

The unexpected influence of a mathematician - on engineering - and on statistics

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I will describe some crucial steps in the history of Swedish mathematical statistics, starting with the first timid steps at the beginning of the twentieth century, finishing with Carl Gustav Esseen's almost 20 years as professor at the Royal Institute of Technology, 1949-1967. I will illustrate the great influence he had on developing technologies as examples of the necessary but delicate relations between different sciences and personalities.

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