
Modeling & Analysis Of Boiler Drum Control System Using Petri Nets

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Abstract—The aim behind this paper is to develop the boiler drum system considered in this paper uses Petri Net unique model for analyzing the fail safe condition and performance of the boiler drum section using Petri Nets. The structural and behavioural properties of the developed Petri net models serves as a tool for model checking and redundancy checking which are essential to verify the correctness of boiler drum dynamics. This is followed by the validation and performance evaluation of the developed model. The developed model helps in providing safety analysis during operation. The mathematical and graphical results obtained from the developed system helps in understanding and analyzing the characteristics of entire boiler drum section

Index Terms— Stochastic Petri Nets, Fail Safe Model, Model Analysis

Introduction

Due to the advancement of Technology in Science and need for automation there has always been a thrust to improve the capability of boiler drum section in power plants. Petri Nets combine a well-defined mathematical theory with a graphical representation of the dynamic behavior of the systems. Modeling & Analysis of the furnace is very much essential for improving the safety of risk in critical processes. Different approaches have been developed in analyzing the drum model for the past few years, depending on the kind of knowledge used to describe the dynamic process. Modeling is the most important step, since the model based approaches mainly consists of comparison between the actual behavior of the system with the reference behaviors describing the normal operation (fail safe model) and modeling using Petri nets. Once the model is built, redundancy of the model can be checked by using Petri Nets. The model can be developed by considering the complete logical based approach in developing the furnace model using Petri Nets.

In this regard, the concept of the fail safe model plays a major role in indicating and informing about something which is going wrong in the monitored system of any process. Hence, for personal and system safety, detection and isolation have become a prime concern in many Industries. Many different approaches have been dealt in achieving the fail safe and modeling of the boiler drum control system.

soft wares like HpSim for developing a fail -safe and SIRPHYCO for developing a model for performance evaluation. The HpSim and SIRPHYCO soft wares uses places, transitions and tokens for developing the fail-safe model and a model for the performance evaluation respectively.

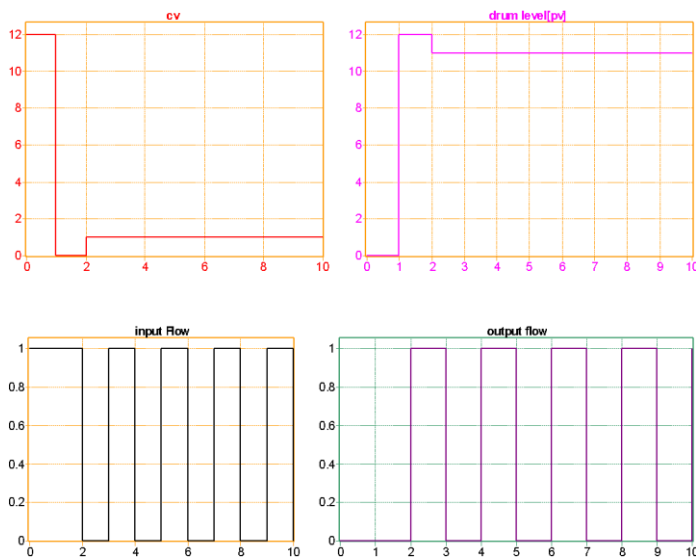
2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The design of the boiler drum model is based on the concept of the discrete and continuous Petri Nets. A Petri net(PN) has two types of nodes, namely places and transitions. A place is represented by a circle and a transition by a bar. Places and transitions are connected by arcs. The number of places is finite and not zero. The number of transitions is also finite and not zero. An arc is directed and connects either a place to a transition or a transition to a place.

In other words, a PN is a bipartite graph, i.e, places and transitions alternate on a path made up of consecutive arcs. It is compulsory for each arc to have a node at each of its ends. A transition without an input place is a source transition. A transition without an output place is a sink transition.

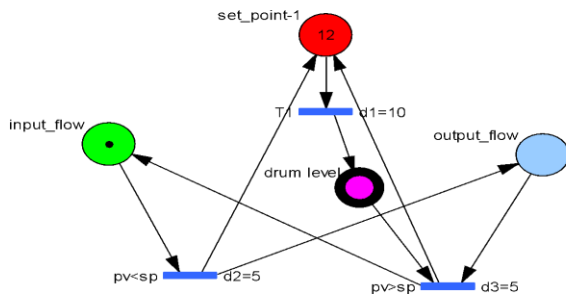
3. SYSTEM MODELING

As mentioned in the earlier section, the system modeling is done by using Petri Nets, considering the whole process as a continuous event system. The presence of a token in a place denotes the condition for starting an operation or event, firing a transition denotes the start of the event and movement of the token from one place to another represents condition after the operation or event is



completed.

DRUM LEVEL CONTROL



DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL

The description of the boiler drum model is performed easily with the help of the Petri nets. The set point or the desired value is being given by the tokens in the place P1. The tokens from the place P1 is being passed to the drum level control denoted by place P2 where the drum level is checked with the desired value. If the drum level value is less than the set point then the input flow valve (P3) is ON and the output flow valve (P4) is OFF. If the drum level is greater than the set point value then the input flow valve (P3) is OFF and the output flow valve (P4) is ON.

TABLE-I

DESCRIPTION OF PLACES /TRANSITIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE MODEL

S.No	PLACES/ TRANSITIONS	CONDITIONS
1.	P1	Initialize the set point value
2.	T1	To enable tokens to be passed from place P1 to P2 (set point to the drum level control)
3.	T2	To check if the drum level is < set point
4.	P2	To open the input valve for increasing the input flow.
5.	P3	To open the output valve for bringing to the desired value.
6.	T3	To check if the drum level is > set point.

4-GRAPHICAL RESPONSE

From the above graphical output, we can conclude that

- i) If the value of the drum level is $<$ set point, then the drum level controller takes action and the input valve is opened and the output valve is closed.
- ii) If the value of the drum level is $>$ set point, then the drum level controller takes action and the input valve is closed and the output valve is opened.

5. FAIL SAFE MODEL OF THE DRUM SECTION OF THE BOILER

This section describes the methods of developing the fail safe model of the boiler drum section and the conditions for the fail safe operation of the boiler.

5.1 Fail Safe Model

The boiler drum is very much needed for the proper working of the boiler and to make it operate smoothly and efficiently. Thus, a fail safe model is very much essential for the proper design of the boiler drum by choosing of the appropriate variables required for the boiler drum and ensuring the normal operation of the boiler.

5.2 Fail Safe Monitoring Algorithm

With regard to the drum section of the boiler and modeling of the boiler drum section in its equivalent Petri Net environment, the following criterion is adopted.

STEP1: Set the tokens in the place P1 considering it as the normal place.

STEP2: Now the controller checks if the level of the drum

STEP 3: If the level of the drum is < 5 then the furnace is passed to the OFF position and the feed water is passed to the ON position.

STEP4: If the level of the drum is > 25 then the feed water valve is passed to the OFF position and the furnace to the ON position.

Fig:

6-PN TOOL:

The Petri Net Toolbox (PN Toolbox) version 2.0 is a software tool for simulation, analysis and design of discrete event systems, based on Petri net (PN) models. This software is embedded in the MATLAB environment and its usage requires version 6.0 or higher. The orientation of the PN Toolbox was meant to permit further development in the sense of hybrid systems, because MATLAB incorporates comprehensive libraries for studying continuous and discontinuous dynamics. Such a development, of extreme importance for control engineering, would be hardly approachable relying on the already existing PNs packages as requiring sophisticated interfaces for the cooperation with instruments devoted to the exploration of continuous dynamics with the models developed in the recent years mainly with reference to the boiler models.

INCIDENCE MATRIX:

The incidence matrix suffices to characterize the relative change of tokens for every place when a transition fires.

COVERABILITY GRAPGH:

The coverability tree is a tree representation of all possible markings .If the net is unbounded then the tree is kept finite by introducing the symbol ω .

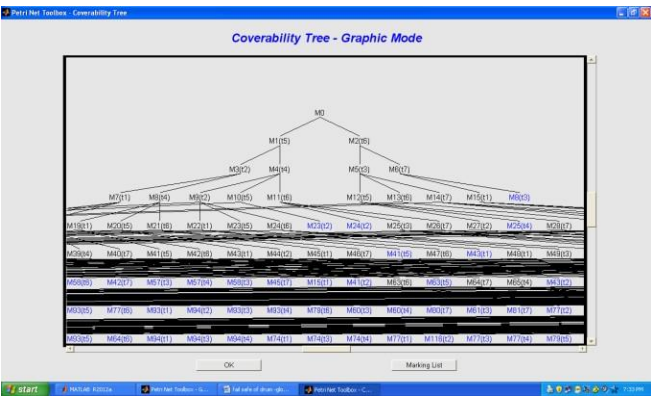


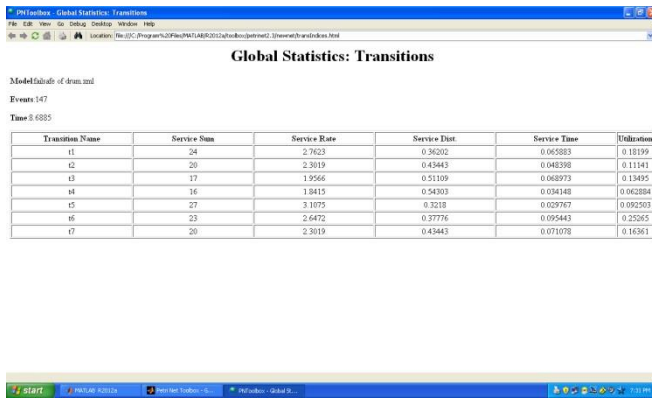
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COVERABILITY TREE TEXT MODE:

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GLOBAL STATISTICS OF TRANSITIONS

The global statistics of the transitions involves up in the entire global data of all the transitions that have been involved in firing.



Global Statistics: Transitions

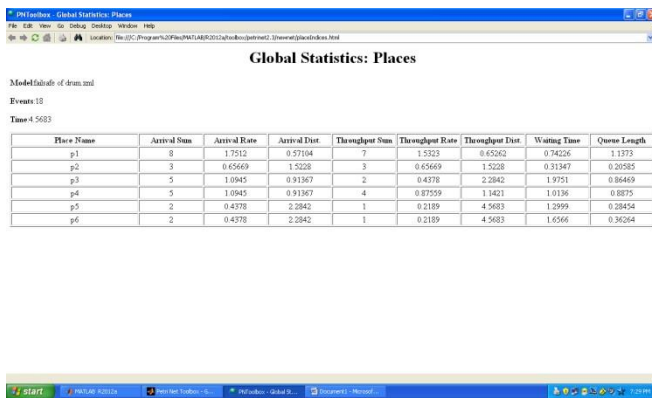
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Events: 147
Time: 8.6885

Transition Name	Service Sum	Service Rate	Service Dist.	Service Time	Utilization
t1	24	2.7623	0.36202	0.065883	0.18199
t2	20	2.3019	0.43443	0.048398	0.11141
t3	17	1.9566	0.51109	0.068973	0.13495
t4	16	1.8415	0.54203	0.034148	0.062084
t5	27	3.1075	0.3208	0.029767	0.092503
t6	23	2.6472	0.37776	0.095443	0.25265
t7	20	2.3019	0.43443	0.071078	0.16361

CONCLUSION

GLOBAL STATISTICS OF PLACES

The global statistics of the places involves up in the entire global data of all the places that have been involved in passing of tokens to other places.



Global Statistics: Places

Model: Global of drum.xml
Events: 10
Time: 4.5683

Place Name	Arrival Sum	Arrival Rate	Arrival Dist.	Throughput Sum	Throughput Rate	Throughput Dist.	Waiting Time	Queue Length
p1	8	1.7512	0.57104	7	1.5323	0.65262	0.74226	1.1373
p2	3	0.65669	1.5228	3	0.65669	1.5228	0.31347	0.20585
p3	5	1.0945	0.91367	2	0.4378	2.2842	1.9751	0.86469
p4	5	1.0945	0.91367	4	0.87559	1.1421	1.0136	0.6875
p5	2	0.4378	2.2842	1	0.2189	4.5683	1.2999	0.28454
p6	2	0.4378	2.2842	1	0.2189	4.5683	1.6566	0.36264

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