

# ROBUST OPTIMIZATION AND SELECTION FOR UNDERSEA WARHEAD DESIGN





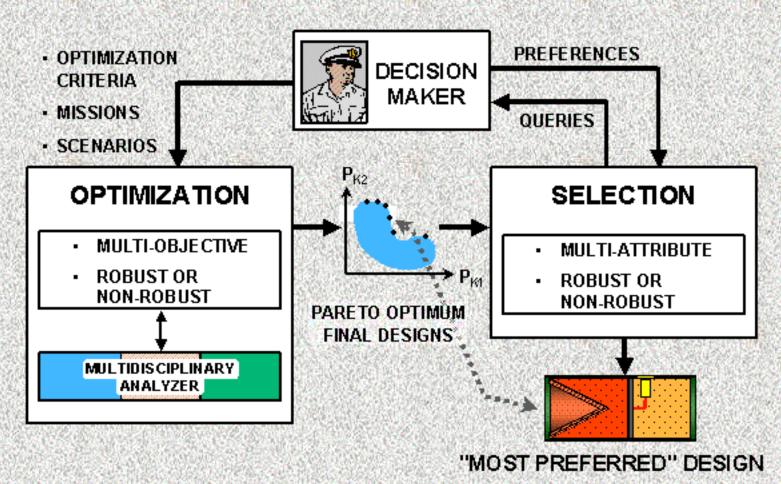
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#### Overview

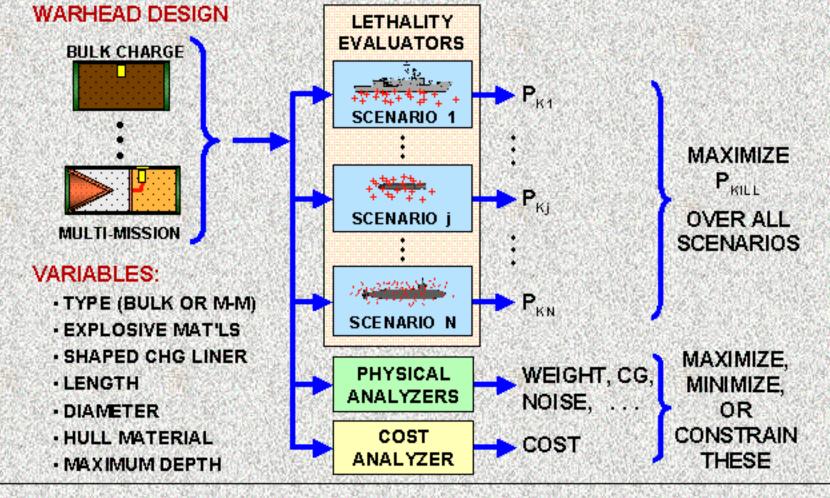
- OBJECTIVE: TO GET THE "BEST" DESIGN THAT CAN ABSORB VARIABILITY IN UNCONTROLLABLE PARAMETERS
- WE HAVE ADOPTED A TWO-STEP APPROACH ("FRAMEWORK")
  - OPTIMIZATION -- OBTAINING ROBUST PARETO DESIGN SOLUTIONS WHICH MAXIMIZE PROBABILITY OF KILL, P<sub>K</sub>, IN ALL SCENARIOS WHILE ACCOUNTING FOR VARIABILITY
  - SELECTION -- FINDING "ROBUST PREFERRED DESIGN(S)"
    - PRESUMES 'DECISION MAKER' HAS AN UNEXPRESSED "VALUE FUNCTION" WITH VARIABILITY

HERE, OUR FOCUS IS ON UNDERSEA WARHEAD DESIGN (CONCEPT-LEVEL), BUT OUR METHODS ARE GENERAL.

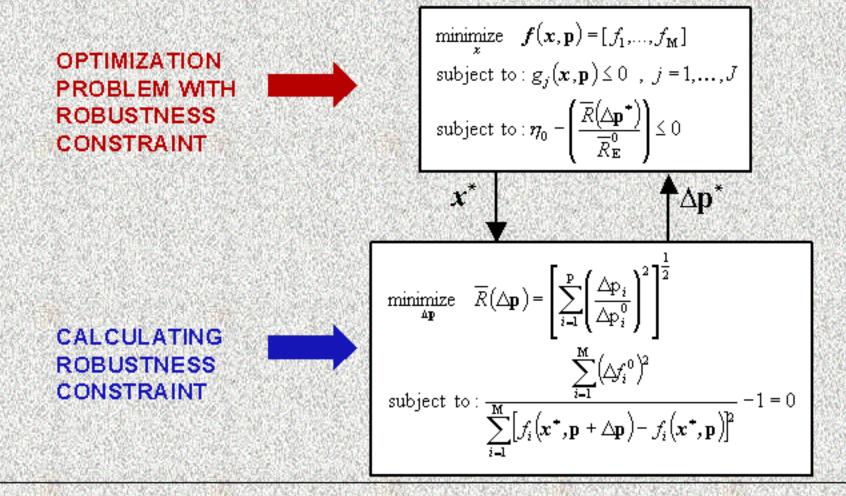
### **Framework**



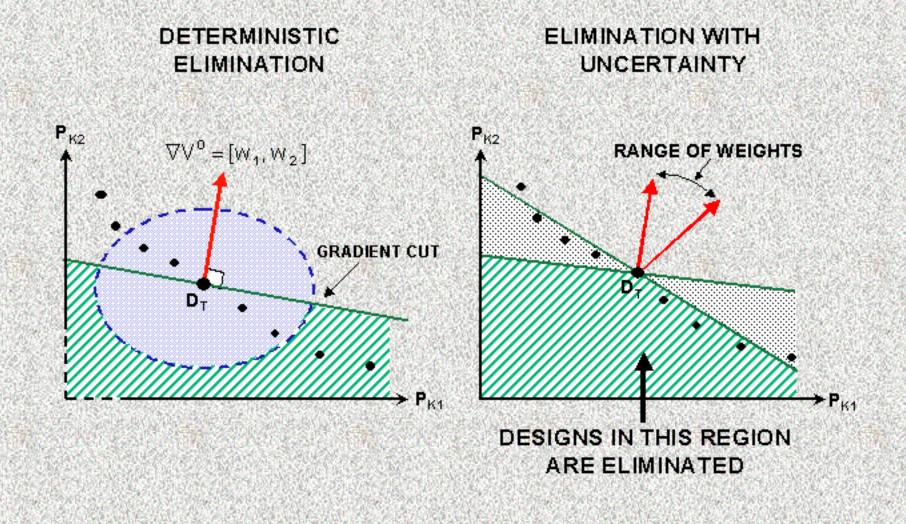
## **Undersea Warhead Design**



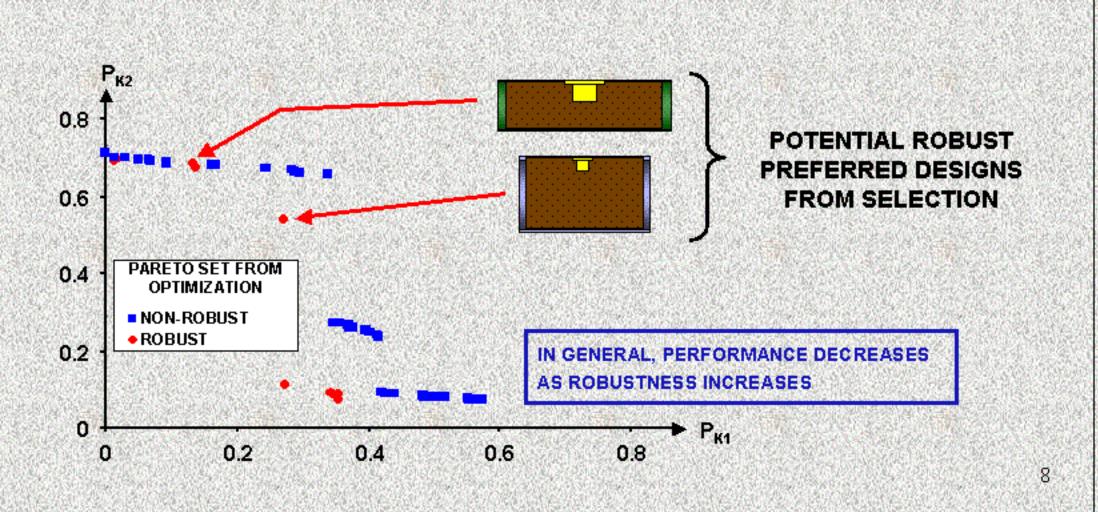
# **Robust Optimization**



# Elimination of Less Preferred Designs



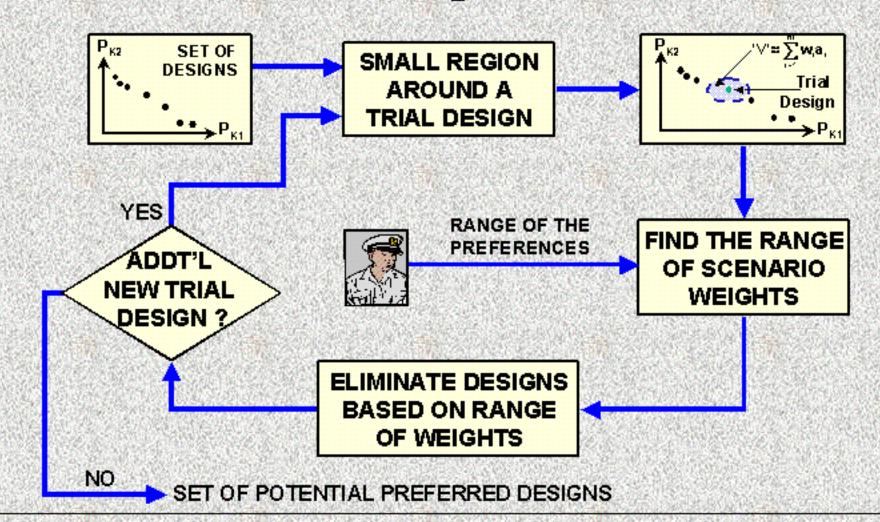
# Warhead Optimization and Selection



## **Current Investigations**

- ROBUST OPTIMIZATION
  - VARIABILITY COMES FROM UNCERTAINTY IN EVALUATION OF OBJECTIVES (WE FOCUS ON P<sub>K</sub>'s)
  - UNCERTAINTY GROWS FOR PROJECTIONS OF FUTURE CAPABILITIES OR THREATS
- ROBUST SELECTION
  - VARIABILITY COMES FROM:
    - INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DECISION MAKER
    - DECISION MAKER'S INHERENT UNCERTAINTY

#### **Robust Selection**



## Summary

- OUR ROBUST OPTIMIZATION METHOD ACCOUNTS FOR VARIABILITY IN DESIGN OBJECTIVES, IS NON-GRADIENT BASED, AND DOES NOT NEED PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION OF UNCONTROLLABLE PARAMETERS
- OUR ROBUST SELECTION METHOD ACCOUNTS FOR VARIABILITY IN DECISION MAKER'S TRADEOFF PREFERENCES, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE KNOWING THE FORM OF VALUE FUNCTION AS LONG AS IT IS QUASI-CONCAVE