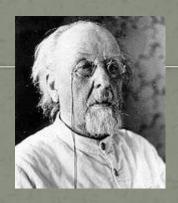
Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, the Grandfather of Russian Space Science



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Kaluga in the beginning of the XXth century



This strange crack-pot...

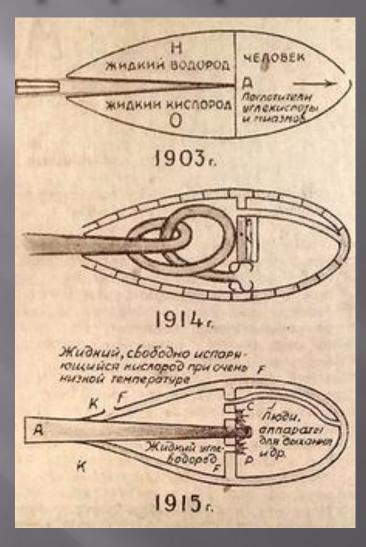


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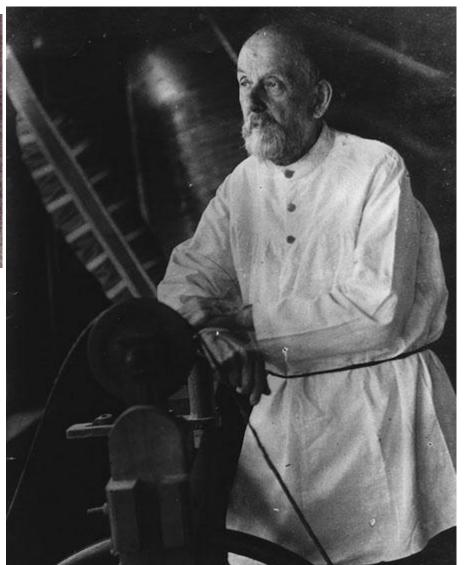
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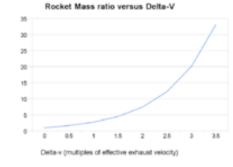




Draft first space ship by Konstantin Tsiolkovsky



 $\Delta v = v_{\rm e} \ln \frac{m_0}{m_1}$



Early space device in China

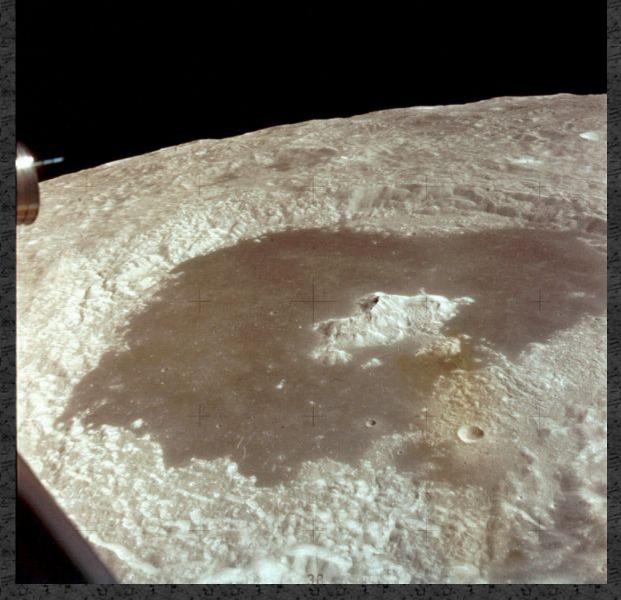


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Monument to Konstantin Tsiolkovsky in Moscow





Crater Tsiolkovsky

Kaluga: capital of the Kaluga Region. Industrial and cultural center of middle Russia. Known since 1371 as a border fortress on the southwestern borders of the Moscow princedom. Important role in the 1812 defeat of Napoleon's army. Occupied by the Nazi armies in October 1941. Liberated 30 December 1941. Population 325185 (2010)



Annual Tsiolkovsky readings in Kaluga