

**Special Issue on**  
**Advanced Control of Aerospace Vehicles**  
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The control of aerospace vehicles, such as manned/unmanned airplanes, hypersonic vehicles, satellites and missiles, has attracted a great amount of interest in recent years due to the rapid development of potential application areas. Modern aerospace vehicles often employ large, complex, and lightweight structures, which result in these space structures being extremely flexible and having low-frequency fundamental vibration modes. These bring challenges to traditional control and optimization methodologies. There is an urgent need to develop new optimization, control, modeling, decision, and fault diagnosis methods. In spite of the extensive and successful development of robust  $H_2/H_\infty$  control, adaptive control and sliding mode control techniques, their capability to handle bounded uncertainties/disturbances and unmodeled dynamics in contemporary flight control systems needs to be strengthened. Meanwhile, newly developed mathematical tools and technologies have also opened up various possibilities for the practical implementation of advanced control algorithms in aerospace vehicles.

The purpose of this special issue is to create a platform for scientists, engineers and practitioners to present their latest theoretical and technological advancements in the control of aerospace vehicles. The focus of this special issue will be on advanced and non-traditional methods presenting considerable novelties in theoretical background or practical design. The solicited papers should provide original ideas and new approaches, with clear indication of the advances made in problem formulation, methodology, or application with respect to the existing results. Papers presenting newly emerging fields are especially welcome.

**Scope of the Special Issue**

Topics to be covered in this special issue include, but not limited to, the following:

- Modeling of aerospace vehicles (especially vehicles with engine, actuator and aerodynamic surface failure)
- Advanced control strategies (such as robust control, adaptive control and intelligent control)
- Fault detection and fault-tolerant control
- Formation control of aerospace vehicles
- Novel guidance and navigation methodologies
- Simulation technology and tools

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