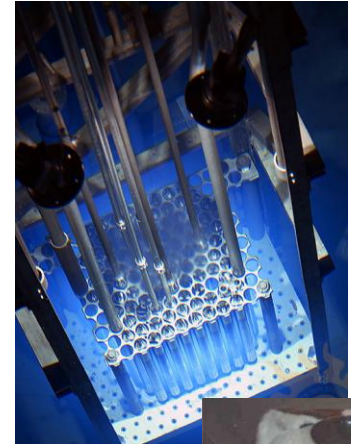


# Nuclear and Innovating the Clean Energy Landscape

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# A little bit about me

- My path has been all nuclear all the way
  - BS in NE from Penn State, where I was also a research reactor operator
  - MS/PhD from UW-Madison
  - 2 years at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory
  - Highly involved in the American Nuclear Society
- Now I'm a nuclear engineering professor at Berkeley
- Our department focuses on advanced nuclear reactor design, nuclear security, and applied physics



# Environment, Health, Prosperity

How do we help the world develop **sustainably**?



<http://www.insidesources.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/bigstock-Energy-4298515-300x300.jpg>

# We Need Cleaner Energy

- Nuclear's lifecycle emits very little CO<sub>2</sub> or air pollution

g CO <sub>2</sub> eq /KWh	Solar (PV / CSP)	Wind	Nuclear	Coal	Natural Gas
Min	5 / 7	2	1	675	290
Max	271 / 89	220	220	1689	930

- Nuclear energy is an important component, it
  - Exists and is large scale
  - Is reliable / always on
  - Uses little land
  - Can be an economic boon

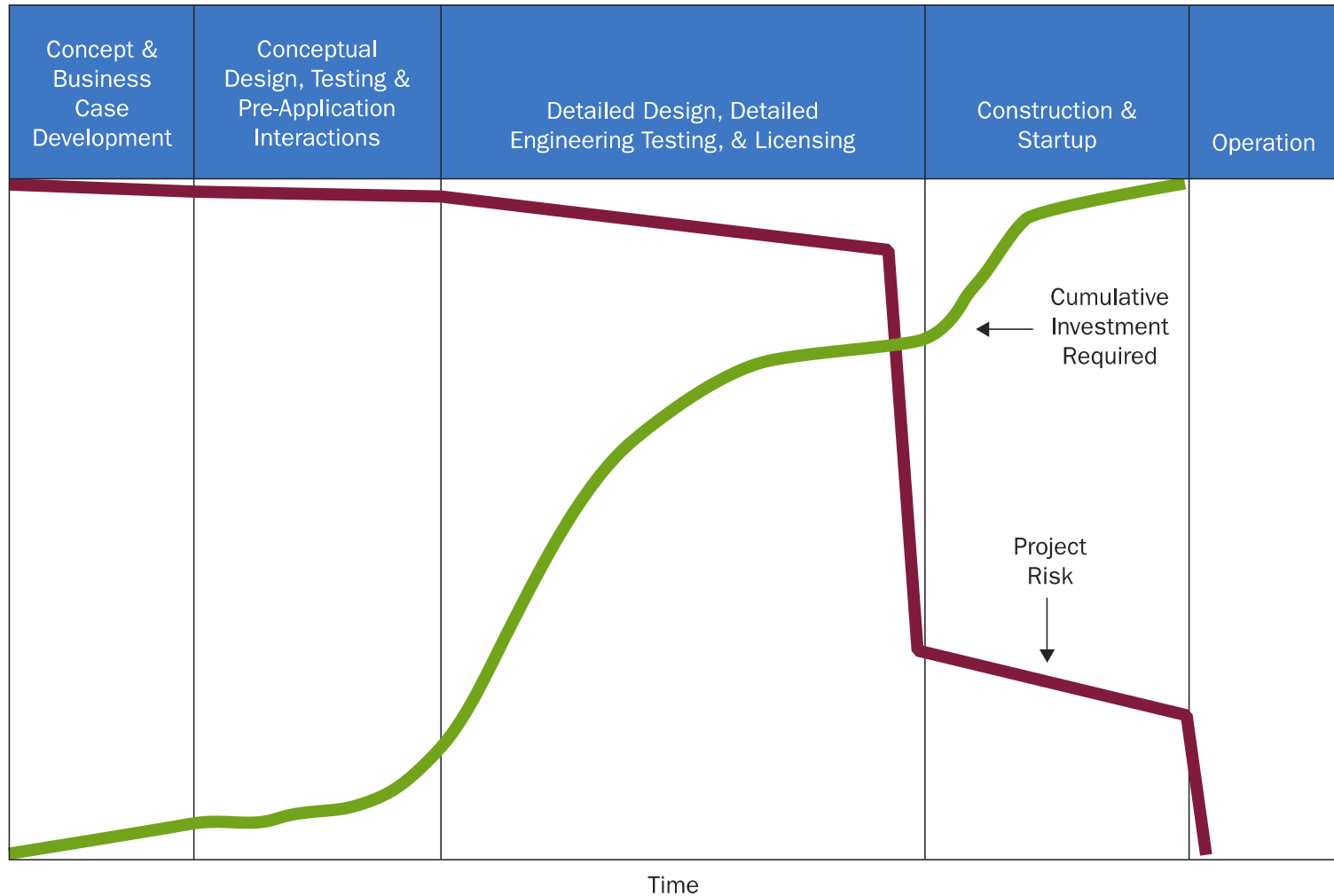
# What's Not Working?

...But it's not perfect

- Rate of change
- Poor public communication
- Small range of products
- Innovative mindset?
- Economic viability
- Capital intensity
- Used fuel and waste / long-term fuel supply
- Safety and security

We must *shift* **how we think** about nuclear energy and nuclear innovation

# Why Isn't it Working? Financial Risk



# What If?

- National and international scientific resources are leveraged
- An inspired, innovative workforce is available
- Regulation is fast and responsible
- Policy supports global cooperation and market health
- Communication is clear
- Technology needs are met
- Big improvements become viable

Companies are rewarded for new motivations

# But How Do We Get There?





# Examples of Broader Motivation



<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Health/Malaria>

**Y** Research

YCR is a non-profit research lab.

 Research at Google



<http://www.mission-innovation.net/>



# Introducing the Advanced Nuclear Industry



# Build A Pipeline

A U.S. example

**TRAIN** the current and next generations through **Bootcamps**

**SUPPORT** companies through **Innovation Centers**

**LEVERAGE** public resources through **GAIN**

**UPDATE** Policy and Regulation to support innovation  
**TRANSFORM** Communication

# Nuclear Innovation Alliance

- The NIA's mission is to lead advanced nuclear energy innovation by addressing:
  - Regulatory Pathways
  - Testing and Development
  - International Cooperation
  - Financial Support
- Assemble companies, investors, experts, stakeholders, students
- Find ways to bring new ideas to market more efficiently



# GAIN: Public-Private Leverage



**New DOE-NE Initiative  
within the Clean Energy  
Initiative**



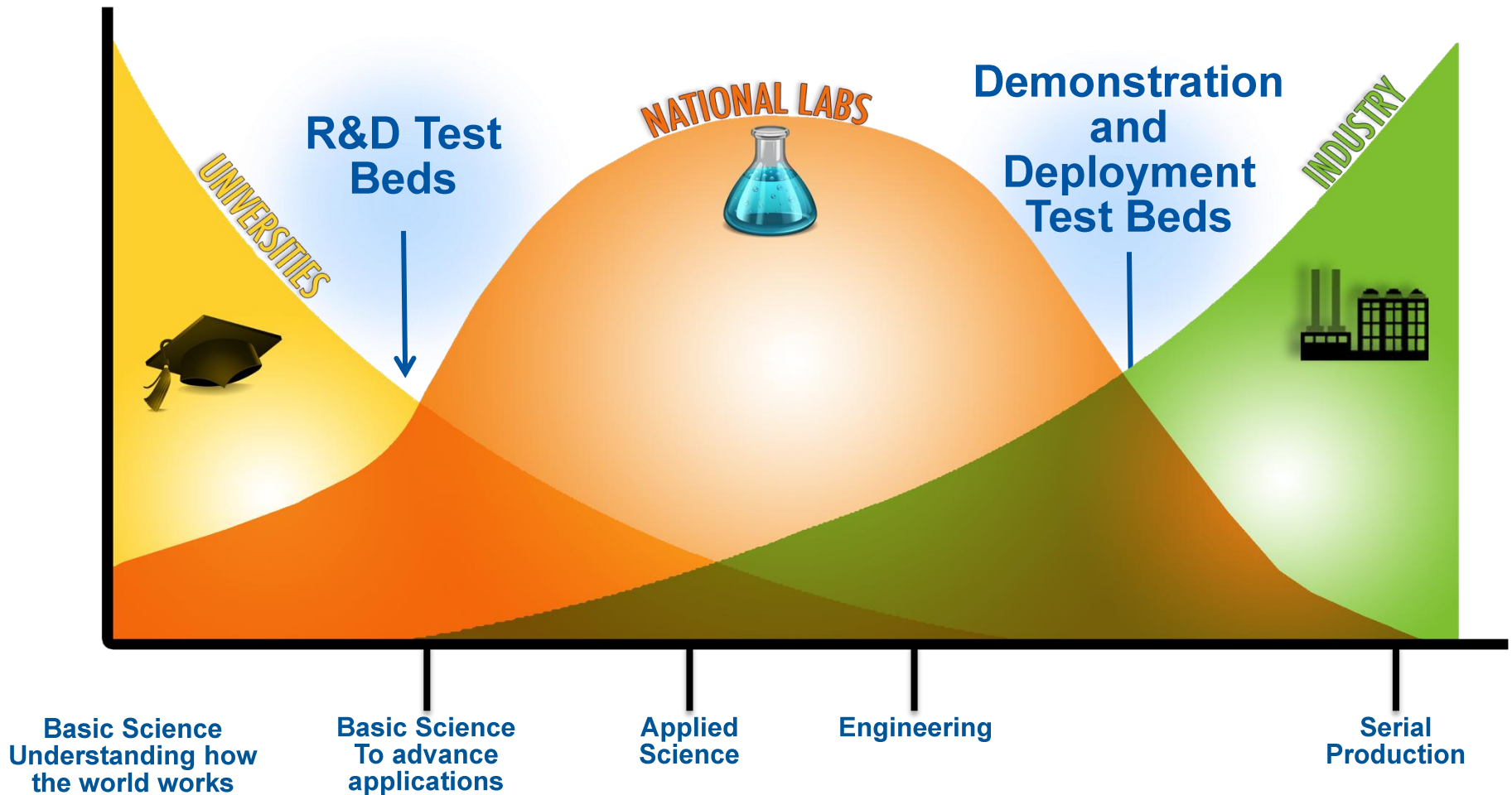
Integrated institute managing a distributed test-bed and demonstration platform, dedication to innovation in Nuclear Energy

Public-private partnership including Industry, Entrepreneurs, National Laboratories, and Academia

Headquartered at the Idaho National Laboratory

- Tens of \$B in DOE and partner assets (experimental and computational)
- More than \$1M in yearly investments for R&D and infrastructure
- \$12.5B in loan guarantees
- \$10M in SB vouchers
- Expertise and intellectual infrastructure

# Bridge the “Valleys of Death”



# Innovation Centers



Regulators



Incubator/Accelerator  
key physical capabilities  
key intellectual capabilities  
coordination  
funding  
support



- Learn from other programs: YC, Lemnos Labs, Breakout Labs, etc.
- Leverage Cyclotron Road program
- Investigate future paths forward



# Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp



[http://www.nuclear  
innovationalliance.org/  
bootcamp](http://www.nuclearinnovationalliance.org/bootcamp)

- Teach students *how* to innovate:
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Nuclear aspects
  - Non-traditional material
- Pilot program August 1-12, 2016 held at UC Berkeley
- Team design projects
- Large company involvement
- Experts teach and mentor
- Judged completion





Unprecedented Success

# Learning through sessions, projects, and play



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# Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aicVAXorRq4>
- Multiple articles, blog posts, and features... still coming
- Large social media impact
- And the narrative continues!



# Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp

- Full program Summer 2017
- Deeper content, bigger projects
- Expand to include professionals
- Partner with other campus initiatives
- Intellectual collaboration with other universities



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**zero waste  
green event**

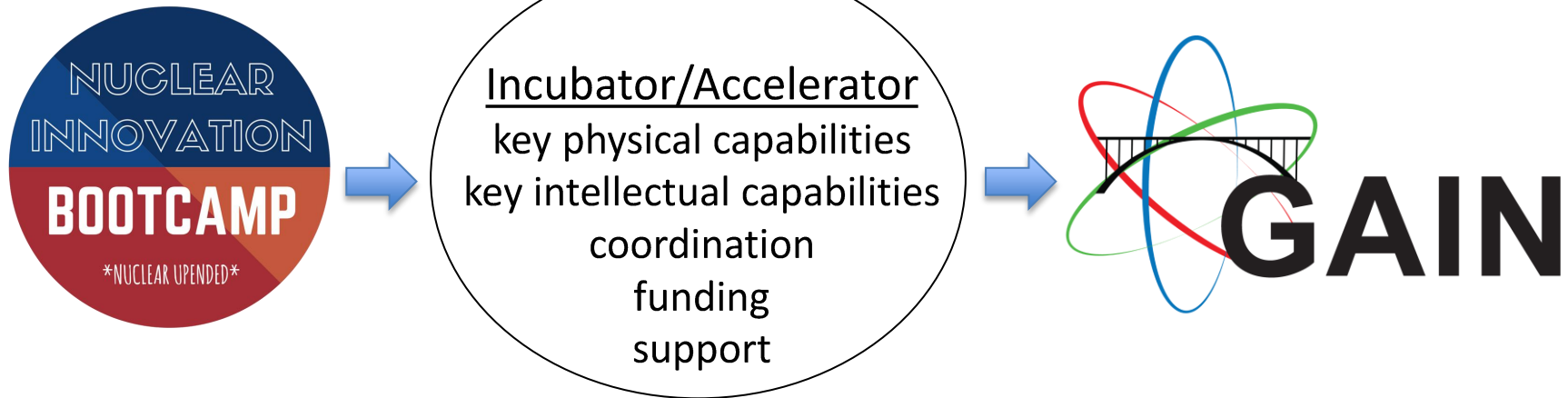


**Leading the fight against  
climate change as a**

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certified**

# Nuclear Innovation Pipeline

- Goal: reduce the non-technical barriers while enabling technical breakthroughs



- Global participation; expand model
- Beyond GAIN: need a coordinated interagency (U.S.) and international strategy for global deployment

# Global Nuclear Innovation

**Now** is the time

Motivated by Global Health, Prosperity, and Environment, we have the opportunity to **reinvent** the way we do things

What do we want the world to look like?



# How Do I Make a Difference?

## Get involved with our 2017 Bootcamp

- **Sponsor!**
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- Spot mentors:
  - Provide expertise on specific issues
  - Define your terms of availability
  - Can be virtual
- Continuous mentors
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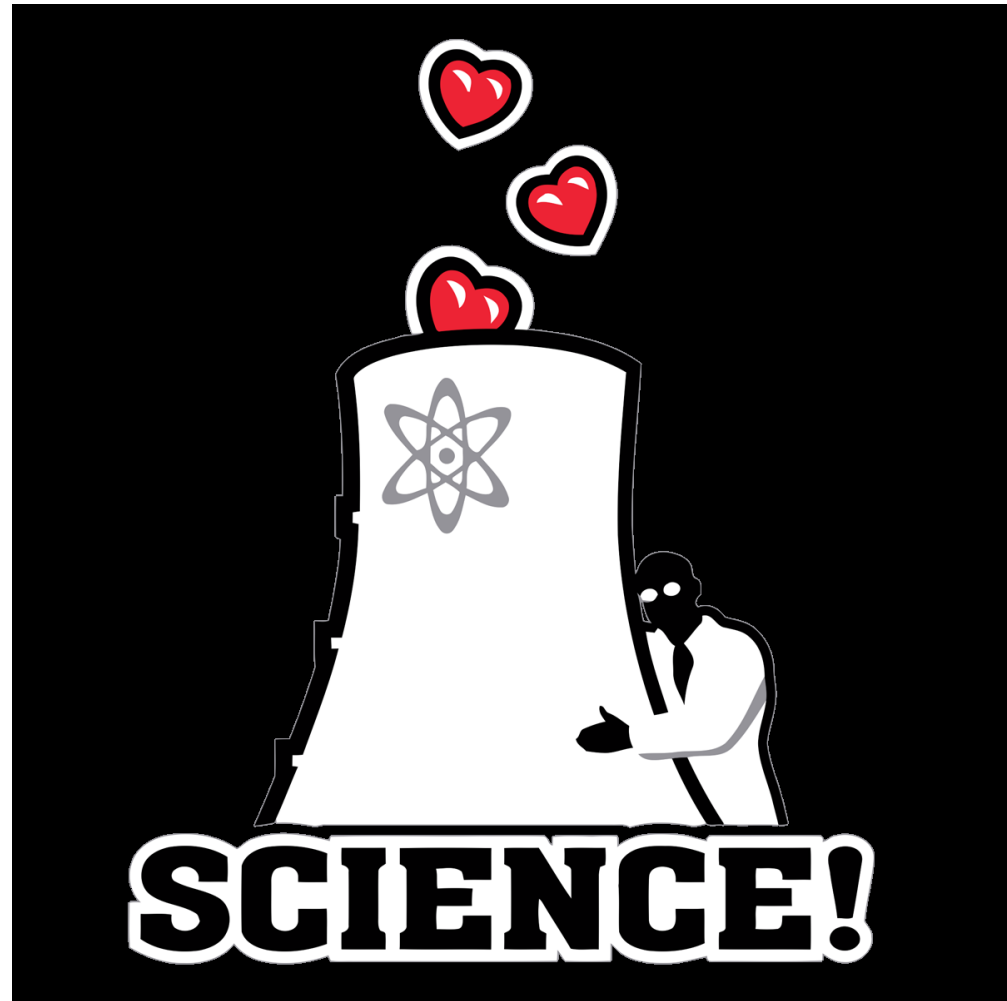
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