# **CO2 Waste Turned Into Useful Chemicals**

Initiative has engineered a strain of bacteria capable of breaking down captured carbon dioxide and turning into acetone and isopropanol - valuable chemicals used for fuels, fabric and cosmetics.

## SCIENCE

#### New gas fermentation process!

- *Clostridium autoethanogenum*, an anaerobic bacterium engineered at **LanzaTech**.
- Synthetic biology tools are used to reprogram the bacterium to ferment CO2.
- Fermentation produces acetone and IPA





- IPA used for disinfectant and antiseptic
- Acetone is a solvent for many plastics and synthetic fibers

## MARKET VALUE

ACETONE AND IPA HAVE

COMBINED GLOBAL MARKET OF \$10 BILLION.

#### WHY THE INITIATIVE

### MATTERS

# Carbon Dioxide absorbs and radiates heat.

Deforestation and burning fossil fuels produced unnatural, record high levels of CO2 emissions.





CO2 traps heat within the Earth's atmosphere, significantly contributing to **global** warming and ocean acidification.

#### DIMINISHING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IS KEY FOR MITIGATING THE RAMIFICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE!

Learn more about the specifics of the study and its potential applications: https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-021-01195-w