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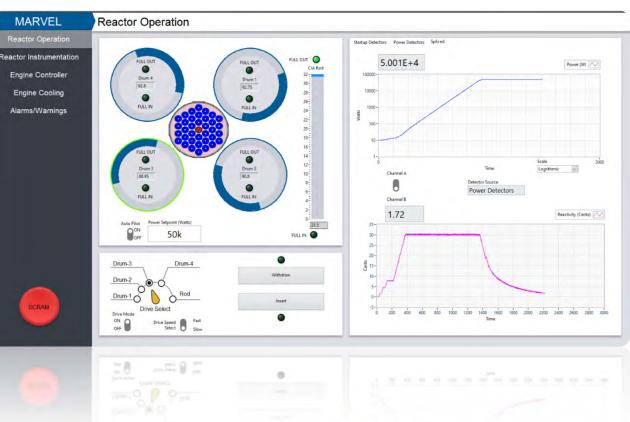






MARVEL Simulator

- Based on TREAT's Automatic Reactor Control System
- Point kinetics Model
- Runs in real-time with MARVEL's expected reactivity feedback
- Design the Final HMI
- Train Operators



Share with Universities and Regulators for learning/education purposes





Reimagining Control Room of the future

- **Digital Twins** for 2D & 3D Mixed Reality Environments
- Live instrumentation data feed from real asset
- Physics-based transient simulation
- Faster than real-time modeling
- Enable model-informed decision making
- Enable "engaged" remote monitoring
- Enable testing of Autonomous Control Systems



Up Next...NEUP Projects

- University of Michigan: Evaluation of Semi-Autonomous Passive Control Systems for HTGR Type Special Purpose Reactors
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: MIT Graphite Exponential Pile Autonomous Control
- Purdue University: Demonstrating Autonomous Control, Remote Operation, and Human Factors for Microreactors Under Prototypic Conditions in PUR-1