

Modeling and Analysis of Nuclear Energy System Strategies in the US

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Objectives

- Develop a policy informing-tool for the technical-economic assessment of nuclear energy systems in a macro-economic energy development context.
- Systems-Study Results are the appropriate language to communicate with Policy Makers – Who set R&D Funding Priorities
 - They want to know outcomes given policy choices
 - They aren't interested in technical/engineering details
- System studies as an integral element of our technology programs to exert INFLUENCE on DOE priority selections



Objectives

Several goals motivate this analysis effort

- Frame quantitative goals for AFCI
- Highlight urgency of the waste management issues
- Compare diverse fuel cycle scenarios

• Fuel cycle impact evaluated for limited set of scenarios

- Once-through and separations only
- Single MOX recycle
- Single and double tier transmutations systems

Dynamic analysis of fuel cycle performance

- Consider stable and growth scenarios
- Estimate of infrastructure requirements
- Impact of reprocessing on spent fuel characteristics
- Tracking of material inventories throughout entire fuel cycle



Approach

- 100-year nuclear futures dynamic simulations work was performed in prior years using a code, DYMOND, developed for that purpose (Gen-IV Initiative)
 - ITHINK system dynamics modeling environment
 - Energy demand driven
 - Mass flow based
 - Dynamics of fuel cycle and reactor construction lag-times accounted for

An improved code, DANESS, has been produced

- Dynamic Analysis of Nuclear Energy System Strategies
- Economic models; cost modeling development and evaluation
- Cross flows of materials among reactor types
- Validated data base of reactor attributes and fuel cycle processing attributes for ease of scenario construction





System Dynamics use in nuclear energy systems evaluation

• DYMOND/DANESS

- Integrated Process Models simulating nuclear energy systems from U_{nat}-mining until final disposal taking into account:
 - Timing of operations, i.e. including history of ordering, licensing, constructing, operating, decommissioning, ... of facilities
 - Tracking primary mass flows but also secondary (waste) mass flows and, under development, LCA-related flows/emissions
- Scenario analysis tools as support to:
 - Nuclear energy policy decision-making
 - R&D, e.g. impact of reactor/facility technology options
 - Nuclear energy economics
 - Educational use
- Quick and user-friendly, e.g.
 - 100 years 1 month time-step world simulation: < 4 min on PC 5





Schematics of model



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DANESS Overview Fuel Cycle Model



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DANESS: Reactors Follow a Life-path



Ithink software



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Model Topology









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General Assumptions

Front End

- Mining from unlimited source of natural uranium
- Enrichment time is 1 year
- Tail enrichment is 0.2%
- Fabrication time is 1 year
- Reactors
 - Reactor licensing time = 2 years, Construction time = 5 years
 - Existing reactors and new reactors life time is 60 years.

Reprocessing and Fabrication Plants

- Lifetime is more than 65 years, i.e., built >= year 2025, and continue to operate to end of the century.
- SF Reprocessing time = 1year, Fabrication time = 1 year
- SF Cooling time = 5 years for LWR SF and 3 years for FR SF
- Reprocessing Losses = 0.2% (0.1% Fabrication, 0.1% Separation) for all actinides and for all reprocessing technologies considered, i.e. PUREX, UREX and dry reprocessing
- Dry reprocessing capacity for FR fuel will be made available according to the need for fabricating FR fuel (small fraction compared to needed LWR SF reprocessing capacity).





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General Assumptions (Continue)

Legacy SF

- Legacy SF in year 2000:
 - ~ 14,700 MT UOX-33 (33GWd/t)
 - ~ 29,700 MT UOX-51(50GWd/t)

Repository

- Legacy SF generated up to year 2000 goes first to repository followed by SF cooled for at least 10 years
- Reprocessing has higher priority than repository, so only >= 10 years old SF available after using the full reprocessing capacity is available for transfer to repository
- Ramp up acceptance rate of SF to repository
 - At 2012=400MT, 2013=600MT, 2014=1200MT, 2015=2000MT, 2016 and beyond 3000MT

High Burnup Fuel

- 100 GWd/t High burnup fuel reduces the SF production rate by 50% as soon as it replaces lower 50 GWd/t fuel
- However, per MTHM the integrated decay heat is ~1.6x integrated decay heat from 1 MTHM of 50GWd/t burnup SF



General Assumptions (Continue)

Existing reactor park

- Assume life extension to 60 years
- Total capacity in 2000 ~ 97.2 GWe (103 reactors , 0.95 GWe each, and has a capacity factor of 0.9, and 0.34 thermal efficiency)









- Reactor Data
 - MWth, MWe, BU%, Capacity factor, Lifetime, # batches
 - LWR, ALWR, FR
- Fuel Data
 - Fresh fuel composition
 - SF composition
 - Pu, U, FP, MA, U enrichment
 - Decay heat for repository calculations:
 - Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Am241, Cs137, Sr90





Input Data (continue)

- FR Data
 - BOEC startup core consists of 4573 kg HM and 2515 kg TRU
 - BOEC recycle core consists of 4566 kg HM and 3110 kg TRU
 - For the startup core, the feed rate is 813 kg-TRU/year from conventional LWR SNF.
 - For the equilibrium recycle, the recycled TRU from fast reactors
 = 767 kg/year and the makeup TRU from conventional LWR SNF
 = 223 kg/year
 - The fast reactor power is **<u>840 MWth</u>** (thermal efficiency = 38%)
 - Fuel residence time in FR is about 3.5 years.
 - Burnup = 176 GWd/t





Scenario 1

• Timeline

- Starting 2010
 - Demand growth (1.8%)
- Starting 2015
 - Use high burnup, 100 GWd/t fuel in all reactors
- Starting 2025
 - SF reprocessing
 - First commercial plant (800 MT/yr) starts in 2025 followed by an upgrade to 2,000 MT/yr in 2035 and 3,000 MT/yr total capacities in 2055.
 - FR deployment
 - FOAK FR , followed by full deployment of FRs 5 years later, at a maximum rate of 1.6 GWe/yr (5 FR burners/yr)
- Starting 2028
 - Replace retiring LWRs with FRs to meet new energy demand if possible
 - If there is not enough TRU for FRs, build new ALWRs





Scenario Assumptions

Assumptions

- Nuclear energy growth to maintain 20% market share (1.8% growth rate)
- Military SNF to repository rate is 500 MT/y starting 2012 (total 7000 MT – also includes, as a surrogate, DOE SNF and HLW going to repository)
- LWR SNF is initial 43,200 MT existing in year 2000, and it is sent first to repository
- Fission Products are directly sent to repository following reprocessing
- Deployment of FRs is limited to a maximum of about 1.6 GWe/y (correspond to 5 FR burners of about 3.2 GWe each), beyond 2030





Scenario 1 (Results)







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Scenario 1



- SNF temporary storage requirements are minimized
 - With reprocessing, storage requirement decline
 - By about 2030, storage requirements are < storage requirements in 2000
 - Eventually storage requirements starts to increase after a 2043 minimum
- Direct disposal of large amounts of SNF in repository
 - By 2028 all 2000 legacy SF is transferred to repository
 - By 2043, all SF production goes to reprocessing
 - No more transfer to repository until ~ 2088 when SF available exceeds the reprocessing needs
 - SF in repository reach ~ 94,000 MT by 2043 (including military & DOE 7000 MT)
- FR% of total capacity increases gradually to reach about 18%, and large decline starts 2090 because of the retirement of FRs built in 2030, while TRU inventory is not large enough to make up for those reactors and also response to increase in demand
 - This can be avoided by increasing the reprocessing capacity a few years earlier
- Inventory of Pu (from reprocessed SF) at any point in time is < 150 tons





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Example Scenario Results







Possible Conclusions

- Original goal to reduce the inventory of spent fuel and key waste species is difficult to achieve
 - Mass of spent fuel is reduced by reprocessing
 - Inventory of plutonium and/or minor actinides can only be reduced by large infrastructure of transmuter (either advanced thermal or fast) systems
 - Both reprocessing capacity and transmuter inventory requirements constrain the introduction rate
 - Recommendation is to re-define goal to stabilization of the plutonium and/or minor actinide inventory
- In contrast, significant reduction in key repository performance parameters can be achieved
 - Large inventory is retained in the transmuter fuel cycle
 - Decay heat sent to waste can be drastically reduced





Achievements

- 100-year nuclear futures dynamic simulations work was performed in prior years using a code, DYMOND, developed for that purpose
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- An improved code, DANESS, has been produced
 - Economic models
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- US-centric scenarios run for 6-Lab Report, AFCI Scenarios
- DANESS work on multi-regional fuel cycle, and other European scenarios





Achievements

DANESS model development and verification

Economic scenario studies

- 6-Lab directors report on nuclear energy
- Dynamic analysis of nuclear energy system strategies for electricity and hydrogen production in the US

Support of AFCI (Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative) scenarios

- Frame quantitative goals for the AFCI, to highlight the urgency of the waste management issues, and compare diverse scenarios.
- Impact evaluated for a limited set of deployment scenarios
- Impact on Yucca Mountain capacity extensions imparted as an outcome of various forms of partitioning and/or recycle
- **Publish Policy-Informing Scenario Outcomes**
 - Numerous publications in Global 03, ICAPP04, PHYSOR04
 - Organized energy futures session in Global03





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Collaborations

- Paul Scherrer Institute (Switzerland)
 - Renown worldwide expert on LCA
 - Very much interested in our nuclear dynamic systems modelling
 - ANL & PSI envisage development of more appropriate approaches to LCA
 - 'Seed Money' proposal within PSI to support collaboration
- U-NERI with three universities
- DANESS-Users: NRG (Netherlands), KAERI (Korea), ...

Outreach activities

- DANESS Users
 - Quest for LCI-data for new nuclear technologies
- Generation-IV International Forum
 - Sustainability Assessment Working Group proposed
- IAEA, Department of State:
 - Multi-regional fuel cycle and non-proliferation





AFCI Deployment Scenario - Succession of Technology (1.8% Growth)







Economics

- Actual energy costs (\$/kWh)
- (Net) Present Values
- Account of federal, state, local, sales taxes
- Capital
 - Construction
 - Capital charges
 - Other (overnight) costs
 - Decommissioning
 - Contingencies
- O&M
- Fuel Cycle
 - Owning or leasing fuel
 - Waste fees
- Financial Accounting keeps track of the revenues and expenses for each reactor, facility and owner





Deployment Objectives

- Only HLW emplaced in YM
- Reprocess SF such that
 - Legacy SF worked down first
 - Allow realistic FR-deployment without
 - Growing stock of separated TRUs
 - Keeping SF-storage needs reasonable
- Aim at
 - Positive NPV
 - Negative cash-flows as small as possible





"BASE CASE" for cases 4 & 5

Base case for government consists of

- Constructing and operating all Repro/refab and FR plants
- Selling electricity from FRs at average market price (3.5 c/kWhe)
 - FR capital cost = 2500 \$/kWe
 - O&M costs repro/refab = 6%/yr of initial investment





- FR capacity, if possible, 25% of new reactors
- Repro/Refab Capacity

Time of Ordering	Capacity (MtHM/yr)	Capital Cost (B\$)	O&M Cost (B\$/yr)		
2010	500	4.1715	0.206		
2015	1500	8.236	0.62		
2020	2000	9.862	0.825		
2065	2000	9.862	0.825		
2085	2000	9.862	0.825		





Results Case A

- Total amount of SF in fuel cycle remains about YM <u>licensed</u> capacity
- No TRU build-up in fuel cycle
- NPV = 12.6 B\$
- Cash-flow
 - Most negative = -4.0 B\$ in 2020
 - Becomes positive in 2030





BASE CASE: Government Revenues and Expenses

Government Revenues and Expenses



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Energy Demand and Production





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U Price Model





Economics

Revenuses

- Price for electricity = 3.5 c/kWhe
- Waste Fee = 1 mills/kWhe collected for generated waste

Costs

- FR capital and O&M costs
- Reprocessing Plants capital and O&M costs





Economics (continued)

• FR Costs

Time	Capital Cost (\$/kWe)	O&M Cost (c/kWhe)	
FOAK	1773	1.5	
NOAK (>= 5 th FR)	1492	1.5	

Reprocessing Costs

Capacity, tHM/yr	Capital Cost (B\$)	O&M Cost (B\$/yr)		
500	4.1715	0.20625		
1500	8.236	0.62		
2000	9.862	0.825		





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Economics

Government Revenues and Expenses







Economics



- Fuel cycle cost accounts for less than 1/5th of total cost
- Doubling of U-price results into a total cost increase by less than 5%





• Carbon-tax

Life-cycle Carbon Dioxide Intensity









Examples of outcome using LCA









Objectives for DANESS

- To be the standard for
 - an easy-to-use and quick policy-informing tool for the technical-economic assessment of nuclear energy systems in a macro-economic energy development context

Policy-Making

R&D Portfolio

Energy Market Energy Products Sustainability

Energy System development Scenario analysis Integrated Process Models

Technical Analysis

Neutronics Mass-flows Technology characterization

Nuclear Energy



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Fossilbased energy technologies

Sustainability Indicators Energy Economics

Market Penetration

Life Cycle Analysis



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General Assumptions (Continue)

• Existing reactor park

	Operational Reactors in US, Year 2000			Operational Reactors in US, Year 2000					
StationName	ReactorType	NetCapacity	CommercialOperation	Remaining years after 2000 before SD	StationName F	ReactorType	NetCapacity	CommercialOperation	Remaining years after 2000 before SD
OYSTER	BWR	650	01-Dec-69	29	OCONEE-3	PWR	846	16-Dec-74	34
NINE MILE	BWR	613	01-Dec-69	29	THREE MILE	PWR	819	02-Sep-74	34
DRESDEN-2	BWR	784	09-Jun-70	30	POINT	PWR	485	01-Oct-72	32
DRESDEN-3	BWR	794	16-Nov-71	31	CRYSTAL	PWR	821	13-Mar-77	37
QUAD	BWR	789	18-Feb-73	33	KEWAUNEE	PWR	540	16-Jun-74	34
BROWNS	BWR	1065	01-Aug-74	34	PRAIRIE	PWR	536	21-Dec-74	34
BROWNS	BWR	1065	01-Mar-75	35	SALEM-2	PWR	1106	13-Oct-81	41
MONTICELL	BWR	542	30-Jun-71	31	ARKANSAS-1	PWR	836	19-Dec-74	34
QUAD	BWR	789	10-Mar-73	33	DONALD	PWR	1020	27-Aug-75	35
VERMONT	BWR	522	30-Nov-72	32	DONALD	PWR	1060	01-Jul-78	38
PEACH	BWR	1055	05-Jul-74	34	CALVERT	PWR	865	08-May-75	35
PEACH	BWR	1035	23-Dec-74	34	CALVERT	PWR	865	01-Apr-77	37
PILGRIM-1	BWR	670	01-Dec-72	32	DIABLO	PWR	1087	13-Mar-86	46
BROWNS	BWR	1065	01-Mar-77	37	SEQUOYAH-	PWR	1141	01-Jul-81	41
COOPER	BWR	778	01lul-74	34	SEQUOYAH-	PWR	1136	01-Jun-82	42
HATCH-1	BWR	797	31-Dec-75	35	BEAVER	PWR	833	01-Oct-76	36
BDUNSWICK	BWR	821	03 Nov 75	25	ST. LUCIE-1	PWR	839	21-Dec-76	36
BDUNSWICK	BWD	821	18 Mar 77	27	MILLSTONE-	PWR	858	26-Dec-75	35
DUANE	DWIN	529	01 Ech 75	37	NORTH	PWR	907	06-Jun-78	38
	DWR	000	01-Feb-75	35	NORTH	PWR	907	14-Dec-80	40
FITZPATRIC	DWR	020	20-Jul-75	30	DAVIS	PWR	906	31-Jul-78	38
EINRICO	DWR	1095	23-Jali-00	40	FARLEY-1	PWR	829	01-Dec-77	37
LIMERICK-1	BWR	1055	01-FeD-86	46	SAN	PWR	1070	08-Aug-83	43
LIMERICK-2	BWR	1055	08-Jan-90	50	SAN	PWR	1080	01-Apr-84	44
HOPE	BWR	1031	20-Dec-86	46	FARLEY-2	PWR	829	30-Jul-81	41
HATCH-2	BWR	806	05-Sep-79	39	ARKANSAS-2	PWR	858	26-Mar-80	40
LA SALLE-1	BWR	1078	01-Jan-84	44	MCGUIRE-1	PWR	1129	01-Dec-81	41
LA SALLE-2	BWR	1078	19-Oct-84	44	MCGUIRE-2	PWR	1129	01-Mar-84	44
SUSQUEHAN	BWR	1050	08-Jun-83	43	WATERFOR	PWR	1075	24-Sep-85	45
SUSQUEHAN	BWR	1050	12-Feb-85	45	ST. LUCIE-2	PWR	839	08-Aug-83	43
COLUMBIA-2	BWR	1117	13-Dec-84	44	WATTS BAR-	PWR	1154	05-May-96	56
NINE MILE	BWR	1062	11-Mar-88	48	VIRGIL C.	PWR	895	01-Jan-84	44
GRAND	BWR	1210	01-Jul-85	45	SHEARON	PWR	900	02-May-87	47
PERRY-1	BWR	1205	18-Nov-87	47	BEAVER	PWR	833	17-Nov-87	47
RIVER BEND-	BWR	936	16-Jun-86	46	CATAWBA-1	PWR	1129	29-Jun-85	45
CLINTON	BWR	950	24-Nov-87	47	CATAWBA-2	PWR	1129	19-Aug-86	46
R.E. GINNA	PWR	470	01-Jul-70	30	MILLSTONE-	PWR	1150	23-Apr-86	46
INDIAN	PWR	939	15-Aug-74	34	VOGILE-1	PWR	1158	01-Jun-87	47
TURKEY	PWR	666	14-Dec-72	32	VOGILE-2	PWR	1158	20-May-89	49
TURKEY	PWR	666	07-Sep-73	33	SEABROOK-	PWR	1161	19-Aug-90	50
PALISADES-	PWR	805	31-Dec-71	31	COMANCHE	PWR	1150	13-Aug-90	50
H.B.	PWR	718	07-Mar-71	31	COMANCHE	PWR	1150	03-Aug-93	53
POINT	PWR	485	21-Dec-70	30	BYRON-1	PWR	1120	16-Sep-85	45
OCONEE-1	PWR	846	15-Jul-73	33	BIRON-2	PWR	1120	21-Aug-87	47
OCONEE-2	PWR	846	09-Sep-74	34	BRAIDWOOD	PWR	1120	29-Jul-88	48
SALEM-1	PWR	1106	30-Jun-77	37	BRAIDWOOD	PVVR	1120	17-UCI-88	48
DIABLO	PWR	1073	07-May-85	45	WOLF	PWR	1150	03-Sep-85	45
SURRY-1	PWR	788	22-Dec-72	32	CALLAWAY-	PWK	1143	19-Dec-84	44
SURRY-2	PWR	788	01-May-73	33	SOUTH	PWK	1251	25-Aug-66	48
PRAIRIE	PWR	536	16-Dec-73	33	BALO	PWK	1250	19-JUII-09	49
FORT	PWR	476	20-Jun-74	34	PALO	PWK	1270	20-Jd11-00	40
INDIAN	PWR	965	30-Aug-76	36	PALO	PWK	1270	19-Sep-00	40
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Timeline

- Similar to scenario 1

Assumptions

- Similar to scenario 1 except for the 0% demand growth rate













- SNF temporary storage requirements are minimal
 - With reprocessing, storage requirement decline
 - By about 2028, storage requirements are < storage requirements in 2000
- Direct disposal of large amounts of SNF in repository
 - By 2028 all 2000 legacy SF is transferred to repository
 - By 2041, all SF production goes to reprocessing
 - No more transfer to repository to 2100
 - SF in repository reach ~ 86,000 MT by 2041 (including military & DOE 7000 MT)
- By 2043, all existing reactor are retired and replaced by new LWRs and/or FRs, and no new reactors are built until 2087 when LWRs built in 2028 are retired
 - Those ALWRs retired in 2087are replaced by FRs, which increase the FR% in capacity
 - By 2043, FR% in capacity reaches about 22.5%
 - Increase in FRs starting 2087 leads to FR% in capacity of about 28% by 2090
- Inventory of Pu (from reprocessed SF) at any point in time is < 150 tons



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• Timeline

- Similar to scenario 1 except for the need to deploy more reprocessing capacity to handle the extra waste (see figure)

Assumptions

- Similar to scenario 1 except for the higher demand growth rate of 3.2% per year













- SNF temporary storage requirements are minimized
 - With reprocessing, storage requirement decline
 - By about 2035, storage requirements are < storage requirements in 2000
 - Eventually storage requirements starts to increase after a 2045 minimum
- Direct disposal of large amounts of SNF in repository
 - By 2028 all 2000 legacy SF is transferred to repository
 - By 2062, all SF production goes to reprocessing
 - No more transfer to repository to 2100
 - SF in repository reach ~ 118,000 MT by 2062 (including military & DOE 7000 MT)
 - Most of it is high burnup fuel
- To 2055, reprocessing capacity is assumed to be the same as scenario 1, and beyond 2055 it is increased rapidly to catch up with the high SF production rate
 - Buildup of FRs/year is allowed to go up gradually from 1.5 GWe/year in 2055 to about 7.3 GWe by 2095.
 - FR% reach about 14% (lower than the 1.8% growth rate because of the faster growth rate and the lake of enough TRU to build FR fast enough to respond to increased demand)
- Inventory of Pu (from reprocessed SF) at any point in time is < 150 tons













- Timeline
 - Phase out scenario where retired plants are not replaced
 - Still use high burnup fuel starting 2015

Assumptions

- Same assumptions as scenario 1 regarding repository timeline











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Technology



- SNF temporary storage requirements are eliminated by about 2050
- Direct disposal of large amounts of SNF in repository, that totals about 108,000 MT by 2050 (compared to about 118,000 MT for the 3.2% growth scenario)
- Majority of the SF in repository is high burnup SF





Scenario 1.c.1

- Timeline
 - Phase out scenario where retired plants are not replaced
 - No use of high burnup fuel

Assumptions

- Same assumptions as scenario 1 regarding repository timeline





Scenario 1.c.1





Scenario 1.c.1



- SNF temporary storage requirements are eliminated by about 2057
- Direct disposal of large amounts of SNF in repository, that totals about 135,500 MT by 2057 (compared to about 118,000 MT for the 3.2% growth scenario)
- All of the SF in repository is lower burnup SF

