

IN VIVO LONG-TERM DURABILITY OF MATERIALS THAT COMPRISE IMPLANTED MEDICAL DEVICES

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MODERNIZING THE REGULATIONS FOR TODAY'S IMPLANT DURATION

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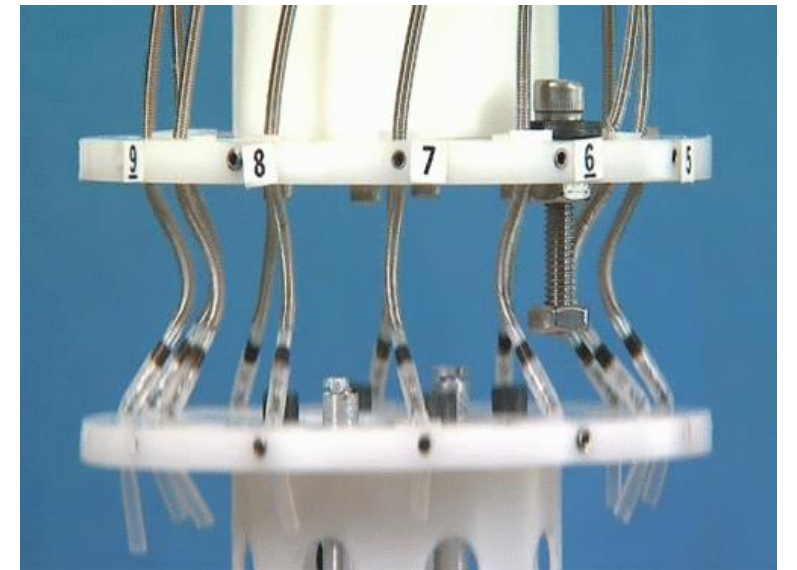
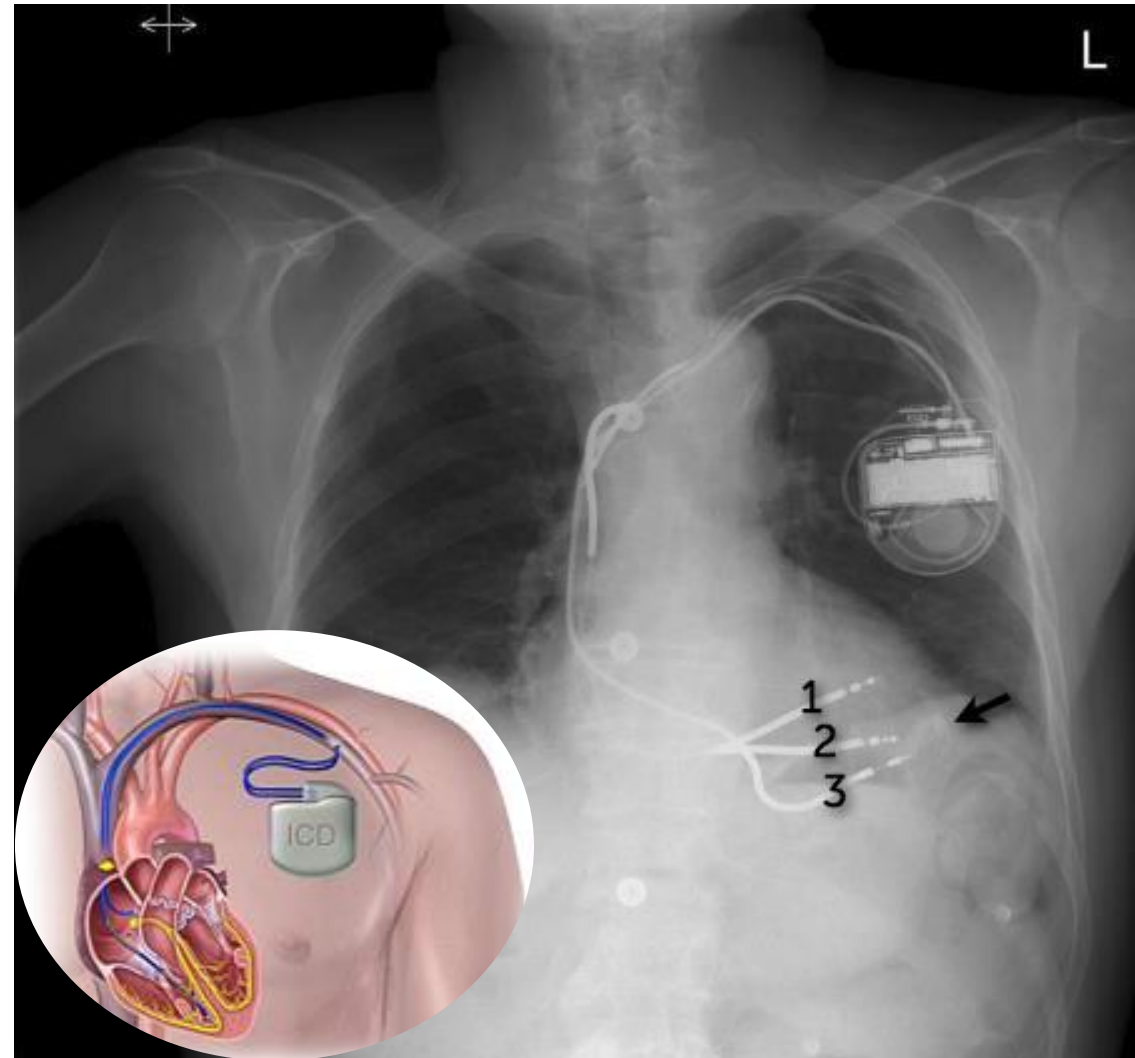
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ABSTRACT: Ten years after a new poly(dimethylsiloxane)urethane material was introduced as part of a long-term medical device implant, an unexpectedly high rate of in-service degradation was observed. The chemical signatures of molecular degradation in the materials were not identified during the comparatively short preclinical assessment of biostability. This outcome highlights the need to transform the assessment of biostability for new materials used in long-term implanted medical devices to protocols that rely more heavily on accelerated in vitro testing. The industry has over-relied on in vivo exposure to assess the stability of a material due to the perceived complexities associated with the accurate simulation of the biological environment. Strategically designed accelerated in vitro testing can provide important insights into the long-term biostability of materials: insights that cannot be readily gleaned through the in vivo studies that dominate current regulatory guidelines. Real-time validation of previously published accelerated data combined with clinical observations substantiates the accelerated approach and creates a compelling case for shifting the emphases in biostability assessment, especially for devices that have anticipated lifespans that exceed a decade.



- Regulatory guidance for the introduction of new materials into the long-term implantable space is outdated.
- Accelerated testing must be incorporated
- Real time validation of a hydrolytic accelerated test.

MANY MEDTRONIC PRODUCTS ARE IMPLANTED IN THE BODY FOR YEARS CONSTANT MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL ASSAULT



EACH MATERIAL HAS A UNIQUE FAILURE MODE

ASSESSING THE TRADE OFF

| Silicone (Mechanical Failure)



- Chemical susceptibility to HYDROLYSIS
 - $E_a = 120 \text{ kJ/mole}$
 - Bulk Reaction
- Low abrasion resistance
- Low tear resistance

| Poly(ether)urethane (Superficial Oxidation)



- Chemical susceptibility to OXIDATION
 - $E_a = 125 \text{ kJ/mole}$
 - Superficial Reaction
- High abrasion resistance
- High tear resistance

| PDMS-PU (Hydrolysis)



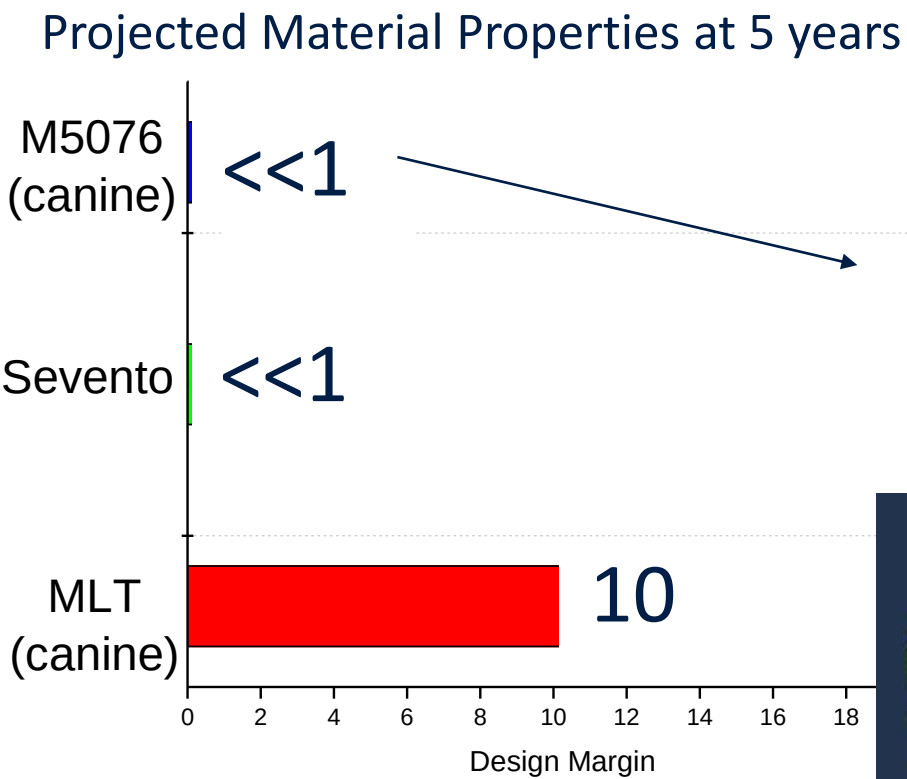
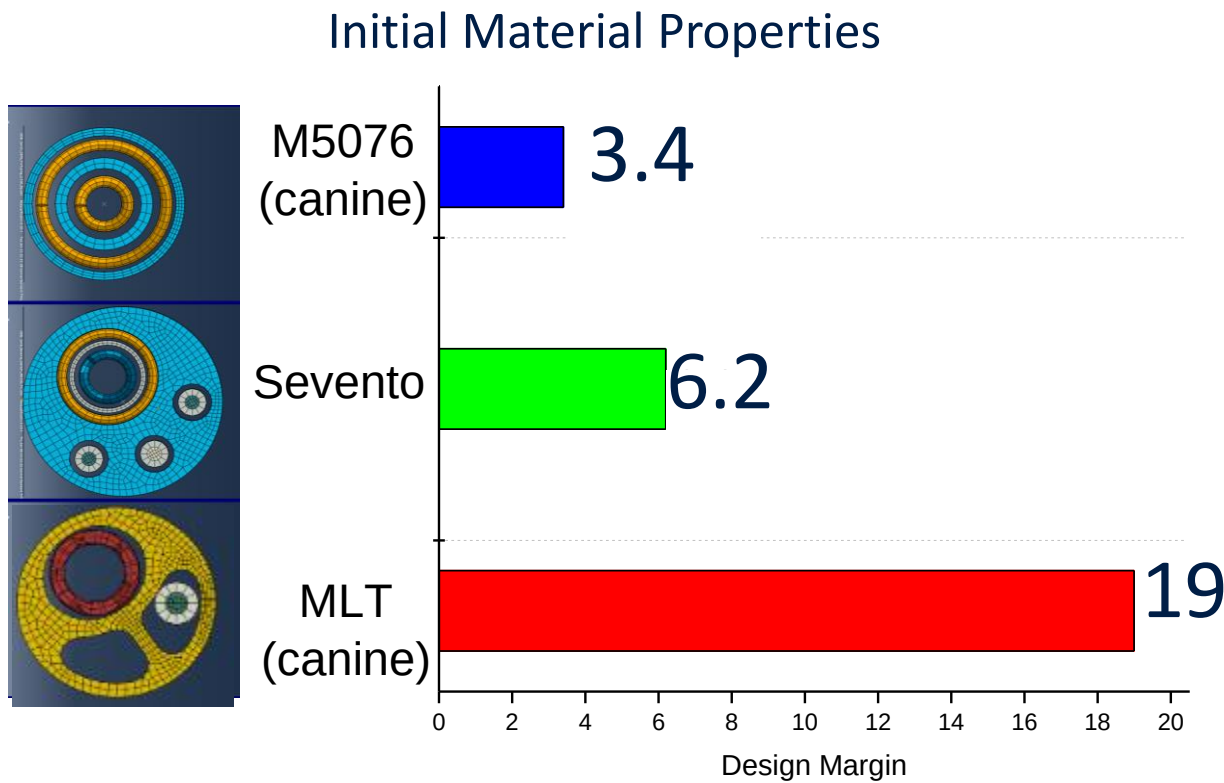
- Chemical susceptibility to HYDROLYSIS
 - $E_a = 30 \text{ kJ/mole}$
 - Bulk Reaction
- Medium abrasion resistance at time=0
- Medium tear resistance at time=0

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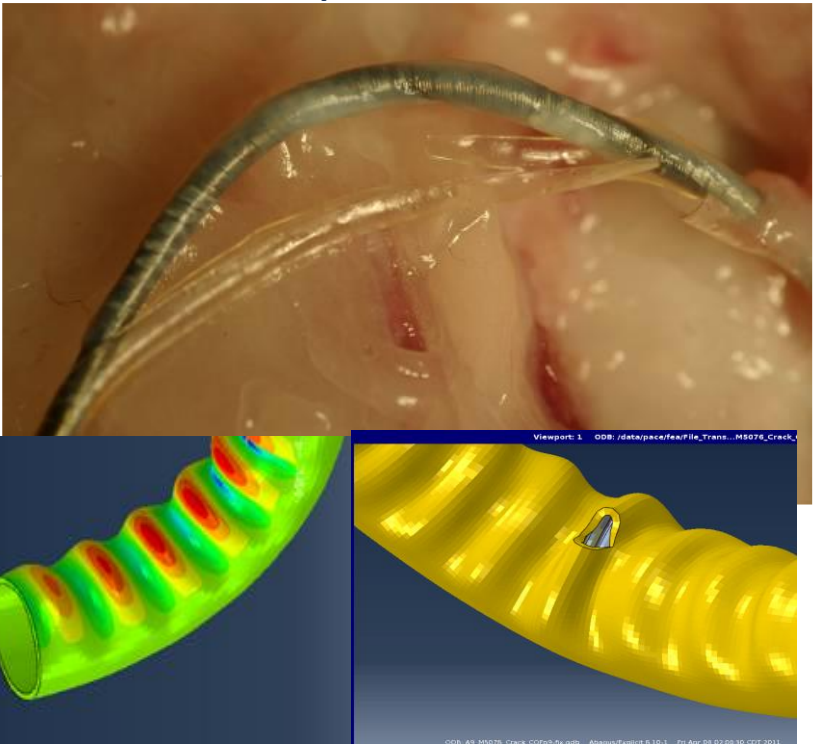
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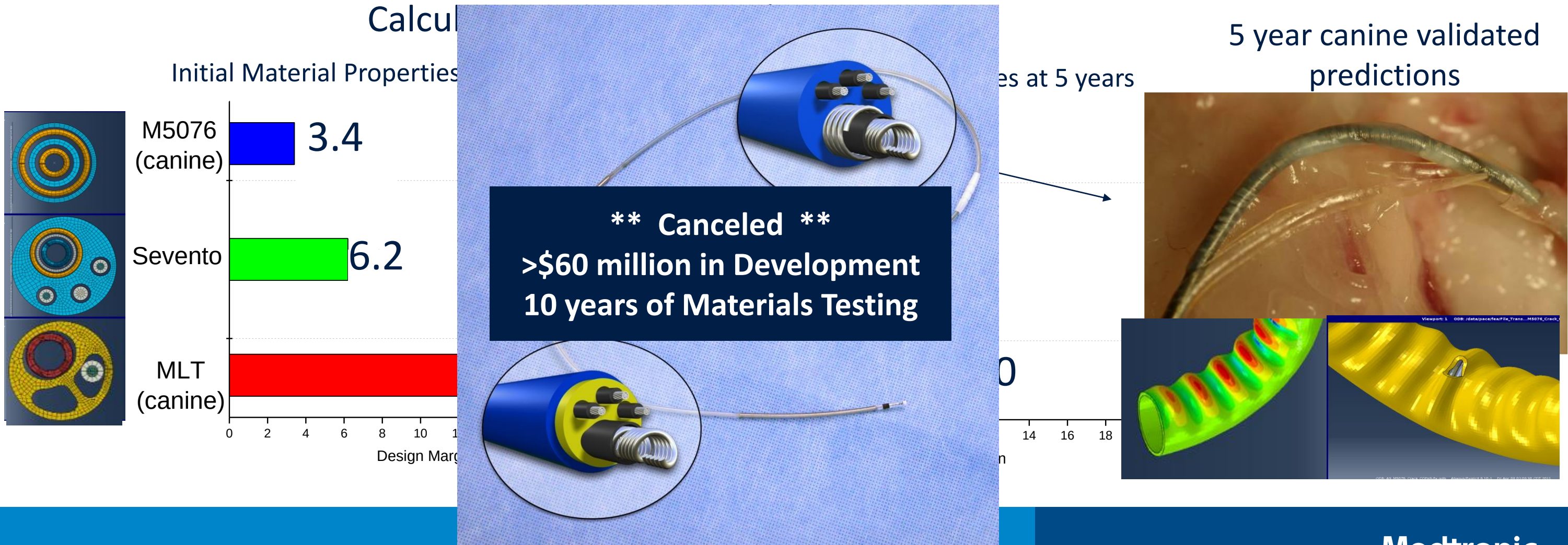


5 year canine validated predictions



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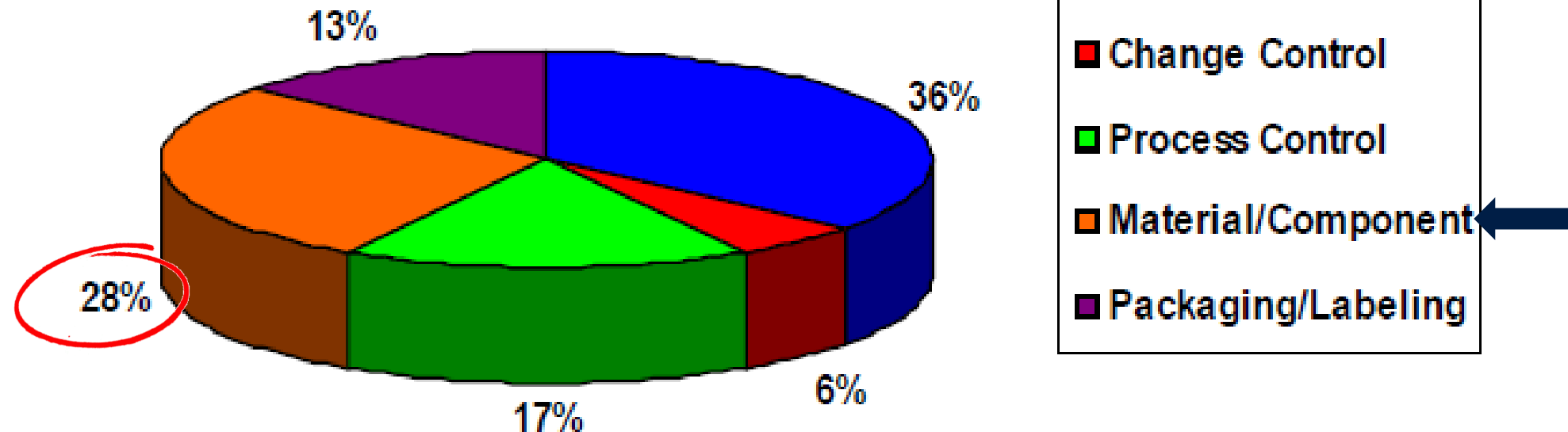


WHY DO MEDICAL DEVICES FAIL?

2/3 OF MATERIALS FAILURES ARE POLYMERS

Material failure is responsible for ~40 percent of all FDA recalls on medical devices. January 16, 2018

FDA Analysis of Primary Recall Cause FY 2010-FY 2012



When considering the cases where materials have been cited as the secondary cause of recall, then materials are implicated in over **50%** of all medical device recalls!

| Most Common Reasons | For Materials Failure

- Materials Selection /Design
- **In-service Degradation**
- Raw Material contamination
- Manufacturing incompatibility

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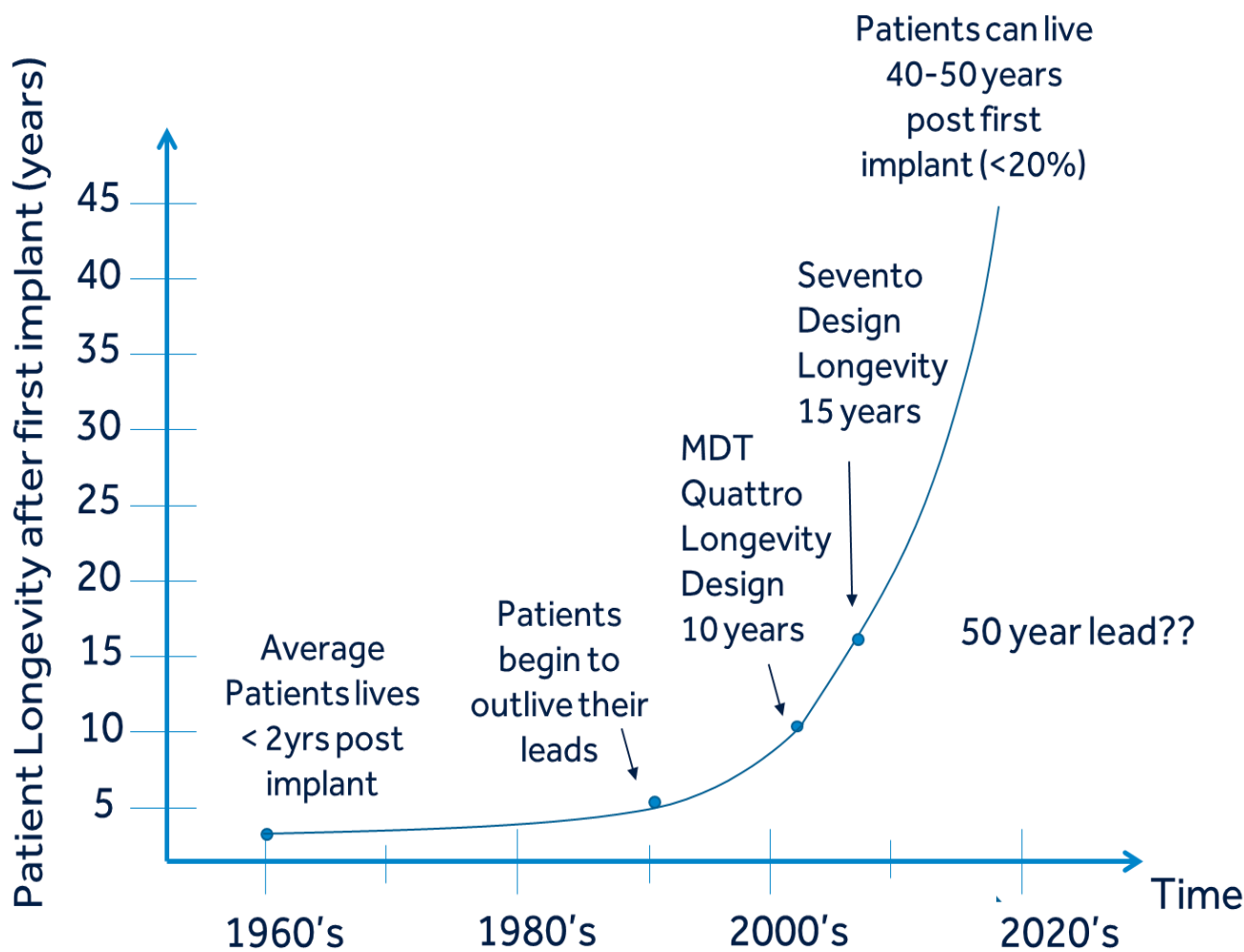
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MATERIALS ARE BEING PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS

EXPANDED LONGEVITY AND CONTINUED MINIATURIZATION

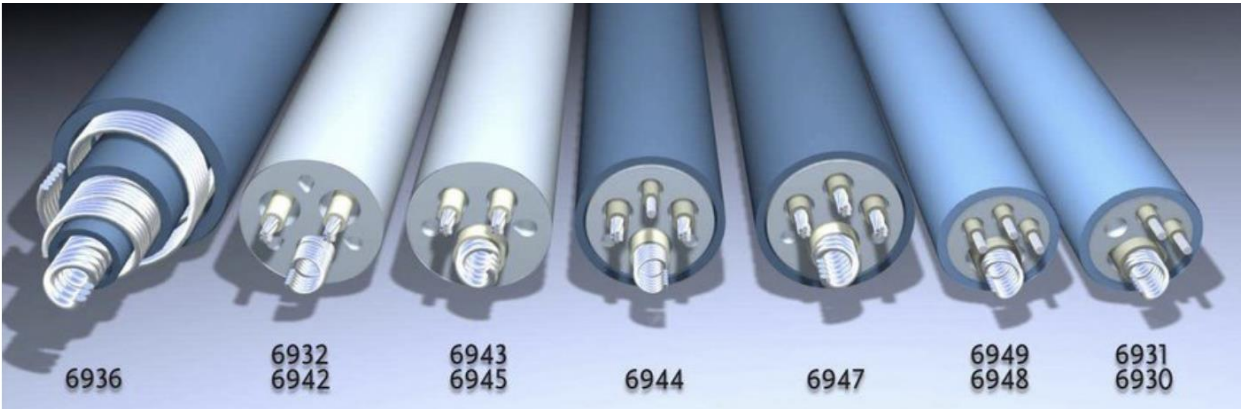
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| Earlier diagnosis and modern therapies



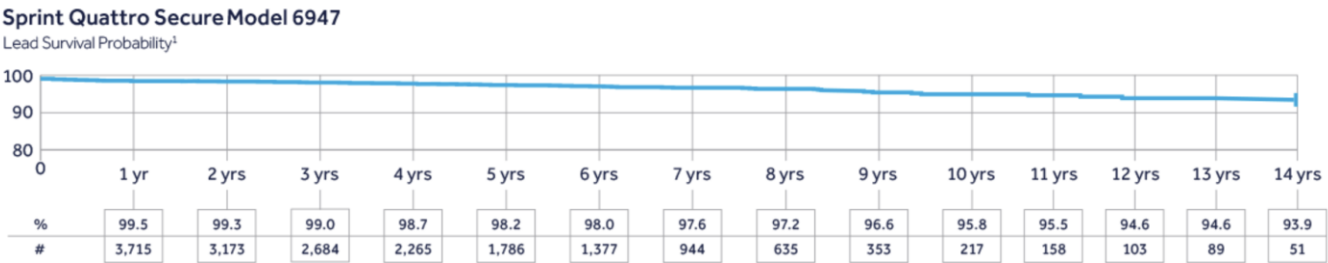
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| Miniaturization pushes material to limits



10 Fr (3.3 mm diameter) → 6.6 Fr (2.2 mm diameter)

We need materials that perform better than Poly(ether)urethane (94% at 14 yrs)



WHAT IS BIOSTABILITY?

NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH BIOCOMPATIBILITY

| Biostable:

‘To be resistant to the effects of the biological environment.’

in vivo human exposure of cardiac lead

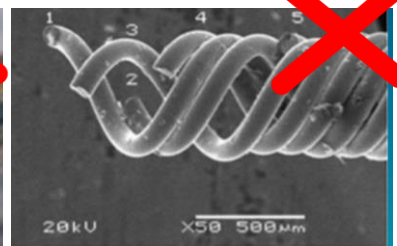
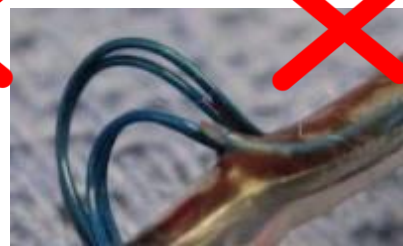
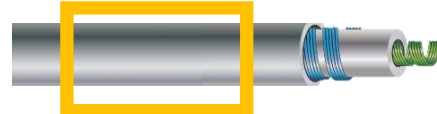
5 years ✓



10 years ✓



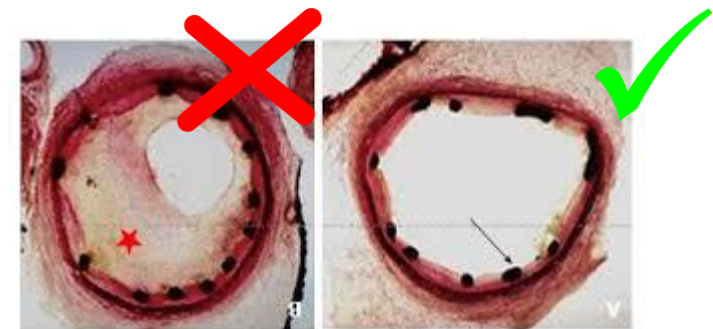
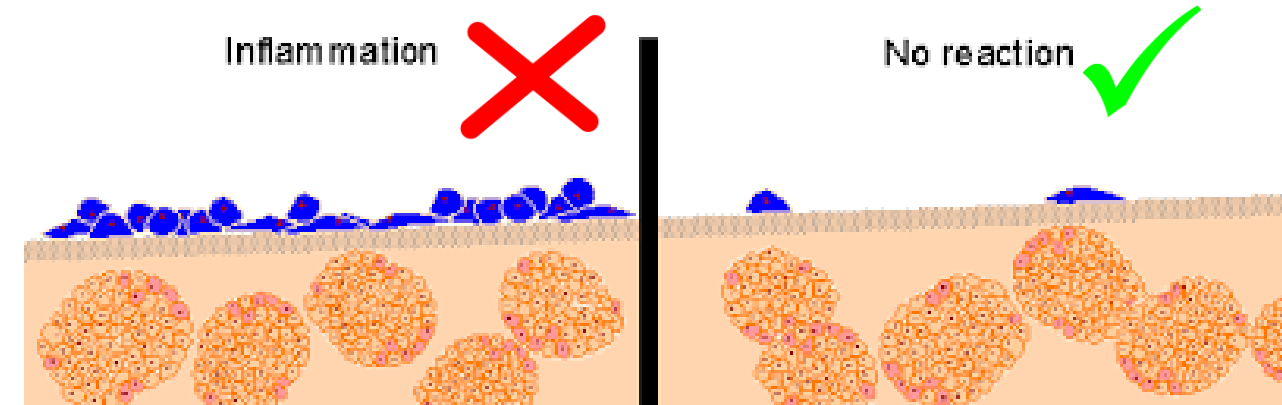
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Changes can induce biocompatibility challenges

| Biocompatible:

‘The ability of a material to perform with an appropriate host response’



MOLECULAR WEIGHT AND PROPERTIES

RESORBABLE POLYMERS TEACH US ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AND MOLAR MASS LOSS (REACTIONS PER CHAIN)

Polylactide Degradation



MYSTIQUE implant

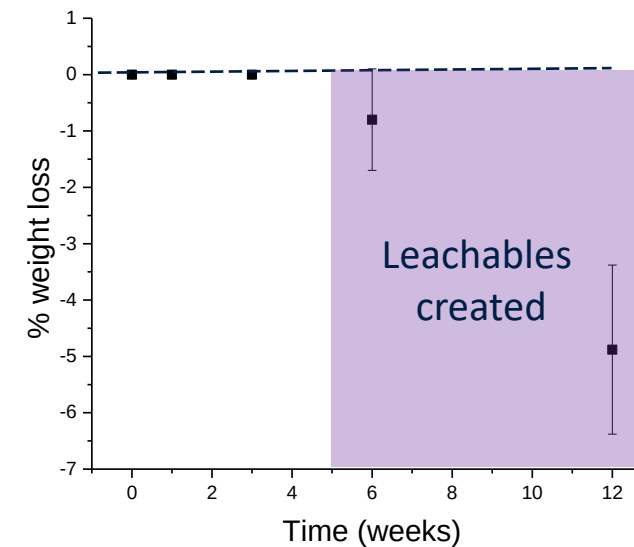


Traditional implant



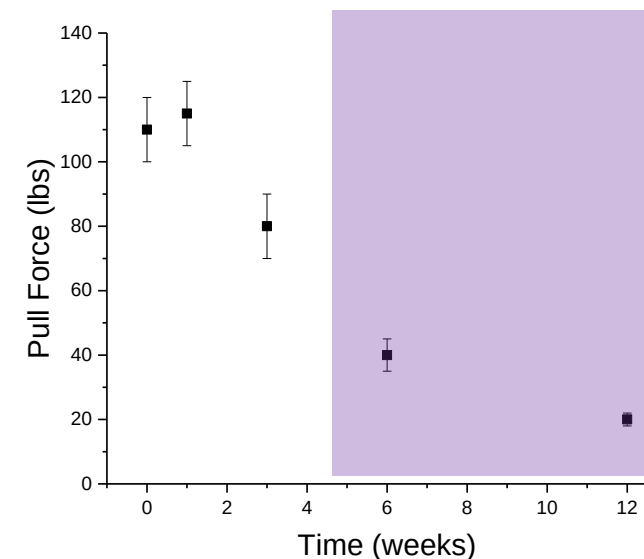
The MYSTIQUE Plate was made of HYDROSORB® PLDLA co-polymer. This co-polymer consists of 70 percent Poly (L-lactide) and 30 percent Poly (D,L-lactide).

Mass loss

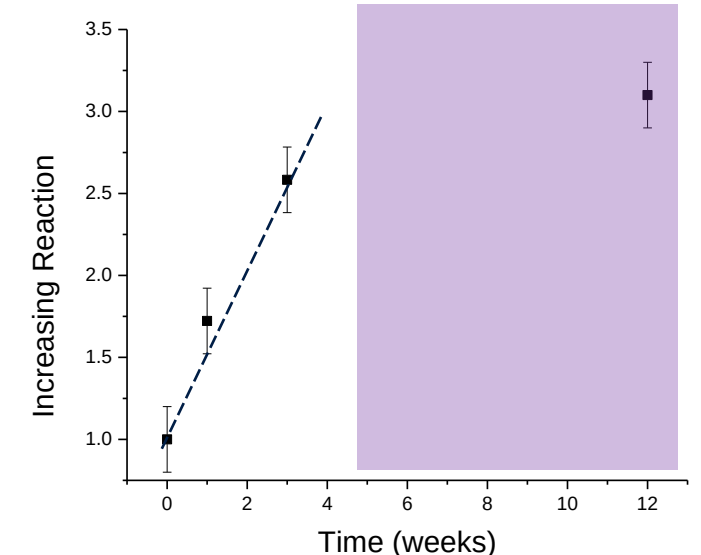


The mechanical properties were reduced by 50% (and the molar mass by >2.5 x) before leachables were created From the degradation reaction

Strength Loss



Number of reactions per polymer chair



MEDTRONIC'S MOST CONSEQUENTIAL LEAD RECALL

ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS CRACKING AND METAL INDUCED OXIDATION



- 1984-voluntary recall
- 80% survival at 3 years end of life
- 30,123 leads
- Company size: \$750 M annual revenue

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WE ESTABLISHED TESTING WITH THE GOAL OF PREVENTING BIOSTABILITY FAILURE
A FAILURE ANYWHERE IN THE INDUSTRY IS OUR CONCERN

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Ten-Year Experience
Insulation

10 Ans D'Expérience D'Électro

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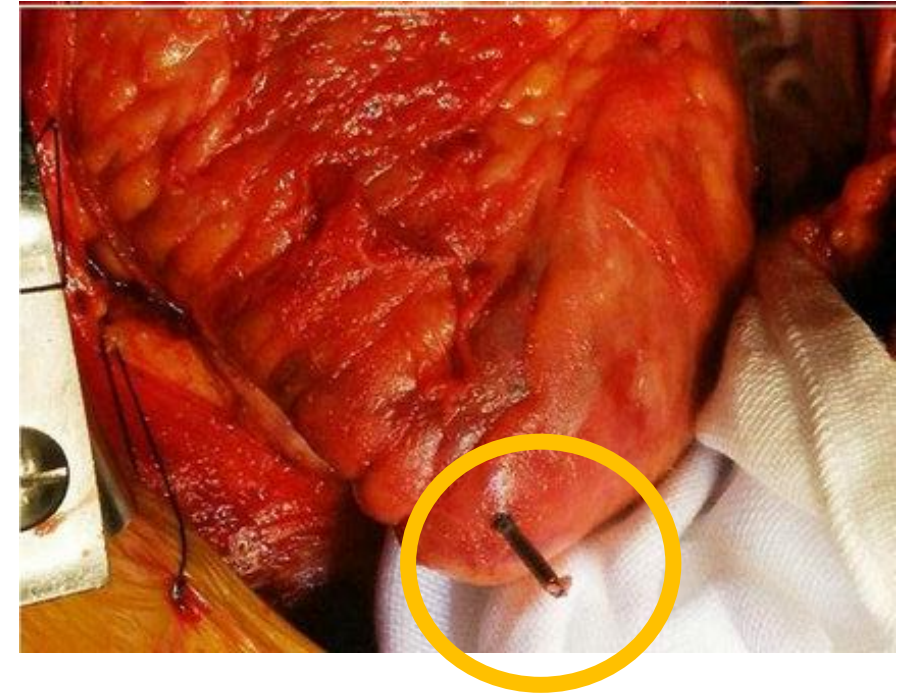
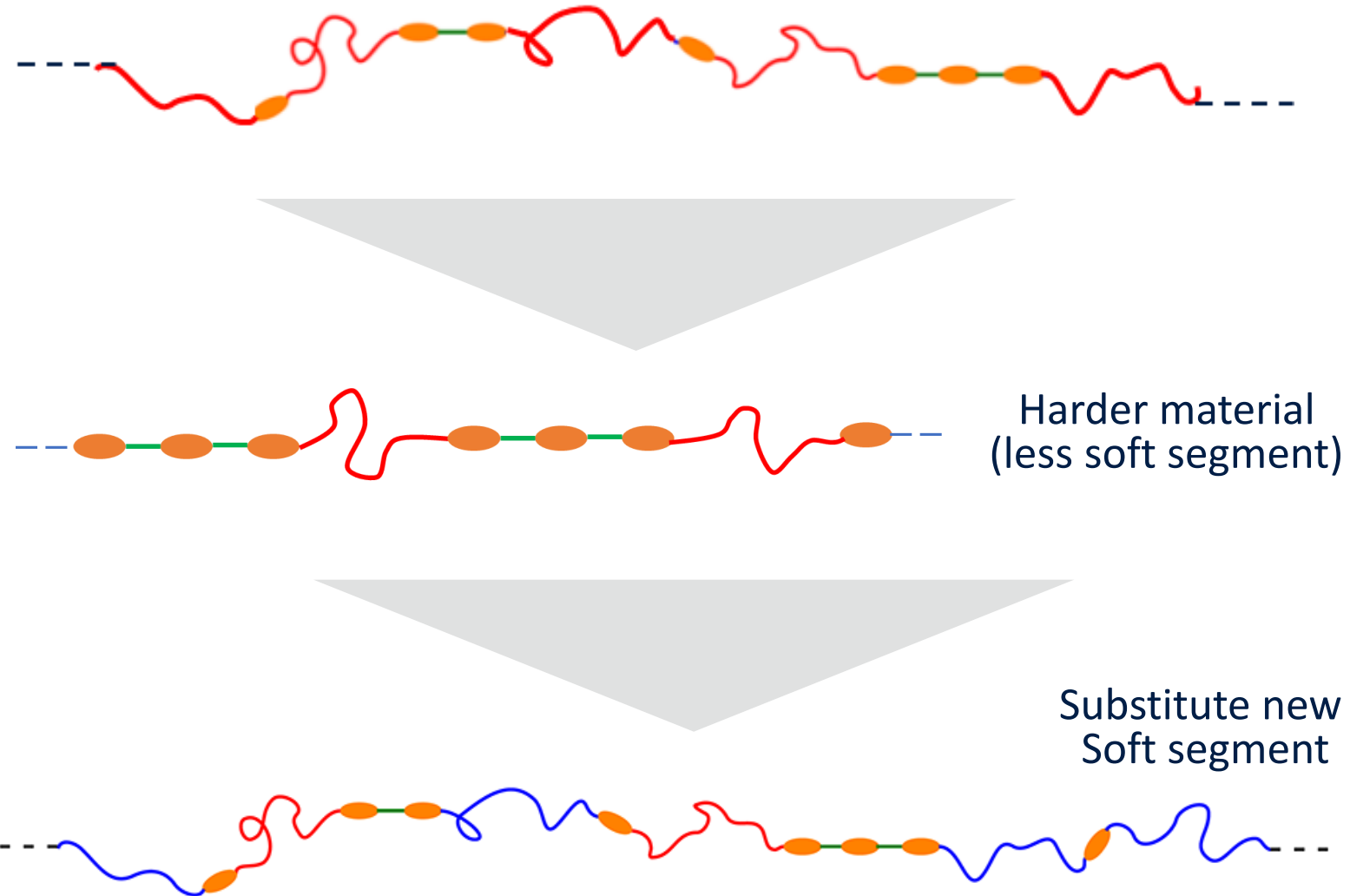
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NEW PRIMARY LEAD INSULATION MATERIALS

DRIVE TOWARD NEW SOFT MATERIALS TO SUPPORT MINIATURIZATION

The Soft Segments (red) were responsible for degradation



PDMS-URETHANES

COPOLYMER PERFORMANCE IS NOT ADDITIVE



Silicone

- Flexibility
- Biostability

Polyurethane

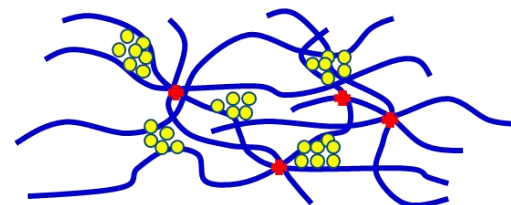
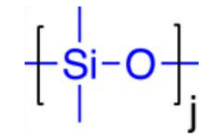
- Lubricity
- Durability

50x the abrasion
Resistance
of silicone!

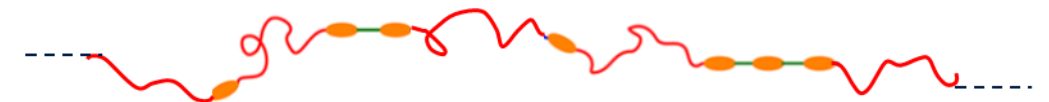
PMDS-Urethane: Poly(ether) urethane with some of the soft segment substituted out and replaced with PDMS



Silicone



Poly(ether)urethane (PEU)



*What does the regulatory
guidance say about testing
this material's suitability??*

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Case 1:

Pellethane® 2363-Equivalent Pacemaker System with alternate vendors to Pellethane

No *In Vitro* Work Required

Case 2:

Polyurethane Components Replacement Protocol to characterize new polyurethane materials

In Vitro Work Required

Option A: Implant leads in animal hearts to obtain data on 20 leads at the end of **2 two years**.

Option B: Implant leads in animal hearts with intent of obtaining data on 20 leads after **six months** · AND Accelerated Testing – ESC and MIO testing

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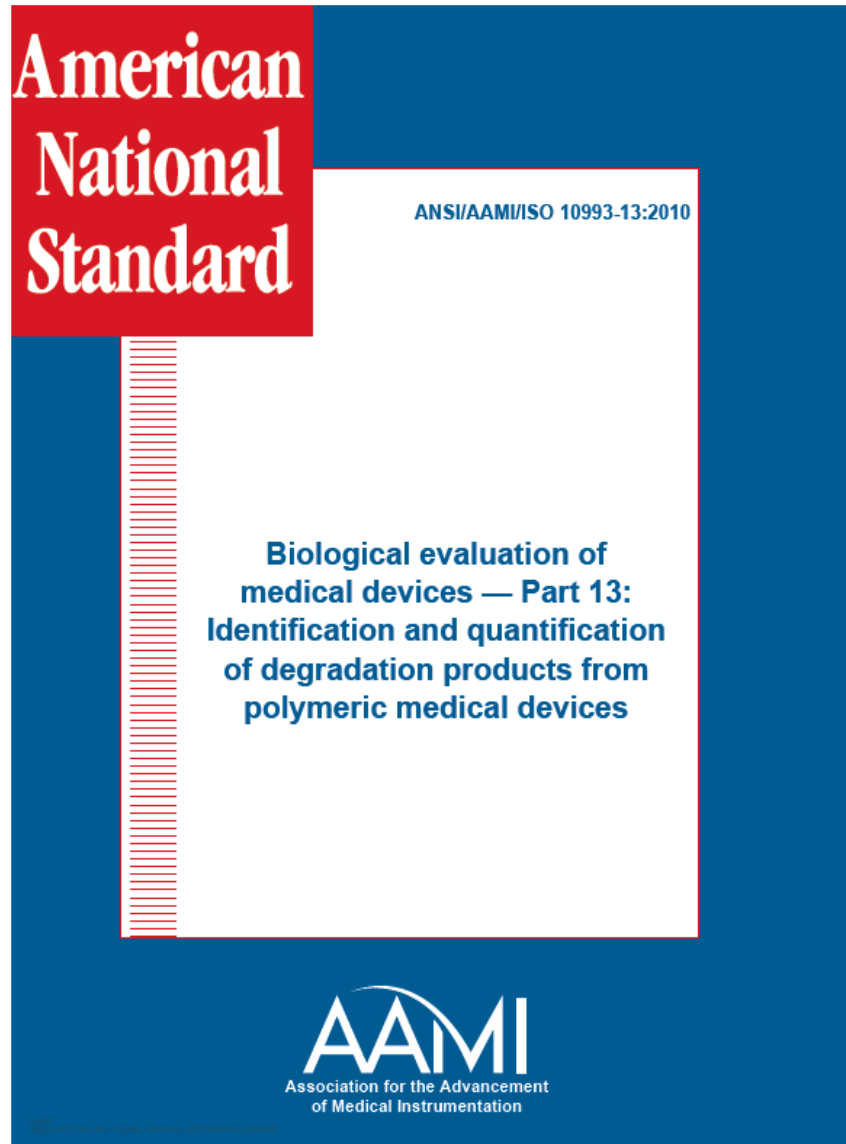
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EVALUATION PERFORMED TO THE CURRENT STANDARDS



**Biological evaluation of medical devices —
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products from polymeric medical devices**

**Real Time Test Duration = 12 months
Accelerated conditions: 70 °C for 60 days**

4.1.1 Test design

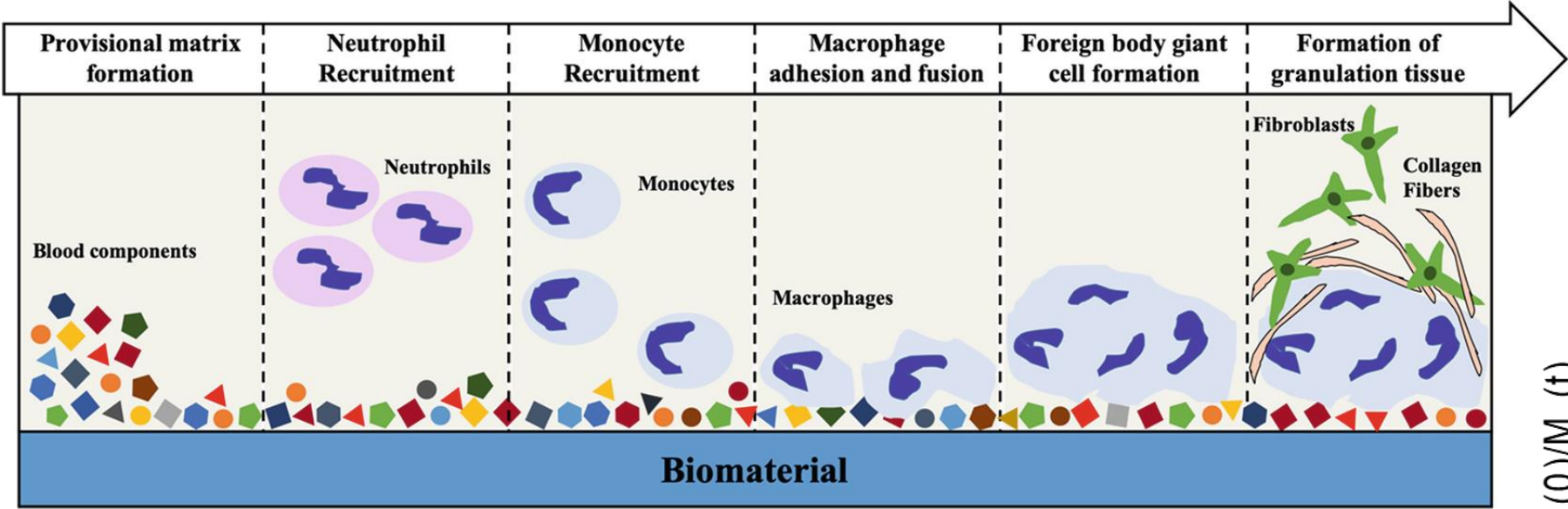
In accordance with ISO 10993-9, degradation tests shall be used to generate, identify and/or quantify degradation products. If degradation is observed in an accelerated test, identification and quantification of the degradation products can provide sufficient information for risk analysis. If identification and quantification of degradation products from the accelerated test do not provide sufficient information for the risk analysis, real-time testing shall be performed. The sequence of steps that shall be followed is described in detail in this part of ISO 10993.

The FDA does NOT recognize this part of the standard

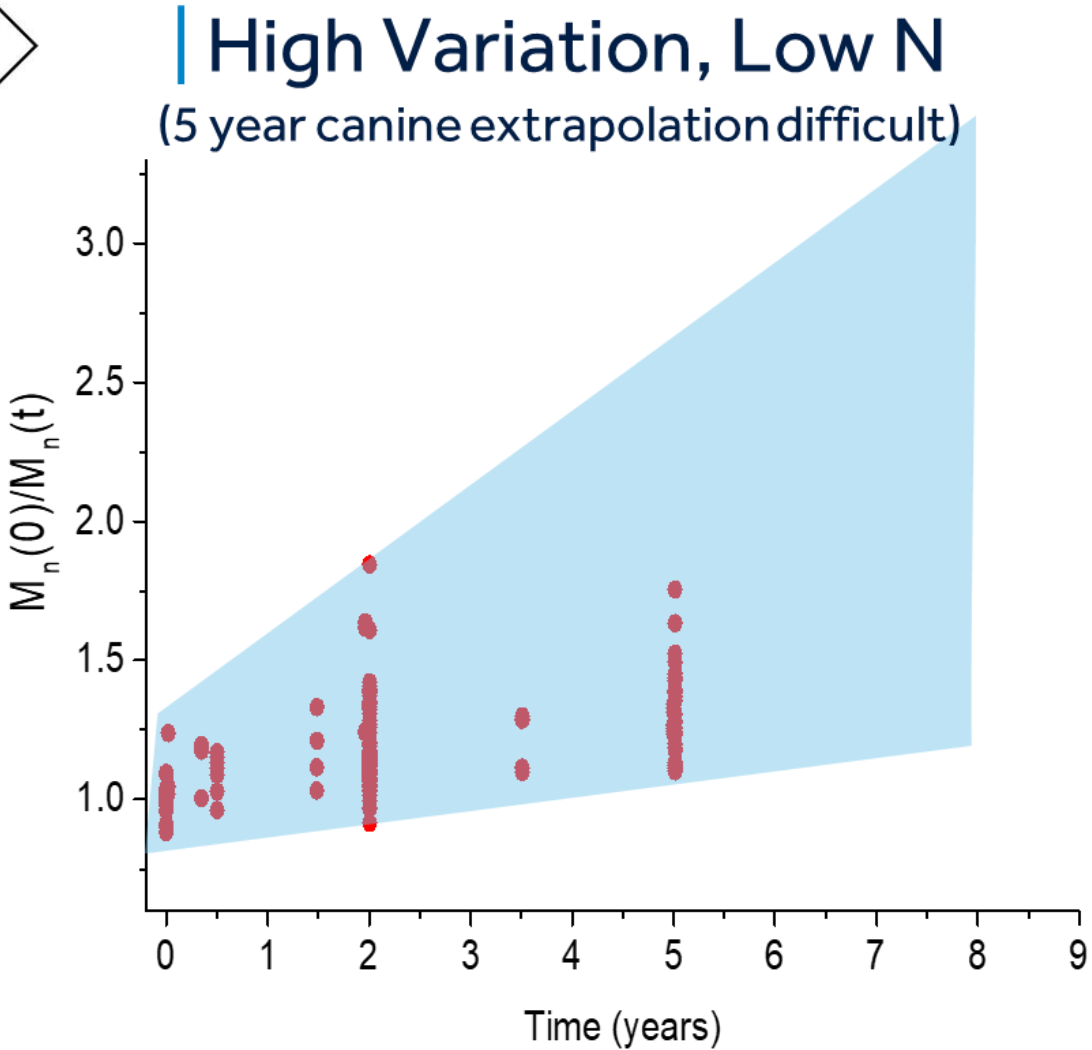
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| A mysterious *in vivo* environment and over reliance on *in vivo* data



Ref: Frazão et al. Biomimicked Biomaterials 2020 (1250) p 978-981.



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Applies

 **EU MDR [2017/745] Update**

EU MDR: European Union Medical Device Regulation

- 11 references to end-of-life performance
- Product surveillance requirements
- No explicit guidance



Accelerated Chemical Testing



Mechanical Testing

WE ARE TAKING THE LEAD IN DEFINING THE STANDARDS
CONTINUING TO DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE

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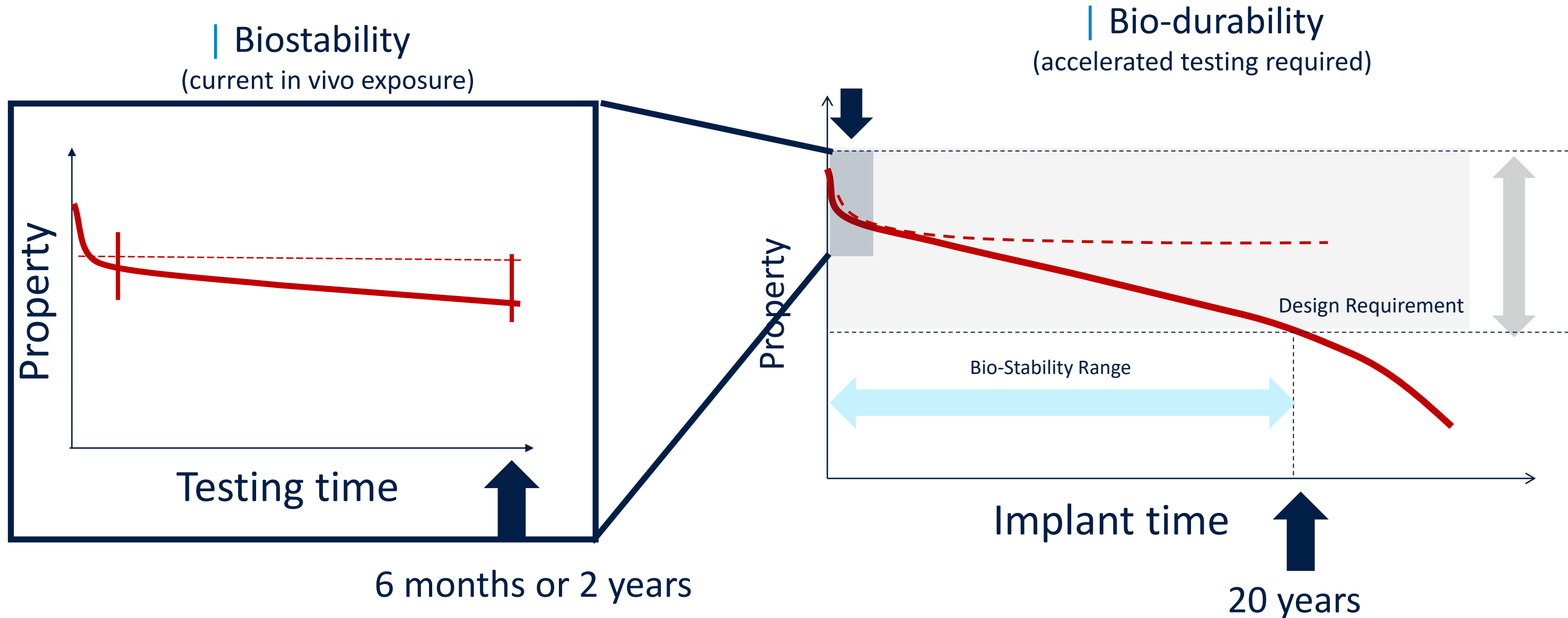
**Longevity expectations for
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Water

WE MUST SHIFT OUR DEFINITION OF BIOSTABILITY

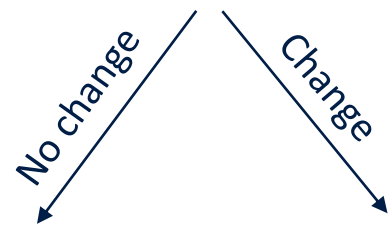
MODERN DAY LONGEVITIES DEMAND THIS SHIFT



MISTAKES THAT OCCUR WHEN USING HISTORICAL BIOSTABILITY ASSESSMENT WHEN MODERN DEVICE LONGEVITY IS DEMANDED IN THE APPLICATION

| Current Regulatory Guidance

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- Assess properties



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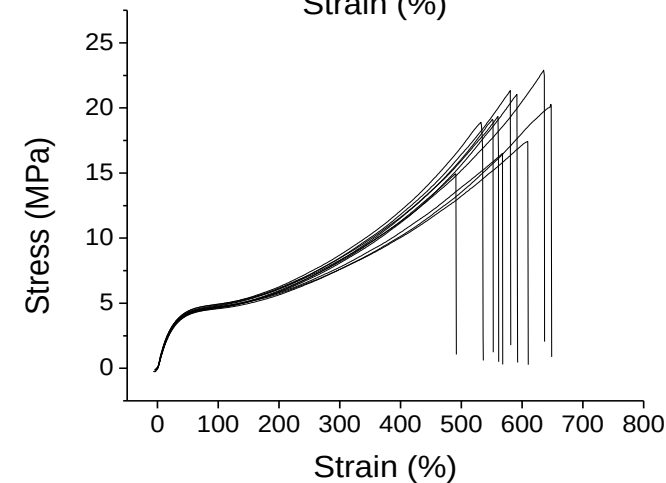
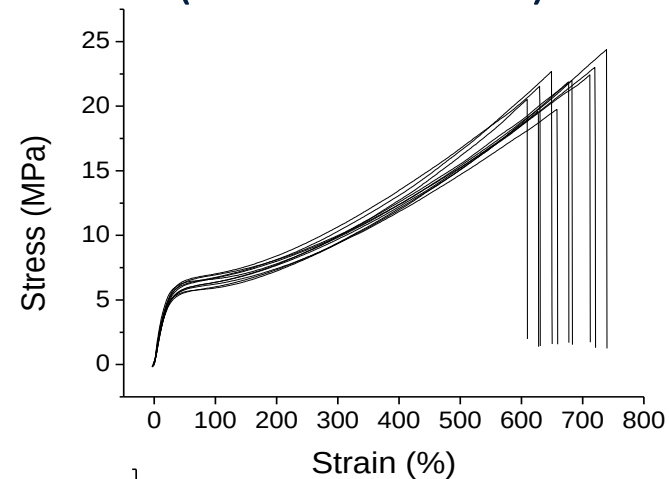
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New Material

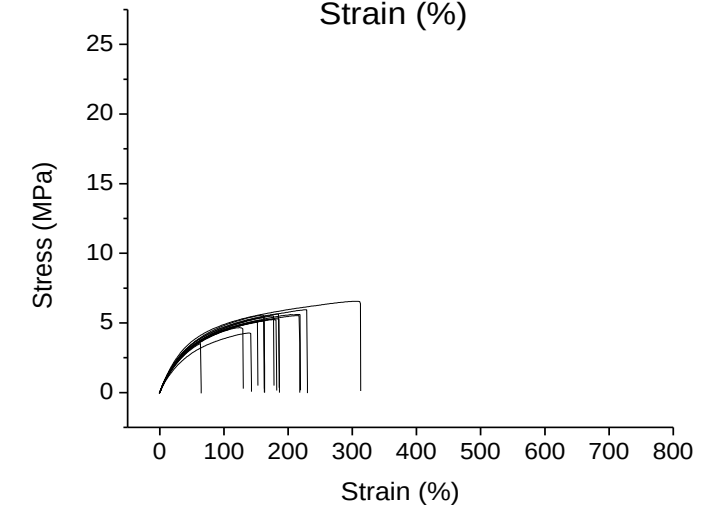
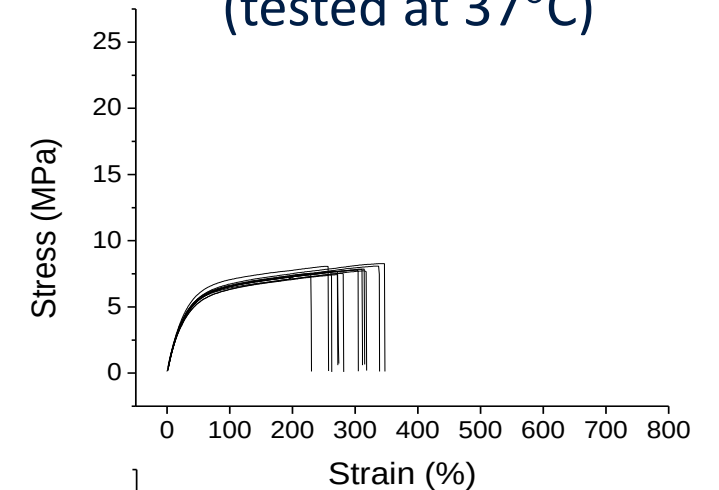
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Extreme Condition

| 85°C in Buffered Saline (tested at 37°C)

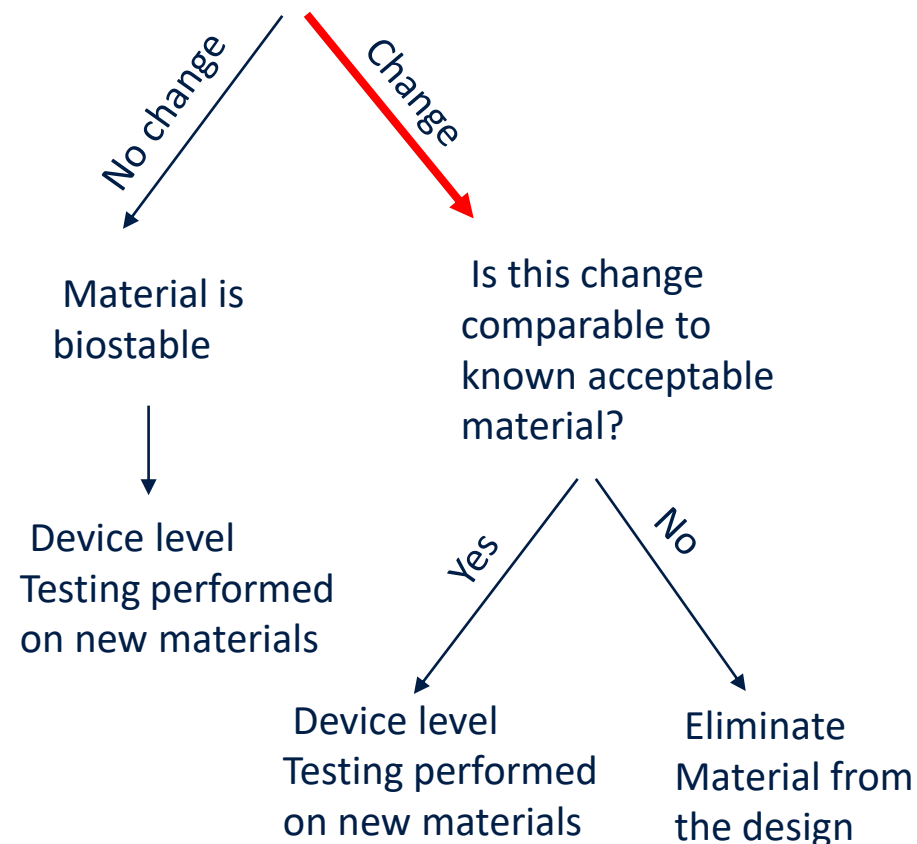


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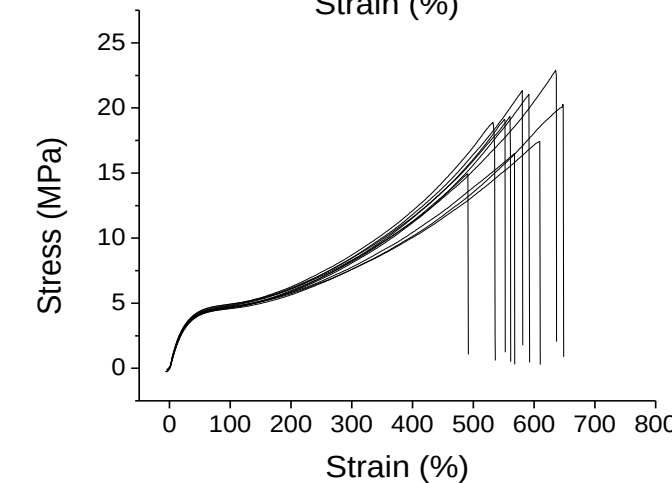
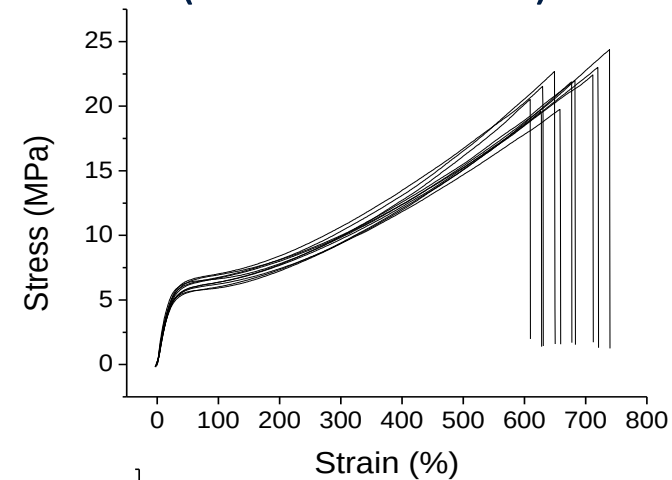
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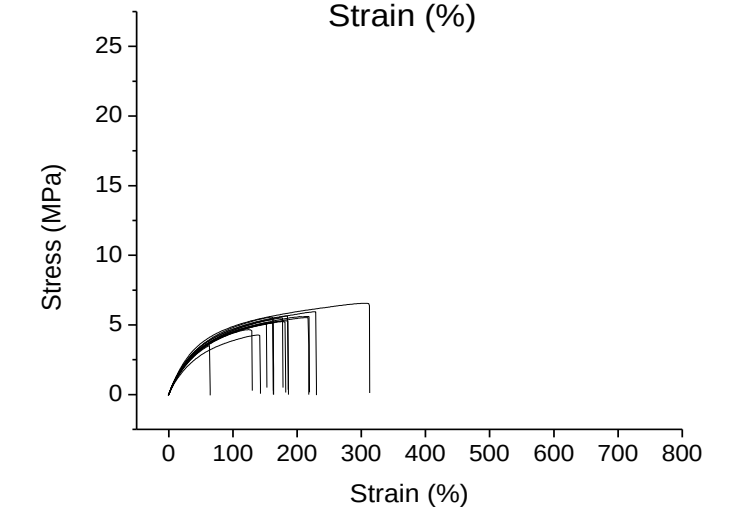
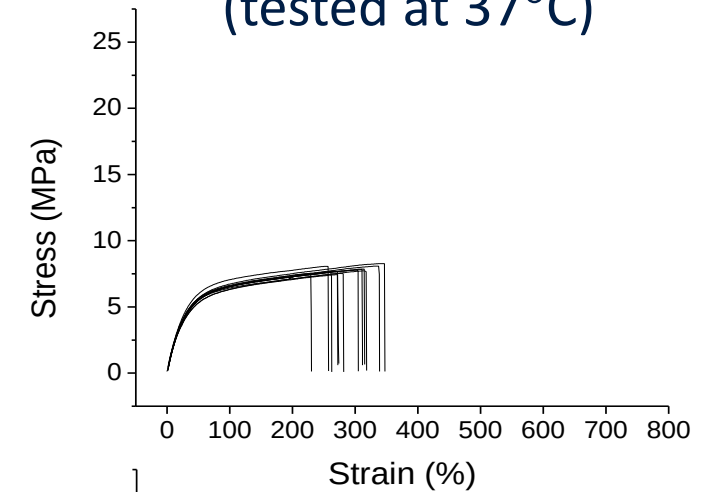
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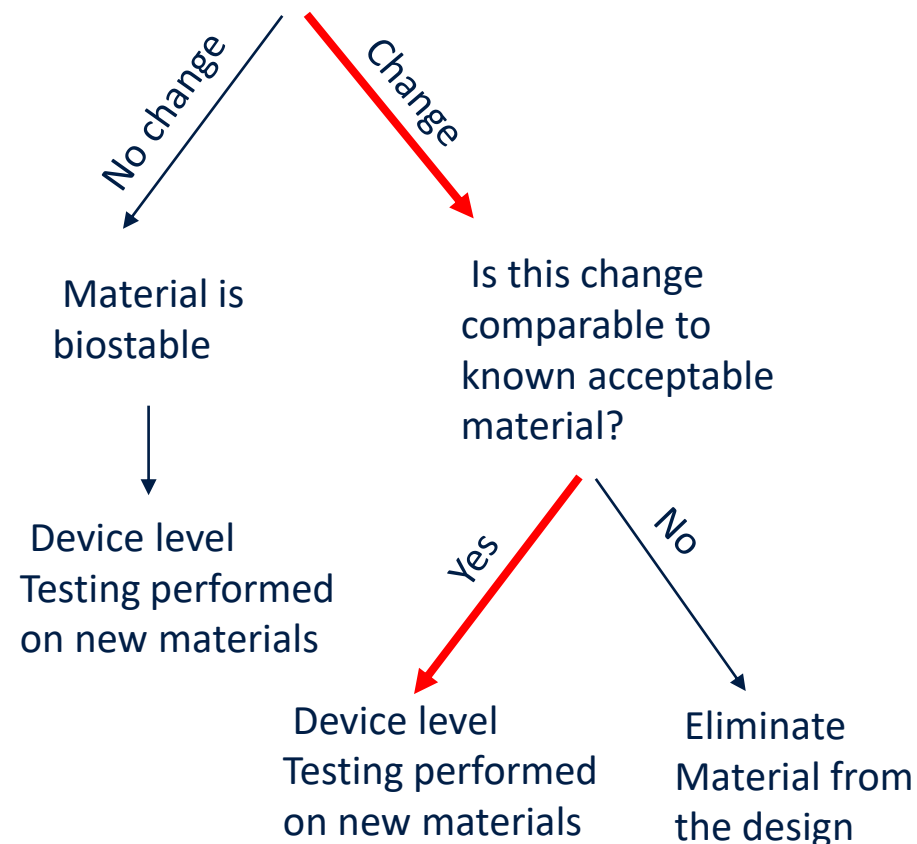


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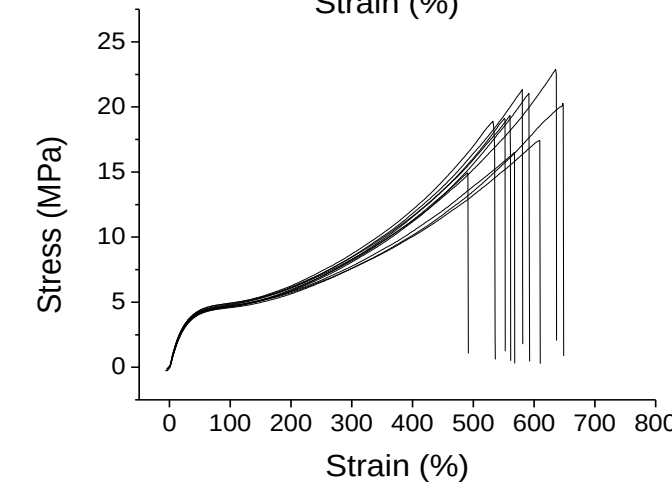
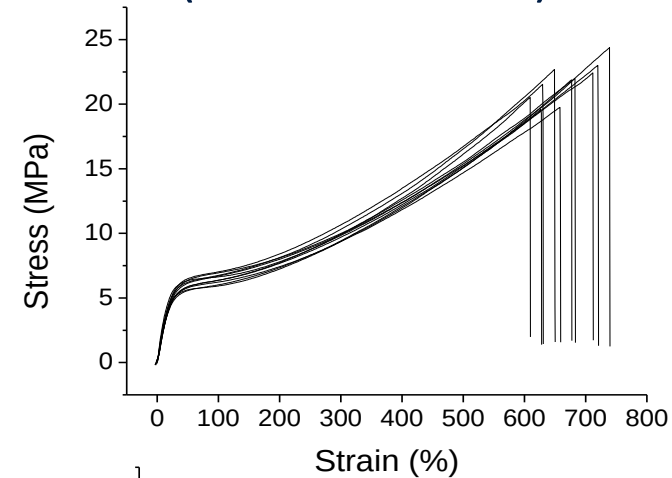
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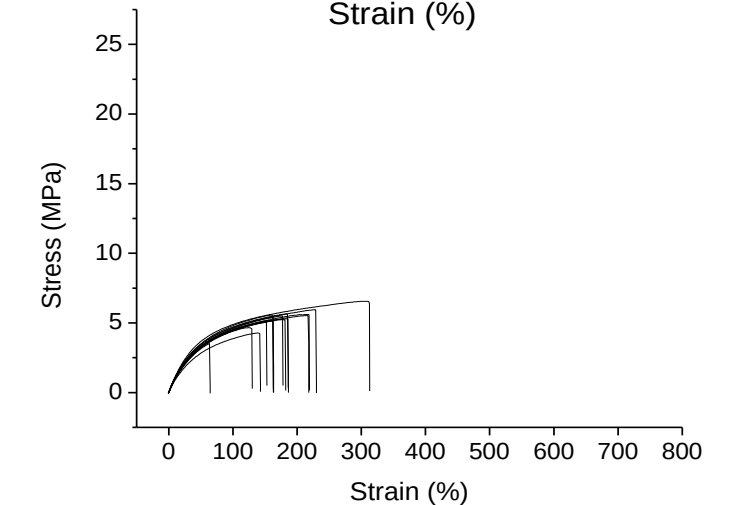
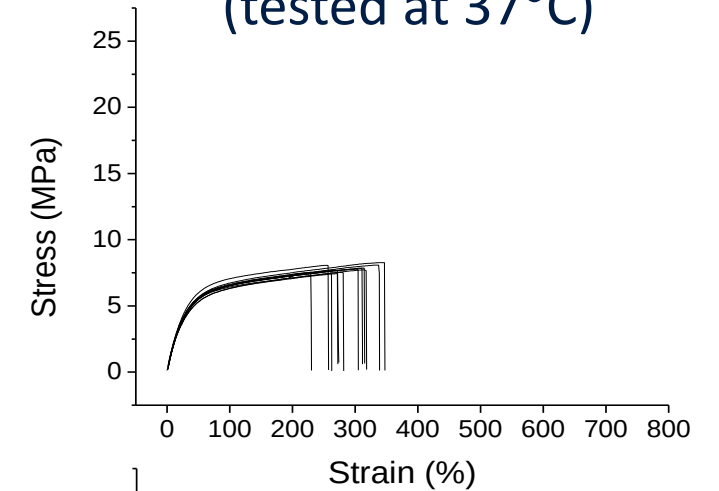
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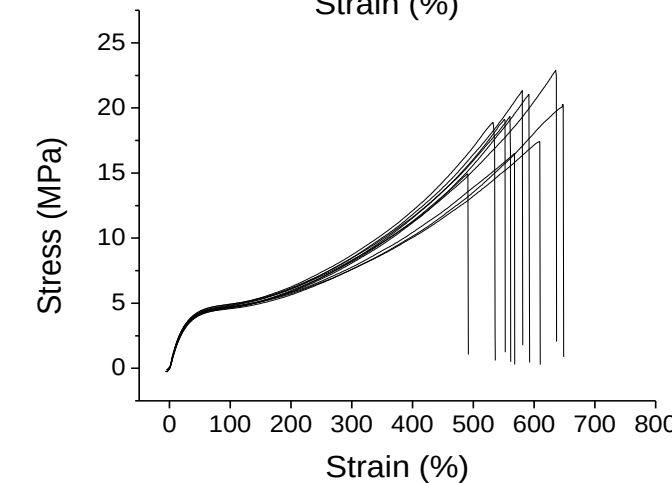
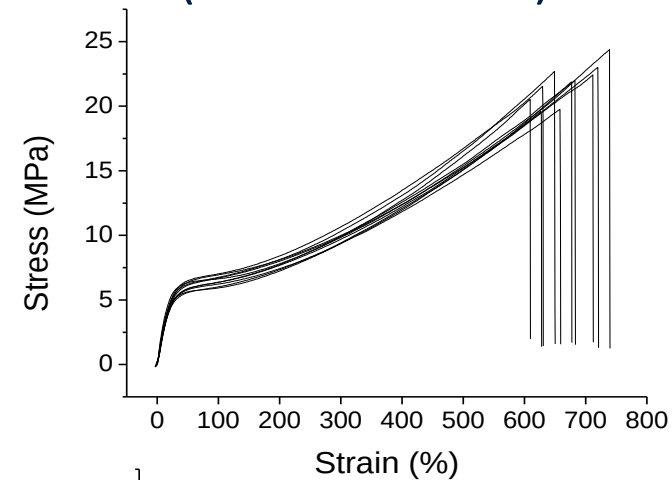
Which is the better performing material?

New Material or Control Material

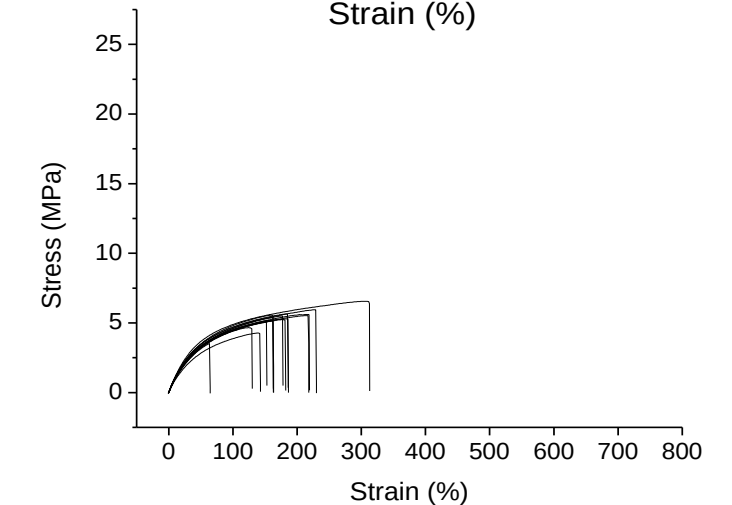
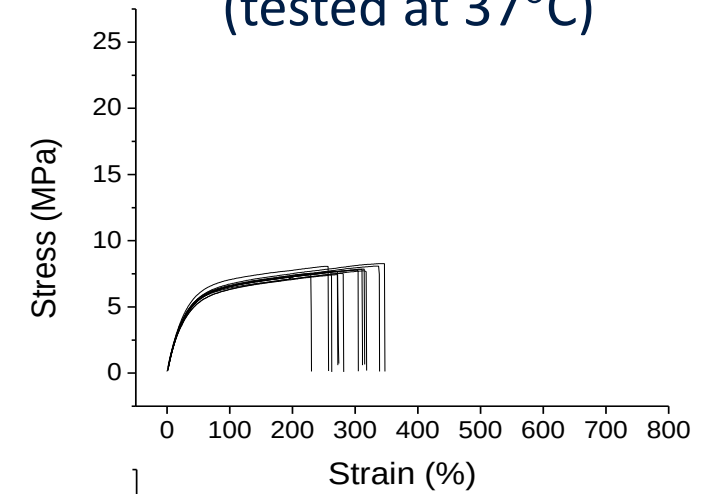
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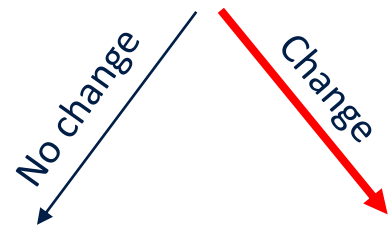
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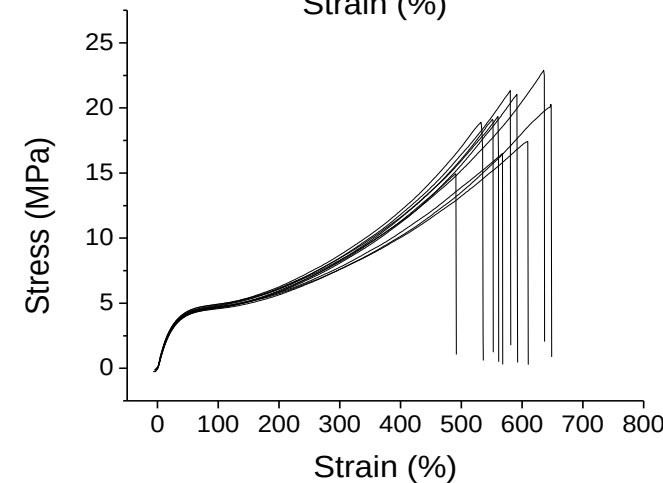
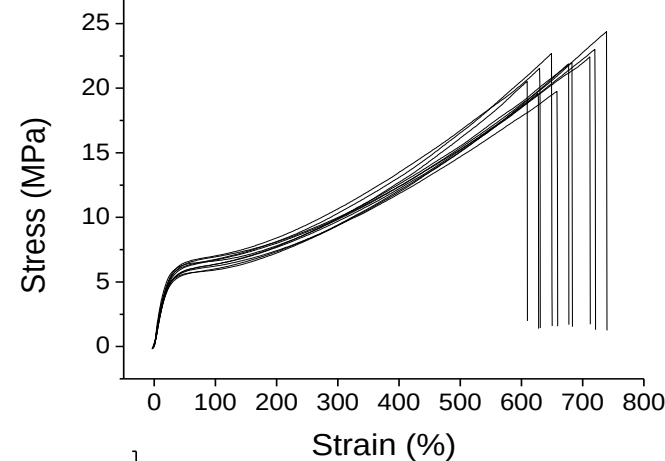
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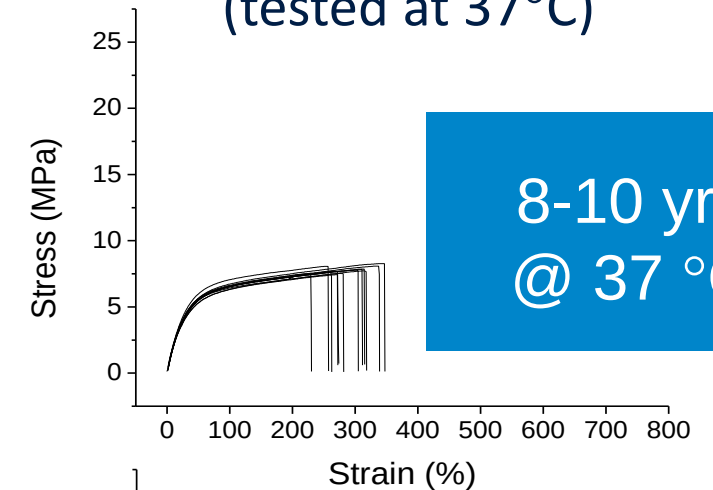
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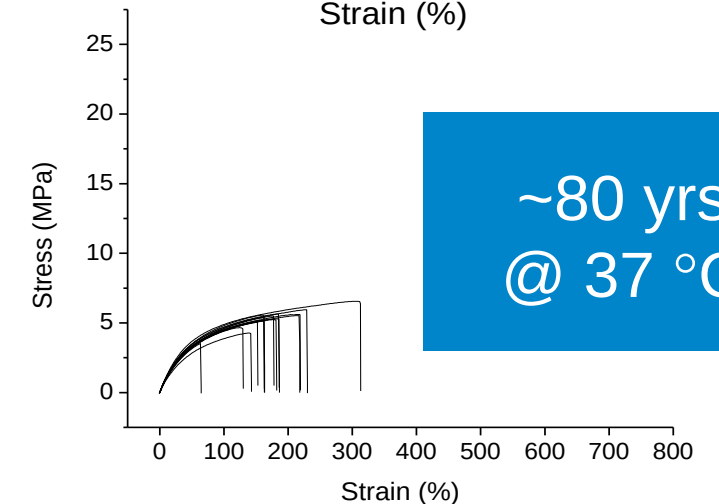


Extreme Condition

85°C in Buffered Saline (tested at 37°C)



8-10 yrs @ 37 °C



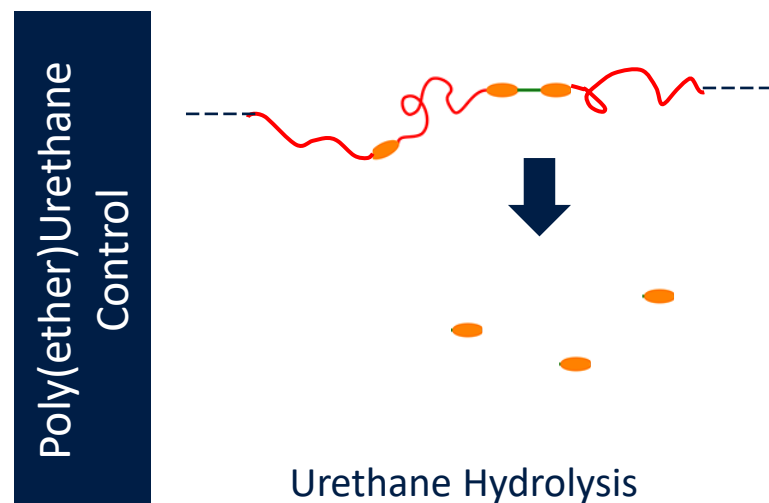
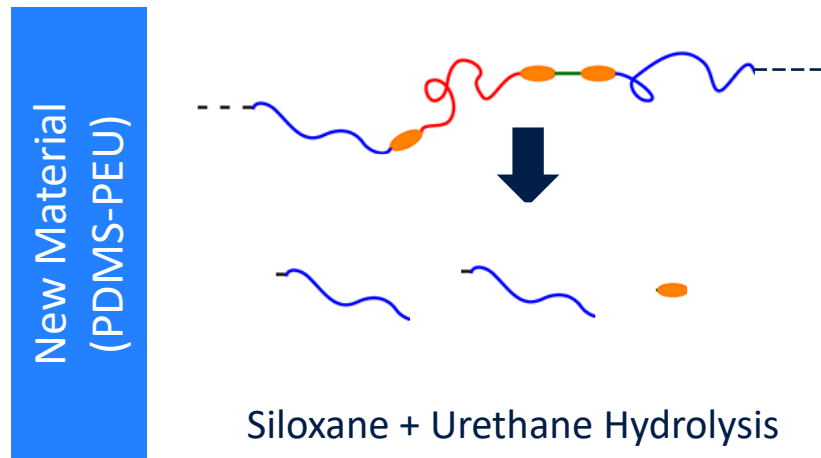
~80 yrs @ 37 °C

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HISTORICAL METHODS DO NO ELUCIDATE A TIMEFRAME FOR DEGRADATION

ERROR IS SIGNIFICANT WHEN APPLYING THESE METHODS TO MODERN DEVICE LONGEVITIES

| Which bond matters



| Activation Energy

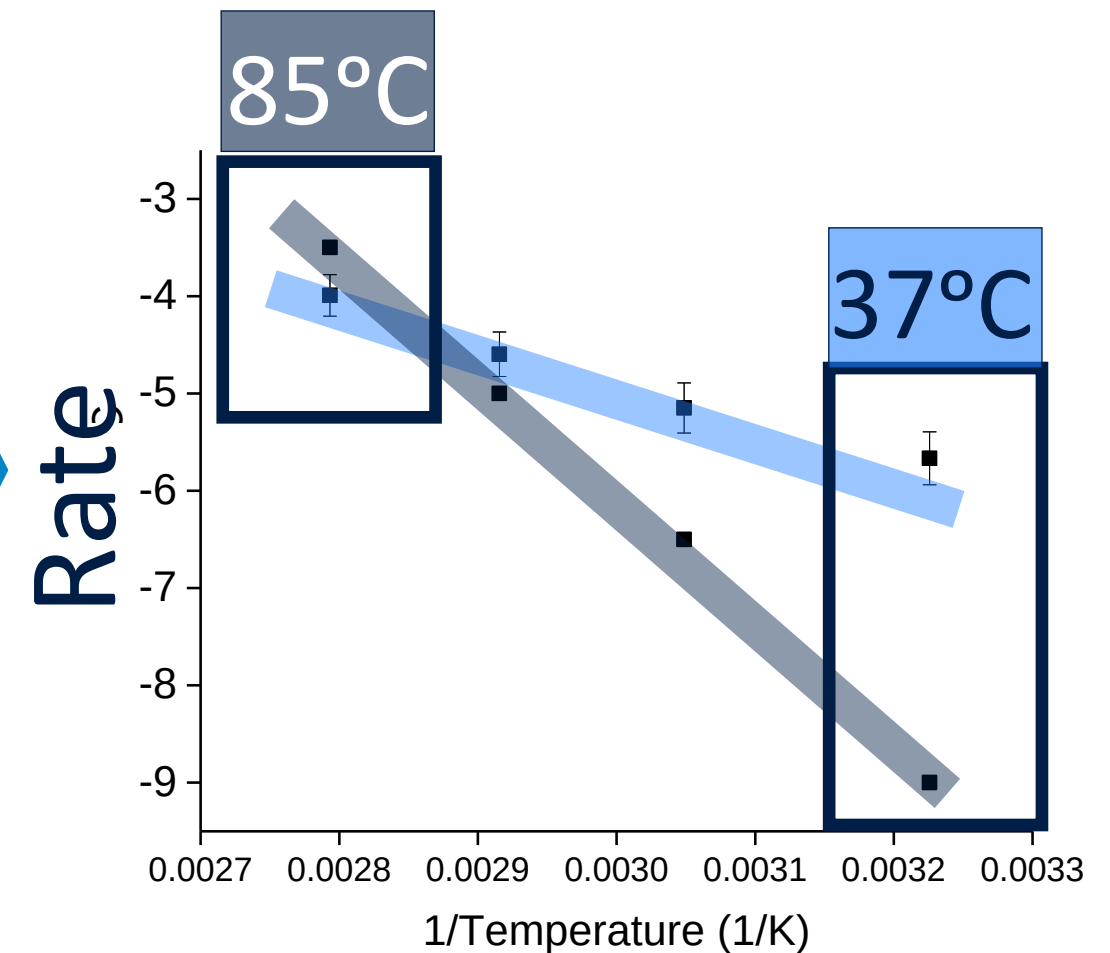
$$E_A = 30 \text{ KJ/MOLE}$$

*Reaction needs only a little
energy to proceed*

$$E_A = 90 \text{ KJ/MOLE}$$

*Reaction needs LOTS
of energy to proceed*

| The reaction rate (k)



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A DEEP LOOK AT THE ACTIVATION ENERGY AND TEST TEMPERATURE

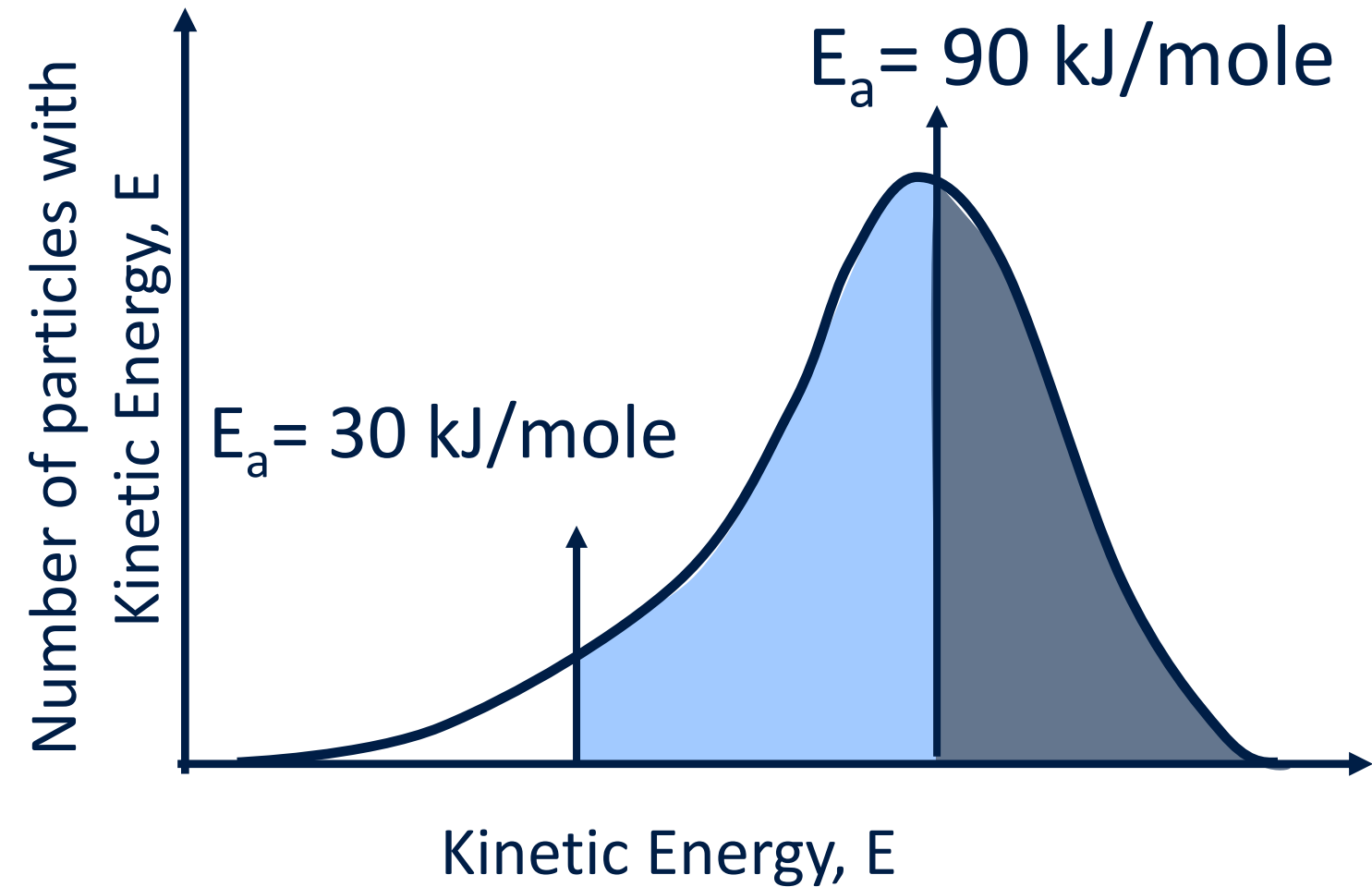
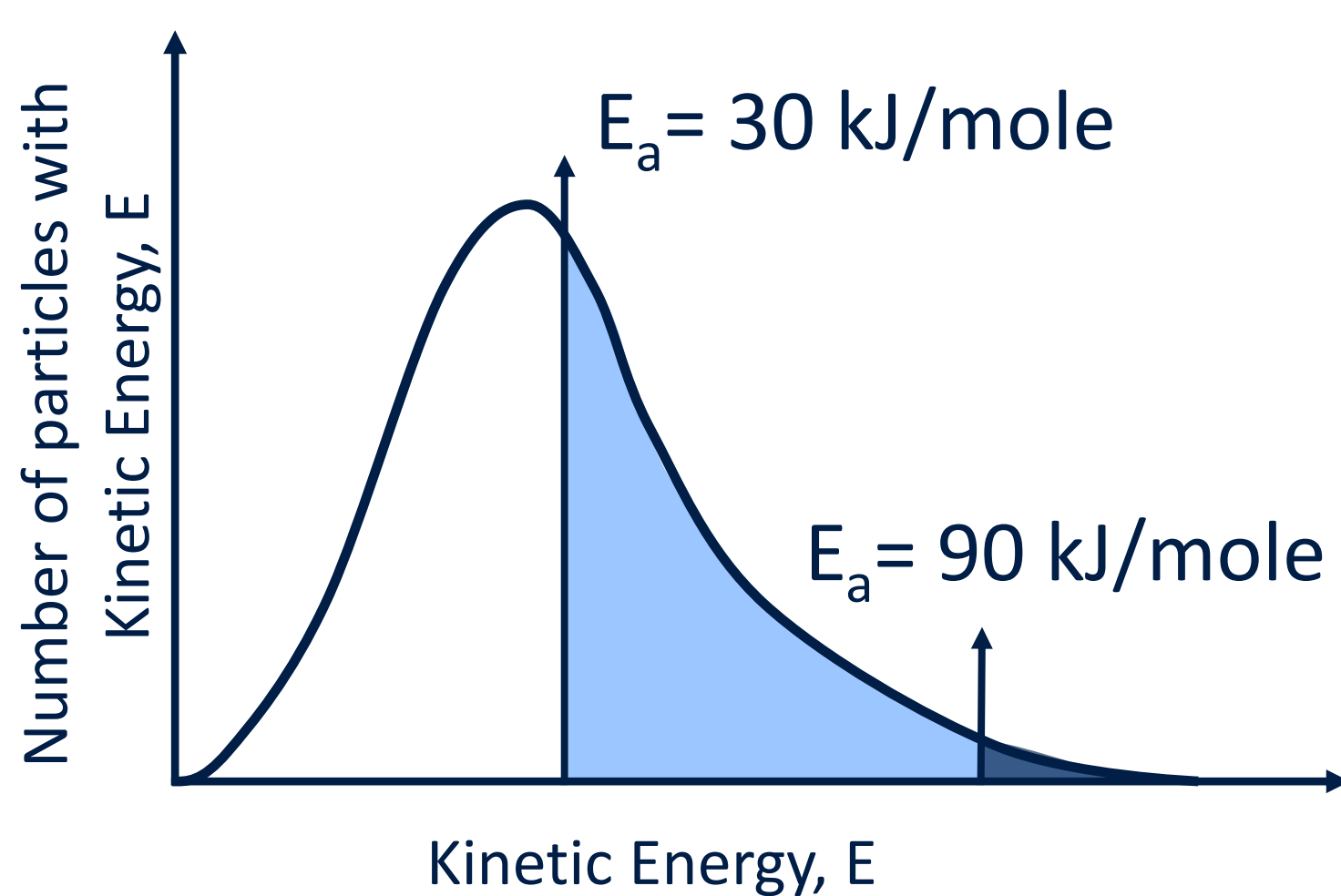
THE ENERGY REQUIRED FOR REACTION

| 37 °C Reaction

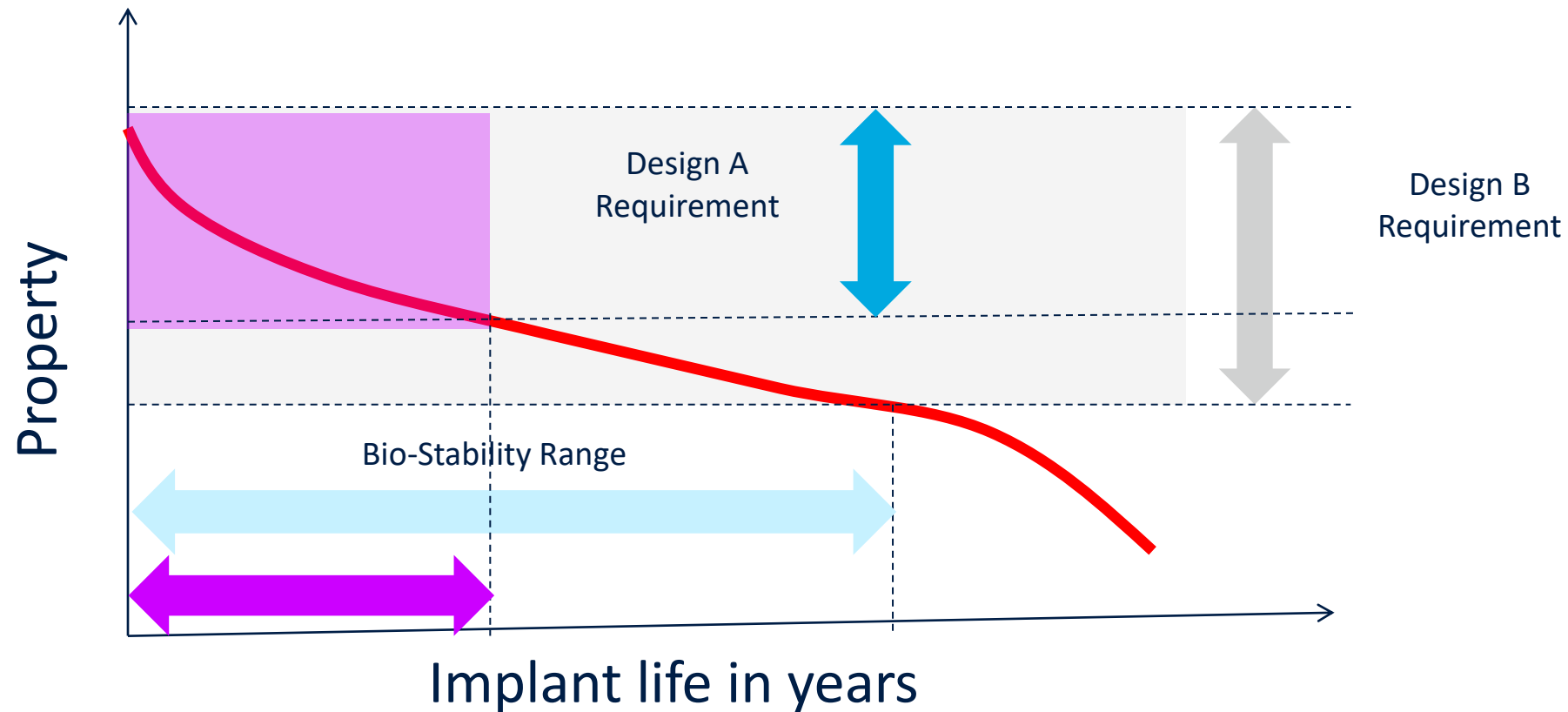
New Material
(PDMS-PEU)

Poly(ether)Urethane
Control

| 85 °C Reaction



BIOSTABILITY FOR TODAY'S LONGEVITIES REQUIRES QUANTITATIVE ACCELERATED PREDICTIVE TESTING



| New requirements

- Properties can change but change must be understood
- Design requirements (in vivo loads) must be known with greater certainty
- ➔ ▪ Chemical reactions must be accelerated quantitatively
- ➔ ▪ Acceleration methods must be validated
- ➔ ▪ The characteristic failure mode of the material must be understood
- Animal models take on less prominent role

ACCELERATING QUANTITATIVELY

PREDICTING EXTENT OF REACTION AT LONG TIMES

1. Determine the reaction
(What bonds?)

Hydrolysis

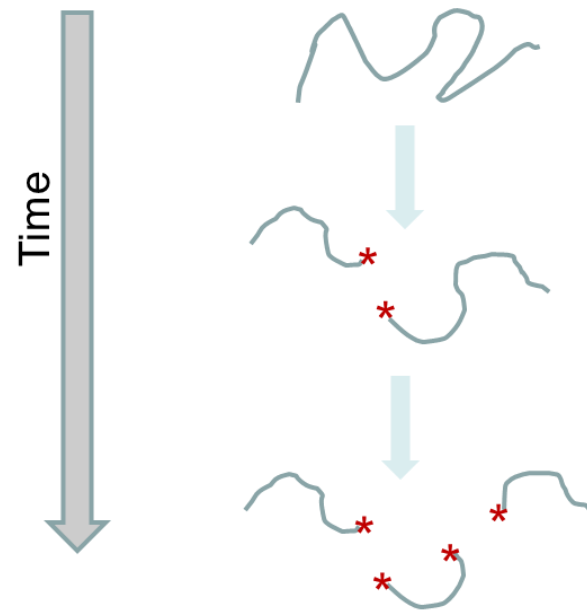


Oxidation



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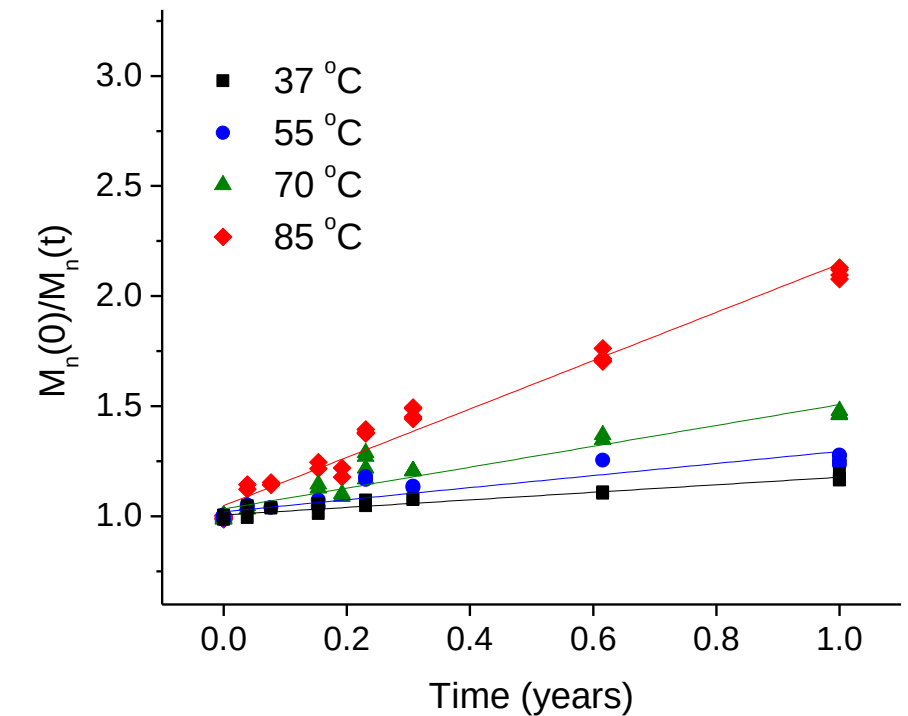
2. Measure the rate
(reaction per time)



Chain length = Molecular Weight = M_n

*The number of chemical reactions is
inversely proportional to chain length*

3. Accelerate the reaction
(the same bond as at 37 °C)



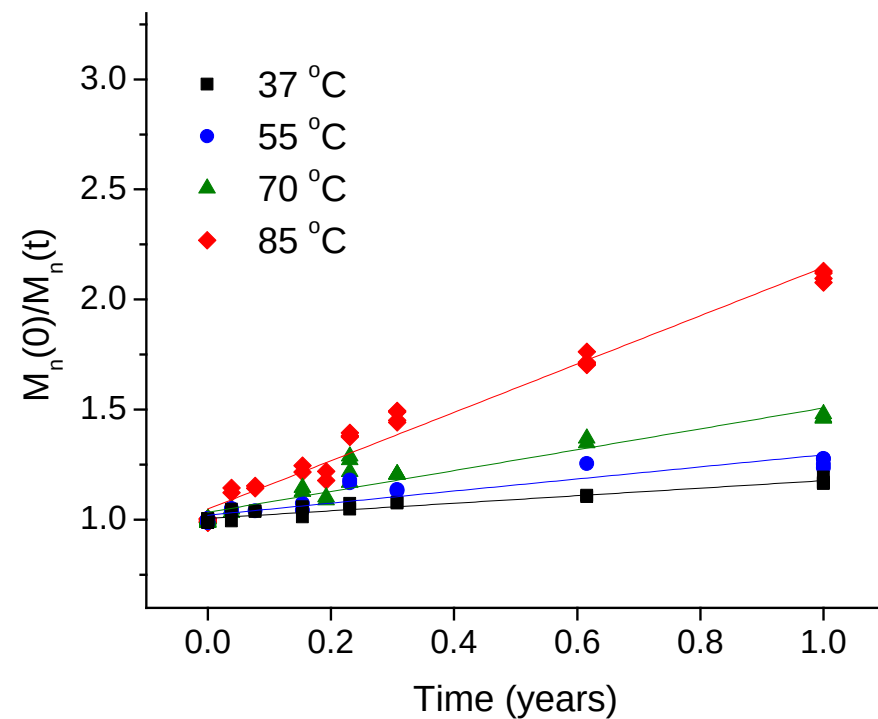
*Determine the effect of
temperature on rate (i.e. the
activation energy (E_A))*

PREDICTING THE EXTENT OF REACTION AT 37 °C

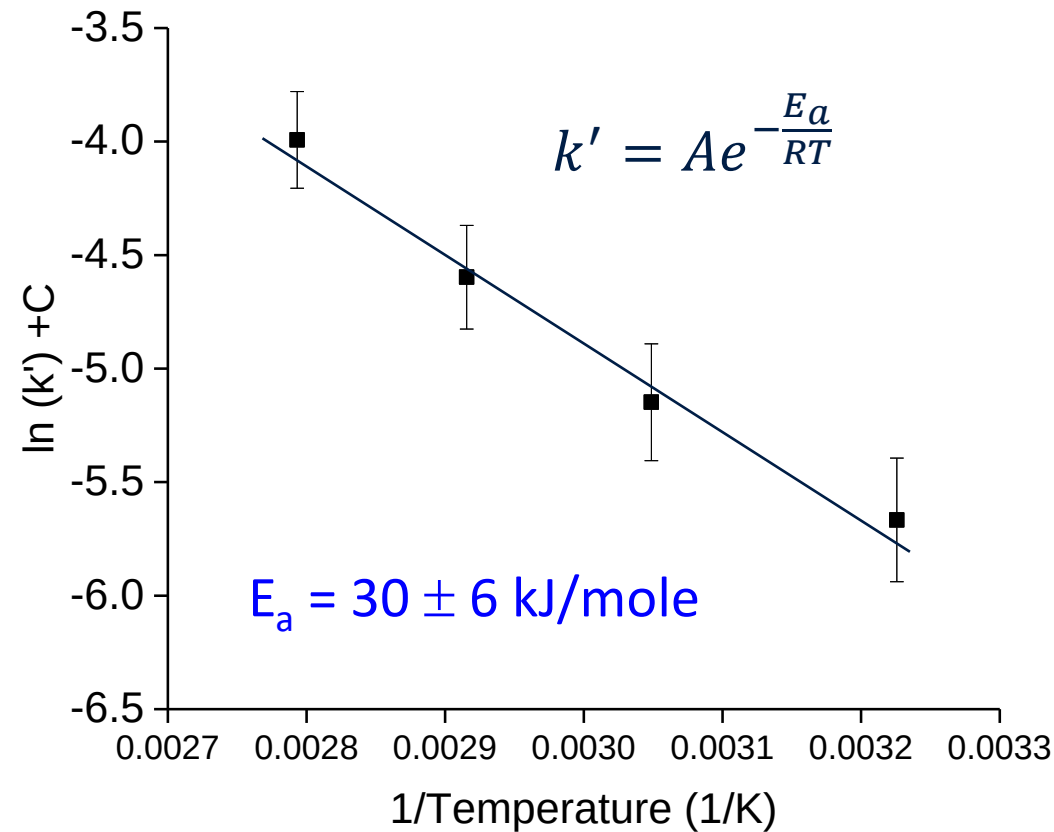
ARRHENIUS RELATIONSHIP

| Reaction Rate
(Increases with Temperature)

The slope of the line is
the rate of reaction (k)

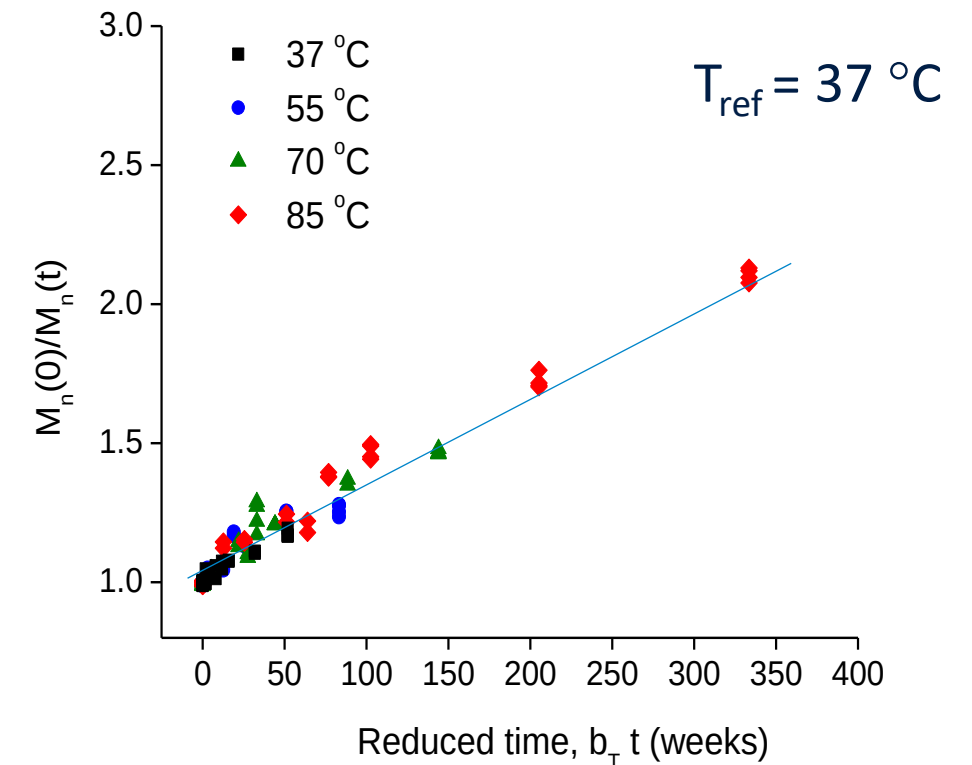


| Activation Energy
(A single activation energy)



| Reduced Time
(1 year predicts ~ 7 year performance)

$$t_{\text{ref}} = b_T t \quad \text{where} \quad b_T = e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_{\text{ref}}} + \frac{1}{T} \right)}$$

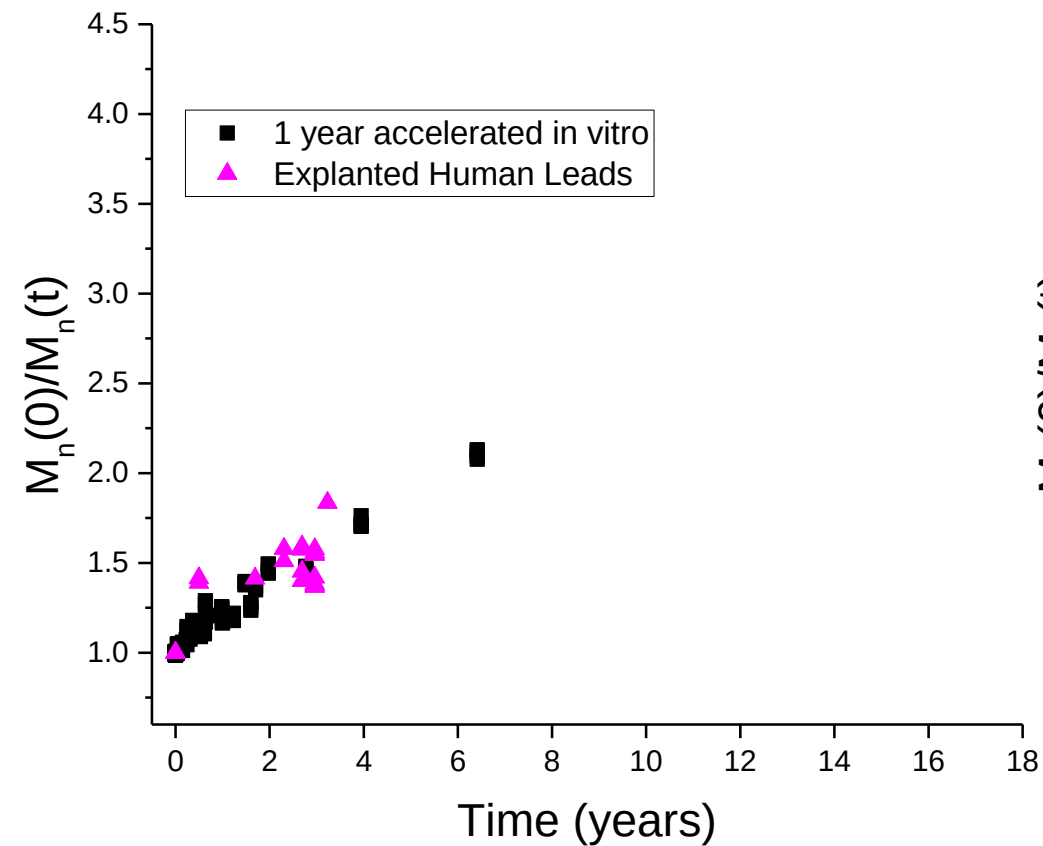


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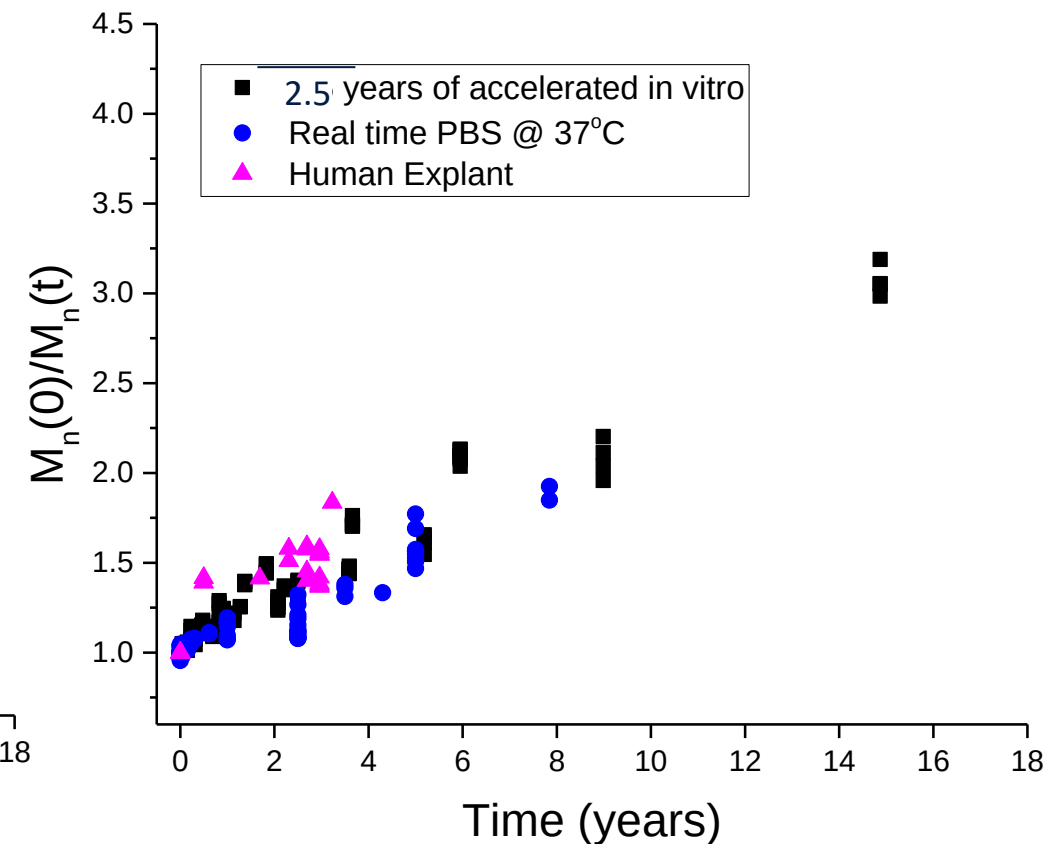
USING ACCELERATED DATA TO PREDICT REACTION AT BODY TEMPERATURE

VALIDATING ACCELERATED PREDICTIONS

| Validated with human data
(1 year accelerated dataset)



| Validated with real time in vitro
(2.5 yr accelerated dataset)



| Quantitative Acceleration
(Successful)

- Predictive capability is consistent with modern longevities
- Reactions must be understood
- Acceleration protocols must be validated.

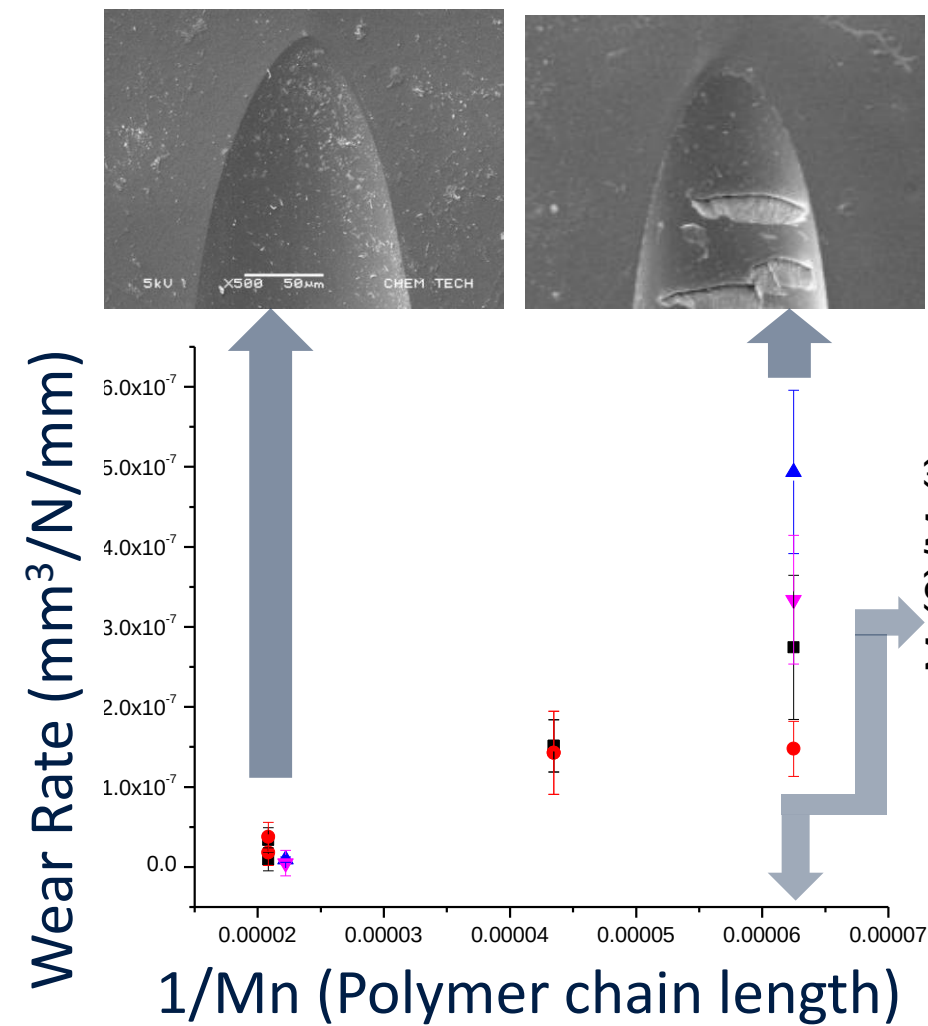
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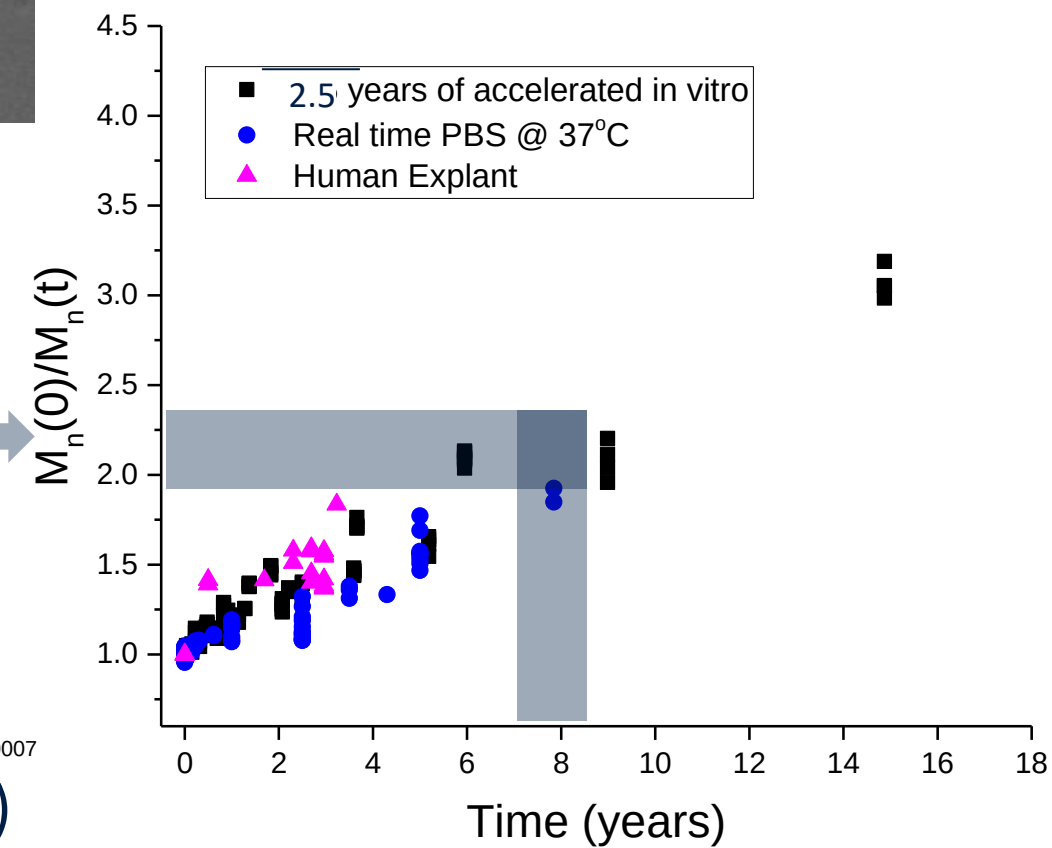
| Characteristic Failure Mode (chronically implanted cardiac leads)



| Abrasion/Wear



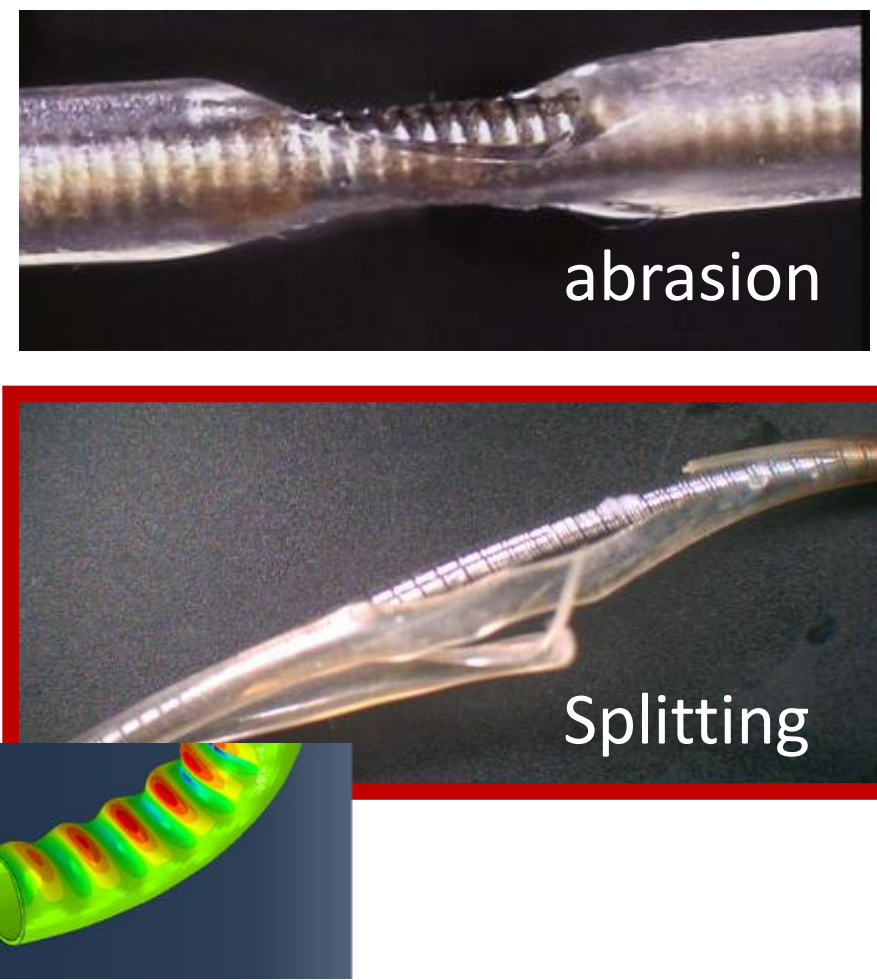
| Longevity Prediction



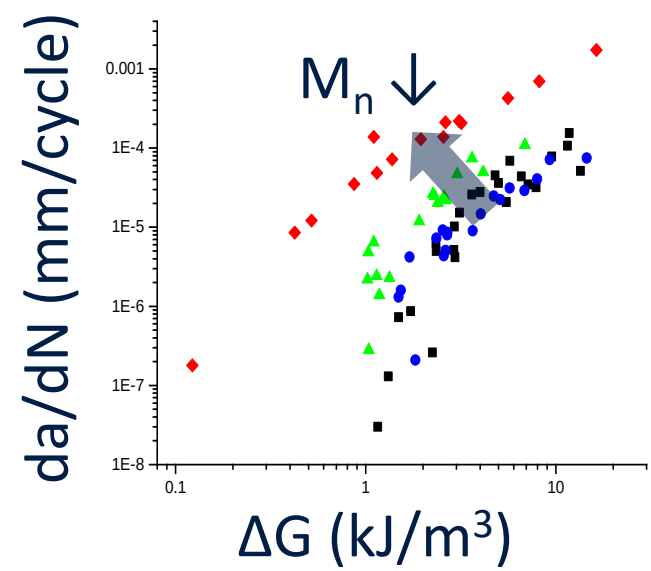
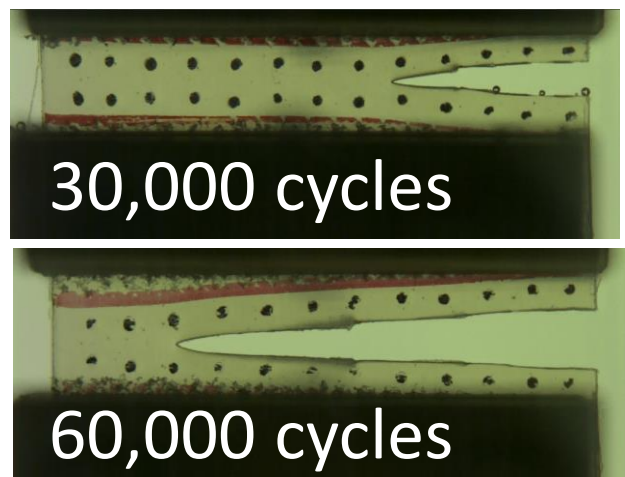
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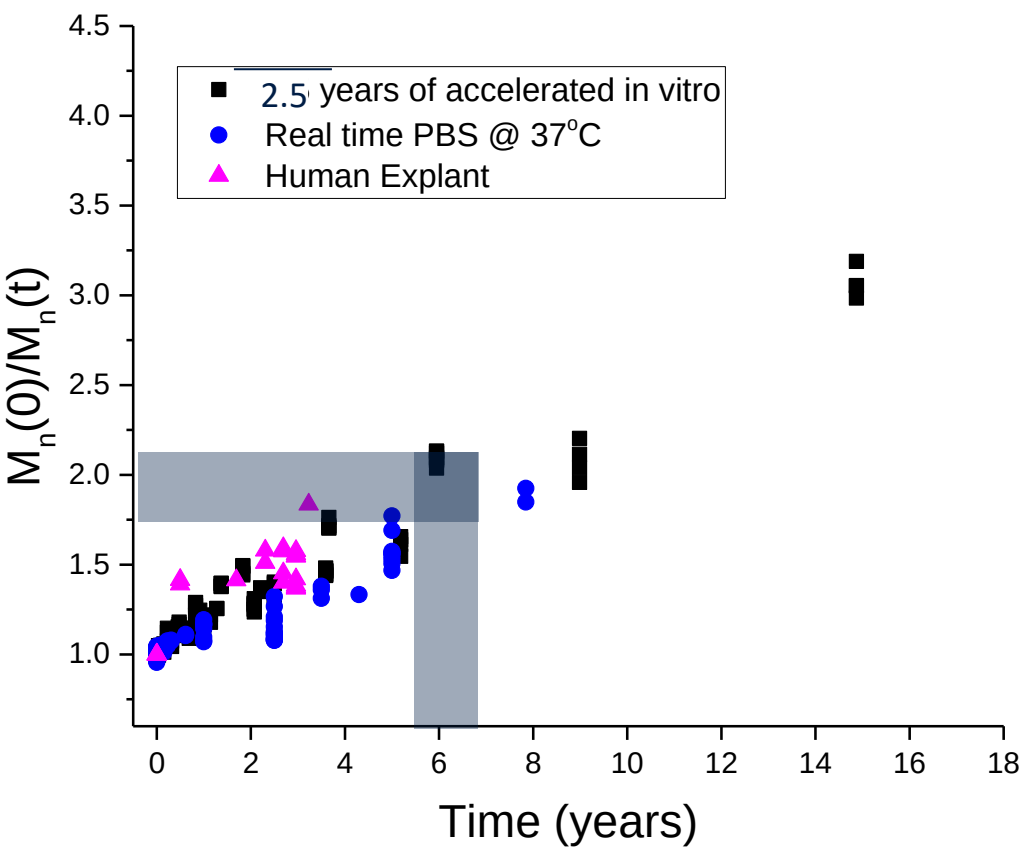
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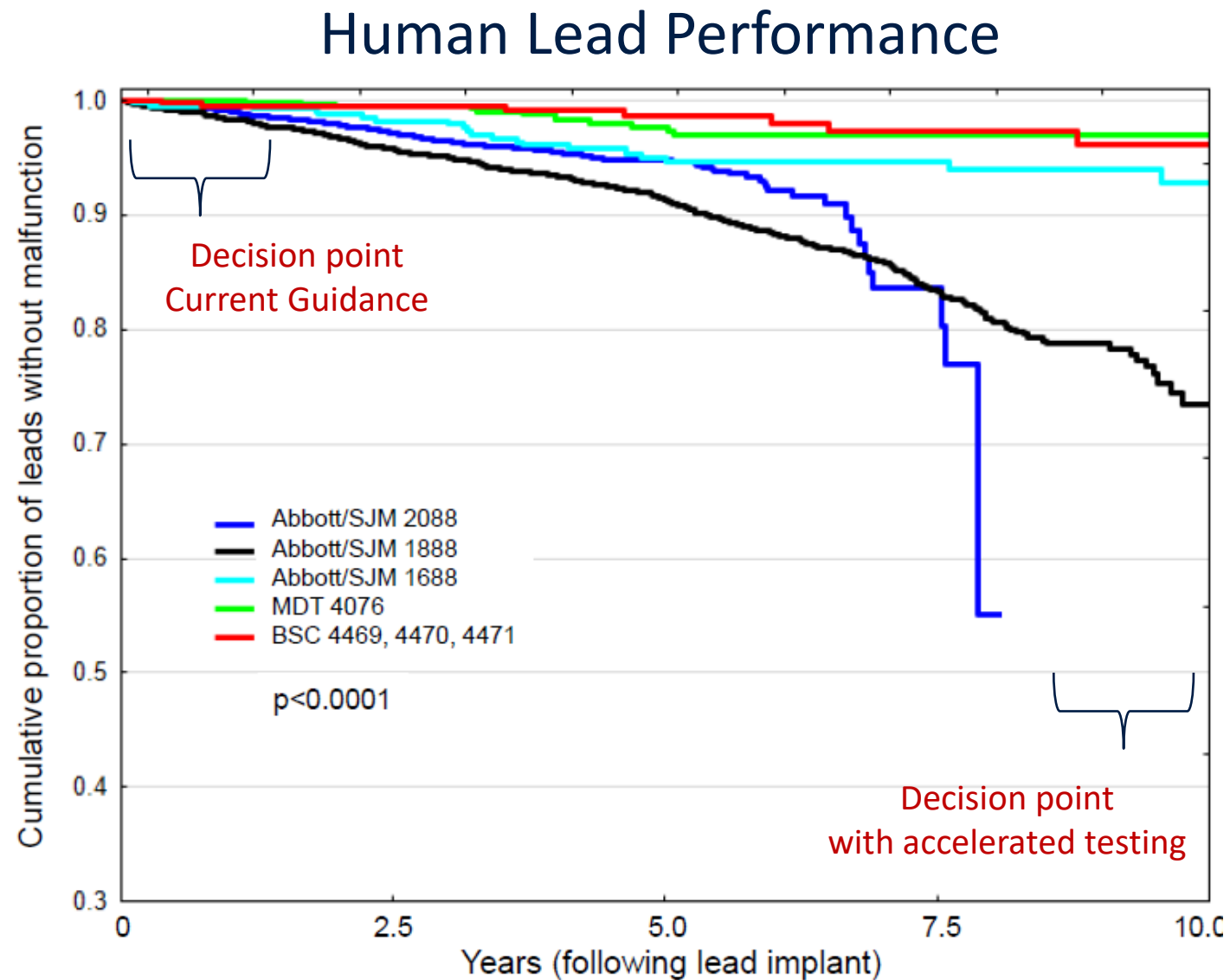
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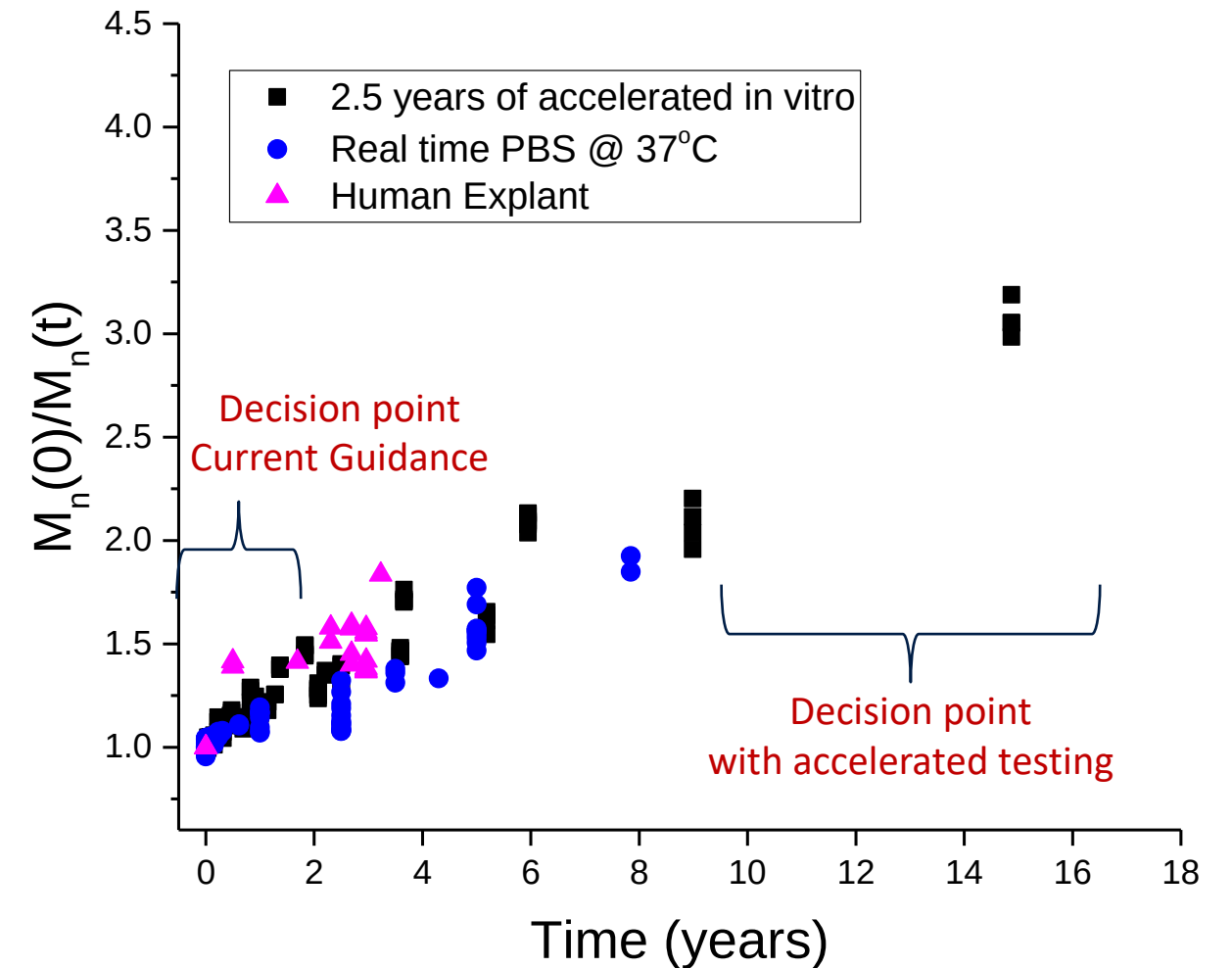
HUMAN LEAD PERFORMANCE (LOW VOLTAGE)

A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF 8,000 CARDIAC LEADS



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SUMMARY OF MATERIAL BIOSTABILITY

ACCELERATED TESTING IS A KEY ELEMENT OF MODERN MATERIAL INTRODUCTION

- | Modern Materials react slowly
current guidance will not reveal change
- | Carefully planned accelerated testing
provide insight into long term biostability
- | In vivo Reactions
can be isolated and understood
- | Bio-durability
A material can change if the performance
consequence is understood

**QUESTIONS?
THOUGHTS?**



BACKUP SLIDES

PEER REVIEWED PAPERS PUBLISHED TO DATE ON PDMS-PU STABILITY CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND POSTERS EXCLUDED (20 YEARS)

- ✓ **Kinetic Aspects of Hydrolytic Resistance of Avcotan and Biomer Segmented Polyurethanes** INT J POLYM MATER , vol. 46, no. 3-4, pp. 655-661, 2000
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- ✓ **Long term *in vitro* hydrolytic stability of thermoplastic polyurethane** J Biomed Mater Res A. 2015 103(12):3798-806 (BSX)
- ✗ **The biostability of cardiac lead insulation materials as assessed from long-term human implants** J Biomed Mater Res B Appl Biomater. 2016 104(2):411-21 (SJM)
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OPTIM: COMBINES THE TOUGHNESS OF PEU WITH THE CHEMICAL STABILITY OF SILICONE: STUDIES AFTER **10 YEARS** OF IMPLANT TIME



Silicone

- Flexibility
- Biostability

Polyurethane

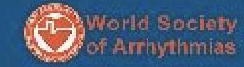
- Lubricity
- Durability

50x the abrasion
Resistance
of silicone!

Copolymer properties are NOT additive!

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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