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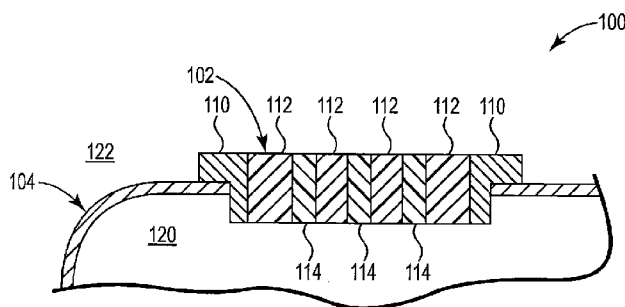


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: One aspect is a method of coupling an insulator to a surrounding ferrule in an implantable medical device. An insulator is provided having a plurality of conducting elements extending therethrough. The insulator is placed with conducting elements within a ferrule having a frame-like shape surrounding the insulator along an interface. The insulator is heated with a first laser until raising the temperature of insulator to a first temperature level. The ferrule is welded to the insulator along the interface with a second laser once the insulator has reached the first temperature.

