

# ELEC4410 Control Systems Design

## Lecture 1: Introduction and course outline

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Advanced control systems are central to everyday technology applications



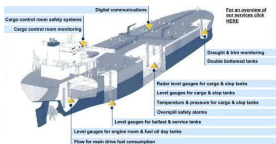
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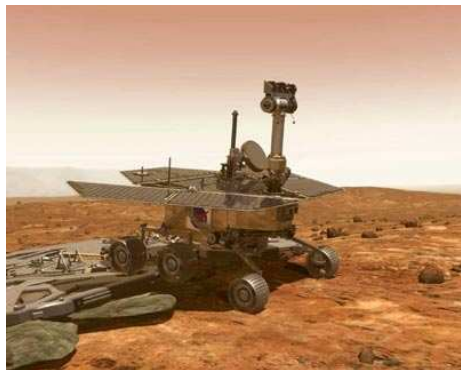
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Space communication and exploration would not be possible without control engineering technology



Satellites



Space exploration

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## Control engineering is key to

- high performance
- reduced waste and emissions
- energy efficiency
- safety of operation
- high quality production
- operation of complex systems



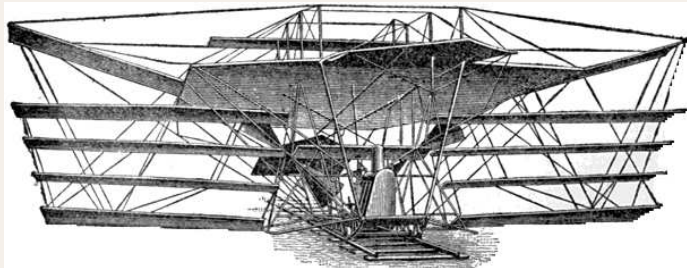
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**2005** Airbus 380: 680 ton maximum take-off weight, 75,000 HP engines

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## In the beginnings



**1894** Hiram Maxim's flying machine: 3.5 ton, 360 HP engine was state-of-the-art technology. Aerodynamically unstable and uncontrollable, the project was soon abandoned.

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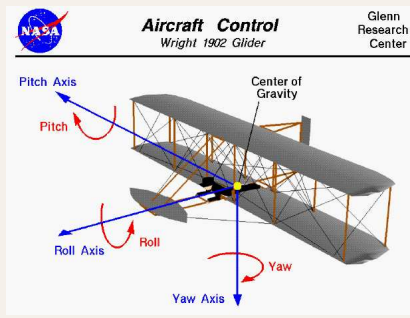
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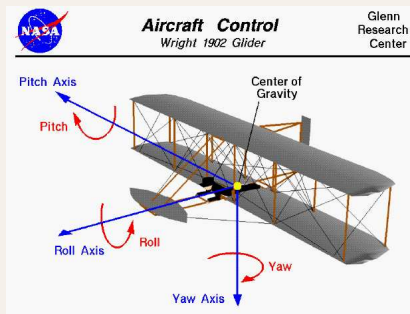
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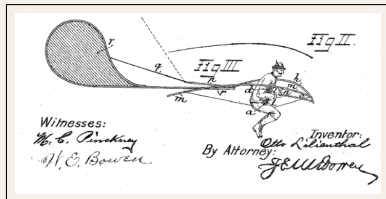
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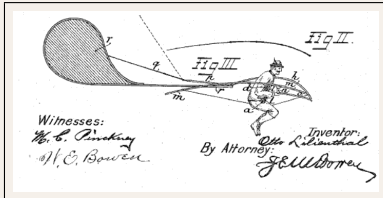
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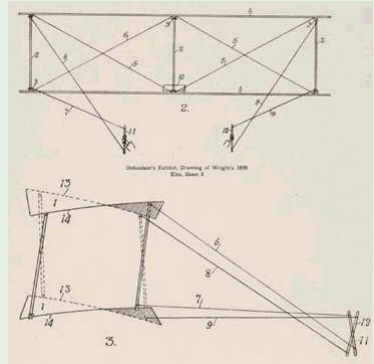


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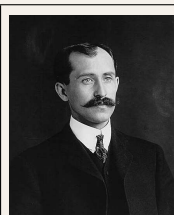


The Wright brothers improved on Lilienthal's idea using **wing-warping** and **anhedral wings** to increase controllability

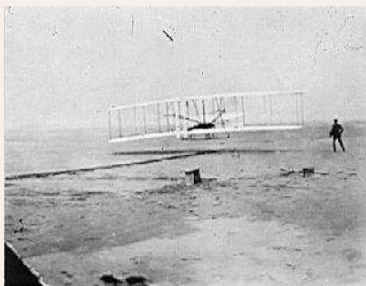
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The Wright Brothers solved the flight control problem and flew their glider at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903.

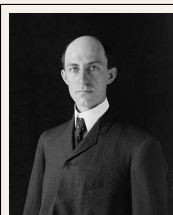
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## Consequences of inadequate control design

- Flight control problems are still current
- 1993 crash of SAABs air-fighter Gripen illustrates the potential dramatic consequences of bad control design
- The control design failed to include **antiwindup** compensation for rate limitations, which originated **pilot induced oscillations**



Saab JAS 39 Gripen

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