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# Preface

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## Abbreviations

LoG	Laplacian-of-Gaussian
MSE	Mean Square error
PSNR	Peak Signal-to-Noise ratio

## Symbols

42	“The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything” according to [?]
$c$	Speed of light
$E$	Energy
$m$	Mass
$\pi$	The number pi





# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 History of Long Term Space Travel and Space Analogs

1.1.1 Year in Space

1.1.2 Space Analogs

Concordia Platform

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### 1.2 Space travels relationship to immune system gene expression changes

1.2.1 How does space travel effect immune system gene expression?

1.2.2 Why does space travel effect immune system gene expression?

Radiation

Micro-gravity

Stress

Hypoxia

Microbial Contamination

Sleep disruption

Insufficient Nutrition

### 1.3 Microarray Analysis

1.3.1 How do microarrays work?

Affymetrix Microarrays

1.3.2 How do you analyze microarray data?

R Bioconductor Project

Oligo Package

RMA Normalization

### 1.4 Statistical Analysis

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