# Chronic wounds: current and future therapy options

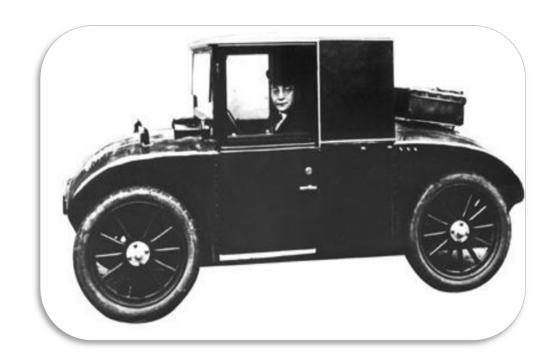
Dr. Roxane Schulten



# Dr. Ausbüttel & Co. GmbH established in 1923

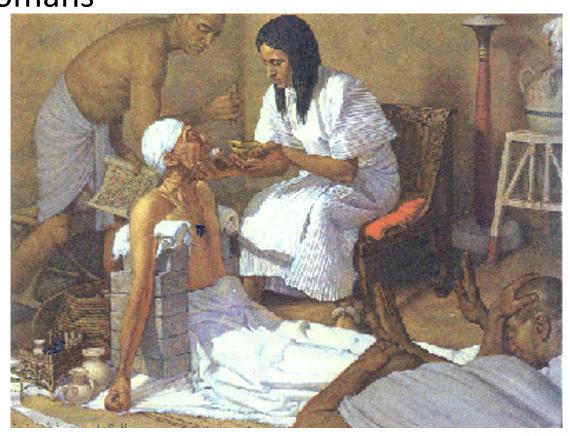


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#### Egyptians, Greek, Romans

- Honey
- Grease
- Lint
- Vinegar
- Wine
- Bandages



#### Middle Ages, Renaissance

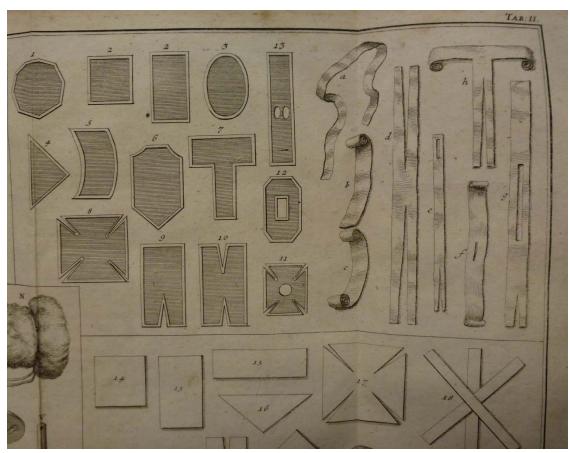
- Loss of ancient knowledge
- "laudable pus", mainly by Staphylococcus
- High mortality caused by infection and insufficient treatment



Adriaen Brouwer, ca. 1633







Lorenz Heister, ca. 1749

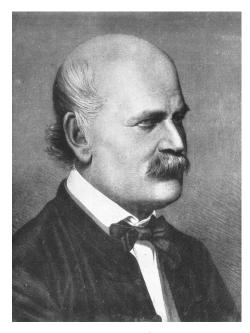


#### 19<sup>th</sup> century

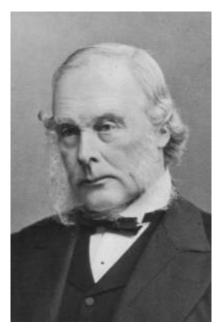
- Connection of infection and bacteria
- "Sterile" procedures in rooms and surgery

#### 20<sup>th</sup> century

 Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin (1928)

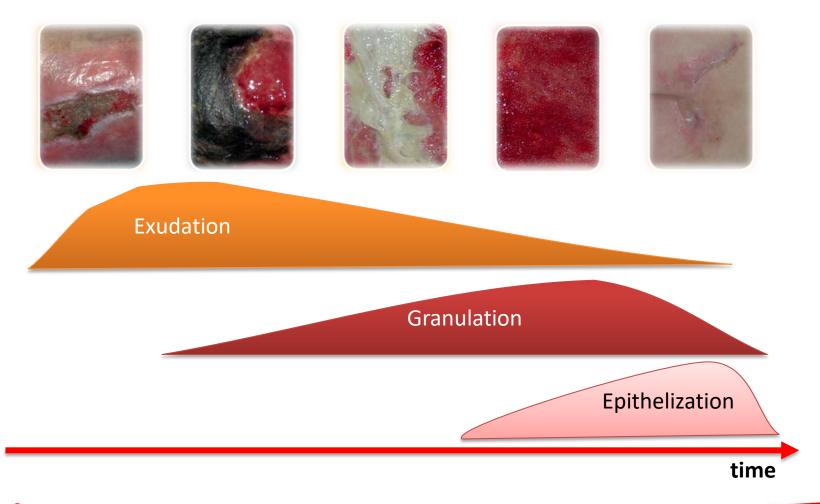


I. Semmelweis



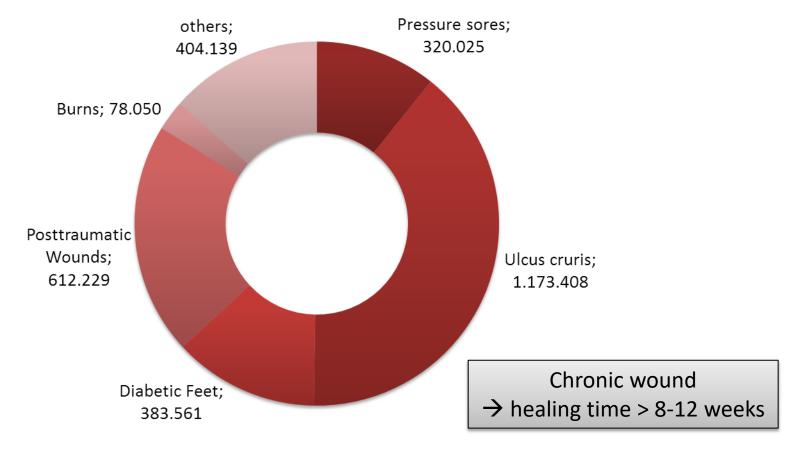
J. Lister

# Wound healing phases





# Chronic wounds in Germany

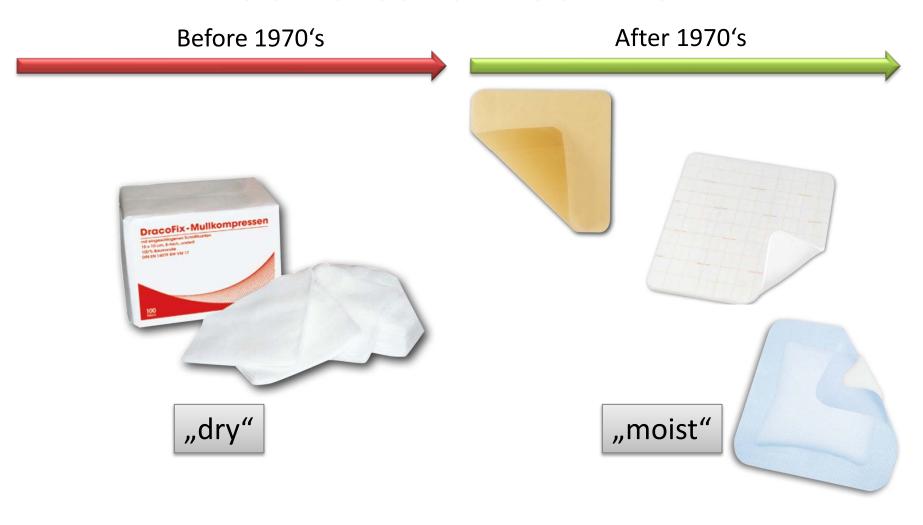


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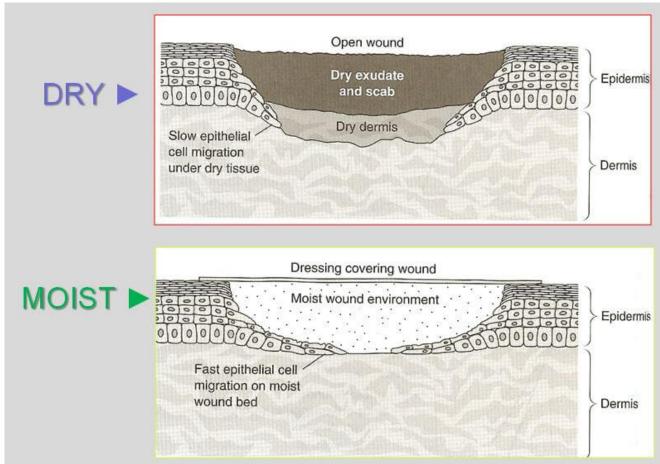




#### Wound care treatment



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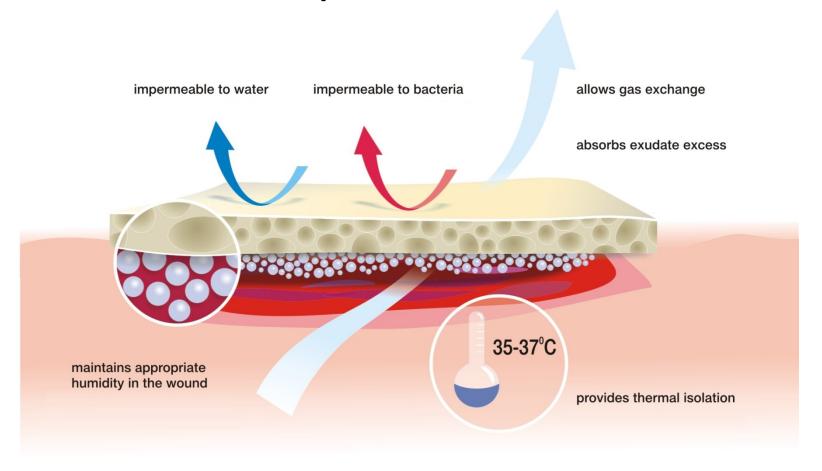


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# Benefits of modern wound care products





# What wound dressings can do ... and what not.

- Support healing
- Reduce pain
- Less dressing changes
- exudate and odour management
- One-for-all
- Heal wound instantly
- Give information about wound status
- Help in decision making







# Chronic wounds in Germany



# Some of our products









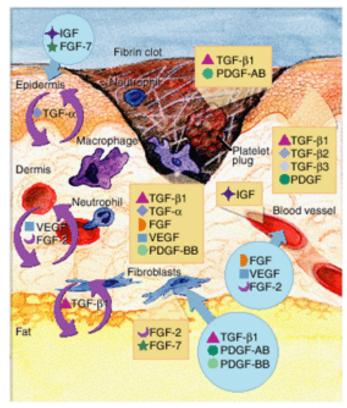
#### Innovative and future ideas

#### Wound dressing 4.0

- Improve healing of the wound
- Improve monitoring of the wound
- Improve diagnosis of wound situation

#### Biological factors:

- Proteases ↑↓
- Growth factors
- Extracellular matrix
- Stem cells
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Singer et al., 1999

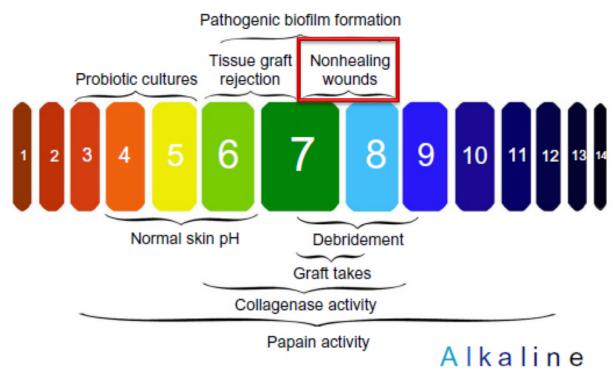
#### pH value

- Wound healing is improved by lower pH values (~ 5.5)
  - → Higher value may indicate higher bacterial contamination (> 7)
- Detection of continuous pH value as indicator of bacteria and wound healing



#### pH value

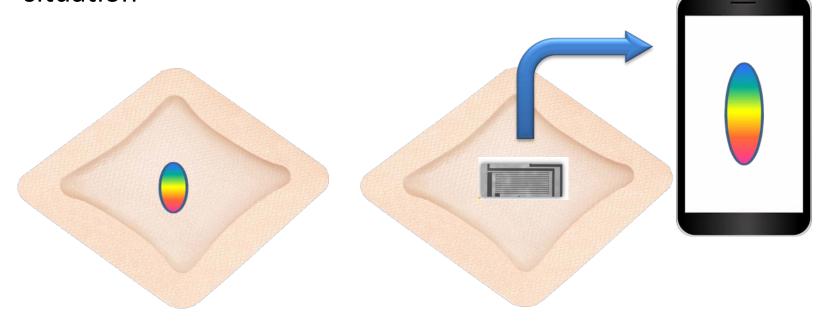
Acidic





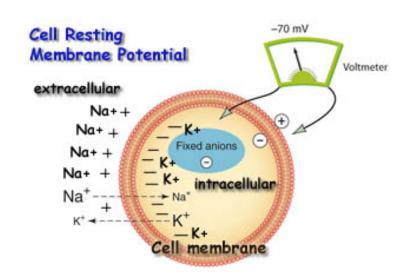
#### pH value

→ Detection of pH value and correlation with wound situation

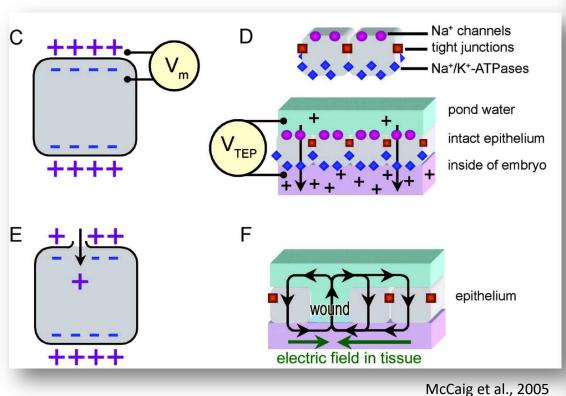


#### Electric fields

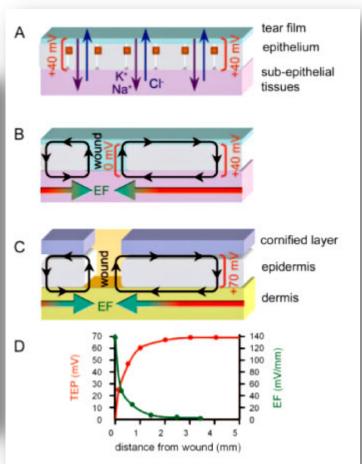
- TEP (transepithelial potential) of -70 mV
- Inside of cells: negatively charged, outside positively → "Biological battery"
- Wounding changes electric field



#### Electric fields





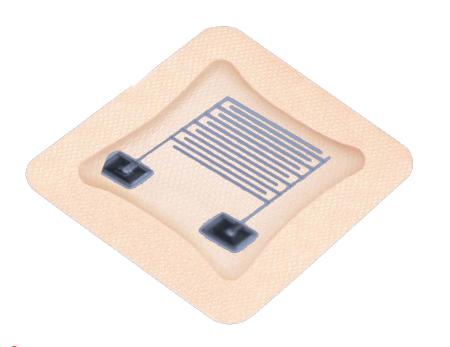


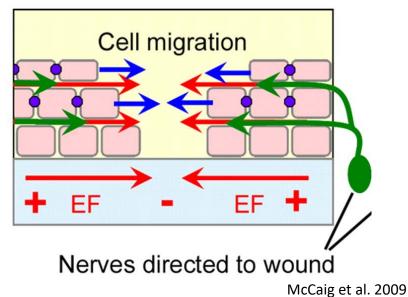


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#### Electric fields

Restore electric field and give stimulus to wound healing





# Monitoring

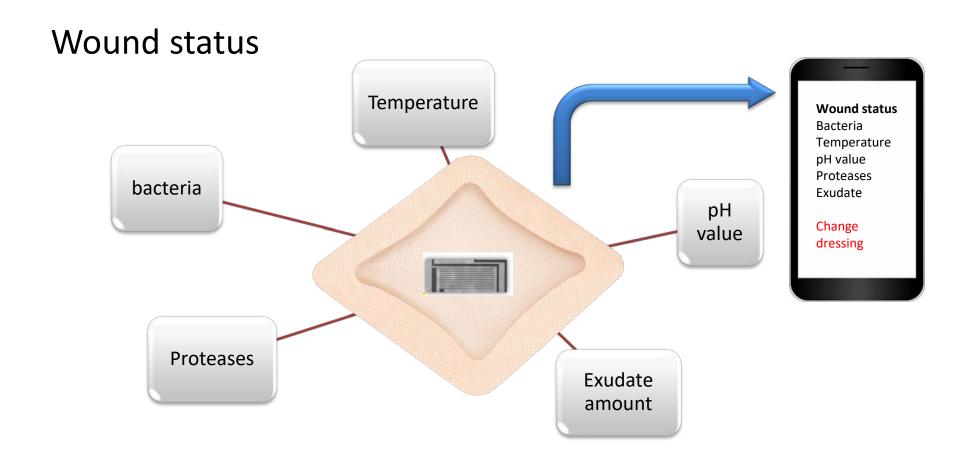
#### Wound status

- Only to be determined during dressing change
- Insecurity about time of changing
- Fixed interval → higher costs





# Monitoring



# Diagnosis

#### Infection control

- Swab test, cultivation of bacteria
- Antibiogram → time and effort



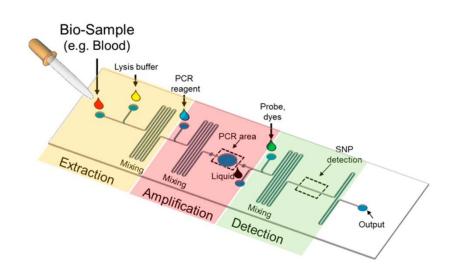


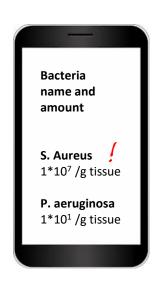


## Diagnosis

#### Infection control

Lab-on-a-chip

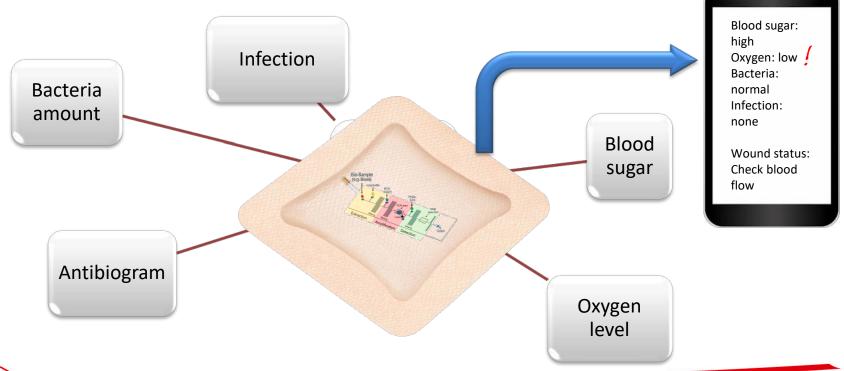




# Diagnosis

#### Infection control

Lab-on-a-chip (in wound pad)



# **Summary Wounds**

- More wounds will have to be treated → older population, growing diseases (Diabetes,...)
- Wound care will shift to more specialized centres with higher technical infrastructure
- Treatment will be more digital and connected
- Costs and reimbursement will be major point for quality of care
- Development needs > 5-10 years (Medical Device Regulation, technical feasibility)

# Summary Technology

- Biocompatible small/nano sensors needed
- Fast production in large quantities, easy to handle
- Cheap products → single use
- Wireless connected to mobile devices

#### Thank you

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