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Should the U.S. Collaborate with China in Space?

1. The next time humans set foot on the moon, they may well plant a five-starred red flag there. The Chinese space program is developing rapidly, and further progress should come this year when taikonauts, a colloquial term for Chinese astronauts, visit the Tiangong-1 space module.
2. The president's chief science adviser John Holdren has said the U.S. would benefit from cooperation with China. The two countries could tackle the problem of space debris and, possibly, lay groundwork for a joint mission to Mars.
3. One widely held concern is just who would be on the Chinese end of a hypothetical manned mission with the U.S.
4. We found ways to cooperate with the Soviet Union during the cold war. I don't see why we couldn't do similar types of things with China.

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=tensions-over-taikonauts>