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Los Alamos: A National Security Laboratory Science & Engineering Solutions

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Los Alamos is essential to national security, global security, and energy security



Three missions

- ◆ Stockpile Stewardship
- ◆ Global Security
- ◆ Energy Security

We anticipate, innovate, and deliver solutions

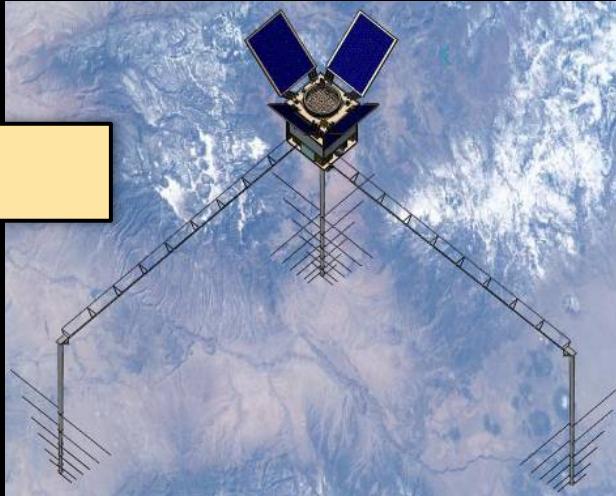
We span the spectrum from **Discovery** through **Applied Science** to **Prototypes**

We use the outstanding science, engineering, and technology from
our core stockpile stewardship mission for other national needs

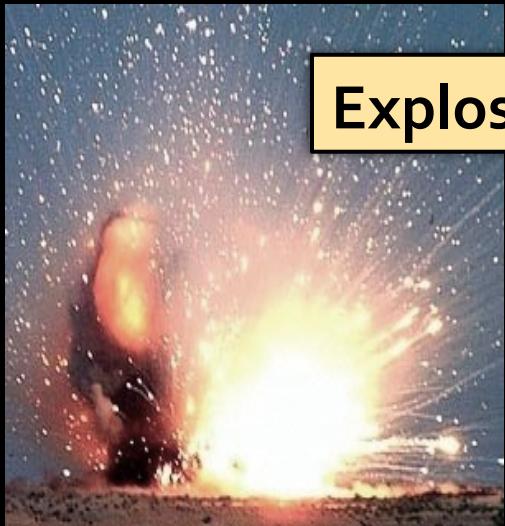
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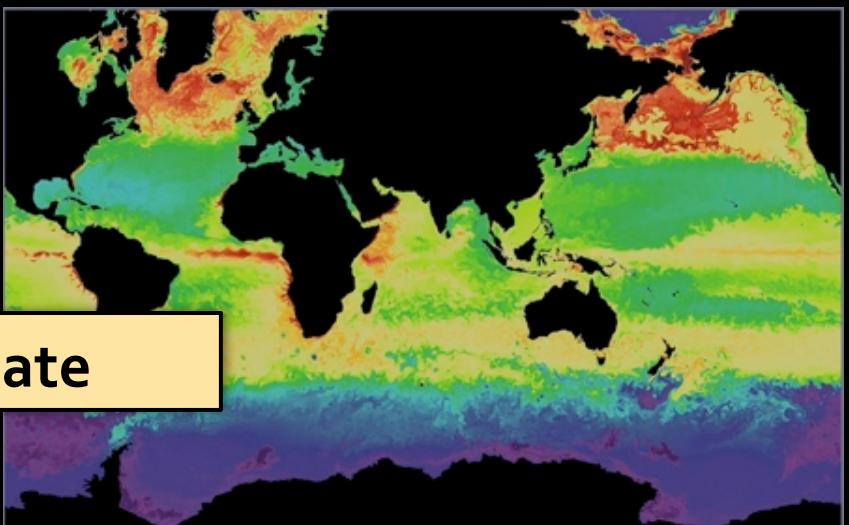
Space



Warfighter



Explosives



Climate

Los Alamos Mission: All Things Nuclear



Systems

Materials



Radiological

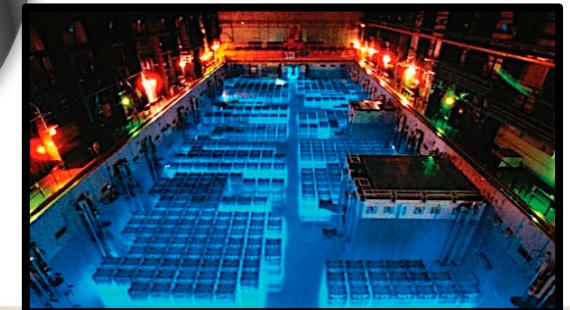


All
Things
Nuclear

Vulnerabilities

Explosives

Effects



Mission: Stockpile Stewardship

How could you ensure this worked, *without starting the engine?*



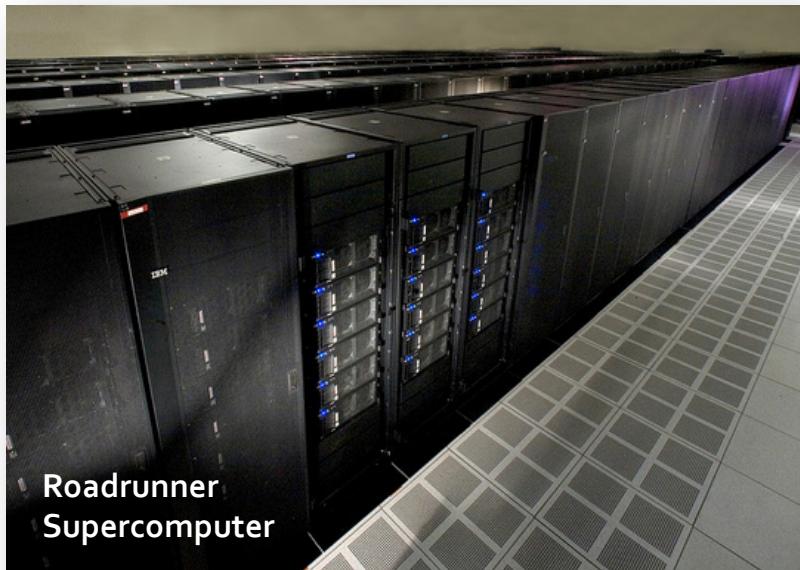
The United States faces a much more complex challenge in caring for its nuclear stockpile.



Chevrolet Corvette ZR1

2009 LS9 6.2L V-8 SC (LS9)
Component Exploded View

Modeling, simulation, radiography, and non-nuclear testing help provide assurance



Confidence without nuclear testing
requires fundamental understanding
of science and engineering

GS Mission: Protect against the Nuclear Threat

“We will provide expert knowledge and operational capability for counterterrorism, counterproliferation, and nuclear threat response, domestically and internationally.”

—US Department of Energy/NNSA Strategic Plan, 2011



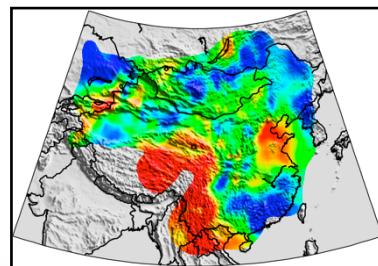
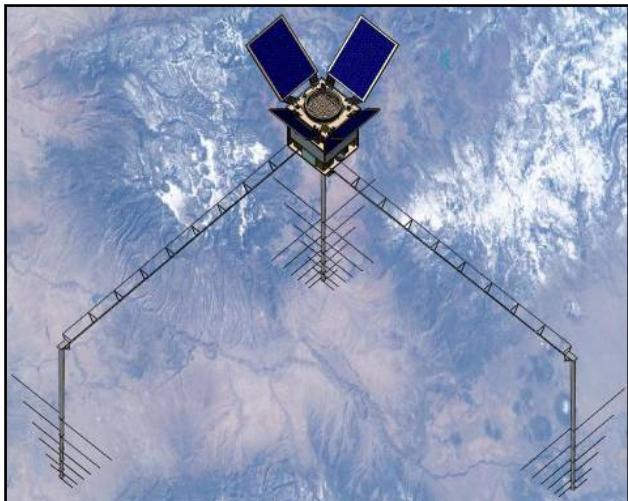
Los Alamos Global Security responds across the spectrum of Nuclear Threats

Current Risks: Threats from weapons of mass destruction and terrorism

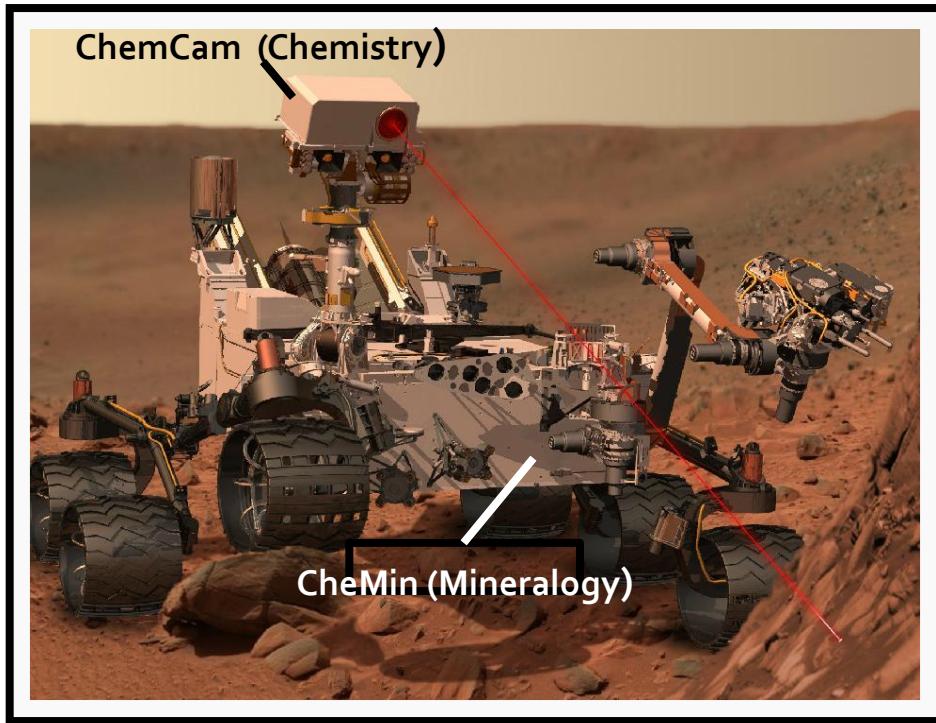


- ◆ Reducing proliferation threats
- ◆ Safeguarding and detecting radiological material
- ◆ IAEA inspector training
- ◆ Counterterrorism
- ◆ Critical infrastructure modeling
- ◆ Disaster response

Nuclear Nonproliferation: Los Alamos R&D, deployments, and policy support



The Science of Sensors: Los Alamos technology used on the Mars Curiosity Rover — and to detect nuclear material



Inspiration for Small Compact Reactors

- ◆ As the premier national security laboratory, it is our mission to innovate and mature nuclear and other alternate energy technologies to meet DoD operational energy requirements, including at the forward operating bases.
- ◆ We believe that we have a solution to this most urgent national security problem.
- ◆ We have invested Laboratory Directed Research and Development funding to mature and demonstrate some of the key technologies and materials that simplify reactor operations and minimize safety and proliferation risk.

Net-Centric Warfare means more energy per soldier; sustainable energy at forward locations is a vital need.

"Unleash us from this tether of fuel"
 General Mattis, Centcom

Most IED fatalities occur while protecting fuel convoys



"For every gallon of generator fuel used, it took seven gallons to transport it there. We have suffered 80 American fatalities while protecting nearly 2000 convoys required per year...."

Marine Energy Assessment Team
 (2009, Afghan Theater Assessment)

Reference	kW per Soldier	Company (150) kW	Battalion (600) kW	Brigade (3,500) kW	Fuel (gal/d)
CENTCOM Sandbook	0.7	105	420	2450	4410
USAF Expeditionary Airfield	1.3a6	555	550	3300	5940
Base in a Box	1.8	270	1080	6300	11340
CONUS Base (+ Hospital)	3.7	--	--	12950	23310

LANL Conceptual Design: Compact, Safe, Secure, and Mobile

Power: 0.5 to 10 MWe

- Power conversion: coupled to conventional generator
- Heat rejection: Air to air Brayton or could use waste heat for other missions

Mobile reactor in standard shipping cask

- Designed to be robust (monolith core)
- Boron carbide shield also acts as 'armor'
- Transportation 'cask' for wheel-in/out

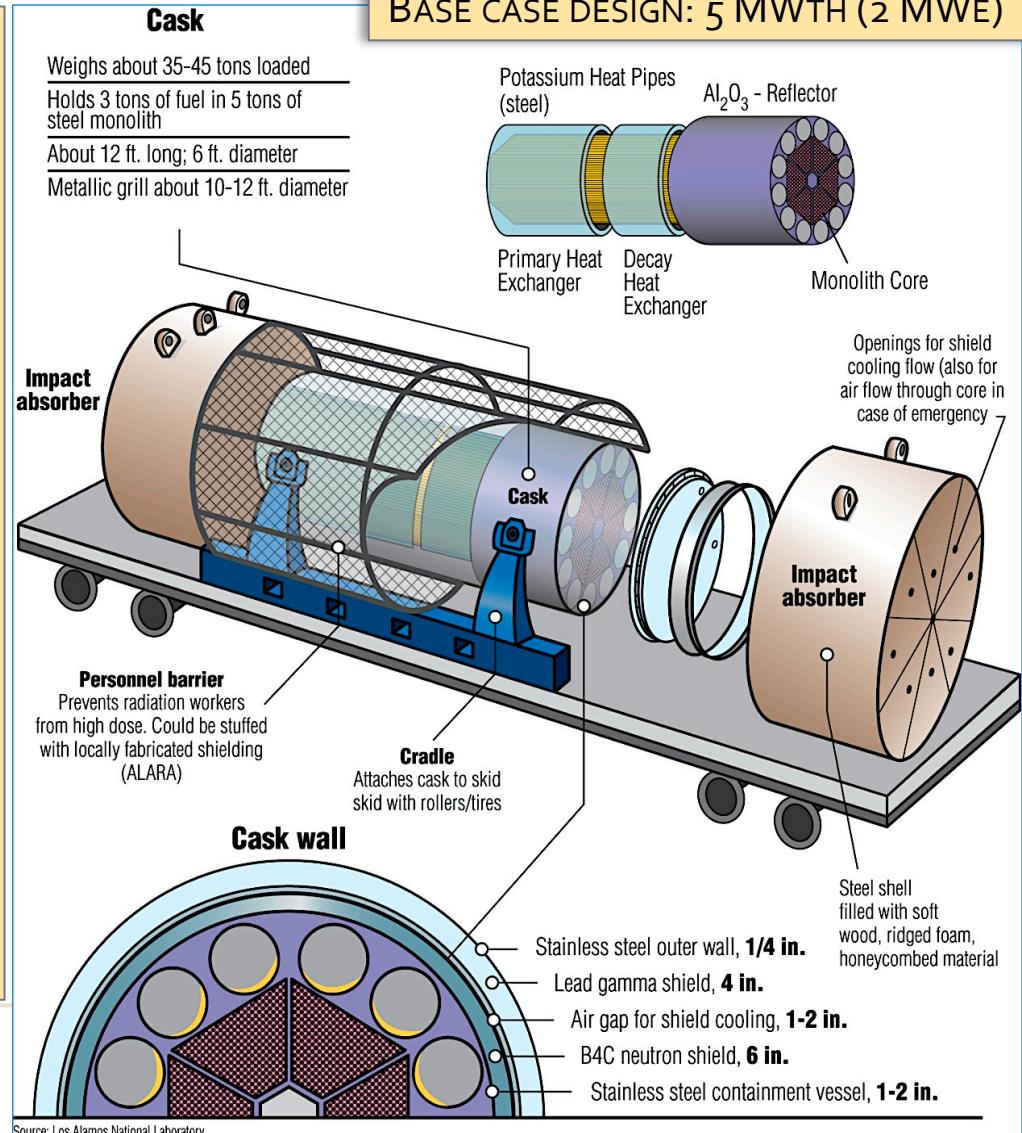
Controlled and monitored locally and remotely

- Self regulation for power output
- Simplified control

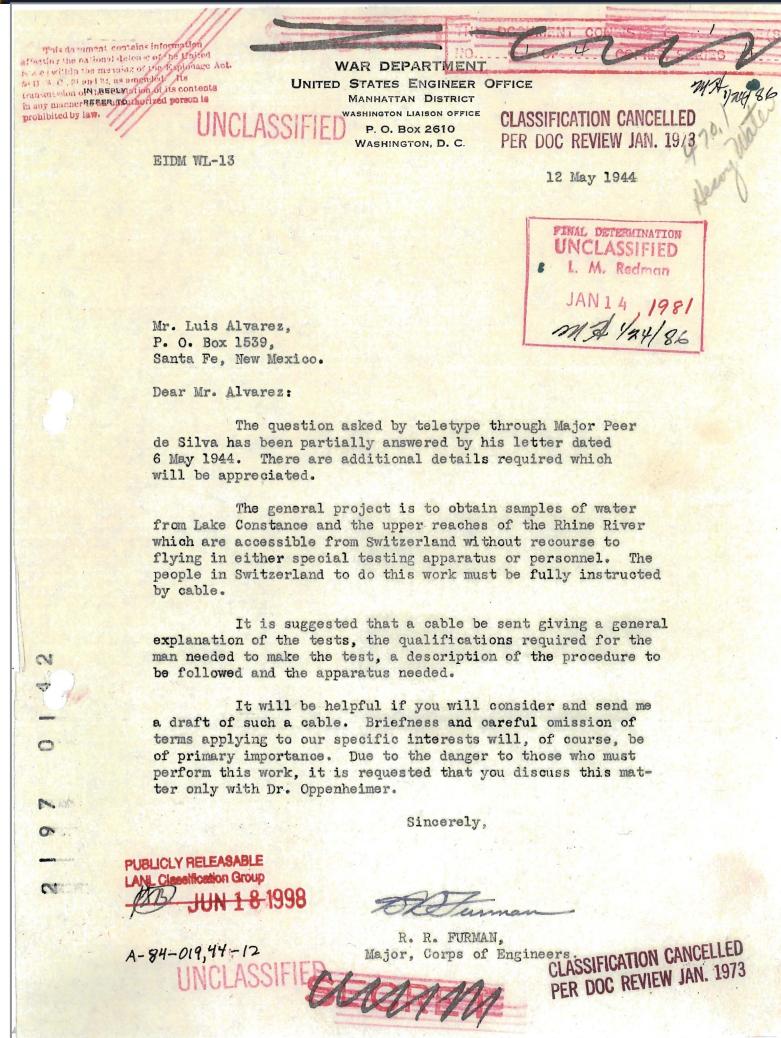
Reliable and safe (3 independent means of removing decay heat, 2 independent means of shutdown)

- Heat pipe cooled core (no active components)
- Passive heat removal following shutdown
- Large heat capacity

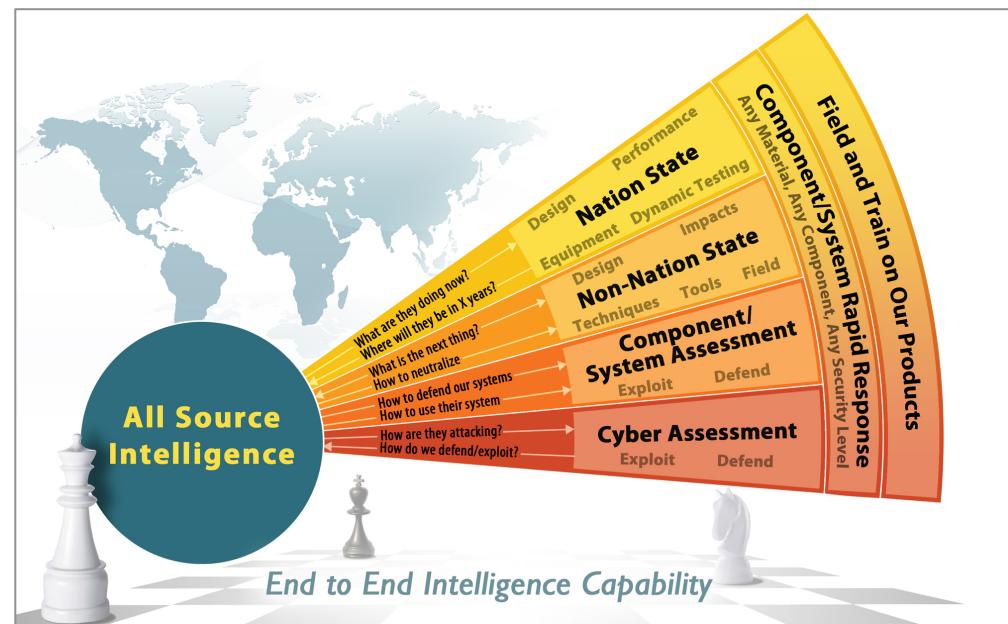
BASE CASE DESIGN: 5 MW_{TH} (2 MWe)



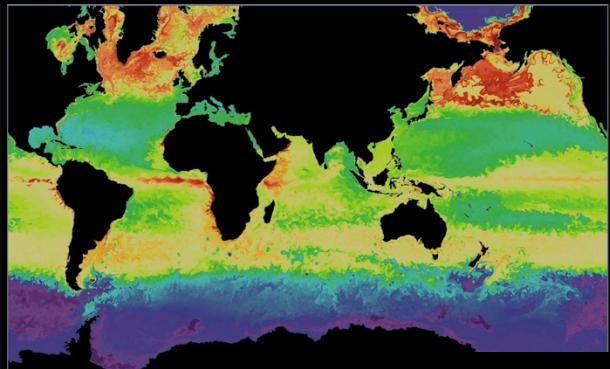
Intelligence Programs



Los Alamos has been solving the nation's most crucial and complex challenges since 1943



Emerging Threats: A Changing Planet



climate change



environmental insult



foreign nuclear
aspirations



price of indium



2030: Concerns

ENERGY



9 Billion People

Dramatic Shift
in Economic Balance

Asymmetric Military Power

HEALTH
Pandemics,
Warfare,
Longevity



RESOURCES



ENVIRONMENT

