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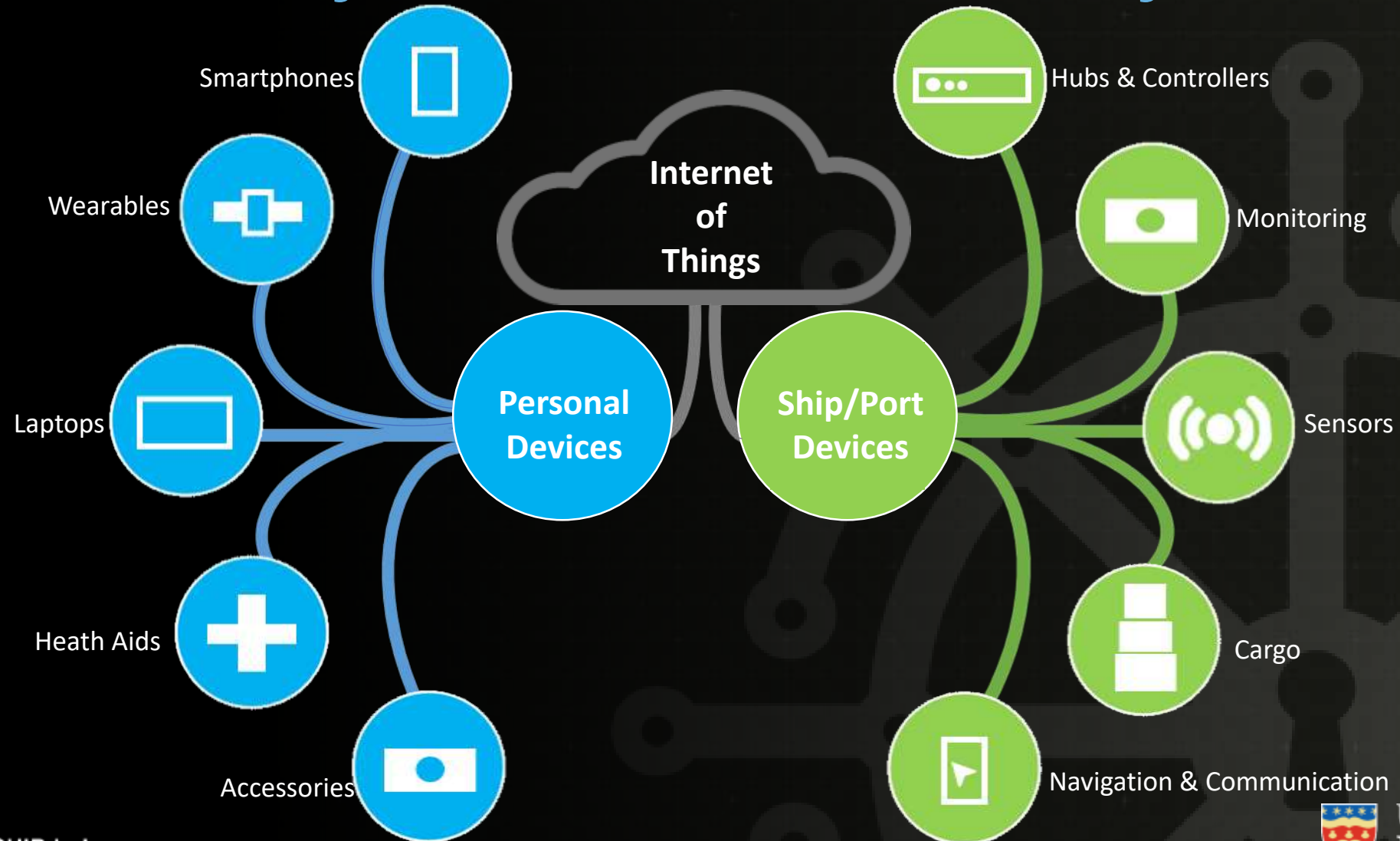
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Maritime cyber attacks

- **Growing exponentially, with ports and ships**
- Port of Barcelona in 2017, Maersk Not Petya in 2018, and CMA Ransomware in 2020 being recent high-profile examples
- Latest attack on CMA CGM means that all the Big-Four shipping lines, including MSC and COSCO, have suffered recent disruptive cyber events
- **90% of world-trade is moved by ship** and COVID has highlighted the fragility of supply chains
- Ships' complex and myriad system-of-systems present **many thousands of attack surfaces**



Cybersecurity: increased connectivity



Ships and technology

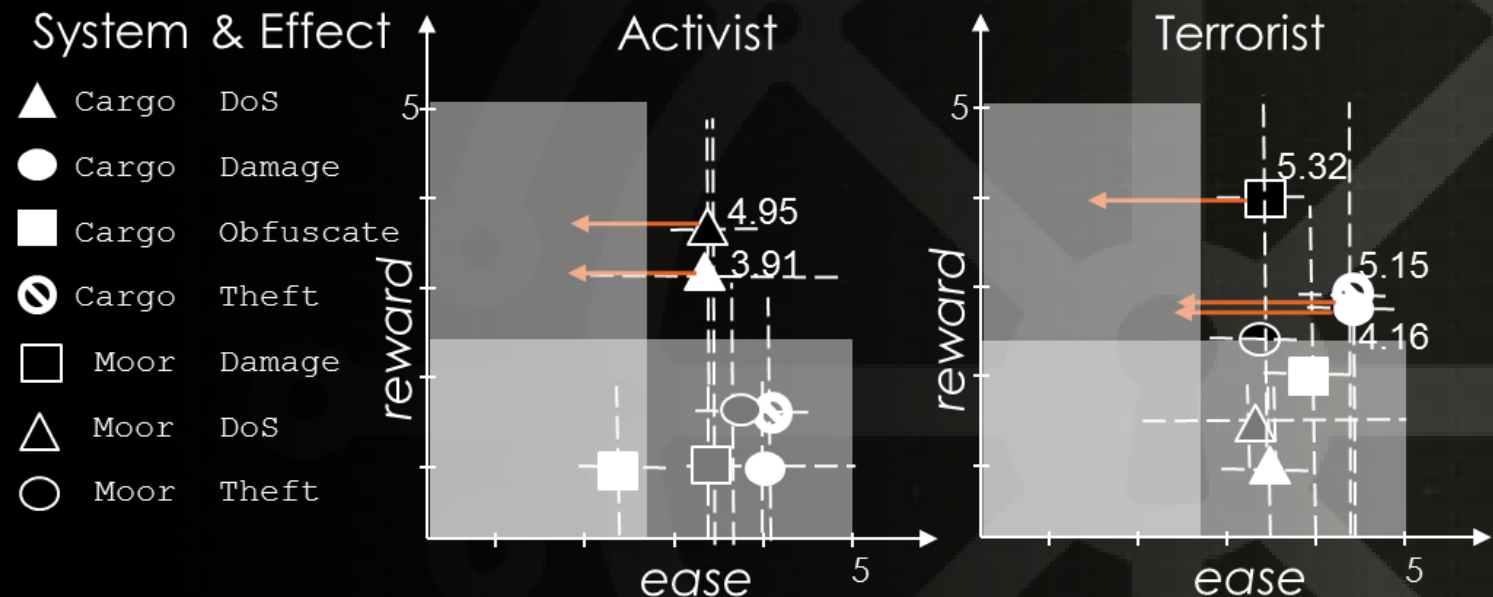


- Ships have different functionalities
- Ships are equipped with different systems
- Ships travel through different locations
- Attackers have different interests
- Attackers have different resources levels

Each vessel has a dynamic risk profile that changes depending on circumstances

Maritime Cyber Threats Research Group

- The Maritime Cyber Threats Research Group at Plymouth is the largest of its kind globally — uniquely placed in the *understanding of risks to maritime vessels, port infrastructure* and national security
- Safeguarding the sector, this we are developing novel thinking around **Risk Assessment Frameworks**, and the new **Cyber-SHIP Lab** to deliver effective mitigation measures





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Software
Hardware
Information
Protection

- Unique £3.2 million *hardware-based* testbed to cyber risk-assesses any ship's bridge
- *A configurable bridge* for research, software development and training facility
- Combines maritime tech with leading-edge cyber security research and practice
- Enhances understanding of maritime systems' cyber vulnerabilities
- *Actionable outputs:* knowledge and tools



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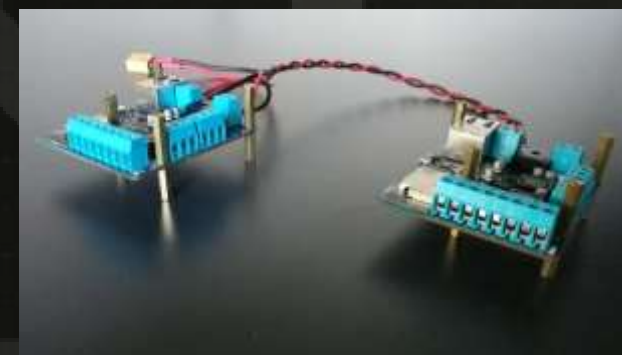
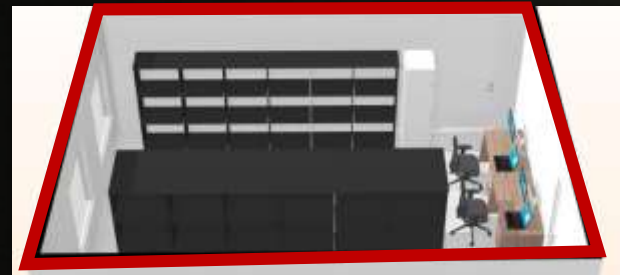
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Projects – EC H2020 Cyber-MAR

- **Proposal Title: Cyber preparedness actions for a holistic approach and awareness raising in the maritime logistics supply chain {Cyber-MAR}**
- **Cyber-MAR is developing 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 six-million Euro Project**
- **Why ports? A recent hypothetical cyber attack on 15 major ports across Asia Pacific, estimate losses up to £90 billion (see; <https://www.loyds.com/news-and-risk-insight/risk-reports/library/technology/shen-attack-cyber-risk-in-asia-pacific-ports>).**



Rudder Control in Port of Valencia

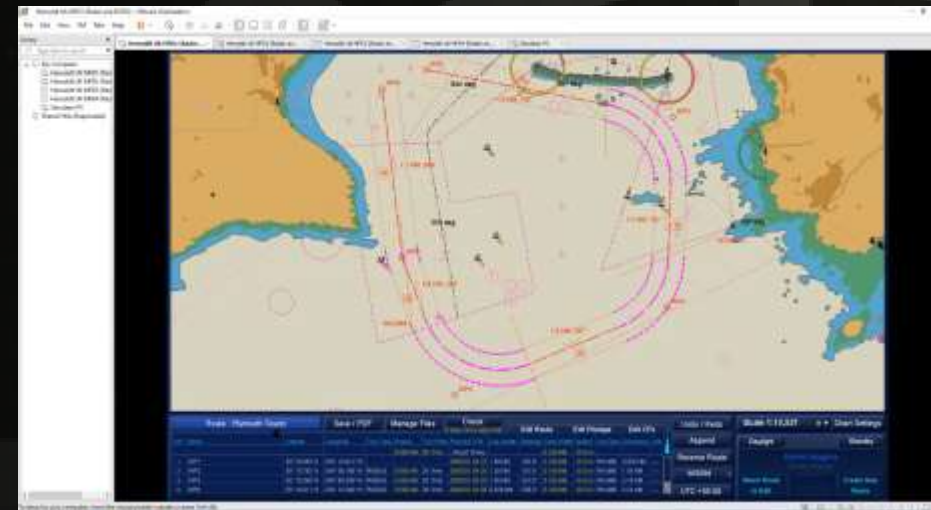


This is a project cross-over with EU2020 Cyber-MAR

- Applying this to a specific scenario/pilot involving the port of Valencia
- Working closely with UoP Navigation for realistic approach / crew reactions



Portable ship simulator – Valencia charts



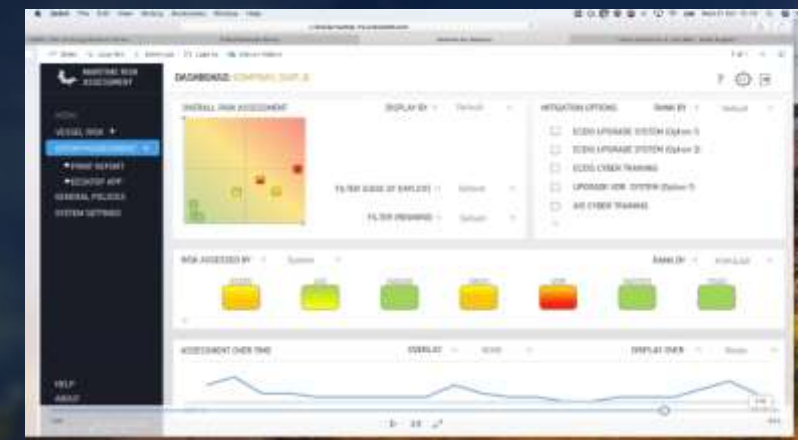
Kelvin Hughes / Hensoldt simulation - Plymouth



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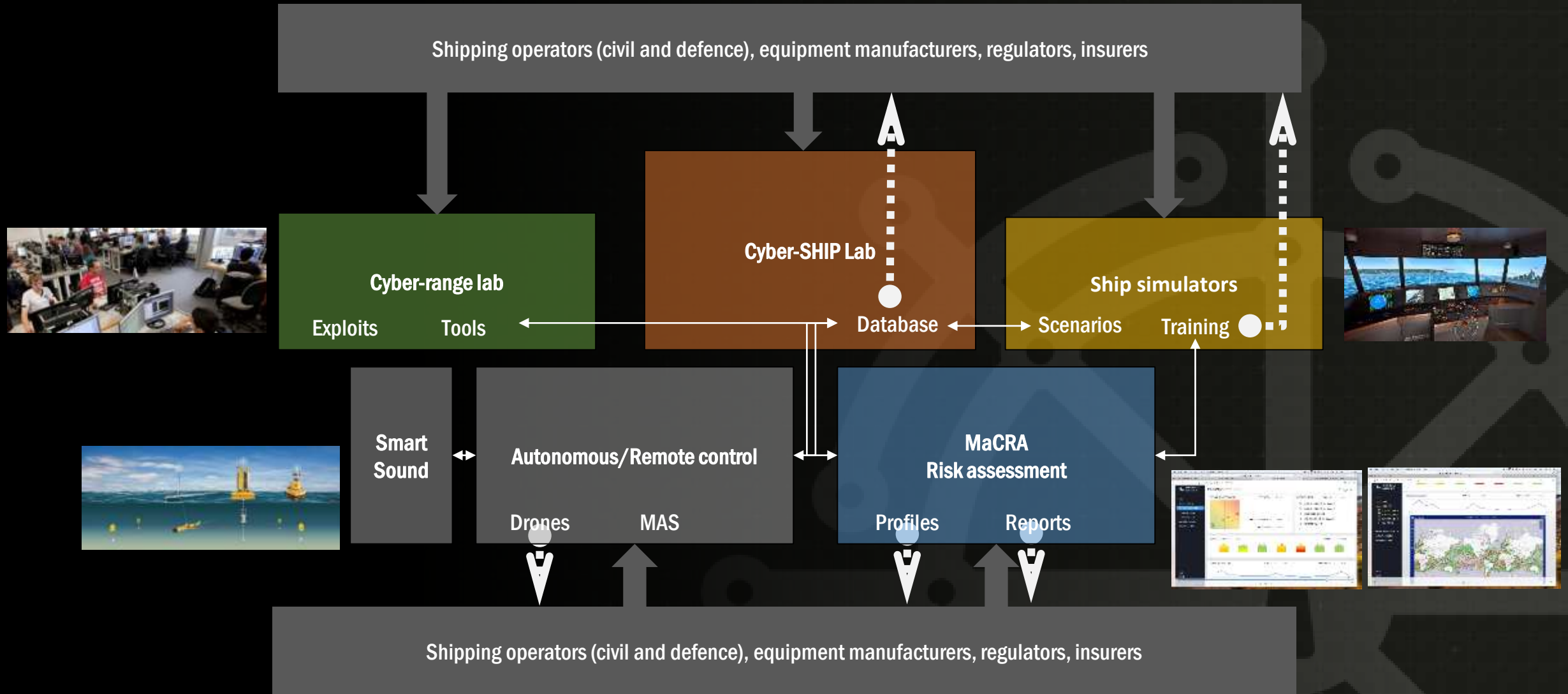
MaCRA[®] uniquely provides **dynamic, multi-dimensional risk assessment tooling**, that uniquely addresses both **IT** and **OT (Operational Technology)** elements of a specific vessel **System**

Taking known **System** vulnerabilities and then cross-referencing them with threats associated with **Cargo transported**, and **Route** operated



Prototype
Screenshots

The Plymouth “ecosystem”



Research Aims

- Cyber attacks are going unnoticed
 - Harden systems from tampering
 - Collect forensics to detect attacks
 - Use data to create investigation tools
 - Use data to create AI-based intrusion tools
 - Assess risks to prioritise vulnerabilities
 - Compliance/audit suite—regulator and insurance-ready tools
- **IT/OT convergence** significantly increases risks
 - Holistic understanding of connected *systems-of-systems*
 - Examine OT, not just IT
 - Examine security across hardware, software and people
- **Cyber attacks encroaching into maritime sector**
 - Smart ports / smart port cities
 - Autonomous ships
 - Internet-of-things; BYO-devices
 - Ship-to-shore and ship-to-ship interactions





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Thank you