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AVIONICS SYSTEMS AVE 402/V

TOPIC: Aircraft Navigation Systems

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TO NAVIGATE A PILOT NEEDS TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING:

- Starting point (point of departure)
- Ending point (final destination)
- Direction of travel
 - Distance to travel
 - Aircraft speed
 - Aircraft fuel capacity
 - Aircraft weight & balance information

With this information flight planning can commence and the proper method of navigation can be put to use.

INTRODUCTION

AIRCRAFT NAVIGATION SYSTEMS INCLUDE – ✓ VHF OMNIDIRECTIONAL RANGE (VOR)

✓ INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM (ILS)

✓ DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT (DME)

✓ AUTOMATIC DIRECTION FINDERS (ADF)

✓ DOPPLER NAVIGATION SYSTEM

✓ INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM



VHF OMNIDIRECTIONAL RANGE (VOR)

WHAT IS VOR ?

- ✓ VOR, short for VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range, is a type of radio navigation system for aircraft, enabling them to find their position and stay on course by receiving radio signals emitted by a network of radio beacons.
- ✓ It uses frequencies in very high frequency (VHF) from 108 to 117.95 MHz.

VOR VHF Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range

What is a VOR? VHF Omni Directional Range

Night

Day

60NM; 290°

Range and Bearing

1960's

Short Range Navaid

Paired with DME

VHF OMNIRANGE SYSTEM (VOR)

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- ✓ VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range (VOR), is an aircraft navigation system operating in the VHF band.
- ✓ VORs broadcast a VHF radio composite signal including the station's <u>Morse Code</u> identifier (and sometimes a voice identifier), and data that allows the airborne receiving equipment to derive the magnetic bearing from the station to the aircraft.
- ✓ This line of position is called the "radial". Alternatively, the VOR radial may be combined with magnetic heading from the aircraft compass to provide a bearing relative to the aircraft axis, which cn be used to home to the beacon. VOR beacons are frequently used as way-points on conventional Airway systems, or as the basis for a Non-Precision Approach.
- It produces 360 usable radials or courses ,any one of which is radial path connected to the station.

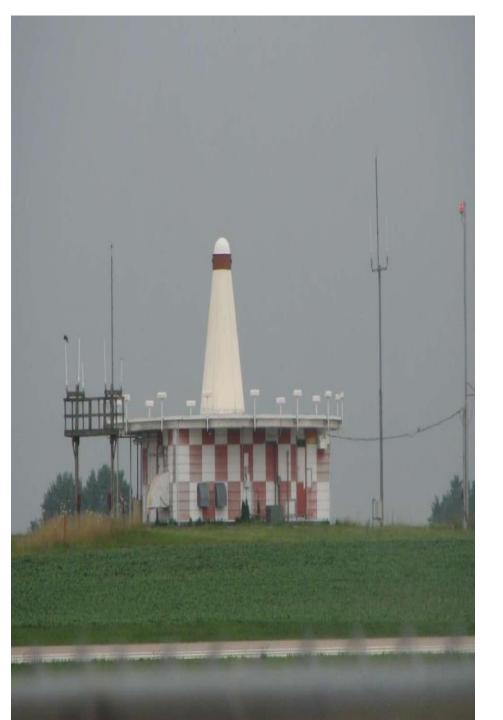






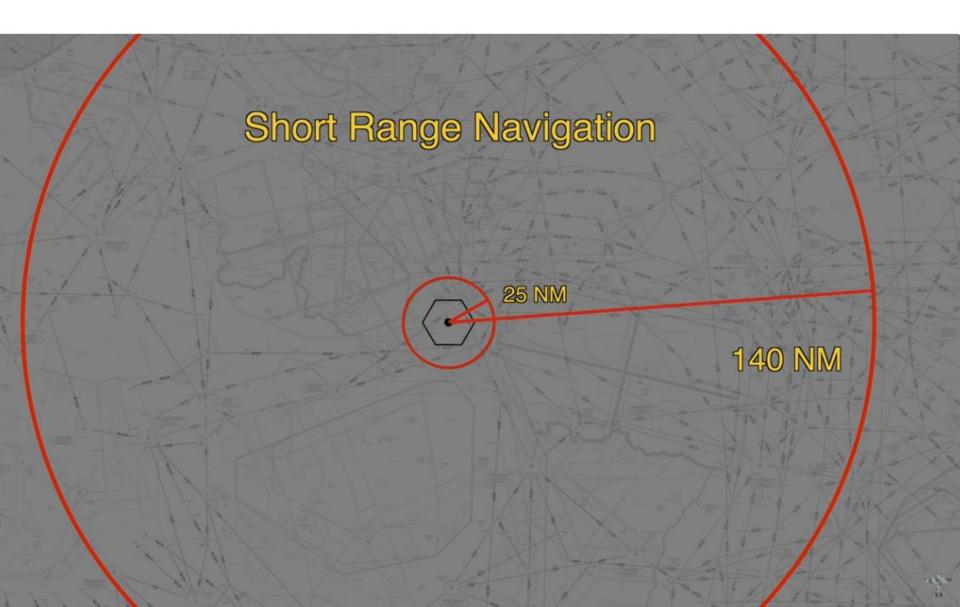
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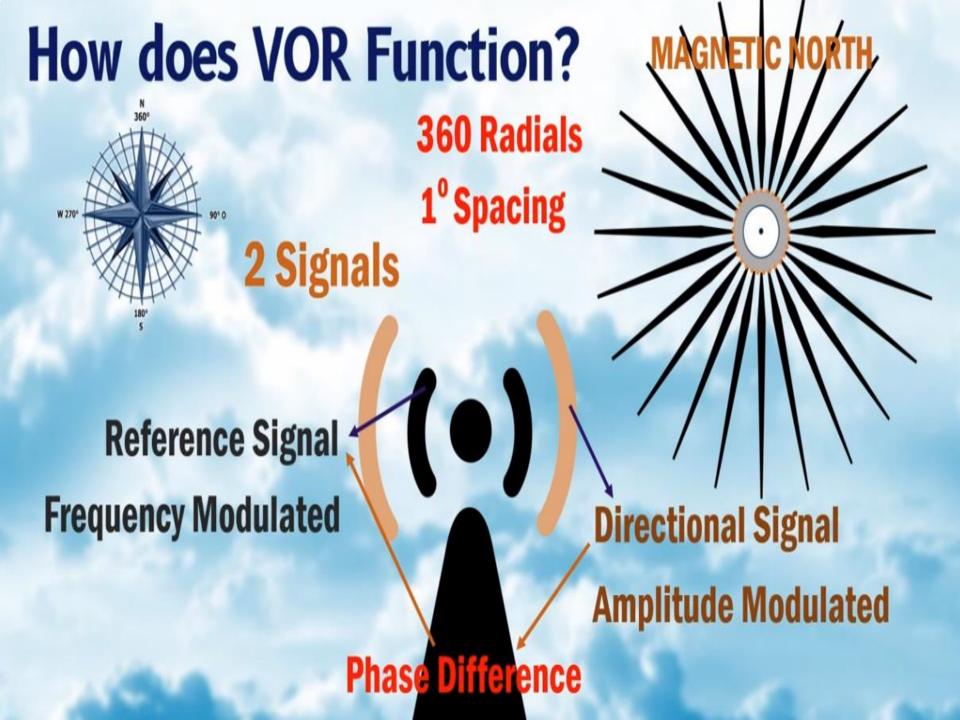


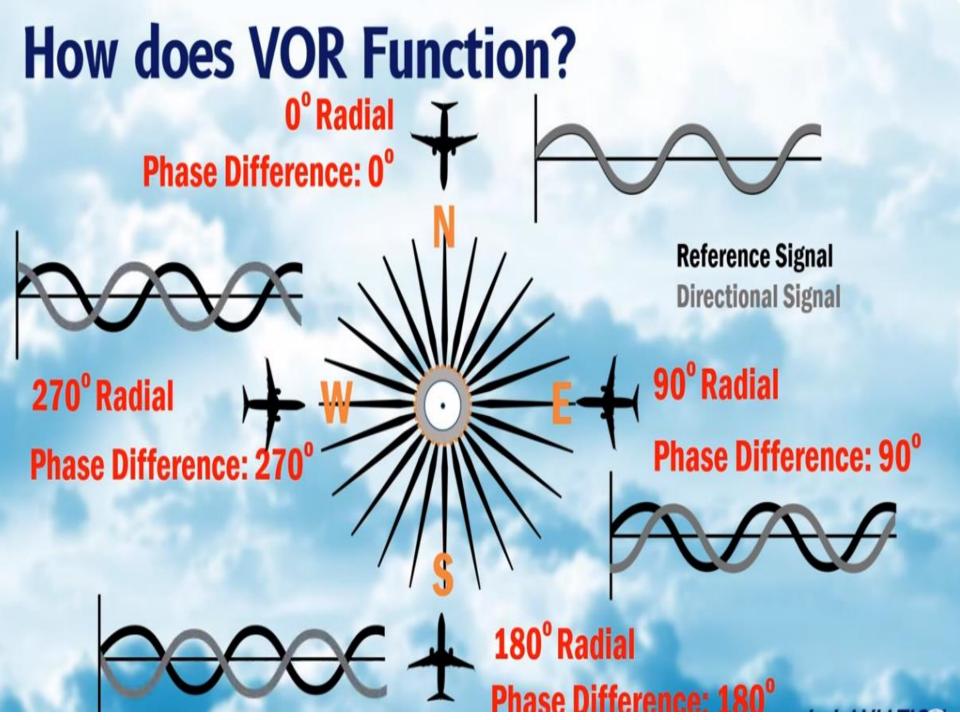




HOW THE VHF OMNIRANGE SYSTEM IS WORKING ?







How does VOR Function?



Phase Difference = Corresponding Radial

1° Spacing

360 Radials

How does VOR Function?



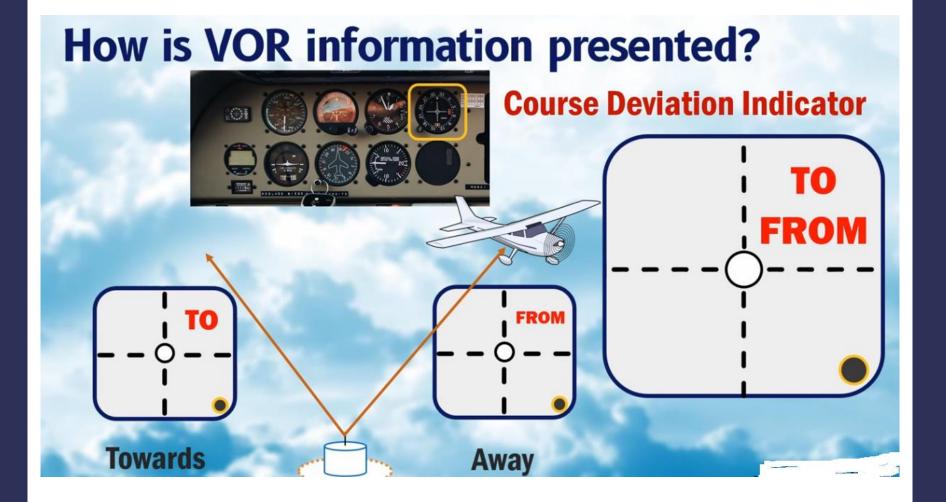
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360 Radials

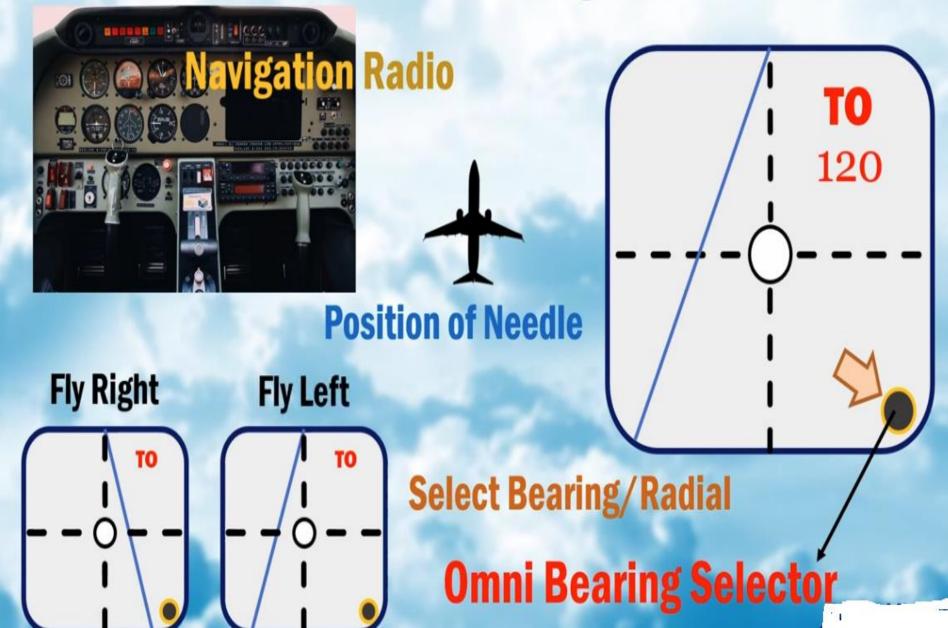


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Towards or Away from?



How is VOR information presented?



What Factors affect VOR transmission?

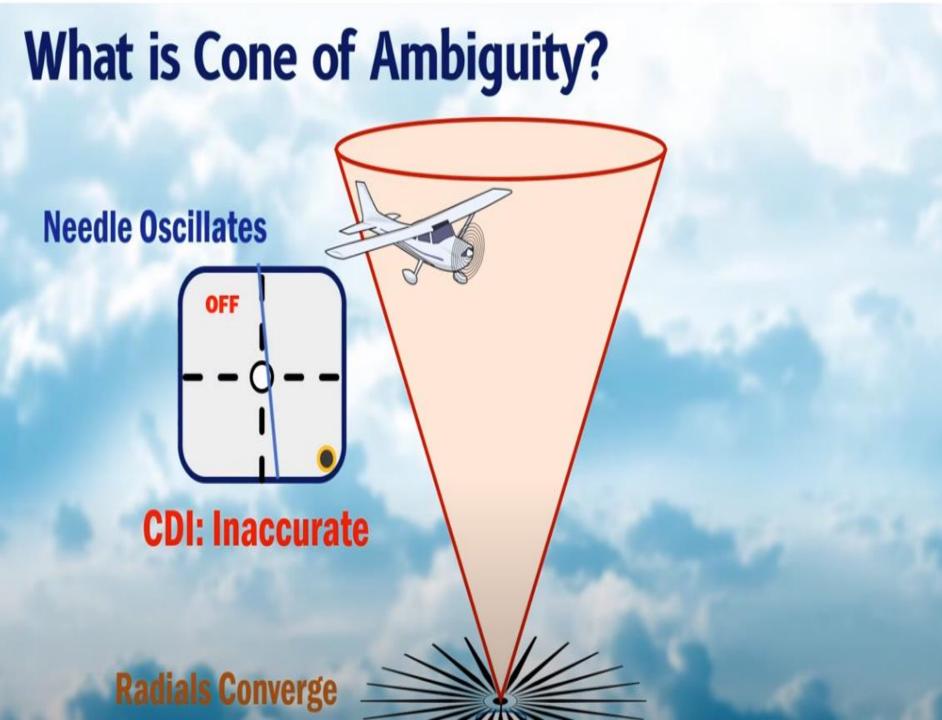




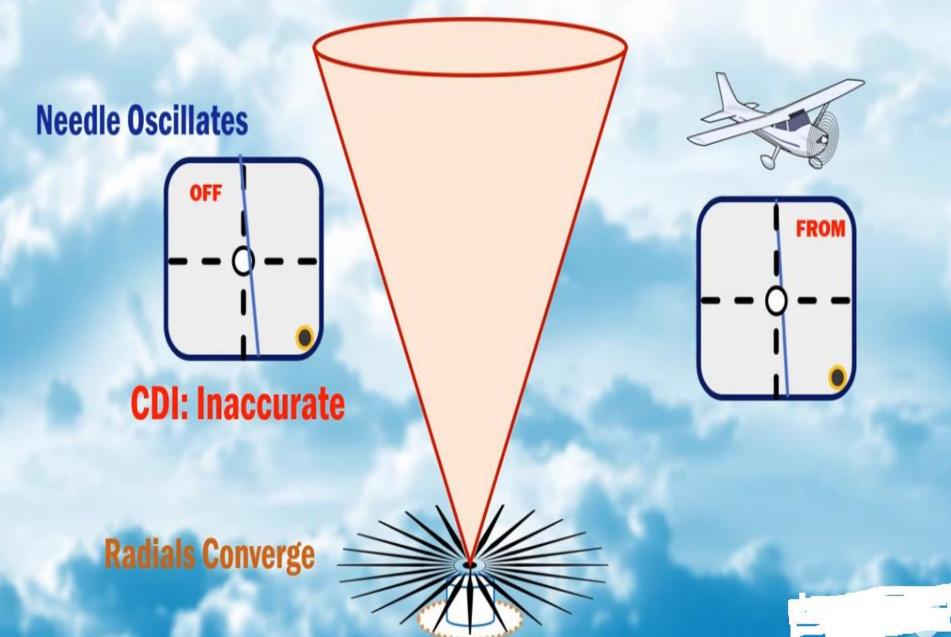
VHF Band

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Transmitter Power



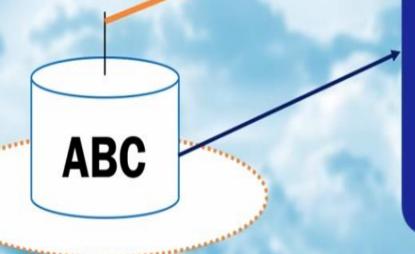
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How to identify a VOR?

3 Letter Codes

Transmitted with Reference Signal





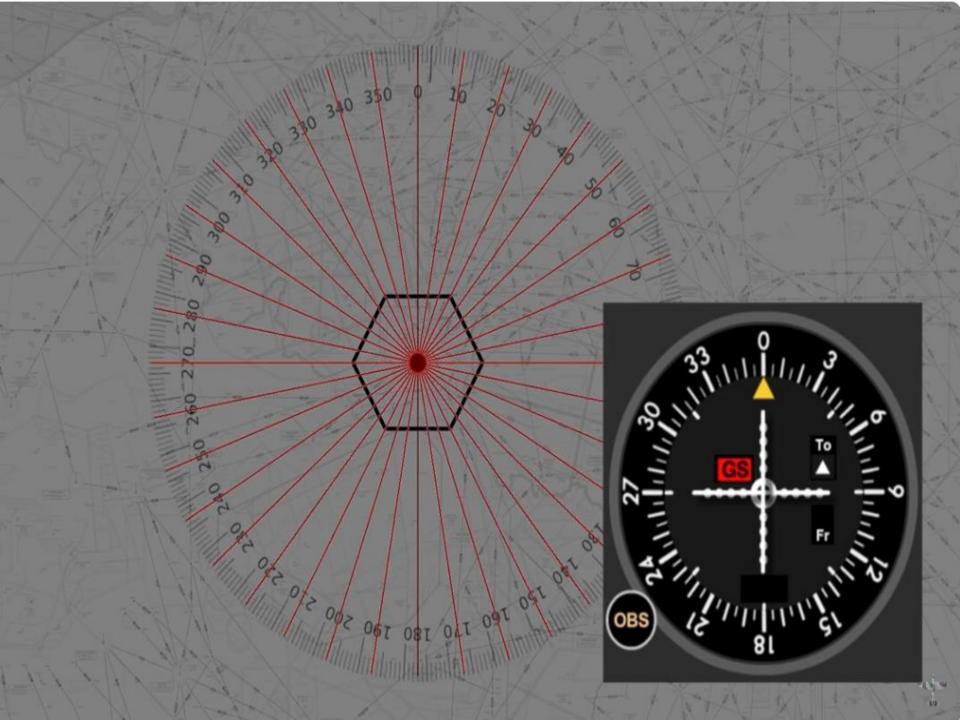
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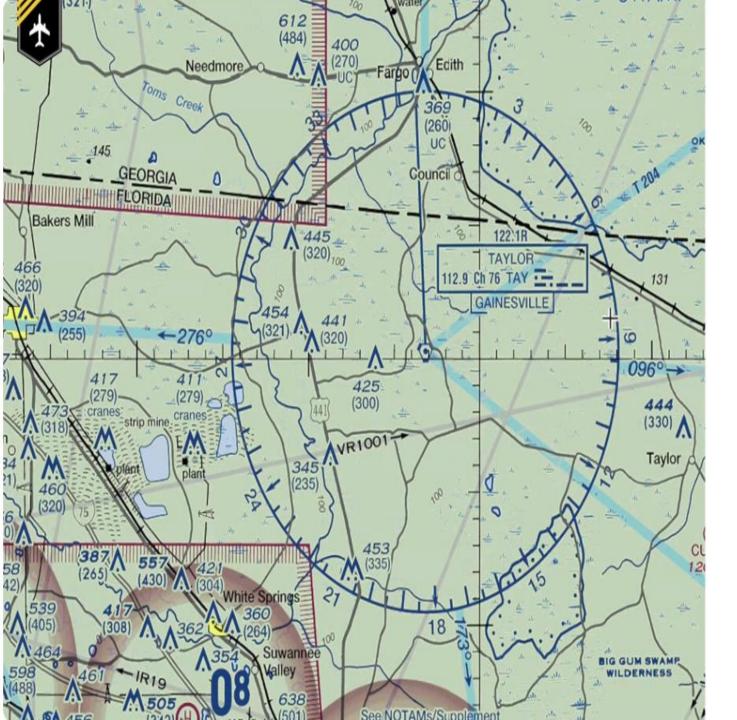
Uses of VOR

GPS

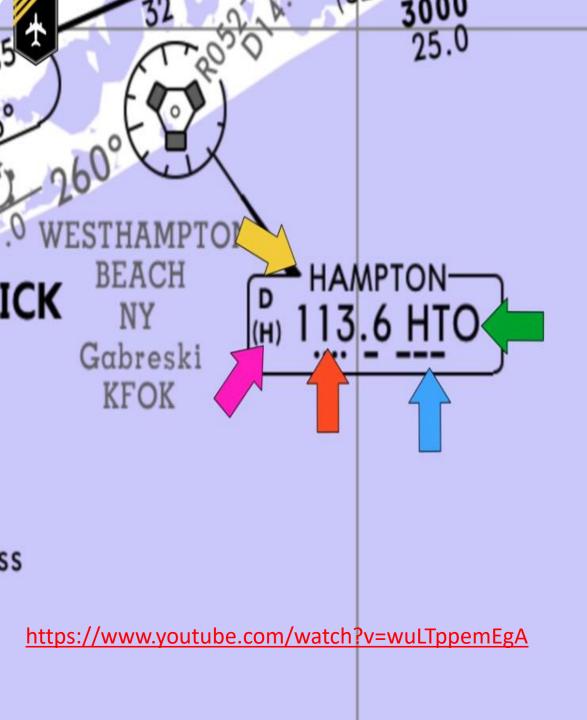
Primary Navaid

Backup if GPS not available Marking Certain Airways Approach Procedures Holding Point









VOR Name (Location) Frequency Range 108.00 -117.95MHz (50kHz spacing)

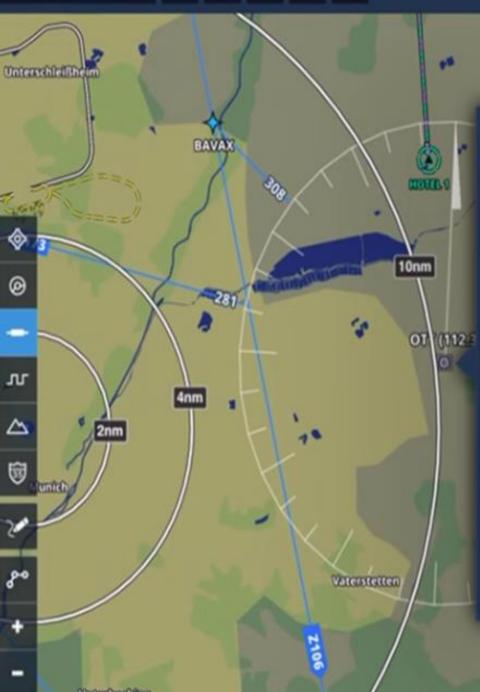
3 - Letter Identifier

Morse Code

Weather broadcasting facilities

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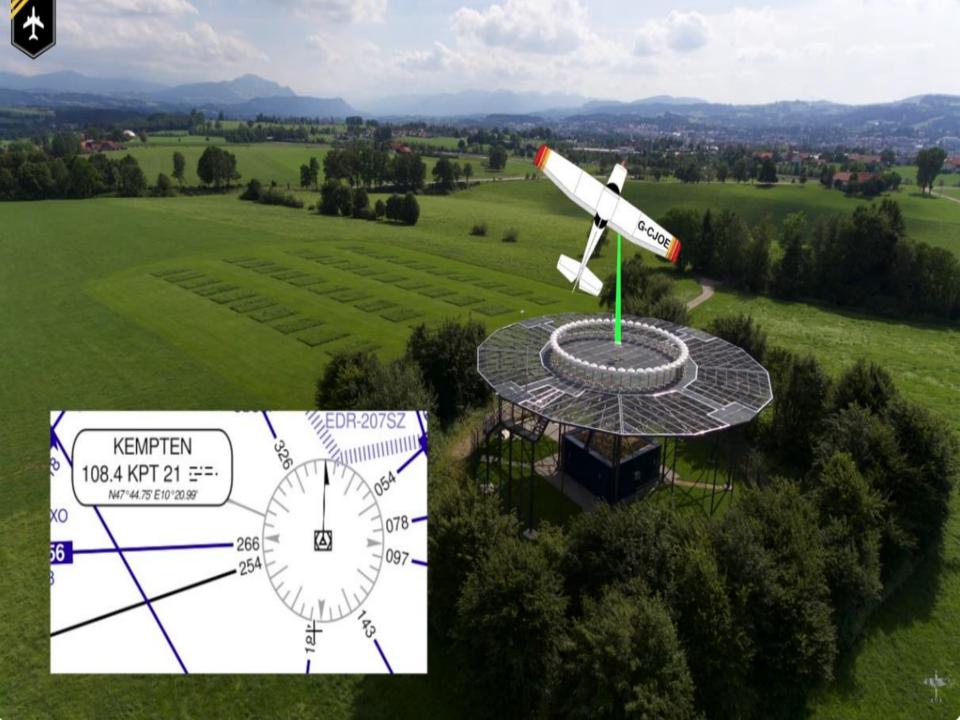
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NAVAID INFORMATION	0
Name	OTTERSBERG
Morse Code	
Navaid Type	VORDME
Frequency	112,3
LOCATION INFORMATION	
Mag Var	3°E
Coordinates	48,18°N/11,82°E
Bearing To	10,3 nm at 79°M





ATC: "Cherokee 78Victor, Fly on radial 220 from KPT VOR"

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CDI Instrument

Omni Bearing Selector

OBS



CDI Instrument

CDI Course Deviation Indicator

"The Needle"





- More accurate and precise flying
- Reliable
- Voice capable
- Reduces interference from atmosphere and precipitation
- Navigation info is visually displayed on an instrument in cockpit called the CDI (Course Deviation Indicator.)

VHF OMNIRANGE (VOR)



Omni 345° Radial

CDI (Course Deviation Indicator.)

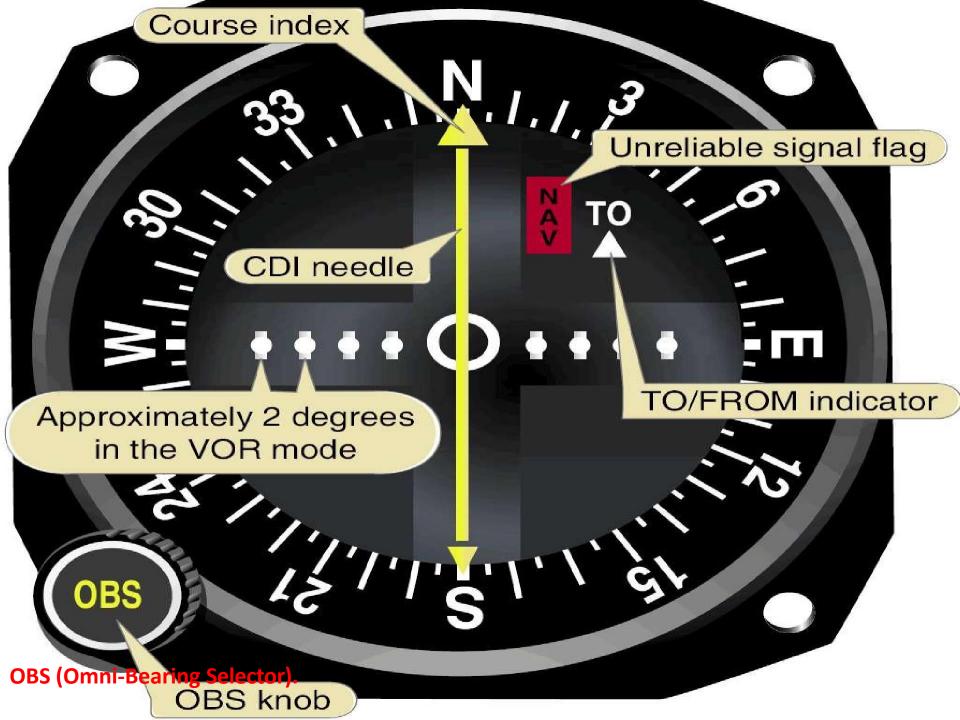
VOR RECEIVING SYSTEMS CONSIST OF ;

- ✓ A RECEIVER
- ✓ VISUAL INDICATOR
- ✓ ANTENNAS
- ✓ A POWER SUPPLY
- FREQUENCY SELECTOR: USED TO TUNE RECEIVER TO SELECTED VOR GROUND STATION

INFO FROM THE VOR RECEIVER IS DISPLAYED ON THE CDI (COURSE DEVIATION INDICATOR).

WORKING OF VOR

- ✓ Info from the VOR receiver is displayed on the CDI (Course Deviation Indicator).
- \checkmark The vertical needle is used as the course indicator.
- Vertical needle also indicates when the aircraft deviates from the course and
- ✓ The direction of the aircraft must be turned to attain the desired course





Bearing Selector



Deviatio Indicato

WORKING OF VOR THROUGH CDI

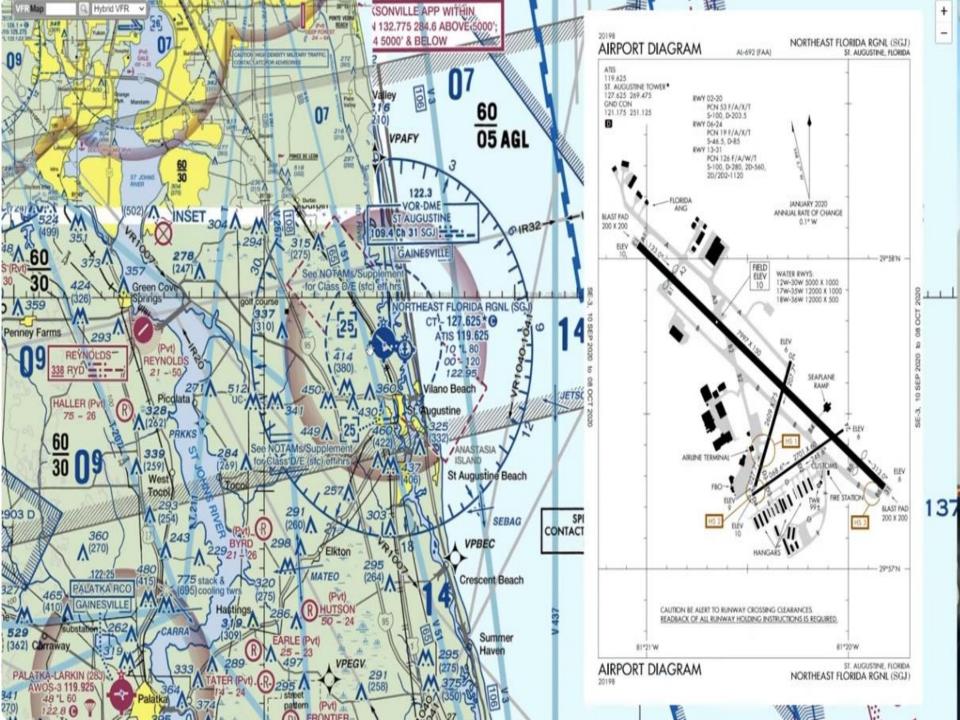
- ✓ To-from indicator presents the direction to or from the station along the omni radial.
- When the localizer signals are selected on the receiver ,the indicator shows the position of the localizer beam relative to the aircraft and the direction the aircraft must be turned to intercept the localizer.
- ✓ During VOR operation the VOR radial to be used is selected by rotating the OBS (Omni-Bearing Selector).
- \checkmark OBS is graduated in degrees from 0 to 360.

VOR SIMULATOR VOR Navigation Made Easy + ADF & DME









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INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM (ILS)

Automatic Landing Systems (1)

Air carrier acft that are authorized for precisionapproach below category II must have automatic landing (auto-land) system.

- 1. Guidance & control requirements by FAA
 - For category II: the coupled autopilot or crew hold the acft within the vertical error of +or- 12 ft at the 100ft height on a 3deg glide path
 - For category III: the demonstrated touchdown dispersions should be limited to 1500ft longtudinally & -or+ 27ft laterally

Automatic Landing Systems (2)

Flare Guidance

- During the final approach the glide-slope gain in the auto-land system is reduced in a programmed fashion. Supplementary sensors must supply the vertical guidance below 100ft
- 3. Lateral Guidance
 - Tracking of the localizer is aided by heading (or integral-of-roll), roll, or roll-rate signals supplied to the autopilot and by rate & acceleration data from on-board inertial system

Is a collection of radio transmitting stations used to guide acft to a specific runway.

Instrument Landing System(ILS)

(1)

- In 1996 nearly 100 airports worldwide had at least one runway certified to Category III with ILS
- More than one ILS in high density airports
- About 1500 ILSs are in use at airports throughout the US

ILS typically includes:

 The localizer antenna is centered on the runway beyond the stop end to provide lateral guidance

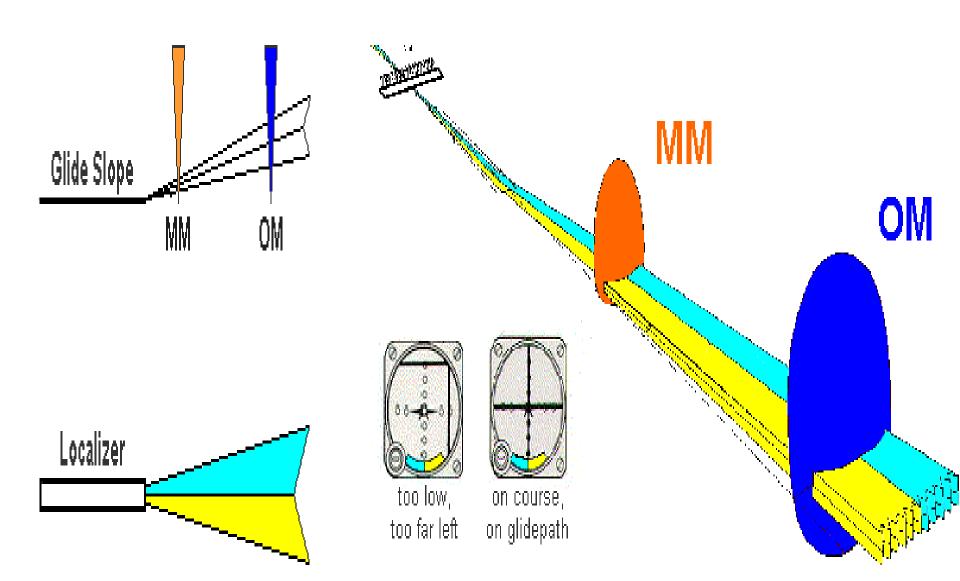
Instrument Landing System(IL

- The glide slope antenna, located beside the runway near the threshold to provide vertical guidance
- Marker beacons located at discrete positions along the approach path; to alert pilots of their progress along the glide-path
- Radiation monitors that, in case of ILS failure alarm the control tower, may shut-down a Category I or II ILS, or switch a Category III ILS to backup transmitters

DEFINITION OF INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM (ILS)

- ✓ In aviation, the instrument landing system (ILS) is a radio navigation system that provides short-range guidance to aircraft to allow them to approach a runway at night or in bad weather.
- ✓ It Operates in the VHF portion of the electromagnetic spectrum
 ✓ System consists of ;
- a runaway localizer,
- a glide slope signal, and
- marker beacons for position location
- Localizer equipment produces a radio course aligned with the centre of an airport runaway.
 - ✓ The on course signals result from the equal reception of two signals;
- ✓ Blue sector(150 Hz) and yellow sector(90 Hz)

GLIDE SLOPE INFORMATION

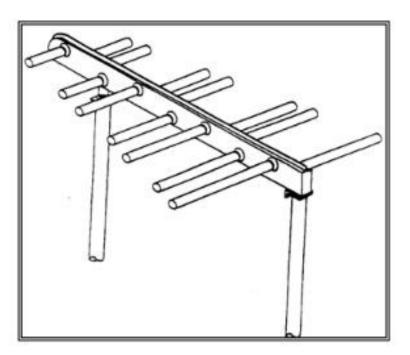


The Localizer (1)

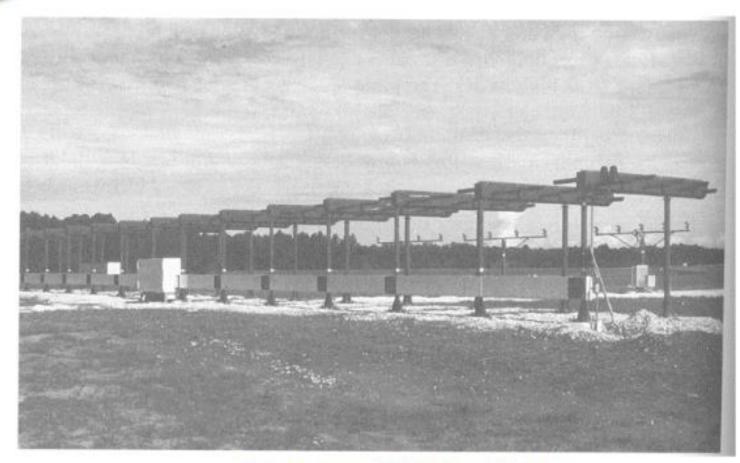
The typical localizer is an array usually located 600 to 1000 ft beyond the stop end antenna of the runway

The array axis is perpendicular to the runway center line

Log-periodic dipole antenna used in many localizer arrays







Category IIIB localizer



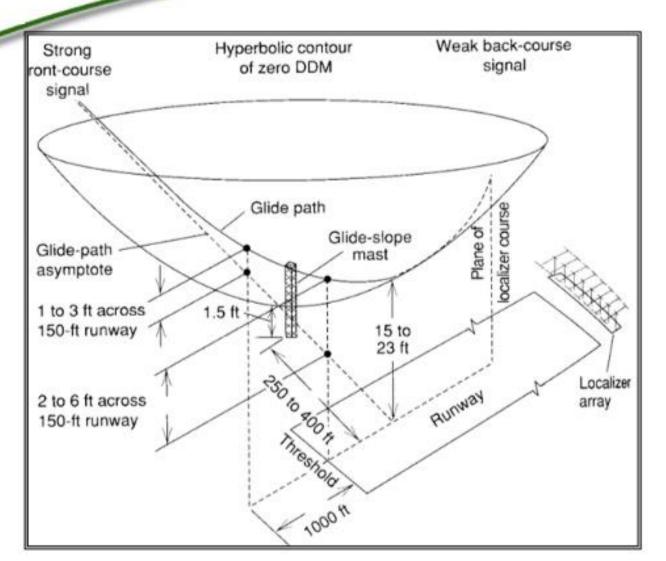
- There are five different of glide-slope arrays in common use; three are image systems & two are not
- Image arrays depend on reflections from level ground in the direction of approaching acft to form the radiation pattern
 - The three image systems are null-referenced system, with two antennas supported on a vertical mast 14 & 28 ft above the ground plane
 - The sideband-reference system, with two antennas 7 and 22ft above the ground plane
 - The capture-effect system, with 3 antennas 14, 28, and 42 ft above the ground plane





Category IIIB capture-effect glideslope & Tasker transmissometer

The Glide Slope (3)



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Glide-slope pattern near the runway. DDM counters are symmetrical around the vertical, but signal strength drops rapidly off course

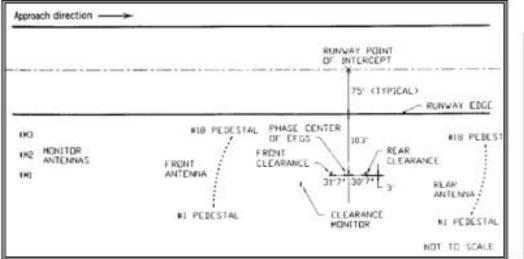
The Glide Slope (4)

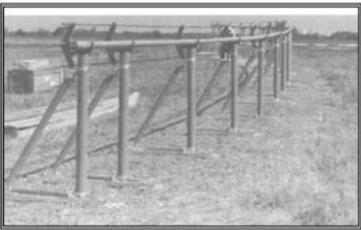
The cable radiators of the end-fire array are installed on stands 40 in. high & are site alongside the runway near desired touchdown point

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• Fig 13.11





Standard end-fire glide-slope system layout

Front slotted-cable radiator of an end-fire glide slope

- ✓ The glide slope : assists pilot in making the correct angle of descent.
- ✓ Glide slope signals are radiated from two antennas located adjacent to the touchdown point of the runway.
- ✓Info from both localizer and glide slope receivers is presented to the CDI;
- THE COURSE DEVIATION INDICATOR ;
- ✓ The vertical needle: localizer information
 ✓ Horizontal needle : Glide slope information
 - When both needles are centered, the aircraft is on course and descending at the proper rate.

Marker beacons provide pilot alerts along the approach path

 Each beacon radiates a fan-shaped vertical beam that is approximately +or- 40deg wide along the glide path by +-85deg wide perpendicular to the path

ILS Marker Beacons (1)

 The outer marker(OM) is placed under the approach course near the point of glide-path intercept & it is modulated with two 400 Hz Morsecode dashed per second

MARKER BEACONS

 In connection with the instrument landing system, signals which indicate the position of the aircraft along the approach to the runway.

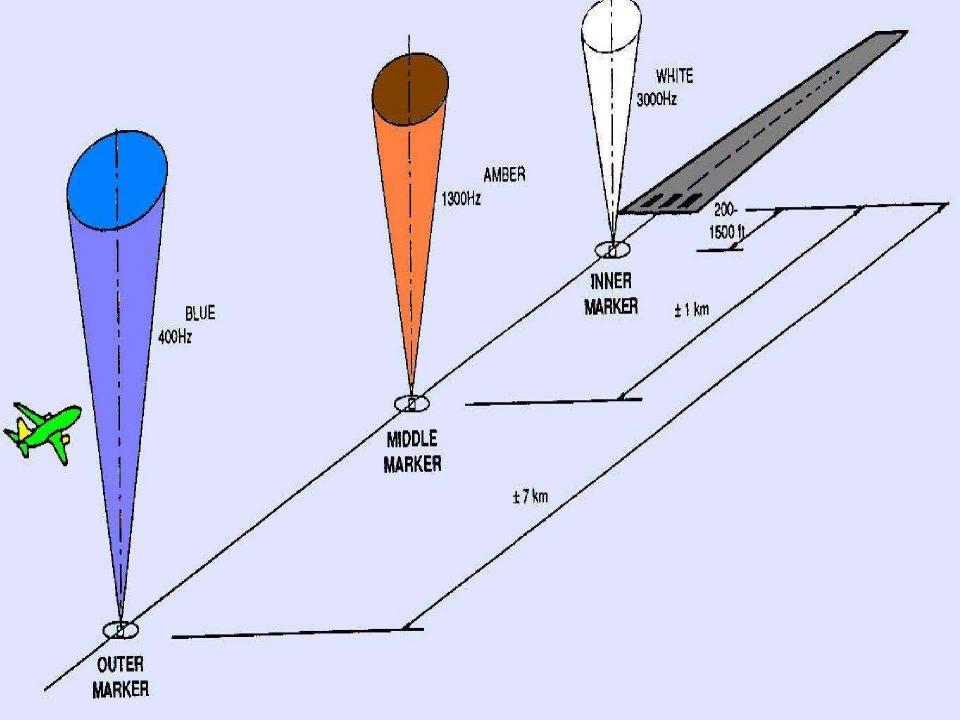
✓ Three markers are used in each installation:

Outer marker - the beginning of the approach path

is modulated by a 400 HZ signal, a tone keyed in long dashes, its position is ± 7km to to the beginning of the runway.

> Middle marker: 3500 ft from the end of the runway

- is modulated at 1300 Hz, a higher-pitched tone keyed with alternate dots and dashes. its position is
- **± 1km to to the beginning of the runway.**
- Inner Marker ismodulated at3000 Hz , its position is1500feet to to the beginning of the runway.



DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT(DME)

- Constant visual indication of the distance the aircraft is from a ground station.
- ✓ <u>NOT</u> a true indication of point to point distance as measured over the ground.
- ✓ Indicates the slant range between the aircraft and the ground station.

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WORKING OF DME

Transceiver transmits a pair of spaced pulses to the ground station,

✓ Ground station responds with a pulse transmission on a separate frequency to send a reply to the aircraft,

✓ Time elapsed is time between the challenges and are measured;

Time travel is the distance separating plane and station.

✓ Distance is indicated in 'nautical miles' by a cockpit instrument.

WORKING OF DME

- ✓ Transmitting frequencies are in 2 groups
- > 962 MHz to 1024 MHz
- 1151 MHz to 1212 MHz
- **Receiving frequency is between 1025 to 1149 MHz**

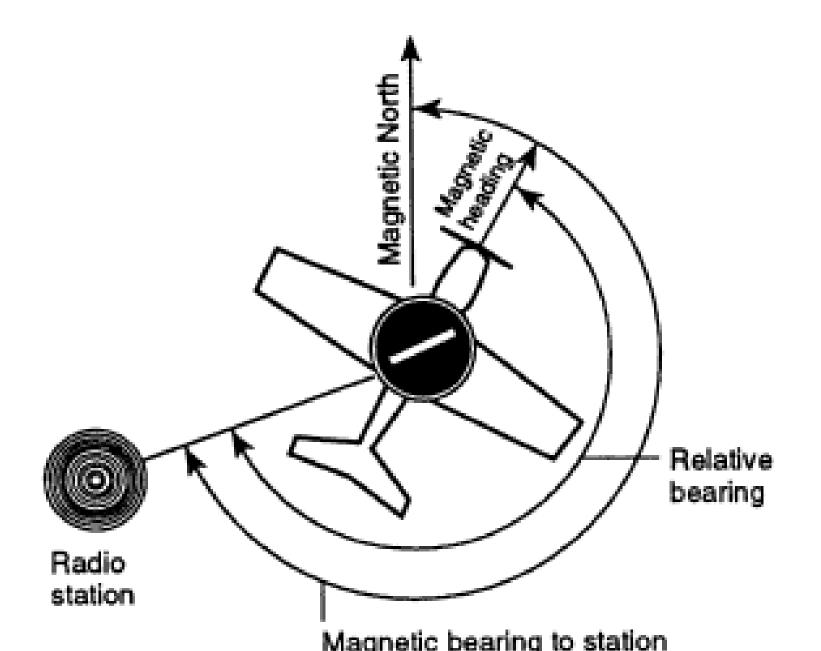
Aircraft's DME transceiver is tuned to the selected DME ground station

AUTOMATIC DIRECTION FINDERS ADF

- ✓ ADF (Automatic Direction Finder) is the radio signals in the low to medium frequency band of 190 KHz to 1750 KHz. It was widely used today. It has the major advantage over VOR navigation in the reception because it is not limited to line of sight distance. \checkmark The ADF signals follow the curvature of the earth. ✓ The maximum of distance depends on the power of the beacon. The ADF can receives on both AM radio station and Non-Directional Beacon NDB.
 - **Commercial AM radio stations broadcast on 540 to 1620 KHz.**

Non-Directional Beacon NDB operates in the frequency band of 190 to 535 KHz.

AUTOMATIC DIRECTION FINDERS ADF



AUTOMATIC DIRECTION FINDERS ADF consists the following ;

- ✓ Consists of
 - Receiver, Loop antenna,
 - Sense or non-directional antenna,
 - Indicator and control unit.
- ✓ Loop antenna rotates through 360 degrees.
- ✓ Receives <u>Max</u> signal strength: In parallel position with the direction of the transmitted signal.
- ✓ Reaches the <u>Min</u> when perpendicular to the transmitted signal position of the loop, is called the null position.

 \checkmark Null position of the loop is used for direction finding.

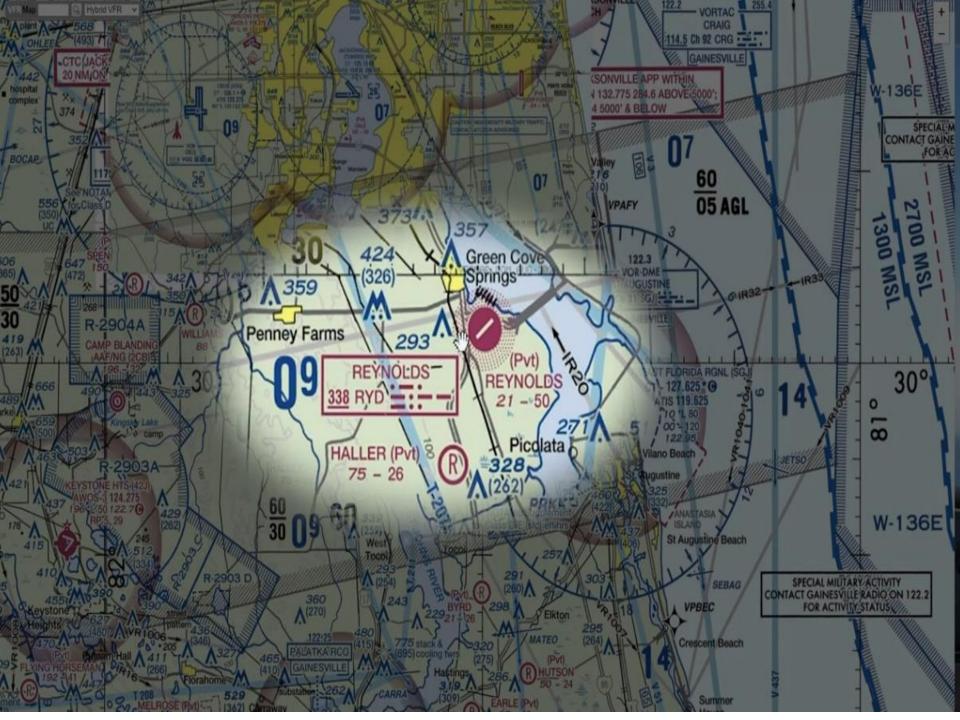
✓ Two null positions exist (180 degrees apart).

✓ Loop antenna cannot differentiate, require sense antenna.

 Signal strength of the sense antenna is superimposed with the null antenna.

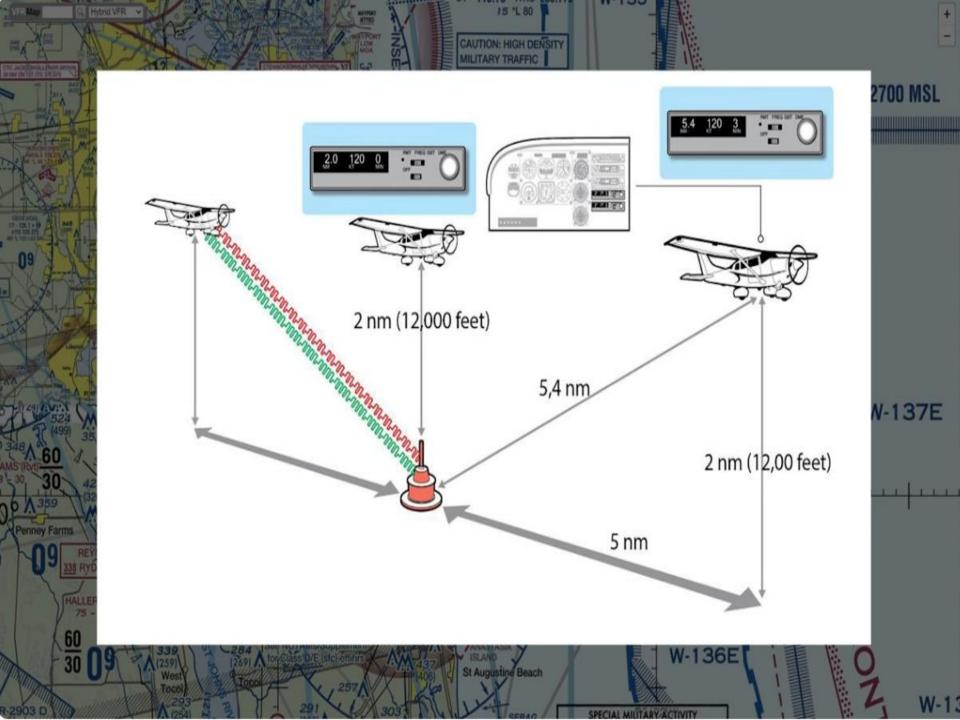
 \checkmark Only one null position of the loop.











DOPPLER NAVIGATION SYSTEM

✓Automatically and continuously computes and displays ground speed and drift angle of an aircraft without the aid of ground stations, wind estimates or true air speed data.

✓ Does not sense direction as search radar does.

✓ Uses continuous carrier wave transmission energy and determines the forward and lateral velocity component of the air craft by utilizing the principle known as

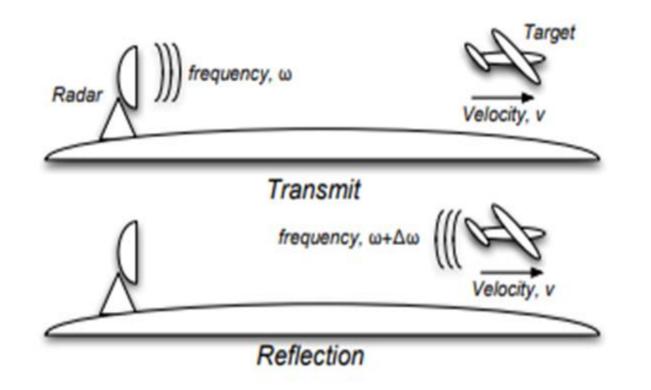
DOPPLER EFFECT

What is DOPPLER EFFECT ?

- •Doppler effect implies that the frequency of a wave when transmitted by the source is not necessarily the same as the frequency of the transmitted wave when picked by the receiver.
- •The received frequency depends upon the relative motion between the transmitter and receiver.
- •If transmitter and receiver both are moving towards each other the received frequency higher, this is true even one is moving.
- •If they are moving apart the received signal frequency decreases and if both are stationary, the frequency remains the same. This change in frequency is known as *Doppler shift*.
- •Doppler shift depends upon the relative velocity between radar and target
- If R is the distance from the radar to target, the total number of wavelengths λ contained in the two-way path between the radar and the target are $2R/\lambda$.
- •Each wavelength corresponds to a phase change of 2π radians. The total phase change in the two way propagation path is then

$$\phi = 2\pi * \frac{2R}{\lambda} = 4\pi R/\lambda$$

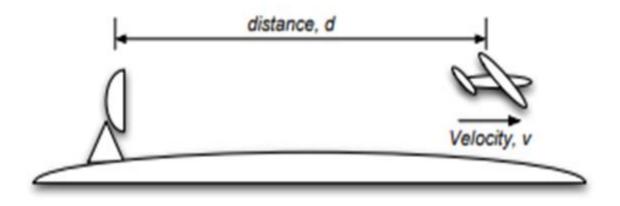
Basic Doppler Radar Idea



The target is moving.

The reflected RF pulse is shifted in frequency.

Doppler Shift



The target is a distance d from the antenna, moving at a velocity v.

The phase of the received signal is the total distance divided by the wavelength λ .

$$\phi = -2\pi \frac{2d}{\lambda}$$

The negative sign is due to the fact that the received signal is *delayed* in time.

The frequency of the signal is

$$\omega_d = \frac{d}{dt}\phi = \frac{d}{dt}\left(-2\pi\frac{2d}{\lambda}\right) = -2\pi\frac{2v}{\lambda}$$

The wavelength $\lambda=c/(\omega/2\pi)=2\pi c/\omega_c,$ where c is the speed of light, so

$$\omega_d = -2\pi \frac{2v}{2\pi c/\omega_c} = -\frac{2v}{c}\omega_c$$

or, dividing both sides by 2π , and using $f = \omega/2\pi$,

$$f_d = -\frac{2v}{c}f_c$$

For an airplane traveling 300 m/s (just below the speed of sound, 330 m/s), and a radar frequency of $f_c = 1$ GHz, this gives

$$f_d = -\frac{(2)(3 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s})}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} (1 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}) = -2 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} = -2 \text{ kHz}.$$

You also see a similar frequency shift in communications.

The shift is half of the radar doppler shift, since there is only the one-way path.

This shift is noticeable when you are decoding packets. The frequency will drift depending on the changing distance between you and the airplane.

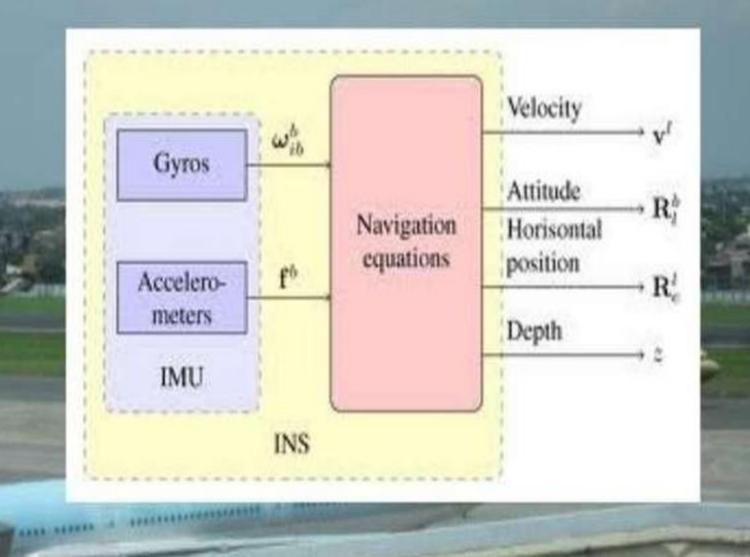
It is even more of an issue with low earth orbit satellites, due to their very high speeds.

INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM

- ✓ Used on large aircraft as a long range navigation aid
 ✓ Self-contained system;
- ✓ <u>DOES NOT</u> require any signal inputs from ground navigational facilities.
- ✓ Derives <u>altitude</u>, <u>velocity</u>, and <u>heading information</u> from measurement of the <u>aircraft's</u> accelerations.
- Two accelerometers are required,
- one referenced towards east and other towards north.
- ✓ The accelerometers are mounted on a gyro stabilized unit, called the stable platform.

✓ Averts the introduction of errors resulting from the acceleration due to gravity.

INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM



INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM COMPONENTS

An inertial navigation system is a complex containing four basic components :-

- ✓A stable platform which is oriented to maintain accelerometers horizontal to the earth's surface.
- ✓ Accelerometers arranged on the platform to supply specific components of acceleration.
- ✓ Integrators which receive the output from the accelerometers and furnish velocity and distance.
- ✓ A computer which receives signals from the integrators and changes distance travelled to position in selected coordinates.

RADIO ALTIMETER

Radio altimeters are based on the principle of reflection of electromagnetic wave pulses by the surface of the earth or sea. These waves fall within the radio spectrum range.

Electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light and thus the calculation of the distance is effectively immediate. Although they are affected by surface irregularities generating deviations in the radio signal, radio altimeters provide a reliable and accurate method of measuring height.

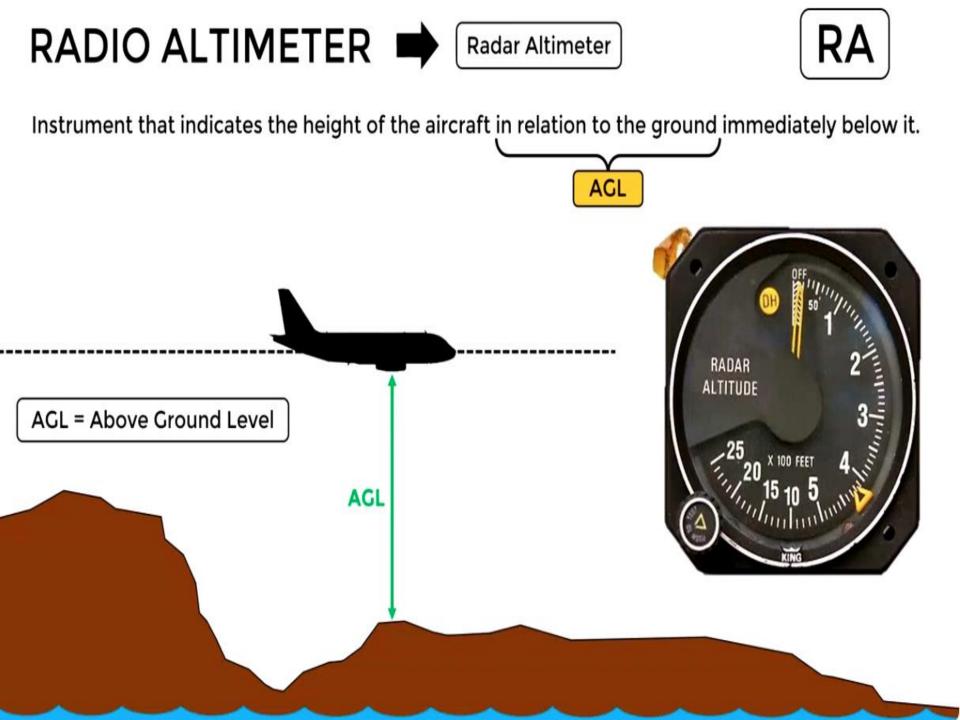
 \checkmark Measures the distance from the aircraft to the ground.

✓ Accomplished by transmitting radio frequency energy to the ground and receiving the reflected energy at the aircraft.

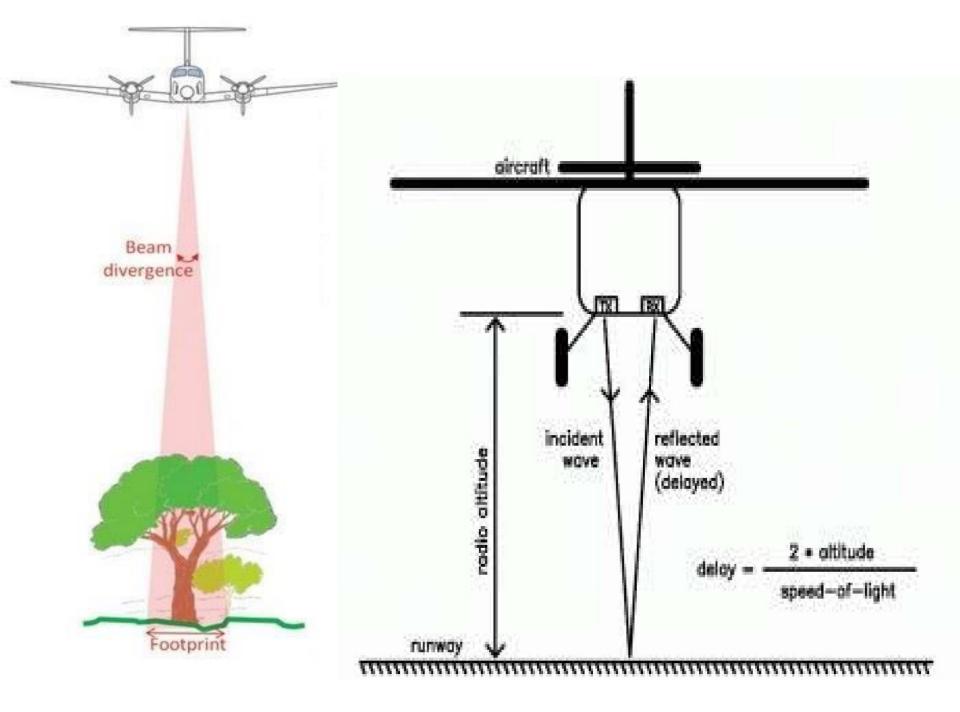
Pulse Type

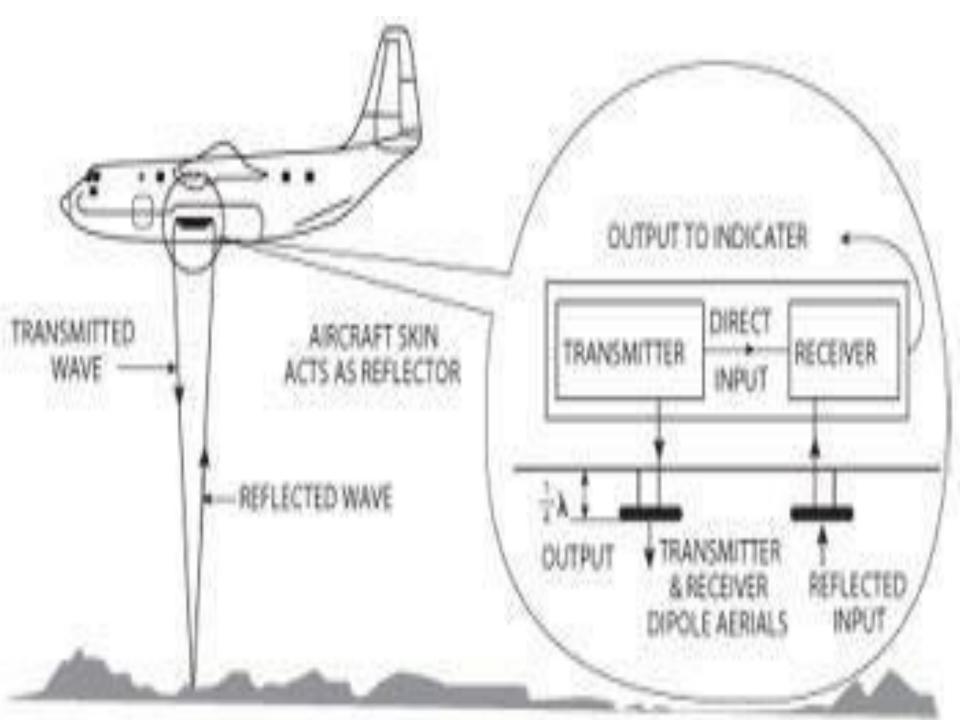
- Altitude determined by measuring time required for transmitted pulse to hit ground and return.
- Indicating instrument gives true altitude of aircraft.
- Used during landing to determine decision whether to continue to land or execute climb-out.

THE RADIO ALTIMETER









Video Links

VOR

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ILS

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