CMS196 V³

Cryo-Correlative Microscopy — Vitrified Sample Characterisation



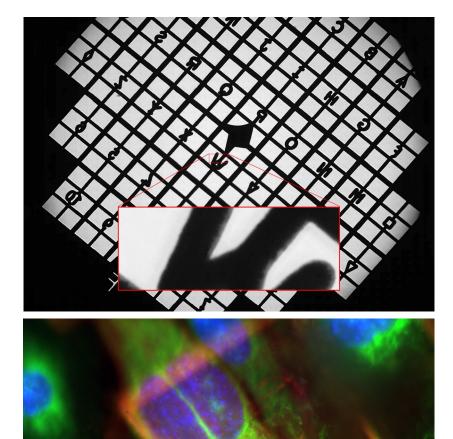
Automatic Liquid Nitrogen Top Up Keeps samples vitrified at -196°C **Self-Contained Cryo-Chamber** Ensures contamination free sample handling **Encoded Motorised XY** High precision, automated mapping of the whole grid at high resolution



The CMS196V³ is a Cryo-Correlative Microscopy system enabling the full workflow of Correlative Light and Electron Microscopy (CLEM). While electron microscopy (EM) provides structural information at very high resolution, it can give only restricted insight into biological and chemical processes due to limitations in staining and sample preparation processes. Fluorescence microscopy on the other hand is a very sensitive method to detect biological, chemical and genetic processes and events inside living cells.

Cryo-CLEM brings it all together: combining the individual advantages from both low temperature Fluorescence and Cryo EM by imaging the same sample location with both techniques and superimposing the complementing information.

The CMS196V³ maintains the vitrified state of the sample by means of liquid nitrogen cooling and provides proven capabilities to safely handle and transfer your cryo samples and image them with optical microscopy while keeping them free of contamination at all times. The integrated, encoded, motorised XY stage enables coordinate mapping required to locate the same sample position in the fluorescence microscope as well as in the EM.



Features

Self-Contained Automated Liquid Nitrogen Top Up

The chamber top-up keeps samples vitrified constantly at -196°C, reducing photo bleaching and maintaining structural detail of samples.

INTEGRATED ENCODED MOTORISED XY STAGE

The encoded, motorised stage provides a highly stable platform allowing high precision automated mapping of the complete EM grid with better than 1µm resolution.

SAMPLE CASSETTE HOLDER

The holder ensures contamination free sample loading, storage and transfer. The cassette can hold up to 3 grids, saving time. Cassettes are available for different grid types including FEI, Planchette, Bessey, Polara and custom designs.

INTEGRATED LED CONDENSER FOR TRANSMITTED LIGHT

The integrated LED condenser allows bright field transmitted light. Ideal for initial viewing of the grid and location of the sample

LINK SOFTWARE

The LINK software gives full system control and monitoring. Add the optional Linkam Imaging Module for fully automated mapping of samples.

AUTOFILL

Optional Liquid Nitrogen autofill can extend the use of the system for up to 6 hours, unattended.

MICROSCOPE COMPATIBILITY

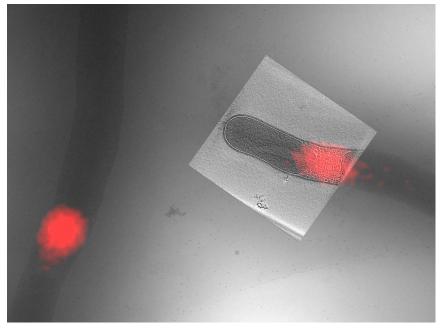
The CMS196V³ is compatible with a wide range of research grade upright microscopes and high NA objectives.





Application Examples

The CMS196V 3 is the perfect solution for the correlation of high resolution structural information with biochemical processes within cells.



Correlative cryo-fluorescent light microscopy and cryo-electron tomography of WGA stained Streptomyces bacteria targeting cross-membrane lipid structures (image courtesy of Roman Koning, Leiden University Medical Centre).

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Testimonial

Dr Roman Koning, Netherlands Centre for Electron Nanoscopy & LUMC

"The Linkam cryo-stage was crucial for investigating the ultrastructure of Streptomyces bacteria. The CMS196 was indispensable to efficiently localize with fluorescent microscopy the cross-membranes for structural investigation of their intricate structures with cryo electron tomography. Without it this study would not have been possible".

Technical Specification

Temperature Range

EM Grids Supported

Motorised XY Resolution

Integrated LED Condenser

Integrated LN Dewar Hold Time

Optional LN Autofill (3L) Hold Time

Microscope Compatibility



Hold temperature at -196°C

Standard EM grids including FEI, Planchette, Bessy, CryoCapCell and Polara as well as options for custom designs

Better than 1µm, encoded

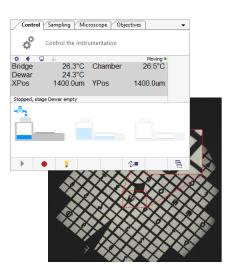
For transmitted light brightfield

30 minutes

6 hours

Compatible with a wide range of research grade upright microscopes

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Software Options

LINK

The LINK software for the $CMS196V^3$ provides complete control and monitoring of the system.

LINK Imaging Module

When combined with our optional high sensitivity camera and imaging module LINK enables fully automated, tiled, image capture. The system produces a single, tiled, image of the full EM grid at high resolution. This can then be used to navigate the sample as well as save co-ordinates of areas of interest. Linkam provides a simple and easy to use co-ordinate translation tool for correlating Light and EM images.

LINK SDK

A full SDK is available for users to develop and integrate control of the $CMS196V^3$ into their own applications.



Cassette & Cassette Transport Options

The CMS196V³ is a flexible platform with cassettes available for the most popular types of EM grids, including: standard EM, FEI, Planchette, Bessy, Polara and more. Linkam can also develop custom cassettes for other ME grid types, to meet your needs.



3L Autofill Dewar Option

Add the optional liquid nitrogen 3L autofill Dewar to extend the use of the system up to 6 hours, unattended.

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