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Systems and methods of generating a selectively limited aircraft static pressure indication

Abstract

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Background/Summary

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

(1) The present disclosure is generally related to generating a selectively limited static pressure indication of an aircraft.

BACKGROUND

(2) A standby altimeter is a backup instrument used to indicate an aircraft's altitude in case of a failure or malfunction of a primary altimeter. Standby altimeters are designed to be simple, reliable, and easy to read, often using an analog display with a single pointer or a digital display. Standby altimeters are driven by a static pressure measurement system.

(3) Ground effect is a phenomenon that occurs when an aircraft is moving at high velocity on the ground or flying at a low altitude, typically within one wingspan of the ground or other surface. The effect is caused by the interference between the wings and the ground, which can cause a reduction in the induced drag and an increase in lift. Ground effect can result in an increase in the static pressure measurement under the wings, which can affect altitude measurement during takeoff.

(4) To compensate for ground effect, aircraft manufacturers typically provide calibration procedures for the primary altimeter that take into account the expected changes in static pressure during takeoff. The standby altimeter, that is simple by design, can output an inaccurate altitude measurement corresponding to the increase in the static pressure measurement due to the ground effect during takeoff. Increasing accuracy of the standby altimeter can help pilots to maintain situational awareness and reduce the likelihood of a potentially hazardous high-speed rejected takeoff.

SUMMARY

(5) In a particular implementation, a device includes circuitry configured to, during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit. The circuitry is also configured to, during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit. The circuitry is further configured to generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.

(6) In another particular implementation, an aircraft includes circuitry configured to, during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit. The circuitry is also configured to, during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit. The circuitry is further configured to generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.

(7) In another particular implementation, a method includes generating, at circuitry, a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit. The method also includes generating, at the circuitry, a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.

(8) The features, functions, and advantages described herein can be achieved independently in various implementations or may be combined in yet other implementations, further details of which can be found with reference to the following description and drawings.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- (1) FIG. 1A is a diagram that illustrates a system including aircraft data circuitry configured to generate a static pressure indication of an aircraft.
- (2) FIG. 1B is a diagram of a particular example of a static pressure indication and corresponding altitude indication that can be generated by the system of FIG. 1A.
- (3) FIG. 2 is a diagram of a particular implementation of the aircraft data circuitry of the system of FIG. 1A.
- (4) FIG. 3 is a diagram that illustrates a flow chart of an example of a method of generating a static pressure indication of the aircraft of FIG. 1A.
- (5) FIG. 4 is a flowchart illustrating an example of a life cycle of the aircraft of FIG. 1A.
- (6) FIG. 5 is a block diagram of a particular implementation of the aircraft of FIG. 1A.
- (7) FIG. 6 is a block diagram of a computing environment including a computing device configured to support aspects of computer-implemented methods and computer-executable program instructions (or code) according to the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- (8) Aspects disclosed herein present systems and methods for aircraft static pressure indication generation. Ground effect can result in an increase in the static pressure measurement during take-off. An altimeter that uses the static pressure measurement generates a decreased altitude indication due to the ground effect.
- (9) Aircraft data circuitry includes a static pressure indication generator coupled to an altimeter. A higher than threshold airspeed can indicate a takeoff phase during which ground effect is typically experienced. During the takeoff phase, the static pressure measurement received by the static pressure indication generator from a static pressure sensor is likely increased due to the ground effect. The static pressure indication generator, in response to detecting a higher than threshold airspeed, switches from a first operation mode to a second operation mode. During the first operation mode, the static pressure indication generator outputs a static pressure indication that is based on the static pressure measurement that is being received. During the second operation mode, the static pressure indication generator outputs a static pressure indication that is based on a previously stored static pressure measurement. The altimeter generates an altitude indication that is based on the static pressure indication. Switching to the second operation mode thus prevents output of a static pressure indication that is based on the increased static pressure measurement due to ground effect, thereby increasing accuracy of the altitude indication.
- (10) The figures and the following description illustrate specific exemplary embodiments. It will be appreciated that those skilled in the art will be able to devise various arrangements that, although not explicitly described or shown herein, embody the principles described herein and are included within the scope of the claims that follow this description. Furthermore, any examples described herein are intended to aid in understanding the principles of the disclosure and are to be construed as being without limitation. As a result, this disclosure is not limited to the specific embodiments or examples described below, but by the claims and their equivalents.
- (11) Particular implementations are described herein with reference to the drawings. In the description, common features are designated by common reference numbers throughout the drawings. In some drawings, multiple instances of a particular type of feature are used. Although these features are physically and/or logically distinct, the same reference number is used for each, and the different instances are distinguished by addition of a letter to the reference number. When the features as a group or a type are referred to herein (e.g., when no particular one of the features is being referenced), the reference number is used without a distinguishing letter. However, when one particular feature of multiple features of the same type is referred to herein, the reference number is used with the distinguishing letter.
- (12) As used herein, various terminology is used for the purpose of describing particular

implementations only and is not intended to be limiting. For example, the singular forms “a,” “an,” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Further, some features described herein are singular in some implementations and plural in other implementations. To illustrate, FIG. 6 depicts a computing device **610** including one or more processors (“processor(s)” **620** in FIG. 6), which indicates that in some implementations the computing device **610** includes a single processor **620** and in other implementations the computing device **610** includes multiple processors **620**. For ease of reference herein, such features are generally introduced as “one or more” features, and are subsequently referred to in the singular or optional plural (as typically indicated by “(s)”) unless aspects related to multiple of the features are being described.

(13) The terms “comprise,” “comprises,” and “comprising” are used interchangeably with “include,” “includes,” or “including.” Additionally, the term “wherein” is used interchangeably with the term “where.” As used herein, “exemplary” indicates an example, an implementation, and/or an aspect, and should not be construed as limiting or as indicating a preference or a preferred implementation. As used herein, an ordinal term (e.g., “first,” “second,” “third,” etc.) used to modify an element, such as a structure, a component, an operation, etc., does not by itself indicate any priority or order of the element with respect to another element, but rather merely distinguishes the element from another element having a same name (but for use of the ordinal term). As used herein, the term “set” refers to a grouping of one or more elements, and the term “plurality” refers to multiple elements.

(14) As used herein, “generating,” “calculating,” “using,” “selecting,” “accessing,” and “determining” are interchangeable unless context indicates otherwise. For example, “generating,” “calculating,” or “determining” a parameter (or a signal) can refer to actively generating, calculating, or determining the parameter (or the signal) or can refer to using, selecting, or accessing the parameter (or signal) that is already generated, such as by another component or device. As used herein, “coupled” can include “communicatively coupled,” “electrically coupled,” or “physically coupled,” and can also (or alternatively) include any combinations thereof. Two devices (or components) can be coupled (e.g., communicatively coupled, electrically coupled, or physically coupled) directly or indirectly via one or more other devices, components, wires, buses, networks (e.g., a wired network, a wireless network, or a combination thereof), etc. Two devices (or components) that are electrically coupled can be included in the same device or in different devices and can be connected via electronics, one or more connectors, or inductive coupling, as illustrative, non-limiting examples. In some implementations, two devices (or components) that are communicatively coupled, such as in electrical communication, can send and receive electrical signals (digital signals or analog signals) directly or indirectly, such as via one or more wires, buses, networks, etc. As used herein, “directly coupled” is used to describe two devices that are coupled (e.g., communicatively coupled, electrically coupled, or physically coupled) without intervening components.

(15) FIG. 1A depicts an example of a system **100** that is configured to generate a static pressure indication of an aircraft **104**. The aircraft **104** includes sensors **110** coupled to aircraft data circuitry **106**.

(16) The sensors **110** are configured to generate sensor data. In some examples, one or more of the sensors **110** can generate the sensor data continuously, at various time intervals, or a combination thereof. The sensors **110** include an airspeed sensor, a static pressure sensor, one or more additional sensors, or a combination thereof. In a particular aspect, the sensors **110** include a pitot static tube system. The airspeed sensor is configured to generate an airspeed measurement **118**. The static pressure sensor is configured to generate a static pressure measurement **120**.

(17) FIG. 1A includes an example **160** of a pitch angle **178**, an airspeed **170**, an altitude **166** (e.g., actual altitude), and an altitude **168** (corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**) of the aircraft **104** during a beginning portion of a flight. The example **160** illustrates a difference between

the altitude **166** and the altitude **168** during a take-off phase **172** caused due to ground effect.

(18) The take-off phase **172** starts when the airspeed **170** starts to ramp up (e.g., a few minutes prior to lift-off) and ends when the airspeed **170** starts leveling off. For example, the take-off phase **170** starts prior to a time **162** and ends at a time **164**. According to some implementations, an airspeed threshold **128** corresponds to an estimated airspeed associated with the start of the take-off phase **172**. In some examples, the airspeed threshold **128** is greater than the estimated airspeed. For example, at the time **162** subsequent to the start of the take-off phase **172**, the airspeed **170** has a value **154** (e.g., as indicated by the airspeed measurement **118**) that is equal to the airspeed threshold **128**. To illustrate, the time **162** can correspond to a point in the take-off phase **170** that pilots are typically committed to continuing with the take-off. In some other examples, the airspeed threshold **128** (e.g., 80 knots) can be less than (e.g., within 25 knots of) the estimated airspeed (e.g., 100 knots) to enable switching operation modes prior to the start of the take-off phase **172**. In a particular aspect, the airspeed threshold **128** is based on a user input, historical flight data, a configuration setting, default data, or a combination thereof. The static pressure indication generator **150** is configured to generate a static pressure indication **112** selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit **116**, as further described with reference to FIG. 2. The static pressure indication generator **150** includes an operation mode selector **108** that is configured to select, based on a comparison of the airspeed measurement **118** and the airspeed threshold **128**, one of an operation mode **130** or an operation mode **132** as a selected operation mode **140** of the static pressure indication generator **150**. The static pressure indication generator **150** is configured to, during the selected operation mode **140** corresponding to the operation mode **130**, generate the static pressure indication **112** independently of the static pressure measurement limit **116**. As another example, the static pressure indication generator **150** is configured to, during the selected operation mode **140** corresponding to the operation mode **132**, generate the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement limit **116**.

(19) The altimeter **152** is configured to generate a standby altitude indication **114** based on the static pressure indication **112** (e.g., a standby static pressure indication). According to some aspects, the altimeter **152** applies a formula to at least the static pressure indication **112** to generate the standby altitude indication **114**. In a particular implementation, the formula corresponds to a standard atmosphere formula given by: altitude (in feet) = $145366.45 * (1 - (\text{static pressure} / 1013.25)^{0.190284})$, where “altitude” corresponds to the standby altitude indication **114** and the “static pressure” corresponds to the static pressure indication **112**. In other implementations, the altimeter **152** can apply another formula that is based on the static pressure indication **112**. In some examples, the other formula is also based on one or more additional measurements, such as temperature, humidity, etc.

(20) While the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **130**, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement **120** that is being received and independently of the static pressure measurement limit **116**, as further described with reference to FIG. 2. While the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **130**, the static pressure indication generator **150** updates the static pressure measurement limit **116** based on the static pressure measurement **120**. In a particular aspect, the static pressure indication generator **150** updates the static pressure measurement limit **116** based on a predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements **120**. For example, the static pressure measurement limit **116** can correspond to a running average (e.g., mean, median, or mode) of the predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements **120**. As another example, the static pressure measurement limit **116** can correspond to a highest value or a lowest value of the predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements **120**. According to some implementations, the predetermined count is based on default data, a configuration setting, a user input, or a combination thereof.

(21) The operation mode selector **108**, in response to determining that the airspeed measurement

118 is greater than the airspeed threshold **128** (e.g., 80 knots) while the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **130**, selects the operation mode **132** as the selected operation mode **140**. In a particular aspect, the airspeed measurement **118** greater than the airspeed threshold **128** corresponds to the take-off phase **172** during which ground effect is likely.

(22) While the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **132**, the static pressure indication generator **150** refrains from updating the static pressure measurement limit **116**. To illustrate, the static pressure measurement limit **116** corresponds to the static pressure measurement **120** stored when the selected operation mode **140** corresponded to the operation mode **130** (e.g., while the airspeed measurement **118** was less than or equal to the airspeed threshold **128**).

(23) While the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **132**, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement limit **116**, as further described with reference to FIG. 2. During the operation mode **132**, the static pressure measurement limit **116** corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication **112**. For example, while the selected operation mode **140** corresponds to the operation mode **132**, the static pressure indication generator **150** outputs the lower one of the static pressure measurement limit **116** or the static pressure measurement **120** as the static pressure indication **112**. To illustrate, if the static pressure measurement **120** is lower than the static pressure measurement limit **116**, the static pressure measurement **120** is likely to be accurate and is output as the static pressure indication **112**.

(24) The altimeter **152** generates the standby altitude indication **114** based on the static pressure indication **112**. In an example, while the selected operation mode **140** has the operation mode **132**, the standby altitude indication **114** has an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure ceiling.

(25) The operation mode **132** remains the selected operation mode **140** until a condition **134** is satisfied, as further described with reference to FIG. 2. For example, the operation mode selector **108**, based on determining that the condition **134** is satisfied, transitions from the operation mode **132** to the operation mode **130** as the selected operation mode **140**. According to some implementations, the condition **134** is based on default data, a configuration setting, a user input, or a combination thereof. In some examples, the operation mode selector **108** determines that the condition **134** is satisfied based on determining that a threshold time has elapsed since transitioning to the operation mode **132**. To illustrate, the threshold time (e.g., 60 seconds) corresponds to an expected duration of the take-off phase **172** that is typically associated with ground effect.

(26) According to some implementations, the take-off phase **172** has likely ended when a difference between a detected altitude of the aircraft and the altitude floor is greater than a difference threshold (e.g., 200 feet). In some examples, the operation mode selector **108** determines that the condition **134** is satisfied based on determining that a difference threshold is less than or equal to a difference between the standby altitude indication **114** (e.g., a detected altitude) and an altitude (e.g., an altitude floor) corresponding to the static pressure measurement limit **116**. In some examples, the operation mode selector **108** determines that the condition **134** is satisfied based on determining that a difference threshold is less than or equal to a difference between the static pressure indication **112** (e.g., a detected static pressure corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**) and the static pressure measurement limit **116** (e.g., corresponding to the static pressure ceiling).

(27) A technical advantage of switching to the operation mode **132** when the airspeed measurement **118** is greater than the airspeed threshold **128** can include preventing output of the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement **120** that is increased due to ground effect, thereby increasing accuracy of the standby altitude indication **114**. Increasing accuracy of the altimeter **152** can help pilots to maintain situational awareness and reduce the likelihood of a potentially hazardous high-speed rejected takeoff. According to some implementations, the altimeter **152** generates the standby altitude indication **114** solely based on one or more airspeed

measurements **118** obtained from an airspeed sensor of the sensors **110**, one or more static pressure measurements **120** obtained from a static pressure sensor of the sensors **110**, or a combination thereof. For example, the standby altitude indication **114** is not based on any additional sensor data. The altimeter **152** thus retains the simplicity associated with a standby altimeter while providing more accurate standby altitude indications **114**.

(28) In some implementations, the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof, can be implemented at least in part by a processor executing instructions. The processor can be implemented as a single processor or as multiple processors, such as in a multi-core configuration, a multi-processor configuration, a distributed computing configuration, a cloud computing configuration, or any combination thereof. In some implementations, one or more portions of the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof, are implemented using dedicated hardware, firmware, or a combination thereof.

(29) Although the altimeter **152** and the static pressure indication generator **150** are depicted as separate components, in other implementations the described functionality of two or more of the altimeter **152** and the static pressure indication generator **150** can be performed by a single component. In some implementations, the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof, include analog circuitry, one or more processors, or a combination thereof. In some implementations, the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof, include a line replaceable unit (LRU). For example, the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof, can be integrated in an LRU configured to provide standby flight data indications (e.g., the static pressure indication **112**, the standby altitude indication **114**, or both).

(30) In some implementations, each of the static pressure indication generator **150** and the altimeter **152** can be represented in hardware, such as via an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) or a field-programmable gate array (FPGA), or the operations described with reference to the elements may be performed by a processor executing computer-readable instructions.

(31) FIG. 1B illustrates an example **180** of the static pressure indication **112** and the standby altitude indication **114** that can be generated by the system **100** of FIG. 1A.

(32) At a time **182**, the aircraft **104** of FIG. 1A initiates a takeoff roll. The selected operation mode **140** is initialized to the operation mode **130** and the static pressure indication **112** is the same as the static pressure measurement **120**. An altitude **176** (corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**) is the same as the standby altitude indication **114** (corresponding to the static pressure indication **112**).

(33) At a time **184**, the airspeed measurement **118** of FIG. 1A is greater than or equal to the airspeed threshold **128**. The static pressure indication generator **150** captures (e.g., stores) the static pressure measurement limit **116** corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120** and the operation mode selector **108** transitions from the operation mode **130** to the operation mode **132** as the selected operation mode **140**.

(34) At a time **186**, as the aircraft **104** continues accelerating, ground effect causes the static pressure measurement **120** to increase. The static pressure indication generator **150** outputs the static pressure measurement limit **116** (e.g., the lower of the static pressure measurement **120** or the static pressure measurement limit **116**) as the static pressure indication **112**. The standby altitude indication **114** (corresponding to the static pressure indication **112**) is greater than the altitude **176** (corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**), thereby disregarding the ground effect errors of the static pressure measurement **120**.

(35) At a time **186** and a time **188**, the static pressure indication generator **150** continues to output the static pressure measurement limit **116** (e.g., the lower of the static pressure measurement **120** or the static pressure measurement limit **116**). The standby altitude indication **114** (corresponding to

the static pressure indication **112**) remains greater than the altitude **176** (corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**).

(36) After a time **190**, as the aircraft **104** continues to gain altitude, the ground effect is reduced (e.g., absent) and the static pressure measurement **120** gets lower than the static pressure measurement limit **116**. The static pressure indication generator **150** outputs the static pressure measurement **120** (e.g., the lower of the static pressure measurement **120** or the static pressure measurement limit **116**) as the static pressure indication **112**. The standby altitude indication **114** (corresponding to the static pressure indication **112**) is the same as the altitude **176** (corresponding to the static pressure measurement **120**).

(37) At a time **192**, the operation mode selector **108**, in response to detecting a condition **134**, transitions from the operation mode **132** to the operation mode **130** as the selected operation mode **140**, as described with reference to FIG. 1A. For example, the operation mode selector **108** detects the condition **134** in response to determining that a difference **194** between the static pressure indication **112** and the static pressure measurement limit **116** is greater than a change threshold. To illustrate, the condition **134** is detected based on determining that the static pressure indication **112** is less than the static pressure measurement limit **116** by at least the change threshold. The criteria for detecting the condition **134** are selected such that the condition **134** is detected at the time **192** that is subsequent to the take-off phase **172** during which ground effect is expected.

(38) In some examples, the operation mode selector **108** detects the condition **134** in response to determining that a difference between the standby altitude indication **114** and an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure measurement limit **116** is greater than a change threshold. To illustrate, the condition **134** is detected based on determining that the standby altitude indication **114** is greater than the altitude floor by at least the change threshold. In some examples, the operation mode selector **108** detects the condition **134** in response to determining that at least a threshold time has elapsed since transitioning to the operation mode **132**.

(39) A technical advantage of switching to the operation mode **132** can include enabling output of the static pressure indication **112** that is based on the static pressure measurement limit **116** instead of the static pressure measurement **120** that is increased due to ground effect, thereby enabling output of the standby altitude indication **114** having greater accuracy (e.g., does not indicate a decrease due to the ground effect).

(40) FIG. 2 illustrates a particular implementation of the aircraft data circuitry **106**. The aircraft data circuitry **106** includes the static pressure indication generator **150** coupled to the altimeter **152**.

(41) In FIG. 2, the operation mode selector **108** is illustrated as including a switch in a first position indicating that the operation mode **130** is selected as the selected operation mode **140**. During the operation mode **130**, the static pressure indication generator **150** updates the static pressure measurement limit **116** based on the static pressure measurement **120**, as described with reference to FIG. 1A, and outputs the static pressure measurement **120** as a static pressure indication **112**. In some examples, the static pressure indication generator **150** is configured to, during the operation mode **130**, perform a minimum value select **206** to select the static pressure measurement limit **116** as the static pressure indication **112**. To illustrate, during the operation mode **130**, performing the minimum value select **206** corresponds to selecting the static pressure measurement limit **116** as the static pressure indication **112**. The altimeter **152** generates a standby altitude indication **114** based on the static pressure indication **112**, as described with reference to FIG. 1A.

(42) The static pressure indication generator **150**, during the operation mode **130**, performs a comparison of the airspeed measurement **118** and an airspeed threshold (e.g., the airspeed threshold **128** of FIG. 1A), at **202**. The static pressure indication generator **150**, in response to determining that the airspeed measurement **118** is less than or equal to the airspeed threshold (e.g., the airspeed threshold **128**), continues to output the static pressure measurement **120** as the static pressure indication **112** and continues to compare the airspeed measurement **118** and the airspeed threshold (e.g., the airspeed threshold **128**). For example, the static pressure indication generator **150**

performs the comparison of the airspeed measurement **118** and the threshold continuously or at various time intervals (e.g., periodic time intervals).

(43) Alternatively, the static pressure indication generator **150**, during the operation mode **130**, based on determining that the airspeed measurement **118** is greater than the airspeed threshold (e.g., the airspeed threshold **128**), at **202**, activates the operation mode selector **108** (e.g., to move the switch from the first position to a second position) to transition from the operation mode **130** to the operation mode **132** as the selected operation mode **140** and initiates a determination of whether the condition **134** is satisfied. While the condition **134** is not satisfied, the operation mode **132** remains as the selected operation mode **140**.

(44) During the operation mode **132**, the static pressure indication generator **150** refrains from updating the static pressure measurement limit **116**, and performs the minimum value select **206** to select a lower one of the static pressure measurement limit **116** or the static pressure measurement **120** as the static pressure indication **112**. To illustrate, during the operation mode **132**, performing the minimum value select **206** corresponds to performing a comparison of the static pressure measurement limit **116** (e.g., a stored value) and the static pressure measurement **120** (e.g., a detected value), and a lower one of the static pressure measurement limit **116** or the static pressure measurement **120** is output as the static pressure indication **112**. The altimeter **152** generates a standby altitude indication **114** based on the static pressure indication **112**, as described with reference to FIG. 1A.

(45) In FIG. 2, the static pressure indication generator **150** determines whether the condition **134** is satisfied, at **214**, based on determining whether an altitude change is greater than a change threshold, at **210**, or whether a threshold time (e.g., 60 seconds) has elapsed since transitioning to the operation mode **132**, at **212**. For example, the static pressure indication generator **150** determines the altitude change (e.g., a difference) between a first altitude corresponding to the static pressure measurement limit **116** and the standby altitude indication **114**.

(46) According to some implementations, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates a first input having a first value (e.g., 0) in response to determining that the altitude change is less than the change threshold. Alternatively, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates the first input having a second value (e.g., 1) in response to determining that the altitude change is greater than or equal to the change threshold. According to some implementations, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates a second input having a first value (e.g., 0) in response to determining that a threshold time (e.g., 60 seconds) has not elapsed since the transition to the operation mode **132**. Alternatively, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates the second input having a second value (e.g., 1) in response to determining that the threshold time has elapsed since the transition to the operation mode **132**. The static pressure indication generator **150**, based on determining that the first input has the second value, the second input has the second value, or both, determines that the condition **134** is satisfied. The static pressure indication generator **150**, in response to determining that the condition **134** is satisfied, activates the operation mode selector **108** to (e.g., switch from the second position to the first position) to transition from the operation mode **132** to the operation mode **130**.

(47) It should be understood that determining whether the condition **134** is satisfied based on the altitude change, the threshold time, or both, is provided as an illustrative example. The static pressure indication generator **150** can determine whether the condition **134** is satisfied based on various comparisons. According to some examples, the static pressure indication generator **150** can determine that the condition **134** is satisfied based on determining that both comparisons are true, e.g., that the altitude change is greater than the threshold and that the threshold time has elapsed.

(48) According to some examples, the static pressure indication generator **150** can determine whether the condition **134** is satisfied solely based on the altitude change. According to some examples, the static pressure indication generator **150** can determine whether the condition **134** is satisfied solely based on the threshold time having elapsed since transitioning to the operation

mode **132**. According to some examples, the static pressure indication generator **150** determines a static pressure change based on a comparison of (e.g., a difference between) the static pressure indication **112** and the static pressure measurement limit **116**, and determines whether the condition **134** is satisfied based at least in part on whether the static pressure change satisfies (e.g., is less than) a change threshold.

(49) A technical advantage of switching to the operation mode **132** when the airspeed measurement **118** is greater than the airspeed threshold **128** can include preventing output of the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement **120** that is increased due to ground effect, thereby increasing accuracy of the standby altitude indication **114**. Increasing accuracy of the altimeter **152** can help pilots to maintain situational awareness and reduce the likelihood of a potentially hazardous high-speed rejected takeoff. According to some implementations, the altimeter **152** generates the standby altitude indication **114** solely based on one or more airspeed measurements **118** obtained from an airspeed sensor of the sensors **110** of FIG. **1A**, one or more static pressure measurements **120** obtained from a static pressure sensor of the sensors **110** of FIG. **1A**, or a combination thereof. For example, the standby altitude indication **114** is not based on any additional sensor data. The altimeter **152** thus retains the simplicity associated with a standby altimeter while providing more accurate standby altitude indications **114**.

(50) Referring to FIG. **3**, an example of a method **300** of generating a static pressure indication is shown. In a particular aspect, one or more operations of the method **300** are performed by at least one of the static pressure indication generator **150**, the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, the aircraft **104**, the system **100** of FIG. **1A**, or a combination thereof.

(51) The method **300** includes generating, at circuitry, a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit, at **302**. For example, the static pressure indication generator **150** generates the static pressure indication **112** selectively based on the static pressure measurement limit **116**, as described with reference to FIGS. **1A-2**. To illustrate, the static pressure indication generator **150**, during the operation mode **130**, generates the static pressure indication **112** independently of the static pressure measurement limit **116** and, during the operation mode **132**, generates the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement limit **116**.

(52) The method **300** also includes generating, at the circuitry, a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication, at **304**. For example, the altimeter **152** generates the standby altitude indication **114** based on the static pressure indication **112**, as described with reference to FIG. **1A**.

(53) A technical advantage of switching to the operation mode **132** can include preventing output of the static pressure indication **112** based on the static pressure measurement **120** that is increased due to ground effect, thereby increasing accuracy of the standby altitude indication **114**. Increasing accuracy of the altimeter **152** can help pilots to maintain situational awareness and reduce the likelihood of a potentially hazardous high-speed rejected takeoff.

(54) Referring to FIG. **4**, a flowchart illustrative of a life cycle of an aircraft that includes aircraft data circuitry is shown and designated **400**. During pre-production, the exemplary method **400** includes, at **402**, specification and design of an aircraft, such as the aircraft **104** described with reference to FIG. **1A**. During specification and design of the aircraft, the method **400** may include specification and design of the aircraft data circuitry **106**. At **404**, the method **400** includes material procurement, which may include procuring materials for the aircraft data circuitry **106**.

(55) During production, the method **400** includes, at **406**, component and subassembly manufacturing and, at **408**, system integration of the aircraft. For example, the method **400** may include component and subassembly manufacturing of the aircraft data circuitry **106** and system integration of the aircraft data circuitry **106**. At **410**, the method **400** includes certification and delivery of the aircraft and, at **412**, placing the aircraft in service. Certification and delivery may include certification of the aircraft data circuitry **106** to place the aircraft data circuitry **106** in

service. While in service by a customer, the aircraft may be scheduled for routine maintenance and service (which may also include modification, reconfiguration, refurbishment, and so on). At **414**, the method **400** includes performing maintenance and service on the aircraft, which may include performing maintenance and service on the aircraft data circuitry **106**.

(56) Each of the processes of the method **400** may be performed or carried out by a system integrator, a third party, and/or an operator (e.g., a customer). For the purposes of this description, a system integrator may include without limitation any number of aircraft manufacturers and major-system subcontractors; a third party may include without limitation any number of vendors, subcontractors, and suppliers; and an operator may be an airline, leasing company, military entity, service organization, and so on.

(57) Aspects of the disclosure can be described in the context of an example of a vehicle. A particular example of a vehicle is an aircraft **500** as shown in FIG. 5. In some aspects, the aircraft **500** corresponds to the aircraft **104** of FIG. 1A.

(58) In the example of FIG. 5, the aircraft **500** includes an airframe **518** with a plurality of systems **520** and an interior **522**. Examples of the plurality of systems **520** include one or more of a propulsion system **524**, an electrical system **526**, an environmental system **528**, a hydraulic system **530**, and the aircraft data circuitry **106**. Any number of other systems may be included.

(59) FIG. 6 is a block diagram of a computing environment **600** including a computing device **610** configured to support aspects of computer-implemented methods and computer-executable program instructions (or code) according to the present disclosure. For example, the computing device **610**, or portions thereof, is configured to execute instructions to initiate, perform, or control one or more operations described with reference to FIGS. 1A-5.

(60) The computing device **610** includes one or more processors **620**. The processor(s) **620** are configured to communicate with system memory **630**, one or more storage devices **640**, one or more input/output interfaces **650**, one or more communications interfaces **660**, or any combination thereof. The system memory **630** includes volatile memory devices (e.g., random access memory (RAM) devices), nonvolatile memory devices (e.g., read-only memory (ROM) devices, programmable read-only memory, and flash memory), or both. The system memory **630** stores an operating system **632**, which may include a basic input/output system for booting the computing device **610** as well as a full operating system to enable the computing device **610** to interact with users, other programs, and other devices. The system memory **630** stores system (program) data **636**, such as data used or generated by the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof.

(61) The system memory **630** includes one or more applications **634** (e.g., sets of instructions) executable by the processor(s) **620**. As an example, the one or more applications **634** include instructions executable by the processor(s) **620** to initiate, control, or perform one or more operations described with reference to FIGS. 1A-5. To illustrate, the one or more applications **634** include instructions executable by the processor(s) **620** to initiate, control, or perform one or more operations described with reference to the aircraft data circuitry **106**, or a combination thereof.

(62) In a particular implementation, the system memory **630** includes a non-transitory, computer readable medium storing the instructions that, when executed by the processor(s) **620**, cause the processor(s) **620** to initiate, perform, or control operations to aid in aircraft static pressure indication generation. The operations include generating, at circuitry (e.g., the static pressure indication generator **150**, the aircraft data circuitry **106** of FIG. 1A), a static pressure indication (e.g., the static pressure indication **112** of FIG. 1A) selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit (e.g., the static pressure measurement limit **116** of FIG. 1A). The operations also includes generating, at the circuitry, a standby altitude indication (e.g., the standby altitude indication **114** of FIG. 1A) based on the static pressure indication.

(63) The one or more storage devices **640** include nonvolatile storage devices, such as magnetic disks, optical disks, or flash memory devices. In a particular example, the storage devices **640** include both removable and non-removable memory devices. The storage devices **640** are

configured to store an operating system, images of operating systems, applications (e.g., one or more of the applications **634**), and program data (e.g., the program data **636**). In a particular aspect, the system memory **630**, the storage devices **640**, or both, include tangible computer-readable media. In a particular aspect, one or more of the storage devices **640** are external to the computing device **610**.

(64) The one or more input/output interfaces **650** enable the computing device **610** to communicate with one or more input/output devices **670** to facilitate user interaction. For example, the one or more input/output interfaces **650** can include a display interface, an input interface, or both. For example, the input/output interface **650** is adapted to receive input from a user, to receive input from another computing device, or a combination thereof. In some implementations, the input/output interface **650** conforms to one or more standard interface protocols, including serial interfaces (e.g., universal serial bus (USB) interfaces or Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) interface standards), parallel interfaces, display adapters, audio adapters, or custom interfaces (“IEEE” is a registered trademark of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. of Piscataway, New Jersey). In some implementations, the input/output device **670** includes one or more user interface devices and displays, including some combination of buttons, keyboards, pointing devices, displays, speakers, microphones, touch screens, and other devices.

(65) The processor(s) **620** are configured to communicate with devices or controllers **680** via the one or more communications interfaces **660**. For example, the one or more communications interfaces **660** can include a network interface. The devices or controllers **680** can include, for example, the sensors **110** of FIG. 1A, one or more other devices, or any combination thereof.

(66) In conjunction with the described systems and methods, an apparatus for aiding in aircraft static pressure indication generation is disclosed that includes means for generating a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit. In some implementations, the means for generating the static pressure indication corresponds to the operation mode selector **108**, the static pressure indication generator **150**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, the sensors **110**, the system **100** of FIG. 1A, the computing device **610**, the processor(s) **620**, one or more other circuits or devices configured to generate a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit, or a combination thereof.

(67) The apparatus also includes means for generating a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication. For example, the means for generating the standby altitude can correspond to the altimeter **152**, the aircraft data circuitry **106**, the system **100** of FIG. 1A, the computing device **610**, the processor(s) **620**, one or more other devices configured to generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication, or a combination thereof.

(68) In some implementations, a non-transitory, computer readable medium stores instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to initiate, perform, or control operations to perform part or all of the functionality described above. For example, the instructions may be executable to implement one or more of the operations or methods of FIGS. 1A-6. In some implementations, part or all of one or more of the operations or methods of FIGS. 1A-6 may be implemented by one or more processors (e.g., one or more central processing units (CPUs), one or more graphics processing units (GPUs), one or more digital signal processors (DSPs)) executing instructions, by dedicated hardware circuitry, or any combination thereof.

(69) Particular aspects of the disclosure are described below in sets of interrelated Examples: According to Example 1, a device includes circuitry configured to during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit; during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit; and generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication. Example 2 includes the device of Example 1, wherein, during the second operation mode, the static pressure measurement limit corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication, and wherein the standby altitude indication has an altitude floor corresponding

to the static pressure ceiling. Example 3 includes the device of Example 1 or Example 2, wherein the circuitry includes one or more processors. Example 4 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 3, wherein the circuitry includes analog circuitry. Example 5 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 4, wherein the circuitry is integrated in a line replaceable unit (LRU) configured to provide standby flight data indications. Example 6 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 5, wherein the circuitry is configured to, based on determining that an airspeed measurement indicates a greater than an airspeed threshold, transition from the first operation mode to the second operation mode. Example 7 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 6, wherein the circuitry is configured to, based on determining that a condition is satisfied, transition from the second operation mode to the first operation mode. Example 8 includes the device of Example 7, wherein the circuitry is configured to determine that the condition is satisfied based on detecting that a threshold time has elapsed since transitioning to the second operation mode. Example 9 includes the device of Example 7 or Example 8, wherein the circuitry is configured to determine that the condition is satisfied based on a comparison of a threshold and a difference between a static pressure measurement and the static pressure measurement limit. Example 10 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 9, wherein the circuitry is configured to obtain one or more static pressure measurements from a static pressure sensor; obtain one or more airspeed measurements from an airspeed sensor; and generate the static pressure indication based solely on the one or more static pressure measurements and the one or more airspeed measurements. Example 11 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 10, wherein the circuitry is configured to, during the first operation mode, update the static pressure measurement limit based on a predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements. Example 12 includes the device of any of Examples 1 to 11, wherein the circuitry is configured to, during the second operation mode, select a lower one of the static pressure measurement limit or a static pressure measurement as the static pressure indication. According to Example 13, an aircraft includes circuitry configured to during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit; during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit; and generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication. Example 14 includes the aircraft of Example 13, wherein the circuitry includes one or more processors. Example 15 includes the aircraft of Example 13 or Example 14, wherein the circuitry includes analog circuitry. Example 16 includes the aircraft of any of Examples 13 to 15, wherein the circuitry is integrated in a line replaceable unit (LRU) configured to provide standby flight data indications. Example 17 includes the aircraft of any of Examples 13 to 16, wherein, during the second operation mode, the static pressure measurement limit corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication, and wherein the standby altitude indication has an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure ceiling. According to Example 18, a method includes generating, at circuitry, a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit; and generating, at the circuitry, a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication. Example 19 includes the method of Example 18, wherein, during the second operation mode, the static pressure measurement limit corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication, and wherein the standby altitude indication has an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure ceiling. Example 20 includes the method of Example 18 or Example 19, wherein the circuitry includes one or more processors. Example 21 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 20, wherein the circuitry includes analog circuitry. Example 22 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 21, wherein the circuitry is integrated in a line replaceable unit (LRU) configured to provide standby flight data indications. Example 23 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 22, further including, based on determining that an airspeed measurement indicates a greater than an airspeed threshold, transitioning from the first operation mode to the second operation mode. Example 24 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 23, further including, based on determining that a condition is satisfied, transitioning from the second

operation mode to the first operation mode. Example 25 includes the method of Example 24, further including determining that the condition is satisfied based on detecting that a threshold time has elapsed since transitioning to the second operation mode. Example 26 includes the method of Example 24 or Example 25, further including determining that the condition is satisfied based on a comparison of a threshold and a difference between a static pressure measurement and the static pressure measurement limit. Example 27 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 26, further including: obtaining one or more static pressure measurements from a static pressure sensor; obtaining one or more airspeed measurements from an airspeed sensor; and generating the static pressure indication based solely on the one or more static pressure measurements and the one or more airspeed measurements. Example 28 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 27, further including, during the first operation mode, updating the static pressure measurement limit based on a predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements. Example 29 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 28, further including, during the second operation mode, selecting a lower one of the static pressure measurement limit or a static pressure measurement as the static pressure indication. Example 30 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 29, wherein, during a first operation mode, the static pressure indication is generated independently of the static pressure measurement limit. Example 31 includes the method of any of Examples 18 to 30, wherein, during a second operation mode, the static pressure indication is generated based on the static pressure measurement limit.

(70) According to Example 32, a device includes: a memory configured to store instructions; and a processor configured to execute the instructions to perform the method of any of Example 18 to 31.

(71) According to Example 33, a non-transitory computer-readable medium stores instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the method of any of Example 18 to Example 31.

(72) According to Example 34, an apparatus includes means for carrying out the method of any of Example 18 to Example 31.

(73) The illustrations of the examples described herein are intended to provide a general understanding of the structure of the various implementations. The illustrations are not intended to serve as a complete description of all of the elements and features of apparatus and systems that utilize the structures or methods described herein. Many other implementations may be apparent to those of skill in the art upon reviewing the disclosure. Other implementations may be utilized and derived from the disclosure, such that structural and logical substitutions and changes may be made without departing from the scope of the disclosure. For example, method operations may be performed in a different order than shown in the figures or one or more method operations may be omitted. Accordingly, the disclosure and the figures are to be regarded as illustrative rather than restrictive.

(74) Moreover, although specific examples have been illustrated and described herein, it should be appreciated that any subsequent arrangement designed to achieve the same or similar results may be substituted for the specific implementations shown. This disclosure is intended to cover any and all subsequent adaptations or variations of various implementations. Combinations of the above implementations, and other implementations not specifically described herein, will be apparent to those of skill in the art upon reviewing the description.

(75) The Abstract of the Disclosure is submitted with the understanding that it will not be used to interpret or limit the scope or meaning of the claims. In addition, in the foregoing Detailed Description, various features may be grouped together or described in a single implementation for the purpose of streamlining the disclosure. Examples described above illustrate but do not limit the disclosure. It should also be understood that numerous modifications and variations are possible in accordance with the principles of the present disclosure. As the following claims reflect, the claimed subject matter may be directed to less than all of the features of any of the disclosed

examples. Accordingly, the scope of the disclosure is defined by the following claims and their equivalents.

Claims

1. A device comprising: circuitry configured to: during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit; during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit; and generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein, during the second operation mode, the static pressure measurement limit corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication, and wherein the standby altitude indication has an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure ceiling.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry includes one or more processors.
4. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry includes analog circuitry.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is integrated in a line replaceable unit (LRU) configured to provide standby flight data indications.
6. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is configured to, based on determining that an airspeed measurement indicates a greater than an airspeed threshold, transition from the first operation mode to the second operation mode.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is configured to, based on determining that a condition is satisfied, transition from the second operation mode to the first operation mode.
8. The device of claim 7, wherein the circuitry is configured to determine that the condition is satisfied based on detecting that a threshold time has elapsed since transitioning to the second operation mode.
9. The device of claim 7, wherein the circuitry is configured to determine that the condition is satisfied based on a comparison of a threshold and a difference between a static pressure measurement and the static pressure measurement limit.
10. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is configured to: obtain one or more static pressure measurements from a static pressure sensor; obtain one or more airspeed measurements from an airspeed sensor; and generate the static pressure indication based solely on the one or more static pressure measurements and the one or more airspeed measurements.
11. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is configured to, during the first operation mode, update the static pressure measurement limit based on a predetermined count of most recent static pressure measurements.
12. The device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry is configured to, during the second operation mode, select a lower one of the static pressure measurement limit or a static pressure measurement as the static pressure indication.
13. An aircraft comprising: circuitry configured to: during a first operation mode, generate a static pressure indication independently of a static pressure measurement limit; during a second operation mode, generate the static pressure indication based on the static pressure measurement limit; and generate a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.
14. The aircraft of claim 13, wherein the circuitry includes one or more processors.
15. The aircraft of claim 13, wherein the circuitry includes analog circuitry.
16. The aircraft of claim 13, wherein the circuitry is integrated in a line replaceable unit (LRU) configured to provide standby flight data indications.
17. The aircraft of claim 13, wherein, during the second operation mode, the static pressure measurement limit corresponds to a static pressure ceiling of the static pressure indication, and wherein the standby altitude indication has an altitude floor corresponding to the static pressure ceiling.

18. A method comprising: generating, at circuitry, a static pressure indication selectively based on a static pressure measurement limit; and generating, at the circuitry, a standby altitude indication based on the static pressure indication.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein, during a first operation mode, the static pressure indication is generated independently of the static pressure measurement limit.
20. The method of claim 18, wherein, during a second operation mode, the static pressure indication is generated based on the static pressure measurement limit.
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