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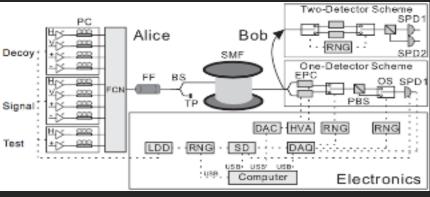


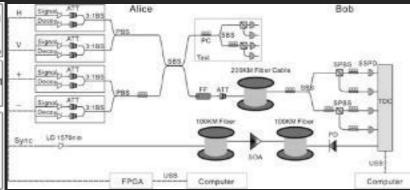
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Quantum Communication in China

Fiber based Quantum Communication





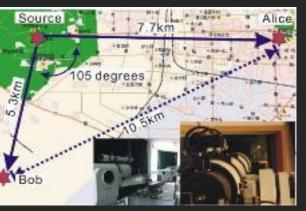


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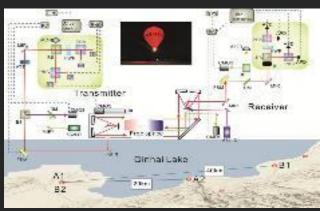
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Free Space Quantum Communication



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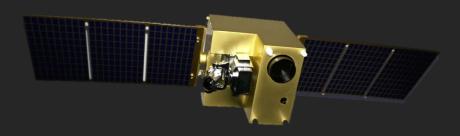
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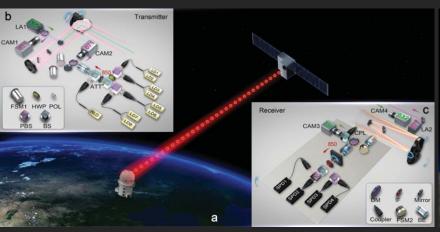
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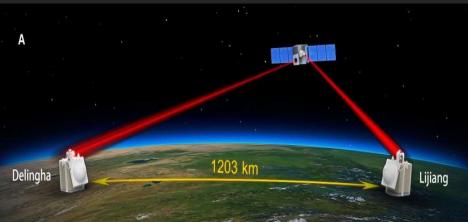
QKD toward satellite Wang *et al.*, Nature Photonics 7, 387–393 (2013)

Background: Micius

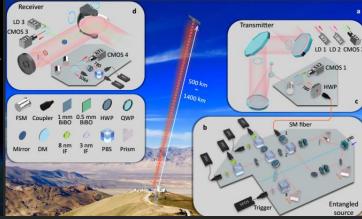




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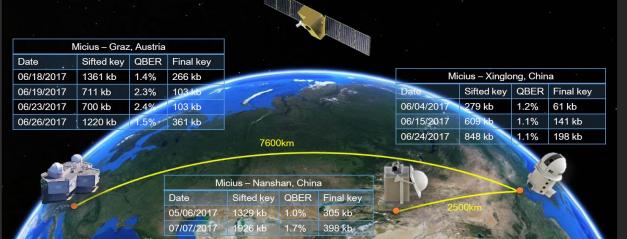


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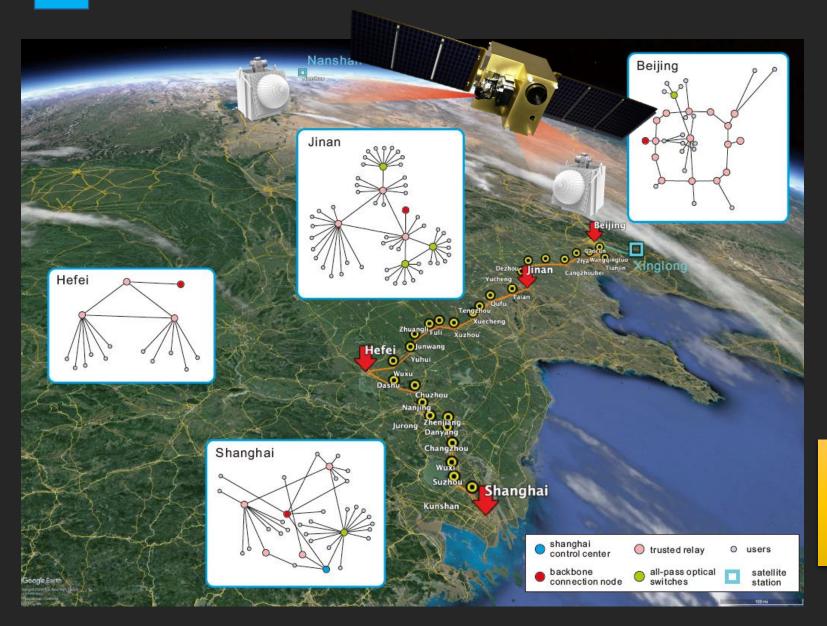
Entanglement-based QKD

Yin et al., Nature 582, 501 (2020)



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Background: Micius & Backbone Fiber Link



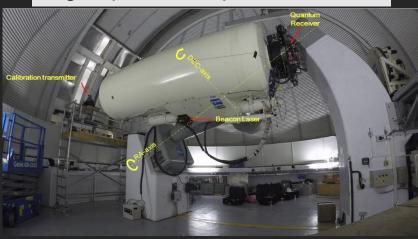
- Four quantum metropolitan area networks in Beijing , Jinan, Shanghai, Hefei with a backbone fiber link over 2000 km.
- Two ground-satellite links that connect Xinglong and Nanshan separated by 2600 km.
- Xinglong is further connected to the Beijing's fiber network.

Let us have a chance to show the feasibility of the global quantum network.

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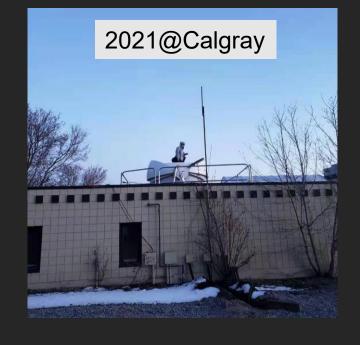
Recent progress with Micius - Cooperation

201804@Tenerife High-speed Europe-China QKD

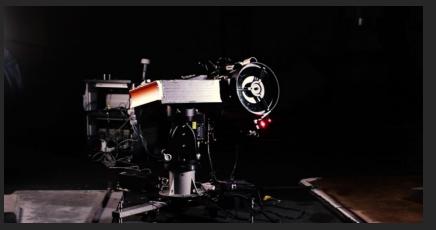


201910@Moscow







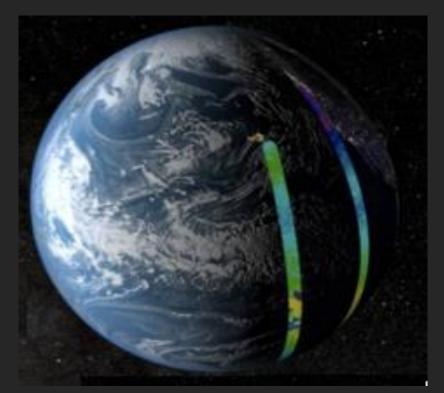


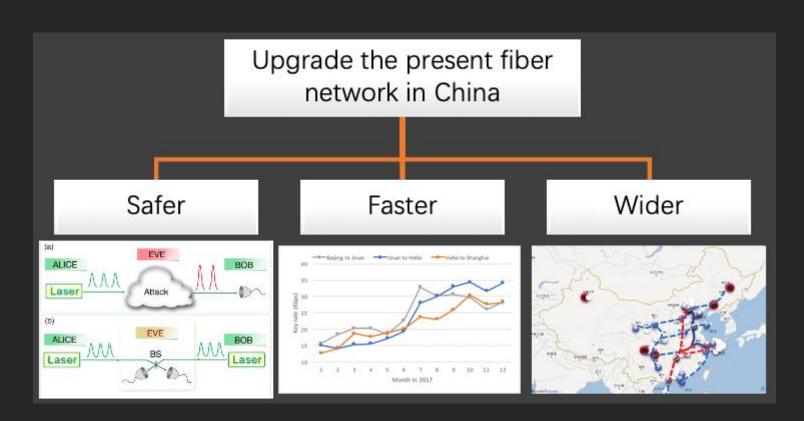


➤ South Africa, Australia...

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Challenges of Practical Global-Scale Quantum Network





The limitation of Micius

- **Experiment time is** \sim 6 minutes for each pass
- Coverage range is about 500km (Radius)
- Have to be in the shadow of earth



☑Quantum constellation with LEO nano satellites

☑The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite

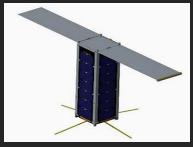


Quantum Communication Project

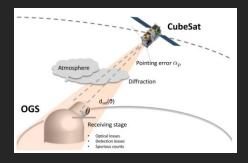
► LEO Quantum Satellite Plan (satellite-ground link in 2023)



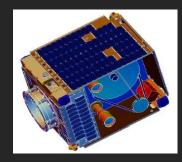
Optica 7, 734-737 (2020)



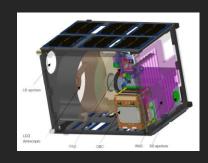
Singapore SpooQy-1 (2019) USA CAPsat (2021) Detector



U.K QUARC (Launch 2023)



Canada QEYSSAT (End 2022)



Austria &France NanoBob

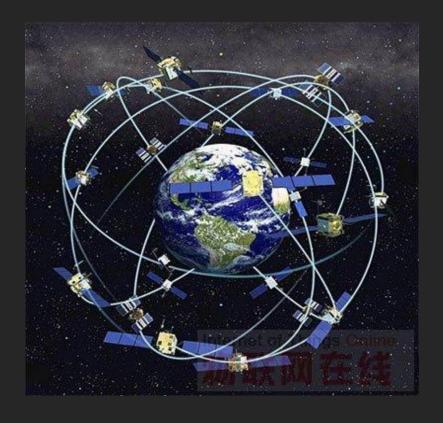


- ▶ June 2019, European Commission & ESA & All 27 EU Member States, (By 2027)
 - "Quantum Communication Infrastructure" (EuroQCI)
- June 2021, G7
 - "Federated Quantum System" (FQS)

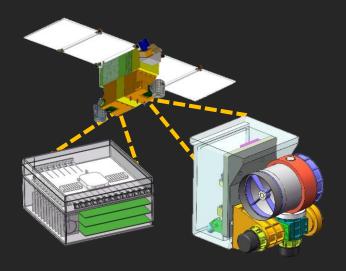


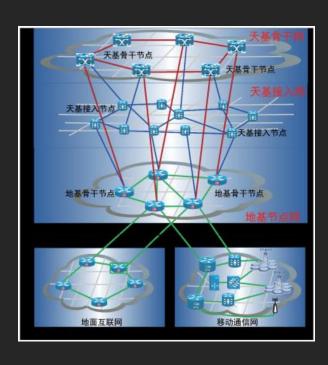
Building Quantum Constellation with Compact Payloads

"Quantum constellation"



Nano Satellites





- **✓** Weight: 100kg (Compact QKD payload 35 kg)
- **✓ Repetition Frequency: 625MHz**
- **✓** Real-time key extraction based on laser communication
- **✓** Carrying the rocket of the Institute of Mechanics
 - "Zhongke No. 1" (Launch in 2022)



Compact and Movable Ground Station

- ► Miniaturized and lightweight payload (500kg → 30kg)
- Compact and movable ground station system

Significantly reduce the development and launch costs of quantum satellites, laying a foundation for the large-scale and commercial applications of satellite-based quantum communication.

- ✓ 3 or 5 NanoSat in 5 years
- ✓ More than 100 users
- ✓ Key weekly update
- ✓ Deliver over 5 Gbits/year







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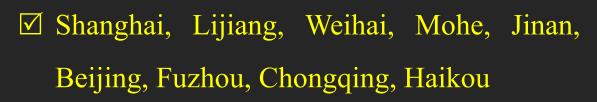
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Weight < 100kg

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Compact and Movable Ground Station







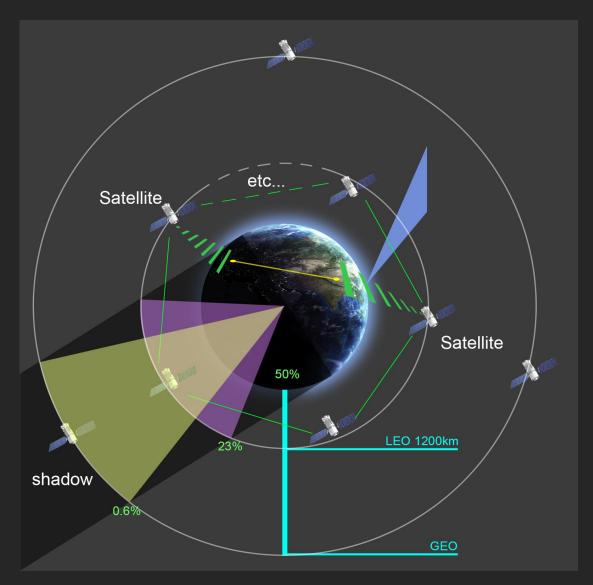




- ☑Smaller, lighter and cheaper (280 mm diameter, 100 kg)
- \square The sifted key rate is $\sim 2 \text{ kbps}$



The MEO-to-GEO Quantum Satellite



Focus on all-day quantum communications research and fundamental problems:

- ☑ Wider space scale
 - ☑ 10000-36000km (all over)
- ☑ Longer experiment duration
 - ✓ Form minutes to hours
- ☑ Breakthrough earth shadow limit
 - ☑ Generate Key 24 hours



The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite

☑ Ultra static and stable

☑ Orbital transfer ability

Satellite platform

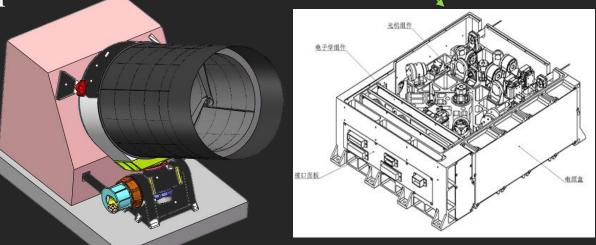
☑ Over 600 mm diameter

☑ Divergence angle:

 $< 3 \mu rad$

✓ Tracking accuracy:

< 100 nrad



- ☑ GHz entanglement source
- ✓ GHz decoy state

 QKD source
- ☑ Laser communication

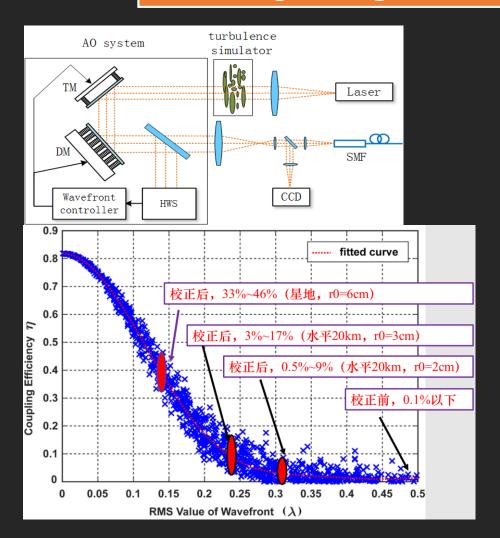
Photon transmission

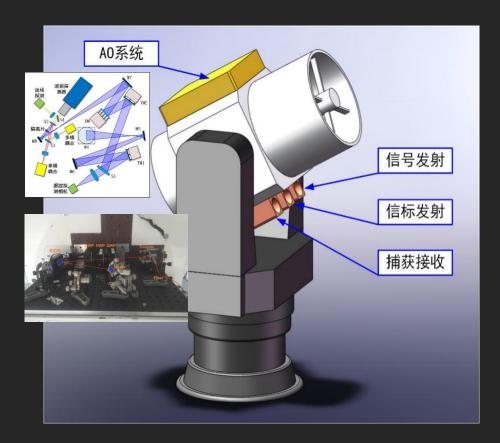
Quantum communication



Key Technology for MEO-to-GEO Quantum Satellite

Develop adaptive optics to ground station Breaking through the limitation of QKD only at night







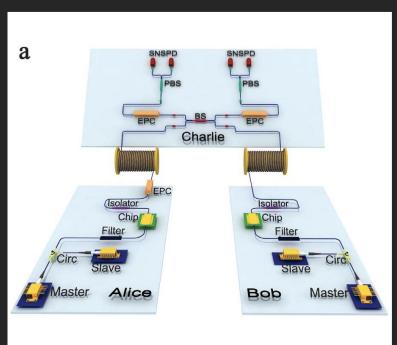
Upgrade the Current Fiber QKD Network in China

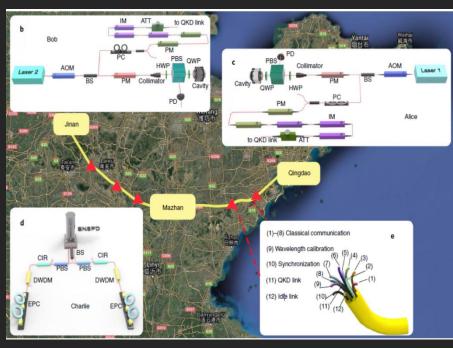
More safer, greater distance, and wider coverage

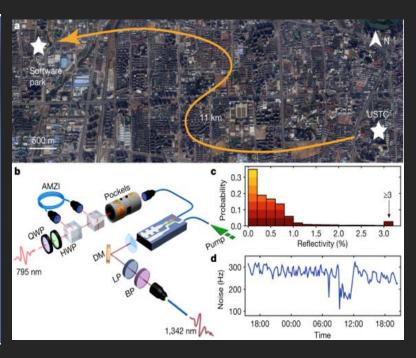
MDI QKD

Twin-Field QKD

Quantum Repeater







High-speed MDI QKD with integrated silicon photonics Wei *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 10, 031030 (2020)

511 km metropolitan areas: Chen *et al.*, Nat. Photonics 15, 570 (2021) 509 km with low loss fiber. Chen *et al.*, PRL 124, 070501 (2020) Fang *et al.*, Nat. Photonics 14, 422 (2020) Entanglement of two quantum memories over 22 km.

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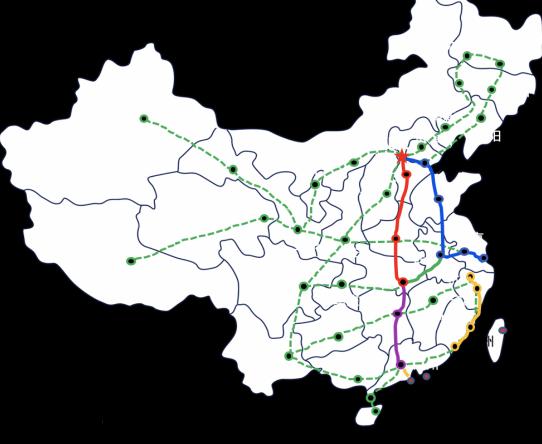
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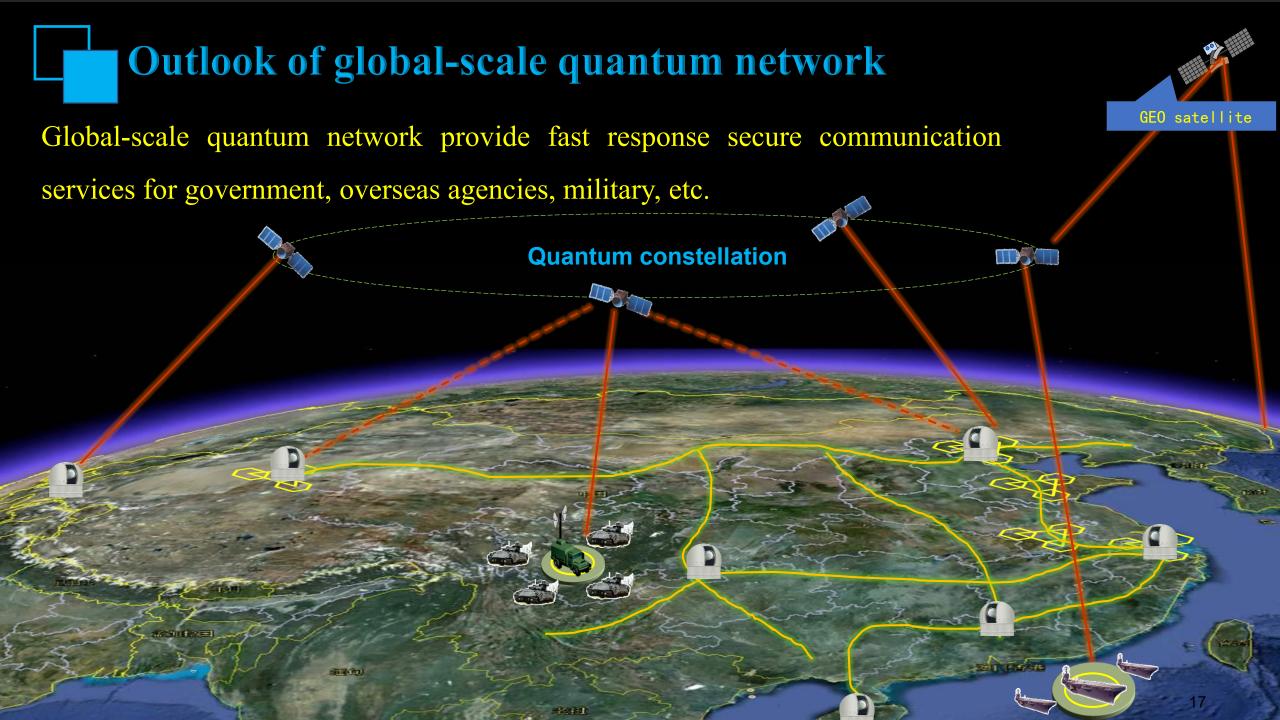
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Lines	Longitudinal Backbone				
	Beijing- Shanghai	Beijing- Wuhan	Wuhan- Guangzhou	Extension of Shanghai-Hefei	
Length(km)	1979	1700	1400	1400	
Phase	Completed	Under Construction	Under Construction	Under Construction	

Lines	Transverse Backbone				
	Wuhan- Hefei	Guangdong- Hong Kong- Macao	Shandong	Jianghuai	
Length(km)	693	180+180	1	2200	
Phase	Completed	Under Construction	Under Review	Proposal	

National Quantum Backbone Network



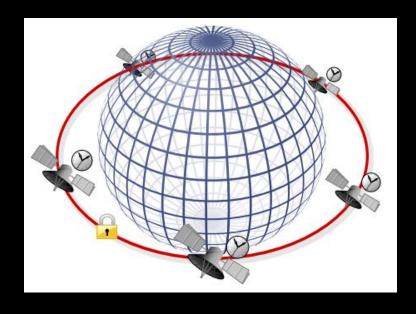


Future Prospect

High precision time-frequency transfer network

4 magnitudes better than microwave scheme

Reading on the Earth license plates floating in Jupiter's orbit





- > Global quantum communication infrastructure → "Quantum Internet"
- ➤ Combining photons from distributed telescopes worldwide by quantum teleportation in space → Enormous spatial resolution

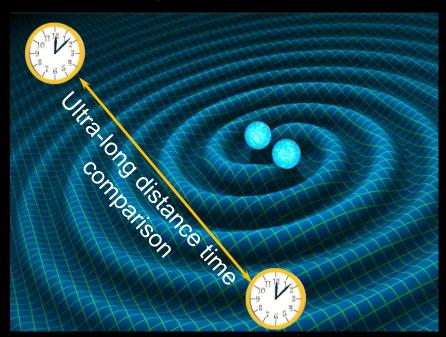
Nature 535, 478 (2016)



Future Prospect: Quantum Physics Vs. General Relativity

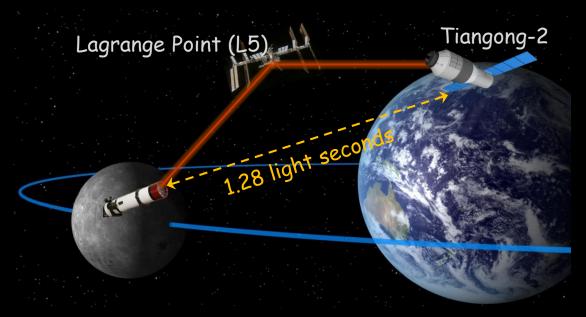
Ultra-high precision optical clocks + Large-scale quantum communication tech.

Long-term stability 10-21 (1s @ 10000 billion years)



Large-scale Bell test with Human-observer

Entanglement distribution between the Earth and Moon with China's future Moon landing project!



- > Ultra-high-precision optical frequency standard → Global new time reference
- > Space-based ultra-high-precision optical clocks holds promise for detecting gravitational waves and dark matter.

