
SCION in finance and beyond

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You have already heard a lot about SCION and its application and may be asking yourself:

WHY

is SCION important for the SNB and

HOW

does the SNB use this technology

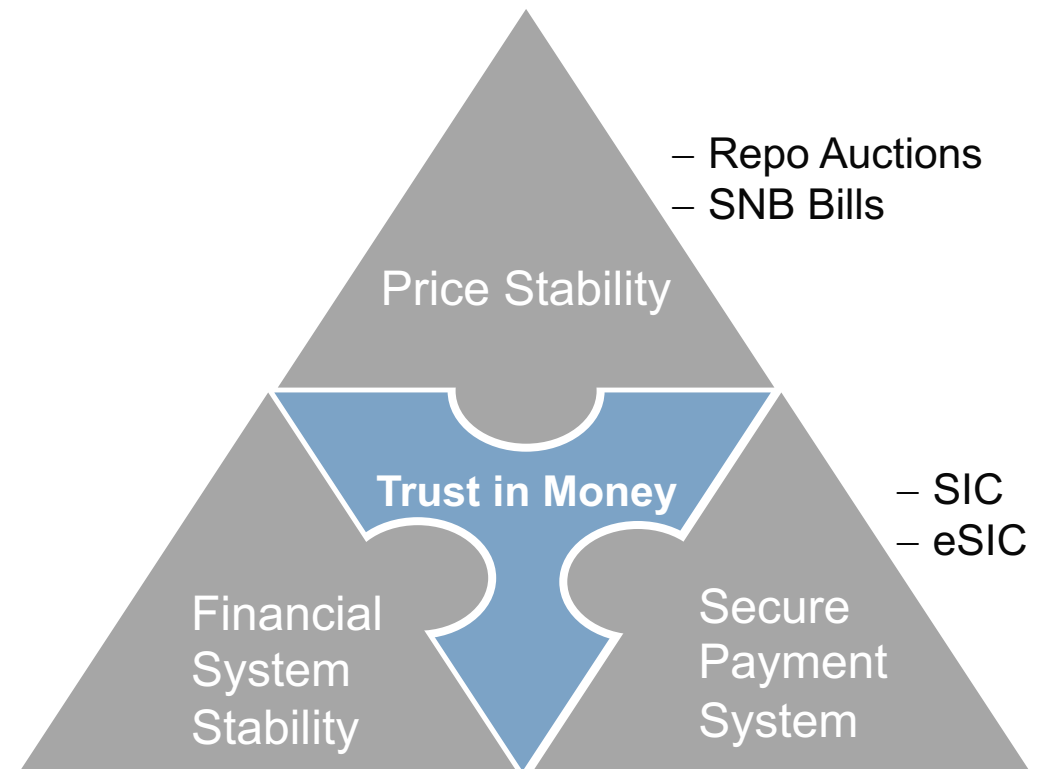
SNB's mandate is to provide trust in money – this requires ways to perform financial transactions securely

Among the major tasks of the SNB are:

- to supply the **Swiss franc money market** with liquidity
- to maintain and facilitate a **sound payment system**.

In practice, these tasks are operationalized

- **not as physical transfers** of bills and banknotes
- but as account book entries based on **digital messages**.



Secure digital communication is a key prerequisite for fulfilling the SNB's mandate



Lender of the last Resort
-> ability to act at any time!



Prerequisites for this are:

- **security about the identity** of the participants
- **unaltered transmission** of messages and
- **a stable and resilient communication system.**

The communication system itself was not in focus for a long time and was taken for granted!

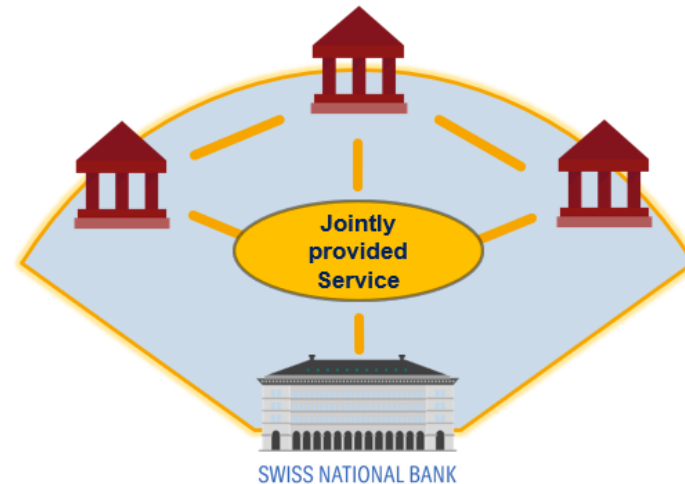
Needed is a secure, flexible and resilient communication system for financial institutions



One provider to which all involved connect

- + reliable
- + secure
- dependent

Provider lock-in



Service offering from multiple providers:

- initially Swisscom, Sunrise, SWITCH and SIX
- use SCION as the inter provider technology

- + any-to-any architecture
- + higher level of reliability and security
- + protection against attack from internet

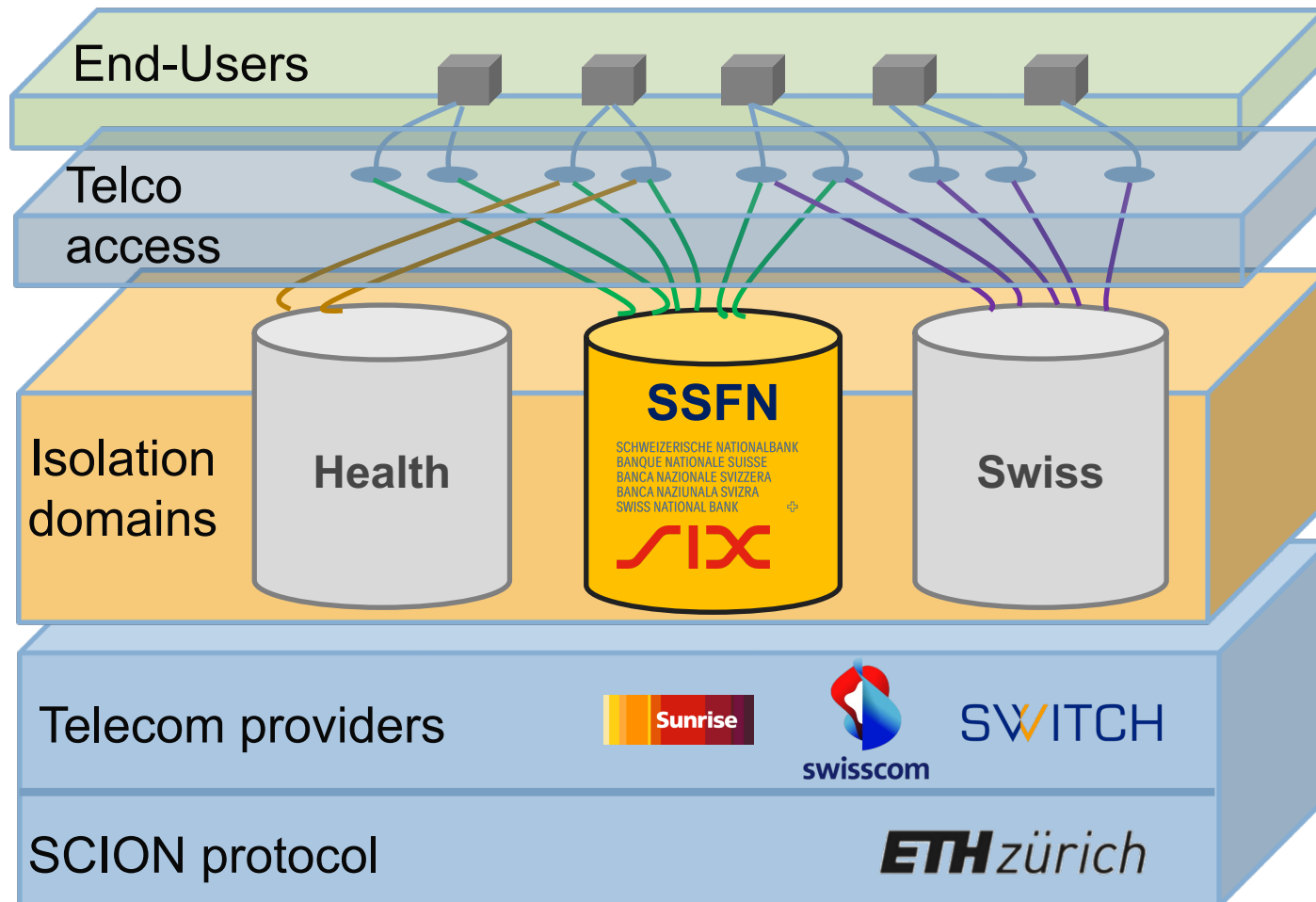


The **internet** as a cost-efficient network

- + flexible
- + cheap
- unreliable
- insecure

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The SNB and its partners have implemented such a network in the finance area



- **Secure Swiss Finance Network (SSFN) ISD:**
 - Facilitates a sound payment system enabling *Interbank Payments*
 - Supplies the Swiss franc money market with liquidity enabling Repo Auctions.
- **Swiss ISD:**
 - Protection of *work from Home Office*.

Beyond finance, additional use cases exist in areas such as cloud and mobile



- Increasing dependency on cloud services
- Management of 3rd party risks necessary
- How could SCION enable a secure, efficient and resilient connection with cloud providers?

- Integration on end devices like smart phones
- Protection of applications with critical data
- How could SCION enable a secure, efficient and resilient communication from end devices?

Collaboration: The key ingredient for making this happen

- The **SNB is already using jointly provided service offerings** of Swiss Providers based on SCION Technology productively in several use cases.
 - Interbank Payments have been processed productively via the Secure Swiss Finance Network (SSFN) since mid-2022.
 - Working from the home office has recently become possible via SWISS isolation domain.
- And as mentioned, we believe that **further use cases** are possible to **make our financial system more secure**.
- For this the **close cooperation between and with the provider is essential!**

Thank you for your attention!

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