

Overview of the MACCS Code Suite, April 2024

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Purpose of MACCS Code



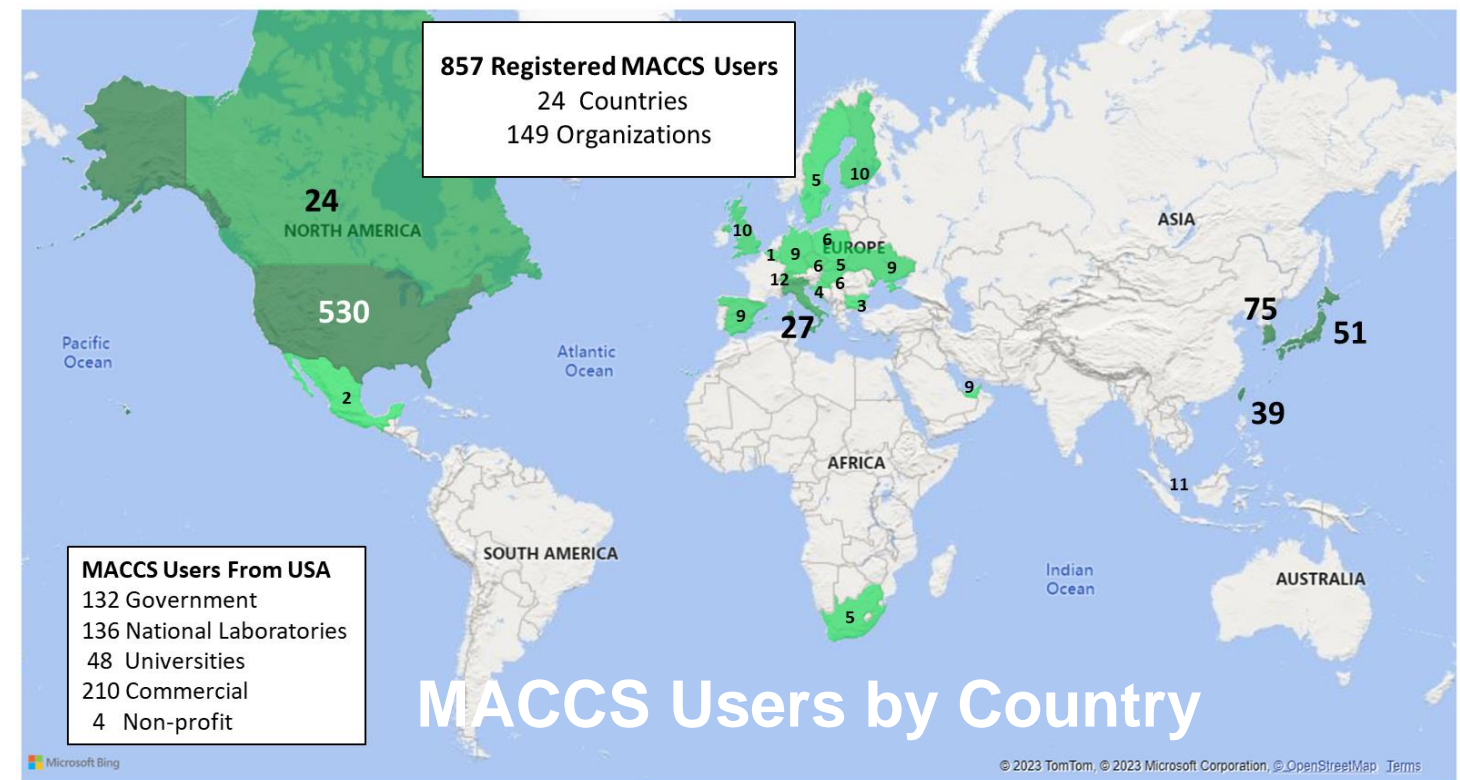
- The purpose of MACCS is to simulate and understand the public consequences of severe nuclear accidents.
 - Created by Sandia to support NRC research and regulatory applications
 - Origins go back to the mid-1970s
 - MACCS is typically used for prospective analyses, e.g.,
 - Probabilistic risk assessments (NUREG-1150 and NRC's Level 3 PRA)
 - Probabilistic consequence assessments (SOARCA)
 - Consequence assessments for license and license renewal of nuclear facilities (support for NEPA analyses)
 - Cost-benefit analyses (support for regulatory / backfit analyses)
 - Research projects to inform emergency preparedness
 - MACCS is very versatile with a large set of user inputs
 - MACCS can quickly run thousands of Monte Carlo simulations for PRA applications
 - Large set of weather trials (hundreds or thousands)
 - Significant set of source term categories (ten or twenty) plus additional sensitivity studies
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MACCS Code Distribution



- MACCS belongs to the Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program (CSARP)
- MACCS support codes include:
 - WinMACCS
 - MeIMACCS
 - SecPop (U.S. only)
 - MACCS-HYSPLIT Tools
 - AniMACCS
- Instructions for requesting the MACCS code and MACCS-related documents can be found at: <https://maccs.sandia.gov/>

NRC Cooperative Programs	Research Areas
Code Applications and Maintenance Program (CAMP)	Thermal Hydraulics
Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program (CSARP)	Severe Accidents
Radiation Protection Computer Code Analysis and Maintenance Program (RAMP)	Radiation Protection



International MACCS User Group (IMUG)



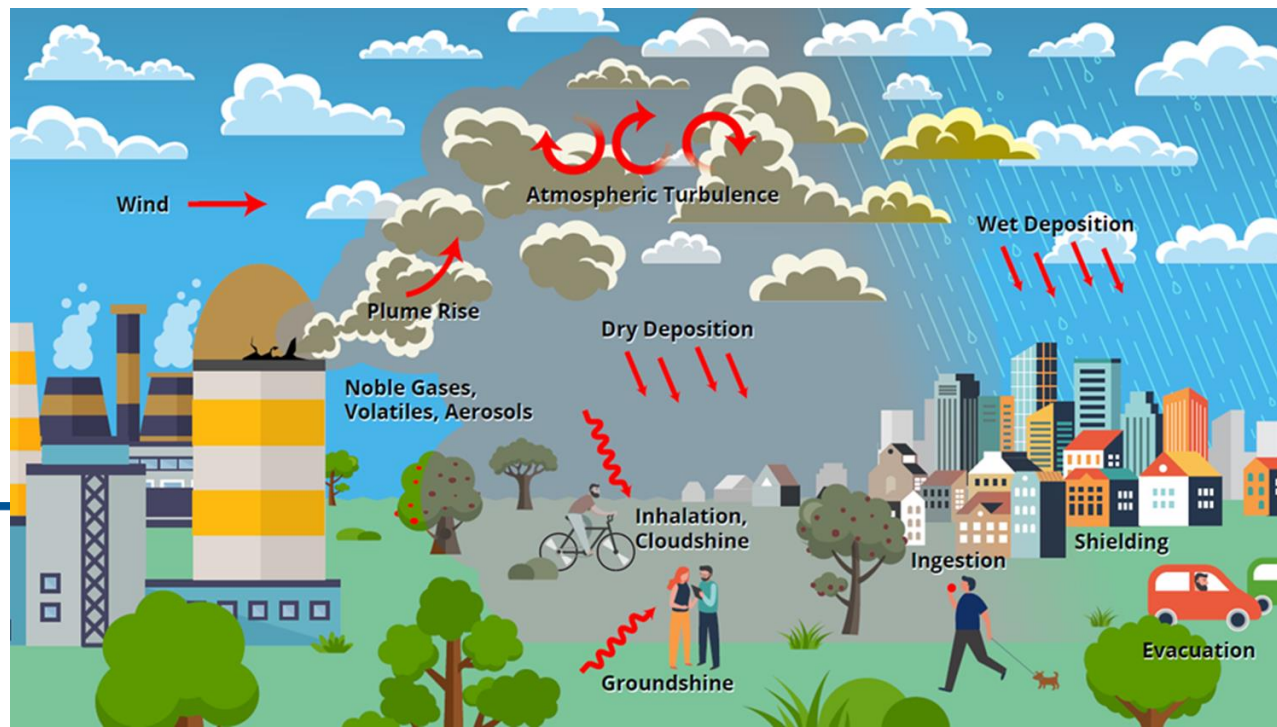
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 - October 21 – 25, 2025
 - U.S. NRC Headquarters
 - Rockville, Maryland, USA
- This year, IMUG will be a joint meeting with RAMP
 - The RAMP program manages a set of 21 nuclear codes with models for atmospheric, emergency response, environmental, nuclear power plant licensing, and other dose calculations.
- IMUG / RAMP 2025 to include the following:
 - Symposium topic: Code applications in the regulatory framework (tentative)
 - An in-person MACCS Workshop
 - An in-person tour of the NRC Incident Response Center (tentative)
- If you would like to join:
 - Send me your email (MACCSCodes@nrc.gov), or
 - Check our MACCS events webpage as we get closer to the date (<https://maccs.sandia.gov/events.aspx>)

Phenomena Treated by MACCS



- Representation of source term
- Atmospheric dispersion
 - Statistical sampling of archived weather data
 - Wet and dry deposition
- Dose exposure pathways
 - Inhalation
 - Cloudshine
 - Groundshine
 - Resuspension
 - Ingestion
 - Skin deposition

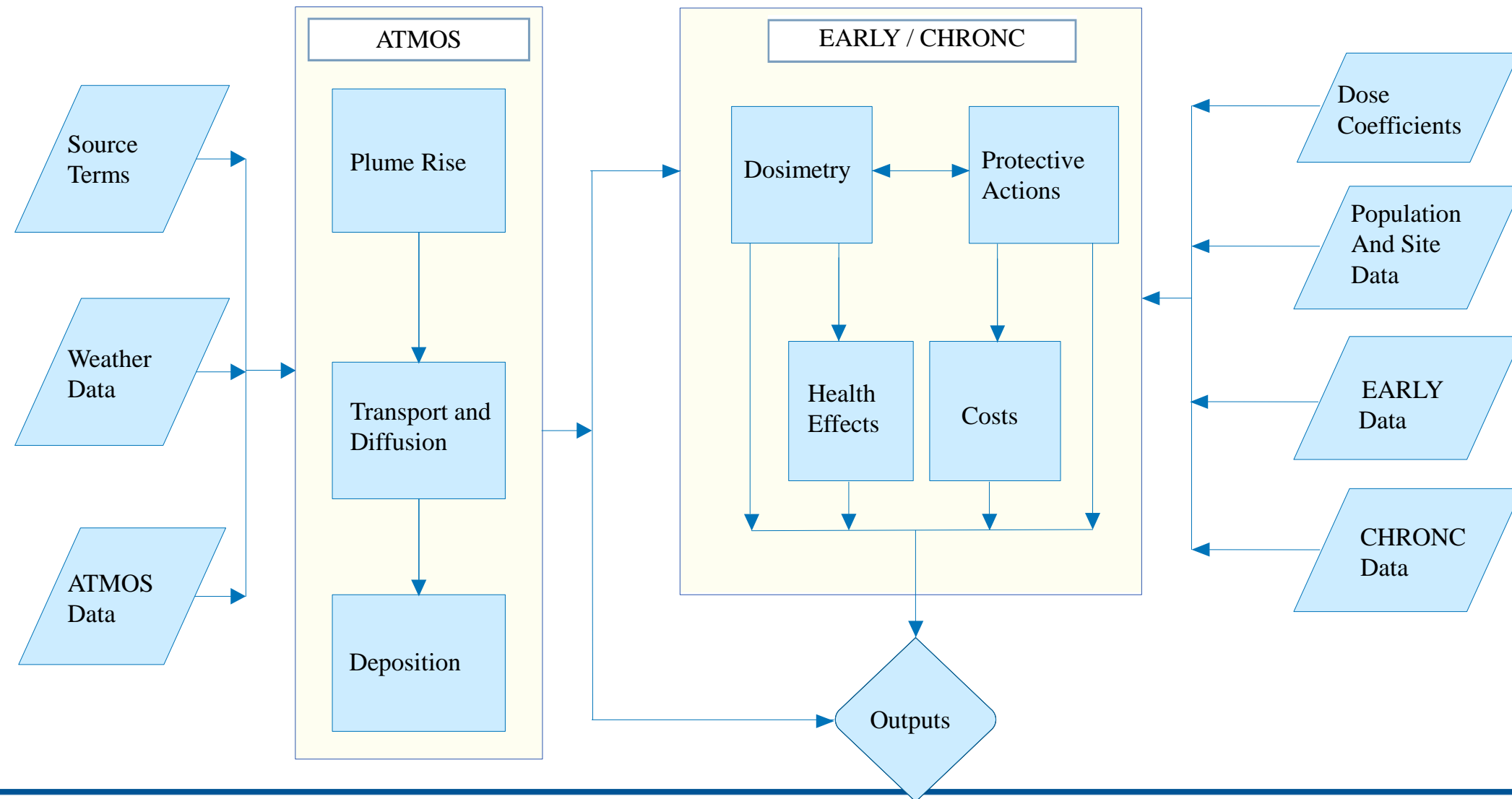
- Emergency response
 - Sheltering
 - Evacuation
 - Potassium iodide (KI) ingestion
 - Relocation
- Long-term protective actions
 - Decontamination
 - Temporary or permanent interdiction of property
 - Crop disposal
- Economic losses
 - Evacuation and relocation per diem costs
 - Long-term relocation cost
 - Decontamination costs
 - Loss of property use
 - Depreciation during interdiction
 - Property value for permanent interdiction
- Radiogenic health effects
 - Early health effects
 - Cancer incidence / fatalities



Progression of a MACCS Calculation



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MACCS Code Modules



- **ATMOS**
 - Estimates transient air and ground concentrations
 - Option for Gaussian Plume Segment or Lagrangian Particle models
- **EARLY**
 - Treats emergency phase (up to 40 days, usually one week)
 - Estimates projected doses from plume passage and ground contamination
 - Models cohort-specific emergency response actions
 - Estimates accumulated doses and health effects to cohorts
- **CHRONC**
 - Treats intermediate phase (up to 30 years, usually zero or one year)
 - Treats long-term phase (up to 300 years, usually 50 years)
 - Estimates projected doses from ground contamination
 - Models long-term protective actions (i.e., relocation / property interdiction, food interdiction, decontamination, and condemnation)
 - Estimates accumulated doses and health effects
 - Estimates economic losses, land contamination, displaced individuals, and other societal impacts.

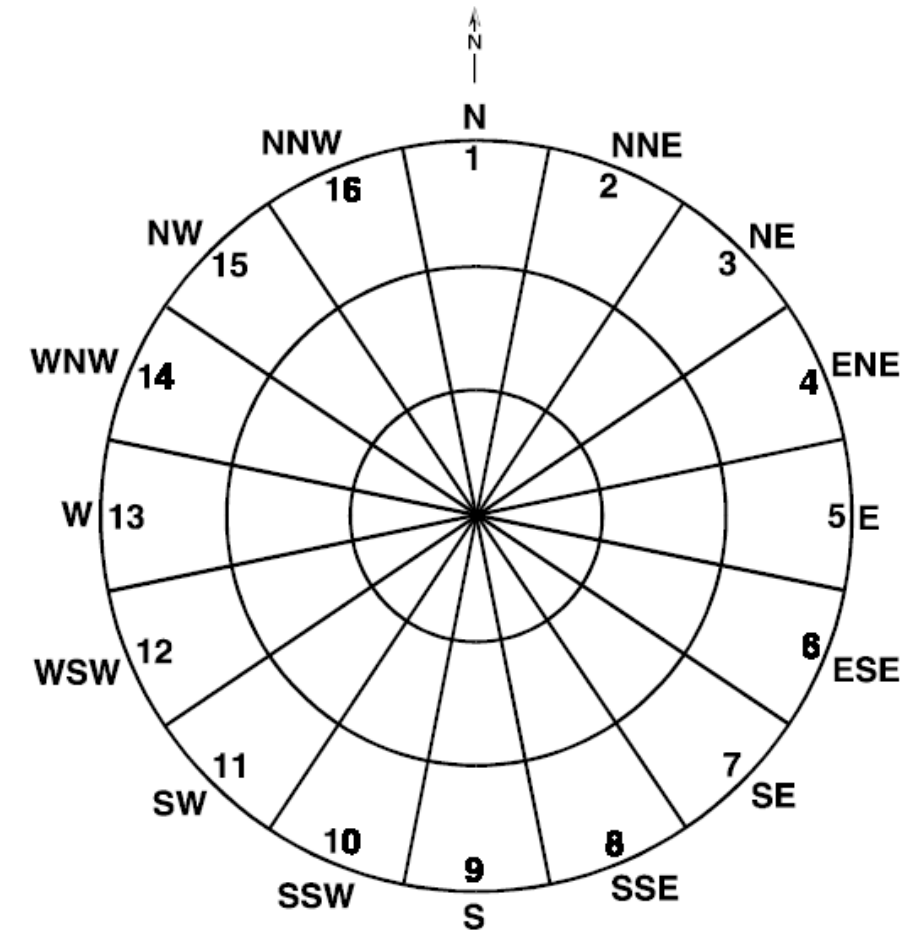
MACCS Outputs



Output Name	ATMOS	EARLY	CHRONC
Type 0: Atmospheric Results for Specified Downwind Distances	X		
Type 1: Health Effect Cases		X	X
Type 2: Early Fatality Distance		X	
Type 3: Population Exceeding Early Dose Threshold		X	
Type 4: Average Individual Risk		X	X
Type 5: Population Dose		X	X
Type 6: Centerline Dose		X	X
Type 7: Centerline Risk		X	X
Type 8: Population-Weighted Individual Risk		X	X
Type A: Peak Dose for Specified Distances		X	X
Type B: Peak Dose for Specified Spatial Elements		X	X
Type C: Land Area Exceeding Dose		X	
Type D: Land Area Exceeding Concentration		X	
Type E: Population Movement Across Radius		X	
Type 9: Breakdown of Long-term Population Dose			X
Type 10: Economic Cost Measures			X
Type 11: Maximum Distance for Protective Actions			X
Type 12: Impacted Area / Population			X
Type 13: Maximum Annual Food Ingestion Dose			X
Type 14: Evacuated and Relocated Population			X

MACCS Spatial Grid

- Calculations are performed on a radial polar grid
- The user specifies the number of compass sectors and radial intervals, and the outer distance of each radial interval
- MACCS calculates results for each spatial element

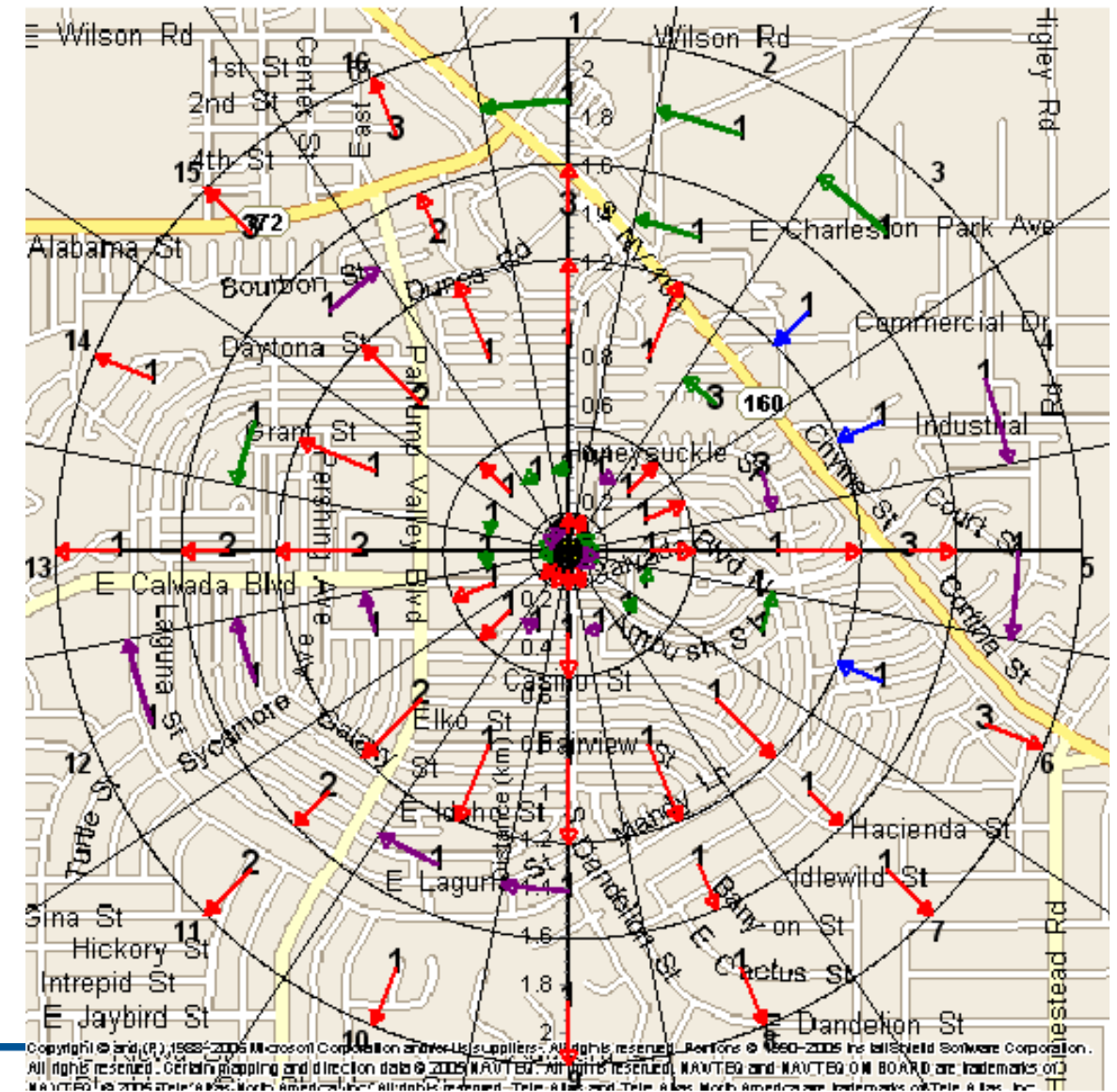
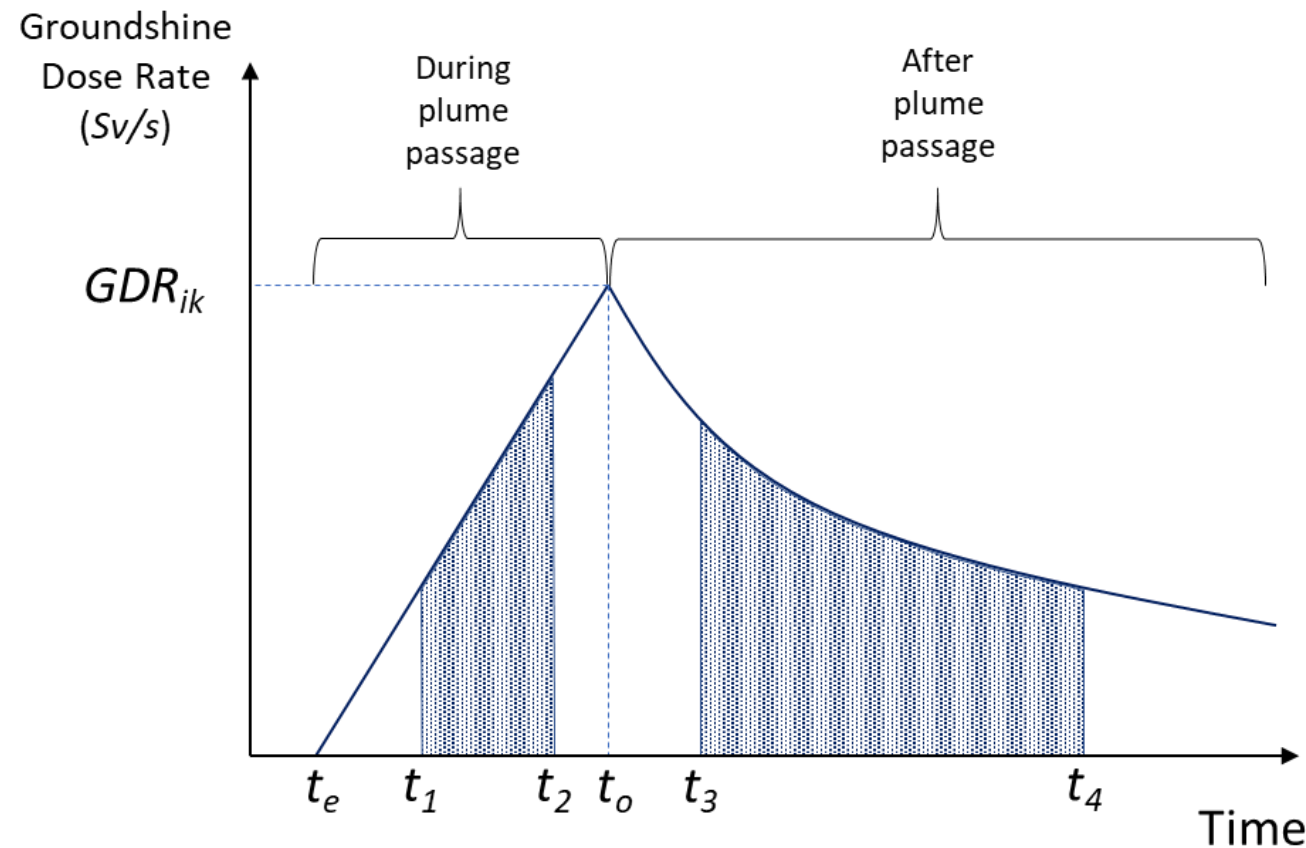


Example of MACCS polar coordinate grid with 16 sectors and 3 radial divisions.

(reproduced from Fig. 2-1 of NUREG/CR-6613 Vol. 1)

MACCS Time-Dependent Calculations

- The timing of protective actions affects consequences
- Example: Figure below shows groundshine dose accumulation during the emergency phase



Network evacuation scheme

Atmospheric Dispersion

- Gaussian approach:
 - Gaussian plume equations with dispersion parameters
 - Plume nearfield effects (building wake and meander)
 - Boundary layer constraint
 - Wet and dry deposition
 - Off-centerline correction factors
- MACCS / HYSPLIT approach:
 - HYSPLIT (HYbrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory) is a code for computing complex dispersion and deposition simulations
 - HYSPLIT is executed independently of MACCS
 - HyGridConvert is used to convert air and ground concentrations from HYSPLIT to MACCS spatial grid
- Factors common to both:
 - Weather sampling routine
 - Plume rise height calculation
 - Radioactive decay and ingrowth

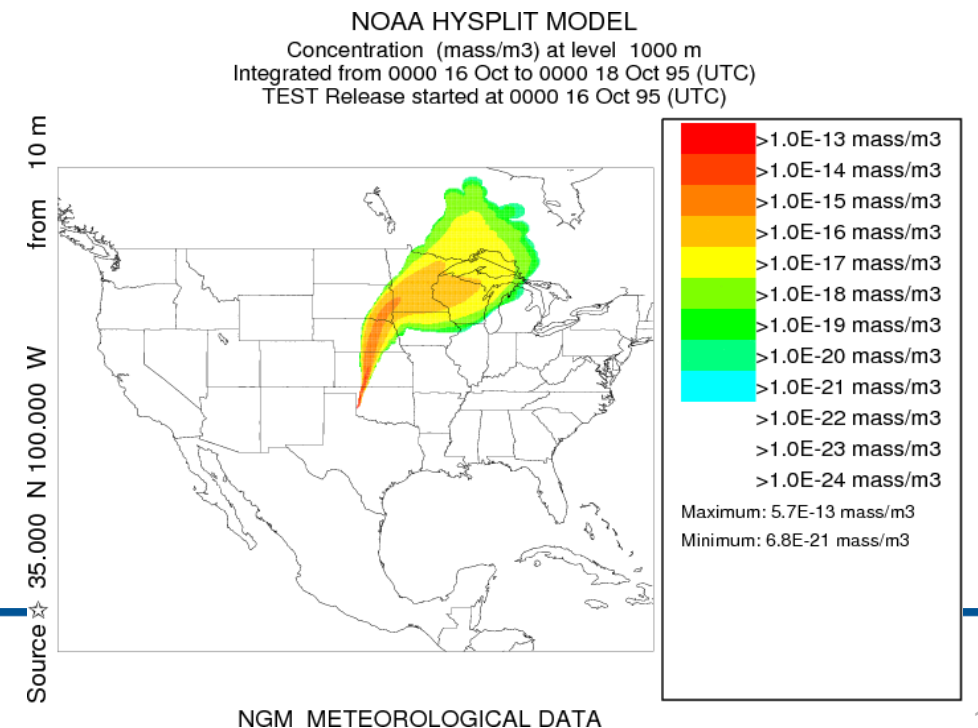
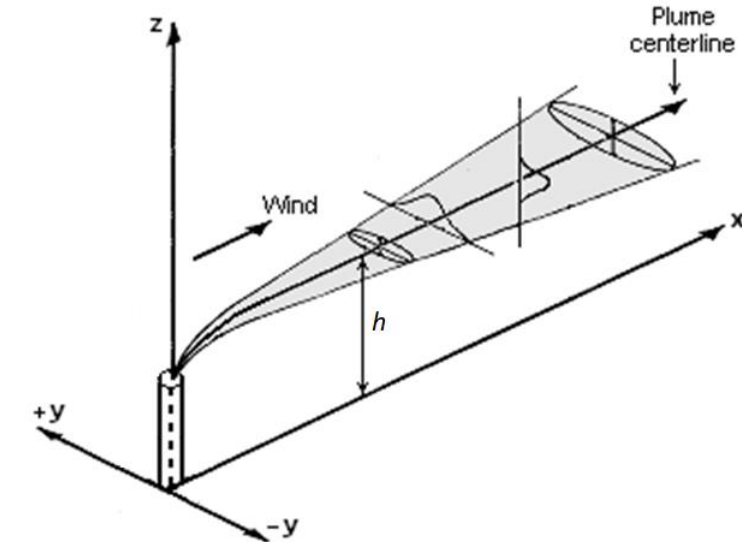


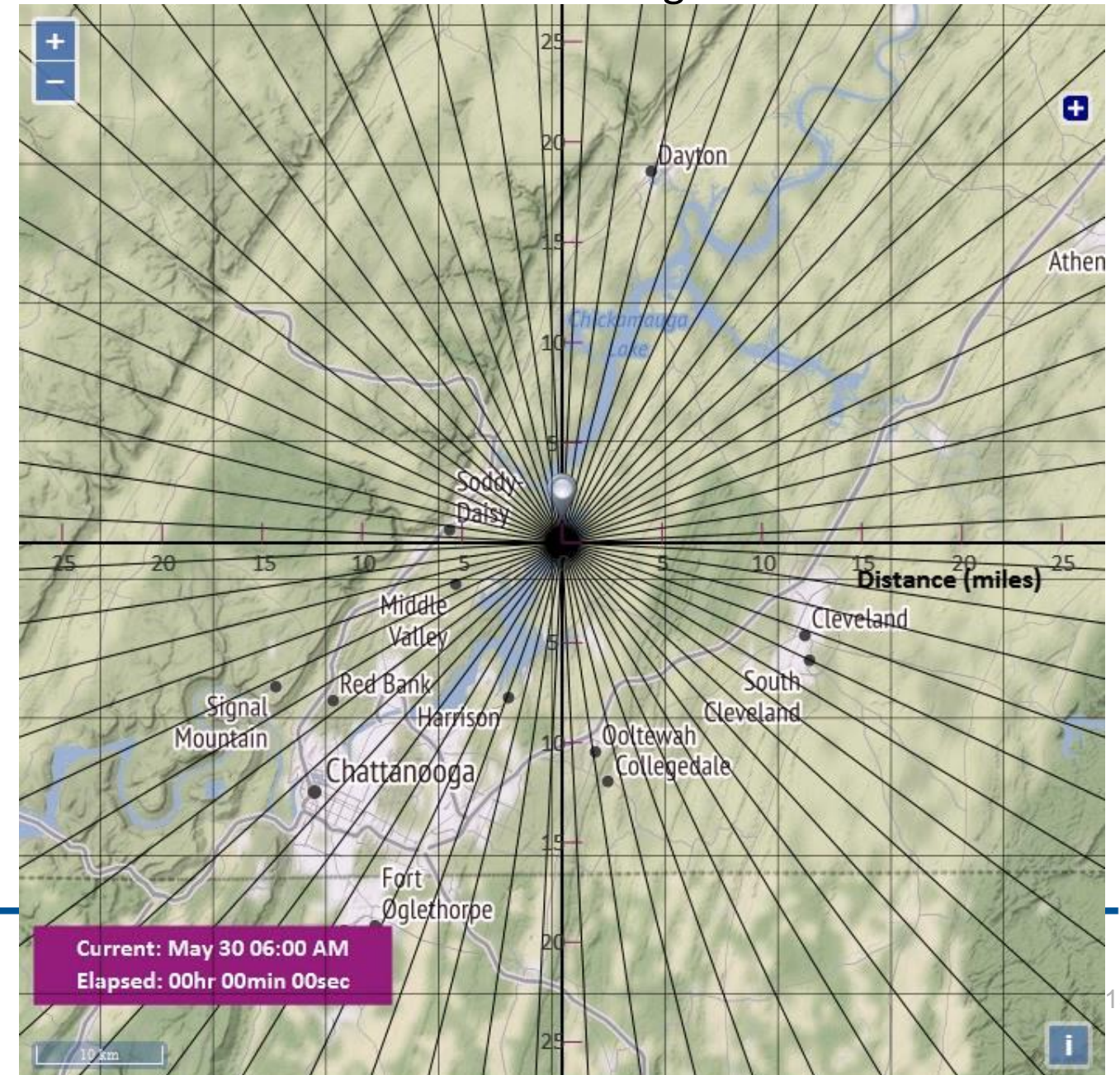
Figure from HYSPLIT User's Guide (2022, p. 110)

Atmospheric Dispersion: Gaussian Transport Model

- The plume segment direction is based on observed wind direction at time of release.
- After release, plume segments do not change direction.
- After release, plume segment dispersion changes with observed changes in weather
 - Plume speed changes with windspeed
 - Plume diffusion rate changes with stability class
 - Wet deposition rate changes with rain rate



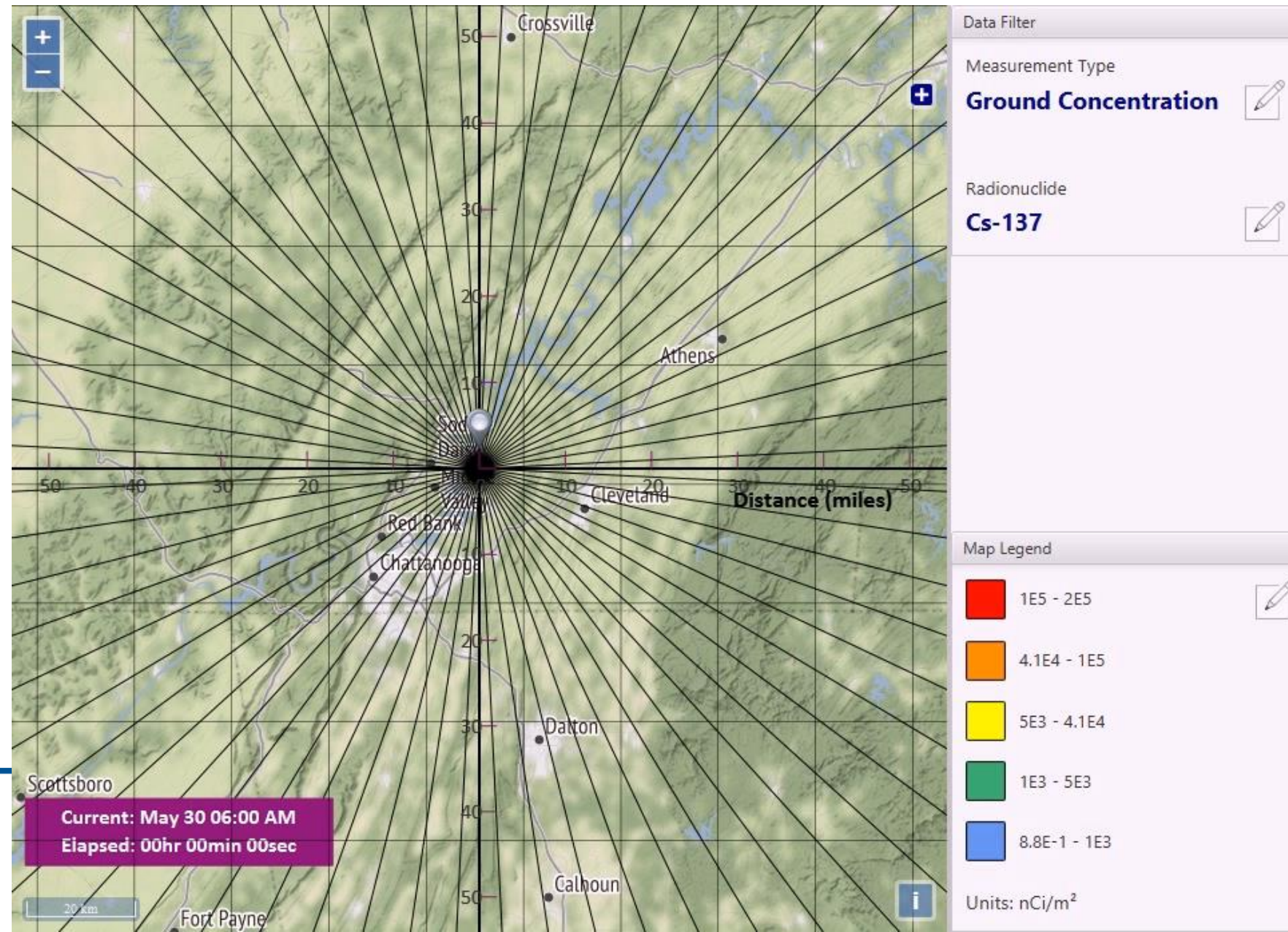
Gaussian Plume Segments



Atmospheric Dispersion: Gaussian Transport Model



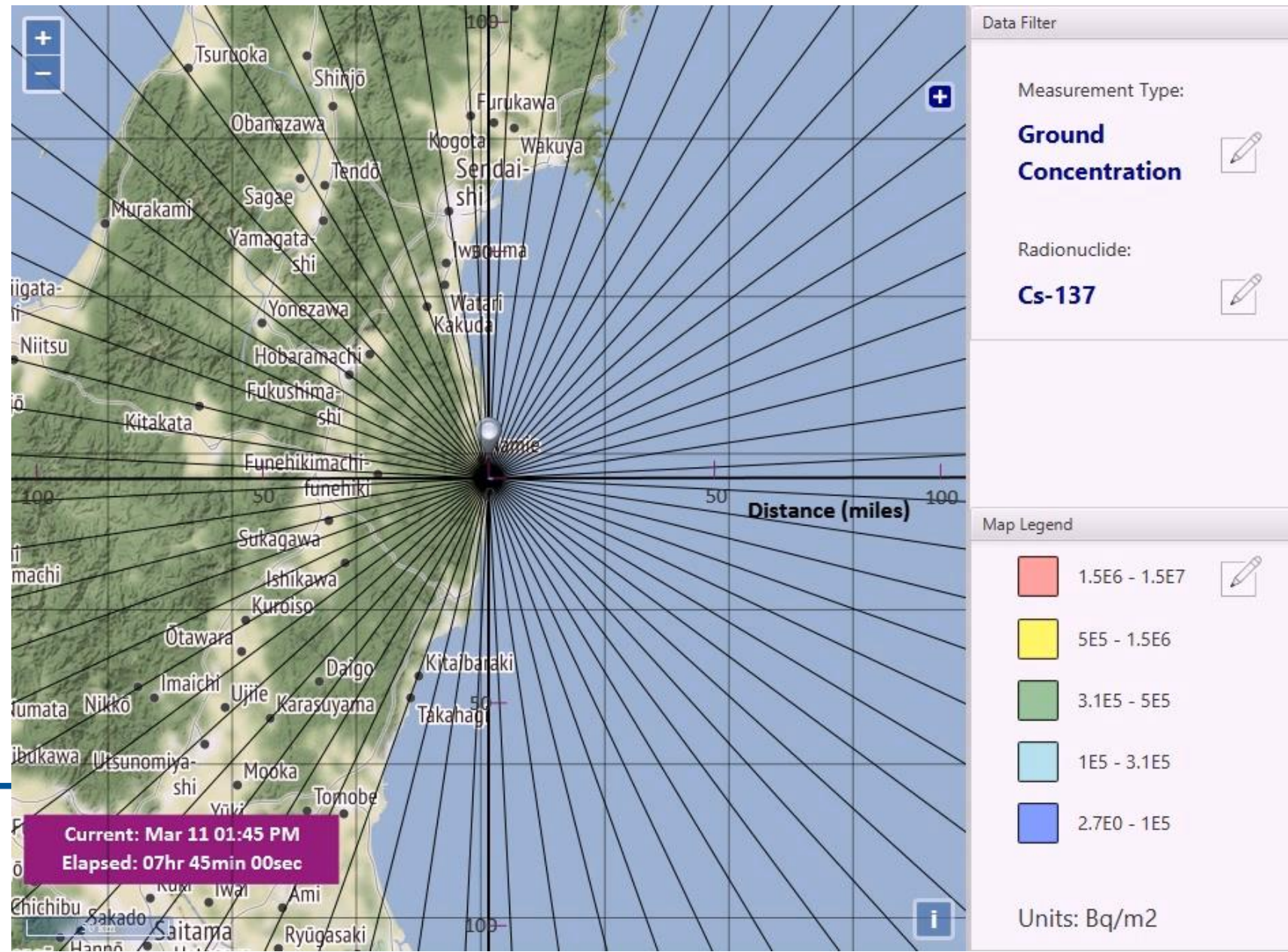
Ground Deposition



Atmospheric Dispersion: MACCS / HYSPLIT Model

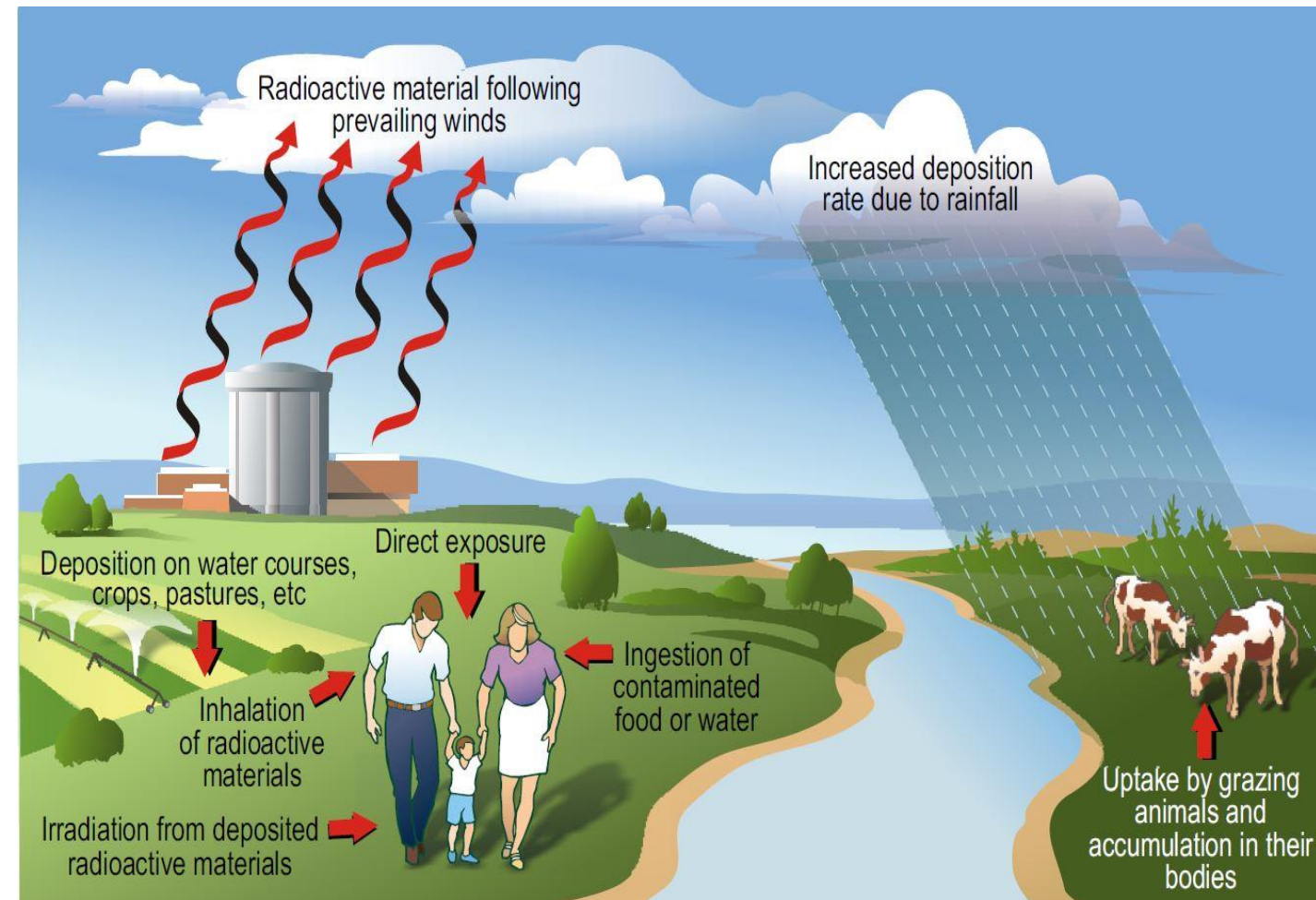


Ground Deposition



Dosimetry: Exposure Pathways

- Early Doses
 - Cloudshine
 - Groundshine
 - Direct inhalation
 - Resuspension inhalation
 - Skin deposition
- Late Doses
 - Groundshine
 - Resuspension inhalation
 - Food ingestion
 - Water ingestion



Dosimetry: Dose Coefficients



- The dose models use dose coefficients to convert from time-integrated air concentrations or ground concentrations to dose.
- External pathways use a dose rate coefficient (e.g., Sv/s per Bq/m^2)
- Internal pathways (inhalation and ingestion) use an intake-to-dose coefficient (Sv/Bq)
- Separate internal dose coefficients are provided for acute, lifetime, and annual doses

Dosimetry:

Types of Calculated Doses



- Acute dose
 - The portion of the dose that contributes to early health effects (i.e., accounts for the sparing effect)
 - Includes only early-phase contributions to dose
 - Uses a weighting factor (<1.0) to account for reduced risk associated with protracted internal doses from inhalation
- Lifetime dose
 - The dose that contributes to stochastic health effects (e.g., cancer)
 - Includes both early-phase and late-phase contributions to dose
- Annual dose
 - The same as the lifetime dose, except annual doses are discretized into annual periods
 - Includes both early-phase and late-phase contributions to dose

Protective Actions



- Protective actions reduce radiation exposures.
- Protective actions are a tradeoff: They reduce radiogenic health effects but at a cost of other types of societal and economic impacts.
- Many protective actions are dose-dependent
 - If a projected dose exceeds a dose criterion during a specified exposure period, it triggers a protective action.

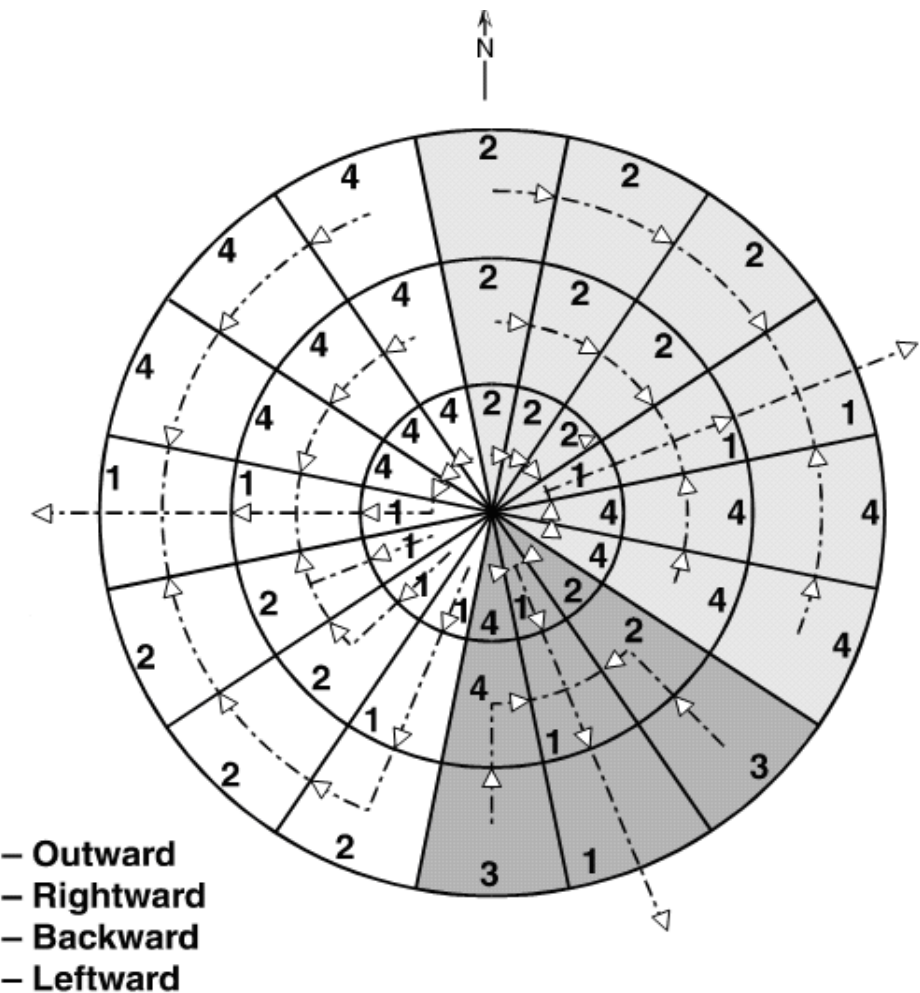
Protective Actions



- Early phase
 - Evacuation and sheltering model
 - Early relocation
 - Potassium iodide ingestion
- Intermediate phase
 - Intermediate-phase relocation
- Long-term phase
 - Decontamination
 - Non-farm areas: temporary and permanent relocation
 - Farm areas: farming restrictions

Protective Actions: Evacuation Transit and Routing

- Two evacuation routing options
 - Radial evacuation: Evacuees travel radially outward
 - Network evacuation: Evacuees travel along user-specified grid
- During transit, MACCS models evacuees as moving from spatial grid midpoint to midpoint in a stepwise fashion until they reach the travel boundary



Network evacuation direction with corresponding IDIREC values on a spatial grid.

Protective Actions: Population Cohorts



- User can divide the regional population into population cohorts that have similar characteristics during an emergency response
 - Cohorts can have different protection factors, breathing rates, evacuation timelines, evacuation regions, and other factors.
 - In the intermediate and long-term phases, MACCS treats all survivors as a single population cohort.
- For each cohort, MACCS runs a separate simulation
- Many outputs report both summary results from all cohorts and cohort-specific results

Protective Actions: Early Relocation



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- Early relocation is a dose-dependent response that occurs outside the evacuation and sheltering boundary.
- The projected relocation dose can be based on either the “TOTAL” or “AVOID” option. (New in MACCS v4.2)
 - "TOTAL" evaluates the total dose from all air and ground concentrations and
 - "AVOID" evaluates the avoidable dose from ground pathways.
 - These new options are intended to mirror how decision-makers would evaluate doses during a radiological emergency using Turbo-FRMAC.
- Early relocation has two areas, hotspot and normal relocation, and can have separate relocation times and dose criteria.
- Once relocation occurs, displaced individuals receive no dose for the remainder of the early phase.

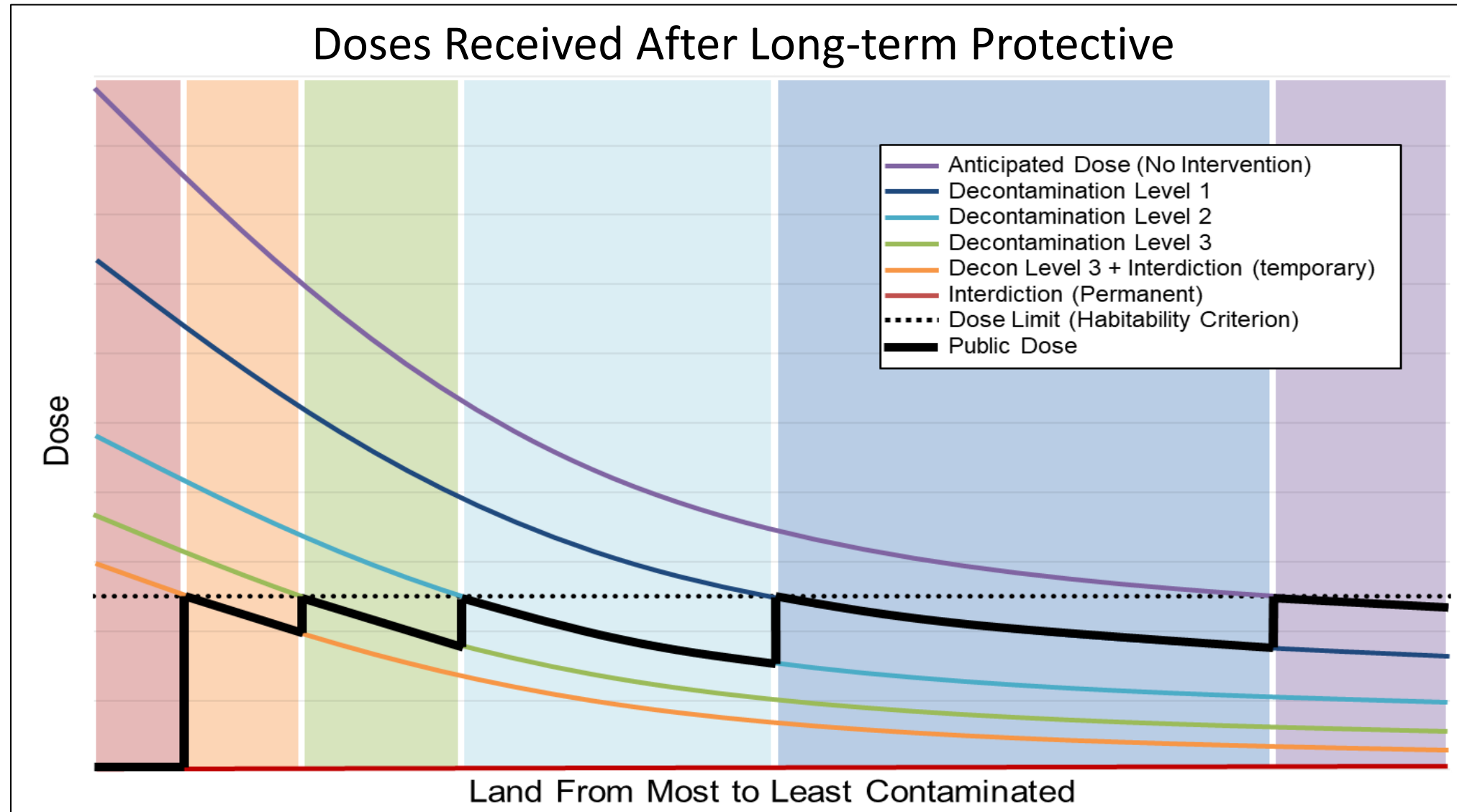
Protective Actions:

Long-term Phase



- Land divided into farm and non-farm areas
 - Non-farm areas:
 - Relocation occurs when projected dose exceeds any relocation criteria. (New in MACCS v4.2)
 - Return / reoccupation occurs when decontamination is complete (if applicable).
 - Condemnation occurs when decontamination is not feasible or cost effective.
 - Farm areas:
 - Farming restrictions occur in farm areas when food ingestion doses exceed farmability criteria. (The farmability criteria depend on which food chain model the user selects.)
 - Farming restrictions also occur when farmland exceeds relocation criteria, as MACCS assumes farmland is otherwise not farmable.
 - Decontamination:
 - Decontamination occurs when projected dose exceeds relocation criteria (both farm and non-farm areas), but only when it can restore the area and is cost effective.
 - A dose-dependent cleanup criterion allows users to model the acceptable cleanup level of contaminated areas. This allows users to model decontamination in lightly contaminated, habitable areas (non-farm area only). (New in MACCS v4.2)
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Protective Actions: Long-term Non-farm Areas



Social And Economic Impacts



- Nuclear accident impacts can broadly be divided into two categories: market and non-market
- Market impacts (sometimes called “financial impacts” or “special damages”) include:
 - Onsite and offsite property damage
 - Economic disruptions
 - Accident-related expenditures
- Non-market impacts (sometimes called “noneconomic impacts” or “general damages”) include:
 - Health effects
 - Societal disruptions
 - Environmental damage

Social And Economic Impacts



- Evacuation and early phase relocation costs
- Intermediate phase relocation costs
- Long-term costs in non-farm areas (*\$/capita*) and farm areas (*\$/farm hectare*)
 - Milk and crop disposal (farm areas only)
 - One-time relocation (non-farm areas only)
 - Decontamination
 - Property depreciation
 - Lost income
- Two methods to calculate lost income
 - “Loss of use” approach treats property as an investment based on a rate of return.
 - “GDP-based” approach using the Regional Disruption Economic Impact Model (RDEIM) input-output model to calculate direct, indirect, and induced losses; and recovery gains.
- Cost models do not consider
 - Onsite damages or disruptions
 - Property losses due to housing market impacts
 - Certain expenditures (e.g., removal of condemned structures, cost of litigation and a compensation system, medical expenses)
 - Economic disruptions due to stigma effects (e.g., tourism, trade)
 - Non-market impacts

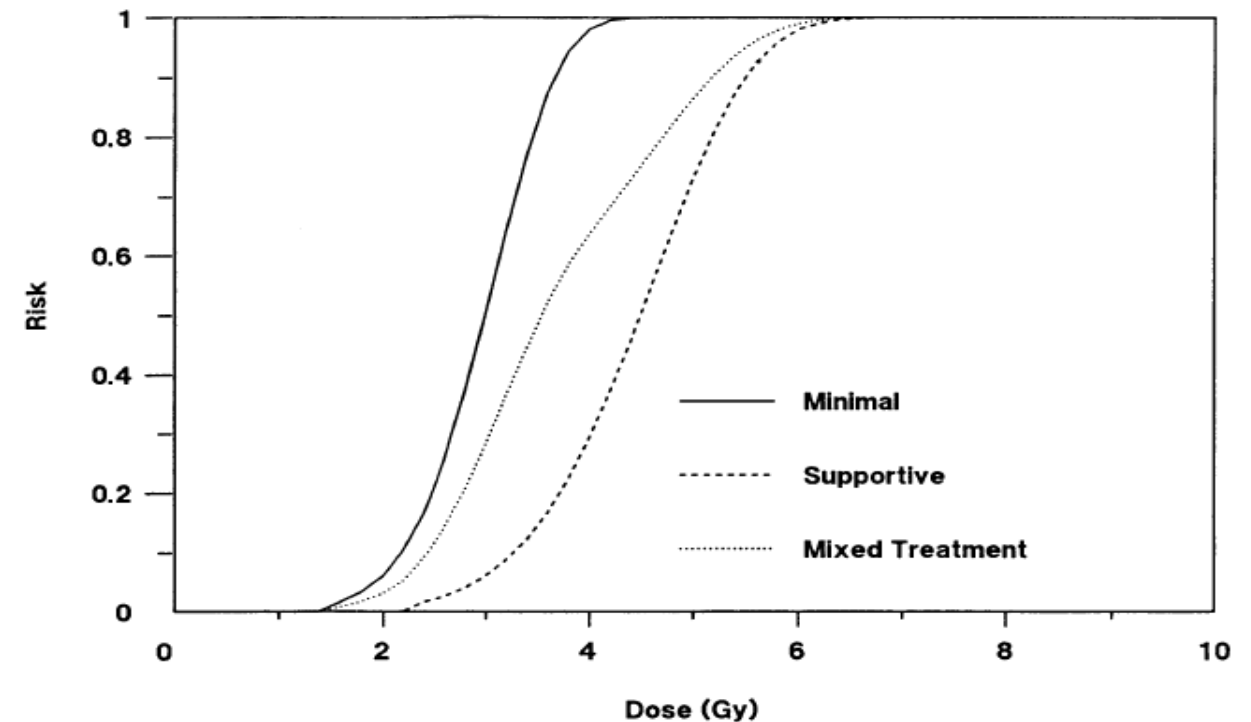
Radiogenic Health Effects



- Health effects from ionizing radiation are broadly categorized into two main categories:
 - Stochastic effects, which include:
 - Cancer incidence / fatality
 - Heritable effects
 - Tissue reactions (i.e., deterministic effects), which include:
 - Early injury / fatality
 - Degenerative conditions (i.e., cataracts, cardiovascular disease, and cerebrovascular disease).
- MACCS analyses typically model cancer and early health effects.

Radiogenic Health Effects: Early Health Effects

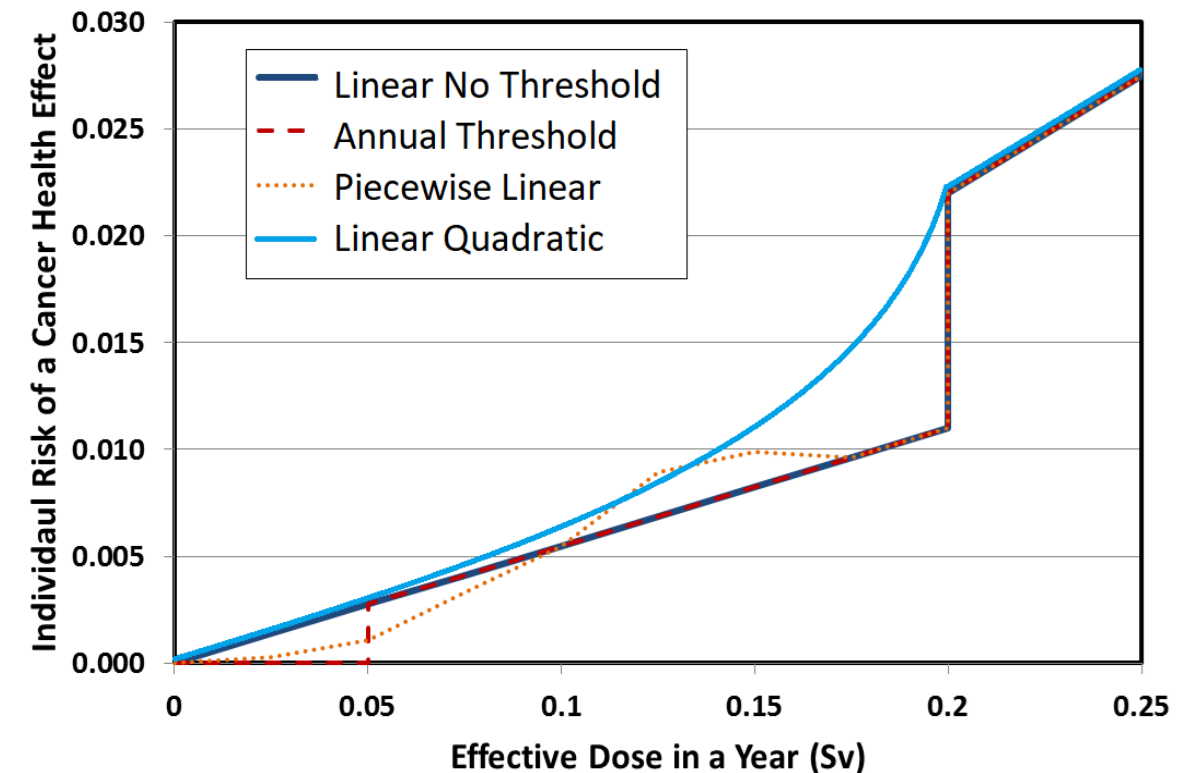
- MACCS estimates risk of early health effects (injury or fatality) using a dose response model based on a Weibull distribution.
- The early health effect estimates use acute doses, which account for the sparing effect.
- Early fatalities are estimated using a “pooled” risk model (i.e., the early fatality hazards are summed together)



*Hematopoietic Syndrome Mortality Risks for Minimal Treatment, Supportive Treatment, and Mixed Treatment - Central Estimates for Exposure at High Dose Rate.
(reproduced from Figure 3.1 of Evans 1989)*

Radiogenic Health Effects: Cancer Incidence / Fatality

- Four dose-response models are available in MACCS to calculate cancer incidence and fatalities:
 - Linear, no threshold (LNT) with a dose and dose rate effectiveness factor (DDREF)
 - Linear quadratic
 - Annual threshold
 - Piecewise linear
- The linear no-threshold and the linear-quadratic models use lifetime doses.
- The annual-threshold and piecewise-linear models use annual doses that exceed specified thresholds.



Software Components of the MACCS Code Suite



- MACCS:
 - The main code of the MACCS code suite. MACCS assesses the public consequences associated with a hypothetical release of radioactive materials to the atmosphere, such as from a nuclear power plant accident.
 - MACCS simulates the atmospheric dispersion, dosimetry, protective actions, health effects, and costs of a release.
 - Current version is v4.2 (March 2023)
 - WinMACCS:
 - The current graphical user interface for MACCS.
 - Current version is v4.2 (March 2023)
 - MACCS-UI:
 - A new graphical user interface that will replace WinMACCS.
 - Planned release in 2024.
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Software Components of the MACCS Code Suite (continued)



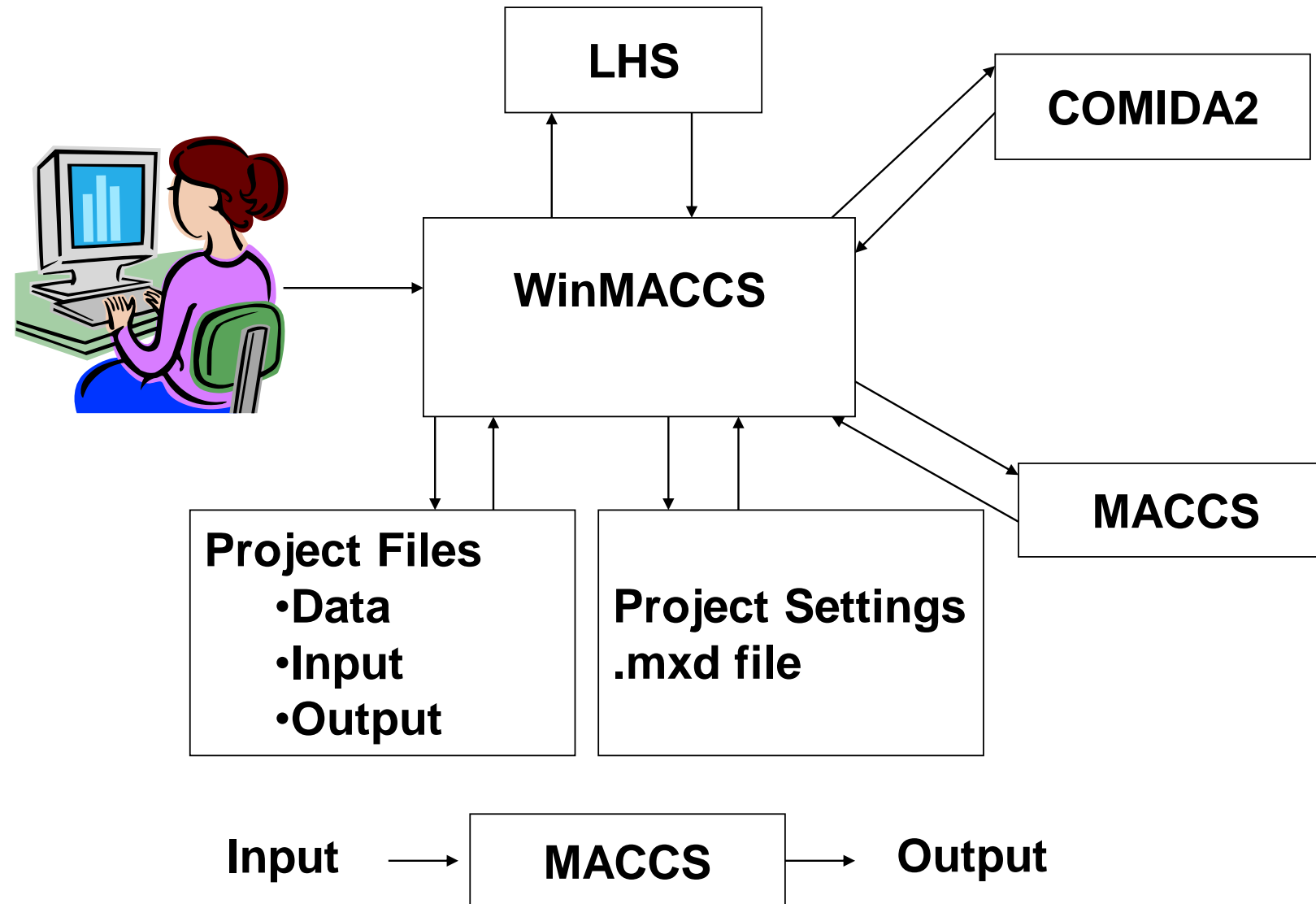
- MeIMACCS:
 - An optional pre-processing code that reads a MELCOR output file and creates a MACCS input file that defines the atmospheric release (e.g., core inventory, release fractions, aerosol sizes, plume segment definitions).
 - Current version is v4.0 (September 2022)
 - AniMACCS:
 - An optional post-processing code that allows for certain MACCS output information to be visually displayed and animated onto a geospatial map background
 - Current version is v1.3.1 (January 2022)
 - MACCS-HYSPLIT Tools:
 - An optional set of tools to generate a meteorological input file and / or to use the HYSPLIT atmospheric dispersion code (available from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]) in place of the original MACCS straight-line gaussian plume model.
 - MacMetGen reads NOAA meteorological datasets to generate MACCS meteorological files.
 - GenHysplit calls on HYSPLIT to generate a set of output files of air and ground concentrations.
 - HyGridConvert converts the HYSPLIT air and ground concentrations into MACCS input files.
 - Current version of MACCS-HYSPLIT Tools is v1.2 (March 2023).
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Software Components of the MACCS Code Suite (continued)



- COMIDA2:
 - An optional pre-preprocessing code that helps calculate anticipated food ingestion doses from farmland contamination via the food chain.
- LHS:
 - An optional pre-processing code to help model uncertain input parameters by running Monte Carlo simulations of MACCS.
- SecPop (US only):
 - An optional pre-processing code that creates a site file using US Census information.
 - Current version is v4.3.1 (July 2020)
 - Planning to update with new US census data in 2024
- RDEIM (US only):
 - An alternative economic consequence model that estimates the impact of a business disruption on the US gross domestic product considering interdependencies of US regional industries.

Architecture of WinMACCS Components



Auxiliary and Supporting Files



- Dose coefficient (DCF) files for LNT and non-LNT applications
 - FGR-13 (based on FGR-13 using standard radiation weighting factors)
 - FGR-13 Gray Equivalent (Rev. A) (based on FGR-13 using relative biological effectiveness (RBE) factors consistent with FGR-13 cancer induction modeling and with all SOARCA analyses)
 - Updated versions accompany MACCS 4.2
- COMIDA2 files to go with each type of dose coefficient file
 - Exposure duration (LASTACUM) set to 50 years
- NRC and DOE sample problems
- Tutorials based on NRC sample problems
- Fogbugz used for problem reporting and corrective actions – <https://ersdt.fogbugz.com/>

Recent MACCS Developments



- MACCS 4.0 was released in June 2020
 - HYSPLIT capability added
 - RDEIM economic model added
 - AniMACCS capability added
 - License keys now required (node-locked and time-limited)
- MACCS 4.1 was released in July 2021
 - Nearfield model updates
 - New plume meander models added
 - New plume entrainment model added
 - New building wake model added
- MeIMACCS 4.0 was released September 2022
- MACCS 4.2 was released March 2023
 - Removal of node locking from license keys (still time-limited)
 - RDIEM economic model updates
 - Updates to dose-dependent protective actions
 - Early phase calculations for avoidable and total dose added
 - Long-term phase cleanup criterion added (allows for decontamination in habitable areas)
 - Long-term phase dual dose criteria added
 - Increase in maximum number of radionuclides
 - Skin pathway standardization
- MACCS modernization underway!

Any Questions?



- Instructions for requesting the MACCS code and MACCS-related documents can be found at: <https://maccs.sandia.gov/>
- Supporting documents
 - WinMACCS & MACCS User Guides
 - MACCS User's Guide and Reference Manual Report (SAND2023-01315)
 - MACCS Theory Manual (SAND2021-11535)
 - Technical Bases for Consequence Analyses Using MACCS (NUREG/CR-7270)
 - MACCS-HYSPLIT Tools documentation
 - Benchmark, verification and validation reports
 - Complete set of published SOARCA reports

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Backup Slides

MACCS Lineage



- Calculation of Reactor Accident Consequences (CRAC) Code (1975)
 - Developed for the Reactor Safety Study (WASH-1400)
- CRAC2 (1982)
 - Primarily used in 1982 siting study (NUREG/CR-2239)
- MACCS (MELCOR Accident Consequence Code System) (1990)
 - Primarily used in NUREG-1150
- MACCS2 (1998)
 - Developed to support DOE documented safety analyses of nuclear facilities
- WinMACCS/MACCS (2011)
 - Enhance user friendliness
 - Reduce likelihood of user errors
 - Enable routine examination of uncertainty

MACCS 4.0 Improvements (06/2020)



- Optional capability to perform high-fidelity atmospheric transport modeling with HYSPLIT (Lagrangian)
- Optional state-of-practice, GDP-based model (RDEIM) to account for economic losses (database currently supports contiguous USA)
- Support for special files needed by animation tool, AniMACCS
- Limits extended on a large set of input parameters
- Input parameters can be exported, including distribution definitions
- Results for each weather trial are used to define quantile results

MACCS 4.1 Improvements (07/2021)



- Near-field modeling improvements:
 - Comparison of several near-field atmospheric transport and dispersion codes including QUIC, ARCON96, and AERMOD concluded MACCS provides a conservatively bounding assessment in the near-field
 - MACCS v4.1 enhancements added for plume meander and trapping and downwash to simulate or bound near-field assessments of other codes
- New projective peak dose output option
- Documentation added to help menu in WinMACCS
- Updates to the RDEIM economic model
- Mixing layer information for each time period
- Time synchronization between local time and UTC
- Pop-up window for converting previous version
- Linux version of MACCS 4.1

MACCS 4.0/4.1 Licensing Process



- MACCS 4.0/4.1 contains new licensing features
 - Software is locked to a specific computer
 - Licenses are for one-year duration
- Steps to activate license
 - Run WinMACCS 4.X.0 Setup.exe (no installation key required)
 - Open WinMACCS 4.X.0
 - A popup screen briefly describes the licensing process
 - Readme file provides more details on licensing process
 - Run CreateLicenseRequestFile.exe in folder C:\Users\Public\WinMACCS to create license.request
 - Send a copy of license.request to wg-maccs-entity@sandia.gov
 - Once approved, Sandia sends product.key to user
 - License key is linked to WinMACCS

MACCS 4.2 Improvements (03/2023)



- Remove node locking from license
 - Only time limit for licenses
 - Removes three steps from process
 - License included in 4.2 installer expires March 2024, new one to be issued before then
 - Up to 999 radionuclides
 - Still limited to six member decay chain length
 - Need dose coefficient data for radionuclides
 - Split indirect costs in economic model
 - Dual dose criteria
 - Relocation dose projection and timing
 - Decontamination in habitable areas
 - Skin pathway standardization
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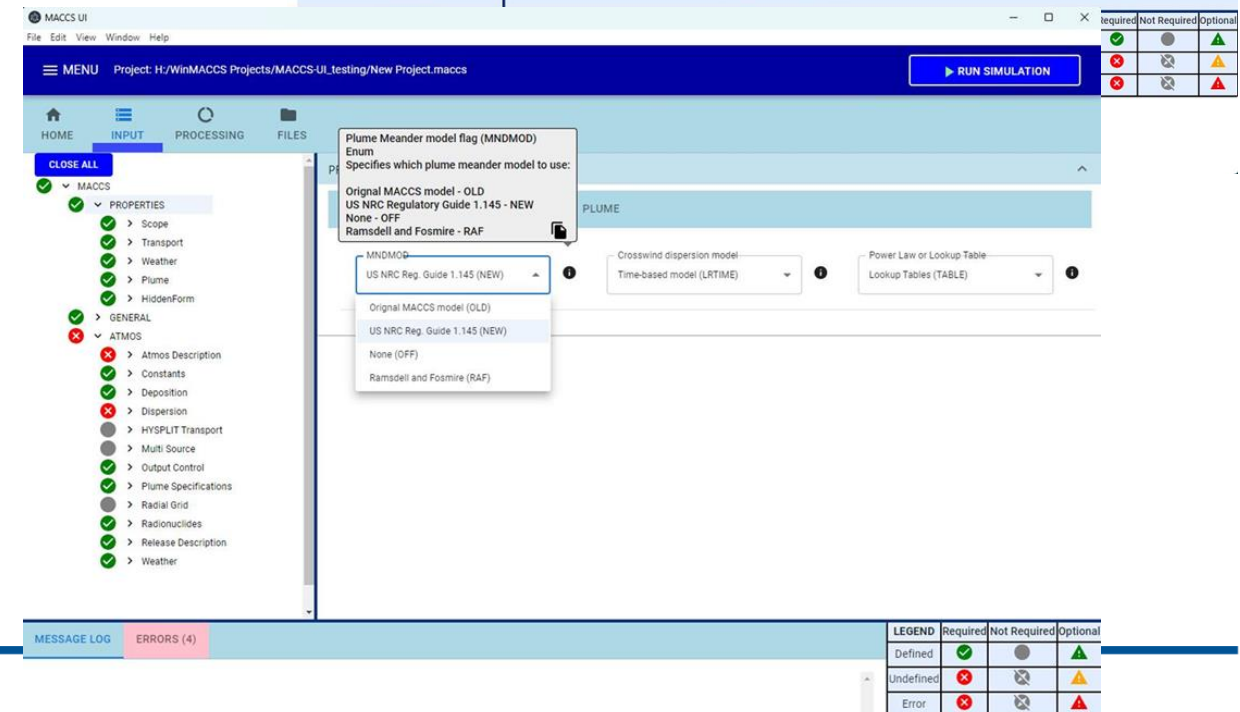
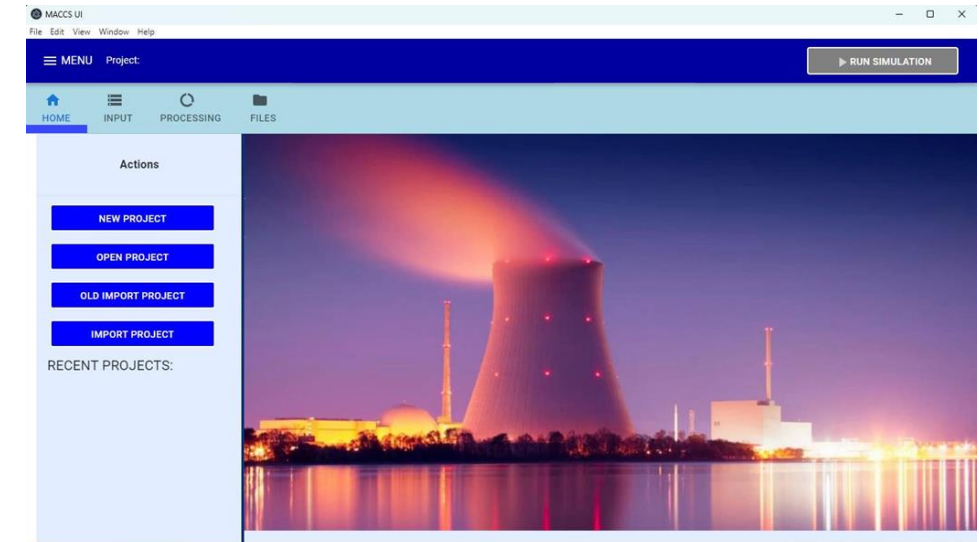
MACCS Modernization



- Working collaboratively with the NRC to determine the future vision for MACCS
 - Effectively tackle the consequence analysis challenges of the future
 - Incorporate modern programming languages and techniques
 - Be compatible with modern computing platforms
 - Increased flexibility and modularity
 - Support advanced reactor consequence analysis and future model updates
- Divided into two main efforts
 - User Interface (MACCS-UI)
 - Analysis code (MACCS)

User Interface Modernization

- Visual Basic 6 no longer supported
 - Java, JavaScript and other modern tools
- MACCS-UI to have the same functionality as current WinMACCS
 - Ability to add more capabilities in the future
- Same interface with MACCS
 - Atmos.inp, Early.inp, Chronc.inp
 - Model1.out, Model1.bin
 - Import previous WinMACCS 4.x projects



Analysis Code Modernization



- Goals and benefits
 - Maintain backwards compatibility
 - Compatible with what users currently use
 - MACCS UI
 - Command line
 - Better readability and easier modification of code
 - Improve and modify input functionality
 - Increase output capabilities
 - Work to support potential improvements and model capabilities
 - Modern programming practices will be used for enhanced readability and modification of MACCS code
 - Convert mix of Fortran 77 & 90+ portions of code to modern Fortran
 - Clean up memory use by using dynamic memory
 - Modularize to facilitate adding or replacing models
 - Implement such that MACCS remains in a release-ready state
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Overview: MACCS / RASCAL



	MACCS	RASCAL
Inputs	Hundreds	<20
Input time	Hours to Days	<10 min
Run time	Minutes to Days	<5 min
Source Term	External Input	Included (Simplistic)
ATD Models	Y	Y
Weather	Sampled Historic Obs	Live Weather
Dose Calculations	Y	Y
Protective Actions	Credited	Not Credited
Health Effects	Y	N
Economic Effects	Y	N