

RADAR RELATIONSHIPS

1. Radar Equation

$$\frac{S}{N} = \frac{PG^2 \lambda^2 \sigma}{(4\pi)^3 R^4 NF kTB L}$$

2. S/N at Range, R

$$\frac{S}{N} = \left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)^4$$

R_0 is the range at $S/N = 1$

3. Antenna Gain

$$G = \frac{4\pi A}{\lambda^2} \cdot \rho$$

A = Aperture Area

(ρ = antenna efficiency)

Skolnik, p. 2.49

4. Antenna Beamwidth, Half Power

$$BW = \frac{51 \lambda}{A} = \frac{65 \lambda}{D} \quad [\text{Skolnik, p. 2.50}]$$

5. Duty Cycle of Pulsed Radar

$$D_c = \text{Pulse Width} \times \text{PRF}$$

6. Average Power = Peak Power x Duty Cycle

7. Range

$$R = \frac{T_r c}{2}$$

T_r = time (round trip)

c = velocity of propagation

8. Unambiguous Range, Single PRF

$$R_u = \frac{c}{2 \text{ PRF}}$$

PRF = Pulse Recurrence Frequency

9. Unambiguous Range, Multiple PRF

$$R_u = \frac{c}{2 (\text{PRF}_1 - \text{PRF}_2)}$$

10. Interpulse Period

$$T = \frac{1}{\text{PRF}} - \tau$$

τ = Pulse Width

11. Velocity of Propagation (velocity of light).

$$c = 2.997925 \times 10^8 \text{ meters/second}$$

$$c = 186,262 \text{ statute miles/second}$$

$$c = 161,875 \text{ nautical miles/second}$$

$$c = 984 \text{ feet/microsecond}$$

Time to travel one (1) nautical mile, round trip, = 12.34×10^{-8} seconds.

12. Doppler Frequency

$$F_d = \frac{2 V_r F_0}{c}$$

V_r = Relative Velocity

F_0 = Transmitted Frequency

13. Pulse Compression Ratio

$$\text{Ratio} = \Delta F \times \text{Pulse Width}$$

$$\text{Compressed Pulse Length} = \frac{1}{\Delta F}$$

$$\text{Compressed Pulse Amplitude} = A \sqrt{\Delta F}$$

A is transmitted peak power of pulse.

14. Wavelength

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{F}$$

c = Velocity of Propagation

F = Frequency

15. Receiver Bandwidth

(a) Low PRF Radars

$$BW = \frac{1}{T}$$

(b) High PRF Radars (Pulse Doppler)

$$BW \text{ (each filter)} = \frac{B}{T_i^2}$$

B = Antenna Beamwidth,

T_i = Target Illumination Time

17. Overall Noise Figure of a Series of Amplifiers, 1, 2 and 3.

$$\overline{NF} = \overline{NF}_1 + \frac{\overline{NF}_2 - 1}{G_1} + \frac{\overline{NF}_3 - 1}{G_1 G_2}$$

G = Amplifier Gain

18. Thermal Noise Level

$$kTB = -204 \text{ dBW/Hertz} \\ = -114 \text{ dBm/MHz}$$

16. Noise Figure of an Amplifier \overline{NF}

$$\overline{NF} = \frac{S/N \text{ In}}{S/N \text{ Out}}$$

19. Boltzman's constant

$$k = 1.35 \times 10^{-23} \text{ joule/degree}$$

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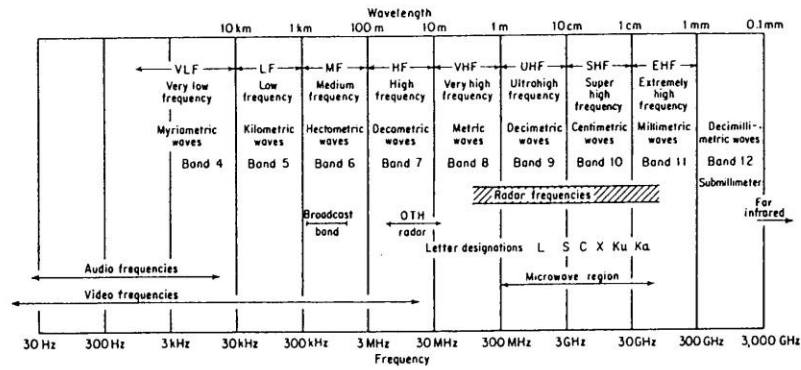


Figure 1.4 Radar frequencies and the electromagnetic spectrum.

8 INTRODUCTION TO RADAR SYSTEMS

Table 1.1 Standard radar-frequency letter-band nomenclature

Band designation	Nominal frequency range	Specific radiolocation (radar) bands based on ITU assignments for region 2
HF	3-30 MHz	
VHF	30-300 MHz	138-144 MHz 216-225
UHF	300-1000 MHz	420-450 MHz 890-942
L	1000-2000 MHz	1215-1400 MHz
S	2000-4000 MHz	2300-2500 MHz 2700-3700
C	4000-8000 MHz	5250-5925 MHz
X	8000-12,000 MHz	8500-10,680 MHz
K _a	12.0-18 GHz	13.4-14.0 GHz 15.7-17.7
K	18-27 GHz	24.05-24.25 GHz
K _a	27-40 GHz	33.4-36.0 GHz
mm	40-300 GHz	

(and Sergio M. Skolnik, "Introduction to Radar Systems")