

Thermodynamics & Heat Transfer Track

Comprehensive Understanding of Energy Systems Design & Analysis

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Program Overview & Core Topics

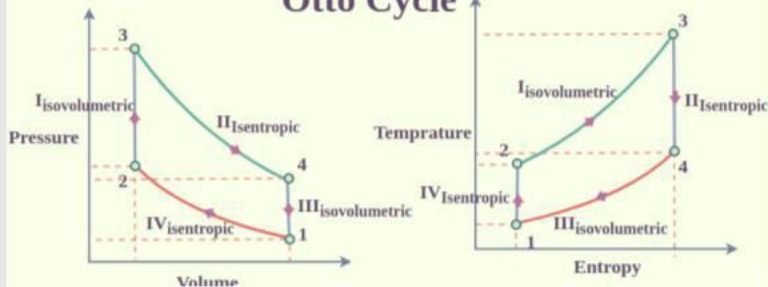


Program Goal: Design & Analyze Energy Systems

This program equips participants with essential skills to model and optimize energy systems through a deep dive into thermal engineering principles for efficient energy generation, conversion, and exchange.



P-V and T-S Diagram of Otto Cycle



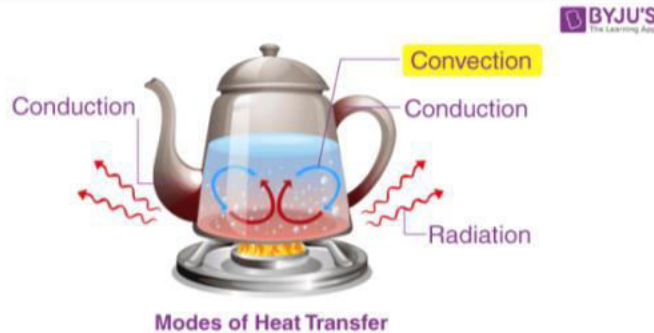
Thermodynamics Laws & Cycles

Fundamental Principles

Power Cycles

Study of fundamental laws governing energy, entropy, and equilibrium in physical systems.

Focus on understanding cycles (Otto, Diesel, Rankine) used to transform heat



Heat Transfer Modes & Applications

Conduction

Convection

Radiation

Exploration of heat transfer mechanisms: conduction, convection, and thermal radiation.

Understanding how thermal energy flows is critical for designing diverse engineering



Refrigeration & AC Basics

Cooling Principles

Vapor Compression

Introduction to the fundamental principles behind refrigeration and air conditioning systems.

Focus on vapor-compression cycles and their application in climate control and

Phase 1: Foundational & Core Concepts (Online)

Duration: Months 1 & 2 (Online Learning)

Month 1 Goal: Master Thermodynamics Fundamentals & Cycles

Energy Laws

System Behavior

Efficiency

Thermodynamics Principles: Delve into the fundamental laws governing energy, entropy, and equilibrium. Understand how these principles dictate the feasibility and limits of energy conversion.

Power Cycles: Focus on analyzing various thermodynamic cycles (e.g., Rankine, Otto, Diesel). Learn their application in heat engines and heat pumps for efficient work production.

Month 2 Goal: Understand Heat Transfer Modes & Applications

Conduction

Convection

Radiation

Thermal Exchange

Heat Transfer Mechanisms: Explore the three primary modes of thermal energy transfer: conduction, convection, and radiation. Analyze their characteristics in real-world systems.

Engineering Applications: Apply principles to practical scenarios, including the design and optimization of heat exchangers, HVAC systems, and industrial processes where thermal exchange is critical.

Month 1: Thermodynamics Fundamentals

Goal: Master core laws, property analysis, and cycle principles.

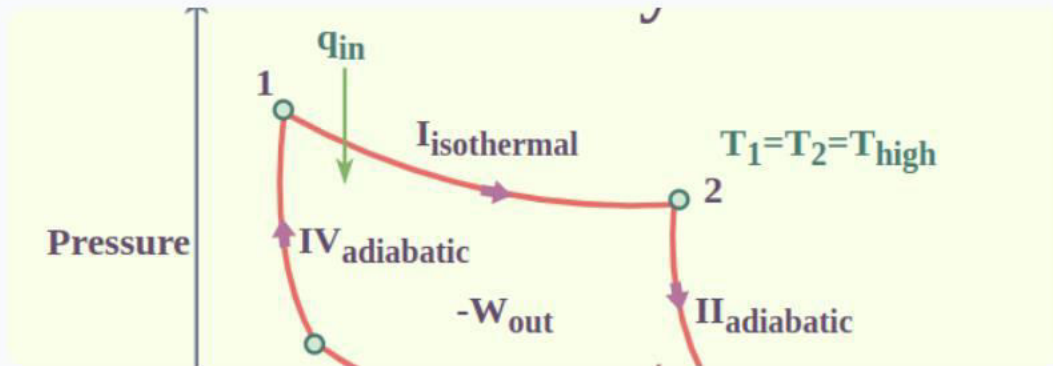


Week 1: Introduction to Thermodynamics & Zeroth/First Law

Basic Concepts

Energy Balance

Hands-on



- › Dive into core principles: systems, control volumes, state variables (P, T, V), and processes.
- › Explore the Zeroth Law (thermal equilibrium) and master the First Law (energy conservation, heat/work transfer).



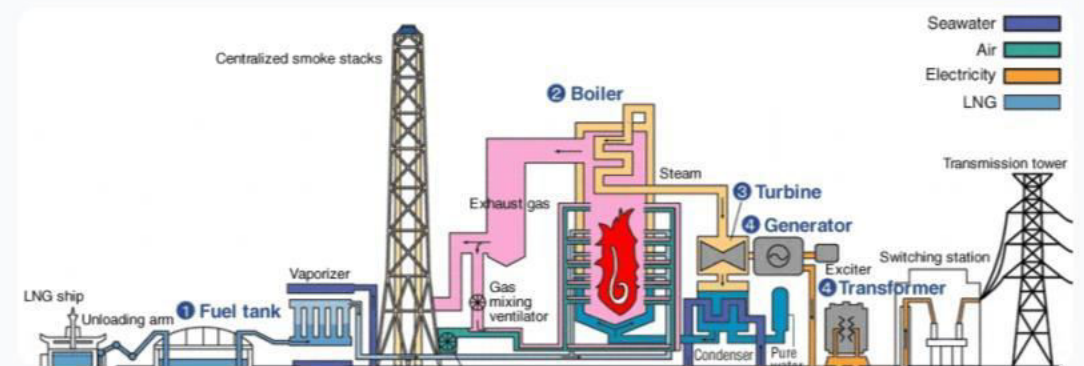
Week 2: Properties of Pure Substances & Steam Tables

Phase Diagrams

Property Tables

Ideal Gas Law

Hands-on



- › Study properties of pure substances (water/steam) and learn to interpret phase diagrams (T-v, P-v).
- › Develop proficiency using Steam Tables to determine thermodynamic states and properties.
- › Understand and apply the Ideal Gas Law for analyzing

Month 1: Advanced Thermodynamics & Cycles

Deep Dive into Energy Principles & Power Generation

Week 3: Second & Third Law & Entropy

Entropy

Irreversibility

Energy Quality

Second Law: Explore its implications on heat transfer direction and the efficiency limits of thermal systems.

Entropy & Increase Principle: Understand entropy as a measure of disorder and why it increases in isolated systems during irreversible processes.

Hands-on Balance: Apply theory by performing entropy balance calculations for various thermodynamic systems in practical exercises.



Week 4: Thermodynamic Power Cycles

Carnot Cycle

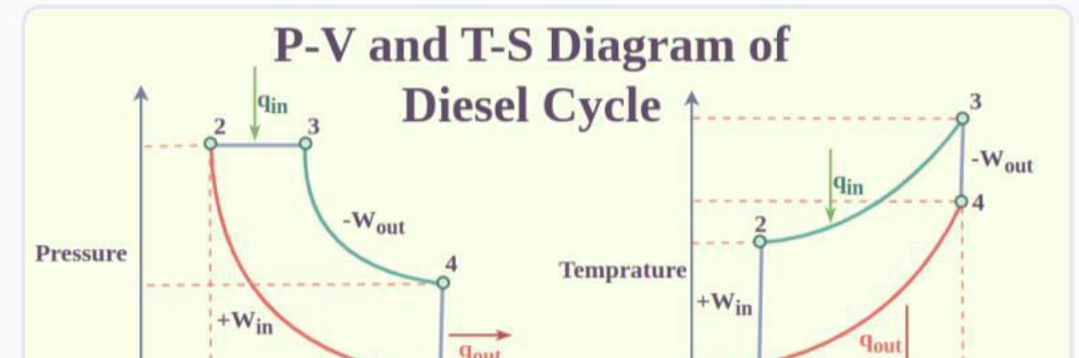
Otto Cycle

Rankine Cycle

Efficiency

Cycle Overview: Introduce key cycles (Carnot, Otto, Diesel, Rankine) that convert heat into work.

Process & Efficiency Analysis: Analyze processes (isobaric, isentropic, etc.) to evaluate thermal efficiency and performance.



Month 2: Heat Transfer Modes

Goal: Understand the mechanisms of heat flow.



Week 5: Conduction Heat Transfer

Fourier's Law

Thermal Resistance

Composite Walls

Steady State



🔍 Explore the primary mechanism of thermal energy transfer in solids through direct molecular contact.

📖 Master Fourier's Law to quantify heat



Week 6: Convection Heat Transfer

Newton's Law

Forced Convection

Natural Convection

Dimensionless Numbers



🔄 Understand heat transfer via fluid motion, distinguishing between forced and natural convection.

📖 Learn Newton's Law of Cooling and delve into

Month 2: Applied Heat Transfer & Project Scoping

Week 7: Radiation Heat Transfer

Blackbody Radiation

Emissivity

Combined Modes

Hands-on Calculations

Fundamentals: Explore thermal radiation as a primary mechanism of energy transfer via electromagnetic waves, crucial in forms like infrared radiation from hot objects.

Blackbody Radiation & Properties: Delve into the concept of a blackbody as an idealized emitter/absorber. Study key properties like emissivity and absorptivity for real surfaces.

Combined Heat Transfer: Analyze scenarios where radiation occurs with conduction and convection. Engage in hands-on calculations for complex systems to prepare for real-world challenges.

Week 8: Heat Exchangers & Refrigeration/AC Basics

Heat Exchangers & Insulation

Classification

LMTD

Insulation

Learn about devices for efficient thermal transfer between fluids, including classifications like shell-and-tube. Explore design considerations like fouling.

Refrigeration & Project Scoping

VCR Cycle

Cooling Systems

Project Definition

Introduce the Vapor Compression Refrigeration (VCR) Cycle. Conclude with project scoping to define objectives and constraints for the design challenge.

Phase 2: Industry Immersion & Integrated Project (Offline)

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Program Duration

Month 3

Offline Focus

Intensive

This critical phase is dedicated entirely to Month 3 of the program.

It emphasizes an immersive, full-time, offline engagement, departing from the online modules to offer a real-world work environment experience.



The Offline Capstone Project

This intensive, full-time offline phase is the culmination of theoretical learning, integrating all acquired knowledge into a real-world engineering challenge and providing unparalleled industry immersion.



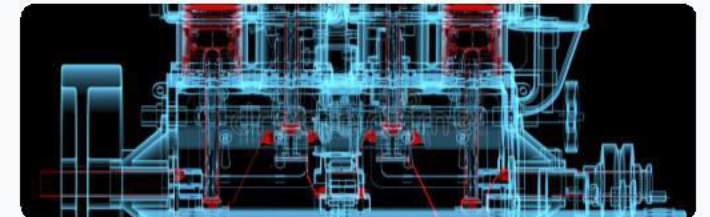
Core Project Goal

System Design

Engine Analysis

Participants will undertake a project focused on either:

- **Designing a System:** A novel heat exchanger or optimized energy plant.
- **Analyzing Engine Performance:** In-depth evaluation of an IC engine or power cycle.



Advanced Skill Demonstration



Career Readiness & Development

Month 3: Capstone Project - Setup & Implementation

Week 9: Project Kick-off & Detailed Design/Analysis Setup

Team Formation

Project Scoping

Methodology Outline

Initial Analysis

Collaborative Foundation: Participants form interdisciplinary project teams, fostering collaboration. The initial phase involves selecting a capstone project that aligns with program objectives and team interests.

Strategic Planning: Teams develop a comprehensive project plan, outlining clear objectives, defining scope, and detailing methodologies. This includes specifying system parameters and preparing analytical frameworks.



Week 10: Implementation & Iterative Analysis

Thermal System Design

Performance Optimization

Cycle Analysis

Simulation



Month 3: Project Optimization & Reporting

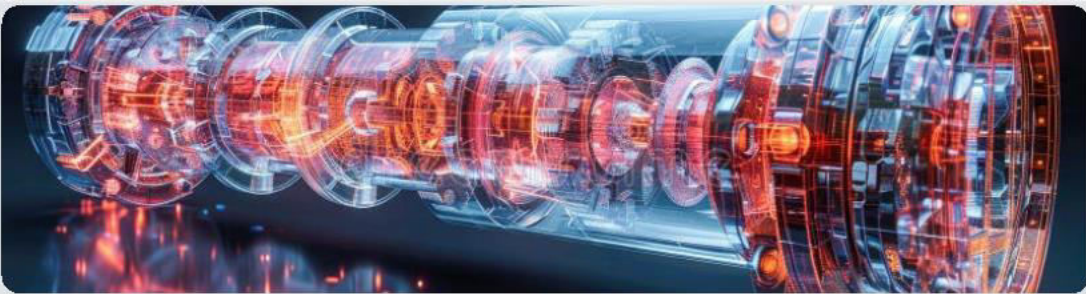


Project Optimization & Practical Considerations

Material Selection

Fouling Mitigation

Efficiency Gains



Material Selection: Making critical decisions on materials based on thermal conductivity, corrosion resistance, and cost to ensure system performance and longevity.

Fouling & Friction: Mitigating the effects of deposit accumulation on heat transfer surfaces (fouling) and energy loss from friction, crucial for long-term operational efficiency.

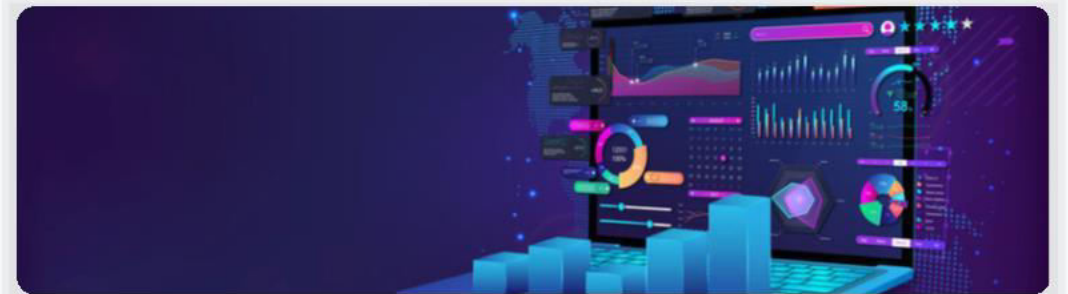


Data Visualization & Technical Reporting

Clarity

Accuracy

Impact



Effective Data Visualization: Transforming complex thermal and performance data into clear, actionable visual insights using appropriate charts to highlight trends and comparisons.

Technical Report Generation: Structuring comprehensive reports that accurately convey project methodology, results, and conclusions, ensuring findings are clearly communicated.

Month 3: Project Showcase & Career Launchpad

Week 12: Final Project Presentation & Documentation

Methodology

Results

Insights

Technical Reporting

Comprehensive Project Presentation: Teams deliver a final, comprehensive presentation of their capstone projects, showcasing designs, analyses, and solutions to instructors and industry guests, covering detailed methodology and key findings.

In-depth Documentation: Submission of complete project documentation, including design specifications, simulation results, analytical models, and a robust discussion of insights. This serves as a tangible portfolio piece.

Q&A and Feedback: Engage in a dynamic Q&A session with experts, receiving valuable feedback on technical approaches and presentation skills to refine professional capabilities.

Career Development Workshops

Resume Building

LinkedIn Optimization

Interview Skills

Targeted Skill Enhancement: Intensive workshops focused on crafting compelling resumes, optimizing LinkedIn profiles for industry visibility, and mastering

Networking Session with Industry Professionals

Industry Connections

Mentorship

Career Insights

Direct Industry Engagement: An exclusive session to connect with leading professionals, facilitating idea exchange, potential mentorships, and direct insights into