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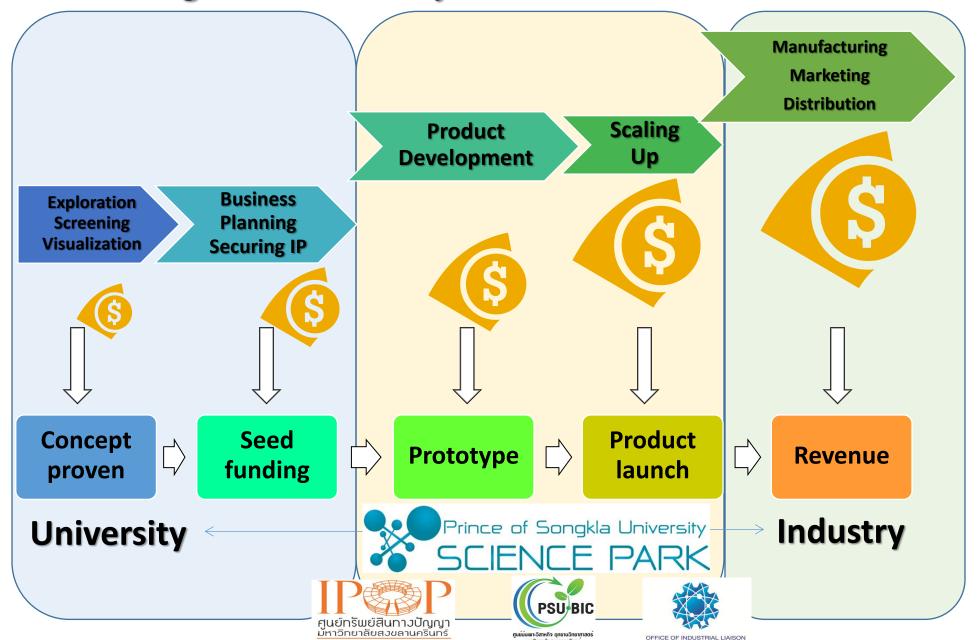
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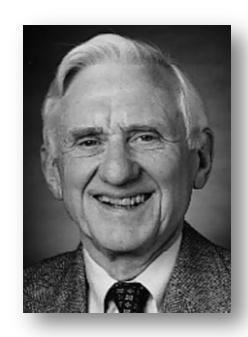


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#### Prince of Songkla University Research Commercialization







Prof. Flemings Co-Founder



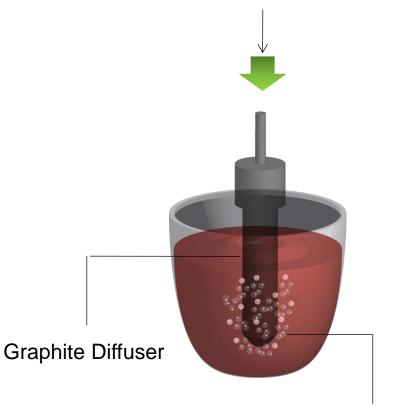
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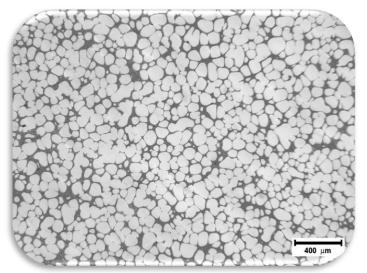
## Gas Induced Semi-Solid (GISS) Process

#### Inject Inert Gas



Inert Gas Bubbles

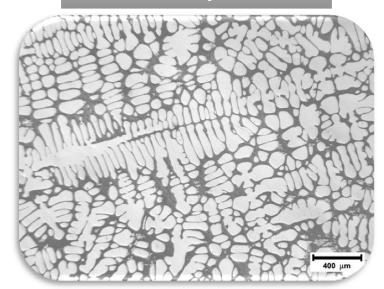
#### Solidified Semi-Solid Metal



### Forging

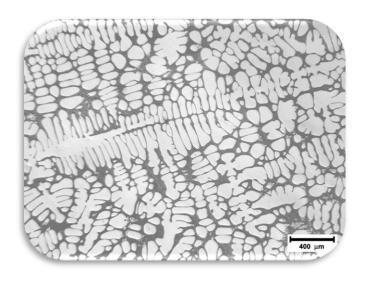


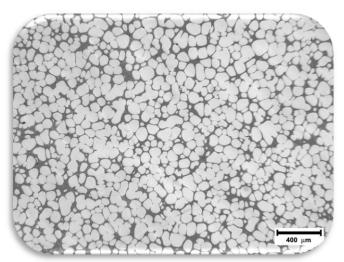
Solidified Liquid Metal





#### **Benefits of Semi-Solid Metal**







**Conventional Liquid Die Casting** 



**Semi-Solid Die Casting** 



### **Industrial Applications**



SSR Wheel, Japan

Valve Body, Hyundai-Kai, 2006 (ADC10)

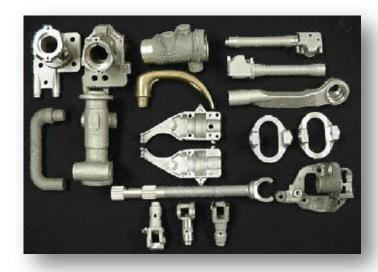
Formcast, USA



Engine Block, Honda, Japan, 2005

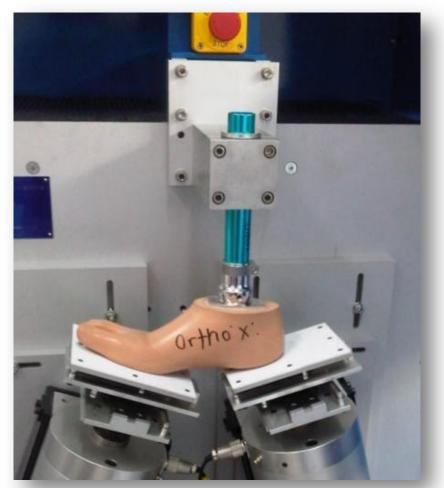


Front Lower Arm, ART, 2006



Hot Metal Mold, USA

## **Light-Weight Prosthesis**









#### Motivation

**Imported** 

Approximately 50,000 Amputees in Thailand

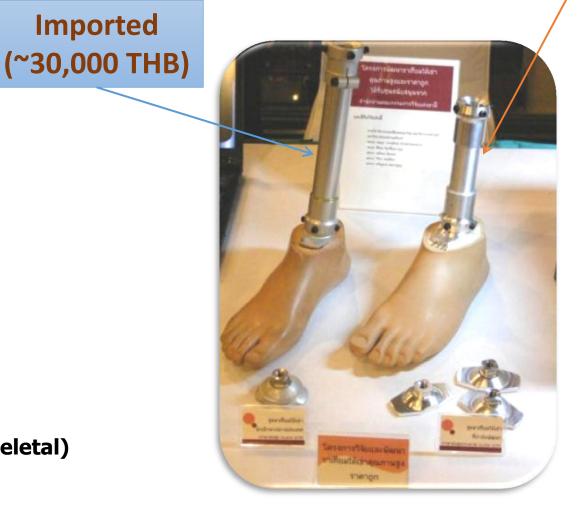
Types of Prosthesis

**Socket** Leg Foot-

ขาเทียมแกนนอก (Exo-Skeletal)

ขาเทียมแกนใน (Endo-Skeletal)

**SSM Prototype** (~15,000 THB)



#### Raw **Materials**



#### **Biocellulose** (2 patent applications)



**4 Prototypes** 





**4 Commercialized product lines** 





























# Clinical Testing Results of Product in Patient with Level 2 Acute & Chronic Wound



#### Commercial Wound Dressing Product



Industrial Technology Assistant Program (ITAP)

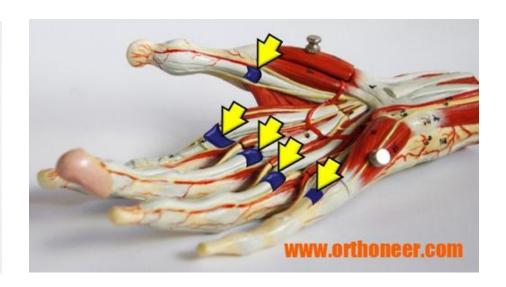
Collaborative R& D Grant from National Science and
Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)



**2006** Best Innovative Biomedical Product from National Research Council of Thailand







# Two major health related problems in the South

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS)
Trigger fingers



CARPALTUNNEL SYNDROME



SURGERY: CARPALTUNNEL RELEASE



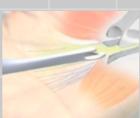
3 Approaches for Carpal Tunnel Release Surgery are:

Transverse carpat ligament released

Open Surgery, which allows the doctor to see more of the inner tissues, including the full width of the transverse carpal ligament where it is to be cut. Open surgery requires an incision in the palm and wrist, which disturbs more of the tissues in the hand, and requires a longer recovery period. It leaves a larger scar than does endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery. But there may be less chance of other complications.



Endoscopic Surgery, which requires only a small incision at the wrist (single-portal technique) or at the wrist and palm (two-portal technique), and Recovery is quicker than with open surgery. The scars heal more quickly, are smaller, and tend to be less painful at 3 months after surgery. The operation is much more expensive than the Open Surgery. There may be a higher rate of re-operation after the surgery.



A Minimally Invasive Surgery or Mini-Open Release Surgery. This requires a smaller incision than standard open carpal tunnel release surgery to minimize healing time and scar formation. But it also allows the surgeon to view the ligament directly during the surgery to minimize danger to the nerve itself. This is smart, simple, safe, speed and small.

"In the beginning, I noticed that with limited resources and time, many patients were on a waiting list for CTR surgery. Some people had waited for more than 3 months. Mostly those who had conventional surgery (open-surgery) had palmar pain and a noticeable and painful scar. The post-op condition sincerely scared patients, so some of them decided not to follow-through with CTR surgery. I met with patients who actually waited until their hand had become withered before they acquiesced and agreed to the surgery. You can imagine how it hurts me as a doctor to see people in pain and anxiety, so they inspired me to develop a simple device which shortens the time for operation, causes less pain to patients, and allows them to recover and return to work faster, so that they can be happier. That's the reason I invented the MiniSURE Kit."

Sunton Wongsiri, M.D.

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is designed to navigate and to create a space above the Carnal

Tunnel. It separates the soft

tissue from the Transverse Carpal Ligament and increases a space

sue around the Carpal Tunnel rea. It also better passage for a utting instrument in releasing



It is equipped with the world class fine blade to ensure a

complete cut in a single smooth

flexible to create a space inside the Carpal Tunnel.



Kit?

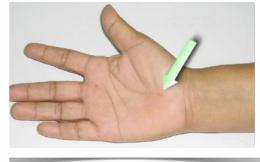
Speed Speedy Recovery
Shorten Operating Time

Simple Only 5 Easy Steps Less Complication

- **S**mall
- Less Post-Op Medication

Safe • Visualize Carpel Tunnel





OLD STANDARD INCISION

**NEW PSU-CTR** 

	Open Technique	Endoscopic Technique	Limited Technique	MiniSURE Technique
Quick service, no hospital admission, save operative time	30-60 Mins	30-60 Mins	20-30 Mins 🕗	15-20 Mins 🕢
Reduce wound size	° 1 2 3 4 5 ° 3 3 -6 cm.	1.5-2.0 cm. 🚫	1.5-2.0 cm.	1.5-2.0 cm.
Reduce pain and complication	Big incision	Small incision	Can't see inside Tunnel	Small incision
Less staff and tools	åååå 3 nurses+1anes	åååå 3 nurses+1anes	1 nurses	1 nurses
Less surgical cost	\$\$\$ Big surgical set + anes	\$\$\$\$\$ Hi-tech machine + anes	\$ \$ Small set + local anes	Small set + local anes
Short recovery time	10-14 days	<b>5.5</b> 7-10 days	3-5 days 🕢	3-5 days 🕗















#### 1<sup>st</sup> Prizer Winner **True Innovation Awards 2012**





#### A-knife for Trigger Finger Surgery







#### **Research & Invention**

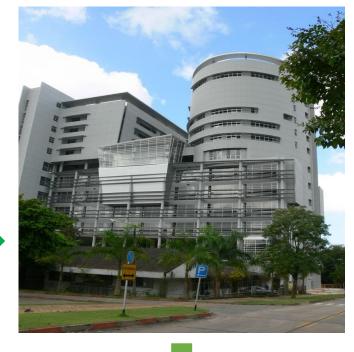






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Patentability









Multi-center study/Research Institutional Procurement





Medical Innovation & IP Portfolios

