

# Nuclear Innovation: Concept to Execution

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# 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>

# Global Nuclear Innovation

- The world is concerned with a lot of big things
- Nuclear energy can be an important part of a suite of solutions
- Our current model doesn't work as well as we'd like
- There are ways that our model could work better
- There are new opportunities for action
- We can build structures to capitalize on and expand those opportunities

# *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

# 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

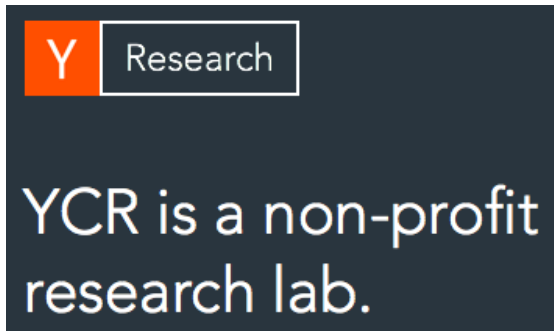
# But How Do We Get There?



# Examples of Broader Motivation



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



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





# Introducing the Advanced Nuclear Industry

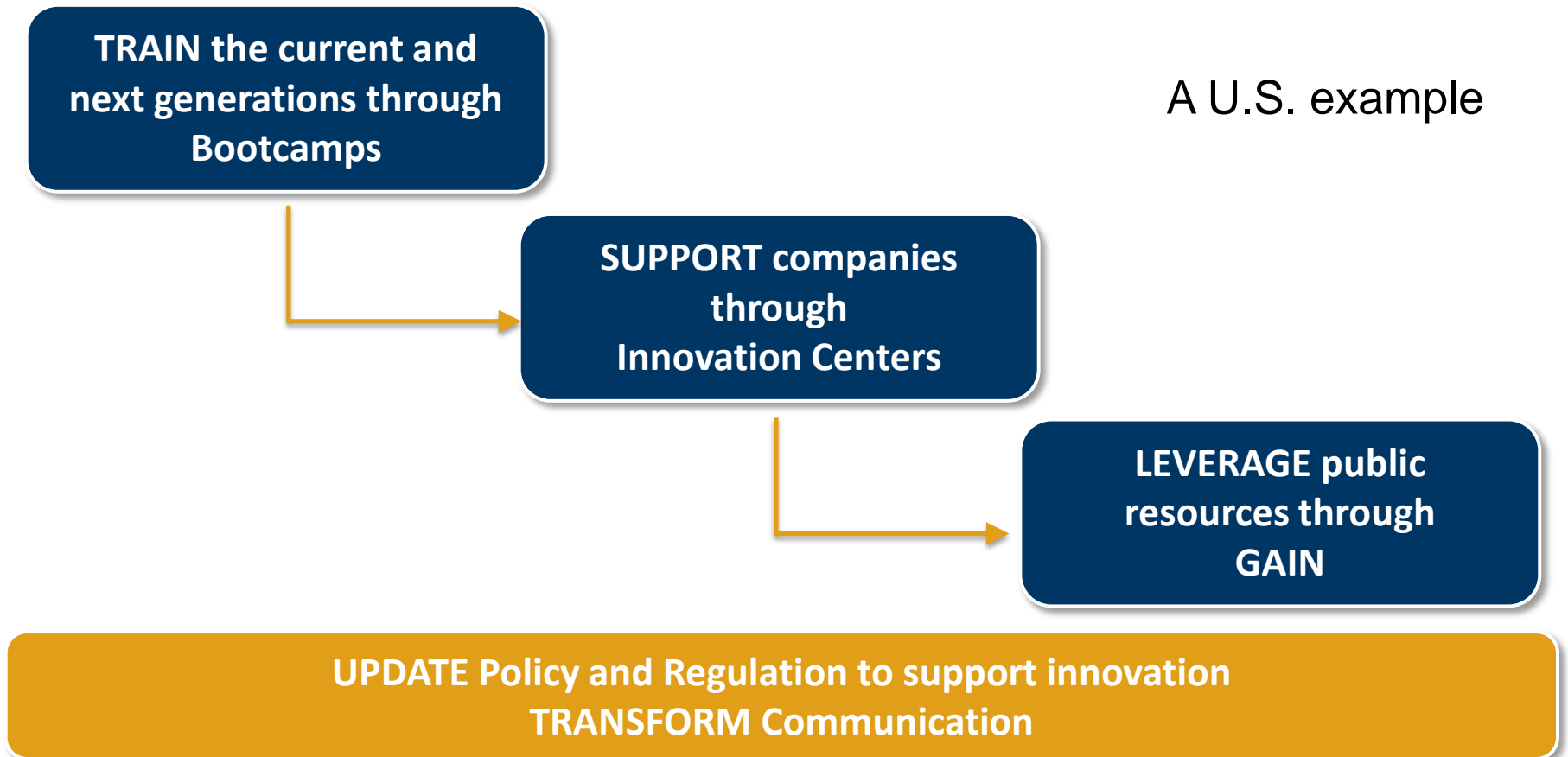


~50 companies

~\$1.3B of private capital

# Build A Pipeline

A U.S. example



# 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

# Innovation Centers



Regulator

Test Bed

Investment  
Community

Developers



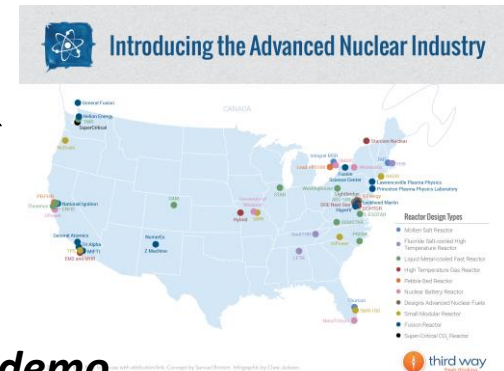
Key Physical Capability

Core Innovation  
(Reactor Concept, Fuel,  
Communications, Regulation)

Key Intellectual Capability

- Seeded with Federal Funds
- Fungibility of Staff to Core Institutions
- Aggressive Innovation

- ***Can have Centers at early innovation and at demo***



# 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
- Two week pilot program August 1-12
- Team design projects
  - Teams have non-technical member
- Large company involvement
- Experts teach and mentor
- Judged completion

# How Do I Get Involved?

**Apply!** (or have your best students apply) **by May 11**

## **Mentor!**

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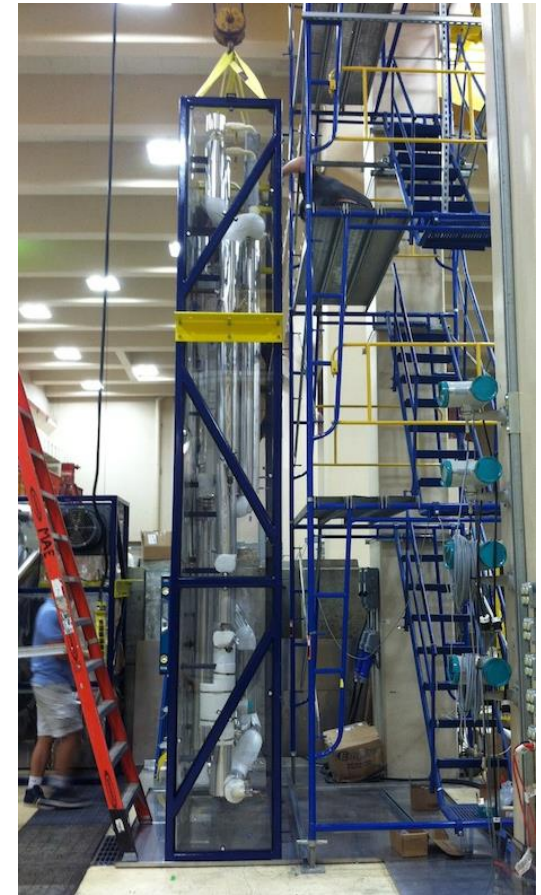
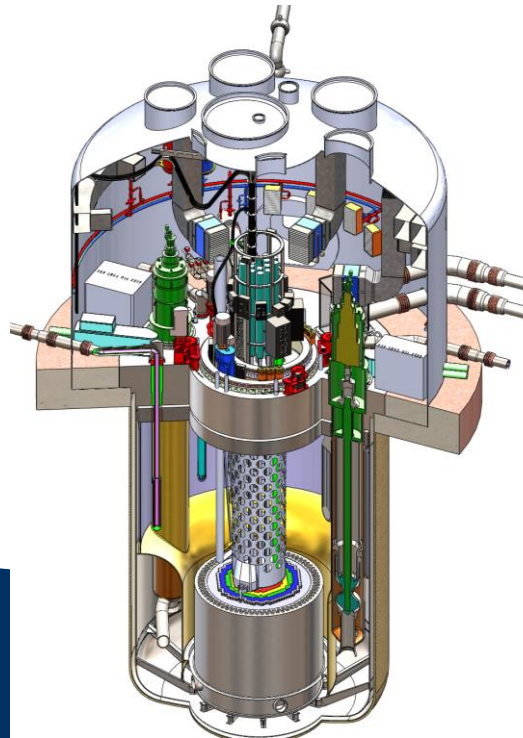
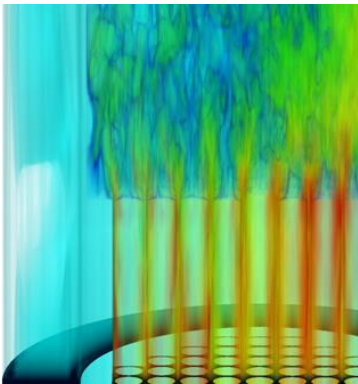
- Spot mentors:
  - Provide expertise on specific issues
  - Define your terms of availability
  - Can be virtual
- Continuous mentors
  - Work with a team more closely through the program
  - Can be virtual, some in-person encouraged

## **Sponsor!**



# Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp

- Full program Summer 2017
- Deeper content
- Expand to include professionals





# 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

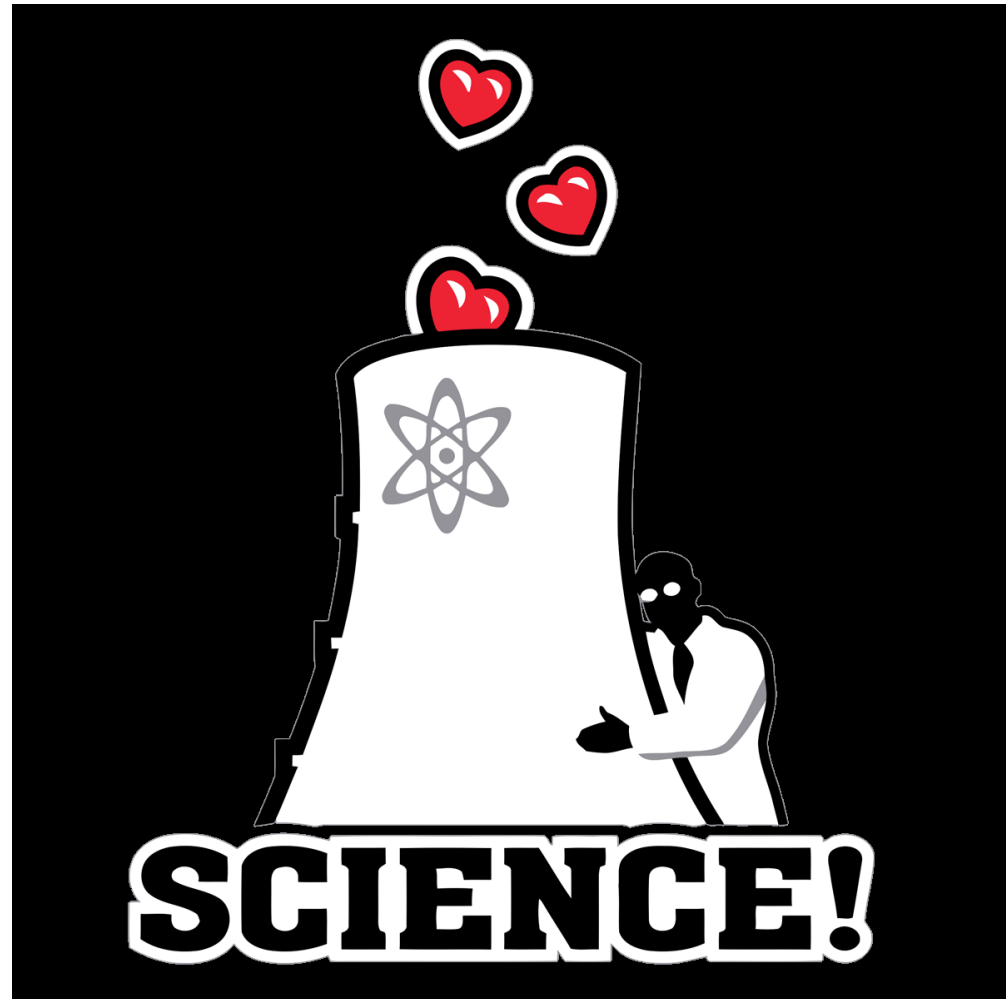
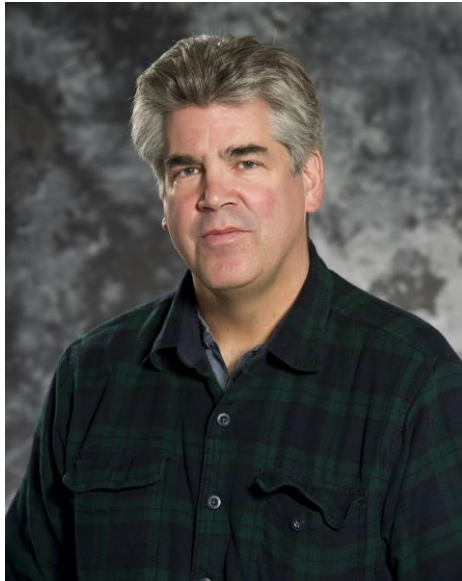
What do we want the world to look like?



# Thank You

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