

Extreme cyber losses: An alternative approach to estimating probable maximum loss for data breach risk

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Status-quo of the cyber-insurance market

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- Market growth: **37%** per annum between 2016 and 2017
- Global premium volume (2017): \$ 3.9bn (\$ 2,234 bn of total non-life premium globally)
- 80% of the premium volume from the U.S. and the rest from Europe and Asia.
- 528 cyber-insurers in the U.S. in 2018 (6,000 insurers in total in the U.S.)

Challenges

Demand side

1. Lack of understanding of risk
2. Purchasing behavior relative to effect of risk control measures

Supply side

1. Lack of data
2. Challenge in modeling and pricing
3. Limited coverage (Cover limit)

Source: "Cyber Overview", Munich Re

"Ten key questions on cyber risk and cyber risk insurance", Eling and Schnell (2017) with Geneva Association

"Content analysis of cyber insurance policies: How do carriers write policies and price cyber risk?", Romanosky et al. (2019)

Extreme cyber events

“Wannacry” ransomware 2017



Estimated economic loss = \$4 billion



Source: ZDNet & Krebs on Security

“NotPetya” virus 2017

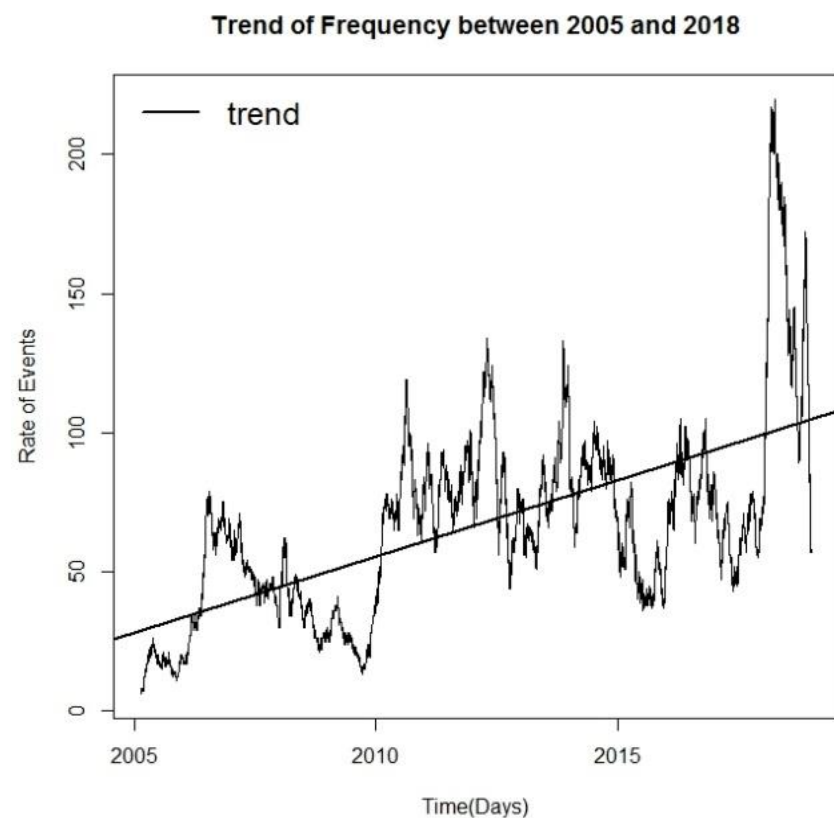


Total economic damage = \$10 billion

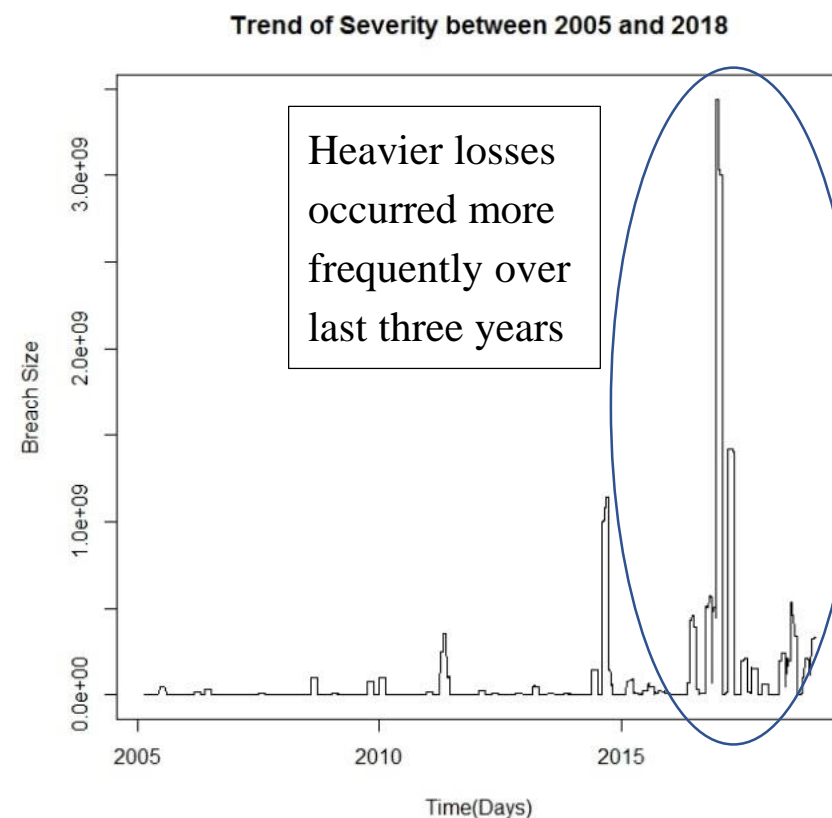
Source: Emsisoft Blog

Trends of loss frequency and severity

Frequency trend



Severity trend



Literature review on extreme cyber loss

| | Maillart & Sornette (2010) | Edwards, Hofmeyr & Forrest (2016) | Wheatley, Maillart & Sornette (2016) | Eling & Jung (2018) | Eling & Wirfs (2019) | Hofmann, Wheatley & Sornette (2019) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Data period | 2000-2008 (breach loss) | 2005-2015 (breach loss) | 2007-2015 (breach loss) | 2005-2016 (breach loss) | 1995-2014 (monetary loss) | 2007-2017 (breach loss) |
| Methodology | Threshold-based | Lognormal | Threshold-based | Lognormal & threshold-based | Threshold-based | Threshold-based |
| Estimate of maximum loss | NA | 130 million | 300 million | 1.1 billion (99.5%) | NA | NA |

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Dragon king beyond the estimation
 (Sornette and Ouillon, 2012)

History of extreme loss events

| Date | Breached entity | Risk type | Breached records |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Dec 14, 2016 | Yahoo | Hacking | 3 billion |
| Mar 8, 2017 | Multiple entities | Unintended disclosure | 1.37 billion |
| Aug 5, 2014 | Multiple entities | Hacking | 1 billion |
| Sep 22, 2016 | Yahoo | Hacking | 0.50 billion |
| Nov 16, 2016 | FriendFinder | Hacking | 0.41 billion |
| May 31, 2016 | MySpace | Hacking | 0.36 billion |
| Jul 3, 2018 | Exactis | Unintended disclosure | 0.34 billion |
| Nov 30, 2018 | Marriott International | Hacking | 0.33 billion |
| Apr 2, 2011 | Epsilon | Hacking | 0.25 billion |
| Jun 19, 2017 | DeepRootAnalytics | Unintended disclosure | 0.20 billion |
| Dec 28, 2015 | Multiple entities | Unintended disclosure | 0.19 billion |

Objectives of the study

Research questions

1) Can one statistically estimate the size of cyber dragon king?

2) If one can estimate the size of cyber dragon king, how can she apply this to the current insurance market and what could be a solution to manage a catastrophe cyber loss?

Objectives and Contributions

Aim 1:

The provision of an **alternative approach** to modeling extreme cyber loss

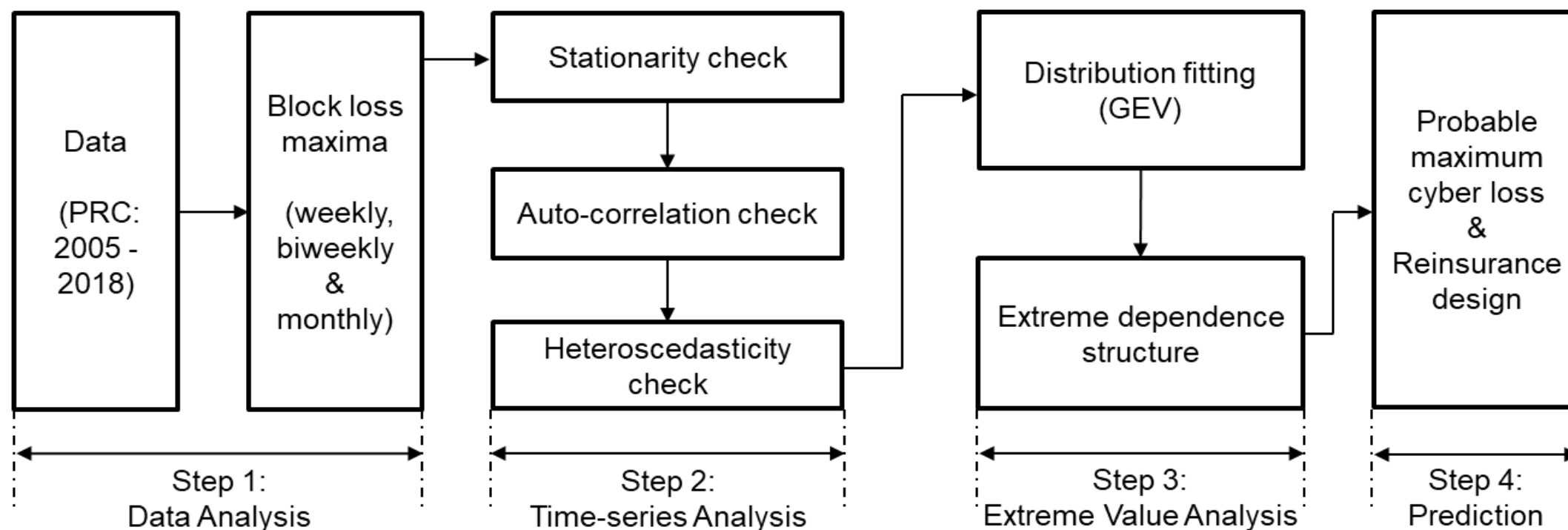
Aim 2:

The provision of a **definition** on probable maximum loss for cyber risk

Aim 3:

The provision of an **empirical benchmark** on reinsurance with **public-private partnership (PPP)**

Overview of modeling



Data

Data source: Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (PRC)

Period: Jan 1st, 2005 – Dec 31st, 2018

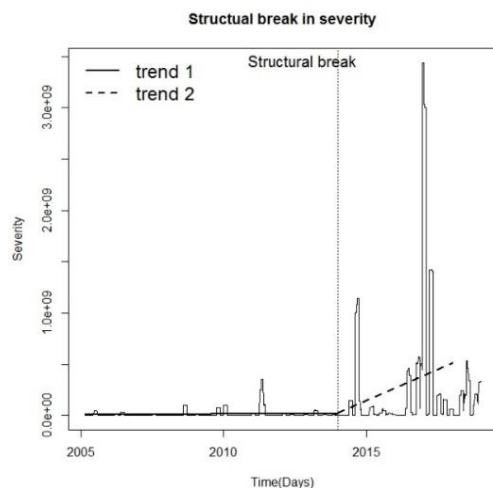
of obs: 6,047 in total

Risk classification (Edwards et al., 2016):

| Risk type | Variable | Explanation |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Malicious | Hacking (HACK) | Hacking attack by outsiders or infection by malware |
| | Insider (INSD) | Breached by an insider (e.g., employee or contractor) |
| | Payment card fraud (CARD) | Fraud involving debit and credit cards |
| Negligent | Portable device (PORT) | Lost, discarded or stolen portable devices |
| | Stationary device (STAT) | Lost stationary computers |
| | Unintended disclosure (DISC) | Privacy information disclosed unintentionally |
| | Physical loss (PHYS) | Lost, discarded or stolen non-electronic information |

Empirical estimation

Step 1: Find a break point



| Break point | OLS-CUSUM | Rec-CUSUM | Chow |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Jan, 2014 | 5.89*** | 3.85*** | 73.06*** |

Split the dataset into two periods:
pre-2014 and **post-2014**

Step 2: Time series analysis

| Stationarity | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Week | Biweek | Month |
| ADF | -8.76*** | -4.86*** | -4.89*** |
| PP | -749.9*** | -377.9*** | -184.1*** |
| KPSS | 0.109 | 0.105 | 0.114 |
| Temporal dependency | | | |
| Model | AR(12) | AR(6) | AR(3) |
| ARCH effect | | | |
| Lag=4 | 0.712 | 0.307 | 0.172 |
| Lag=8 | 0.726 | 0.656 | 0.266 |
| Lag=12 | 1.554 | 1.432 | 0.329 |
| Lag=16 | 1.578 | 1.554 | 0.394 |
| Lag=20 | 1.594 | 1.574 | 0.445 |
| Lag=24 | 3.031 | 1.609 | 0.483 |

Stationary series, short-range
temporal dependency and
homoscedasticity

Step 3: GEV fitting and extreme dependency

Type I (Gumbel): $\gamma = 0$ (shape parameter)

Type II (Fréchet): $\gamma > 0$

Type III (Weibull): $\gamma < 0$

| Fitting Generalized Extreme Value | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | Week | Biweek | Month |
| AIC | 19,435.2 | 10,762.7 | 5,464.7 |
| K-S GoF | 0.030 | 0.035 | 0.058 |
| A-D GoF | 0.802 | 0.567 | 0.667 |
| Shape parameter | 2.272 | 2.115 | 1.661 |
| Pickands test and extreme copula | | | |
| Test result | 0.338*** | 0.027* | 0.025 |
| Copula | Clayton | Clayton | Tawn |

Fréchet distribution and
extreme dependency in monthly
maxima series

Probable maximum loss and applications

Probable maximum cyber loss

$P[\tilde{M}_n \leq \xi_p] = 1 - p$, for some small $p \in [0,1]$, where
 \tilde{M}_n : a series of the cyber loss maxima
 ξ_p : the probable maximum cyber loss
 $\xi_p = G_{\tilde{M}_n}^{\theta - 1} (1 - p)$ $G_{\tilde{M}_n}^{\theta}$: the probability function of the maxima series with the parameter of θ .

| Panel A: PMCL estimates | | (million breach) | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | Composite | Malicious | Negligent | Dependence |
| Next 3 yr | Entire | 692.2 | 1,539.9 | 52.5 | 2,241.7 |
| | Pre-2014 | 50.7 | 227.0 | 15.2 | 284.5 |
| | Post-2014 | 62,693.3 | 20,533.2 | 313.1 | 33,004.6 |
| Next 5 yr | Entire | 2,053.2 | 5,987.1 | 140.8 | 8,723.7 |
| | Pre-2014 | 117.6 | 784.8 | 32.6 | 876.3 |
| | Post-2014 | 371,964.4 | 98,198.5 | 1,179.4 | 132,992.7 |

| Panel B: Estimates of the recent literature | | (million breach) | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Edwards et al. (2016) (Lognormal) | Wheatley et al. (2016) (Pareto) | Eling and Jung (2018) (Correlated risk) |
| Data source | PRC | Open Security Foundation & PRC | PRC |
| Maximum loss | 130.00 | 300.00 | 1,053.11 |
| Time prediction | Next 3 yr | Next 5 yr | 1 out of 200 cases (99.5%) |

Reinsurance with public intervention

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| Government (Cyber-deposit): | |
| Cover limit (=U) | $X_{Gov} = \begin{cases} 0, & L < U \\ L - U, & U < L \end{cases}$ |
| ↓ | |
| Reinsurer (Quota share): | Insurer: |
| $X_{Re} = \begin{cases} L \times (1 - q), & L < U \\ U \times (1 - q), & U < L \end{cases}$ | $X_{Ins} = \begin{cases} L \times q, & L < U \\ U \times q, & U < L \end{cases}$ |
| | |

Aggregate premium size (on a monthly basis) & The average size of loss per event

| (\$ million) | Expectation principle | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Comp | Mal | Neg | |
| Reinsurer | Entire | 627.01 | 768.20 | 112.73 |
| Insurer | Entire | 209.00 | 256.07 | 37.58 |
| Government | Entire | 2,091.21 | 1,959.31 | 1,285.63 |

- The estimated annual gross premium (= \$10.03 bn) is almost **60% larger than** the predicted premium size of cyber insurance worldwide for 2019 (= \$6.2 bn) by the industry (PwC, 2016).
- The government needs to take up on average **\$ 2.1 billion loss per event** beyond our PMCL estimate.

Findings and implications

Research questions

1) Estimation of the size of cyber dragon king?

2) How to apply the estimation to the insurance market and how to manage catastrophe cyber loss?

Findings

✓ **Stationary, but short-range temporal dependent maxima series** are identified (weekly, bi-weekly)

✓ **Fréchet type** of GEV distribution is found to be optimal for cyber loss maxima series

✓ **Seven times larger** than the one with a widely used Pareto-based model

✓ Reinsurance design with the public intervention → **higher cover limit set-up**

Limitations of this study

Pont 1:
Lack of method to translate the breached records to the monetary cost.

Point 2:
Dataset covering mainly data breach risk, but not the entire set of cyber risk.

Thank you for your attention



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