



**Innovation and Translational Research as Key Drivers of  
New Structural Economics – European Perspectives on  
China’s Global Development Narrative**

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# China's and Asia's Industrial Transformation - Towards a Innovation-driven Development



Source: <http://english.boaoforum.org/en/index.html>

## **Premier Li Keqiang's keynote speech at Boao Forum for Asia 2019**

**Boao, Hainan Province, March 28, 2019  
– a quote of his speech (source China Daily,  
March 30-31, 2019):**

*„After years of fairly fast growth, Asian countries now face the challenge of shifting from old drivers of growth to new ones, and we must rely on innovation to foster the latter. (...) we (...) must tap into our advantages in human capital (...) to intensify cooperation on innovation. (...) We need to (...) clear the way for the unimpeded flow of factors of innovation resources and outcome, setting the stage for the steady progress of Asia's innovation-driven development.“*

# China's Innovation Performance

## - A Legacy of Millennia of Development



*Black pottery*  
Hemudu culture  
(5000 – 3000 BC)  
Source: Wikipedia



*Painted pottery*  
Western Han  
dynasty (202 BC –  
9 AD)  
Source: Wikipedia

- **A history of Innovation taking place in China (provincial region Zhejiang):** *'Half of the history of Chinese ceramics took place in Zhejiang'* (Chen Wenli). Exhibition at Zhejiang Provincial Museum at Westlake.
- The **first pottery** was made during the **Palaeolithic era**. Pottery dating from **20,000 years ago** was found at the **Xianrendong Cave** site in **Jiangxi province**, making it among the earliest pottery yet found.
- Porcelain was a Chinese invention and is so identified with China that it is still called "china" in everyday English usage. On some Chinese definitions, the **first porcelain was made in Zhejiang province** during the **Han dynasty (206 BC – 220 AD)**.

# Part of the ‚Chinese Dream‘ - The Dawn of the Quantum Era



Source: australasianscience.com.au

It was on **Monday, 16 August 2016** when a new era was ushered in:

**Quantum satellite MICIUS was launched at 1:40 local China time** from “the launch pad 603 located at LC43 complex at the Jiuquan space centre in Jiuquan, north-west China.”

“The scientist who first proposed the idea to the European Space Agency (ESA in 2001 is University of Vienna physicist Anton Zeilinger.”

Prof. Anton Zeilinger today is the President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-37091833>

# Geopolitics of Knowledge - a 'Long-run' Game and the Big Picture

Article in 'The Diplomat', February 2018:

**“China’s bet on knowledge is already paying off; but this game, which requires lots of strategic thinking and stamina, is to be played in the long run.**

(...) China’s approach to knowledge is already bearing fruit in terms of making foreign policy. A collection of topics as cognitively sophisticated and even futuristic as the exploration and use of outer space, (...) information technology and connectivity, (...) quantum physics (...) and so on, have become the bread and butter of Chinese career diplomats, thus catering to the country’s most urgent present and future needs.”

Source: The Diplomat, February 27, 2018

# National Innovation Systems, Translational Research and Innovation Performance

# From Capitalism to Talentism - World Economic Forum 2012



**Prof. Klaus Schwab**

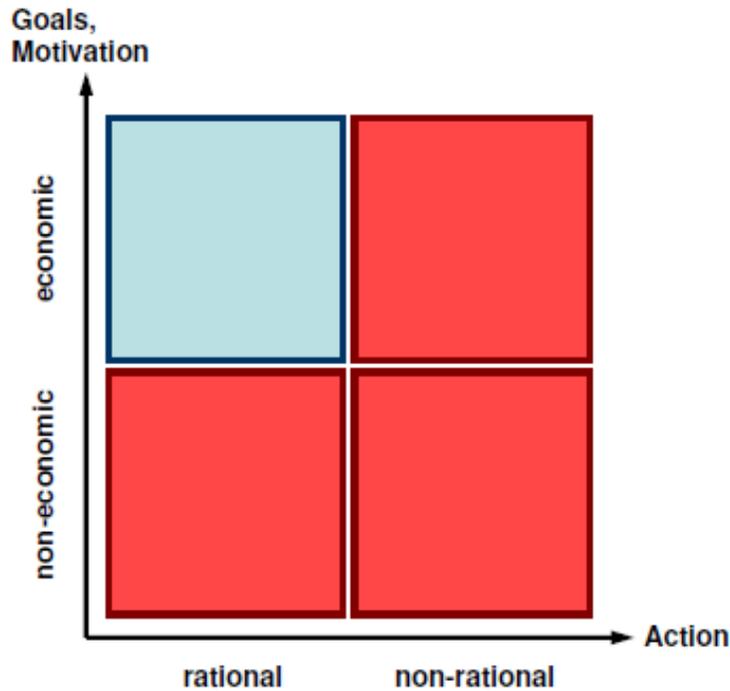
Source: Wikipedia

At the opening press conference of the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2012 Klaus Schwab – founder and President of WEF - claimed a shift from capitalism to talentism with human capital and innovation power becoming countries', cities' and companies' major competitive asset:

***“Capital is being superseded by **creativity and the ability to innovate** — and therefore by human talents — as the most important factors of production.”***

# Against Backdrop of Global Economic Crisis: New Model of Man in Economics

## Man as Economic Subject - Motivation & Action



Source: Animal Spirits (Akerlof, Shiller/2009)

## Macroeconomic Theories, their Main Ideas and Model of Man:

### ■ Neoclassic/Neoliberalism

homo-economicus (man follows economic goals only & in a fully rational manner), efficient markets (,invisible hand of the market'), mathematically driven interpretation of (economic) reality, neglect of non-rational and intangible aspects of economic reality and value creation

### ■ Behavioural Economics

Man driven by ,animal spirits' (trust, sense of fairness, ethical behaviour and corruption, money illusion, narrations), public rules and regulation for markets necessary (,leaving hand of wise policy'), qualitative & quantitative elements of interpretation, integration of non-rational and intangible aspects of economic reality and value creation

# 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture on China's NIS at Austrian University - started at UASTW in September 2018



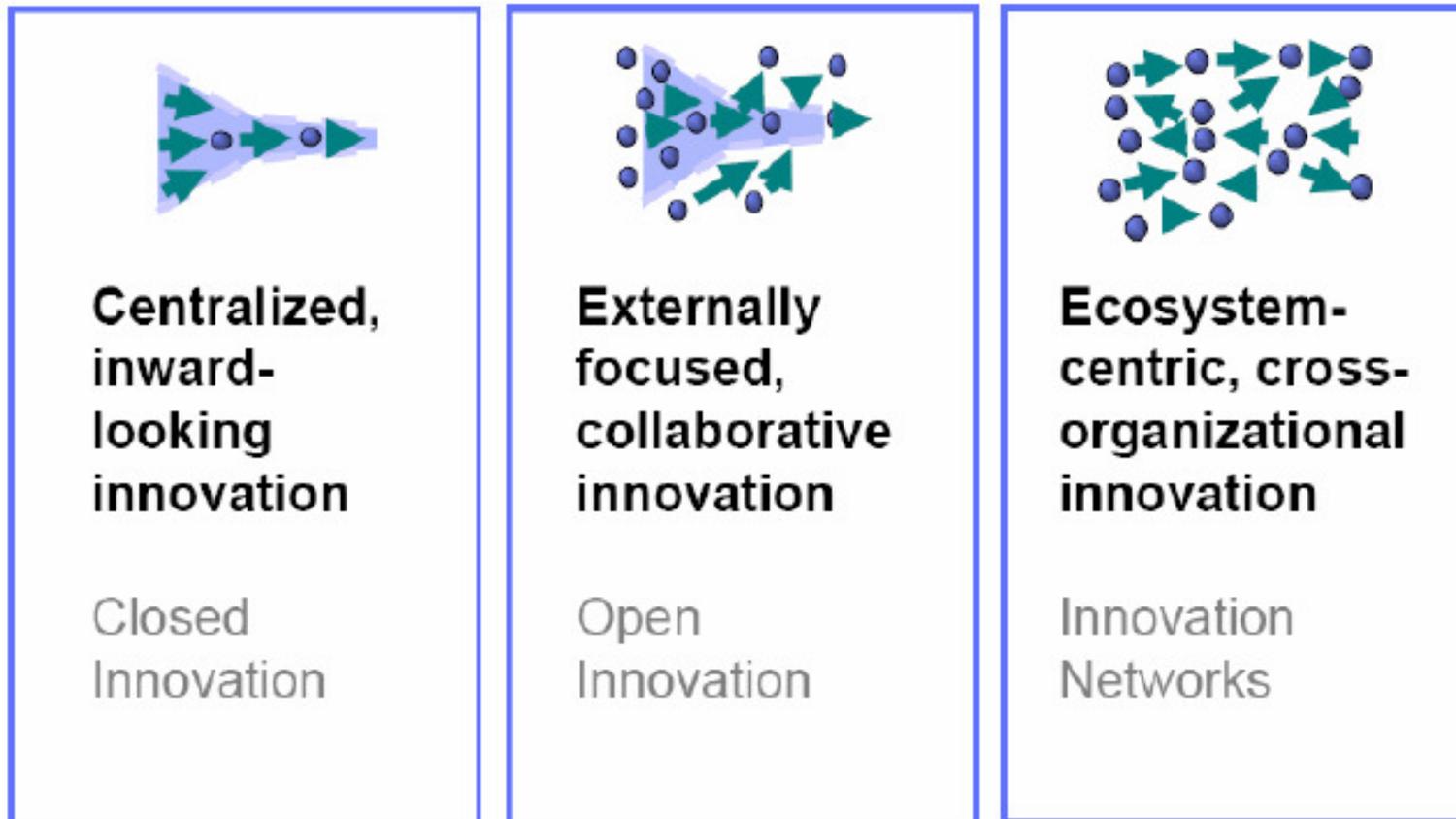
- **Title „From ‚Made in China‘ to Created in China‘**
- Lecturer: Alexander G. Welzl
- Focus on National Innovation System (NIS) of PR China, corporate management of innovation and creativity in Chinese firms/Chinese owned enterprises doing business in Austria and CEE, BRI
- Guest lectures from CEOs of Chinese companies & scholars

# Collaboration with Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing: started June 2018



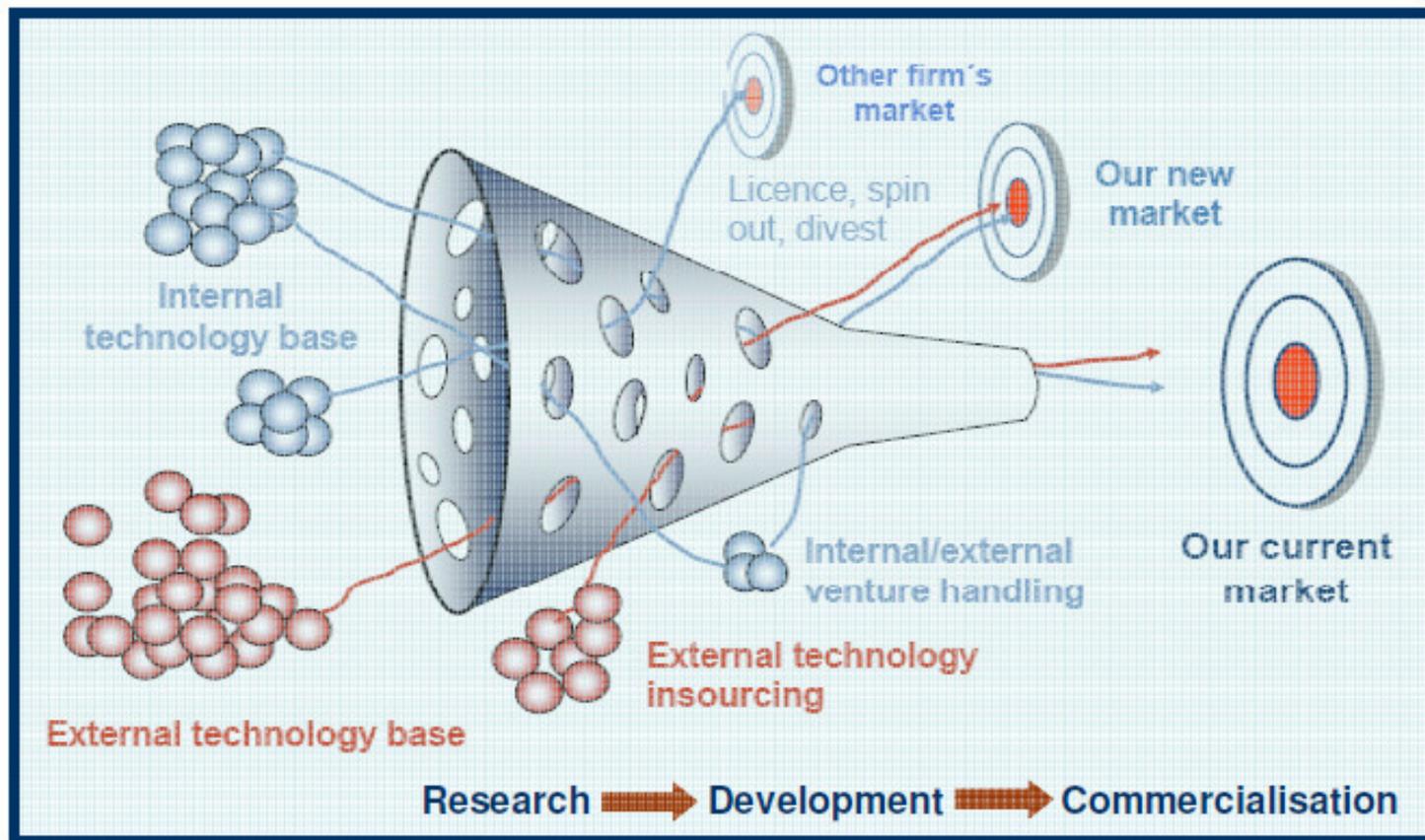
- Kick-off Meeting with Prof. Huang Ping (CASS, Beijing /China), UASTW Rector Schmöllebeck and Alexander G. Welzl at UASTW in Vienna/Austria on June 4, 2018
- start of a long-lasting cooperation of mutual interests

# Evolution of Innovation Concepts I: from Closed Innovation to Ecosystems



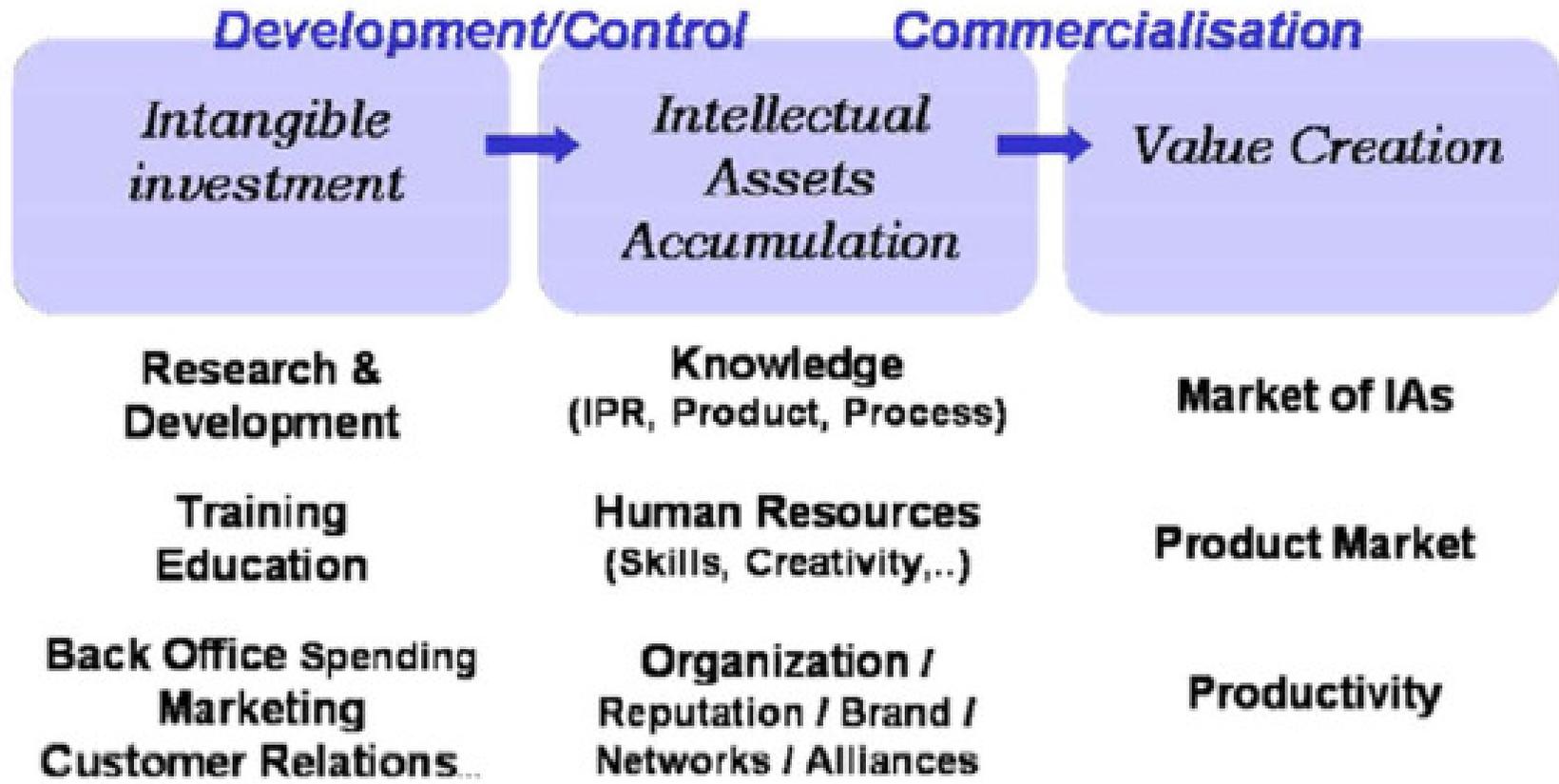
Sources: Chesbrough (2003), Forrester (2004), von Hippel (2005)

# Evolution of Innovation Concepts II: from Gated Communities to Openness



Source: Chesbrough (2005), Tojo, OECD (2006, 2008)

# Novel Value Creation in the Digital Age: Intangible Investment/Assets - Sources of Growth



Source: Tojo, OECD (2008)

# Managing Curious Minds (HBS 2008)



**Infineon's ,Brainport' Approach - creating an innovative Environment for talented Knowledge Workers**

Only the combination of a sum of different, specific factors characterises a ,Brainport' like Infineon Austria and creates its competitiveness!

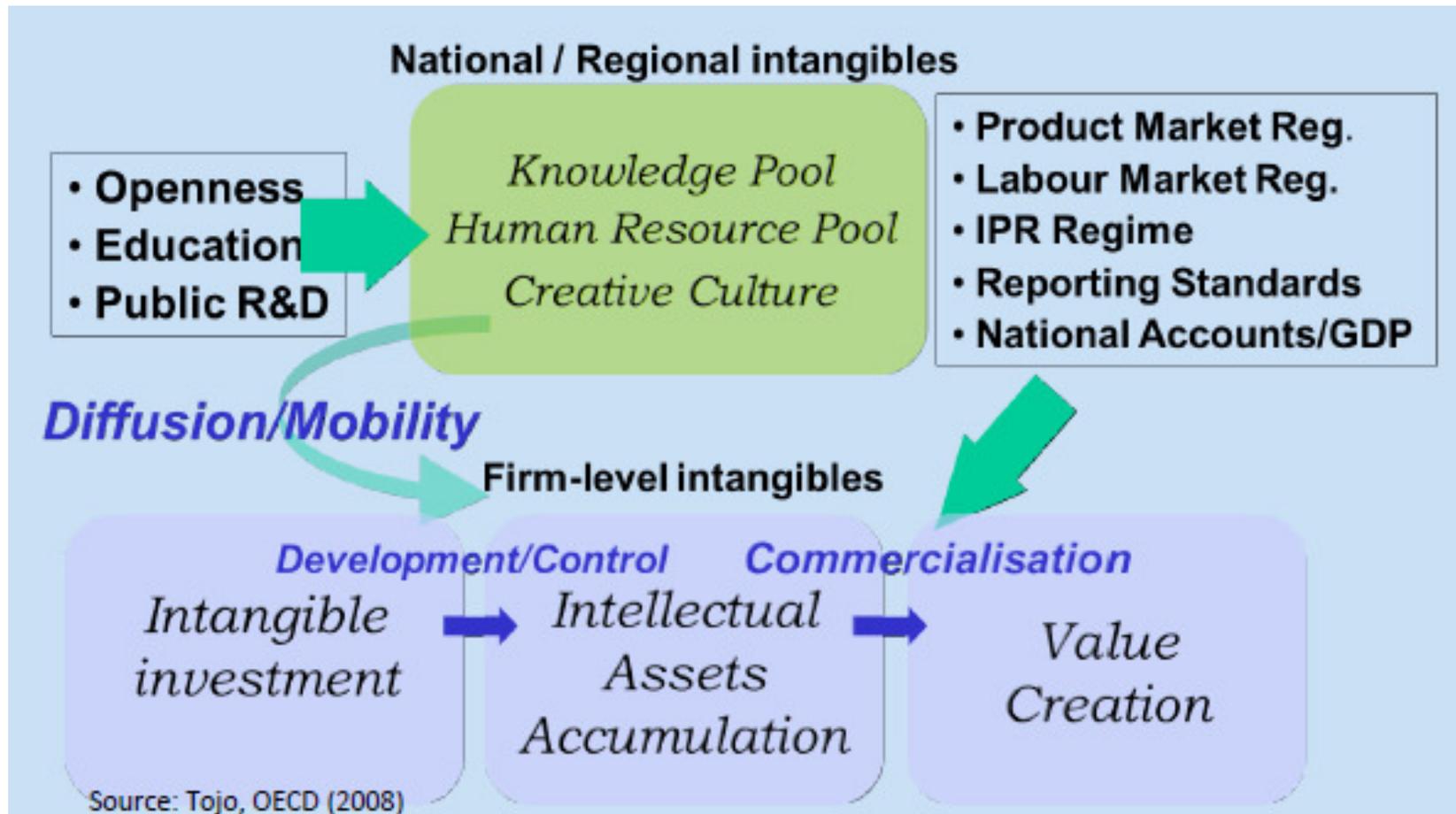


<p><b>Management Culture</b></p> <p>diversity management (nationalities, gender diversity, fields of knowledge), managers as sponsors of employees</p>	<p><b>Corporate Culture</b></p> <p>of trust and respect</p>	<p><b>Networks &amp; Relations</b></p> <p>international, national and regional; between industry, academia &amp; public sector; between company locations</p>	<p><b>R&amp;D, Innovation, Organisational change</b></p> <p>R&amp;D and innovation intensity; capacity for continuous change</p>	<p><b>Interdisciplinary Problem solving</b></p> <p>based on a variety of technologies and fields of knowledge</p>	<p><b>Lifelong learning &amp; Learning Organisation</b></p> <p>put into practice as a part of corporate culture and management approach</p>
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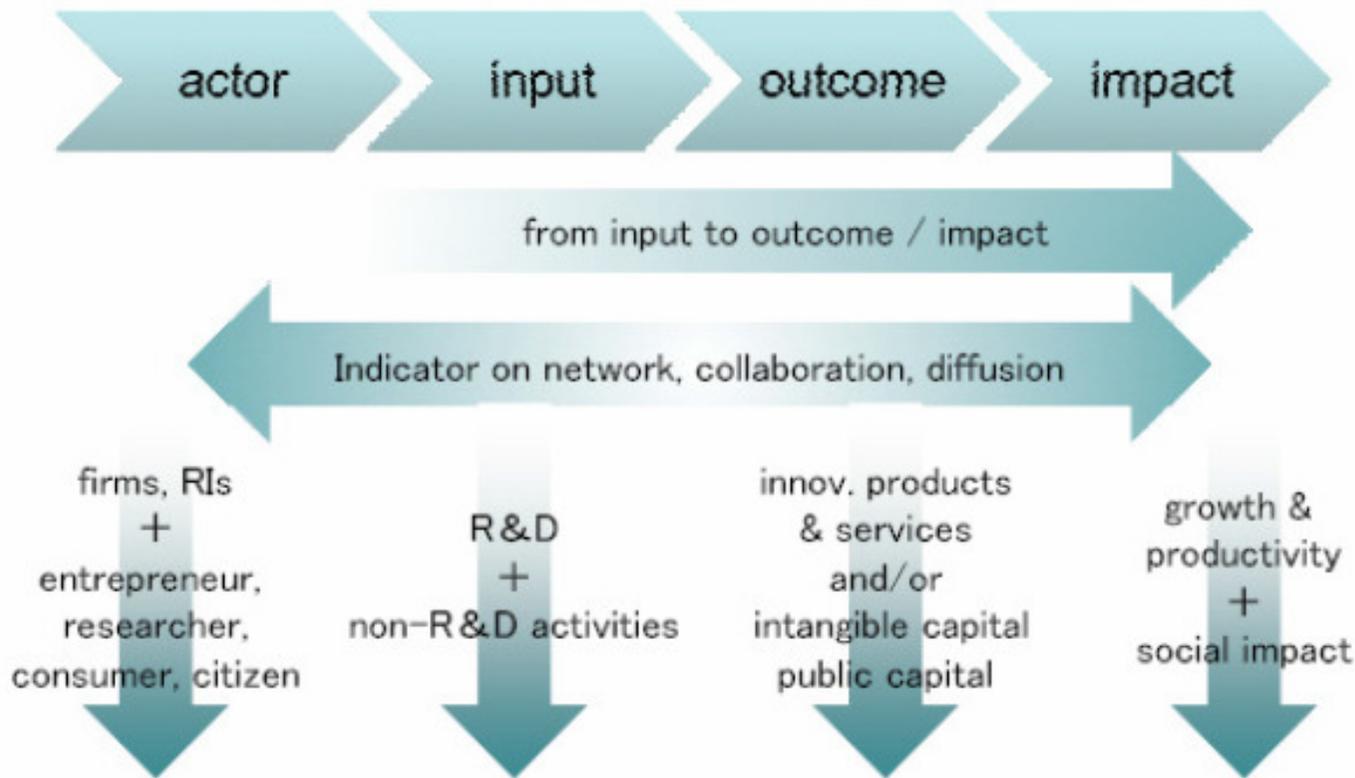
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# The Quest for a evidence-based, innovation-driven and systemic Governance Approach

# Innovation-driven Governance: Requirements & Framework Conditions



# New Value Creation Patterns Challenge Governments & Performance Cultures



Source: Tojo, METI (2009), [http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/09100201/pdf/3-5\\_E\\_Tojo\\_PPT\\_o.pdf](http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/09100201/pdf/3-5_E_Tojo_PPT_o.pdf)

# Performance Management - the Austrian Approach

## Outcome Orientation

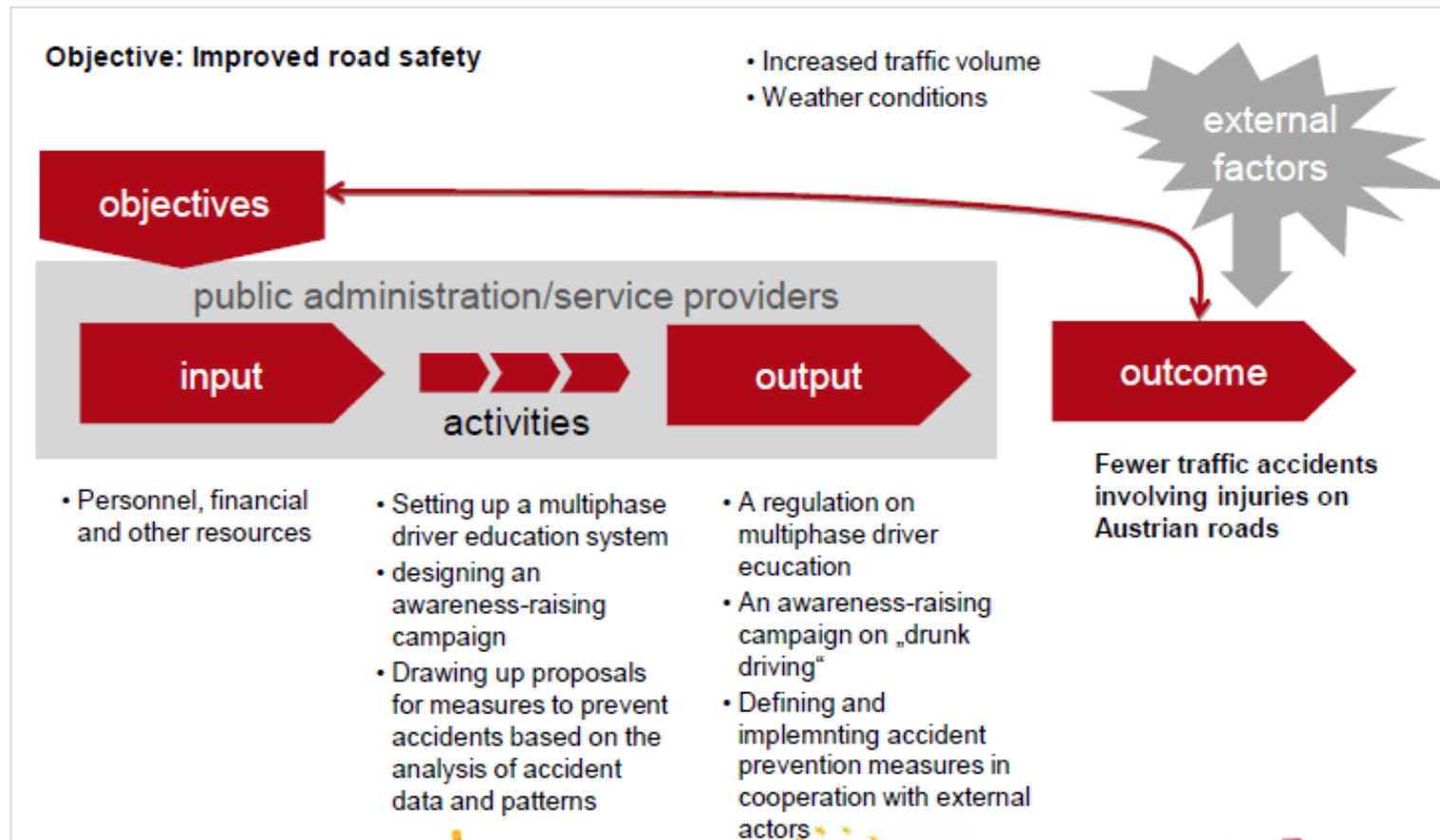
- Managing public administration based on its contribution towards achieving outcomes in society (performance management)

## Key Pillars

- performance management: the budget presents the political goals and objectives, which are measured and reported
- Outcome orientated impact assessment
- Implemented in 2 steps (2009/2013) and laid down in the constitution

*Source: Austrian Federal Chancellery, 2015*

# The Austrian Federal Performance Model



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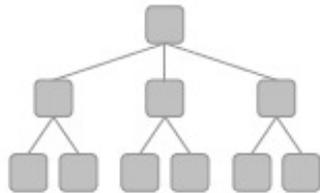
# The Stakeholders and Addressees



... Parliament & the interested public



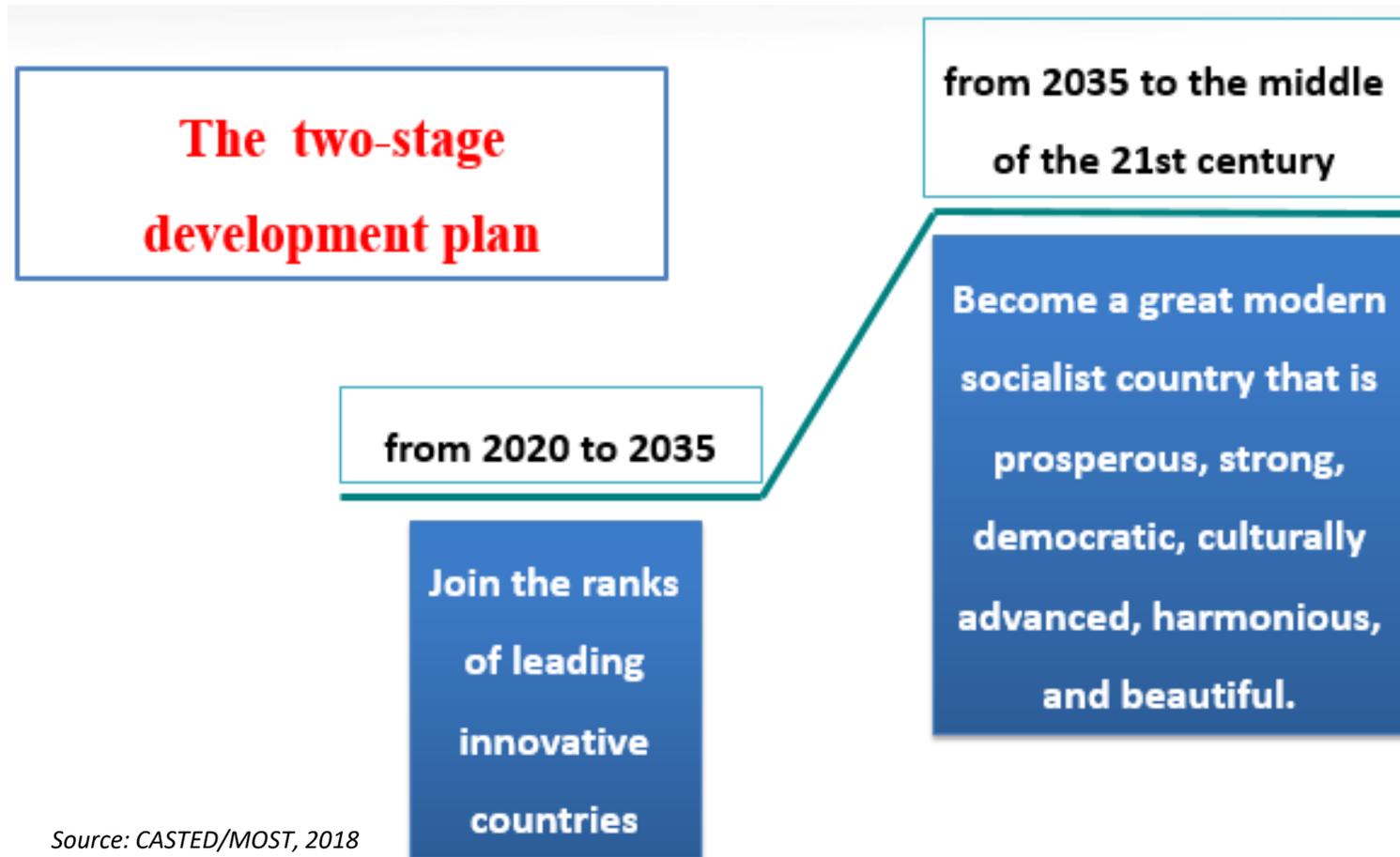
... government & ministers



... public administration

Source: Austrian Federal Chancellery, 2015

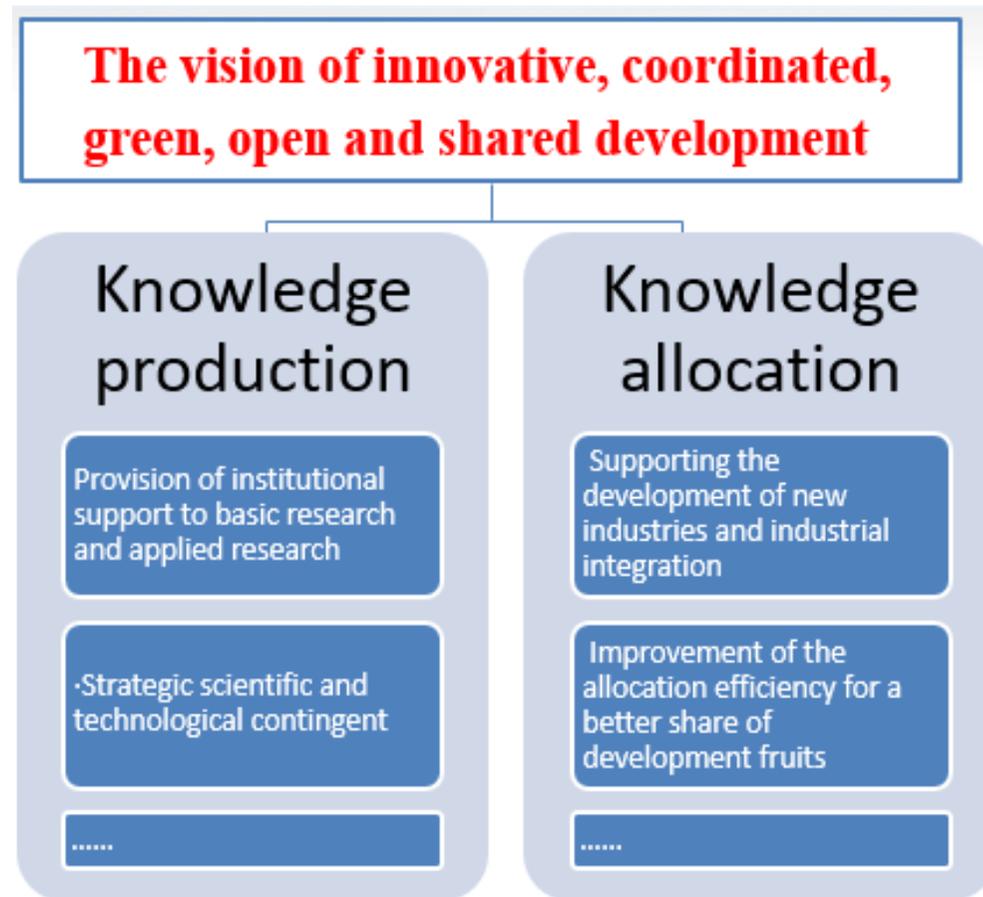
# Chinese Government I: New Requirements for the Development of NIS in the New ERA



Source: CASTED/MOST, 2018

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# Chinese Government II: the Evolutionary Direction of China's National Innovation System



Source: CASTED/MOST, 2018

# Decision Tools for Geoeconomics & Geopolitics – the Hyperglobe I

- Tactile hyperglobes: visualization of the digital image on a physical globe body in real space – spherical display for visualization of any big data over time!
- One is in front of a real (scale-downed) 3d-model of the earth. Like being an astronaut and looking from outer space on earth, or in other words: *“Oh, my God! Look at that picture over there! Here’s the Earth coming up. Wow, is that pretty!”* (Frank Borman, commander Apollo 8)



Hyperglobe-Research-Group at the Department of Geography and Regional Research (University of Vienna, Austria)

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**‘Floating Tsunami Debris (2011-2012)’, Category ‘Ecology’**

<http://globocess.at/fr/showroom>



# China's Digital Silk Road in Space and on the Ground

# Some Major New Silk Road Projects - a Spatial Overview (OeNB 2018)



- (Highspeed) railroad link
- Highway or expressway
- Oil or gas pipeline
- Electricity transmission or distribution system
- Major sea lanes (container shipping, MSR)
- Northeast Passage and other sea lanes to be developed
- Deep-sea ports (newly constructed/modernized)
- Project supported by the U.S.A., by India, by Japan
- North-South Transport Corridor (supported by India, Iran and Russia)
- TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia, supported by EU)
- Kyrgyzstan North-South Highway
- Trans-Pamir-Highway (Tajikistan)
- Angren (Uzbekistan)
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- United Kingdom: in process of exiting the EU (following referendum in June 2016 and notification in March 2017)

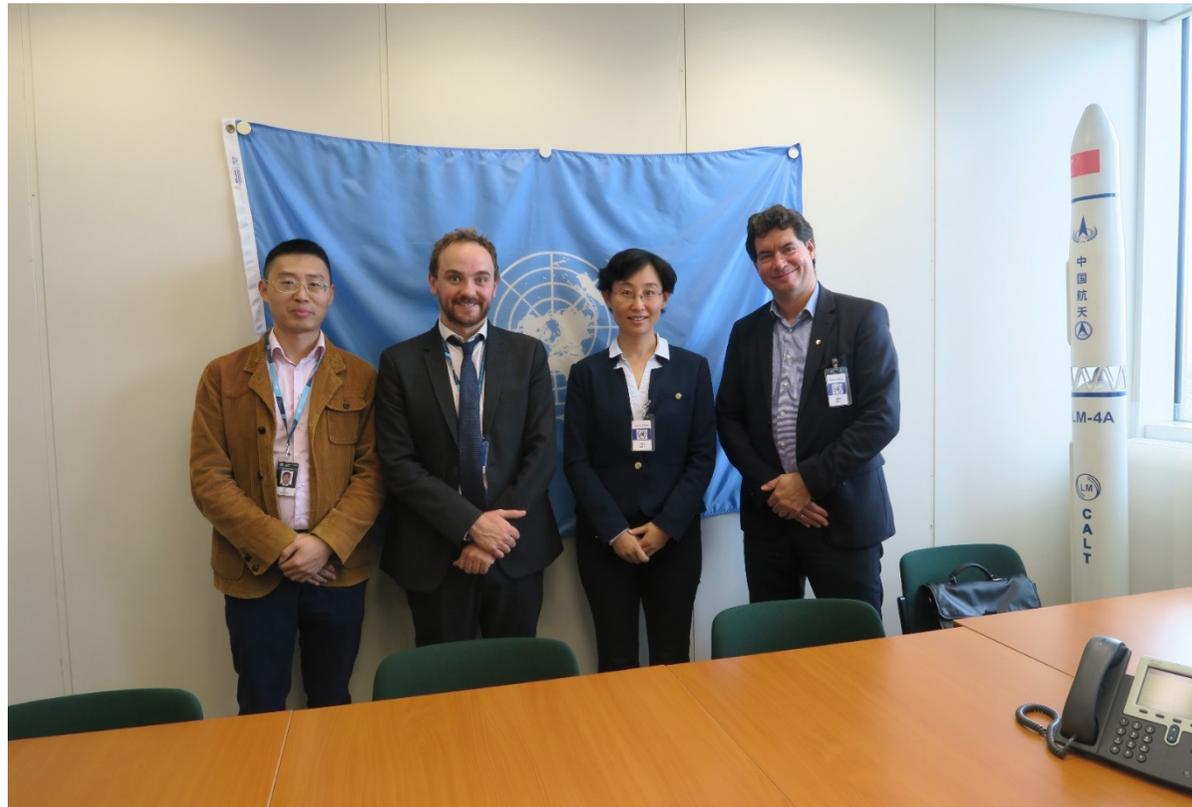
Source: Barisitz, Part I (OeNB) 2018

# United Nations Office of Outer Space - UNOOSA, Vienna in October 2018 I



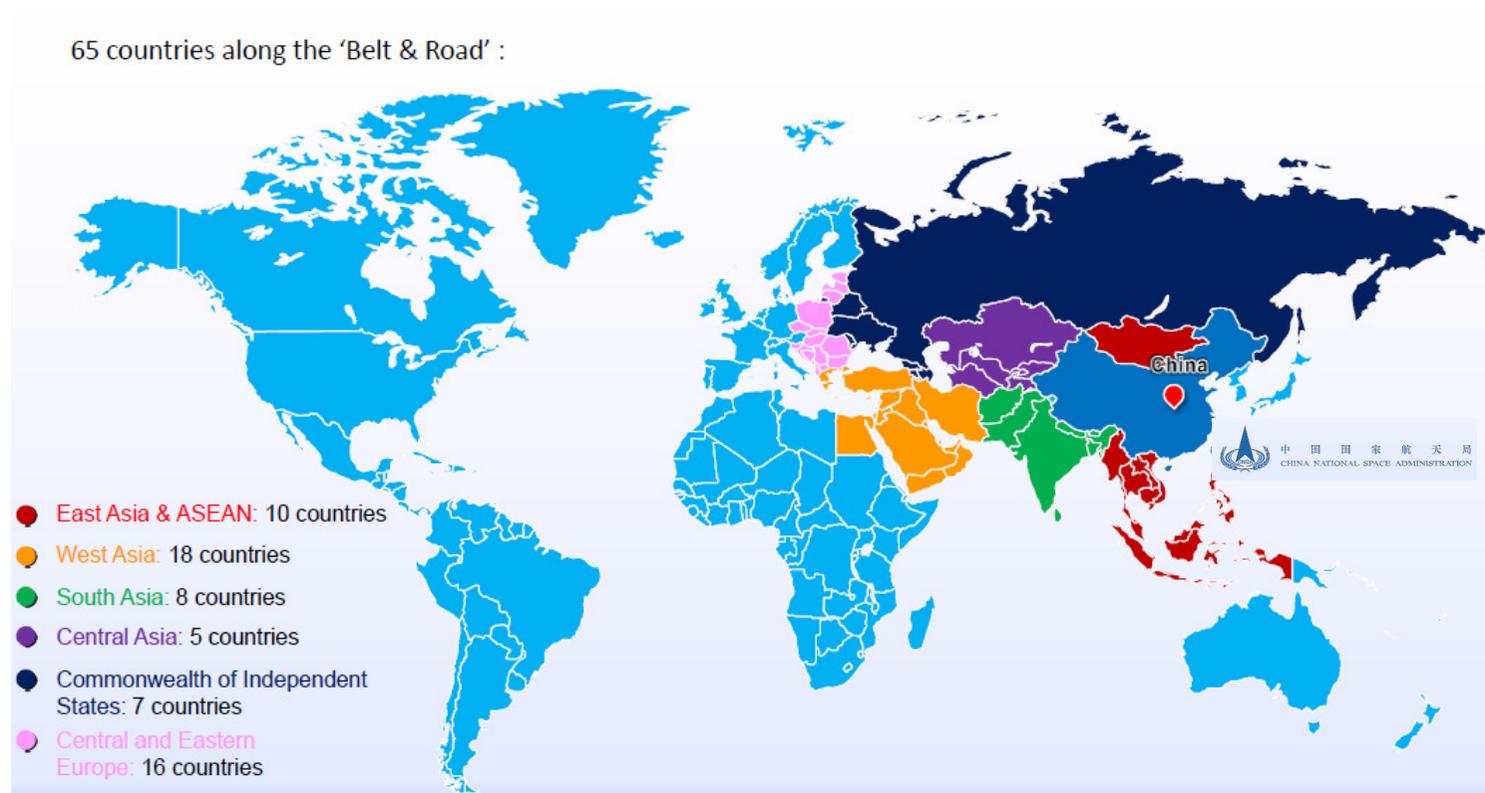
From right to left: **Prof. Aihua Qin** (CASS, Beijing & visiting scholar at UAS Technikum Wien),  
**Alexander G. Welzl**

# United Nations Office of Outer Space - UNOOSA, Vienna in October 2018 II



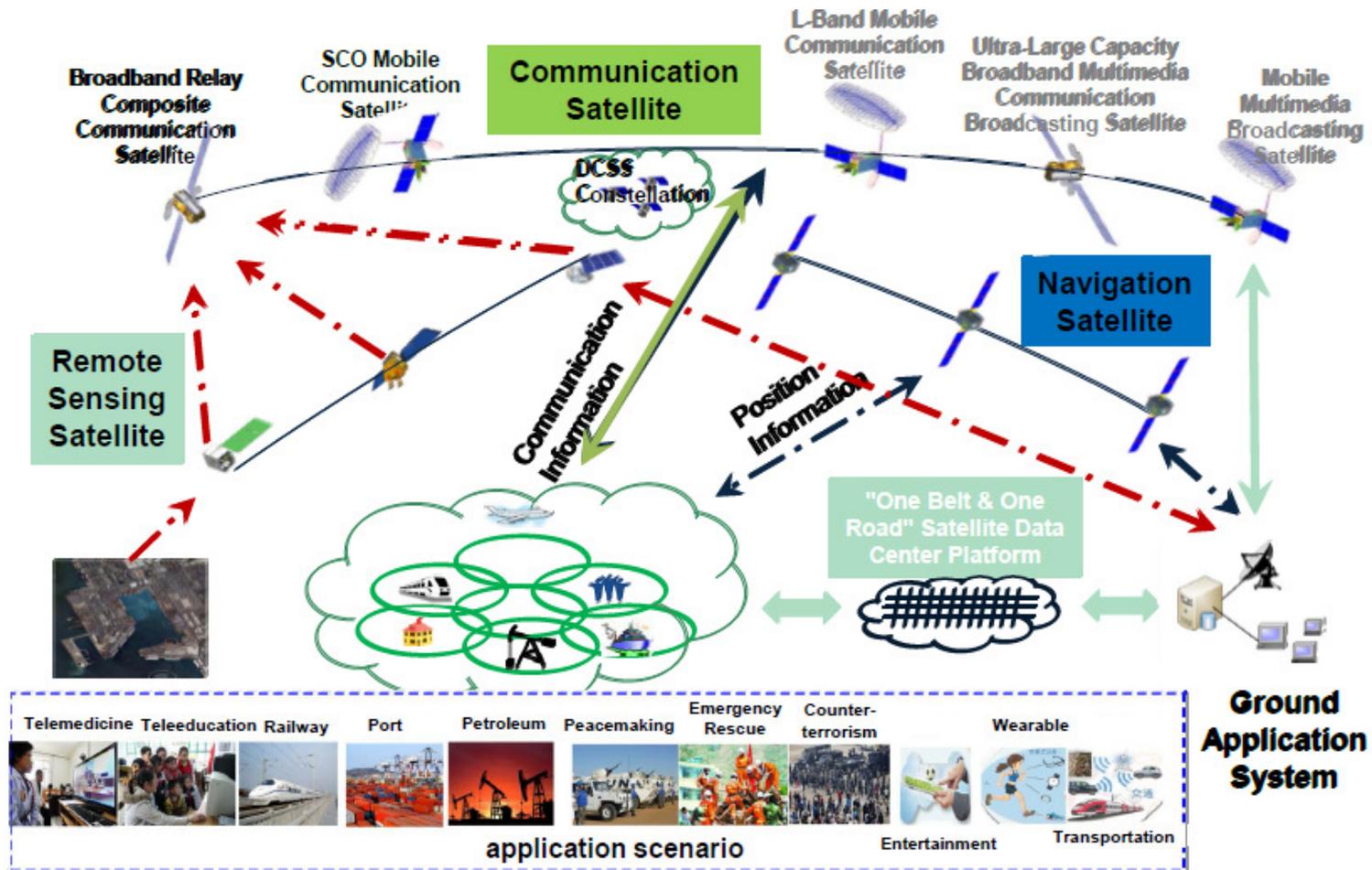
From left to right: **Hui Du** (UNOOSA & China National Space Administration/CNAS),  
**Ian Freeman** (UNOOSA, Head of Director's Office of Simonetta Di Pippo),  
**Prof. Aihua Qin** (CASS, Beijing), **Alexander G. Welzl**

# Belt & Road Spatial Information Corridor - China National Space Administration



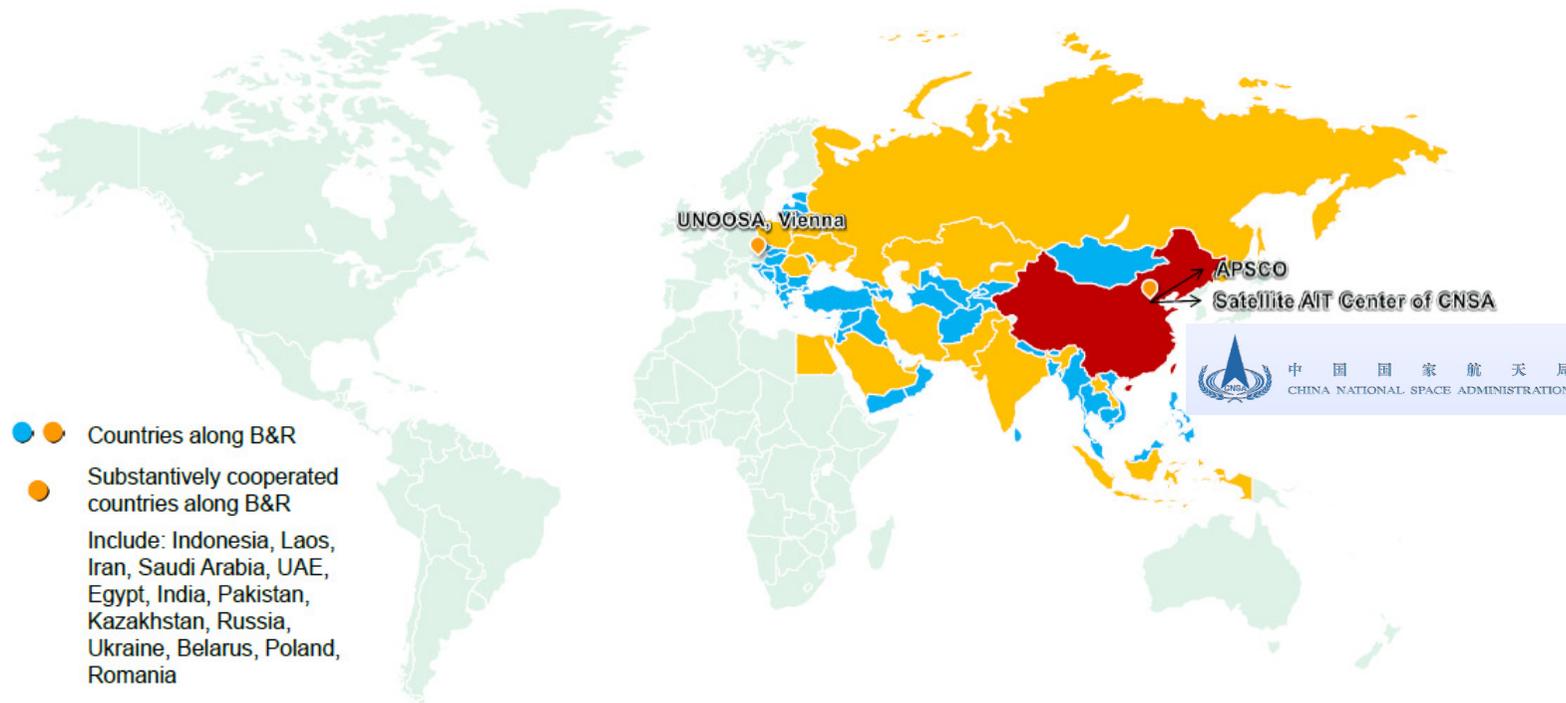
Source: CNSA 2018

# Belt & Road Spatial Information Corridor - Components & Applications



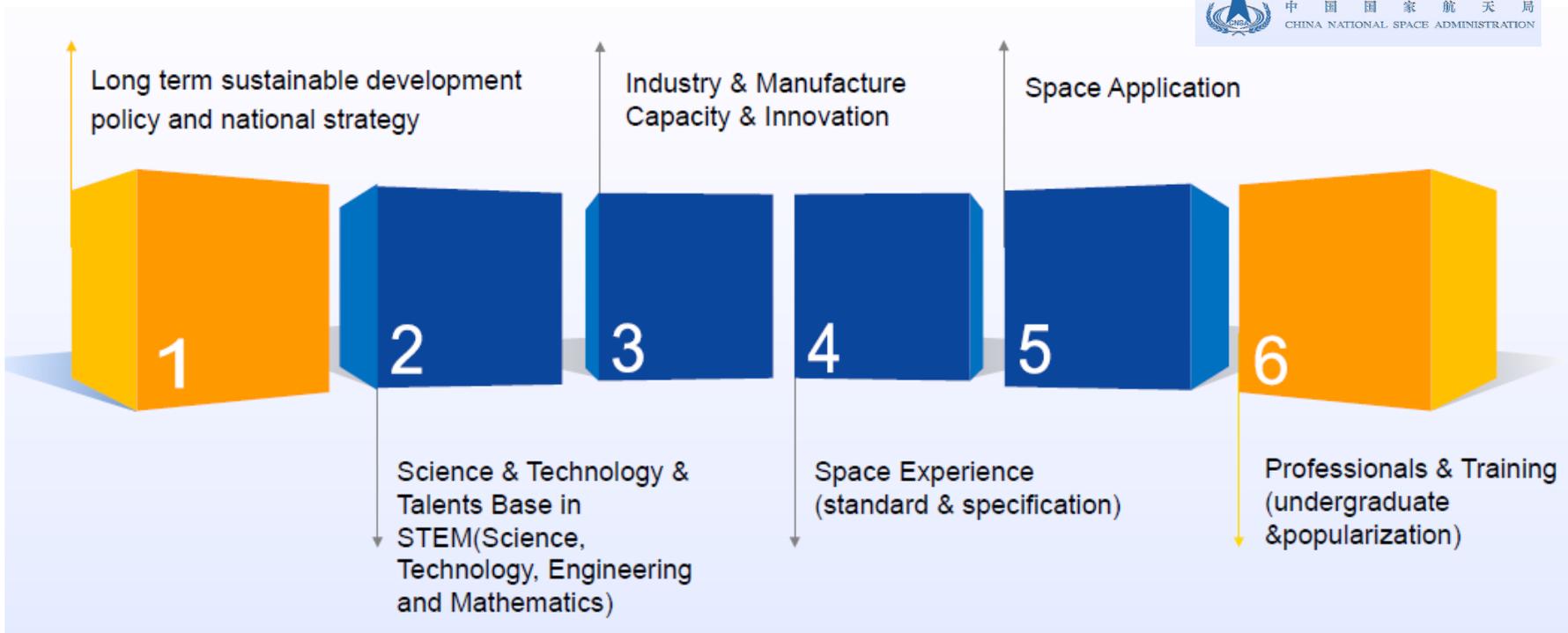
Source: CNSA 2018

# Belt & Road Spatial Information Corridor - Current Cooperation with BRI-Countries



Source: CNSA 2018

# Space Capacity Building in Developing Countries - Contribution by Spatial Information Corridor



Source: CNSA 2018

# Contributions in Developing Countries - Major Tasks in the Coming 5 Years

- to enhance the basic capacities of its space industry,
- to strengthen research into key and cutting-edge technologies,
- to implement manned spaceflight, lunar exploration, the Beidou Navigation Satellite System, high-resolution earth observation system, new-generation launch vehicles and other important projects,
- to launch new key scientific and technological programs and major projects, complete, by and large, its space infrastructure system, expand its space applications in breadth and depth, and further conduct research into space science, promoting the integrated development of space science, technology and applications.

*Source: CNSA 2018*

# From Space.... to the Ground

## - Evidence for Rising Quantum Business

Some of the more recent headlines:

- **China Opens 2,000-km Quantum Communication Line**, Oct 09, 2017
- **Beijing-Shanghai Quantum Link a 'New Era'**, Sep 30, 2017
- **Huangzhou-Area - a hotspot of commercialisation of quantum communication**: with companies like Hangzhou Shenzhou Quantum Communication Technology Co.Ltd., China Quantum Communications Inc. etc.

“In October 2015, **Zhejiang Shenzhou Quantum Communication Technology Co., Ltd. was founded in Tongxiang**. Taking this opportunity, Tongxiang is establishing the **Quantum Information Technology Industrial Park (QITIP)**, jointly with the Institute of Geology and Geophysics of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), University of Science and Technology of China and Tongji University, to strengthen local quantum technology R&D capacities, aiming to lead the development of quantum industry in China.”

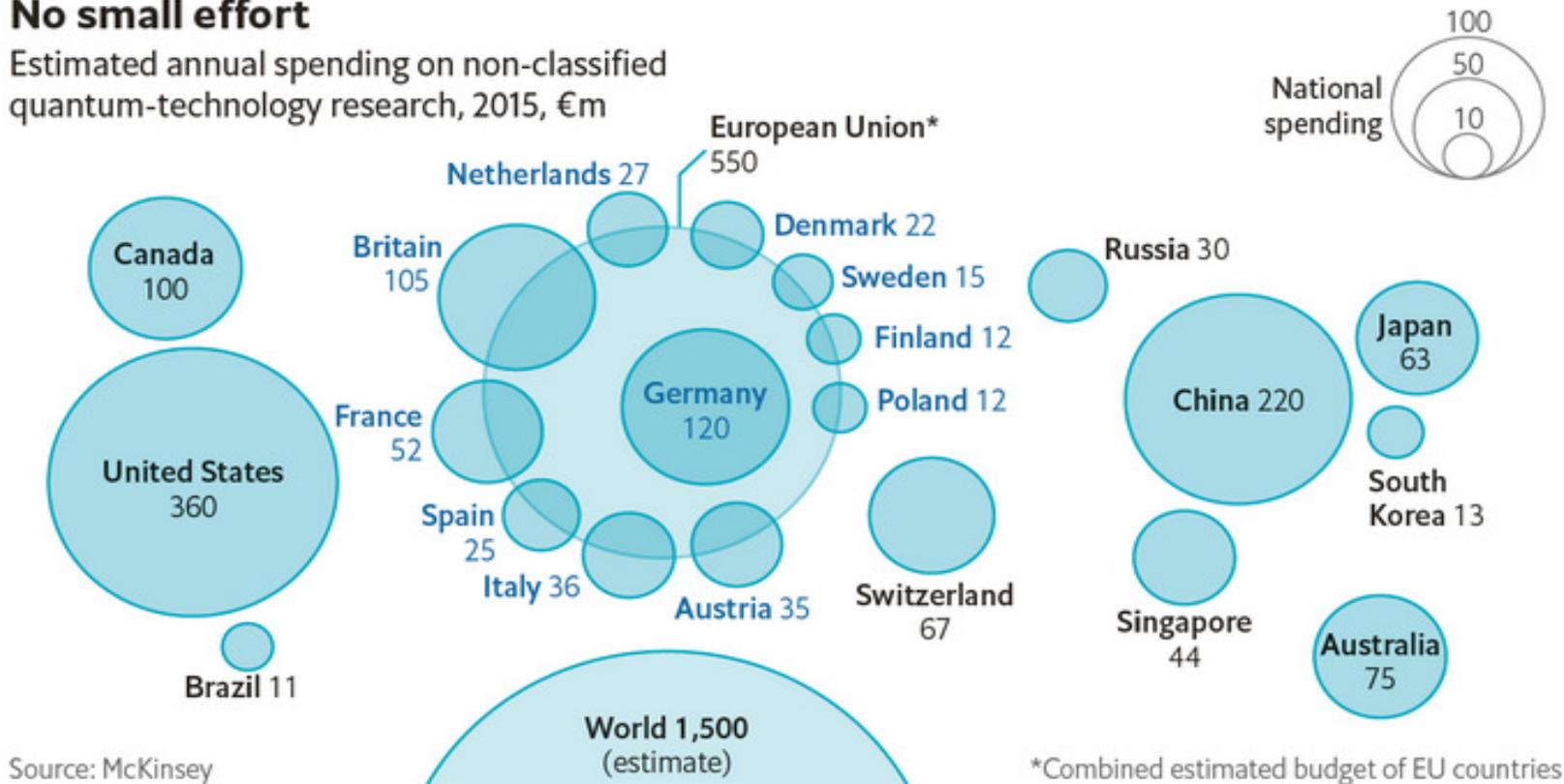
*Source: CAS (2017)*

# The Quantum Quest

## - Spending Compared Globally (2015)

### No small effort

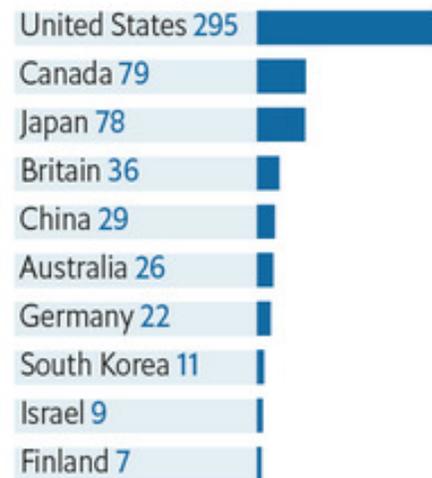
Estimated annual spending on non-classified quantum-technology research, 2015, €m



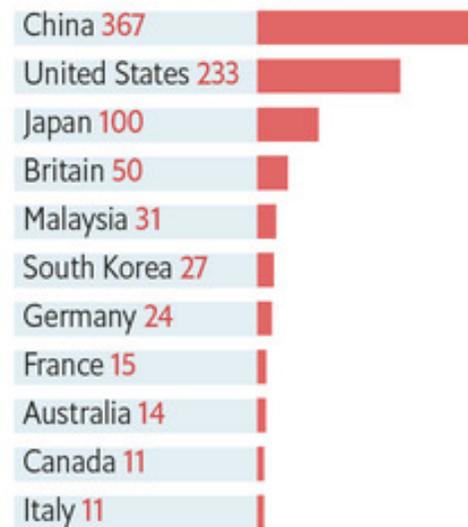
# Translational Research & Innovation - China's Performance in Comparison

Patent applications to 2015, in:

## Quantum computing



## Quantum cryptography

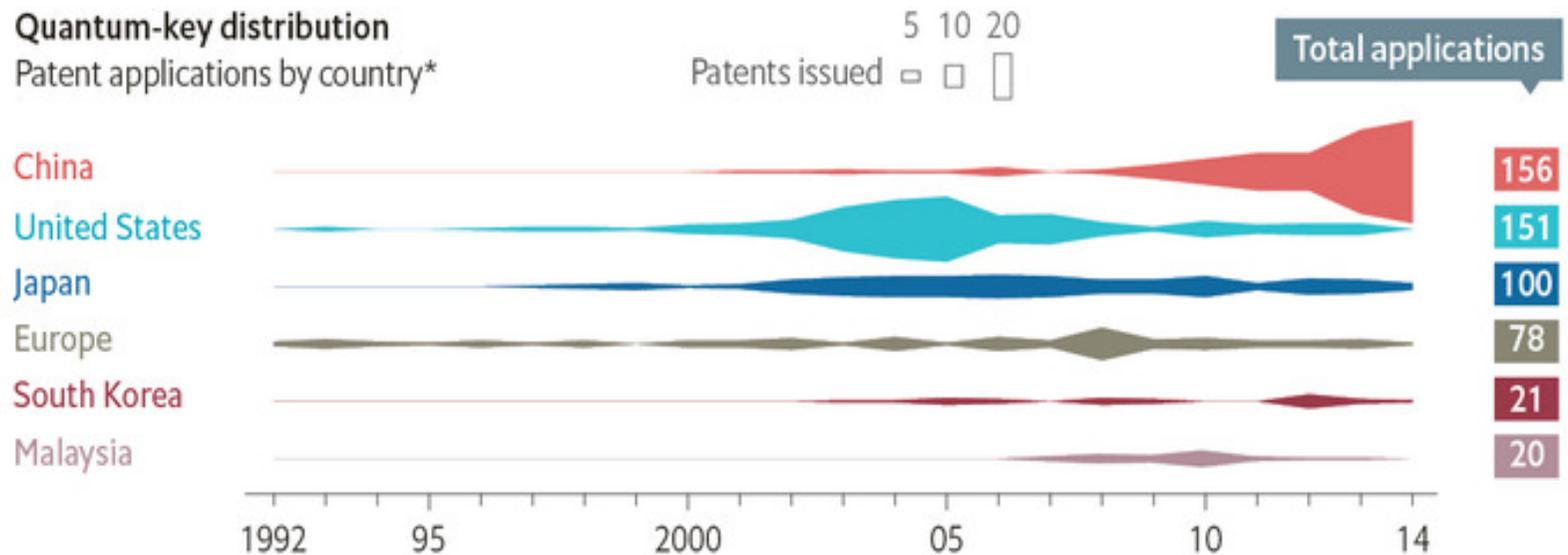


## Quantum sensors



Source: The Economist - Technology Quarterly

# Translational Research & Innovation - China's Performance in QKD



Sources: UK Intellectual Property Office; European Commission

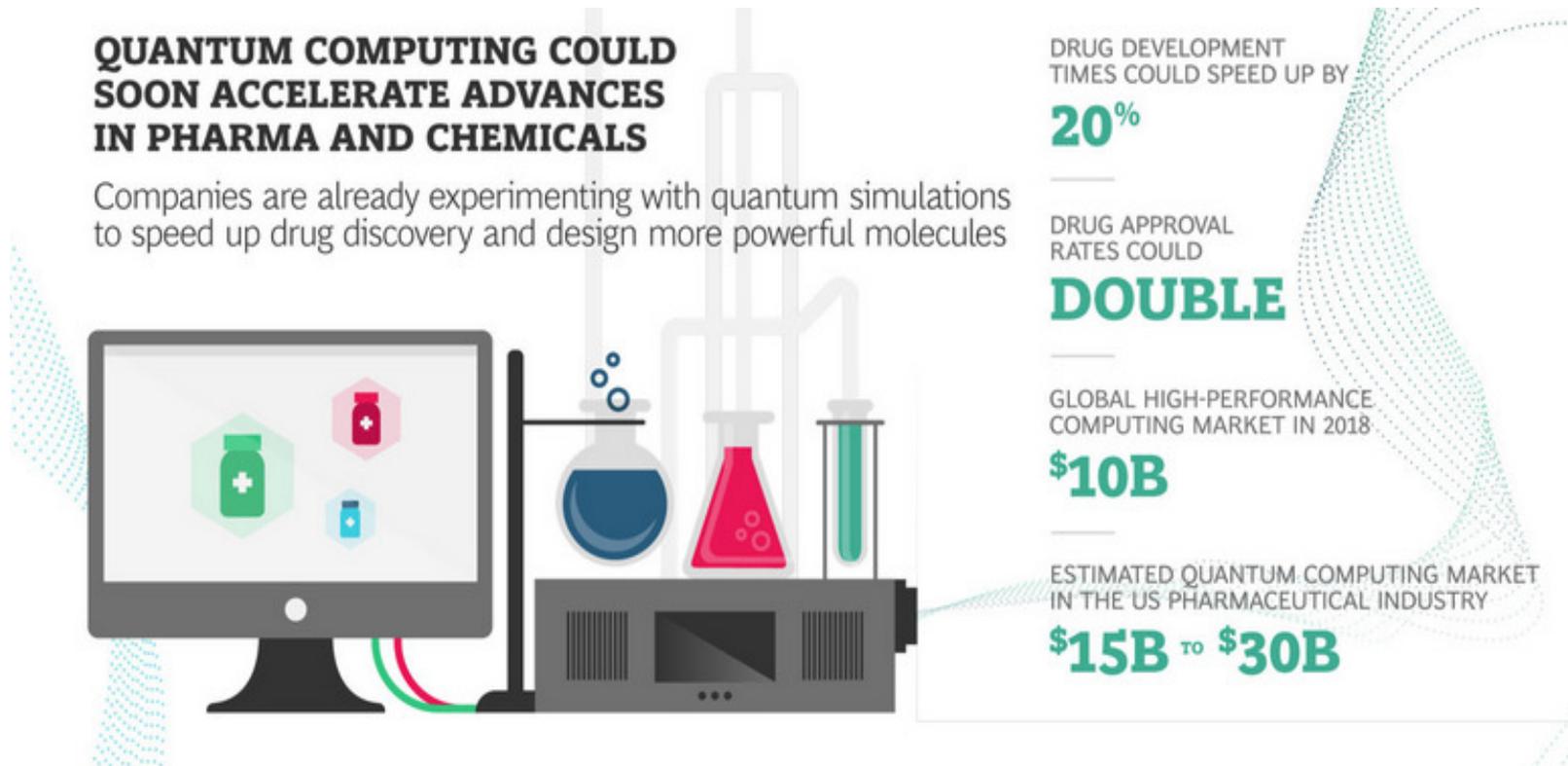
\*By location of corporate headquarters

# Towards Commercialisation in Quantum Technologies

# Translational Quantum Research and Quantum Technology Applications I

## QUANTUM COMPUTING COULD SOON ACCELERATE ADVANCES IN PHARMA AND CHEMICALS

Companies are already experimenting with quantum simulations to speed up drug discovery and design more powerful molecules



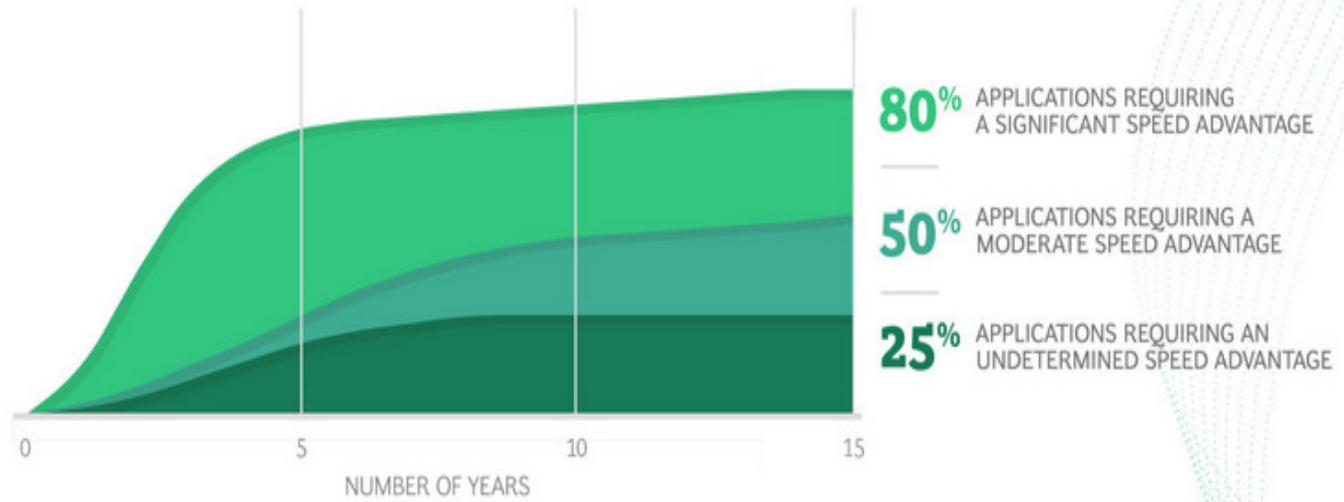
Source: BCG (2018)

# Translational Quantum Research and Quantum Technology Applications II

## HOW QUICKLY COULD QUANTUM COMPUTING TAKE OFF?

Adoption will vary by industry and by the speed with which complex problems must be solved

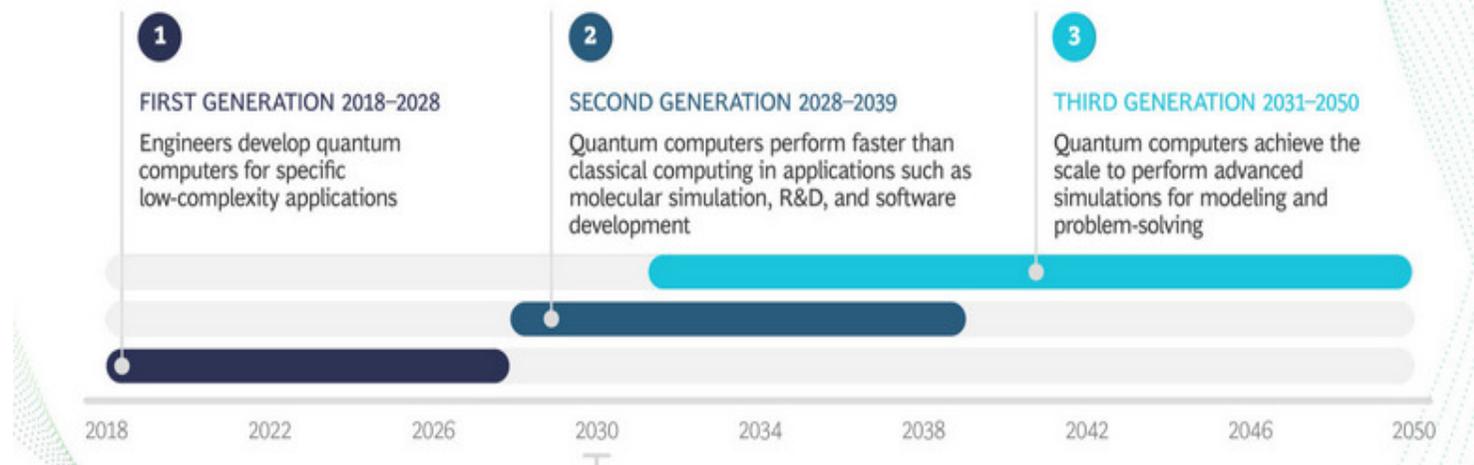
CONSENSUS FORECASTS FOR THE PEAK ADOPTION RATES OF QUANTUM COMPUTING



Source: BCG (2018)

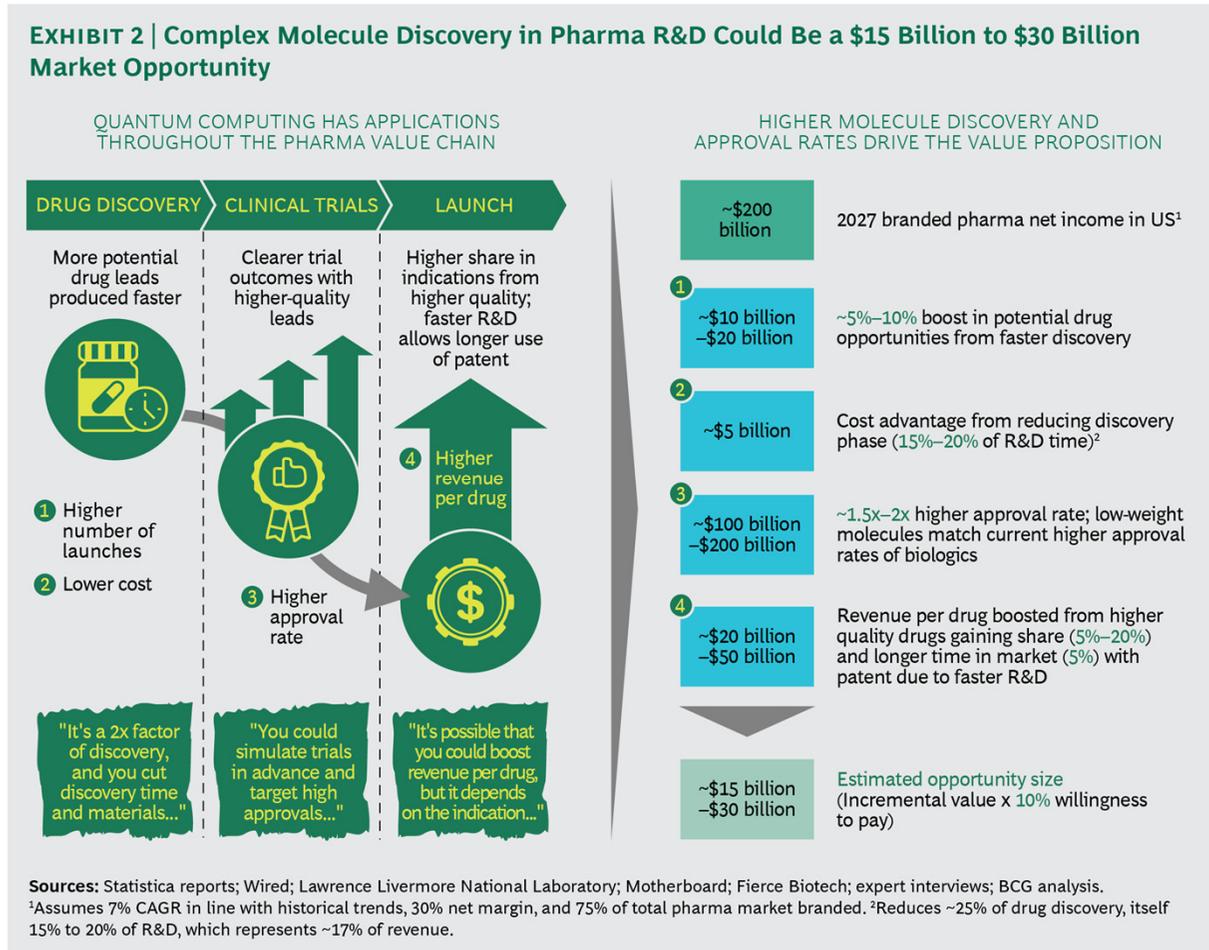
# Translational Quantum Research and Quantum Technology Applications III

## THE QUANTUM COMPUTING MARKET WILL EVOLVE IN THREE OVERLAPPING GENERATIONS



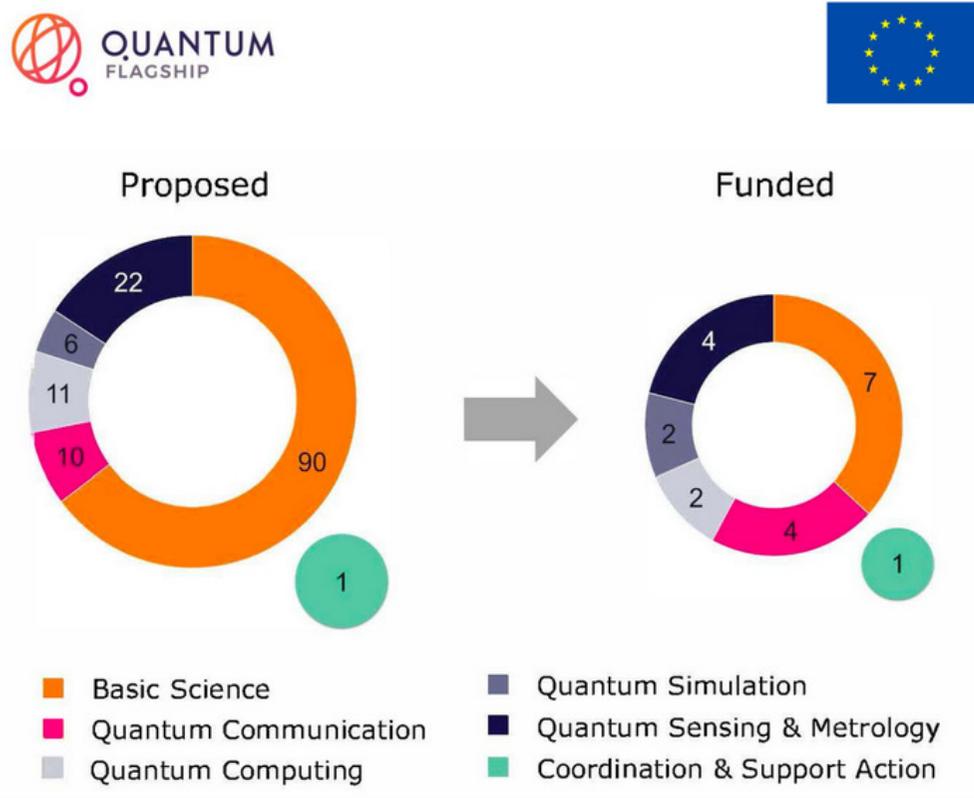
Source: BCG (2018)

# Translational Quantum Research and Quantum Technology Applications IV



Source: BCG (2018)

# Europe's Quantum Flagship Embarked from Vienna in Dezember 2018



Number of project proposals (left) and accepted projects (right) per area in the first Quantum Flagship call

Source: European Commission (2018)

# Powershift in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



Source: [en.wikivoyage.org](https://en.wikivoyage.org)

Not a question for an oracle:

Whoever controls quantum information technology in the coming decades will have hegemonial power in geoeconomics and geopolitics of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Foundation of our Common Future:  
a Planetary Patriotism, Peace and Development



**Peace is not everything  
But without peace everything is nothing**

**Willy Brandt  
Former German Chancellor**

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