



# MDAO - An Air Force Perspective

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# AFRL - Aerospace Systems Directorate

**Mission: Boldly pioneering transformative space and air capabilities to make the fight unfair**

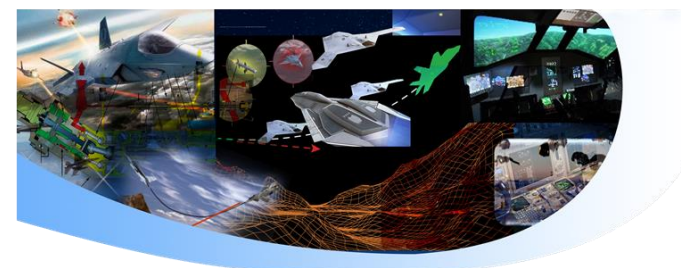
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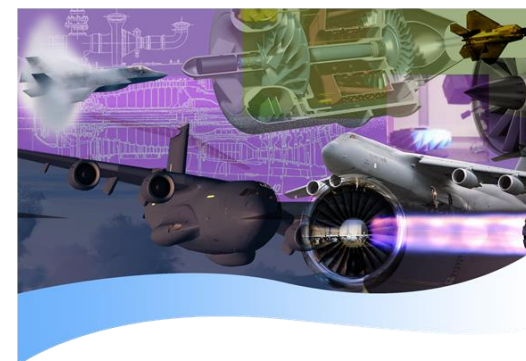
Rocket Propulsion Division (RQR)



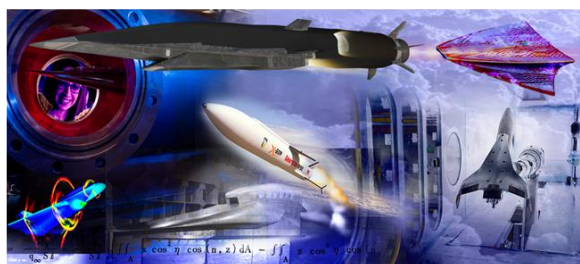
Power and Control Division (RQQ)



Turbine Engine Division (RQT)

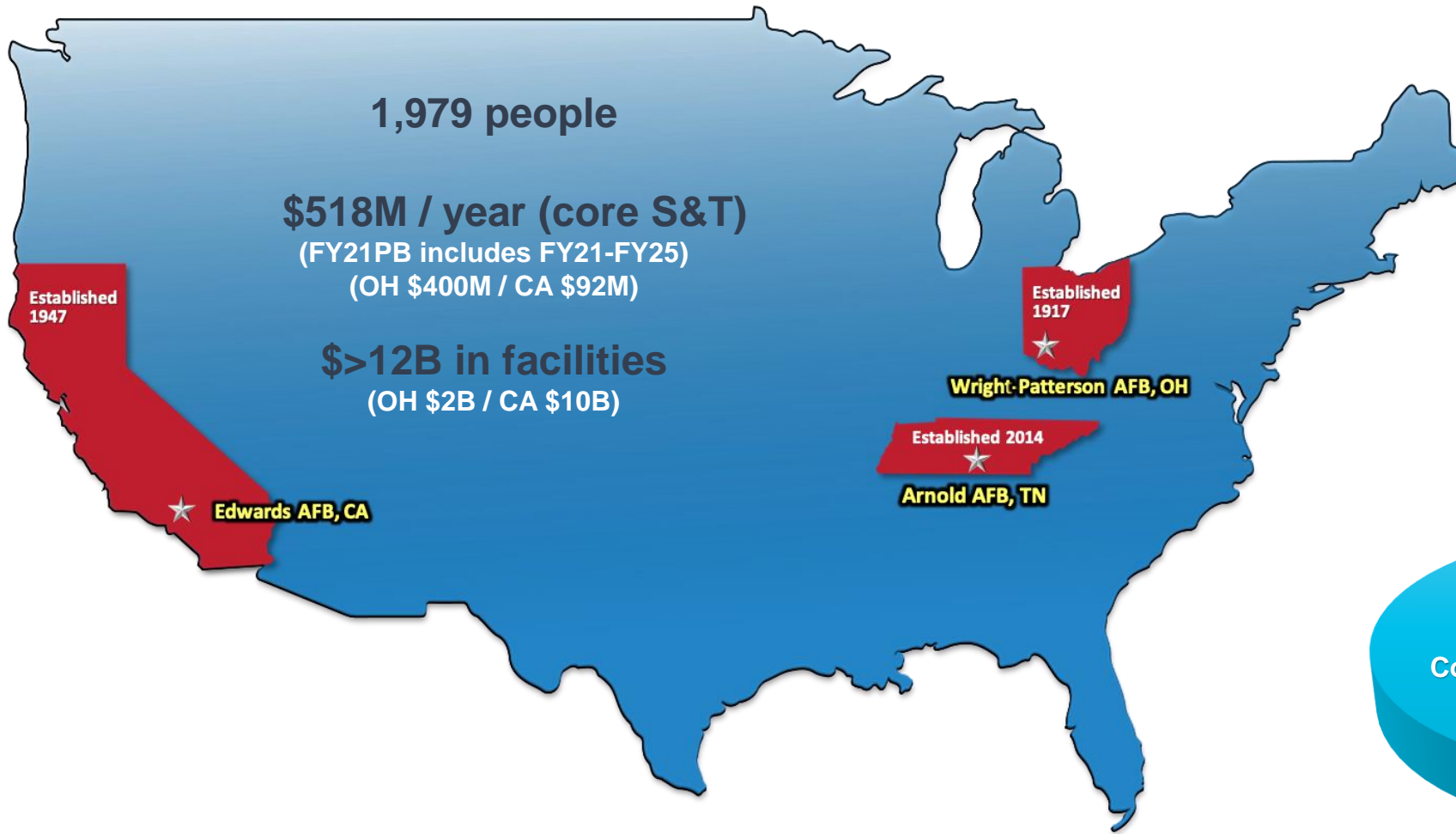


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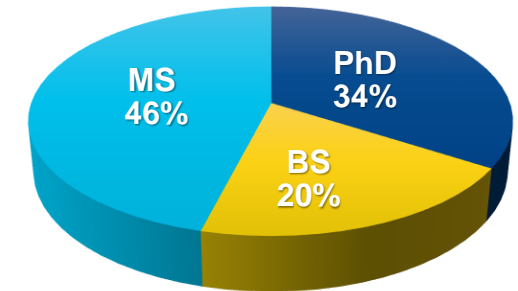


**Vision: One team unleashing innovative aerospace weapon system capabilities**

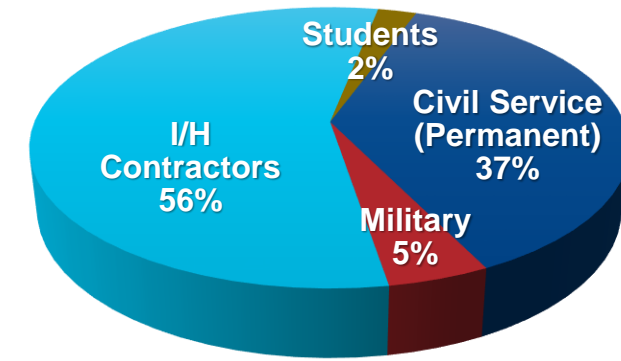
# Aerospace Systems Directorate



## Government S&E Education



## Manpower Distribution



# ***MSTC Vision & Mission***

## ➤ **Vision**

***Revolutionary aerospace vehicles through innovative multidisciplinary science & technologies***

## ➤ **Mission**

***Discover, assess, and exploit coupled system behavior for optimization of revolutionary aerospace vehicles***

***“Physics to Flight”***





# High Level Products

## ➤ *Discover, Develop, Demonstrate and Deliver :*

- *Multidisciplinary Technologies*
- *Physics-based design processes and methods*



*Transition to industry for next generation aerospace vehicle designs/modifications*

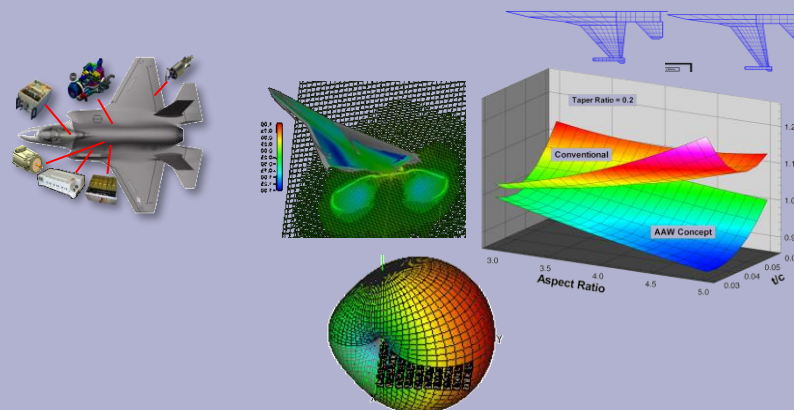
## ***Goals***

- **Deliver vehicles that satisfy mission requirements in a timely manner**
- **Reduce the number of late defects due to un-modeled physics**
- **Trace technology to mission level capability impact based on physics – Effectiveness Based Design Optimization**

# Develop & Trace Technology to Mission Level Effectiveness Impact Based on Physics

## Technology

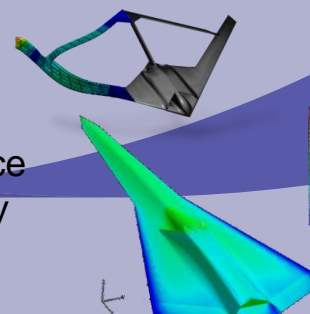
Aeroelastic Wing  
Flutter Suppression  
Third Stream Engine  
Advanced Materials  
Thrust Vectoring  
Innovative Control Effectors  
Directed Energy  
Conformal Load Bearing Antennas  
...



Combat effectiveness  
Survivability  
Kills/\$  
IDs/\$  
Maintainability  
Life Cycle Cost  
Sustainability  
...

## Engineering Capability Impact


Weight Reduction  
Drag Reduction  
RCS reduction  
Fuel Efficiency  
Roll Performance  
Radar Efficiency  
...



Want to find:  $\frac{\partial \text{Mission Effectiveness}}{\partial \text{Technology}}$


# What We Mean by “Physics Based”

## Not Physics Based

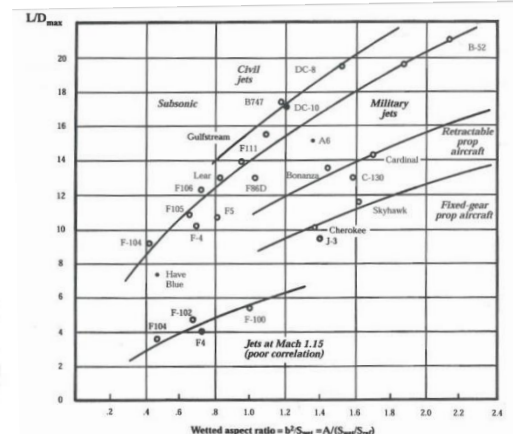


**SME**

**BOPSAT**



**Regressions of historical data**

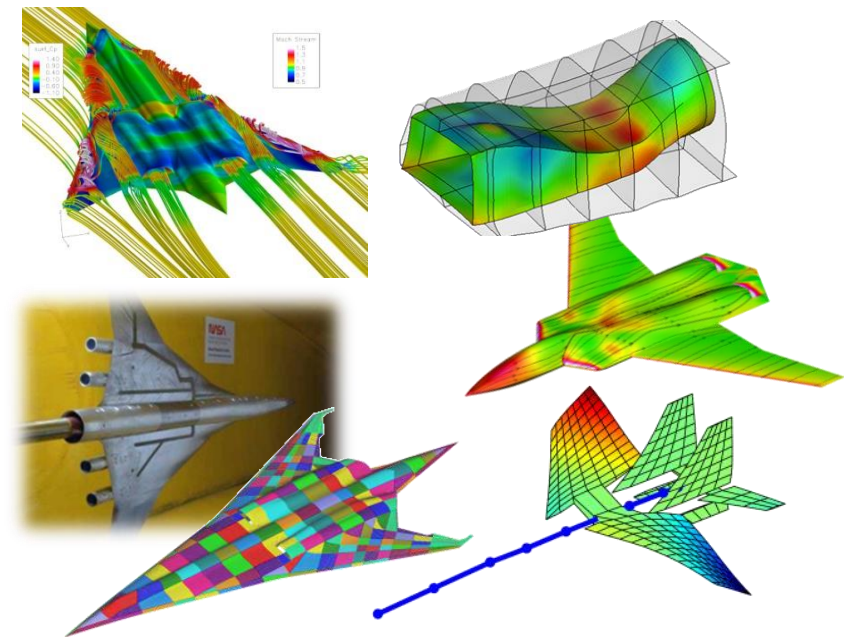


$$W_{wing} = (k_{tech\_factor}) * 0.0103 K_{dw} K_{vs} (W_{dg} N_z)^{0.5} S_w^{0.622}$$

$$* A^{0.785} (t/c)_{root}^{-0.04} (1 + \lambda)^{0.05} (\cos \lambda)^{-1} S_{CSW}^{0.04} \quad (\text{Raymer})$$

## Physics Based

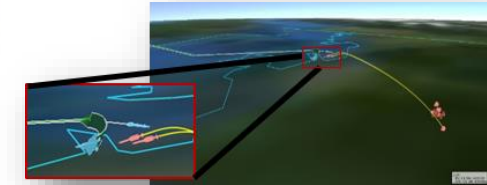
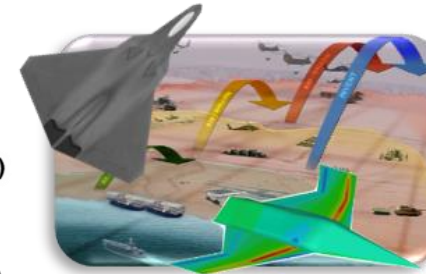
### Interrogations of engineering models and test articles



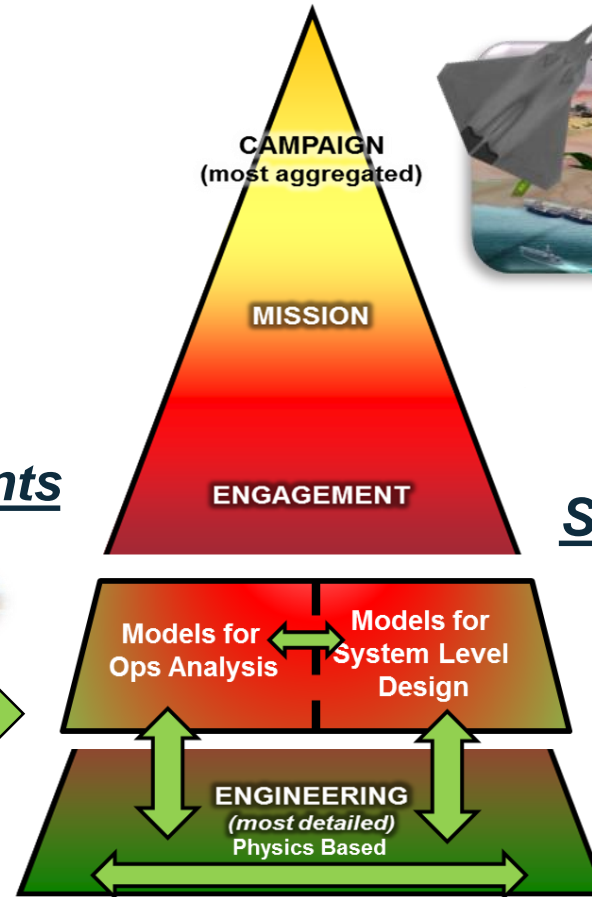
**SME, BOPSAT, historical data insufficient for designing innovative configurations and assessing new technologies**



# What we mean by Modeling, Simulation & Analysis (MS&A)

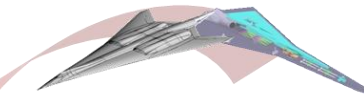


## MD Technology Experiments

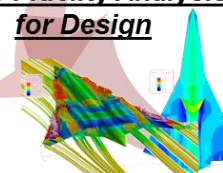


## System Level Multi-Fidelity MADO

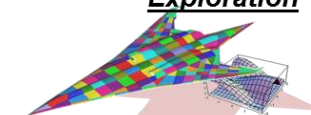
### Modeling for Design



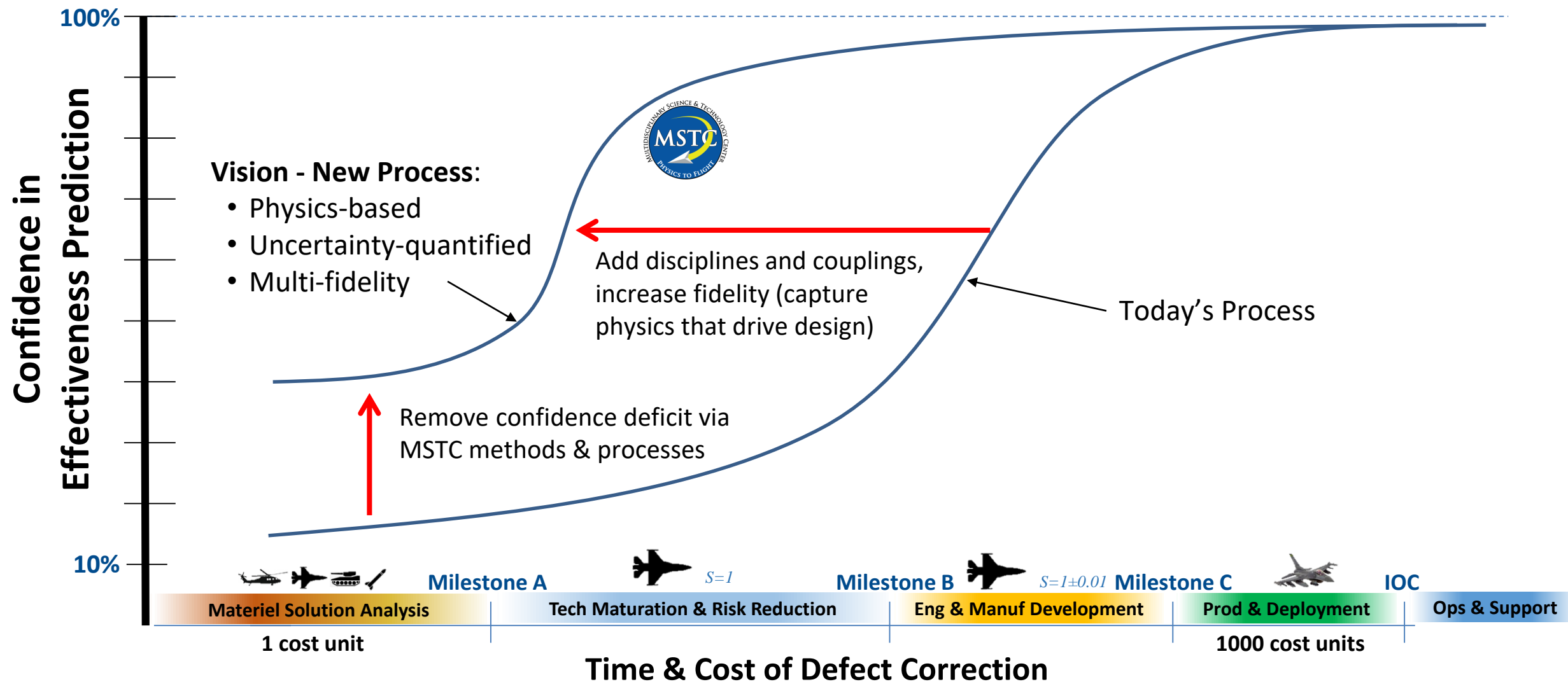
### Multi-Fidelity Analysis for Design



### Design Space Exploration



# What Problem are We Trying to Solve? - *Reduce the Confidence Deficit in Effectiveness Prediction*





# Vision

Capability Customer



Data driven technology investment decisions with quantified risk

**MoEs  
w/UQ**

**Multi-Fidelity MBSE Foundation**

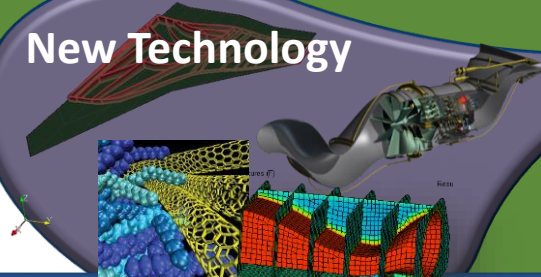
**Capability Demonstration**



**Multi-Fidelity Mission Effectiveness Analysis w/UQ**

**MoPs  
w/UQ**

**New Technology**

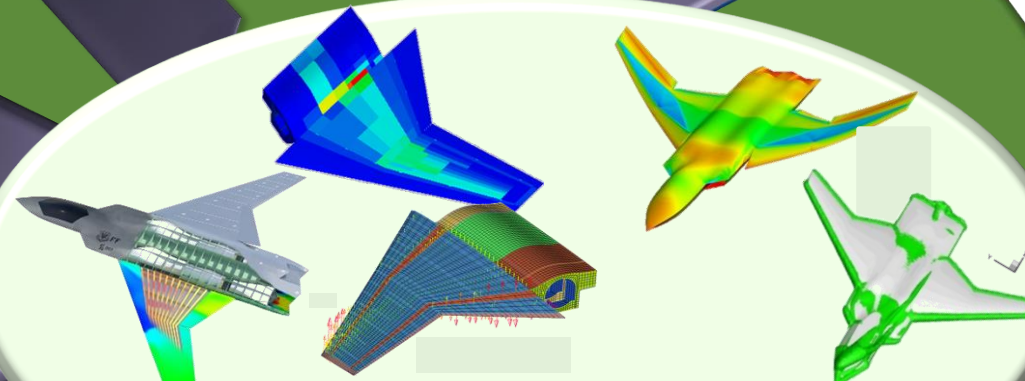


Design Community Customer



Multi-Fi Effectiveness Design Methods w/UQ that capture the physics driving the design  
< Defects  
> Novel designs

**Multi-Fidelity Multi-Disciplinary System Level Design w/UQ**



**Goal Oriented System Effectiveness Design Exploration & Technology Assessment & Demonstration**



[illegible]

## Access, Firepower, Reach, Speed/Agility

## Range, Weight, Specific Excess Power

Aerodynamic (10's)

Controls (10's)

Engine (10's)

Subsystems(100's)

Structural (1000's)

## Strength, Stiffness, Thermal Static and Dynamic Aeroelastic

***Fidelity*** Level 1-3 Fidelity

# SOP, SOA, Vision for Pre-Milestone A Vehicle Design and Tech Assessment

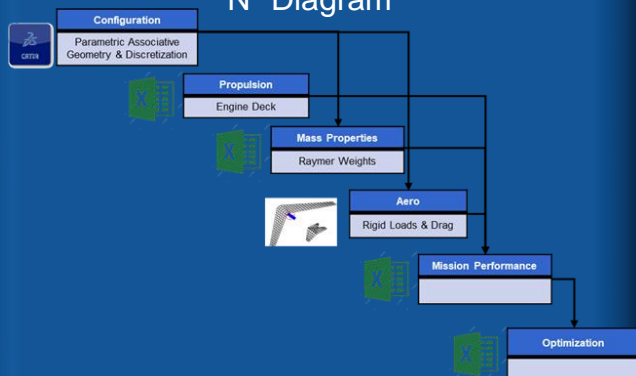
## SOP



Single organization – centralized tools

CD Org

### N<sup>2</sup> Diagram



Central execution



## SOA



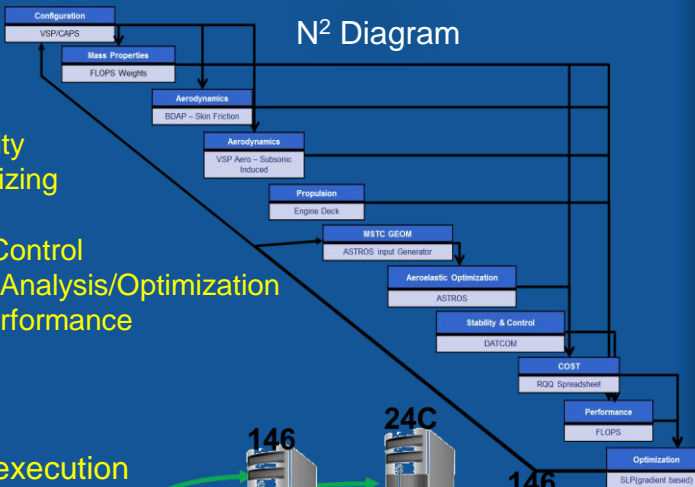
CD Org

Aero

Propulsion

Multiple organizations – centralized tools

Structures

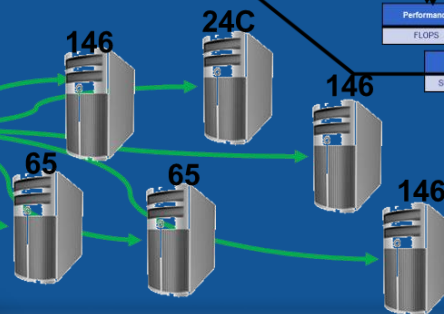


- + Aeroelasticity
- + Structural sizing
- + Cost
- + Stability & Control
- + Parametric Analysis/Optimization
- + Antenna performance
- + ...

Distributed execution



100X throughput

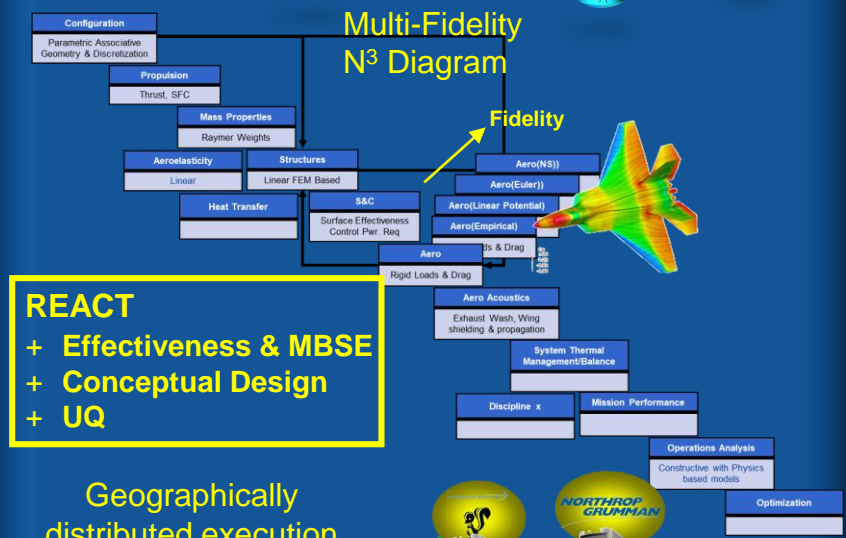


## VISION

Multiple organizations – distributed tools



### Multi-Fidelity N<sup>3</sup> Diagram



### REACT

- + Effectiveness & MBSE
- + Conceptual Design
- + UQ

Geographically distributed execution

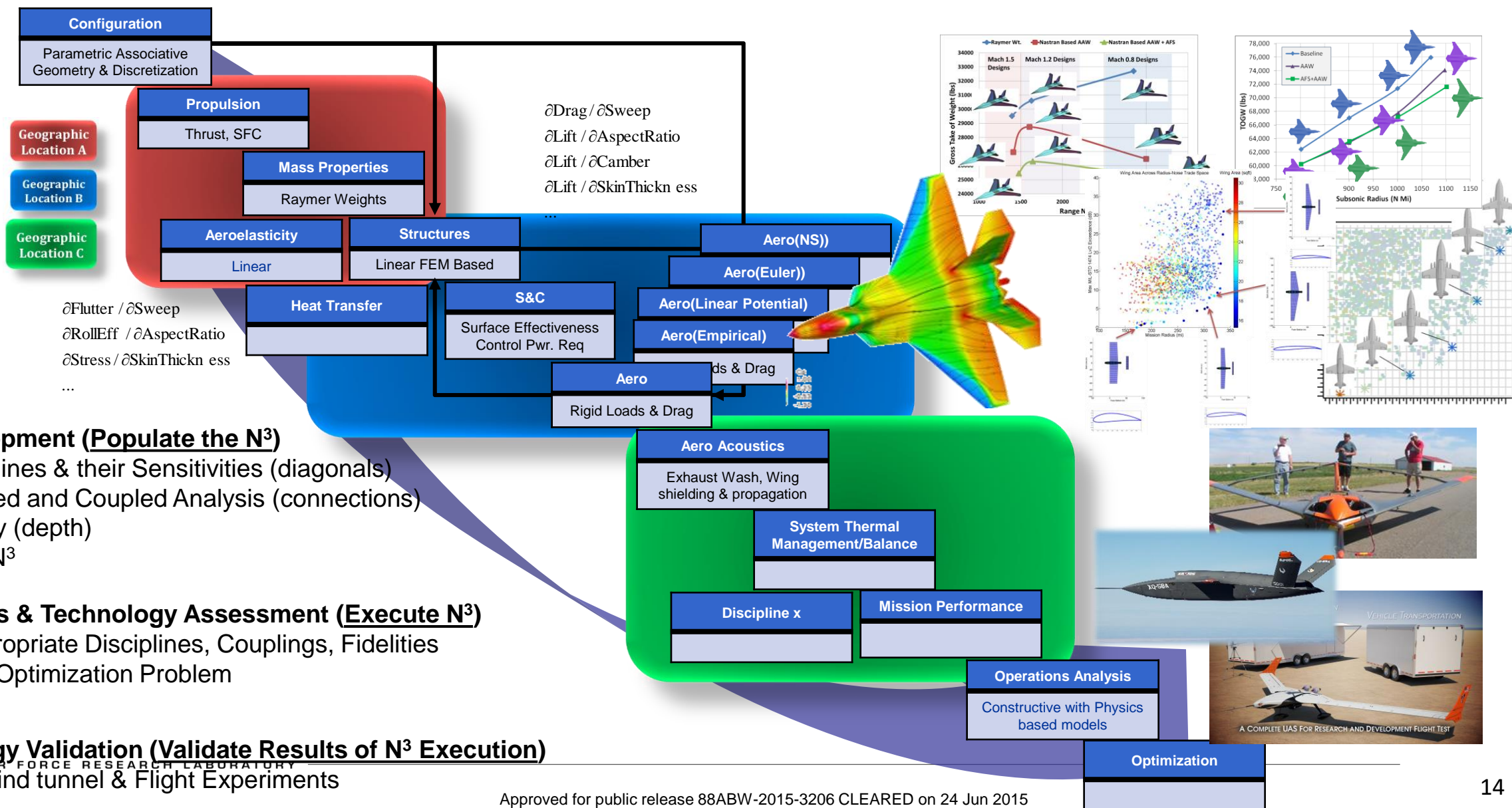


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# N<sup>3</sup> Diagram – Develop, Execute, Validate



## MADO Development (Populate the N<sup>3</sup>)

- Add Disciplines & their Sensitivities (diagonals)
- Add Chained and Coupled Analysis (connections)
- Add Fidelity (depth)
- Distribute N<sup>3</sup>

## MADO Studies & Technology Assessment (Execute N<sup>3</sup>)

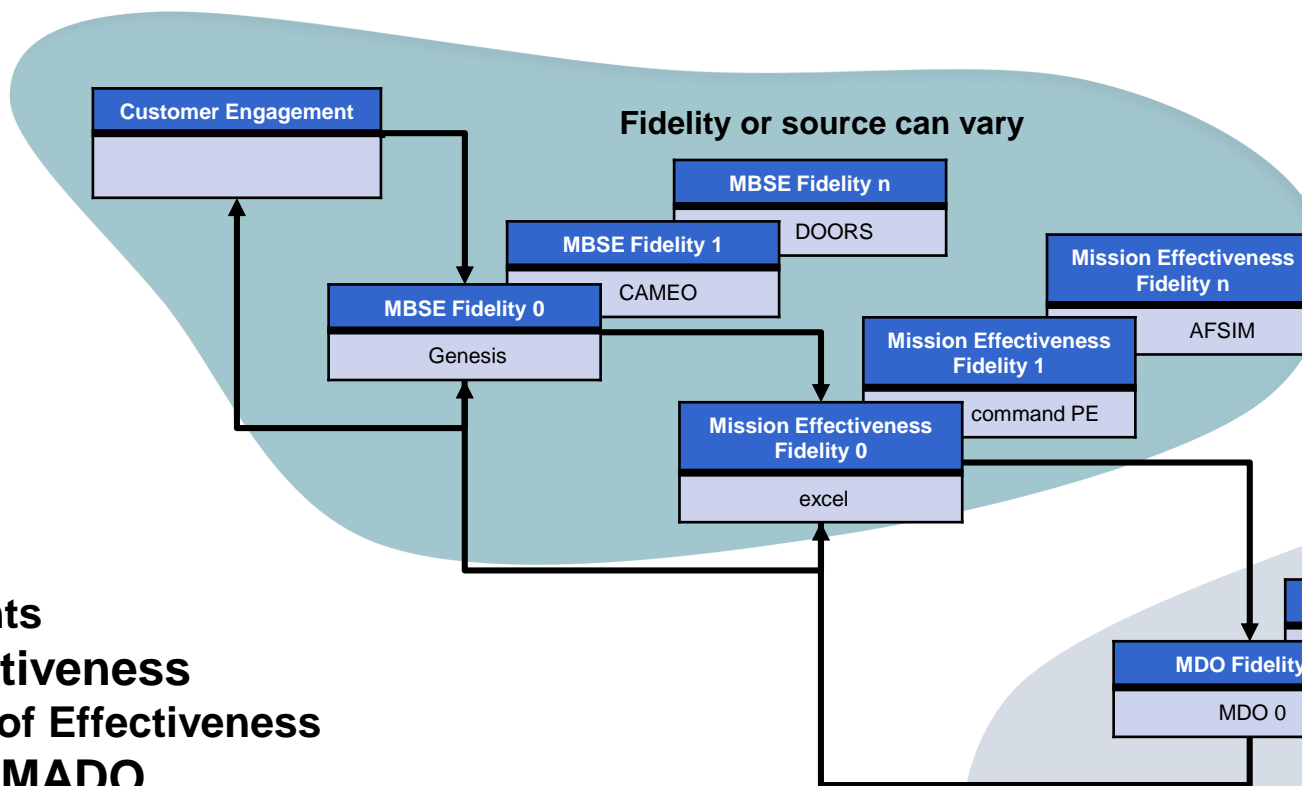
- Select appropriate Disciplines, Couplings, Fidelities
- Formulate Optimization Problem
- Execute N<sup>3</sup>

## MD Technology Validation (Validate Results of N<sup>3</sup> Execution)

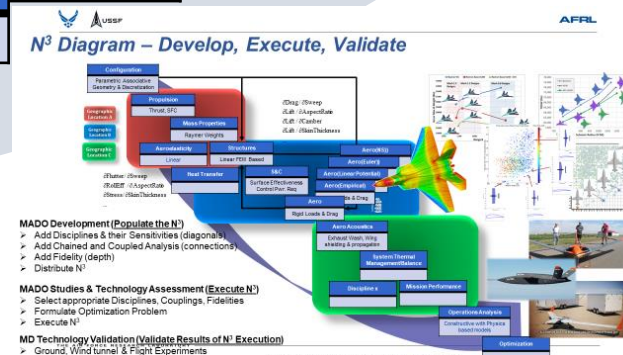
- Ground, Wind tunnel & Flight Experiments

# RQV Effectiveness Assessment of Concepts & Technologies (REACT)

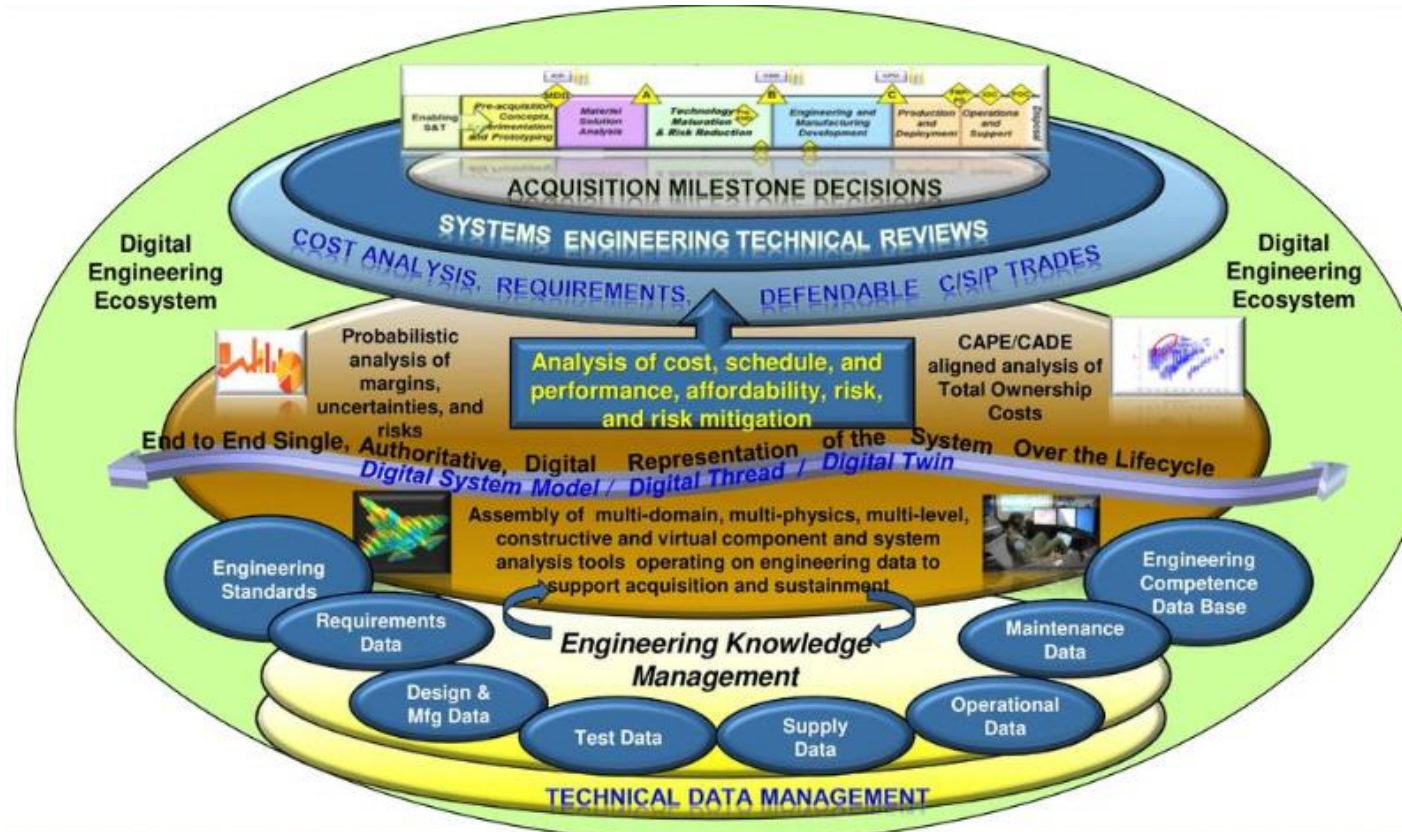
- **MBSE**
  - Desirements
- **Mission Effectiveness**
  - Measures of Effectiveness
- **Multi-Fidelity MADO**
  - Measures of Performance



- Flexible and extensible workflows
- Multi-fidelity
- uncertainty-quantified
- Goal-oriented (steps depend on time, uncertainty, resource goals)



# Relationship to Digital Engineering



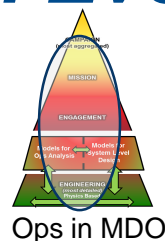
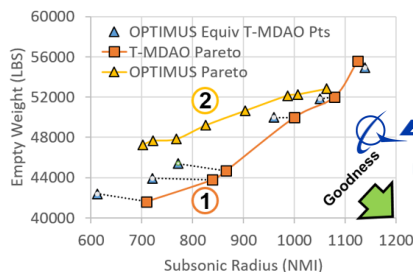
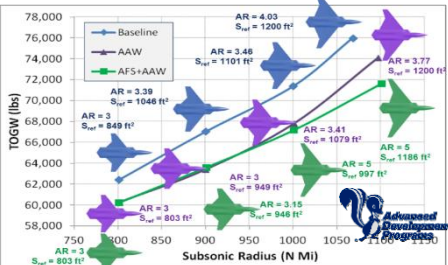
A Holistic View of Digital Engineering Support to DOD Acquisition – Kristin Baldwin, 2016, Acting DASD for System Engineering

- **Modeling, Simulation, & Analysis** – MS&A and its integration into the design processes
- **Single authoritative source of “truth”** – Early multi-fidelity models with UQ
- **Tech Data Management** – The creation / capture, curation, and exploitation of technical data – pre-milestone A data artifacts
- **Engineering Workspaces** – The digitalization of Scientist & Engineers technical design activities



# MSTC Computational Design Evolution

## Changing the Way Industry Does Design



## Including Uncertainty (EQUATE)

## Expanding the # of Design Parameters

QUAD NORTHROP GRUMMAN

- Non-Linear Aerothermoelastic
- Opti.  $10^3$  DV,  $10^3$  Responses (shape, sizing)
- Engineering Objectives

## Expanding the Disciplines & Fidelity

EXPEDITE

- OPTIMUS + transients + EBD
- Opti.  $10^1$  DV,  $10^1$  Responses (shape, sizing, subsystem vars)
- Effectiveness Objectives

OPTIMUS

- ESAVE + Level 1 Propulsion, Power, & Thermal Mtg
- Opti.  $10^1$  DV,  $10^1$  Responses (shape, sizing, subsystem vars)
- Engineering Objectives

ESAVE

- Non-Linear Aero (Level 2) aeroelastic shape and sizing
- Opti.  $10^1$  DV,  $10^1$  Responses

SAMS I & II

- 6.1, 6.2, 6.5 SAMS Coupled
- Non-linear Aerothermoelastic

ASTROS

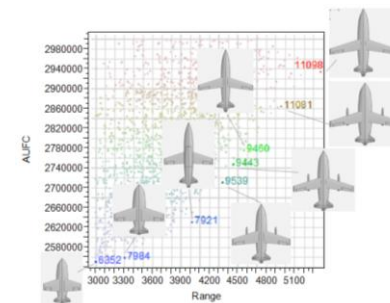
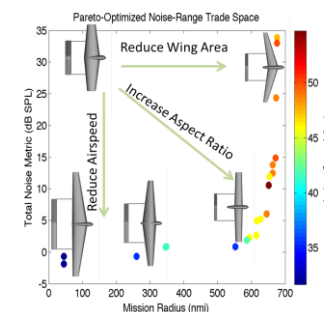
- Linear static & dynamic aeroelastic sizing
- Opti.  $10^3$  DV,  $10^3$  Responses

CAPS I & II

- 6.2 Parametric, Associative
- OML & IML Geometry with

## IH Design Studies

- 7 Design Variables
- Aero, Wt Est, Power/Prop, Mission Perf, Acoustics



## IH Design Studies

- Mission Level Objective Function
- Multidisciplinary Coupled Analysis
- Integrated Controls (RW) & Materials (RX)

## IH Design Studies

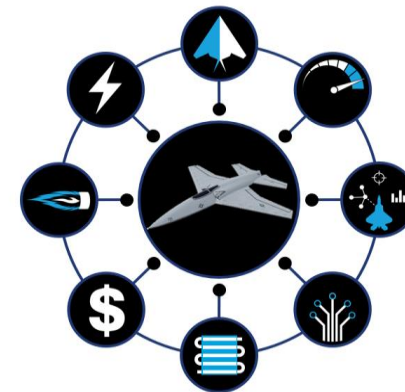
- 25 Design Variables
- Extensive Discipline Analysis
- Incl. Cost

# ***EXPanded MDO for Effectiveness based Design TEchnologies (EXPEDITE)***

- Expansion of a Multi-Disciplinary Optimization (MDO) based design process to cover path/state based, transient subsystem operation, UQ, reliability, and cost
- Develop **Effectiveness Based Design Framework** allowing mission effectiveness objectives through integration of operations analysis
- Exercise high-performance and high-fidelity computational framework tool supporting expanded MADO including **distributed-computer and distributed-geographic design optimization**
- Application of the MDO process to multidisciplinary design problem of interest to Air Force



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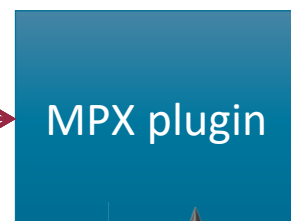
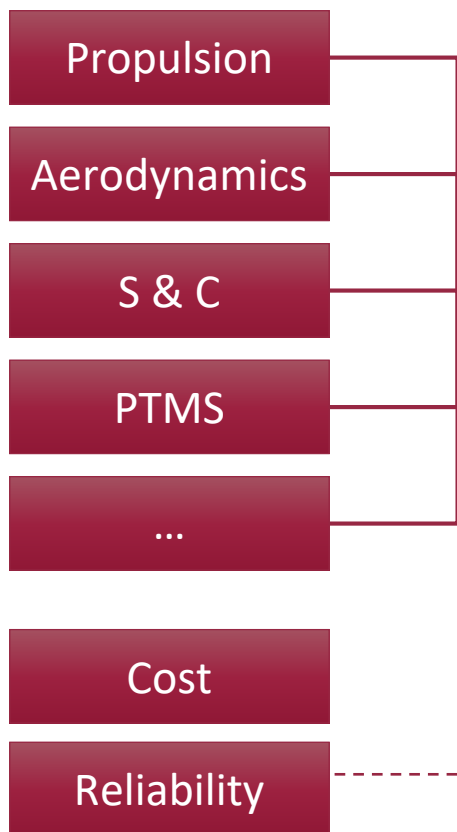




# EXPEDITE - EBD

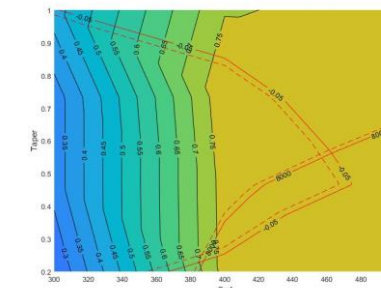


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AFSIM Scenario

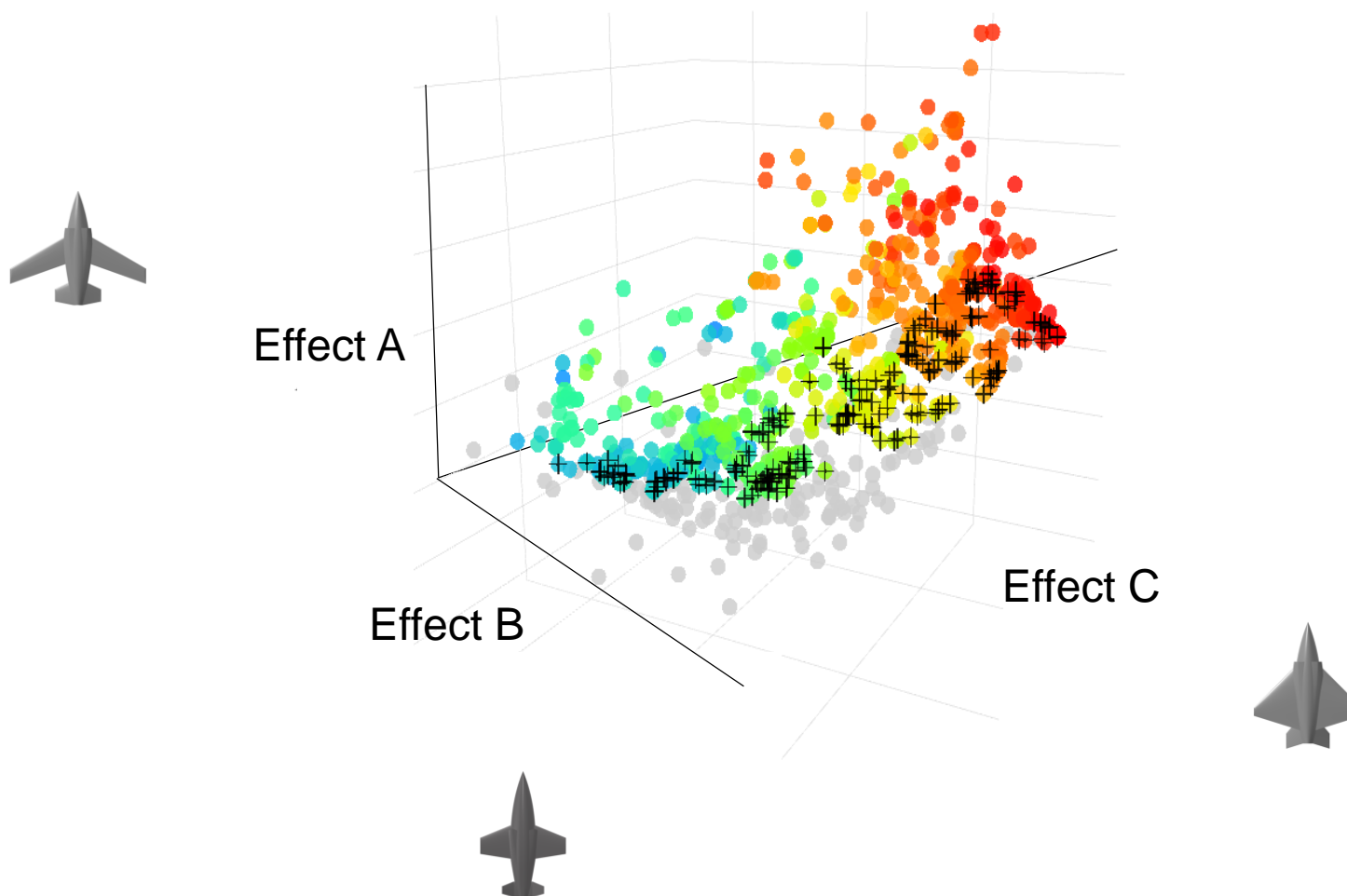
Effectiveness Results



Working in-house to close the optimization loop

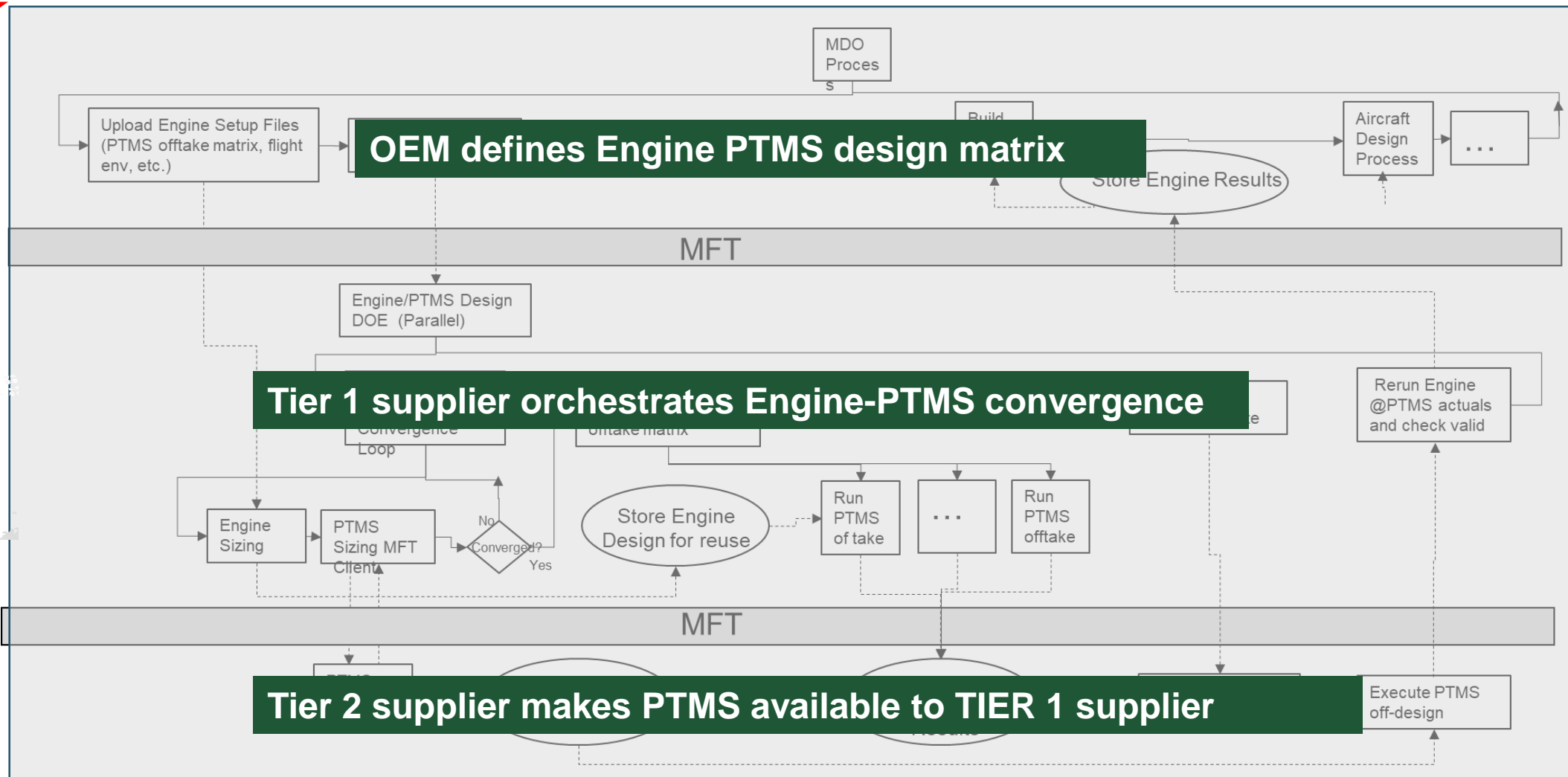


# Typical EXPEDITE EBD Results





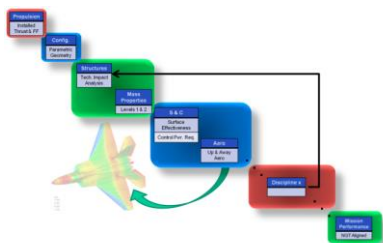
# EXPEDITE B2B Architecture



LM Sequential 230 Runs (8hr 40min) B2B 230 Parallel Runs from (40min)

# Concluding Remarks

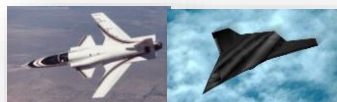
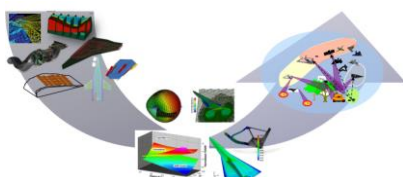
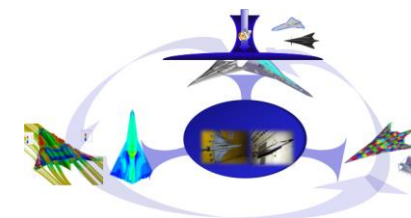
- **Historical data & traditional conceptual design processes are insufficient for designing new/innovative configurations and technologies**



- **A physics-based distributed collaborative design Environment for aerospace vehicle development and technology assessment has been developed (leverages MSTC Engineering)**



- **Enables 10's of HiFi Physics Based Configuration Design with the Same Resources & Time of Traditional Design evaluates 1 or 2.**



- **Enables AFRL technology developers to have a quantifiable, physics based and traceable trail of the impact of their technologies on system effectiveness - lethality, survivability, sustainability, affordability etc...**
- **Creates info. with less uncertainty for making decisions for system capabilities, technology assessment, and technology risk reduction**
- **Reduction of late Defects due to physics**
- **Expanded design space yielding capabilities not other wise obtainable**





*Questions?*