# Economic history workshop: Usable systems for diverse data

Systems that curate, visualize, interact with, and enable data science for economic history

World Economic History Congress Session 020210, August 2, 2018

Speakers: Guillaume Daudin; Paul Girard; Keti Lelo; Aleksandra Dul; Patrick Manning; Ruben Schalk; Peter Meyer; then a break around 3

Speakers (2nd half): Rodrigo Dominguez; Veronica Canal Fernandez; Sam Williamson; Leigh Shaw-Taylor

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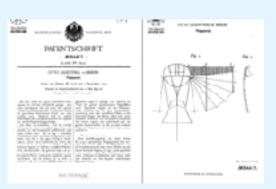
# Linking records of early aeronautics and aviation across data sets

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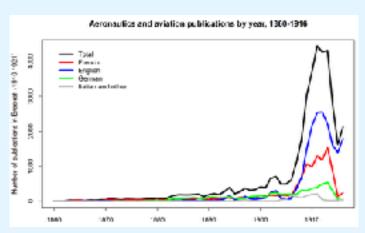




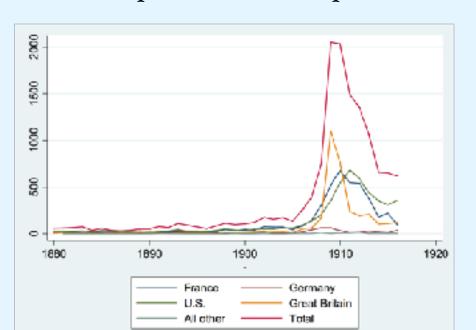




# How did airplane and its industry appear? 1880-1916 in summary



Aero publications and patents



Airplanes have a long pre-history

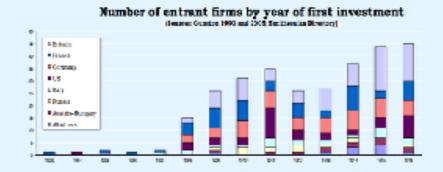
•1809: first design

•1870 and on: clubs and journals,

•1890s: it becomes a "field"

•1903: key prototype, first airplane

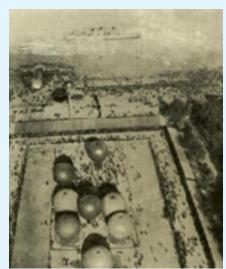
•1908: wave of new companies



These charts incorporate judgments, estimates, exclusions, approximations

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No breakouts by technology
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# Balloons, bird-like, fixed wing designs and more



Balloon contest 1895



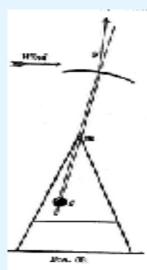
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Hargrave 1891 model ornithopter



Hargrave box kites 1893



Lilienthal airfoil tests 1870s-1880s

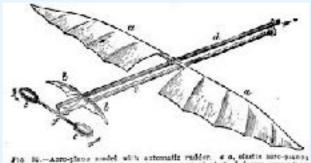


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Penaud, ~1872 Wind-up model with tail



Lilienthal glider 1890s



Chanute-Herring glider, 1896



Wright 1902 wind tunnel

# Many data sources just for patents

Patents before 1900 are not all collected in one place / data set
And, each one's relevance to aeronautics/aviation is not always clear
Some but not all are categorized by technology
Some have just abstracts, or a list entry
We have to choose among them and add value to them

## Most comes from European Patent Office & World Intellectual Property Organization

- ➤ Patstat / Espacenet data covers back to ~1890-1910, varying by country
- ➤ US: Google patents, USPTO web site; Simine's Aviation Patents list
- France: Online INPI.fr historic patent database; Catalogue des brevets d'invention, 1880s, USPTO's Subject-Matter Index of Patents for Invention, France (1883); Bulletin Officiel de la Propriété Industrielle (1880s); L'Aérophile issues 1898-1905; Aéro-Manuel, 1914
- > Britain: Brewer and Alexander's *Aeronautics*, 1893; *Aeronautical Journal* issues
- ➤ Germany: Otto-Lilienthal museum site; Alexander-Katz, 1912; DPMA site
- ➤ Norway: *Norske Patenter Register*, various years
- > Overall we have most patents from the before 1900 period more than 13,000











# What processes and institutions led to airplane invention and industry?

There is vast documentation, from dozens/hundreds of sources.

We have data on many categories of relevant items from 1809-1916.

Need to classify, count, correct, and make notes on the sources.

The wiki can be an intermediate platform between our source data and our counts of anything.

Each of these can have a wiki page:

- Each patent
- Published articles
- Inventors
- Authors
- Letters they wrote
- Ballooning and aero clubs
- Exhibitions and conferences
- Startup firms
- Journals (primary sources)
- Patent technical classification
- Definitions of terms
- Secondary sources: histories

# Patent data on the wiki

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## Patent GB-1897-15221

This invention is a triplene with an engine, as well as a biplane, with two or three stacked wings; two propolices, one in front and one in rear, rotating in opposite directions, according to Simine Short and Steve Spicer at Spicerweb, which says the patent application filed 81 May 1897 through Thomas May as the agent for O. Charufe and A.M. Herring, Dritish Patent No. 15.221 (C.P.L.)

The main source for this record is Spicorweb.<sup>[1]</sup> Nelison refers to it as relevant to aviation.<sup>[2]</sup> Espacenet does not have this patent online.

#### References (edit)

- 1. 1 An Extended Bibliography on Octava Chanute (§ at Spicerweb.
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Year filed	1897
Year granted	1837
Office	GB
Patent number	15721
Inventors	Octave Chanute, Augustus M. Herring
Inventor country	US
Applicant person	
Applicant firm	
Applicant type	
Applicant is inventor?	Yes
Original title	Improvements in or relating to means and appliances for effecting Aerial Navigation
English title	Improvements to means and appliances for effecting Aerial Navigation
Tech fields	semplane
Filing date	May 91, 1897
Full specification filed date	
Application number	
Grant date	June 25, 1897
Granted?	Yes
Publication date	
Supplementary to patent	
Related to aircraft?	1
Serial number	
Patent agent	Thomas Moy

- "Semantic wiki" holding structured data
- Page title is our unambiguous name for a patent
- Paragraphs discuss the patent or data about it, including ambiguities
- Footnotes, like on Wikipedia
- On this page text in blue is a hyperlink, usually to another page in the wiki
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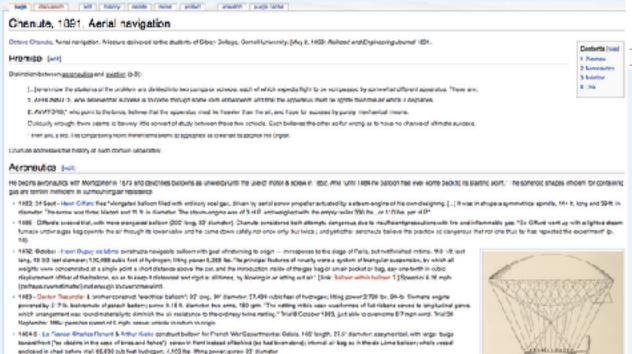
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# Letters

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## Orville Wright to Griffith Brewer 4-Aug-1913

The Wrights (Orville and Katharine) look forward to a visit from Brewer and Alexander Ogilvie in the fall. However, Cryllie may be too busy to get a machine ready for "the 'soaring' trip south". They're still recovering from the recent flood in Dayton.

Orville is working on a vessel which takes off from water:

Since I last saw you I have been doing some experimenting with pontoons. We have a very good one for smooth water but it would not be suitable for rough water. With our 50–60 h.p. motor we rise from the water with four persons aboard in a distance of four or five hundred feet. about 20 seconds in time. We got off in a calm in tenior twelve seconds with two persons

We have not as yet had the chance to test the new automatic machine although tests of it on our training machine give us good hope of its success.

#### Sources [cdif]

Riddle and Sinnett, 2003, Letters of the Wright Brothers, pp. 98–98.

Sender	Orville Wright
Recipient	Griffith Brawer
Date sent	4-Aug-1913
From location	Dayton, Ohio
To location	
Communication type	
Language	English
Refers to flight?	1
Tech fields	airplane, marine, takeoff
Length (In characters)	
Notes and sources	

- Hundreds of letters between experimenters are known
- These are one-to-one communications, not broad publications
- We could analyze these as communications between nodes of a "social" network, whereas publications and patents are more open broadcasts

[Mark this page as patrolled]

Category: Letters

# Wiki page intermediates between sources and conclusions

# • Incomplete or incorrect sources

- Missing given names
- Missing patent numbers in references between patents
- We see FOUR spellings for Barouir Hovanes Balassanian on official patent documents; alternate spellings can point to the same page

# Which patents were relevant to aeronautics and aviation?

- Patent categories changed over time, and the inventive context changed.
- E.g., were marine propellers relevant? car engines?
- Which ones were new/original, and which were supplementary/additions?

The wiki page is where we resolve ambiguity and uncertainty in this data

# Pages about inventors and authors can summarize from (query) other pages

- A list of those who we've called "inventors" is automatic
- Page about a person automatically list patents and letters associated with that person
- Can give statistics on activity of people in this field before it is profitable

### Octave Chanute

Octave Chanute (b. 1832 in Paris) was one of the most important aeronautical inventors and networkers before the invention of the airplane. [199]

#### References [edit]

- 1. † Octave Chanute on English Wikipedia
- 2. † Simine Short, 2014. Locomotive to Aeromotive: Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution

#### Patents by Octave Chanute

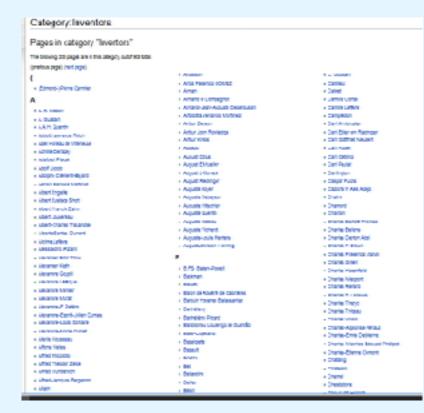
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#### Publications by Octave Chanute

Chanute, 1893. The secret of soaring

#### Letters sent by Octave Chanute

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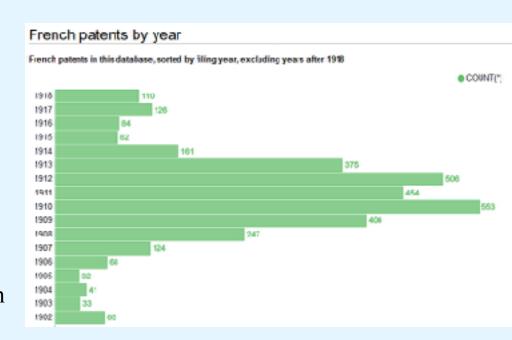
Here, by filing year.

Charts and reports on patents and letters are generated automatically by a query statement in the underlying wikitext that will be translated to SQL and run on the database

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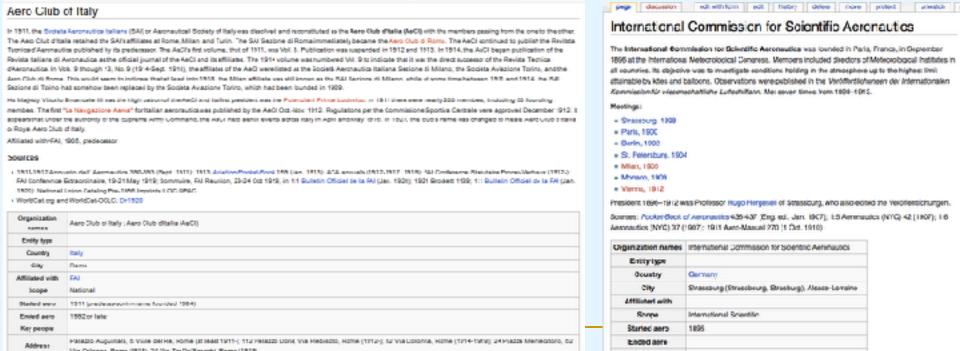
# Patent classifications on the wiki — official ones, and our own

- Page for each patent category, in any category system
  - CPC=cooperative patent classification
  - USPC=US patent classification
  - Historic ones of the 19th century (FR 6.4)
  - Our simple terminology, e.g. "hydroplane"
- Show list of patents in this category from other pages in the wiki with an automatically generated report
- Links relate to other patent categories and concepts



# Clubs and scientific organizations

- "Open source" technology-developing institutions
- There were ballooning clubs starting in the late 1700s
- People interested in "aerial navigation" and "flying machines" connected there.
- Through them experimenters, scientists, authors, journalists etc. shared info, resources, publicity
- They helped create the invention of the airplane, but are often left out of R&D models.



# Aircraft companies, patent agents

## August Riedinger Ballonfabrik Augsburg G.m.b.H.

Ateliers AUGUSTE RIEDINGER

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Balloss Sphiriques en frodles caoutibouries

Premiers prix

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MANNHEIM - LIENE

Seems likely it's the same company advertised as Ateliers Auguste Riedinger, Augsbourg (Bavière)

Making balloons and rubber fabrics.

Locations in Mannheim, Liège, Brussele, and St. Louis

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Hildebrandt, 1908, Airships Past and Present (p. 17419);

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almost every civilized nation is developing its hallooning capacities, and lately there has been a tendency towards the adoption of German models, evidence of which is to be found in the fect that within the last rine years the firm of Fledinger, in Augsburg, has supplied more than 500 spherical and kits balloons.

#### Patents associated with firm August Riedinger Ballorfabrik Augsburg G.m.b.H.

Patent FR-1907-379972 (English title: valve for balloons)

#### Patents associated with firm Ballontabrik Augsburg A.G.

Patent DE 1018 330426 (English title: Balben valve)

Organization names	August Riedinger Ballonfabrik Augsburg G.m.b.H.; Ateliers Auguste Riedinger: Ballonfabrik Augsburg A.G.
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# Information about sources

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L'ublished by the Lirence Ministère du commerce et de l'industrie. 1881 1906 or pernops 1884 1984 <sup>[1]</sup> Or perhaps to 1960, <sup>[2]</sup>

#### For historiography on this wiki

- BOP: was published in some years that also have a GdB. For our purposes the BOPI entries are usually more informative than GdB ones e.g. they include the year right in each entry, and it will be explicit if the entry is a cert d'addition.
- A LEXT entry will have --- on each side of the number, whereas a CdR one will not
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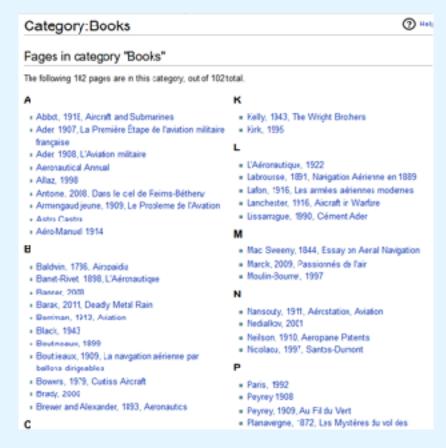
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Secondary sources including indexes of them

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# Wikidata – a shared platform

Wikipedia draws some facts from Wikidata for translations and infoboxes

- □ It is a structured wiki with millions of records on any topic with facts, from existing articles across many languages, and uploaded information e.g. scientific abstracts
- Offers linked data and RDF triples
- And cooperative crowdsourcing in various ways
- Wikipedia could offer lists of patents by inventor or topic
- □ In an associated project I've launched a "WikiProject" to organize how early (pre-1920) patent data can be organized on Wikidata and used in Wikipedia.

# **Conclusions**

The aero wiki will help make accurate counts and

- Patents by inventor, country, year, technology
- Nonprofit organizations and new firms
- Contributions by authors and inventors letters, publications,
   patents, membership in organizations, employment

The wiki tracks uncertain record linkages, but does not fix them

- Historical research is required; wiki records this conveniently
- □ The resulting databases remember provenance, links, and context
- Category systems and underlying tables evolve
- This methods suits projects with slow investigation of historical detail
  - involving biographies, texts, multiple languages, complex citations
- Wikidata would let us share benefits across research projects