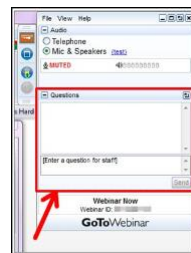


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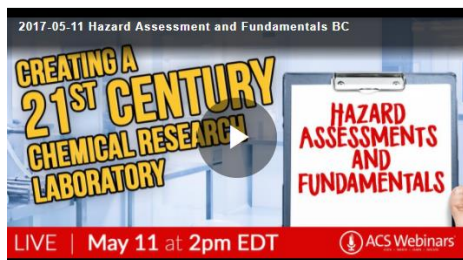
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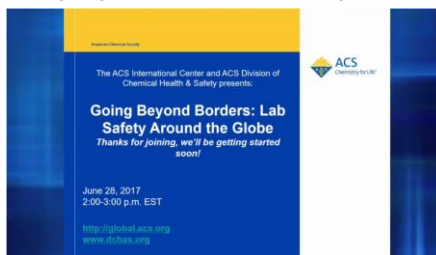
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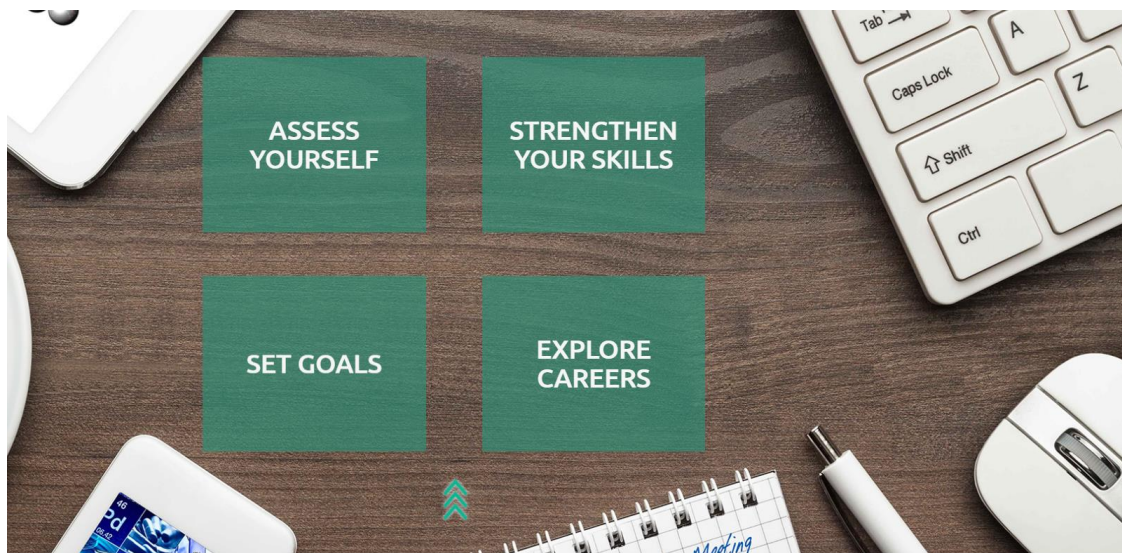
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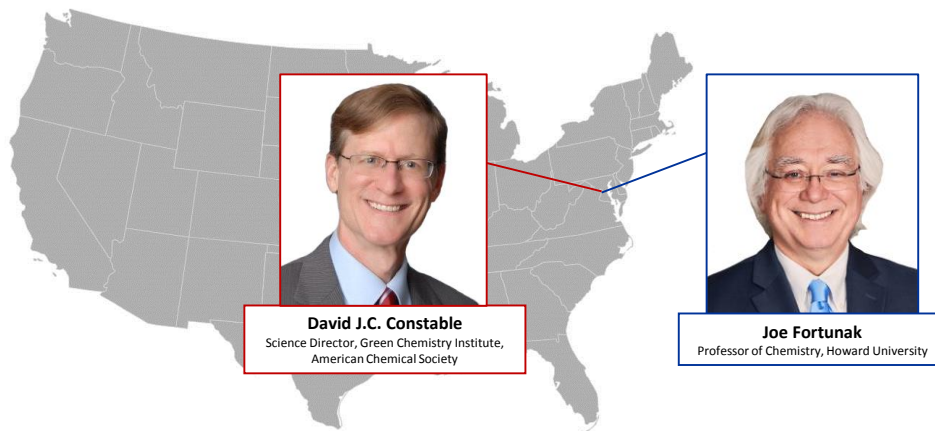


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We believe sustainable and green chemistry innovation holds the key to solving most environmental and human health issues facing our world today.

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## Why Reimagine Chemistry?

The chemistry enterprise as currently operated is **completely unsustainable**:

- **Feedstocks** (What we start with)
  - **Chemicals**
  - **Chemistries**
  - **Processes**
- } (How we put things together)
- **Products**

*Chemists and chemical engineers are uniquely equipped to do something about making the world more sustainable*





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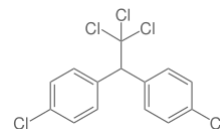
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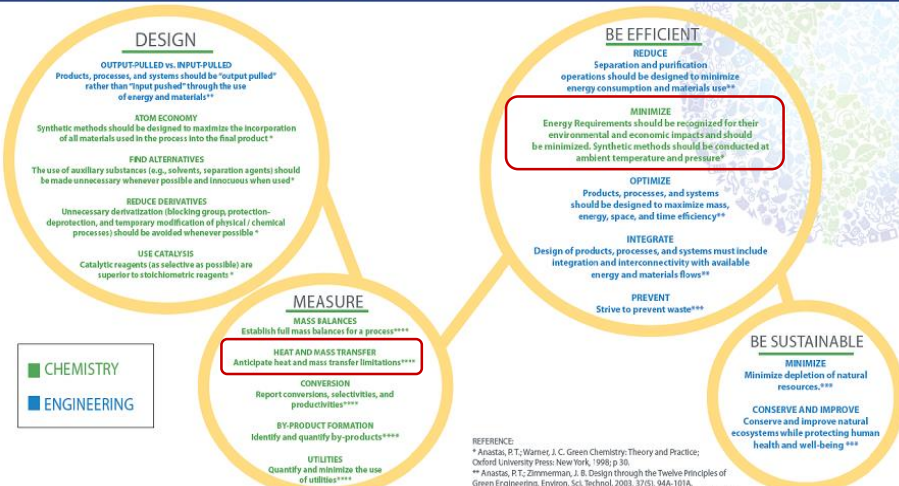


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Earth Day, 1971. Walt Kelly, Post-Hall Syndicate, Simon & Schuster

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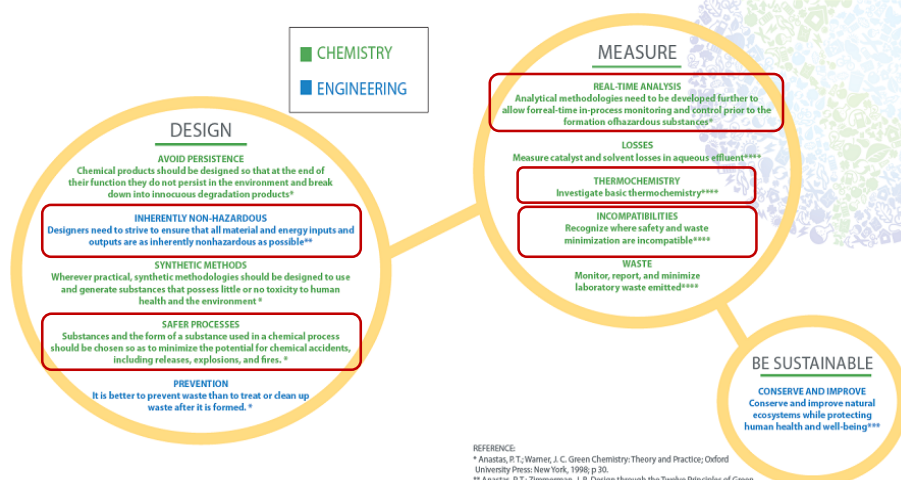
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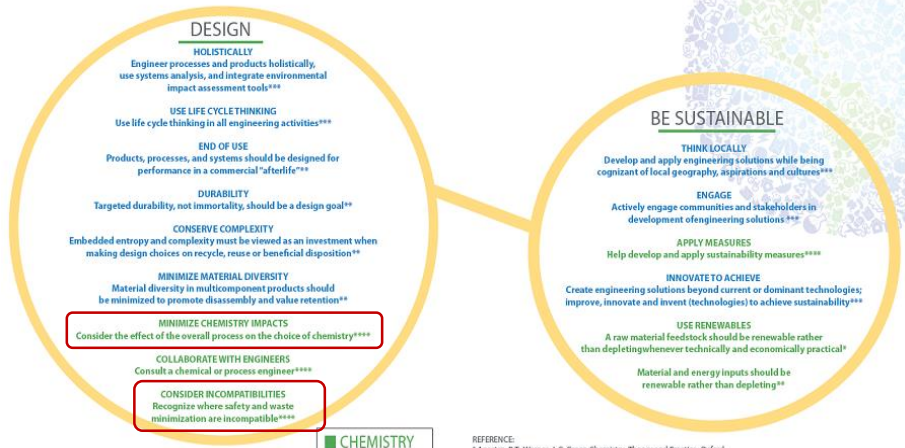


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***“The major obstacles to increased waste reduction are institutional and behavioral rather than technical.”*** - Serious Reduction of Hazardous Waste. US Congress. 1986



## Audience Challenge Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

**The most important time to integrate green and sustainable chemistry and inherently safer approaches for greener, more sustainable products and processes is:**

- After ensuring performance and economic viability
- After you've selected your route
- After you've completed process development but before commercialization
- At the very beginning of design; when you first conceive of the product
- All of the above are appropriate times

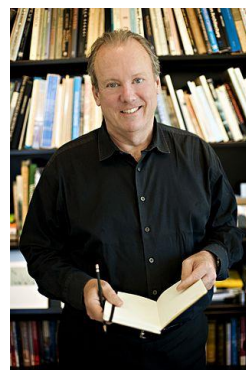
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## Thinking About Design



***“Design is a signal of intention.”***



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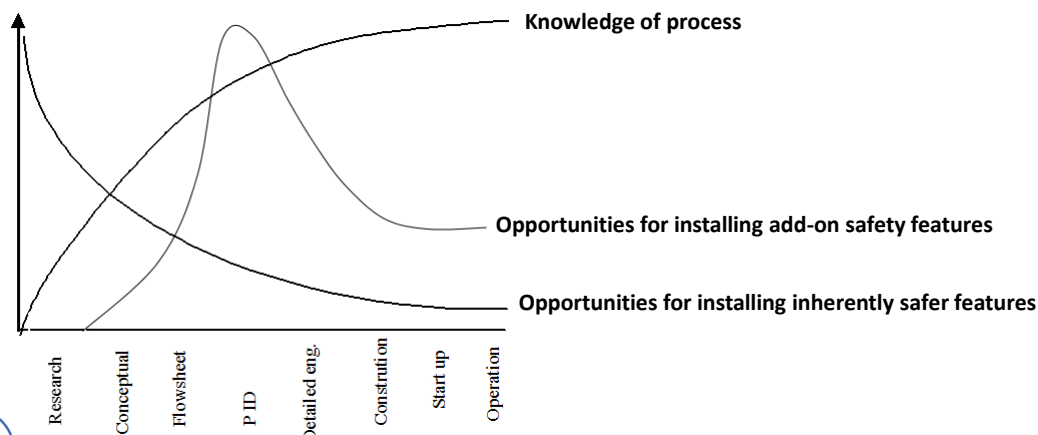


“Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things” William McDonough, 2002

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## Design and the Inherent Safety Design Paradox



## Inherent Safety and Pollution Prevention

Inherent Safety and Pollution Prevention hierarchies are similar.

### Pollution Prevention:

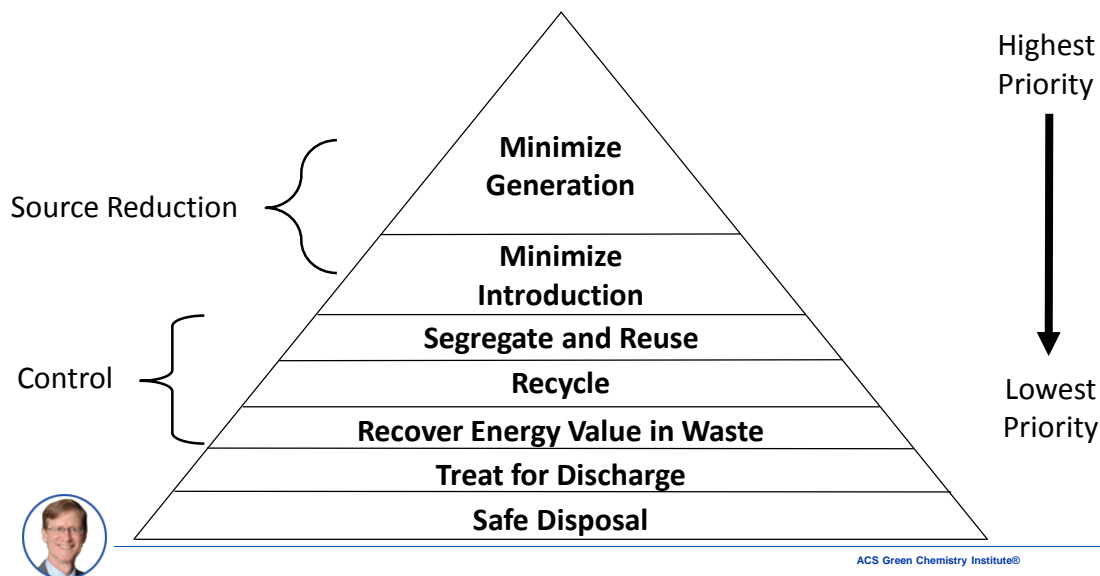
- Eliminate
- Reduce
- Recycle
- Re-use
- Treat
- Disposal

### Inherent Safety:

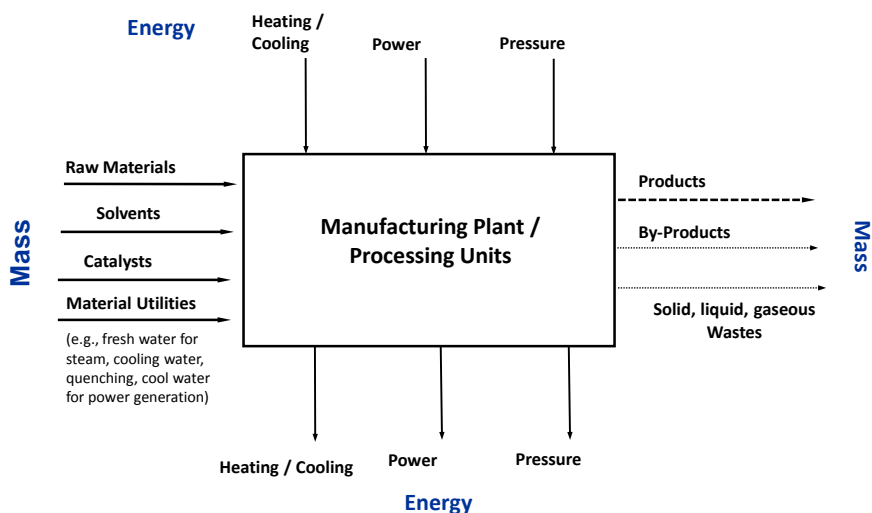
- Minimize
- Substitute
- Moderate
- Simplify
- Control



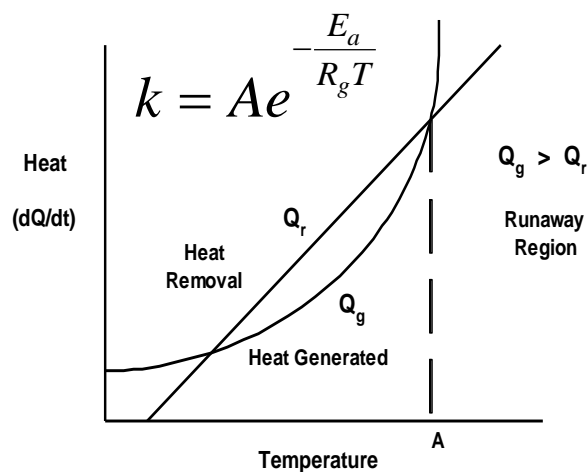
## Pollution Prevention Hierarchy



## Mass-Energy Matrix



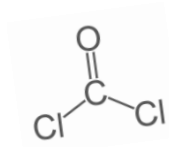
## Kinetics and Exotherms



## Hazard – A Review

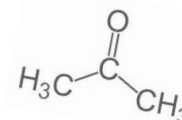
- An inherent physical or chemical characteristic that has the potential for causing harm to people, the environment, or property (CCPS, 1992).
- Hazards are intrinsic to a material, or its conditions of use.

- **EXAMPLES**



- **Phosgene** – severe irritant, corrosive, toxic by inhalation

- **Acetone** – flammable



- High pressure steam - potential energy due to pressure, high temperature



Dennis C. Hendershot, Rohm and Haas Company, Engineering Division, Bristol, PA





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## Inherent

- Eliminate or reduce the hazard by changing the process or materials to materials that are non-hazardous or less hazardous
- Integral to the product, process, or plant - cannot be easily defeated or changed without fundamentally altering the process or plant design
- **EXAMPLE**
  - Substituting water for a flammable solvent (latex paints compared to oil base paints)



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## What Is Inherently Safer Design?

- Inherent - “existing in something as a permanent and inseparable element...”
  - safety “built in”, not “added on”
- A system may be defined as *inherently safe* if - after a perturbation - it stays in or returns to a safe and stable state without involving human or automatic controls
- Inherently safer - **eliminate or minimize hazards** rather than control hazards.  
*More of a philosophy and way of thinking about design at every level of detail than a specific set of tools and methods*
- “Safer,” not “Safe”

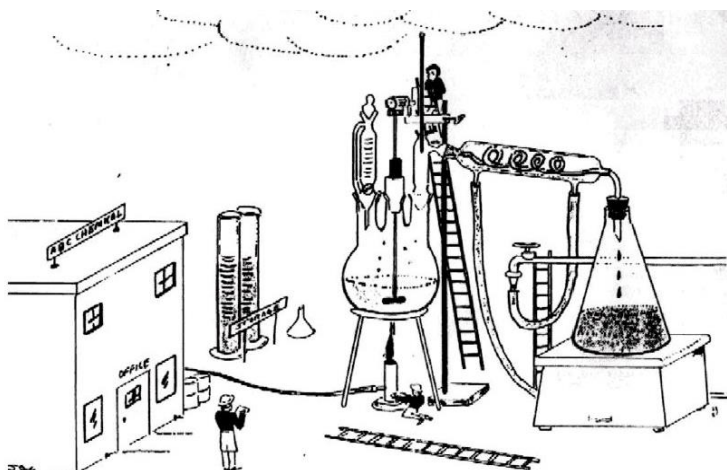


## Relationship of Green Chemistry, Engineering, and Inherently Safer Design

- **Green chemistry and engineering – broad consideration of many human and environmental impacts**
  - reaction paths, synthesis routes, raw materials and intermediates
  - implementation of selected synthesis routes
  - Requires fundamental knowledge of physical and chemical processes
- **Inherently safer design – focus on “safety” incidents**
  - Immediate consequences of single events (e.g., fires, explosions, immediate effects of toxic material release)
  - Includes consideration of chemistry as well as engineering issues such as siting, transportation, and detailed equipment design



## Inherently Safer Design Strategies



“The bench scale results were so good that we by-passed the pilot plant.”



From E. H. Stitt, “Alternative multiphase reactors for fine chemicals: A world beyond stirred tanks,” *Chemical Engineering Journal* **90** (2002) 47-60.

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## Inherent Safety Principles

- **Intensification or minimization** - “What you don’t have can’t leak”.
- **Substitution** - is the use of a safer material in place of a more hazardous one, or the use of less of it.
- **Attenuation or moderation** - is the use of a hazardous chemical under less severe conditions.
- **Limitation of effects** - change designs or process conditions instead of adding on protective equipment that may fail.
- **Simplicity**: Simpler lab set ups/plants are safer than complex set ups/plants



Mannan, M.S., D. Hendershot and T.A. Kletz, “Fundamentals of Process Safety and Risk Management,” *Encyclopedia of Chemical Processing and Design*, ed. R.G. Anthony, vol. 69, Supplement 1, pp. 49-94, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 2002

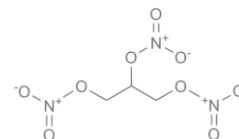
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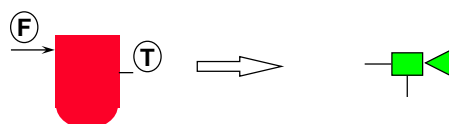
## Intensify or Minimize

- **Use small quantities of hazardous substances or energy**

- Storage
- Intermediate storage
- Piping
- Process equipment



- **“Process Intensification”** - NAB process for manufacture of nitroglycerine



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## The Role of Chemistry in Process Intensification

- **Understand what controls a chemical reaction so that equipment design and setup optimizes the reaction**

- Energy (heat/cool) transfer and removal
- Mass transfer
  - Mixing
  - Between phases/across surfaces
- Chemical equilibrium
- Molecular processes
- Rate and order of addition



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## Substitute

- **Substitute a less hazardous reaction chemistry**
- **Replace hazardous materials** with less hazardous alternatives
- **Water based coatings and paints** in place of solvent-based alternatives
  - Reduce fire hazard
  - Less toxic
  - Less odor
  - More environmentally friendly
  - Reduce hazards for end user and also for the manufacturer



## Reaction Chemistry - Acrylic Esters

### Reppe Process:

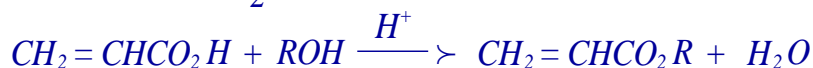


- Acetylene - flammable, reactive
- Carbon monoxide - toxic, flammable
- Nickel carbonyl - toxic, environmental hazard (heavy metals), carcinogenic
- Anhydrous HCl - toxic, corrosive
- Product - a monomer with reactivity (polymerization) hazards



## Propylene Oxidation Process

### Alternate Chemistry:



*Is this process Inherently safe?*



### Audience Challenge Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



#### Is this process Inherently safe?

- They're both horrible
- It's much safer
- Need more information to make a decision
- Keep looking for a better alternative process
- Stop making acrylic esters

## Discussion

**While not inherently safe, it is arguably inherently *safer*. Hazards are:**

- primarily flammability,
- corrosivity from sulfuric acid catalyst for the esterification step,
- small amounts of acrolein as a transient intermediate in the oxidation step,
- reactivity hazard for the monomer product.



## Moderate

- Dilution
- Refrigeration
- Less severe processing conditions
- Physical characteristics
- Containment
  - Better described as “**passive**” rather than “**inherent**”



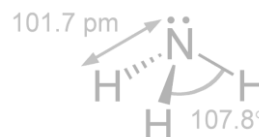
## Dilution

- **Aqueous ammonia** instead of anhydrous
- **Aqueous HCl** in place of anhydrous HCl
- **Sulfuric acid in place of oleum** (a solution of **sulfur trioxide** in **sulfuric acid** or sometimes more specifically to pyrosulfuric acid, disulfuric acid)
- **Wet benzoyl peroxide** in place of dry
- **Dynamite** instead of nitroglycerine



## Less Severe Reaction Conditions

- **Ammonia Manufacture**
  - 1930s - pressures up to 600 bar
  - 1950s - typically 300-350 bar
  - 1980s - plants operating at pressures of 100-150 bar were being built
- Result of understanding and improving the process
- Lower pressure plants are cheaper, more efficient, as well as safer



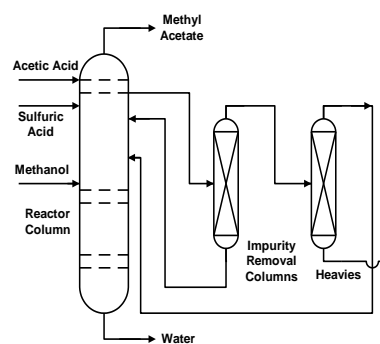
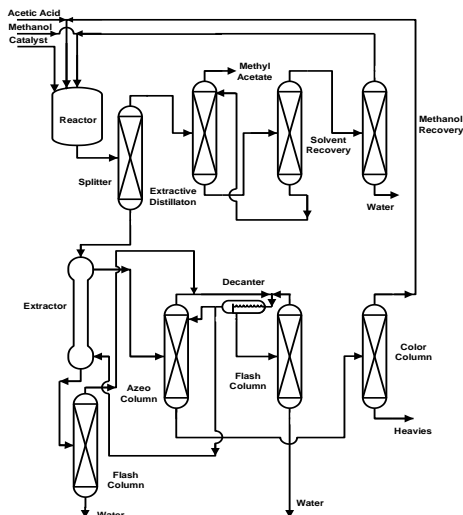


## Simplify

- Eliminate unnecessary complexity to reduce risk of human error
  - **QUESTION ALL COMPLEXITY!** *Is it really necessary?*



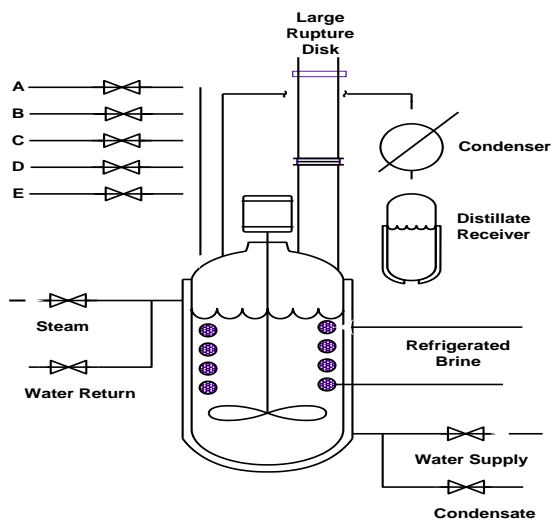
## Simplify - Eliminate Equipment



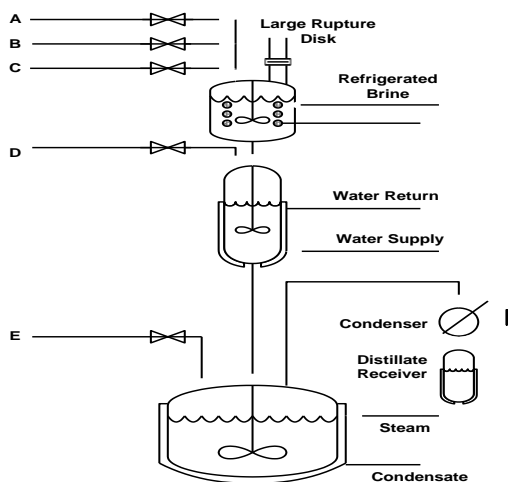
Reactive distillation methyl acetate process (Eastman Chemical)



## Single, Complex Batch Reactor



## A Sequence of Simpler Batch Reactors for the Same Process



## Audience Challenge Question

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There were 3 process configurations presented. Which of these is simpler?

- The Eastman Reactive Distillation Process



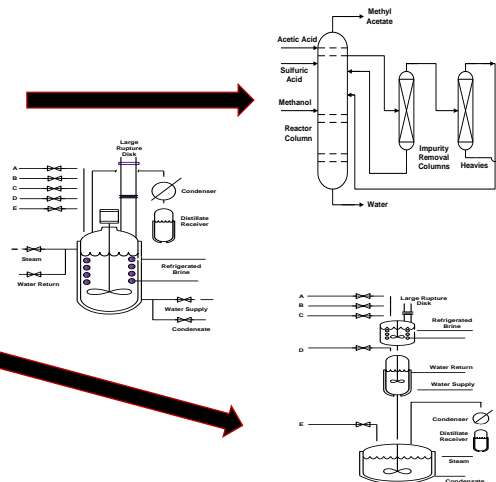
- Complex Batch Reactor



- Series of 3 Batch Reactors



- Each of them have trade-offs



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## Simplification Conflicts

- In the previous example
  - Each vessel is simpler
- But:
  - There are now three vessels, therefore, the overall plant is more complex in some ways
  - Compare to methyl acetate example
- Need to understand specific hazards for each situation to decide what is best



## Questions a designer should ask when she has identified a hazard

### *In this order*

1. Can I eliminate this hazard?
2. If not, can I reduce the magnitude of the risk?
3. Do the alternatives identified in questions 1 and 2 increase the magnitude of any other risks, or create new risks?  
(If so, consider all hazards and risks in selecting the best alternative.)
4. At this point, what technical and management systems are required to manage the risks which inevitably will remain?



## 8 Reaction Process Design Considerations

1. Rapid reactions (but not too rapid, especially if they are endo or exothermic) are desirable
2. Avoid batch processes in which all of the potential chemical energy is present in the system at the start of the reaction step
3. Use gradual or reverse addition, “semi-batch” processes, or micro-reactors/alternative reaction spaces for exothermic reactions
4. Avoid using control of reaction mixture temperature as the only means for limiting the reaction rate



## 8 Reaction Process Design Considerations

5. Account for the impact of reactor/reaction space size/volume on heat generation and removal capabilities
6. Use multiple temperature sensors, in different locations in the reaction vessel for rapid exothermic reactions
7. Avoid feeding a material to a reaction vessel at a higher temperature than the boiling point of the reactor contents
8. Pay careful attention to ensure good mixing, especially for heterogeneous or multi-phase reactions

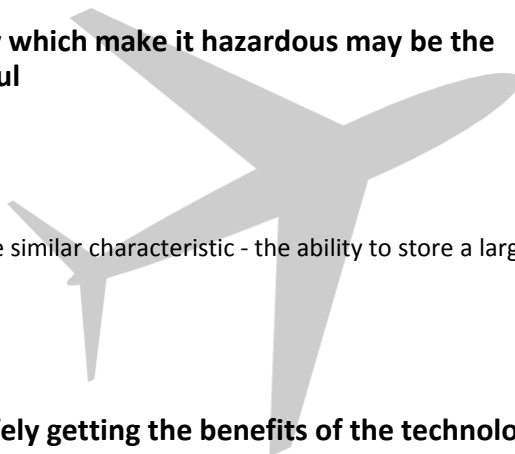


## Conflicts and Tradeoffs



## Some Problems

- **The properties of a chemical or technology which make it hazardous may be the same as the properties which make it useful**
  - Airplanes travel at 600 mph
  - Gasoline is flammable
  - Any replacement for gasoline must have one similar characteristic - the ability to store a large quantity of energy in a compact form
    - a good definition of a hazardous situation
  - Chlorine is toxic but it is chemically useful
- **Control of the risk is the critical issue in safely getting the benefits of the technology**



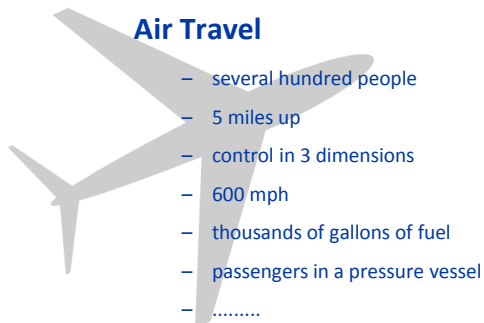
## Multiple Hazards

- **Everything has multiple hazards and risks**
  - Automobile travel
    - velocity (energy), flammable fuel, exhaust gas toxicity, hot surfaces, pressurized cooling system, electricity.....
  - Chemical process or product
    - acute toxicity, flammability, corrosiveness, chronic toxicity, various environmental impacts, reactivity.....



## Inherently Safer ≠ Safer

### Air Travel



- several hundred people
- 5 miles up
- control in 3 dimensions
- 600 mph
- thousands of gallons of fuel
- passengers in a pressure vessel
- .....

### Automobile Travel



- a few people
- on the ground
- control in 2 dimensions
- 60 mph
- a few gallons of fuel
- might even be a convertible
- .....

- **Automobile travel is inherently safer**
- **But, what is the safest way to travel from Washington to Los Angeles?**
- **Why?**
  - **Primarily because of active and procedural engineering features of the air transportation system**



# Chemical Hazard Identification

Approaches and Tools

## Chemical Hazard Identification – Tools, Resources – Theoretical and Computational Screening

- Safety data sheet (SDS) and manufacturer's data
- Chemical compatibility matrix
- Literature reactivity data such as Bretherick's handbook, NFPA hazard ratings, etc.
- Incident data
- Chemical structure
- Formation energies; can be estimated from group contributions (Benson, NIST Database 25) or quantum mechanics (Gaussian 94)
- Heat of reaction, decomposition, solution
- Computed adiabatic reaction temperature at constant pressure and/or volume, CART
- Oxygen balance
- Software tools such as the ASTN CHETAH, NASA CET89, SuperChems, TIGER, etc.



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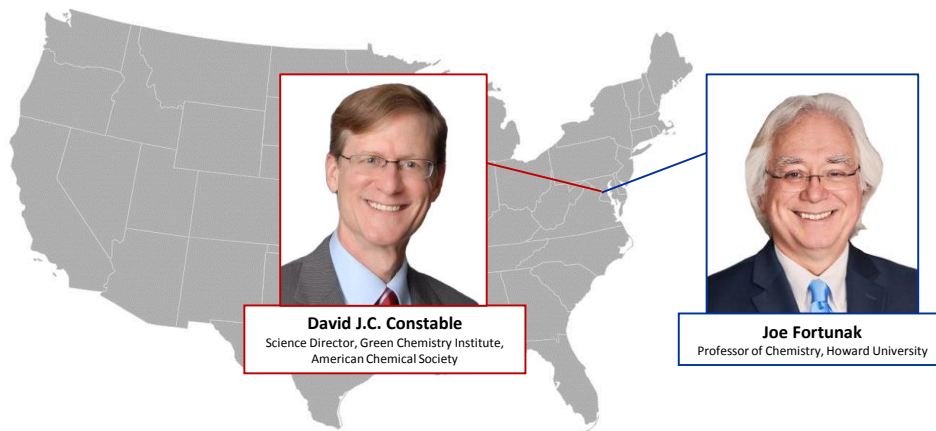
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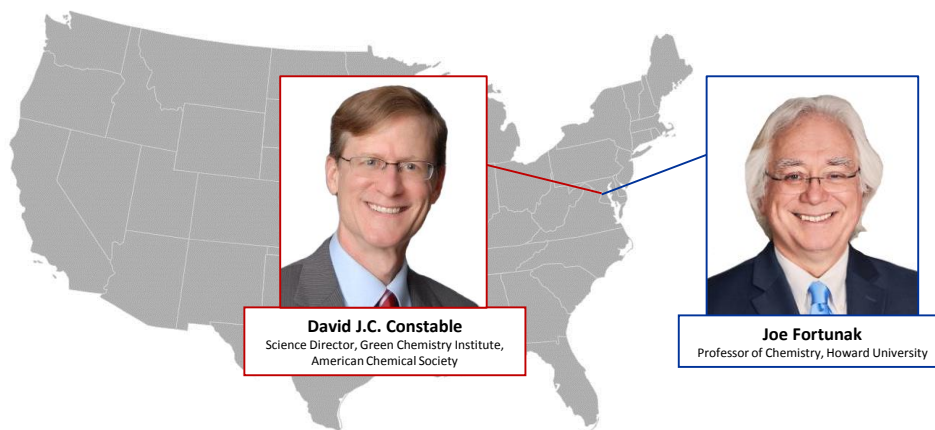
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## Final Thoughts

- Chemists have a duty to recognize and minimize the potential economic, societal and environmental risks that are a part of chemistry
- Design is the most important activity a chemist can do to reduce or eliminate sustainability risks
- Green chemistry, inherent safety, pollution prevention begins at the route design level
- Process flow sheets are invaluable in highlighting continued opportunities to reduce or eliminate waste and unsafe practices or potential for accidents.
- There is an overwhelmingly clear business case for green and sustainable chemistry.



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