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INTRODUCTION

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Medical emergencies, especially those resulting from accidents, frequently require the administration of intravenous fluids to replace lost body liquids. The development of a prototype space flight intravenous injection system is presented. The definition of requirements, injectable concentrates development, water polisher, reconstitution hardware development, administration hardware development, and prototype fabrication and testing are discussed.

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LIFE SCIENCES (GENERAL)

A87-27972

REGIONAL PULMONARY BLOOD FLOW DURING 96 HOURS OF HYPOXIA IN CONSCIOUS SHEEP


The relationship between the pulmonary arterial pressor response to hypoxia and the regional pulmonary blood flow was studied in conscious standing ewes during 96 h of normobaric hypoxia (effected by N2 dilution in an environmental chamber). Regional pulmonary blood flow was calculated by injecting 15-micron radiolabeled microspheres into the superior vena cava. Pulmonary arterial pressure was found to increase from 12 torr during normoxia to 19-22 torr throughout hypoxia. However, pulmonary blood flow did not shift among dorsal and ventral regions, nor were there interlobar shifts of blood flow. The data suggest that sheep and other species, such as dogs, that may possess a narrow perfusion gradient during normoxia, may be inappropriate as models for studying the mechanisms of alterations in regional pulmonary perfusion during hypoxia.

A87-27973

UPPER AIRWAY DILATING FORCES DURING WAKEFULNESS AND SLEEP IN DOGS

ALVIN S. F. GOH, FAIQ G. ISSA, and COLIN E. SULLIVAN (Sydney, University, Australia) Journal of Applied Physiology (ISSN 0161-7567), vol. 61, Dec. 1986, p. 2148-2155. Research supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia. refs

The effects of sleep and sleep state on the overall activity of the upper airway muscles were studied in dogs by measuring the pressure within an isolated segment of the upper airway (between the nares and the midtrachea) during wakefulness (W), slow-wave sleep (SWS), and REM sleep. During SWS, the mean baseline level of the upper airway pressure (Pua) increased by about 2.1 cm H2O, in comparison to the W period, while the mean inspiratory-related phasic change in Pua varied widely. The data indicate that, in dogs, the sum of forces which dilate the upper airway during the W period decreases during both SWS and REM sleep. However, the consistent coupling between the inspiratory drive and the upper airway dilation during W persists but is frequently uncoupled during REM sleep.

A87-28086

ENVIROMENTAL TRENDS IN EXTINCTION DURING THE PALEOZOIC

J. JOHN SEPKOSKI, JR. (Chicago, University, IL) Science (ISSN 0036-8075), vol. 235, Jan. 2, 1987, p. 64-66. refs

Extinction intensities calculated from 505 Paleozoic marine assemblages divided among six environmental zones and 40 stratigraphic intervals indicate that whole communities exhibit increasing extinction offshore but that genera within individual taxonomic classes tend to have their highest extinction onshore. The offshore trend at the community level results from a concentration of genera in classes with low characteristic extinction rates in nearshore environments. This finding is consistent with the ecologic expectation that organisms inhabiting unpredictably fluctuating environments should suffer more extinction than counterparts living under more predictably equitable conditions.

Author

A87-28331

CHANGES OF CARDIOPULMONARY RESPONSES OF RATS DURING CENTRIFUGAL ACCELERATIONS

MASAMICHI SUDOH, SACHIO IKAWA, MIHARU KOHNO (Jikei University, Tokyo, Japan), and HISASHI SAIKI (St. Marianna University, Kawasaki, Japan) Japanese Journal of Aerospace and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0387-0723), vol. 23, Sept. 1986, p. 59-67. In Japanese, with abstract in English. refs

Female rats were exposed to -Gx, +Gz, then -Gz forces from 3-6 g for 30 min to evaluate the effects of hypergravity on cardiopulmonary responses. The rats were monitored for ECG, heart rate (HR), mean arterial blood pressure (MAP) and impedance pneumogram data. HR decreased during -Gz exposure and was otherwise steady, while the MAP decreased with each type of g-exposure. An increase in the respiration rate observed during -Gz exposure was proportional to the magnitude of acceleration, and was also evident during +Gz acceleration of 6 g.

M.S.K.

A87-28838

COMPARISON OF EPIDURAL PRESSURE IN LIVE ANESTHETIZED AND POST-MORTEM PRIMATES

GUY S. NUSHOLTZ (Michigan, University, Ann Arbor) and CARLEY WARD (Biodynamic Engineering, Inc., Pacific Palisades, CA) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 9-17. refs

A87-28839

GLUTAMIC OXALACETIC AND GLUTAMIC PYRUVIC TRANSAMINASE ACTIVITIES IN DIFFERENT TISSUES OF RATS AND GUINEA PIGS EXPOSED TO VARYING LEVELS OF ALTITUDE STRESS FOR DIFFERENT PERIODS OF TIME

KAVERI MUKHERJEE and N. C. GHOSH (University College of Science and Technology, Calcutta, India) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 18-23. refs

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A87-28845
THE BEHAVIORAL EFFECTS OF ANTIACHELINESTERASE INSULT FOLLOWING EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURES
THOMAS G. WHEELER (USAF, School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, TX) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 54-59. refs

This study evaluates soman toxicity via a number of behavioral tasks after an 8-h exposure to one of five thermal stress conditions (-1, 7, 15, 23, or 31 C at 80 ± -5 percent RH). Animals were removed from the environmental chamber, injected with soman (0-160 micrograms/kg) and tested 30 min postinjection. The test battery included motor activity, grip strength, core temperature, sensitivity to heat, effects on memory and learning, and a subjective rating of the animal's state of health. A significant thermal stress/soman interaction was observed for all measures. This interaction was seen as a shift of the soman dose-response functions to the right for the higher temperature groups, i.e., the lower the stress temperature, the greater the susceptibility to soman. For example, the ED50 for the activity measure was 38 micrograms/kg for the -1 C exposure group and 94 micrograms/kg for the 31 C group. The thermal stress influence on soman toxicity may be a function of previous motor activity.

Author

A87-28847*
Florida Univ., Gainesville.
SKELETAL RESPONSE TO SIMULATED WEIGHTLESSNESS - A COMPARISON OF SUSPENSION TECHNIQUES
T. J. WRONSKI (Florida, University, Gainesville) and E. R. MOREY-HOLTEN (NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 63-68. refs

Comparisons are made of the skeletal response of rats subjected to simulated weightlessness by back or tail suspension. In comparison to pair-fed control rats, back-suspended rats failed to gain weight whereas tail-suspended rats exhibited normal weight gain. Quantitative bone histomorphometry revealed marked skeletal abnormalities in the proximal tibial metaphysis of back-suspended rats. Loss of trabecular bone mass in these animals was due to a combination of depressed longitudinal bone growth, decreased bone formation, and increased bone resorption. In contrast, the proximal tibia of tail-suspended rats was relatively normal by these histologic criteria. However, a significant reduction trabecular bone volume occurred during 2 weeks of tail suspension, possibly due to a transient inhibition of bone formation. The findings indicate that tail suspension may be a more appropriate model for evaluating the effects of simulated weightlessness on skeletal homeostasis.

Author

A87-29042
DYNAMICS OF CONDITIONED-REFLEX REGULATION OF THE FUNCTIONAL CONDITION OF THE LOCAL ZONE OF THE BRAIN CORTEX, TESTED BY A BIOFEEDBACK METHOD [DINAMIKA USLOVNOREFLEKTORNOSTI FUNKTSIONAL'NOGO SOSTOIANIIA LOKAL'NOI ZONY KORY MOZGA, TESTIRUEMAIETODOM BIOLoGIEHSKOII OBRATNOI SVIAZI]

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D.H.

A87-29049
SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY OF HUMAN CONE PHOTORECEPTORS

The spectral sensitivities of human cones are measured by recording electrical responses to stimuli of different wavelengths, and the results are reported. The spectral sensitivities of 'green' and 'red' cones, determined over the entire visible region, show peaks near 530 and 560 nm respectively, and are remarkably similar to those of the old-world monkey Macaca fascicularis. They satisfactorily predict the photopic luminosity function, a measure of the sensitivity of cone-mediated human vision to light of different wavelengths. The kinetics of the light responses of human cones also appears similar to that of macaque cones; the time to peak response to a dim flash was 50-100 ms and there was a characteristic undershoot during recovery.

C.D.
NASA's Life Sciences Program


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M.S.K.

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M.S.K.

A87-31025 PRINCIPLES OF QUANTUM BIOLOGY AS DEMONSTRATED BY ULTRAWEAK PHOTON EMISSION FROM LIVING CELLS


Living tissues emit very weak quasi-continuous photoemission of a few hundred photons/sec per sq cm of surface area, over the IR-UV spectrum. The spectral distribution, transparency, temperature-dependence and relaxation dynamics after excitation of this biological luminescence indicate that these 'biophotons' exhibit a curiously high degree of coherence, the coherence times being of the order of several minutes. The phenomenon is noted to be governed by a nonequilibrium phase transition at multimode laser threshold, furnishing a novel and reliable basis for research in 'quantum biology'.

O.C.

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Major accomplishments underlying the basic understanding of cyanobacterial resistance to salt tolerance and osmotic stress were made. The methodology proposed included: the tracing of the pathways of formation of osmoregulatory solutes by traditional methods involving C-14 labelled substrates; gas chromatography; amino acid analysis; X-ray analysis using scanning transmission electron microscopy; and most importantly, C-13 labelled substrates, followed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. It was found that the cyanobacteria employ a diversity of organic, osmoregulatory solutes. Osmoregulatory solutes were found to serve four functions: adjustment of water activity, noninhibition of enzymes; lowering of K sub m of enzymes to allow functioning at normal levels when the intracellular salt accumulates, and extending the pH optimum of enzymes as intracellular pH rises due to proton-potassium ion pump action during osmoregulation. Differences in osmoregulatory solutes may, but are not always, be attributed to differences in nutritional capabilities. The mechanism of osmoregulation and concomitant salt tolerance in halophilic cyanobacteria was elucidated. The activities of betaine and S-Adenosylhomocysteine hydrolase are discussed.

B.G.

N87-18973# Management and Technical Services Co., Washington, D.C.

USSR Space Life Sciences Digest, Issue 10


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The USSR Space Life Sciences Digest contains abstracts of 37 papers recently published in Russian language periodicals and bound collections and of five new Soviet monographs. Selected abstracts are illustrated with figures and tables from the original. Additional features include the translation of a book chapter concerning use of biological rhythms as a basis for cosmonaut selection, excerpts from the diary of a participant in a long-term isolation experiment, and a picture and description of the Mir space station. The abstracts included in this issue were identified as relevant to 25 areas of aerospace medicine and space biology. These areas are adaptation, biological rhythms, biospherics, body fluids, botany, cardiovascular and respiratory systems, developmental biology, endocrinology, enzymology, group dynamics, habitability and environmental effects, hematology, human performance, immunology, life support systems, mathematical modeling, metabolism, microbiology, morphology and cytology, musculoskeletal system, neurophysiology, nutrition, personnel selection, psychology, and radiobiology. Author

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L. A. Sherman Jun. 1986 17 p

(Contract DE-AC02-81ER-10899)

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This project is concerned with an analysis of the photosynthetic membrane in the cyanobacterium, Aphanocapsa sp. The first stage of the project concerned an analysis of the membrane proteins, including pigment-binding proteins, and analysis of the composition of PSII, PSI, cyt b sub 6/1 complex, and phycobilisomes. These complexes were analyzed by biochemical separation of the complexes, gel electrophoresis, and western blotting using heterologous antibodies. Some novel membrane proteins were detected and were isolated from acrylamide gels. Antibodies against these proteins were produced and utilized to clone the genes from a lambda gill library. The genes for two of the proteins, a 36 kDa chlorophyll-binding proteins and a 42 kDa carotenoid-binding protein have been cloned and sequenced. This system is being utilized because of the ability to exchange genetic information in cyanobacteria. In addition to transformation, we developed a conjugation system that allows introduction of large plasmids from bacteria into Aphanocapsa. We are using this and other genetic exchange methods to produce specific mutations in cyanobacteria to determine the function of protein and protein domains.

DOE

N87-19888# Stanford Univ., Calif. Dept. of Chemistry.


S. G. Boxer Aug. 1986 15 p

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Electron transfer is being studied in several well-defined molecular systems, and new techniques for studying electron transfer are being developed. Photo-induced electron transfer lies at the heart of photosynthesis and forms the basis for our approach to biomimetic solar conversion. Electron donors and acceptors
are covalently connected to molecular frameworks which permit variation of the distance between sites and the nature of the intervening medium. Myoglobin produced by recombinant DNA methods has a free sulfhydryl for attachment of various electron acceptors. The feasibility of attachment has been demonstrated, and the free sulfhydryl group has been moved in the sequence for studying intensity effects. DOE

A87-28154

BEYOND NIGHT AND DAY


Research being carried out at NASA-Ames to evaluate potential effects of circadian rhythm interruptions on astronauts is discussed. The current practice is to keep astronauts on Houston time, although events in space easily disrupt the sleep schedules. Bedrest tests up to 56 days have been performed to simulate weightlessness. Nearly every bodily function has been found to have a circadian rhythm, e.g., blood pressure, heartbeat, respiration, etc. Most functions peak between 1-4 p.m., with the magnitudes of peaks and lows being different for males and females. The rhythms of certain persons have been found to entrain those of others. The effects of light has also been examined and it has been determined that the spectrum of light, either from broad spectrum bulbs or sunlight, determines the secretion of melatonin by the pineal gland and the regular functioning of persons in an 8 hr dark and 16 hr light circadian rhythm. M.S.K.

A87-28243

CLASSIFICATION AND DETECTION OF SINGLE EVOKED BRAIN POTENTIALS USING TIME-FREQUENCY AMPLITUDE FEATURES

JEFFREY M. MOSER and JORGE I. AUNON (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering (ISSN 0018-9294), vol. BME-33, Dec. 1986, p. 1096-1106. Research supported by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Diseases and Strokes, Schering Corp., USAF, and NASA. refs

Because of the difficulty of extracting useful information from brain electrical or magnetic field measurements, sensitive analytic methods are often required. 'Open-loop' techniques for the choice of signal features and the testing of statistical hypotheses are often not sufficient for such problems. The sensitivity of analyses can be increased by 'closed-loop' analyses which use feedback from the hypothesis testing to optimize the feature extraction and/or primary analysis to achieve maximal classification accuracy for a particular recognition analysis which attempts to separate experimental or clinical conditions. Signal processing algorithms whose parameters are set to maximize the strength of consequent inferences as measured by classifier performance could be called classifier-directed methods. This paper reviews the application of classifier-directed methodologies to waveform detection and categorical classification problems in brain research. Pattern recognition methods are shown to be a convenient way of incorporating expert knowledge in a statistical framework with minimal assumptions about the statistics of the desired or undesired components.

Author
the evoked potential signals. These features were transformed from the original data sets based upon a two-step classification/feature selection procedure which uses selected frequencies from step 1 as parameters for data filtering in step 2. Features were selected from the filtered data, classifiers were designed, and the estimated classification accuracies were computed. This system was used for classification of single evoked potentials from two classes and for the detection of a particular single evoked potential in the electroencephalogram. Actual EEG data from human subjects participating in visual stimulation Sternberg paradigm experiments were used for testing the ability of the methods to distinguish the various signals. The results of the new method were compared to those of current methods using one-step techniques, and significant improvements in classification and detection accuracies were obtained. Author A87-28245*
Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
SHORT TIME FOURIER ANALYSIS OF THE ELECTROMYOGRAM - FAST MOVEMENTS AND CONSTANT CONTRACTION
BLAISE HANNAFORD (California Institute of Technology, Jet
Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena) and STEVEN LEHMANN
(California, University, Berkeley) IEEE Transactions on Biomedical
1173-1181, refs
Short-time Fourier analysis was applied to surface electromyograms (EMG) recorded during rapid movements, and during isometric contractions at constant forces. A portion of the data to be transformed by multiplying the signal by a Hamming window was selected, and then the discrete Fourier transform was computed. Shifting the window along the data record, a new spectrum was computed each 10 ms. The transformed data were displayed in spectograms or 'voiceprints'. This short-time technique made it possible to see time-dependencies in the EMG that are normally averaged in the Fourier analysis of these signals. Spectra of EMGs during isometric contractions at constant force vary in the short (10-20 ms) term. Short-time spectra from EMGs recorded during rapid movements were much less variable. The windowing technique picked out the typical 'three-burst pattern' in EMG's from both wrist and head movements. Spectra during the bursts were more consistent than those during isometric contractions. Furthermore, there was a consistent shift in spectral statistics in the course of the three bursts. Both the center frequency and the variance of the spectral energy distribution grew from the first burst to the second burst in the same muscle. The analogy between EMGs and speech signals is extended to argue for future applicability of short-time spectral analysis of EMG. Author A87-28330#
CARDIAC FUNCTION AT REST UNDER ACUTE EXPOSURE TO HYPOBARIC HYPOXIA
KAZUO KIKUCHI, KATSUMI ASANO, and HIROMI TAKAHASHI
(Tsukuba, University, Sakura, Japan) Japanese Journal of
Aerospace and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0397-0723), vol.
23, Sept. 1986, p. 51-58, refs
The effects of acute exposure to hypobaric hypoxia on the cardiac pump function (CPF) and myocardial contractility were examined. Four human male adults in a supine position at simulated altitudes from 4000-6500 m ASL were monitored in terms of M-mode echocardiograms and systolic time intervals. Increasing altitudes increased the ejection fraction, heart rate, cardiac output and mean velocity of the circumferential fiber shortening, and decreased the left ventricular end-systolic volume and the total electromechanical systole left ventricular ejection time (LVET). It was concluded that the pre-ejection phase and LVET are good indicators of the CPF at rest in acute hypobaric hypoxic conditions. M.S.K. A87-28499
BIORHYTHMOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF HYPERTENSION [BIORTIMOLOGICHESKIE ASPEKTY DIAGNOSTIKI I LECENII GIPERTONICHESKOI BOLEZNII]
F. I. KOMAROV, A. G. BRIUKHOVETS'KII, and V. E. BUVAL'TSEV
Voennno-Meditsinskii Zhurnal (ISSN 0026-9050), Sept. 1986, p.
24-29, in Russian. refs
The circadian rhythm in the arterial pressure of hypertonic patients was studied using automated 24-h measurements of the systolic, diastolic, and median dynamic pressure, as well as the cardiac output parameters. Three types of circadian rhythm in the arterial hypertension were established: (1) the morning-day, (2) the evening-night, and (3) a nondifferentiated type; among these, the morning-day type is the most benign in terms of prognosis. In the morning-day patients, an increase of the arterial pressure in the morning is correlated with an increase in the cardiac output, while in the evening-night patients, an increase of the cardiac minute volume and the output volume coincided with the development of a vasoconstrictive component. The patients of the first type exhibited higher daytime elevations of angiotensin and aldosterone activities, correlated with lowering of plasma progesterone; the tolerance to physical loads in these patients was the highest. A87-28500
PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL AND NEUROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF FLIGHT-PERSONNEL FATIGUE [PSIKHOFIZIOLOGICHESKIE I NEVROLOGICHESKIE ASPEKTY PROBLEMY UTOMLENII LETNOGO SOSTAVA]
V. A. EGOROV and N. I. KOMANDENKO
Voennno-Meditsinskii Zhurnal (ISSN 0026-9050), Sept. 1986, p. 44, 45. In Russian. refs
Subjective and objective fatigue symptoms caused by polymorphic functional disturbances in the nervous system, the analyzers, and other organs and systems is discussed, together with the sequence of appearance of these symptoms. Emphasis is placed on the diagnosis of early symptoms of the fatigue syndrome, such as the asthenia syndrome (characterized by headaches, increased irritability, sleep disturbances, low tolerance to physical and mental loads, and increased perspiration), oral automatism, elevated thresholds of tactile sensitivity, and elevated or lowered ligamental and periostal reflexes. Poor coordination, equilibrium disturbance, and vegetative polyneuritis (especially in helicopter pilots) also appear early. Early recognition of these symptoms is important in prophylaxis and treatment of fatigue personnel and, in the long run, in increasing their life expectancy. I.S. A87-28837*
* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. John F. Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, Fla.
CARDIOVASCULAR DYNAMICS DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF HEAD-DOWN TILT
CLARE MARIE TOMASELLI, RICHARD A. KENNEY, MARY ANNE
BASSETT FREY, and G. WYCKLIFFE HOFFLER (NASA, Kennedy
Space Center, Bionetics Corp., Cocoa Beach, FL; George Washington University, Washington, DC) Aviation, Space, and
Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6582), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p.
3-8, refs
The cardiovascular response to 1 h of 60-deg head-down tilt was studied in 12 male subjects, ages 30-39 years, to simulate the early effects of weightlessness. Fluid shifts, hemodynamic variables, and indices of myocardial contractility were evaluated by utilizing electrocardiography, systolic time intervals, impedance cardiography, sphygmonanometry, and measurement of calf circumference. Most cardiovascular variables remained stable throughout the initial 30 min of the protocol, even though translocation of fluid from the legs to the thorax commenced immediately with the onset of head-down tilt. In contrast, minutes 30-60 were characterized by reduced stroke volume, cardiac output, mean stroke ejection rate, and Heather index concomitant with an elevation in mean arterial pressure. Intrathoracic fluid volume continued to increase, while leg volume continued to decrease.
This latter physiological response suggests intrathoracic sequestration of fluid volume; blood was apparently redistributed to the pulmonary circulation rather than being retained in the great veins.

Author

A87-28840
HORMONE AND ENERGY SUBSTRATE CHANGES DURING PROLONGED EXERCISE IN THE HEAT
G. HARLEY HARTUNG, LOREN G. MYHRE, DONALD M. TUCKER, and JOHN W. BURNS (USAF, School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB; Baylor University, Houston, TX) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 24-28. refs

A study is described to determine the responses of serum hormones, glycerol, and glucose sampled during prolonged, intense exercise under heat-stress conditions without fluid replacement. Eleven trained men were studied during a 16.1 km run. Fasting blood samples were taken prior to the run at 6.4, 12.9, and 16.1 km, and 3 h recovery. Serum or plasma glucose, insulin, glucagon, glycerol, and catecholamines were measured. Glucose increased then decreased significantly. Glycerol increased and continued to increase throughout the run. Epinephrine increased progressively during the run, but norepinephrine increased at 6.4 km, and did not change further. Insulin increased slightly then decreased significantly. Glucagon increased and remained elevated at 3 h recovery. It is concluded that in trained men who are fasting and exercising strenuously, substrate-hormone relationships may differ from those found in other exercise-dietary states.

D.H.

A87-28841
CARDIOVASCULAR RESPONSES TO MODERATE FACIAL COOLING IN MEN AND WOMEN
JOSEPH A. MANNINO and RICHARD A. WASHBURN (Wisconsin, University, Green Bay) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 29-33. refs

The pattern and range of cardiovascular responses were examined for a group of 20 healthy men and women whose faces were exposed to a stream of moderately cold air at a constant wind speed for 10 min. During the course of exposure, both heart rate and forearm blood flow decreased significantly, while mean arterial blood pressure increased significantly from pre-exposure values. There were no significant differences found in cardiovascular responses between men and women. The results indicate that moderate facial cooling precipitates significant cardiovascular responses in healthy subjects and the range of response may depend, in part, on individual factors.

D.H.

A87-28842
EMOTIONAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF NITROUS OXIDE AND HYPERBARIC AIR NARCOSIS
ROBERT J. BIERSNER (U.S. Navy, Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, Groton, CT) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 34-38. refs

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Measurements of seven self-reported emotional states (happiness, activity, fear, anger, depression, fatigue, and anxiety) and three physiological variables (heart rate, systolic blood pressure, and diastolic blood pressure) were made among 16 subjects under four conditions: (1) all subjects breathing normobaric air; (2) several days later, immediately after half the subjects had breathed 30 percent nitrous oxide and the other half had breathed normobaric air; (3) the following day, subsequent to exposure of all subjects to a simulated depth of 57 m on air in a hyperbaric chamber; and (4) several weeks after the hyperbaric chamber exposure, with all subjects breathing normobaric air. The results showed that the physiological responses of the group that breathed nitrous oxide did not differ significantly from the control group following the hyperbaric chamber exposure, while self-reported happiness was lower among the nitrous oxide group than among the control group following hyperbaric chamber exposure. Nitrous oxide does not appear to benefit emotional or physiological adaptation to nitrogen narcosis associated with breathing hyperbaric air, and may even impair emotional adaptation, at least under these experimental conditions.

D.H.

A87-28843
RESPIRATORY RESPONSE AND MUSCLE FUNCTION DURING ISOMETRIC HANDGRIIP EXERCISE AT HIGH ALTITUDE
RICHARD L. BURSE, ALLEN CYMERMAN, and ANDREW J. YOUNG (U.S. Army, Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, MA) Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine (ISSN 0095-6562), vol. 58, Jan. 1987, p. 39-46. refs

An investigation was conducted to determine if the hyperventilatory response to fatiguing isometric exercise at sea level could predict resting ventilation and acute mountain sickness (AMS) at 5300 m altitude. There was no relationship between the magnitude or pattern of exercise-induced hyperventilation at sea level and the severity of AMS later at altitude. Sea level hyperventilatory response was not predictive of resting ventilation at altitude. Altitude exposure progressively increased both the incidence and magnitude of the hyperventilatory response to exercise and prolonged it for 60-90 s into the recovery period, providing support for the 'central command' theory of ventilatory control during isometric exercise. Neither AMS nor changes in body weight or circulating norepinephrine levels can account for the temporal pattern of increased grip strength, but the respiratory alkalosis occurring at altitude appears to be a likely mechanism.

D.H.

A87-28844
EFFECTS OF ATROPINE AND 2-PAM CHLORIDE ON VISION AND PERFORMANCE IN HUMANS

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Experiments are described that were conducted to assess the time course and severity of effects of atropine and 2-PAM chloride on selected visual functions, physiological measures, and a tracking performance task. Atropine and 2-PAM chloride are currently used as antidotes for organophosphate poisoning produced in pilots engaged in aerial application of pesticides. Atropine and 2-PAM CI were administered intramuscularly, noting a long lasting and dose-related increase in pupillary diameter and a decrease in accommodative amplitude with loss of near visual acuity. These functions returned to baseline 2 days after injection. Tracking performance was significantly decreased by 4 mg of atropine. The changes in vision function cannot readily explain the tracking performance loss, since the tracking involved a distant visual target while the atropine produced degradation of near vision. Most of the physiological tests, tracking performance and all visual functions were unaffected by 2-PAM CI.

D.H.

A87-28846
EFFICACY OF TRANSDERMAL SCOPOLAMINE AGAINST SEASICKNESS - A THREE-DAY STUDY AT SEA
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Transdermal scopolamine has been reported to provide protection against motion sickness, both while sailing at sea (7-8 h) and under experimental conditions. In this study, the efficacy of transdermal scopolamine was studied, and the side effects during a 72-h cruise at sea were evaluated. Male volunteers, 20-25 years old, who were located on a 3000-ton vessel were evaluated. The presence of seasickness, defined by the Graybiel et al. (1968) diagnostic criteria, was used to calculate percent protection. When sickness was considered as malaise II or more, the drug provided 74, 73, and 39 percent protection during the three sailing days, respectively. There were no significant differences in the magnitude of the side effects, reported by experimental and placebo groups.
It is concluded that transdermal scopolamine’s efficacy against seasickness during a three-day cruise was not associated with significant side effects and, therefore, the drug is suitable for long-term use by sailing crews.

A87-28948
INDUCTION AND PREVENTION OF ACCELERATION ATELECTASIS
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Methods for preventing or correcting acceleration atelectasis are described. Aircrew readily develop acceleration atelectasis when exposed to -g forces while breathing 100 percent O2 and wearing an anti-G suit, with symptoms of chest pain, coughing, and shortness of breath. Experiments were conducted on 12 subjects using simulated aerial combat maneuvers (SACM). Decreases in vital capacity (VC) measurements were used as quantification of atelectasis, two types of reduction being identified and described. Labile reductions in VC were readily restored by a deep breath or cough. Acceleration atelectasis was reduced by dilution of the inspired oxygen concentration by argon and nitrogen, the addition of unassisted positive pressure at 30 mm Hg to the breathing mask, or the performance of the anti-G straining maneuver (AGSM).

A87-28949
CONJUNCTIVAL OXYGEN TENSION AT HIGH ALTITUDE
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A transconjunctival oxygen monitor was tested in high altitude environments, real and simulated, in order to establish normal values for transconjunctival oxygen tension (PcO2) at altitudes above sea level. The ratio of PcO2 to arterial blood oxygen tension (PaO2) did not change in a consistent manner between sea level and 4267 m (14,000 ft) simulated altitude; PcjO2 was 74 percent of PaO2. The 16 subjects participating in the mountaineering phase of the study revealed similar means at sea level and 1829 m, but a smaller decrement was observed at 3048 m. The difference of PaO2 did not change in a consistent manner between sea level and 1829 m, but a smaller decrement was observed at 3048 m.

A87-28950
PREDICTIVE VALUE OF PREMATURE VENTRICULAR CONTRACTIONS ON THE RESTING ELECTROCARDIOGRAM FOR VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS ON 24 HOUR MONITORING IN ASYMPTOMATIC YOUNG ADULTS
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A87-29937
The significance of the spectral-correlation parameters of human neocortical potentials for the characterization of Short-term memory. II. [Znachenie spektral'-korrelatsionnykh parametrov potentsialov neokorteksa cheloveka dlja kharakteristiki kratkovremennoj pamiati. II]

The effects of a time-optimal controller are in good agreement with the data.

A87-29938
The central venous pressure and hormonal regulation of water exchange under antithorostasis [Tsentral'noe venoznoe davleние i gormon'al'naia regulatsiia vodnogo obmena pri ego izmenenii v usloviiakh antithorostazi] V. B. Noskov, V. E. Kakhkov, B. V. Afonin, V. V. Chestukhin, and Iu. V. Sukhanov Fiziologiya Cheloveka (ISSN 0131-1646), vol. 12, Sept.-Oct. 1986, p. 810-816. In Russian. refs

The effects of hydration status on the hormonal regulation of water-electrolyte exchange and on its interrelation with the central venous pressure (CVP) were studied in humans subjected to antithorostasis (5 h at a -15 deg head-down tilt). It was found that hydropothesis (caused by an intake of furosemide) led to sharper increases in diuresis and electrolyte excretion, a greater decrease of the circulating plasma (by 16 percent), and a fall of CVP (by 56 percent), compared to nonhydropothesized controls. The antithorostasis-induced increases in concentrations of angiotensin-I, antiuretic hormone, plasma renin, and adrenocorticotropic were higher in hydropothesized subjects. While antithorostasis caused a decrease in plasma aldosterone, the levels of this hormone in hydropothesized subjects were also elevated. I.S.

A87-29939

The effect of mental work of varying intensity on the electroencephalogram characteristics (the mode, modal amplitude, and cardiac interval dispersion) was studied in train dispatchers fitted with electrodes on the left side of the thorax, with hourly EEG readings taken during 12-h work shifts. It was found that minimal and moderate emotional stress leads to a decrease in the cardiac rhythm dispersion, while fatigue and elevated emotional stress cause increases in the R-R cardiac intervals. I.S.

A87-29940

Changes in EEG parameters and their correlations with the symptoms of chronic hypoxia manifested in the first days of high-altitude stay were studied in mountain climbers who were flown from an altitude of 1785 m above sea level to 4100 m and, after 6 days at this altitude, climbed to an altitude of 5100-5800 m. The observed effects included a decrease in the frequency of the alpha rhythm, the formation of theta waves, and the appearance of interhemispheric frequency and amplitude asymmetries. Subjects with the most serious symptoms of hypoxia exhibited spatial synchronization of the alpha rhythm. I.S.

A87-29941

The effects of cardiopulmonary diseases and such exogenous conditions as physical exercise, inhalation of hot or cold air, and suppression of inhalation, on the conditioning function of the respiratory system (CFRS) were investigated using the temperature of exhaled alveolar air (TEAA) as a measure of the CFRS. Pathological conditions such as pneumoconiosis, pneumonia, and bronchial asthma were found to be characterized by hypopneumothermia, whereas myocardial infarction, focal pulmonary tuberculosis, and fevers were found to cause hyperpneumothermia. Physical exercise and breathing of cold (-4 to 0 C) air caused temporary decreases in TEAA, while suppression of inhalation by 25-35 s and the action of hot-air inhalation led to increases in the TEAA values in both healthy subjects and those suffering from cardiopulmonary diseases. The changes in TEAA were greater in sick than in normal subjects. The potential usefulness of TEAA as a diagnostic criterion is pointed out. I.S.

A87-29942

The effect of mental work of varying intensity on the electrocardiogram characteristics (the mode, modal amplitude, and cardiac interval dispersion) was studied in train dispatchers fitted with electrodes on the left side of the thorax, with hourly EKG readings taken during 12-h work shifts. It was found that minimal and moderate emotional stress leads to a decrease in the cardiac rhythm dispersion, while fatigue and elevated emotional stress cause increases in the R-R cardiac intervals. I.S.

A87-29943

The effect of mental work of varying intensity on the electroencephalogram characteristics (the mode, modal amplitude, and cardiac interval dispersion) was studied in train dispatchers fitted with electrodes on the left side of the thorax, with hourly EKG readings taken during 12-h work shifts. It was found that minimal and moderate emotional stress leads to a decrease in the cardiac rhythm dispersion, while fatigue and elevated emotional stress cause increases in the R-R cardiac intervals. I.S.

A87-29944
HEAT TRANSFER IN HUMANS DURING WORK UNDER THE
TEPLOOBMEN CHELOVEKA PRI RABOTE V USLOVIYAKHS
vysokiy TEMPERATURY ARIDNOI ZONY]
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Zony, Ashkhabad, Turkmen SSR] Fiziollogiya Cheloveloka (ISSN

A87-29947
EEG CHANGES IN CONDITIONS OF ONE-TIME SLEEP
DEPRIVATION AND IN THE RESTORATION PERIOD
[IZMENENIE EEG V USLOVIYAKH ODNOKRATNOI DEPRIVATSI
SNA I V PERIOD VOSTANOVLENIIA]
IA. I. LEVIN, I. G. DALLAKIAN, and R. G. BINAURISHIVILI
(I Moskovskii Meditsinski Institut, Moscow, USSR) Fiziologiya
1026-1030. In Russian. refs
The effect of one-time sleep deprivation (for 24 h) on EEG
activity was studied by spectral analysis in 22 healthy men during
waking hours and after the first night of restoration sleep. Sleep
deprivation caused an increase in the percentage of slow rhythms
and a depression of the alpha-spectrum power. Sleep in the first
restoration night did not fully compensate for the effects of sleep
deprivation, this fact reflected by the greater than normal
percentage of the theta rhythm in the EEG after the first night of
sleep. I.S.

A87-29948
THE EFFECTS OF ATMOSPHERIC FRONTS ON PHYSICAL
WORK CAPACITY AND ON THE ADAPTIVE REACTIONS OF
THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM [VLJANIE ATMOFEPSKH
FRONTOV NA FIZICHESKIIU RABOTOSPONOBIST noc
ADAPTVNYE REAKTSII SERDECHNO-SOSUDISTO I SEMTSEG]
A. M. ARINGAZINA and K. U. KASENOV (Aktiubinskii
Gosudarstvennyi Meditsinski Institut, Aktiubinsk, Kazakh SSR)
Fiziologiya Chelevoke (ISSN 0131-1646), vol. 12, Nov.-Dec.
1986, p. 1034-1036. In Russian. refs

A87-30873
HUMAN NEUROELECTRIC PATTERNS PREDICT PERFORM-
ANCE ACCURACY
ALAN S. GEVINS, NELSON H. MORGAN, STEVEN L. BRESSLER,
BRIAN A. CUTILLO, ROSEANN M. WHITE (EEG Systems
Laboratory, San Francisco, CA) et al. Science (ISSN 0036-8075),
research. refs
In seven right-handed adults, the brain electrical patterns before
accurate performance differed from the patterns before inaccurate
performance. Activity overlaying the left frontal cortex and the motor
and parietal cortices contralateral to the performing hand preceded
accurate left- or right-hand performance. Additional strong activity
overlaying midline motor and premotor cortices preceded left-hand
performance. These measurements suggest that brief, spatially
distributed neural activity patterns, or 'preparatory sets,' in distinct
cognitive, somesthetic-motor, and integrative motor areas of the
human brain may be essential precursors of accurate visuomotor
performance. Author

N87-18979* National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
Washington, D.C.
AEROSPACE MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY: A CONTINUING
BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH INDEXES (SUPPLEMENT 295)
Mar. 1987 71 p
(NASA-SP-7011(295); NAS 1.21:7011(295)) Avail: NTIS HC A04
CSCL 06E
This bibliography lists 206 reports, articles and other documents
introduced into the NASA scientific and technical information
system in February, 1987. Author

N87-18976* National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
Washington, D.C.
AEROSPACE MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY: A CUMULATIVE INDEX
TO THE 1986 ISSUES (SUPPLEMENT 293)
Jan. 1987 251 p
(NASA-SP-7011(293); NAS 1.21:7011(293)) Avail: NTIS HC A12
CSCL 05E
This publication is a cumulative index to the abstracts contained
in the Supplements 281 through 292 of Aerospace Medicine and
Biology: A Continuing Bibliography. It includes seven indexes -
subject, personal author, corporate source, foreign technology,
contract number, report number, and accession number. Author

N87-18977* Brown Univ., Providence, R. I. Dept. of
Pathology.
GROWTH FACTOR INVOLVEMENT IN TENSION-INDUCED
SKELETAL MUSCLE GROWTH Seminannual Status Report, Sep.
1986 - Mar. 1987
HERMAN W. VANDENBURGH 1987 8 p Prepared in
cooperation with Miriam Hospital, Providence, R.I.
(Contract NAG2-414)
(NASA-CR-180201; NAS 1.26:180201) Avail: NTIS HC A02/ME
A01 CSCL 06P
New muscle tissue culture techniques were developed to grow
embryonic skeletal myofibers which are able to differentiate into
more adultlike myofibers. Studies on mechanical simulation of
cultured muscle cell growth will now be more directly applicable
to mechanically-induced growth in adult muscle, and lead to better
models for understanding muscle tissue atrophy caused by disuse
in the microgravity of space. Author

N87-18978* California Univ., San Francisco. Dept. of
Physiology.
NEURAL MECHANISMS BY WHICH GRAVITATIONAL STIMULI
AND STRESS AFFECT THE SECRETION OF RENIN AND OTHER
HORMONES Final Technical Report
WILLIAM F. GANONG 26 Mar. 1987 4 p
(Contract NAGW-490)
(NASA-CR-180246; NAS 1.26:180246) Avail: NTIS HC A02/ME
A01 CSCL 06S
The present goal is to determine by the production of discrete
lesions the parts of the hypothalamus and brainstem that are
involved in serotonin-mediated increases in renin secretion. A
variety of stimuli which act in different ways to increase renin
stimuli were developed and standardized. The experiments with
p-chloroamphetamine (PCA) demonstrated that there is a
serotonergic pathway which projects from the dorsal raphe nuclei
to the paraventricular nuclei and the ventromedial nuclei of the
hypothalamus; that projection from paraventricular nuclei to the
brainstem and spinal cord may be oxytocinergic; and that the
pathway from the spinal cord to the renin secreting cells is
sympathetic. The demonstration that paraventricular lesions lower
circulating renin substrate is important because it raises the
possibility that substrate secretion is under neural control, either
via the pituitary or by direct neural pathways. The discovery that
lesions of the ventromedial nuclei appear to abolish the increase
in renin secretion produced by many different stimuli without
affecting the concentration of renin substrate in the plasma makes
the position of the hypothalamus in the regulation of fluid and
electrolyte balance more prominent than previously suspected.
B.G.

N87-18979* California Univ., San Diego, La Jolla. Dept. of
Chemistry.
THIOL BIOCHEMISTRY OF PROKARYOTES Final Technical
ROBERT C. FAHEY 31 Dec. 1986 5 p
(Contract NAGW-342)
(NASA-CR-180257; NAS 1.26:180257) Avail: NTIS HC A02/ME
A01 CSCL 06P
The present studies have shown that GSH metabolism arose
in the purple bacteria and cyanobacteria where it functions to
protect against oxygen toxicity. Evidence was obtained indicating
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that GSH metabolism was incorporated into eucaryotes via the endosymbiosis giving rise to mitochondria and chloroplasts. Aerobic bacteria lacking GSH utilize other thiols for apparently similar functions, the thiol being coenzyme A in Gram positive bacteria and chi-glutamylcysteine in the halobacteria. The thiol biochemistry of prokaryotes is thus seen to be much more highly diversified than that of eucaryotes and much remains to be learned about this subject.

B.G.

87-18960# Aerospace Medical Research Labs., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. APPARENT MOTION AND PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE EFFECTS IN VISUAL PERCEPTION ROBERT G. EGGLESTON Jun. 1986 164 p (AD-A174424; AD-E900657; AAMRL-TR-86-027) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 05J

The process by which two visual stimuli presented at one time (t1) are paired with two different stimuli presented at a later time (t2) was investigated. Since there was more than one way for the stimuli to mate across frames, the task involved a problem in correspondence. It was proposed that the solution to a correspondence problem would be influenced (1) by the solution to the immediately preceding, or prior, one, and (2) by variations in the spatio-temporal characteristics of the sequentially presented apparent movement displays. When the prior and current correspondence problems were identical in structure, the influence of the former problem on the latter one was called a hysteresis effect; when the two problems were not identical in structure, the interaction between problems was called a priming effect. The results of eight experiments showed that (1) the hysteresis effect and priming effects were significant, and (2) the magnitude of both effects was related to the spatio-temporal parameters of the display sequence. In addition, both effects can operate in a telegraphic mode, can tolerate a difference in the type of solution between the prior and current problems, and more recent correspondence problems have a larger prior correspondence effect than more frequent but less recent correspondence problems.


This report presents the first results of an effort to model vision processes operating in the early layers of the human retina. The ultimate goal of this research is to develop a robot vision system based on computational principles of human vision. These include massive parallelism, dynamic feedback, and multilayer pattern recognition. Two neural models were developed. The first represented early vision in terms of static two-dimensional linear equations using a linear matrix and limited feedback. The second considered dynamic two-dimensional nonlinear processes and used matrices of nonlinear differential equations. The first set of equations was parameterized using psychophysical data from subjective intensity judgements for visual illusions. Illusions were quantified by creating a digitized image representing the subjective effect of human perception when exposed to input patterns. A Fourier transform was made of the input and output patterns and used to solve for the coefficients of the retinal operator equations. The equations were then applied to new illusions and compared with human subjective results through three dimensional plots of output pixel intensities. The second model with dynamic equations was studied using a computer simulation developed to operate on varying input wave forms and variable neural connection topologies.


This paper reviews new estimates of the LD sub 50 in man by Mole and by Rotblat, the biological processes contributing to hematologic death, the collection of animal experiments dealing with hematologic death, and the use of regression analysis to make new estimates of human mortality based on all relevant animal studies. Regression analysis of animal mortality data has shown that mortality is dependent strongly on dose rate, species, body weight, and time interval over which the exposure is delivered. The model has predicted human LD sub 50s of 194, 250, 310, and 380 rad to marrow when the exposure time is a minute, an hour, a day, and a week, respectively.


This bibliography lists 171 reports, articles and other documents introduced into the NASA scientific and technical information system in March, 1987.


Contact lenses are an alternative method to spectacles for correcting refractive errors, but the U.S. Air Force prohibits the wearing of contact lenses by all aircrew members unless medically or optically indicated (AFR 167-3). The USAF School of Aerospace Medicine has a clinical contact lens study consisting of 55 individuals wearing contact lenses for eye defects such as keratoconus, aphakia, anisometropia, and other special indications. Of these 55 subjects, 33 had medical conditions affecting their vision and were unconditionally grounded. Thirty-one of these individuals (18 of 19 pilots, 8 of 9 navigators, 5 of 5 other categories) were visually rehabilitated and returned to full flight status by the use of contact lenses. Hard lenses were used in 70% of the cases, and soft lenses were used in 30%. The large number of USAF aviators required to wear spectacles and new head-born equipment has created compatibility problems with the standard USAF aviators' spectacle. For this spectacle compatibility problem, contact lenses appear as a viable alternative. However, concerns remain about the potential aviation hazards, such as +Gz effects, bubble formation and corneal hypoxia.

87-18965# Army Research Inst. of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass. PLASMA OPIOID PEPTIDE RESPONSES DURING HEAT ACCLIMATION IN HUMANS WILLIAM J. KRAEMER, LAWRENCE E. ARMSTRONG, LOUIS J. MARCHITELLI, ROGER W. HUBBARD, and NATALIE LEVA 27 Oct. 1986 22 p (AD-A174771; USARIEM-M-7-87) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 06O

Peptides, i.e., Plasma Beta-endorphin, Met-enkephalin and Peptide F immunoreactivity (ir) were measured at rest and following exercise on three days of an eight-day heat acclimation regime. Fourteen male subjects demonstrated physiological heat acclimation adaptations. The data demonstrated a differential
response of peripheral plasma levels of endogenous opioid peptides (EOP) to exercise in the heat. In addition, EOP did not follow the same time-course of other physiological adaptations as no differences resting or exercise levels were observed over the eight-day heat acclimation regime. Significant increases in Beta-endorphin ir (pre-to post exercise) appear to reflect concurrent exercise-heat related changes. Furthermore, the increased peripheral levels of Beta-endorphin may be related to increased glucocorticoid activity. Heat and exercise stress may result in a reduction of Met-enkephalin ir observed in peripheral plasma and might be due to degradation or a decrease in processing from the larger precursors. The differential responses of EOP suggest the possibility of separate physiological roles for these peptides during exercise in the heat but peripheral plasma levels of EOP do not appear to reflect heat acclimation changes. GRA

N87-19894# Army Research Inst. of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass.
EFFECTS OF HYPOHYDRATION OR COLD EXPOSURE AND RESTRICTED FLUID INTAKE UPON COGNITIVE PERFORMANCE
(AD-A174855; USAIEM-T15/86) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 05J
The effects of initial hydration state upon cognitive performance during cold exposure were examined. Testing, Coding, Number Comparison, Computer Interaction, Pattern Comparison, and Grammatical Reasoning were used to assess the cognitive performance of 36 male Marine volunteers. All subjects practiced the tests extensively the 3 days before the cold exposure. Each test was usually given 5 times per day for 4 minutes per administration. Computer Interaction was practiced 5 times per day for 7 minutes. Two groups of 18 subjects each were studied, 21 days apart, for 10 consecutive days. The second group of subjects was dehydrated by 2.5% of their body weight by severe fluid restriction and exercise-induced sweating the day before the cold exposure, the first group was normally-hydrated. All subjects spent 5 days in an environmental chamber where temperatures during the day were -20 to -25 C with 4 km/h winds and night conditions ranged from -4 to -10 C without wind. In the cold the subjects wore protective arctic uniforms; afterwards, recovery, was evaluated for 27 hours. All cognitive assessment was interspersed with extensive physical work. Subjects exercised vigorously each day by walking, running, and pulling simulated loads on a treadmill. Hardware was worn during precold, cold, and recovery testing. The subjects' fluid intake was controlled and limited throughout the study. GRA

N87-19895# Army Research Inst. of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass.
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION DURING STRENUOUS HEAT ACCLIMATION EXERCISE
(AD-A174862; USAIEM-M-4/87) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 06S
This investigation reports the heat exhaustion signs and symptoms (SAS) which fourteen healthy, unacclimatized males experienced during 8 days of heat acclimation (HA) in an environmental chamber (41.2 + or - 0.5 C db, 39.0 + or - 1.7 % RH). Daily HA trials consisted of intensities of 63.0 + or - 2.8 to 71.8 + or - 2.9 (range: 51 - 95 %VO2max). Typical physiological adaptations to heat occurred. Mean day 1 vs day 8 values were: final HR = 169 + or - 3 vs 144 + or - 5 beats/min, final Tre = 39.19 + or - 0.10 vs 39.55 + or - 0.17 C, final Tsk = 37.56 + or - 0.26 C, % VO2max = 7.33 + or - 0.65 vs 5.85 + or - 1.31. Mean entering body weight was stable from day 1 to day 8, except that subject N lost 5.44 kg from day 5 to day 8. Subject N was one of four subjects who exhibited a lack of physiological adaptations in HR, Tre, Tsk and % delta PV. 12 out of 14 subjects (85.7%) experienced one or more SAS (e.g., dizziness, chills, abdominal cramps, vomiting). SAS occurred in 20 out of 112 trials (17.8%). SAS were not more prevalent at high exercise intensities; the greatest number of SAS occurred at 50-69% VO2max of SAS occurred at 50 - 69% VO2max. GRA

N87-19896# Army Research Inst. of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass.
APPEARANCE OF INGESTED H SUB 2 (18O) IN PLASMA AND SWEAT DURING EXERCISE-HEAT EXPOSURE
LAWRENCE E. ARMSTRONG, ROGER W. HUBBARD, STEVEN H. ZEISEL, and MORTEZA JANGHORBANI 24 Nov. 1986 17 p
(AD-A174871; USAIEM-M-11-87) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 06S
A study of human water transport and eccrine sweat gland function measured the rate of appearance of H2 O-18 in plasma and sweat. Four healthy males were exposed for 6 h to a hot, wet environment (37.1 C db, 31.3 C wb) and to intermittent cycle ergometer protocols. Baseline plasma (antecubital vein) and scraped sweat samples were collected (-30 to 0 min) prior to administration of 100 g of labelled water (84.7% O-16, 15.3% O-18) via nasogastric tube at 0 min. Samples were analyzed using isotopic ratio mass spectrometry. The isotopic enrichment of baseline sweat samples were slightly greater than that of plasma samples. Peak enrichment (O-18/O-16 Ratio) in plasma (range: 2.4908 - 2.7206 x .001) occurred at 21 - 28 min postdose and at 21 - 45 min postdose in sweat (range: 2.3088 - 2.6666 x .001). The O-18/O-16 Ratio in plasma and sweat declined rapidly, then declined slowly for the remaining heat exposure. The appearance of H2 O-18 in sweat reflected that of plasma; neither curve was significantly altered by exercise intensity, duration, or frequency. This is the first known stable isotope data to verify that ingested fluid is rapidly assimilated and becomes available for evaporative cooling during work in the heat. GRA

N87-19897# McMaster Univ., Hamilton (Ontario). Dept. of Medicine.
OXYGEN TRANSPORT DURING EXERCISE AT EXTREME SIMULATED ALTITUDE: OPERATION EVEREST 2
JOHN R. SUTTON, JOHN T. REEVES, PETER D. WAGNER, BERTRON M. GROVES, and ALLEN CYRERMAN Oct. 1986 54 p
(Contract DAM17-85-C-5206; DA PROJ. 3E1-62777-A-879) (AD-A175280) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 06S
A decrease in maximal oxygen uptake has been demonstrated with increasing altitude. In this study 8 healthy males, aged 21 to 31 yrs, were examined at rest and during steady state exercise at sea level, and the following barometric pressures: 428, 347, 282, and 240 torr during a 40-day simulated ascent of Mt. Everest. The subjects exercised on a cycle ergometer and electrocardiograph, ventilation and expired gas samples were measured for heart rate, ventilation, VO2 and VCO2. Arterial and mixed venous blood was collected from indwelling radial or brachial and pulmonary artery catheters for analysis of blood gases, oxygen saturation and content and lactate. As barometric pressure decreased there was a reduced exercise capacity with VO2 max decreasing from 3.9 l/m at sea level to 1.1 l/m at PB 240 torr. This was associated with profound hypoxemia and hypocapnia, at 60 Watts exercise PaO2 = 28 + or - 1 Torr and PCO2 11 + or - 1 Torr, with marked reduction in PV02 = 14.8 + or - 1 Torr (x + or - 1 SEM). Considering the major factors responsible for transfer of oxygen from the atmosphere to the tissues the most important adaptations occurred in ventilation where a four-fold increase in alveolar ventilation was observed. Diffusion from the capillary to the tissue mitochondria reflected by PVO2 was also increased with altitude. Blood lactate was reduced at maximal exercise at increasing altitudes which suggested a reduced contribution from anaerobic metabolism to energy supply. GRA
AEROSPACE MEDICINE

N87-19898#   Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Pa.
Aircraft and Crew Systems Technology Directorate.
PERFORMANCE AND PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF ACCELERATION-INDUCED (+GZ) LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS Final Report

Flight profiles flown in today's aircraft routinely introduce the pilot to G levels above individual tolerances, especially with the acceleration stresses imposed by air combat maneuvering. This place the pilot in a situation where loss of consciousness (LOC) could occur with little or no warning and of which he may not be aware did occur, even after he regains consciousness and recovers the aircraft. The objective of this study is to determine how well and soon a pilot can regain control of an aircraft if he accidentally loses consciousness while in a high-G maneuver. A secondary objective is to determine how much warning time a pilot has from peripheral light loss (PLL) until he experiences LOC. Eight volunteers were repeatedly taken to deliberate LOC on the NAVAIRDEV/CEN human centrifuge under these different G-onset conditions simulating a TACAIR environment. Twenty LOC episodes occurred during the study. The period of complete incapacitation for all LOCs was a mean 12.6 seconds which, when combined with the period of confusion and disorientation immediately following recovery, results in a total mean time of 25 seconds during which the pilot is unable to adequately perform. This is more than enough time for a disaster to occur, especially in an unstable aircraft.

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Aircraft and Crew Systems Technology Directorate.
PULSE WAVE DELAY FOR +GZ TOLERANCE ASSESSMENT Interim Report
LEONID HREBIEN Apr. 1986 11 p. (AD-A175585; NADC-86140-60) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 06S

We have found that pulse wave delay increases linearly with +Gz experienced by conscious subjects and that G-tolerance limits as measured using conventional light bars occur repeatedly at the same pulse wave delays or delta delay. When protective modalities such as anti-G suits or supinating seats are used, the delta delays increase at a slower rate as a function of +Gz. G-tolerance thresholds occur at higher +Gz levels with protective but the delta pulse wave delays reach the same value for all tolerance levels. This parameter can be used to warn expert systems of the approach of GLOC during actual flight and/or provides an objective measure of G-protection provided by new or modified anti-G equipment. Therefore, this tool can be used in the research setting to evaluate the efficacy of G-protective equipment in an objective manner.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Includes psychological factors; individual and group behavior; crew training and evaluation; and psychiatric research.

A87-28211* Stanford Univ., Calif.
THE SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS OF COLOR IMAGES
BRIAN A. WANDELL (Stanford University, CA) IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (ISSN 0162-8828), vol. PAMI-9, Jan. 1987, p. 2-13. Previously announced in STAR as N86-10777. refs (Contract NIH-2-R01-03164; NCC-307; NCC-332)

A method is described for performing the synthesis and analysis of digital color images. The method is based on two principles.

First, image data are represented with respect to the separa-
physical factors, surface reflectance and the spectral power distribution of the ambient light, that give rise to the perceived color of an object. Second, the encoding is made efficiently by using a basis expansion for the surface spectral reflectance and spectral power distribution of the ambient light that takes advantage of the high degree of correlation across the visible wavelengths normally found in such functions. Within this framework, the same basic methods can be used to synthesize image data for color display monitors and printed materials, and to analyze image data into estimates of the spectral power distribution and surface spectral reflectances. The method can be applied to a variety of tasks. Examples of applications include the color balancing of color images, and the identification of material surface spectral reflectance when the lighting cannot be completely controlled.

A87-31210# HELPING THE PILOT HANDLE THE SUPERCOCKPIT

Human factors are a focus in design studies for advanced cockpits, where pilots will have instantaneous access to sensor data. Workload control methods are being examined by monitoring physiological responses to piloting tasks. Heart rate, blinking and EEG frequencies increase with workload. An EEG wave pattern (p-300) has been correlated with the moment of decision. Its decrease in amplitude with the duration of high workload signals impaired decision-making. Microencephalographic sensors are being developed for in-flight p-300 wave monitoring of military pilots. Other research includes the development of blackout sensors, an electronic 'pilot's associate' to aid pilots after blackouts, and a Virtual Panorama Display which would analyze the pilot workload for a given image. Sound stimuli and their mode of presentation are being examined to replace some visual data displays. In the most farseeing studies, consideration is being given to tuning supercockpits directly to pilot brainwaves.

M.S.K.
A field experiment is reported in which subject's expectations regarding cues to detection of selected target types, and the effect such expectations might have on time to detection, were investigated. A scenario procedure for measurement of availability of certain features on individual targets and the subject's expectations is introduced. The variation of search time with mismatch is examined, and it is found that there is no evidence of its dependence on the extent of mismatch.

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A four degree of freedom mathematical model was developed to describe the effects of varying helmet weight and center-of-gravity (CG) on the vibration characteristics of the head-neck-helmet system. The model consists of two pivot points connected by a system of rotational springs. Experimental data, collected from six subjects exposed to single- and multiple-axis vibration while wearing a variable weight/variable CG helmet, was used to determine rotational spring coefficients. Data from a simplified model was compared to experimental head-neck motion data to illustrate the change in head-neck-helmet motion due to the change in helmet weight and CG. Eventual optimization of the mathematical model will produce a useful tool to predict changes in pilot head-neck motion due to changes in helmet design.

Author

The possible radiation-shielding effect of the geomagnetic field is investigated in connection with the protection of manned spacecraft against solar cosmic rays. Calculations were carried out via numerical integration for circular satellite orbits at heights from 300 to 1000 km and for orbital-plane inclination angles from 50 to 90 deg. The calculations indicate that the geomagnetic field effectively reduces the radiation hazard of solar cosmic rays at heights of 300-400 km.

B.J.

The man-machine interface (MMI) is the cornerstone on which system architectures proposed for the ATC Advanced Automation System (AAS) must be built. Emphasis is laid on the workstation (sector suite console) and software controlling the MMI and the design methodology used by the FAA before initiating the design competition phase (DCP) of the AAS program. The AAS is to increase safety, efficiency and fuel savings, while accommodating evolutionary changes over the 20-30 yr life of the system. The design specifications were drawn from recommendations of a user team consisting of computer experts, active ATO personnel, human factors experts and engineers. The results of the 10,000 manhours devoted to the specifications definition are summarized in terms of the operational requirements, operations concept formulation,
MMI functional and performance and console requirements. M.S.K.

A87-30273
THE QUANTIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL SUITABILITY

The development of the requirements and operational suitability assessments of emerging designs developed by engineers, human factors scientists and active ATC personnel for the FAA Advanced Automation System is described. Emphasis is laid on the man-machine interface (MMI) design specifications which were defined for the two prime contractors for design proposals. Efforts were directed at obtaining a detailed operations concept for the MMI in terms of a validated set of system events, i.e., a complete characterization of the controller's job. Analysis of controller tasks permitted exploration of the ergonomic aspects of the MMI. Several examples are provided of specific tasks the proposed designs must perform, and milestone demonstrations being required of the contractors during the design competition phase are outlined. M.S.K.

A87-30849
AN APPROACH TO SCENE DESIGN FOR REAL-TIME COMPUTER-GENERATED IMAGERY

Three theoretical approaches to defining the factors governing perception of space and surfaces are explored, with emphasis on the relevance for eliciting distance judgments with computer-generated imagery (CGI) for training simulators. The discussion covers depth-cue theory, ecological theory and a computational approach to vision used for AI systems. The specific hypotheses, and empirical data supporting each approach, are described. The effects of the size, shape, continuity, texture, motions, detail and geometric properties of objects in CGI scenery are discussed. M.S.K.

A87-31120
NEW CONCEPTS IN TELE-AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS
LYNN CONWAY, RICHARD VOLZ, and MICHAEL WALKER (Michigan, University, Ann Arbor) AIAA, NASA, and USAF, Symposium on Automation, Robotics and Advanced Computing for the National Space Program, 2nd, Arlington, VA, Mar. 9-11, 1987. 17 p. Research supported by the University of Michigan. refs

(AIAA PAPER 87-1686)

Generic design concepts for semi-autonomous robotic systems amenable to facile human intervention when situations arise that cannot be handled by on-board AI programming are explored. Attention is focused on systems where an operator has a televised view of a robot manipulator controllable with a joystick. Problems inherent in the time delays between command and feedback in long-distance tele-operations can be ameliorated with a local simulation of the robot superimposed over the actual situation. The forward simulation can be used even when no time delays are present, i.e., a time clutch, to disengage the operator actions from the robot actions. A position clutch can disconnect path generation commands from robot actions, allowing the operator to test close maneuvers before translating the simulation into robot motions. A time brake would allow avoidance of robot crashes into obstacles that appear along a generated path. Finally, protocols are described for permitting smooth tradeoffs among human operators or back to the machine AI system. M.S.K.

N87-18983*# Texas A&M Univ., College Station. Regenerative Concepts Group.
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR A FOOD PRODUCTION, WATER AND WASTE PROCESSING, AND GAS REGENERATION MODULE Semiannual Progress Report
O. W. NICKS 15 Nov. 1986 97 p
(Contract NAG-9-161)
(NASA-CR-180208; NAS 1.26:180208; SRC-5494-1) Available: NTIS HC A05/ MF A01 CSCL 05K

During the first six month period, the RECON (Regenerative Concepts Group) team collected reference material, made visits to consult with other researchers, and invited distinguished visitors to speak on the status of closed life support activities. A decision was made to develop the data base and modeling such that artificial intelligence (AI) methods could be used to manipulate data and examine concept alternatives. Six discrete tasks and a project schedule were outlined for the first year. The first two tasks have been essentially completed and have resulted in a sample set of assumptions for general use in defining candidate systems and for the specification of closed system characteristics. To model a closed environment, decisions were necessary to establish the amounts of food, air, water and waste products. Although recognized that data would eventually be normalized on the basis of a single human, the amount of data in existence for four person crews led to the decision to use this as a baseline. Information on existing concepts was collected from NASA sources, from industry, and libraries. Concept modeling was begun, hardware and software obtained, technical tasks identified and experimental work initiated.

Author

TELEROBOTIC ASSEMBLY OF SPACE STATION TRUSS STRUCTURE
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Discussed are methods of assembling the space station's structure utilizing only telerobotic devices, i.e.: (1) an approximately anthropomorphic telerobot with two dextrous arms; (2) the Shuttle Remote Manipulator System (SRNS); (3) various material handling machines. Timelines and task recommendations for autonomous operations are also included. Also described are some experimental results comparing two manipulator control devices. Author

N87-18985*# Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena
STEREO DEPTH DISTORTIONS IN TELEOPERATION
DANIEL B. DINER and MARIKA VONSYDOW 1 Feb. 1987 54 p
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In teleoperation, a typical application of stereo vision is to view a work space located short distances (1 to 3 meters) in front of the cameras. Discussed are converged camera placement and the effects of intercamera distance, camera-to-object viewing distance, and focal length of the camera lenses on both stereo depth resolution and stereo depth distortion. While viewing the fronto-parallel plane 1.3 meters in front of the cameras, depth errors on the order of 2 centimeters are measured. A geometric analysis was made of the distortion of the fronto-parallel plane of convergence for stereo TV viewing. Results were then verified experimentally. The objective was to determine the optimal camera configuration which gave high stereo depth resolution while minimizing stereo depth distortion. It was found that for converged cameras at a fixed camera-to-object viewing distance, larger intercamera distances allow higher depth resolutions, but cause greater depth distortions. Thus with larger intercamera distances, operators will make greater depth errors (because of the greater distortions), but will be more certain that they are not errors
(because of the higher resolution). The analysis predicts camera configurations and a camera motion strategy that minimize stereo depth distortion without sacrificing stereo depth resolution.

ALTERNATING-FIELD STEREOSCOPIC DISPLAYS USING LIGHT-SCATTERING LIQUID CRYSTAL SPECTACLES

P. MILGRAM and R. VANDERHORST 4 Dec. 1985 20 p Submitted for publication

Field-sequential stereoscopic means of displaying three dimensional visual images are reviewed. The conventional electro-optic shutter devices used for viewing such displays employ either twisted nematic liquid crystals or PLTZ ceramics. Both of these methods suffer the drawback of severe reduction in the brightness of the display image being observed. A field sequential stereoscopic viewing apparatus employing light-scattering cholesteric liquid crystals is proposed. Advantages of this device include minimal reduction in image brightness, full color, and reduced visual fatigue.

IMPROVED GUIDANCE AND CONTROL AUTOMATION AT THE MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

WALTER M. HOLLISTER, ed. Dec. 1986 123 p

Modern control and display technology has already reduced significantly the workload associated with piloting all forms of airborne vehicles. However, increased demands on the pilot make it desirable to establish how automation may further reduce both the cognitive and decision-making workload of the pilot. There is evidence that under high workload, in poor visibility, or for maximum combat capability, the pilot could perform better with control inputs more directly related to the outputs over which he needs control. There are also basic questions as to what information the pilot really needs, what control and management functions can be automated, and what functions must the pilot retain to perform his task satisfactorily in relation to different mission aspects. The AGARD GCP/WG.07 members were asked to identify the most promising options for improved automation at the man-machine interface of flight vehicles and present their findings.

PILOT INTERACTION WITH AUTOMATED AIRBORNE DECISION MAKING SYSTEMS Semiannual Progress Report, Mar. 1986 - Feb. 1987

JOHN M. HAMMER, C. YOON WAN, and VIJAY VASANDANI Feb. 1987 86 p

The current research is focused on detection of human error and protection from its consequences. A program for monitoring pilot error by comparing pilot actions to a script was described. It dealt primarily with errors (slips) that occurred during checklist activity. The model to which operator actions were compared was a script. Current research is an extension along these two dimensions. The ORS fault detection aid uses a sophisticated device model rather than a script. The newer initiative, the model-based and constraint-based warning system, uses an even more sophisticated device model and is to prevent all types of error, not just slips or bad decision.

N87-19905# Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.


THOMAS B. SHERIDAN, LEONID CHARNY, MAX B. MENDELS, and JAMES B. ROSEBOROUGH 31 Jul. 1986 20 p

This paper poses a framework for considering human supervisory control of semi-automatic systems. It analyzes supervisory control into specific human functions and gives examples of research that have been done and/or are needed with respect to each of these functions. For each such function it is argued that the human supervisory operator necessarily has a corresponding mental model, and potentially can have a computer-based decision aid. The relation of the proposed framework to the canonical modern control paradigm is also discussed, as are the reasonable limitations of our ability to model such a complex human machine interaction which itself exercises a high degree of free choice. Three accompanying papers offer detailed contributions to three of the supervisory functions (and corresponding decision aids) which heretofore have been neglected, namely: (1) formulation of objectives by satisfying; (2) acquisition, calibration and combination of measures of process state; and (3) estimation of process state from current measure and past control actions.

N87-19906# Air Force Human Resources Lab., Brooks AFB, Tex.

HUMAN FACTORS TECHNOLOGIES: PAST PROMISES, FUTURE ISSUES Final Technical Paper

EARL A. ALLUSSI Dec. 1986 12 p

Discussed are what are viewed as major issues confronting the human factors profession. The small size of the human factors work force, relative to the hardware/software engineering work force, is fundamental to the several issues discussed: How can leverage be generated? How can computer technologies be used to make a leveraged impact on design? How can applicable data and databases be constructed or generated for the computer-based leverage needed? The paper addresses the resolution of these issues with some specific examples.

N87-19907# Rockefeller Univ., New York.


ROBERT SHAPIRO 8 Aug. 1986 8 p

The initial objective of this project was to investigate the relationship between the temporal filtering properties of visual neurons and the performance of human observers when they view intermittent visual displays, e.g., video screens. The scope of the project was reduced by the support level set by AFOSR to focus just on human observers and to omit any experiments on neurons in experimental animals. Specific aims of the project initially included the design and fabrication of a variable-raster-rate electro-optic display, and the use of this novel device to measure the contrast sensitivity function at different raster rates. These two specific aims have been reached and are described in the full report.
in cold, rough seas; exposure to cold wind, spray and waves atop an overturned boat; and exposure to cold air and waves in an open, one-man liferaft. The test garments were: flight suit (FS); two-piece wet suit (WS); insulated, loose-fitting aviation (AC) and boatcrew (BC) coveralls; uninsulated dry suit (NI); NI with a 5 cm tear in the shoulder seam (NX). All garments were worn over cotton thermal underwear; an additional layer of insulated, short-sleeve underwear was worn with NI and NX. 8 Coast Guard crewmen were the test subjects; mean age = 23 yrs; mean ht. = 175 cm; mean wt. = 72 kg; mean body fat = 11%. Significant differences between cooling rates in water and those on the boat or in the raft were found for all garments except NI and WS (boat). The results demonstrate that survivors maintain higher skin temps, and slower cooling rates out of the water, even when exposed to continuous wind, spray and waves than when they remain immersed in rough seas. Insulated, intact-dry-suits provide better immersion protection than do either tight-fitting wet suits or loose-fitting coveralls; leaky dry suits provide no better protection than do loose-fitting coveralls. The best survival environment is provided by the one-man liferaft. Linear cooling rates were used to estimate survival times in 6.1 C rough seas for personnel wearing each of the test garments.

N87-19099# Anacapa Sciences, Inc., Fort Rucker, Ala.
KENNETH D. CROSS and SANDRA M. SZABO Nov. 1986 224 p
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Each summary description contains a background section that describes the rationale for the research and the research objectives, a research rationale for the research and the research objectives, a research approach section that describes the tasks and activities required to fulfill the project objectives, a results section that describes the research findings, and a project status section that describes the work completed and projections for future research, if any. Subjects covered include: retention of helicopter flying skills; relearning helicopter flying skills; Army aviator training; Army aviator selection test; Army aviator performance measurement/evaluation; Army helicopter workstation design; helicopter flight simulators; flight simulators for training simulator sickness; aviator peer evaluation; aviator safety; and aviator training media.

N87-1910# Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif.
MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS IN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND HUMAN FACTORS Final Report, Jan. - Jul. 1984
RONALD A. ERICKSON Sep. 1986 63 p
(AD-A175353; AD-E900639; NWC-TP-6740) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 12B

This report presents information from a number of sources on the development of measures of effectiveness (MOEs) for use in human factors and systems analysis.

N87-1911# Aerospace Medical Research Labs., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
AN ASSESSMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EXPERT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY FOR APPLICATION TO MANAGEMENT OF COCKPIT SYSTEMS
WAYNE L. MARTIN Sep. 1986 125 p
(AD-A175456; AAMRL-TR-86-040) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 06D

A review of the literature in the field of artificial intelligence was performed to identify research and development efforts in industry, academia, and government laboratories that may be relevant (or relatable) to the cockpit management function in tomorrow's aircraft. Individual chapters address the following topics: Chapter 1 - An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems; Chapter 2 - Artificial Intelligence Development Applications in DARPA, DOD, and NASA; Chapter 3 - State-of-the-Art Review and Projection of Future Expert System

54 MAN/SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY AND LIFE SUPPORT

55 SPACE BIOLOGY

Includes exobiology; planetary biology; and extraterrestrial life.

A87-30492* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.
PERENNIAL N2 SUPERSATURATION IN AN ANTARCTIC LAKE
ROBERT A. WHARTON, JR., CHRISTOPHER P. MCKAY, ROCCO L. MANCINELLI (NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA), and GEORGE M. SIMMONS, JR. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg) Nature (ISSN 0028-0836), vol. 325, Jan. 22, 1987, p. 343-345, refs
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The results of a study are reported which, for the first time, documents the supersaturation of N2 in a lake. Dissolved N2 levels of 145 percent and 163 percent were determined for Antarctica's Lake Hoare from samples taken just below the ice cover and at a depth of 12 m, respectively. The relative importance of biological and abiological sources is reflected in the ratio of N2 concentration to O2 concentration. In Lake Hoare this ratio was 1.20 at the ice/water interface and 1.05 at 12 m, considerably different from the ratio in equilibrium with air (about 1.8). Based on these results, it is determined that about half of the net O2 production in the lake is the result of biological processes. The significance of these results for the putative ice-covered paleolakes in the canyon regions of Mars is discussed.

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