

SPACE



“I didn’t feel like a giant. I felt very, very small.”

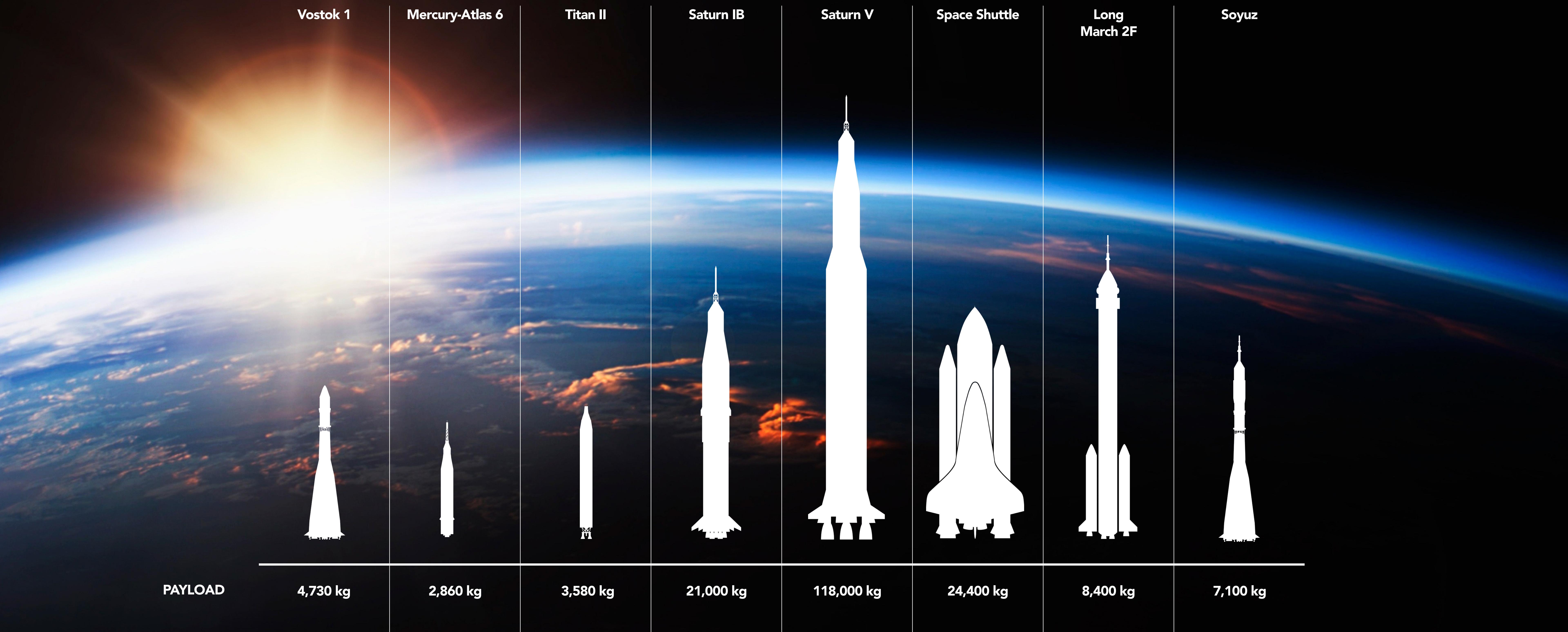
–Neil Armstrong on looking back at the Earth from the Moon in July 1969



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WE HAVE LIFT OFF

Manned exploration of space is made possible by the evolution of rocket technology.





SECOND HOME

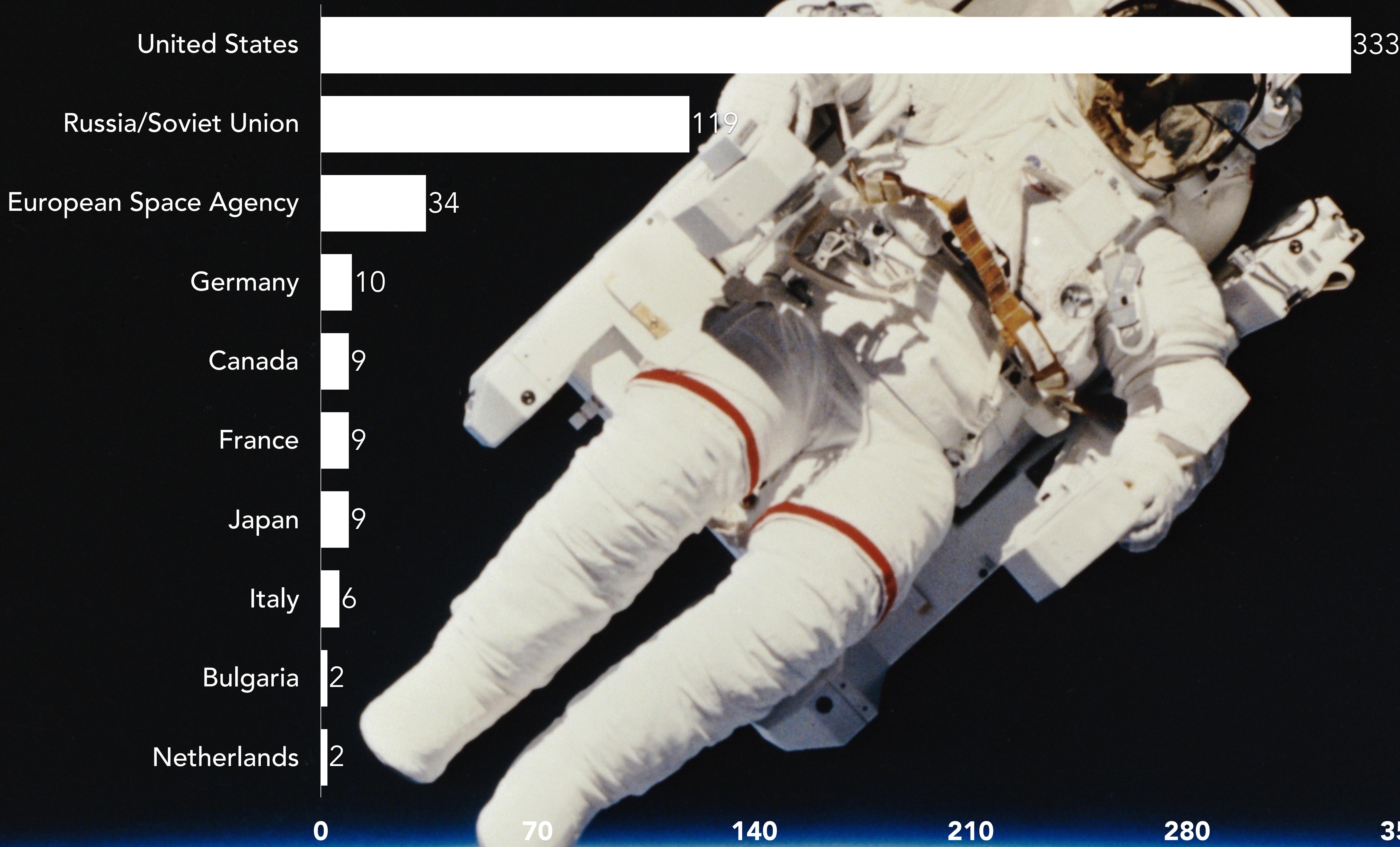
HUMANITY AND THE STARS

"As man draws nearer to the stars, why should he not also draw nearer to his neighbor?"

—Lyndon B. Johnson



PEOPLE IN SPACE





THE JOURNEY

FIRST EXPLORATIONS

*"The Earth is the cradle of humankind,
but one cannot live in the cradle forever."*

—Konstantin E. Tsiolkovsky

1950



1957

The Soviet Union ushers in
the space age with the
launch of Sputnik 1.

1960

1968
First manned
Apollo mission.



1971
Salyut 1, the first space station
of any kind, is launched by the
Soviet Union.



1963

Valentina Vladimirovna
Tereshkova becomes the first
woman in space.

1970

1961
Yuri A. Gagarin becomes
the first human to
successfully orbit the Earth.

1965

Russian cosmonaut Alexey Leonov
exits his Voskhod 2 for the first
space walk.



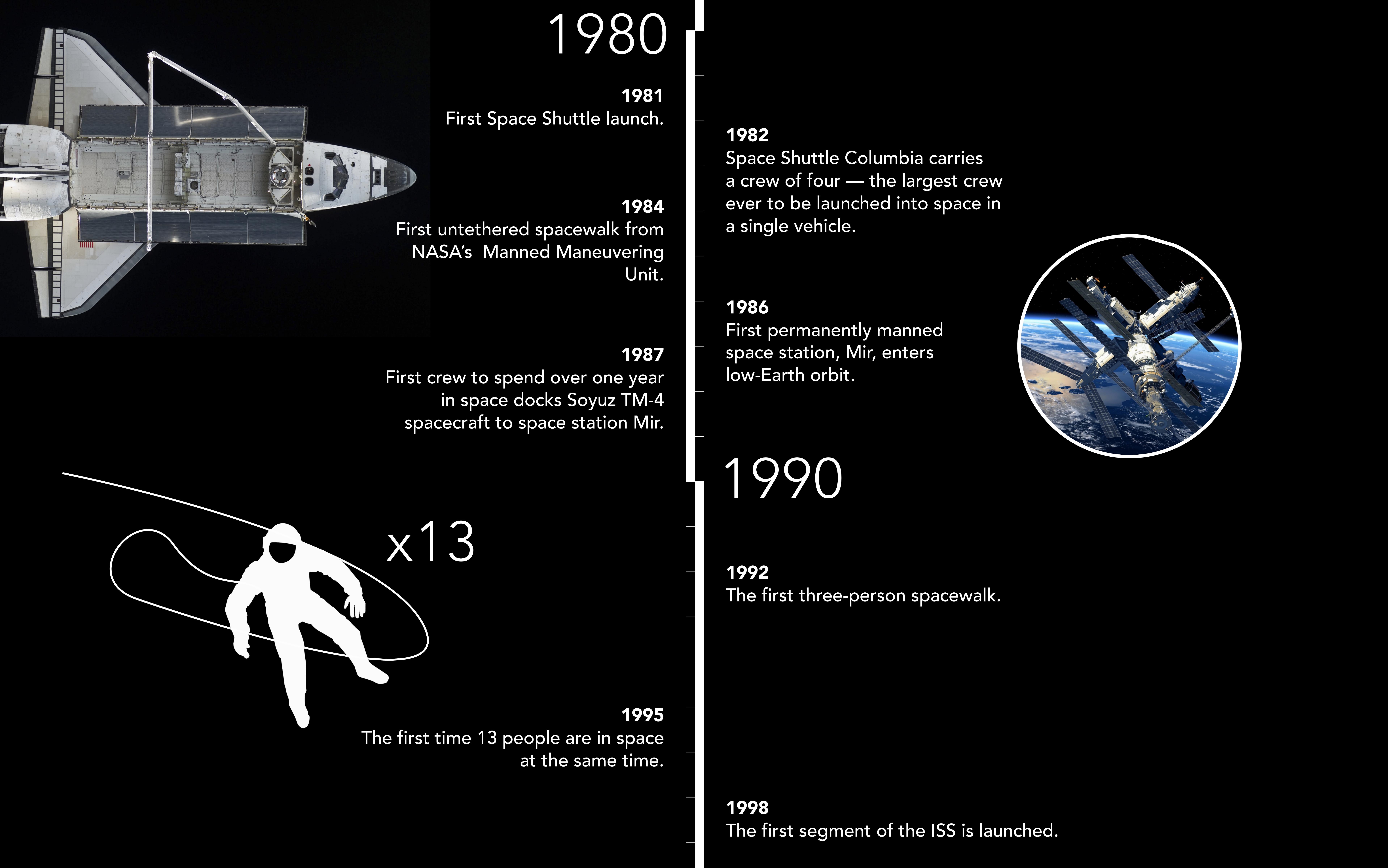
1969
First manned moon
landing.

1972

Last Apollo mission to the
moon.

1975

U.S. and Russian astronauts
practice détente in space.

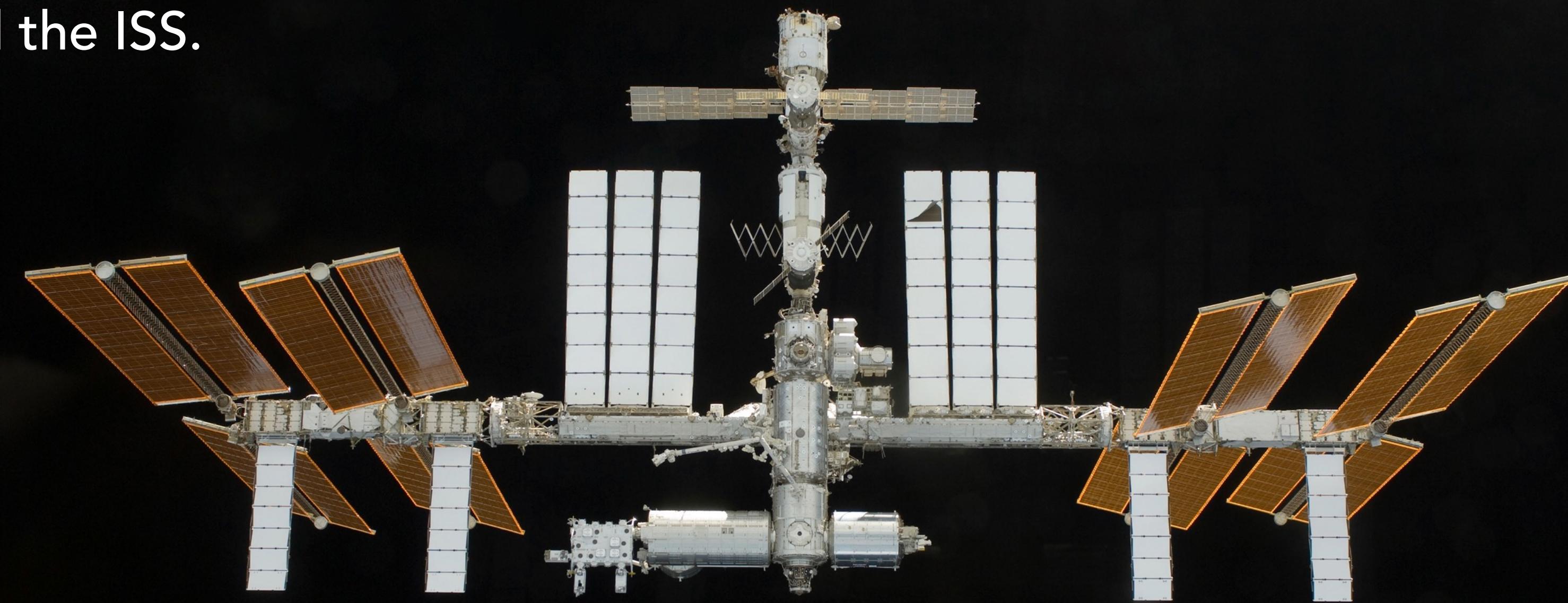




2000

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The first crew arrives to reside onboard the ISS.



2003

China's first astronaut, Yang Liwei, orbits Earth 14 times in the Shenzhou 5 space capsule.

2004

SpaceShipOne becomes the first privately financed vehicle to officially make it into space.

2007

Sunita Williams sets the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman at 195 days.

2010

2011

China launches Tiangong-1, its first orbital space laboratory.

2012

China's first female astronaut spends 10 days aboard the Tiangong-1 space lab.

