Driving Deployment with Demand

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Driving reactor deployment (straightforward)

- Meet power demand
 - Growth (1%, 2%)
 - Decline (-X GW, -1%, -2%)
 - Variable
 - Steady



Driving reactor deployment (straightforward)

- Regional demand
- Replace decommissioned capacity
 - Immediately
 - After construction delay



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Deploying Fuel Cycle Capacity



Facility deployment strategies:

- 1. no automated deployment at all
- 2. based on deterministic forecasting
- 3. something more clever

No Automated Deployment

- 1. Deploy reactors according to demand
- 2. Deploy infinite capacity of supporting fuel cycle facilities
 - a. Infinite natural uranium
 - b. Infinite conversion and enrichment capacity
 - c. Infinite fuel fabrication capacity
 - d. Infinite reprocessing
 - e. Infinite storage and disposal
- 3. Run Simulation
- 4. Back-calculate/observe the amounts actually used

Strengths:

- Straightforward implementation
- No under-supply

Challenges:

- Can't capture market economics
- Unrealistic intermediate mass flows

Deterministic Forecasting (look-ahead)

- 1. Deploy reactors according to demand
- 2. Estimate needed capacity of supporting fuel cycle facilities
 - a. Determine fuel needs (f)
 - b. Determine enrichment and reprocessing needs (e) and (r)
 - c. Determine natural uranium needs (n)
 - d. Determine storage and dispossal needs (s) and (d)
- 3. Run Simulation
- 4. Actual needs are likely close to deployed needs

Strengths:

- Can capture market economics
- Realistic intermediate mass flows

Challenges:

- Occasional under-supply
- Implementation non-trivial

Something more clever

- 1. Deploy reactors according to demand
- 2. Run Simulation
- 3. Dynamic response to fuel cycle needs
 - a. Just In Time (JIT) facility deployment
 - b. Market interrogation
 - c. Respond to unexpected shutdowns
- 4. Dynamic needs closely match deployed needs

Strengths:

- No under-supply (probably)
- Can capture market economics
- Realistic intermediate mass flows

Challenges:

- Implementation can be complex

Also: Stochastics

- 1. Deploy reactors according to demand
- 2. Run Simulation
- 3. Reset parameters randomly
- 4. Rerun Simulation
- 5. Return to 2
- 6. Under-supply simulations and over-supply simulations are dropped

Strengths:

- Captures market economics
- Realistic intermediate mass flows
- Reasonable implementation

Challenges:

- Compute time

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