

MACCS and the licensing process of nuclear facilities in Argentina

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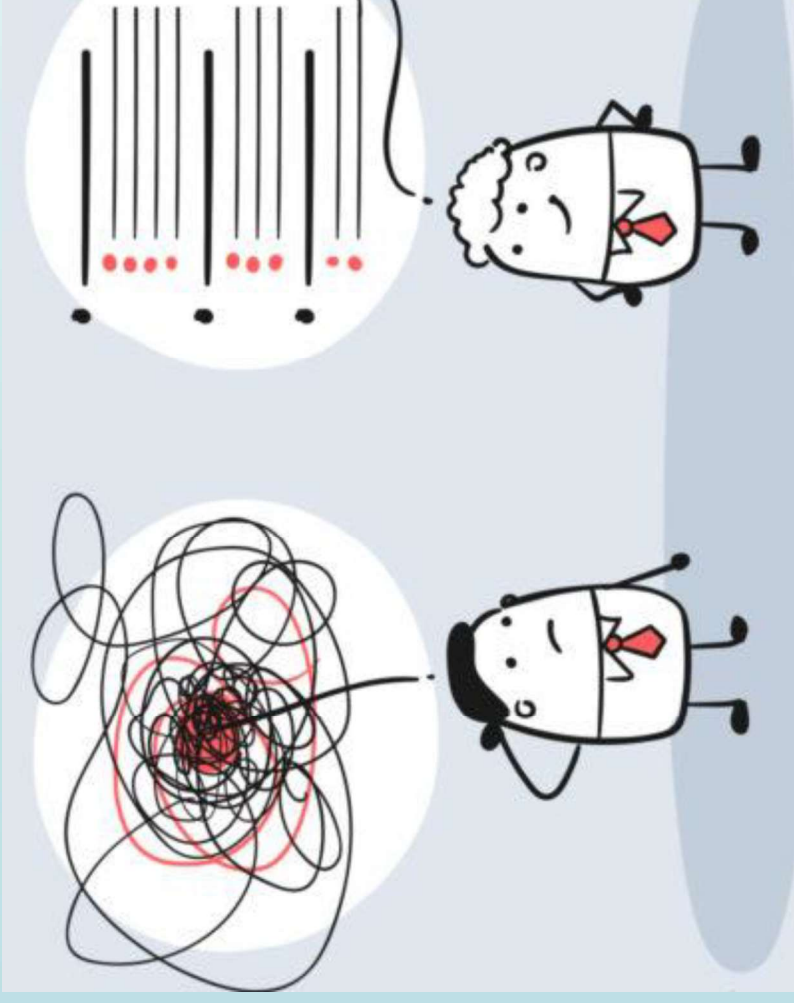
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EARLY

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Argentine Acceptability Criterion

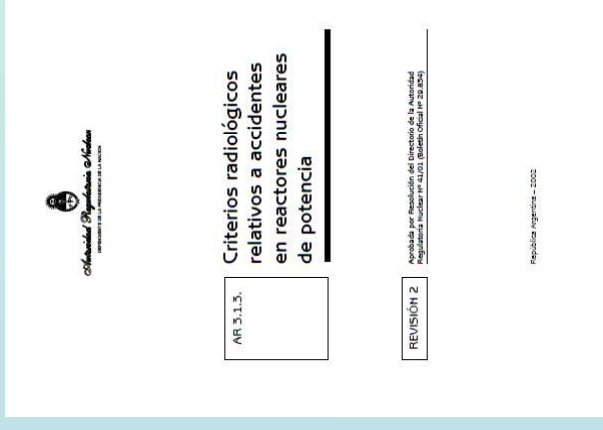
Argentine Regulatory Body:

- ✓ Regulation focused on the NPP radiological impact.
- ✓ It must be verified before the facility construction and operation.

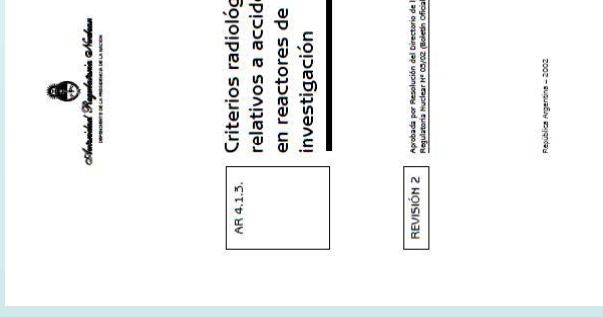
Objective:

TO LIMIT THE INDIVIDUAL RADIOLOGICAL RISK TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ASSOCIATED WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO VALUES NOT GREATER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL RISK FROM NORMAL EXPOSURES

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Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) definition

Individual radiological risk is the **probability** of occurrence of the intersection of two events:
• accidental exposure to ionizing radiation of a member of the public (E)
• fatality due to such exposure (F) (This is the consequence, it is not activity I-131, It is not dose).

$$R = P(E \cap F) \Rightarrow R = P(E) \times P(F / E)$$

$P(E)$ Probability of Exposure

Depends on: plant characteristics, site, meteorological conditions,
population distribution, etc.

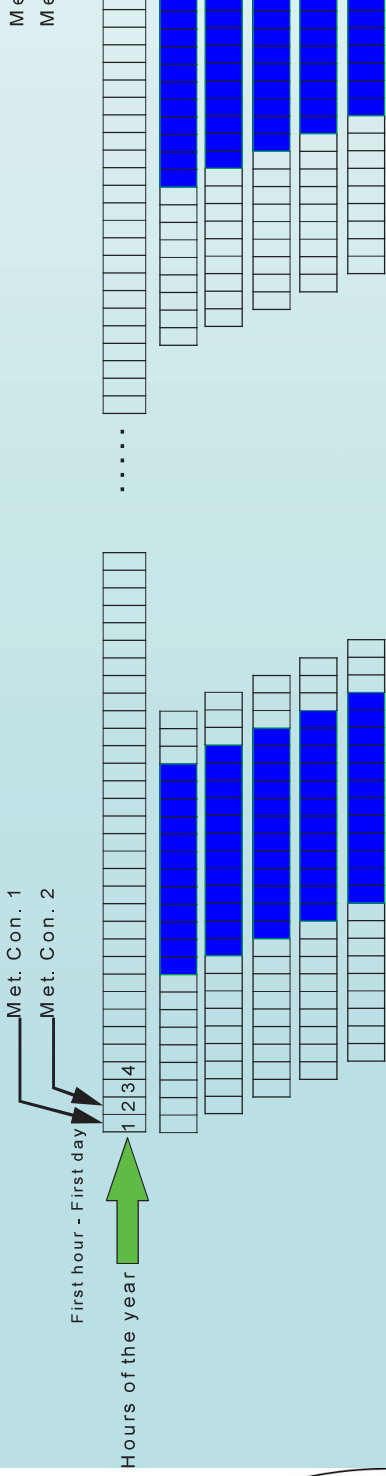
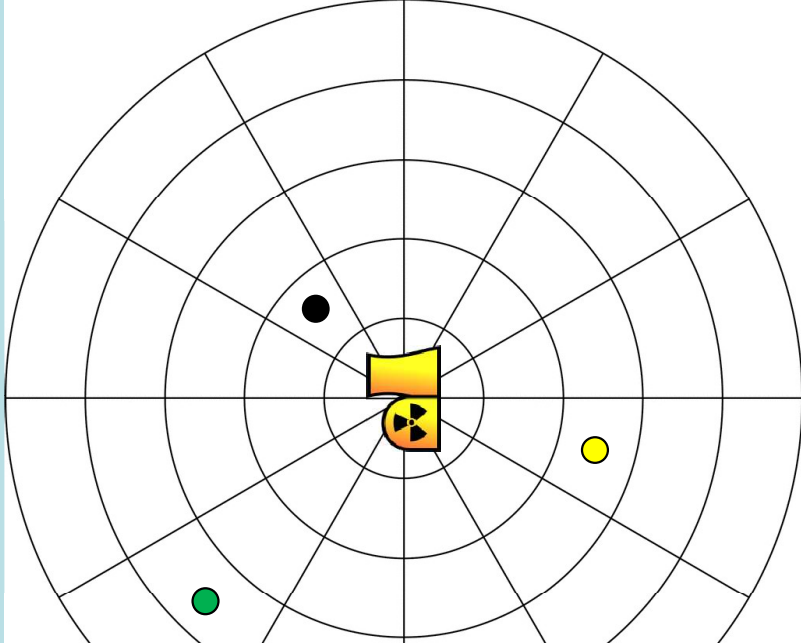
It is calculated by means of L1, L2 and L3 PSA.

$P(F / E)$ Probability of Fatality due to the Exposure

From ICRP.

IRR should be calculated in NPP surroundings!

Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation



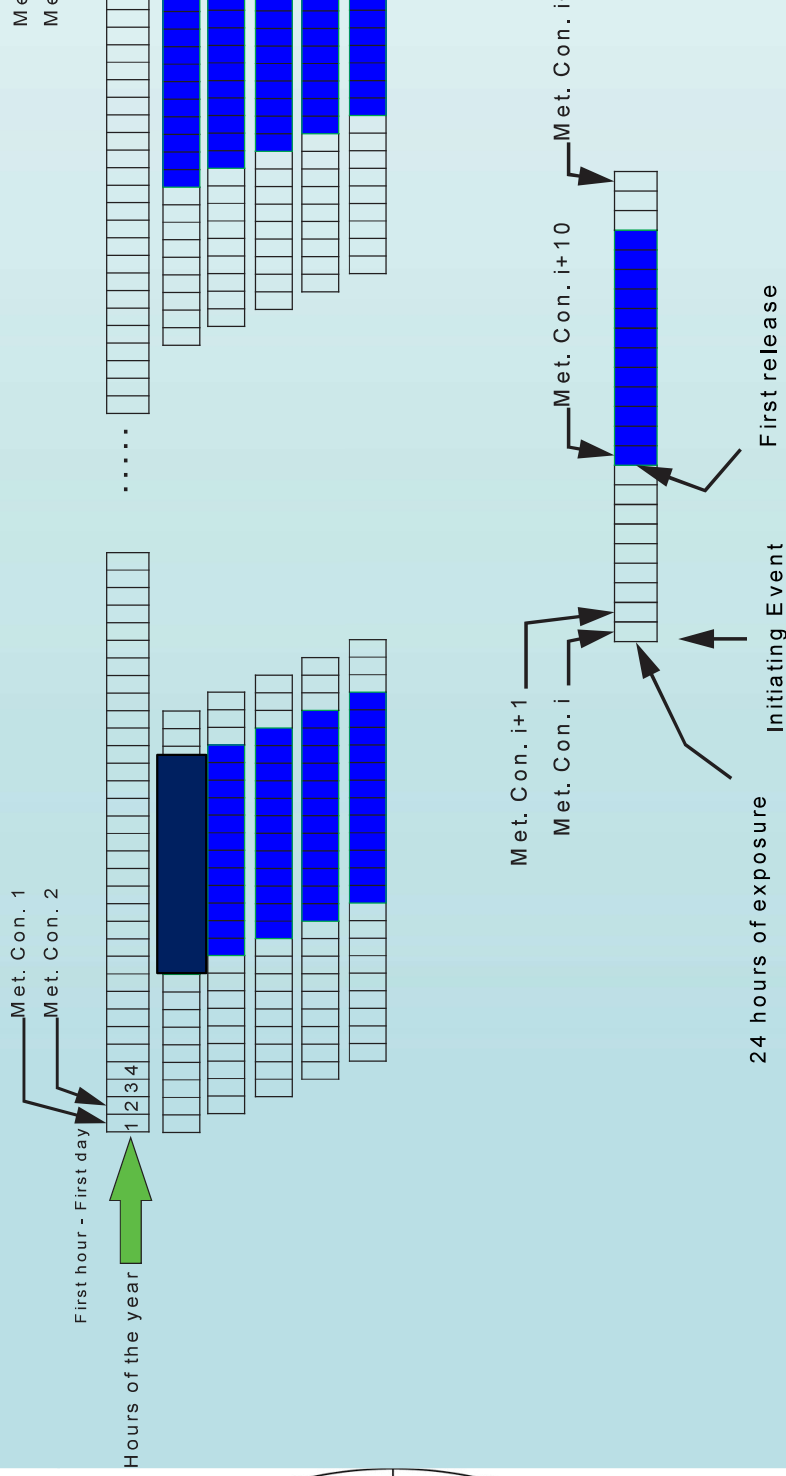
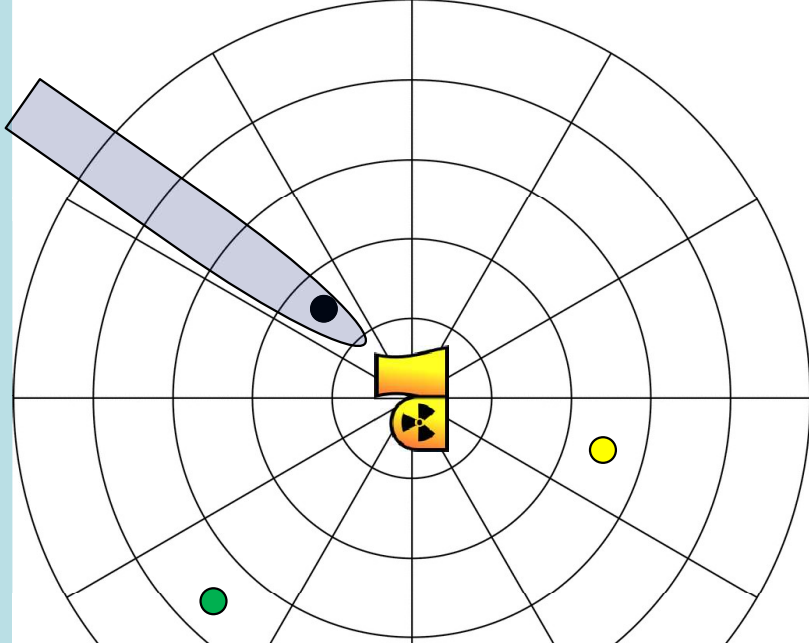
- The accident (ST^n) can occur at any time during the evaluation period. The probability of occurrence is assumed to be uniform.
- We can associate to each of the time intervals a set of weather conditions.
- Then the dose that an individual will receive at a specific position (j) and the NPP will depend on weather conditions (i).

Position

Weather condition

Source Term

Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation

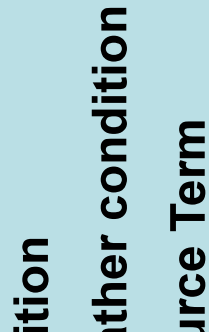


Condition

Weather condition

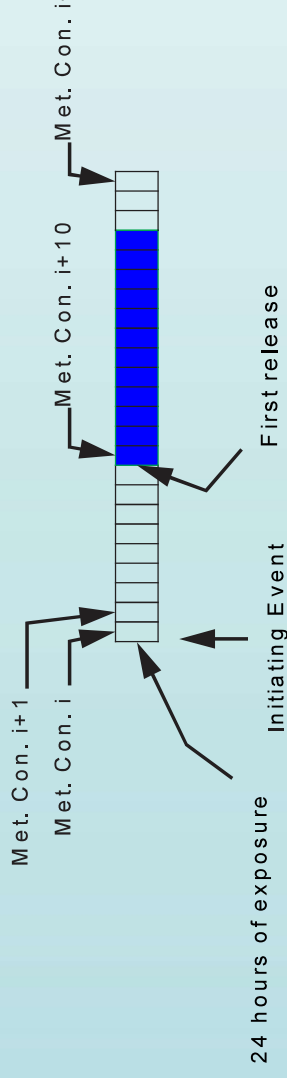
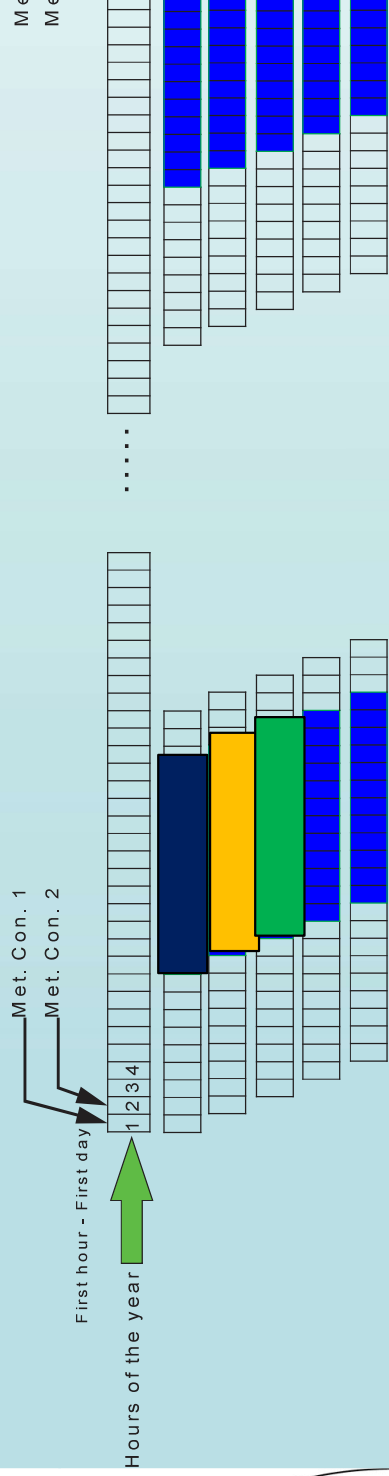
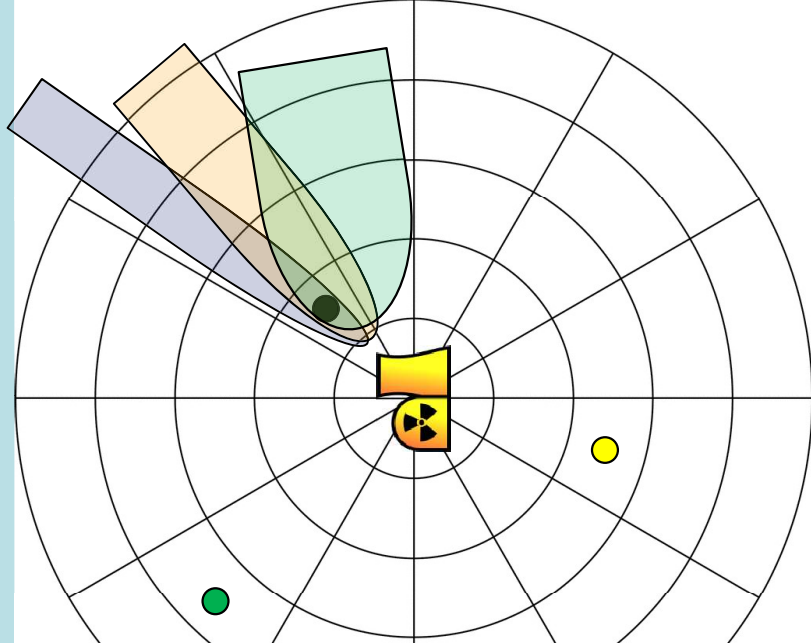
Source Term

*Interval of Dose integration: 24 hs



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Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation



Condition

Weather condition

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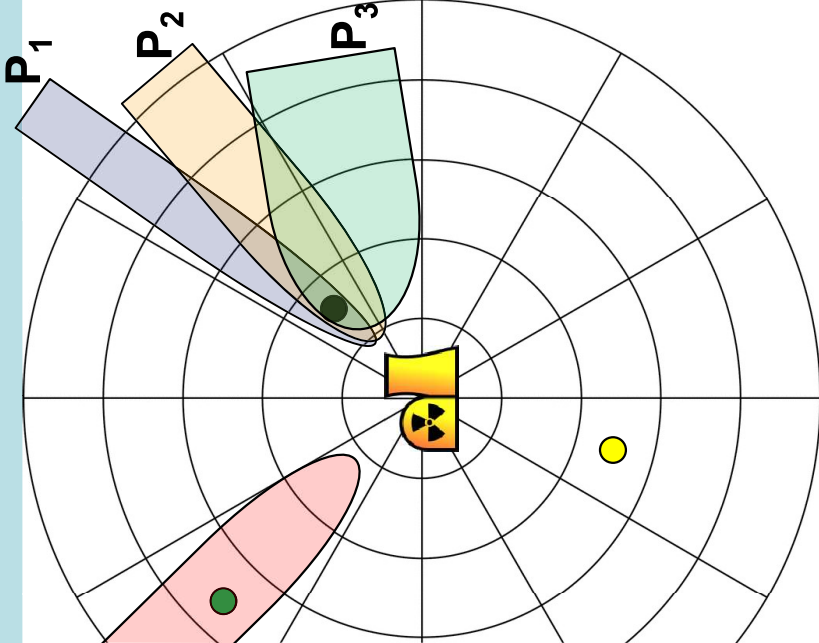
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Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation



The individual at the black dot will be exposed (event of interest) due to the release ST^n , when the meteorological condition generates plumes P_1 **OR** P_2 **OR** P_3 , and it will **not** be exposed to the plume P_4 .

The green dot will be exposed only to the plume P_4 .

The effective doses at position j due to meteorological condition i , d_{ji} , due to exposure to different P_i are disjoint events.

Therefore, for each d_{ji} it is possible to calculate its associated IRR (R_{ji}^n).

Position

Meteorological condition

Source Term

Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation

Probability of exposure in j position
due to the Source Term ST^n

Probability of D_i given an exposure
 A_j and a Source Term ST^n

Source Term n probability.
Probability of fatality or dose
function calculated according
specification (based on ICRP)



$$R_{ji}^n = P(ST^n) \times P(A_j / ST^n) \times P(D_i / (ST^n \cap A_j)) \times f(d_{ji})$$

event A_j is the logical union of all the exposure events with the different doses, greater than zero, at j position.

disjoint events, if the accident (release) in the NPP happens at a given time (a given meteorological conditions) it will not in another.

Individual Radiological Risk (IRR) calculation

for the total IRR –a probability- of an individual at j position, due to the event “exposure A_j ”, is the risks of having a dose greater than zero, and can be written as:

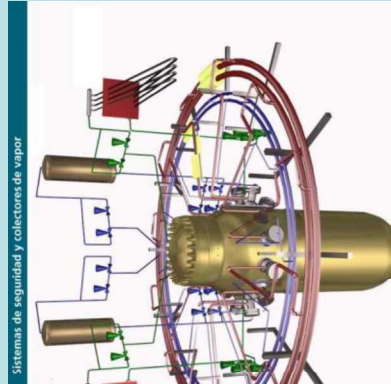
$$R_j^n = \sum_i R_{ji}^n$$

$$R_j^n = P(ST^n) \times P(A_j / ST^n) \times \underbrace{\sum_i P(D_i / (ST^n \cap A_j)) \times f(d_{ji})}_{\text{Term II (P(F/E))}}$$

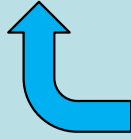
Term I (P(E))

Term II (P(F/E))

P(E) calculation (Term I)

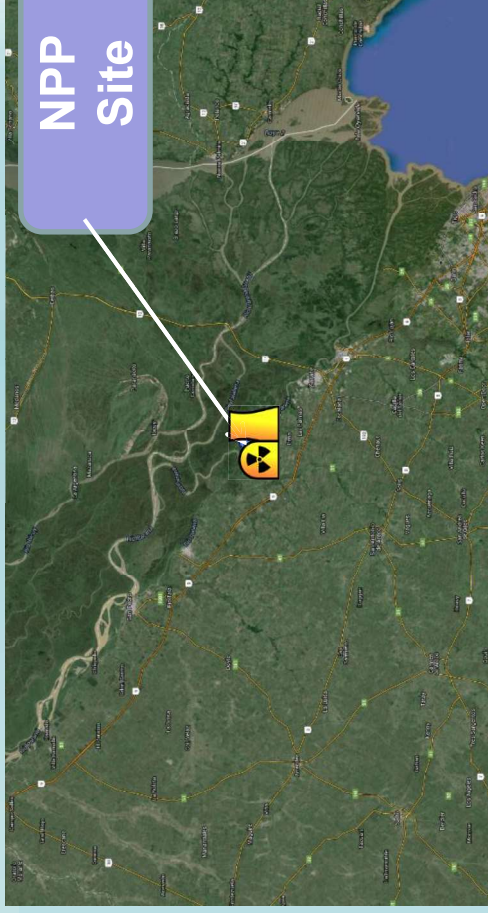
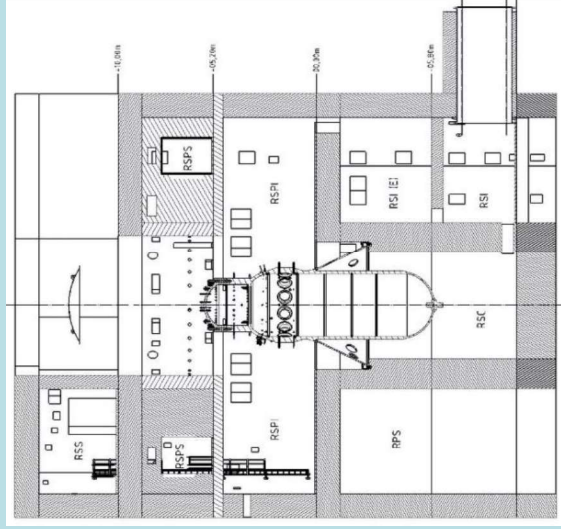
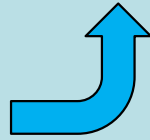


$P(RC^n)$



PSA Level 2

PSA Level 1



PSA Level 3

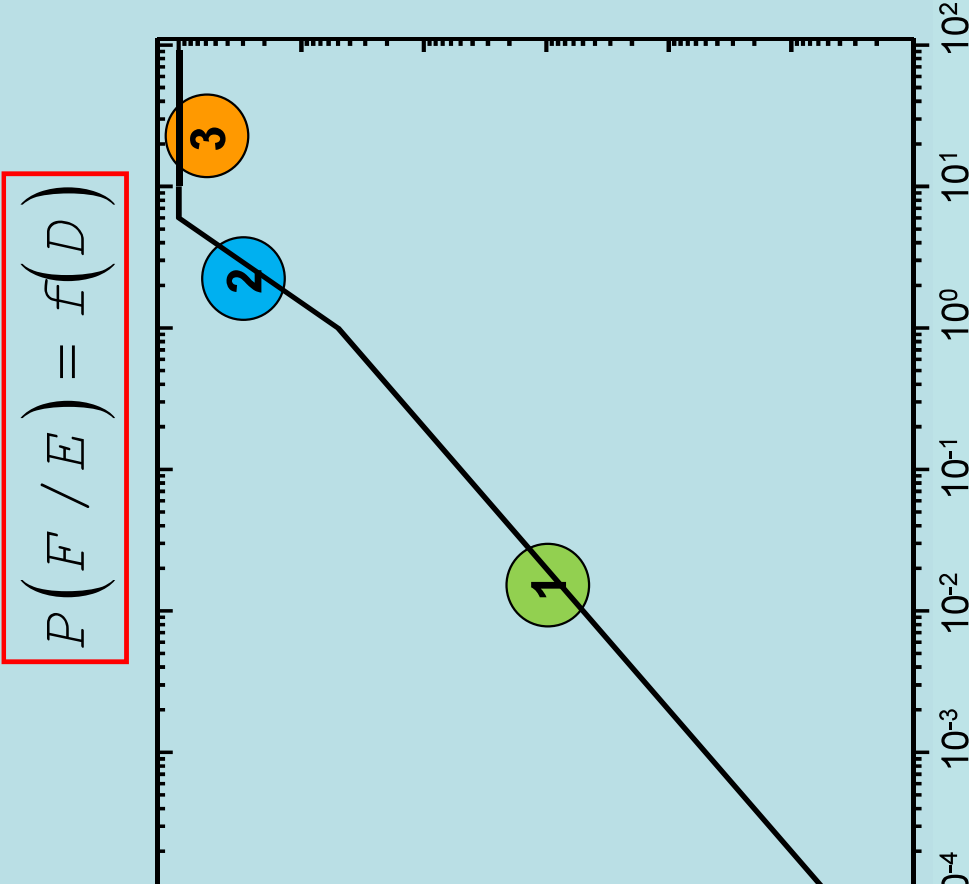


$P(A_j / ST^n)$

$$P(E) = P(ST^n) \times P(A_j / ST^n)$$

P(F/E) calculation (Term II)

$$P(F/E) = f(D)$$



Effective Dose (Sv)

1 Stochastic region , $D < 1$ Sv

$$f(D) = 0.05 [\text{Sv}^{-1}] \times D [\text{Sv}]$$

2 $1 \text{ Sv} < D < 6 \text{ Sv}$

$$f(D) = 0.05 D^{1.6719}$$

3 Non-stochastic region, $D > 6 \text{ Sv}$

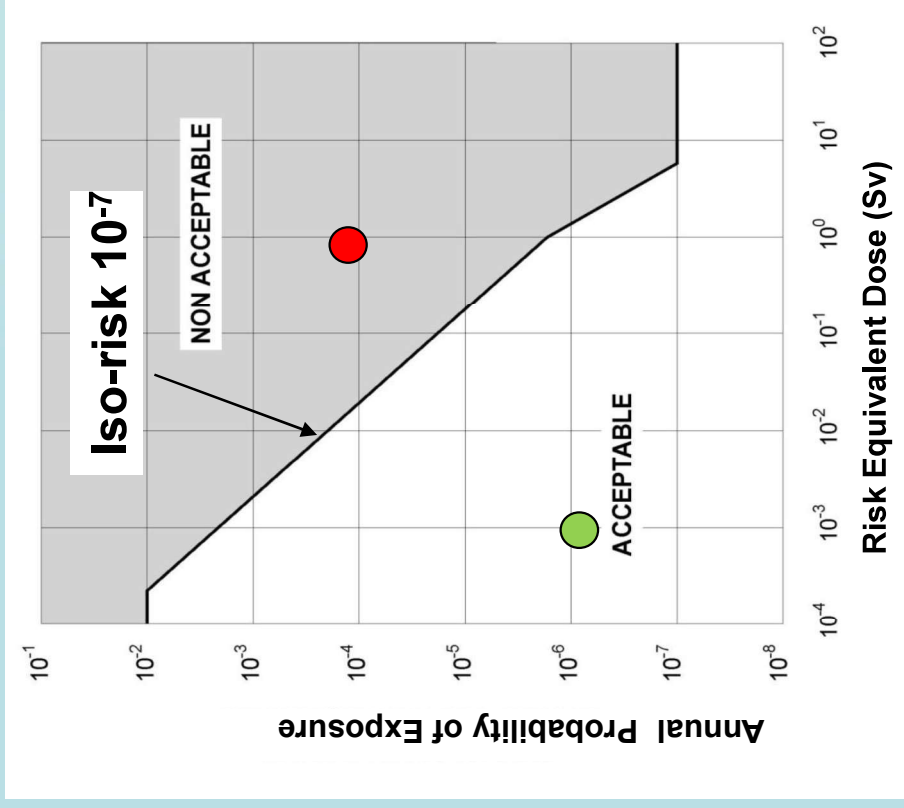
$$f(D) = 1$$

*Based on ICRP and ARN considerations.

Represents a conservative and precautionary approach only with regulatory purposes.

Acceptability limit for IRR

IT THE IRR ASSOCIATED WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO VALUES NOT GREATER THAN THE IRR FOR NORMAL EXPOSURES



Criterion Curve for members of
the public

MACCS input: General

CCS versions: 3.6, 3.10 and 3.11.2

Type: Dispersion calculations and Early Consequences assessment. (ATMOS & EARLY)

t. Data: Hourly data.

p. Parameters: Look Up Tables and Dispersion Functions. Depends on availability and Site features.

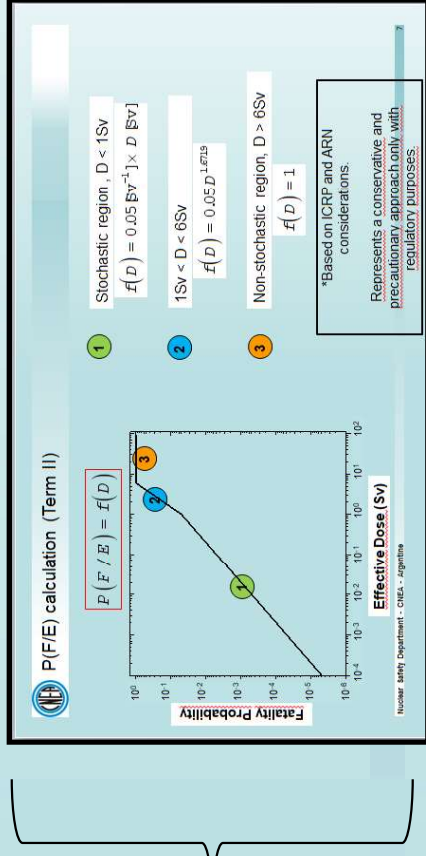
e Data: Uniform/Real Population Distribution.

se Factors: FGR-13.

vacuation: Radial & 1 Emergency Scenario.

ndshift without Rotation. (IPLUME = 3)

se Response Model: Health effects are calculated using
ose Response Model established by the Regulatory
body of Argentina based on ICRP publications.



MACCS input: ATMOS module

Spatial Grid: 20 km max distance. Sectors:16 (depends on weather data).

Radionuclides: 69 radionuclides and 9 chemicals groups: Xe, Cs, Ba, I, Te, Ru, Mo, Ce and La. Inventories from ORIGEN.

Wet Deposition: Yes.

Emission Description: Plume Parameters (PDELAY, PLHITE, PLUDUR), Particle Size Distribution and Emission Fractions. For NPPs this information comes from MELCOR runs and is post processed using LMACCS. For Research Reactors these parameters are estimated based on accepted documentation, site topography and judge of expert.

Weather Sampling: Stratified Random Sampling (METCOD = 5, NSMPLS = 24). All the Meteorological conditions are considered for the calculations.

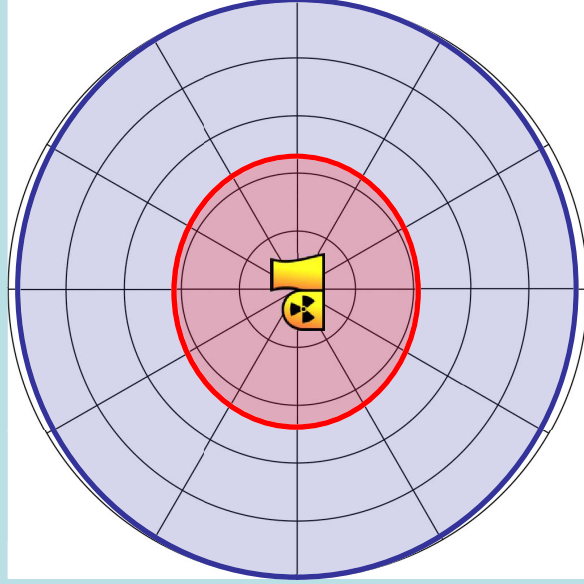
MACCS input: EARLY module

Exposure Pathways: Cloudshine, Inhalation and Groundshine.

Shielding Factors: Yes.

Target (tissue/organ): L-ICRP60ED

Countermeasures: Emergency phase. Evacuation and early Relocation. NUMEVA = 10 km & LASMOV



■ Evacuation:

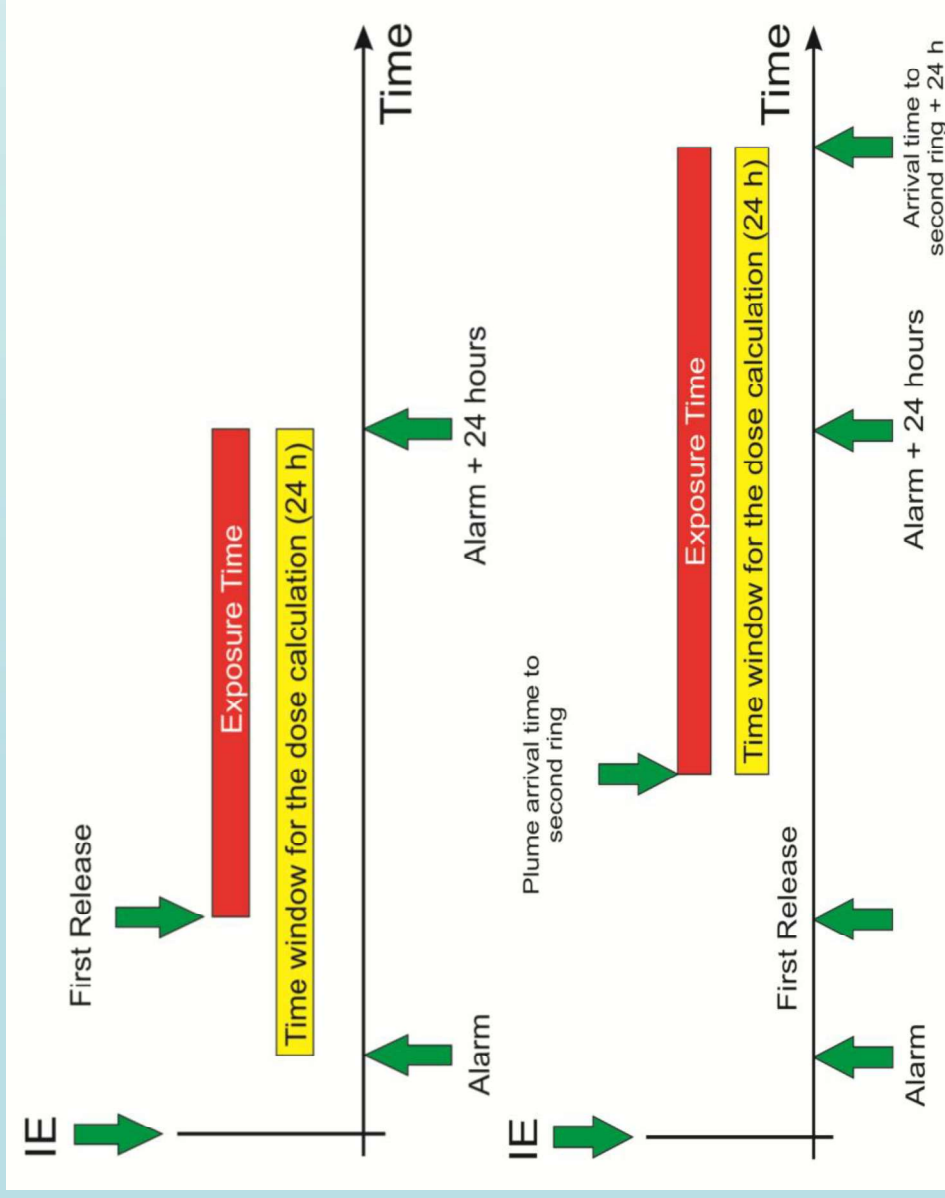
- RFPNT = ALARM, OALARM = 2 hours.
- Sheltering: Normal. DLTSHL = 24 hs
- Evacuation = Instantaneous. DLTEVA = 0.
- Evacuee travel speed = 1000 m/s

■ Relocation:

- RFPNT = Plume Arrival
- TIMNRM = TIMHOT = 24 hs
- DOSNRM = DOSHOT = 0 Sv

MACCS input: EARLY module

Timeline of the Emergency Scenario and the exposure periods:



Inner Ring: 1 – 10 km

Filtering & Evacuation

Outer Ring: 10 – 20 km

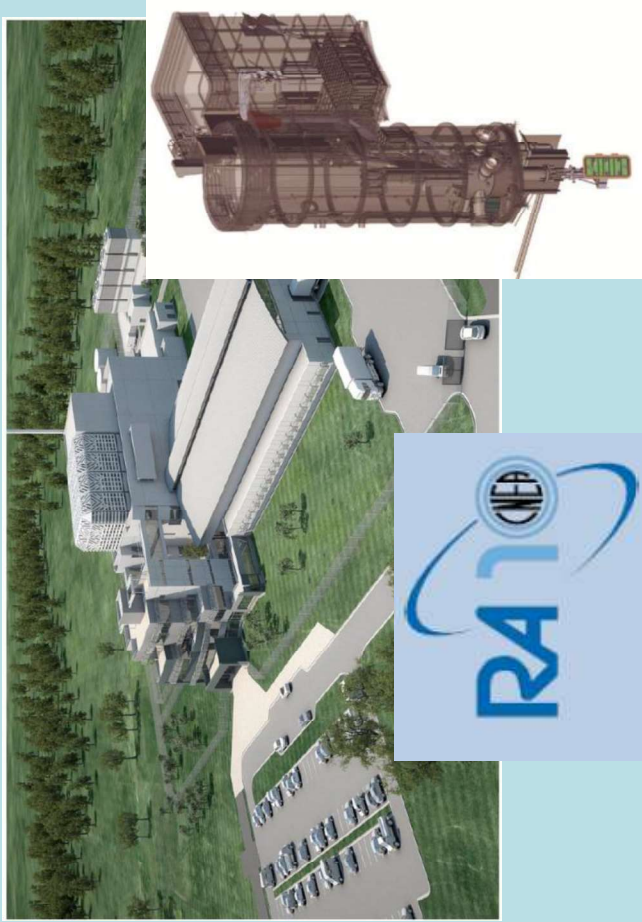
Relocation

National Experience

	Status
Atucha II (NPP)	under Operation
CAREM25 (SMR)	under development
Atucha III (RR)	under development



Atucha II NPP – 745 MWe PHWR
2012



MW
2



SMR prototype
2014

Other Applications: EPR

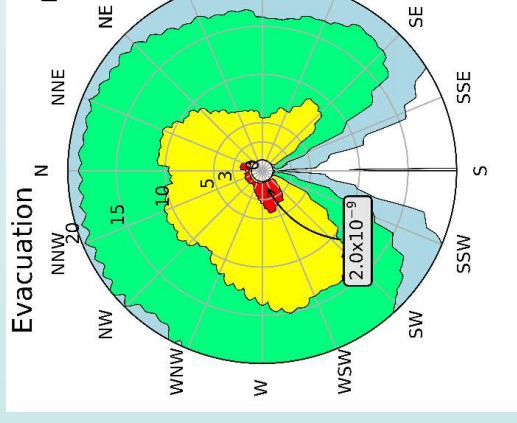
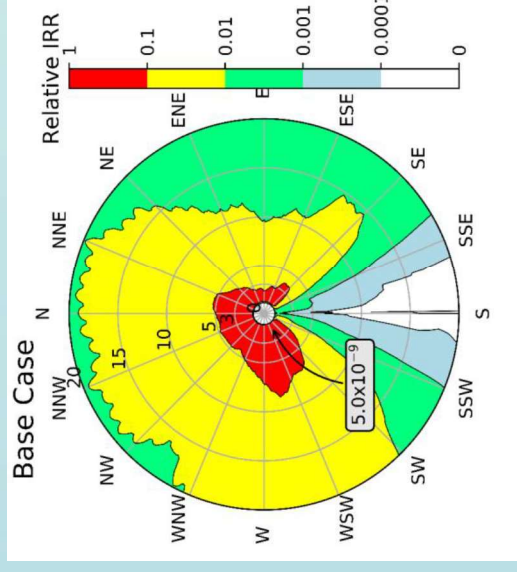
We are working on the suitability of the IRR concept for two topics of interest:

Emergency Preparedness and Response

We are aware of the close relationship between L3 PSA and EPR. We believe that the IRR concept and our L3 PSA approach can give support to EPR tasks.

We consider that the IRR concept could be used to assess the EPZ boundary.

Iso-IRR curves around NPP



NO Countermeasures

Evacuation

RP I31029: Development of Approaches, Methodologies and Criteria for Determining the Technical Basis for Emergency Planning Zone for Small Modular Reactor Deployment (2018-2021).

Other Applications: Multiunit Sites

Multiple Units-PSA (MUPSA)

to adapt the IRR concept and L3 PSA methodology as a Risk Metric for sites with several reactors and FFEE pool.

Metric Proposal: Individual Radiological Risk

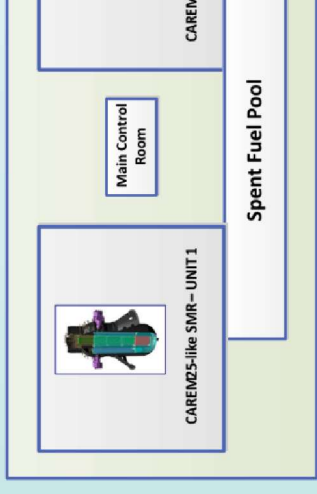
$$\text{IRR}_{\text{Total-Site}} = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^m \text{IRR}_{\text{PSA}_k}}_{\text{sum over } m \text{ single unit PSA}} + \underbrace{\text{IRR}_{\text{MUPSA}}}_{\text{MUPSA}}$$

Goal Proposal:

$$\text{IRR}_{\text{Total-site}} < \text{Radiological Risk due to normal practice (based on public dose limit: 1mSv)}$$

RP I31031: Probabilistic Safety Assessment (PSA) Benchmark for Multi-Unit/Multi-Reactor Sites (2018-2020)

Hypothetical Multi-Unit Site
CAREM25-like SMR



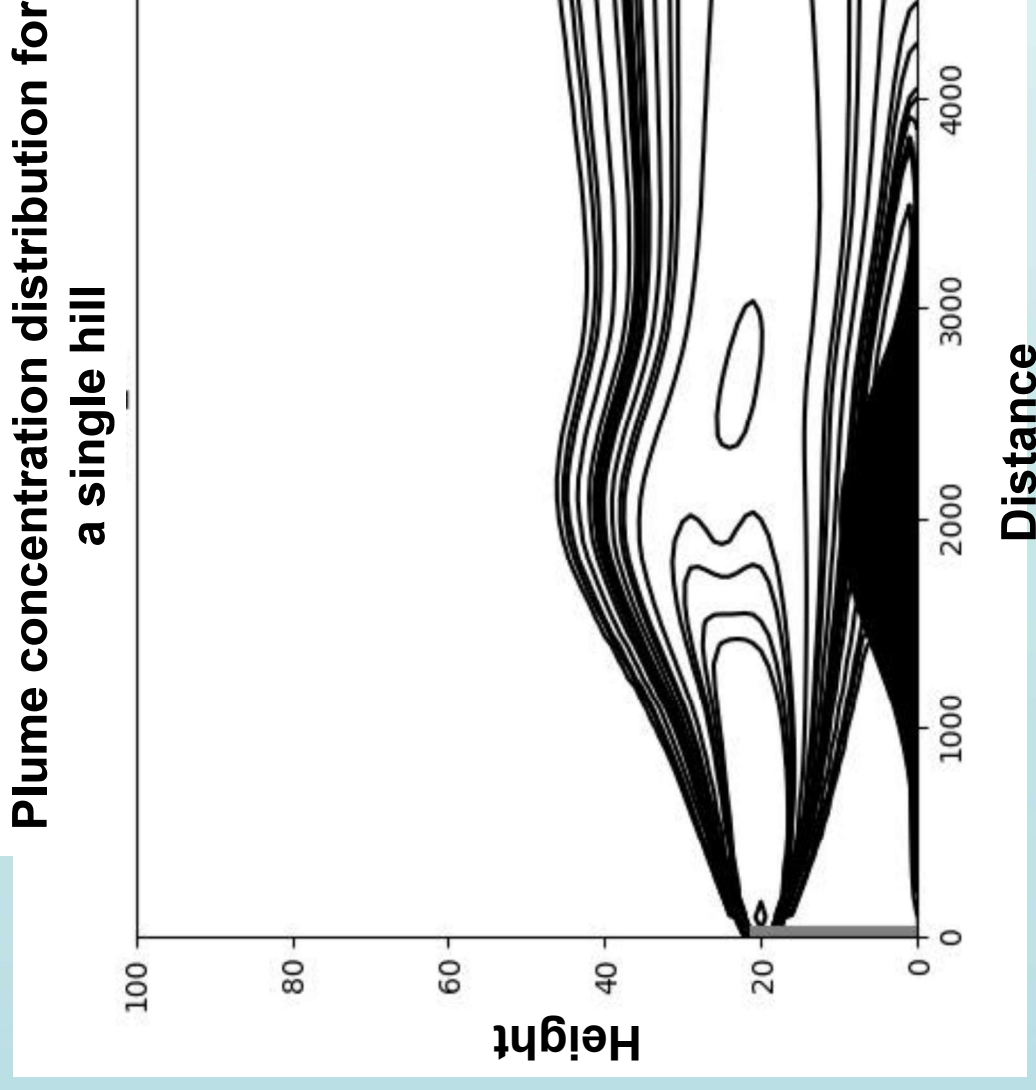
Other Applications: Research

Developing new ATD assessment tools:

- Complex terrain.
- Boundary layer meteorology.
- Plume Rise, Wake effects and near field dispersion features.
- Calm and Low wind conditions.

Software codes development:

- An analytical non-stationary dispersion-deposition model. (Caputo et al, 2008)
- Simple Straight Gaussian Plume Model with capability of dose assessment.



Thank you for your attention!

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Acceptability limit for IRR

AT THE IRR ASSOCIATED WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO ; NOT GREATER THAN THE IRR FROM NORMAL EXPOSURES

Use annual limit for the public under routine exposures is 1mSv

Regulatory Body assume that this annual limit can be reached after three typical practices, so the dose limit for each planned exposure is 1mSv.

$P_e = 1$; due to normal exposure $f(D)$

$$R_{NE \text{ lim}} = P_e \times f(D) = 1 \times 0.05 \text{Sv}^{-1} \times 0.0003 \text{Sv} = 15 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$R_{PE \text{ lim}} = 10^{-6} < 15 \times 10^{-6} = R_{NE \text{ lim}}$$

$$R_T \leq R_{PE \text{ lim}} = 10^{-6} \quad R^n \leq \begin{cases} 10^{-7} & N \leq 10 \\ \frac{10^{-6}}{N} & N > 10 \end{cases}$$

