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# Czech space instruments and satellites

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### Czech tradition in space

- Scientific instruments on 23 Interkosmos satellites (1969-1991)
- Manned flight of Czech astronaut Vladimír Remek on Saljut-6 orbital station (1978)
- Movable platforms for Halley comet probes Vega (1984) and for MIR space station (1989)
- Payload for Mars exploration Phobos 1&2 missions (1988)



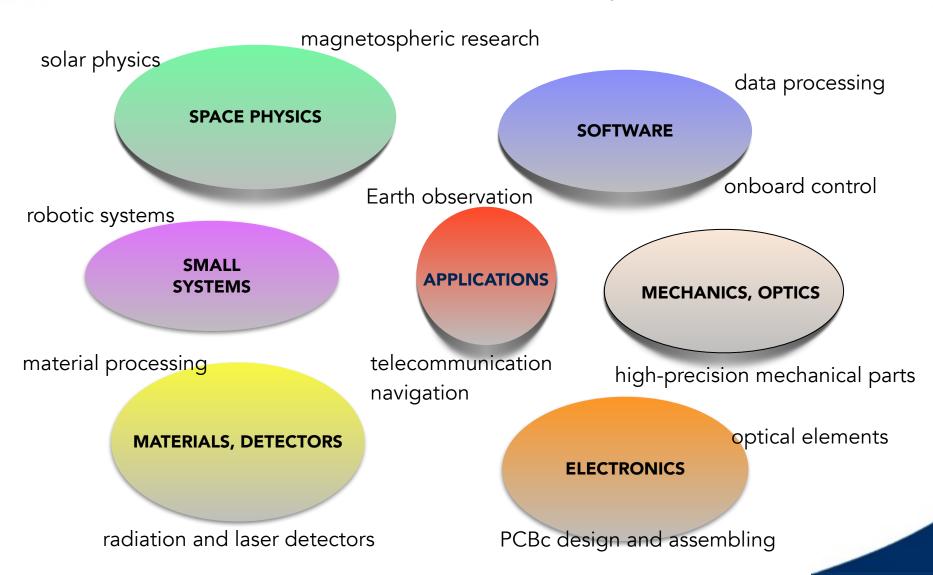
### Czech in space today

- Member state of the European Space Agency (2008)
- participation in about 14 programs with more than 175 projects (mid 2014)
- EUMETSAT, European Union (Horizon 2020) programs
- National research and development projects
- Governmental yearly expenses for space R&D:
   ~19 M€ or about 0,04% of the state budget
- Czech contribution to ESA: in average nearly 14 M€/y



## Czech capabilities in space projects

Dozens of various actors, mostly SMEs and academia



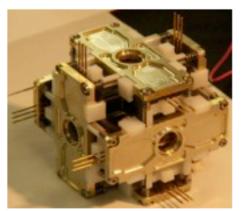


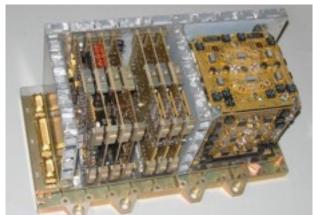
#### Czech instruments in space

 DSLP - plasma & ions measurement in magnetosphere onboard Proba 2 satellite (ESA, 2009)

SATRAM - charged particles detector on ISS (2012) and
 Proba V satellite (ESA, 2013)

 Micro-accelerometer - on three SWARM satellites (ESA, 2013)





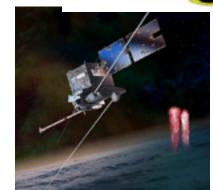


### Instruments in preparation (1)

• 3D detector of charged particles **RISESat** (Japan, 2016)



 wave HF analyzer, detector of energetic electrons
 Taranis (France, 2016)

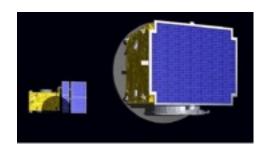


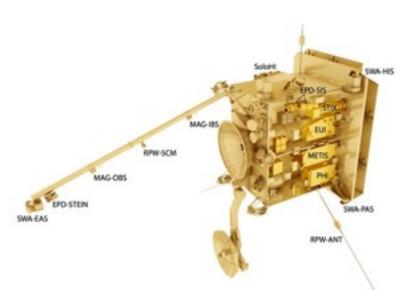
• ELT for time synchronisation of new atomic clocks to be tested on **ISS** (2016)



## Instruments in preparation (2)

- optical/mechanical parts for coronagraph on **Proba 3** (2017)
- Solar Orbiter (2017)
  - electronic parts for 3 instruments
  - coronagraph elements
- wave analyzer for lunar orbiter
   Luna 26 (2018)
- **JUICE** (2022)
  - magnetometer & power unit
  - elmag fields measurements

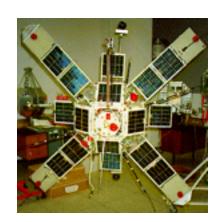






#### Czech small satellites

**MAGION** series of 5 satellites 1977-1996 for ionospheric / magnetospheric research





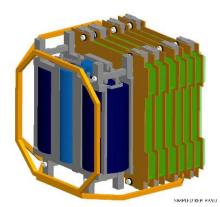
MIMOSA satellite 2003 for astrodynamic measurements microaccelerometer - Atlantis STS-79 (USA) 1996



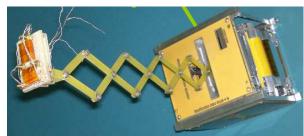


#### Czech cubesats

**PilsenCube** - WBU in Pilsen 2009-11 design, prototype computer and solar panels



**CzechTechSat** - CTU in Prague 2011-14 magnetometer, three axis stabilization



VZLUSAT-1 - Aviation Research Inst. 2013-17 European project QB50 2U cubesat with scientific payload: Xray telescope, radiation detector satellite environment





#### Commercial use

- Satellite telecommunication
   CR is member: Intersputnik (1971), IMSO (1988), Eutelsat (1993)
- Satellite navigation
   software solutions for localization-based services
- Satellite Earth observation
   weather forecast, controlling of farmers' applications for subsidy, forest
   health monitoring
- Manufacturing of parts for satellite platforms
- Be ready to use of low-cost commercial transport offers balloons, suborbital (Virgin Galactic, XCOR), orbital



### Considerations for next steps

- Use of space challenge for every country and society.
- The 55-year development gradually makes astronautics more accessible and like other human activities. Small satellites are one part of the "new space" trend.
- Basic tasks:
  - to possess necessary knowledge and skills
  - to set up legislation rules ensuring reliance and safety for new operations and further development.
- Efficiency of administrative, legal and knowledge support provided by national infrastructure is a key factor influencing the result of the use of the "new space" opportunities in society.



## THANK YOU



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