# The Engineering Disciplines

Exploring Engineering, Joe King

#### Major Branches of Engineering

- Fairfield University School of Engineering
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Computer Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Software Engineering
- Others
  - Civil Engineering
  - Industrial Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Aerospace Engineering
  - Etc.

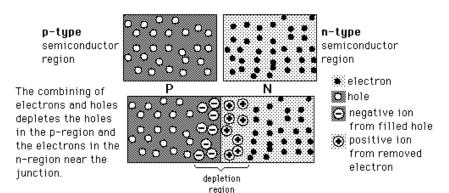
# **Engineering Study Topics**

- Physics
  - Electricity and Magnetism
  - Optics
  - Mechanics, Dynamics and Kinematics
  - Quantum Mechanics (Semiconductors)
- Mathematics
  - Calculus
  - Probability, Statistics
- Software
  - Testing
  - Embedded processors
- CAE CAM CAD

#### Electrical Engineering

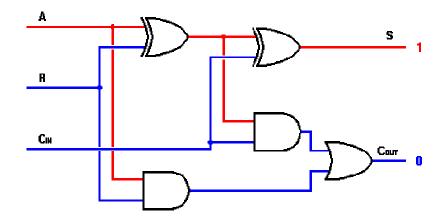
#### **Specialties**

- Power (PE desirable)
  - Generation and Transmission
  - Electronics
- Electronics
  - Consumer
  - Industrial
- Communications: Telecom., RF, Microwaves
- Computer Systems see Computer Engineering
  - Digital Electronics
  - Peripherals
- IEEE



# Computer Engineering

- Computer Systems
- Computer Networks
- Embedded
  Processors
- Programming
  - Software
  - Firmware
- IEEE, ACM



#### Mechanical Engineering

- Engines
  - Internal Combustion: Gasoline, Diesel
  - External Combustion: Jet, Gas Turbine, Steam
- Machines
- Materials
- Thermal: HVAC, packaging
- ASME, SAE



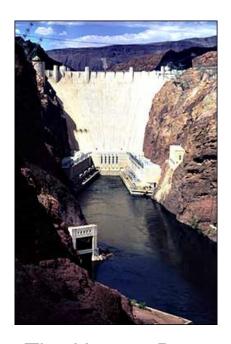
The Wankel Rotary Engine

# Software Engineering

- Information Technology
  - Business processes
  - Client-Server applications
- Programming
  - System
  - Object Oriented
  - Embedded
- Distributed Computing
- IEEE, ACM

# Civil Engineering

- Structures
  - Buildings
  - Airports
  - Bridges
  - Highways
  - Flood Control: Dams, Canals, Holding ponds, levees
- Sewage processing
- ASCE



The Hoover Dam

#### Industrial Engineering

- Production Methods
- Plant Facility Design
- Operations Research (time-motion)
- Quality Control
- Cost Control

# Chemical Engineering

- Processing Plant Design
  - Plastics
  - Oil Refineries
  - Fibers
  - Paper
  - Pollution Control
  - Waste Disposal



The Pascagoula Refinery, Mississippi

#### Aerospace Engineering

- Branches
  - Aeronautical: AircraftDesign
  - Aerospace: SpacecraftDesign
- Complexity
- Interdisciplinary



A Boeing 777



The Columbia Space Shuttle

#### **Others**

- Environmental Engineering: specialized civil
- Materials Engineering: as stated
- Nuclear Engineering: energy generation
- Petroleum Engineering: specialized chemical
- Mining Engineering: specialized civil
- Biomedical Engineering: interdisciplinary & bio
- Agricultural Engineering: agri-science
- Manufacturing Engineering: Operations research, robotics
- Systems Engineering: A meta-specialty

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