

# Control Laboratory

## Lab Activity 4: Longitudinal state-space control of the balancing robot

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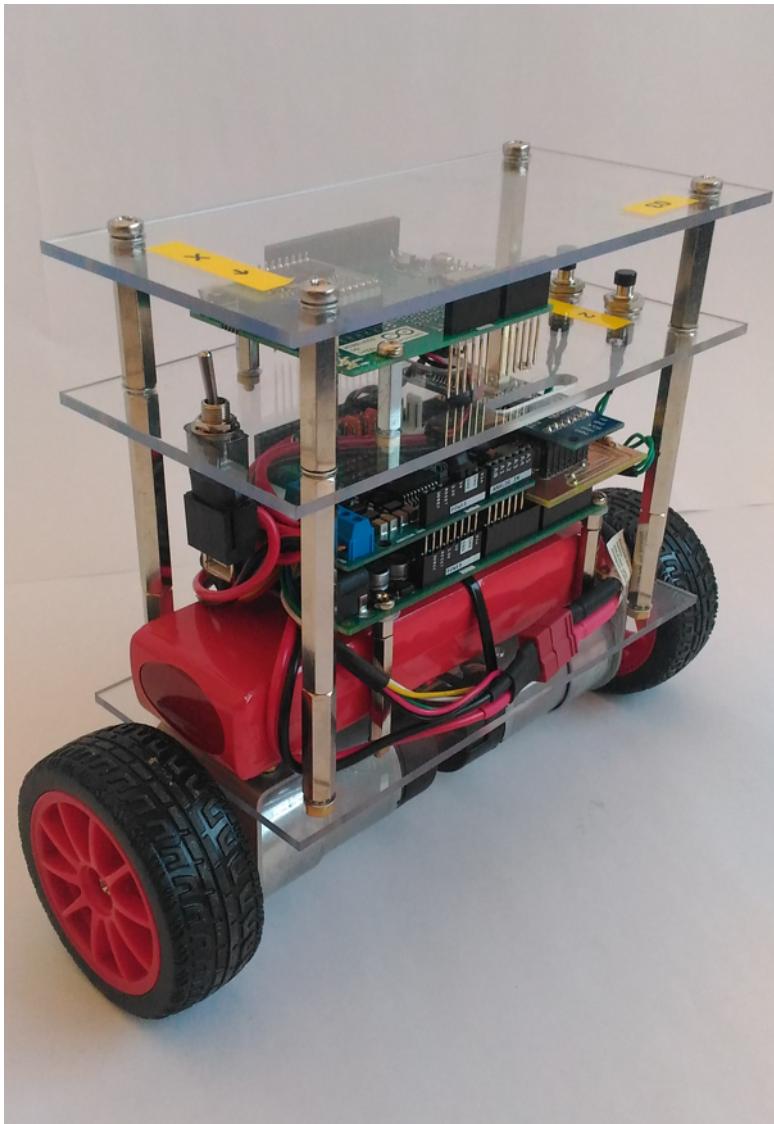


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# Outline

- Activity goal
- Balancing robot structure
- Derivation of the analytical model with the *Lagrangian approach*
- Tilt angle estimation by *complementary filtering* of inertial measurements
- Balance and position control
- Simplified yaw angle control

# Balancing robot

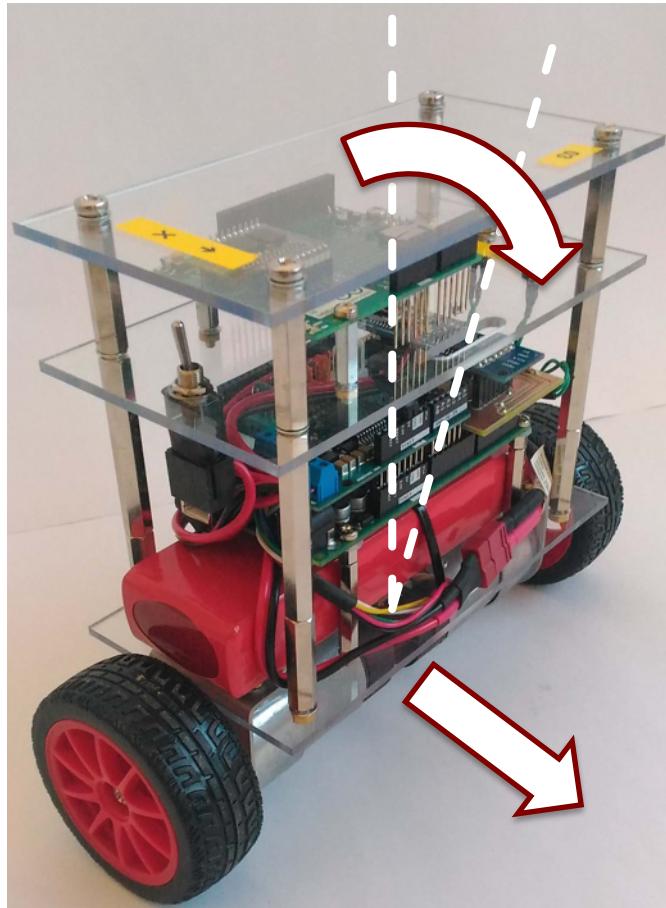


**Balancing robot** <sup>(1)</sup> :  
a mobile robot that  
moves while keeping  
its body balanced on  
two coaxial wheels.

(1) Also known as “two-wheeled inverted pendulum robot” or “Segway-like” robot.

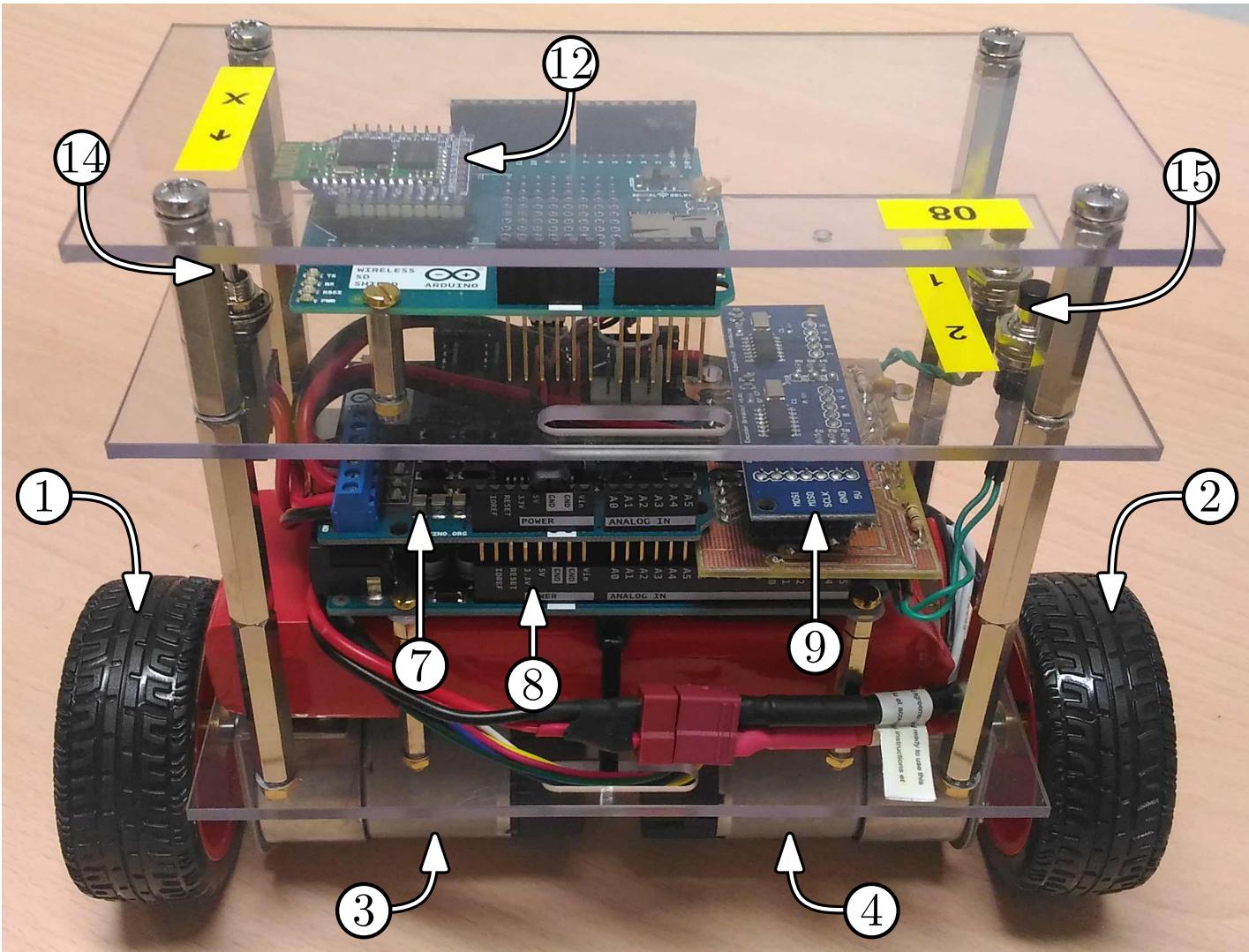
# Activity goal

Activity goal: design a state-space controller for:

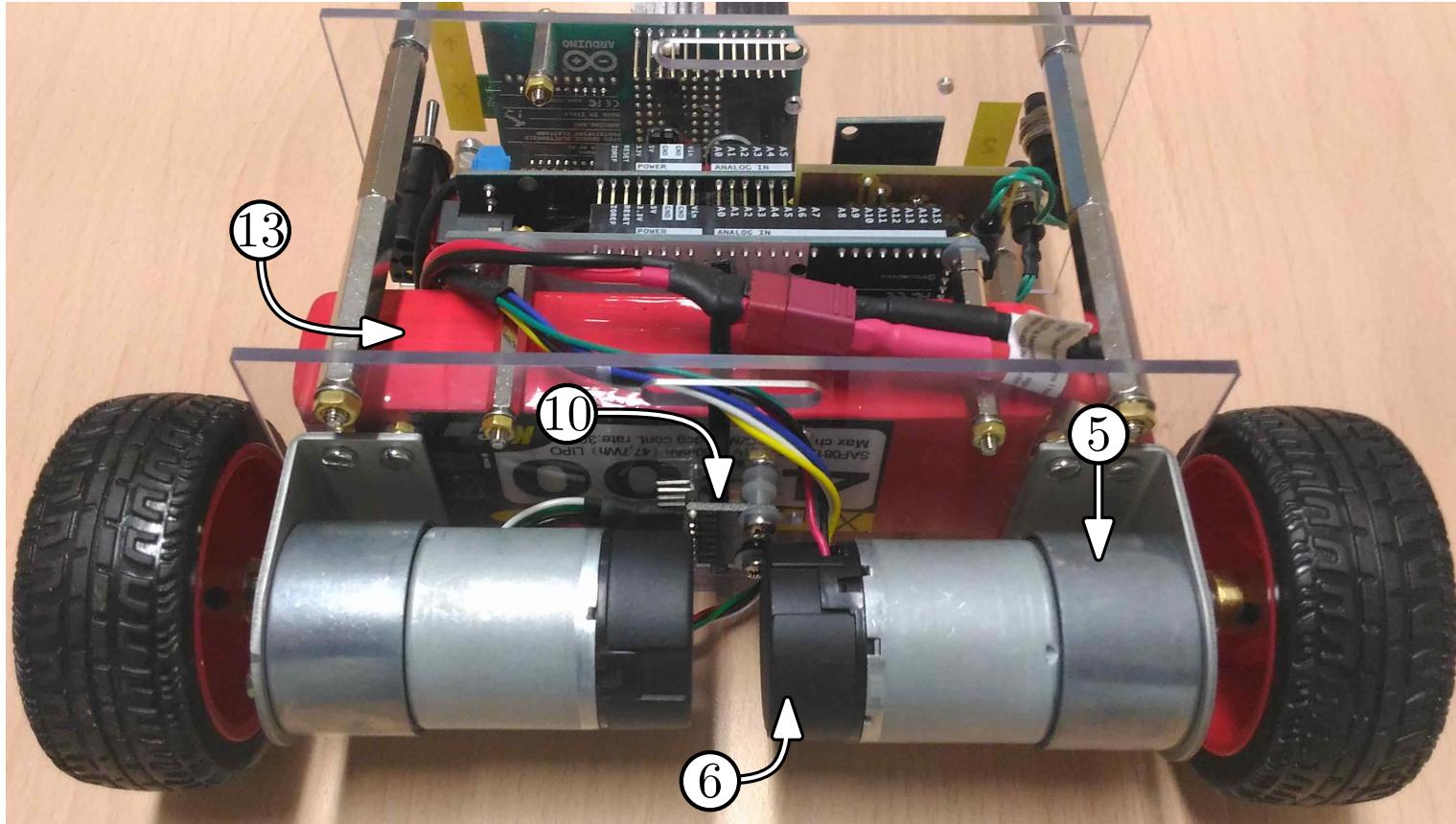


- stabilizing the robot body to its upward vertical position;
- regulating the robot base to a desired longitudinal position set-point.

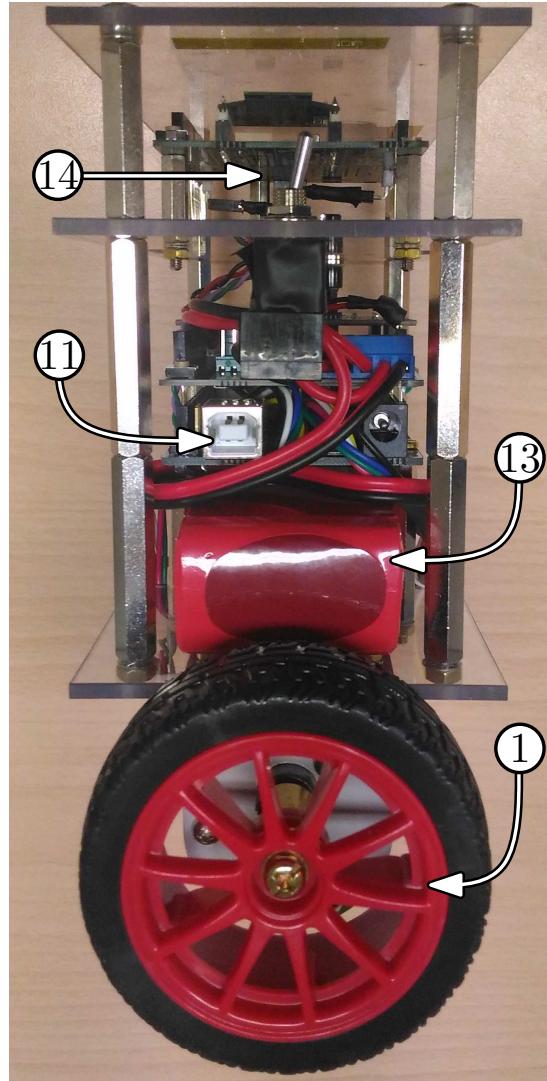
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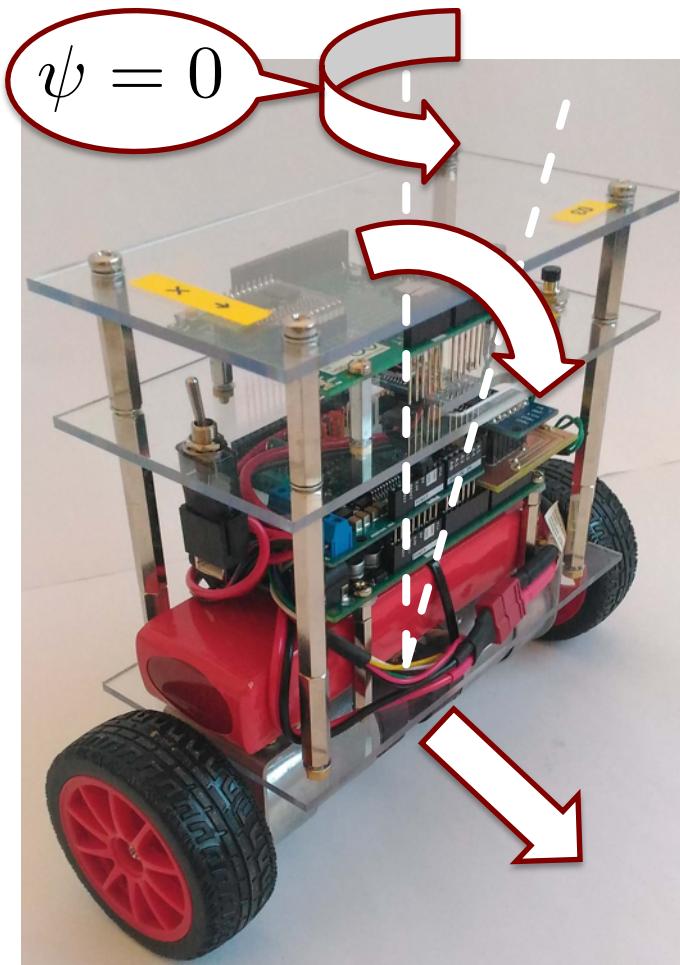


# System modeling approach

## Modeling approach:

- Represent the robot as a *multi-body system*.
- Identify the *generalized coordinates* required to describe the robot configuration.
- Derive the equations of motion (EoM) with the *Lagrangian approach*.
- Obtain the state-space model by *linearizing* the EoM around the upward vertical equilibrium.

# System modeling approach

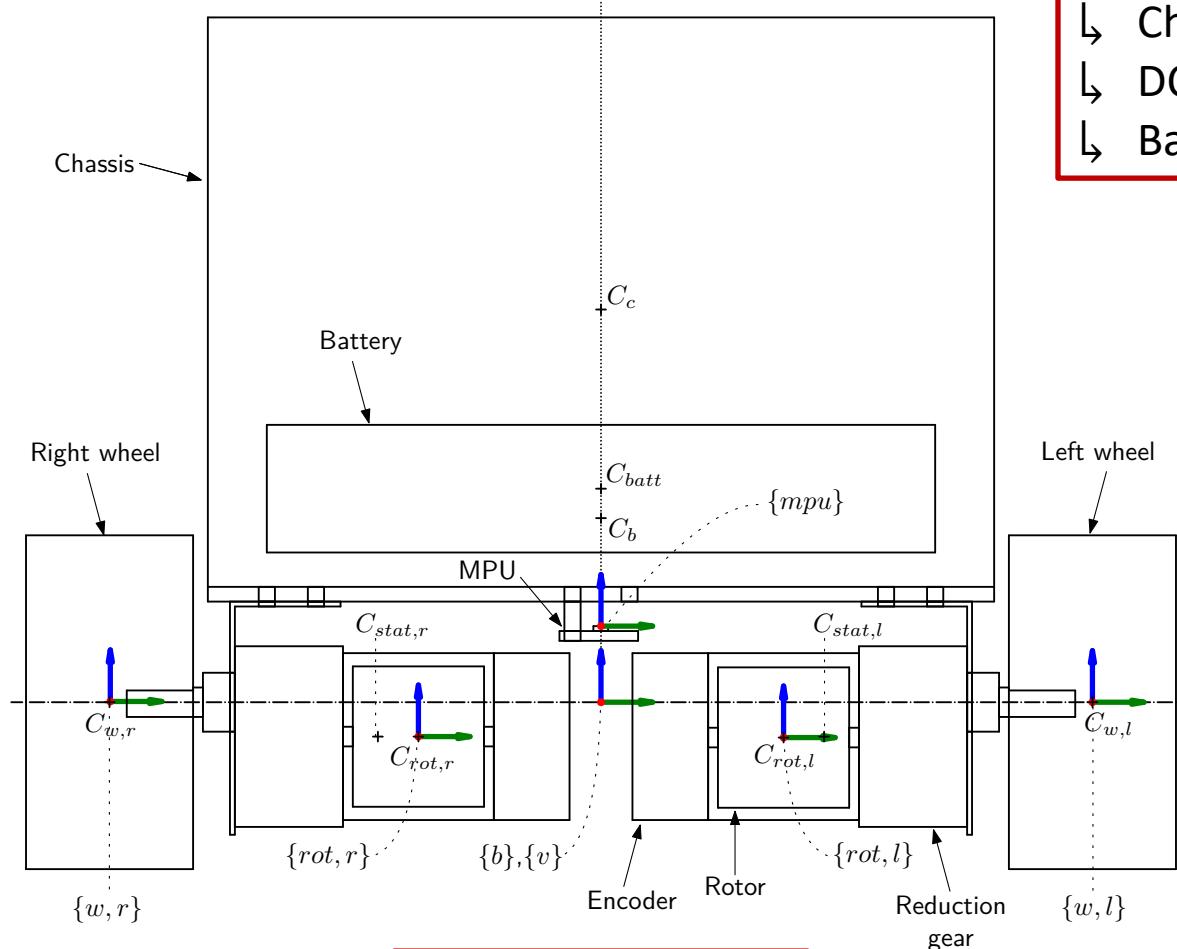


Modeling simplification:

a simplified *planar model* is used, by assuming that the motion is constrained along a straight line.

# Multi-body representation

**2) Wheels**



**1) Robot body:**

- ↳ Chassis
- ↳ DC motor stators
- ↳ Battery

**3) DC motor rotors**

# Multi-body representation

Rigid bodies have their own *geometrical* and *inertial properties*:

• Robot body				
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_b^b, y_b^b, z_b^b$	0, 0, 46.05	1.06	[mm]
Mass	$m_b$	4.22, 2.20, 2.65	1.06	[kg]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{b,xx}, I_{b,yy}, I_{b,zz}$	4.22, 2.20, 2.65	1.06	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]
↳ Robot chassis				
Dimensions (width, height, depth)	$w_c, h_c, d_c$	160, 119, 80	456	[mm]
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_c^b, y_c^b, z_c^b$	0, 0, 80	456	[mm]
Mass	$m_c$	1.5, 0.78, 1.2	456	[g]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{c,xx}, I_{c,yy}, I_{c,zz}$	1.5, 0.78, 1.2	456	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]
↳ Battery				
Dimensions (width, height, depth)	$w_{batt}, h_{batt}, d_{batt}$	136, 26, 44	320	[mm]
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_{batt}^b, y_{batt}^b, z_{batt}^b$	0, 0, 44	320	[mm]
Mass	$m_{batt}$	0.51, 0.07, 0.06	320	[g]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{batt,xx}, I_{batt,yy}, I_{batt,zz}$	0.51, 0.07, 0.06	320	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]
↳ DC gearmotor stator				
Dimensions (height, radius)	$h_{stat}, r_{stat}$	68.1, 17	139.75	[mm]
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_{stat}^b, y_{stat}^b, z_{stat}^b$	0, ±52.1, -7	0.064, 0.02	[mm]
Mass	$m_{stat}$	0.064, 0.02	0.064, 0.02	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{stat,xx} = I_{stat,zz}, I_{stat,yy}$	0.064, 0.02	0.064, 0.02	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]

# Multi-body representation

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- DC gearmotor rotor

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Dimensions (height, radius)	$h_{rot}, r_{rot}$	30.7, 15.3	[mm]
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_{rot}^b, y_{rot}^b, z_{rot}^b$	0, $\pm 42.7, -7$	[mm]
Mass	$m_{rot}$	75.25	[g]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{rot,xx} = I_{rot,zz}, I_{rot,yy}$	0.01, 0.009	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]

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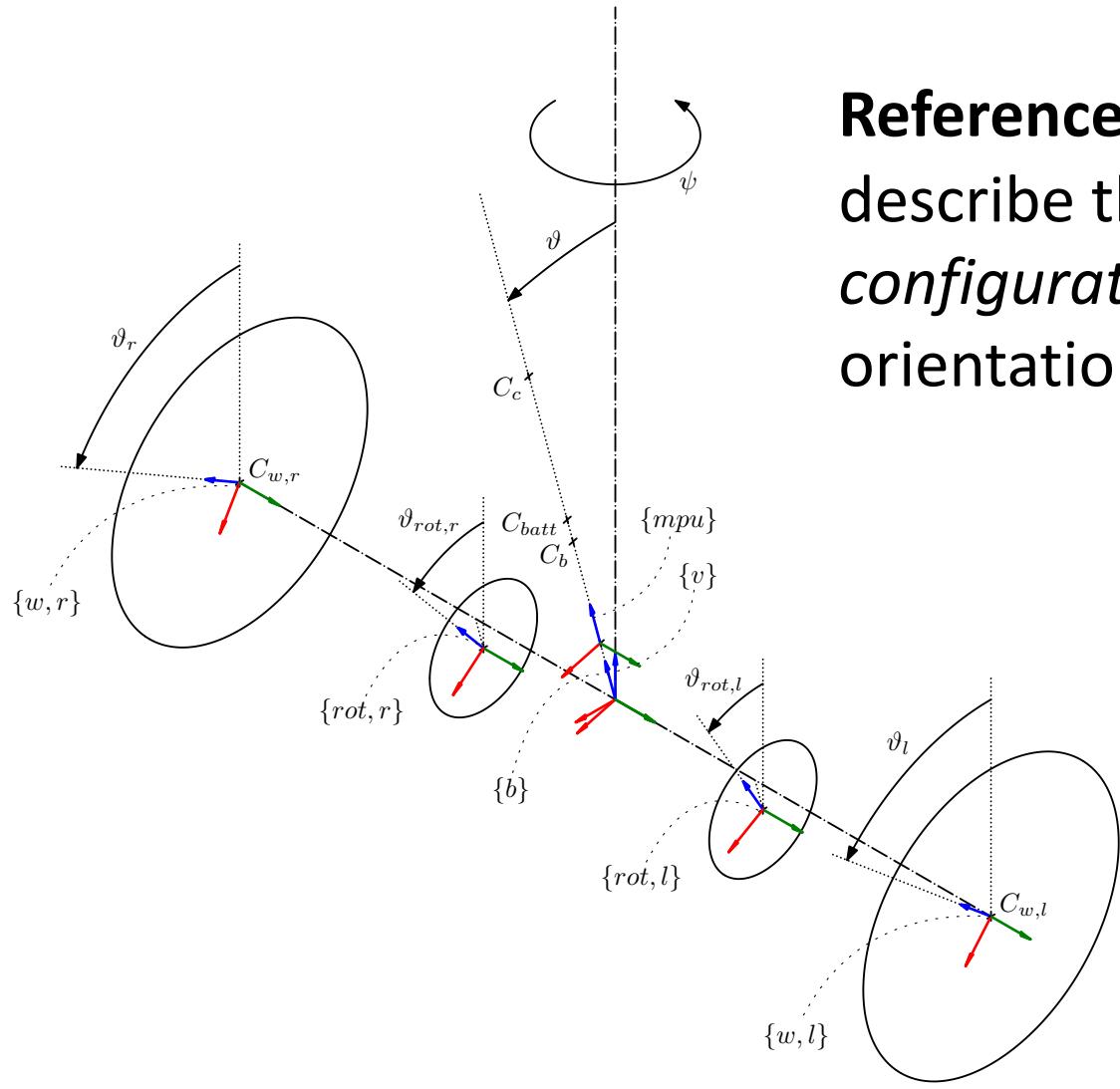
- Wheels

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Dimensions (height, radius)	$h_w, r_w$	26, 34	[mm]
Center-of-Mass coords wrt body frame $\{b\}$	$x_w^b, y_w^b, z_w^b$	0, $\pm 100, 0$	[mm]
Mass	$m_w$	50	[g]
Principal Moments-of-Inertia	$I_{w,xx} = I_{w,zz}, I_{w,yy}$	0.017, 0.029	[gm <sup>2</sup> ]

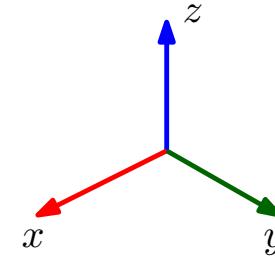
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# Multi-body representation

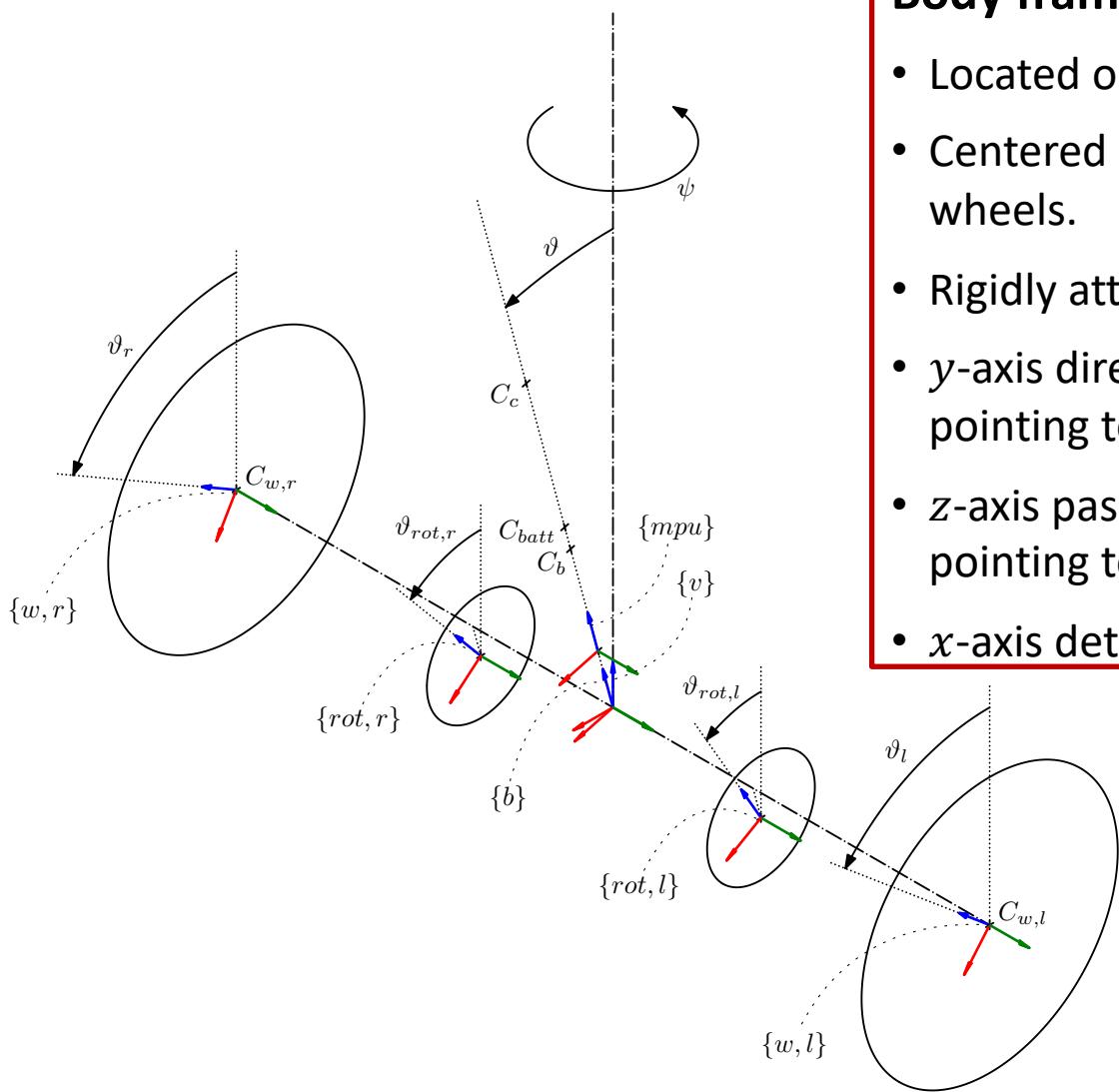


**Reference frames** are used to describe the robot *structure* and *configuration* (i.e. position and orientation of *each body* in space).

Reference frame color convention



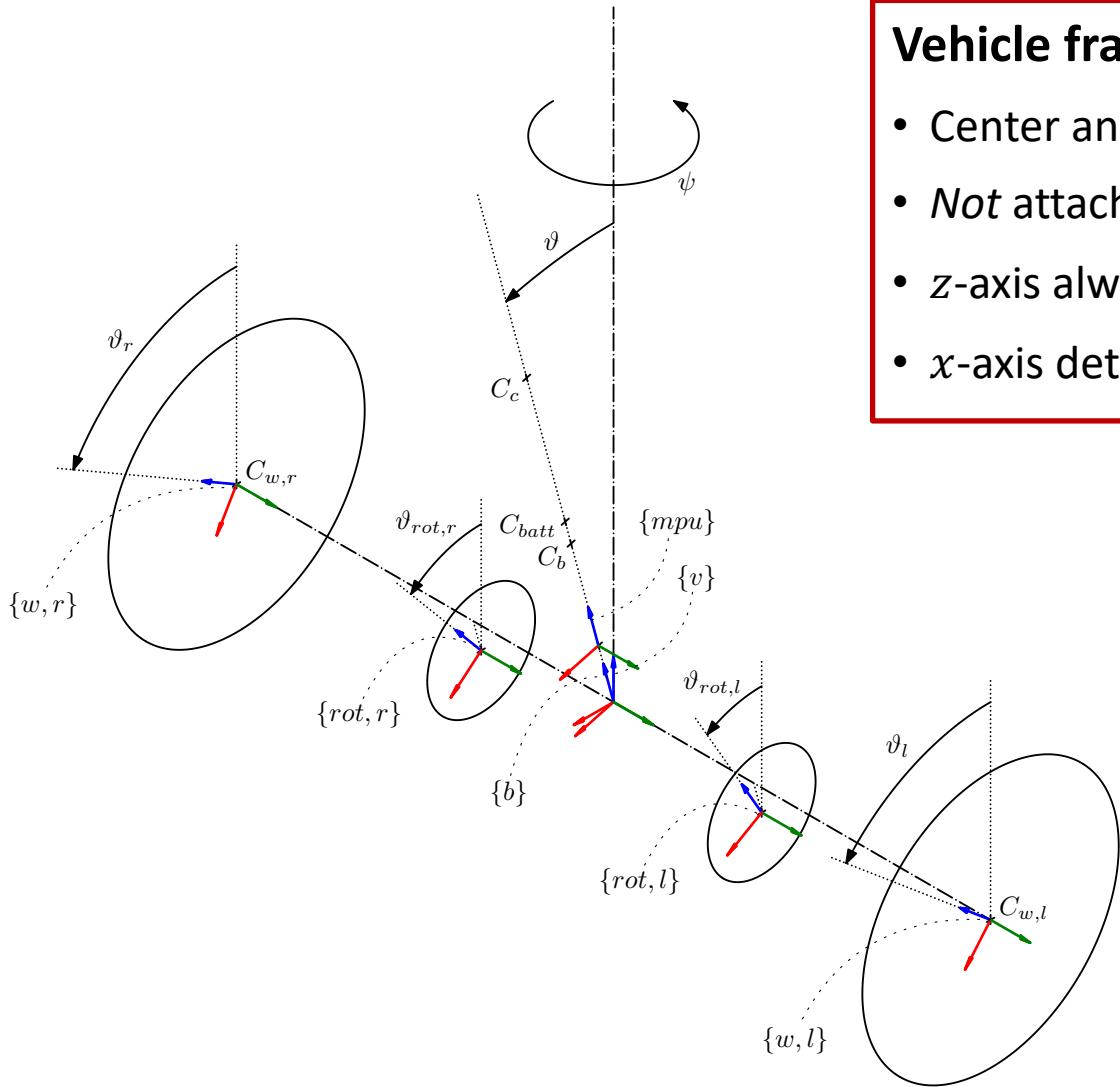
# Multi-body representation



## Body frame $\{b\}$

- Located on the wheels rotation axis.
- Centered on the midpoint between the two wheels.
- Rigidly attached to the robot chassis.
- $y$ -axis directed along the wheel axis, pointing toward the left wheel.
- $z$ -axis passing through the body CoM, pointing toward it.
- $x$ -axis determined by the right-hand rule.

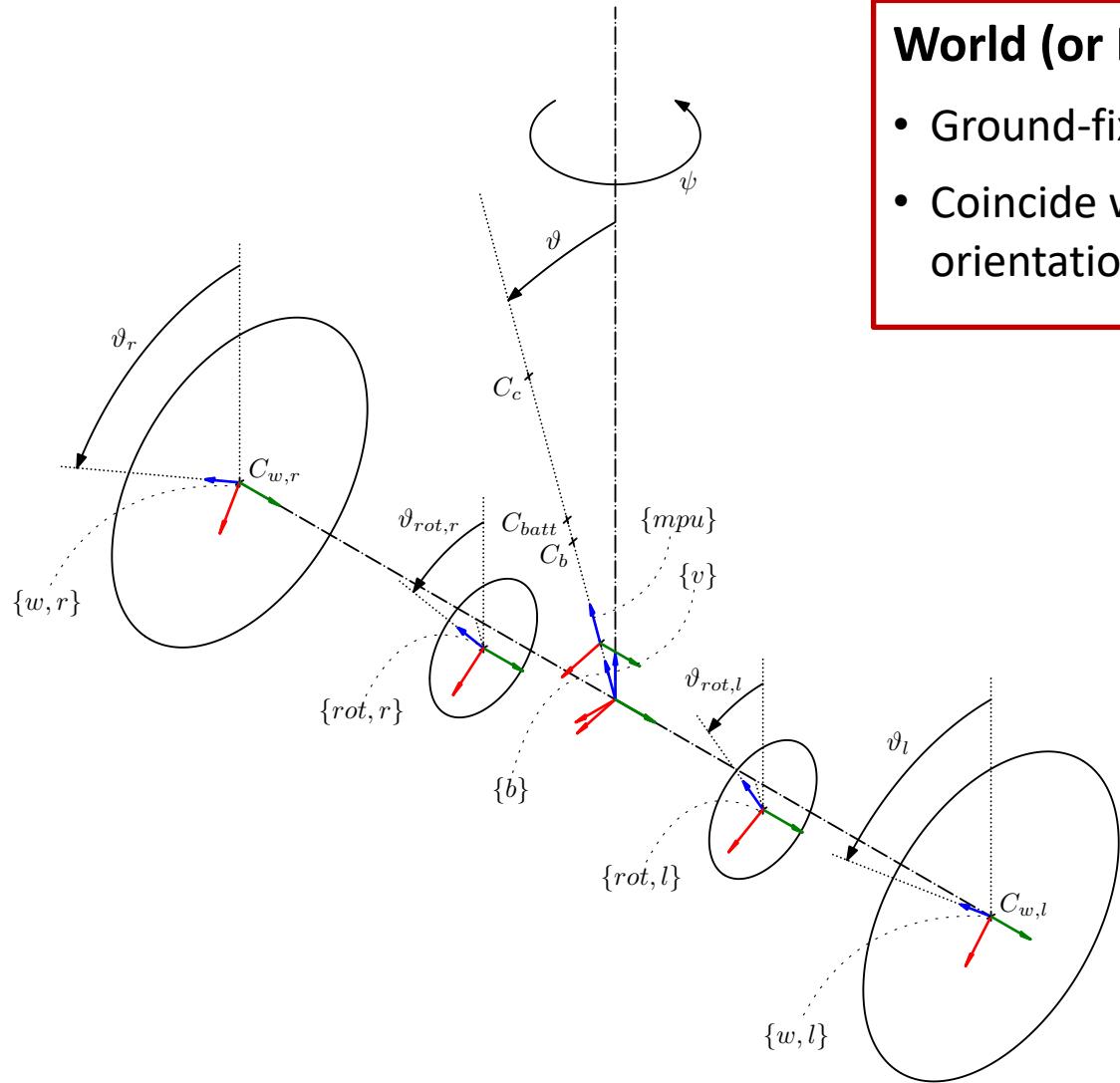
# Multi-body representation



## Vehicle frame $\{v\}$

- Center and  $y$ -axis as the body frame.
- *Not* attached to the robot chassis.
- $z$ -axis always opposed to the gravity vector.
- $x$ -axis determined by the right-hand rule.

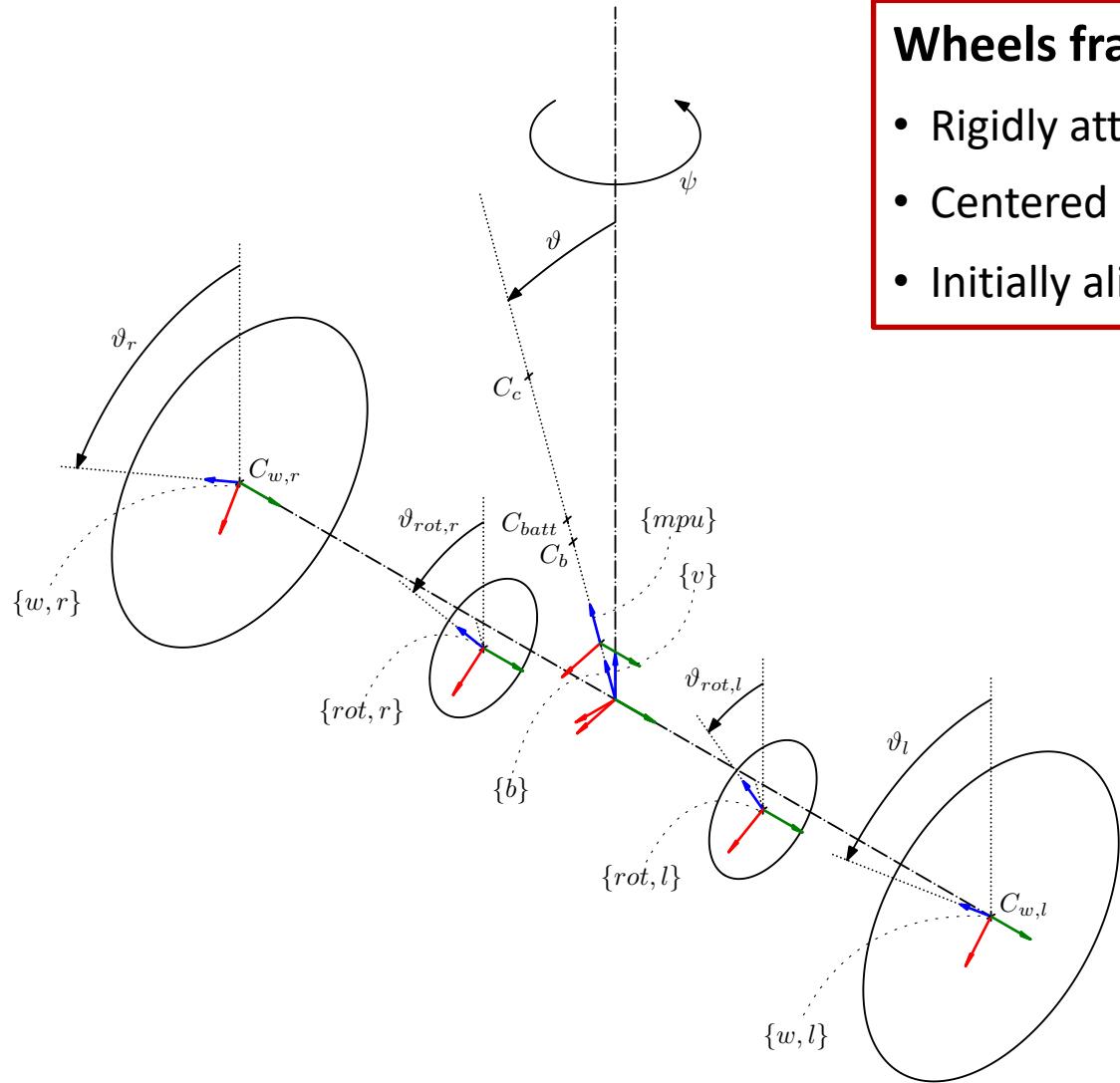
# Multi-body representation



## World (or Earth) frame $\{o\}$

- Ground-fixed position and orientation.
- Coincide with the initial position and orientation of the vehicle frame.

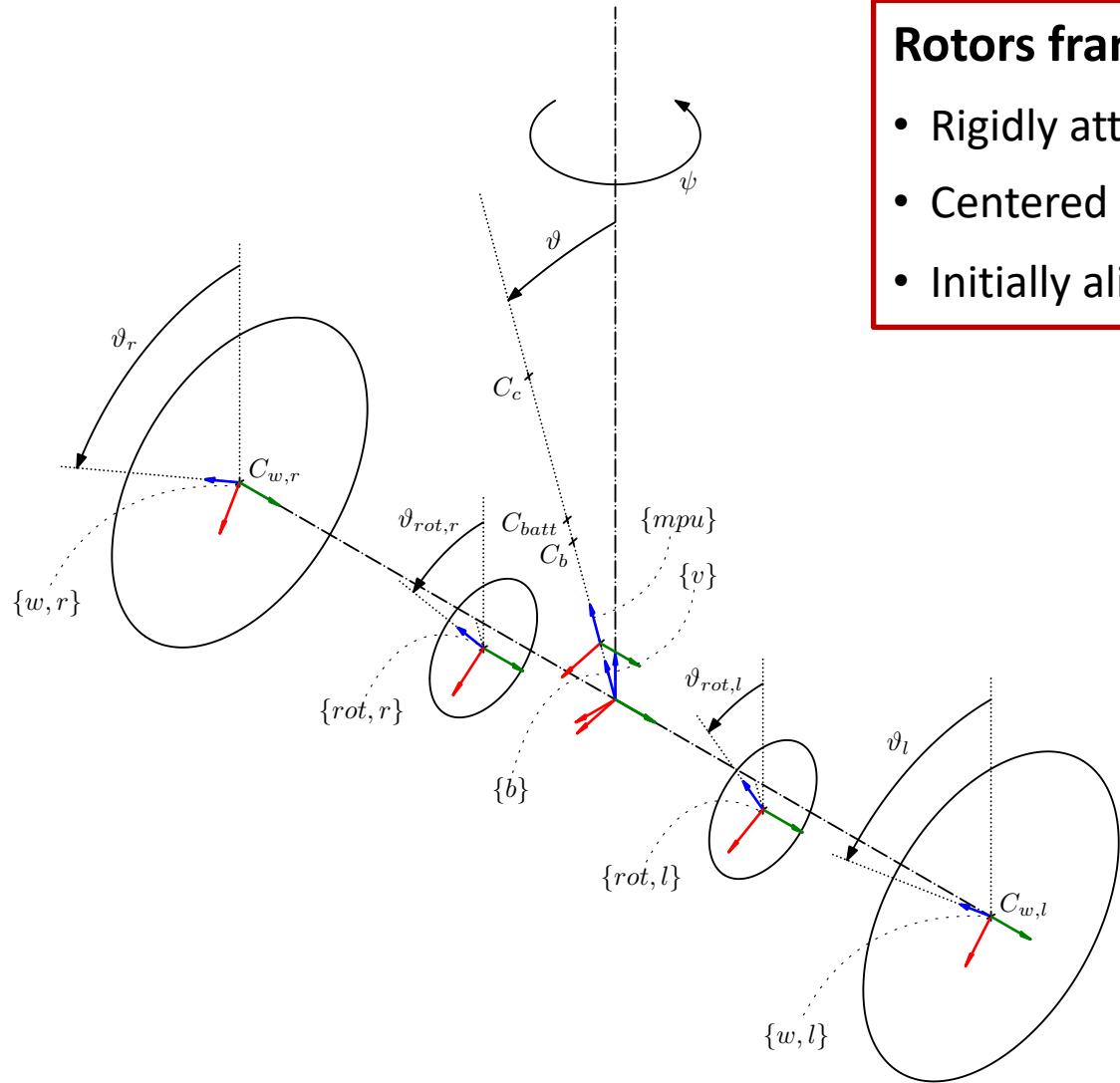
# Multi-body representation



## Wheels frames $\{w, l\}$ , $\{w, r\}$

- Rigidly attached to the wheels bodies.
- Centered on the wheels CoM.
- Initially aligned with the vehicle frame.

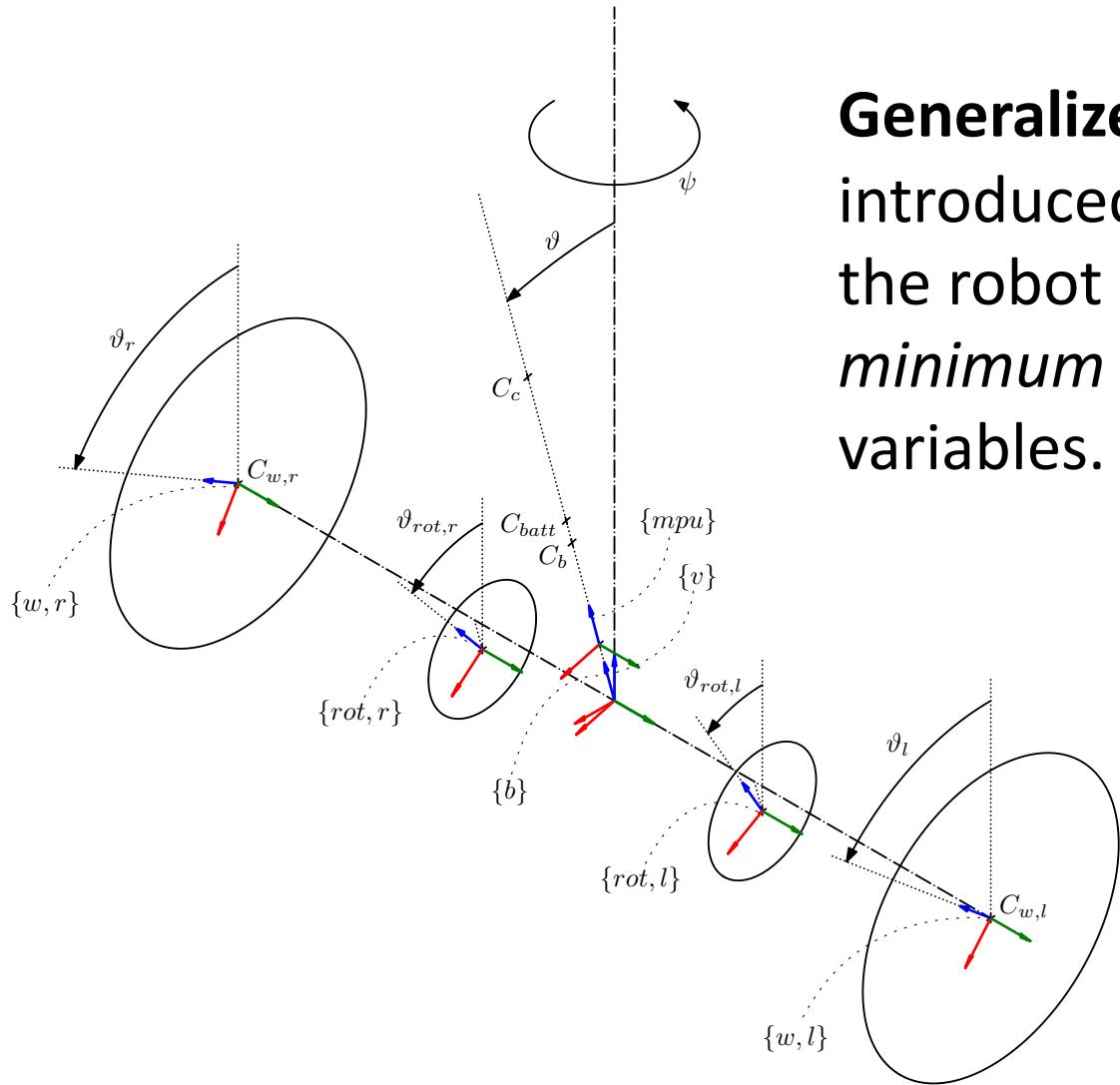
# Multi-body representation



**Rotors frames  $\{rot, l\}, \{rot, r\}$**

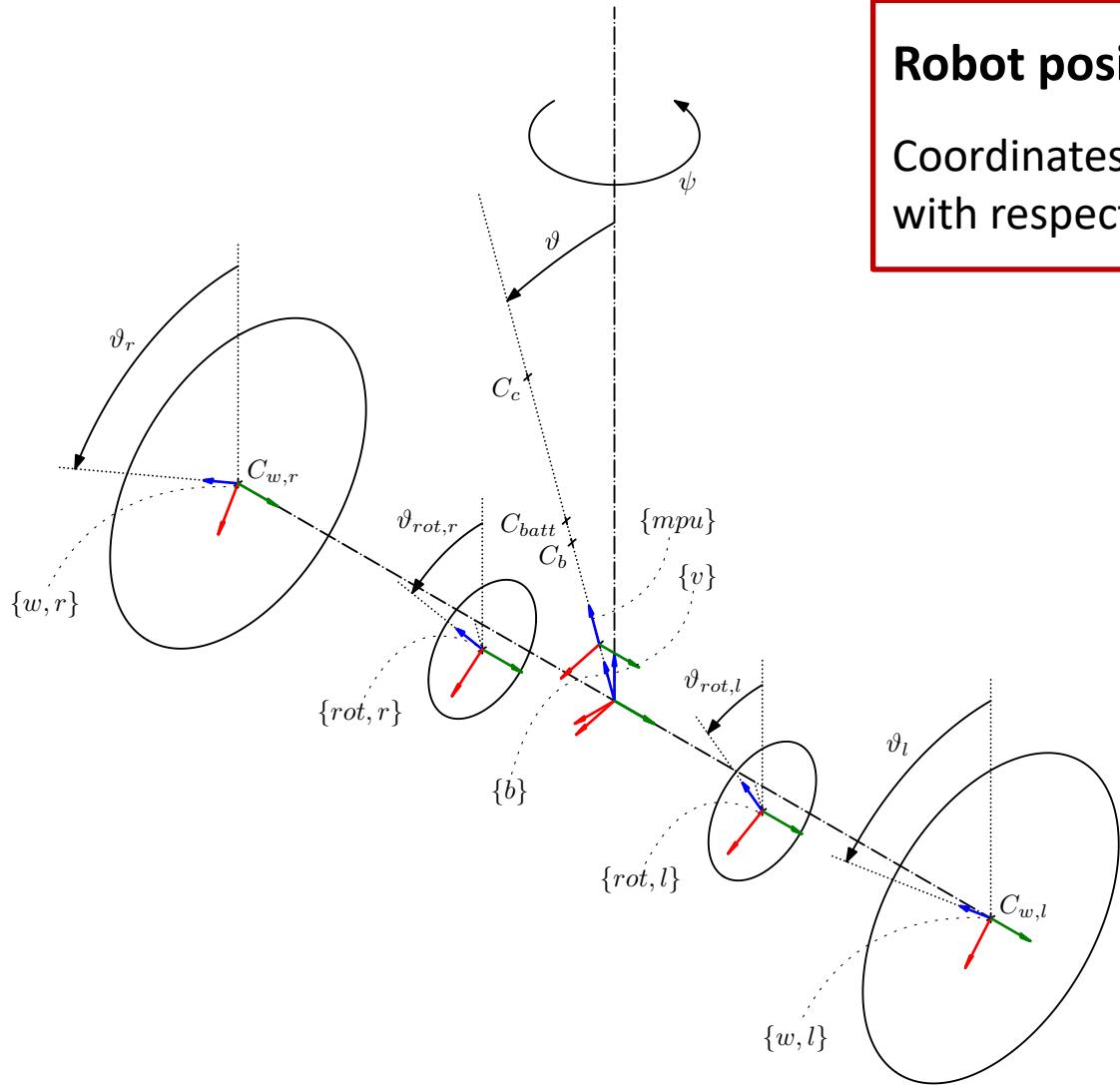
- Rigidly attached to the motors rotors.
- Centered on the rotors CoM.
- Initially aligned with the vehicle frame.

# Generalized coordinates



**Generalized coordinates** are introduced to *uniquely* describe the robot configuration with a *minimum* set of independent variables.

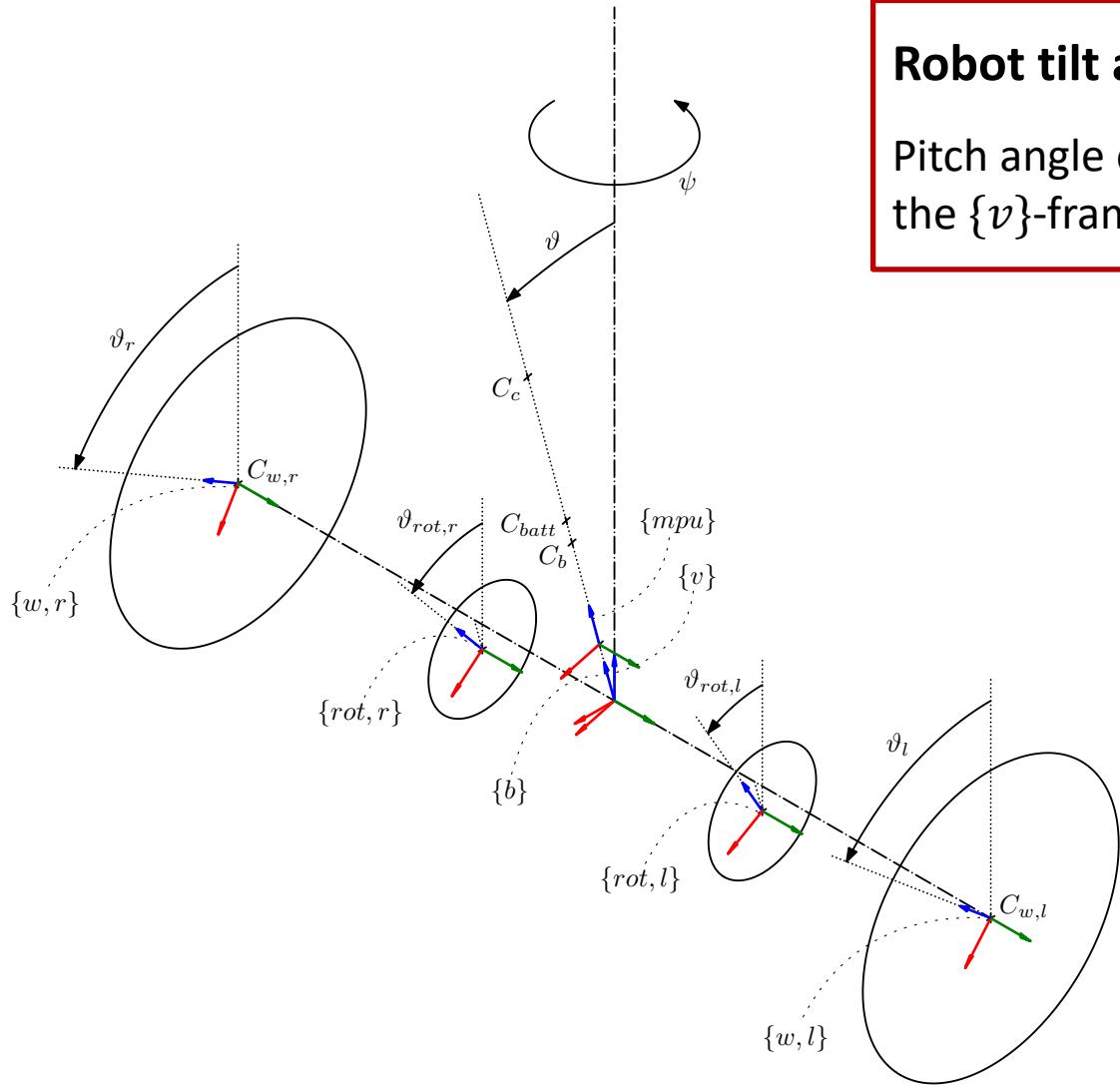
# Generalized coordinates



**Robot position**  $p_v^o = [x_v, y_v, z_v]^T$

Coordinates of the origin of the  $\{v\}$ -frame with respect to the  $\{o\}$ -frame.

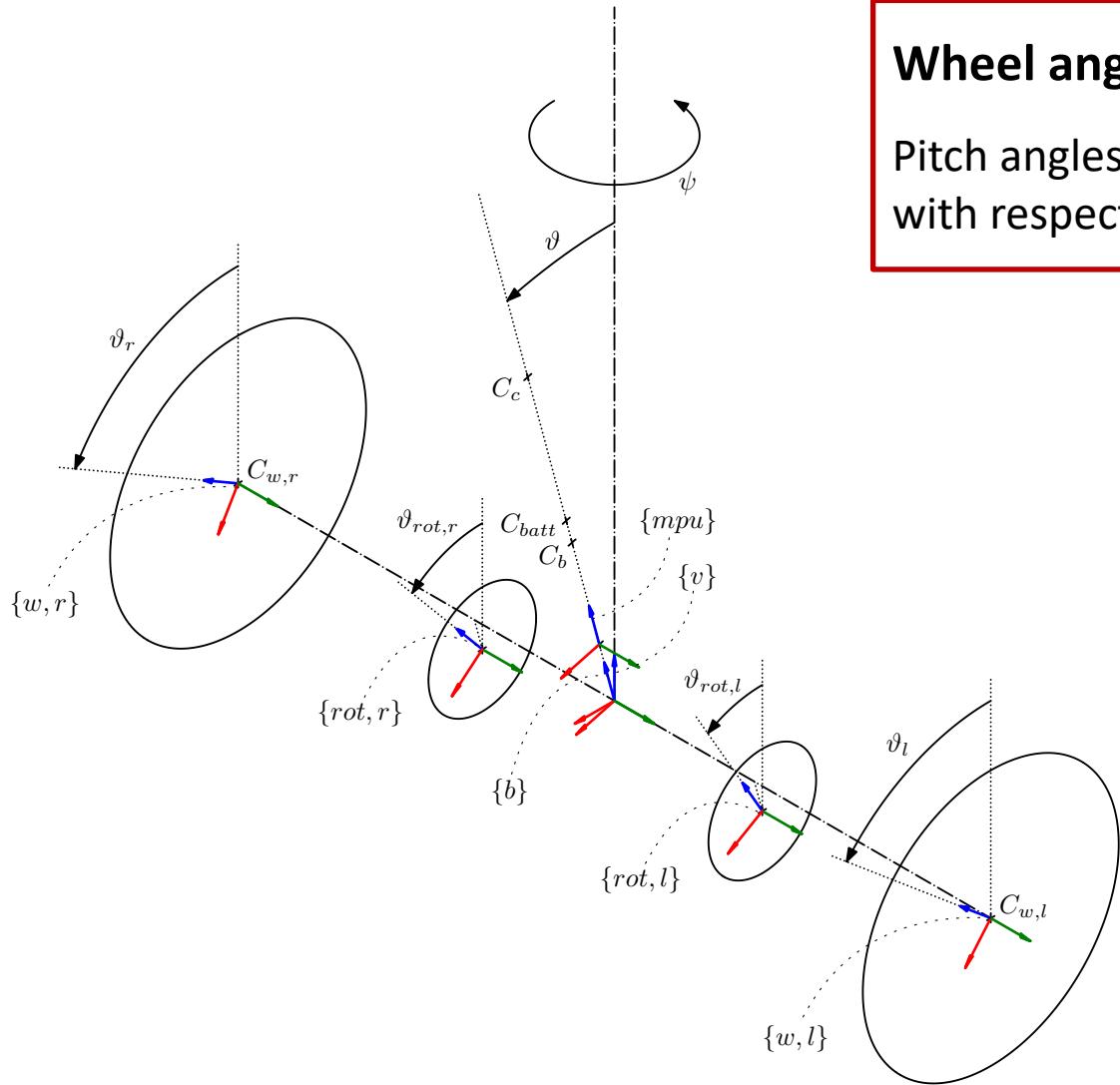
# Generalized coordinates



**Robot tilt angle  $\vartheta$**

Pitch angle of the  $\{b\}$ -frame with respect to the  $\{v\}$ -frame.

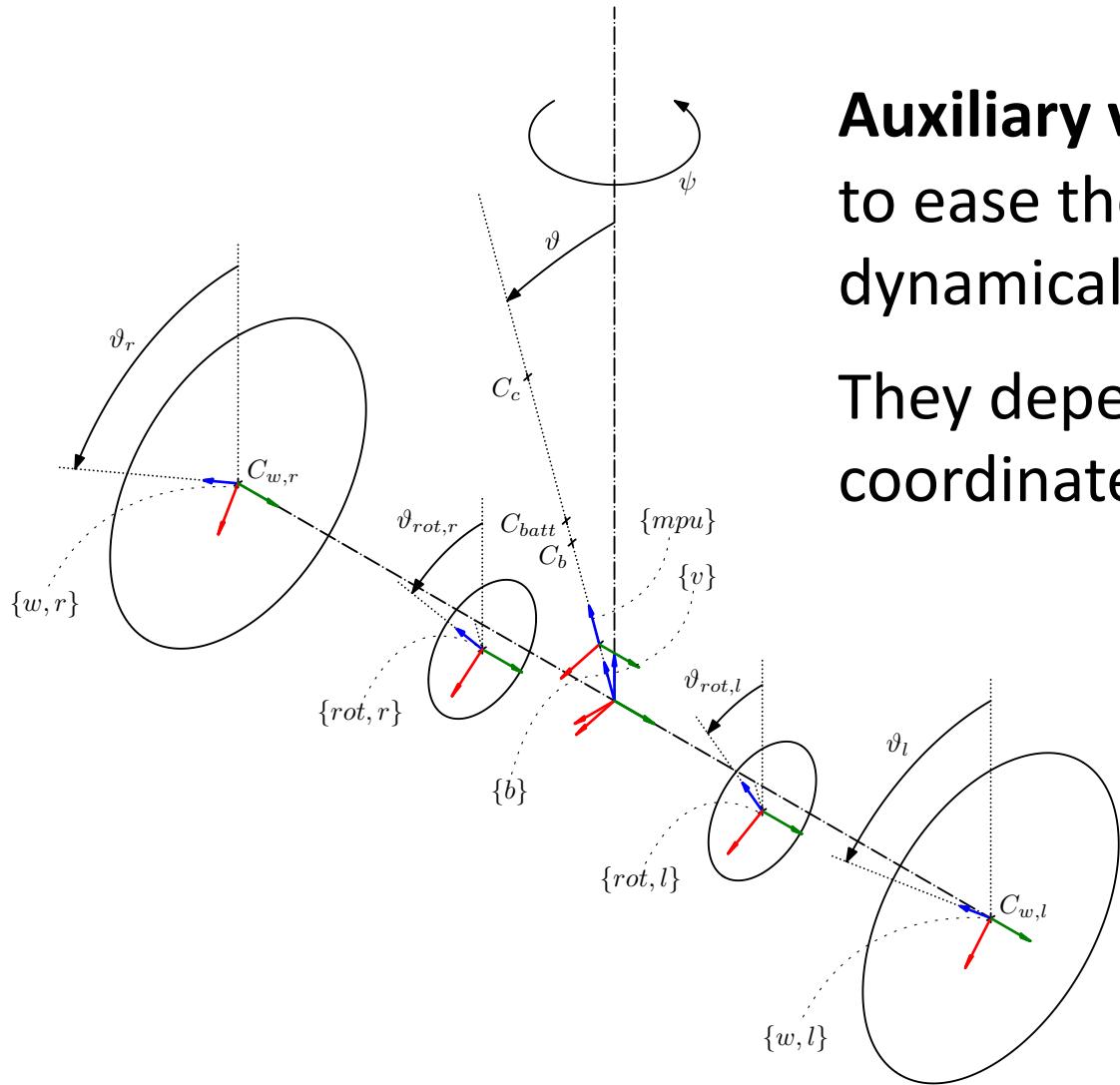
# Generalized coordinates



**Wheel angles  $\vartheta_l$  and  $\vartheta_r$**

Pitch angles of the  $\{w, l\}$  and  $\{w, r\}$  frames with respect to the  $\{v\}$ -frame.

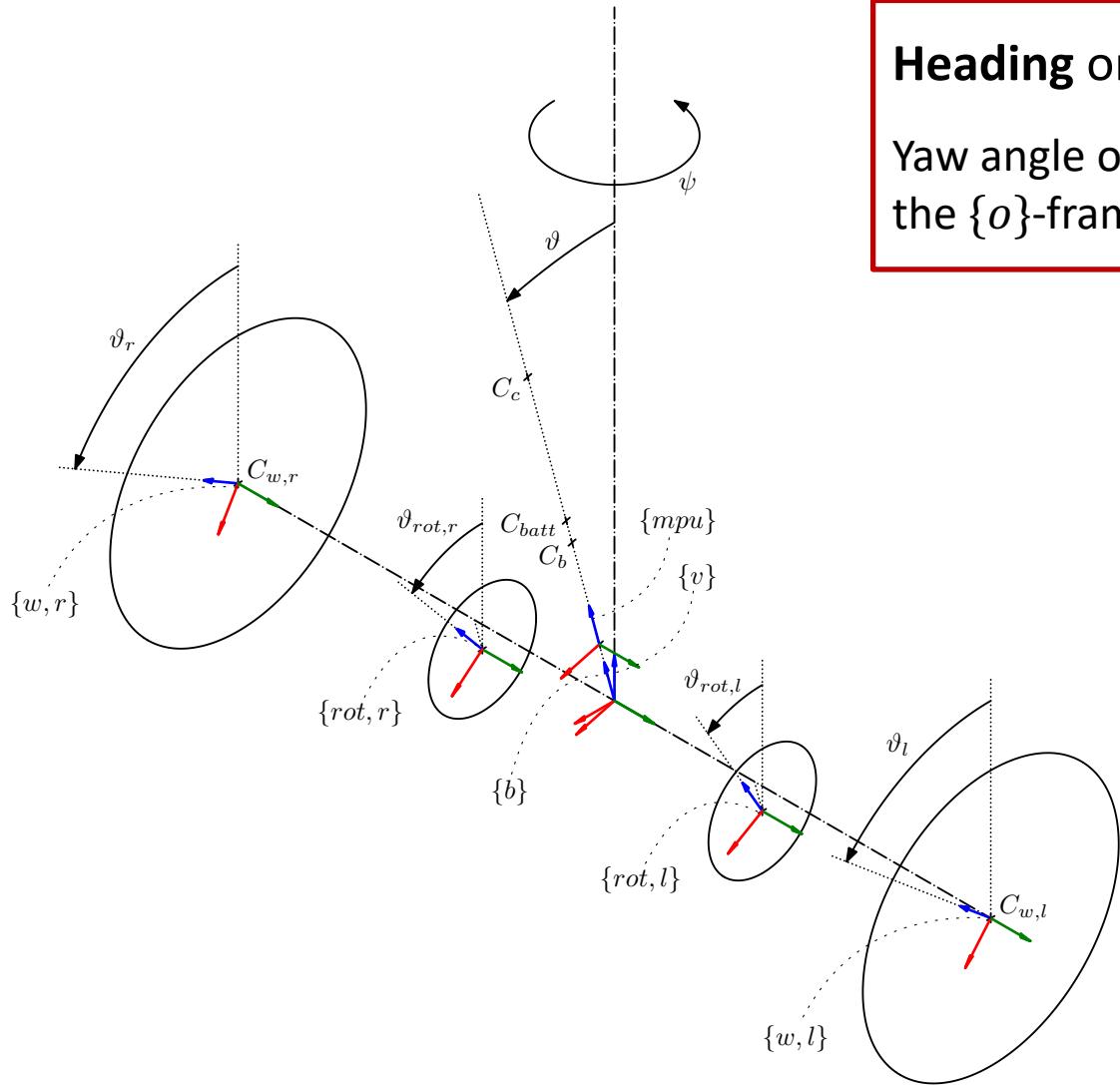
# Generalized coordinates



**Auxiliary variables** are introduced to ease the derivation of the dynamical model.

They depend on the generalized coordinates.

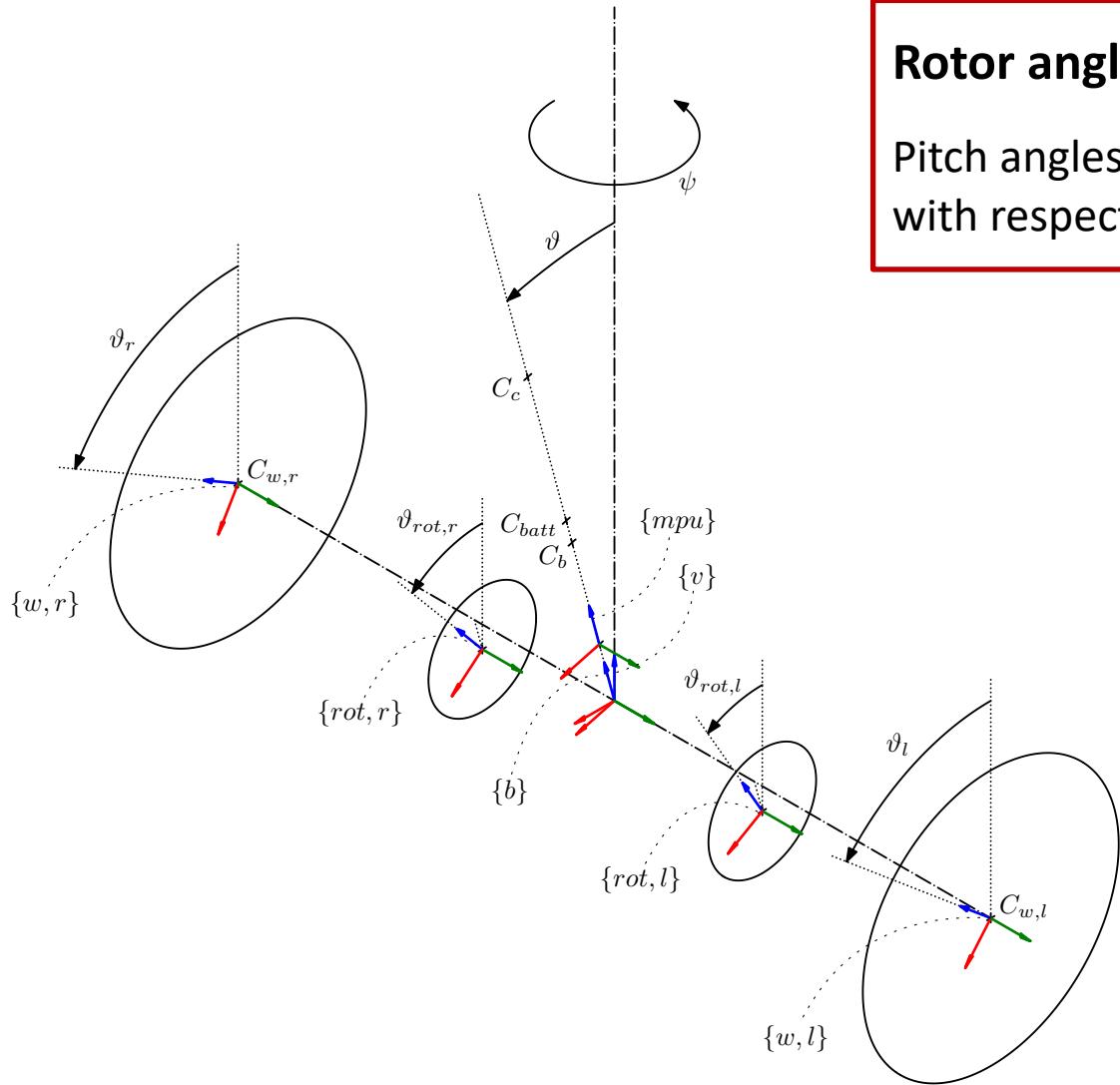
# Generalized coordinates



**Heading or yaw angle  $\psi$**

Yaw angle of the  $\{v\}$ -frame with respect to the  $\{o\}$ -frame.

# Generalized coordinates



**Rotor angles  $\vartheta_{rot,l}$  and  $\vartheta_{rot,r}$**

Pitch angles of the  $\{rot, l\}$  and  $\{rot, r\}$  frames with respect to the  $\{v\}$ -frame.

# Generalized coordinates

Auxiliary variables depend on the generalized coordinates because of the presence of **kinematics constraints**:

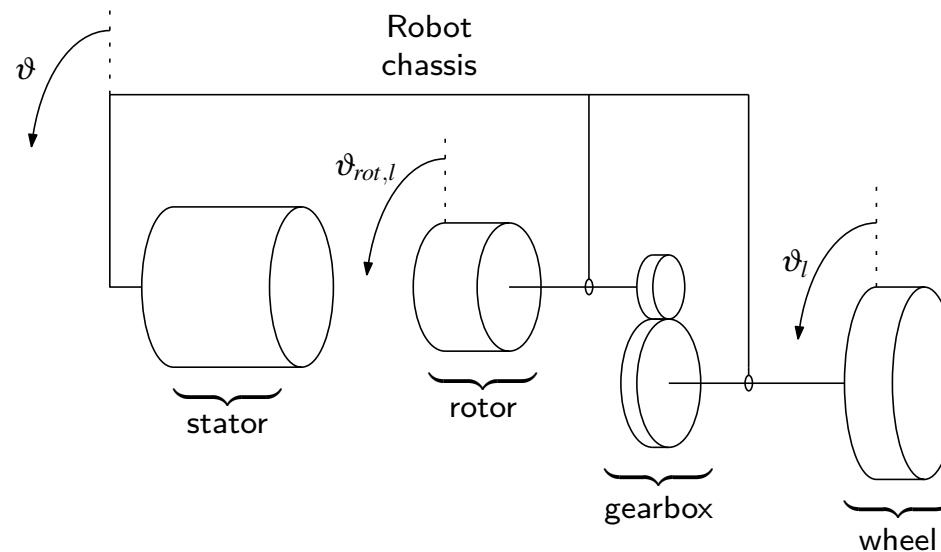
- *Gearbox mechanical coupling*: relate the rotors angles  $\vartheta_{rot,l/r}$  to wheels angles  $\vartheta_{l/r}$  and robot tilt angle  $\vartheta$ .
- *No side-slip and pure rolling conditions*: relate the robot heading angle  $\psi$  to the wheels angles  $\vartheta_{l/r}$  .

# Generalized coordinates

Gearbox mechanical coupling: let

$$\Delta\vartheta_l = \vartheta_l - \vartheta, \quad \Delta\vartheta_{rot,l} = \vartheta_{rot,l} - \vartheta$$

be the angles by which the rotor and wheel rotates with respect to the robot body.

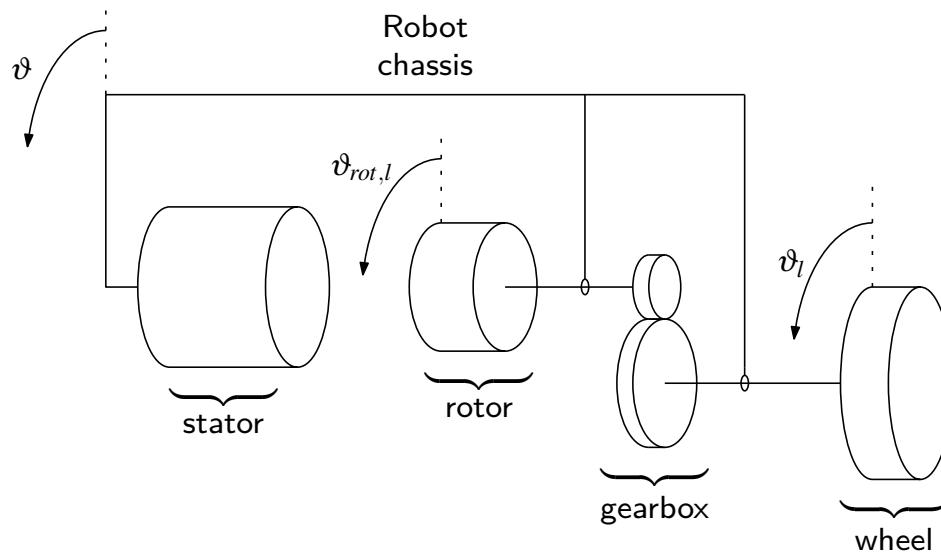


# Generalized coordinates

The gearbox imposes that:

$$\Delta\vartheta_{rot,l} = N \Delta\vartheta_l \Rightarrow \vartheta_{rot,l} = \vartheta + N(\vartheta_l - \vartheta)$$

A similar result holds for the right rotor angle  $\vartheta_{rot,r}$ .



# Generalized coordinates

No side-slip and pure rolling conditions: the velocity of the wheel center is parallel to the wheel sagittal plane, and is proportional to the wheel rotational velocity.

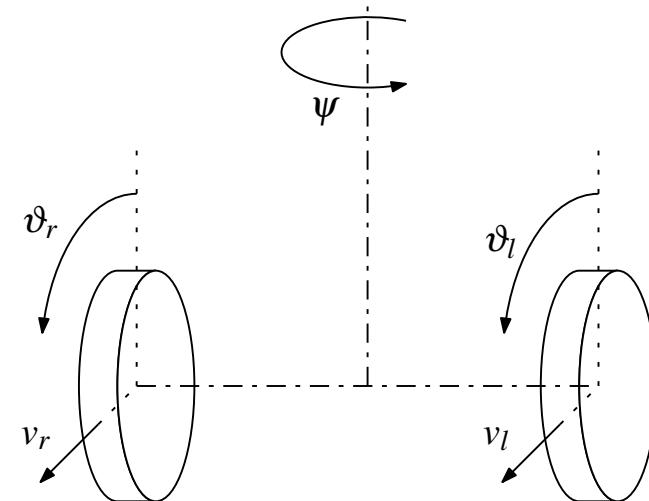
$$w \dot{\psi} = v_r - v_l, \quad v_l = r \dot{\vartheta}_l \\ v_r = r \dot{\vartheta}_r$$



$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{r}{w} (\dot{\vartheta}_r - \dot{\vartheta}_l)$$



$$\psi = \psi(0) + \frac{r}{w} (\vartheta_r - \vartheta_l)$$



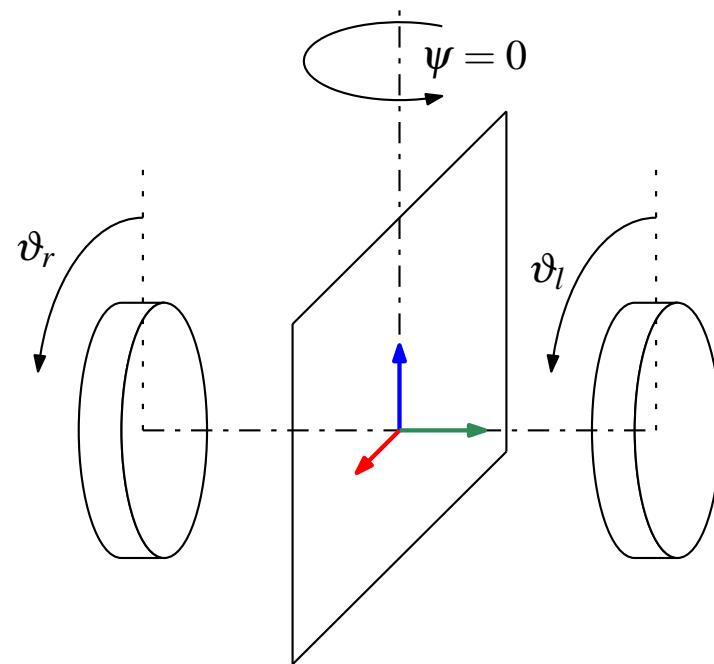
$r$  : wheel radius

$w$  : distance between wheels ( $w = 2|y_w^b|$ )

# Planar model simplification

Planar model simplification: the robot moves along a *straight line*, i.e. the heading angle is *constant*.

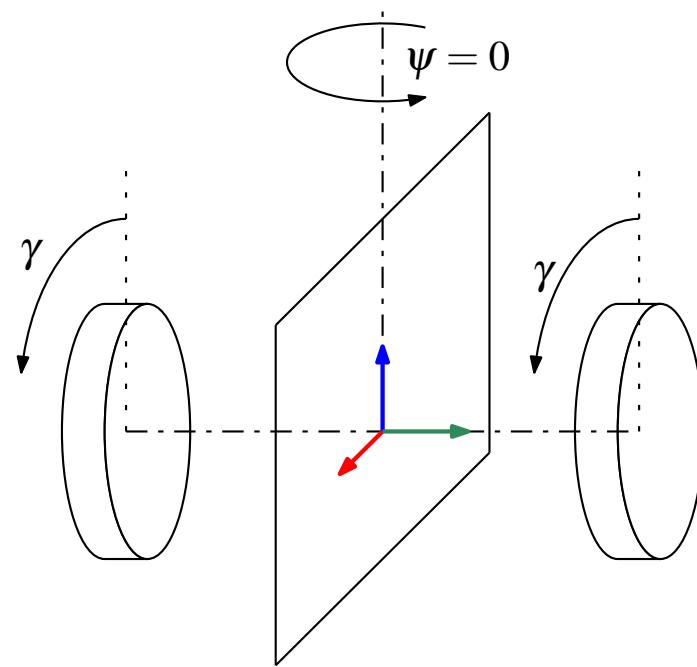
W.l.o.g. assume  $\psi = 0$  so that  $y_v = 0$  and the motion is confined on the  $xz$ -plane of the world frame  $\{o\}$ .



# Planar model simplification

If the robot moves along a straight line, the wheels angles  $\vartheta_{l/r}$  are identical. Let

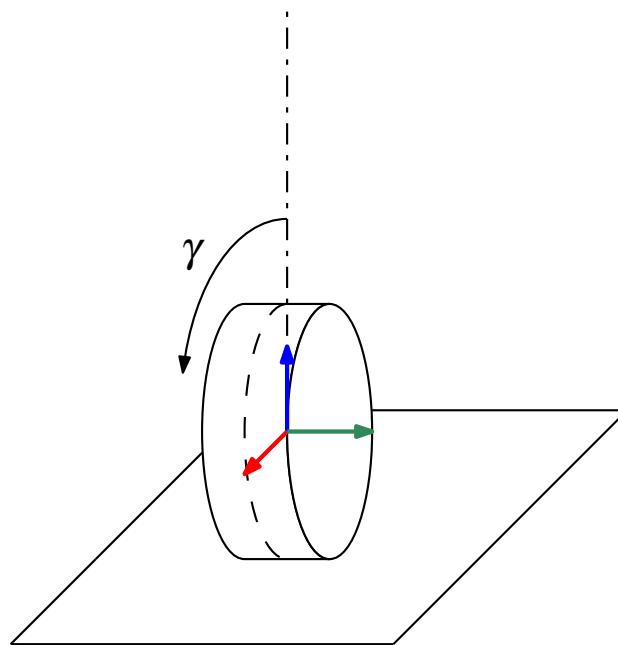
$\gamma \triangleq$  common value of the two wheels angles



# Planar model simplification

W.l.o.g. assume also that the robot moves on a horizontal flat surface, so that:

$$z_v = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_v = r\gamma$$



# Derivation of the analytical model

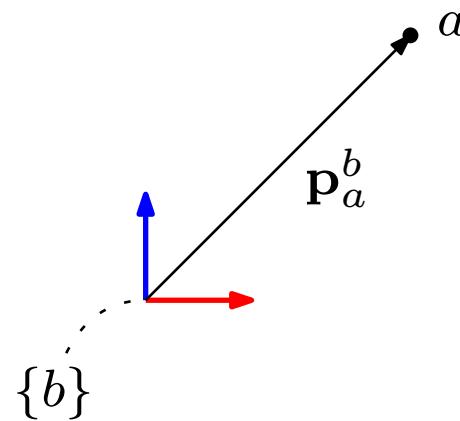
The Equations-of-Motion (EoM) are derived by using the **Lagrangian approach**:

- 1) obtain the *kinematic equations* of each body;
- 2) compute the *kinetic* and *potential energies* of each body;
- 3) compute the *Lagrangian function*;
- 4) obtain the EoM by evaluating the *Lagrange equations*.

# Derivation of the analytical model

## Notation:

$\mathbf{p}_a^b = [x_a^b, z_a^b]^T$  : **position vector** of point  $a$ , expressed with respect to frame  $\{b\}$ .

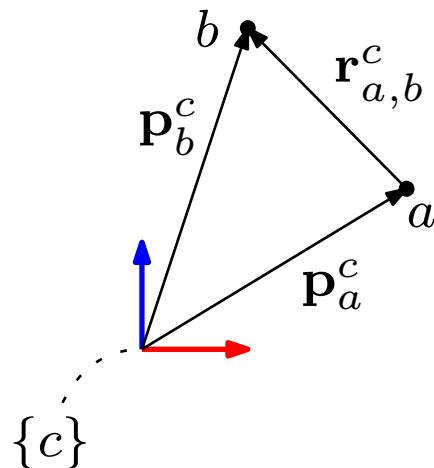


If  $\{b\}$  coincides with the world frame  $\{o\}$ , then the superscripts in the position coordinates are omitted.

# Derivation of the analytical model

## Notation:

$\mathbf{r}_{a,b}^c = [x_{a,b}^c, z_{a,b}^c]^T$  : **displacement vector** from point  $a$  to point  $b$ , expressed with respect to frame  $\{c\}$ .

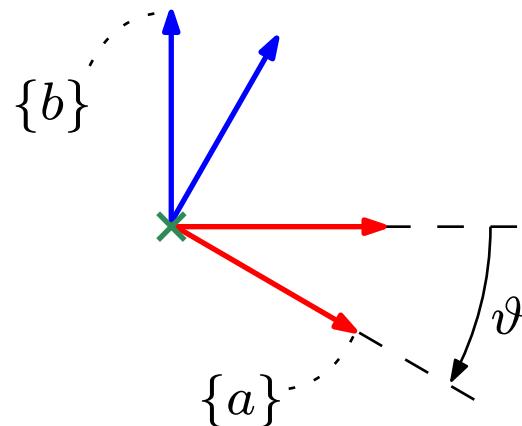


$$\mathbf{r}_{a,b}^c = \mathbf{p}_b^c - \mathbf{p}_a^c$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Notation:

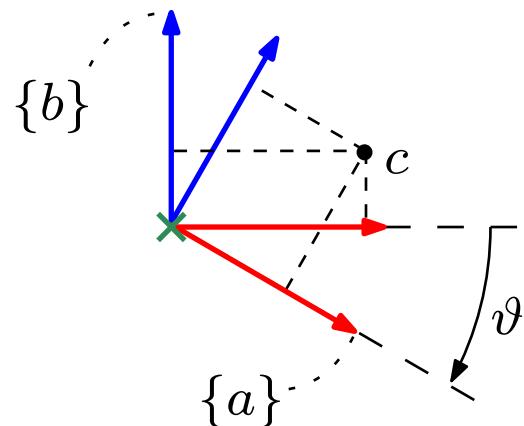
$R_a^b$  : **rotation matrix** of frame  $\{a\}$  w.r.t.  $\{b\}$ .



$$R_a^b = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta \\ -\sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

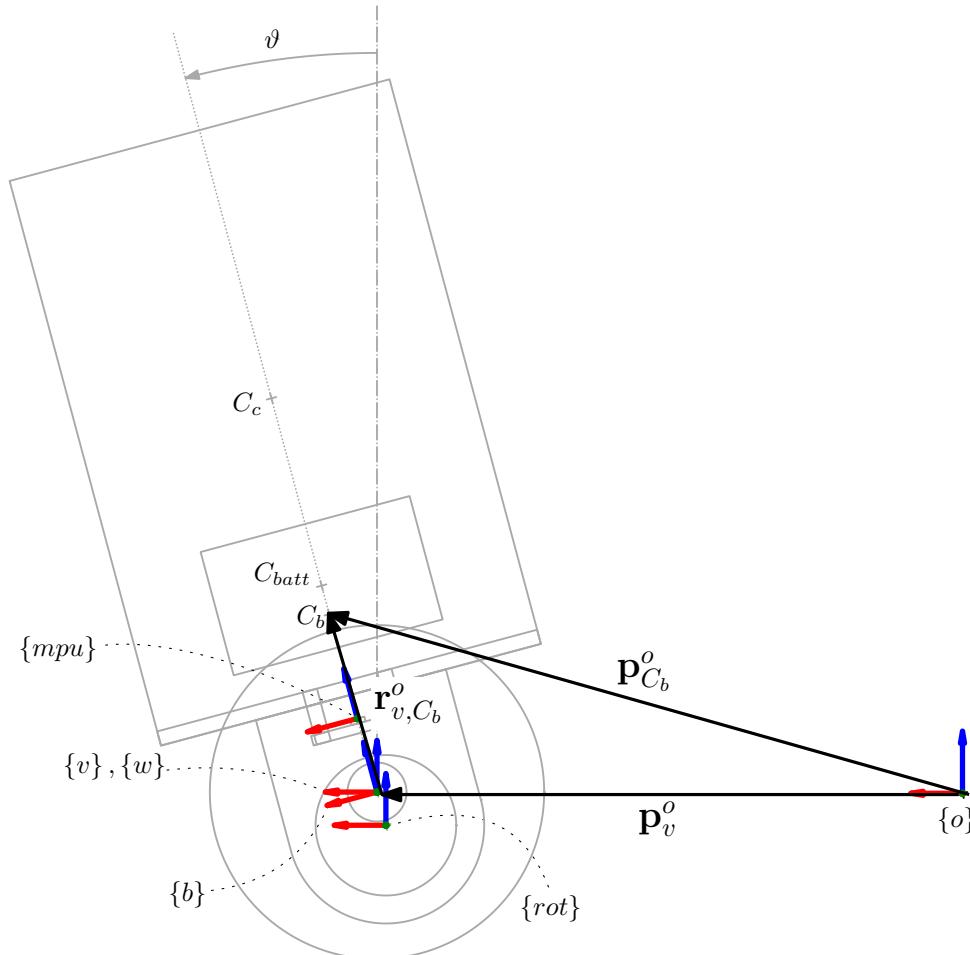
Note: the rotation matrix can be used to express a given position vector w.r.t. a different reference frame.



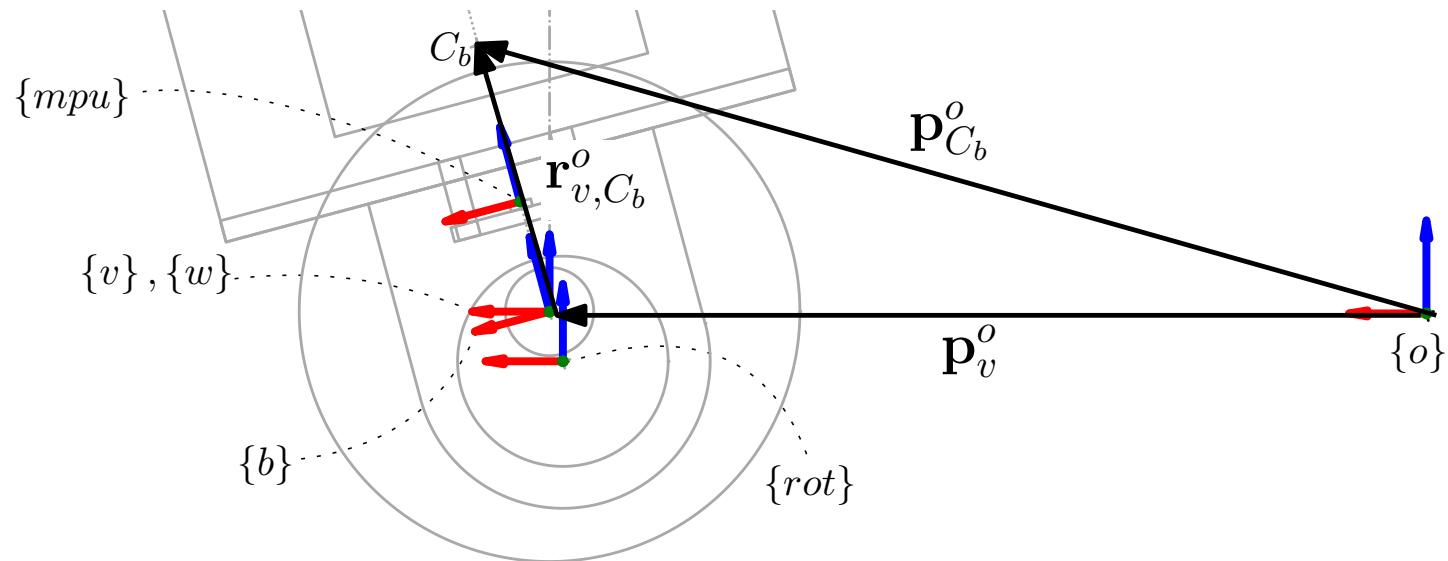
$$\mathbf{p}_c^b = \mathbf{R}_a^b \mathbf{p}_c^a$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Robot body kinematics:



# Derivation of the analytical model

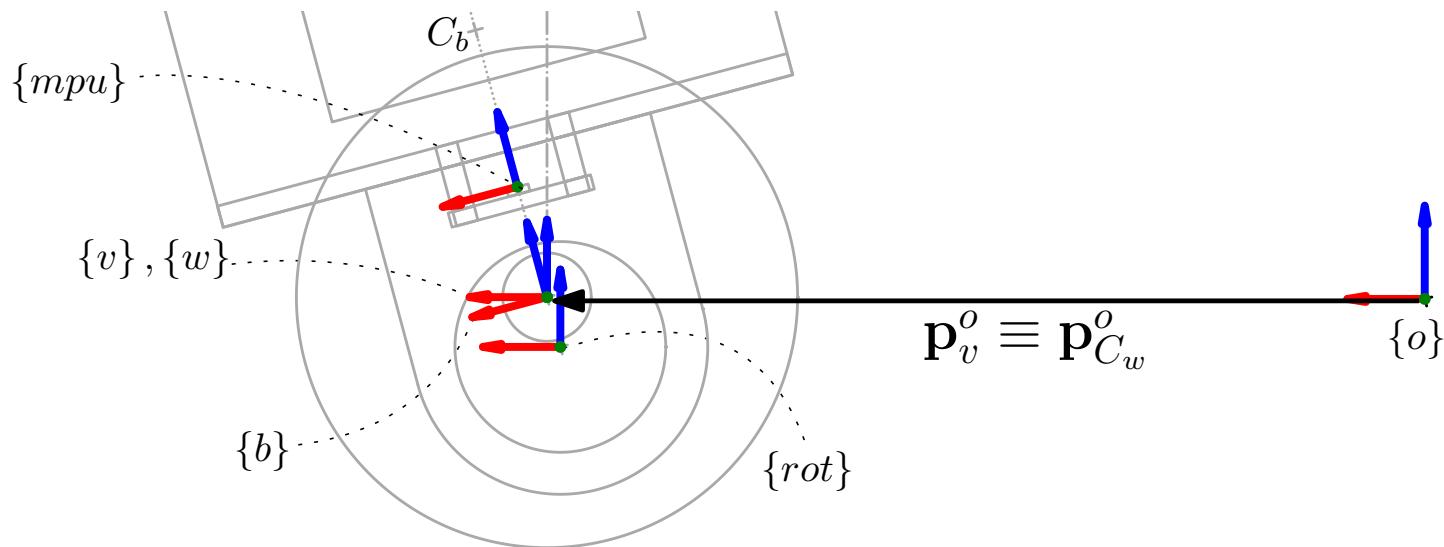


$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{C_b}^o &= p_v^o + r_{v,C_b}^o = p_v^o + R_b^o p_{C_b}^b = \dots \\
 \dots &= \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \sin\vartheta \\ -\sin\vartheta & \cos\vartheta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma + l\sin\vartheta \\ l\cos\vartheta \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{p}_{C_b}^o = \dot{p}_v^o + \frac{dR_b^o}{dt} p_{C_b}^b + R_b^o \dot{p}_{C_b}^b = \begin{bmatrix} r\dot{\gamma} + l\cos\vartheta\dot{\vartheta} \\ -l\sin\vartheta\dot{\vartheta} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Wheel kinematics:

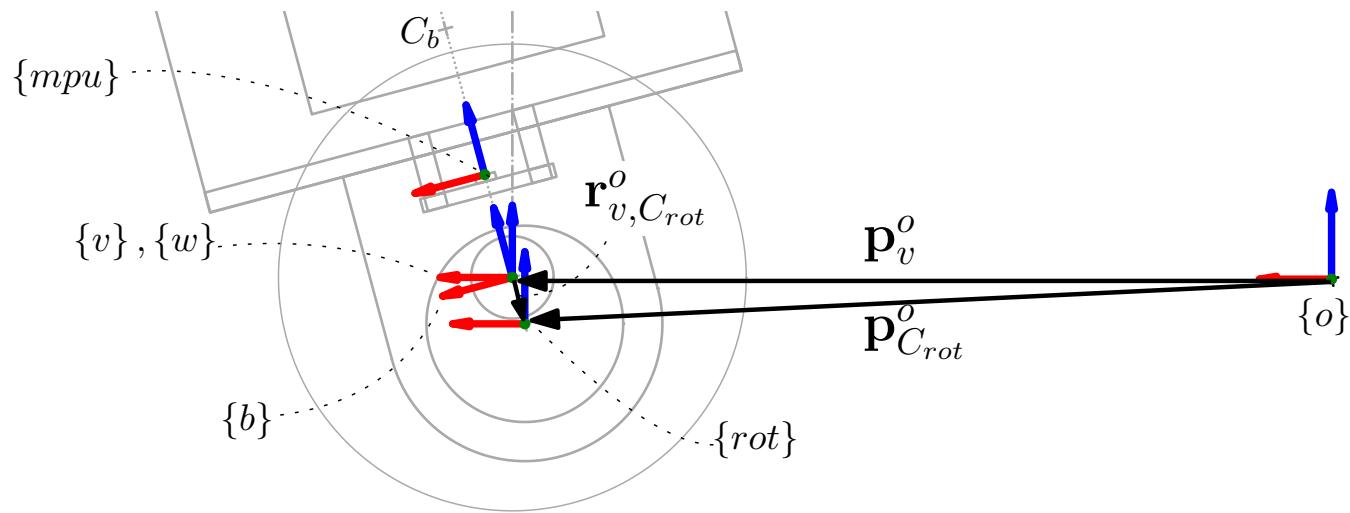


$$\mathbf{p}_{C_w}^o = \mathbf{p}_v^o + \mathbf{r}_{v,C_w}^o = \mathbf{p}_v^o = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_w}^o = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_v^o = \begin{bmatrix} r\dot{\gamma} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Rotor kinematics:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{p}_{C_{rot}}^o &= \mathbf{p}_v^o + \mathbf{r}_{v,C_{rot}}^o = \mathbf{p}_v^o + \mathbf{R}_b^o \mathbf{p}_{C_{rot}}^b = \dots \\
 \dots &= \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \sin\vartheta \\ -\sin\vartheta & \cos\vartheta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z_{rot}^b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma + z_{rot}^b \sin\vartheta \\ z_{rot}^b \cos\vartheta \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{rot}}^o = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_v^o + \frac{d\mathbf{R}_b^o}{dt} \mathbf{p}_{C_{rot}}^b + \mathbf{R}_b^o \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{rot,l}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} r\dot{\gamma} + z_{rot}^b \cos\vartheta \dot{\vartheta} \\ -z_{rot}^b \sin\vartheta \dot{\vartheta} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Robot body kinetic and potential energies:

$$T_b = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m_b (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_b}^o)^T (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_b}^o)}_{\text{Translational kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} I_{b,yy} \dot{\vartheta}^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy}} = \dots$$
$$\dots = \frac{1}{2} m_b r^2 \dot{\gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (I_{b,yy} + m_b l^2) \dot{\vartheta}^2 + m_b r l \cos \vartheta \dot{\gamma} \dot{\vartheta}$$

$$U_b = m_b g z_{C_b} = m_b g l \cos \vartheta$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Wheel kinetic and potential energies:

$$T_w = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (2m_w) (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_w}^o)^T (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_w}^o)}_{\text{Translational kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (2I_{w,yy}) \dot{\gamma}^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy}} = \dots$$

$$\dots = (I_{w,yy} + m_w r^2) \dot{\gamma}^2$$

$$U_w = (2m_w) g z_{C_w} = 0$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Rotor kinetic and potential energies:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{rot} &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (2m_{rot}) (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{rot}}^o)^T (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{rot}}^o)}_{\text{Translational kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (2I_{rot,yy}) \dot{\vartheta}_r^2}_{\text{Rotational kinetic energy}} \\ &= (N^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_{rot} r^2) \dot{\gamma}^2 + [(1 - N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_{rot} (z_{rot}^b)^2] \dot{\vartheta}^2 + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + 2 [N(1 - N) I_{rot,yy} + m_{rot} r z_{rot}^b \cos \vartheta] \dot{\gamma} \dot{\vartheta} \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{rot} = (2m_{rot}) g z_{C_{rot}} = (2m_{rot}) g z_{rot}^b \cos \vartheta$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Lagrangian function:

$$\mathcal{L} = T - U \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} T &= T_b + T_w + T_{rot} \\ U &= U_b + U_w + U_{rot} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \left[ I_{w,yy} + N^2 I_{rot,yy} + \left( \frac{1}{2} m_b + m_w + m_{rot} \right) r^2 \right] \dot{\gamma}^2 + \dots \\ & \dots + \left[ \frac{1}{2} I_{b,yy} + (1-N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + \frac{1}{2} m_b l^2 + m_{rot} (z_{rot}^b)^2 \right] \dot{\vartheta}^2 + \dots \\ & \dots + [2N(1-N) I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \cos \vartheta] \dot{\gamma} \dot{\vartheta} - \dots \\ & \dots - (m_b l + 2m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) g \cos \vartheta \end{aligned}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\gamma}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \gamma} = \xi_\gamma$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\vartheta}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \vartheta} = \xi_\vartheta$$

$\xi_\gamma$  and  $\xi_\vartheta$  are the **generalized forces/torques** related to the generalized coordinates  $\gamma$  and  $\vartheta$ .

# Derivation of the analytical model

The **generalized force**  $\xi_j$  associated with the generalized coordinate  $q_j$  is:

$$\xi_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{F}_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}{\partial q_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^T \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_i}{\partial q_j}$$

$\mathbf{F}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i$  are the generic force and torque acting on the system, while  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_i$  are their point and axis of application (expressed in world frame).

# Derivation of the analytical model

## Torque contributions:

- Motor torque  $\tau$
- Gearbox internal viscous friction  $\tau'_f = B(\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\vartheta})$
- Rolling wheel viscous friction  $\tau''_f = B_w \dot{\gamma}$



$$\xi_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{F}_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}{\partial q_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n \boldsymbol{\tau}_i^T \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_i}{\partial q_j}$$

## Generalized torques:

$$\xi_\gamma = 2\tau - 2\tau'_f - 2\tau''_f = 2\tau - 2(B + B_w)\dot{\gamma} + 2B\dot{\vartheta}$$

$$\xi_\vartheta = -2\tau + 2\tau'_f = -2\tau + 2B\dot{\gamma} - 2B\dot{\vartheta}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

## Equations-of-Motion (EoM):

$$[2 I_{w,yy} + 2 N^2 I_{rot,yy} + (m_b + 2 m_w + 2 m_{rot}) r^2] \ddot{\gamma} + 2 (B + B_w) \dot{\gamma} + \dots$$

$$\dots + [2 N (1 - N) I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \cos \vartheta] \ddot{\vartheta} - 2 B \dot{\vartheta} - \dots$$

$$\dots - (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \sin \vartheta \dot{\vartheta}^2 - 2 \tau = 0$$

$$[2 N (1 - N) I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \cos \vartheta] \ddot{\gamma} - 2 B \dot{\gamma} + \dots$$

$$\dots + [I_{b,yy} + 2 (1 - N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_b l^2 + 2 m_{rot} (z_{rot}^b)^2] \ddot{\vartheta} + 2 B \dot{\vartheta} - \dots$$

$$\dots - (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) g \sin \vartheta + 2 \tau = 0$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

EoM – compact matrix formulation:

$$M(\boldsymbol{q}) \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + C(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + F_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + g(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$



Vector of generalized coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Torque contribution due  
to robot bodies inertia

$$\overbrace{M(\mathbf{q}) \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + C(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} + F_v \dot{\mathbf{q}} + g(\mathbf{q})}^{\text{Inertia matrix}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Inertia matrix

$$M(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11}(\mathbf{q}) & M_{12}(\mathbf{q}) \\ M_{21}(\mathbf{q}) & M_{22}(\mathbf{q}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{11}(\mathbf{q}) = 2 I_{w,yy} + 2 N^2 I_{rot,yy} + (m_b + 2 m_w + 2 m_{rot}) r^2$$

$$M_{12}(\mathbf{q}) = M_{21}(\mathbf{q}) = 2 N (1 - N) I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \cos \vartheta$$

$$M_{22}(\mathbf{q}) = I_{b,yy} + 2 (1 - N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_b l^2 + 2 m_{rot} (z_{rot}^b)^2$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Torque contribution due to  
*centrifugal and Coriolis accelerations*

$$M(\boldsymbol{q}) \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \underbrace{C(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}}_{\text{Matrix of Centrifugal and Coriolis-related coefficients}} + F_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + g(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Matrix of Centrifugal and Coriolis-related coefficients

$$C(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) & C_{12}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \\ C_{21}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) & C_{22}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{11}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = C_{21}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = C_{22}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = 0$$

$$C_{12}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = - (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r \sin \vartheta \dot{\vartheta}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Torque contribution  
due to *viscous friction*

$$M(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_v \dot{q}}_{\text{Torque contribution due to viscous friction}} + g(q) = \tau$$

Matrix of viscous friction coefficients

$$\mathbf{F}_v = \begin{bmatrix} F_{v,11} & F_{v,12} \\ F_{v,21} & F_{v,22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_{v,11} = 2(B + B_w)$$

$$F_{v,12} = F_{v,21} = -2B$$

$$F_{v,22} = 2B$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

$$M(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + F_v \dot{q} + \underbrace{g(q)}_{\substack{\text{Torque contribution} \\ \text{due to gravity}}} = \tau$$

Torque contribution due to gravity

$$g(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ - (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) g \sin \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

$$M(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + F_v \dot{q} + g(q) = \tau$$

Motor torque

$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} 2\tau \\ -2\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

The EoM are coupled 2<sup>nd</sup> order *nonlinear* ODEs.

For control design, they are linearized w.r.t. the unstable equilibrium point  $P_0 = (\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_0, \tau_0)$ :

$$\mathbf{q}_0 = [\gamma_0, 0]^T, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0 = \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_0 = [0, 0]^T, \quad \tau_0 = 0$$

Note:  $P_0$  is an equilibrium point for any  $\gamma_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Derivation of the analytical model

Model linearization around  $P_0$ :

$$f(P_0) + \frac{\partial f(P_0)}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial f(P_0)}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} + \frac{\partial f(P_0)}{\partial \ddot{q}} \delta \ddot{q} + \frac{\partial f(P_0)}{\partial \tau} \delta \tau = 0$$

where

$$f(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}, \tau) \triangleq M(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + F_v \dot{q} + g(q) - \tau$$

and  $\delta q, \delta \dot{q}, \delta \ddot{q}, \delta \tau$  are small deviations from the equilibrium values (e.g.  $\delta q = q - q_0, \dots$ ).

# Derivation of the analytical model

$$\mathbf{f}(P_0) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(P_0)}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(P_0)}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(P_0)}{\partial \ddot{q}} \delta \ddot{q} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(P_0)}{\partial \tau} \delta \tau = 0$$



Notation abuse

Use  $\gamma, \vartheta, \tau$  in place of  $\delta\gamma, \delta\vartheta, \delta\tau$

$$[2I_{w,yy} + 2N^2 I_{rot,yy} + (m_b + 2m_w + 2m_{rot})r^2] \ddot{\gamma} + 2(B + B_w)\dot{\gamma} + \dots$$

$$\dots + [2N(1-N)I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2m_{rot}z_{rot}^b)r] \ddot{\vartheta} - 2B\dot{\vartheta} - 2\tau = 0$$

$$[2N(1-N)I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2m_{rot}z_{rot}^b)r] \ddot{\gamma} - 2B\dot{\gamma} + \dots$$

$$\dots + [I_{b,yy} + 2(1-N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_b l^2 + 2m_{rot}(z_{rot}^b)^2] \ddot{\vartheta} + 2B\dot{\vartheta} - \dots$$

$$\dots - (m_b l + 2m_{rot}z_{rot}^b)g\vartheta + 2\tau = 0$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Linearized model – compact matrix formulation:

$$\boldsymbol{M} \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{F}_v = \begin{bmatrix} F_{v,11} & F_{v,12} \\ F_{v,21} & F_{v,22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{G} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{11} = 2 I_{w,yy} + 2 N^2 I_{rot,yy} + (m_b + 2 m_w + 2 m_{rot}) r^2$$

$$M_{12} = M_{21} = 2 N (1 - N) I_{rot,yy} + (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) r$$

$$M_{22} = I_{b,yy} + 2 (1 - N)^2 I_{rot,yy} + m_b l^2 + 2 m_{rot} (z_{rot}^b)^2$$

$$F_{v,11} = 2(B + B_w)$$

$$G_{11} = G_{12} = G_{21} = 0$$

$$F_{v,12} = F_{v,21} = -2B$$

$$G_{22} = - (m_b l + 2 m_{rot} z_{rot}^b) g$$

$$F_{v,22} = 2B$$

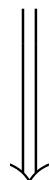
# Derivation of the analytical model

State-space formulation:

$$\boldsymbol{M} \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$



$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} (-\boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{q} - \boldsymbol{F}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{\tau})$$



$$\boldsymbol{x} = [\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}]^T = [\gamma, \vartheta, \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\vartheta}]^T$$

$$u = 2\tau$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{B} u$$

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{0}_{2 \times 2} & \boldsymbol{I}_{2 \times 2} \\ -\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{G} & -\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}_v \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Actuator model: standard DC gearmotor model

$$\tau = N k_t i_a, \quad L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + R_a i_a + k_e \frac{d\Delta\vartheta_{rot}}{dt} = u_a$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta\vartheta_{rot} &= \vartheta_{rot} - \vartheta = N(\gamma - \vartheta) \\ L_a/R_a &\ll 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$i_a = \frac{1}{R_a} [u_a - k_e N (\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\vartheta})]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\tau = \frac{N k_t}{R_a} u_a - \frac{N^2 k_t k_e}{R_a} (\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\vartheta})$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

EoM with actuator model:

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}) \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \tau = \frac{N k_t}{R_a} u_a - \frac{N^2 k_t k_e}{R_a} (\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\vartheta})$$

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}) \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}'_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}'$$

$$\boldsymbol{F}'_v = \boldsymbol{F}_v + \frac{2 N^2 k_t k_e}{R_a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}' = \frac{2 N k_t}{R_a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} u_a$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Linearized EoM with actuator model:

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{F}_v \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{N k_t}{R_a} u_a - \frac{N^2 k_t k_e}{R_a} (\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\vartheta})$$

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{F}'_v \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{G} \mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}'$$

$$\mathbf{F}'_v = \mathbf{F}_v + \frac{2 N^2 k_t k_e}{R_a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau}' = \frac{2 N k_t}{R_a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} u_a$$

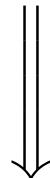
# Derivation of the analytical model

State-space formulation with actuator model:

$$\boldsymbol{M} \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}'_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}'$$



$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} (-\boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{q} - \boldsymbol{F}'_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{\tau}')$$



$$\boldsymbol{x} = [\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}]^T = [\gamma, \vartheta, \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\vartheta}]^T$$

$$u = u_a$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{B} u$$

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \boldsymbol{I}_{2 \times 2} \\ -\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{G} & -\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}'_v \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{B} = \frac{2 N k_t}{R_a} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Accelerometer model: the sensor measures

- the linear acceleration  $\ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^o$  of its CoM  $C_{mpu}$
  - the gravity acceleration vector  $\mathbf{g}^o = [0, -g]^T$
- both expressed w.r.t. the sensor frame  $\{mpu\}$  <sup>(1)</sup>.

$$\mathbf{y}_a = \begin{bmatrix} x_a^{mpu} \\ z_a^{mpu} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_o^b \left( \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^o + \mathbf{g}^o \right)$$

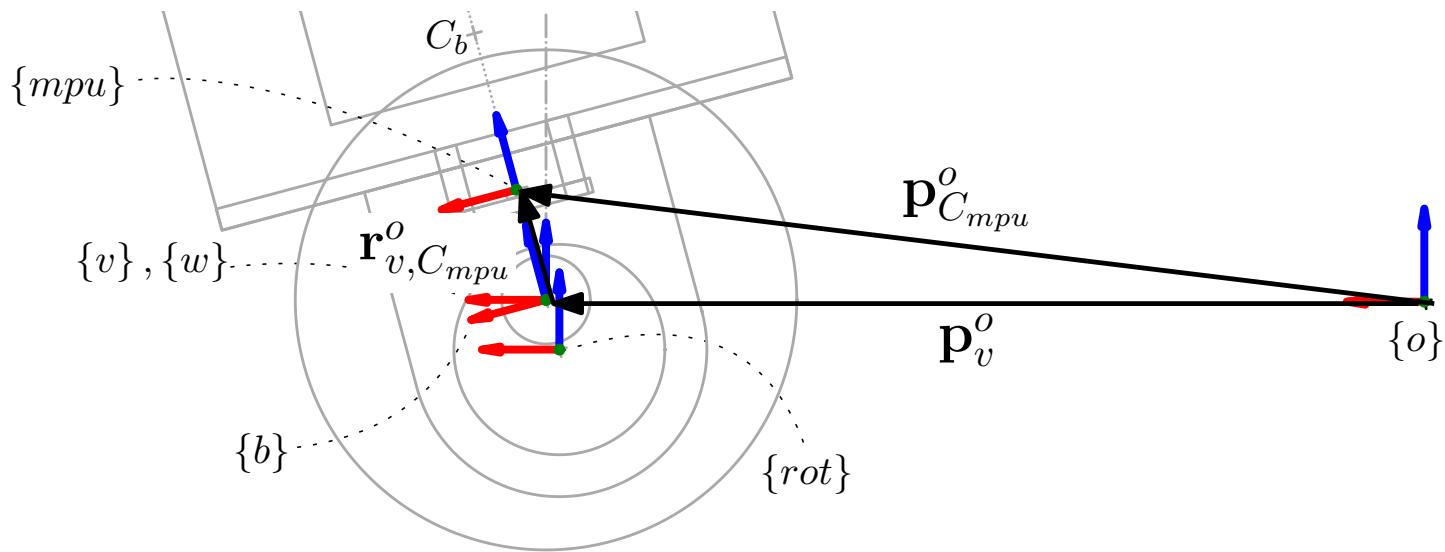


Note:

$$\mathbf{R}_o^b = (\mathbf{R}_b^o)^{-1} = (\mathbf{R}_b^o)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

(1) The sensor frame  $\{mpu\}$  is aligned with the robot body frame  $\{b\}$ .

# Derivation of the analytical model



$$\mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^o = \mathbf{p}_v^o + \mathbf{R}_b^o \mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^b = \dots$$

$$\dots = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z_{mpu}^b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma + z_{mpu}^b \sin \vartheta \\ z_{mpu}^b \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

$$\mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^o = \mathbf{p}_v^o + \mathbf{R}_b^o \mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} r\gamma + z_{mpu}^b \sin \vartheta \\ z_{mpu}^b \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^o = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_v^o + \frac{d\mathbf{R}_b^o}{dt} \mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^b + \mathbf{R}_b^o \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^b = \begin{bmatrix} r\dot{\gamma} + z_{mpu}^b \cos \vartheta \dot{\vartheta} \\ -z_{mpu}^b \sin \vartheta \dot{\vartheta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^o = \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_v^o + \frac{d^2\mathbf{R}_b^o}{dt^2} \mathbf{p}_{C_{mpu}}^b + 2\frac{d\mathbf{R}_b^o}{dt} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^b + \mathbf{R}_b^o \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^b = \dots$$

$$\dots = \begin{bmatrix} r\ddot{\gamma} + z_{mpu}^b (-\sin \vartheta \dot{\vartheta}^2 + \cos \vartheta \ddot{\vartheta}) \\ -z_{mpu}^b (\cos \vartheta \dot{\vartheta}^2 + \sin \vartheta \ddot{\vartheta}) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{y}_a = \mathbf{R}_o^b \left( \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{C_{mpu}}^o + \mathbf{g}^o \right) = \begin{bmatrix} r\ddot{\gamma} \cos \vartheta + z_{mpu}^b \ddot{\vartheta} + g \sin \vartheta \\ r\ddot{\gamma} \sin \vartheta - z_{mpu}^b \dot{\vartheta}^2 - g \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Derivation of the analytical model

Gyroscope model: the sensor measures the rate of rotation (e.g. angular speed) w.r.t its frame axes.

The  $y$ -component of the sensor output is the rate of change of the robot tilt angle:

$$y_g = \dot{\vartheta}$$

# Tilt angle estimation

Tilt estimation problem: estimate the robot tilt angle  $\vartheta$  from the accelerometer and gyroscope measurements.

Available options:

- use only the accelerometer data (*naïve approach 1*)
- use only the gyroscope data (*naïve approach 2*)
- use both the accelerometer and gyroscope data  
(*sensor fusion by complementary filtering*)

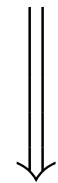
# Tilt angle estimation

Naïve approach 1: use only the accelerometer data.

$$\mathbf{y}_a = \begin{bmatrix} r \ddot{\gamma} \cos \vartheta + z_{mpu}^b \ddot{\vartheta} + g \sin \vartheta \\ r \ddot{\gamma} \sin \vartheta - z_{mpu}^b \dot{\vartheta}^2 - g \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

Assumption:

Robot motion is *slow* ...

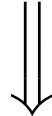


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{linear acceleration } r \ddot{\gamma} \approx 0 \\ \text{tangential acceleration } z_{mpu}^b \ddot{\vartheta} \approx 0 \\ \text{centripetal acceleration } z_{mpu}^b \dot{\vartheta}^2 \approx 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathbf{y}_a = \begin{bmatrix} \cancel{r \ddot{\gamma} \cos \vartheta} + \cancel{z_{mpu}^b \dot{\vartheta}} + g \sin \vartheta \\ \cancel{r \ddot{\gamma} \sin \vartheta} - \cancel{z_{mpu}^b \dot{\vartheta}^2} - g \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} g \sin \vartheta \\ -g \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Tilt angle estimation

$$\mathbf{y}_a = \begin{bmatrix} x_a^{mpu} \\ z_a^{mpu} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} g \sin \vartheta \\ -g \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\hat{\vartheta}_a = \text{atan2}(x_a^{mpu}, -z_a^{mpu})$$

Accelerometer-based  
tilt estimation

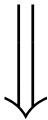
Drawbacks: sensitive to

- robot accelerations
- accelerometer output noise (large at high freq)

# Tilt angle estimation

Naïve approach 2: use only the gyroscope data.

$$y_g = \dot{\vartheta}$$



$$\hat{\vartheta}_g = \hat{\vartheta}_g(0) + \int_0^t y_g(\tau) d\tau \quad \begin{bmatrix} \text{Gyro-based} \\ \text{tilt estimation} \end{bmatrix}$$

Drawbacks:

- Must be initialized properly, i.e.  $\hat{\vartheta}_g(0) = \vartheta(0)$
- Integral may diverge because of gyro *bias* and *drift* <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) *Bias* = const error term; *drift* = linear ramp error term.

# Tilt angle estimation

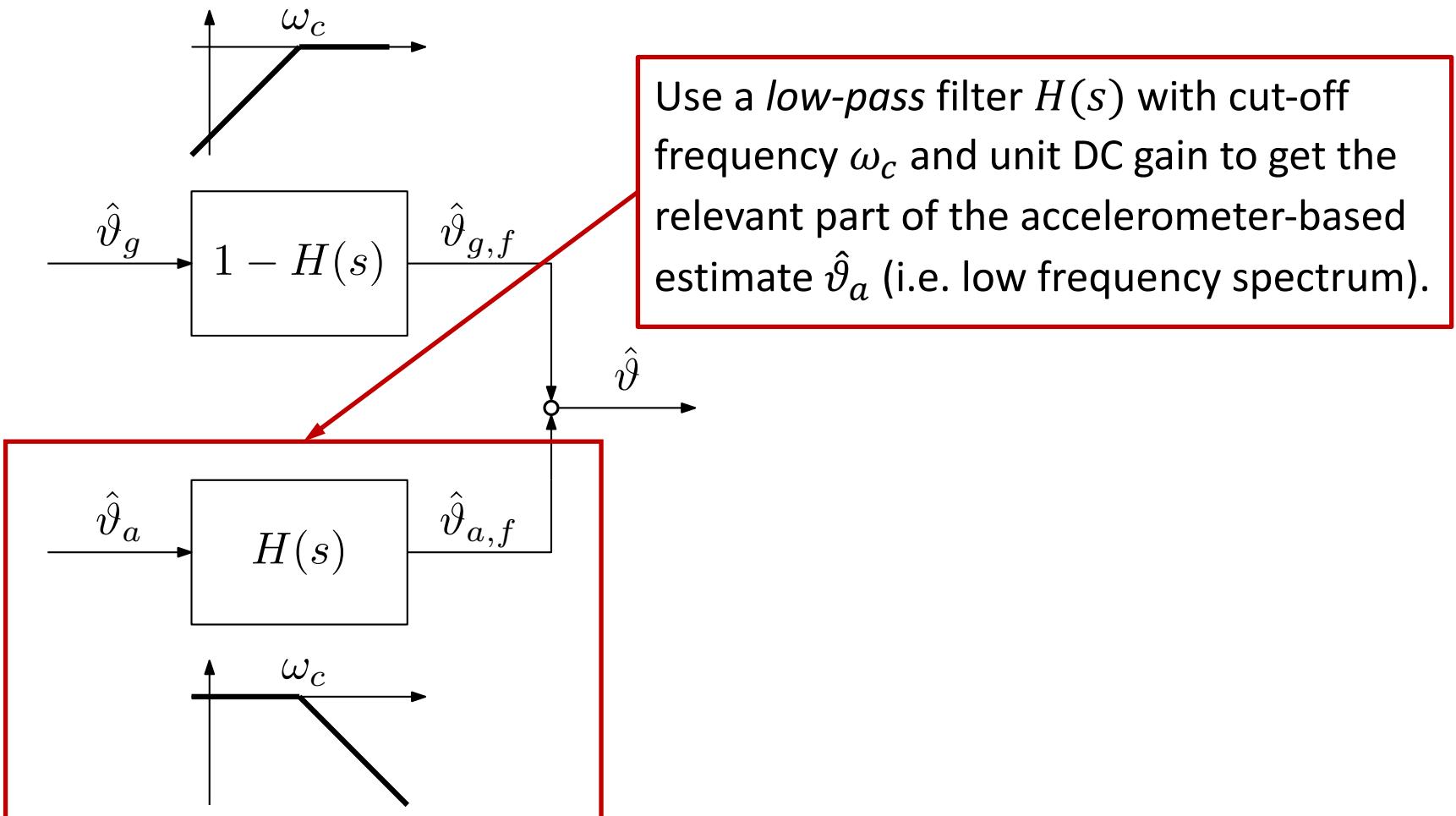
- Accelerometer-based estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_a$  : more reliable at *low* frequency
- Gyroscope-based estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_g$  : more reliable at *high* frequency



**Sensor fusion:** combine the data provided by the two sensors to obtain a satisfactory tilt angle estimate at every frequency.

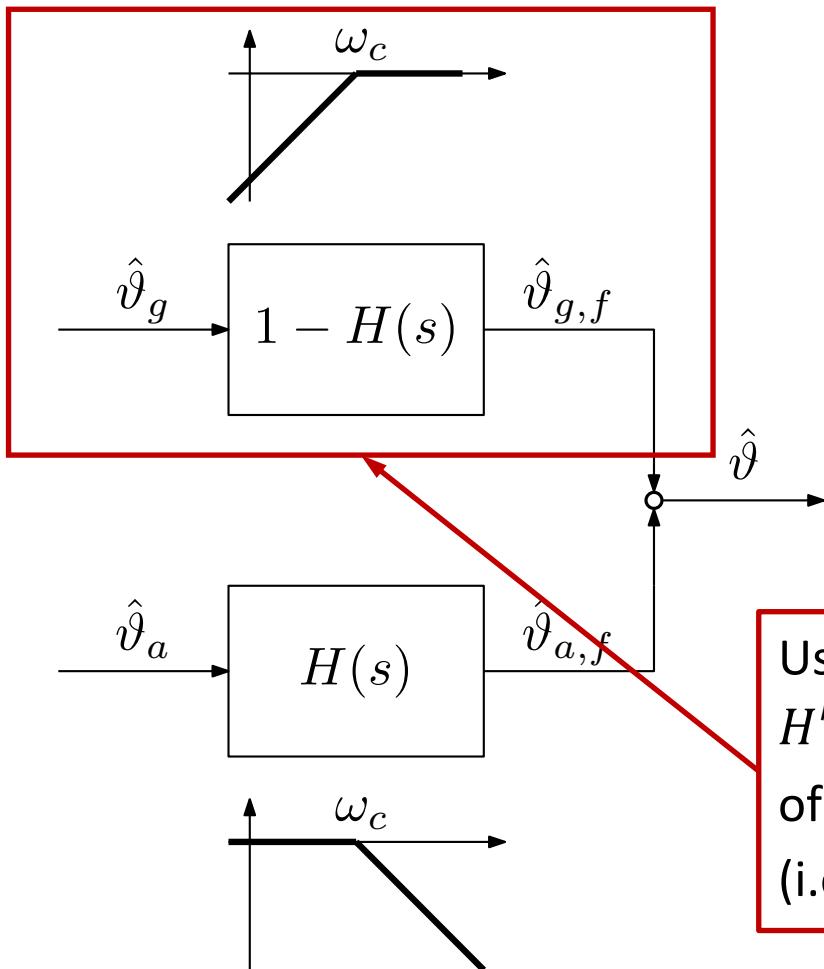
# Tilt angle estimation

Complementary filtering approach:



# Tilt angle estimation

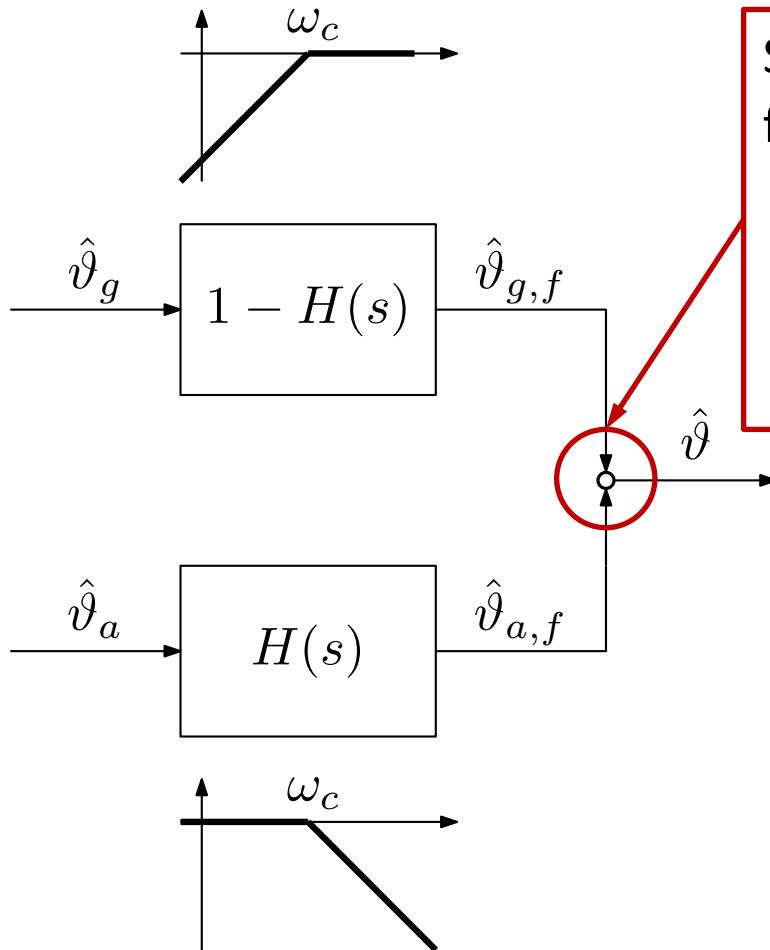
Complementary filtering approach:



Use the *complementary high-pass filter*  $H'(s) = 1 - H(s)$  to get the relevant part of the gyroscope-based estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_g$  (i.e. high frequency spectrum).

# Tilt angle estimation

Complementary filtering approach:

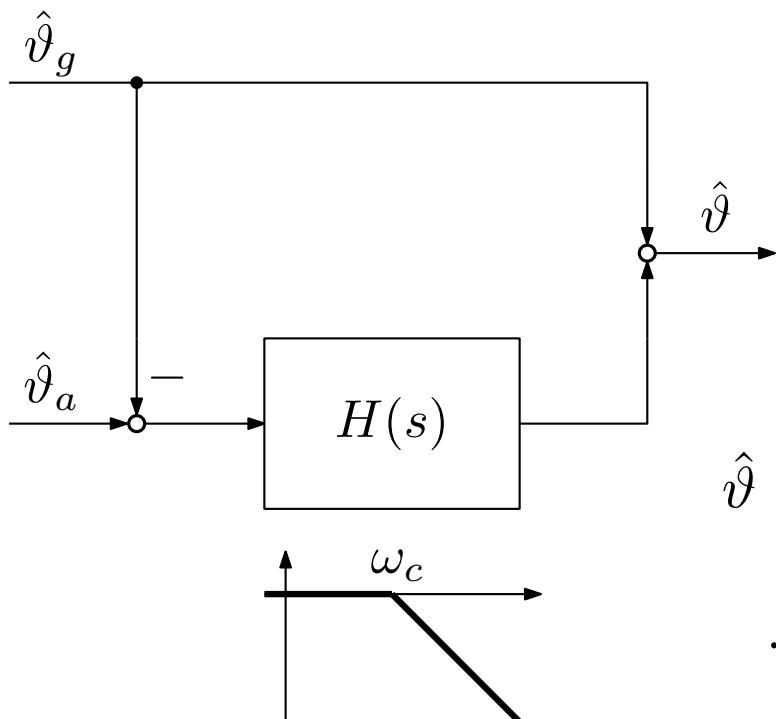


Sum the two filters outputs to obtain the final tilt angle estimate:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\vartheta} &= \hat{\vartheta}_{a,f} + \hat{\vartheta}_{g,f} = \dots \\ \dots &= H(s) \hat{\vartheta}_a + [1 - H(s)] \hat{\vartheta}_g\end{aligned}$$

# Tilt angle estimation

Alternative implementation:



$$\hat{\vartheta} = H(s) \hat{\vartheta}_a + [1 - H(s)] \hat{\vartheta}_g = \dots$$

$$\dots = \hat{\vartheta}_g + H(s) (\hat{\vartheta}_a - \hat{\vartheta}_g)$$

# Tilt angle estimation

$$\hat{\vartheta}_{a,f} = H(s) \hat{\vartheta}_a, \quad \hat{\vartheta}_{g,f} = [1 - H(s)] \hat{\vartheta}_g$$



$$\hat{\vartheta} = \hat{\vartheta}_{a,f} + \hat{\vartheta}_{g,f} = H(s) \hat{\vartheta}_a + [1 - H(s)] \hat{\vartheta}_g$$

Tilt estimation by  
complementary  
filtering

*Trade-off* in the design of the complementary filters:

- attenuate the accelerometer output noise at high freq
- reject gyroscope bias and drift at low freq

# Tilt angle estimation

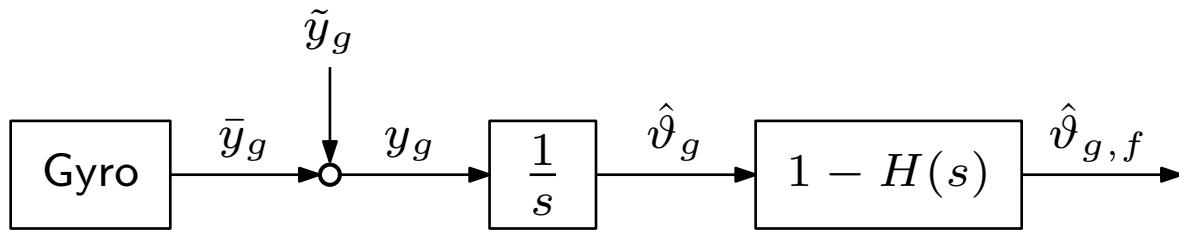
1<sup>st</sup> order complementary filters pair:

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{T_c s + 1}, \quad 1 - H(s) = \frac{T_c s}{T_c s + 1}$$

- 👍 Lowest filters complexity, but ...
- 👎 the high-pass filter is unable to completely reject the gyroscope output bias and drift.

# Tilt angle estimation

In fact:



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Gyro output error} \\ \tilde{y}_g = d_g t + b_g \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \begin{array}{c} \text{Laplace transform} \\ \tilde{Y}_g(s) = \frac{d_g}{s^2} + \frac{b_g}{s} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\int dt} \begin{array}{c} \text{Gyro-based estimate error} \\ \tilde{\Theta}_g(s) = \frac{d_g}{s^3} + \frac{b_g}{s^2} \end{array}$$

# Tilt angle estimation

High-pass filter output

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{g,f}(s) = [1 - H(s)] \tilde{\Theta}_g(s) = \frac{T_c d_g}{(T_c s + 1) s^2} + \frac{T_c b_g}{(T_c s + 1) s} = \dots$$

$$\dots = -\frac{T_c^2 d_g}{s} + \frac{T_c d_g}{s^2} + \frac{T_c^3 d_g}{T_c s + 1} + \frac{T_c b_g}{s} - \frac{T_c^2 b_g}{T_c s + 1}$$

$$\Downarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_{g,f}(t) \approx (T_c d_g) t + (T_c b_g - T_c^2 d_g) \quad \text{for } t \gg 0$$

The estimation error has both a drift and a bias term.

# Tilt angle estimation

2<sup>nd</sup> order complementary filters pair:

$$H(s) = \frac{2T_c s + 1}{(T_c s + 1)^2}, \quad 1 - H(s) = \frac{T_c^2 s^2}{(T_c s + 1)^2}$$

- 👎 Increased filter complexity, but ...
- 👍 the estimate is insensitive to the gyro output bias.
- 👎 Unfortunately, the estimate is still sensitive to the gyro output drift.

# Tilt angle estimation

In fact:

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{g,f}(s) = [1 - H(s)] \tilde{\Theta}_g(s) = \frac{T_c^2 d_g}{(T_c s + 1)^2 s} + \frac{T_c^2 b_g}{(T_c s + 1)^2} = \dots$$

$$\dots = \frac{T_c^2 d_g}{s} - \frac{T_c^3 d_g}{T_c s + 1} - \frac{T_c^3 d_g}{(T_c s + 1)^2} + \frac{T_c^2 b_g}{(T_c s + 1)^2}$$

$$\downarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_{g,f}(t) \approx T_c^2 d_g \quad \text{for } t \gg 0$$



Depends only on the gyroscope output drift

# Tilt angle estimation

3<sup>rd</sup> order complementary filters pair:

$$H(s) = \frac{3T_c^2 s^2 + 3T_c s + 1}{(T_c s + 1)^3}, \quad 1 - H(s) = \frac{T_c^3 s^3}{(T_c s + 1)^3}$$

👎 Further increased filter complexity, but ...

👍 the estimate becomes insensitive to both the gyroscope output bias and drift.

# Tilt angle estimation

In fact:

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{g,f}(s) = [1 - H(s)] \tilde{\Theta}_g(s) = \frac{T_c^3 d_g}{(T_c s + 1)^3} + \frac{T_c^3 b_g s}{(T_c s + 1)^3}$$

$$\Downarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_{g,f}(t) \approx 0 \quad \text{for} \quad t \gg 0$$

Insensitive to both the gyroscope output bias and drift

# Balance and position control

The *balance and position control* is designed with conventional state-space methods:

- Do the design in **discrete-time domain**, by discretizing the robot model with the exact discretization method.
- Use **discrete-time LQR** methods for control design.
- Achieve robust tracking of position set-points by employing the **integral action** <sup>(1)</sup>.

(1) Use a  $T_s = 0.01s$  ( $F_s = 100\text{ Hz}$ ) sample time for the controller.

# Balance and position control

State estimation ( $x = [\gamma, \vartheta, \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\vartheta}]^T$ ):

- For tilt angle  $\vartheta$ : perform discrete-time complementary filtering of accelerometer and gyroscope measurements:

$$\hat{\vartheta} = H(z) \hat{\vartheta}_a + [1 - H(z)] \hat{\vartheta}_g = \hat{\vartheta}_g + H(z) (\hat{\vartheta}_a - \hat{\vartheta}_g)$$

- For wheel angle  $\gamma$ : use the rotor angular displacement  $\Delta\vartheta_{rot}$  measured by the encoder:

$$\Delta\vartheta_{rot} = N(\gamma - \vartheta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\gamma} = \Delta\vartheta_{rot}/N + \hat{\vartheta}$$

- For velocities  $\dot{\vartheta}$  and  $\dot{\gamma}$ : derive angular positions with the “real derivative” filter:

$$H_\omega(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-N}}{N T} \quad \text{with} \quad N = 3$$

# Balance and position control

For nominal perfect tracking of *constant* position set-points:

$$u[k] = N_u r[k] - \mathbf{K} (\hat{\mathbf{x}}[k] - \mathbf{N}_x r[k])$$

- The feedforward gains  $\mathbf{N}_x$  and  $N_u$  are obtained by solving:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi - I & \Gamma \\ H & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}_x \\ N_u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The feedback gain  $\mathbf{K}$  is derived with LQR methods to minimize:

$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mathbf{x}^T[k] \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}[k] + \rho r u^2[k]$$

For the design, use the exact discretization  $\Sigma_d = (\Phi, \Gamma, H, 0)$  of the robot continuous-time state-space model  $\Sigma = (A, B, C, 0)$ .

# Balance and position control

For robust perfect tracking of *constant* position set-points:

$$\begin{cases} x_I[k+1] = x_I[k] + (y[k] - r[k]) \\ u[k] = N_u r[k] - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}[k] - \mathbf{N}_x r[k]) - K_I x_I[k] \end{cases}$$

- The feedback gain  $\mathbf{K}_e = [K_I, \mathbf{K}]^T$  is derived with LQR methods to minimize:

$$J_e = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mathbf{x}_e^T[k] \mathbf{Q}_e \mathbf{x}_e[k] + \rho r u^2[k]$$

subject to the *augmented model*

$$\Sigma_e : \begin{bmatrix} x_I[k+1] \\ \mathbf{x}[k+1] \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Phi \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq \Phi_e} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_I[k] \\ \mathbf{x}[k] \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq \mathbf{x}_e} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq \Gamma_e} u[k] - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} r[k]$$

# Simplified yaw angle control

No perfect straight motion can be attained *in practice*, because of unavoidable unbalancing of the two motors and wheels.



Idea: use a PI controller to regulate the yaw angle  $\psi$  to zero.

- Yaw angle has to be somehow estimated.
- Motors need to be driven “differentially”:

*Common-mode* motor command (voltage)  
generated by the longitudinal state-space controller

$$u_l = u_{\Sigma} - u_{\Delta}, \quad u_r = u_{\Sigma} + u_{\Delta}$$

*Differential-mode* motor command (voltage)  
generated by the yaw-angle PI controller

# Simplified yaw angle control

Estimation of yaw and wheel angles:

$$\hat{\vartheta}_l = \frac{\Delta\vartheta_{rot,l}}{N} + \hat{\vartheta}, \quad \hat{\vartheta}_r = \frac{\Delta\vartheta_{rot,r}}{N} + \hat{\vartheta}$$



$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{r}{w} (\hat{\vartheta}_r - \hat{\vartheta}_l) \quad [\text{Yaw angle estimate}]$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\hat{\vartheta}_r + \hat{\vartheta}_l}{2} \quad [\text{Wheel angle estimate}]$$

$\Delta\vartheta_{rot,l}$  and  $\Delta\vartheta_{rot,r}$  are the measurement provided by the two encoders.