

# TECHNOLOGIES FOR LITTORAL OPERATIONS

Underwater Warfare and Stealth Above the Surface

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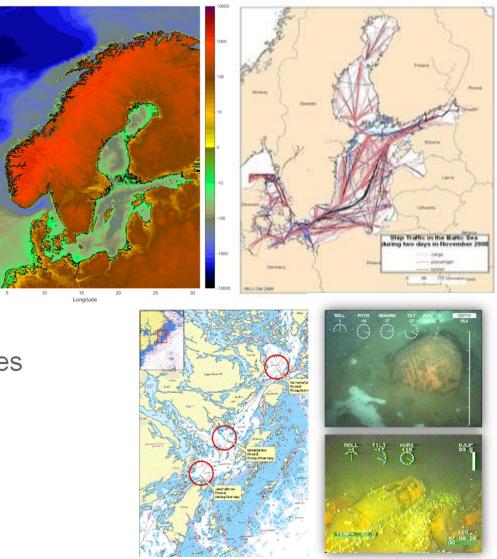
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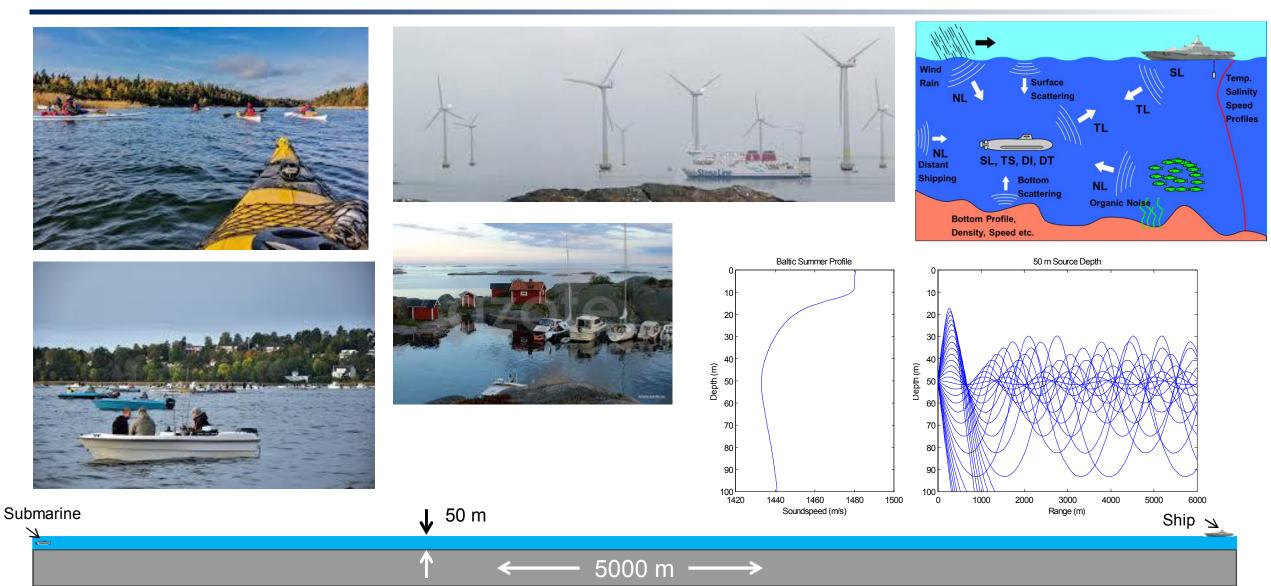
## EXTREME LITTORAL OPERATIONS - THE BALTIC SEA OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

- Very shallow (50 m in average)
- Low and varying salinity (ca. 0-10 ppt)
- Complex hydroacoustic conditions
  - Strong seasonal variations
  - Layers in temperature and salinity
- Muddy water, organic material, poor visibility
- Complex archipelagos, heavy sea traffic
- Large number (> 50 000) of unexploded mines and ordnances

- Summary: Very complex operational environment
- Swedish Navy are experts in this operational area



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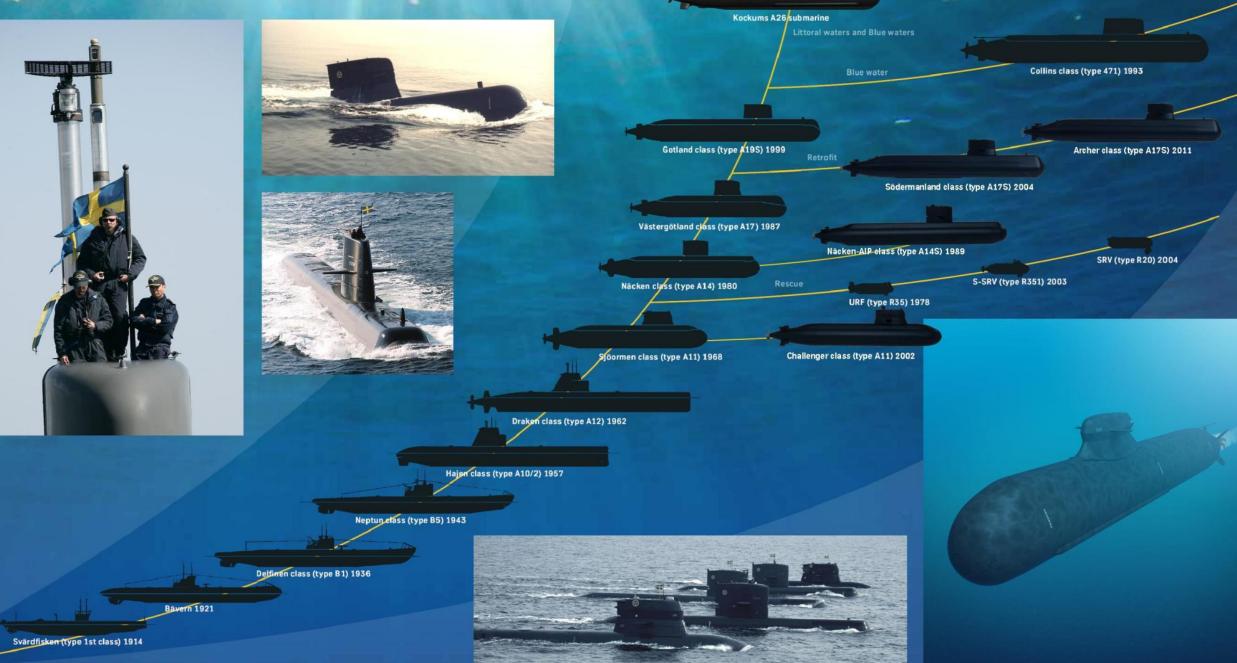


## EXTREME LITTORAL OPERATIONS - NAVAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Submarine and Naval Surface Ship requirements:
  - Fast reaction times
  - Low signatures
  - High maneuverability
  - High shock resistance
  - Sensors and weapons able to handle a cluttered and confined situation
  - Mine Counter Measure ability
  - Shallow draught
  - Bottoming capability (submarines)
  - Long submerged endurance Air independent propulsion (submarines)
- Saab Kockums has designed submarines and naval ships to fulfill these requirements



## **100 YEARS OF SUBMARINE EVOLUTION**



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#### A26 – THE NEXT GENERATION SUBMARINE DESIGNED FOR LITTORAL OPERATIONS AND BLUE WATER

High Performance Sensors



Extreme Stealth

Stirling AIP System

**Outstanding Shock Resistance** 

Automation

Low Life Cycle Cost

**Excellent Habitability** 

Modular Design

Flexible Payload Concept Special Forces Operations Support



KOCKUMS

STIRLING





## THE KOCKUMS STIRLING AIP SYSTEM

- Increases submerged endurance dramatically – High efficiency
- Low signatures
- Proven
  - Operational since 1989
  - Used in all RSwN submarines and by other navies
  - High availability
- Low life cycle cost
  - Cost effective solution and easy to maintain
- Simple logistics
  - Low sulfur diesel and standard LOX
- Can be refitted into existing submarines





Mk 3 Kockums Stirling module

A26 Kockums Stirling module



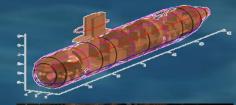
AIP replenishment at sea (LOX, fuel & weapons)

#### SUBMARINE SIGNATURE MANAGEMENT

- Submarine design with extremely low signatures
- Long experience Proved in Gotland Class

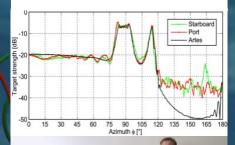
Electric

- Advanced modelling capabilities for prediction and reduction methods
- Measurement and analysis capabilities including laboratory facilities









Radiated noise

Magnetic

**IR/RCS** 

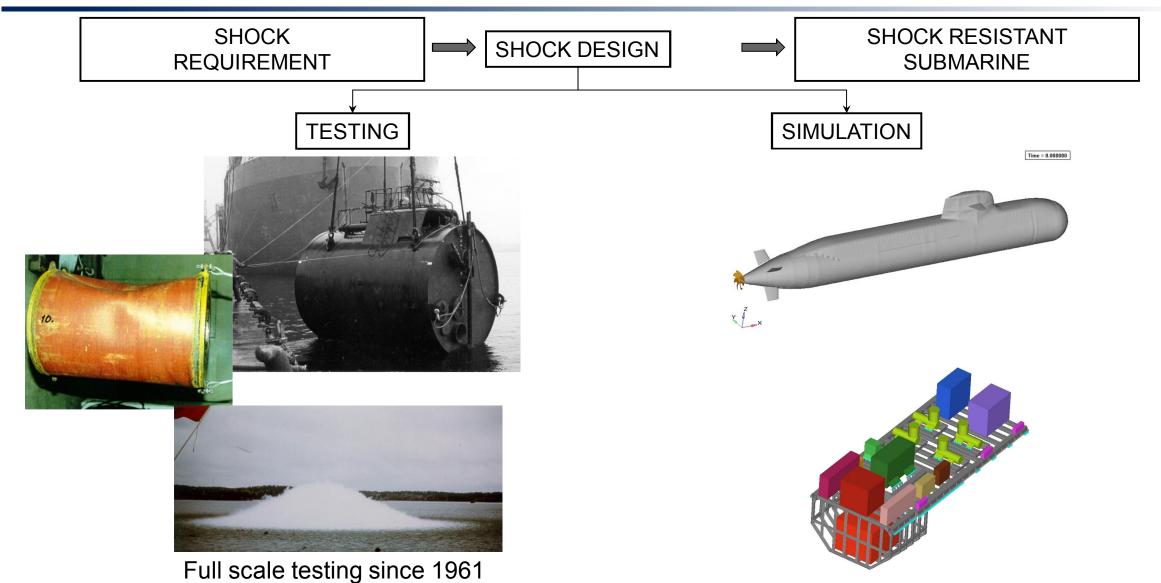
Hydrodynamic

Acoustic target

strength



#### SUBMARINE EXTREME SHOCK RESISTANT DESIGN



#### FULL SCALE SUBMARINE SHOCK TEST – FIRST OF CLASS SINCE 1961

#### THE VISBY CLASS CORVETTES DESIGNED FOR LITTORAL OPERATIONS

- True stealth Above and below the surface
  - Carbon Fibre Construction RCS, IR, Noise, Magnetic
- High speed and excellent maneuverability
  - Light Carbon Fibre Construction Fast, shallow draught
  - Gas turbines and water jets

- Multi-mission capability
  - ASuW, ASW, MCM
- Excellent sensor and effector suite
- High shock resistance
  - Full scale shock tested

## LITTORAL OPERATIONS - THE MINE COUNTER MEASURE TOOLBOX

- Dedicated MCMV (Koster Class) Organic MCM (Visby Class)
  - Low signatures
    - Non-magnetic composite hull and degaussing system
    - Low noise design and propulsion system
  - High shock resistance Full scale tested
  - Mine hunting sonars
  - Off-board systems PVDS/ROV-S and mine disposal systems
- Autonomous Sweeping System (SAM3)
  - High shock resistance
  - High sweeping signatures Magnetic, acoustic and electric
  - Full autonomy



SAAB DE Mk II



ROV / MDV SAAB DE MK II



Sonar

Uw Pos





Expendable MDV







# THANK YOU!

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