Some Thoughts on Chemical Engineering Design Education

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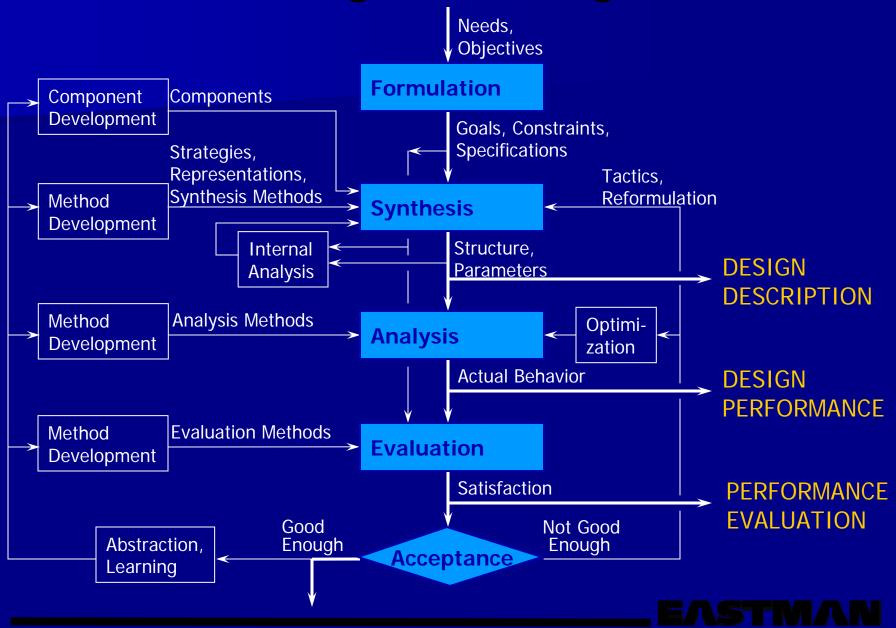


ABET Design Definition

Engineering design is the process of devising a system, component, or process to meet desired needs. It is a decisionmaking process (often iterative), in which the basic sciences, mathematics, and the engineering sciences are applied to convert resources optimally to meet these stated needs.



Design Paradigm



Need Identification

Potential Solution

Basic Chemistry

Detailed Chemistry

Task Identification

Equipment Design

Plant Engineering

Detailed Engineering

Vendor Specifications

Component Acquisition

Construction Plan/Schedule

Plant Construction

Operating Procedures

Commissioning/Start-up

Production Plan/Schedule

Operation

Each step involves alternatives

Each step in sequence revisited multiple times at differing levels of detail and refinement (target level, conceptual level, detailed level, etc)

Each step involves generating, analyzing, evaluating, and choosing alternatives



Synthesis of Alternatives

One cannot analyze an alternative, nor compare the performance of an alternative against needs or objectives unless

AN ALTERNATIVE IS FIRST CONCEIVED



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Process Systems Engineer



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REACTION
PATH
SYNTHESIS

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Synthetic Chemist, Molecular Biologist, etc



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PRODUCT SYNTHESIS

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Materials Scientist, Polymer Scientist, Formulation Chemist, etc

PLANT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

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OPERATIONS AND START-UP DESIGN

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Plant Engineer, Process Control Engineer, Process Safety Engineer, etc

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PLANNING, SCHEDULING, AND OPERATION **Vendor Specifications**

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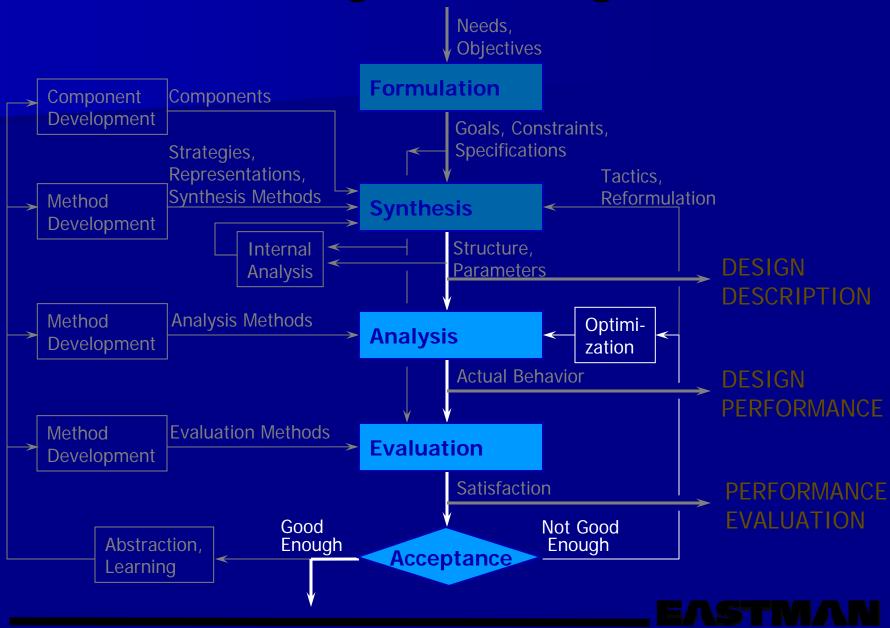
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Production Scheduler, Plant Operation Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Process Improvement Engineer, etc

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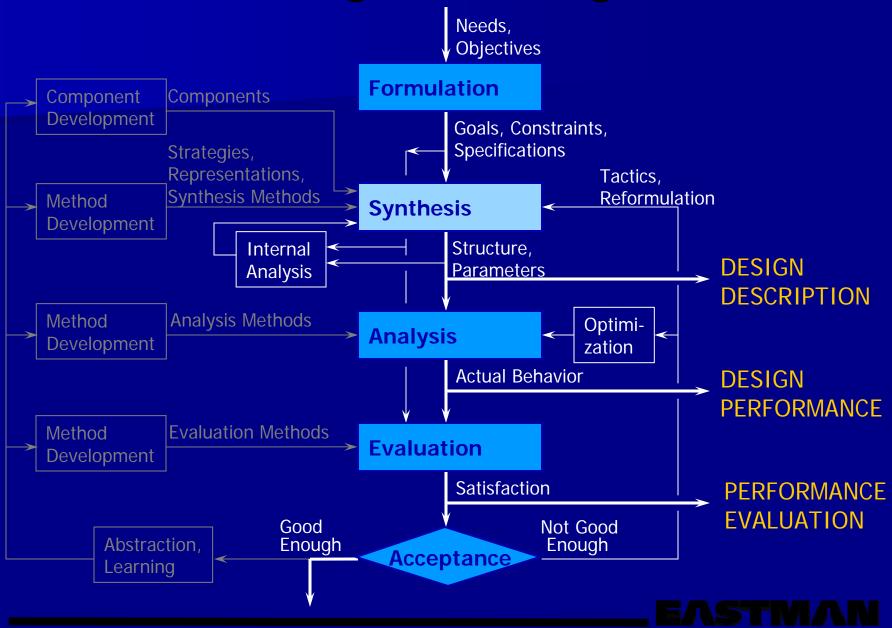
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Thank You

