SEFS Concept Selection

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Abstract

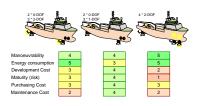
Concept selection is useful at many levels, from the customer application to the technology concept for specific functions. The Pugh matrix is a lightweight decision matrix facilitating early phase concept selections. When the design is crystallizing out, then trade-off analysis provides a more specific insight in the relation between specification and design parameters.

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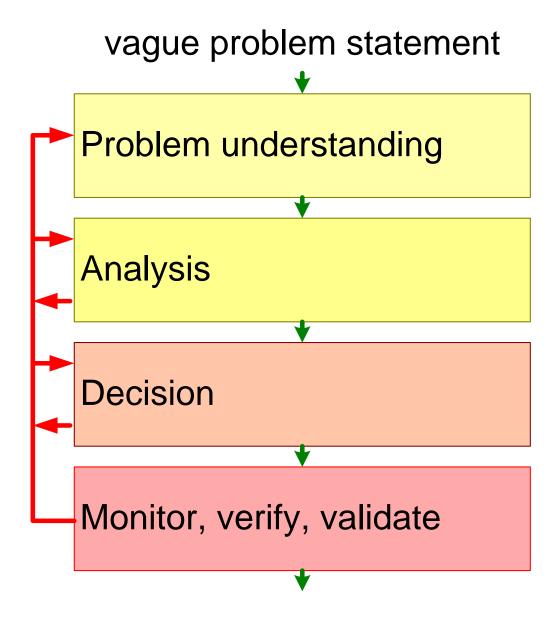
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Exploration and Analysis Flow of Concepts





Pugh Matrix: a Light-Weight Decision Matrix

Define at least 3 concepts

Define 7 to 10 criteria for selection

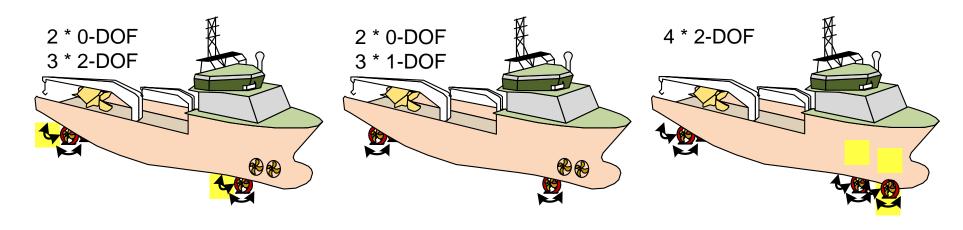
Score the concepts against the criteria, for example using a scale from 1 to 5: 1 = very poor, 5 = very good

Recommend a concept with a rationale

	concept 1	concept 2	concept 3
criterion 1	1	3	5
criterion n	4	4	2
			recommended, because



Example of Pugh Matrix

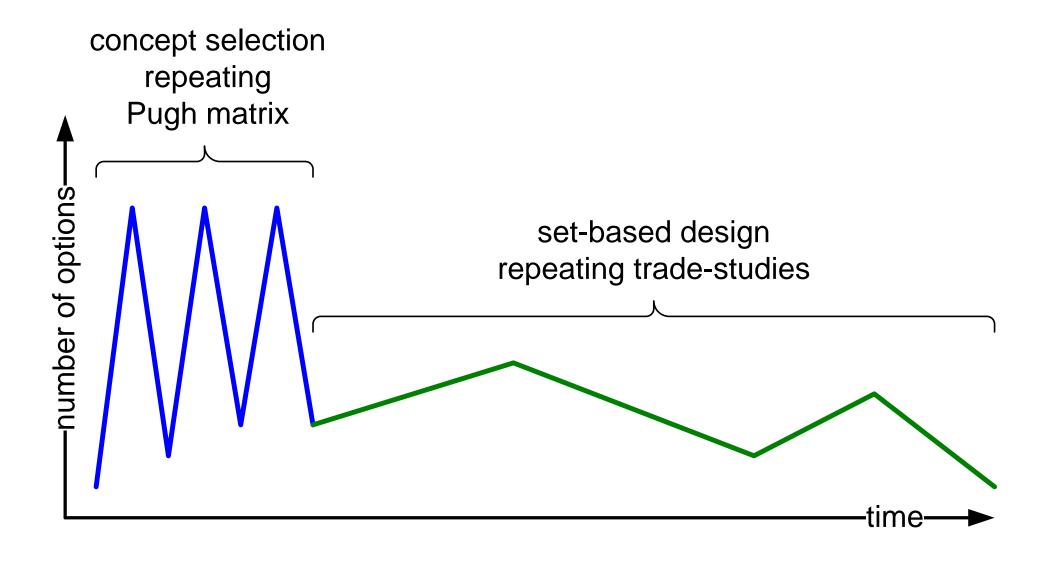


Manoeuvrability
Energy consumption
Development Cost
Maturity (risk)
Purchasing Cost
Maintenance Cost

4
3
4
4
4
4

5	
5	
2	
1	
3	
2	

Repeated Divergence and Convergence





Set-based Design

