



# Perspectives from Los Alamos

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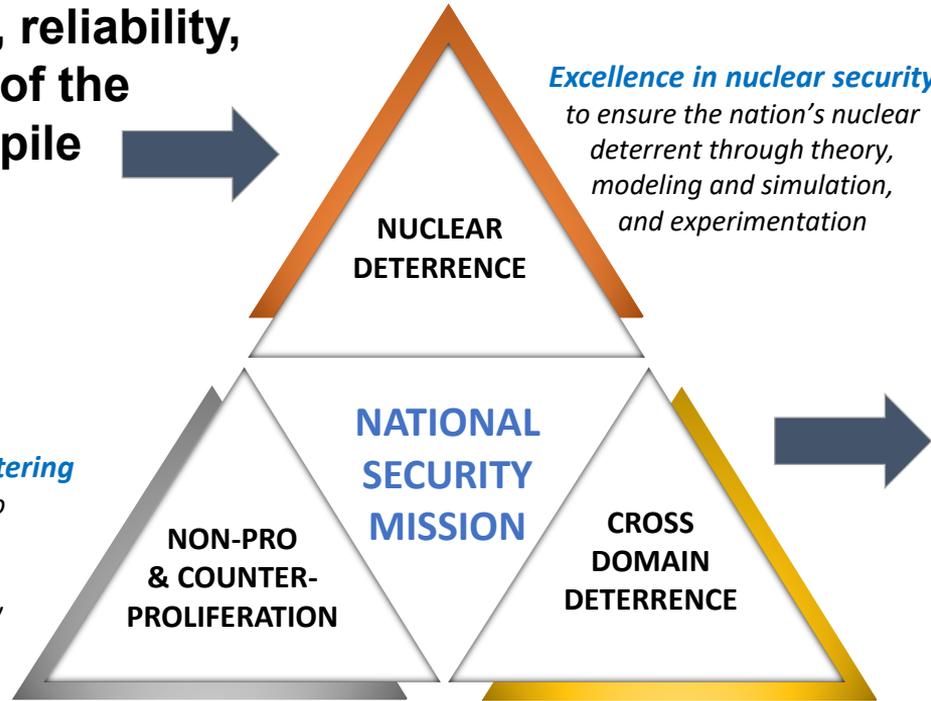
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# Our national security mission is broad and important — and motivates and is enabled by ST&E discovery

Ensure the safety, reliability,  
and performance of the  
U.S nuclear stockpile

- Physics & Design
- Engineering
- Production

*Preventing and countering  
efforts of proliferants to  
acquire, develop or  
disseminate materials  
and expertise necessary  
for nuclear weapons*



*Excellence in nuclear security  
to ensure the nation's nuclear  
deterrent through theory,  
modeling and simulation,  
and experimentation*

**Energy security**

- Sustainable Nuclear Energy
- Resilient Materials
- Complexity in Energy Systems

*Supporting the DoD, IC, and other national security partners to  
execute multidomain operations across land, air, sea, space, and cyber*



# Our capability pillars define six key areas of science, technology & engineering, in which we must lead

<b>CAPABILITY PILLARS</b>	<b>MATERIALS FOR THE FUTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defects and Interfaces</li> <li>Extreme Environments</li> <li>Emergent Phenomena</li> </ul>
	<b>NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE FUTURES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied Nuclear Science &amp; Engineering</li> <li>Nuclear &amp; Particle Physics, Astrophysics &amp; Cosmology</li> <li>Accelerator Science &amp; Technology</li> <li>High Energy Density Physics &amp; Fluid Dynamics</li> </ul>
	<b>INTEGRATING INFORMATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PREDICTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computing Platforms</li> <li>Computational Methods</li> <li>Data Science</li> </ul>
	<b>SCIENCE OF SIGNATURES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Detonation</li> <li>Nuclear Processing, Movement, Weaponization</li> <li>Natural and Anthropogenic Phenomena</li> </ul>
	<b>COMPLEX NATURAL AND ENGINEERED SYSTEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human–Natural System Interactions: Nuclear Engineered Systems</li> <li>Human–Natural System Interactions: Non-Nuclear</li> </ul>
	<b>WEAPONS SYSTEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Analysis</li> </ul>



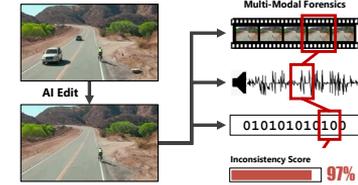
# Our Laboratory Strategy starts with simultaneous excellence:

## Balance between operations and mission

SIMULTANEOUS EXCELLENCE	1.0 NUCLEAR SECURITY	2.0 MISSION-FOCUSED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING	3.0 MISSION OPERATIONS	4.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Strategic Objective (10–20 years)	<a href="#">Excellence in Nuclear Security</a>	<a href="#">Excellence in Mission-Focused Science, Technology &amp; Engineering</a>	<a href="#">Excellence in Mission Operations</a>	<a href="#">Excellence in Community Relations</a>
Critical Outcomes (5–10 years)	Design, produce, and certify current and future nuclear weapons and reduce global nuclear threats	Deliver scientific discovery and technical breakthroughs that support DOE and NNSA missions	Execute sustained operations that are reliable and responsive to mission needs	Sustain and enhance LANL’s partnership with the community across the Northern New Mexico region
Major Strategic Initiatives (1–5 years)	<p><a href="#">1.1</a> Execute LANL’s Manufacturing mission to deliver 30 plutonium pits per year</p> <p><a href="#">1.2</a> Transform nuclear weapons warhead design and production</p> <p><a href="#">1.3</a> <b>Anticipate threats to global security; develop and deploy revolutionary tools to detect, deter, and respond</b></p> <p><a href="#">1.4</a> Support modernization of LANL warhead systems</p> <p><a href="#">1.5</a> Assess the stockpile as it ages and project weapon systems lifetimes</p>	<p><a href="#">2.1</a> Refresh and refine the LANL capability pillar framework</p> <p><a href="#">2.2</a> Advance accelerator science, engineering, and technology to enable future stewardship capabilities</p> <p><a href="#">2.3</a> Advance the frontiers of computing to exascale and beyond</p> <p><a href="#">2.4</a> Assert leadership in the national quantum initiative</p> <p><a href="#">2.5</a> <b>Develop and implement an integrated nuclear energy and nuclear materials initiative</b></p> <p><a href="#">2.6</a> Implement an integrated initiative for plutonium and actinide missions based on FY20 strategy</p> <p><a href="#">2.7</a> <b>Implement a national security life sciences initiative</b></p>	<p><a href="#">3.1</a> Change organizational culture with an emphasis on organizational learning</p> <p><a href="#">3.2</a> Improve integrated planning across priority mission activities and infrastructure</p> <p><a href="#">3.3</a> Address critical issues related to NMCA, nuclear safety, criticality safety, waste, and classified enhancements</p> <p><a href="#">3.4</a> Implement systematic process improvement to drive increased rigor and efficiency in work execution</p> <p><a href="#">3.5</a> Enhance quality of work life, workforce planning, and training and development</p>	<p><a href="#">4.1</a> Continue commitment to the community with educational, economic, and philanthropic investments of time and resources</p> <p><a href="#">4.2</a> Strengthen pipelines and partnerships to build workforce of the future</p> <p><a href="#">4.3</a> Enhance small business participation in executing LANL scope across all directorates</p> <p><a href="#">4.4</a> <b>Demonstrate agility and flexibility in our partnerships, effectively balancing benefit and risks</b></p>

# Anticipate threats to global security; develop and deploy revolutionary tools to detect, deter, respond

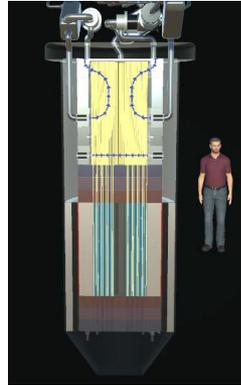
- **Deliver on NNSA and Strategic Partnership Projects supporting non-proliferation, counter-proliferation, and emerging threats**
  - Develop & transition data analytics tools
  - Execute programs for advanced reactors and power systems
  - Support NC3 resiliency
  - Operational support to Combatant Commands for enhanced effectiveness and ISR capabilities
  - Large-scale field experiments and testbeds to verify scientific modeling
  - Advanced technologies (e.g., unique sensing and exploitation) supporting counter-pro/counter-adversary capabilities
- **Support non-proliferation and cross-domain deterrence through integrated space domain strategies**
  - Protection of space-based systems in natural and contested environments
  - Resilient space architectures for national security missions
  - Space-based remote sensing
- **Advance virtual training concepts for Lab's and partner agencies' operational mission needs**



# LANL nuclear science enabling DOD missions

- **Integrated nuclear energy and nuclear materials initiative**

- Power sources
- Isotope production
- Special-purpose reactors
- Modeling & simulation



**2010** LANL internal R&D investment results in mobile reactor design for DoD use

- **Technology demonstration using LANL's unique facilities, skilled personnel, and capabilities**

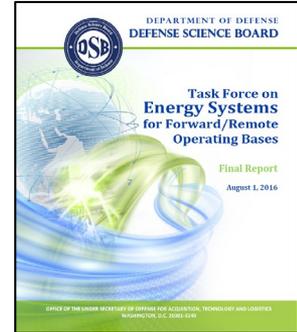
- Advanced fuel qualification
- Heat pipe technology
- Nuclear demonstration capability



**2018** LANL/NASA conducts first US nuclear demonstration in decades – Core physics and feasibility established

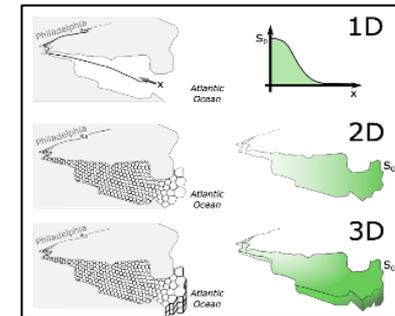
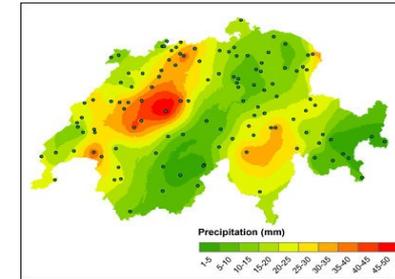
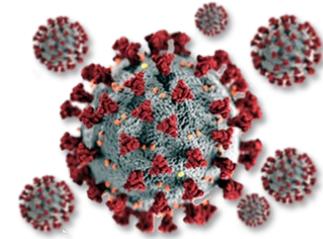
**2020** LANL supports SCO PELE program for prototype demonstration of mobile nuclear power for the DoD

**2016** LANL provides input and guidance to DSB task force on energy systems



# National Security Life Sciences Initiative

- **Timely scientific and technical assistance to national security partners**
  - National security life sciences contributing to pandemic science and response
- **Leadership in national bio-defense and international-level bio economy strategy and planning**
- **Continued excellence in physics-based modelling**
  - High fidelity climate modelling coupled with physics-based infrastructure modelling – focus on regional impacts
  - Forecasting impact and informing mission adaptation strategies (e.g. Arctic strategy development)



# Los Alamos delivers national security mission solutions

- By applying multidisciplinary science, technology & engineering capabilities, in unique experimental, computational, and nuclear facilities
- With an agile, responsive, and innovative workforce
- Dedicated to addressing complex national security issues and the world's most difficult challenges
- Partnering with like-minded colleagues for mission success

