

Topic: *“From Academia to a Start-up: The Determina Story”*

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**Abstract**

The primary motivation for academic research is to discover and advance the state-of-the-art and to disseminate the information, typically by publishing papers. In a rare occasion, the research may solve a current problem of commercial value leading to a direct technology transfer to the industry. In this talk, I will describe the transformation of a MIT research project to a venture-backed startup.