

Lecture Note of Innovative Ship and Offshore Plant Design

**Innovative Ship and Offshore Plant Design**  
**Part II. Offshore Plant Design**  
**Ch. 4 Layout Design of Topside Systems**

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## Ch. 4 Layout Design of Topside Systems

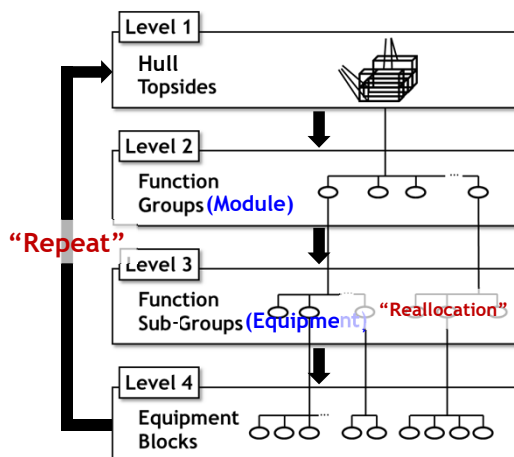
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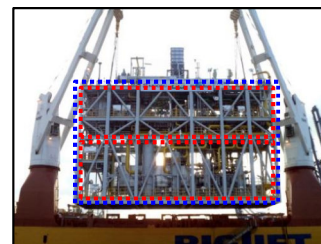
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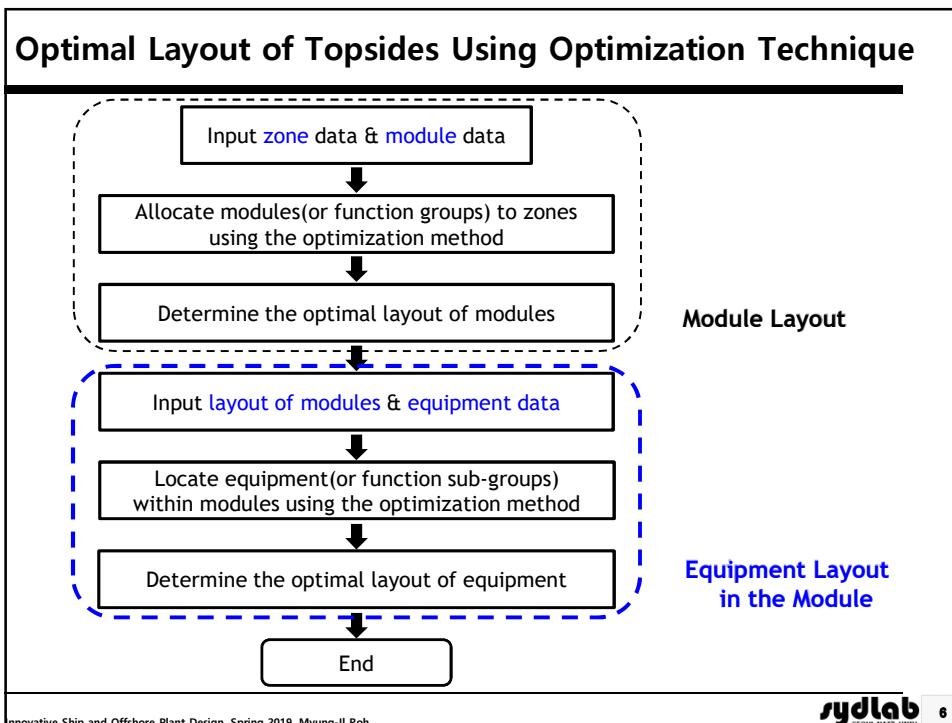
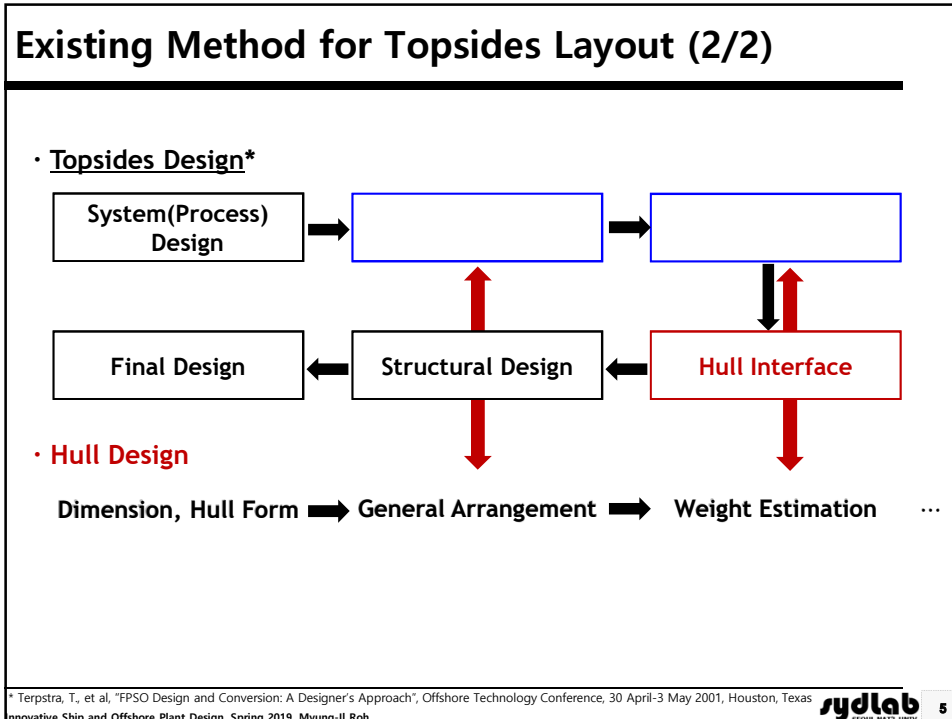
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Example of Modules of Guara FPSO (Modtec/Toyo's)  
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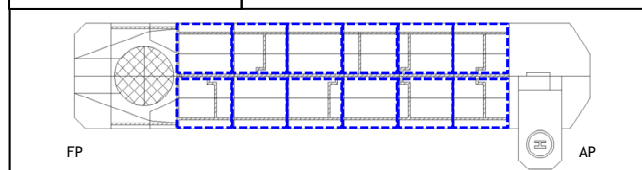
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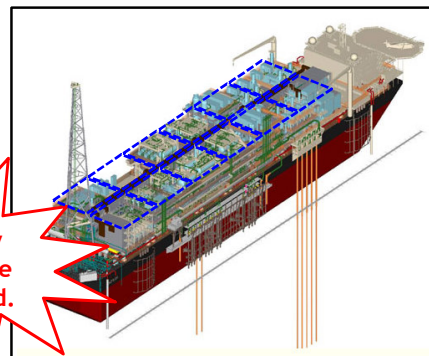
## Necessity of Optimal Module Layout

Plan view of the FPSO\*



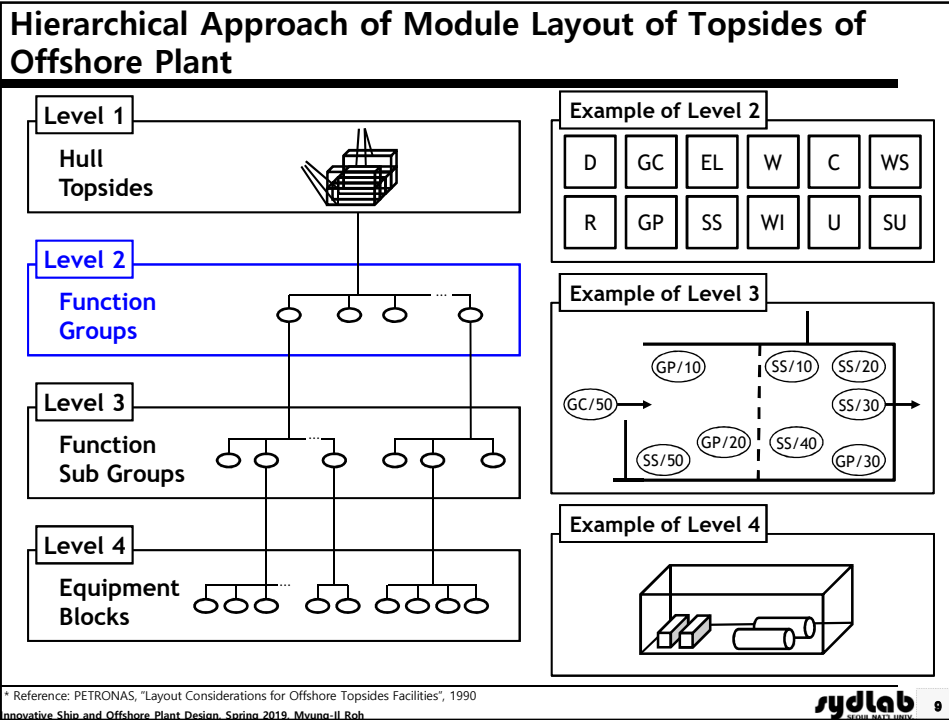
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18	$6.40 \times 10^{15}$
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Too many cases to be considered.



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## Characteristics for the Representation of Relationship between Topsides Modules

**Active behavior characteristics:** Characteristics which preclude an module being safely located near another specific module unless mutually protected (e.g., "two modules should be distant from each other.")

**Reactive behavior characteristics:** Characteristics which make it particularly advantageous to locate one module close to another specific module (e.g., "two modules should be adjacent to each other.")

## Relationship between Topside Modules - Antagonisms

**Characteristics for defining antagonisms**

- **Active behavior characteristics:** Probability of a module initiating major incidents
- **Reactive behavior characteristics:** Propensity for a module to escalate major incidents initiated elsewhere.

Antagonisms Matrix

FUNCTION GROUP		W	D	SS	GP	GC	R	F	LQ	C	WS	MH	U	SU	EL	TS	WI
	REACTIVE	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
	ACTIVE																
WELL HEAD	W	3	-														
DRILLING	D	3	-														
SEP./STABILIZATION	SS	2	3	3	-												
GAS PROCESSING	GP	2	3	3	3	-											
GAS COMPRESSION	GC	3	3	3	3	3	-										
RISERS	R	3	3	3	3	3	3	-									
FLARE SYSTEM	F	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	-								
LIVING QUARTER	LQ	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	-							
CONTROL	C	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	-						
WORKSHOP/STORES	WS	0	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	-					
MATERIAL HANDLING	MH	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	-				
UTILITIES	U	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	-			
SAFETY UTILITIES	SU	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	-			
ELEC. POWER GEN.	EL	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	-			
TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS	TS	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	-	
WATER INJECTION	WI	0	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-

Each number (1~3) represents a quantitative value of the risk when two modules are located in adjacent zones close. The higher number, the more risk layout.

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 - Quantitative Risk Assessment, SIPM Report EP 55000-18, May 1990  
 - Guidelines for Risk Analysis Data, Doc. Ref F-RADS, SIPM, June 1990

## Relationship between Topsides Modules - Affinities

Characteristics for defining affinities

- Engineering affinities: The need to locate certain modules close together, the most fundamental being the requirements of the process logic
- Manning affinities: Ways to minimize the movement of staff around the platform

Manning Affinities Matrix [ix]

FUNCTION GROUP	LUND	W	D	SS	GP	GC	R	F	LQ	C	WS	MH	U	SU	EL	TS	WI
WELL HEAD	W	3	-	3	3	3			3	3	3	3					3
DRILLING	D	3	-	3	3				3	3	3	3					3
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## Relationship between Topsides Modules - Definition of Adjacency Factor between Modules

Adjacency Factor between Modules  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & q_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$   
(= Affinities - Antagonisms)

Adjacency Factor Matrix [ix]

FUNCTION GROUP		W	D	SS	GP	GC	R	F	LQ	C	WS	MH	U	SU	EL	TS	WI
WELL HEAD	W	-	6	6	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	6	6	2
DRILLING	D		-	3	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	1	1	3	2
SEP./STABILIZATION	SS			-	3	3	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	5	5	6	2
GAS PROCESSING	GP				-	3	5	5	5	5	6	6	0	0	1	1	0
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FLARE SYSTEM	F							-	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	
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## Proposal of an Algorithm for Optimal Module Layout - Formulation of an Optimization Problem

### Definition of a problem

Determination of module layout which minimizes total material flow ( $F_1$ ) considering the magnitude of accident risk and the distance ( $F_2$ ) between total COG of modules in transverse direction and centerline

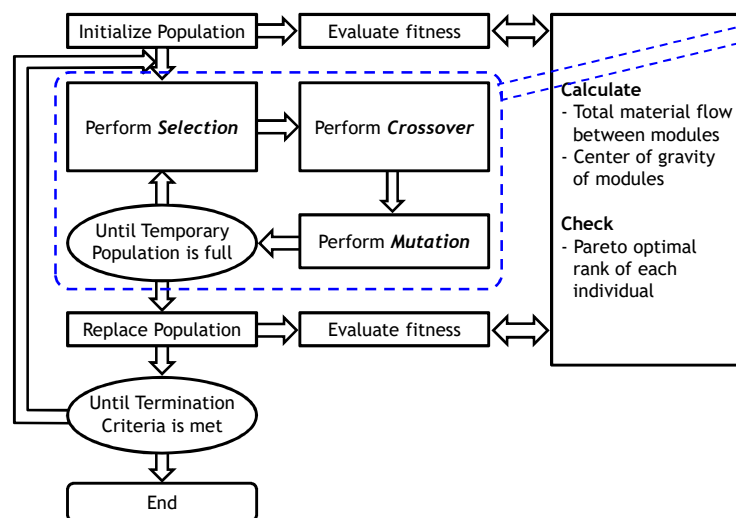
### Formulation of the problem

$$\text{Minimize } F_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N (q_{i,j} \cdot d_{i,j}) \quad ; \text{ Total material flow}$$

$$\text{and } F_2 = \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (w_i \cdot y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i} \right| \quad ; \text{ Weight distribution}$$

$N$ : Number of zones and modules  
 $q_{i,j}$ : Adjacency factor between module  $i$  and module  $j$   
 $d_{i,j}$ : Distance between module  $i$  and module  $j$   
 $w_i$ : Weight of module  $i$   
 $y_i$ : y-coordinate (transverse position) of module  $i$

## Proposal of an Algorithm for Optimal Module Layout - Algorithm for Optimal Module Layout





### Example of Optimal Module Layout of FPSO - Input Data

**Modules to be optimized**

Module ID	Module name	Module weight [ton]
1	Electrical BLD'G	910
2	Power generation	2,270
3	Water injection	2,240
4	Utilities area	1,700
5	Separation Train1	1,810
6	Separation Train2	2,050
7	Injection comp.	2,800
8	I/M metering	960
9	SDV platform	780
10	Recompressor	1,590
11	M/F dep. tower	1,710
12	Laydown area	105

**Adjacency factor between modules**

Module ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	-	6	6	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
2	-	-	3	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
3	-	-	-	3	1	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
4	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
5	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	1	3	3
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	3	2
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6	2
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	4
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Zone ID of FPSO topsides in this example(plan view)**

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### Example of Optimal Module Layout of FPSO - Optimization Result

**Modules to be optimized**

Module ID	Module name
1	Electrical BLD'G
2	Power generation
3	Water injection
4	Utilities area
5	Separation Train1
6	Separation Train2
7	Injection comp.
8	I/M metering
9	SDV platform
10	Recompressor
11	M/F dep. tower
12	Laydown area

**Existing Module Layout of Topsides**

	Existing	Optimization
Adjacency between Modules [ $F_1$ ]	463,010	393,050 (-15.1%)
Transverse position of COG [ $F_2$ ]	2.7814 m	0.4395 m (-84.2%)

**Optimal Module Layout of Topsides**

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## 2. Optimal Equipment Layout in the Toppides Module of Offshore Plant (for Liquefaction Module)

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### Considerations on Optimal Equipment Layout in the Liquefaction Module for Offshore Plant



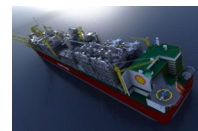
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- Safety studies: HAZard and Operability (HAZOP), HAZard Identification (HAZID), Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA), Fault Tree Analysis (FTA), Event Tree Analysis (ETA)
- Optimal layout: [Maintenance](#), [Working space area](#), [Emergency area](#)
  
- Available area for the liquefaction cycle of offshore application is smaller than that of onshore plant.
- By determining the optimal operating conditions and doing the optimal synthesis of the liquefaction cycle, the required power for the compressors can be reduced which will result in the reduction of the compressor size and the flow rate of the refrigerant. Thus, the overall sizes of the liquefaction cycle including the pipe diameter, equipment and instrument can be reduced.
- Therefore, the compactness can be achieved by optimization studies such as determination of the optimal operating condition or optimal synthesis of the liquefaction cycle.



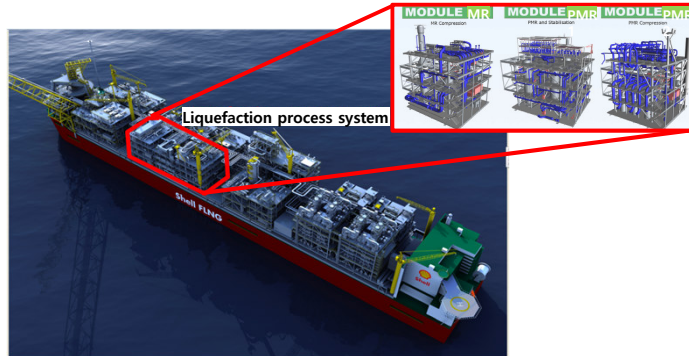
For the optimization of the process layout, 'Compactness' & 'Safety' are the most important consideration.

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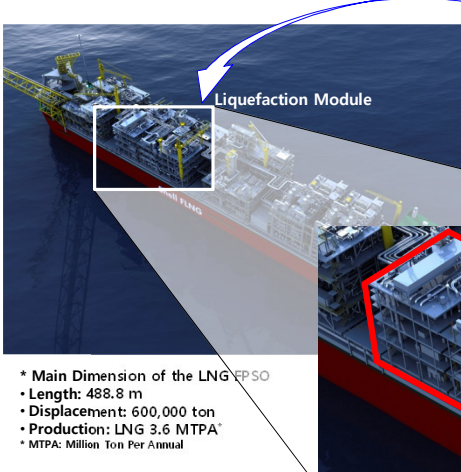
## Characteristics of Equipment Layout in Toppides Modules of Offshore Plant

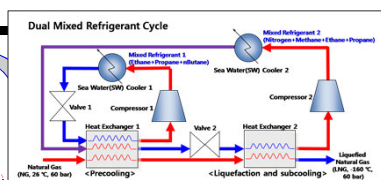
- ☑ **Limited Installation Area**
  - Considering the limited Hull area, equipment shall be placed on the **multi-floors module**.
  - Same functional systems shall be installed in the same module in order to reduce the piping installation space.
- ☑ **Easy Installation and Maintenance**
  - Offshore installation shall be performed on the **module basis** to easily install each modules on the hull area.
  - Every maintenance can be easily performed on each modules basis.



\* MR: Mixed Refrigerant, PMR: Pre-Mixed Refrigerant  
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## Necessity of Multi-Deck Layout in the Liquefaction Module of LNG FPSO





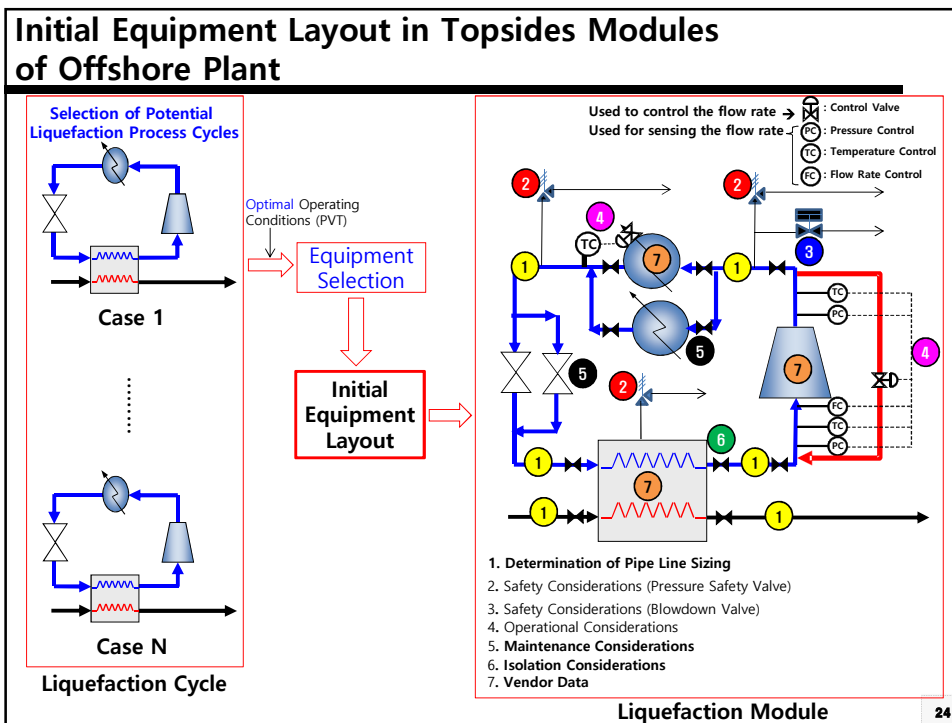
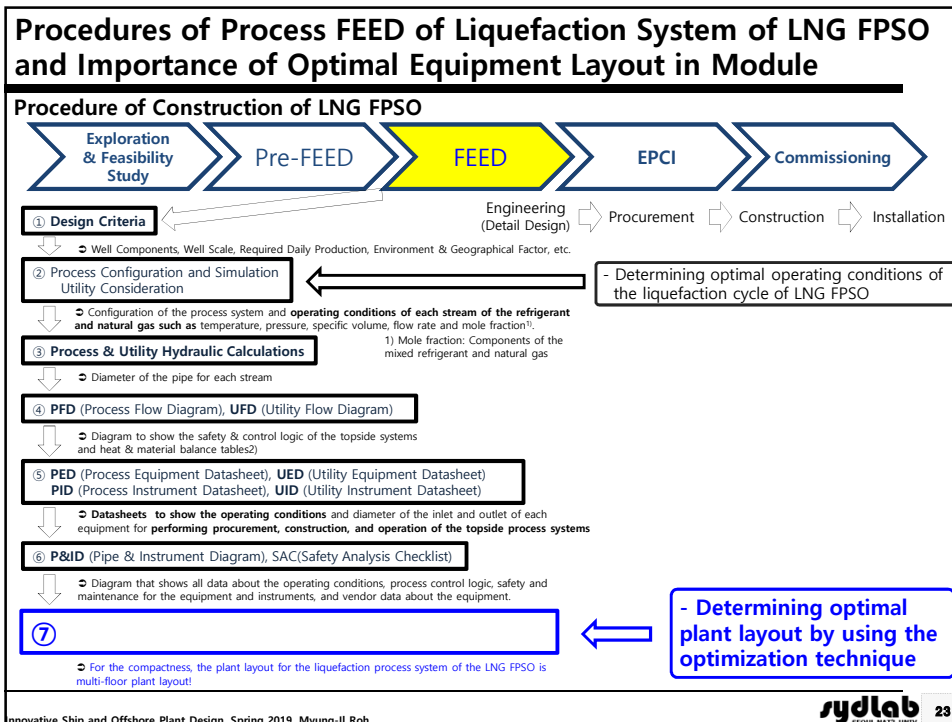
How can we arrange the equipment items?

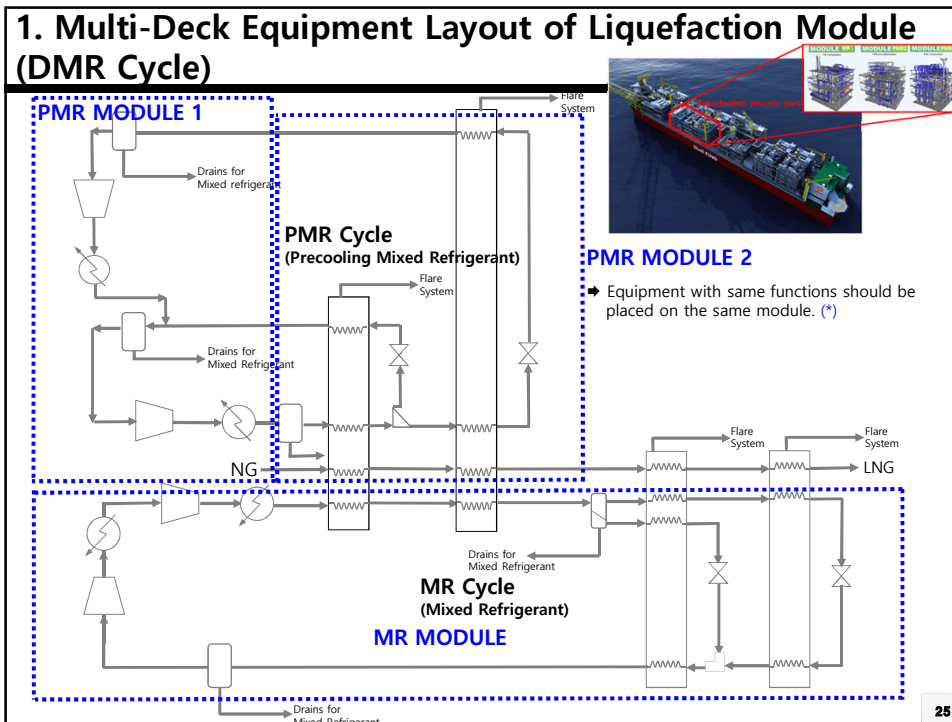
\* Main Dimension of the LNG FPSO

- Length: 488.8 m
- Displacement: 600,000 ton
- Production: LNG 3.6 MTPA\*
- MTPA: Million Ton Per Annual

**For the compactness**, the plant layout for the liquefaction process system of the LNG FPSO is

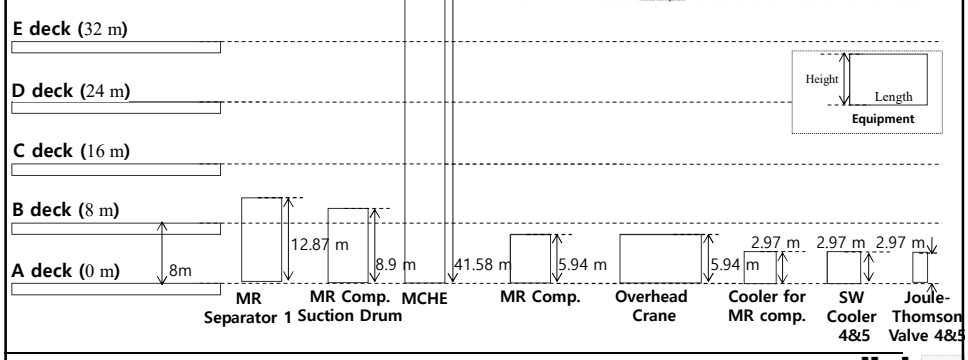
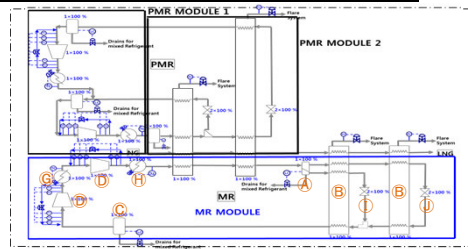
\* Reference: (Website) [http://www.shell.com/home/content/innovation/feature\\_stories/2010/lng](http://www.shell.com/home/content/innovation/feature_stories/2010/lng)  
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### 2. Problem Definition for MR Module - Given (Sizes)

No.	Name	Dimension of the Equipment	Dimension of the Equipment		
			Length	Breadth	Height
1, 2	MR Separator (A)	4.45 m	4.45 m	12.87 m	
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	MCHE (B)	5.64 m	5.64 m	41.58 m	
8, 9	MR Comp. Suction Drum (C)	5.44 m	5.44 m	8.9 m	
10	MR Comp. (D)	17.12 m	5.94 m	5.94 m	
11	Cooler for MR comp. (E)	2.97 m	1.98 m	2.97 m	
12	Overhead crane (F)	22.77 m	15.84 m	5.94 m	
13	SW cooler 3 (G)	3.96 m	2.47 m	2.97 m	
14	SW cooler 4 (H)	3.96 m	2.47 m	2.97 m	
15	Valve 3 (I)	1.48 m	1.48 m	1.48 m	
16	Valve 4 (J)	1.48 m	1.48 m	1.48 m	



## 2. Problem Definition for MR Module - Given (Connection Information)

No.	Name	Dimension of the Equipment		
		Length	Breadth	Height
1, 2	MR Separator	4.45 m	4.45 m	12.87 m
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	MCHE	5.64 m	5.64 m	41.58 m
8, 9	MR Comp. Suction Drum	5.44 m	5.44 m	8.9 m
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13	SW cooler 3	3.96 m	2.47 m	2.97 m
14	SW cooler 4	3.96 m	2.47 m	2.97 m
15	Valve 3	1.48 m	1.48 m	1.48 m
16	Valve 4	1.48 m	1.48 m	1.48 m

The equipment E is a cooler for compressor and is actually allocated. However, it is not related with liquefaction cycle and thus not shown in the configuration.

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## 2. Problem Definition for PMR Module 1 - Given (Sizes)

No.	Name	Dimension of the Equipment (m)		
		Length	Breadth / Diameter	Height
1	PMR comp. LP suction drum	3.613	3.613	4.603
2	PMR comp. HP suction drum	3.217	3.217	4.900
3	PMR Compressor	18.809	5.939	5.741
4	Cooler for PMR com.	2.969	1.979	2.969
5	Overhead crane for PMR com.	22.769	15.839	5.939
6	SW cooler 1	7.919	1.979	4.949
7	SW cooler 2	7.919	1.979	4.949

D deck (24 m)

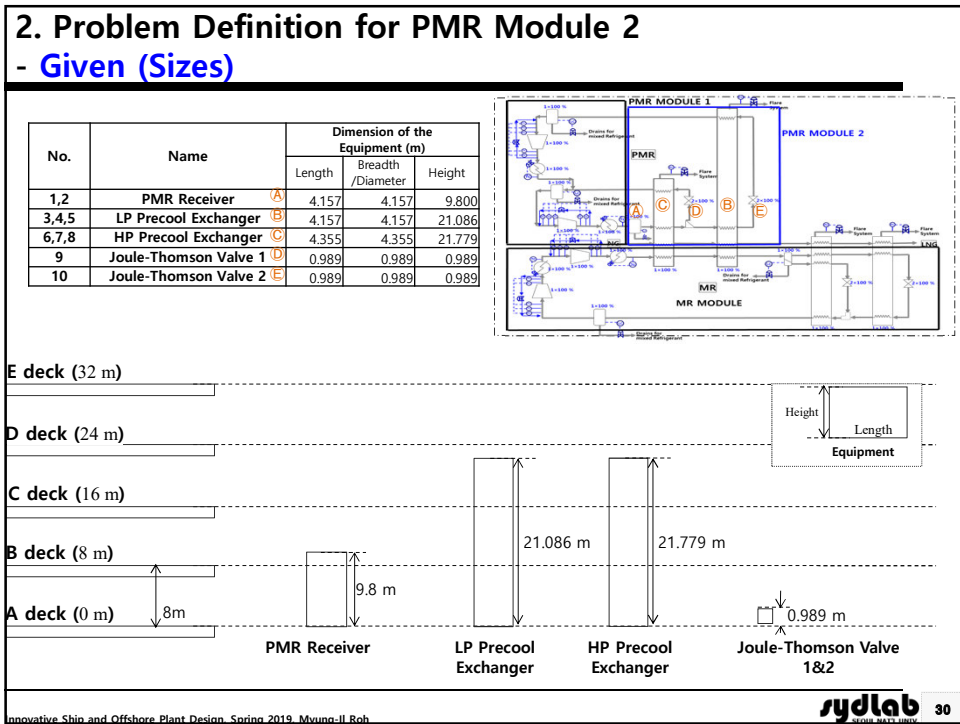
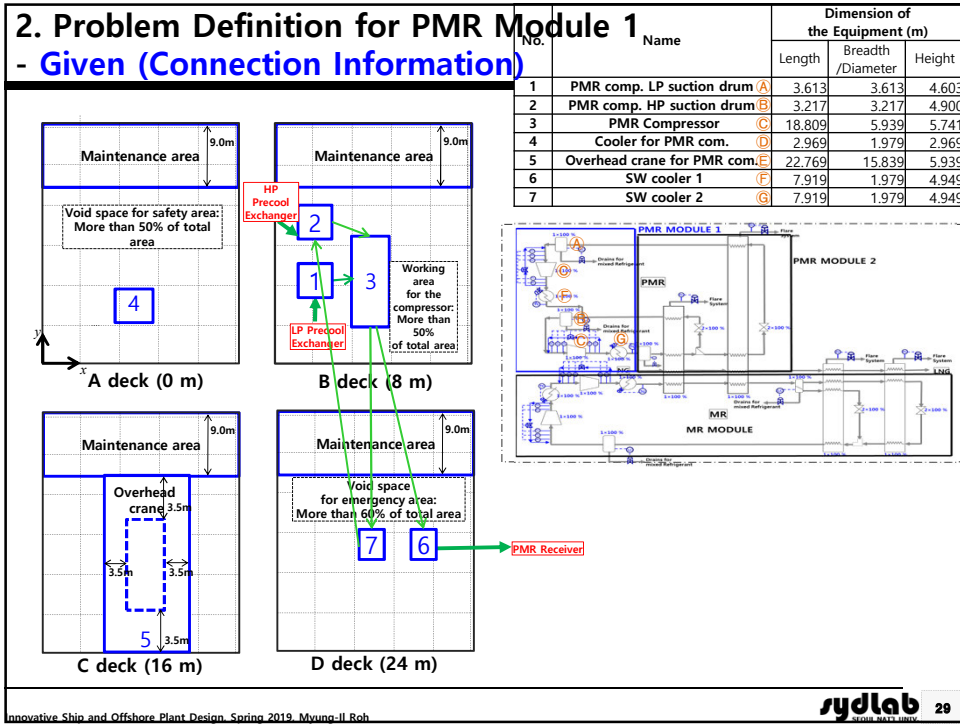
C deck (16 m)

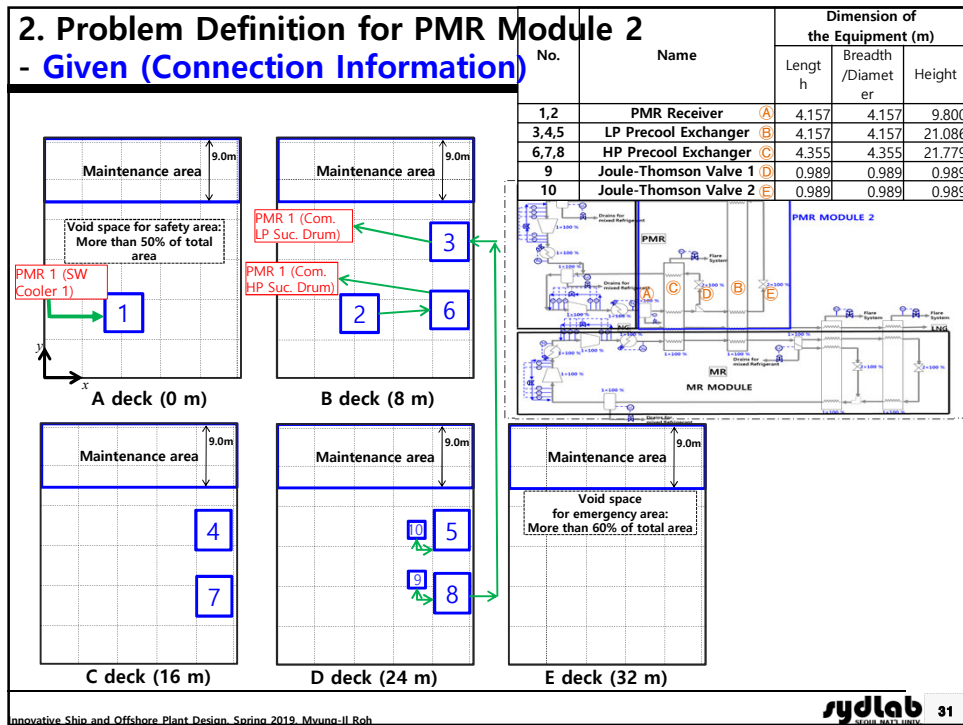
B deck (8 m)

A deck (0 m)

PMR Comp. HP Suction Drum    PMR Comp. LP Suction Drum    PMR HP Compressor    Cooler for PMR Com.    Overhead Crane For PMR Com.    SW Cooler 1&2

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## 3. Mathematical Module for Multi-Deck Equipment Layout - Model for Optimal Equipment Layout of MR Module

### • Design Variables [128]

#### 1) Coordinate of the equipment item ( $x, y$ )

$x_i, y_i$ : coordinates of geometrical center of the equipment item  $i$  [32 Real values]

#### 2) Orientation of the equipment item

$O_i$ : 1, if the length of the equipment item  $i$  is parallel to  $x$ -axis; 0, otherwise [16 Binary values]

#### 3) Deck number of the equipment item

$V_{i,k}$ : 1, if the equipment item  $i$  is assigned to the deck  $k$ ; 0, otherwise [80 Binary values]

### • Constraints [30+98=128]

#### 1) Equipment constraints for multi-deck

30 equality constraints

#### 2) Non-overlapping constraints

32 inequality constraints

#### 3) Deck area constraints

66 inequality constraints

➔ Number of the design variables is larger than the number of the equality constraints.



**Optimal Solution using Genetic Algorithm (GA)**



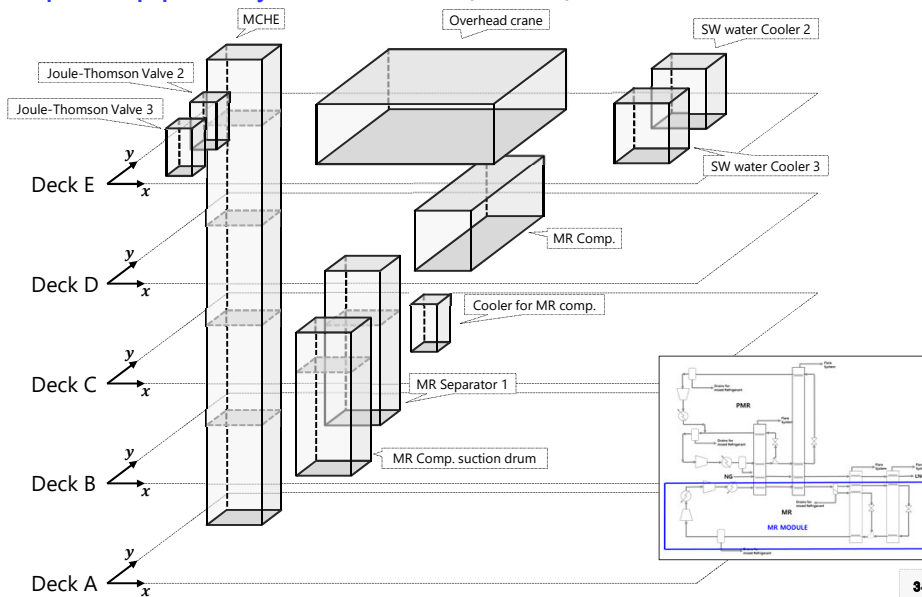
## 4. Result of Optimal Equipment Layout of Each Module - MR Module (1/3)

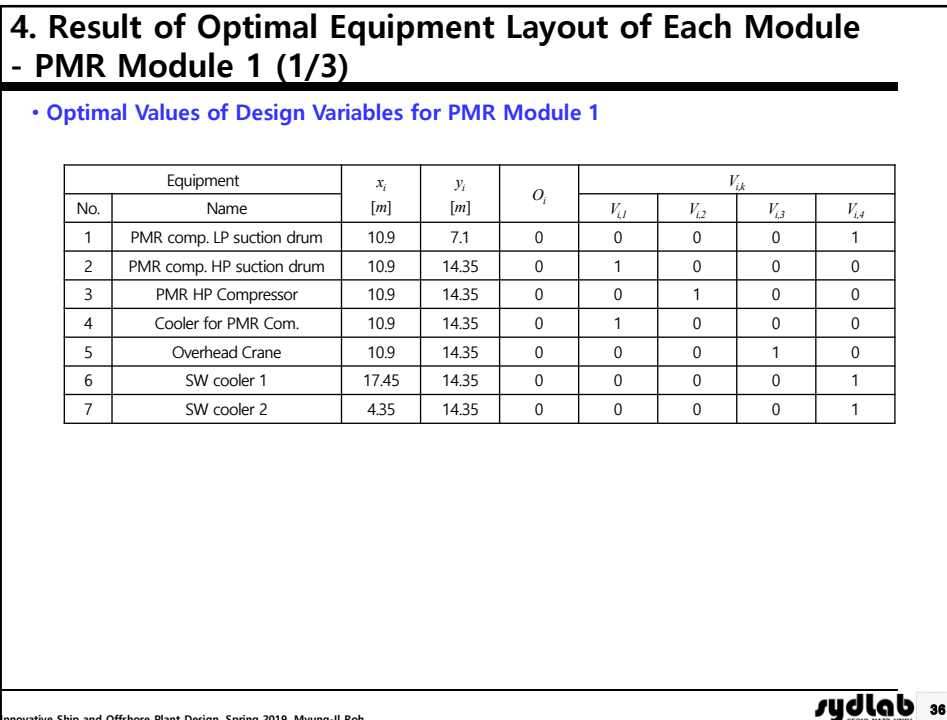
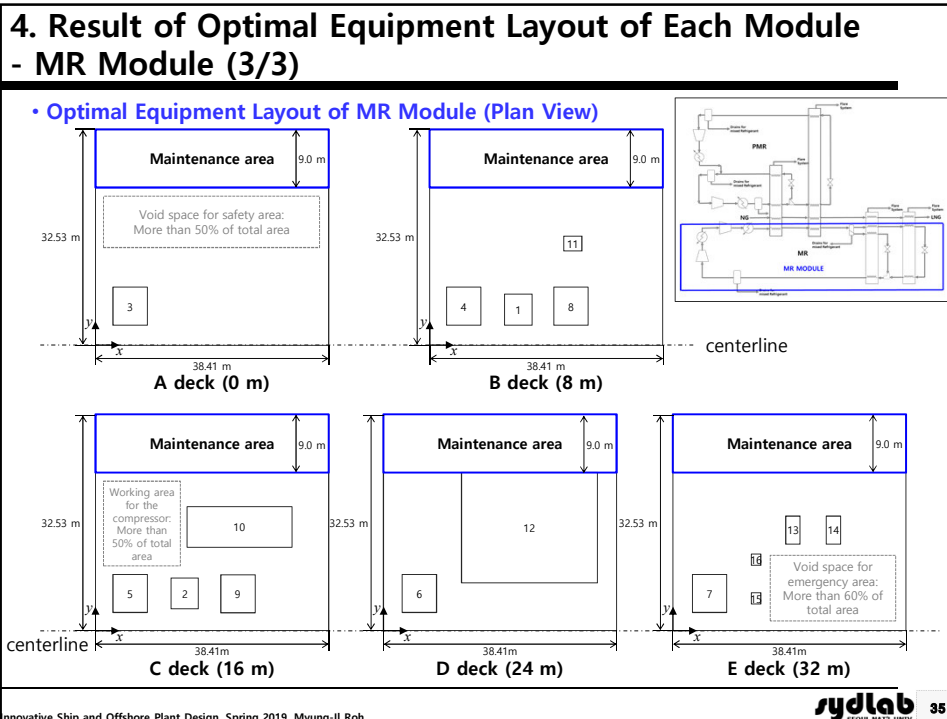
### • Optimal Values of Design Variables for MR Module

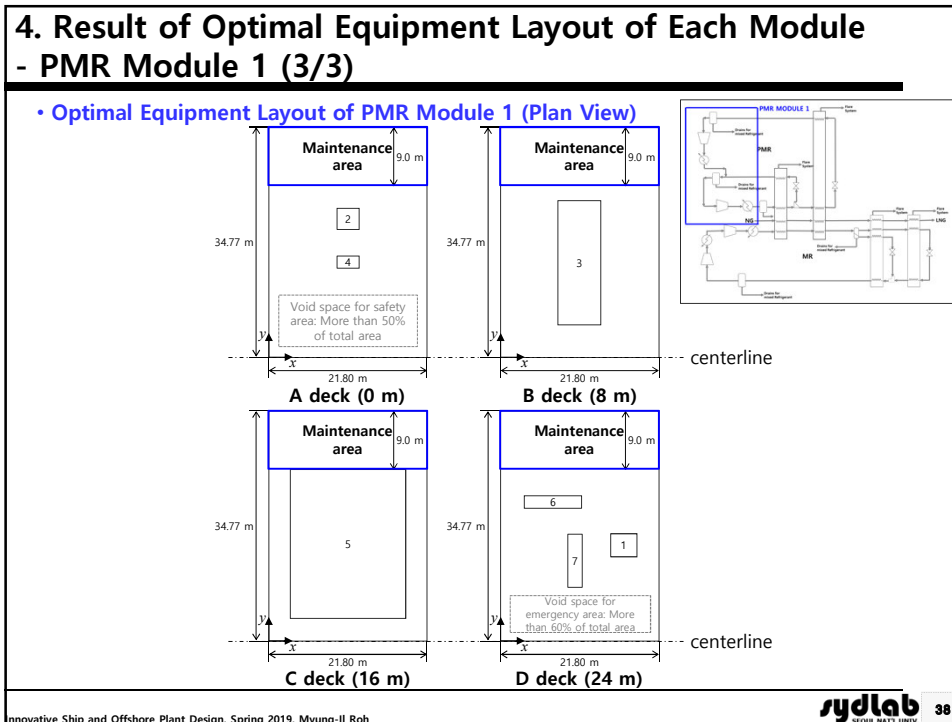
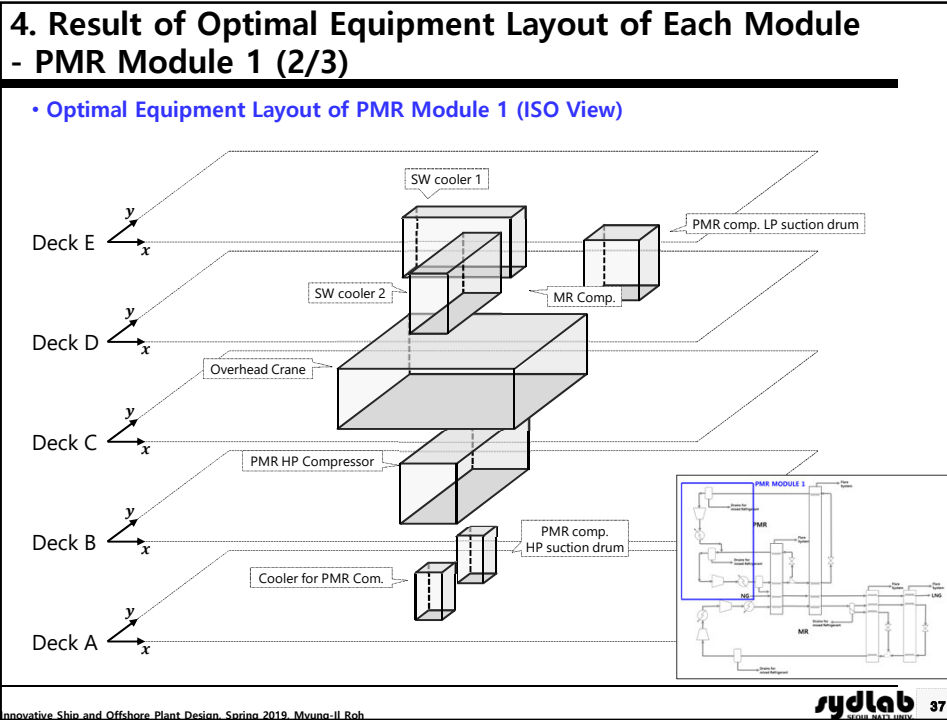
Equipment		$x_i$ [m]	$y_i$ [m]	$O_i$	$V_{ik}$				
No.	Name				$V_{i,1}$	$V_{i,2}$	$V_{i,3}$	$V_{i,4}$	$V_{i,5}$
1	MR Separator 1 on lower deck	17	13	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	MR Separator 1 on upper deck	17	13	1	0	0	1	0	0
3	MCHE on A deck	16	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	MCHE on B deck	16	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	MCHE on C deck	16	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
6	MCHE on D deck	16	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
7	MCHE on E deck	16	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	MR Comp. suction drum on lower deck	4	20	1	0	1	0	0	0
9	MR Comp. suction drum on upper deck	4	20	1	0	0	1	0	0
10	MR Comp.	8	10	0	0	0	0	1	0
11	Cooler for MR comp.	8	10	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	Overhead crane	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	SW water Cooler 2	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	SW water Cooler 3	8	14	1	0	0	0	0	1
15	Joule-Thomson Valve 2	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	1
16	Joule-Thomson Valve 3	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	1

## 4. Result of Optimal Equipment Layout of Each Module - MR Module (2/3)

### • Optimal Equipment Layout of MR Module (ISO View)







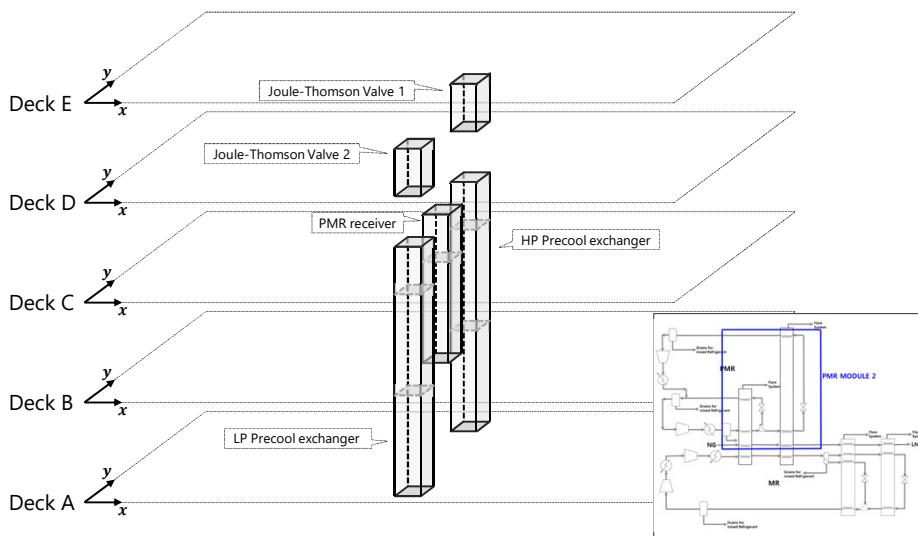
### 4. Result of Optimal Equipment Layout of Each Module - PMR Module 2 (1/3)

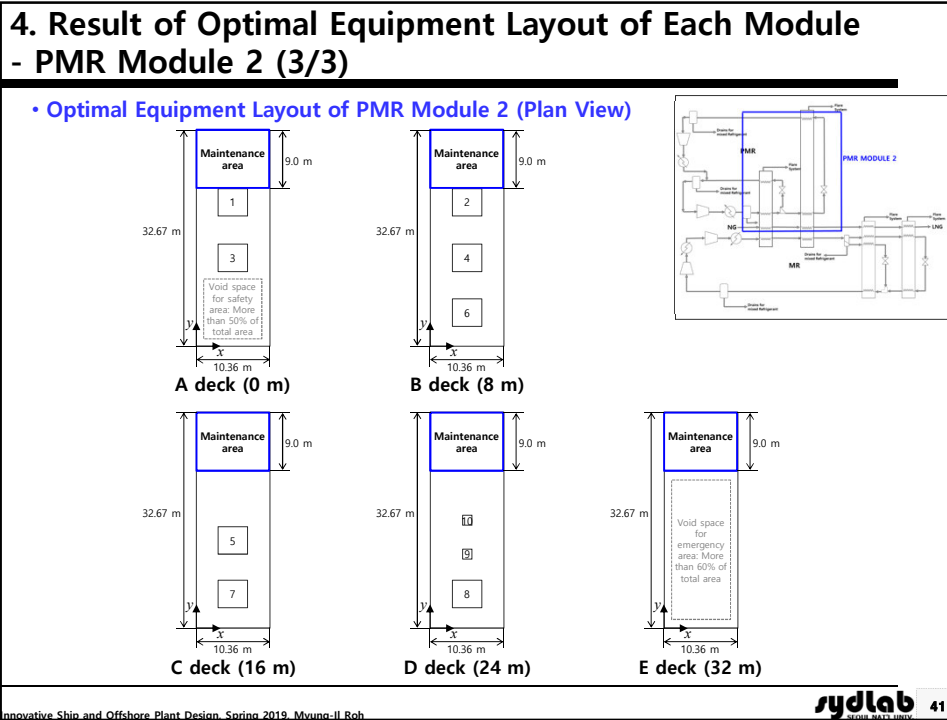
• Optimal Values of Design Variables for PMR Module 2

Equipment		$x_i$ [m]	$y_i$ [m]	$O_i$	$V_{ik}$				
No.	Name				$V_{i,1}$	$V_{i,2}$	$V_{i,3}$	$V_{i,4}$	$V_{i,5}$
1	PMR receiver on lower deck	7	8	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	PMR receiver on upper deck	7	8	1	0	0	1	0	0
3	LP Precool exchanger on B deck	15	17	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	LP Precool exchanger on C deck	15	17	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	LP Precool exchanger on D deck	15	17	1	0	0	1	0	0
6	HP Precool exchanger on B deck	15	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	HP Precool exchanger on C deck	15	8	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	HP Precool exchanger on D deck	15	8	1	0	0	1	0	0
9	Joule-Thomson Valve 1	11	11	1	0	0	0	1	0
10	Joule-Thomson Valve 2	11	17	1	0	0	0	1	0

### 4. Result of Optimal Equipment Layout of Each Module - PMR Module 2 (2/3)

• Optimal Equipment Layout of PMR Module 2 (ISO View)





### 5. Installation Area by Optimal Equipment Layout of Liquefaction Module

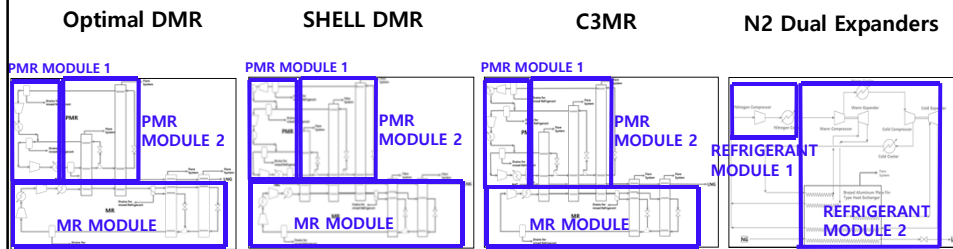
• Installation Area for Each Module

Deck Area	Results	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Deck Area
<b>MR Module</b>	38.41 m * 32.53 m	1,249.48	A Deck
	38.41 m * 32.53 m	1,249.48	B Deck
	38.41 m * 32.53 m	1,249.48	C Deck
	38.41 m * 32.53 m	1,249.48	D Deck
	38.41 m * 32.53 m	1,249.48	E Deck
<b>PMR Module 1</b>	21.80 m * 34.77 m	757.99	A Deck
	21.80 m * 34.77 m	757.99	B Deck
	21.80 m * 34.77 m	757.99	C Deck
	21.80 m * 34.77 m	757.99	D Deck
<b>PMR Module 2</b>	10.36 m * 32.67 m	338.46	A Deck
	10.36 m * 32.67 m	338.46	B Deck
	10.36 m * 32.67 m	338.46	C Deck
	10.36 m * 32.67 m	338.46	D Deck
	10.36 m * 32.67 m	338.46	D Deck
<b>Total Area</b>		<b>141,800.10</b>	

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## 6. Comparison of Installation Area for Various Liquefaction Modules



Cases	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Result (Constraints)
<b>Optimal DMR</b>	<b>141,800.10</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>
SHELL DMR	165,225.50	Satisfied
C3MR	159,599.00	Satisfied
N2 Dual Expanders	196,564.50	Satisfied