Osci-Flow®

Flow Controller

Users Manual



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Getting Started

Introduction

Fluid-induced shear stress occurs in every tissue in the body as a result of interstitial fluid movement. Tissue deformation by compression, tension or shear forces results in the movement of interstitial fluid around cells. Fluid movement acts as a transport vehicle for ions, proteins, carbohydrates and other molecules capable of movement within the matrix. As the fluid moves past cell membranes, a shear stress, τ , is generated. If one assumes that laminar flow occurs through a parallel-plate flow chamber, fluid-induced shear stress values can be determined with the following formula: $\tau = 6\mu Q/bh^2$, where τ is the shear stress in dyne/cm², μ is the viscosity of the fluid in dyne.s/cm², Q is the flow rate in ml/s, b is the width of the flow channel in cm, and h is the height of the flow channel in cm. Shear stress in the vascular system may vary from less than 1, to more than 35 dyne/cm². Fluid shear stress in canaliculi of bone may vary from 1 to 20 dyne/cm², while in cartilage it may be in the range of 1 to 5 dyne/cm².

The OsciFlow[®] is a software-controlled valve-operated device designed to provide oscillatory or start-stop flow patterns to cells cultured in the Streamer[™], FlexFlow[™] or other perfusion devices. Both the Streamer[™] and FlexFlow[™] are parallel-plate flow systems designed to apply fluid-induced shear stress to cells grown in a monolayer. The OsciFlow[®] regulates flow direction by choreographing the closing and opening a collection of pinch valves. This carefully timed action serves to constrict or release tubing thus directing the fluid flow through the desired channels. The OsciFlow[®] device is able to regulate flow both in an oscillatory (flow reversal) manner and in a pulsatile (square wave) mode, where the flow is stopped and then restarted after a designated period of time. Software control through StreamSoft[™] software allows the user to regulate frequency of oscillation or pulsatile patterns, as well as shear stress levels applied to cells. Individual protocols can be designed for flow experiments. The frequency of oscillation or pulsation is specified by programming seconds ON and seconds OFF in the software.

An advantage that the OsciFlow[®] has over other flow reversal techniques is that it overcomes inertial lag. Other techniques for flow reversal rely on a change of pump – motor rotation. With this strategy, the inherent inertial effects associated with the deceleration and acceleration creates an unavoidable response lag time. As the OsciFlow[®] does not require a pump – motor to change directions, near instantaneous flow reversal can be achieved with less wear and tear on pumps and motors.

OsciFlow® System Specifications:

- Maximum Frequency of Oscillation: 1Hz (0.5 sec on/ 0.5 sec off)
- Minimum Frequency of Oscillation: No limit
- Maximum Frequency of Pulsation: 1Hz (0.5 sec on/ 0.5 sec off)
- Minimum Frequency of Pulsation: No limit
- Maximum Flow Rate through valves: No Limit
- Pinch Valve Maximum Pressure: 20 psi
- Pinch Valve Maximum Fluid Temperature: 158F (70°C)
- Box Dimensions: 13" x 7.5" x 7.5" (33cm x 19.1cm x 19.1cm)
- Box Weight: 14lbs (6.4kg)
- Power Requirements: 120V, 0.15A
- Tubing sizes accepted: MasterFlex L/S 16, L/S 25, L/S 17
- Interface Connection to computer: USB

OsciFlow® Components

- OsciFlow[®] Device
- USB cable
- OsciFlow[®] Tubing (includes quick disconnect fittings)
- Additional tubing lengths necessary for connecting to flow system
- StreamSoft[™] software V4.2
- Dell Inspiron notebook computer (optional)

OsciFlow® Setup and Assembly

The following instructions are for integrating the OsciFlow[®] into the Streamer^{$^{\text{IM}}$} and/or FlexFlow^{$^{\text{IM}}$} systems. When using the OsciFlow[®] with either system, the box should not be placed in the incubator with the flow device and its other components. The OsciFlow[®] should be placed on top or beside the incubator, as near as possible to the port through which the tubing enters the incubator. This will minimize the amount of fluid that is exposed to atmospheric temperatures.

OsciFlow® Setup and Assembly (cont.)

The OsciFlow[®] is very easily integrated into the Streamer^{$^{\text{TM}}$} and FlexFlow^{$^{\text{TM}}$} systems. A special tubing connector is provided with the OsciFlow^{$^{\text{TM}}$} that will connect directly in line with the Streamer^{$^{\text{TM}}$} or FlexFlow^{$^{\text{TM}}$} system, with the addition of two more tubing lengths provided with the OsciFlow^{$^{\text{M}}$}.

- 1. Connect the OsciFlow[®] tubing connector to the front of the OsciFlow[®] as shown below. Push the tubing all the way into the pinch valves so that each piece is fully inserted and pinched between the valve body and pinching mechanism. The connector must be inserted as shown below, such that the each of the four pieces of tubing is connected to their respective valve.
- 2. Find a location for your OsciFlow[®] that is as near as possible to the port hole on the back or top of your incubator. Place the OsciFlow[®] such that the tubing connector quick disconnects are in close proximity to the port hole.
- 3. Disconnect the male quick disconnect that is currently connected to the inlet of your Streamer[™] or FlexFlow[™] device and connect it to the bottom left female quick disconnect (refer to Figure 1) of the OsciFlow[®] tubing connector.
- 4. Disconnect the male quick disconnect that is currently connected to the outlet of your Streamer[™] or FlexFlow[™] device and connect it to the top left female quick disconnect (refer to Figure 1) of the OsciFlow[®] tubing connector.
- 5. Use one of the tubing lengths provided with the OsciFlow[®] to connect the top right female quick disconnect (refer to Figure 1) on the OsciFlow[®] tubing connector to the inlet of your Streamer[™] or FlexFlow[™] device.
- 6. Use the other tubing length provided with the OsciFlow[®] to connect the bottom right female quick disconnect (refer to Figure 1) on the OsciFlow[®] tubing connector to the outlet of your Streamer[™] or FlexFlow[™] device.

OsciFlow® Setup and Assembly (cont.)



Figure 1: OsciFlow® front with tubing connector in place

Connecting the OsciFlow® to your computer:

- 1. Follow the software installation instructions on Page 7 to install the StreamSoft^{TM} software.
- 2. Insert the USB cable into an available USB slot on the side of your computer.
- 3. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the back of the OsciFlow[®].
- 4. Plug the OsciFlow[®] in and turn the power on.
- 5. Once the system is fully connected, clean it by pumping deionized water through all components.

Note: Any of the tubing lengths above can be shorted or extended according to your setup needs.

StreamSoft™ V4.2 Software

Installation Instructions

- 1. Insert the StreamSoft TM V4.2 DVD into the DVD-ROM drive on the computer
- 2. Double click My Computer (Windows XP) or Computer (Windows Vista/Windows 7)
- 3. Double click the *DVD-ROM drive*
- 4. Double click the Setup installer

The installer will now open and run

- 5. On the *Product Notification* screen click *Next*
- 6. On the Destination Directory screen click Next
- 7. On the License Agreement screen click I accept the License Agreement and then click Next
- 8. On the next *License Agreement* screen click *I accept the above 2 License Agreement(s)* and then click *Next*
- 9. On the Start Installation screen click Next

Installation of the required National Instruments and StreamSoft[™] software will now begin

- 10. Once the installation is complete click Finish and restart the computer
- 11. Turn on the OsciFlow[®] and connect the USB cable to the back of it
- 12. Insert the opposite end of the USB cable into an open USB slot on the computer. The computer should make a sound, recognizing that the OsciFlow[®] has been found, and the correct drivers will install
- 13. Installation of StreamSoft[™] V4.2 is now complete

Note: When the Select Pump to Use window appears when opening the StreamSoft^m V4.2 software, select the pump named MasterFlex Peristaltic Pump to ensure correct function of the equipment

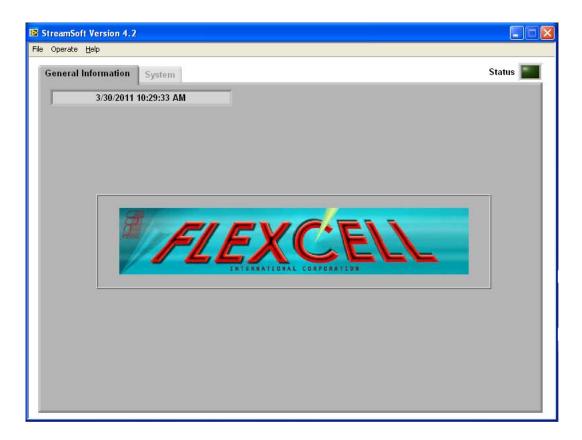
Setting up parameters in StreamSoft[™] V4.2

Specific parameters will need to be set up in StreamSoftTM V4.2 to customize it for your particular device and system. Setting up these parameters is extremely important to ensure accurate flow results for your system. For instructions on setting up these parameters, see Configure Testing Apparatus and Configure System Variables, Pages 19 to 22. Complete this setup before proceeding with any experiments.

Main Panel

General Information Tab

Function: The default main panel allows the user to verify that the system is running and to stop the tests at any time.

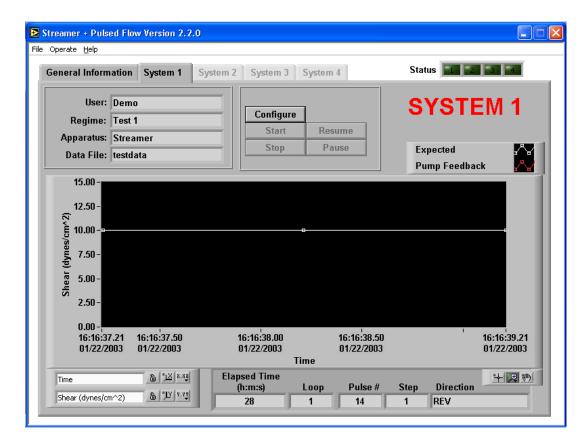


Buttons and Fields

Status	Number is bright green when an experiment is running
System 1,2,3,4	These tabs will automatically become highlighted according to the number of pumps connected to the computer (1 - 4).
General Information	Current date and time

System Tab

Function: This panel is used to run the experiments. Each *System* tab is identical.



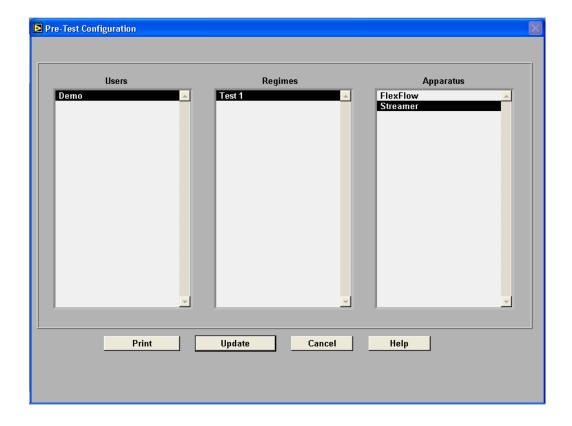
Buttons and Fields

User	Current user in currently configured regime
Regime	Regime currently configured
Apparatus	Device being used with the software (Streamer [™] or FlexFlow [™])
Data File	Name of file to which data is being saved (if appropriate)
Configure	Configure (load) the experiment. The <i>Pre-Test Configuration</i> window will appear.
Start	Start the experiment.
Stop	Terminate the experiment. This button is only active when an experiment is running.
Pause	Suspend the experiment. The pump will stop, but the test regimen is kept in memory.

Resume	Resume a paused experiment.
Graph	This graph shows the expected and actual shear stresses during the experiment.
Elapsed Time (h:m:s)	Elapsed time in the current experiment
Loop	Current loop in the current step or series of steps
Pulse #	Total number of pulsations (square wave) or oscillations (FWD/REV) produced by the valves in this regime
Step	Current (active) step in regime
Direction	Current flow direction (FWD/REV)

Pre-Test Configuration

Function: This panel allows the user to configure the parameters of an experiment. It appears when the user presses the *Configure* button on the System panel. The information selected here is transferred to the *User*, *Regime* and *Apparatus* fields on the *System* panel.



Buttons and Fields

Users	List of all users. Select users with the mouse.
Regimes	List of regimes created by the previously selected user. Select from list by using the mouse to highlight the desired regime.
Apparatus	List of configured flow devices. Select the device that will be used for the experiment
Apparatus	Important: Be sure that all parameters have been properly set for your device in the <i>Configure Testing Apparatus</i> window. See Pages 19 to 21.
Print	Print the current panel to a printer or HTML file.
Update	Use the current selections to run the experiment.
Cancel	Cancel any new selections and use the previously configured setup for the experiment.
Help	Online help (not currently available)

Pull-down Menus

This section summarizes the function of each item in the three pull-down menus.

File	Operate	Help
-Print	-Manual Mode	-Help
-Exit	-View Data	-About LabVIEW
	-Users	
	-Configure Regime	
	-Configure Apparatus	
	-Configure System	
	-Reinitialize Hardware	

File

- Print Allows user to print a copy of the current panel. This system is configured such that printing sends a copy of the panel being viewed to a printer or to an html file. If there is no printer connected to the computer, an error message from the Windows default printer queue will appear when the user tries to print.
- Exit Allows user to close the program. If the pump is operating at the time of exit, it will continue running. The keyboard short-cut is **Ctrl-Q**.

Operate

Manual Mode – Manually control the pump without setting up an experimental regimen.

View Data – View shear stress data from a previous experiment.

Users – Add and remove user names.

Configure Regime – Create an experimental protocol.

Configure Apparatus – Configure parameters of the flow device so that the software can assign the flow rates corresponding to the desired shear stress.

These parameters must be set correctly to ensure that the proper shear stress values are shown. See the manual of your device for the appropriate values.

Configure System – Configure the system parameters such as data saving, the Com port used and the presence or absence of valves in the system (OsciFlow®).

Reinitialize Hardware – This will reinitialize the software to connect the pump and OsciFlow[®] (if present) in the event that a cable is disconnected or the pump is turned off.

Help

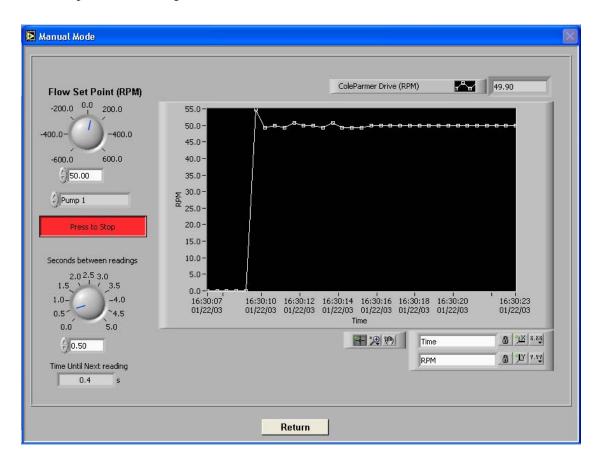
Help – Online help (not currently available)

About LabVIEW – Software version information

Operate Menu

Manual Mode

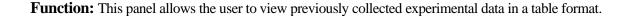
Function: This panel allows the user to manually control the pump. The actual flow rate and speed of the pump (RPM) are shown on the graph when the pump is working. Manual mode may be used to troubleshoot the pump operation. The shear stress value is not shown on this panel since it will depend on the tubing size and flow chamber used.

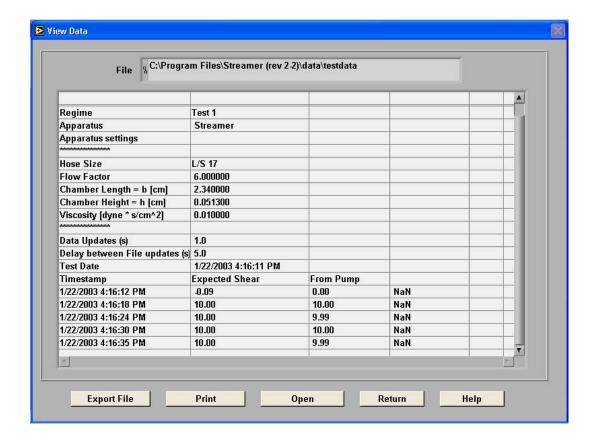


Instructions

- 1. Enter the flow set point (pump speed) either by entering a number in the box or using the mouse to drag the dial to the desired level.
- 2. Adjust the seconds between readings to a number between 0 and 5. This is the time between each update of the pump data on the graph.
- 3. Click on Press to Start.
- 4. Click on *Press to Stop* when ready to stop.
- 5. Click on *Return* when done.

View Data



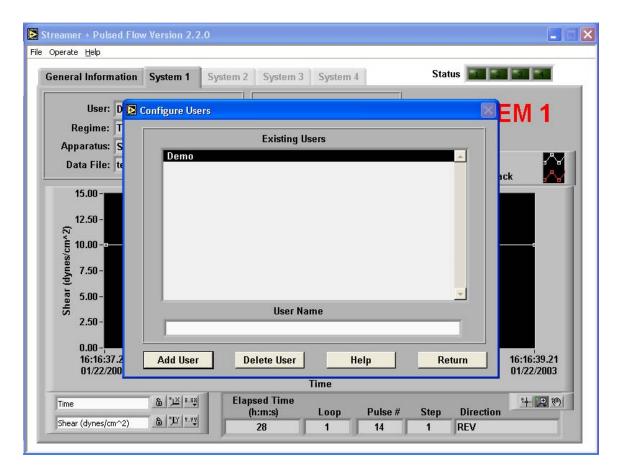


Buttons and Fields

File	The complete file path to the data file being viewed
Table	Contents of the experimental data log file
Export File	Export data to a spreadsheet-compatible format
Print	Print a copy of this panel to the Windows default printer or write a copy to an HTML file.
Open	Open a data file.
Return	Close this panel and return to the Main panel.
Help	Online help (not currently available)

Configure Users

Function: This panel allows the user to create or delete users.



Buttons and Fields

Existing Users	Lists all current users of the system
User Name	Field used to enter new users
Add User	Add new users to the system.
Delete User	Delete users from the system.
Help	Online help (not currently available)

Return

Instructions

<u>To add a user:</u> 1) Type the name into the *User Name* field.

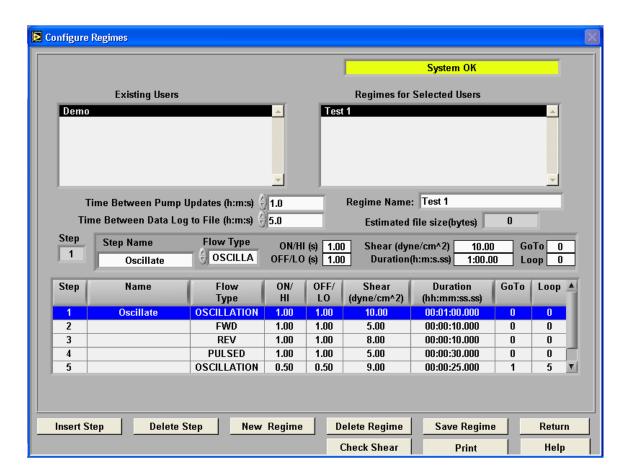
2) Press the Add User button.

To delete a user: 1) Using the mouse, select the user from the list of *Existing Users*.

2) Press the *Delete User* button. If the user has any stored regimes and data sets, the operator will be prompted to confirm the deletion.

Configure Regimes: Setup Parameters

Function: This panel allows the user to configure (create) a regime.



Buttons and Fields

Existing Users	List of all users; select a user from the list using the mouse.
Regimes for Selected Users	List of regimens created by the current user. Selecting from this list will load that regimen and allow the user to view and/or modify that regime.
Regime Name	Name of the current regimen; if creating a new regimen, enter a name in this field.
Time Between	Time elapsed between computer updates of the pump parameters; default is 1 second.
Pump Updates	is i second.
Time Between	Time interval between each computer sampling of the experimental flow data. Default value is 10 seconds. For an extremely long test, increase this interval to reduce the size of the data file. Note: this function only
Data Log to File	applies when the data saving option is selected in the <i>Configure System Variables</i> window. See Pages 21 and 22.
Estimated file size	This is an estimate of how large the data file would be given the total test length and the time between data. Note: this function only applies when the data saving option is selected in the <i>Configure System Variables</i> window. See Pages 21 to 22.
Step	Current step number selected or being modified
Step Name	Name of the currently selected step
Flow Type	Specifies the direction or type of flow for this step (forward, reverse, pulsed (square wave), oscillation)
ON/HI (s)	When using pulsed (square wave) or oscillatory flow, specifies how long the valves remain in a position to allow the fluid flow to continue unhindered or flow in the forward direction, respectively. For normal forward or reverse (unidirectional) flow, this value remains at 1.00.
OFF/LO (s)	When using pulsed (square wave) or oscillatory flow, specifies how long the valves remain in a position to stop the fluid flow to the device or cause it to flow in the reverse direction, respectively. For normal forward or reverse (unidirectional) flow, this value remains at 1.00.
Shear (dyne/cm^2)	The value of shear stress to be applied to the cells in this step.
Duration (h:m:s.ss)	Time to spend in this step (hours:minutes:seconds.milliseconds)

GoTo	To create a loop, indicate which step to go back to. The <i>GoTo</i> step must always be a step number before the current step.
Loop	Indicates how many times to loop between the <i>GoTo</i> step and the current step.
Summary Table	This table is a listing of the current steps in the regimen. Selecting a row from this table will allow the parameters of the step to be viewed and modified.
Insert Step	Insert a step into the regimen before or after the current step.
Delete Step	Delete the currently selected step.
New Regime	Clear all parameters and start a new regime. Type in a new name under Regime Name and select Insert Step.
Delete Regime	Delete the currently selected regime.
Save Regime	Save a new or modified regime.
Return	Exit this panel and return to the Main Panel
Check Shear	Check the shear stresses entered in your regime to see if they are achievable with the apparatus, pump and tubing size that you are using.
Print	Print the current panel to a printer or an HTML file.
Help	Online help (not currently available)

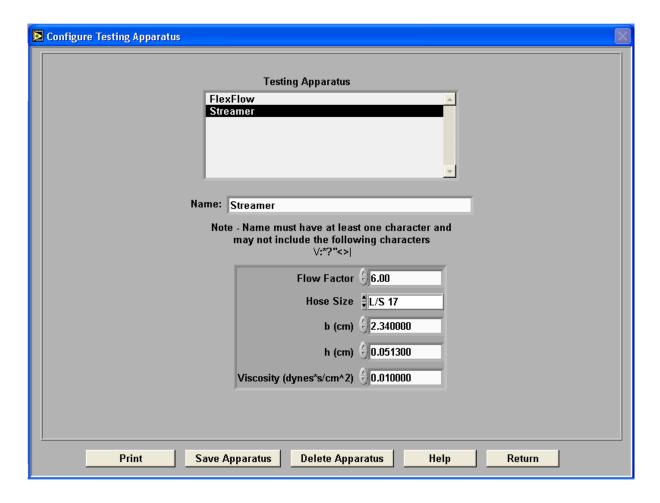
Instructions on how to set all the parameters for an experiment are included in the *Doing an Experiment* section of this manual.

Configure Testing Apparatus

Function: This panel allows the user to create, modify or delete a testing apparatus (Streamer^{$^{\text{TM}}$} or FlexFlow^{$^{\text{TM}}$} flow chamber).

As each Streamer $^{\mathsf{IM}}$ and FlexFlow $^{\mathsf{IM}}$ device is manufactured to strict dimensional specifications, the values for the height and width of the chambers must be entered into the software for each individual device.

These values are measured for *your specific device* and must be correct for accurate shear stress measurement. The values can be found in the appendix of the manual for your device.



Buttons and Fields

Testing Apparatus	List of all flow devices available
Name	When a testing apparatus is selected, this field (and the parameters) will be updated.
Flow Factor	A factor that accounts for any parallel paths in the flow stream. This number is 6 for the Streamer ^{$^{\text{TM}}$} and 1 for the FlexFlow ^{$^{\text{TM}}$} .
Hose Size	Hose size determines how fast the pump must move to achieve the desired flow rate and shear stress level. The sizes listed are standard for Masterflex [®] tubing. Select the hose size that you are using with your system.
b	Width of the flow area (cm) in a single chamber of the Streamer [™] or FlexFlow [™] device. This number is found in the back of the manual for your device listed as Flow Area Width (cm).
h	Height of the flow area (cm) in a single chamber of the Streamer [™] or FlexFlow [™] device. This number is found in the back of the manual for your device listed as Flow Area Height (cm).
Viscosity	Viscosity of the perfusate/media used in the experiment. The standard value is 0.01.
Print	Print the current panel to a printer or an HTML file.
Save Apparatus	Save changes to the apparatus listed in Name.
Delete Apparatus	Deletes apparatus listed in Name.
Help	Online help (not yet available)
Return	Exit this panel and return to the Main panel. Any changes that have not been saved will be discarded.

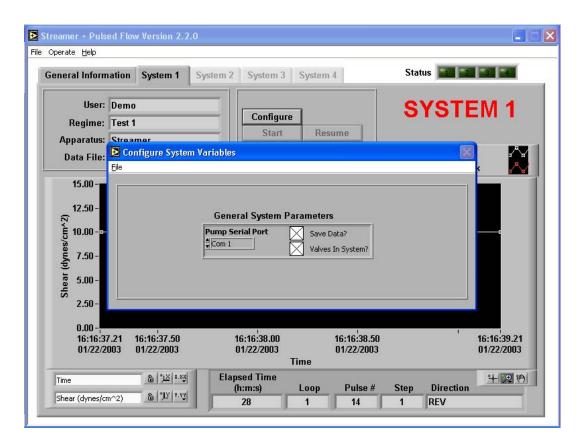
How to enter the proper values for your device:

Please check the Appendix of the manual for your device for the proper b and h values.

- 1. Select the *Testing Apparatus* being used for the experiment or enter a name for a new apparatus in the *Name* box.
- 2. Enter the correct flow factor for your device. This specifies the number of parallel flow chambers in your device.
- 3. Select the correct *Hose Size* for the type of Masterflex[®] tubing being used in the experiment.
- 4. Enter the proper *b* and *h* values for your device.
- 5. Enter the *Viscosity* of the perfusate fluid used in the experiment. The default value is 0.01 dynes*s/cm².
- 6. Click Save Apparatus button, then click Return to exit this screen.

Configure System Variables

Function: This panel is used to select three system parameters – Communications port, data saving, and the presence of valves in the flow system.

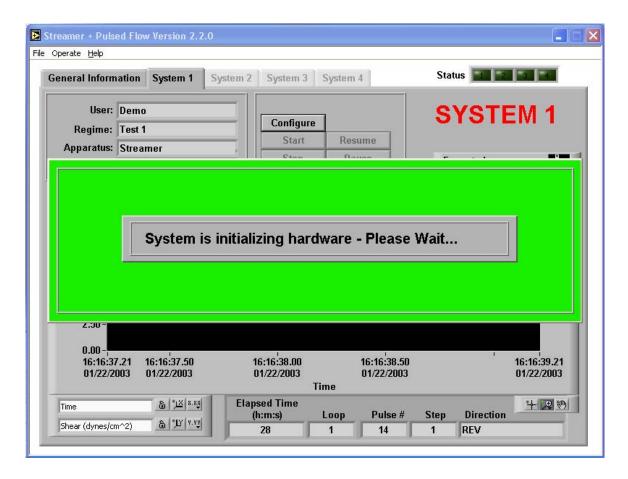


Buttons and Fields

Pump Serial Port	Com 1 is the default port. This should be changed only if there is a conflict with this port on your computer.
Save Data?	Select this option if you want to save regime data files.
Valves in System?	Select this option if you are using the OsciFlow® Flow Controller.

Reinitialize Hardware

Function: This panel will appear when the computer program is first started. It will also appear when the *Reinitialize Hardware* item is selected in the *Operate* menu. When the system is properly initiated, the pump will display PO1 and the OsciFlow[®] valves will click. If power to the pump is cycled during experimentation, or communication is lost, the user should reinitialize the hardware before turning off the program and starting it again.



StreamSoft[™] V4.2 Notes

- When running a regime in StreamSoft[™] V4.2, do not run other applications on the same computer. The communication timing to the pump and OsciFlow[®] requires full CPU availability. If another program or operation is running that requires CPU power, it is possible that the pump or valve timing could be interrupted. This effect may be noticeable when using the OsciFlow[®] at a higher frequency than 2 seconds on, 2 seconds off, or when oscillating the pump speed to create pulsatile flow.
- When the Select Pump to Use window appears when opening the StreamSoft $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ V4.2 software, select the pump named MasterFlex Peristaltic Pump to ensure correct function of the equipment

Doing an experiment

Creating a Regime

- 1. From the main panel, select the *Configure Regimes* item in the *Operate* menu.
- 2. Click on an existing user name.
- 3. To create a new regimen, click on New Regime. Enter a name in the Regime Name field.
- 4. Click *Insert Step*; give this step a name in the *Step Name* field.
- 5. Click on *Save Regime*. The regime name should appear in the *Regimes for Selected Users* field at the top.
- 6. Specify the Flow Type (FWD, REV, PULSED, OSCILLATION), ON/HI & OFF/LO times (only when using the pulsed or oscillation functions; see Page 17 for more details), Shear, and Duration for this step. Click on *Save Regime* to save all information entered up to this point.

Note: If you are using the *OSCILLATION* function, create a first step in the regime in *FWD* mode. This step is required to push out the air that remains in the top of the Streamer^{M} after the top is opened for slide insertion. The first step will push this air through to the outlet in the medium bottle.

If you wish to add additional steps:

- 7. Click *Insert Step*. You will be queried as to whether this step should be inserted before or after the current step. Click on *before* or *after* according to your preference. Enter the preferred parameters as in #6. If this step was inserted after the step entered in #6, you can also use the *GoTo* and *Loop* options to loop through steps 1 and 2. Under *GoTo* in step 2, enter "1". Under *Loop*, enter the number of times that you would like to loop through steps 1 and 2.
- 8. Add additional steps as desired. Once the regime is complete, click on *Save Regime*.
- 9. **Optional:** Check the shear stress(es) in your regime to be sure that they are achievable with your apparatus, tubing size and pump. Click on *Check Shear* at the bottom of the Configure Regimes window while your regime is selected (see Pages 13 to 16). The Pre-Test Configuration window will appear (see Page 10). Select a user, regime, and apparatus. Click on *Update*. The software will tell you if your shear stresses are achievable with this apparatus and the tubing size and pump assigned to it. Modify shear stresses if necessary.
- 10. The regime is now ready to run.

Filling the System to Eliminate Air Bubbles

Before using the OsciFlow® system with cells, all of the tubing must be filled with media and all air bubbles removed. To fill the system, create a regime with two steps, the first in FWD mode and the second in REV mode. Each step should be 2 minutes at a shear stress level ½ that of which your device is capable. This will give sufficient time for fluid to fill all of the tubing. As you notice air bubbles in the silicone tubing at different locations, shake the tubing to release the air bubbles.

OsciFlow® Troubleshooting

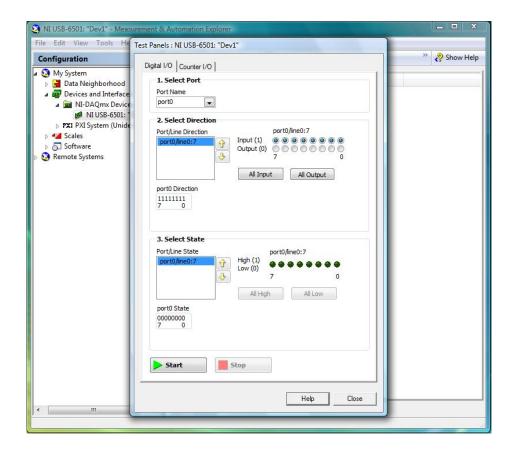
When the OsciFlow® valves are not responding

When the OsciFlow® valves do not respond, the following troubleshooting steps should be taken: -

- Check that the OsciFlow[®] is powered on. The red light on the front of the box should be illuminated.
- Check all connections to be sure that they are intact: one end of the USB cable should be fully inserted
 into the USB slot on the side of the computer, and the end should be connected to the back of the
 OsciFlow[®].
- Check that tubing has been inserted into the OsciFlow[®] pinch valves. If there is no tubing in the valves, they will not return to their "off" position and the device will appear to be malfunctioning.
- Stop and restart the software. The OsciFlow[®] valves should click as the software is initializing. If the valves do not click, open the *Operate* menu in the software and select the *Configure System* option. Make sure that the *Valves in System?* option is selected. If not, select this option and click *Return*.
- If the valves do not click at this point, proceed with the following steps: -
 - 1. Close the StreamSoft[™] software so that nothing is running but the Windows[®] environment.
 - 2. Disconnect the USB cable from the computer.
 - 3. Turn off the OsciFlow[®].
 - 4. Turn on the OsciFlow[®] and reconnect the USB cable to the computer.
 - 5. Start the StreamSoftTM software. The OsciFlow[®] valves should click as the computer is initializing the hardware.
- If the valves do not click, proceed with the following steps: -
 - 1. With the OsciFlow® powered on and with all connections intact, open up the *Measurement & Automation* explorer from the Desktop of your computer. If there is not a shortcut on the Desktop, check in the folder named *National Instruments* in *All Programs* under the *Start* menu.

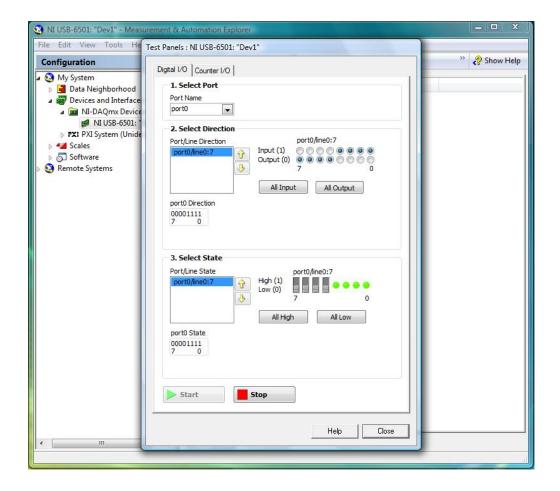
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- 2. Under *Devices and Interfaces* click on *NI-DAXmx* Devices. *NI USB-6501: "Dev1"* should be listed.
- 3. Right click on this device and choose *Test Panels*.
- 4. A warning window will might appear. Simply click *Yes* to continue.
- 5. If a second warning window appears before the *Test Panels* appear, this means that the computer is not recognizing the OsciFlow[®]. In this case, contact Flexcell.
- 6. Once the *Test Panels* appear, in the Digital I/O tab the following information will be shown



7. In 2. Select Direction, mouse click **Output** (0) numbers 7, 6, 5 and 4, then click Start. At this point, two of the valves should click.

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- 8. In 2. Select Direction, mouse click **All Input** to release the valves to their de-energized state.
- 9. Once the valves are in their de-energized state, click *Stop*.

If the $OsciFlow^{\otimes}$ does not respond in the above procedures, the unit should be returned to Flexcell for repair.

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