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krX system: multi-scale modelling of atmospheric dispersion and consequences assessments for radiological emergencies

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In case of a nuclear emergency, the krX system simulates the plume behaviour and assesses consequences of theses releases. The krX system consists of a suite of meteorological and atmospheric dispersion models coupled with a consequences model. The meteorological module is essentially the atmospheric model, MM5. For the local scale, the atmospheric dispersion modelling is using the multi-module pX model. PX will provide 3 dispersion models: a pure Gaussian Puff, a Lagrangian model and a mixed eulerian-lagrangian one. For the regional to continental scale, the krX system uses a special adaptation of the POLAIR3D/POLYPHEMUS model. POLAIR3D is a chemistry-transport model flexible enough to handle a wide range of applications from passive tracers to complex chemical mechanisms. POLYPHEMUS is a full modelling system for air quality. It is designed to yield up-to-date simulations in a reliable framework: aerosols, data assimilation, ensemble forecast and daily forecasts.

We will present the krX system and some comparisons with experimental study. Finally, future developments will be discussed.