

CN4123 Design Project

(2016-17)

**Production of
Olefins from Methanol**

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Process Design

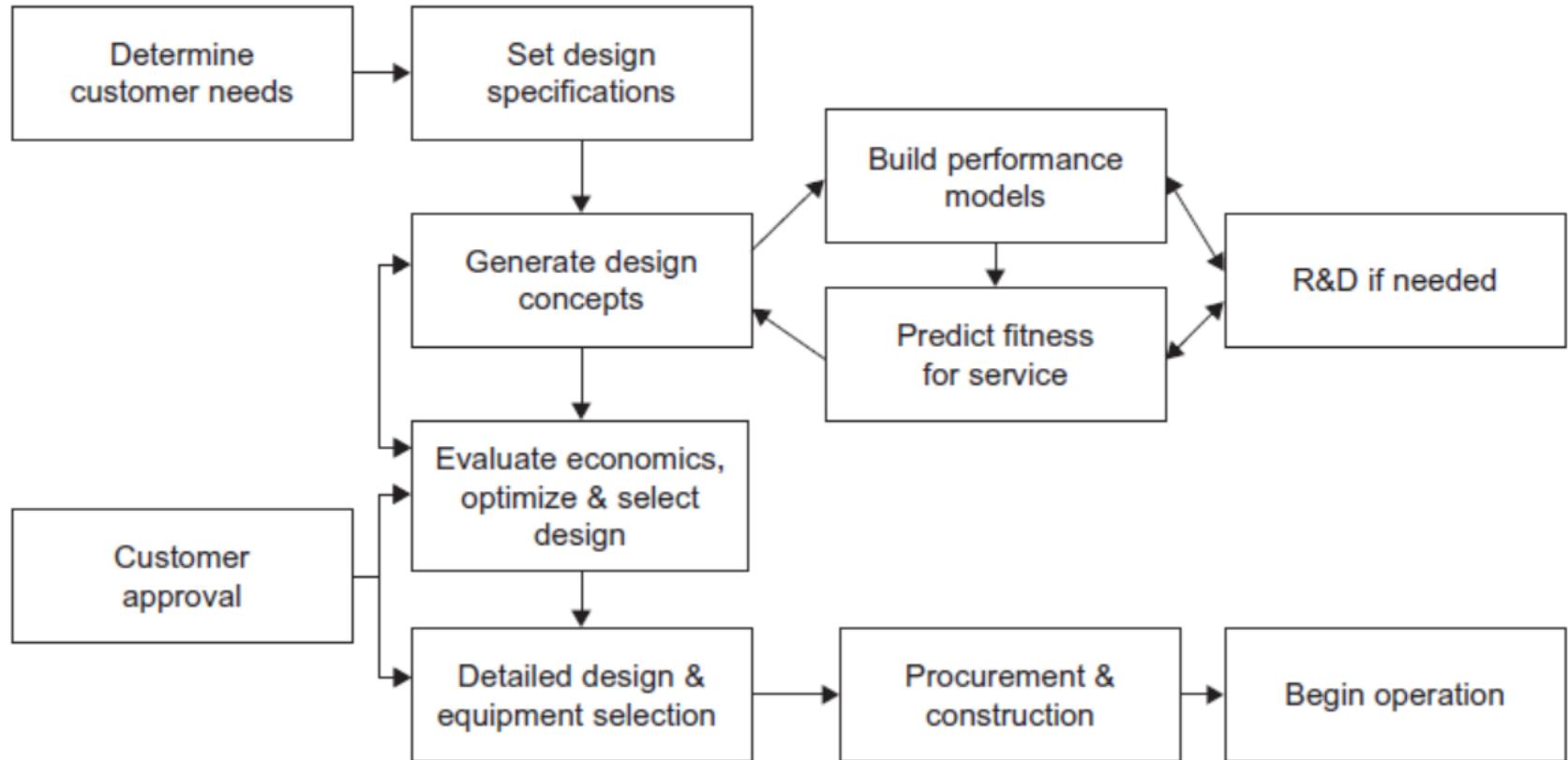
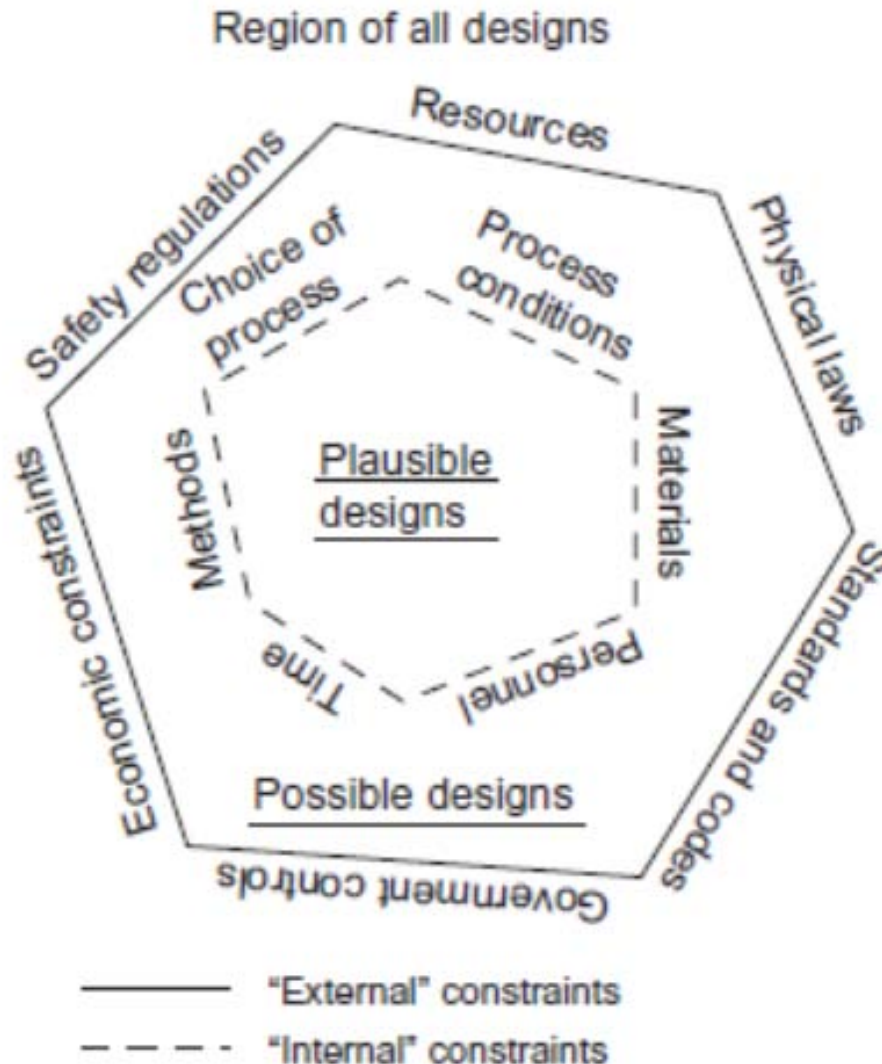


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The design process.

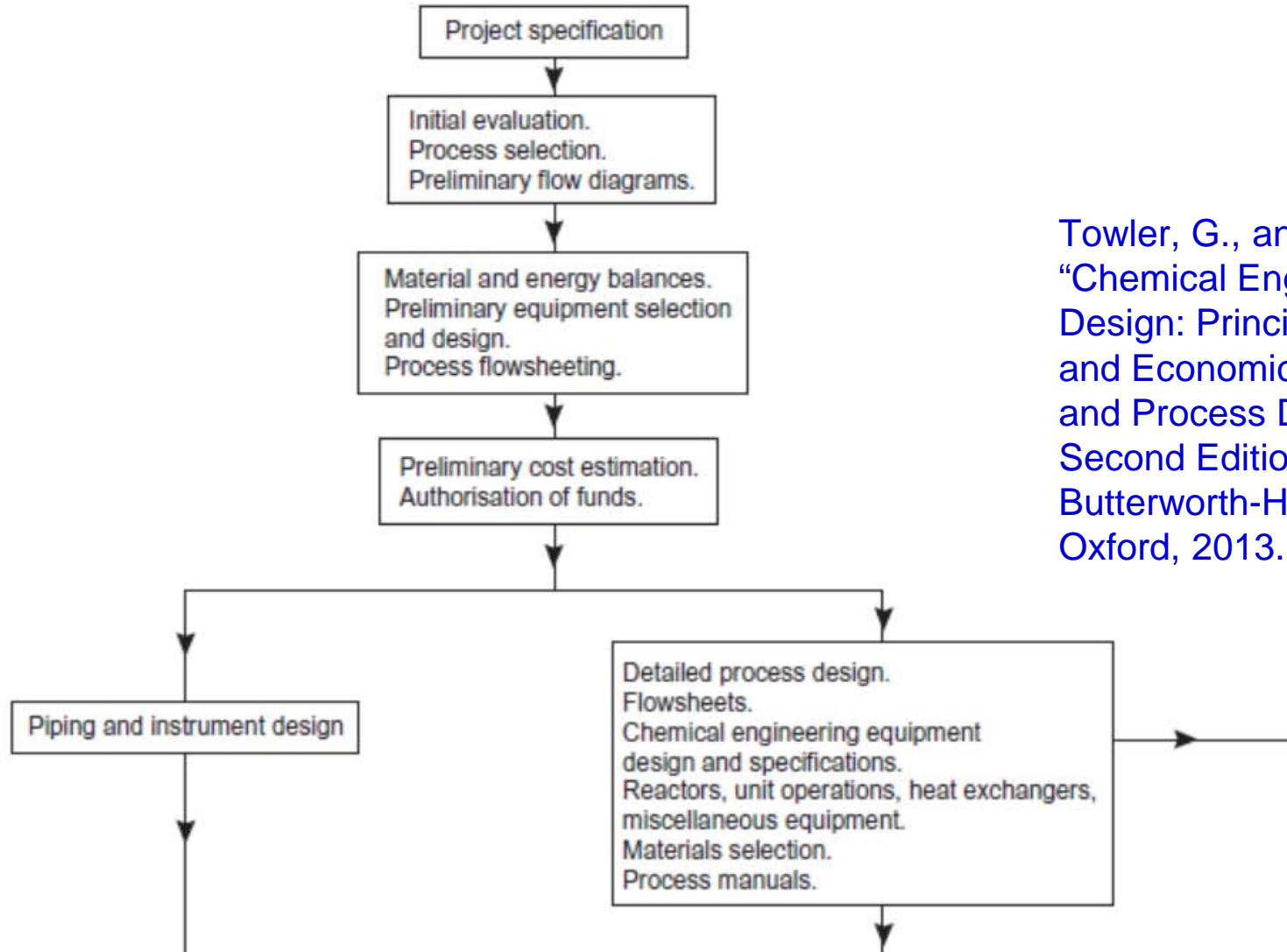
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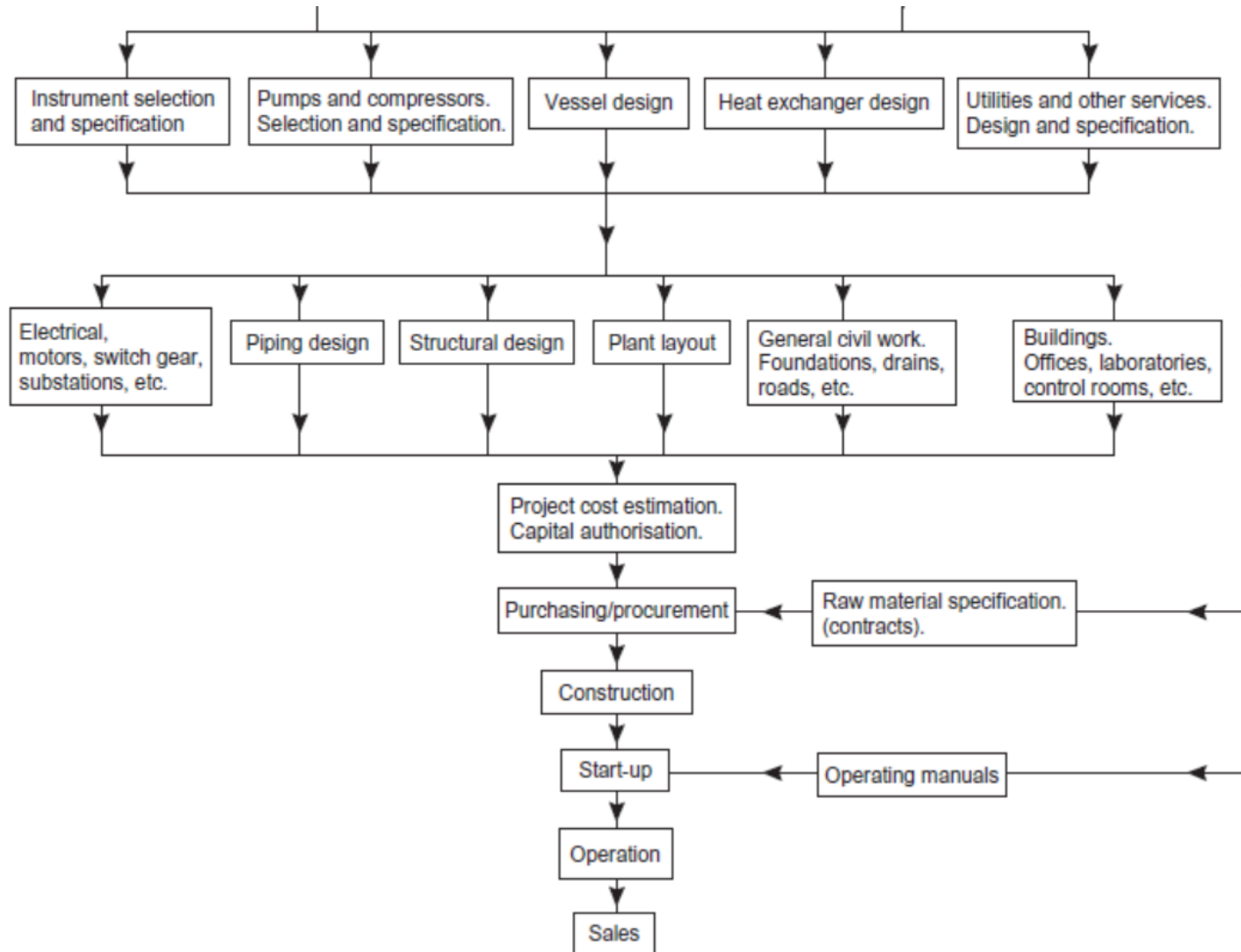
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Objectives & Outcomes

- Contributing individually, and also to the Team
- Independent Study/Learning
- Solving an open-ended design project similar to that encountered in industrial situations
- Application of fundamental chemical engineering principles and available data
- Consider process alternatives, perform simulations, sizing, HAZOP and safety analyses, and assess profitability
- Making critical design decisions in a safe, creative, critical and cost-effective manner
- Effective communication and report writing

Objectives & Outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Work effectively in a team to develop a process with all members contributing individually as well as collectively with proper communication and coordination;
2. Apply chemical engineering principles and available data;
3. Make design decisions in a safe, creative, critical and cost-effective manner;
4. Design a process section in detail;
5. Present the work in formal oral and written reports.

Design Brief

Design a MTO Plant to Produce Olefins (ethene and propene) from Methanol using a Solid Catalyst

- Plant Capacity of 800,000, 1000,000, 1200,000 or 1400,000 tonne/year
- Methanol Purity of 99.6 or 99.85 wt %
- C_2H_4 Purity of 98.5, 99.9 wt %; C_3H_6 Purity of 94.0, 96.0 or 99.5 wt %; C_4H_8 Purity of 99.0 wt %
- Seven Sections: (1) Reactor, (2) Water Removal, (3) De- C_1 , (4) De- C_2 , (5) De- C_3 , (6) De- C_4 and (7) Heat Integration

Organization

- Teams of **SEVEN** students
 - Number of teams ~ 40
 - Variation in plant capacity and product purities
- Each team must have a Team Leader
- Each team member will design one of the sections
- Team & Individual Contributions
 - Each team will make a ***collective*** contribution and each team member will make an ***individual*** contribution
- Enroll by **Jan 16** via IVLE's project facility

Organization: Signing up on IVLE

- To sign up in IVLE, go to:
 - Student Workspace
 - IVLE Tools – Projects/Groups
 - Select the lowest team number (not taken up)
- Every student signs up for TWO 'projects' under their team number:
 - “CN4123 : Team Members”
 - “CN4123 : Section N: xxxx”
 - N: section number; xxxx: name of advisor for the unit
 - E.g. “CN4123: Section 1: Kawi” for ‘Reactor Section’
- Also, Team Leaders sign up for the following project:
 - “CN4123: Team Leaders”
- Incorrect signups will incur penalties

Organization

The Team Leader's role:

- facilitates meetings and positive interaction of team members
- ensures team members make the required progress and on time
- ensures adequate and fair distribution of work for the common sections
- seamlessly integrates the various sections
- ensures that team meets the deadlines

Team leader's additional contribution will be factored in during evaluation/grading.

Resources

- Software: Hysys, Excel, MATLAB, Visio, etc.
- Computational Facilities:
 - ChBE PC Cluster (E5 03-24, E5 03-37) available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 0800 – 1800.
 - e-ITU PC Clusters PC1 (E1 04-09), PC2 (E1 04-10) and PC3 (E2 03-06): available Thursdays and Saturdays 0900 – 1800.
 - Aspen Hysys is accessible from all the above clusters.
 - MATLAB and Visio are available in ChBE PC Cluster (E5 03-24) only
- References: RBR of Central Library

Schedule of Activities

Date	Activity (Venue: LT6)	Time
Jan 12 (week 1)	Overview of the project	1 pm
	Talk on team-work	1.45 pm
	Talk on Design & Sustainability in Practice	2 pm
Jan 19 (week 2)	Reactors and their Design Guidelines	1 – 1.45 pm
	Columns and their Design Guidelines	1.45 – 2.30 pm
Jan 26 (week 3)	Pump sizing and specifications	1 – 1.45 pm
	Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	
Feb 9 (week 5)	Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	Timings on next slide
February 18-26 <i>Recess Week</i>		

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Date	Activity (Venue: LT6)	Time
Mar 2 (week 7)	Report Writing Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	1 pm
Mar 16 (week 9)	Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	
Mar 23 (week 10)	Briefing on Cost Estimation, Economic Analysis	1 pm
	Briefing on Health, Safety and Environment	1.45 pm

Sections, Advisors & Industry Talks

Section (Advisor)	Venue	Time
Reactor (Dr. Kawi)	E5 03-21	2 – 3 pm
Water Removal (Dr. Hidajat)	E5 03-23	2 – 3 pm
De-C ₁ (Dr. Gautam)	E5 03-22	4 – 5 pm
De-C ₂ (Dr. Lim)	E5 03-22	2 – 3 pm
De-C ₃ (Dr. Karimi)	E5 03-20	2 – 3 pm
De-C ₄ (Dr. Borgna)	E5 03-21	4 – 5 pm
Heat Integration (Dr. Suraj)	E5 03-23	4 – 5 pm

Industry Talks: Details of each talk will be conveyed after the confirmation from the speaker, about one week in advance. These sessions are a few for B.Eng. and B.Tech. students together, and may be on Thursday at 1 pm or on Saturday morning subject to speaker's availability.

Deliverables

Date	Deliverables	Submit to
Jan 16 (wk 2)	Team members and team leaders to complete enrollment on IVLE Penalty: 1% for failure to enroll or incorrect enrollment	IVLE
Jan 19 (wk 2)	Section selection: sign up for IVLE project.	IVLE
Feb 16 (wk 6)	<u>Interim Report</u> (electronic copy): Two-page report (one from each team). Suggested contents: scope, process overview, inputs/targets for each section, progress, plan, milestones. Flowsheet and stream data as additional pages.	Upload one pdf per team to IVLE Project CN4123: Team Leaders by 3.00 pm

Deliverables

Date	Deliverables	Submit to
March 23 (wk 10)	<p><u>Section Report - Process Development and Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One printed and one electronic copy • To be submitted by each student • Page limit: 35 pages (including appendices, if any) 	<p>1. Upload a SINGLE pdf into your own folder under IVLE project: Section X: xxxx by 12.00 pm.</p> <p>2. Submit one printed copy (<u>double sided</u>) to ChBE Department Office by 12.00 pm.</p>
Week 13	<p><u>Oral Presentations</u>: On Process Development and Design of individual sections.</p>	<p>Venues and dates TBA</p>

Deliverables

Date	Deliverables	Submit to
Apr 10 (wk 13)	<p><u>Team Report:</u> <u>One report</u> from each team with following Contents and Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Summary: 4 pages • Cost estimation & economic analysis: 20 pages • SHE: 30 pages • Sustainability: 3-5 pages • Entire report: \leq 59 pages (excluding title page, table of contents, PFD and stream data) 	<p>Upload to IVLE (IVLE project folder CN4123: Team leaders) by 12.00 pm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One pdf per team. 2. One HYSYS file with complete plant simulation.
Apr 24	<p><u>Peer assessment:</u> Each member will assess all others in the team on their contribution to the project. This will be taken into account for grading each student's performance.</p>	Online in IVLE

IVLE upload locations

For Section Reports:

Section x:
XXX

IVLE Project

<https://ivle.nus.edu.sg/project/staff/preference.aspx?projectId=10b63b36-3c25-473b-9806-11355479dc4c>

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Preview

Module Code : CN4121E

Module Title : Design Project (BTech)

Project Title : Section 4: Srinivasan

Project Type : Group Project

Project Owner : Karimi

Project Guidelines : Each student doing the section advised by Prof MP Srinivasan must enroll under his/her team number.

Managers : Murne Binte Abdul Molek
Srinivasan, M P

Accessible To : Students in Class: CN4121E

Project Opening Date : 03-Jan-2012 12:00AM

Project Expiry Date : 31-Jul-2013 11:59PM

Published : Yes

Students Can View Other Group Submissions :

No

Students Can Edit Project With Active Evaluations :

No

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Murne Binte Abdul Molek
Praveen Linga
Rangalah Gade Pandu
Sibudjing Kawi
Srinivasan, M P

Accessible To : Students in Class: CN4121E

Project Opening Date : 28-Dec-2011 12:00AM

Project Expiry Date : 31-Jul-2013 11:59PM

Published : Yes

Students Can View Other Group Submissions : No

Students Can Edit Project With Active Evaluations : No

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Penalties

- Failure to enroll/incorrect enrollment: 1%
- Late Submission: 2% per day of delay
- Excess pages: 0.5% for every 2 pages
- Incorrect formatting: 2%

Assessment

- Based on
 - Interim and final reports
 - Oral presentations
 - Peer evaluation
- Contributions to final grade :
 - Section Report, oral presentation: 60% (individual contributions)
 - Interim Report, and Team Report along with peer evaluation: 40% (team contributions)
- Incentive for Team Leader:
 - Can earn additional credit (up to 2 marks)
 - Based on peer evaluation of the Team Leader by his/her team members

Scope of Design – Section Report

- Alternatives for raw materials, process conditions, reaction pathways, catalysts, separations etc.
- Energy/resource conservation, material recycle/reuse/treatment
- Synthesis and evaluation of alternate configurations
- Identification of best process based on above analyses
- Criteria: feasibility, safety, cost effectiveness, reliability, etc.
- Discussion on alternative technologies
- Complete simulation model and PFD
- Table of process stream data

Scope of Design

Sections for Process Development and Design and the respective advisors:

- Reactor Section (Dr. Kawi)
- Water Removal Section (Dr. Hidajat)
- De-C₁ Section (Dr. Gautam)
- De-C₂ Section (Dr. Lim)
- De-C₃ Section (Dr. Karimi)
- De-C₄ Section (Dr. Borgna)
- Heat Integration Section (Dr. Suraj)

Each of the above sections will be the responsibility of one member of each team.

Scope of Design – Team Report

- ***Executive Summary***
 - Main features of proposed design
- ***Safety, Health and Environment***
 - Hazard identification, HAZOP studies
 - Plant layout, operational safety, treatment and disposal of effluent, product life cycle, personnel protection
- ***Cost Estimation and Economic Analysis***
 - Equipment schedule (including vessels, pumps, etc.)
 - Cost estimation and economic analysis
 - Discussion on profitability
- ***Sustainability***
 - Sustainability assessment using suitable biomass in a location (chosen by the team) different from that given.
 - Qualitative discussions about economic, environmental and societal aspects – no cost calculations needed.

Challenges in the Project

- **Open-Ended**
 - DO NOT look for an answer for every little detail; make reasonable assumptions and justify
- **Breadth and Depth of Knowledge are needed**
 - Chemistry, Mathematics, Numerical Methods
 - Mass & Energy Balances, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, Heat Transfer, Mass Transfer
 - Separation Processes, Fluid-Solid Systems, Reaction Engineering

Challenges in the Project

- Several Alternatives
 - Selection based on Cost and Experience: Rules of Thumb (Heuristics)
- Success requires Trials
- Co-operation and Persistence
- Novel Ideas and Approaches

Communications

Advisors–Teams relationship is similar to that between Clients and Vendors

- Vendors to Suggest Alternatives & Reasons
- Formal and Technical Communications

Communication lines

- Between advisors and all members
- Between advisors and team leaders
- Among team members including leader

Suggested Schedule

- Weeks 1 – 2
 - Process alternatives
 - Comparative evaluation
 - Responsibilities of team members
- Weeks 3 – 4
 - Process, Components, Properties
 - Process Flowsheet, Mass & Energy Balances, Operating Conditions
 - Identification of units/clusters for detailed ChE design
- Weeks 5 – 8
 - Process Development and Detailed Design of Individual Sections

Suggested Schedule

- Weeks 9 – 10
 - Preparation of Section Report
- Weeks 11 – 13
 - Equipment Schedule & Economic Analysis
 - Safety Health & Environment
 - Sustainability
 - Preparation of Team report
 - Oral Presentation
- Week 15
 - Peer Assessment
- Weeks 15 – 16
 - Examinations for other Modules

Teamwork – Progress & Monitoring

- **Each Team to Meet and Discuss Regularly**
 - Say, once a week
 - TA to observe 1-2 meetings of each team
- **Minutes of the Meetings**
 - Attendance, Decisions Made, Action Items etc.
 - Minutes Template on IVLE
- **Upload Meeting Minutes into IVLE (CN4123 → Project → Team Leaders → Choose Your Team → Files → Document)**
 - **By Friday, 17th February (Tnn-A.doc) and**
 - **By Friday, 14th April (Tnn-B.doc)**

Questions & Answers

- Question 1
- Question 2
- Question 3
- Question 4
- Question 5
- Question 6