Who wants to buy and sell on the Moon?

A community-based approach to techno-economic analysis for the (cis-)lunar economy

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Background & motivation

- ISRU has no value on its own
- Requires a larger-order system or system-of-systems approach
- Through collaboration, we can identify how our systems will work together
- Historically, functional flow diagrams have been used to do this
- Today, we propose a new method for organic network analysis



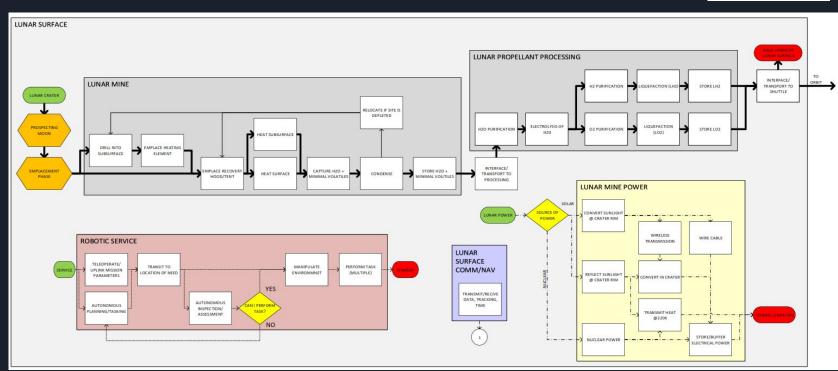


Functional flow methodology

- 1. Provide objective of functional flow, including what product is being produced (top-down)
- Collaboratively develop/identify functional flow diagram for desired process
- 3. Organizations self-identify to functions on the flow that they are currently developing
- 4. Those organizations can then assign key attributes to that function (e.g., required power, mass, current TRL, etc.)

Example: Lunar propellant production

(Kornuta, et al., 2019)



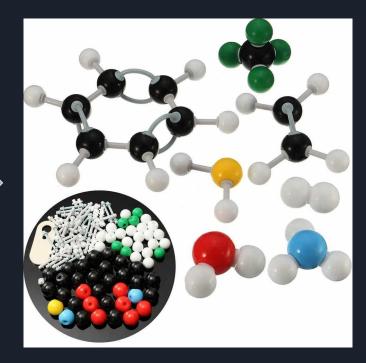
New: Organic Network Methodology

- 1. Each participant identifies inputs and outputs of their product
- 2. We then link those inputs and outputs to adjacent products
- 3. This organically forms the network of intermediate and ultimate product assemblies and customers
- 4. Possibility that non-obvious relationships and customers will emerge, enabling strengthening of existing business cases and creation of new ones

Chemistry analogy







What might emerge from this study?



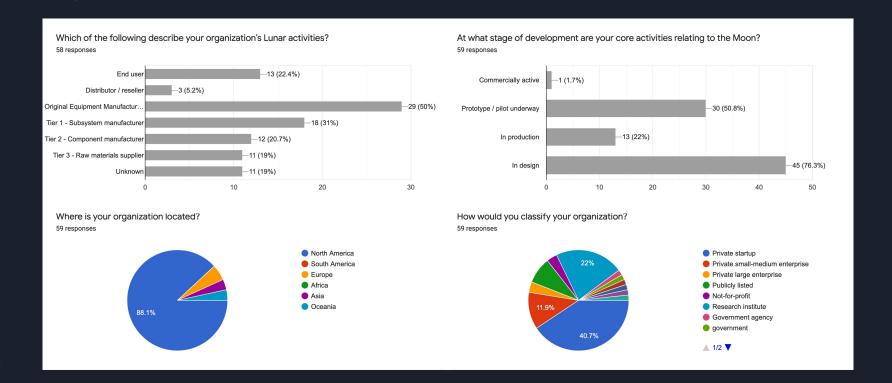




Envisioned benefits of this effort

- Provides platform for organizations to showcase solutions
- Fleshes out areas of the flow that are under or over-saturated
- Can be used to guide development funding in deficient areas
- Enables identification of intermediate and ultimate product assemblies & customers for participants
- Enables bottoms-up estimation of system characteristics

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Participate in the survey: https://forms.gle/2KJh4GBMVU5itneH6

