



Robot Dynamics

Fixed Wing UAS: Review/Refresher

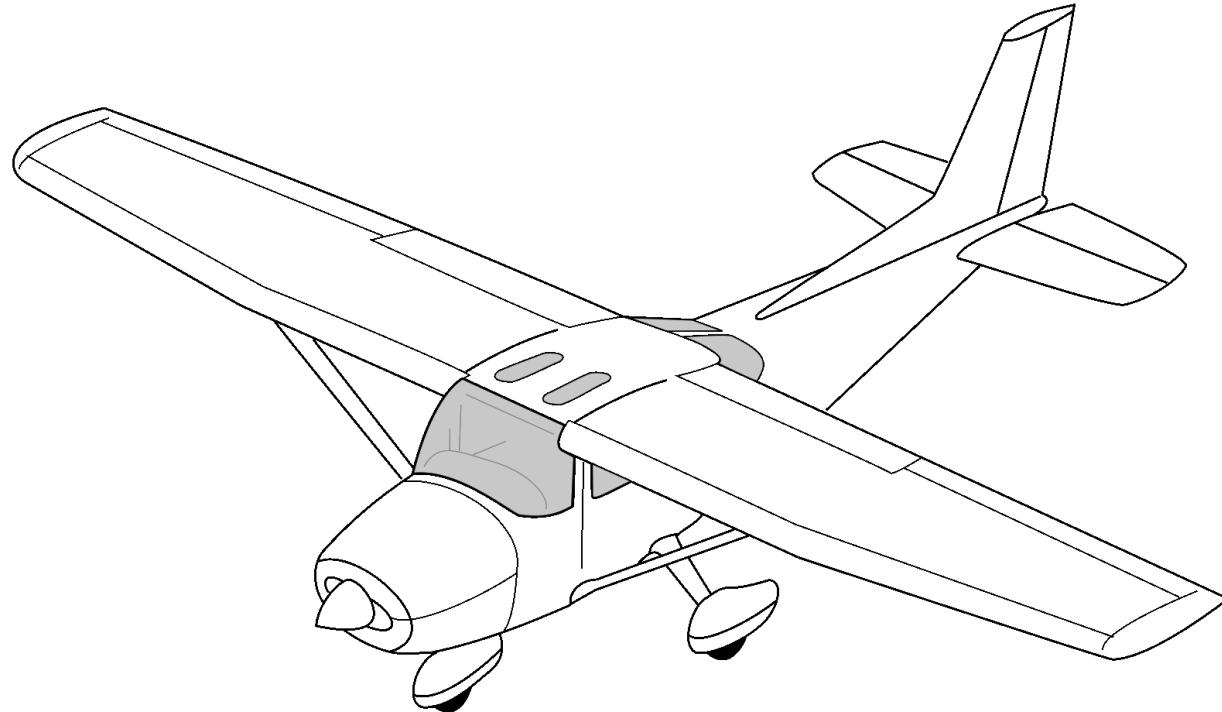
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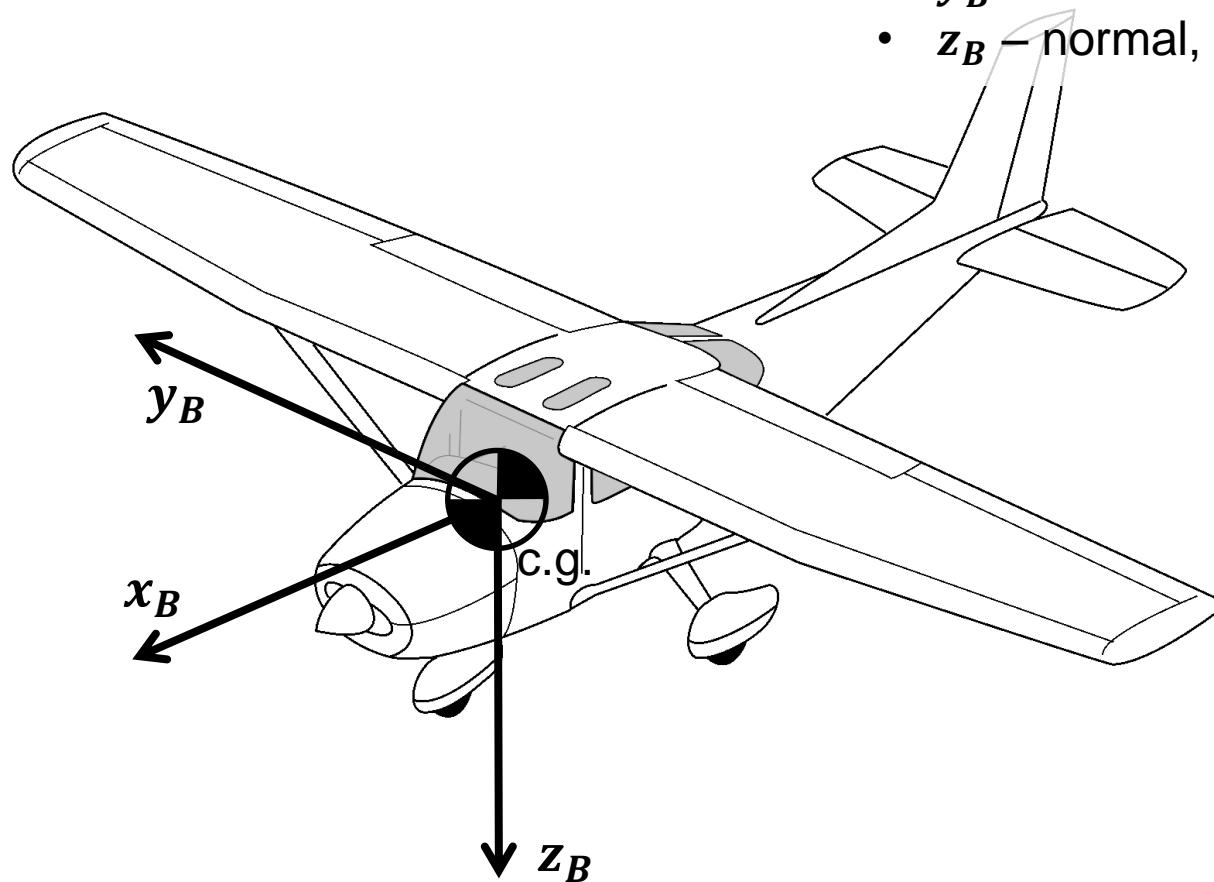
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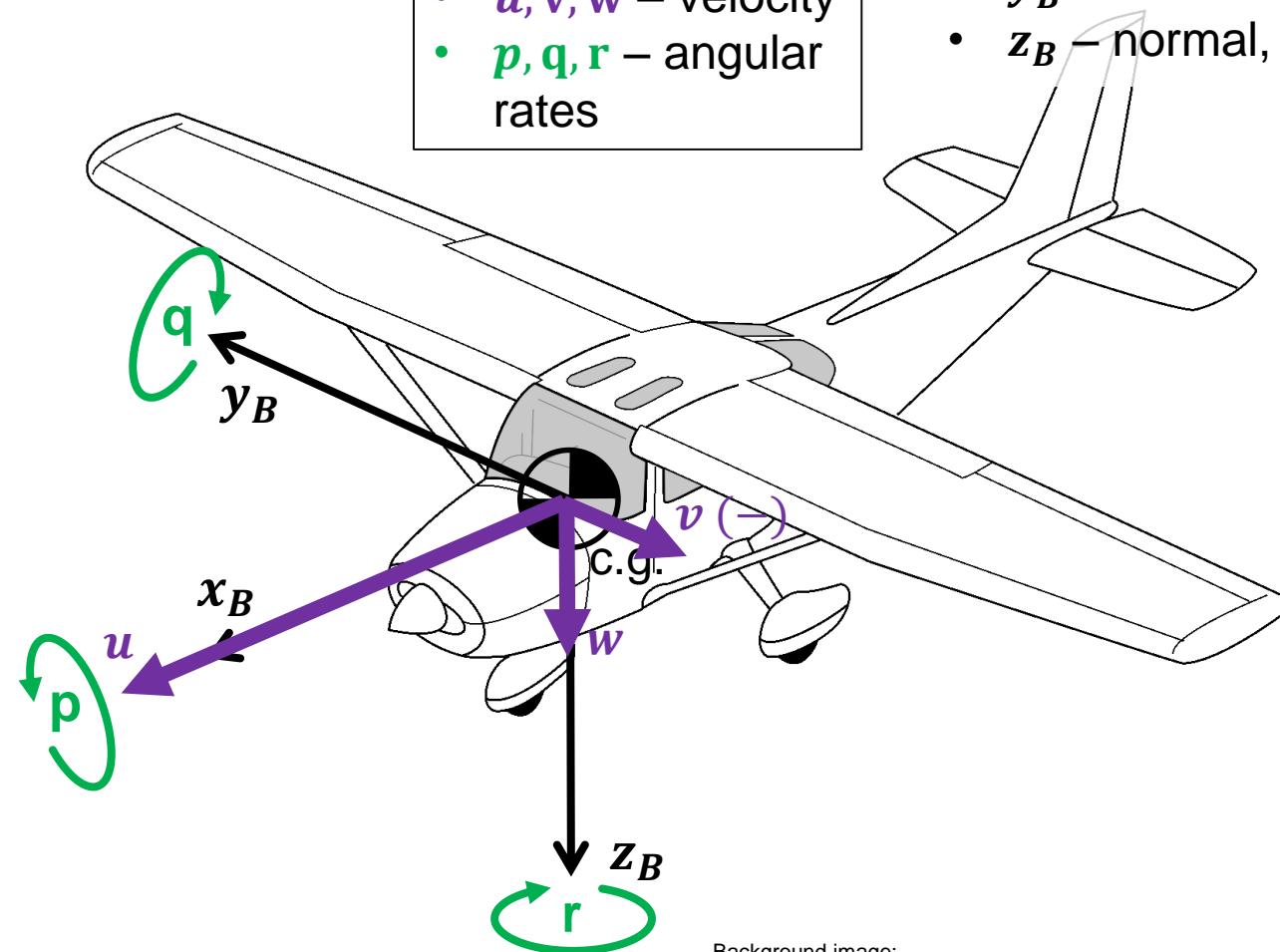


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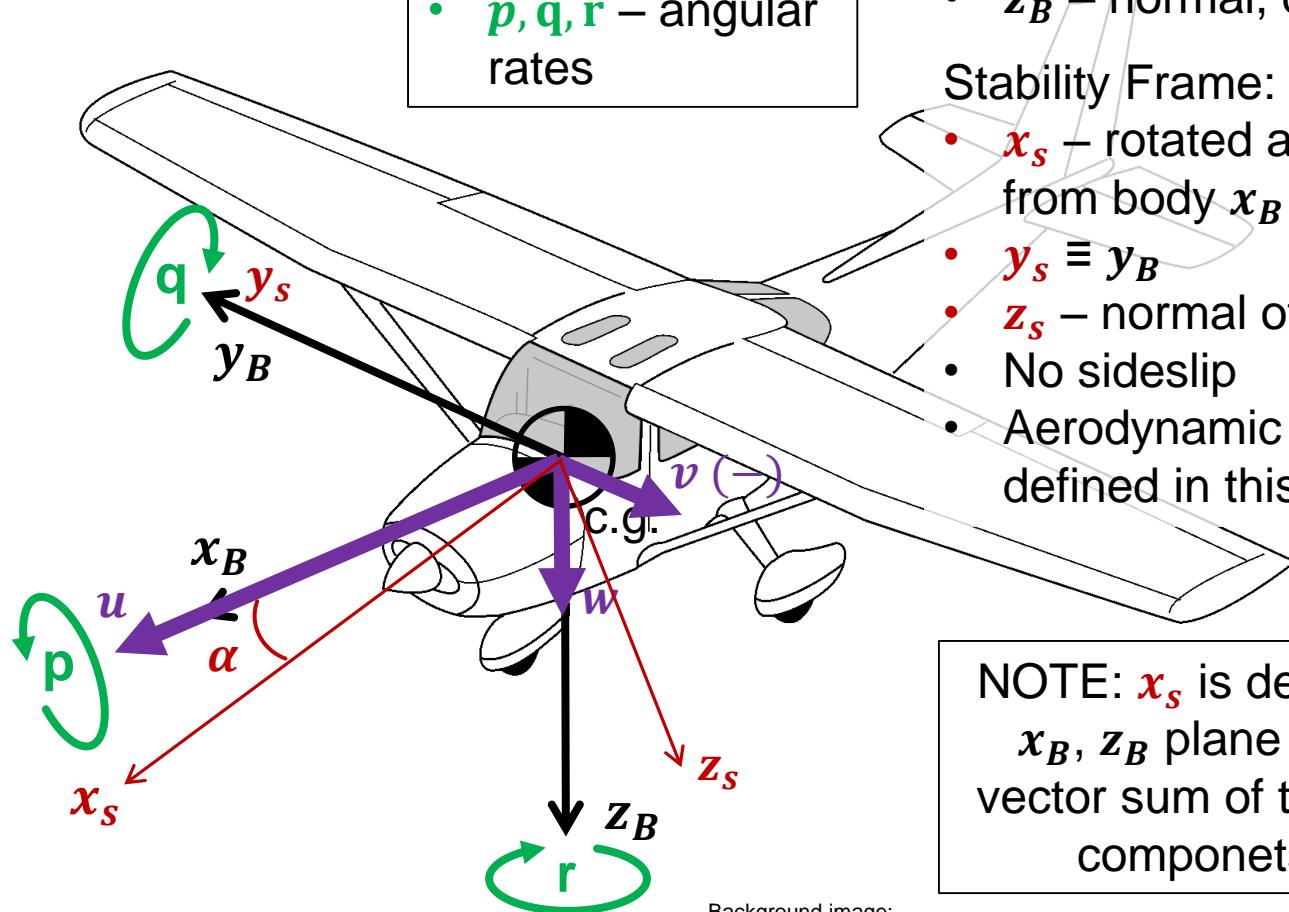
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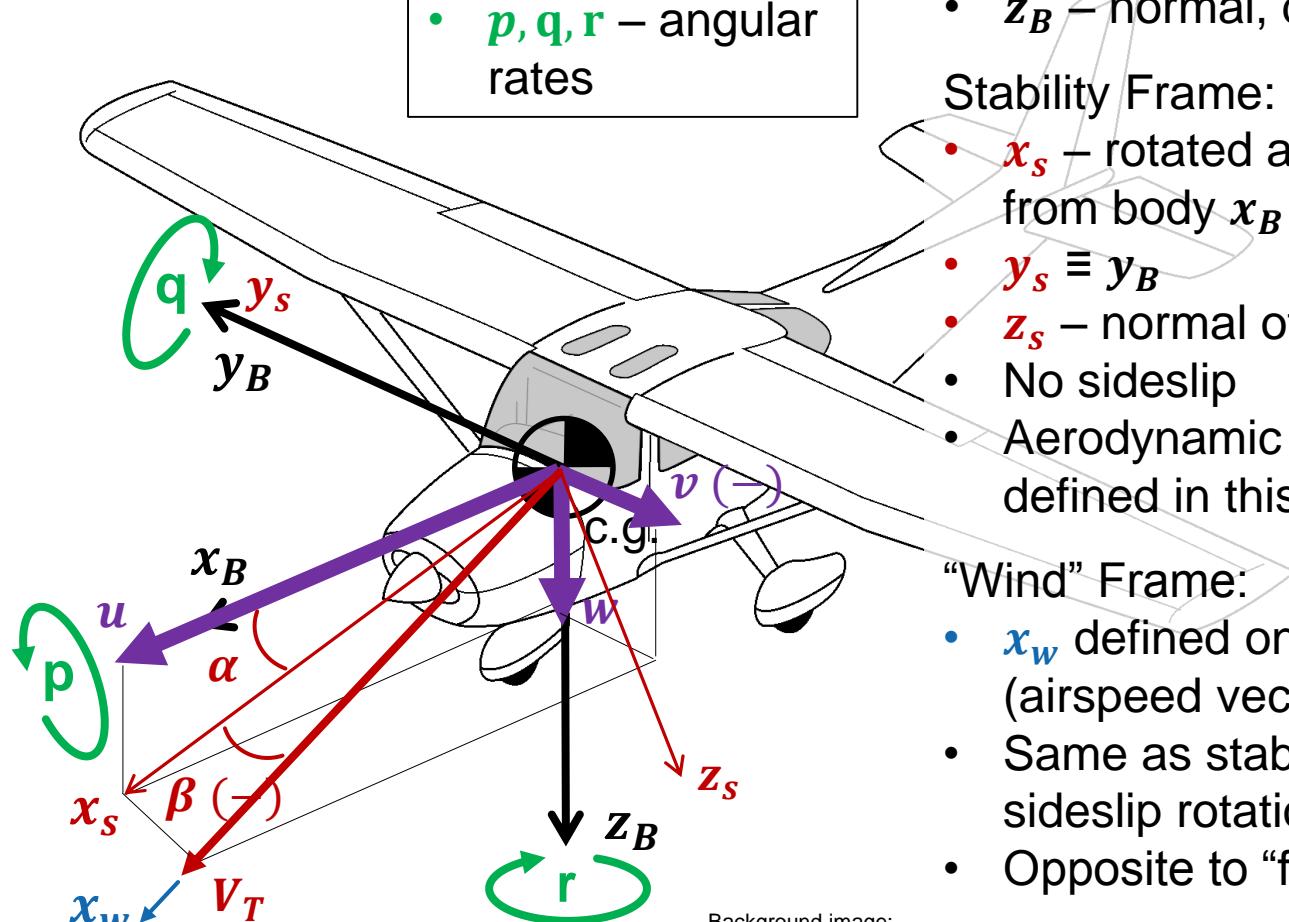
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NOTE: x_s is defined in the x_B, z_B plane along the vector sum of the u and w components of V_T

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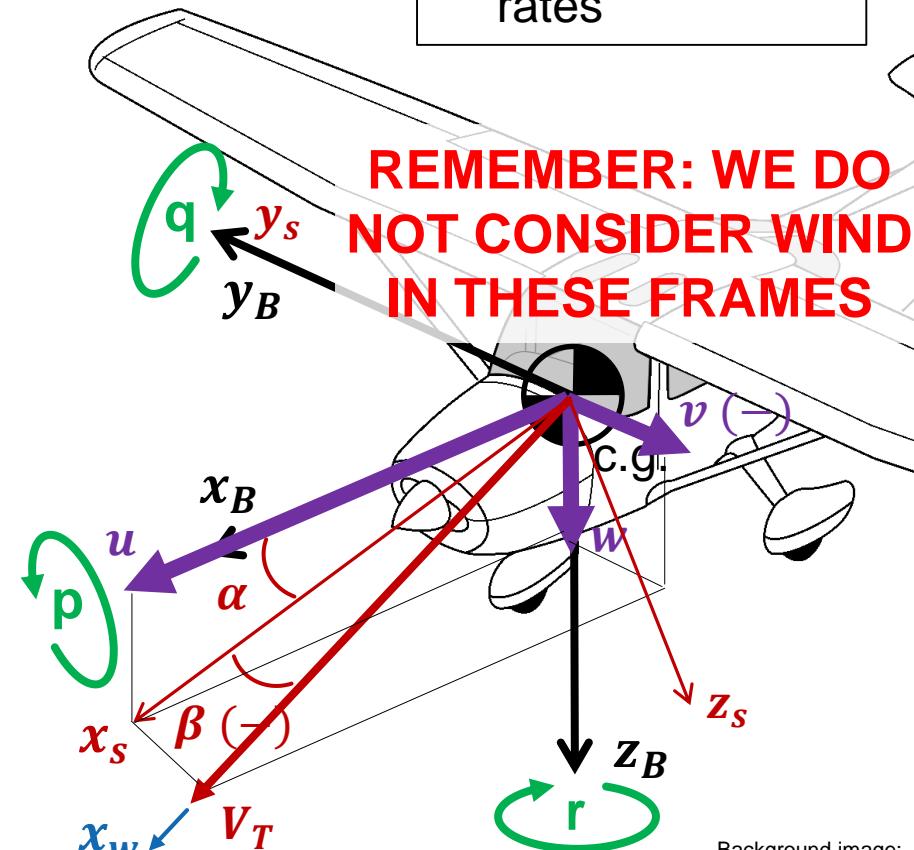
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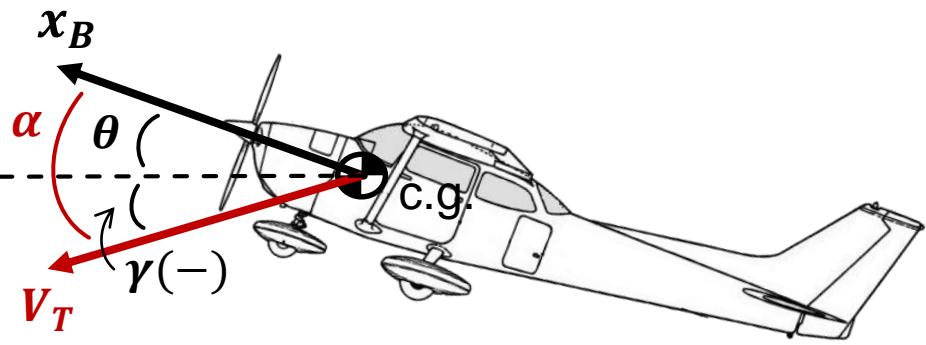
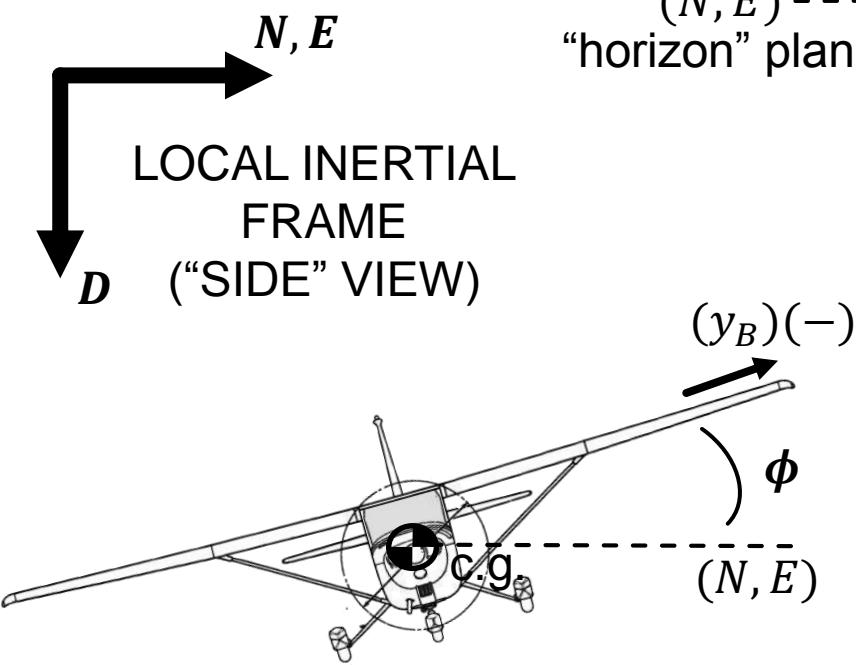
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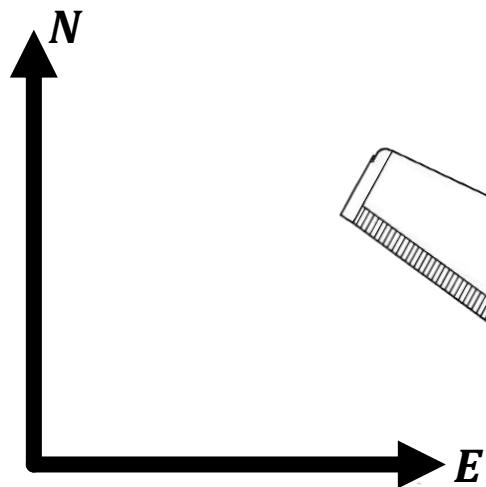
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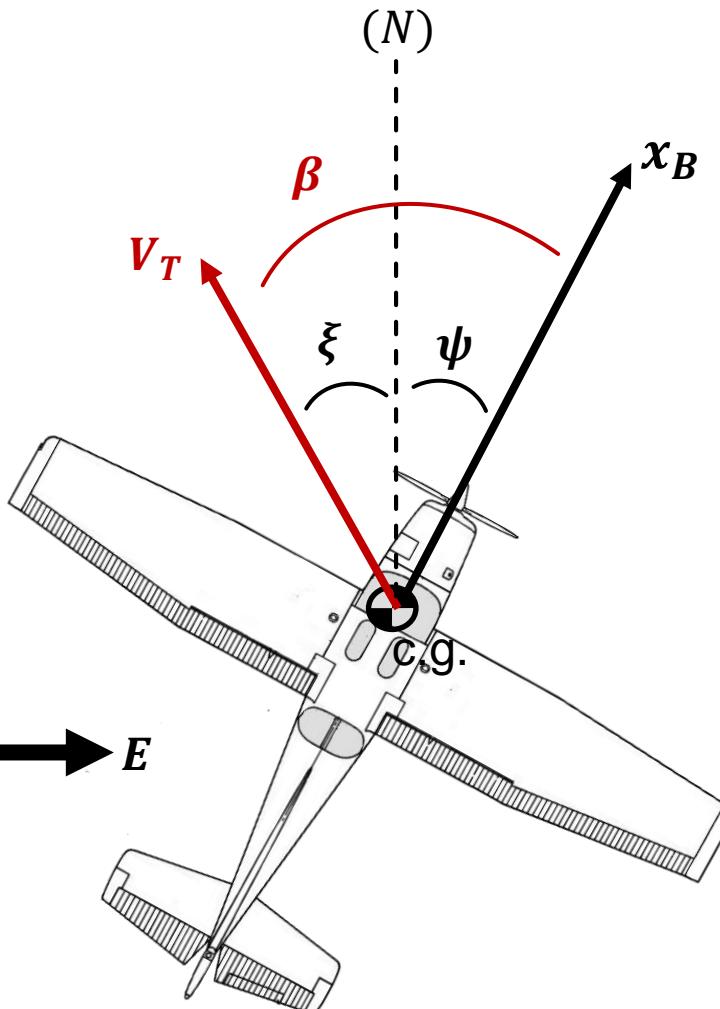
Longitudinal view in the inertial frame:

- θ – pitch angle, defined from the horizon to x_B
- γ – flight path angle, defined from the horizon to V_T
- α – angle of attack, defined from V_T to x_B
- ϕ – roll angle, defined from the horizon to y_B .
- Note the x_B axis is pointing out of the page in the rolling figure.

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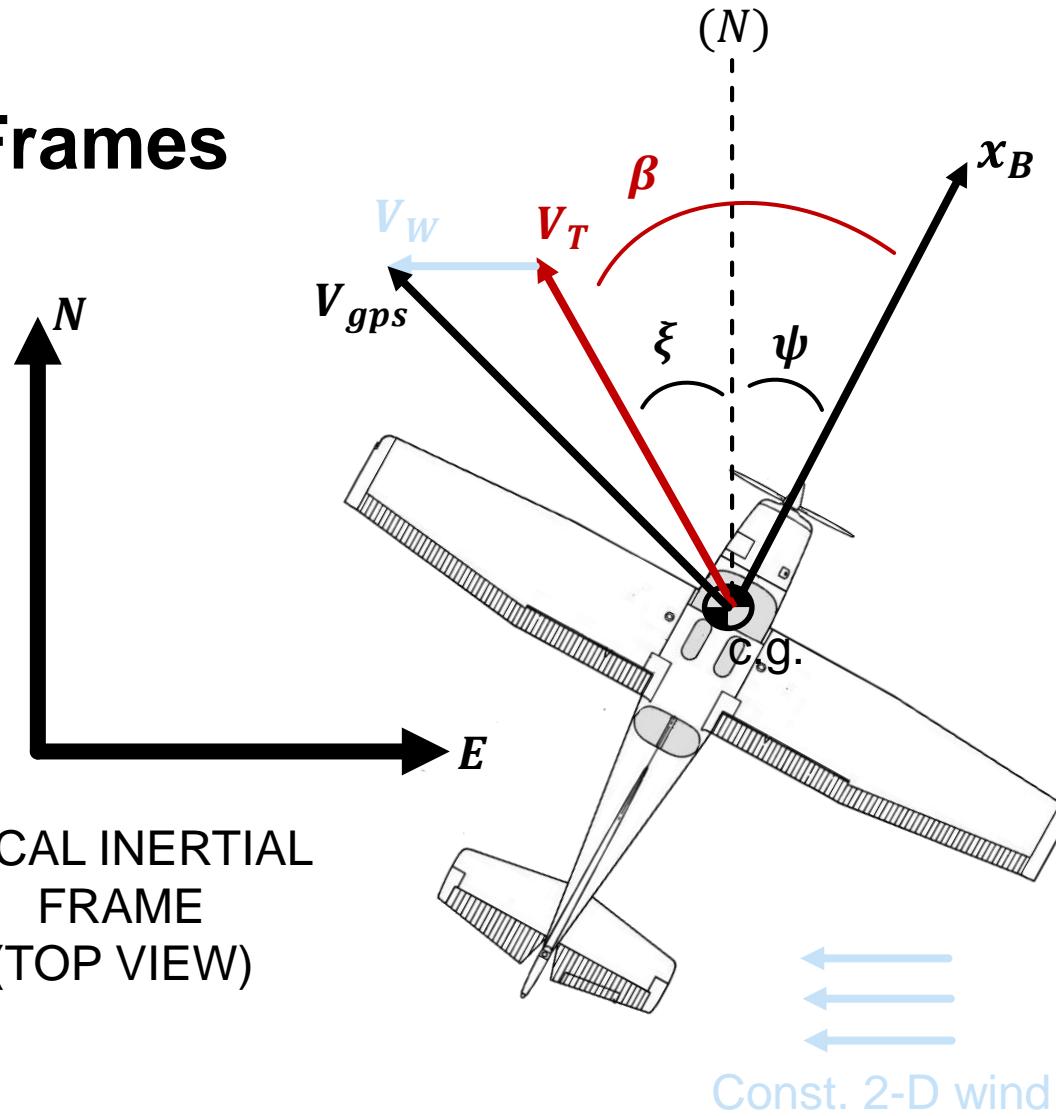
LOCAL INERTIAL
FRAME
(TOP VIEW)



Lateral-directional view in the inertial frame:

- ψ – yaw angle, defined from North to x_B
- ξ – Heading angle, defined from North to airspeed vector V_T
- β – sideslip angle
- Note the heading angle is defined to the lateral-directional projection of the airspeed vector on the N, E plane (or the "horizon plane"). I.e. if the aircraft is flying at a non-zero flight path angle γ , the V_T and β shown here will be smaller than their true magnitudes.

Frames



Lateral-directional view in the inertial frame:

- If a constant wind is added in the inertial frame (i.e. the air-mass in which we are flying is now moving with some velocity with respect to the ground), note the velocity a GPS reads will differ in magnitude from the airspeed vector and point in a direction that is no longer equal to the heading of the aircraft.

Development of the Model

- **Summarized equations of motion:**
 - Translation

$$\dot{u} = rv - qw + \frac{1}{m}(F_T \cos \varepsilon - D \cos \alpha + L \sin \alpha) - g \sin \theta$$

$$\dot{v} = pw - ru + \frac{1}{m}Y + g \sin \varphi \cos \theta$$

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Development of the Model

- Rotation (simplified with $I_{xz} \approx 0$):

$$\dot{p} = \frac{1}{I_{xx}} [L + L_T - qr(I_{zz} - I_{yy})]$$

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Decoupling Dynamics

- **Longitudinal states:**
 - u, w, q, θ – note: these are defined in the body-fixed axes
 - Auxillary state: $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(w/u)$
 - Set remaining states to zero.
- **Lateral-directional states:**
 - v, p, r, ϕ, ψ – note: these are defined in the body-fixed axes
 - Auxillary state: $\beta = \sin^{-1}(v/v_T)$
 - Note yaw angle, ψ , has no effect on the dynamic.
 - Another note: $\theta = \alpha = \text{const.}$ NOT necessarily zero.

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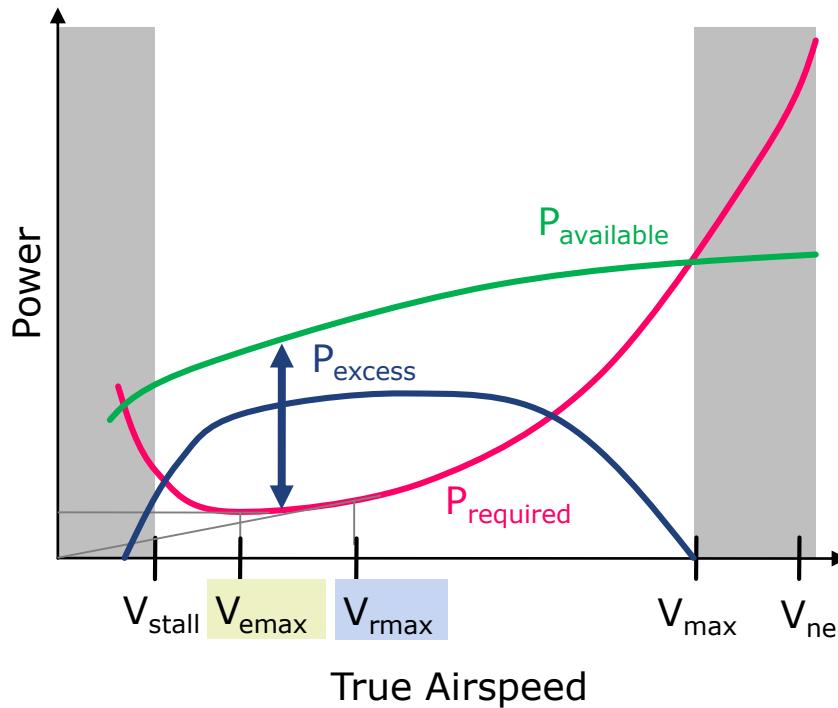
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- Required power: $P_{\text{required}} = D \cdot V = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 A C_D$
- Specific Excess Power: $SEP = (P_{\text{available}} - P_{\text{required}})/(mg) \approx V_{\text{climb,achievable}}$



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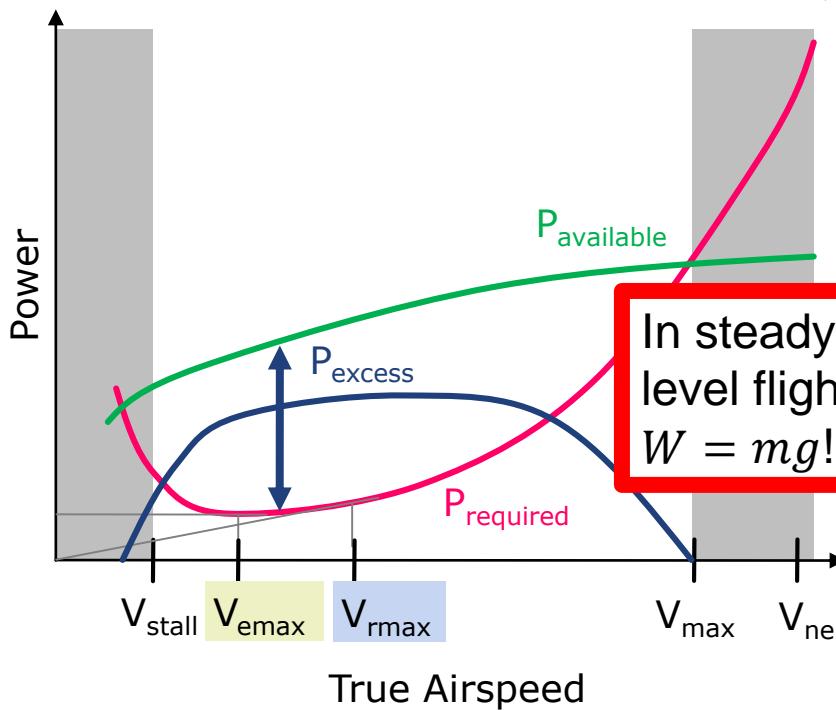
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Generally, power is a change in energy over a change in time: $P = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta T} \eta$ Note: propulsion systems are not 100% efficient!

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Ralph Paul (Solar Impulse) next week!

- Exercise today. HG E 27

