



Foundation Capital EiR1 at ORNL

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Narrow EiR IP filter employed



- Find a technology that
 - Promises a 5-10x improvement over status quo
 - Not incremental
 - Is covered by unique, defensible, broad IP portfolio
 - No license patchwork
 - Addresses a \$B market opportunity
 - Has platform characteristics
 - Once core product developed, should be leverageable into several applications with small additional R&D resources
 - Fit for private funding within 12 months of EiR program start
 - Ready to generate early revenue 24 months after private funding kicks in

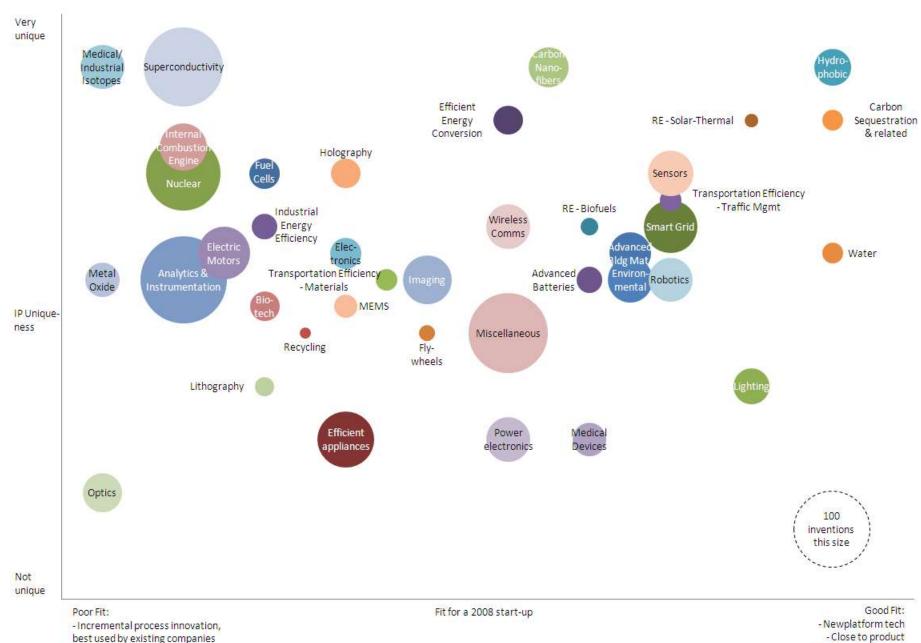
Distribution of 1,500 reviewed ORNL IP

Out of 3,000 Total Disclosures Filed Over 25 yrs



- Not heavily licensed

Not process incremental



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- Years to product

- Single-purpose

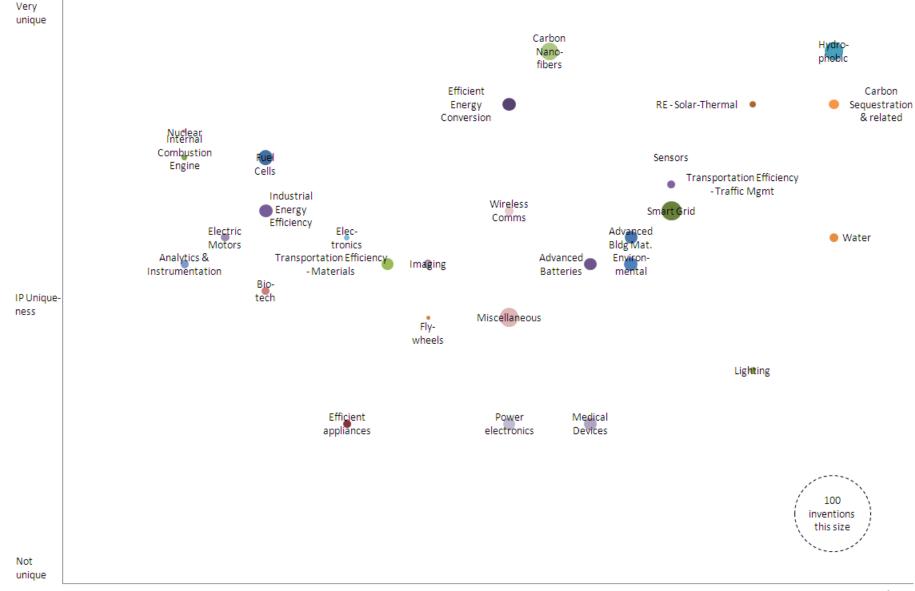
Many ORNL techs not a natural fit for start-up



- ORNL has strong IP in specialized techs
 - Hydrogen Economy & Fuel Cells too far out
 - Superconductivity too far out & heavily licensed
 - Industrial Isotopes
 - Incremental innovations to industrial processes
 - Nuclear, steel, metal oxides
 - Analytics and instrumentation
- Most of these cannot serve as the foundation of a new start-up

Approx 250 inventions reviewed further





Poor Fit:

 Incremental process innovation, best used by existing companies

- Years to product

-Single-purpose

Fit for a 2008 start-up

Good Fit:
- Newplatform tech
- Close to product
- Not heavily licensed
- Not process incremental

1st order prioritization filters



- Maturity (see next slide)
- 2. Market sizeable (\$500M +, order of magnitude)
- Investment \$ required to profitability (order of magnitude)
- 4. Strong IP (core technology, not process)
- 5. Platform nature
- 6. Substantial customer benefits
- 7. Substantial competitive advantage
- 8. Inventor support
- 9. Cleantech/energy relevant

Compact, high efficiency electric motors: Advantage too small (?)



Advantage too small
Novel electric motor design
Hybrids need high efficiency, compact electric motors
TBD
TBD
TBD
20% less material cost
20% smaller, lighter, 40% effi- ciency gain, lower battery power required
TBD
Prototype available now
None
TBD
Multiple patents granted
TBD
Many (to be confirmed)
Lighter, smaller product
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
None
TBD

Business Opportunity:

Manufacturer compact, high efficiency electric motors for hybrids, etc.



Prototype permanent magnet motor with brushless field excitation coil operates at 16,000 RPM

Magnetic Processing: Investigate



Summary assessment	Investigate
Technology	10T+ magnetic processing of steels, alloys, other materials
Problem	Heat treament costly, does not reach desired properties
Market size 2009	TBD
Market size 2013	TBD
Market CAGR	TBD
Cost advantage over current	Energy, time savings
Performance adv. over current	20-50% weight reduction,80% life extension, eliminate some costly alloys & chemistries
Likely margin @ market price	TBD
R&D time needed	2 years
technology risk	low
R&D investment	\$5M FC est. (incl. magnets)
IP Status	8 patents filed
Manufacturing investment	TBD
# competitors	TBD – magnet manufacturers
Advantage over comp.	Cheaper, faster than heat tr.
# of alternatives	Heat, pressure treatment
Advantage over alt.	Cheaper, faster, safer
# of customers	Est. 000s
Adjacent markets/platform?	Effect on other materials tbd
HR, other assets required	Superconducting magnets Eager but professorial Inv.
Value chain issues	Must make own magnets?

Business Opportunity:

Manufacturer of magnetic processing equipment

Possibly manufacturer of magnetically processed materials



Magnetic Processing Laboratory Facility

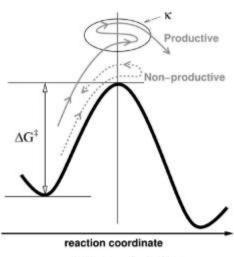
Optimized Enzymes: Investigate



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Summary assessment	Investigate
Technology	Manipulate enzyme internal motion to optimize enzyme reaction rates
Problem	Enzymes not optimized for desired industrial uses
Market size 2009	\$10B (all enzymes)
Market size 2013	\$15B est.
Market CAGR	TBD
Cost advantage over current	TBD
Performance adv. over current	10-1000x improved reaction rates
Likely margin @ market price	TBD
R&D time needed	6 months
technology risk	Medium-high
R&D investment	\$60k (+TCDF) to prototype; \$500k per enzyme after
IP Status	Several patents filed
Manufacturing investment	TBD
# competitors	Codexis, others TBD
Advantage over comp.	TBD
# of alternatives	Stick with current methods
Advantage over alt.	Faster, cheaper, better
# of customers	Many
Adjacent markets/platform?	All enzymes are targets
HR, other assets required	Non-specific
Value chain issues	Need to manufacture?

Business Opportunity:

Custom enzyme designer, optimizer and licensor (preferred) or manufacturer.



$$k_{TST} = \left(\frac{k_B T}{h}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G^{\dagger}}{k_B T}\right)$$
$$k = \kappa k_{TST}$$

Figure 5 Schematic illustration of free energy profile for an enzymatic reaction. Protein dynamics can influence reaction rates in two possible ways; by altering height of the activation free energy barrier (ΔG^{\ddagger}) and transmission coefficient (κ), k_a is the Boltzmann's constant, T is the temperature, h is the Planck's constant and k_{75T} represents the transition state theory reaction rate.

Key filter: Technology maturity



Two key steps to hit VC investment sweet spot:

1. Match tech to application

2. Mature matched tech to create commercial prototype

Typical duration:

5-10 yrs

1-3 yrs

0-10 yrs

6 mo - 2 yrs

6 mo - 2 yrs

Basic research

Technology/ research prototype Match to application, make viable

Commercial prototype

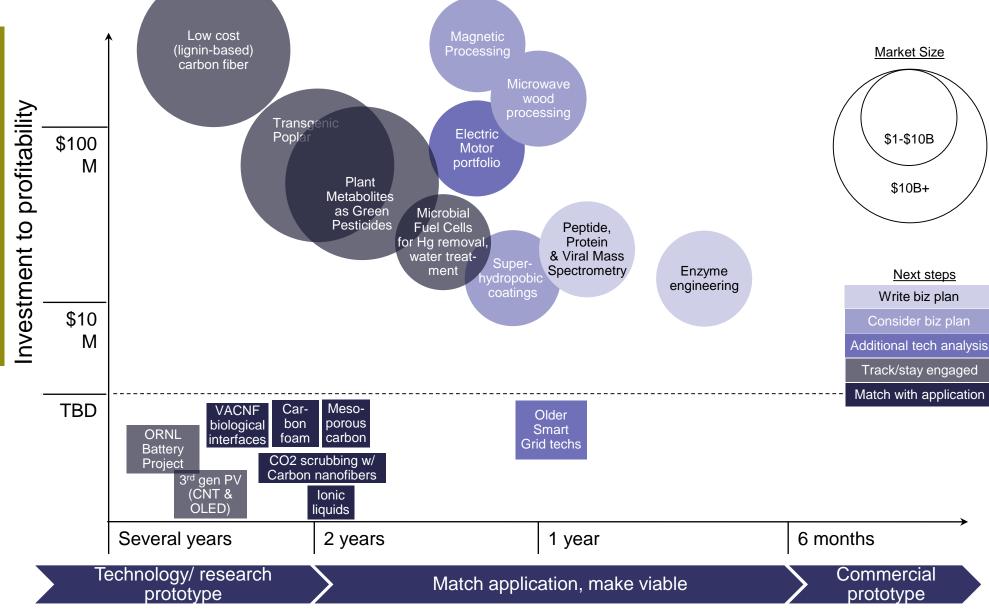
Gen 1 product/ service

- Exploratory or application targeted scientific research
- Ex how to make microporous, high conductivity material? Irrespective of application
- Proof of concept
- Bench scale
- Ex ORNL: Graphitized carbon nanofiber
- Match research prototype w real application such that in 1-5 years
 - Economics probably make tech viable
 - Industry dynamics probably support intro of new tech

- For at least 1 sizeable market segment:
- Sufficient scale
- Ok feature set
- Acceptable cost "in sight"
- 1st customer(s) identified, sold

ORNL technologies by market size, investment need and maturity





Technology maturity/ time to market

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Filters found hardest to pass



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Other observations



- ORNL commercialization department
 - Well organized if not fully "data automated"
 - CMs have finger on pulse of the lab knew pretty well which inventions might be a fit
 - Easy to work with
 - Clearly motivated to make licensing deals happen

ORNL scientists

- Easy to talk to
- Safety oriented "I want to start a company ... once my retirement benefits have fully vested"
- Better at talking to DoE officials than entrepreneurs

ORNL overall

- "Entrepreneurial leave", some other support in place
- However, no strong entrepreneurial culture/ecosystem

5/2015 Update Mike Paulus, ORNL Tech Transfer & Former Entrepreneur, Making Progress

Took Entrepreneur Leave From ORNL in

FOUNDATION

- 2000, Co was later acquired by Siemens
- Returned to Oak Ridge in 2010
- New tech transfer efforts include Spark! conference, webinars, etc.
- Licensing revenue has increased from \$1.4M in 2009 to \$3M in 2014
 - Suggesting sales of licensed products around \$60M/yr
 - Still small compared to \$1.65B annual ORNL budget

Sources:

http://www.ornl.gov/ornl/news/news-releases/2014/ornl-technology-transfer-continues-strong-upward-trend