

Asteroid Retrieval Feasibility Study

Perlombongan asteroid adalah eksploitasi bahan mentah dari asteroid dan planet kecil lain, termasuk objek bumi dekat. Berdasarkan rizab terestrial yang diketahui, dan penggunaan yang semakin meningkat di kedua-dua negara maju dan membangun, unsur-unsur penting yang diperlukan untuk industri moden dan pengeluaran makanan boleh habis di Bumi dalam tempoh 50 hingga 60 tahun. Sebagai tindak balas, telah dicadangkan bahawa platinum, kobalt dan unsur-unsur berharga lain dari asteroid boleh dilombong dan dihantar ke Bumi untuk keuntungan, digunakan untuk membina satelit tenaga suria dan habitat ruang, dan air yang diproses dari ais untuk mengisi bahan api yang mengorbit depo propelan. Melangkaui Bima Sakti, terdapat sekurang-kurangnya 2 trilion galaksi lain di alam semesta yang dapat dilihat. Penjajahan ruang secara kasar boleh dikatakan mungkin apabila kaedah penjajahan ruang yang diperlukan cukup murah untuk memenuhi dana kumulatif yang telah dikumpulkan untuk tujuan itu, di samping keuntungandianggarkan dari penggunaan ruang komersial. Perjalanan intergalaktik sama ada perlu melibatkan pelayaran yang berjuta-juta tahun, atau mungkin lebih cepat daripada kaedah pendorong cahaya berdasarkan fizik spekulatif, seperti pemacu Alcubierre. Walau bagaimanapun, tidak ada alasan saintifik untuk menyatakan bahawa perjalanan intergalactic tidak mungkin pada dasarnya. Pemikiran manusia yang dimuat naik atau AI boleh dihantar ke galaksi lain dengan harapan beberapa kepintaran akan menerima dan mengaktifkannya.

This book analyzes the commercial space activities and commercialization processes of the last fifteen years and maps the future challenges that NewSpace companies will face developing commercial space markets. What is new and what has happened in these markets up till now? Is there a business case for private companies for commercial space? What are the targeted commercial space markets? Who are the future customers for commercial space transportation markets? How can NewSpace companies attract investors? Can we learn lessons from traditional space industries or other companies in other areas? In what way have the last fifteen years made a difference in the evolution of space markets? Is there a future for in-situ resource mining, space debris services, in-orbit satellite servicing and sub-orbital transportation? What are the lessons learned from ISS commercialization? In addition the reader will find a synopsis of several space transportation programs, commercial space markets, future Moon and Mars missions, in-situ resource exploitation concepts, space debris mitigation projects and sub-orbital commercial markets. Major lessons learned are identified, related to the attraction of first time customers and long term R&D funding, managing technological and market risks and developing new markets and applications.

The Earth-Moon neighborhood is the scene of a large variety of applications that concern asteroids, lunar exploration and space debris in Earth orbit. In particular, recent efforts by the scientific community have focused on the possibility of extending the human operations beyond the radiation belts; of exploiting in-situ resources, either on the lunar surface or on asteroids retrieved to the vicinity of the Earth; and of mitigating the space debris concern by taking advantage of the lunar perturbation. The characteristic dynamics in the cislunar space represents an opportunity for the mission designer, but also a challenge in terms of theoretical understanding and operational control. This Research Topic covers the Earth-Moon dynamics in its complexity and allure, considering the most relevant aspects for both natural and artificial objects, in order to get a new comprehension of the dynamics at stake along with the operational procedures that can handle it.

A unique, wide-ranging examination of asteroid exploration and our future in space Human travel into space is an enormously expensive and unforgiving endeavor. So why go? In this accessible and authoritative book, astrophysicist Martin Elvis argues that the answer is asteroid exploration, for the strong motives of love, fear, and greed. Elvis's personal motivation is one of scientific love—asteroid investigations may teach us about the composition of the solar system and the origins of life. A more compelling reason may be fear—of a dinosaur killer—sized asteroid hitting our planet. Finally, Elvis maintains, we should consider greed: asteroids likely hold vast riches, such as large platinum deposits, and mining them could provide both a new industry and a funding source for bolder space exploration. Elvis explains how each motive can be satisfied, and how they help one another. From the origins of life, to “space billiards,” and space sports, Elvis looks at how asteroids may be used in the not-so-distant future.

The Space Race was a rivalry of the twentieth century between two great Super Powers in the Cold War, the Soviet Union (USSR) and the United States (USA), aimed at achieving the highest positions in space flight capabilities. It derives from the ballistic missile-based nuclear arms race that followed the Second World War. The technological advantage needed to quickly achieve milestones in space flight was considered essential for national security and combined with the symbolism and ideology to time. The Space Race led to pioneering efforts to launch artificial satellites, unmanned space probes to the Moon, Venus and Mars, and human space flights in low Earth orbit and the Moon. Over the past decade, asteroids have come to the forefront of planetary science. Scientists across broad disciplines are increasingly recognizing that understanding asteroids is essential to discerning the basic processes of planetary formation, including how their current distribution bespeaks our solar system's cataclysmic past. For explorers, the nearest asteroids beckon as the most accessible milestones in interplanetary space, offering spaceflight destinations easier to reach than the lunar surface. For futurists, the prospects of asteroids as commercial resources tantalize as a twenty-first-century gold rush, albeit with far greater challenges than faced by nineteenth-century pioneers. For humanity, it is the realization that asteroids matter. It is not a question of if—but when—the next major impact will occur. While the disaster probabilities are thankfully small, fully cataloging and characterizing the potentially hazardous asteroid population remains unfinished business. Asteroids IV sets the latest scientific foundation upon which all these topics and more will be built upon for the future. Nearly 150 international authorities through more than 40 chapters convey the definitive state of the field by detailing our current

