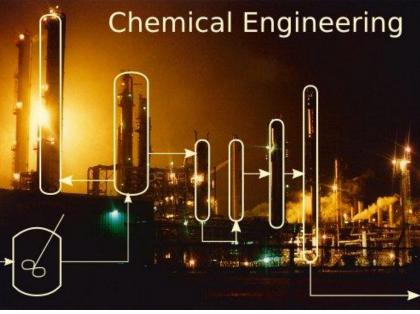
## Introduction to Chemical Engineer Profession





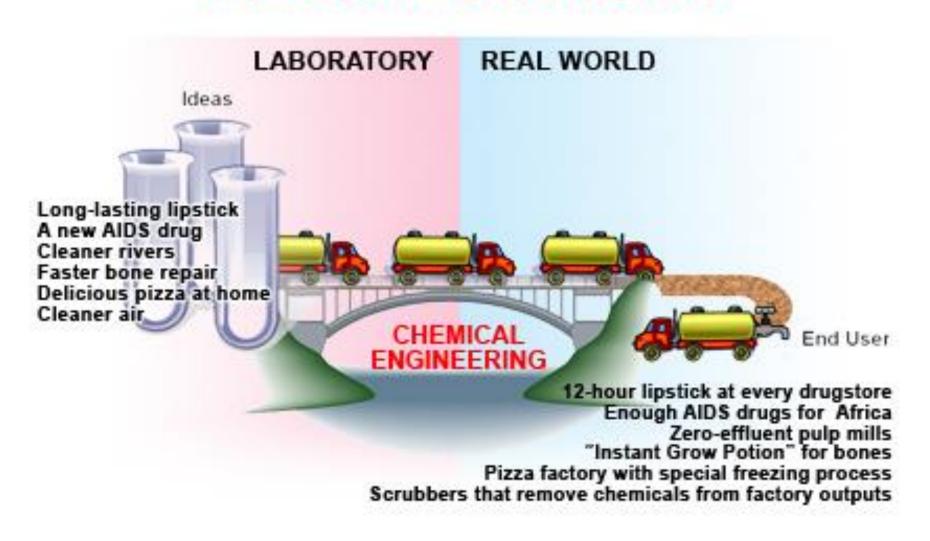




## What are Chemical Engineers?

"Chemical engineers" use math, physical sciences (physics, chemistry), life sciences (biology, microbiology and biochemistry), and economics to solve practical problems. The difference between chemical engineers and other types of engineers is that they apply a knowledge of chemistry in addition to other engineering disciplines. Chemical engineers may be called "universal engineers" because their scientific and technical mastery is so extensive.

#### From Test Tube to Truckload



#### Before 18th Century:

Industrial chemicals were mainly produced through batch processing.

#### Industrial Revolution (1700-1800):

Industrial production shifted from batch to continuous processing.



### **ChE Principles:**

- **1805** John Dalton published Atomic Weights, allowing chemical equations to be balanced and the basis for chemical engineering **mass balances**.
- 1824 Sadi Carnot was the first to study the thermodynamics of combustion reactions.
- **1850** Rudolf Clausius applied the principles developed by Carnot to *chemical systems* at the atomic to molecular scale.

### **ChE Principles:**

- 1873 to 1876 Josiah Willard Gibbs developed a mathematical-based, graphical methodology, for the study of chemical systems using the thermodynamics of Clausius.
- **1882** Hermann von Helmholtz showed that measure of chemical affinity is determined by the measure of the free energy of the *reaction process*.
- 1883 Osborne Reynolds defines the dimensionless group for *fluid flow*, leading to practical scale-up and understanding of flow, *heat and mass transfer*

#### **ChE Education:**

- **1882** a course in "Chemical Technology" is offered at University College London.
- **1885** –a course in "chemical engineering" is offered at Central College (later Imperial College), London.
- **1888** —a new curriculum at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) started: Course X, Chemical Engineering.



Course X at MIT: "to meet the needs of students who desire a general training in mechanical engineering, and at the same time to devote a portion of their time to the study of the applications of chemistry to the arts, especially to those engineering problems which relate to the use and manufacture of chemical products."

#### **ChE Institutes:**

- 1908 the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) is founded.
- 1922 the UK Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) is founded.
- 1996 the Thailand Institute of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry (TiChE) is founded.

## A Century of ChE Profession

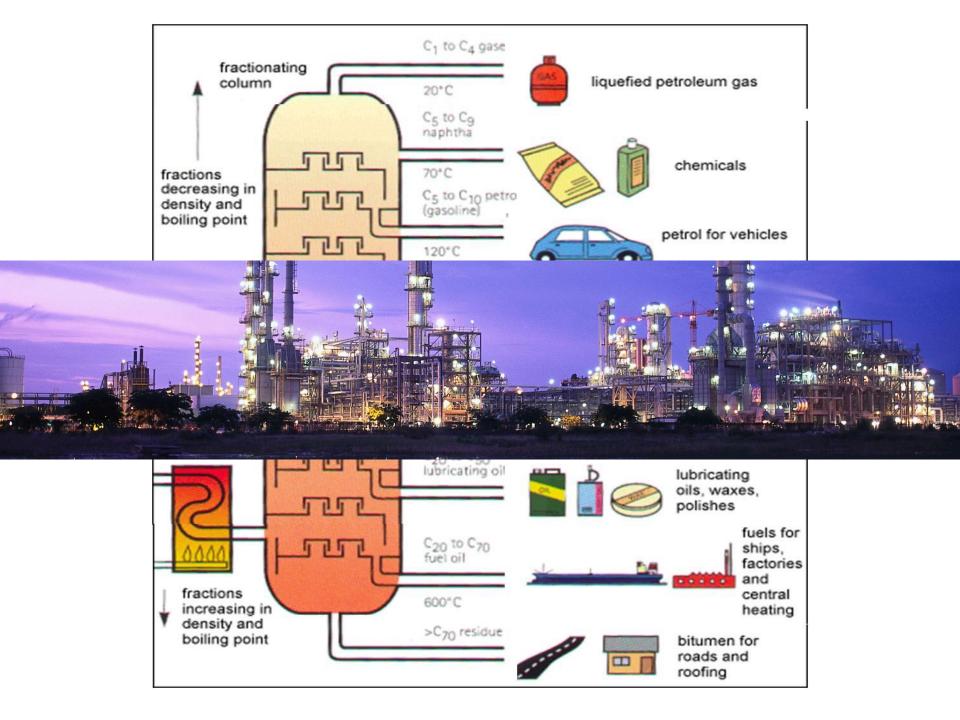


What are the great accomplishments do we come up with?



#### 1. FUELING THE WORLD'S ECONOMIES

- The world's economy needs energy to keep it moving.
- Chemical engineers stretch fossil fuels into various energy supplies, e.g. gasoline, diesel, jet oil, etc.



#### 2. CREATING CLEANER ENERGY

Chemical engineers are creating a new generation of clean energy technologies.

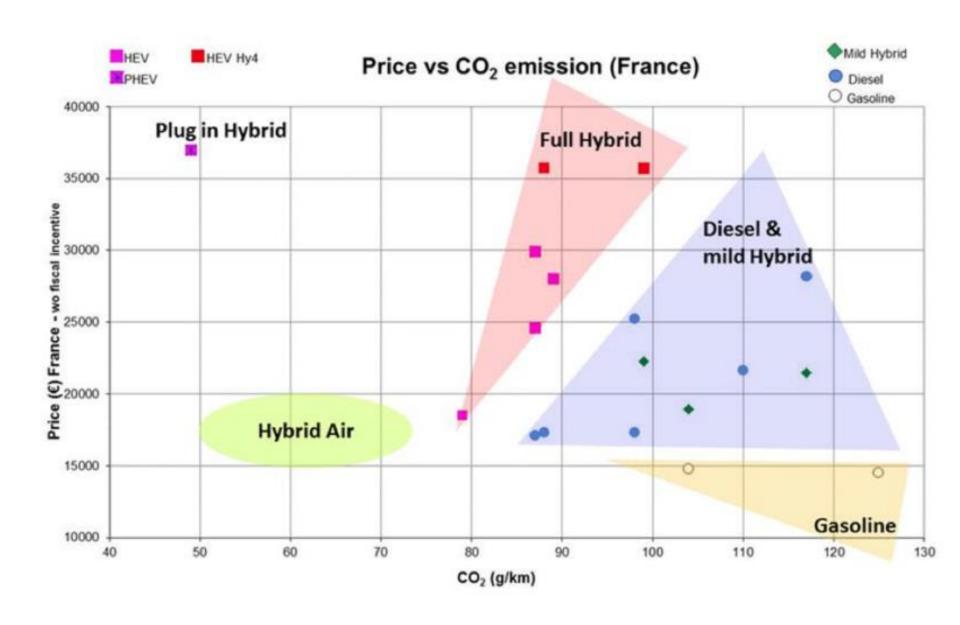
- Nuclear power plant
- NiMH battery
- Alternative energies such as Air , Wind, Water, Solar, etc.

## NiMH battery for vehicles



## Air for vehicles





#### 3. PRODUCTS FOR GROWING POPULATIONS

- Water purification
- Water desalination
- GMO foods
- Green productions



#### 4. REMOVING HARMFUL SULFUR FROM FUELS

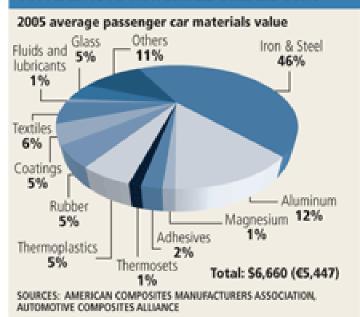
- Catalytic converter for car's exhausted gas
- Unleaded gasoline → gasohol
- Air pollution control

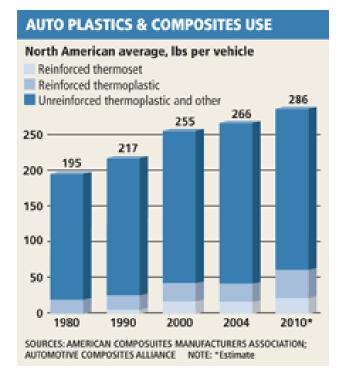
#### 5. BETTER LIVING THROUGH CHEMISTRY

Chemical engineers have made plastics possible.



#### TYPICAL AUTO MATERIALS BREAKDOWN



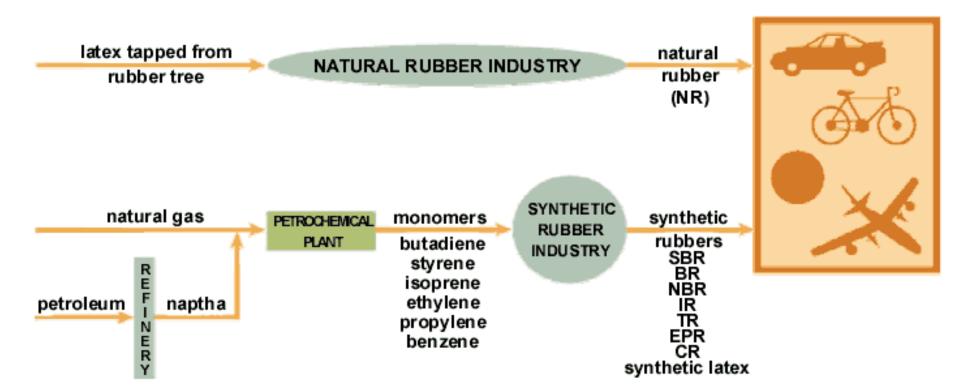




#### 6. STRETCHING NATURAL RESOURCES

Chemical engineers make innovative materials.

- Synthetic rubbers
- Bio-plastics
- Kevlar
- etc.





### **Kevlar Vests**

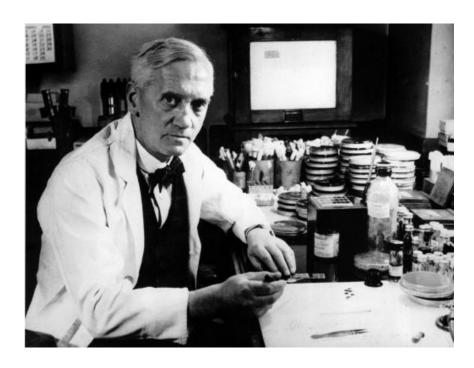


#### 7. LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

Even if a product was created by a scientist, there is a good chance it was perfected and made practical by chemical engineers.

### Penicillin Discovery





In 1929, Sir Alexander Fleming discovered a strain of mould that inhibit bacteria *Straphylococus* growth, called penicillin.



#### 8. CONVENIENT & ABUNDANT FOOD

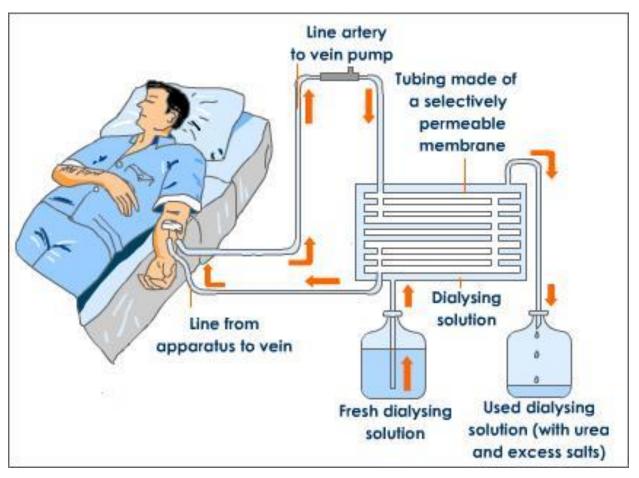
When popping your favorite ready-to-eat meal in the microwave, thank chemical engineers!

- Processed food, canned food
- Powder coffee, Powder milk
- Sterilized food

#### 9. HEALING DISEASES & EXTENDING LIFE

Chemical engineering has advanced medical science, improving the quality of life and saving millions of lives.

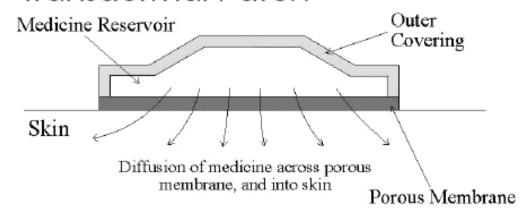
### Dialysis (Artificial Kidneys)



www.kidneycaregroup.com



#### Transdermal Patch









#### 10. POWERING THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

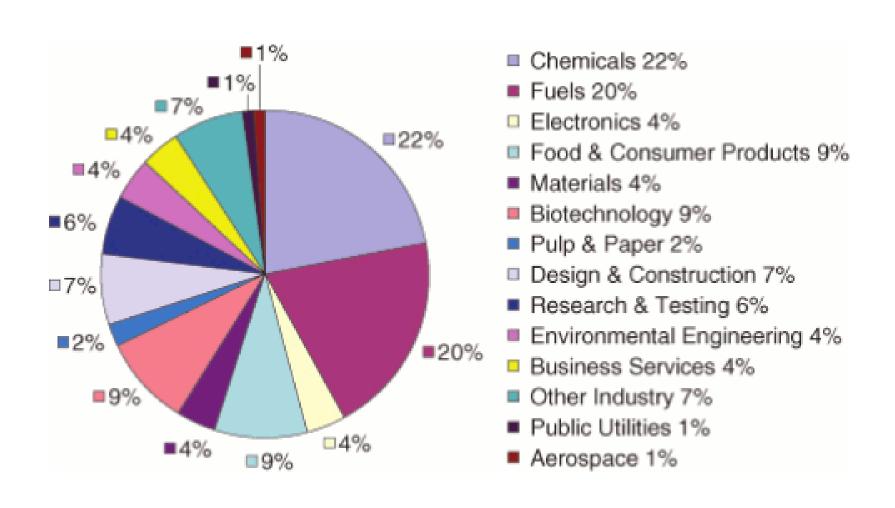
The tools chemical engineers use to improve computers may have long-winded names, but their advances make our gadgets all the more powerful.

- Germanium-based silicon chips that help your laptop perform faster.
- From thin-film liquid crystal displays to software that simulates complex industrial processes.

## **Chemical Engineers in Action**

- 1. Energy
- 2. Environment
- 3. Material Sciences
- 4. Semiconductor Manufacturing
- 5. Bio-medic
- 6. Food

## **Jobs Opportunity for ChE**



Major	Average Starting Salary
Petroleum Engineering	\$93,500
Computer Engineering	\$71,700
Chemical Engineering	\$67,600
Computer Science	\$64,800
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronauti	cal Engineering \$64,400
Mechanical Engineering	\$64,000
Electrical/Electronics and Communic	cations Engineering \$63,400
Management Information Systems/B	usiness \$63,100
Engineering Technology	\$62,200
Finance	\$57,400

### **ChE Salaries Survey (by AIChE in 2013)**

- Salaries vary with experience (\$67,000 for chemical engineers with fewer than six years of experience to about \$140,000 for those with more than 30 years).
- Other factors, including age, gender, education, job function, and industry, were also examined for their impact on chemical engineers' paychecks.
- The variables having the largest impact on salaries are years of work experience, time with current employer, and time taken off for family reasons.