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The Image of Women in Space Exploration

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In this conference, H el ene Fourcade (UT2J) will explore the image of women in space exploration and the perception of their role from the 60s to the present day. More than 6 decades have passed since women took a visible part in the exploration of space, that is to say by daring to encroach on a specifically male field, that of astronauts' bodies.

What does the general public know about these women, now 79 in number, who have crossed this imaginary frontier, the famous "Karman line", and therefore deserved the supreme title of astronaut? And what do we know about those who have tried, or are still trying to make a place for themselves in this microcosm? How did the press take an interest in them, in what light were they presented, and, because it is also necessary to mention the subject, has their integration into the corps of "space heroes" evolved over these 6 decades?

And tomorrow? What must be done today to disprove the theory of the leaky pipe or to abolish the persistence of the Matilda effect?

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