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LA CARRERA CIENTÍFICO-TECNOLÓGICA POR EL ESPACIO ULTRATERRESTRE EN EL SIGLO XXI

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RESUMEN

La ciencia, la tecnología y la innovación (CTI) han sido siempre un aspecto fundamental de las relaciones internacionales, especialmente en el avance de las actividades espaciales. El sector espacial ha sido un área pionera dentro del campo de la ciencia, la tecnología y la innovación (CTI), con un impacto significativo y de gran alcance en el orden mundial. La carrera espacial entre Estados Unidos y la Unión Soviética desempeñó un papel importante en el contexto de la Guerra Fría. Desde la conclusión del siglo XX, el orden internacional ha experimentado un proceso de transformación sistémica, durante el cual la ciencia, la tecnología y la innovación (CTI) han asumido un papel fundamental. En este contexto de nuevo sistema internacional, asistimos al advenimiento de una nueva era espacial. Esta nueva era espacial se caracteriza por la aparición de nuevas tendencias, actores, tipos de interacciones y procesos en el espacio, que están ejerciendo un impacto significativo en la configuración del orden mundial. Esta presentación examina los múltiples retos a los que se enfrenta la comunidad científica a la hora de comprender la conexión entre la CTI, las relaciones internacionales y las actividades espaciales.

Palabras clave: CTI en el espacio ultraterrestre, sistema espacial, relaciones científicas internacionales, relaciones espaciales internacionales, carrera espacial.

ABSTRACT

Science, technology, and innovation (STI) have consistently been a pivotal aspect of international relations, particularly in the advancement of space activities. The space sector has been a pioneering area within the field of science, technology, and innovation (STI), having a significant and far-reaching impact on the global order. The space race between the United States and the Soviet Union played a significant role in the context of the Cold War. Since the conclusion of the 20th century, the international order has undergone a process of systemic transformation, during which science, technology, and innovation (STI) have assumed a pivotal role. In this context of a new international system, we are witnessing the advent of a new space age. This new space era is characterized by the emergence of new trends, stakeholders, types of interactions, and processes in space, which are exerting a significant impact on the configuration of the world order. This presentation examines the multiple challenges facing the scientific community in understanding the connection between STI, international relations, and space activities.

Keywords: STI in outer space, space system, International scientific relations, International space relations, space race.

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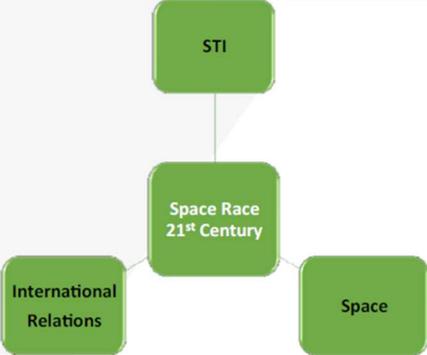
How can I contribute to the discussion on “Innovation and Knowledge for a Better Future”?

- The role of STI in the space activities
- The interconnection between the STI, outer space and international relations
- The evolution of the scientific -technological space race

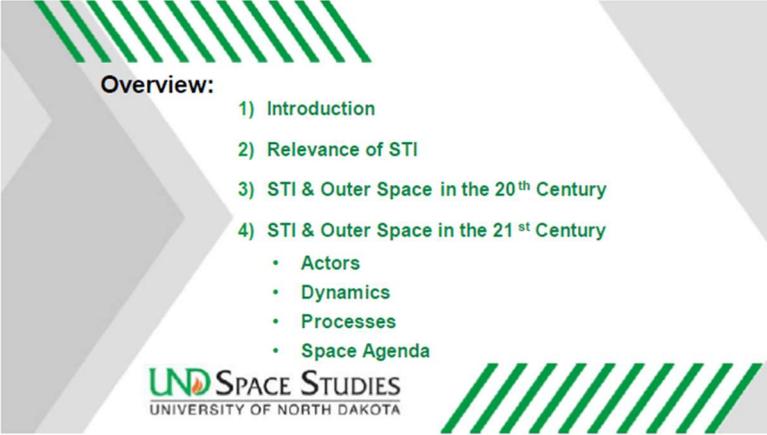


Approach:

- Interdisciplinary
- Looking at STI from Social Science
- Macro-level/Systems analysis



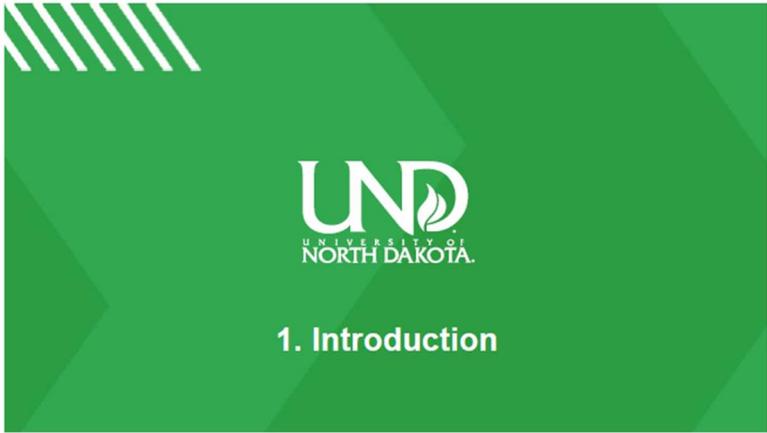
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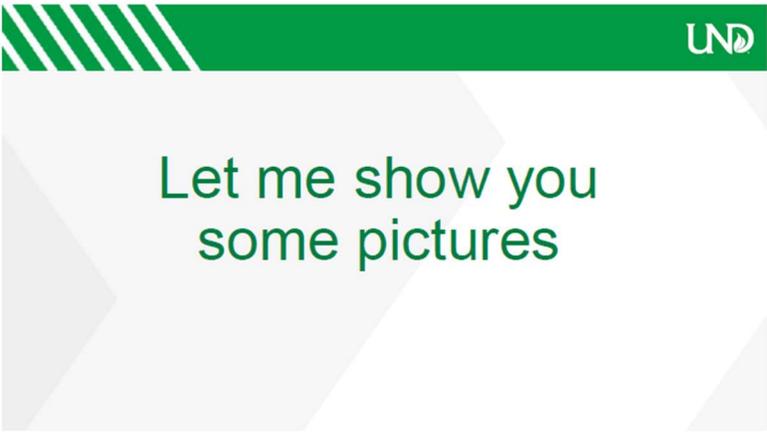
- 1) Introduction
- 2) Relevance of STI
- 3) STI & Outer Space in the 20th Century
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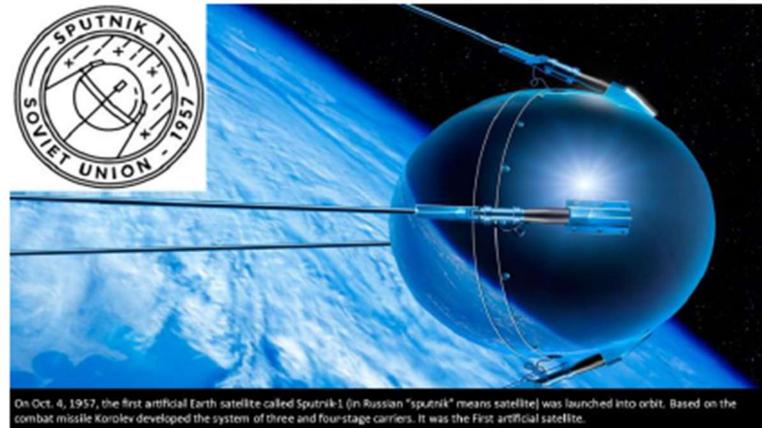
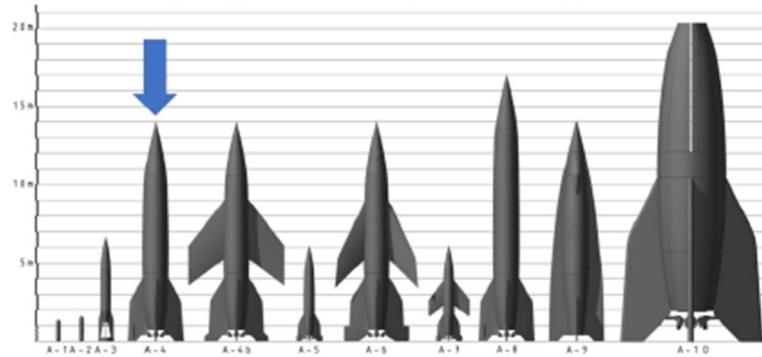
1. Introduction



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Let me show you
some pictures

Aggregat Series – A set of ballistic missile designs developed in 1933-1945 by a research program of Nazi Germany's Armed Forces (Wehrmacht). Its greatest success was the A4, more commonly known as the V2.

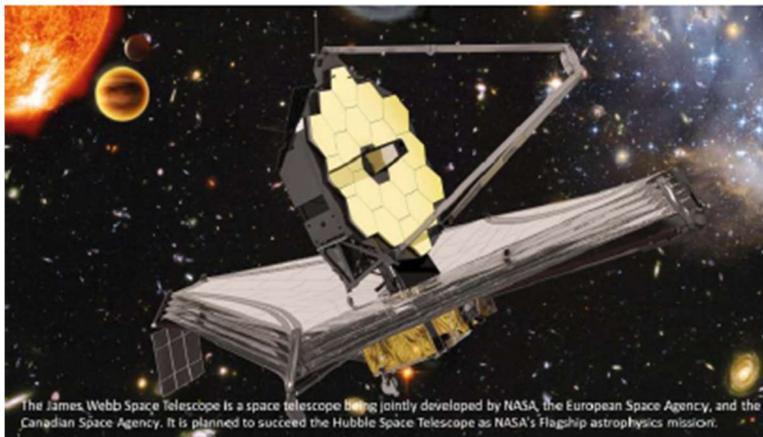
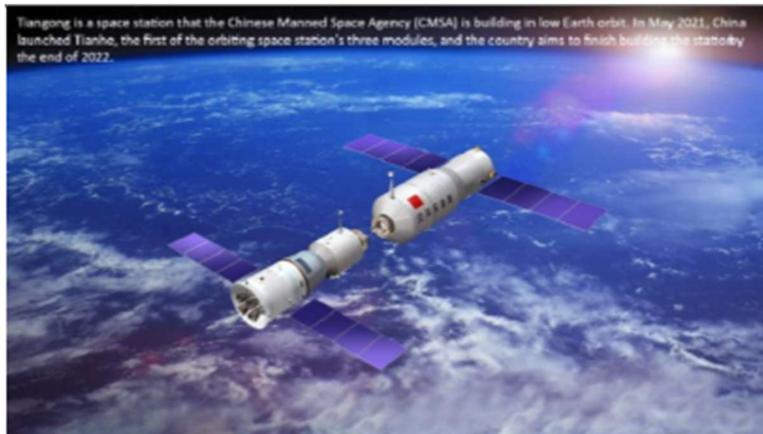


On Oct. 4, 1957, the first artificial Earth satellite called Sputnik-1 (in Russian "sputnik" means satellite) was launched into orbit. Based on the combat missile Korolev developed the system of three and four-stage carriers. It was the first artificial satellite.

On April 12, 1961, aboard the spacecraft Vostok 1, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin becomes the first human being to travel into space.









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What do all these pictures have in common?

- Historical Evolution of the STI and Space Activities
- Role of STI in International Space Relations

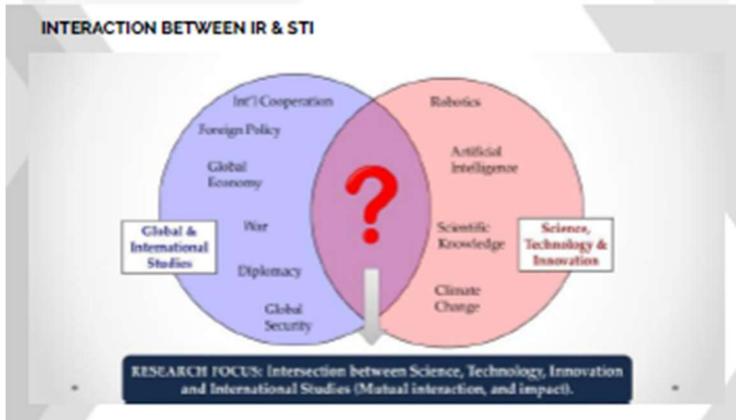
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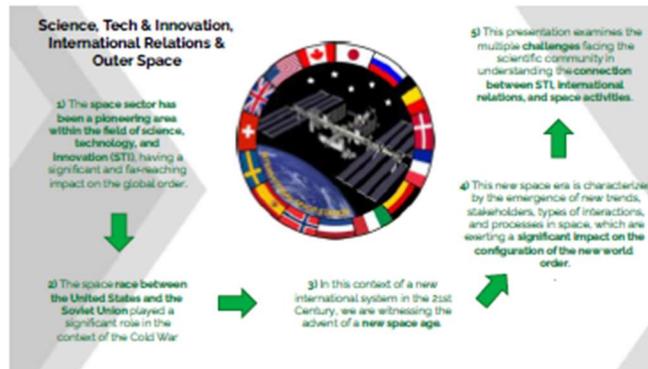
Science, Tech & Innovation always had significant Implications for the World Order

Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) is defined as a set of scientific tasks linked together, and with other socioeconomic dimensions within the international system with enormous consequences to actors, interactions, processes, parameters and global configuration of the international system. It is considered a unique and complex empirical phenomenon that has become in a key factor within the international relations" (Del Canto Vitale, 2019: 33-34).

The relative strengths of the leading nations in world affairs never remain constant, principally because of the uneven rate of growth among different societies and of the technological and organizational breakthroughs which bring a greater advantage to one society than to another."

Paul Kennedy
"The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000"
(1987)






3. STI & Outer Space in the 20th Century

Fathers of Space	First Space Organizations
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Konstantin Tsiolkovsky – Russia 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > GIRD / GDL – Russia (1928-1931)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Hermann Oberth – Rumania, Germany 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > VfR – Germany (1934)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Robert Goddard – United States 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > American Interplanetary Society and JPL – United States (1930-1936)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Robert Esnault-Pelterie – France 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > British Interplanetary Society – United Kingdom (1933)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Wernher von Braun – Germany 	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Sergei Korolev – Soviet Union 	

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A4 / V2

On October 3, 1942, German rocket scientist Wernher von Braun's brainchild, the **A-4 (V-2) missile**, is fired successfully from Peenemunde. It traveled 118 miles.

- > The liquid-propellant rocket was the **world's first long-range combat-ballistic missile and first known human artifact to enter outer space**.
- > It was **the progenitor of all modern rockets**, including those used by the United States and Soviet Union's space programs.
- > It proved extraordinarily deadly in the war and was the precursor to the **Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs)** of the postwar era.







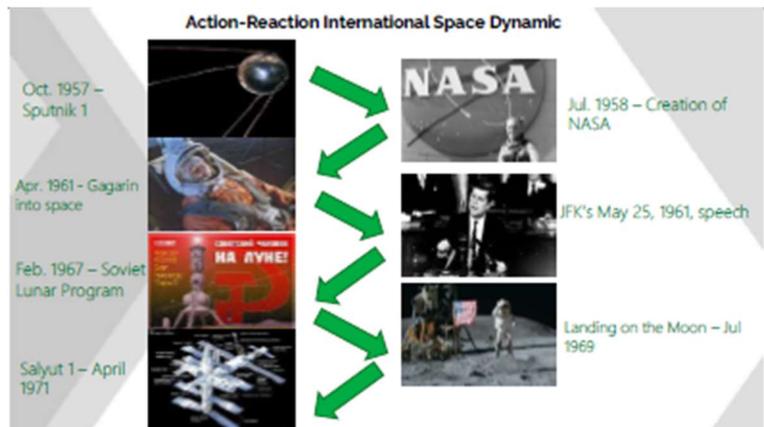

Cold War - Space Race – Moon Race




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Geopolitics of Space in the Cold War - Phases

- PHASE 1: Beginning of the Cold War/Space Race (1947/1961)
- PHASE 2: The Space Race (1961/1972)
- PHASE 3: Post Apollo Era (1972/1981)
- PHASE 4: Star Wars (1981/1985)
- PHASE 5: End of the Cold War (1985/1991)



Space Cooperation

Cold War (1947-1991)

- International Astronautical Federation (1951)
- International Geophysical Year (1957 -58)
- UN Institutions COPUOS/UNOOSA (1959)
- Dryden-Blagonravov agreement (1962)
- Interkosmos (1967)
- Space Law (1967 -79)
 - Outer Space Treaty - OST (1967)
 - Rescue Agreement (1968)
 - Liability Convention (1972)
 - Registration Convention (1975)
 - Moon Agreement (1979)
- Apollo-Soyuz Project (1975)
- European Space Agency (1975)

Toward the End of the Cold War

On March 23, 1983, President Ronald Reagan proposed the **Strategic Defense Initiative**, also known as the **Star Wars** Program, which involved sending arms into space to protect the US from missile attacks.

Main hypothesis: Collapse of the Soviet Union

- The Soviet Union's failure to compete with the United States in the new dimensions offered by the scientific and technological revolution, fundamentally in the development of new technology.

Two main **Space Projects**:

- The SDI
- Space Station Freedom

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U.S. Hegemony in the '90s (Moltz, 2019)

- **U.S. winner of the Cold War** -George H.W. Bush-State of the Union Address (28/01/1992)
- The United States **technocratic dominance in space**.
- The **United States space accomplishments** included:
 - The successful operation of the **Space Shuttle program**.
 - The **successful partnership with Russia** in the Shuttle/MIR program.
 - Leadership in organizing the agreement and construction of the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
 - Commercialization of the military **GPS system** (a vast windfall for US companies).
 - The reestablishment of military space launch reliability under the **Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program**.

International Space Station (1998)

- January 29, 1998, senior government officials from 15 countries met in Washington DC and signed agreements establishing the **framework for cooperation** among the partners on the design, development, operation and utilization of the **International Space Station**.
- **Original Participants:**

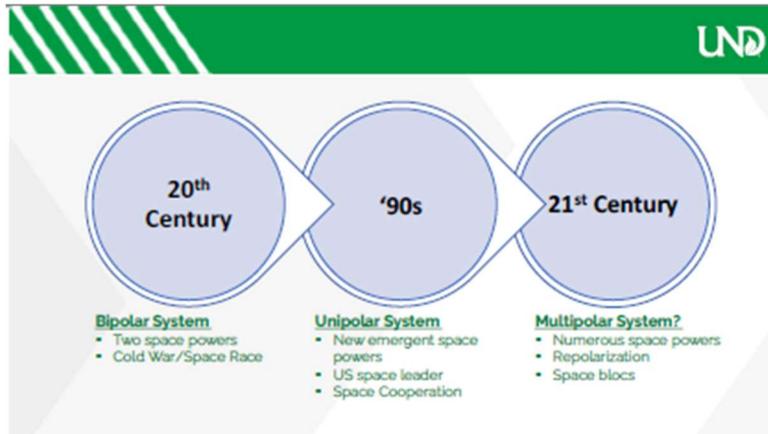
✓ Germany - DLR	✓ United States - NASA
✓ Italy - ASI	✓ Russia - Roscosmos
✓ Netherlands	✓ Canada - CSA
✓ Norway - NSC	✓ Japan - JAXA
✓ Spain - INTA	✓ Europe - ESA
✓ Sweden - SNSB	✓ Belgium
✓ Switzerland - SNSB	✓ Denmark - DNSC
✓ United Kingdom	✓ France - CNES
- Construction began **1998** / First Crew **2000**






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4. STI & Outer Space in the 21st Century



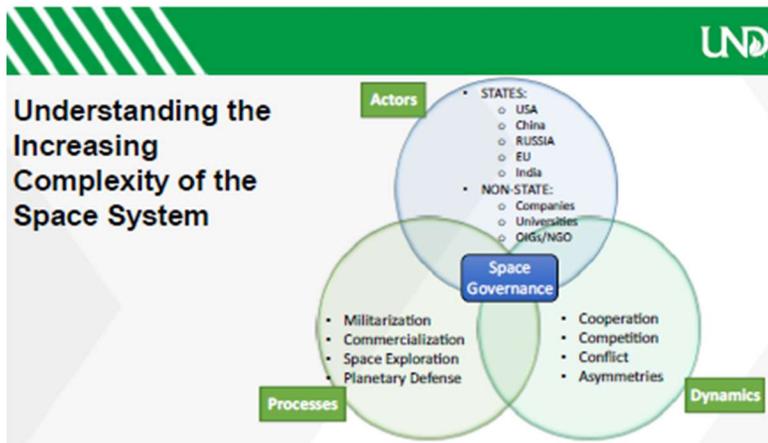
Current and Emerging Geopolitical "Hot Spots"

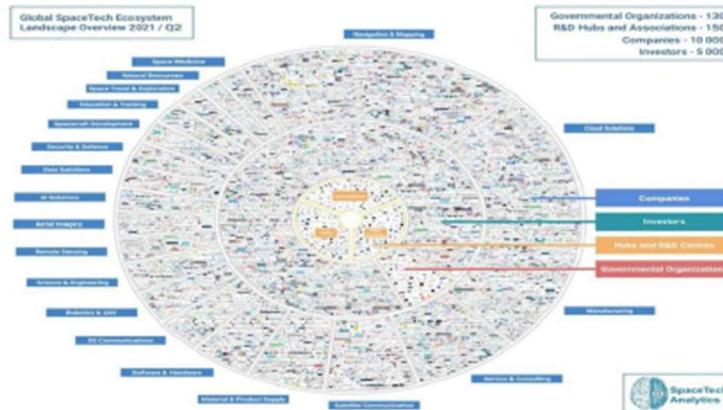
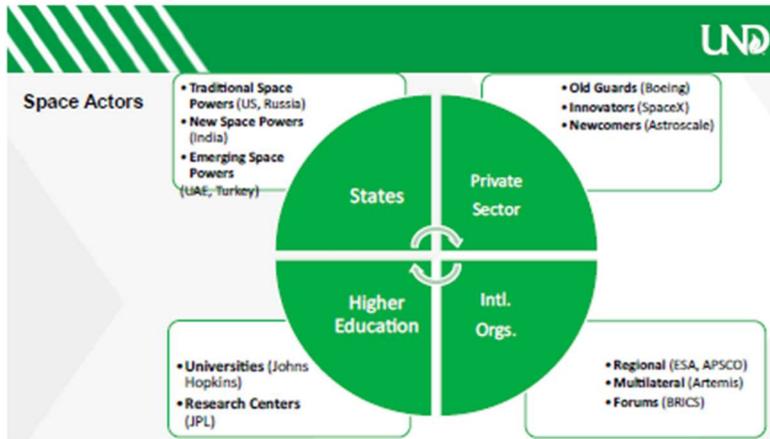
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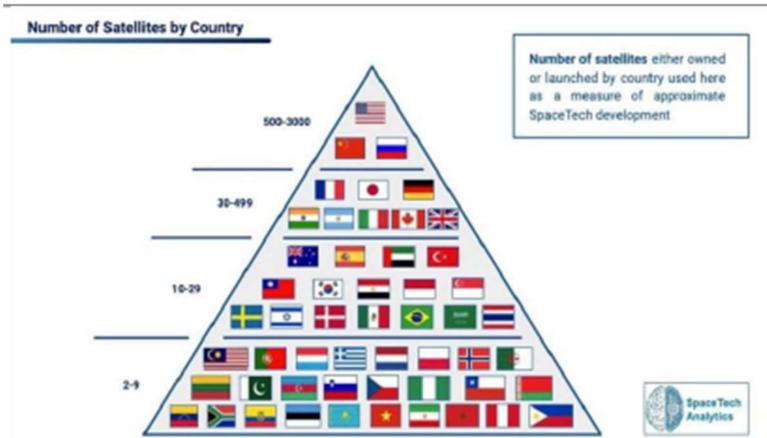
- Middle East:** A map highlighting the region in green.
- East Asia:** A map showing the Korean Peninsula, Japan, and surrounding seas.
- Iran's regional reach:** A map of Iran with arrows indicating its influence in the Gulf region.
- North Korean Strategic Nuclear Threat:** A map of North Korea with a timeline of nuclear tests and missile launches.
- East Asia:** A map of China, Korea, and Japan.
- Military Forces:** An image of soldiers in military vehicles.

The image shows two magazine covers:

- The Economist:** The cover features the headline "The alternative world order" and a sub-headline "Tensions between the two states has no limits". It includes a portrait of a man.
- TIME:** The cover features the headline "TWO" and an image of two astronauts in space suits floating in front of the moon.

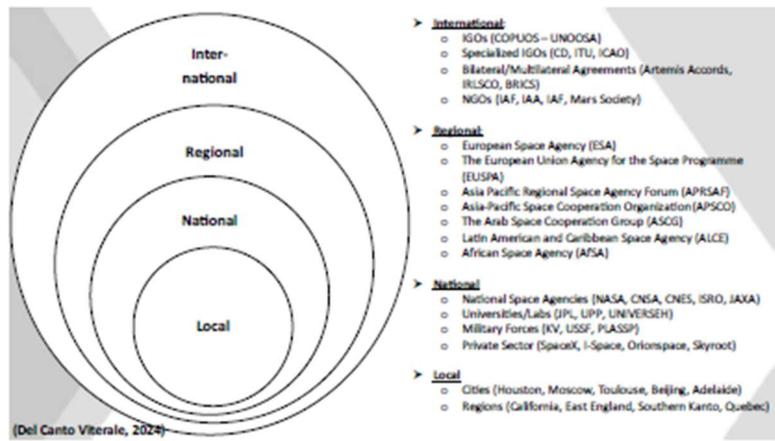




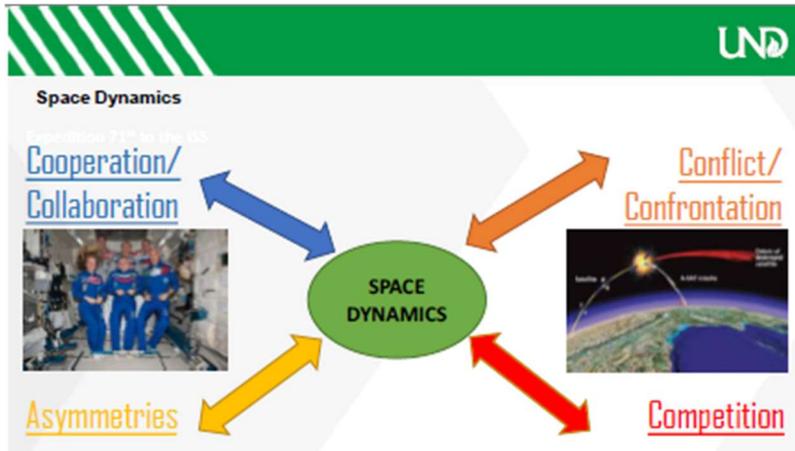


U.S. Private Sector

<p>Alliant Techsystems -Participated in CCDev2 -Unfunded partnership</p>	<p>Blue Origin -Participated in CCDev1 and CCDev2 -Awarded \$25.6 million</p>	<p>Boeing -Participated in CCDev1, CCDev2, CCDev3, CPC and CCDev4 -Awarded \$4.82 billion</p>	<p>Escalibur Almaz Inc. -Participated in CCDev2 -Unfunded partnership</p>
<p>Paragon Space Development Corp. -Participated in CCDev2 -Awarded \$1.4 million</p>	<p>Sierra Nevada Corporation -Participated in CCDev1, CCDev2, CCDev3 and CPC -Awarded \$163.1 million</p>	<p>SpaceX -Participated in CCDev2, CCDev3, CPC and CCDev4 -Awarded \$3.144 billion</p>	<p>United Launch Alliance -Participated in CCDev1 and CCDev2 -Awarded \$6.7 million</p>



ACTORS DYNAMICS PROCESSES SPACE AGENDA





From Global Cooperation to Space Bloos?

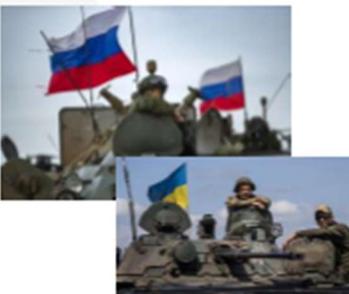


At this very moment...



Expedition 71st to the ISS

From left: Borisenko [Russia], Caldeirón [Spain], Kharit [UK], Chik [Russia], Donitsak [UK], Kononenko [Russia], and Ajpa [UK].



Ukraine's War – since Feb. 2022



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Militarization/Weaponization of Space

- The militarization of space involves the placement and development of weaponry and military technology in outer space.
- It is an ongoing process. In fact, almost **95% of satellites can be used militaristically**.
- Recent years have seen various world powers announcing their **intention to conduct military activities in space** - US, Russia, China, India, Japan
- The United States, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, China, India and Israel possess their own reconnaissance satellites. Reconnaissance satellites are observation or communication satellites deployed for military or intelligence purposes.



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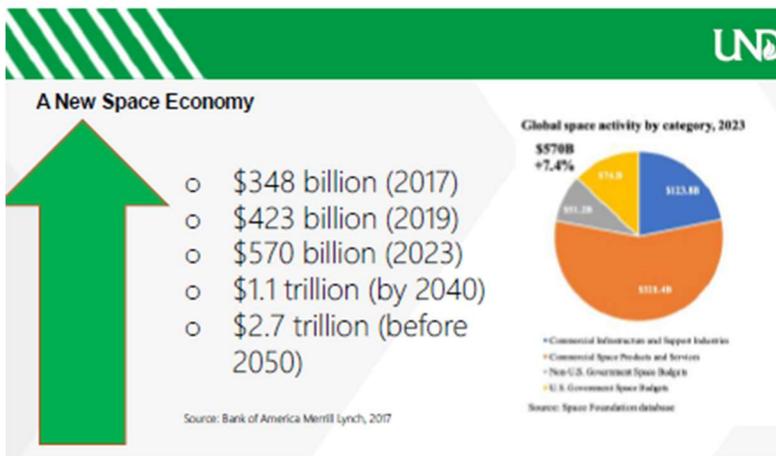
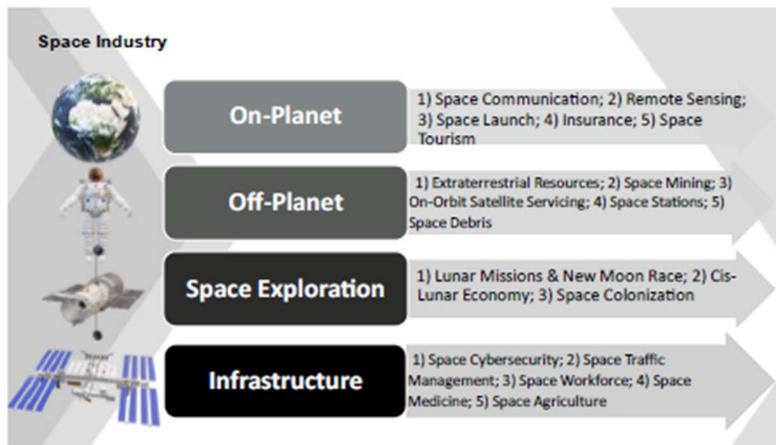
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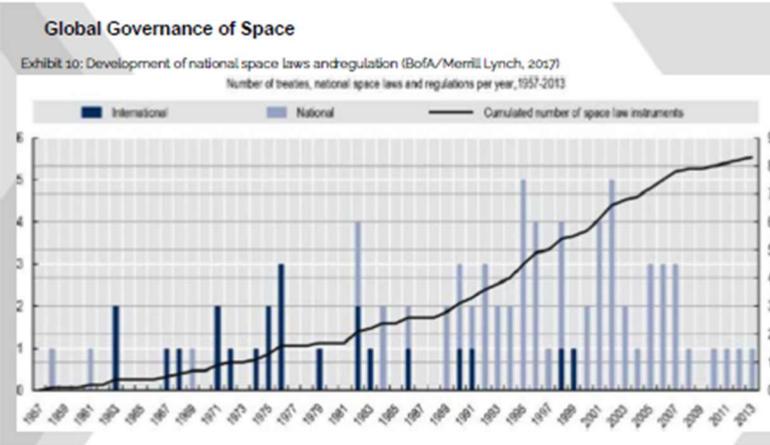
"I am not confident that we can achieve victory or even compete in a modern conflict, without space power."

Gen. John W. Raymond
(2020), Former Chief of Space Operations,
US Space Force

"To explore the vast cosmos, develop the space industry and build China into a space power is our eternal dream."

President Xi Jinping –
China's Space Vision
White Paper- January
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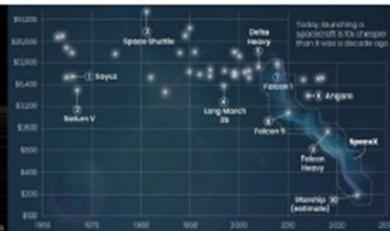
New Space Tech

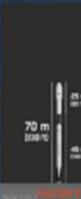
37,000 satellites planned through 2029

New Shepard: Reusable rocket designed to take passengers into space

- Capable of holding up to six people
- All-rocket: Deploy on demand for various mission profiles
- Engine propels mission into space and enables for controlled landing
- Landing gear deploys for touchdown

Today, launching a kilogram costs 10 times as much as it did 10 years ago.





Space Shuttle

70 m [228 ft]



Delta Heavy

122 m [400 ft]



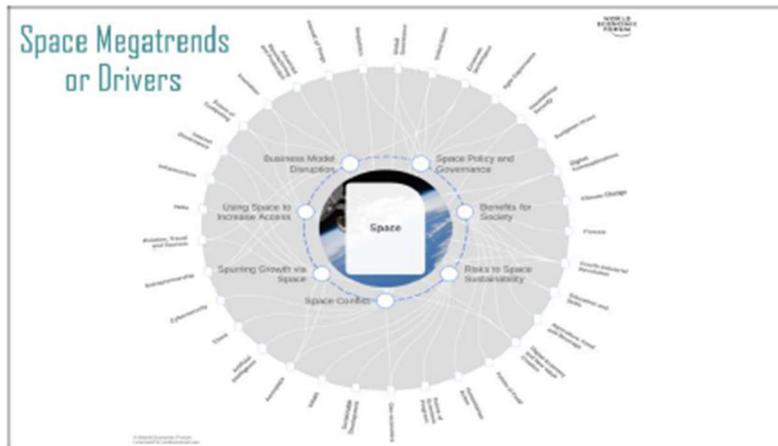
Falcon 9

70 m [228 ft]



SpaceX Starship

111 m [363 ft]



**The new
SPACE AGE**

- Growing number of actors involved (states/non-states)
- Planetary Defense for collision with a space object
- Lack of consensus among space powers – Space blocs
- Militarization and weaponization of outer space
- Debris in the space (Just for space superpowers)
- Privatization and commercialization of space
- Space resources and mining
- Increasing space asymmetries (launch systems/ space power)



Open Questions

- What role will play STI in space activities?
- Is a space race among space powers inevitable?
- In the context of ongoing geopolitical tensions, it possible to pursue find consensus among space powers?



**Thank you
for your attention**

Q&A



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