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# Hidden in Plain Sight: Why Sustainment is So Critical to the Circular Supply Chains for Technical Products

# Today's Presenter

Dr. Dave Peterson is a senior supply chain management, operations research, and modeling and simulation researcher and practitioner. He specializes in spare parts inventory management and process improvement within the aerospace and defense industry. He is a retired U.S. Air Force logistician, with experience in base- and depot-level supply and maintenance management, graduate logistics education, and policy analysis/project management at the senior staff level. After leaving the military, he was an associate professor at Lynchburg College's School of Business and Economics. Most recently, he advises governmental, aerospace and defense clients on supply chain and operational analytics projects and is an instructor in the MSOM program.



# Replace or Repair?



**Legend**

- Red arrow: Failed system
- Green arrow: Serviceable system
- Red arrow: Failed unit
- Green arrow: Repaired unit

<https://www.unitedradio.com/automotive-electronics/>

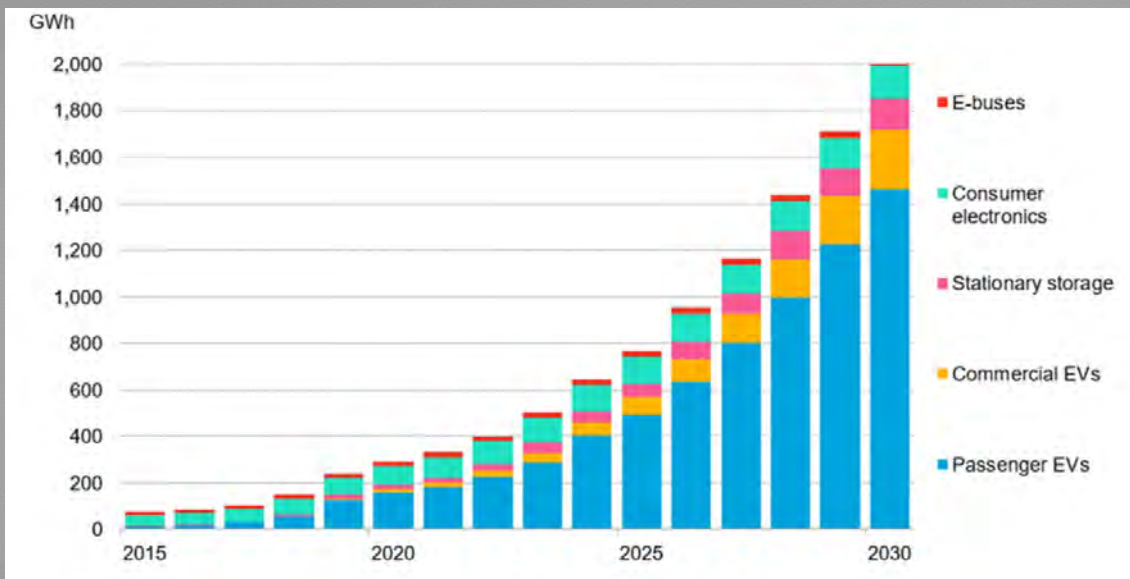
# The Earth's Resources are Finite



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<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/885/earth-from-space>



# Lithium-Ion Battery Demand Growth Will Significantly Challenge Resources

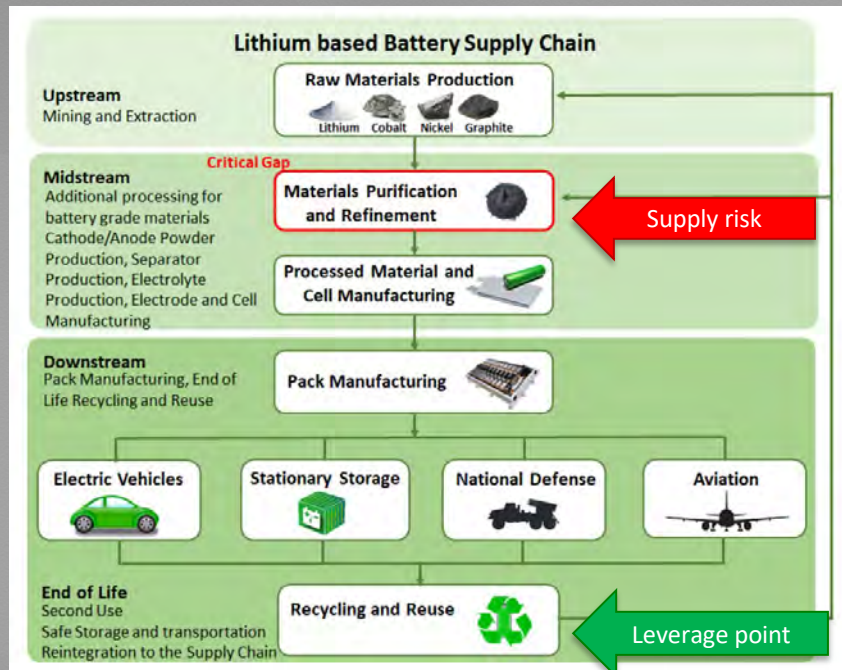


Lithium-ion battery applications are projected to increase 5x – 7x by 2030



Source: The White House. *BUILDING RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS, REVITALIZING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING, AND FOSTERING BROAD-BASED GROWTH* 100-Day Reviews under Executive Order 14017, June 2021.

# Recycling Improves Supply Resilience

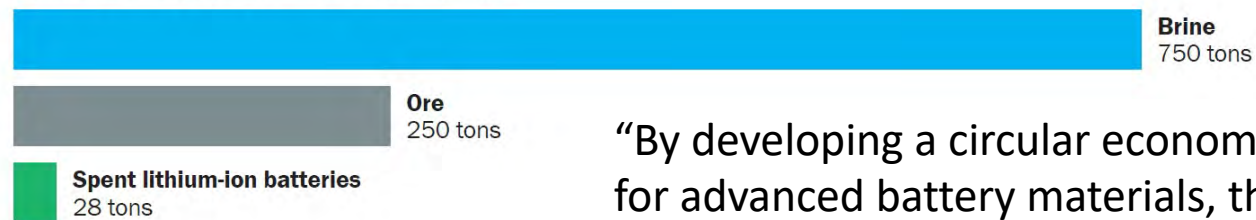


The US needs to “increase domestic battery manufacturing while improving the resilience of the lithium battery supply chain, including the sourcing and processing of the critical minerals used in battery production.”

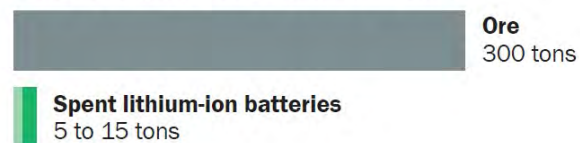
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# Recycling also Significantly Reduces Environmental Impacts

**1 ton** of battery-grade **lithium** can come from:



**1 ton** of battery-grade **cobalt** can come from:



“By developing a circular economy for advanced battery materials, the United States can capture this material back into the economy and reduce the need for [primary materials] extraction while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”



Graph source: Federal Consortium for Advanced Batteries, *Executive Summary National Blueprint for Lithium Batteries, 2021-2030*, June 2021

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# So, what is the circular economy?

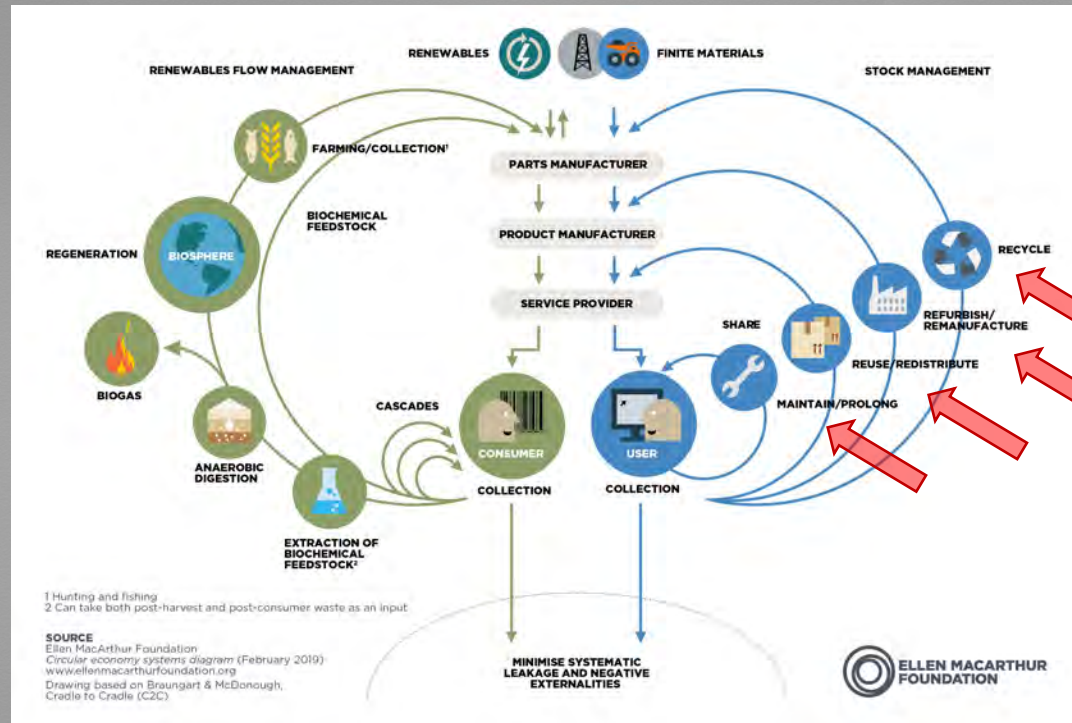
“The idea of a circular economy is simple: to make better use of resources, close loops of resource flows by fully recovering materials instead of wasting them, and prevent waste and pollution by better design of products and materials and keeping them in use for longer.”

Source: Anne Velenturf & Phil Purnell, “What a sustainable circular economy would look like,” *The Conversation Newsletter*, 6 May 2020.

# The “30,000 Foot View”

Biological & Renewable Products

Manufactured Products



Source: World Economic Forum, *Towards the Circular Economy: Accelerating the scale-up across global supply chains*, Jan 2014

# Sustainment is ...



“The provision of logistics and personnel services required to maintain and prolong operations until successful mission accomplishment.”



Source: Department of Defense, *DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Electronic Library, January 2020. Photo: U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kenneth Abbate) File# 120212-N-OY799-418

# What types of systems need sustainment?



Photo: U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Bruce Jenkins. File# 160406-Z-AA000-013.

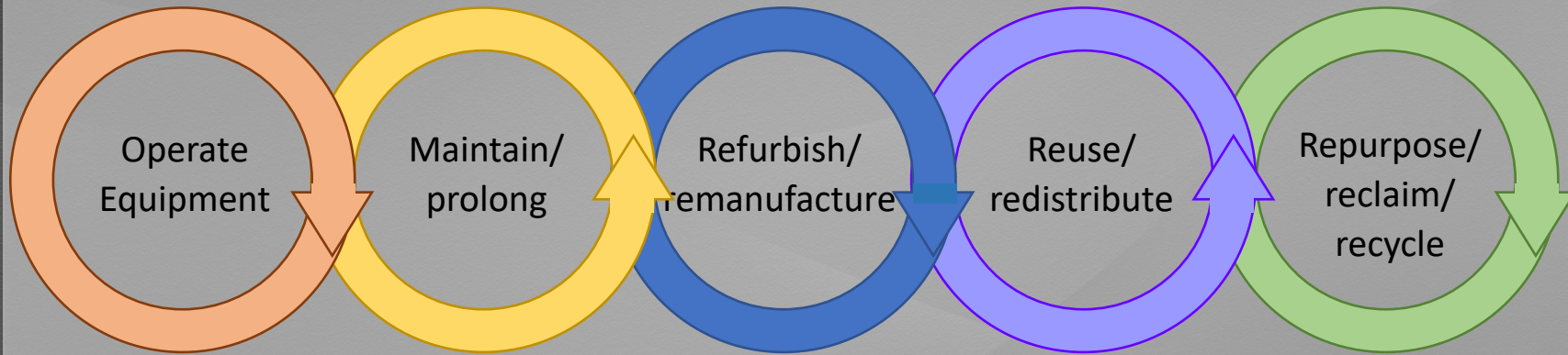


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# The “10,000 Foot View”





# Logistics Activities Within a Sustainment Network

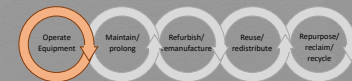
- **Supply** – having repair parts on-hand when and where needed
- **Maintenance** – the ability to fix broken items
- **Transportation/Distribution** – the ability move items throughout the sustainment network
- **Procurement** – sourcing repair parts, equipment and services

# Operate Equipment

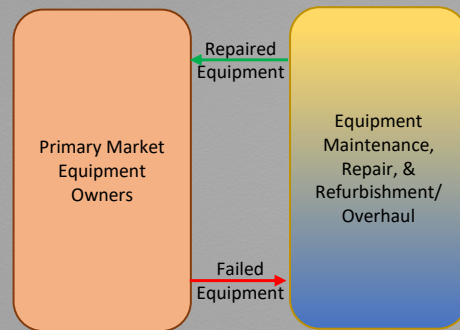
Primary Market  
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Owners



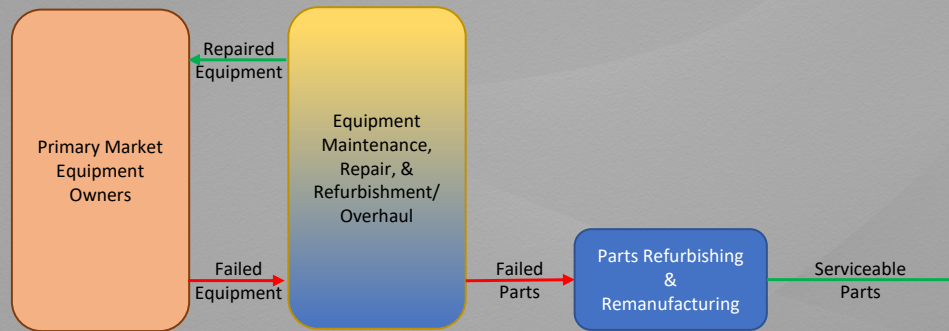
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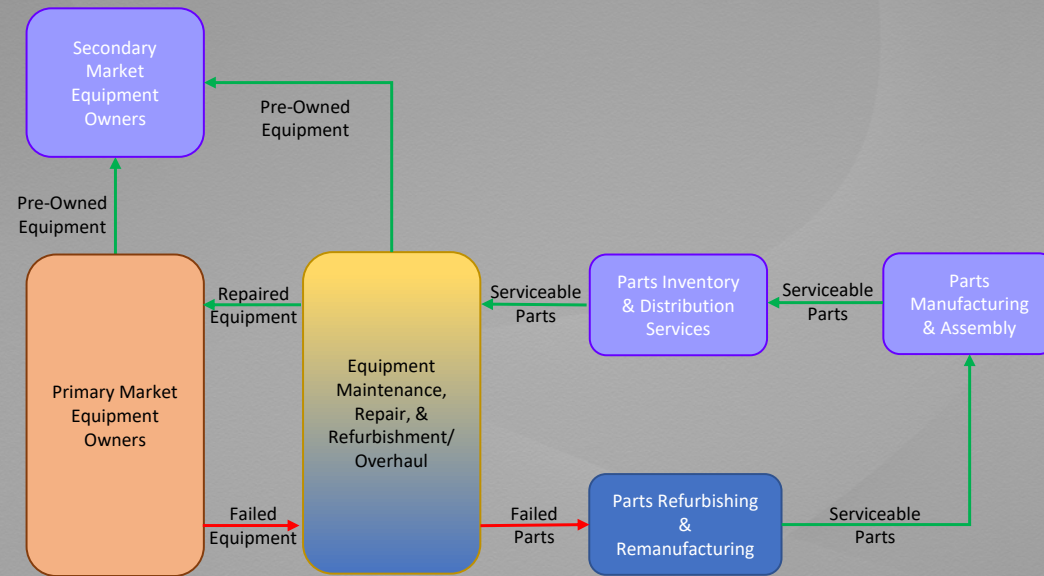
# Maintain/Prolong



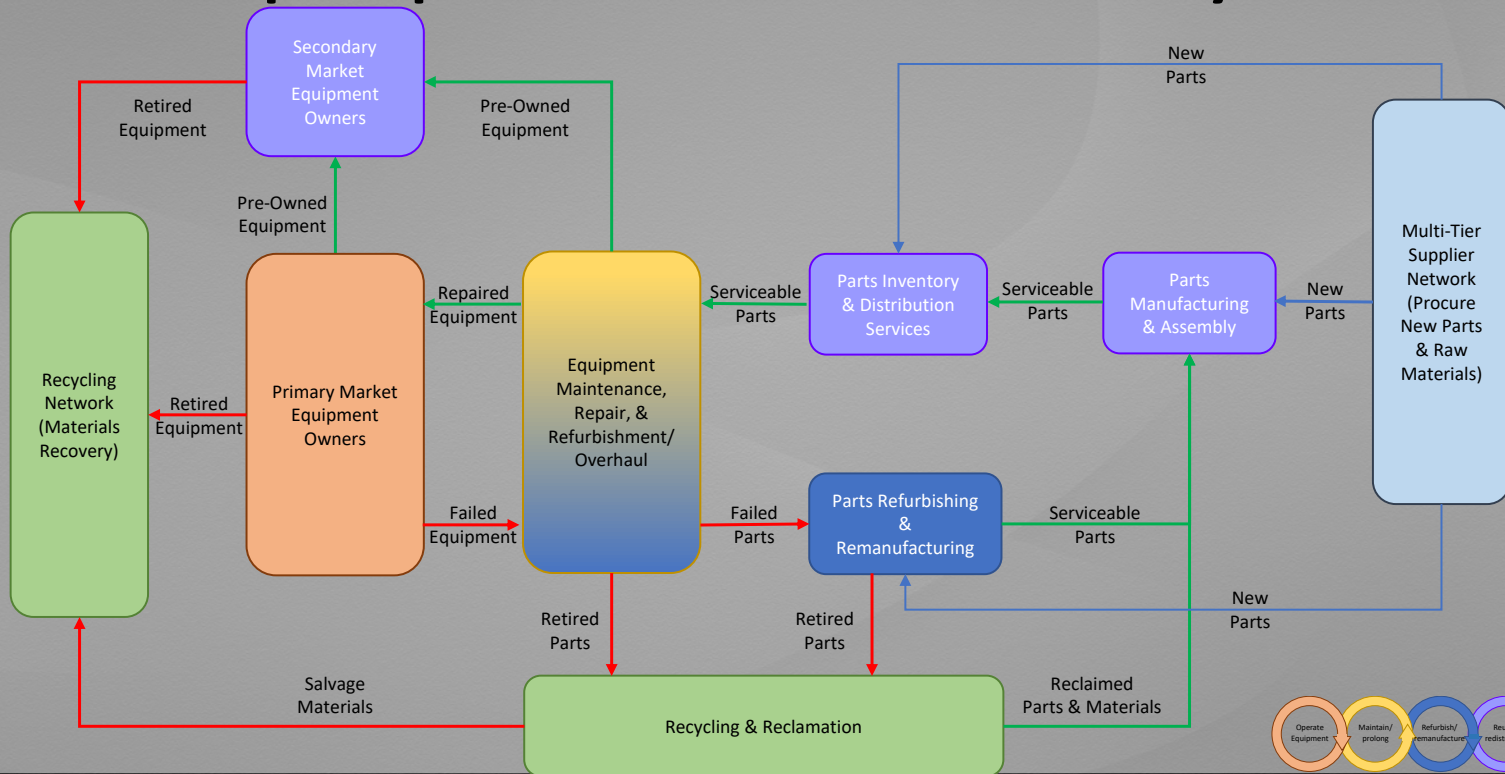
# Refurbish/Remanufacture

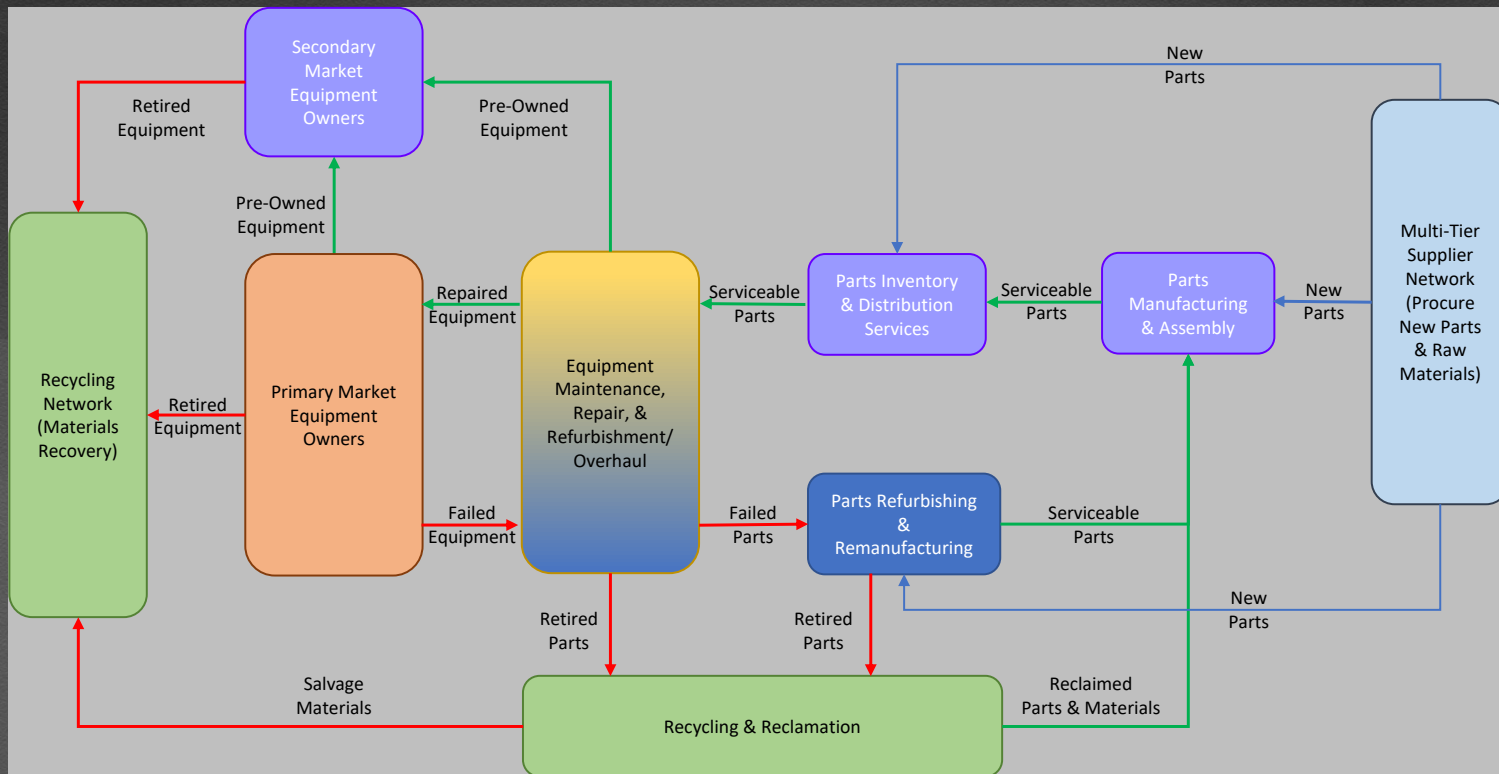


# Reuse/Redistribute



# Repurpose, Reclaim, Recycle





## “What type of Sustainment Activity is This?”

A brief detour to explore the world of systems sustainment!

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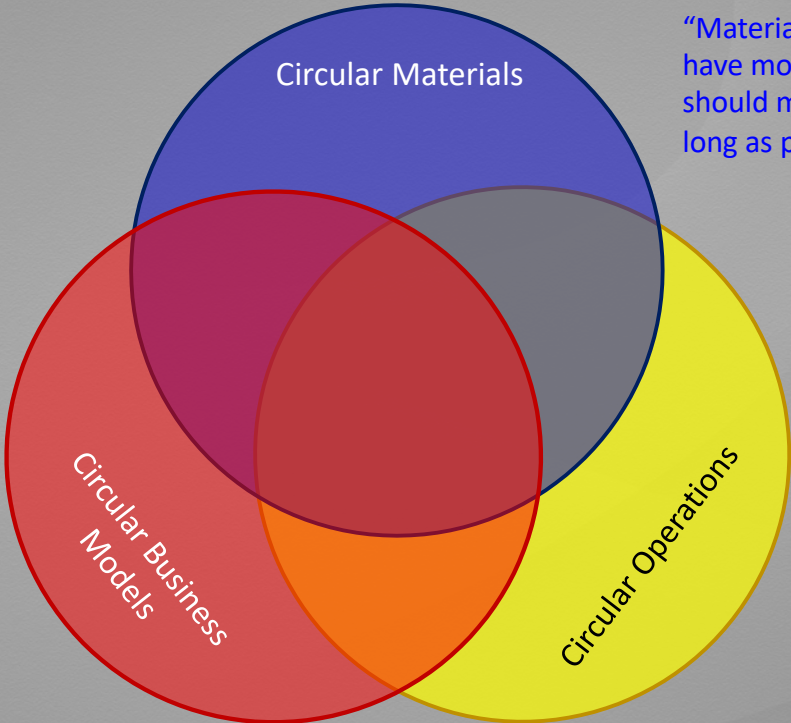
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# Components of Circularity



*“A Circular Business Model shifts from traditional consumption-based sales models to use-based sales models.”*

*“Materials circulate because they have more value to give, and we should maximize their value for as long as possible.”*

*“Circular Operations reduce what is needed, use materials that have been used before, and find uses for all process outputs.”*

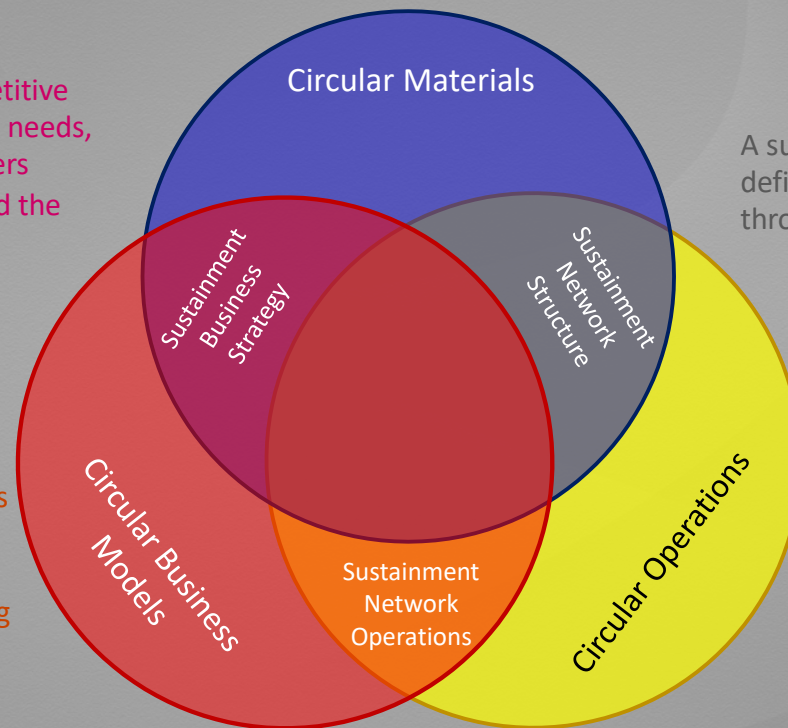


Source: *Circular Supply Chain: 17 Common Questions: How Any Supply Chain Can Take the Next Step*, Deborah Dull, August 2021.

# Sustainment Enables Circularity

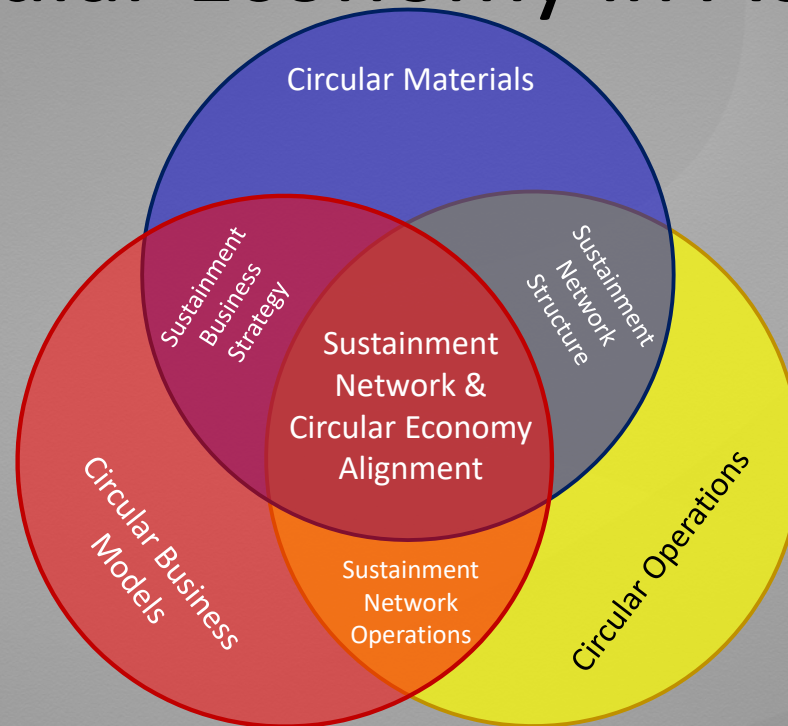
While an organization's competitive strategy defines its customers' needs, its sustainment strategy answers questions about how to extend the product's useful life.

A sustainment network's structure defines the physical flow of assets through the system.



Sustainment Network Operations translate the organization's sustainment business strategy into the daily routine of providing sustainment services to its customers.

# Circularity + Sustainment → Circular Economy in Action





# Let's Recap Today's Key Ideas



“Supply chain pros can change our operations to become circular *even if the business model is not.*”

*Deborah Dull*

1. The Earth is running out of resources which will have a direct impact upon maintaining/improving our quality of life.

3. Sustainment networks and practices are all around us yet they often go unnoticed.
4. More attention is needed on how to actually carry out the circular activities of keeping technical products serviceable.



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