

# sample management

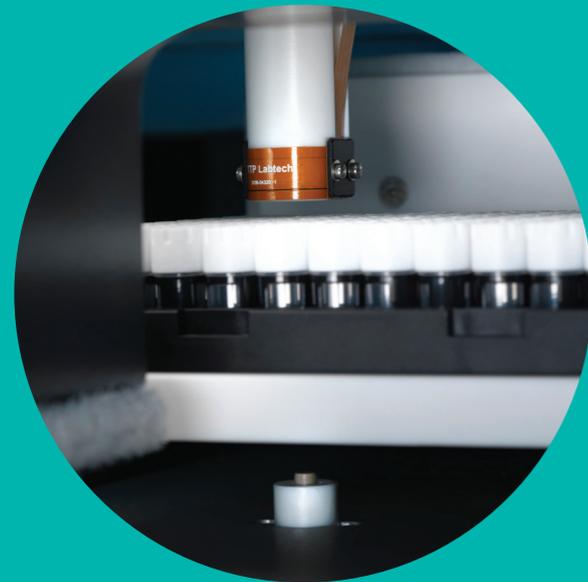
future-proof lab solutions



**sptlabtech**



# sample protection from storage to bench



## The world's first automated and modular vial based storage systems for the secure, high-density storage of samples at a range of temperatures.

SPT Labtech's sample management portfolio provides a unique solution for storing, transporting and processing your samples – but most importantly keeping them safe throughout their journey.

### innovative technology

Based on pneumatics, to ensure reliability by enabling all the mechanical robotic elements to remain outside the cold environment of the store

### large density, small footprint

Novel design provides compact storage paired with fast cherry picking without the need to defrost racks

### modular

Stores can be linked for faster processing, and samples delivered conveniently into a single rack in a remote location

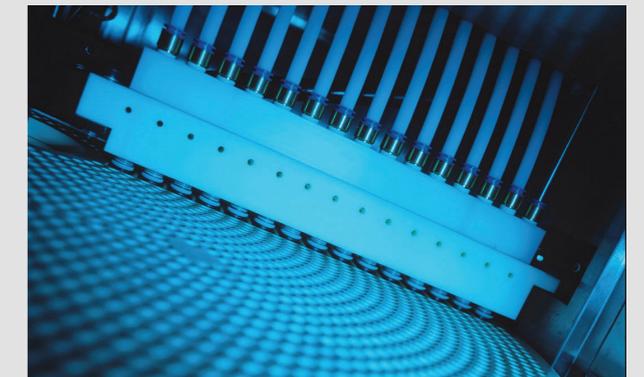
### easily integrated

Can be integrated seamlessly with automated sample processing workflow

### pneumatic technology - a breath of fresh air!

At the heart of our storage systems is pneumatic technology, using a cushion of compressed air or nitrogen and a system of flexible tubes to transport microvials.

Our equipment minimises the use of moving parts ensuring reliable operation even at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; unlike other systems that use robotics in the cold zone. This proven technology means that end users will have maximum uptime and availability of their systems.



putting your **sample's needs first**



**comPOUND® (+4°C, ambient and -20°C store)**

picks up to 600 tubes/hour



**arctic® (-20°C and -80°C biostore)**

up to 7-fold greater sample density compared to equivalent systems



**liquid handling**

- accurate, low volume pipetting (25 nL – 5 µL)
- non-contact dispensing (200 nL – 4 µL)



**automation and integration**

maximise efficiency for any workflow

# comPOUND®: the world's first modular -20°C to ambient vial storage system

SPT Labtech's comPOUND provides multiple benefits by combining:

- **a unique carousel system** which enables high-density storage in a secure chamber
- **pneumatics** which ensures fast, reliable cherry-picking of samples

function	comPOUND
temperature	-20°C, +4°C, ambient
dimension (w x d x h)	1.2 x 1.65 x 2.4 m (48 x 65 x 93 inches)
capacity	100,000 x 1.4 mL vials, 200,000 x 0.5 mL vials
throughput	600 vials/hour (1 sample/6 secs/unit)

## sample integrity

Samples are stored individually under dry air (or nitrogen) in a hermetically-sealed chamber at a user-defined temperature ranging from -20°C to ambient. Only requested microvials are retrieved, avoiding unnecessary freeze/thaw cycles.

## robustness and security

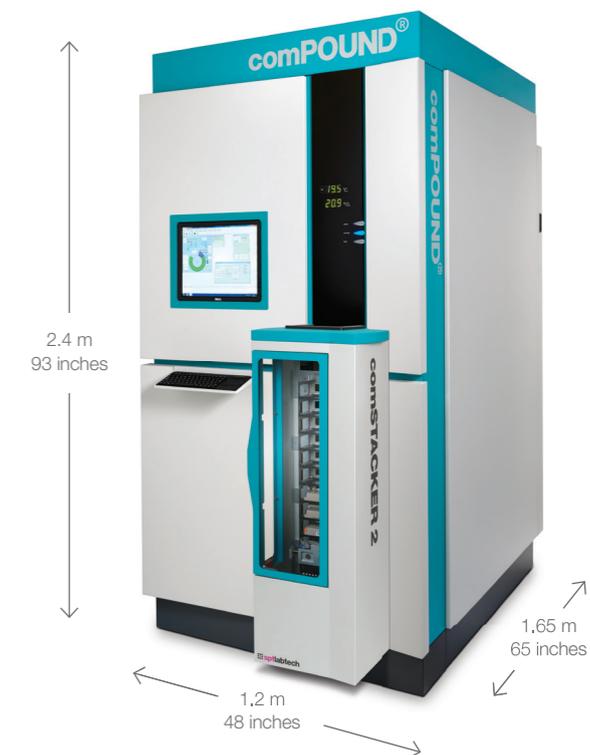
Using pneumatics enables all the mechanical robotic elements to remain outside the store's cold environment. Pneumatic transport allows samples to be transported securely onward across the entire workflow. Simple interface integrates with LIMS systems.

## position anywhere

Each store is self-contained, as well as compact - modules can be located anywhere and samples delivered remotely.

## modular and easy to grow

Stores can be linked while functioning at different locations and temperatures. Samples are rapidly retrieved from any location into a single rack. Linking stores increases sample throughput, so your processes can keep pace as your library grows.



case study:

# cost effective of insourcing compound management

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**SPT Labtech is not  
just a vendor but a  
co-creator of the solution  
we have put in place.**

Ludovic Otterbein,  
Head of Compound Management  
and Analytical Chemistry,  
Lundbeck, Denmark

## Lundbeck

The challenge for Ludo Otterbein, Head of Compound Management and Analytical Chemistry, Lundbeck Denmark, was to increase organisational efficiency and promote a high-performance culture.

SPT Labtech was able to provide Lundbeck with a complete solution. Their compounds are stored in several linked -20°C comPOUND repositories and access to these compounds is managed using SPT Labtech's lab2lab connect<sup>XC</sup> system. Compounds are transferred to mother plates and low volume assay ready plates are prepared using the mosquito LV liquid handler.

## the impact of change

- significant reduction in picking and pilot screening times
- provided an accurate method to miniaturise Lundbeck's compound collection, saving compound while increasing the diversity of its output, with no increase of FTE
- minimised lab space required due to comPOUND's small footprint but high-density storage capacity
- implementation and collection migration was done in less than 6 months
- solution was cost neutral by year 4

# arktic<sup>®</sup>: the most compact -80°C biostore on the market



Many biobanks are still struggling with manual systems for sample picking and tracking. SPT Labtech created arktic to provide a low-cost, automated and secure -80°C biostore facility.

arktic addresses biobanking's key issues by building on SPT Labtech's compact storage and pneumatic technology.

function	arktic
temperature	-80°C
dimension (w x d x h)	1.35 x 0.8 x 1.98 m (53 x 32 x 78 inches)
capacity	60,000 x 1.0 mL vials, 139,000 x 0.5 mL vials
throughput	450 vials/hour

## sample integrity

Only the samples needed are retrieved, avoiding unnecessary freeze/thaw cycles.

## unsurpassed storage density

Up to 7-fold greater storage density compared to equivalent systems. Small footprint (< 1.1 m<sup>2</sup>) to maximise the use of existing lab space.

## secure storage

-80°C storage with fail-safe systems. Full sample tracking so you never lose a sample. 100% refrigeration backup. State-of-the-art insulation to ensure low running costs and continued sample protection. Continuous system monitoring for early diagnosis of any issues.

## cost savings

Rapid sample retrieval, saving hundreds of manual hours per year. Easy system setup which only takes a day.

## complementary to manual freezers

arktic compliments manual freezers holding working copies of samples and used as a front end sorting to device, to better organise samples for archiving in manual freezers.



case study:

# arktic<sup>®</sup> - more than just a **low temperature freezer**

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**We are now able to track and reorganise samples automatically thus reducing a lot of the manual procedures previously involved in the process.**

Dr. Debora Lucarelli,  
Head of Laboratory at the MRC  
Epidemiology Unit,  
University of Cambridge, UK

## **MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge**

Dr. Debora Lucarelli, Head of Laboratory at the MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge, UK is responsible for the collection of biological samples (e.g. blood, serum, plasma, urine) from studies investigating metabolic disorders.

The MRC Epidemiology Unit laboratory needed to be able to receive, organise, record, store, and retrieve large numbers of different samples on a regular basis whilst maintaining integrity and tracking.

Their solution utilised arktic's ability to track samples and its efficiency of retrieving samples from any location to a predefined rack.

### **sample organiser**

Samples are transferred from field collection tubes to aliquots in bar-coded 1 mL vials which are transferred to arktic. The store is used to organise and reshuffle samples within the store, keeping one aliquot of each type of sample and releasing the remaining aliquots to be stored in the archive manual store.

### **assay creator**

arktic prepares orders overnight, loading and dispensing a rack in a predefined order the following morning. Samples are then immediately stamped out for specific assays via a further robotic system.

# mosquito<sup>®</sup> liquid handlers making the essential exceptional

Liquid handling is essential to the sample management workflow. Costs can be reduced by miniaturising the sample volumes used, however, data quality must not be compromised.

SPT Labtech's mosquito range of versatile liquid handlers (single-, 8- or 16-channel) is able to aspirate, dispense and mix miniaturised volumes of samples or reagents without splashing or spilling drops.

liquid handler	volume range	channels
mosquito LV	25 nL – 1.2 µL	8 or 16 channels
mosquito HV	500 nL – 5 µL	8 or 16 channels
mosquito X1	25 nL – 1.2 µL or 500 nL – 5 µL	single

## accuracy and precision

Robust performances with any liquid type, from nanolitre to microlitre volumes (25 nL to 5 µL). Each of SPT Labtech's disposable tips has its own individual piston – not an air gap or system fluid – offering true positive-displacement pipetting with no risk of cross-contamination. The tips are cost-effective, compact to store and fast to load

## high-throughput

Fast pipetting using micro tips stored on a high-density spool (36,000 tips per spool)

## cost savings

Optimised sample and reagent use, reduced waste and minimal dead volumes

## ease-of-use

Intuitive setup and software proven in multiple-user labs; just walk up and use it. No wash steps or system fluids that require high maintenance



# revolutionary non-contact dispensing



**dragonfly® discovery combines non-contact, positive displacement pipetting with disposable tips (ensuring zero cross-contamination) to automate the assay development, screening and hit to lead process.**

Each pipette can dispense any volume (from 200 nL - 4 mL) of any liquid into any well of the plate, allowing complex DoE experiments, assay gradients or optimisation screens to be rapidly prepared.

Reliable and repeatable dispensing at high speed also provides a robust solution for LV reagent dispensing - eliminating issues of clogging and blocking.

- 96, 384 and 1536 well plate compatible
- assay development and validation
- design of experiment (DoE)
- LV
- lead optimisation/hit to lead screening



# products that work together to complete your automated workflow



## comSTACKER®

### walk-away sample loading and unloading

- Provides walk-away operation allowing racks to be loaded onto the comPOUND for storing or retrieval of tubes.
  - With a safe assured pneumatic rack gripper enabling continuous grip plus easy access for loading of individual racks or whole cassette.
  - Easy access to use comPOUND direct and bypass comSTACKER if needed
  - Automatically supports 9, 10 and 15 way hotels
- Dedicated software includes
  - option to designate required function per rack,
  - clear information on stacker inventory, designed to minimize error handling.



## lab2lab connect

### remote sample delivery – direct to the lab bench

- lab2lab connect co-ordinates and directly moves samples to and from a comPOUND store. This benchtop add on can send or receive samples from up to 25 m away and is ideal for work cell integration
- lab2lab connect can connect comPOUND stores in parallel so that samples held in different modules can be accessed simultaneously
- lab2lab connect can be provided with a rack handling system that manages the transfer of racks into your sample processing workflow

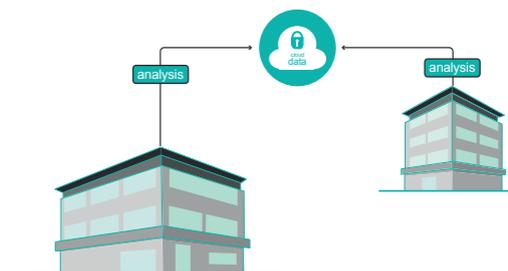


## lab2lab connect\*

- connect up to 4 comPOUNDS
- auto store/ retrieve
- large capacity
  - 150 racks of 0.5mL Matrix push cap tubes
  - 70\* racks of 1.4mL Matrix push cap tubes
- out of hours running
  - store tubes used during the day
  - pick orders for tomorrow
  - pick to tubes to racks emptied earlier
- throughput
  - process 140 full racks in 12 hours e.g. 70 racks stored and 70 new racks picked\*\*

\* can be increased to 90 racks with custom stackers

\*\* based on 1.4mL tubes (half this speed for 0.5mL d2 storage)



## lab2lab

### flexible microvial transportation

- lab2lab is a flexible pneumatic transport system that co-ordinates the fast and safe delivery of single samples to specific locations
- it comprises a series of transport pipes that allow samples to be blown, using low pressure compressed air, to selected destinations for analysis or other processing
- samples can be transported from:
  - lab to analytical equipment (HPLC, GC/MS or NMR)
  - lab to lab
  - building to building
  - lab to store
  - store to lab

# cube scans all SBS racks and cryoboxes



A fast camera based scanner capable of imaging and decoding a rack in one to two seconds. Intuitive software that is simple to integrate with LIMS and other automation.

The cube scanner offers easy set-up, straight out of the box, delivered pre-calibrated, you only need to plug in and download the software.



### easy to install and use

simple installer, no dongles required



### versatility to suit your needs

benchtop or integrated use. Multiple 2D tube format compatibility



### productive use of time

rapid scanning and simple data export



### economical use of space and budget

smallest 'scan all' scanner with free software updates for life



### reliability you can depend upon

durable construction with a 2-year guarantee



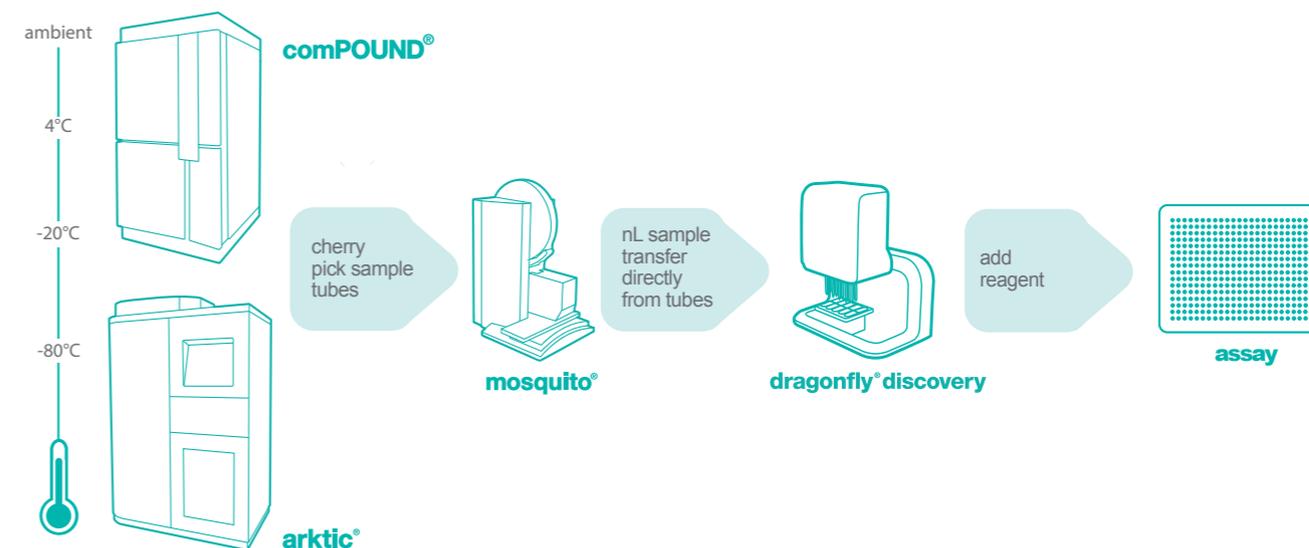
### high quality scanning ensured

cryoprotection ensures no condensation



## low volume 2D barcoded tubes

The full benefits of assay miniaturisation have not been realised due to the challenges of preparing assay ready plates from stock compounds. This usually requires several intermediate dilution plates to arrive at the final assay plate. New low volume 2D barcode tubes offer the ability to manage compound inventory efficiently and prepare assay plates directly from the storage tubes.



# specifications

	comPOUND	arktic
<b>function</b>	modular sample storage from -20°C to ambient	modular storage at -80°C
<b>capacity</b>	100,000 x 1.4 mL vials, 200,000 x 0.5 mL vials	60,000 x 1.0 mL vials, 138,000 x 0.5 mL vials
<b>dimensions (w x d x h)</b>	1.2 x 1.65 x 2.40 m (48 x 65 x 93 inches)	1.35 x 0.8 x 1.98 m
<b>throughput</b>	600 vials/hour	450 vials/hour
<b>applications</b>	storage of biological and chemical samples e.g. candidate drug compounds, DNA, proteins, antibodies, oligos	storage of biological and chemical samples e.g. DNA, RNA, serum, oligos, RNAi library

	comPILER	comSTACKER	lab2lab	lab2lab connect
<b>function</b>	automated creation of assay plates from stored samples	walk-away sample loading and unloading	flexible, microvial transportation	remote delivery of samples from comPOUND to lab
<b>capacity</b>	links up to 12 comPOUND modules	up to 10 racks	N/A	lab2lab connect links up to 4 comPOUNDS
<b>throughput</b>	1000 vials/hour	50 vials/hour		1440 vials/hour

	mosquito LV and HV	mosquito X1	dragonfly discovery
<b>pipetting range</b>	LV - 25 nL – 1.2 µL HV - 500 nL – 5 µL	25 nL – 1.2 µL or 500 nL – 5 µL	200 nL – 4 mL
<b>channels</b>	8 or 16 channels	single channel	3, 6 or 10 channels
<b>primary SBS plate format</b>	96, 384, 1536	any type including slides	96, 384, 1536
<b>applications</b>	integration and miniaturisation of sample management workflow	provides walk-away “hit picking” of samples	assay development and optimisation screening without contamination or liquid classification
<b>throughput</b>	2 mins/ 96-well plate, 3 mins/ 384 well copy 5 mins/ 4 x 384 plate stamp out	6 seconds average cycle time to: aspirate, move, dispense, change tip	high speed dispensing (fill 384 well plate in < 30 secs or 1536 well plate in < 90 secs) irrespective of viscosity
<b>consumables</b>	Visit <a href="http://sptlabtechstore.com">sptlabtechstore.com</a> for more information on our consumables range		

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