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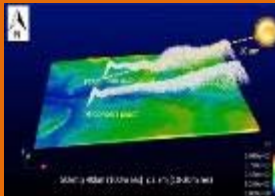
Our capabilities define science, technology and engineering areas in which we must lead to meet our enduring & evolving nuclear stockpile, global and energy security missions



MATERIALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Defects and Interfaces
- Extreme Environments
- Emergent Phenomena

RS Hardware



SCIENCE OF SIGNATURES

- Discover Signatures
- Revolutionize Measurements
- Forward Deployment

RS Data Mining



INTEGRATING INFORMATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PREDICTION

- Complex Networks
- Computational Co-Design
- Data Science at Scale



NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE FUTURES

- High Energy Density Physics & Fluid Dynamics
- Nuclear & Particle Physics, Astrophysics & Cosmology
- Applied Nuclear Science & Eng.
- Accelerator S&T

RS Knowledge



COMPLEX NATURAL & ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

- Understand and Control Systems

- Weapon Effects
- Treaty Verification
- Energy Security



Programs & Needs: Students & Postdocs are our pipeline

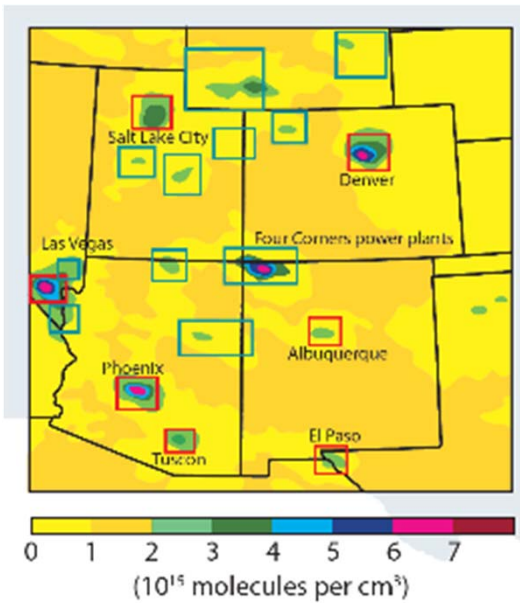
- Climate Observations for Predictions (BER, ARM/NGEE-Arctic)
- Energy Security: Resiliency in Complex Systems (FE)
- Treaty Verification and Surveillance (NNSA, DoD)
- Satellite, Ground and Airborne Observations (NASA, NNSA, DOE)
- Big Data & ML: Predict Earthquakes & Detect Leaks (BES/ARPA-E)
- End to End: RS Design, Development, Deployment to Discovery
- *450 postdoc, 1880 students in FY19: Pipeline for the future (61%)*
- *National Security Education Center*

– <https://www.lanl.gov/projects/national-security-education-center/centers-institutes.php>



Energy NOx-CO₂ Emissions Verification: Four Corners

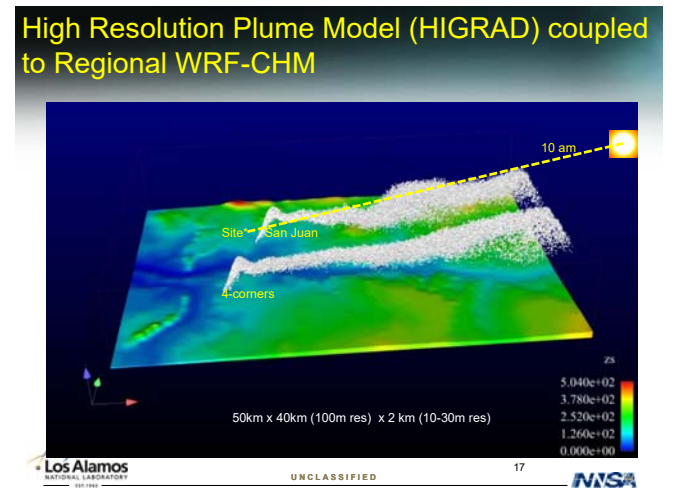
NO₂ OMI (NASA)



LANL Solar FTS



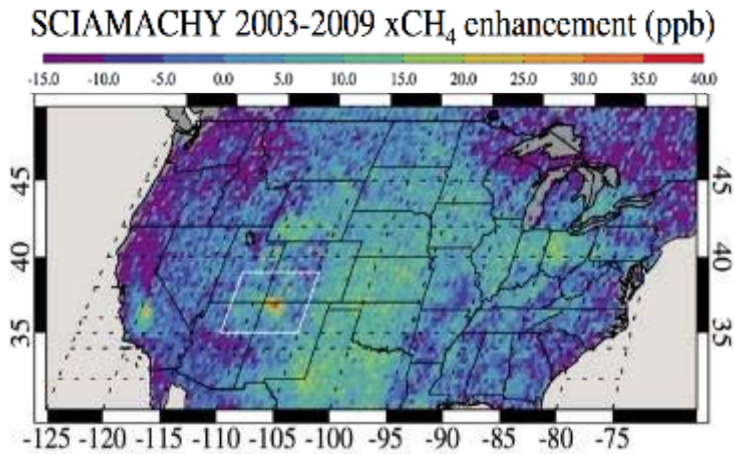
LANL Plume Model



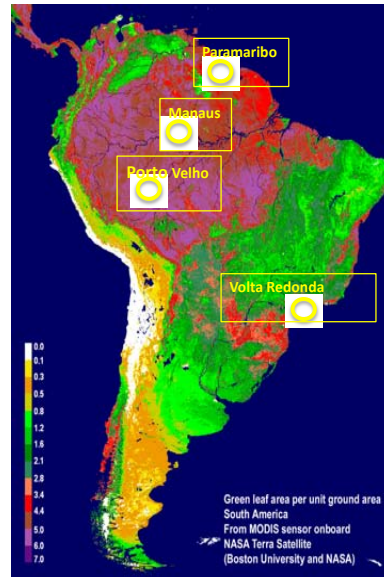
NASA A-Train

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CH₄ hot spot in 4Corners, CO₂ uptake by Amazon & CH₄ from CA Dairies



Top-down emissions x3 EPA inventory



- Emissions from Four Corners of **~0.59 Tg CH₄/yr** have persisted 2003-2009, 2012 and verified by ground based observations.
- The study pioneers the use of space-based observations to identify and quantify localized regions of anomalous CH₄ emissions.
- **LANL's portable solar FTS, UAV, Cubesat & Machine Learning expertise extends verification applications**

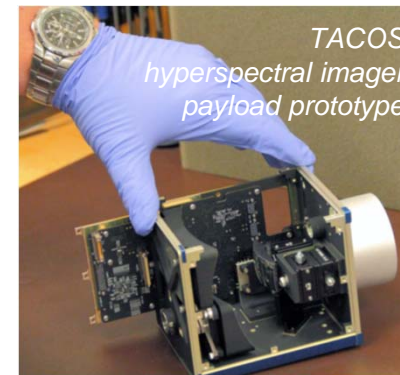
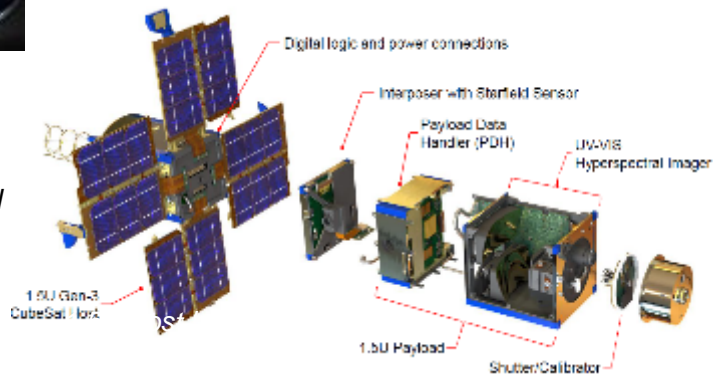
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Agile Space: SmallSat Program at LANL



- **19 launches since 2010 – 7 launches planned for 2020**
- CubeSats based on a 1.5U host bus developed at LANL: includes a Command & Data Handler, 2 software defined radios, Attitude Determination & Control System & a power system
- Designs embrace modularity, on-orbit reconfigurability, and on-orbit processing
- Capability to host a 1.5U payload via an interface board → 3U CubeSat
- Various missions underway to measure RF and hyperspectral signatures
- Upcoming missions are trending to larger 6U and 12U sizes
- Multi-disciplinary team of scientists, hardware/software engineers, and technicians

TACOS / NACHOS Project: 3U hyperspectral imager for mapping of volcanic trace gases (SO₂, NO₂) in the 300-500 nm spectral range



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Landscape change detection and characterization using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

Arctic Application: Hyper-resolution (500 points per square meter) Lidar altimetry is used to understand the interactions between multi-scale topography, ecosystem structure, hydrology and permafrost degradation in the hilly shrub-tundra watersheds of the Seward Peninsula, Alaska.

