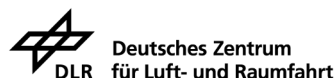




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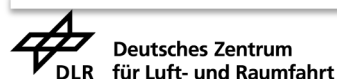
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Value-driven Optimization Campaign Addressing Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Overall Aircraft Design Domains in the Early Development Stage

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Research Objective



Identify the **“Optimum Solution”** Accounting Simultaneously for Manufacturing, Supply Chain & Aircraft Design Variables



Formulation

Methodology to perform
MDO Campaign

Results

Optimum Solution for the Design, Manufacturing
and Supply Chain of Horizontal Tail Plane



Value-driven

Multi-Domains Optimization (MDO)
Campaign

Implementation

Models & Tools to perform
MDO Campaign

Conclusion & Further Activities

Key Fundings & Way
Forward

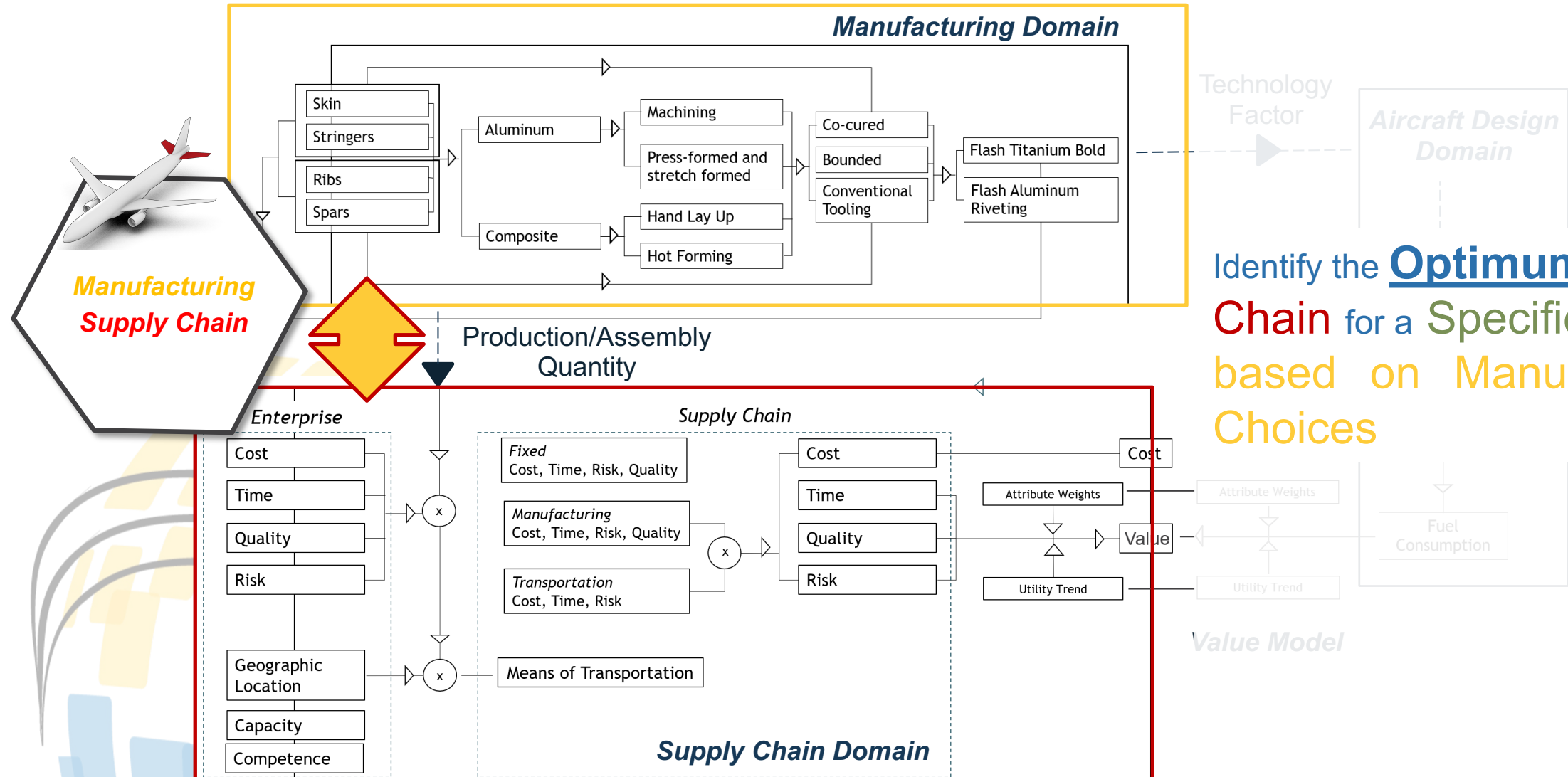
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Aircraft Domains Simultaneously

MDO Campaign

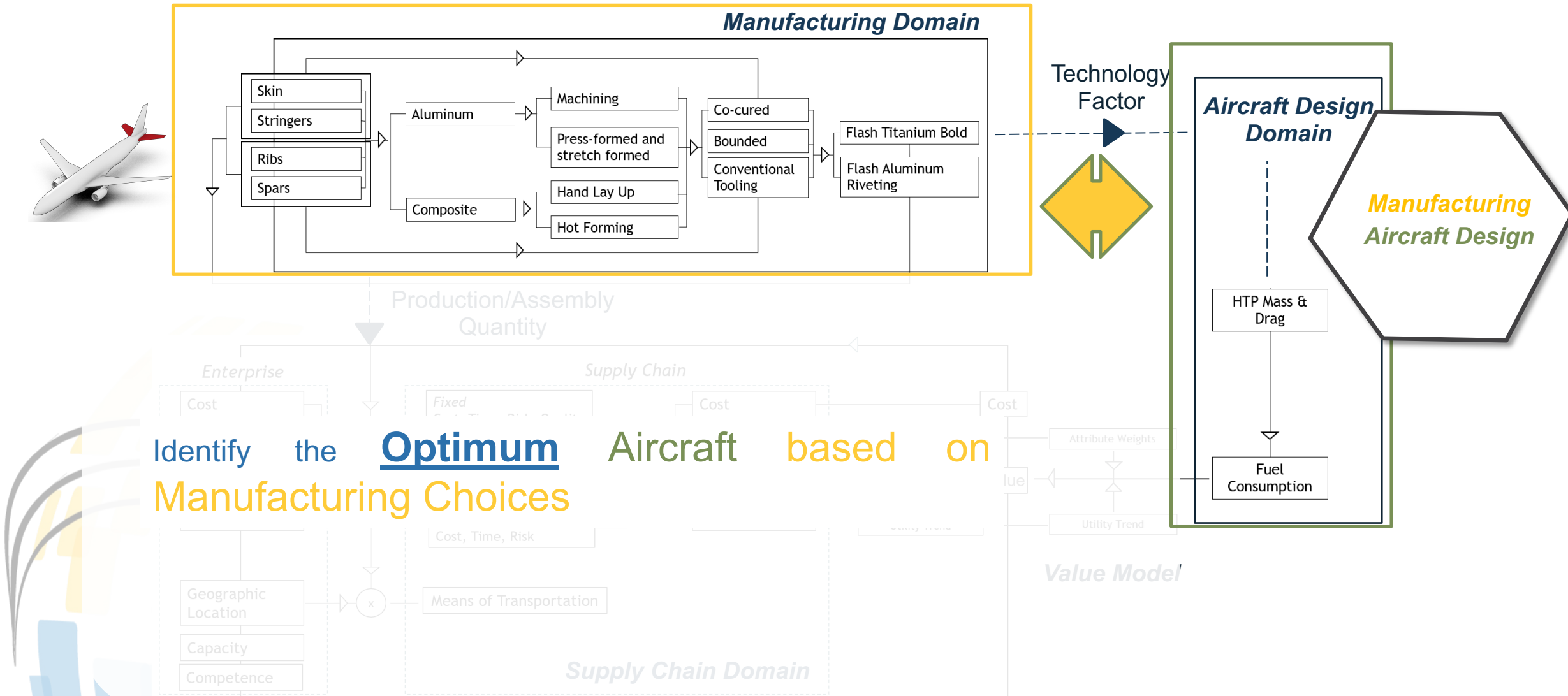
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Identify the **Optimum** Supply Chain for a Specific Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices

MDO Campaign

MDO* Problem coupling **Manufacturing** & Aircraft Design Domains



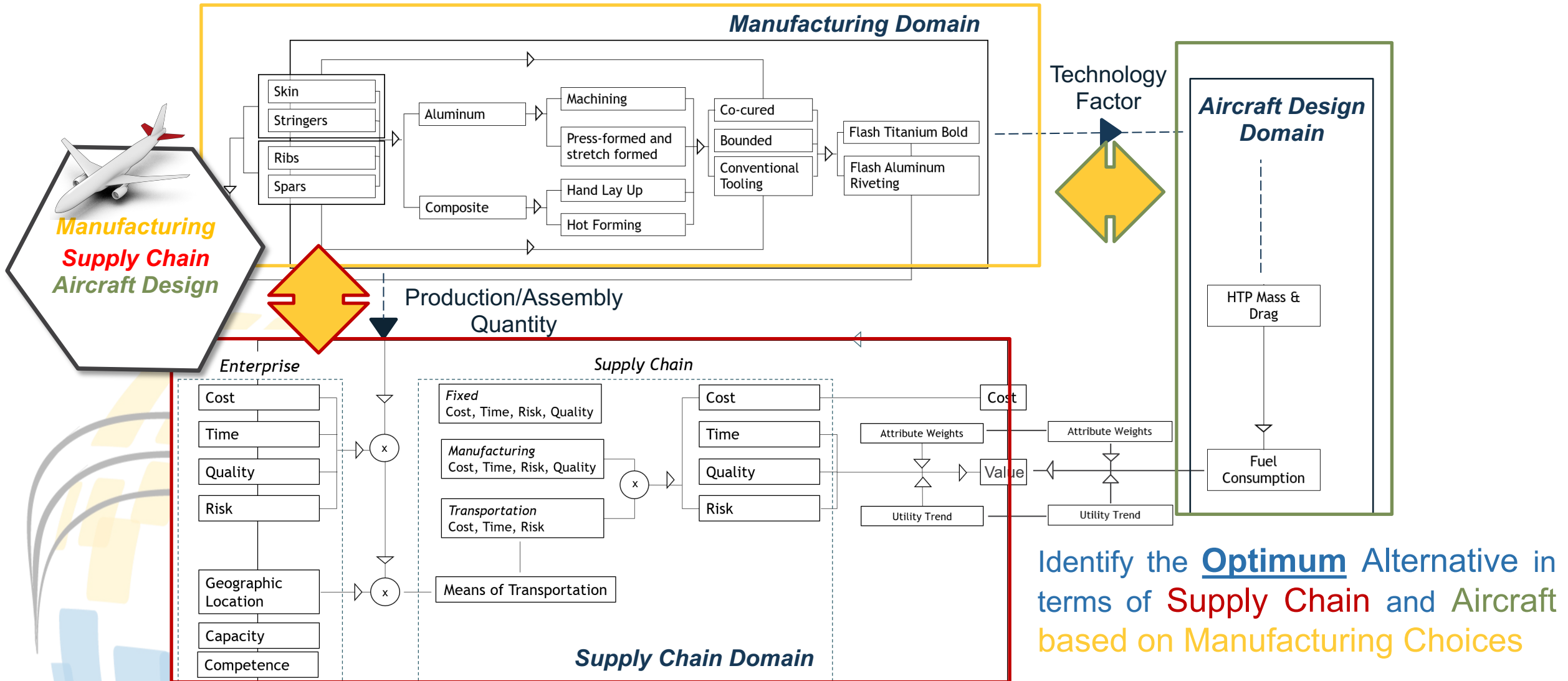
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MDO* Problem coupling Manufacturing, Supply Chain & Aircraft Design



Identify the **Optimum** Alternative in terms of **Supply Chain** and **Aircraft** based on **Manufacturing Choices**

Value-driven MDO Campaign

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Supply Chain*

Identify the Optimum **Supply Chain** for a Specific **Aircraft** based on Manufacturing Choices

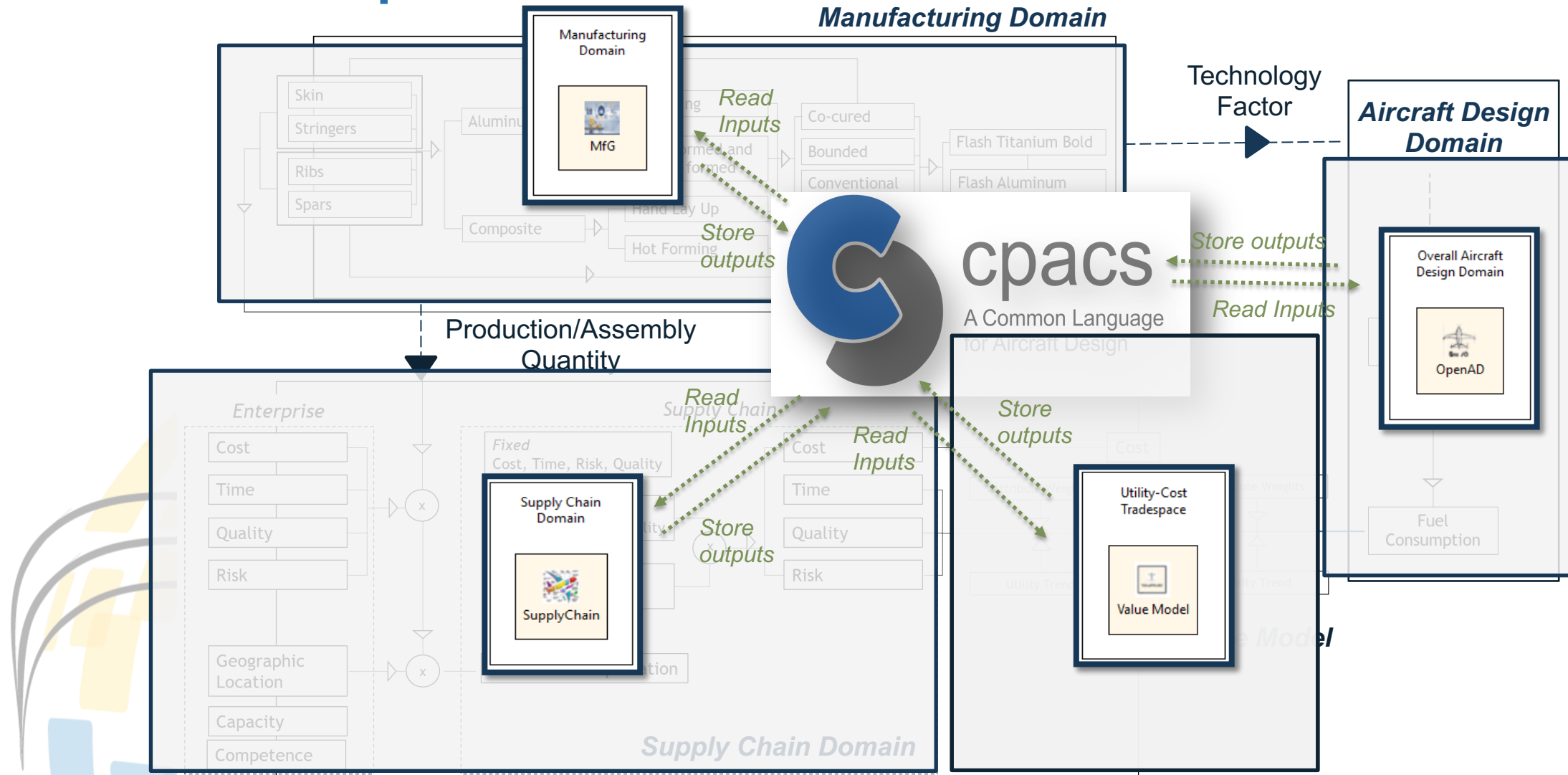
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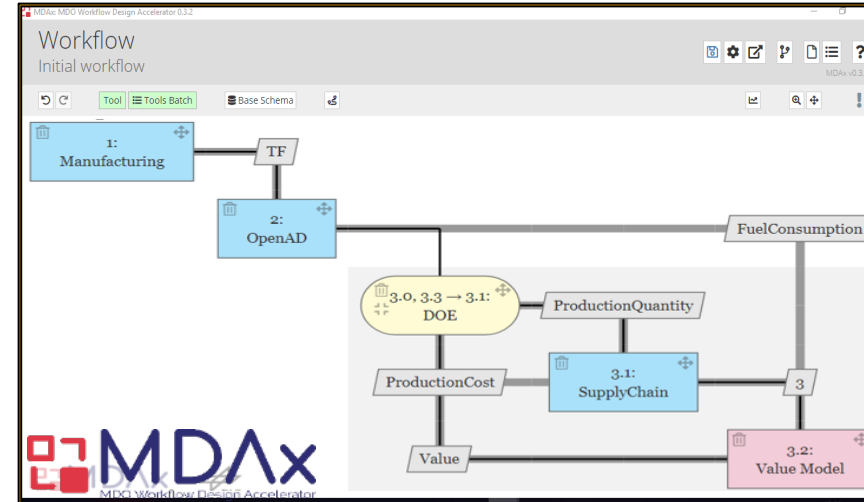
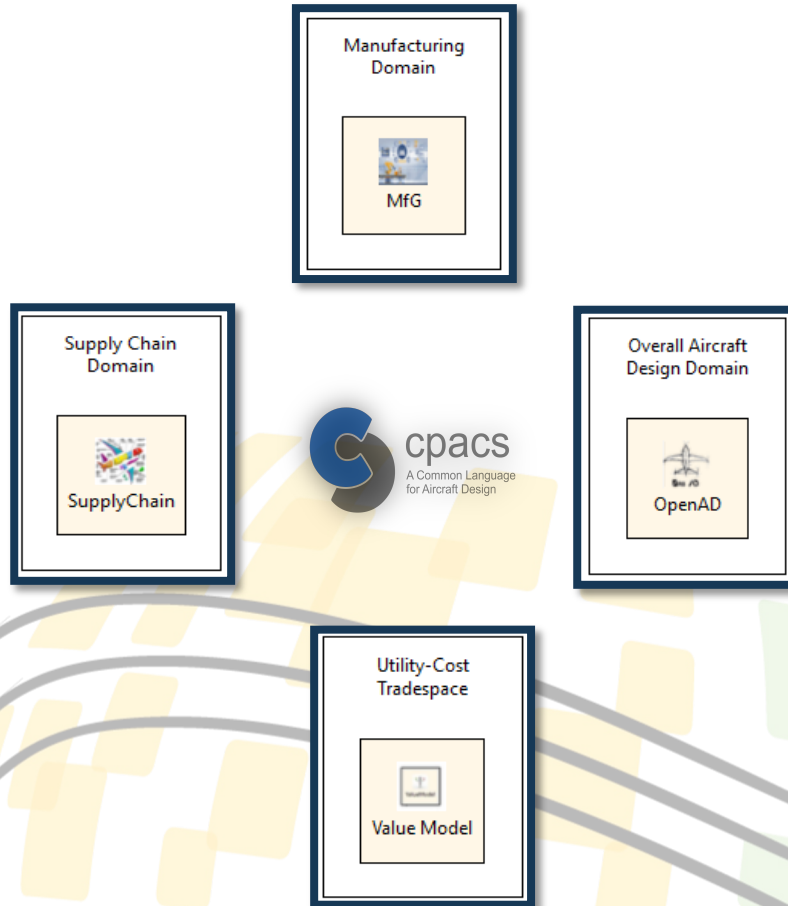
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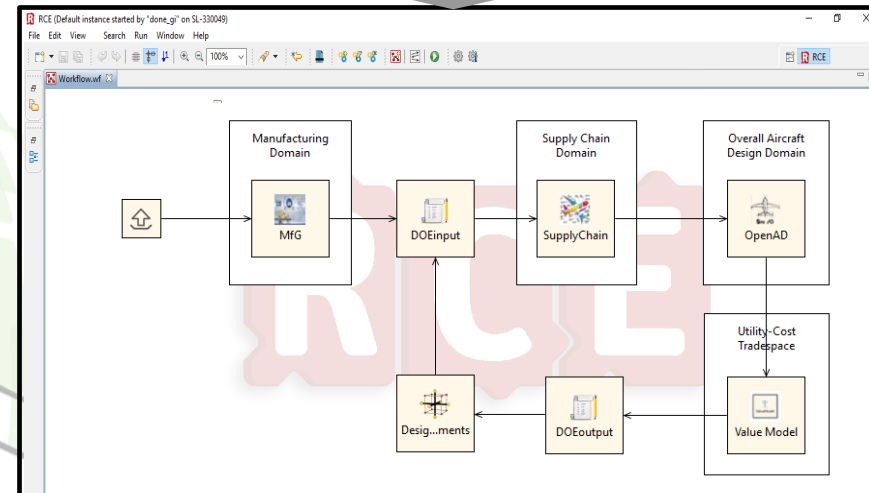
MDO Implementation



MDO Implementation



MDAx to set-up the MDO Problem



RCE to execute the MDO Problem

MDAX: Page Risueño et al., "MDAX: Agile Generation of Collaborative MDAO Workflows for Complex Systems," in AIAA AVIATION 2020

RCE: <https://rcenvironment.de/>.

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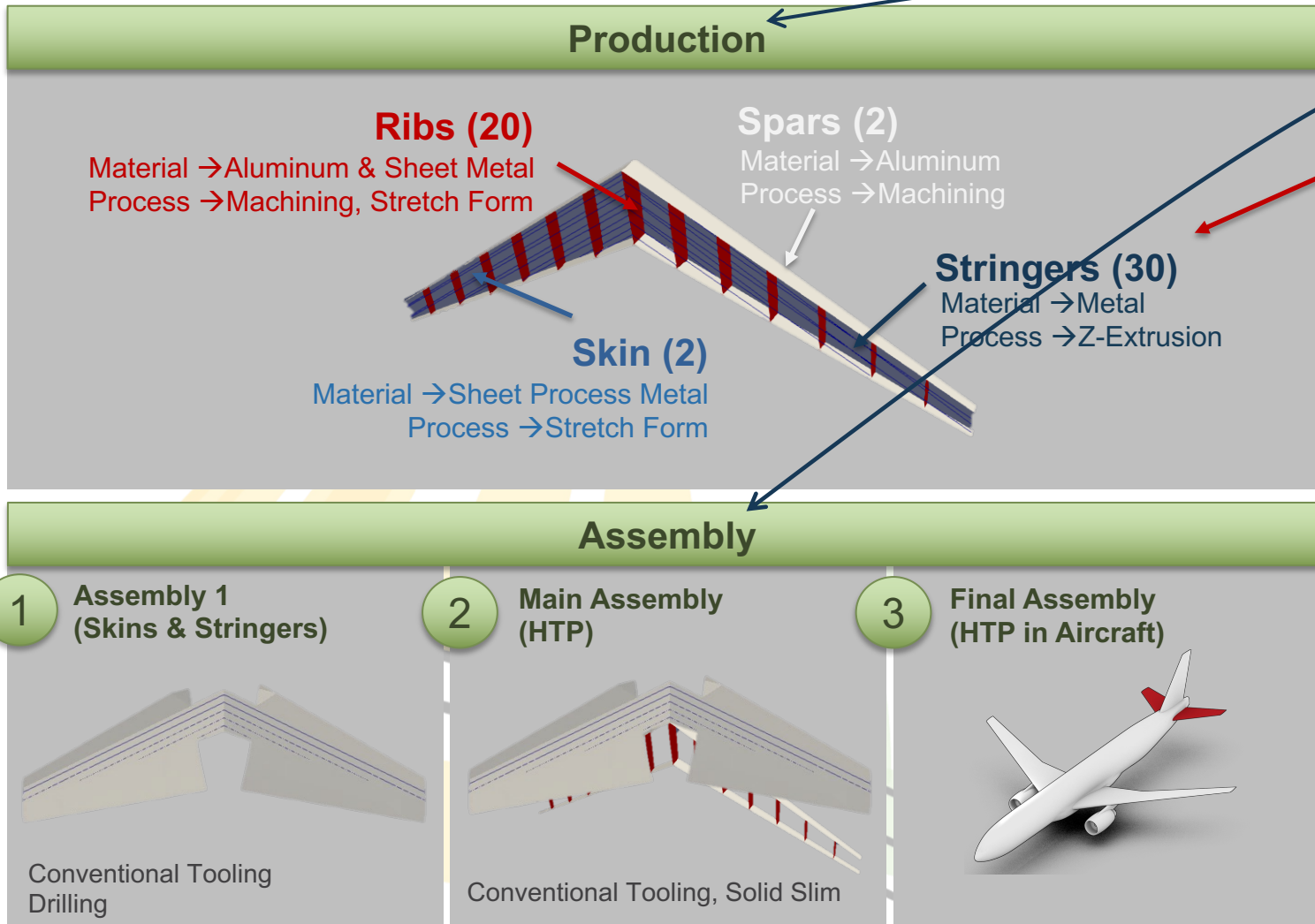
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For More Information about the optimization algorithms used: N. Bartoli, M.-A. Bouhlel, I. Kurek, R. Lafage, T. Lefebvre, J. Morlier, R. Priem, V. Stolz and R. Regis, "Improvement of efficient global optimization with application to aircraft wing design," 2016.

Manufacturing & Supply Chain MDO

Identify the Optimum **Supply Chain** for a Specific Aircraft based on **Manufacturing Choices**

Material & Process	Competence
Aluminum, Machining	6
Sheet Metal, Stretch Form	10
Metal, Z-extrusion	0
Drilling	4
Fastening	7
...	..



Supply Chain: combination of enterprises



Manufacturing & Supply Chain MDO

3 MDO Problems Executed

❖ MDO Problem 1

Production of All HTP components, Few enterprises Involved

→ Test Tools Compatibility, Explore Optimization Strategy to follow

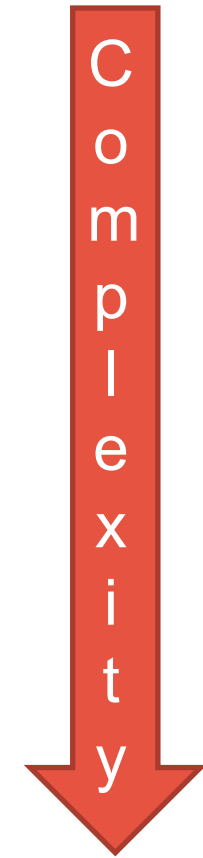
❖ MDO Problem 2

Production of Skins & Stringers, High Number of Enterprises Involved

→ Test Tool Compatibility for Remote Execution, Explore Optimization Algorithms

❖ MDO Problem 3

Production of All HTP Components & High Number of Enterprises Involved



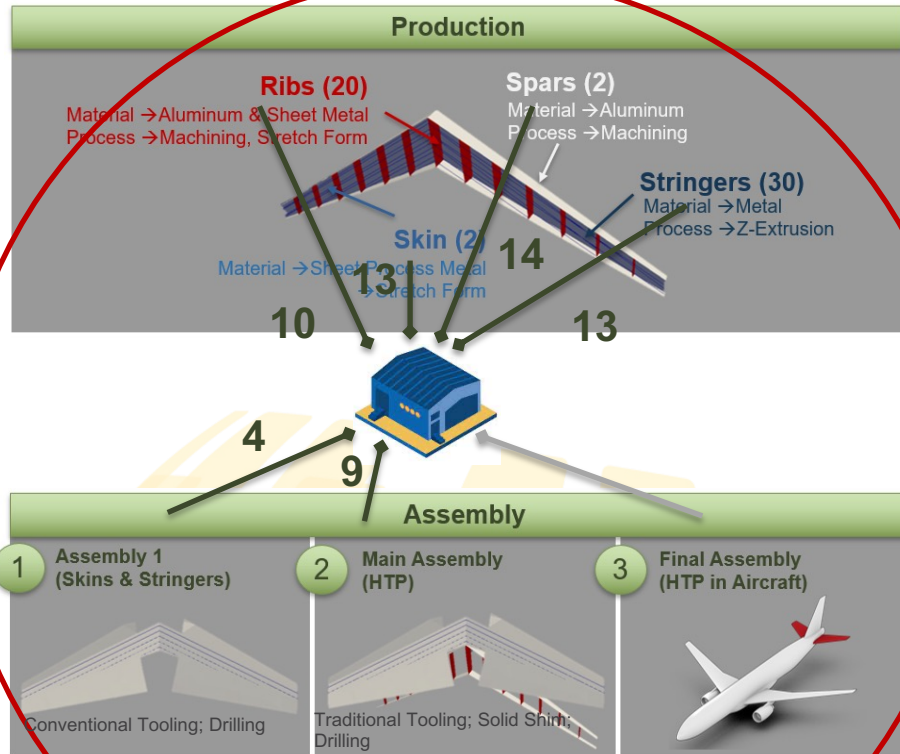
- Number of Components to be Produced
- Number of Enterprises

For More Information about the complete optimization design campaign: Merola's Master Thesis (Value-driven Optimization Campaign, 2022)



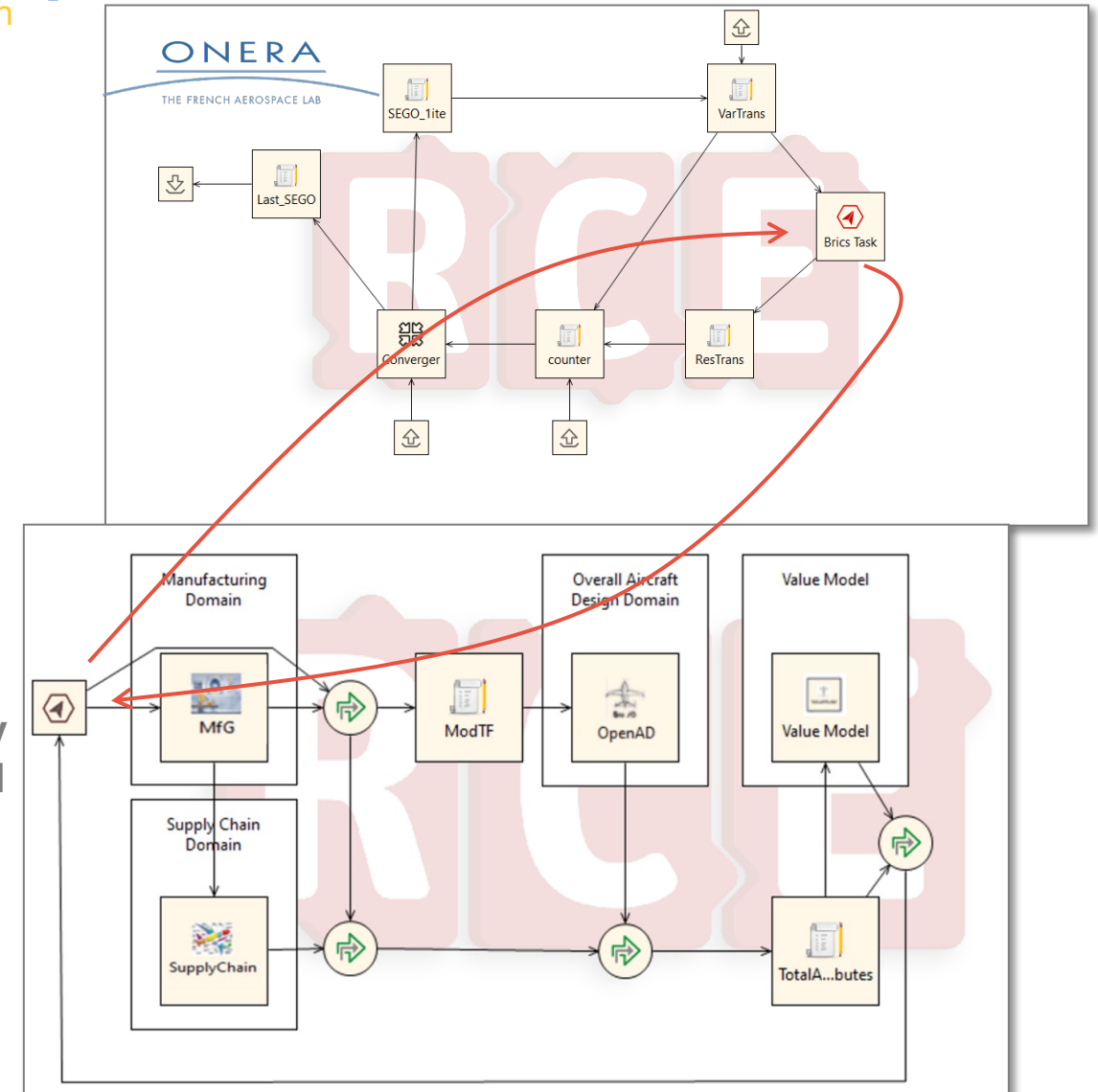
MDO Problem 3: Set-up & Execution

Identify the Optimum Supply Chain for a Specific Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices



9×10^6
Supply Chain Options

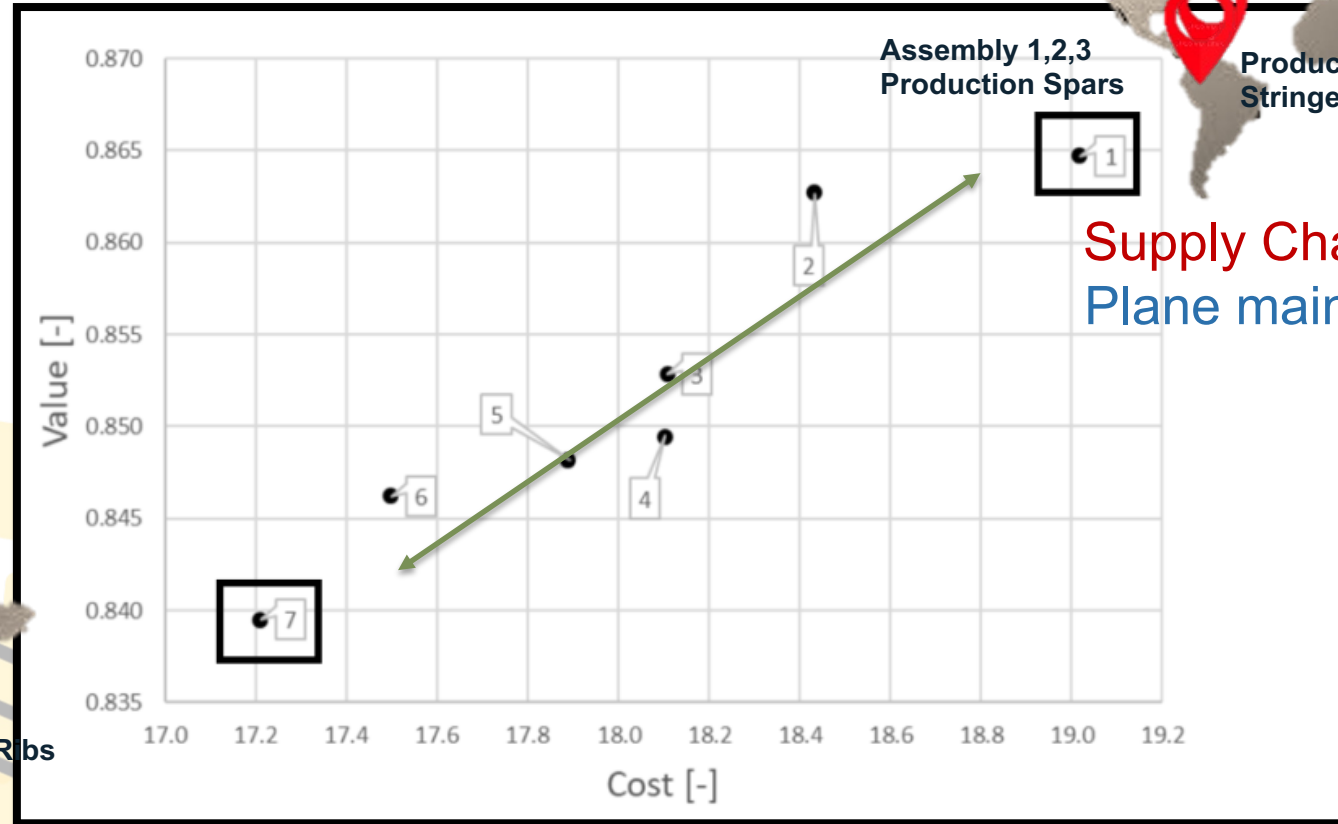
Remotely
Executed



MDO Problem 3: Value-driven Pareto-Front

Identify the Optimum Supply Chain for a Specific Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices

Supply Chain: Horizontal Tail
Plane mainly Outsourced



Supply Chain: Horizontal Tail
Plane mainly made in House



Value-driven MDO Campaign



Identify the Optimum **Supply Chain** for a Specific **Aircraft** based on **Manufacturing Choices**

- Collaborative Workflow Working
- Computational Time Increasing over MDO Problems (Increasing size)
- Limitation from Optimization Algorithms in Managing High Size MDO problems

**Manufacturing
Supply Chain**



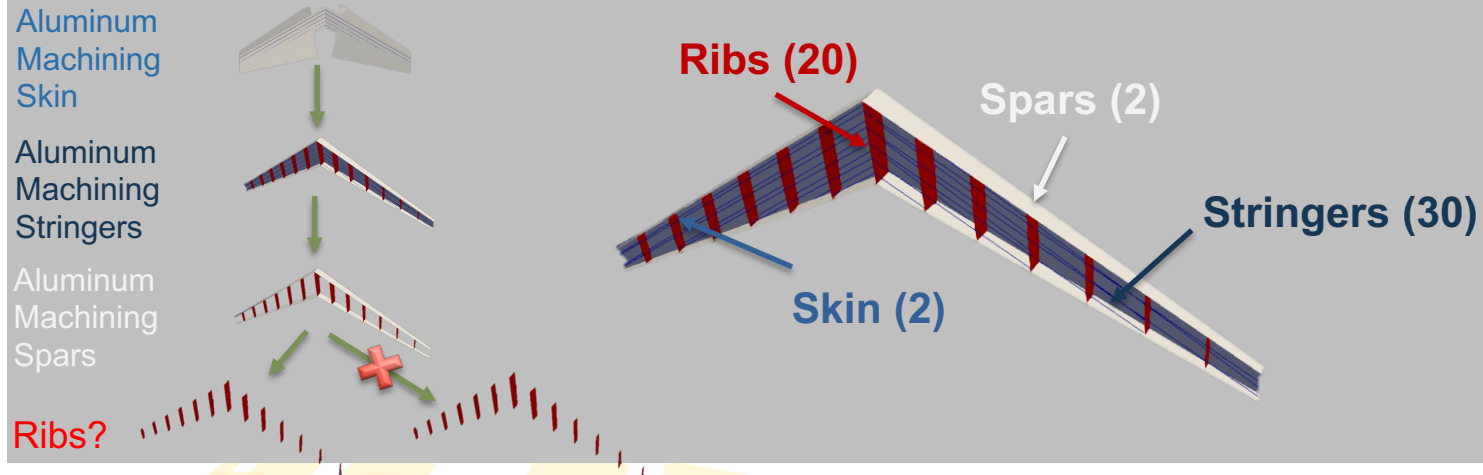
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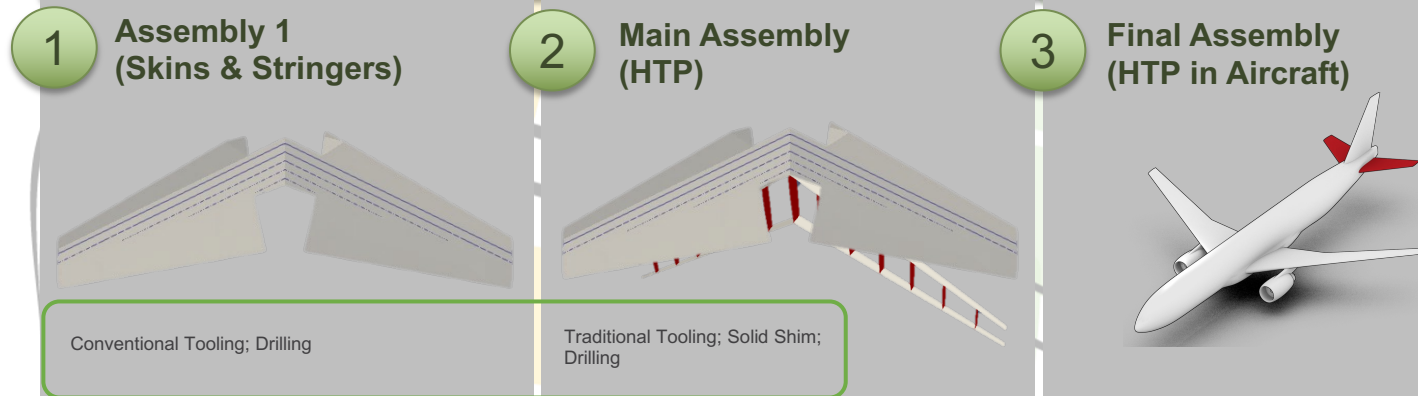
Manufacturing & Design MDO

Identify the Optimum Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices

Production



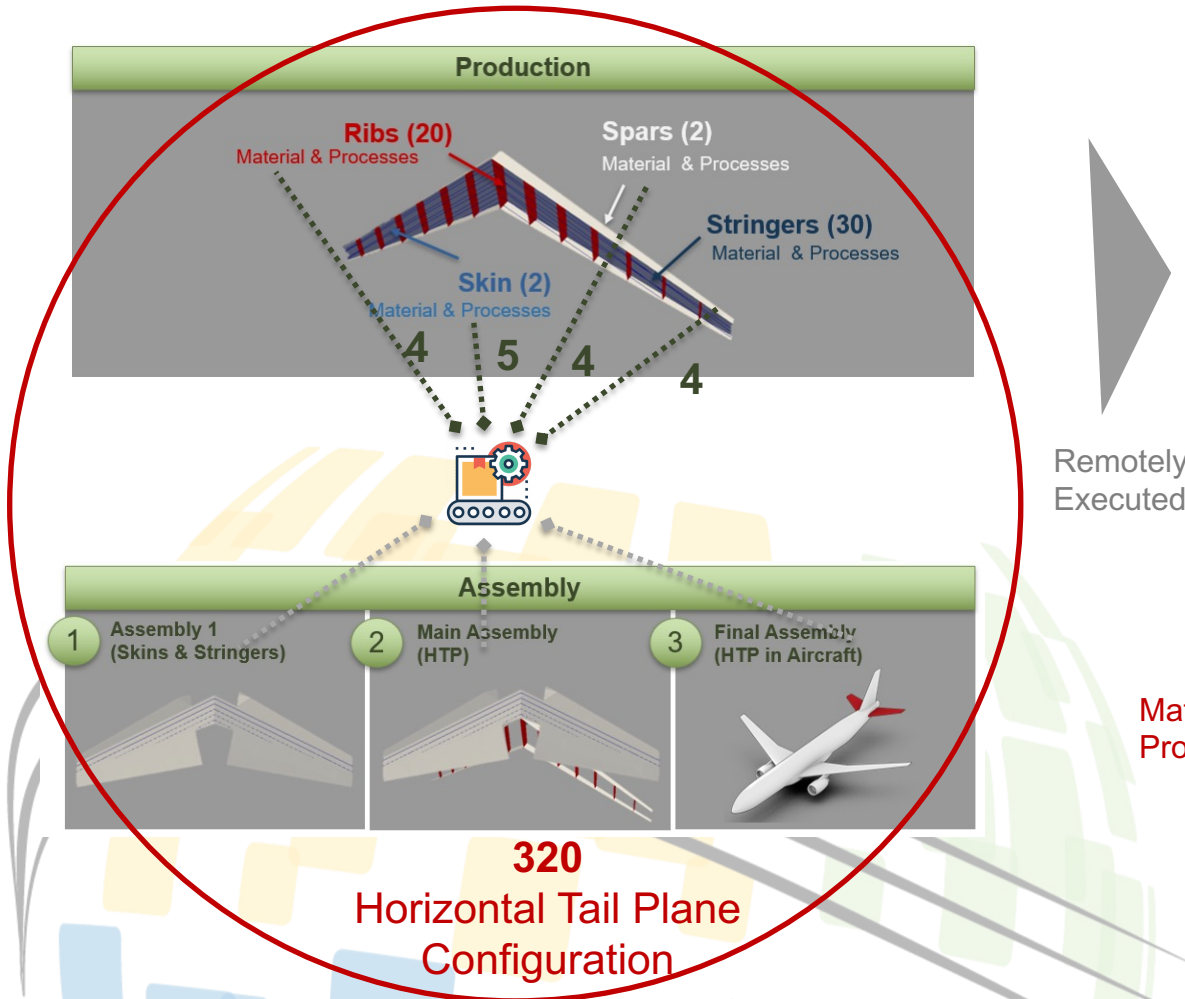
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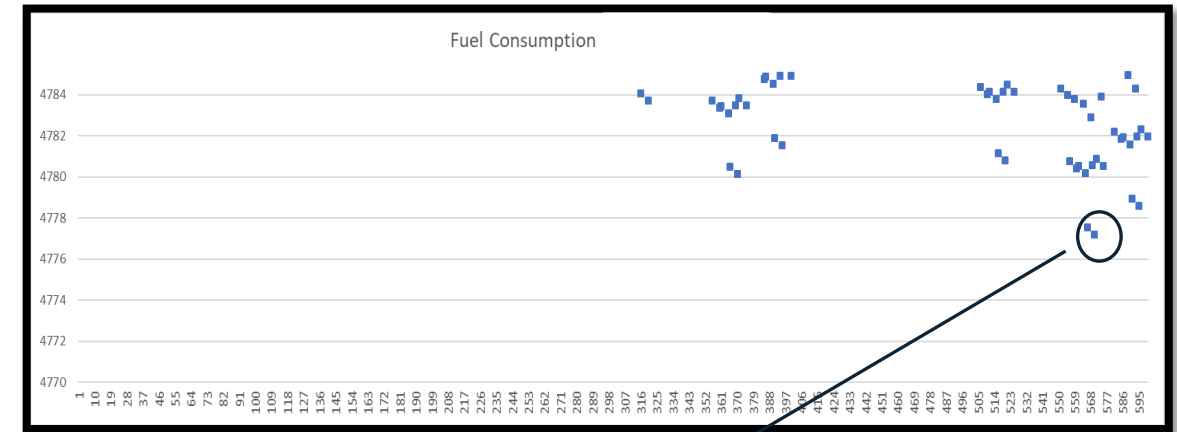
Manufacturing
Aircraft Design

Manufacturing & Design – Set-up/Execution/Results

Identify the Optimum Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices



Remotely
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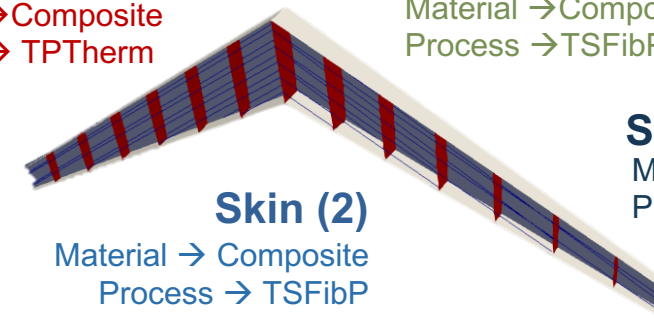
**Optimum: Aircraft with Horizontal Tail Plane
mainly made by Composite**

Ribs (20)

Material → Composite
Process → TPTerm

Spars (2)

Material → Composite
Process → TSFibPI



Skin (2)

Material → Composite
Process → TSFibP

Stringers (30)

Material → Composite
Process → TSHand

Manufacturing
Aircraft Design

Value-driven MDO Campaign



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**Manufacturing
Supply Chain**



Identify the Optimum **Aircraft** based on **Manufacturing Choices**

- Limitation in used Optimization Algorithms in managing the high number of Unfeasible Solutions (related to the choice of Materials & Processes)

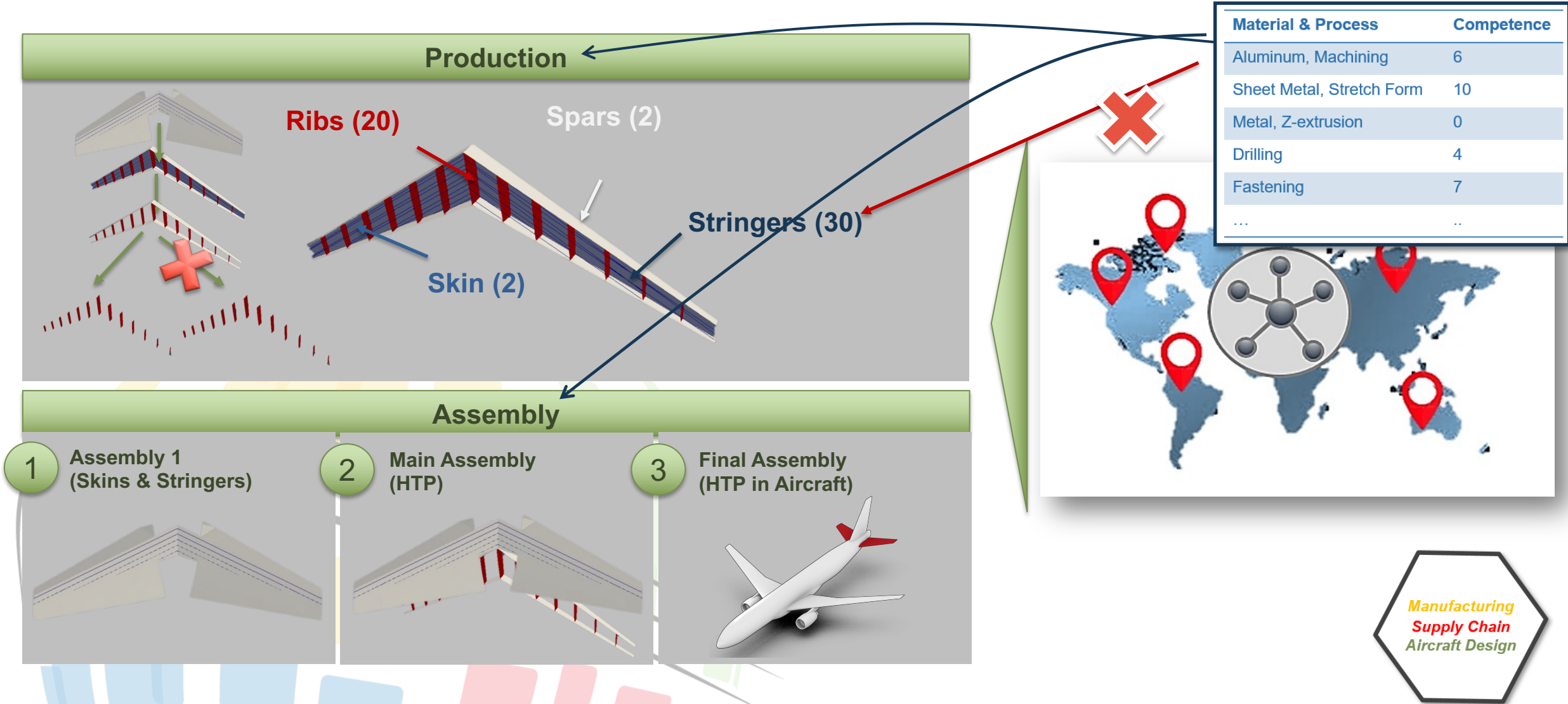
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**Manufacturing
Supply Chain
Aircraft Design**

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of **Supply Chain** and **Aircraft** based on **Manufacturing Choices**

Manufacturing, Design & Supply Chain MDO

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of Supply Chain and the Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices



Manufacturing, Design & Supply Chain MDO

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of **Supply Chain** and the **Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices**

2 MDO Problems Executed

❖ MDO Problem 1

Few Manufacturing Choices, Few enterprises Involved

→ Proof of Concept

❖ MDO Problem 2

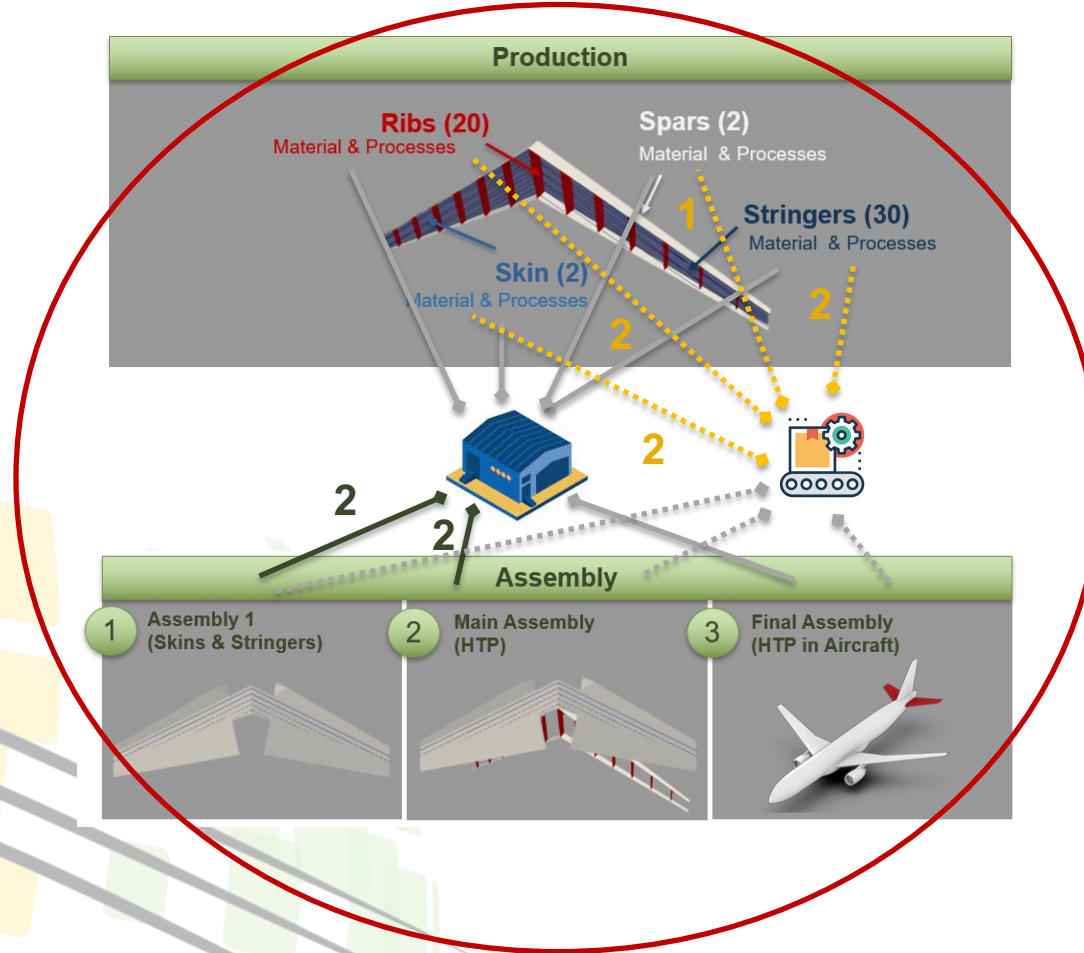
High Number of Manufacturing Choices, High Number of Enterprises Involved

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- Number of Components to be Produced
- Number of Enterprises
- Number of Materials & Processes

MDO Problem 1

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of Supply Chain and the Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices



16 Alternatives: 8 HTP configurations made by 2 Supply Chain Options

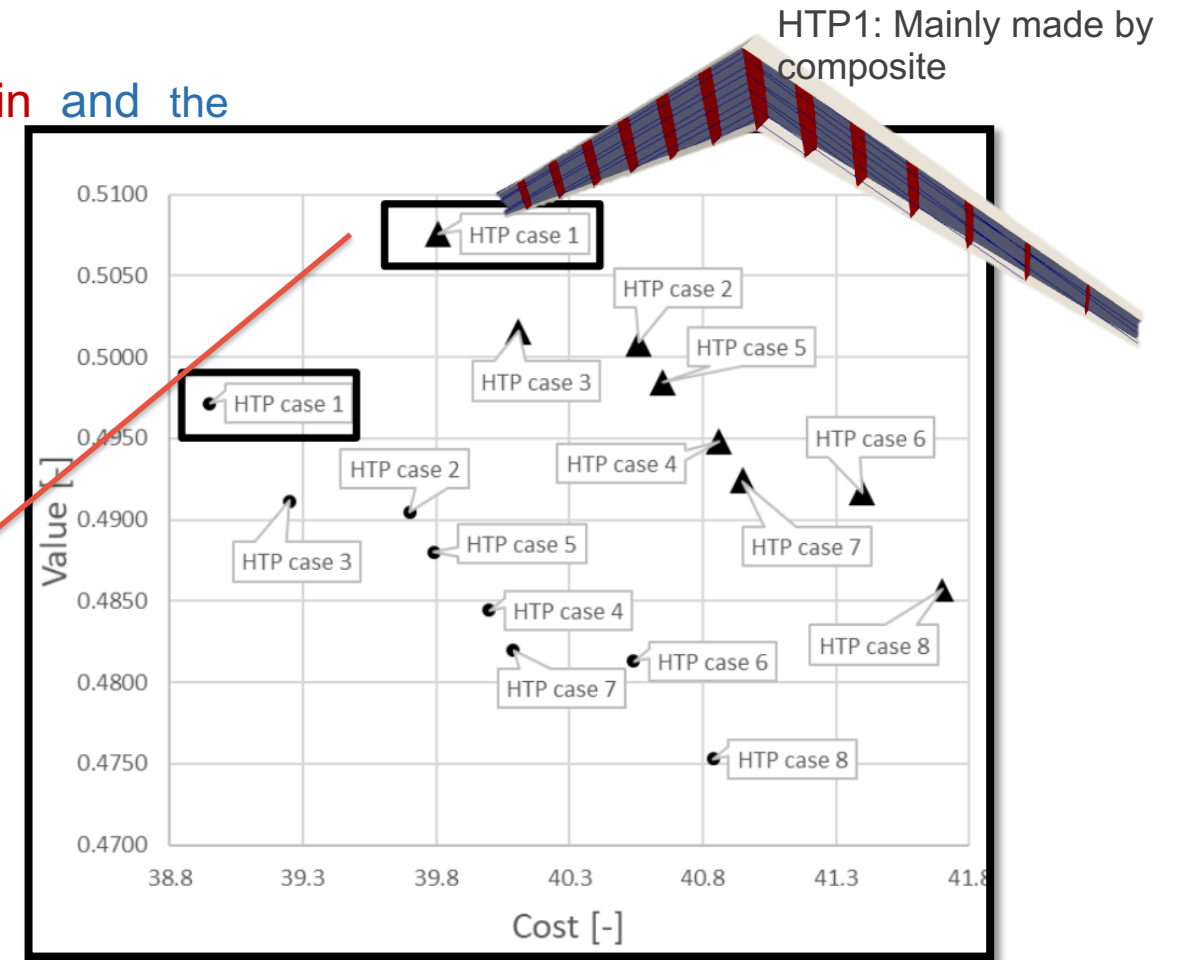
MDO Problem 1

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of Supply Chain and the Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices

Each Solution refers to an Aircraft Configuration (or Horizontal Tail Plane) and Supply Chain

HTP1 has highest value, however the one produced by Supply Chain 1 has a Higher Value than the one produced by Supply Chain 2

Optimum Performant & Competitive Aircraft!



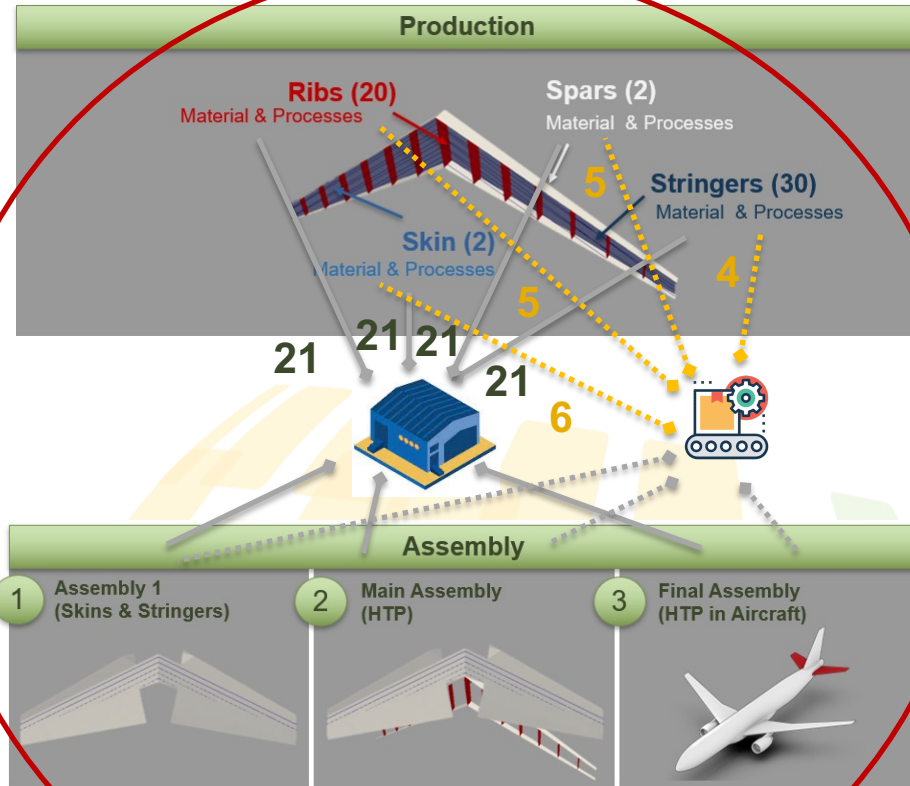
▲ Supply Chain Option 1

● Supply Chain Option 2



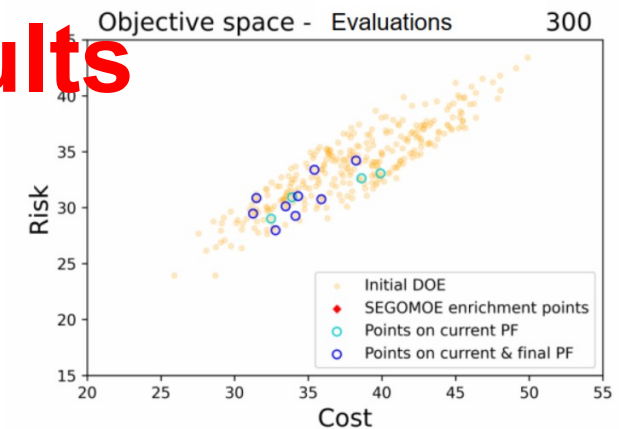
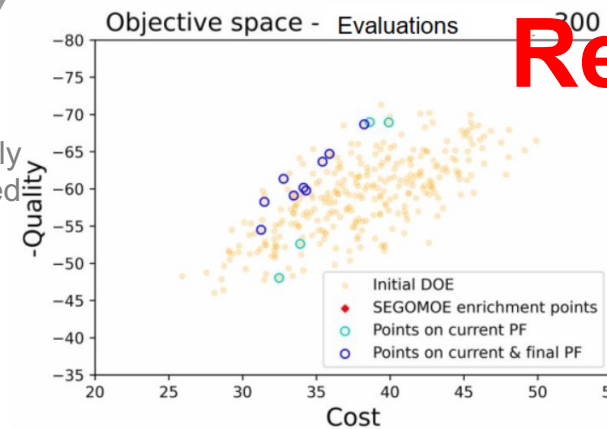
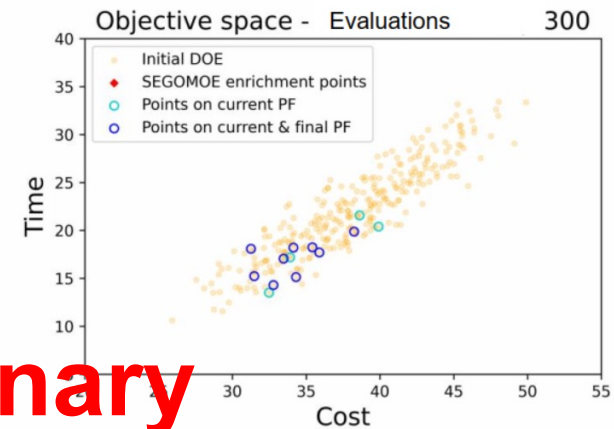
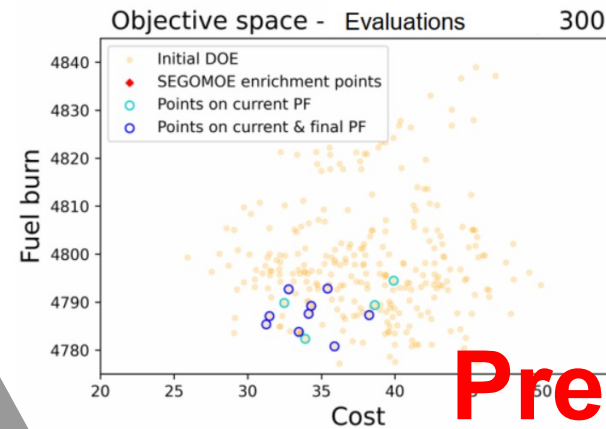
MDO Problem 2: Preliminary Results

Identify the Optimum Alternative in terms of Supply Chain and the Aircraft based on Manufacturing Choices



Each enterprise producing all components

11×10^6 Alternatives



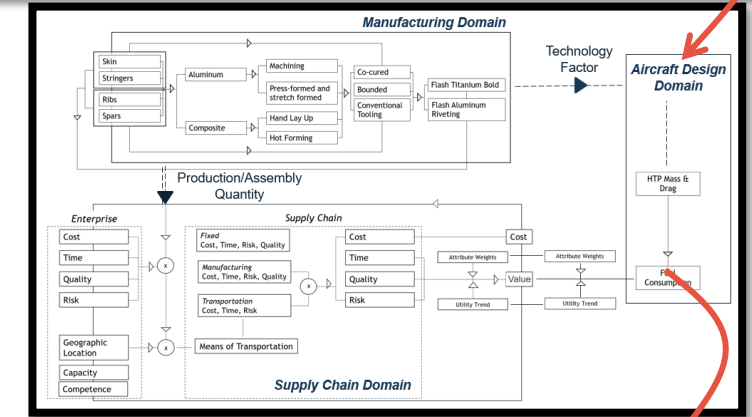
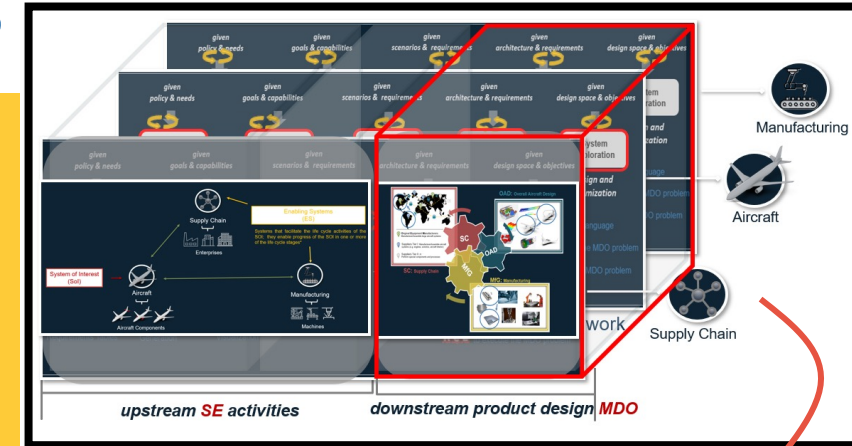
Preliminary Results

Value-driven MDO Campaign



Conclusions & Further Activities

- **Multi Domains Optimization** Campaign including Manufacturing, Supply and Aircraft Design **allows to identify the Performant and Competitive Solution**
 - **Value-driven Pareto Front** simplify the visualization of Multiple Objective Pareto-front
 - **Limitations in Optimization Capabilities** limit the Exploration of the Design Space
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- **Filter Architectures** before Addressing Multi Domains Optimization
 - **Explore other Optimization Algorithms** suitable for Multi-Domains Problem



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