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What possible future scenarios can we expect?

What will the proliferation of such weapons change in the geopolitical scenario we live in?

*What are the main advantages of Hypersonic Weapons compared to standard ballistic missile?* 

*Is it worthwhile for Italy and its allies to invest money in R&D initiatives on hypersonic technologies?* 

What are NATO Countries doing with respect to this situation?

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# YESTERDAY: STATISTICAL WARFARE



# **Today: Mutually Assured Destruction**



#### Hypersonic Glide Vehicles





FOOTAGE OF TESTS - NOT ACTUAL COMBAT





### ADVANTAGES

#### Speed

### **Defense Penetration**



### **Rapid Response Time**

# Manoeuvrability

### Survivability

#### **Destructive Power**

### No Crew Risk



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### POTENTIAL ROLES





#### HMs Carried by Fighters Jets: New Tacticts

#### Possibility of Hitting a Surface Target at Any Time





#### **Air-to-Air** Applications

An Hypersonic Stealth Air-to-Air Missil<mark>e</mark>

# **FUTURE POSSIBILE SCENARIOS**



«It should be underlined that hypersonic missiles could have destabilizing effects not much because they increase the likelihood of a crisis, but because they would make it more acute, and favor an escalatory logic in case a crisis occurs in the first place . »

### COUNTERMEASURES

#### DETTERENCE

#### ANTI-HYPERSONIC DEFENSE SYSTEMS

LAUNCH ON WARNING POSTURE DEVOLUTION OF DECISION MAKING

#### **FILL THE GAP**

# **CONCLUSION: THE KEY IS TIME**



#### FIND SHELTER BEFORE COUNTDOWN EXPIRES



### Joint NATO Commission to Evaluate the Situation



#### **Need of a Space Force**

# Thank you for your attention!



#### **Regards to:**





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