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#### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING GRADS PROJECTED TO BE TOP-PAID ENGINEERING MAJORS

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Chemical engineering majors are projected to have the highest starting salary among Class of 2020 engineering graduates earning bachelor's degrees, according to NACE's Winter 2020 <u>Salary</u> <u>Survey</u>.

It is important to note, however, that it is early in the Class of 2020 salary-reporting cycle. Thus, not all majors met the 20-salary threshold to be considered for the highest starting salary at this point.

Among engineering majors with 20 or more reported salaries, chemical engineering majors have a projected average salary of \$73,719. Three other engineering majors—electrical engineering, software engineering, and computer engineering—have average starting salaries that are projected to top \$70,000. (See Figure 1.)

Figure 1: Projected Top-Paid Class of 2020 Engineering Majors at the Bachelor's-Degree Level\*

MAJOR	AVERAGE PROJECTED STARTING SALARY
Chemical engineering	\$73,719
Electrical engineering	\$72,518
Software engineering	\$72,307
Computer engineering	\$71,107
Mechanical engineering	\$69,913

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# Q. Why?

Towler and Sinnott, 2nd Ed.

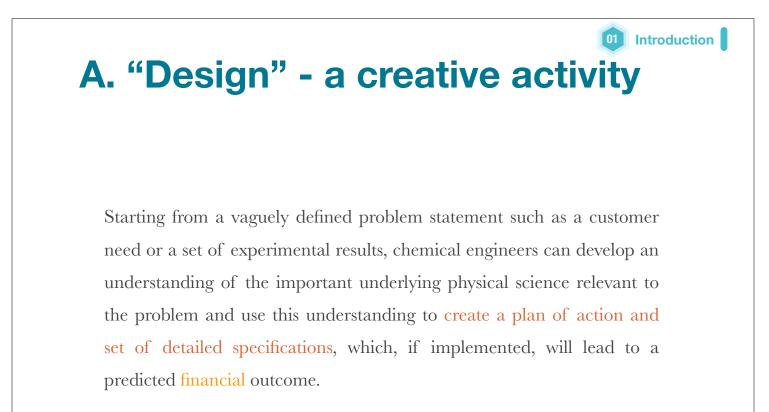
Chemical engineering has consistently been one of the highest paid engineering professions.

Demand for chemical engineers

Process Industries: chemicals, polymers, fuels, foods, pharmaceuticals, and paper

Other Sectors: Electronic materials and devices, consumer products, mining and metals extraction, biomedical implants, and power generation 3

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# **Engineering Design**

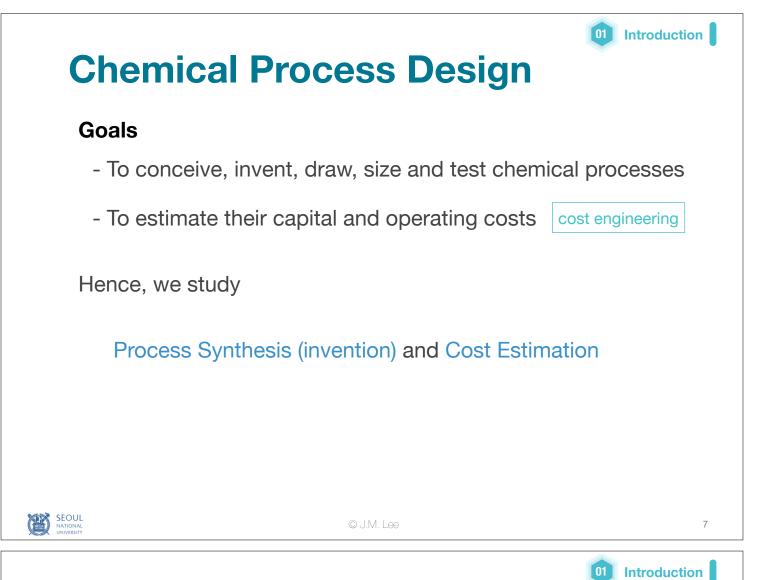
Definition by The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

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...the process of devising a system, component, or process to meet desired needs. It is a decision-making process (often iterative), in which the basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering sciences are applied to convert resources optimally to meet a state objective. Among the fundamental elements of the design process are the establishment of objectives and criteria, synthesis, analysis, construction, testing, and evaluation

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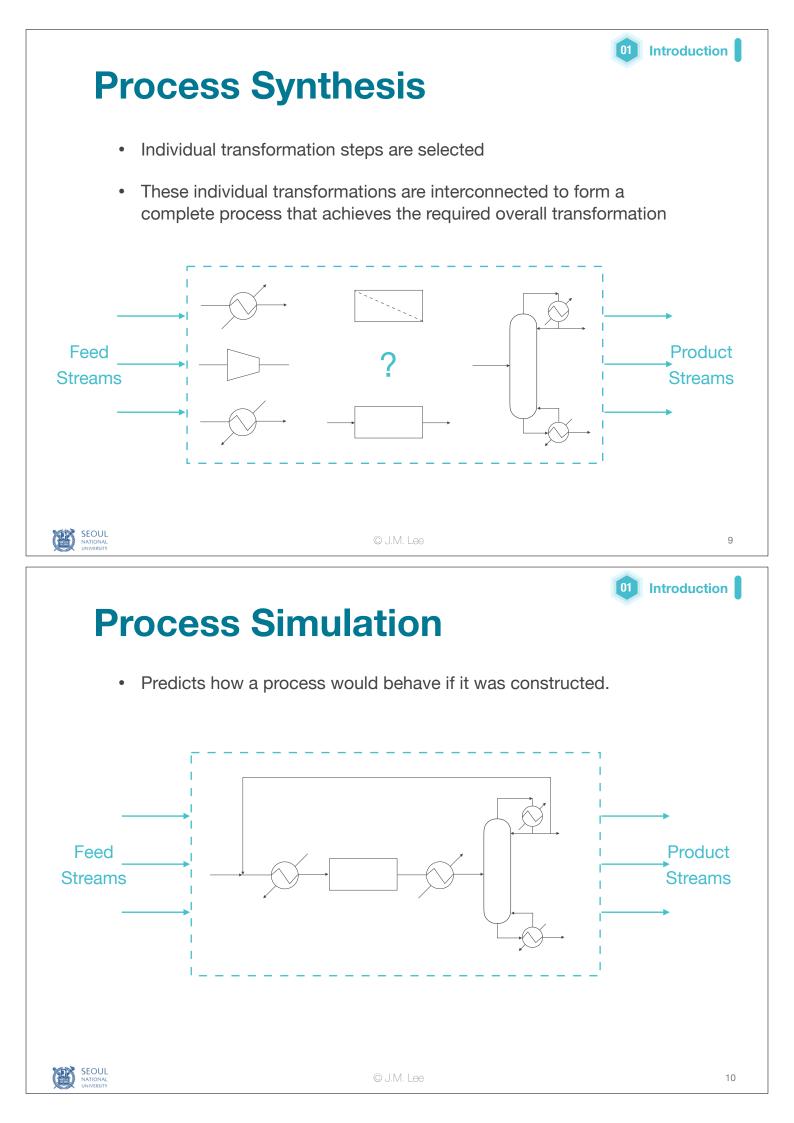


# (Chemical) Process Design

#### Examples

Petrochemicals	Benzene to cyclohexane	
Petroleum products	Recovery of paraffins from NG	
Industrial gases	Krypton and Xenon from air	
Foods	Polysaccharides from microalgae	
Pharmaceuticals	Penicillin by fermentation	
Polymers	Vinyl chloride monomer from ethylene	
Electronic materials processing	Effluent remediation from wafer fabrication	







# **Types of Process Simulators**

### **Sequential-Modular Simulators**

- Each processing unit is described by a "sub-routine" •
- A self-contained, standardized, piece of software
- Contains the modeling relationships describing the behavior of the processing unit
- Contains the solution procedure for the modeling relationships
- Units are executed in sequence •
- Special provisions account for the recycle streams •
- Are convenient, used extensively in industry but are quite rigid •
- Represent the historical origins of steady-state simulation

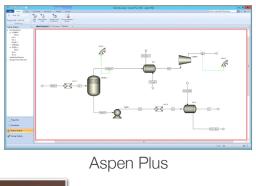
### **Equation-Oriented Simulators**

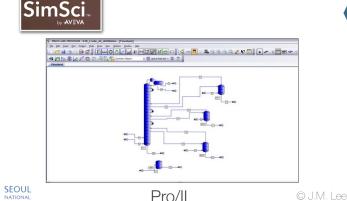
- The process is modeled by a set of equations, representing the behavior of all • processing units and their interconnections
- The set of equations is solved simultaneously, yielding the behavior of the overall • process
- Is very flexible and can handle readily both simulation and design problems
- Represents the current state-of-the-art simulators and the form of future evolutions



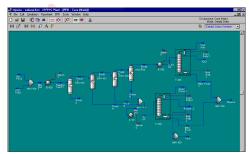
## **Process Simulators (Sequential-Modular)**







## Honeywell

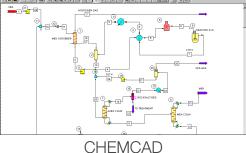


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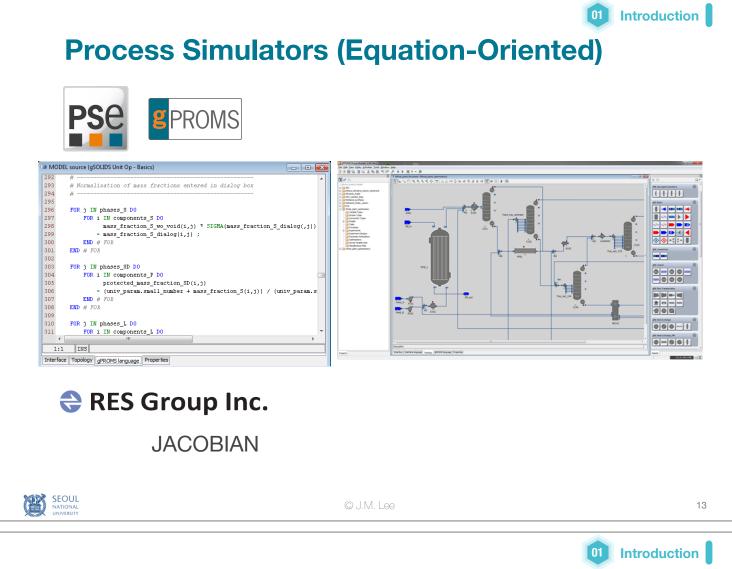
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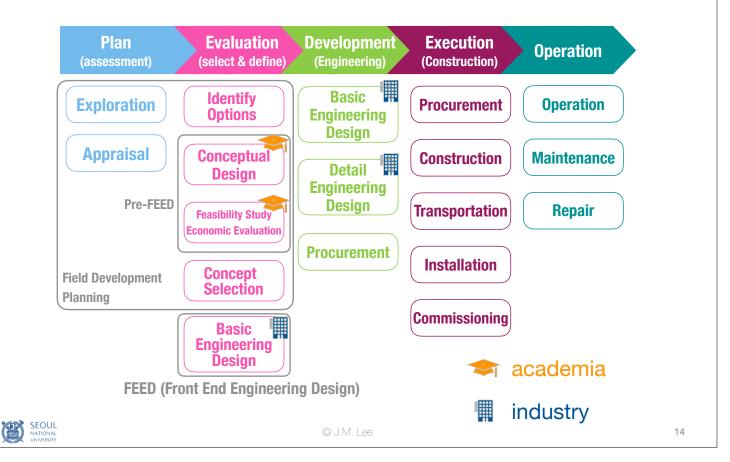
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## **Typical Life Cycle of Engineering Projects**





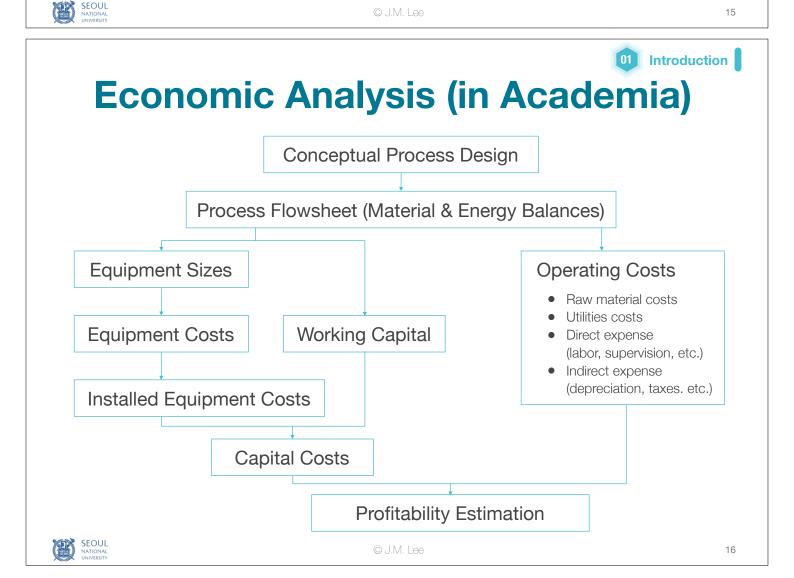
## Always maintain a focus on the overall problem

If little added value comes from much additional effort, the effort is not worthwhile.

#### Types of design estimates

- Order-of-magnitude estimate (ratio estimate) based on similar previous cost data; probable accuracy exceeds ±40%
- Study estimate (factored estimate) based on knowledge of equipment; probable accuracy up to ±25%
- Preliminary estimate (budget authorization estimate; scope estimate) based on sufficient data to permit the estimate to be budgeted; probable accuracy within ±12%
- Definitive estimate (project control estimate) based on almost complete data, but before completion of drawings and specifications; probable accuracy within ±6%
- 5. Detailed estimate (contractor's estimate) based on complete engineering drawings, specifications, and site surveys; probably accuracy within ±3%

(A. Pikulik and H. E. Diaz, "Cost Estimating Major Process Equipment", Chem. Eng., 84(21), 106, 1977)



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## **Hierarchical Approach to Process Design**

- 1. Develop a very simple solution
- 2. Add successive layers of detail

Example: Hydrodealkylation of toluene (HDA) process

Toluene +  $H_2 \rightarrow Benzene + CH_4$ 

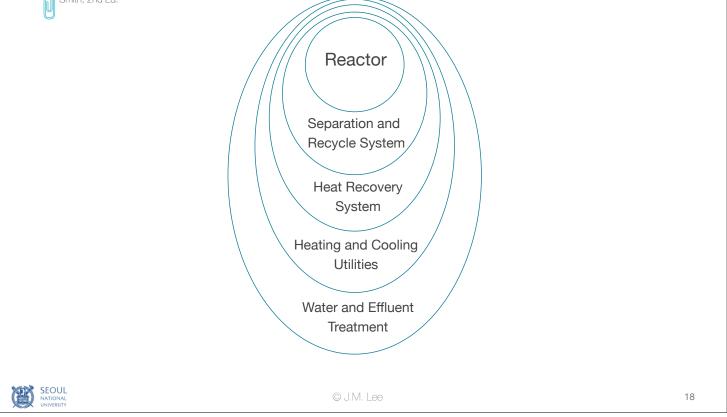
2 Benzene  $\leftrightarrow$  Biphenyl + H<sub>2</sub>

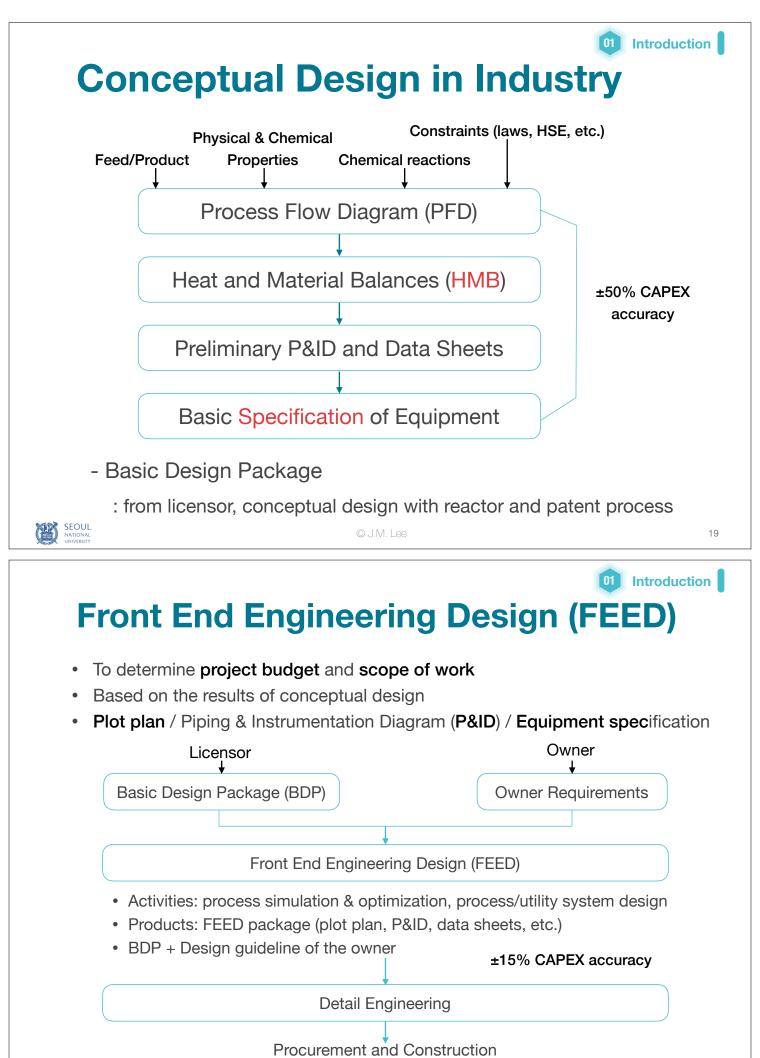
- 1. Batch vs. Continuous
- 2. Input-output structure of the flowsheet
- 3. Recycle structure of the flowsheet
- General structure of the separation system (Vapor recovery system / Liquid recovery system)
- 5. Heat-exchanger network

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# FEED (Front End Engineering Design)

- Conducted after completion of Conceptual Design or Feasibility Study
- At this stage, before start of EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction), various studies take place to figure out technical issues and estimate rough investment cost
- Normally contracted to EPC contractors, as an optional contract or through bidding. The product of the activity is called "FEED Package" which amounts up to dozens of files and will be the basis of bidding for EPC Contract.
- It is important to reflect client's intentions and project specific requirements into the FEED Package without fail, in order to avoid significant change during EPC Phase. The FEED Work takes about 1 year in case of a largesized project such an LNG plant. As it is essential to maintain close communication with client, it is a common practice that client stations at Contractor's office during the work execution

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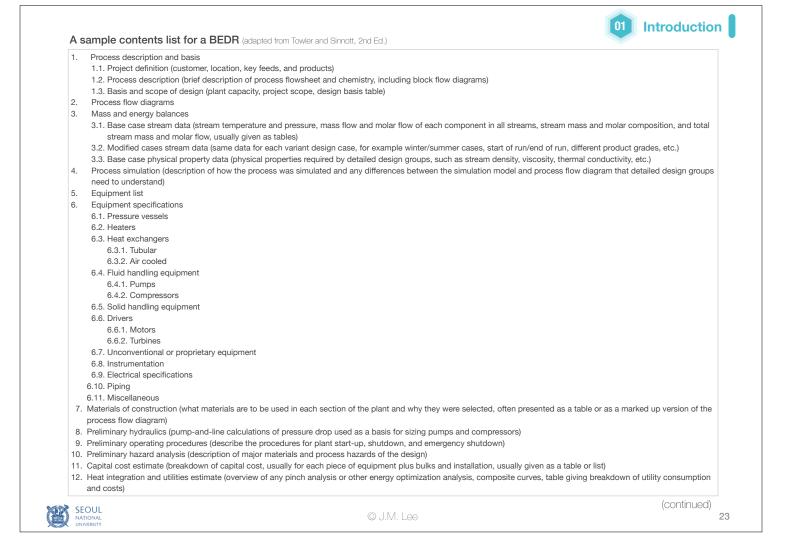
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# **Basic Engineering Design Report**

- Often used at the end of the process design phase to collect and review information before beginning the plant design phase and detailed design of equipment, piping, plot layout, etc.
- To ensure that all the information necessary for detailed design has been assembled, reviewed , and approved
- To document the decisions and assumptions made during the design and the comments and suggestions made during design review meetings

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 Design decisions and assumptions (description of the most significant assumptions and selection decisions made by the designers, including references to calculation sheets for alternatives that were evaluated and rejected)

14. Design review documentation

14.1. Meeting notes (notes taken during the design review meeting)

14.2. Actions taken to resolve design review issues (description of what was done to follow up on issues raised during the design review)

15. Appendices

14.1. Calculation sheets (calculations to support equipment selection and sizing, numbered and referenced elsewhere in the report)

14.2. Project correspondence (communications between the design team, marketing, vendors, external customers, regulatory agencies and any other parties whose input influenced the design)

