



# **Oil Spill Detection (OSD)**

# by using

# X-band radar

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# Head Office: Rutter Inc.

- Canadian company
- Head Office in St. John's, NL, Canada
- Incorporated in 1998
- Since October 2012 Sales office in Germany
- Company specialized in oil spill, ice and small target detection sigma S6
- Company specialized in real time wave and current monitoring WaMoS II
- By using navigational radar
- Offering enhanced Radar systems to the
  - Oil & Gas,
  - Maritime Shipping,
  - Seismic,
  - Security sectors









# sigma S6 applications



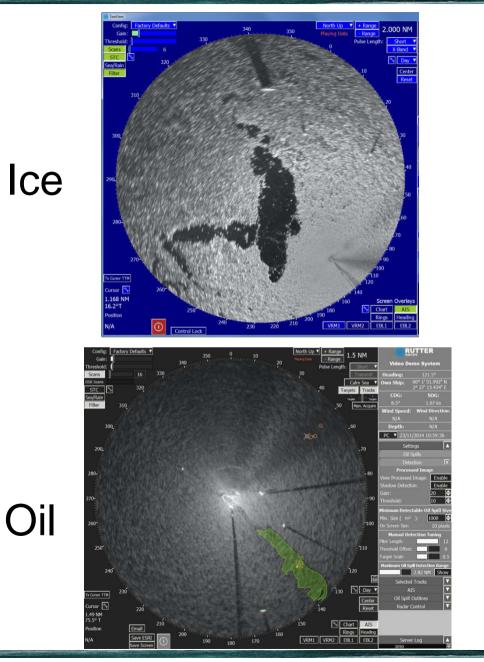


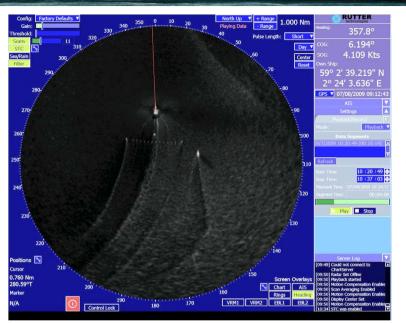


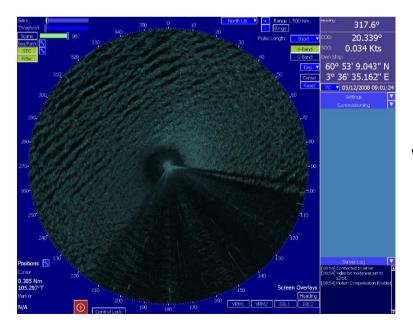


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# Target

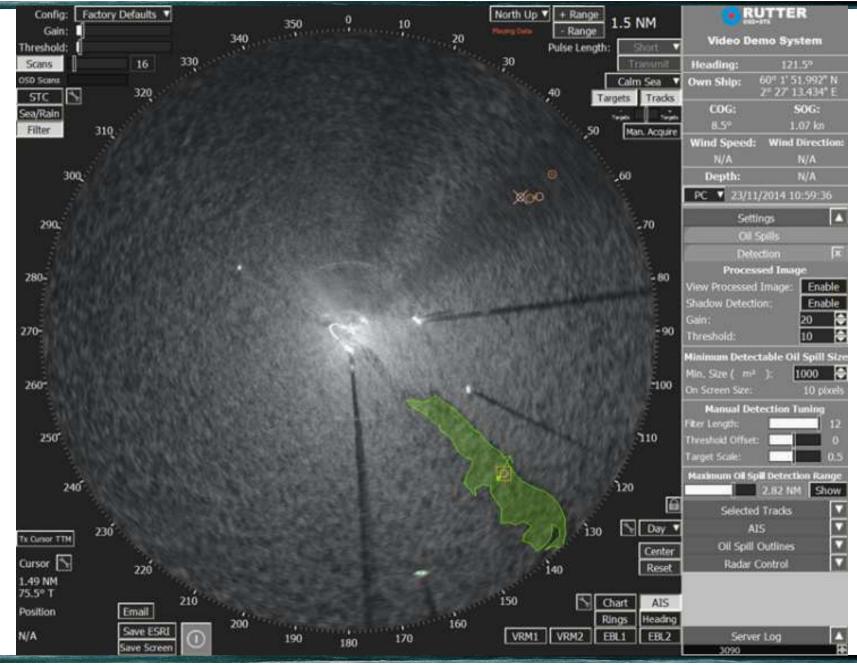
# Waves







## sigma S6 application: OSD









- High Definition processing & imaging capability
- Connectable to conventional X-Band radar systems
  - Either horizontally or vertically polarized
- Advanced clutter/ noise removal algorithms
- Motion compensation
- Enhanced display with control interface
- Stand alone or network capable
- Output standards/ data sharing for system data integration like command and control centres
- Data managed on Electronic Chart system







- Full signal A/D conversion and 12-bit processing
- Scan-to-Scan Averaging and range of filters for significant clutter reduction (Pulse filtering, Sea/Rain (CFAR), STC)
- Dynamic Thresholding
- Enhanced 256 level display with controls interface designed for rapid learning and usage
- Dual channel Plot Extractor with Tracker for simultaneous tracking of slow and fast moving targets







- Vessel, platform or shore-side installations
  - Vessels can operate at speed with OSD still operating with no degradation
- Vessel based system can move with slick
- Oil slick detection:
  - Detection is via signal processing, not image processing
  - Lowers false positives/ alarms
- Multiple slicks detection
- Appearance of the sigma S6 interface is similar to that of conventional marine radars -> easy to use







- Capable of detecting a light (0.00004 mm) to silver sheen (0.00007 mm)
- 4 nm range of detection and tracking
- Minimum detection volume is 5L from oil in water test
- Maximum detection volume is unknown, but measured 1000L was noted volume during NOFO oil in water exercise





# Why Oil Spill Detection Radar

- Real-time detection and tracking of surface oil slicks
- Auto detection, tracking & outlining
- Tracking slick trajectories (Range, Bearing, Speed, Course)
- Auto alerts with alarm
- Area and user managed Volume estimation
- Day/night/ low visibility => 24/7
- Minimal user intervention
- ESRI outlines sharing for GIS systems
- Screen capturing
- IR camera integration
- Wave and current measurements capable of being integrated







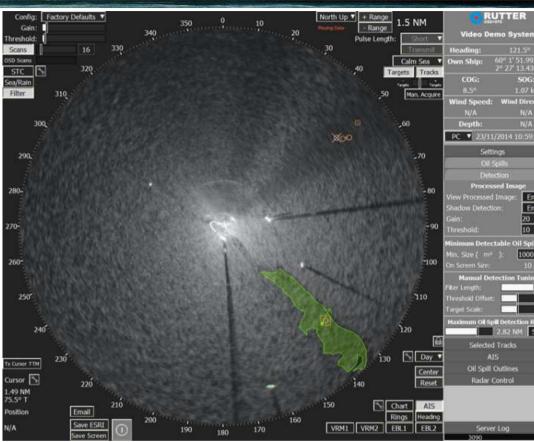




# Types of Oil Incidents Detected



- Production Fluids
- Leaks during transfers
- Leaks from damaged or grounded vessels
- Bilge Dumping
- Leaks around trans-shipment or bunkering areas



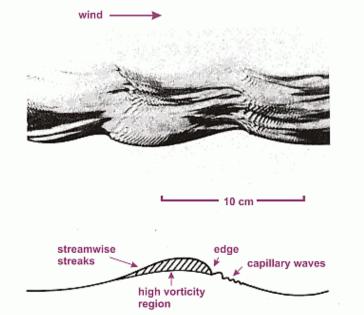






- Small breeze moving over water surface creates capillary waves
- X-band radars detect capillary waves from backscatter
- Oil dampens capillary wave formation, dampens backscatter and lowers signal return: surface anomaly









# **Oil Spill Detection & Response**



#### Oil slick detection on-board Norwegian Coastal Patrol Vessel KV HARSTAD



Recommended Radar Configuration:
X-Band, 25 kW, PRF ~ 3.000 Hz
~1° Beam Width (>8ft), ~ 40 RPM



Detection of Oil Spills with Marine Radars:

- oil is damping capillary waves
- this attenuates radar signal returns from sea clutter
- detection is possible
  - from wind speed > 2 3kt
  - out to > 4 NM / > 7 km
- signals must be motion compensated and averaged over many antenna revolutions
- oil spills are then presented as dark areas







- Detect & track small and difficult to detect targets in sea clutter that standard IMO/Nav radars miss
- Use existing radar infrastructure where feasible: vessel, platform and shore
- Operational satisfactory for NOFO mode of operation (NOFO: Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies )
- Combinable with
  - ICE Detection,
  - Small Target Surveillance Detection (STS),
  - and/or Wave/Surface Current Detection (WaMoS II)





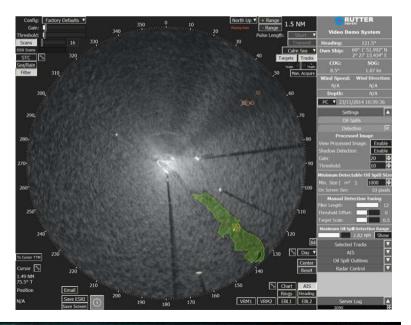


Detects and tracks oil spills across the widest range of sea, weather and light conditions.

The system incidentally is amazing. Picked up a slick in 5 to 8 foot seas with 35 knot winds and was 50 meters wide and a kilometer long. In the anchorages picks up bilge slicks at a distance of 6 to 8 miles which are invisible to the eye. Amazing.

*Thanks, Captain, OSRV vessel in Brasil, October 2011* 



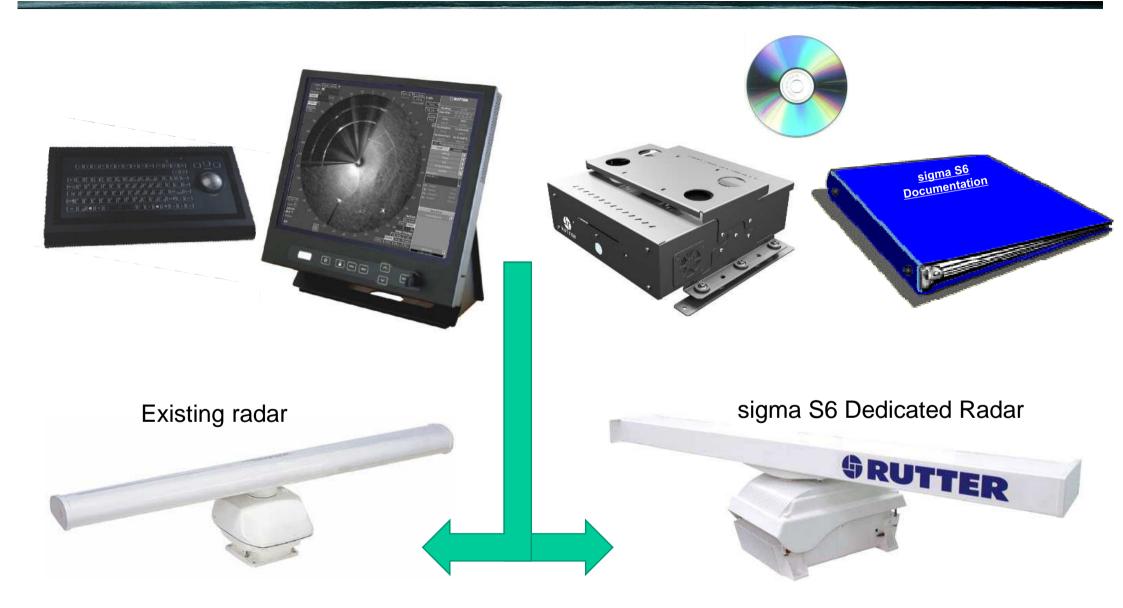






## sigma S6 system



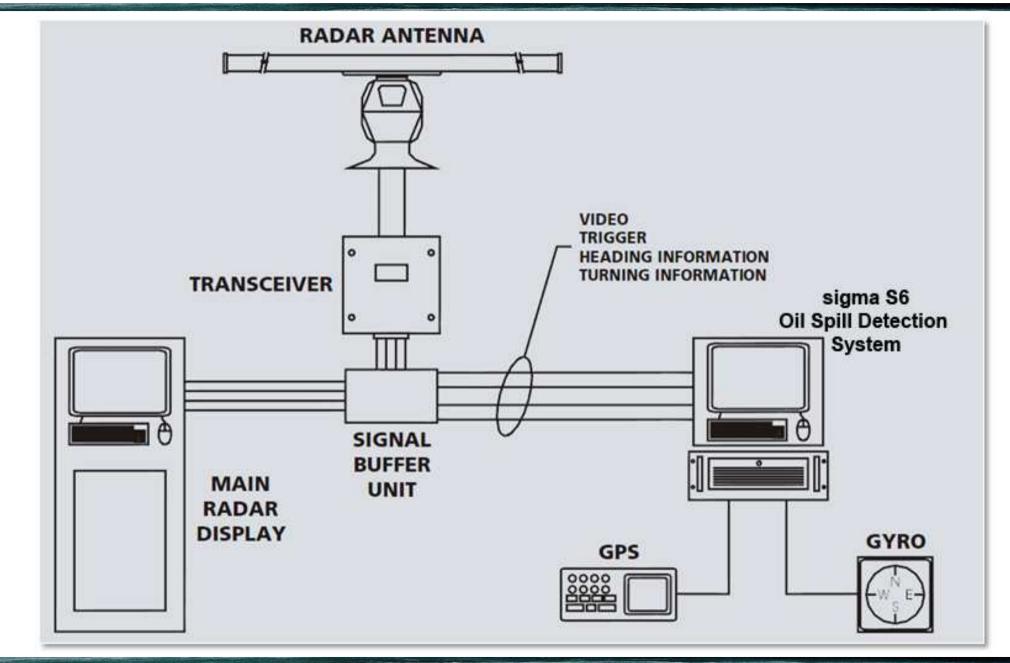






# On-board sigma S6 Configuration











- X-band radars are required due to wavelength characteristics
- Short pulse mode is required
- Platform 360-degree coverage
- Horizontal and Vertical Polarized Antenna









- Integrate an IR camera into the sigma S6 for verification
   Either:
  - Target info passed from sigma S6 Radar to IR camera, point camera
  - Works with most any IR camera

#### Or: State of the Art / FLIR IR (Voyager III or M-Series)

- Full integration of camera control in sigma S6 radar system
- Integrated video window
- Camera control in radar display
- Automatic target acquisition
- Click target to manually slew camera
- Slew to detected spill
- Point to detected spill





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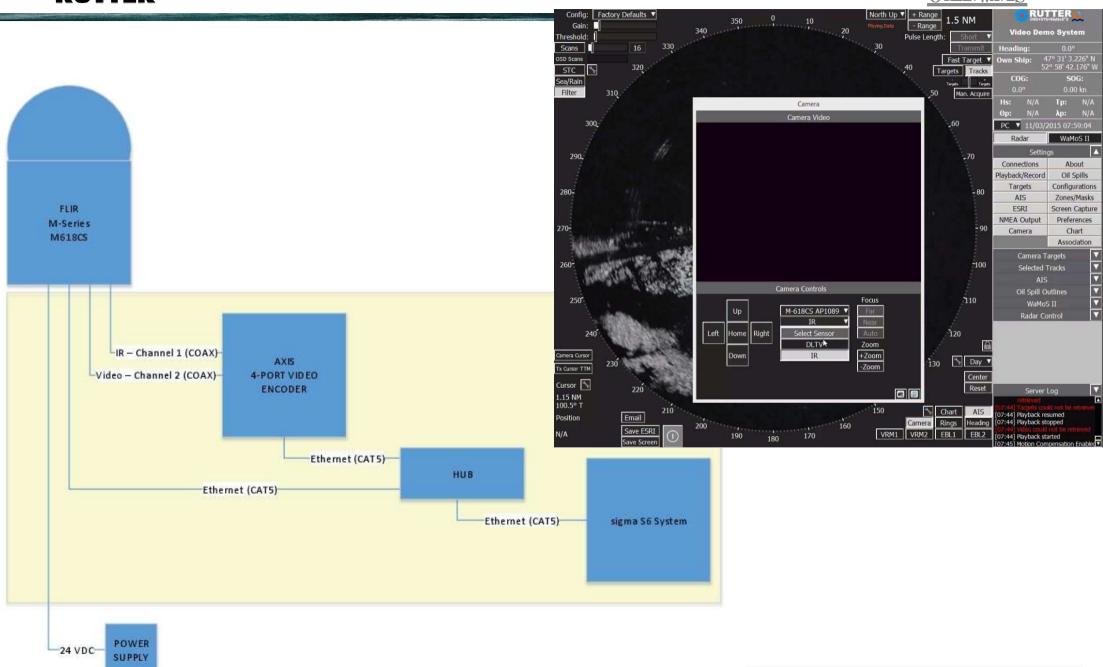




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# **Rutter IR Camera Integration**







**Oil Appearance Layer Thickness** 



Oil on Water Thickness	< 5 µm	5 – 50 µm	50 – 200 μm	> 200 µm	
Concentration (m <sup>3</sup> / km <sup>2</sup> )	< 5	5 - 50	50 – 200	> 200	Sheen/ rainbow (<5 µm)
Human Eye	Sheen / Rainbow	Metallic	Transitional Dark or True Colour	Dark or True Colour	
<i>Sigma</i> S6 OSD w. X-Band Radar	- > Visible	Visible	Visible	Visible	
SECurus IR Camera	Not visible	grey - black	black - white	white	True Colours (>200 μm)

Interval (µm), litres per km<sup>2</sup>





# **Oil Spill Detection & Response**







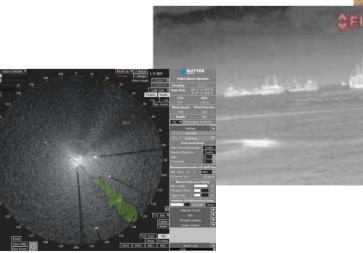


Radar Sensor

Signal & Image Processing

Infrared & LLTV Sensors

- Effective Oil Spill Response requires
- 24/7 detection
- continued operation at night
- sharing of data and images
  - with other vessels
  - with a control center







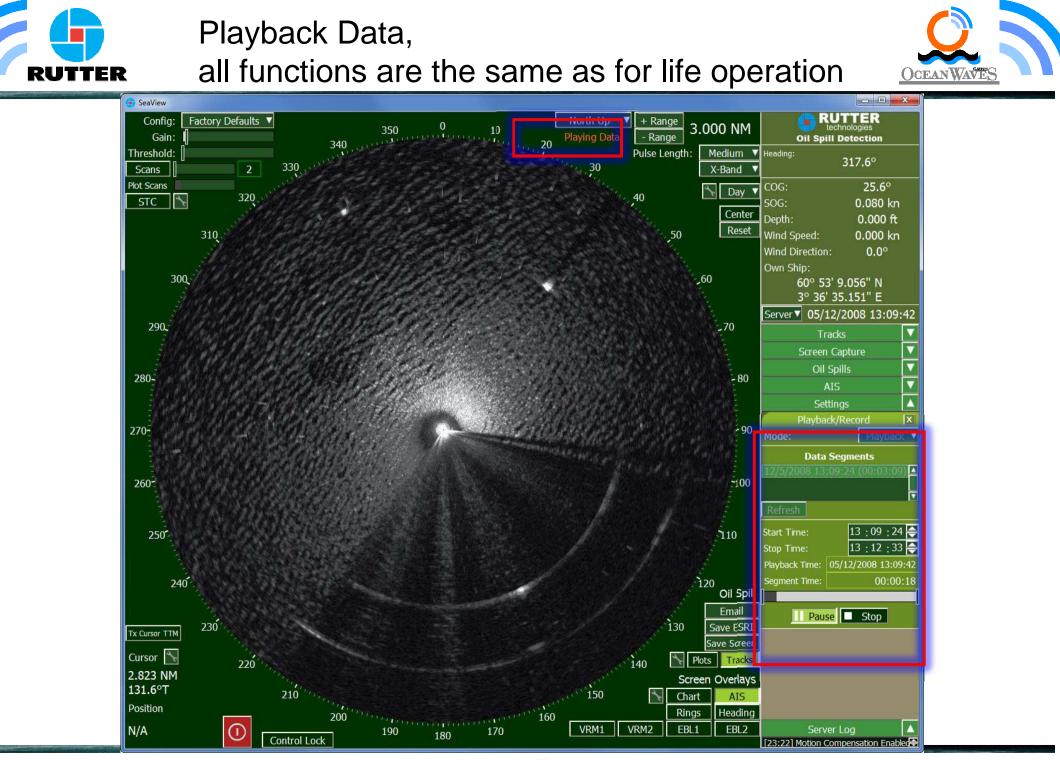




*sigma* S6 Version 9.0 to be released June 2015 including system output of geospatial information Includes the following through a web interface:

- Radar imaging via
  - o GeoTIFF
  - o JPEG
  - o PNG
- Targets/Plots, Tracks, Ice Outlines, Oil Spill Outlines, Wave & Current Information and User Annotations via
  - o GML
  - o KML
  - o DXF
  - ESRI shape files





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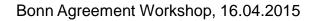
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#### **Off-Centering**









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#### Scan Averaging Activated









#### Potential oil spill targets displayed



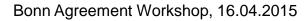












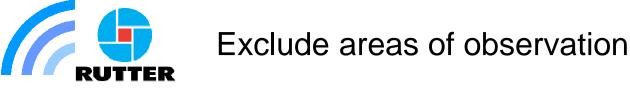


#### Oil Spill 1 automatically outlined

















#### False Alarm Zone generated



















- sigma S6 calculates area of slick
- Detects 8 levels of variation in slick thickness
- Thickness values with Area gives estimated Volume

Settings								
Oil Spills								
Volume Estimation								
Oil Spill Volu	me Overl		Enable					
Oil Spill Volu	me Settin		Save Settings					
Name	Radar	Overlay	oi					
	Color	Color	Thickness(mil)					
Silver Sheen			0.0001					
Rainbow			0.0003					
Gray	ĺ		0.001					
Yellow Brown	ĺ		0.01					
Light Brown	ľ		0.03					
Dark Brown	ľ		0.1					
Black			1					
Other			0.05					
Volume (est): N/A								
Volume Image Settings								

When oil spill volume estimation is enabled, the area inside each oil spill outline is analyzed and colored according to the parameters set in the *Volume Estimation* settings window shown.



# Sigma S6 Enhanced Radar Processor Oil Spill Detection Trials in Norway

#### 3 Trials 2008, with Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies (NOFO) and Statoil

NOFO states that our OSD system (between others) has been found operational satisfactory and is compliant for NOFO mode of operation.



#### Sigma S6 Enhanced Radar Processor Oil Spill Detection Trial #1



**NOFO – Vessel K/V Harstad Client:** Date of Spill: April 2008 **Northern Norwegian Sea** Location: **Conditions:** Weather fair, some clouds. ENE wind, 7-9 m/s Sea Swell 4-5

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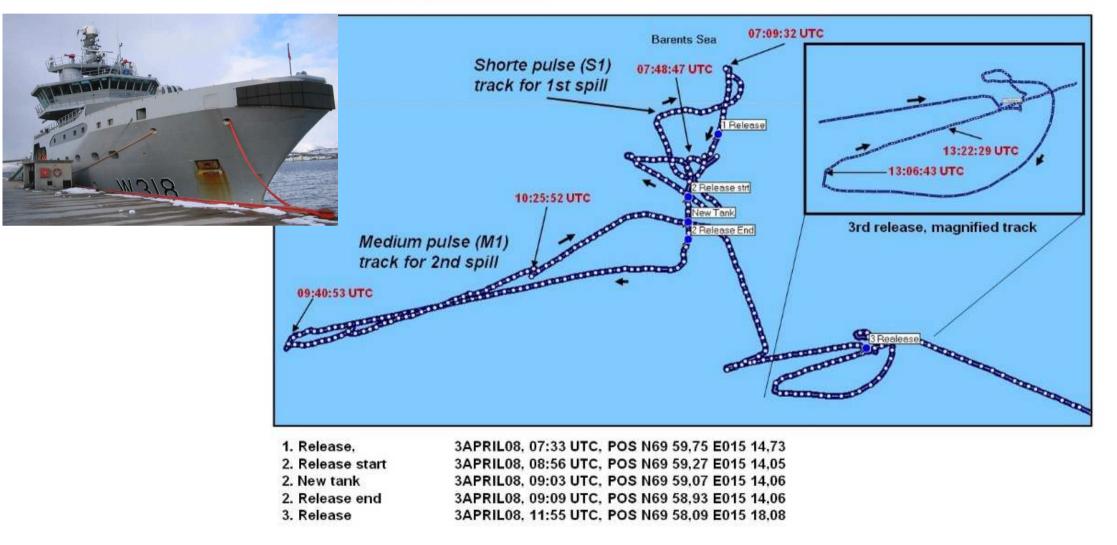




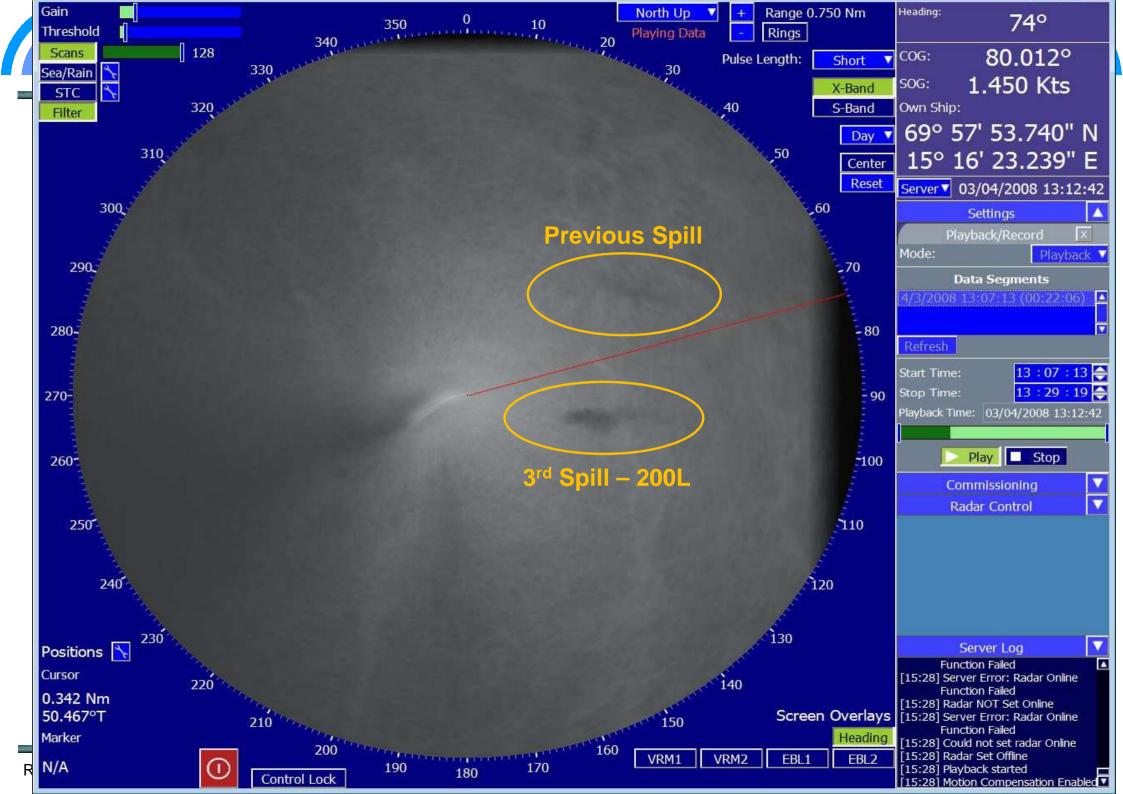
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NOFO - GPS track, spill 1,2 & 3 KV Harstad, April 4. 2008

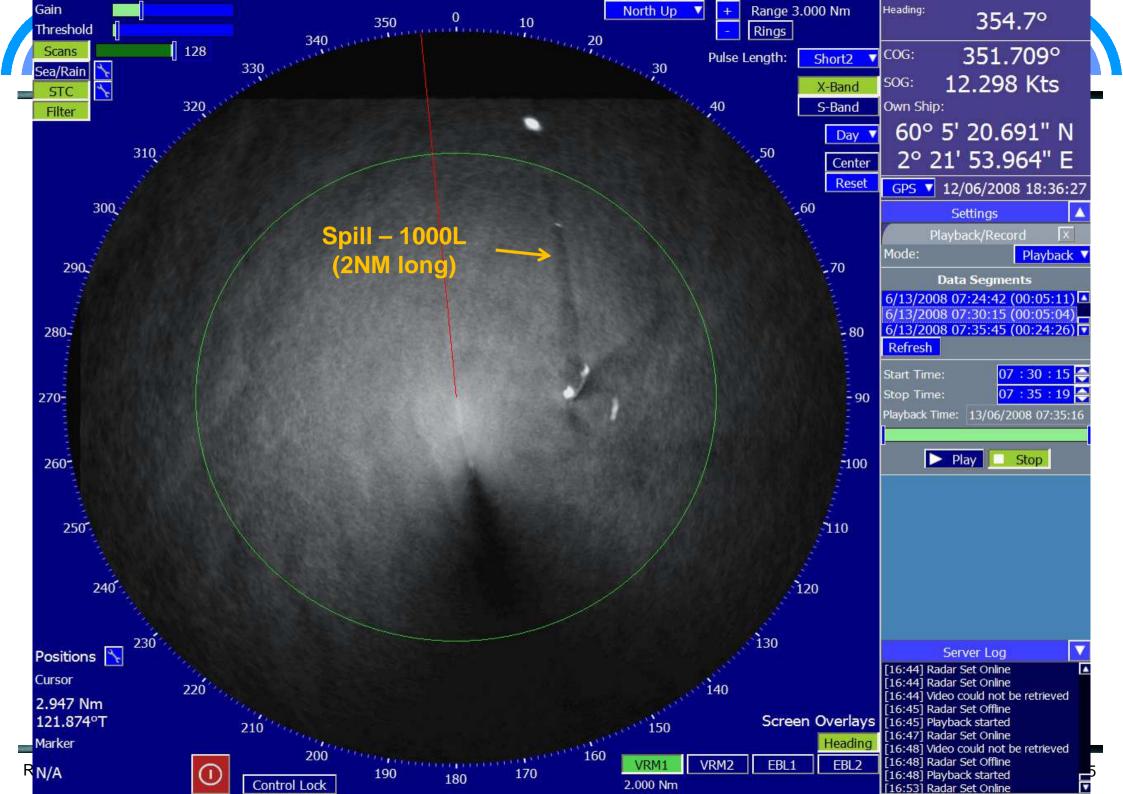






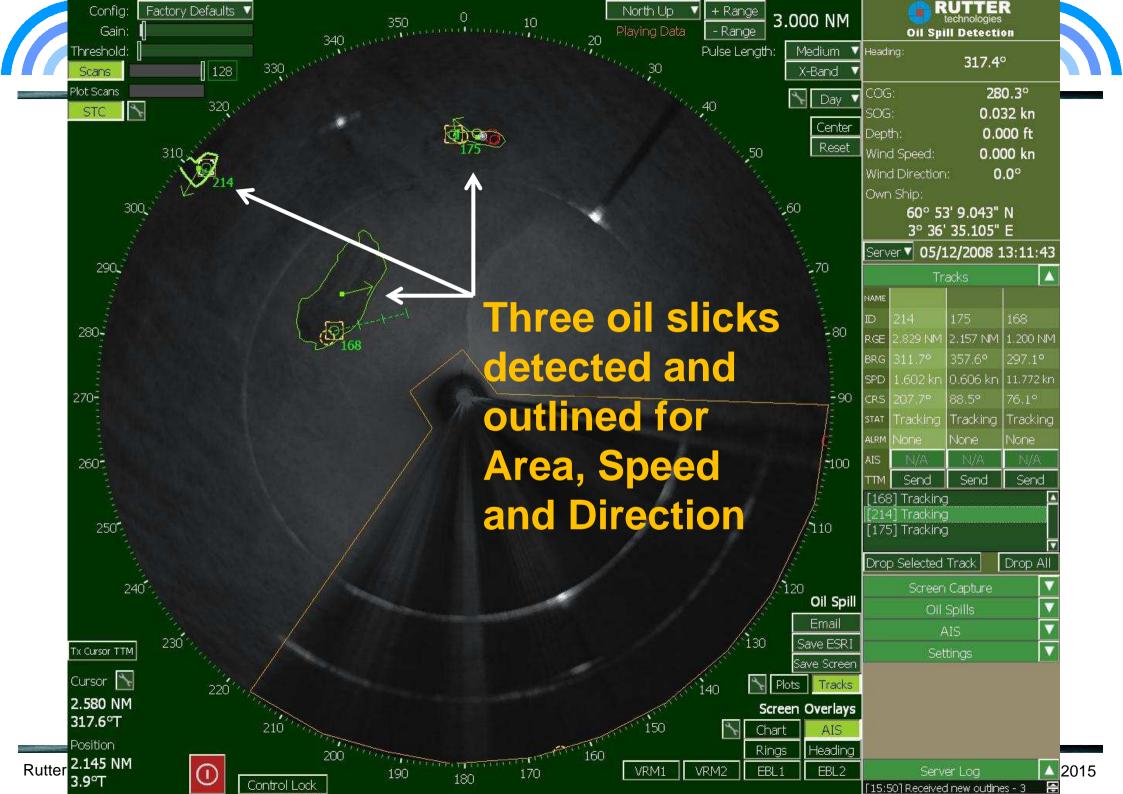
# sigma S6 Enhanced Radar Processor Oil Spill Detection Trial #2

Client: NOFO - Vessel K/V Harstad Date of Spill: June 2008 Location: North Sea



# sigma S6 Enhanced Radar Processor Oil Spill Detection Trial #3

Client:Statoil – Troll C GBS PlatformDate of Spill:December 2008Location:North Sea





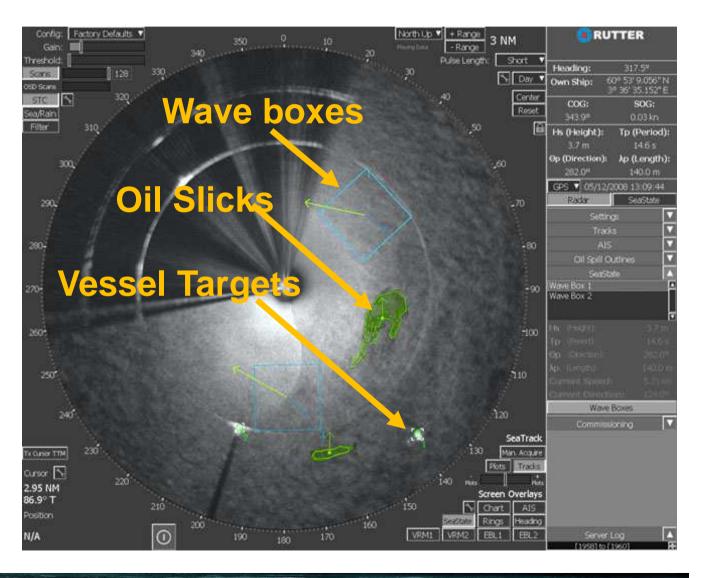


## Integration of four systems on one platform

- Vessel,
- Offshore Platforms,
- Ports,
- At coastlines

Applications across all marine markets:

- OSD
- ICE
- STS
- Waves & currents









- Real time oil spill detection system
- 24/7
- Data is integrable to other system technologies
- Evidence giving by screen capturing

=> a system of systems







- Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies certification: Oil Spill Detection radar
- Brazil / Petrobras has procured 30+ OSD systems
- Marine Spill Response Corporation (USA) has deployed 25 sigma S6 OSD systems
- USA, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement using NOFO standard for OSD radar
- 80+ sigma S6 Oil Spill Detection systems sold throughout USA, Brazil, Egypt, Turkey, Norway, Azerbaijan, China, etc.
- ExxonMobil and Rosneft select the combination sigma S6 Ice Navigator and Oil Spill Detection system as input to their Ice Defence System for the Kara Sea (Russia) drilling exploration program in 2014/15. Eighteen sigma S6 Ice Navigator systems deployed.
- ExxonMobil selects the combination sigma S6 Ice Navigator and Oil Spill Detection system, including SeaFusion, for the Hebron Gravity Base Platform for offshore Newfoundland.







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