

# A Sustainable System of Systems in Space

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## ABSTRACT

Additive manufacturing (AM) positions as a system in systems (SoS) to which ecosystem is often difficult to assess in cost curve in bulk, peculiarly in challenging requirements. This paper presents an AM-related solution in the aerospace domain of recent sources forming a review of future space manufacturing. The paper presents an example of a sustainable circular economy based on AM through systematic product lifecycle management (PLM) design and domain implementation methodology. Developing an agile business sustainable human system integration (HSI) model, human factors, and ergonomics (HFEs) based on the surrounding medium and structure with fine-designed system fidelity require reciprocal signal communication. A turbulent market environment has shaped the future communication space between domains of human systems stakeholders, which sets challenges on communication. HSI applies the ecosystem design to comply with various sectors' companies' stakeholders. The HSI design ensures that the design can be simplify by the systems engineering method utilizing axiomatic design (AD). The mathematical AD analysis results as a design matrix (DM) that qualitatively represents the internal design parameters as SoS for energy capture, reuse with dynamic motion innovation on thermal power propulsion, and THz-controlled semi-autonomous operations. Future studies in virtualizing models in the metaverse are proposed for the design solution of the system.

**Keywords:** Human systems integration, Systems engineering, Axiomatic design, Sustainable manufacturing, Space energy

## SPACE ENERGY MANUFACTURING

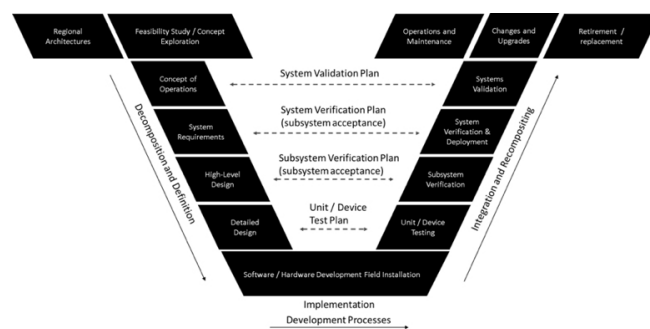
We present an opportunistic design avenue innovation process for “North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 3364—manufactures aircraft, spacecraft, and missiles, and rebuilds and overhauls aircraft and propulsion systems based on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines tracked to recent trends on sustainability” (adapted EPA 2023). Since outer space debris has cumulated in orbit, it requires a special form of energy removal architectural design (e.g., Carlson et al., 1990). This was because the transformation of telecommunications was initially the governmental decision to let companies commercialize satellites which led to an increase in the number of vehicles in space, according to Boeke (2016), that are sustainably

in orbit. The number of redundant malfunctioning satellites (debris) become a threat from a spacefaring perspective. The investments cost millions of dollars. The dangerous debris left in orbit due to the space race support launcher leftovers. Active dead satellite removal from circling from the sky increases the existing and new satellites' lifecycles (Kim, 2021). Collecting the human-made debris product in the Earth's orbit has become a business. For products that do not serve any meaningful purpose brought back to Earth compared to expenses (adapted Cooney 2022). Since some large parts crash on Earth, it is wanted to control the collection. Missions for space exploration business have become interested in AM since the first decade (Redwire 2023). Instead of bringing debris to Earth, alternative decisive manufacturing applications for AM in process steps are brought up in this study. Recent research on space debris and AM have optimistic views on distance manufacturing.

Moreover, the view mitigated the risk by designing recyclable in-orbit (Becedas & Caparrós 2019). To research whether manufacturing and delivery platform in space is sustainable, ecosystem research becomes relevant. The core research question is how the HSI and AM will in the distance, integrate. The sector for the program is next navigated non-linearly, guided by different works to respond to problematized areas on conventionally selected literature review.

### V-Matrix on DFAM

We need to consider who launches the debris collection and manufacturing facility. Human systems integration emphasizes safe un/crewed missions. Which aspects are systems engineering preliminaries? Collecting the debris for space-platform artificial object recognition requires long-range and close-range radar and spectrometry basics and longer knowledge, while debris from the size of buses to small sand circles around 17'000 mph. Design for additive manufacturing (DFAM) for the system's vehicular system on capturing space debris design principles can be followed on the V-matrix (FHWA 2023). Digital design aspects interconnect at the System of System (SoS) level. The lifecycle is often modeled in conceptual, preliminary, detail, construction, fabrication, installation, commissioning, operations, and retirement. The V-matrix extends the scale of scope in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** Domains of human systems integration. (Adapted from FHWA 2023).

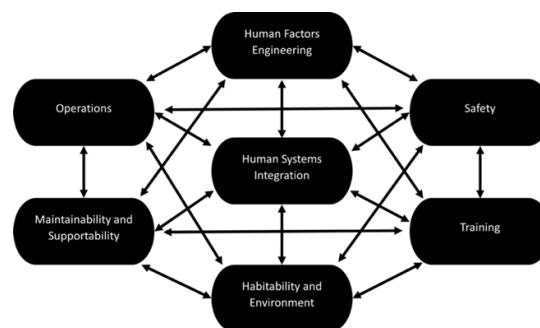
## V-Matrix DFAM on HSI

The HSI in aerial context considers AM over systems engineering (SE) to product design (PD) in Figure 2. model and human factors and ergonomics (HFEs) are interconnected and deliver a comprehensive approach to systems engineering that incorporates human, organizational, and technological factors throughout a system's life cycle. Human factors and ergonomics play a vital role in the HSI model, ensuring that systems are designed to adapt to humans according to their capabilities, limitations, and preferences and minimize human error and risks (adaptation Boy 2021; Ahram & Karwowski 2009). It considers the product's function domain. It involves human factors such as engineering, manpower, personnel, training, and safety. Engineering narrows the system on the human, robot, and environmental observations (HF, RF, and EF) and factors integration in to the safety of PDI. Advancing performance from unmanned to autonomous operations requires manpower from the DFAM designers (in distance work) to remote operators. The cognitive domain of the team is constantly aware of the DFAM to operations management. SoS training processes traceability on the HE on the system advances constructive error management to improve human performance. The logical limits ensure a safety net on SoS (Adapted McCormick & Sanders 1981). The hub of HSI on the SoS angle is Human compatibility (Karwowski & Zhang 2021).

## AD on V-Matrix DFAM

Axiomatic design (AD) functional requirements for collective design minimization are derived from the SoS HSI HFEs domain. The method has also been used successfully in studies by Salonitis (2016) in AD and AM context.

The SE requires metric evaluation at the design stage. For example Collective capacity can vary per operational intervals before returning to orbit (Carlson et al., 1990). What, if not returned, but refined and delivered, would produce some unwanted energy to the Outerspace instead to the orbit ground as an adaption to Sacco & Ki Moon (2019) or refined only for aerospace stations' use. Such as a case, assessing the elements over manufacturing helps generate systems' performance (Realyvásquez et al., 2015).



**Figure 2:** Domains of human systems integration. (Applied from Laarni & Ylönen 2020; Folds 2019).



The following  $\Delta F(X, Y, Z, I, J, K, L, M)$  determine the axiom corresponding congruent sides of the design: universal body design requirement, grip, docking,... etc. reviewed as conclusion and solutions in the full paper.

## DISCUSSION

Design for energy-forming projects is limited by the use of methods and approaches developed for conventional manufacturing (Adapted to Salonitis 2016). For this reason, manufacturing guidelines and constraints were captured from additive manufacturing practitioners to support an example case design in space.

The Axiomatic design theory is a systematic approach to design that provides a set of principles for creating designs that meet specified requirements while minimizing complexity and maximizing efficiency. One of the key features of this theory is the concept of decomposition, which involves breaking down a complex design problem into smaller, more manageable sub-problems.

The zigzagging decomposition technique is an extension of this approach that considers manufacturing limitations and capabilities from the early design phases. This method can be particularly useful in the case of additive manufacturing, where the designer must consider the capabilities and limitations of the manufacturing process when designing a component.

## CONCLUSION

The future system design domain operation efficiency requires adaptation to aerospace. The human system integration of aerospace manufacturing sector provides opportunists a way into part of the circular economy, and part of pollution prevention by preventing another dead energy from colliding with a healthy satellite in orbit, and by collecting this threatening energy. The system of systems (SoS) level agile design raises expectations for prototyping and modelling a sustainable manufacturing base. A preliminary investigation was presented here on the topic of advanced design principles applied to sustainability in space. This design base can also be extended to different fields for different requirements. Capturing the international space energy business by adapting it into a circular economy for regeneratively processing the products for customers' contracts requires developing a recycling and reusable platform in an efficient cycle.

For future research, metaverse integration for simulating digital twins supports in-/tangible prototype creation. Moreover, the view of simulation presents the aims and helps to sell projects to manufacture the systems. The prototypes bring added value for learning and researching interesting topics on AM.

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achievements and advancements. Practical experience in astronomy, informally and through education, further nurtured his dream of contributing to space exploration and innovative spacecraft structural design. He brought together researchers interested in research and design to review the process suggestions on systems engineering and commit to future design through reviewing contributions. Preliminarily, chapter crew co-authorships involve opportunists for future design guidelines and design directions on the perspectives of Saeid Parchegani, Aezeden Mohamed, and Adriano de Freitas, specializing in optical manufacturing, materials, and automation technologies, respectively. More research for complex surface engineering with mechanical technologies with details is needed, particularly for new technologies. The authors are grateful for the contributions of various institutions' support. Future research is a collaborative process of several continuously developing domains.

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