

# Key Findings and Path Forward from the Oxygen from Regolith (O2fR) Collaborative Systems Interface Study

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# Introduction and Need for Tool

- The LSIC ISRU Focus Group identified a need for the community to be able to identify and study interfaces across ISRU subsystems
- The more discussion and transparency across subsystems, the likelier they are to interface properly
- ISRU subsystems must not be developed in isolation – must consider upstream and downstream systems when designing



# Oxygen from Regolith Collaborative Systems Interface Workbook

- LSIC ISRU Team developed the O2fR Collaborative Systems Interface Workbook
- A tool to:
  - Identify upstream and downstream interfaces
  - Quantify upstream and downstream interfaces
  - Map dependencies across ISRU subsystems
  - Allow for community input from individual developers

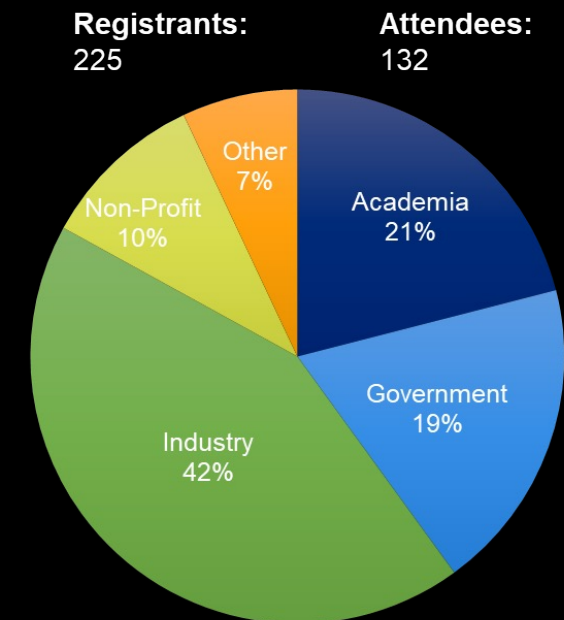
- Tool includes:
  - Design structure matrix (DSM) to map interactions and visualize complex systems
  - Interface worksheets to study interface parameters across subsystems which pass info/mass/energy/etc between
  - Integrated data worksheet



UPSTREAM SUBSYSTEM				SUBSYSTEM	DOWNSTREAM SUBSYSTEM			
<b>Provider</b>	Interfacing Parameter	Provider Capability	Receiver Expectation	Interfacing Parameter				
Regolith Processing & Handling	Regolith Processing Rate	### kg/day	### kg/day	Regolith Processing Rate	MRE Reactor			
<b>Provider</b>	Interfacing Parameter	Provider Capability	Receiver Expectation	Interfacing Parameter	<b>Receiver</b>			
Power	Power	### kW	### kW	Power	MRE Reactor			
					<b>Provider</b>	Interfacing Parameter	Provider Capability	Receiver Expectation
					MRE Reactor	O <sub>2</sub> Production Rate	### kg/year	### kg/year
								Interfacing Parameter
								O <sub>2</sub> Production Rate
								<b>Receiver</b>
								O <sub>2</sub> Processing and Storage
					<b>Provider</b>	Interfacing Parameter	Provider Capability	Receiver Expectation
					MRE Reactor	Max ISRU System Operating Temperature	### K	### K
								Interfacing Parameter
								Max ISRU System Operating Temp.
								<b>Receiver</b>
								Metal Processing
								O <sub>2</sub> Storage
								Liquefaction
								Regolith Processing and Handling

# September 2024 Workshop and Key Findings

- A workshop was held in September 2024 to introduce the tool to the community and to receive community feedback and input
- Key findings:
  - Standardized interfaces will be needed to ensure interoperability between technologies and subsystems developed by different organizations
  - There exists a need for technology developers to have clear mission requirements and an understanding of end-users to inform their design
  - Modularity will be key to scaling up demonstration ISRU systems
  - Terrestrial testbeds could present a cost-efficient, assessable way to test ISRU systems before flying
  - Digital twins and modeling approaches could also be useful in the design process of ISRU systems
- Workshop Materials:  
<https://lsic.jhuapl.edu/Events/Agenda/index.php?id=571>



# Further Development

- Since the workshop, community input has continued with various subsystems
- Anthony Coburger and Paul Burke are happy to meet with all interested participants to help you tailor this tool to be useful to your team
- Feedback from community:
  - LSIC ISRU FG asked the community how else we could help address system interfaces. The community's top response is **standardization**
    - LOGIC aims to enable interoperability standards for ISRU, increased comms and advertisement of LOGIC may be needed to increase awareness
    - LSIC ISRU FG's aim remains characterizing parameters at system interfaces. LSIC ISRU FG may fill non-LOGIC related gaps
  - The more input from others, the better (subsystem designers want to gauge their system against upstream/downstream systems)

# Integrated Data Worksheet

- To enable community collaboration and increase shared knowledge, an Integrated Data Worksheet was developed
- The Integrated Data Worksheet serves as a reference and archive of all publicly available Interface Worksheets.
  - Containing an accumulation of all community input received thus far, including all relevant information from the Interface Worksheets (upstream/downstream parameter, parameter value, upstream/downstream interface, etc.).
- Upon completion of an O2fR workbook, and with permission of the author(s), the LSIC ISRU POC adds the data contained within an organization's workbook to the Integrated Data Worksheet
- Interactive and accessible user interface, including the ability to sort/choose specific interfaces, threshold on parameter values, and trace each dataset to a particular institution

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Upstream Interface	Downstream Interface	Interface Parameter	Upstream Parameter Value	Downstream Parameter Value	Material	Parameter Units	Organization
O2 Storage	Life Support System	Metabolic Demand		0.833333333	O2 (gaseous)	kg / crew-day	Colorado School of Mines
O2 Storage	Life Support System	Other Habitation Demand		0.608333333	O2 (gaseous)	kg / crew-day	Colorado School of Mines
O2 Storage	Life Support System	Temporary Storage Tanks		0		high-pressure gas canisters O2 tanks / mission	Colorado School of Mines
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Regolith Processing Rate	6536	168	Lunar Regolith	kg / day	White Paper
Power	Reactor	Power	30	20	Power	kW	White Paper
Reactor	O2 Processing & Storage	O2 Production Rate	10,000	02	O2	kg / year	White Paper
Reactor	Metal Processing	Iron Processing Rate					White Paper
Reactor	Metal Processing	Ferro-Silicon Processing Rate					White Paper
Reactor	Metal Processing	Maximum Reactor Operating Temperature	2073			K	White Paper
Reactor	O2 Storage	Maximum Reactor Operating Temperature	2073			K	White Paper
Reactor	Liquefaction System	Maximum Reactor Operating Temperature	2073			K	White Paper
Reactor	Regolith Processing and Handling	Maximum Reactor Operating Temperature	2073			K	White Paper
Reactor	Slag Disposal	Slag Production/Removal Rate			Slag	kg / day	White Paper
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Regolith Processing Rate	150	100	Lunar Regolith	kg / day	Sierra Space
Power	Reactor	Power	25	5	Power	kW	Sierra Space
Reactor	O2 Processing & Storage	O2 Production/Liquefaction Rate	0.65	0.65	O2	kg / hr	Sierra Space
Reactor	Metal Processing	Maximum ISRU System Surface Temperature	325			K	Sierra Space
Reactor	O2 Storage	Maximum ISRU System Surface Temperature	325			K	Sierra Space
Reactor	Liquefaction System	Maximum ISRU System Surface Temperature	325			K	Sierra Space
Reactor	Regolith Processing and Handling	Maximum ISRU System Surface Temperature	325			K	Sierra Space
Reactor	Slag Disposal	Slag Production/Removal Rate	66	100		kg / day	Sierra Space
Regolith Processing and Handling	Uptime	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Reactor	Metal Processing	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Reactor	O2 Storage	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Reactor	Liquefaction System	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Reactor	Slag Disposal	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Reactor	Power	Uptime	225			days / year	Sierra Space
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Regolith Processing Rate	1	0.5	Regolith	kg / day	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Regolith Particle Size	70	70	Regolith particle	µm	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Power	Reactor	Power	1	2.5	Power	kW	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	O2 Processing & Storage	O2 Production Rate	25	50	O2	g / day	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	Metal Processing	Metal Production	500	400	Metal	g / day	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	Max ISRU System Operating Temperature	Maximum Reactor Operating Temperature	1500	1700		K	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	O2 Storage	Max ISRU System Operating Temperature	1500	1200		K	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	Liquefaction System	Max ISRU System Operating Temperature	1500			K	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	Regolith Processing	Max ISRU System Operating Temperature	1500	1700		K	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Reactor	Byproduct outlet	Alloy Removal	500		300 Alloy byproduct	g	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Reactor Pressure	0-260			Torr	Outward Technologies
Regolith Processing and Handling	Reactor	Feed cycle	Batch or continuous				Outward Technologies

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# Path Forward and How to Participate

- LSIC ISRU team is maintaining a database hosted on the LSIC ISRU Confluence page.
  - The database includes the O2fR Collaborative Systems Interface Workbook template, ReadMe, O2fR Workbooks completed by organizations, and the Integrated Data Worksheet
- If you have a piece of ISRU technology or a subsystem which you feel could fit into the community, please reach out to Anthony Coburger ([Anthony.Coburger@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Anthony.Coburger@jhuapl.edu)) or Paul Burke ([Paul.Burke@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Paul.Burke@jhuapl.edu))
  - We will help you use this tool to benefit your team, identifying interfaces and up/down-stream parameters of interest.

