

# Maritime Cybersecurity: Guidelines and Testbeds

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To be the world's leading centre for applied research in Cyber Security in the context of Critical Infrastructure.

# World-Class OT Testbeds

**01** Training & Education

**02** R&D

**03** Tech Validation

**04** Cyber Exercise



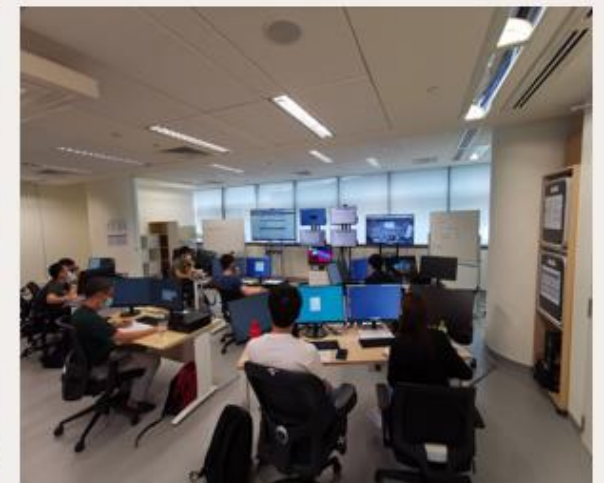
Secure Water Treatment (SWaT); 2015



Water Distribution (WADI); 2016



Electric Power & Intelligent Control (EPIC); 2017



CyberX & Internet of Things (IoT); 2016

<https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/itrust-labs/overview>

# International Cyber Exercises

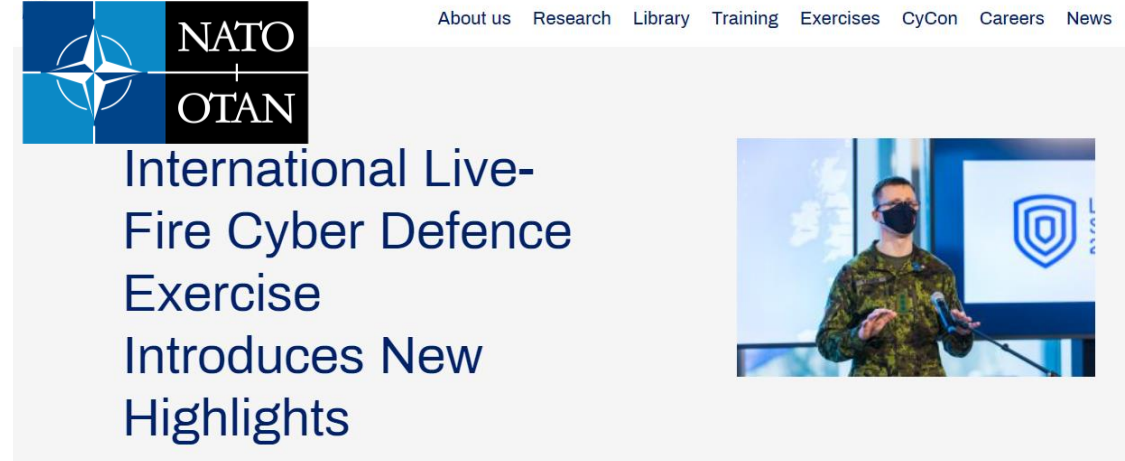
**01** Tactics, Techniques,  
Procedures

**02** Tech  
Validation

**03** Tech  
Evaluation



Red Teaming | Blue Teaming  
2016, 2017, 2019 – 2022



Crossed Swords | Locked Shields  
2020 – 2022



# Maritime Cybersecurity



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Cyber-attacks on the maritime industry's operational technology (OT) systems have increased by 900% over the last three years with the number of reported incidents set to reach record volumes by year end.

<https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/maritime-cyber-attacks-increase-by-900-in-three-years/>

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## Cyber Security Breaches Survey 2022

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## How Bad Was Maritime Cyber Security in 2021? Consider These 8 Incidents



<https://www.zkcyberstar.com/2022/03/15/how-bad-was-maritime-cyber-security-in-2021-consider-these-8-incidents/>

# Cyber Risk Management

- ❖ Increasing adoption of ICT in the maritime industry with enhanced monitoring and communication capabilities.
- ❖ However, increased connectivity introduces cyber risks.
  - *Shipboard OT systems subject to cyber attacks;*
  - *Disrupt safe operations of a vessel and cause catastrophic consequences.*
- ❖ Need to establish a guideline for cyber risk management on shipboard OT systems.
  - *Ship owners can use it as the recommended best practices for adoption;*
  - *Maritime authorities can use it to perform vessel inspections.*
- ❖ Many regulations and industry guidelines on maritime cyber risk mitigation strategies from various sources (e.g. IMO, ABS, BIMCO, DNV, ENISA, ...).
  - *The target audience of the existing guidelines are those at the management/decision-making level and operator level.*

**Singapore lacks its own guideline that can be easily referred to and adopted by maritime authorities and ship owners.**

# New Guidelines

## One-year Study on Cyber Risks of Shipboard Operational Technology (OT) Systems

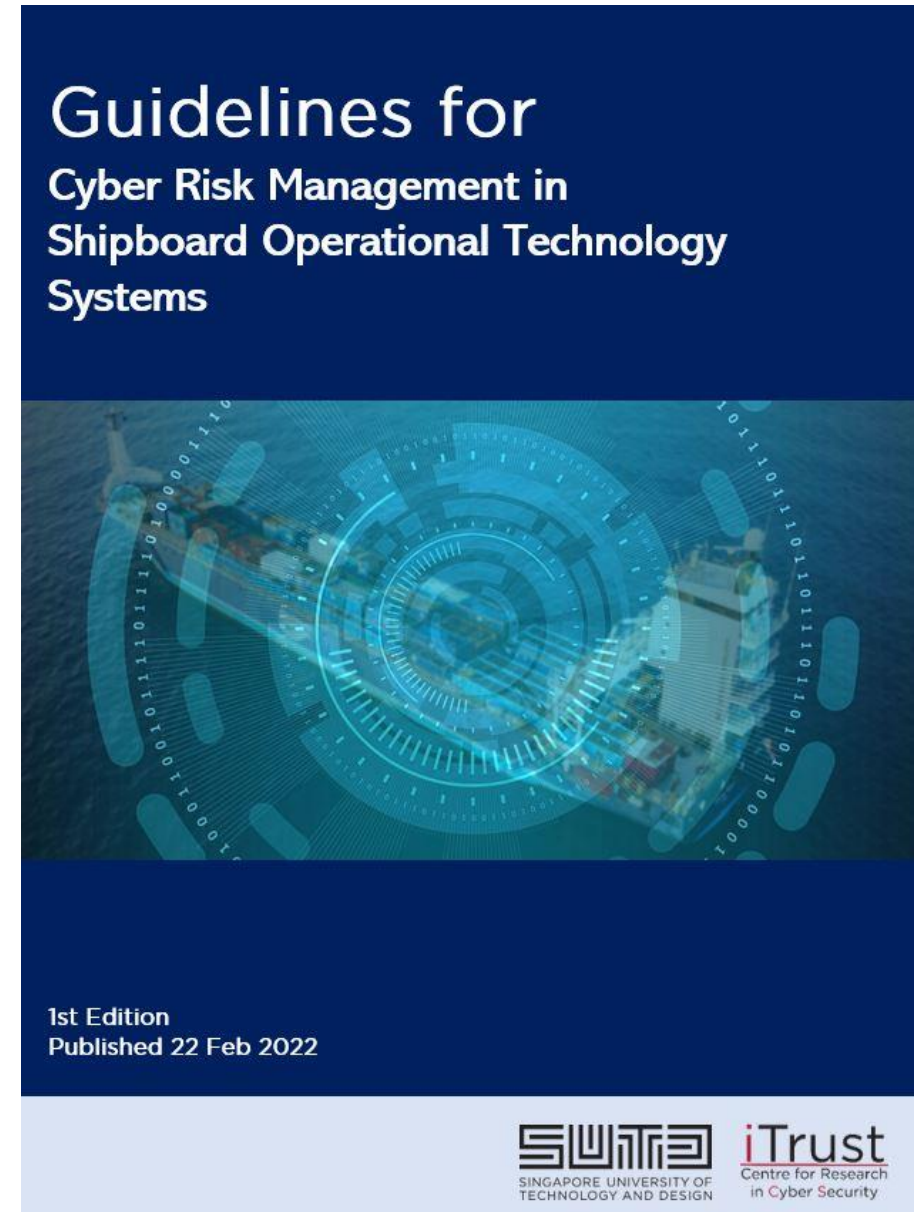
### Deliverables

- ❑ **New guidelines** on cyber risk management
- ❑ **Checklist** for authorities and shipowners to conduct **cyber risk assessment**

### Outcomes

- ❑ **Supported** MPA's efforts in **developing cyber notation for SRS (Nov 21)**
- ❑ **Info paper** in the 105<sup>th</sup> IMO/MSC meeting, Apr 2022

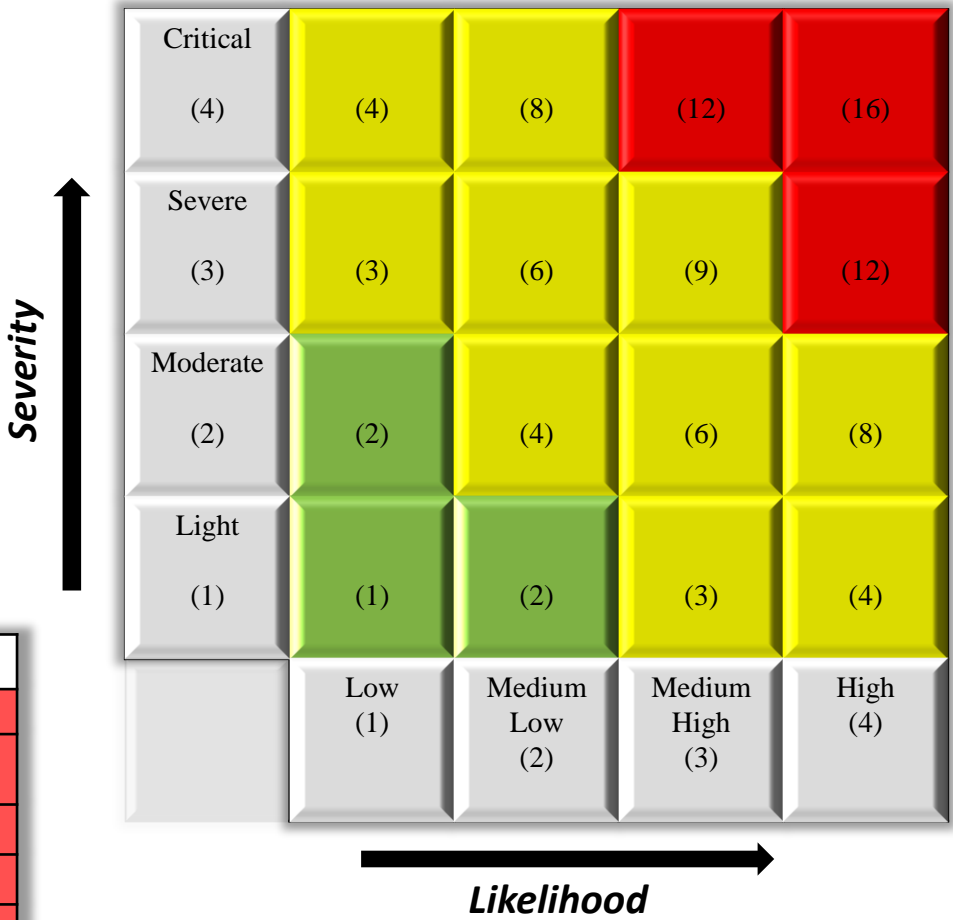
<https://itrust.sutd.edu.sg/news-events/news/guidelines-for-cyber-risk-management-in-shipboard-ot-systems>



# New Guidelines: Cyber Risk Assessment

- ❖ Better understanding of impact of cyber risks.
- ❖ Calculate risk score for each of OT sub-systems using a 4-by-4 risk score matrix.
  - **Likelihood:** The possibility a cyber incident will occur.
  - **Severity:** The impact caused by the occurrence of the cyber incident.
  - **Risk score = Severity Score x Likelihood Score**

High risk systems	Attack surface	Cyber attack
ECDIS	USB ports, NMEA	DoS attack, virus, spoofing
SATCOM, ICS	VSAT modem/system	Phishing emails, unauthorised admin access, FTP access, command-line access
AIS	AIS messages	Spoofing
DPS	GNSS Receiver	DoS attack
GPS	GPS receiver	Spoofing
RADAR	Local ethernet switch	Malware intrusion
CCR	Malicious emails, USB ports	Ransomware, Malware
BWS	Malicious emails, USB ports	Phishing, Malware intrusion
Propulsion, Machinery & Power Control Systems	USB ports	Malware attack



Risk Level	Risk Score
High	12-16
Medium	3-9
Low	1-2

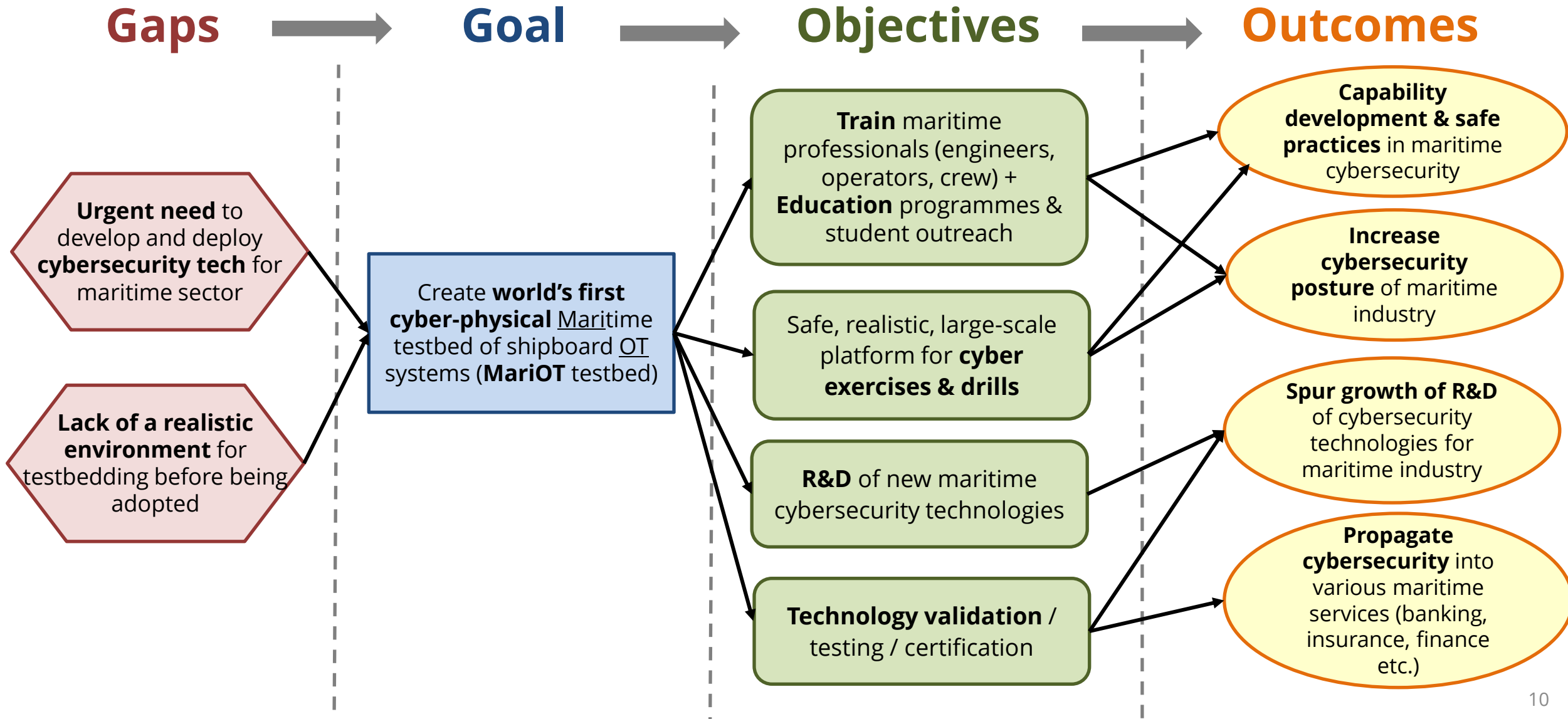


# New Guidelines: Check List

- ❖ Help to do cyber risk assessment.
- ❖ Provide actionable list of measures.
- ❖ **Tier Security:** the urgency of cyber risks of a ship to be managed.
  - **Tier -1 (Risk Score = 12–16): must have** for high risks that are most vulnerable and easy to exploit
  - **Tier -2 (Risk Score = 3–9): should have** for medium risks that are possible for an attacker to exploit
  - **Tier -3 (Risk Score = 1–2): good to have** for low risks that have less chances being exploited by an attacker

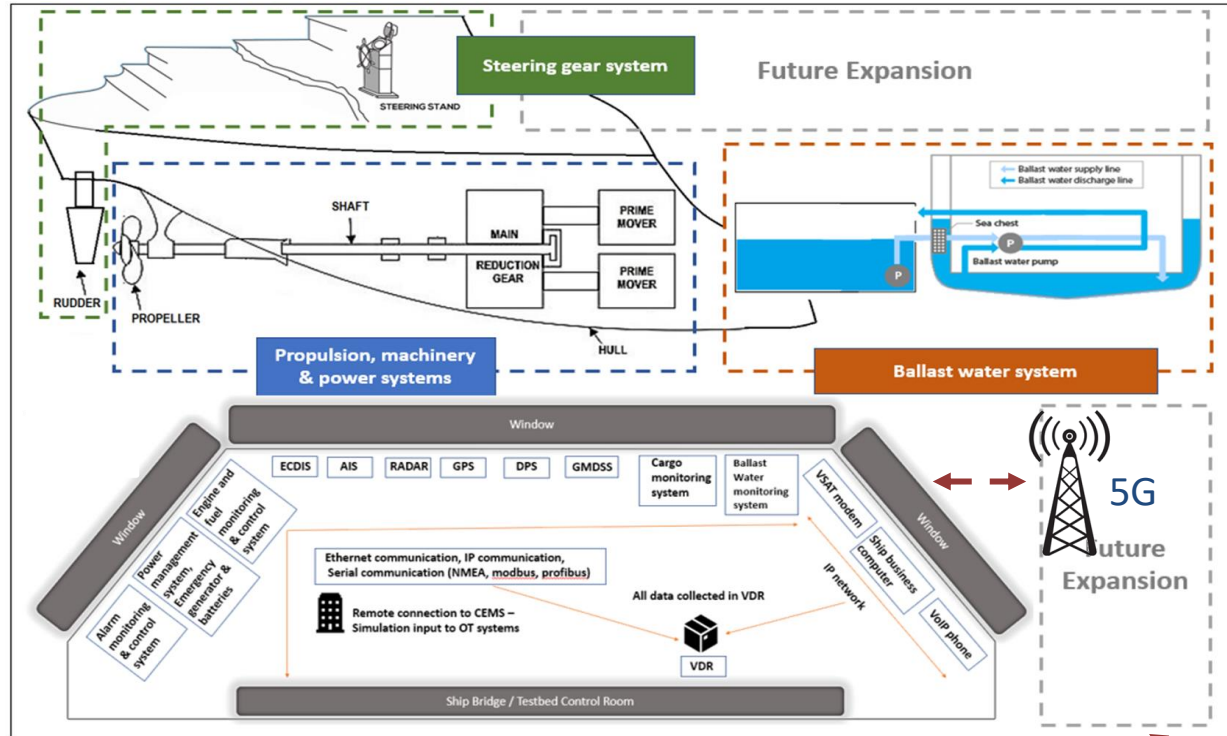
<i>OT sub-system(s)</i>	<i>Cyber risk checklist</i>	<i>Mitigation checklist</i>	<i>Security tier</i>
Satellite Communication System (SATCOM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Phishing email attempt	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>T1-13</b> Antivirus software is installed in the business computer. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>T1-14</b> Files and email attachments downloaded from emails are scanned with antivirus software before opening it. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>T1-15</b> Crew awareness is established on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The crew can distinguish phishing emails from the real ones</li> <li>○ The crew is aware that emails from unknown sources should be viewed carefully, and suspicious emails should not be opened</li> <li>○ The crew is aware that they must not click on unknown URLs</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>T1-16</b> Email security is implemented in Outlook/Gmail – For example, S/MIME (Secure Multipurpose Internet <i>Mail</i> Extension) can be implemented to encrypt the email and ensure authenticity & integrity of the email.	1

# Maritime Cybersecurity Testbed



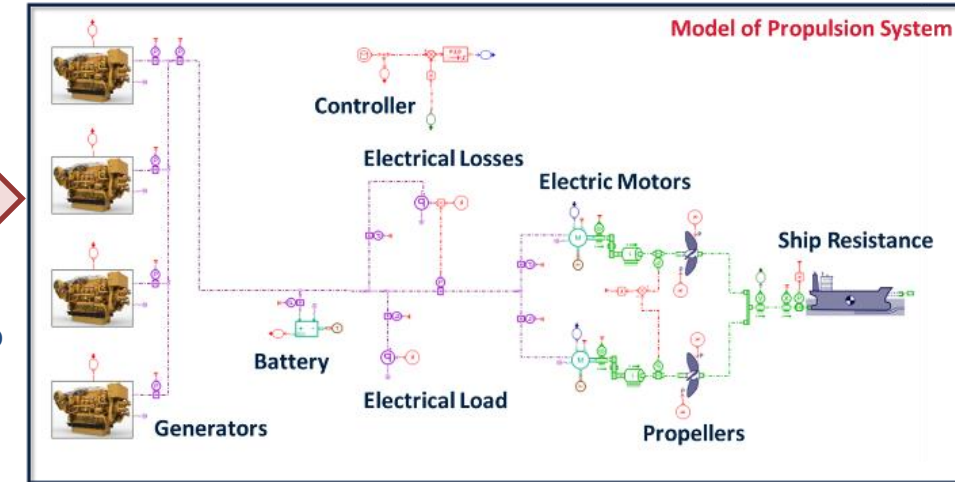
# New Testbed: MariOT

Physical testbed (iTrust)



- **Flexible hybrid platform** for multi-scenario simulation
- **Common industry protocols** + open framework to connect & configure different components
- Interfaces for launching attacks and **validating new technologies**
- **Virtual models** and open cyber-physical interface to overcome physical limitations
- Connection to SUTD's **5G testbed for ship-shore comms security**

Virtual models (ABS)

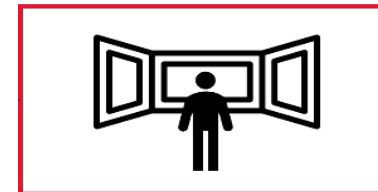


- **Simulate & incorporate** hardware due to space/hardware limitations
- Allow for **advanced/future technologies**
- **Future proof** testbed



- Allows connection to 3rd party systems

Remote link



- **Cyber attack scenarios from MariOT** piped to simulator in crew training

Navigation Simulator @ CEMS,  
Singapore Polytechnic

# New Testbed: Components of MariOT

## Navigation Systems

- ECDIS
- RADAR
- BNWAS
- AIS
- GPS
- DPS
- GMDSS
- VDR
- Steering gear system with Rudder

## Cargo Management Systems

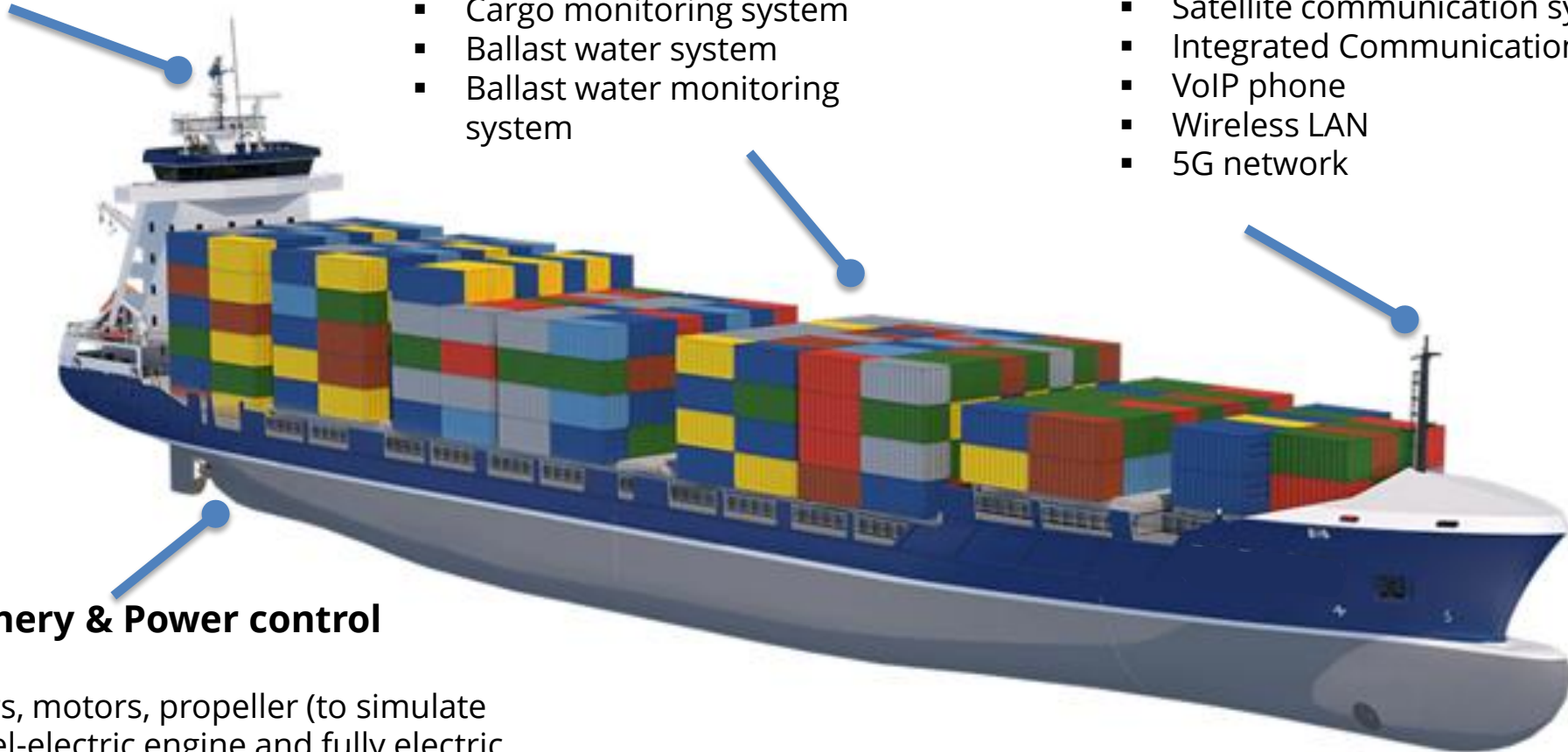
- Cargo monitoring system
- Ballast water system
- Ballast water monitoring system

## Communication Systems

- Satellite communication system
- Integrated Communication System
- VoIP phone
- Wireless LAN
- 5G network

## Propulsion, Machinery & Power control Systems

- Series of generators, motors, propeller (to simulate diesel engine, diesel-electric engine and fully electric engine)
- Engine and fuel monitoring & control system
- Alarm monitoring and control system
- Power management system
- Fire detection and monitoring system





# Maritime Cybersecurity Roadmap

Proposed SUTD roadmap for R&D capability development	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
1. <b>Guidelines</b> for Cyber Risk Management in Shipboard OT Systems															
2. <b>MariOT testbed:</b> Design and construction of maritime testbed															
3. A Digital Twin of Shipboard OT Systems and Security Testing															
4. Vulnerability Discovery and Security Assessment of Shipboard OT Systems*															
5. New Security Solutions for Shipboard OT Systems*															

\* Research topics under National Satellite of Excellence (NSoE) Phase II proposal, pending approval by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA)

^ Critical Information Infrastructure

**Key thrusts under SMI R&D 2030 roadmap for Maritime Cybersecurity**

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