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Human Research Program Risks:	(1) Sensorimotor: Risk of Altered Sensorimotor/Vestibular Function Impacting Critical Mission Tasks		
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Task Description:	Many of the activities associated with spaceflight require individuals to use both limbs simultaneously to accomplish the task. Motor control, as well as visual performance and spatial orientation are disrupted by gravitational transitions between 1 G and 0 G, but very little is known about the sensorimotor deficits between 0 G and 1 G. The objective of this analog-based research effort is to investigate the impact of partial G-levels on bimanual coordination tasks that are operationally relevant for spaceflight. The same set of human subjects will participate in two different bi-manual coordination tasks during parabolic flight, which will deliver G-levels of 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, and 1.8 G. Sensorimotor dose-response curves will be generated between bi-manual coordination operational variables as a function of G-level, and G-thresholds (which indicate when performance decrements occur) will be determined. We will also quantify the risk associated with the use of a common motions sickness drug (promethazine) during bimanual coordination tasks. Results will provide critical information for current and future countermeasure development and in-flight prescriptions.
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
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