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Resilient Federated Learning

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Introduction



Head of Data Science at Swiss DoD

- 10 scientific project managers
- 5 interns at master level
- Portfolio of 25-30 research projects with academia (Switzerland + Europe)



The Cyber-Defence Campus (CYD) was created in 2019 to conduct

- technology monitoring
- research & development
- education and training
- consulting and testing

Focussing on following domains

- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Intelligence
- ICT security





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What are the top one or two topics in resilient FL where we are working and we are making progress?

- Federated learning as privacy preserving approach
 - Analysis of network traffic for intrusion detection
 - Definition of behavior patterns of IoT devices for anomaly detection

BUT...

- Model poisoning attacks can have a large impact on classification and anomaly detection results
- The federator remains a single point of failure, although considered to be trustworthy or running in a trusted environment (contrary to the worker nodes)

What are the top one or two topics in resilient FL where we have learned important lessons from existing literature?

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Citations (Mean)

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

2021

Publications (total)

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What are the top one or two topics in resilient FL which we should be working on but are not?

 Get rid of the federator and target a fully distributed/collaborative learning → Towards peer-to-peer learning

 Secure multi-party computation seems really promising, but usually limited to a small number of participants → Towards peer-to-peer secure multi-party ML