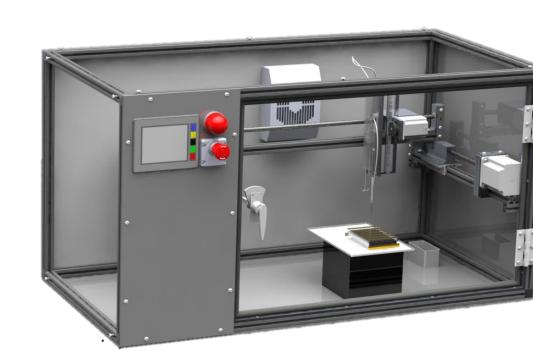


# Turbid-o-STAT

SEMI-AUTONOMOUS MICROBIOREACTOR

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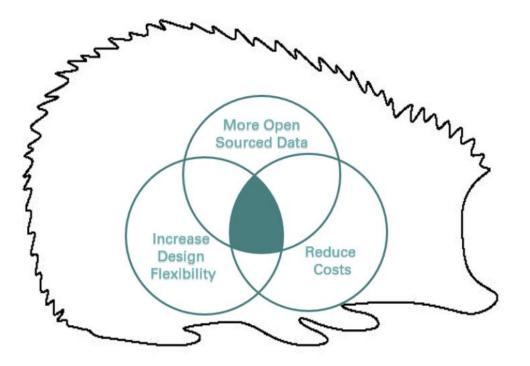
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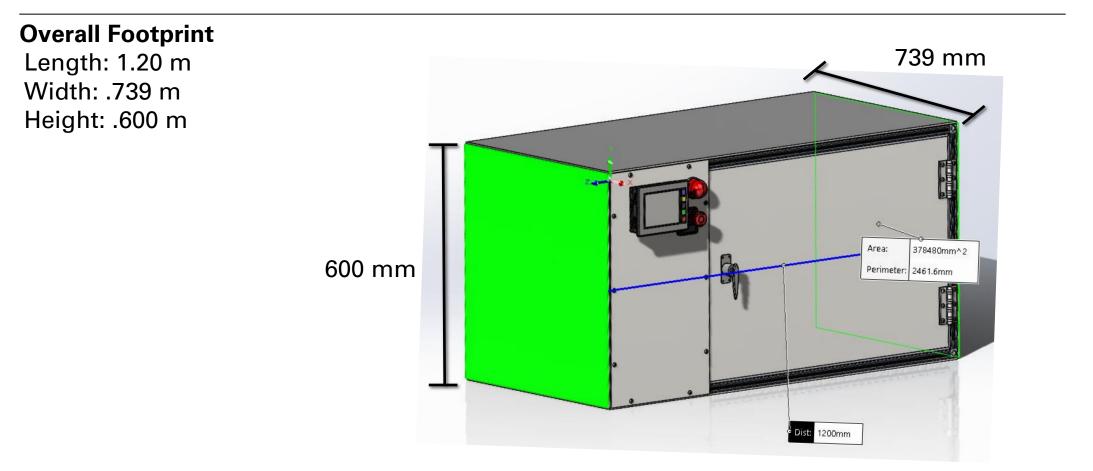
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#### Hedgehog Concept

- More Open-Sourced Data: Design enables more experimentation through efficient benchtop
- Increase Design Flexibility: Modular design with re-attachable fixtures to enable future iterations
- Reduce Costs: OTS parts used in conjunction with custom-made parts enable cost reduction



#### **Product Dimensions**



#### Product Dimensions Benchtop Scale





### Fluid Dispensing and Disposal

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- #15 Nonporous and nonreactive materials
- #25 Automated fluid addition and subtraction
- #33 Dispensing rate
- #34 Dispensing accuracy and precision
- #35 Waste disposal

#### The Turbid-o-STAT fluid dispensing and disposal subsystem:

- Mounted along gantry-style track system for 3-dimensional movement
- Two nozzle fluid addition and subtraction
- Separate nozzle for waste disposal
- Fluid dispensing and disposal promoted via peristaltic pumps for accuracy and precision
- In communication with the controller subsystem for autonomous control

The proposed fluid dispensing and disposal subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

### Gas Dispensing and Disposal

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- #5 Factor of safety
- #26 Ability to capture effluent gases
- #27 Gas addition and regulation

#### The Turbid-o-STAT gas dispensing and disposal subsystem:

- Utilizes pinch valves in conjunction with the controller subsystem to accurately provide a regulated gaseous environment
- Ability to provide all 5 requested gases to individual tray/tube chamber
- Incorporates vacuum and compressor for safe gas disposal

The proposed gas dispensing and disposal subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

### Optical

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- #2 Electrical power source
- $\circ$  #5 Factor of safety
- #19 Culture condition
- #28 OD and FI readings
- #29 FI reading capability
- #30 Light intensity

#### The Turbid-o-STAT optical subsystem:

- Light sensor mounted along gantry-style track system for 3-dimensional movement and ability to measure all necessary test trials
- Necessary light strips mounted beneath conical tubes and culture trays
- In communication with the controller subsystem for automated closed-loop control

The proposed optical subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

#### Controller

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- $\circ$  #5 Factor of safety
- #6 System failure indication
- #8 Safety limit shut-off
- #9 Warning indication visibility
- #13 Programmability
- #14 User Interface
- #19 Closed loop control of culture conditions

#### The Turbid-o-STAT controller subsystem:

- Incorporates user interface for user control and system programmability
- Has manual shut-off button and autonomous safety-limit shut-off
- Provides adequate warning indication visibility
- Communicates with all necessary subsystems to promote autonomous control

The proposed controller subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

#### **Temperature Control**

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- #2 Electrical power source
- #5 Factor of safety
- #15 Nonporous and nonreactive materials
- #20 Culture temperature capability
- #24 Uniform heat distribution

#### The Turbid-o-STAT temperature control subsystem:

- Uses heat strips along the interior chamber walls to promote uniform heat distribution for conical tubes and culture trays
- Utilizes ambient cooler if lower temperatures are required
- Communicates with the controller subsystem for autonomous temperature control
- Controller subsystem allows the temperature of each chamber to be manipulated separately

The proposed temperature control subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

### **Shaking and Trays**

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

- #2 Electrical power source
- #5 Factor of safety
- #18 Incubation time
- #21 Microbe culture capability
- #22 Culture plate housing
- #23 Conical tube housing
- #31 Shaking patterns
- #32 Independent conditions for each plate/tube

#### The Turbid-o-STAT shaking and trays subsystem:

- Separate housing chambers accommodation for conical tubes and culture trays
- Housing chamber works in conjunction with the temperature control, fluid dispensing and disposal, and optical subsystems
- Shaking mechanism allows for all three required movement patterns

The proposed shaking and trays subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

### Housing Unit

Customer needs considered when selecting the design for this subsystem were:

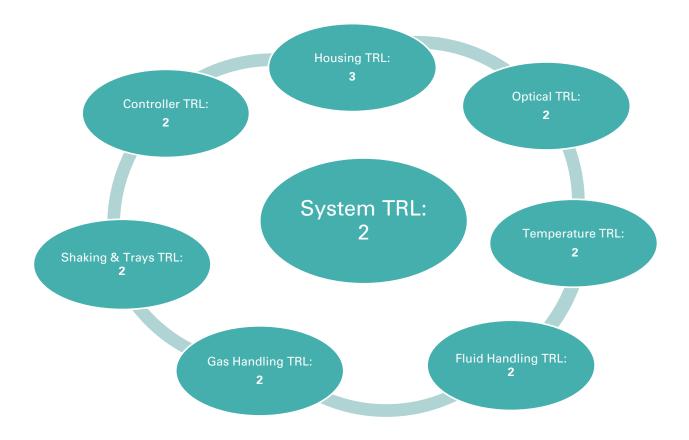
- #1 System dimensions
- #3 Accessibility
- #4 Assembly/disassembly time
- #7 Emergency shut-offs
- #10 Operational lifetime
- #11 Total cost
- #12 No external features or supports
- #16 BSL-2 lab safety requirements
- #17 Exterior surface temperature

#### The Turbid-o-STAT fluid housing unit subsystem:

- Houses and accommodates all other subsystems
- Housing supports provide the necessary structure and stability to the system without external supports
- Sealed door ensures no gas from the testing environment escapes and provides proper user access
- Ensures system complies with all BSL-2 lab safety requirements

The proposed housing unit subsystem concept satisfies all necessary customer needs.

#### Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)



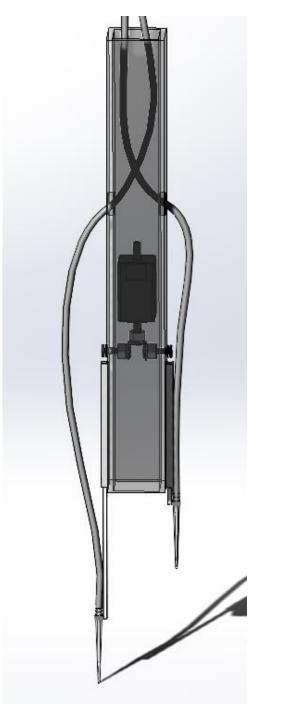
### **Key Design Features**

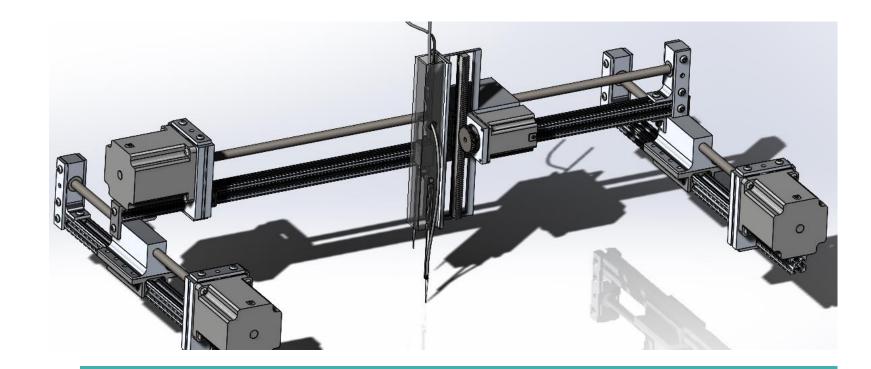
#### **Fluid Handler**

- Robust two nozzle design
- X-Y-Z gantry assisted motion
- Enhanced z-directional movement through rack and pinion
- Autonomous fluid addition and subtraction (hook-container)

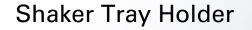
#### Shaking & Trays

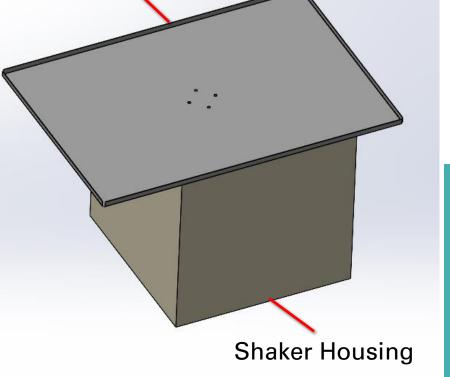
- Dual purpose tray & tube containers, includes uniform heating sleeves and optical density LEDs
- Shaker capable of Linear, Orbital, and Double Orbital Patterns
- Shaker interior system filed for IP





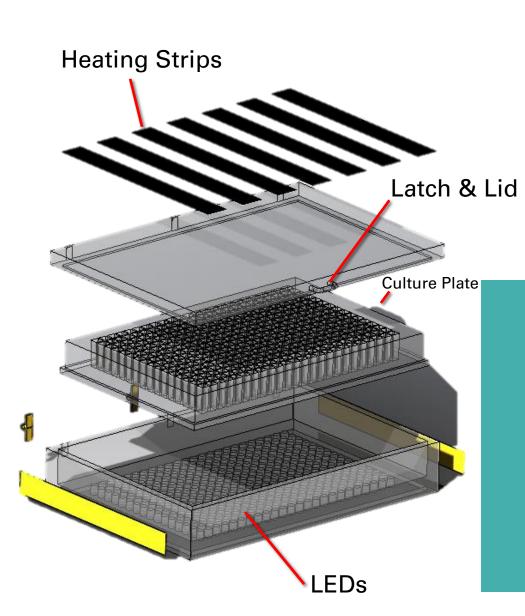
### CAD Views of Fluid Handler

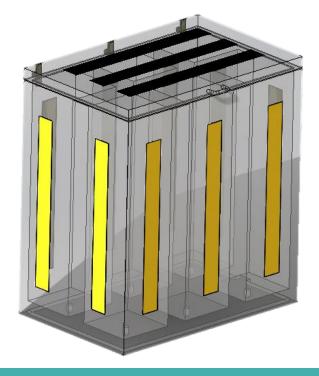






## **CAD** Views of Shaker

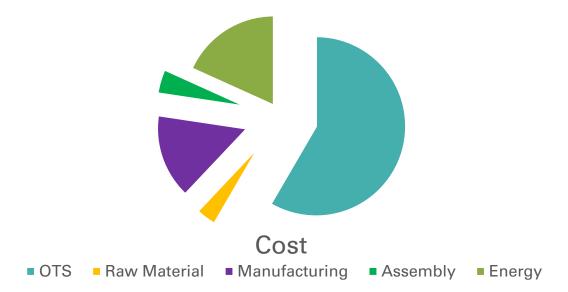




# **CAD** Views of Trays

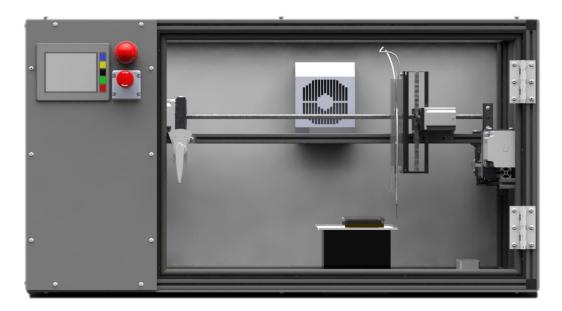
#### Turbid-o-STAT Cost

OTS	Raw Material	Manufacturing	Assembly	Energy	Total
Cost	Cost	and MFG Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost
\$5,877.81	\$22.66	\$103.10	\$24.39	\$181.44	\$6209.40



#### Why Prototype Turbid-o-STAT?

- Modular design through use of 80/20 with moveable and accessible features
- Total system cost underneath required \$10,000 limit
- Autonomous fluid addition and subtraction without robotic arm
- Who wouldn't want to prototype the Turbid-o-STAT based on this render?



#### Wrap Up: Turbid-o-STAT



