

A look into biomaterials - present and future

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The clinical issues

Whilst biology tolerates hardware well, when it fails there are 3 main issues

Hardware failure <1 %

Infection ~ 2%

Bony failure >3-10+%

(Usually a screw)



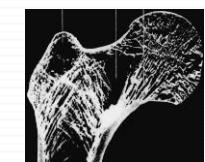
Associated medical devices for fracture repair.....



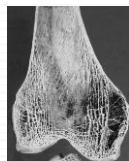
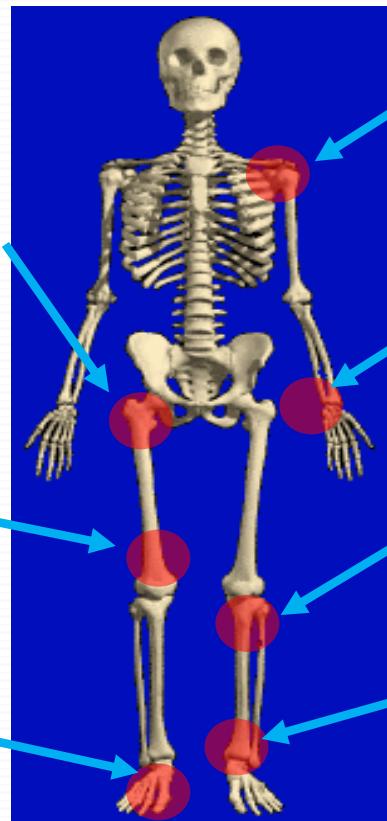
Note: most connect to bone with screws

Wherever metallic screws are used in poor bone there are failures.....

Typical screw migration/cut –out /loosening rates



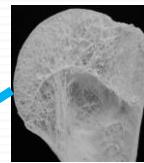
2-8%



3-6%



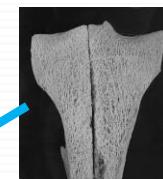
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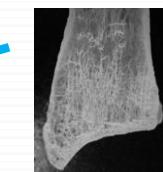
15-40%



1-2%



3-7%



2-6%



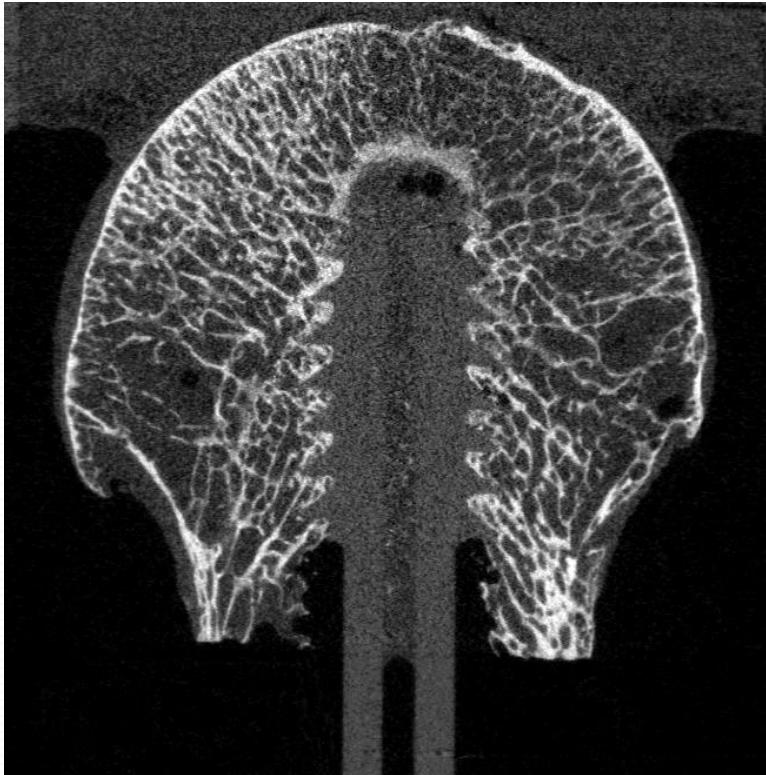
Of 100 000 000
Screws implanted
per year US/EU

> 1%

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1 000 000
failed screws

Bone mass close to the fixation device an unresolved mechanobiological challenge

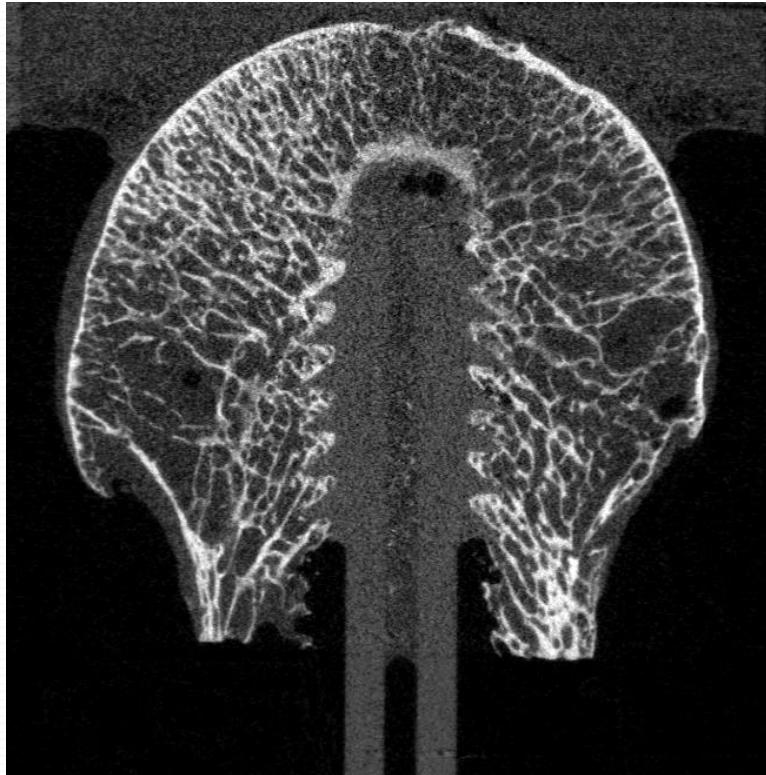


high bone mass:
support of peri-implant bone

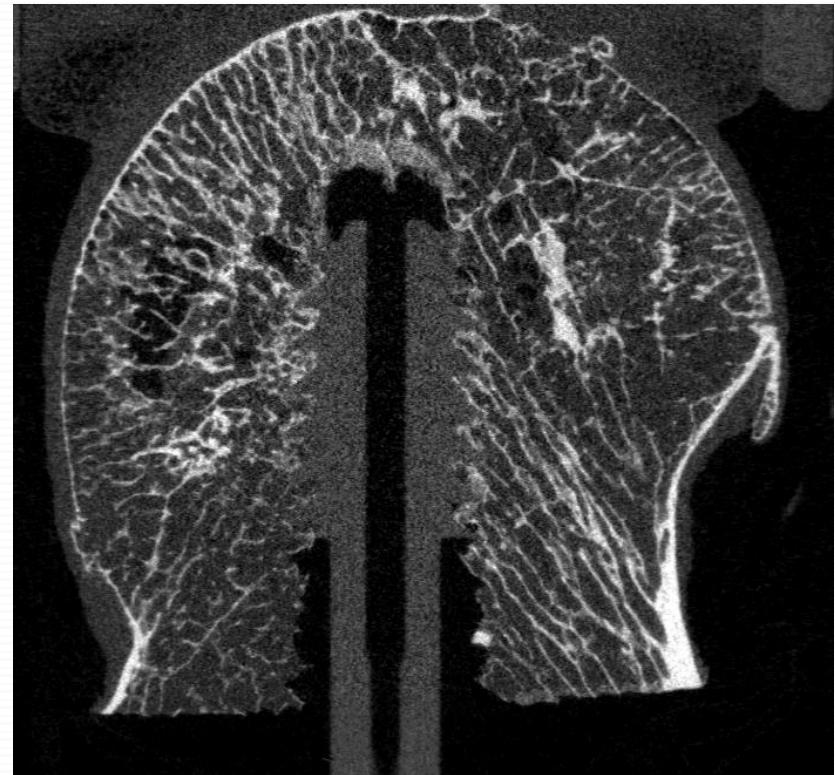
Mueller et al. (2013). *MedEngPhys*

With courtesy of Prof Van Lenthe, Leuven University, Belgium

Bone mass close to the fixation device an unresolved mechanobiological challenge



high bone mass:
support of peri-implant bone



low bone mass:
direct failure at the interface

This lead me to look at augmenting fixation
of screws using biomaterial technologies



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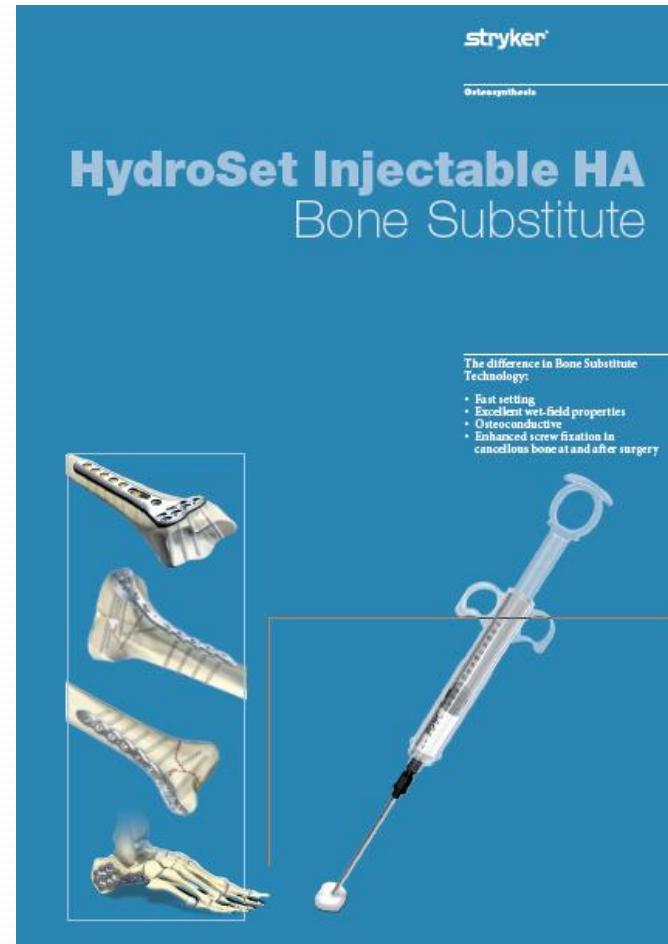
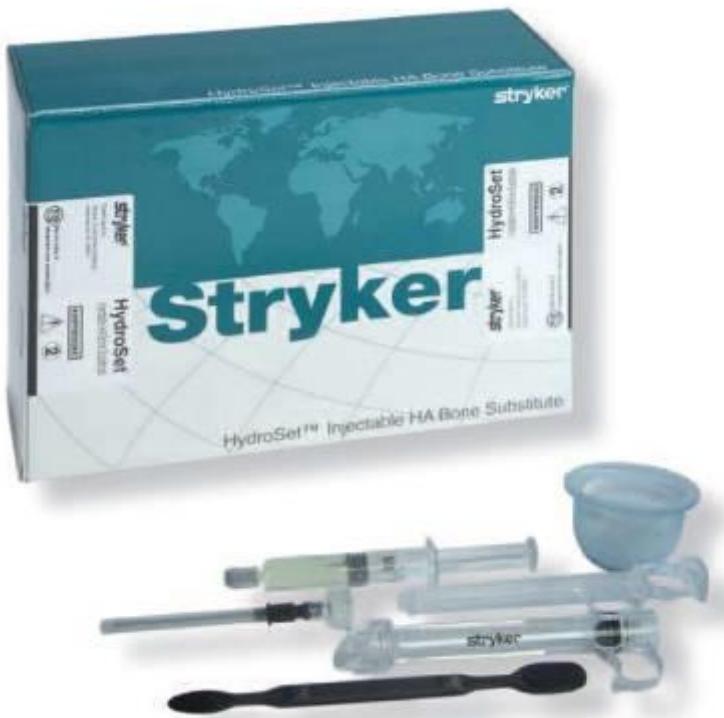
Injectable cements: Meeting a clinical need

Many years ago surgeons recognised that



- Many fractures result in bone voids....
- Holding power of screws in poor cancellous bone was a concern...
- A synthetic bone substitute with potential for remodelling/osteoconduction! was a potential solution

We developed a CaP for void filling and screw augmentation



HydroSet: What is it?



Di + Tetra Calcium Phosphate

+

TriSodium Citrate

Powder

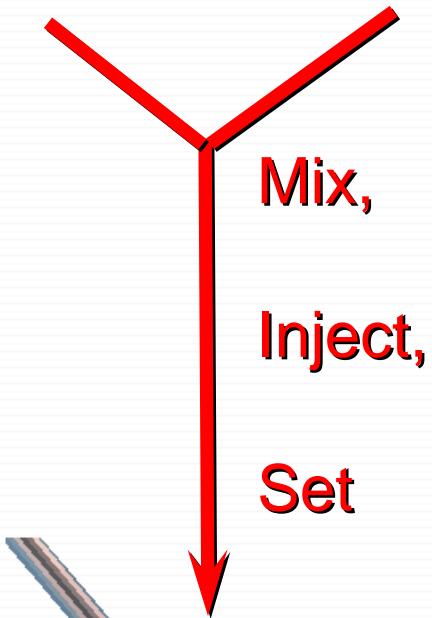
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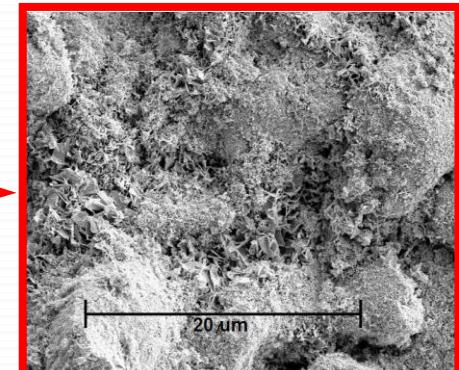
Sodium Phosphate

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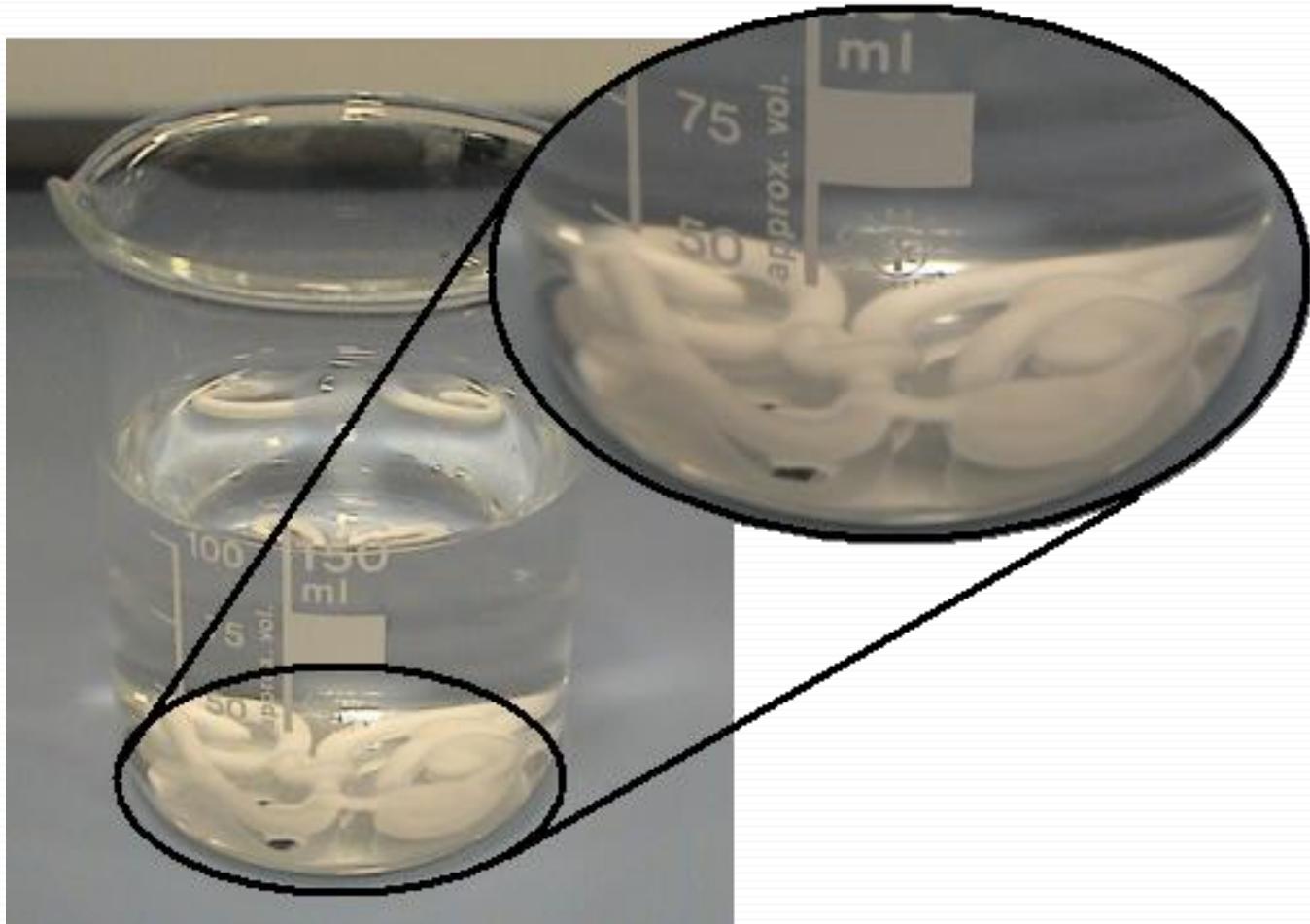
PolyVinylPyrrolidone



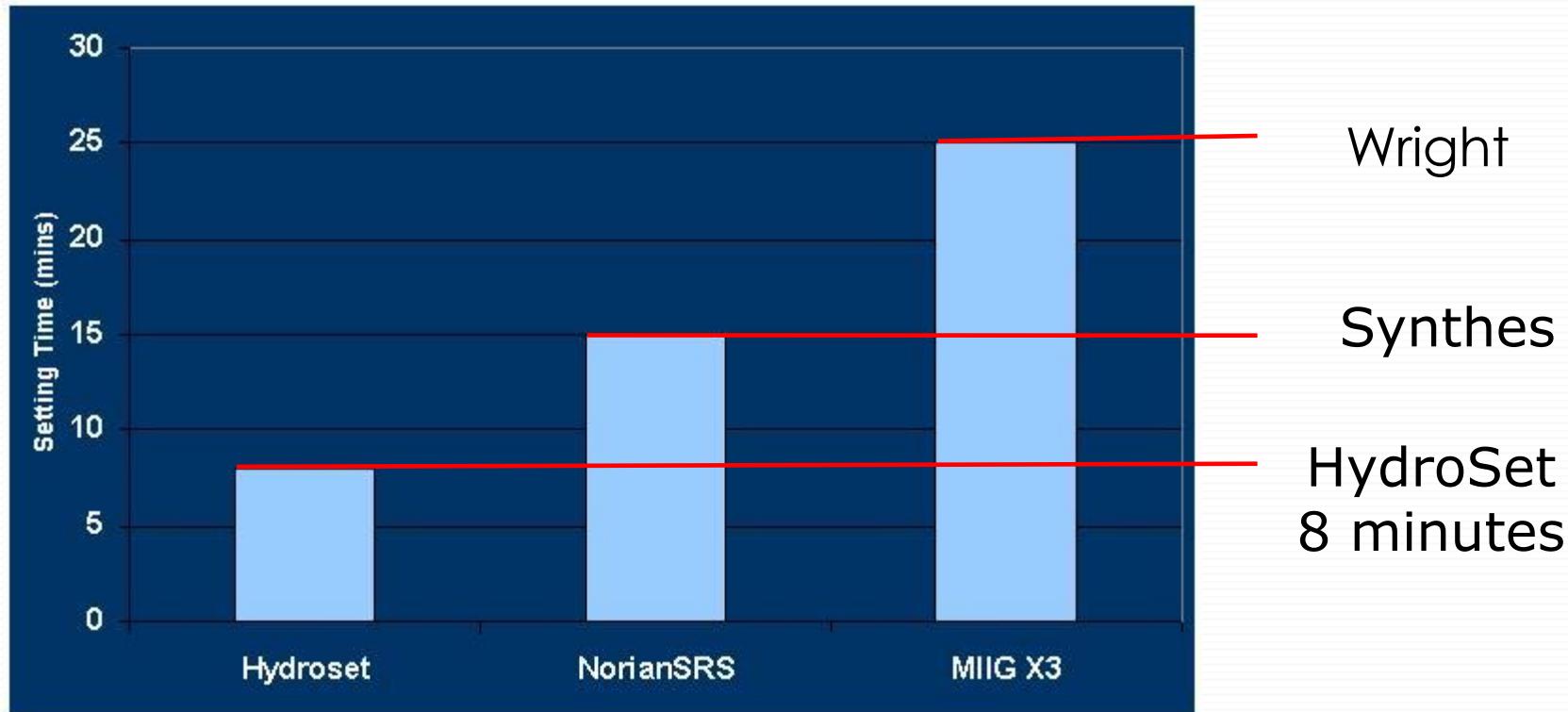
Hydroxyapatite (HA)



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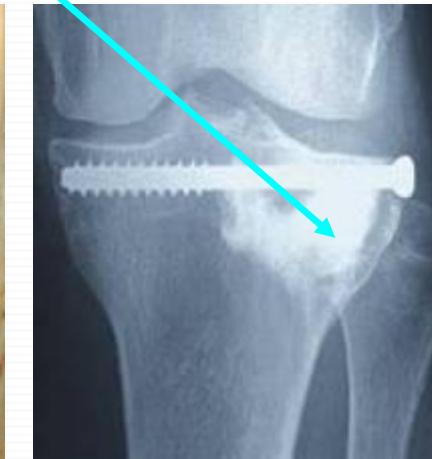
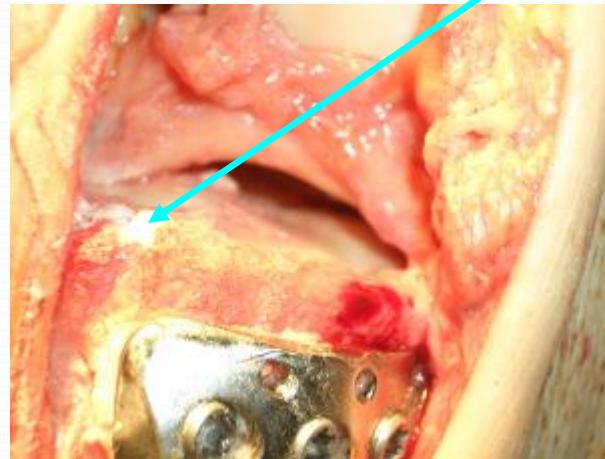


Typical Trauma Void Filling Application.....

Augmentation of Tibial Plateau Fractures with Calcium Phosphate Cement: A Randomized Study Using Radiostereometry
Sune Larsson, MD (n); Per Berg, MD (n); Marcus Sagerfors, MD (n);
Department of Orthopedics, Uppsala University Hospital,
Uppsala, Sweden

Average depression at 12 months
1.4 mm with CaP Cement
3.9 mm with Bone Graft

■ Depressed tibial plateau

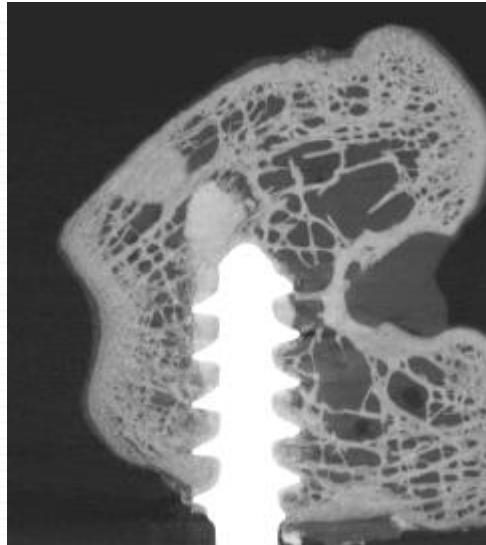


HydroSet

Plate and screws

Screws alone

HydroSet™ Bone Augmentation Rabbit Study



4mm cancellous screws
Overdrilled to weaken bone

Hoshikawa A, Fukui N, Fukuda A, Sawamura T, Hattori M, Nakamura K, Oda H, 2003:
Quantitative analysis of the resorption and osteoconduction process of a calcium phosphate
cement and its mechanical effect for screw fixation.
Biomaterials Vol. 24, 4967-4975
Gardner MJ, Griffith MH, Demetrikopoulos D, Brophy RH, Grose A, Helfet DL, Lorich DG , 2006.
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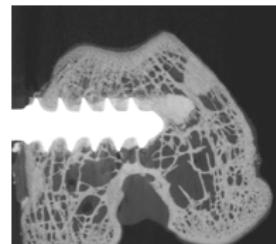
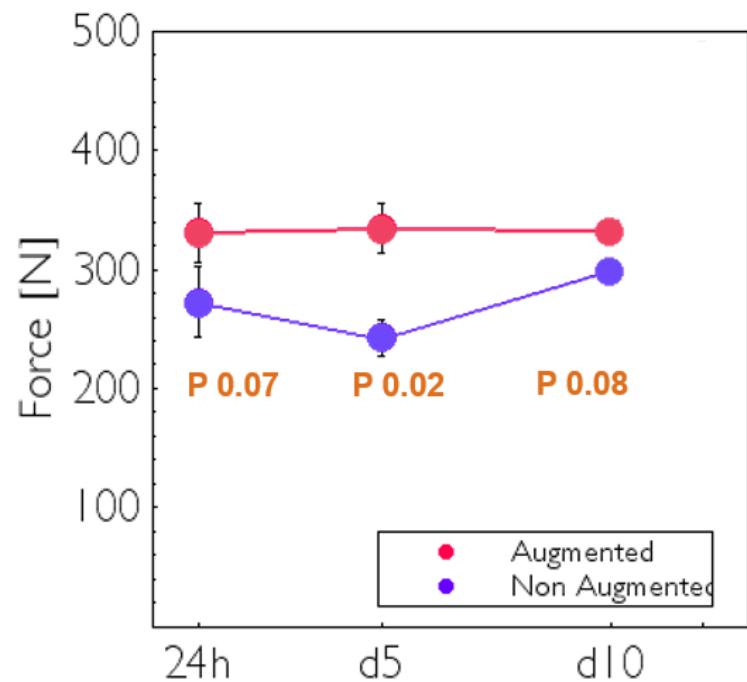
Goals to demonstrate:

Safety: Addition of HydroSet™ did not diminish holding power

Efficacy: Hydroset™ enhances screw fixation at and after surgery

HydroSet™ Bone Augmentation Rabbit Study

Pullout test data



We get regulatory approval September 2008

The difference in Bone Substitute Technology:

- Fast setting
- Excellent wet-field properties
- Osteoconductive
- Enhanced screw fixation in cancellous bone at and after surgery



Fig. 1a



Fig. 1b



Fig. 1c



Fig. 2a



Fig. 2b



Fig. 2c

stryker
Osteoconductive
HydroSet Injectable HA
Bone Substitute

The difference in Bone Substitute Technology:

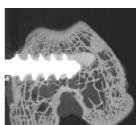
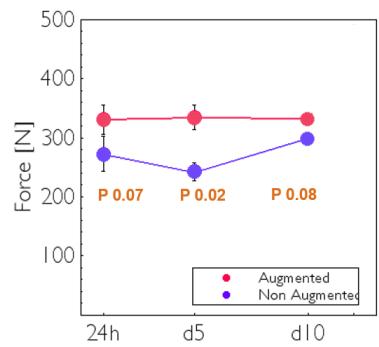
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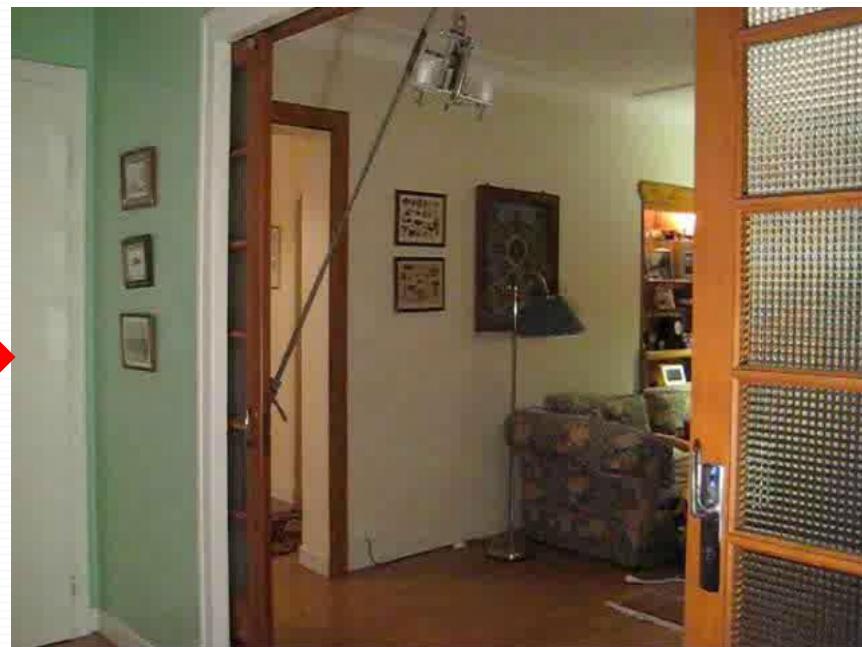
NB No US approval for this claim

Translating from lab data to sales

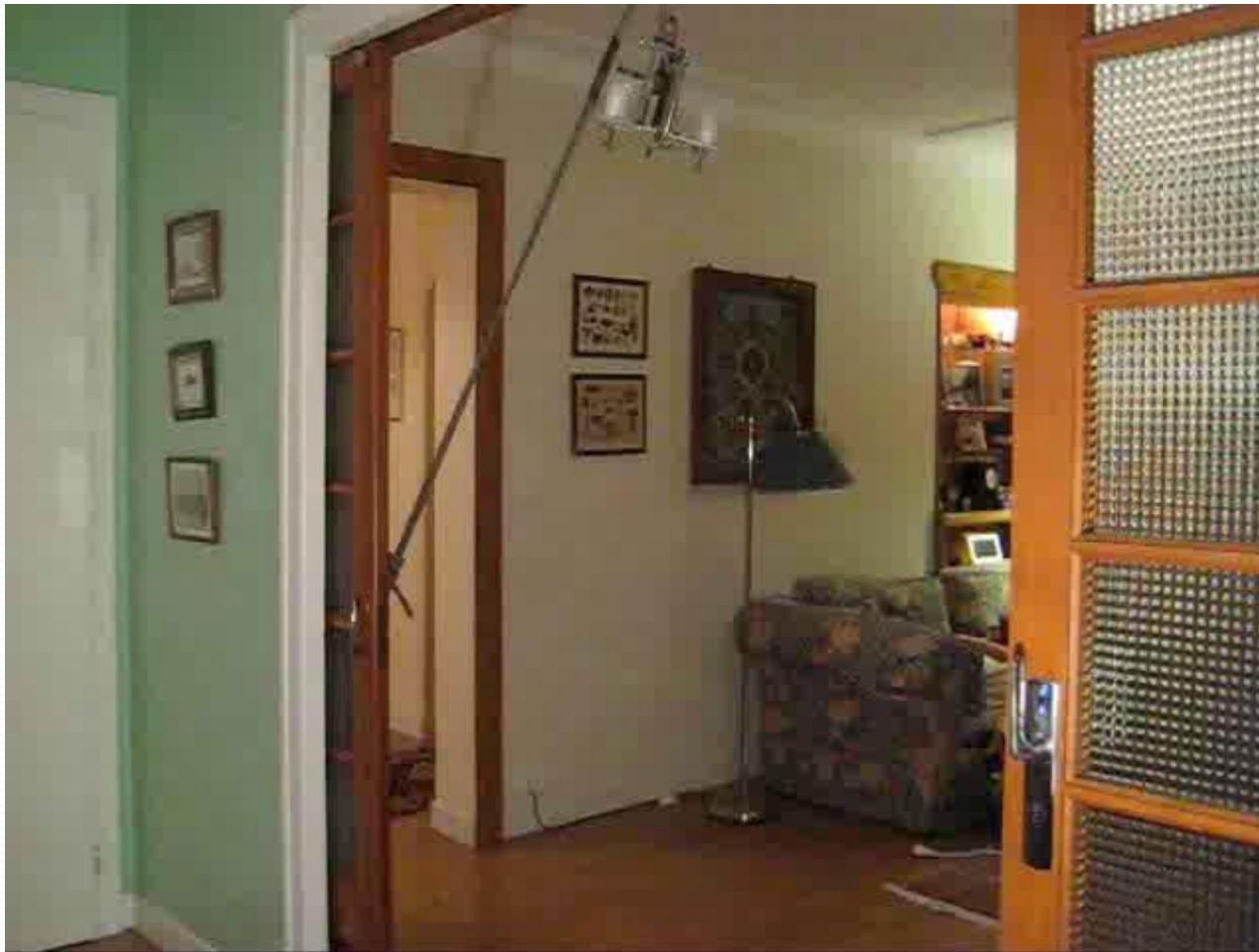
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Seeing is
believing



Does it really work?



Clinical translation is much harder to prove

Arch Orthop Trauma Surg (2013) 133:487–494
DOI 10.1007/s00402-012-1677-2

TRAUMA SURGERY

Absorbable and non-absorbable cement augmentation in fixation of intertrochanteric femur fractures: systematic review of the literature

Surena Namdari · Remy Rabinovich ·
John Scolaro · Keith Baldwin · Mohit Bhandari ·
Samir Mehta

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5 used PMMA
2 use CaP

«**Augmentation** of intertrochanteric femur fractures with polymethyl methacrylate or calcium–phosphate **may provide benefits** in terms of radiographic parameters and complication rates; however, **more stringent research methodology is necessary to determine the extent of the benefit**”

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iN3 - A better Calcium Phosphate Cement

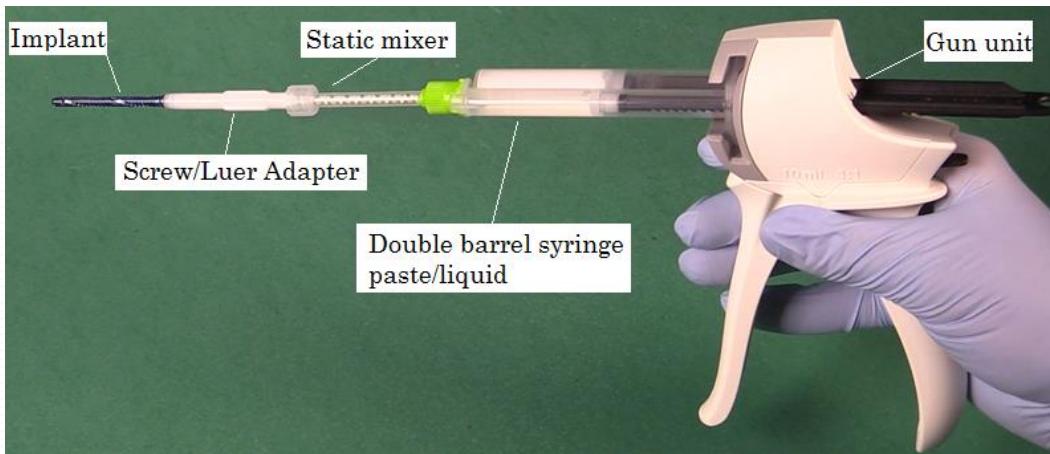
- Innovision
 - 1st US approved cement delivery implants
- Innotere
 - Unique cement proposition
- Medmix
 - Biomaterial mixing/delivery technology
- Celgentek
 - Sales and distribution in 3 key EU markets



Enabled members to be part of a larger project
«Punch above their individual weight»

One path through the investment/risk paradox: SME's combine forces..

2014 We set up a company syndicate model
2015 Completed CE registration/EU sales proven
2016 Project wholly acquired by ZBT for 20 mil USD



3 of 4 SME's now acquired



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Why an adhesive biomaterial?



Powerful unmet clinical needs

Clinicians dream of bone adhesives



Review

Current State of Bone Adhesives—Necessities and Hurdles

Kai O. Böker et al.

Department of Trauma Surgery, Orthopaedics and Plastic Surgery, University Medical Center Goettingen, Robert Koch Straße 40, 37075 Göttingen, Germany

Materials 2019, 12, 3975; doi:10.3390/ma12233975

www.mdpi.com/journal/materials

“The vision of gluing two bone fragments with biodegradable and biocompatible adhesives remains highly fascinating and attractive to orthopedic surgeons”

Adhesive biomaterials - many requirements

Must work reliably in
bloody, fatty fields

Sufficient strength at & after
surgery

Be biologically friendly

Allow healing through itself &
then disappears!

Adds clinical value where there
are needs, cost effectively.

Product meets the medical
device requirements

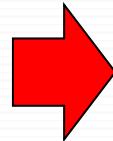
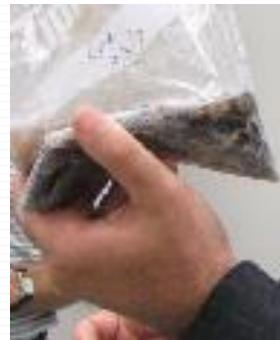
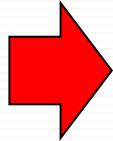
Few candidates can do all these

We looked into many possible natural sources of an adhesive



Pre-commercial MAP Mefp1 extraction process already in place...
Lots of data... appeared feasible

Extraction of Mefp1 from mussel feet ~ 97% purity

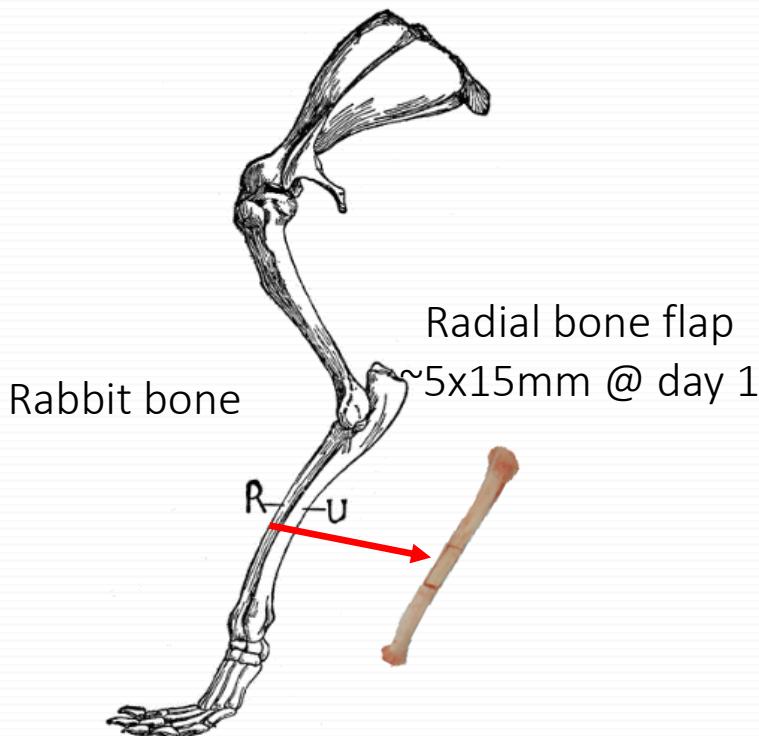


The mussel foot

Shucked many 1000's
mussel
Removing the foot for
processing

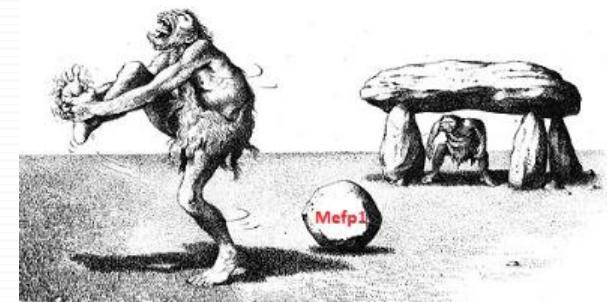
Initial lab testing promising

In-vivo there are biocompatibility problems longer term



6/8 detach

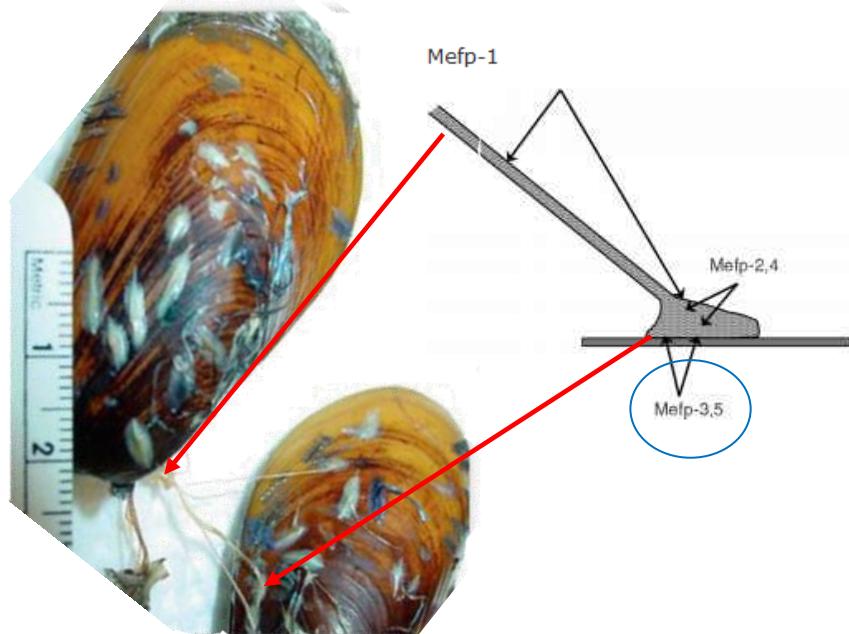
~3 weeks



biocompatibility
issues?

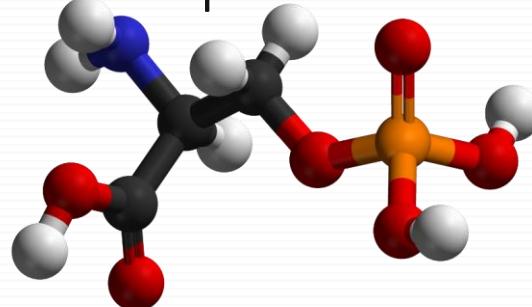
There is a silver lining to the cloud!

Clues to another path!



M. edulis attaches to seaweed, other mussels, stainless steel and even Teflon via mefp 3-5!

Mefp5
rich in an amino acid
Phosphoserine

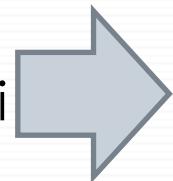


“Phosphoserine is in proteins that bind calcareous materials e.g., osteopontin”

The story behind OsStic bone adhesive

2012 PP - Consultancy in France.

2013 Demo to Håkan @ Uppsala Uni



2014 PP/GI form GPBio Ltd focus adhesives



36kg@24h

2014 start applied research at UU

Novel formulations based on PSer, aTCP, CSi & water



3 patents and 10+ publications

OsStic[®] Adhesive Safety/Efficacy profile

- Safety (soft tissue in-vivo) 6/12 week data excellent biocompatibility



J Mater Sci Mater Med. 2020; 31(2): 24.
Published online 2020 Feb 8. doi: 10.1007/s10856-020-6362-3

PMCID: PMC7007900
PMID: 32036502

In vivo safety assessment of a bio-inspired bone adhesive
Hulsart-Billstrom et al

- Efficacy (hard tissue in-vivo) 42 day murine study

Gluing Living Bone Using a Biomimetic Bioadhesive: From Initial Cut to Final Healing

Philip Procter^{1,2*}, Gry Hulsart-Billström^{3,2}, Antoine Alves⁴, Michael Pujari-Palmer¹, David Wenner¹, Gerard Insley^{1,2}, Håkan Engqvist¹ and Sune Larsson³

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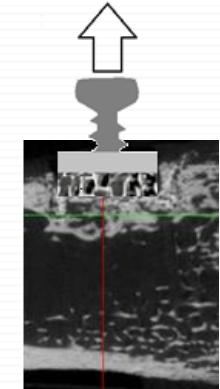
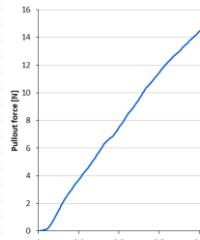
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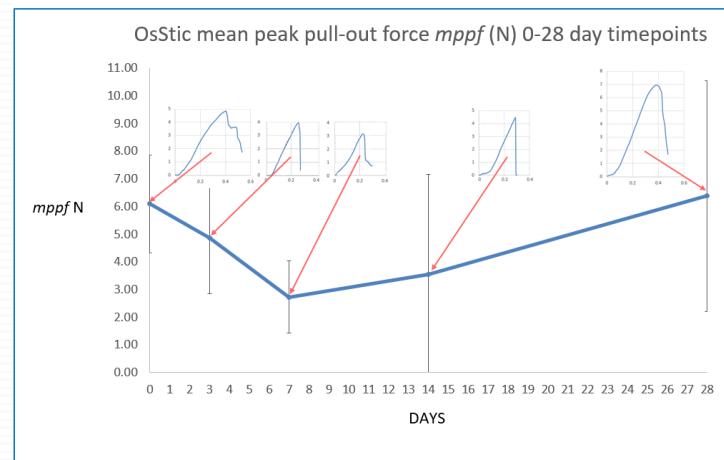
OsStic in-vivo murine bone model



Bone core gluing



Pull-out testing



Summary *in vivo* force data

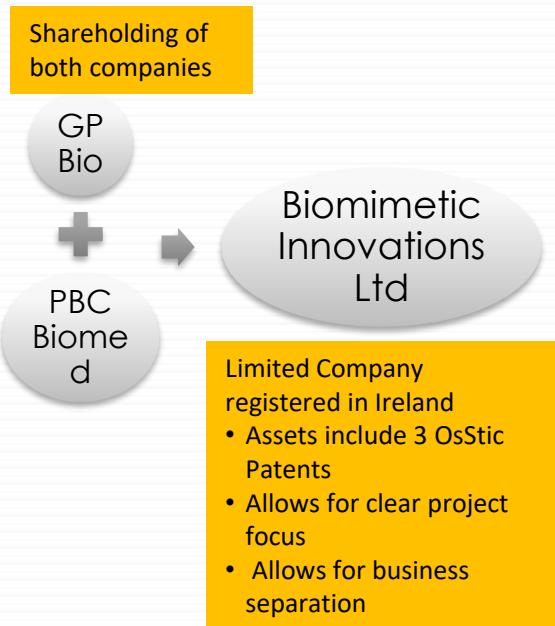


@42 days adhesive remodels >
70% cancellous
50% cortical

In 2020 GPBio and PBC Biomed create



Biomimetic Innovations Ltd



February 20th 2020

PBC Biomed Ltd



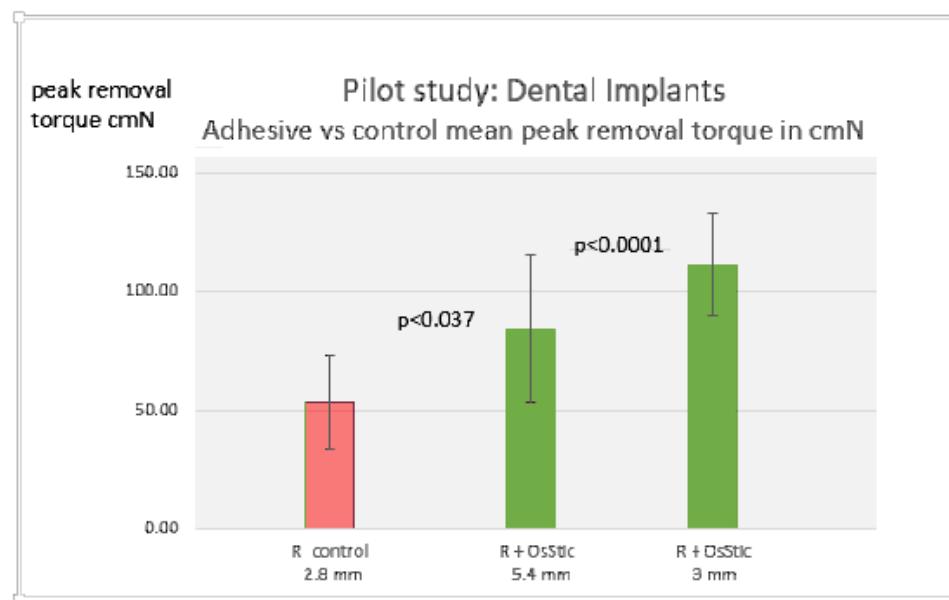
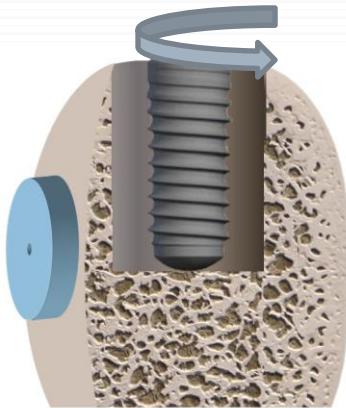
Located in close proximity to
Shannon International Airport

Class 8 Clean room and laboratories.

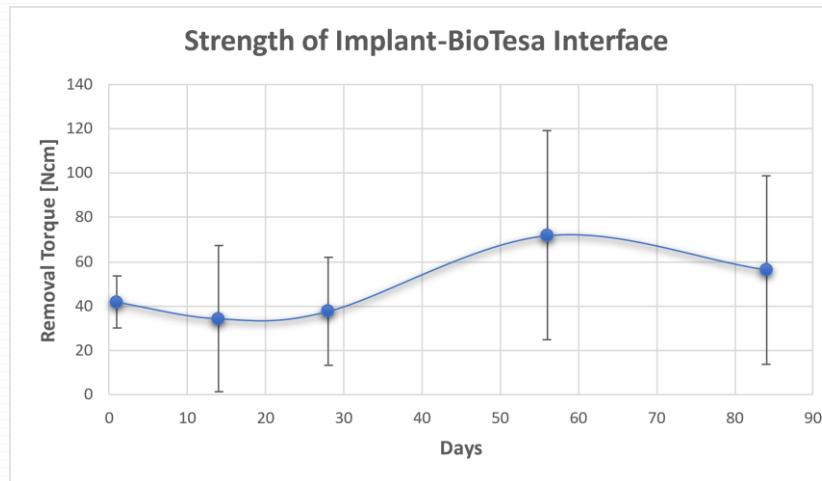
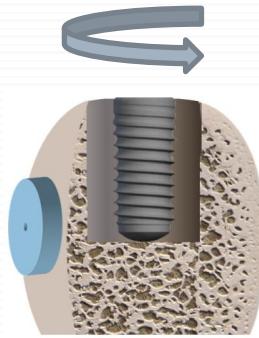
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services



OsStic Dental – POC ex-vivo porcine bone removal torque

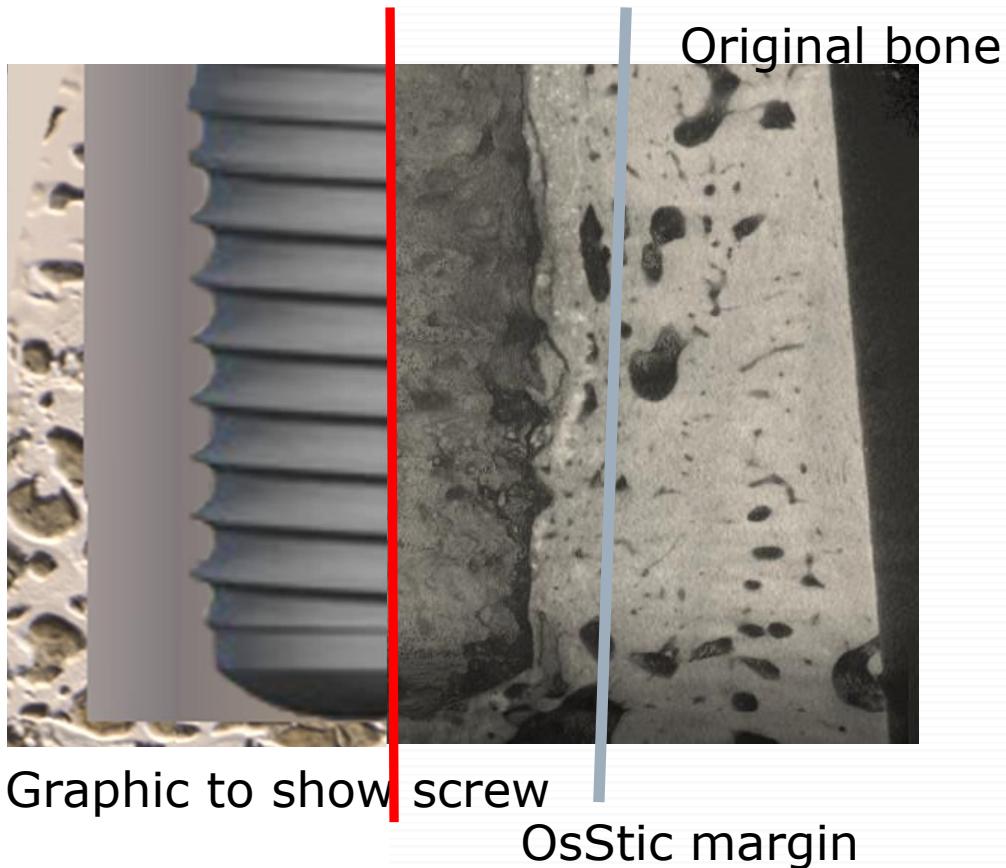


OsStic Dental POC in-vivo porcine removal torque @ 12 weeks



Failure occurred at the Implant/BioTesa interface

OsStic Dental in-vivo µCT at 8 weeks





The 4 stages of acceptance for new ideas

JBS Haldane 1963



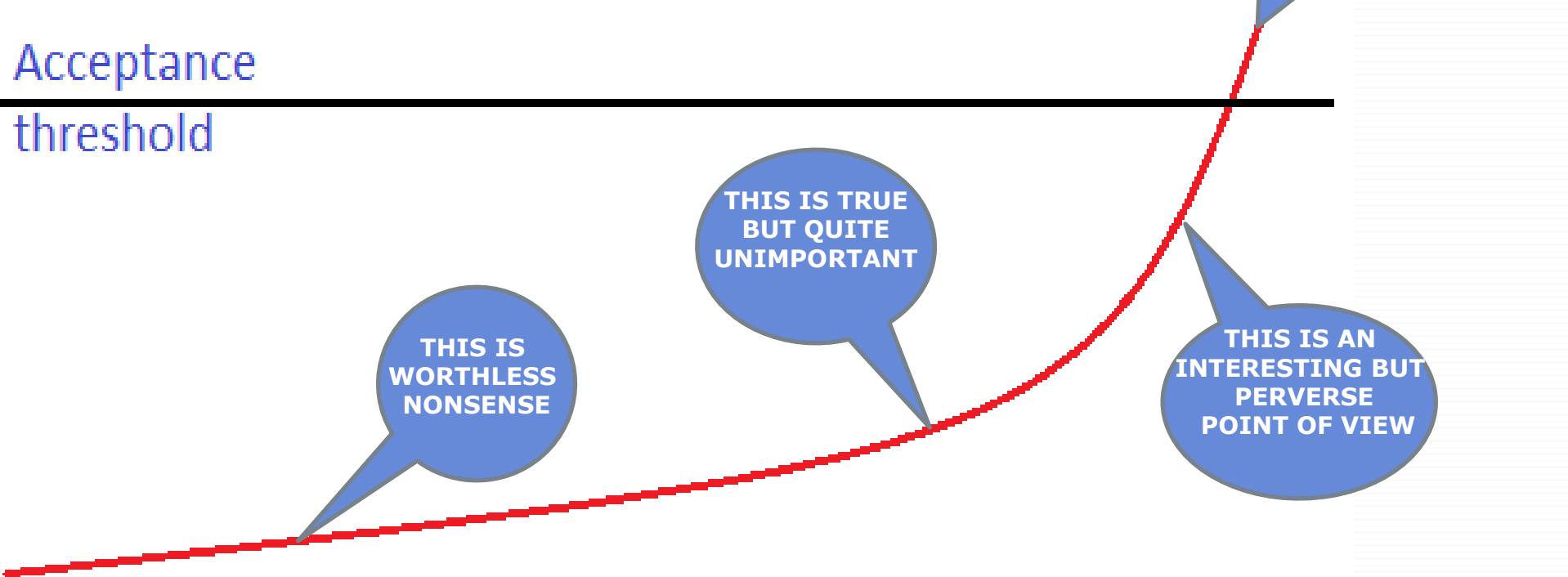
I ALWAYS
SAID IT WAS SO

Acceptance
threshold

THIS IS
WORTHLESS
NONSENSE

THIS IS TRUE
BUT QUITE
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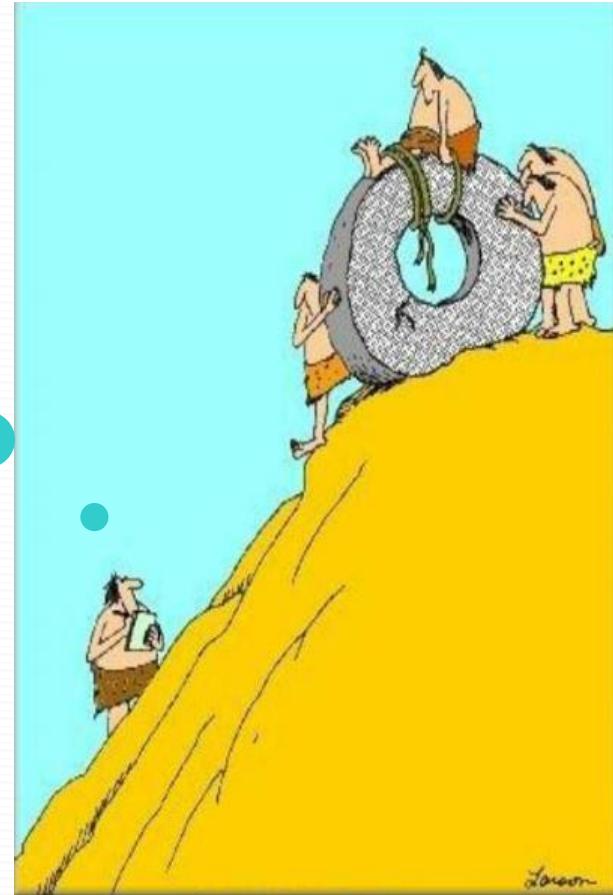
THIS IS AN
INTERESTING BUT
PERVERSE
POINT OF VIEW



Just a few more trials
then it will be perfect



A Revolutionary technology takes longer and more trials to perfect than anyone realises



Future technology

Future Technology

Great to aim high

Reasonable balance
between evidence of
clinical benefit
and cost.....



Thank you for your kind attention

