



# Maritime Cyber Research at the University of Plymouth

WORKING WITH MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE  
RESILIENCE FOR THE SECTOR

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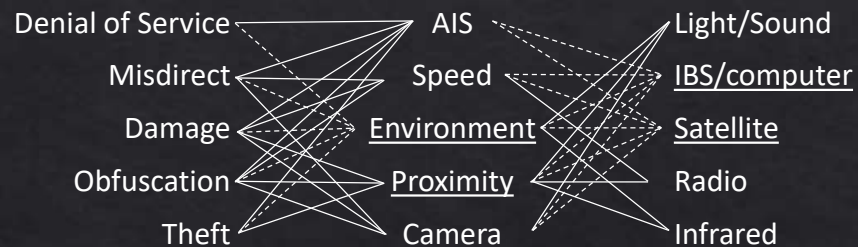


# Cybersecurity: Autonomous

Technical Research

Socio-Technical Training

## Sensor Systems



- ❖ How is technology changing?
- ❖ Cyber-threat landscape?
- ❖ How does this affect risks?

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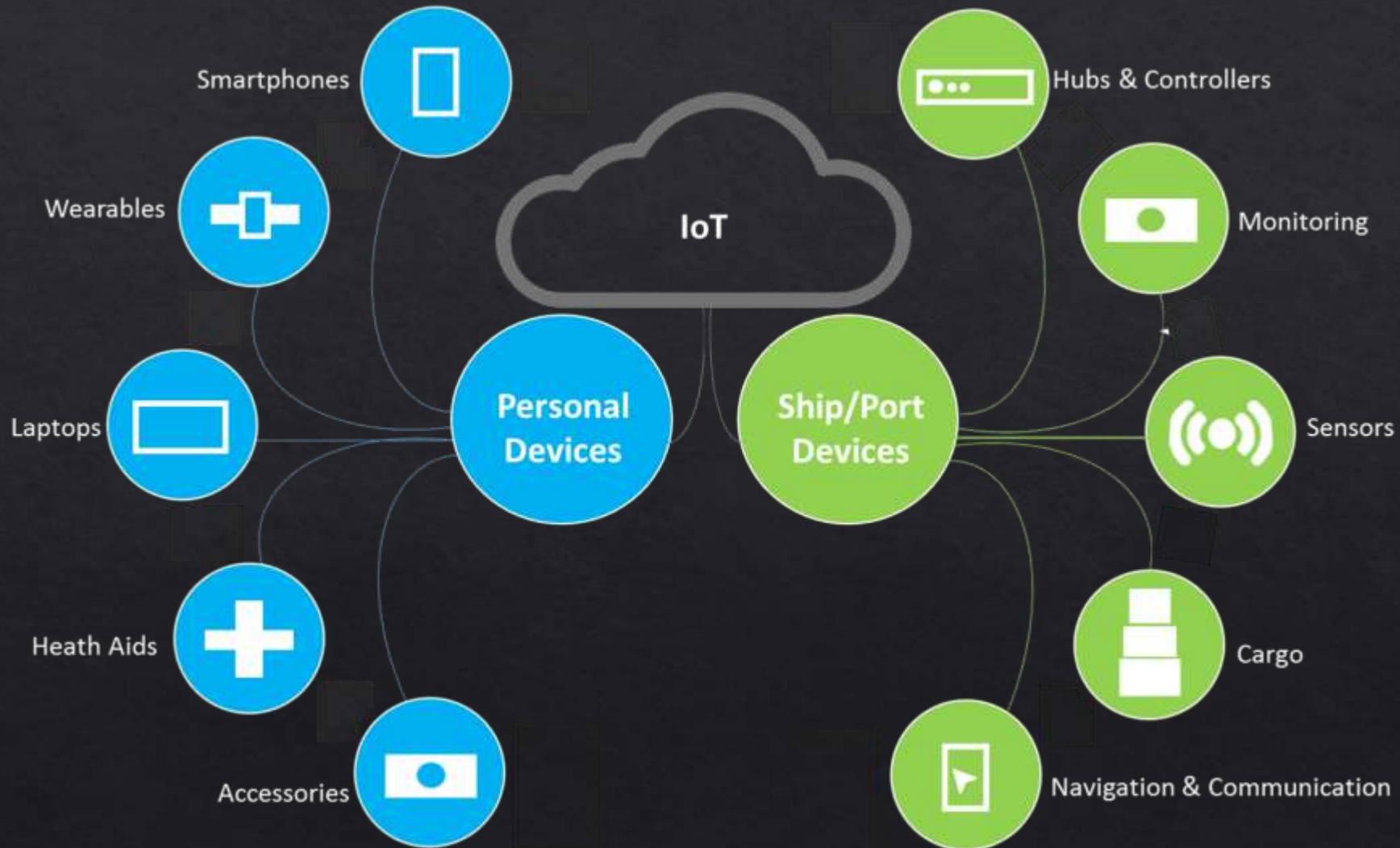
## MSc Autonomous Systems

Autonomous systems will increasingly be adopted into every aspects of our daily lives. The future of autonomy, alone in transport, is projected to grow tenfold to over \$550 billion by 2026. Plymouth is fast becoming a global centre for excellence in marine and robotic autonomy systems development.

This programme covers the specialist knowledge and skills necessary in autonomy such as artificial intelligence in decision-making, navigation, guidance, control and sensor fusion, machine learning, security, communication and networking and data management. Delivered by globally leading academics at the University, and leading figures from our industrial partners at the cutting edge of autonomous system development.



# Cybersecurity: Increased Connectivity



# Projects – EC H2020 Cyber-MAR

**Proposal Title:** Cyber preparedness actions for a holistic approach and awareness raising in the MARitime logistics supply chain {Cyber-MAR}

- ◇ Cyber-MAR will develop an innovative simulation environment for maritime logistics, combining a knowledge-based platform and decision support tool, incorporating novel risk analysis and econometric models.
- ◇ 13 Maritime logistics organisations will increase cyber-awareness and validate their business continuity management in a 6 Million Euro Project of which 650 K Euro will go to Plymouth for a forensics lab, able to host a number of virtual machines and a portable ship simulator.



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# New Cyber-SHIP Lab at Plymouth (Software, Hardware, Information and Protection)

- ◆ The Cyber-SHIP Lab will combine maritime technology with leading-edge thinking from cyber-security - A national resource for research and training, encouraging opportunities for ongoing maritime-cyber consultancy and research to safeguard the sector going forward.
- ◆ A key component is our intention to obtain necessary systems and hardware that can be configured to become a ship's bridge - complementing our Ship's Bridge Simulator, bringing together key equipment readily used in today's fleet that can then be configured in vessel-specific layouts.
- ◆ Unique facility to determine key vulnerabilities when subjected to a range of attacks, leading to the development of safeguards at technical, system and operational level.



# Research Aims

## **Awareness/Body of Knowledge**

- ◇ Who are the attackers & targets?
- ◇ What is the current security landscape?

## **Vulnerability and Risk Analysis**

- ◇ Individual systems
- ◇ Ship/Fleet/Port (infrastructure) security
- ◇ Supply Chain
- ◇ Future technology (Autonomy, IoT, augmented reality)

## **Maritime Cyber-Security Training, Certification**

- ◇ Regional & International

## **Maritime Cyber-Security Policy, Insurance, and Law**

- ◇ Regional & International

## **Malware/Intrusion detection and defences/mitigation**



[Security Lab / Cyber Range](#)



[Marine Navigation Centre](#)

# Awareness & Risk Research

## ◆ Incidents and attacks

- [Threats and Impacts in Maritime Cyber Security](#), IET Engineering & Technology, April 2016
- YouTube videos of simulated cyber-attack scenarios

## ◆ Risk assessment

- [MaCRA: A Model-Based Framework for Maritime Cyber-Risk Assessment](#), WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs, January 2019
- ◆ ["Forensic Readiness within the Maritime Sector "](#), IEEE Cyber Situational Awareness, Data Analytics And Assessment (Cyber SA), Oxford, 2019
- ◆ ["Factors Affecting Cyber Risk in Maritime "](#), IEEE Cyber Situational Awareness, Data Analytics And Assessment (Cyber SA), Oxford,2019 [[journal version accepted IJCSA](#)]





# Awareness & Risk Research

## ◇ Evolving technology (autonomous ships) and policy

- [Cyber-Risk Assessment for Autonomous Ships](#), Cyber Security, 2018
- [Maritime cybersecurity policy: the scope and impact of evolving technology on international shipping](#), Journal of Cyber Policy, 2018
- [Cyber-SHIP: Developing Next Generation Maritime Cyber Research Capabilities](#), ICMET 2019
- [A Cyber-Security Review of Emerging Technology in the Maritime Industry](#), International Conference of Maritime Science & Technology Nase More 2019

**Overall awareness of Maritime Cyber-Security is improving.**

**Future research will be using risk analysis to solve important problems.**



## Maritime Cyber Threats research group

Investigating marine cyber threats and researching solutions



### Overview

As a Tier1 National UK threat, a **maritime cyber-attack** can cost companies millions of pounds.

As the world heavily depends on maritime operations, we at the University of Plymouth have been researching maritime cyber-threats as few organisations have the capability, connections and **facilities** to do so.

This group is uniquely placed to make significant contributions in maritime cyber-security and brings together leading-edge multidisciplinary research and practical expertise from across the University and beyond.



### Current project opportunities

We continuously engage in discussions and collaborative research with academia, government, and industry in areas related to maritime cyber-threats.

We have access to the **University ship simulators**, and the team is in active collaboration to secure the **Moyflower Autonomous Ship** project and creating relevant **maritime-security** training.

Help us by taking this **survey on maritime cyber** [open until March 2019]

Join us in creating the **Cyber-SHIP Lab**

CyMar'19 [details to come]

### Research objectives

- Compiling a **body of knowledge** for maritime cyber-threats.
- **Vulnerability and risk analysis** for existing ship-based systems (IT&OT).
- **Threat assessment** for ship operations and human decision making.
- **Supply chain vulnerability** for maritime operations.
- Cyber-security for **autonomous vessels, ports, and offshore structures**.
- **Process and training** to protect mariners and ships against cyber-attacks.
- Understanding **psychological perceptions** of, and responses to, threats.
- Develop effective **recovery strategies** in the event of an attack.
- Analyse **ship-to-port cyber and cyber-physical** interactions.

### Recent publications, talks, and news\*

Tam K, Jones K. MaCRA: A Model-Based Framework for Maritime Cyber-Risk Assessment, Technical Report, WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs, Jan 2019 [AM]

Fairplay survey results and what they mean for shipping [webinar]

CyMar'2018 London 2 November 2018

Tam K, Jones K. Maritime cybersecurity policy: the scope and impact of evolving technology on international shipping [AM]. Journal of Cyber Policy, Accepted 3 Aug 2018, Published online: 29 Aug 2018

# Thank You

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