



# **Human Health and Performance Risk Management**

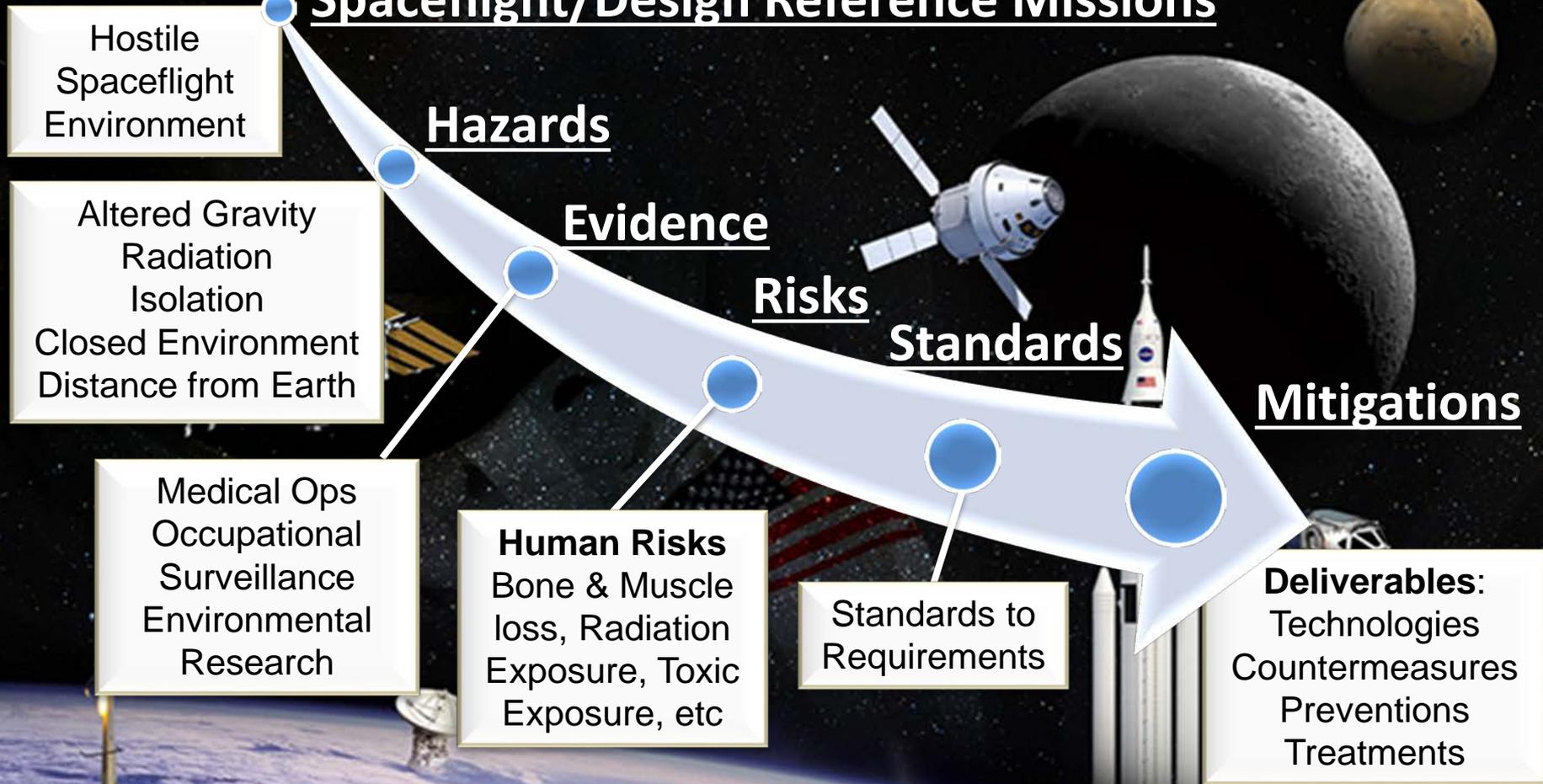
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# NASA Human Health and Performance

Goal: Enable Successful Space Exploration by Minimizing the Risks of Spaceflight Hazards

## Spaceflight/Design Reference Missions





# Hazards of Spaceflight

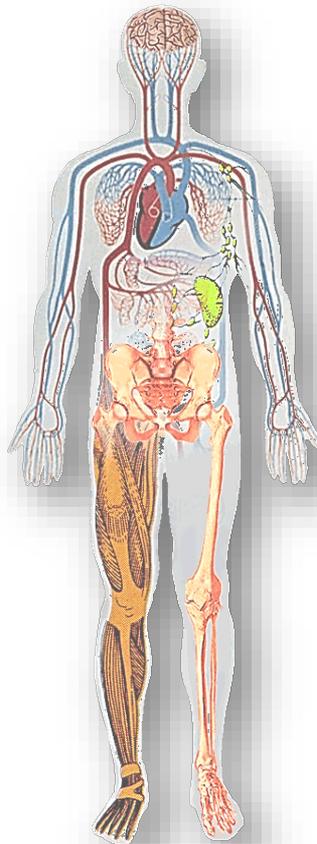
## Hazards Drive Human Spaceflight Risks

### Altered Gravity - Physiological Changes

Balance Disorders  
Fluid Shifts  
Cardiovascular Deconditioning  
Muscle Atrophy  
Bone Loss

### Space Radiation

Acute In-flight effects  
Long term cancer risk



### Distance from earth

Drives the need for additional  
“autonomous” medical care  
capacity – cannot come home for  
treatment

### Hostile/ Closed Environment

Vehicle Design  
Environmental – CO<sub>2</sub> Levels,  
Toxic Exposures, Water, Food  
Decreased Immune Function

### Isolation & Confinement

Behavioral aspect of isolation  
Sleep disorders



**All of the Human Risks are evaluated against the following categories:**

DRM Categories	Mission Duration	Gravity Environment	Radiation Environment	Earth Return
Low Earth Orbit	6 months	Microgravity	LEO - Van Allen	1 day or less
	1 year	Microgravity	LEO - Van Allen	1 day or less
Deep Space Sortie	1 month	Microgravity	Deep Space	< 5 days
Lunar Visit/Habitation	1 year	1/6g	Lunar	5 Days
Deep Space Journey/Habitation	1 year	Microgravity	Deep Space	Weeks to Months
Planetary Visit/Habitation	3 years	Fractional	Planetary*	Months

\*Planet has no magnetic poles, limited atmosphere

**Examples of Missions that would fall into the DRM Categories:**

**Low Earth Orbit** – ISS6, ISS12, Commercial Suborbital, Commercial Visits to ISS, future commercial platforms in LEO

**Deep Space Sortie:** MPCV test flights, moon fly around or landing, visits to L1/L2, deep space excursion

**Lunar Habitation:** Staying on the surface more than 30 Days (less than 30 days would be similar)

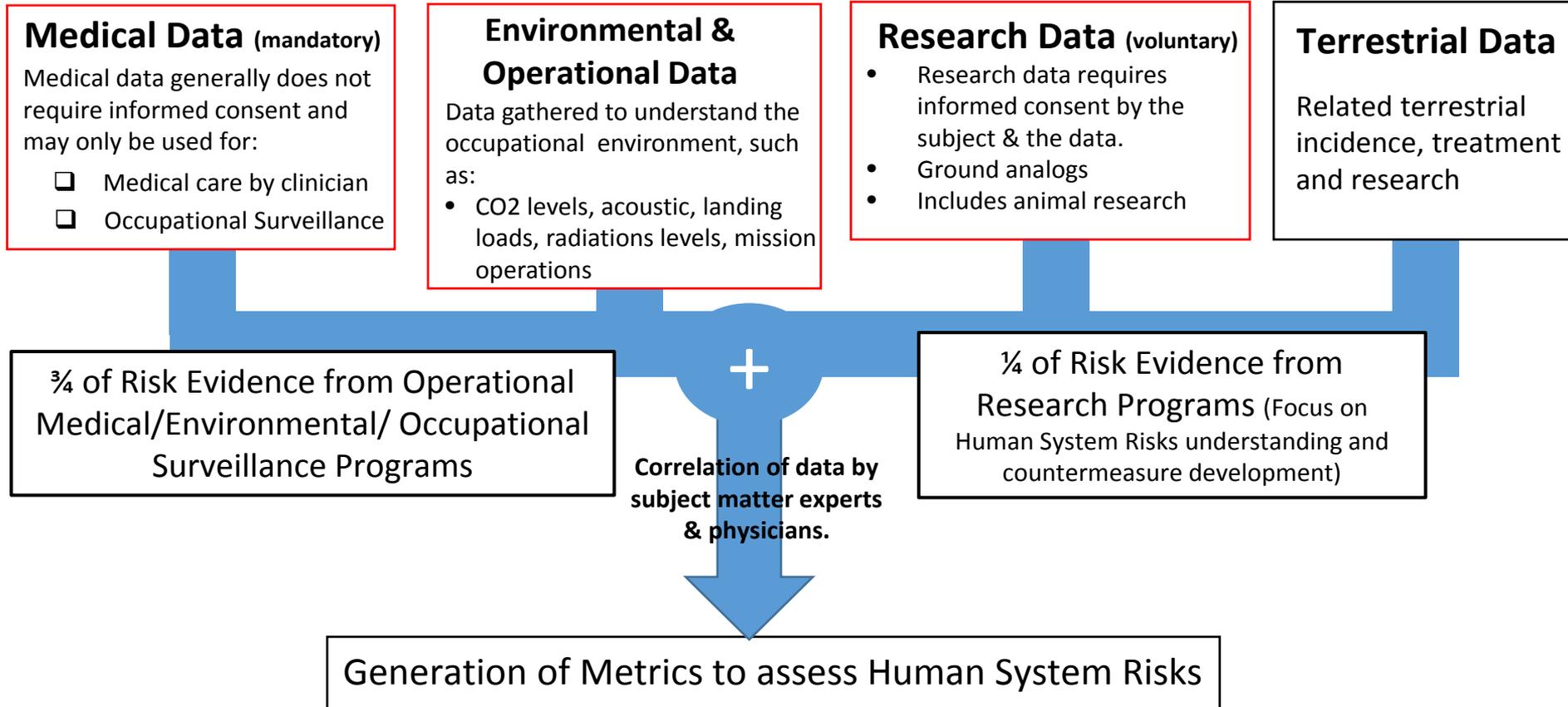
**Deep Space Habitation:** L1/L2 Habitation, Asteroid visit, journey to planets

**Planetary Habitation:** Living on a planetary surface, MARS



Evidence is gathered from in-flight medical and research operations, spaceflight analogs, terrestrial analogs, and/or animal data. Data must be correlated from NASA medical (LSAH), research (LSDA), environmental & terrestrial data bases.

## NASA/HMTA Human Risks Evidence Base





# Summary of Human Risks of Spaceflight

## Grouped by Hazards – 30 Human Risks

### **Altered Gravity Field**

1. Spaceflight-Induced Intracranial Hypertension/Vision Alterations
2. Renal Stone Formation
3. Impaired Control of Spacecraft/Associated Systems and Decreased Mobility Due to Vestibular/Sensorimotor Alterations Associated with Space Flight
4. Bone Fracture due to spaceflight Induced changes to bone
5. Impaired Performance Due to Reduced Muscle Mass, Strength & Endurance
6. Reduced Physical Performance Capabilities Due to Reduced Aerobic Capacity
7. Adverse Health Effects Due to Host-Microorganism Interactions
8. Urinary Retention
9. Orthostatic Intolerance During Re-Exposure to Gravity
10. Cardiac Rhythm Problems
11. Space Adaptation Back Pain

### **Radiation**

1. Space Radiation Exposure on Human Health (cancer, cardio and CNS)

### **Distance from Earth**

1. Adverse Health Outcomes & Decrements in Performance due to inflight Medical Conditions
2. Ineffective or Toxic Medications due to Long Term Storage

### **Isolation**

1. Adverse Cognitive or Behavioral Conditions & Psychiatric Disorders
2. Performance & Behavioral health Decrements Due to Inadequate Cooperation, Coordination, Communication, & Psychosocial Adaptation within a Team

### **Hostile/Closed Environment-Spacecraft Design**

1. Acute and Chronic Carbon Dioxide Exposure
2. Performance decrement and crew illness due to inadequate food and nutrition
3. Reduced Crew Performance and of Injury Due to Inadequate Human-System Interaction Design (HSID)
4. Injury from Dynamic Loads
5. Injury and Compromised Performance due to EVA Operations
6. Adverse Health & Performance Effects of Celestial Dust Exposure
7. Adverse Health Event Due to Altered Immune Response
8. Reduced Crew Health and Performance Due to Hypobaric Hypoxia
9. Performance Decrements & Adverse Health Outcomes Resulting from Sleep Loss, Circadian Desynchronization, & Work Overload
10. Decompression Sickness
11. Toxic Exposure
12. Hearing Loss Related to Spaceflight
13. Injury from Sunlight Exposure
14. Crew Health Due to Electrical Shock

### **Concerns**

1. Clinically Relevant Unpredicted Effects of Meds
2. Intervertebral Disc Damage upon & immediately after re-exposure to Gravity



## ISS Crew: Scott Kelly, Mikhail Kornienko Sign On For One-Year Mission

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A veteran NASA space commander and Russian cosmonaut have signed on for the ultimate space voyage: a yearlong trip on the International Space Station.

American astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko will launch on the [one-year space station flight](#) in spring 2015 and return to Earth in spring 2016, NASA officials announced today (Nov. 26). They will begin their mission training in early 2013.

The mission will help NASA understand how the human body adapts to extremely long space missions, such as voyages around the moon, to an asteroid and ultimately to Mars, NASA officials said.

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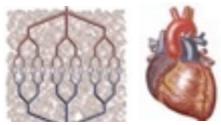
## Astronaut Scott Kelly Preparing for Unprecedented One Year in Space; Mission to Experiment on His Bone Mass, Vision, Immune System

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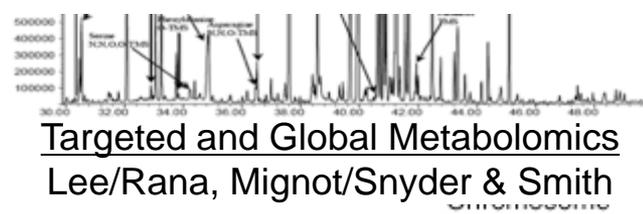
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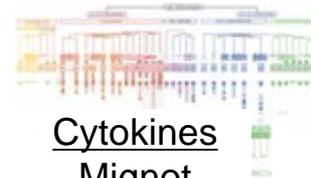
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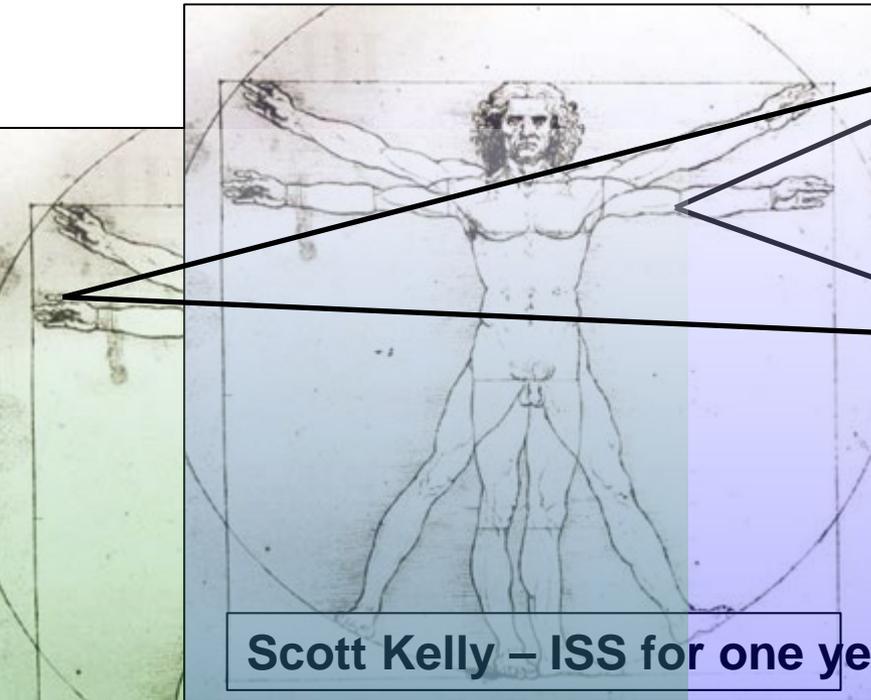
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Targeted and Global Metabolomics  
Lee/Rana, Mignot/Snyder & Smith

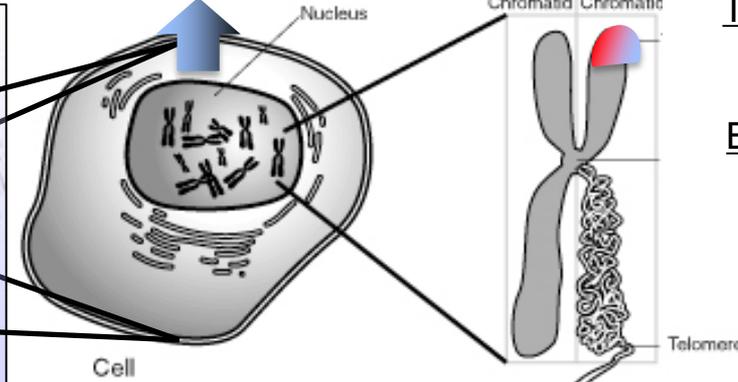


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**Scott Kelly – ISS for one year**

**Mark Kelly – Earth control**

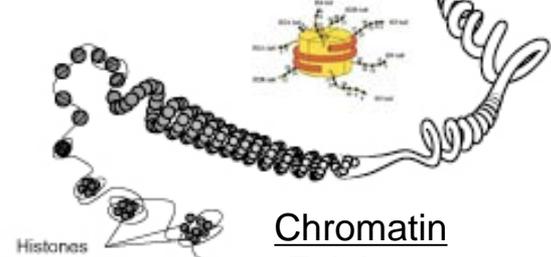


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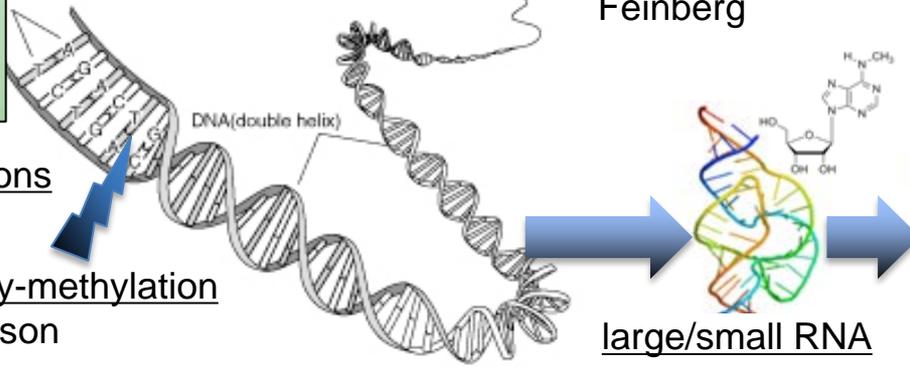
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Mignot



Antibodies  
Mignot/Snyder



Chromatin  
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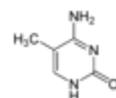
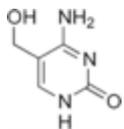
DNA Mutations  
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DNA Hydroxy-methylation  
Mason

DNA Methylation  
Feinberg & Mason

large/small RNA & RNA Methylation  
Mason

Proteomics  
Lee/Rana





# The Power of Crowd Based Challenges

NASA's Practical Toolkit for Open Innovation

**NASA's Center of Excellence for Collaborative  
Innovation (CoECI)**

# NASA@WORK

Over 18,000 Registered Members

(30% of NASA's 60,000 CS & Contractor Workforce)

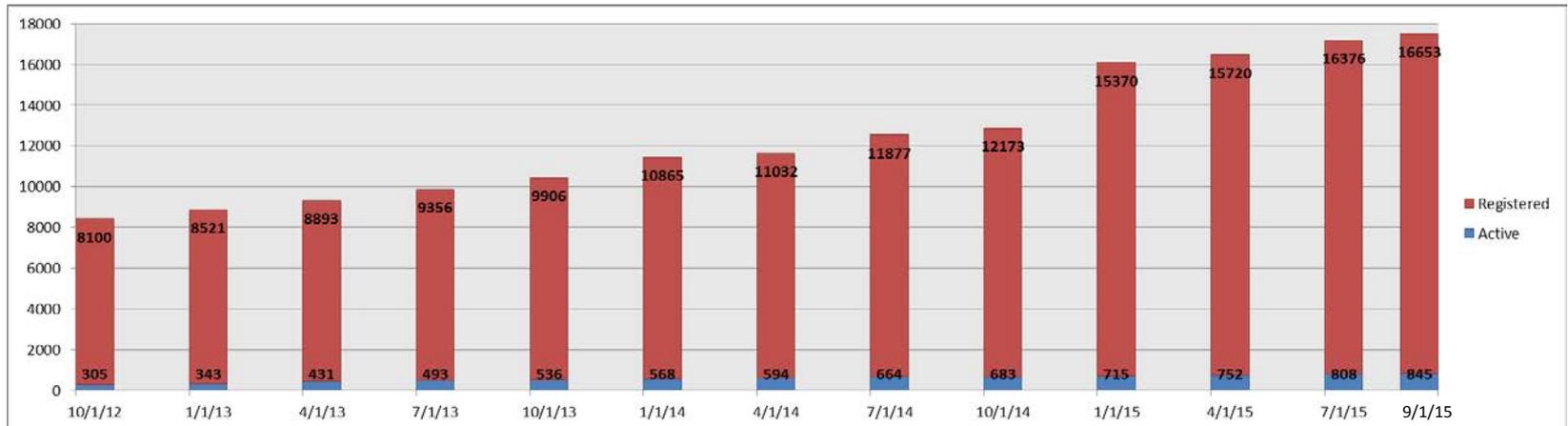
People that work at  
**NASA** want to make  
**a difference!**



15-20 Challenges per Year

2-4 Active challenges posted  
at any one time

New challenge posts every  
~2-3 weeks



Growth of the NASA@work Community since October 2012

# CoECI's Crowdsourcing Experience

12 Theoretical

7 Ideation\*

1 Reduction to Practice

1 Video

\* 3 USAID

14 Algorithms\*

17 Software\*\* \*\*\*

5 Ideation

4 Graphics

\*USPTO, USAID, 2 EPA

\*\*2 CMS, OPM, DOE

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2 Videos

3 Eng. Design\*

\*2 VA

NASA@WORK

87 Challenges

10 Tech Surveys\*

\*1 EPA

2 Ideation

15 CAD Modeling

5 Graphics

# NON-INVASIVE MEASUREMENT OF INTRA-CRANIAL PRESSURE

Challenge - Non-invasive method or technology to measure the absolute intracranial pressure (i.e., the pressure of the interior of a human's head).



Total Cost to NASA \$35,000

Challenge Award \$15,000

Resulted in Partnerships



## Results

- UCLA's ICP Algorithm was selected as winning solution; Also identified via a Tech Scouting effort
- Being considered as addition to active flight study pending accuracy validation