# Commercializing University Innovations: Pathways & Practices



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### Agenda: 30 minute talk + 30 minute Q & A

- 1. Framework for How Univ Innovations Get Commercialized
  - > The 4Ms: *Morphed*, *Mined*, *Milked* & *Marketed*
  - University startup *spin-outs* versus *blast-outs*
- 2. Bifurcation of Activities that Drive & Support Commercialization
  - Systematic activities that have an *asymptotic* impact
  - > Organic activities that have an *exponential* impact (and are cost-effective)
- 3. Value of Univ Local Innovation Ecosystems
  - Definition & segmentation
  - Strategic value to university
- 4. Framework & Strategy for Growing Univ Innovation Ecosystems
- 5. How Univ Ecosystems Scale Talent & Reach Supercritical Mass
- 6. Hy-LIE 10 Best Practices & 5 Predictions

### Question: How Do Univ Innovations Get Commercialized?

Conventional answer (in 2006) was linear (research=>invention=>license =>commercialize)

- What and/or who catalyzed the commercialization?
- How are universities involved in the process?
- How can universities increase startups?



Conventional Answer to How Technology Developed at Universities Gets Commercialized

### Research: Studied Over 50 Technologies

- □ Institutions: UC Berkeley & Berkeley Lab
- □ Sectors: Information technology, life sciences, clean tech
- Scenarios: Success & failures
- □ Cases Studies:

Amyris, Calimetrics, CaliSolar, CellASIC, Chiron, Ensighta Security (FireEye), Excellin, Fluxion Biosystems, GoodGuide, Harmonic Devices, Hybrid Wisdom Labs, Inktomi, Integrated Diag, IntelliOne, Kalinex, Lumiphore, Mercator Med, MicroClimates, MicroFluiDX, OnWafer, ON Diagnostics, PhotoSwitch Bioscience, Redwood Bioscience, Safely, SiClocks, TheraFuse, Urban Scan, Verimetra Med, Wireless Industrial Tech, Dust Networks, Iris AO, SiTime, NanoGripTech, Adura Tech, Aurora Biofuels, CommandCAD, Euclid Media, MediFuel, NanoRay, nanoPrint, Analog Devices, Nueprene (XL Tech), Google (streetscape), Honeywell, Intel, Berkeley Bionics, Arkal Medical, Cisco, ClimateCooler, FueIFX, Luminus Devices (laser lift-off), Honeywell, Microchip Biotech, Renovis, Sand9, Silicon Basis, Solexel, Vitesse, 3M

### Results: The 4Ms of Univ Innovation Commercialization

- Identified 4 common patterns/pathways
- Developed strategies for optimizing the 4 pathways
- □ Strategies led (in part) to:
  - BerkeleyStartupCluster.com in 2009
  - QB3 East Bay Innovation Center in 2010
  - The Skydeck in 2011

SkyDeck Berkeley

The 4Ms of Commercializing University Innovations





### 4Ms Framework: 4 Pathways for Commercialization



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# 4Ms Framework: *Morphed*, Mined, Milked, Marketed

# Morphed

Gradually out of research by team member(s)

## Systematic

<u>Examples</u>: Amyris, Calimetrics, CaliSolar,
CellASIC, Chiron, Ensighta Security (FireEye),
Excellin, Fluxion Biosystems, GoodGuide,
Harmonic Devices, Hybrid Wisdom Labs,
Indoor Reality, Inktomi, Integrated Diag,
IntelliOne, Kalinex, Lumiphore, Mercator Med,
MicroClimates, MicroFluiDX, OnWafer, ON
Diagnostics, Persistent Efficiency, PhotoSwitch
Bioscience, Redwood Bioscience, Safely,
SiClocks, TheraFuse, Urban Scan, US Bionics,
Verimetra Med, Wireless Industrial Tech, Dust
Networks, Iris AO, SiTime, NanoGripTech

#### Drivers:

- Quantity & Quality of Research
- Ecosystem: Spin-out vs Blast-out

<u>IP</u>:

- Some obtain exclusive license to improve biz plan & attract investors
- > Some ignore or abscond with IP

# 4Ms Framework: Morphed, Mined, Milked, Marketed

# Mined

Opportunistically by entrepreneurs (e.g. MBA students) that periodically scour campus

### Systematic

 <u>Examples</u>: Adura Tech (Acuity), Aurora Biofuels, CommandCAD, Euclid Media, MediFuel, NanoRay, nanoPrint

### Drivers:

- Quantity & Quality of Research
- ➢ MBAs, Biz plan comp, OTL mrktg

### <u>IP</u>:

- Many obtain exclusive license to improve biz plan & attract investors
- Some ignore or abscond with IP

Comments:

- > Pathway with highest growth rate
- ➤ Many campus EIRs are MBA students



 <u>Examples</u> (*that licensed IP*): Analog Devices, Nueprene (XL Tech), Google (streetscape), Honeywell, Intel, Berkeley Bionics (first morphed then milked)

### Drivers:

- Great sponsored research with optimized terms (i.e. 1st access, NERF, open source, etc)
- Off-campus corporate labs (i.e. BWRC, Intel, Cadence, Yahoo, Starkey, etc)

<u>IP</u>:

- ➢ Some jointly own IP
- Some obtain a license to legally use IP or thwart competitors
- Some ignore or abscond with IP (why license when get know-how)

# 4Ms Framework: Morphed, Mined, Milked, Marketed

Periodically to industry by campus faculty & staff (e.g. PI, PR, OTL)

Marketed

### Systematic

 <u>Examples</u>: Arkal Medical, Cisco, ClimateCooler, FuelFX, Luminus
 Devices (laser lift-off), Honeywell, Microchip Biotech, Renovis, Sand9, Silicon Basis, Solexel, Vitesse, 3M

Drivers:

- Quantity & Quality of Research
- Marketing (i.e. IP Licensing offices, University PR programs, Faculty pubs & ppts, Patent pubs, etc)

#### <u>IP</u>:

- Most obtain exclusive license to stay legal, improve BP, attract investment, or thwart competitors
- > Some ignore IP or abscond with IP
- Comments: Didn't get morphed, milked or mined because tech or market too nascent when invented

## 4Ms Framework: Partial List\* of >100 Start-ups

\*This is a list of the over 100 start-ups that have leveraged UC Berkeley intellectual property rights (i.e. patentable inventions or copyrightable software) since about the mid 1990s.

These start-ups have used UC Berkeley's intellectual property (IP) rights to strengthen their business plans and thereby improve their prospects for obtaining the venture capital or other funding needed to pursue the commercialization of Berkeley innovations.

Note that this list does not include the numerous start-ups that have commercialized UC Berkeley innovations but did not leverage any UC Berkeley IP rights (because the innovations don't have associated IP rights – such as UNIX, SPICE, RAID, etc).

Acacia Biosciences Adura Technologies Alien Technologies Ambrx Amyris Biotechnologies Arkal Medical Aurora Biofuels Bandwidth9 **Berkeley Bionics Berkeley Biosciences** Berkeley Madonna Berkeley Microinstruments BeThere **Biomanagement Group Bioscale** BPS Calimetrics Calisolar CellASIC Ceres Chiron **CNNSuperChip Cognitive Wearable Technologies** Cooler CommandCAD Colusa Software Cyberpac Davis Allergy Research **Digital Mosaic Systems** Discera

**DNA Sciences** Ecoprene Euclid Media EscharaX Medical **Excellin Life Sciences** Exelixis Filgen Biosciences FLX Micro Fluxion Biosciences Fuel FX Genocea Biosciences Gold Mountain Research Goodguide Harmonic Devices Covarium/Heath Interactive HFTA iMedd Inktomi Integrated Diagnostics IntelliOne International Energy InVino Sense Iris Micromedical Isatis Joule Biotechnologies Juvenon Kaiwood Technologies Kalinex KineMed Leucadia Technologies

Libraria Light Stage Lumiphore Luminus Devices Medifuel Mendel Biotechnology Mercator Medical Microchip Biotechnology Micro Climates / Aptility MicroFab Biosystems MicroReactor Systems Mimesyn Modulus Video Molecular Dynamics **MOR** Innovations NanoGripTech NanoNerve NanoRay NanoSys NanoVasc Neomorphic Software nPrint OmniOx Oncobionic **ON** Diagnostics **Onix Microsystems OnWafer Technologies** Oswald Green Photoswitch Biosciences **Preference Metrics** 

Protiveris O-Chem Quadrant Imaging Receptron **Redwood Biosciences** Renovis **RHA** Technology **Rubicon Digital Mapping** Secured Streams SenSys Networks Silicon Basis Silicon BioDevice Silicon Clocks Silicon Genesis Similix Solexel Solidus Biosciences SpectruMedix Stressmarg Biosciences Sunesis Pharmaceuticals Symyx Technologies Target Analytics Thuris TruVideo Tularik Two Blades (Foundation) Urban Scan Ventria Biosciences Videnda Vitapath Genetics Wireless Industrial Tech Xenometrix

# 4Ms Framework: University Startups



### University Startups: Spin-outs vs Blast-outs



### Research: What Campus Activities Drive the 4Ms?

Pathways (4Ms)	s Activities, Catalysts, Re Programs, Initiatives	ecent Progressive Approaches	e Offices	Ideas & Comments
Morphed	<ul> <li>Entrepreneurship classes</li> <li>On-campus Incubators</li> <li>Entrepreneurial Admissions</li> <li>Entrepreneurial Culture</li> </ul>	•On-campus incubators co-located with special lab facilities	•CET (CoE) •Haas (MOT, Lester) •OTL	•SBIR/STTR help center •Berkeley Startup Cluster
Mined	<ul> <li>Entrepreneurial MBA Program (EIRs)</li> <li>Biz Plan &amp; Tech Competitions</li> <li>Research-to-Market Courses (C2M)</li> <li>Seminars &amp; Poster Sessions (YAPS)</li> <li>Haas Speaker Series &amp; VC Office Ho</li> </ul>	•Cleantech-2-Market Course urs	•Haas (Lester) •OTL •CoE •CITRIS •QB3	•Berkeley Startup Cluster •Berkeley Center for Growth Companies
Milked	<ul> <li>Haas Bancroft Incubator</li> <li>Institutional response to RFPs</li> <li>Opportunistic PIs</li> <li>Sponsored Research Agreements</li> <li>Visiting Industrial Fellows</li> <li>Faculty Consulting &amp; Student Hiring</li> </ul>	•Research-Oriented Approach to Managing IP rights (e.g. NERFs, BIP, SRA IP grants, etc)	•Student Clubs (BEF •VCRO •IPIRA (IAO & OTL) •CoE •CITRIS •QB3	•Adjacent R&D Office Parks/Buildings •Research Enterprise Marketing
Marketed	<ul> <li>Newsletters &amp; Press Releases</li> <li>Searchable Web Listings</li> <li>Serial Entrepreneur &amp; VC Discussion</li> <li>Scholarly Publications &amp; Presentation</li> </ul>	• .s 1s	•CoE •OTL •NewsCenter	•EBGC Customer Cred Program •EBGC Cluster Clubs •Email Magaze 14

### Bifurcate Campus Activities: Systematic & Organic

#### Organic via Hyper-Local Innovation Ecosystem

- Startups & established corps
- Private startup incubators
- Tech vets & entrepreneurs
- Early stage investors
- Vet, mentor, staff, fund, partner, etc

#### Systematic via Programs & Practices

- Searchable web listings
- Proactive marketing
- Biz plan competitions
- Lab-to-market courses
- Events & poster sessions
- IP rights agreements, etc

### Bifurcate Campus Activities: Systematic & Organic



### Systematic v Organic: Impact - Asymptotic v Exponential



### Systematic v Organic: Comparing Position & Potential



### Hyper-Local Innovation Ecosystem (Hy-LIE): Definition

University Hyper-Local **Innovation Ecosystem:** Cluster of R&D-oriented entities readily accessible to the campus – including small & large corps, tech vets, entrepreneurs & early stage investors as well as related supply chains & service providers

BERKELEY WIRELESS RESEARCH CENTER BWRC RESERCE RESERCE

> intel Research Berkeley



 Hyper Local:
 Local:
 Metro:
 Regional
 National
 Global

 Convenient:
 Walk, bike, shuttle
 Less than 30 minutes
 About 30-60 minutes
 + - commuter traffic

 walk, bike, shuttle
 Inve + easy parking
 Accessibility (not just Proximity) to Campus

### Hy-LIE: Strategic Value to University



### Hy-LIE: Bolster Research, Education & Tech Xfer



## Hy-LIE: Third Level of Ecosystem Development



## UC Berkeley Analysis: Background

- In 2015, UCB VCRO convened monthly meetings of campus innovation ecosystem
  - What are UCB ecosystem's strengths & weaknesses?
  - What are other university ecosystems doing well?
  - How can UCB improve?
  - Is UCB ecosystem too disorganized?
  - Is UCB TTO (IPIRA) doing enough?
- Carol & I made some strategic observations
  - Some are slightly controversial or somewhat non-intuitive
  - So, did research to assess observations & articulated observations in a paper

### UC Berkeley Innovation Ecosystem



Is this Good? Can it be Better?

### Research: Approach

- Forbes ranked "America's Most Entrepreneurial Universities"
- Researched correlation between Forbes ranking &:
  - Human talent
  - Ecosystem structure
  - (- Leadership by TTO vs Academic Units)

People talent (2)

based on:

- ARWU (Shanghai) ranking of engineering programs

- US News ranking of MBA programs

#### Ecosystem structure (3) based on web searches using key words such as "entrepreneurship" and "startups"

### Research: Data in Paper

#### Stanford

- Engineering #2
- MBA #2
- Entrepreneurship #1

#### MIT

- Engineering #1
- MBA #5
- Entrepreneurship #2
- □ UC Berkeley
  - Engineering #3
  - MBA #7
  - Entrepreneurship #3

### **UT** Austin

- Engineering #5
- MBA #17
- Entrepreneurship #22

### UMich AA

- Engineering #8
- MBA #11
- Entrepreneurship #43

### UC Irvine

- Engineering #51
- MBA #53
- Entrepreneurship #not in ranking

#### MAP OF INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



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## Research: Data Additions

- Cal Tech
  - Engineering #20
  - MBA #NA
  - Entrepreneurship #6
  - Org
- Columbia
  - Engineering #76-100
  - MBA #10
  - Entrepreneurship #NR
  - Org
- Duke
  - Engineering #51-75
  - MBA #12
  - Entrepreneurship #NR
  - Org
- Harvard
  - Engineering #25
  - MBA #1
  - Entrepreneurship #25
  - Org
- Hopkins
  - Engineering #76-100
  - MBA #NA
  - Entrepreneurship #NR
  - Org
- Penn
  - Engineering #76-100
  - MBA #4
  - Entrepreneurship #39
  - Org

- - Engineering #17
  - MBA #NR
  - Entrepreneurship #21
  - Org
- UCSD
  - Engineering #14
  - MBA #77
  - Entrepreneurship #48
  - Org
- UFL
  - Engineering #101-150
  - MBA #37
  - Entrepreneurship #NR
  - Org

#### 🛛 UI

- Engineering #4
- MBA #39
- Entrepreneurship #NR
- Org

#### 

- Engineering #32
- MBA #27
- Entrepreneurship #45
- Org

#### Yale

- Engineering #NR
- MBA #8
- Entrepreneurship #11
- Org

### Research: Framework

- Simplified model
  - 2 axis & 4 quadrant
  - No university had weak talent
  - Decentralized doesn't mean no coordination



## Finding 1 of 4: Ecosystem Structure



### Finding 2 of 4: Ecosystem Leadership



### Finding 2: Academic Units vs Tech Xfer Office



### Finding 3 of 4: Ecosystem Supply-Demand



### Finding 4 of 4: *Ecosystem Innovation-Drain*



### Research: Ecosystem Development Strategies



### University Innovation Ecosystem: Human Talent

- Quality, quantity & variety of human talent is key
- □ How do top univ ecosystems reach supercritical mass?
- Two paradigms for how students interact with campus:
  - Waypoint campus: matriculate, contribute, graduate & disperse
  - Vortex campus: matriculate, contribute, graduate & stay
    - Contribute to campus ecosystem throughout career
    - Discussing, hiring, mentoring, investing, licensing, researching, teaching, donating
    - Annual incoming students + grads remaining = supercritical mass
    - Eventually ecosystem attracts talent that is not affiliated with univ
    - Super University Metro Area I&E Ecosytem (SUMIEE):
      - ♦ MIT, Harvard, Cambridge & Boston
      - ♦ Stanford & Silicon Valley
      - ♦ UC San Francisco & upper San Francisco peninsula
      - ♦ UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab & East Bay

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# Strategy: Hy-LIE Effect on STEM-B Programs



# Strategy: Hy-LIE vs STEM-B Segmentation



# Strategy: Grow, Branch or Envy (Die)

#### Rating of University STEM-B Programs



## Strategy: Univ Ratings Based on Many Factors

#### Rating of University STEM-B Programs



# Strategy: Dilemma for Some Public Univs

#### Rating of University STEM-B Programs



### Hy-LIE: 10 Best Practices to Foster University Hy-LIEs

- 1. <u>Students & Faculty</u>: Entrepreneur-oriented MBA & tech management programs from admissions, to curriculum, to culture
- 2. <u>Mixers</u>: MBA, engineering & applied sciences events: yet-another-poster session (YAPS), seminar series, etc even across nearby institutions (i.e. UCB & LBNL)
- 3. <u>Competitions</u>: startups, tech innovations, big ideas (no more business plan competitions)
- 4. <u>Research-to-Market Courses</u>: Project-based classes with interdisciplinary teams that research market opportunities for selected tech (i.e. UCB's Cleantech-to-Market course)
- 5. University startup accelerators (i.e. Skydeck & Foundry) & idea incubators
- 6. Office park(s) for mature corps to leverage university & act as an anchor for startups
- 7. IP Management with an "impact-oriented approach to IP" (not just \$)
- 8. University resources (not just IP rights): students as workforce; faculty as advisors; alumni as mentors; the university as an early (beta) customer to help establish a startup's credibility in its market
- 9. Startup service packages (with local biz): legal, finance, SBIR, etc
- 10. <u>Partnering</u>: university, local biz & gov (i.e. BerkeleyStartupCluster.net)
- Not: University funding of startups (that circumvents organic vetting process, & is different from proof-of-concept (POC) funding)

### Hy-LIE: 5 Predictions on Hy-LIE Impact

1. Research universities will have a campus startup accelerator (just as they have libraries, sports stadiums, fitness centers & student centers)

1b. Many universities with accelerators will establish "University Startup Accelerator Stock Equity (U-SASE) programs to monetize the support provided to startups

- Many research universities will have campuses located in 1 or more leading Hy-LIEs (analogous to how many US corporations became multinational entities)
- 3. Many research universities will have economic development collaborations with their local governments (many already do)
- 4. Many research universities will have an employee responsible for local innovation ecosystem development
- 5. Hy-LIE attributes will become a new metric by which to evaluate & rank research university excellence (this will be problematic for some public universities that can't grow or branch)

# Agenda: Q&A

#### Research, Education & Support Programs



### Bio: Commercializing Leading-Edge Technology

- 1. Engineering undergraduate degree
- 2. Systems Engineer @ HP (back when most admired company)
- 3. MBA degree
- 4. Sun Microsystems Inc (product manager)
- 5. Mips Computer Systems Inc (product line manager)
- 6. Silicon Graphics Inc (product family of servers, \$100M revenue)
- 7. Netpulse Networks Inc (co-founder, \$10M+ in venture funding)
- 8. Peak Democracy Inc (co-founder, bootstrapped lean startup)
- 9. UC Berkeley

### Bio: UC Berkeley Research, Concepts & Initiatives

