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## **La veille technologique et scientifique pour la cyberdéfense**

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# TMM is an important activity for anticipation and informed decision-making

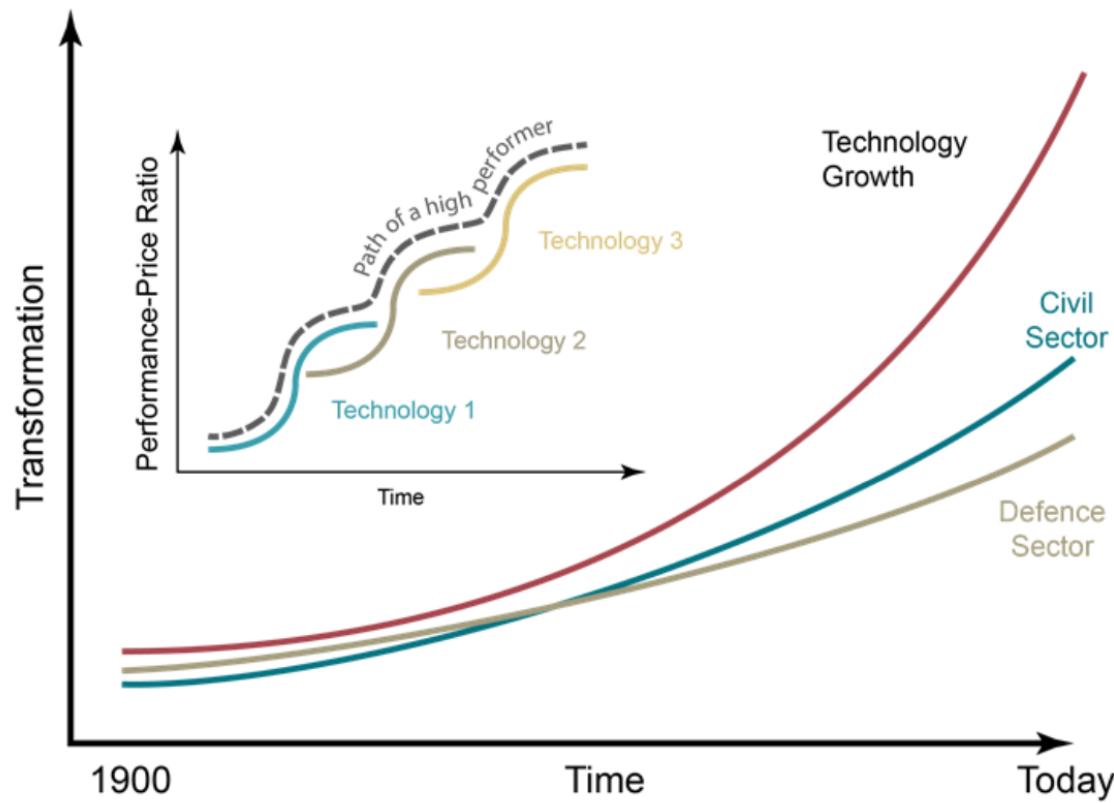


*“Aircrafts are interesting toys, but without military value”*

- Marshal Ferdinand Foch,  
Ecole Supérieure de  
Guerre, 1904



# TMM may reduce the gap with the technology growth



**Figure 3:** There exists a widening gap between the technology level in the civil sector compared to that in the defence sector. A technology market monitoring activity may reduce this gap by improving the defence sector's knowledge about the technology landscape.



# Policy Background: NCS 2018-2022

## Umsetzungsprojekte

1. Technologie- und Marktmonitoring	
Projektbeschreibung	Aufbau eines automatisierten Technologie-Radars, welcher bestehende Datenbanken, Websites und Verzeichnisse nutzt, um Trends und Technologien frühzeitig zu erkennen und deren Bedeutung für die Schweiz abzuschätzen.
Zuständigkeit	armasuisse W+T
Meilensteine	<p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Q4/2019: Leistungen des Cyber Defence Campus der armasuisse W+T für das Monitoring zuhanden des Kompetenzzentrums Cyber-Sicherheit sind festgelegt Q2/2020: Aufnahme des Betriebs des Monitorings Q3/2020: Erste Auswertung zu Monitoring liegt vor Q3/2021: Zweite Auswertung zu Monitoring liegt vor Q3/2022: Dritte Auswertung zu Monitoring liegt vor</p>
2. Trendanalyse	
Projektbeschreibung	Basierend auf den Auswertungen des Technologie- und Marktmonitorings werden qualitative Auswertungen erstellt und die Bedeutung der identifizierten Trends und Technologien für die Schweiz in Bezug auf Cyber-Sicherheit analysiert.
Zuständigkeit	Kompetenzzentrum Cyber-Sicherheit
Meilensteine	<p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Q1/2020: Konzept für Zielpublikum, Inhalte, Verbreitung der Berichte ist erstellt Q2/2020: Aufträge für Auswertung sind erteilt Q4/2020: Erster Bericht publiziert Q4/2021: Zweiter Bericht publiziert Q4/2022: Dritter Bericht publiziert</p>

## 7.1.1 Früherkennung von Trends und Technologien und Wissensaufbau (M1)

Übersicht Massnahme	
Massnahmenziel	Trends und Technologien im Bereich IKT sowie sich daraus ergebende Chancen und Risiken werden frühzeitig identifiziert und den Akteuren aus Wissenschaft, Politik und Gesellschaft kommuniziert.
Gesamtverantwortung für Massnahme	armasuisse W+T
Beteiligung Bundstellen	Kompetenzzentrum Cyber-Sicherheit, SBFI
Beteiligung Dritter	Hochschulen, SATW (Trendanalyse)
Bestehende Gremien / Prozesse / Konzepte	Cyber Defence Campus der armasuisse W+T: Anticipationsplattform zum <b>Monitoring</b> und Früherkennung von Cyber-Technologien

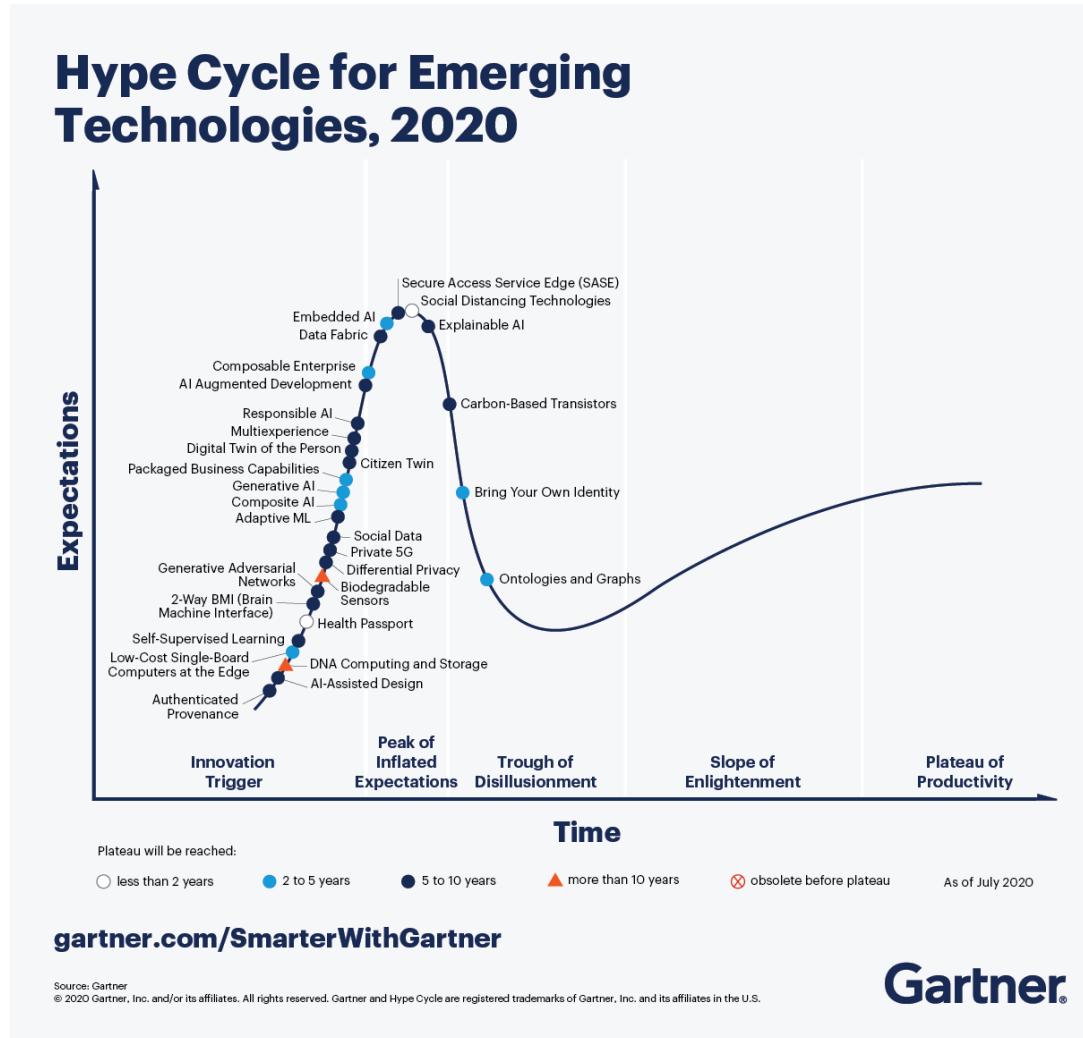


# TMM Scientific Goal

- Identify, analyze and forecast trends related to cybersecurity technologies
  - How to find a ground truth / baseline for TMM?

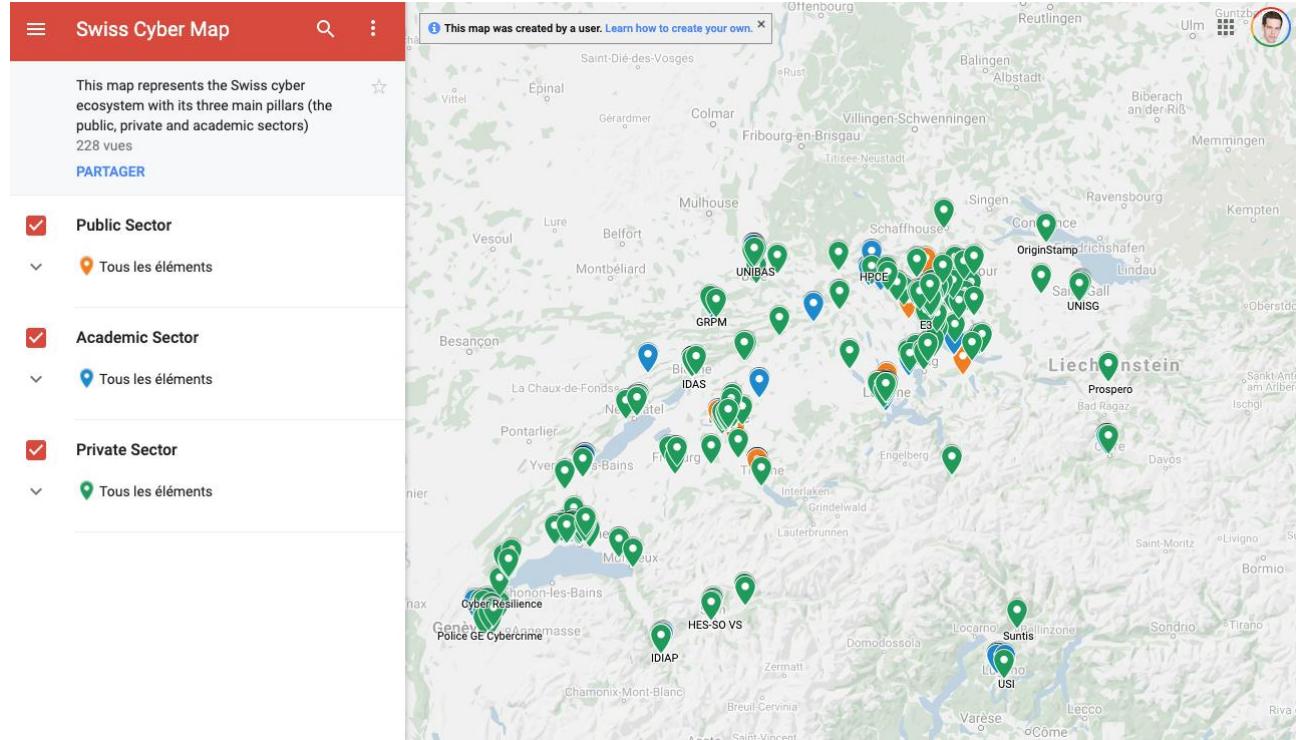


# Methods we should not discuss





# Swiss Cyber Ecosystem Cartography



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Human Resources Management for  
Cyberdefense

Part I - Ecosystem Cartography - V1.0

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Link to a first version of the cyber cartography of  
Switzerland: <https://bit.ly/3nVrkyX>

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# TMM “Research Report” 2020

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**Cybersecurity  
Technologies**

An Overview of Trends in Switzerland and Abroad

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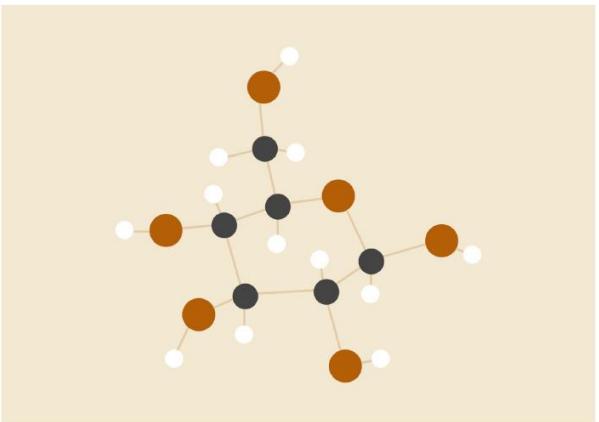
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# Scientific Publications

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An Overview of Technologies and Cyber Risks



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## Disruptive Cyber-Security Investments, Efficiency and Risks

Proposal for a Stochastic Gordon-Loeb Model

### Abstract

Transferring thinking from institutional economics and applied physics to the economics of information security, we propose to re-conceptualize the Gordon Loeb model as a stochastic process. Thus, we can account for three important aspects in cyber-security: dynamic investment over multiple time periods, disruptive technological change, and fallible human decision-making that leads to inefficient investment. Our results show that non-obvious trade-offs appear. More disruptive technology innovation strategies cost on average initially more, due to the weight of heavy-tail investments. These investments are also more volatile adding to risk-adjusted costs. Yet, considering the expected survival of technologies, we find that a more disruptive investment strategy increases the mean time to failure of technologies. Therefore, the initial investment strategy has actually positive implications on the long-term, in particular some potential cost saving opportunities, since technologies live longer and thus need less replacement with new technologies. We discuss opportunities for further extensions, empirical tests, and use in the industry to explore and optimize cyber-security investment scenarios.

**Keywords**— security economics; cyber-security investment; Gordon-Loeb model; econophysics; disruptive innovation; stochastic process.

## Developing a Quantitative Risk-Adjusted Technology-Monitoring Indicator

Using Sentiment Analysis as a Risk Proxy for Cyber-Security  
Technologies

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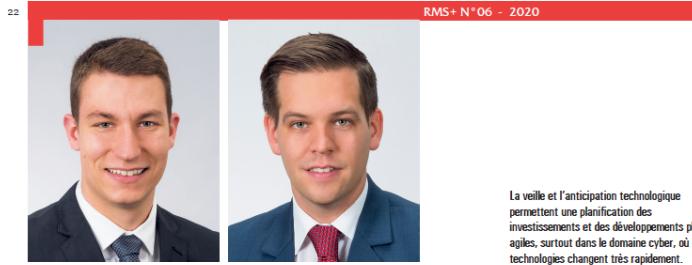
### Abstract

Technology monitoring is a central activity for developing a cyber-security capability as it helps organizations in anticipating cyber-threats and in assessing security products. However, extant technology-monitoring indicators are: (i) almost exclusively qualitative, (ii) barely scalable, (iii) lacking of scientific and measurement rigor, and (iv) not risk adjusted. In this work, we develop a scientifically-sound and scalable quantitative risk-adjusted technology-monitoring indicator and we apply it to cyber-security technologies. Our indicator aims to capture the risk-adjusted attention that a given community is giving to a specific technology. We build our technology-monitoring indicator by scrapping 1'820'561 scientific articles from the arXiv repository related to seven key security-related technologies, and then we adjust the indicator against a risk proxy captured by sentiment analysis (NLP). Our empirical measurements show that: (i) a specific technology-monitoring indicator is idiosyncratic, rather than following a common *hype cycle* pattern, (ii) security concerns systematically arrive at a later stage of technology development – an empirical evidence of the lack of *security by design*; and (iii) some broad attention – such as the blockchain hype – show very few use-cases in cyber-defence. To the best of our knowledge, our indicator offers the first quantitative assessment allowing the assessment and ranking of cybersecurity technologies.

**Keywords**— technology management, technometrics; technology forecasting; techwatch; hype cycle; technology lifecycle; NLP; sentiment analysis; security economics.



# TMM Research Dissemination



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La veille technologique au service de l'écosystème fédéral de la cyberdéfense

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Ces dernières années, on a pu observer une évolution constante des cybermenaces. Elles se développent de manière exponentielle au développement des nouvelles technologies qui apportent des risques mais également des opportunités. Les attaques sont toujours plus sophistiquées et impliquent désormais de l'intelligence artificielle ainsi que des techniques de *social engineering* toujours plus poussées. En fin de compte, l'attaquant a presque toujours une longueur d'avance sur le défenseur qui est constamment sous la pression d'une nouvelle attaque ou d'un nouveau mode de fonctionnement. Les équipes de sécurité sont très souvent en mode réactif, dépendante des actions des attaquants avant de pouvoir prendre des mesures. En effet, une approche *all hazard* (prête pour tous les dangers) impliquerait des coûts beaucoup trop élevés pour les organisations et les Etats.

Une contribution à la mesure 1 et 2 de la SNPC

Pour faire face à ces nouveaux défis, la cybersécurité s'est énormément développée ces dernières années. Les secteurs publics, privés et académiques redoublent d'efforts pour augmenter le niveau de sécurité et de résilience de la société face aux menaces cyber. La défense dans le domaine cyber est devenue un nouvel enjeu de sécurité nationale. Pour répondre à ces nouvelles menaces, la Suisse a élaboré plusieurs stratégies dont la principale est la stratégie nationale de protection de la Suisse contre les cyberrisques 2018-2022<sup>1</sup> (SNPC ou NCS en allemand) qui en est déjà à sa deuxième version. Le Département fédéral de la défense, de la protection de la population et des sports (DDPS) a développé son propre plan appelé Plan d'Action Cyberdéfense<sup>2</sup> (PACD) qui est

La veille et l'anticipation technologique permettent une planification des investissements et des développements plus agiles, surtout dans le domaine cyber, où les technologies changent très rapidement.

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## Technology Monitoring for the Swiss Public Cyberdefense Ecosystem: A Business Analysis

Master Thesis

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.isb.admin.ch/isb/fr/home/themen/cyber\\_risiken\\_ncs\\_ncs\\_strategie.html](https://www.isb.admin.ch/isb/fr/home/themen/cyber_risiken_ncs_ncs_strategie.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.vbs.admin.ch/vbs/fr/internet/documents/defense/cyberattaques\\_detailliert\\_document.html](https://www.vbs.admin.ch/vbs/fr/internet/documents/defense/cyberattaques_detailliert_document.html)

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<sup>4</sup> Voir article consacré à la chaire d'économie de défense dans ce numéro RMS.

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# TMM Community Building with Swissintell

The collage consists of four images:

- Top Left:** A pair of binoculars looking through a window at a sunset or sunrise over a landscape.
- Top Right:** A screenshot of a Twitter post from the account @cydcampus. The post features a profile picture of a person with a globe icon, the text "You Retweeted", and the message: "Great presentation by Dr. Thomas Maillart and Dr. Dimitri Percia David on the challenges of quantifying and anticipating the evolution and adoption of technologies. Some methods are borrowed from the #NLP domain, such as sentiment analysis. #cydcampus #conference #cyberthreats". It includes standard Twitter interaction icons (retweet, like, share).
- Bottom Left:** A photograph of an audience seated in rows, facing a speaker on stage. The speaker is standing in front of a projection screen displaying a blue abstract graphic. The slide has the text "Defining Future Technologies" and "Don't wait under futures". The slide also features the CYD logo and the text "Institute for Future Professional Capacities". The audience is diverse, with some individuals wearing face masks.
- Bottom Right:** A photograph of a man in a suit giving a presentation. He is standing on a stage with a podium and a large projection screen behind him. The screen displays the CYD logo and the text "CYBER DEFENCE CAMPUS". The man is gesturing with his hands while speaking. The audience is visible in the foreground, seated in rows.



# Let's keep in touch!



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