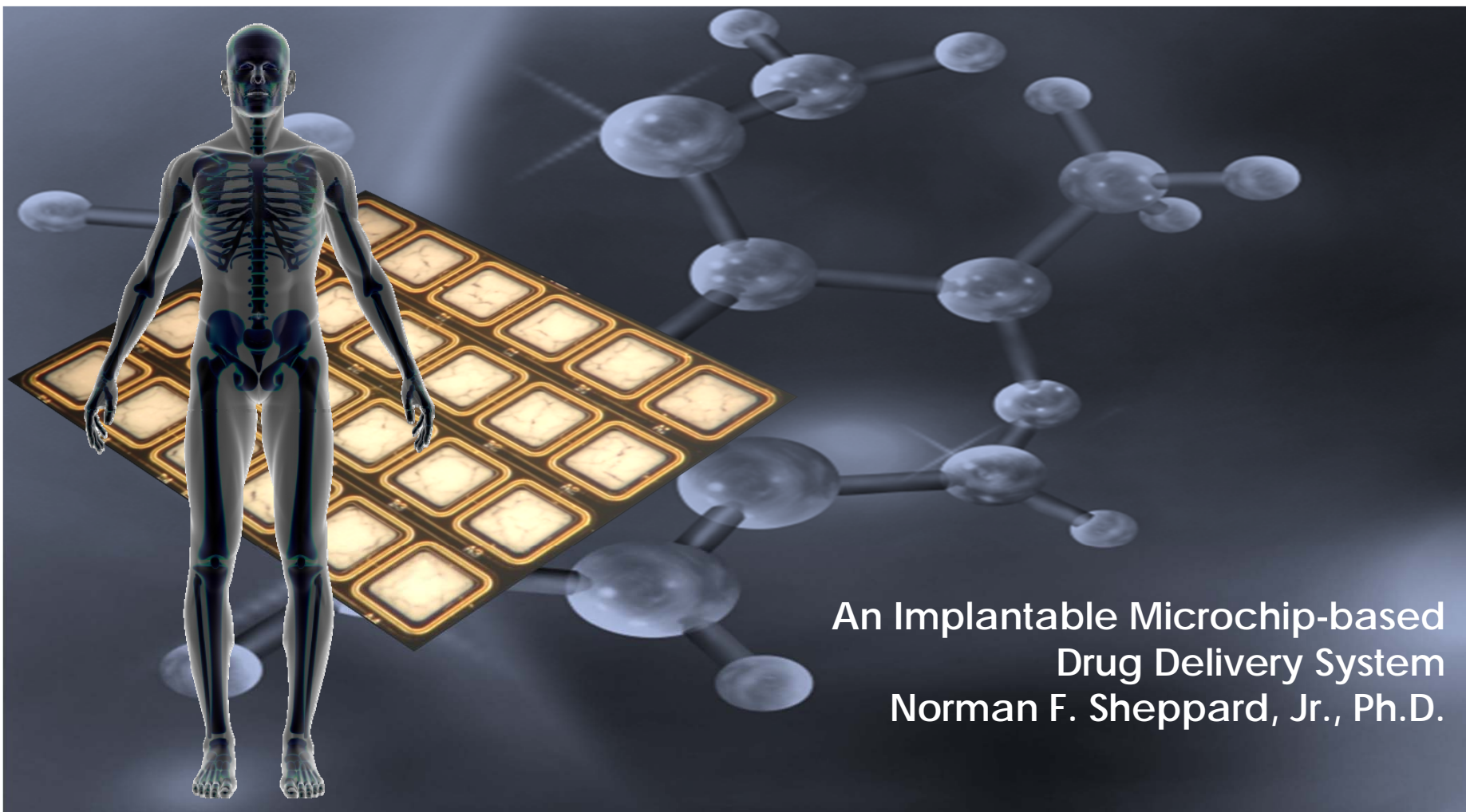


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Drug Delivery System  
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# An Implantable Microchip-based Drug Delivery System

- Microchip Drug Delivery
  - Microreservoir Technology
  - Drug Formulation and Filling
  - Low-temperature Hermetic Sealing
- Implantable Device Design
- First Human Testing

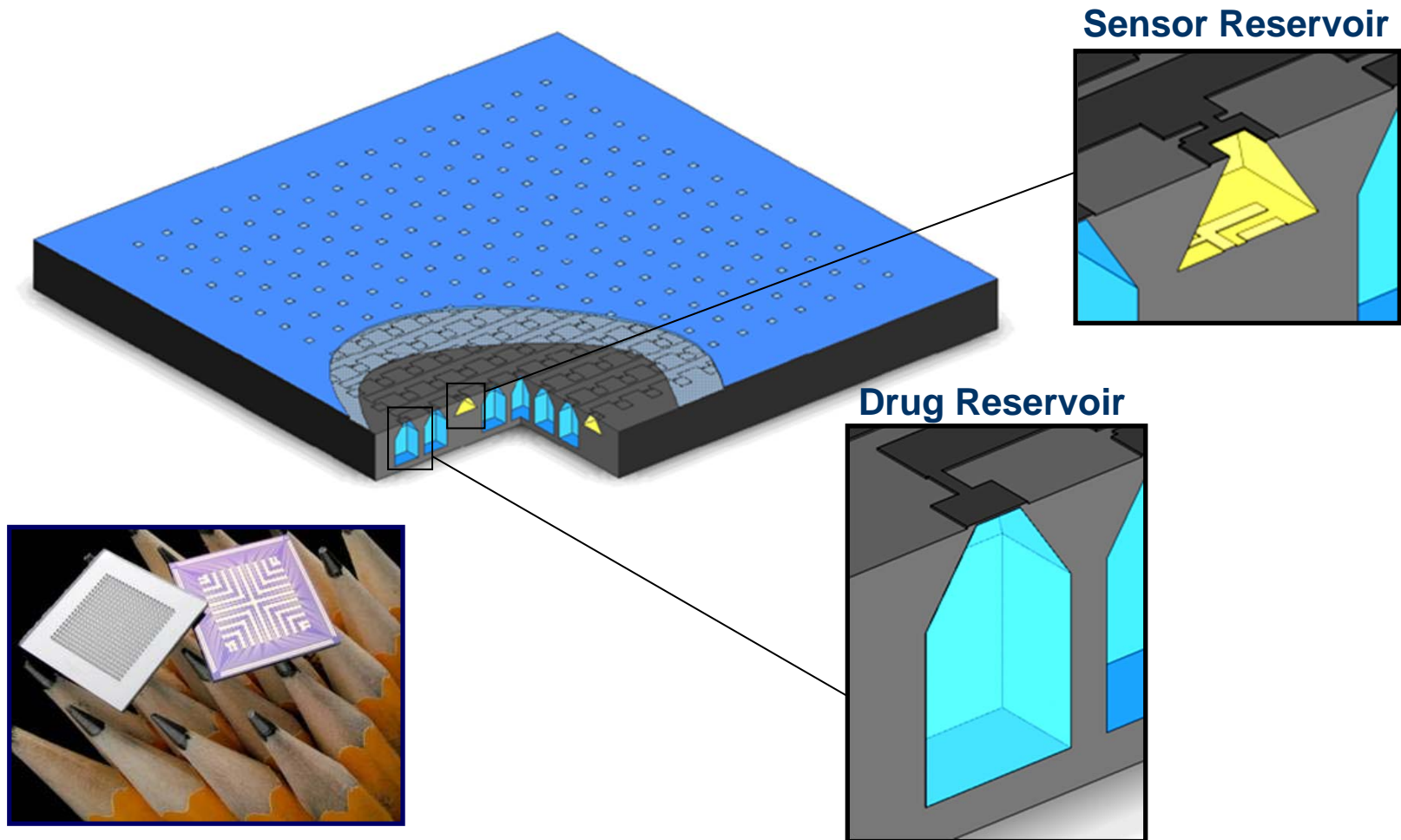
# Company

**MicroCHIPS, located in Boston, develops implantable drug delivery and biosensing products.**

- Formed to commercialize microreservoir array IP developed at MIT (Langer & Cima labs)
  - Long term protection of drugs
  - Release of drug triggered by an electronic signal
- Extensive IP portfolio
  - Improvements to MIT technology
  - Low-temperature hermetic sealing

# Microreservoirs for Drug Delivery and/or Biosensing

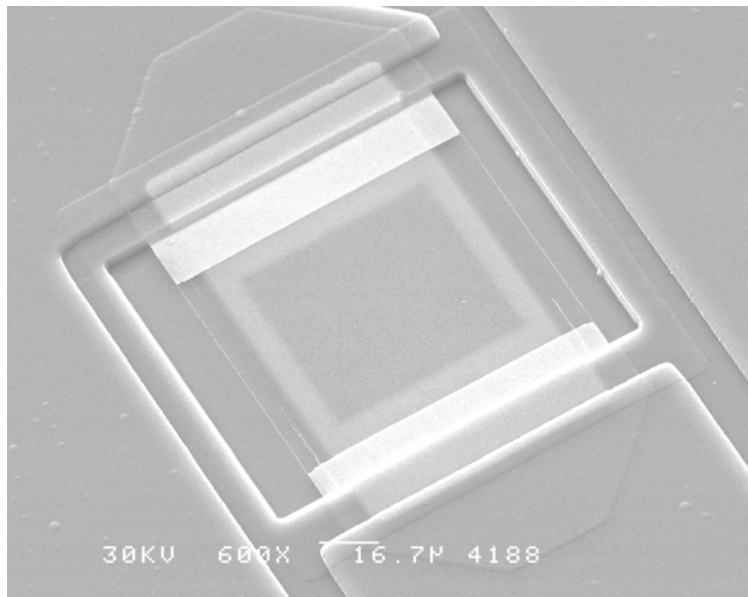
- MEMS technology used to create reservoirs in silicon substrate



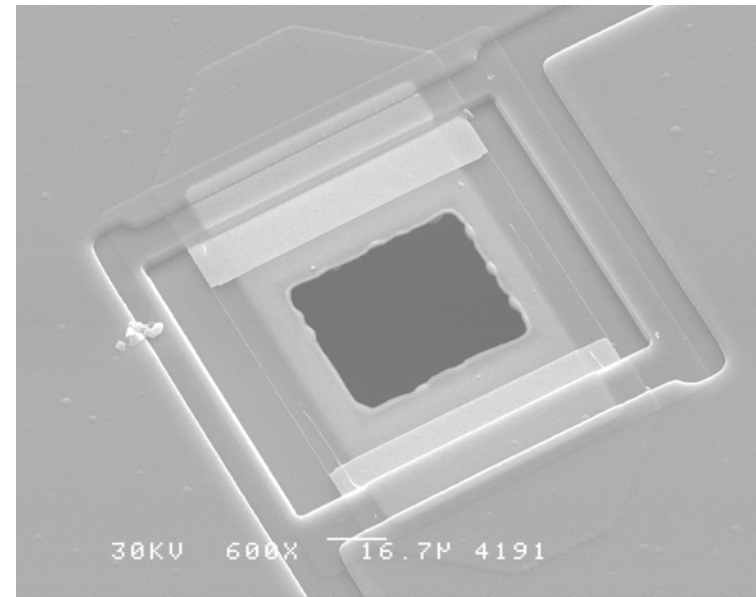
# Microreservoirs Opened Electronically

- Aperture in the silicon connects reservoir to “outside world”
- Aperture sealed with submicron metal film
- Current pulse removes film & exposes reservoir contents

**Before Activation**



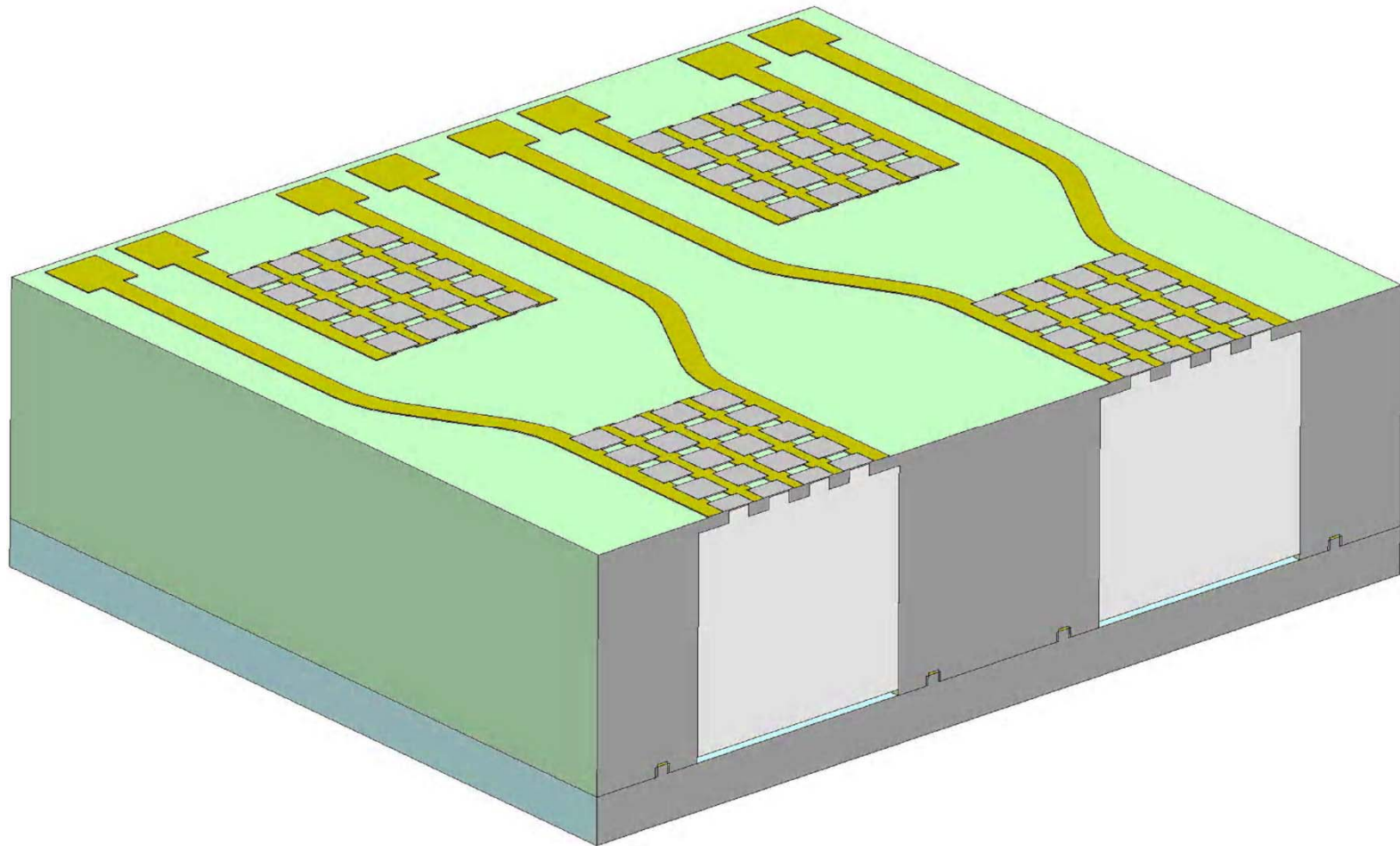
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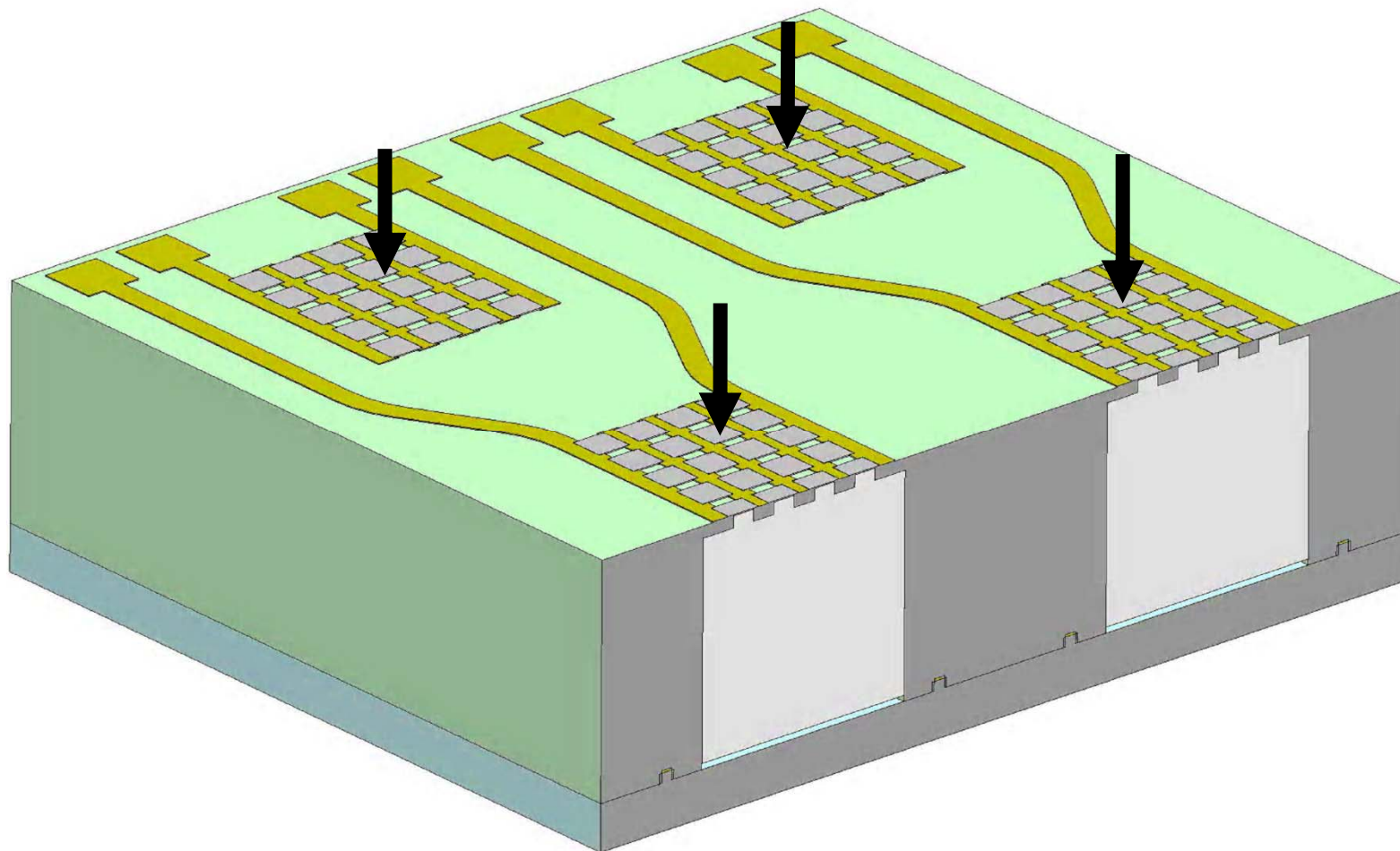
# Microchip Drug Delivery

Drugs stored in microreservoirs can be delivered on a predefined schedule, on condition, or on demand.



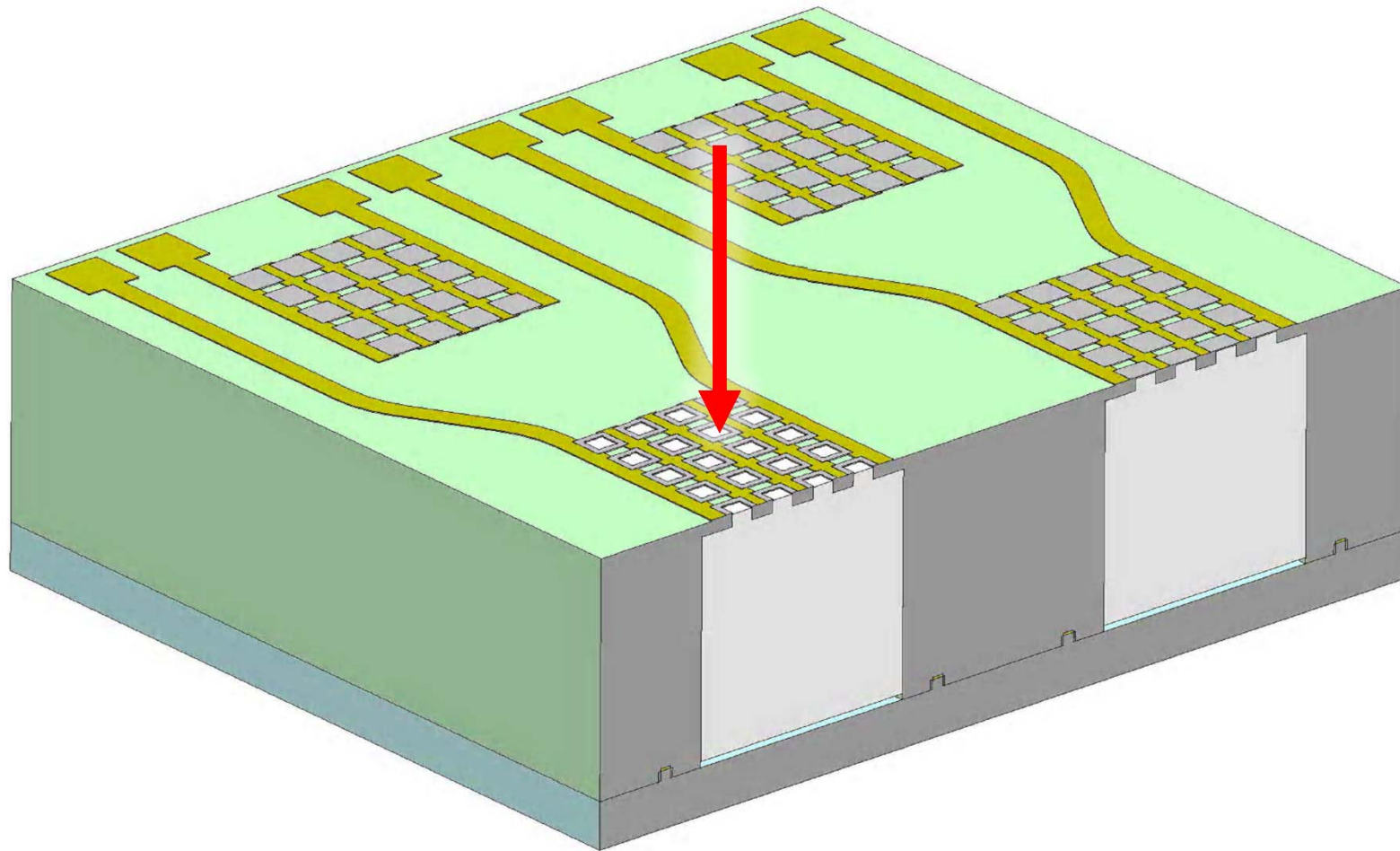
# Microchip Drug Delivery

Step 1. At implant, all drug reservoirs in array are sealed.



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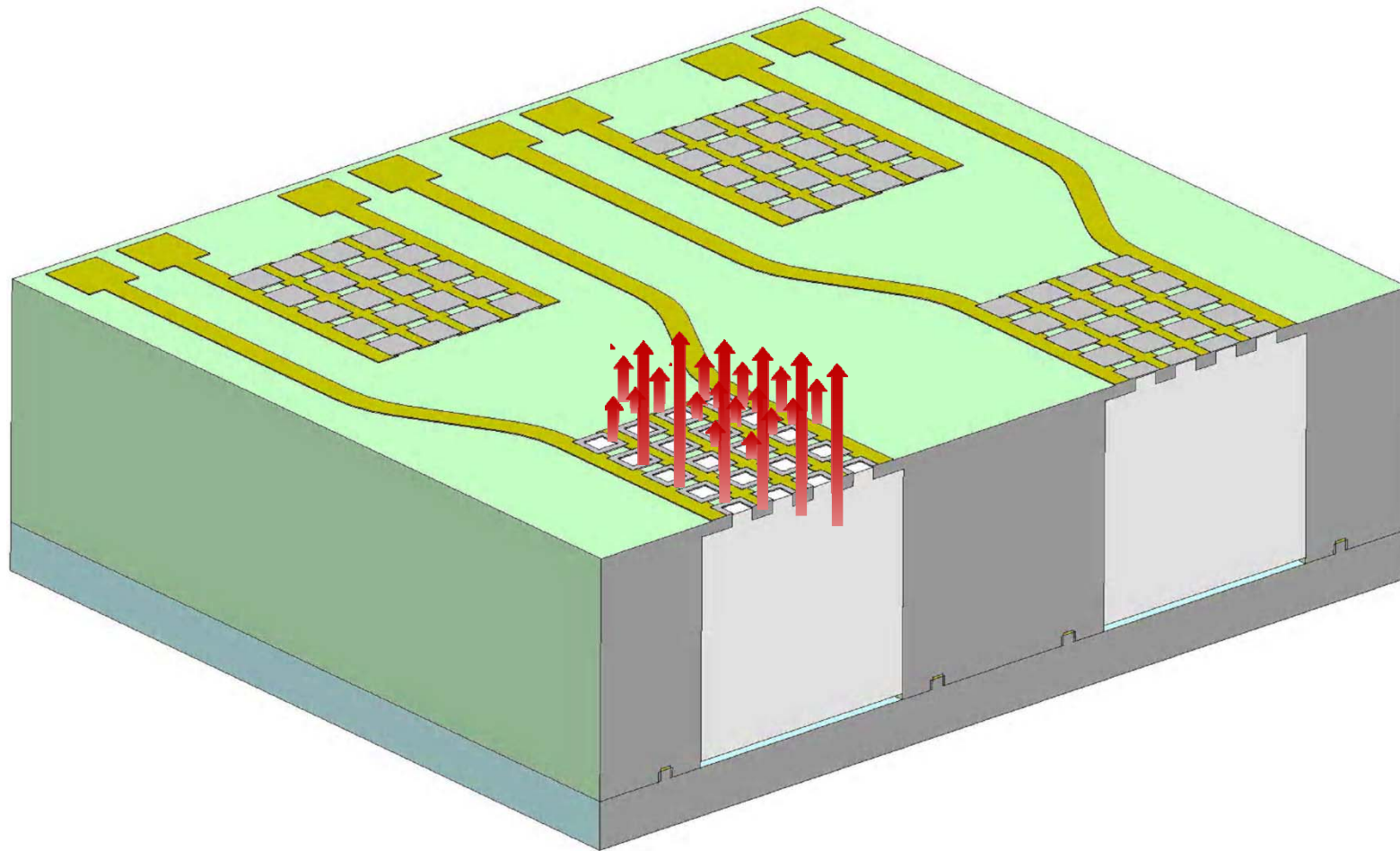
Step 2. First drug reservoir is actively opened on schedule.





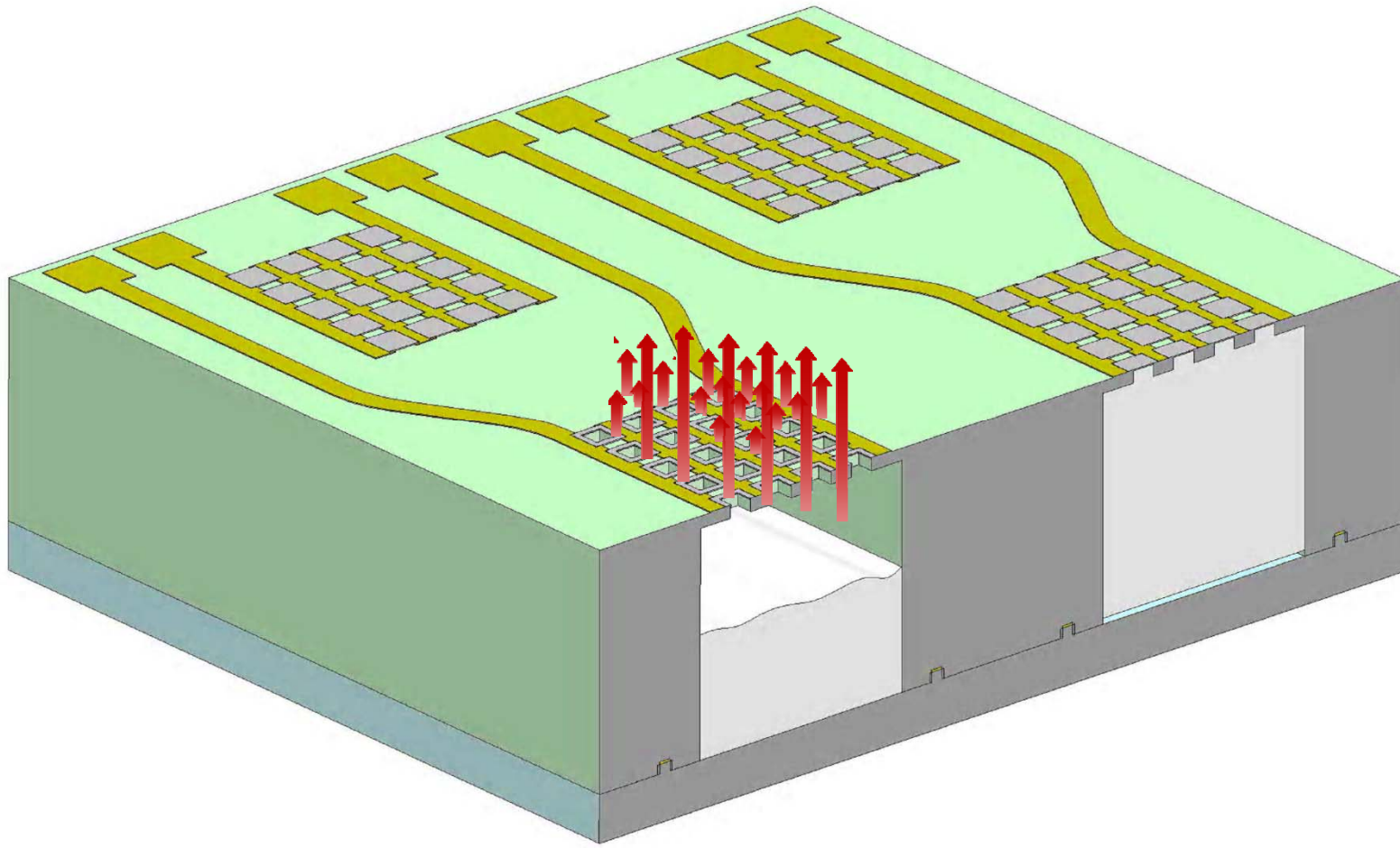
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Step 3. Drug begins to release from the reservoir.



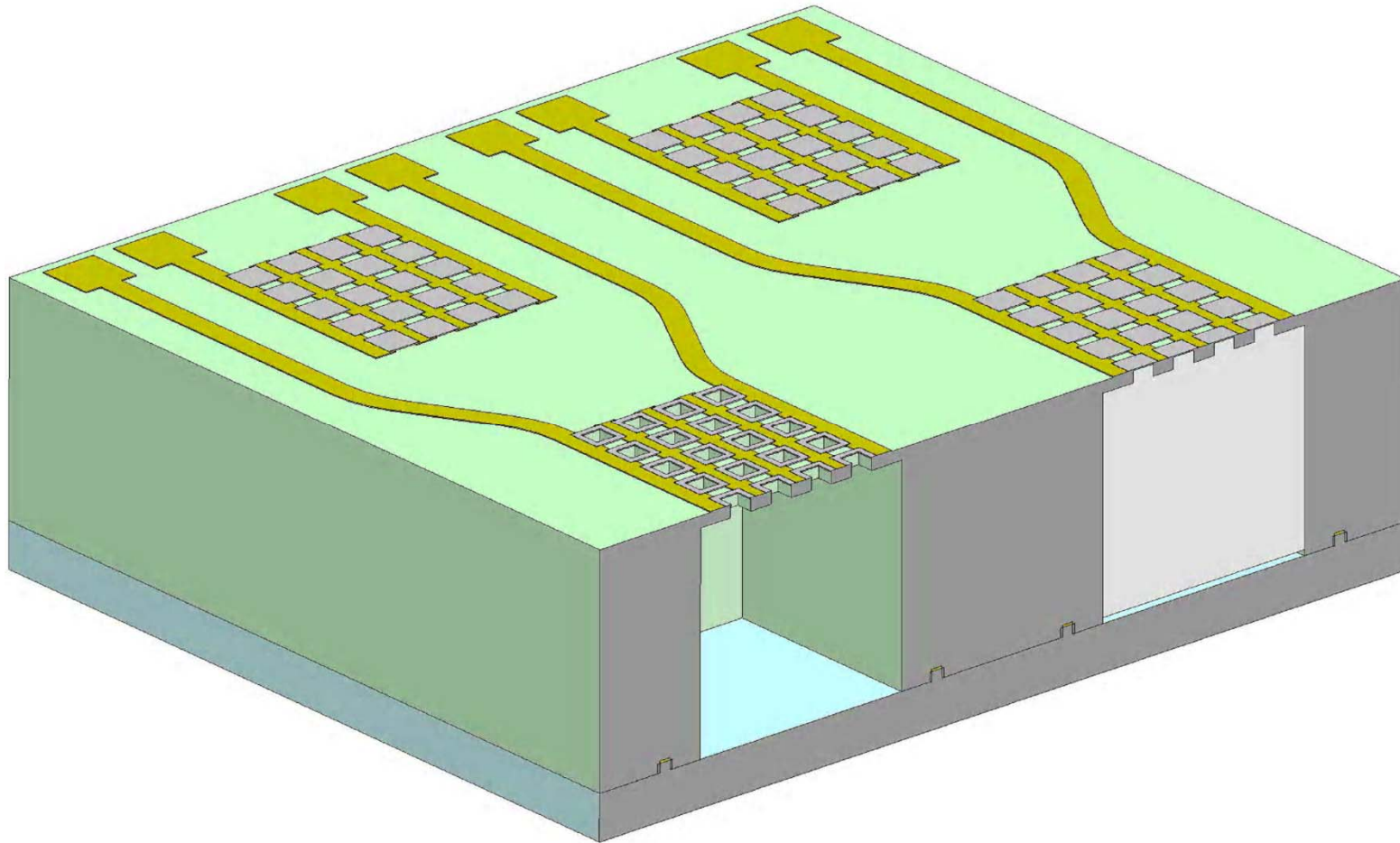
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Step 4. Drug releases from the reservoir at a rate determined by the composition of the drug formulation and the area of the apertures.



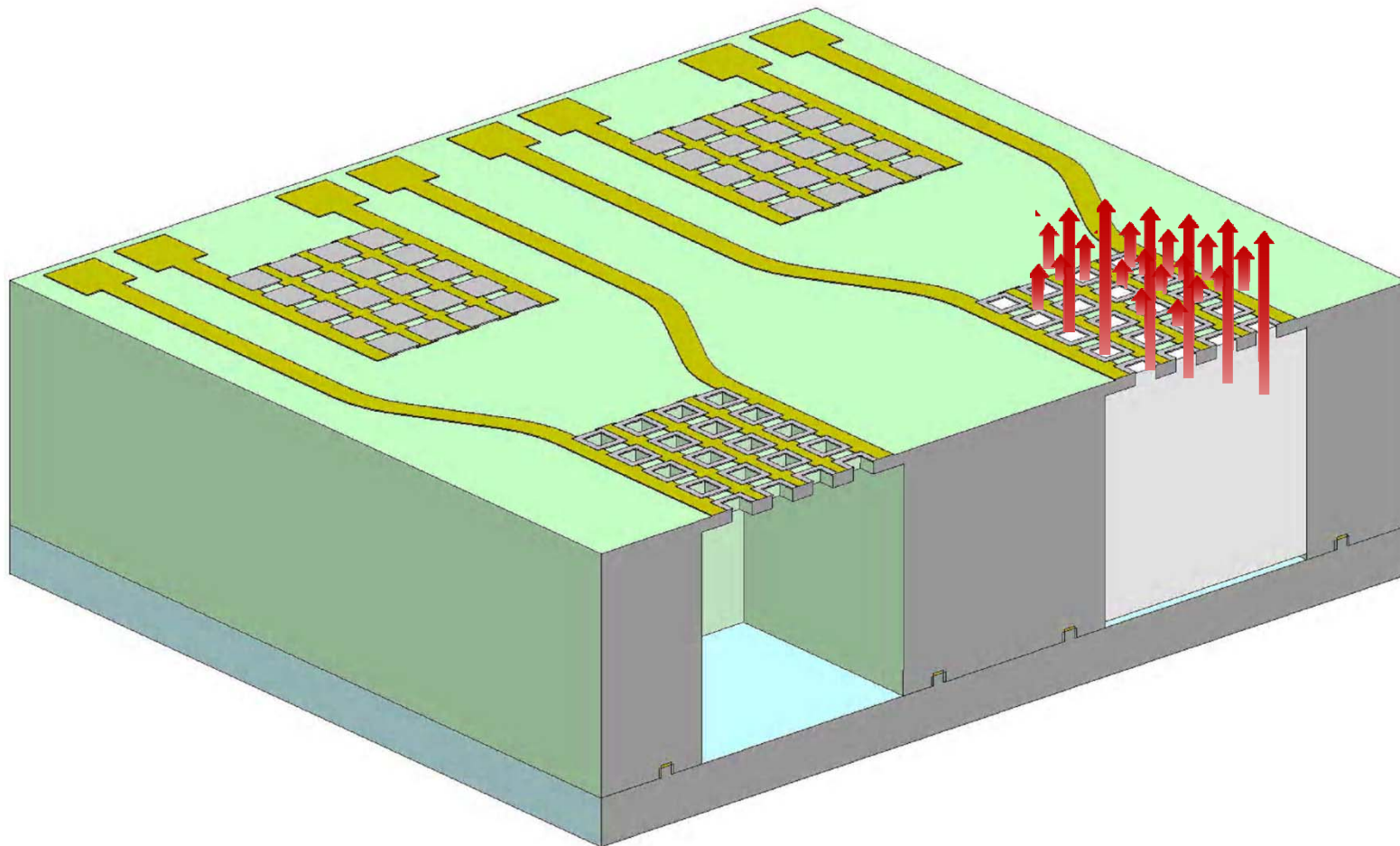
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Step 5. After the drug reservoir is empty, the next dose can be delivered from another reservoir.



# Microchip Drug Delivery

Step 6. Drug releases from the second reservoir.



## Drug Formulation and Filling

- Drug payload is formulated as a solution with stabilizers.
- Loaded into microchip reservoirs using custom robotic dispenser.
- Freeze-dried to preserve stability.



## Hermetic Sealing - Compressive Cold Weld (CCW)

- A true hermetic seal is required to protect drug, sensors from exposure to moisture during long-term implantation.
- Low temperature ( $\leq 98.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) process required to prevent denaturation of protein drugs, enzymes used in sensors.

# Implantable Drug Delivery Device

Drug-loaded microchips are mounted to the surface of a pacemaker-like control system.



Filled & Sealed  
Drug Delivery  
Microchips

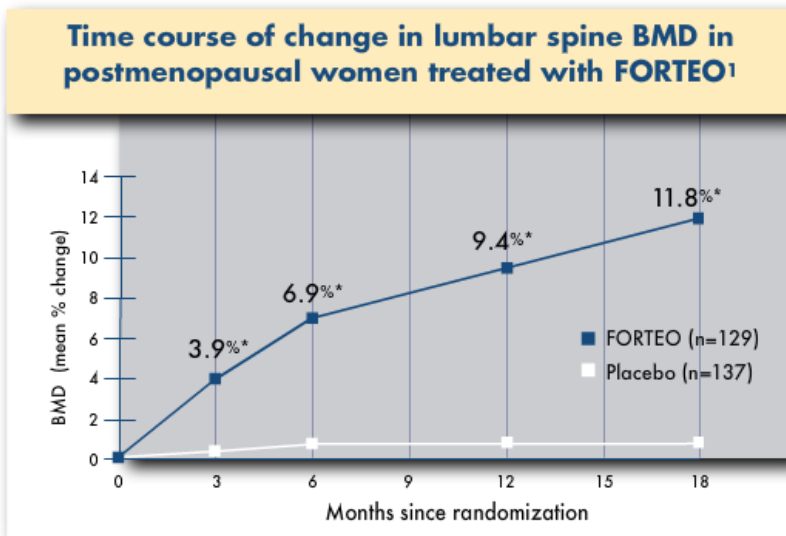


Drug Delivery  
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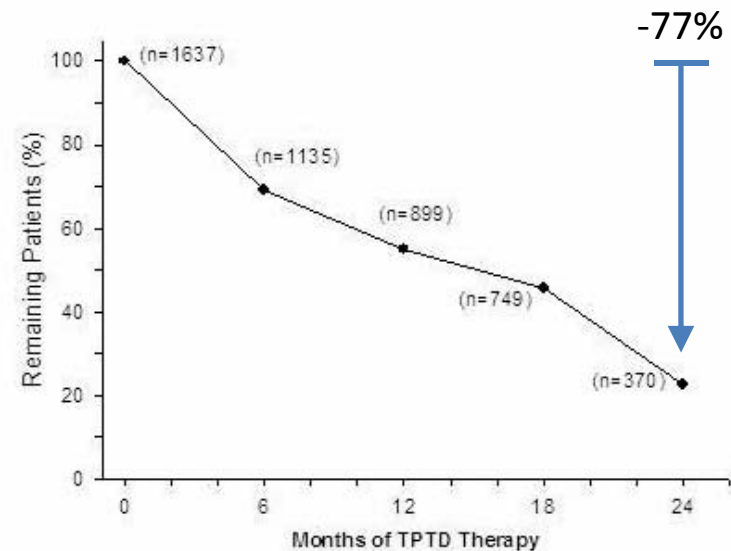
- microprocessor
- 128kB memory
- custom microchip control ASICs
- MICS band transceiver
- custom antenna
- hermetic, biocompatible enclosure
- implant-grade battery

# Osteoporosis Treatment – Background

- Parathyroid hormone (PTH) is an effective treatment, and only approved anabolic (bone-building) drug
- Eli Lilly's FORTEO™ yields 10% - 15% increase in bone mineral density (BMD) over the course of 18 month therapy
- Daily subcutaneous injection results in poor compliance



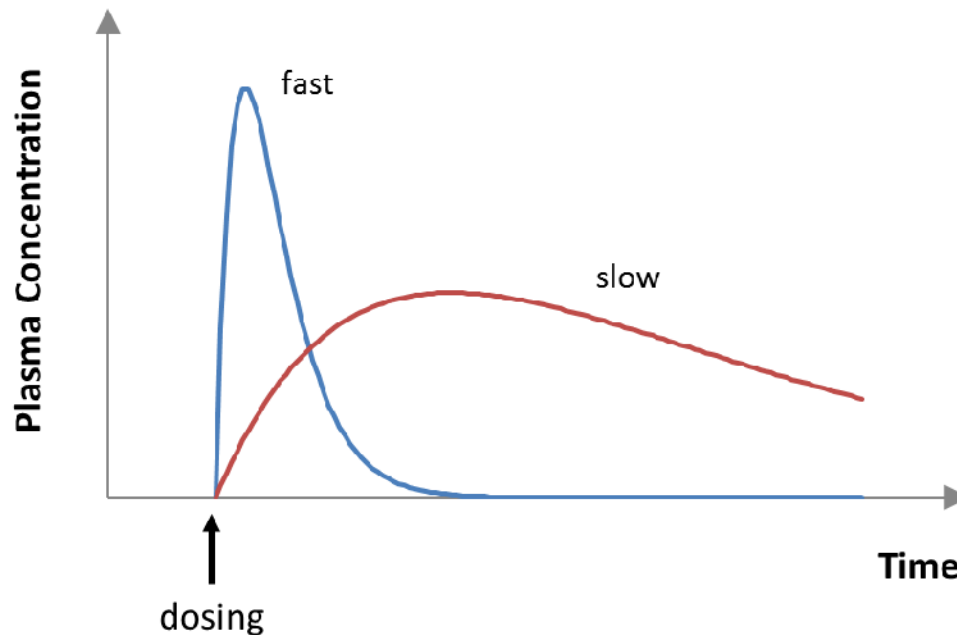
(<http://www.forteohcp.com/Pages/efficacy-rapid-bmd.aspx>)



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# PTH Pharmacokinetics

- Pharmacokinetics (PK) describes the processes of drug adsorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion.
- Characterized by measuring the concentration of drug in the bloodstream following administration.
- Parathyroid hormone builds bone only when delivered in a pulsatile manner.



# Microchip Implant Delivery of Parathyroid Hormone

- Implanted device will improve compliance, lead to better outcomes.
- Questions to be answered by clinical study:
  - How will pharmacokinetics compare to a subcutaneous injection, particularly after the formation of a fibrous tissue capsule?
  - How will patients accept the device?



# First Human Testing of Microchip Drug Delivery

- Device
  - 20 reservoir microchip implant
  - 40 microgram doses of hPTH(1-34)
- Patient population
  - postmenopausal women between 65 and 70
- Study design
  - eight week healing period after implant
  - four week microchip dosing period w/ four PK procedures
  - four PK procedures with FORTEO as control
- Additional measures
  - bone growth markers
  - tissue capsule histology

# First Human Testing - Key Results

- Equivalent therapeutic efficacy as Forteo injections
- Similar increase in bone formation blood marker, P1NP
- More consistent doses than Forteo injections
- Great patient acceptance
  - Could not feel the device
  - Willing to have another device implanted
  - 100% Compliance
- Complete study results published



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DRUG DELIVERY

## First-in-Human Testing of a Wirelessly Controlled Drug Delivery Microchip

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# MicroCHIPS Drug Delivery Implant

- Therapeutic Benefits
  - 100% compliance with no patient or caregiver actions required
  - Drug is automatically delivered at the prescribed time
  - Drug is delivered with less variability than an injection
  - Drug can be delivered at opportune times to reduce side effects
  - Different dosing per device to enable weaning on and off the medication
  - Different drugs can be stored – “pharmacy on a chip”
  - Drug can be stored in lyophilized form for long term stability

## Summary

- Silicon microreservoir technology protects drugs and biosensors, releases them on demand
- Filling and sealing processes are compatible with temperature sensitive biological materials
- True hermetic seal ensures long-term stability in implantable device applications
- First human test of implantable parathyroid hormone delivery device successful
- Numerous drugs are possible candidates for microchip delivery to treat chronic disease