.

An **Applied** Research Program



- Scientific Goals

- Understand and mitigate human health and performance risks due to the five known hazards of spaceflight
- Enable development of human spaceflight medical and human performance standards
- Develop and validate technologies that serve to characterize and reduce health risks associated with human spaceflight





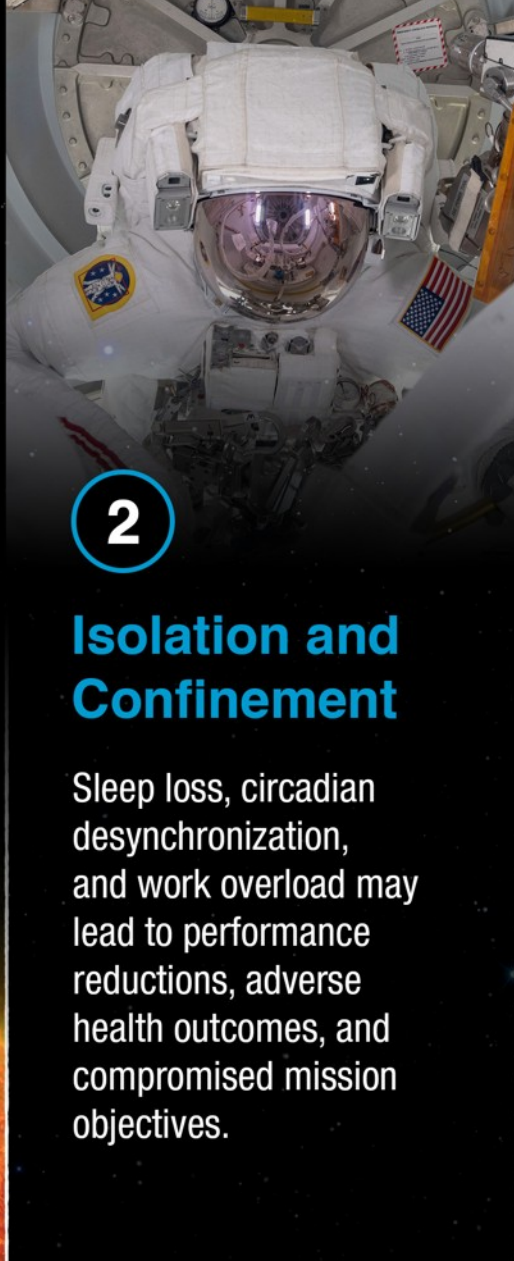
Hazards of Human Spaceflight



1

Space Radiation

Invisible to the human eye, radiation increases cancer risk, damages the central nervous system, and can alter cognitive function, reduce motor function and prompt behavioral changes.



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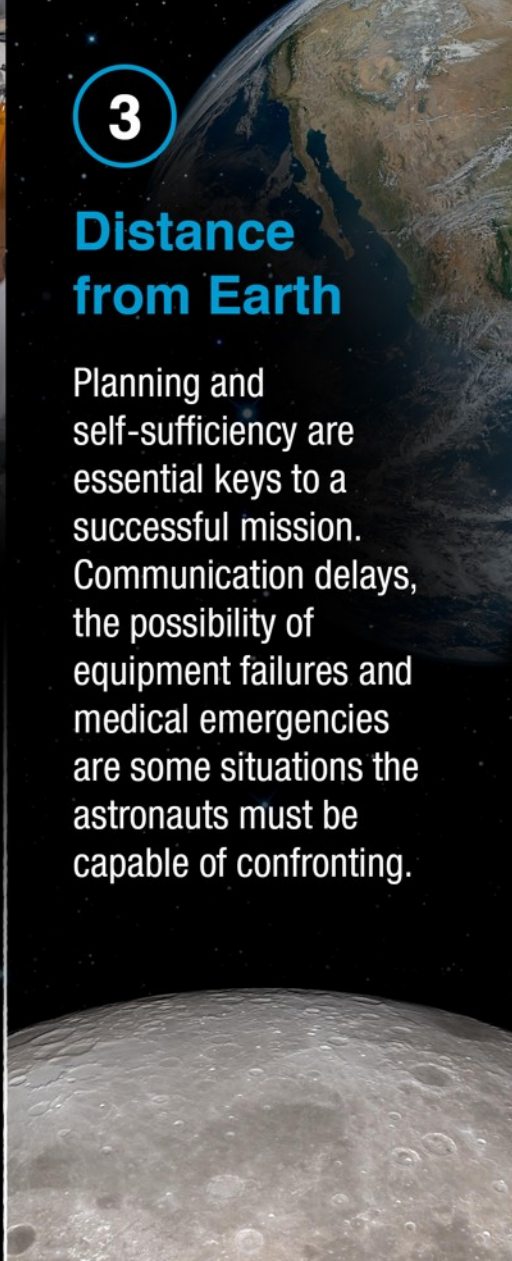
Isolation and Confinement

Sleep loss, circadian desynchronization, and work overload may lead to performance reductions, adverse health outcomes, and compromised mission objectives.

3

Distance from Earth

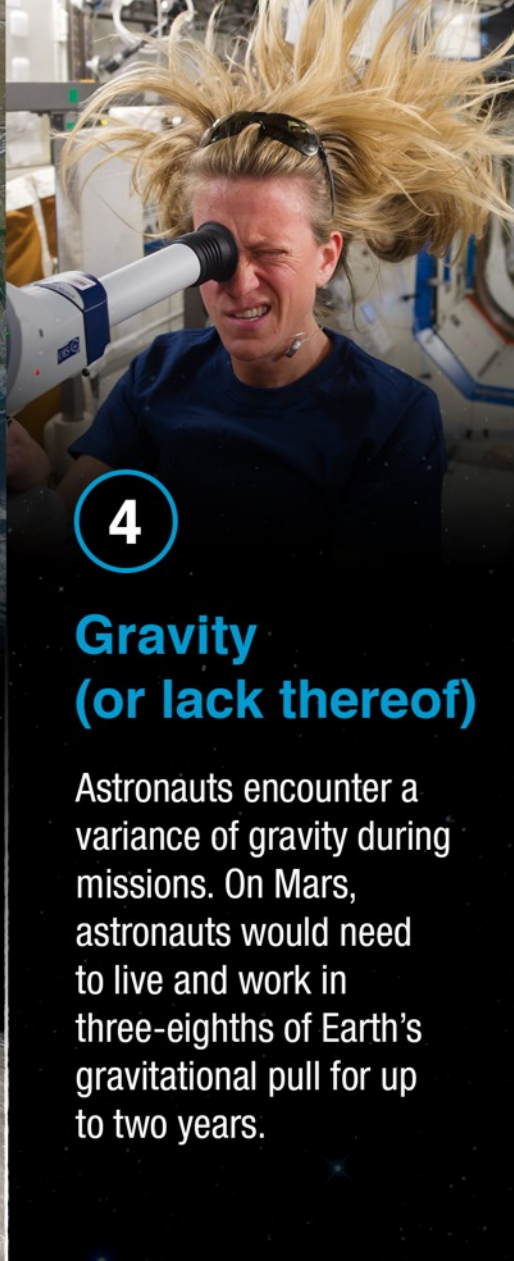
Planning and self-sufficiency are essential keys to a successful mission. Communication delays, the possibility of equipment failures and medical emergencies are some situations the astronauts must be capable of confronting.



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Gravity (or lack thereof)

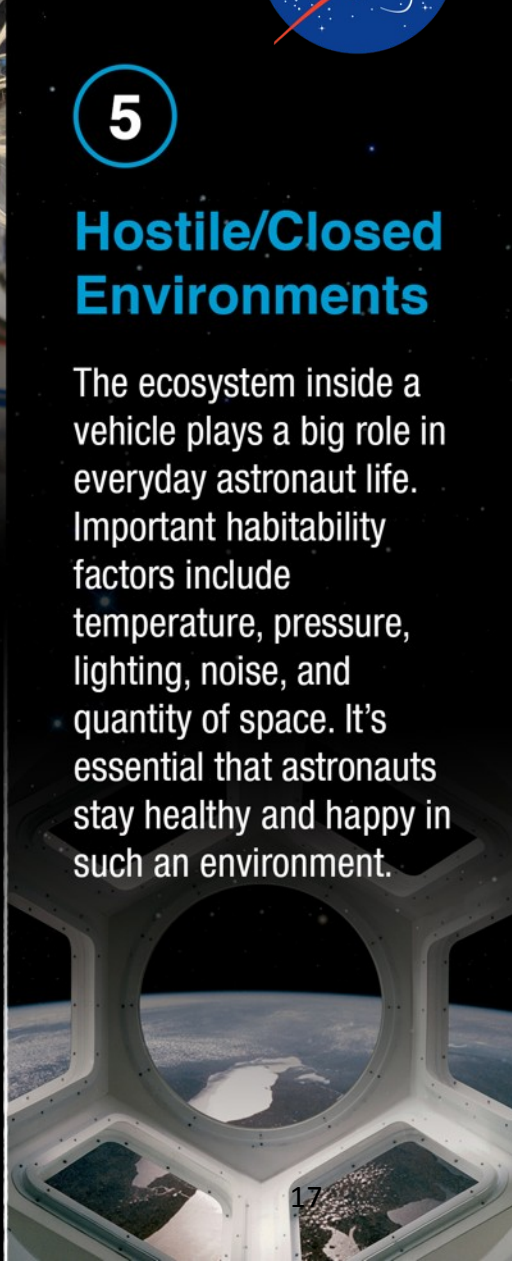
Astronauts encounter a variance of gravity during missions. On Mars, astronauts would need to live and work in three-eighths of Earth's gravitational pull for up to two years.



5

Hostile/Closed Environments

The ecosystem inside a vehicle plays a big role in everyday astronaut life. Important habitability factors include temperature, pressure, lighting, noise, and quantity of space. It's essential that astronauts stay healthy and happy in such an environment.



Psychosocial Adaptation

Adequate Behavioral Conditions

Adequate

Integration Architecture

Adequate Food and Nutrition

Inadequate Human Systems

Inflight Medications

Toxic Medications

Ineffective

Non-ionizing Radiation

Carcinogenesis

Bone Fracture

Reduced Muscle Size

Cardiac Rhythm Problems

Renal Stone Formation

Host-Microorganism Interactions

Orthostatic Intolerance

Spaceflight-Associated Neuro-ocular Syndrome (SANS)

Reduced Aerobic Capacity

Urinary Retention

Toxic Exposure

THE HUMAN SYSTEM RISKS

Cardiovascular Adaptations

Crew Egress

Celestial Dust Exposure

Hypoxia

Carbon Dioxide Exposure

Altered Immune Response

Decompression Sickness

Spacecraft Performance

Electrical Shock

Sleep Loss

Hearing Loss

Injury from Dynamic Loads

Translating Basic Science to Applications (Example in Biomedicine)

Space
Biology

Human
Research

Basic

Translational
Research

Applied

Basic Science

Study how life responds, adapts, develops, interacts and evolves in the space environment and across the gravitational continuum:

- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Microbiology
- Animal Biology
- Plant Biology
- Developmental & Reproductive Biology

**Science Exploring
the Unknown**

Scientific data and findings that foster research and development across biological systems

- Animal Research
- Cells and tissues
- Immunology
- Wound healing and fracture repair
- Bone and muscle
- Radiation/micro-g interactions
- Microbiome of the built environment

Critical Link!

Identify, characterize and mitigate the risks to human health and performance in space:

- **Exercise Countermeasures**
- **Physiological Countermeasures**
- **Space Radiation Biology**
- **Behavioral Health and Performance**
- **Space Human Factors and Habitability**
- **Exploration Medical Capability**
- **Environmental Monitoring**

**Science Addressing
The Known Risks**

Medical Operations

Addressing Health Risks



<https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/>



- Five HRP Elements and 23 active risks :
 - Exploration Medical Capability (ExMC)
 - Medical care for deep-space missions
 - Human Factors and Behavioral Performance (HFBP)
 - Interfaces between humans, vehicles, and habitats
 - Individual and interpersonal
 - Human Health Countermeasures (HHC)
 - Physiology
 - **Space Radiation (SR)**
 - **Biological effects of radiation exposure**
 - Research Operations and Integration (ROI)
 - Infrastructure for flight and analog experiments
- Funds Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH) to pursue disruptive, breakthrough approaches that reduce risks to human health and performance
- Collaborates with NASA Space Biology program to understand causal cellular and other mechanisms that underlie adaptation to spaceflight in cells, microorganisms, plants, and animals



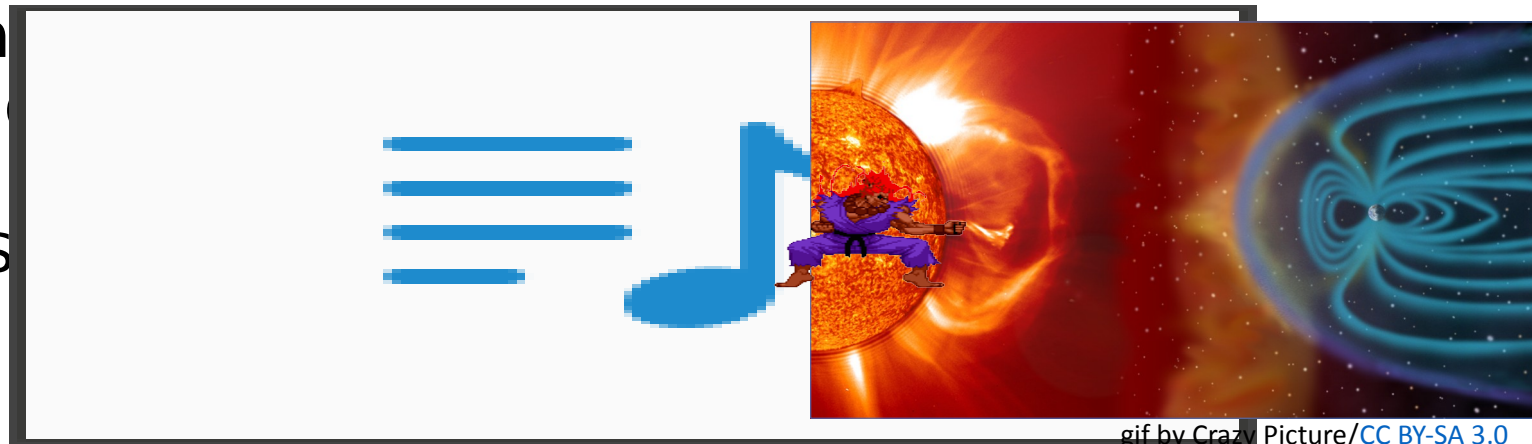
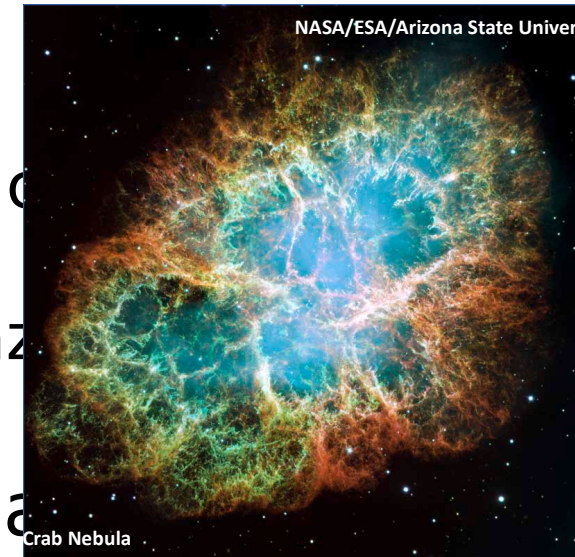


Space Radiation Element

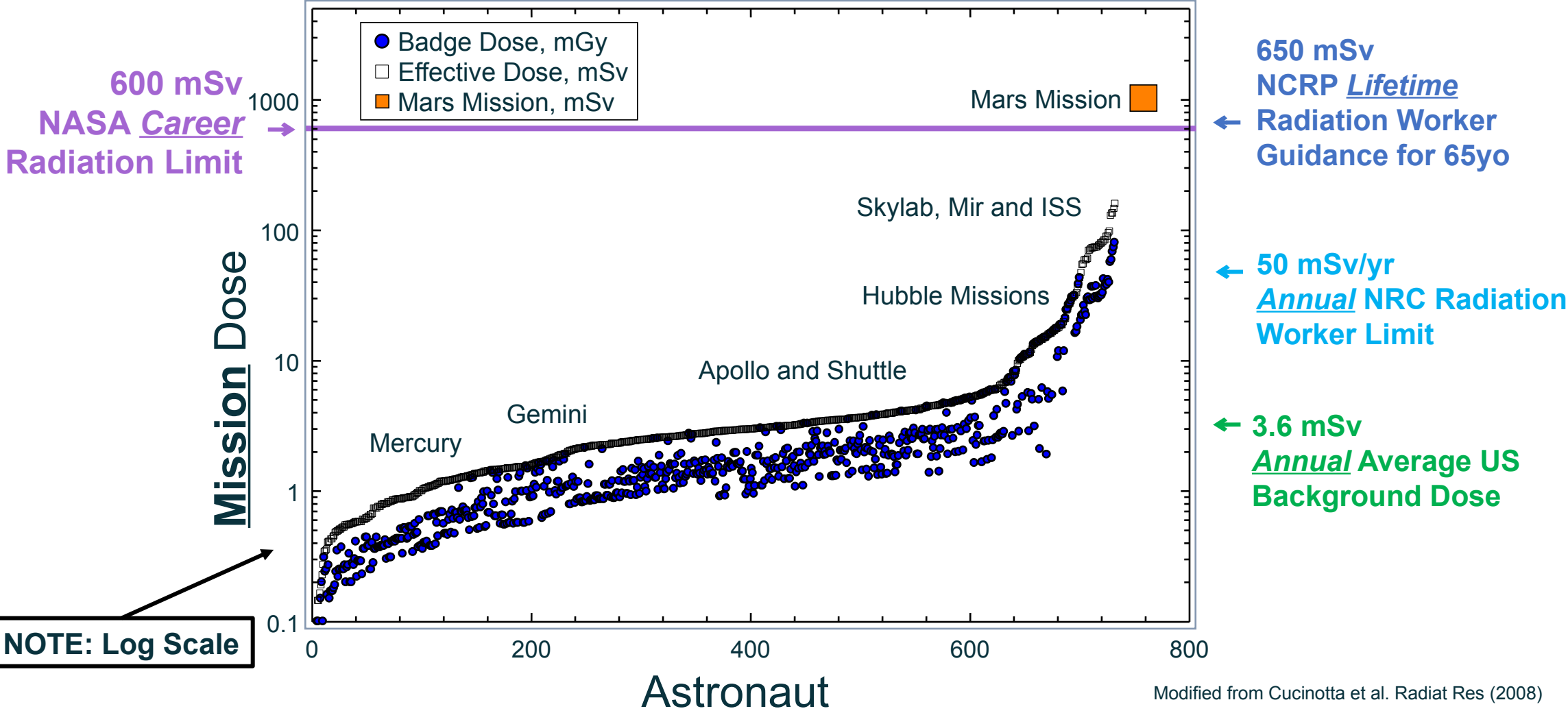
Space Radiation

More on the Space
Radiation Environment
in Seminar #3!

- Why does NASA care about radiation?
 - Radiation can cause damage when it interacts with components
 - Space is a “radiation environment” \Rightarrow Workplace hazard
 - Astronauts are radiation workers
- Space radiation is different than terrestrial radiation
 - Mainly high energy particles
 - Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCR)
 - Trapped Radiation
 - Solar Particle Events (SPE)

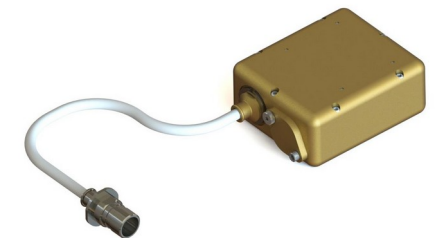
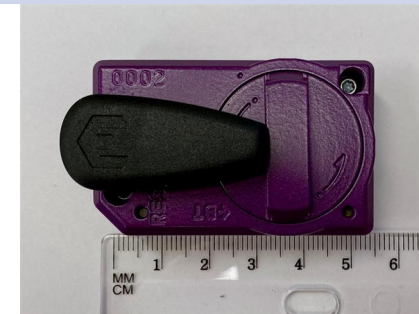
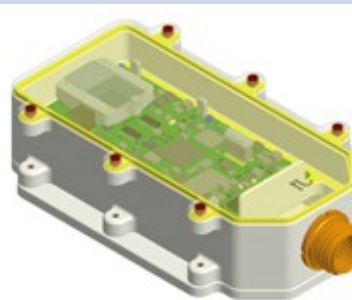
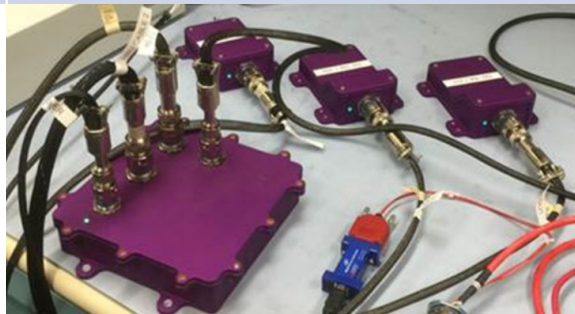


Historical NASA Crew Mission Doses



Instrument Suite for Crewed Artemis Missions

Function	HERA	ARES	CAD	ARD
Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charged Particle Detector • Area monitoring of flux/species and dose 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew member dose rate/total dose 	
Proposed mission(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orion/Artemis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway, Lander • (HERA heritage hardware) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal dosimetry 	
Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real time radiation environmental monitoring • On-board alerting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real-time dose at crew • Worn by crew at all times inside crewed vehicles • Post mission crew risk assessment • Re-flight determination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real time dose at crew • EVA, integrated with xEMU • On-board alerting • Post mission crew risk assessment
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Space Radiation Health Risks

Mission Success

- Acute effects
 - Very large high-energy solar events
 - Estimate ~ 200 - 400 mSv (unsheltered) for 1972 Event
 - **MILD** symptoms IF they occur at all given doses
- Potential early neurological effects
 - Behavior or memory decrements
 - Observed only in animal models

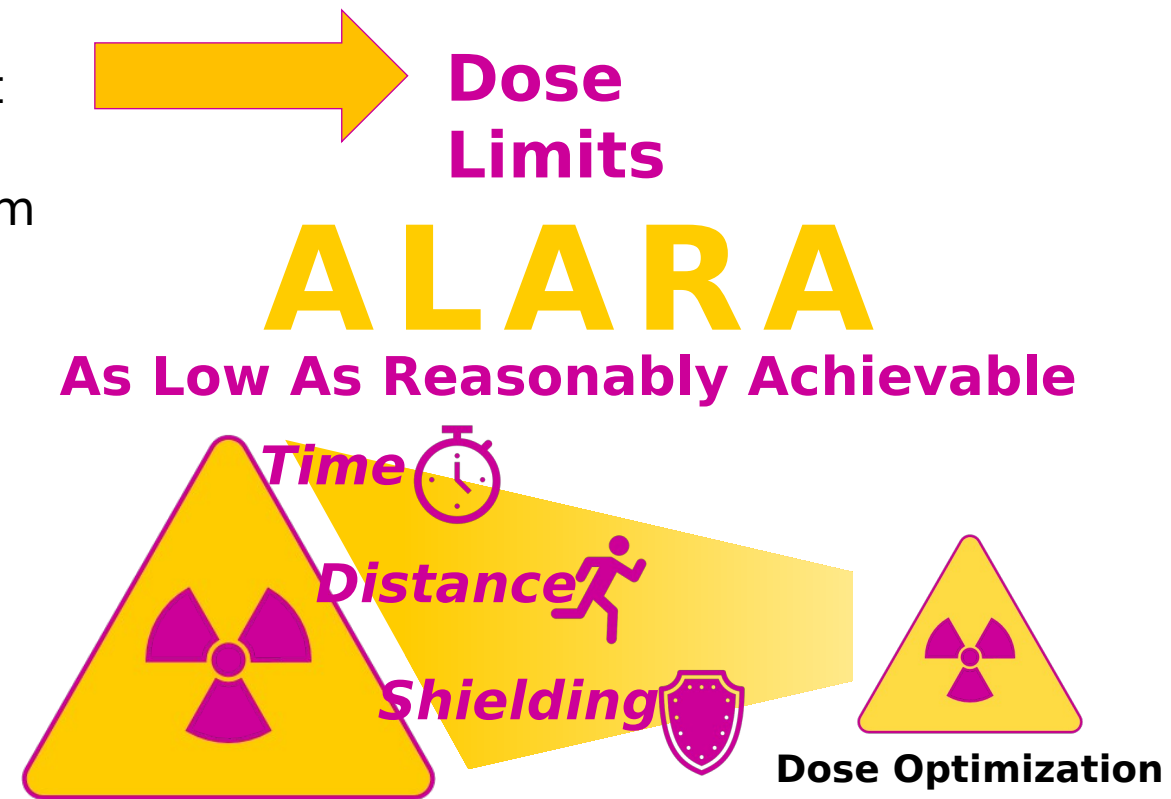
Long Term Health

- Cancer
 - Space radiation may cause unique impacts
- Degenerative
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Cataracts
 - Immune
- Potential late neurological decrements
 - Behavior or memory decrements
 - Neurodegenerative disease
 - Observed only in animal models

The Space Radiation Protection Challenge

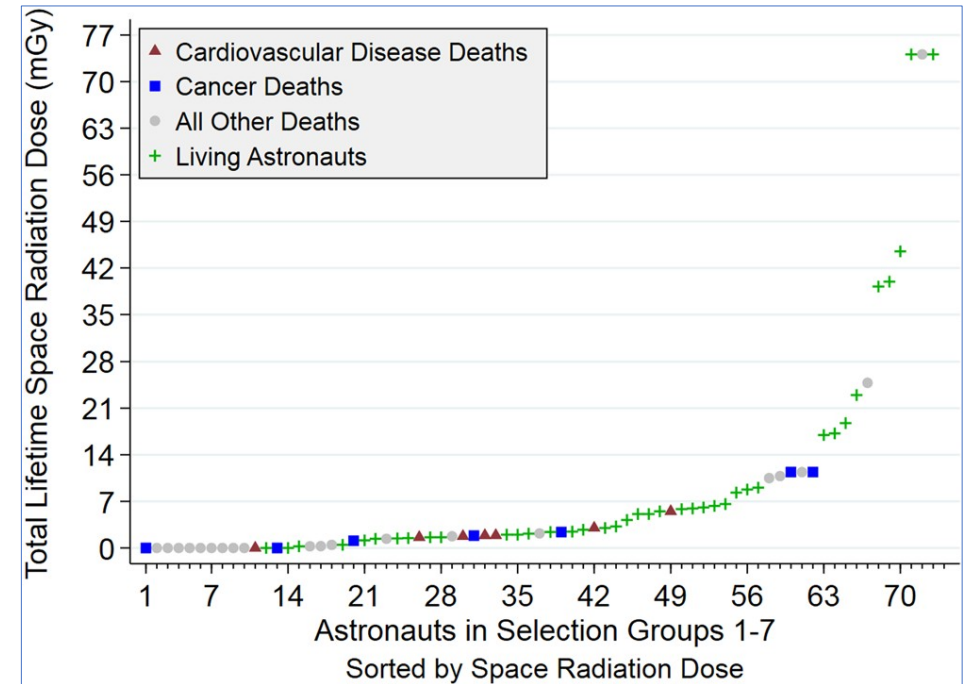
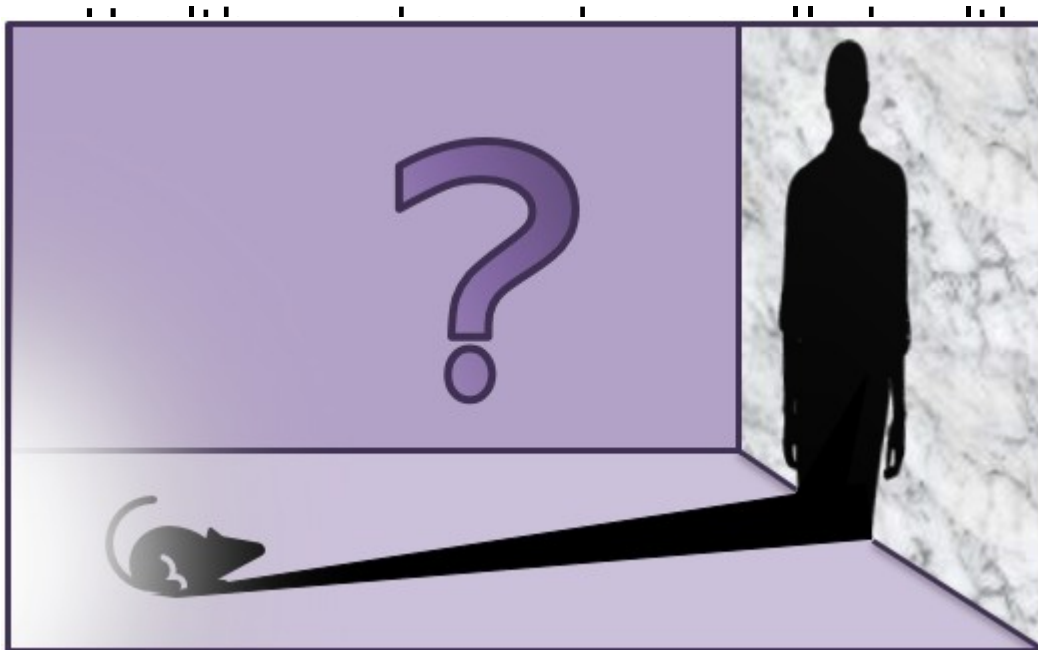
- Traditional terrestrial protection strategies fall short in space:

- **Time**
 - At some point you will always reach a limit
- ✘ Distance
 - There is no point source to move away from
- ✘ Shielding
 - Energetic particles are penetrating
 - Secondary particles
- NASA is exploring other protection strategies
 - Individualized risk characterization
 - Health surveillance including early disease detection
 - Compound-based countermeasures



Research Challenges

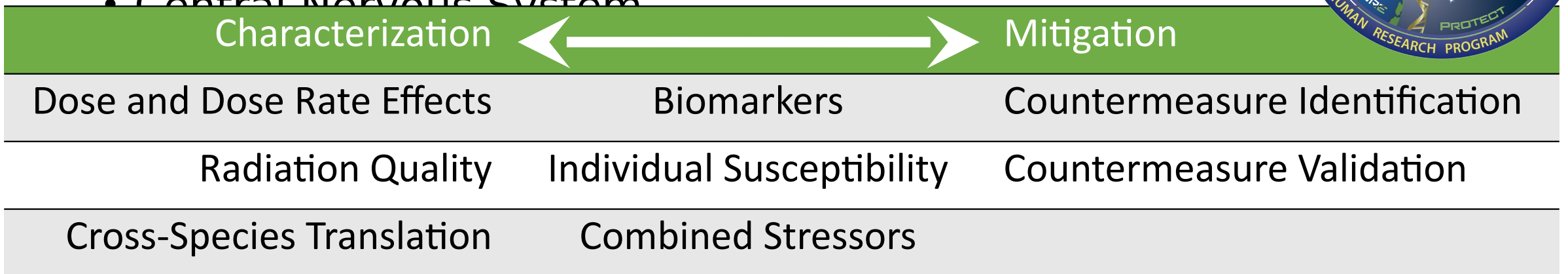
- Limited observed outcomes in astronauts
 - Small population
 - Low doses and dose rates
 - Common outcomes



- Limited knowledge of biological effects of space radiation
 - Heavy reliance on animal studies
 - Space radiation is unique

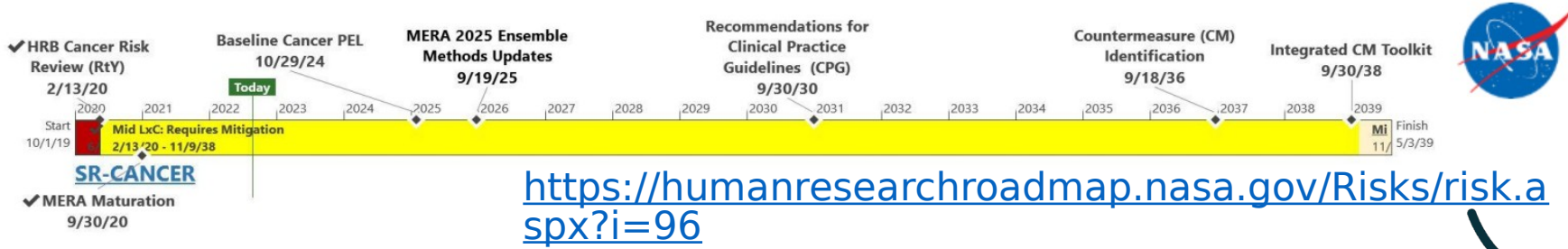
Space Radiation Element Research

- Mission: Characterize and facilitate the management of the human health outcomes associated with space radiation exposure to protect astronaut health and wellbeing to enable human spaceflight
 - Carcinogenesis
 - Cardiovascular and Immune
 - Central Nervous System





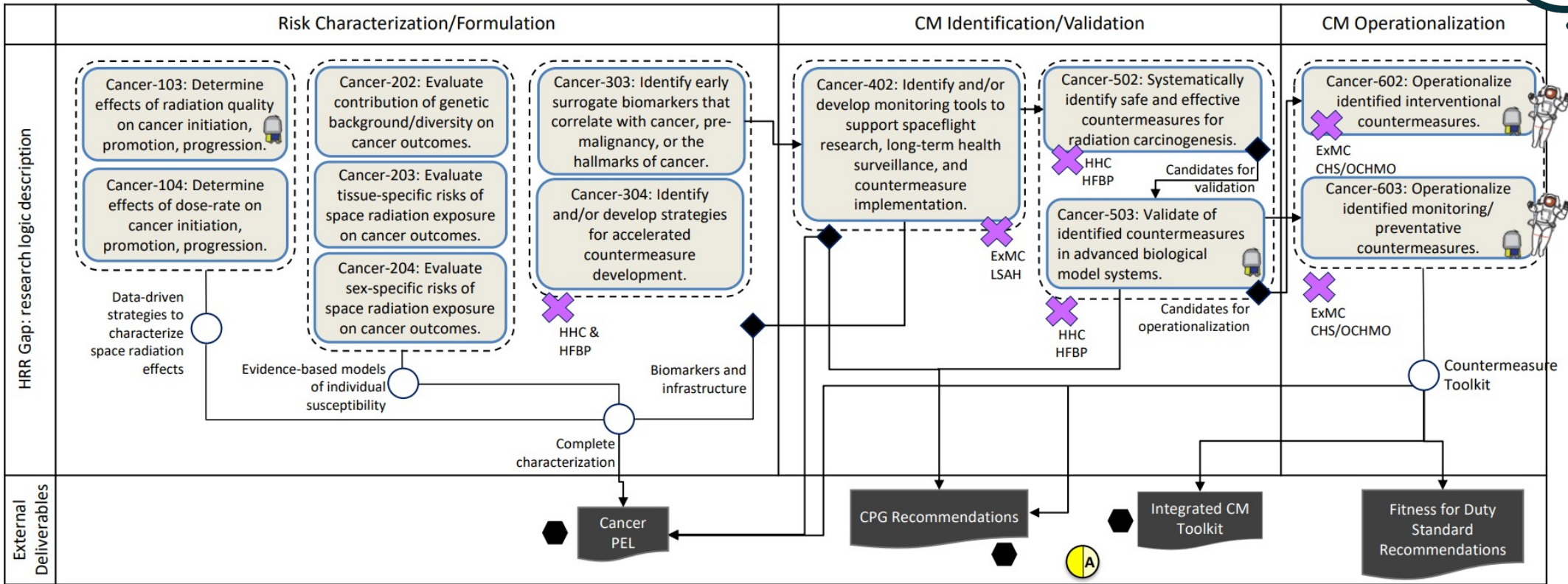
Cancer Risk Approach Plan



<https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/Risks/risk.aspx?i=96>



Cancer risk



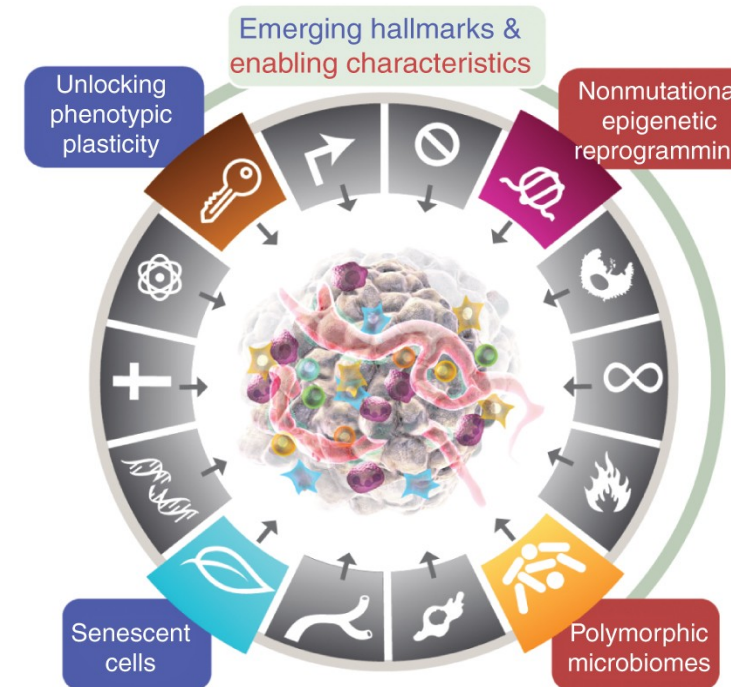
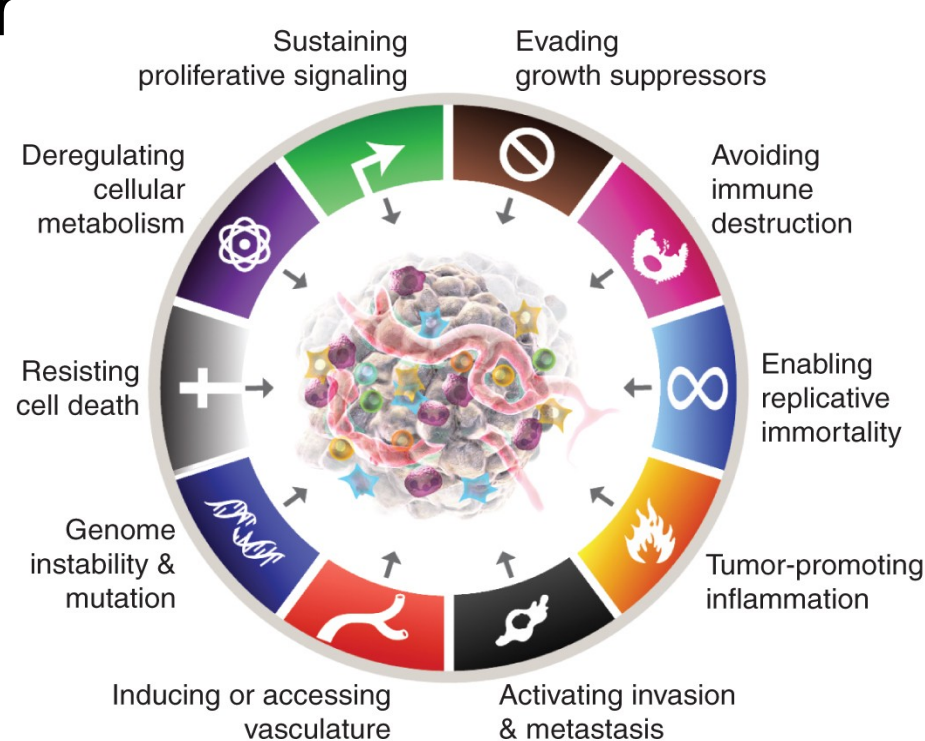
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Legend: Analog Flight environment Cross Element Integration Anticipated PRR Color Change

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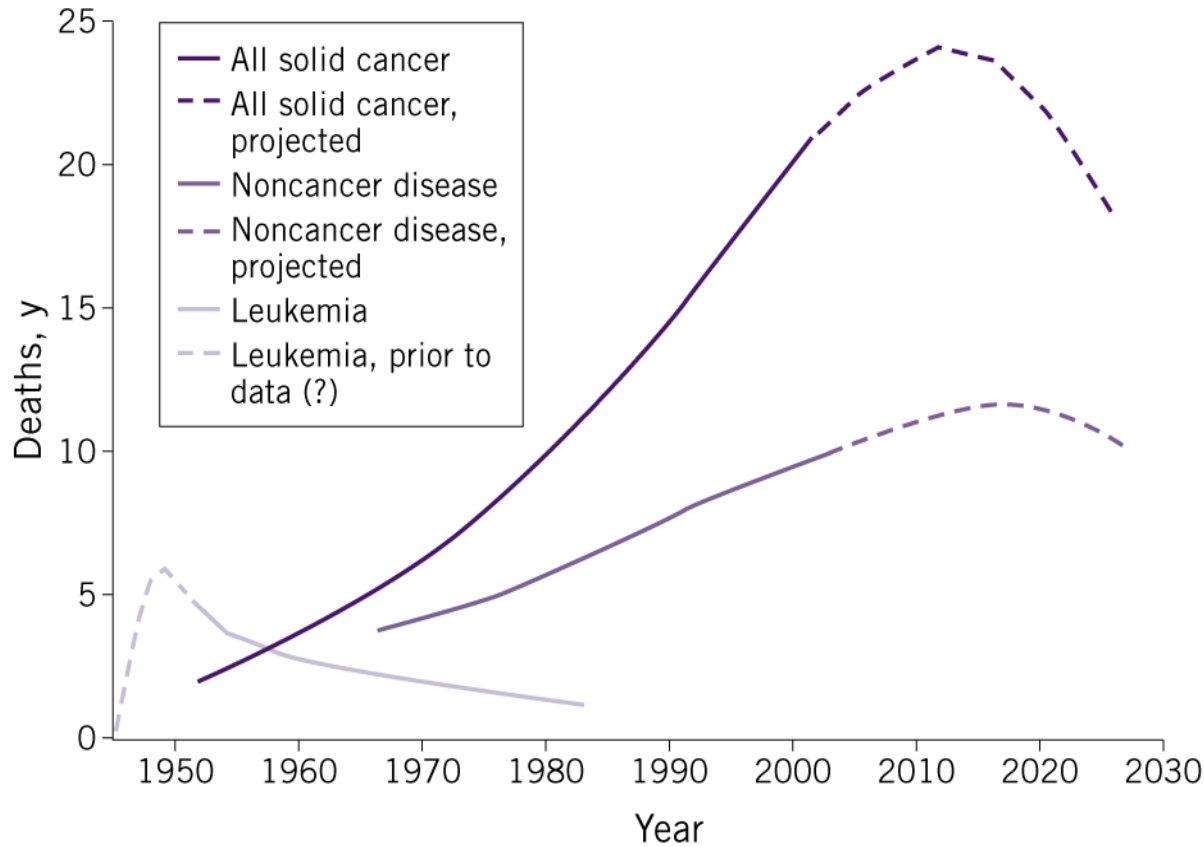
What is Cancer?

- Cancer is defined as a cluster of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled proliferation of cells that spread to other



Hanahan 2022 (Cancer Discovery)

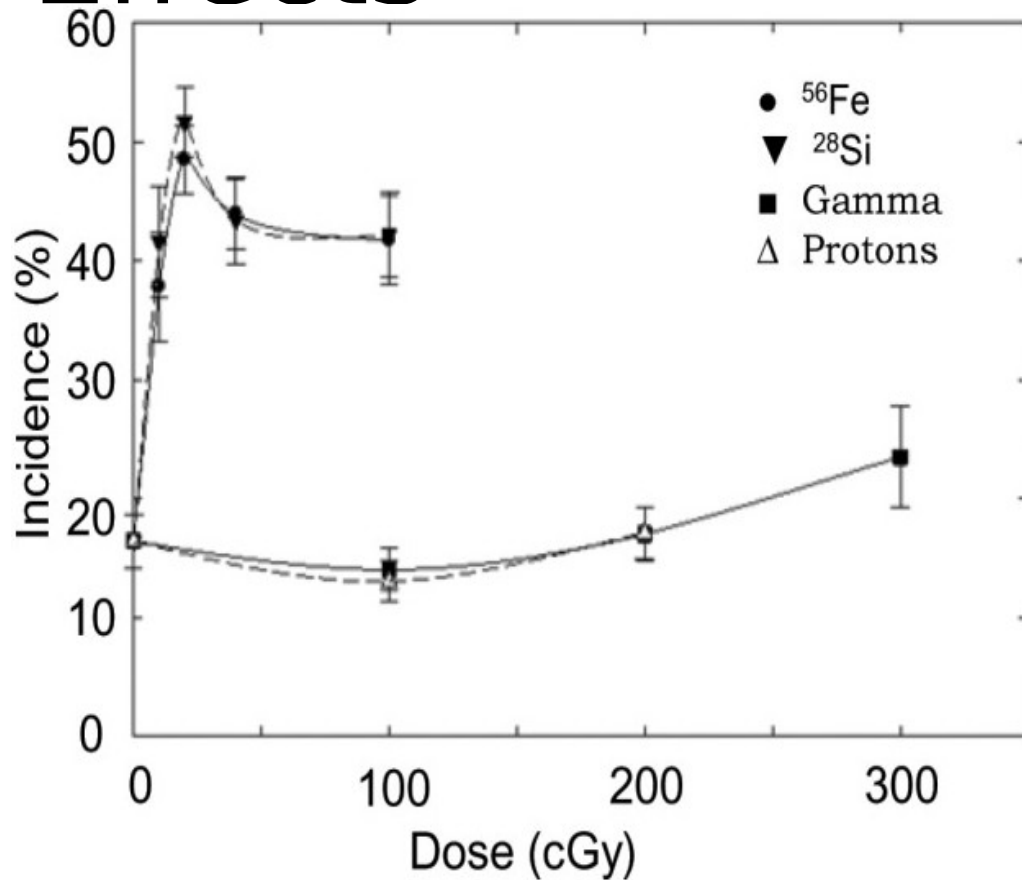
Why Does NASA Study Carcinogenesis?



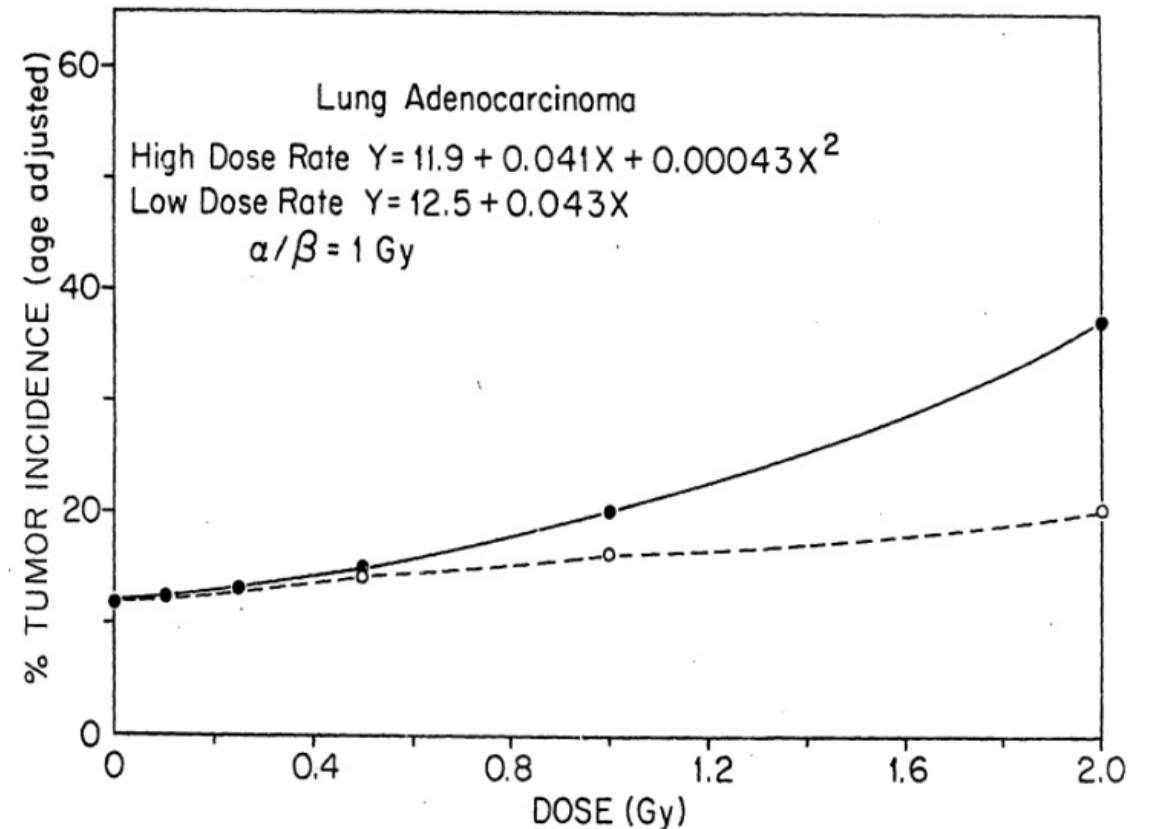
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- Epidemiological studies of human populations exposed to ionizing radiation (IR) indicate an increased lifetime risk of cancer dependent on dose received.
- The tumor spectrum produced by IR is not necessarily different than those tumors that occur spontaneously.

Radiation Quality and Dose Rate Effects

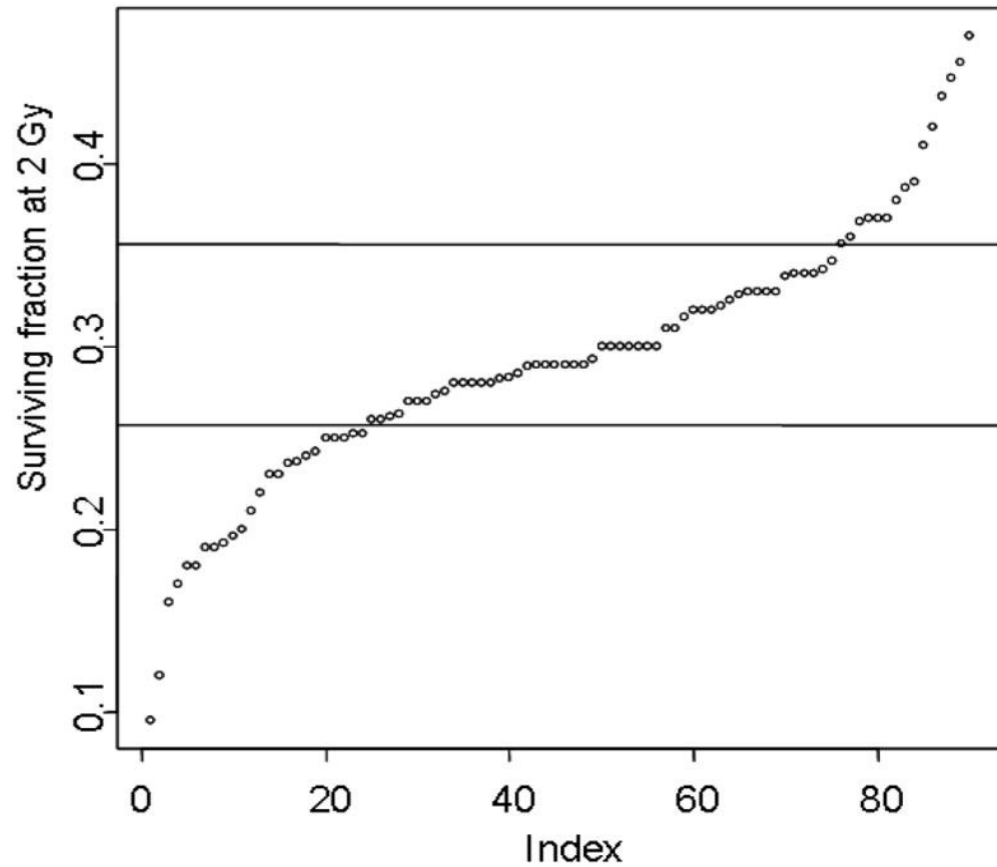


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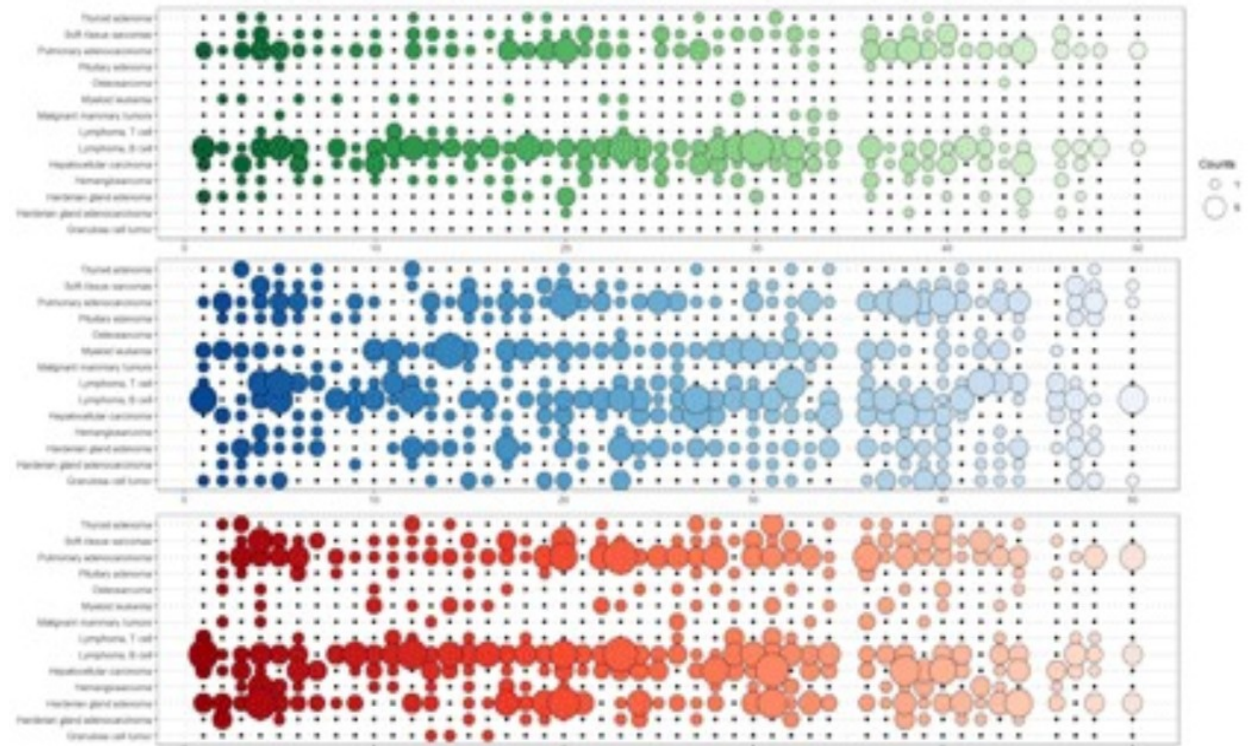


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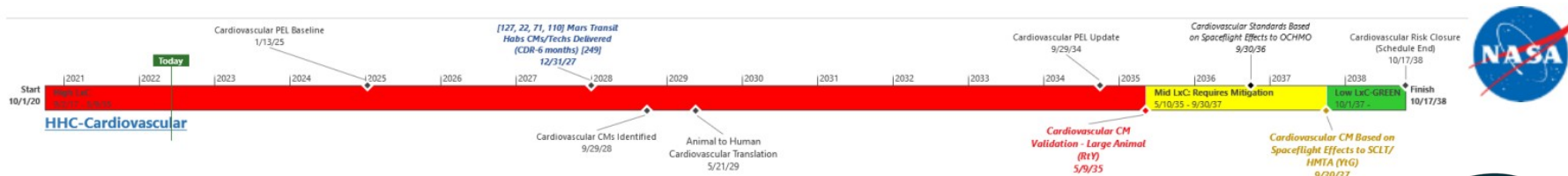
Individual Sensitivity



Story, M.D., et al, (2012, Health Physics)



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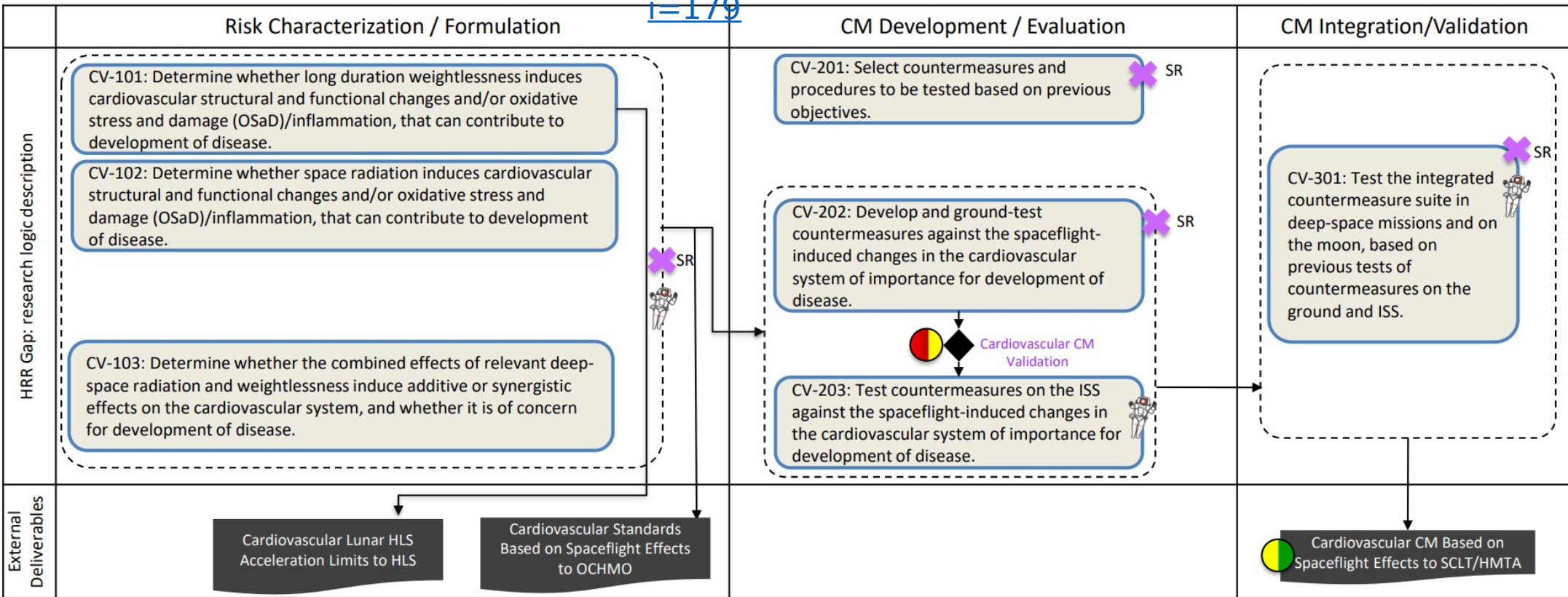


CV Risk Approach Plan

<https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/Risks/risk.aspx?i=179>



Cardiovascular risk

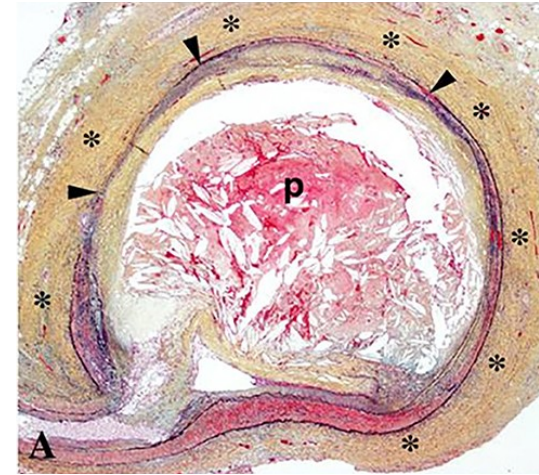


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Risk of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) from Radiation Exposure

- Cardiovascular disease, like cancer, has been associated with radiation exposure at high doses.
 - Ionizing radiation at high doses as used for radiotherapy produces direct damage to the heart and major arteries and increases the risk of cardiovascular diseases.
- In contrast, the evidence for a causal relationship between long-term risk of cardiovascular diseases after moderate doses (0.5–5 Gy) is suggestive, and weak after low doses (<0.5 Gy).
- Meta-analyses of epidemiologic studies show a small but statistically significant increase in CVD mortality risk with increasing radiation exposure at low doses.
 - ERR/Sv values in the Table.
- Since epidemiological findings for low and moderate doses are suggestive and not persuasive, their use in dose risk assessment is limited.



67-year-old patient with severe adventitial fibrosis (*) with intimal plaque (p) causing 75% luminal narrowing of coronary artery, 7 years post RT.

Yang EH et al. (2021)
 Front. Cardiovasc. Med. 8:652761.
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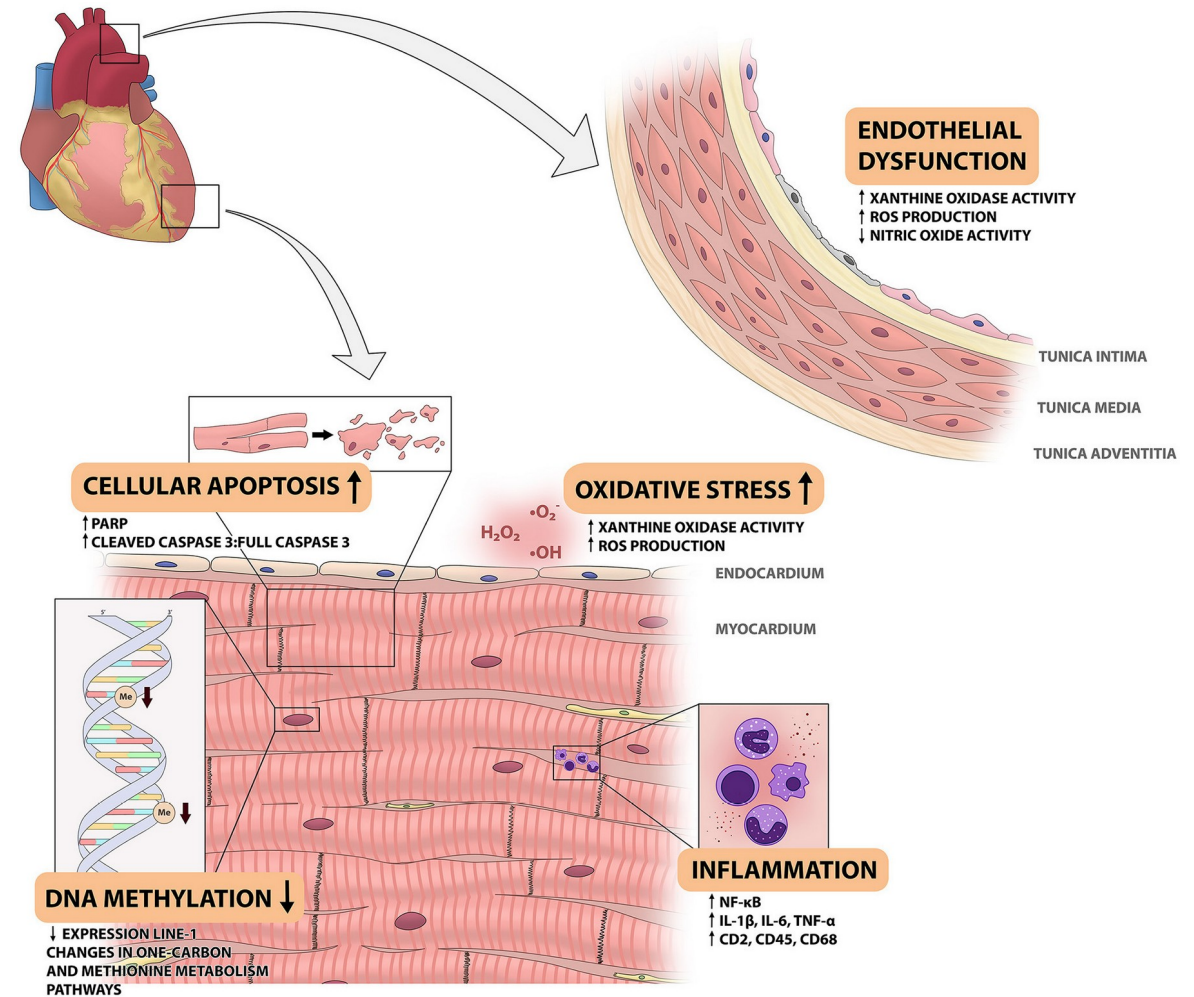
Cardiovascular Risk from Low Dose Radiation Exposure Review and Scientific Appraisal of the Literature

Circulatory Disease Category	ERR/Sv	95% CI:
CVD Mortality		
Japanese Atomic Bomb Survivors – LSS	0.11	0.050, 0.170
Mayak Production Association Workers	0.05	0.000, 0.110
U.S. Peptic Ulcer Study	0.082	0.031, 0.140
French Uranium Miners	0.60	-1.80, 3.5
INWORKS (note 90% CI)	0.22	0.08, 0.37
Canadian + Mass. TB-Fluoroscopy study < 0.5 Gy (50 rads)	0.246	0.036, 0.469
U.S. Power Reactor Workers	8.32	2.3, 18.2
U.S. Nuclear Power Plant Workers	0.06	-0.50, 0.40
U.S. Industrial Radiographers	0.02	-0.03, 0.08
U.S. Mound Workers	-0.40	-3.9, 3.2

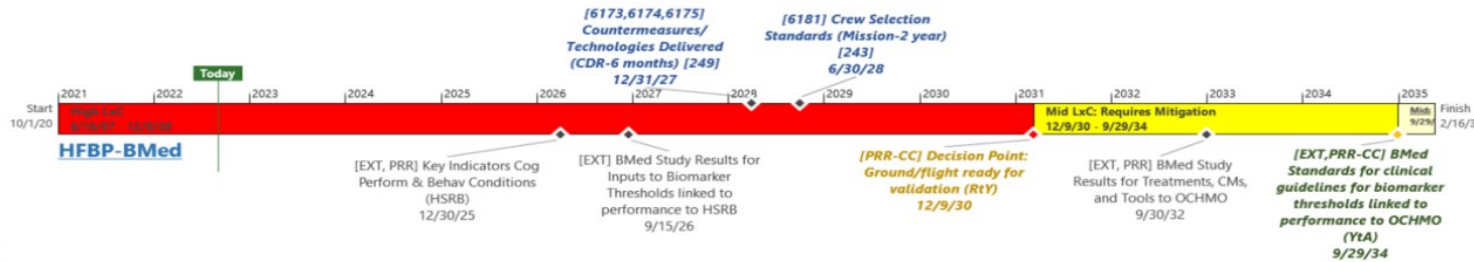
Electric Power Research Institute. Technical Report 2020

Putative Mechanisms of CVD induction after IR Exposure

- Knowledge gaps exist in mechanistic understanding of radiation-induced CVD, including underlying molecular and biological mechanisms.
- Characterizing CV risk from low dose radiation exposure is complicated by confounders such as diet, smoking, lifestyle and/or genetic risk factors.

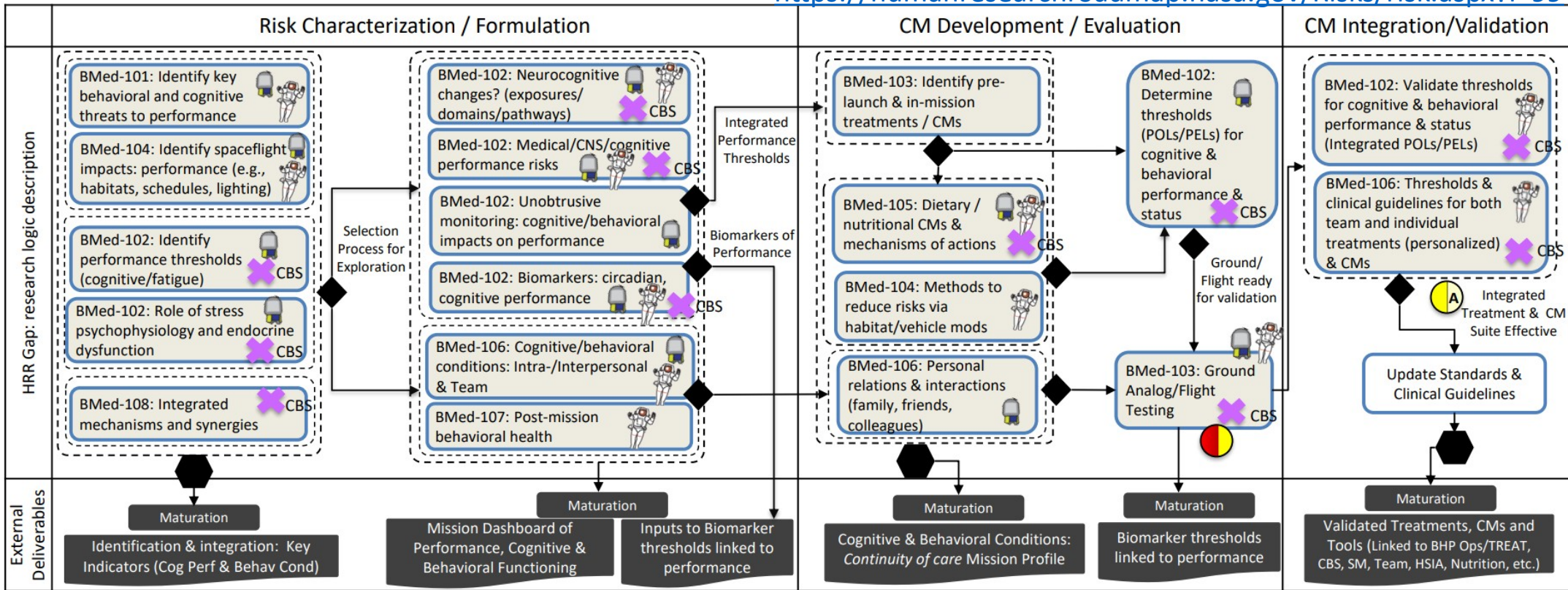


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BMed Risk Approach Plan

<https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/Risks/risk.aspx?i=99>



Behavioral Medicine risk

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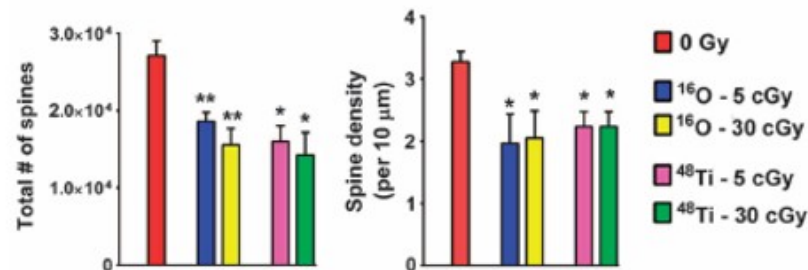
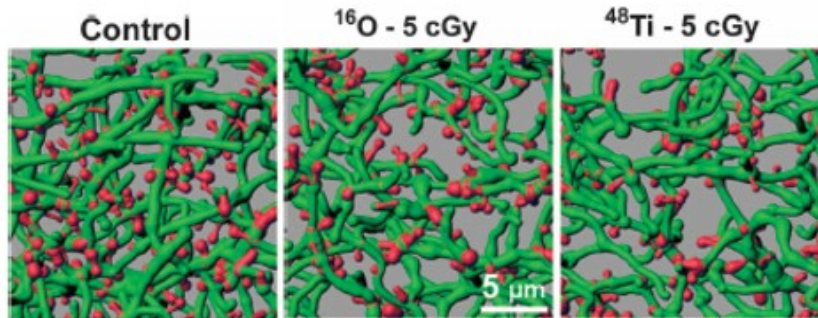
Changes to the Central Nervous System after Space-Like Radiation Exposure

- Reduction in neuron **arborization** and **synapse number** (dendritic spines)
 - Persistent reductions for > 1 year after doses of high Linear Energy Transfer (LET) nuclei below 5 cGy
- Significantly reduced production of **new neurons** in brain
- Increased **activation of microglia** (signaling neuroinflammation)
- Deficits in **neurocognitive performance** for several mouse and rat behavioral paradigms
 - High-LET nuclei at low doses (<10 cGy, with 1 cGy sensitivity reported in one study)
- Dose threshold for performance deficits following exposure to high-LET nuclei depends on
 - Physical particle characteristics, strain, sex, age at exposure, and evaluation time

Structural Changes

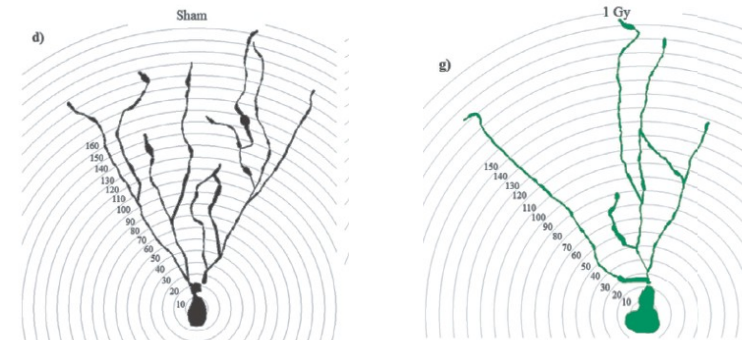
The complexity of dendritic arborization and the number of dendritic spines are reduced after exposures to charged particles. This will change the connectivity of neuronal networks.

Reduced Dendritic Spine Number 8 weeks post ^{16}O or ^{48}Ti ions exposure revealed by confocal microscopy of GFP-expressing neurons.



Parihar et al. Sci. Adv. 2015;1:e1400256

Reduction of dendritic complexity revealed by Golgi silver stain and Sholl analysis.



0 Gy

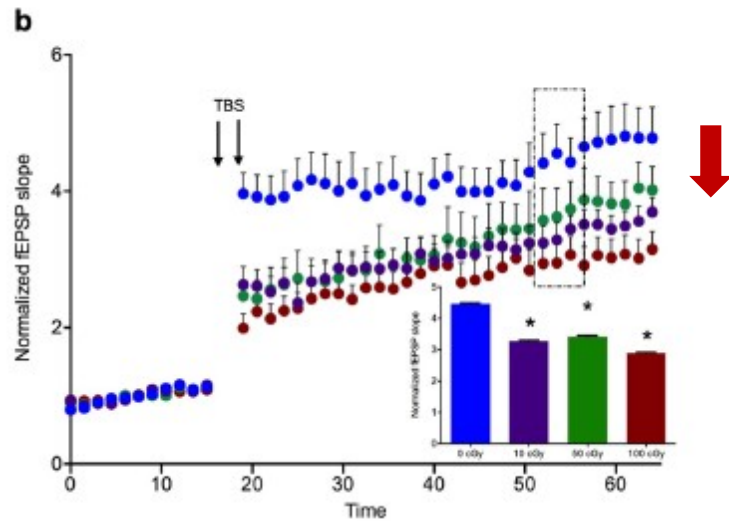
1 Gy ^{16}O

Swinton et al. Behav. Brain Res. 407: 113257 2021

Physiological and Functional Changes

Electrophysiological and ion channel changes indicate persistent synaptic plasticity changes. These are accompanied by neuroinflammation and activation of microglia which can also regulate plasticity.

Hippocampal Slice Recordings at 2 Months after ⁵⁶Fe Exposure at 0, 10, 50 & 100 cGy Results in Reduction of Long Term Potentiation in Female Mice



Miry et al. Scientific Reports (2021) 11:4292

U-shaped dose responses for three glutamate receptor ion channels and a presynaptic marker. mRNA levels relative to controls for 10, 25 & 100 cGy ¹⁶O ions.

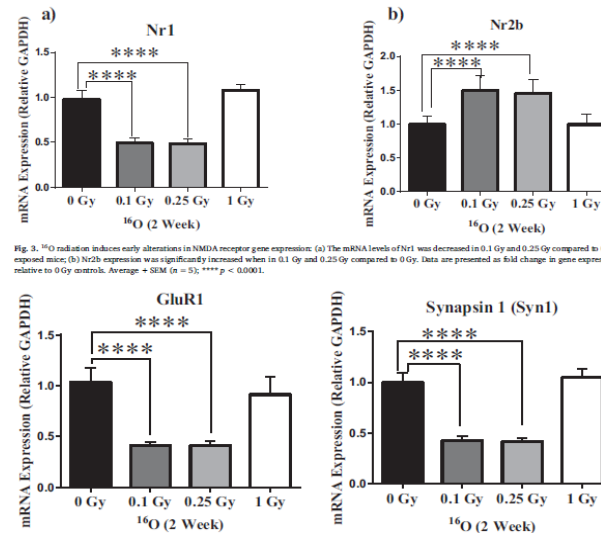
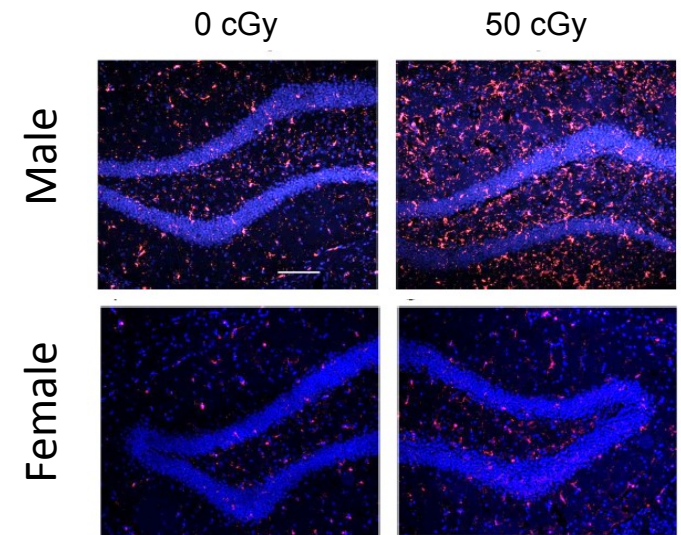


Fig. 3. ¹⁶O radiation induces early alterations in NMDA receptor gene expression: (a) The mRNA levels of Nr1 was decreased in 0.1 Gy and 0.25 Gy compared to 0 Gy exposed mice; (b) Nr2b expression was significantly increased when in 0.1 Gy and 0.25 Gy compared to 0 Gy. Data are presented as fold change in gene expression relative to 0 Gy controls. Average ± SEM (n = 5); **** p < 0.0001.

Kiffer et al. 2018. Radiat Res 189: 53–63

Sex differences: Microglia Activation (Red) in the Hippocampus (Nuclei Blue)

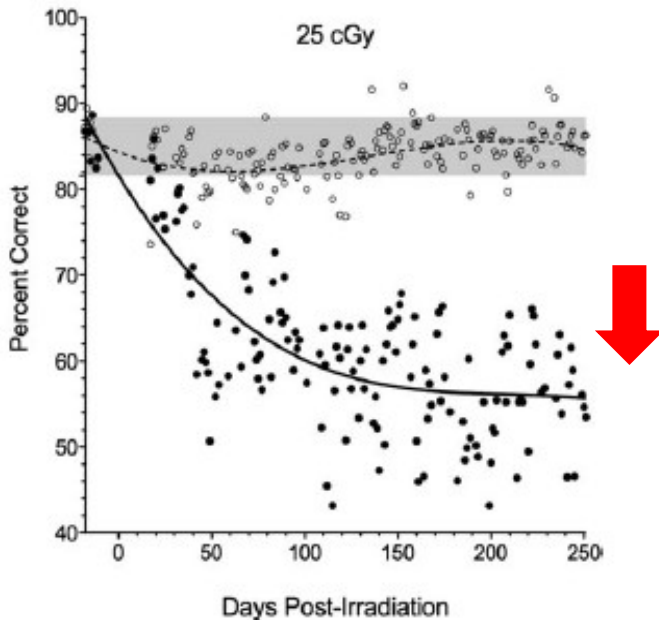


Krukowski et al. (2018) Brain, Behavior, & Immunity S0889-1591(18)30417-3

Behavioral Responses

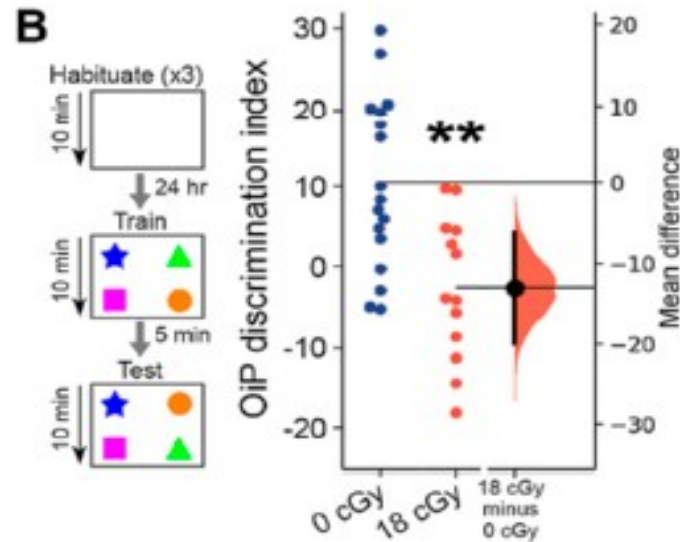
Persistent behavioral changes in cognitive, emotional and sensorimotor domains are observed in rats and mice after single or multi-ion exposures and neutrons.

In a high-fidelity human analog paradigm, psychomotor vigilance is impaired in rats after proton irradiation



Davis et al. (2014) Radiat. Res. 181, 258-271

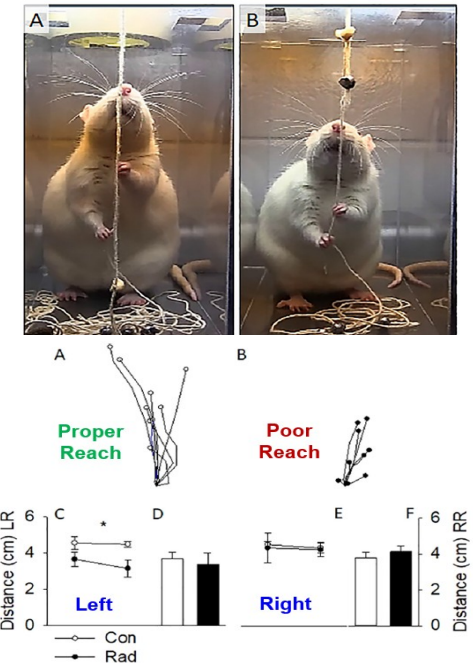
Object in Place Test Reveals Impairments in Spatial Memory after 18 cGy Neutron Exposure



Spatial memory behavior is perturbed by acute neutron irradiation in Object in Place (OiP) test to differentiate objects relocated to alternative locations.

Klein et al. (2021) Int. J. Mol. Sci. 22:9020

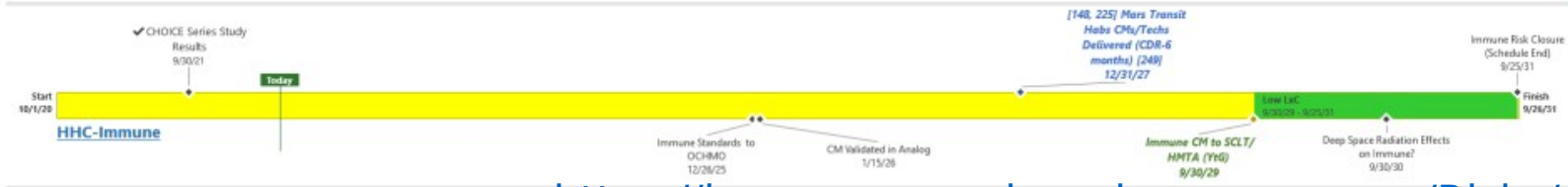
Movement topography is altered in the fine motor skill “string-pulling” test in rats after Si exposure.



Blackwell et al. (2020) Behav. Brain Res. 400, 113010



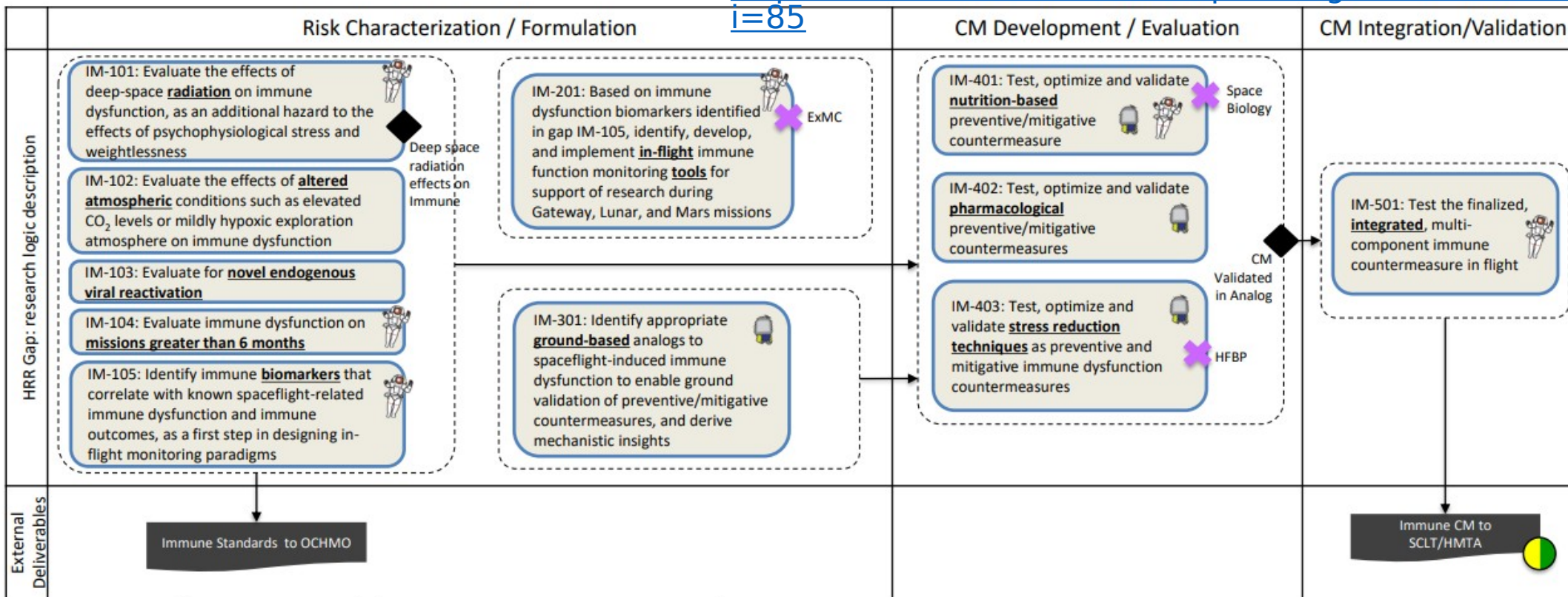
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Immune risk



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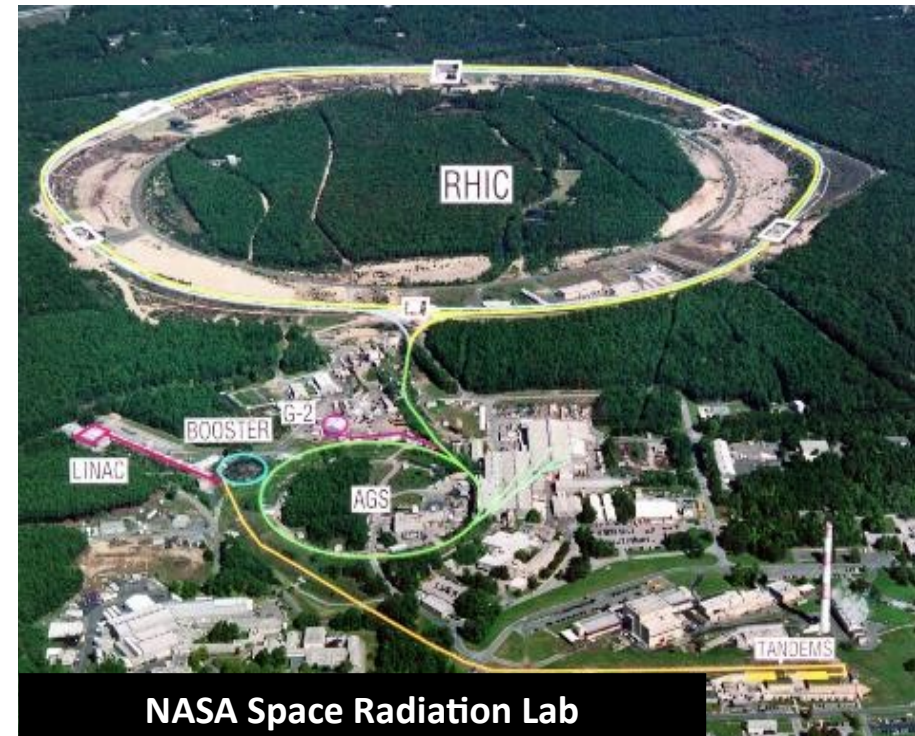
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NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)

A Ground Analog for Space Radiation

- Capabilities
 - Acute or fractionated exposures (chronic)
 - Single ions
 - Multiple ions
 - Simplified GCR sim [6 beams 5 ions: H (2 energies), Si, He, O, & Fe]
 - GCR sim [33 beams, 7 ions: H (14 energies), He (14 energies), C, O, Si, Ti, Fe]
- Personnel
 - NSRL physicist, Michael Sivertz
 - Biology support scientist, Dr. Peter Guida (guida@bnl.gov)
 - NSRL Management, Lisa Simonsen Ph.D.



NASA Space Radiation Lab

<https://www.bnl.gov/nsrl/>

NSRL Beam-Time Proposals

- Required to request access to the NSRL facility (one step of many...)
 - **Separate and additional** application to funding proposal
 - Reviewed by the SACRR
 - Approved experiments can then be scheduled
 - Do not have to be NASA funded to apply for NSRL beam-time
- Describes experimental proposal to justify beam-time request
 - Apply for beamtime: <https://www.bnl.gov/nsrl/facility-users>
 - Forms: <https://nsrl.bnl.gov/Forms/FormsHome.aspx>

NSRL Beam-Time Proposals

Experimental Proposal (Section 11A)

- Provide sufficient detail to justify **why beam-time is needed** to successfully fulfill the funded project objectives
- Limited to **three (3)** pages maximum
 - Title
 - Project summary/overview
 - Background and significance
 - Progress Report for renewal proposals OR Preliminary Results for new proposals
 - Renewals may submit the most recent funding agency grant progress report
 - Include progress accomplished in prior runs, problems encountered and lessons learned, any deferrals, and responses to previous SACRR review
 - List of three (3) publications (to evaluate previous work/experience and project feasibility)
 - Description of PI and team's previous accelerator experience (1 paragraph maximum)
- Format as Word or PDF attachment

NSRL Beam-Time Proposals

Beam-Time Request (Section 11B)

- Detailed experimental plan for those to be conducted during the beam-time run
 - Provide sufficient detail to justify the amount of beam-time required
 - Demonstrate prior beam time was efficiently and judiciously used (if applicable)
 - Demonstrate current amount of time requested is sufficient and necessary
 - Justify ion species requested
- Beam-time calculations
 - Include the total time requested for all ions and energies in Section 5 (times requested must match)
 - Calculations must account for the **dose, dose rate, total number of samples, and logistical considerations**
 - Incomplete/inaccurate beam time calculations may require re-submission in a following review period if SACRR reviewers are not able to account for total requested time
 - See Section 12 for an example beam time calculation table
- Other information that may be helpful in justifying your beam time request to SACRR (optional)

NSRL Beam-Time Proposals

Logistical Items to Note

- Allow 30 min for experimental setup and beam tuning/dosimetry
- Allow 3 min for target room (cave) access per sample change
- Standard NSRL dose rates range from 0.1–1.0 Gy/min
 - Consult the NSRL physicists if dose-rates outside this range are desired
 - Report doses in either Gy or cGy, dose rates in Gy/min or cGy/min

A horizontal banner image showing a vibrant green aurora borealis (northern lights) against a dark, starry night sky. The aurora is the central focus, with its glowing curtains of light. The background is a deep teal or greyish-blue, dotted with small white stars. The overall mood is serene and cosmic.

Resources

Useful Websites and Resources

- NASA Human Research Roadmap – Link to risks, gaps, and evidence books
 - <https://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/>
- NASA Taskbook – Summaries of current and previously funded projects
 - <https://taskbook.nasaprs.com/tbp/welcome.cfm>
- Life Science Data Archive – Can request past data and search tissue registry
 - <https://lsda.jsc.nasa.gov/>
 - <https://lsda.jsc.nasa.gov/Biospecimen>
 - Instructions - <https://www.nasa.gov/hrp/elements/radiation/tissue-sharing>
- NASA GeneLab – space-related omics database; users can upload, download, share, store, and analyze spaceflight and spaceflight-relevant data from experiments
 - <https://genelab.nasa.gov/>
- The Health Risks of Extraterrestrial Environments – open access space radiation literature
 - <https://three.jsc.nasa.gov/#section=main>

Acronyms

ALARA	As Low As Reasonably Achievable	HERA	Hybrid Electronic Radiation Assessor
ARD	Active Radiation Dosimeter	HFBP	Human Factors and Behavioral Performance
ARES	Active Radiation Environment Sensor	HHC	Human Health Countermeasures
BMed	Behavioral Medicine Risk	HRP	Human Research Program
BNL	Brookhaven National Laboratory (where NSRL is located)	IM	Immune risk
CAD	Crew Active Dosimeter	IND	Investigational New Drug
CNS	Central Nervous System	mGy	milliGray (measure of ABSORBED dose)
CV	Cardiovascular	mSv	millisievert (measure of EFFECTIVE or EQUIVALENT dose)
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease	NCRP	National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements
DDREF	Dose & Dose Rate Effectiveness Factor	NSRL	NASA Space Radiation Laboratory
EVA	Extravehicular Activity	ROI	Research Operation and Integration
ExMC	Exploration Medical Capabilities	SACRR	Scientific Advisory Committee for Radiation Research
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	SHINE	Space Health Impacts for the NASA Experience
GCR	Galactic Cosmic Rays	SimGCRSim	Simplified Galactic Cosmic Ray Simulator (6-beam mixture)
GCRsim	Galactic Cosmic Ray Simulator (full 33-beam mixture)	SRE	Space Radiation Element
Gy	Gray	TRISH	Translational Research Institute for Space Health

QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your attention!

Knowledge Surveys: Will be sent out today and at the end of the course to gauge how well **WE** did

Simple self-assessment in the different knowledge areas

Speaker Reviews: Please respond at the end of each seminar to let us know how the speaker(s) did and the value of that lecture

All Lecture Materials will be made available