

Something about the 'PHD 2000 Programmable' from Harvard Apparatus

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Abstract

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A command line software was written in PERL, which enables a User to remote control a stepper motor driven syringe pump¹. The pump in combination with this software will mainly be used to create small droplets and constant flow rates. Due to different syringes and needles dropsizes within $60\mu l$ to $5.5\mu l$ had been achieved by using water. Flow rates up to $130ml/min$ are possible.

All settings were tested with water. Thus differences can be observed if liquids with highly different surface tension and compressibilities are used.

¹PHD 2000 Programmable from Harvard Apparatus

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Chapter 1

Motivation

The ordering of solutions, e.g. colloidal or polymeric blends, on solid substrates is of utmost importance for many areas of science and technology [APL07]. Especially flow-induced [Mou08] or droplet-based deposition [APL07] is a very useful, but also very complex process, where many hydrodynamic, thermodynamic or diffusive interactions are involved. In order to better understand the process of inkjet printing, the non-equilibrium kinetics of drying colloidal solutions have previously been investigated using nanobeam grazing incidence small-angle x-ray scattering (nanoGISAXS) [APL07].

In order to prepare such experiments at HASYLAB, especially in view of the μ SAXS/WAXS beamline at PETRA III, we prepared a multi-purpose syringe pump. The general measurement geometry shown in Figure will be implemented first in user experiments at BW4. Here, the droplet is deposited on a solid substrate, and GISAXS using a microbeam is used to observe the colloidal ordering at the liquid/solid/air interface.

Chapter 2

The Software

The command line Software was written in PERL, using the *Active PERL* 5.8.8 interpreter. Hence the script should run on MS Windows and Linux based machines. This was verified with the *Microsoft Windows XP SP2* and *SUSE Linux 10.1* operating system (OS). The following section 2.1 describes the additionally needed packages for the use of the serial port.

2.1 Perl Packages

There are several packages available¹ which allow the communication via the serial port. Each OS needs its own specific package which usually include different instructions to access the serial port. With regard to a multiplatform code the following libraries were chosen.

For MS Windows systems the libraries *Win32-SerialPort-0.19* and *Win32-API-0.55* have to be installed. To use the script with a Linux OS the script requires the library *Device-SerialPort-1.04*. The main advantage of these packages is the identical instruction set and syntax, due to it the source code can be kept efficiently short for both platforms.

2.2 Serial Port

Currently the software will try to establish a connection through the first serial port. If the pump is connected to another port the Code has to be modified accordingly. In this case there are only two lines which need to be corrected (cf. Fig. 2.1). It should be mentioned that the first Serial Port on Windows computers is called *COM1* whereas on the Linux site it

¹<http://search.cpan.org>

```

...
if ($OS_win){
    $port = "COM1"; #has to be modified eventually
    $PortObj = Win32::SerialPort->new($port);
}
else{
    $port = "/dev/ttyS0"; #has to be modified eventually
    $PortObj = Device::SerialPort->new($port);
}
die "Can't open serial port $port: \n" unless ($PortObj);
...

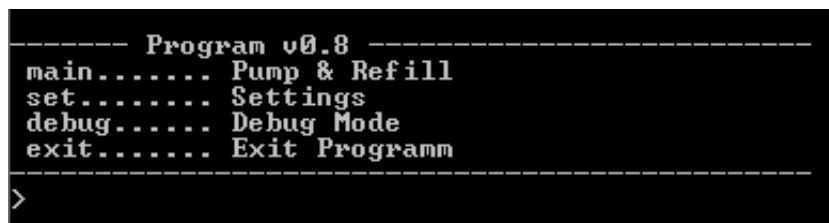
```

Figure 2.1: Part of the Perl code. The `port`-variable has to be altered if another Serial Port is used.

is defined by `/dev/ttyS0`. So the different numeration should be kept in mind if changing the code becomes necessary.

2.3 Menu Structure

All available functions are divided into different menus. Each menu can be closed by typing **exit**. The starting menu provides two submenues **main**, **set** and the function **debug**.



```

----- Program v0.8 -----
main..... Pump & Refill
set..... Settings
debug..... Debug Mode
exit..... Exit Programm
-----
>

```

The starting menu. All available functions are accessible through the submenues.

The later is to be understood as a kind of terminal program which offers a direct access to the pump. Here the pump instructions as given in the pumps manual can directly be typed and the response verified. In the following figure this is shown with the instruction **DIA** which requests the current diameter.

```

>debug
----- Debug -----
DEBUG>DIA
    12.200
0:
-----
DEBUG>

```

The '*debug*' function provides full access to the pump. Here the '*DIA*' instruction is shown.

2.3.1 Creating droplets

In order to remote controll the pump via this software it is necessary to run the '*set*' menu first.

```

----- Settings -----
all ..... get all parameters
dia ..... set diameter and all other paramters
exit ..... return to main menu
-----
Settings>

```

The '*set*' menu.

Both functions which are provided by this menu allow to check on the pumps parameters and the softwares global variables. The function '*all*' queries all currently stored parameters and variables. The variables are separated by a dashed line.

```

Settings>all
Diameter      = 12.200  mm
Infuse Rate   = 1.0000  ml/mn
Refill Rate   = 0.0000  ml/mn
Target Vol.   = 0.0800  ml
-----
Diamatere     = 12.200  mm
Droplet Vol.  = 0        ml
Droplet Flow  = 0        ml/mn
Save Vol.     = 0        ml
Save Flow     = 0        ml/mn
-----
----- Settings -----
all ..... get all parameters
dia ..... set diameter and all other paramters
exit ..... return to main menu
-----
Settings>

```

The '*all*' function within the '*set*' menu displays all currently stored parameters and variables.

If this function is executed after a fresh start of the program all variables, except the diameter value, are undefined indicated by a zero value. Hence

it is essential to define these variables with the function '**dia**'. This function requests all variables including the diameter and transmits them immediately to the pump, in order to verify their validation. That is why a following '**all**' call can return different pump parameters as they were obtained before. If zero values are entered, except the diameter value, they will not be transmitted to the pump.

```
Settings>dia
Diameter [mm] :      12.2
Diameter =        12.200  mm
Droplet Vol [ul] :   18
Droplet Vol. =      18      ul
Droplet FLOW [ml/mn] : 20
Droplet Flow =     20.000  ml/mn
Save Vol [ml] :      0.08
Save Vol. =        0.0800  ml
Save FLOW [ml/mn] :   1
Save Flow =       1.0000  ml/mn

----- Settings -----
all ..... get all parameters
dia ..... set diameter and all other parameters
exit ..... return to main menu
-----
Settings>
```

The '**dia**' function within the '**set**' menu allows access to all important parameters.

If a typed value does not match the pumps limitations an error message appears and the current menu will be closed. Already accepted parameter values will not be rejected but the function still needs to be run again until all parameters have been defined successfully.

The variable '**Droplet Vol [ul]**' expects the Volume of one single droplet in [μ l]. How this value can be determined is described in Chapter 5. The variable '**Save Vol [ml]**' is thought of a buffer which retracts the piston in order to aspirate the liquid until it is completely covered inside the tube. Thus avoiding accidental dripping when the pump is currently not in use. Because of mechanical backlash higher volumes are preferred but too high values can lead to an aspiration of air which should be avoided in any case. Experience shows that approximately > 10 times the droplets volume achieves adequate results. To ensure high precision at this point it is recommended that the '**Save Flow [ml/mn]**' is set to a low flow rate (e.g. 1ml/min). If it is necessary the buffer '**Save Vol [ml]**' can be switched off by setting both variables² to zero.

If all variables are defined the '**set**' menu can be closed by typing '**exit**' and the '**main**' menu can finally be entered.

²'Save Vol [ml]' and 'Save Flow [ml/mn]'

```

>main
----- Main -----
fill..... fill the tube
refill.... refill the system
drop..... drop a droplet
-----
Main>

```

The 'main' menu.

The most important function within this menu is the '**drop**' instruction. This function allows the creation of droplets with respect to the defined parameters before. Additionally an arbitrary delay (0.1s resolution) between multiple droplets can be defined.

```

Main>drop
How many drops do you want?
Main\drop>5
Which repetition rate [s]? For fastest type 0.
Main\drop>0.5
... set pump direction: infusion      done
... set target volume to 0.0800 ml    done
... set infusion rate to 1.0000 ml/min done
... set refill rate to 1.0000 ml/min  done
... pumping                          0.0800 ml
... set target volume to 18ul         done
... set infusion rate to 20.000 ml/min done
... pumping 1                        18.8 ul
... pumping 2                        19 ul
... pumping 3                        18.2 ul
... pumping 4                        18.7 ul
... pumping 5                        18.7 ul
... set pump direction: refill done
... set target volume to 0.0800 ml    done
... pumping                          0.0800 ml
----- Main -----
fill..... fill the tube
refill.... refill the system
drop..... drop a droplet
-----
Main>

```

number of droplets →

additional delay →

Corresponds to ,Save drop Vol [ml]' and ,Save Drop Flow [ml/mn]'.

Creating 5 droplets.

Corresponds to ,Save drop Vol [ml]' and ,Save Drop Flow [ml/mn]'.

Status report after 5 droplets have been created. The following settings had been used: 'Droplet Vol [ul] = 18 μ l', 'Droplet Flow [ml/min] = 20 ml/min', 'Save Vol [ml] = 0.08ml' and 'Save Flow [ml/mn] = 1ml/min'.

As it can be seen in the picture above the entire communication is simultaneously logged at the command line. After each send instruction the software queries the current state of the pump. This also enables the readout of the actually pumped volume.

2.3.2 Creating a constant flow

The '**main**' menu provides a function which can establish constant flow rates as well. This function is executed by typing '**flow**'. It is very important to have the diameter parameter defined correctly, before running this function. This can either be done by using the pumps interface (cf. 3.3),

e.g. when installing the syringe³, or by the '**set->dia**' function as described above (cf. 2.3.1). In this case the redundant values concerning the droplets can be set to zero.

```

Main>flow
FLOW RATE [ml/mn] :    18.5
Flow Rate =         18.500  ml/mn
VOLUME [ml] :        4.8
Volume =           4.8000  ml

This will take approximately 16.1 seconds.
Do you want to start now? [yes/no]
Main\fill>yes
... set pump direction: infusion      done
... pumping                          4.8010 ml

----- Main -----
fill..... fill the tube
refill.... refill the system
drop..... drop a droplet
flow..... create a constant flow
-----
Main>
Status report after a constant flow of 'Flow [ml/mn] =
18.5ml/min' had been established.

```

2.3.3 Miscellaneous

The pump has two parameters in order to store flow rates. These are '*Infuse Rate*' and '*Refill Rate*'. Both are distinguished by the flow direction. Within a status report (cf. pictures above) these parameters are set accordingly to the predefined values, e.g. '*Droplet Flow [ml/mn]*' or '*Save Flow [ml/mn]*'.

To abort the commandline software at any time the shortcut '*ctrl*' + '*c*' can be used. This will immediately close the program whereas the last single instruction will still be executed since the instruction was already transmitted to the pump. Furthermore the software variables are lost and have to be set up again.

There is no stall detection implemented in the software. Although some functions query the pump if an interrupt occurred, just to inform the user, it should always be assured that there is enough liquid in the syringe.

³It is strongly recommended to update the diameter value immediately after a new syringe has been installed. Thus avoiding any failures from the beginning.

Chapter 3

The Syringe Pump

For this report the programmable syringe pump *PHD 2000 Programmable* from *Harvard Apparatus* has been used. The pump offers two slots where syringes can be installed parallel to each other. The syringes are fixed with one clamp from above. For syringes with small respectively large diameters the clamp need to be turned over to ensure stable holding. Even if only one syringe is needed a second one should be installed to increase rigidity and to minimize the backlash. In combination with the '*Save Vol [ml]*' buffer (cf. *reflab*), this can in fact lead to a major problem.

Futhermore the pump offers a serial RS232 interface. Due to two RJ-12 connectors¹ the serial signal is looped through the pump to enable cascability. In this way several pumps can be integrated into a so called pump-chain.

3.1 RS-232

In order to establish the physical connection between a computer and the pump a special adapter and cable was build. A RJ-12 and a RJ-14 connector are mounted on the ends of a 6wire telephone cable. The two outer pins of the RJ-45 plug are left blank. The adapters pin assignement can be extracted from figure 3.1.

The software expects the pump to run with certain RS-232 settings. All settings concerning the serial interface are avaialbe by pressing the *RS-232* button. In a remtote controlled environment, like in this case, the pump need to be set up in the '*PUMP CHAIN*' Mode. This can be selected by pressing the *RS-232* button several times until the message appears on the

¹These connctetors are labeld *IN* and *OUT*

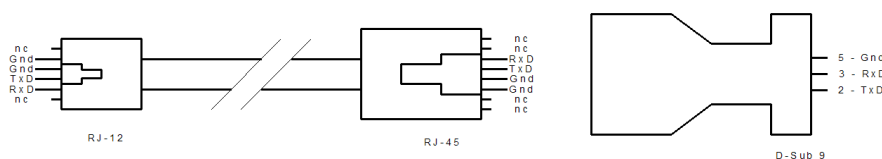


Figure 3.1: Cable and adapter (female DSUB-9) to connect the pump to a computer. The left hand side is connected to the pump, the other end to a computer

LCD. The new setting is confirmed with the *'enter'* button. In the following the pump requests an address, which will identify the pump if it is integrated into a pump chain. Currently the software doesn't support pump chains, so it is necessary to leave the address² unchanged. Pressing the *'enter'* button again will confirm the entered address and skip to the next query where the baud rate can be chosen. The software requires a baud rate of 9600bps.

If it becomes necessary to run the serial interface at another baud rate the pump offers different settings as shown below. But therefore the code³ has to be modified.

Baud Rate: 1200, 2400, 9600, 19200
 Word Size: 8
 Stop Bits: 2
 Parity: none

3.2 Pump Chain Protocol

The pump offers two protocol modes. Here the more comprehensive protocol *Model 44 Protocol* is used. The protocol can be chosen by pressing the button *'SET'* following the button *'1'*. By pressing this button again it will toggle between two available protocols. The current setting is displayed on the pump's LCD and can be confirmed by pressing *'enter'*.

Furthermore the pump should be operating in *'Vol Mode'* which can be selected by pressing the *'Select Mode'* button.

²The default address is: 00

³PortObj->baudrate(9600);

3.3 Manuel Settings

Sometimes it can be useful to operate the pump manual, e.g. to refill the syringe, and thus it is necessary to cope with the pumps own interface. In the following description it is always expected that the pump operates in '*Vol Mode*', which can be selected by the '*Select Mode*' button⁴. The pumping direction can be choosen via the '*Infuse/Refill*' button.

The pump is to be started by pressing '*Run/Stop*'. The pump can be stoped at any time by hitting this button again. In this case the pump will display an interrupt message including the pumped volume since the volume counter has been reset. The counter is reset each time its current value reaches the '*Target Volume*' amount. Besides while the pump is not activ the counter can be reset manually by hitting the '*Infuse/Refill*' button twice.

In order to change an arbitrary parameter a first hit of the '*Set*' button is necessary, followed by the parameter of interest. Wihtout pressing the '*Set*' button first the current value of the parameter will be displayed as long as the parameter button is pressed. The new value can be entered by using the keypad and confirmed with the '*enter*' button. If the value does not lie within the pumps limitations an error message showing '*OUT OF RANGE*' will be displayed. By pressing any button now the pump rejects the typed value and expects a new input. This will go on until an applicable value is entered.

All inputs are interpreted as values in units⁵ which are shown in front of the parameter value. Hitting the correspondent parameter button while the pump expects a numeric input will change the unit.

⁴There are three modes: '*Vol Mode*', '*Prog Mode*' and '*Pump Mode*'

⁵These are [mm], [um/mn], [um/hr], [ml/mn] and [ml/hr]

Chapter 4

Syringes

Four different Syringes were tested. Each of them has a standard LUER connector. Pictures of all tested syringes can be found in the Appendix. As it can be seen in Figure 4.1 the maximum flow is limited by the pumps feeding speed and thus by the syringe diameter. The feeding speed was determined by increasing the flow rate until an error message appeared. The maximal feeding speed is 7.94mm/s

Volume	Diameter	max. Inf. Rate	Manufacturer
1 ml	4.75 mm	3.3788 ml/min	BBraun
5 ml	12.2 mm	22.289 ml/min	Terumo
10 ml	16.2 mm	39.302 ml/min	Terumo
20 ml	20.15 mm	60.804 ml/min	Terumo
60 ml	29.5 mm	130.32 ml/min	Terumo

Table 4.1: Tested syringes for the PHD 2000 pump.

Chapter 5

Dropsizes

Due to surface tension the size of a droplet mainly depends on the tubes geometry. This is valid as long as the flow of the liquid isn't too high. For slow flow rates a droplet can grow at the end of the tube and it will separate from the tube if the weight exceeds the attractive forces due to surface tension and adhesion, cohesion. But this is a comparatively slow¹ and imprecise process. Perturbations like mechanical vibrations can lead to an earlier release before the actual size of the droplet is reached. It was observed that for certain pumping speeds even the stepper motor inside the pump reached resonances which created enough vibration to shake the droplet off the needle.

A better approach is to 'shoot' a droplet out of the tube. Thus there is no time for the droplet to develop a large contact area to the tube or needle. The conditions of a separating droplet are much more well defined as in the described way before. This was verified in an experiment where the weight of five times 100 droplets were measured at different flow rates. The measurements show that the actual variance in dropsizes at high flow rates ($> 20\text{ml}/\text{min}$) depends on the pumps accuracy and isn't influenced by external perturbations any longer.

5.1 Syringes and Tubes

Experiments showed that with flow rates greater than $16\text{ml}/\text{min}$ adequate results are achievable. With regard to the accessible flow rates, as it can be seen in Figure 4.1 and the possible accuracy which can be extracted from Figures A.2-A.2 a 5ml Syringe is generally recommended (cf. 6.1).

¹For instance $50\mu\text{l}$ with a flow rate of $2\text{ml}/\text{min}$ takes 1.5s whereas with $20\text{ml}/\text{min}$ the same amount lasts only 16.7ms

Syringe	Aperture	Flow Rate	Target Vol	Real Vol
5 ml	0.7 mm Needle	16ml/min	5 μ l	5.5 $\pm$ 0.1 μ l
5 ml	1.0 mm Needle	16ml/min	13 μ l	13.2 $\pm$ 0.1 μ l
5 ml	1.0 mm Needle	20ml/min	18 μ l	18.6 $\pm$ 0.2 μ l
5 ml	3 mm silicone Tube	22 ml/min	60 μ l	62.5 $\pm$ 0.3 μ l
20 ml	3 mm PTFE Tube	20 ml/min	50 μ l	50.9 $\pm$ 0.1 μ l

Table 5.1: Tested combinations.

Especially if droplets about 10 μ l or less are desired there is no reasonable alternative.

Besides, each time a droplet separates from a needle or tube a smaller part is left behind. This can lead to an accumulation of a secondary droplet which will also separate if its volume gets to big. Therefore it is very important to estimate the sufficient volume of the primary droplet. Thus the accumulation would be kept small. Table 5.1 shows some useful combinations and settings which are recommended if water or similar liquids² are used. A short procedure how to determine the sufficient volume is described in section 5.1.1. The column 'Real Volume' in table 5.1 was determined by the actual pumped amount which is displayed on the pumps LCD, assuming that the variance in the actual volume of a droplet is negligible.

Furthermore, to obtain very small droplets (< 10 μ l) it is crucial to ensure that no air is left inside the syringe. For high flow rates and small needles or tube apertures the air inside would rather be compressed than the liquid pushed out. In the following the slowly relaxing air would then lead to a decreased flowrate of the liquid which should be avoided as mentioned above.

5.1.1 Determining the Dropsize

If new parameters have to be determined there is a quick method which step by step approaches the optimal settings. But it should be taken into account that during this process a few 100 μ l of the liquid will be spent.

First of all the pump has to be set up with the syringe³ and needle of choice. The liquid inside the syringe should also completely fill the needle. Therefore you can pump some liquid at a low flow rate⁴ through

²In terms of compressibility and surface tension, etc.

³Don't forget to update the diameter parameter accordingly.

⁴e.g. 'Infuse Rate = 1ml/min

the needle. If a constant dripping is observable the entire needle is filled with the liquid. Anyway any air inside the system has still to be avoided.

Before determining the actual dropsize it is necessary to know the absolute upper limit of a droplets volume. This is the volume a droplet would have if it could grow as slow as possible. In order to estimate this value the liquid is pumped through the needle again. This time the pump has to be stopped as soon as the first droplet separates. If no droplets are created, because a stream of liquid is produced the flow rate needs to be decreased. During this process the pumping Volume is set to a comparably high value⁵ of e.g. '*Target Volume*' = 1ml. If the pump is stopped as mentioned, this volume isn't spend entirely and the actualy pumped volume equals the desired value of the upper limit. The pumped volume is displayed on the LCD. Of course it is recommended to remove every droplet which juts out of the needle before. If necessary the volume counter can be reset by pressing the '*Infuse/Refill*' button twice.

Finally the flow rate, respectively the '*Infuse Rate*' can be increased to the final value of about $> 16\text{ml}/\text{min}$. Because they show a better reproducibility higher flow rates are generally preferred. But the generation of noise and vibrations should also be considered. Furthermore the pumps accuracy can play an important role (cf. Fig. A.2-A.2).

Nevertheless starting with the maximum drop size (upper limit) the '*Target Volume*' can be decreased step by step until only one single droplet is created each time the '*RUN/STOP*' button is pressed. Due to fine tuning the '*Target Volume*' it is possible to diminish the remaining part, after a droplet separated, until it almost vanishes.

5.2 Needle Preparation

The contact are between a droplet and a tube should be kept small. This increases reproducibility in dropsize and enables smaller droplets. Due to their bevel spike especially hypodermic needles need a special treatment. In addition the asymmetric spike complicates a precise readjustment of the needle, e.g. after a refill. Since the gravitational pull is also responsible for separating a droplet from the needle an oblique alignment lead to a variation in dropsize.

For these reasons all needles have been manually ground until a clean tube-like ending was achieved (cf. Fig. 5.1). In order to prevent the needle from clogging due to grit the needle was regularly flushed with water

⁵It doesn't really matter but the volume has to be larger than the volume which is to be determined

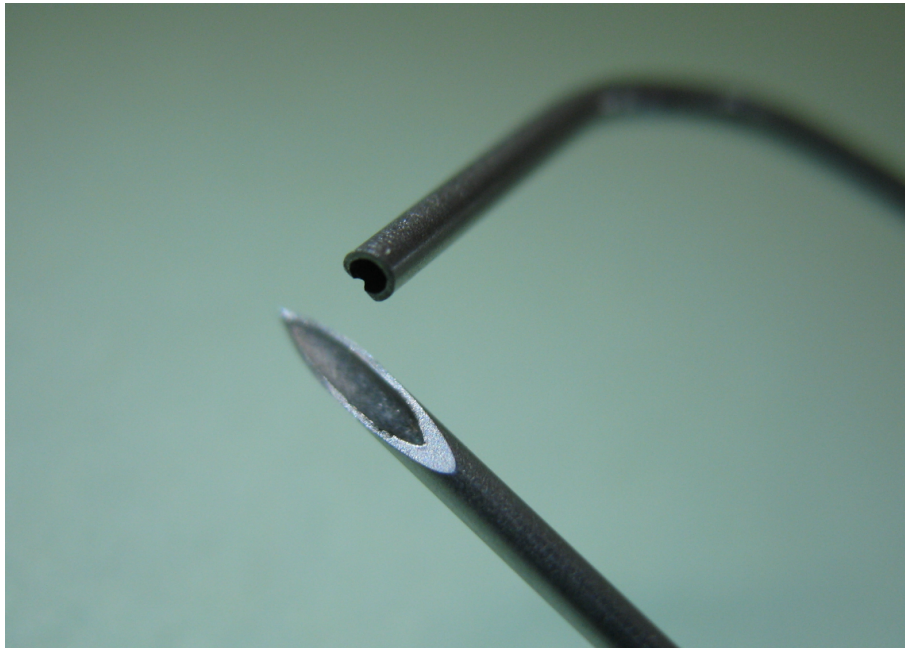


Figure 5.1: In order to minimize the cross section surface, the bevel spike was completely removed by manual grinding on sandpaper (400).

during the grinding. Some needles, particularly spinal needles, come with an inner none-hollow needle which also can ensure the outer needle not to clog if it is applied during the grinding.

Afterwards the needle needs to be cleaned. This was done by flushing and washing the needle with water and isopropanol. Because residua of the isopropanol can alter the wetting property of the metallic needle the first few droplets might differ in volume critically.

Chapter 6

Experiments

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6.1 Minimal Volume

The minimal available pumping volume had been investigated in dependency on the applied flow rate and syringe diameter. Therefore the '*Target Volume*' was set to the lowest possible value of $0.1\mu\text{l}$. The '*Diameter*' was set with respect to 1ml , 5ml and 10ml syringes (cf. 4.1).

The actual measurement was done by hitting the '*Run / Stop*' button once and reading off the volume counter, which is displayed on the LCD. In order to get an average value this process was repeated 5 times. Afterwards the flow rate was changed. Therefore the '*Infusion Rate*' was altered during the measurement in equidistant steps until the maximum was reached (cf. 4.1).

Figure 6.1 shows the result for 5ml syringes. The measurement for 1ml and 10ml syringes can be found in the appendix (cf. A.2-A.2). These plots obviously show that the minimal pumping volume is neither a constant value nor is there a global linear behaviour. This result is very important if small droplest ($< 10\mu\text{l}$) have to be otbained.

6.2 Droplets Diameter

When a droplet hits the surface of a substrate it will spread depending on the substrates wetting property and the height of fall. Therefore the droplets' diameter had been studied when varying the needle/substrate

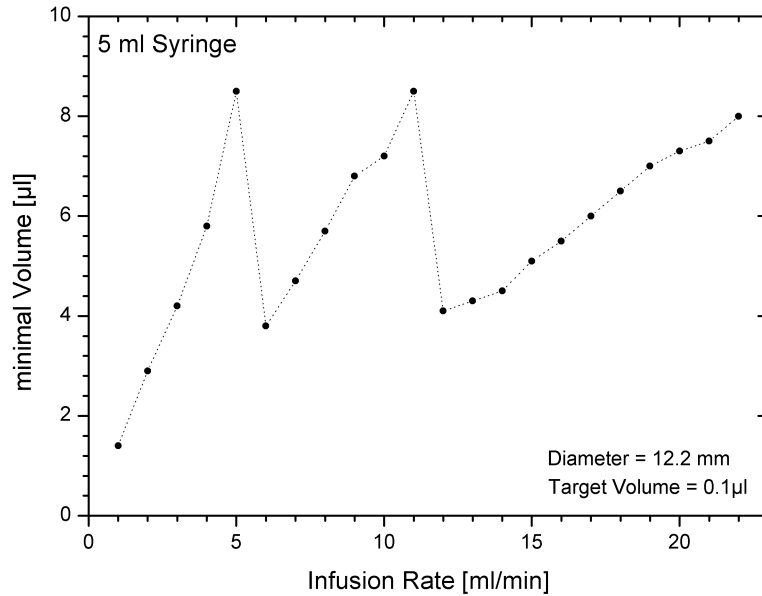


Figure 6.1:

distance. During this investigation common *Post-It* papers were chosen as substrate. In combination with water *Post-Its* show a very poor wettability, thus we expect a strong dependency.

A 5ml Syringe together with a spinal needle (black, 0.7 x 90mm) was chosen to create tiny droplets. The Target Volume was set up to 5 μl and the Infuse Rate to 16 ml/min . In this way all droplets had the same volume of 5.5 μl and the deviation was smaller than 0.1 μl since the pump wasn't able to resolve it. The pump was manually operated. The height of fall was adjusted by a laboratory jack and measured with a caliper.

The results are shown in Figure 6.2. A caliper at the top end of the picture allows the measurement of the vertical and horizontal droplet diameter. Due to different scaling¹ of height and width a separate treatment is necessary. The diameter of each droplet was determined by averaging over horizontal and vertical diameter. If an uncertainty about 2 pixels in diameter measurement and 5 pixels in scaling is supposed the achievable failure will be within $\pm 0.04 \text{ mm}$. This is much smaller than the variances

¹width-to-height ratio: first picture 0.692 , second picture 0.872

of the droplets diameter, as it can be seen in Figure 6.3.

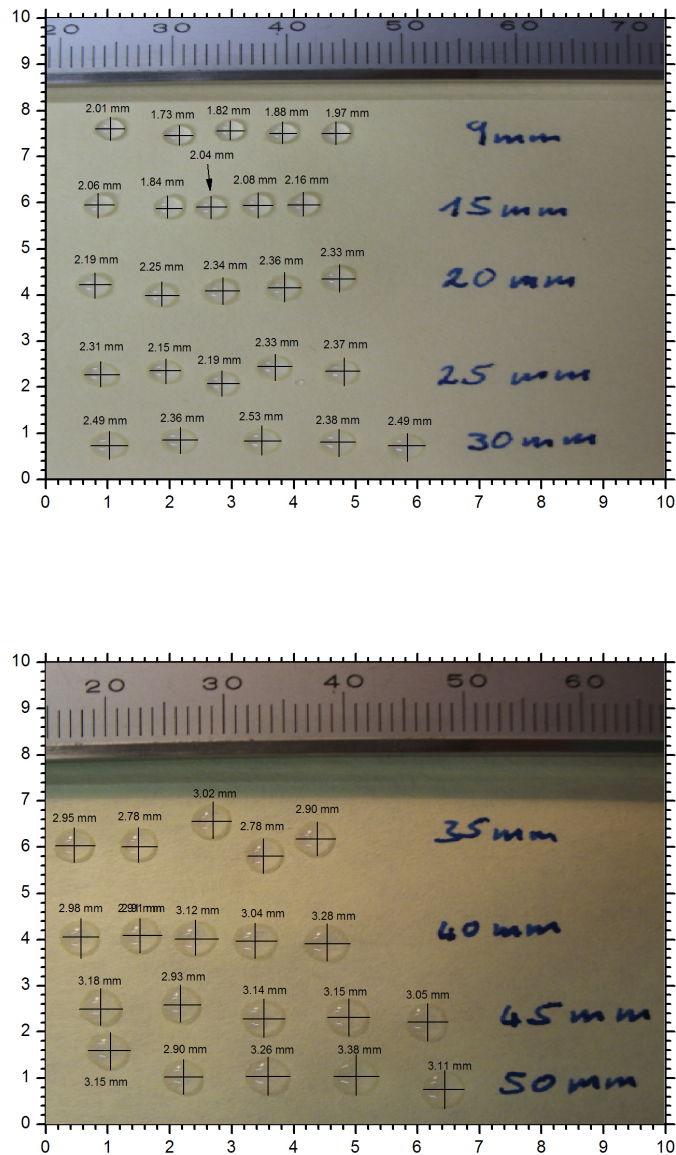


Figure 6.2: Du to paper thickness an offset of -1.2mm has to be taken into account.

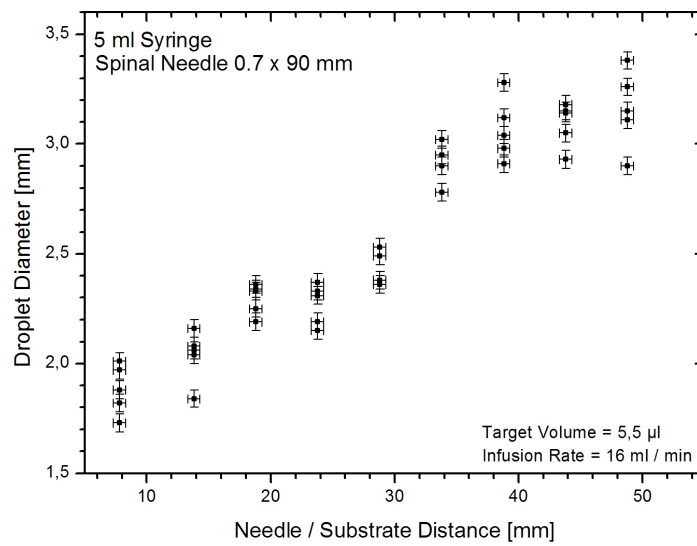


Figure 6.3: 2 pixel, 0.5mm height

Appendix A

Syringes and Needles

A.1 Syringes



1 ml Syringe, Diameter 4.75mm, max Infusion Rate:
 3.3788 ml/min



5 ml Syringe, Diameter 12.2mm, max Infusion Rate: 22.289ml/min



10 ml Syringe, Diameter 16.2mm, max Infusion Rate: 39.302ml/min

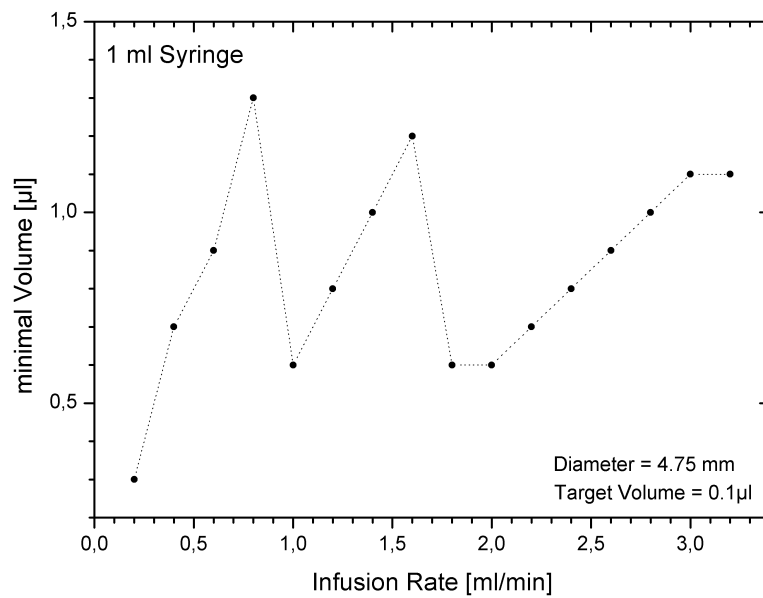


20 ml Syringe, Diameter 20.15mm, max Infusion Rate:
60.804ml/min

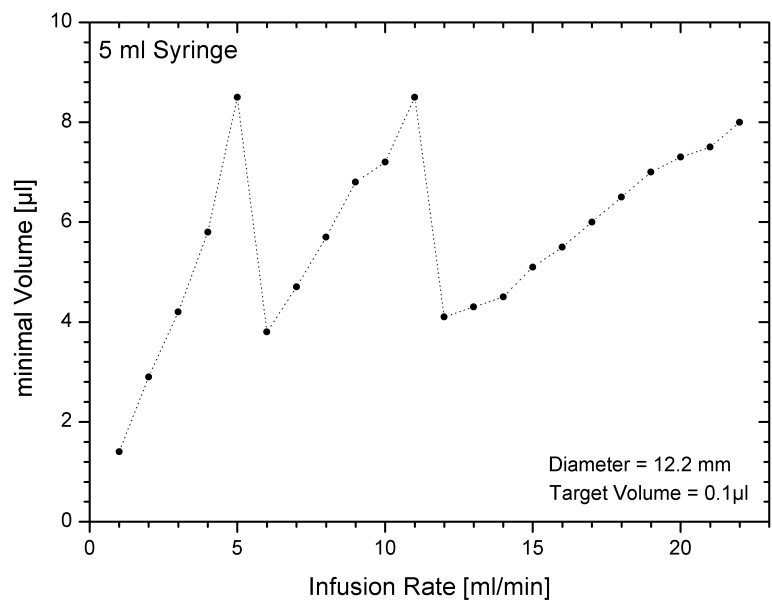


50 ml Syringe, Diameter 29.5mm, max Infusion Rate:
130.32ml/min

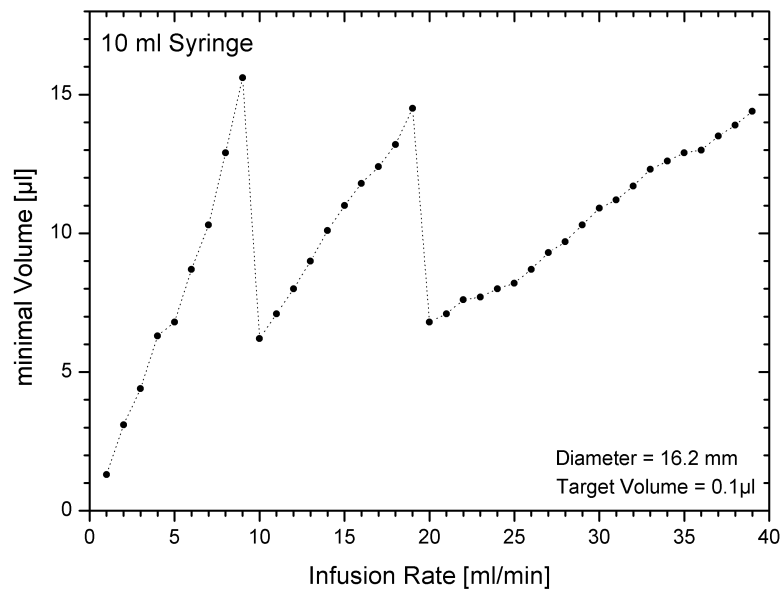
A.2 min Volume



minimal Volume vs. Infusion Rate : 1 ml Syringe



minimal Volume vs. Infusion Rate : 5 ml Syringe

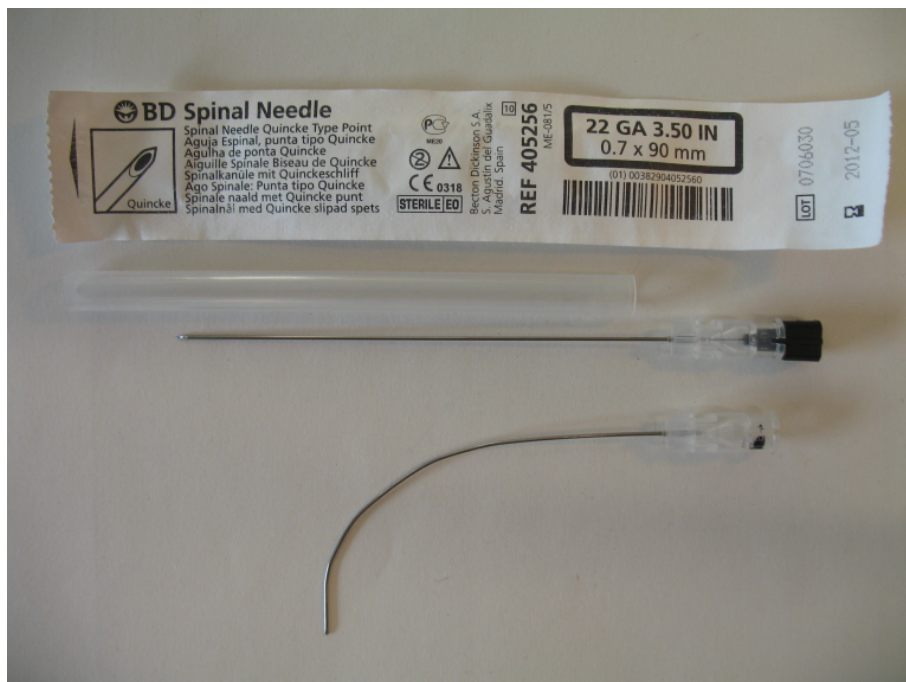


minimal Volume vs. Infusion Rate : 10 ml Syringe

A.3 Needles



Hypodermic needle, before and after preparation. Needle aperture: 1 mm



Spinal needle, before and after preparation. Needle aperture: 0.7 mm



Spinal needle, before and after preparation. Needle aperture: 0.5 mm

Appendix B

The Perl Code

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1  #!/perl -w
2
3  use strict;
4
5
6  use vars qw($OS_win $PortObj $port);
7
8  BEGIN{
9      $OS_win = ($^O eq "MSWin32") ? 1 : 0;
10     if ($OS_win){
11         eval "use Win32::SerialPort qw(:STAT_0.19)";
12         die "$@\n" if ($@);
13     }
14     else{
15         eval "use Device::SerialPort";
16         die "$@\n" if ($@);
17     }
18 }
19
20
21 if ($OS_win) {
22     $port = "COM1"; #which port shell be used?
23     $PortObj = Win32::SerialPort->new ($port);
24 }
25 else {
26     $port = '/dev/ttyS0'; #equals COM1
27     $PortObj = Device::SerialPort->new($port);
28 }
29 die "Can't open serial port $port: $^E\n" unless ($PortObj);
30
31
32
33 #my $PortObj = Win32::SerialPort->new ("COM1")
34 # or die "Can't open COM1: $E\n";
35 $PortObj->baudrate(9600);
36 $PortObj->parity("none");
37 $PortObj->databits(8);
38 $PortObj->stopbits(2);
39 $PortObj->handshake("none");
40 $PortObj->buffers(4096,4096);
41
42
43 $PortObj->write_settings || undef $PortObj;
44
45
46
47 #-----
48 my $diameter;
49
50 my $inf_rate;
51 my $inf_unit;
52
53 my $ref_rate;
54 my $ref_unit;
55
56 my $target_vol;
57
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58 my $tube_vol;
59
60 #----- # [ml]
61 my $drop_vol = 0; # [ml]
62 my $drop_save_vol = 0; # [ml]
63 my $drop_flow = 0; # [ml/min]
64 my $drop_save_flow = 0; # [ml/min]
65 #-----
66
67
68
69
70 my $str;
71 my $exit=1;
72 while($exit!=0){
73
74     print "\n-----_Program_v0.8_-----\n";
75     print "_main....._Pump_&_Refill_\n";
76     print "_set....._Settings_\n";
77     print "_debug....._Debug_Mode_\n";
78     print "_exit....._Exit_Program_\n";
79     print "-----\n>";
80
81     chomp($str = <STDIN>);
82
83     if($str eq 'exit'){
84         $exit=0;
85         print "_Exit_Program!\n";
86     }
87     elsif($str eq 'main'){
88         if($drop_vol == 0 || $drop_save_vol == 0 || $drop_flow == 0 || $drop_save_flow == 0){
89             print "_At_least_one_value_wasn't_defined_yet.\n_Run_the_'set'>_dia'_programme_again.\n";
90         }
91         else{&MAIN;}
92     }
93     elsif($str eq 'set'){&SET;}
94     elsif($str eq 'debug'){&DEBUG;}
95     else{print "Wrong_command!\n"}
96 }
97
98
99
100
101 sub MAIN{
102     my $cmd;
103     my $in = "";
104     my $x=1;
105
106     my $drops;
107     my $pause;
108
109     # calculate the some delays
110     my $drop_time = sprintf("%.1f",($drop_vol / $drop_flow * 60)+0.5);
111     my $drop_time_save = sprintf("%.0f",($drop_save_vol / $drop_save_flow * 60)+0.5);
112
113
114     while($x!=0){
115
116         print "-----_Main_-----\n";
117         print "_fill....._fill_the_tube\n";
118         print "_refill....._refill_your_system\n";
119         print "_drop....._drop_1_drop\n";
120         #print " flow..... create a constant flow\n";
121         #print " stop..... stop the pump\n";
122         print "-----\nMain>";
123
124         chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
125         if($cmd eq 'exit'){ $x=0; }
126
127
128         elsif($cmd eq 'drop'){
129
130
131             print "_How_many_drops_do_you_want?\nMain\\drop>";
132             chomp($drops = <STDIN>);
133
134
135             if($drops>1){
136                 print "_Which_repition_rate_[s]?_For_fastest_type_0.\nMain\\drop>";
137                 chomp($pause = <STDIN>);
138             }
139             else{$pause=0;}
140

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224     $in = $PortObj->input;
225     if (length($in)>2 && substr($in,1,2) eq "0:"){ print "\tdone\n";}
226     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
227
228
229     $PortObj->write("TGT");
230     $PortObj->write($drop_save_vol);
231     $PortObj->write("\r");
232     print "...set_target_volume to ", $drop_save_vol, ".ml";
233     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
234     $in = $PortObj->input;
235     if (length($in)>2 && substr($in,1,2) eq "0:"){ print "\tdone\n";}
236     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
237
238
239     $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
240     print "...pumping";
241     sleep $drop_time_save;
242     $PortObj->write("DEL\r");
243     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
244     $in = $PortObj->input;
245     print "\t\t\t", substr($in,6,6), ".ml\n";
246
247
248 }
249
250
251 elsif($cmd eq 'flow'){
252
253     print "...Please specify the desired infusion rate [ml/s] \nMain\\flow>";
254     chomp($inf_rate = <STDIN>);
255     $PortObj->write("RAT");
256     $PortObj->write($inf_rate*60);
257     $PortObj->write("MM\r");
258
259     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
260
261     $PortObj->write("RAT");
262     $PortObj->write("\r");
263
264     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
265
266     $in = $PortObj->input;
267
268     if (substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
269         print "\a This is not possible. The original value has not been changed.\n";
270         $inf_rate = substr($in,12,6);
271         $inf_unit = substr($in,20,5);
272     }
273     else{
274         $inf_rate = substr($in,6,6);
275         $inf_unit = substr($in,13,5);
276     }
277     if ($inf_unit eq 'ml/mn'){ $inf_rate=$inf_rate/60; $inf_unit=".ml/s";}
278     print "\a Infuse Rate = ", $inf_rate, $inf_unit, "\n\n";
279
280
281
282
283
284     print "...Please specify the target volume [ml] \nMain\\flow>";
285     chomp($target_vol = <STDIN>);
286
287     $PortObj->write("TGT");
288     $PortObj->write($target_vol);
289     $PortObj->write("\r");
290
291     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
292
293     $PortObj->write("TGT");
294     $PortObj->write("\r");
295     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
296     $in = $PortObj->input;
297
298     if (substr($in,3,1) eq '?'){
299         print "\a This is not possible. The original value has not been changed.\n";
300         $target_vol = substr($in,12,6);
301     }
302     else{
303         $target_vol = substr($in,6,6);
304     }
305     print "\a Target Volume = ", $target_vol, ".ml\n\n";
306

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307 $PortObj->write("DIRINF\r");
308
309 print "...set_pump_direction:_infusion";
310 select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
311 print "\tdone\n";
312
313
314
315 print "\nDo_you_want_to_start_now?_[yes/no]\nMain\\fill>";
316 chomp($in = <STDIN>);
317 if($in eq 'yes'){
318     $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
319     print "...pumping...";
320 }
321 else{print "...aborting\n\n";}
322
323
324
325
326
327
328 }
329
330
331 elseif($cmd eq 'fill'){
332     print "...Please_enter_the_tube_Volume_[ml].\nMain\\fill>";
333     chomp($tube_vol = <STDIN>);
334
335     print "...set_pump_direction:_infusion_";
336     $PortObj->write("DIRINF\r");
337     sleep 1;
338     print "\tdone\n";
339
340     $PortObj->write("TGT");
341     $PortObj->write($tube_vol);
342     $PortObj->write("\r");
343     print "...set_target_volume_to_", $tube_vol, "ml.";
344     sleep 1;
345     print "\t\tdone\n";
346
347     $PortObj->write("RAT50MM\r");
348     print "...set_infusion_rate_to_50_ml/min_";
349     sleep 1;
350     print "\tdone\n";
351
352     print "\nDo_you_want_to_fill_the_tube_now?_[yes/no]\nMain\\fill>";
353     chomp($in = <STDIN>);
354     if($in eq 'yes'){
355
356         $pause = sprintf("%.0f",($tube_vol / 50 * 60)+1);
357
358         $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
359         print "...pumping_";
360         select(undef,undef,undef,$pause);
361         print "\t\t\tdone\n";
362
363
364         $PortObj->write("DIRREF\r");
365         print "...set_pump_direction:_refill_";
366         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
367         print "\tdone\n";
368
369         $PortObj->write("RFR");
370         $PortObj->write($drop.save_flow);
371         $PortObj->write("\r");
372         print "...set_refill_rate_to_", $drop.save_flow, "ml/min";
373         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
374         print "\tdone\n";
375
376
377         $PortObj->write("TGT");
378         $PortObj->write($drop.save_vol);
379         $PortObj->write("\r");
380         print "...set_target_volume_to_", $drop.save_vol, "ml";
381
382         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
383         print "\tdone\n";
384
385         $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
386         print "...pumping";
387         sleep $drop.time.save;
388         print"\t\t\tdone\n\n";
389

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390     }
391     else{print "..._aborting...\n\n";}
392 }
393
394
395
396
397 elseif($cmd eq 'refill'){
398
399     print "...Please_enter_the_refill_volume?\nMain\\refill>";
400     chomp($target_vol = <STDIN>);
401
402
403
404     $PortObj->write("DIRINF\r");
405     print "..._set_pump_direction:_infusion";
406     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
407     print "\\tdone\n";
408
409     $PortObj->write("TGT");
410     $PortObj->write($drop_save_vol);
411     $PortObj->write("\r");
412     print "..._set_target_volume_to_", $drop_save_vol,"_ml";
413     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
414     print "\\tdone\n";
415
416     $PortObj->write("RAT");
417     $PortObj->write($drop_save_flow);
418     $PortObj->write("\r");
419     print "..._set_infusion_rate_to_", $drop_save_flow , "_ml/min";
420     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
421     print "\\tdone\n";
422
423
424     print "\n_Make_sure_the_syringe_has_access_to_the_liquid.\nDo_you_want_to_refill_now?[yes/no]\nMain\\refill>";
425     chomp($in = <STDIN>);
426     if ($in eq 'yes'){
427
428         $pause = sprintf("%.0f",((($target_vol+1) / 50 * 60)+1));
429
430
431         $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
432         print "..._pumping";
433         sleep $drop_time_save;
434         print "\\t\\t\\tdone\n\n";
435
436         $PortObj->write("DIRREF\r");
437         print "..._set_pump_direction:_refill";
438         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
439         print "\\tdone\n";
440
441         $PortObj->write("RRF50MM\r");
442         print "..._set_refill_rate_to_50_ml/min";
443         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
444         print "\\tdone\n";
445
446         $PortObj->write("TGT");
447         $PortObj->write($target_vol+1);
448         $PortObj->write("\r");
449         print "..._set_target_volume_to_", $target_vol+1,"_ml";
450         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
451         print "\\tdone\n";
452
453         $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
454         print "..._pumping";
455         select(undef,undef,undef,$pause);
456         print "\\t\\t\\tdone\n\n";
457
458
459
460
461         $pause = sprintf("%.0f",((1) / 20 * 60)+1);
462
463         $PortObj->write("DIRINF\r");
464         print "..._set_pump_direction:_infuse";
465         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
466         print "\\tdone\n";
467
468         $PortObj->write("RRF20MM\r");
469         print "..._set_refill_rate_to_20_ml/min";
470         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
471         print "\\tdone\n";
472

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473 $PortObj->write("TGT\r");
474 print "...set target volume to 1 ml";
475 select(undef, undef, undef, 0.2);
476 print "\tdone\n";
477
478 $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
479 print "...pumping";
480 select(undef, undef, undef, $pause);
481 print "\t\t\t\tdone\n\n";
482
483
484
485
486
487
488 $in="";
489 print "\nMake sure the syringe has NO access to the liquid anymore.[ok]\nMain\\refill>";
490 chomp($in = <STDIN>);
491 if ($in eq 'ok'){
492
493     $PortObj->write("DIRREF\r");
494     print "...set pump direction : refill ";
495     select(undef, undef, undef, 0.2);
496     print "\tdone\n";
497
498     $PortObj->write("RFR");
499     $PortObj->write($drop_save_flow);
500     $PortObj->write("\r");
501     print "...set refill rate to ", $drop_save_flow, " ml/min";
502     select(undef, undef, undef, 0.2);
503     print "\tdone\n";
504
505
506     $PortObj->write("TGT");
507     $PortObj->write($drop_save_vol);
508     $PortObj->write("\r");
509     print "...set target volume to ", $drop_save_vol, " ml";
510
511     select(undef, undef, undef, 0.2);
512     print "\tdone\n";
513
514     $PortObj->write("RUN\r");
515     print "...pumping";
516     sleep $drop_time_save;
517     print"\t\t\t\tdone\n\n";
518 }
519 else{print "...aborting\n\n";}
520
521 }
522
523 else{print "...aborting\n\n";}
524
525
526
527
528
529
530
531 }
532
533 elseif($cmd eq 'stop'){
534     $PortObj->write("STP");
535     $PortObj->write("\r");
536 }
537
538
539 else{print "Wrong command!\n"}
540 }
541
542 print "\n\n";
543
544 }
545
546
547
548
549
550 sub SET{
551     my $x=1;
552     my $cmd;
553     my $in="";
554
555

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556 while($x!=0){
557     print "_____Settings_____\n";
558     print "all.....get all parameters\n";
559     print "dia.....set diameter and all other paramters\n";
560     #print "inf ..... set infuse rate\n";
561     #print "ref ..... set refill rate\n";
562     #print "vol ..... set target volume\n";
563     print "exit.....return to main menu\n";
564     print "_____Settings>";
565
566     chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
567     if($cmd eq 'exit'){ $x=0;}
568
569     elsif($cmd eq 'all'){
570
571         # GET DIAMETER
572         $PortObj->write("DIA\r");
573         print "_Diameter_:=\t";
574         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
575         $in = $PortObj->input;
576         if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,11,2) eq "0:"){
577             print substr($in,3,6), "\tmm\n";
578         }
579         else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
580
581         # GET INFUSE RATE
582         $PortObj->write("RAT\r");
583         print "_Infuse_Rate_:=\t";
584         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
585         $in = $PortObj->input;
586         if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,17,2) eq "0:"){
587             $inf_unit = substr($in,10,5);
588             $inf_rate = substr($in,3,6);
589             print $inf_rate, "\t", $inf_unit, "\n";
590         }
591         else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
592
593         # GET REFILL RATE
594         $PortObj->write("RFR\r");
595         print "_Refill_Rate_:=\t";
596         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
597         $in = $PortObj->input;
598         if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,17,2) eq "0:"){
599             $ref_unit = substr($in,10,5);
600             $ref_rate = substr($in,3,6);
601             print $ref_rate, "\t", $ref_unit, "\n";
602         }
603         else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
604
605         # GET TARGET VOLUME
606         $PortObj->write("TGT\r");
607         print "_Target_Vol_:=\t";
608         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
609         $in = $PortObj->input;
610         if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,11,2) eq "0:"){
611             print substr($in,3,6), "\tml\n";
612         }
613         else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
614
615         print".....\n";
616         print "_Droplet_Vol_:=\t", $drop_vol, "\tml\n";
617         print "_Droplet_Flow_:=\t", $drop_flow, "\tml/mn\n";
618         print "_Save_Vol_:=\t", $drop_save_vol, "\tml\n";
619         print "_Save_Flow_:=\t", $drop_save_flow, "\tml/mn\n\n";
620
621     }
622
623     elsif($cmd eq 'dia'){
624
625         # SET DIAMETER
626         print "_Diameter_[mm]_:=\t";
627         chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
628         $PortObj->write("DIA");
629         $PortObj->write($cmd);
630         $PortObj->write("\r");
631         select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);

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639 $in = $PortObj->input;
640 if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
641     print "\a_This_is_not_possible._The_original_value_has_not_been_changed.\n";
642     last;
643 }
644 elsif(substr($in,1,2) eq '0:'){
645     # GET DIAMETER
646     $PortObj->write("DIA\r");
647     print "_Diameter_=\t\t";
648     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
649     $in = $PortObj->input;
650     if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,11,2) eq "0:"){
651         print substr($in,3,6), "\tmm\n";
652         $diameter = substr($in,3,6);
653     }
654     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
655 }
656 else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
657
658 # SET DROPLET VOLUME
659 print "_Droplet_Vol_[ul]_:\t";
660 chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
661 $PortObj->write("TGT");
662 $PortObj->write($cmd/1000);
663 $PortObj->write("\r");
664 select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
665 $in = $PortObj->input;
666 if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
667     print "\a_This_is_not_possible.\n";
668     last;
669 }
670 }
671 elsif(substr($in,1,2) eq '0:'){
672     # GET TARGET VOLUME
673     $PortObj->write("TGT\r");
674     print "_Droplet_Vol._=\t";
675     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
676     $in = $PortObj->input;
677     if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,11,2) eq "0:"){
678         print substr($in,3,6)*1000, "\tul\n";
679         $drop_vol = substr($in,3,6);
680     }
681     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
682 }
683 else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
684
685 # SET DROPLET FLOW
686 print "_Droplet_FLOW_[ml/mm]_:\t";
687 chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
688 $PortObj->write("RAT");
689 $PortObj->write($cmd);
690 $PortObj->write("MM\r");
691 select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
692 $in = $PortObj->input;
693 if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
694     print "\a_This_is_not_possible.\n";
695     last;
696 }
697 }
698 elsif(substr($in,1,2) eq '0:'){
699     # GET INFUSE RATE
700     $PortObj->write("RAT\r");
701     print "_Droplet_Flow_=\t\t";
702     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
703     $in = $PortObj->input;
704     if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,17,2) eq "0:"){
705         $inf_unit = substr($in,10,5);
706         $inf_rate = substr($in,3,6);
707         print $inf_rate, "\t", $inf_unit, "\n";
708         $drop_flow = substr($in,3,6);
709     }
710     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
711 }
712 else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
713
714 # SET SAVE VOLUME
715 print "_Save_Vol_[ml]_:\t";
716 chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
717 $PortObj->write("TGT");
718 $PortObj->write($cmd);
719 $PortObj->write("\r");
720 select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);

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722 $in = $PortObj->input;
723 if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
724     print "\a_This_is_not_possible.\n";
725     last;
726 }
727 elsif(substr($in,1,2) eq '0:'){
728     # GET TARGET VOLUME
729     $PortObj->write("TGT\r");
730     print "_Save_Vol_=_\t\t";
731     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
732     $in = $PortObj->input;
733     if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,11,2) eq "0:"){
734         print substr($in,3,6), "\tml\n";
735         $drop_save_vol = substr($in,3,6);
736     }
737     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
738 }
739 else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
740
741 # SET Save FLOW
742 print "_Save_FLOW_[ml/mn]_:\t";
743 chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
744 $PortObj->write("RAT");
745 $PortObj->write($cmd);
746 $PortObj->write("MM\r");
747 select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
748 $in = $PortObj->input;
749 if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
750     print "\a_This_is_not_possible.\n";
751     last;
752 }
753 }
754 elsif(substr($in,1,2) eq '0:'){
755     # GET INFUSE RATE
756     $PortObj->write("RAT\r");
757     print "_Save_Flow_=_\t\t";
758     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
759     $in = $PortObj->input;
760     if(length($in)>2 && substr($in,17,2) eq "0:"){
761         $inf_unit = substr($in,10,5);
762         $inf_rate = substr($in,3,6);
763         print $inf_rate, "\t", $inf_unit, "\n";
764         $drop_save_flow = substr($in,3,6);
765     }
766     else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
767 }
768 else{print "\terror!\n";last;}
769
770 print "\n\n";
771 }
772
773 }
774
775 elsif($cmd eq 'inf'){
776
777     print "_Please_specify_the_desired_infusion_rate_[ul/s]_\\nSettings\\Infusion_Rate>";
778     chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
779     $PortObj->write("RAT");
780     $PortObj->write($cmd*60);
781     $PortObj->write("TM\r");
782
783     #sleep 1;
784     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
785
786     $PortObj->write("RAT");
787     $PortObj->write("\r");
788     #sleep 1;
789     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
790     $in = $PortObj->input;
791
792     #print " \a", $in, "\n";
793
794     if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
795         print "\a_This_is_not_possible_._The_original_value_has_not_been_changed.\n";
796         $inf_rate = substr($in,12,6);
797         $inf_unit = substr($in,20,5);
798     }
799     else{
800         $inf_rate = substr($in,6,6);
801         $inf_unit = substr($in,13,5);
802     }
803     if($inf_unit eq 'ul/mn'){ $inf_rate=$inf_rate/60; $inf_unit="_ul/s";}
804     print "\a_Infuse_Rate=_", $inf_rate, $inf_unit, "\n\n";

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805
806
807     $in="";
808
809 }
810
811 elsif($cmd eq 'ref'){
812
813     print "_Please_specify_the_desired_refill_rate_[ml/min]_\nSettings\\Refill_Rate>";
814     chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
815     $PortObj->write("RFR");
816     $PortObj->write($cmd);
817     $PortObj->write("\r");
818
819     #sleep 1;
820     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
821
822     $PortObj->write("RFR");
823     $PortObj->write("\r");
824     #sleep 1;
825     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
826     $in = $PortObj->input;
827
828     #print " \a", $in, "\n";
829
830     if(substr($in,3,3) eq 'OOR'){
831         print "\a_This_is_not_possible._The_original_value_has_not_been_changed.\n";
832         $ref_rate = substr($in,12,6);
833         $ref_unit = substr($in,20,5);
834     }
835     else{
836         $ref_rate = substr($in,6,6);
837         $ref_unit = substr($in,13,5);
838     }
839     if($ref_unit eq 'ml/mn'){ $inf_rate=$inf_rate; $ref_unit="_ml/min";}
840     print "\a_Refill_Rate=_", $ref_rate, $ref_unit, "\n\n";
841
842     $in="";
843
844 }
845
846
847 elsif($cmd eq 'vol'){
848
849     print "_Please_specify_the_target_volume_[ml]_\nSettings\\Target_Volume>";
850     chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
851     $PortObj->write("TGT");
852     $PortObj->write($cmd);
853     $PortObj->write("\r");
854
855     #sleep 1;
856     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
857
858     $PortObj->write("TGT");
859     $PortObj->write("\r");
860     #sleep 1;
861     select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
862     $in = $PortObj->input;
863
864     #print " \a", $in, "\n";
865
866     if(substr($in,3,1) eq '?'){
867         print "\a_This_is_not_possible._The_original_value_has_not_been_changed.\n";
868         $target_vol = substr($in,12,6);
869     }
870     else{
871         $target_vol = substr($in,6,6);
872     }
873
874
875     print "\a_Target_Volume=_", $target_vol, "_ml\n\n";
876
877
878     $in="";
879
880 }
881
882
883 }
884
885
886 else{print "Wrong_command!\n";}
887

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888     }
889     print "\n\n";
890 }
891
892
893
894
895
896 sub DEBUG{
897
898     my $cmd;
899     my $in = "";
900     my $x=1;
901
902     print "-----_Debug_-----\nDEBUG>";
903
904     while ($x!=0){
905         chomp($cmd = <STDIN>);
906         if ($cmd eq 'exit'){ $x=0;}
907         else{
908             $PortObj->write($cmd);
909             $PortObj->write("\r");
910             #sleep 1;
911             select(undef,undef,undef,0.2);
912             $in = $PortObj->input;
913             print " _", $in;
914             $in="";
915             print "\n-----\nDEBUG>";
916         }
917     }
918     print "\n\n";
919 }
920
921
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923
924
925
926
927
928
929 $PortObj->close
930     or die "failed to close";
931 undef $PortObj;

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