

# **CN4123 Design Project**

## **(2016-17)**

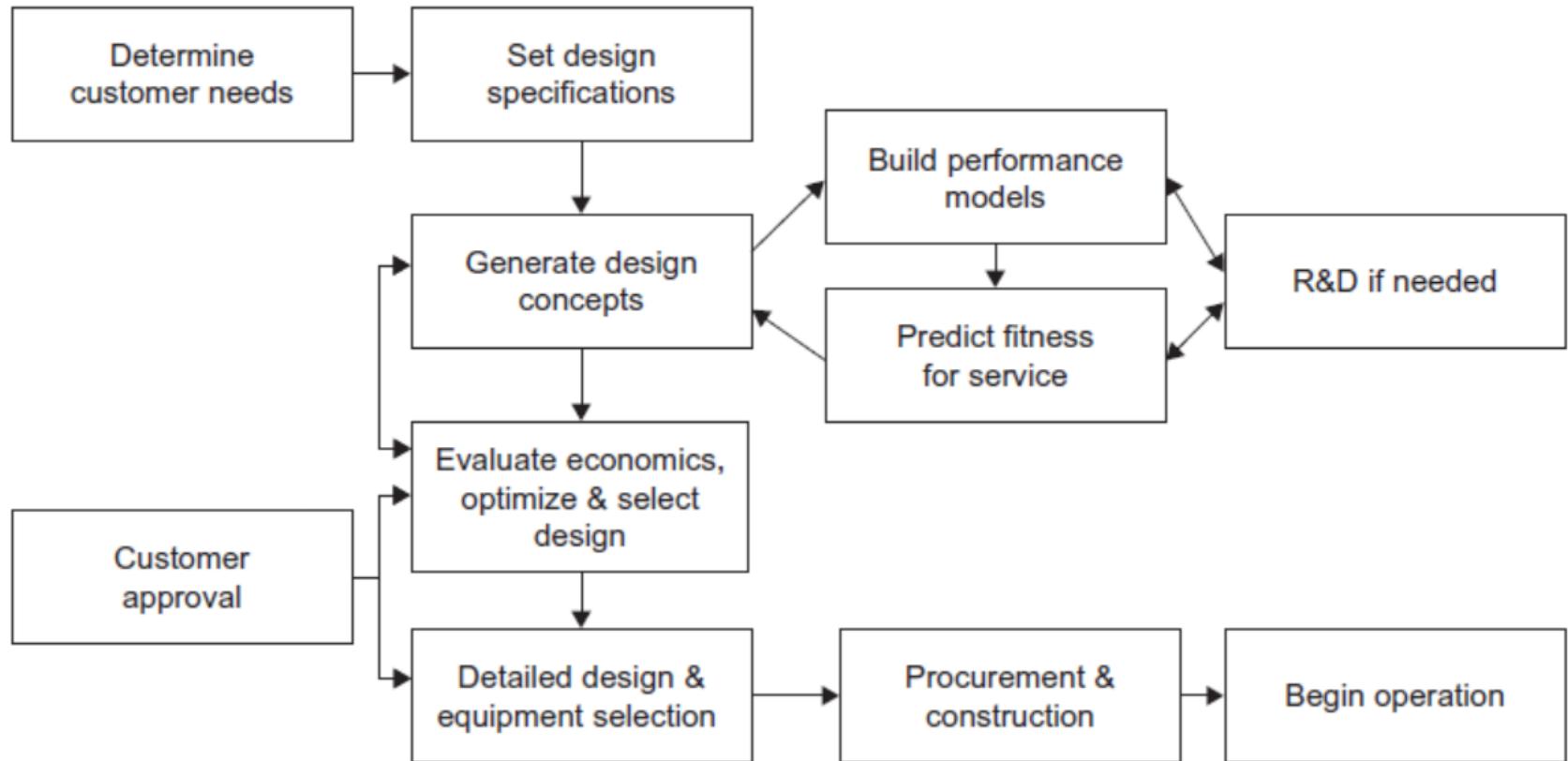
**Production of  
Olefins from Methanol**

# Outline

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- Process Design
- Objectives & Outcomes
- Design Brief
- Organization & Resources
- Schedule
- Deadlines, Deliverables & Assessment
- Reports & Their Scope
- Challenges and Communications
- Suggested Schedule
- Questions & Answers

# Process Design

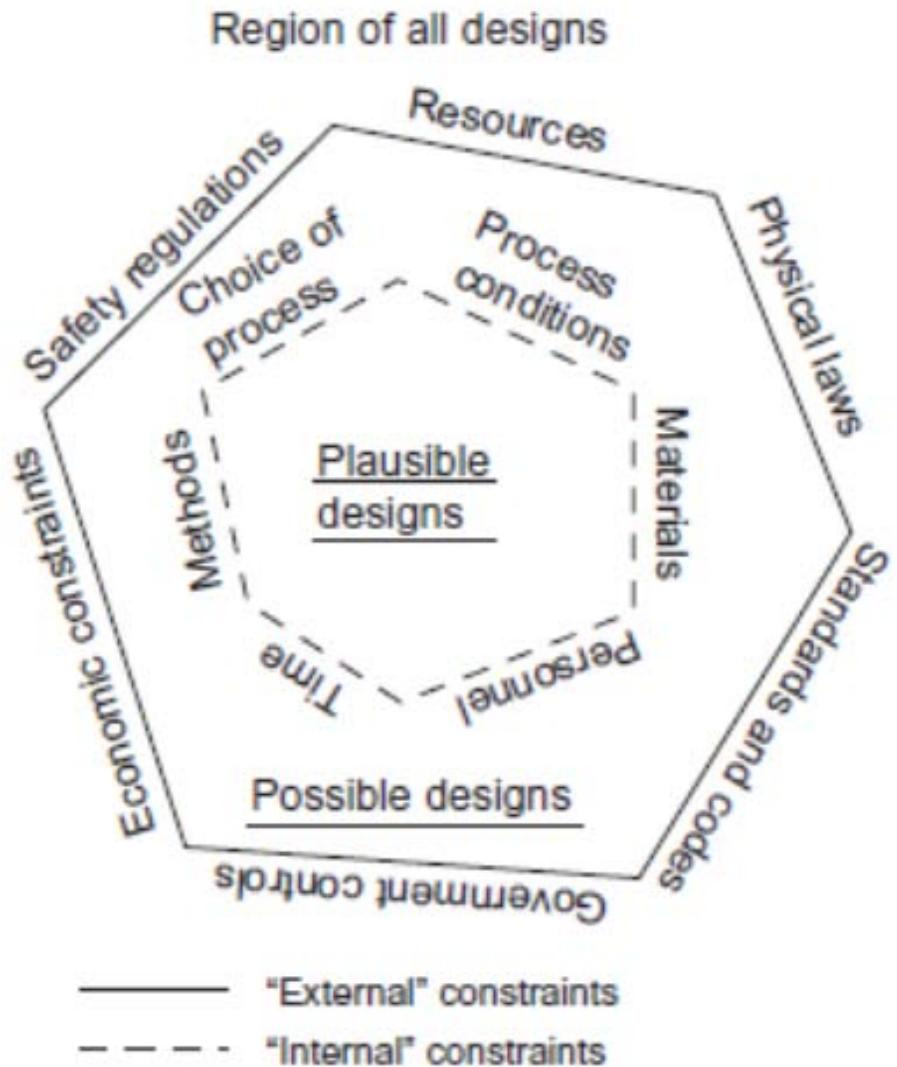


**FIGURE 1.2**

The design process.

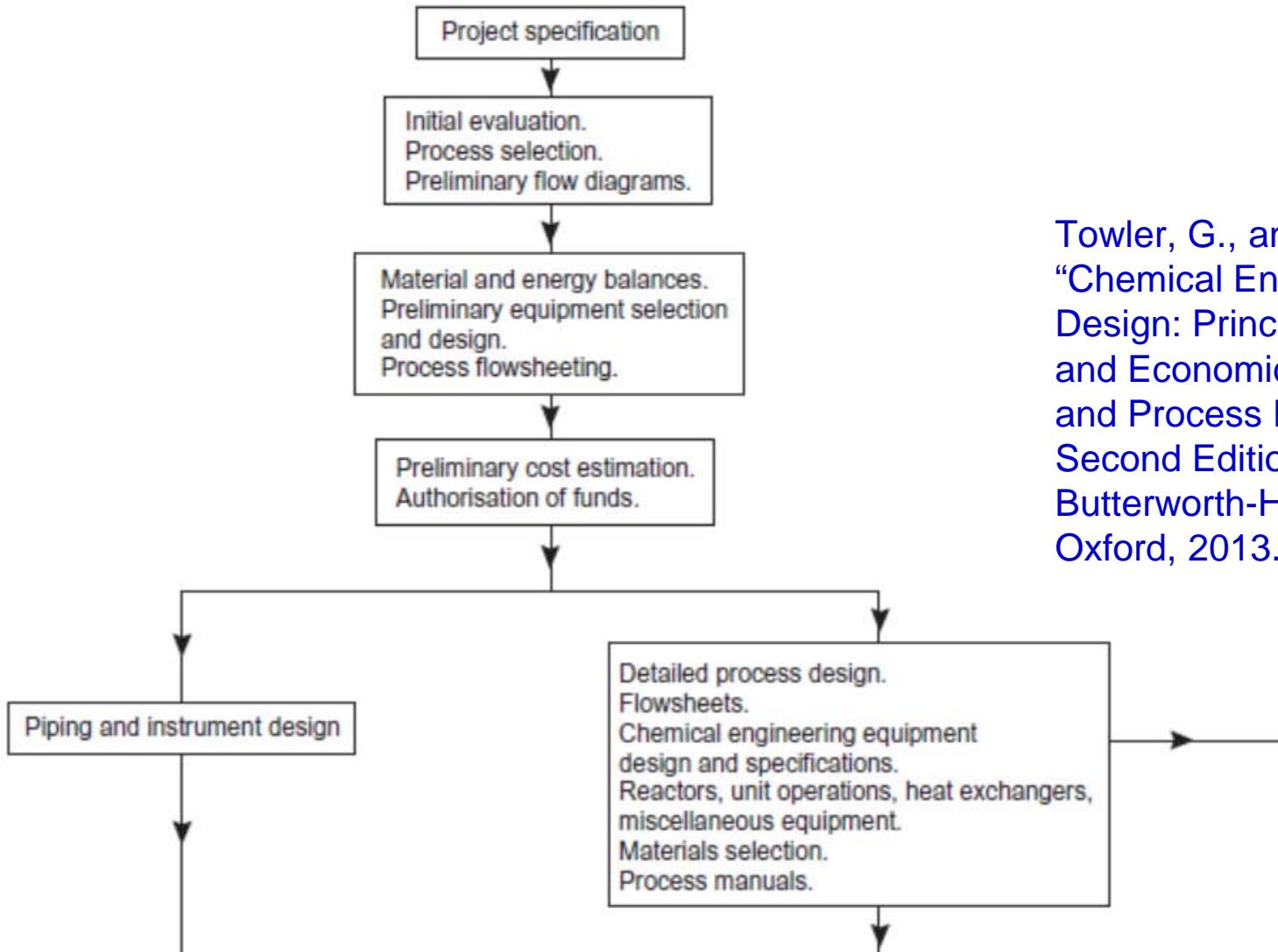
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# Constraints in Process Design



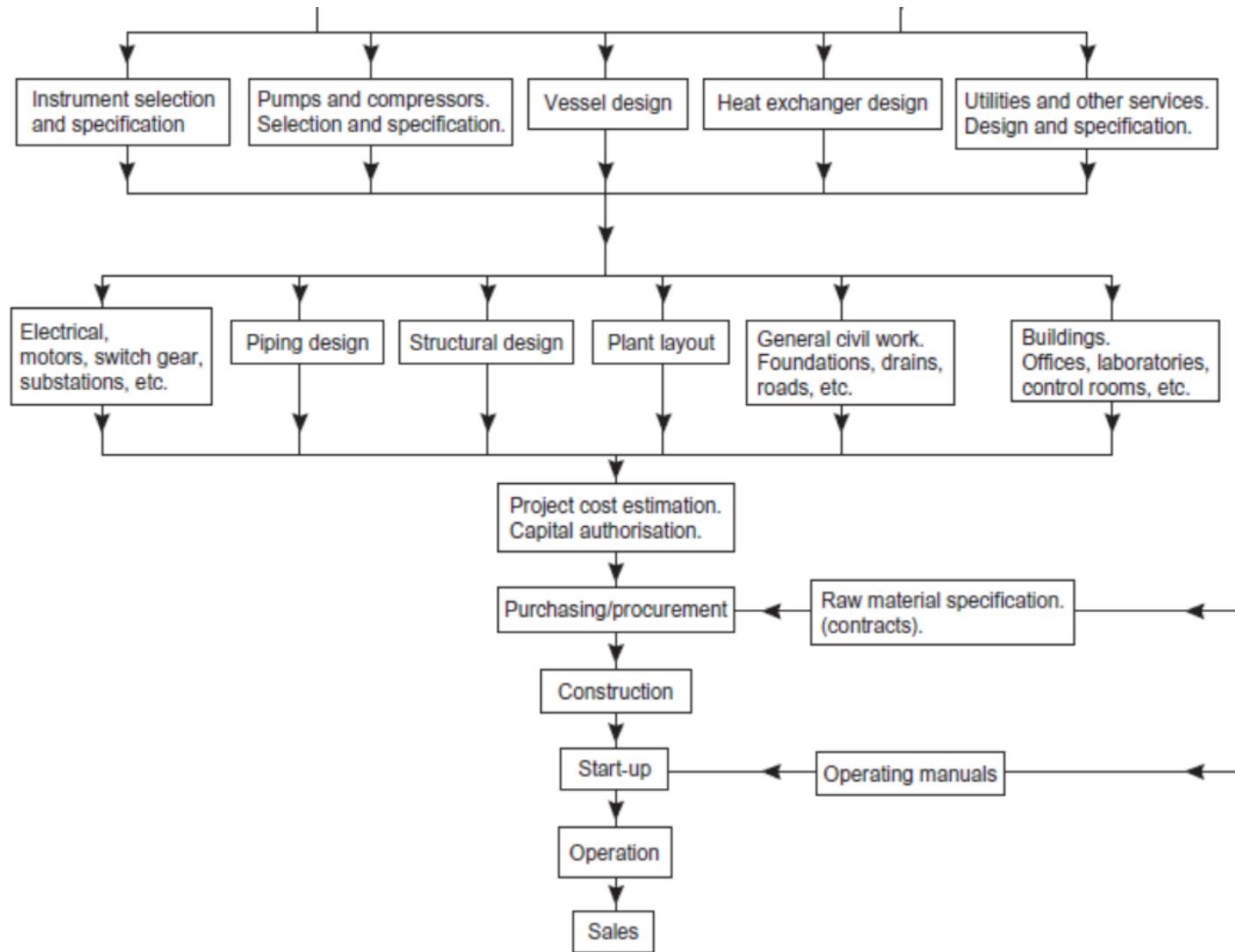
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# Steps in Process Design



# 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<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> Purity of 98.5, 99.9 wt %; C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Purity of 94.0, 96.0 or 99.5 wt %; C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub> Purity of 99.0 wt %
- Seven Sections: (1) Reactor, (2) Water Removal, (3) De-C<sub>1</sub>, (4) De-C<sub>2</sub>, (5) De-C<sub>3</sub>, (6) De-C<sub>4</sub> 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 Columns and their Design Guidelines	1 – 1.45 pm 1.45 – 2.30 pm
Jan 26 (week 3)	Pump sizing and specifications Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	1 – 1.45 pm
Feb 9 (week 5)	Small Group Meetings (venues on next slide)	Timings on next slide
February 18-26 Recess Week		

# Schedule of Activities

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 <sub>1</sub> (Dr. Gautam)	E5 03-22	4 – 5 pm
De-C <sub>2</sub> (Dr. Lim)	E5 03-22	2 – 3 pm
De-C <sub>3</sub> (Dr. Karimi)	E5 03-20	2 – 3 pm
De-C <sub>4</sub> (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 <b>IVLE Project CN4123: Team Leaders</b> by 3.00 pm

# Deliverables

Date	Deliverables	Submit to
March 23 (wk 10)	<p><b><u>Section Report - Process Development and Design</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One printed and one electronic copy</li><li>• To be submitted by each student</li><li>• Page limit: 35 pages (including appendices, if any)</li></ul>	<p>1. Upload a SINGLE pdf into your own folder under <b>IVLE project: Section X: xxxx by 12.00 pm.</b></p> <p>2. Submit one printed copy (<u>double sided</u>) to <b>ChBE Department Office</b> by <b>12.00 pm.</b></p>
Week 13	<p><b><u>Oral Presentations:</u></b> 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><b><u>Team Report:</u></b> One report from each team with following Contents and Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Summary: 4 pages</li><li>• Cost estimation &amp; economic analysis: 20 pages</li><li>• SHE: 30 pages</li><li>• Sustainability: 3-5 pages</li><li>• Entire report: <math>\leq</math> 59 pages (excluding title page, table of contents, PFD and stream data)</li></ul>	<p>Upload to IVLE (<b>IVLE project folder CN4123: Team leaders</b>) by <b>12.00 pm:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. One pdf per team.</li><li>2. One HYSYS file with complete plant simulation.</li></ol>
Apr 24	<p><b><u>Peer assessment:</u></b> 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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Projects

**Management**

- Preferences
- Project Groups
- Project Topics
- Project Evaluation
- Lecturer Evaluation

**Communication**

- Announcement
- Consultation

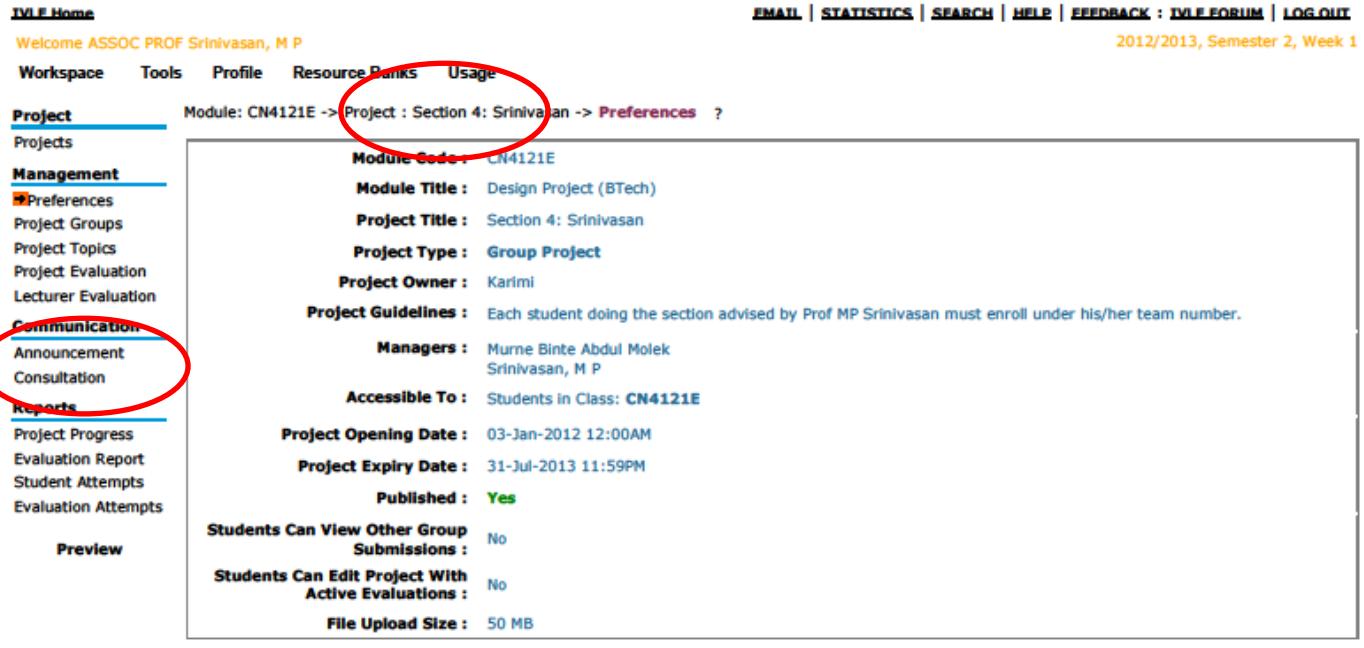
**Reports**

- Project Progress
- Evaluation Report
- Student Attempts
- Evaluation Attempts

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  
File Upload Size : 50 MB

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# IVLE upload locations

For  
Team  
Reports

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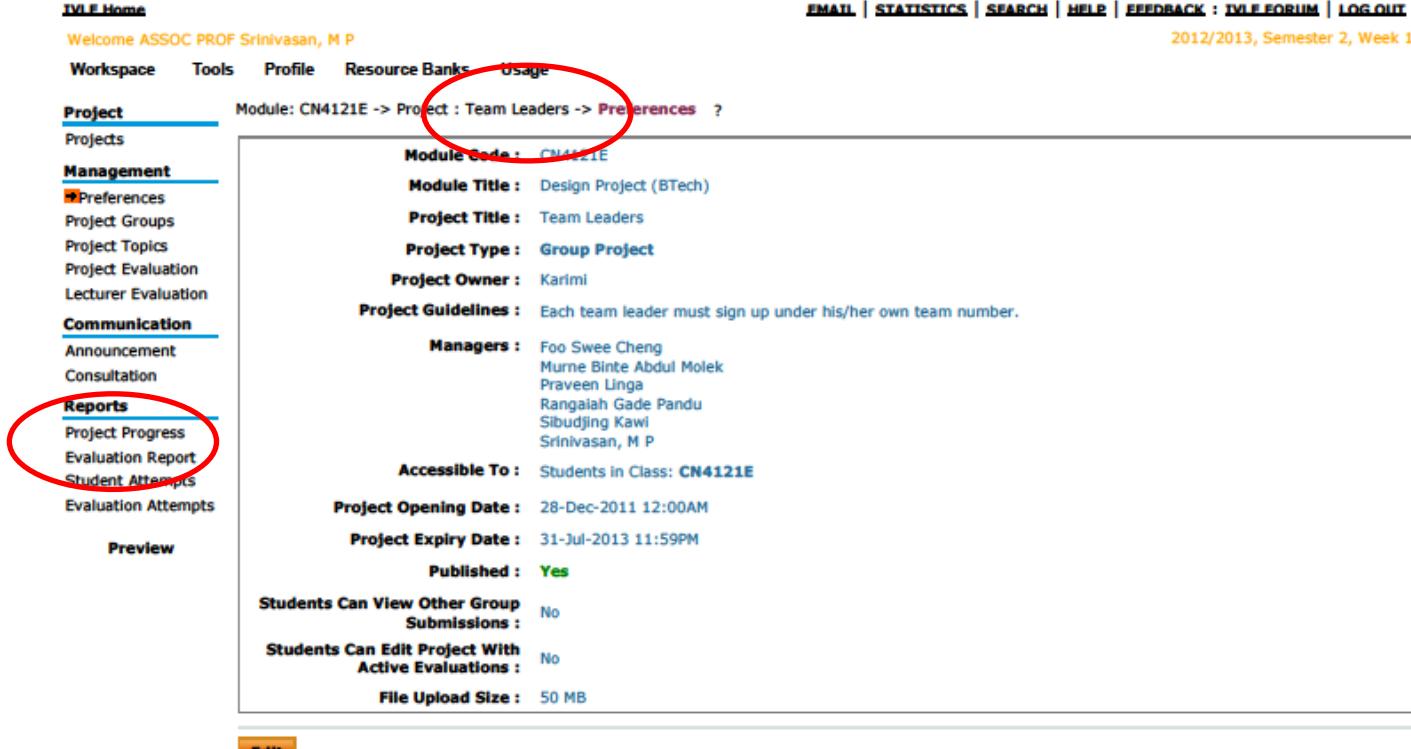
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**Module Title :** Design Project (BTech)  
**Project Title :** Team Leaders  
**Project Type :** Group Project  
**Project Owner :** Karimi  
**Project Guidelines :** Each team leader must sign up under his/her own team number.  
**Managers :** Foo Swee Cheng  
Murni Binte Abdul Molek  
Praveen Linga  
Rangalah Gade Pandu  
Sibudjing Kawi  
Srinivasan, M P  
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**Published :** Yes  
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# Penalties

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- 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-C<sub>1</sub> Section (Dr. Gautam)
- De-C<sub>2</sub> Section (Dr. Lim)
- De-C<sub>3</sub> Section (Dr. Karimi)
- De-C<sub>4</sub> 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

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- 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, 17<sup>th</sup> February (Tnn-A.doc) and
  - By Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April (Tnn-B.doc)

# Questions & Answers

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