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## Space Commodities Exchange



Financial infrastructure to grow a sustainable space economy

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**Banking and Finance Innovator**  
Through his nonprofit Urban Logic, Bruce conceived of the GIS utility for NYC and found \$100M to fund the City's base map. Bruce is creating GoodBank™(IO) as an independent teaching hospital bank to grow a new banker culture. As a Lecturer in the School of Engineering, mediaX Distinguished Scholar and as an active participant in the Center for Legal Informatics (CodeX), Bruce is reimagining banking, finance and law. Bruce's reports for the UK's Technology Strategy Board (KTN-FS) and other government and industry groups, and his input into bank regulatory policy and practice are sought after insights. Bruce curated TEDxNewWallStreet, and similar gatherings to reimagine banks and banking.

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Recovering Wall Street lawyer, Hong Kong merchant banker, advised US, NY State & other governments on finance and geospatial innovations, 9/11 emergency responder, Ashoka social entrepreneur & father of 25 year old twin sons...

**JD Temple University School of Law** **Bar Admissions CA, NY & PA**  
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## My range is passionately wide

**Teaching to attract a new cohort of Sustainable Bankers and Investment Professionals:**

- Sustainable Banking (CEE 244A 2012 – 2016)
- Ethics of Finance & Financial Engineering (MS&E 148 2016 - 2018)
- Investing on the Buy Side of Wall Street (MS&E 449 2016 - 2019)

**Research to reward Sustainable Finance customers' impacts:**

- **Banking, Finance & Commodities Market Innovations that would grow the Space Economy**
- Valuing what matters: Periodic Table of Quality of Life
- Three-Layered Map of the World so indigenous peoples use money to match others' capacities to their needs
- Real Estate design, construction, use, insurance and financing decisions on the blockchain (RE-OS)
- Parametric Insurance via computational/smart contracts of insurance to respond to disasters & humanitarian crises
- Migration Storytelling Project to go back 5,000 years and see common journeys
- Faith-based traditions of sustainable finance, and how to implement them today

**GoodBank™(io) as an independent teaching hospital lab for sustainable bankers (Urban Logic)**

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## Abstract

- Once we mine space minerals, how will we trade them?
- Before we mine space minerals, how will the risks be packaged and evenly born by investors, customers, suppliers and their insurers?
- To support continuous space mining operations, how will supply chains evolve to improve the efficiency and profitability of mining companies and their technological evolution?
- In short, what cooperation and competition mechanisms will be put in place to secure a healthy space economy?

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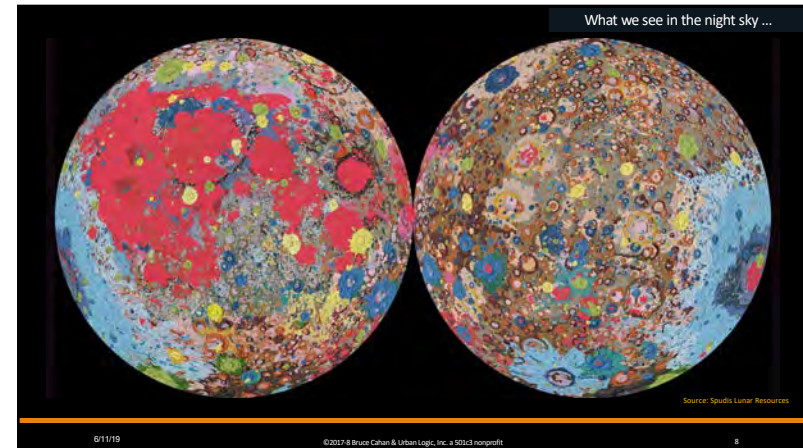
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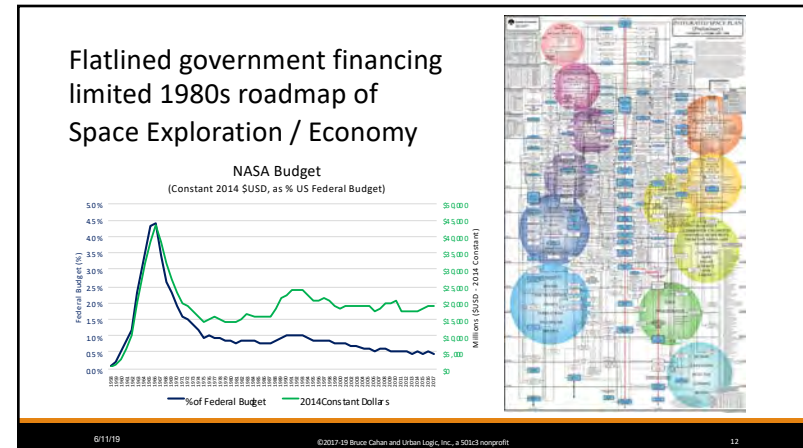
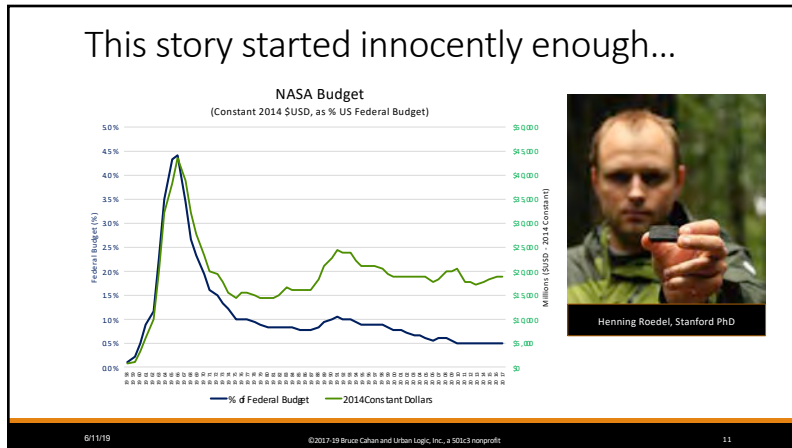
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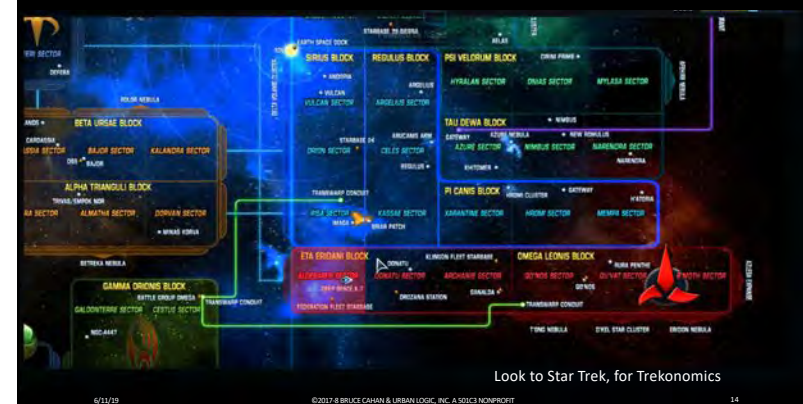




## 2 papers: The Outer Frontiers of Banking in Space



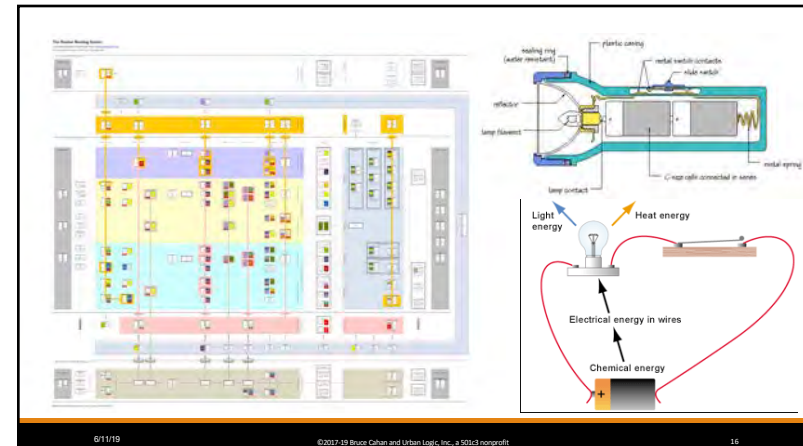
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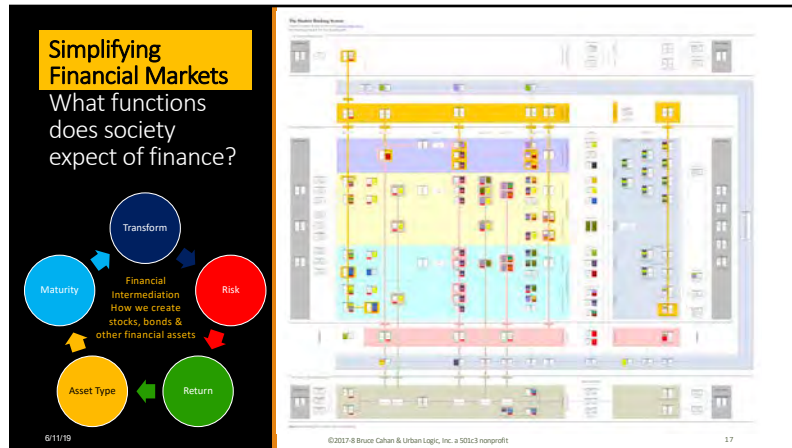


Think of finance as a circuit board



Electrons move capital through different gatekeepers' hands who transform  
Time, Risk and/or Asset type  
Maturity, Credit Quality & Liquidity





**Reimagine space economics**

Commodity Markets can

- Grow sustainable space finance at less risk
- Make space exploration affordable and safe for more of humankind
- Improve the science and technology of space commodities and how they interoperate

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**Unit of Space Convenience (USC)**

"In the general equilibrium theory of economics, the **Unit of Space Convenience (USC)** for Space Assets would be the cumulative change in marginal cost of the Capacities meeting the space economy's Needs (mapped to the Periodic Table of Quality of Life Elements (QoLs), with vs. without the Space Asset(s) being considered for investment as added Capacity.

Further research would create a definitive algorithm, but for now, the USC is a function of at least the variables described as follows:

- **Asset** is the Space Asset being evaluated,
- **QoL** is a vector of the QoL Elements or Needs for a given region or orbital path in space serving or being serviced by the Asset,
- **f-VaR** is the corresponding functional Value at Risk of the QoL so affected (e.g., how much oxygen, water, or telecommunication is needed for space exploration there),
- **MC-E** is the Marginal Cost on Earth of reducing a unit of f-VaR to level A (acceptable f-VaR), and
- **MC-S** is the Marginal Cost in Space of reducing a unit of f-VaR to level A (acceptable f-VaR)."

**NEW SPACE** ORIGINAL ARTICLE  
Outer Frontiers of Banking: Financing Space Explorers and Safeguarding Terrestrial Finance

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**Unit of Space Convenience (USC Example 1)**

"For a simple example of USC, consider

- the value of having a special wrench on the International Space Station to fix a leaking fuel tank is \$1 million (f-VaR),
- the marginal cost of getting the wrench on a rocket that can dock with the Space Station before the wrench being needed is \$5 million (MC-E),
- adding a 3D printer and supplies that can manufacture the wrench and other goods on the Space Station costs \$2.5 million (MCS),
- twenty-five Periodic Table QoL elements would be assured thereby (QoLs).

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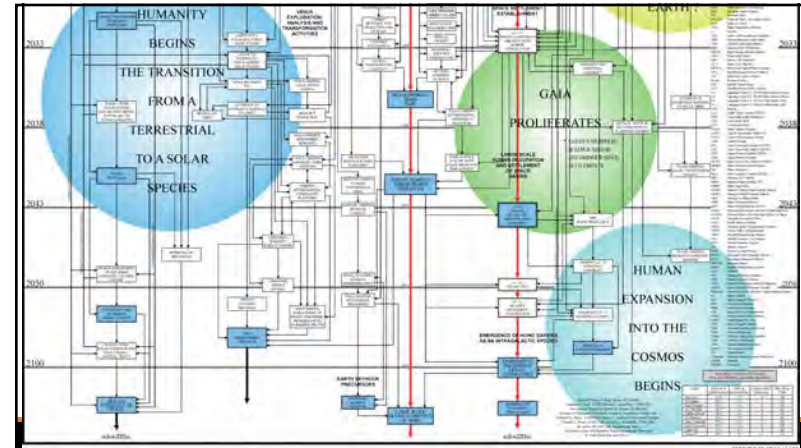
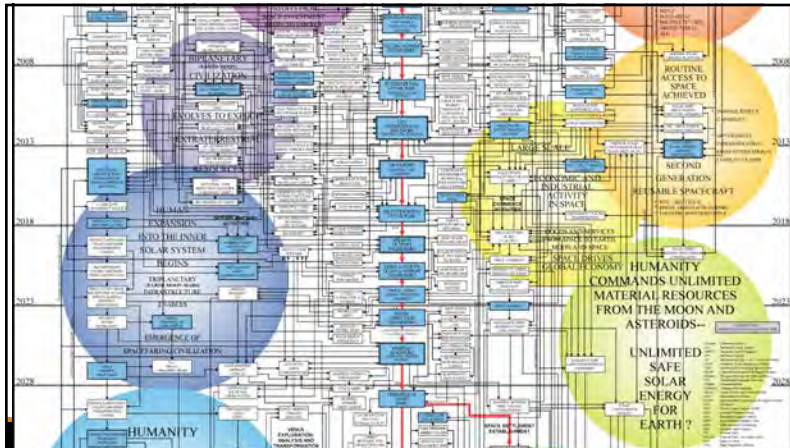
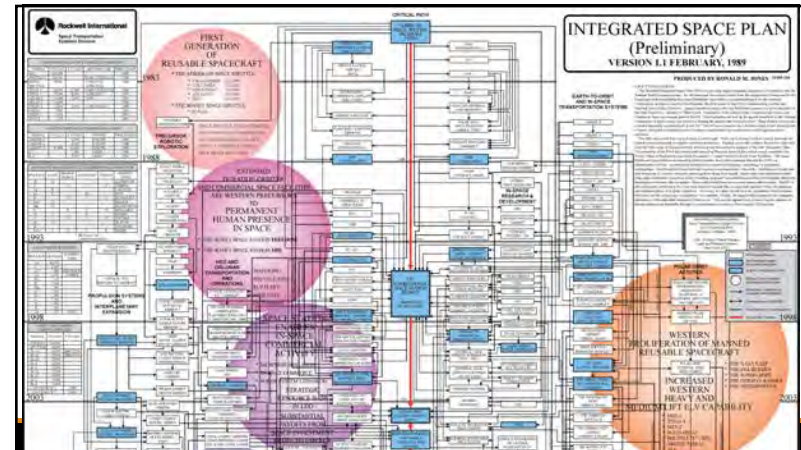
## Unit of Space Convenience (USC Example 2)

\*Take another example: imagine a country's Agriculture and Health Ministries need to monitor weather patterns (e.g., droughts, floods, and heat) that affect crop growing seasons, choice of crops to grow, breed insects, and raise pandemic risks to plants and people (all QoLs with v-VaRs to be reduced), and the Ministers have three economic options<sup>27</sup>:

- **Option 1:** Build, launch, and operate the weather satellite service on their own.
  - **Option 2:** Building the monitoring satellite on their own and paying for the launch service to place it in orbit.
  - **Option 3:** Use an existing weather monitoring service already orbiting its region.
- The reduced cost (USC) of moving from Option 1 to Option 2 represents the marginal utility of having a space economy that allows participants to rely on the expertise of a third-party launch service.
- The reduced cost of moving from Option 2 to Option 3 adds more units of space convenience in utilizing the functional value of the Space Asset that already exists.
- As the space economy grows, Option 3 will become readily demanded as cheaper and more reliable.<sup>6</sup>

## NEW SPACE

Outer Frontiers of Banking:  
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## A vibrant space economy needs financial research and imagination

Space Exploration is a new territory for private sector commercialization, finance and market development research

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## 2 papers about banking in space led to more questions



- Solutions to Assured Finance
- Underwrite assets based on their USC: Unit of Space Convenience
  - Associate each asset with their delivery of meaningful impacts
  - Use a Periodic Table of Quality of Life Elements to normalize and quantify impacts as a regional or cluster portfolio

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Will 2018's Roadmap of Space Exploration / Economy be limited by lack of persistently creative, diverse financing?

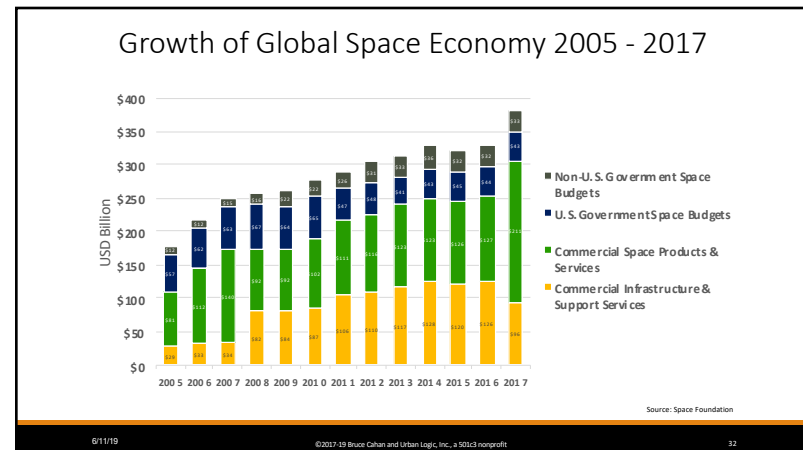


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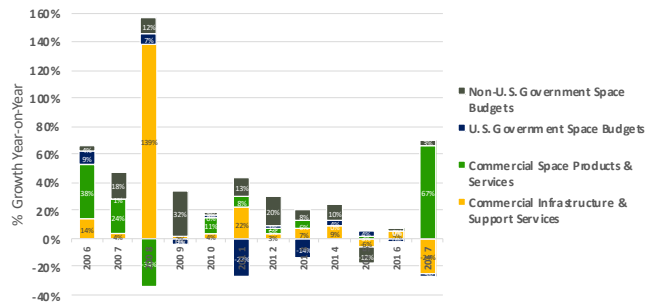
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### Variable Growth Rate of Global Space Economy 2005 - 2017



Source: Space Foundation

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When space finance is political, the space economy's safety and development is at risk



Information for Current Customers, Congress (customer map), Brokers, Lenders, and CityState Partners.

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# Could a Commodities Exchange augment space financing?

Are terrestrial commodities exchange apparatus and legislation precedent for a space commodities futures trading exchange?

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> paper: Creating an Exchange for Space Commodities



**NEW SPACE** ORIGINAL ARTICLE  
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Space Commodities Futures Trading Exchange:  
Adapting Terrestrial Market Mechanisms to  
Grow a Sustainable Space Economy

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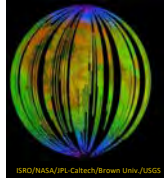
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Austria	6.0
Portugal	5.5
Poland	5.0
Denmark	4.5
Finland	4.0
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## Space Commodities Exchange a platform for growing the space economy



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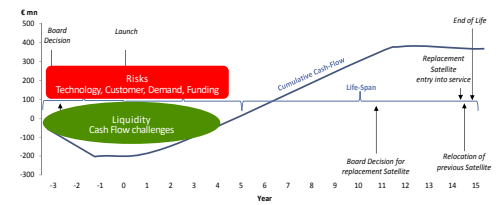
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## The Space Economy's Problems

To grow, the space economy needs better **liquidity** and **risk transfer** arrangements.

The Space Economy is \$350BN today, aiming for \$1.1TN by 2040.

Exhibit 7: Typical GEO satellite cash flow  
€ mln and years



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

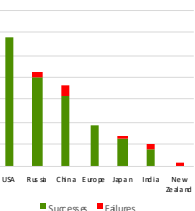
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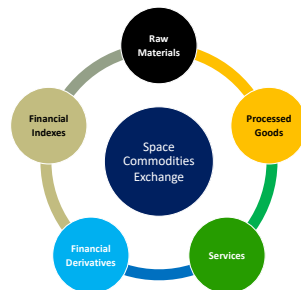
2017 Global Launch Attempts



## Solution – adapt a proven business model Space Commodities Exchange

### 5 Buckets of Commodities in

- On Earth for space...
- LEO Low Earth Orbit (*first*)
- Lunar Orbit
- Asteroids
- Elsewhere in space



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## Unique Platform for Assured Space Finance

Symbol for Commodity	Five Buckets of Space Commodities	2. Financial Futures List
Raw	1. Raw Materials Futures	StcLEoLn Launch from Earth to LEO - Inanimate Cargo (kg)
Processed	2. Processed Goods Futures	StcLEoLn Launch from Earth to LEO - Human or animal Cargo (kg)
Services	3. Services Futures	StcLEoLn Return from LEO to Earth - Inanimate Cargo (kg)
Derivatives	4. Financial Derivatives of 1 - 3	StcLEoLn Launch from Earth to Moon
Indexes	5. Financial Indexes of 1 - 4	StcLEoLn Return from Moon to Earth
		StcLEoLn Launch from Earth to Other Destinations
		StcLEoLn Reliability between Earth & LEO
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		StcLEoLn LEO - Energy (kWh)
		StcLEoLn LEO - Fuel for transport
		StcLEoLn LEO - Robotic manufacturing of composites
		StcLEoLn LEO - Human habitat for tourism or science
		StcLEoLn LEO - Robotic repair, refueling or repositioning of satellites
		StcLEoLn LEO - Earth imagery or remote sensing of IoT
		StcLEoLn LEO - Earth Location Based Services (LBS), Navigation & GPS from LEO
		StcLEoLn LEO - Orbital removal or defense of debris (kg AWG)
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		StcLEoLn LEO - Fuel for transport
		StcLEoLn LEO - Robotic manufacturing or mining
		StcLEoLn LEO - Human habitat for tourism or science
		StcLEoLn LEO - Robotic repair, refueling or repositioning of lunar assets
		StcLEoLn LEO - Surface and near surface imagery or remote sensing of IoT
		StcLEoLn LEO - Surface Location Based Services (LBS), Navigation & GPS
		StcLEoLn LEO - Surface processing or storage of data (kg AWG)
		StcLEoLn LEO - Orbital removal or defense of lunar assets
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Energy (kWh)
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Fuel for transport
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Robotic repair or refueling
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Robotic manufacturing or mining
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Human habitat for tourism or science
		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Robotic repair, refueling or repositioning of surface assets
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		StcLEoLn Asteroid - Location Based Services (LBS), Navigation & GPS

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## Benefits of Space Commodities Exchange

Party	Commodity	Liquidity	Risk of Demand	Risk of Technology
Suppliers	Launch to LEO	Pre-sell Future Launch Capacity as a Commodity = Earlier Cash Flow	Market data on Launches needed where and when	Hedge Component Failure as derivative or as replaceable commodity
Buyers	Launch to LEO	Hedge Launch failure or delay by access to others' Launch Capacities	Transparency of launch commodity pricing = wider market participation	Commodity standards reduce bespoke risks of assembling space operations

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Space Investors	Derivatives or Indexes of Commodities	Can readily price & sell portfolio of space commodities on Exchange	Demand for specific commodities & clusters of commodities is easy to analyze	Technology hedge derivatives become investment assets
Government	Growing & protecting Space Economy	Regardless of annual space & defense appropriations, space economy has vitality through private market	Commodities Exchange transactions plots "real world" roadmap for how Space Economy will grow & role of government	Exchange improves price, performance & redundancy of commodities essential to government space operations

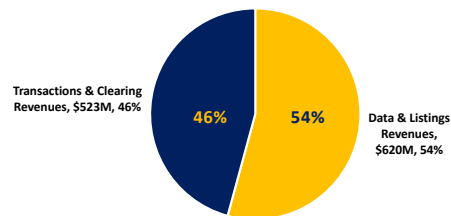
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## Terrestrial Exchange Revenue Example Intercontinental Commodities Exchange (ICE)

ICE Revenue Shares (\$1,143M in 2016)



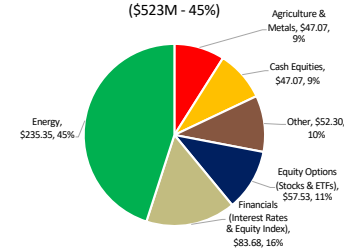
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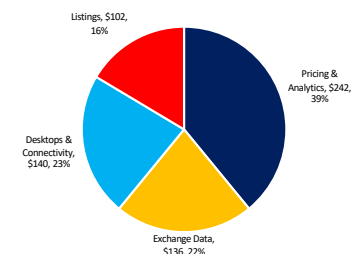
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## Terrestrial Exchange Revenue Example ICE Intercontinental Exchange (2016)

ICE Transaction Trading & Clearing Revenues (\$523M - 45%)



ICE Data & Listings Revenues (\$620M - 55%)



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## Historical Precedents

Especially for commodity producers, safety in well functioning exchange



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## Historical Precedents (Partial list)

Commodities Exchange examples:

- 1571 Royal Exchange opened in London
- 1710 Dojima Rice Exchange opened in Osaka, Japan
- 1848 Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) organized
- 1864 CBOT listed the first standardized "exchange traded" forward contracts called *futures contracts*
- 1877 London Metal Market and Exchange Company (London Metal Exchange) opened
- Today, Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or the "Merc") the CBOT's successor, trades agricultural, industrial and other physical commodities, as well as financial derivatives and futures

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## Historical Functions of an Exchange

Regulates a "Level Playing Field" operated in public interest to stabilize economic supply and demand of essential commodities at fair price

Standardizes

- Commodity Definition and Minimum Quality
- Contract Terms: Price, Delivery, Recourse
- Marketability/Transferability of Contract Rights

Register, Clear and Settle Commodities Contracts

Exchange is Central Counterparty to Validate Parties to and Enforce Contract

Market Transparency:

- Contracts' individual and aggregate value, volume and price movements
- Trusted Source of Market Health and Trends Data Source for sellers, buyers, investor and insurers of commodities

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Transcontinental Railroad sparked the need for a Commodities Exchange in Chicago



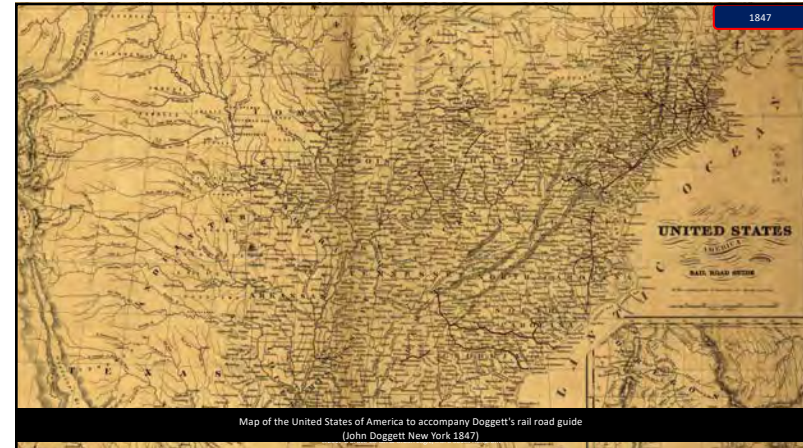

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Railroads, steel mills, locomotive manufacturers and their bankers needed iron and steel rails of consistent strength and quality for the weight of the locomotives

Businesses, farmers, grain and livestock producers using the Transcontinental Railroad needed a consistent marketplace to offer, trade, consign and finance their goods and services

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July 1862

### Unifying Track Gauge & Steel Quality might unify the Nation

"Before the [Civil War], parochialism took form in the patchwork of different railroad gauges that preserved local control and prevented the efficient through-shipment of goods.

In 1861 eight changes of cars due to gauge were necessary to complete a trip from Philadelphia to Charleston.

After the [Civil War], parochialism was scarcely dampened by the Northerners' imposition of Reconstruction.



While communities in both the North and South initially competed enthusiastically for railroads, in time Southerners became increasingly alarmed with railroads whose corporate form seemed to embody foreign dominance and whose ownership in fact passed increasingly into Northern hands.

Concerning the major southern railroads (100 miles or more in length), Northerners controlled 21 percent of the region's mileage in 1870, 48 percent in 1880, 88 percent in 1890, and 96 percent in 1900"

President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862 into law to set the gauge of the tracks, allocate land grants and thereby guarantee building of the transcontinental railroad

Source: Thomas J. Misa, *A Nation of Steel: The Making of Modern America, 1865-1925* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995)

An Act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes (July 1862)

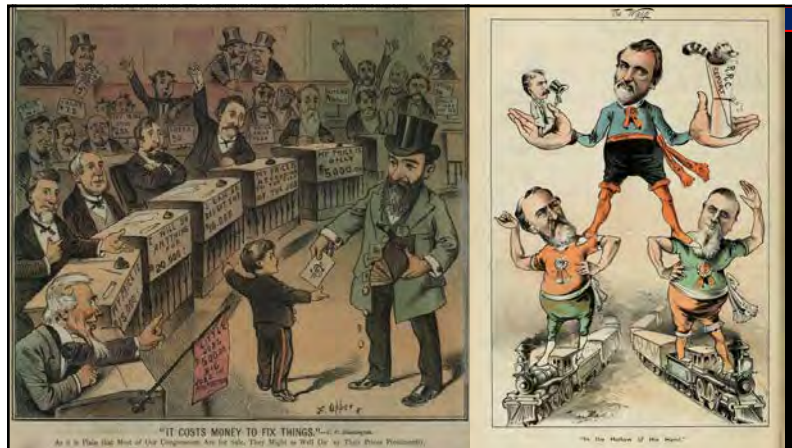
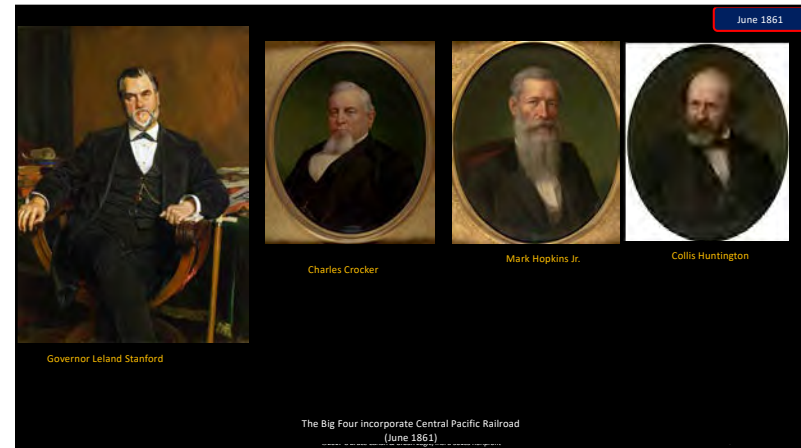
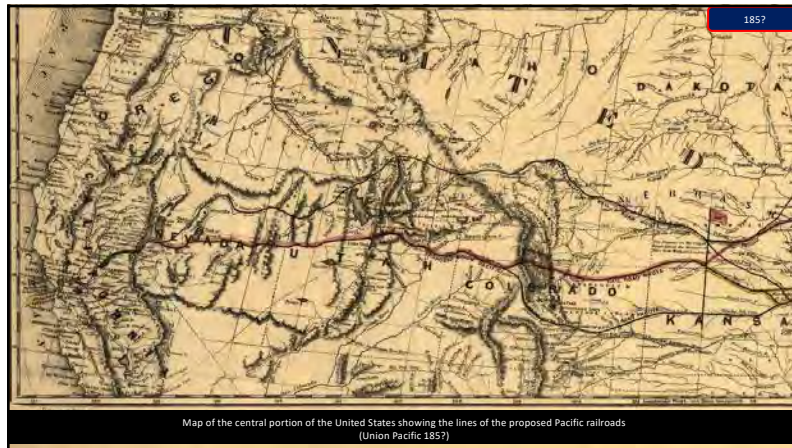
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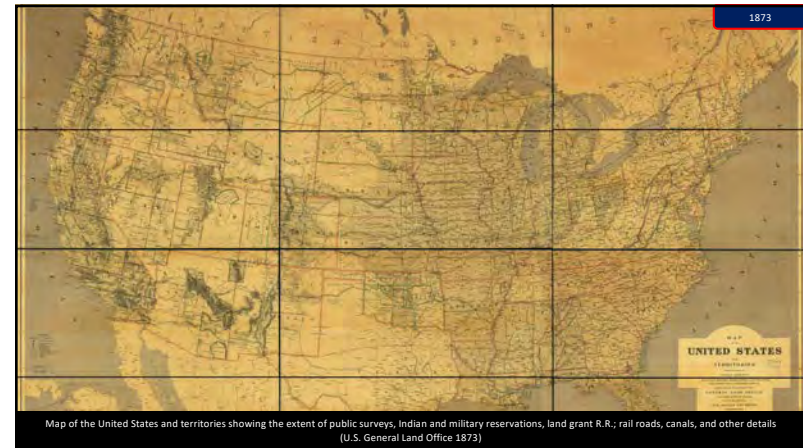
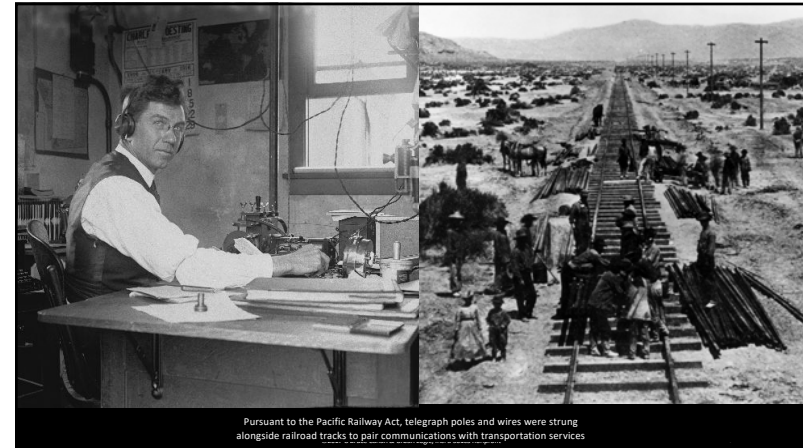
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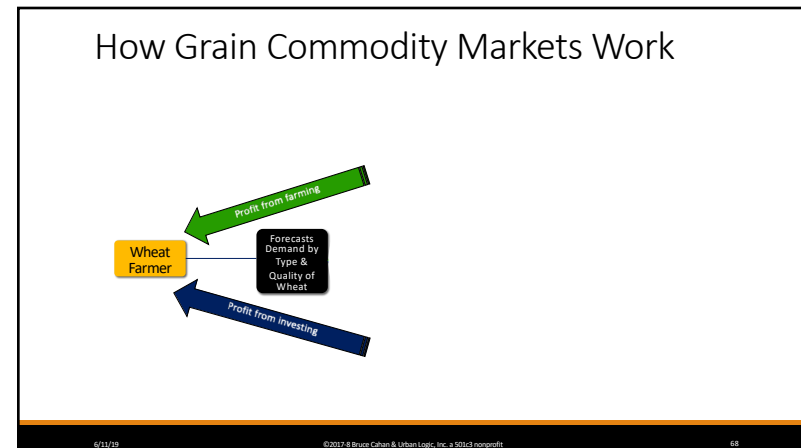






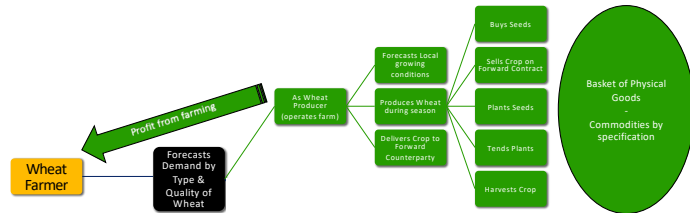








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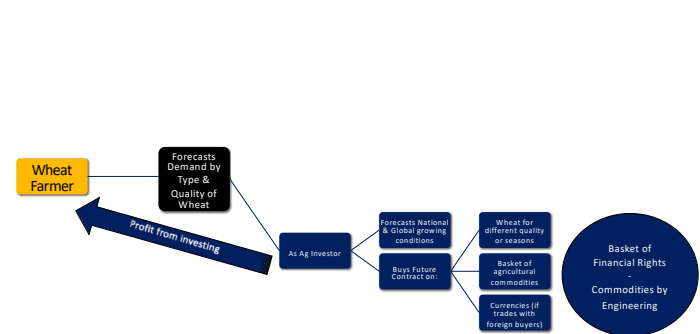


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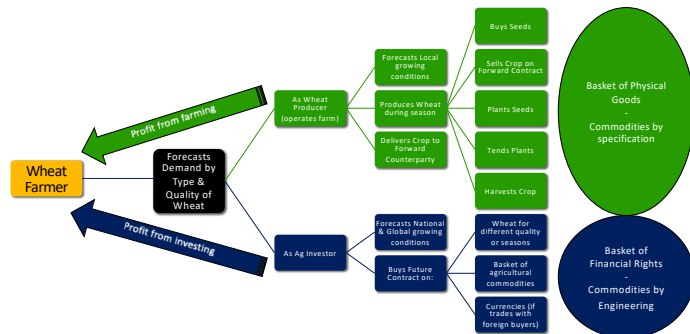


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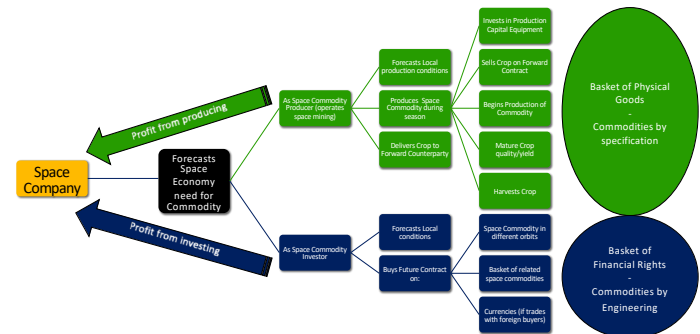


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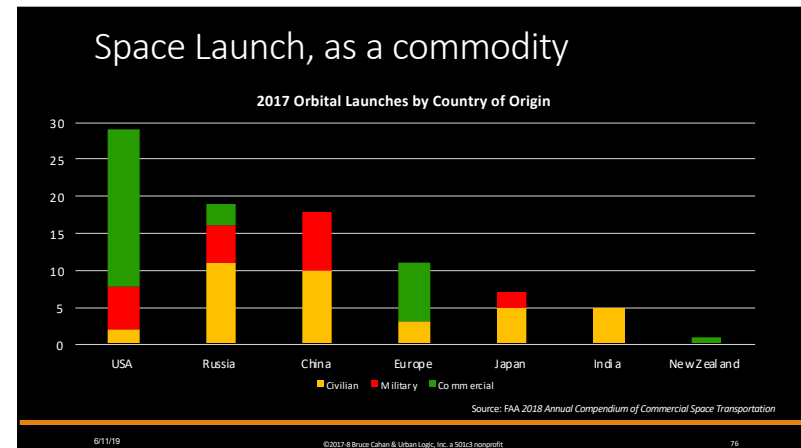
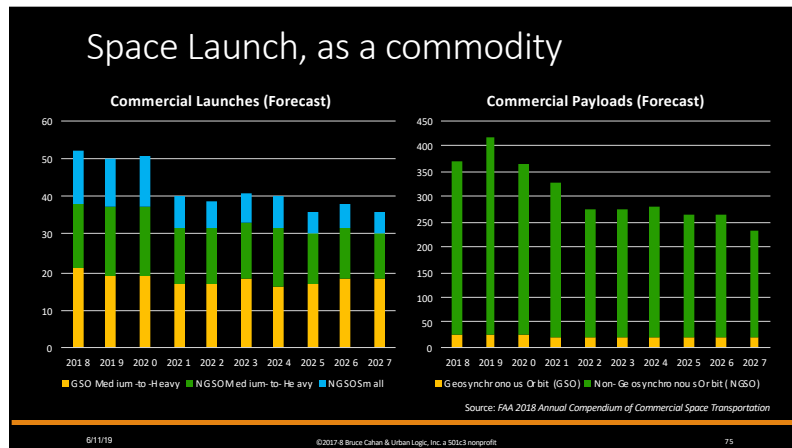
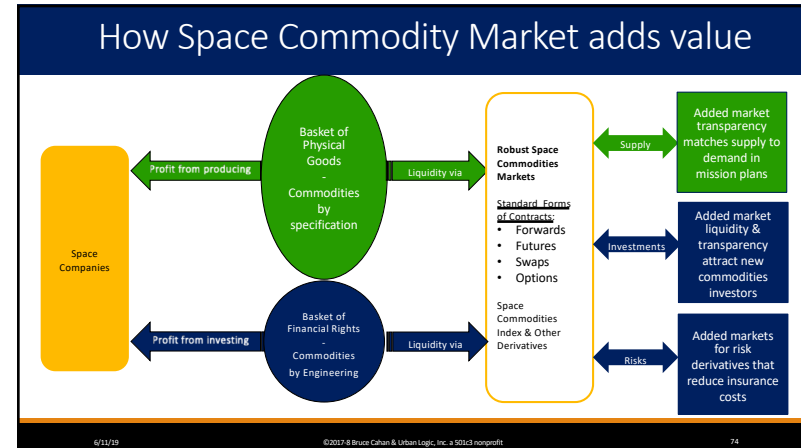
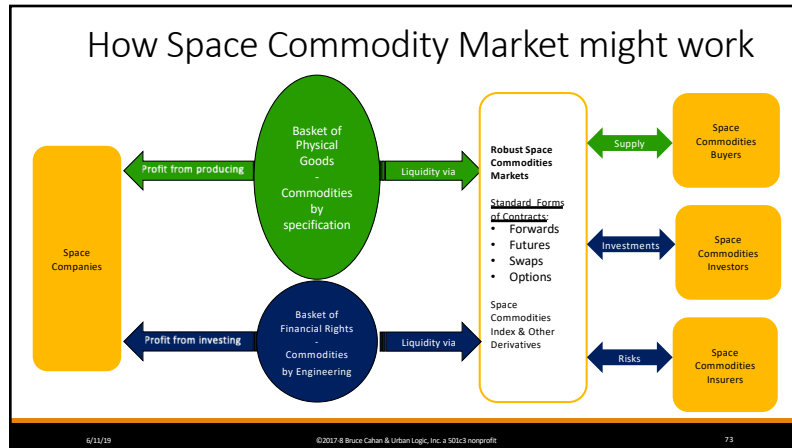
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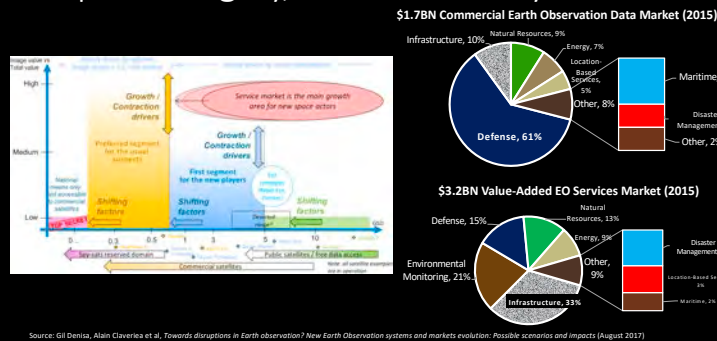
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## Space Imagery, as a commodity



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## Space Bandwidth, as a commodity



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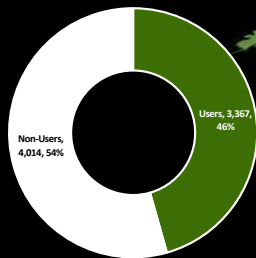
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## Space Bandwidth, as a global development commodity

Internet Use (Millions 2016)



Source: Internet Live Stats

### Internet Use (% Penetration by Country 2016)

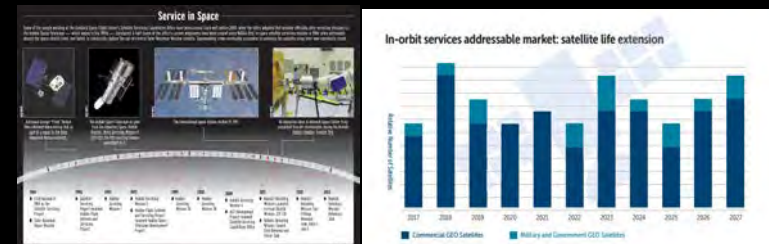


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## Space Refueling & Servicing, as commodities



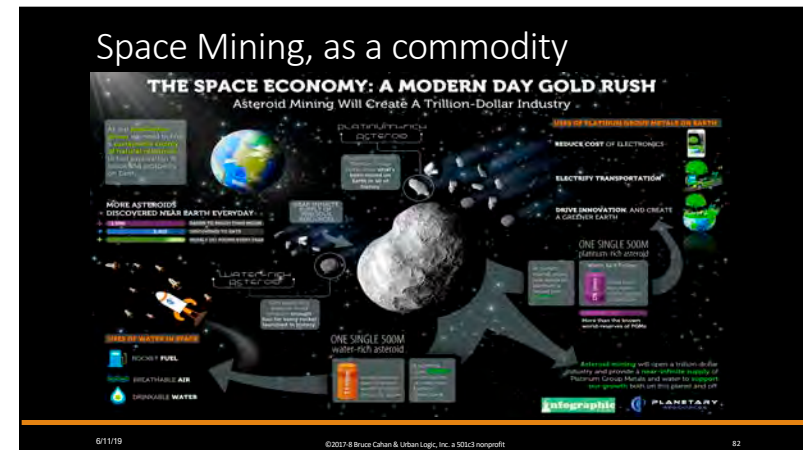
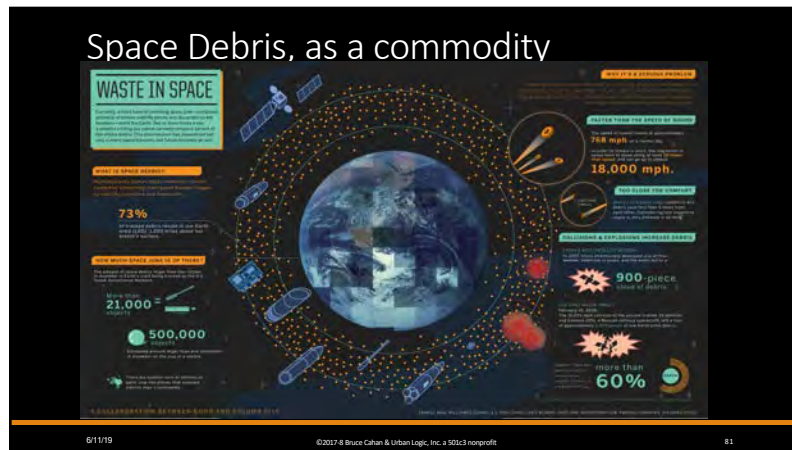
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What happens without a Space Commodities Exchange?  
Is a Commercial Space Economy or National Security  
better off with or without commodities exchange markets?

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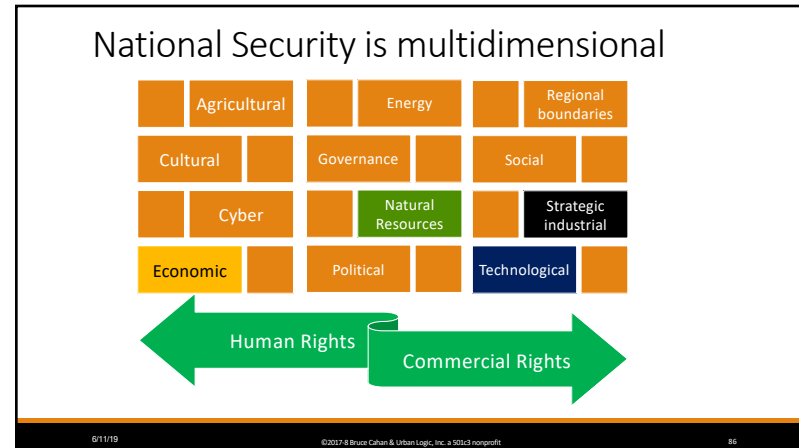
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### National Security depends on assured access to outer space

According to the U.S. National Security Space Strategy:

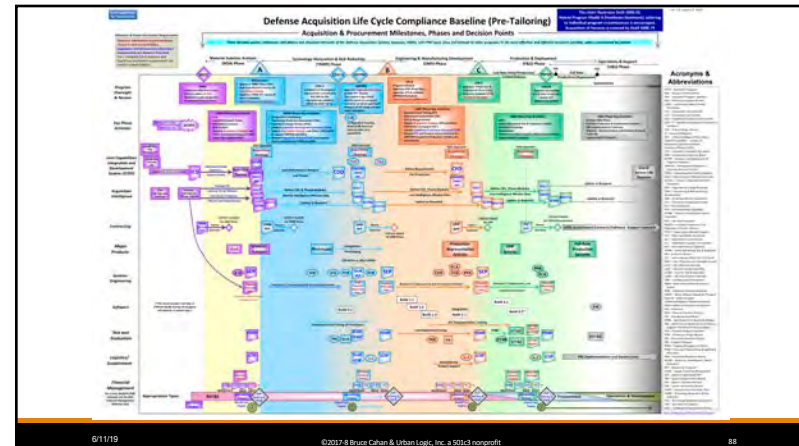
“Space is vital to U.S. national security and our ability to understand emerging threats, project power globally, conduct operations, support diplomatic efforts, and enable global economic viability. As more nations and non-state actors recognize these benefits and seek their own space or counterspace capabilities, we are faced with new opportunities and new challenges in the space domain. The current and future strategic environment is driven by three trends – space is becoming increasingly *congested, contested and competitive*.” (20)

Recent strategic threat assessments require assured space capabilities as a cornerstone of U.S. national security:

“Space capabilities enable the American way of warfare by making it possible for U.S. military commanders and forces to see the battlespace more clearly, communicate with certainty, navigate with accuracy, and strike with precision. Acknowledging this importance and consistent with prior administrations of both political parties, the current National Security Strategy recognizes that unimpeded access to and use of space is a vital national interest.

“Our adversaries and potential adversaries have noted these significant advantages and have moved aggressively to field forces that can challenge our space capabilities from the ground, in space, and through cyberspace. From simple (and widely available and affordable) jammers to highly sophisticated antisatellite (ASAT) weapons, today the U.S. is facing serious threats in a domain that is increasingly an arena for conflict. Denying U.S. space capabilities is a central tenet of adversary strategies designed to diminish our prestige and raise the risks and costs of intervention in regional affairs.” (21)

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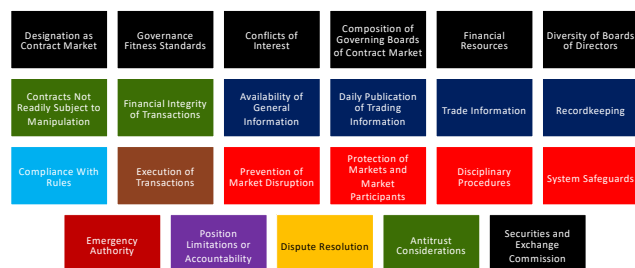


## CFTC's 23 Core Principles to assure Commodities Market Functions Smoothly



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## CFTC's 23 Core Principles to assure Commodities Market Functions Smoothly

4<sup>th</sup> paper: Space Commodities in Service of National Security

### Space Commodities in Service of National Security

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## Abstract

This paper discusses the role that standardized space commodities and space commodification markets will play in national security. As commercialization of Low earth orbit, lunar, asteroid and outer space goes forward, beyond the space economy's needs for protection and its capacity to be protected against, the history of military success and failure has depended on assured logistical arrangements that are robustly available and adapt to situational priorities. Assuming that a formalized space commodities exchange exists, how might the national space interests and force protection needs become easier to identify and service through terrestrial and to-space supply chains and arrangements? This paper will also consider how growth of the space economy and protecting it might depend upon the arrangements for space commodities, how these commodities are owned and financed, and where the national security would be without adequate space commodities access.

## 1. Introduction

<sup>1</sup> "National security" is an evolving multidimensional construct, encompassing agricultural, cultural, cybernetic, energy, governance, human rights, natural resources, political, regional boundaries, social, strategic industrial and other elements. (1) (2) (3) (4) The international legal and commercial framework for national security-related issues remains unclear. 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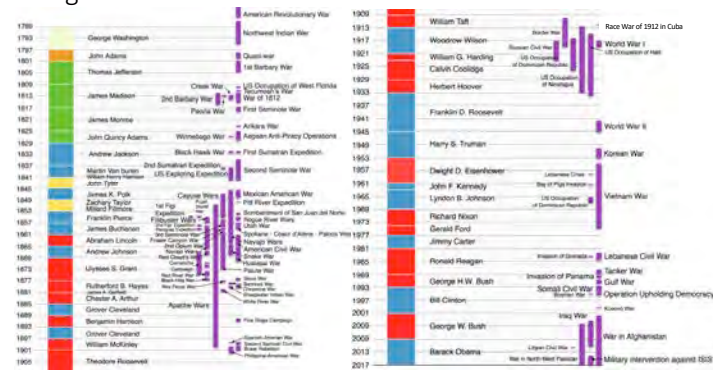
National security is emphasized by space actors living, in part, on the procurement of commodities that are not produced in the United States. Space actors are dependent on the United States for commodities that are more than physical goods like minerals or products and services built from them. Commodities include information and hedge financial and virtual commodities, including interest rates, currency rates, political risk, deficits, GDP, pollution credits and other intangibles. All companies participating in the space economy use these commodities and contribute to the United States' balance of trade and foreign exchange for such purposes. By analogy to the way the US GDP is measured, the technology and services of the space economy can be measured and transformed into a space commodity, allowing space investors to assume a portion of the risks now borne by corporate shareholders, lenders and insurers. Commodification of space services and more efficient transfer of information of military contractors' risks in this way might serve to (1) reduce the fiscal cost paid by the government, (2) reduce the risk of military contractors' bankruptcy and (3) increase the success of space exploration, (Coyne and the Military Space Agency and the Military Space Agency).

Territorially, the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the 16 members of the U.S. intelligence community (IC) rely – some contend overly rely – on government's capacity to define its target deliverables and coordinate its contractors and their raw materials and processed commodities, products and services supply

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## Logistics of Commodities win or lose wars



## Cold War Lessons of Space Warfare

1960, May 5 – U.S. Air Force Pilot Gary Powers' U2 spy plane shot down over USSR

1961 - NRO's AFTRACK Program Satellite Surveillance Vehicle 1107 flew 38 orbits and then lost power

1960s – Corona & later programs relied on photographic film obscured by cloud cover

CubeSats and commercial digital imagery and image processing have improved surveillance of regions that would be difficult or impossible to monitor via aircraft flyover

Early recognition of the potential of aggressors to disable or interfere with LEO-based surveillance satellites and data



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## Logistics of Commodities are essential for peacekeeping

United Nations peacekeeping missions and hundreds of nongovernmental organization (NGO) projects require logistical support and assurance to

- safeguard personnel,
- build local housing, healthcare and infrastructure and
- respond to migration, pandemic, systemic or disaster conditions. (39) (40)



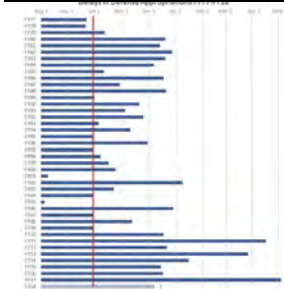
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## DoD Continuing Resolutions + Analog Military Procurement = how to lose the war in space

Delays in Defense Appropriations FY 1977 – 2018



Shay Assad, DoD Director of Defense Pricing and Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy:

"What we're not interested in doing is changing 400-500 days that it takes to do something to 475 days."

"What we really want to get to is changing 400-500 days to 30."  
(Source: Federal News Radio)



Beyond Earth's LEO, national security will require innovations in procurement that mitigate inherent challenges of getting commodities and supplies to the right place terrestrially and in space at the right time in adequate quantity and quality.

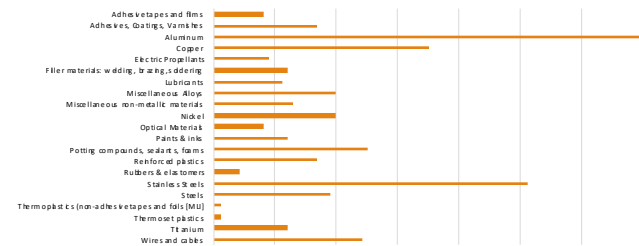
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## Space Assets & Services Supply Chains: Materials, Suppliers, Markets, Finance

Table 1: # alloys & variants used in Space

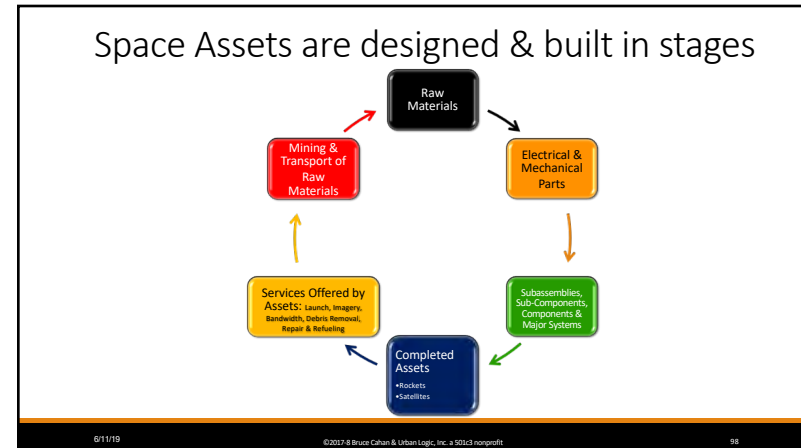
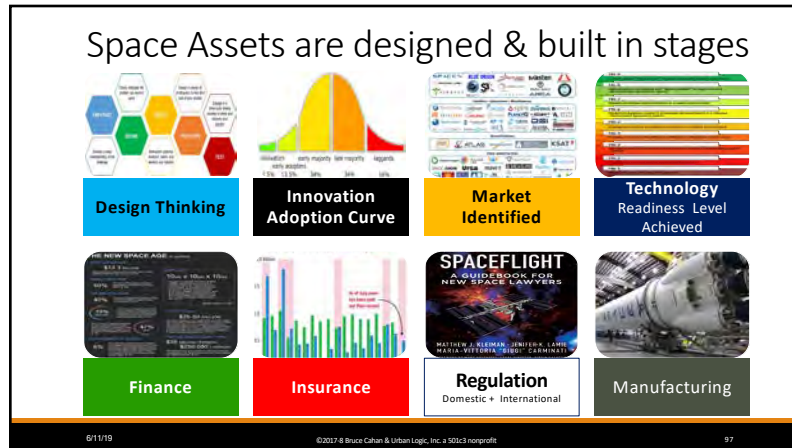


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### Minerals are scarce and geopolitical

USGS' List of 35 Critical Minerals (Table 2)

Aluminum	Magnesium
Antimony	Manganese
Arsenic	Niobium
Barite	Platinum
Beryllium	Potash
Bismuth	Rare Earths
Cesium	Rhenium
Chromium	Rubidium
Cobalt	Scandium
Fluorspar	Strontium
Gallium	Tantalum
Germanium	Tellurium
Graphite	Tin
(natural)	Titanium
Hafnium	Tungsten
Helium	Uranium
Indium	Vanadium
Lithium	Zirconium

Periodic Table of the Elements

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Rare Earths

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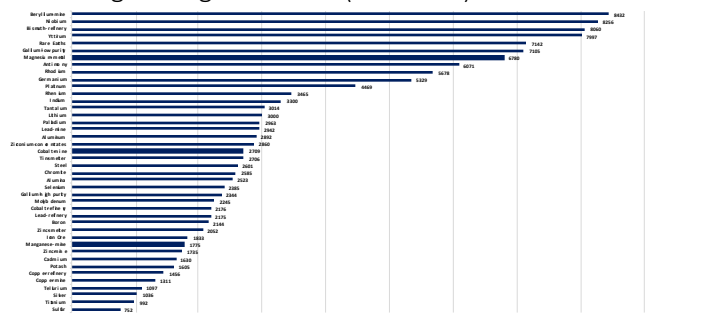
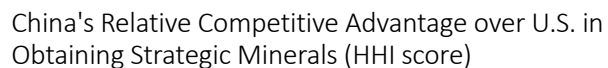


Fig. 2. Space Commodities in Service of National Security

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## Global Commodities Exchanges as Toll Booths

**Trading Volume for 40 Major Metals**  
(January - June 2018)

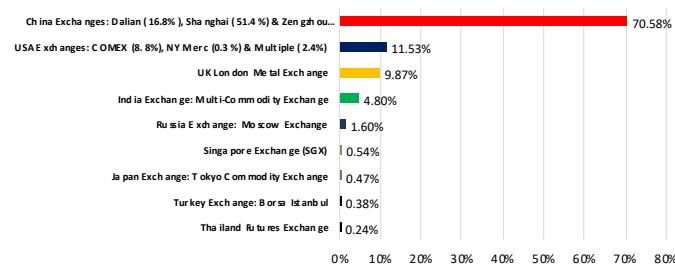


Fig. 9 *Space Commodities in Service of National Security*

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## Helium

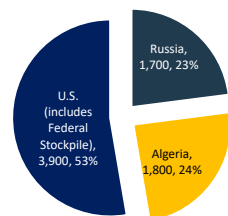
Global Reserves & Production (2017 million m<sup>3</sup>)

Fig. 3 2017 Global Helium Reserves (million m<sup>3</sup>)

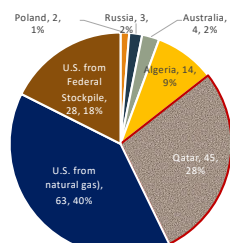


Fig. 4 2017 Global Helium Production (million m<sup>3</sup>)

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## Lithium

Global Reserves & Production (2017 metric tons)

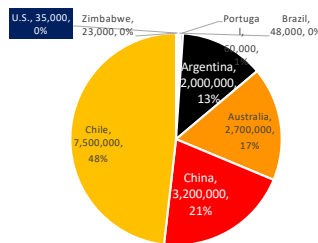


Fig. 5 2017 Global Lithium Reserves (metric tons)

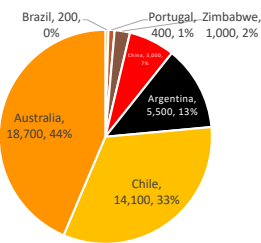


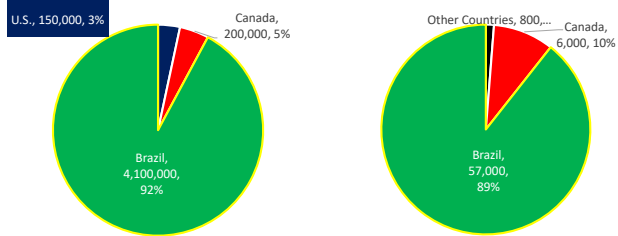
Fig. 6 2017 Global Lithium Production (metric tons)

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## Niobium

Global Reserves & Production (2017 metric tons)



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## Comparing Future National Security Scenarios

Scenario	Commercially Viable Technologies Alter Resource Use	Economic Competition for Resources	Warfighting	Space Law Assures Resource Claims	Commodities Stockpiles Assures Supply	Commodities Exchange Balances Supply & Demand
Good Earth	Yes	Yes				Yes
Warfare on Earth	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Good Space	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Space Too Far	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
Warfare in Space	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes

Table 4 Space Commodities in Service of National Security

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## Joint Chiefs' Space Operations Doctrine

### Passive, Observational and Communications Capabilities

- Space Situational Awareness
- Space Control, Positioning, Navigation and Timing
- Intelligence
- Surveillance and Reconnaissance
- Satellite Communications (SATCOM) and Satellite Operations
- Environmental Monitoring
- Missile Warning
- Nuclear Detonation Detection
- Space Launch & Lift

**Procurement Strategy:**  
Outsource - Spur Commercial Space Industry to Provide as COTS  
Leverages Just in Time Manufacturing, Supply Chains & Non-Governmental Markets

### Active Capabilities

- Warfighting Command and Control
- Intelligence Gathering
- Fires, Movement and Maneuver
- Protection
- Sustainment
- Information Use and Analysis

**Procurement Strategy:**  
Pure or Hybrid Governmental Function that can only partially be outsourced  
Relies on Commercial Supply Chains

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## Commercial Benefits of Space Commodities Exchange

Party	Commodity	Liquidity	Risk of Demand	Risk of Technology
Suppliers	Launch to LEO	Pre-sell Future Launch Capacity as a Commodity = Earlier Cash Flow	Market data on Launches needed where and when	Hedge Component Failure as derivative or as replaceable commodity
Buyers	Launch to LEO	Hedge Launch failure or delay by access to others' Launch Capacities	Transparency of launch commodity pricing = wider market participation	Commodity standards reduce bespoke risks of assembling space operations
Space Investors	Derivatives or Indexes of Commodities	Can readily price & sell portfolio of space commodities on Exchange	Demand for specific commodities & clusters of commodities is easy to analyze	Technology hedge derivatives become investment assets
Government	Growing & protecting Space Economy	Regardless of annual space & defense appropriations, space economy has vitality through private market	Commodities Exchange transactions plots "real world" roadmap for how Space Economy will grow & role of government	Exchange improves price, performance & redundancy of commodities essential to government space operations

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## National Security Benefits of Space Commodities Exchange

Solution to Current Problem	Mitigation of Current Risks and Costs for National Security
Standardizes Full Lifecycle of Space Commodities, their financing and risk mitigation	Exchange creates a platform for predicting, matching, financing and insuring Supply and Demand for Space Commodities on Earth, in LEO and beyond
Fills Gaps in Space Law for Commercial Space Activities	Violation or failure to honor Exchange Contracts carries Suspension, Debarment, Guarantee and other penalties Theft of, or threat to, an Exchange Member's assets carries similar penalties International Actors with valuable Space Commodities will behave cooperatively
Grows Appetite of Space Investors, Lenders & Insurers	Transparency of Space Commodities traded for current and future delivery lets everyone readily price and sell a more diverse portfolio of Space Commodities on Exchange
Makes Government Space Procurement faster, smarter, cheaper	Standardized Exchange Commodity Definitions and Contract Terms speed DoD Procurement via a Functional Platform for Tapping into the Commercial Market More stable investments in the Space Economy grow competition and reduce DoD over-reliance on individual firms, reducing bankruptcy supply and technology (TRL) risks Regardless of annual Congressional Space and Defense appropriations, Space Economy has vitality through private market

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## National Security's Two-Sided Coin



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## National Security's Two-Sided Coin

### Without the Space Commodities Exchange

Space Economy grows slower  
Benefits of Exchange are unavailable  
Rely more on Bespoke Procurement  
Increased Risks of Supply Chain uncertainties  
National Security risks of Commercial Space are more a function of Foreign Commodities and Corporate Markets who answer to Foreign State Actors, Sovereign Investors and Agendas

### With the Space Commodities Exchange

Space Economy grows faster  
Benefits of Exchange save DoD money, time, waste and technology TRL risks  
Exchange strengthens Supply Chains for Space Commodities  
A U.S. regulated Exchange gives U.S. Financial Regulatory Oversight to detect and deter bad actors or their misuse of Space Commodities  
Faster growth of Space Economy accelerates National Security needs to protect it sooner across a wider range of actors and threats

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## Traction to Date

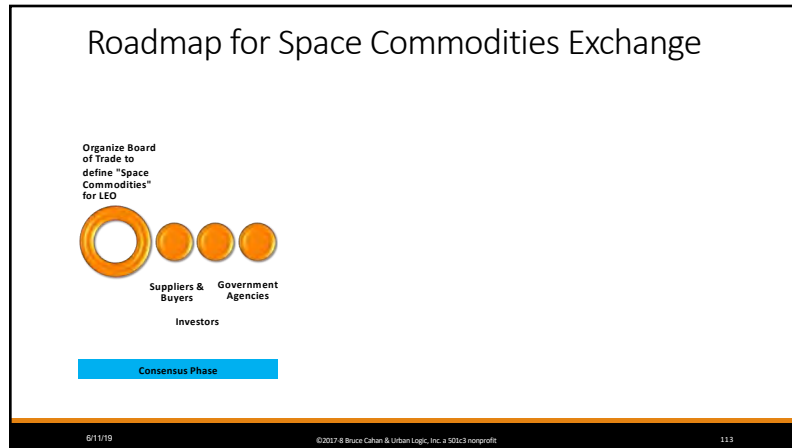
Widespread support for moving forward from diverse private and public groups:

- ❑ October 2016 National Space Society Recommendation #4 to the President
- ❑ Jan – Dec 2017 Validation with Traditional & New Space Suppliers & Customers
- ❑ June 2017 NewSpace Conference Space Commodities panel
- ❑ August 2017 US Air Force conversations begin
- ❑ January 2018 NewSpace Journal peer-reviewed paper accepted
- ❑ January 2018 Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) meeting
- ❑ February 2018 Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) meeting
- ❑ March 2018 Japanese Government Space Conference panel (I-ISEF)
- ❑ July 2018 NASA and CFTC briefed on Space Commodities Exchange
- ❑ September 2018 Presented at AIAA: American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics
- ❑ November 2018 Briefed White House Office of Space Commerce
- ❑ December 2018 Briefed to Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) Space Portfolio Lead

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## History of Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME)

### 1848 - 1999

- 1848 Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) founded as first futures exchange
- 1851 CBOT offers World's 1<sup>st</sup> Forward Contract
- 1865 Starts trading Standardized Futures Contracts
- 1898 Nonprofit Chicago Butter and Egg Board (CBEB) founded
- 1919 CBEB converts to Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), still nonprofit
- 1926 CBOT Clearing formed to guarantee trades
- 1972 CME first trades financial futures contracts
- 1975 CBOT first trades interest rate futures
- 1982 CME first trades stock index futures
- 1987 CME prototypes electronic trading platform
- 1999 CME trades first weather-based futures

### 2000

CME Demutualized and converted from nonprofit member organization to for-profit company

### 2002

CME Group IPOs

**Since 2000, Exchange operates as for-profit**

**For 152 years, Exchange operates as non-profit**

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## Board of Trade for Space Commodities Exchange an inclusive, neutral space economy platform

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