Prompt Global Strike (PGS)

Information Brief

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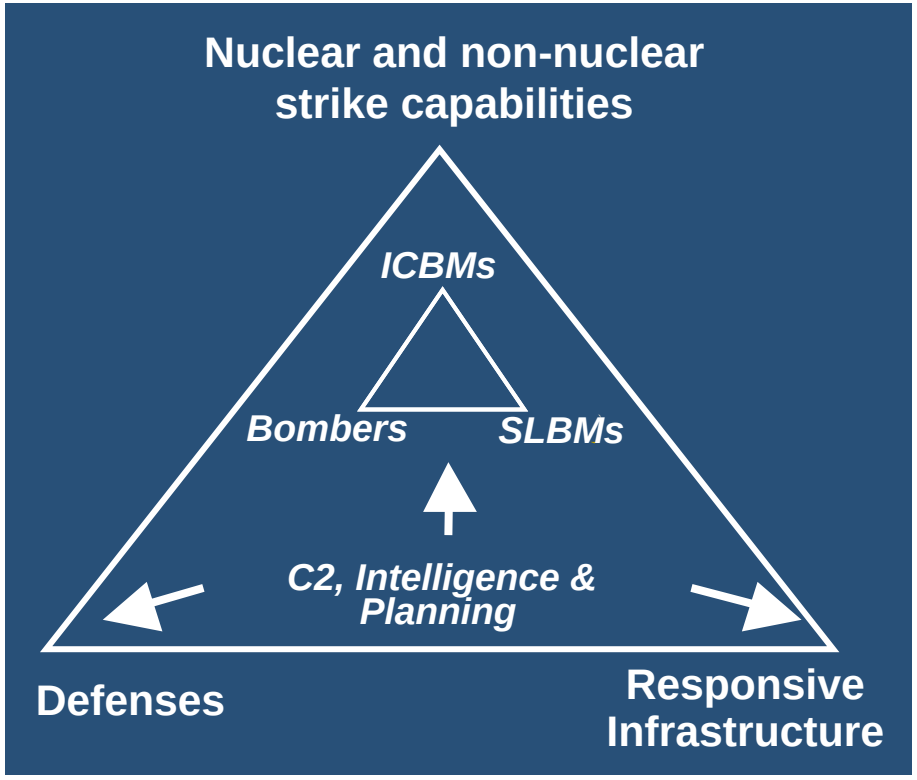
- **PGS addresses the capability gap to:**
  - **Strike globally**
  - **Precisely**
  - **Rapidly**
  - **With kinetic effects**
  - **Against high-payoff time-sensitive targets**
  - **Regardless anti-access threats**
  - **With a Conventional Weapon**
- **The capability gap is identified in the PGS Initial Capability Document**
  - **Only option today: Pre-positioned forces or nuclear response (ICBMs and SLBMs)**
  - **It is not "weapons from space"**

PGS is a USSTRATCOM priority that provides rapid conventional strike capability for anti-access and high value targets worldwide

Nuclear Posture Review



- Rapid
- Global
- Precision
- Conventional
- Strike

"I see a great need for a capability that can reach anywhere in the world under an hour...with precise effects."

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PGS Capability Gap

Gap identified by:

- USSTRATCOM Integrated Priorities List
- 2006 Air Force Capabilities Review and Risk Assessment
- Air Force and Joint studies and directives reflected in JROC-approved PGS mission needs statement, May 2003 & JROC-approved PGS ICD, Jul 2006

The Air Force is working closely w/ USSTRATCOM to fill the PGS capability gap

Critical Capabilities Identified in the PGS Initial Capabilities Document

(1) **Global** - The capability to strike any target set in the world; simultaneously in multiple theaters

(2) **Prompt** - The capability to strike any target set in minutes to hours with no or unambiguous warning

(3) **Precise** - The capability to accurately strike the target and achieve the desired effects

(4) **Range of Effects** – Provide full spectrum effects to influence, dissuade, disrupt or defeat without resorting to nuclear fission or fusion weapons

(5) **Counter Anti-Access** - The ability to penetrate or circumvent anti-access capabilities (military and political), as necessary

Air Force PGS initiatives

- AF is currently working two interrelated initiatives to address the PGS capability gap
  - (1) AFSPC engaged in a PGS technology demo program
    - Designed to evolve, mature, and integrate critical PGS technologies
    - Supports the Command's vision for fielding a mid-term (FY14/15) Conventional Strike Missile (CSM) capability
    - As envisioned, CSM will use existing commercial/excess rocket motors to boost a medium-lift to drag hypersonic glide vehicle
    - Capable of dispensing requalified off-the-shelf munitions at global ranges from the CONUS
  - (2) PGS Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) is a joint study led by AFSPC
    - Scheduled for completion in Mar 08
    - Examines long-term (FY2020 and beyond) materiel solutions

Two phased approach addressing the mid and far term

Conventional Strike Missile (CSM)

- **CSM is AFSPC/CC's vision to deliver a limited PGS capability**
  - **AFSPC Demonstration Program**
  - **Uses commercial/excess rocket motors with proven avionics, transitions to a "family of motors" derived launch platform**
  - **Leverage demo technologies from hypersonic flight tests**
  - **Utilize existing off-the-shelf weapons**
  - **Potential for residual capability**
- **CDR/USSTRATCOM, "very excited…do it faster…keep it simple…integrate CSM into testimony and posture statements."**

CSM is AFSPC/CC's vision (material solution) to fill the USSTRATCOM JROC validated PGS gap by 2014

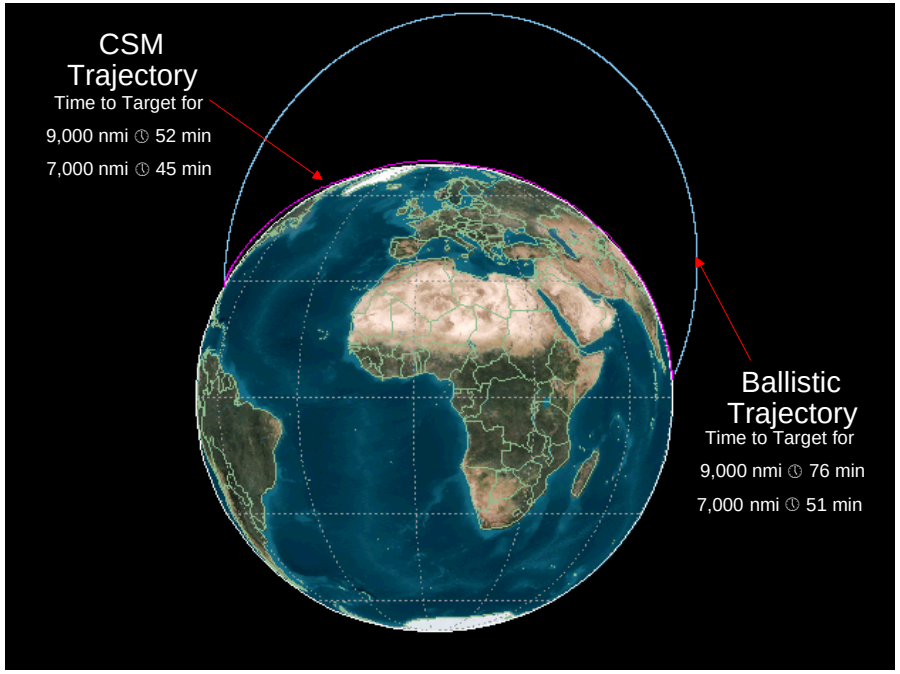
Nuclear vs Conventional Signatures

- Geographically separate basing (Coastal vs Northern tier)
- On-site inspections
- Nuclear-conventional firewalls -- unique/separate C2
- Non-provocative mission planning
- Unique trajectories

Packaging a suite of mitigating measures

Flight differences between the Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV) and a Ballistic Reentry Vehicle

- **The HGV has a completely different flight profile then a ballistic reentry vehicle (RV)**
- **HGV flies a depressed trajectory compared to a ballistics RVs high trajectory**
- **HGV maneuverable (2 to 1 lift to drag) over 50% of flight time; ballistic RVs not maneuverable**
- **RV's located at Northern Tier bases; CSM's to be located at geographically separate coastal bases**



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