

### International Space Station Research Integration and Capabilities

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# **International Space Station**

Created by a partnership of 5 space agencies

10 years and over 100 missions to assemble

A laboratory for Microgravity Biological, Material and Technology Research

A Low Earth Orbiting Platform for Heliophysics, Astrophysics and Earth science

At a scale that has not been achieved before and that no one agency or country could sustain



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# **International Space Station Key Features**

- Sustainable microgravity platform for long term studies
- External and internal research sites
- Habitable controlled environment
- Exposure to the thermosphere
- Earth observations at a unique altitude and inclination
- Automated, human, tele-operated and robotic operated research
- Payload to orbit and return capability
- Nearly continuous data and communication link to anywhere in the world
- Modularity and maintainability built into the design ensures mission life, allows life extension, vehicle evolution and technology upgrades

# **International Space Station Facts**



Spacecraft Mass: +800,000 lb (+362,874 kg) Velocity: 17,500 mph (28,200 kph) Altitude: 220 miles above Earth Power: 80 kW continuous

## On Orbit Payload Resources and Upgrades

Power	30kw average
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Internal Payload Racks	11 ESA Lab2 addition and and Racks and box glove box
	10 JAXA Lab
	8 NASA Truss ELC Platform Sites
External Sites	10 JAXA Platform Sites
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Crew time	35 hrs per week (average)

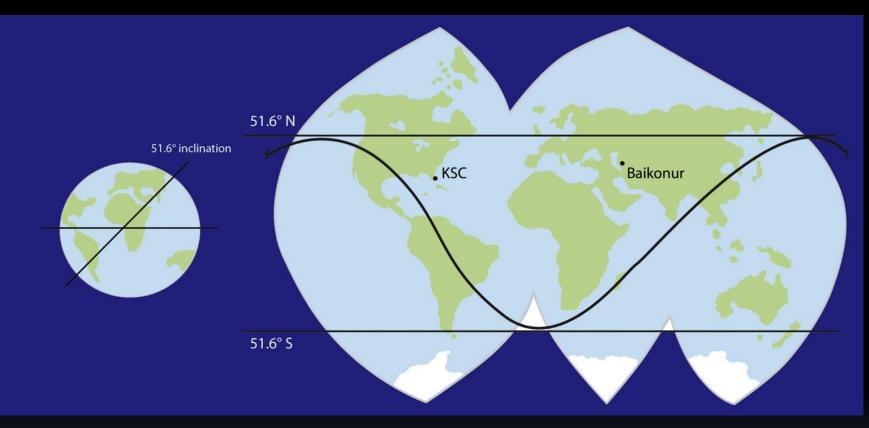
## Updated ISS Data Infrastructure

Enhanced Processor	Phase A will upgrade the three Command and Control (C&C) MDMs and the two Guidance, Navigation, & Control (GN&C) MDMs.			
and Integrated Communications (EPIC) Project	Phase B will upgrade the two Payload MDMs, and add Ethernet support for the C&C and Payload MDMs.			
Air to Ground High Rate Communications	Increase data rates internally and on the RF link (300 Mbps downlink, 7/25 Mbps uplink)			
System (HRCS)	Combine audio and video on orbit			
Project	Provide two way, high quality audio			
	Open the door to internet protocol communications			
	Open the forward link to multiple users			
	Allow for the capability of transmitting & recording HDTV			
On Orbit External Wireless High Rate	100 Mbps 2-way Ethernet capability			
Wireless nigh rate	1 Mbps 1553 capability			
	Up to 2 antennas (+2 more in work) attached to EVA handrails on US Lab			

# Internal Research Accommodations

Architecture based on Modular racks Modularity = maintainable, reconfigurable, interchangeable between ESA, JAXA, NASA

# ISS as a Platform for Earth Science

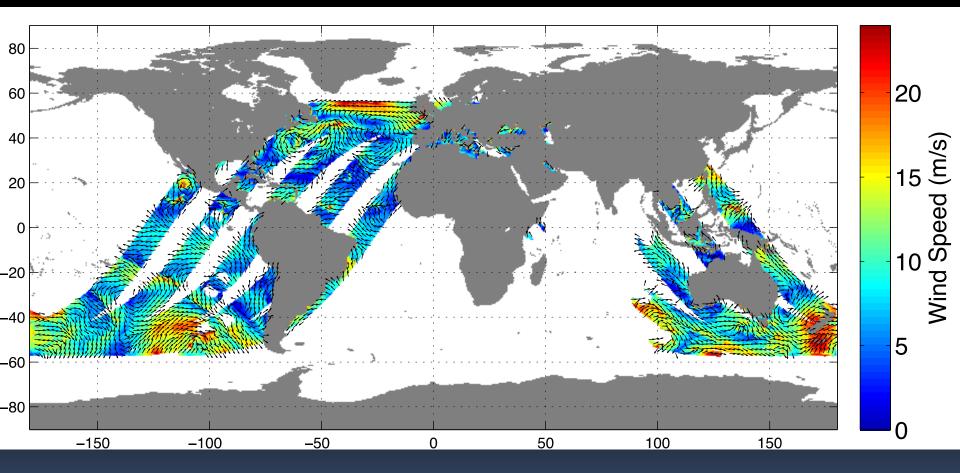


All geographic locations between 51.6 North and South latitude can be observed NADIR pointing

Provides coverage of 85% of the Earth's surface and 95% of the world's populated landmass every 1-3 days Processing lighting (changes with subsequent passes)

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# ISS as a Platform for Earth Science



ISS SMD Rapid Scat measurements of sea winds in its first 5 operational orbits

# Cargo Launch Capability



An International fleet of space vehicles that delivers propellant, supplies and replenishes science experiments

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# **ISS Cargo Vehicles**





Progress Cargo Capacity 2,250 kg

### Dragon (SpaceX)

Cargo Capacity 3,100 kg ascent

# Cygnus(Orbital)

Cargo Capacity 2,000 kg



HTV (JAXA)

Cargo Capacity 5,500 kg

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### **Global Ground-Based Infrastructure**

MSS Control Saint-Hubert, Canada

Columbus Control Center Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany ISS Mission Control Moscow, Russia

ISS Mission Control Houston, Texas

Payload Operations Center Huntsville, Alabama

Space Shuttle Launch Control Kennedy Space Center, Florida

ATV Control Center Toulouse, France

Ariane Launch Control Kourou, French Guiana H-IIB Launch Control Tanegashima, Japan

JEM/HTV Control Center

Tsukuba, Japan

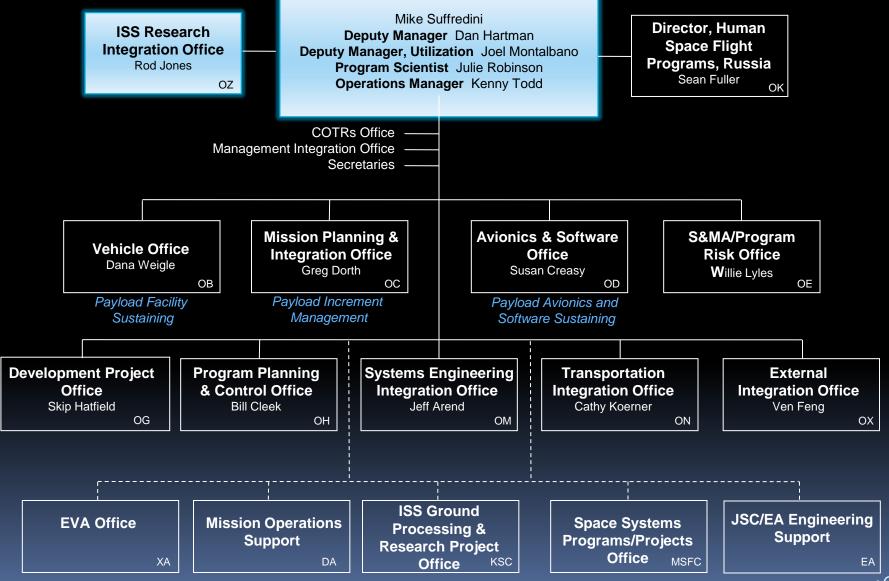
Russian Launch Control Baikonur, Kazakhstan

# **Research Sponsors and Allocations on ISS**



Biology and Biotechnology, Earth and Space Science, Educational Activities, Human Research, Physical & Material Sciences, Technology Demonstration

## **International Space Station Program**



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## **ISS Research Integration Office Functions**

Conduct strategic planning with science partners

- Facilitate collaboration between researchers and facilities
- Plan tactical missions
- Produce training and operational products
- Train the crew
- Enable and Operate the research on-orbit
- Allocate and Track customer resources
- Continuously measure ISS productivity through metrics
- Conduct customer satisfaction surveys each planning mission
- Track and communicate science results

# Strategic Research Resource Planning

NASA and its' International Partners conduct a strategic review each year that:

- Documents the previous years actual resource use
- Summarizes the current year and next years resource demand based on manifest and tactical data
- Looks forward strategically two additional years collecting projected resource demands and comparing them against the in that time frame capabilities

Observations, finding and recommendations are documented from this review and used by the program to guide the effective future allocation of resources, validate the projected flight rate and identify any resources shortfalls in time to take corrective action

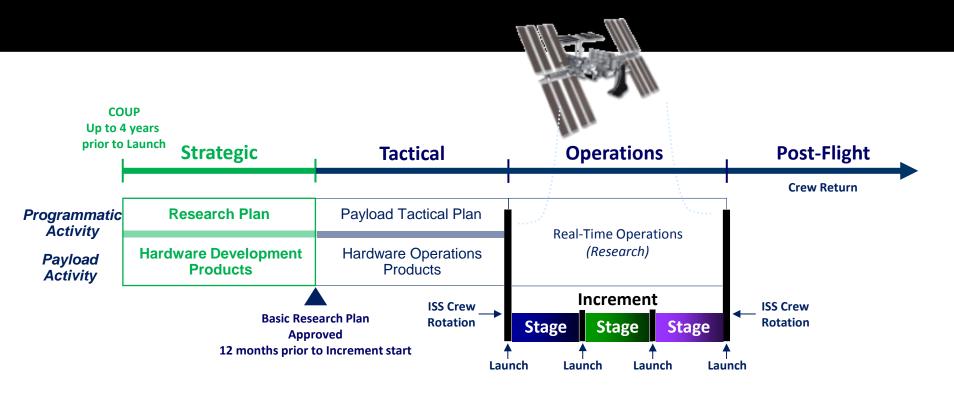
## **Tactical Research Planning**

Increment specific Research Planning begins 18 months prior to the mission

The first Research Plan is base lined 12 months prior to the mission and refined up to the start of the increment where it transitions to the real time planning and execute phase

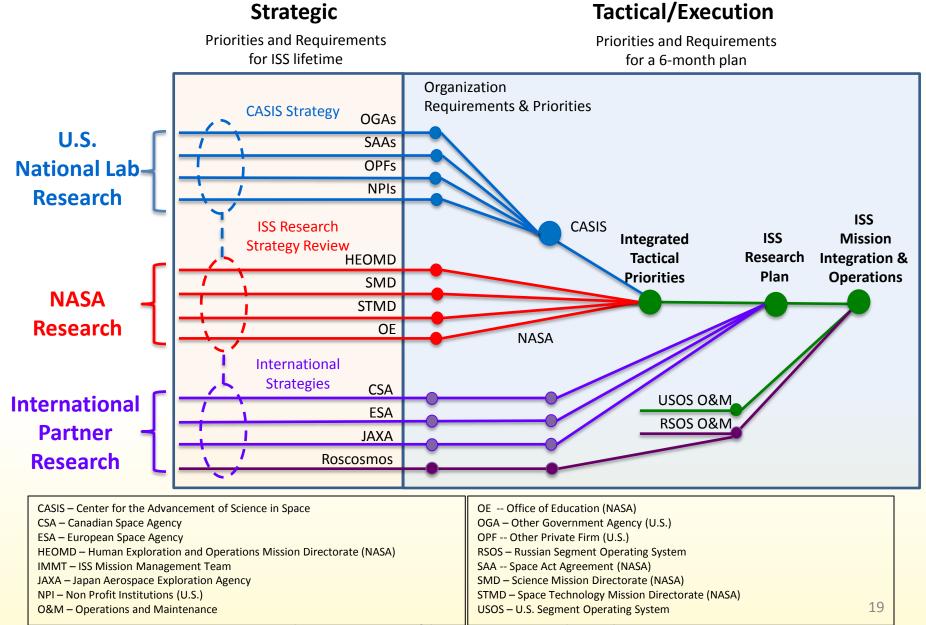
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## Planning and Operational Phase's



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## **ISS Requirements Integration & Prioritization**



## **ISS** Payload Philosophy

Our goal is to fly and operate a payload as soon as it is ready

To operate the ISS like a laboratory to enable the flexibility for investigators to adapt their research plan based on new and unexpected findings

Examples:

- Increased air to ground communication channels allows the crew to talk directly to the scientists during operations to review research objectives, discuss observations and findings and collaborate on new ideas
- Improved data rates and on board diagnostic equipment allows researchers to get their results without waiting for the hardware and samples to be returned shortening the research cycle

# To continue to make the integration and operation of payloads on ISS as simple and ground like as possible

Examples:

- Implemented a software environment to allow the use of common lab software on-orbit
- Certified 110v AC power source with commercial power connectors
- Continue expand our remote operation system that allows you to operate your payload anywhere the internet is available
- Deploying a payload test set that allows our customer to conduct their end to end testing and verification at their facility
- Delay Tolerant Network = send and forget

## **Full Utilization**

### Multiple Resource are tracked and planned to optimize the use of ISS

Up-mass and Sample return

Crew time

Power and Thermal

Internal and External payload site occupancy

Data downlink

### Factors affecting these resources

Changing operational plans Scheduling and choreographing science operations Hardware failures and contingency maintenance Payload anomalies

Science discoveries

At a minimum Full utilization can be defined as all internal and external sites are occupied and the crew has more than enough to do.

More realistically Full Utilization is when all resources are in balance given the systems capability at any given moment

We continuously monitor and adjust Strategic, Tactical and Real time plans to ensure Full Utilization

To get the most out of ISS, we continue to expand each resource when it becomes limiting

### Solution Status 12 Sept 2014 (Data through 31 Aug 2014) [POC: Rod Jones/OZ]

Status: **GREEN b**ased upon steady progress in executing and achieving ISS research objectives *(Last month )* 



#### **PARTNERSHIP** – Current and Future

#### **NASA & NATIONAL LABORATORY – Current and Future**

**Research Resources:** ISS resources are often described as upmass (mass of material brought to the ISS), downmass (mass of material returned from ISS) and crewtime (amount of time crew dedicates to an activity). During the ISS assembly, the majority of the resources were needed to construct the ISS. However, significant upmass and crewtime were set aside to deliver and then outfit and configure large research facilities as part of ISS laboratory outfitting. No future large facilities are planned; therefore, the profile of future research resources will likely not resemble that of the past reported below. These figures are provided for reference value only and will not be predictive.

Note: Planning data	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions
are the most current	37/38	39/40	37-40	41/42	43/44
cited at end of	Sep 2013 –	Apr 2014 –	Sep 2013 –	Sep 2014 –	Apr 2015 –
recording month	Apr 2014	Sep 2014	Sep 2014	Apr 2015	Sep 2015
Upmass – Planned	1138.0 kg	2459.9 kg	3597.2 kg	6320.7 kg	<i>tbd</i>
[Total (USOS, RS)]	(791.2, 346.8)	(2459.9, 0.0)	(3250.4, 346.8)	(5956.2, 364.5)	(4879.3 kg, <i>tbd</i> )
Downmass – Planned	<mark>38.9 kg</mark>	702.5 kg	741.4 kg	2153.9 kg	<i>tbd</i>
[Total (USOS, RS)]	(19.9, 19.0)	(666.9, 35.6)	(686.8, 54.6)	(2124.2, 35.1)	(1236.7 kg, <i>tbd</i> )
Crewtime - Planned	1336.7 hrs	1581.5 hrs	2918.2 hrs	1622.4 hrs	<i>tbd</i>
[Total (USOS, RS)]	(884.2, 452.5)	(963.7, 617.8)	(1847.9, 1070.3)	(895.4, 727.0)	(1117.8 hrs, <i>tbd</i> )
Crewtime - Actuals	2049.7 hrs	1649.5 hrs	3699.3 hrs	tbd hrs	tbd hrs
[Total (USOS, RS)]	(1097.1, 952.6)	(968.8, 680.7)	(2066.0, 1633.3)	(tbd, tbd)	(tbd, tbd)

Note: NASA = NASA sponsored and NL = National Lab sponsored.	ISS Expeditions 37/38 Sep 2013 – Apr 2014	ISS Expeditions 39/40 Apr 2014 – Sep 2014	39/40 37-40 Apr 2014 – Sep 2013 –		ISS Expeditions 43/44 Apr 2015 – Sep 2015	
Upmass – Planned	790.8 kg	1103.2 kg	1894.0 kg	4921.3 kg	4098.3 kg	
[Total (NASA, NL)]	(456.1, 334.7)	(714.1, 389.1)	(1170.2, 723.8)	(3720.9, 1200.4)	(2487.1, 1611.1)	
Downmass – Planned	10.3 kg	638.2 kg	<mark>651.9 kg</mark>	<mark>1765.0 kg</mark>	tbd	
[Total (NASA, NL)]	(2.4, 7.9)	(440.4, 197.8)	439.5, 212.5)	(1046.6, 718.3)	(450.0 kg, <i>tbd</i> )	
Crewtime - Planned	696.8 hrs	746.8 hrs	1443.6 hrs	691.8 hrs	881.2 hrs	
[Total (NASA, NL)]	(601.8, 95.0)	(650.6, 96.2)	(1252.4, 191.2)	(416.2, 275.6)	(573.7, 307.5)	
Crewtime - Actuals	898.6 hrs	772.6 hrs	1671.2 hrs	tbd hrs	tbd hrs	
[Total (NASA, NL)]	(859.8, 38.8)	(755.3, 17.3)	(1615.2, 295.0)	(tbd, tbd)	(tbd, tbd)	

#### Number of Current and Future Investigations on the International Space Station

The investigations statistics represented below reflect research operated for Expeditions 37/38; and operated, planned, scheduled, or operated for Expeditions 39/40; and planned or scheduled for Expeditions 41/42 and 43/44.

	ISS Expeditions	SS Expeditions 39/40	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions
	37/38	Apr 2014 –	37-40	41/42	43/44
	Sep 2013 -	Sep 2014	Sep 2013 -	Sep 2014 -	Apr 2015 –
	Apr 2014	(operated, planned or	Sep 2014	Apr 2015	Sep 2015
	(operated)*	scheduled) <sup>†</sup>	(operated, planned	(planned or	(planned or
			or scheduled)	scheduled) <sup>†</sup>	scheduled)
Total Investigations	281	315	371	256	231
New Investigations	52	75	127	109	74
Number of Investigators with Research on the ISS	640	382**	tbd	432**	tbd
Countries with ISS Investigations	45	29**	tbd	28**	tbd
* Prelim numbers, subject to change pending upcoming review.		e ** Pending finali Expeditions 0 –		<sup>†</sup> Roscosmos numbers pending	

Note: NASA =	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions	ISS Expeditions
NASA-sponsored	37/38	39/40	37-40	41/42	43/44
and NL = National	Sep 2013 -	Apr 2014 –	Sep 2013-	Sep 2014 –	Apr 2015 –
Lab-sponsored.	Apr 2014	Sep 2014	Sep 2014	Apr 2015	Sep 2015
	(operated)	(operated, planned	(operated, planned	(planned or	(planned or
		or scheduled)	or scheduled)	scheduled)	scheduled)
Total Investigations (NASA+National Lab)	135	159	185	189	159
National Lab Investigations	45	58	74	63	44
New Investigations (NASA+National Lab)	33	50	83	84	50
New National Lab Investigations	22	29	51	39	24
Number of Investigators with Research on the ISS	294*	204*	tbd	tbd	tbd

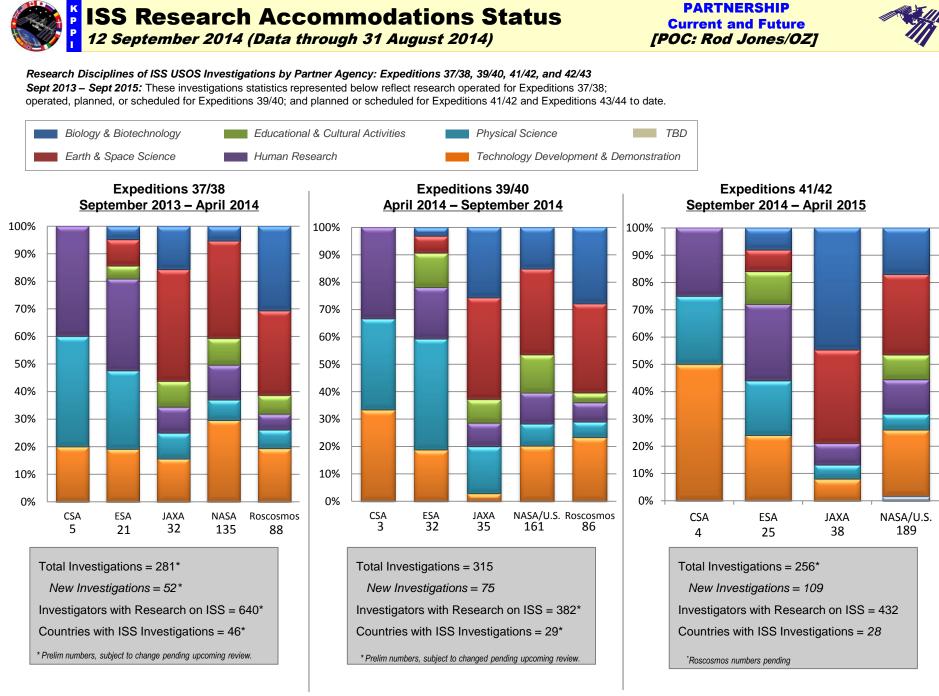
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#### Since March 2001 to date:

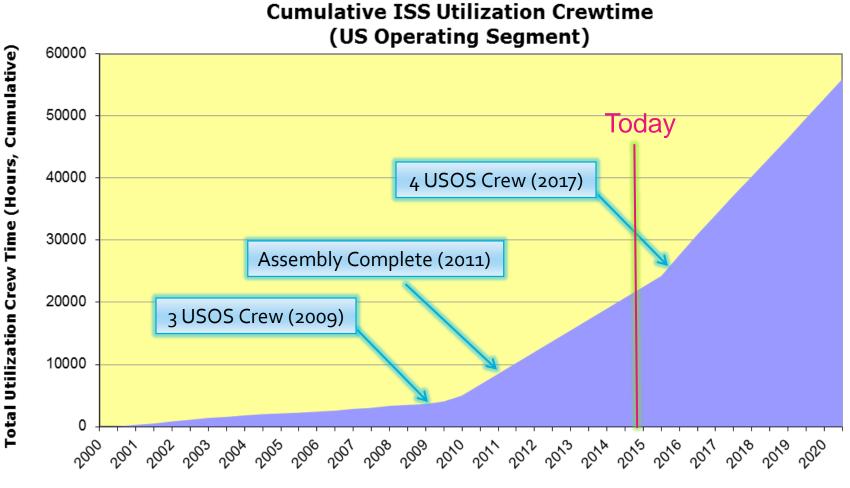
- 13 years, 6 months of continuously crewed research operations
- **29** research racks on board
- 11 external payloads attached, including HDEV and OPALS that arrived with SpaceX-3 and not counting AMS. Total includes NASA and IPs.
- Number of Investigations Expedition 0-38: 1651. Note: Expeditions 0-38 statistics have been approved by the Program Science Forum and Space Station Control Board.; currently pending approval by the Multilateral Coordination Board.
- □ More than **700** scientific results publications (Expedition 0 present)

#### During August 2014, after 23.4 work weeks of operation in Expeditions 39 & 40:

**53** USOS investigations operated; **0** New investigations operated for the *first* time in August 2014.



## Accumulative Crew Time Resource



Year



### **USOS RESEARCH CREW TIME**

Average Weekly Utilization Actuals Compared to Minimum Requirements, Subscriptions, Allocations, and Scheduled [POC: Rod Jones/OZ]

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Legend -Generic Groundrules, Requirements & Constraints (GGR&C) Minimum Requirement

L-12 Month Increment Definition and Requirements Document Subscription (or Requirement) from baselined Research Plan

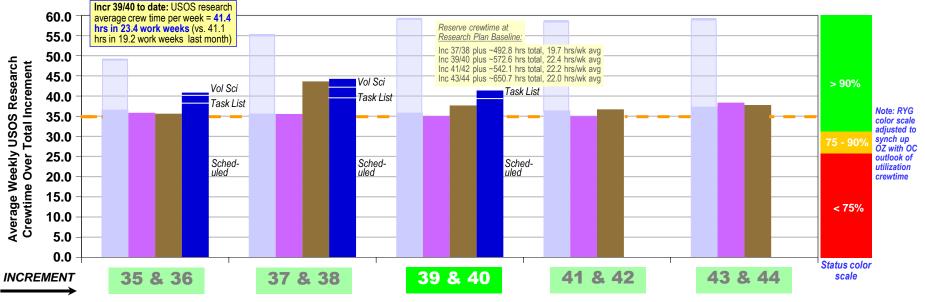
L-12 Month Increment Definition and Requirements Document (IDRD) Allocation

L-1 Month Pre-Flight On-Orbit Operations Summary (OOS) Scheduled (or most-current-to-launch IDRD allocation until final OOS released)

Actuals Provided -- includes all Scheduled, Task-List, Voluntary Science, Commissioned, and utilization during joint docked operations (IMC)

Plus n# Hours Per Week Average Reserve Crewtime (from Annex 5 Payload Tactical Plan or Multilateral Research Control Board Approval)

Status: GREEN - Based on continued research activity as avg weekly crewtime edged up, still above OOS scheduled hrs. Strong throughput expected in Sept as Exp 40 concludes, and utilization to keep in high gear into Exp 41. (Last month  $\uparrow$ )



		Avg weekly	Total	Avg weekly	/ Total	Avg weekly	Total	Avg weekly	Total	Avg weekly	Total	
-	GGR&C (Min Reqt)	-35.0	875.0	35.0	875.0	35.0	875.0	35.0	875.0	35.0	875.0	<sup>a</sup> Incr 39/40 actuals to date after <b>23.4</b>
	L-12 IDRD Subscription	36.6	893.7	35.7	884.2	35.9⁵	918.7 <sup>⊳</sup>	36.5°	889.5°	37.4 <sup>h</sup>	1106.2 <sup>h</sup>	work weeks
	L-12 IDRD Allocation	35.9	876.0	35.6	882.0	35.0°	896.3°	35.0 <sup>f</sup>	854.0 <sup>f</sup>	38.4 <sup>i</sup>	1136.0 <sup>i</sup>	<sup>D</sup> Per Research Plan, baselined at MRICB/MMIOCB.
	L-1 OOS Sched (or IDRD Alloc)	5.6	869.5	43.6	1082.0	37.6 <sup>d</sup>	963.7 <sup>d</sup>	36.7 <sup>9</sup>	895.4 <sup>g</sup>	37.8 <sup>j</sup>	1117.8 <sup>j</sup>	4/17/13; <sup>c</sup> L-12 allocation per
	Actuals (to date)	41.3	949.0	44.3	1097.7	<b>41.4<sup>a</sup> To D</b>	Date 968.3 <sup>ª</sup>					Planning Authorization Letter,
ę	Int'l Partner Sub-Allocations and Actuals Breakdowns	IP         L-1 hrs           NASA         684.3           ESA         71.9           JAXA         92.7           CSA         17.3	Percent         Final           78.0%         740.0           9.0%         85.2           9.0%         85.0           3.2%         30.1	IP         L-1 hrs           NASA         855.6           ESA         87.3           JAXA         116.4           CSA         22.7	Percent         Final           78.3%         859.8           8.6%         94.1           10.3%         113.6           2.8%         30.3	IP         L-1 hrs         1           NASA         746.8         1           ESA         92.1         1           JAXA         106.0         1           CSA         18.8         1	To Date         Percent           772.6         79.8%           87.2         9.0%           86.8         9.0%           21.8         2.3%	<sup>°</sup> Per Research Pl MRICB/MMIOCB, 1 Payload Authorizat Nov 2013. <sup>9</sup> Per revision, S	0/30/13. <sup>f</sup> Per draft ion Letter, signed L-1 Final OOS	MRICB/MMIOCB Payload Auth Lo PTP baselined	Plan, baselined at 6, 6/4.14. <sup>1</sup> Per draft etter, April 2014. June 2014. <sup>1</sup> Per n work, 9/2/14.	April 2013; <sup>d</sup> Per Final Preflight OOS, February 2014

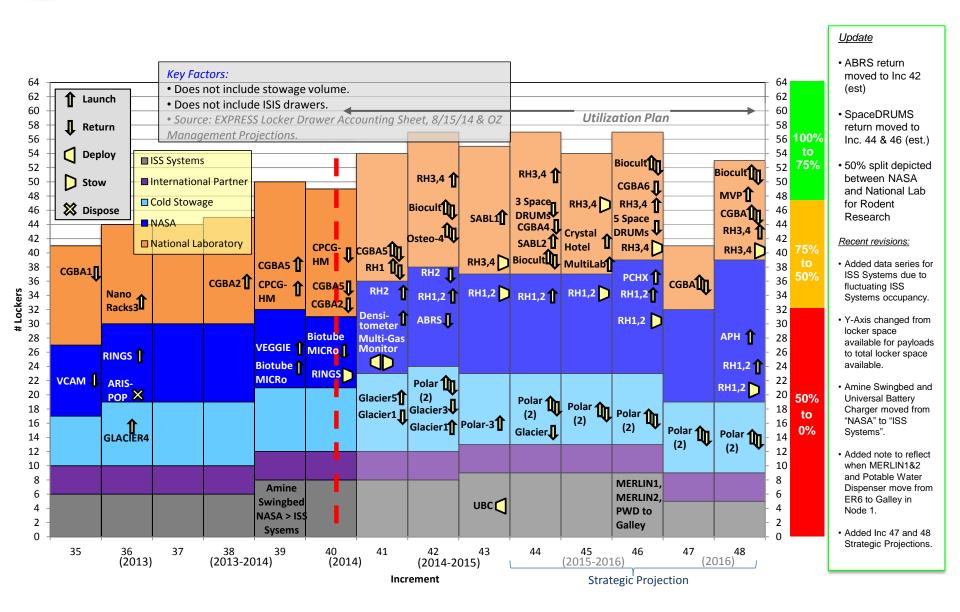
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(18.3 total hrs commissioning added to Reg't)

**ISS OCCUPANCY** -- EXPRESS RACKS

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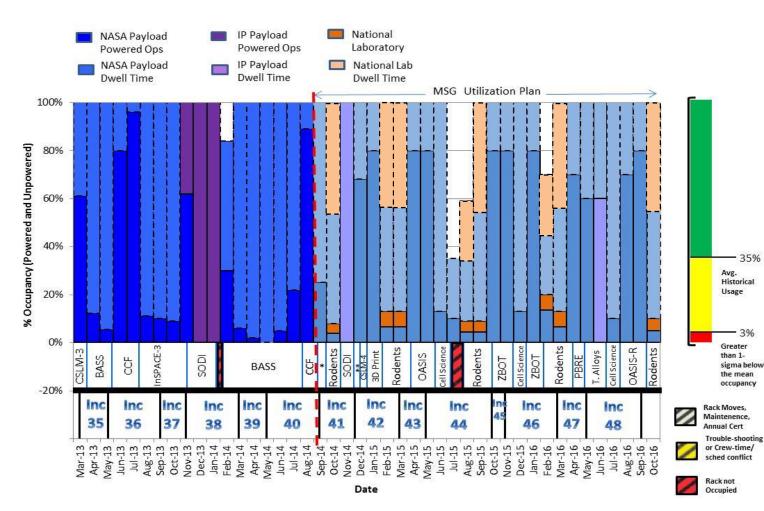


### **ISS OCCUPANCY -- MSG RACK and POWERED OPS**

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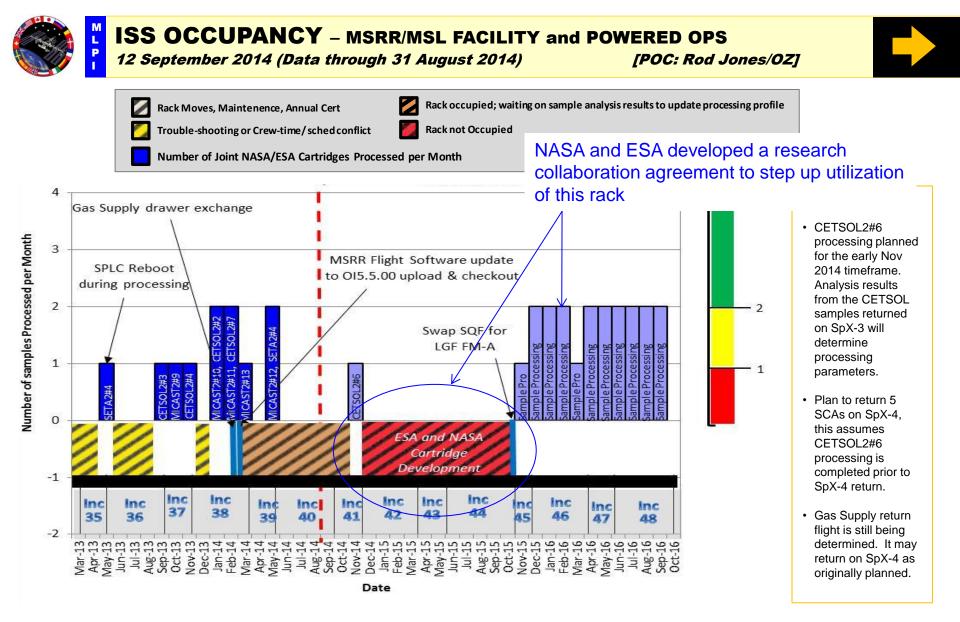
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#### Update:

- MSG occupied by BASS until Aug 5 when it was replaced by CCF.
- BASS and CCF combined operated for 89% of available hours in August.
- BASS completed 128 sample runs, 103 baseline and 25 extra.
- \* VUE hardware checkout and CSLM ECU will occur after CCF and before rodents installed.
- \*\* Micro 5 (~4 days) and Bioculture Systems (~4 days) will be run in MSG after SODI and prior to CSI M-4.
- Note: T. Alloys is short for Transparent Alloys, which was formerly listed as DIRSOL.
- 50% split depicted between NASA and National Lab for Rodent Research



Note: The yellow/black hatch area in Inc 38 is a constraint against operations due to SOLAR operations, i.e., cannot vent when SOLAR is operating.

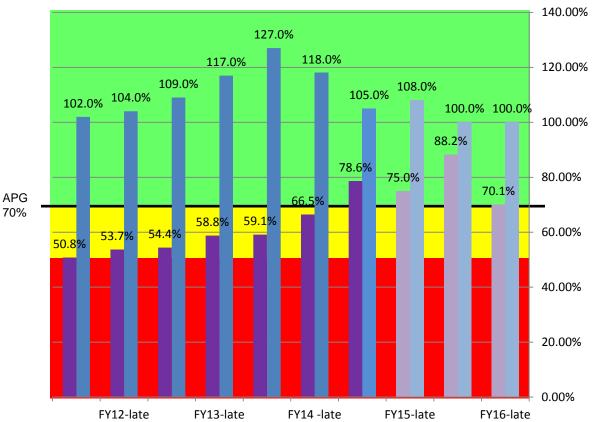
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### Use of Laboratory Capacity (Increment 29-46, FY12-FY16)



### **Full Utilization Defined**

ISS Laboratory facilities and resources are fully subscribed and have been expanded where possible to meet users needs\*:

•Crew time for research is fully subscribed (Blue Bars)

•Facility duty cycles are fully subscribed and all research facility locations are occupied (Purple Bars)

\* Transportation does not limit research at this time.

### Crewtime Facility Occupancy

Note: FY15 and beyond not in tactical timeframe, and subject to change.

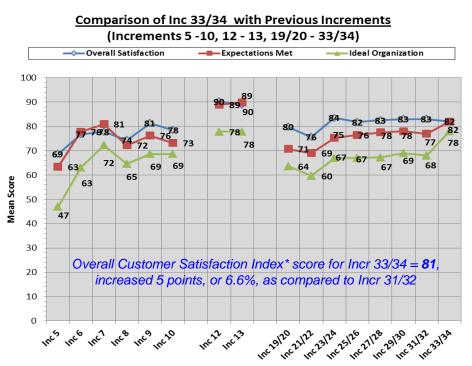
100% Utilization of crew time = 35 Hours/wk. (Baseline Revision under assessment SSPCB Action 127451) 100% Facility Occupancy = All Internal Racks at Assembly complete fully occupied and multiuse facilities operating at 100% duty cycle + All 16 External payload sites occupied.



### **ISS RESEARCH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

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### Incr 33/34 Summary [POC: Rod Jones/OZ]



- Survey interviews comprised 34 rating questions (3 @ 10-point scale; 28 @ 5-point scale, 3 open-ended) on various aspects of ISS Research development, integration, processes, interfaces, operation, and support.
- 21 investigation respondents (PIs, PDs, project mgrs) participated in phone-based survey interviews, notable increase from previous Incrs.
- Real-time operations support and amount of raw data collected from ISS continue to be strong areas of satisfaction in respondents' experiences.
- PI satisfaction responses were not consistently higher than PD satisfaction responses, as seen on previous increments.

#### BASIS TOP SURVEY QUESTIONS :

- (1) Please rate your overall satisfaction with the ISS Utilization Program.
- (2) Please rate the degree to which the ISS Utilization Program met your expectations.
- (3) How close to your *ideal organization* for ISS utilization management would you rate the ISS Utilization Program.

\*The Overall Satisfaction Index metric at left is calculated by taking the average of the mean scores of the 3 basis questions above (based on 10-point ratings for each), and recalculating it to a 0 to 100 scale. The basis for the questions are similar in form to those used in surveys for the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), a nationally recognized, long-standing index that compares customer satisfaction across commercial industry as well as public-sector organizations.

Key Issues and Concerns	Resolution	Intent
Amount of Data and Documentation	The Systems Engineering and Integration team is performing a comprehensive review of all ICD requirements and processes for documenting and verifying to these requirements.	With both efforts, the intent is to minimize impact to Payload Developers allow them
Accessing and Locating Information	The OZ Requirements Baselining and Integration Tool (ORBIT) is under development, and will integrate many different data sets to one location to be shared across multiple users in the program.	to deliver the required data for successful payload integration.

## How do we know if we are at full utilization?

### Real estate bottom line:

- Racks 69% occupied
- EXRESS 60% occupied, expect 80% by the end of 2014
- External Sites 35% occupied, expect 75% by end of 2014
- Best external sites (best viewing with good Nadir or Zenith views) are mostly claimed through 2020

### Crew time bottom line:

- Scheduled time oversubscribed (>100%)
- Crew as human subjects oversubscribed (multi-year queue carefully managed by HRP, a big issue for our partners, limits CASIS research)
- NASA and CASIS users are soon going to compete for this limited resource Underscores importance of adding the fourth crew

### Up mass/Down mass bottom line:

- Up mass not limiting--No backlog on the ground today, projected mass capacity is good
- Our on-orbit freezers are nearly full (>100%), dependent on regular SpaceX return, new transportation units in development with great volume efficiency being deployed this year

### Additional Infrastructure for Full Utilization Being Pursued

Tactical Improvements

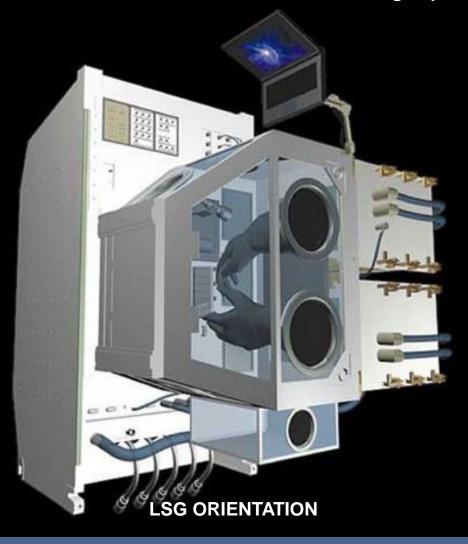
- MSG modifications for simpler access, big door
- Development of an additional full size glove box
- Development of simplified EXPRESS racks
- Additional external Payload sites
- External wireless data
- Provide more GSE/FSE (connectors, test equipment) to simplify and reduce payload integration schedule
- Improve transportation Services (power, data, environment's, mission flexibility)

### Strategic Improvements

- 4<sup>th</sup> crew person
- Increase in data rates to 600 Mbps
- Expansion of external wireless
- Live animal return

## Life Sciences Glovebox – Proposed Options

CR funded to SRR with 2 design options

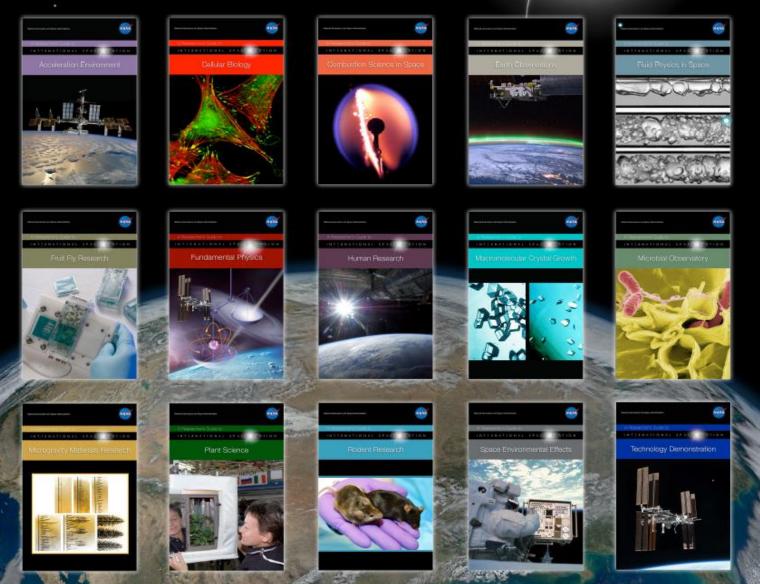




### **MSG-2 ORIENTATION**

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

### Researcher's Guide Series

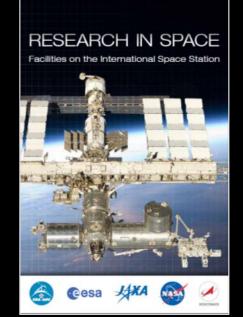


# For More Information

# World Wide Web

http://www.nasa.gov/iss-science/

**Facilities** Catalog



CASIS

http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/research/facilities\_category.html

## Opportunities

http://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/research/ops/index.html

## Center for the Advancement of Science in Space

http://www.iss-casis.org/Home.aspx



## **ISS Research Facilities and Capabilities**

Multi Purpose Research Facilities Physical & Material Sciences Biology and Biotechnology Human Research Earth and Space Science Platforms Technology Test Beds Robotics Systems

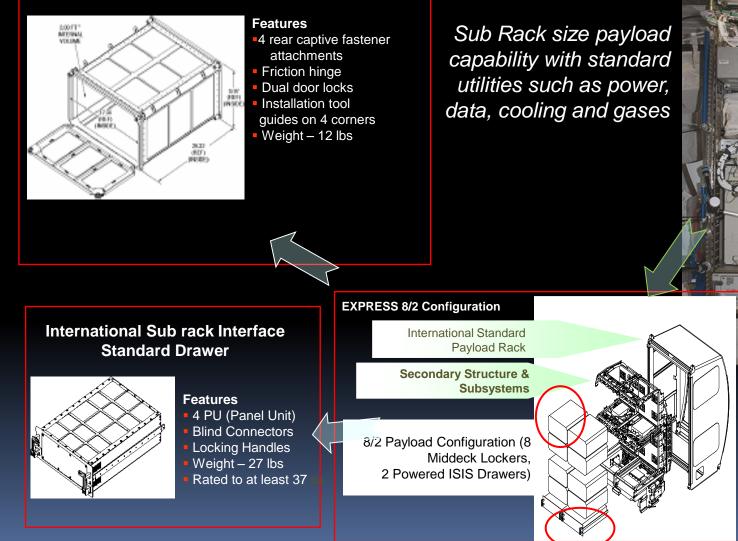


### **ExPRESS** Racks

#### (Expedite the Processing of Experiments for Space Station)

## NASA

#### **Middeck Locker**



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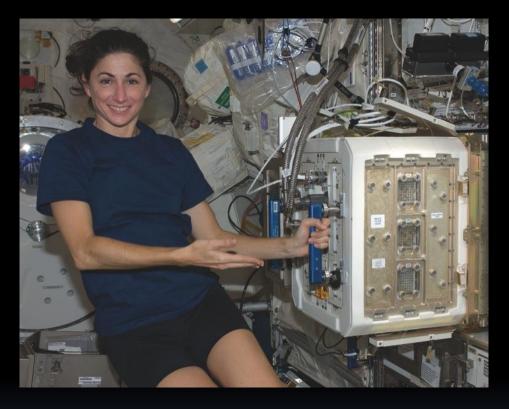
#### ExPRESS Rack on-orbit

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### **ExPRESS Sub Rack Payloads**

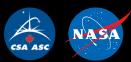


Space Dynamically Responding Ultrasound Matrix System (SpaceDRUMS) Pre-D



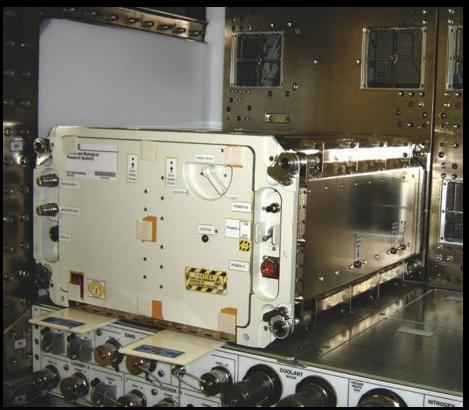
#### **ASI Mouse Drawer System** (MDS) Supported 6 mice on orbit for 90 days

### **ExPRESS Sub Rack Payloads**



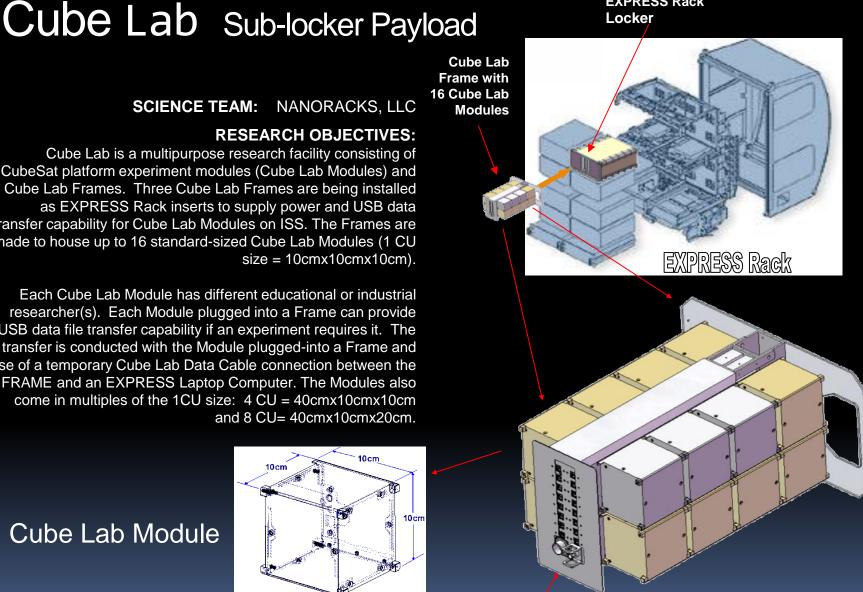


<u>ABRS</u> Advanced Biological Research System



Two growth chambers; each chamber is a closed system capable of independently controlling temperature, illumination, and atmospheric composition to grow a variety of biological organisms.

#### EXPRESS Rack Locker



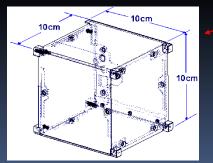
Cube Lab Frame with 16 Cube Lab Modules

#### SCIENCE TEAM: NANORACKS, LLC

#### **RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:**

Cube Lab is a multipurpose research facility consisting of CubeSat platform experiment modules (Cube Lab Modules) and Cube Lab Frames. Three Cube Lab Frames are being installed as EXPRESS Rack inserts to supply power and USB data transfer capability for Cube Lab Modules on ISS. The Frames are made to house up to 16 standard-sized Cube Lab Modules (1 CU size = 10cmx10cmx10cm).

Each Cube Lab Module has different educational or industrial researcher(s). Each Module plugged into a Frame can provide USB data file transfer capability if an experiment requires it. The transfer is conducted with the Module plugged-into a Frame and use of a temporary Cube Lab Data Cable connection between the FRAME and an EXPRESS Laptop Computer. The Modules also come in multiples of the 1CU size: 4 CU = 40cmx10cmx10cm and 8 CU= 40cmx10cmx20cm.



#### Cube Lab Module

#### **Cube Lab Frame** Pre-Decisional - For Internal Use Only

### Minus Eighty-degree Laboratory Freezer for ISS



Provides thermal conditioning at +4°C, -26°C and -80°C for sample (blood, urine, tissue, etc) preservation 3 Units on-orbit

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## **Cold Stowage Accommodations**



	MELFI	MERLIN	<b>GLACIER</b>	Single and Double Cold bag with ICEPAC's
Transport	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Power	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
On-orbit temperature (°C)	+4, -26, -80	+45 to -20	+4 to -185	N/A
Transport temperature (°C)	N/A	+45 to -5	+4 to -160	+4 to -32
Useable volume (L)	175	19	30	6.8/18.7
External volume	1 rack	1 MLE	2 MLE	0.5/1 MLE

### Material Science Glove Box

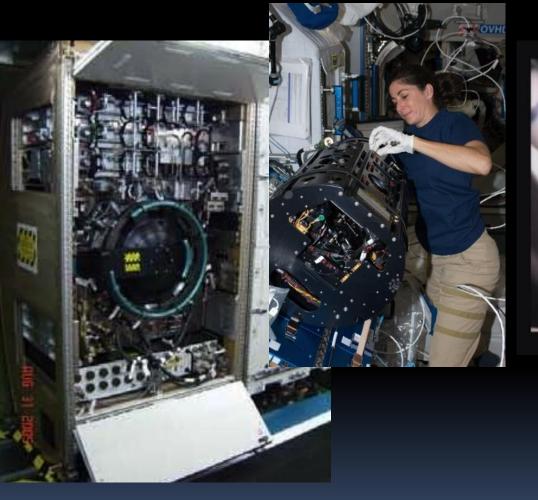


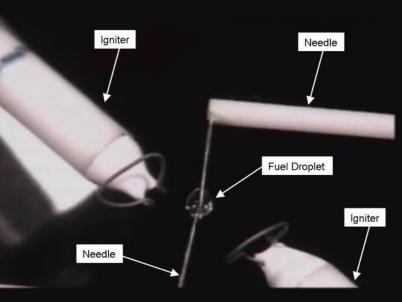


Provides a safe environment for research with liquids, combustion, and hazardous materials

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## Combustion Integrated Rack (CIR)







Facility used to perform sustained, systematic combustion experiments in microgravity

Sample during combustion

## Materials Science Research Rack-1

#### (MSRR-1)



#### **·eesa**

ESA Provides the furnace 's and sample cartridges





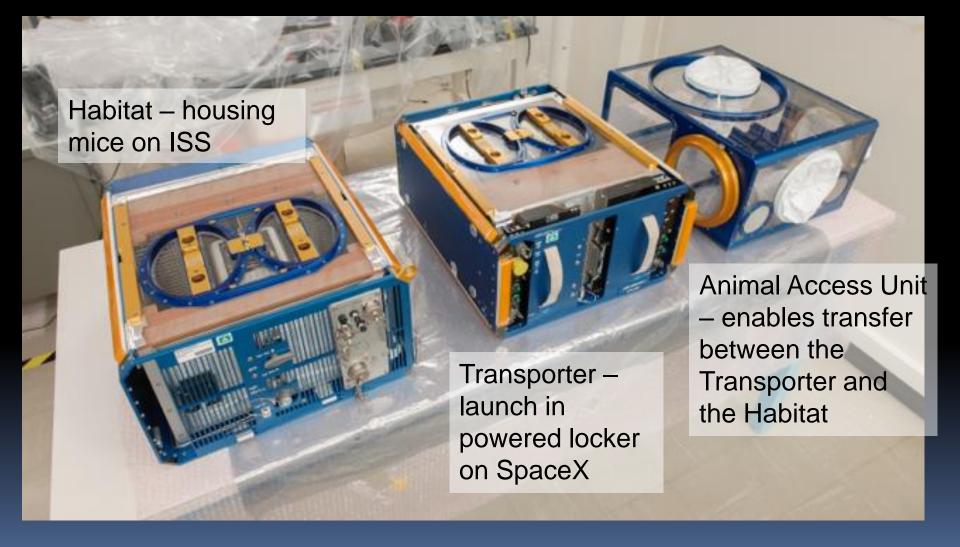
NASA Provides the rack and on-orbit space

Solidification and Quenching Furnace in the ESA Material Science Laboratory (MSL)

MICAST = Microstructure Formation in Casting of Technical Alloys under Diffusive and Magnetically Controlled Convective Conditions Studies formation of microstructures during casting of technical alloys

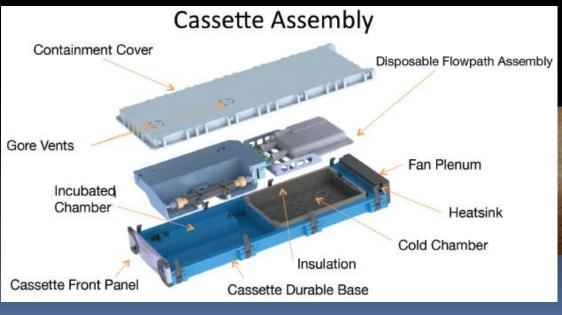
Investigations selected from both agencies

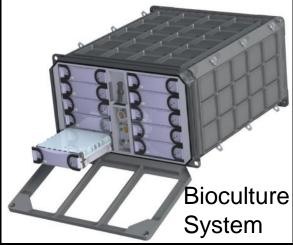
### Rodent Research Flight Hardware



## Cell Science Payloads

- Provides 10 individual cassettes containing hollow fiber bioreactors with media perfusion for a cell culture environment
- Supports adherent and non-adherent cell types, including 3-D tissues and microorganisms







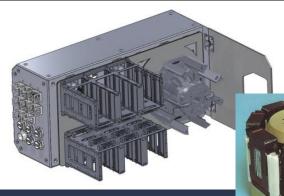
Disposable Flow Path Top View

## Fruit Fly Lab Payloads

 Support Drosophila studies on ISS by re-flying existing l designs



- The Fruit Fly (*Drosophila Melanogaster*) has been an important biological model organism for over 100 years.
- 75% of disease-related genes in humans have functional orthologs in the fly (*Genome Res*. 2001 Jun; 11(6):1114-25).

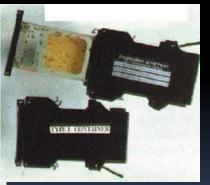


Astrium/Nanoracks Facility and Centrifuge for Housing FFL Containers

Observation System

**Transfer Tool** 

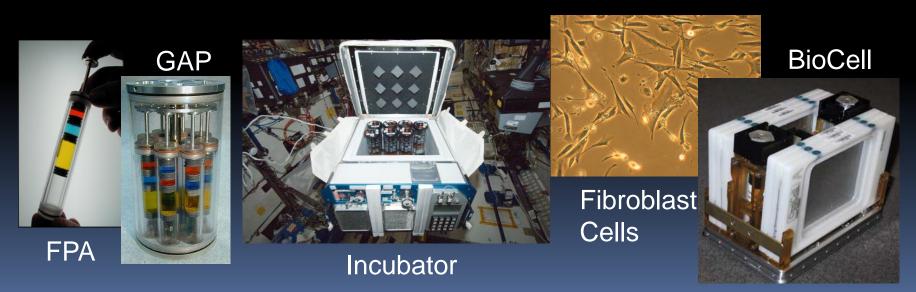




Type I containers with Fruit Fly habitat

## Micro Payloads

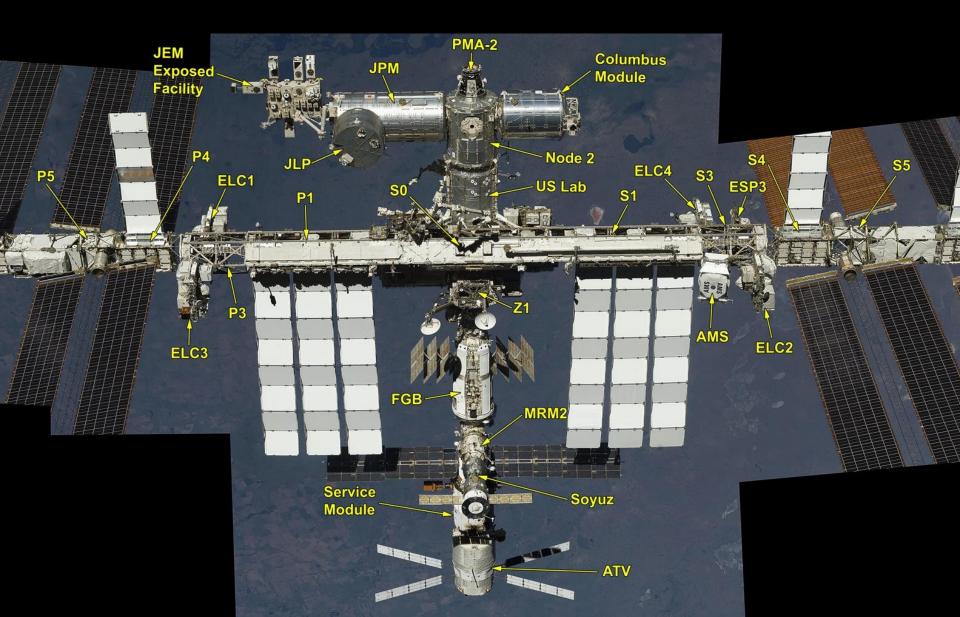
- Small payloads for molecular, cellular and small/microorganism research on ISS
- PI&O is supported by BioServe Space Technologies
- No Sustaining Engineering Required
- 5 Successful Micro Payloads flown to-date and 3 additional payloads in process



## Earth and Space Science

- Space, Earth surface and Limb views
- External and Internal Payload sites
- Observation of transient atmospheric phenomena
- Planetary science sensor test beds

## External Payload Attach Site's



#### FUTURE

### Nicer (SpX-12/2017) TSIS (TBD) (SpX-X/2017) Science Instruments

Columbus EF

#### SAGE III (SpX-TBD/2014)

External Logistics Carriers – ELC-1, ELC-2, ELC-3 External Stowage Platforms – ESP-3 Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer Columbus External Payload Facility Kibo External Payload Facility

ELC-2

ESP-3

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ELC-4

RapidSCAT (SpX-4/2014) HDEV (SpX-3/2014)

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ELC-3

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# Window Observation Research Facility (WORF)



US Laboratory Window 50-cm diameter Telescope-quality optical glass NADIR view



Facility to support visual and multispectral remote sensing using Lab Optical Window



### **ISERV** Project Overview

ISS SERVIR Environmental Research and Visualization System (ISERV) is an automated Earth-observing system in the Destiny module aboard the International Space Station (ISS). It is primarily a means to gain experience and expertise in automated data acquisition from the ISS that also provides valuable data for use in disaster monitoring and assessment, and environmental decision making.

RV Launch figuration	Chris Fladffield I SERV in De		ISERV in V Payload V	
	@ 420 km altitude	Angular	Spatial	
ISERV Optical	Resolution	1.65 arcsec	~4 m	
Characteristics	FOV	2.36° x 1.58°	~17 km x ~11 km	
	Spectral	350nm to		

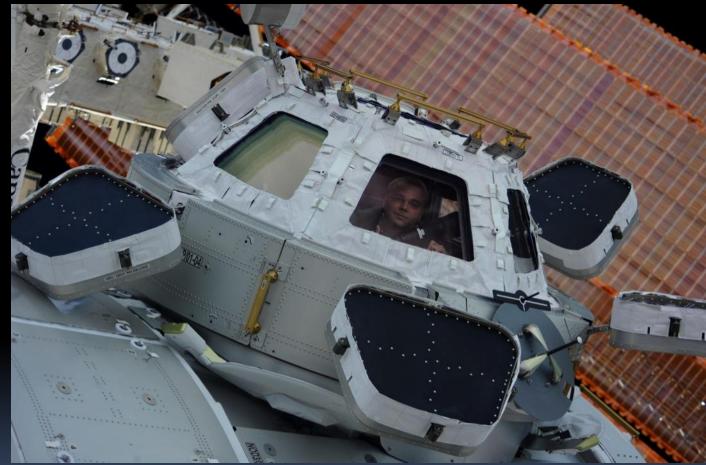




Bay window in space

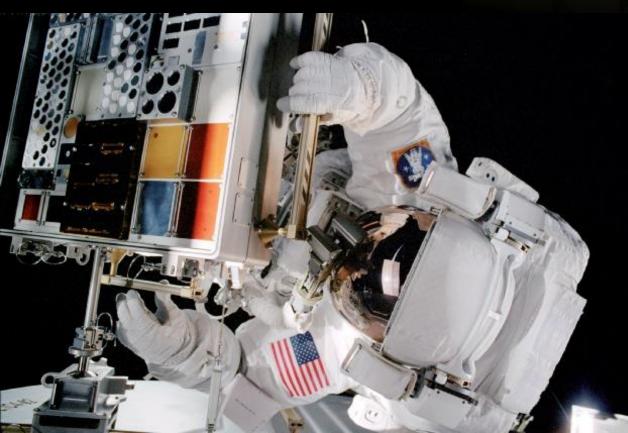
80-cm diameter top window

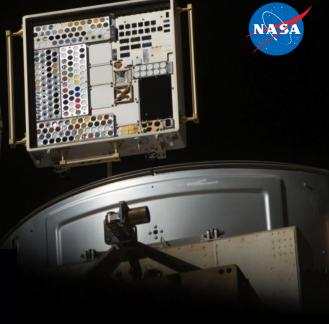
6 side windows



## Materials Research

Materials International Space Station Experiment (MISSE)





Deployed outside it is a test bed for materials and coatings attached to the outside of the International Space Station being evaluated for the effects of atomic oxygen, ultraviolet, direct sunlight, radiation and extremes of heat and cold outside

### External Research Accommodations

Express Logistic Carrier

Resources

ELC Single Adapter	Mass capacity	227 kg (500 lb)	
sources (2	Volume	1 m <sup>3</sup>	
NASA payload sites per ELC)	Power	750 W, 113 – 126 VDC; 500 W at 28 VDC/adapter	
	Thermal	Active heating, passive cooling	
	Low-rate data	*1 Mbps (MIL-STD-1553)	
	Medium-rate data	*6 Mbps (shared) - Return link (payload to ISS) only	
	Sites available per ELC	2 sites	
	Total ELC sites available	8 sites	

Research Payload ExPA (see next chart)

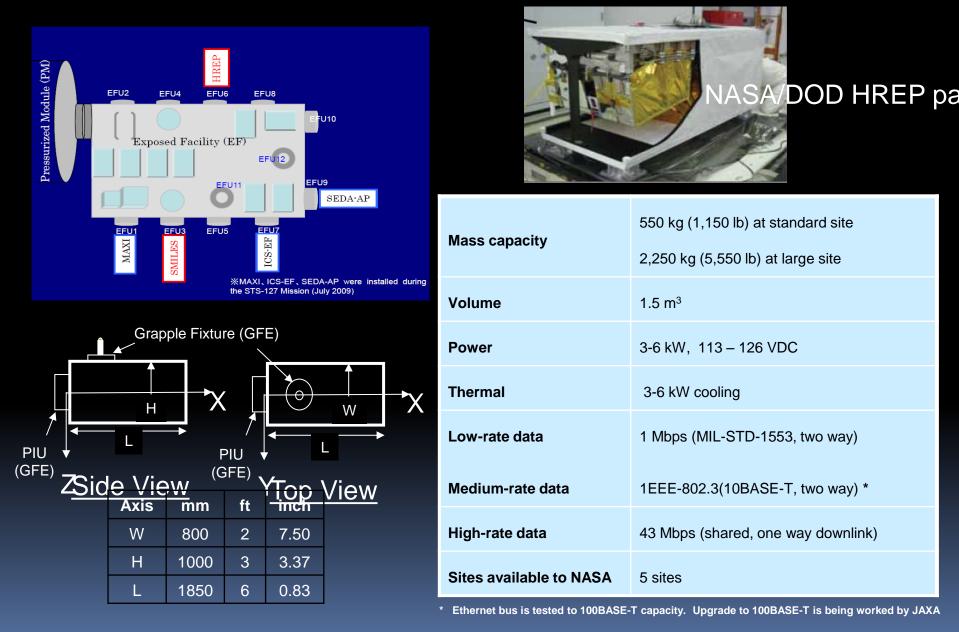
Proposed C&DH Enhancement to each Research Payload site

## **External Research Accommodations**



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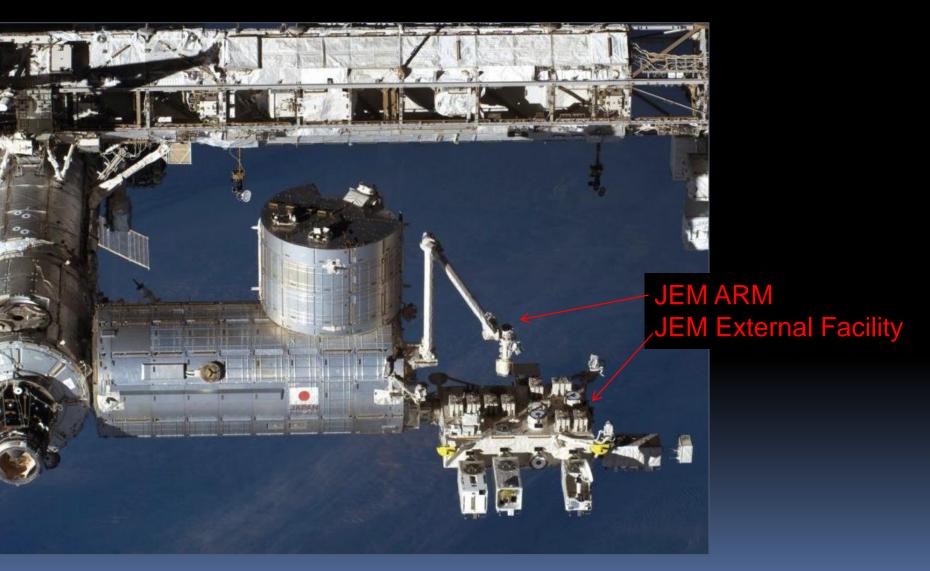
### JEM EF External Research Accommodations



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### Japanese Experiment Module - Kibo





### **Orb-1 Research Highlights**

#### NanoRacks CubeSat Deployers (NRCSDs) & CubeSats

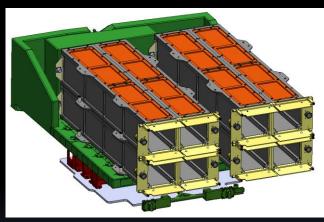
Sponsoring Space Agency: NASA

#### **Research Objectives**

NRCSD is a small satellite launching platform, providing containment and deployment mechanisms for several individual small satellites deployed from the International Space Station into Earth orbit. CubeSat investigations with ascent on Orb-1 include:

- **Dove**, from Planet Labs, will form a constellation of Earthobserving satellites.
- LituanicaSat-1 & LitSat-1, Lithuania's first satellites, provide real hands-on experience in satellite engineering.
- ArduSat-2 serves as a platform on which students and private space enthusiasts may design and run their own space-based experiments.
- **UAPSat-1**, Peru's first satellite, will measure temperature and weather, and contribute data on the behavior and capabilities of satellites on orbit.



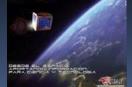


NRCSD launcher (installed on MPEP)

• SkyCube is a commercial imaging satellite.



Dove

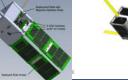


UAPSat-1

ArduSat-2

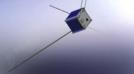


SkyCube





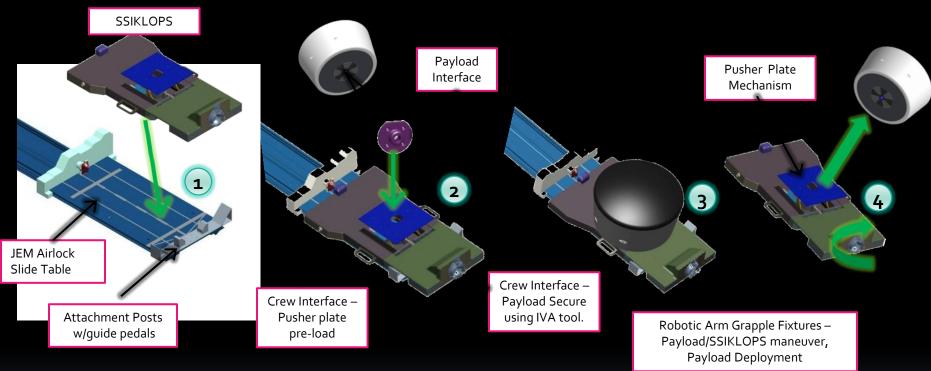
LitSat-1



LituanicaSat-1



# JEM Small Satellite Deployment Capabilities in Development



- Overall Platform: 52"L x 30"W x 3-9"H
- Max Payload: 44"L x 30"W x 11-21"H; 100 kg.
- Estimated Operations
  - IVA: 4.5 hrs (0.5 hrs J-SSOD removal, 0.5 hrs SSIKLOPS installation, 0.5 hrs Payload installation, 3 hrs airlock operation.)
  - EVR: 12 hrs (Ground Robotic Ops)
  - IVA: 4 hrs (3 hrs airlock operation, 0.5 hrs SSIKLOPS removal, 0.5 hrs J-SSOD installation)

Enhanced Capabilities Being Evaluated to Support Research to 2024

High throughput materials science facility High throughput cell science facility Additional Earth pointing platforms Sun/space pointing platforms New freezers Upgrades to video, data systems Addition of non-standard external payload platforms (e.g. Z1 with FRAMs, remove ESP to add final ELC, use S1 star tracker site or something that makes one FRAM site serve *multiple payloads*)

### Additional Capabilities for Full Utilization Funded and In Development

- Cell science multiple cell and tissue culturing systems and sample handling and analysis hardware
- Genomics omics analytics and database development
- Fundamental Physics (Theory of Relativity) atomic clocks and condensed atom lab
- Life science protein crystal growth system and small mass measurement device, bone densitometer
- Materials science granular materials research facility
- Physical science (combustion and fluids) physical science informatics database
- Plant science large plant growth chamber
- Rodent science rodent transport and longer duration habitats (45 days)
- Earth/space science hyper spectral instrument, lightning imaging sensor
- MSG modification to support life science research including rodent dissection and active facility decontamination