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Task Description:	<p>The proposed studies will address multiple issues of concern to NASA. These studies will determine the relative potencies of mission-relevant doses of two HZE (high energy) particles (with <math>Z &lt; 14</math>) to impair Attentional Set Shifting (ATSET). This data can be used to address central nervous system (CNS) Gap 2, and determine the likelihood of Astronauts being able to successfully conduct neurocognitive (problem-solving) tasks. The data generated on the inter-individual susceptibility to develop Hadron-induced Impairment of Executive Function (HIIIEF) could be used (by others) to determine whether the dichotomous (all-or-none) induction of HIIIEF requires reconsideration of the use of population Threshold Dose for dose risk estimations (CNS Gap 3).</p> <p>This study will establish the impact that SlpDep/SlpFrag has on the severity of HIIIEF (CNS 8), and whether Hadron exposure will result in a diminished ability to restore SlpDep decrements in Executive Function (CNS Gap 8).</p> <p>The proposed studies will thus generate data on the likelihood that GCR (galactic cosmic radiation) exposure will result in the impairment of neurocognitive (Executive Function) tasks that will be absolutely vital for the successful completion of a deep-space mission, under conditions that are more representative of the actual mission (when individuals are suffering from perturbed sleep).</p> <p>Aim 1: Studies to determine the Impact of sleep-fragmentation on Attentional Set Shifting performance.</p> <p>Aim 2: Studies to determine the Impact of sleep fragmentation occurring at pre- or post-HZE exposure on Attentional Set Shifting performance.</p> <p>Aim 3: Studies to determine the Impact of HZE exposure on sleep related electroencephalogram (EEG), and sleep homeostasis.</p>
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
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Task Progress:	<p>New project for FY2016. (Ed. note 4/7/2016: Proposal modified from original NSCOR solicitation proposal; not an NSCOR project)</p>
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