MIT STEX25 Showcase

May 18, 2021 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

11:00 AM  Welcome and Introduction
Marcus Dahllöf
Program Director, MIT Startup Exchange

Marcus leads the MIT Startup Exchange, which facilitates connections between MIT-connected startups and corporate members of the MIT Industrial Liaison Program (ILP). Marcus manages networking events, workshops, the STEX25 accelerator, opportunity postings, and helps define the strategic direction of MIT Startup Exchange. He is a two-time tech entrepreneur (one exit in cybersecurity), and has previously held roles in finance, software engineering, corporate strategy, and business development at emerging tech companies and Fortune 100 corporations in the U.S., Latin America, and Europe. Marcus was a member of the Swedish national rowing team and he is a mentor at the MIT Venture Mentoring Service.

11:05 AM  Startup Lightning Talks with Q&A
Endor: First do-it-yourself predictive behavioral analytics platform - video starts at time stamp: 3:57
Tomer Srulevich
Chief Business Officer, Endor

Tomer is an experienced technology start-up builder, Angel Investor and business growth strategist with 20+ years of experience founding, managing and advising technology companies across fintech, insurtech, retail and public sectors.

He serves as the Chief Business Officer at Endor, MIT spinoff Artificial Intelligence software SaaS company that provides a predictive analytics platform using Social Physics science to automates the process of answering predictive business questions based on human behavior.

In addition, he serves as a council member at The Digital Economist to define ways to leverage disruptive technologies and investable opportunities for the new human-centered Digital Economy.

Prior to joining Endor, he was an Executive VP at Voyager Labs, an Artificial Intelligence software startup that raised $100M to provide cognitive analytics based on unstructured human behavior data. Tomer joined Sapiens as Executive VP (NASDAQ: SPNS) and was the Co-Founder & Executive VP of Sapiens DECISION, a spinoff of a decision management business unit to serve global financial services markets.

Prior to this, Tomer managed product development teams and led complex project implementations globally working with global Fortune 500 firms.

Mr. Srulevich is an Alumnus of Harvard Business School and a Computer Science graduate from IDC.

Kebotix: Advanced materials and chemicals invented with AI speed - video starts at time stamp: 9:30
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Dr. Jill S. Becker is CEO of Kebotix, a technology platform company for new AI-discovered chemicals & materials. Jill has done a lot of other entrepreneurial endeavors including founding two successful tech companies, 02139 & Cambridge NanoTech. She is a past Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year winner in energy & materials and a YPOer. Jill earned her PhD & MA in chemistry from Harvard. In her spare time, besides travelling, she loves to spend time with her friends & family. Like most chemists, Jill is a foodie and deeply appreciates hauté gastronomy.

Danny Wells
Co-founder & SVP of Strategic Research, Immunai

Danny Wells is a Co-founder and the SVP of Strategic Research at Immunai, a biotech company using single cell functional genomics to map the immune system in order to discover new therapies. He Co-founded Immunai while at the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, where he founded and led the Genomic Data Science and Immunotherapy Resistance group. His research has appeared in Nature, Cell and Nature Medicine and he has given invited talks around the world on his work. He completed his PhD in Applied Math and Computational Biology at Northwestern and a postdoc at UC Berkeley in Evolutionary Biology. He lives in Berkeley, CA with his wife and son.

Scott Bright
CEO, Jeeva Wireless

Scott is an accomplished technology executive with 30 years of entrepreneurial and growth-phase experience. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering at Seattle University. Prior to joining Jeeva, Scott was co-founder and CEO of Synapse Product Development, overseeing a 10-year growth in positive EBITDA annual revenue to $60M and a staff of 250+ people with offices in Seattle, San Francisco, Orlando, and Hong Kong. Scott holds four U.S. patents, received his B.S. Electrical Engineering from Ohio University and M.B.A. from University of Washington, and is a Governance Fellow with the National Association of Corporate Directors.

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Henriette Fleischmann  
Co-Founder and COO, Hosta Labs

Henriette received her MBA from MIT’s Sloan School of Management and has worked in top-tier consulting, managing multi-million $ projects for Fortune 100 companies on process optimization, strategy development, and restructuring for more than 12 years.

Eduardo Torrealba  
Co-Founder and CEO, Meter

OpenSpace: Your jobsite, fully captured. Just tap record and go - video starts at time stamp: 46:45

Jeevan Kalanithi  
CEO, OpenSpace

Jeevan Kalanithi is CEO of OpenSpace, a technologist, and an entrepreneur. His background is in artificial intelligence, software and hardware engineering, and design. His first startup shipped two generations of a consumer electronic product into national retail. This company was acquired by North America’s largest drone company at that time, 3D Robotics (also known as 3DR), in 2014. At 3DR, Jeevan served as VP Product, Chief Product Officer, and President. At 3DR, Jeevan helped build the team that launched Solo, 3DR’s prosumer and enterprise-grade drone. Solo did $45M in revenue in its first two quarters. Site Scan, 3DR’s SaaS-based survey, mapping, and inspection software product, launched in 2016 in partnership with Autodesk and is now 3DR’s flagship product. After 3DR, Jeevan joined Lux Capital, a $3B fund, as an EIR (Entrepreneur-in-Residence). He began working on the OpenSpace concept at that time with his co-founders, Mike Fleischman and Philip DeCamp, whom he met at MIT: both completed computer vision Ph.D.’s there. Mike founded a company based on his computer vision work; this company became one of Twitter’s largest acquisitions before it IPO’d. OpenSpace officially launched in the summer of 2018. Jeevan completed his bachelor’s degree at Stanford and his MS at MIT, where he was a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow.

Leonardo Bonanni  
Founder and CEO, Sourcemap

Sourcemap: Technology to achieve 100% traceable, transparent supply chains - video starts at time stamp: 53:28
Dr. Leonardo Bonanni is the founder and CEO of Sourcemap, the supply chain transparency platform. Leading brands and manufacturers use Sourcemap software to trace their products to the source and ensure that corporate standards are met every step of the way, including zero-deforestation, zero-child labor, and the highest standards for raw materials such as recycled, fair trade and organic. You can see Timberland and The North Face, Mars and Hershey, all publishing their Sourcemap-verified supply chains on open.sourcemap.com, the world’s largest supply chain disclosure website. Leo developed Sourcemap as part of his PhD at the MIT Media Lab and has been named among America’s 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics and America’s Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs.

Yibiao Zhao is the co-founder and CEO of ISEE, an autonomous technology company specializing in developing AI that understands human decision making and intention to enhance performance and safety in the transportation and logistics markets. ISEE is building towards a future where autonomous machines can thrive alongside humans and seamlessly and safely integrate into any environment. Yibiao completed his PhD at UCLA studying computer vision and his Postdoc at MIT studying cognitive robots. He is a pioneer of engineering common sense for visual understanding and cognitive robots, and he is the co-chair of the interdisciplinary workshop series at the CVPR and CogSci conferences.

Victor Jakubiuk is a co-founder and CTO of OnSpecta. An engineer by training, and a deep-tech entrepreneur by choice, he’s passionate about solving hard, technical problems. Prior to OnSpecta, Victor did research at MIT CSAIL, started a YCombinator-backed fintech company, and represented Great Britain at the International Olympiad in Informatics. Victor holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Computer Science from MIT, where he was an Intel Research Scholar.

David Morczinek is the Co-Founder and CEO of AirWorks where he spearheads the development of AirWorks’ autonomous drafting technology to advance the application of aerial intelligence and transform the engineering and construction industries. Previously David had a successful career with Airbus in both France and Spain, where he led the first delivery and completion of Airbus’ newest aircraft, and secured contracts for $275M. David holds an MBA from MIT Sloan, as well as M.S. in aerospace engineering from Hamburg University of Technology.
Leela AI: Breakthrough AI for Causal Video Understanding - video starts at time stamp: 77:47
Cyrus Shaoul
Co-Founder and CEO, Leela AI

Dr. Cyrus Shaoul is an entrepreneur and computational psycholinguist with extensive experience in computational cognitive modeling. Dr. Shaoul was a co-founder and CTO of Digital Garage Inc until its IPO in 2001. He has deep experience with natural language models and machine learning techniques. He is a graduate of MIT (BSc) and the University of Alberta (MSc, PhD).

Volta Labs: Biological automation as agile and scalable as digital electronics - video starts at time stamp: 84:26
Udayan Umapathi
Co-founder & CEO, Volta Labs

Udayan is currently co-founder, board member, and Chief Executive Officer of Volta Labs, Inc. a company building scalable and agile automation for genomic and genetic engineering. Since the inception of Volta 3 years ago, Udayan has built an anti-disciplinary team of scientists and engineers and has attracted the support of Y Combinator and top-tier life sciences VCs. Prior to Volta, Udayan pursued research at various global research institutions including the MIT Media Lab. During these stints he invented and patented several microfluidic technologies, digital fabrication methods and human-computer interaction techniques.

Adjournment