

Using plastic Microcapillary Films (MCFs) for process intensification

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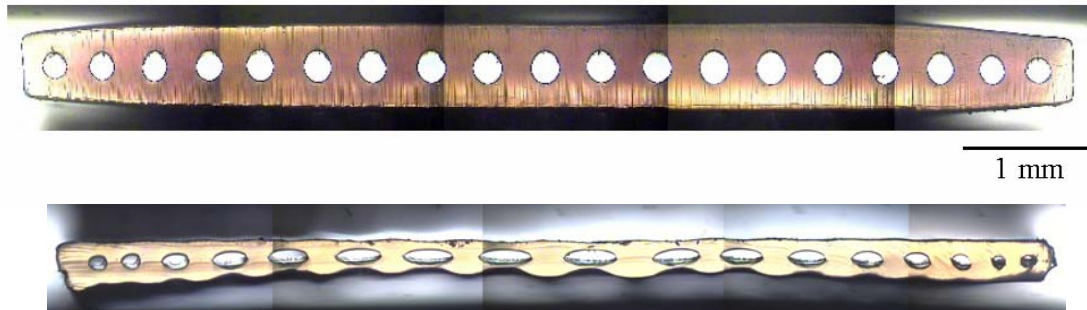
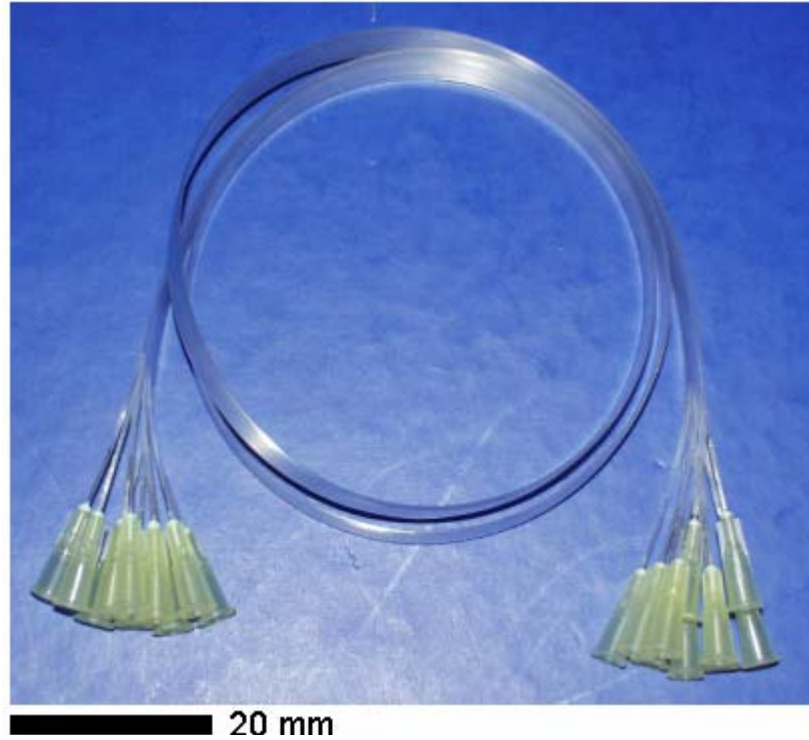
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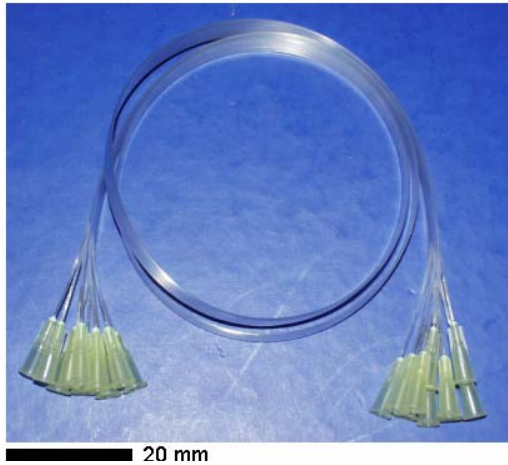
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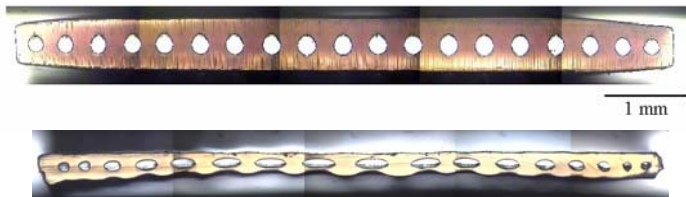
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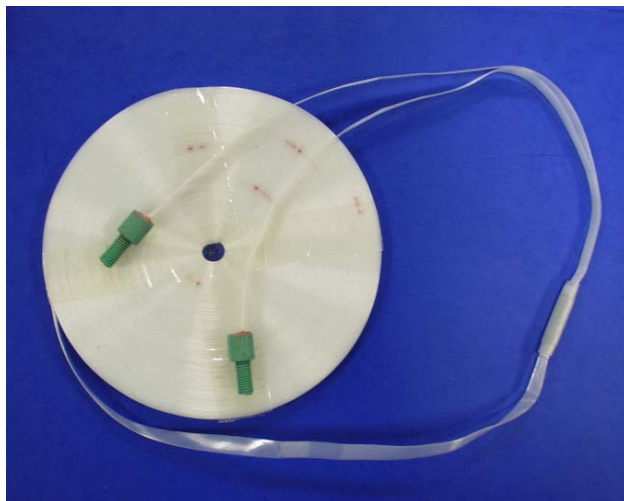
What are MCFs?



- Extrusion processed microfluidic pathway
- Capillary diameters from 30 micron to 800 micron
- Fabrication process robust to variety of polymers



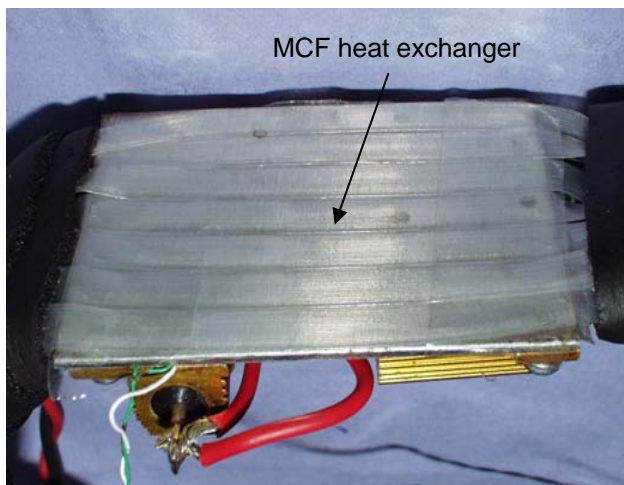
How could MCFs be used for process intensification?



Chemical Microreactors

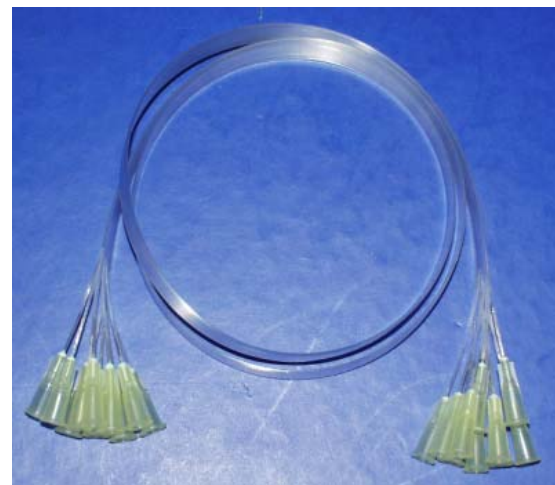


Pump systems



MCF heat exchanger

Micro heat exchange



Parallel fluid delivery systems

For more information...

1. Please come and talk to me!
2. Visit the MCF website – <http://www.microcapillaryfilms.org.uk/>
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