

# The role of set-based design in successful shipbuilding project execution. Experiences from Umoe.

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#### 60 years of naval shipbuilding in Mandal, Norway





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#### **Umoe Mandal: Proud builders of**

Oksøy/Alta Minehunters/sweepers

Probably the most complex ships designed and built in Norway

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**Skjold Class Corvettes** 

## **SES MCMVs from Umoe Mandal**

		Oksøy class minehunter (MH)				
Main data		M341		KNM Karmøy	1994	
Displacement Length	: 396 t : 55,2 m	M342		KNM Måløy	1995	
Speed	: 20 kn	M343	A starting of the starting of	KNM Hinnøy	1995	
Crew	: 37 (13/7/17)	Måløv class minesweener (MS)				
Main weapons		indiby c				
Mistral SAM		M350		KNM Alta	1996	
Main sensors		M351	KNM Otra		1996	
MH: ROV, Hugin MRS, sonar MS: Elma og Agate sveip		M352		KNM Rauma	1996	



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## **Skjold Class Corvettes in the Navy**

NSM

Main data Skjold-cl	ass	P961
Displacement	: 274 t : 47 5 m	P962
Speed	: 60 kn	P963
Range Crew	: 800 nm / 40 kn : 20 (13/4/3)	P964
Main armament		P965

#### NSM 76 mm OTO Mistral MANPADS

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#### Skjold-class corvette

P961		KNM Storm	2010
P962		KNM Skudd	2010
P963	· ····	KNM Steil	2011
P964		KNM Glimt	2012
P965		KNM Gnist	2012
P960	.F.	KNM Skjold	2013





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#### 20 years with air cushion vehicles

- Umoe Mandal is the world leader in Air Cushion and Surface Effect Ships
  - Unrivalled experience in design, building and maintenance of operational high performance naval craft
- Umoe Mandal has extensive experience in design and construction of **naval composite structures** 
  - Umoe Mandal Composite Technology
- Umoe Mandal has the leading experience in high speed craft gas turbine applications
- Umoe Mandal is the leading supplier of advanced high capacity lift fans
  - 4 design generations in service







#### **Umoe Mandal: Leading ship designers**

- Leading ship designers for advanced ships and structures with
  - Advanced propulsion solutions
  - Composite materials/light weight solutions
  - Air cushion technologies
  - Military requirements and logistics support
  - Extensive CFD/FEM/3D-CAD capabilities



- Applying lean and efficient design methods and advanced design tools to reduce development time and costs
- Leveraging competitive and successful design work for demanding Norwegian and international Navy customers
- 26 highly skilled engineers within Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering



#### **Extensive CFD capabilities**



# Integrated hydrodynamics/structural design



#### **SKJOLD Corvettes – a success**

- Successful operations in NATO exercises
- Successful first launches of the new Naval Strike Missile
- Last vessel delivered April 2013
- First implementation of RAS (Replenishment-At-Sea) completed
- International promotion focusing on Brazil, Turkey, Singapore and the US



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#### The formidable firepower of the Skjold class



### **Umoe Mandal - a history of innovation**



#### UM epoxy/carbon lift fan technolog<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

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- Fan blades produced with RTM
- Shrouds and centredisk produced with vacuum infusion
- 4 generations of lift fans in operation (>50 units)
- In operation by NAVSEA/LCAC since August 07



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### **Design and production of composite components**

- BAe Bofors MK3 Gun Cupola pptimized design by Umoe
  - Increased load capacity
  - Reduced weight
  - Reduced part count
    - Integrated features





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### **The T-Craft Challenge**





### **T-Craft: few requirements – as targets**



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### The Umoe Response:





## The Three Modal UM T-Craft Concept

Fulfills all three desired capabilities

- 1. Fuel economy based on
  - fuel efficient diesel engine powering high efficiency waterjets
  - SES vessel operating between humps
- 2. High speed and shallow draft
  - CODAG Diesel engine powered waterjets, gas turbine powered air propellers
  - SES vessel operating above hump speed
- 3. Amphibious mode
  - Gas turbine powered air propellers
  - Large air cushion area with a high air gap (1.5 m) to pass sandbars/mudflats and with beach ascending capability
  - operating below hump speed



# Long range good seakeeping and high speed shallow draft mode: SES



#### Bow tandem connection to an LSD

...at sea cargo transfer made possible

Loading from the WATSON Class side port....

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#### The UM T-Craft.....

...delivering the cargo dry feet on the beach.....

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# Break-through contract in the US: TEXTRON/Ship to Shore Connector

- Development + Test Craft + 8 vessels
- Ambition to win additional series of 65 vessels 2019->:

#### Making Offshore Wind Possible

# UM Wave Craft

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WAVECRAFT

Speed, Access, Comfort

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## **SET-BASED DESIGN**

#### (OR KNOWLEDGE-BASED DESIGN)

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#### We have tried two development processes

- 1. Requirement driven design (Structure-based design):
  - The design process aims to verify that the product will satisfy a large number of (>2k) detailed functional requirements
  - Formal process for evaluation and acceptance
  - Process focused management (rule-based)
    - The process is more important than the technical result
    - Progress reporting based on counting of finished documents
- 2. Set-based design (Knowledge-based design):
  - A low number of requirements more like targets
  - Focus placed on technical alternative solutions which are accessed and (down)selected at agreed milestones
  - Knowledge-based management



US naval programs: T-Craft and SSC



## **Classical Point Ship Design**



- Major loopbacks often necessary when starting from scratch....
- Mange rotations are necessary....

Figure 2: Classical Design Spiral. (Evans 1959)

## **Point design in practice**

#### This is the plan:



- Major unplanned re-engineering occurs
- Costly loop-backs implying late changes on a large number of "finished" documents



## Norwegian naval projects: Requirement driven design

- Several thousands functional and performance requirements established by the client
- For Umoe this meant:
  - Focus placed on «closing requirements» throughout the design process
  - Conflicting requirements create demanding processes when discovered
    - Results in major re-engineering and revisions of already issued documents
  - The energy is used on the process and to document the process steps rather than finding the best solutions
    - Counting requirement status and compliance, punches, document nos. and revisions, prove traceability, audit deviations and waivers, changes, progress
- Result: The requirements are satisfied in the end, however,
  - Delayed and to a higher cost
  - Uncertainty whether the result is at all close to the optimum



## **Requirement Engineering (RE)**

- Defining the solution «in abstract» terms
- Used in US since WWII, however now NOT in use in US Navy today
- Continues to be used for naval ship design programs in UK and Norway

Andrews (2011):

- RE is «not appropriate for warships»
- RE is «bad Systems Engineering practice»

Andrews, D. J. (2011). Marine Requirements Elucidation and the Nature of Preliminary Ship Design Transactions of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects Part A: International Journal of Maritime Engineering, 153 (Part A1) STRONG performance – LIGHT materials

## **US Navy Introduces Set-based Design**

- Based on many failed, too late and too expensive ship design efforts since the 1990'ies
- Ship Design and Analysis Tool Goals
  - Letter issued in 2008 by Admiral Paul Sullivan, Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command,





# 2009: Set-based design is used by US Navy for the SSC-program:

- 1. Consider <u>a (large) number of design alternatives</u> by understanding the design space
- 2. Allow <u>specialists</u> to consider a design from their own perspective and use the intersection between individual sets to optimize a design
- 3. Establish feasibility before commitment
  - a) Narrowing sets gradually while increasing detail
  - b) Staying within a set once committed
  - c) Maintaining control by managing uncertainty at process gates

Result:

- Conceptually robust designs
- Promises a capacity to adapt quickly to changing requirements and design discoveries.









## The UM T-Craft design approach

#### A knowledge based creative ship design process successfully applied



### 2009:

- "Everybody" talked LEAN
- I received this book with the order:

#### READ

Michael N. Kennedy "A must-read for leaders with demand excellence the development of Dain M. Hancoc President ockheed Ma Foreword by Dr. Allen Ward Why TOYOTA'S system is four times more productive and how you can implement it.



### **Development Environment**

- The foundation for lasting change –

#### A Continuum

#### Structure-based

The basis of the engineering environment is the **structure of the operational activities:** procedures, control, compliance, related training

#### **Knowledge-based**

The basis of the engineering environment is the **knowledge of individual workers:** Understanding of needs, information availability, responsibility and teaming interaction



#### The Lean Development System (Knowledge-based Development)



#### **Decision taken at defined process gates:**



- <u>Dates</u> for the process
  gates are set and
  agreed by the design
  team
  - And always kept !
- At the process gates (integrating events):
  - Evaluation and (down)selection of design sets
  - Progress is assessed

#### T-Craft: Use knowledge-based design:

- During the T-Craft Phase 1 and 2 (2008-2011) we have actively tried out a novel (for UM) product development method
  - inspired by Toyota\* product development methods
  - prof. Kai Levander, NTNU (Finland)
- Knowledge Based Design
  - Knowledge based design is based on complete design sets where alternative solutions are tested and selected
  - Other names: Set-based design, Lean product development

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### Knowledge Based Design:

 Knowledge based design is based on complete design sets where alternative solutions are tested and selected



- The decision affected the whole ship and "all" drawings
- Decision to be taken as late as possible at an agreed milestone
  - Before drawings were made
  - When we had acquired sufficient and quantitive knowledge to take the right decision

### **T-Craft main drive** alternatives





#### M-drive:



# Example: A new ship type is to be developed

- Four new technologies are needed:
  - <u>Transformation</u> from SES toACV
  - <u>Propulsion</u> system effective at sea and over land
  - Mechanical or electrical Power transmission
  - <u>Cargo transfer</u> system ship to ship
- Assume 80% success rate for each technology

Set-based: Point Design: Probability of all three 0.8 for Transformation x solutions for each 0.8 for Propulsion x technology fail: 0.8 for Power transmission x  $= (1 - 0.8)^3 = 0.008$ Set-basert design 0.8 for Cargo transfer gives dramatic Probability for success with Probability for success with reduced risk in all solutions in the project. all solutions in the project: development  $= 0.8^4 = 0.41$  $= (1 - 0.008)^4 = 0.97$ projects umoe mandal

# Knowledge based design vs traditional ship design

#### Knowledge based design process

- Set-based design process
- Always a plan B
- Extensive <u>re-use</u> of knowledge
- Model testing as early as possible to learn
- Milestones are kept
- Open development process all teammembers are kept informed and involved
- Publish documents (knowledge)
- Progress is measured at milestones
- Active use of the 3-D model, no artificial 2-D presentations of intentions
- Drawings are made <u>as late as possible</u> to avoid changes
- Solutions emerge

#### Traditional design process

- Revolving spiral process
- Point design
- Start from scratch
- Model testing as late as possible to verify
- Milestones are delayed
- People are informed on a need to know basis
- Archive documents
- Progress is measured by counting "finished" drawings
- 3-D mainly used for artists impressions
- Drawings are made <u>as early as</u> <u>possible</u> to show progress
- N Solutions are given

## **Our experience from T-Craft**

#### Knowledge based process

- Risk is continuously reduced
- Fully integrate suppliers into the product development system
- Progress estimates are more reliable
- Fewer late design changes
- Team members are involved and motivated – always learning
- Critical milestones never delayed
- Open working environment improves
  interdisciplinary interaction
- Model tests motivate design improvements

#### **Traditional process**

- Risks are often ignored the easy solutions are done first
- Do not include suppliers before they can be contracted
- Progress is overestimated
- Many late design changes drawings are revised repeatedly
- Team members are frustrated
- Delays are recognized too late
- Interdisciplinary check is a pure <u>formal</u> process
- Late model tests are to be taken as *fait* accompli

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# The requirement specifications govern the design process

Therefore:

- Always better with few than many requirements
  - Reducing conflicting requirements
- Better with «targets» than absolute requirements
  - Targets facilitate trade-offs and optimizations between conflicting requirements
- Avoid that requirements are formulated too ambitious at "expert level"
  - Will create large problems when some requirements are only partly (or almost) achievable
- Describe what equipment is preferred instead of creating abstract requirements to functions and performances
  - Describe "what" and not "how to"
  - «Smart» functional requirements çause delays and cost increases



# Why do not everybody use set-based design:

- Many requirement specifications are extremely structured
  - The client believes strongly that a high number of detailed requirements ensure quality
  - The reality is opposite!
- It is (more?) difficult to document (prove) progress
  - To use resources on alternatives seems expensive
  - Assessment of progress takes place at milestones/integrating events
    - The controllers/auditors prefer to count and measure
- Management and control is transferred from «management» to «chief engineers» and experts
  - These must be trusted
- Difficult to keep focus over time a culture change is needed



## **Our experience**

Knowledge-based development:

- Reduced manning levels in projects
- Reduced duration
- Reduced number of late changes
- Improved risk management
- More optimum solutions
- Many solutions available for the next project
- The time schedule holds





