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## **Celebrating Station Science**

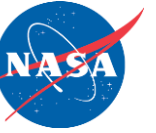
**STEM on Station**

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# Today's Agenda



- ✓ Twenty Years on the International Space Station by the Numbers.
- ✓ Educator Resources from STEM on Station.
- ✓ Celebrating Station Science Series
- ✓ Activity – STEMonstration: Exercise.
- ✓ Celebrating Station Science: Experiments.
- ✓ Questions-and-Answers.





# The International Space Station by the Numbers

# Celebrating 20 Years of Continuous Human Presence



Nov. 2, 2020

## Marking 20 Years of Continuous Human Presence on the **International Space Station**

Deep Space Exploration | Commercial Space Market | Global Partnership | Space Laboratory

A truly global endeavor, the unique microgravity laboratory has hosted **242** people from **19** countries, nearly **3,000** experiments from over **4,000** researchers in **108** countries, and a variety of international and commercial spacecraft.

The International Space Station is the blueprint for American leadership in global cooperation, enabling a U.S.-led multinational partnership to advance shared goals in space exploration and remains the sole space-based proving ground and **stepping stone** for NASA's **Artemis** program.



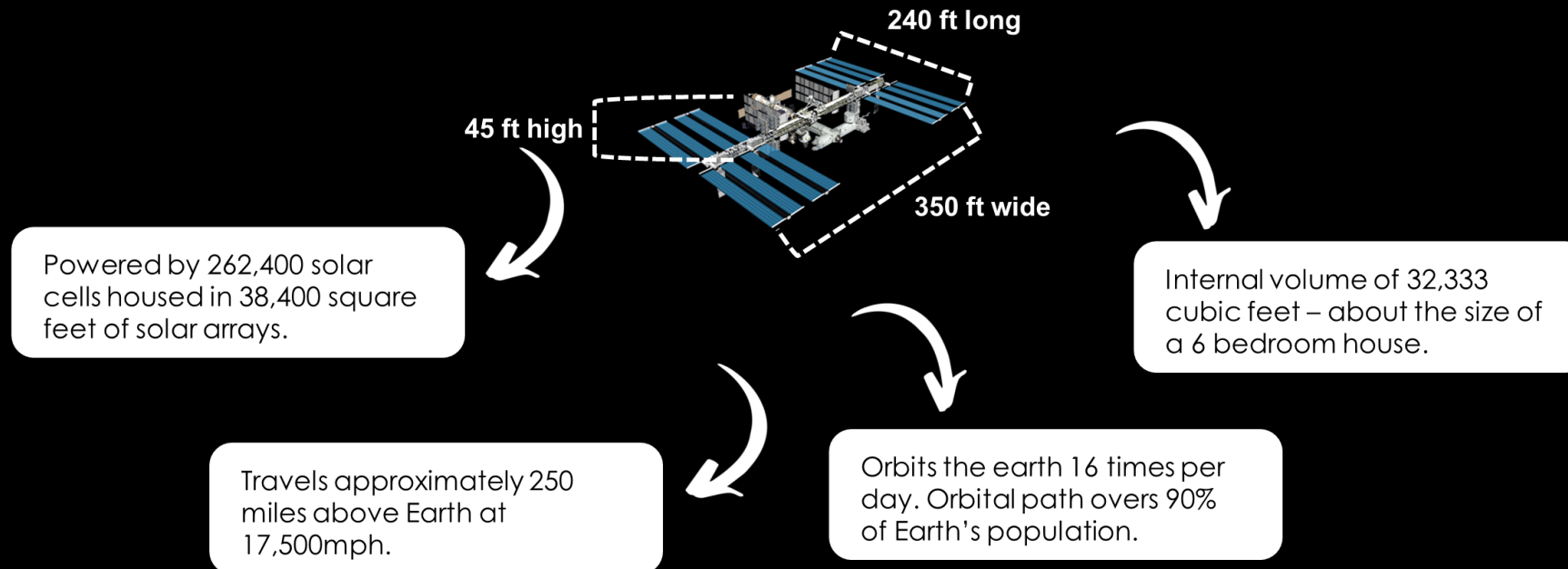
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# Space Station: Facts and Figures



The Space Station was built on orbit over 41 assembly flights between 1998 and 2011. There have been 215+ successful launches to station to date to deliver crew, supplies and science.



# Humans in Space: Facts and Figures



More than 239 different people from 19+ countries have visited the Space Station. 100,000 people at more than 500 facilities in 37 states and 16 countries cooperate on space station operations.



Built to house a crew of 3 to 9 people.

NASA astronaut Christina Koch broke the record for longest continuous spaceflight by a woman, returning to Earth in February 2020 after 328 days in space!

225+ spacewalks for space station construction, maintenance and upgrades conducted since December 1998.

About 63,000 meals eaten on station since the first Expedition in 2000



# Space Station Mission



- ✓ Build international and commercial human exploration partnerships
- ✓ Enable long-duration human spaceflight beyond low-Earth orbit
- ✓ Return benefits to humanity through basic and applied research
- ✓ Facilitate the development of a commercial market in low-Earth orbit

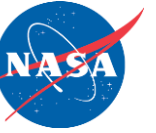






# Educator Resources from STEM on Station

# STEM on Station Resources



## STEMonstrations



## In-flight Education Downlinks



# STEM on Station Resources

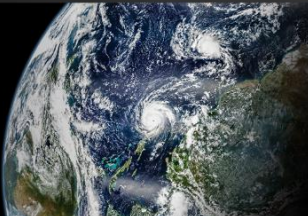


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






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### Partnering with NASA STEM on Station




Next year is the twentieth anniversary of humans living aboard the International Space Station. Microsoft Education in partnership with NASA have developed this collection of lesson plans to celebrate the astronauts' contributions to improving life both in space and on Earth.



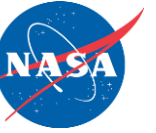
#### NASA Collection

 <p>Designing Astro Socks to protect astronauts' feet in microgravity MIDDLE &amp; HIGH SCHOOL LESSON Study the astronaut's...</p>	 <p>Using materials science engineering to determine heat resistance MIDDLE SCHOOL LESSON Use data to compare how...</p>	 <p>Understanding adiabatic compression and the ideal gas law HIGH SCHOOL LAB Measure how...</p>	 <p>Experiencing Microgravity by understanding Newton's 2nd and 3rd Laws of Motion MIDDLE SCHOOL LESSON Introduces the...</p>
 <p>What is the electromagnetic spectrum? MIDDLE SCHOOL LESSON Build a spectrometer to...</p>	 <p>Detecting Alpha, Beta and Gamma Radiation HIGH SCHOOL LAB Measure radiation in the...</p>	 <p>Analyzing the astronauts' photos of Earth to predict climate change MIDDLE &amp; HIGH SCHOOL LESSON Use biome climate data...</p>	 <p>Minecraft build challenge: Design your Space Station DESIGN CHALLENGE Build your own Minecraft...</p>

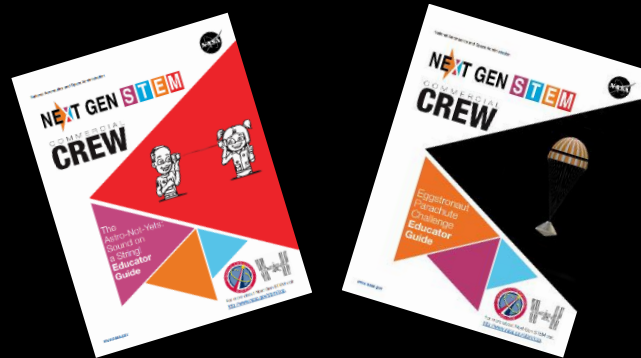
## Expeditionary Skills for Life



# STEM on Station Resources



## Commercial Crew Program



## Celebrating Station Science





# Get Involved with Station



Visit the STEM on Station website for lesson plans, videos, news updates + out-of-this-world opportunities!

[www.nasa.gov/stemonstation](http://www.nasa.gov/stemonstation)





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- Yearlong celebration of science on the International Space Station for a K-12 STEM education audience.
- Updated throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- Resources grouped into monthly themes.

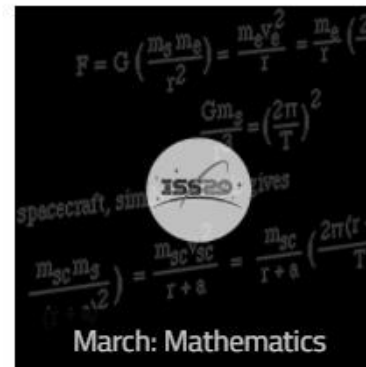
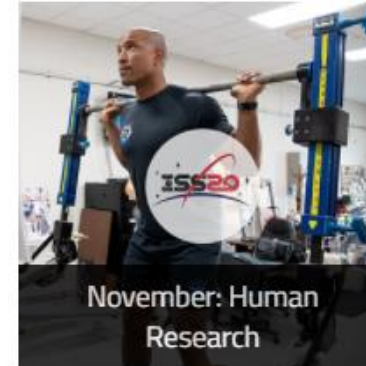




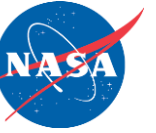
# Celebrating Station Science: Monthly Themes



Explore through a variety of theme-based resources.



# Celebrating Station Science: Lesson Plans

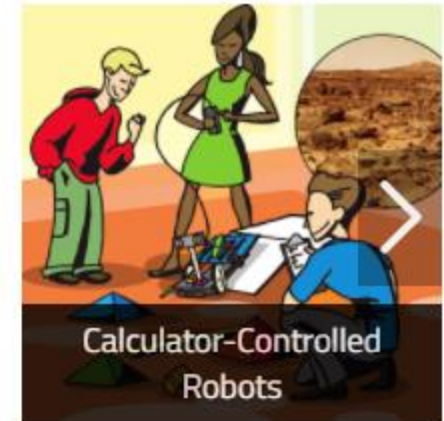


## Celebrating Station Science: Computer Science

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### Lesson Plans



# Celebrating Station Science: Multimedia



## Multimedia









- What would students learn about plants and plant growth from the video?
- What would students learn about the nature of science and scientific method from the video?
- How can you incorporate ScienceCasts into classroom lessons/activities?



# Activity: Exercise STEMonstratation

# Osteoporosis Discussion



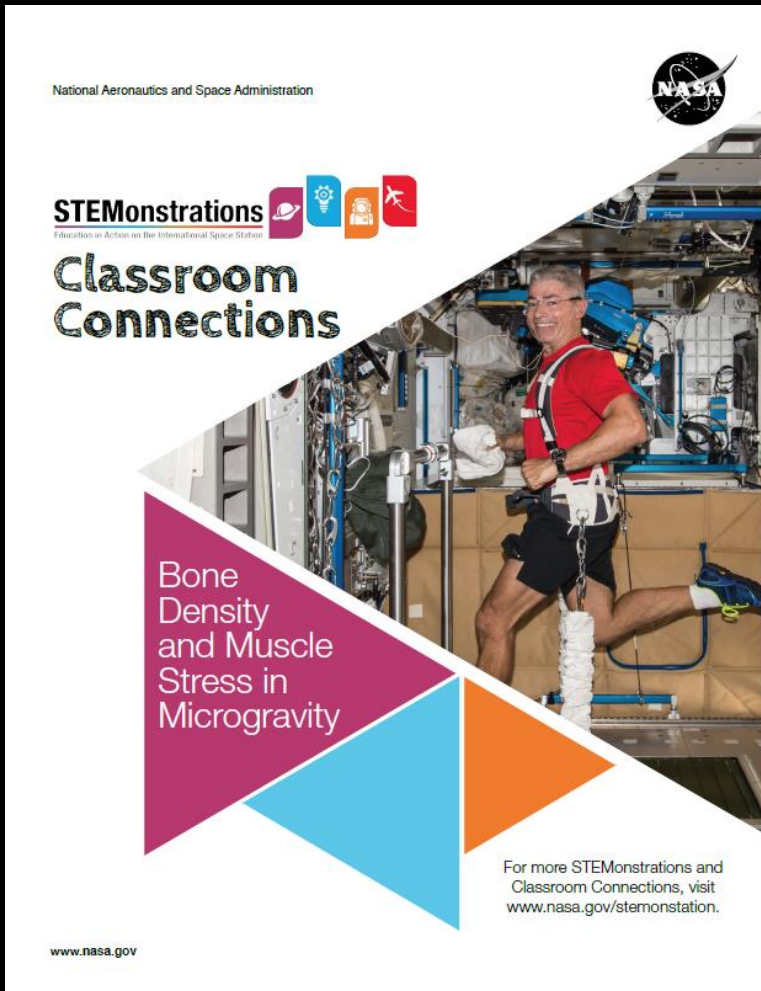
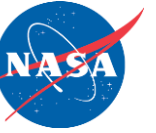
- Who is impacted by osteoporosis?
- What causes osteoporosis?







# STEMonstration: Exercise



**Grade Level:** 4-8

**Time Required:** 60 minutes

## **Next Generation Science Standards:**

- **4-LS1-1.** Construct an argument that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction.
- **MS-LS1-1.** Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells; either one cell or many different numbers and types of cells.
- **MS-LS1-3.** Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.

## **Objective:**

- Identify the effects of decreased bone mass
- Describe why healthy bones are important in space and on Earth.

# Activity Directions



## You will need:

- ✓ 4 sealable snack-size plastic baggies
- ✓ Corn puff cereal
- ✓ Heavy text book (or other heavy, durable, flat object)
- ✓ [Exercise STEMonstratation Classroom Connection](#)

## Directions:

1. Completely fill bag 1 with cereal and close it. Only fill with complete, unbroken pieces. Count and record the number of cereal pieces placed into the bag. (Tip: Count as you place cereal in the bag)
2. Fill bag 2 with 80% of the cereal as bag 1. Record the number of pieces.
3. Fill bag 3 with 60% of the cereal as bag 1. Record the number of pieces.
4. Fill bag 4 with 40% of the cereal as bag 1. Record the number of pieces.
5. Place heavy textbook on top of bag 1, push down with a hard force for 10 seconds. Repeat for bags 2-4.
6. Count and record the number of undamaged cereal in each bag. Calculate the percentage of each bag not damaged by the force.



Student Worksheet

Group Members \_\_\_\_\_

Normal Bone Density = \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of cereal in Bag 1  
Density of Bone 2 (80% of Bag 1) = \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of cereal in Bag 2  
Density of Bone 3 (60% of Bag 1) = \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of cereal in Bag 3  
Density of Bone 4 (40% of Bag 1) = \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of cereal in Bag 4

BEFORE THE EXPERIMENT			AFTER THE EXPERIMENT		
Bag	Bone Loss Represented	Density (# of cereal pieces in bag)	# of unaffected pieces	% of bone unaffected	% of bone affected
1	0%				
2	20%				
3	40%				
4	60%				

**Analysis results**

1. What observations did you make about damage to the cereal pieces as the amount of cereal in the bags decreased?

2. Does your data support your hypothesis? Why or why not?

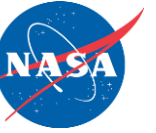
3. Imagine your bag was a real bone. What would happen if a sudden force was applied?

4. How do you think we can prevent bone loss both on Earth and in space?

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# Filled Bags



**Bag 1**  
0% bone loss  
308 pieces

**Bag 2**  
20% bone loss  
246 pieces

**Bag 3**  
40% bone loss  
185 pieces

**Bag 4**  
60% bone loss  
123 pieces



# Count and Record Undamaged Cereal

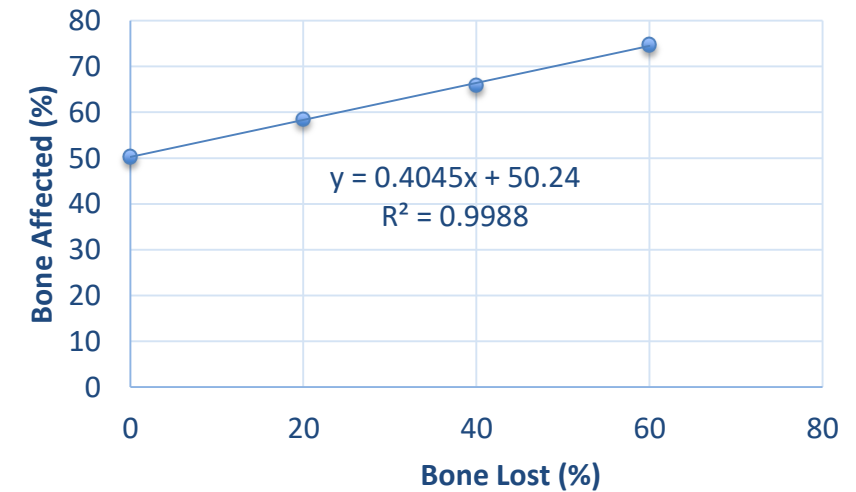


# Example Results



BEFORE THE EXPERIMENT			AFTER THE EXPERIMENT		
Bag	Bone Loss Represented	Density (# of cereal pieces in bag)	# of unaffected pieces	% of bone unaffected	% of bone affected
1	0%	308	153	49.7	50.3
2	20%	246	102	41.5	58.5
3	40%	185	63	34.1	65.9
4	60%	123	31	25.2	74.8

**Bone Damage vs. Bone Loss**



# Activity Discussion



1. What observations did you make about damage to the cereal pieces as the amount of cereal in the bags decreased?
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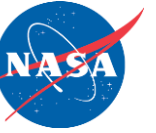






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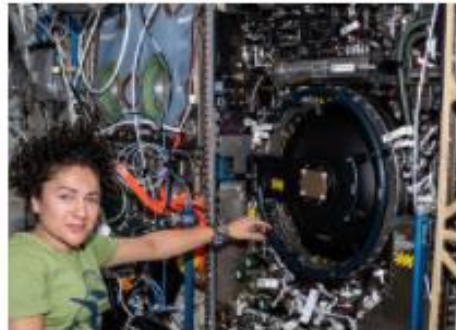
## Space Station Experiments



National Lab Project  
Pipeline



Materials International  
Space Station Experiment



Combustion Integrated  
Rack (CIR)



Fluids Integrated Rack (FIR)



Microgravity Science  
Glovebox



# Experiment Investigation

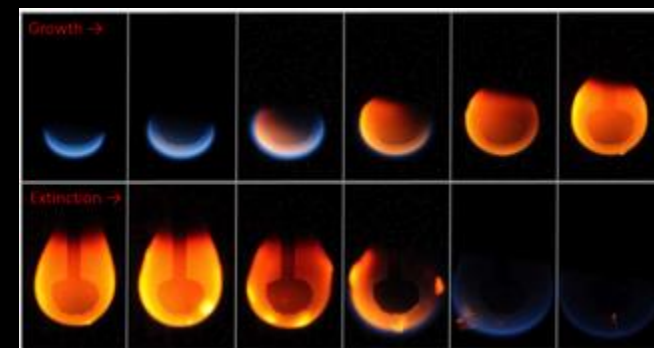


## Directions:

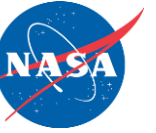
1. Read about an experiment found on [Celebrating Station Science](#).
2. Identify the NGSS (or state standards) involved with the experiment.
3. In the chat, write the classroom lesson you could incorporate the experiment into, and how you would incorporate it in the lesson.

## Example:

- **Experiment:** Spacecraft Materials Microgravity Research on Flammability (SM $\mu$ RF) from the [SoFIE series of experiments](#).
- **NGSS:** HS-PS1-5
- **Class Lesson/Unit:** Chemical Reactions—Oxidation-Reduction
- **How to integrate:** SM $\mu$ RF identifies differences in flammability of materials in microgravity and on Earth, findings will help understand material flammability and thermal energy transfer and better understand what compounds will have oxidation-reduction reactions.



# Additional Resources

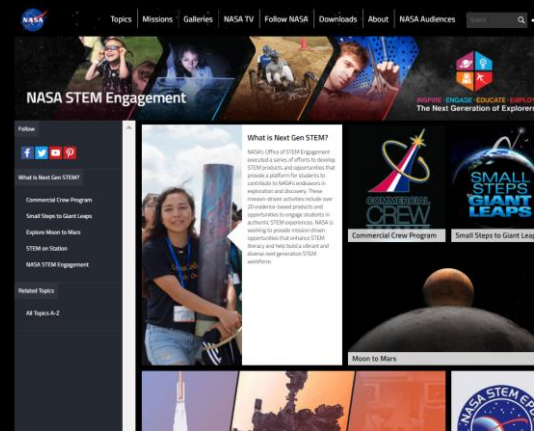


## NASA Express



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## Next Generation STEM



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# Celebrating Station Science



**How will you celebrate station science in your classroom?**





# Questions?

