



KONGSBERG

K-BRIDGE

Integrated Navigation System



MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to providing innovative and reliable marine electronics that ensure optimal operation at sea. With our unique technology and experience – in positioning, hydroacoustics, communication, vessel control, navigation, simulation, and automation – we aim to give customers **The Full Picture**. The Full Picture yields professional solutions and global services that make a critical difference to vessel performance, enabling our customers to stay ahead of the competition.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our success depends on the success of our customers.

Actively listening to customers and truly understanding their needs – then translating these needs into successful products and solutions – is central to the achievement of our goal.

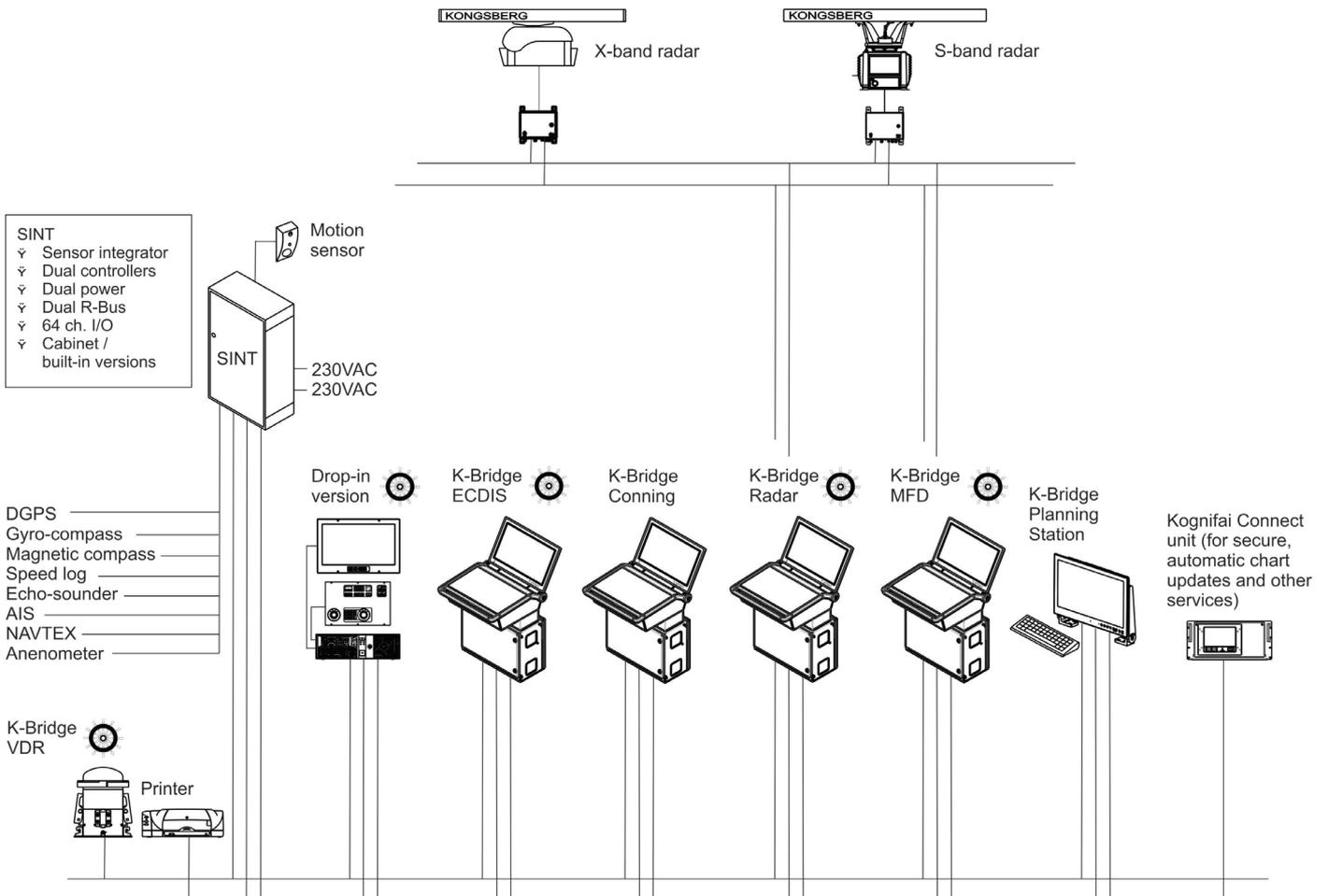
Our people are key to our success and we empower them to achieve.

Kongsberg people collaborate globally – guided by shared values and sharing their expertise – to achieve world-class performance every day. Every day they think a little differently, because every client is unique. Our aspiration is to translate the imagination and dedication of our staff into successful technologies and solutions.

Our commitment is to add value to your operations by providing you with **The Full Picture**.

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Kongsberg System Philosophy

Integration promotes improved operational awareness and safer navigation: K-Bridge INS provides a single user interface to multiple connected systems. This enables crew to focus on primary navigation tasks without having to switch their attention between different instruments.

Developed by users and human factor specialists, K-Bridge INS is an advanced platform that is optimized to support critical decision making by professional navigators.

Voyage planning, collision avoidance, and route monitoring are the main areas of critical decision making. But K-Bridge INS takes the concept of functional integration further by regarding other functions as also integral to the responsibility of the navigator. These include: the autopilot / track pilot, Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System, BAM (Bridge Alarm Management) system, and bridge auxiliaries. In K-Bridge INS these functions are optionally available through the same user interface as the primary radar / ARPA and ECDIS functions.

Local Area Network and sensor concentration

K-Bridge INS is designed as a contemporary, distributed system for reliable control applications. A dual redundant local area network connects the operator stations to a central sensor interface unit (SINT), ensuring common and consistent own-ship data on all stations. In addition to collecting data from the sensors (such as the GPS, speedlog, gyrocompass and echo sounder) and distributing it to the K-Bridge display units, the SINT performs critical system-wide calculations. (It is equipped with a redundant processing unit for this and for its sensor multiplexing function.) The role of the SINT in the K-Bridge system means that cabling to each display unit is greatly reduced, and that therefore more flexibility is possible in the planning and installation of bridge equipment.



Radar signal distribution

K-Bridge INS uses a high-speed dual network for collecting radar signals at the transceiver and distributing them to the radar display units. A radar interface (RIN) unit converts analog radar signals to digital signals at the antenna location. All display units can access the raw data from any antenna over the network and then process it to provide the radar picture desired by the operator. This architecture ensures fault tolerance across the bridge with respect to signal processing. It also (optionally) allows video streams from multiple radars to be combined at the display units.

A complete working environment

K-Bridge INS supports all primary navigation functions. In common with all consoles in the Kongsberg range, the bridge workstations are built to comply with the highest nautical safety standards of classification societies and flag state authorities. They are also ergonomically designed for ease and comfort of operation, and they provide excellent additional space for installation of 3rd party equipment.

For offshore service vessels and yachts, Kongsberg has developed a unique range of equipment solutions tailored for seated operators on a busy bridge. The K-Master bridge solution concept integrates K-Bridge display units into compact K-Master workstations for complete vessel management by a single seated operator.



K-BRIDGE INS



Product features

K-Bridge Radar

- Range scales: 11 (0.125 - 96nm)
- Manual/automatic clutter reduction: Yes
- Stern indicator: Yes
- Electronic Bearing Lines (EBL): 2
- Variable Range Makers (VRM): 2
- Parallel index lines: Yes
- Square picture: Yes - 27% larger radar area
- Chart underlay available: Yes
- Target tracking: Up to 100 targets at once
- Target acquisition: Manual or automatic
- Trails (afterglow): Yes
- Maximum target speed: 100 kn relative
- Target tracking range: 24 nm
- AIS targets and information: Yes

K-Bridge ECDIS

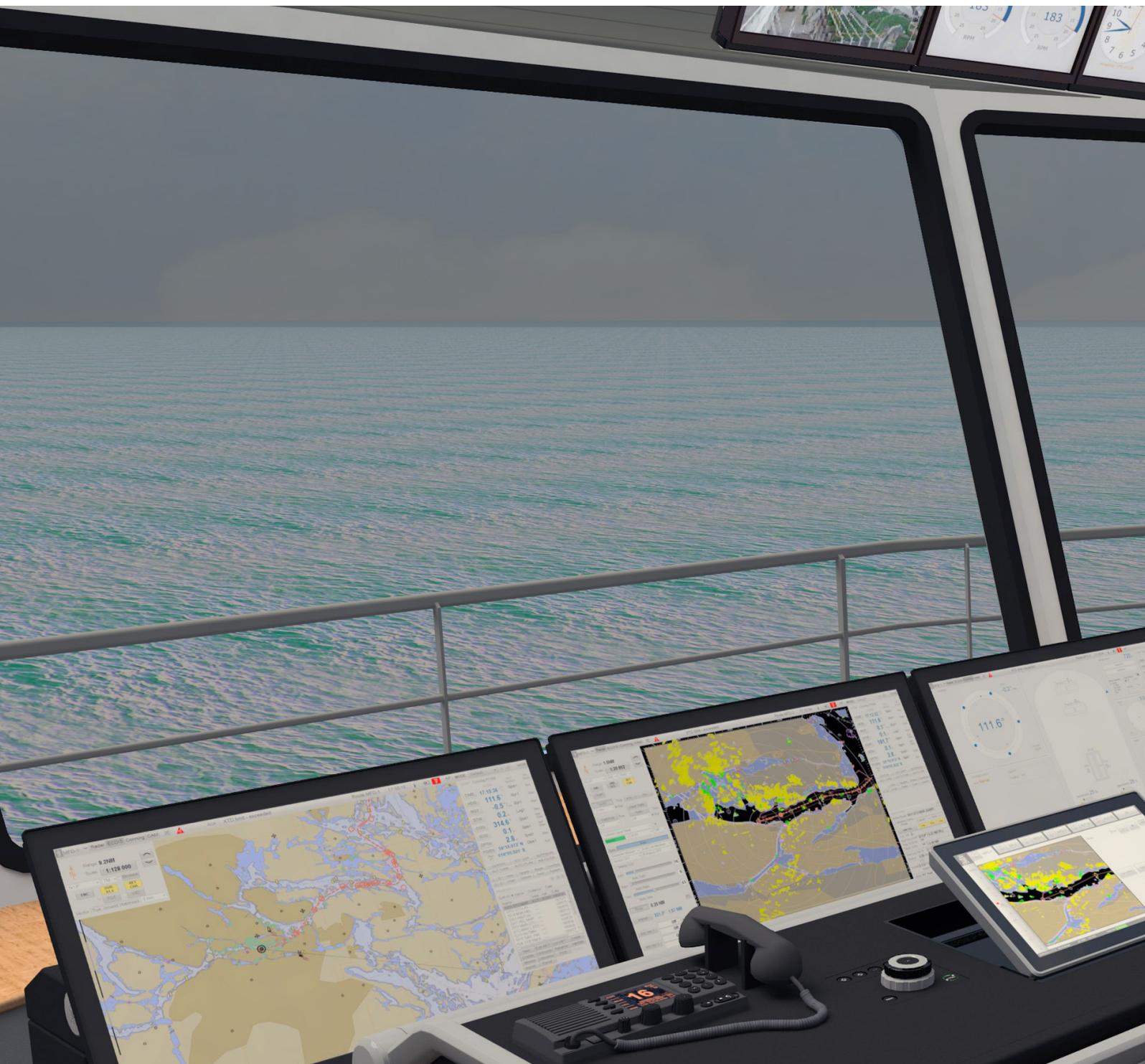
- Route planning and validation
- Route monitoring
- Radar video overlay from K-Nav Radar
- "Active lights" support
- Displays up to 100 ARPA tracked targets
- AIS targets and information: Yes
- EBL / VRM
- Echo-sounder monitoring and recording
- Voyage recording and replay
- Navtex interface
- IMO-defined functions
- Type approved

K-Bridge Radar

The radar display unit is a type-approved radar / ARPA on which approved nautical charts can be displayed as an underlay to the radar video.

Raw data from the radar antenna is processed separately by each display unit, which means that filtering is applied locally according to each operator's requirements.

The display units display their own targets as well as targets from each other and from AIS. For this reason a target management function assigns a unique identifier to every active target on the bridge, enabling operators to see immediately that target X on one display unit is also target X on another display unit. If targets from different sources duplicate each other, they are "associated": the INS replaces them with a single new target (and identifier). This ensures that the operator cannot mistake a single ship detected by multiple radar / AIS sources for multiple vessels.



To enhance radar performance and avoid blind sectors, video from up to four radars can be displayed simultaneously in a composite radar picture. In such a composite picture, targets are automatically tracked across the boundaries between the sectors from each radar.

Radar transceivers

The following radar transceivers are available:

X band

- 3 cm scanner, antenna and turning unit.
- Antenna sizes: 6 or 8 ft. (1.8 or 2.4 m)
- Transceiver configurations: Upmast.
- Power: 10 kW or 25 kW

S band

- 10 cm scanner, antenna and turning unit
- Antenna sizes: 12 ft. (3.6 m)
- Transceiver configurations: Upmast
- Power: 30kW



K-Bridge ECDIS

The K-Bridge ECDIS continuously monitors the ship's position against the voyage plan. The plan can be defined at the K-Bridge Planning Station or at a K-Bridge ECDIS.

K-Bridge ECDIS can show radar video from selected radars as a chart overlay.

It can also show AIS targets.

NAVTEX messages referring to specific positions appear when the ship is in the area relevant to them.

K-Bridge ECDIS accepts all chart formats required by the IHO.

K-Bridge Autopilot

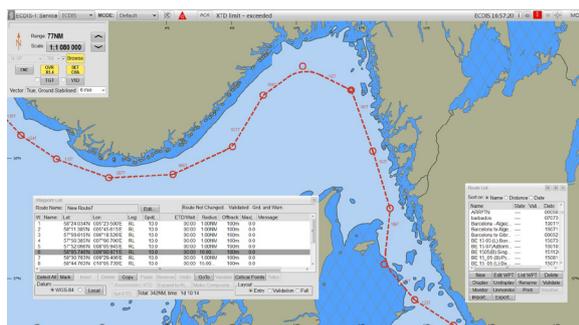
The K-Bridge Autopilot provides heading and track control along planned routes without requiring any additional hardware. The controller unit is integrated into the redundant sensor interface (SINT) unit, and the user interface is integrated into the K-Bridge ECDIS and Radar HMIs. This is a high-availability solution, because the user interface is available from multiple displays and because a hot-standby backup controller is provided by the SINT.

K-Bridge Planning Station

The K-Bridge Planning Station is a “back-office” station designed for chart maintenance and voyage planning. It provides all the standard ECDIS functionality – including route planning and validation – but on a table-top Panel PC.

K-Bridge BAM

With K-Bridge BAM, the K-Bridge INS provides a harmonized alert system that handles the prioritization, classification, distribution and presentation of alerts from all equipment on the bridge. A separate user interface (CAM-HMI), provided in accordance with IMO rules, supports the bridge team in its decisions concerning action in response to alerts.



K-Bridge BNWAS

The user interface to the Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System is provided by K-Bridge Conning. The BNWAS alarm timer is reset every time the operator uses a K-Bridge station or presses a dedicated timer reset button.

(Optional motion sensors automatically reset the timer whenever they detect activity on the bridge.)

Failure to reset the timer within its countdown period causes the backup navigators to be called.

For vessels with fore- and aft- workstations a two-zone BNWAS solution with commando control is available.

When the aft-bridge is in use, the operator switches the BNWAS to the aft-bridge: the BNWAS timer cannot then be reset from the fore-bridge. When the fore-bridge is in use again, the operator switches the BNWAS back to it (and the timer cannot then be reset from the aft-bridge).

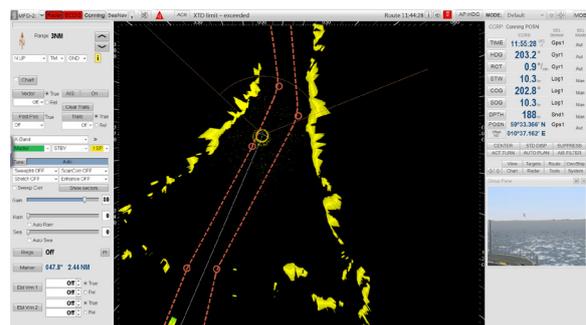
Kognifai Connect

The optional Kognifai Connect unit provides automatic chart updates over a secure ship-to-shore service connection. The unit comprises a Malware Protection System (with rugged touch-control display), a Cisco router, and a type-approved marine computer.

K-Bridge MFDs

The operator stations in K-Bridge INS can all be configured as multi-functional display (MFD) units. Each has a default function – Radar, ECDIS, Conning or CAM-HMI – but the operator can switch freely between multiple functions.

An important safety feature of K-Bridge INS is that the functions on the MFDs remain active – and therefore able to indicate danger – even when they are not displayed. When ECDIS for example is displayed, the Radar function continues to operate and will alert the operator of a category A alarm by turning the Radar function button on the top bar red: the operator can then switch instantly to Radar and begin handling the alarm situation.



ECDIS behaves the same way: while Radar or another function is displayed, ECDIS will alert the operator of any grounding or other category A alarms by turning the ECDIS function button red.

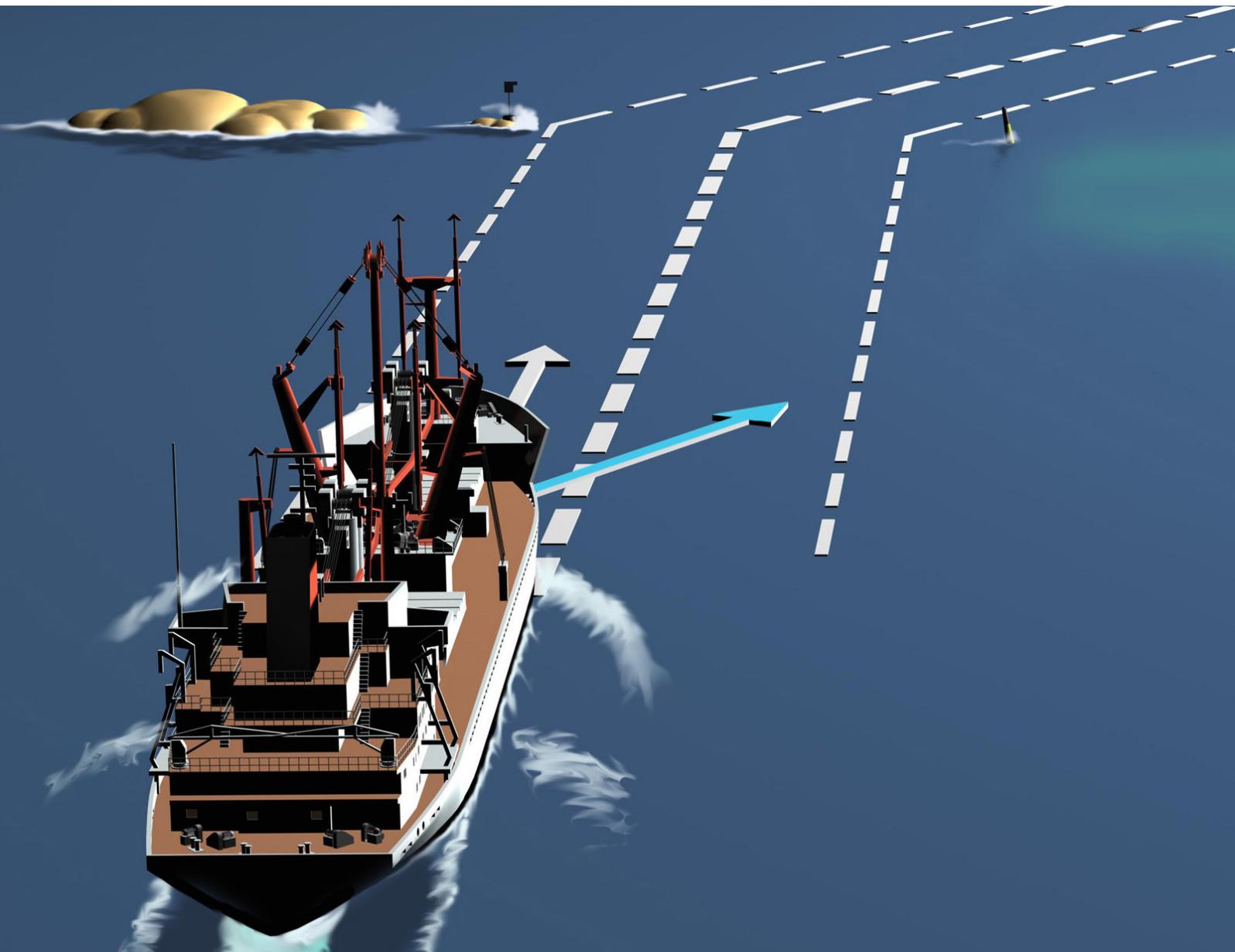
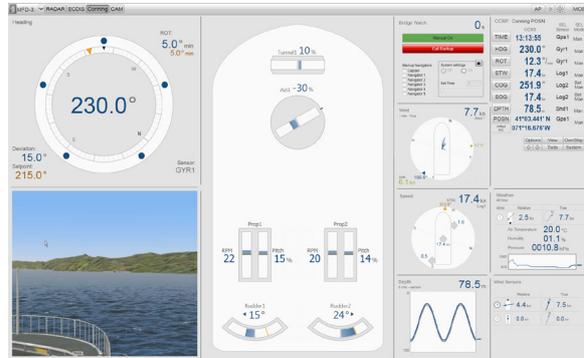
The use of MFDs enhances the availability of the primary bridge functions, since losing a display unit (through isolated equipment failure) is not critical if all functions are available on all display units. It also means that operators are no longer forced to perform particular tasks from fixed locations but can instead select the most convenient location at the time.

K-Bridge Conning

K-Bridge Conning combines key information from the navigation sensors and other vessel systems to provide a comprehensive conning overview. Navigators can use it to see data from the weather sensors, autopilot, rudders, thrusters, and propulsion system in addition to the own-ship sensor data.

K-Bridge Conning can also be used to view CCTV from different cameras mounted around the vessel.

Finally K-Bridge Conning provides the user interface to the BNWAS and off-course alarm functions.



Sensors and External Communication

K-Bridge INS manages the navigation sensors so that the best available source of a given input is always in use. All sensor input is constantly monitored and sensor statuses are clearly displayed on all operator stations.

Sensor interface

K-Bridge INS interfaces to the navigation sensors by means of a sensor interface (SINT) unit. Kongsberg offers a selection of field-tested sensors and indicators (gyrocompass with distribution and repeaters, speed log with repeaters, echo-sounder with repeaters, AIS, NAVTEX, and satellite navigation system receivers). But the system's use of standard protocols means that it is compatible with sensors from a wide variety of alternative manufacturers as well.

If a navigation sensor fails and no alternative is available, fallback mechanisms ensure the continued operation of the system.

K-Bridge INS also enforces the principle that all displays units use the same sensor data at all times.

If "black box" sensors are in use, the user interface to them is provided by K-Bridge ECDIS and / or Radar.



K-Bridge VDR

The K-Bridge VDR is a cost-effective way to meet mandatory SOLAS requirements for voyage data recording. Most of the data required by the VDR is available anyway on the local area network provided for K-Bridge INS, and because the VDR is connected to the same network, hardly any additional cabling is normally required to install it.

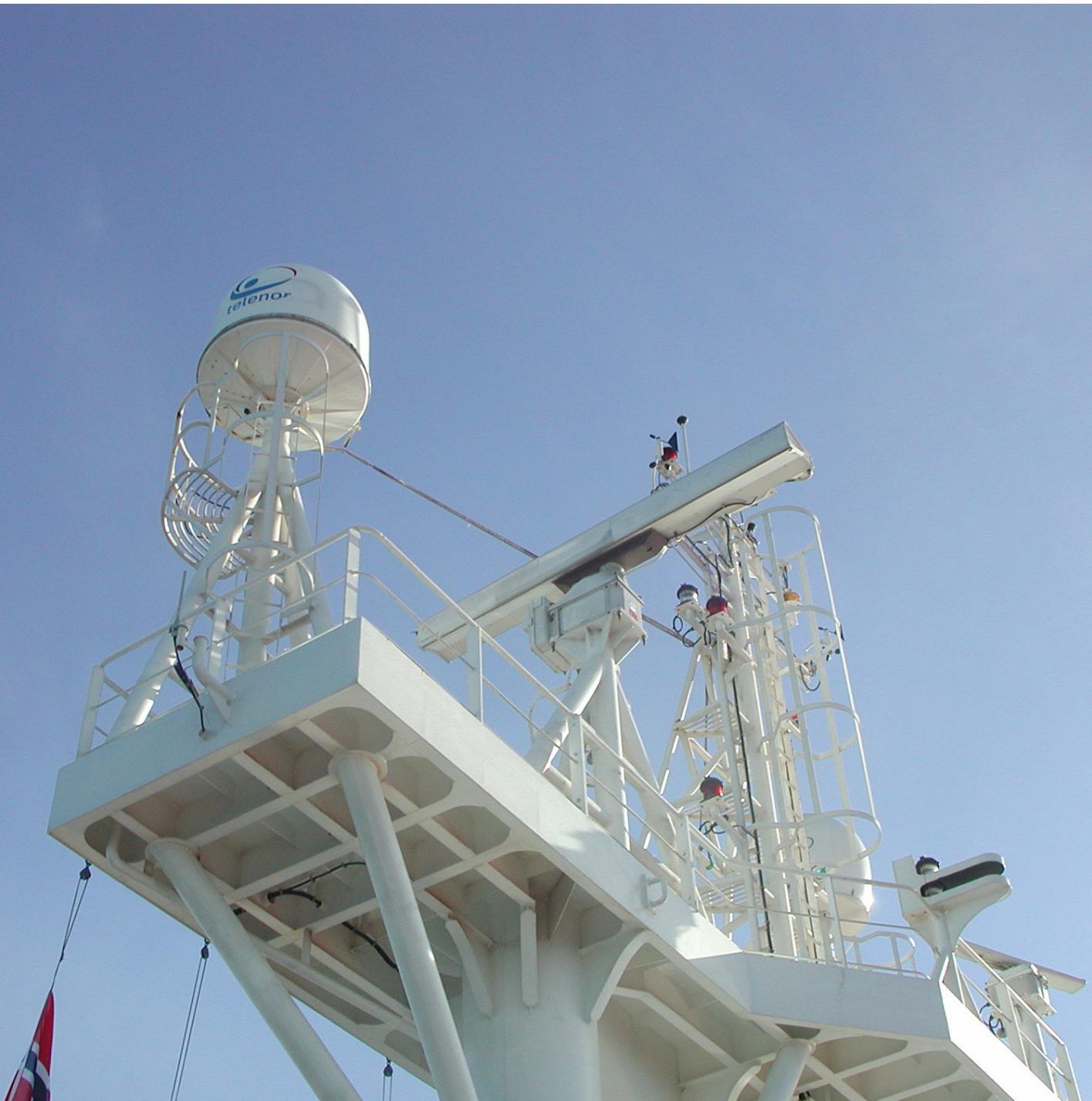
For investigating incidents – or, more routinely, for checking the operation of the VDR or reviewing voyage history – a VDR replay tool is available for use on the Planning Station.

Control of bridge auxiliaries

To save panel space and for mariners' convenience, on-screen panels for operating subsystems can be provided on display units. Options include on-screen controls for window wiper / washer systems and for bridge illumination lights, deck lights, and navigation lights.

Radio and satellite communication

For a complete K-Bridge INS installation, Kongsberg delivers GMDSS communication solutions for different areas of vessel operation. Basic systems can be extended to include a Ship Security Alert System and / or UHF, VHF and SATCOM equipment (according to ship owners' preferences for ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communication).



Life-cycle Support

Purpose-built systems, maintained to last. Our life-cycle management service assists customers through all phases of their system’s life-time – including design and commissioning – as well as during the system’s operational life.

Solid in-house expertise in system design and user requirements enables us to provide solutions that are both fit-for-purpose and operationally efficient.

A common base technology ensures a robust system design based on few - and reliable - parts. It provides an excellent and economical foundation for the design of diverse vessel systems.

Our systems also have a distributed, modular, and open architecture. They employ industry-standard communications networks, and – combined with the use of the same standard hardware components for multiple applications – this results in:

- Increased reliability
- Competitive life-cycle support
- Easy up-grade solutions

Frequent updates

We offer continuous hardware and software upgrades to keep your vessel operating at maximum efficiency. Our modular designs make it easy to add new functionality to systems without replacing existing equipment. We can therefore offer frequent upgrades to keep your system evergreen.

Training

Qualified personnel are a major asset. We offer training courses so that you can help your employees to keep their skills and qualifications up to date. Courses are available covering all major aspects of vessel operation using Kongsberg systems.

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