OROBOROS O2k-Core Manual



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Oxygraph-2k: start high-resolution respirometry

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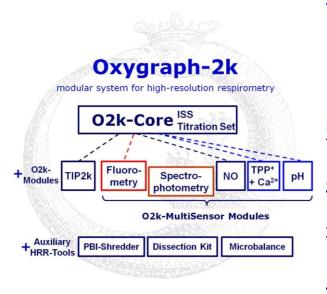


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Overview The OROBOROS Oxygraph-2k (**O2k**) provides a unique highresolution approach to the monitoring of cellular and mitochondrial respiratory function. High-resolution respirometry (**HRR**) is indispensable for application of SUIT protocols, at low respiratory activities, kinetic transitions, and controlled oxygen levels. High-resolution is required for analysis of pathological effects causing reduced respiration (mitochondrial and metabolic diseases, ischemia-reperfusion injury, oxidative stress, apoptosis, aging). HRR is unique for analysis of biopsies with limited amounts of sample (diagnosis of genetic and acquired mitochondrial defects in pediatric patients, diabetes); cell cultures with limited cell numbers or low activities; mutants with diminished respiratory capacity; chemical oxidation rates and antioxidant capacities and oxygen kinetic measurements at low, physiological intracellular oxygen levels.

HRR with the OROBOROS O2k is based on a radically different systems approach to polarographic measurement of oxygen dynamics. HRR rests on tightly connected instrumental features and concepts integrated by the DatLab software, providing real-time display of oxygen concentration and respiration (oxygen flux). The mechanics, critical selection of materials, and state-of-the-art electronics provide the basis of signal stability of an optimized polarographic oxygen sensor (**OroboPOS**), in an electronically controlled thermal environment with high temperature stability. Calibration and quality control follow standardized operating procedures (**Orbotocols**) with automatic real-time analysis supported by the DatLab software. Scientific support complements HRR. Detailed laboratory **O2k-Protocols** on HRR provide step-by-step instructions. Numerous new **O2k-Publications** on applications of the OROBOROS O2k focus on critical issues of mitochondrial physiology.

While the OROBOROS O2k provides the instrumental basis for highresolution respirometry, successful operation at high accuracy up to the limit of detection depends on a professional application by the technician, scientist or student. Participation in a hands-on introductory <u>O2k-</u> <u>Workshop</u> is recommended to save time and gain from the experience obtained over many years of application in various settings.



The **OROBOROS** Oxygraph-2k (O2k) is the modular system for high-resolution respirometry (HRR). The O2k is the 2-chamber high-resolution respirometer monitoring oxygen consumption with small amounts of biological samples. The modular O2k-concept yields a high flexibility for HRR, with the **O2k-Core** as the basis, and O2k-Modules supported by the O2k-Core. Available O2k-Modules the are Titration-Injection microPump (TIP2k) and the O2k-MultiSensor (Fluorometry; Modules Ion Selective Electrodes, ISE).

Spectrophotometry will be available only with the <u>NextGen-O2k</u>.



The <u>O2k-Core</u> is the experimental system complete for basic high-resolution respirometry (HRR), including the <u>O2k-Main Unit</u> with stainless steel housing, <u>O2k-Assembly Kit</u>, <u>two OroboPOS</u> (polarographic oxygen sensors) and <u>OroboPOS-Service Kit</u>, the DatLab software (<u>DatLab</u>), the <u>ISS-Integrated Suction System</u> and the <u>O2k-Titration Set</u>. The O2k-Core supports all add-on O2k-Modules.

1. Unpack the O2k

Box 1 (or <u>Peli Case</u>) contains the O2k-Main Unit with chamber holders in a mounted position, the holders for the polarographic oxygen sensors (OroboPOS) and the <u>OroboPOS-Connector</u> (optionally the TIP2k syringes).

After unpacking, store the original Box 1 (or Peli Case) and packing material for any future shipment of the <u>O2k Main Unit</u>.

Box 2 contains standard accessories [SA], the OROBOROS USB-flash drive, optional O2k-Modules and accessories.

2. OROBOROS USB-flash drive and DatLab

A laptop or PC is required for data acquisition and analysis using DatLab. Minimum configuration: Pentium III, 256 MB, USB port, Windows XP or later Windows versions. Δ



Copy the folder "OROBOROS O2k-Course on HRR" from the **OROBOROS USB-flash drive** to your computer. The 'OROBOROS-FileFinder' is the tool to find topics, such as all chapters of the **O2k-Manual** and **O2k-Protocols**, with corresponding DatLab demo files and templates for training with DatLab.

DL7Install.exe

It is recommended that you exit all computer applications before running the DatLab installation programme. In the 'OROBOROS-FileFinder', L⁻ click the OROBOROS symbol or 'O2k-DatLab install'. Read the short instruction windows, and proceed by L⁻ Next. By default, DatLab is installed to "C:\DatLab".



Installation is quick and easy and generates this icon on your desktop: OROBOROS DatLab for control of the O2k, TIP2k, data acquisition & analysis.

3. Electrical and lab space requirements

Max. power input: 120 W Current at 100-120 V: max. 1.0 A Current at 220-240 V: max. 0.5 A Current during standard operation (when temperature is stable): approx. 0.25 A

- Check the suitability of the delivered cable for the mains power (230\120 V) and socket. The O2k is delivered with one of three different cable types:
- **EU:** O2k-Main Power Cable\230 V\Europe, 21111-01 Note: Use O2k-Main Power Cable\230 V\Europe (Hybrid German/French plug CEE7/7, Type E+F) only for a compatible socket.
- DK: Some Danish sockets will also accept the CEE7/7 plugs, but there is no grounding connection with these plugs without male ground pin. Exchange for an appropriate Danish power cable.
- CH: A different main power cable or adapter is required.
- US: O2k-Main Power Cable\120 V\US-CA, 21112-01

AU/NZ: O2k-Main Power Cable\230 V\AU-NZ, 21113-01

The <u>O2k</u> requires a minimum of lab space (0.5 m bench space) next to an external PC or laptop, with sufficient space for the <u>ISS</u>, <u>syringes</u> and handling. For maximum signal stability and optimal temperature control, the O2k should be placed in a position in which it is not exposed to direct sunlight and sudden changes of room temperature. Keep the space on the table below the O2k bottom clear to prevent any interference of ventilation beneath the <u>O2k-Main Unit</u>.

Avoid damage due to condensation. When placing the O2k from a cold to warm environment, let it equilibrate for at least 4 hours in the warm room before connecting to the mains.

4. Start the O2k



Rear of the O2k Main Unit Series G.

New features are the USB hub 2.0 with 4 external ports, a plug for an external Pt1000 thermistor, and an optional extension through an RS485 serial port.

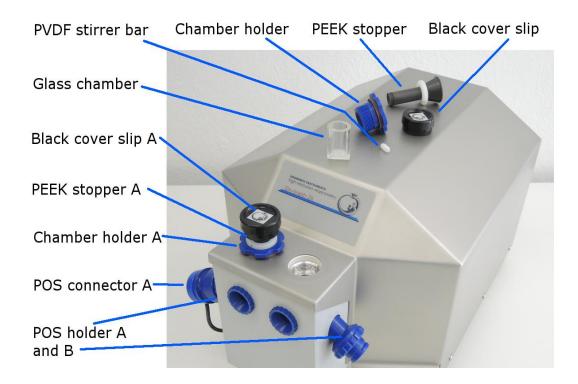
WGT quality control seal: Do not open. An intact quality control seal is required for warranty obligations related to the electronics of the O2k.

Mains on Connect the O2k with the USB cable to a laptop or PC. Switch on the O2k on the rear (Mains on/off switch: I/0). Now the four front control lights illuminate: The outer left diode (MAINS) is green, and temperature is regulated at 25 °C. The inner left and right diodes (STIRRER) are green and stirrer rotation is on. The outer right diode (COMM) changes to yellow if a USB connection is available, and to green after operational connection to DatLab.

5. Assembly of the O2k

Uncharge yourself to avoid possible damage of the electronics. Shortly connect to electrical ground or simply touch the O2k steel housing.

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Unscrew the blue chamber holders from the O2k housing. Remove the POS connectors from the POS holders by pressing the sleeve downwards against the bottom plate of the POS connector. Unplug the cable.

5.1.



Insert the glass <u>O2k-Chamber</u> into the copper block of the O2k-Main Unit, then add the <u>PVDF stirrer bar</u>.

O2k-Chamber and OroboPOS assembly



seal tip POS connector

The POS are shipped dry (without electrolyte) in a Perspex housing in the OroboPOS-Service Kit. Before POS assembling the O2k, apply electrolyte and membrane, following the OroboPOS service instructions.



anual B: OroboPOS assembly » MiPNet19.18B POS-Service









1. Screw the <u>POS holder</u> **1** into a position where the glass chamber with the angular cut towards the POS holder is slightly lifted upwards.

2. Screw the chamber holder loosely to the copper block (arrow 2). Loosen the POS holder stepwise (counterclockwise, not more than successive quarter turns; arrow 1) and follow any downwards movement of the glass chamber by screwing down the chamber holder (arrow 2). When a slight backwards movement of the POS

holder 1 cannot be followed by any further downwards movement of the chamber holder 2, then screw the POS holder 1 clockwise (tight), thus securing the glass chamber in a fixed position.

B. Screw a POS head onto each <u>POS connector</u> (finger-tight). Push a *wetted* POS seal tip (black gasket) over the POS head (arrow 3). Position the pore centrally and do not stretch the gasket.

Connect the POS connector cable to the O2k-Main Unit. Insert the male plug of the cable 4 into the female plug next to the control light of the stirrer, with the red dot on the male plug 4 facing straight upwards. Each OroboPOS head can be used on chamber A or B of the O2k. Note the POS number (marked on the cylindrical body of each POS) for each chamber (see Section 6).

5. The POS connector cable **4** must be in a relaxed, undistorted position. Press the sleeve downwards (arrow **5**), insert the POS with the black gasket straight into the POS holder **6**, and release the sleeve for fixing the POS in its final position.

Do not rotate the POS connector after it is attached to the POS holder in order to prevent damage of the black gaskets. The gaskets provide a tight seal against the glass chamber that has sharp edges.

5.2.

O2k-SOP

O2k-Chamber volume calibration

DatLab must be installed before calibrating the chamber volume. Connect the O2k to the mains (Section 4), connect the O2k with DatLab (Section 6), and make yourself familiar with the O2k control keys (stirrer; Section 7.1). The standard chamber volume is 2.0 ml.

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 Dry the chamber. Remove all liquid droplets from the glass chamber. Place a dry PVDF stirrer bar into each chamber.

2. Add accurately 2.1 ml of H_2O into the chamber for calibration of a chamber volume of 2.0 ml (more accurately, the volume of the <u>stopper</u> capillary is 0.085 ml or 85 µl when a tiny meniscus of water is seen on top of the capillary).

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The volume of the capillary of the stopper (black <u>PEEK</u>) is not part of the effective chamber volume. When titrating 2.1 ml, insert the tip of the pipette to the wall of the glass chamber to add the entire volume. Liquid must not be lost between the top of the glass cylinder and the blue POM chamber holder.

. Switch the stirrers on (Section 7.1).

. Loosen the stopper fixation rings (A) and (B) with the L-shaped Allen key (OroboPOS-Service Kit) and push them slightly downwards in the direction of the O-rings.

- Insert the stopper with dry capillary (the O-rings should be moistened) and push it downwards until the gas phase fully extrudes through the capillary of the stopper, while the fixation ring is fully pushed onto the chamber holder.
- Gently push the stopper further downwards until the capillary fills up and a small droplet appears on the top of the capillary of the stopper. This marks the volume calibration position.
 - Tighten the screws of the fixation rings (A) and (B) gently with the Allen key.

6. Start DatLab

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On your PC desktop, L⁻[⊕] on the icon "OROBOROS DatLab" to start the



programme. Enter a \checkmark username. Click Connect to O2k to open the O2k configuration window, or press F7.

MitoPedia: DatLab

| Connection | |
|---|-----------|
| C Serial Port | ▼ |
| Information Please select a proper serial port to talk to your Oxygraph-2k. | |
| | Cancel OK |

With the USB cable connected, select • USB port in the Connection window. If several O2ks are connected to one PC, the serial numbers of all O2ks are shown to select one. Press Cancel for disconnected operation of DatLab.

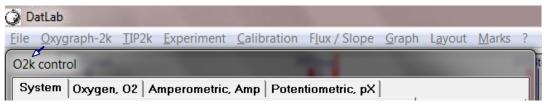
6.1. Oxygraph-2k \ O2k configuration

Power-O2k Assign a label (Power-O2k or \mathbb{P} -number) to your O2k.

Oxygen sensor # The number of the polarographic oxygen sensor is entered for chambers A and B. Usually, sensors should not be switched between chambers, except for troubleshooting. The individual sensor number is included in the protocol for generating a database of calibration values (MiPNet06.03).

Channel label The label for the Oxygen channel is O2.

Amp and pX ☑ Select or deselect the Amp or pX channel. Enter the corresponding sensor numbers and channel labels.



6.2. Oxygraph-2k \ O2k control

6.2.1. Oxygraph-2k \ Tab: System

Open the O2k control System window F7 to set the operation mode of the O2k.

- Load setup ▼ is an alternative to editing settings step-by-step. The default is "O2k-setup 25 °C" or the O2k setup which was applied last when DatLab was connected to the O2k. O2k control settings of the selected setup are displayed after L⁻ left click on the Load setup button.
- **Save setup** Save the O2k control settings. To create a new O2k setup, edit the name, and L^{-1} left click on Save setup.
- Block temperature [°C] L[⊕] Left click on the input window (L[⊕]⊕ double click to overwrite all digits). Enter the block (=experimental) temperature (range 2.0 to 47.0 °C).
- **Stirrer speed [rpm]** The default is 750 rotations per minute (12.5 Hz), which may be varied between 300 and 900 rpm for each chamber independently. The signal level and signal stability increase with stirrer speed in the region of low rpm, but uncoupling of the magnet occurs at very high stirring speeds causing high signal noise. Both chambers may be set at an identical stirrer speed.
- **Data recording interval [s]** can be set between 0.2 s and 10.0 s, identical for both chambers. The default of 2 s is optimal for most applications. Do not decrease the data recording interval unless necessary, since at low data

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recording intervals, the apparent noise of flux is increased and real-time information is reduced.

- Stirrer power ☑ On/Off Toggle between On/Off to set the stirrer on or off when connecting. Independent of this On/Off setting, the left and right stirrers are switched on and off during the experiment by pressing F11 and F12.
- Illumination in chamber ☑ On/Off Toggle between On/Off to switch the illumination on or off when connecting. It is switched on and off during the experiment by pressing F10. Illumination is different from the Fluo-LEDs.

Connect to Oxygraph-2k to activate the displayed control settings.

6.2.2. Oxygraph-2k \ Tab: Oxygen, O2

Gain for sensor can be changed for signal amplification in specific cases. The default is a gain of 1 V/ μ A, which is sufficient in most cases and provides a large scope for measurements under hyperoxia.

• Amplification options are 1, 2, 4, or 8 V/ μ A.

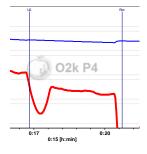
- **Polarization voltage [mV]** The default for the POS is 800 mV, which is maintained in all routine experiments. Any changes affect the calibration. The voltage can be modified in the range of -2,000 to +2,000 mV for scanning the plateau region of the polarographic oxygen sensor, or for different types of sensors.
- Oxygen sensor # The number of the polarographic oxygen sensor is shown here for chambers A and B. To change them, L⁻⊕ click on Configuration and enter the sensor number in the Configuration window.

6.2.3. Oxygraph-2k \ Tabs: Amperometric, Amp and Potentiometric, pX

Amp and pX Settings for the Amp and pX tabs are described in

- <u>MiPNet17.05</u> O2k-Fluo LED2-Module
- <u>MiPNet15.05</u> O2k-NO Amp-Module
- <u>MiPNet15.03</u> O2k-MultiSensor-ISE

6.3. Connect and save a DLD file



In an automatically opened Save as window, the default file name has the form: **2014-09-12 P1-01.DLD**

Year-Month-Day P#-##.DLD: P#=Power-O2k; **##** =sequential number of the experiment; extension **DLD** for <u>**D**</u>at<u>**L**</u>ab <u>**D**</u>ata.

Select a subdirectory, optionally edit the file name and L^{-1} Save. This initiates data recording.

COMM LED of the O2k-Main Unit

- Red O2k main power is on, no USB connection to the PC.
 - → USB is not plugged in or the USB driver from Windows is not installed. This may take 1-2 min at the first connection of the O2k to the PC or laptop.
- Orange USB connection to the PC is established, but DatLab connection (measurement) is not started.
- Green USB connection to a PC is established and a Datlab measurement is in progress.
- Green flashing (1 s on/1 s off): USB connection was lost during a Datlab measurement (USB communication error or USB unplugged). If Datlab reconnects automatically, the COMM LED remains green without flashing.

6.4. Edit experiment

Once connected to the O2k the Edit experiment window pops up. Edit experimental code, protocol name, sample information, medium, and additional information. Entries can be edited at any time during real-time or postexperiment analysis. All related results are recalculated instantaneously with the new parameters.

6.5. O2k signal line

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- **pX(A) and pX(B)** [V] Potentiometric raw signal of ion sensitive electrodes for chamber (A) and (B).
- **Env Temp** [°C] Signal from internal temperature sensor recording the environmental (room) temperature.
- **Ext Temp** [°C] Signal from external PT1000 temperature sensor (optional). "50.000" is shown if no sensor is connected.
- **User name** The username which was entered in the first window is shown on the right side of the O2k signal line (next to the DatLab version).

6.6. O2k status line

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| | PÓS (A) | Set | temp. [°C] | | | TIP conn | ected | Error | | POS(B) | |
| #A | Amp(A) |) pX(A) | Char | mber 1 | Illum. <mark>on</mark> /off | on/ | off | pX(B |) Am | p(B) | #В |

- **#A and #B** The labels of the left and right chamber, where # represents the Power-O2k number (P#), chosen in the O2k configuration window. The background is green if rotation of the stirrer is on, briefly yellow when the stirrer is accelerating, red if the stirrer is switched off.
- O2 calib. Yellow indicates that the POS has not been calibrated in the present record. Calibration values are used as default from files previously saved real-time.
 - L⁺ Left double-click on O2 calib. to open the calibration window (left or right).
- O2 Calib. Green indicates that the POS has been calibrated within the file. It can be re-calibrated any time when connected or disconnected to the O2k.
- Set temp. 37.0 indicates the temperature setting sent from the O2k control window, green if the measured temperature is within ±0.002 °C of the set temperature, but yellow if the difference is more than ±0.002 °C.
- Illum. on/ Illum. off indicates whether the chamber illumination (not
to be confused with light sources for fluorescence) is on
(Illum.on, highlighted in yellow) or off (Illum.off, grey).
Toggle by a L to the
glass chambers are closed with optical sensors, the
internal light is not visible but must be switched off.
- O2k: Pan auto indicates that automatic panning is on (green) with the O2k connected to DatLab. The time range is maintained while the time axis always shows the currently recorded data. The value of the offset (minimum value) increases stepwise as experimental time proceeds.

- O2k: Pan off: Yellow indicates that automatic panning is off. Plots are shown in static display. This allows for manually panning backwards to observe previous sections of the experiment at a given time range. In this mode, the actual experimental time may be off-scale. Toggle between Pan auto and Pan off by a L^A click on the text. This does not influence continuous data recording.
- **TIP: Ready** Indicates that a Titration-Injection microPump (TIP2k) is connected to the O2k, and is ready to start F8. For TIP2k instructions see (MiPNet12.10).
- ERRORBlinks red if an error has occurred. In this case, L^A click
on ERROR to open the Error message window. In this
window, L^A Close to remove the blinking error signal.

7. O2k control

7.1. O2k control keys

After selection of an O2k-setup in the O2k control F7 window, followed by L^{\circ} Send to O2k, only the following control functions are routinely required during experimental operations.

- **Stirrer A on/off F11** Toggles between stirrer on/off in the left O2k chamber, always returning to the pre-set stirrer speed.
- **Stirrer B on/off F12** as for stirrer A (see above).
- Stirrer test F9 Start a stirrer test by L[⊕] OK: stirring is stopped in both O2k chambers and restarted after a selected period (default: 30 s). »<u>MiPNet06.03</u>
- **Illumination on/off F10** switches the illumination in both chambers simultaneously on or off.
 - (i) Automatic events are set on the plots and saved to the DatLab protocol, after changing any of these O2k control settings.

Manage setups for renaming or deleting O2k setups.

7.2. O2k control **F7** with the O2k connected

The O2k control key F7 provides fast access to the O2k control window.

Load setup After selecting **V** a setup, it must be L[®] loaded.

Send to Oxygraph-2k Individual control settings may be edited before L^A Send to O2k. All changes of settings are Δ

saved in the protocol. An event is set automatically, and the O2k status is changed to the new settings.

7.3. File \ Save and disconnect

To stop recording data, go to the menu File, select Save and disconnect. Confirm Save and disconnect (all data are saved automatically), thus terminating further data acquisition. Close the file, or edit the same file in the disconnected mode.

 Upon disconnect, the COMM light on the O2k switches from green to yellow. The O2k control window shows the last values used during operation before disconnecting.

Importantly, after disconnection from DatLab the O2k continues to operate at constant experimental temperature, stirring speed and light in the chamber. No data are recorded until reconnection with DatLab. After closing the file, the O2k control window opens automatically or can be opened by pressing F7. Check the O2k control settings and L^{\oplus} Connect to O2k. Again, a default file name is given, as described above, with the next sequential number. After re-connecting, the uninterrupted, O2k continues operation the experimental time is reset to zero, and data recording is restarted with automatic saving to file.

After disconnecting the communication between the O2k and DatLab, the O2k can be switched off on the rear of the O2k-Main Unit.



Further information and updated versions:

<u>http://wiki.oroboros.at/index.php/MiPNet19.18A_O2k-Start</u>

Manual Next step – O2k-Core Manual D

<u>http://wiki.oroboros.at/index.php/MiPNet19.18D_O2k-Calibration</u>



The joy of success is the next step

Supplement A. Videosupport

A.1. Videosupport weblinks

» <u>O2k-Videosupport</u>

A.2. Videosupport OROBOROS USB flash drive

A1 Insert O2k-Chamber

<u>O2k-Core</u> (O2k-Main Unit), <u>O2k-Chamber</u>, <u>Stirrer-</u> <u>Bar\white PVDF\15x6 mm</u>, <u>OroboPOS-Holder</u>, <u>O2k-</u> <u>Chamber Holder</u>

- A2 Insert OroborPOS OroboPOS-Connector
- A3 O2k-Chamber volume calibration Volume-Calibration Ring, Stopper\black PEEK\conical Shaft\central Port, O-ring\Viton\12x1 mm
- A4 O2k ready to use

Supplement B. Links to O2k-Catalogue and Support

- » <u>http://wiki.oroboros.at/index.php/Oxygraph-2k</u>
- » <u>http://wiki.oroboros.at/index.php/O2k-Core</u>
- » <u>http://wiki.oroboros.at/index.php/O2k-technical support and open innovation</u>



