Thoughts on Research to Innovation

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Background and Experiences

- 40+ years as an engineering professor
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Research to Innovation

- Process (or system) by which research leads to innovation is poorly understood although it is getting better
- It is far from a linear and sequential process --- multiple feedback loops are involved
- There are multiple points for failure in the overall system
- Immense need and great rewards for improving all aspects of this system

NSF and Mexico

- I-Corps program: experiential education for faculty and graduate students on basics of research to innovation
- Focus on "product-market" fit
- Collaboration with Mexico from NSF Engineering Directorate

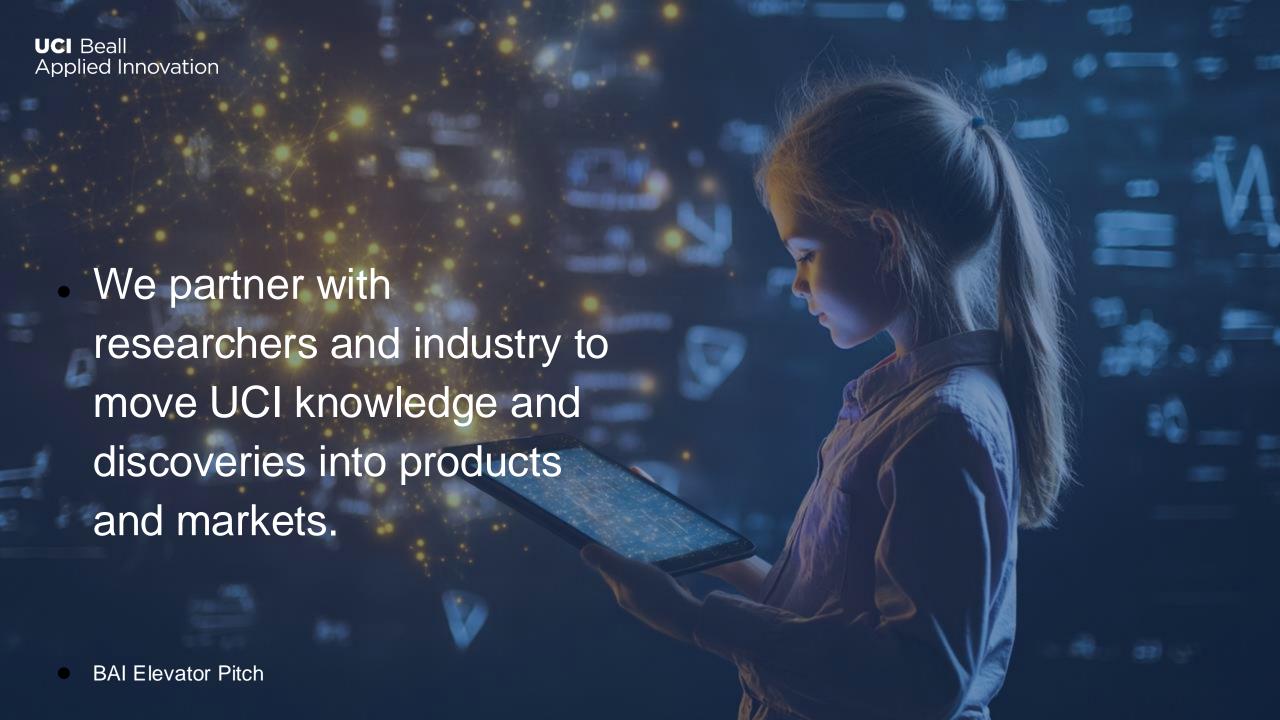
Building Innovation Ecosystem

 Catalyzing Technology Commercialization and Cultivating Entrepreneurship

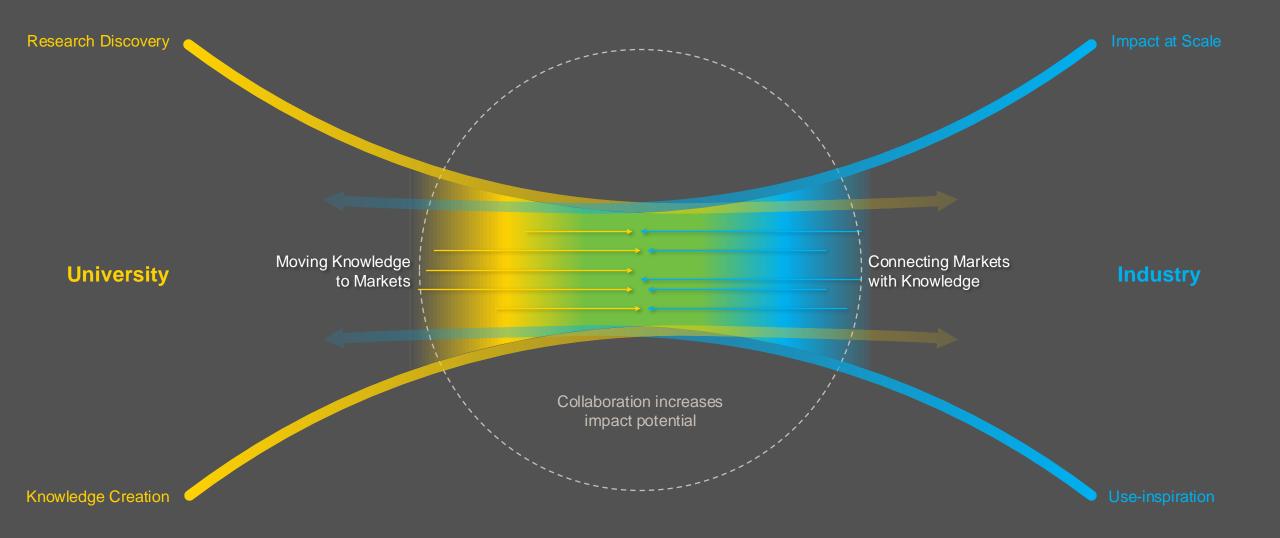
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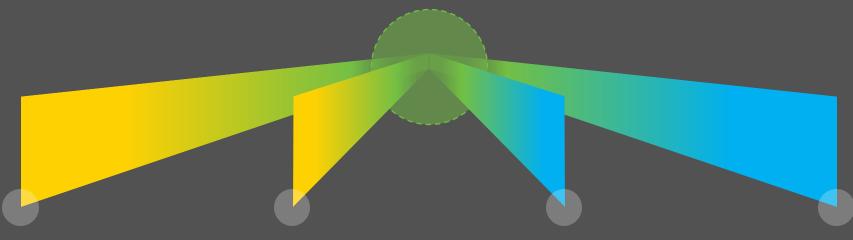




Maximizing Impact Potential



From Idea to Impact



Research Translation

UCI IP portfolio management, assessment and triage

Focused proactive faculty support

Efficient, outcomes-based technology transfer operation

New Ventures

Customer and use discovery tools and resources

Startup creation and nurturing

Scaling/Funding support

Enterprise Collaborations

Match industry needs with UCI capabilities

Navigate complex engagement models

Engage closely with business and innovation communities

Industry Sponsored Research

Facilitates research contracting with industry

Federally-funded translation subcontracts

Opportunities for the Future

- Period of great uncertainty and epochal change
- Focus on areas of mutual interest and expertise
- Focus on "training the trainers"
- Al technologies could be game changing
- Reshoring and near shoring of manufacturing
- Energy, environment, water, food, housing will remain important needs
- Improve "research to innovation" system

Comments

Ideas

Questions?





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