An Introduction to Engineering at CERN























Microchips for Megastructures

Front-End ASIC

Silicon Tracker Hybrid Micro-electronics

CMS experiment on the LHC accelerator at CERN















Point 5 - Excavation commencement of PM54 shaft - July 09, 1999 - CERN ST-CE



Total Concrete Volume = 90,000m3

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Image courtesy British Gas

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CERN Staff by job description

















A photo I took of a CERN colleague, as we waited to cross the Khasakh-Russian border in 2004...









One slide on some of my more recent projects



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"...It's my job to install your boiler and help with any boiler problems you may have..."



What is Engineering?

Oxford English Dictionary, 3rd Ed.

The branch of science and technology concerned with the development and modification of engines (in various senses), machines, structures, or other complicated systems and processes using specialized knowledge or skills, typically for public or commercial use...

Wikipedia

(from Latin ingenium, meaning "cleverness" and ingeniare, meaning "to contrive, devise") is the application of <u>scientific</u>, <u>economic</u>, social, and practical knowledge in order to <u>invent</u>, <u>design</u>, build, maintain, research, and improve structures, machines, devices, systems, materials and <u>processes</u>.



So engineering means...

- Make something real out of dreams
 - Creativity!
- Discussion, negotiation, consensus:
 - Communication! Teamwork!
- Need to be ready for lifelong learning:
 - particle and accelerator physics, material science, leadership, commerce, Russian...
- Based, of course, on good science:
 - Start from first principles
 - But don't re-invent the wheel... unless you need to!
 - Good engineering design
- Get it done, on time and on budget!



CERN

- CERN is a particle physics facility
 - But we employ very few particle physicists
 - Most theoretical and experimental scientists work for our member institutes
- ...but most of what we do is "Engineering"
 - 2/3 of our staff are engineers, applied scientists or technicians
 - Work together, we can produce the most amazing, complex and beautiful things



...and can I just ask you

- You are seeing some great examples of engineering
 - CMS Service cavern, Data centre,
 - -SM18, AD/LEIR
- Give (all of) your students a different impression of what a career in engineering might mean

 CERN, along with the economies of all our countries, needs more engineers, and diversity is as essential here, as everywhere



Thank you!

...and please feel free to take some of our enthusiasm for engineering home with you!

Backup



Ray Veness, in a nutshell

- Born and schooled in London, England
- Studied Mechanical Engineering at Leicester University
 PhD in Solid Mechanics at Leicester University
- 2 years working on fusion energy technology at Culham Laboratory, Oxfordshire, UK
- Recruited as a CERN staff in 1992
 - Worked as a Section Leader in 5 different departments
- Responsible for many parts of the LHC design, including all experimental vacuum systems
 - Co-author of the ATLAS Higgs discovery publication(!)
- Currently Section Leader and Deputy Group Leader for Beam Instrumentation (Accelerator Systems Department)







