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- Quantum satellite communications;
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- Positioning with LEO satellites;
- Sensing and communication in NTNs;
- Energy-efficient AI onboard process in NTNs.

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