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#### Space is not a Governement prerogative anymore





Jeff Bezos
Founder and CEO of Amazon, 3<sup>rd</sup> richest man on Earth
(> 82 B\$) Blue Origin space company founder

I believe that this is a new **golden age** of space exploration, I think the first golden age was the 60s. And I think we have been treading water for a long time. And what you're beginning to see now is that some new things are coming out and I'm very, very excited about that.



Saturday 4 November 2017 8:49am

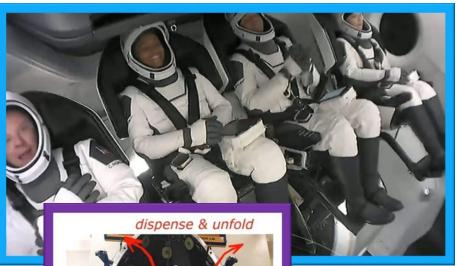
Jeff Bezos sells off a million Amazon shares for \$1.1bn to fund Blue Origin space ambitions

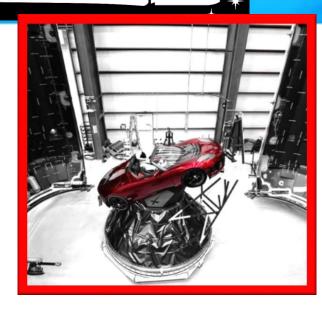


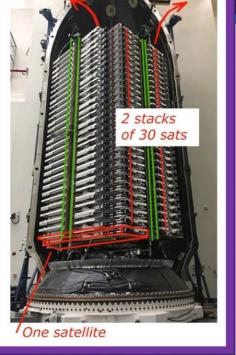
#### SpaceX tempo shaking space standards













#### Smallspace blossoming: >100 private newcomers



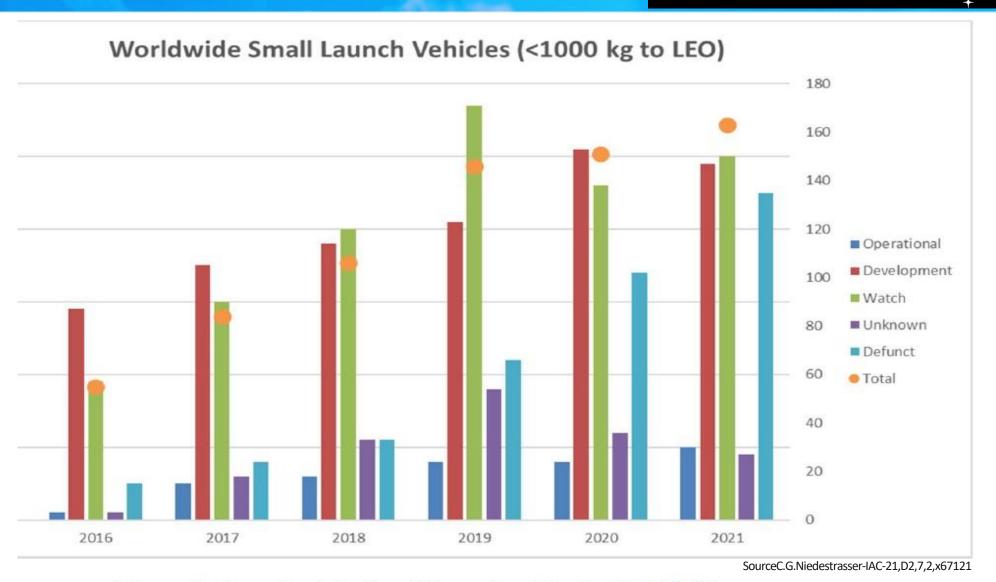


Figure 5: Growth of the Small Launcher Market 2015-2021

# China, India...US is not the only region moving forward

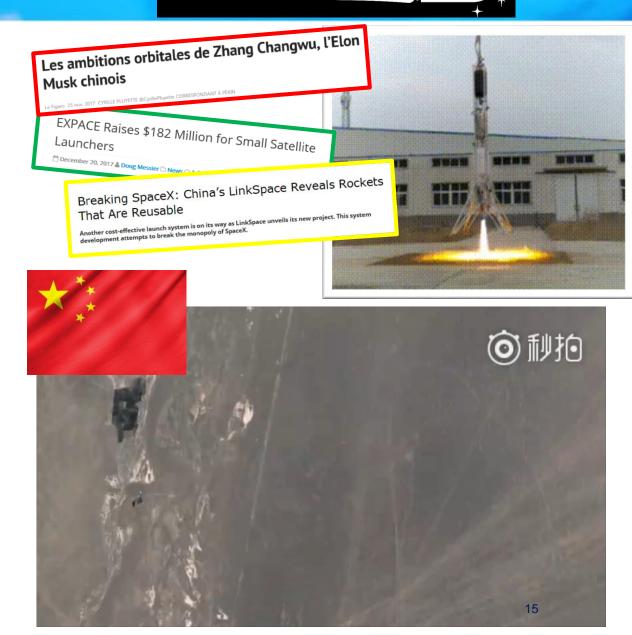




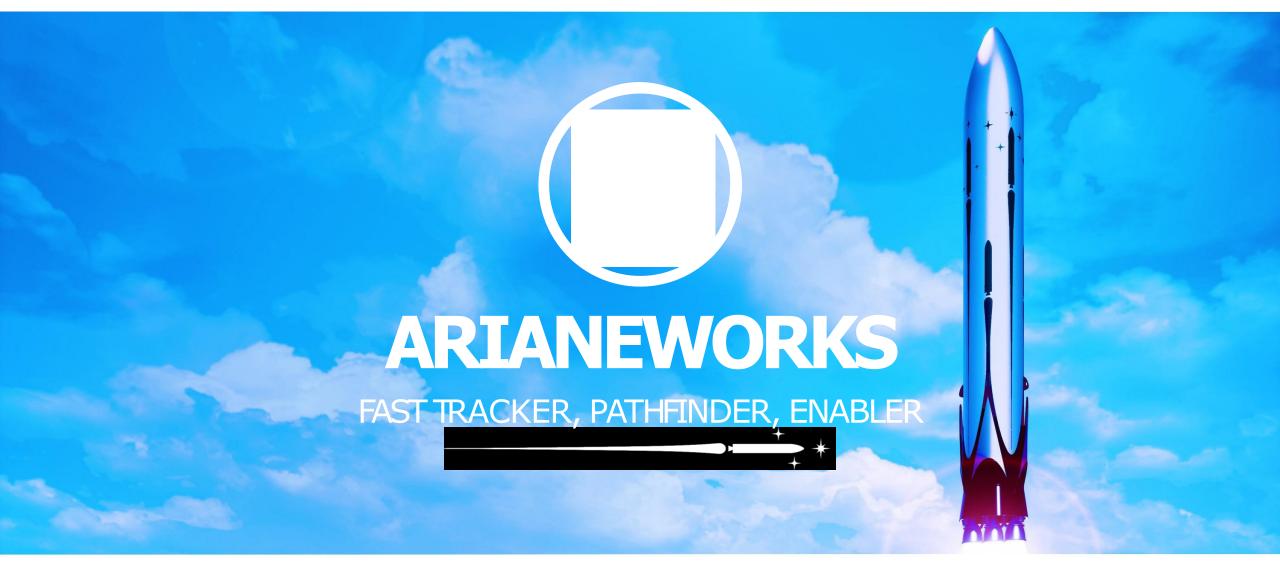
THE TIMES OF INDIA

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# Ariane tuming 40 at a pivotal moment







You'd better disrupt your own business before someone else does it for you

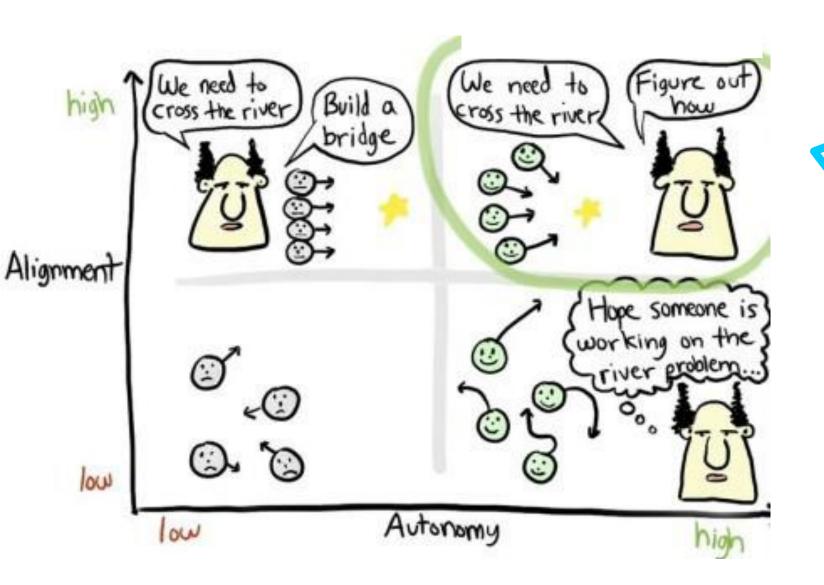


We're entering an era where there will be only two kinds of space companies: the quick and the dead



# We're a pathfinder innovation unit





- Strategic alignement to Europe space strategy
- ✓ Sponsored/supported by real enabling players
- ✓ Highly autonomous
- ✓ Bold and dary
- ✓ Happy & smiling!

#### Intra-preneur, operation «as if »an SME,



ENABLING & SUPPORT

ESA plans demonstration of a reusable rocket stage

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ESA / Enabling & Support / Space Transportation

ESA is taking the first steps towards the in-flight demonstration of a prototype reusable rocket first stage called Themis from 2023.

Ressources from CNES & ArianeGroup seed funding + a first contract from the European Space Agency + opportunities we're hunting by ourself



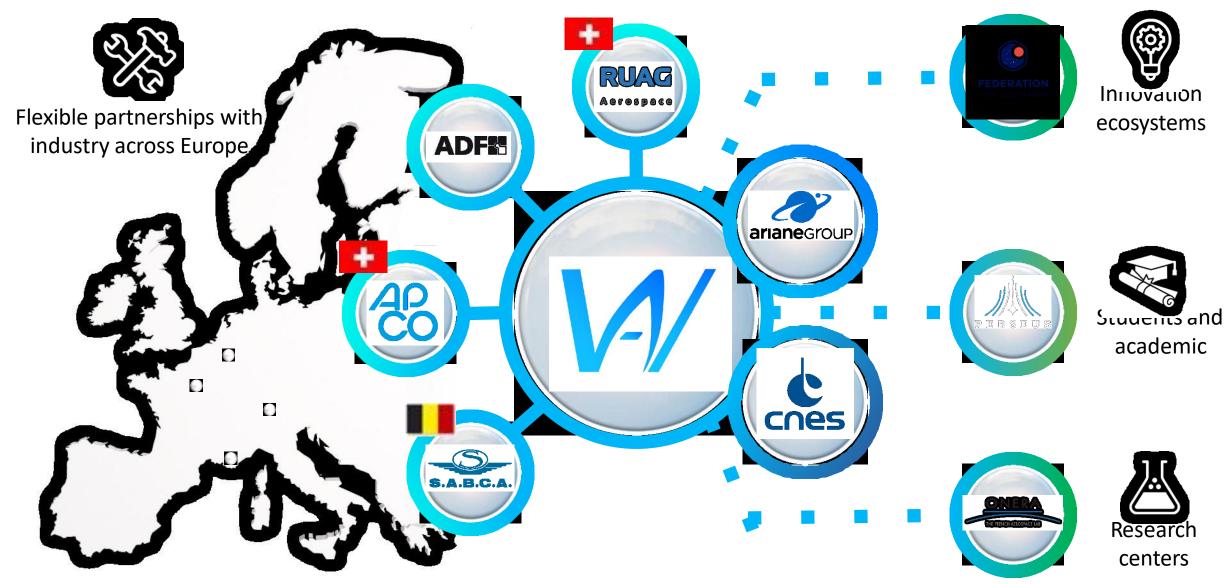




Small & experienced team (15) supported by CNES & ArianeGroup backoffices when it comes to hardcore engineering, knowledge base or facilities

#### **ArianeWorks: plateforme open innovation**





# Our added value in the Ariane ecosystem



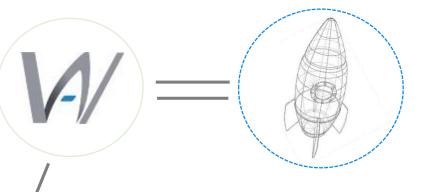




Accelerating high values ideas for the Ariane community, mainly through hardware demo



rocket science engineering on projects we have been tasked to boost



Prototyping WORKSHOP



Space ecosystem

**CATALYST** 

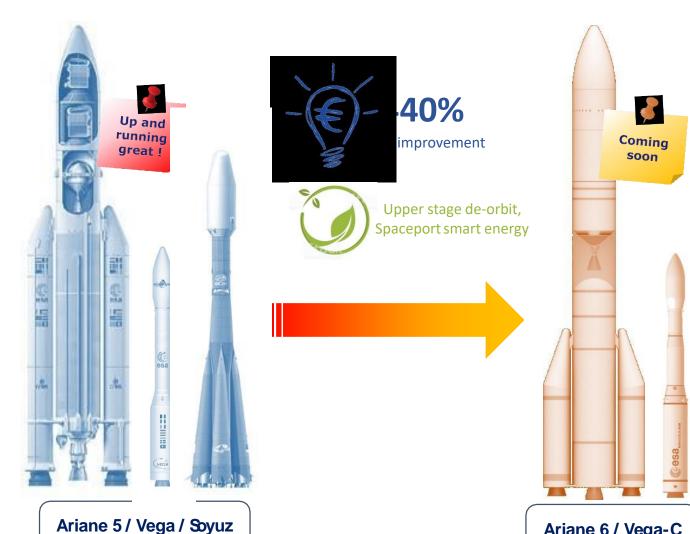
Exploring new opportunities or business around our skills



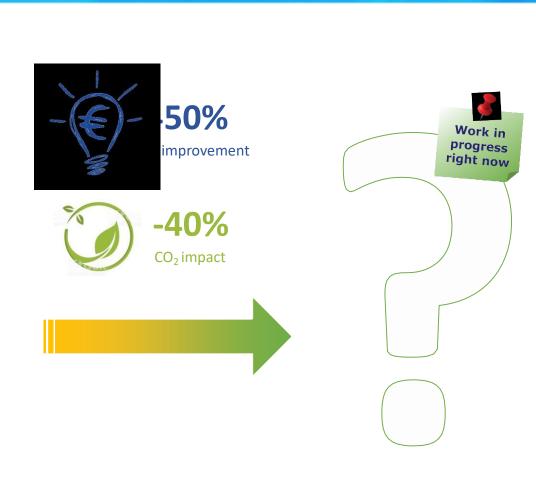


### Inspiring European vision for the 2030ies





 $1996 \rightarrow 2023$ 



Ariane 6 / Vega-C
2020 → ?

Upgraded EU Fleet ~ 2030

### THEMIS as key enabler along this vision







#### **PROMETHEUS** Low cost reusable 100T rocket engine



**THEMIS** Low cost stage / large reusable demonstrator





**ARIANE NEXT** Future European space fleet

systems, health monitoring systems... 3 x Prometheus



**Unit cost** Secret ©

#### 1 000kN Oxygen /

gen fluid equipment...

**Avionics** 

**Tanks** 

Modular avionics, Wireless communication, autonomous safety, flight algorithms...

Standardized structures, common bulkhead, crossing line, no cold thermal protections, low cost next

> **Recovery systems** Aero devices, landing

Methane, low cost, reusable, deep throttling...



**FROG** 

Early sandbox

2021-23

2020-2025

2030+



3 different test sites feat, remote launch ops, bioCH4 propellant, robotic critical ops...

# Agile approach: hardware driven roadmap





BASIC STAGE TESTS TO

Vernon, France



End 2021-2022 ENGINETESIS

TIG

Vernon, France



2023+2024 HOP TESTS, 100m high

TIH Kiruna, Sweden



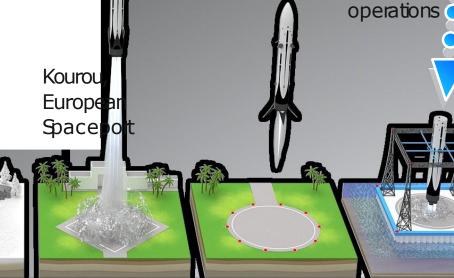
Maritime

Building block



2030
European
Space
Fleet





#### Zoom on T1H Tests @ ESC



# Techno maturation up to subsystem prototyping

~ 20 individual techs, combined in a consistent system approach





#1

Static Firing Acceptance (<5s)

@ESC during the campaign

# 3 months / 4 tests





#2

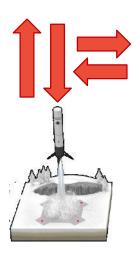
30-100m vertical hop soft landing





#3

100m vertical hop hard landing 1.2g



#4

100m vertical hop
Lateral move but
landing at same spot
hard landing 1.3g

# Enabling a «test-rich »engineering path

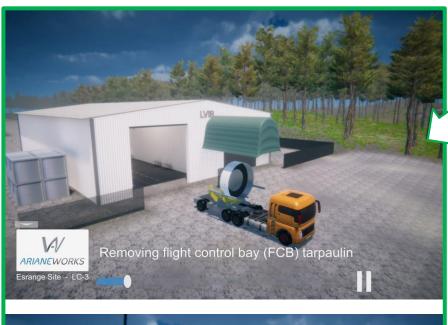


Vernon Test Site : April 2021



# Preparing our next playgrounds 1/2





Kiruna test site (hop test)



Kourou test site (loop test)



## Preparing our next playgrounds 2/2





Kourou Diamant test site (loop test)
End 2020



