



How the CYD Campus leverages collaboration with the EPFL ecosystem to strengthen the cyber security of Switzerland

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Cyber-Defence Campus



Founded in 2019 by armasuisse

3 sites in Lausanne, Zurich and Thun

Mission: strenghten the cyber-defence sector in Switzerland through collaboration between government, academia, and industry



- **Talents** (recruitment and specialization)
- **Interoperability** (collaboration industry/academia)





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- 2. Research projects through C4DT
- 3. Startup challenges
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CYD fellowships

A talent program for cyberdefence research and innovation

https://www.epfl.ch/research/funding/epfl-programmes/cyd/

CYD Fellowships

Distinguished Master Fellow Doctoral Fellow PoC Fellow Postdoc Fellow 4 years 6 months Up to 2 years 12-18 months (1-year extension possible) Salary Salary Salary Living allowance Incl. social security Incl. social security benefits benefits Research & Research & Research & Development & conference funds conference funds conference funds travel funds

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Awarded CYD Fellows

Fellowships type

Master: 20

PhD: 8

Postdoc: 5

• PoC: 1



ETH Zurich: 18

• EPFL: 8

• Uni Zurich: 2

• Uni Geneva: 1

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• ZHAW: 3

OST: 1





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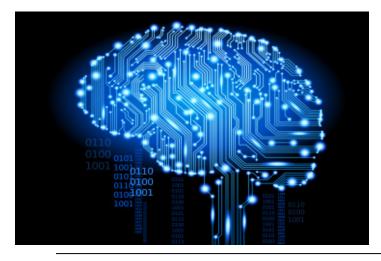
Our Research Priorities



Cyber Security

- Networks
- Smartphones
- transportation systems (cars, trains, aircraft)
- industrial systems, IoT, and smart building
- 5G and wireless communication
- Quantum-safe crypto
- aerospace systems
- Vulnerability research tools
- E-id and E-voting





Data Technologies

- Cyber threat intelligence platforms
- Fake news detection
- Information fusion
- Social media intelligence
- Natural language processing
- · Robustness and security of machine learning
- Distributed sensing and learning
- Machine translation and large language models
- Blockchain applications and analysis

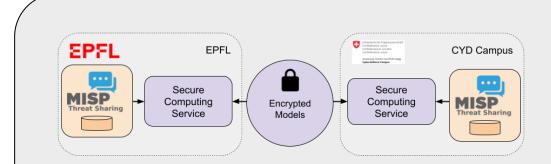
Technology Monitoring

- Information management
- Taxonomy generation
- Predictive analytics
- Scientometrics
- Cyber economics
- Quantum computing

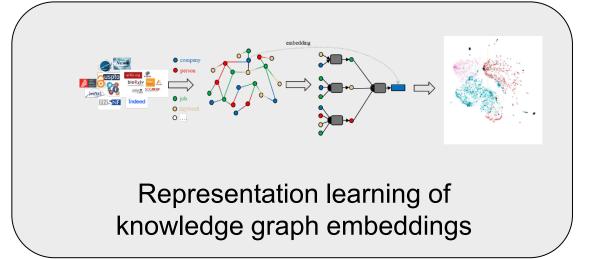


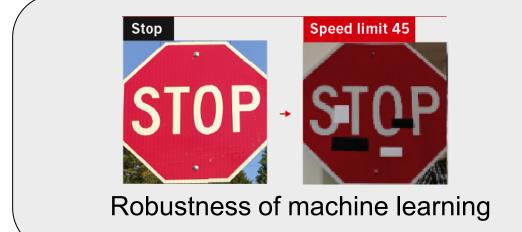
Example Research Projects with C4DT





Privacy-preserving threat intelligence sharing platform (MISP)







Automated detection of weak encryption in communications



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Cyber Startup Challenge

- Annual market exploration on challenging topics
- Winner gets 100k CHF to implement a proof-of-concept

2020 Cyber Threat Intelligence: Countercraft

2021 Boost your ISAC: Decentriq

2022 IoT Security: Onekey

2023 Smartphone Security: Ostorlab

2024 Security of AI: ongoing





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CYD Partners



- Government
- Academia

TU Rheinland-Pfälzische Technische Universität

Landau

Industry





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Confederazione Svizzera

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft







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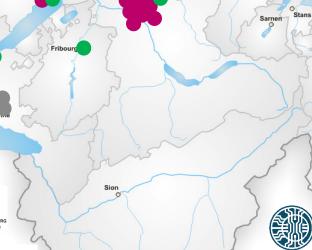














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NETWORKS







dedication + innovation











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Ostorlab









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Master Thesis and Internship Opportunities

List of open topics on our website: https://www.cydcampus.admin.ch/



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Cyber-Defence Campus Conference 2024



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Previous and Upcoming Hackathons

Cars 2022



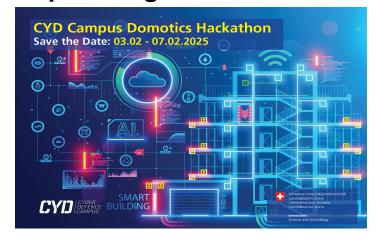
ICS 2023



Satellite 2024



Upcoming: Domotics 2025





Thank you for your attention!

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