

# Precise Generation and Transfer of Time and Frequency in NTSC

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**and Sr optical clock (towards future SI second definition)**

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**Timekeeping (UTC realization)**

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- **Important projects for NTSC**

**Precision Land-Based Time Service System**

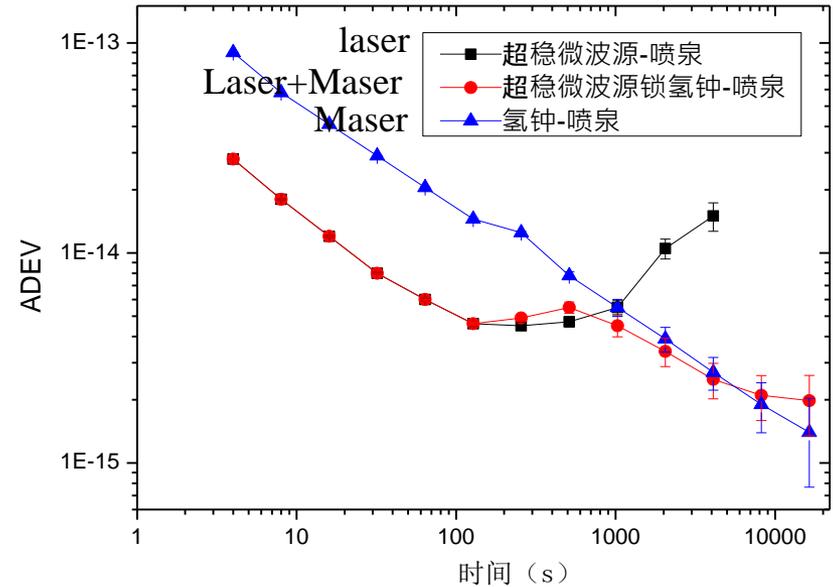
**Precision Time-Frequency system in China Space Station**

# (1) Development of Cs fountain clock

Cs fountain clock	Frequency stability	Frequency uncertainty
IT-CSF2	$1.3 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.2 \times 10^{-15}$
NICT-CSF1	$2.8 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-15}$
NIST-F2	$1.3 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.11 \times 10^{-15}$
NPL-CsF2	$1.6 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.23 \times 10^{-15}$
PTB-CSF1	$2.0 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.32 \times 10^{-15}$
PTB-CSF2	$3.5 \times 10^{-14} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.21 \times 10^{-15}$
SYRTE-FO1	$1.6 \times 10^{-14} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.34 \times 10^{-15}$
SYRTE-FO2	$1.6 \times 10^{-14} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.21 \times 10^{-15}$
SYRTE-FOM	$5.0 \times 10^{-14} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.60 \times 10^{-15}$
NIM5	$1.4 \times 10^{-13} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.9 \times 10^{-15}$
NTSC-F1	$5.0 \times 10^{-14} \tau^{-1/2}$	$0.6 \times 10^{-15}$

# Cesium fountain clock NTSC-F1

- 2D MOT cold atom beam loading (atom beam flux  $\sim 2E9$  atoms/s)
- Precise measurement of collisional shift by adiabatic transition
- Low-noise microwave generation via stable lasers (9.2GHz :  $7E-15@1s$ ,  $3E-15@10s$  ; frequency stability improved by 4 times,  $\tau < 2000s$  ; SYRTE/PTB )
- Once open, continues  $>30$ days



	source	Shift E-15	Uncertainty E-15
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> order Zeeman	56.7	0.14
2	Collisional shift	36.0	0.28
3	BBR	-15.2	0.22
4	Gravity shift	52.8	0.10
5	□w leakage	0	0.3
6	Cavity phase shift	0	0.5
	sum	130.3	0.6

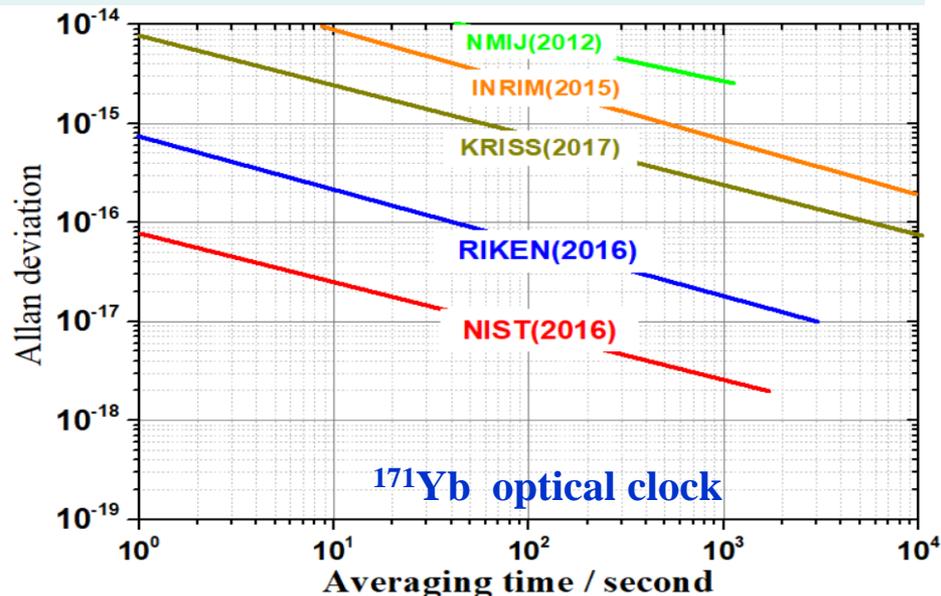
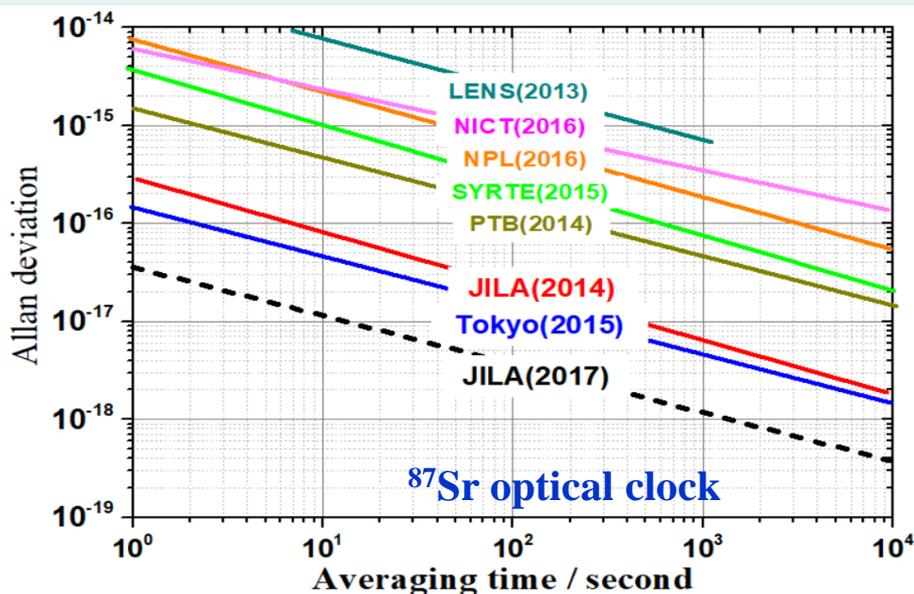
# (2) Optical clocks based on neutral atoms



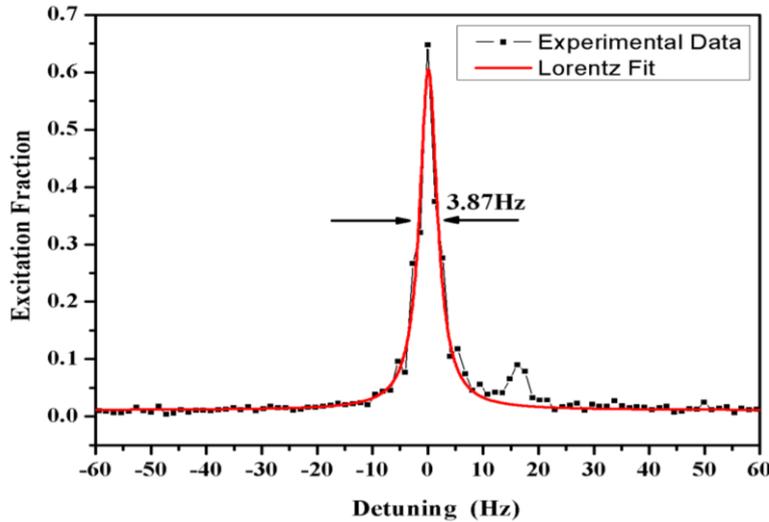
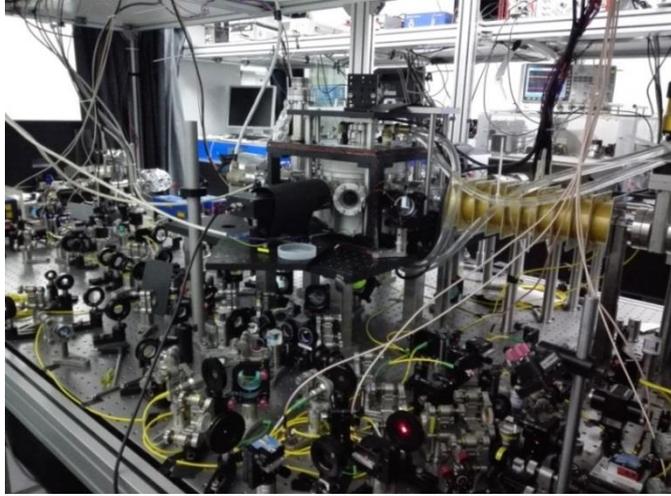
Uncertainty evaluation: 8 groups @  $^{87}\text{Sr}$  clock, 5 groups @  $^{171}\text{Yb}$  clocks

The overall measurement uncertainty is at the order of  $10^{-17} \sim 10^{-18}$ .

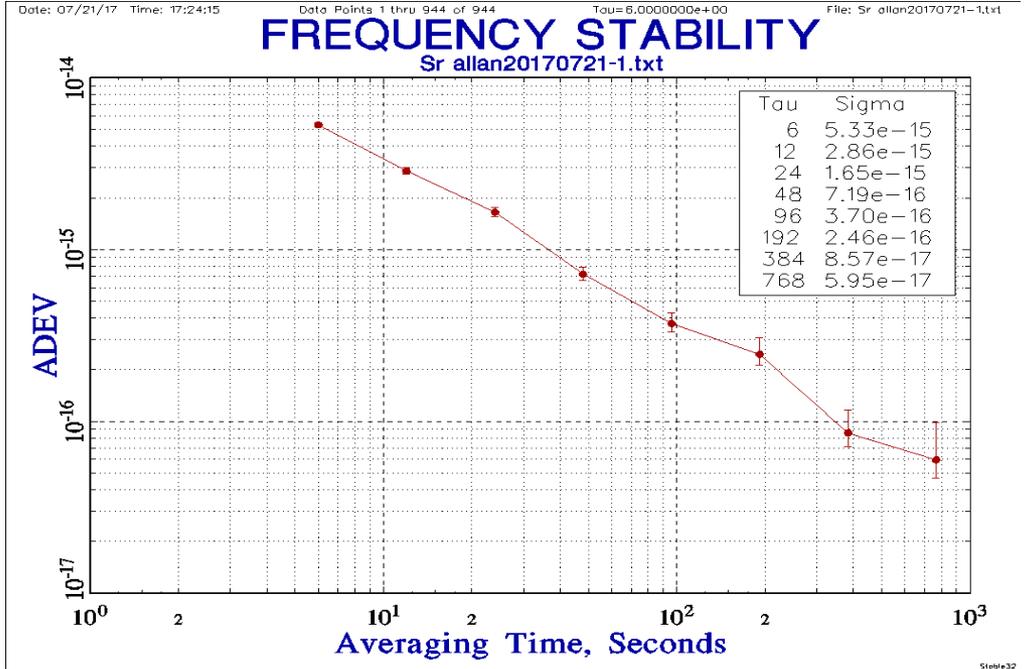
Ye Jun@JILA : total uncertainty  $2.1 \times 10^{-18}$ 、independent clock stability  $2.2 \times 10^{-18}$  @10000s (2015) ; measurement precision  $5 \times 10^{-19}$  (2017)



# $^{87}\text{Sr}$ optical lattice clock



spin polarized spectrum of clock transition

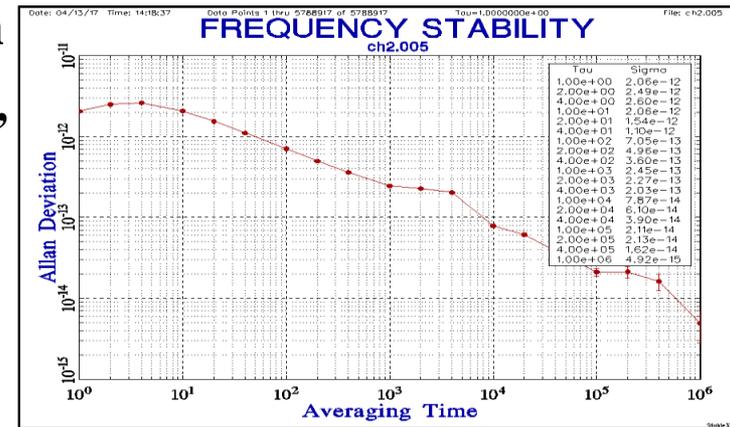


Frequency stability of the clock (in-loop )

- **Stability:  $5 \times 10^{-15}/6\text{s}$ ,  $6 \times 10^{-17}/800\text{s}$**
- **Preliminary evaluation of uncertainty:  $\sim 10^{-16}$**
- **Next step: BBR shift**

# (3) Optically pumped Cs beam clock

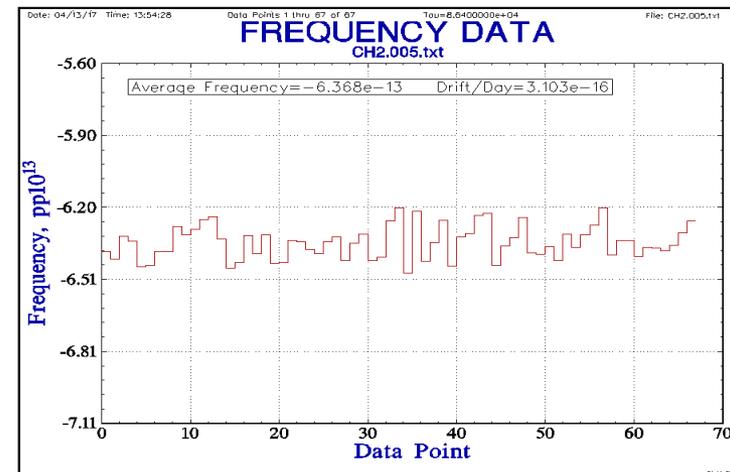
- **The first commercial** optically pumped cesium beam clock (Cooperation with Spaceon, CETC 12, NTSC)
- **Evaluation on 6.13. 2017** : better than 5071A standard product
- Applied in Navy's new timekeeping system, **continuous operation > 1.5 year**
- 5 clocks tested for time keeping system in NTSC



Frequency stability (10000s)  
BSNC 7.8E-14、NIM 1.1E-13



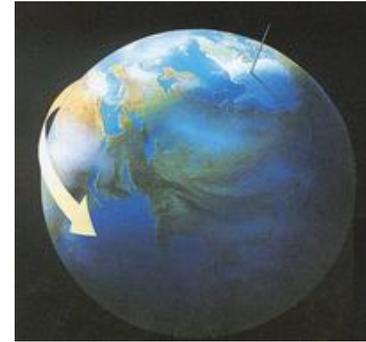
Frequency drift  
BSNC 3.1E-16/d、NIM 5.4E-16/d



Frequency accuracy  
BSNC 6.4E-13、NIM <1E-12

## (4) Universal Time(UT1)

- **The universal time(UT1)** is a time scale based on the **natural rotation of the earth**
- UT1 is most important for **all the applications that need to convert the coordinate relationship** between the ground and the space target, such as **space exploration, satellite navigation...**
- UT1 is the **fastest, the biggest, the most difficult to measure and the most difficult to predict** in all 4 Earth Orientation Parameters(EOP)
- Since 1991 there was **no regular UT1 measurement** in China

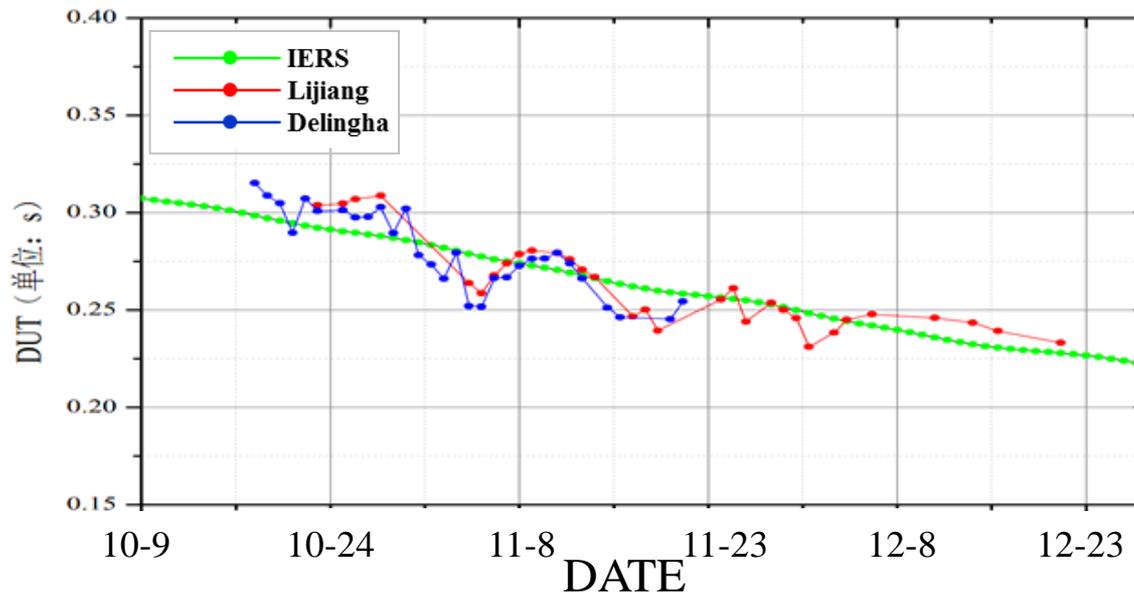
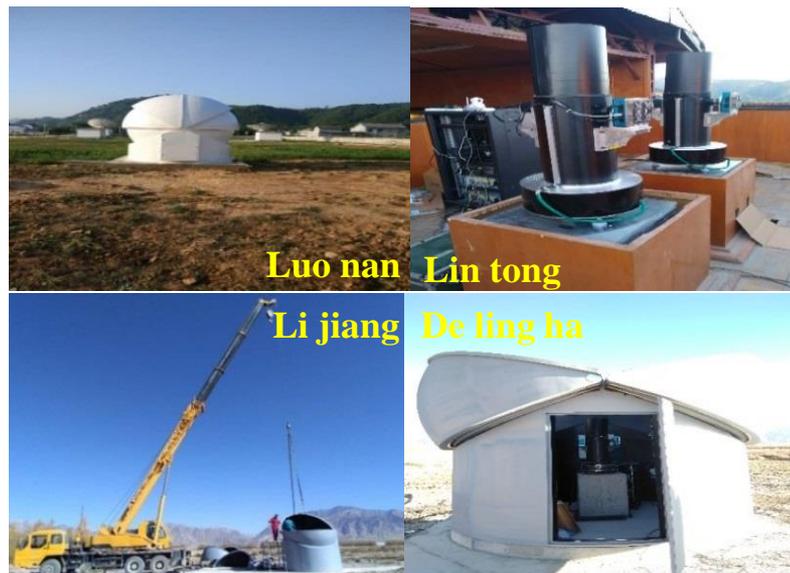


# The measurement of UT1

A joint UT1 measurement system is under construction by NTSC

## 1. Zenith telescopes

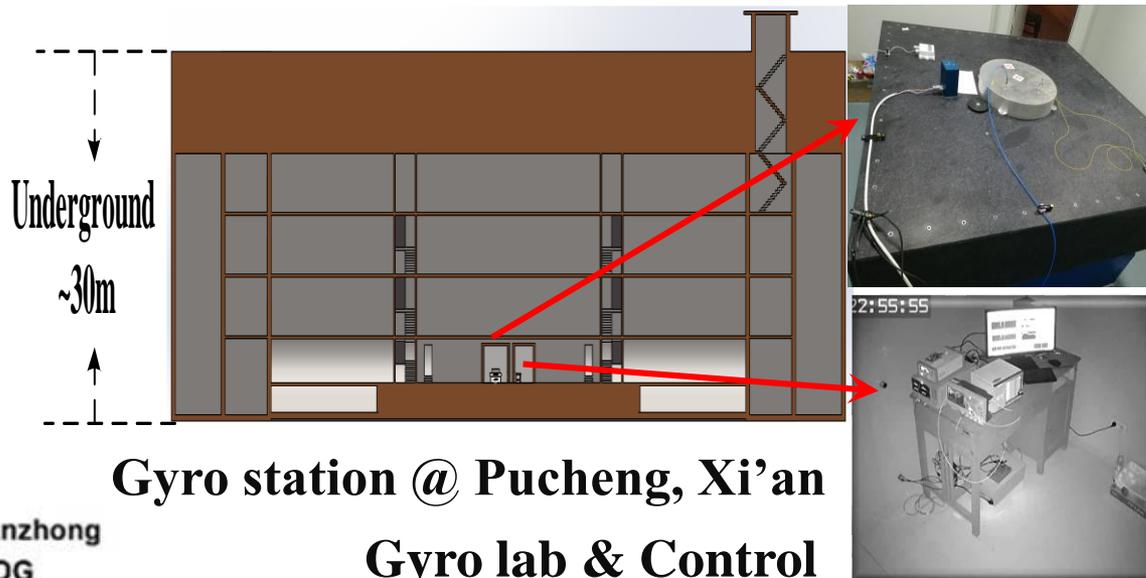
- 6 station in Luonan, Lintong, Lijiang, Delingha, Kashi and Changchun
- Test observation started
- preliminary compliance: 2ms



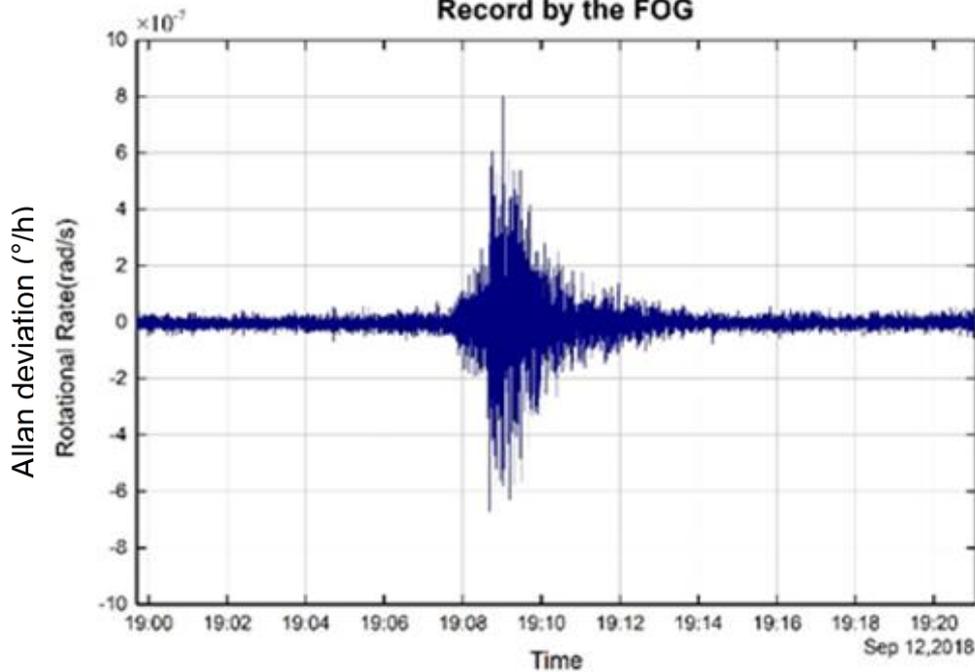
# UT1 measurement with Giant-optic Gyro

## Giant-optic Gyro

- Proof-of-principle research
- Key technique
- Cooperation with Peking Uni.



M5.3 Earthquake at Hanzhong  
Record by the FOG



Temperature drift:  $0.017 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/d}$  ( $0.004 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/d@G-ring}$ )  
Tiltmeter drift :  $0.032 \text{ ''/d}$  ( $0.017 \text{ ''/d@G-ring}$ )

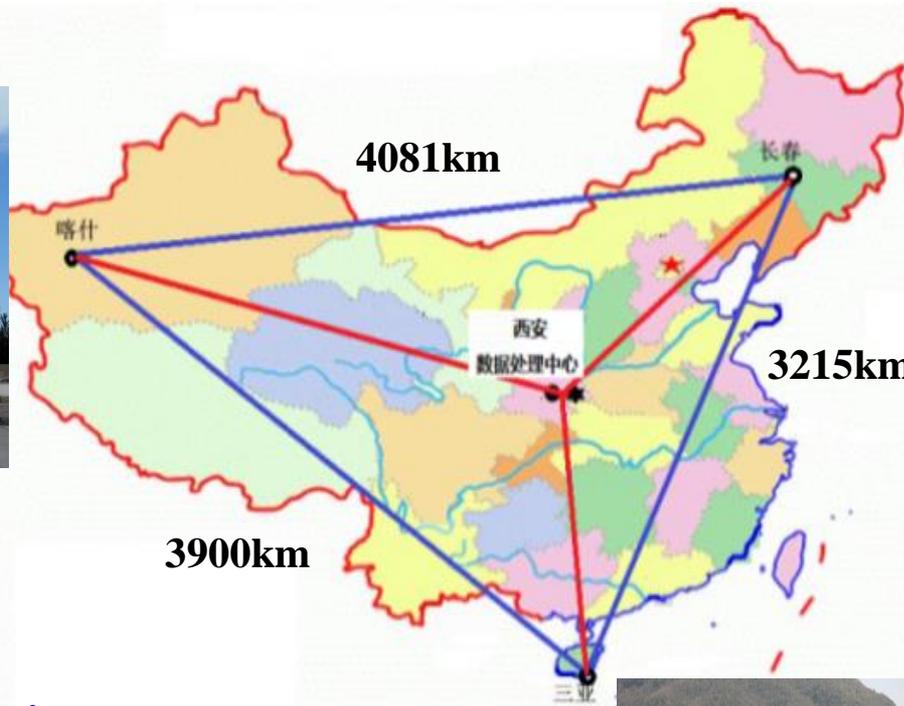
$\Phi \approx 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 30 \text{ km}$ ,

► The recorded angle random walk:  
 $14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ / \sqrt{h}$ !

Bias drift  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ }^\circ/\text{h}$ ,  
approaching the best FOG  
(Honeywell,  $\sim 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ }^\circ/\text{h}$ )

# The measure of UT1

- We developed the **first VGOS** (VLBI Global Observation System) system in China and carried out the high-precision UT1 measurement
- 3 stations (Sanya, Changchun and Kashi) and a data center (Xi'an)



The preliminary measurement accuracy of the UT1 is **0.05ms**



Cooperation with  
上台、新台、长春人卫站、  
中电39所和16所等

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## Recent Intensive mode (KS-JL baseline) measurement of UT1

Observation	Posti-Prior ( $\mu\text{s}$ )	Std. ( $\mu\text{s}$ )	Abs(UT1-UTC) (s)	NTSC-IERS final ( $\mu\text{s}$ )
2018.6.12	196.6	21.2	0.0707166	-8.4
2018.6.13A	-72.0	33.8	0.0699009	49.9
2018.6.13B	4.4	39.9	0.0699773	-26.5
2018.7.24C	49.2	27.3	0.069227	29.4

# (5) Pulsar Timing Obs System

## Overview:

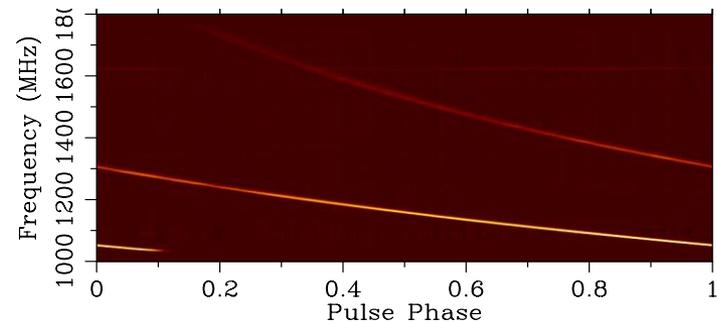
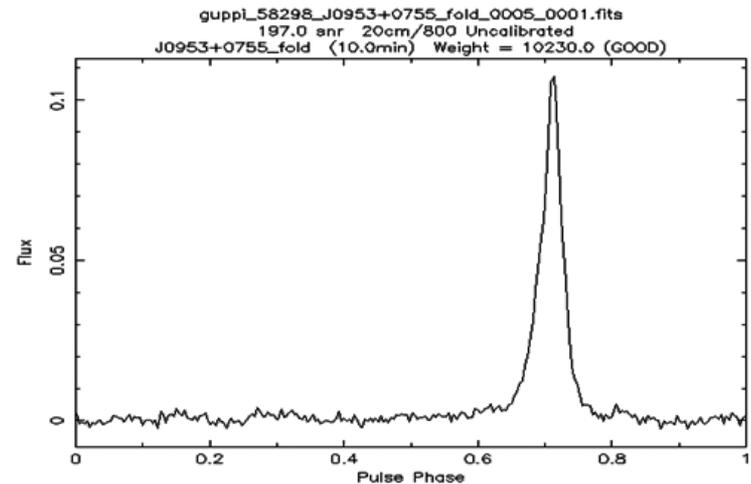
- 40m Radio Telescope
- L-band: 1.1-1.75GHz

## Pulsar Instrument development:

- FPGA+GPU
- Obs Mode: search, timing
- Incoherent dedispersion: done
- Coherent dedispersion: in progress
- Specifications close to NRAO's DIAS

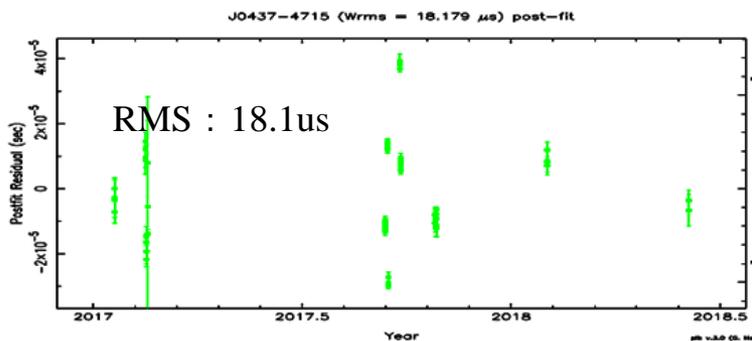
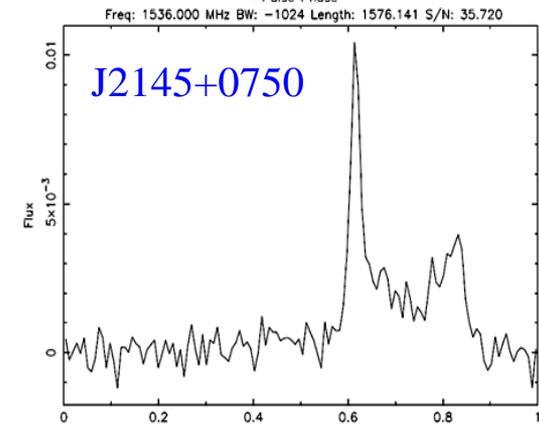
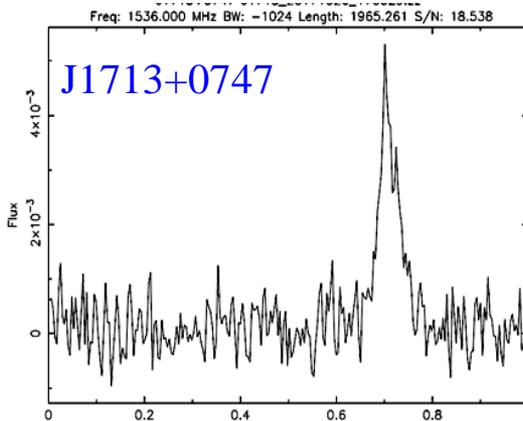
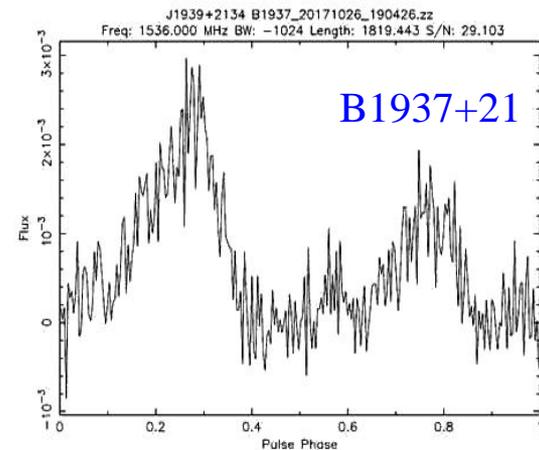
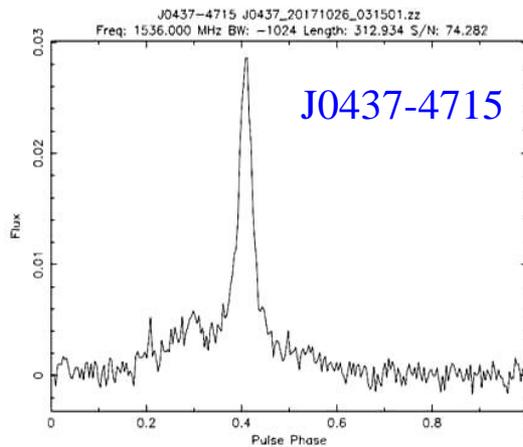
## On-going researches:

- Pulsar timescale: ~5 millisecond pulsars, Crab pulsar, etc
- Pulsar glitch and emission mechanism
- Pulsar scintillation
- Fast Radio Burst search
- Collaborations with FAST: Pulsar search, Giant Pulses

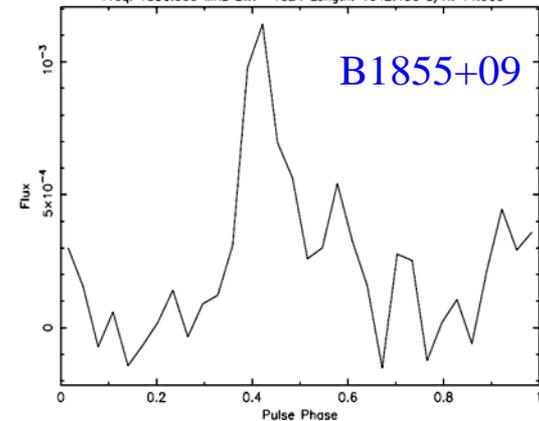
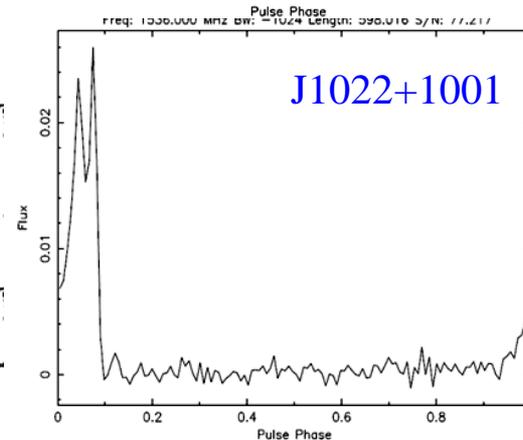


# (6) Millisecond pulsars

No	Name	Period (ms)	Flux (mJy)
1	J0437-4715	5.76	149
2	B1937+21	1.56	13.2
3	J1713+0747	4.57	10.2
4	J2145+0750	16.05	8.9
5	J1022+1001	16.45	6.1
6	B1855+09	5.36	5



J0437-4715 Timing residual



## **(6) Timekeeping at NTSC**

- **Maintain local time scale: UTC(NTSC) and UTC(JATC)**

**JATC: Joint Atomic Time Commission in China**

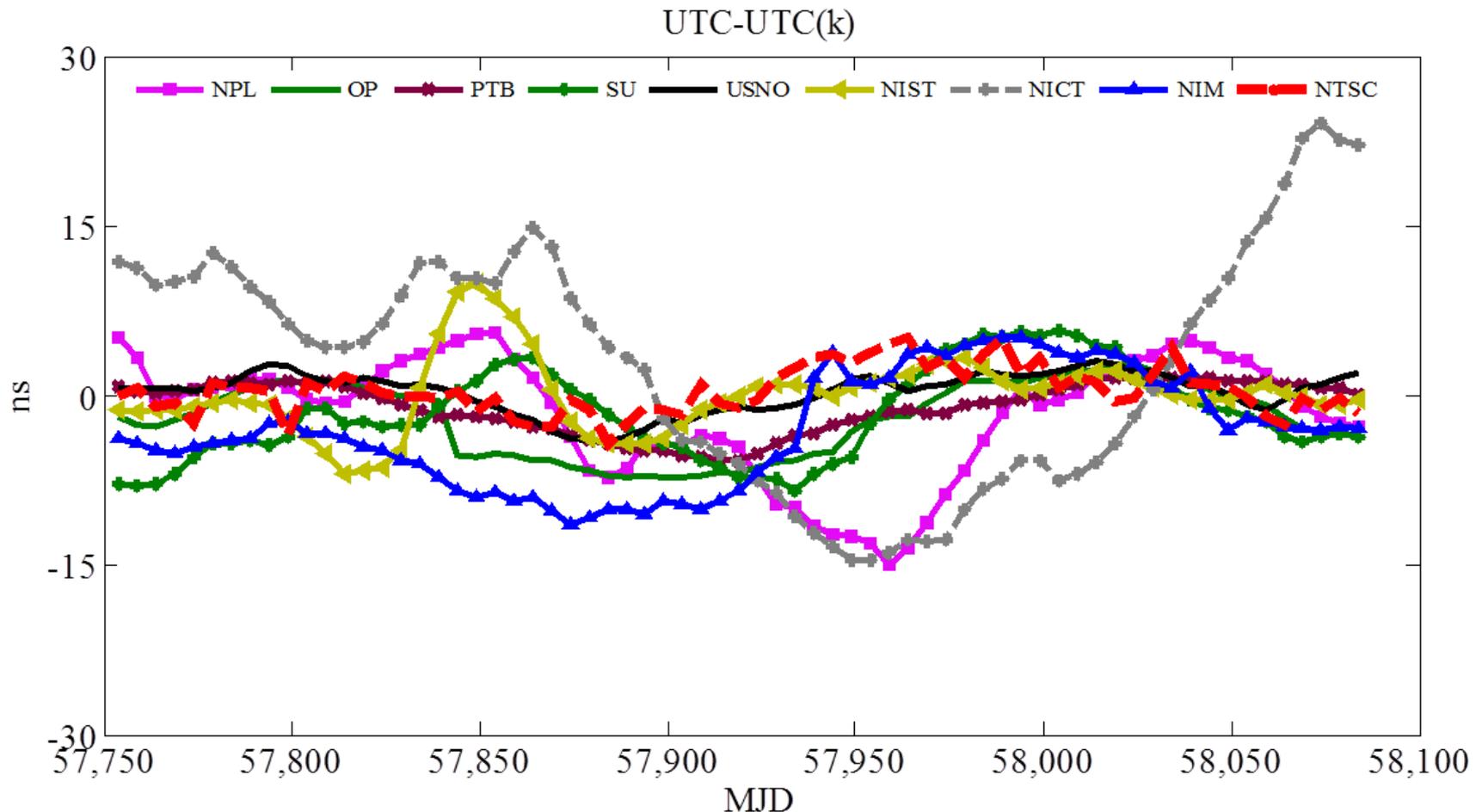
- **Time difference between local UTC(NTSC) and UTC is kept within  $\pm 10\text{ns}$  (ITU requirement:  $|\text{UTC}-\text{UTC}(\text{K})| < 100\text{ns}$  )**
- **UTC(NTSC) is the traceable reference for BPL LF & BPM HF time signal transmission, and BeiDou satellite navigation system.**

# NTSC Timekeeping facilities

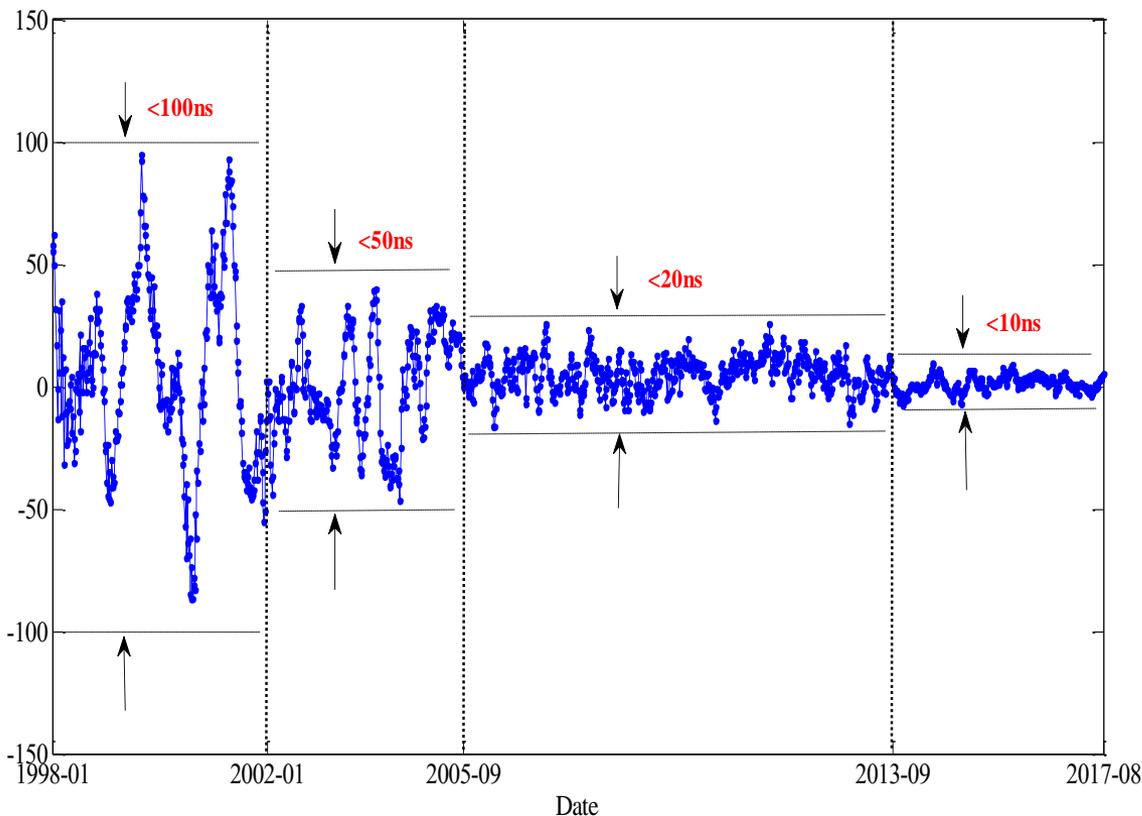


# Time difference between UTC and UTC(k)

- **China official time reference, UTC(NTSC), at the international advanced level**



# UTC(NTSC) control accuracy



UTC(NTSC) accuracy improved with years

From 9.2013,  $|\text{UTC}-\text{UTC}(\text{NTSC})| < 10\text{ns}$

BIPM report

Sèvres, 15 October 2016

Dear Dr Shougang Zhang, dear staff members of NTSC,

It is with great pleasure that I address you this message at the occasion of the first 50 years of the National Time Service Centre of the China Academy of Sciences.

My first contacts with your institution were well before I joined the BIPM, when I developed activities also in the field of astronomy, and more particularly, on Earth rotation and reference frames. At that time, it was still the Observatory of the China Academy of Sciences.

After the adoption of atomic time, your institute started the international cooperation in the construction of the international reference time scale, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The first publication of *Circular T* at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures, in 1988, has the contribution of CSAO, located in Shaanxi; this participation had started many years before when the responsibility for time scales was at the Bureau International de l'Heure. NTSC, located in Lintong appeared in the BIPM publications in January 2002. Your institute has worked without interruption to disseminate precise time and has contributed to maintain the international reference UTC.

Please accept my congratulations for the constant progress in your activities. NTSC is today a highly performing institute, with qualified staff operating last-generation clocks and time transfer equipment. This is reflected in the quality achieved by UTC(NTSC), whose divergence with respect to UTC has been kept stable within five nanoseconds most all the time during the last year.

A good collaboration has been established between our respective institutions, both interacting in working groups and through projects common to our scientists. We have been pleased with these interactions, and we wish to continue in the future.

I regret that I am not able to participate personally to this important celebration, but the BIPM and the Time Department are well represented in the ceremony.

All the best,

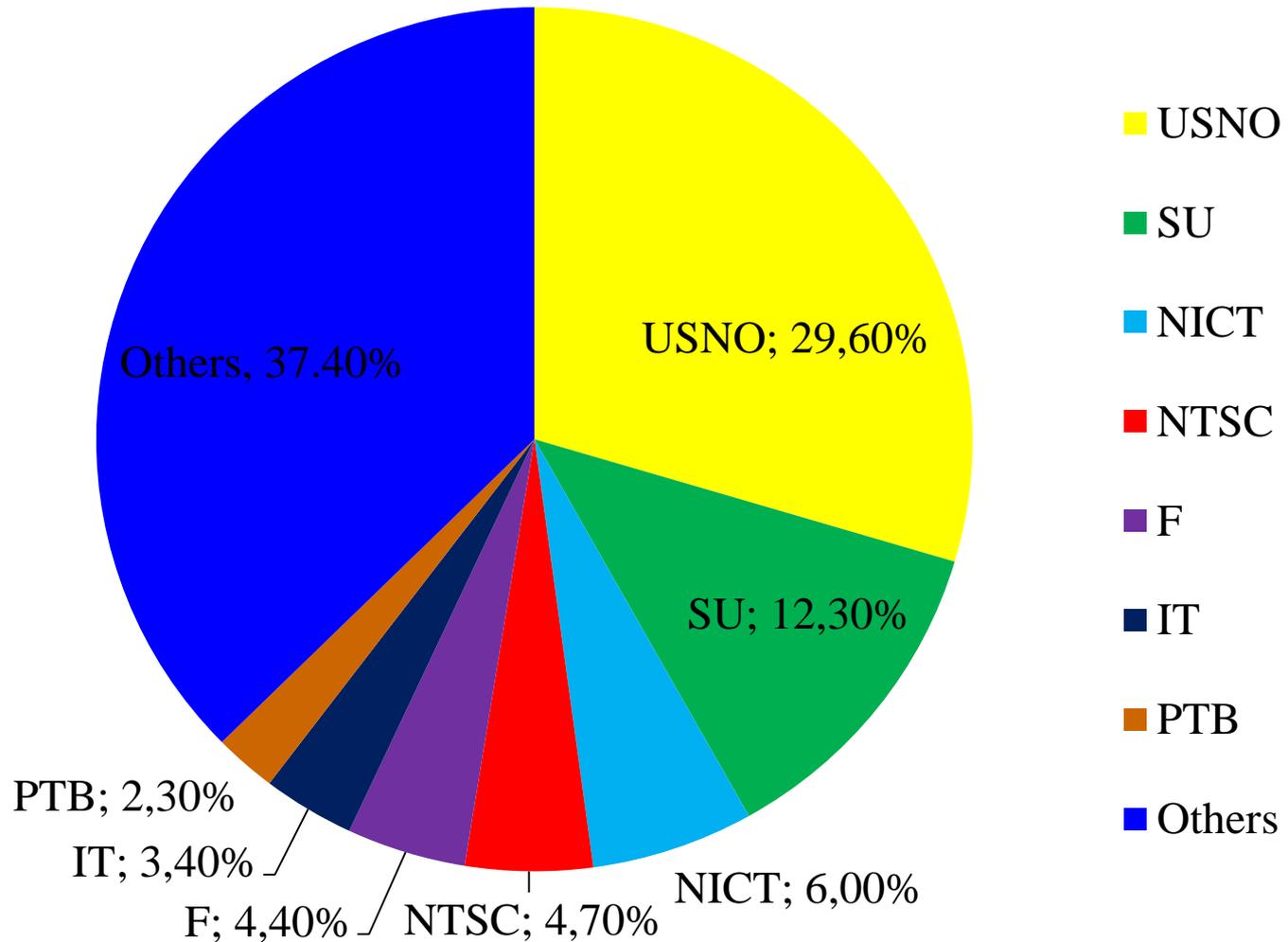
  
Dr Elisa Felicitas Arias  
Director, BIPM Time Department

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**BIPM time department : Arias**

**2016.10.15**

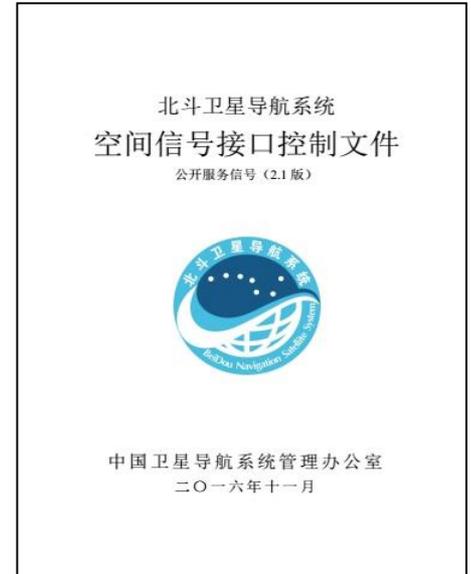
# Contribution to TAI calculation



# Time service of NTSC

NTSC has built a high-precision **STWTF and GNSS CV** time comparison system with Beidou and be responsible for the time monitoring and evaluation of the Beidou system, and represents the time interoperation of the GNSS system on behalf of the BD.

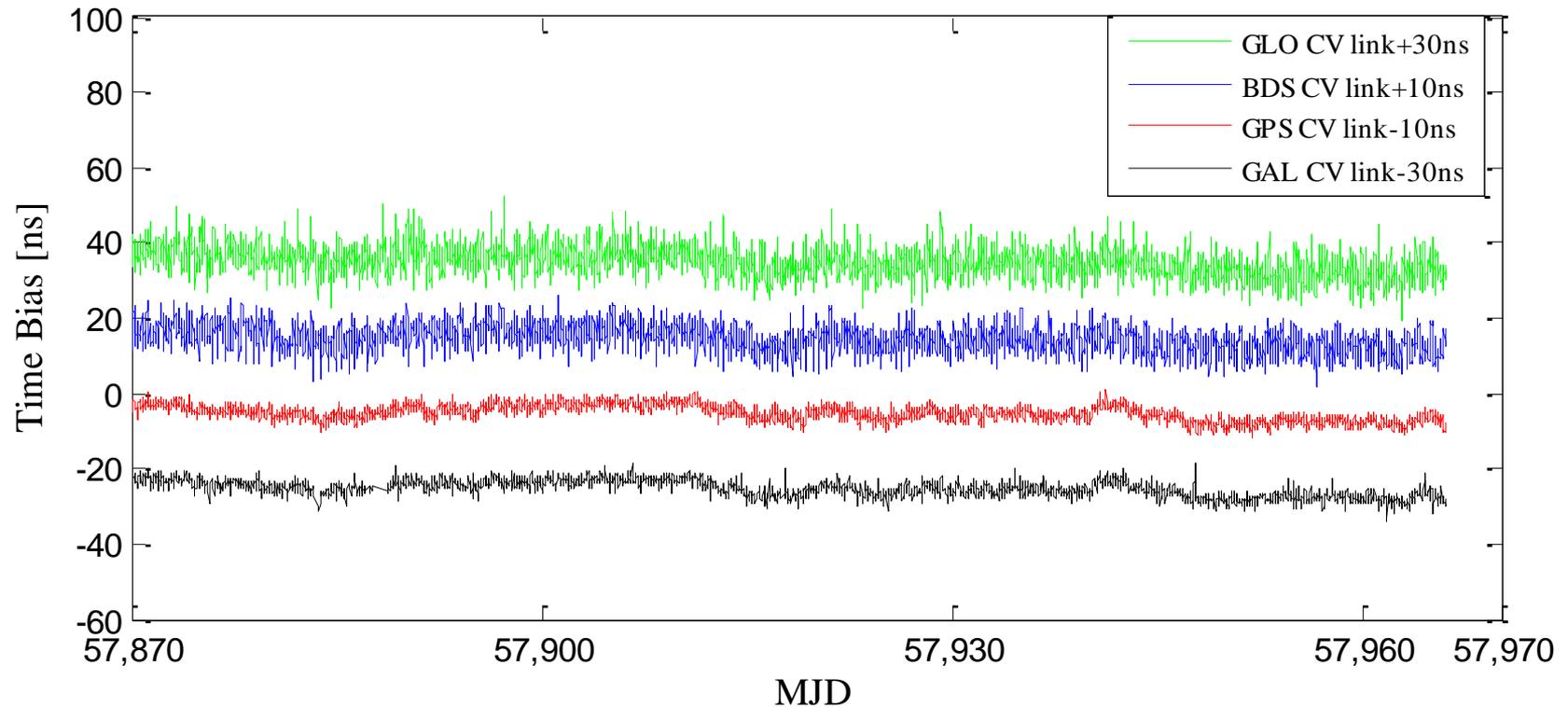
“北斗系统的时间基准为北斗时（BDT）。BDT采用国际单位制（SI）秒为基本单位连续累计，不闰秒，起始历元为2006年1月1日协调世界时（UTC）00时00分00秒，采用周和周内秒计数。BDT通过UTC（NTSC）与国际UTC建立联系，BDT与UTC的偏差保持在100纳秒以内（模1秒）。”



NTSC provides reliable standard time service, including long-wave , short-wave time system, Beidou system, Navy Changhe 2, GNSS global continuous monitoring system, telephone, network and so on.

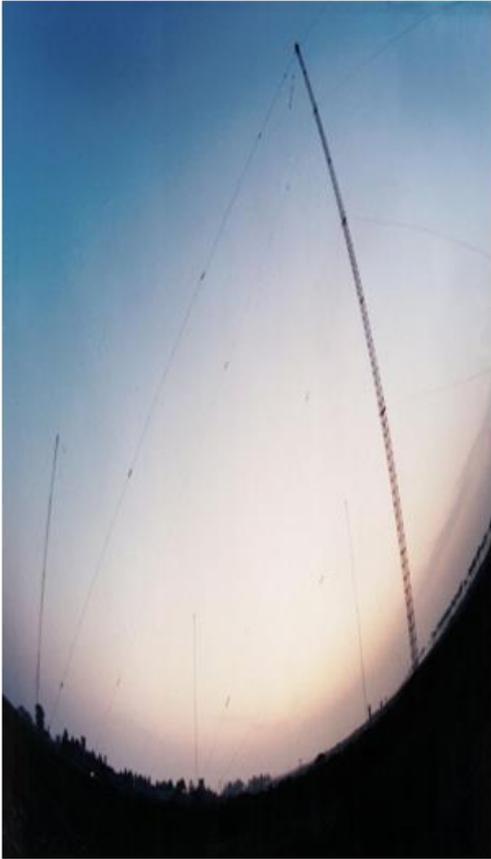
# (8) BeiDou CV time comparison between NTSC and European UTC(k) laboratories

- achieved a precision of 2.25ns, same as GPS CV level (currently only 4 BD satellites are visible in Europe)



Time difference of UTC(SP)-UTC(NTSC) by different links

## (9) NTSC Radio stations



**BPL Pucheng**



**BPM Pucheng**



**BPC Shangqiu**

# (10) Chinese Area Position System

CAPS with  
4 GEO communication satellite

+

1 IGSO navigation satellite,  
results tested in Sep. 2017:

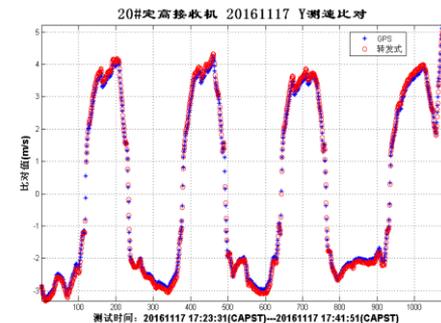
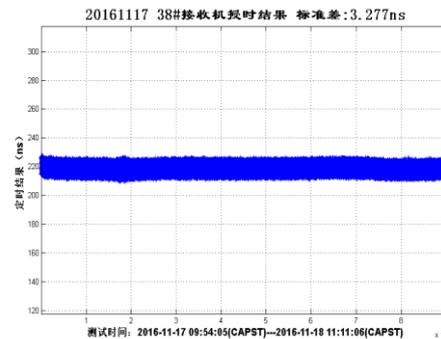
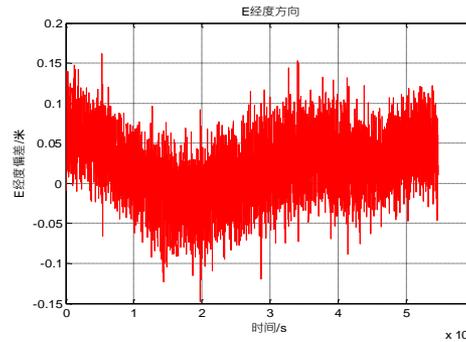
**Positioning: 2.0m (PRC )**

**0.5m (CP)**

**Velocity : 0.2m/s**

**Timing : 4.0ns (PRC)**

**3.7ns (CP)**



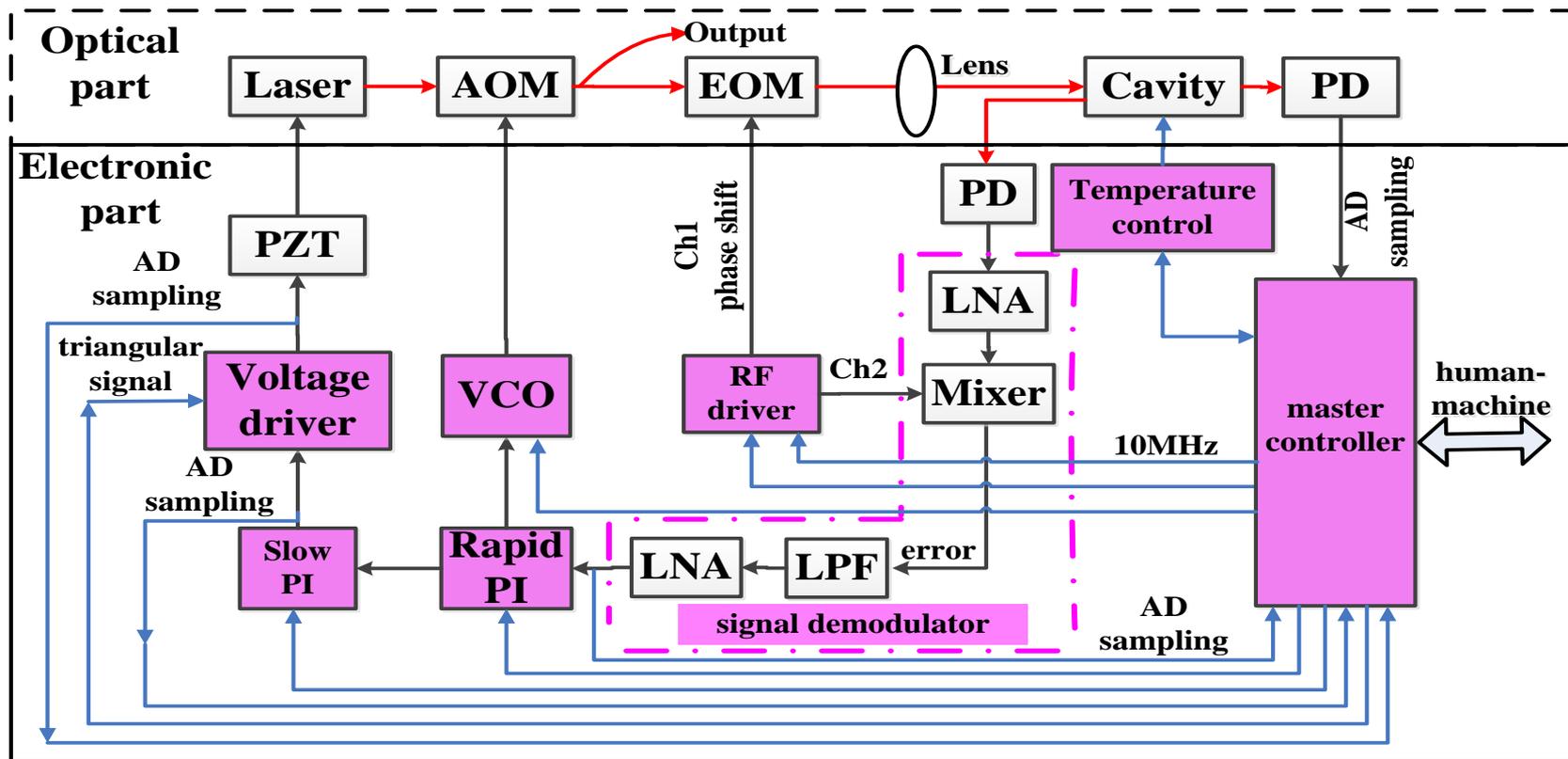
**(11) T/F transfer over fiber**

# Development of auto-run stable laser for fiber transfer

**Main function: auto scan/laser frequency lock/relock + ultra-stable**

**Digital main control + analog proportion integration circuits**

**Relock of laser frequency is realized by programmable control process**

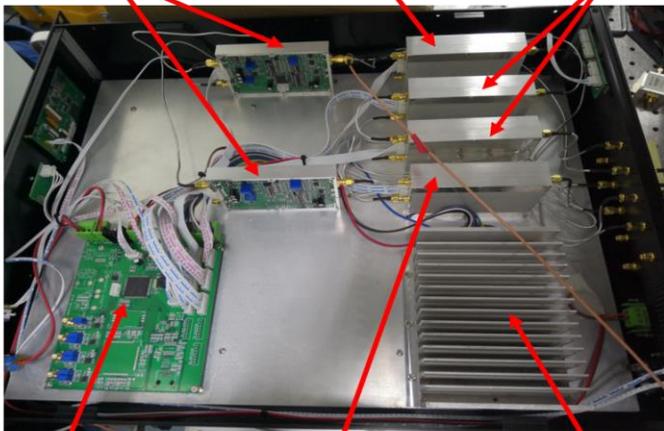


**Digital circuits: SMART function(auto lock, continuous operation)**

**Analog circuits: laser frequency stability**

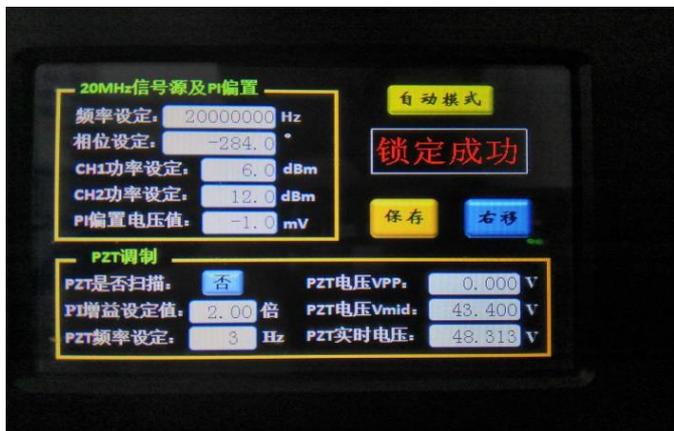
# Development of auto-run stable laser for fiber transfer

PI参数优化模块 激光器扫频模块 信号源模块



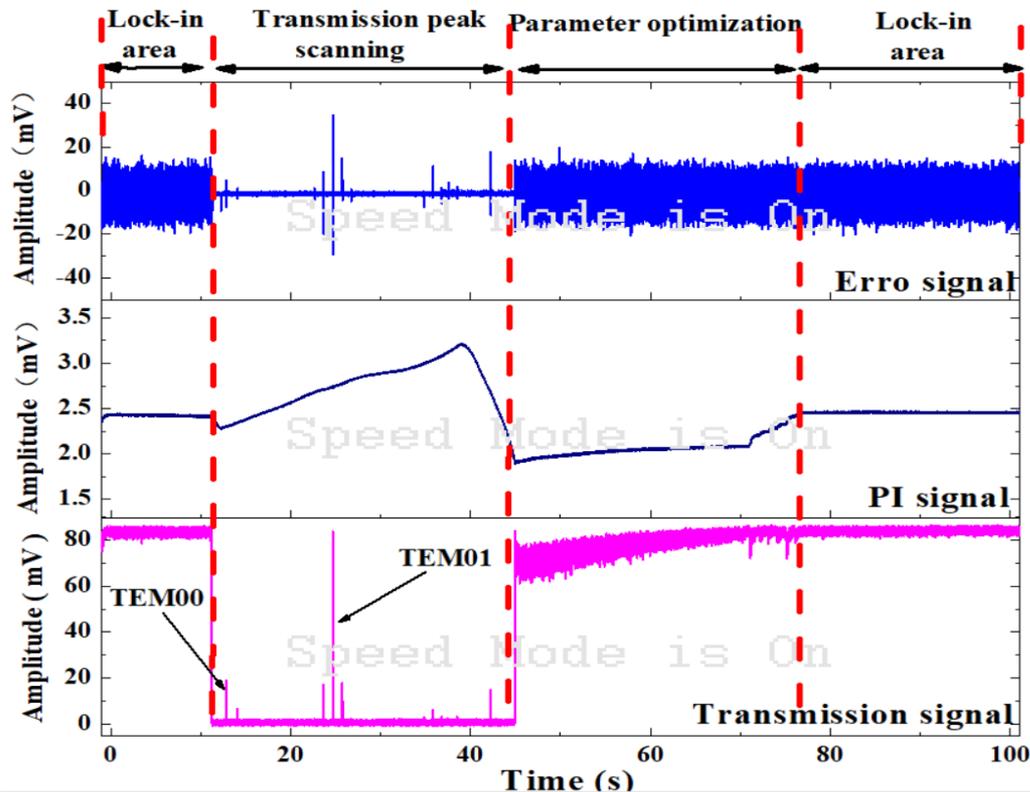
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relock circuits



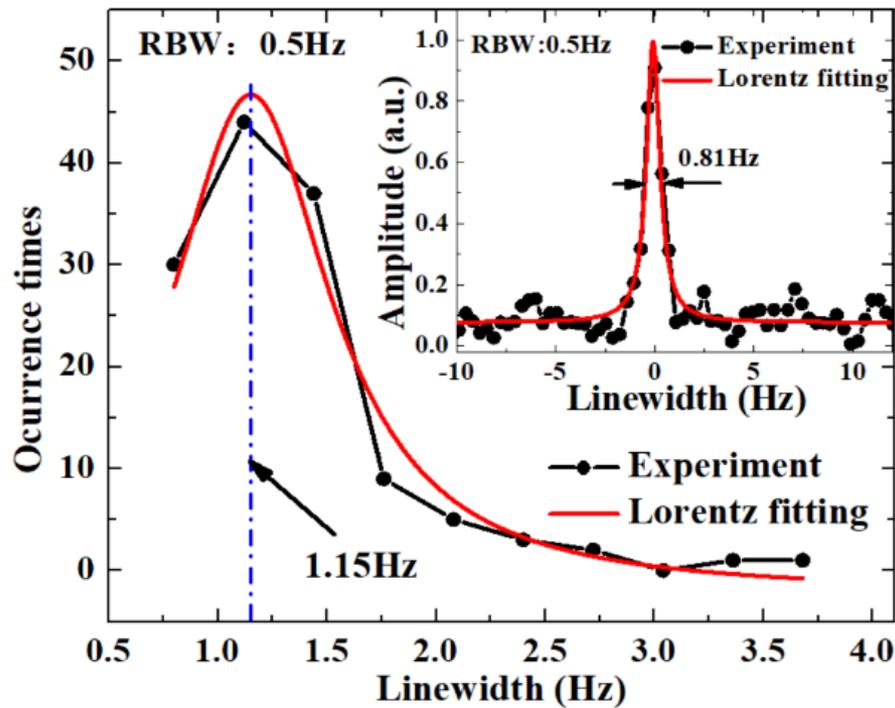
User interface

A typical relock process



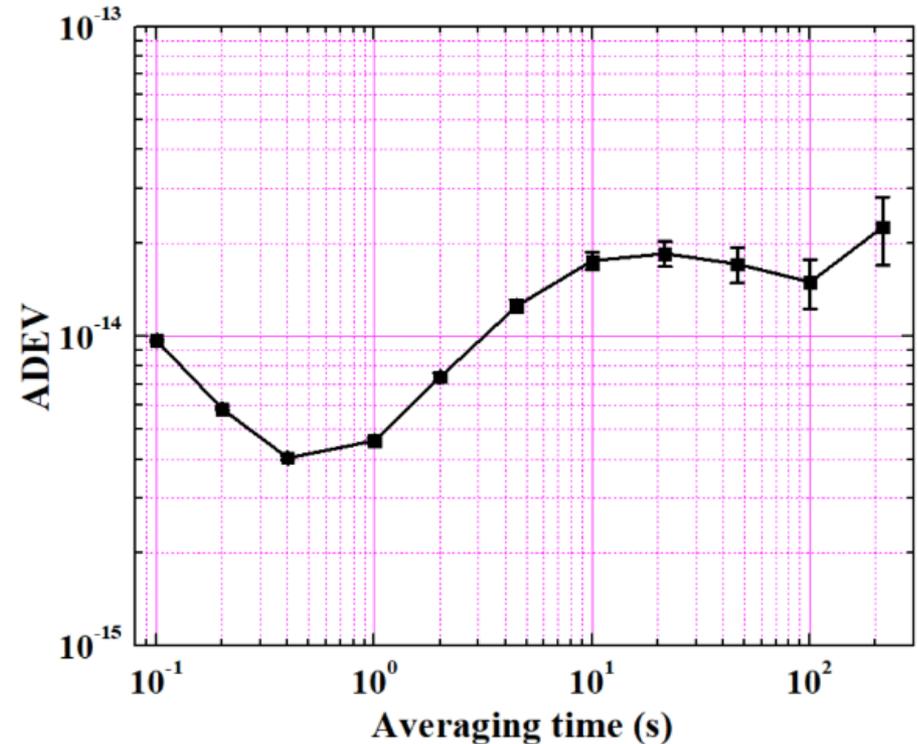
- scan-time: 33s, optimization: 32s
- Size : 2U
- relock cycle time can be reduced to <30s

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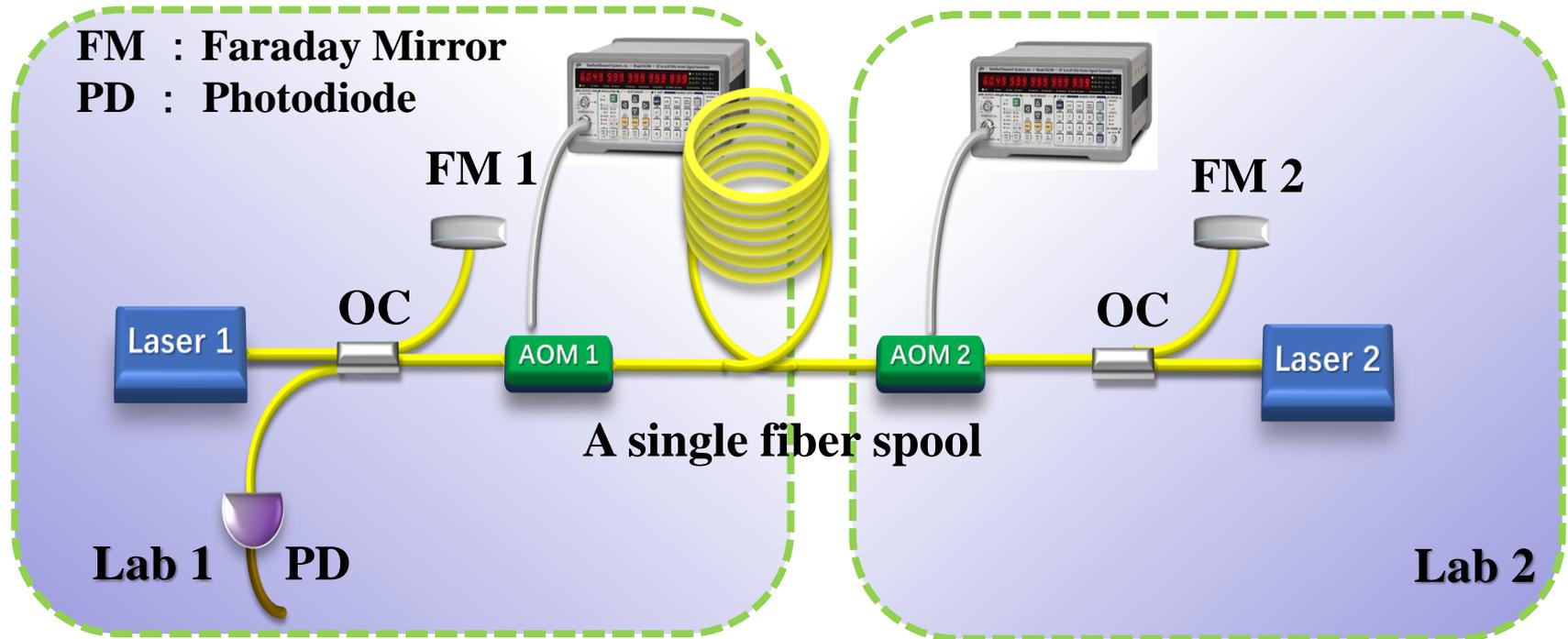
laser linewidth

- laser linewidth<sub>mp</sub> : 1.15Hz
- laser linewidth<sub>min</sub> : 0.81Hz



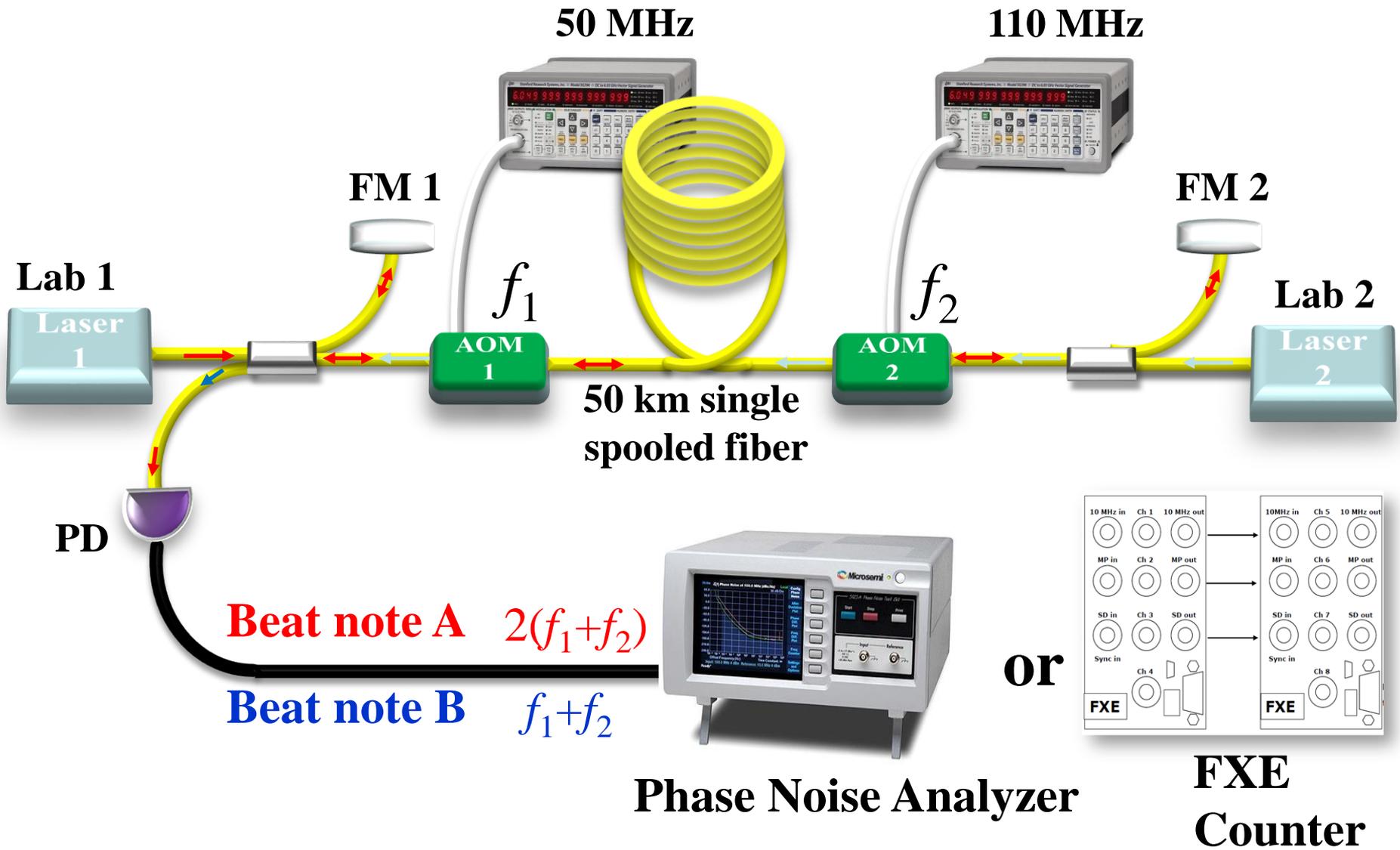
- frequency stability 4.3e-15@1s

# Optical phase comparison by local measurement

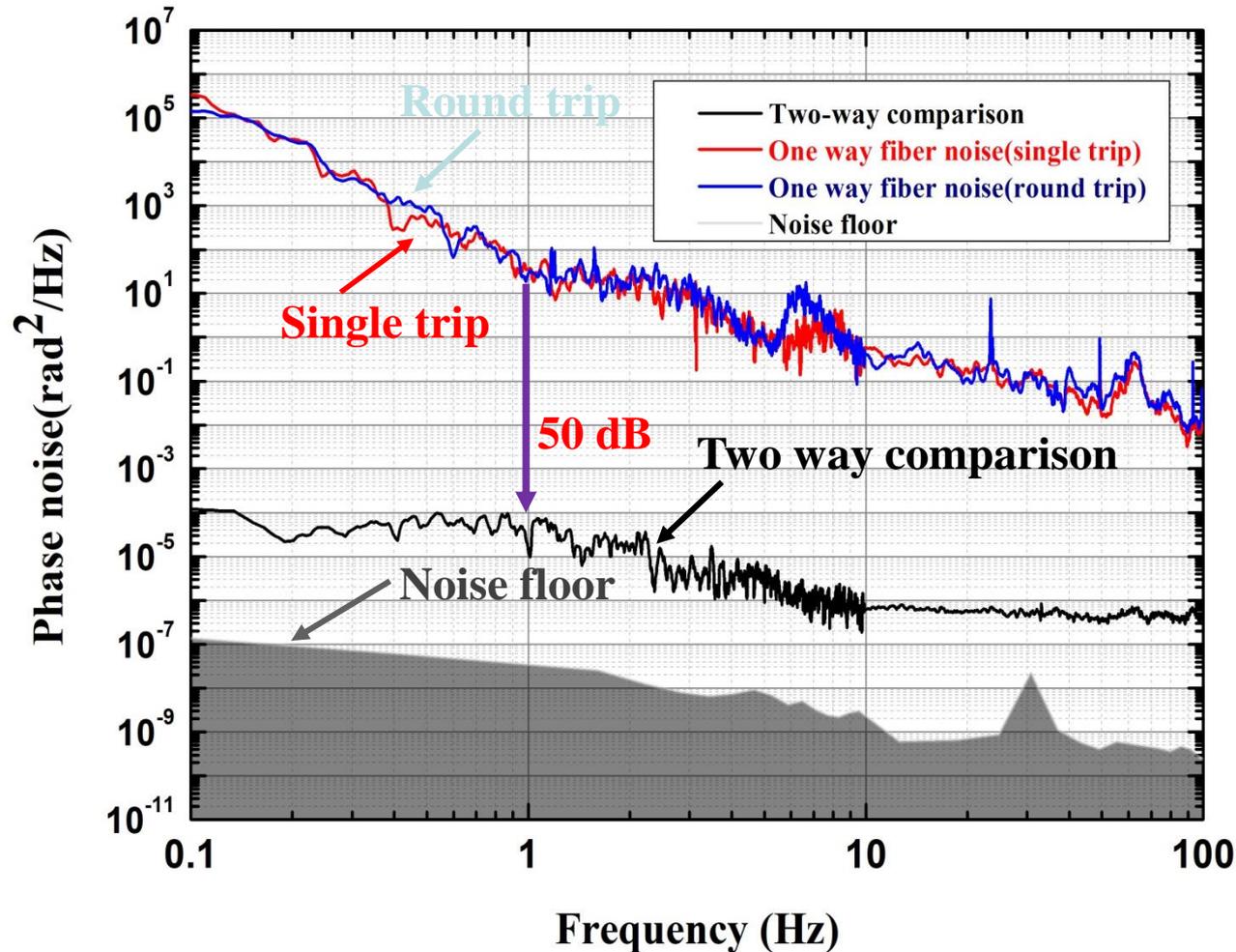


- **One bidirectional fiber link** for laser transferring to avoid the phase noise difference between two fiber links
- Direct phase comparison **without active noise control**
- Local measurement **without data transfer** in distant labs

# The Experimental setup



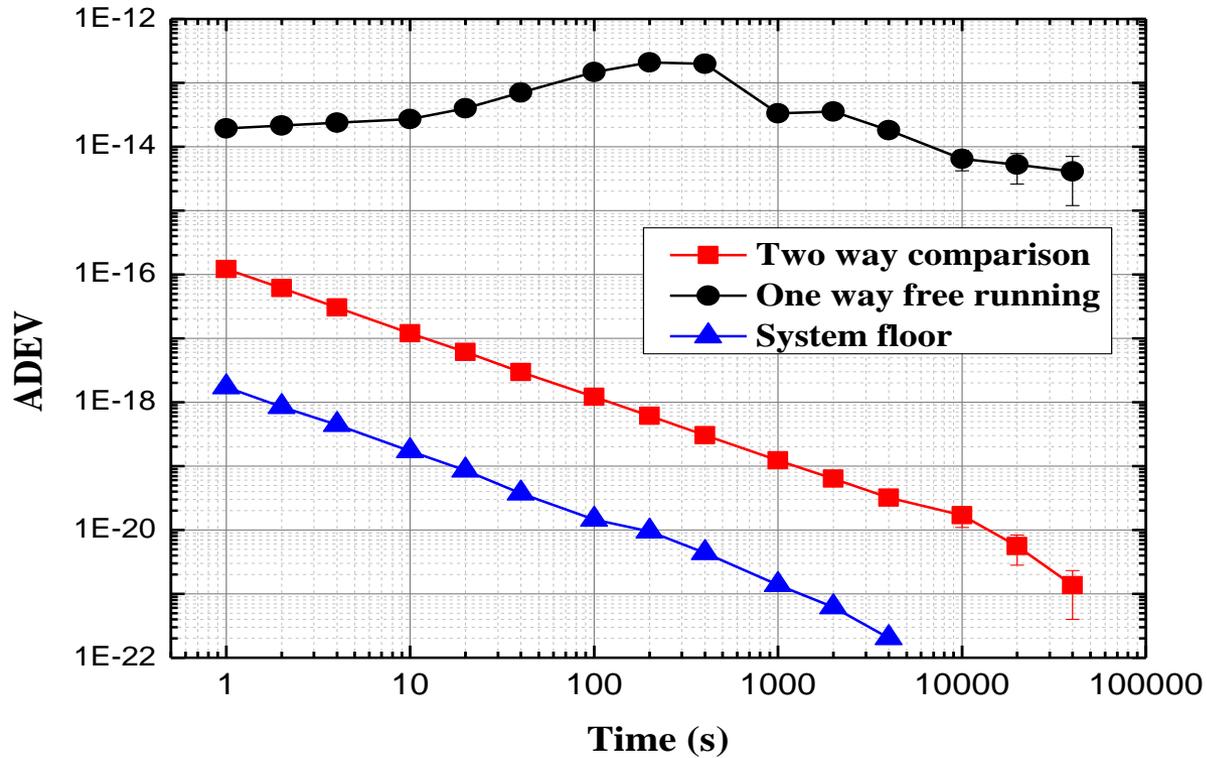
# Results and discussion



- About **5 magnitudes** below one-way fiber noise at 1 Hz
- The phase noise can be **rejected** using the two-way setup

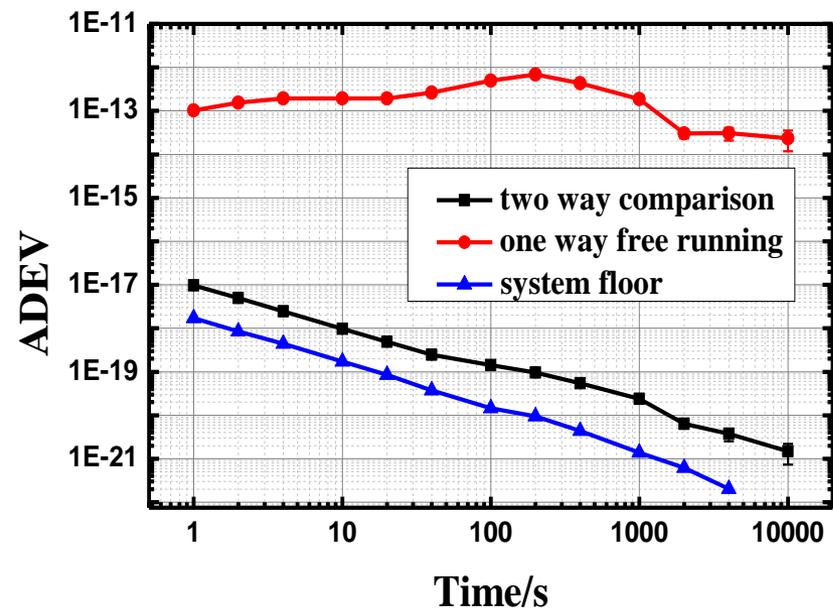
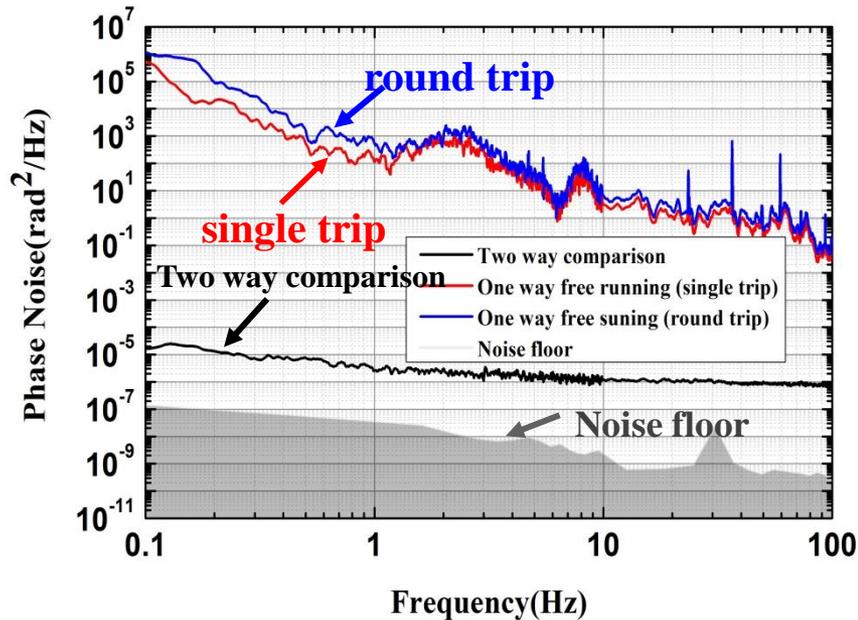
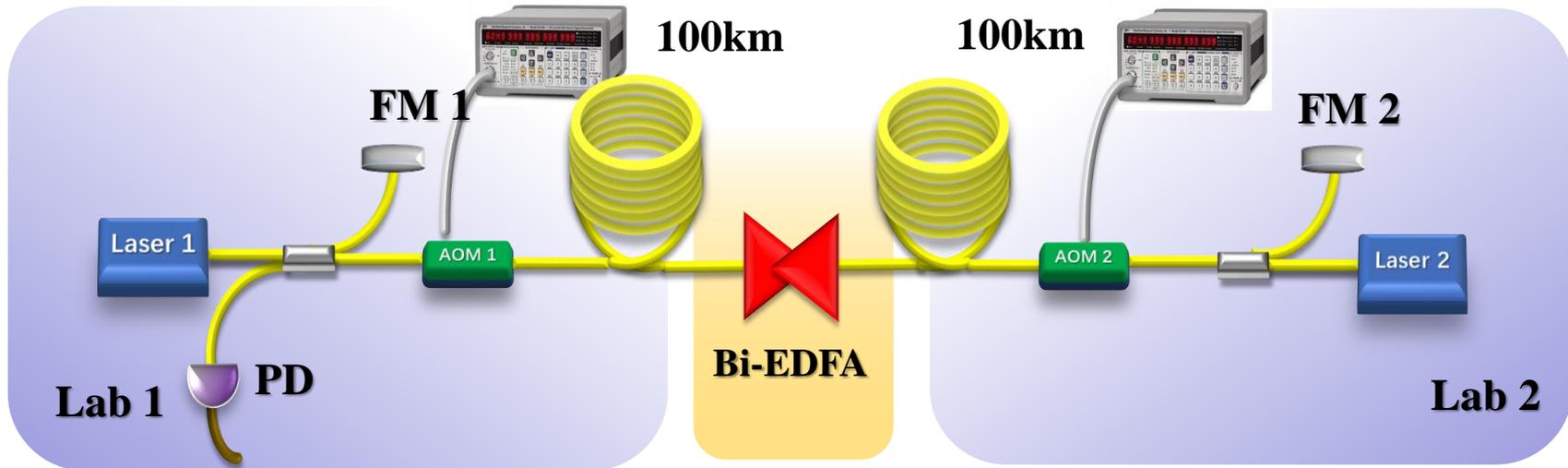
# Results and discussion

## The precision of frequency comparison



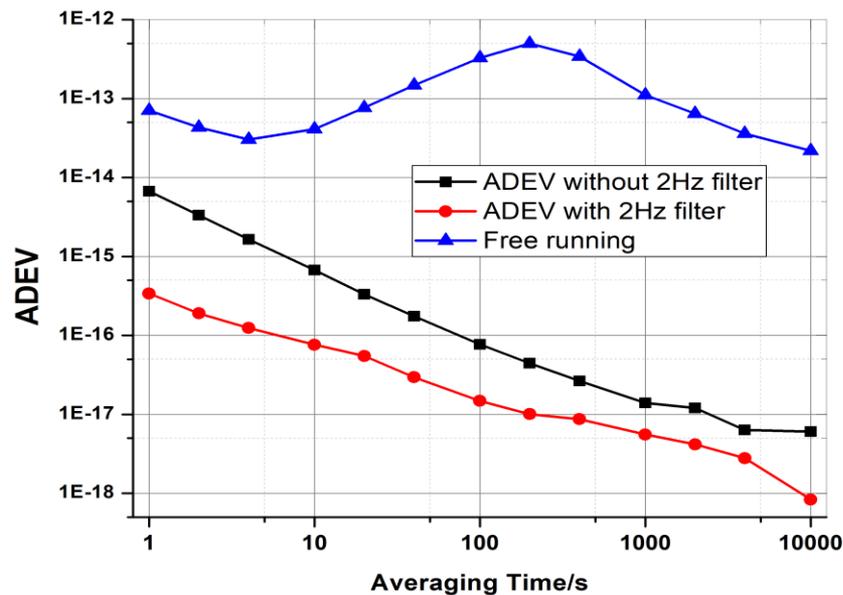
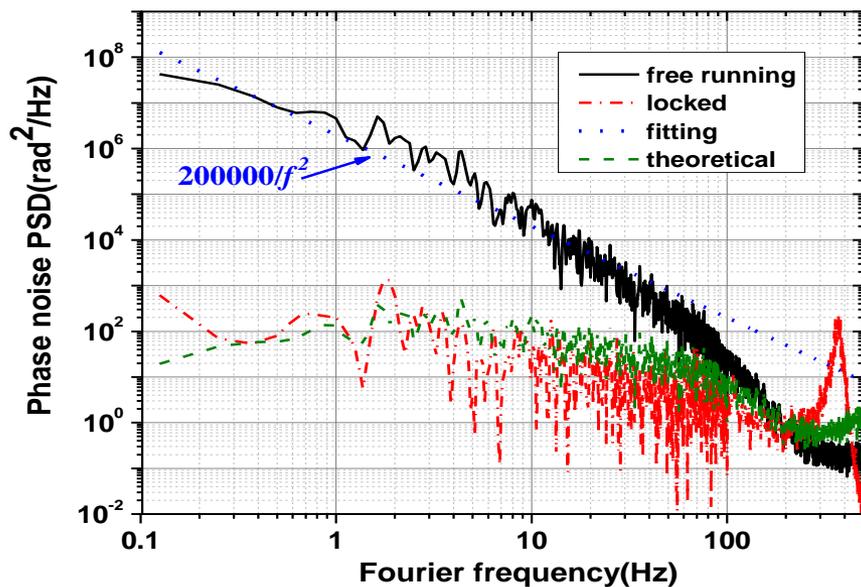
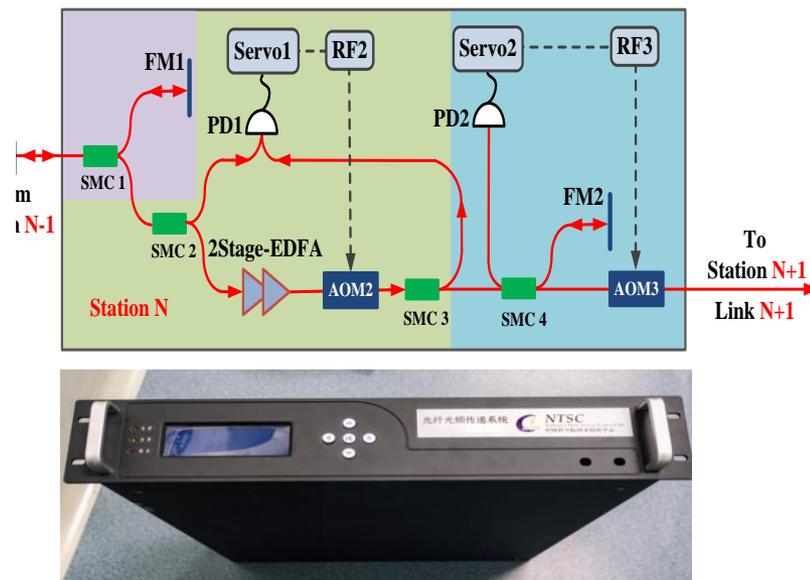
- $1.2\text{E-}16$  at 1 s ,  $1.3\text{E-}21$  at 40,000 s , Scales down as  $1/\tau$
- Long-term stability is improved by more than 6 orders

# Extension of distance to 200km



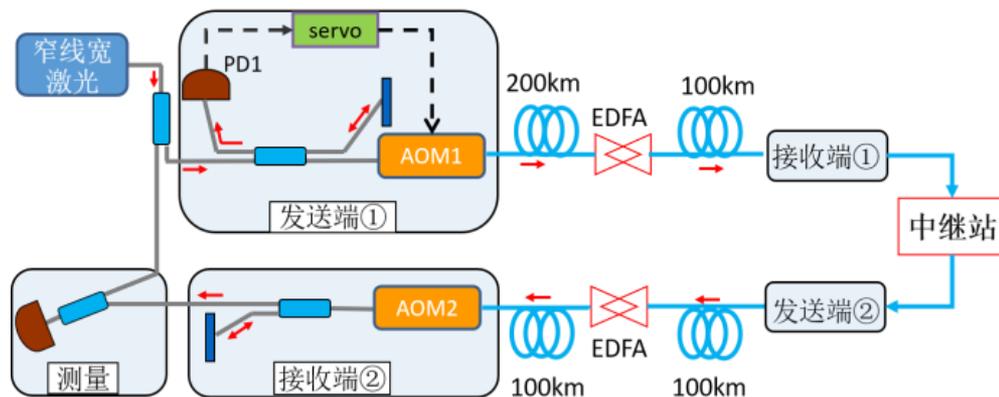
# Optical Frequency Transfer over Fiber

- New cascaded frequency transfer scheme based on unidirectional EDFA with a lower extra phase noise and a less sensitivity to back scatter light
- Cascaded 112km+112km field fiber link with a transfer instability
- free-run:  $7E-14/s$ ;
- after lock:  $<4E-16/s$ ,  $8E-19/10000s$



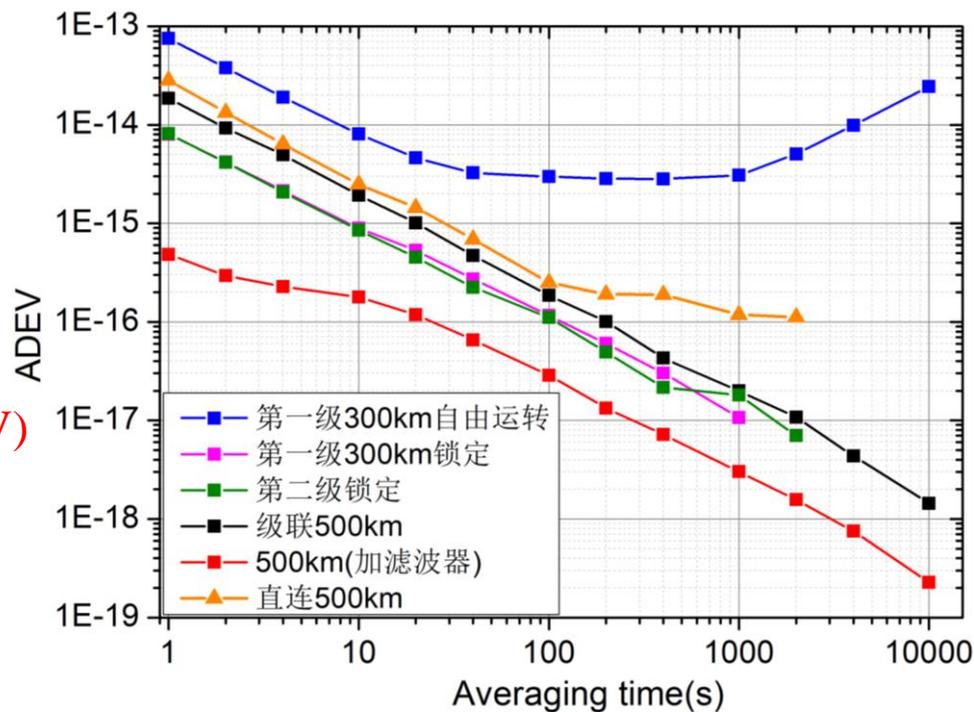
# Optical Frequency Transfer over Fiber

- (300+200) 500km cascaded lab fiber link
- Combination of optical PLL and EDFA



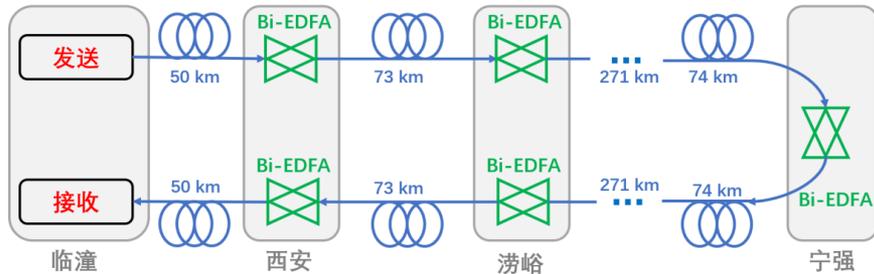
- 2 EDFA applied in the 1st 300km
- 1 EDFA applied in the 2nd 200km
- cascaded link improve the noise compensation by shorten signal delay

- Stability(500km):  $2E-19/10ks$  (mod-ADEV)
- Counter: Lamda mode

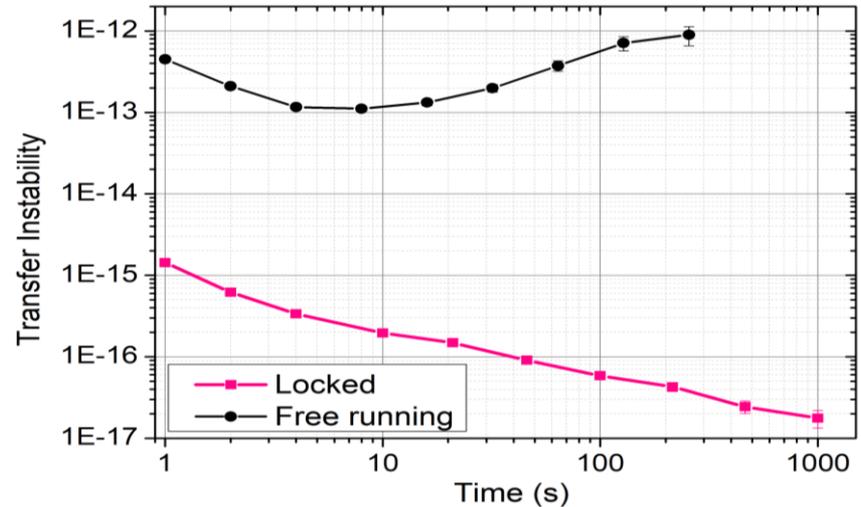
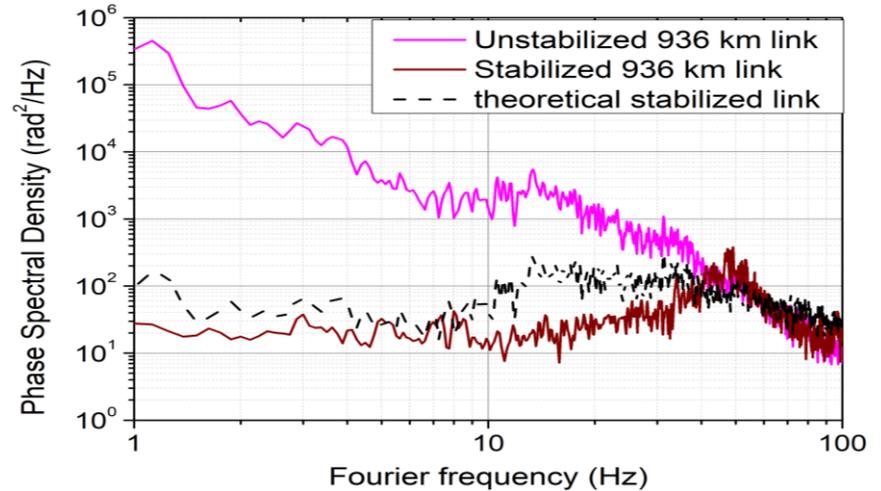


# Optical Frequency Transfer via 936km Fiber

- Lintong-Ningqiang round-trip 936km
- telecomm fiber buried along highway
- Total loss=248dB, 13 EDFA
- Fiber type: G652+G655
- Counter: Lamda mode



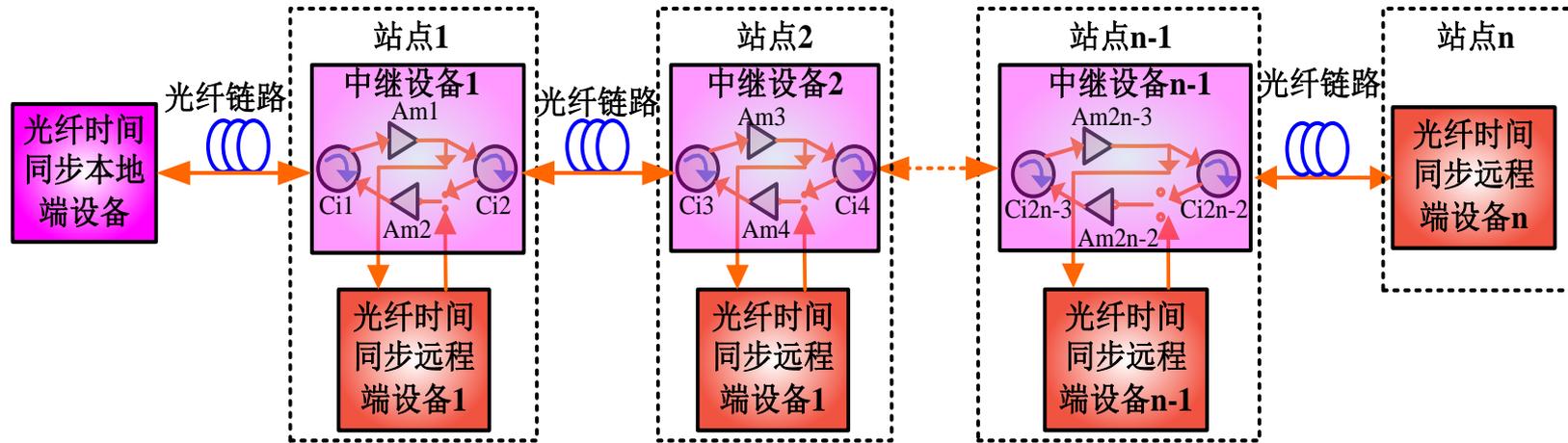
Phase noise of the link@1Hz reduced by 65dB  
Control bandwidth 48Hz limited by time delay



free-run stability: 5E-13/s

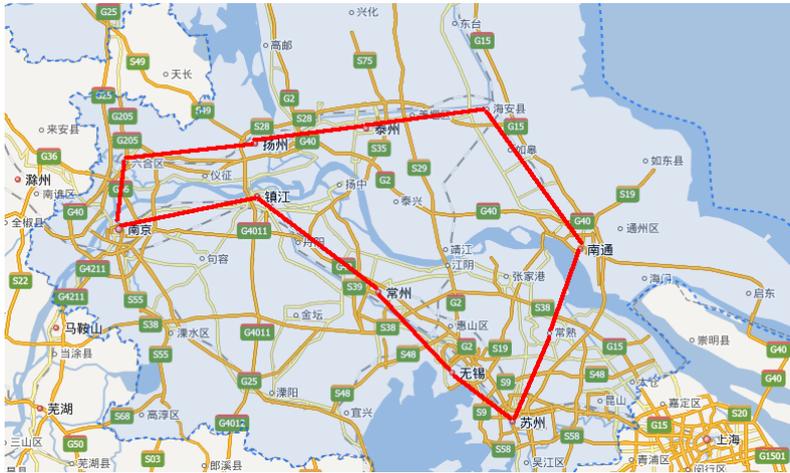
stabilization: 1E-15/s, 1E-17@1000s (Mod-ADEV)

# Multi-user Time transfer via telecom fiber



- Signal: 1PPS, IRIG-B time code and 10MHz frequency
- Single DWDM channel
- Each end-node is synchronized after a cycle of two-way comparison by the local site consequently
- Multiple end users based on remote compensation scheme
- Time division multiple access, TDMA
- Compatible with various topological network

# Time transfer via 871km telecomm fiber

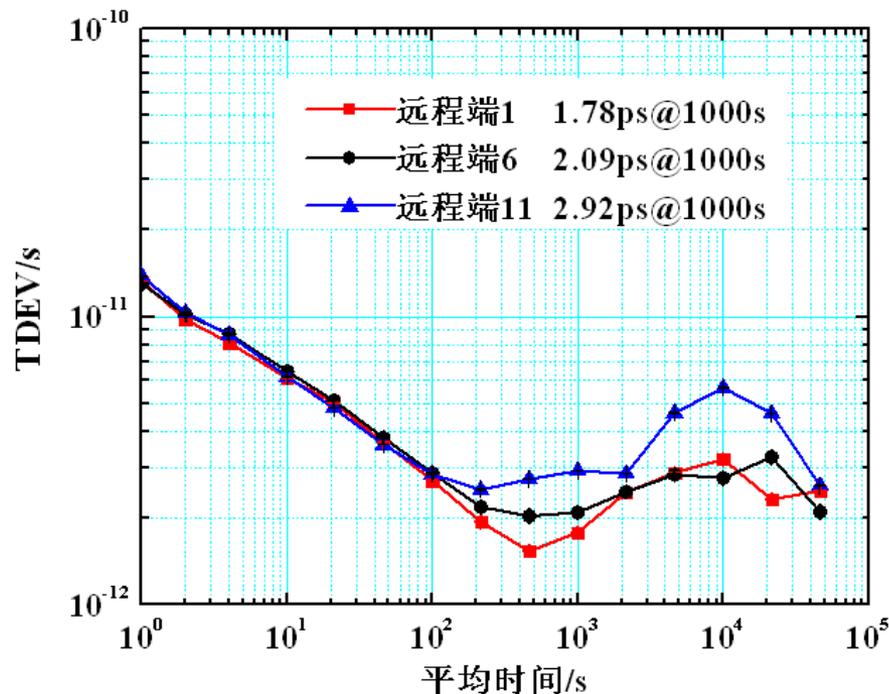
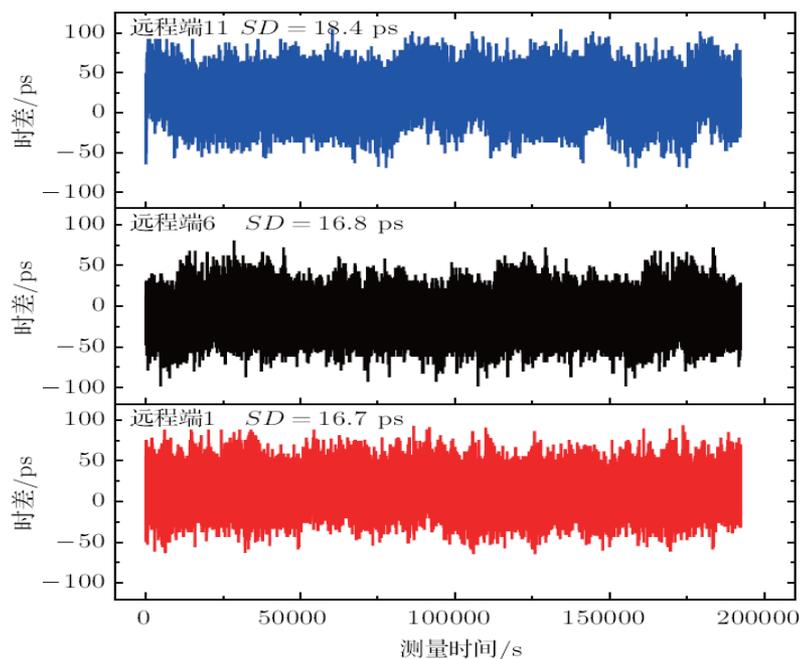


编号	站点名称	站点距离 (km)	衰减 (db)	传输时延及变化 (ps)
1	南京	0	0	0
2	镇江	102	23	506892384 ± 12672
3	常州	97	23	950342656 ± 21382
4	无锡	59	14	1309193728 ± 23911
5	苏州	71	17.5	1660607616 ± 33212
6	常熟	68	15.5	1992951424 ± 34451
7	南通	93.4	21	2451252258 ± 43635
8	海安	89	19.5	2887329663 ± 45178
9	泰州	69	17.5	3228732983 ± 53682
10	扬州	72	18	3581541839 ± 55037
11	六合	68	15.5	3905313243 ± 56369
12	南京	83.2	18.5	4303540527 ± 66423
	<b>全程</b>	<b>871.6</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>4303540527 ± 66423</b>



871km field fiber, G652, all-solded fiber, 10 repeater stations

# Time transfer via 871km telecomm fiber

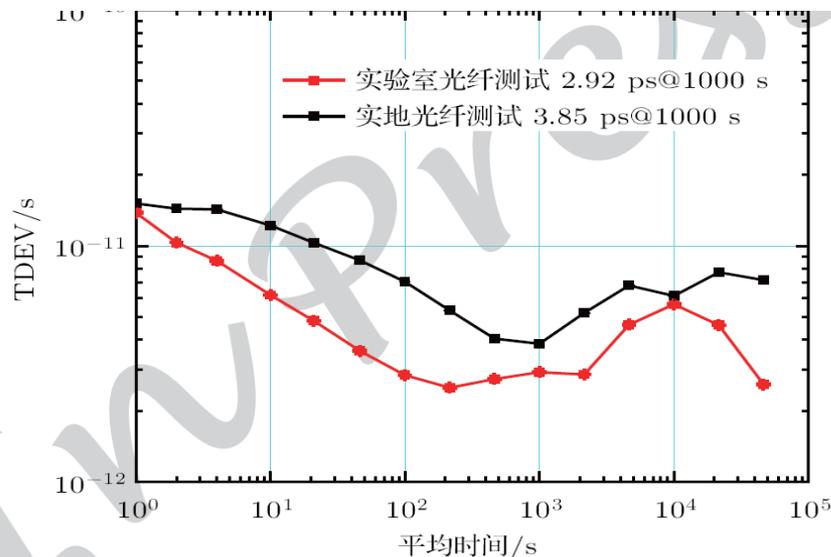


Tests on lab fiber spools:

- Timing jitter SD of remote stations (1,6,11) <20ps
- TDEV of remote stations (1,6,11)<3ps@1000s
- Residual time variation related to temperature

Test on the telecomm fiber:

- TDEV of remote stations (871km)<4ps@1000s



# Time transfer via 871km optical fiber

	Uncertainty (ps)	
	550km fiber coil	871km field fiber
thermal drift	6	12
TDC	21	21
wavelength	1.9	6
repeater	4	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>25.4</b>

	Instability SD(ps)	
	550km fiber coil	871km field fiber
thermal drift @electronics	5	10
control delay	2	2
TDC resolution	8	8
calibration	8	8
residual fiber	13.6	25.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>29.8</b>

# Time transfer via 1085km optical fiber

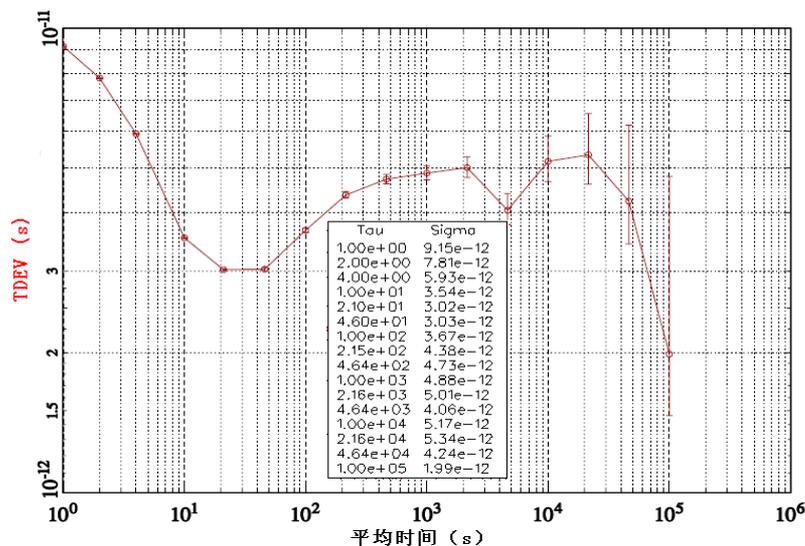
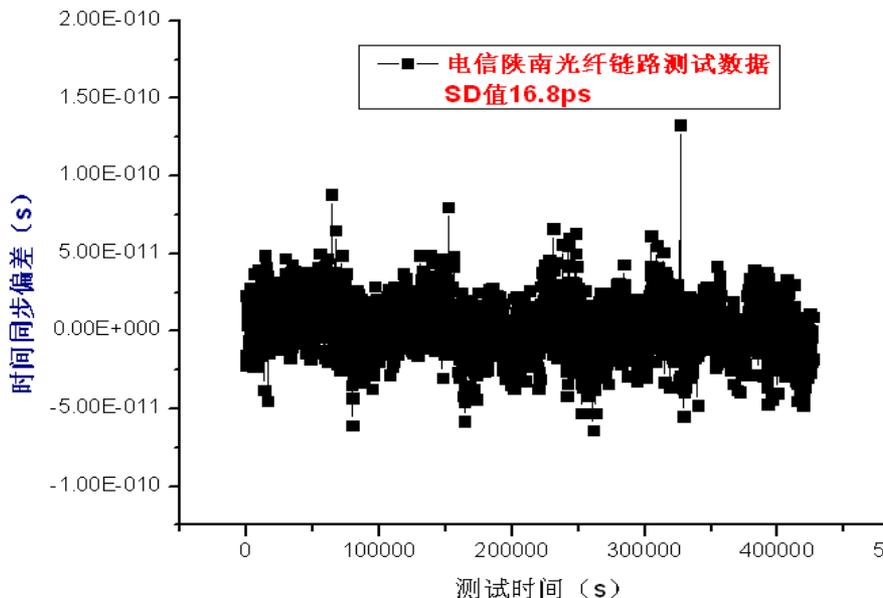
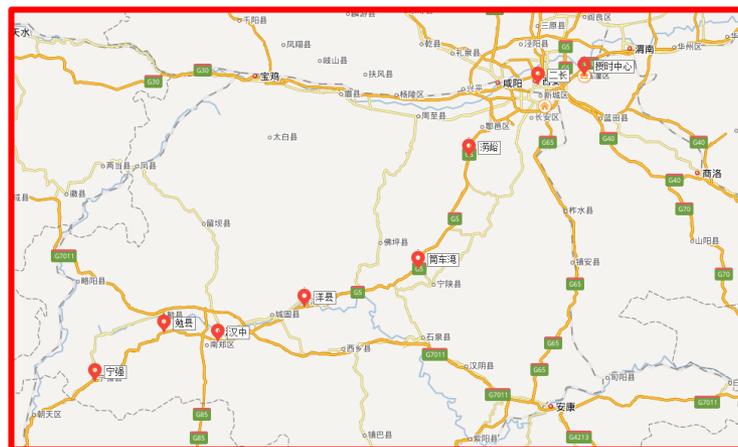
1085km telecomm fiber along highway

1 to 16 end-uses time transfer

Fiber type:G655+G652

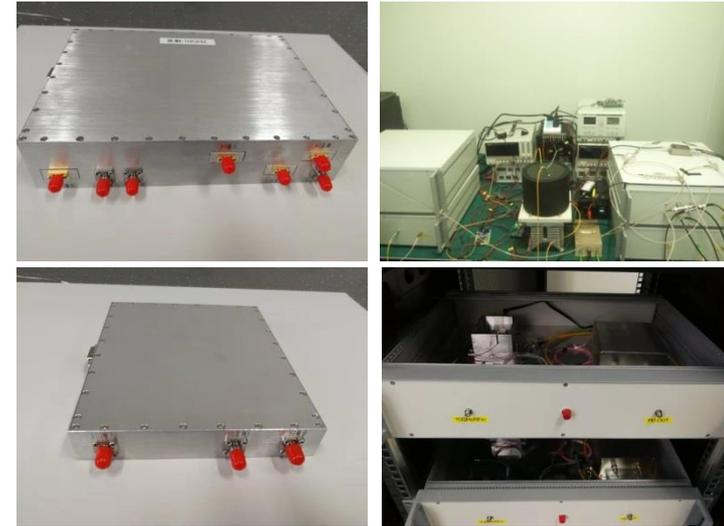
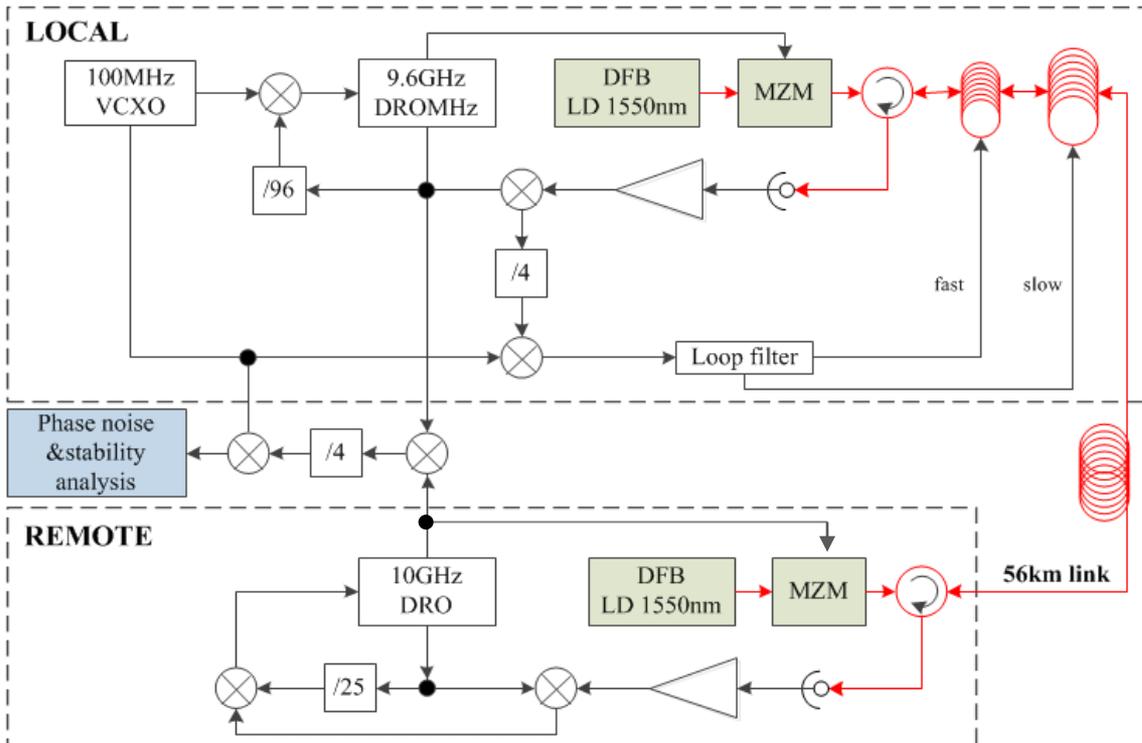
2 SFP@2 DWDM: SNR 10→30dB

TDC →home-made Time-Voltage Conv.  
resolution:20ps/s→3ps/s

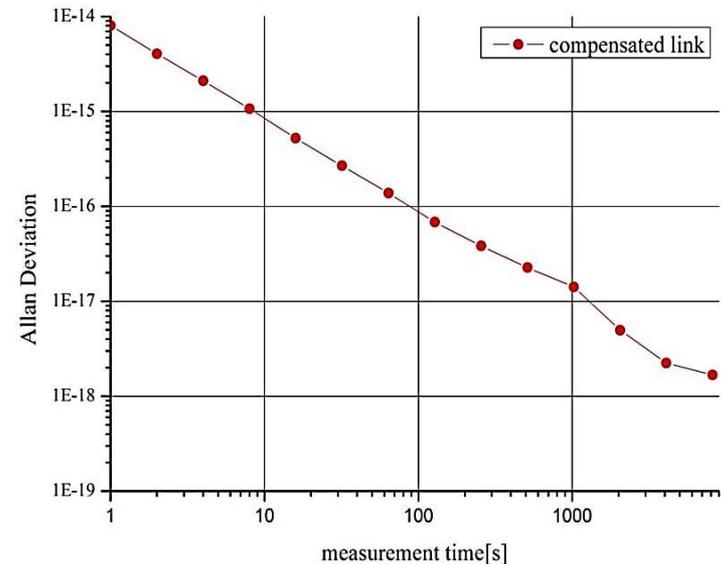


time jitter SD: 16.8ps, TDEV:5ps@1000s

# Microwave Frequency Dissemination on 56-km Fiber Spool



By analyzing the phase variation between the local end 9.6 GHz and the remote end 10 GHz, we obtain a frequency instability of the link of  $8.06E-15/s$ ,  $1.67E-18/8200s$ .



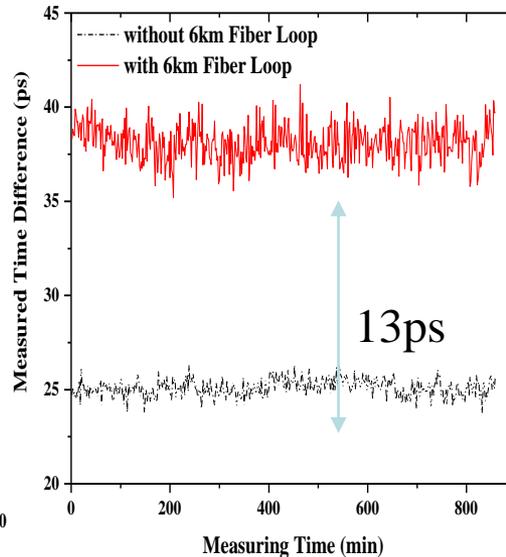
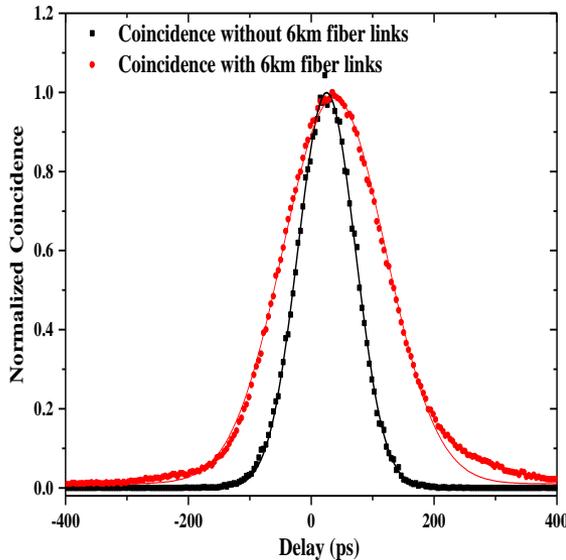
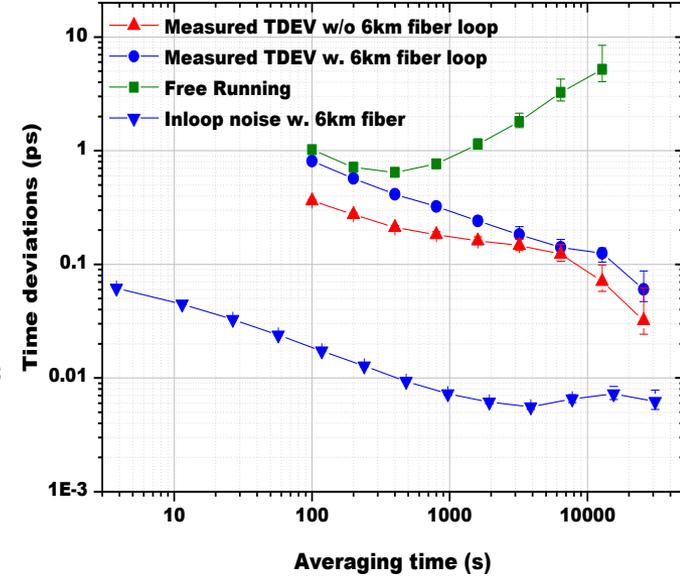
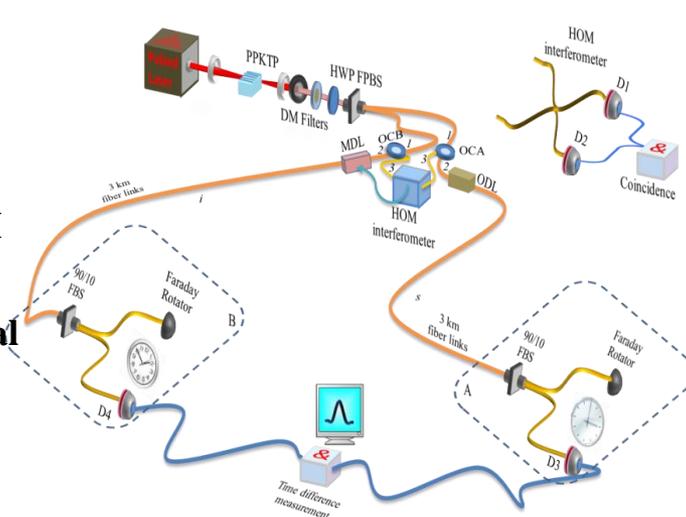
# Quantum Clock Synchronization based on Second-Order Coherence over 6 km fiber link

**Source:** 1582nm frequency-correlated photon pairs

**Transmission path:** two 3km-long fiber coil

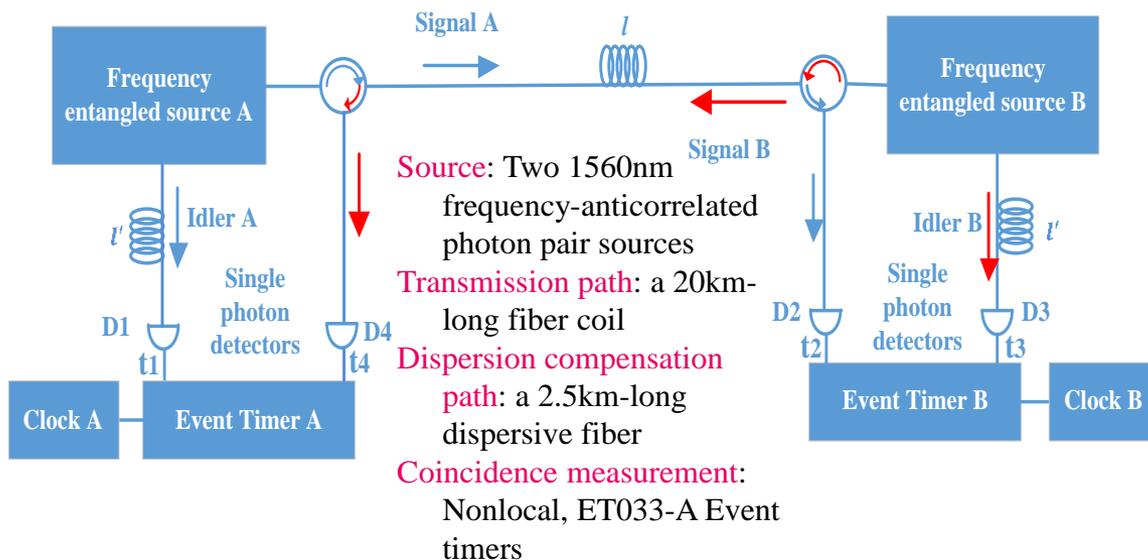
**Second-order coherence:** HOM interference

**Coincidence measurement:** local coincidence hardware, PicoHarp 300

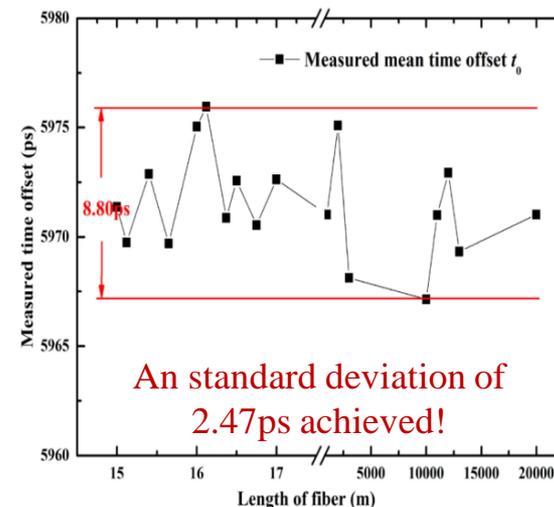
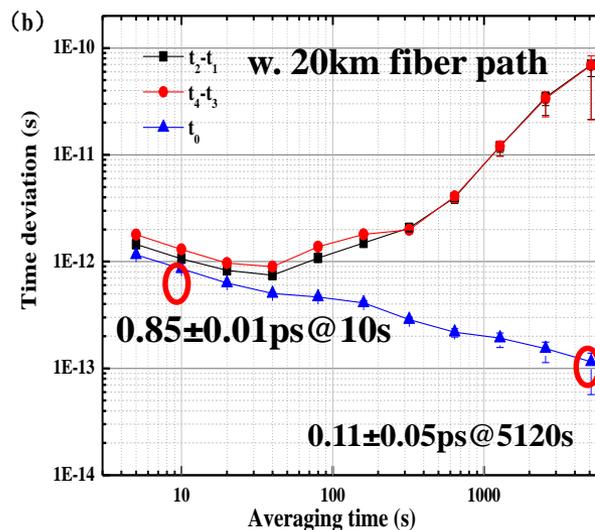
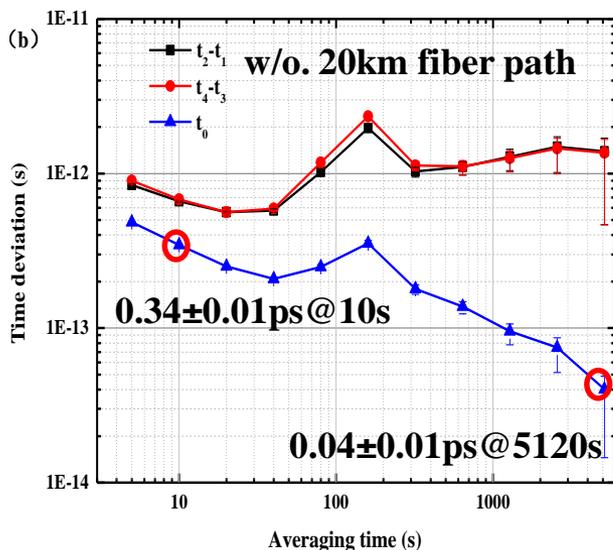


- **Minimum TDEV: 60 fs @ 25600 s**
- **Ultimately limited by the in-loop jitter: 6 fs @ 3900 s**
- **Accuracy: 13 ps**

# Two-way Quantum Clock compare over 20 km fiber link



- **Minimum TDEV: 110 fs@5120 s**
- **Ultimately limited by the systematic jitter: 40 fs@5120 s**
- **Accuracy: 2.47ps**



# Important projects for NTSC

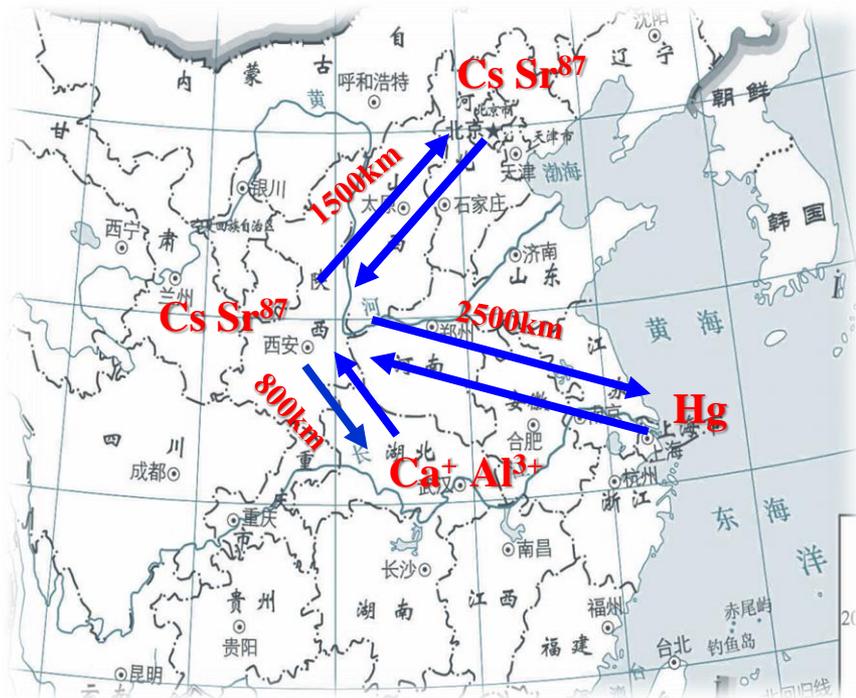
- **Establishment of precision land-based time service system: new LF radio and optical fiber time service infrastructure.**
- **Precision Time-Frequency experimental system in Chinese Space Station**

# Precision land-based time service system

Projected completion in 2023

The part of T/F service via fiber :

Using the telecom fiber to connect Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hefei, Urumqi, Sanya and other important cities and important users, more than 20000km optical fiber time service backbone network



Atomic clocks or optical clocks in China



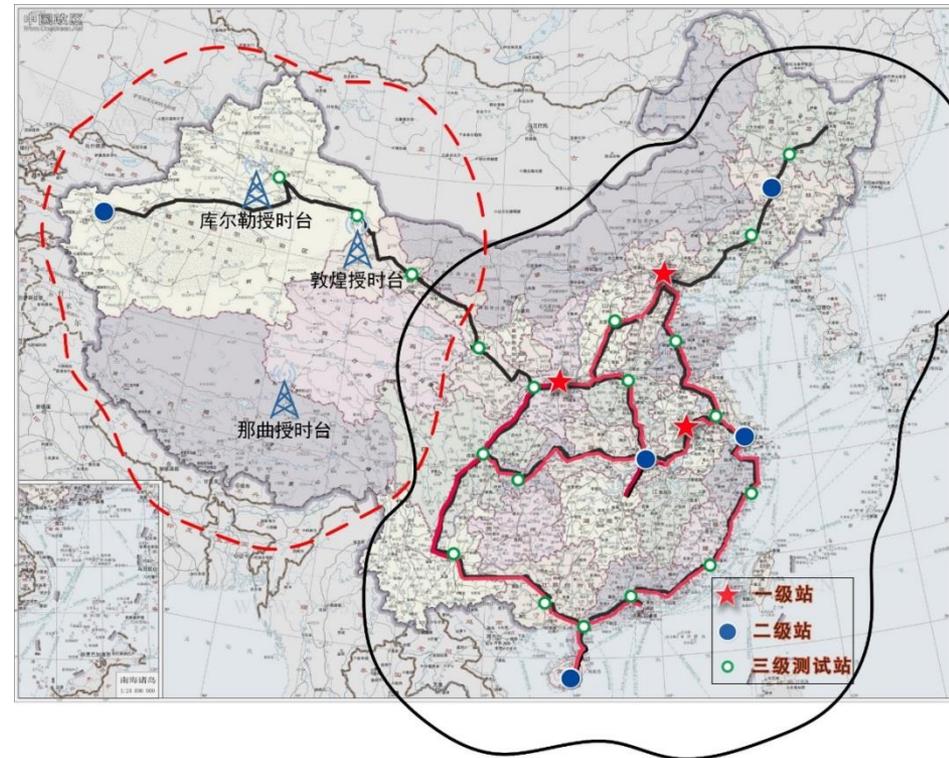
Across China fiber network of time and frequency

# Precision land-based time service system

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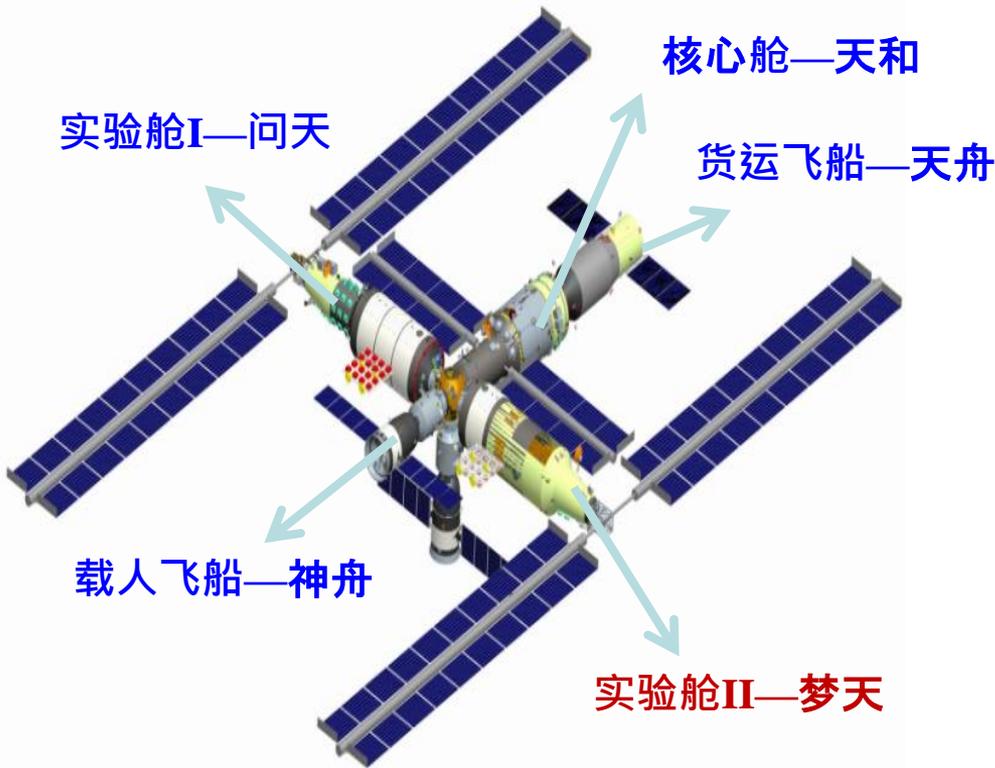
The part of Enhanced Loran (eLoran):

- 3 additional eLORAN stations built in the west of China, to realize the mainland coverage together with the existing eLORAN stations
- Connecting eLORAN station and differential station through optical fiber
- Accuracy of time service improved to 100ns by differential technique
- Broadcast Beidou Enhancement Information through eLORAN Station



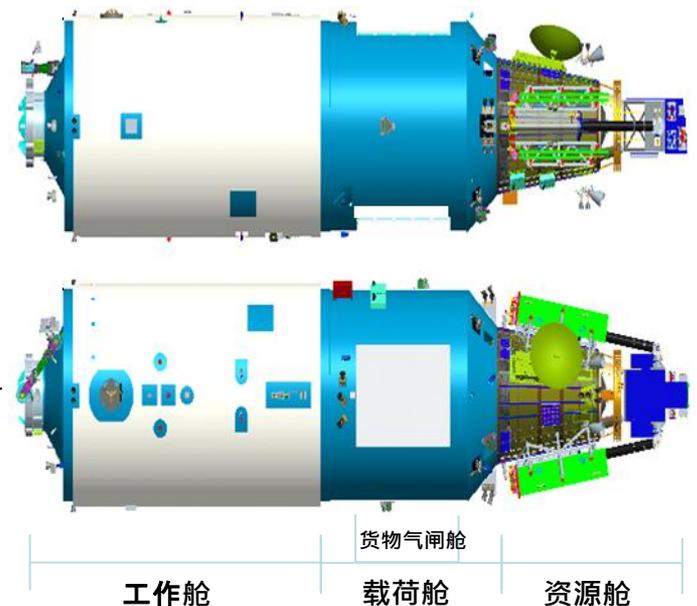
# Chinese Space Station

Projected completion about 2022



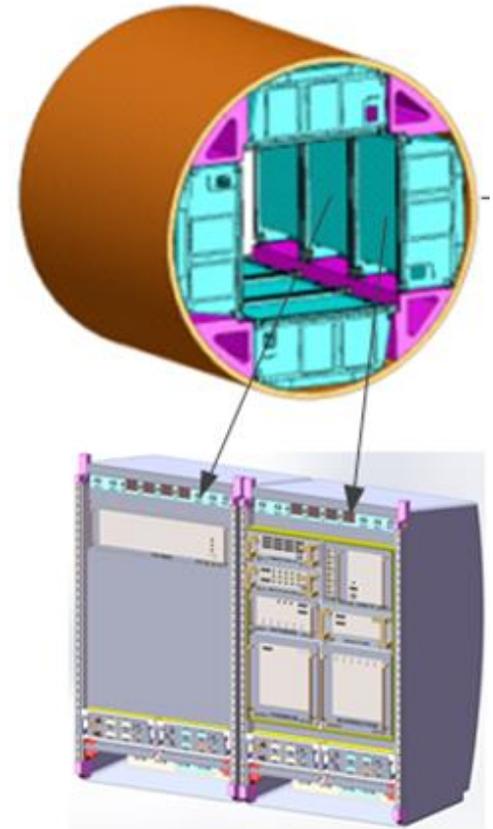
The basic configuration of the Chinese space station includes: core module, experimental module I and experimental module II

Experimental module II "sky dream", mainly supporting the experiments in the sealed cabin and the extravehicular test

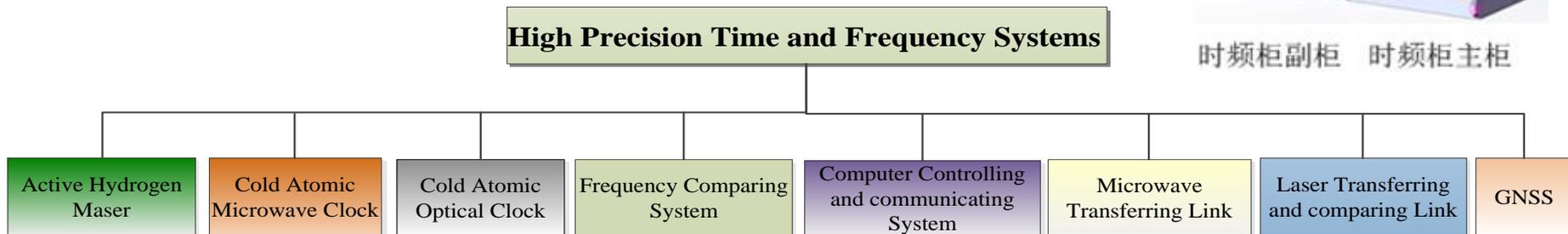


# Precision Time-Frequency system in Chinese Space Station

- Via integrating various atomic clocks, we can establish a spatial time-frequency generating-running system;
- Through the microwave and laser time-frequency transferring and comparing link, we can provide high-precision time-frequency signal to the ground and other districts;
- Key technologies and project design in progress



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# Space-ground time service system

Major science and technology infrastructure project in 2023

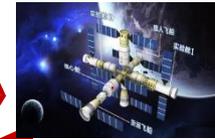
- Fiber network cover main cities and users
- time transfer precision <100ps
- frequency transfer stability at E-19/d level

eLORAN time service system

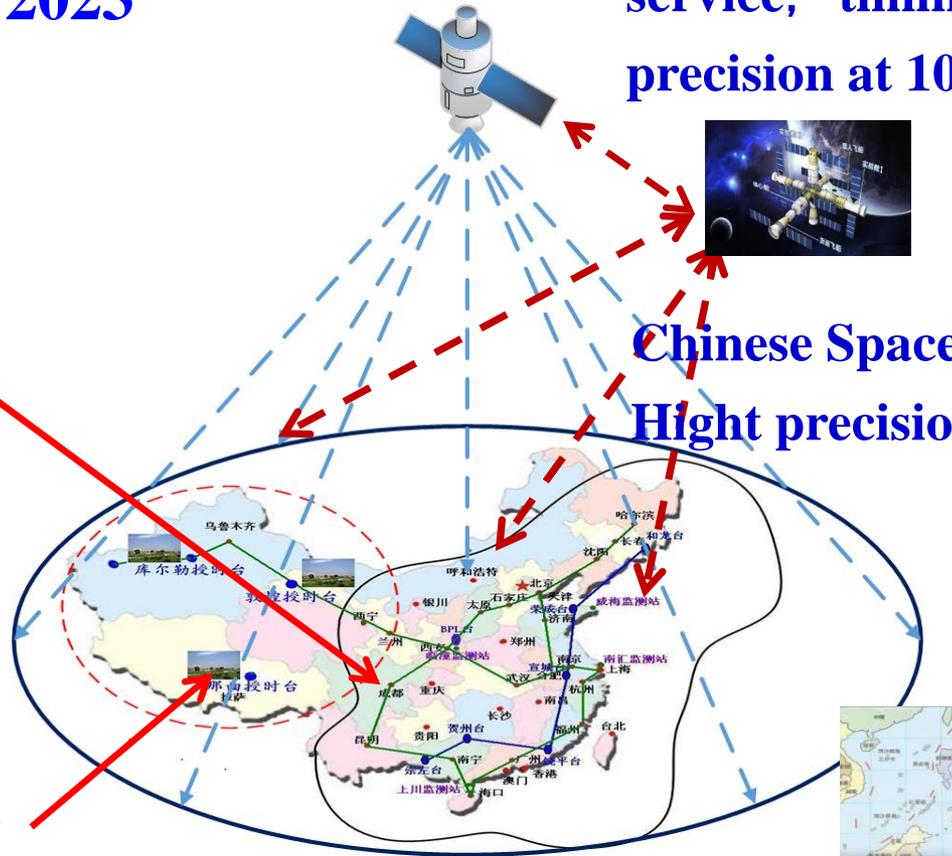
Precision in differential timing range < 100ns

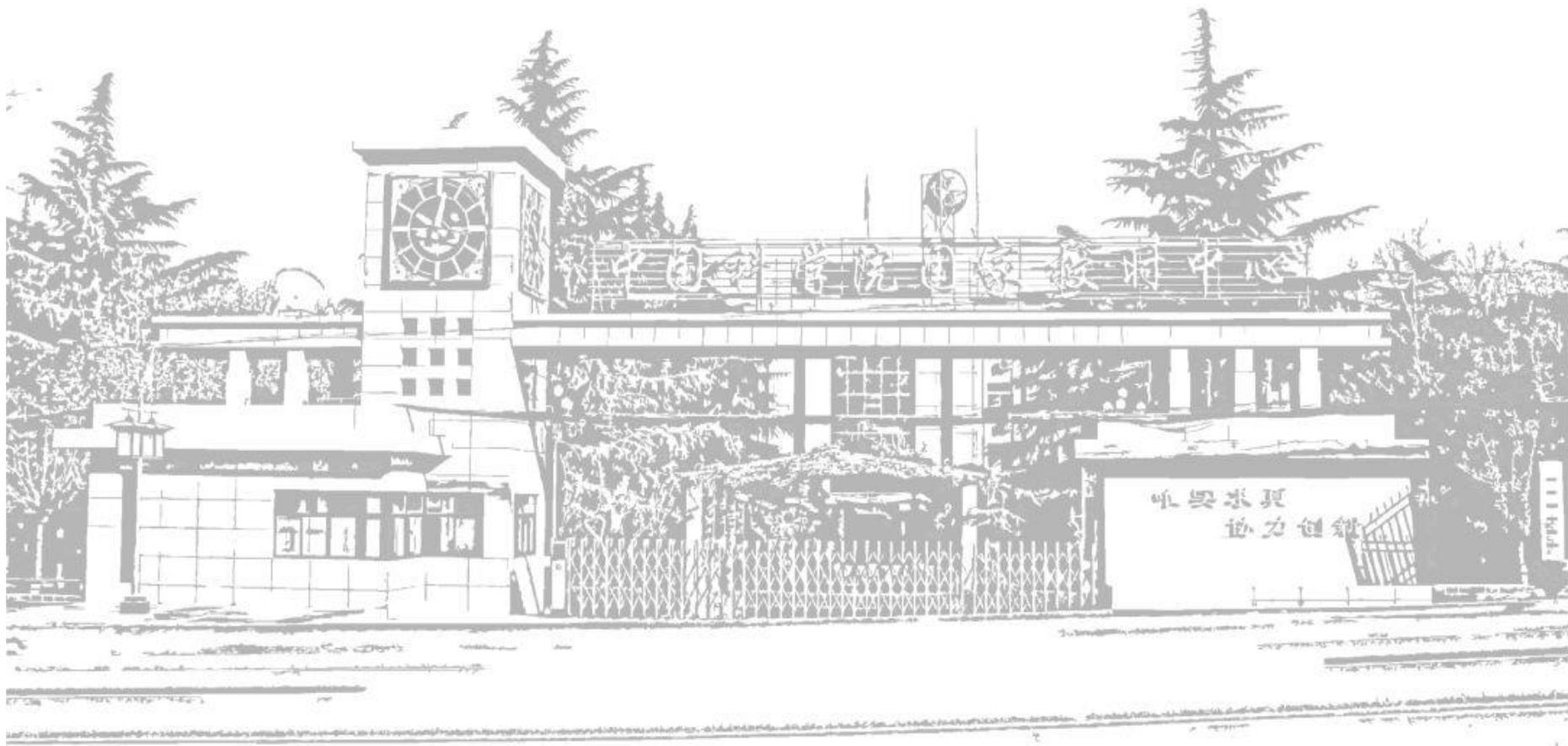
Broadcast satellite timing correction, improved to ns level

BeiDou, global PNT service, timing precision at 10ns



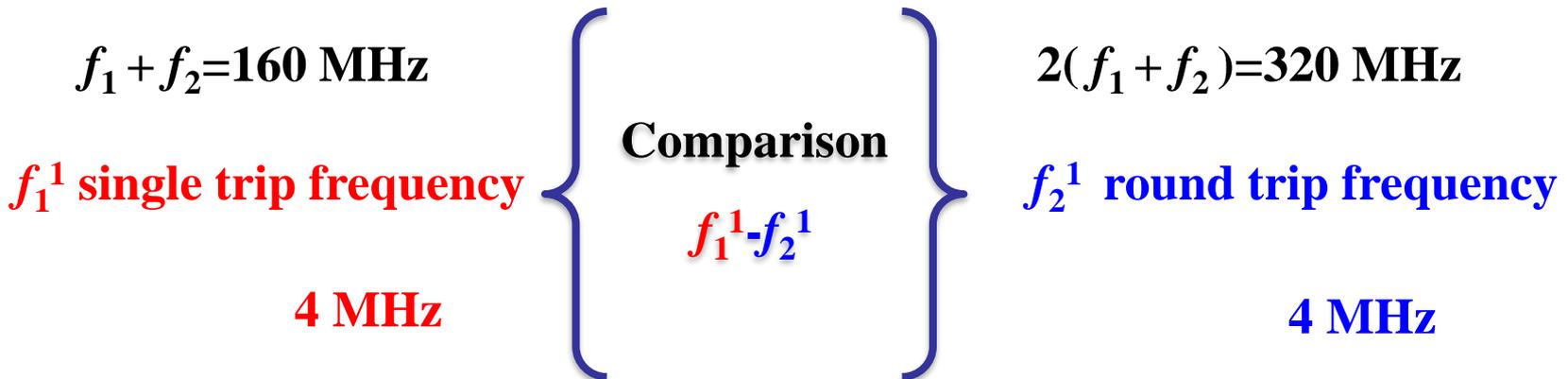
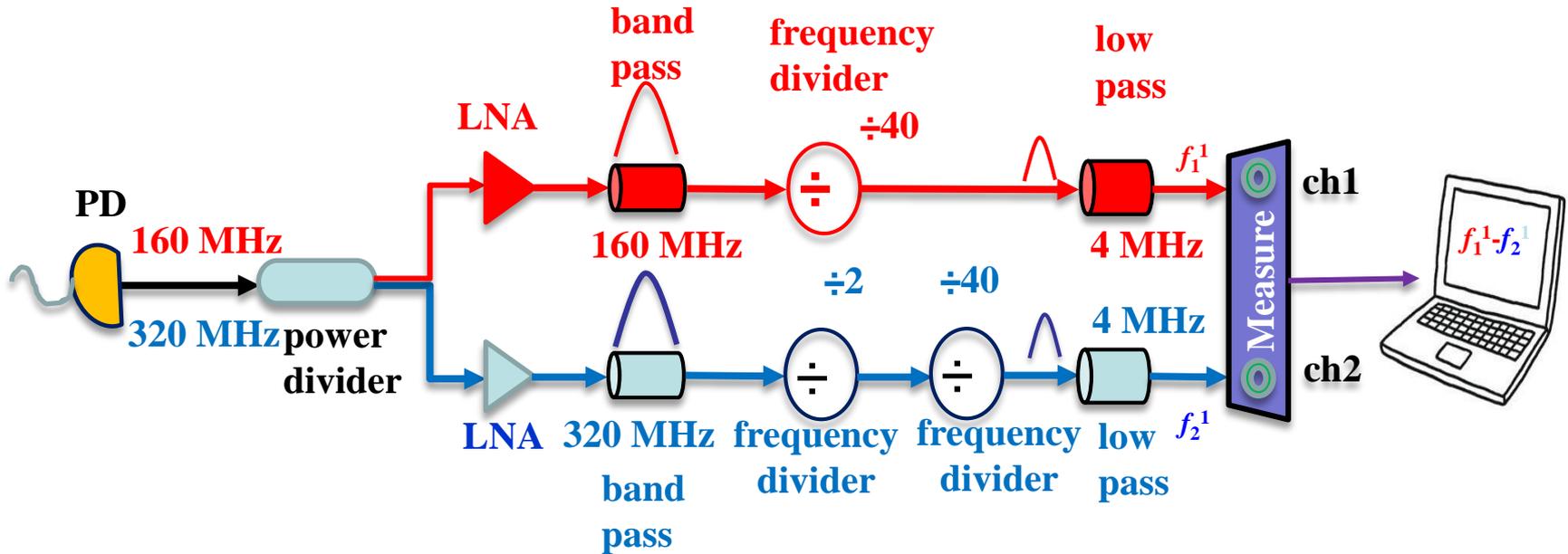
Chinese Space station :  
High precision T/F sys.





**Thank you for your attention!**  
**Welcome to Xi'an**

# Data processing



- 张老师,
- 1. JILA组的2015年锶光钟指标我重新核实并修改过了。
- 2. JILA组17年的三维光晶格中的费米简并气体的最终指标 $5 \times 10^{-19}$ 为光钟测量精度。当然, 由于该精度的光钟完全可以测出几个毫米的重力红移, 所以采用一套光钟比对。
- 3. 图中各实验室结果对比, JILA实验室17年结果采用虚线。

## ARTICLE

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# Systematic evaluation of an $2 \times 10^{-18}$ total uncertainty

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The pursuit of better atomic clocks has advanced many research areas: quantum state control, new insights in quantum science, tighter limits on constant variation and improved tests of relativity. The record for the accuracy is currently held by optical lattice clocks. Here we take an important step realizing the full potential of a many-particle clock with a state-of-the-art  $^{87}\text{Sr}$  optical lattice clock now achieves fractional stability of  $2.2 \times 10^{-18}$ . To improve stability, we perform a new accuracy evaluation of our clock by accounting for systematic uncertainties that limited our previous measurements, such as the ac Stark shift, the atoms' thermal environment and the atomic response to blackbody radiation. Our combined measurements have reduced the total JILA Sr clock to  $2.1 \times 10^{-18}$  in fractional frequency units.

## RESEARCH

### REPORT

#### OPTICAL CLOCKS

## A Fermi-degenerate three-dimensional optical lattice clock

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Strontium optical lattice clocks have the potential to simultaneously interrogate millions of atoms with a high spectroscopic quality factor of  $4 \times 10^{17}$ . Previously, atomic interactions have forced a compromise between clock stability, which benefits from a large number of atoms, and accuracy, which suffers from density-dependent frequency shifts. Here we demonstrate a scalable solution that takes advantage of the high, correlated density of a degenerate Fermi gas in a three-dimensional (3D) optical lattice to guard against on-site interaction shifts. We show that contact interactions are resolved so that their contribution to clock shifts is orders of magnitude lower than in previous experiments. A synchronous clock comparison between two regions of the 3D lattice yields a measurement precision of  $5 \times 10^{-19}$  in 1 hour of averaging time.

Atomic clocks are advancing the frontier of measurement science, enabling tabletop searches for dark matter and physics beyond the Standard Model (1–4), as well as providing innovative quantum technologies for other branches of science (5). One-dimensional (1D) optical lattice clocks provide a many-particle optical frequency reference that, together with advances in optical local oscillators

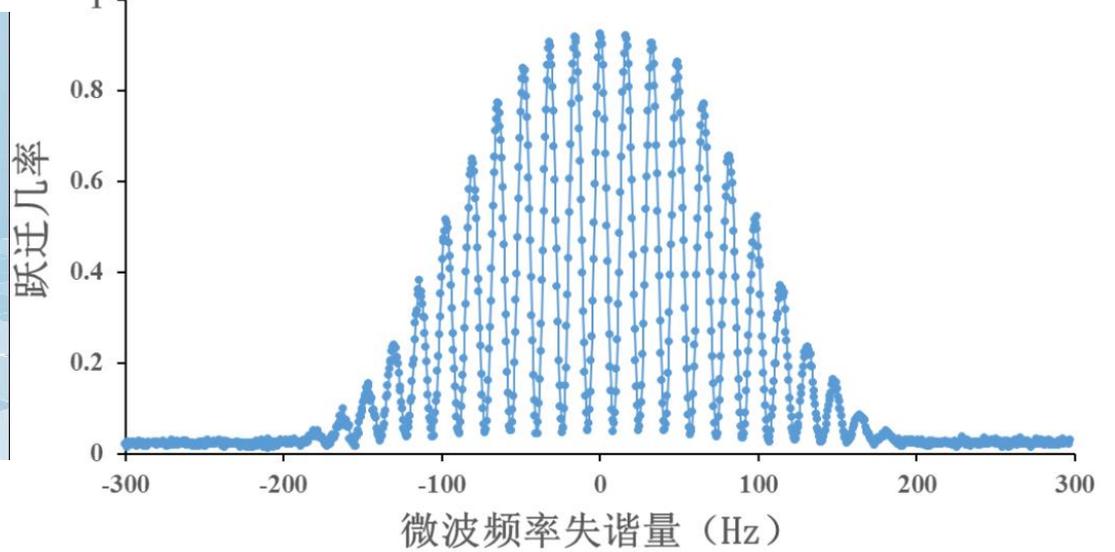
we loaded a two-spin degenerate Fermi gas into the ground band of a 3D optical lattice in the Mott insulating regime, where interactions are responsible for a suppression of doubly occupied sites (18, 19, 21). This enabled us to maximize atomic density while greatly suppressing collisional frequency shifts. For our coldest samples, the number of doubly occupied sites was suppressed by orders of magnitude relative to the

increasing role of interactions relative to tunneling suppressed multiple occupancies in the Mott insulating regime. At the final lattice depths of 40 to 100  $E_{\text{rec}}$ , where  $E_{\text{rec}}$  is the lattice photon recoil energy, the Lamb-Dicke requirement was satisfied for clock light along all directions (25). Spectroscopy was performed on the 698-nm  $^1S_0(|g; m_F\rangle) \leftrightarrow ^3P_0(|e; m_F\rangle)$  clock transition. The clock laser propagating along the  $\hat{x}$  lattice beam was used for precision spectroscopy (Fig. 1A), whereas an oblique clock laser enabled a systematic characterization of the lattice by means of motional sideband spectroscopy (Fig. 1B). The absence of observable red-detuned sidebands demonstrated that the atoms were predominantly loaded into the ground band of the 3D lattice.

A long-standing question has been whether the overall ac Stark shift in a 3D lattice can be managed to allow state-of-the-art narrow-line clock spectroscopy. We implemented a solution to this challenge, inspired by the proposal in (26). The differential ac Stark shift from the lattice trapping beams at a particular trap depth  $U_0$  can be expressed in terms of its scalar, vector, and tensor components as

$$\Delta\nu = (\Delta\kappa^s + \Delta\kappa^v m_F \xi \hat{e}_k \cdot \hat{e}_B + \Delta\kappa^t \beta) U_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta\kappa^{s,v,t}$  are the scalar, vector, and tensor shift coefficients, respectively;  $\xi$  is the lattice light ellipticity; and  $\hat{e}_k$  and  $\hat{e}_B$  are unit vectors along the lattice beam wave vector and magnetic field quantization axis, respectively (26, 27). The parameter  $\beta$  can be expressed as  $\beta = (3\cos^2\theta - 1)[3m_F^2 - F(F+1)]$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the nearly linear lattice polarization and  $\hat{e}_B$ .



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