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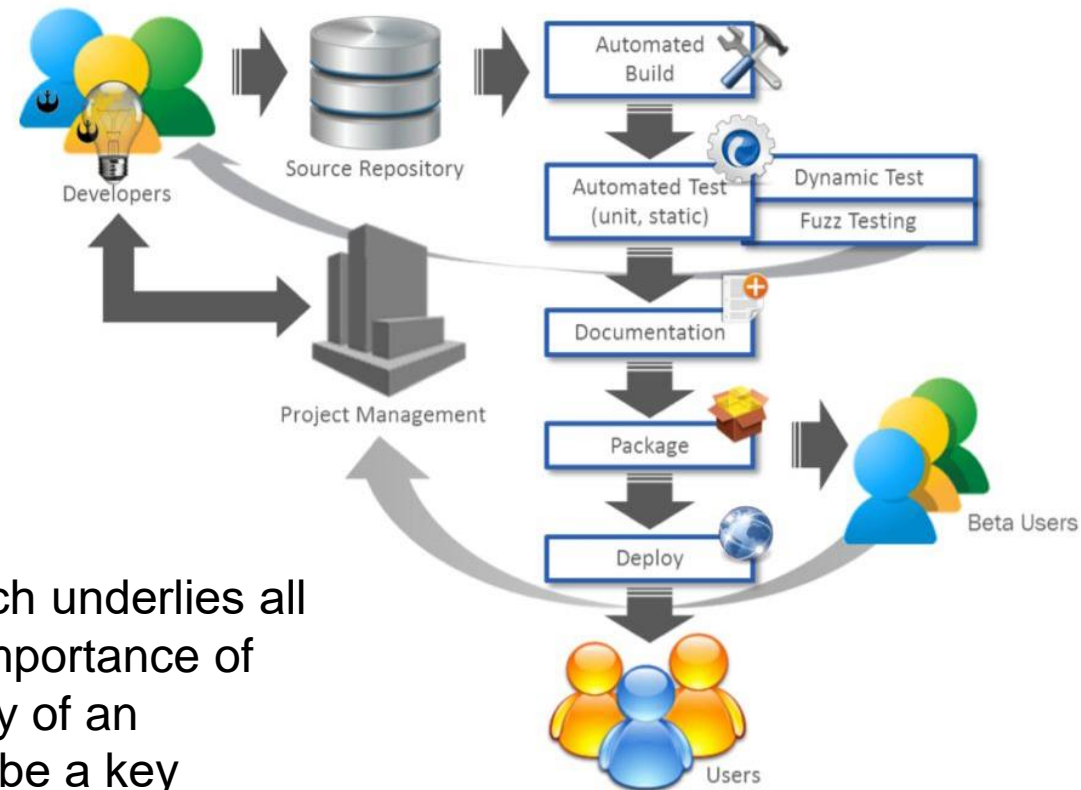
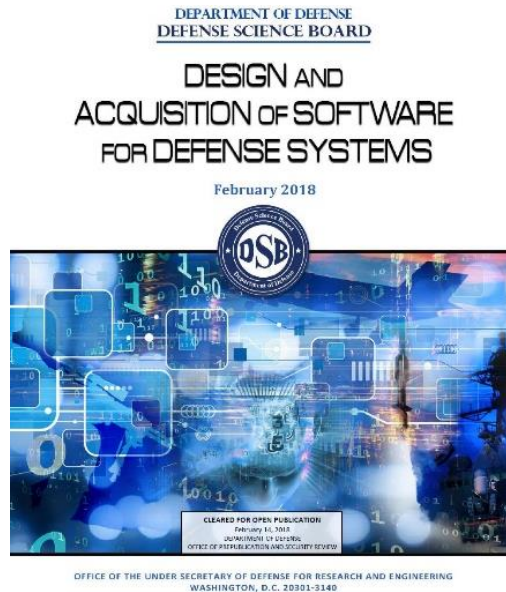


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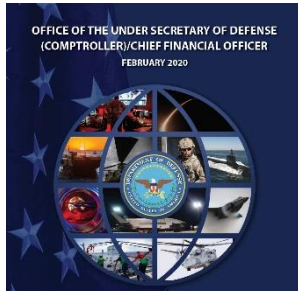
**CREATE is an example of the ideal “Software Factory” described in Feb 2018 report of the Defense Science Board.**



“Our base recommendation, which underlies all other recommendations, is the importance of the software factory – the efficacy of an offeror’s software factory should be a key evaluation criterion in the source selection process for software.”

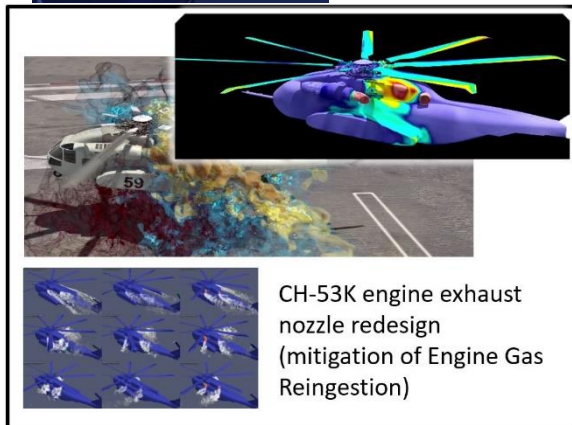
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## CREATE “Software Factory” delivers impactful technology to the DoD



### Directly Impacts Programs of Record

CREATE software products have been used to impact 38 Programs of Record in which the Department is scheduled to invest more than \$54 Billion in FY2021. In addition to the Programs noted in the chart below (extracted from **Comptroller’s Report**), CREATE software products are being used in support of **MANY** other important programs, e.g., Future Vertical Lift, Future Attack Submarine, Next Generation Combat Vehicle.



CH-53K engine exhaust nozzle redesign (mitigation of Engine Gas Reingestion)

NAVAIR/Sikorsky, 2018-2019

Using HPCMP CREATE™ Helios and HPC systems “...the combined cross-competency Tiger Team members [NAVAIR/Sikorsky] provided the CH-53K program a viable path forward to ensure continued development, execution of flight testing and completion of LRIP.”

– PMA-261 Gold Star Award, May 2019

Major Weapon Systems Summary		FY2021 Base Budget (\$ in M)	CREATE Software Used to Support Program
<b>Aircraft and Related Systems – Joint Service</b>			
F-35	Joint Strike Fighter	11,400	AV / RF
V-22	Osprey	1,828	AV
C-130J	Hercules	1,232	AV
MQ-1B / MQ-1C	Predator/Gray Eagle	72	AV / RF
MQ-9	Reaper	468	RF
MQ-4C / RQ-4	Triton/Global Hawk/NATO AGS	631	AV / RF
	Armed Overwatch / Targeting		
<b>Aircraft and Related Systems – US Army (USA)</b>			
AH-64E	Apache: Remanufacture/New Build	1,157	AV
CH-47	Chinook	241	AV
UH-60	Black Hawk	1,014	AV
<b>Aircraft and Related Systems – US Navy (USN) / US Marine Corps (USMC)</b>			
MQ-25	Stingray	267	AV
F/A-18	Super Hornet	2,062	AV
E-2D	Advanced Hawkeye	1,048	AV
P-8A	Poseidon	269	AV
<b>Missile Defeat and Defense Programs – Joint Service</b>			
GMD	Ground-based Midcourse Defense		
THAAD	Terminal High Altitude Area Defense		
Aegis	Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense		
<b>Missile Defeat and Defense Programs – USA</b>			
Patrol / PAC-3	Patrol Advanced Capability		
PAC-3 / MSE	PAC-3/Missile Segment Enhancement Missile		
<b>Missiles and Munitions – Joint Service</b>			
JDAM	Joint Direct Attack Munition	260	AV / RF
Hellfire	Hellfire Missiles	131	AV
SDB I	Small Diameter Bomb I	46	AV
SDB II	Small Diameter Bomb II	432	AV
JASSM	Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile	546	AV
AIM-9X	Air Intercept Missile - 9X		
AMRAM	Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile	676	AV
Chem-Demil	Chemical Demilitarization		
JAGM	Joint Air-to-Ground Missile		
LRASM	Long Range Anti-Ship Missile	224	RF
<b>Missiles and Munitions – USA</b>			
GMIRS	Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System		
Aviation	Aviation Advanced Anti-Tank Weapon		
CH-53K			1,492
Heavy Lift Replacement Helicopter			
<b>Aircraft and Related Systems – US Air Force (USAF)</b>			
B-21	Raider		
B-1, B-2, B-52	Bombers	884	AV / RF
KC-46A	Tanker	2,981	AV / RF
PAR	Presidential Aircraft Recapitalization		
F-22	Raptor	1,059	AV / RF
F-15	Eagle	2,414	AV / RF
CRH	Combat Rescue Helicopter		
T-7A	Advanced Pilot Training		
<b>C4I Systems – USA</b>			
WIN-T	Tactical Network Transport		
<b>C4I Systems – Joint Service</b>			
HMS	Handheld, Manpack, and Small Form Fit Radios		
Cyberspace	Cyberspace		
<b>Ground Systems – Joint Service</b>			
JLTV	Joint Light Tactical Vehicle	1,364	GV
<b>Ground Systems – USA</b>			
M-1	Abrams Tank Modification/Upgrades		
AMPV	Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle	290	GV
NGSW	Next Generation Squad Weapon		
PMI	Paladin Integrated Management	863	GV
FMTV	Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles	122	GV
FHTV	Family of Heavy Tactical Vehicles	184	GV
GMV	Ground Mobility Vehicle		
Stryker	Stryker		
<b>Ground Systems – USMC</b>			
ACV	Amphibious Combat Vehicle		
<b>Standard</b>			
Standard	Standard Missile-6		
RAM	Rolling Airframe Missile		
Tomahawk	Tactical Tomahawk Cruise Missile		
<b>Missiles and Munitions – USAF</b>			
GBSD	Ground Based Strategic Deterrent		
B61	B61 Tail Kit Assembly		
LRSO	Long Range Stand-Off Missile		
<b>Shipbuilding and Maritime Systems – USN</b>			
CVN 78	Gerald R. Ford Class Nuclear Aircraft Carrier	3,024	SH
SSBN 626	Columbia Class Submarine	4,412	SH
SSN 774	Virginia Class Submarine	4,658	SH
DDG 51	Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer	3,492	SH
FFG(X)	Guided Missile Frigate	1,135	SH
CVN	Refueling Complex Overhaul		
T-AO 205	John Lewis Class Fleet Replenishment Oiler	95	SH
T-ATS	Towing, Salvage, and Rescue Ship		
USV	Unmanned Surface Vehicle	464	SH
LPD	San Antonio class Amphibious Transport Dock ship	1,220	SH
<b>Space Based Systems – USSF</b>			
NSSL	National Security Space Launch		
GPS III	Global Positioning System III and Projects		
OPRR	SBIRS and Next Gen OPRR		
SATCOM	Satellite Communications Projects		
<b>TOTAL Budget (Impacted by CREATE Products)</b>		<b>\$54.377</b>	



# Computational Research & Engineering Acquisition Tools and Environments (CREATE)

- **Paradigm change:**

- **From** reliance on physical test as the driver for design iteration and primary source for “actionable engineering data”, e.g. support warrant holder requirements, system certifications, etc.
- **To** using physics-informed analysis and virtual test to drive design iterations and as a source of actionable engineering data.

Use virtual test to drive design & analysis iterations

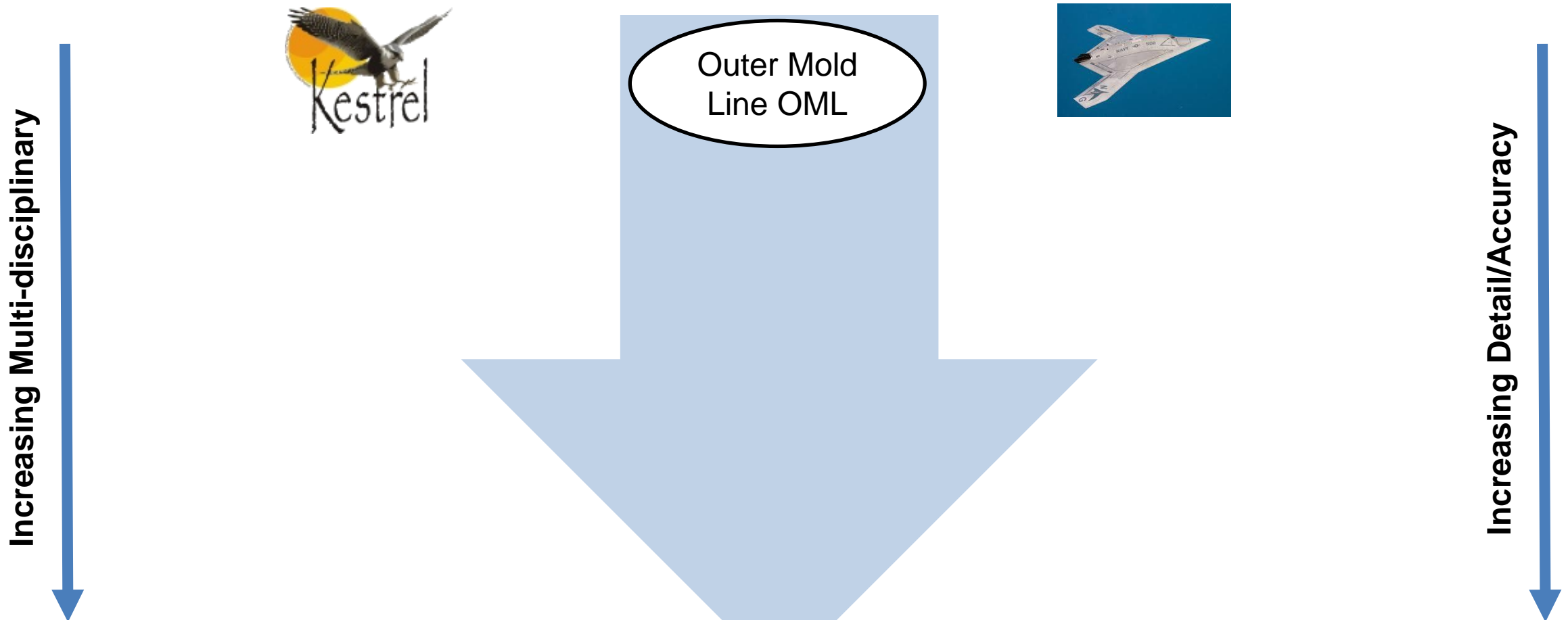


Use physical test to validate the result



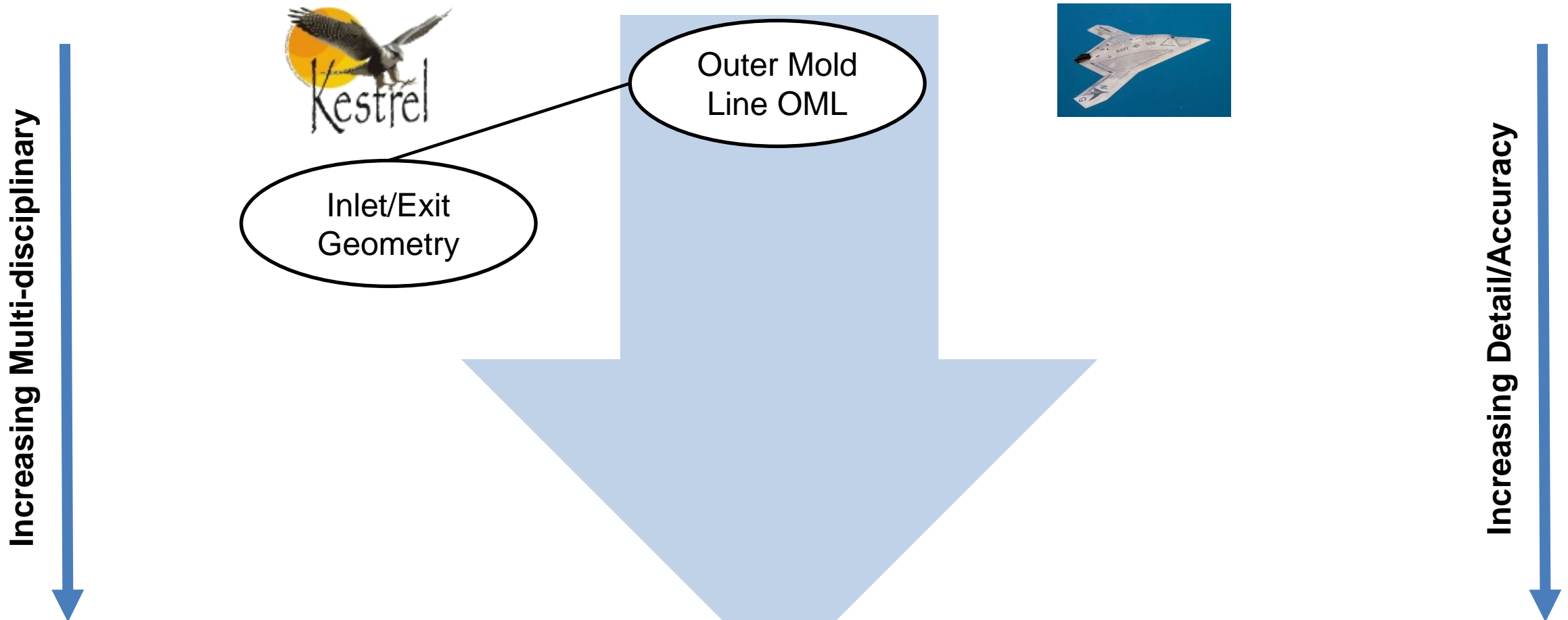
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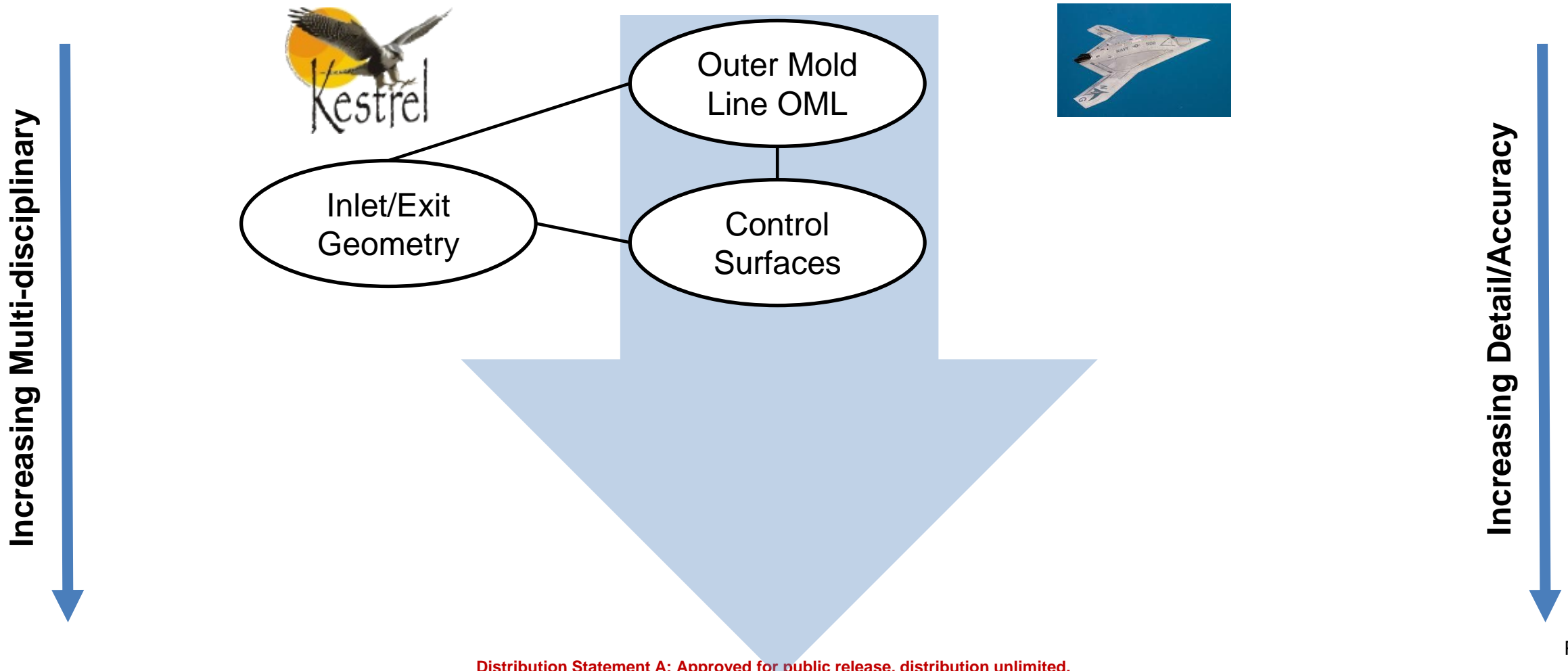
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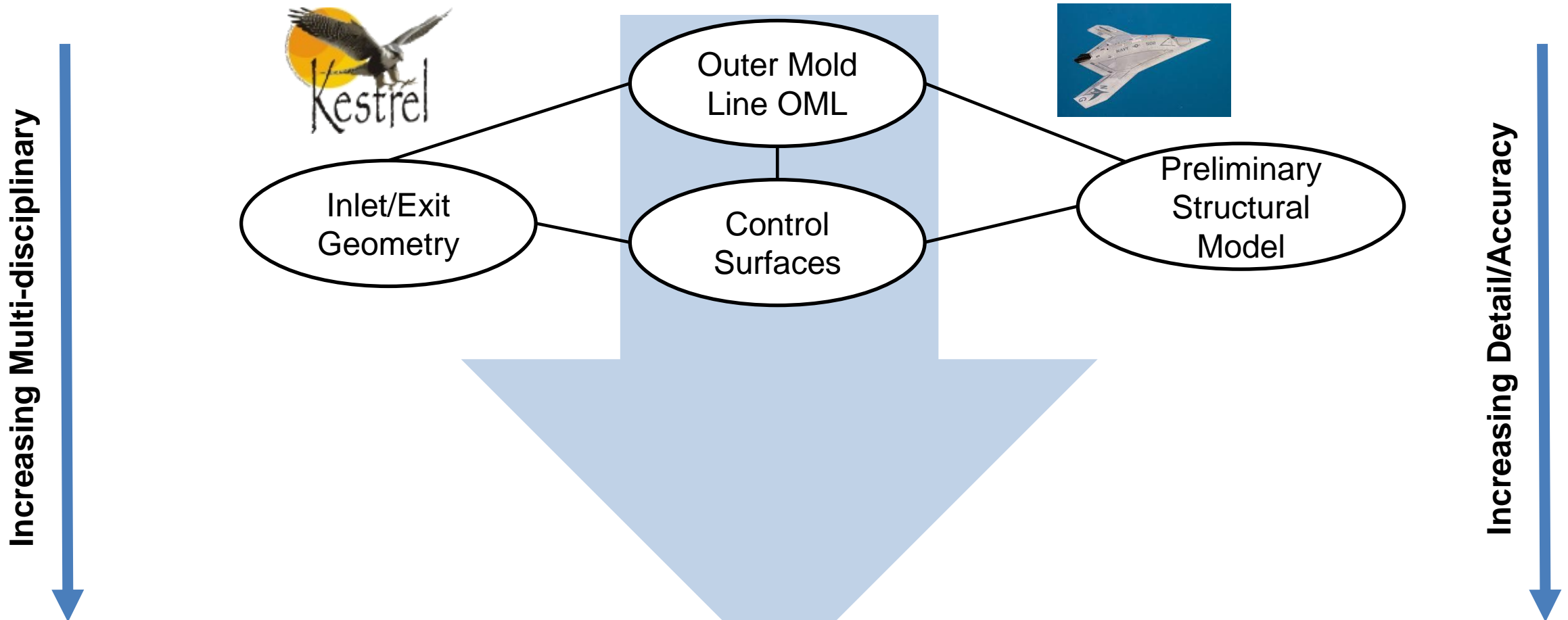
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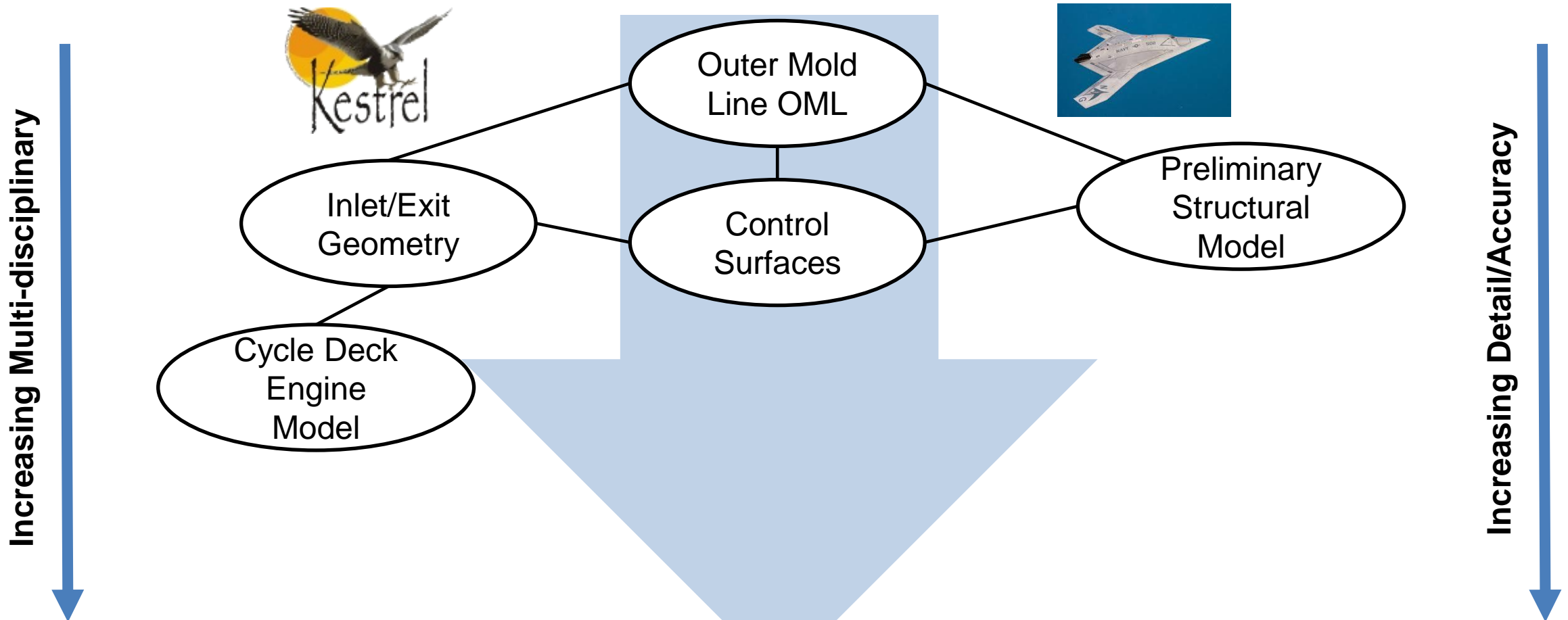
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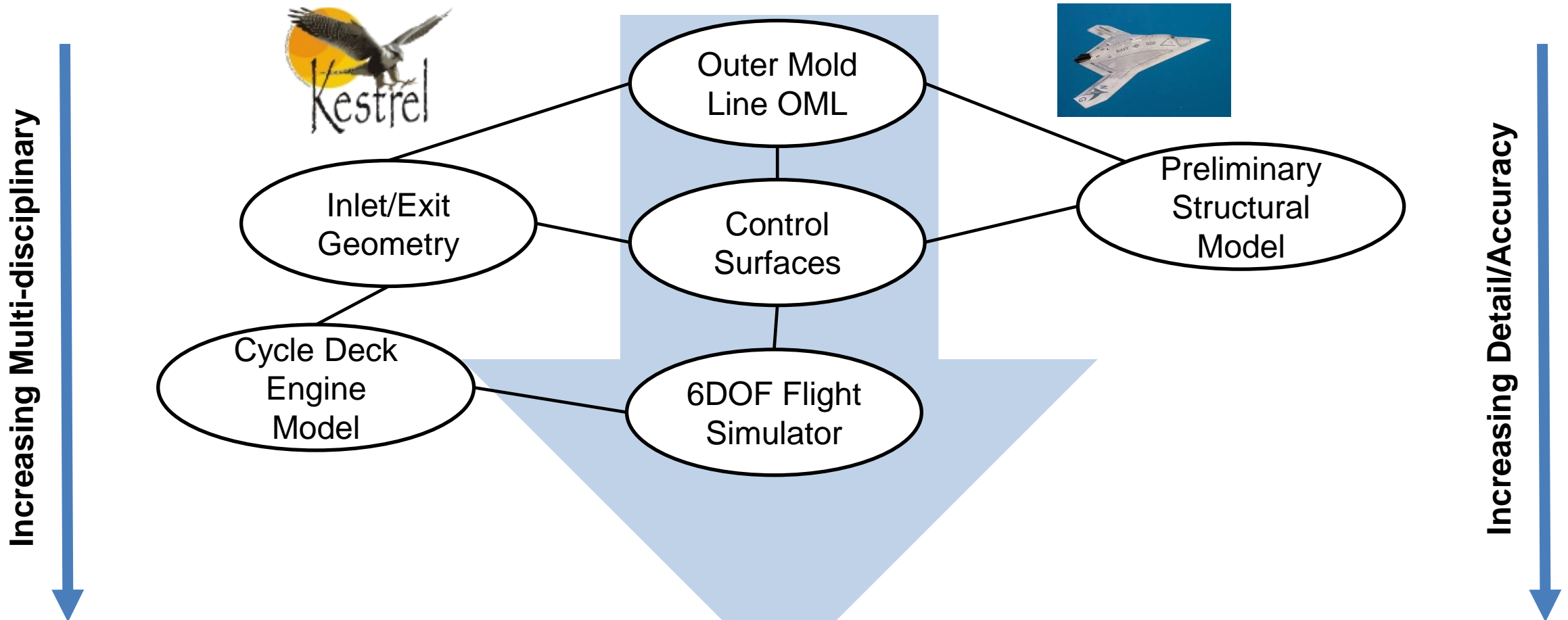
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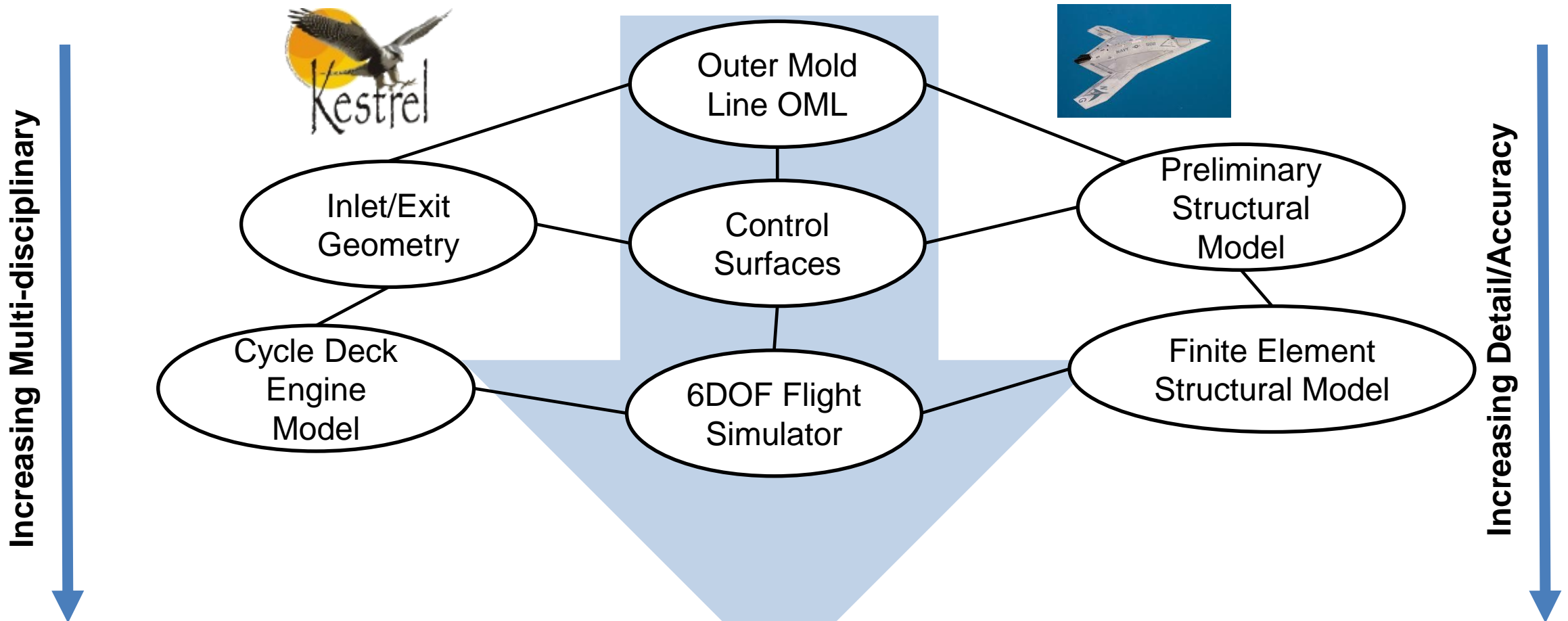
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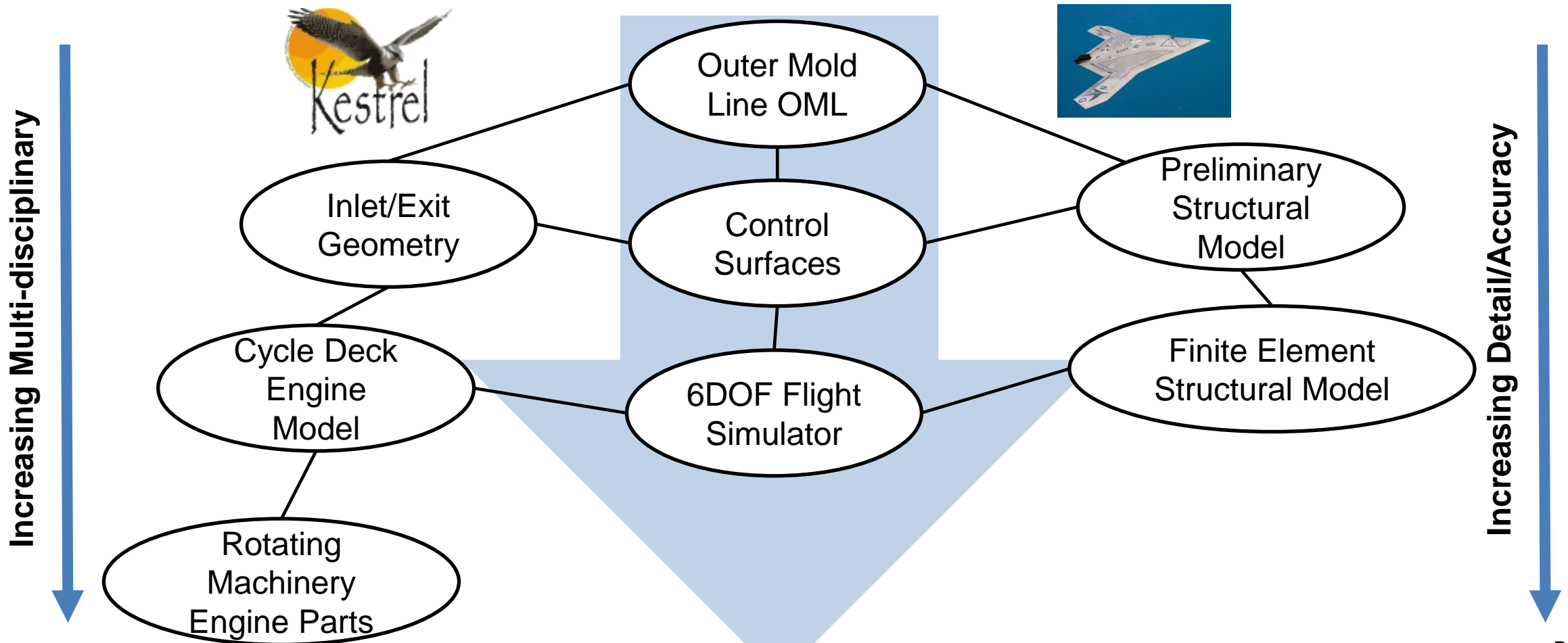
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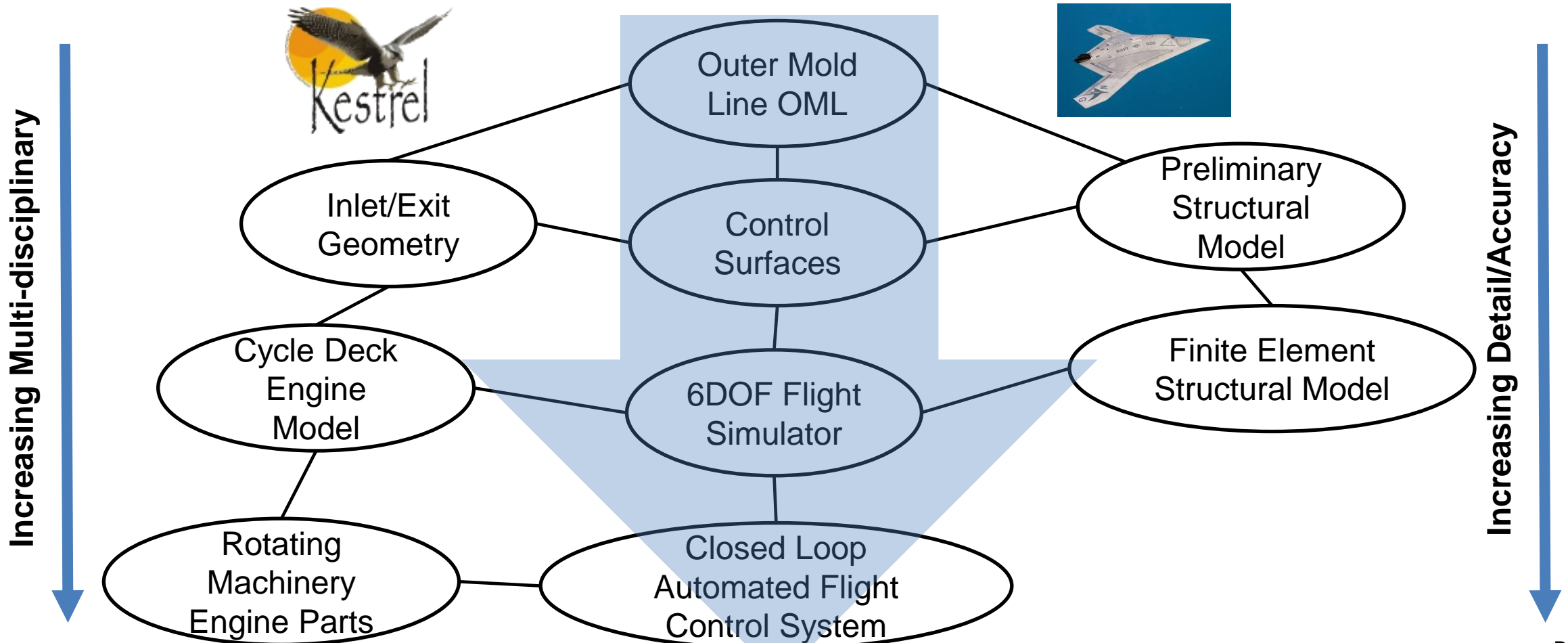
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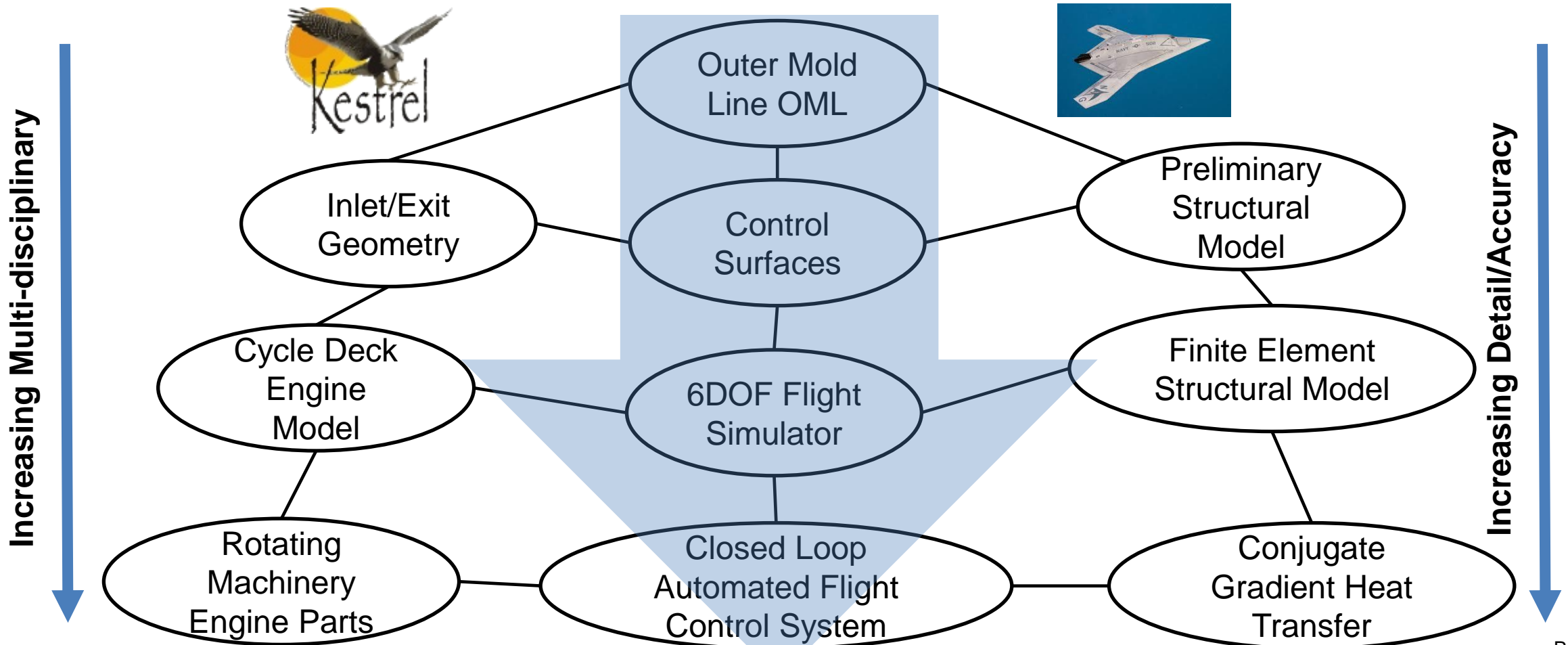
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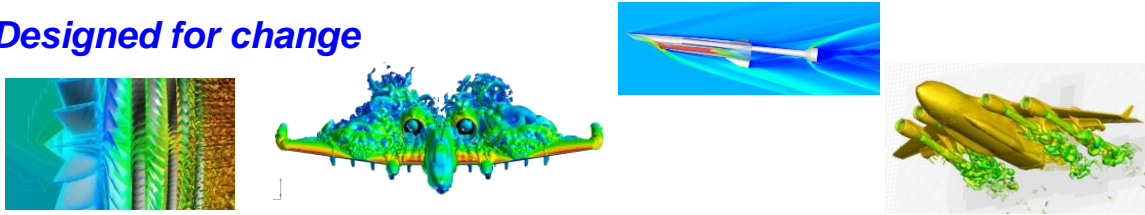
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# CREATE-AV Kestrel

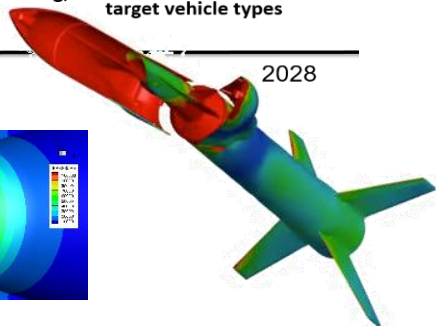
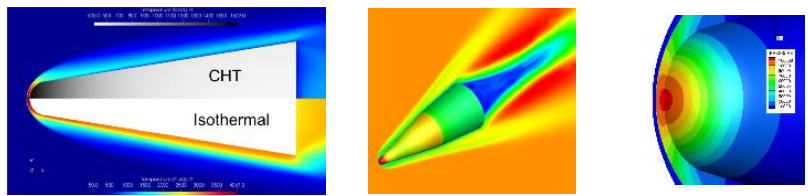
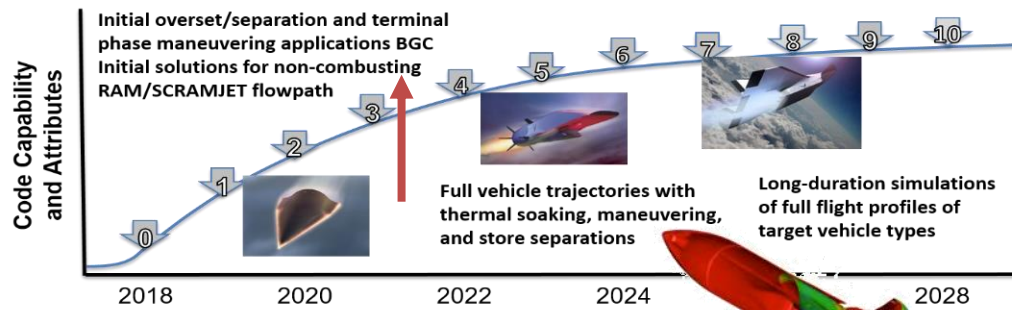


- Coupled physics: aerodynamics, thermochemistry, structural dynamics and thermodynamics, propulsion, flight controls
- Fighter, Bomber, Tanker, Transport, UAV, Munitions
- Low-speed, transonic, supersonic, hypersonic
- Cruise, maneuver, take-off/land, refueling, formation flight, store carriage and release, pilot ejection, precision air-drop, and more...
- *Designed for change*



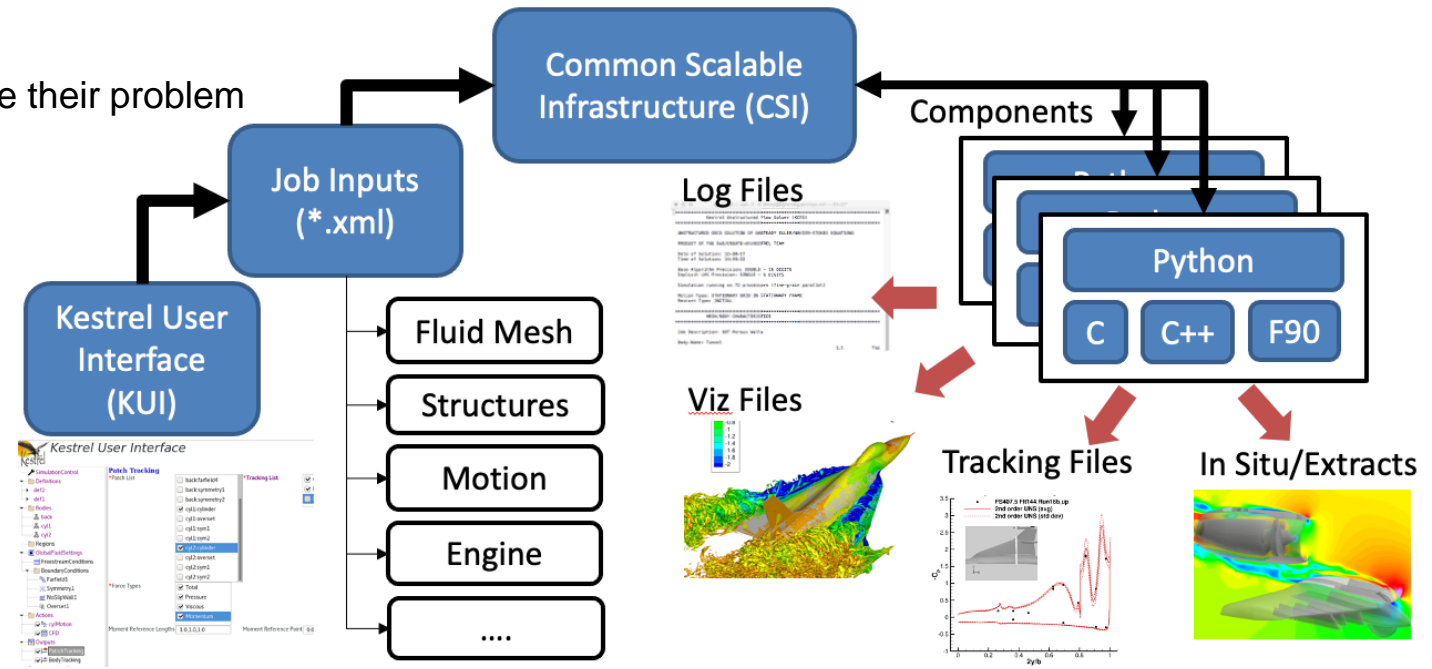
**Large gov't and industry user community**

## Hypersonic Roadmap Ahead of Schedule



# Kestrel Architecture

- **CREATE-AV/Kestrel: Production-quality, high-fidelity, multiphysics simulation of fixed-wing aircraft by DoD acquisition professionals**
  - Coupled physics: aerodynamics, thermochemistry, structural dynamics and thermodynamics, propulsion, 6DOF, S&C
  - Low-speed to hypersonic flight regimes, all aircraft types and ground test facilities
  - Cruise, maneuver, take-off/landing, refueling and formation flight, store carriage and release, ...
- **Designed for change in anticipation of new requirements, models**
  - Complexity maintained in focused, modular components and managed through an event-based paradigm
  - Language-neutral data warehouse (WAND)
  - Users have choices for best approach to solve their problem

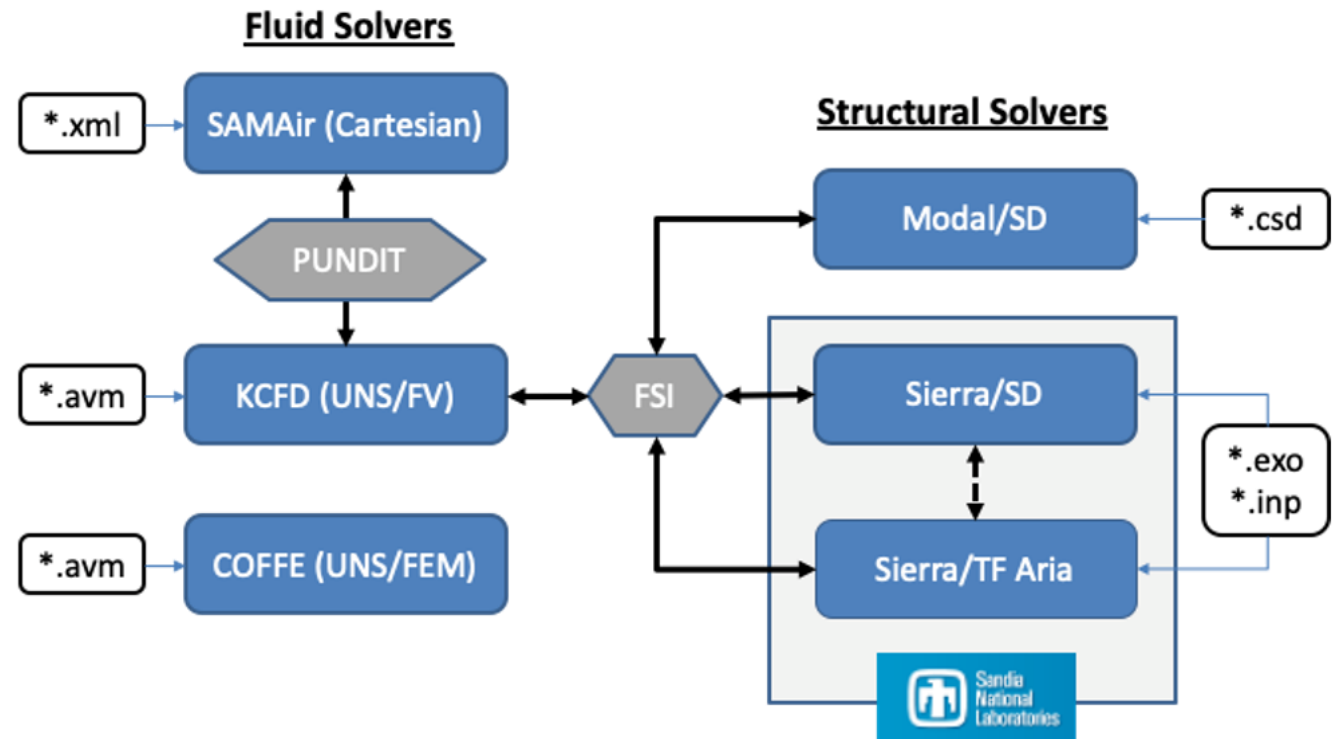


# Kestrel Architecture

- **Designed for Multi-fidelity, Multidisciplinary Interactions**
  - Easy for Users to choose between various fidelity Aero, Structural, and Thermal solvers
  - Modules can be replaced by surrogates to execute with precomputed solutions
  - User Interface makes it easy for Users to choose between various modules

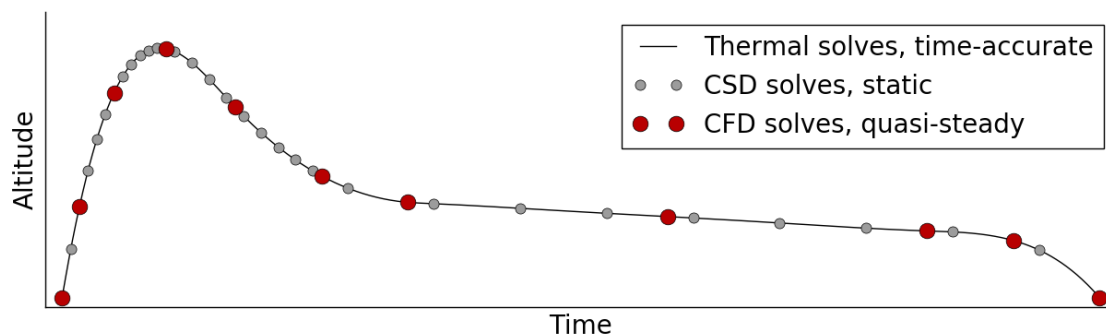
- **Continuous Testing Model**

- Overnight Testing
  - Unit : ~29,000
  - Integration : ~2,000
  - System : 64
- Acceptance Testing
  - Executed every 2 weeks
  - 275 Jobs including Full Aircraft Cases Compared to Flight/Ground Tests
  - ~158,000 CPU Hours

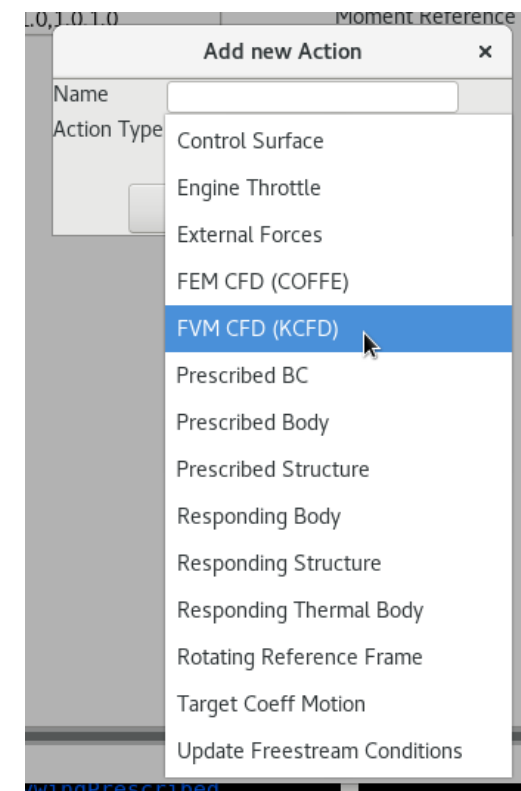


# Approach to Multiphysics Simulations

- **Coupling previously driven by an unsteady, CFD-focused approach**
  - Non-CFD physics integrated into simulation via Kestrel “actions” in context of CFD solution
  - Notional hypersonic trajectory problems intractable in this context
  - Unable to run simulations without high-fidelity CFD
- **New approach (v11) moves towards a fully-flexibly coupling paradigm**
  - CFD solutions integrated via time-based Kestrel actions like other physics capabilities
  - Action-based CFD allows for steady / unsteady solution types
  - “Iteration” defined as a monotonically increasing value independent of CFD solvers
  - Freestream conditions independent from a particular CFD solver and introduction of an action to change freestream conditions in time
  - Per-action recurrence settings and automatic convergence detection



Notional trajectory problem requiring non-uniform physics coupling





# Example: Hypersonic Trajectory

- 2D hollow cylinder with aero-heating during notional hypersonic trajectory

- **Solid**

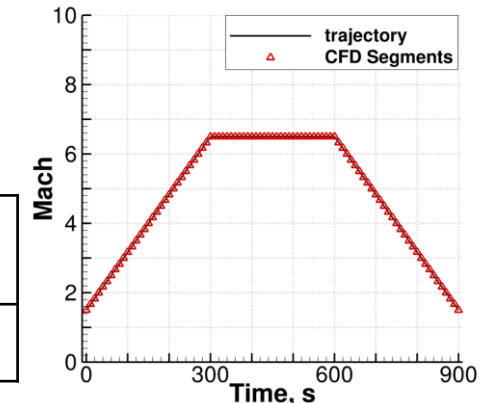
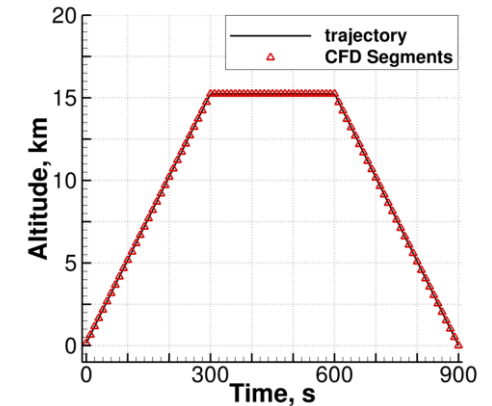
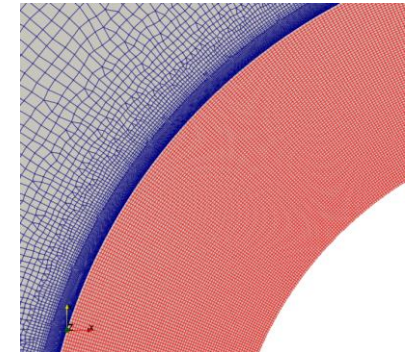
- 2D structured grid with ~77k quad elements
- Inner wall at radius = 1 inch, isothermal boundary at 294.4 K
- Outer wall radius = 1.5 inches, fluid-thermal interface
- 321 stainless steel with constant material properties
- Time-accurate thermal solution at  $\Delta t = 0.01\text{sec}$  for 15 min (900 sec) using heat flux distribution from most recent fluid solution

- **Fluid**

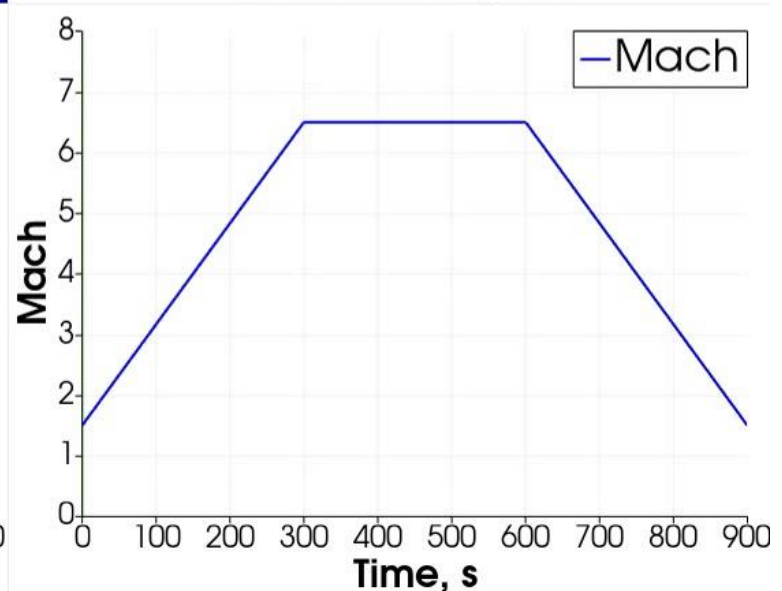
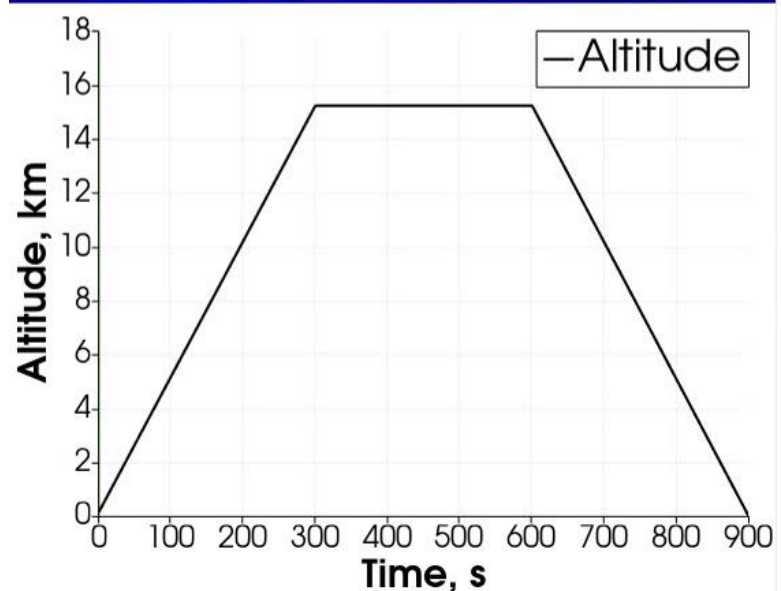
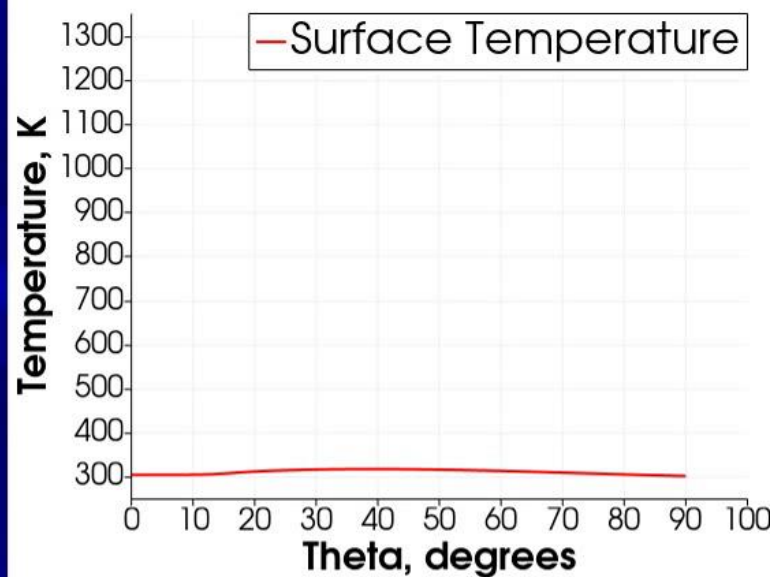
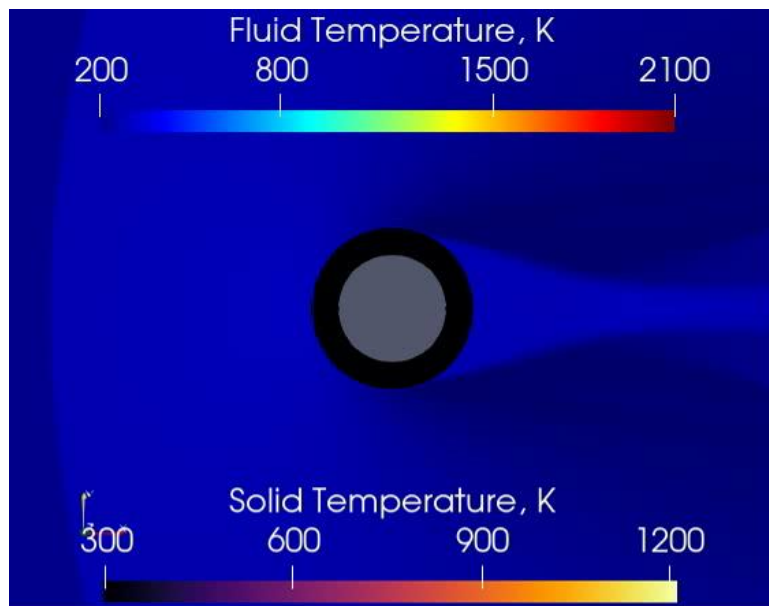
- 2D quad-dominant grid with ~80k triangle cells and ~1.16M quad cells
- Air modeled as perfect gas
- KCFD flow solver with Mentor SST turbulence model
- Local time stepping with CFL = 1000 until converged (max 10k iterations) every 10 sec using T distribution from most recent thermal solution

- **Wall time (44 core, onyx at ERDC DSRC)**

Present Work	No Convergence Detection	Couple every iteration $\Delta t=0.001$ (predicted)	Couple every iteration $\Delta t=0.00001$ (predicted)
28 hrs	54 hrs	87.5 hrs	8,750 hrs



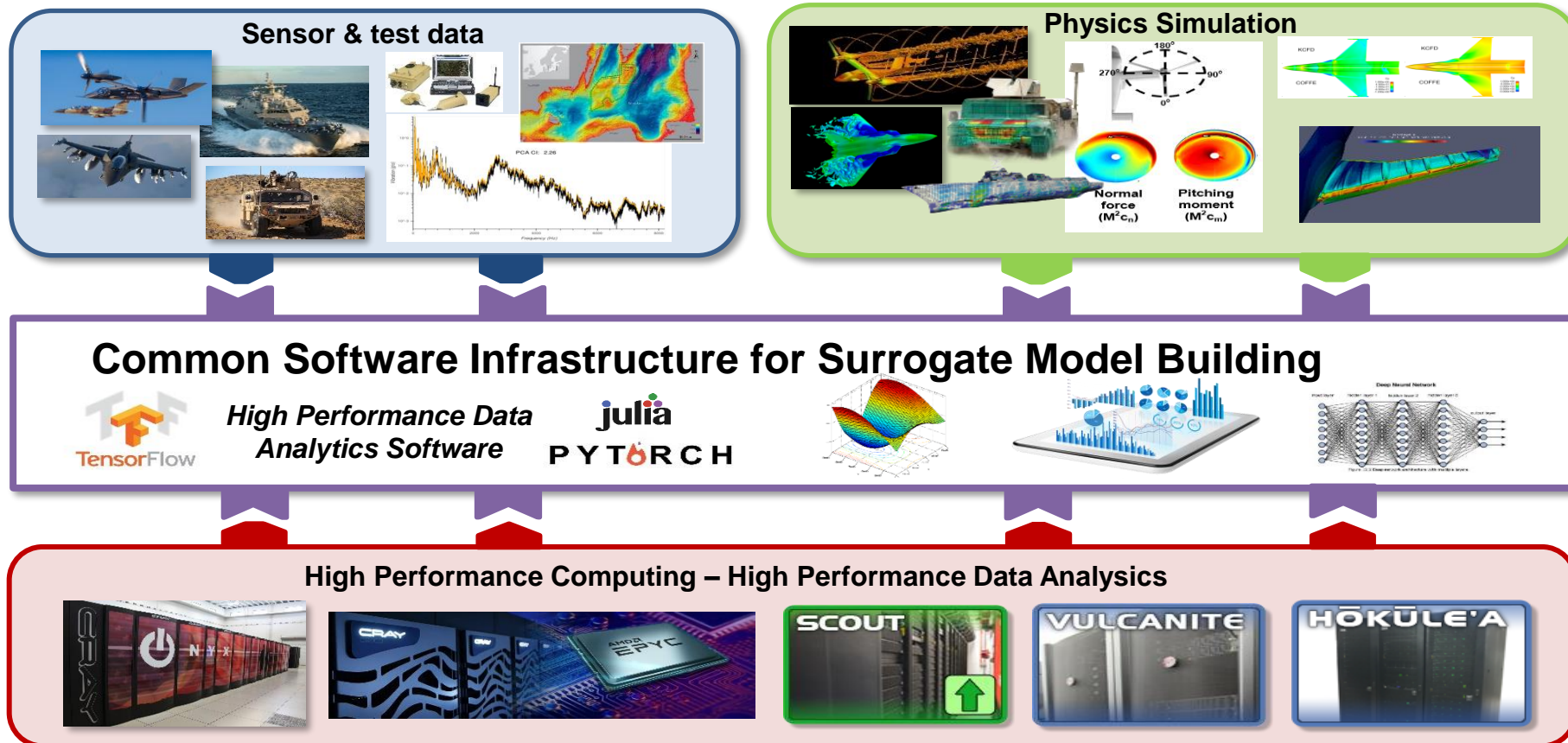
# Example: Hypersonic Trajectory



# Surrogate Building

**Software infrastructure to enable \*surrogate model generation from data-driven analytics and physics-based analytics for DoD Air, Land, and Sea Vehicles**

\*Surrogate = approximate model used when a full-physics computational model is intractable

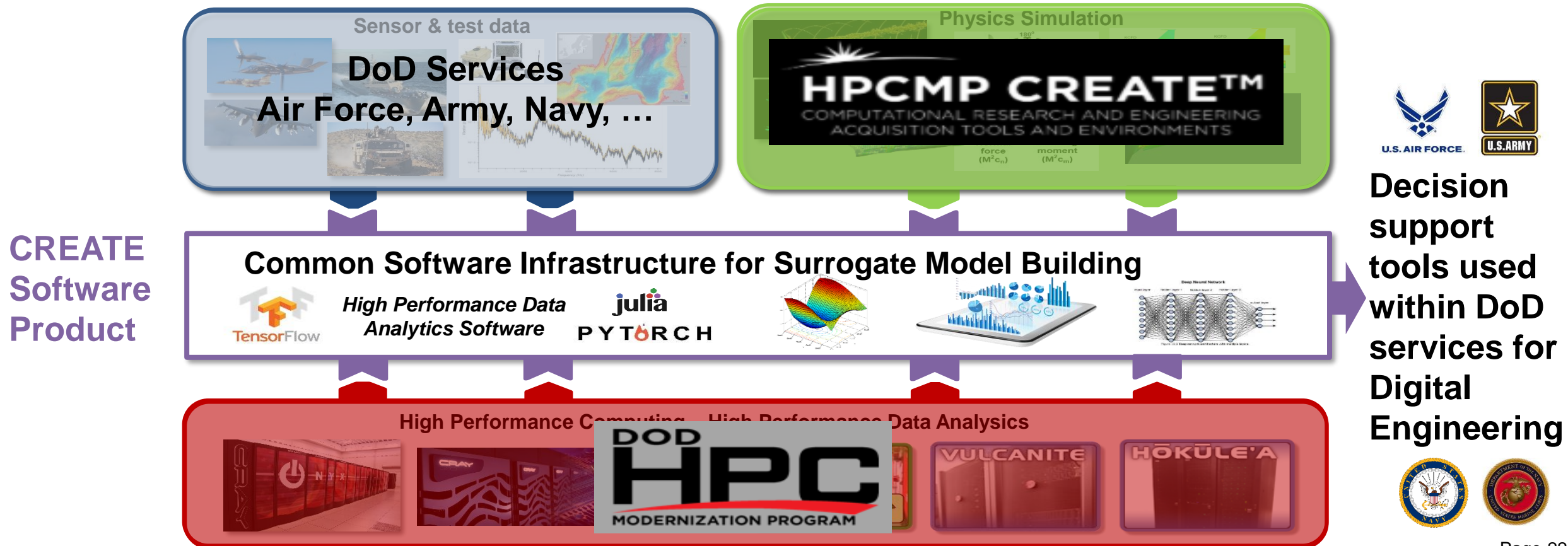


CREATE Software Product

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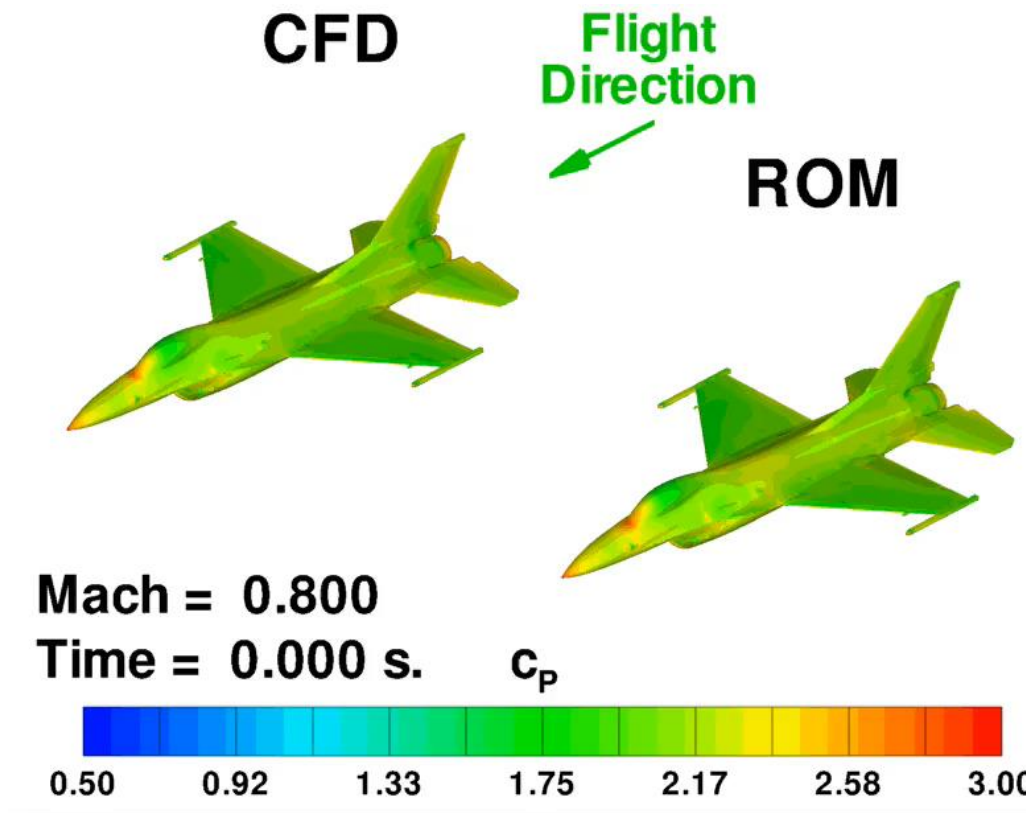
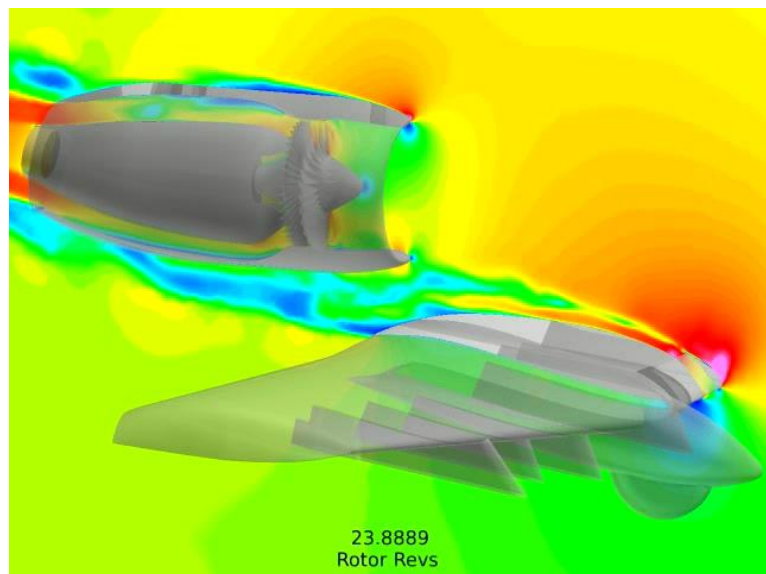
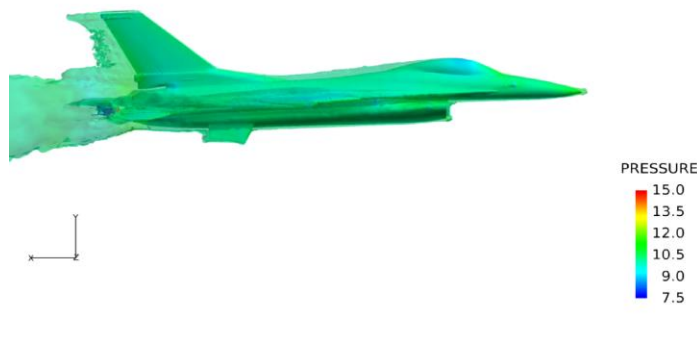
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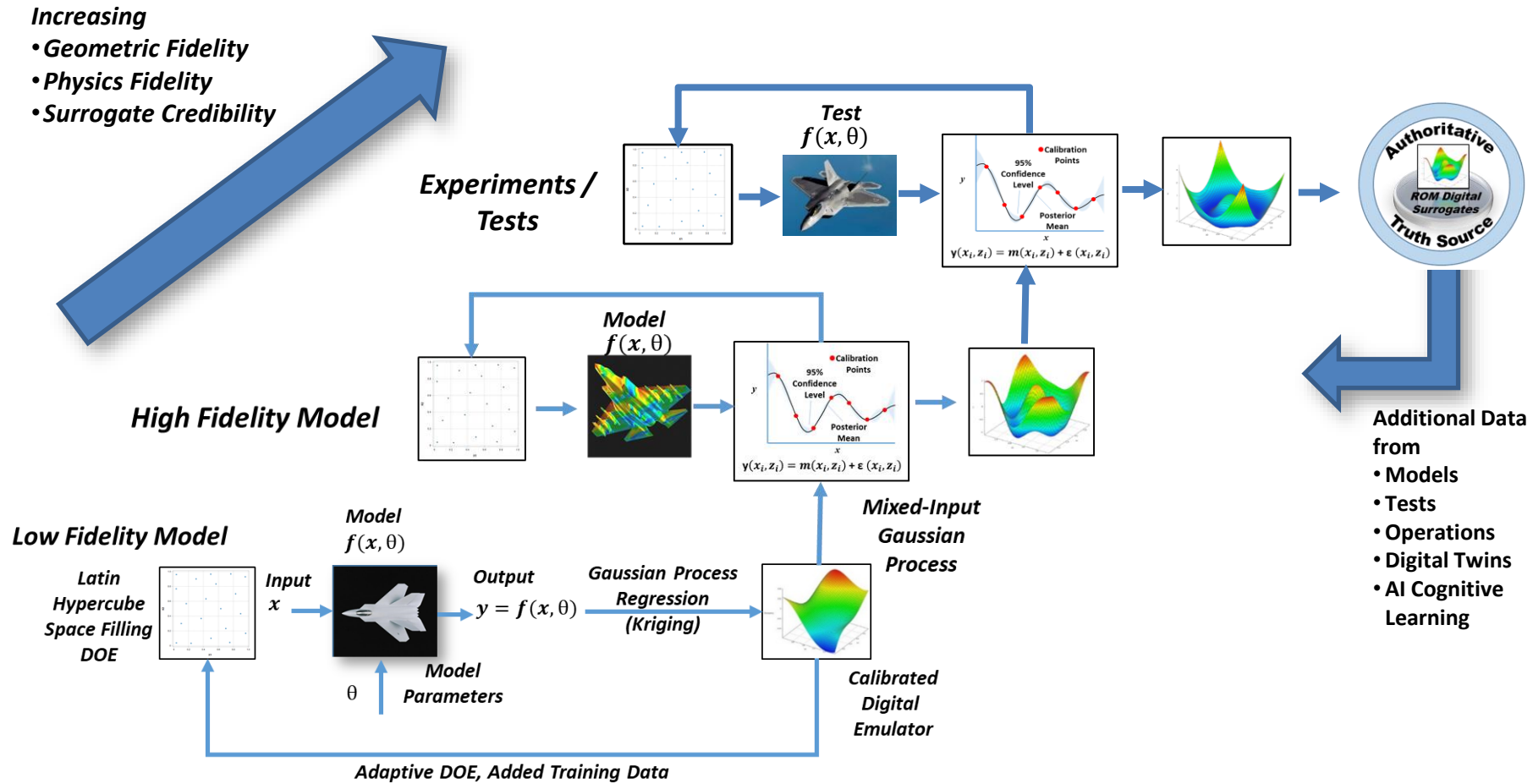


# Example of Surrogate Building Elements Reduced-Order Modeling





# Example of Developing an Authoritative Digital Surrogate Reduced Order Model for Aerodynamics



Edward M. Kraft, "Development and Application of a Digital Thread / Digital Twin Aerodynamic Performance Authoritative Truth Source," AIAA-2018-4003. Aviation Systems Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 25-29, 2018

# Concluding Remarks and Discussion

- **CREATE is a 13+ year program created to meet the needs of the acquisition community moving towards Virtual Test and Digital Engineering**
- **Kestrel is a production-quality multidisciplinary simulation tool for fixed-wing air vehicles targeting DoD acquisition professionals**
- **Kestrel strives to fill the gaps between high-fidelity physics modeling and engineering decisions while balancing usability, robustness, accuracy, and maintainability**
- **Modifications to allow a less CFD centric approach have opened up simulation capability that includes more disciplines and variations in fidelity – Direct impact on OEM developers**
- **Authoritative digital surrogates are required by the DoD Programs of Record and their creation is possible with the current and future CREATE capabilities**

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# Questions?