## Going Commercial: The Road to Awesome

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#### Population growth and climate change put pressure on land, food, water, and ecosystems...

Share of Global Energy Demand



#### While Carbon Emissions Keep Rising

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#### Containing CO<sub>2</sub> growth to safe atmospheric levels (below 450 ppm) requires that zero carbon fuels make up > 30% of the fuel pool. Current Rate: ~8 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year



Source: IEA world Energy Outlook 2011

Data from NOAA\* taken at Mauna Loa, Hawaii for May 10, 2013 shows CO<sub>2</sub> levels have exceeded 400 ppm

\* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### **Despite Large Energy Access Gap**





#### **1.3B people still lack access to basic energy**

#### **The LanzaTech Process**

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- Gases are sole source of carbon and energy
- Production of fuels and chemicals
- Potential to make <u>material</u> impact on the future energy pool (>100s of billions of gallons per year)
- Biofuel/chem, carbon capture and energy efficiency solution

#### No impact on water, food, land or biodiversity

#### LanzaTech-BaoSteel Demonstration Plant LanzaTech



#### **Fast Path to Commercialization**

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- Two Demonstration facilities in China 100,000 gallon/year ethanol capacity
  - ✓ Exceeded all production and performance milestones
  - ✓ Commercial facility approved for construction 2014
- Demonstration facility in Taiwan 12,000 gallon/year <u>ethanol</u> capacity
- China commercial facility in design; financing completed



- MSW Mobile Lab in Japan demonstrated operation with a syngas stream
  - MSW Demonstration facility in Japan 6,000 gallon/year <u>ethanol</u> capacity Q4 2014
- Integrated syngas to <u>Butadiene</u> Demonstration facility Q1 2015 in Korea

#### Scaling Up LanzaTech's Technology

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#### Commercial Scale-up Factor Less Than What Has Been Proven at Demo Scale

## Waste Carbon as a Resource for Product Synthesis



#### **Butadiene: Key Chemical Intermediate**



#### 1 organism, 20 products...so far!







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#### **Output: Diverse Products in Large Markets** LanzaTech



#### **Hybrid Route to Aviation Fuel**





#### Alcohol to Jet (ATJ) is in process of ASTM Certification

## **Commercialization of Aviation Fuel**

- Production of jet fuel from LanzaTech ethanol demonstrated in 2012
- Off-take agreement executed with Virgin Atlantic
- ASTM certification: Approval targeted for 2014



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## Team Work is Key to Success





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## Waste Carbon as a Resource for Product Synthesis



### **Conversion of Acetate to Lipids**

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- Algae accumulate lipids to <u>>50%</u> of their cell mass
- 40% of algal lipids content are Omega-3 fatty acids (Specifically DHA)

#### Lipids Product Markets



Hydrocarbon Transport Fuels >US \$ 3 trillion/year



Oleochemicals US \$15 billion/yr



Animal Feeds US \$370 billion/yr



Food, Nutritional Supplements US \$25 billion/yr

#### **Defining Commercial**

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It's not just about size... the plant needs to make money

- Is it enough money to satisfy all project investors?
- Is this a model that can be replicated?
- Will this activity guide a company toward financial sustainability?

But first commercials are difficult, as the technology has never performed at this scale, economically

- They take time
- They take money
- And more time, and more money
- Need supportive investors/partners and project stakeholders that will stick with you – willing to take a risk



#### **Bridging the Valley of Death**



#### **Getting a New Process to Scale**

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- Viable technology mitigated risk through rigorous scale up
- Capital
- Market
- Regulatory environment
- Strong/invested partners
- Luck

#### **Funding Options Enable Scale-up**



**10+ Years to Cash Flow Positive** 

IT/Software				
Company	Development Years (prior to buyout)	Liquidity Event Value		
Whatsapp: Bought by Facebook 2014	5	\$19B		
NEST Labs: Bought by Google 2014	~4	\$3.2B		
Instagram: Bought by Facebook 2012	2	\$1B		
LinkedIn: IPO 2011	8	\$4.5B		

Biofuels/Bioproducts				
Company	Development Years (Lab to Commercial)	Liquidity Event Value	Current Market Value	
Gevo: IPO 2011	~7: Commercial production initiated at Luverne facility in 2012 but faced delays/shutdowns. Planned butanol ramp up in future.	\$373M	\$66.1M	
Kior: IPO 2011	~7: Columbus, MS facility started limited commercial production Nov 2012 and early shipments began in 2013. Currently facing production problems. Developing plans for flagship commercial facility in Natchez, MS.	\$1.5B	\$153.8M	
Amyris: IPO 2010	~8 : Past contract manufacturing. Ramp up commercial facility in São Paulo, Brazil this year.	\$688	\$336.2M	
Solazyme: IPO 2011	~8: Commercial production online in February 2014 at Clinton, IA facility.	\$853M	\$918.2M	
LS9: Bought by REG 2013	~9 (no commercial production)	\$61.5M	NA	

#### Significantly More Time and Development Funds Needed to Commercialize Industrial Biotech

#### With The Help of Our Friends







#### **Creating a Low Carbon Future**

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#### The Path Forward is Biology



#### Built for small scale

- Extremely high selectivity
- Direct, one-step conversion
- Single set of process conditions



#### Adapted for changing environments

- Feedstock flexible for same product
- Tolerant of contaminants
- Evolved for high efficiency



#### Complexity is free

- Regenerative catalysts
- Process upgrades with no down time
- Tailor products for each application



#### **China Today**

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Woman on Catwalk in a Fashion Show, Shanghai As Shown in Taiwan Paper 12/7/13

1876	"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication" Western Union Memo
1895	"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible" Lord Kelvin, President Royal Society
1920	"The wireless music box (radio) has no imaginable commercial value" David Sarnoffs Associates in response to his urgings for investments in the radio
1943	"I think there's a world market for maybe five computers" Thomas Watson, Chairman IBM
1949	"Computer in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons" Popular Mechanics forecasting the relentless march of science
1977	"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home" Ken Olson, President, Chairman and Founder of Digital Equipment
1981	"640K ought to be enough computer memory for anyone" Bill Gates



# Predictions are simply extrapolations of the past...

# *...innovation expands the 'art of the possible'*

# ...today's 'unimaginable' is tomorrow's 'conventional wisdom.'



## *"It is very difficult to predict the future, it is much easier to invent it."*

Alan Key







the Game Changer...