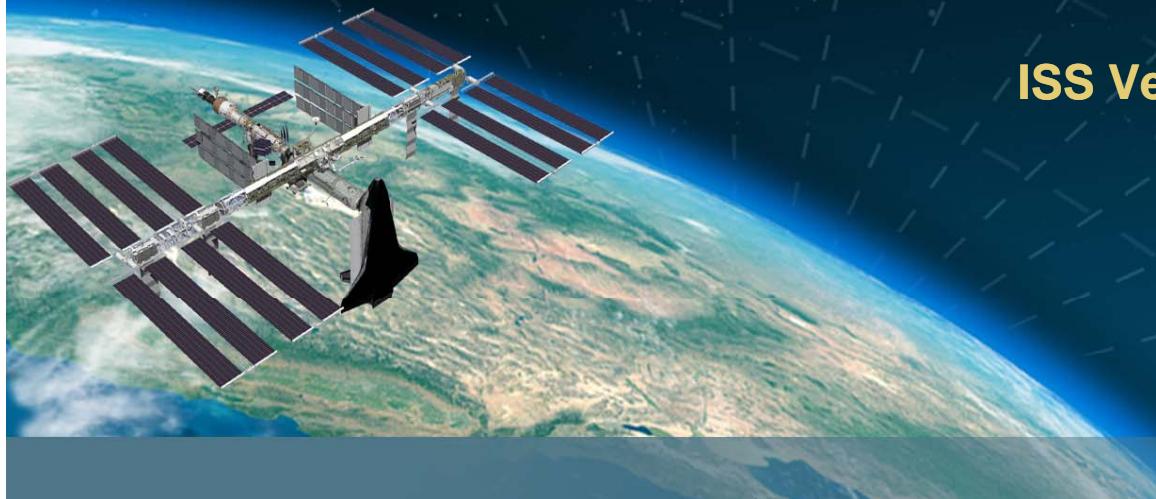




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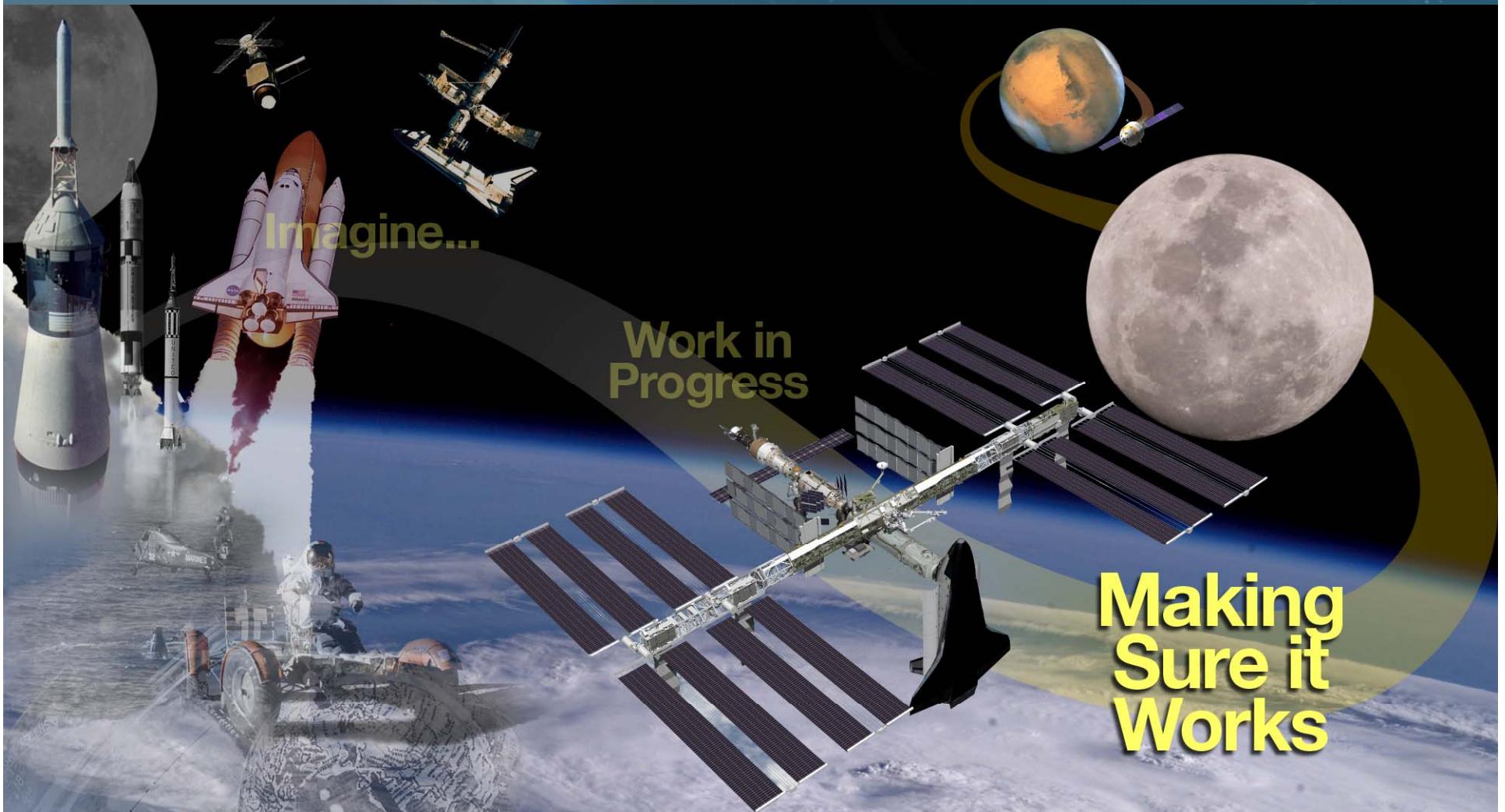


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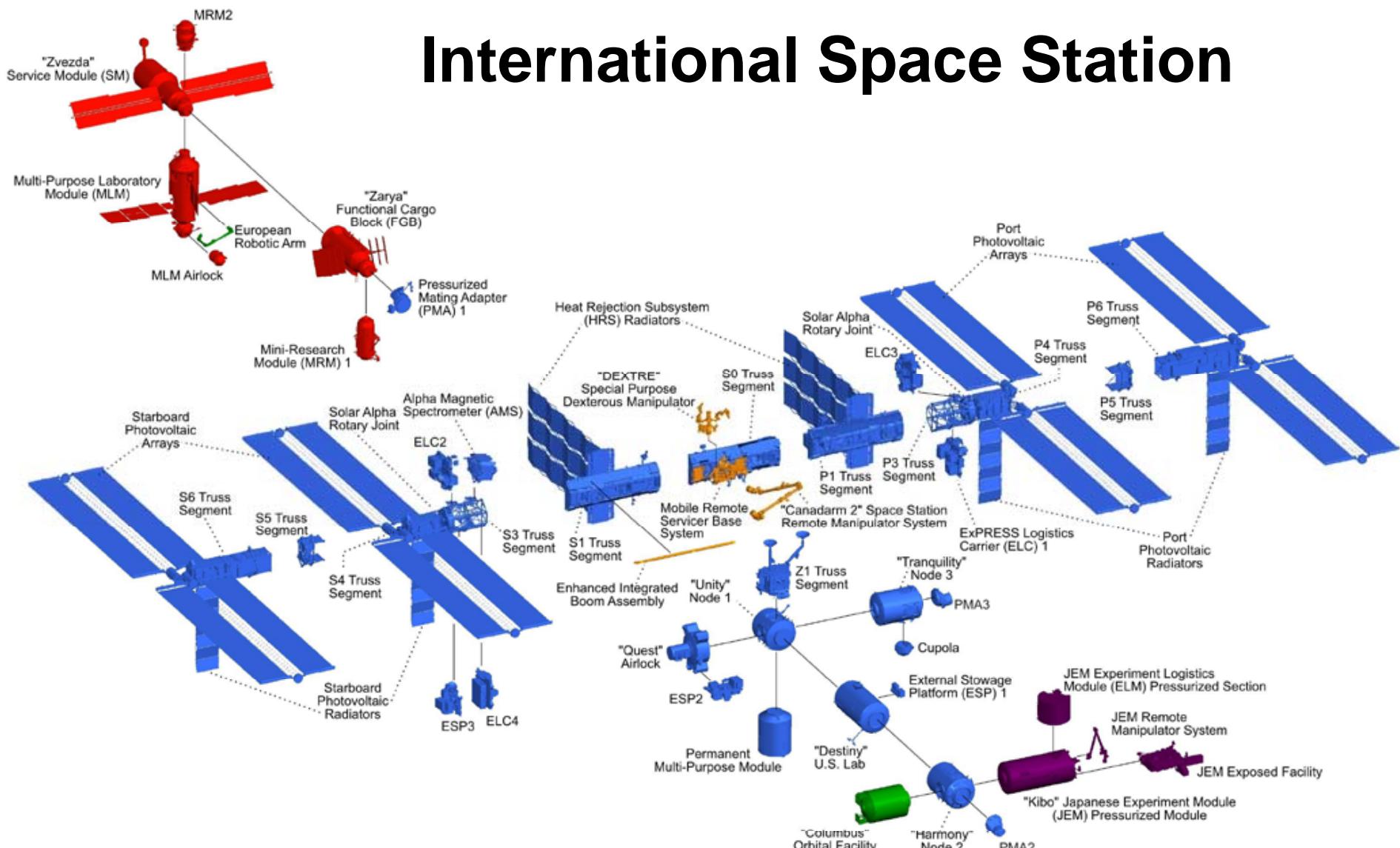


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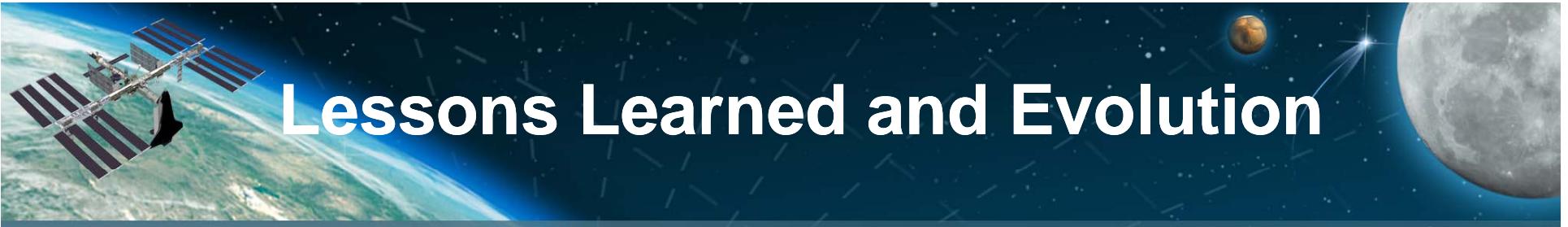
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# Lessons Learned and Evolution

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- **ISS was designed for Shuttle resupply and maintenance**
  - The resupply con ops drives design of LRU/ORU's
  - We are evolving into no shuttle and more smaller resupply vehicles with no down mass
  - Started with ORU replacement and launch on need – now at I level maintenance and build and burn.
  - **Long Duration Missions will require I level maintenance**
- **Waste disposal is a much bigger issue than originally thought**
  - Difficult to dispose of items other than departing expendable vehicles
- **Exercise machines break often and require a lot of crew time for maintenance**
- **Designs that utilize lubrication fail**
  - Have a tribologist on staff
  - Grease lubricants have fared better than solid lubricants
- **Things with moving parts fail. Electronics are lasting longer than predicted**
- **International partner's have dissimilar hardware. This has been a positive when certain hardware has issues even though you don't have common spares.**



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- **Systems with water grow bugs**
  - We have been reliant upon returning samples to the ground for analysis
  - Must be tools on board for diagnostics and recovery
- **Vehicle Health Management will be a must for long duration missions**
  - We spend a lot of time trending data
  - The dump pipe should be much bigger than originally planned
  - Real time access to repair procedures (videos) will be important, consider heads up display
- **The ability to reconfigure the power system channels (flexibility) will be important for unforeseen circumstances.**
- **Consider skills based training Vs task based training will be important**
- **Must recycle water for long duration mission, it becomes the most significant consumable**
- **Crew hygiene results in water getting places that weren't designed for moisture**



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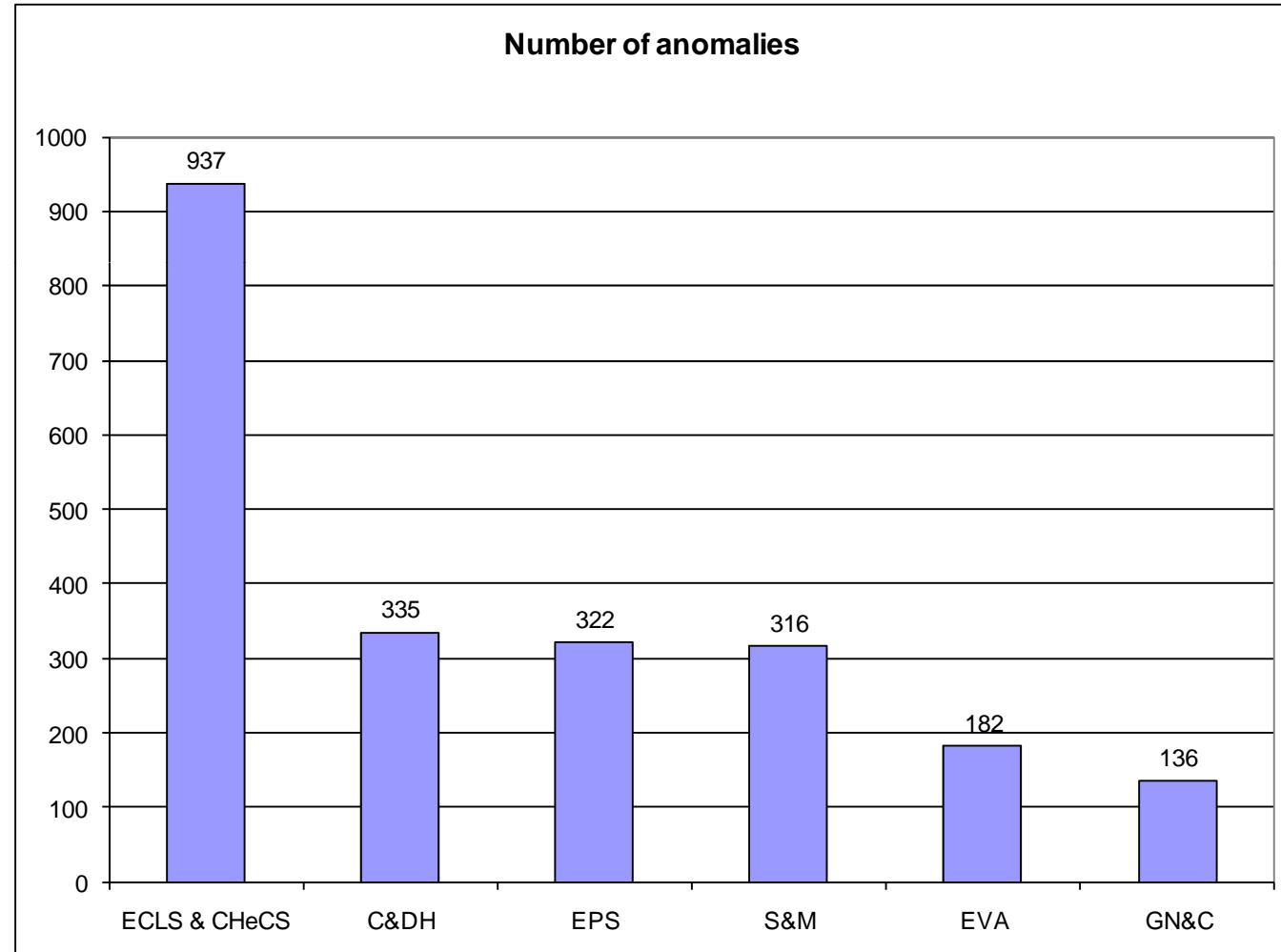






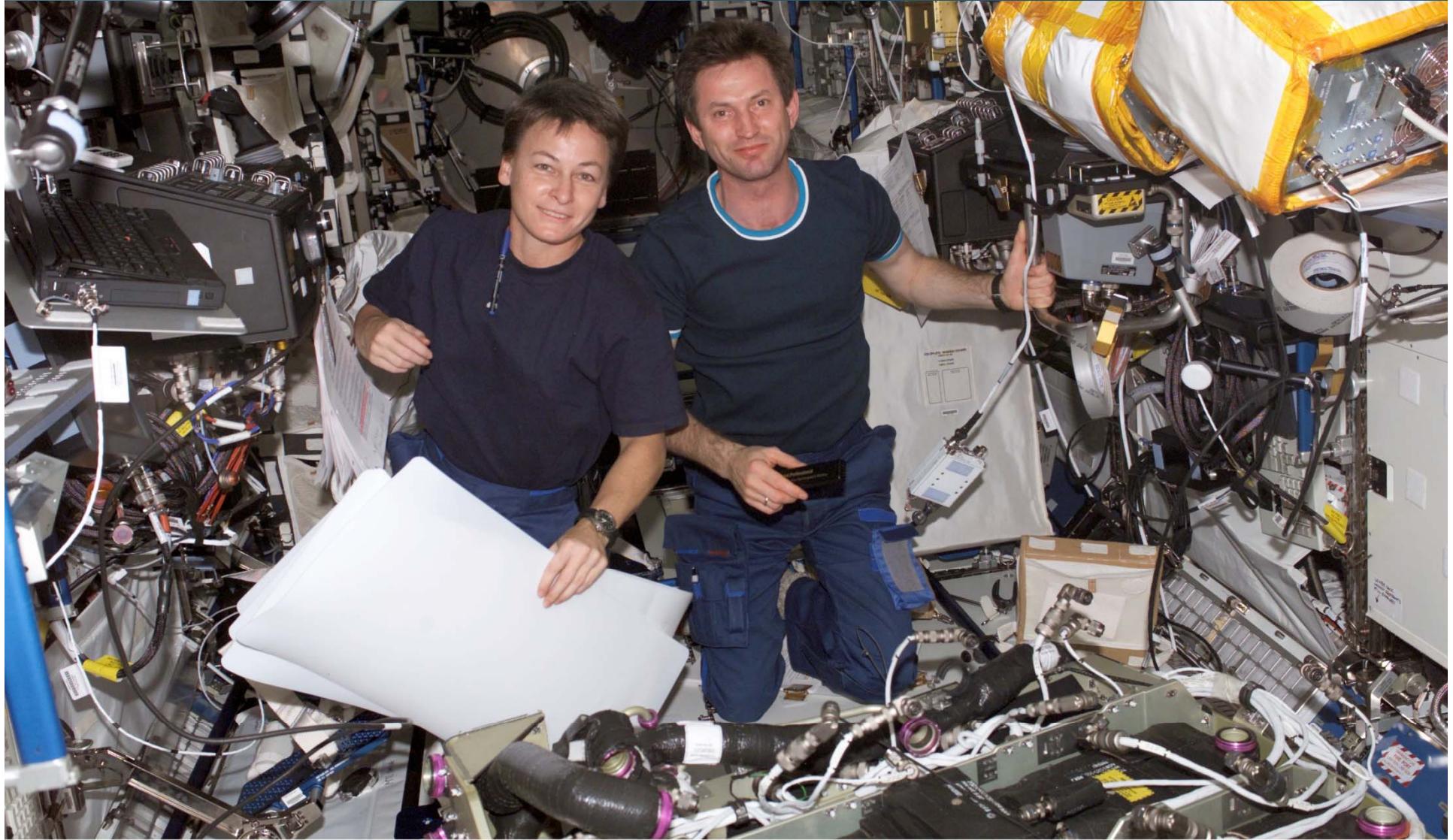
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# On Orbit Maintenance Time is Limited





# EVA's are an Integral Part of Our Success – Planned and Unplanned





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