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Radiopharmaceutical production using microreactor : ^{18}F -FDG for PET(Positron Emission Tomography)

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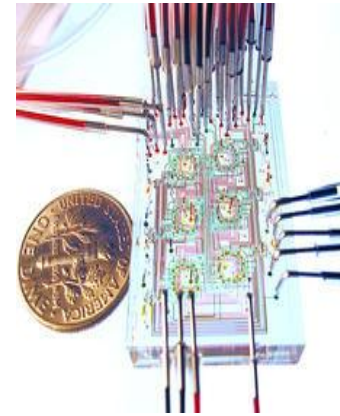
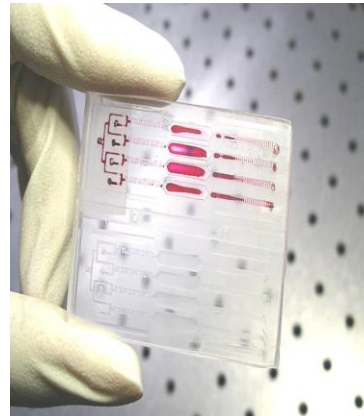
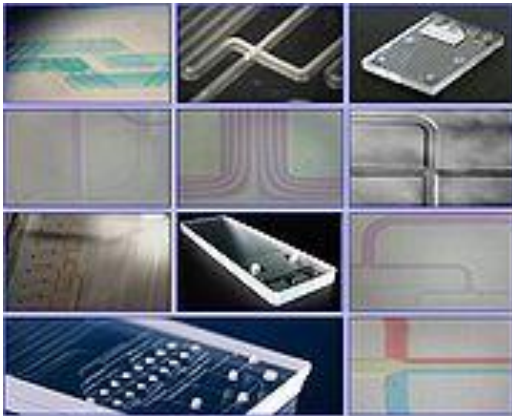
Microfluidics

It deals with the behavior, precise control and manipulation of fluids that are geometrically constrained to a small, typically sub-millimeter, scale

- small volumes(nl, pl, fl)
- small size
- low energy consumption
- effects of the micro domain

Multidisciplinary field intersecting

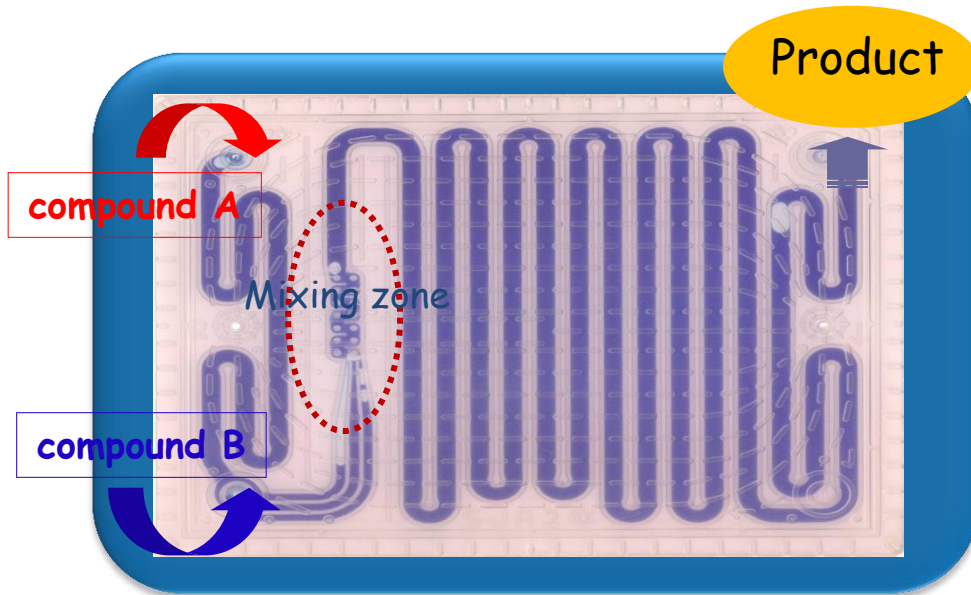
- Engineering, physics, chemistry, microtechnology, biotechnology
- DNA chips, lab-on-a-chip technology, micro-propulsion, micro-thermal technology



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.1 What is MicroReactor?



Keywords

- ✓ microcircuit
- ✓ Diffusion and eddy
- ✓ Mixture of compounds

PROCESS of reaction

- Supplying compound A,B in the microcircuit with pumps.
- Along the microcircuit, compounds are stirred through the mixing zone.
- Transferring along the circuit, reaction completed and producing the final compound.

.1 What is MicroReactor?

● Characteristics

- The part of the microfluidic System
- Inner diameter < 1 mm
- Size(generally) : 10 -100 μm
- Very small inherent volume



● Applications

- Biology
- Engineering
- Reactors for synthetic applications

FDG Synthesis

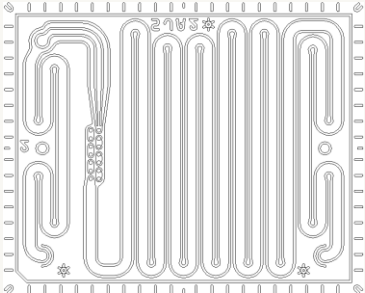
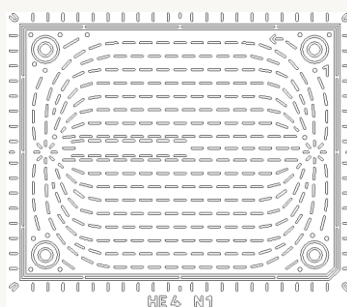
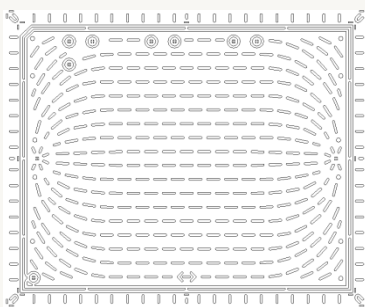
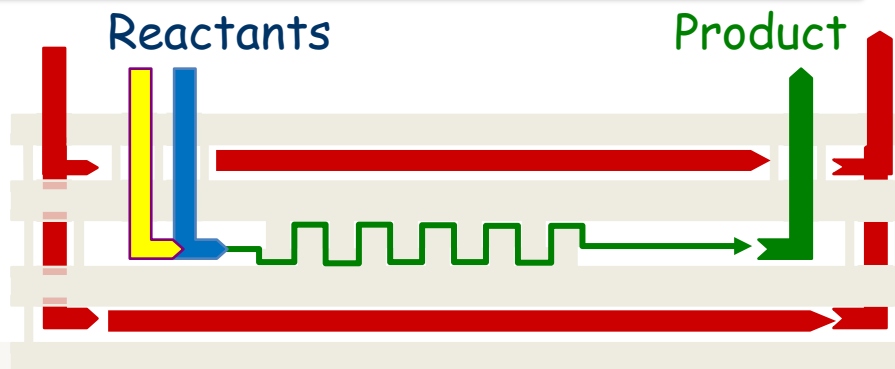
.1 What is MicroReactor?

Example for construction of channel in microreactor (Glass)

Heat exchange floor

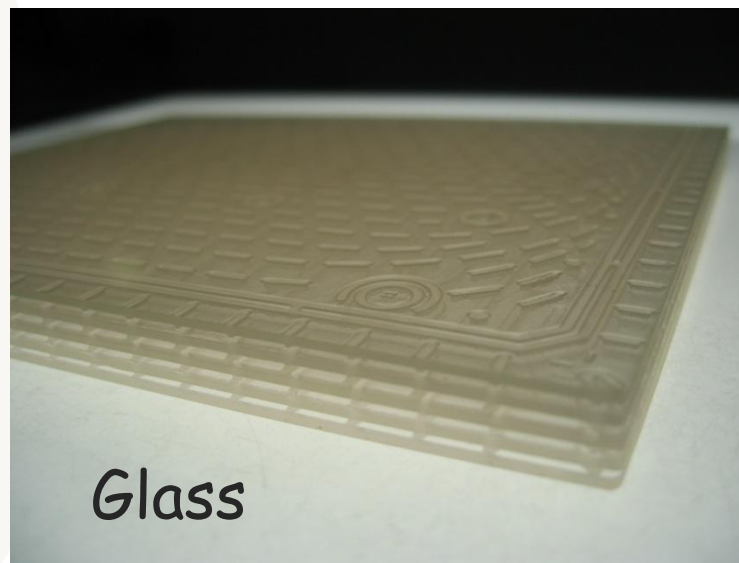
Reaction floor

Heat exchange floor



Variation with

- ✓ Shape
- ✓ Size
- ✓ Material

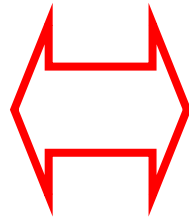
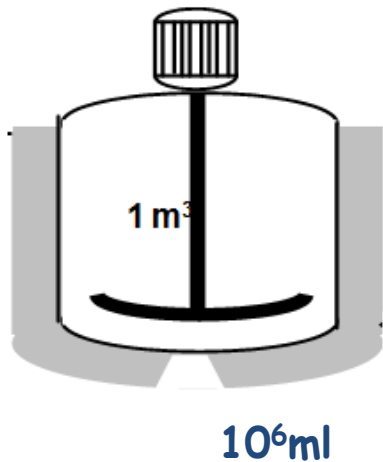


Glass

.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

Micro reaction technology - characteristic

Batch Reactor
(conventional)



MicroReactor



Feeding $100 \sim 180\text{ ml/m}$
 $= 3.6 \sim 6.4\text{ t / Month}$
*at Density 1

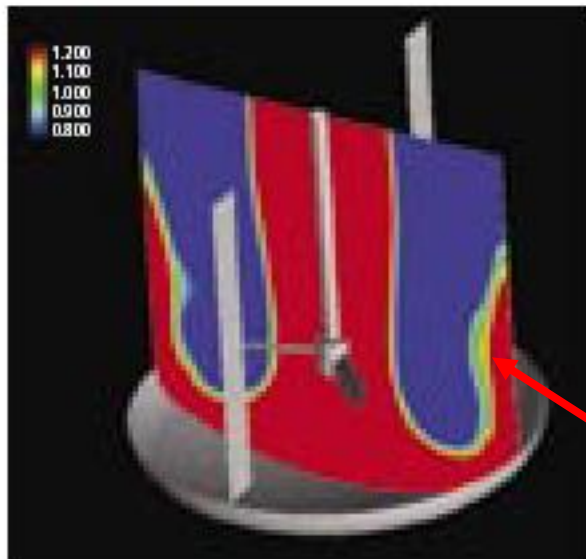
- (1) 1:1 Rapid Mixture
- (2) High efficiency
- (3) Effective temperature control
- (4) Easy multiplication
- (5) Safety
- (6) Little space for installation

.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

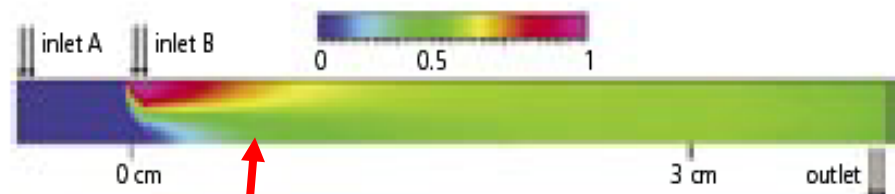
(1) Effect of 1:1 Rapid mixture

Effective Mixing (compound ratio of 1:1)

→ Increasing production by decreasing synthesis time



Batch reactor



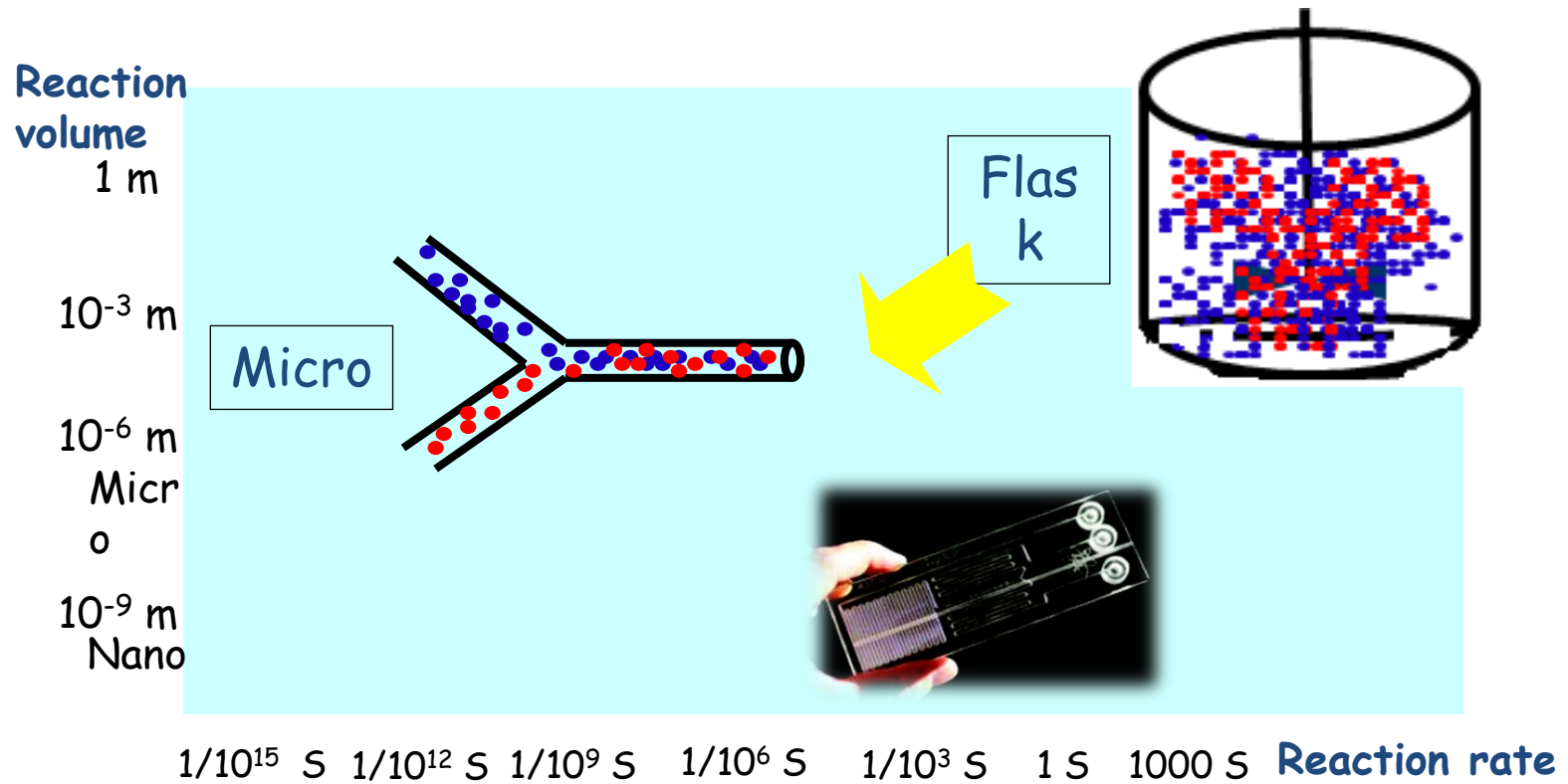
Micro reactor

Mixing efficiency

.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

(2) Effect of mixing with high supplementary ratio

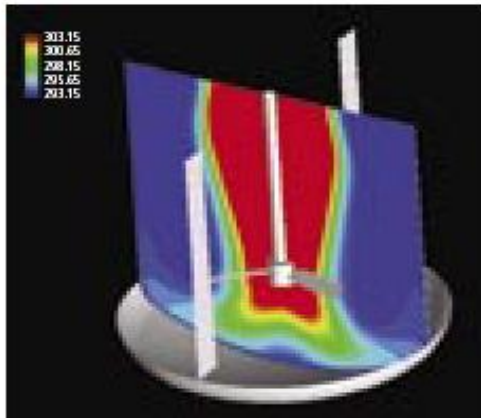
→ Effective reaction in interface using large unit surface



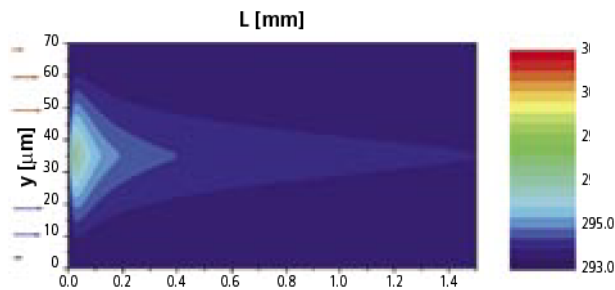
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(3) Effective temperature control

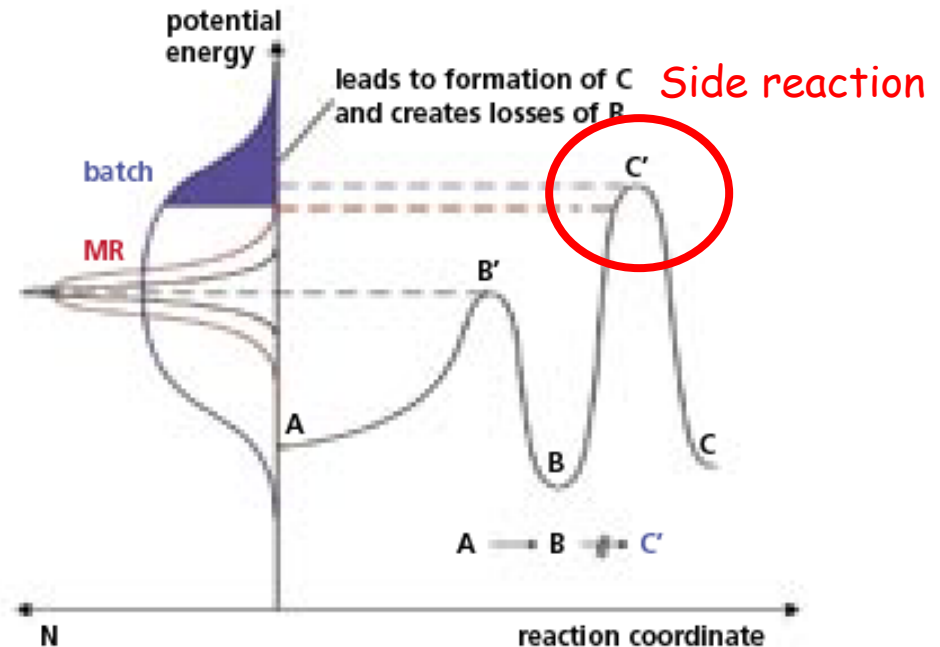
→ Increasing production of final compound by suppression of side reaction



Batch reactor



Micro reactor

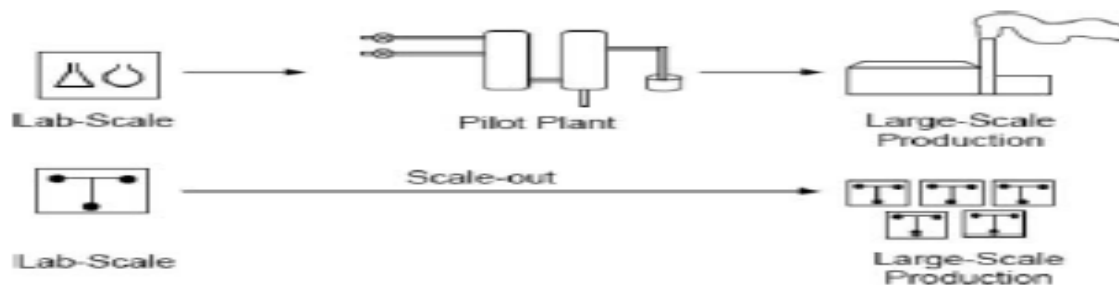


Precise controlling of temperature

.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

(4) Easy multiplication

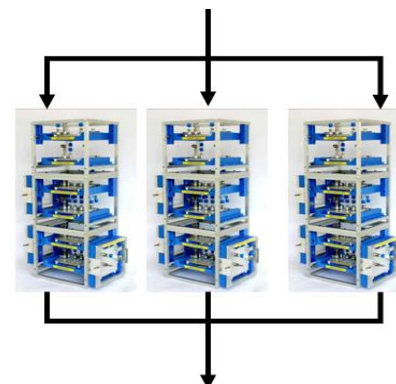
→ Possibility of immediate confront for requirement by market



Engineered reactor to fit the chemistry¹⁹



Product synthesis module to fit the process



Numbering up capacity required

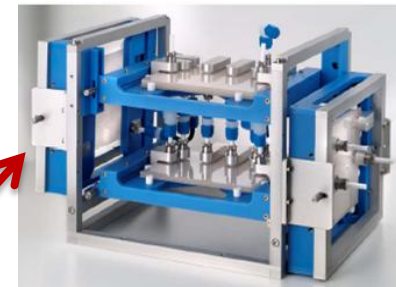
.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

(5) Safety

- Smaller damage when explosion (compared with Batch reactor)
- Decreasing expanse for construction of safety facilities



✓ Construction for safety
✓ safeguard
in whole building



Construction for
local space

.2 Why MicroReactor? (Advantages of microreactor)

(6) Minimizing the installation space

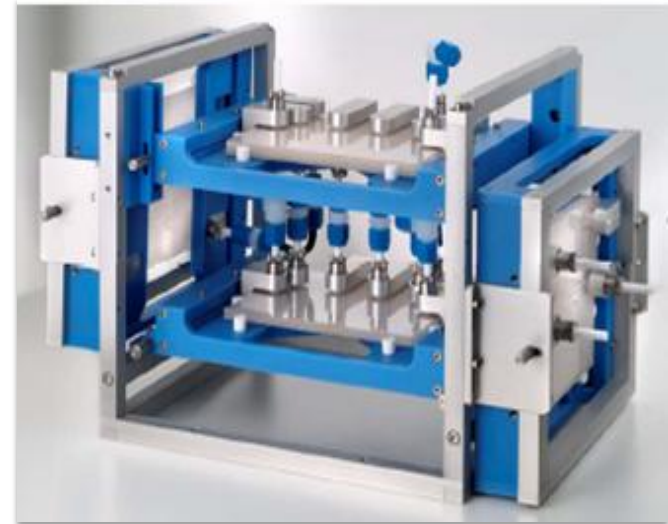
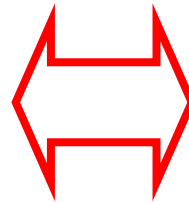
→ Decreasing expense for site



10⁶ml

For the reactor of 1m³

- ✓ Space of 33m²
- ✓ Ground for plant



10 ml

- ✓ 70 X 50 X 50 cm (10MI)
- ✓ No requirement for ground of plant

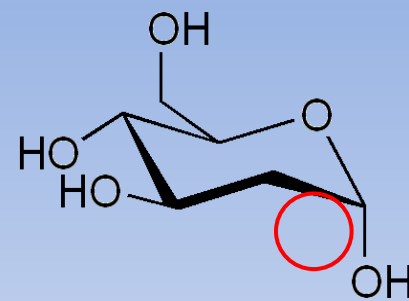
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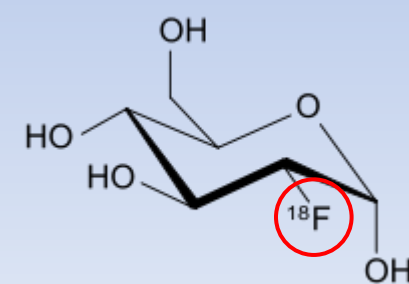
.1 [^{18}F]FDG - What is ?

^{18}F -FDG

- Fludeoxyglucose (^{18}F) or Fluorodeoxyglucose (^{18}F)
- Radiopharmaceutical used in PET for diagnoses (PET, Positron Emission Tomography, medical imaging modality)
- Process
 - : Injection \rightarrow Distribution around the body \rightarrow Imaging
- Chemical characteristic
 - : 2-deoxy-2-(^{18}F)fluoro-D-glucose
 - (glucose analog with the positron-emitting radioactive isotope fluorine-18 substituted for the normal hydroxyl group at the 2' position in the glucose molecule)

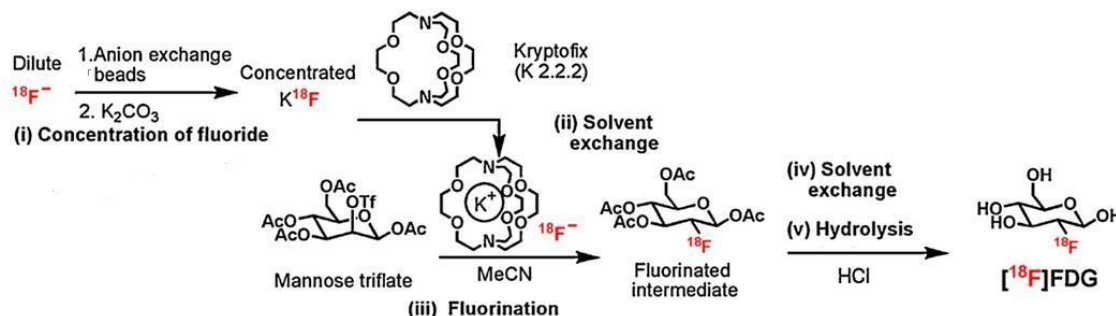


2-Deoxy-D-glucose



2-Deoxy- ^{18}F -D-glucose

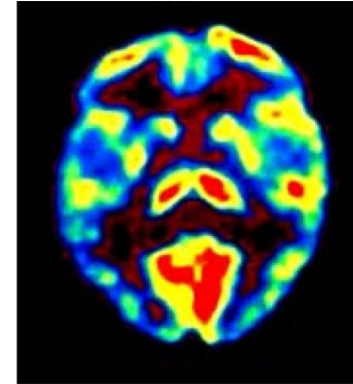
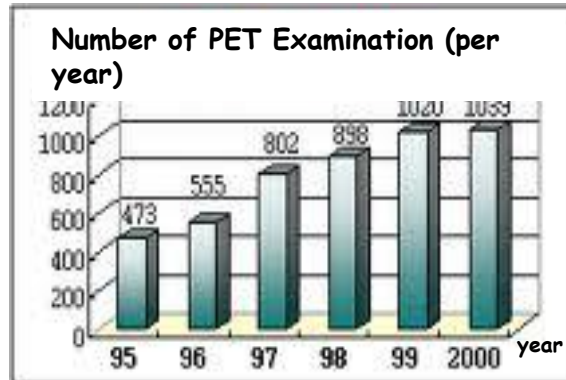
< Chemical process for ^{18}F -FDG >



.2 [^{18}F]FDG - Why it ?

Increasing PET utilization

→ Increasing requirement of ^{18}F -FDG for PET



^{18}F -FDG synthesis with microreactor

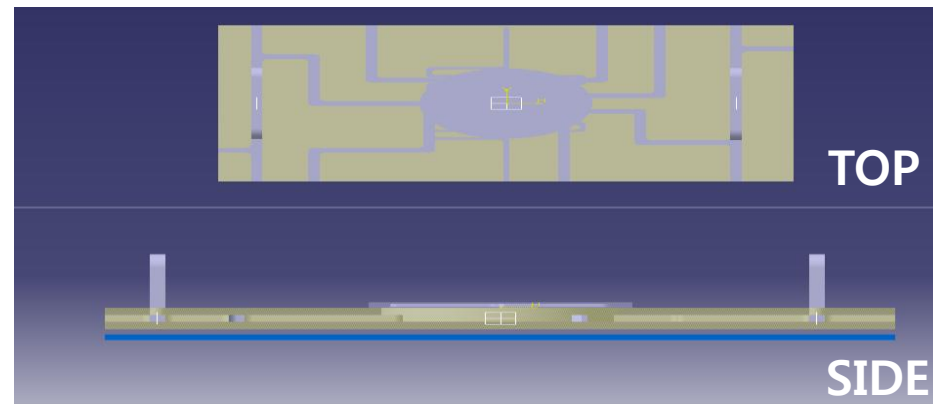
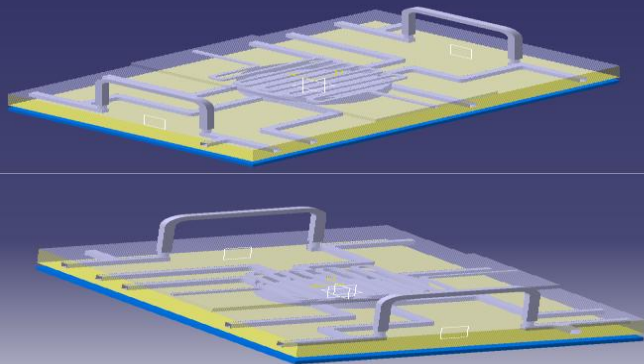
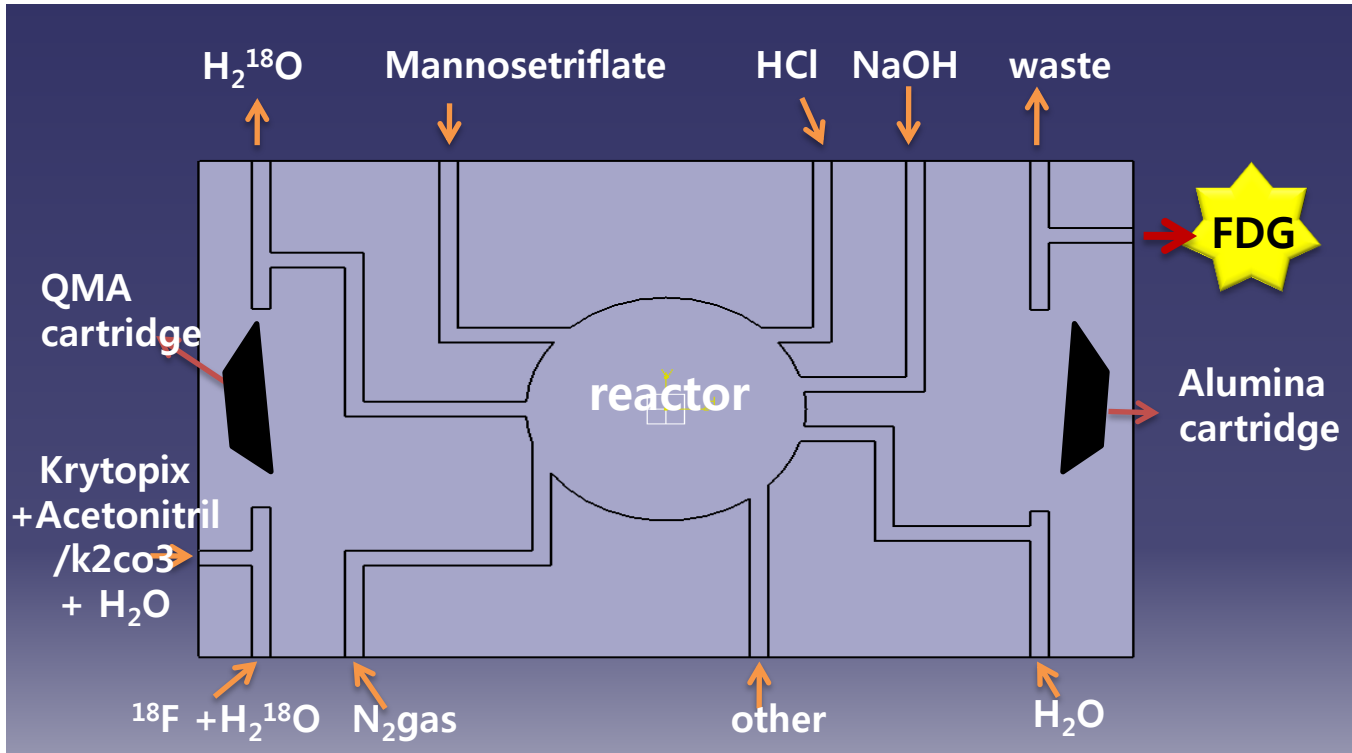
- Injection immediately after producing ^{18}F by cyclotron
- High degree of purity
→ Better image
- Lower expense for radiation shielding
- Guaranteeing the safety
- Decreased synthesis time with small amount of compound
→ Decreasing money and harmful by-product

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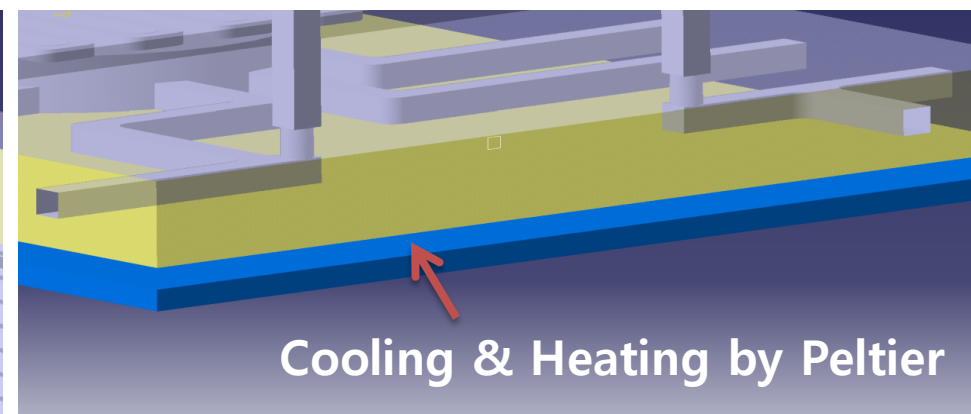
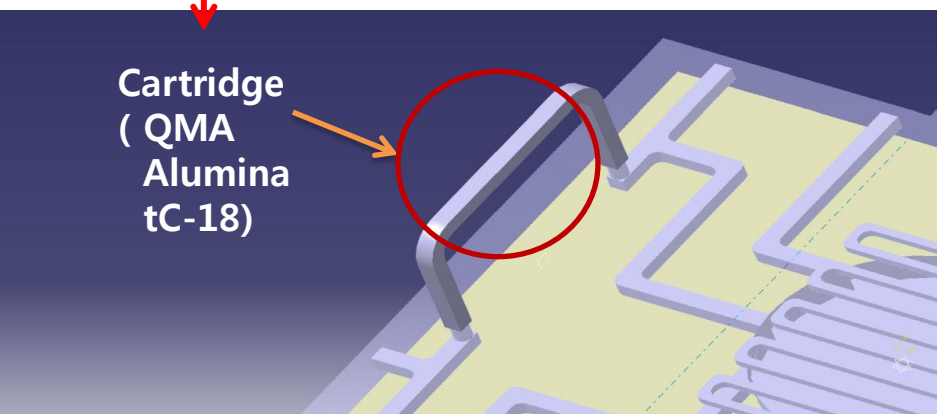
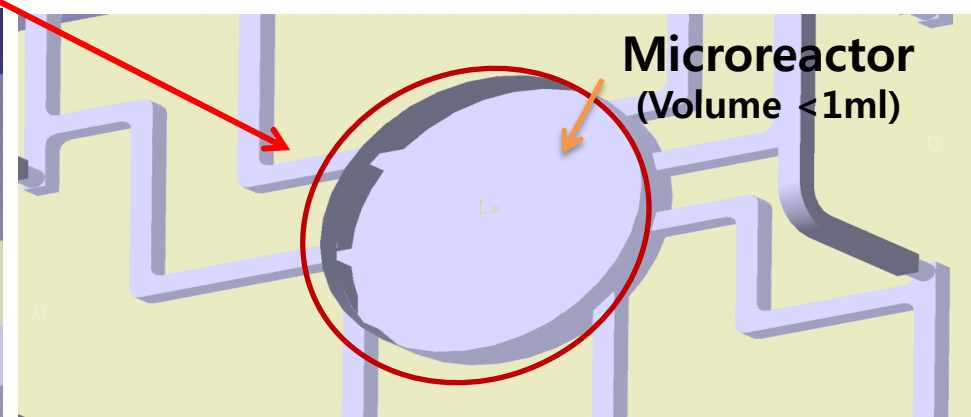
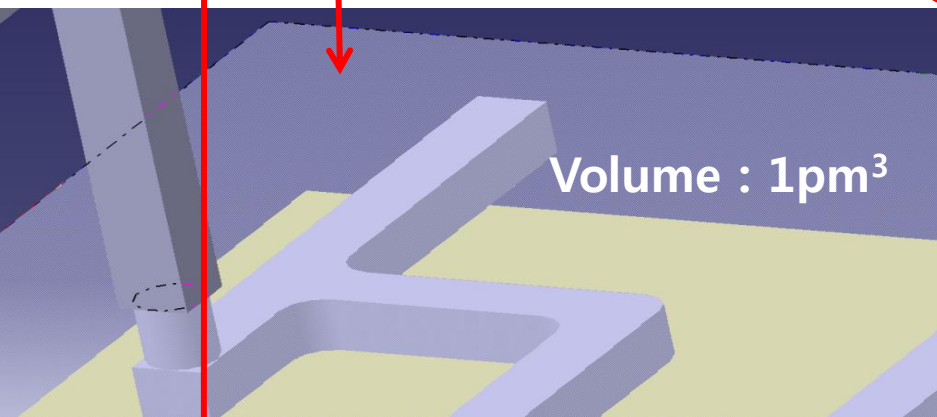
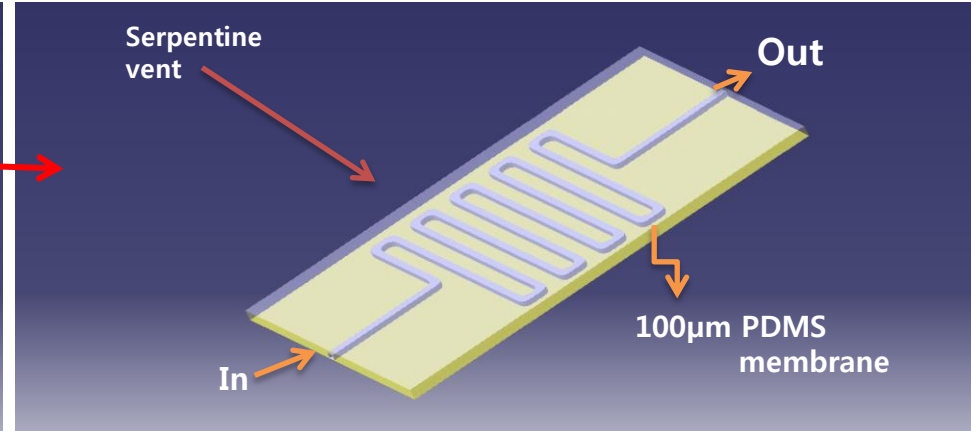
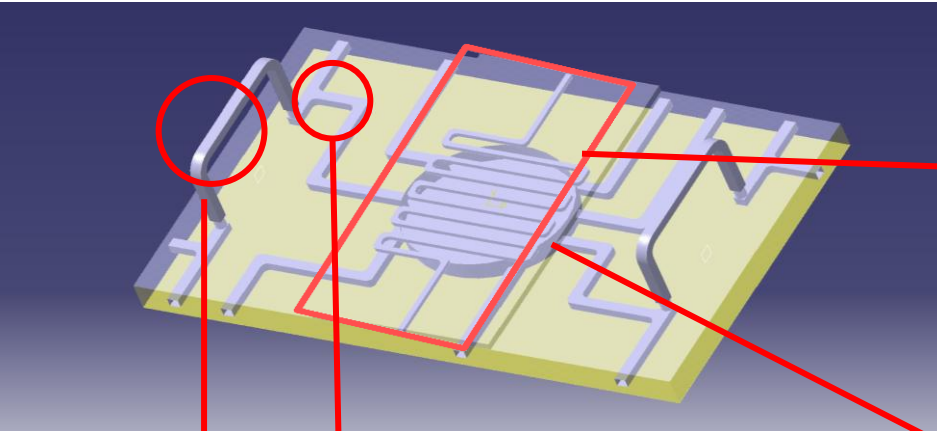
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Chip Design

Principle of producing ^{18}F -FDG

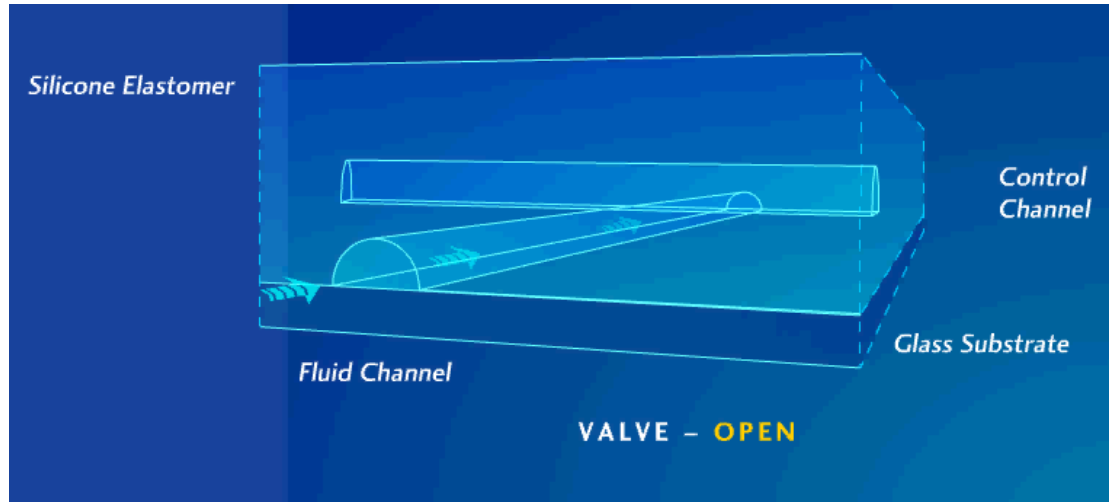


Chip Design (Detail)

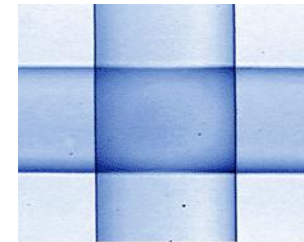


Chip Design (Controller)

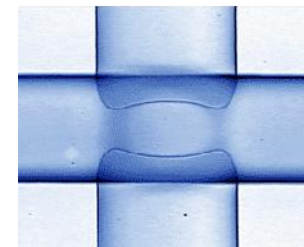
Flow controller (Gas)



Top view

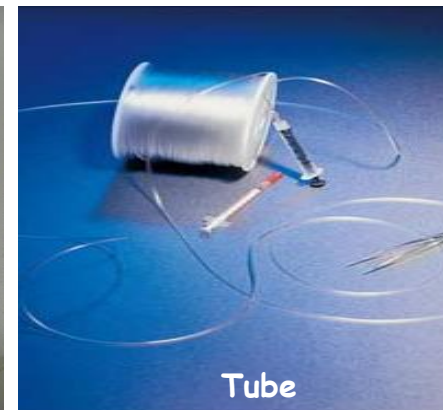


open



closed

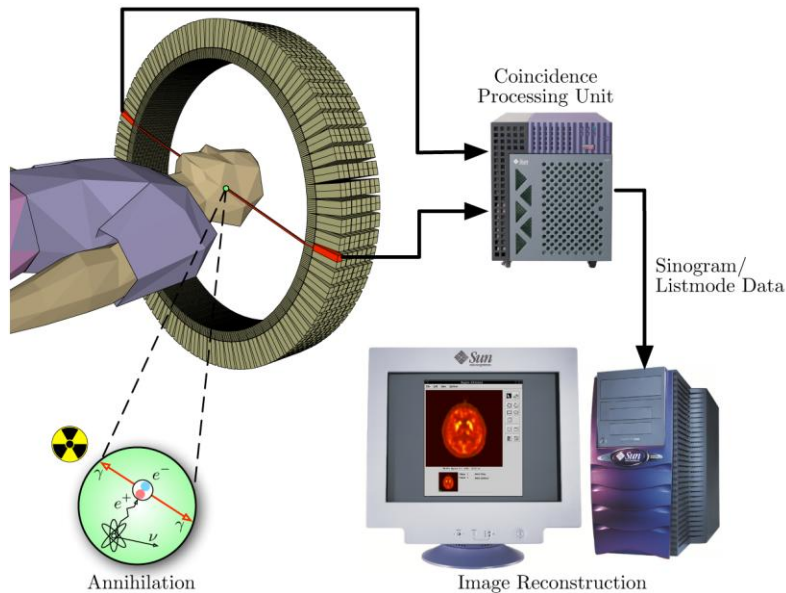
- Pressurized gas to the channels of the upper layer → sealing the bottom layer
- Using *Labview* simulation tool
- Development of controlling software



Thank you 😊

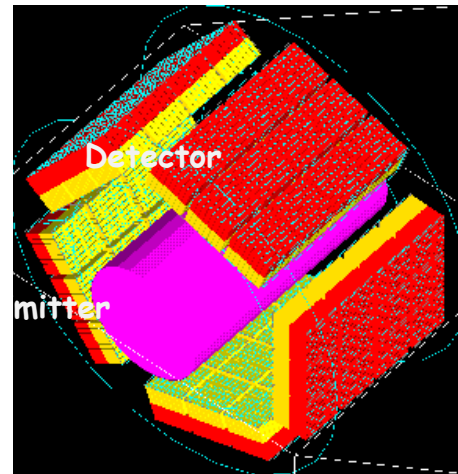
PET

- Positron Emission Tomography, PET
: Medical imaging modality used in Nuclear Medicine
- Two 511KeV gamma in 180 degree from Annihilation
(Radioisotopes: F-18, O-15, N-13, C-11)
- Radiopharmaceuticals : Labeled radioisotope for specific interest
- coincidence circuit measuring LOR(Line of Response)

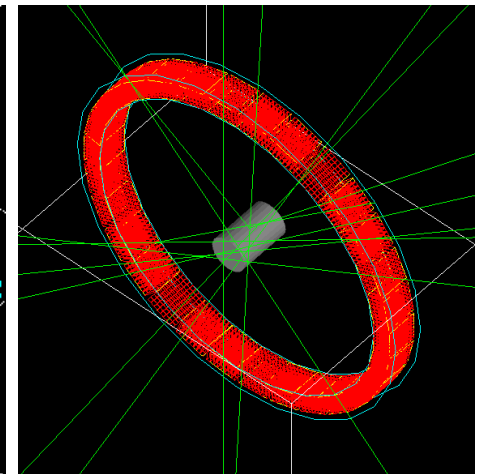


Process

Monte Carlo Simulation (GATE)



Geometry



LOR