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Environmental Engineering

Technical products are, during their entire life-cycle, subject to many varying influences from their environment. These affect their functional ability, durability, quality and reliability.

It is, therefore, technically and economically critical that the design and manufacture of the product should meet both the operational and functional requirements.

The various disciplines within environmental engineering examine the interactions between an object and its environment.

Environmental engineering deals in principle with questions relating to

- functional ability
- durability
- reliability
- sustainability

Environmental simulation helps to reveal ageing and weathering processes. In this connection questions of accelerated ageing and time compression play an important part. Commercial test facilities and applied research centres work in close co-operation with each other.

Environmental engineering combines the impact of the product on the ecology with the protection of the item from the effects of the environment, the quality and the economical considerations. A longer product life-span assists the consumer and assists in the conservation of resources. It results in a reduction of waste and a more economical approach to energy conservation and environment impact.

Methods of environmental simulation are, to an increasing extent, also used in other areas of activity. For example, the examination of the damage to forests, the degradation of ancient monuments and the effects of emissions into the atmosphere.

Procedure

Environmental engineering is an interdisciplinary technical and scientific area of activity. Its disciplines include:

- The determination of environmental factors and parameters
- The simulation of environmental effects under controllable conditions
- The assessment of the effects on systems, products, components and materials

Environmental tests are tailored to guarantee that a product is sufficiently, but not over-tested. Thus with a life-cycle evaluation the environmental loads are established and the test programmes are developed. Economical considerations play a large part in this process. The expense of achieving the environmental qualification of a product is offset mostly by improved quality and reliability.

Interested Parties

Technicians, engineers and scientists in the field of environmental engineering most likely involved in:

- Aviation and space technology
- Electrical and electronic technology
- Automotive engineering
- Construction and building industry
- Defence technology
- Transportation and packaging technology
- Environmental research

Environmental Factors

Environmental factors are all forms of physical, chemical or other influences on the item under examination. These mainly stem from the effects of the ambient conditions, e. g. during production, shipping and operation.

On any object under investigation it is irrelevant whether these influences are natural, e. g. climatic or man-induced, e. g. vibration, shock, etc.

Environmental Laboratories

Environmental engineering requires test equipment and facilities such as climatic chambers, shaker systems, shock tables, EMC facilities, etc. as well as a wide range of data acquisition equipment. Additional equipment including IR spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy and similar systems are also necessary. Test laboratories with this type of equipment exist in most countries and their services are generally available to all.

Important environmental influences and examples of its origins

Natural Origin	Environmental Influences and Parameters	Anthropogenic Origin
Outdoor atmosphere	Climatic influences Moisture Temperature Rain Wind Solar radiation	Indoor atmosphere
Earthquake	Mechanical influences Vibrations Shock Impacts	Transportation stress Machinery operation
Salt mist	Chemical influences Air-borne traces Liquides	Industrial atmosphere
Microbes Rodents	Biological influences Organisms	Pesticides
Lightning	Electromagnetic influences Field strength	Radar Mobil communications
Cosmic radiation	Radioactive influences Quantum energy	Nuclear power plant



Tool to Enhance Product Performance

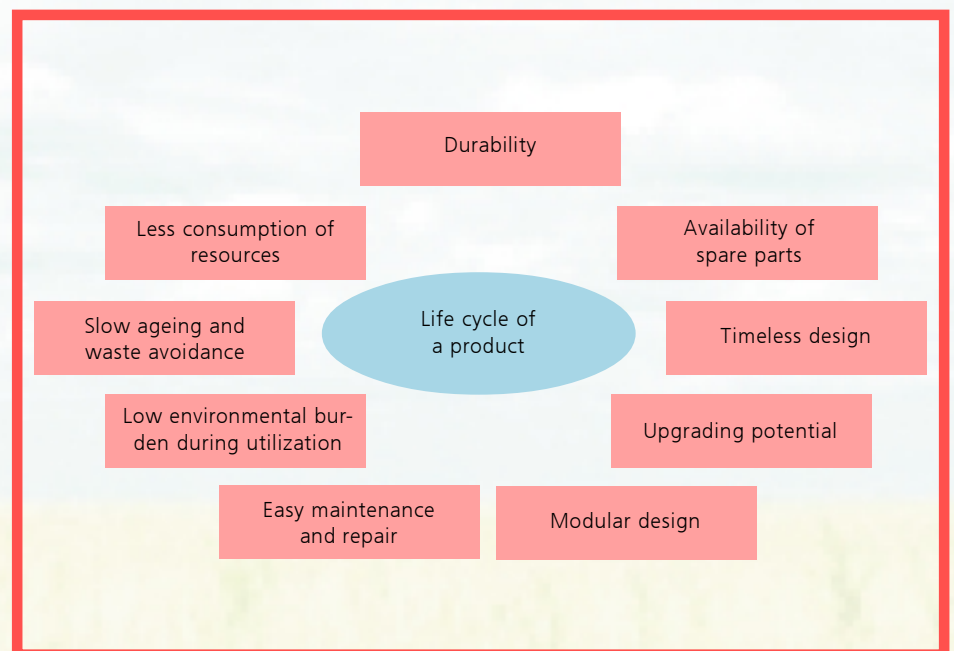
Environmental engineering is a powerful tool to enhance product performance especially by

- Analysis of the life cycle profile
- Investigation of environmental effects
- Developing environmental design criteria
- Applying environmental testing
- Providing qualification and evaluation
- Challenging virtual simulation

Sustainability during the Life Cycle

Environmental engineering contributes to the principles of sustainability in product development, design and usage by increasing service life, quality and reliability. It helps to avoid unnecessary waste generation and improves the efficient use of resources.

Key issues of a sustainable product

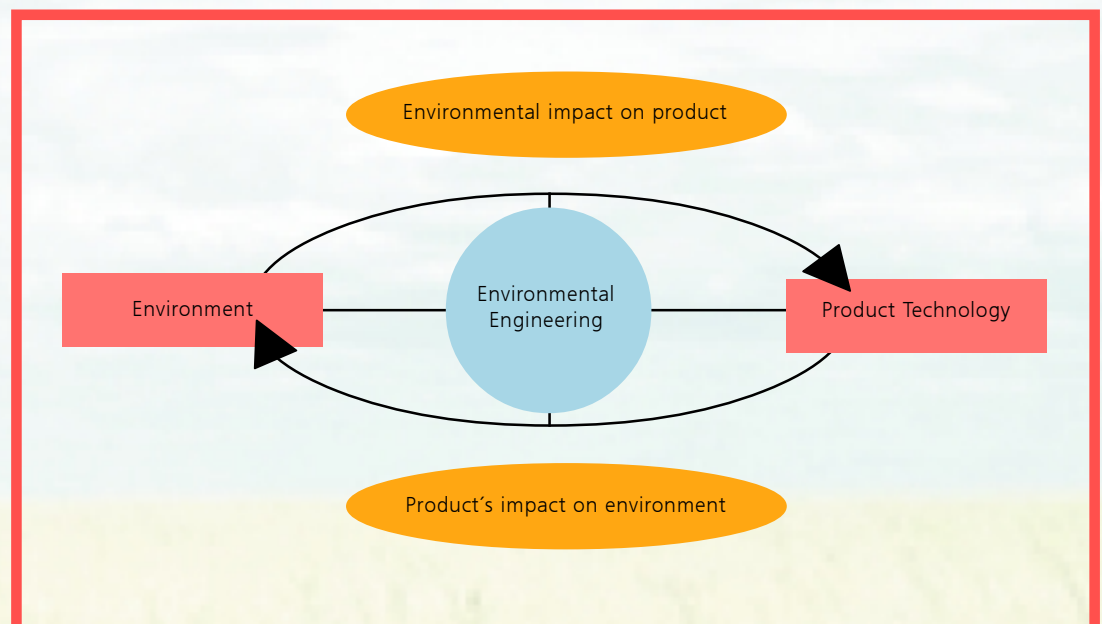


Sustainability in Product Development

- Durability and reliable products
- Weathering resistance
- Adjusted packaging
- Decrease of wear-out
- Decrease of defects
- Avoidance of waste
- Careful treatment of resources
- Service life extension
- Environment benefit
- Customer benefit
- Market advantages

Guidelines for sustainable product design

- Modular design: Grouping of devices with similar service life
- Identification and definition of interfaces
- Standardization
- Discrete functional units
(e.g. energy converter, control unit, mechanical parts, housing)
- Fast and easy dismantling potential
- Easy software up-grading
- Self-diagnostic capability
- Easy maintenance and repair



Environmental engineering is focussing on the interaction between a product and its environment



CEEES

The Confederation of European Environmental Engineering Societies is an independent not-for-profit organisation. CEEES promotes the advancement of science and technology in the field of environmental engineering by organizing and supporting the exchange of information and experience in all the related fields. It participates in national symposia and arranges international conferences on environmental techniques and their application.

Its stake holders are also active in the establishment of national and international standards and codes of practice. It encourages the member societies to support each other activities. CEEES technical advisory boards cover transportation stresses, stress screening, reliability and the climatic and pollution effects on equipment and structures.

Aims and Objectives

- Advancement of science and technology in the field of environmental engineering and related branches
- Exchange of information and experience
- Arranging international symposia and workshops
- Participation in standardization and best practices elaboration
- Encouraging members to support each other
- Achieving recognition as an expert pool

Organisation

The CEEES organisation includes a general assembly, President and Vice-president, treasurer, secretariat and technical advisory boards.

Each member society successively holds the presidency and secretariat for a period of two years:

1984-1986	SEE	UK
1886-1988	ASTE	France
1988-1990	GUS	Germany
1990-1992	SEES	Sweden
1992-1994	SSEE	Switzerland
1994-1996	SEE	UK
1996-1998	AITPA	Italy
1998-2000	ASTE	France
2000-2002	GUS	Germany
2002-2004	BSMEE	Belgium
2004-2006	SEES	Sweden

Education and Training

CEEES supports education and training exercises by

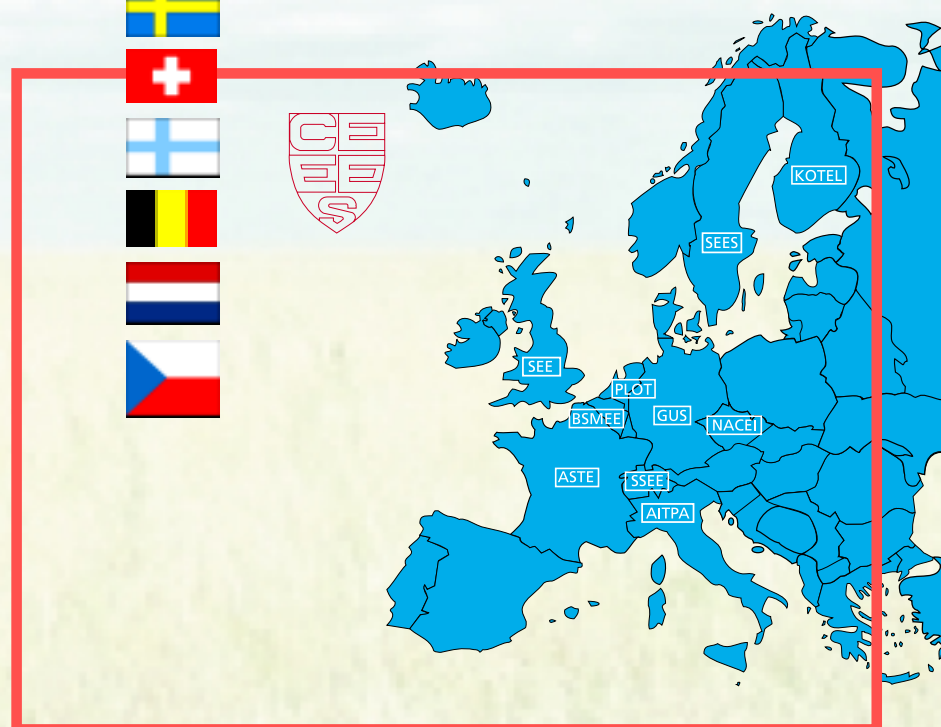
- Calendar of events
- Workshops and discussion forums
- Conferences and symposia
- Training courses
- Round robin exercises
- Joined events with other technical organisations

Membership

The CEEES is the leading organisation of European environmental engineering societies. Only an established society can become a full member of CEEES. Membership of individuals is not foreseen. Associated and corresponding members may be accepted by the general assembly.

As of January 1st, 2003 the following societies are members of CEEES:

- Association pour le Developpement des Sciences et Techniques de l'Environnement (ASTE), France
- Gesellschaft für Umweltsimulation (GUS), Germany
- Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE), United Kingdom
- Associazione Italiana Tecnici Prove Ambientali (AITPA), Italy
- Swedish Environmental Engineering Society (SEES), Sweden
- Swiss Society of Environmental Engineering (SSEE), Switzerland
- Finnish Society of Environmental Engineering (KOTEL), Finland
- Belgian Society of Mechanical and Environmental Engineering (BSMEE/BEST), Belgium
- Platform voor Omgevingstechnologie (PLOT), The Netherlands
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