Mechanical Engineering of Accelerator Components and Peripherals

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CERN EN-MME Group

"The mandate of the MME group is to provide to the CERN community specific engineering solutions combining mechanical design, fabrication and material sciences."

- EN-MME group size roughly 180 people
- Our main activities are:
 - Mechanical design
 - Engineering calculations and simulations
 - Production and sourcing
 - Material development
 - Mechanical and geometrical measurements
- We work on all the machines and experiments!



AWAKE Advanced WAKefield Experiment
ISOLDE Isotope Separator Online
REX/HIE
Radioactive Experiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDI
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EN-MME = Engineering Department – Mechanical and Materials Engineering



Mechanical Design – Design Inputs

Client specification



Space limitations and interfaces



All project parties participate in defining design inputs!



Mechanical Design – Process

Iteration:

- Designer Client
- Analysis, simulation
- Integration
- Manufacturing



Deliverables:

- 2D drawings
- 3D models
- Supporting documents, such as analysis or measurement reports





Engineering Calculations and Simulations

Why: To guide design work, to meet requirements, and to assess safety





Figure 6 - Boundary conditions and loads for the structural analysis

Boundary conditions



Functional device



Analysis results



CAE Tools - CATIA





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CERN ENGINEERING

Manufacturing and Production

- EN-MME operates three machine shops mostly for prototype and small series production
- Capabilities:
 - Machining: Milling, turning, drilling, cutting, grinding, electrical discharge machining, etc.
 - Forming: Sheet metal bending, rolling, punching, pressing, extrusion, etc.
 - Joining: Welding, brazing, soldering, etc.





Material Development and Measurements

Material development examples:

- Graphites for beam impacts
- Stainless steel alloys for permeability

Mechanical measurement examples:

- Non-destructive testing: X-ray for LHC dipole magnets
- Destructive testing: Material tensile strength testing

Geometrical measurements: Verification of component compliance to specification (drawings and/or model)





Challenges



Note! Bridge length varies between some micrometers to some parsecs...





Questions!