ME, ECE Capstone Design Programs



Team 13: 3D-Printed Micro Reactor

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Objective

Design, fabricate and test a compact, metal 3D printed, continuous-flow micro reactor for specialty chemical production

Continuous-Flow Micro Reactor Benefits

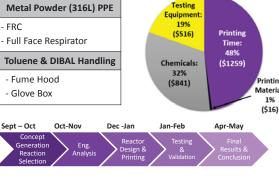
Decrease diffusion time/Increase reaction speed

Accelerate chemical development processes

Well-suited for pharmaceutical applications

Functional Requirement	Measurable Engineering Specs.	Design/Limit	√ Pass X Fail
Maximize Production Rate	Flow Rate	~2.5 mL/min	√ (2.7 mL/min)
	Max Pressure Differential	≤ 200 kPa	√ (~ 200 Pa)
	Yield	≥ 95%	√ (90 ±6%)
	Residence Time	~ 16 min	✓
Lightweight	Max Size	90x90x80 mm ³	✓
	Max Weight	< 1300 g	√ (~ 300 g)
Safe/Reliable	Max Pressure	3 MPa	N/A
	Min. Leak Pressure	300 kPa	✓

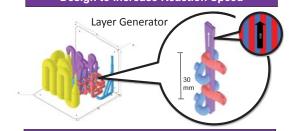




Continuous-Flow Micro Reactor Outlet Manifold Mixing Channe Reaction Channe **CAD Model**

Design to Increase Reaction Speed

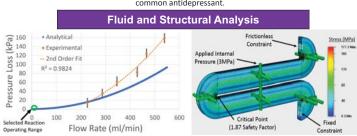
Acrylic Coated Printed Micro Reactor



Reaction Selection

3-chloropropiophenone 3-chloro-1-phenyl-1-propanol (Toluene) $\Delta H_{rxn} \sim 3.8 \frac{kJ}{mol}$ ΔT ~20 °C

The product is an intermediate used in the synthesis of Prozac, a common antidepressant.



3D Metal Printing is NOT Trivial Support Powder Sealing Removal Generation



Geometric and support design for printability

Design to prevent blockages



Sealing required due to porous print material



support placement



Defect due to improper Defects due to improper Dye seeping through STL processing



porous print material

Preliminary Reaction Testing



Advisers: Dr. Devireddy, Mr. Dinecola, Dr. Dooley, Dr. McPeak

Budget Spent: \$2632 Total Budget: \$4000