ROMAN ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING (A&E), 753 BC to 476 AD

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Unlike the Greeks, Roman expansion spread their power and control to many places throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

The Romans had conquered all of the Greek city-states by 146BC



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Roman CONCRETE

SOURCE: https://www.asme.org/engineering-topics/articles/technology-and-society/ancient-roman-concrete-stands-test-time



Roman concrete mixed lime, VOLCANIC ASH, and VOLCANIC ROCK (the aggregate) to build structures lasting over <u>2000 YEARS</u>:

- Large buildings
- Bridges and Roads
- Sewers and Aqueducts
- Piers and breakwaters
 - Along coastline to protect busy shipping harbors
 - Modern-day concrete, even when reinforced with rebar, might only last <u>100 YEARS</u> in a marine environment

STOP here and learn more about concrete in Wunderlich lecture on "Concrete" in Materials & Methods course: <u>PPTX-audio</u> <u>PDF</u> <u>CLOUDw/transcript</u> <u>MP4</u> <u>YouTube</u>



>2500 years ago

Roman ARCH

Distribution of Forces shown by arrows in the figure

SOURCE: http://aventalearning.com/content168staging/2008Latin1A/unit3/section5f.html



Roman ARCH

SOURCE: http://infohost.nmt.edu/~es421/ansys/archfull.htm

Figure 1 shows internal stress in a post-and-beam lintel while Fig. 2 shows stresses in an arch

Legend on lower right shows maximum stresses in arch are half those in lintel..

Red areas delineate highest relative stresses, blue show lowest.



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~600BC Roman SEWERS (still function today)



The inside of the tunnel that drains water from the Roman Forum – the Cloaca Maxima.



Source https://quatr.us/romans/roman-sewage-ancient-roman-toilets-poop-pipes.htm

Roman SEWERS (SEWAGE and STORMWATER RUNOFF combined)



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Roman SEWERS (SEWAGE and STORMWATER RUNOFF combined) Watch VIDEO ... only 4:22 to 7:05



Public Latrines in Ancient Rome





2.3M views 2 years ago

>2500 years ago, and still working !

Roman SEWERS

Photo by J Wunderlich in Rome in 2011 of working sewer from Roman times (but just for <u>STORMWATER RUNOFF</u> now – dumping into river)



>2500 years ago

Roman SEWERS

In Roman times, raw sewage was also dumped into the Tiber River (Photo by J Wunderlich in Rome, 2011)



Roman SEWERS ("Cloaca Maxima")

Allowed draining swamp that became the "FORUM", Consolidating the tribes on the surrounding hills into a unified culture



Photos by J Wunderlich in 2011



The ROADS were first surveyed to keep them straight, and then built by hand. Roads were sloped from the center so rainwater would drain off into ditches SOURCE: http://historylink101.com/2/Rome/roman-roads.htm

ROAD Type #1



SOURCE: http://www.crystalinks.com/romeroads.html

ROAD Type #2



A unit of Roman officers called chief builders ("architecti") were in charge; Educated in Geometry, they had a staff of land surveyors ("agrimensores") and levelers ("libratores").

Construction workers taken from the ranks carried weapons, rations, and utensils; And possibly a saw, hatchet, sickle, pick, or spade for road construction work.



SOURCE: http://www.crystalinks.com/romeroads.html



Slaves, prisoners of war, and convicted criminals performed the quarrying and transporting of stone.

SOURCE: http://www.crystalinks.com/romeroads.html





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Roman BRIDGES



"Ponte Rotto" *(Broken Bridge)* in Rome. Built in 141 BC. Photo by J Wunderlich 2011

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Roman BRIDGES



Pons Fabricius is oldest Roman bridge in Rome in its original state.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pons_Fabricius https://fineartamerica.com/featured/pons-fabricius-fabrizio-ruggeri.html

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1900 years ago
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Roman BRIDGES



"Alcantara " Roman Bridge in Spain. Built in 106 AD

Romans built over 53,000 miles of roads to connect every part of their empire. They had a saying "All roads lead to Rome." SOURCE: http://historylink101.com/2/Rome/roman-roads.htm



Roman Legions of soldier/builders didn't need WAY-STATION's since they had a baggage train, and they constructed their own camp every evening

Others did, and PASSPORTS were required Carts could travel 8 miles per day, pedestrians a little more

Way-stations were 15 to 18 miles apart

Often a permanent military camp or town grew there

Private systems of refreshments also grew there



SOURCE: http://historylink101.com/2/Rome/roman-roads.htm

Government maintained way station ("mansiones") SOURCE: http://historylink101.com/2/Rome/roman-roads.htm













Val Blu Sporthotel & Spa

Photo from http://www.valblu.at/de/hotel-wellness-vorarlberg-bludenz-valblu.html

WATER SUPPLY for cities by Roman AQUEDUCTS Aqua Appia, Rome 312 AD







Roman AQUEDUCTS

SOURCE: https://www.britannica.com/technology/aqueduct-engineering http://www.crystalinks.com/romeroads.html





WATER SUPPLY for cities by AQUEDUCTS

Parts of some Roman Aqueducts could however span large valleys by using "Inverted Siphons"



https://sites.google.com/site/theromanaqueducts/design



A Siphon https://www.britannica.com/technology/siphon-instrument/media/546445/129487



"Patera" Siphon Aquaduct in Turkey

http://www.romanagueducts.info/aguasite/index.html

AQUEDUCT BRIDGES

SOURCE: http://www.romanaqueducts.info/introduction/



AQUEDUCT CHANNELS (underground conduits)

SOURCE: http://www.romanaqueducts.info/introduction/





AQUEDUCTS

SOURCE http://www.romanaqueducts.info/aquasite/


WATER MILLS

source

Date \$	Water-powered mill types \$	Reference (or find spot) \$	Modern Country +
Possibly first half of 3rd century BC	Horizontal-wheeled mill [5]	Byzantium (assigned place of invention)	Turkey
Possibly c. 240 BC	Vertical-wheeled mill ^[5]	Alexandria (assigned place of invention)	Egypt
Before 71 BC?	Grain-mill ("watermill") [14]	Strabon, XII, 3, 30 C 556	Turkey
40/10 BC	Undershot wheel mill ^[15]	Vitruvius, X, 5.2	Unspecified
40/10 BC	Possible kneading machine [16]	Vitruvius, X, 5.2	Unspecified
20 BC/10 AD	Overshot wheel mill ^[17]	Antipater of Thessalonica, IX, 418.4–6	Unspecified
c. 70 AD	Trip hammer [7]	Pliny, Naturalis Historia, XVIII, 23.97	Italy
73/4 AD	Possible fulling mill ^[18]	Antioch	Syria
2nd century AD	Multiple mill complex [19]	Barbegal mill	France
Late 2nd century AD	Breastshot wheel mill [20]	Les Martres-de-Veyre	France
Second half of 3rd century AD	Sawmill; crank and connecting rod system with gear train [21]	Hierapolis sarcophagus	Turkey
Late 3rd or early 4th century AD	Turbine mill ^[22]	Chemtou and Testour	Tunisia
Late 3rd or early 4th century AD	Possible tanning mill ^[23]	Saepinum	Italy
?	Possible furnace [8]	Marseille	France

WATER MILLS



Roman WATER MILLS





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Emperor Hadrian 117 to 138 AD https://www.ancient.eu/hadrian/



The Roman Barbegal Mill / Aqueduct (100-200 AD)



https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/4/9/eaar3620

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2000 years ago

Colosseum in Rome built 70 to 80 AD held ~50,000 people



Roman COLOSSEUM

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J Wunderlich at the gate to the COLISEUM in Rome in 2011

Roman COLOSSEUM





Emperor Vespasian 69 to 79 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Vespasian/

Rome, Italy: The Colosseum - Rick Steves' Europe Travel Guide - Travel Bite



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Roman COLOSSEUM

Initially it could be flooded for sea battles



Emperor Vespasian 69 to 79 AD



Source: <u>https://www.dkfindout.com/us/history/ancient-</u> rome/beneath-colosseum/

Roman COLOSSEUM





Emperor Vespasian 69 to 79 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Vespasian/

> **ELEVATORS** later added to lift animals into battles in the arena

https://www.dkfindout.com/us/hi story/ancient-rome/beneathcolosseum/



Roman PASSIVE SOLAR <u>HEATING</u> and NATURAL <u>DAYLIGHTING</u>

- Used the "GREENHOUSE EFFECT" to admit sunlight into a desired space, and holding in the heat so it accumulates inside
- The earliest known greenhouse in 30 AD for Roman Emperor
 - **Called a specularium**, fabricated from small translucent sheets of mica
 - Built to satisfy the emperor's craving for cucumbers out of season
- Large windows of transparent stone like mica, or clear glass
 - They invented first glass cast windows in 100 AD
- Sun-right laws made it a civil offense to block one's access to the south
- Emphasis on **proper solar orientation** for buildings
 - Baths faced the afternoon sun in wintertime when they had maximum use



Roman GREENHOUSE, 37 AD

A residence for Emperor Tiberius on the island of Capri in Italy





Emperor Tiberius 14A to 37 AD

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Roman RAINWATER COLLECTION

The villa set around four huge cisterns with barrel vaults that satisfied water requirements

• Sophisticated rainwater collection system.





Emperor Tiberius 14 to 37AD

Villa Jovis

2000 years ago

Roman GLASS, 100 AD



First cast GLASS WINDOWS "Window glass produced based on archeological evidence of ancient Roman glass-making technology"

Source https://www.pinterest.com/pin/304767099771476698/

The Romans also greatly increased the rapid production of glass through their invention of Glass Molds

https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rgls/hd_rgls.htm



CITIES of Roman Empire second century AD



https://www.quora.com/How-did-cities-of-the-Roman-Empire-change-or-not-from-the-earlier-to-the-later-Roman-Empire

FORUM (TOWN CENTER), 117 AD

The empire thrived during time of Emperor Trajan 98-117AD, and Rome had a **new complex Forum**

Trajan's FORUM





Emperor Trajan 98 to 117 AD https://www.ancient.eu/hadrian/



Roman SHOPPING MARKET (MALL), 117 AD

The empire was thriving at the time of Emperor Trajan 98-117AD and Rome had a **new large shopping Market**

Trajan's Market





Emperor Trajan 98 to 117 AD https://www.ancient.eu/hadrian/

Built into chiselaway 125 foot cliff face – this allowed it to survive later earthquake that destroyed Trajan's Forum

http://www.ancientvine.com/hadrianswall.html

Roman SHOPPING MARKET (*MALL*), 117 AD Trajan's **MARKET**





Emperor Trajan 98 to 117 AD https://www.ancient.eu/hadrian/



The Roman Pantheon, 126 AD





Emperor Hadrian 117-138 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Hadrian



Source: https://sites.google.com/site/activity21site/f-development-of-the-dome

The Roman Pantheon, 126 AD





Emperor Hadrian 117-138 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Hadrian

Originally, stairs led ten feet up to the entrance, however the simple accumulation of *dust* accumulated to ten feet over ~2000 years



Source: http://romancolosseum.org/pantheon-in-rome/





Emperor Hadrian 117-138 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Hadrian

Source: http://www.aroundrometours.com/30-interesting-facts-about-the-pantheon-in-rome-art54-uid1.htm

The Pantheon, 126 AD

A **COFFER** is space between elements of a structural grid that distribute loads. In a dome, this forms a series of ribs and stabilizing **TENSION** rings that distribute forces evenly to the base. The ring that creates the oculus hole at the top of the Dome is in **COMPRESSION**

Coffers also significantly lessen the weight and material required.



Emperor Hadrian 117-138 AD https://www.britannica.com/biography/Hadrian



Source: https://www.slideshare.net/JoyeeLee0131/pantheon-solid-surface-construction

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Source: http://www.angelfire.com/super/tyvernon/

The Pantheon, 126 AD

Special LIGHT-WEIGHT CONCRETE also reduced weight of dome



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The Pantheon, 126 AD The "Oculus" of the Pantheon is for NATURAL LIGHTING



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The Pantheon, 126 AD

The "Oculus" of the Pantheon is for NATURAL <u>LIGHTING</u> and NATURAL (PASSIVE) <u>COOLING</u>



from Wunderlich <u>PASSIVE</u> <u>COOLING</u> lecture in course: <u>EGR353 Green Architectural Engineering</u>

- Part of Architectural Studies Minor and Individualized Major
- Part of Engineering Major Concentration in Civil Engineering
- Part of Engineering Major Concentration in Environmental Engineering



Roman WALLS in 138 AD

The Empire had gotten so large that Emperor Hadrian was more concerned with keeping what empire he had, rather than conquering new lands





Emperor Hadrian 117 to 138 AD https://www.ancient.eu/hadrian/

A "MILECASTLE" was built every mile along 73 miles of HADRIAN'S WALL across Britannia





The standardized architectural type of the THERMAE, however, was not developed until the Romans ; Baths of Titus (81 AD)":





Roman Bath in Bath, England from 70 AD

Source https://visitbath.co.uk/listings/single/roman-baths/



The heating system ("Hypocaust")





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No location or date given, Source https://sites.google.com/site/furerplox/re/hypocaustsancientromevsmoderntimes

Baths of Caracalla in Rome, circa 216


Roman HOT WATER HEATING Public Baths

Baths of Caracalla in Rome, circa 216





Emperor Caracalla 198 to 217 AD



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The City of Rome, simulation of 320 AD https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_L8g1R58BU



"HISTORY IN 3D" - ANCIENT ROME 320 AD - 1st trailer

165,422 views

EXTRA

- Elizabethtown College Architectural Studies Minor
 https://catalog.etown.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1392&returnto=757
- Elizabethtown College Individualized Major in Architecture (contact J Wunderlich)
- The Pantheon Institute (Architecture School) in Rome

• J Wunderlich has a relationship with this school http://www.pantheon-institute.com/nbpantheon/academics-courses/academicprograms/architecturelandscape-arch/

• The University of Trento

• J Wunderlich has a relationship with this school (taught PhD course there in 2009) <u>https://www.unitn.it/en</u>

- J Wunderlich travels in Italy (six trips as of 2020) and other parts of what was the Roman Empire
 <u>http://users.etown.edu/w/wunderjt/home_personal_ITALY_ALL.html</u>
- J Wunderlich personal language Dictionaries:
 - Version 7: http://users.etown.edu/w/wunderjt/ITALIAN_WEB7.htm
 - Version 8: <u>http://users.etown.edu/w/wunderjt/ITALIAN_WEB8.htm</u>