

Department of Physics and Astronomy FALL 2019 Colloquium Series

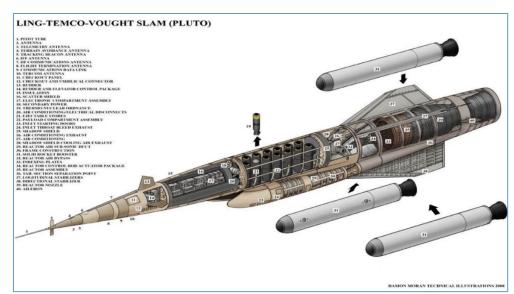
## "Public Health Consequences of a Nuclear Powered Cruise Missile"

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Recent events in Russia have alarmed the rest of the world. An incident at a military

test facility in northern Russia has resulted in the measureable release of radioactive material nearly 40 miles away. The incident killed 7 Russian scientists and gives a strong indication that the Russian government has entered the testing phase of a nuclear powered cruise missile



as promised by Vladimir Putin. What most of the public does not know is that the US was heavily involved in a similar program during the 1960s. This lecture will discuss this effort by the US, how a nuclear powered cruise missile would operate, the fundamentals of ionizing radiation effects on humans, and how far reaching would the public health consequences be of such a device under normal and accident operating conditions.

## Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 4:00 - 5:20PM Mendocino Hall (MND) 1015

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