

Engineering as a Career

***A Career Talk with an Engineer working in the
Aerospace Industry***

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Let's Talk About Engineering

Definitions:

Engineering:

- The application of science and mathematics by which the properties of matter and the sources of energy in nature are made useful to people
- The design and manufacture of complex products

Engineer:

- One who practices engineering is called an engineer.

Engineering Has Many Fields

- Civil
- Biomedical
- Chemical
- **Aerospace**
- **Mechanical**
- **Electrical**
- **Software**
- **Systems**
- Lots more disciplines not mentioned today

■ = Widely used in Aerospace

Civil Engineering

- Civil engineering is the engineering discipline that deals with the design, construction and maintenance of bridges, roads, canals, dams and buildings.



Burj Dubai (August, 2009)



Biomedical Engineering

- **Biomedical engineering is the application of engineering principles and techniques to the medical field. It combines the design and problem solving skills of engineering with medical and biological sciences to improve healthcare diagnosis and treatment.**



Credit: <http://www.wikipedia.com>

Chemical Engineering

- **Chemical Engineering applies science and mathematics to the process of converting raw materials or chemicals into more useful or valuable forms.**



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Aerospace Engineering

- **Aerospace engineering is the branch of engineering behind the design, construction and science of aircraft and spacecraft.**



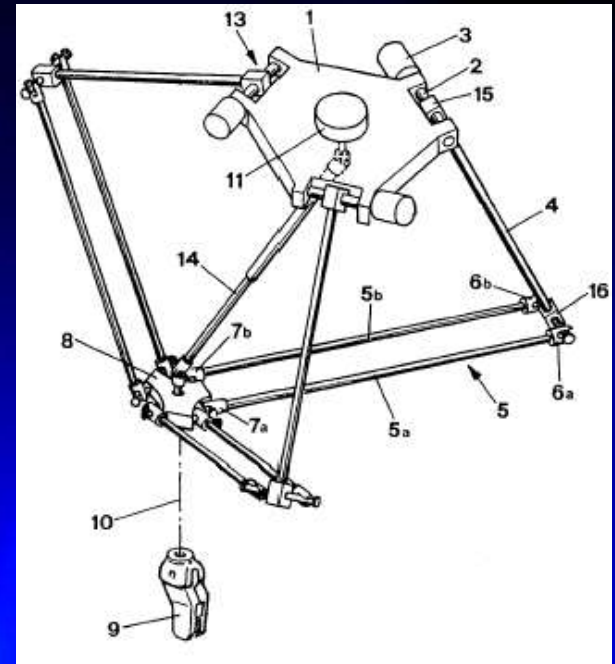
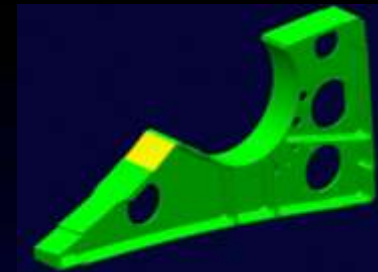
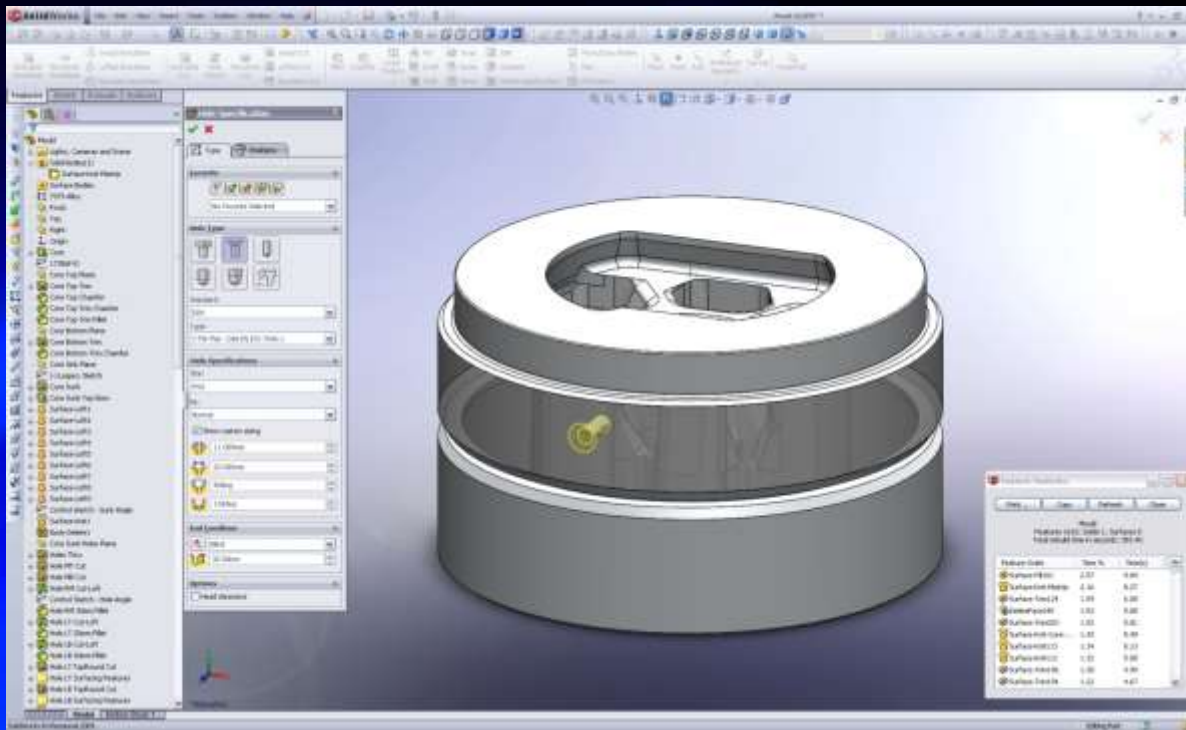
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Mechanical Engineering

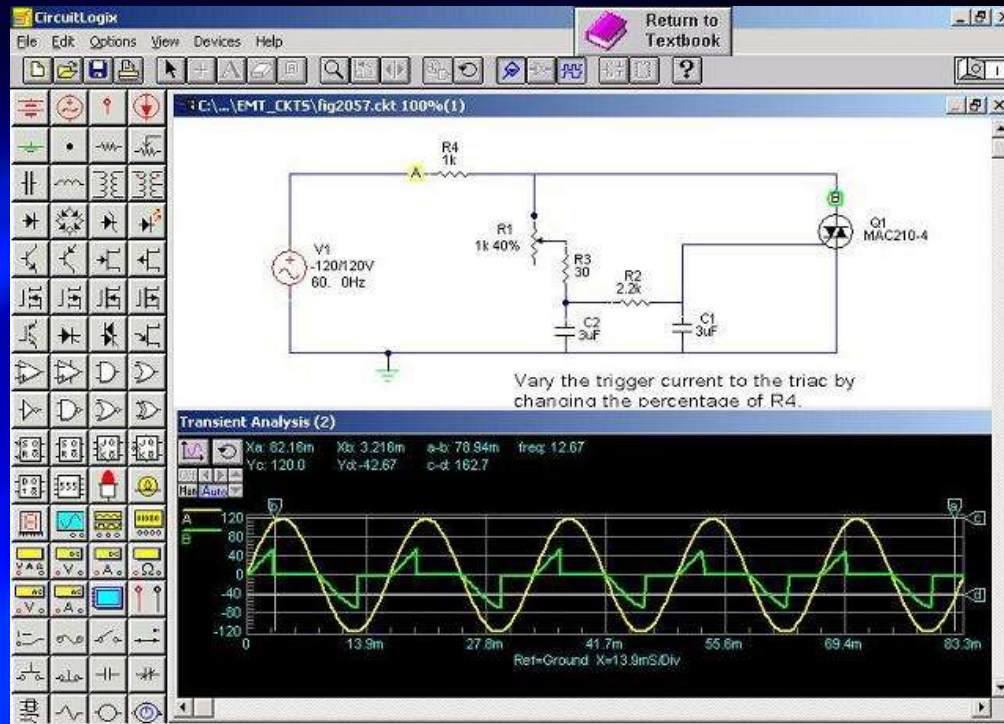
- Mechanical engineering utilizes mechanics, kinematics, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, materials science, and energy to design and analyze machinery and mechanical parts.



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Electrical Engineering

- Deals with the application of electricity, electronics and electromagnetism.
- Covers a range of subtopics including power, electronics, control systems, signal processing and telecommunications.

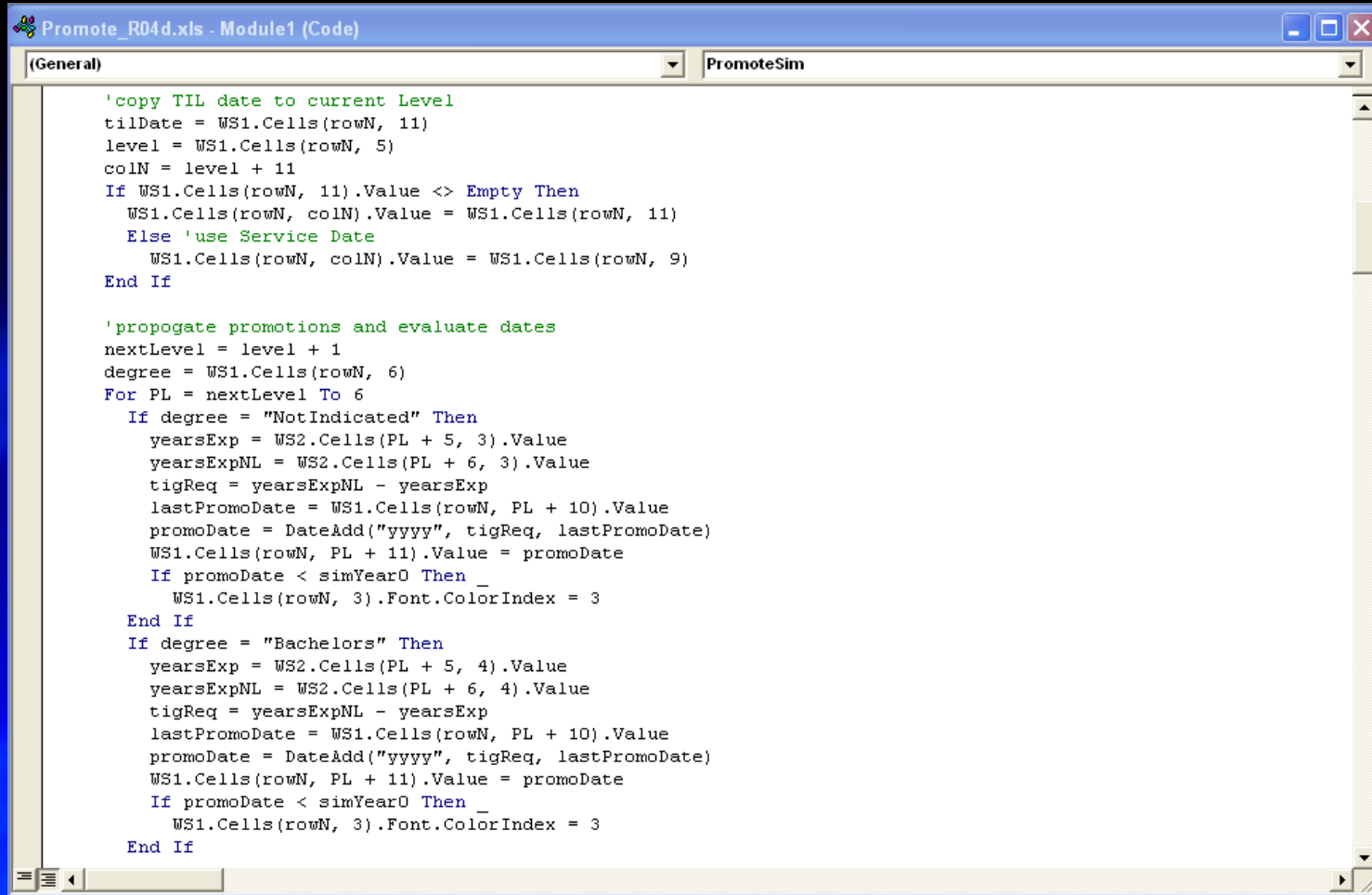


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Software Engineering

- **Software Engineering is the application that develops, tests, operates, and maintains software.**

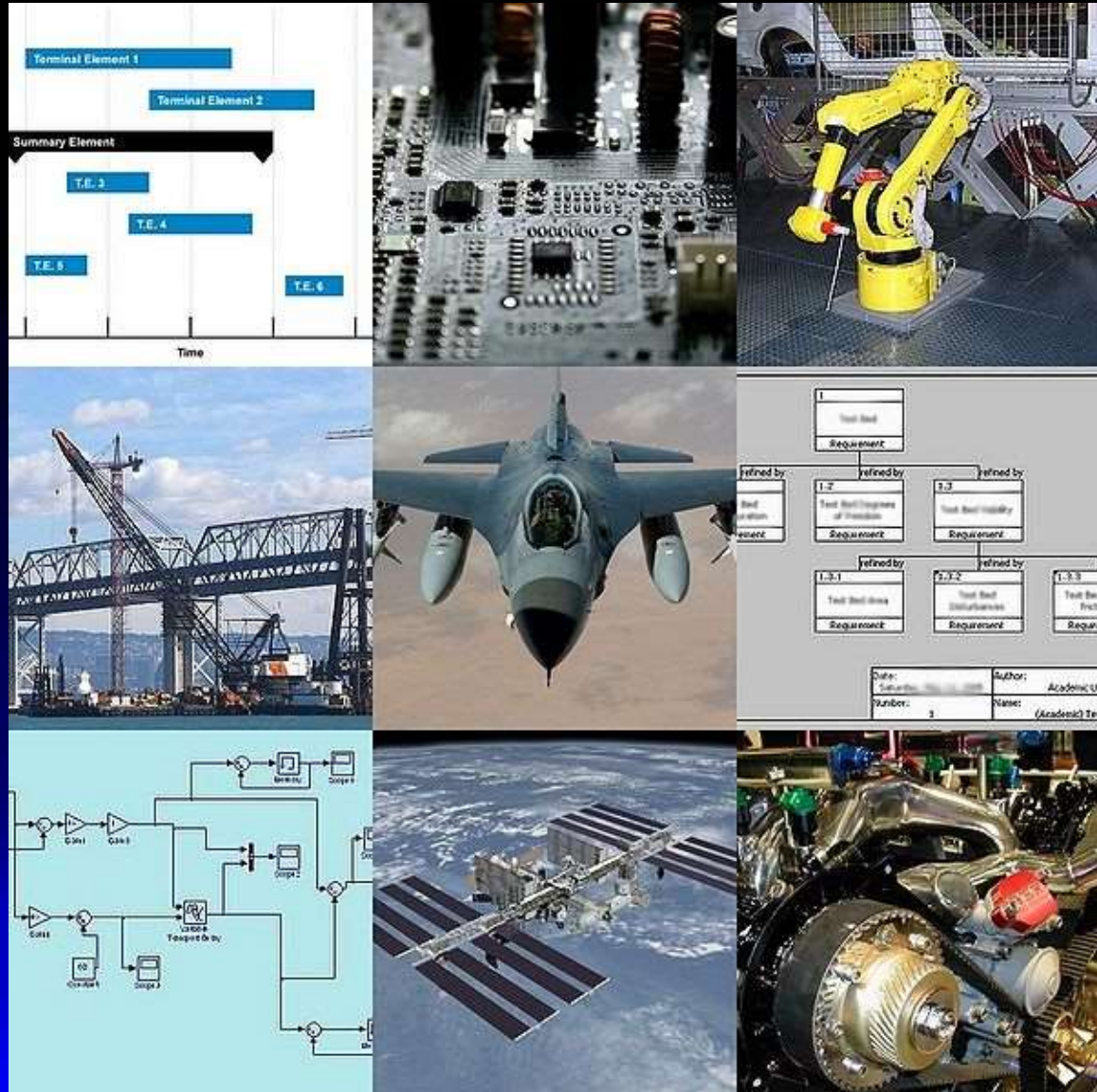


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Else 'use Service Date
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'propagate promotions and evaluate dates
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Systems Engineering

The interdisciplinary field of engineering that focuses the integration of electrical, mechanical, and software systems.



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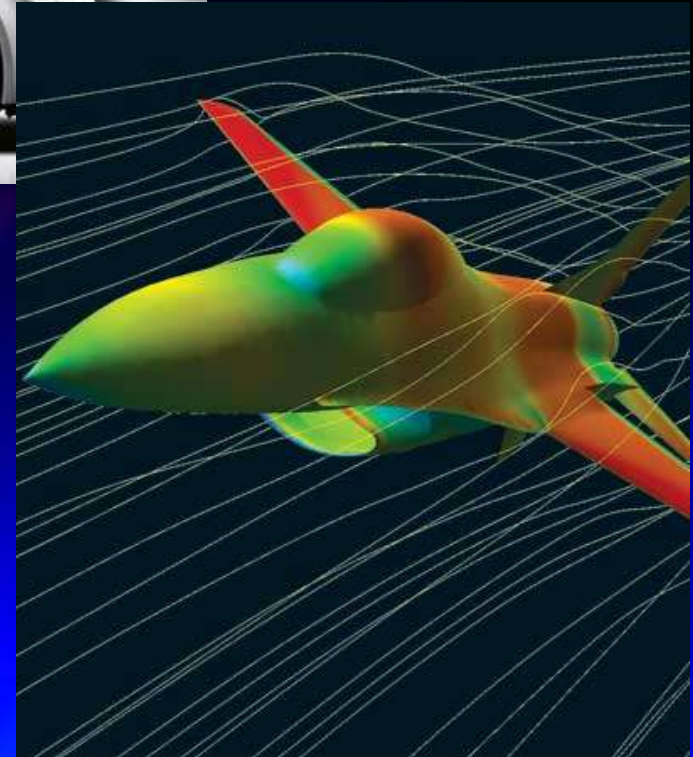
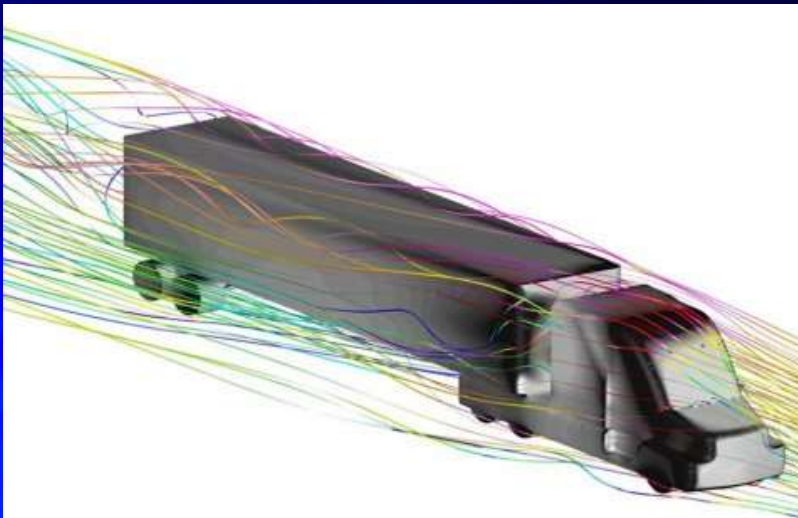
Engineering Has Many Disciplines/Specialties

- **Aerodynamics**
- **Fluids**
- **Thermal**
- **Stress/Loads/Dynamics**
- **Solar Arrays**
- **Batteries**
- **Lots more disciplines not mentioned today**

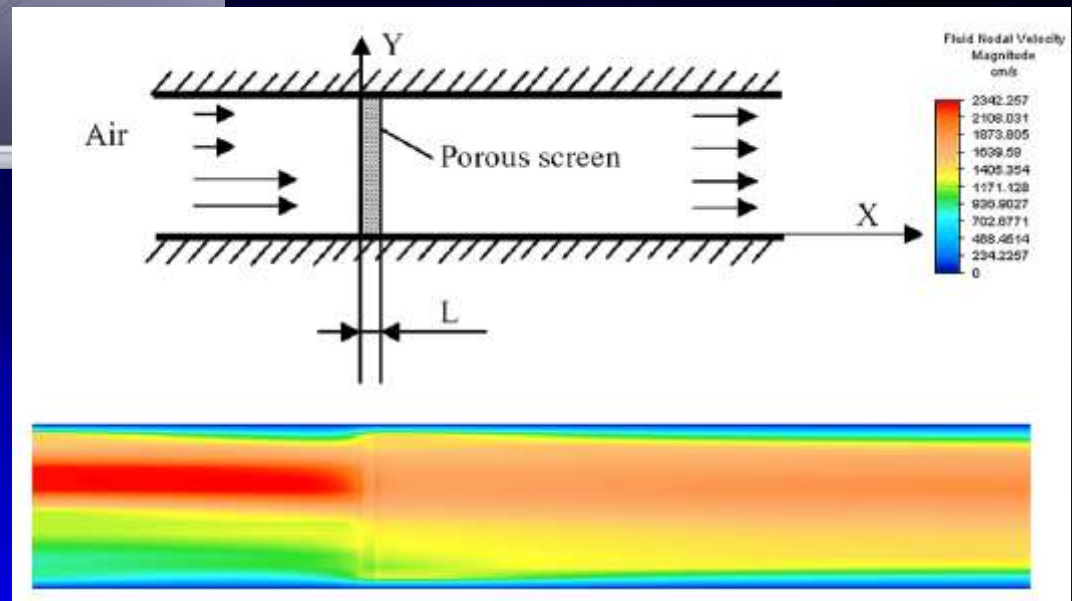
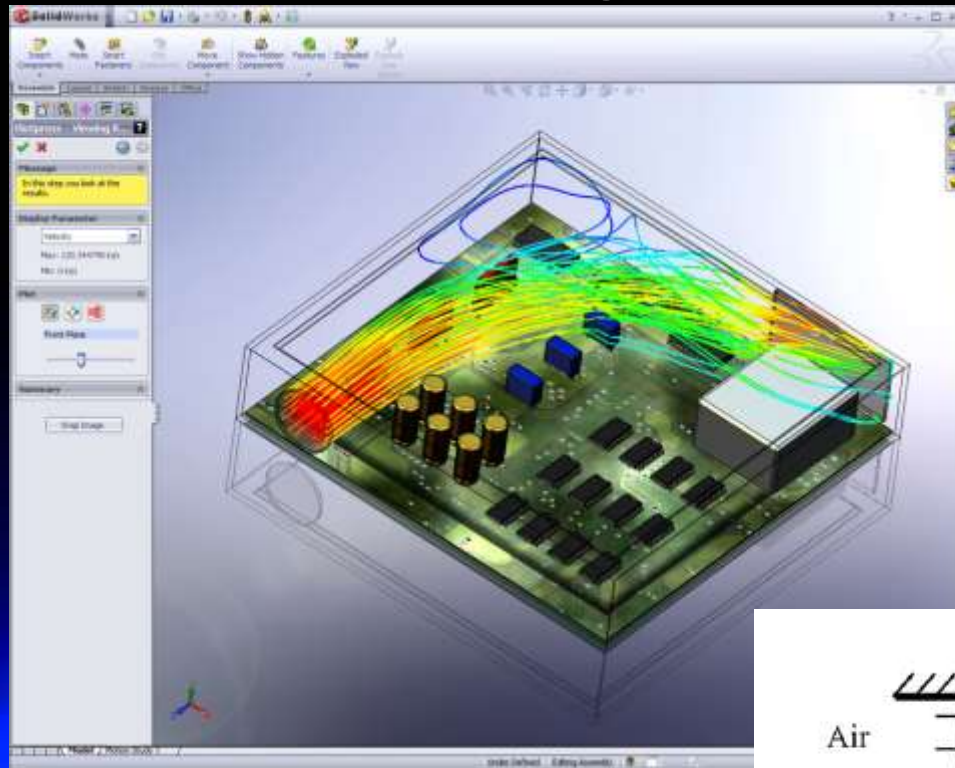
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Aerodynamics

Optimize design to minimize drag

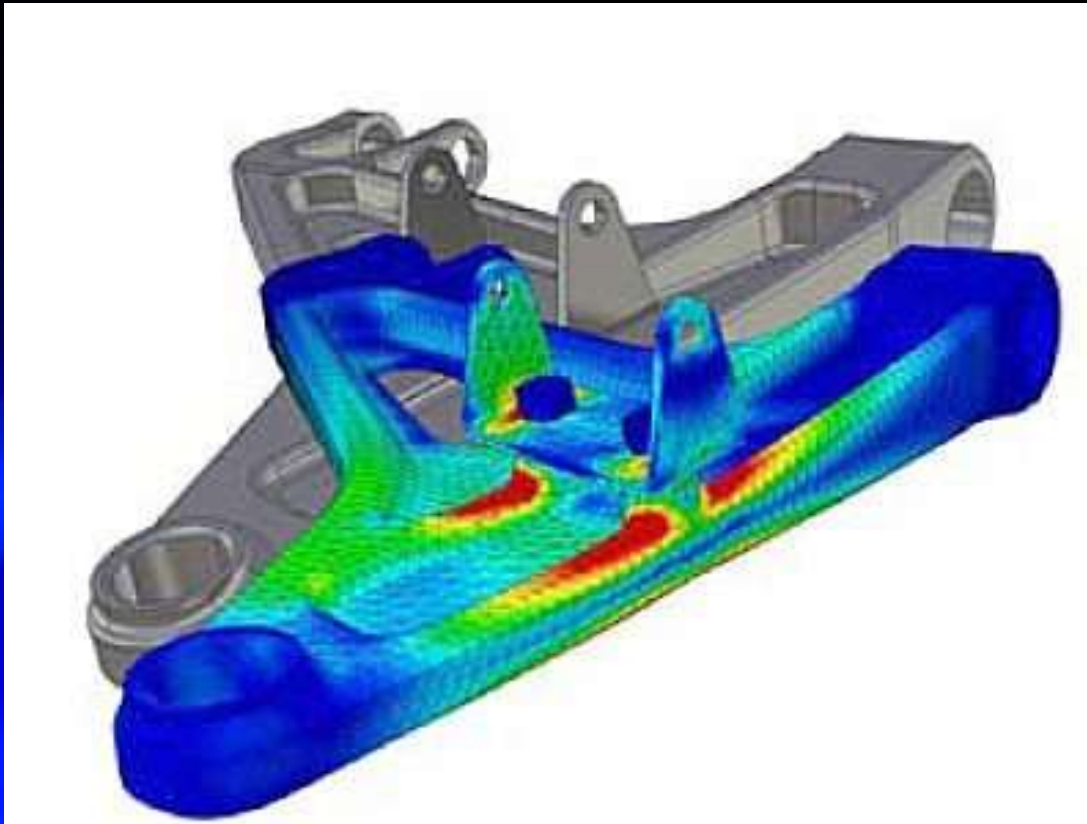


Fluid / Flow Analysis



Thermal Engineering

- responsible for the architecture, analysis, design, modeling, verification, technical evaluation and selection of hardware related to the thermal systems.

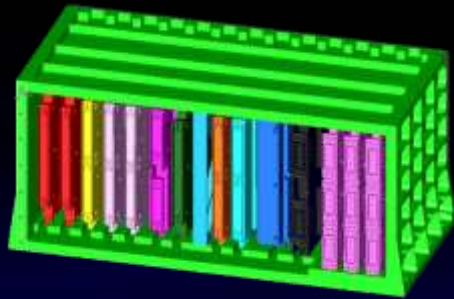


Thermal Model for a Mechanical Part



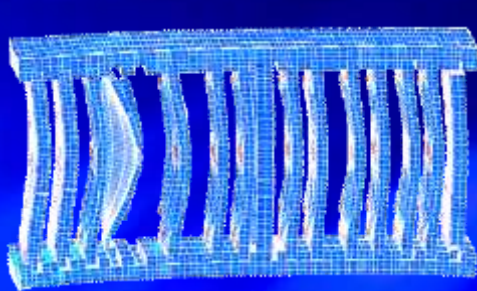
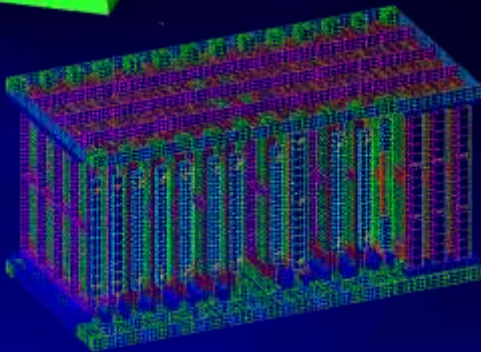
Stress, Loads & Dynamics Analysis and Test

Electronics Package Analysis



Design Model

Finite Element
Model



Results – Response Under Loading
Conditions



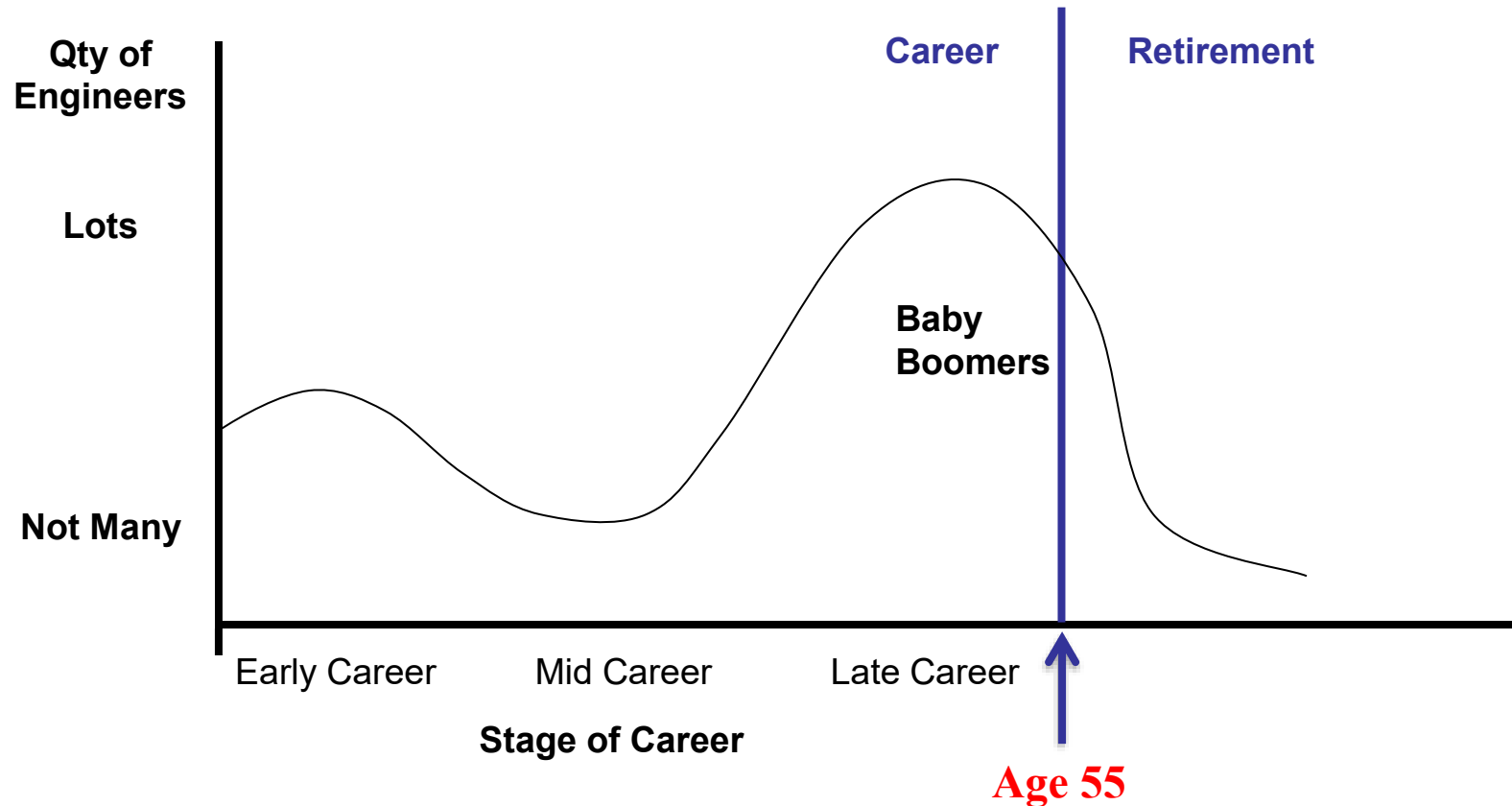
Engineering Statistics

- **Engineering Jobs in United States**
 - **1.5 Million**
- **Engineering Jobs Growth Rate**
 - **10% annual growth**
 - **Approximately 150,000 / year**
- **Current Engineering Graduation Rate**
 - **137,000 new engineers per year**

Engineering Career Projections 2012 – 1.5 Million Engineers

2012

Engineer Age Demographics



Engineering Salaries

- Starting Salaries (by Degree)

Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.

Credit: 2005 survey taken by the National Association of Colleges and Employers adjust +16%

- With 35 Years Experience (by Degree)

Role	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Non-Supervisory			
Supervisory			

Credit: resources.metapress.com and Maureen Byko

Skills Used in Engineering

- **Hard Skills**

- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Problem Solving**

- **Soft Skills**

- **Communication Skills**
- **Teamwork**
- **Leadership Qualities**
- **Creativity**



Faster Progression

How Do You Prepare to become an Engineer?

- Math
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Electronics
- Biology
- Writing / English
- Debate and Speech
- Working on Teams
- Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Computer Presentation Skills
- Photography
- And More...



Courtesy Adam Pender

Questions?