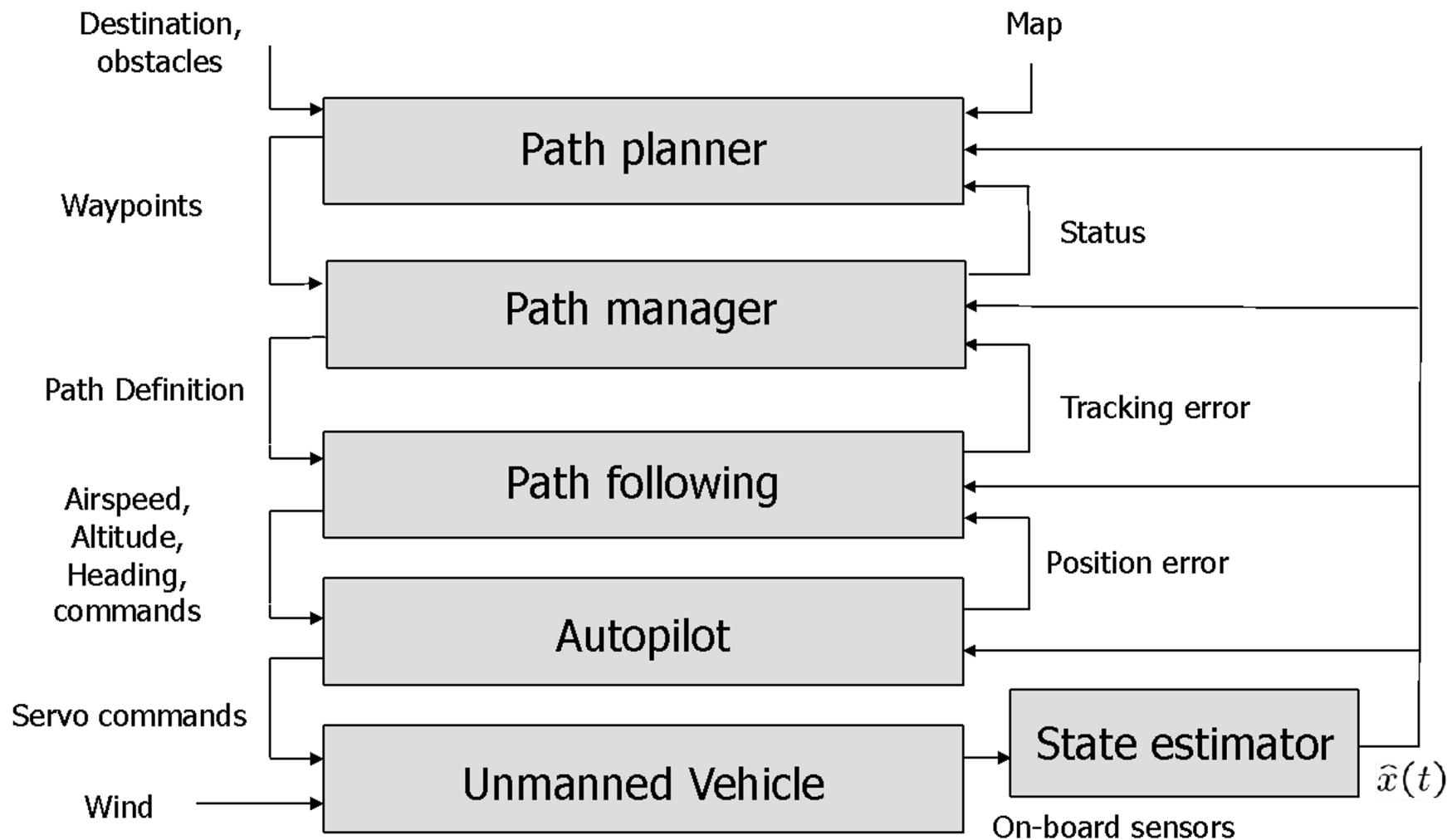




# Chapter 9

## Nonlinear Design Models

# Architecture



# Simplifying Dynamic Models

- When designing higher level autopilot functions, we need models that are easier to analyze and simulate
- Models must capture the essential behavior of system
- We will derive reduced-order, reduced-complexity models suitable for design of higher-level guidance strategies
- Two types of guidance models:
  - Kinematic – utilize kinematic relationships, do not consider aerodynamics, forces directly
  - Dynamic – apply force balance relations to point-mass models

# Autopilot Models (transfer function)

Airspeed hold and roll hold loops can be modeled as:

$$V_a(s) = \frac{b_{V_a}}{s + b_{V_a}} V_a^c(s) \quad \phi(s) = \frac{b_\phi}{s + b_\phi} \phi^c(s)$$

Altitude and course hold loops can be modeled as:

$$h(s) = \frac{b_h s + b_h}{s^2 + b_{\dot{h}} s + b_h} h^c(s) \quad \chi(s) = \frac{b_{\dot{\chi}} s + b_\chi}{s^2 + b_{\dot{\chi}} s + b_\chi} \chi^c(s)$$

Alternatively, the heading hold loop can be modeled as:

$$\psi(s) = \frac{b_\psi s + b_\psi}{s^2 + b_{\dot{\psi}} s + b_\psi} \psi^c(s)$$

Flight-path angle and load factor loops can be modeled as:

$$\gamma(s) = \frac{b_\gamma}{s + b_\gamma} \gamma^c(s) \quad n_{lf}(s) = \frac{b_n}{s + b_n} n_{lf}^c(s)$$

# Autopilot Models

Airspeed hold and roll hold loops can be modeled as:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}_a &= b_{V_a}(V_a^c - V_a) \\ \dot{\phi} &= b_\phi(\phi^c - \phi)\end{aligned}$$

Altitude and course hold loops can be modeled as:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{h} &= b_{\dot{h}}(\dot{h}^c - \dot{h}) + b_h(h^c - h) \\ \ddot{\chi} &= b_{\dot{\chi}}(\dot{\chi}^c - \dot{\chi}) + b_\chi(\chi^c - \chi)\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, the heading hold loop can be modeled as:

$$\ddot{\psi} = b_{\dot{\psi}}(\dot{\psi}^c - \dot{\psi}) + b_\psi(\psi^c - \psi)$$

Flight-path angle and load factor loops can be modeled as:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\gamma} &= b_\gamma(\gamma^c - \gamma) \\ \dot{n}_{lf} &= b_n(n_{lf}^c - n_{lf})\end{aligned}$$

# Kinematic Model of Controlled Flight

The velocity vector can be written as

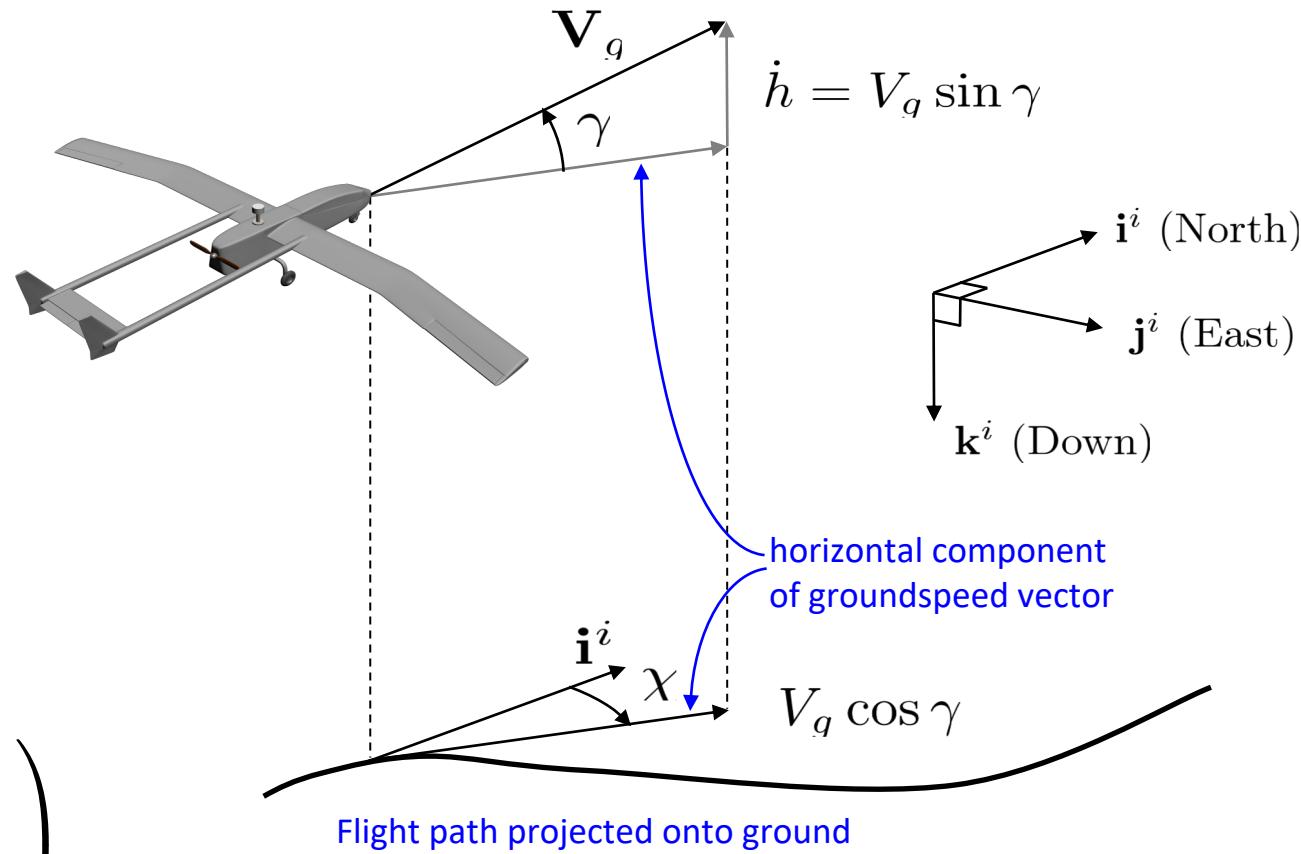
$$\mathbf{V}_g^i = V_g \begin{pmatrix} \cos \chi \cos \gamma \\ \sin \chi \cos \gamma \\ -\sin \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{h} \end{pmatrix} = V_g \begin{pmatrix} \cos \chi \cos \gamma \\ \sin \chi \cos \gamma \\ \sin \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Alternatively, using the Wind Triangle:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{h} \end{pmatrix} = V_a \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi \cos \gamma_a \\ \sin \psi \cos \gamma_a \\ \sin \gamma_a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} w_n \\ w_e \\ -w_d \end{pmatrix}$$



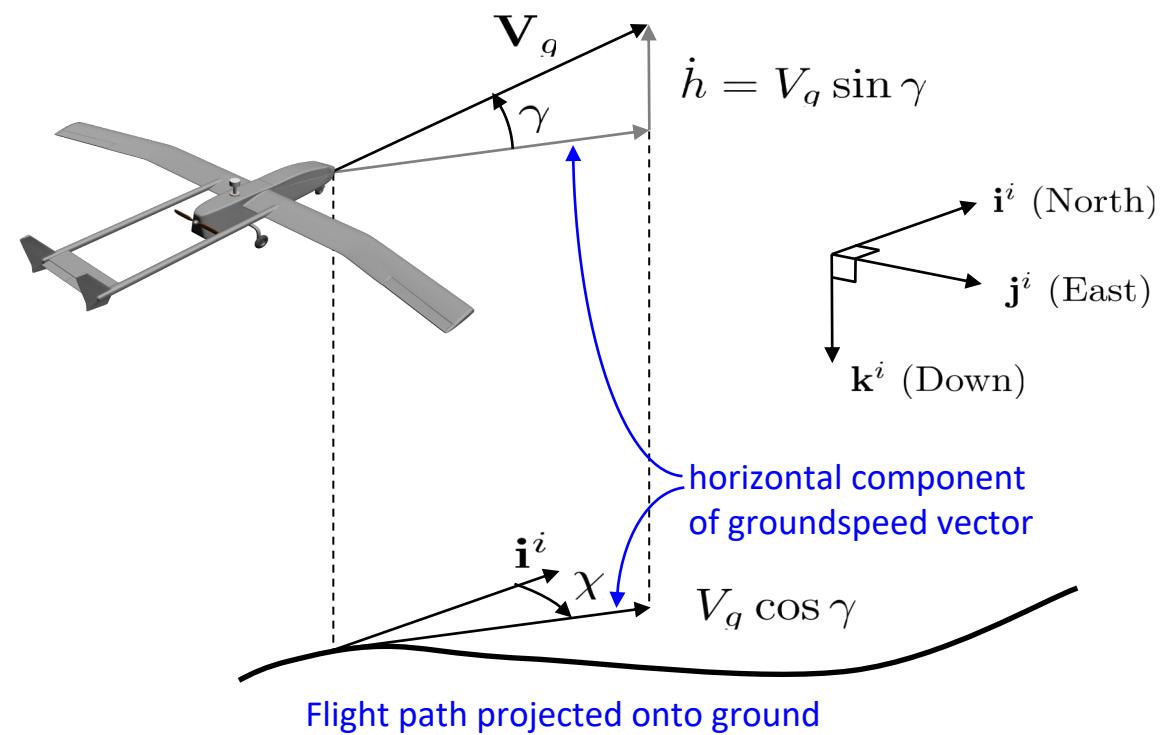
# Kinematic Model of Controlled Flight

Beginning with

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{h} \end{pmatrix} = V_a \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi \cos \gamma_a \\ \sin \psi \cos \gamma_a \\ \sin \gamma_a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} w_n \\ w_e \\ -w_d \end{pmatrix}$$

and assuming level flight, i.e.,  $\gamma_a = 0$ ,  
and no down component of wind,  
i.e.,  $w_d = 0$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{h} \end{pmatrix} = V_a \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi \\ \sin \psi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} w_n \\ w_e \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



This equation is typically called the Dubin's car model.

# Coordinated Turn

From Chapter 2 we have

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{g}{V_g} \tan \phi \cos(\chi - \psi)$$

For constant-altitude flight with no down component of wind:

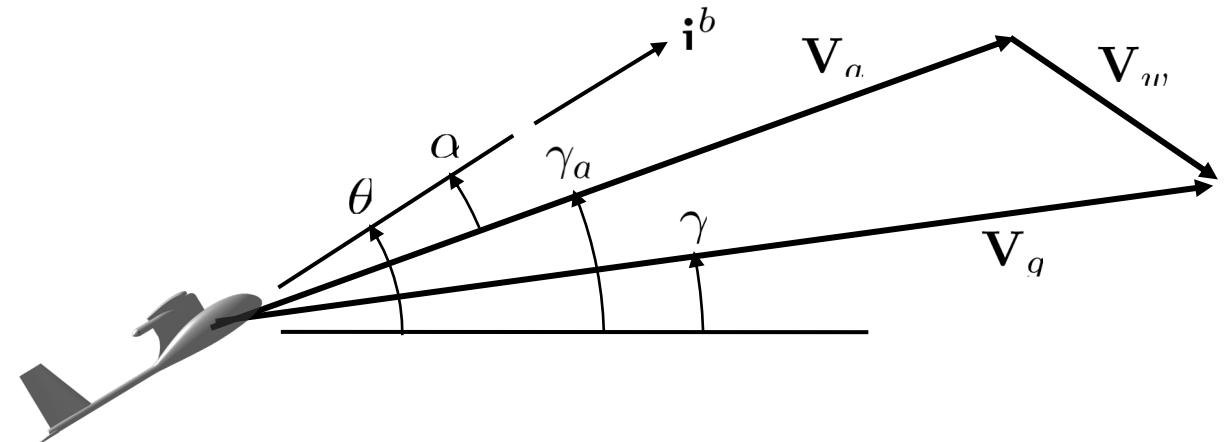
$$\dot{V}_g = \frac{\dot{V}_a}{\cos(\chi - \psi)} + V_g \dot{\chi} \tan(\chi - \psi)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{\dot{V}_a}{V_a} \tan(\chi - \psi) + \frac{V_g \dot{\chi}}{V_a \cos(\chi - \psi)}$$

If airspeed is constant, then we get the standard coordinated turn condition

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{g}{V_a} \tan \phi$$

which is true even if when  $w_n, w_e \neq 0$ .



Differentiate both sides of vector wind-triangle equation (2.9). Solve resulting messy matrix equation.

# Accelerating Climb

Summing forces gives

$$F_{\text{lift}} \cos \phi = m V_g \dot{\gamma} + m g \cos \gamma$$

Solving for  $\dot{\gamma}$ :

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{V_g} \left( \frac{F_{\text{lift}}}{m g} \cos \phi - \cos \gamma \right)$$

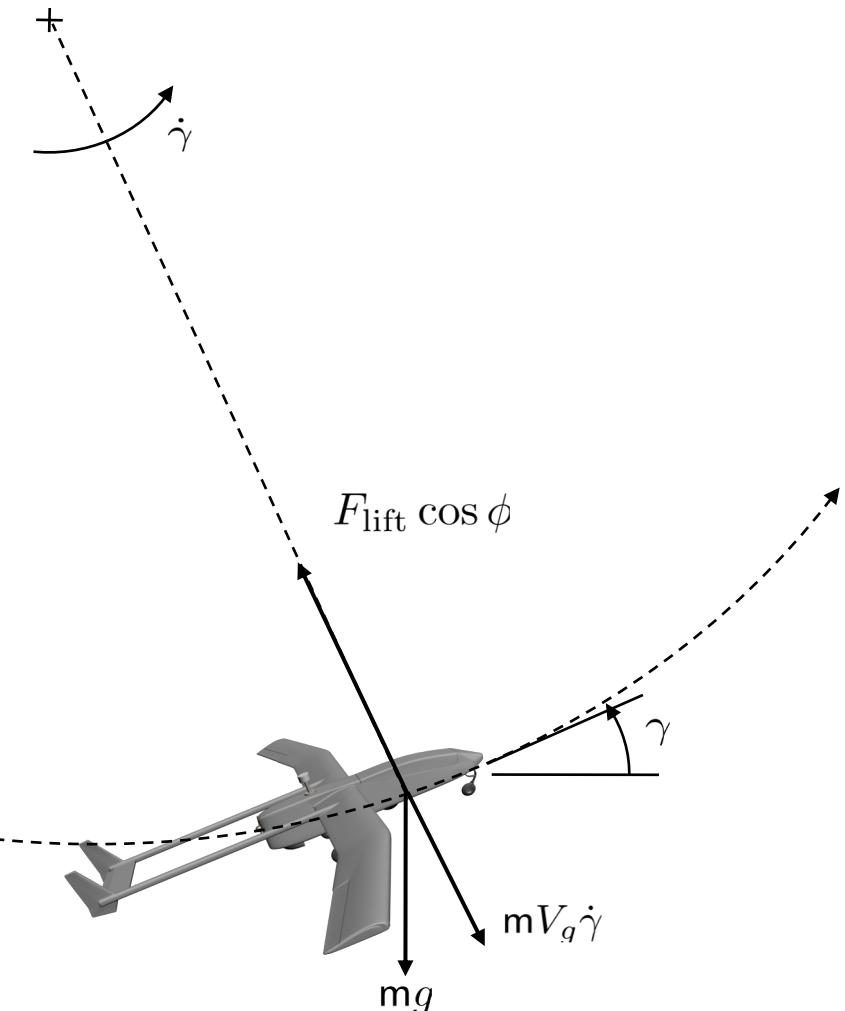
The load factor (often expressed in  $g$ 's) is defined as

$$n_{lf} \triangleq F_{\text{lift}} / m g.$$

Note that for wings level, horizontal flight  $n_{lf} = 1$ . Therefore

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{V_g} (n_{lf} \cos \phi - \cos \gamma)$$

In a constant climb where  $\dot{\gamma} = 0$ , we have  $n_{lf} = \frac{\cos \gamma}{\cos \phi}$ .



# Kinematic Guidance Models

- Several guidance models can be derived, with varying levels of fidelity
- Choice of model depends on application

# Kinematic Guidance Model - #1a

The simplest model (and the one used in Chapters 10, 11, 12) is given by

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi + w_n$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi + w_e$$

$$\ddot{\chi} = b_{\dot{\chi}}(\dot{\chi}^c - \dot{\chi}) + b_\chi(\chi^c - \chi)$$

$$\ddot{h} = b_{\dot{h}}(\dot{h}^c - \dot{h}) + b_h(h^c - h)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{a}}^c - V_a)$$

where  $\psi$  is given by (equation (2.12))

$$\psi = \chi - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{V_a} \begin{pmatrix} w_n \\ w_e \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \chi \\ \cos \chi \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

# Kinematic Guidance Model - #1b

If the autopilot is designed to command heading instead of course, then the model becomes

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi + \textcolor{blue}{w}_n$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi + \textcolor{blue}{w}_e$$

$$\ddot{\psi} = b_{\dot{\psi}}(\dot{\psi}^c - \dot{\psi}) + b_\psi(\textcolor{blue}{\psi^c} - \psi)$$

$$\ddot{h} = b_{\dot{h}}(\dot{h}^c - \dot{h}) + b_h(\textcolor{blue}{h^c} - h)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a}(\textcolor{blue}{V_a^c} - V_a)$$

# Kinematic Guidance Models - #2a

A more accurate model is to command the roll angle and use the coordinated turn model for  $\chi$ :

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi + w_n$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi + w_e$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{g}{V_g} \tan \phi \cos(\chi - \psi)$$

$$\ddot{h} = b_{\dot{h}}(\dot{h}^c - \dot{h}) + b_h(h^c - h)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a}(V_a^c - V_a)$$

$$\dot{\phi} = b_\phi(\phi^c - \phi)$$

where  $\psi$  and  $V_g$  are given by (equations (2.10) and (2.12))

$$\psi = \chi - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{V_a} \begin{pmatrix} w_n \\ w_e \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \chi \\ \cos \chi \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$V_g = w_n \cos \chi + w_e \sin \chi + \sqrt{(w_n \cos \chi + w_e \sin \chi)^2 + V_a^2 - w_n^2 - w_e^2}$$

# Kinematic Guidance Models - #2b

Or, in terms of heading we have

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi + \textcolor{blue}{w_n}$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi + \textcolor{blue}{w_e}$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{g}{V_a} \tan \phi$$

$$\ddot{h} = b_{\dot{h}}(\dot{h}^c - \dot{h}) + b_h(\textcolor{blue}{h^c} - h)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a}(\textcolor{blue}{V_a^c} - V_a)$$

$$\dot{\phi} = b_\phi(\textcolor{blue}{\phi^c} - \phi)$$

where  $\chi$  and  $V_g$  are computed from the wind triangle if needed by the autopilot

# Kinematic Guidance Models - #3

More accurate still is to command the flight path angle

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi \cos \gamma_a + w_n$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi \cos \gamma_a + w_e$$

$$\dot{h} = V_a \sin \gamma_a - w_d$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{g}{V_a} \tan \phi$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = b_\gamma (\gamma^c - \gamma)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a} (V_a^c - V_a)$$

$$\dot{\phi} = b_\phi (\phi^c - \phi)$$

where  $\gamma_a$  is given by equation (2.11)

$$\gamma_a = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{V_g \sin \gamma + w_d}{V_a} \right)$$

and  $\chi$  and  $V_g$  are computed from the wind triangle if needed by the autopilot

# Kinematic Guidance Models - #4

More accurate still is to command the load factor

$$\dot{p}_n = V_a \cos \psi \cos \gamma_a + w_n$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_a \sin \psi \cos \gamma_a + w_e$$

$$\dot{h} = V_a \sin \gamma_a - w_d$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{g}{V_a} \tan \phi$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{g}{V_g} (n_{lf} \cos \phi - \cos \gamma)$$

$$\dot{V}_a = b_{V_a} (V_a^c - V_a)$$

$$\dot{\phi} = b_\phi (\phi^c - \phi)$$

$$\dot{n}_{lf} = b_n (n_{lf}^c - n_{lf})$$

where  $\chi$ ,  $V_g$ , and  $\gamma_a$  are computed from the wind triangle

# Dubins Airplane Model

The Dubin's airplane model is a particularly simple model often used in path planning:

$$\dot{r}_n = V \cos \psi \cos \gamma^c$$

$$\dot{r}_e = V \sin \psi \cos \gamma^c$$

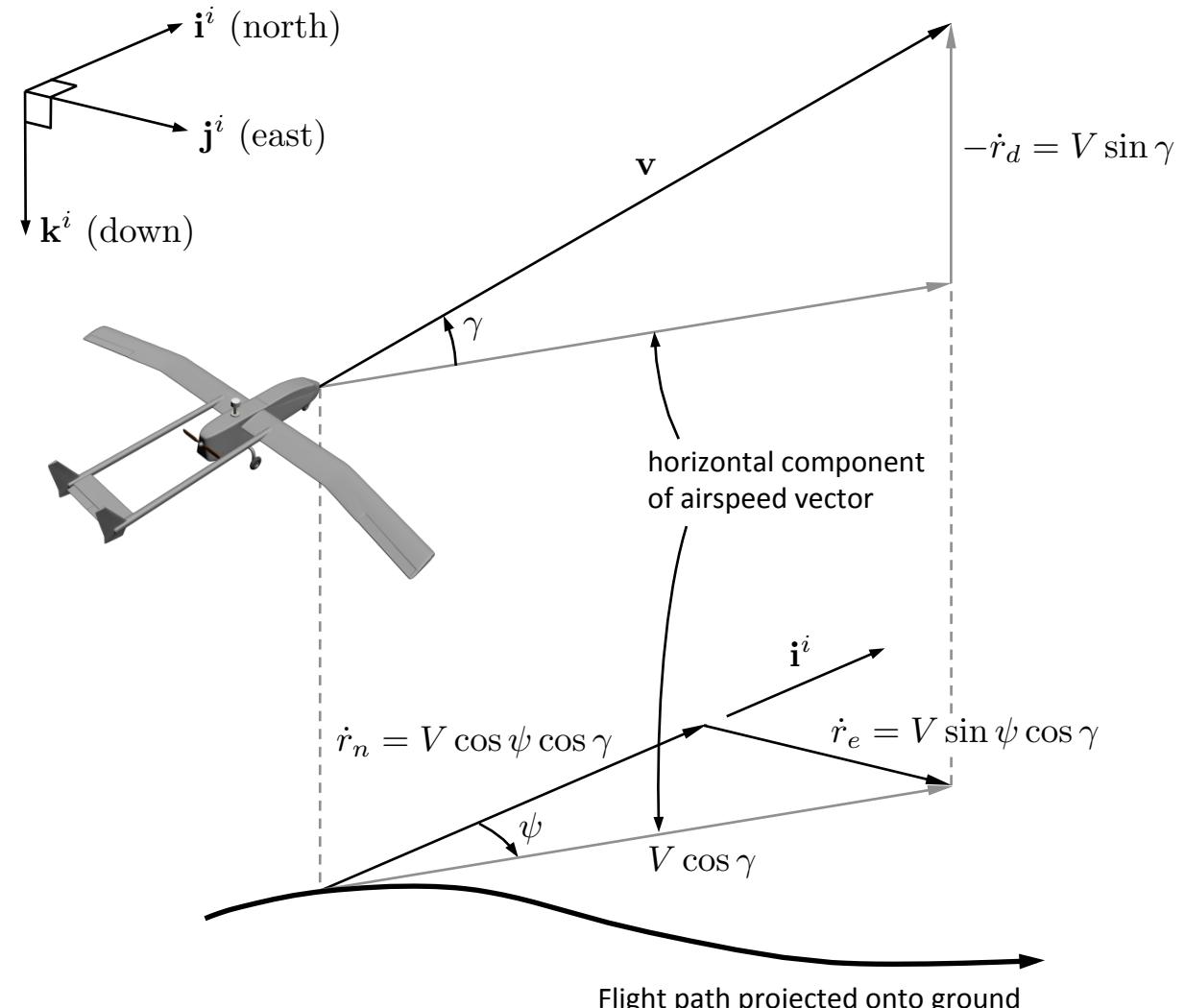
$$\dot{r}_d = -V \sin \gamma^c$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{g}{V} \tan \phi^c.$$

Assumes constant velocity  $V$ , and subject the constraints:

$$|\phi^c| \leq \bar{\phi}$$

$$|\gamma^c| \leq \bar{\gamma}.$$



# Dubins Airplane Model (simplified)

Often simplified as:

$$\dot{r}_n = V \cos \psi$$

$$\dot{r}_e = V \sin \psi$$

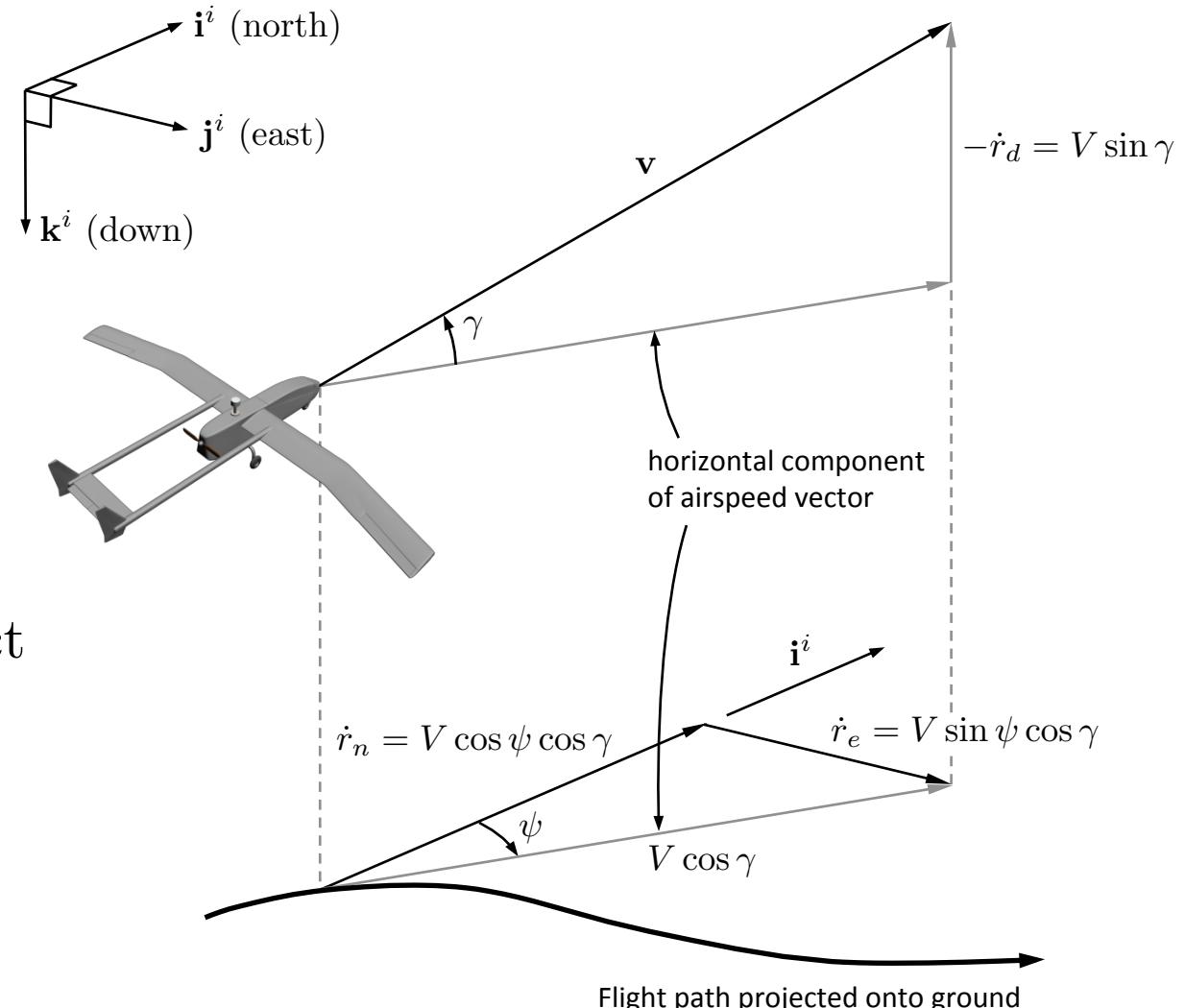
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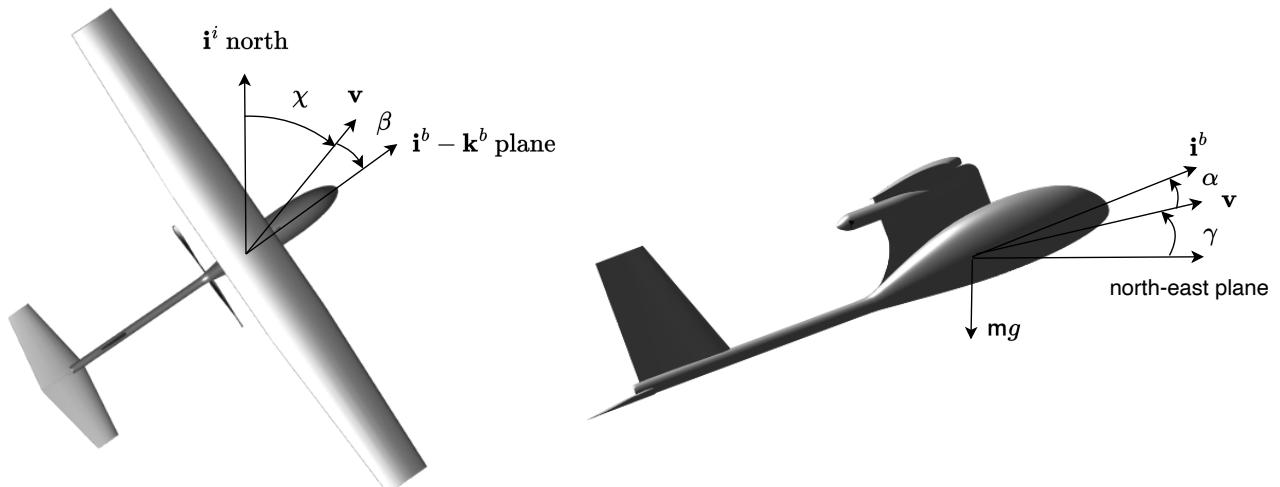
# Dynamic Guidance Models

Standard kinematic expression  
for evolution of position:

$$\dot{p}_n = V_g \cos \chi \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_g \sin \chi \cos \gamma$$

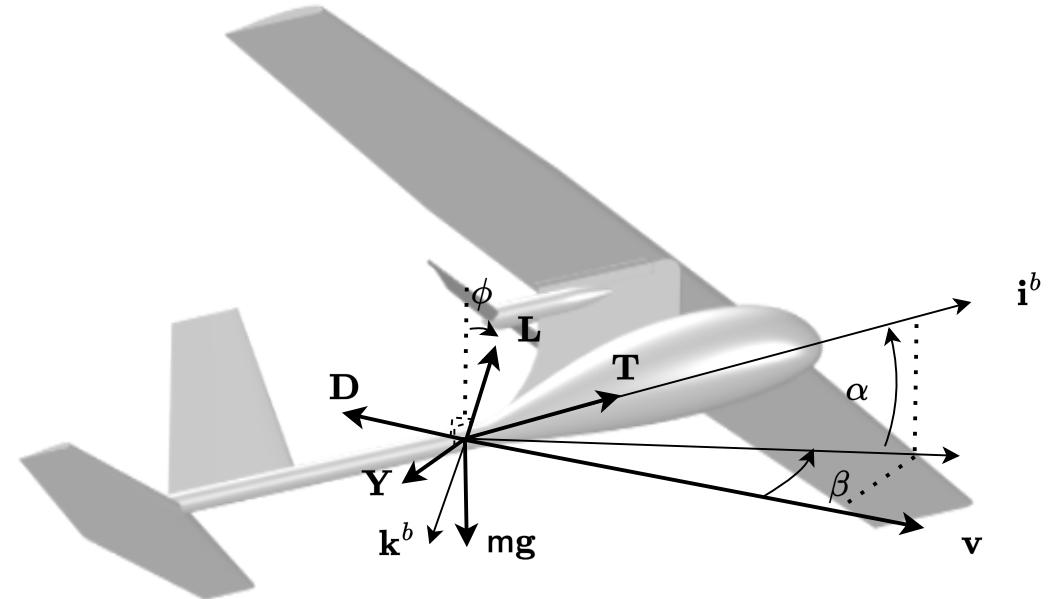
$$\dot{p}_d = -V_g \sin \gamma.$$



# Dynamic Guidance Models

Thrust in the wind frame:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T}^w &= R_b^w \mathbf{T}^b \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta & \sin \beta & \sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ -\cos \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \beta & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ -\sin \alpha & 0 & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} T \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ -T \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ -T \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$



Aerodynamic forces in the wind frame:

$$\mathbf{F}_{aero}^w = \begin{pmatrix} -D \\ -Y \\ -L \end{pmatrix}$$

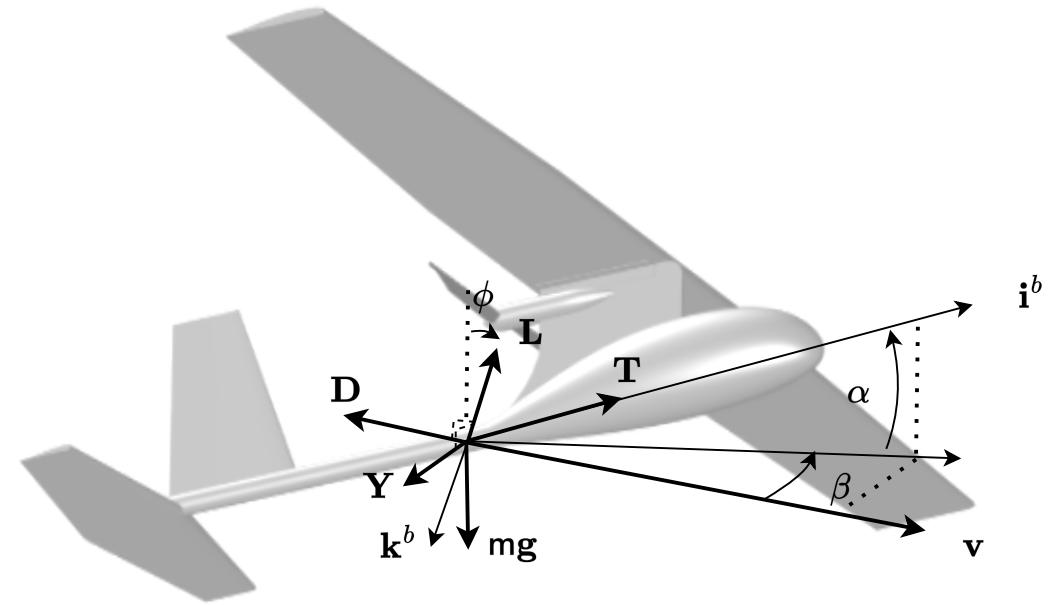
# Dynamic Guidance Models

Total forces in the wind frame:

$$\mathbf{F}^w = \begin{pmatrix} -D + T \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ -Y - T \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ -L - T \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}.$$

Total forces in the vehicle-2 (unrolled) frame:

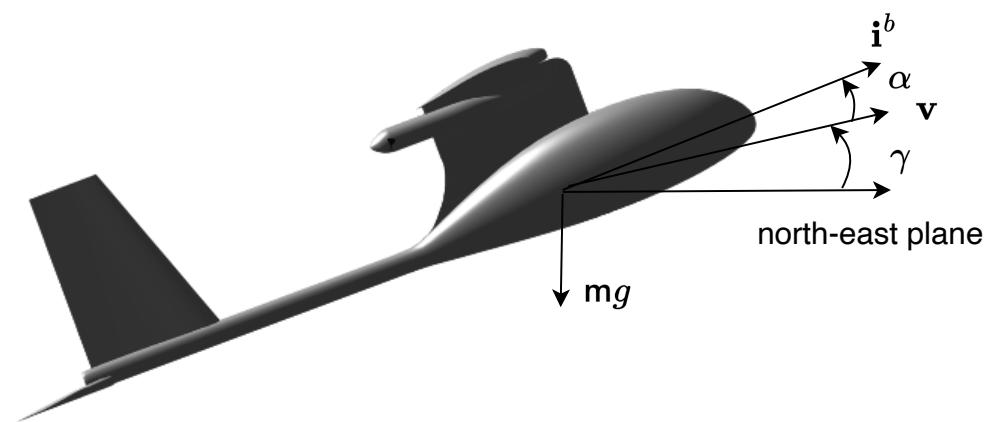
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}^{v2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -D + T \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ -Y - T \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ -L - T \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -D + T \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ -(Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \cos \phi - (L + T \sin \alpha) \sin \phi \\ (Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \sin \phi - (L + T \sin \alpha) \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$



# Dynamic Guidance Models

Along the  $\mathbf{i}^{v^2}$  axis, the magnitude of the velocity vector evolves as:

$$\begin{aligned} m\dot{V}_g &= T \cos \alpha \cos \beta - D - mg \sin \gamma \\ \implies \dot{V}_g &= \frac{T}{m} \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \frac{D}{m} - g \sin \gamma. \end{aligned}$$



# Dynamic Guidance Models

Given:

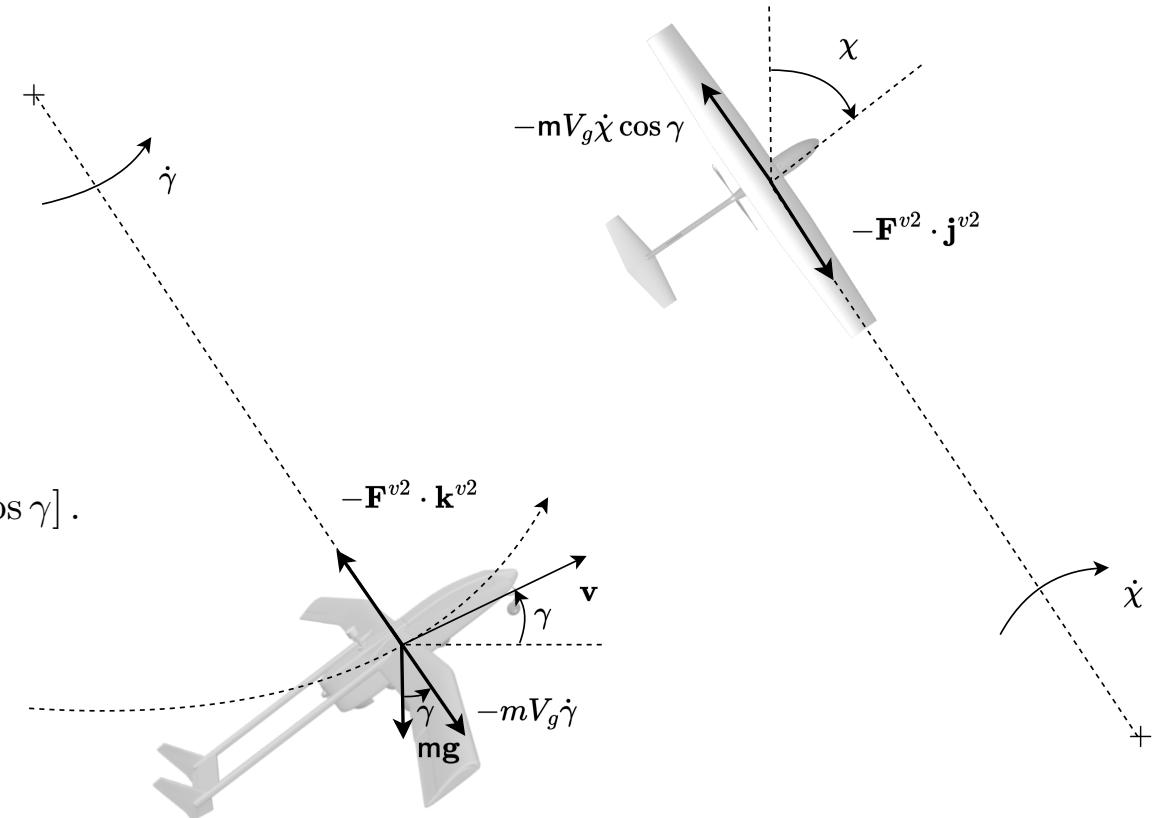
$$\mathbf{F}^{v2} = \begin{pmatrix} -D + T \cos \alpha \cos \beta \\ -(Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \cos \phi - (L + T \sin \alpha) \sin \phi \\ (Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \sin \phi - (L + T \sin \alpha) \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}.$$

Longitudinal direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}V_g\dot{\gamma} &= -(Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \sin \phi + (L + T \sin \alpha) \cos \phi - \mathbf{m}g \cos \gamma \\ \implies \dot{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}V_g} [(L + T \sin \alpha) \cos \phi - (Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \sin \phi - \mathbf{m}g \cos \gamma]. \end{aligned}$$

Lateral direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}V_g \dot{\chi} \cos \gamma &= (Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \cos \phi + (L + T \sin \alpha) \sin \phi \\ \implies \dot{\chi} &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}V_g \cos \gamma} [(Y + T \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \cos \phi + (L + T \sin \alpha) \sin \phi]. \end{aligned}$$



# Dynamic Guidance Models: Summary

$$\dot{p}_n = V_g \cos \chi \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{p}_e = V_g \sin \chi \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{h} = V_g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{V}_g = \frac{\textcolor{blue}{T}}{m} \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \frac{D}{m} - g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{1}{m V_g \cos \gamma} [(Y + \textcolor{blue}{T} \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \cos \phi + (L + \textcolor{blue}{T} \sin \alpha) \sin \phi]$$

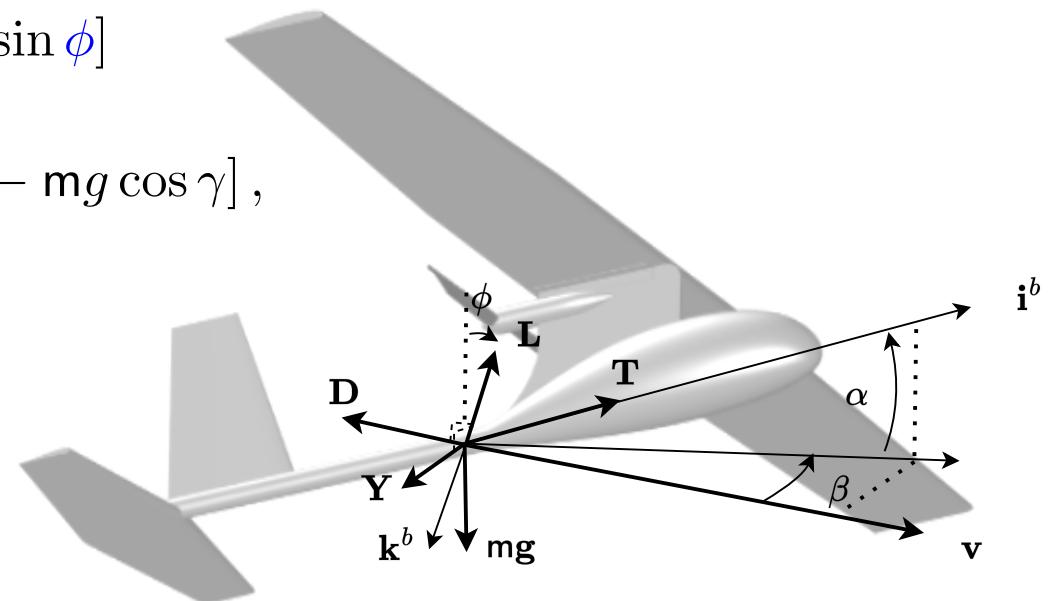
$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{1}{m V_g} [(L + \textcolor{blue}{T} \sin \alpha) \cos \phi - (Y + \textcolor{blue}{T} \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \sin \phi - mg \cos \gamma],$$

where

$$L(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S (C_{L_0} + C_{L_\alpha} \alpha)$$

$$D(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S (C_{D_0} + C_{D_\alpha} \alpha + C_{D_{\alpha^2}} \alpha^2)$$

$$Y(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S C_{Y_\beta} \beta,$$



# Dynamic Guidance Models: Summary (simplified)

When sideslip is regulated to zeros:

$$\dot{p}_n = V_g \cos \chi \cos \gamma$$

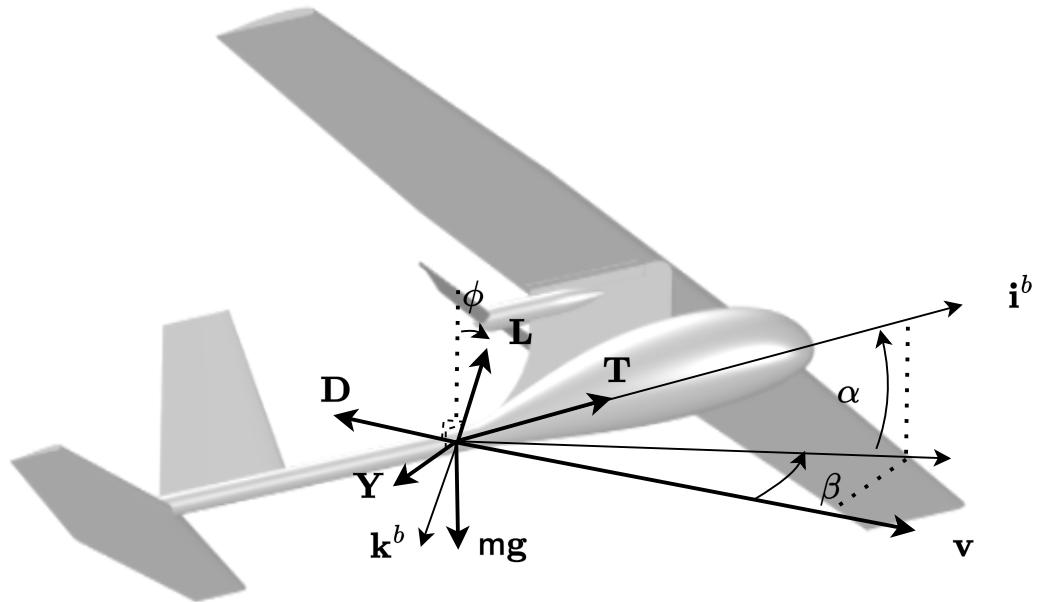
$$\dot{p}_e = V_g \sin \chi \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{h} = V_g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{V}_g = \frac{\textcolor{blue}{T}}{m} \cos \alpha - \frac{D}{m} - g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{\chi} = \frac{1}{m V_g \cos \gamma} (L + \textcolor{blue}{T} \sin \alpha) \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{1}{m V_g} [(L + \textcolor{blue}{T} \sin \alpha) \cos \phi - mg \cos \gamma],$$



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$$L(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 S (C_{L_0} + C_{L_\alpha} \alpha)$$

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