ANCS – The Naval Combat System of the German F125
A Class of its Own

... a sound decision
Expanded Mission Profile for Surface Combatants of the Next Generation
Military operations necessitate the capability for engaging hostile surface combatants, submarines, aircraft, missiles and torpedoes for self-protection as well as for task force protection. In addition, the core tasks of the navy in the 21st century include the safeguarding of shipping lanes in national and international waters, together with the support of military operations in crisis areas and war zones.

A traditional warship has to be transformed into a multi-role combat ship in order to meet the changing operational requirements and varied tasks associated with providing maritime security.

With the F125 class frigate, the German Navy has taken the step forward to a multi-role surface combatant. Besides its many new capabilities, the ANCS combat management system now also covers the expanded mission profile, such as the precise, selective and flexible engagement of enemy forces, tactical fire support from sea to land, support for special forces, the combating of asymmetric threats, as well as joint and multinational operations with prolonged availability in operational areas all over the world.
ATLAS Naval Combat System (ANCS) – The System for Frigates and Corvettes of the New Generation

ANCS was developed further for the F125 frigate to offer the entire spectrum of functionalities that are now in demand for the maritime task spectrum. This comprises the classic tasks, e.g. anti-air, anti-submarine, anti-surface and electronic warfare, as well as the newly evolved tasks such as asymmetric warfare, joint firing, and search & rescue. These functionalities have been realized in accordance with NATO standards and thus guarantee the required procedural interoperability with other NATO units.

Increased non-functional requirements for ANCS in respect of its robustness and availability, low maintenance effort, easy repairs, high level of automation, simplicity of operating workflow, and high redundancy all permit continuous deployment away from home ports for up to 24 months and a doubling of the sea operation time per year to 5,000 hours.

The data network allows operation of several logical networks for both classified and non-classified data at the same time on one cable. In addition, multiple information domains are supported, so that segregated information spaces, e.g. for NATO, special forces and NGOs, can be administered.

ANCS supports the crew with a simulation of the entire combat system, including all subsystems, in several simulation worlds that make it possible to simulate several ships at the same time, thus allowing the training of operational scenarios both with and against each other.

ANCS comprises a robust software core with few changeable components, augmented by expanded capabilities that can be added in a modular fashion. In this way, a special version of ANCS can be put together to meet the customers' needs and configured to suit the current operational spectrum of a ship class – specific and without risk.
Anti-Submarine Warfare

Anti-Air Warfare

Electronic Warfare

Asymmetric Warfare

Anti-Surface Warfare

Naval Gunfire Support/Joint Firing

Track Management

Tactical Picture Compilation

Threat Evaluation

Data Link Operation

Weapon Assignment

C2 Core

Automatic Target Recognition

NATO-Compliant Identification and Classification (STANAG 4162)

Lethal and Non-Lethal Engagements

Planning and Operation Support

Full-Vessel Simulation and Training

Helicopter Control

Search & Rescue

Lethal and Non-Lethal Weapon Assignment
Key Features

MODERN AND PROVEN CMS
- Compliant to NATO standards
- Germany is parent navy
- In use for OPV, FAC, corvettes and frigates

SCALABLE AND MODULAR DESIGN
- Model-driven software architecture
- Interfaces for mission modules
- Free to interface any subsystem

USER-CENTRIC HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE
- Role-based virtual desktops
- Ergonomic design
- Context-sensitive menus and data
- User interface independent of operational software

EASY TO LEARN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
Thanks to the expanded mission profile, the requirement for a high level of automation and, in particular, through the new operating concept developed jointly with the German Navy, ANCS has been given many sophisticated capabilities that combine to make it a unique combat management system:

- Asymmetric warfare
- Joint Firing
- Supports CTG / Special Forces
- Full-Vessel simulation & training
- NATO-Compliant identification and classification (STANAG 4162)

**Advanced System Functions**

**Interface to Multi-Link System ADLIS**

- Link 22
- Link 16 and JREAP-C
- Link 11
- SIMPLE
- ADLIS Link A
- National Links

**Integrated and Secure Data Network**

- Fully redundant
- Supports multiple information domains
- Red/red and red/black separation

**Easy to Learn, Operate and Maintain**
The operation of the Combat System is very much dependent on the User Interface of the combat management system. ATLAS has designed the ANCS user interface together with operators of the German Navy based on a ‘user centric’ approach.

Limited human resources and space within the Combat Information Centre and redundancy requirements do not permit the usage of dedicated consoles to support operation of integrated sub-systems and related tactical functions. Instead ANCS uses Multi-Function Consoles capable of running the user interface of any implemented tactical function. Therefore all subsystems are able to be controlled from any of the consoles.

To provide optimum support for the duties of the operator, the information content of the user interface is adapted to fit the specific role of the operator. The layout of the display always follows the same system. Here too, the interface exhibits a modular structure.

**Type of Desktops:**
- Pre-Defined
- Customer designed

**Type of Fragments:**
- Remote HMI
- Navigation
- Link Communication
- Sensors
- Tactical
- Track Management
- ...

More than 200 different fragments are available.
The ANCS User Interface – Perfect Match for Each Role

Information elements, whether already available or newly customized, can be combined to suit the customer’s requirements and role definition, and then fitted into the framework. Thanks to the systematic structure of the user interface, an operator can easily switch between different roles.

**Warfare Areas:**
- AAW  Anti Air Warfare
- ASuW  Anti Surface Warfare
- ASW  Anti-Submarine Warfare
- EW  Electronic Warfare
- ASymW Asymmetric Warfare

**Example Operator Roles:**
- AAW Officer
- ASW Officer
- EW Officer
- Tactical Picture Compilation
- Helo Control
- Link Control

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ATLAS has a proud history of combat management implementations for various surface combatants. In combination with our experienced combat system integrators ATLAS is able to provide sound combat systems for the German Navy and for export customers.
In the maritime sector, our customers play an essential role in securing the safety of the world’s nations. ATLAS SERVICES provides the necessary logistical support. We ensure that our customers have the needed flexibility, combat effectiveness and operational readiness. Quality and reliability form the foundation of our corporate philosophy. Our wide-ranging service spectrum is designed this way. Our customers deserve nothing less.

ATLAS SERVICES means much more than just the delivery of spare parts, maintenance of products, or training in the use of our systems. ATLAS SERVICES offers a comprehensive and independent package that is available at any time and any place. In close cooperation with our clients, we put together the most suitable service concept, providing the basis on which we intensively support our components and systems over the entire life-cycle. What is more, we also offer this complete support for the products of other manufacturers – a process with which we are most familiar in our role as system integrator.

Technical Engineering
From the straightforward software update, through wide-ranging technical support in the upgrade of your ships, and up to the complete retrofitting of your systems – all of these tasks comprise a vital part of our technical competence. We will find a solution for each of your requirements.

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Exceptional challenges, such as technical analyses, the execution of studies, as well as all other supporting technical services up to operational models for entire platforms, are fulfilled by our specialists with the very highest level of competence.

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