

Advancing sustainability in medical supply chains through two-stage continuous-discrete location problem

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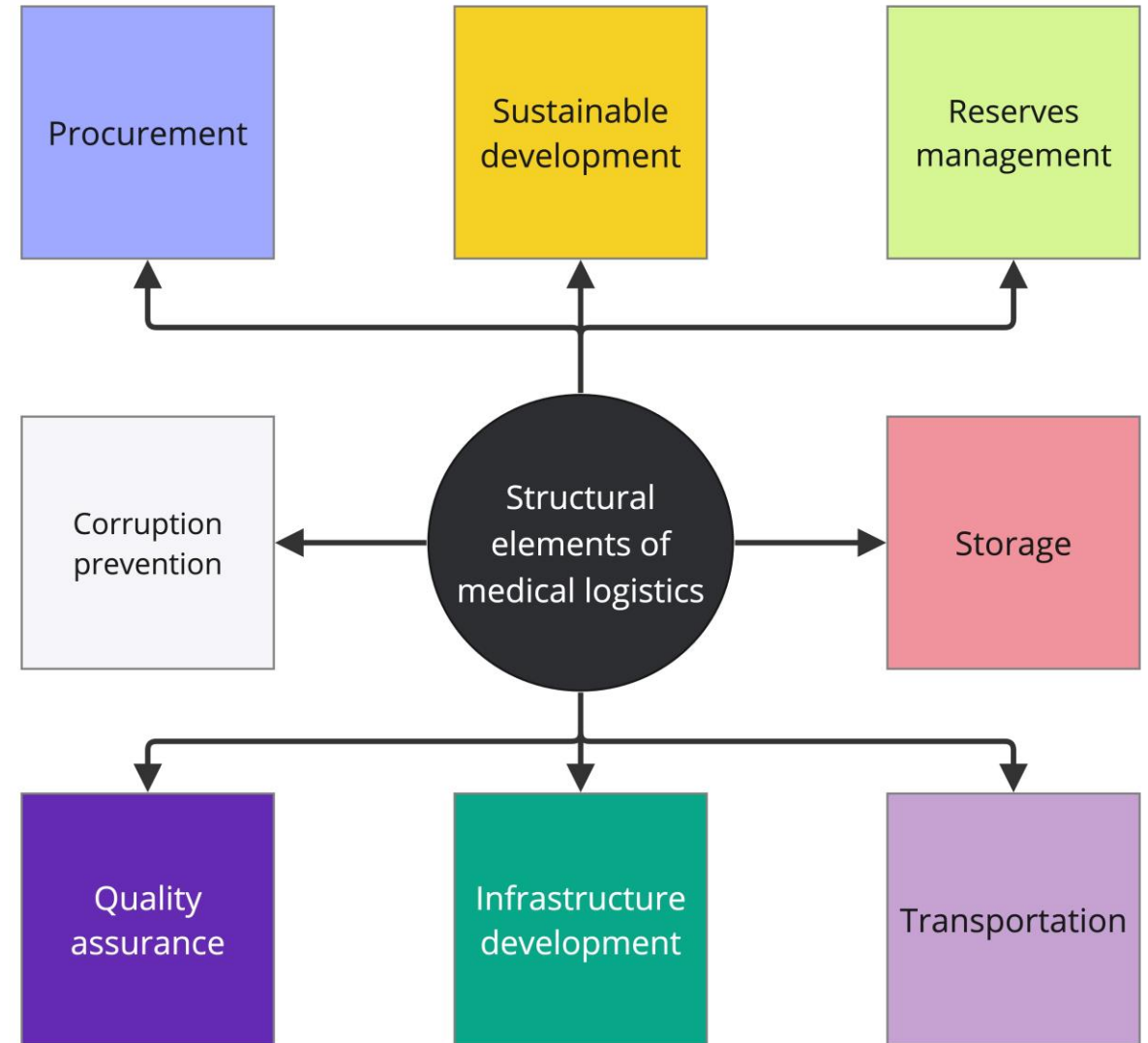
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Medical logistics

- Medical logistics - the process of managing the flow of medical supplies, equipment, and personnel to ensure that healthcare facilities have the necessary resources to provide effective care.
- medical logistics is not a single process but a complex system of subprocesses;
- we will mainly focus on **transportation** and **infrastructure development** improvements.



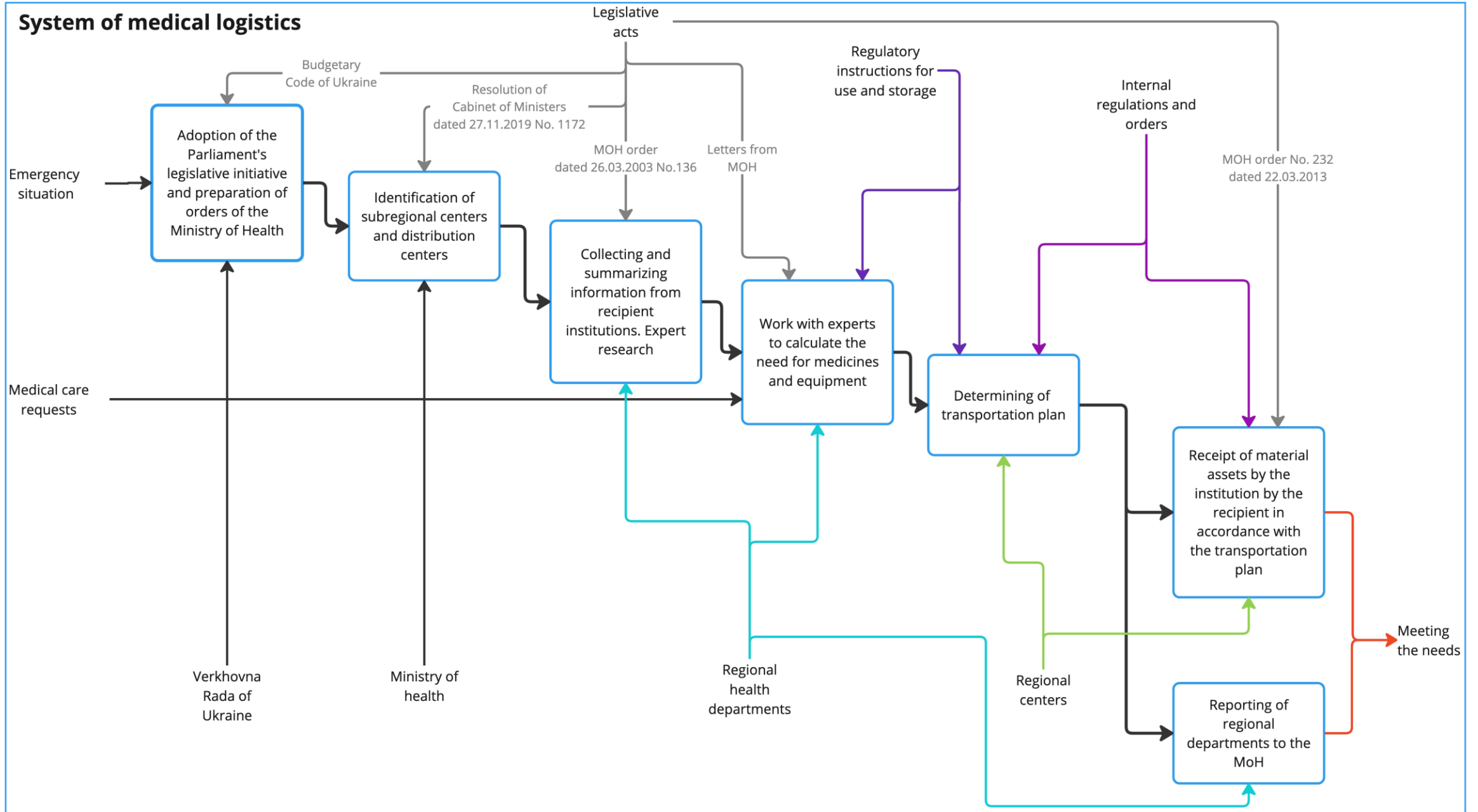
Our motivation and relevance

Optimization of processes during crisis when emergency response is required:

- Pandemic
- War
- Sustainability improvement
- Humanitarian aid
- New medicine supply programs

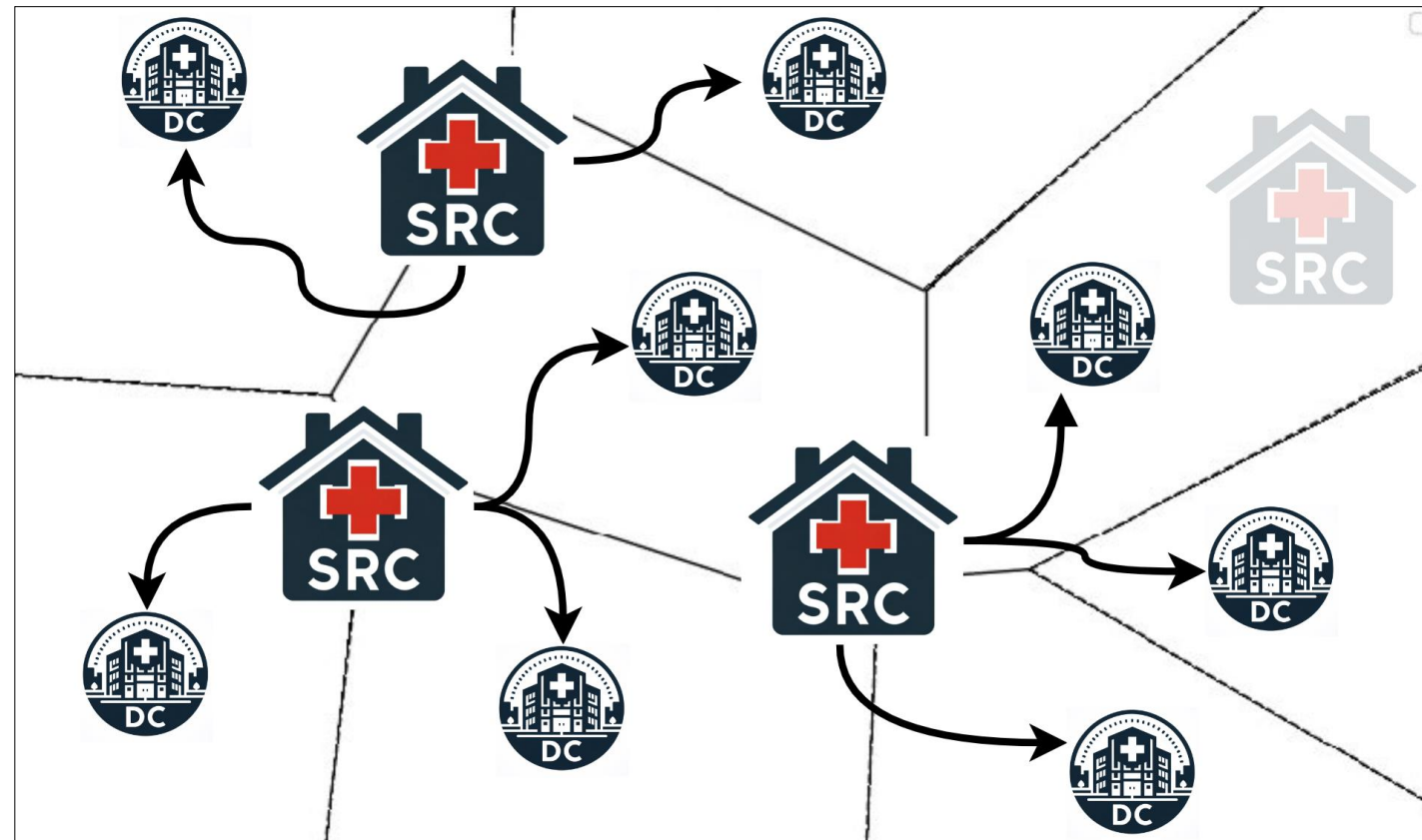


System of medical logistics



Practical problem statement

- **Subregional centers центри (SRC):**
Necessary for intermediate transportation.
- **Limitations:** only some SRCs can be activated
- **Distribution:** SRCs receive medical supplies from RCs and redistribute them to DCs.
- **Tasks:**
 - determine locations of DCs;
 - determine the effective combination of SRCs and the optimal transportation plan.
- **Goals:**
 - minimizing overall transportation costs;
 - meeting the needs of each institution for medicines and medical supplies;
 - infrastructure development.



Mathematic model

- Ω – customer distribution area;
- N – the required number of DCs;
- M – the total number of SRCs available for activation;
- L – the maximum number of possible activated SRCs;
- J – set of subregional centers available for activation;
- b_i^I – demand of the i -the DC, $i = \overline{1, N}$.
- b_j^{II} – capacity of the j -th SRC, $j = \overline{1, M}$;
- A_j – activation costs for j -th SRC;
- $c_i^I = c(x, \tau_i^I)$ - transportation cost between DC i and customer at x ;
- $c_{ij} = c(\tau_i^I, \tau_j^{II})$ - transportation cost between SRC (τ_j^{II}) and DC (τ_i^I);
- $\rho(x)$ – demands from medicines in point x of the area Ω ;
- $\tau_i^r = (\tau_{i1}^r, \tau_{i2}^r)$ – coordinates of DC($r=I$) or SRC ($r=II$);
- v_{ij}^I – the volume weight units number of medicines and medical equipment transported from SRC j to DC i ;
- $\theta_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if SRC } j \text{ is activated,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

$$\min_{\theta(\cdot) \in \Gamma_2, \tau^I \in \Omega^N, v \in R_{NM}^+} \sum_{j=1}^M A_j \theta_j + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega_i} c_i^I(x, \tau_i^I) \rho(x) dx + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M c_{ij} v_{ij}^I \theta_j, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^M v_{ij}^I \theta_j = \int_{\Omega_i} \rho(x) dx, \quad i = \overline{1, N}, \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N v_{ij}^I \theta_j \leq b_j^{II}, \quad j = \overline{1, M}, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^M \theta_j \leq L, \quad (4)$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^N \Omega_i = \Omega, \quad (5)$$

$$\Omega_i \cap \Omega_j = \emptyset, \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j = \overline{1, N}, \quad (6)$$

$$v_{ij}^I \geq 0, \theta_j \in \{0; 1\}, \quad i = \overline{1, N}, j = \overline{1, M}, \quad (7)$$

$$\tau^I = (\tau_1^I, \tau_2^I \dots \tau_N^I), \quad \tau^I \in \Omega^N. \quad (8)$$

Solution approach

We are going to use the combination of:

- genetic theory;
- optimal set partition theory.

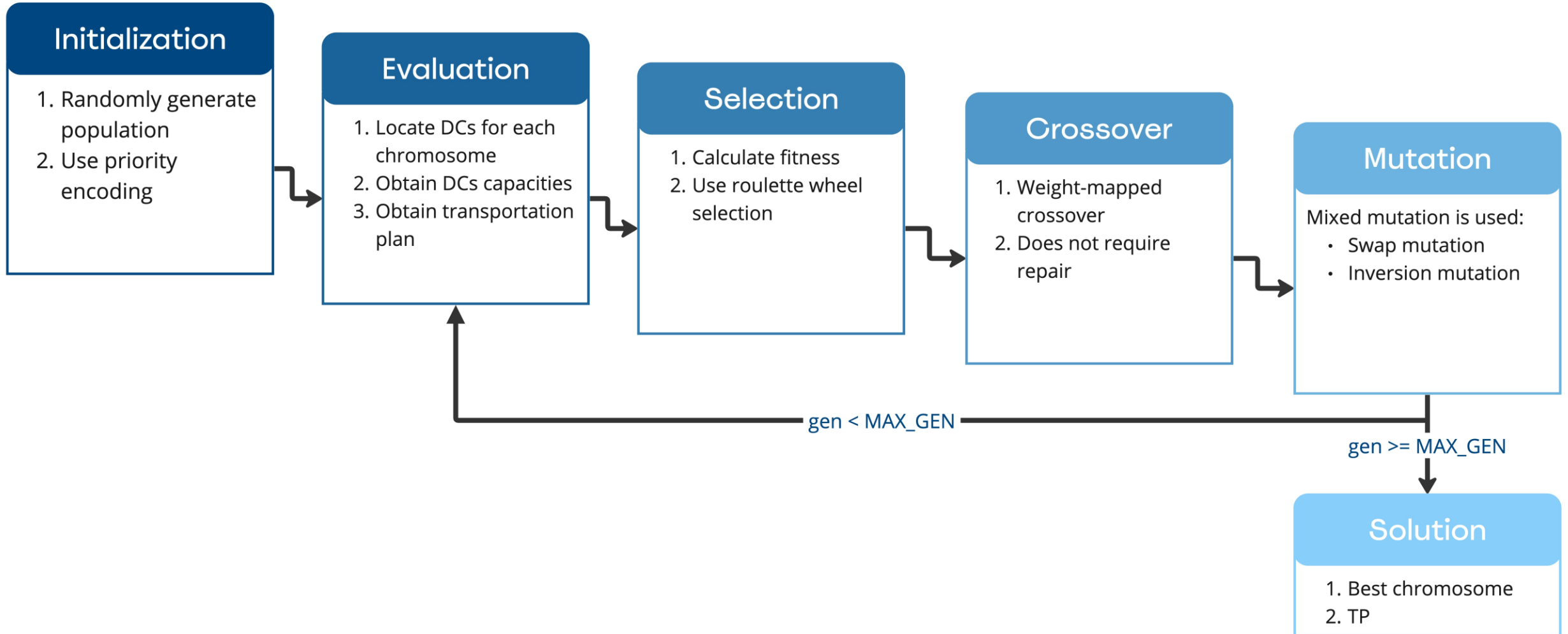
We propose:

- modify approach from optimal partition of sets theory and take into consideration two stages and transportation plan;
- modify the chromosome evaluation procedure in the form locating DCs and building a transportation plan.



Algorithm for solving

- We propose the following algorithm for solving



Software implementation

The proposed algorithm is implemented using the following technologies:

- C++
- Python
- Qt6



Model task – initial parameters

Let's apply proposed solution to the following model task:

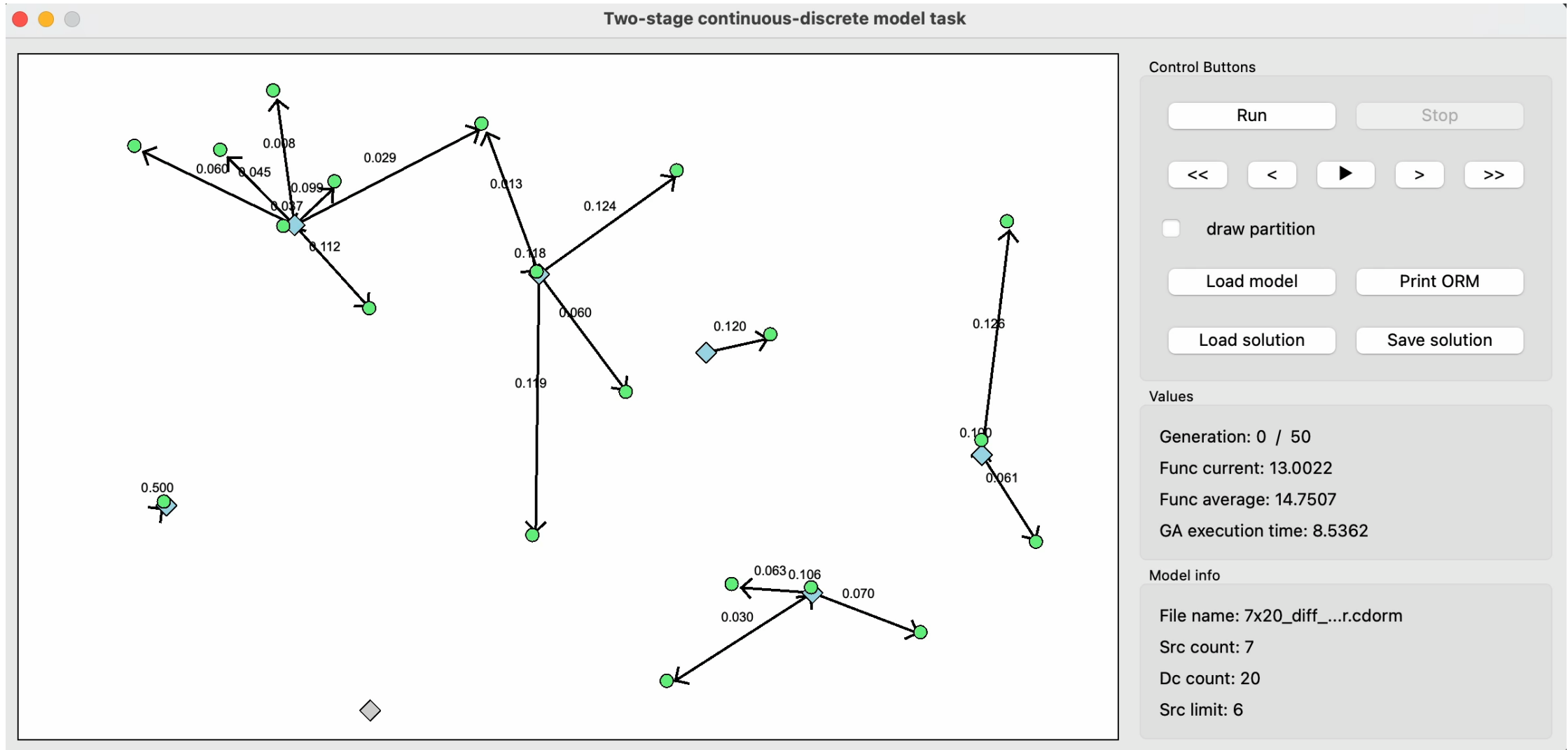
GA parameters	
Population size:	50
Max generations:	50
Initial mutation probability:	0.15

Optimal partition parameters	
Max iter:	1000
Solver grid:	h: 100 steps v: 50 steps
Tolerance	1e-4

Model task parameters	
Number of SRC(M): Number of DC(N): Limit for SRC (L):	7 20 6
Area size:	rectangle: $w = [0; 2]$; $h = [0; 1]$
SRC capacities vector:	[0.4, 0.39, 0.41, 0.42, 0.38, 0.45, 0.5] sum = 2.95
DC demands vector:	[0.5, 0.008, 0.126, 0.07, 0.06, 0.03, 0.119, 0.037, 0.12, 0.112, 0.099, 0.045, 0.124, 0.06, 0.1, 0.063, 0.106, 0.118, 0.042, 0.061] sum = 2.0
SRC activation costs vector:	[1.5, 1.3, 1.35, 1.2, 1.8, 1.5, 1.56]



Model task – solution process



Conclusion

- Investigated and described a system of medical logistics under crisis conditions;
- proposed a practical problem statement that addresses the weak points of the mentioned system;
- developed a mathematical model for the described problem;
- utilized the combination of genetic and optimal partition of sets theories as a solution for this problem;
- illustrated its work via solving model task.



Future research

- Real distance utilization during solving
- Time interval constraints for a discrete part of the problem
- Consider the influence of regional centers



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