Numerical Experiments for Verifying Demand Driven Deployment Algorithms

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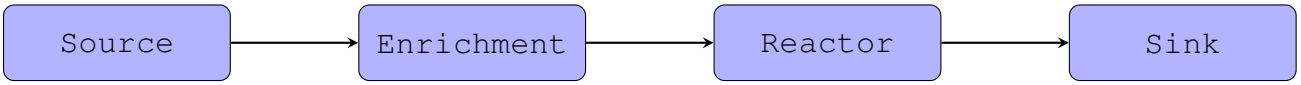
1 Introduction

The Demand-Driven Cycamore Archetype project (NEUP-FY16-10512) aims to develop CYCAMORE demand-driven deployment capabilities. The project plans to use non-optimizing, deterministic-optimizing and stochastic-optimizing prediction algorithms.

These prediction models are being developed by the University of South Carolina. In this report, we discuss numerical experiments for testing the non-optimizing, deterministic optimizing and stochastic optimizing methods. The numerical experiments will be designed for both the once through nuclear fuel cycle and advanced fuel cycles.

2 Once through Nuclear Fuel Cycle

Figure 1: Flow Chart of Once through Nuclear Fuel Cycle



In this report, the once-through fuel cycle is simplified to have 4 components: `Source`, `Enrichment`, `Reactor` and `Sink`. However, in a true once-through fuel cycle, there are more than 4 components. Other components include milling, conversion, fuel fabrication etc. For example, if a fuel cycle includes the Fuel Fabrication step and excludes the `Enrichment` step, the tests can be modified to include Fuel Fabrication and exclude `Enrichment`.

2.1 Input File Specification

CYCLUS uses XML input files. For the input file, we assume the archetype to be an `INSTITUTION`, since it governs deployment and decommission of facilities.

The user defines the reactor prototype and reactor deployment. The remaining fuel facilities, both front end and back end, is recognized by the archetype by looking at each prototypes' in-and-out commodities. Then the recognized, or 'connected' fuel cycle facilities deploy with demand. If an input file does not have the necessary 'connections' for the reactor to receive fuel, it will throw an error.

Reactor deployment is defined in two ways. First method is to manually define it, where the time step for each deployment is input by the user. The second method is to have the `Institution` deploy according to the power demand.

An example XML input file for defining reactor prototype and both reactor deployment methods is included in Appendix A.

2.2 Simple Scenario for Testing

A simple scenario definition is given where a predefined `Reactor` is deployed at timestep one and three. The chain of front—end fuel cycle facility of one facility each (`Source`, `Enrichment`, `FuelFab`) can supply enough fuel for the operation of one reactor. A `Sink` can hold enough amount for two batches of fuel. The specifics are listed below:

Simulation Parameters	Value	Units
Duration	7	timesteps
Deploy Reactors	1, 3	timesteps
Natural U Composition	0.71% U235	
Tails Assay	0.003	% U235
Fuel Enrichment	4	% U235
Enrichment throughput	300	$\frac{kg}{month \cdot facility}$
Enrichment SWU Capacity	2000	$\frac{SWU}{month \cdot facility}$
Source Throughput	3000	$\frac{kg}{month \cdot facility}$
Sink Capacity	200	$\frac{kg}{facility}$

Table 1: Simulation Parameters

An example input file with the facility and simulation definitions can be found in the input directory of this repository.

Reactor Parameters	Value	Units
Cycle Time	2	timesteps
Refuel Time	1	timesteps
Lifetime	6	timesteps
Power Capacity	1000	MWe
Assembly Size	100	kg
# assemblies per core	3	
# assemblies per batch	1	

Table 2: Reactor Parameters

2.3 Analytical Solution

The simple scenario is solve analytically.

Timestep	Fuel [kg]	Enrichment [$\frac{SWU}{month}$]	Source [$\frac{kg}{month}$]	Sink Capacity [kg]	Note
1	300	1583	2701	0	Reactor1 core load
2	0	1583	2701	0	
3	400	2111	3601	100	Reactor2 core load, Reactor1 refuel
4	0	2111	3601	0	
5	100	528	901	200	Reactor2 refuel
6	0	528	901	500	Reactor1 decom
7	0	528	901	500	
8	0	528	901	800	Reactor2 decom
9	0	528	901	800	

Table 3: Analytical Solution

Timestep	Deploy Enrichment	Deploy Source	Deploy Sink
1	1	1	0
2	0	0	0
3	1	0	1
4	0	1	0
5	0	0	0
6	0	0	2
7	0	0	0
8	0	0	1
9	0	0	0

Table 4: Deployment Needs

Time Step	Total Power Output [MWe]
1	1000
2	1000
3	1000
4	2000
5	1000
6	2000
7	1000
8	1000
9	0
10	0

Table 5: Total Power Output

2.4 Non-optimizing prediction method

To ensure that the non-optimizing prediction model is working correctly, each segment of the code must be tested to determine if its output matches the analytical solution. In this section, the conditions that need to be satisfied for each segment of the fuel cycle is stated and the test for each condition is described based on the parameters and analytical solution of the simple scenario. Tests written in C++ for each condition is included in Appendix B.

2.4.1 `Reactor`

Condition 1: All the reactors run at full capacity
This is tested by determining the total number of time steps which both `Reactors` are in operation, one `Reactor` is in operation or none is in operation. Based on the values of the analytical solution in Table 5, there should be 2 time steps where both `Reactors` are in operation, 6 time steps where only one `Reactor` is in operation and 2 time steps where no `Reactors` are in operation.
Condition 2: A new `Reactor` is deployed when the energy demand exceeds the energy produced by the current `Reactors`?
This is tested by comparing the total number of `Reactors` deployed to the analytical solution. Based on values of the analytical solution in Table 4, in total 2 `Reactors` were deployed.
Condition 3: A `Reactor` is decommissioned when the energy demand falls behind the output of the current `Reactors`?

2.4.2 `Enrichment`

Condition 1: The enriched uranium produced by `Enrichment` is equal to the analytic solution of the enriched uranium required by the `Reactor` for each time step?
This is tested by determining the total number of SWUs produced by the `Enrichment` facilities. These values are compared to the SWUs produced per time step in the analytical solution in Table 3.
Condition 2: A new `Enrichment` facility is deployed when the enriched uranium required by the `Fuelfab` exceeds the enriched uranium produced of current `Enrichment` facilities?
This is tested by comparing the total number of `Enrichment` facilities deployed to the analytical solution. Based on values of the analytical solution in Table 4, in total 2 `Enrichment` facilities were deployed.
Condition 3: A `Enrichment` facility is decommissioned when the enriched uranium required by the `Fuelfab` falls behind the enriched uranium produced by current `Enrichment` facilities?

2.4.3 `Source`

Condition 1: The mined uranium produced by `Source` is equal to the analytical solution of the mined uranium required by the `Enrichment` facilities for each time step?
This is tested by determining the total amount of Uranium mined by the `Source`. These values are compared to the Uranium produced per time step in the analytical solution in Table 3.
Condition 2: A `Source` facility is commissioned when mined uranium required by the `Enrichment` facilities exceeds mined uranium produced by the current `Source`?
This is tested by comparing the total number of `Source` facilities deployed to the analytical solution. Based on values of the analytical solution in Table 4, in total 2 `Source` facilities were deployed.
Condition 3: A `Source` facility is decommissioned when mined uranium required by the `Enrichment` facilities falls behind the mined uranium required by the current `Source`?

3 Appendix A - Sample XML input code

First, the input file would define reactor prototype to be deployed. There can be multiple reactors.

```
<institution>
      <name>NO_ddd</name>
```

```
 <config><NO_ddd/></config>
<reactor_list>
  <val>lwr</val>
  <val>sfr</val>
  <val>mox_lwr</val>
</reactor_list>
```

Then deployment of the reactors is defined, and the user is given the option to manually define the deployment(DeployInst):

```
<deployment>
<type>manual</type>

  <build_times>
    <val>1</val>
    <val>10</val>
    <val>20</val>
    <val>40</val>
  </build_times>
  <n_build>
    <val>3</val>
    <val>3</val>
    <val>3</val>
    <val>3</val>
  </n_build>
  <lifetimes>
    <val>960</val>
    <val>960</val>
    <val>960</val>
    <val>960</val>
  </lifetimes>
</deployment>


</institution>
```

Or have the institution deploy reactors according to power demand (GrowthRegion):

```
<deployment>
<type>growth</type>
```

```
    <growth>
      <piecewise_function>
            <piece>
              <start>0</start>
              <function>
                <type>linear</type>
                <params>1 2</params>
              </function>
            </piece>
      </piecewise_function>
    </growth>

    </deployment>

  </institution>
```

4 Appendix B - Sample Test Code

4.1 Reactor

Condition 1: All the reactors run at full capacity

```
TEST(ReactorTests, FullCapacity) {
   std::string config =
     "  <fuel_inrecipes>  <val>fresh_uox</val>  </fuel_inrecipes>  "
     "  <fuel_outrecipes> <val>spent_uox</val>  </fuel_outrecipes>  "
     "  <fuel_incommods>  <val>uox</val> </fuel_incommods>  "
     "  <fuel_outcommods> <val>spent_uox</val>      </fuel_outcommods>  "
     "  <fuel_prefs>      <val>1.0</val>        </fuel_prefs>  "
     ""
     "  <cycle_time>2</cycle_time>  "
     "  <refuel_time>1</refuel_time>  "
     "  <assem_size>100</assem_size>  "
     "  <n_assem_core>3</n_assem_core>  "
     "  <n_assem_batch>1</n_assem_batch>  ";
```

```
int simdur = 10
cyclus::MockSim sim(cyclus::AgentSpec(":cycamore:Reactor"),config
,simdur);
sim.AddSource("uox").Finalize();
sim.AddRecipe("fresh_uox",c_uox());
sim.AddRecipe("spent_uox".c_spentuox());
int id. = sim.Run();

int both_on = 2;
std::vector<Cond> conds;
conds.push_back(Cond("Value", "==",2000));
QueryResult qr = sim.db().Query("TimeSeriesPower", &conds);
EXPECT_EQ(both_on,qr.rows.size());

int one_on = 6;
std::vector<Cond> conds;
conds.push_back(Cond("Value", "==",1000));
QueryResult qr = sim.db().Query("TimeSeriesPower", &conds);
EXPECT_EQ(one_on,qr.rows.size());

int none_on = 2;
std::vector<Cond> conds;
conds.push_back(Cond("Value", "==",0));
QueryResult qr = sim.db().Query("TimeSeriesPower", &conds);
EXPECT_EQ(one_on,qr.rows.size());
}
```

Condition 2: A new `Reactor` is deployed when the energy demand exceeds the energy produced by the current `Reactors`?

```
TEST(ReactorTests, DeployNew) {
   std::string config =
     "  <fuel_inrecipes>  <val>fresh_uox</val>  </fuel_inrecipes>  "
     "  <fuel_outrecipes> <val>spent_uox</val>  </fuel_outrecipes>  "
     "  <fuel_incommods>  <val>uox</val> </fuel_incommods>  "
     "  <fuel_outcommods> <val>spent_uox</val>      </fuel_outcommods>  "
     "  <fuel_prefs>      <val>1.0</val>        </fuel_prefs>  "
```

```
    ""
    "  <cycle_time>2</cycle_time>  "
    "  <refuel_time>1</refuel_time>  "
    "  <assem_size>100</assem_size>  "
    "  <n_assem_core>3</n_assem_core>  "
    "  <n_assem_batch>1</n_assem_batch>  ";

int simdur = 10
cyclus::MockSim sim(cyclus::AgentSpec(":cycamore:Reactor"),config,
simdur);
sim.AddSource("uox").Finalize();
sim.AddRecipe("fresh_uox",c_uox());
sim.AddRecipe("spent_uox".c_spentuox());
int id. = sim.Run();

int reactors_deployed = 2;
std::vector<Cond> conds;
conds.push_back(Cond("String", "==",:cycamore:Reactor));
QueryResult qr = sim.db().Query("AgentEntry", &conds);
EXPECT_EQ(reactors_deployed,qr.rows.size());
}
```