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NASA's On Orbit Servicing, Assembly, & Manufacturing Activity

- OSAM is an emerging set of technologies that create the capability to assemble, maintain and repair spacecraft on-orbit, expand the scale of science platforms, manufacture and assemble structures in space, and extend the service life of on-orbit assets.
- NASA is investing in OSAM technologies development and two capability demonstration missions.
- OSAM-1 is a robotic spacecraft equipped with the tools, technologies and techniques needed to extend satellites' lifespans - even if they were not designed to be serviced on orbit.
- OSAM-2 is an in-space demonstration of an extended structure using robotic manipulation.
- OSAM capability has potential applicability to future exploration needs, including the Artemis program.
- OSAM takes into account the LTS Guidelines.

OSAM-1 Mission Overview

NASA.



Space Infrastructure Dexterous Robot (SPIDER) Payload Overview



SPIDER will demonstrate:

- Assembly / disassembly of \bullet 3m Ka quality reflector antenna in-space utilizing a lite weight robot arm
- Dexterous robotic system ulletoperating under supervised autonomy
- Manufacturing and ulletcharacterization of a 10m long, thermally stable, precision structural beam
- **Removal and re-installation** \bullet of beam manufacturing unit

NASA OSAM-2 (Archinaut) Mission Overview

Phase I: Development

- Extended Structure Additive Manufacturing Machine (ESAMM) successfully tested in 2017
- Ground Based Manufacturing & Assembly System Hardware (GBMASH) successfully tested in 2018



Phase II: Demonstration

- OSAM-2 (Archinaut One): In-space demo of extended structure, robotic manipulation
- Focus on demonstrating capabilities relevant to commercial and government missions
- 4-year flight demo mission funded by NASA Space Technology Mission Directorate



Phase III Goal: Commercialization

- Deployment of commercial products in space
- Extended structure AM, robotic assembly, and in-situ inspection capabilities applied to commercial and government missions
- Deployment funded by customers





On-Orbit Servicing Applications to Sustained Human Presence Beyond LEO

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Key Technologies
Rendezvous & Proximity Operations
Advanced Avionics
Specialized Tools
Fluid Transfer
Dexterous Robotics

Cooperative Service Aids

Refuelable spacecraft 🛛 💿 🔲 🔅

- Autonomous refueling will inform future refueling technologies required for fully reusable lunar landers and the Mars Transportation architecture.
- Providing valves, fluid transfer systems, refueling vehicles or propellant depots spacecraft can visit
- Human habitat maintenance aboard spacecraft 🚫
 - Oxygen replenishment
 - Cooling system maintenance
- Ability to conduct unplanned repair in face of unforeseen circumstances
 - Providing robotics, tools and RPO systems, maintenance vehicle
- Ability to conduct planned maintenance of subsystems
 - Providing robotics, tools, maintenance vehicle

Assembly & Manufacturing Applications to Sustained Human Presence Beyond LEO

• Augmentation of Human Exploration capabilities

- Assembly and Manufacturing technologies can evolve to contribute to lunar sustainability for assembly of potential future lunar surface structures
- Enables larger space payloads, overcoming the launch vehicle fairing volume constraint
- Payloads no longer necessarily need to be qualified to survive launch loads and environments
- Robot assembly and supervised autonomy technologies augment exploration capabilities, overcoming human safety factors of transferring and integrating hardware
- Allows greatly simplified integration and the ability to repurpose, upgrade, or reconfigure assets beyond LEO

These capabilities will contribute to the NASA Artemis program by providing more sustainable, affordable and resilient spaceflight near Earth, the Moon and deep into the solar system through in-space servicing and assembly.



