

# Toward a front loaded design process

MBSE-based methodologies to support KBE and MDAO

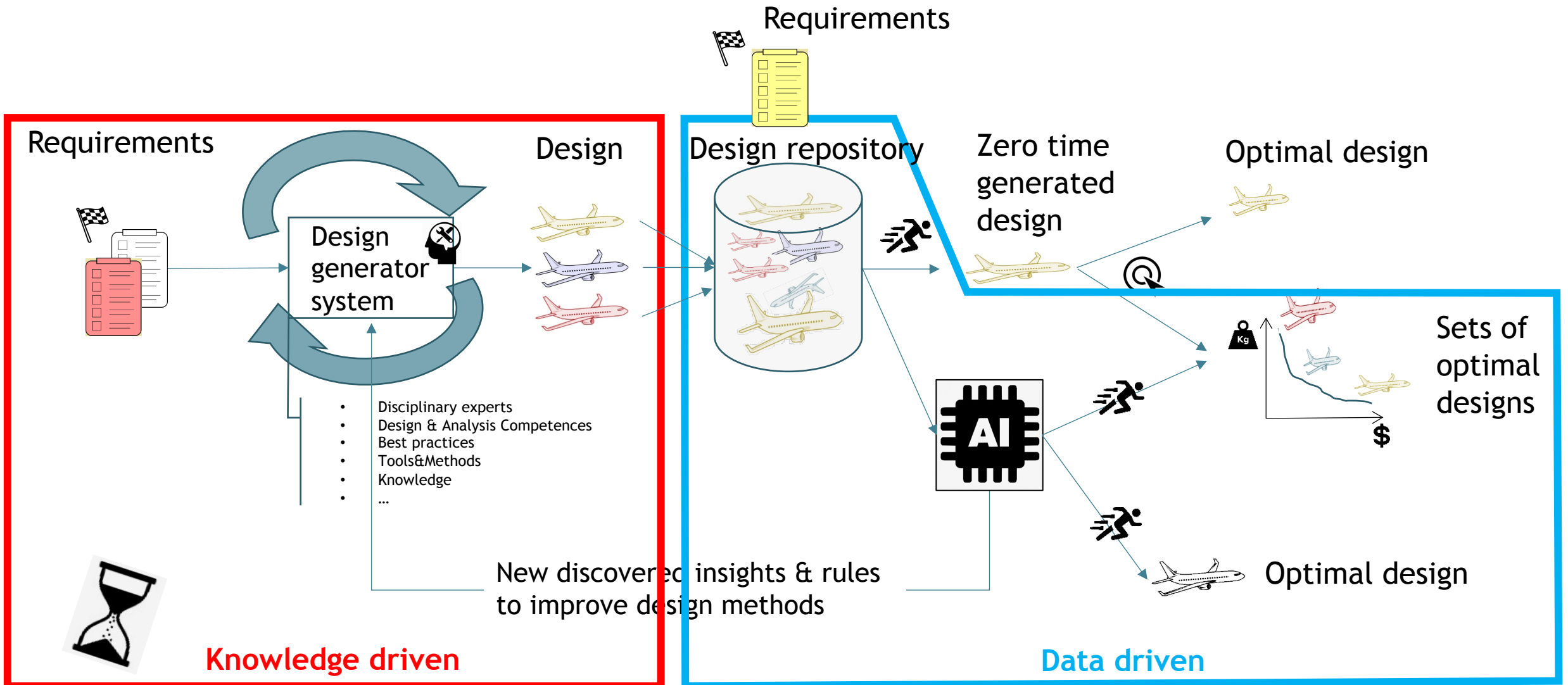
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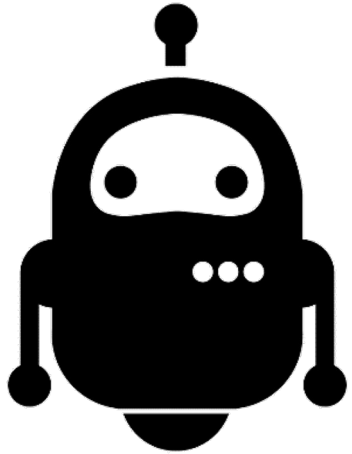
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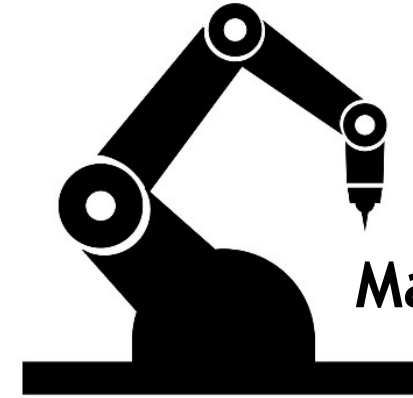
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## The KBE (Knowledge Based Engineering) pillar



### Design

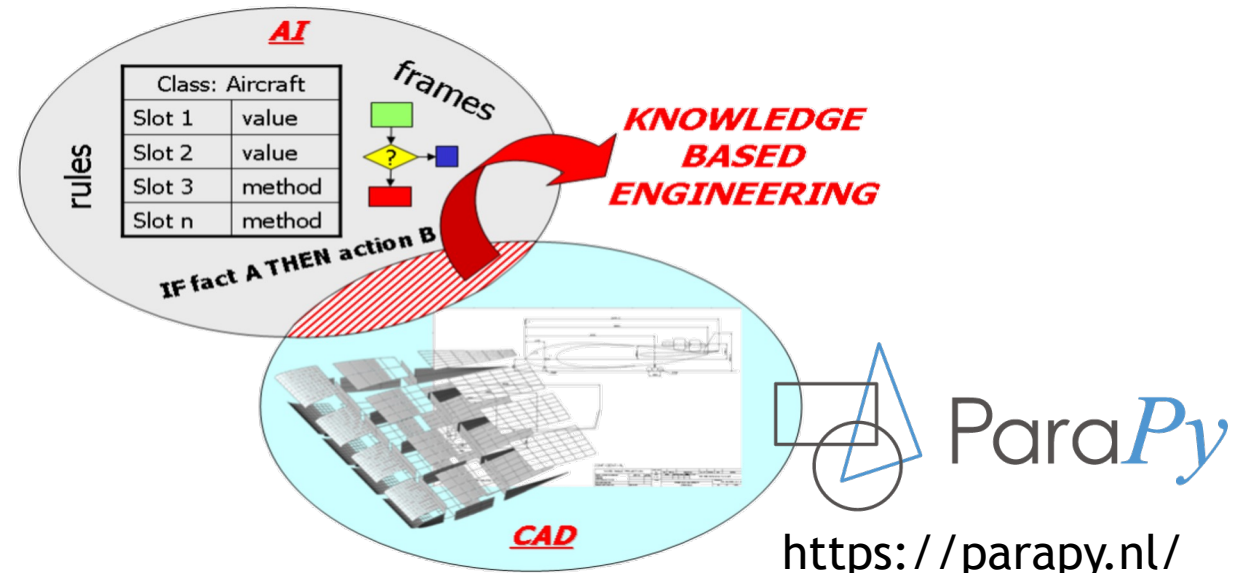
- 20% creative work
- ~~80% repetitive tasks~~



### Manufacturing

### Steps to design robotization

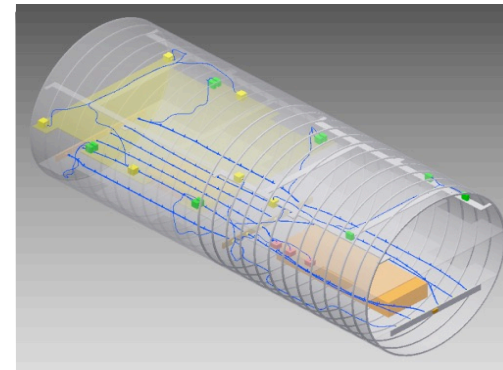
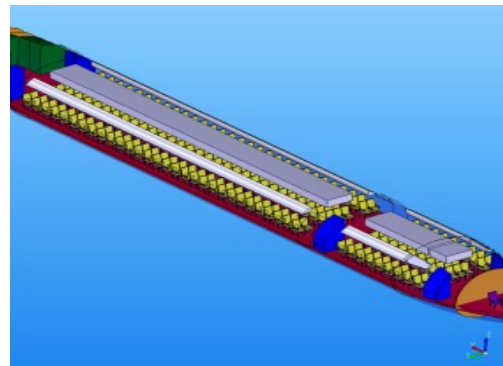
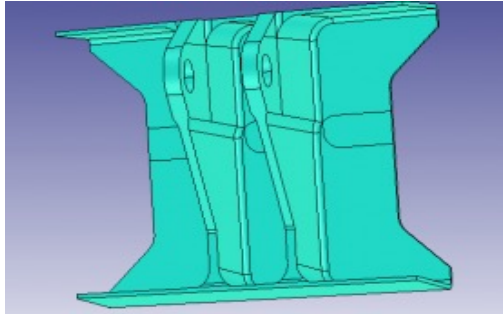
- Capture knowledge
- Model knowledge
- Translate knowledge into a symbolic codification
- Computer (re-)use codified knowledge



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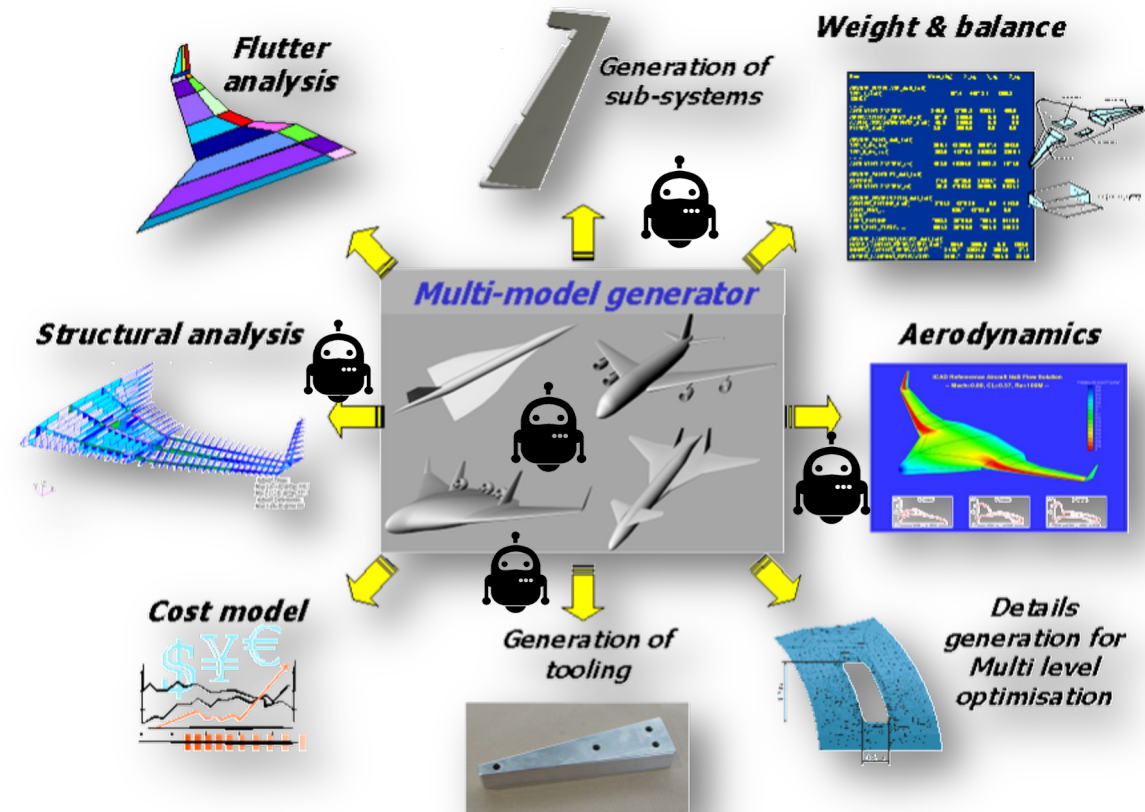
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## The KBE pillar



### KBE Multi-model generators:

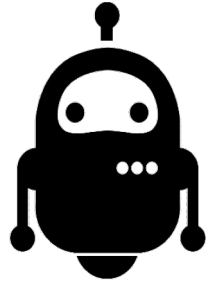
Combination of design automation solutions to enable the generation of product configurations & related multidisciplinary abstractions



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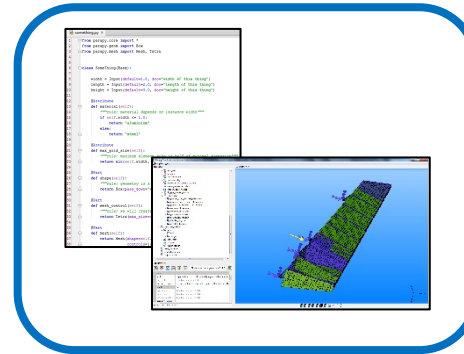
## The KBE pillar

design robot



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KBE app



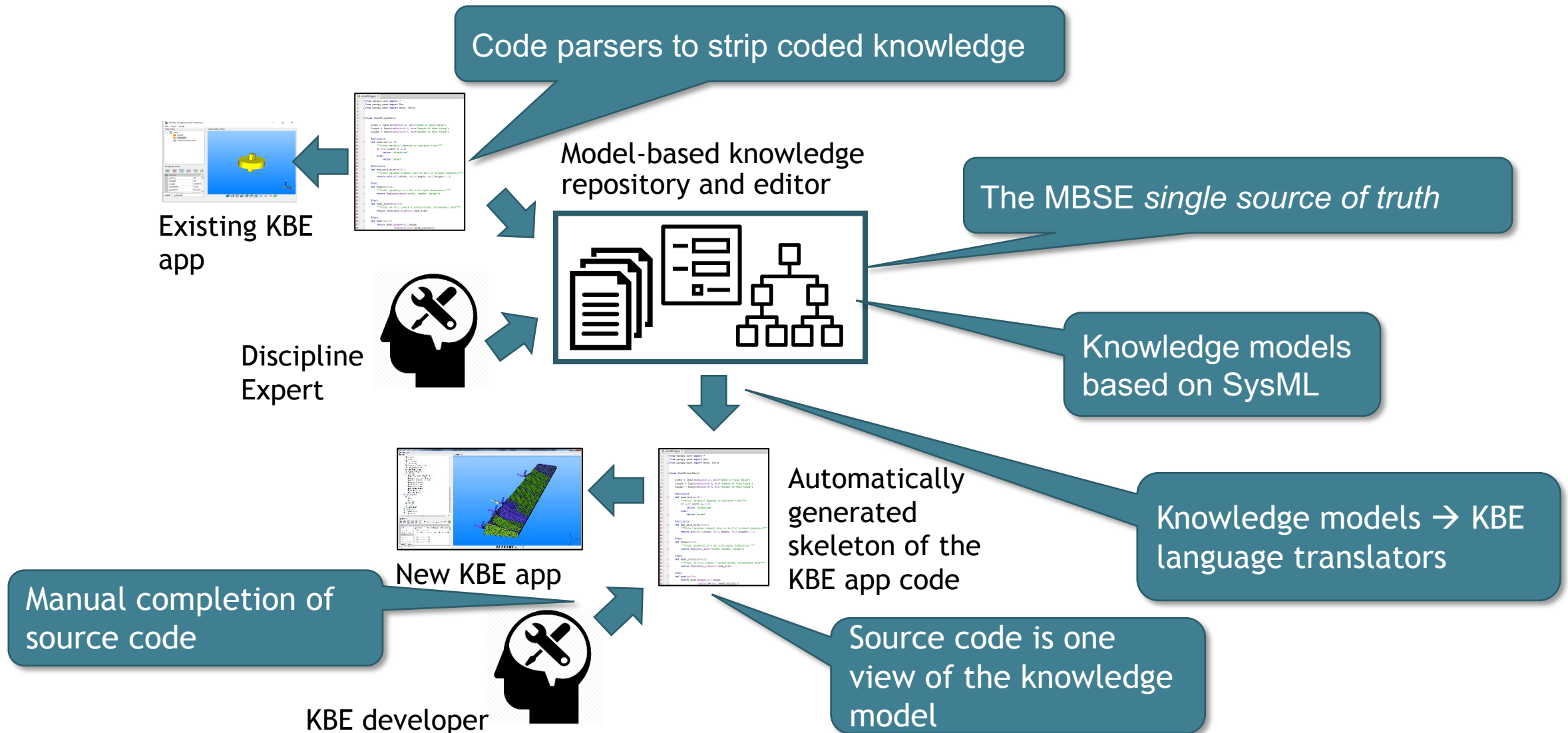
- The steps\* to build a KBE app are not trivial. Expertise and time required.
- Intensive coding effort
- A convenient methodological approach to develop KBE apps is missing

### \*Steps to design robotization

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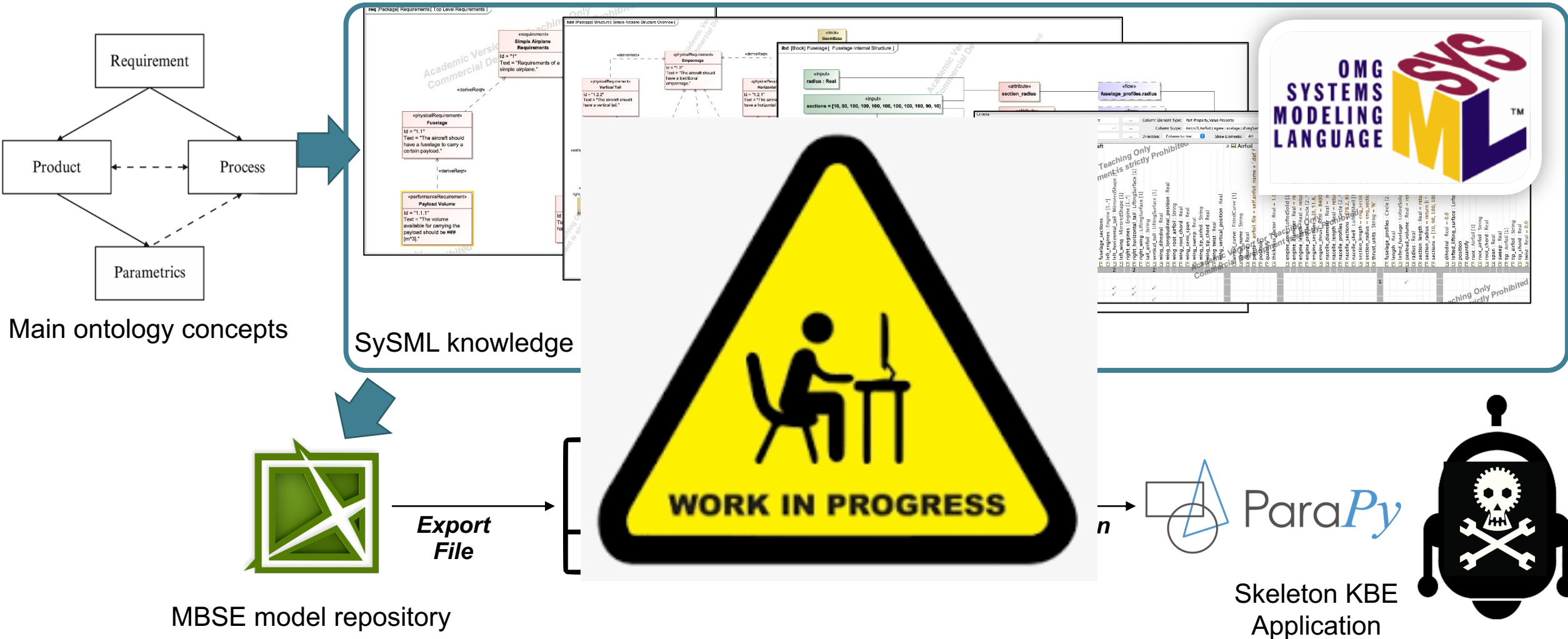
## MBSE approach to support KBE





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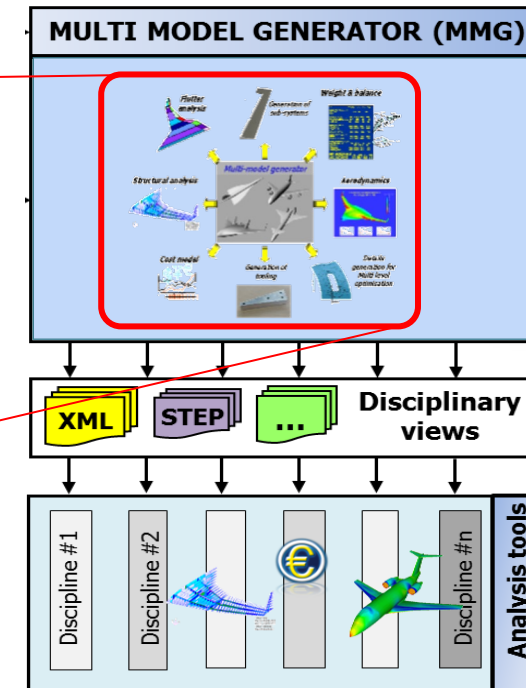
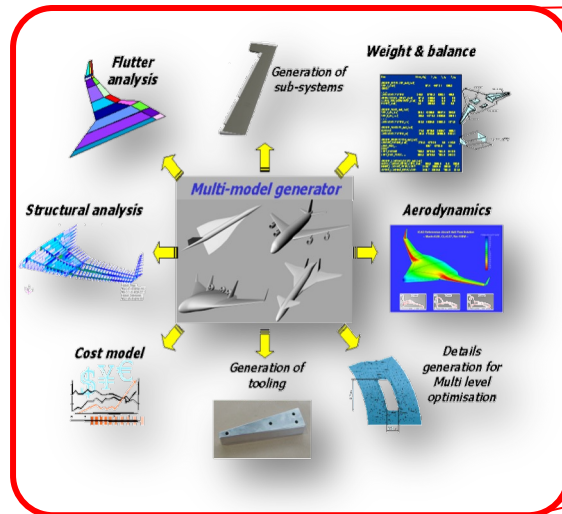
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## The KBE & MDAO pillars

### Multi-model generator





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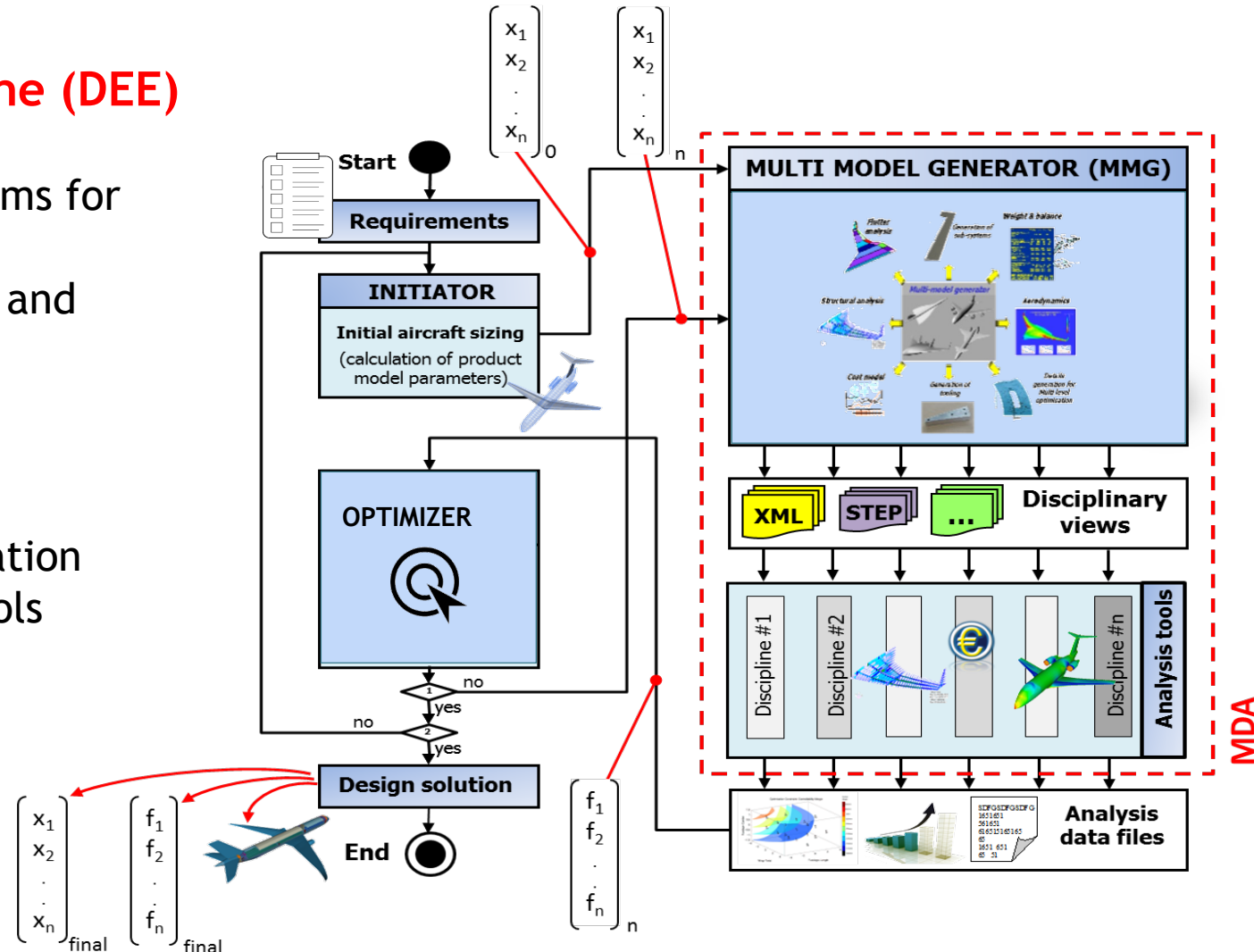
## The KBE & MDAO pillars

### The Design Engineering Engine (DEE)

Blueprint of computational systems for distributed and collaborative multidisciplinary design, analysis and optimization (MDAO)

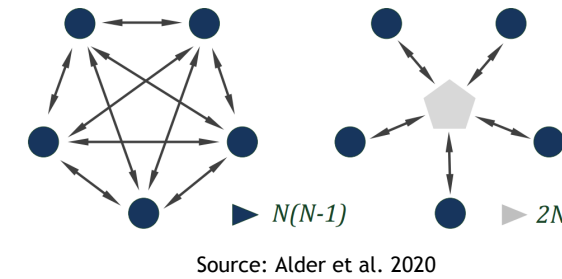
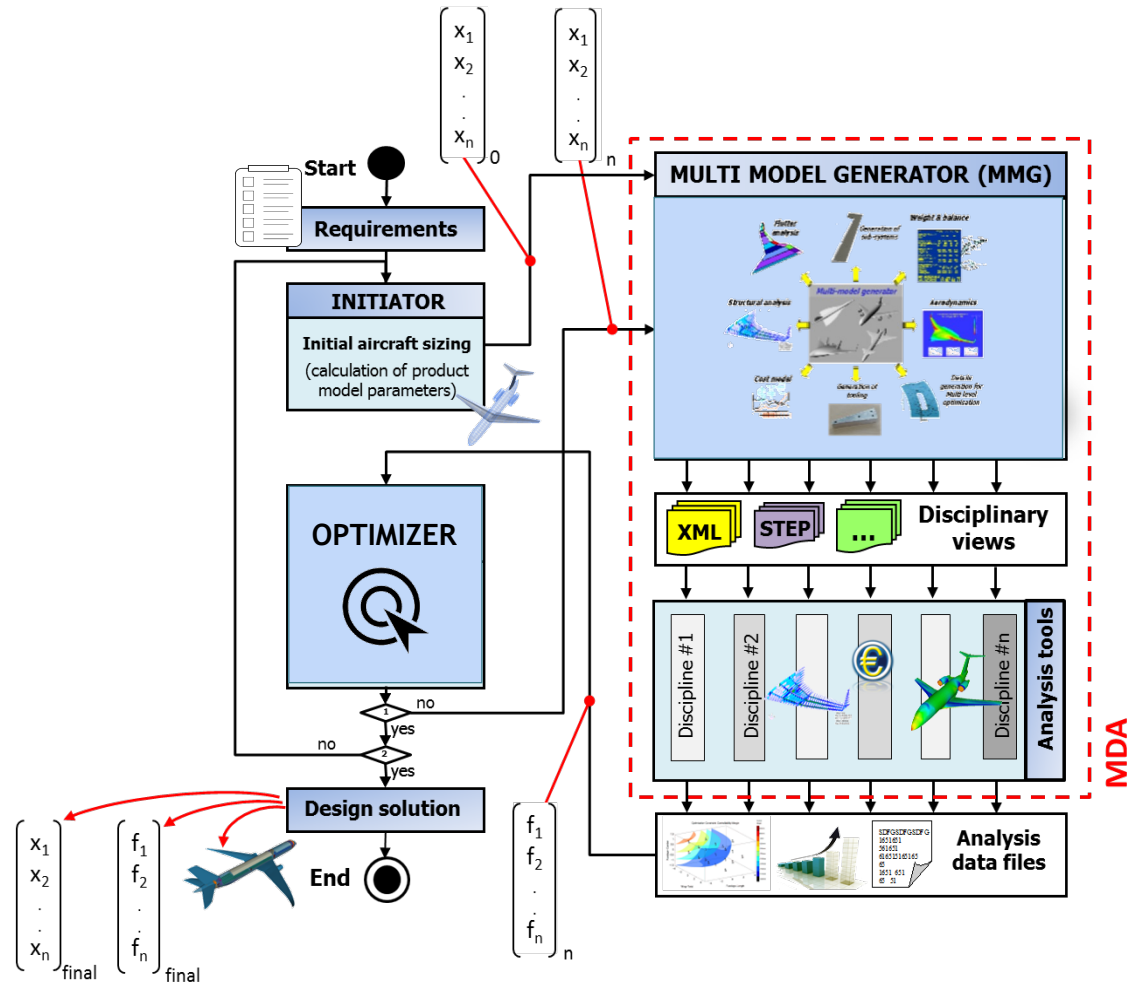
KBE model generator enables:

- geometry-in-the-loop optimization
- use of high fidelity analysis tools
- product topology changes

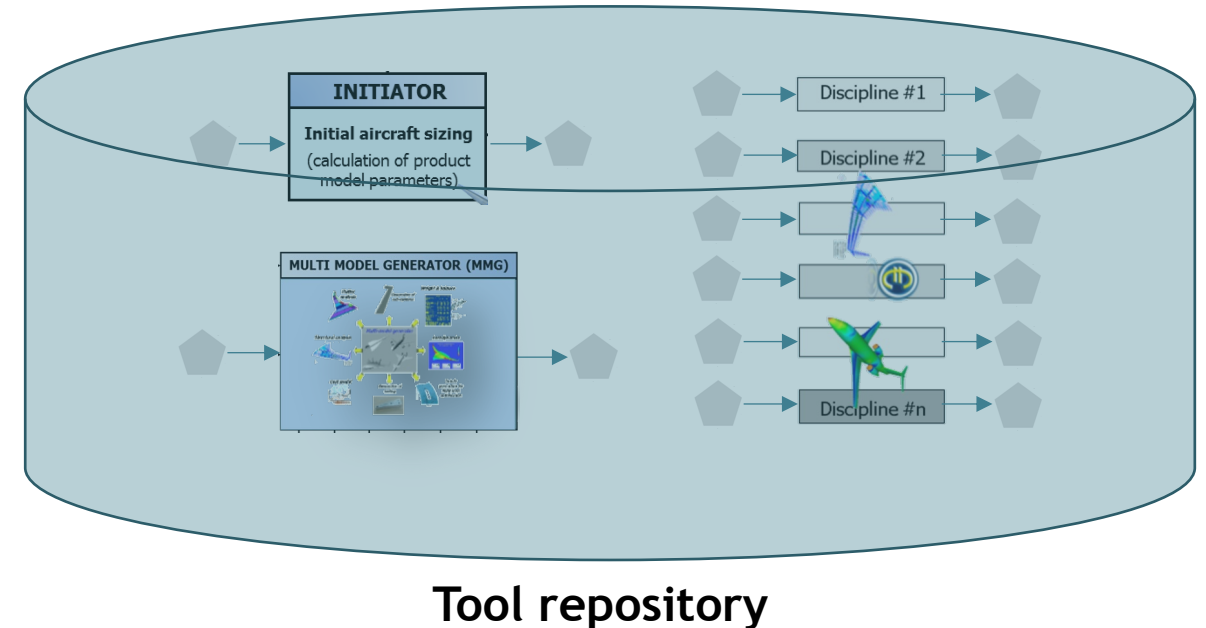


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## Integration of MDAO systems



Central Data Schema

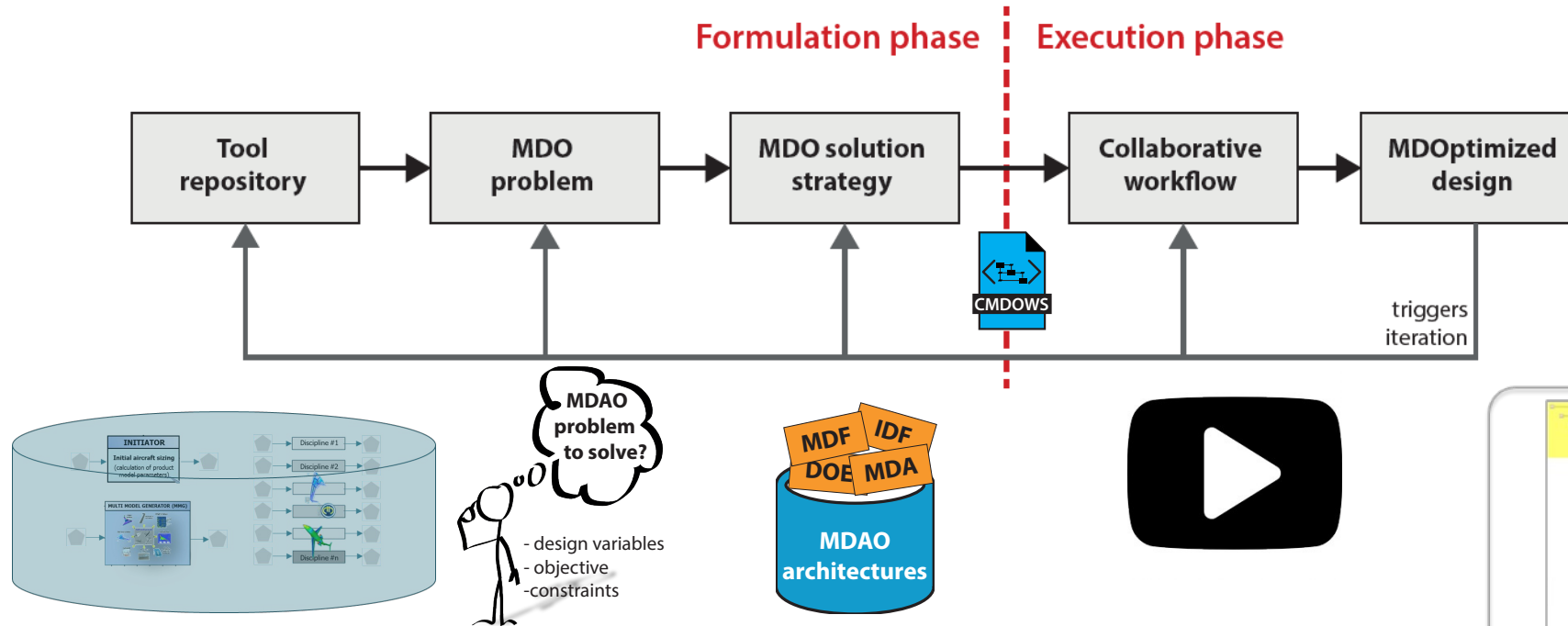


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## Formulation & integration of MDAO systems

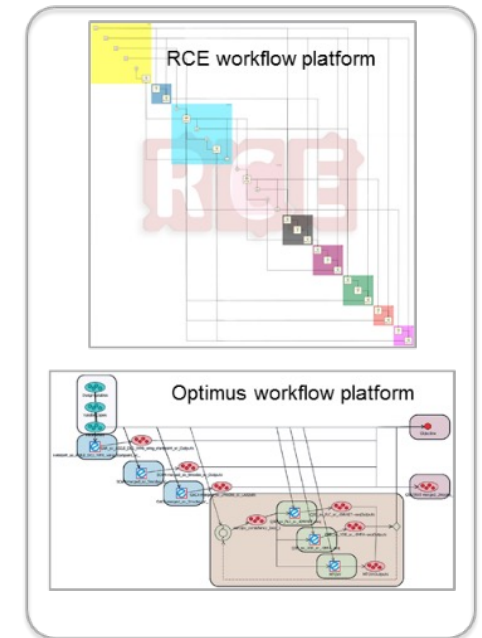
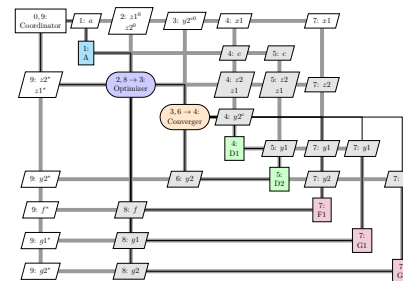
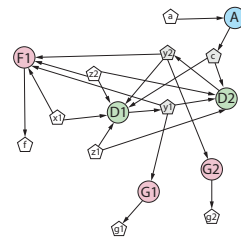
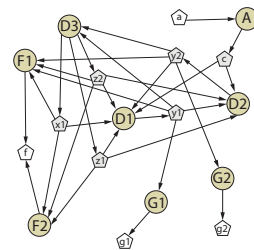
### KADMOS

A graph manipulation system for MDAO system formulation

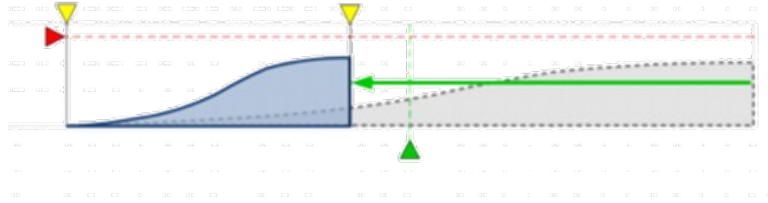
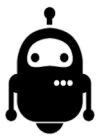
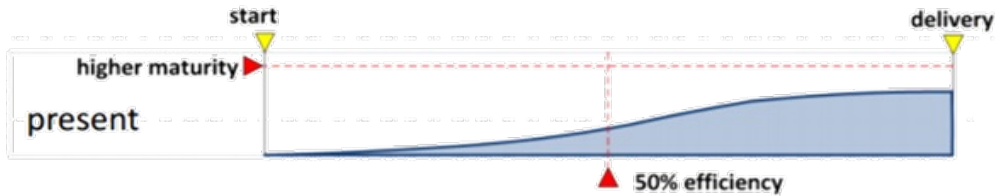


### CMDOWS

XML-based standard to store and exchange MDAO system formulations

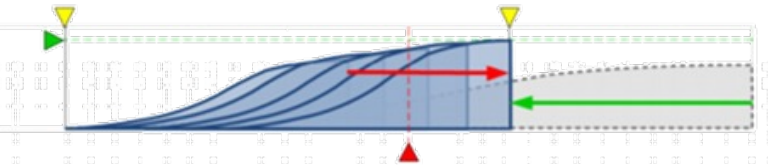


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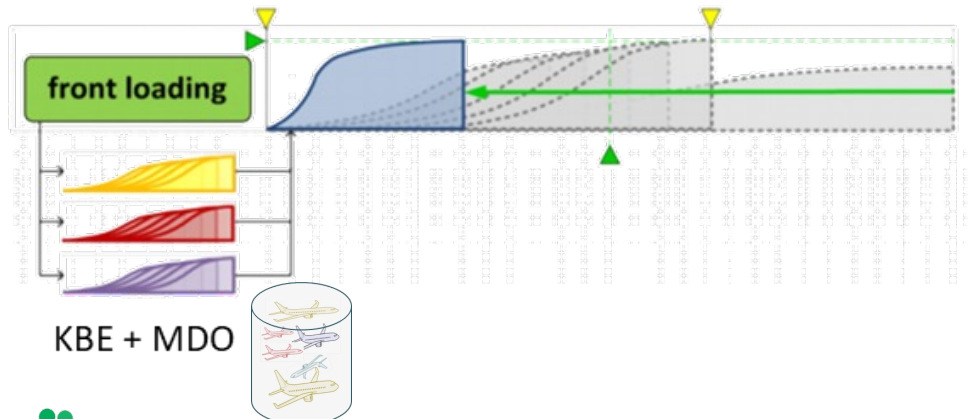
+ KBE

→ Shorter delivery time due to automation  
→ No product performance improvement



+ MDO

→ Reduced time gain  
→ Product performance improvement



+ KBE

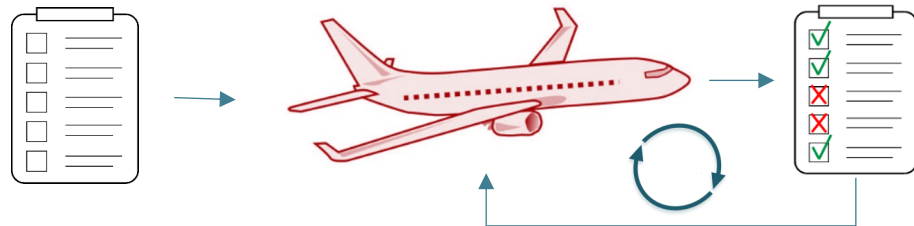
+ MDO

+ pre-generated design database

→ Short delivery time  
→ Product performance improvement

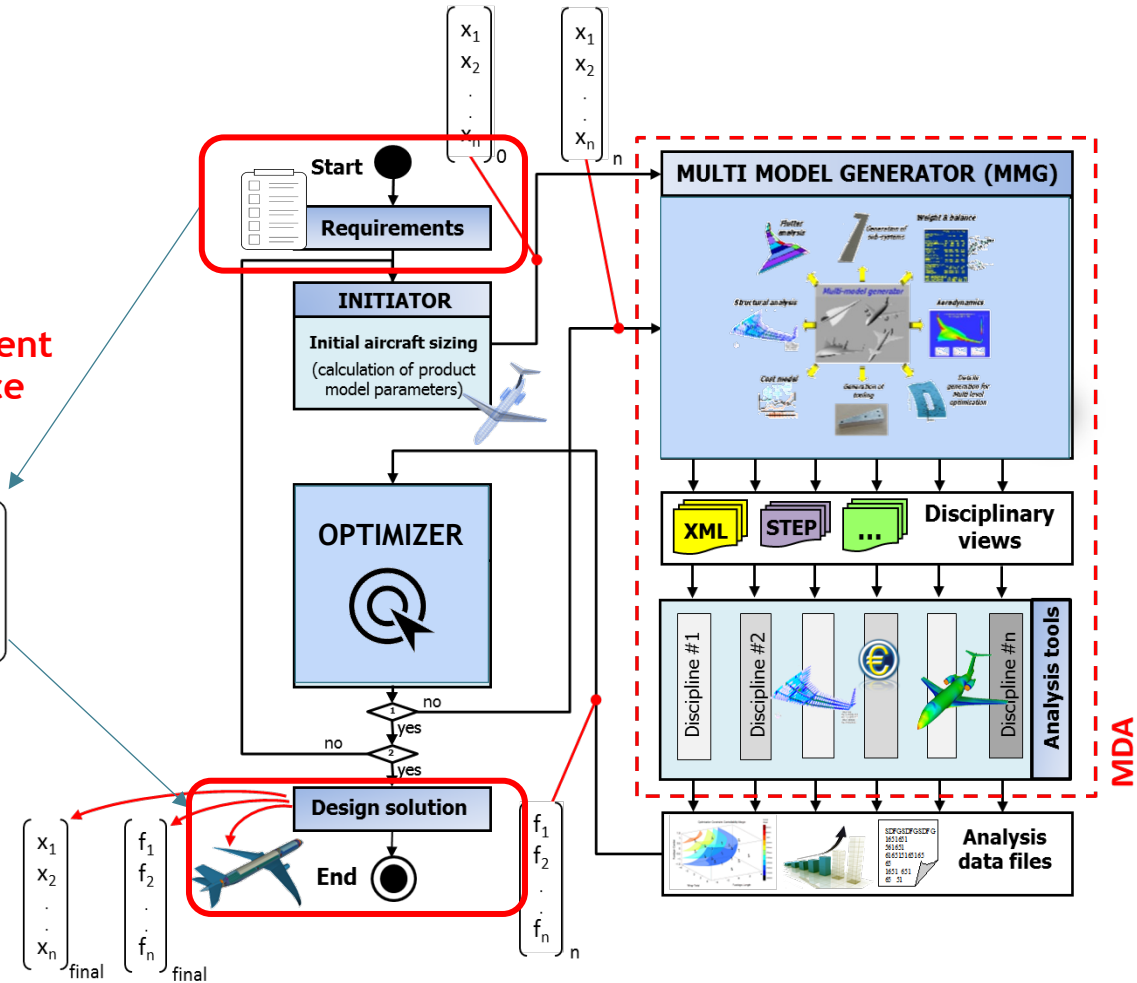
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# Requirement compliance

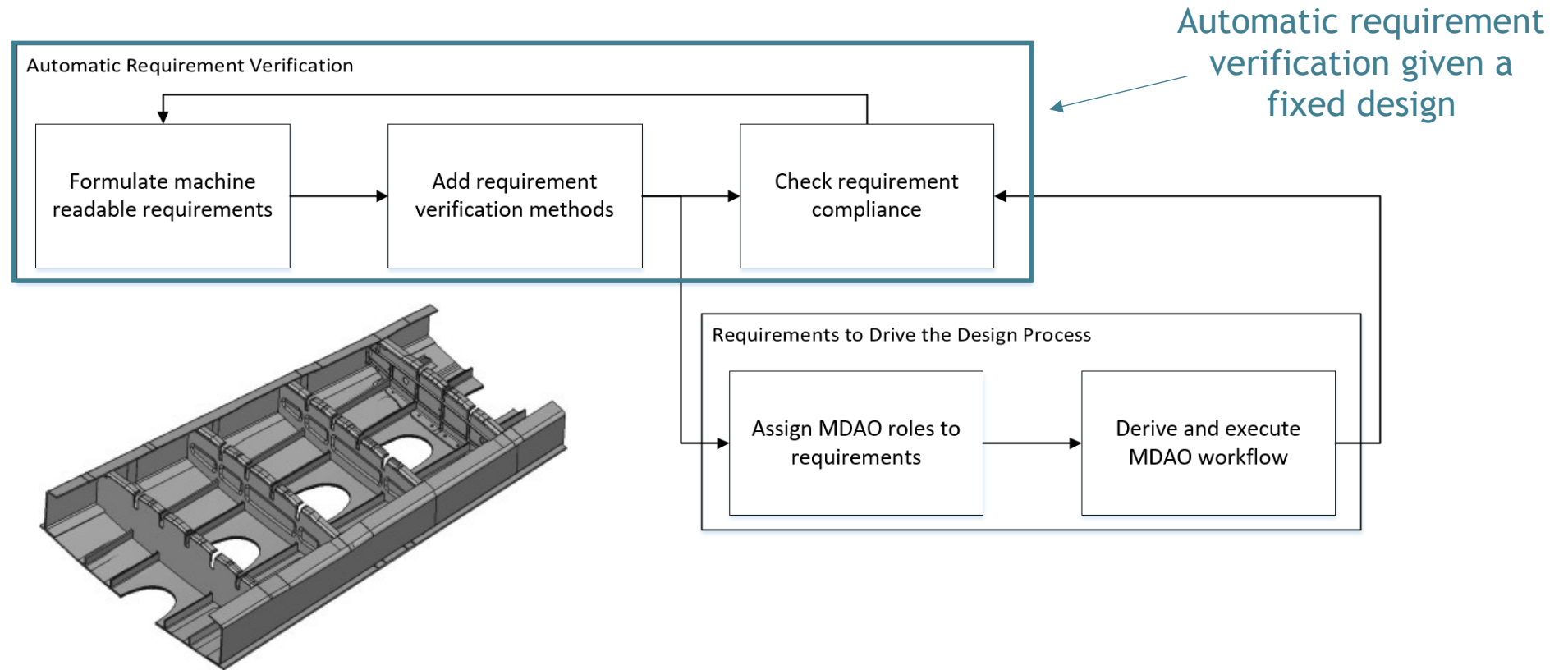


Can I use the requirements as drivers for the MDAO process to achieve compliance?

Requirement compliance check?



# MBSE & MDAO for requirement compliance

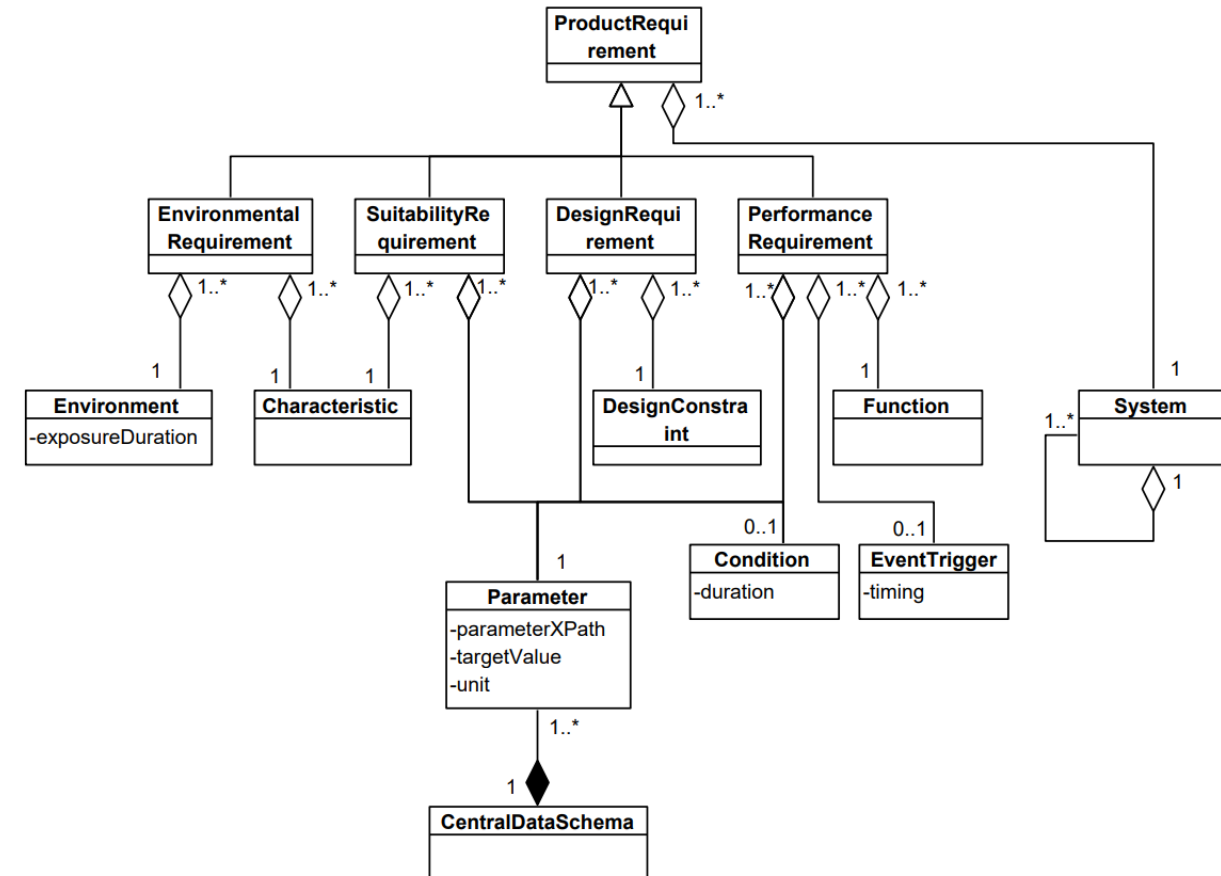


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## Requirement patterns enable the formulation of machine-readable requirements

- **Performance**  
The **SYSTEM** shall **FUNCTION** with **PERFORMANCE** [and **TIMING** upon **EVENT TRIGGER**] while in **CONDITION**
- **Design (constraint)**  
The **SYSTEM** shall [exhibit] **DESIGN CONSTRAINTS** [in accordance with **PERFORMANCE** while in **CONDITION**]
- **Environmental**  
The **SYSTEM** shall [exhibit] **CHARACTERISTIC** during/after exposure to **ENVIRONMENT** [for **EXPOSURE DURATION**]
- **Suitability**  
The **SYSTEM** shall exhibit **CHARACTERISTIC** with **PERFORMANCE** while **CONDITION** [for **CONDITION DURATION**]

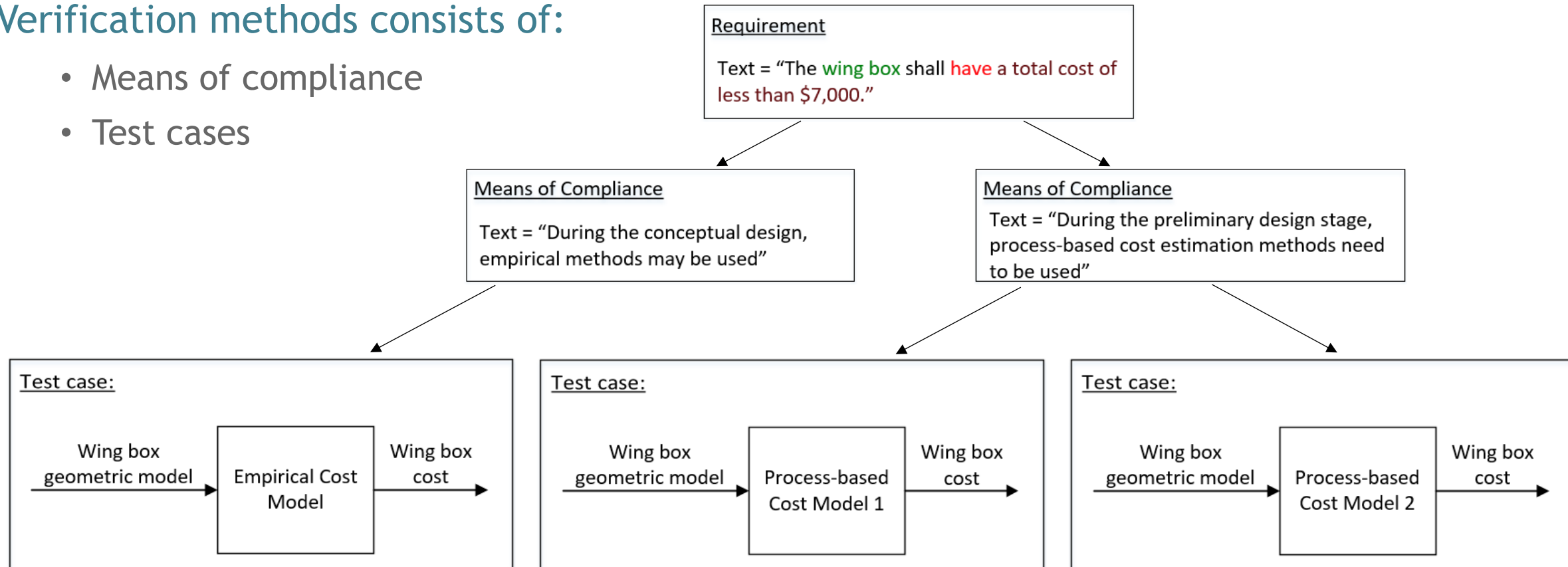


Source: Boggero et al (2020), patterns from Carson (2015)

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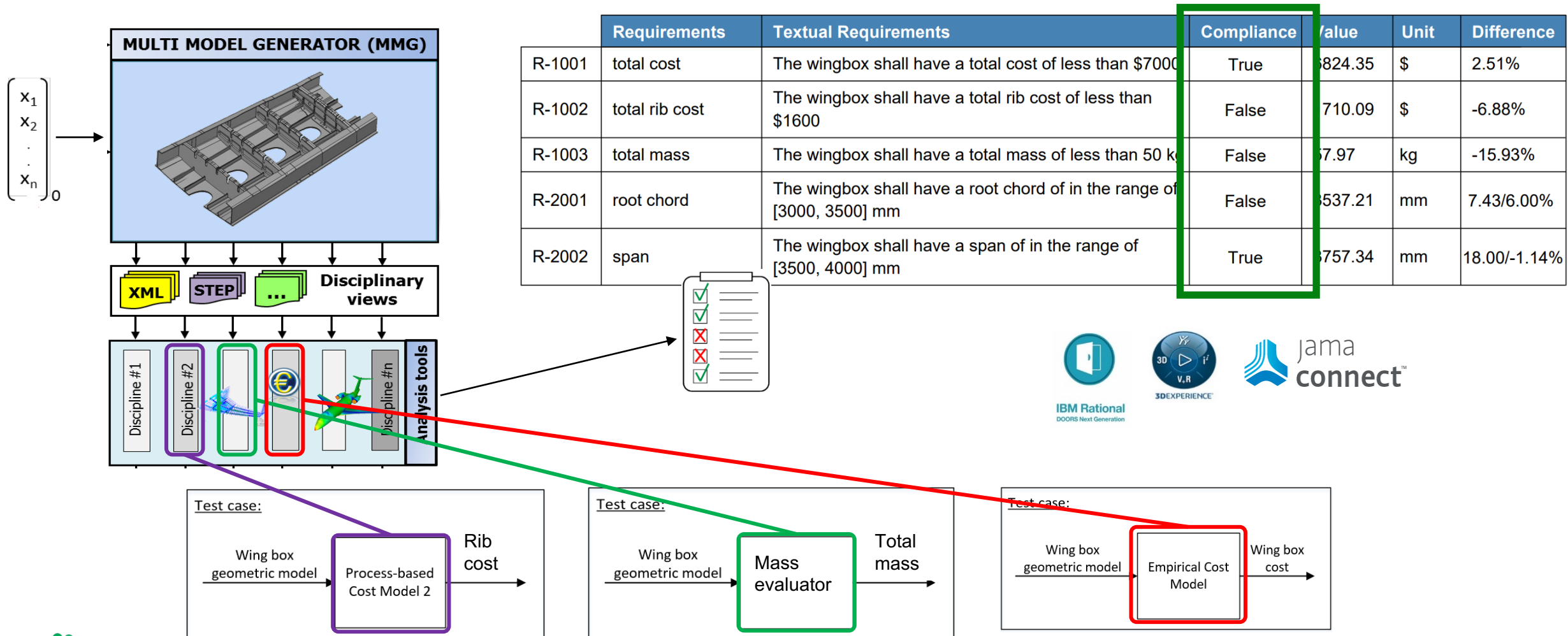
Verification methods consists of:

- Means of compliance
- Test cases



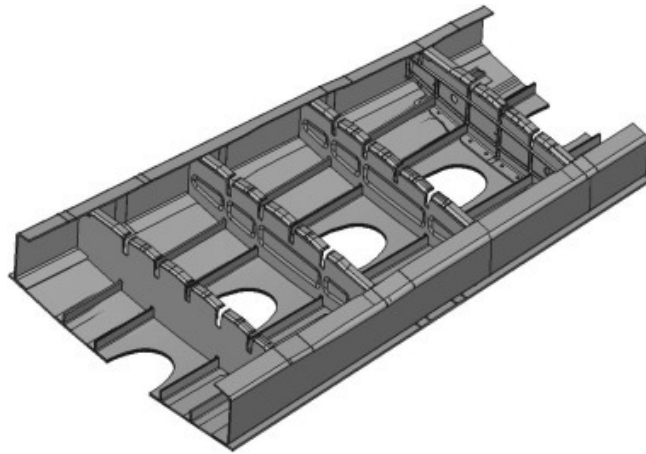
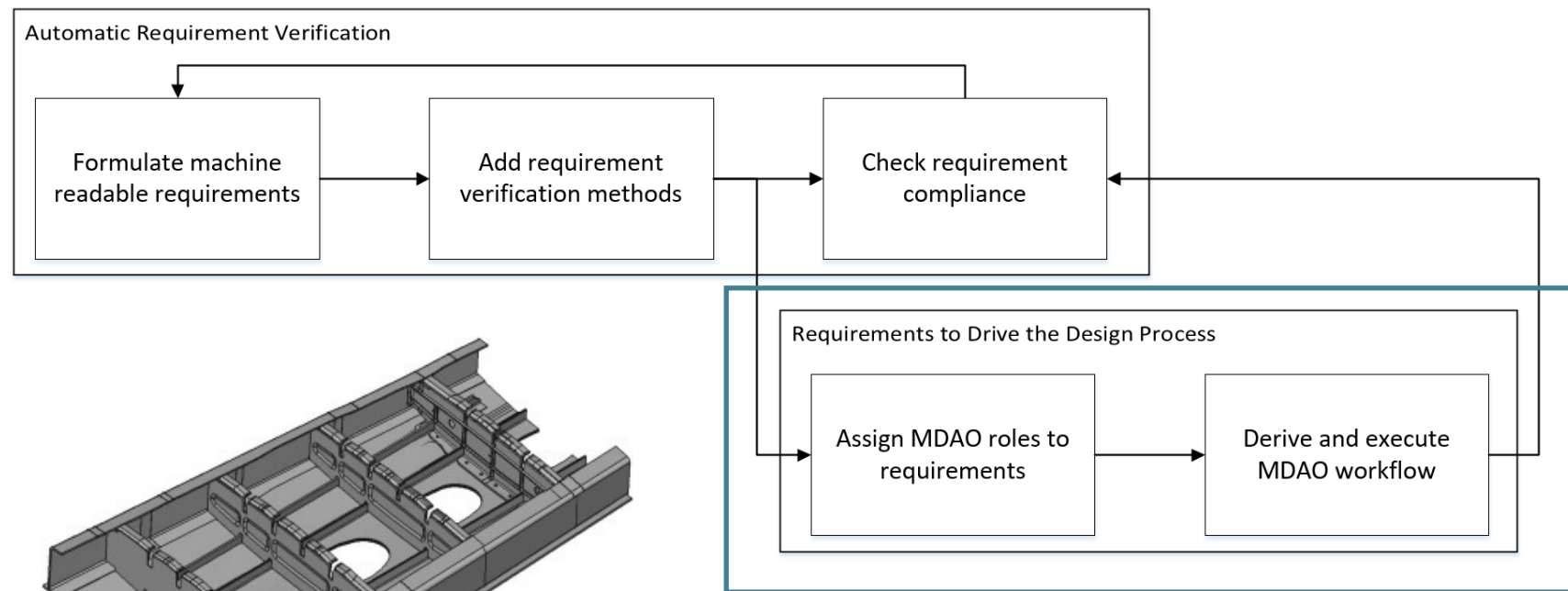
# MBSE & MDAO for requirement compliance

## Automatic generation of requirement compliance report



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## Requirements to drive the design process

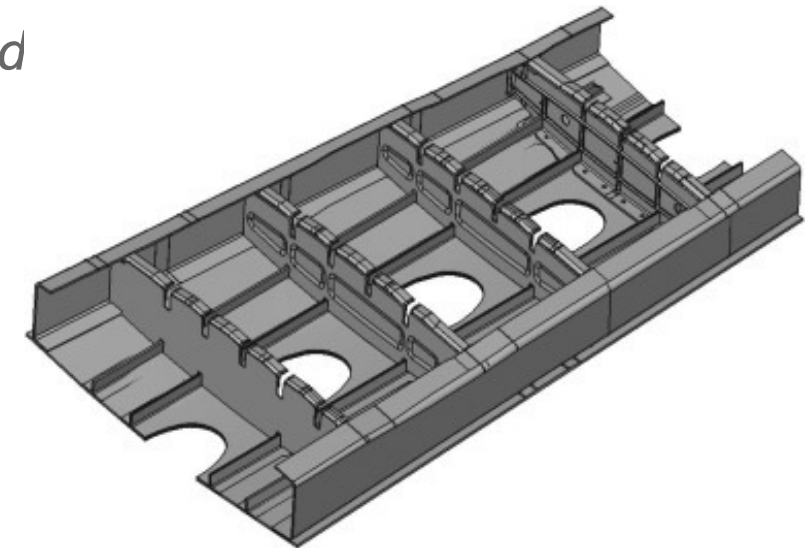


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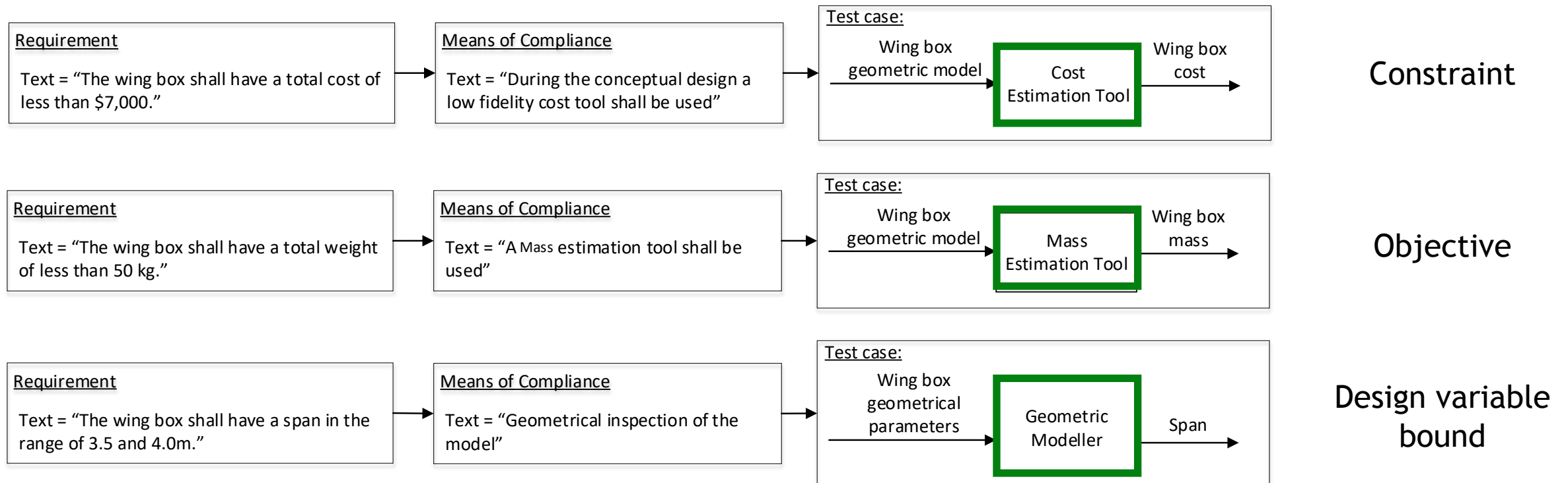
User assigns MDAO roles to the requirements

- *Constraint.....Cost < \$7000*
- *Objective.....Mass < 50 kg*
- *Design variable.....In-house production method*
- *Design variable bound... Span < 4.0 m*
- *Input parameter..... $n = 2.5$*
- *Quantity of Interest.....*



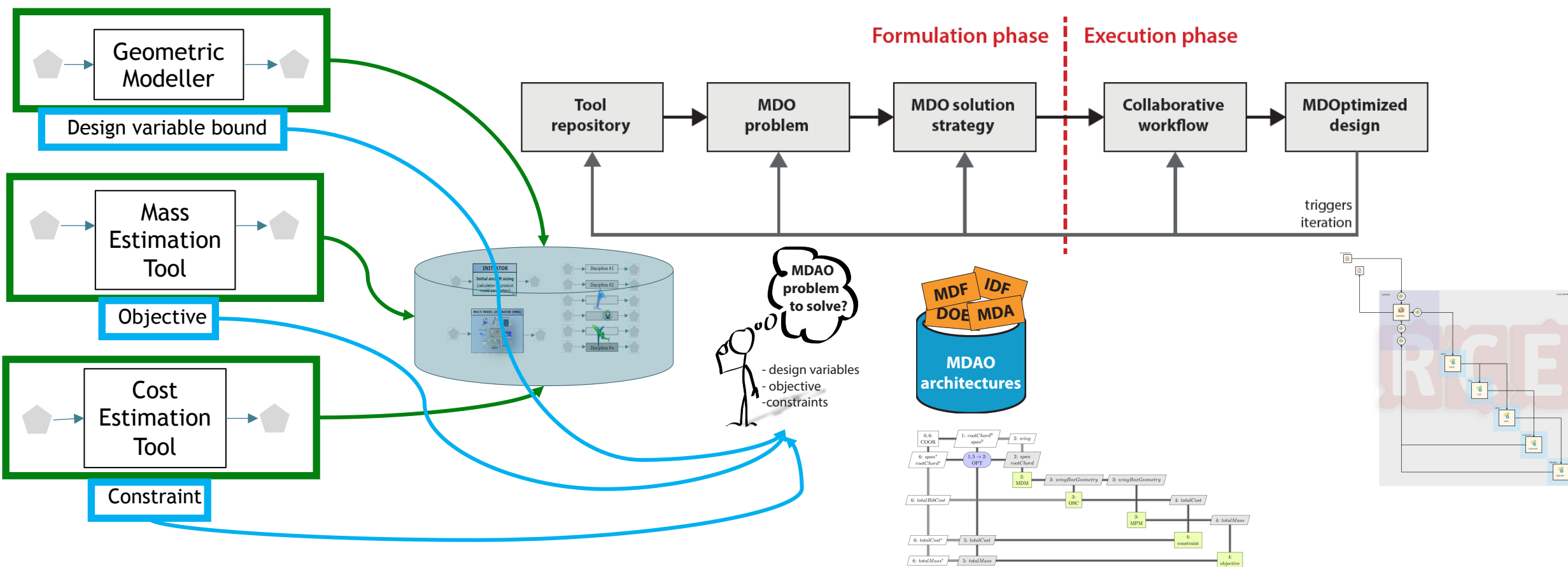
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Design competences from test cases and problem roles determine MDAO system



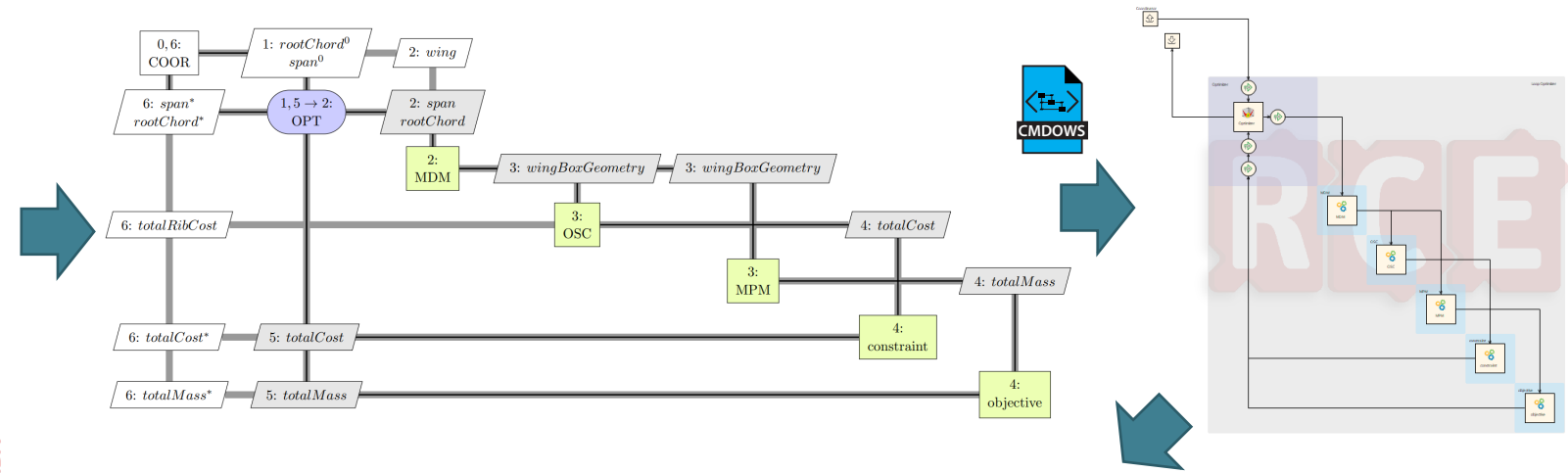
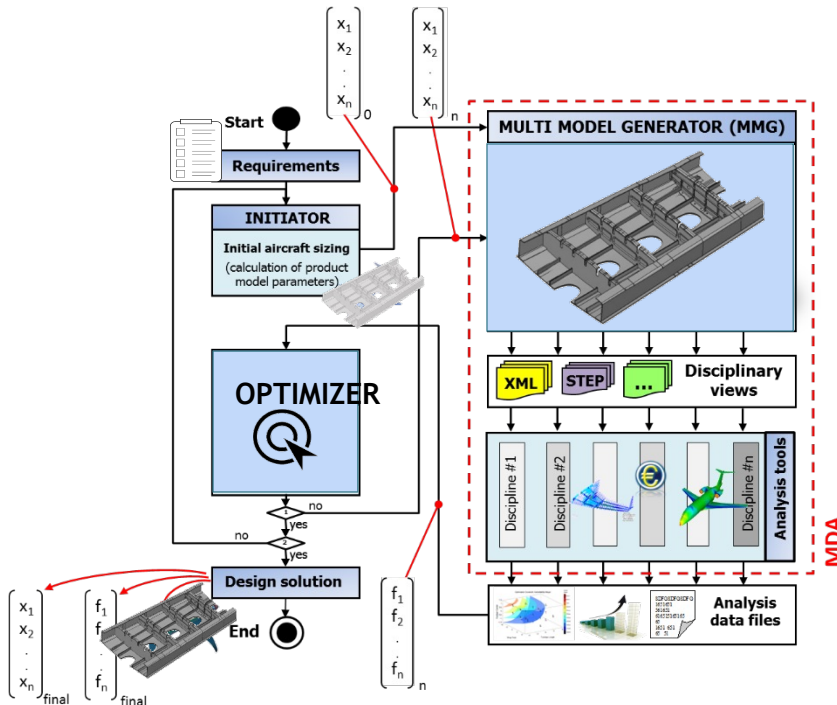


## Design competences from test cases and problem roles determine MDAO system



# MBSE & MDAO for requirement compliance

Design competences from test cases and problem roles determine the MDAO workflow



	Requirements	Textual Requirements	Compliance	Value	Unit	Difference
R-1001	total cost	The wingbox shall have a total cost of less than \$7000	True	6017.00	\$	14.04%
R-1002	total rib cost	The wingbox shall have a total rib cost of less than \$1600	True	1538.00	\$	3.88%
R-1003	total mass	The wingbox shall have a total mass of less than 50 k	True	42.28	kg	3.44%
R-2001	root chord	The wingbox shall have a root chord of in the range of [3000, 3500] mm	True	3000.00	mm	0.00/14.29%
R-2002	span	The wingbox shall have a span of in the range of [3500, 4000] mm	True	3500.00	mm	0.00/12.50%

- Direct link between MBSE and MDAO

- Enables the evaluation of what-if scenario's leading to better design choices
  - Optimized designs that comply with the stakeholders' needs
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    A[Formulate machine-readable requirements] --> B[Add requirement verification methods]
  
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