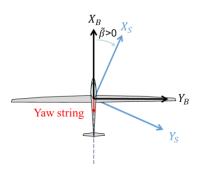
HAWK: How to improve the accuracy by aligning the sensor and glider axis

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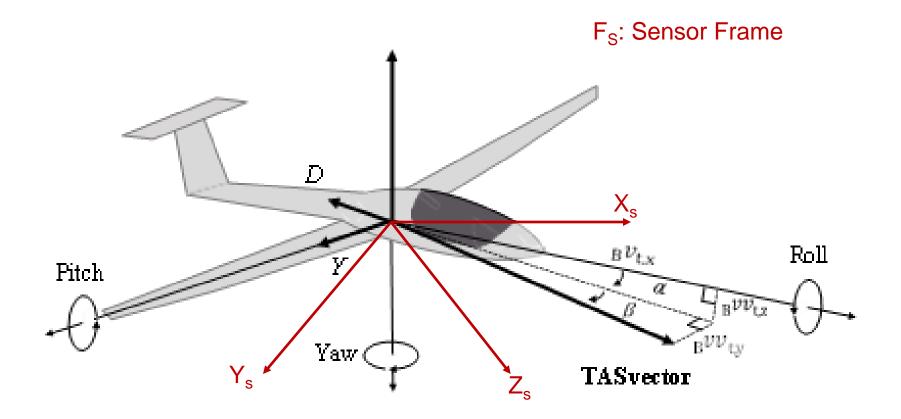




Offset angle between sensor and glider reference axis

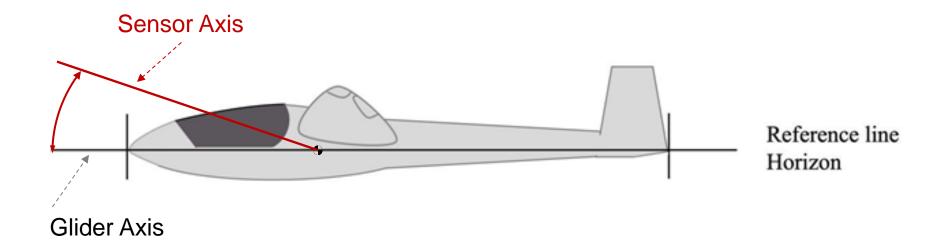
- Problem Statement
- If you observe a large asymmetry between the left and right circling of the average climb rate, the reason might be an offset angle between the sensor axis and the x-glider reference axis.

Glider and Sensor Box Axis

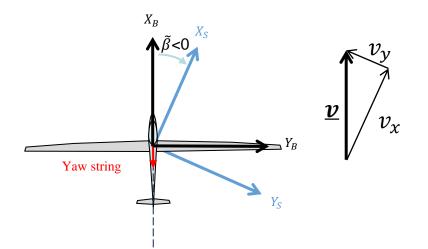


F_B: Body Frame

Pitch Leveling

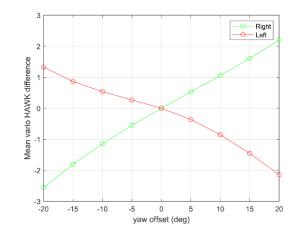


Mismatch of the sensor axis and glider axis



- Assume the yaw string is centered. The average side slip angle should therefore be zero.
- But the algorithm erroneously assumes that the sensor axis and the glider axis are aligned.
- It therefore computes a nonzero sideslip angle in case of the mismatch.

Difference of the climb rate in left and right circling



Horizontal axis: Rotation angle of the sensor axis

Vertical axis: Difference between correct vario and vario with rotation

Example: For an angle of +5 degrees the HAWK vario shows either a too large or a too small reading of 0,5 m/s

How to compensate the yaw offset

You can determine and compensate the offset as follows

- Cruise with the yaw string centered
- Observe visually (activate NAV box avg. sideslip) if there exists a nonzero sideslip angle
 - If the value is positive (+) set the compensation value to the negative (-) of this value
 - Vice versa: If the value is negative (-) set the compensation value to the positive (+) of this value
- Repeat the procedure by changing the compensation value in small increments until the result is satisfactory.

Screenshot of set up pages

