

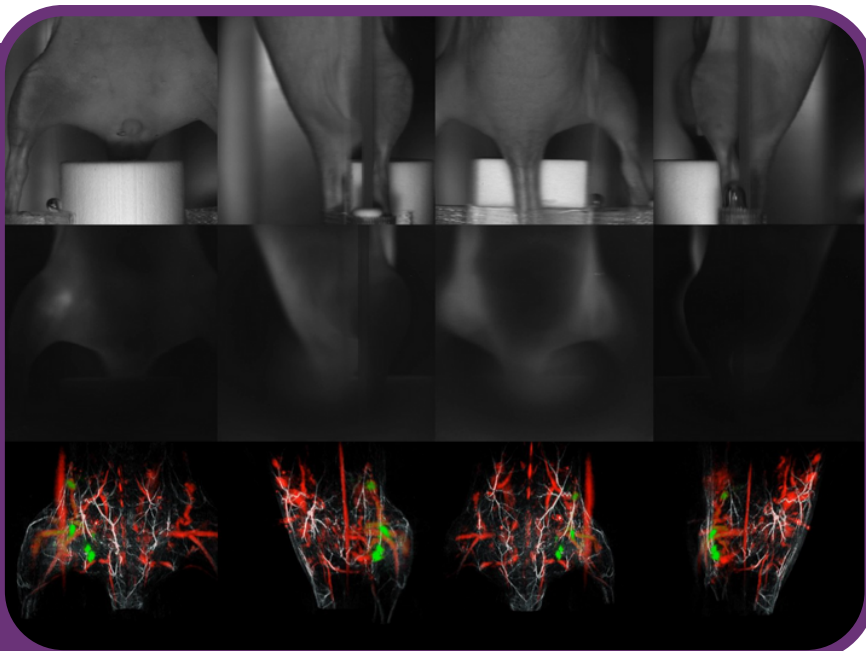
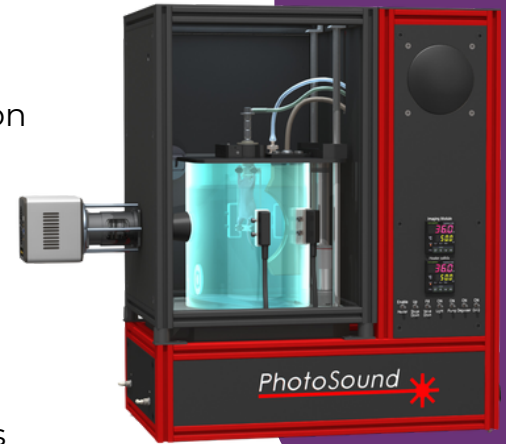
TriTom

Small animal whole
body photoacoustic
fluorescence
tomography (PAFT)

- Molecular and functional imaging with high-resolution anatomical registration
- Co-registered *in vivo* tomographic imaging
- Fast, reproducible quantitative 3D data

System Overview

The TriTom platform is based on Photoacoustic Fluorescence Tomography (PAFT) technology that provides unparalleled capabilities for whole-body imaging and *in vivo* characterization of small animal models. Combining high-resolution photoacoustic imaging with high-contrast fluorescence tomography allows deep tissue imaging, superior molecular sensitivity, and 3D localization of anatomical, functional, and molecular data. Utilizing an innovative and compact design, simultaneous co-registration of orthogonal photoacoustic and fluorescent optical data can be acquired providing high-resolution robust anatomical registration of optical biomarkers while maintaining high molecular sensitivity.



Perfectly co-registered 3D photoacoustic and fluorescence imaging

The TriTom enables true 3D photoacoustic and fluorescence tomographies with perfect co-registration within large volumes



Key Features

- Combined 3D photoacoustic and fluorescence tomographies enabling whole-body *in vivo* imaging with high spatial resolution (up to 160 μm) and superior molecular sensitivity.
- Fast imaging scans (36 s or less) with up to 360° rotational coverage for imaging large ($> 25 \text{ cm}^3$) volumes.
- Nanosecond-pulsed laser tunable in a wide spectral range (460 - 1320 nm) for quantitative molecular imaging.
- Integrated gas anesthesia line and adjustable mouse holder designed for convenient operation and repeatable *in vivo* longitudinal studies.
- User-friendly software suite allowing for easy image acquisition and reconstruction.

TriTom Imaging Workflow

1. SUBJECT PREPARATION

Time Required: < 5 min

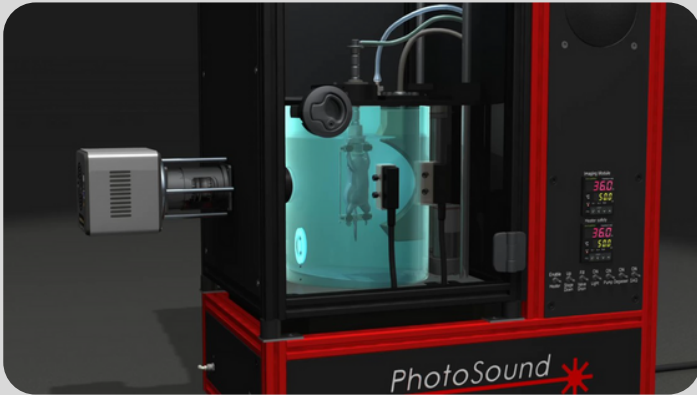
- Fast, accurate, and repeatable imaging.
- Sample holder allows interrogation of up to 10 samples at a time and requires < 50 μ L sample volumes.
- Adjustable mouse holder with cushioned paw mounts and a bite bar to ensure animal well-being.
- Mouse holders are optimized for longitudinal *in vivo* studies.



2. SECURE SUBJECT IN THE TRITOM

Time Required: < 2 min

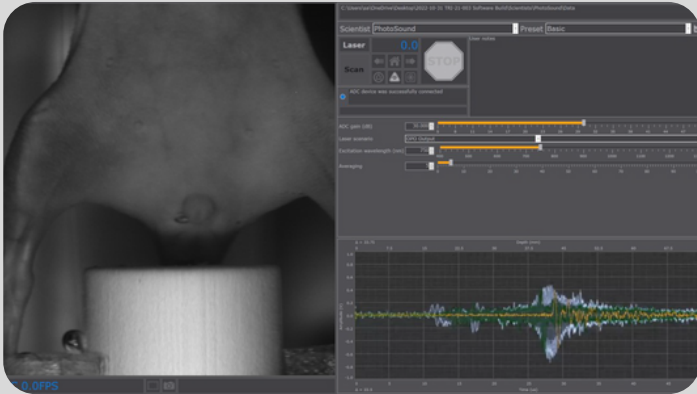
- TriTom holders are designed for quick and easy mounting in the TriTom imaging chamber.
- A real-time camera feed allows users to optimize the sample position and monitor animal health during scans.
- Continuous anesthesia gas flow for *in vivo* imaging studies.
- Temperature control unit maintains the sample environment within $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ of the user-specified temperature.



3. IMAGE ACQUISITION

Time Required: 36 sec per scan

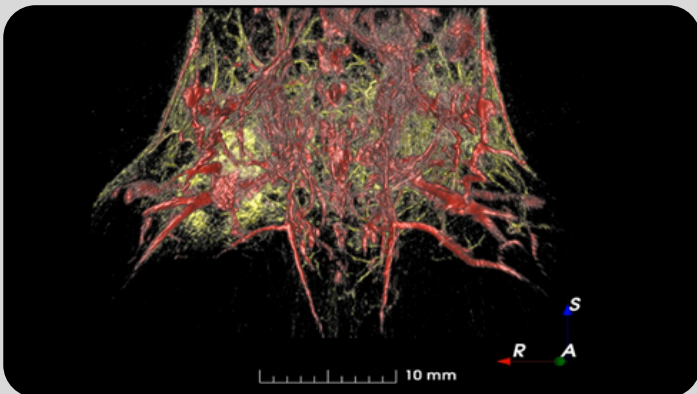
- Integrated software suite with user-friendly interface allows easy image acquisition.
- Quick-start and customizable scanning presets minimize imaging setup and data collection times.
- Open-data format enabling image reconstruction and data management with third-party software.



4. RECONSTRUCT AND VISUALIZE 3D DATA

Time Required: < 1 min

- Optimized reconstruction generates accurate large-scale volumes and molecular maps in seconds.
- Simplified data management allows photoacoustic and fluorescence data to be quickly selected for reconstruction and analysis.
- Reconstructed data is saved in standard volumetric data format for fast and easy visualization and analysis in third-party software.



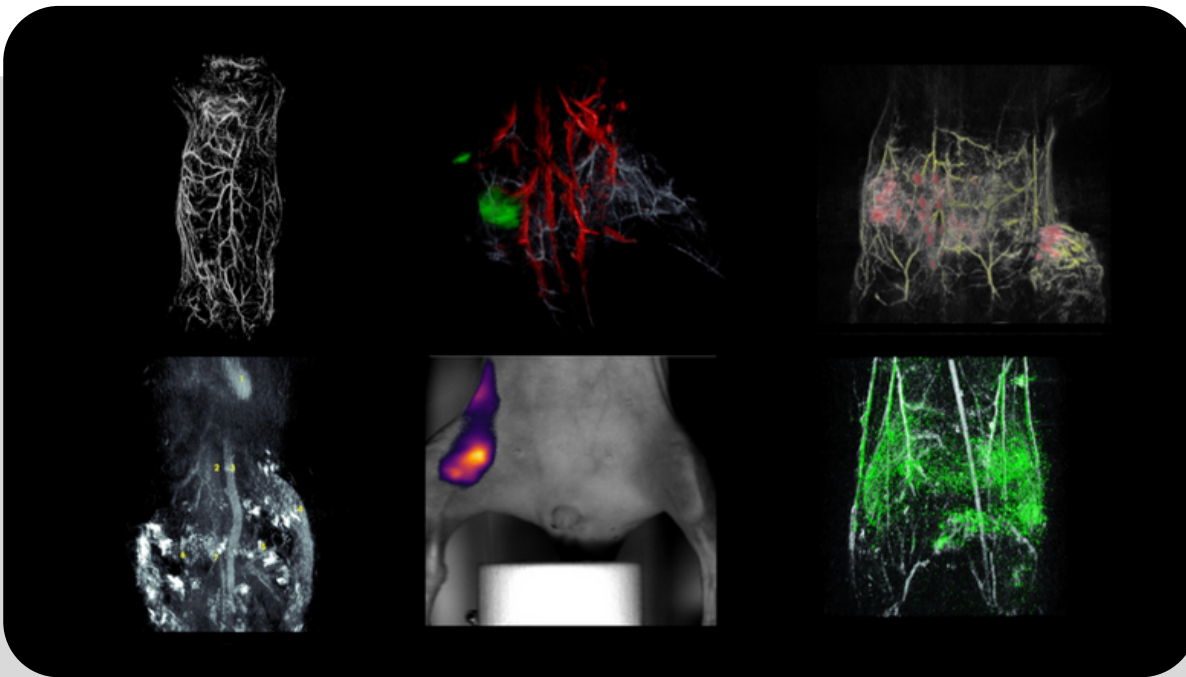
TriTom Applications

TRIPLE ANALYSIS:

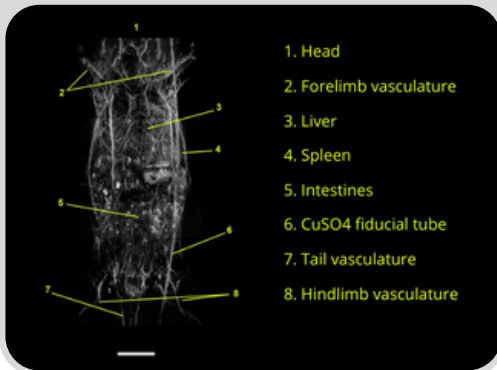
ANATOMICAL

FUNCTIONAL

MOLECULAR



(Left) 3D photoacoustic images acquired with 532 nm (top) and 1064 nm (bottom) laser excitation showing high-resolution whole body images of superficial and deep tissue structures. (Middle) Functional PAT (top) and FL (bottom) imaging of regional lymphatic drainage. (Right) Molecular analysis of total tumor hemoglobin (top) and contrast agent biodistribution (bottom).

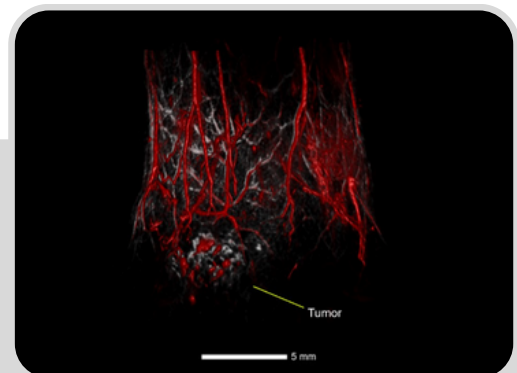


ANATOMICAL IMAGING

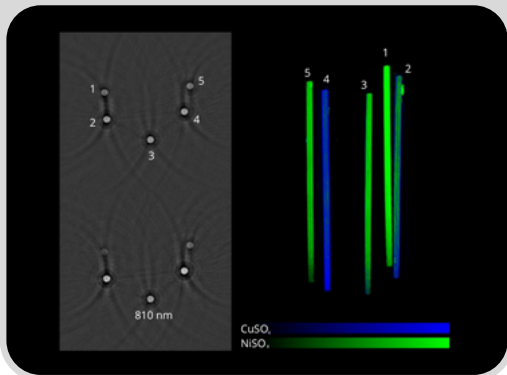
Whole-body reconstruction of a nu/nu nude mouse acquired with 800 nm laser excitation. The high-resolution volumetric imaging enables accurate anatomical registration and tissue characterization.

CANCER RESEARCH

Composite 3D PAT reconstruction of 532 nm (white) and 890 nm (red) laser excitations provide high-resolution images of superficial and deep tissue structures surrounding the tumor. Tumor size = 10.6 x 4.7 x 11.6 mm³.



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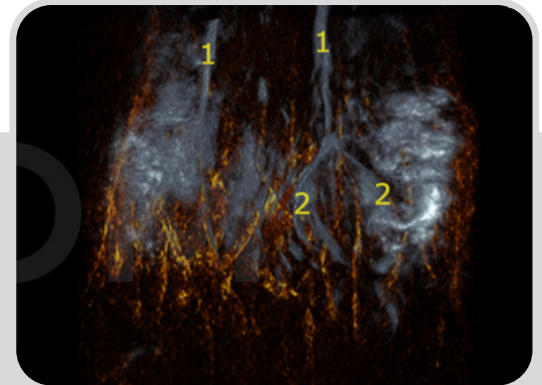


CONTRAST AGENT DEVELOPMENT

Microcuvettes loaded with contrast agent mixtures are hard to differentiate in single wavelength scans (left) compared to the spectrally unmixed volumes (right). The volumetric ratios of CuSO₄ to NiSO₄ are: [1] 0:1, [2] 1:3, [3] 1:1, [4] 0:1, [5] 3:1.

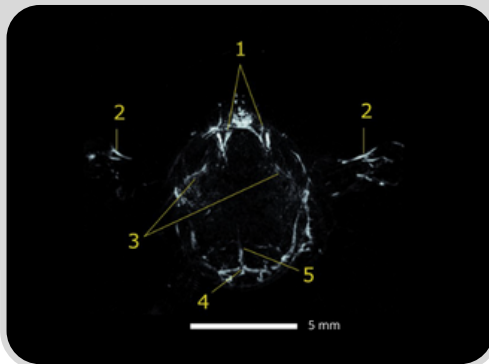
DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

PAT imaging of a pregnant mouse at gestational day 12 acquired with 532 nm (red) and 800 nm (grey) laser excitation enables volumetric monitoring of maternal iliac arteries (1) supplying the placenta (2) and developing fetus.



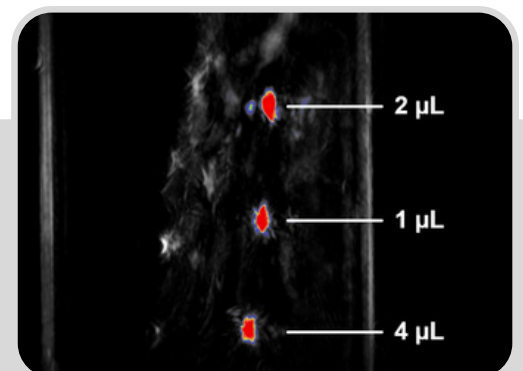
NEUROIMAGING

10 mm thick transverse PAT reconstruction of an ex vivo mouse brain showing superficial and deep brain structures. (1) jugular vein, (2) brachial artery, (3) ophthalmic arteries, (4) confluence of sinus, (5) cerebral artery.



TISSUE ENGINEERING

3D PAT reconstruction of stem cell tracking in an excised rat spinal cord. Contrast agent loaded mesenchymal stem cells were injected at the indicated volumes.



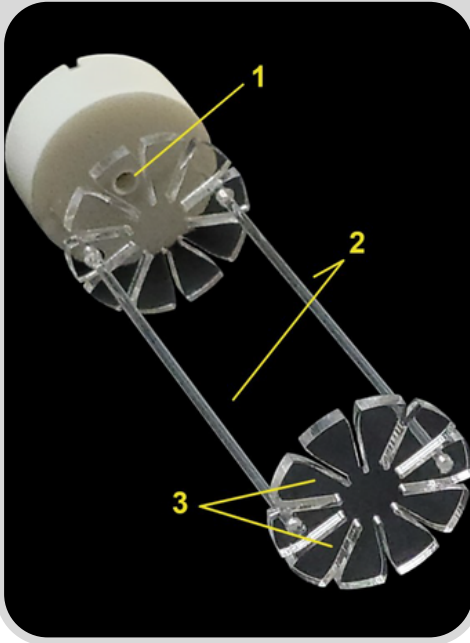
High-resolution molecular imaging of large volumes

- Simultaneous photoacoustic and fluorescence excitation using tunable pulsed laser light.
- Fast wavelength switching enabling multiple excitation wavelengths per scan.
- Wavelength tuning range covering all popular visible, NIR I, and NIR II fluorophores and nanoparticles:
 - 650 - 1320 nm (standard)
 - 460 - 649 nm (extended visible excitation)
- 20 Hz pulse repetition frequency with up to 160 mJ peak energy at 700 nm.
- Narrow excitation linewidth (< 0.5 nm) equivalent to 1,280 excitation filters.
- Integrated power meter for quantitative imaging



High-efficiency optical fiber bundle with four excitation ports for safe and uniform light delivery

Accessories



SAMPLE HOLDER

Contrast agent development

- High throughput
 - Interrogate up to 10 samples per scan
- Small sample volume
 - Tiny (< 50 μ L) volume saves valuable samples
- Minimal preparation required
 - Radially oriented slots consistently hold samples in place
 - Preparation time < 5 min

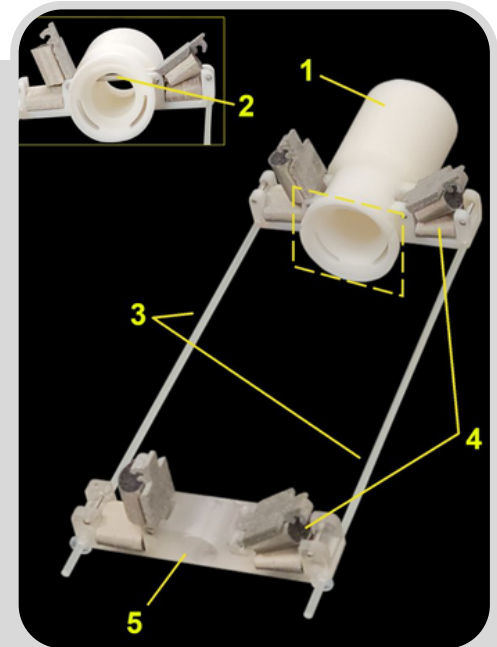
- (1) Port for administering liquid scattering background
(2) Plastic support rods
(3) Radial slots for quick setup and removal of microcuvettes

MOUSE HOLDER

In vivo imaging

- Reliable anesthesia gas delivery
 - Continuous gas flow via the hollow mounting shaft
- Secure, repeatable positioning
 - Cushioned paw mounts and bite bar ensure consistent mounting for longitudinal studies
 - Designed for minimal stress to the animal
- Quick and convenient procedure
 - Preparation time < 5 min

- (1) Hollow shaft for continuous anesthesia gas delivery
(2) Bite bar for secure and repeatable positioning
(3) Plastic support rods
(4) Cushioned paw mounts
(5) Adjustable hindlimb support block



ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES INCLUDED:

- Phantom kit
- Small animal anesthesia system (optional)
- Mouse holder
- Animal prep station

Key Specifications

PhotoAcoustic (PA) Imaging Channel			
TriTom Model	Basic Edition	Premium Edition	Features
PA excitation range	532 nm & 650 - 1320 nm	460 - 1320 nm	Covers visible, NIR I, and NIR II excitation
Spatial resolution	160 x 160 μm 160 x 470 μm		Transverse anatomical planes Sagittal and coronal anatomical planes
Molecular imaging sensitivity	100 nM ICC		In blood plasma, multispecies molecular unmixing, CNR 1.7
Detector configuration	96-element curve-linear array		Wide-angle 3D imaging transducers; cylindrical focusing
Detection points per scan	> 69,000		Single scan, 360° azimuthal rotation
Detector central frequency	6 MHz \pm 10%		T/R measurements, optimized sensitivity in receive mode
Detector bandwidth	\geq 55% @ -6 dB		T/R measurements
PA signal digitizer	LEGION ADC: 12-bit, 256 parallel channels, up to 400 Hz frame rate, 40 MHz sampling rate, programmable amplifier 46-91 dB		

Fluorescence (FL) Imaging Channel		
TriTom Model	Premium Edition	Features
Type	3D Molecular imaging co-registered with PA and camera observation of the test subject Real-time 2D in coronal, sagittal or any intermediate view at 20 fps	
Detector type	Back-illuminated sCMOS	High sensitivity cooled scientific camera
Spatial resolution	70 μm x 125 μm	At a skin level of a live test subject
Number of pixels	2048 x 2048	19.5 μm pixel resolution
Max frame rate	40 fps	
Dynamic range	86 dB	
Quantum efficiency	95% @ 600 nm ³	³ 30% - 95% in 400 - 900 nm spectral range
FL excitation range	460 - 800 nm	
Excitation linewidth	< 1 nm - Tuning step - 1 nm, equivalent to 150 - 340 extremely narrow-band excitation filters	
Emission filter set	8 filters: 510 - 995 nm emission range ⁵	⁵ Two additional filter slots available

Key Specifications

Laser Excitation Unit

TriTom Model	Basic Edition	Premium Edition	Features
Fast wavelength switching	532 nm & 650 - 1320 nm	460 - 649 nm & 650 - 1320 nm	Tunable to any wavelength in range allowing for multiple excitation wavelengths in a single scan
Pulse repetition frequency	20 Hz		
Pulse energy	> 160 mJ @ 700 nm > 20 mJ @ 532 nm	> 130 mJ @ 700 nm > 10 mJ @ 500 nm	Before fiber bundle transmission
Energy meter	Real-time automatic pulse energy measurements		
Excitation fiber bundle	> 70% transmission, 2 m length		
Dimensions (L x W x H)	68 cm x 44 cm x 89 cm mobile unit		

Image Acquisition Unit

TriTom Model	Basic Edition	Premium Edition	Features
Single scan time	36 s	360° azimuthal rotation, 720 data frames	
Scan types	Continuous azimuthal rotation or reverse scans ($\leq 360^\circ$), time-limited by 10 min		
Excitation sequence	Single wavelength; Linear or custom wavelength sweep; Popular spectral unmixing presets for molecular, physiological and anatomical imaging		
Max single scan volume size	30 mm x 30 mm x 30 mm		
Whole body imaging	Enabled as a stack of 3D volumes, manual axial positioning allows optimal subject placement for single scans covering the area of interest; 40 mm total positioning range with 10 mm steps, 70 mm total imaging range		
<i>In vivo</i> imaging subjects	Mice, rats (< 200 g); fur covering the studied section should be shaved/depilated prior to imaging		
Coupling medium	DI water	Temperature control range from 20 - 40 \pm 0.5°C; degassing enabled	
Laser safety	Light-tight imaging chamber, laser interlocks, no eye protection required		
Dimensions (L x W x H)	78 cm x 35 cm x 70 cm benchtop instrument		55 cm x 35 cm footprint

Full specifications for TriTom Basic and Premium editions available at www.scintica.com

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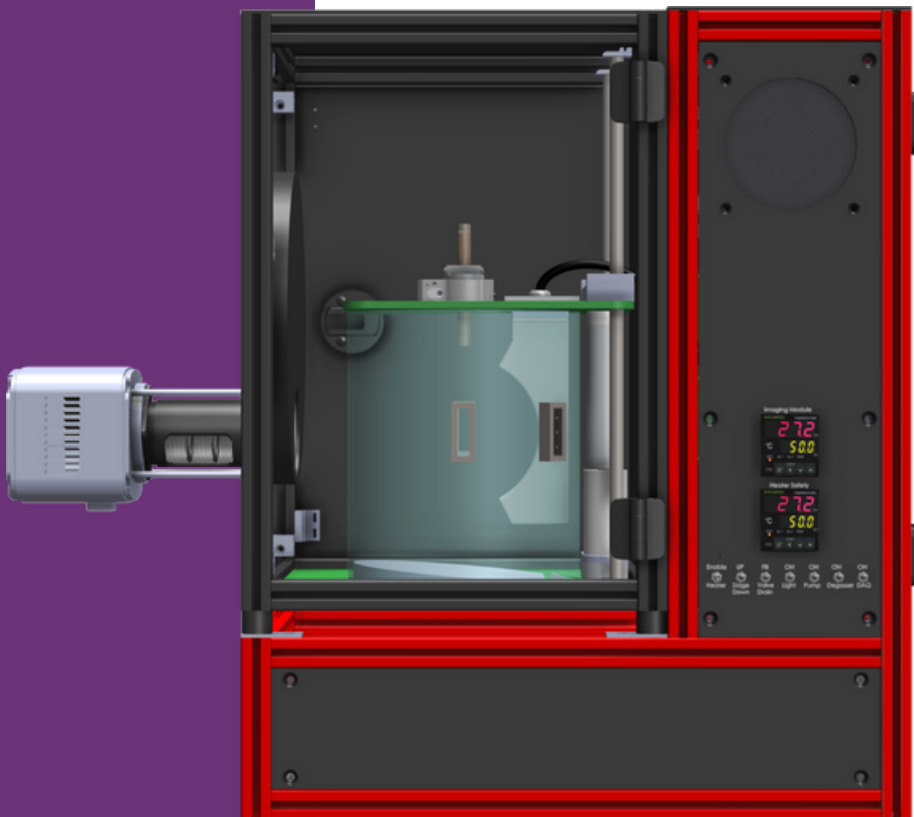
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