ACTIVE IMPLANTS

Glass Encapsulation



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ACTIVE IMPLANTS OVEVIEW



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SMART IMPLANTS

What Do We Mean By Smart?

An implant that is able to provide in-vivo diagnostic biofeedback and/or treat a patient according to specific conditions

- Microsystem measuring and transmitting diagnostic data during or after implantation
- Needs to function in an autonomous way during the lifespan of a product which varies from 6 months to over 50 years



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ACTIVE IMPLANTS INDUSTRY TRENDS

- Increased safety of patient: resistant, long term stable, biocompatible
- Longer autonomy: ultra-low power electronic, transfer and storage
- Patient "on-line" information:
 - Data computing and front-end data treatment
 - Accessible real time data (mobile applications)
- Minimally invasive:
 - Miniaturization, functionalization of encapsulation
- More interaction with biological elements:
 - More accurate measurement and stimulation



SMART IMPLANT CHALLENGES







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MINIATURIZATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Substrate design with specific metallization
- Die attach with specific materials
- COB with fine AI wire
- Chip on Chip
- Ultra fine pitch Wire Bonding
- Ultra Sonic Flip Chip
- High Precision SMT
- 3DCSP











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POWERING CONCEPTS

External RF link

- Non self powered implant
- Compatible with reduced dimensions
- Rechargeable Battery
 - Size non-compatible with highly integrated device
 - External device is needed for the patient

Permanent Battery

- Non-compatible with highly integrated device
- Battery needs to be replaced after a defined period
- «Harvesting» Energy
- Concepts Bio-Fuel











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COMMUNICATION & MEMORY

- External link
- Bi-Directional link
- Continuous Monitoring (100%/24/7)
- Duty cycling of measurements and data creation
- Power storage





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ENCAPSULATION APPLICATION CLASSIFICATION



Short term human contact (24-48 hr) Silicone encapsulation



Medium term human contact (30 days – 6 month) Epoxy / multilayer encapsulation:



Long term implantation (1 - 5 - 10 Years)Titanium housing



Long term implantation (1 - 5 - 10 Years)Glass encapsulation (cylindrical or planar)



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CYLINDRICAL GLASS ENCAPSULATION (CGE)



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LASER WELDING PROVEN PROCESS

Process Development

- CGE Development Equipment
- All Main Process Functions Integrated
- Own Process Software
- Automated Processing
- Dedicated Formulations

Low temperature process! Preserves integrity of embedded elements



TOP LEVEL SPECIFICATIONS

CGE Capability Today

- Glass Types: Boroscilicates, AR, KOVAR, Quartz, Bioglass
- Dout: 4/6/8 mm [2...12mm<4 weeks]</p>
- Wall Thickness: 0.4 0.6 mm [other< 4 weeks]
- Length: 12...50 mm [<12: on request]</p>

CGE Bio-compatibility

- According to ISO 10993-1
- CGE Tightness >10 years

(electronics protected against breakdown by moisture proved by tritium tests completed)







APPLICATION: INJECTABLE GLUCOSE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

The miniaturized sensor is designed to measure glucose in the interstitial fluid



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PLANAR GLASS ENCAPSULATION (PGE)



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PLANAR GLASS ENCAPSULATION (PGE)

- Glass encapsulant itself may perform a function other than simply encapsulation, such as actually monitoring pressures (blood or intracranial)
- PGE assembly process supports a high level of feature (leads) density in extremely small implants and has a high level of hermeticity



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ASSEMBLY PROCESS

- Laser Glass Glass Joining Process Parameter optimization
- First test of mechanical stability (seam)

(shear resistance/binding energies)







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HERMETICITY

- Test Devices 2nd Generation
- Big cavities according to requirement of Valtronic with and without TGV for helium leakage test and tritium tightness tests.

Proven long term hermeticity!





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GOLD PLATING OF TUNGSTEN VIAS

Enable micro-assembly interconnection technologies!





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CONNECTIVITY AND HOUSING FUNCTION

- Processing Contact Layer (Au) on Glass and Tungsten Vias as pads and as circuit paths
- Contacting Sensors direct on Tungsten Vias and direct on circuit paths



MICROSTRUCTURE INSIDE THE HERMETIC CAVITY





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CONNECTING TO BIO (HIGH DENSITY FEED-THROUGH)







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CONNECTING TO BIO AND LEADS

- First electrical contacting
- Direct contacting platinum-iridium on Tungsten Vias by laser





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ELECTRODES AND LEADS

- 1. Classical Platinum versus TiNi / IrOx with surface enhancement
- 2. MEMS
- 3. Ion-FETs





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PLATFORM FOR INNOVATIVE IMPLANTABLE DEVICE



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INNOVATIVE DESIGN APPROACH



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FULLY FUNCTIONAL IMPLANT WITH HIGH DENSITY FEED-THROUGH









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High density Feed-through



Thank you for your attention !

