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Key Personnel Changes/Previous PI:	Per the Principal Investigator (PI): Drs. Sapirstien and Wick have left the project. A pediatric ICU (PICU) will be used instead of a surgical intensive care unit and neither Drs. Sapirstien nor Wick have involvement there. PICU faculty did not need support. (Ed., 2/15/23). October 2021 report: Dr. Dietz and Nam Lee have left JHU and are no longer working on the project.		
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Task Description:	<p>Selection of astronauts for Long Duration Spaceflight Exploration (LSDE) missions poses challenges for NASA including the need to define and select candidates based on a new set of behavioral competencies underpinning effective performance in these extended and isolated missions. Additionally, an effective selection system will require new measurement methods capable of discriminating between individuals in a population already exhibiting extreme range restriction. Sensor-based, sociometric, and more generally, unobtrusive measurement methods hold promise as valuable tools for addressing these needs and complementing existing competency assessment methods. The proposed work seeks to advance the science and practice surrounding diagnostic measurement of LDSE competencies using a blended approach where sociometric techniques are combined with traditional assessment methods. We will leverage our team's extensive, transdisciplinary experience in signal processing and analysis of complex dynamic network data, psychometrics, performance assessment, and developing theory and strategies for LDSE team improvement to: (1) generate predictive validity evidence for LDSE behavioral competencies, (2) develop sociometric indices of those competencies and provide evidence of their validity, (3) develop an open architecture system for integrating sensor-based measurement systems and extracting sociometric indices, and (4) generating guidelines for the use of sociometric measures in the selection process. Our technical approach for achieving these aims involves metric development, metric validation, assessment architecture system design, and selection guideline development. First, metric development will involve updating our current literature review of unobtrusive measurement to incorporate findings from recent NASA efforts. We will also apply reactive systems modeling to systematically map sensor-based measurement system requirements with potential metrics for assessment. Next, we will conduct exploratory human in the loop analyses to identify additional candidate measures using tensor-decomposition methods of archival data to detect performance patterns. Metric validation will occur in a LDSE analog (HERA--Human Exploration Research Analog) as well as two clinical residency programs in order to increase the sample size needed for analysis. Specifically, we will prospectively collect the following from each context: traditional assessments of competencies (self-report, observation), sociometric assessments of competencies, and multi-dimensional outcomes (task outcome measures, multiple rater assessments). Validation studies will be conducted to establish the link between LDSE competencies and performance outcomes, demonstrate the relationships between sociometric and traditional measures of LDSE competencies, as well as index the amount of variability in outcome measures accounted for by sociometric indices above and beyond traditional measures. The next phase of this project involves advancing methodology and analytic capabilities for competency assessment using sociometric indices. The analytics developed will distill meaningful metrics from complex, dynamic sensor data that can be used across a range of sensor devices, providing a generalizable 'middle layer' architecture for processing these data. This analytic process involves integrating and mapping these diverse measurement sources to generate a valid and actionable depiction of performance (i.e., to guide selection). Findings from these efforts will result in evidence-based, practical, and validated guidelines for incorporating unobtrusive measurement into the astronaut selection process. Overall, successful completion of this project will advance the science and practice of multi-method individual and team LDSE competency assessment.</p>
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	<p>Final products from this work will advance evidence-based selection practices for currently difficult to assess teamwork-related competencies. This will result in an astronaut corps more prepared to meet the demands of long duration space exploration. Additionally, these practices can benefit other professions where these competencies are germane.</p>
Task Progress:	<p>Early project efforts centered on clarifying program focus with research and operational sponsors and building the evidence base for assessment and selection practices through literature reviews, followed by the publication of early project literature reviews and empirical study design and execution in the NASA Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) and ICU (intensive care unit) analogs. Due to the COVID pandemic and resulting delays in HERA Campaign 6 and challenges with field data collection in ICU analogs, data collection has been delayed. In efforts to stretch the budget so that the full HERA Campaign 6 data collection can be included in this project, spending on this project has been minimized. We have been successful at preserving funds, and the team has made progress with data analysis strategies. However, progress on other tasks has slowed. As HERA Campaign 6 finalizes and our ICU data collection is complete, we plan to restart efforts across project tasks and will be focusing on data analysis across analogs and final project deliverables in what we anticipate will be the final upcoming project year.</p>
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