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The Proposed US Missile Defense in Europe: Technological Issues Relevant to Policy

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Major Questions that Need to Be Addressed

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- **What Are the Benefits Versus the Costs Associated with the Current Plan to Deploy a Missile Defense in Europe?**
- **Could This Deployment Cause an Avoidable Major Policy Confrontation with Russia at a Time When Russian-US Cooperation is Critical?**
- **Will the System Provide the Promised Performance Benefits?**
- **Are There Alternative System Configurations that Could “Do the Job” that would Not Be Perceived as a Threat by the Russians?**

Serious Questions About the Future of Security Relations Between Russia, Europe, and the United States and Their Other Allies

- **It appears that the US Government is Attempting to Mislead the US Public, and the European Allies, About the “Theoretical” Capabilities of the US Proposed Missile Defense in Europe?**
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- **The US Policy of Lying in Negotiations and to Allies is a Serious Matter That Must Be Addressed to Avoid Long-Range Damage to the Security of Russia, Europe, the United States, and Its Other Allies.**



Concerns Expressed by the Russians

Engagement With Russia

- **March 17, 2006** (Washington): Bilateral Defense Commission Meeting. Under Secretary of Defense Edelman and General Mazurkevich, Chief of the Main Directorate for International Cooperation
- **April 3, 2006** (Moscow): Briefing of Russian officials by U.S. Embassy (Moscow) on DOD decision to resume consultations with Poland regarding the site of U.S. missile defense assets
- **November 3, 2006** (Moscow): Dr. Cambone, Lt Gen Obering, DASD Green, Russian Minister of Defense Ivanov, Chief of General Staff Gen-Col Baluevskiy, Gen-Col Mazurkevich
 - Russians did not acknowledge Iran emerging threat as a rationale for deployment of U.S. missile defense assets
 - Believe Russia is real target
 - Russians “portrayed” lack of understanding and confusion on technical aspects of a deployed missile program and proposed architecture. U.S. committed to following-up with technical discussions to Russian counterparts
- **January 29, 2007** (Moscow): Strategic Dialogue Meeting. Under Secretaries Joseph and Deputy Foreign Minister Kislyak
 - Ambassador re-committed that U.S. will follow-up with technical briefings/explanations regarding U.S. missile deployment
- **February 9, 2007** (Seville): Secretary Gates and Minister of Defense Ivanov during NATO-Russia Council Ministerial meeting

U.S. Has Offered Future Event Establishing Technical Experts Meeting (Spring 2007)

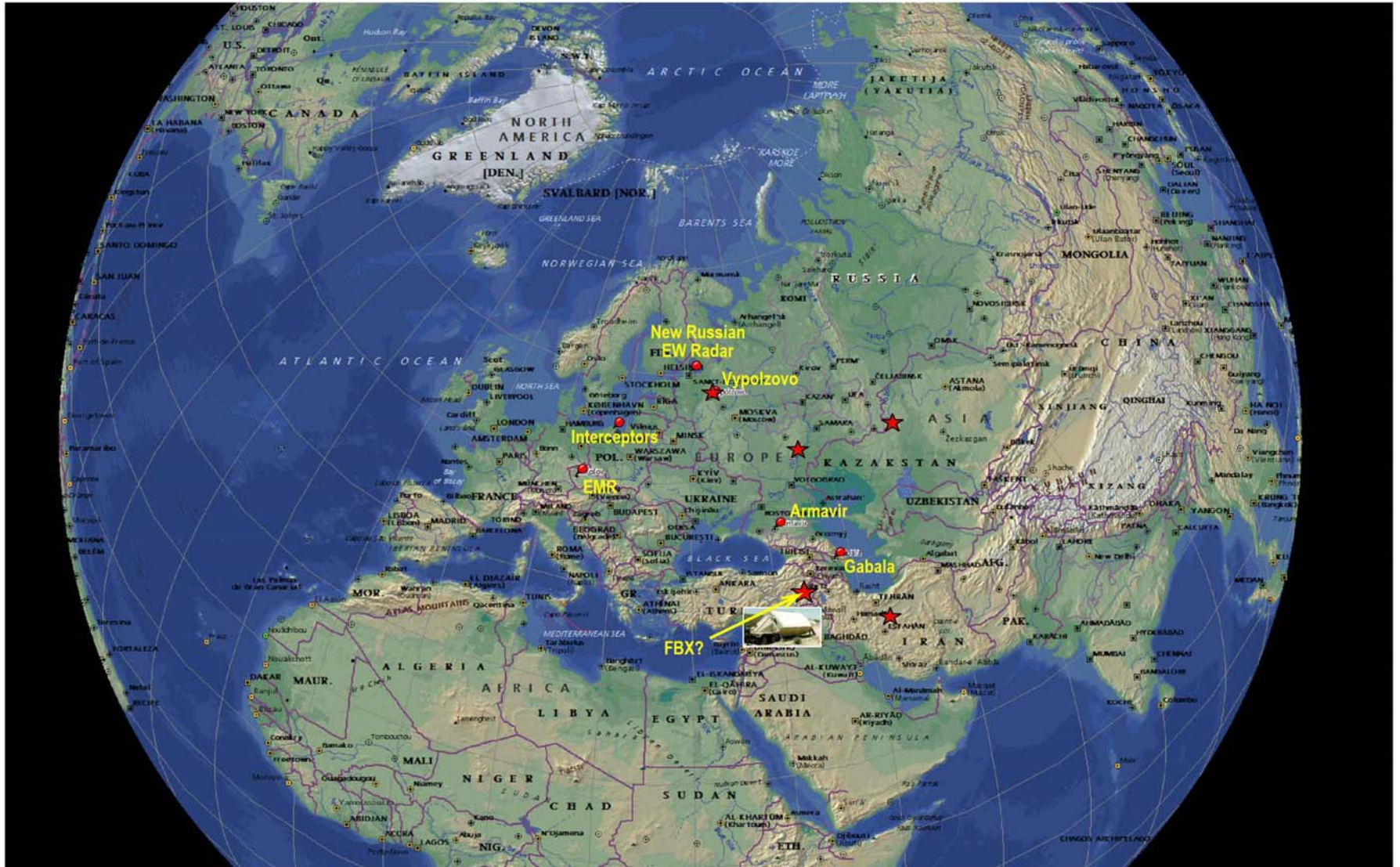


Proposed Elements Of A European Missile Defense

- **Up to 10 silo-based long-range interceptors located in Eastern Europe (2011-2013)**
- **Re-location of a narrow-beam, midcourse tracking radar currently used in our Pacific test range to central Europe (2011)**
- **Field an acquisition radar focused on the Iranian threat from a forward position to provide detection, cueing, and tracking information (2010-2011)**



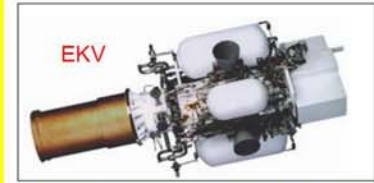
Locations of Physical Assets Relevant to an Assessment of the Policy Issues



Interceptors are Modified Ground-Based Interceptors

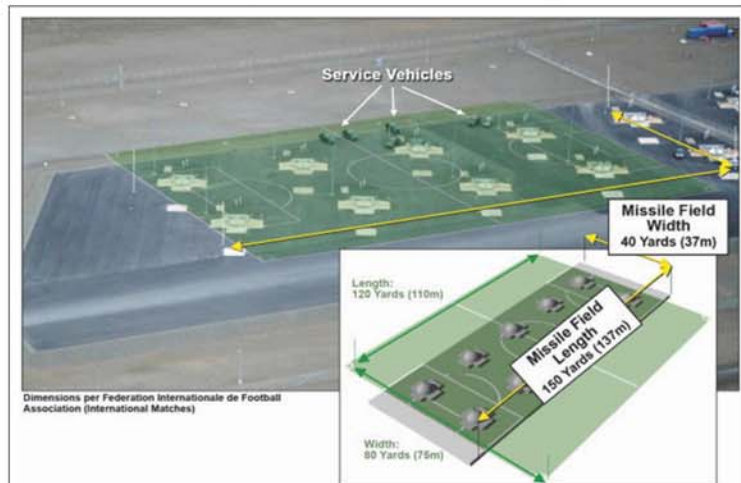
2 Stage Instead of 3 Stage
47,400 lbs versus 31,500 lbs
51 Feet Long versus

The interceptors planned for Poland are nearly identical to the three-stage interceptors based in the U.S. except that they are a two-stage variant that is quicker, lighter, and better suited for the engagement ranges and timelines for Europe. The silos that house the ground-based interceptors have substantially smaller dimensions (e.g., diameter and length) than those used for offensive missiles, such as the U.S. Minuteman III ICBM. Any modification would require extensive, lengthy, and costly changes that would be clearly visible to any observer.



The ground-based interceptors are comprised of a booster vehicle and an exoatmospheric kill vehicle (EKV). Upon launch, the booster flies to a projected intercept point and releases the EKV which then uses on-board sensors (with assistance from ground-based assets) to acquire the target ballistic missile. The EKV performs final discrimination and steers itself to collide with the enemy warhead, destroying it by the sheer kinetic force of impact.

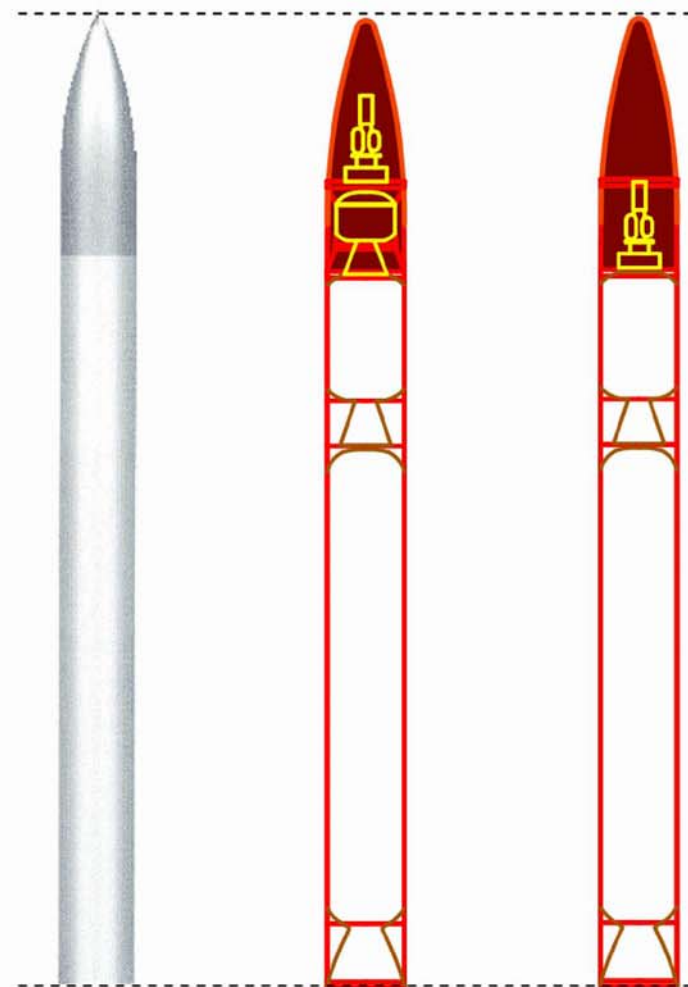
Future European Missile Site – Size Comparison



Pegasus/Taurus Derived Ground-Based Interceptor



Two-Stage and Three-Stage Variants of the Ground-Based Interceptors to be Deployed Europe and Continental United States Respectively



OSC GBI
Diameter: 1.27 m
Length: 16.5 m
Mass: 22,300 kg

22,300 kg

21,500 kg

Throw Weights of Potential ICBM's to 10,000 Kilometers Range



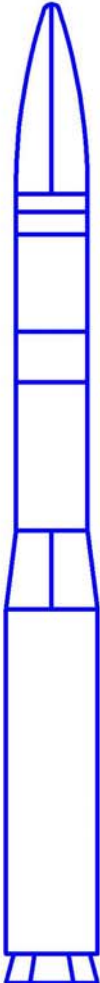
Minuteman III Warhead



Midgetman ICBM
Launch Weight \approx 30,000 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 1000 lbs



Minuteman III Warhead



Minuteman III
Launch Weight \approx 75,000 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 2,500 lbs



Minuteman III Warhead



European GBI
Launch Weight \approx 49,500 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 1,500 lbs

Sensitivity of the Burnout Velocity to Model Assumptions

Two-Stage Variant of the Ground-Based Interceptor

Missile Defense Agency Stated Launch Weight = 21,500 kg (47,400 lbs)

Model Launch Weight = 47,655 lbs

Baseline Model: 9.37 km/sec

Baseline with Specific Impulse of First Stage Increased to 295 sec-1:

Burnout Speed = 9.50 km/sec

Baseline with Shroud Carried to Burnout:

Burnout Speed = 8.95 km/sec

Baseline with Total Rocket Motor Burn Time Increased from 140 to 150 sec:

Burnout Speed = 8.93 km/sec

Baseline with All Three Variants Applied Together:

Burnout Speed = 8.93 km/sec

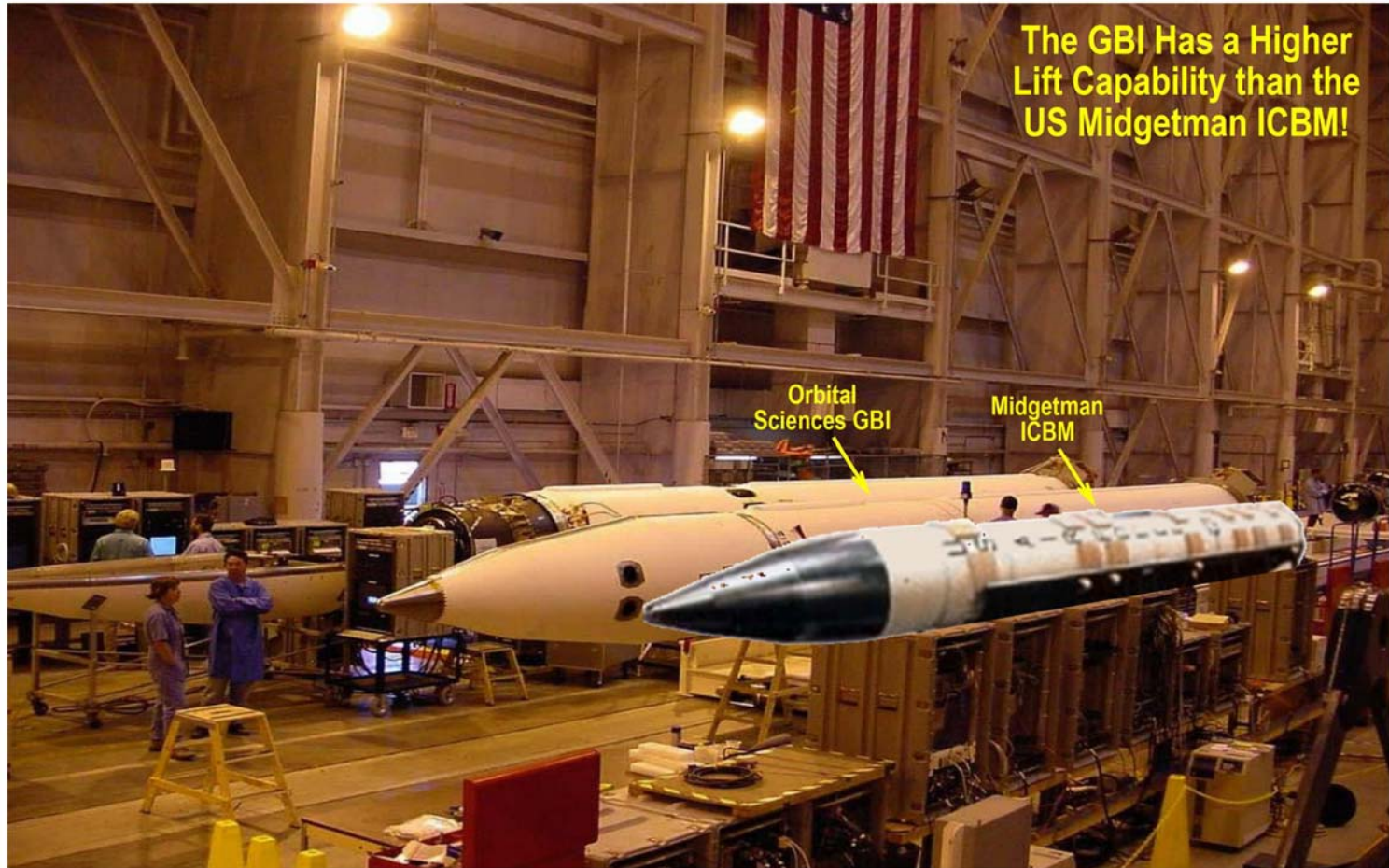
Baseline has all three excursions together, and carries the Kill Vehicle plus 2,075 lbs of ballast

Burnout Speed = 6.3 km/sec.

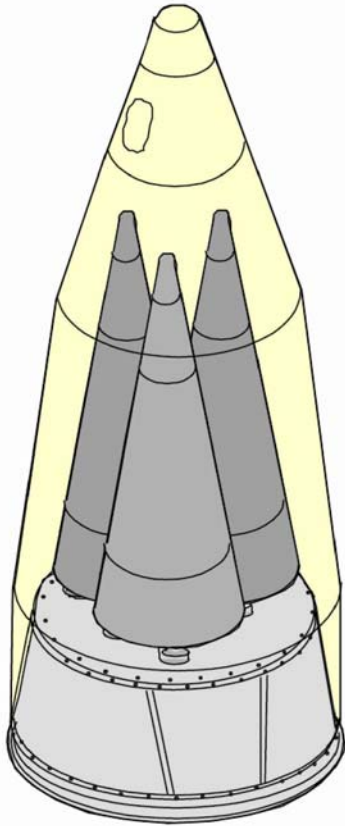
Ground-Based Interceptor Achieves 6.3 km/sec Carrying a Payload of 1950 lbs



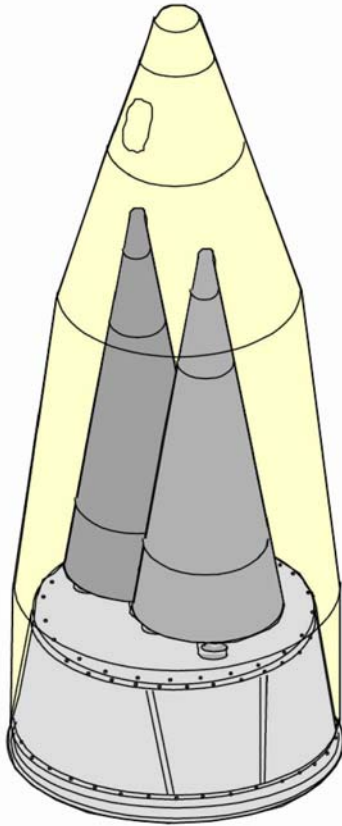
Ground-Based Interceptor Achieves 8.5 to 8.7 km/sec Carrying a Payload of 220 to 155 lbs



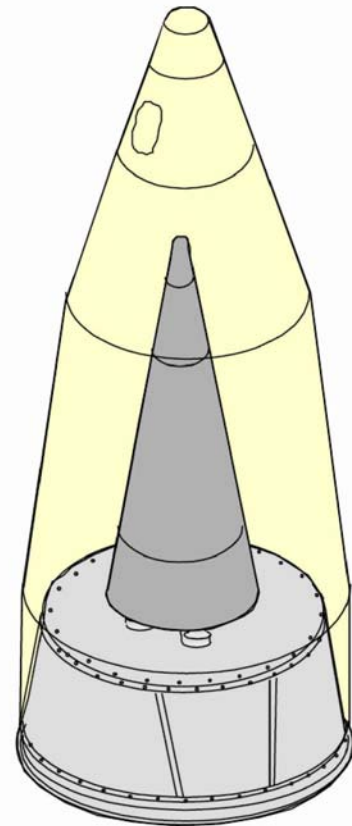
REENTRY SYSTEMS



**2-3 RV
EXISTING**

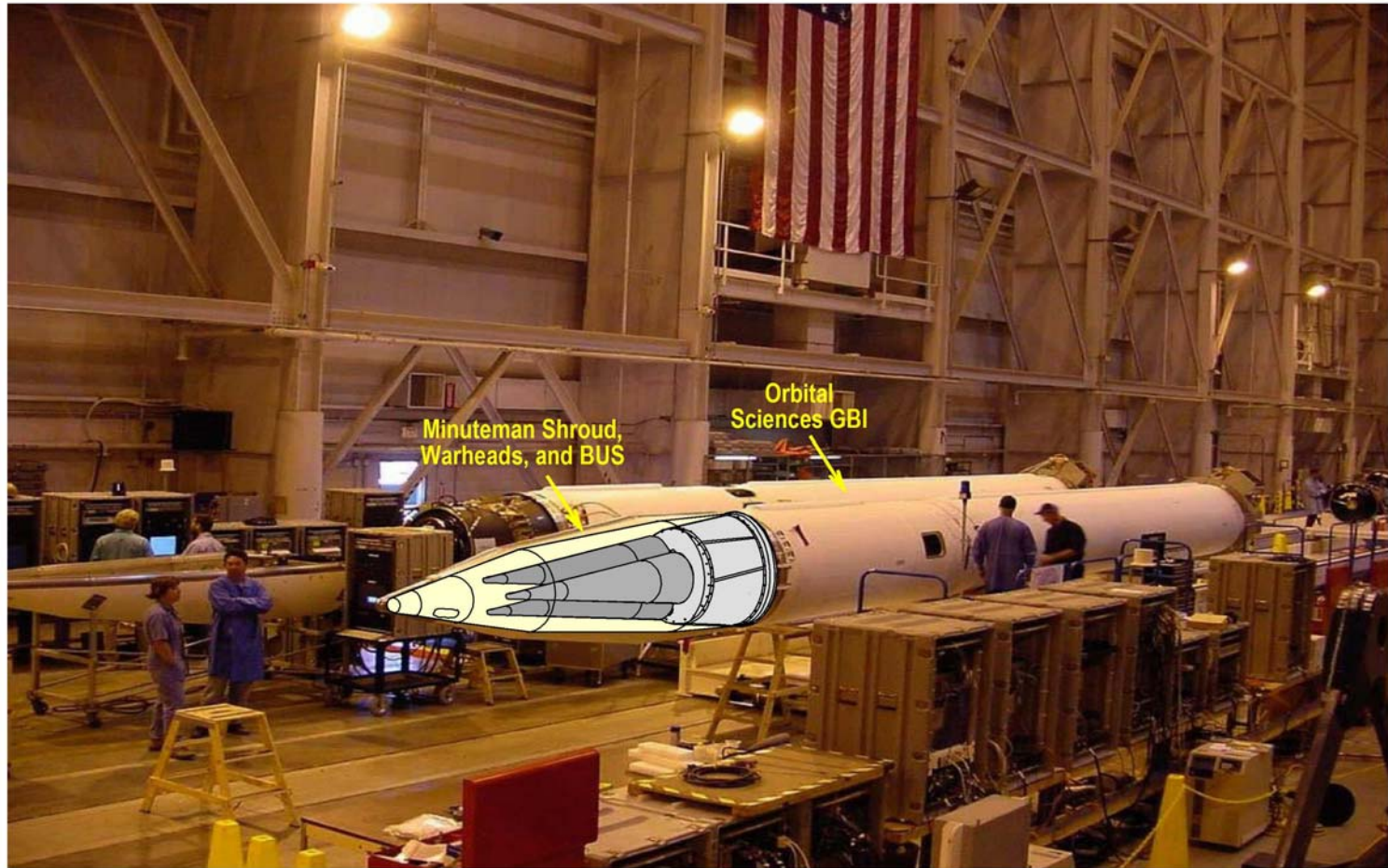


**1 RV
MODIFIED**



The Ground-Based Interceptor

Can Carry a Full Minuteman III BUS and Three Warheads to 6,000+ Kilometers

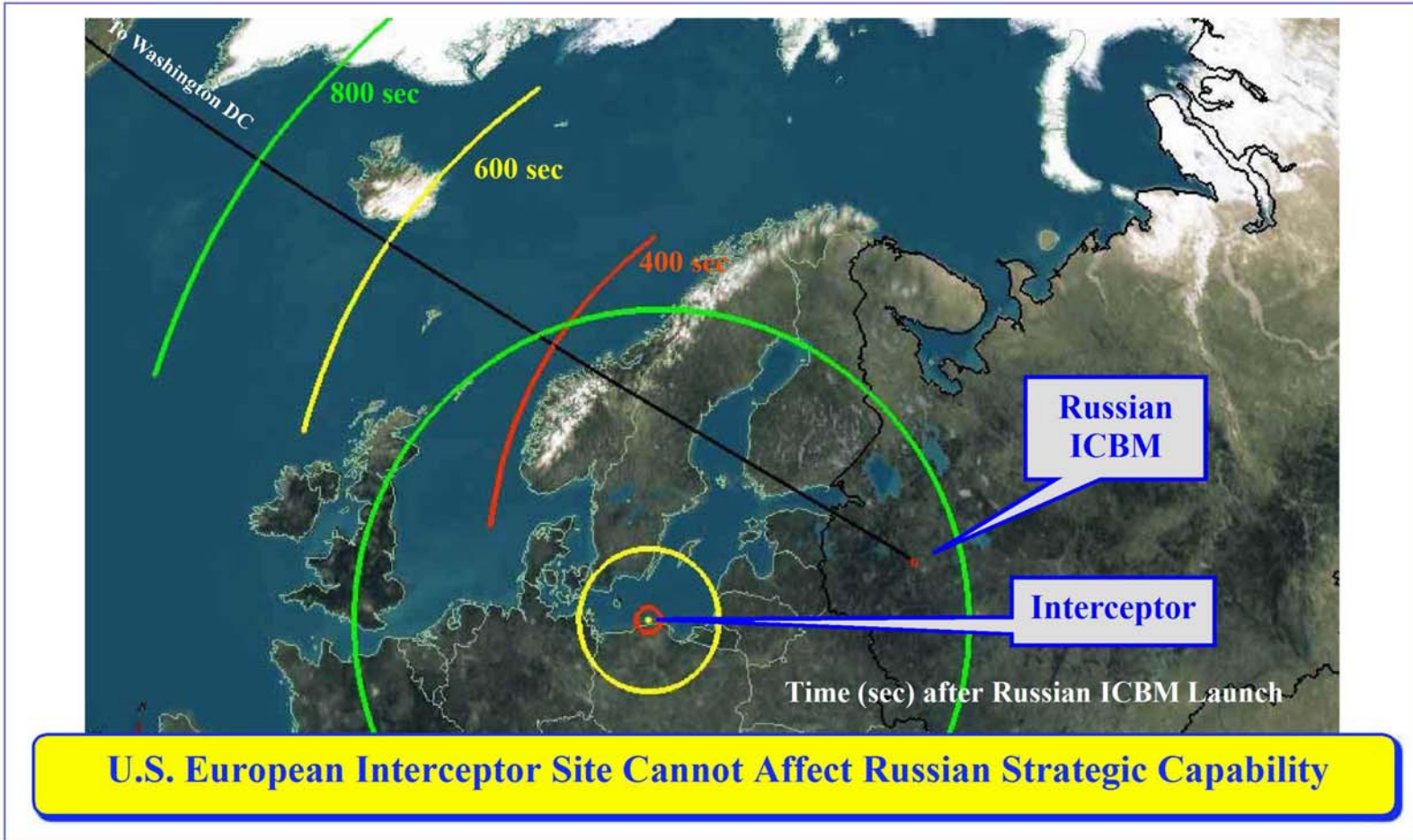


Can the Europe-Based Missile Defense
Engage Russian ICBMs
and if so
Why Does that Matter?



General Obering's Original Slide

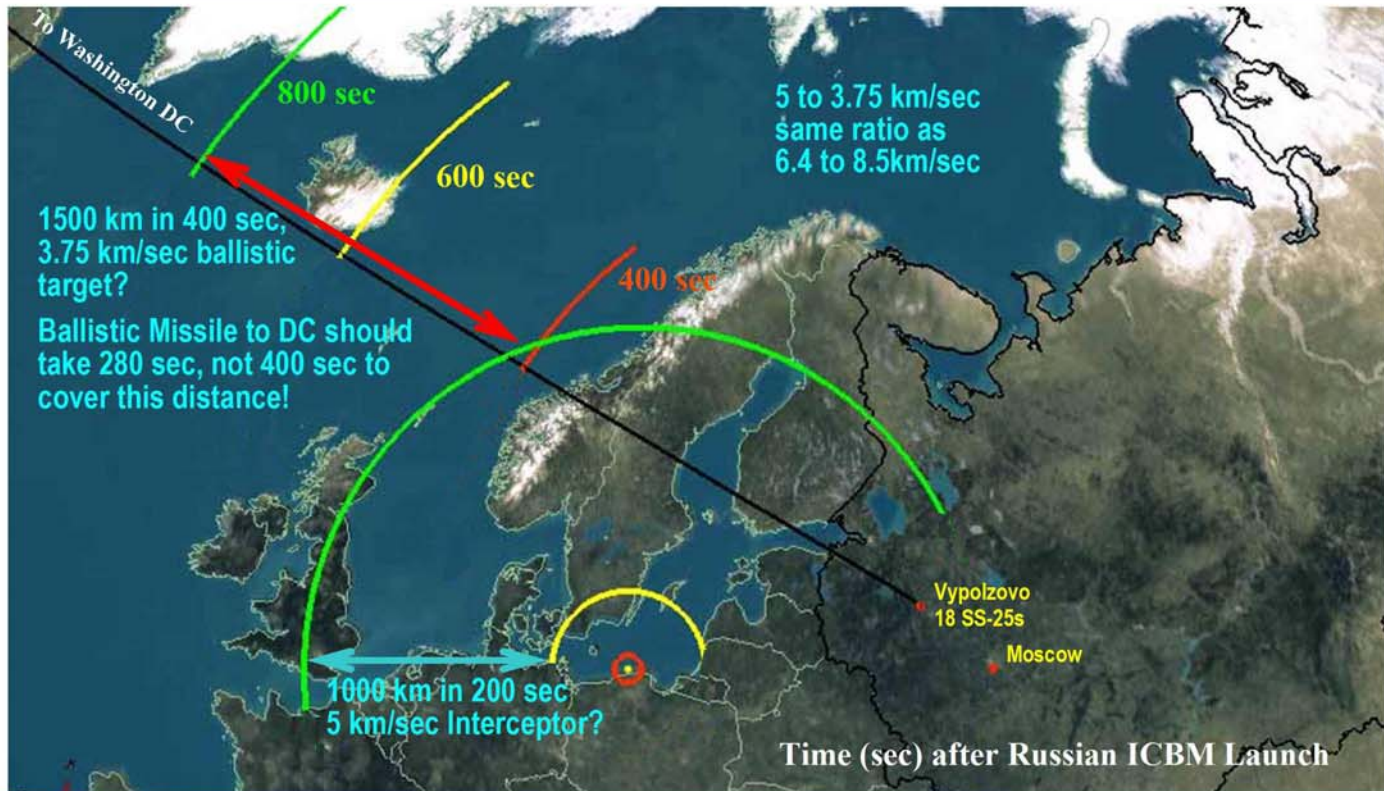
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Obering's Slide – Distances and Speeds Wrong

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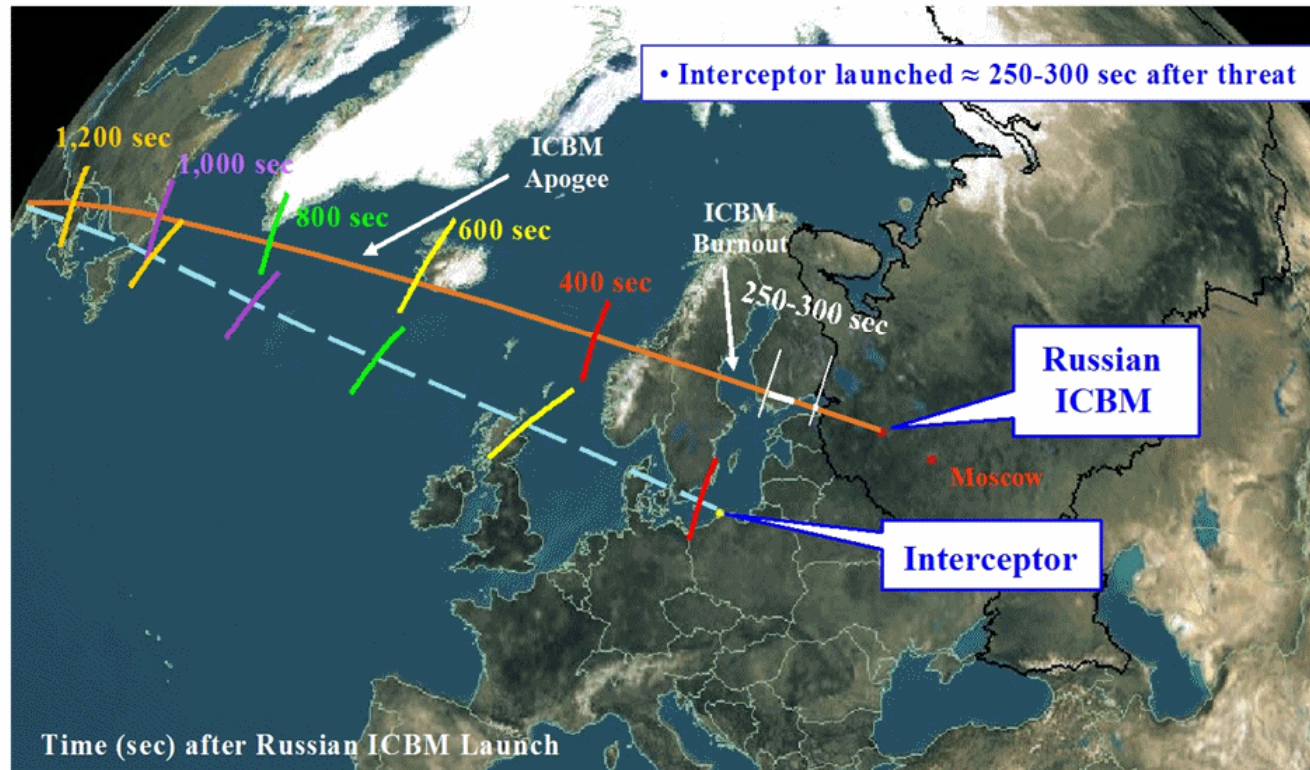


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Misleading MDA Slide Indicating Interceptors Cannot Engage Russian ICBMs



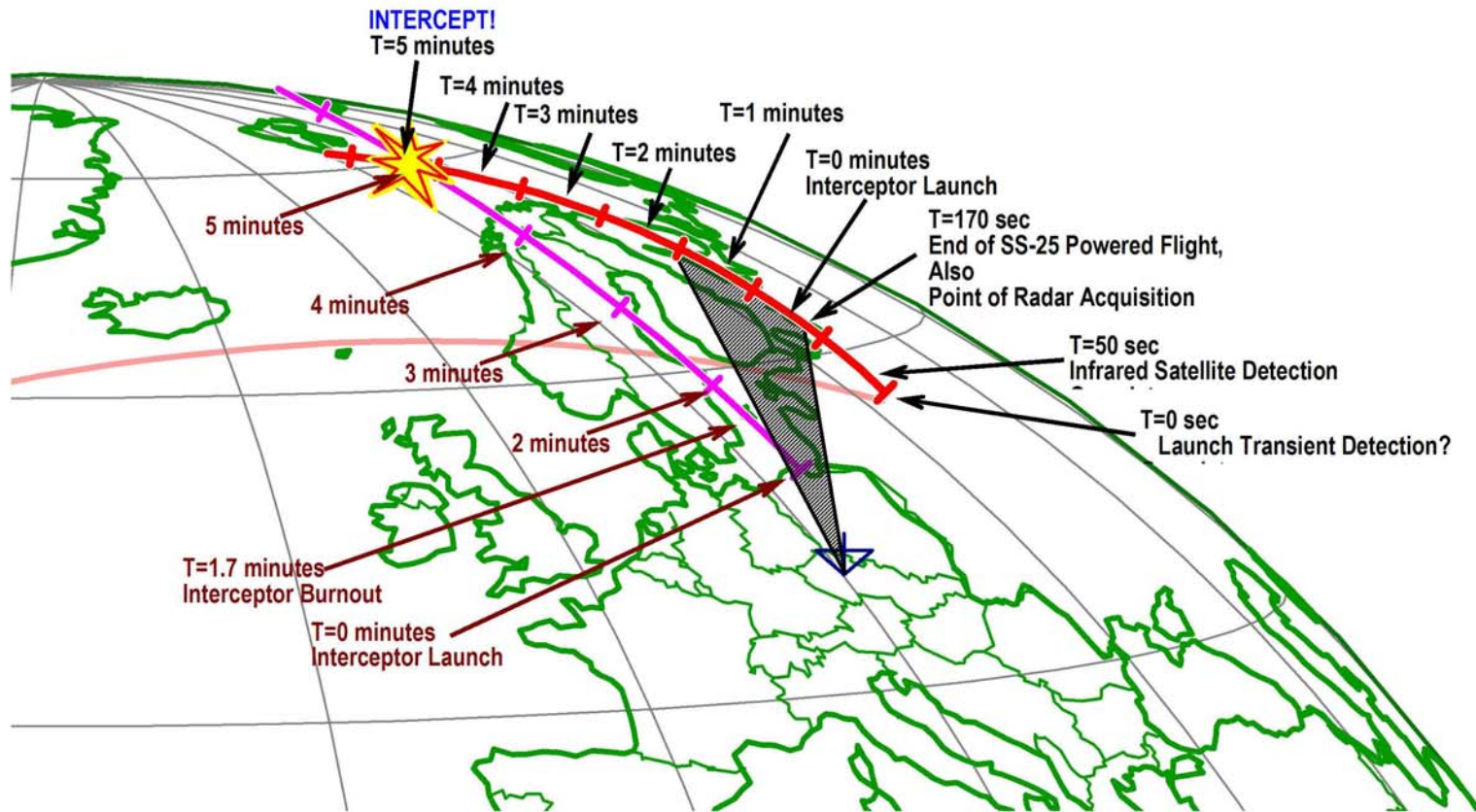
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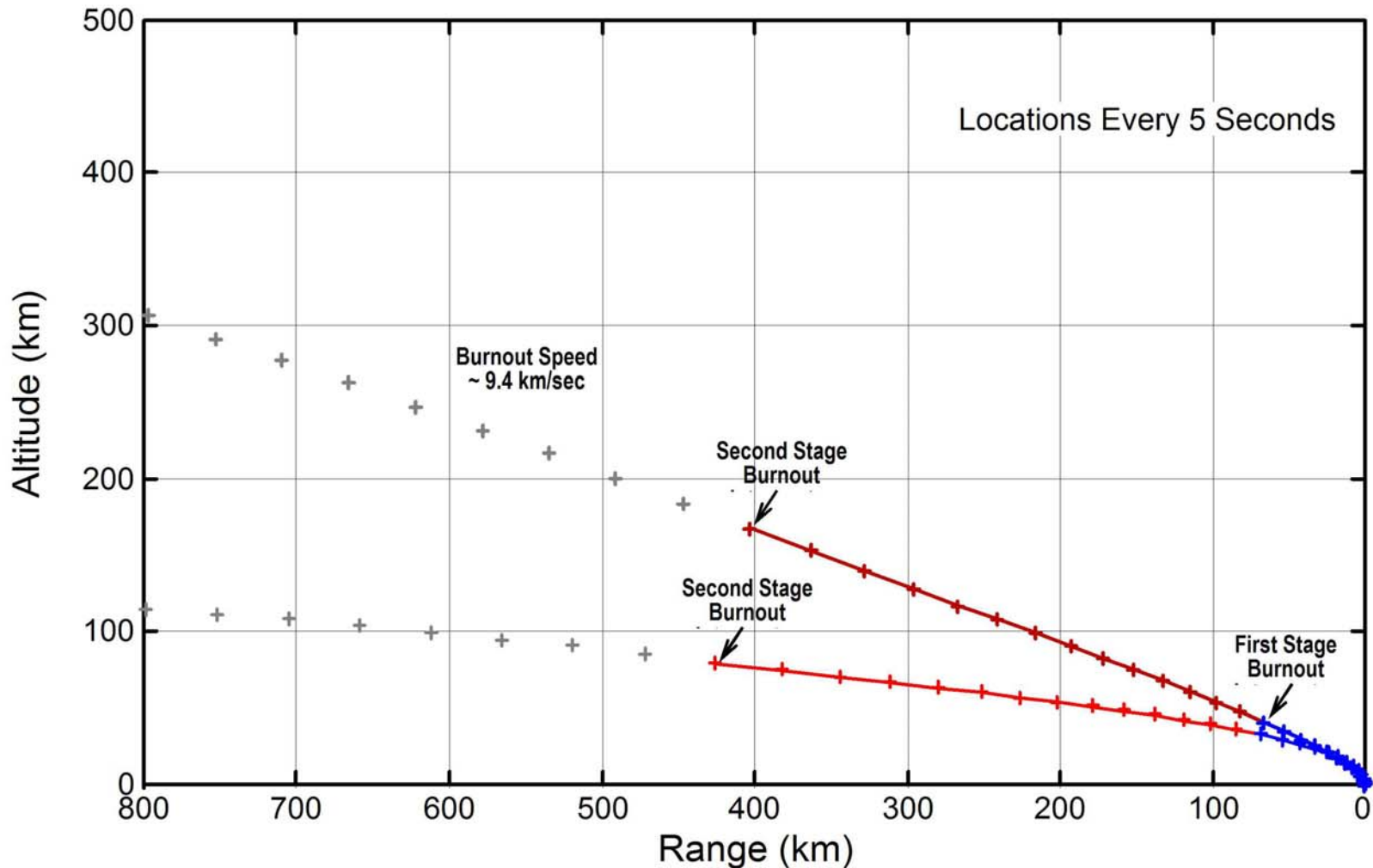
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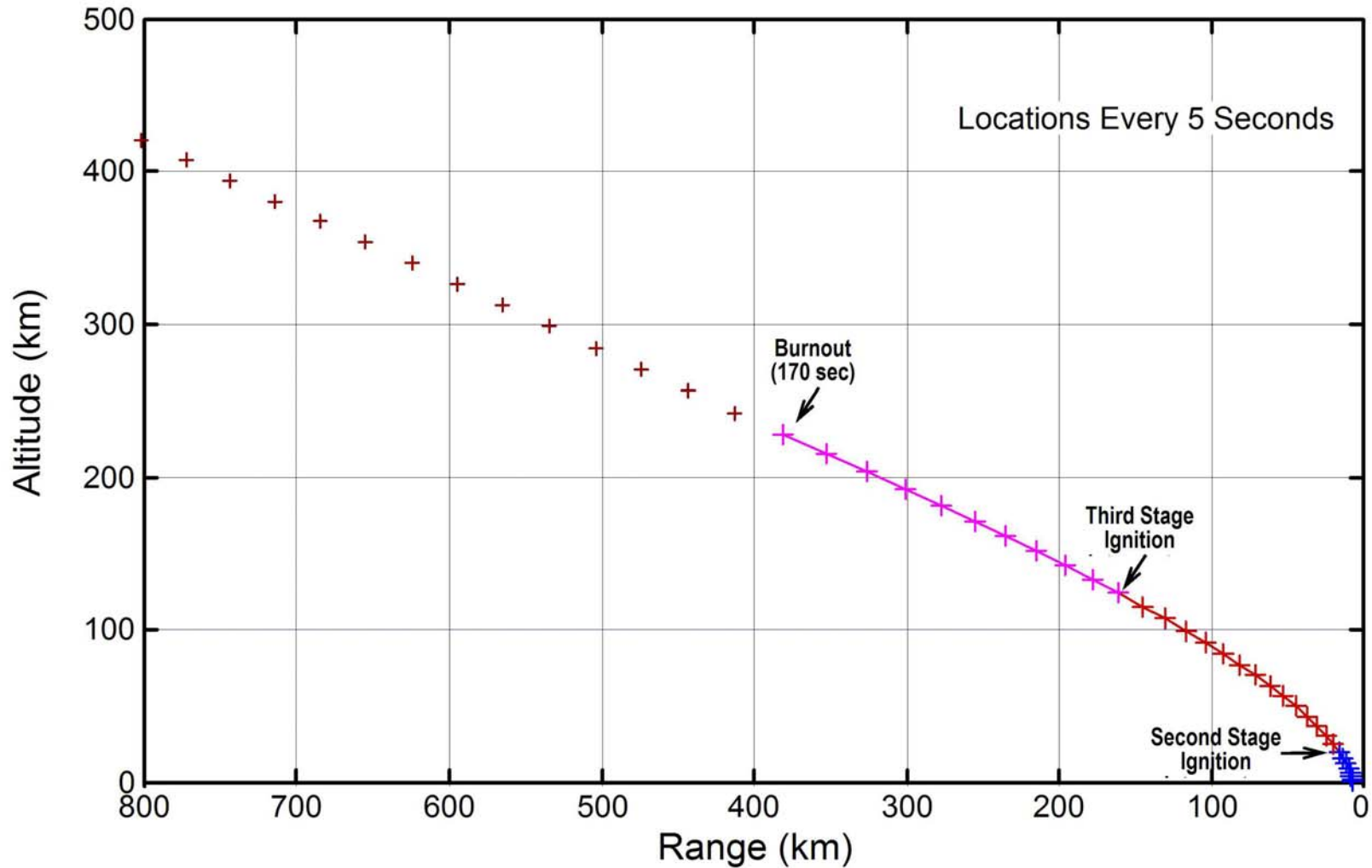
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Orbital Sciences Two-Stage GBI Flyout



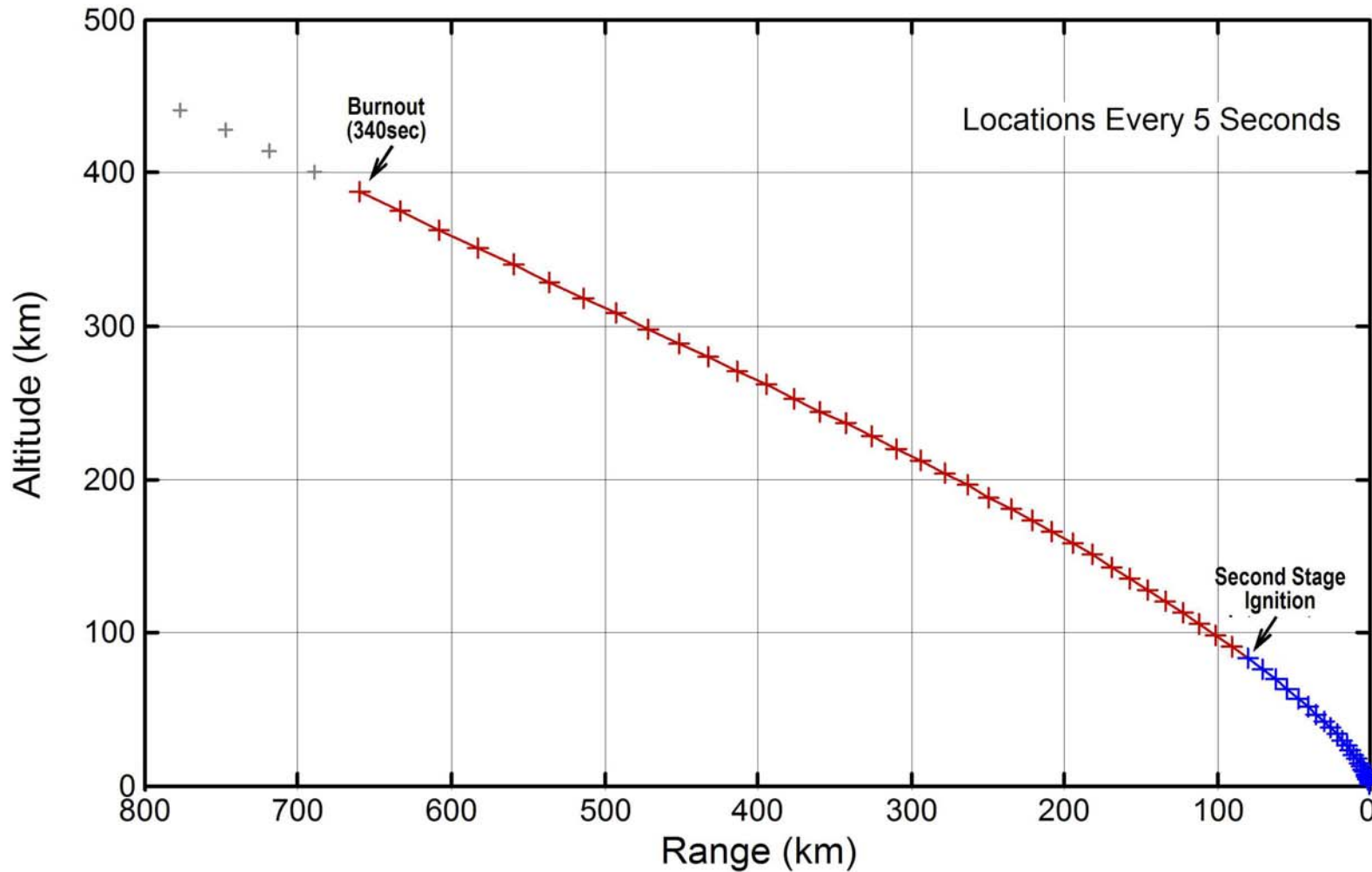
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SS-25 Powered Flight Profile



Location of SS-18/19 Russian ICBM at 5 Second Intervals During Powered Flight

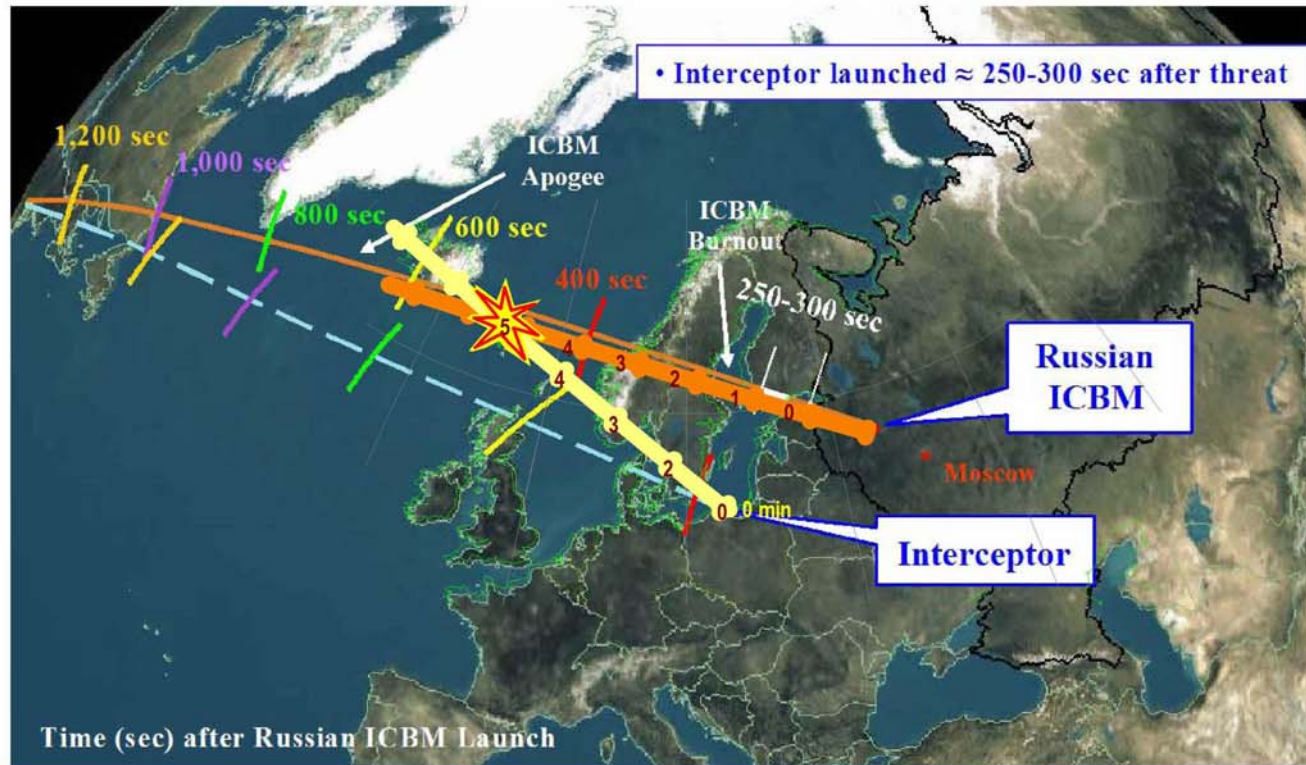
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Actual Timelines for an Engagement

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This statement is wrong

Missile Defense Agency Slides Showing Additional Defense-Coverage of Hokkaido, Japan with Interceptors from the Polish Launch Site

Relevant Observations:

- Radar in Czech Republic Not Used
- Intercept Achieved with FBX or Adjunct Radar Tracking from Eastern Turkey
- Interceptor Speed 40% Faster Than 6.3 km/sec Speed Claimed by US administration
- **HOWEVER, MDA CONTINUES TO REVISE AND CHANGE ITS STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POLISH-BASED INTERCEPTORS**

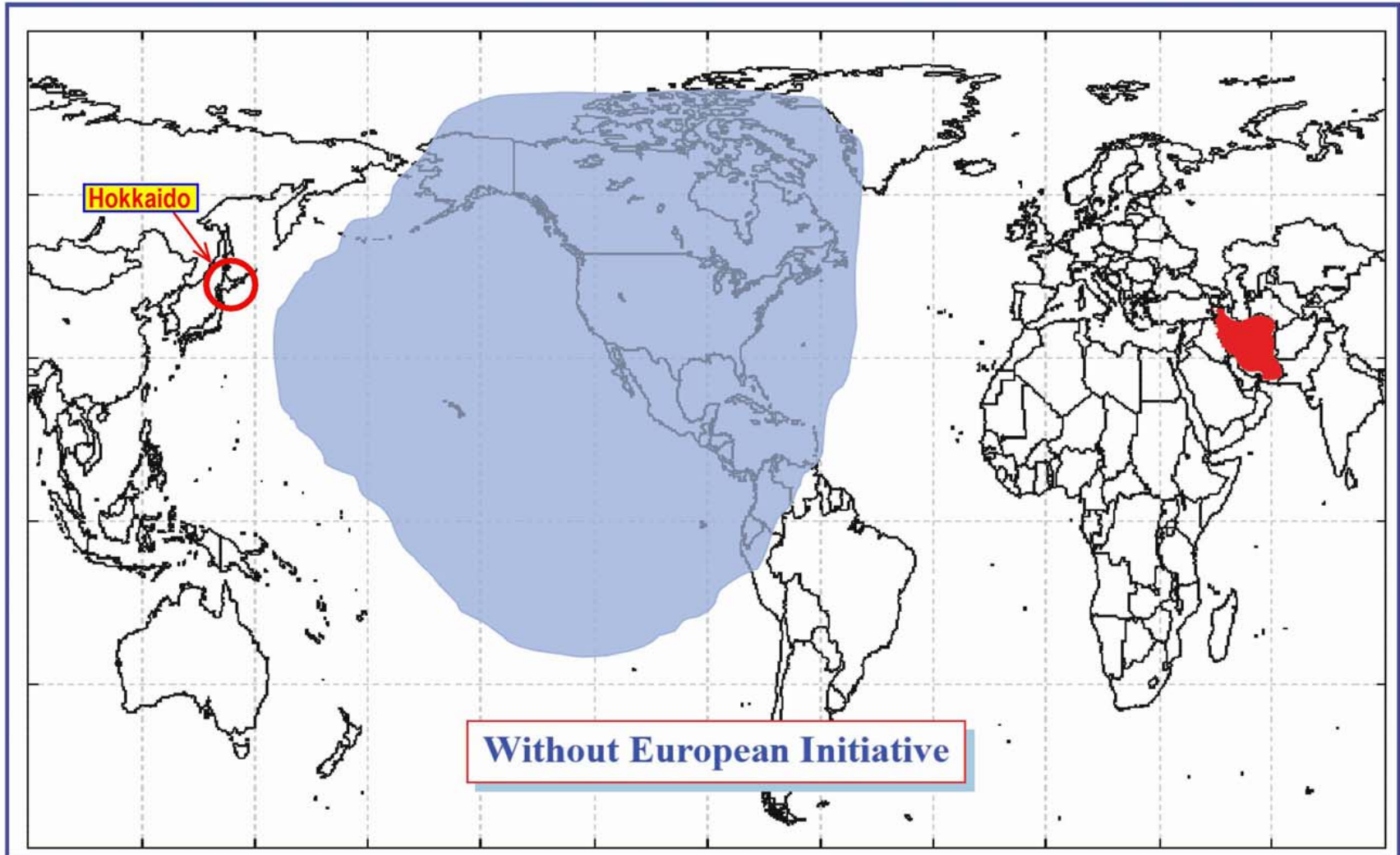
Missile Defense Agency Statement About the Poland-Based **Interceptor Characteristics Revised to Explain Original Claim of 6.3 km/sec Burnout Speed**

Relevant Observations:

- **Predicted Interceptor Burnout Speed Drops from 9.4 km/sec to 7.5 km/sec**
 - **Interceptor Can No Longer Achieve Defense-Coverage of Japan, As Claimed by Missile Defense Agency**
 - **Interceptor Speed Still 20% Higher Than 6.3 km/sec Speed Originally Claimed by US administration**
 - **Interceptor Still fast Enough to Achieve Intercepts Against Russian ICBMs, Although Only for Trajectories Towards the East Coast of the US**
- Hence, Defense Coverage Claimed by Missile Defense Agency Must Be Wrong!**

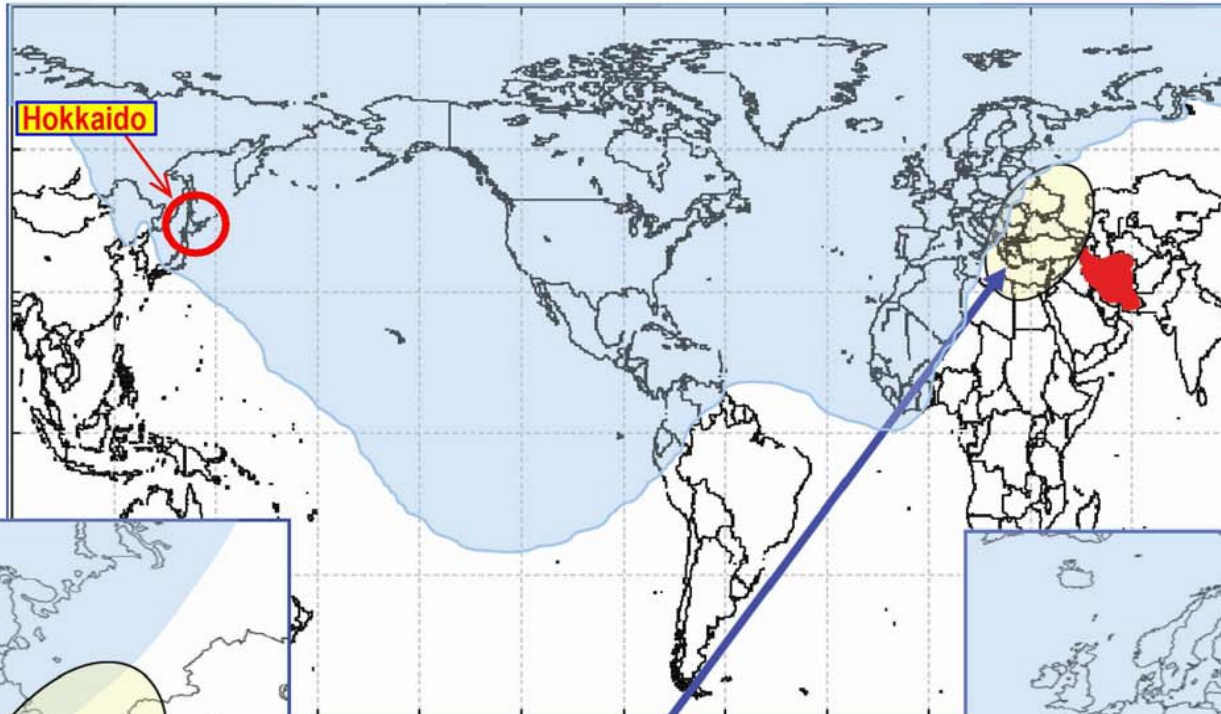


Ballistic Missile Coverage Against Long-Range Iranian Missiles





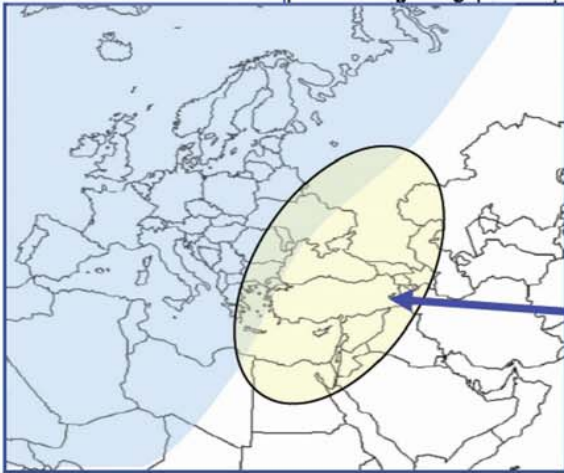
Capability Provided Versus Iranian Intermediate To Long-Range Ballistic Missiles



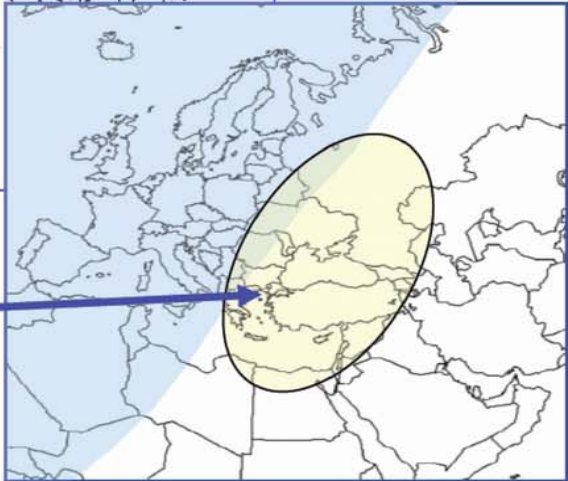
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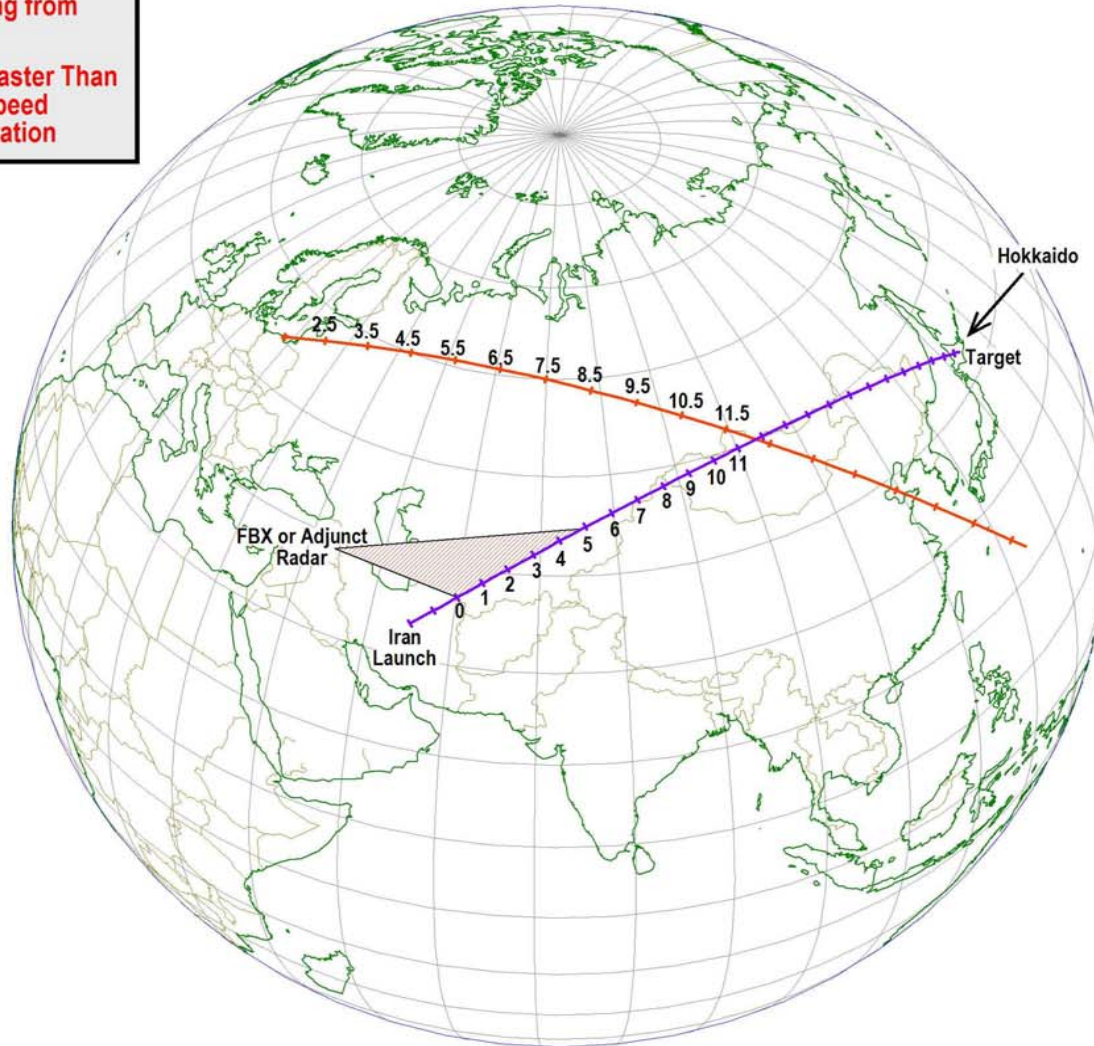
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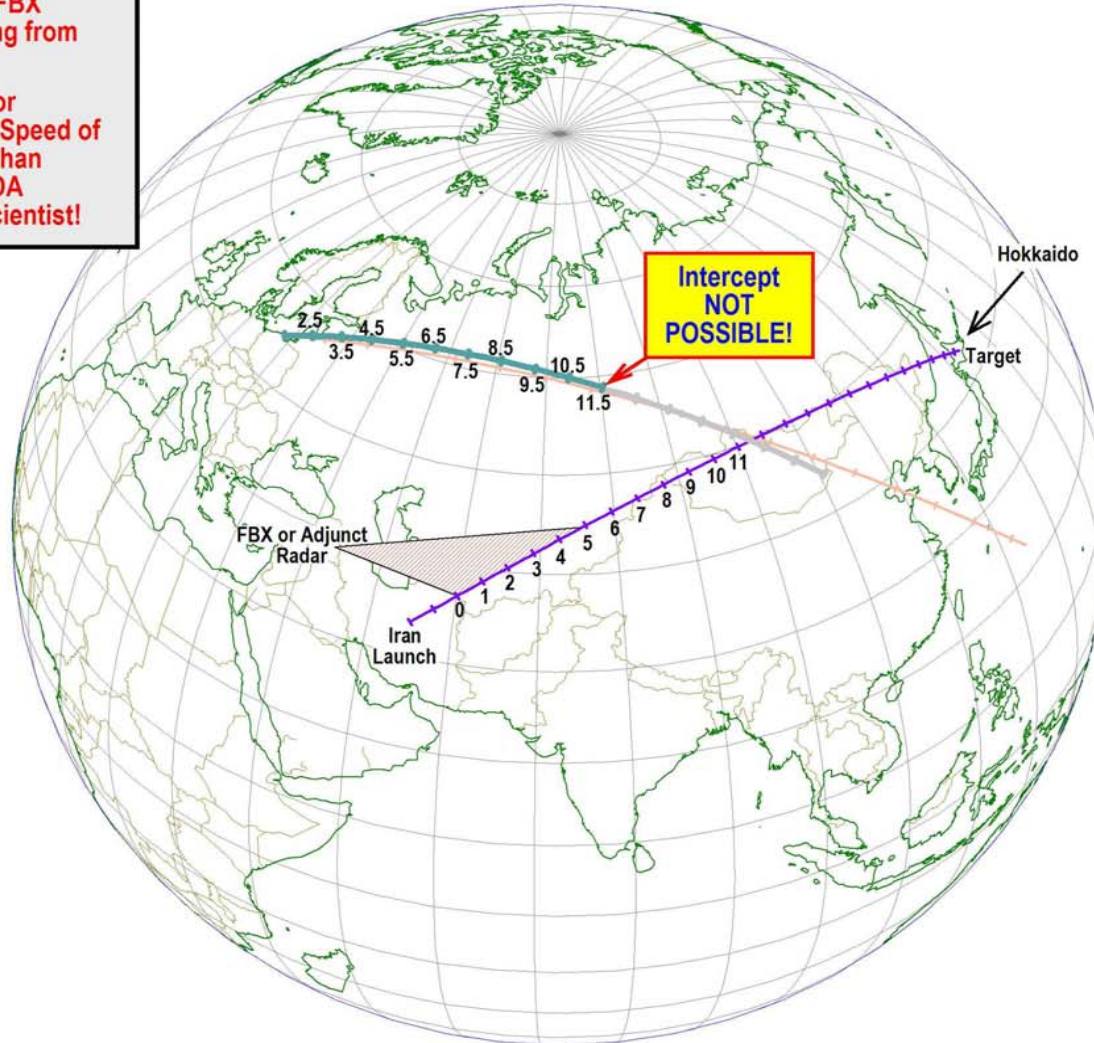
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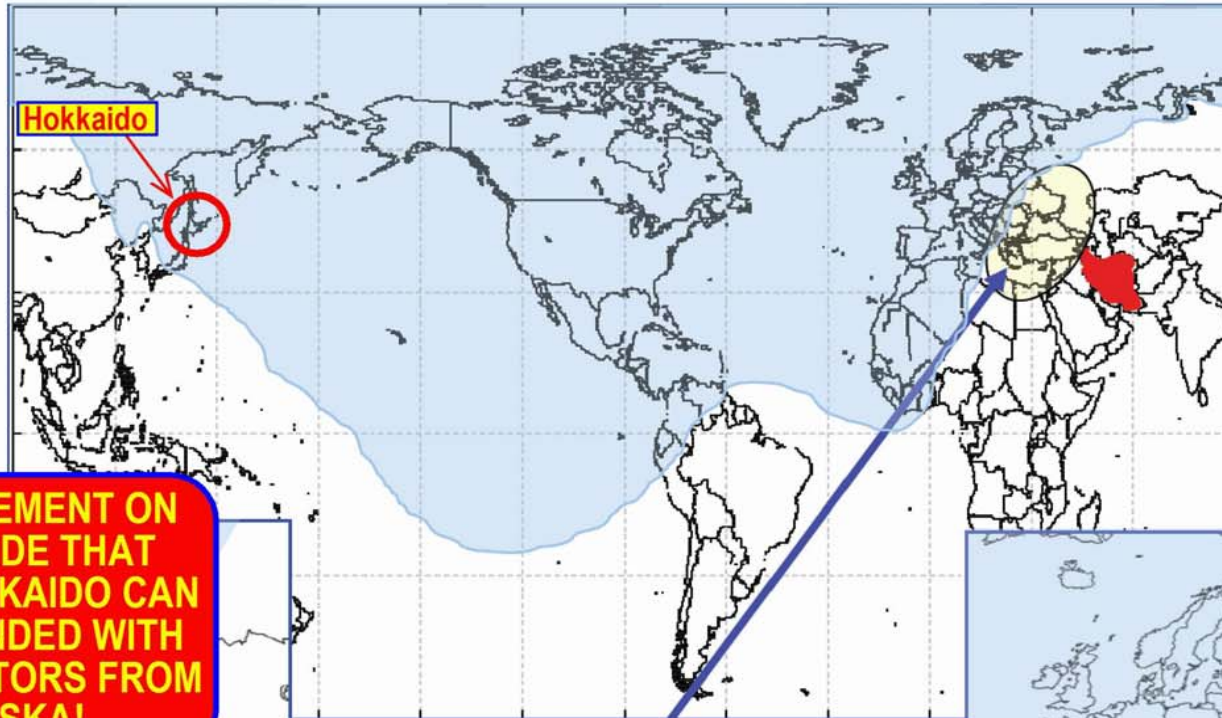
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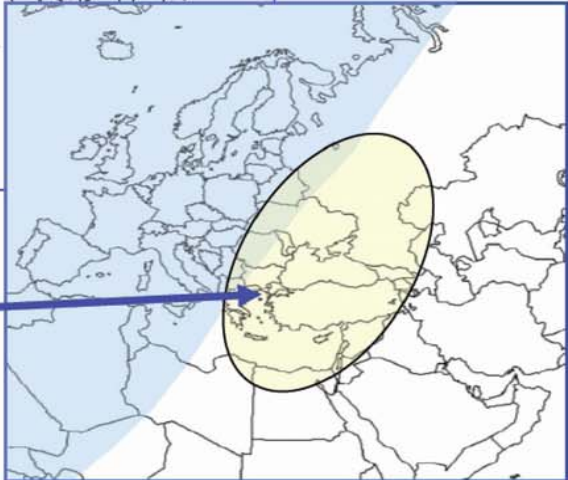
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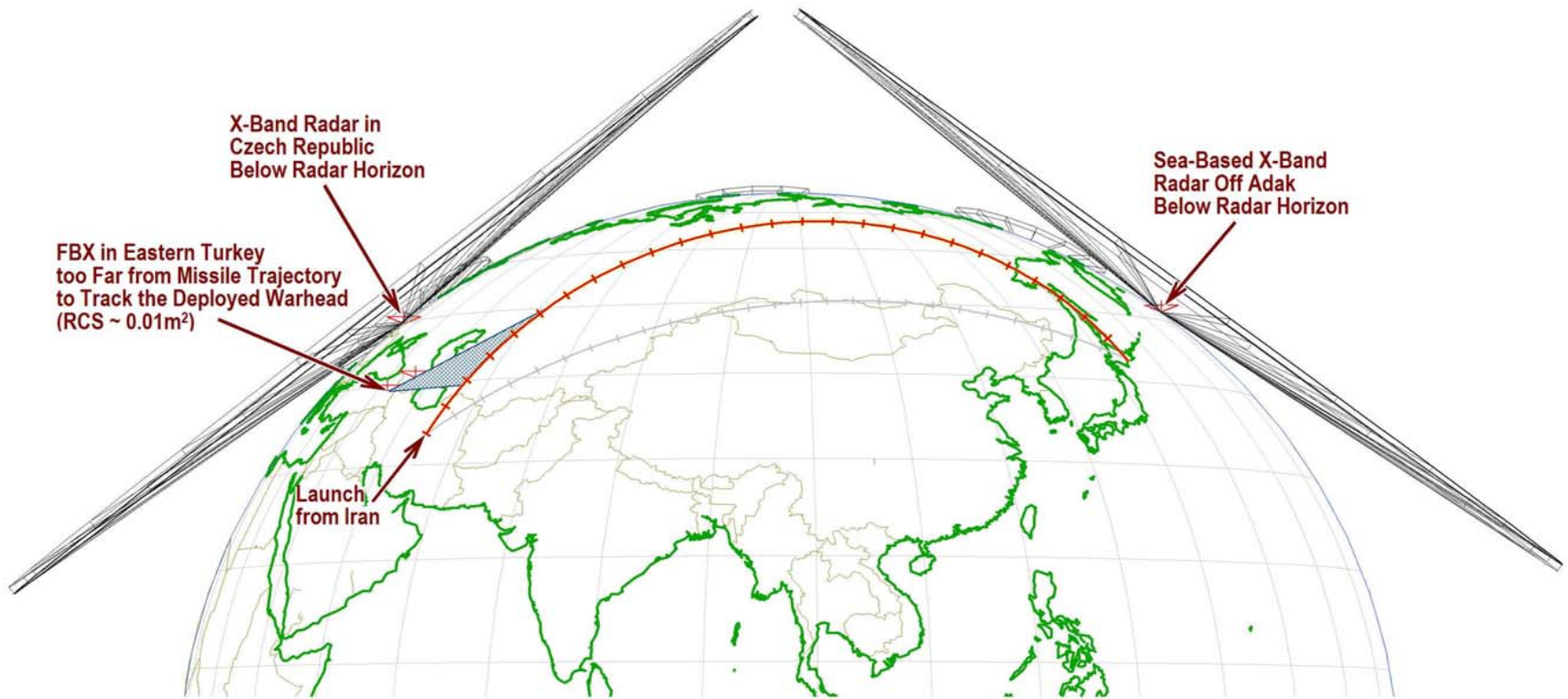
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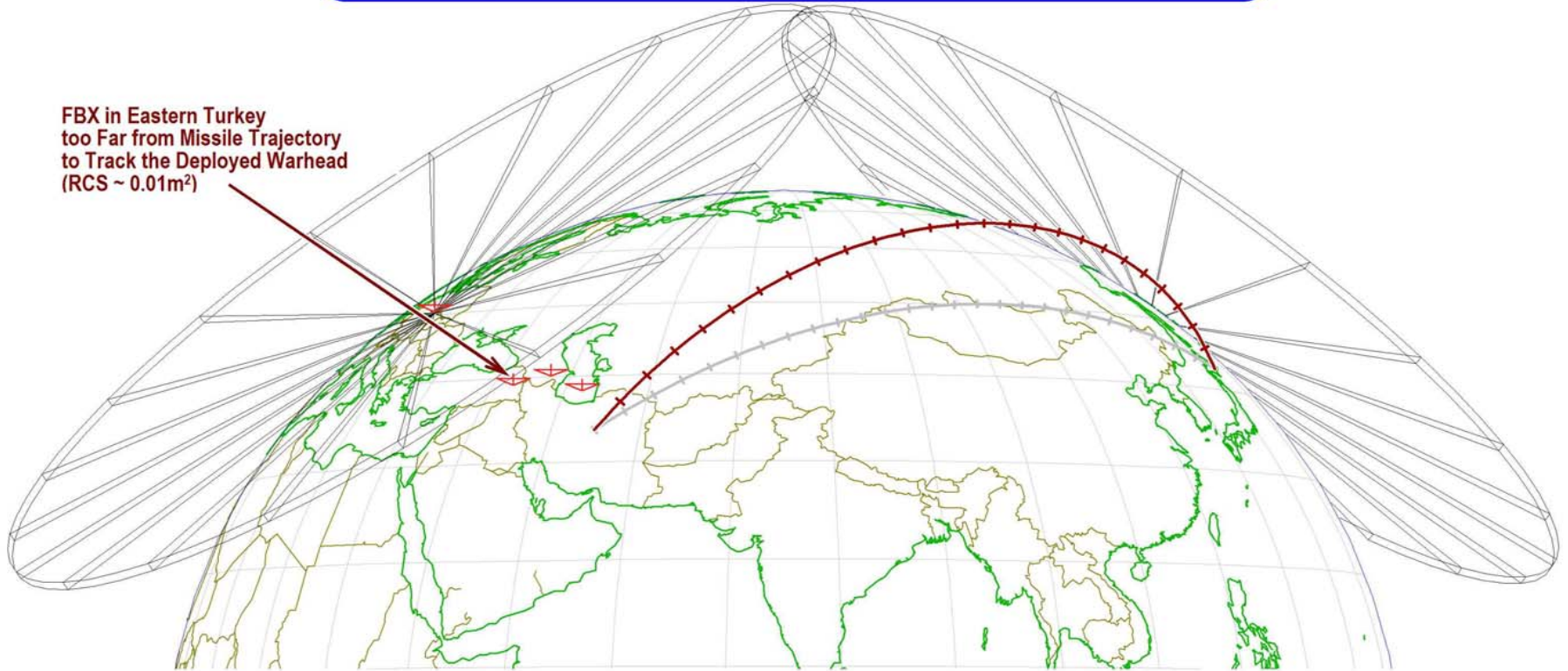
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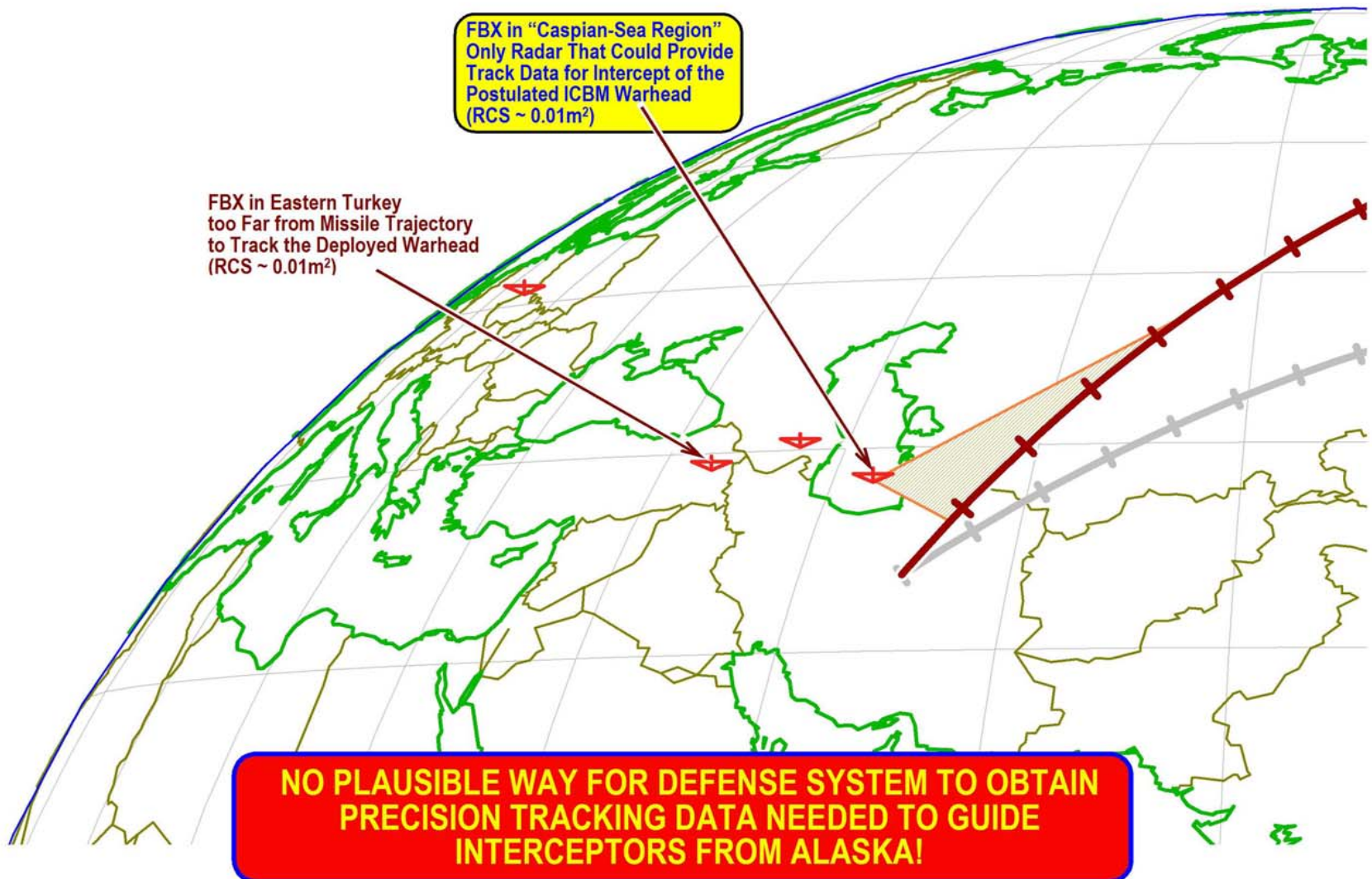
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FBX in Eastern Turkey
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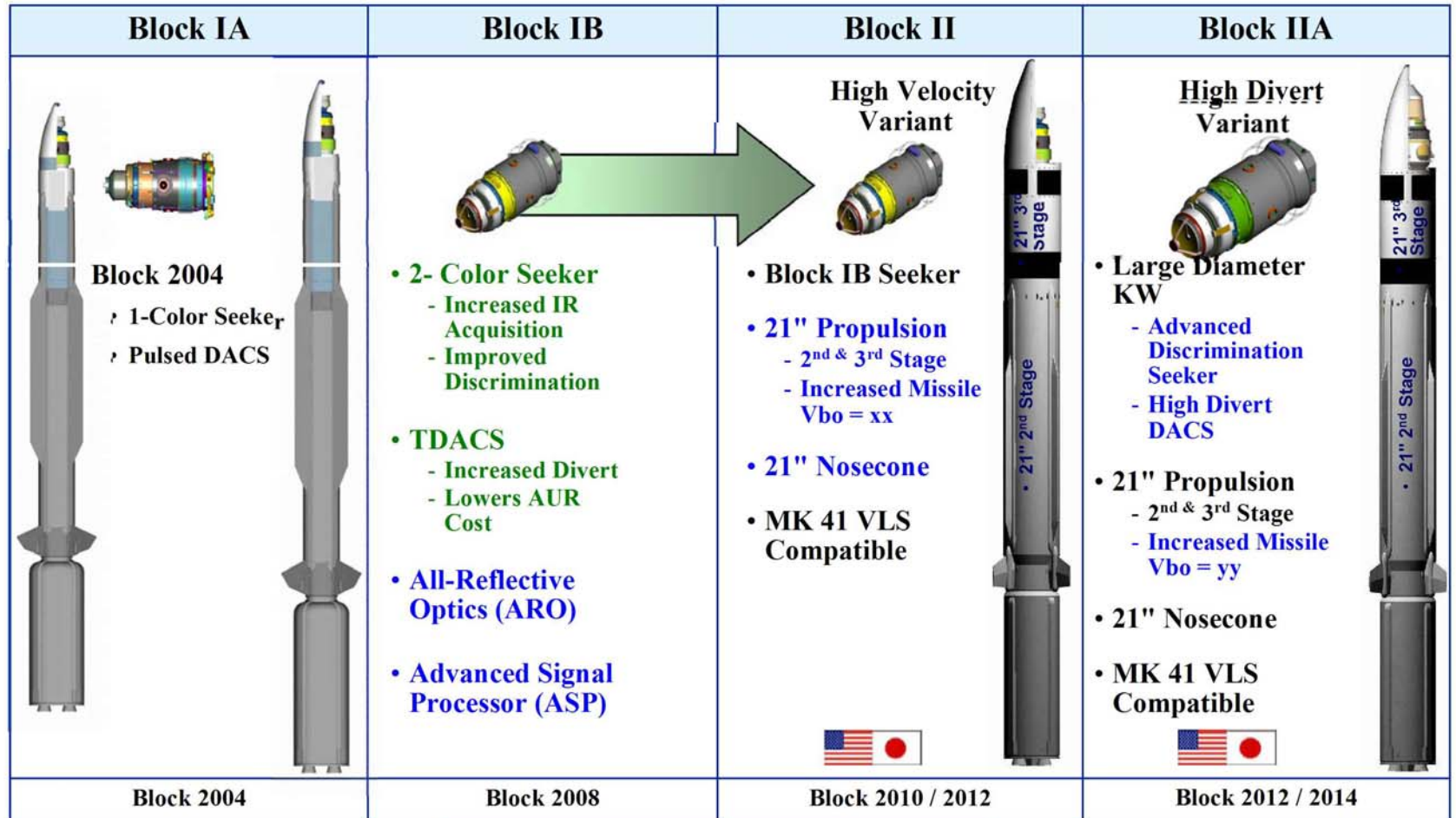
Radar Fan Acquisition and Tracking Coverage in Support of Aegis Launch Platforms

IRBM Attack Coverage Against Eastern and Western Europe





Aegis BMD SM-3 Evolution Plan



■ Funded Since PB06
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- **Two-Stage Ground-Based Interceptors sited in Poland are kinematically able to provide intercept coverage for most, but not all, of Europe.**
- **The Two-Stage Ground-Based Interceptors are also capable of intercepting Russian ICBMs launched towards targets on the East Coast of the United States.**
- **Missile Defense Agency claims that such intercepts are not possible are inaccurate.**
- **Missile Defense Agency claims about the ability to defend Northern Japan by adding missile defense components in Europe are Inaccurate.**
- **The Missile Defense Agency Has Provided Journalists with Three Technically Contradictory Sets of Claims About the Ground-Based Interceptors to be Deployed in Poland.**
- **The missile Defense Agency Has Also Made Three Unambiguously False Claims About the Additional Areas That Could be Defended by Deploying Defense-Components in Europe.**
- **Aegis system interceptors are kinematically able to provide intercept coverage for a missile defense of Europe.**

Summary of the Technological Issues Relevant to Policy

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- **The planned radar support for the European missile defense is woefully inadequate, even if the defense faces no countermeasures.**

X-band radars are fundamentally not suited for the role of acquisition and surveillance. Lower frequency radars operating at VHF, UHF, or L-Band are all far more suitable for this mission.

- **The radar acquisition and surveillance problem could probably be solved by using multiple Forward-Based X-Band radars placed strategically between Iran and Europe. However, the defense would still be easily defeated by simple countermeasures.**

These radars would probably only be able to acquire and track cone-shaped ballistic missile warheads at ranges less than 1000 km range. They would, however, be able to track the upper rocket stage that deploys the warhead at greater range. This may make it possible for the radar to cue on upper rocket stages as part of a process aimed at acquiring and tracking the warhead.

- **The radar acquisition and surveillance problem could also be solved, assuming no countermeasures, by using the Russian Voronezh Class VHF Early Warning Radar in Armavir, Russia.**
- **There is overwhelming evidence that exoatmospheric Missile Defenses are fundamentally vulnerable to exoatmospheric decoys. This near-certain vulnerability has far ranging implications for the viability of exoatmospheric missile defenses and the nation's security. Congress should consider investigating this serious and fundamental vulnerability.**

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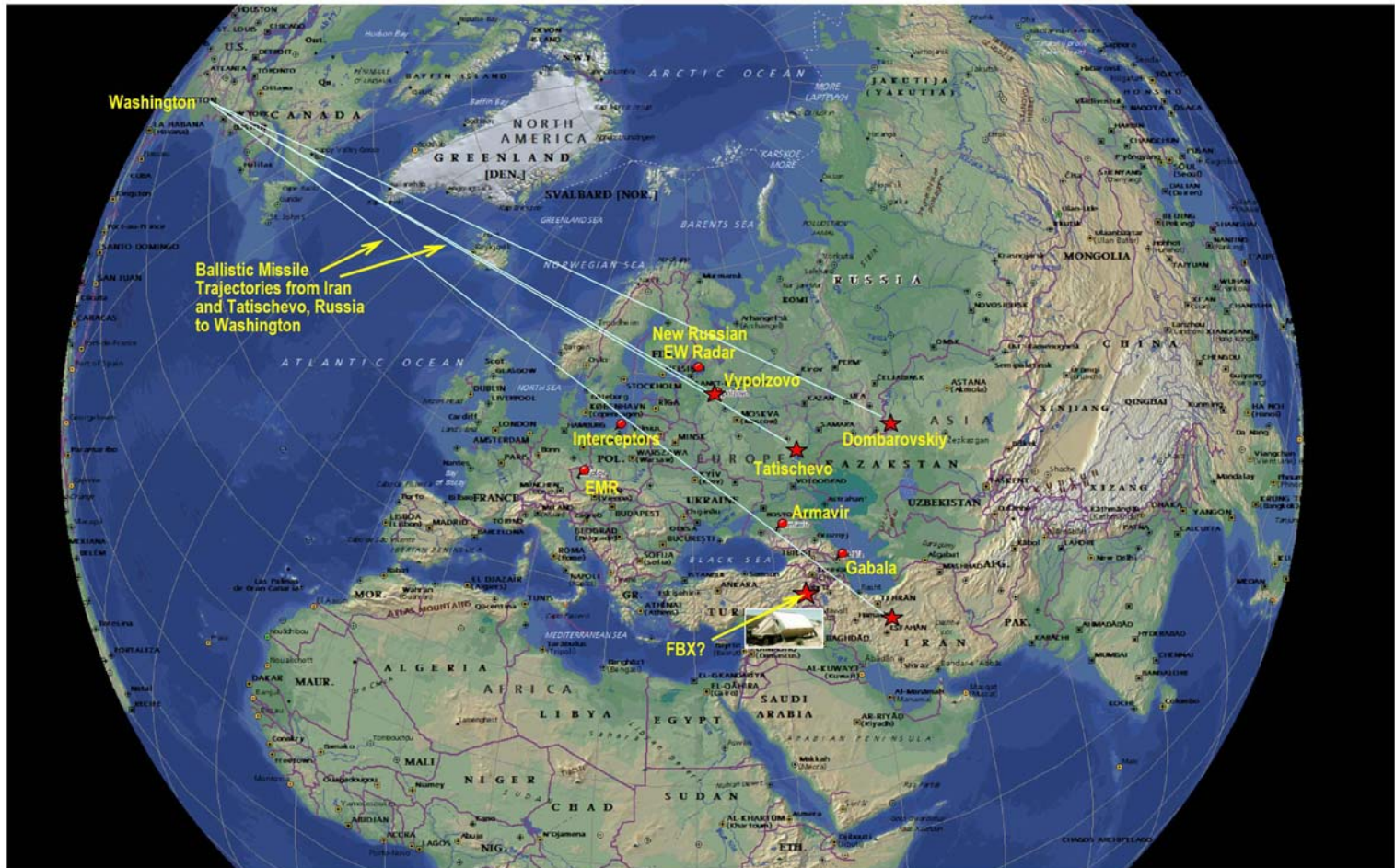
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Ballistic Missile Trajectories from Iran and Tatischevo, Dombarovskiy, and Vypolzovo, Russia to Washington



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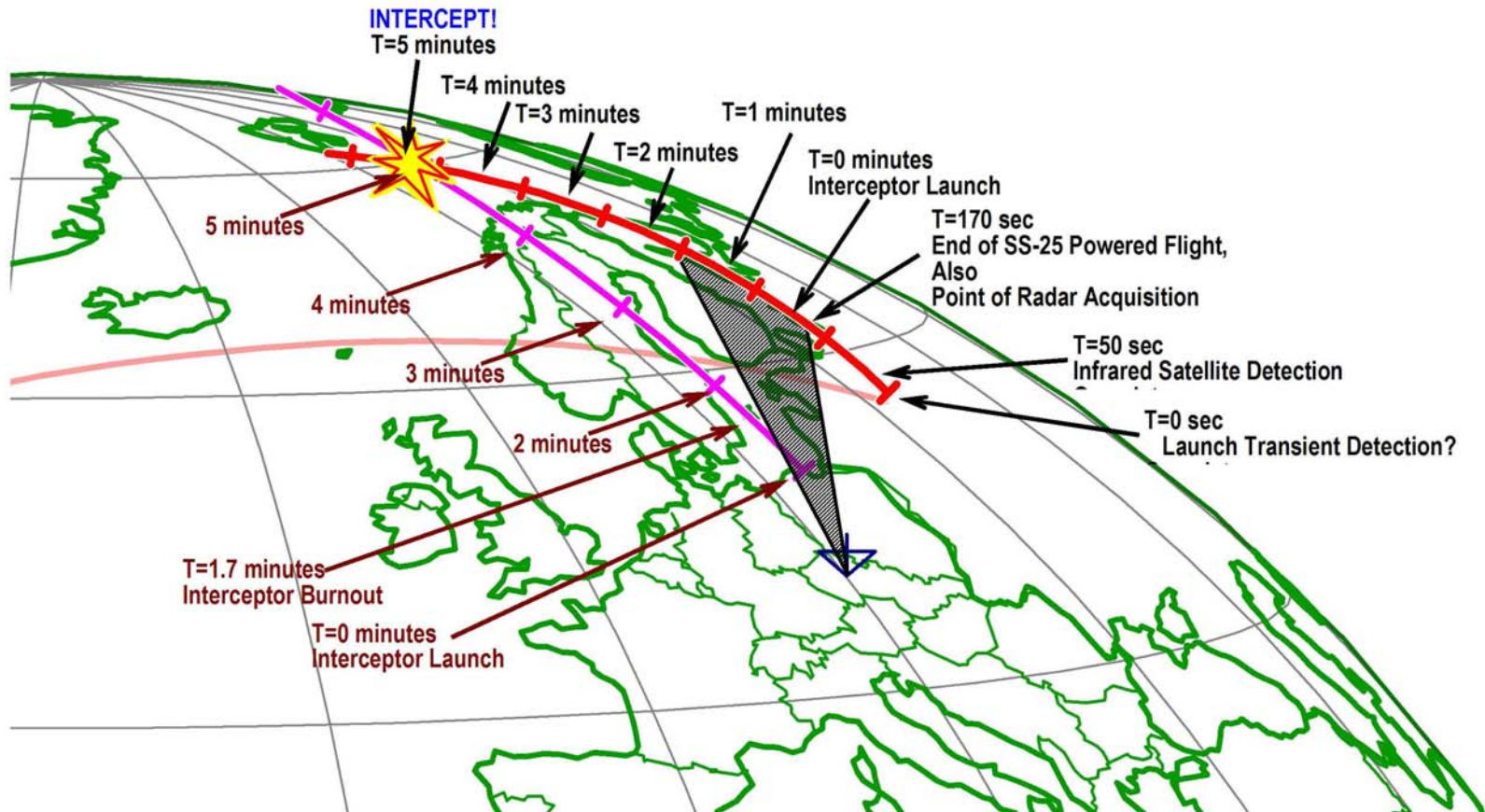
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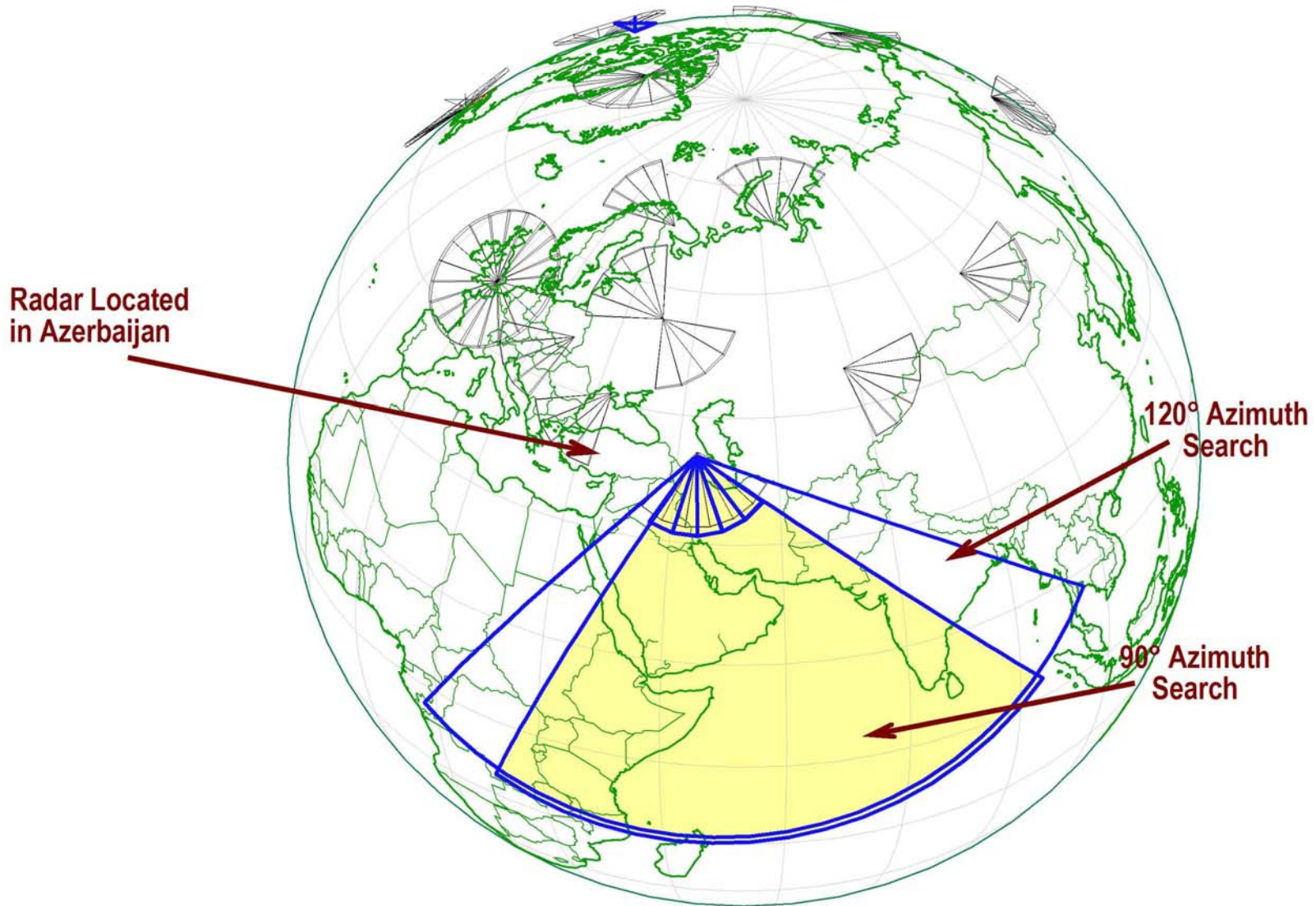
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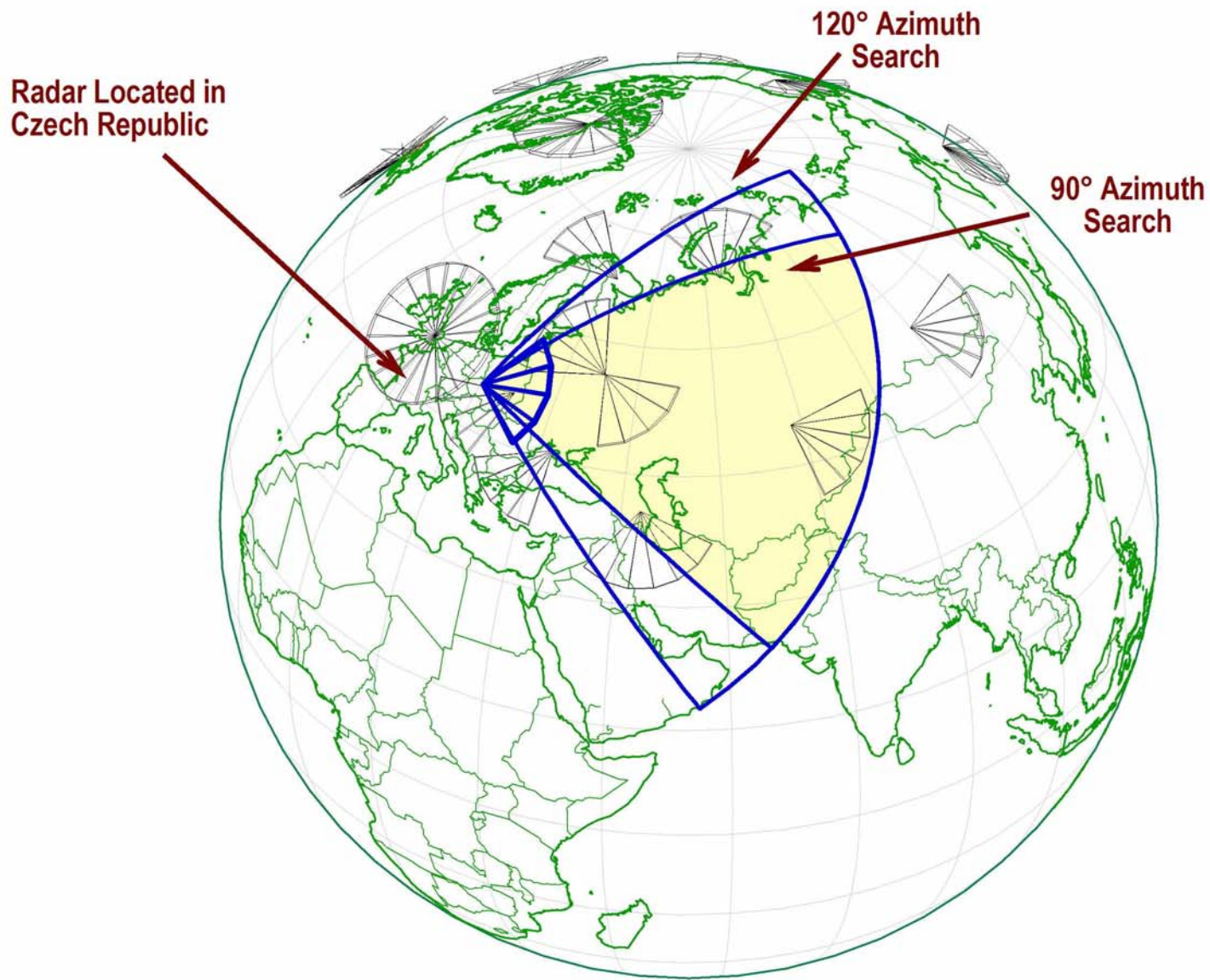
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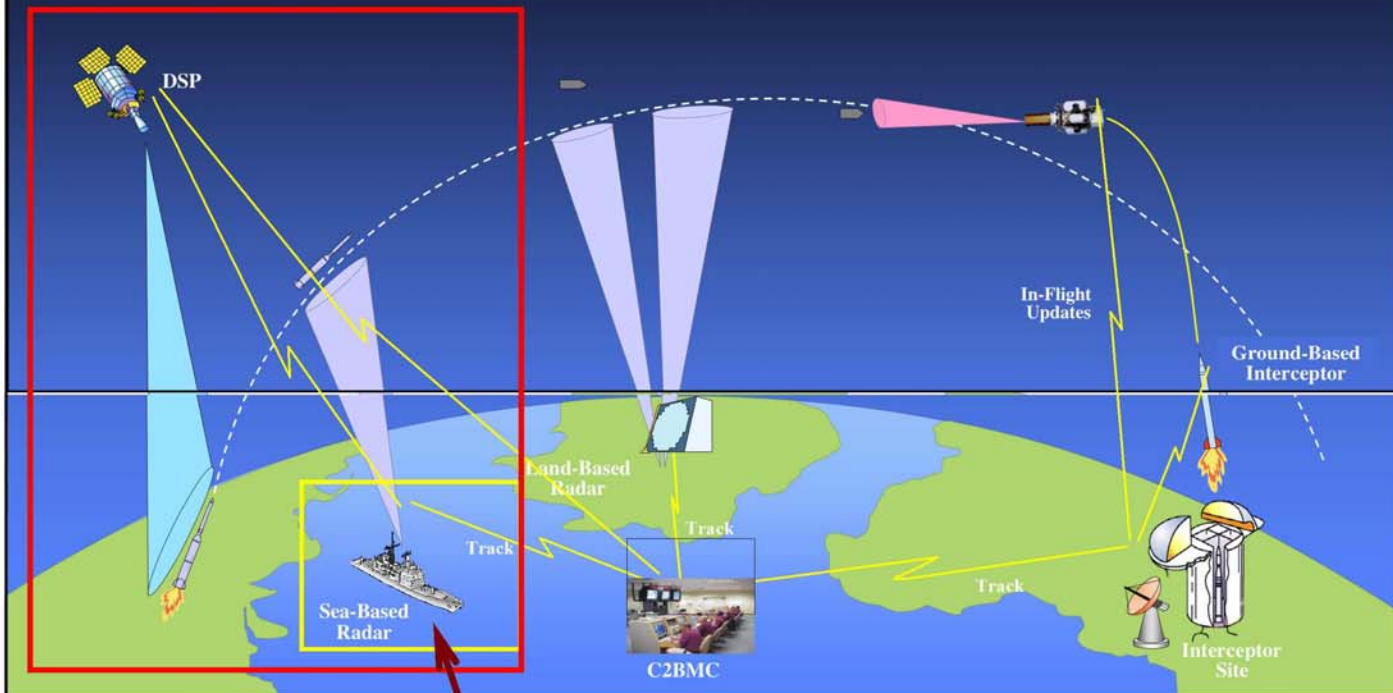


Precision Cueing Role Played by the EMR in the Czech Republic?



An Integrated Approach To Ballistic Missile Defense

Combining different sensors with different weapons expands detection and engagement capabilities



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Precision Cueing Role Played by the EMR in the Czech Republic?

Reported Demonstrations of How Simple Radar Cueing Information Can Substantially Improve a Missile Defense's Theoretical Capabilities

“With cueing from an Aegis ship and three ships with the Block 1A capability, we can in fact defend our ally Japan and the U.S. forces there. Additionally, if we station a ship off the Hawaiian Islands with a ship forward, we can in fact defend Hawaii. Likewise, we can defend Guam by moving the detection ship forward. We have run many of these scenarios.”

Rear Admiral Brad A. Hicks
Program Director,
Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense
December 19, 2005 in a talk at the Marshall Institute

Full talk is available at:
<http://www.marshall.org/article.php?id=363>

Why Cueing from the European Midcourse Radar (EMR) Could be of Concern to Russian Military Analysts

Reported by several publications:

On August 19, 2004, Army Col. Charles Dreissnack, THAAD's program manager, said at a conference that recent tests of the THAAD's radar have shown that THAAD will have a "residual" capability against ICBMs.

He said: "We weren't planning to have the ICBM capability," but the radar is "outperforming what we thought it supposed to do."

He also said that although deployment won't begin until FY 2009, test assets could be ready to defend Hawaii years earlier.

From

Marc Selinger, "THAAD displaying 'residual' capability against ICBMs," *Aerospace Daily & Defense Report*, August 20, 2004.

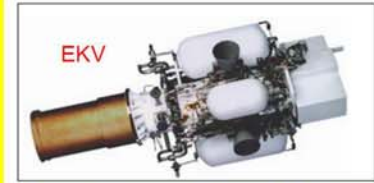
Note: This description implies that THAAD's NMD capabilities are limited by the radar, not the interceptor. See "Highly Capable Theater Missile Defenses and the ABM Treaty" in *Arms Control Today*, April 1994. Available on the Web at:

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Interceptors are Modified Ground-Based Interceptors

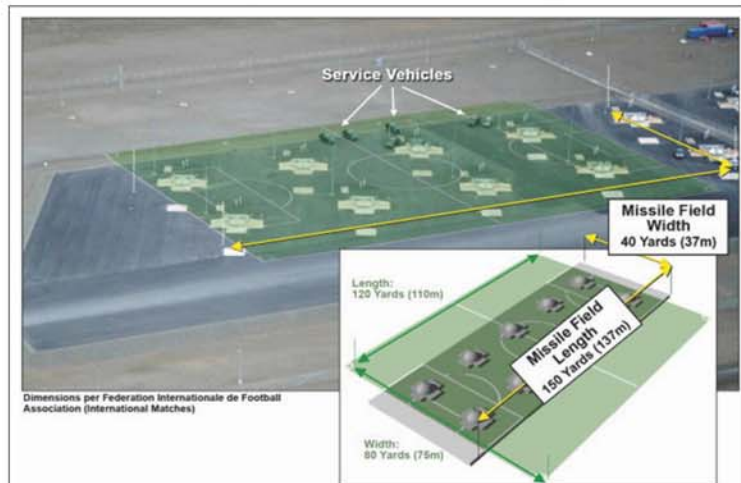
2 Stage Instead of 3 Stage
47,400 lbs versus 31,500 lbs
51 Feet Long versus

The interceptors planned for Poland are nearly identical to the three-stage interceptors based in the U.S. except that they are a two-stage variant that is quicker, lighter, and better suited for the engagement ranges and timelines for Europe. The silos that house the ground-based interceptors have substantially smaller dimensions (e.g., diameter and length) than those used for offensive missiles, such as the U.S. Minuteman III ICBM. Any modification would require extensive, lengthy, and costly changes that would be clearly visible to any observer.



The ground-based interceptors are comprised of a booster vehicle and an exoatmospheric kill vehicle (EKV). Upon launch, the booster flies to a projected intercept point and releases the EKV which then uses on-board sensors (with assistance from ground-based assets) to acquire the target ballistic missile. The EKV performs final discrimination and steers itself to collide with the enemy warhead, destroying it by the sheer kinetic force of impact.

Future European Missile Site – Size Comparison



**Data from Press Statements by Spokesman and Chief Scientist
for the Missile Defense Agency, Colonel Rick Lehner and Mr. Keith Englander
Provided Stage Weights for the Orbital Sciences Two-Stage Ground-Based Interceptor**

STATEMENTS MADE BY MDA TO THE PRESS:

Launch Weight = 47,400 lbs
First Stage Weight = 37,800 lbs
Second Stage Weight = 9,500 lbs
Kill Vehicle Weight = 155 lbs
Burnout Speed = 6.3 km/sec

ANALYTIC RESULTS:

- **Assumptions:**
The shroud weighs 200 lbs, and the Pegasus-derived rocket motor fuel weights and specific impulses are exactly those from the *AIAA International Reference Guide to Space Launch Systems*.
- Expected Launch Weight of GBI = $37,800 + 9,500 + 155 + 200 = 47,655$ lbs.
- The vehicle weight stated by Lehner is 47,400 lbs)
- If one assumes a vehicle with a Launch Weight of 49,730 lbs, a payload of $2075 + 155 = 2230$ lbs, the burnout speed is **6.30 km/sec**.
- The same vehicle carrying a 155 lb payload achieves a burnout speed of **9.37 km/sec**.
- If the vehicle payload is 255 lbs, to accommodate a 100 lb vibration isolation and mounting adapter, (and/or endo/exo heatshield protection for EKV) the burnout speed is then **9.11 km/sec**

CONCLUSION

US Interceptors will have sufficient speed to engage all Russian ICBMs launched from West of the Urals against all targets in the continental United States

Data on Ground-Based Interceptor Launch Gross Weight, Stage Weights and Burn Times Provided by MDA Spokesman, Rick Lehner, and MDA Chief Scientist, Keith Englander

Orion 50SXLG Rocket Motor

Source	Full Weight (lbs)	Propellant (lbs)	Empty Weight (lbs)	Burn Time (sec)	I_{sp} (sec ⁻¹)	Length (m)
Taurus	??	33,120	??	68.4	285	8.94
Pegasus	36,195	33,140	3055	68.3	293	10.27
MDA-1	37,800	35,480	2,320	70	??	??
MDA-2	37,800	34,398	3,402	70	270	??

Orion 50XL Rocket Motor

Source	Full Weight (lbs)	Propellant (lbs)	Empty Weight (lbs)	Burn Time (sec)	I_{sp} (sec ⁻¹)	Length (m)
Taurus	??	8,655	??	69.4	289	3.11
Pegasus	9,566	8,649	917	69.8	290	3.11
MDA-1	9,500	8,680	820	70	??	??
MDA-2	9,500	8,075?	1,425?	70	289	

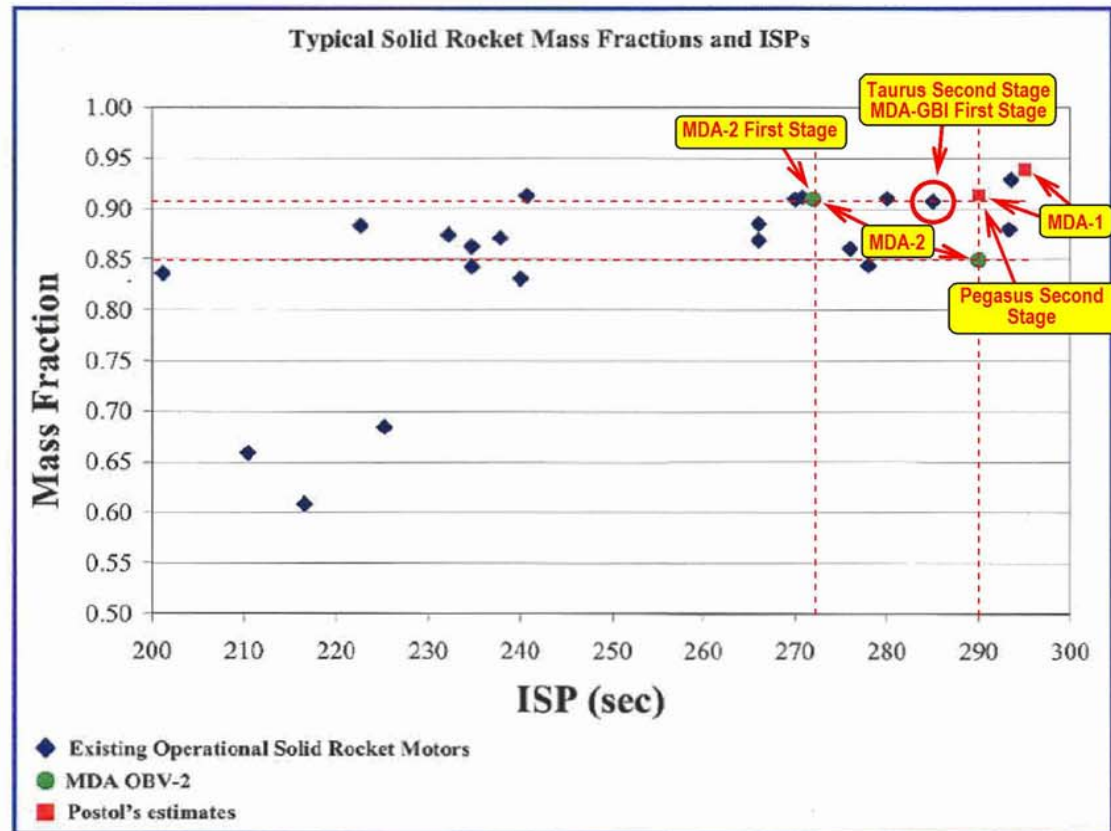
Two-Stage GBI Launch Weight = 21,400 kg (47,400 lbs)
GBI Carries No Ballast



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Comparison Between Postol's Rocket Motor Stages And Existing Operational Motors

Existing Operational Solid Rocket Motors	
Sergeant	PeaceKeeper Stage 1
M88 (Mod M5E1)	GEM
Castor I	M57A1
Mk 11 Mod 2 Talos	Castor IIA
Mk12 Mod1 Terrier	GSTS TVE
M51 BOMARC	H-1500
Castor IV	SR-73-AJ-1
Lance MGM-52	U-75
Castor IVA	Orbus 1
Castor II	Orbus 21S
Castor II	Centaur G-Prime
Castor IVA	Centaur I
Malemute II	Centaur II
M55A1	Centaur IIA
Castor IVB	Mk 70 Mod 1
Castor V	Polaris A3 Stage 1
M56A1	Polaris A3 Stage 2



Postol's stage motor performance estimates are at the very high end compared to existing operational solid rocket motors

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Can the Europe-Based Missile Defense
Engage Russian ICBMs
and if so
Why Does that Matter?



General Obering's Original Slide

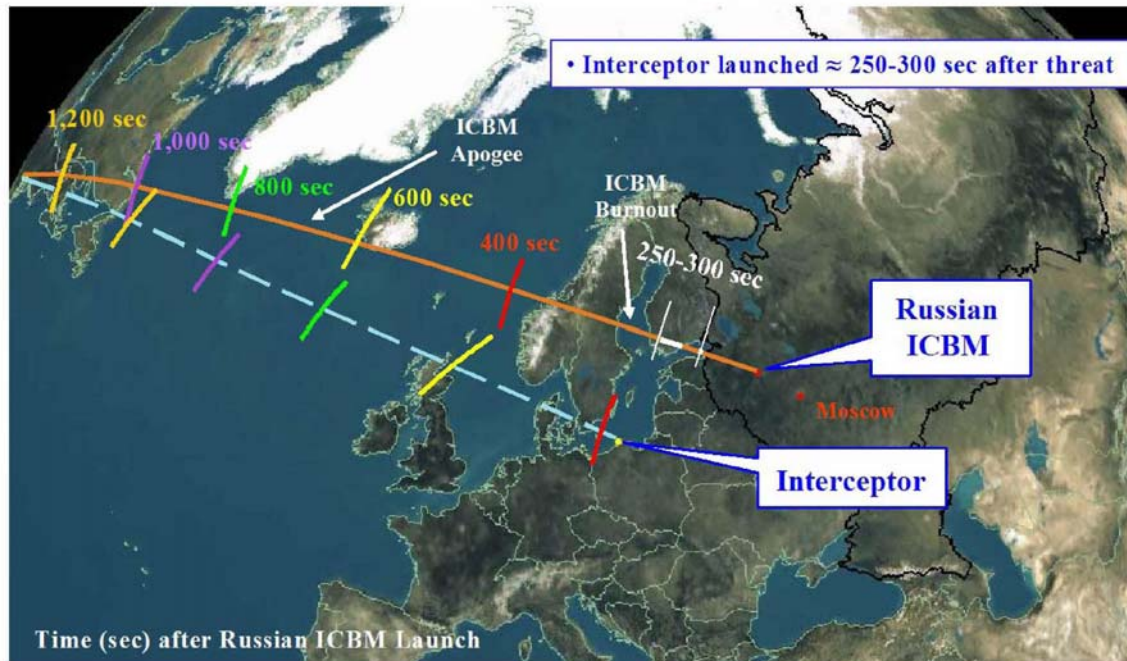
Interceptors Cannot Catch Russian Missiles



Misleading MDA Slide Indicating Interceptors Cannot Engage Russian ICBMs



Interceptors Cannot Catch Russian Missiles



U.S. European Interceptor Site Cannot Affect Russian Strategic Capability

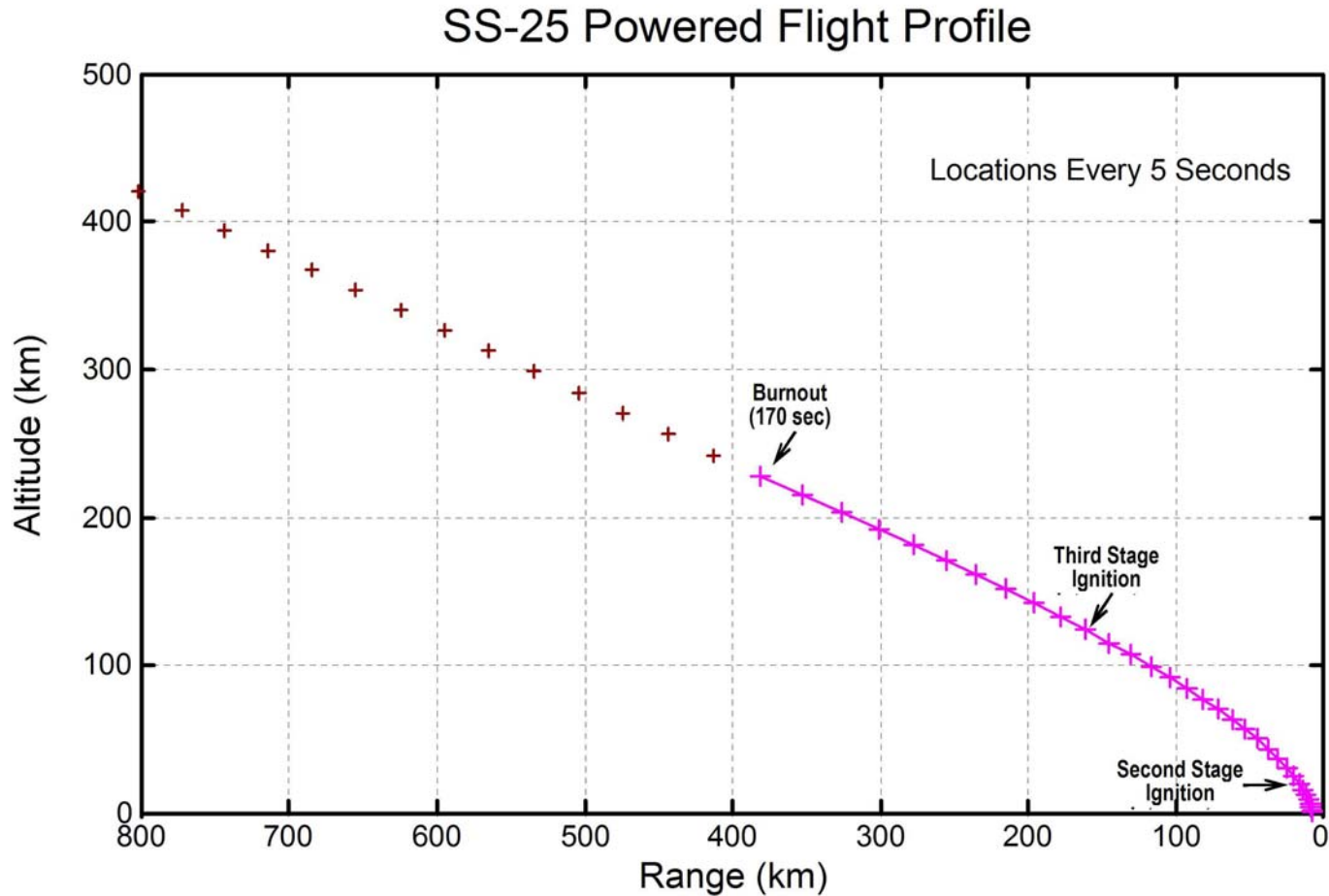


Obering's Slide With MDA Labels Removed

Interceptors Cannot Catch Russian Missiles



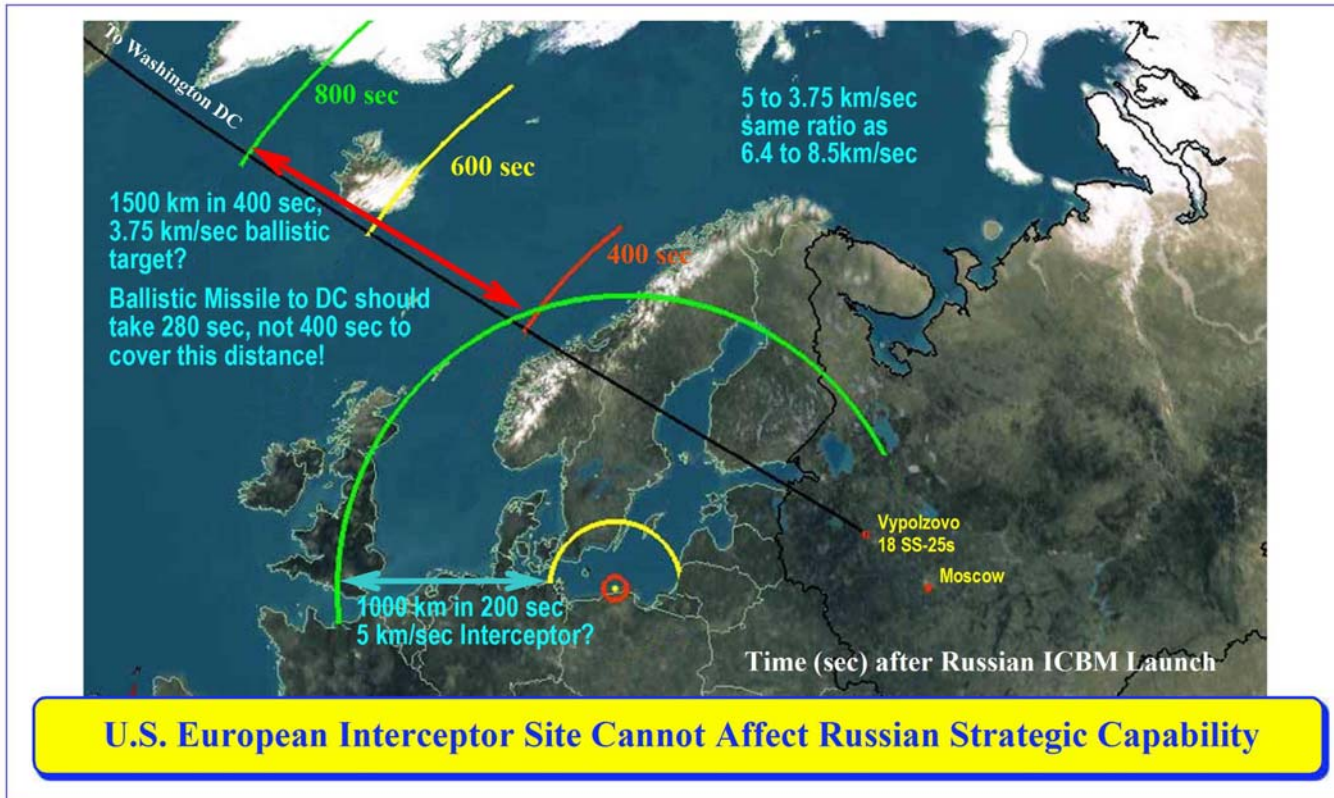
Location of SS-25 Russian ICBM at 5 Second Intervals During Powered Flight





Obering's Slide – Distances and Speeds Wrong

Interceptors Cannot Catch Russian Missiles





Actual Timelines for an Engagement

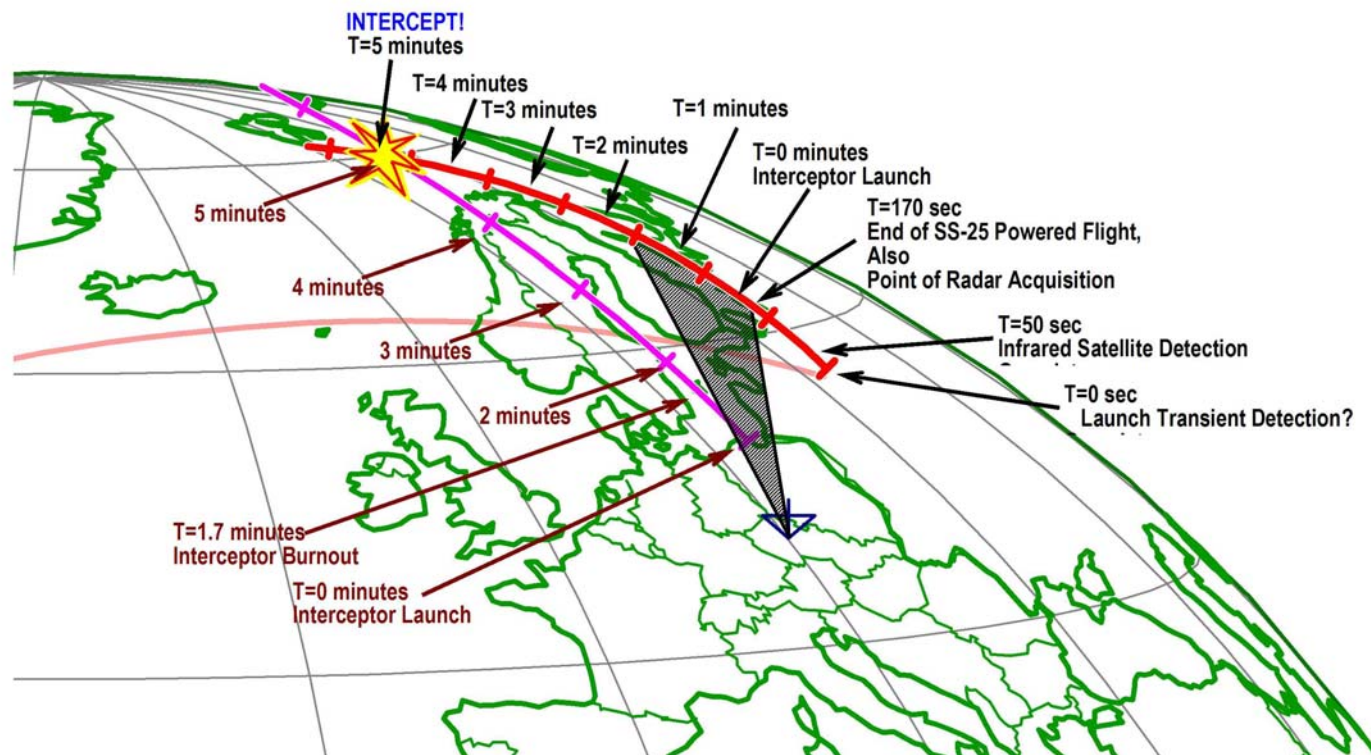
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This statement is wrong

Engagement Event Timeline for Engagement of SS-25 from Vypolzovo with 2-Stage Missile Defense Interceptor

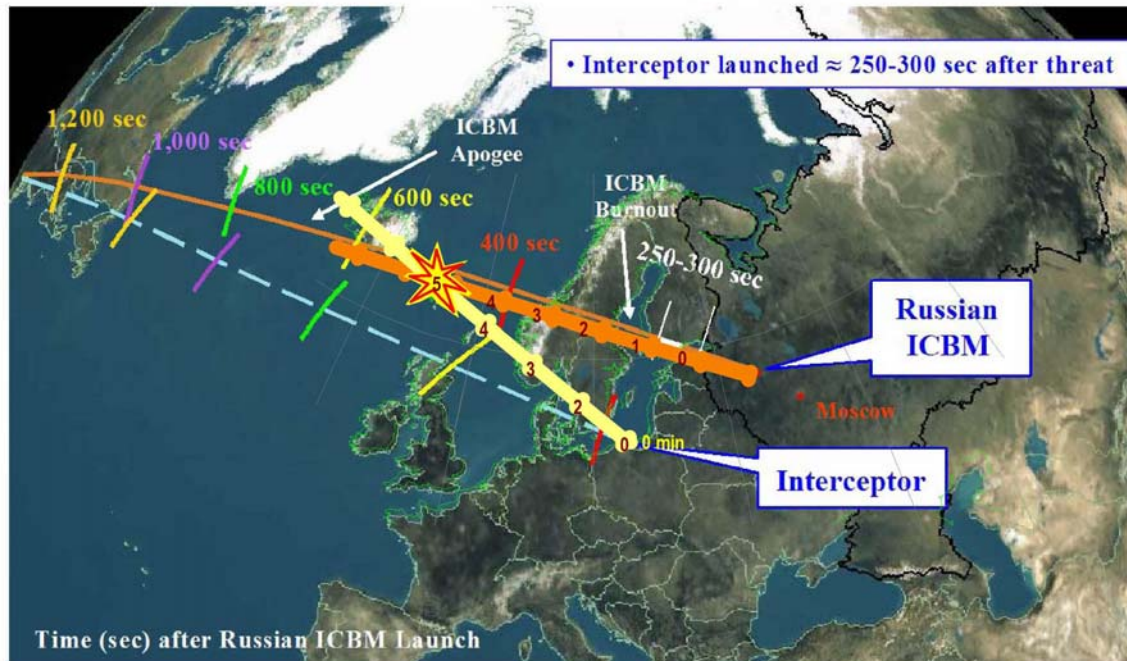
T=500 sec
Interceptor and
warhead Collide



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Interceptors Cannot Catch Russian Missiles



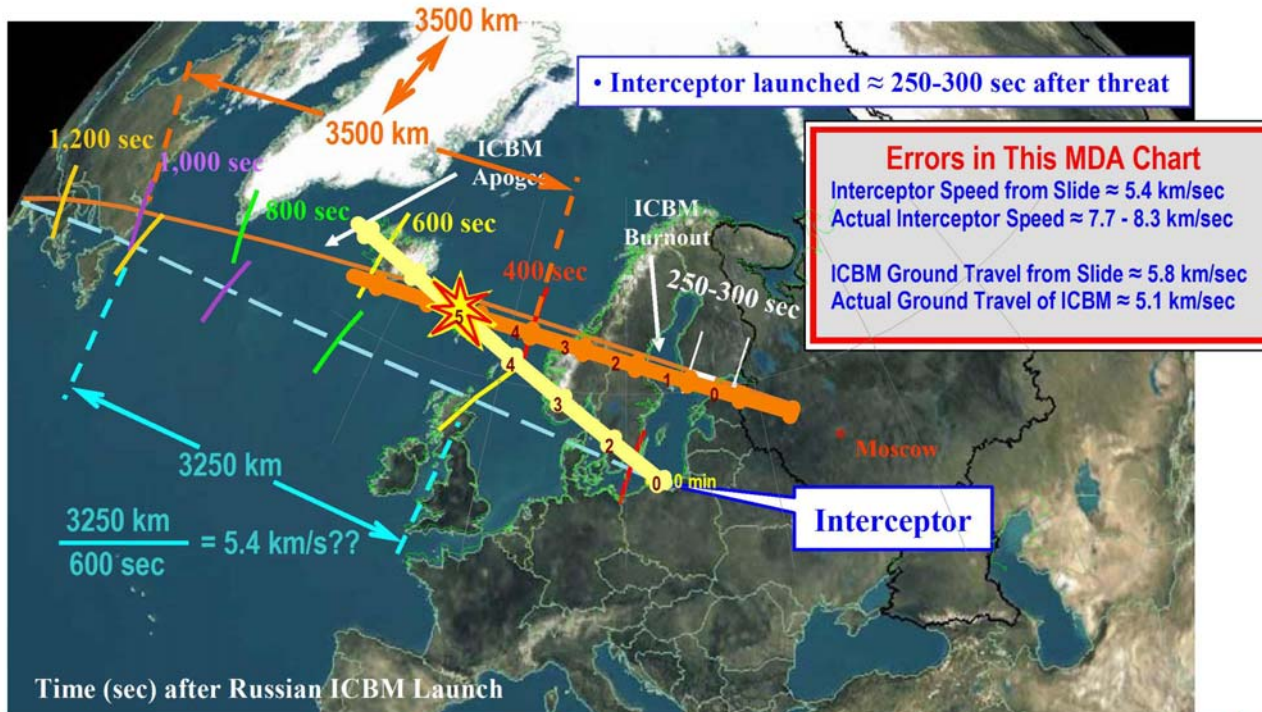
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Misleading MDA Slide that Indicates Interceptors Could Never Intercept Russian ICBMs

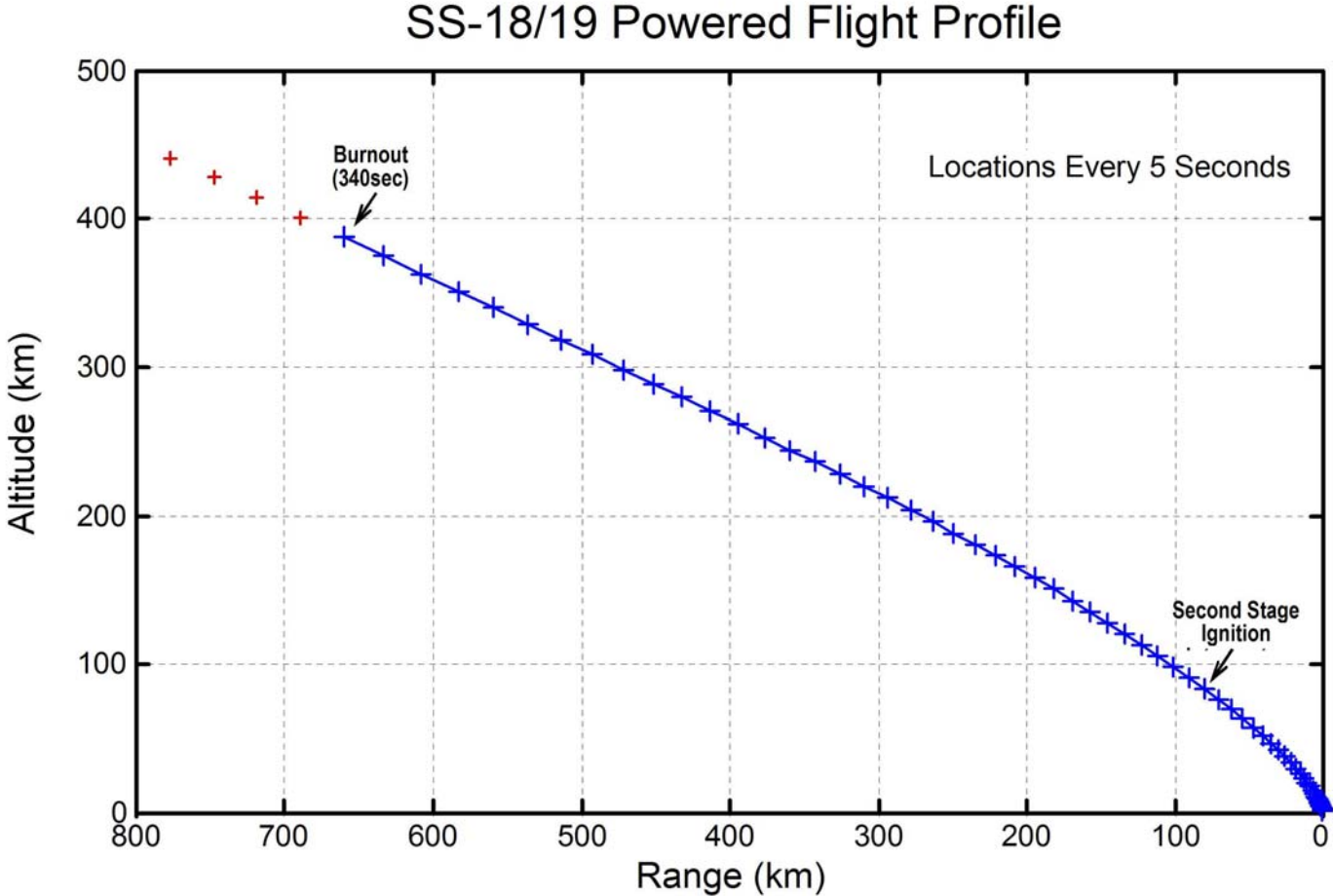
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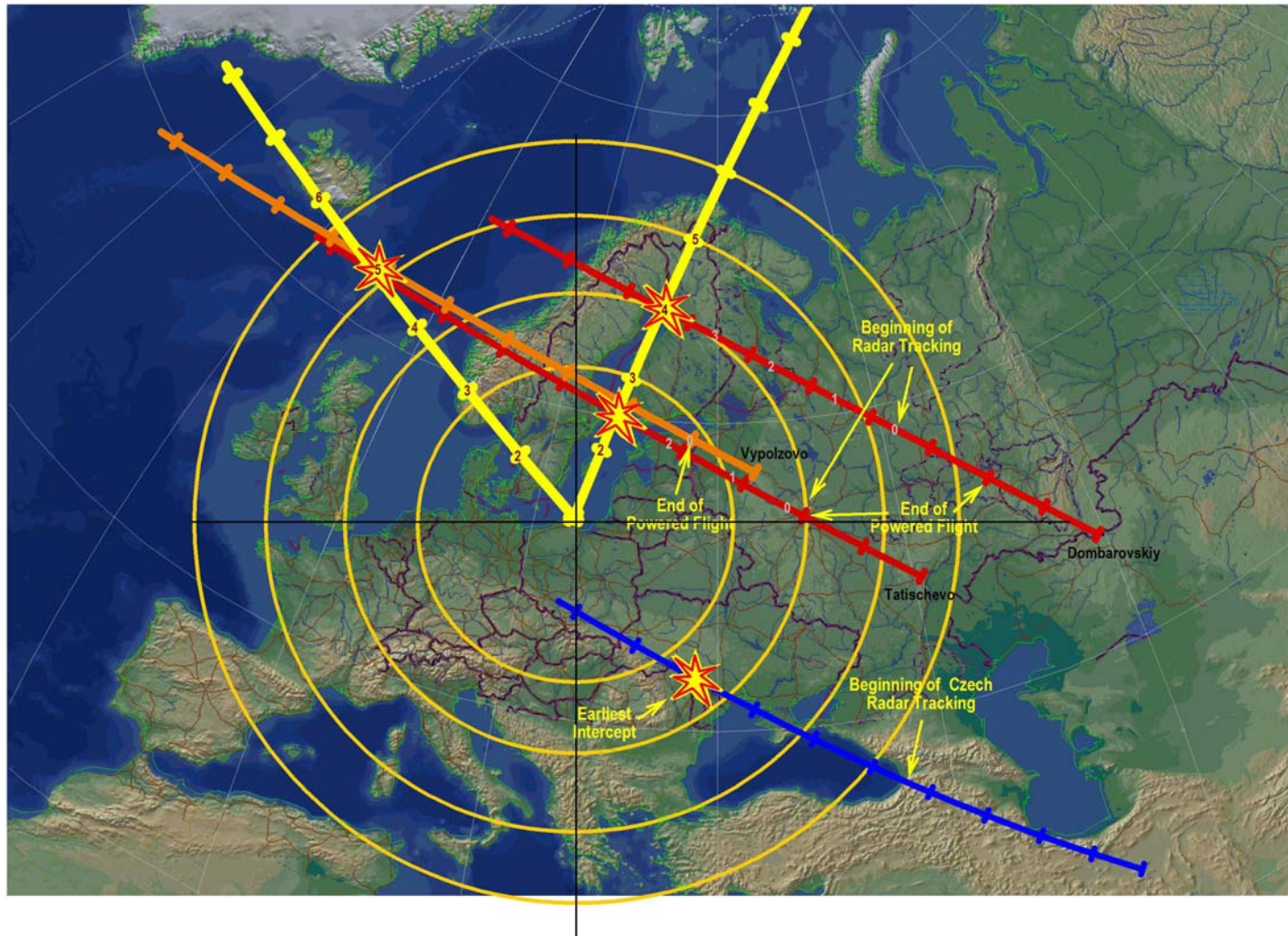


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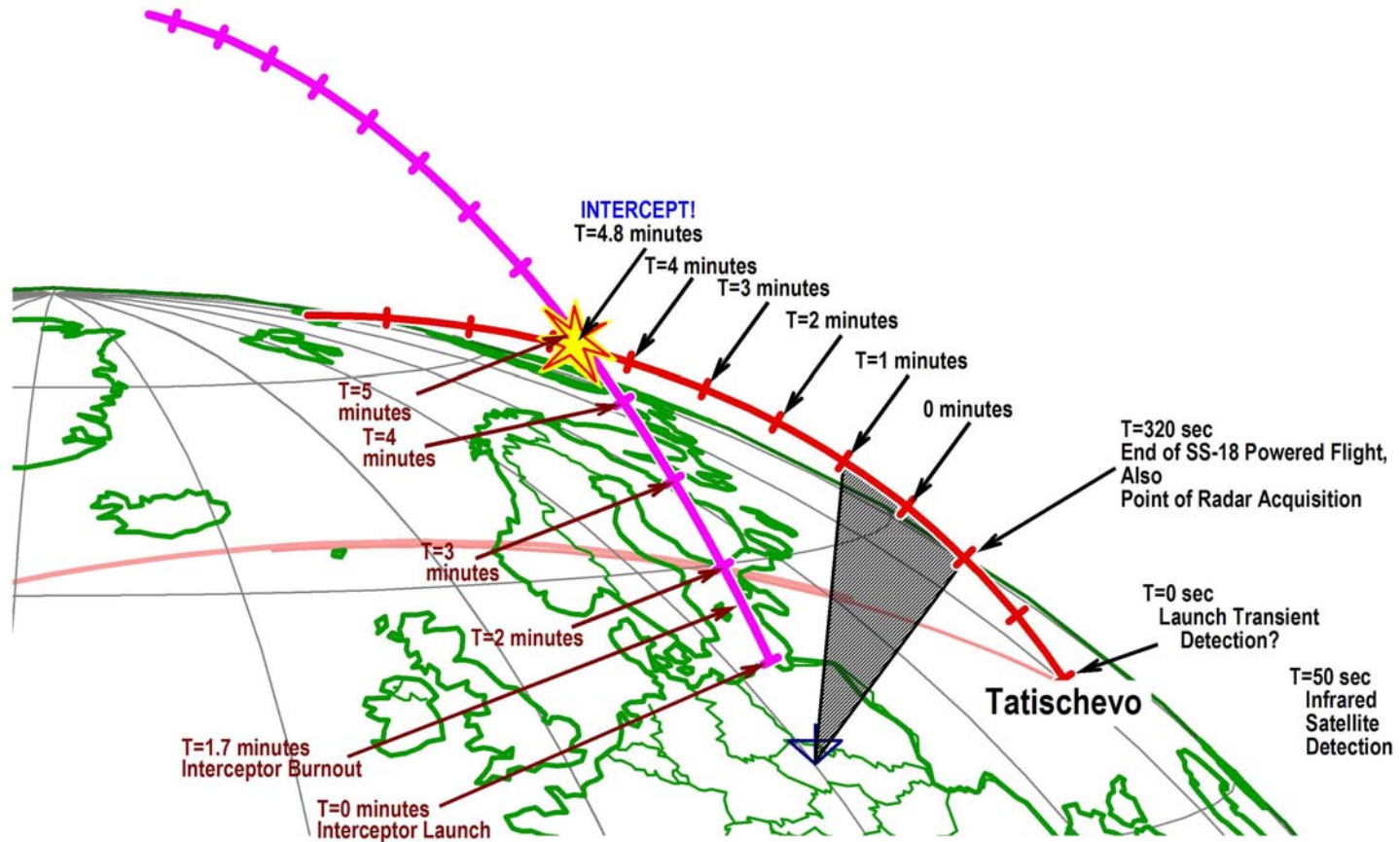
Location of SS-18/19 Russian ICBM at 5 Second Intervals During Powered Flight



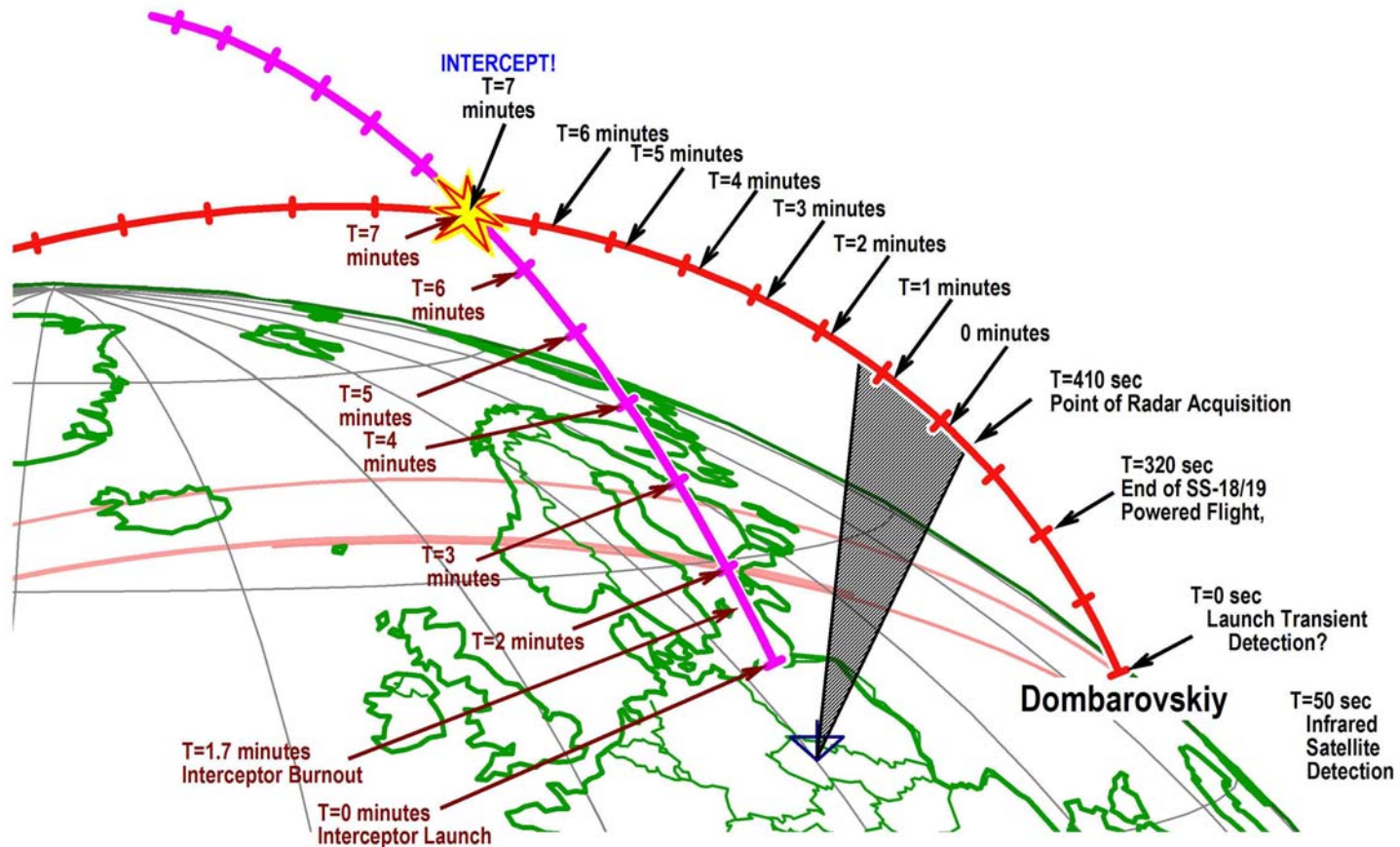
Timelines and Events for Intercepts with Two-Stage Variant of the GBI



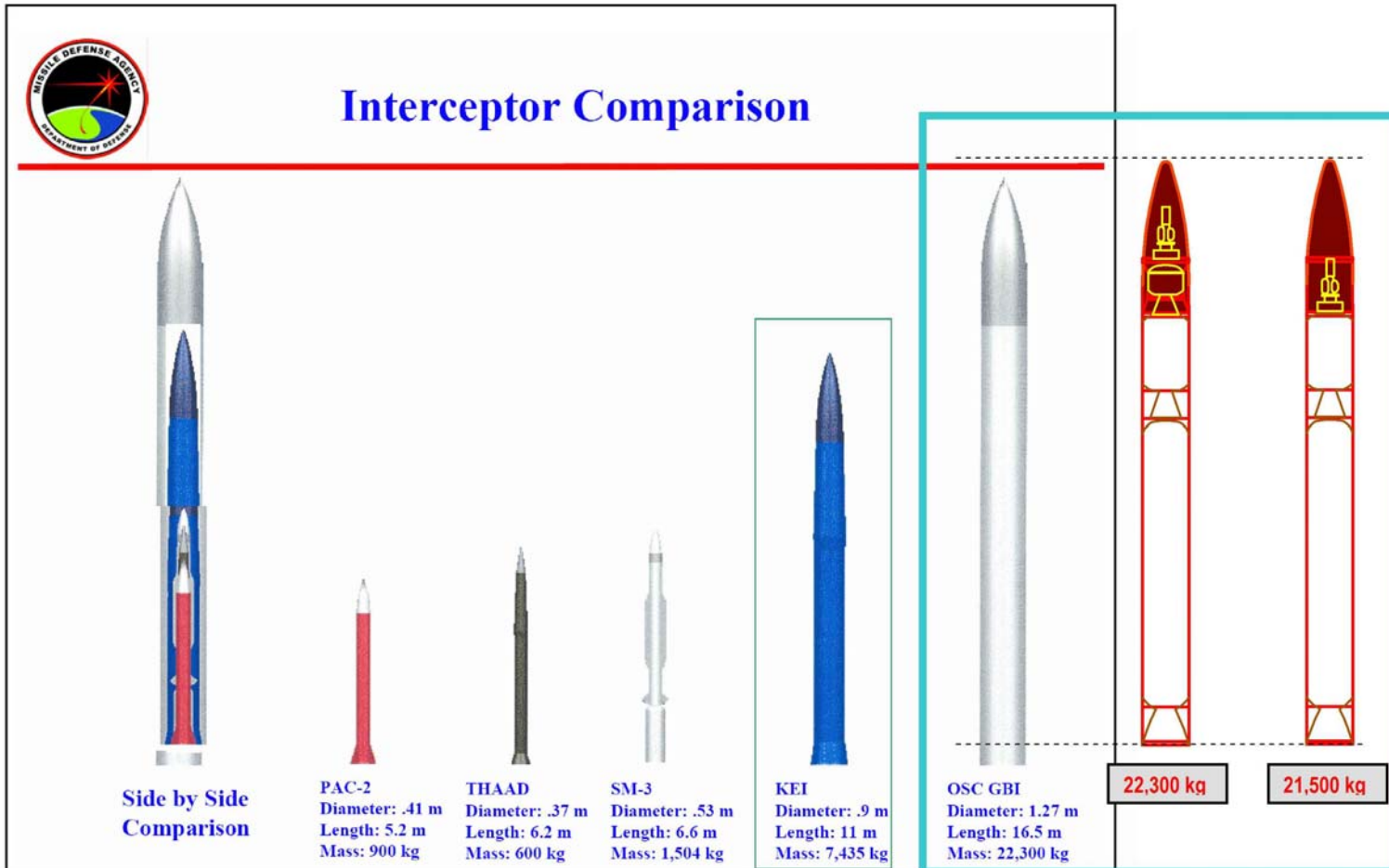
Engagement Event Timeline for Engagement of SS-18/19 from Tatischevo with 2-Stage Missile Defense Interceptor



Engagement Event Timeline for Engagement of SS-18/19 from Dombarovskiy with 2-Stage Missile Defense Interceptor



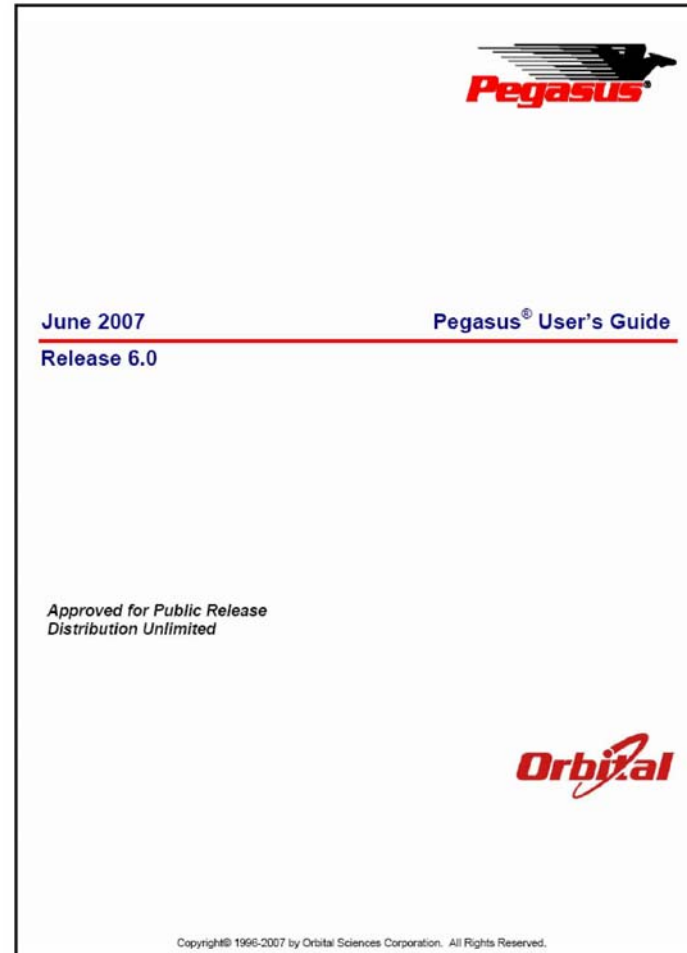
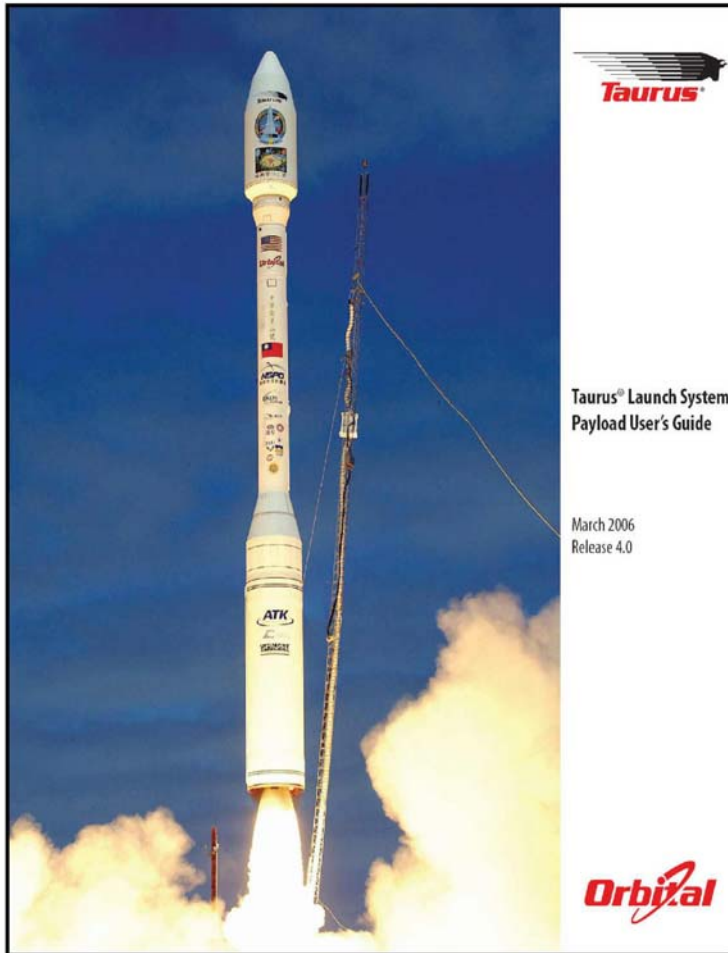
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Pegasus/Taurus Derived Ground-Based Interceptor



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Throw Weights of Potential ICBM's to 10,000 Kilometers Range



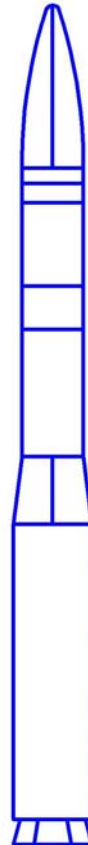
Minuteman III
Warhead



Midgetman ICBM
Launch Weight \approx 30,000 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 1000 lbs



Minuteman III
Warhead



Minuteman III
Launch Weight \approx 75,000 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 2,500 lbs

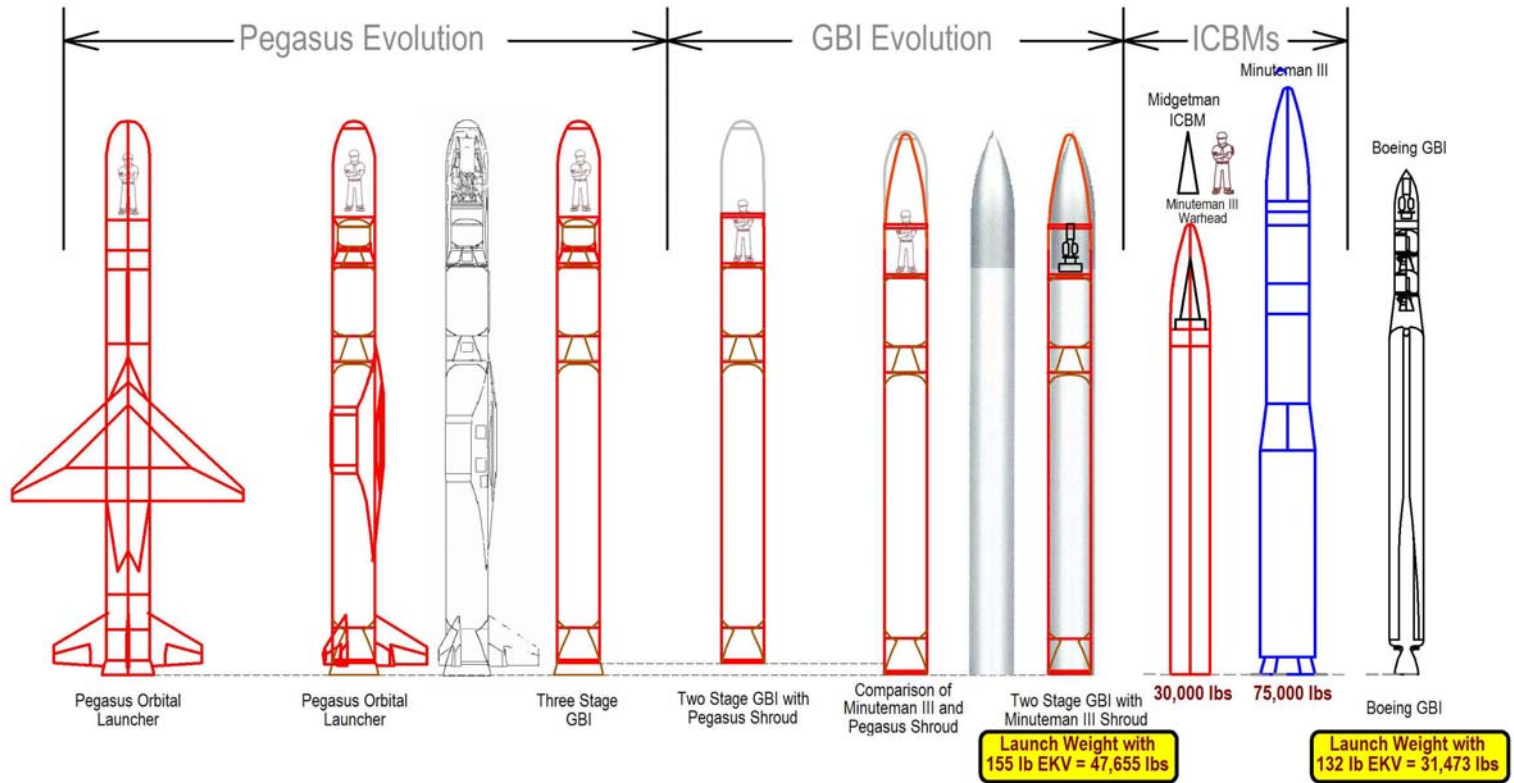


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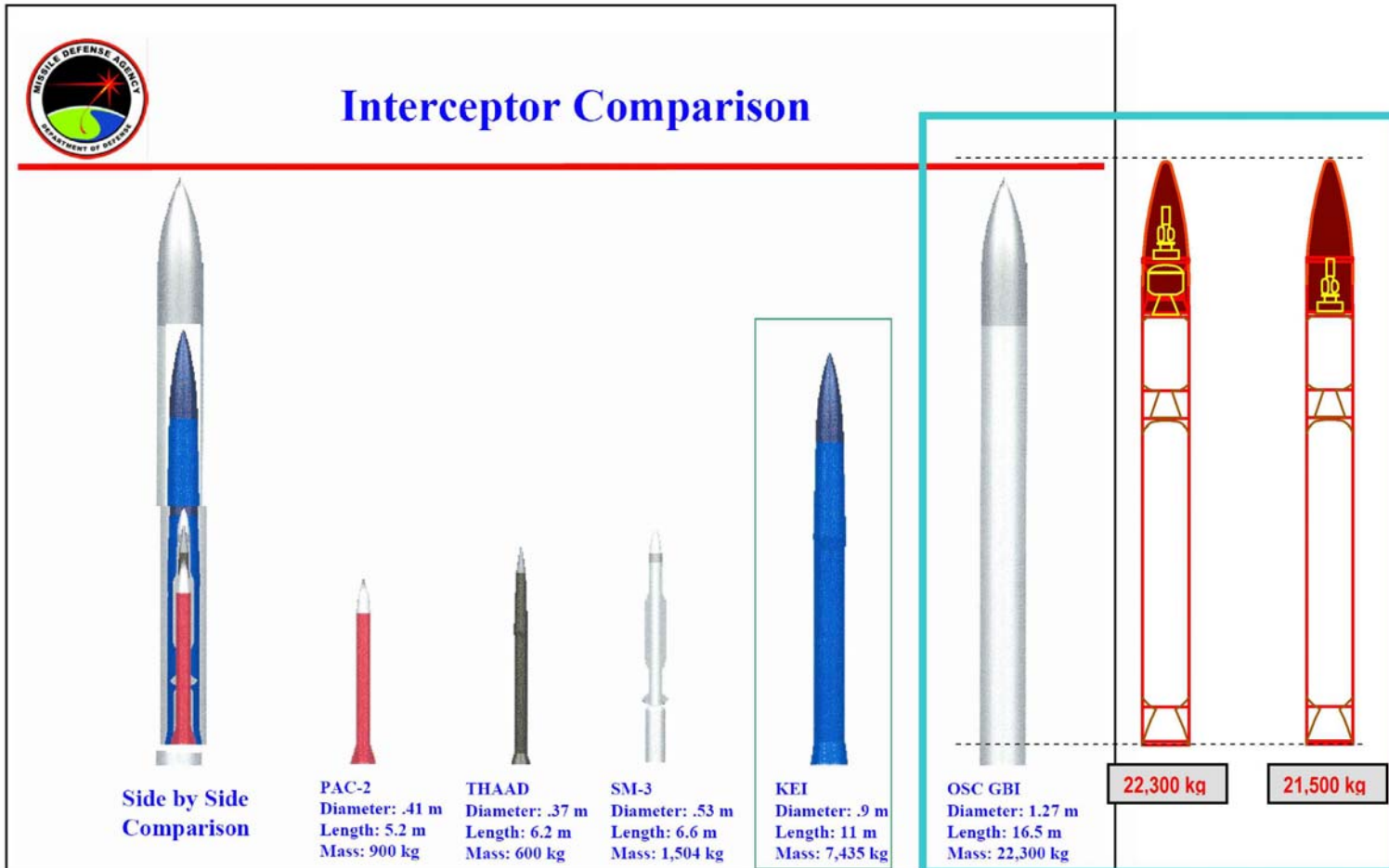


European GBI
Launch Weight \approx 49,500 lbs
Throw Weight \approx 1,500 lbs

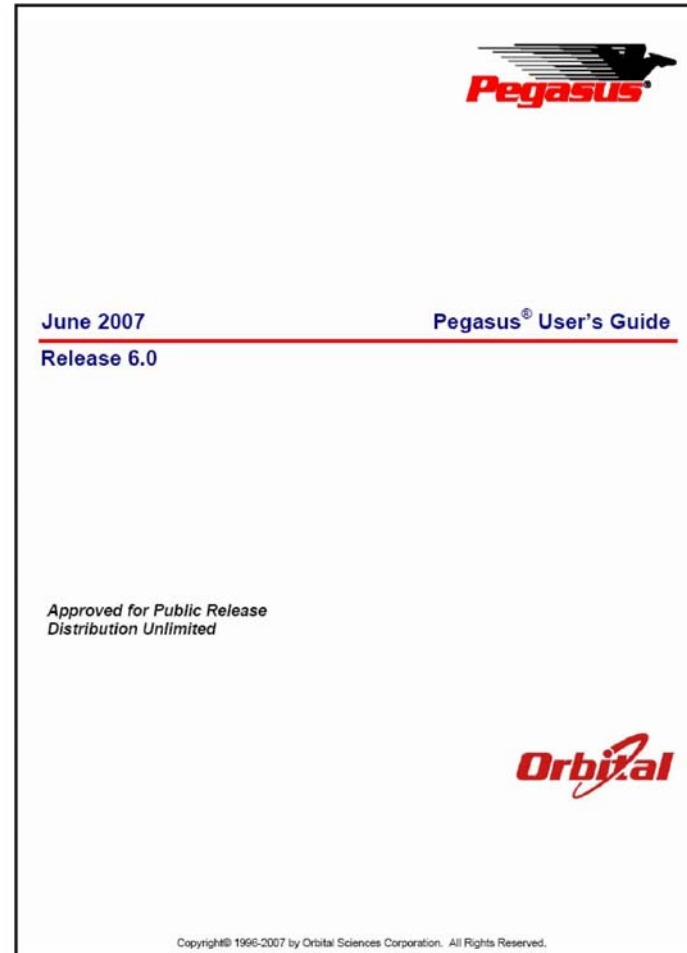
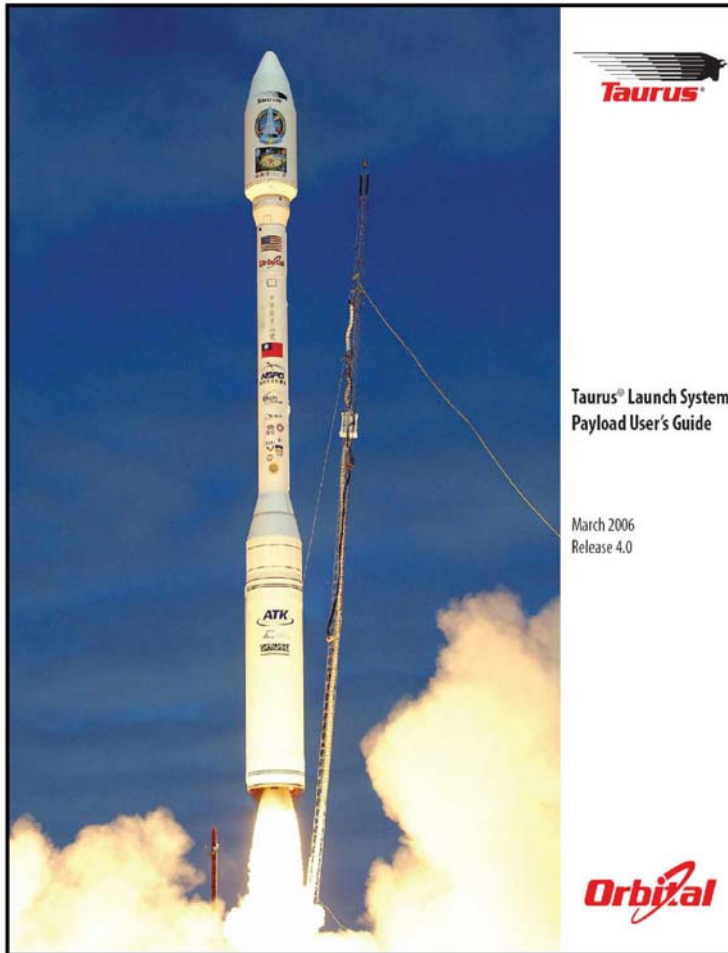
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Sensitivity of the Burnout Velocity to Model Assumptions Two-Stage Variant of the Ground-Based Interceptor

Missile Defense Agency Stated Launch Weight = 21,500 kg (47,400 lbs)
Model Launch Weight = 47,655 lbs

Baseline Model: 9.37 km/sec

Baseline with Specific Impulse of First Stage Increased to 295 sec-1:

Burnout Speed = 9.50 km/sec

Baseline with Shroud Carried to Burnout:

Burnout Speed = 8.95 km/sec

Baseline with Total Rocket Motor Burn Time Increased from 140 to 150 sec:

Burnout Speed = 8.93 km/sec

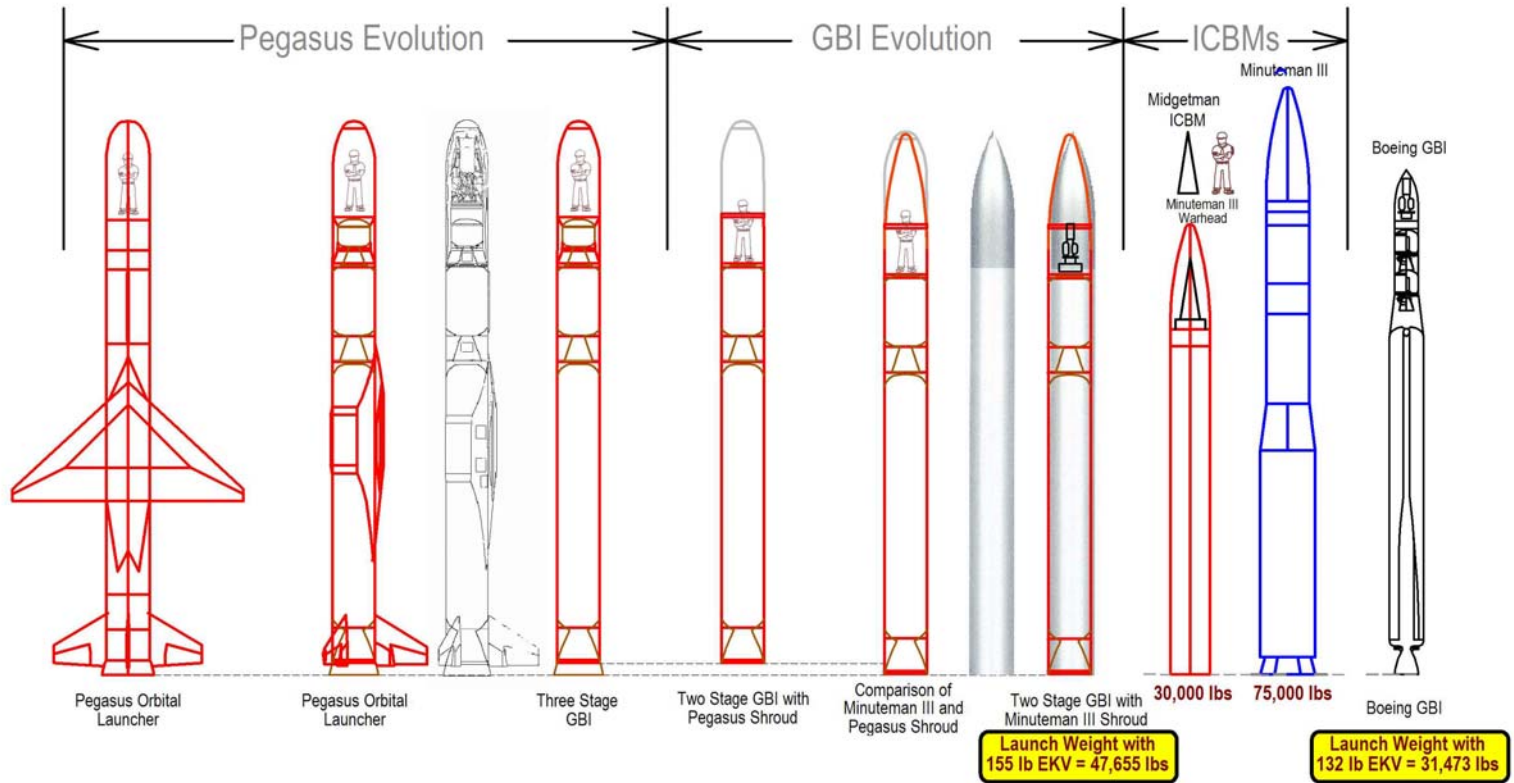
Baseline with All Three Variants Applied Together:

Burnout Speed = 8.93 km/sec

Baseline has all three excursions together, and carries the Kill Vehicle plus 2,075 lbs of ballast

Burnout Speed = 6.3 km/sec.

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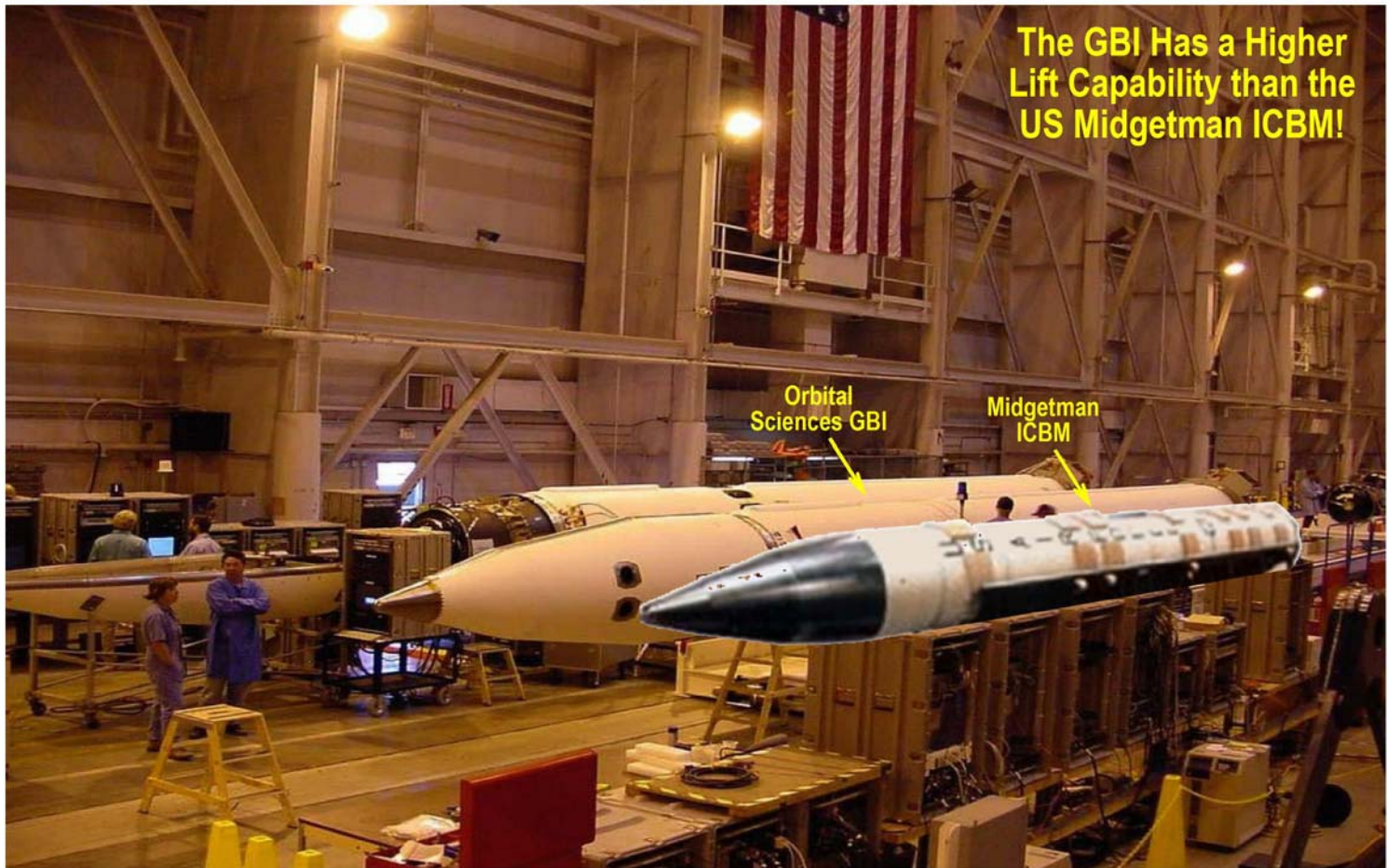


Ground-Based Interceptor Achieves 6.3 km/sec Carrying a Payload of 1950 lbs



Ground-Based Interceptor

Achieves 8.5 to 8.7 km/sec Carrying a Payload of 220 to 155 lbs



The Ground-Based Interceptor Can Carry a Full Minuteman III BUS and Three Warheads to 6,000+ Kilometers

