

Space Transport & Fatigue

Crystal L. Kirkley, MS

NASA Fatigue Countermeasures Laboratory

Crystal L. Kirkley¹, Zachary L. Glaros¹, Nicholas G. Bathurst¹, Cassie J. Hilditch², & Erin E. Flynn-Evans¹

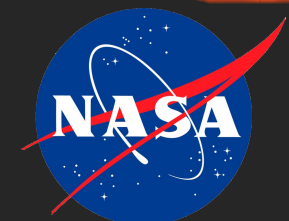
¹Fatigue Countermeasures Laboratory, Human Systems Integration Division, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA, USA

²Fatigue Countermeasures Laboratory, Department of Psychology, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, USA

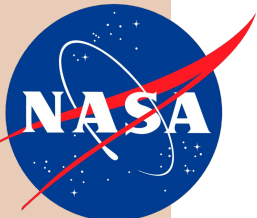
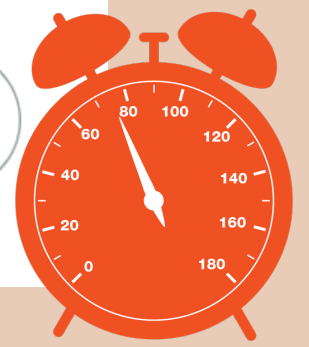
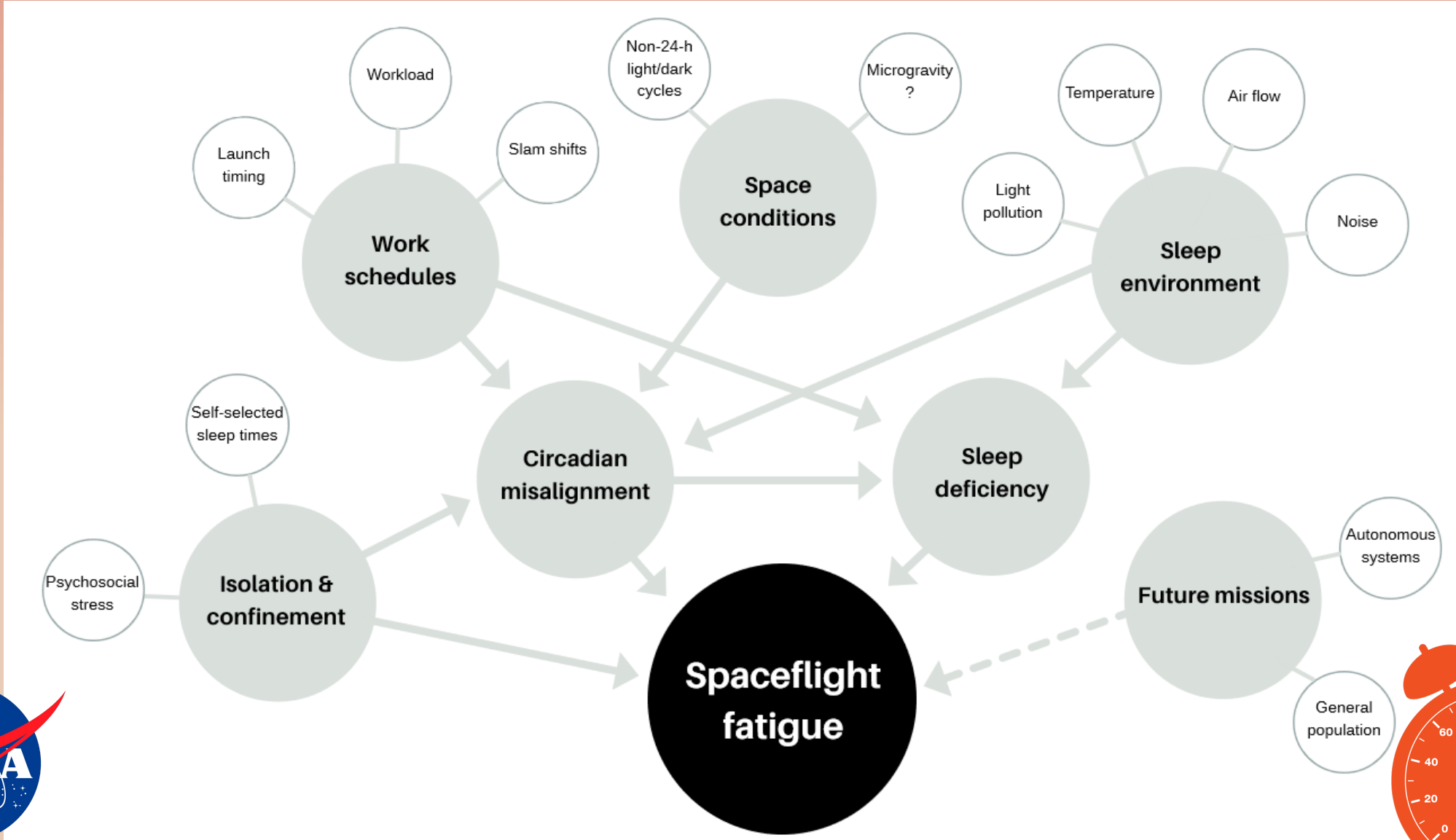


Fatigue management in transportation

13/03/2024



What are the challenges to sleep in space?

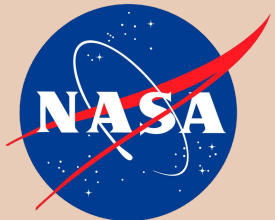


How can we protect sleep & manage fatigue during space travel?

- ❖ Light interventions
- ❖ Improved scheduling tools
- ❖ Habitat design
- ❖ Pharmacological countermeasures



Source: nasa.gov



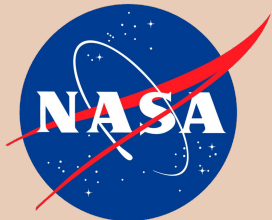
The handbook of fatigue management in transportation:
Waking up to the challenge

Future challenges to managing fatigue in space

- ❖ Nature of spaceflight changing rapidly
 - ❖ Space travel becoming more accessible
 - ❖ Passive passengers
 - ❖ Autonomously piloted spacecraft



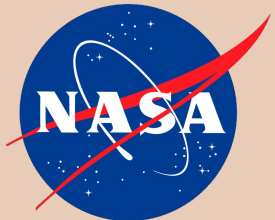
Source: nasa.gov



**The handbook of fatigue management in transportation:
Waking up to the challenge**

Summary points for practitioners

- ❖ Many of the fatigue risks in space are similar to shiftwork on Earth
- ❖ Some unique fatigue risks specific to spaceflight
- ❖ Fatigue countermeasures
- ❖ Commercial spaceflight/Diverse traveling population



**The handbook of fatigue management in transportation:
Waking up to the challenge**

Source: nasa.gov

