### **The Swiss Quantum Initiative**

Different views from science, policy and industries at one table

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- The Swiss Quantum Initiative ... and round tables
- Different voices ... examples, and why discourse is good
  - The sciences
  - Policy
  - Industries
- Strategic recommendations for 2025-2028 ... and proposed actions



#### The idea and legend of round tables



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#### The Swiss Quantum Initiative (SQI) governance and funding

The Swiss Quantum Initiative (SQI) is

- mandated by the Swiss Confederation via SERI,
- hosted by the Swiss Academy of Sciences SCNAT and
- coordinated and led by the Swiss Quantum Commission (SQC) on a voluntary basis

Cooperation with the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF and Innosuisse



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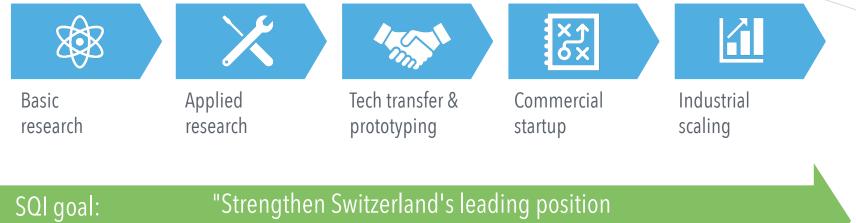
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#### More than a scientific initiative: simplified\* view on the "Quantum Value Chain"



across the entire value chain"

\* Illustrative. Not strictly linear.



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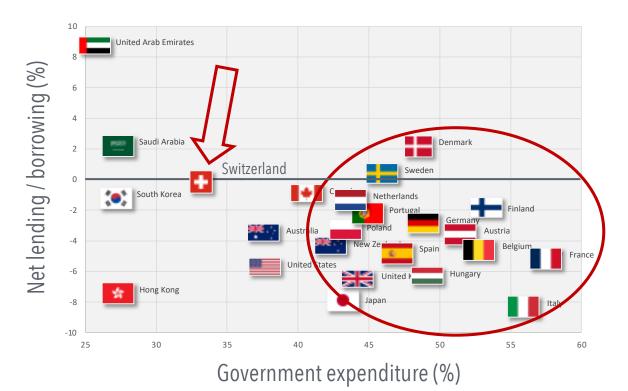
### **Specialties of the Swiss approach**

- Cooperative governance
- Open and liberal market approach; no top-down industrial policy
- Curiosity-driven innovation
- "On top" national funding; complementing existing, decentral structures
- Long-term view

Honest and enthusiastic communication, but not contributing to some of the current "hype"



#### **Government expenditure versus net lending /borrowing**



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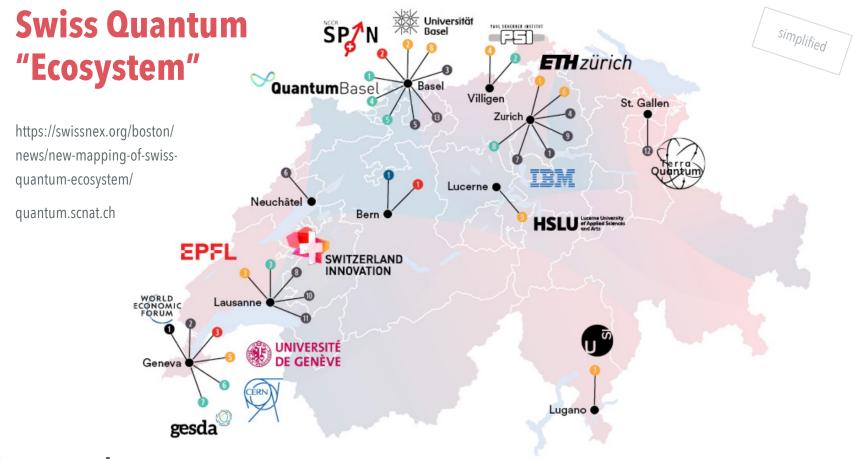
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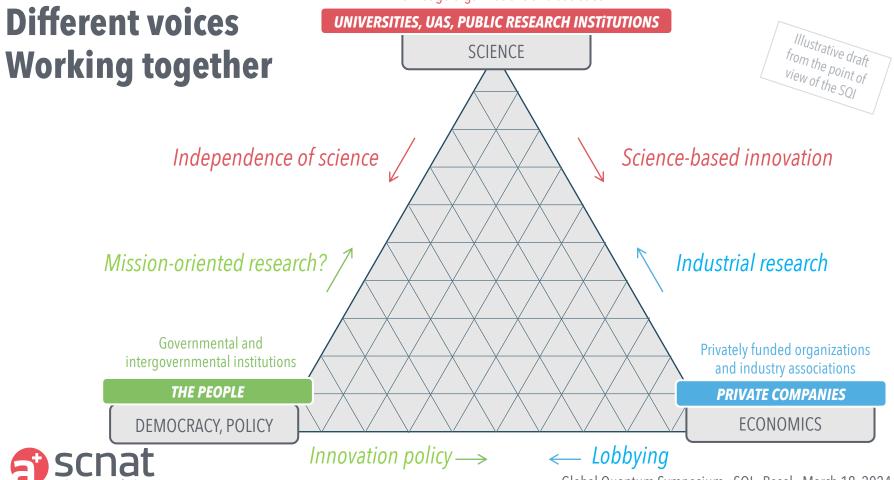
#### **Swiss Quantum Commission (SQC)**







Knowledge organizations and societies



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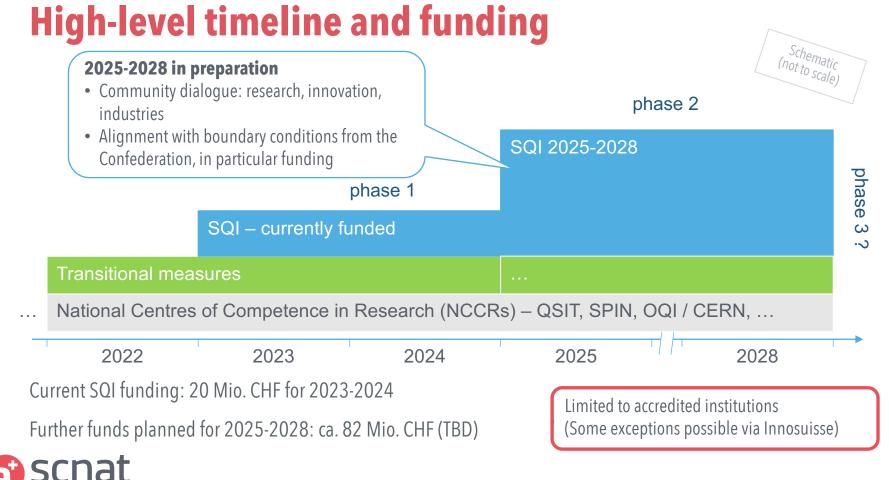
#### **Different voices UNIVERSITIES, UAS, PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS** Illustrative draft SCIENCE from the point of Working together view of the SQI **Swissuniversities NCCRs** SPG PSI / Quantum Centers SAGW SNSF Swissphotonics Swiss quantum **SCNAT** SATW industry association? TA-SWISS METAS a+**EMPA** UNESCO QuIC GESDA Deep tech Deep tech **CSEM** Governmental and Privately funded organizations intergovernmental institutions End users of and associations S-GE **THE PEOPLE PRIVATE COMPANIES** Präsenz Schweiz ///\_ Industry Federal Council DEMOCRACY, POLICY ECONOMICS OECD

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#### **Different voices:** Funding for Education, Research and Innovation (ERI)

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#### The field(s) of quantum

#### Mastering quantum systems on the individual quanta level and engineered entanglement

## Fields of applied research and development

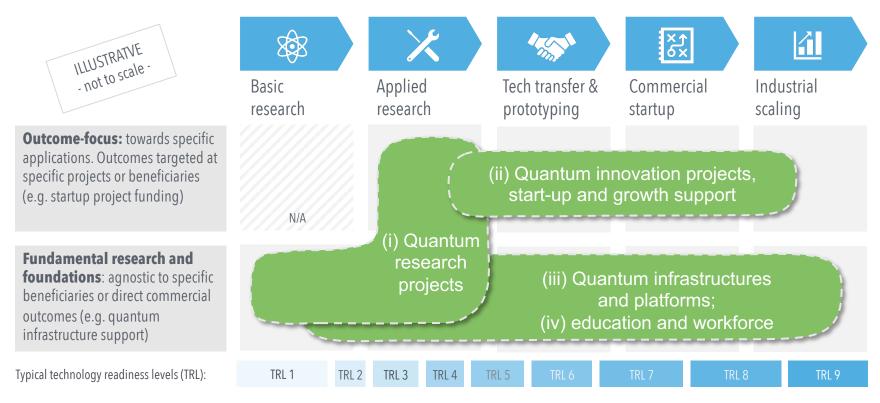
- Quantum communication
- Quantum computation
- Quantum simulation
- Quantum sensing and metrology

## Fields with a cross-sectional or foundational character

- Materials for quantum technologies
- synthetic quantum materials exhibiting entanglement
- Quantum control hardware
- Computer sciences
- Quantum theory
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#### SQI main fields of action and proposed funding





#### SQC recommendations for 2025-2028 (selection)

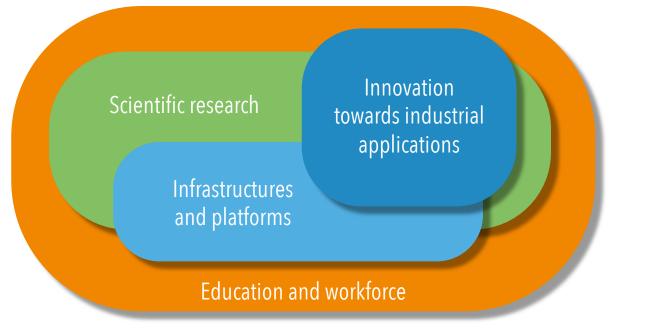
# Overall, we are (still) in a time that calls for more **curiosity-driven research and innovation**

- SQI funding for scientific research in 2025-28 should be bundled into one larger call, ca. in 2027
- Significant attention should be given to **infrastructures** and emerging platforms for quantum (both with fundamental and applied characters)
- There is a need to **support innovation** and **young companies** without interfering excessively in market dynamics with taxpayers' money

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# Education as an underlying topic for all fields of action within the Swiss Quantum Initiative



International aspects and communications embedded in all themes



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# **Funding instruments, announcements:** quantum.scnat.ch

- Research: Swiss Quantum Call 2024; via SNSF
- Call for 2-pager ideas on **national quantum infrastructures** developments with a national & industrial relevance
- Support for events and conferences

In preparation, tbd:

- Voucher model to utilize existing, shared infrastructures for quantum
- Financing industry PhDs
- Innovation support; via Innosuisse





