



# A world without gravity – research on ISS for the benefit of life on Earth

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# ISS for Global Peaceful Cooperation Improving Life on Earth

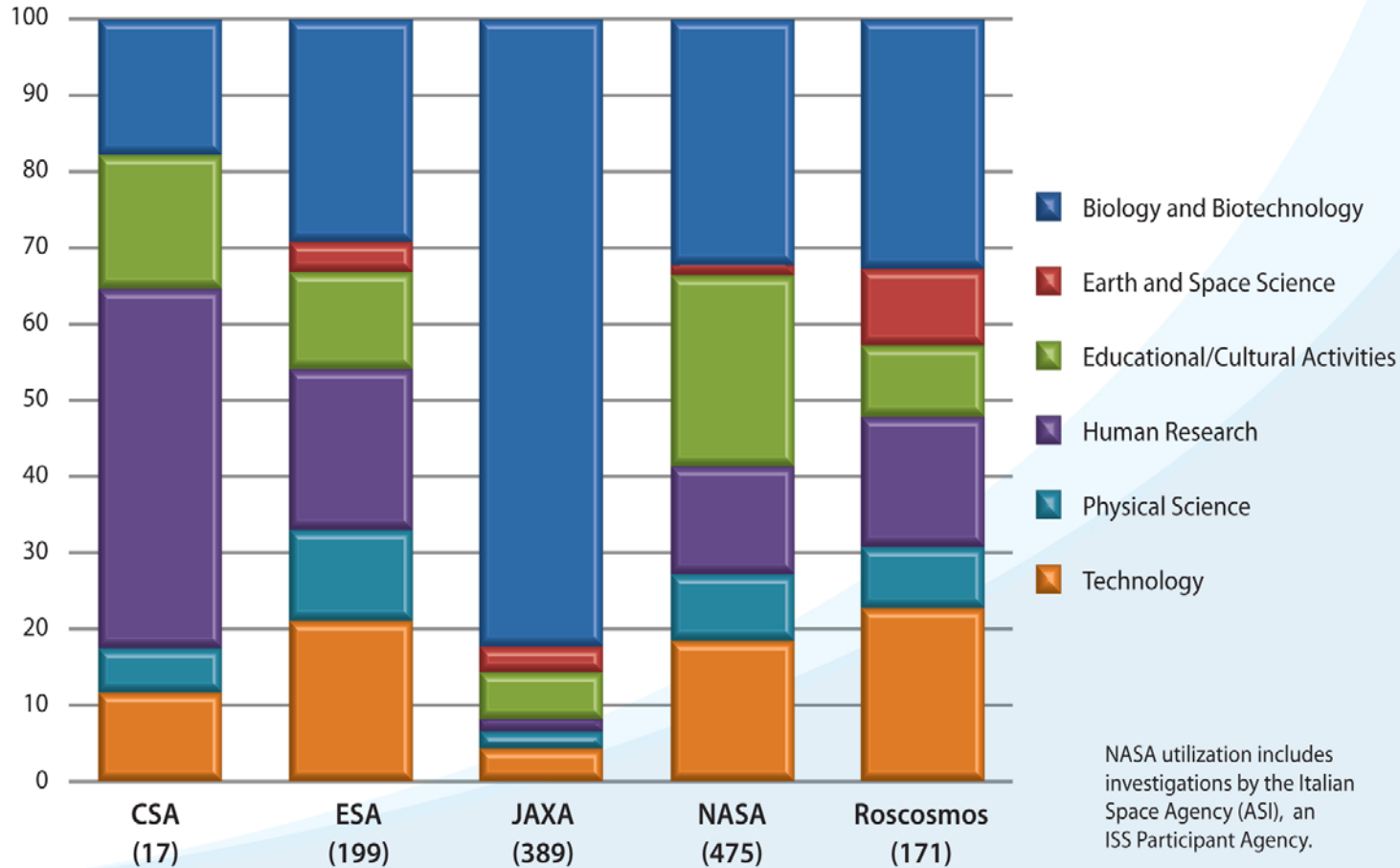


The greatest international  
space project of all time

# ISS Utilisation achievements (1/3)



Research Disciplines of ISS Investigations by Partner Agency: Expeditions 0-28  
December 1998 – October 2011



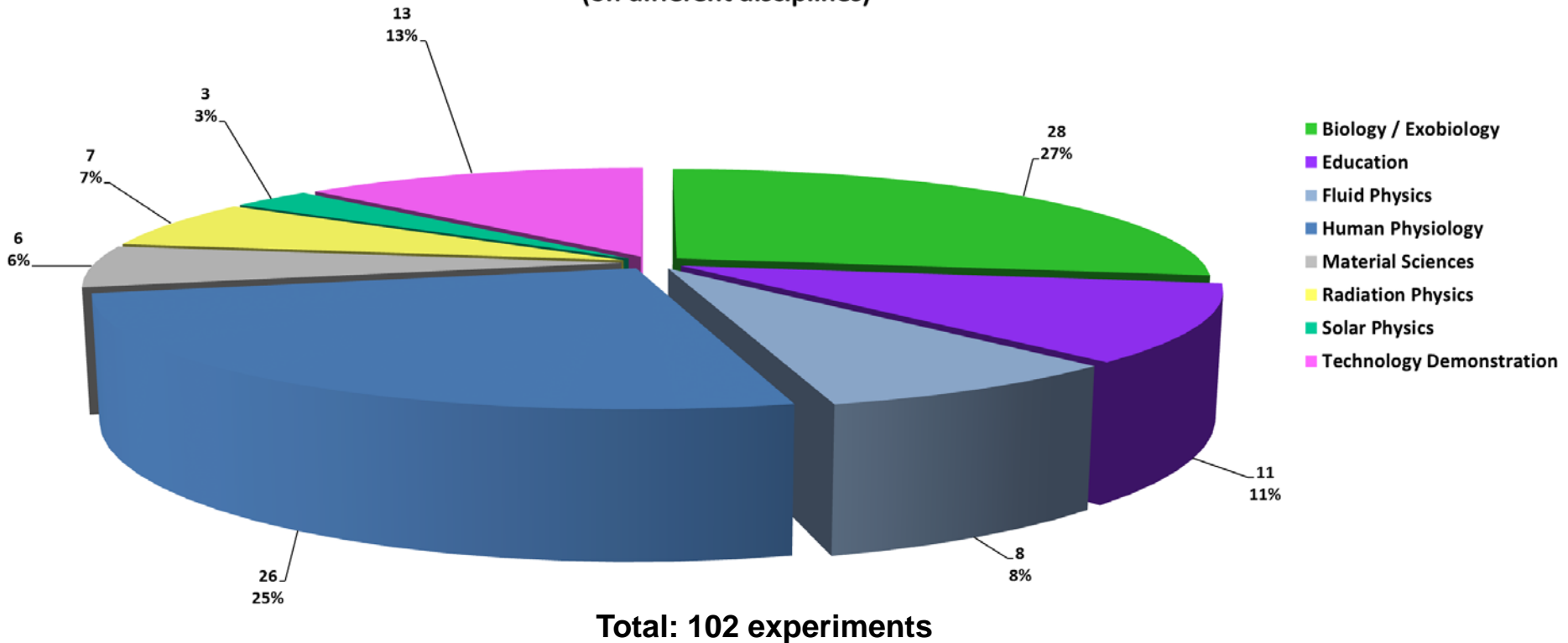
NASA utilization includes investigations by the Italian Space Agency (ASI), an ISS Participant Agency.



# ISS Utilisation achievements (3/3)



Number of unique experiments performed by ESA on ISS in 2008 (Columbus launch) - 2012 timeframe  
(on different disciplines)





# ISS for Life

## Research to Benefit Health



Space environment offers unique possibilities to study health problems related to various diseases, ageing and immobility

Understanding osteoporosis, early detection of osteoporosis on Earth and researching new counter measurements



Fighting muscle atrophy due to weightlessness



Physiological changes observed in microgravity provide important clues for ageing process on Earth



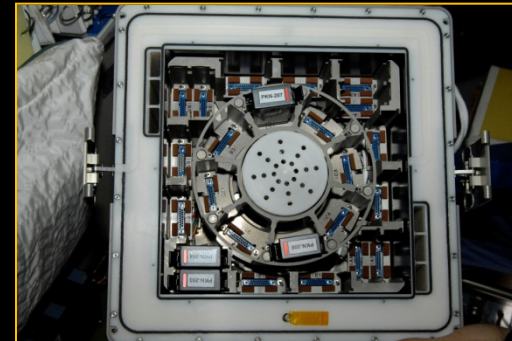
ISS plays a role in helping people with asthma condition



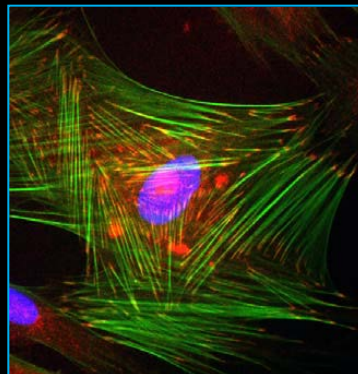
# ISS for Life: Biology and Astrobiology Research

- Aims at understanding the effect of microgravity and space environment on micro-organisms, cell cultures, plants and small animals.
- Provides fundamental knowledge on biological processes,
- Potential applications to biotechnology, medicine, agriculture and, in the long term, space exploration

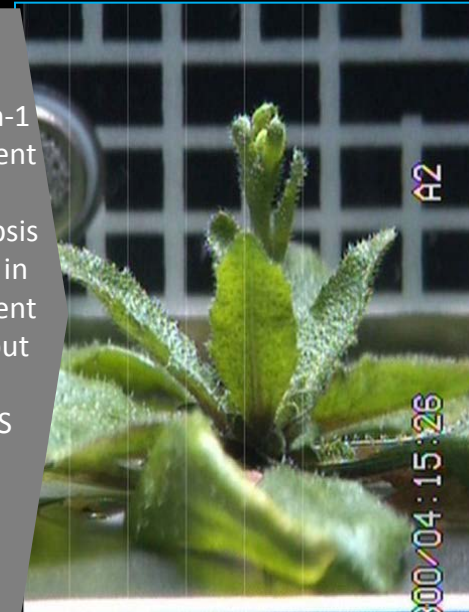
## KUBIK Cell, Microbiology and Plant Experiments



## EXPOSE Astrobiology Experiments



Multigen-1 Experiment with Arabidopsis Thaliana in experiment carried out in the EMCS Facility





# ISS for Science, Technology and Innovation



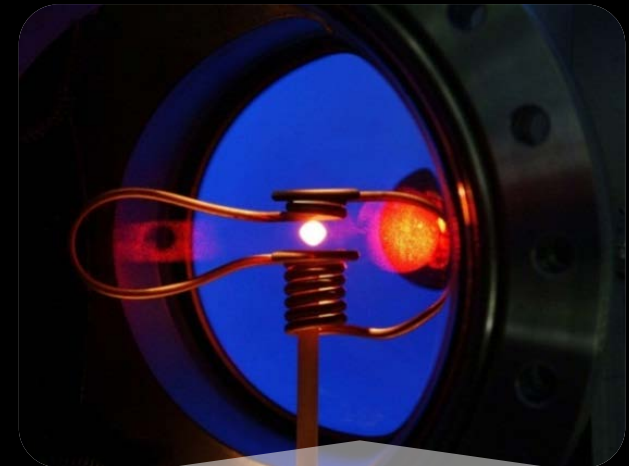
PK-3 Plus:  
detailed  
investigation of  
complex  
plasmas under  
microgravity



Developing ways  
to kill bacteria  
and viruses that  
can cause  
infections in  
hospitals



Positive results to  
help improve  
casting processes  
for producing  
new lighter  
weight materials  
for use in, for  
example, airplane  
engines



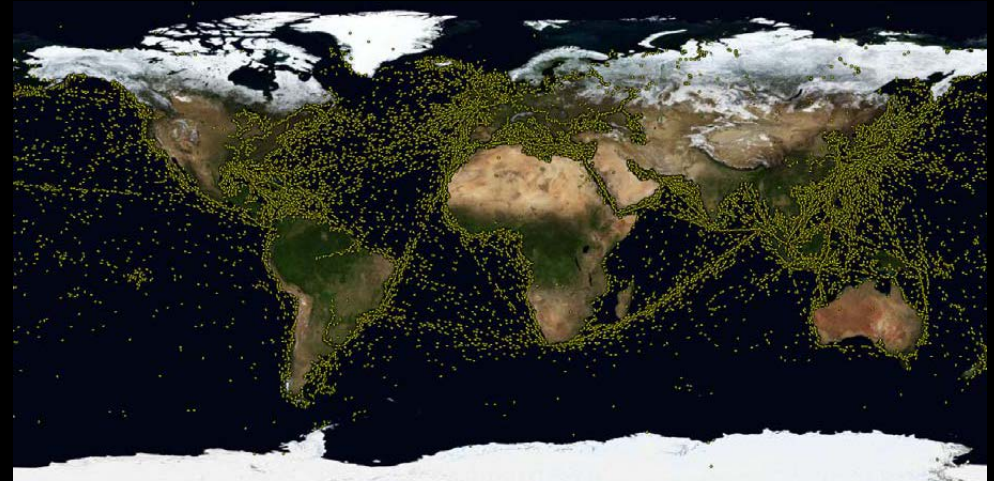
Electromagnetic levitation  
using the TEMPUS facility

# ISS for Earth

## Research for Climate Change understanding and Earth's Monitoring

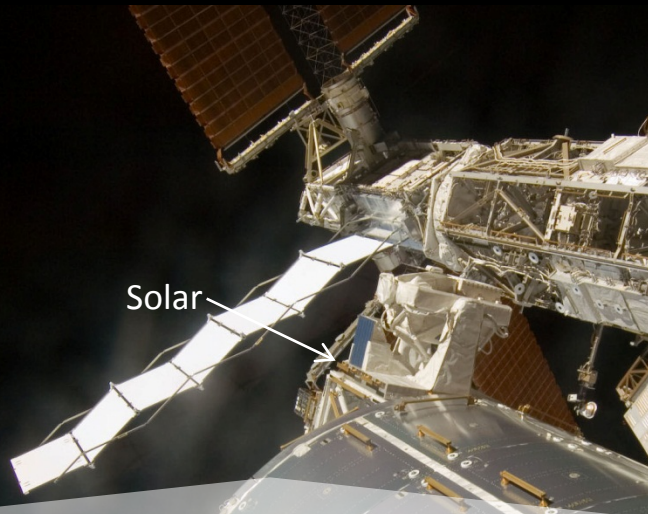


ISS is a global observation and diagnosis platform



NORAIS: Vessel detection

Solar



The Solar Monitoring Observatory uses three science instruments (SOVIM, SOLSPEC, and SOL-ACES) to provide detailed measurements of the Sun's spectral irradiance



Our fragile planet



# ISS for Education Inspiring and Motivating New Generations



Passion and Enthusiasm for  
Science and Technology



Young generations learn to appreciate  
and understand the benefits, challenges,  
and importance of space research

## STATE-OF-THE-ART PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES RESULTING FROM RESEARCH ON THE ISS

### 5 MAIN THEMES

**A**

· Non-invasive medical diagnostics

**B**

· Biomedicine

**C**

· Biology / Biotechnology

**D**

· Astrobiology & Space Environment

**E**

· Physical Sciences

