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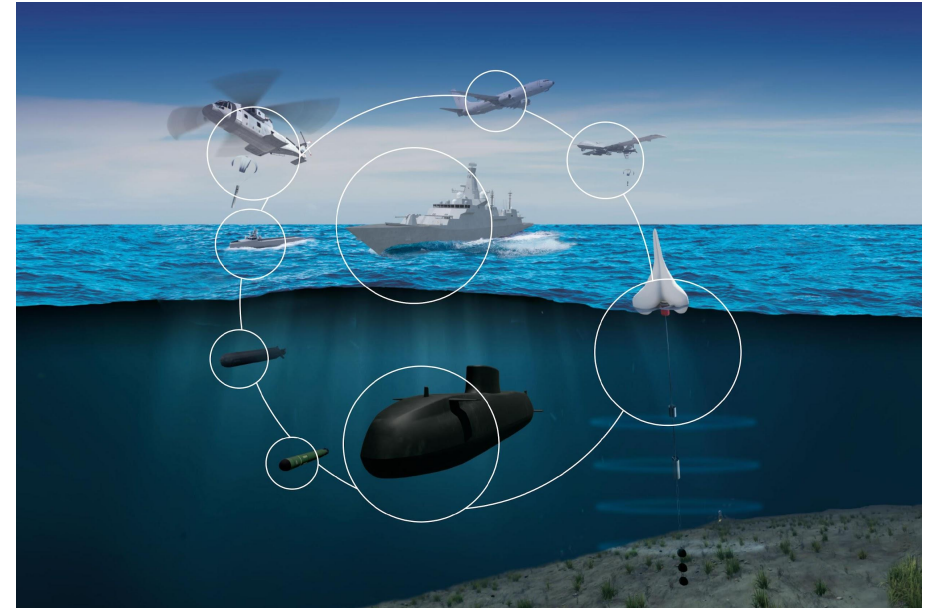
# Evolution of ASW Hull Mounted Sonar (HMS) Technology

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# Agenda

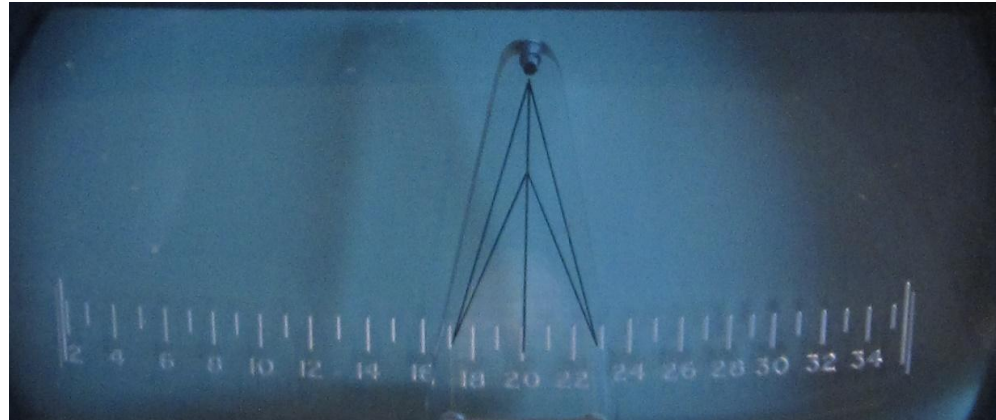
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- 04 Deployment of interoperable HMS on the Global Combat Ship
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# Quiz: Early Sonar Displays

# Question 1

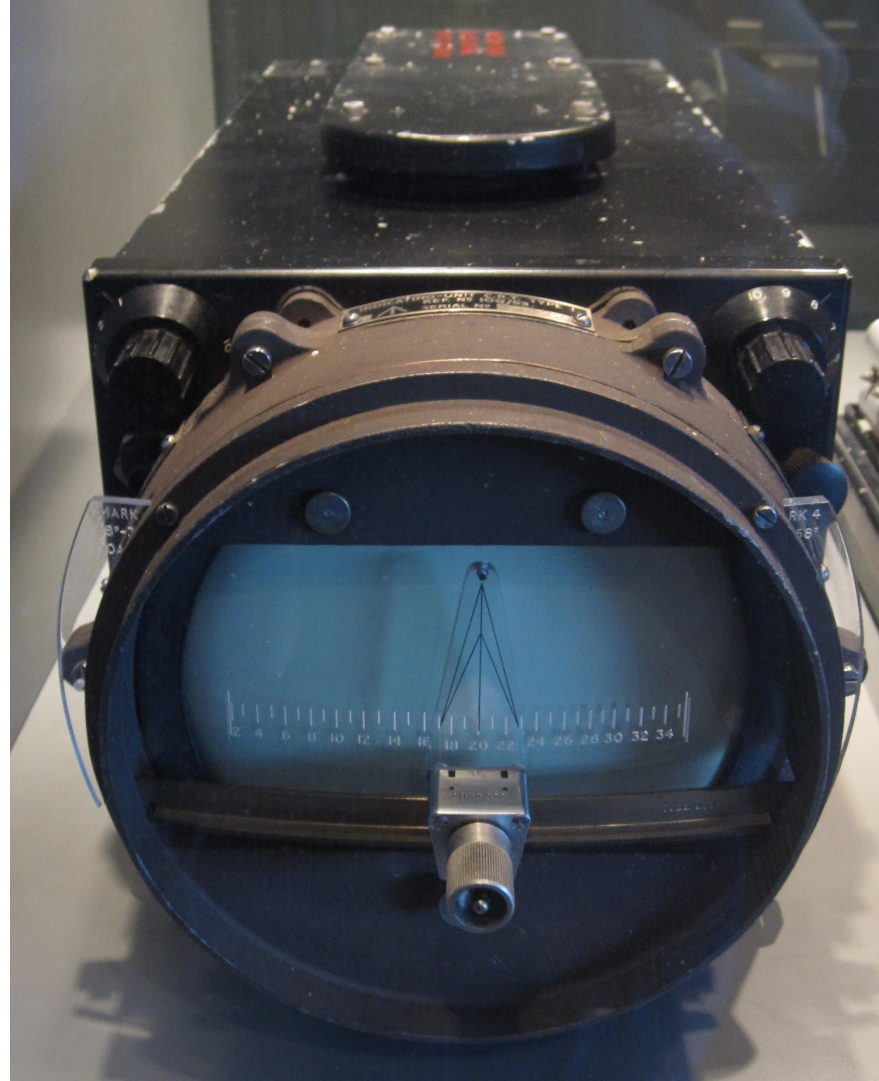
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- Date: ?



# Question 1: answer

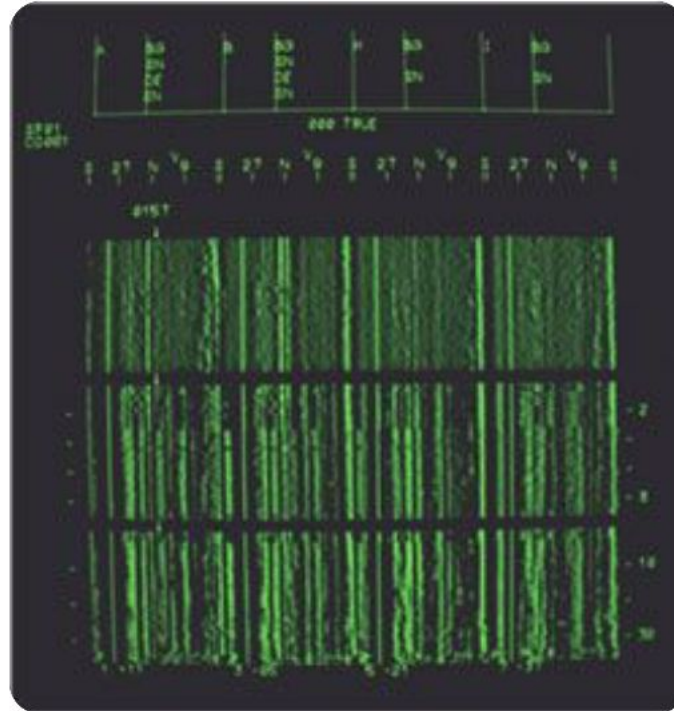
- Name: UK ASDIC chart display unit
- Date: 1944

ASD: Anti-Submarine Division's



# Question 2

- Name: ?
- Date: ?



## Question 2: answer

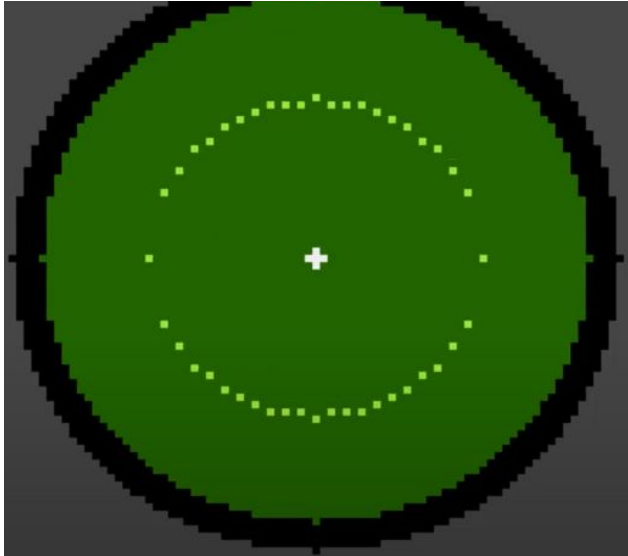
- Name: AN/BQQ-5 multifunction active/passive digital sonar system, IBM
- Date: circa 1990s





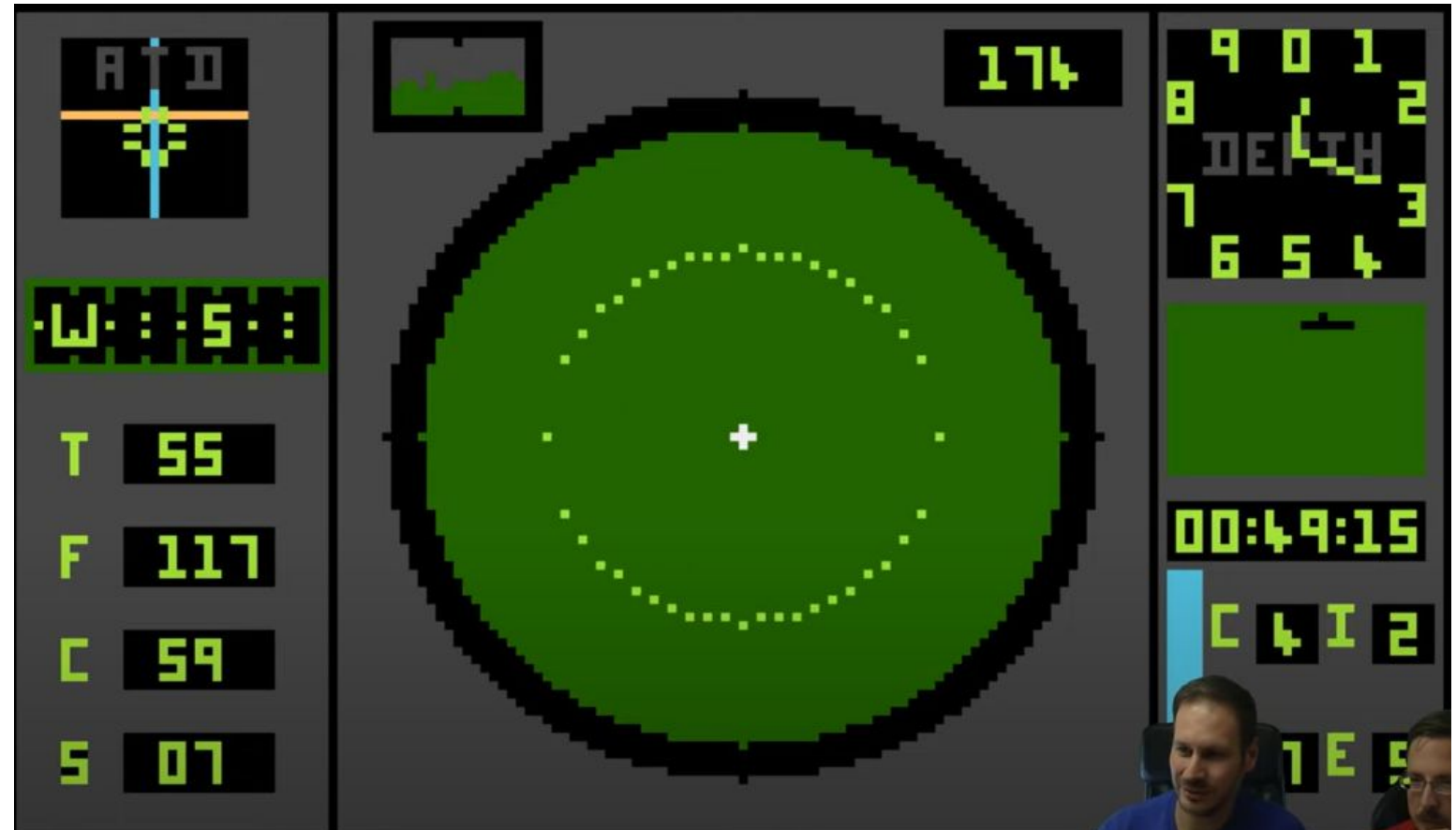
# Question 3

- Name: ?
- Date: ?



# Question 3: answer

- Name: Submarine Commander #3, Atari, Creative Sparks, Sparklers, Thorn EMI Video Ltd.
- Date: 1980s



# Question 4

- Name: ?
- Date: ?



## Question 4: answer

- Name: Sea Breeze 585, Carpet Bargains.com
- Date: Available now





# Ultra Maritime's capabilities

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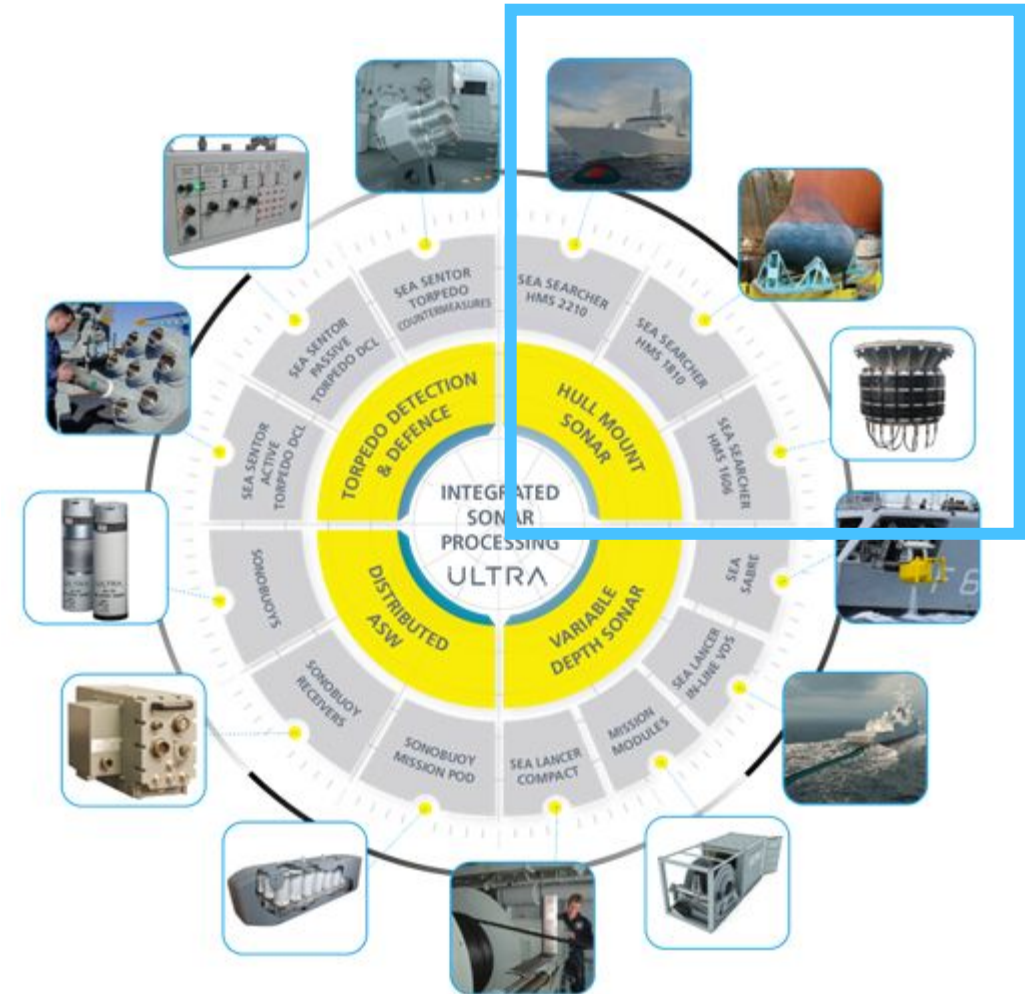
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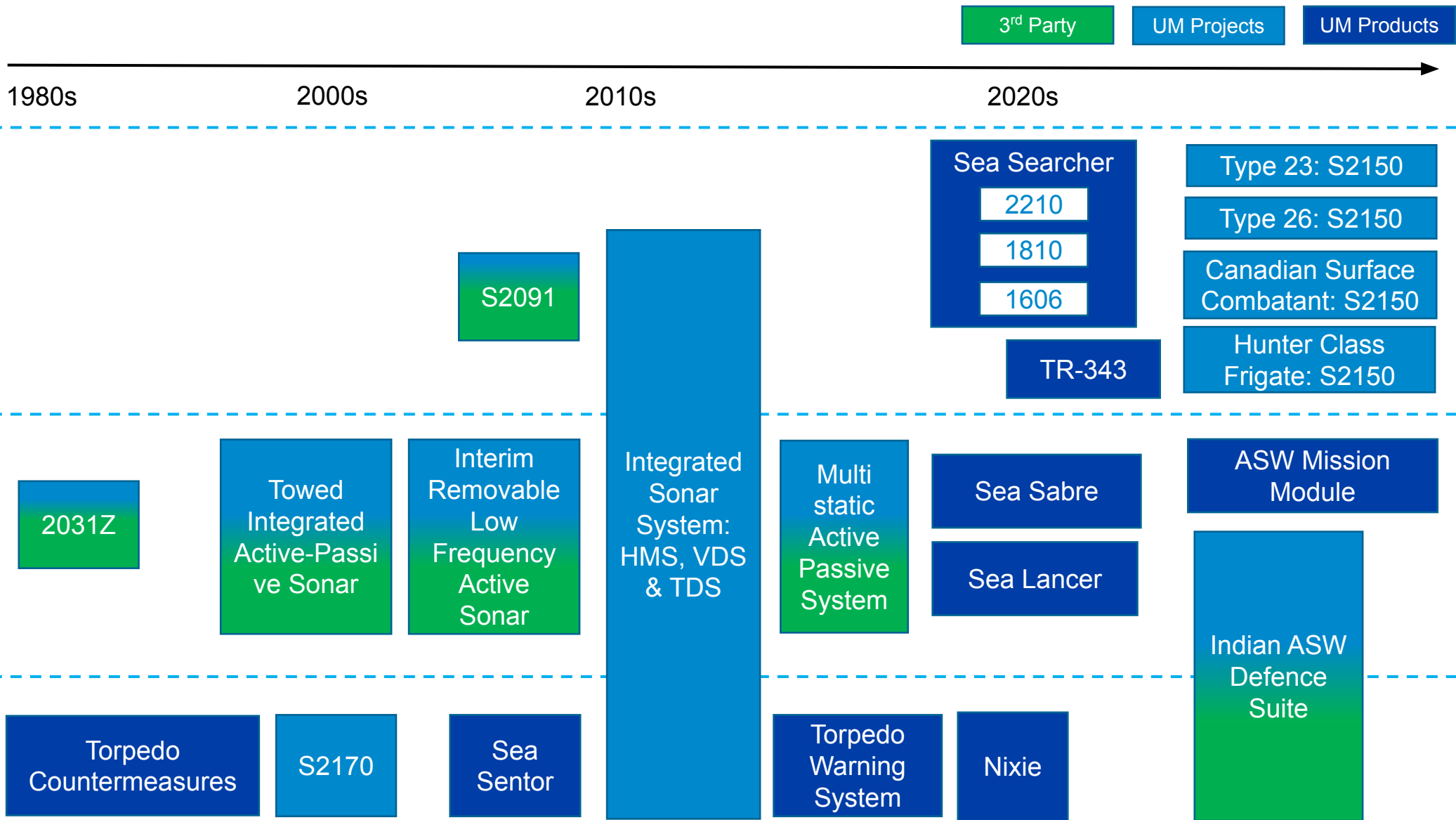


Evolution of high capability, low  
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- the Ultra Maritime perspective

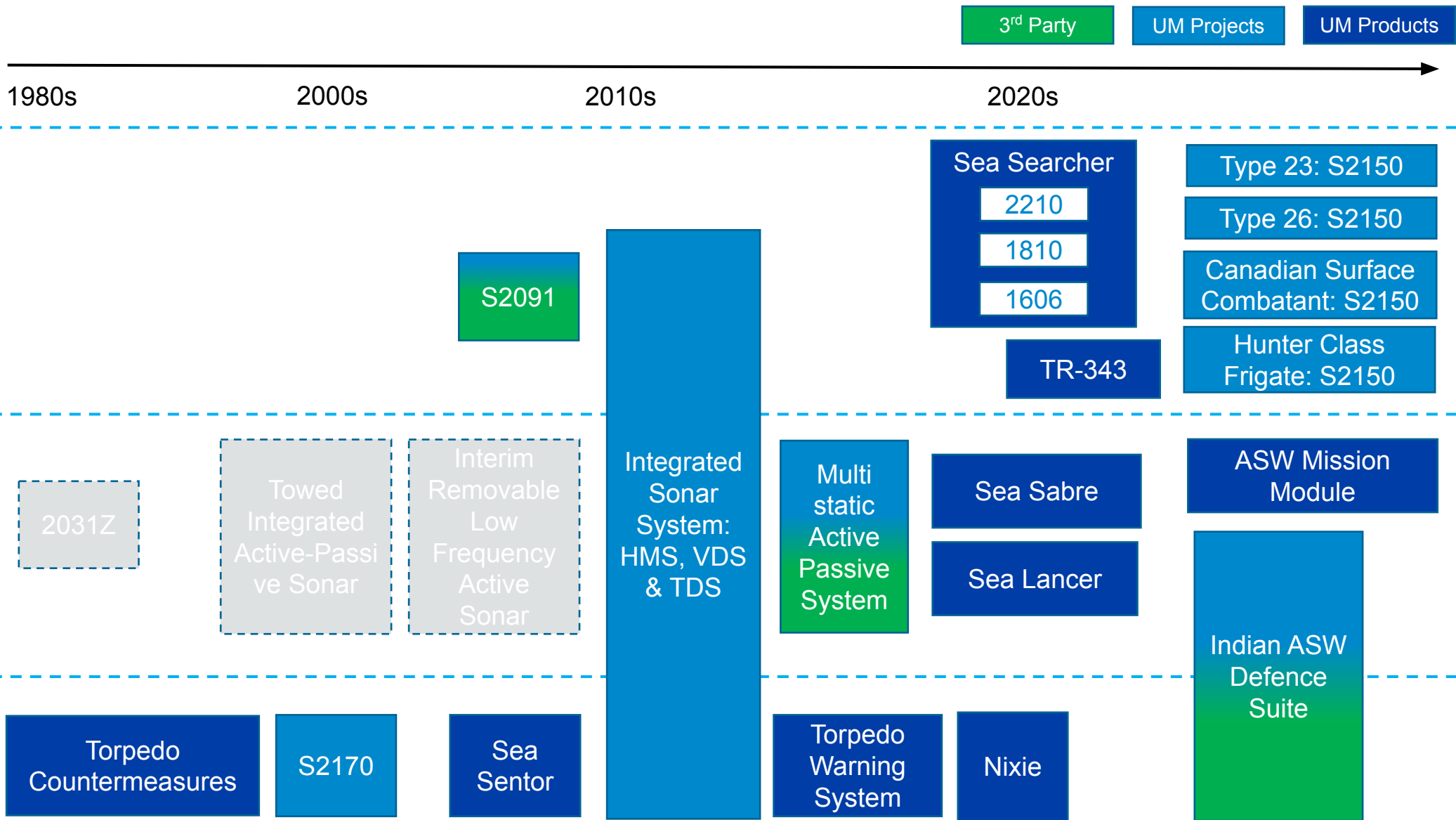


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UM Projects

UM Products



Hull Mounted Sonar (HMS)

S2091

Sea Searcher  
2210  
1810  
1606

Type 23: S2150  
Type 26: S2150  
Canadian Surface Combatant: S2150  
Hunter Class Frigate: S2150

TR-343

Variable Depth Sonar (VDS)

2031Z

Towed Integrated Active-Passive Sonar

Interim Removable Low Frequency Active Sonar

Integrated Sonar System: HMS, VDS & TDS

Multi static Active Passive System

Sea Sabre

Sea Lancer

ASW Mission Module

Torpedo Defence System (TDS)

Torpedo Countermeasures

S2170

Sea Sensor

Torpedo Warning System

Nixie

Indian ASW Defence Suite

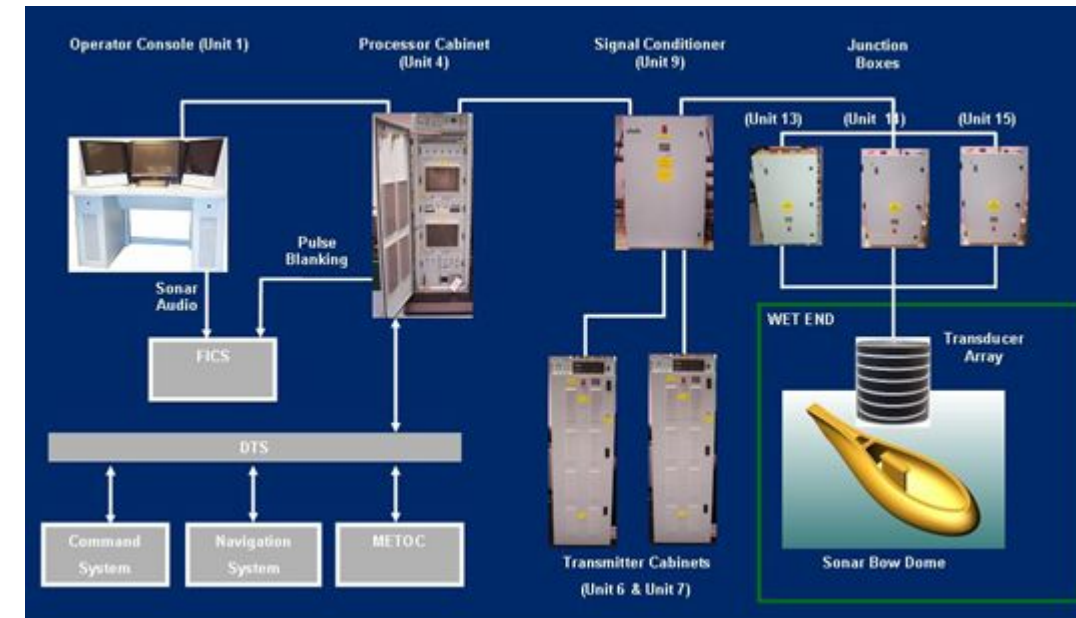
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# S2091 Hull Mounted Sonar

- Ultra's first surface ship hull mounted sonar programme
- Decade: Late 2000s
- Platforms: UK Type 45 destroyer
- Capability: Tactical, Active & Passive ASW, Torpedo Detection
- Sensor: Analogue, cylindrical Tonpiliz array
- Number of Cabinets: Seven
- Benefits: Full colour, high-resolution windowed displays, automatic classification and tracking, COTS processing technology
- Developer: EDO (now part of L3Harris) & Ultra Maritime
- Status: Fitted, but not in use



*S2091 HMS array in protective jacket, pre-installation*



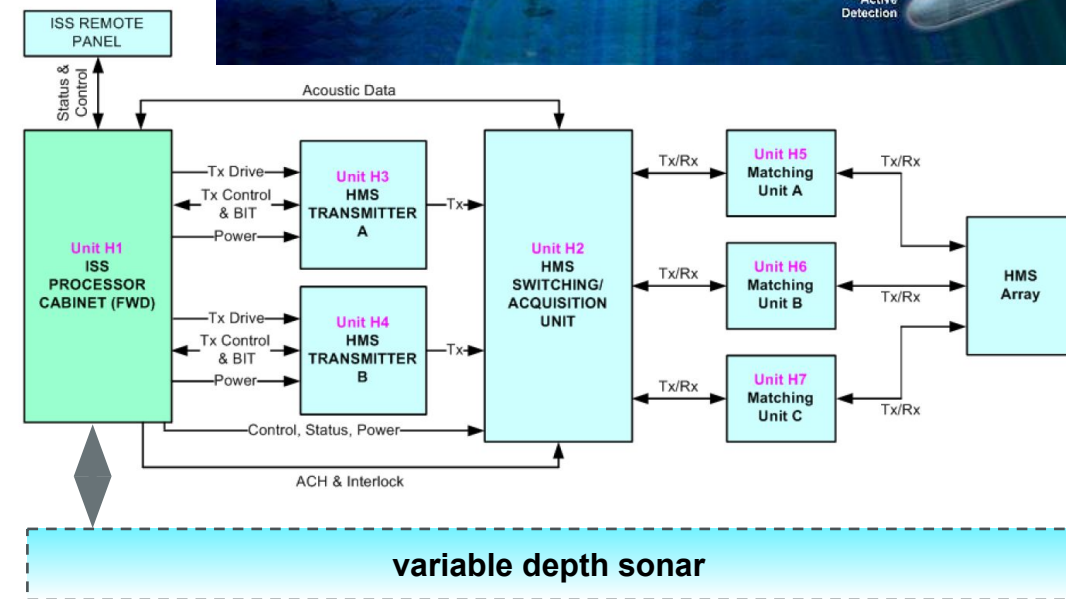
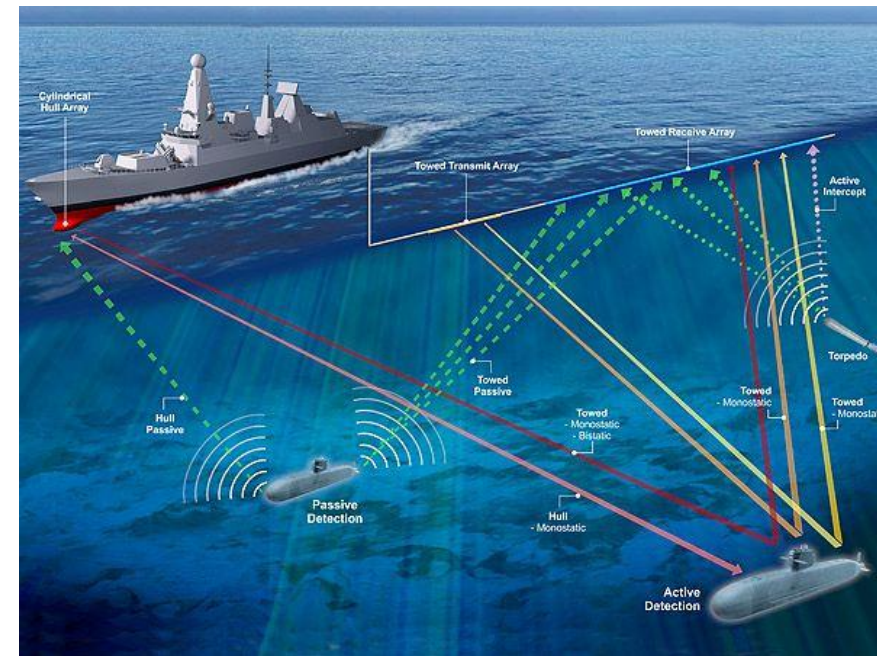
Our first hull mounted sonar programme

# Integrated Sonar System

- Ultra's first integrated HMS, VDS and TDS
- Decade: Late 2010s
- Platforms: Australian Hobart class destroyer
- Capability: Tactical, Active & Passive ASW, Sea Sensor Torpedo Defence
- Sensor: Analogue, cylindrical Tonpilz array (plus in-line active/passive single tow sonar)
- Number of Cabinets: Seven (HMS only)
- Benefits: Fully integrated sonar, unified displays, tactical plan position indicator display, transmission optimisation
- Developer: Ultra Maritime
- Status: In service



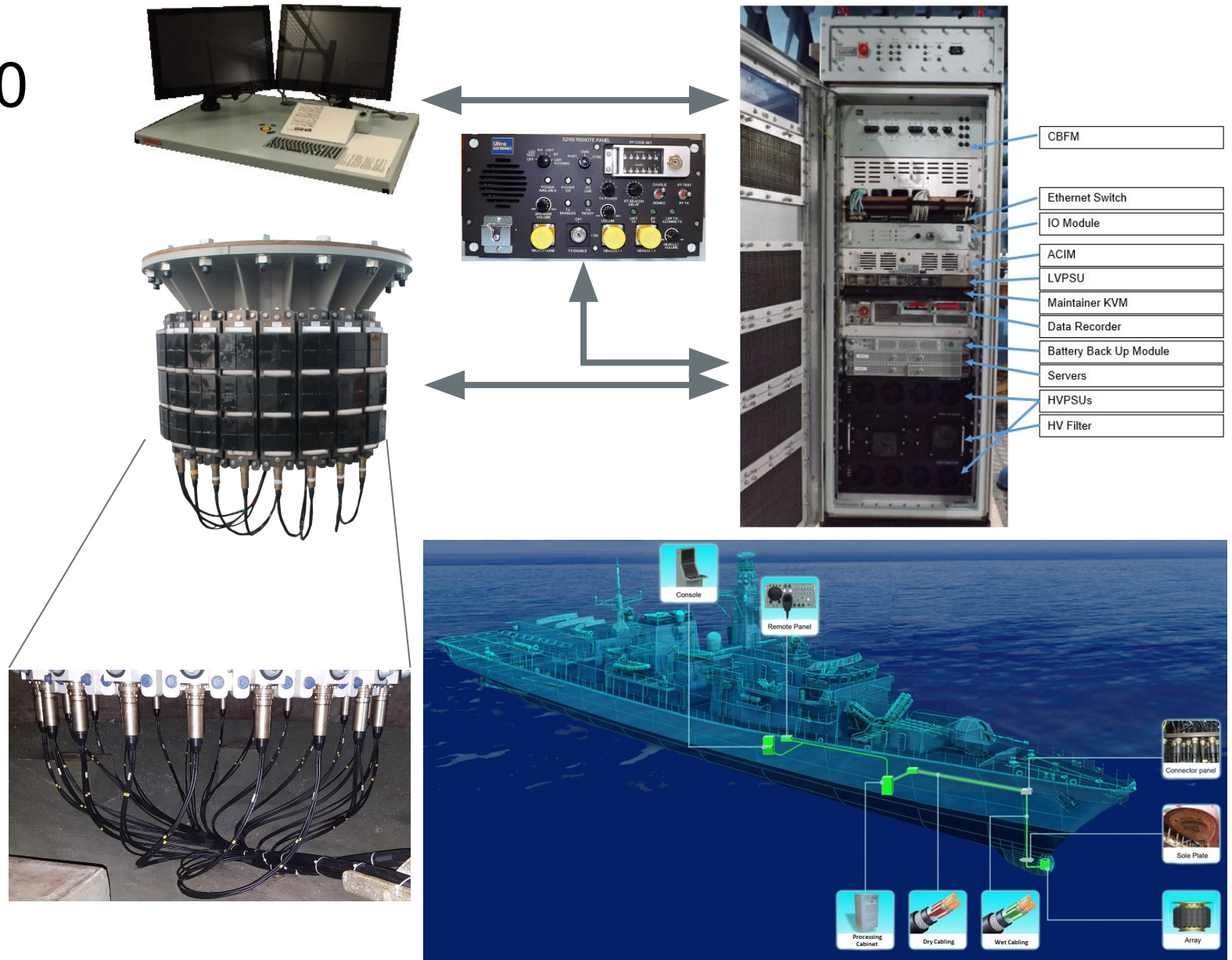
ISS HMS array in protective jacket, installed



Our first fully integrated HMS, VDS and Torpedo Detection System

# Sea Searcher HMS 2210

- Ultra Maritime's first digital HMS array architecture
- Decade: 2020s
- Platforms: UK Type 23 & Type 26 frigate
- Capability: Tactical, Active & Passive ASW, Torpedo Detection, built in Underwater Telephone and IFF
- Sensor: Digital, cylindrical Tonpilz array
- Number of Cabinets: One
- Benefits: Low SWaP-C, minimal installation and cabling, operator aids: chart overlays, behavioural classifier
- Developer: Ultra Maritime
- Status: In service as S2150 in UK, replacement to S2050



Our first low SWaP-C digital HMS array, with simplified installation and cabling



# Deployment of interoperable HMS on the Global Combat Ship

# Sea Searcher HMS: a global solution

S2150 contracts:

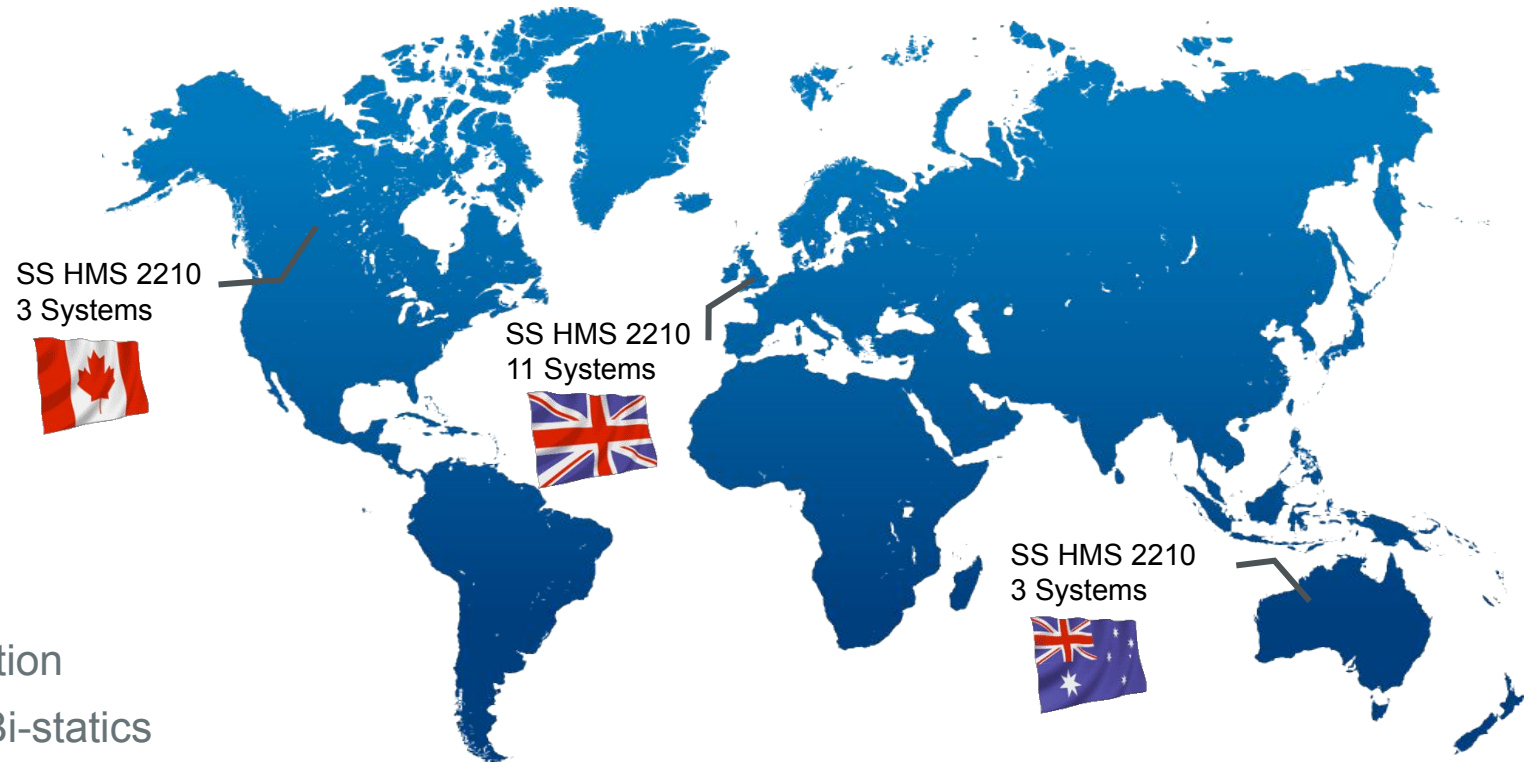
- UK Type 23 (QTY 8)
- UK Type 26 (QTY 3)
  - Potentially up to 8
- Canadian Surface Combatant (QTY 3)
  - Potentially up to 15

S2150 selected for:

- Australian Hunter class frigate (QTY 3)
  - Potentially up to 9

Contracted to deliver:

- Marine Mammal Risk Management and Detection
- Hull Mounted Sonar to Variable Depth Sonar Bi-statics
- Digital Underwater Communications (data and/or voice)



Shared commonality between UK, Canada and Australia

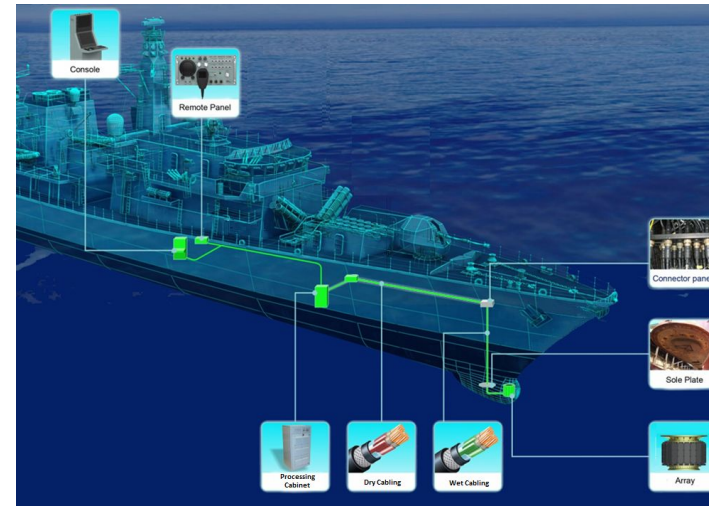




# Future HMS developments

# Sea Searcher product family

- Small: 1606 – for Frigates, Corvettes and OPVs
  - E.g. UK Type 31 / 32
- Medium: 1810 – for Frigates and Destroyers
  - E.g. UK Type 45 technology refresh
- Large: 2210 – for Frigates and Destroyers
  - E.g. UK Type 26; USA DDG(X) or Constellation class if fitted with HMS

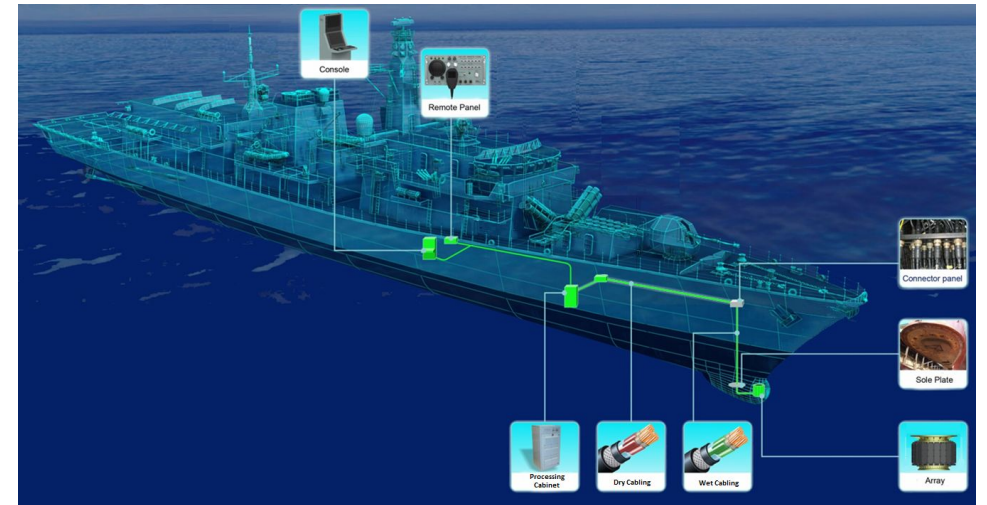


Outboard	HMS-2210	HMS-1810	HMS-1606
Array size (D x H)	1.64m x 1.44m	1.41m x 1.44m	1.24m x 0.92m
Array frame mount height	1.76m	1.65m	1.10m
Total weight	5050kg	3600kg	2012kg

Common architecture, three array sizes suitable a wide range of ships

# Summary of HMS technology evolution

- HMS size, weight, power and cooling has evolved (versus ISS) without compromising performance
  - Inboard size reduced by 86%: 7 cabinets to 1
  - Inboard weight reduced by 72%: 1935 to 538 kg
  - Input power reduced by 37%: 70 to 44 kW
  - Wild heat reduced by 51%: 7.2 to 3.5 kW
- HMS have evolved to include
  - Improved sonar displays and operator aids
  - Full integration with variable depth sonar, inc. bistatic operation
  - Automatic torpedo detection, classification and localisation
  - Built-in underwater telephone and IFF
- HMS continues to evolve to include
  - Digital underwater communications
  - Marine mammal risk management and detection
  - Alternative array sizes for a wider range of ships





# Exploitation of Maritime Uncrewed Systems (MUS) by Defence

# Exploitation of MUS by Defence

- Blockers to large scale exploitation of MUS by defence
  - Requirements / CONEMP / CONOPS: how do they fit in to the wider ASW force?
  - Infrastructure: are the centralised facilities and resources available to support?
  - Platform capabilities: many aren't yet capable of completing an ASW mission
  - Interoperability: need for command, control and communication between them
  - Regulations: how do current regulations apply & and what is missing?
  - Intellectual Property: reluctance to share with competitors, especially on cutting edge
  - Security Classifications: makes things harder and prevents wider participation
- What can defence do to accelerate operational exploitation of MUS
  - Try doing things differently, just do it and learn from experience
  - Adopt an enterprise architecture: modular platforms with specialised & simplified payloads working as part of a wider group to achieve common objectives
  - Incentivise industry e.g. MoD Grand Challenge
- What can industry do to increase operational maturity of MUS
  - Just do it and learn from experience
  - Participate in think tanks and NATO Industrial Advisory Groups
  - Engage in wider collaborations rather than current partnerships

## Maritime Uncrewed Systems

Sea Hunter



Medium USV



Large USV



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