Internship Presentation

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About Me

- Born in Seoul, South Korea
- Grew up in Rochester, NY
- Cornell University B.S./M.Eng. Chemical Engineering and German Minor Society of Women Engineers (SWE), P&G internships Computational Modeling Breast Cancer Research: Prof. Jeff Varner Nano Organic Hybrid Materials: Prof. Lynden Archer
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst Ph.D. Chemical Engineering Graduate Women in STEM, Graduate Student Senate,
 - NIH Biotechnology Training Program
- Outdoor activities, music











GE Global Research Charter: "Drive breakthrough technology to give GE competitive advantage" Clobal Research

GE's First U.S. industrial lab, founded in 1900 in Niskayuna, NY
1800 scientists/engineers, nearly two-thirds PhDs

 One of the world's most diversified industrial research organizations, providing innovative technology for all of GE's businesses

Innovation & Transition to Product



Global Research develops technology and product concepts from idea through prototype phase to transition to GE businesses

High risk, high reward research to accelerate GE business product development



Evolution of pharmaceuticals



Cinchona bark (quinine)

Natural medicine (e.g., herbs, minerals, quinine, opium)



small molecules (e.g., penicillin, NSAIDs, opioids)



Biopharmaceuticals (e.g., insulin, hormones, antibodies, vaccines)



Cell therapies (e.g., T-cells, iPSCs, MSCs)

Increasing complexity and evolving production needs

Monoclonal Antibody (mAB) & cytokine treatments for:

- Cancer Therapy
- Autoimmune Diseases



\$187B (2015) - projected \$271B (2020)



Biopharmaceutical production

Traditional Pharma (Stainless





- Greater flexibility & scalability
- & scalability
- Smaller footprint

- Lower capital cost
- Lower OpEx cost
- Less water & energy use

Desired properties:

Performance - O₂/CO₂ barrier, Flex, RT mechanicals, E&L, Biocompatibility Manufacturability-Seal strength, Processability, γ-stability, Optical Clarity



GE Healthcare SUD Portfolio





Fortem ™ Single Use Film Materials

Current GEHC Life Science Portfolio





Films: CX5-14 & Aegis
GE WAVE Bioreactors Films: BioClear™ 10 & 11
GE ReadyToProcess™/ ReadyCircuit™ Film: ReadyKleer™
GE Xcellerex Films: Marshall & RoadyKloorIM

HvClone Media Bags



Fortem[™] to consolidate film portfolio to a single contact surface in current SUD workflows



Materials Science of Film



• Outer Layer

- Mechanical robustness (tear, puncture, toughness)

- Flexibility, Feel

Barrier Layer

- Low Oxygen Permeability

Cell-contact layer

- Biocompatibility
- Minimal Extractables & Leachables
- Sealing Capability





Co-extruded film manufactured in Class 8 cleanroom. Supplied as double ply: contact layer exposed only to Class 5 air (Sealed Air Corp. film design patent).



Test Development & Film Analysis

Goal: Analyze & understand real-world failure modes to develop bench-scale models and enable rapid, reproducible testing for material capabilities







Flex Fatigue

Bending & Bag Stress Modeling



Oxygen transmission

Extreme Environment Mechanicals



Tensile testing





- a) Loaded dogbone sample
- b) Elastic deformation to a yield point
- c) Necking
- d) Failure



Modeling high temperature



Top Hemisphere is the only unsupported film on the bag

Pasteurization at elevated T Pressure Calculator

0.013in
53.5in
0.1psi

sigma(h) hemi (RT) 0.103ksi



High Temperature performance of Fortem

Tensile Testing at Elevated Temperature



<u>Yield Stress</u>: The amount of force the material experience before it deforms



Temperature-controlled tensile testing enables small scale modeling of film performance in a variety of environments



Key learnings

- Learnings from interaction with every day
- Learned more about project life-time at GE GRC
 - Project lifetime, technical performance measures and readiness, manufacturability
 - Tours of other GRC organizations
 - Different roles
- Knowledge about GE GRC in China
- STEM Outreach Niskayuna Engineering institute panelist
- Joined Newcomer's club, Adventurer's club, Women's network, and Asian Pacific American Forum
- Outdoor activities and local events (race track, Saratoga spring park, rock climbing gym, bumper ball)



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Thank you for a fantastic summer!

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