THE OIL & **GAS ENGINEERING GUIDE**

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The execution of a turn-key Project for an industrial facility consists of three main activities: Engineering, Procurement and Construction, which are followed by Commissioning and Start-Up.

Engineering designs the facilities, produces the list, specifications and data sheets of all equipment and materials, and issues all drawings required to erect them at the construction site.

Procurement purchases all equipment and materials based on the lists and specifications prepared by Engineering.

Finally, Construction installs all equipment and materials purchased by Procurement as per the erection drawings produced by Engineering.

Engineering design is the first, and most critical part, of the execution of a Project. It is indeed engineering that writes the music that will then be played by all project functions: Procurement procures equipment/material as specified by Engineering, Construction erects as shown on engineering drawings.

Engineering is the task of translating a set of functional requirements into a full set of drawings and specifications depicting every detail of a facility.

Engineering involves a variety of specialities, which include Process, Safety, Civil, Electrical, Instrumentation & Control to name a few, and a large number of tasks, from high level conceptual ones to the production of very detailed fabrication and installation drawings.

Cost pressures in the past decade have resulted in the transfer a number of tasks from high cost countries to low cost centres. **This** does not make it easy for today's engineers entering an Engineering and Construction Contractor to get **an** overall view of Engineering activities.

Introduction

This work's purpose is to meet this need. It describes in a synthetic yet exhaustive way all activities carried out during the Engineering of Oil & Gas facilities, such as refineries, oil platforms, chemical plants, etc.

The work stays on the level of principles rather than going into detailed practices.

In this sense, what is described here is not the practice of a particular Engineering Company but is, to a very large extent, common to all and can be found on any Project.

All illustrative documents (drawings, diagrams, text documents) are actual Engineering deliverables which were used on executed Projects.

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When the author, an alumni of IFP School, contacted me in *2008* to express his desire to share **his** experience with students, I readily accepted. Such is the practice of **IFP** School: to involve working professionals among its faculty, to bridge the gap between the academic and professional worlds. This transfer of living knowledge is the foundation of our curriculum.

What I did not expect, though, was that he would take **this** opportunity to write a book!

What started as a one-day lecture gave rise to a book summarizing 15 years of professional experience.

In doing **so,** I know that the author took a great deal of pleasure. Not only in the sense that he was producing something useful, but also in the consolidation of the various aspects of his experience as well.

Writing this book was an opportunity for him to stand back from details and derive principles. This resulted in a clear synthesis offering an overall view to the newcomer.

I wish this work great success. I also wish the author to grow in his teaching skills, capturing the audience as he does by covering the subject matter simply as a recollection of first hand experiences.

Jean-Luc Karnik, Dean, IFP School

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Project Engineering

Engineering of a facility is done in two diffemt **steps,** a conceptual one, the Basic Engineering, and an execution one, the Detailed Engineering. These two **steps** *are* host always done by different contractors. The Basic Engineering is usually done under an engineering **services** contract while detailed design is normally part of the facility's Engineering, Proclurement and **Construction** (EPC), also called turn-key, contract.

The **scope** of **Basic Engineering, also** called **Front End Engineering Design (FEED),** is to define the facility at a conceptual rather than a detailed level. It entails defining the process scheme, the **main** equipment, the overall plot plan, the **architecture** of systems, etc. Basic Engineering stops with the issue of the **main** documents defining the plant, mainly the Piping and Instrumentation **Diagrams,** the overall layout of the plant (plot plant), the speufication of the main equipment, the Electrical distribution diagram and the Process Control system architecture drawing.

The basic engineering documents serve as the technical part of the call for tender for tun-key execution of the project.

Detailed Engineering takes place during the actual project execution phase. It consists of producing all documents necessary to purchase and erect all plant equipment. It therefore entails producing the specification and bill of all quantities for all equipment and materials. It also entails producing all detailed installation drawings.

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Detailed Engineering integrates vendor information (actual equipment data after design by vendor), as purchasing of equipment actually takes place in this phase, whereas Basic Engineering takes place ahead of equipment purchasing.

The depth of details required in installation related Engineering activities, such as Civil, Steel Structure, Piping, Electrical and Instrumentation, etc. will depend on the split of responsibility that has been agreed with the construction contractor.

It is very common, for instance, that pipes with a diameter below 2" are excluded from the Engineer's scope. Their routing, the material take-off and the procurement of the associated material are under the responsibility of the construction contractor.

Engineering Execution Plan Plan contains a split of responsibility matrix who defines who does what between the Engineer and the Construction Contractor.

^X- **Respcnsible**

^R- **Review** *I* **Comment**

Additionally, Engineering tasks can be distributed between Engineering centres in different parts of the world.

Engineering is split into various disciplines, the main ones being shown on the chart here.

The disciplines are coordinated by the project engineering manager who, like an architect for a building project, ensures consistency between the trades.

Engineering activities are of a various nature. Some disciplines, such as Process, are not much concerned by the geographical layout of the plant: They only produce diagrams (representation of a concept) and do not produce drawings (scaled geographical representation of the physical plant).

Other disciplines are very much concernend with these physical drawings, as shown on the matrix below.

Thousands of documents and drawings are issued by Engineering on a typical Project.

These documents can nevertheless be grouped in categories. For instance, although Piping issues as many large scale drawings as required to cover the whole plant area, all are of the same type: "Piping General Arrangement Drawing".

All commonly issued engineering documents are listed in the Index at the end of this work. An example of each one is included in the corresponding discipline section.

There are many inter-dependencies between these documents. For instance, piping routing drawings are issued after the process diagram is defined, etc. These inter-dependencies will be described in the schedule section.

The typical schedule of issue of engineering documents is shown in Appendix. A given document will usually be issued several times, at different stages. Typically, a document is first issued for internal review (IFR) of the other disciplines, then to the client for approval (IFA), then for design (IFD) and ultimately, for construction (IFC).

Most of the documents will also undergo revisions to incorporate the necessary changes or additional details as the design progresses.

A document numbering system is put in place. Document numbers include, besides a serial number, discipline and document type codes. **This** allows quick identification of the issuing discipline and nature of document.

An Engineering Document Register is maintained to show at any time the list and current revision of all documents.

Engineering document register

Drawings are mainly of 3 types, as follows:

- diagrams, such as Piping & Instrumentation Diagrams, which show a concept,
- drawings, such as Piping General Arrangements Drawings, which show a scaled geographical representation of the plant. The representation may be a plan (top), an elevation (front, side, back) or a cross section view.
- key plans, which shows the division of the plant territory in multiple drawings of a particular type, covering all plant areas at high enough a scale.

A3 is the common size for diagrams and A1 for drawings (in order to cover the maximum surface area in the later case). A0 is not often **used** as it does not easily unfold at the job Site.

Overall drawings, such as the overall plot plan are issued with a scale of 1 **/500** or 1 /loo, depending on size of plant, while detailed installation drawings issued by Piping and Civil for each plant are issued with a 1 /50 scale.

Engineering is the integrator of vendor supplied equipment. Such integration is highly dependant on information from the vendors (size of equipment, power consumption, etc.). One of the challenges faced **by** Engineering is the management of such an integration, which requires timely input of vendor information not to delay design development.

The plant owner is involved in the Engineering process as they need to review and approve the design and check the compliance to their requirements.

The main information flows are depicted in the diagram that follows.

Managing the flow of information at the interfaces (between disciplines and with vendors) is highly critical, as will be explained in the conclusion to this work.

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Getting started

Design of a new process facility starts by the definition, as per its owner requirements, of its *function.* In short, what is the process to be performed: liquefaction of natural gas, separation and stabilisation of crude oil, etc., the required capacity, the feed stock and products specifications and the performance (availability, thermal efficiency, etc.).

A typical duty for **an** oil platform would be:

"The facilities will be designed to handle production rates of **200** kbpd (annual average) of oil production and a peak of 15 Msm3/d of gas production.

The full wellstream production from the subsea wells will be separated into oil, water, and gas phases in a three-stage flash separation process with inter-stage cooling designed to produce a stabilized crude product of 0.9 bara true vapor pressure. Water will be removed in the flash separation/ stabilization process in order to reach of 0.5 vol.% BS&W oil specification. The produced gas will be compressed, dehydrated and be injected into the reservoir to maintain pressure as well as conserve the gas."

On top of .the functional requirements, come a number of Client specifications, technical requirements for equipment for instance, that will ensure that the **Getting started**

facility will last and have the required availability. For instance, design and mechanical requirements will be specified for pumps, so as to limit wear and need for maintenance, to ensure uninterrupted operation over a specified service life.

The Client requirements are found in the Contract Engineering Basis, which describes "what" and "how" to deliver from a technical perspective.

It includes both project specific functional requirements, which include the scope of work and the design basis, and general requirements, such as Client's design standards and specifications.

In order for all engineering disciplines to work with a concise document summarizing the main design bases, the Engineering Manager issues the Engineering Design Basis document which gives reference information such as feedstock composition, environmental data, performance requirements, applicable specifications, etc.

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How to process the inlet fluid(s) to produce the required product(s), i.e., the Process, will be defined by performing Process simulations. These simulations use thermodynamic models to simulate fluid behaviours under the different process operations: phase separation, compression, heat exchange, expansion, etc.

The software also calculates the duty of the equipment. For instance, the software will calculate the required capacity of the compressor to bring gas of such composition from a given inlet pressure to a given discharge pressure. Such calculation is difficult to make manually as petroleum fluids contain a large variety of components. The software incorporates thermodynamic models, which include the properties of all these components, and calculates the difference in enthalpy between the compressed and non-compressed gas, hence the required compressor capacity.

Such mechanical duty will in turn determine the size of the driver (gas turbine for instance) by applying typical compressor efficiency, losses in gear box, etc.

Various schemes are simulated to find the optimum process scheme. **This** optimisation is done to match a few constraints, e.g., the ratio of outlet to inlet pressure in a gas compressor is around 2.5 (above that the gas temperature becomes too high), gas turbines come in a range of stepped - not continuous sizes, e.g., 3/5/9/15/25 MW.

Running process simulations will allow to try several scenarios and optimize the process, i.e., reduce the number of equipment, energy consumption, etc.

In the case of crude **oil** stabilisation for instance, pressure levels will be optimized, in order to reduce the number of separators while keeping pressures at values that allow easy gas re-compression (for injection back into the reservoir).

Once the optimum scheme is found, Process displays it on the Process Flow Diagrams **(PFDs)** that show the process equipment, e.g., separator, heat exchanger, compressor, etc., and their sequence.

The Process **Equipmenf list** is the register of all Process equipment. It is derived from the PFDs.

Process simulations are run for all operating cases, such as initial year of operation, plateau level, operating case at field end of life when water to oil ratio has increased significantly, etc.

This determines the required capacity of each equipment. Minimum and maximum duties are identified covering the full range of operating cases. The range of operating conditions for each line (pressure, temperature, flow) is also identified, which will allow adequate line specification and sizing.

The results are tabulated in the heat and material balance, which shows the flow, composition and condition of each stream.

Process then performs the sizing of equipment as per the required process duty, e.g., size of gas compressor according to required gas flow and gas gravity, size of cooling water pump as per process fluid cooling requirements and calorific value, etc. and Site conditions, e.g., temperature of available cooling medium (air/sea water).

The process duty of each equipment is specified in a Process data sheet.

The PFDs also show how the process will be controlled, by indicating the required controls (of pressure/ temperature/flow) throughout the process scheme. This is further described by Process in the Process Description and ~~~~~~~~~ **PhiIosophy.**

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- suction gas pressure (override);
- $discharge$ gas pressure (master);
- **gas** flow **rate (override).**

As the process diagram is further detailed, PFDs are translated into Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs)

P&IDs show in details the equipment, piping, valves (manual/motorized), instrumentation, process control and emergency shutdown devices.

P&IDs do not only include all lines, instruments, valves required during normal operation, but also the ones required for maintenance, plant start-up and all operating cases.

They will include, for instance, equipment isolation valves, depressurization and drainage lines. They will also include a recycle line required for operation of the plant at low throughput, etc.

The Legend and Symbols **P&ID** shows the meaning of the graphical elements and symbols used on the P&IDs. For instrumentation, an international symbols and identification standard is generally used, providing a means of communicating instrumentation, automation and control requirements that all parties can readily understand.

The **P&IDs** are developed by Process as per the various Operating, Safety and Maintenance requirements:

- Equipment isolation philosophy: valves and bypass to be provided,
- Requirements for start-up and shutdown, i.e., additional bypass/ pressurization, drain lines, etc.,
- Equipment sparing/redundancy philosophy, e.g., **2** pumps, each loo%, one operating and one spare,
- Process controls, which are directly shown on **P&IDs** by means **of** dotted lines between controlled process parameter (pressure, flow, temperature) and control valve. Process automations **(ON/OFF** controls) are described in specific diagrams called **Process Cause** & **Effects Diagrams.**

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Process safety automations: sensors initiate process shutdown in case of upset of process parameters. Their detailed logic of operation is shown on the Emergency Shutdown **(ESD)** Cause & Effect Diagrams.

Plant emergency isolation and \bullet depressurization requirements. To ensure it can be returned to a safe condition in case of emergency, the plant is split into sections that can be isolated from each other. Such isolation is achieved by means of emergency shutdown valves **(ESDVs).** Each section can also

be depressurized. The split into sections, which determines the number of isolation and depressurisation valves to be provided and their location, is shown on the **ESD** simplified diagram

Besides the individual process safety automations described above, Process designs the system to safely bring the plant to a stand still in **an** emergency. This is done in various degrees, called ESD levels, from the shutdown of a local process unit, to the shutdown or even shutdown and depressurisation of all facilities.

The ESD levels are cascaded: the overall plant shutdown initiates each of the individual unit shutdown, as shown on the ESD logic diagrams.

The definition of the levels, the initiating causes and the actions implemented for each one, are described in the Emergency Shutdown and Depressurisation Philosophy.

Process discipline is also in charge of designing the relief system. A relief system is used to safely release overpressure in case of process upset, or to completely depressurize the plant in case of emergency such as a major leak, etc. Process designs the relief system: diameter of relief lines, design pressure of liquid collection vessel (flare knock-out drum), capacity of flare tip, etc. to cover all relief scenarios.

Relief system design criteria **are** given by codes or client requirements, such as the requirement to depressurize the plant to **7** bars in less than 15 minutes in **an** emergency.

The Flare Report details the relief calculations and results, including the levels of low temperature reached in the pressure vessels and relief lines during depressurization. Very fast depressurization from **high** pressures to very low pressure in a few minutes leads to very low temperature. The depressurization case determines the low design temperature of the pressure vessels and the flare system. It may dictate the **use** of special materials such as low temperature carbon steel, or even **stainless** steel.

Flare heat radiation calculations are done as part of the flare study, to define the height of the flare stack. The required stack height is the one that gives low enough a level of heat radiation at grade/closest operating areas levels.

The PIDs are the main vehicle by which the Process design will be shown to the Client, to whom they are issued for approval.

They are also the basis on which Piping, Instrumentation and Control disciplines will develop their design. For instance, they show Instrumentation discipline the detailed requirements: not only the process parameter to be measured (Flow, Pressure, Temperature), but also whether the measure shall be available locally in the field only or on central console in the control room, whether the value must be recorded (to keep history), etc.

P&IDs also record the precise interface with vendor equipment and packages (piping connections, exchanged instrument and control signals, etc.).

The P&IDs are living documents, which are amended with inputs from numerous parties. These inputs are sourced from Client, HAZOP review, all disciplines, Vendors e.g., size of control valves once sized, equipment and packages interface information, etc.

While developing the P&IDs, Process groups the various fluids, based on their operating conditions (pressure, temperature) and corrosiveness in the **Process fluid list.**

Process also numbers each line and maintains the corresponding register, called Process **Line** List. It shows the process information for each line, namely, fluid type, fluid phase, operating and design temperature and pressure, etc.

Process calculates the diameter of lines, based on hydraulic requirements (maximum pressure drop allowed or erosion criteria), shows the details of the calculation in Calculations notes and indicates the resulting line diameters on the **P&IDs.**

- Fill bottom of boot with diesel oil through connection of one of non installed instruments (LSH or LSL) at least
up to LSL-000 (Level Switch Low) in order to avoid gas blow-by through drain line as transported gas
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The operating manual provides reference information such as the capacity of all vessels, set-points of controllers, alarms, safety switches, etc.

The operating manual contains information about *systems* (process, utility, emergency shutdown) operation. Information on the operation and maintenance of individual equipment are found in the equipment vendor documentation instead.

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Equipment, also *called* Mechanical, **discipline includes various** speciahties, **such as**

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Heat exchangers are designed and sized by Engineering, as they are of a standard non-proprietary design (shell and tube, etc.). A computer software is used to model the heat transfer for the specified geometry (number of tubes, position of baffles, etc.). The input and results of the calculation are recorded on a calculation sheet.

The design and sizing of other equipment, such as compressors, etc. is proprietary and done by their vendors.

The Process data is completed by the Equipment specialist, which produces the Mechanical **data** sheet. The Mechanical Data Sheet specifies additional requirements besides the process duty, such as codes and standards to be applied, performance, energy efficiency, type and materials of construction, etc.

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Pressure vessels, on the other hand, are specified in details to the manufacturer: type and position of internals, dimensions, number, size and elevations of nozzles, etc. which come from process requirements. For a gas/oil/water separator for instance, the section of the vessel will be sized to reduce the gas velocity enough to achieve proper gas/liquid separation, the liquid section volume will be defined so as to provide enough residence time to achieve adequate oil/water separation, e.g., 3 minutes for light oil and 8 minutes for heavy oil, etc.

For a distillation column, the distance between trays will be defined by the process licensor, which will in turn set the elevation of the column, nozzles, etc.

The detailed arrangement of the vessel is specified to the manufacturer by means of a vessel guide drawing.

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This guide drawing is also issued to Piping for routing of connected pipes. The orientations of nozzles are not defined on the guide drawing. Instead, they are defined by Piping following the piping routing studies.

A supply specification is prepared, describing the entire scope and limits of supply and listing all applicable specifications. The piping specification, for instance, should be referenced if the supply includes piping, the electrical specification should be included if the supply includes electrical equipment, etc.

Many pieces of equipment are indeed not purchased on their own, such as a pressure vessel or a heat exchanger, but as a package. **A** package is a set of equipment, purchased as a functional unit, e.g., a water treatment unit. It comes complete with all equipment, piping, instrumentation, cables, etc. already installed on one or several "skids" (frames). This approach, which consists of purchasing a part of the plant already pre-fabricated, reduces construction time at Site, as assembly is carried out at the vendor's premises instead.

The scope of supply of the package vendor in all disciplines must be precisely defined. For a package made of several parts, for instance, the party who is supplying the interconnections (pipes, cables) between the parts must be specified. A detailed matrix, such as the one shown below for Instrumentation, is the most efficient way to precisely define the split of responsibilities and battery limits.

The specification and the data sheet are attached to a document called a Material Requisition, which is the document Engineering issues to Procurement for Purchasing the equipment. The requisition precisely defines the equipment/ material to be supplied and the exact scope of supply and services, e.g., what calculations are to be done by the vendor. It also specifies the quality control requirements, the documentation to be supplied by the vendor and its delivery schedule. The documents required from vendors are of different types:

- Study documents, such as P&IDs, calculation notes, general arrangement drawings, etc.
- Interface documents, showing all connections at the supply's battery limits in all disciplines: anchor bolts and loads **on** foundation, piping connections, electrical and instrumentation connections, etc.

The interface documents and their timely submission are of primary importance to Engineering, for integration of the equipment/package into the overall plant. Provision of these documents must be synchronised with the engineering schedule. Penalties are specified for late submission of critical documents by the vendor.

Documents required at the construction site: preservation procedure, list of components (packing list), lifting instructions, commissioning and start-up instructions.

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. Documents to be retained by the plant owner: manufacturing records, operating and maintenance manual, list, references and drawings of spare parts.

Upon receipt of the inquiry the vendors will perform their own design.

For a compressor, for instance, this will entail defining the number and design of the impellers to match all operating cases with maximum efficiency. The vendor will submit such performance data in their proposal.

Once the bids are received from vendors, technical appraisal is carried out to both confirm compliance to requirements and to compare the offers from the various vendors.

The detailed technical analyses of the bids are shown in the Technical Bid Tabulation document. It covers scope of supply and services, compliance to performance guarantees, design and fabrication codes and standards, inspection and quality requirements, supplier's references in similar supplies, etc. For each item, the specified requirements are shown together with what is offered by each vendor.

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Following this detailed technical analysis, including clarification meetings held with suppliers, the technical acceptability of each bid is advised by Engineering to Procurement.

Once the equipment is purchased, and before proceeding with fabrication, the vendor submits its design documents to Engineering for review and approval. Vendor documents are checked by Engineering for compliance with the purchase order specifications. Comments from the various disciplines are consolidated. The document is returned to the vendor with a code, result of the review, instructing the vendor either to proceed or to revise its design and resubmit it for further review.

Vendor documents provide information on the equipment, such as dimensions, weight, electrical and other utilities consumption, etc. which Engineering incorporates in the overall plant design.

A register is maintained of all equipment: the Equipment Summary. Such register is used, for an on-shore project, by the contractor at Site to know how many equipment will have to be installed for its planning purposes and what is the capacity of the cranes required to lift these equipment in order to mobilize the proper cranes.

On an Off-Shore project, the equipment summary helps to prepare the weight report.

A lifting study is also produced, based on the weight derived from the Material Take-Off in each discipline, to estimate the weight and the centre of gravity. It serves to validate or not the lifting feasibility by the selected crane. In the case where the load exceeds the hook capacity, a weight management is required, to modify the arrangement of the module or to decide to remove a part of the module and reduce the weight for the lifting phase.

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Weight report	Detail for module X			Center of Gravity		
			Reported weight (te)	East	North	Elevation
Riser protec. / Acc. ladders	Boarding access ladders	1098		100.0	222.6	86.0
	Riser Protector		915			
	Cathodic protection					
Mooring Equipment		493	493	97.0	242.1	101.1
Instrumentation & electrical Equipment	Instrumentation equipment	99	13	100	100	87.5
	Electrical Equipment		49			
	Electrical cable integration		32			
	Electrical cable tray / support					
support and Casings	Paint on riser / caisson	501	14			
	Riser inst. winch Fire water caisson		66	100	100	83,75
	SW lift caisson		43	66.4	215	83.75
	Suction Hoses		126			
	Riser instalation winch support		252	136.	NA	102.4
	2190 Total				249.3	87.9

(*) Gross Estimation of the centre of gravity

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Once the plant equipment is defined, upon completion of the Process Flow Diagrams (PFDs), Plant layout (also called installation) discipline performs installation studies, which consists of defining the topographical organisation of the facility.

An industrial facility is usually split into 3 zones: Process, Utilities and Offsite.

- The process units are where the feedstock is processed into products,
- Utilities units deal with electrical power generation, production and handling of utility fluids such as steam, heating/cooling medium, water, compressed air, nitrogen, etc. and treatment of the waste fluids, such **as** rain and oily water, drains, waste gas, etc.,
- Offsites consist of product storage, shipping facilities and of buildings.

An Off-Shore facility will also include living quarters (LQ) and a helicopter landing pad, located as far **as** possible from the process units.

The site where the plant is to be built will impact its layout. A restricted land plot size will drive a vertical stacking rather than *an* horizontal spread of the plant equipment, a sloped relief will decide a terraced arrangement to minimize the earthworks, uneven soil geotechnical properties will impose constraints for location of heavy or critical installations (large storage tanks, turbo-machinery, etc.).

The plant layout takes into account the plant environment: location of access/ exit roads, external connecting networks: pipelines, electrical grid, water supply, etc. It is depicted on the General Plot Plan, which is the base graphical document used to locate all items of equipment, structures, buildings, roads and boundaries for the overall plant complex.

The location of the various units, and that of equipment within units, is determined following a number of principles, primarily related to safety.

Hazardous units, **such** as gas compression units, are located far away **from** vital **units,** such **as** power generation, and manned areas, such **as** living quarters.

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Units are classified in terms of risk of releasing flammable materials (leak) or igniting them (explosion, fire). The risk level mainly derives from operating conditions: the higher the pressure and the temperature, the higher the risk.

Risk are classified in High (HH), Intermediate (IH) and Moderate Hazard (MH) .

Minimum distances between units are specified by codes, as per the combination of risks. **This** will ensure, for instance, that flammable vapour released by one unit diffuses

to a concentration below the explosive limit when it reaches another unit where a source of ignition exists.

Additionally, units at risk of releasing flammable substances are located away and downwind of equipment that could be source of ignition.

Electrical sub-stations, for instance, will be located upwind of gas coolers. Should a leak occur in the gas coolers, the gas cloud will not reach the electrical sub-station which houses spark generating equipment that could ignite the gas cloud.

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Within units, the positions
of equipment naturally follow their sequence in the process flow to minimize the length of inter-connections.

Free space is provided around equipment for proper operator access and for maintenance (removal of parts, truck/crane access).

Special attention is given to free space/access for personnel evacuation and fire fighting. Enough space is provided between and around equipment.

An optimum spacing is found with respect to cost. The size of the plant footprint has indeed a direct impact on the quantities to be purchased and installed: length of pipes, pipe-racks, electrical and instrumentation cables, sewage, fire fighting, roads, paved areas, etc.

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Equipment elevations may be dictated by process reasons. Apump, for instance, shall be placed at a lower elevation than the vessel from which it is fed, to ensure proper supply to the pump without cavitation. Another example is that of vessel that is used **to** collect drains by gravity. It must be located at a lower elevation than the vessel(s) it drains from.

Equipment dimensions will not be available initially. It will become available once the equipment supplier has finalized its design and purchased its subequipment. Not only the size of the main equipment should be considered while elaborating the Plot Plan, such as a turbo-compressor unit, but also their auxiliaries, e.g., fuel gas unit, lube oil skid, etc.

Experience is required to account for all equipment, and estimate their size with accuracy before actual information is available from vendors, in order to be able to freeze the plot plan at **an** early stage.

Such freeze of the plot plan is essential as it is a pre-requisite for the start of Site activities.

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space for routing of all networks (all process and utility pipes, Electrical and Control cables, fire fighting, sewage, pits.. .) must be duly considered in the Plot Plan. This is the reason why defining a correct layout requires a lot of experience. One indeed needs to have a vision of the entire plant, including all pipes, networks, accesses, etc., before they appear on the drawing boards, thanks to one's experience on previous facilities. All such items will indeed come later on as the design develops and will occupy space that must have been reserved.

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The position of equipment is shown on the Unit Plot Plan, by means of **coordinates or distance to axis of reference datum point, e.g., inlet nozzle on equipment.**

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Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), also called Loss Prevention Engineering or simply "Safety", works at preventing or minimizing the consequences of accidents linked to the operation of the plant. It is also in charge of ensuring that it complies with legal requirements in terms of release to **the** environment (gaseous emissions, waste water, noise, solid wastes, etc.).

The first field in which safety is involved is that of the plant process itself. It leads an audit, called a HAZOP Review (HAZard and Operability Review), which is a systematic review of all possible process upsets, verifying that the design incorporates adequate safeguards to allow the process to come back to normal or to safely shut down.

HAZOP reviews are usually carried by Safety with the help of a third party, to avoid conflicts between safety requirements, Contractor and Client's interests. The reviewing team includes Process, Operations, Instrumentation & Control specialists, as many aspects are to be jointly considered.

A systematic method is used for the review: at each point of the process (in each line, in each equipment) the causes and consequences of possible process (pressure/ temperature/flow) upsets are identified and evaluated.

The likelihood of an undesirable event happening is evaluated, taking into account the safeguards already included in the design, such as safety automations, alarm, operating instructions.

The consequence that would result from the undesirable event is determined and its severity is ranked using criteria such as the ones shown in the table below.

The risk is then finally evaluated as a combination of the likelihood to happen (frequency) and the severity.

High risks (H) are events with severe consequences and high likelihood to happen. High risks are unacceptable.

The HAZOP team identifies high risks, for which it records that **the** design must be improved. Precise tracking of the status and expediting of these requested improvements will be made throughout the Engineering phase in order to ensure their implementation.

A typical example of a reviewed item would be the scenario of overflow of a liquid containing vessel.

The team would identify the possible cause (miss operation during filling), consequence (release of product to atmosphere through vessel overflow pipe), existing safeguards (liquid level indicator, operating instructions, high level alarm).

The Frequency of occurrence will be estimated considering likelihood of error by operator, malfunction of the level sensor, etc.

The Severity will depend on the type of product released to atmosphere (personnel and/or environmental hazard).

Should Frequency * Severity (risk) be found high, the HAZOP team would prescribe an action from the design team (a check to be done, a calculation to be made, a change to the design such as the addition of a safeguard, etc.).

The form below shows a typical HAZOP worksheet, issued after the review as part of the **HAZOP** report. The first item does not require any action by the design team. The second item requires an action (addition of a non-return valve), which Engineering has implemented as shown on the P&ID.

Early incorporation of additional requirements resulting from the HAZOP is essential to minimize the amount of design reworks they generate.

Second only to process safety is the safe layout of the facility. Explosion and fire hazards exist in Oil & Gas facilities due to the flammable and explosive inventories handled. Adequate design considerations, in particular in the field of layout (relative positions of equipment) and spacing (minimum distances between equipment), can reduce the risk or consequence of such events.

Explosion and fire damage can indeed be significantly reduced with proper layout as explosion overpressure and fire radiation intensity rapidly decrease with distance. Minimum distances are specified between units and equipment based on the risk levels.

Safety will also review the layout of the plant to ensure sufficient space is provided for escape of personnel in case of emergency and for access for fire fighting.

Please refer to the Plant Layout section for details of safety considerations in plant layout.

The Fire Fighting system of the plant is designed by Safety. Such system comprises both passive and active fire fighting means.

Active fire fighting system consist of the fire water system, a pressurized water ring feeding hydrants, fire monitors (for manual fire fighting) and the deluge system (for automatic fire fighting).

The deluge system consists of spray nozzles (sprinklers) arranged around the equipment, that will automatically spray water on the equipment upon detection of fire. The detection itself is done by fusible plugs located around the equipment, that melt when subject to heat.

The purpose of the water spray is not to extinguish the fire but to cool down the equipment, for instance a pressure vessel, to prevent the steel from loosing its strength at elevated temperature which could lead to the collapse of the vessel and loss of containment.

The quantity of fire fighting water is determined in the fire water demand calculation note. The plant area is first divided into fire zones.

The water demand calculation is then calculated on the basis of a fire in one of the fire zone, with all fire fighting equipment in operation in this fire zone.

itself a function of the the surface areas of the protected vessels. The deluge water demand is calculated from the number of sprinkler nozzles,

The fire water system is depicted by the Safety on the Fire Water Piping & $Instrumentation Diagrams (P&IDs)$.

Arrangement of deluge nozzles around equipment is shown on the Deluge system arrangement drawings.

The location of the fire fighting equipment is shown on the Fire **fighting** equipment location drawings

Passive fire fighting, by means of fireproofing, is applied to structures supporting equipment and pipes. Protection of such structures will prevent/ delay the fall of critical equipment or pipes therefore avoiding the escalation of the incident.

In order to define which structures shall be fireproofed, Satey proceeds as follows:

It first establishes the list of equipment generating a fire hazard, such as equipment containing a significant volume of flammable liquid, etc.

Each such equipment creates a "fire scenario envelope" in its **surroundings.** The various envelopes are consolidated and structures located inside the overall envelope are identified.

Not all structures within the envelope shall be fireproofed, but only the ones supporting equipment and pipe whose collapse could lead to incident escalation or large damage. This would include for instance a large and heavy tank, even if merely containing water, located at height.

Extent of fireproofing of the structures is defined by means of typical drawings such as the ones shown here.

Fire proofing can be done by applying a special coating, or concrete, in which case requirements are addressed to the civil engineer who develops the required standard drawings.

Fire fighting includes a Fire and Gas detection system, which activates alarms and performs automatic actions, such as electrical isolation, in case of fire and gas detection.

Safety defines the number, location and type of Fire and Gas detectors both in process areas and inside buildings and shows the same on **the** Fire & **Gas** detection layout drawings.

Safety defines the emergency actions, such as process shutdown, electrical isolation, etc. upon fire or gas detection. These actions and their initiators are shown on the ESD logic diagrams.

The detailed logic is shown on the Fire and **Gas** Matrix.

In the example shown above, detection of gas in the air inlet of the building ventilation system will cause the ventilation fan to stop and the damper (shutter of the ventilation duct) to close. Indeed, the equipment located inside buildings is not designed to work in an explosive atmosphere.

Safety identifies the areas of the plant where explosive atmospheres could form. **This** is based on the identification of known sources of release and potential sources of leaks.

Sources of release include storage tanks, vents of equipment and instruments, etc. Potential sources of leaks include flanged connections in pipework etc. The extent of the explosive atmosphere around the source is assumed using a set of rules, for instance a radius of 3 meters around an instrument vent, etc.

Hazardous area classification drawings are prepared showing areas where an explosive atmosphere could be present, along with the likeliness of presence (Zone **0/1/2).**

Electrical equipment located in hazardous areas must be of a special design so that they are not a source of ignition. Such special design provides various degree of protection against the risk of being a source of ignition.

The required degree of protection is determined based on the classification (zone $0 > 1 > 2$) of the area where the equipment is located.

Protection could be achieved by different designs such as:

- explosion proof, referred to as "d": the equipment is enclosed inside a heavy duty enclosure that would contain an explosion and avoid its propagation,
- increased safety, referred to as "e": the equipment is designed not to generate any spark,
- \bullet intrinsic safety, referred to as "i": the amount of energy created by a spark in the equipment is not high enough to ignite the explosive atmosphere,
- etc.

Besides this level of explosion protection, Safety specifies the composition of the explosive atmosphere to which the equipment could be exposed. The nature of the explosive atmosphere has indeed a direct impact on the minimum ignition energy. **An** atmosphere of hydrogen, such as the one that could develop in a battery room during charging, requires much less energy to ignite than a natural gas atmosphere for instance. The nature of the atmosphere is specified by reference to a gas group, e.g., **IIC** for hydrogen, etc.

Finally, Safety specifies the maximum temperature authorized on the equipment surface. Indeed, the explosive atmosphere will ignite if it comes in contact with a temperature above its self-ignition temperature. This again depends on the composition of the explosive atmosphere: methane self-ignition temperature is around **600°C** whereas that of ethylene is **425°C.**

The maximum equipment surface temperature is specified by means of a temperature class, e.g., **T3** means maximum surface temperature of **200°C.**

Electrical equipment protected against explosion is clearly marked by means of an international code encompassing the information above:

The **Quantitative Risk Analysis (QRA)** is a systematic way to assess the hazardous situations associated with the operation of the plant. The analysis is related to release of hazardous materials to atmosphere that can cause damage to people or equipment, e.g., due to explosion, fire, etc.

Each accidental event is plotted inside a risk matrix, according to its frequency and severity.

Action is required for any event falling in the "Intolerable Risk Area" of the matrix. Its frequency or consequences must be reduced to bring it into the **"ALARP** (As Low As Reasonably Practicable)" or "Acceptable" risk areas, through risk reduction measures.

The first step of the QRA is to perform a hazard identification.

In the example that follows, the hazard reviewed is that of an explosion due to leak from piping. The cause could be material detects, construction errors, corrosion, maintenance overlook, etc.

The plant is divided into individual isolable sections of similar hazardous material, process conditions and location. The section considered here is the building housing a compressor.

The inventory of each component from which the leak could originate (pipes, flanges, pumps, valves, instruments...) is made. Frequency of leak of individual components is taken from statistical data found in the literature, for various leak size, e.g., 5% of component bore size, etc.

The sum of the individual component leak frequencies and sizes give the

Release of hazardous material to atmosphere can give rise to different effects, such as simple dispersion without harm or on the contrary fire, explosion, etc. This depends on a number of factors, such the presence of ignition sources, the degree of confinement, etc. It is the purpose of the second step of the QRA to evaluate the probability of each possible consequence.

The various scenarios are shown on event trees. The frequency of each event is factored by the probability of the subsequent one, resulting in the frequency of the various possible ultimate consequences.

The third step of the QRA is to evaluate the effects of each accidental scenario. Consequences are expressed in terms of reference values of overpressure, heat radiation, etc.

The risk is ranked in a class of consequences and plotted on the Risk Matrix to check its acceptability.

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The Quantitative Risk Assessment results in requirements, such as blast resistance of buildings, reinforcement of structures supporting safety critical elements, etc., which are incorporated in the design.

The impact of the plant on the environment is specified and evaluated by the HSE discipline.

An **ENVID** (ENVironmental aspects IDentification) review is performed to identify all environmental aspects of the plant, i.e., all equipment having a potential impact on the environment.

The review covers, for each aspect, the corresponding environmental concerns (noise, NOX emission, energy consumption, waste generation.. .) and the measures that are implemented in the design to control the environmental impact.

The Health and Environment Requirements specification states the requirements for each of the identified environmental aspect: regulatory standards, limits for all emissions (contaminants in discharged water, pollutants in gaseous discharges, etc.), design dispositions to limit/monitor pollutants for each type of emission/effluent discharge, ambient air quality, noise limits, disposition for disposal of hazardous wastes, etc.

The above requirements are fed back into the design (water segregation and treatment system, height of exhaust stacks) and addressed to equipment vendors (limits of NOx for gas turbines, etc.).

Later in the Project, an Environmental Impact Assessment is performed to verify that the design complies with the above requirements.

It includes an analysis of the dispersion of atmospheric pollutants released by the plant to evaluate the impact of the plant on the surrounding air quality. It entails an inventory of all sources of atmospheric emissions (machinery exhausts, etc.), and the modelling of the atmospheric dispersion according to local meteorological data. It results in the calculation of the levels of ground concentration of atmospheric pollutants at various distances from the plant, e.g., within the facility, in nearby populated areas, etc.

Environmental Impact Assessment (Air quality dispersion analysis)

Coordinates of the sources description \blacksquare

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The scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment covers emissions in normal operation only. Accidental emissions and their impact on the facilities or populations is out of the scope and is covered in the Quantitative **Risk** Assessment.

The environmental impact assessment also includes a *Noise* study. It **starts** with the inventory of **all** noise sources. Noise levels are then obtained from reference data base during preliminary studies, then from each equipment vendor after purchase. A computer is used to run a model of the noise dispersion. **Both** noise sources and barrier elements with noise screen effect such as buildings, *are* entered in the model. The noise level at each location of the plant is evaluated. Verification is done that

noise levels in working areas, and at the facility's boundaries, are within the safe/ legal **limits.**

The noise study records the bases and results of noise calculations. Equipmentnoiseinsula tionrequirements are derived from the noise study. The results of the noise study are shown on the Noise map.

Finally, the Environmental Impact Assessment includes a waste management study. The wastes generated by the plant are inventoried and the possible options for recycling, treatment or disposal are studied based on existing local waste recycling/treatment/disposal facilities. This study allows to size the temporary **waste storage area required on site.**

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Civil engineering

The first step of civil engineering for an On-Shore plant is to know the Site and the type of soil on which the plant will be built. A survey is required **to** collect topographical, hydrological, geological and geotechnical data. A Soil Investigations Specification is prepared by the Geotechnical Engineer to define the scope of this survey. It will include soil investigations, by means of geotechnical and geophysical methods, to collect a good understanding of the type of soil and its variability over the plant area. The type of soil determines the type of equipment required for excavations (excavators/explosives) and the type of foundations (shallow/deep) required for the plant equipment.

It will also include the identification of any local geo hazards, such as seismic hazard, collapsible soil, underground cavities, etc. and the definition of **the** soil geotechnical parameters to be used for the sizing of the foundations, such as soil bearing capacity.

Specific studies are performed underneath critical structures, such as large storage tanks, tall columns, etc.

The geotechnical engineer will also provide specific recommendations to the engineer with respect to, for instance, reinforcement of slopes to be done in backfilled areas, etc.
Once the overall layout (General Plot Plan) of the facility is defined, the first Site activities can start. These are the earthworks, which consist of levelling the site up to the required elevation.

Earthworks drawings are produced, such as the Grading Plan, showing the natural ground elevation and the final desired elevation.

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Earthworks equipment will then excavate/fill in order to reach the required finished level.

Once the Site is levelled, local excavation can be done and foundations of main equipment can be cast. Indeed, the main equipment foundations are the deepest undergrounds to be installed hence they have to be installed first.

Design of equipment foundation requires Vendor information such as footprint, location of anchor bolts, static and dynamic loads, etc. The vendor determines these loads, which are the basis for the sizing of the foundation.

FOUNDATIONS LOADS

Vendor information

Civil engineering

The civil engineer designs the foundation using a computer software.

The type (piles, etc.) and size of the foundation depend on soil characteristics (bearing capacity, etc.). The bases of design and results of calculations are recorded in the foundation calculation note.

From the above design results the size of the foundation, its shape, dimensions, depth, and amount of re-inforcement.

Foundation drawings are produced, which show the dimensions and depth of the foundation, the position, number and size of re-inforcing bars, and the position of anchor bolts to be cast in the foundation.

Reinforcement drawings and Formwork drawings are usually issued as separate drawings.

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Besides drawings, Civil issues Civil **works** specifications, for each trade, e.g., site preparation, concrete works, roads, buildings, etc. which define the materials to be used, how the work **shall** be done, the inspections and testing: reauirements. etc.

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3.1 Special requirements

3.1.1 Cement

Coment characteristics shall conform to BS 12, BS 146, BS 1370, BS 4027, BS 4246. BS 6588 or equivalent Russian code. The type of cement to be used and the relevant strength shall be specified on the design drawings and/or in other contract documents.

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The water used for making concrete or cleaning out shuttering, curing concrete or similar purposes shall be taken from the mains supply wherever possible, and shall comply with the requirements of BS 3148: or equivalent Ru is not available from the mains the Customer's approval shall be obtained before

3.1.3 Sand (Fine aggregate)

Sand shall come from rivers, quarries, from natural sources or crushing of compact
siliceous, quartz, granitic or calcareous rock. The sand shall be clean, free from silt
and any other foreign matter that may affect the st time of the concrete The grain size shall be well graded within the following range:

Sieve /BS 4101

The content in fines (passing through a sleve of 75 um) shall not exceed the following values:

- 3% by mass for natural sand - 5% by mass for sand produced by crushing. **Civil works specification**

Pre-fabrication is done to the maximum possible extent in order to reduce installation time. Concrete indeed requires around **2** weeks to dry before it can be buried. For the case of a foundation cast in-situ for instance, the excavation, which occupies a large footprint, needs to remain open for such period of time, which prevents surface works to proceed. Pre-fabrication of the foundation would avoid that and allow immediate backfill after installation.

Besides specific concrete constructions which are one-off and customized to a particular equipment, civil also produces generic concrete items. Civil standard drawings, such as the one showing standardized pipe support foundations here, are issued for that purpose. Such standardisation allows mass production at the pre-fabrication yard.

Civil also issues Construction standards, such as the one shown here for anchor bolts, which show repetitive arrangements.

Similarly to foundations for an On-Shore facility, deck structural drawings are produced for an Off-Shore facility.

The deck structure is made of the primary structure, which comprises the main girders making the deck frames, and the connection between the decks (legs), the secondary structure, made of beams supporting equipment, and tertiary structure, made of small beams supporting plating.

Layout studies determine the number, size and elevation of deck levels and the main equipment location. Together with equipment weights, it allows the Structure discipline to perform its design, calculations and to issue the Primary Steel Structure drawings.

The primary structure (welded plate girders forming the deck frame, deck legs, etc.) is made out of steel plates that are a long lead item. Indeed, such steel has special properties (high strength, through thickness properties), requires special tests and must come from a mill that has been duly qualified.

The primary steel structure material take-off is therefore issued early in the project to quantity all necessary steel plates.

Secondary structure drawings are issued next, which show the main equipment support beams, **and** the associated bill of material, which has of a shorter lead time than primary steel.

In On-Shore facilities, besides equipment supporting structures, long stretches of large steel structures supporting pipes, called pipe-racks, are found.

Requirements for these structures (location, width, number **and** elevation of levels, etc.) and input for their design (number of pipes to be supported, weight, operating loads) are defined by Piping.

Good communication between Piping and Civil is essential to optimize their design and include contingencies in order to avoid changes at a later stage, when piping studies will have progressed.

Large piping operating loads, such as loads at piping fixed points, thermal loads from low or high temperature lines (subject to high expansion), etc. are calculated by Piping Stress analysis group and advised to Civil. Other piping loads are estimated by Civil.

To these piping loads **are** added external loads such as seismic and wind loads.

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The structure is designed using a 3D modelling and calculation software.

Design of the structure includes sizing of main members, selection of connection type (pin/moment) between the members, provision of secondary members, such bracings for stability, etc. It results in a structural calculation note, which shows the design input and results (stress ratios in structure members, deflection of members).

The civil designer then prepares the steel structure design drawings, which are issued to the manufacturer of steel.

Steel structure design drawings

The steel structure manufacturer models the structure in all details, including all connections between steel members, and issues shop drawings, such as the one shown below, to its fabrication shop.

One shop drawing is produced for each structural member, showing all fabrication details, such as exact dimensions, position of gussets, positions and number of holes for bolts, etc. There is also usually a direct transfer of all fabrication data from the design office 3D model software to the numerical control fabrication machinery.

The manufacturer issues the Erection **drawirags,** which show the overall view of the structure, together with the arrangement of the various steel members, identified by their piece marks.

Identification is key. A given steel structure may come in as many as one thousand pieces, reaching the erection Site by several different truck loads, spread during storage before erection in very extended lay down areas.

On top of equipment and piping supporting structures, civil provides small platforms for operator access (to equipment, instrument, valves, etc.).

Corresponding access requirements (location, elevation, dimensions of operating stages) are identified and defined by Piping installation discipline. Civil discipline implements these requirements by designing the corresponding small structures. A standard design is produced, which will be applied to all these repetitive items, and to the associated handrails, stairs, ladders, etc.

Civil Works Installation (CWI) drawings show the layout of all underground objects and networks. These are very detailed drawings showing, for each area, the location and elevation of the numerous underground objects: foundations (of equipment, structures, buildings, pipe supports, etc.), networks (process and utility services, cables, sewage, pits, roads, etc.).

Production of the CWI drawings ensures coordination of all underground objects in order to anticipate and prevent interferences.

Priorities exist among the various underground objects and networks. The civil engineer locates the priority ones first, the next priorities will be located in the remaining available space. The sequence is as follows:

- Main equipment and pipe-racks foundations come first, as the main equipment positions are determined by the facility layout and cannot be changed,
- Gravity underground piping, such as sewage, comes second, as it must be sloped hence there is no flexibility in its routing. The space occupied by access pits, provided for cleaning at every change of direction shall also be accounted for,
- Underground pressure piping comes next, as its length must be minimized to reduce costs,
- Then come cables. Width and routes of cable trenches are advised by the corresponding disciplines **(Electrical/Instrumentation/Telecom).** The space occupied by cable pulling pits, duct banks at road crossing is also considered.

Civil Works Installation drawings are issued multiple times, to allow Site works to proceed step-wise. As the design progress, underground objects and networks are progressively designed, positioned and shown on the CWI drawings. Site installation starts by the deepest underground items. Accordingly, the CWI are first issued with the main equipment foundation only, then with added rain water collection and underground piping networks, then with cable trenches, pipe supports, etc. and lastly with paving.

Before Civil can issue the paving drawings, all undergrounds must be defined and included. Indeed, after paving is cast, no underground can be installed. **This** requires the civil engineer to collect information from all disciplines. Civil will, for instance, collect information about pipe support location and loads and incorporate the corresponding foundations or re-inforcements in the paving drawings.

Building design also falls within the scope of the civil engineer. It starts by the architectural definition of the building, i.e., size/number of rooms, etc. which comes from the building function.

An Electrical sub-station, for instance, will be sized according to the number and size of housed switchboards, including provision for futun? ones. It will **also** be specified a false floor for cable routing, wall and floor openings for cable penetrations, etc.

The architectural *requirements* **are** grouped and shown on the Architectural drawings.

Drawings in all trades, with a very high level of details, are produced. **Drawings in all trades, with a very high level of details, are produced.**

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Production of building detail drawings, such as the layout of Telecom equipment and cables, is usually sub-contracted to the building construction contractor.

The Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system is also part of the building design and in the Civil engineer's scope.

The HVAC system of a building is designed to provide the required climate inside the building/room.

Examples of climate control requirements are:

- forced ventilation, for mechanical equipment generating heat,
- heating (winter) & air-conditioning (summer) for rooms where personnel could be present,
- ventilation (heat evacuation) and air-conditioning (humidity control) in electrical equipment rooms,
- overpressure maintenance in electrical sub-stations located inside process units (to prevent dust/flammable gas to enter the building).

These requirements are further refined, for each room of each building, depending on its function:

- temperature to be maintained in permanently vs temporarily manned rooms (control room, offices vs corridors, change rooms, etc.),
- **•** temperature to be maintained in equipment rooms.

The design of the HVAC system will depend on the above requirements, the environmental conditions (min/max temperature, humidity) at the plant location and the heat emissions from the equipment housed in the building (electrical cabinets and cables, mechanical equipment).

The HVAC of an industrial facility with a large number of buildings even in a non-extreme climate can be a significant electric power consumer. In such cases, HVAC power consumption impacts the sizing of the power generators.

In such cases, the buildings HVAC power consumption must be precisely evaluated at an early stage in the Project.

Heat emissions from equipment will not be available at **this** stage and will be estimated. A preliminary sizing of the **HVAC** equipment is done on this basis, resulting in an estimated power consumption. Such estimate is critical as a significant underestimate might lead to improper sizing of the power generators.

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Material & Corrosion

Materials & Corrosion discipline specifies the materials to suit the various service conditions. It also **specifies** how **these** materials will be protected against internal (from fluid) and external (atmospheric) corrosion.

Equipment and pipes material selection is done on the basis of required material strength (ability to withstand pressure), adequacy with fluid temperature and resistance to corrosion from the carried fluid.

The most common material encountered is Carbon steel, which is cheap and widely available. It comes in different grades. High strength grades are used for high pressure service, to reduce the wall thickness. For very low temperature, such as depressurization lines and cryogenic service, alloy steels, such as stainless steel, are required.

On Off-Shore platforms, where sea water is used for fire fighting, the fire water distribution ring is usually made of GRE (Glass Reinforced Epoxy). Highly alloyed steel, such as super duplex stainless steel, is used for strength at connections to fire water pumps.

Material selection is done on the basis of the calculated corrosion rate.

Steel pipes handling well stream effluent in Oil and Gas production facilities, for instance, are subject to corrosion by acid water. Indeed, the effluent from the wells contains a mixture of oil, water and gas. Gas contains $CO₂$, which makes the water acid. Acid water corrodes steel.

The total corrosion rate, i.e., loss of thickness, over the design life of the facility is calculated, based on the $CO₂$ pressure, the fluid temperature, etc.

If such loss is only a few mm, then ordinary carbon steel **"CS"** is selected, with an increased thickness, called a corrosion allowance "CA", typically up to 6 mm only.

If the corrosion rate is high, a corrosion resistant alloy steel must be selected instead, such as stainless steel.

In some cases, it is possible to inhibit corrosion by injecting a chemical, called corrosion inhibitor, to decrease the corrosion rate. In such cases the pipes can remain in carbon steel but adequate corrosion monitoring, usually by means of weight loss coupons and corrosion probes, must be put in place **to** ensure inhibition is effective.

Carbon steel is not suitable where clean service is required and must be galvanized to ensure cleanliness.

Material selection is specified by the Material and Corrosion Engineer and shown on the Material Selection Diagrams.

Material & **Corrosion**

Materials have very different ability to withstand temperature and corrosion. Many of them, however, have the same visual apppearance. In order to avoid confusion, for instance use of the wrong type of alloy during piping fabrication, which could lead to catastrophic line rupture, adequate marking and inspection of materials is put in place.

Marking is specified in the piping material purchase specification. *On* top of that, Positive Material Identification (PMI) is carried out at Site for alloy steels. PMI determines the chemical composition of the steel, allowing *to* differentiate **two** identically looking alloys.

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The corrosion engineer also specifies the protection of structures and pipes against external (atmospheric) corrosion.

Protection of outdoor steel from corrosion is achieved by coating. The coating can be a metallic coating, such as Zinc (galvanizing) or Aluminium (very severe environment). For less severe requirements, steel is painted, after thorough surface preparation (sand

Painting is done following a painting system. The painting system defines the number of layers, the composition and the thickness of each layer. Different painting materials are used for pipes in low temperature and high temperature service.

The painting specification defines the surface preparation and paint system to be used for each application. Reference is made to an International code for the definition of the colors.

Protection of submerged steel, e.g., internals of vessels, Off-Shore platform jacket, sealines, is done by means of sacrificial metallic attachments.

Such attachments, made of a less noble metal than steel, corrode first and, as they are electrically connected to the protected steel, prevent the corrosion of the latter. Sacrificial anodes are usually in zinc. They can be replaced once consumed.

Protection against corrosion of steel buried in the ground, e.g., underground piping services, is also achieved by coating. A mechanically stronger coating than painting is required for such application, usually in the form of a polymer applied at the factory on the straight pipes, fittings, etc. Field joints are coated at Site. The coating specification defines the requirements of the coating, such as surface preparation, number, material and thickness of layers.

Buried steel pipes are usually protected against corrosion by an additional system, called the cathodic protection system.

Cathodic protection consists of maintaining the steel pipe at a low negative potential. This is done by flowing an electric current between the pipe and an anode buried close to it. Anodes are surrounded by material of low resistance, such as coke, in order to ensure the flow of the electric current. Reference electrodes measuring the pipe potential are provided to control that the pipe is effectively protected.

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The **Insulation** specification covers the different types of insulation installed on equipment and piping: insulation for heat conservation, personnel protection as shown here and acoustic insulation. It specifies the insulation materials (such as mineral wool), thickness and provides detailed requirements for proper installation, ensuring in particular an adequate protection from the weather.

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Based on the Process Fluid list obtained from Process, and the material selection having been made, Piping discipline defines different groups (called classes) of piping material.

For instance:

- piping for all low pressure non corrosive fluids will be class A,
- piping for low pressure low corrosive service will be class B (extra thickness - called corrosion allowance - added compared to class A),
- piping material for low pressure highly corrosive service will be class C (material changed from carbon steel used in class A and B to stainless steel), etc.

Definition of the Piping Material Classes allows to standardize the piping material by using the same for several services. In this way, material will be interchangeable at Site. Any excess material for any lines of a given class can be used for any other line of the same class. Should there be a change at Site on one of these lines, it will be easier to find available material.

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The pictures below show two types of "exotic" materials: Cu-Ni (Copper-Nickel alloy) and GRE (Glass Re-inforced Epoxy) used for high (fresh water) and very high (sea water) corrosive services.

Piping

Piping involves a large variety of components: straight runs, elbows, tees, flanges, reducers, valves, etc. Each of these components must be specified in order to be purchased. This is done in the Piping Material Classes specification

Such specification defines:

the metallurgy, specified by reference to an international material standard, e.g., AH-SL,

the geometry /dimensions, by reference to international dimensional standard, e.g., ASME B16.9 for the elbows (defining the length, etc.),

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the wall thickness (by steps, called schedules, for standardization reasons), for each diameter, which is calculated as per the applicable design code, pressure, temperature, material properties and allowance for corrosion.

Piping wall thickness calculation

Piping

Every piping item, besides straight lengths, must be counted in order to be purchased: elbows, tees, flanges, etc.

Using the **P&IDs** (for item count) and the Piping Layout drawings (for lengths), a preliminary list of the required piping material, called first Piping Material Take-Off (MTO), is prepared. Typically, the first MTO will focus on long lead time items (large diameter, unusual materials) rather than standard off-the shelf ones (ordinary carbon steel, usual diameter). The first purchase order of piping material is placed for typically 70% of the quantities of the

first MTO. This allows to start procuring piping material to ensure first supply to Site at an early date, while avoiding wastage: as only 70% is ordered, no excess material will have been ordered even if quantities decrease by up to 30% during detailed design.

Subsequent revisions of the piping Material Take-Off will be automatically generated by the 3D design software (see corresponding section). The designer will route each line in the 3D model, by selecting items (straight runs, elbows) from a catalog, for the corresponding piping class. The software will then produce the consolidated list of items, for all lines.

The specification of valves is a major task of the Piping engineer. It includes very detailed material requirements for valve internals, i.e., type of alloy required for trim, material of gaskets, etc. Indeed, these moving parts are subject to severe operating conditions (erosion, compression) and require specific material selection.

The Piping material specialist will review the valve vendors drawings and check that the material offered for the valve body, trim, gaskets, etc. are compliant or equivalent to the ones specified in the specification and valves data sheets.

Piping routing studies starts from the Process Flow Diagrams, which show which interconnections are to be made between equipment, and the Plot Plan, which shows the location of these equipment.

Line Diagrams, also called "line shoot diagrams", are produced from Process and Utility flow diagrams, showing all pipes going from a particular plant area to another, regardless of the pipe services. These are geographical drawings, compared to Process and Utility flow Diagrams which are functional diagrams.

They allow to identify the required location and width of the main pipe ways/ racks.

Piping installation studies are then done **to** precisely define the routing of pipes, e.g., from pipe-rack to equipment, etc.

The installation specialist needs to have **a** general view encompassing a large number of requirements:

- Process requirements: a fluid in gravity flow, for instance, will require a sloped line routing, very low pressure drop allowance will require a very short routing, etc.
- Equipment details: elevation of nozzles for pressure vessels, dictated by process and shown on equipment guide drawings.

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- Piping flexibility: provision of direction changes or expansion loop in the line to allow its expansion while subject to temperature change in operation¹,
- Grouping with other lines on common support/pipe-rack,
- Structural design constraints, **such** as width of piperack, span between bays, etc.,
- Space for dismantling and handling of equipment for maintenance: provision of clearance on top of equipment for

^{1.} The straight routing of a line between **two** vessels would cause excessive forces on the vessels when the line temperature increases due to thermal expansion. Instead, a routing with a number of direction changes, or even a purpose-made expansion loop, must be adopted to allow the line to expand.

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Detailed **stress** calculations are performed at a later stage in the design, to confirm that the routing of critical lines (high temperature, etc.) provides enough flexibility. The key is to be able to guess a correct routing, before these calculations are done. Indeed, they go into many details (location of supports, etc.) **so** that it would not be feasible to test **a** number of possible routings. The calculations will then simply validate the guessed routing.
hoisting equipment, clearance for heat exchanger bundle pull-out, lay down area for dismantled parts, vehicle/forklift access where required, etc.

Operator access: hand wheels of valves, instruments must be accessible to operators and therefore be placed at a suitable elevation. These ergonomics consideration are essential for the plant safe operation and are called Human Factor Engineering.

The above requirements translate into typical piping arrangements around control valves, pumps, which ensure sufficient working area for operational and maintenance tasks. For a pump, it would for instance include easy access to drain valves, space **to** remove the inlet strainer, etc.

Piping studies set the widths of pipe ways, the requirements for piping and equipment support structures, such as the elevation of concrete support structures for equipment, the width and number of levels of pipe-racks, etc.

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The 2D routing of the main lines is drawn on the Piping Layout drawings.

As explained above, the Piping Layout drawings allow to determine pipe lengths and to produce the first Piping Material take-off.

Besides layout drawings, Piping issues construction drawings, which are of **two** types: the General Arrangement Drawings, which are used for piping erection, and the Isometric Drawings, which are used for piping prefabrication.

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The Piping General Arrangement drawings are very detailed. They contain all information necessary for erection of piping: all dimensions, elevations, position of in-line items, etc. They were originally produced to allow the production of Isometric drawings, when the latter was a manual task. As a the **3D** model software is now used to produce Isometrics, Piping General Arrangement drawings are no longer systematically produced.

They were also used to give a view of the complete environment within an area, showing all equipment, pipes, valves, structures, etc. They tend nowdays to be replaced by snapshots taken from the **3D** model.

Piping Isometric Drawings show a 3D view of an individual line, with all the dimensions defining its geometry and the list of all its components (straight length, elbows, etc.).

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As piping materials are very numerous and resemble each other, e.g., it is not easy to identify one steel alloy from another, identifiers are stamped by the piping material supplier on each item and the identifiers are shown on the Isometric drawings.

The Isometric drawing produced by Engineering is not directly used for construction. Indeed, as the line will be pre-fabricated in parts, called spools, drawings must be issued showing how the line is divided into spools. Shop isometric drawings are issued to this end by the Construction contractor. They are also used to identify welds, each of which will be associated with inspection and test records.

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Piping Pre-fabrication:Gas cutting, welding

The fabrication workshop (shop) Isometrics also specify all fabrication requirements, such as the welding procedure to be used, the required inspection (surface of weld or in-depth inspection by means of radiography for instance), special operation such as heat treatment of welds, etc.

The Line *List* produced by Process is completed by Piping, with construction requirements, such as:

- specific non-standard fabrication requirements, such as heat treatment of welds, for high thickness pipes or pipes in corrosive service,
- specific testing requirements of piping material (for alloy steel, to ensure that the material used is the right alloy),
- inspection requirements (also called NDE: Non Destructive Examination) for welds: type, e.g., radiographic examination for gas services or surface defect control only for less critical services, extent of the inspection, e.g., 100% of welds to be tested for gas service, 10% only for non-critical service, etc.

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- **pressure test requirements including type (hydraulic, pneumatic test or service test only), depending on criticality of the line service, and pressure,**
- type of coating,
- **type of insulation (heat conservation, personnel protection, cold insulation) and thickness, etc.**

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These inspection and testing requirements are shown on the Piping Isometric drawing in order to make it a document encompassing all information required for construction.

It is a very tedious exercise to prepare the numerous piping isometrics (several thousands on a typical size job). Therefore this process is automated using the computer aided 3D design software, in which all the plant pipework is modelled.

The routing of lines done by the Piping designer takes into account good engineering practise and provides for flexibility in the line.

Nevertheless, this routing must be checked by the Piping Stress Analysis & Supports group. This is done by calculation of the stress in the line during operation (due to thermal expansion, pressure, etc.) and checking that the stress is within the maximum allowable for the concerned material and at the connection to equipment nozzles. The line installation temperature, i.e., the outside temperature prevailing at Site during the installation of the line, is one input of the calculation. The line thermal expansion is indeed due to the difference between this temperature and the line operating temperature.

A computer model allowing finite element analysis is used for this purpose.

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The results, which confirm that the routing is acceptable, are recorded in Stress Calculation **Note.**

Once the routing is confirmed to be acceptable, the piping Isometric drawings are issued for construction.

Piping Stress Analysis is systematic for high temperature/ **high** pressure service and large diameter lines. When such a line comes into service, if it cannot expand, because it is constrained, it will be subject to internal **stress,** which could exceed the strength of **the** steel or make the line come **off** its position and even fall

from its supports. Allowance for displacement of the line must be provided in the design, by means of expansion loop and guiding supports. Typically, an expansion loop, such **as** the one depicted here, is provided to absorb the expansion of the line between two anchor (fixed) points.

Special attention is paid at connections to rotating equipment, where the flexibility of the inlet & outlet lines must ensure that minimum loads are transferred to equipment nozzles.

Indeed, excessive forces on the connected equipment could result in its displacement. Typically, the driven equipment, a pump, for instance, will be displaced, resulting in its misalignment with the driver (motor). A special pipe routing, such as the one depicted below, is implemented to reduce the loads on the machinery flanges to prevent this.

Spring supports are provided to minimize the connecting lines loads on equipment nozzles.

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Positions of supports must also allow, during installation of the pipe work, effortless fitting of the pipes connecting to nozzles of rotating machinery. Very stringent tolerances are imposed by vendors in terms of parallelism between pipe flanges and rotating machinery nozzles. Forced connection of piping flanges to machine nozzles using hydraulic tools can generate forces and moments **on** nozzles and induce shaft misalignment. This can create serious problems to the machine.

Pipe supports are otherwise standardized to the maximum extent, in order to allow their mass pre-fabrication.

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A few pipe supports, called Special Pipe Supports, are non standard, for **which individual drawings are issued by the Piping Support group.**

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Plants, specially off-Shore platforms, are usually congested due to the limited space available. Several disciplines install their equipment in the same limited space: equipment, pipes, supports, structural steel, cables, etc. This must **be** coordinated in order to avoid interferences, e.g., pipe and **structural** steel members installed at the same place, etc.

This coordination used to be done in **2D,** by superimposing the various discipline location drawings that were at the **time** and for that reason done on transparencies, e.g., piping, foundations, underground piping, cable routing plans, all having the same coordinate system, etc.

Superimposing drawings then became a functionality of **2D** design softwares such as

AutoCAD, which allow the various disciplines to work in independent, yet superimposed, layers identified by different colors on the screen, e.g., cable sleeves in green, pipes in black ... At any time in its design, the piping engineer can display the civil layout in order to check for civil interference with its **own** design.

Computer Aided Design systems are now in 3 dimensions, allowing to build a 3D model of the plant. Models of plants used to be made using glue and plastic parts. This is now replaced by virtual (digital) 3D models, which are stored on a server and can be accessed by many users at the same time and from different locations.

All significant materials are modelled to scale. The model reflects exactly what the plant will be. All buildings, roads, escape ways, structures, equipment, pipes, valves, cable trays, junction boxes, etc. are modelled in details by each engineering discipline.

The use of a 3D model is particularly useful for Off-Shore platforms, where space is limited and its use shall be optimized.

Using such **a** system allows to identify and clear interferences between disciplines in congested areas. Besides manual visual review of possible interferences in the

Plant model

model, the system can perform automatic clash checks, in order to pinpoint the interferences left unnoticed.

Model reviews of the virtual plant are carried out at various stages in the design (typically **30%,** 60% and *90%* progress).

Such reviews allow to check operator accesses, overhead clearances, nonobstruction of escape ways, free space for equipment dismantling during maintenance, etc.

Ideally all disciplines, e.g., structural steel, piping, etc. not only inputs its design objects (steel structure beams and columns, pipework, valves, etc.) in the model but also performs its design in the model itself, rather than on specific discipline models, and issues directly its construction drawings from the model. This ensures that the latest information is in the model, e.g., if a steel beam depth has been recently changed from **1,OOOmm** to 1,20Omm, the pipe router will see it immediatly and be able to locate its pipe at the right elevation so that the latter will not clash with the steel beam.

Items modelled include one-off items, such as a pressure vessel, a package, a motorized/control valve, an in-line strainer, and standard items, such as a steel section, a piping elbow, etc. which are part of a catalogue. Using a catalogue allows to define each standard item, complete with detailed dimensions and specification, only once. **This** information will then appear on all occurrences of this item.

Modelling of virtual objects is **also** done, such as volumes reserved for escape ways, travel of dismantled equipment/parts during maintenance, etc.

Modelling of equipment is first done with estimates of equipment dimensions. Indeed, actual dimensions of equipment, which are sized by vendors, are not **known** initially.

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Once vendor information becomes available, the equipment model is up-dated based on vendor drawings: exact dimensions, shapes, nozzle orientation, etc.

When modelling vendor packages, it is very important to model all items of the package, e.g., not only the main equipment, but also structural steel, package internal piping, etc. and to up-date these models with revisions of vendor drawings.

A register of items modelled, complete with indication of reference and revision of the vendor drawing, is maintained in each discipline to this end.

Modelling is not only done for large equipment, but also for smaller ones, such as motorized valves, particularly inoff-shore environment where space is limited. Dimensions of motorized valves, including their actuators which can be very big, are non standard. Those dimensions will not be known before sizing has been done by the valve vendor.

As engineering progresses, each discipline adds its own objects and networks to the model, e.g., secondary structure, access platforms, stairways, ladders, piping supports, cable trays, instruments, junction boxes, lighting, etc.

In such a way, each designer finds the best location/routing for its items, according to required access, available free space, etc. It also allows to minimize the cost by finding the shortest routes for pipes, cables, etc.

Once equipment have been modelled and main pipe ways have been defined, lines are modelled in the 3D model. As discussed above, piping is purchased in individual components: straight pipes, elbows, tees, reducers, flanges. Each of these components must be modelled. **This** could be a very lengthy exercise. Fortunately, it is made easy by standardization of piping material and creation of a catalogue of items in the 3D model.

Lines are modelled using the items from the catalogue for the corresponding piping class. This allows a very fast "just pick and place'' modelling, provided one has populated the catalogue with all items before hand.

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When extracting the piping Isometric drawing from the **3D** model, dimensions and specifications of all items will come automatically from the catalogue.

Once piping modelling is advanced enough, a revision of the Piping Material Take-Off (MTO) can be extracted from the **3D** model. Balance is made between this latest bill of required material and the material already ordered on the basis of the first MTO. Shortage material is

purchased through an amendment to the purchase order. The MTO will in fact be extracted several times from the model, in order to purchase piping material as early as possible. Routing of large diameters lines and lines in exotic materials will be prioritized as corresponding material has long lead time. As soon as the corresponding lines **are** routed in the model, their MTO will be extracted and the material ordered. The piping MTO will therefore undergo several revisions.

The modelling activities of the various engineering disciplines take place, and associated documents are issued, as depicted on the flowchart that follows.

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Similarly to Piping, other disciplines extract bill of quantities from the 3D model, such as steel structures, cable trays, etc.

On Off-Shore projects, the model is also used to determine the global module/ platform weight and centre of gravity, from the individual components weight and centre of gravity.

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Instrumentation and Control

Instrumentation design starts from the P&IDs, on which all required instruments, controls and automations have been shown by the Process discipline covering:

- process monitoring,
- process control,
- process safety (alarm, shutdown).

Process not only defines and shows on the P&IDs the *required* function: process value **to** be measured **(Pressure,** temperature, flow) but also the required function (indication, recording, control) and whether the information shall be available locally (like pressure is, for instance, on the gauge shown here), in a local instruments panel located in the field next to the equipment, or remotely in the control room.

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Instrumentation discipline implements the requirements specified by Process:

- specifying and ordering the systems, and developing their detailed functional specifications,
- specifying and ordering field instruments, and all accessories necessary for their installation, i.e., accessories for instrument process and electrical connections,
- producing all the drawings required for equipment and instruments installation and wiring.

Monitoring and control of the process is performed by the Process Control System (PCS). Process controls consist of both logic (ON/OFF) and analog (continuous) controls.

Control requirements, e.g., temperature in such vessel shall be controlled by varying flow of cooling medium using such control valve, are defined by Process, shown on the **P&IDs** and described in the Operating & Control philosophy.

Functional requirements are specified by means of Functional diagrams. One such diagram is issued for each type of control: these are typical diagrams. The one shown here is for a split-range control, by the process control system, coupled with an emergency shutdown function, by the emergency shutdown system.

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Specific and complex controls are described to the control system supplier in Control Narratives.

Temperature is measured by two transmitters 93TT6705A/B.Operator selects the transmitter by 93HS6705 and a ramp is performed during switchover. When one transmitter is in bad value, controller used the value from **the** healthy one.

Controller 93PC6705 acts on valve 93PV6705. If temperature measured by 93TT6601 (93-E161 outlet) is very low (output *of* 93TC6801 will increase), 93PC0705 will **be** overridden by 93TC8801. This in order to prevent low temperature at 93-E161 outlet (93TT6705A/B are close to GF distribution utility area). Set point of controller 93TCB601 will be lower than *set* point *of* controller 93Tc8705.

The specification of the system will entail gathering all the requirements in the System specification, and producing a number of other documents describing the system capacity, geographical spread and functionnalities.

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The System Architecture drawing shows the various pieces of hardware of the system, their location, and the interfaces with other systems, including the electrical control system and the equipment control systems supplied by vendors.

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Marshalling cabinets and programmable controllers are located in instrumentation buildings/rooms spread throughout the plant. Indeed, they must be located close to the field instruments, to reduce cable lengths. Operator interface units (consoles) are centrally located in the control room.

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The **I/O** count determines the required capacity of the system.

In addition a +10 % spare Input /output shall be considered and additionally +20% space for future requirements

The system engineer specifies the Mimic displays to the control system vendor, i.e., the content of the views that will be displayed on the operator consoles.

Such displays are the Plant Operator's interface with the control system. Their adequacy is critical. They are reviewed with the Client's operations staff.

Process emergency shutdown is performed by the Emergency ShutDown (ESD) system. The ESD system is a separate system from the Process Control system. This ensures redundancy and independence. The ESD system has its functions internally duplicated or triplicated to ensure high reliability.

The ESD system initiates process equipment shutdown and closure of isolation valves in an emergency. The shutdown logic is implemented in the ESD system as defined by Process on the ESD Cause & Effects diagrams.

A SIL (Safety Integrity Level) review is carried out to check the reliability of critical safety automations. Such a critical automation is, for instance, the closure of an isolation valve in case of a major leak.

Each automation is allocated a severity level based on the consequence that would result from its failure.

The severity is ranked, for instance level 1 would be loss of production, level **2** damage to equipment, level 3 release of flammable substance to atmosphere, level **4** would be loss of containment, etc.

The frequency of occurrence times the severity, the risk level, determines the required level of reliability, for instance failure on demand between 10^{-3} to 10^{-4} .

The reliability of the automation foreseen to be installed is then estimated using information from the instrumentation hardware (transmitter, **I/O** card, system). Should it prove below the required reliability, additional/redundant components are added to increase its reliability.

In the example shown above, three low pressure sensors had to be provided to secure the closure of the isolation valve upon detection of a major leak/line rupture.

The **ESD** system vendor programs the automation logic in the system. The system displays the status of activation of emergency levels and implementation of actions to the operator.

All plant instruments are logged in a master register: the instrument index. **This** data base is progressively filled with all information: service conditions **(P,T),** instrument type, signal output, material of construction, range, set point, etc.

The instrument data base centralizes all information pertaining to each instrument. Many documents (wiring diagrams, loop diagrams, etc.) and list of materials (hook-up) are produced directly from this unique data base, ensuring their consistency.

A data sheet is produced for each instrument, specifying the range, material of construction, etc. in order to purchase it, as well as for reference for its **maintenance at site.**

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The specification of level instruments requires the Instrument engineer to perform a level study based on the liquid levels specified by process. Level instruments deduct the liquid level by measuring the weight of the liquid column. Such weight is obtained from the difference of pressure at the bottom and on top of the column. **A** level instrument therefore includes **a** pair of pressure sensors: one located above the level to be measured and one located below.

Defining the elevation of the **two** pressure connections so that they adequately sense the weight of the liquid column is the purpose of the level study. It results in the level sketches, which serve to specify the level instruments and to define the elevations of the nozzles on the vessel. These elevations are specified to the vessel vendor. Level sketches are also issued to the Piping/Installation discipline, which addresses the requirements for access to instruments, e.g., definition of adequate access platforms/ladders, etc.

Instrumentation equipment and materiels, from the field sensor to the control room, are shown on the synoptic below.

Instrumentation produces all drawings required for installation of these equipment and materials at Site, which include:

• The Junction Box Location drawings, which show the location of the junction **boxes1.**

^{1.} In order to reduce the number of cables connecting field instruments to cabinets in technical rooms, multi-core cables are used. They connect several instruments (typically **7/12/19),** located nearby in the field, to the cabinet located in the instrumentation room. Instruments are connected to multi cables by means of junction boxes. Grouping of instruments in multi-core cables is done according to the nature of their signal (analog, digital, voltage level) and service/system (process monitoring, emergency shutdown).
Instrument location drawings, which are derived from Piping General \bullet Arrangement drawings and show the location, position and elevation of fields instruments.

• Cable routing drawings showing in which cable trench/duct the cables shall be installed and Cross section drawings showing on which cable tray each cable shall be installed, in compliance with segregation rules, e.g., control cables and power supply cables on different trays,

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Instrument cable schedule, showing the list of cables to install, cable type, \bullet length, origin, destination and route,

The Cable Material Take-Off sums up the length of all cables, by type, showing the overall quantities to purchase.

Instrument Hook-up drawings, which show mounting and connection of \bullet instrument to process lines and corresponding list of required material (tubing, manifold, connectors, etc.),

The **Bulk Material Take-Off indicates the quantity of junction boxes, cable** trays, small installation accessories (cable glands, cable markers, etc.), hook-up material, etc. to be purchased.

For junction boxes, the MTO specifies the number of terminals, the number and diameter of cables (for cable entries in the JB), the size of the cores (for sizing of terminals, etc.). An *arrangement drawing*, such as the one shown here, may be attached to the junction boxes requisition to provide more detailed or specific requirements.

• Standard installation drawings, such as instrument, junction box and cable tray support drawings, earthing drawings, etc., which show typical arrangements,

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• Equipment Layout drawings, showing arrangement of cabinets inside instrumentation technical/control rooms,

Wiring **diagrams show cable connections at terminals of junction boxes** \bullet **and marshalling cabinets,**

Loop Diagrams, also called troubleshooting diagrams, show the complete wiring of each instrument. They are used during the testing of the instrument (from the field to the display on screen) during commissioning and for maintenance,

The **lists** of tagged items, such as the instrument index, cable schedule, etc. are used for the inspections and tests, prior the hand-over to the client, as part of Mechanical Completion activities. The type of inspection required depends on the type of item: calibration for instruments, insulation test for cables, etc. Eachinspection is recorded against the item inspected.

A computer software "the mechanical completion system" is used to record the requirements and status of the inspection and testing of the thousands of individual tagged items.

As stated in the Equipment section, sub-functional units of the plant are often purchased as "packages", already assembled and wired.

In such case, the instruments of the packages come with the package. The control of the unit may be performed in a dedicated local system, supplied by the package vendor, or integrated within the plant central process control system.

If the control system is supplied with the package, it will consist of a local control panel to which the package instruments will be wired. The local control panel performs the control actions for the package. The main process control system of the plant is simply interfaced to this panel to allow centralized monitoring and control, e.g., start-up/shut down, etc.

In order not to have too many different **types** of control systems it is usually preferable to have the package controls performed by the plant central control system.

In **this** case, the package instruments are wired to junction boxes at the skid edge. The junction boxes are connected to the plant Process Control System marshalling cabinets as all other field instruments and the cantrols/automations are configured in the system.

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It is in such case critical that the control functions and automations are properly described by the package vendor: the lube oil pump must be started before the turbine is ignited!

To this end the package vendor provides the Control Philosophy, Cause $&$ Effect charts, Logic analysis and Schematics to describe in details all sequence (start-up, shut down, etc.).

Similarly to the Process control system, Instrumentation discipline implements a Fire and Gas detection and alarm system. This is generally a similar system to the ESD system. The functional requirements are given by Safety (see corresponding

section). Instrument discipline specifies and procures the materials (detectors, sounders, etc.), the system, and produces all drawings for Site installation.

The system is purchased based on the required capacity **(I/O** count). It is also specified to interface with the stand-alone Fire & Gas detection and Fire fighting systems of the main equipment packages, and with the plant ESD system. The system vendor programs the logic shown on the F&G matrix (see Safety section) in the system.

The same deliverables are produced for the Fire and Gas system as for the Process Control System: instrument list, location drawings, cable schedule, bill of materials, wiring and troubleshooting diagrams, etc.

Other systems fall in the scope of the Instrumentation engineer, such as the Public address system (for paging personnel or sounding general alarm using loudspeakers, etc.), the plant internal telephone system (PABX), the

computer network (LAN), the access control system, CCTV, etc.

An Off-Shore facility requires telecommunication

with land, supply boats, tankers, etc. **This** will involve a variety of systems, which will be designed by the Telecommunication engineer, such as radio frequency (UHF, VHF), microwave, satellite, entertainment system (TV) in living quarters, etc.

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Electrical engineering is in charge of the design of the plant electrical power generation and distribution.

Similarly to Instrumentation, the activities of the Electrical discipline can be categorized as follows: architecture (of the electrical power generation and distribution system), specification of all equipment and materials, and production of installation drawings.

Electrical engineering activities start with the identification of all consumers. **This** is done from the Equipment list and shall also include all electrical consumers "hidden" inside packages, such as a machinery lube oil heater, **WAC** of buildings -sometimes a major load -, outdoor lighting, building lighting and small power, etc. All electrical consumers are registered in the Electrical Load List.

Equipment actual power consumption is not available initially, as the equipment make and model is not known yet. Electrical discipline estimates the power consumption first. The estimate is then replaced by the actual power consumption once the equipment (make and model) has been selected.

Once the consumers are identified, the total electrical power requirement of the plant can be evaluated. This is not the sum of the power requirements of all consumers. Indeed, they do not all operate simultaneously. A more refined approach is required to work out the realistic overall power demand.

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Consumers are classified according their frequency of operation, as continuous, intermittent or spare.

Electrical Load List

E - **"Continuous"; loads of machines or consumers which operate continuously when the plant is in operation, except for breakdowns.**

F - "Intermittent "; machines or consumers with a start-stop cycle: pumping, storage, loading...

0 - **"Spare"; machines or consumers which act as a spare for other machines and which do not therefore normally operate when** the **plant is in operation.**

Each type is assigned a coincidence factor, which is applied to its absorbed load to work out the total power requirement.

Intermittent consumers, such as offloading pumps working under start/stop cycle for instance, are counted 60%.

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Spare tonsumers, such as pump B that operates only in case pump A does not, are counted 10% only, etc.

The factored loads are summed up in the Electrical Load Summary, which gives the total plant power demand and also the load on each electrical equipment (switchboard, transformer) allowing its sizing.

The most demanding operating modes, such as start-up of large motors, are considered to define the maximum load condition. **This** will size the power generation.

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Maximum and minimum power requirements, and required availability, allow to define the number (redundancy) and capacity of power generators. A typical arrangement would include **4** generators, each having a capacity of 50% of the plant total power requirement. 3 generators will be **running** at 2/3 of their capacity while the 4th one could be under maintenance in normal circumstances. Should one generator trip, the remaining **2** will ramp up to full capacity, allowing no disruption in power supply, until the 3rd generator comes back on line.

Power supply to some consumers cannot be interrupted without impact on the production of the plant. Additionally, some consumers shall remain powered at all times to ensure equipment or plant safety: rotating machinery lube oil pumps, fire fighting water pumps, etc. These consumers are classified as "essential consumers", for which redundant power supply is required: on top of the power supply from the main power generators.

Back-up power supply is provided by diesel generators. Unlike the main power generators, which run on fuel (gas) fed from the Process, diesel generators have their own stand alone (diesel) fuel supply. In such a way, fuel supply is not dependent on plant operation. Sizing of the diesel generators takes into account the power requirement to re-start the main power generators, e.g., starters of gas turbines, etc.

The requisition for the main power generators and the diesel generators is prepared by the Mechanical Engineer. It includes the data sheet for the electrical part (alternator) prepared by the Electrical Engineer besides the data sheet for the driver.

All plant systems, i.e., Process Control System, Emergency Shutdown system, Electrical Control System, etc. shall remain operational in the event of loss of the power generation. Equipment of these systems are called "vital" and must remain powered at all times. An Un-interruptible Power System (UPS), **INSURGENCE IN SURGENCE IS A SURGENCE IN SURGENCE IS A BUT A**

of the UPS is the sum of the power consumption of the equipment of the above systems. **This** information is obtained from equipment vendor and can take time to finalize.

The architecture of the electrical distribution system is determined by a number of factors including:

- connection to external grid ($On-Shore$),
- voltage levels, which depends on consumers, e.g., large motor require *MV* instead of LV for ordinary motors, e.g., 11kV, 6.6kV, 400V, 230V, 110V DC, etc.,
- segregation between normal and essential consumers,
- number and location of transformers and Electrical sub-stations, which depend on the geographical distribution of consumers¹.

^{1.} Sub-stations shall be as close as possible to main consumers to reduce cable length and section: on the plot plant shown here the power plant is item 23. Power supply to the gas-coolers (items **2.1-** 6), which are large low voltage consumers, is not done directly from the power plant but through sub-stations 27.1 to 3 equipped with high/low voltage power transformers. In **such** a way, high voltage cables are provided between the power plant and the sub-stations, which reduces the cable section, whereas low voltage cables, with large section, are required only on the short distance between the sub-stations and the consumers.

The overall power generation and distribution system is depicted on the *c-:~T* **...c.*** .. eml *3ne Xin.e* Dh.wam, *Gd* **which shows generators, switchboards of various voltage levels, transformers and main consumers.** >.-.

The Electrical Engineer specifies all equipment of the distribution system: switchboards, transformers, etc.

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It produces a data sheet which, together with a specification, usually a general specification per type of equipment, will form the requisition for purchase.

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Single Line Diagrams are produced for electrical switchboards, specifying to the vendor the content of the switchboard (incomers/outgoers), capacity, protections, control and monitoring devices.

The power connection, the control, indication and remote monitoring features of switchgear cubicles are specified, for each type, e.g., motor outgoer, on the **Switchgear Typical Diagrams.**

The electrical power distribution is monitored and controlled by an automated system: the Electrical Control System.

The Electrical Control System allows monitoring (status of protections, voltage/amperage/power values) at various points of the electrical system and control (start/stop of motor, etc.).

It also performs the key function of load shedding, interrupting power supply to non-essential consumers upon loss of power from the main generators, in order to reserve the limited power available, supplied by the emergency generators, to essential consumers. In the scheme shown here, for instance, the Automatic Transfer Switch will open the bus tie upon loss of normal power (from the main generators) in order to shed the non essential consumers, such as process pumps. The power supplied by the emergency generators is thus segregated and directed to essential consumers, connected to the right side of the bus bar, such as the fire water pumps.

The Electrical Control System is interfaced to the Process Control System, e.g., pump start/stop command is received from the PCS. It is also interfaced with the vendor supplied control system of the power generators.

A specification is produced to define the functionalities and capacity of the Electrical Control system: architecture and geographical distribution of equipment (allowing the vendor to identify the number and location of equipment its system will connect to, such as electrical switchboards, generator control equipment, etc.).

As discussed above, data from equipment vendors is not available initially, including power consumption which is estimated at first. When actual power consumption is **known** from vendor, the capacity of all electrical generation and distribution equipment is checked (main power generators, emergency generator, switchboards, transformers, cables, etc.).

Once the electrical equipment (switchboards, etc.) is purchased, its actual size will be known. **This** will allow the electrical engineer to define the equipment arrangement inside sub-stations, including provision for spare, which is shown on the **EBectrical** equipment layout **drawing.**

Electrical discipline also contributes to the specification of the mechanical equipment by preparing the *electrical* data sheets for the motors that are the drivers of these equipment, e.g., pumps, gas-coolers, etc. Such data sheet specifies in particular the type of explosion protection required for the equipment.

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Indeed, an electrical field equipment located in an area where **an** explosive atmosphere can form shall have a special design so that it cannot be a source of ignition.

Such special design, called Hazardous area (Ex) classification of the equipment, is specified by the Safety engineer, according to the type of explosive atmosphere, its probability, ignition energy and temperature, etc. Refer to the Safety section for more details.

The Electrical engineer implements the Ex requirement for the various types of electrical equipment (electric motor, electrical socket, local control stations, etc.).

Electric cables are sized in order not to exceed a certain temperature under normal duty and also to sustain the short circuit current (the cable shall be able to handle short circuit of field equipment until the circuit breaker located at switchboard feeder opens). The Cable specification is governed by service, e.g., **fire** resistance for cables supplying critical equipment, armour for outdoor service, etc.

The specification of each cable is shown in the Cable Schedule.

Besides the electrical power distribution network, Electrical discipline also designs:

the lighting system (as per illumination level requirements in each area),

- the earthing system,
- the lightning protection system,
- the underground piping cathodic protection (see Material & Corrosion section),
- the heat tracing system of some process lines (to avoid freezing).

Electrical installation studies result in the production of all drawings required to install and connect the electrical equipment at Site:

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- Electrical cable routing drawings,

Electrical cable schedule (showing the list of cables, the type, such as fire resistant, section size, number of cores, length of each cable),

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• Typical installation drawings, for power, lighting, earthing, heat tracing, etc.,

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Block diagrams show typical (repetitive) connections, \bullet

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Electrical equipment location drawings, showing \bullet location of all electrical consumers: motor local control

stations, field sockets, lighting fixtures and junction boxes, etc.,

Alongside installation drawings the Electrical bulk material take-off is prepared in order to purchase cables, cable ladders, motor local control stations, junction boxes, cable glands and all other small installation materials.

Lastly, Electrical discipline produces the Trouble Shooting Diagrams, which show the **wiring** of each consumer and will also be used for the Plant maintenance.

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The electrical generation and distribution system is modelled using a computer software allowing to perform calculations and run simulations.

Simulations will include, for instance, the loss of one of the main power generators. The resulting transient conditions, before the stand-by generator has taken over, are checked to ensure that, for instance, process pumps will not have stopped.

Final Electrical calculations are performed once all consumers and electrical equipment characteristics are known, all cables are sized, etc. The calculations will define the right setting of electrical protections. This right setting ensures selectivity. Selectivity means that, in case there is a short circuit on a motor, the protection of that motor only will open, no higher level protection will open, leaving the other consumers unaffected. The results are collected in the Electrical Relay Schedule, which is used at Site during commissioning to set the protections.

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Field Engineering

The description above related to Engineering activities performed in the home office. When a Project goes in Construction phase, **a** small multi-disciplinary "Field Engineering" team made of engineers and draftsmen is seconded from the home office to the construction Site.

These Engineers and draftsmen are fully familiar with the engineering documents and drawings that have been produced.

They know on which document to find information.

Their first task is to familiarize the Construction contractor(s) working at site with the Engineering deliverables.

They are also there to solve issues discovered during construction, such as:

- engineering errors, such **as** interferences between a pipe and a steel structure,
- **constructionerrors,e.g.,afoundation** has been cast slightly **off** its designed position and a design change is required to avoid re-cast,

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- Site, equipment or material conditions differ from what was anticipated,
- overlooked engineering: the construction contractor needs some information that have not been prepared, e.g., cable routing was not defined in full, etc.,
- additions to the design. During the final inspection of the facility with the client before the hand-over a number of shortcomings are identified in the design, such as lack of access to valves as shown here.. .

The Field Engineer performs the corresponding design. It would typically entail a survey of the location, dimensional measurements, sketching a solution on the spot, going back to the office to draft the drawings, issue the bill of material, etc.

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Changes to the design made at the Site must be approved by Engineering. To this end, the *Site* Query system is put in place:

Upon identification of a required change, the construction contractor issues a Site Query to the Engineer.

The Site query describes the issue encountered and, preferably, proposes a solution. The Engineer checks that the proposed change is acceptable or proposes an alternative.

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In order to always work with up-to-date documents, Engineering updates a unique, called MASTER, set of engineering documents, with all changes. Changes are usually marked by hand and in red on the drawings, which are for this reason called "red-line mark-ups". The reference of the change is indicated next to the mark to trace it.

The Master set of red-line mark-ups is the reference on Site to which every party (Construction, Commissioning, etc.) refers.

At the end of the Project, red-line mark-ups allow to revise the engineering documents with all changes and issue a final "As-Built" revision. As-built's are part of the final documentation handed over to the client, and are used for the Plant Operation, maintenance, future expansion, etc.

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As explained above, Engineering delivery is twofold: the list and specifications of all equipment and materials, issued to Procurement for purchasing, and the construction drawings, issued to Site.

Ever decreasing EPC Project durations have stretched the engineering schedule: equipment must be purchased and construction drawings must be issued at a very early stage.

This has created a real challenge for Engineering.

Engineering deliverables (requisitions for ordering equipment and materials, drawings for construction) are indeed required to be issued in strict compliance with the Project schedule.

The logic of the Project schedule is the following: One starts by the end, i.e., required plant completion date, then works backwards, adding the duration of the various activities and their sequence, to work out the required start/ completion date of each one.

In piping discipline, for instance, the Engineering, Procurement and Construction schedule will look **as** follows:

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Which reads: Plant completion is due in month 36. If piping construction (prefabrication and erection) takes 10 months, then it should start at month 25. Piping material and drawings should be available at Site by **this** ROS (Required on Site) date. If piping takes **7** months to procure and ship, then it should be purchased by month 18 latest. Before Piping can be procured, inquiries must be issued to piping suppliers, then analyzed and clarified (technically, commercially). Allowing 3 months for the latter shows that inquiries shall be issued by month 15. Before inquiries can be issued, list of required material (Material Take **Off)** needs to be done, which takes 1 month: month **14.** In order to do the piping material take-off, the piping routing studies must be completed, which takes **4** months, and must therefore be started on month 10. Piping routing studies *are* done on the basis of the P&IDs and Plot Plan, which are therefore required to be completed in month 10...

This retro-planning logic is how schedule requirements are defined for all activities of the project.

One sees that the schedule above, although dedicated to Piping, has set schedule requirements for P&IDs and Plot Plan, which are issued by other disciplines (Process resp. Plant Layout).

In fact, as depicted on the flowchart below, as piping studies **go** into higher levels of details (2D to 3D, etc.), they involve inputs from an increasing number of disciplines. The space occupied by the equipment/materials of all disciplines indeed needs to be considered to define the detailed pipe routes.

Engineering activities in the various disciplines are strongly dependent on one another, and on vendor information, as shown on the following Engineering activities and document flowchart.

DISCIPLINE YEAR $\overline{\mathbf{2}}$ $\overline{\mathbf{1}}$ **Activity / Deliverable** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 $4 5 6 7$ $1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid$ **PROCESS** PFD. Equipment **List** Fluid List **Main Equipment Process Data Sheet IFC** P81Ds *8* Line List **IFD** HAZOP **MECHANICAL** 1st Last Equipment/Package Inquiry Equipment/Packages Purchase Order Last Last GADIPID Equipment/Packages Vendor Data Package Vendors Terminals Drawings **PIPING/MATERIAL** Piping Classes **Piping Material Requisition PIPING/INSTALLATION** Plot Plan **IFD** Piping Layout Piping Material Take-1st Piping 3D Modelling/ General Arrang. Dwg 74⊣ 50% Iso Isometric Drawings Piping Stress Calculations 8 Supports **INSTRUMENTATION** In-line Instruments Vendor Drawings Main Cable routing 1st Issue Instrument Wiring Diagram **ELECTRICAL** Load List Main Cable routing 1st Issue **CIVIL Equipment Foundation Drawings** IFC ۷ Civil Area Drawings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 $\overline{\mathbf{2}}$

This translates into the main schedule inter-discipline relations shown here.

Integrating all schedule requirements and constraints results in an integrated schedule. The typical schedule of Engineering activities is shown in Appendix.

To meet the schedule, a number of short cuts, must be made. These short-cuts consist of making estimates before actual data is available. Such estimates must be as accurate as possible in order not to require rework later on. They must be conservative, i.e., contain some level of contingencies, but not too much in order to avoid a costly over-design.

In a lot of cases, engineering experience is required to anticipate a correct design before all information is available.

The design of a steel structure supporting pressure safety valves is one of them. The loads to be borne by the structure will depend on the position of these valves, as pressure safety valves will subject the structure to large reaction loads when operating. Such large horizontal loads at the top of the structure have a very significant impact on the required strength of the structure. The elevation of the safety valves must therefore be correctly defined as it is a key input to the design of the structure.

This elevation will depend on the routing of their inlet and outlet pipes. The routing must provide enough flexibility to allow for thermal expansion of these normally non flowing lines. This requires a routing with a number of direction changes, or even a purpose made expansion loop, which could determine a higher elevation for the valves.

Location and loads of pipe supports, which also serve as design input to the structure, must also be guessed. It is not be feasible to run calculations at this stage to confirm the envisaged pipe routing, as these calculations require too much details. Experience is required to define a proper routing, that will later be validated by calculations.
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Engineering activities are highly dependent on availability of vendor information. Engineering indeed integrates individual vendor supplied equipment into an overall facility.

Layout activities for instance, depend on size information from equipment vendors. Such size will only be known once the vendor has completed its design. For complex packages, such as a turbo-compressor, the vendor will usually purchase sub units, such as the fuel gas unit, from sub-vendors.

This will further delay the availability of equipment dimensions and finalization of the layout and position of equipment.

This delay might put casting of the equipment foundation at Site on a very tight schedule.

Similarly, the electrical engineer might not be able to complete its design before the actual electrical consumption of the fuel gas heater is known.Timely availability of vendor information is critical not to impede the progress of the design. To this end, required submission dates of key vendor documents are specified in the requisition and penalties associated to delays in their submission.

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SUPPLIER'S DOCUMENTS - REQUIREMENT SCHEDULE DOCUMENT STATUS
APPROVED FINAL, ITEM DESIGNATION FOR APPROVAL COMMENTS
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AND OUTSIDE INSTALLATIONS*
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Ironically, the first drawings required at Site are produced last in the engineering work sequence. For example, foundations are one of the first activities done at Site, just after general earthworks. However, foundations data are the last data available for an equipment: first comes the equipment process duty, then its mechanical specification, then its design by the vendor, then only its size, loads, etc.

Schedule requirements for engineering deliveries related to specific equipment/networks will come from the construction sequence. Underground networks, for instance, must be installed very early. Indeed, their installation requires excavations which occupy a large footprint and prevent any overhead work (for safety reason). Hence, before above ground erection can proceed, undergrounds need to be installed and backfilled. This will require piping discipline to freeze the routing of underground piping and issue the material requisition early, and for electrical and instrumentation disciplines, whose cable networks are shallower hence installed later, to freeze the routing of cable trenches not so long afterwards, etc.

Another classical example is paving. Construction will aim to complete early the paving works in areas that will be crowded during erection activities, e.g., areas around equipment with a lot of connecting pipe work. It will indeed ensure a safer and more productive erection, avoiding underground/erection activities interferences. This will set an early schedule requirement to the Civil engineer to issue the paving drawings.

Another example is that of heavy equipment whose lifting requires close access of the crane to the equipment installation location. In such case, the crane may have to stand on an area to be built at a later stage during the installation of the equipment. Construction activities in such area cannot start before the equipment is installed. The installation of the equipment must therefore be done early, which will translate **into** a requirement for the civil engineer to issue the equipment foundations and supporting structures drawings at an early stage.

This is similar to what happens on an Off-Shore project, where the installation of large equipment requires clearance, which delays construction activities in the equipment installation way until after the equipment is installed.

Engineering deliveries to Construction do not only include the construction drawings. Ahead of production of such drawings, Engineering issues to Site the bill of quantities that allow the Construction contractor to plan its work. Combined with material delivery schedule, e.g., for pipes, it allows the construction contractor

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to identify the required manpower and the appropriate time to mobilize it to avoid both idle time and shortage of manpower. This is particularly critical for an On-Shore project in a remote location where mobilization of resources takes time.

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The challenges: controlling information

Engineering, unlike manufacturing, is not about processing matter but information, which is far more elusive. Managing information quality and flows is critical.

The nature of information varies, from technical requirements of the Client, design criteria, site data, output information from one discipline serving as input to another one, information from equipment suppliers, etc.

Parties exchanging information, either as a receiver or as a provider or both, are the Client, the various engineering disciplines, procurement, vendors, construction contractor(s), third parties, etc.

Procedures are produced as part of the Engineering Quality Plan and implemented to ensure quality of information and control over its exchange. These procedures describe in details how to implement the good practices, which this section will describe.

First of all, information is recorded and communicated in formal documents. Information is not communicated through email and other informal ways but through controlled documents, bearing a number, a revision, transmitted in a traced manner and listed in a register.

The first set of information is the one serving as input to the design: functional and performance requirements, design criteria, codes to be used, specifications to be followed, etc. It is defined and recorded in the Design Basis document.

Any information missing from the Client is requested in a recorded way through a **Query**. Any deviation from the contractual requirements will be submitted to the Client's approval in a formal and recorded manner by means of issuance of a Deviation Request. Technical information exchanged with third parties is recorded in Interface Agreements, which are described in more details at the end of this section.

Many engineering documents are not produced at once. Instead, they are developed progressively as the design progresses, with increasing levels of details, up-dated with information received from other disciplines, vendors, etc. The proper way to ensure that all modifications are properly collected in order to be incorporated in a document's next revision is to keep a document **Master** copy. All comments are collected on this one copy of the document that is clearly marked "MASTER".

Documents are issued in controlled manner by means of *revisions*. Document issues will be made for various purposes: internal review (a document from one discipline is distributed to the others for review), Client approval, issue for design (a document from one discipline is issued to serve as a basis for other disciplines), issue for construction, etc.

The purpose of the revision is usually indicated in the revision codification and label, e.g., IFA (Issue for Approval), IFC (Issue for Construction), etc.

Document revision is essential to the engineering process, where disciplines work from documents originating from other disciplines. When some information contained in a document needs to be communicated, issuing a revision of the document is the way to freeze the contained information in a certain stage. This freeze is essential to the receiving party, which cannot work with moving input data. Equally important is the definition, by the issuing party, of the validity of the data, and what its purpose is.

For instance, the cable list will be continuously up-dated throughout the design phase, with addition of cables, calculation of cable sections, definition of cable routings, cable lengths, etc.

The purchase of cables cannot, however, be delayed until the end of the design phase. The cable list will need to be issued to the purchasing department much earlier, consistently with the cable lead time (several months).

The revision of the cable list issued by Engineering to Procurement needs to clearly identify its purpose. The revision will, for instance, be labelled "issue for inquiry" or "issue for order **70%"** (ordering **70%** of quantities only will allow to prime the supply while avoiding surplus should cable length decrease as design progresses), etc.

Another example showing the importance of properly identifying the document status is the civil area, also called composite, drawings. These drawings show all underground constructions in a given area. Whereas main equipment foundations are defined early, other underground objects, such as cable trenches, pipe support foundations, etc. are defined much later. The area drawings being used to locate the main equipment foundation are needed early at Site. They must be issued at a time where pipe support have not been defined. They will therefore be issued initially with only part of the information - the main equipment foundation - valid. The revisions shall clearly specify the validity, e.g., rev 0 "for main equipment foundations", rev 1 "for foundations and underground piping", rev 2 "for foundations, underground piping, pipe support foundations", rev 3 "for foundations, underground piping, pipe support foundations, cables", etc.

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Revised parts of documents must be highlighted, which is usually done by means of "clouds". These revision marks allow the recipient of the revision of a document to visualize immediately what has changed compared to the previous revision, without having to read it all again.

It may happen that part of a drawing is not finalized at the time the drawing needs to be issued. In such a case, this part is highlighted (usually by means of an "inverted" cloud) and marked "HOLD".

The design output must be checked before issue. Documents issued by a discipline are first checked within this discipline, by a person different from the one who prepared the document. The verification shall cover compliance to design basis, absence of errors, orders of magnitude checked, incorporation of latest changes, etc. Documents which concern several disciplines are submitted to an Inter-Discipline check. The discipline lead engineer determines which parties are to be involved in the review. The review can take the form of circulating the document to collect comments or by joint review during a meeting.

Each document is validated before it is issued. Such validation consist of checking that the document is fit for its purpose and complete, that the latest changes/instructions have been taken into account, etc.

Evidence of the verification and **validation** (approval) is materialized by $\frac{C+K\sqrt{N}}{N}$ $\frac{1}{N}$ **A** $\frac{1}{N}$ **A** $\frac{1}{N}$ **A A** $\frac{1}{N}$ **A** $\frac{$

Information must be communicated to all concerned parties. **A** Document Control Procedure which includes a distribution matrix is prepared to ensure systematic distribution of each document according to type.

This requirement translates in making sure that everybody uses the up-dated information hence has access to the latest versions of documents. The latest revision of documents is indicated in the Engineering Document Register.

In the case where the document library is an on-line library rather than a paper one, this up-to-date requirement will be automatically met.

Quality of the design itself is challenged during design reviews. The design review is best done by people outside the project team who have "cold eyes" allowing them to stand back from the context and to question.

Consistency of the design at interfaces is checked during Interface reviews. Interface reviews are attended by the various engineering disciplines and focus on making sure that they all work on the same page.

In the longer run, experience gained on one job is fed back in the engineering company's method. Engineering guidance documents, templates and check list are produced/up-dated as a result of this **feed-back** process.

Mere copy/paste of documents from one project to the next puts at risk of over specifying by carrying over, without noticing, some constraints specific to one job to the other. Production of universal templates is preferable.

Information management is of paramount importance at Interfaces between parties.

Exchange of technical information takes place between numerous parties: between engineering disciplines, between engineering and vendors, between engineering and third party, e.g., contractors building other parts of the plant, etc.

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The most numerous interfaces are internal interfaces: between engineering disciplines.

In many instances, the input information of one discipline is the output of another. Civil, for instance, designs structures supporting equipment and pipes. The civil design is directly dependent on the equipment and pipes to be supported: Piping defines to Civil the required geometry, and advises the location and values of the loads to be supported.

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Such information must be precise and properly communicated. This avoids inefficient design such as the one shown here where the foundation of the pipe support is grossly oversized. This was due to the bad quality of the information provided by Piping to Civil.

The difficulty is that Piping will not have finalized its design when the information has, in order to comply with the schedule, to be given to Civil. Piping must therefore make some assumptions and include some allowances to avoid later changes.

Should a change occur, Piping should advise Civil, without delay in order to minimize the impact. In **such** a way Civil will be able to advise Site on time not to cast the foundation but to wait for a revised design.

Dedicated internal documents are issued from one discipline to the other for the exchange of information.

Timely exchange of these documents and precision of the information contained is key to ensure that the receiving disciplines works on the good information.

External interfaces include that with equipment vendors and third parties.

Proper interface with equipment vendors is key to the match, at Site, between equipment and their environment, e.g., piping connections, electrical and instrument connections, etc.

Review by Engineering of vendor documents and incorporation in the design is key to achieve this match.

Vendor documents are not finalized at once but will undergo revisions. Engineering drawings must be up-dated with revisions of vendor drawings.

On the picture shown here, the drawings of the thermo-well vendor has obviously not been reviewed **I** by Piping which resulted in a mismatch at Site.

The flow of information between Engineering and

vendors is not one way. The orientation of the nozzles of a pressure vessel, for instance, will be specified by Engineering, upon completion of piping studies, to

the vendor. Gussets to be provided on the vessel for support of piping, platforms and ladders will also be defined by Engineering.

A number of interfaces with third parties are found on a Project, such as the ones found at the plant boundary: with the Contractor installing the inlet pipeline/outlet rundown lines, with Contractors in charge of other parts of the plant, such as the product tank farm, etc.

Information to be exchanged relates to the precise limit of supply of each party, and technical data at connecting point to ensure matching.

In the case of an interface on a pipeline, for instance, the technical data exchanged will not only include the coordinates of the connecting point, the type of connection (flanged/welded), but also more subtle data, such as the load (longitudinal force that could amount to several hundred **kN)** transferred from one side of the pipeline to the other.

The vehicle for the information exchange is the Interface Agreement, such as the one shown here.

A proper Interface management must be put in place, such as one operating as follows:

• first, what interface information will be exchanged, who will be the giver and who will be the receiver and when the information will be provided is defined and formally agreed (step 1). Section 1 of the Interface Agreement is filled at this stage. This will allow the receiving party to plan its work. A proper definition and schedule of the information data is critical for the receiving party. Receipt of imprecise information or delay will indeed prevent the receiving party to proceed,

 \bullet second, the actual interface information, such as the one related **to** precise definition of battery limit shown here, is provided, usually by means of attaching an engineering drawing to the Interface Agreement. Section 2 of the Interface Agreement is filled at this stage.

the receiver finally confirms adequacy of the received data by the close out \bullet of **the** Interface Agreement.

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