

## **O2k-Workshop**

**IOC 162**

# **O2k-Applications overview and introduction to FluoRespirometry**

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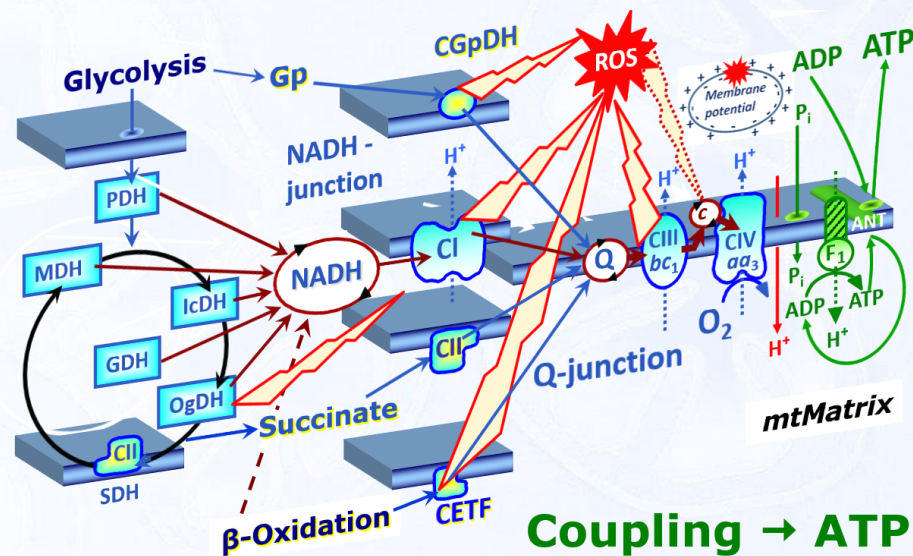
# Oroboros 02k

## High-Resolution Respirometry

Complexity of mt-pathways:  
 $O_2$ , ATP, ROS,  $\Delta\psi$ ,  
 pH,  $Ca^{2+}$

MultiSensor  
 analysis of  
 states and rates

**02k**



# Problems

# Solutions

Limited technologies  
 $O_2$ , ATP, ROS,  $\Delta\psi$ , pH,  $Ca^{2+}$

**Oroboros O2k**

Several instruments needed  
Segmented information

**All-in-one  
MultiSensor O2k**

Low inter-laboratory  
reproducibility  
Hindering advance towards  
mitochondrial therapy

**High-resolution specifications  
Quality control  
Training & customer service  
O2k**

# Oroboros-O2k Modules

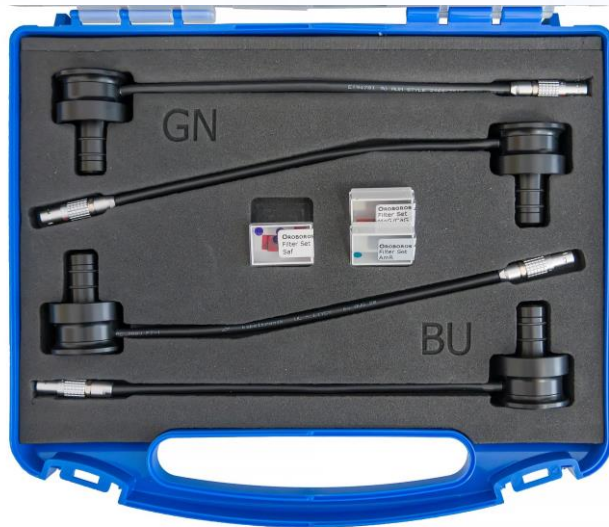
- O2k-Fluo Smart-Module
- O2k-TPP<sup>+</sup> ISE-Module (mt-membrane potential)
- O2k-pH ISE-Module (pH)
- O2k-NO Amp-Module (NO)
- NADH-Module (NAD redox state)
- Q-Module (coenzyme Q redox state)
- PhotoBiology (PB)-Module (photosynthesis, other applications)



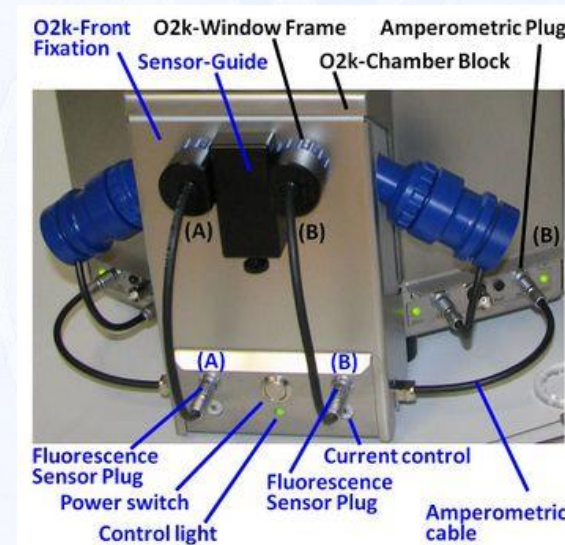
# O2k-FluoSmart Module

Allows simultaneous monitoring of oxygen consumption together with either:

- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> production- Amplex UltraRed assay
- mt-membrane potential- Safranin, TMRM, Rhodamine123
- ATP exchange- MgGreen
- Calcium uptake- Calcium Green



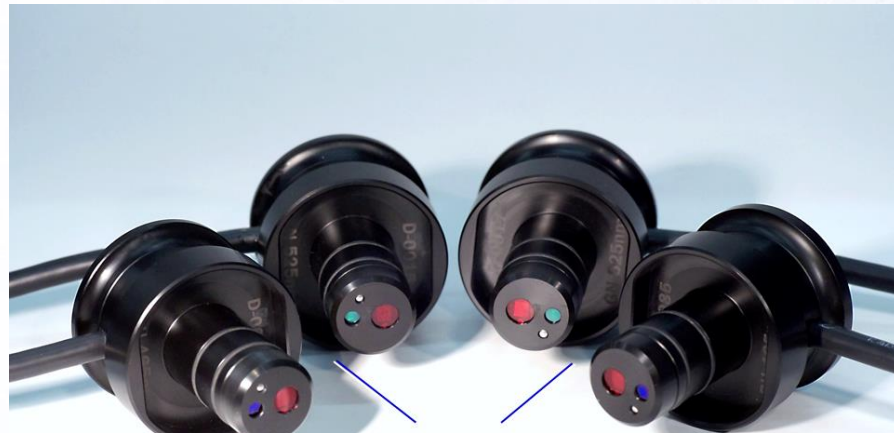
Series H-J and Series XA - XB



O2k-Fluo LED2-Module

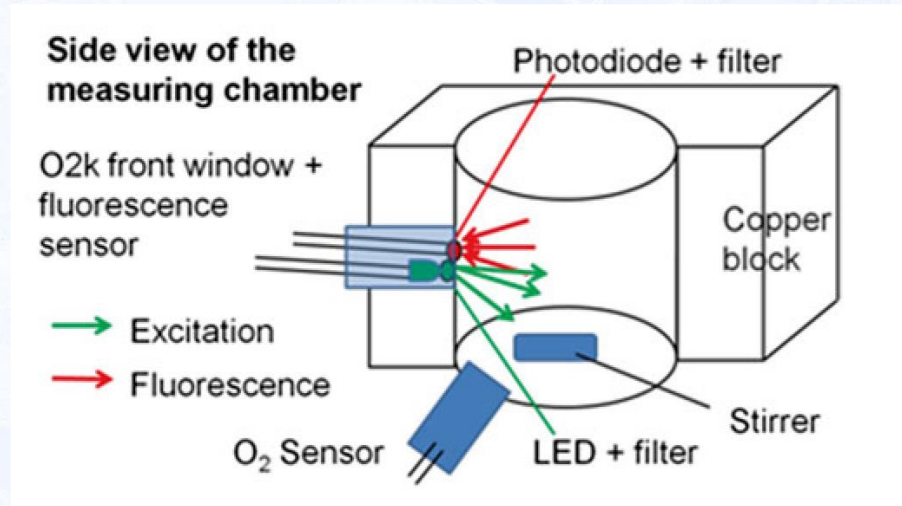
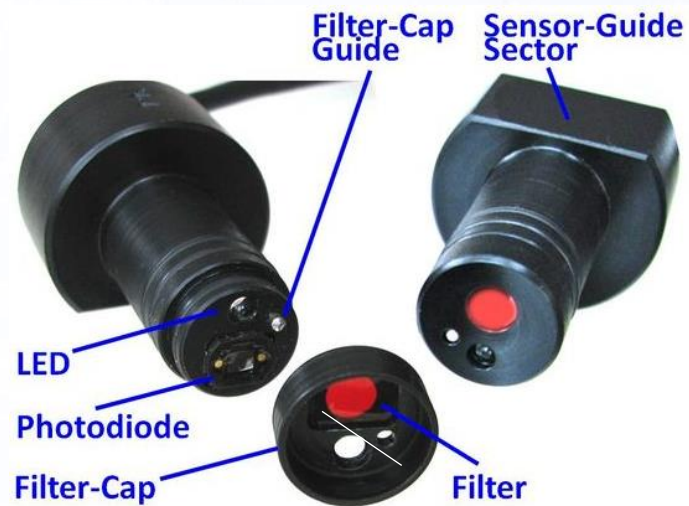
Series D-G

# O2k-Fluo Smart-Module



Green LED, ex. 525 nm

Blue LED, ex. 465 nm



Filter Set AmR

**H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**  
(reactive oxygen species)



Filter Set Saf

**Δψ<sub>mt</sub>**  
(mt membrane potential)

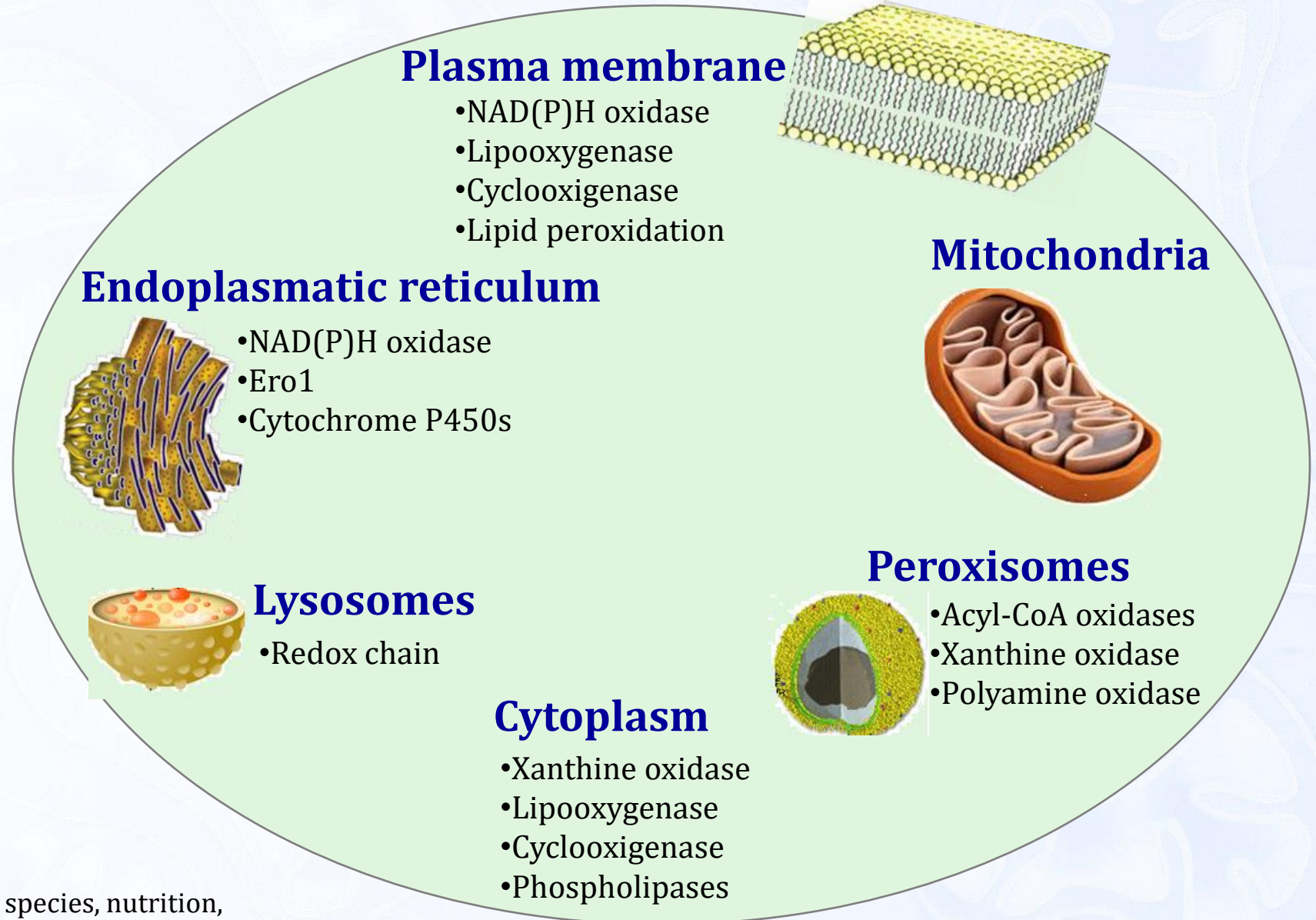


Filter Set MgG/CaG

**ATP production**  
**Ca<sup>2+</sup> uptake**

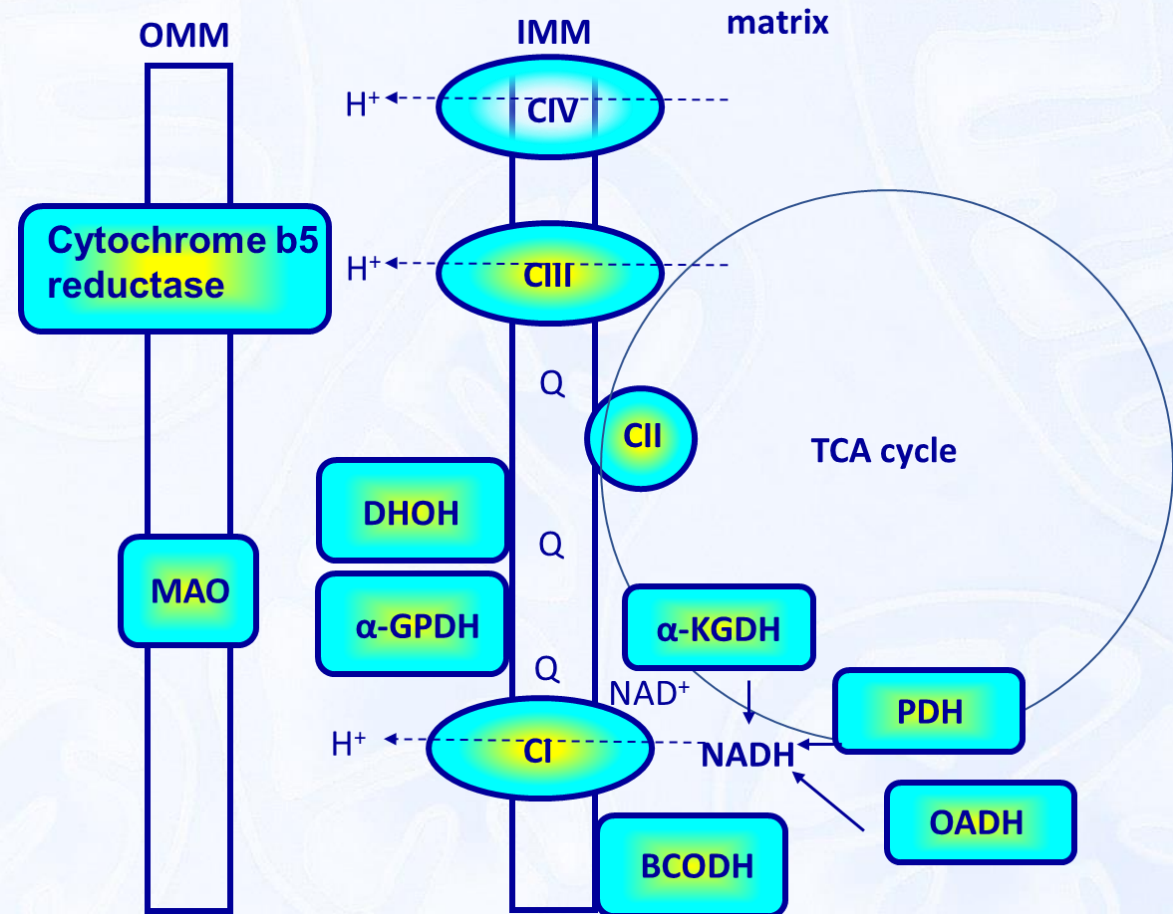
**Mitochondria  $H_2O_2$  production:  
Amplex UltraRed assay**

# Sources of ROS





# Sources of ROS in mitochondria



[Free Radic Biol Med](#), 2016 Nov;100:14-31. doi: 10.1016/j.freeradbiomed.2016.04.001. Epub 2016 Apr 13.

**Mitochondrial generation of superoxide and hydrogen peroxide as the source of mitochondrial redox signaling.**

[Brand MD](#)<sup>1</sup>.

[Biol Chem](#), 2018 Feb 1. pii: /j/bchm.ahead-of-print/hsz-2017-0284/hsz-2017-0284.xml. doi: 10.1515/hsz-2017-0284. [Epub ahead of print]

**Generation of superoxide and hydrogen peroxide by side reactions of mitochondrial 2-oxoacid dehydrogenase complexes in isolation and in cells.**

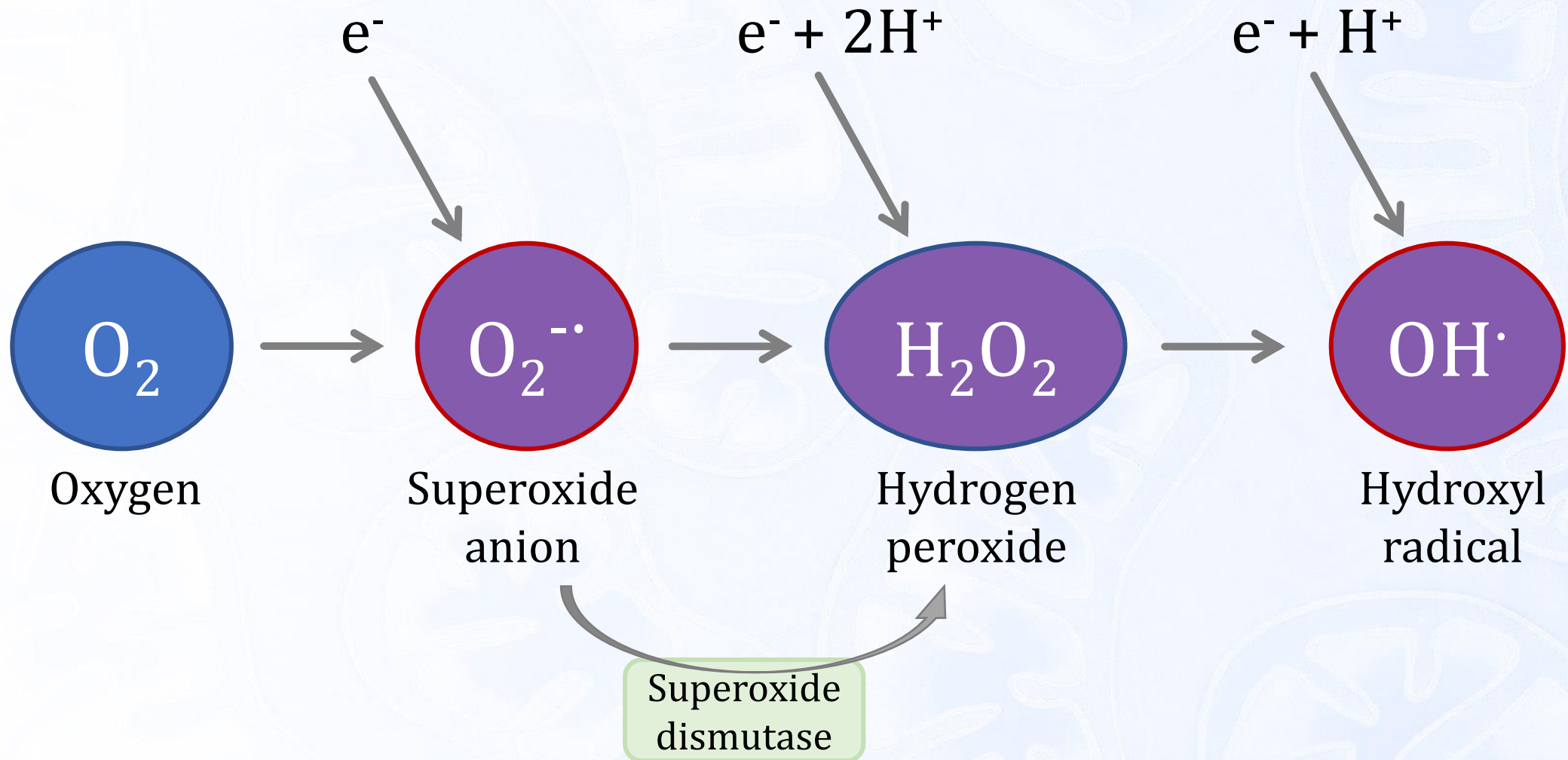
[Bunik Vi](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Brand MD](#)<sup>2</sup>.

[Biochemistry \(Mosc\)](#), 2005 Feb;70(2):200-14.

**Mitochondrial metabolism of reactive oxygen species.**

[Andreyev AY](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Kushnareva YE](#), [Starkov AA](#).

# Why H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>?

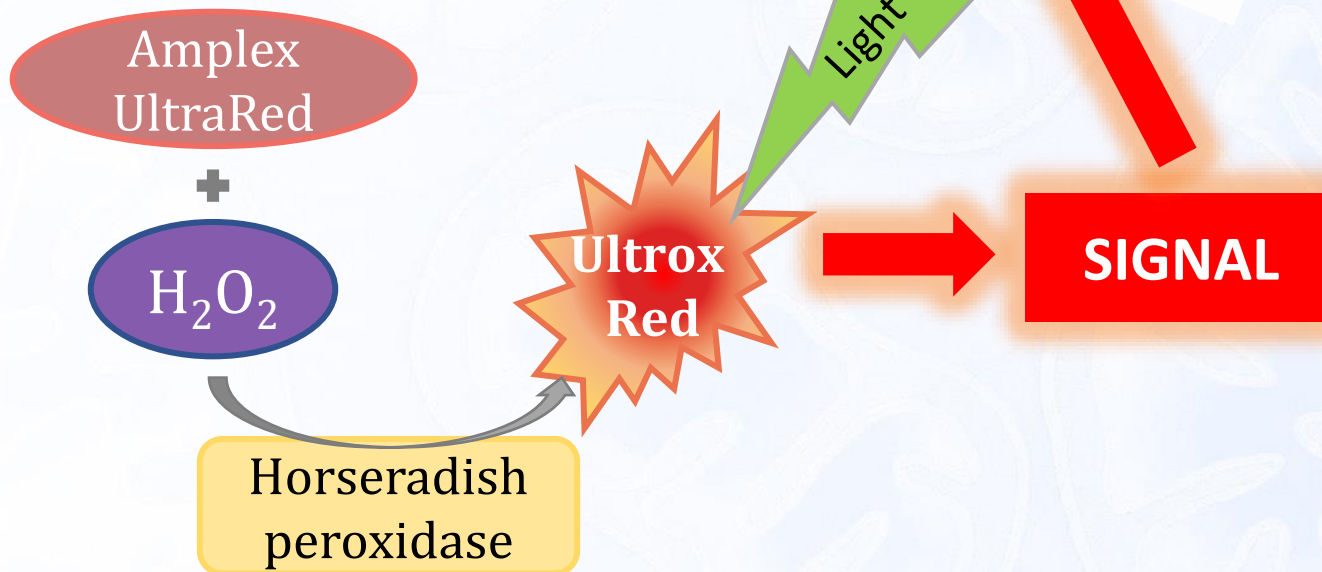


- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is one of the most stable forms of ROS
- Amplex UltraRed is specific and highly sensitive to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in a wide concentration range

# Detection of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: principle

Horseradish peroxidase  
HRP 1 U/mL

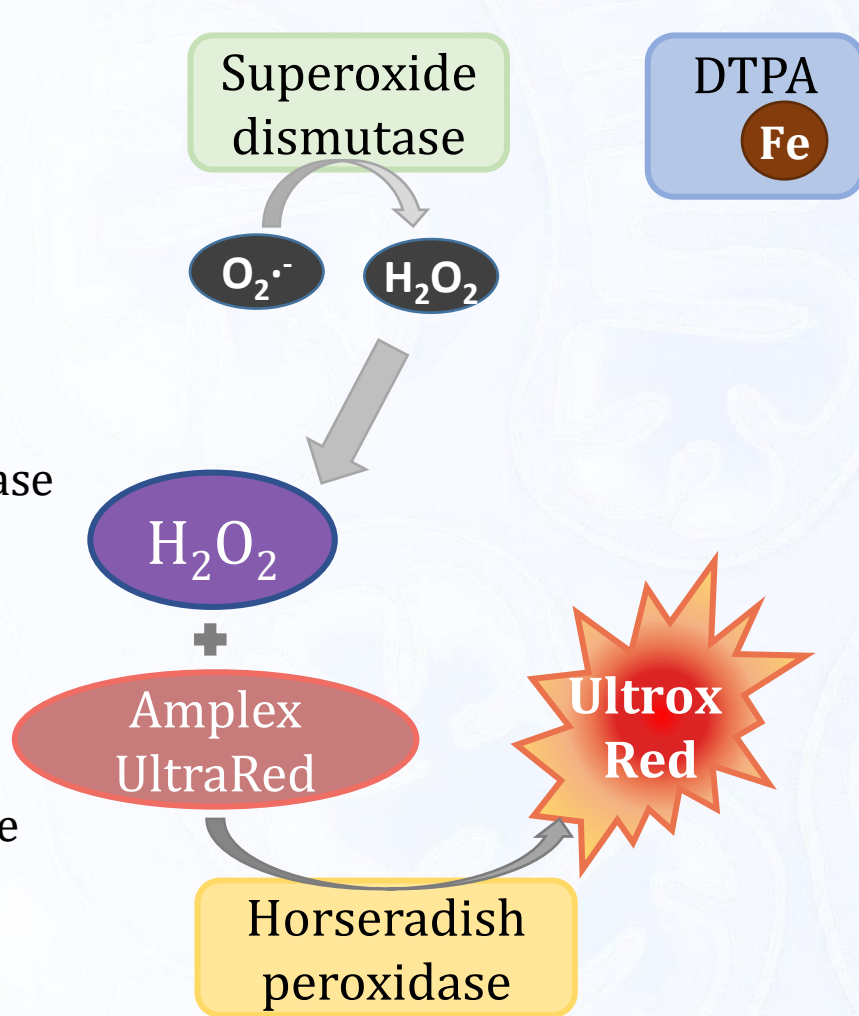
Amplex UltraRed  
AmR 10 μM



Accumulation of product  
(UltraxRed, resorufin) over time  
→ increase in signal over time



# Components of the AmR assay

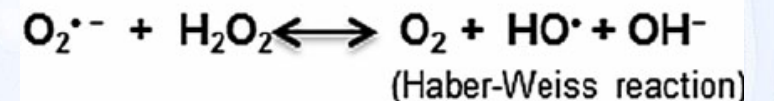
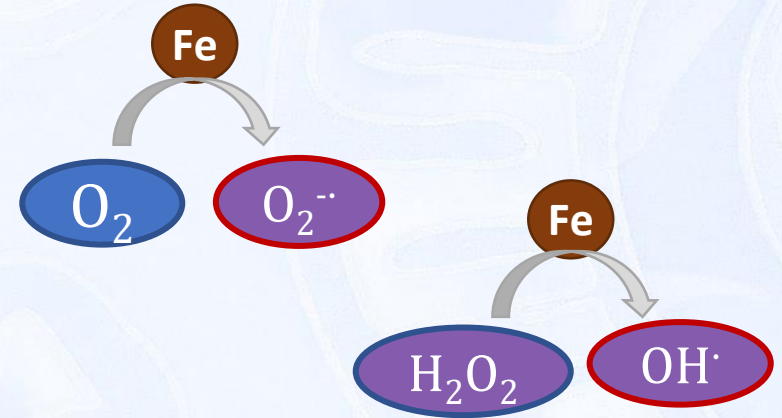


Horseradish peroxidase  
**HRP** 1 U/mL

Amplex UltraRed  
**AmR** 10  $\mu$ M

Superoxide dismutase  
**SOD** 5 U/mL

**DTPA** 15  $\mu$ M



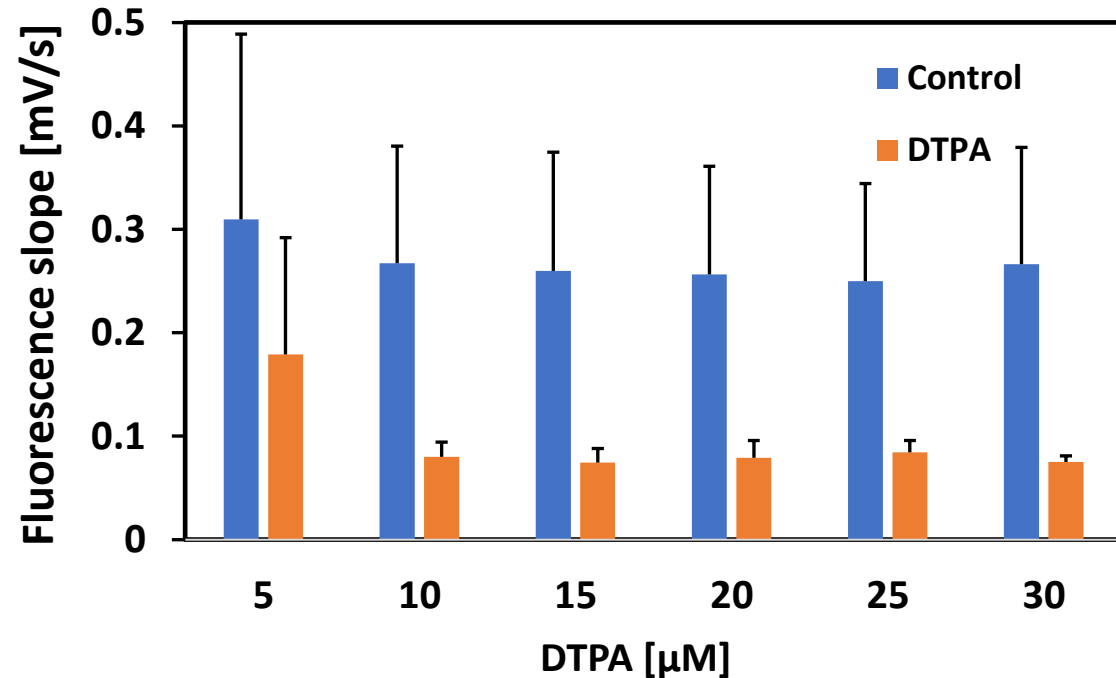
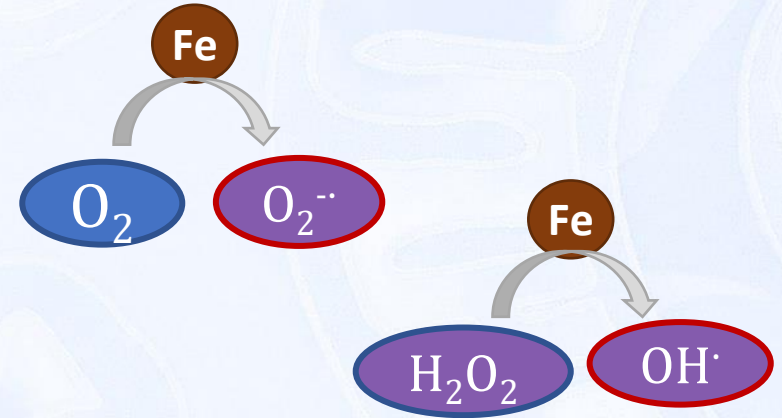
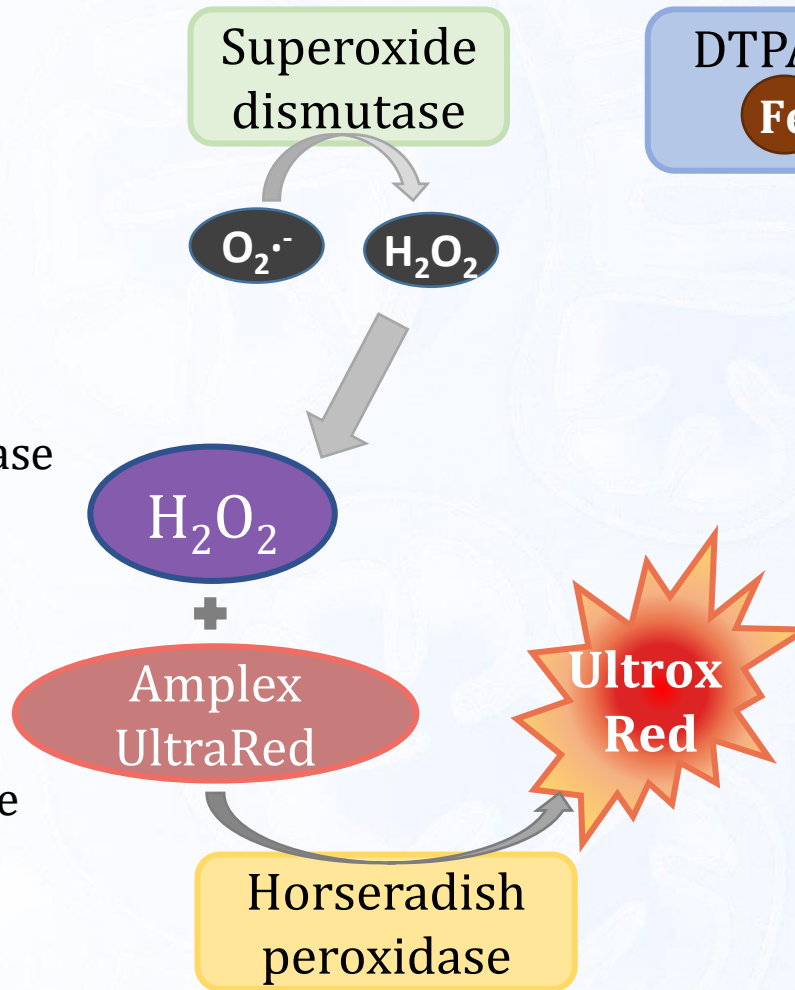
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# Advantages and limitations of the AmR assay

## Advantages



- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is one of the most stable forms of ROS
- AmR allows the detection of the oxidation process in real-time
- Highly sensitive
- Linear response in a wide range of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration
- Accurate calibration of the fluorescence signal with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

## Disadvantages



- Incapable to cross biological membranes (questionable)
- High chemical background
- Photosensitivity

### Compounds interacting with AmR® assay:

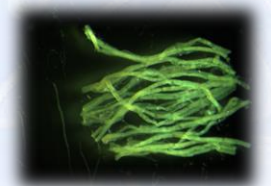
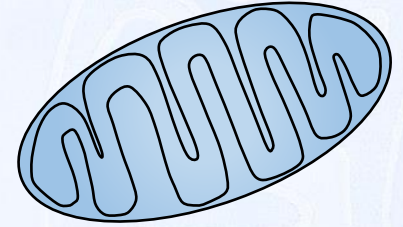
Ascorbate, TMPD, cytochrome *c*

Scavengers of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ : catalase

Inhibitor of HRP: azide, cyanide

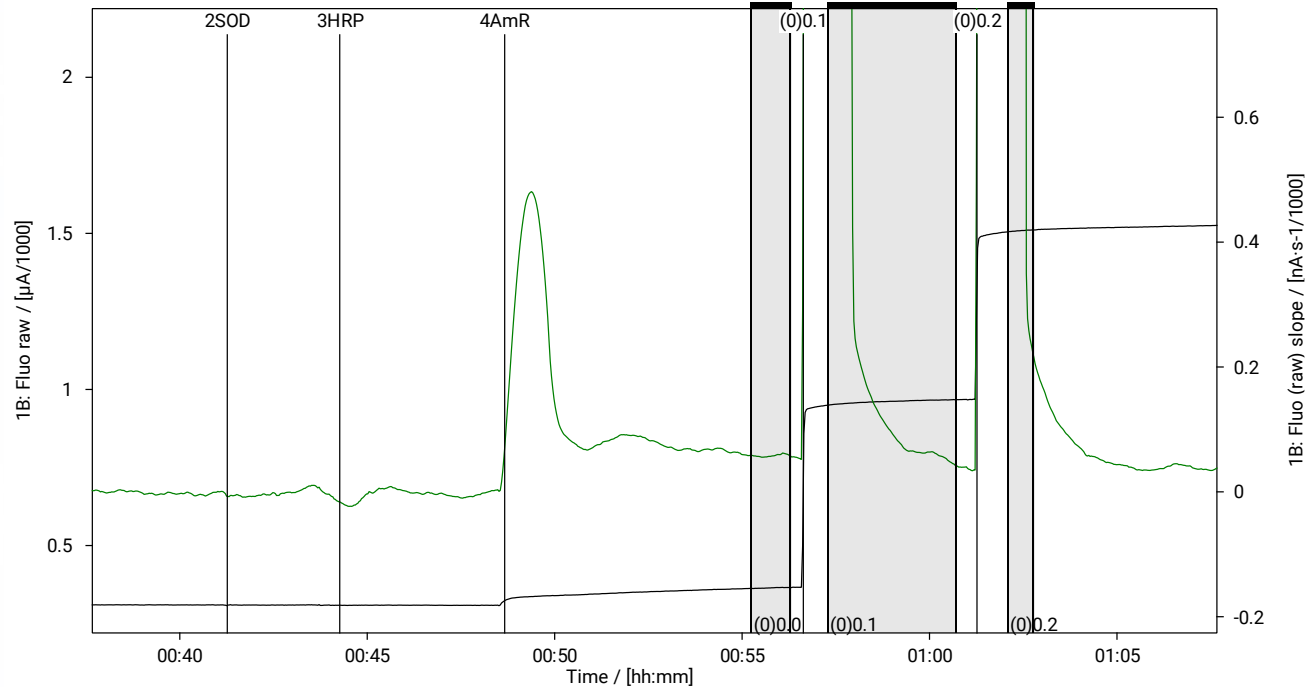
# Sample types

- Isolated mitochondria
- Tissue homogenate – except liver (high  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  scavenging)
- Permeabilized cells
- Living cells – very low  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  flux, frequently not detectable
- Permeabilized fibers – not recommended as high  $[\text{O}_2]$  is necessary to overcome oxygen diffusion limitation



# Sensitivity of the system for changes in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration

Raw fluorescence values are calibrated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> titrations



Fluo calibration: Chamber A

Select marks: (0)0.0, (0)0.1, (0)0.2

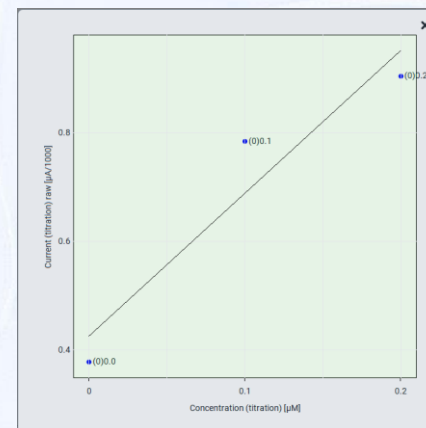
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(0)0.2	00:58:16	0.92353	0.11416	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.2000

Sensor number: D-0027GN | Sensor gain: 1000 | Fluo intensity: 500

Sensitivity [µA/1000/µM]: 2.5845 | Intercept [µA/1000]: 0.4236 |  $r^2$ : 0.922435 | Show graph

Calibration file, Active file, Manual

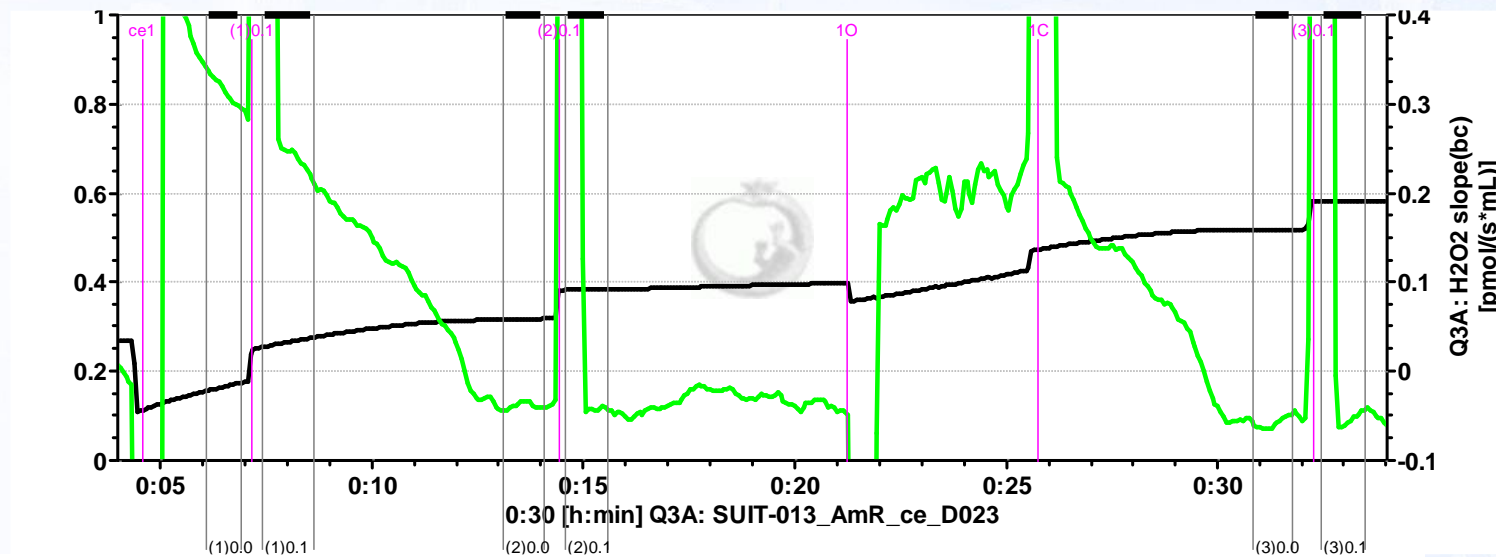
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# Sensitivity changes over time and dependent on the added sample and chemicals

Sensitivity decreases with time: correction for sensitivity decrease



Sensitivity [V/μM]

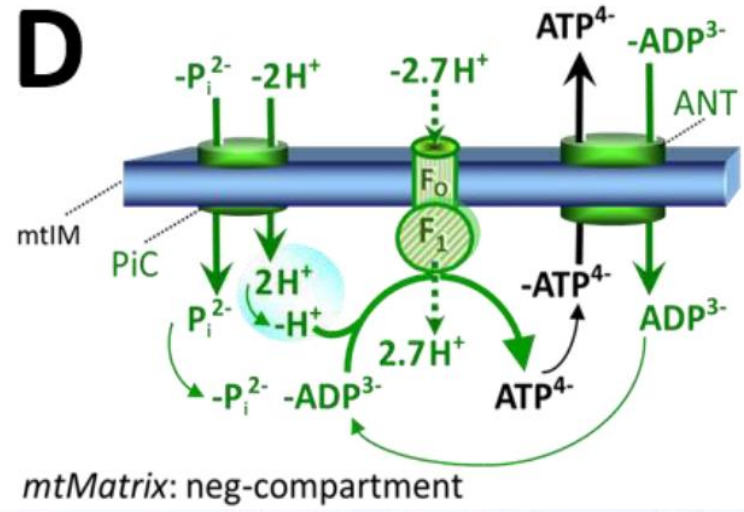
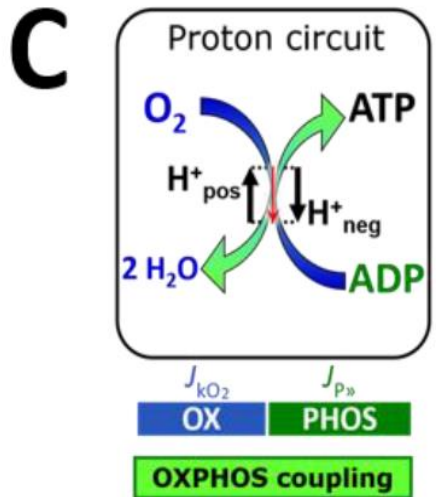
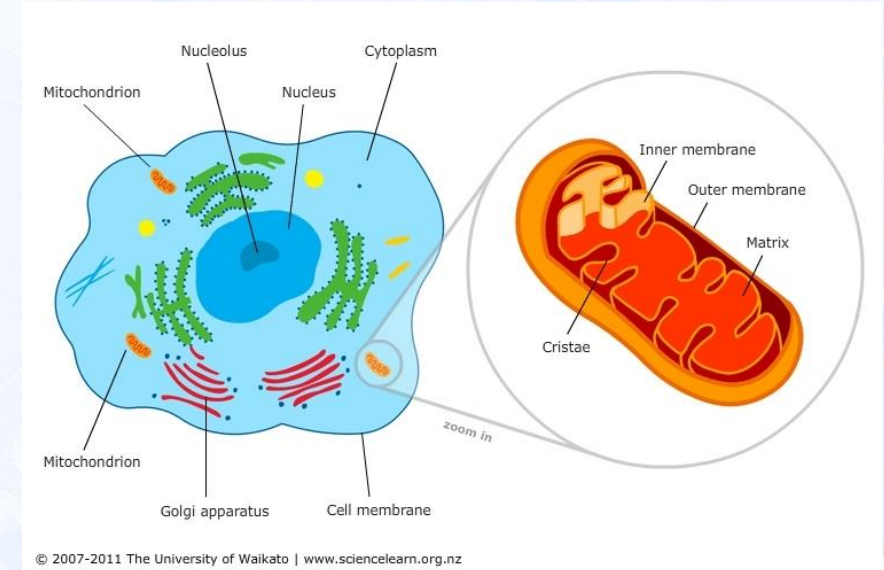
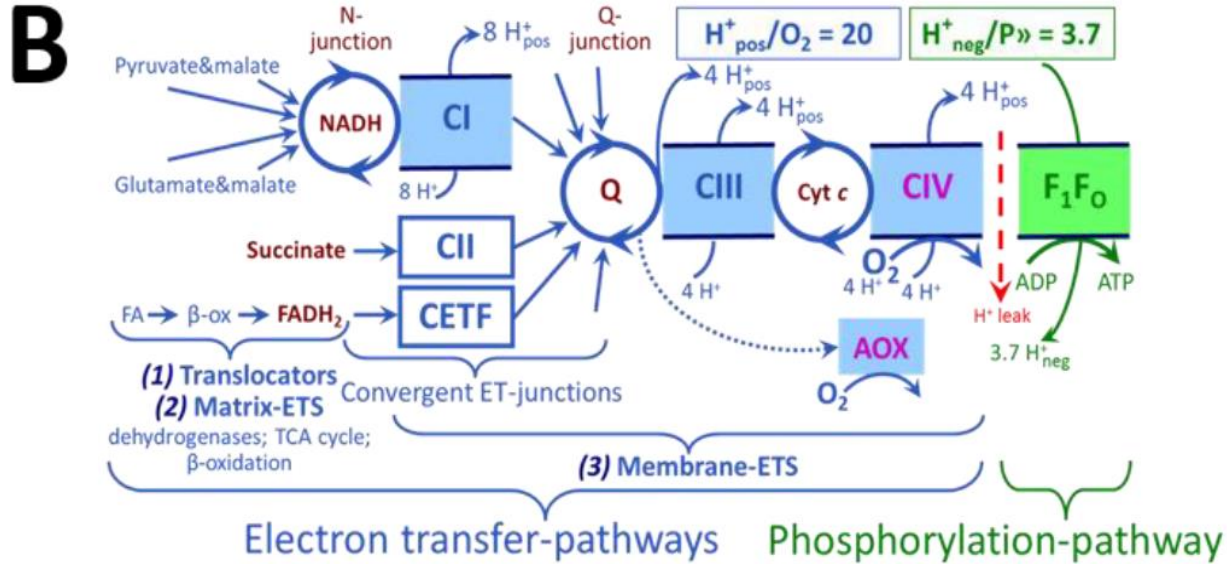
0 (before sample)	after samp	2	3	4	5	6
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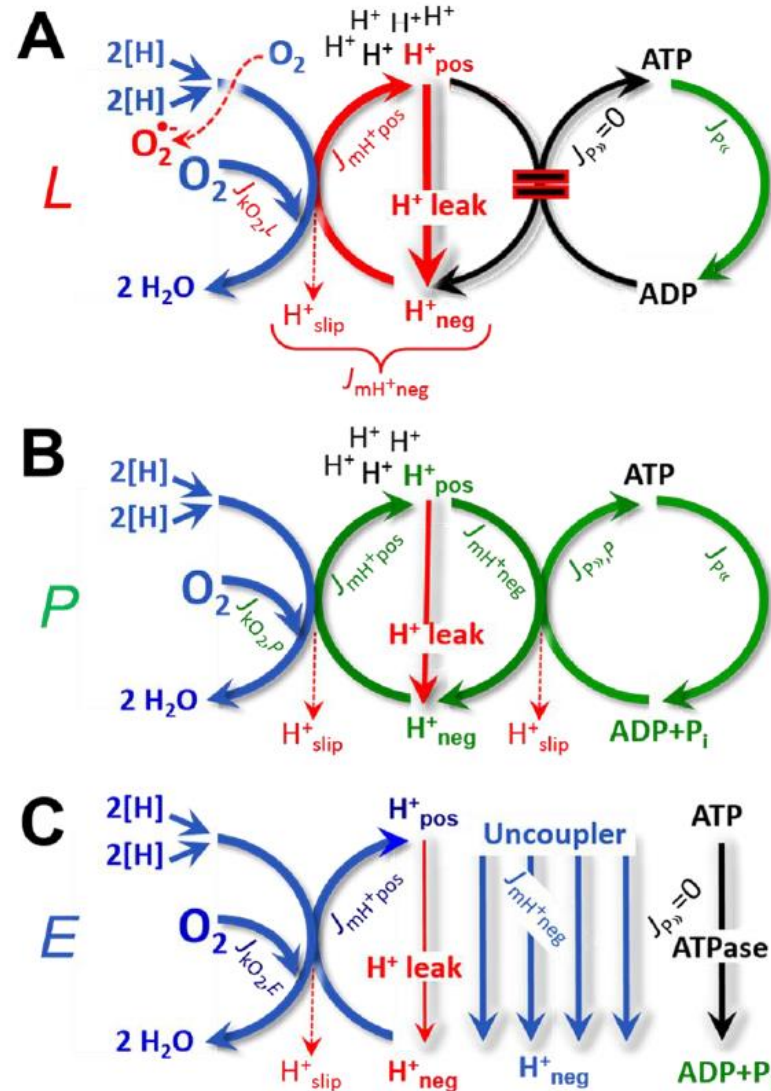
# **Mitochondrial membrane potential with Fluorespirometry:**

**Safranin, TMRM, rhodamine 123**

# The ETS and phosphorylation pathway



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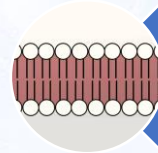
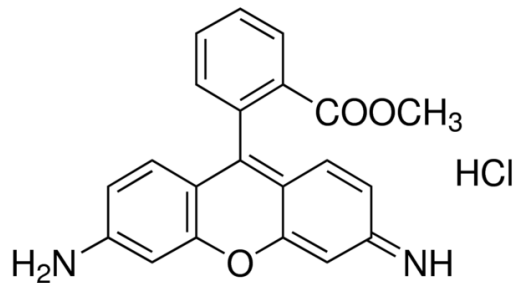
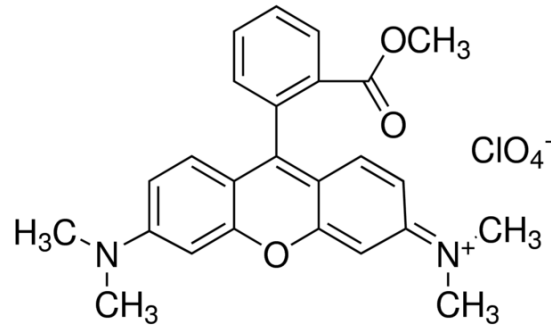
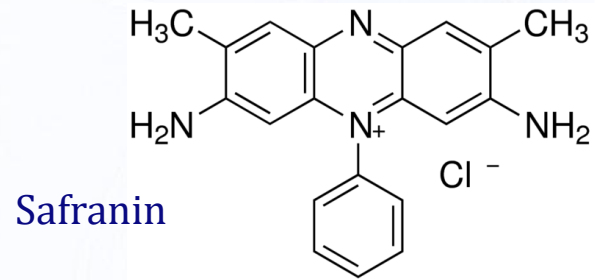


**LEAK state:**  
No activity of ATP synthase  
highest membrane potential

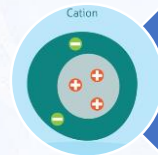
**OXPHOS state:**  
Saturating ADP concentration  
high membrane potential

**ET state:**  
Uncouplers (=protonophores)  
low membrane potential

# Fluorescent dyes for mtMP measurement

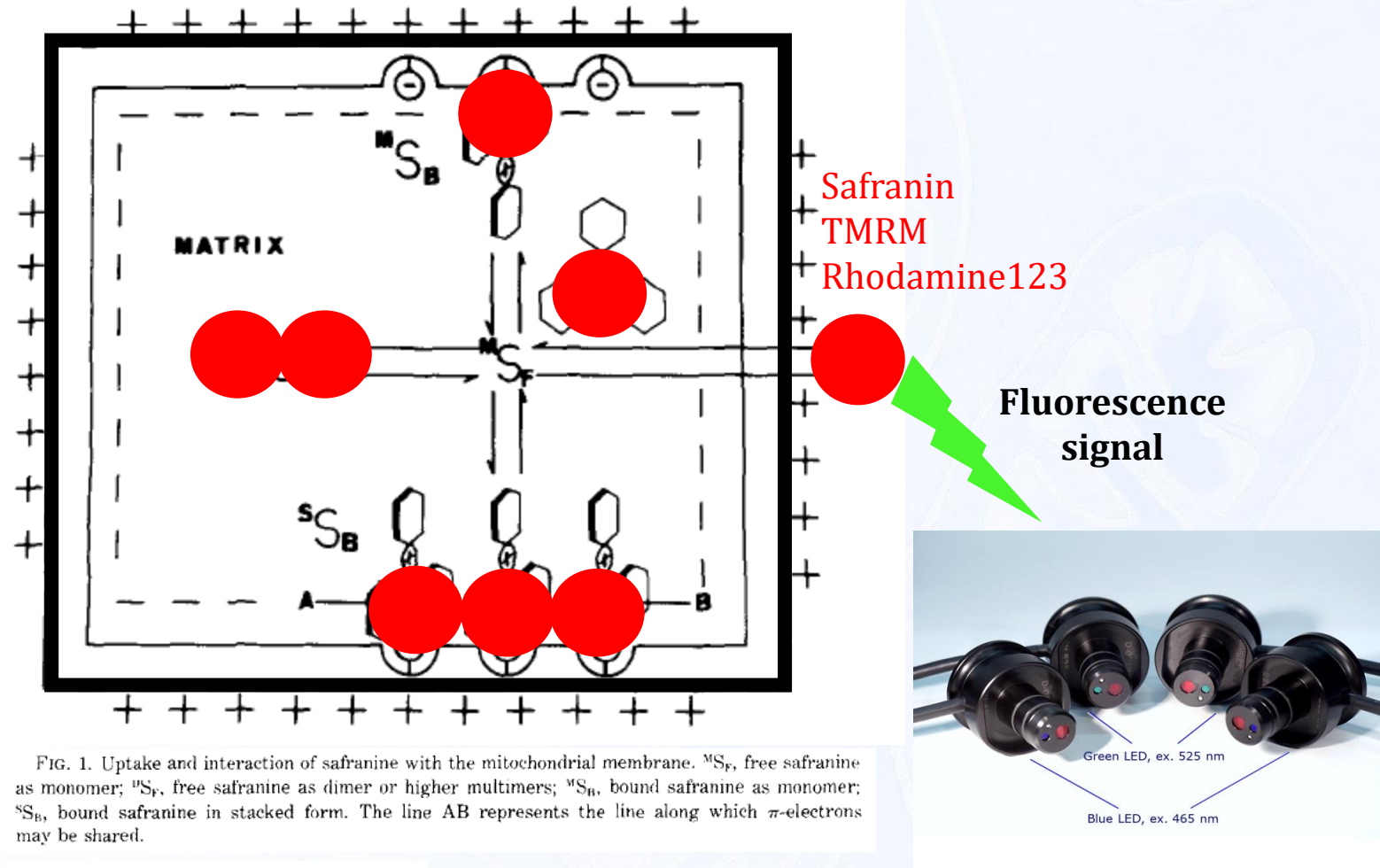


lipophilic



cationic

# Mitochondrial uptake and distribution of the fluorescent dyes



ARCHIVES OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS  
Vol. 201, No. 1, April 15, pp. 255-265, 1980

Zanotti and Azzone

If  $\Delta\psi_{mt}$  increases,  
fluorophores  
accumulate in  
mitochondria

Quenching:  
fluorescence  
signal  
decreases

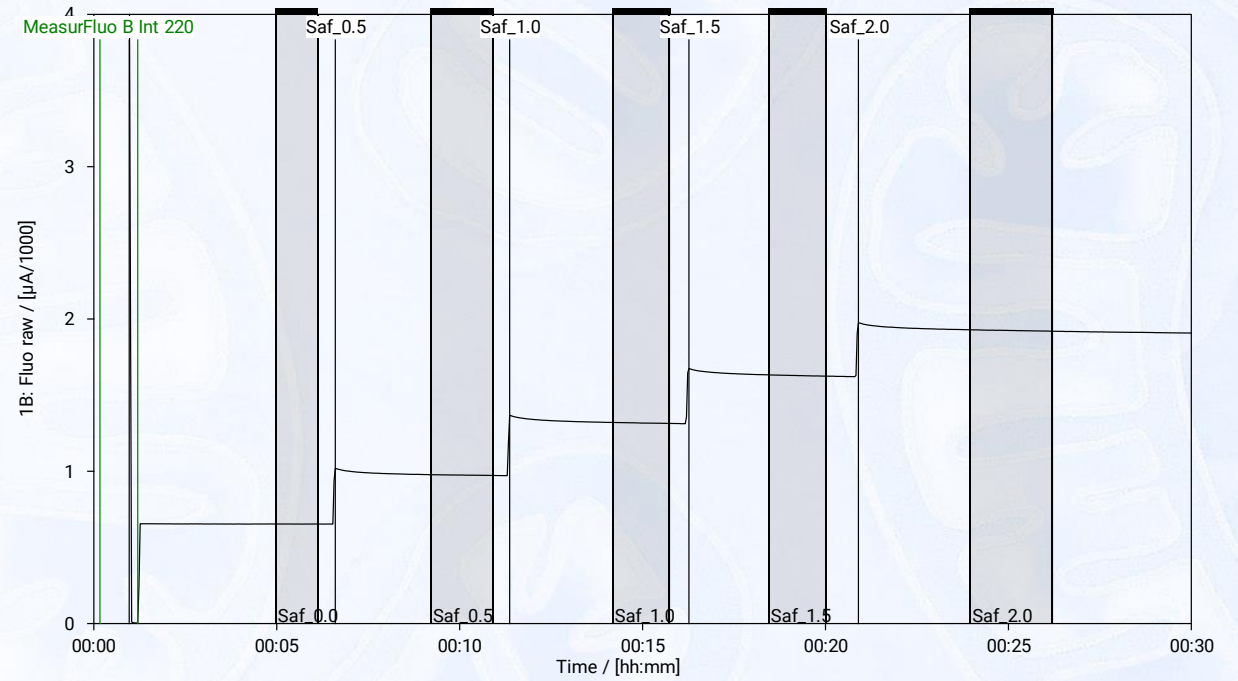
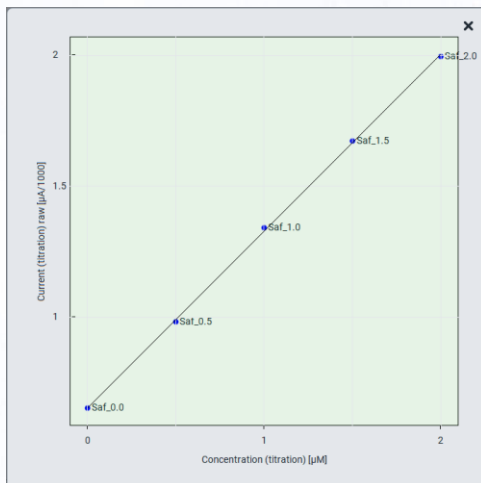
# Safranin

Smart Fluo-Sensor  
Blue

[Saf]=2  $\mu\text{M}$



6 LED filters (round, blue)  
6 photodiode filters (rectangular, red)



Fluo calibration: Chamber B

Select marks:  Saf\_0.0,  Saf\_0.5,  Saf\_1.0,  Saf\_1.5,  Saf\_2.0

Enter concentration: Update Unit  $\mu\text{M}$

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Sensor number: D-0102BU Sensor gain: 1000 Fluo intensity: 220

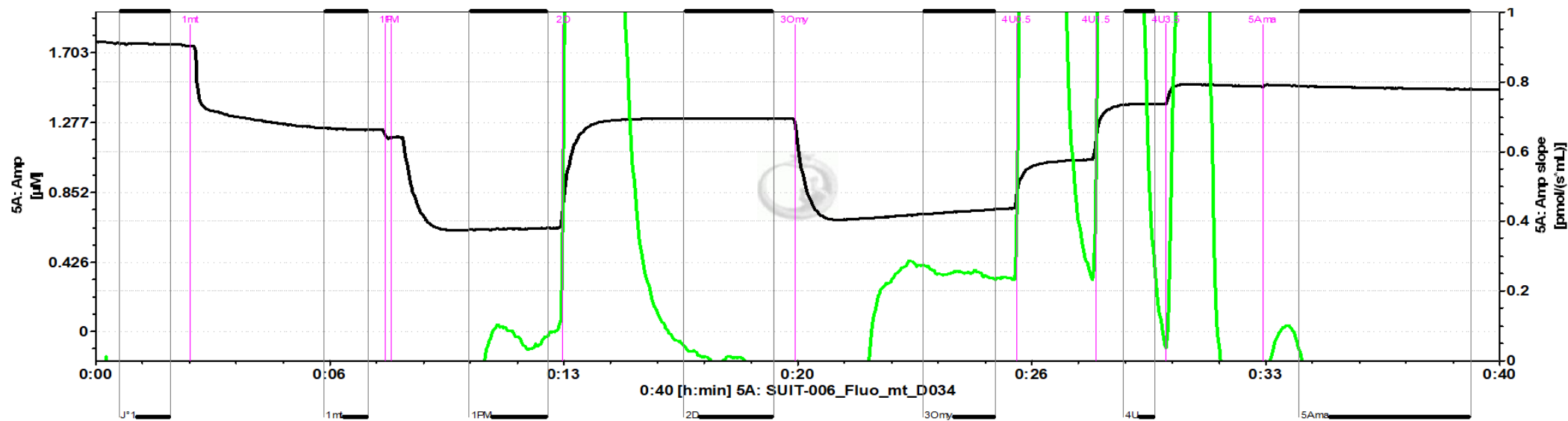
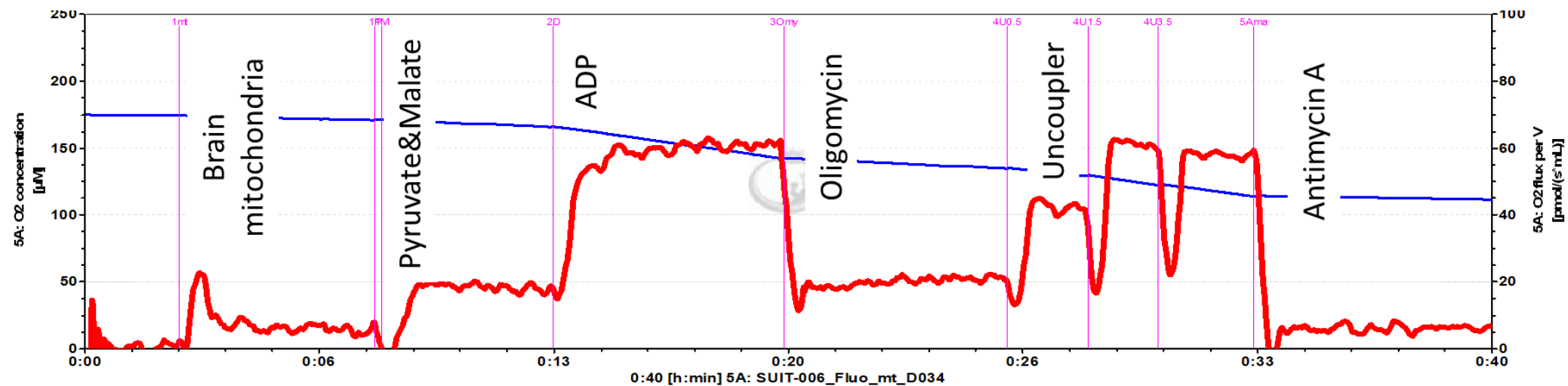
Sensitivity [ $\mu\text{A}/1000/\mu\text{M}$ ]: 0.6747 Intercept [ $\mu\text{A}/1000$ ]: 0.6544  $r^2$ : 0.999687 Show graph

Calibration file  Active file  Manual

MitoPedia: Fluo calibration

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# SUIT-006 Fluo mt D034 protocol with safranin

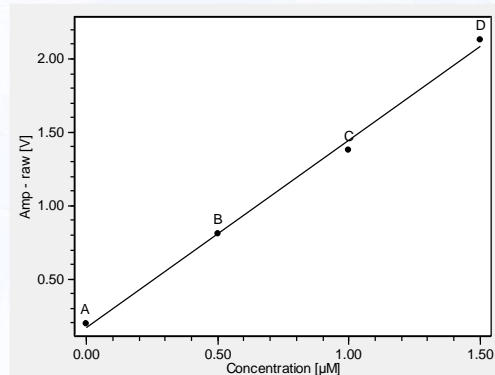
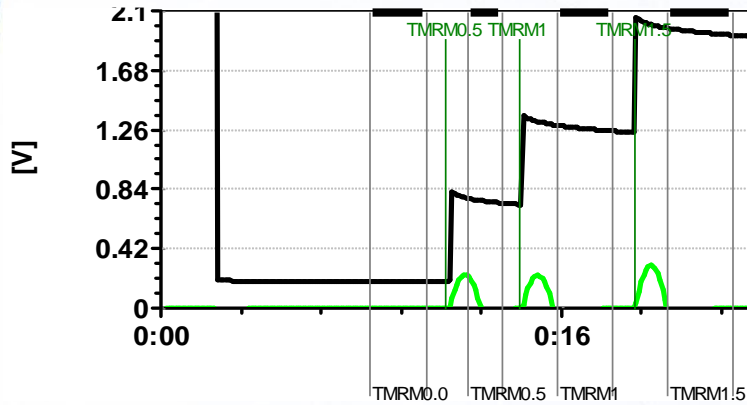




# Other dyes: TMRM and Rhodamine 123

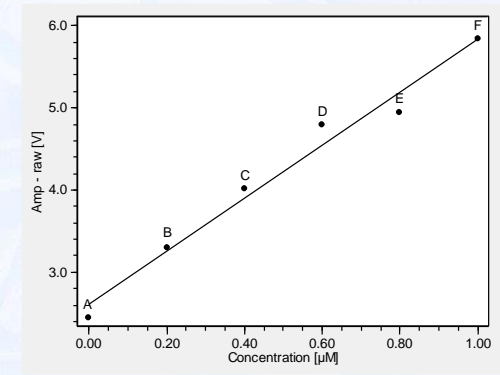
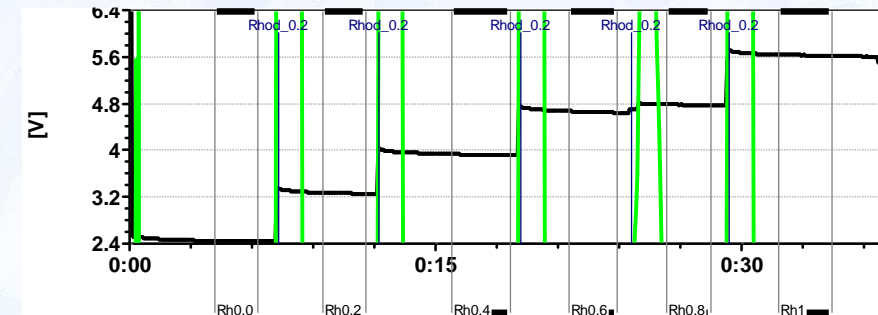
Smart Fluo-Sensor **Green**

[TMRM] = 1.5  $\mu\text{M}$

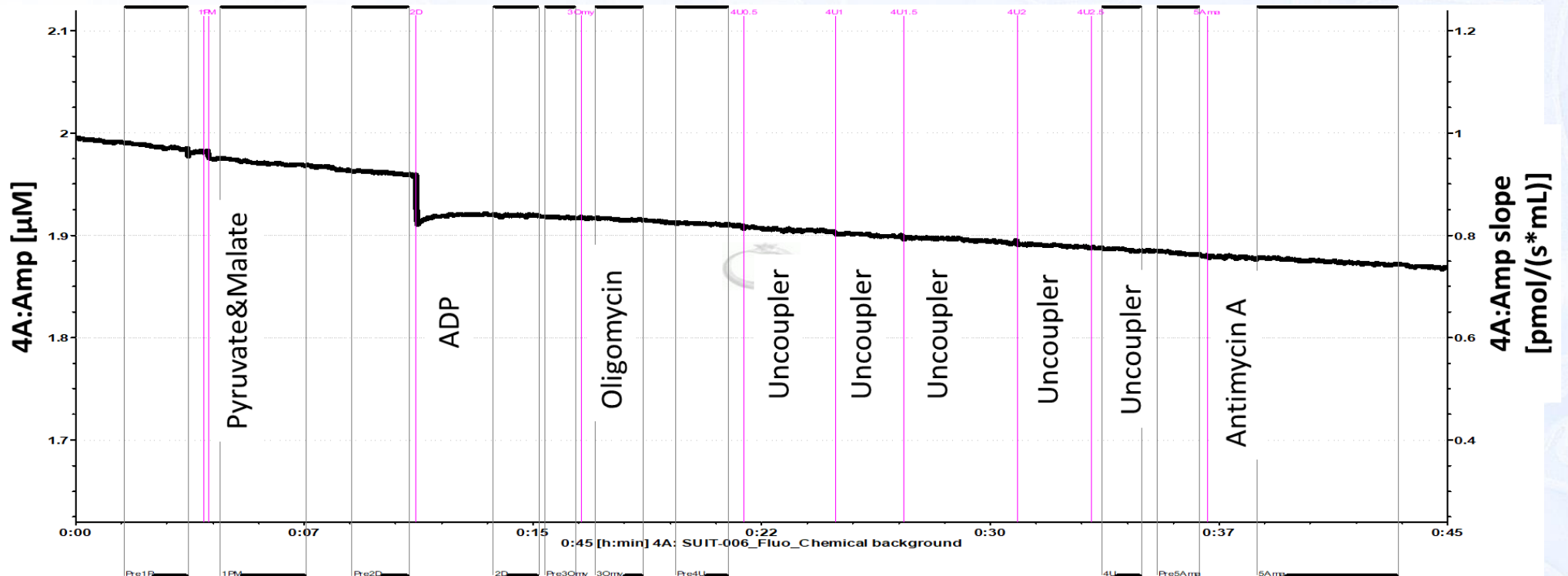


Smart Fluo-Sensor **Blue**

[Rhod] = 1  $\mu\text{M}$



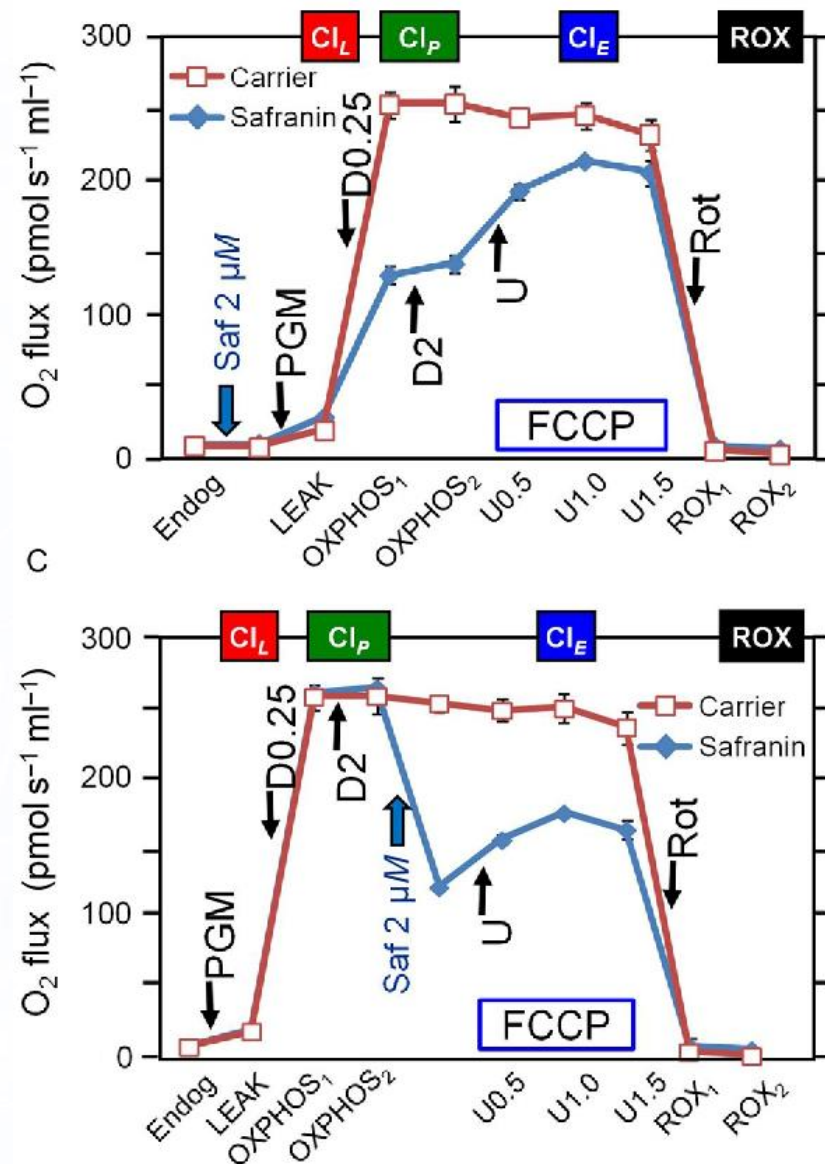
# Effect of chemicals on the signal of different fluorescence probes: Chemical background



## Substances which interfere with the fluorescence signal

- Cytochrome *c*
- Ascorbate
- TMPD

# Effect of mtMP fluorescent probes on respiration



Mouse brain mitochondria

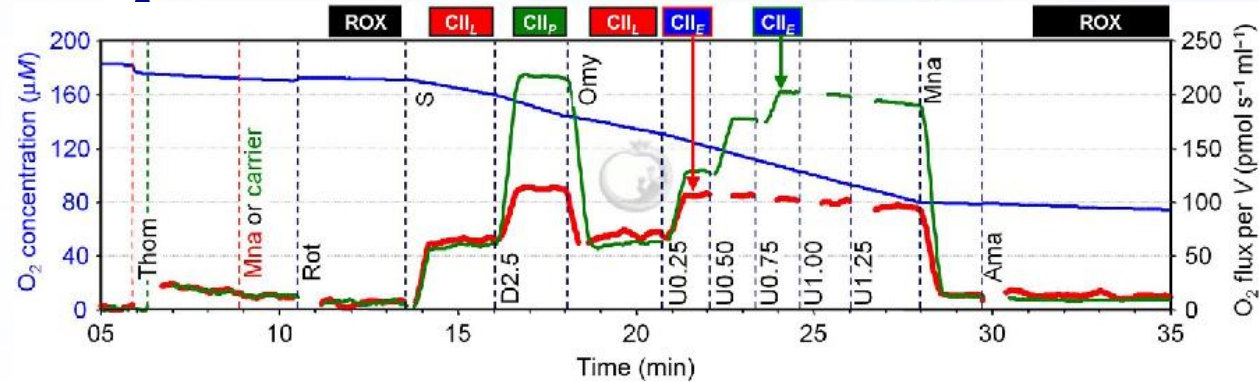
## • Inhibition of OXPHOS respiration

	OXPHOS	
	N	S
<b>Safranin 2 μM</b>	- 35%	-10%
<b>TMRM 1.5 μM</b>	- 35%	-13%
<b>TPP+ 1.5 μM</b>	- 3%	-
<b>TPP+ 3 μM</b>	- 5%	-

## • Stimulation of LEAK respiration:

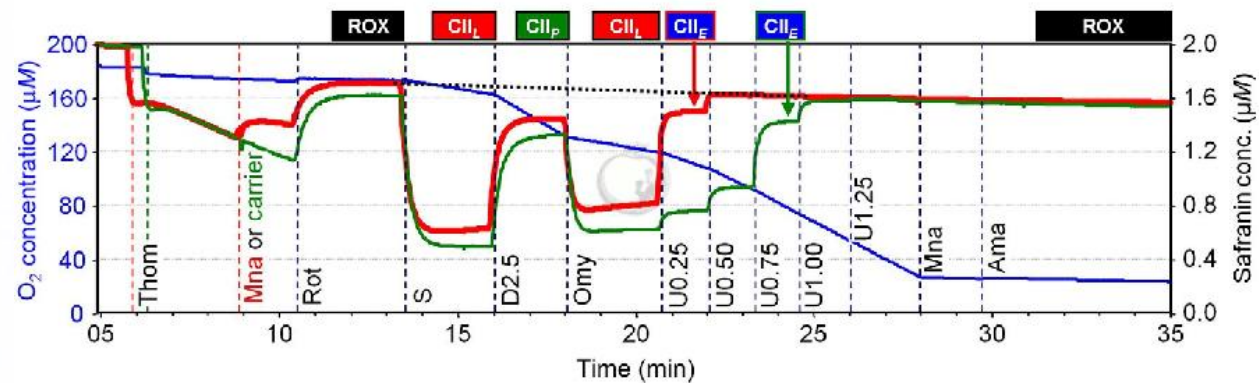
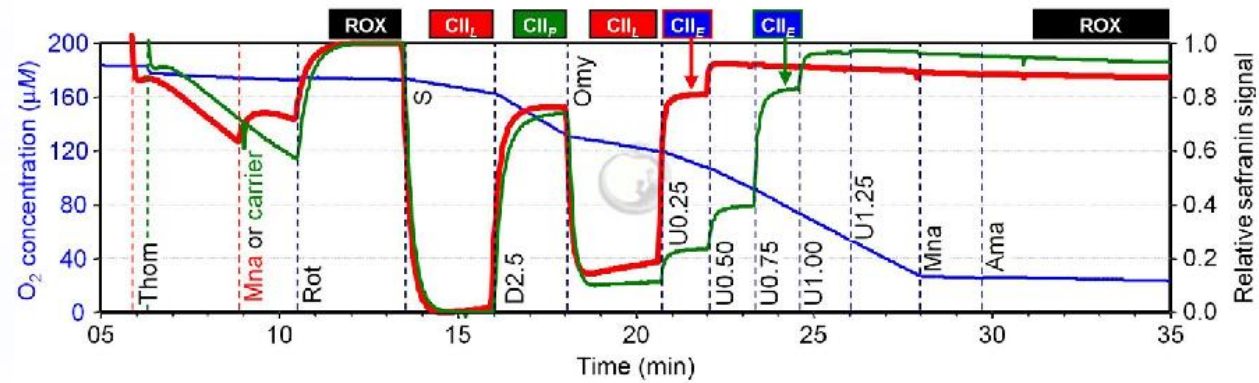
<b>Safranin</b>	<b>4 μM (S<sub>L</sub>)</b>
<b>TMRM</b>	<b>4 μM (S<sub>L</sub>)</b>
<b>TPP+</b>	<b>6 μM (N<sub>L</sub>)</b>

# Identification of mitochondrial defects, impairments



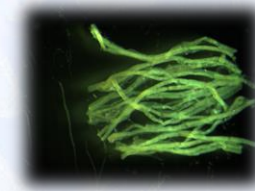
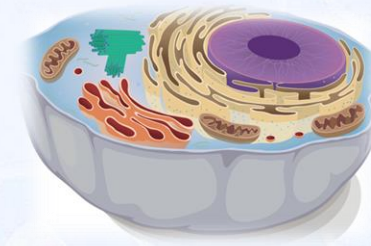
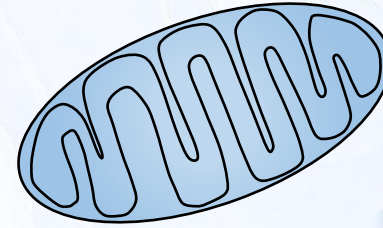
Mouse brain tissue homogenate

Mna: malonic acid, CII inhibitor



# Which samples can be used?

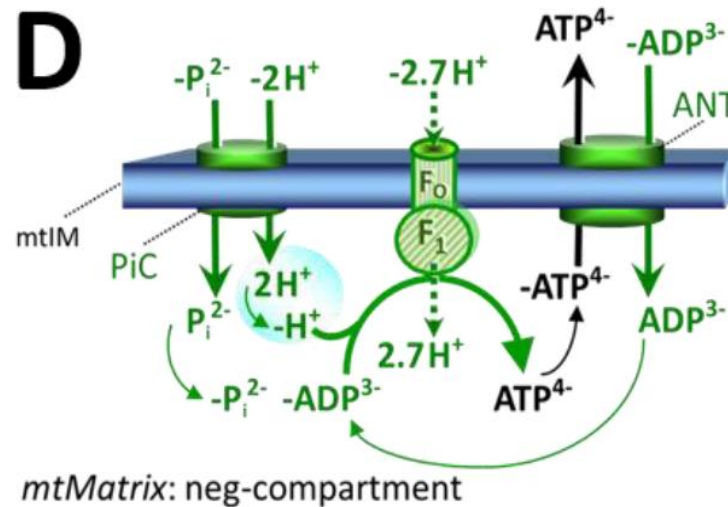
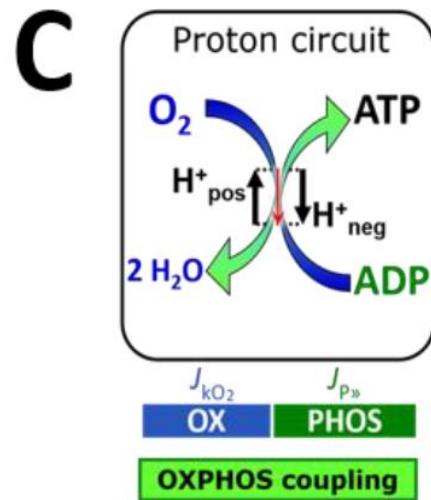
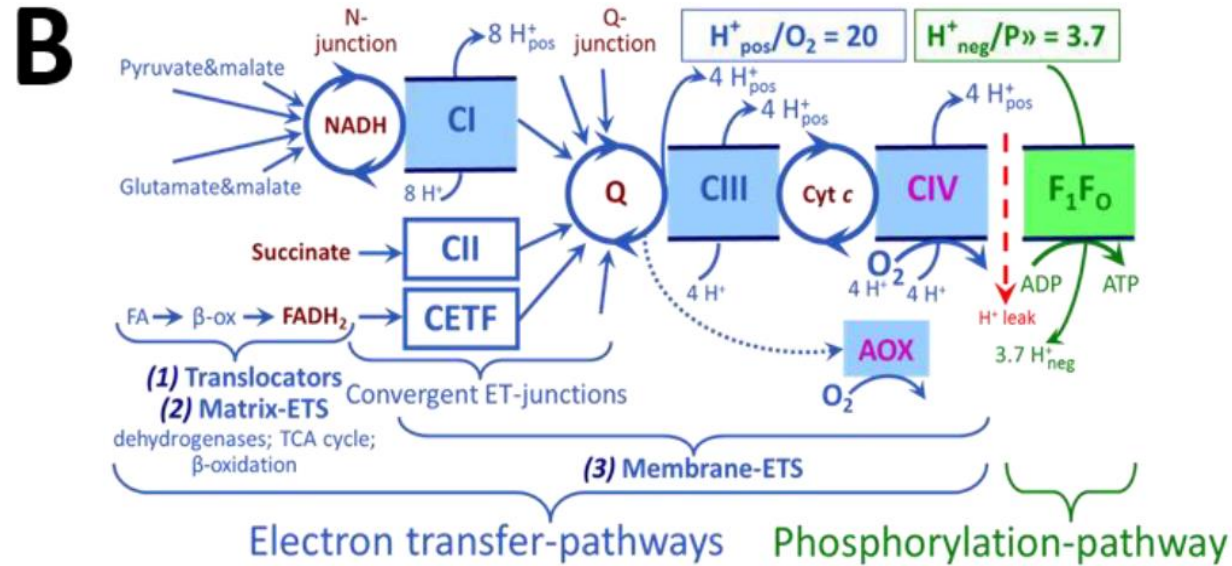
- Isolated mitochondria
- Permeabilized cells
- Tissue homogenate
- Permeabilized fibers – ongoing tests
- **NOT: living cells – interference with plasma membrane potential**



# **Mitochondrial ATP production: Magnesium Green assay**

# The ETS and phosphorylation pathway

$P \gg O_2$



# Techniques to measure ATP production

Luminometrical technique with luciferin/luciferase  
(reaction dependent on ATP)

Chromatographic techniques (HPLC, TLC)

Radioactivity measurements -  $^{32}\text{P}$

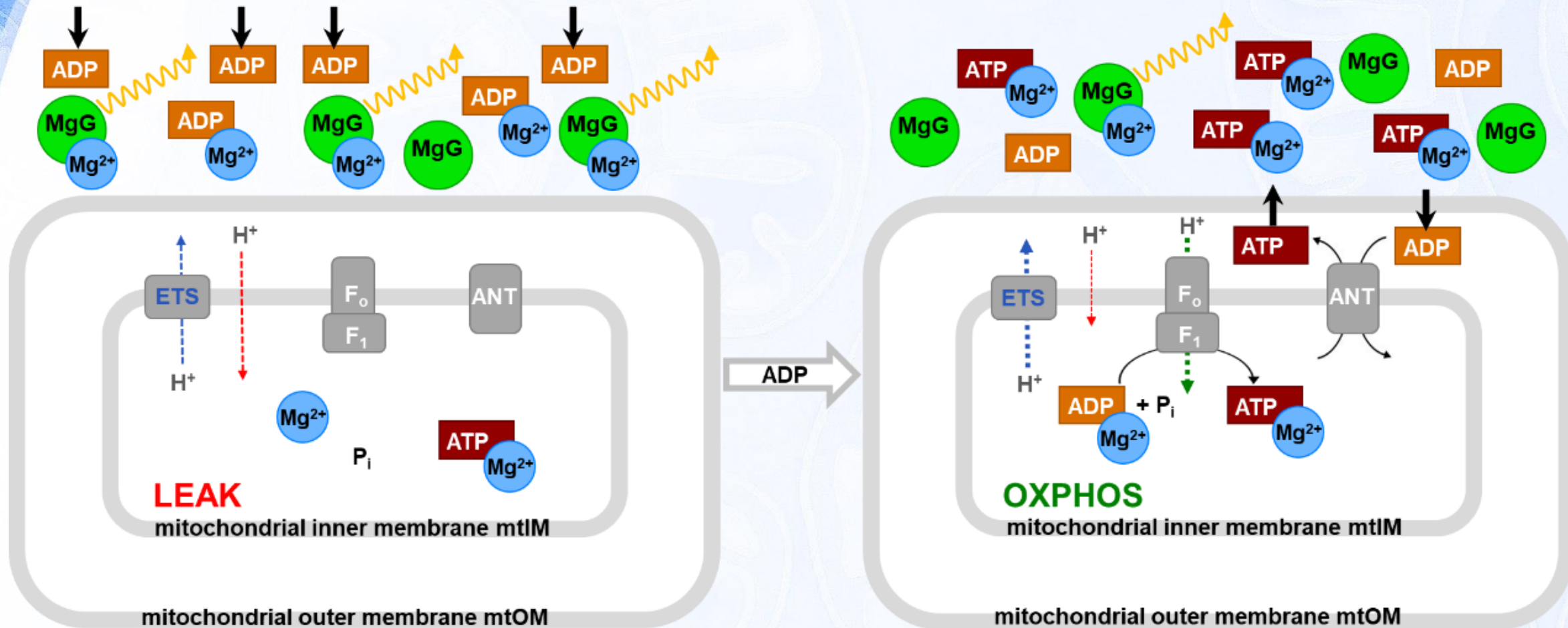
Cannot be  
integrated with  
respirometry

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graph TD; A[Luminometrical technique with luciferin/luciferase (reaction dependent on ATP)] --> D[Cannot be integrated with respirometry]; B[Chromatographic techniques (HPLC, TLC)] --> D; C[Radioactivity measurements - 32P] --> D;
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# Magnesium Green and ATP production measurement

Membrane-impermeant MgG



# Magnesium Green and O2k-FluoRespirometry



**Blue LED**



# $K_d'$ determination

2490

Biophysical Journal Volume 96 March 2009 2490–2504

## A Novel Kinetic Assay of Mitochondrial ATP-ADP Exchange Rate Mediated by the ANT

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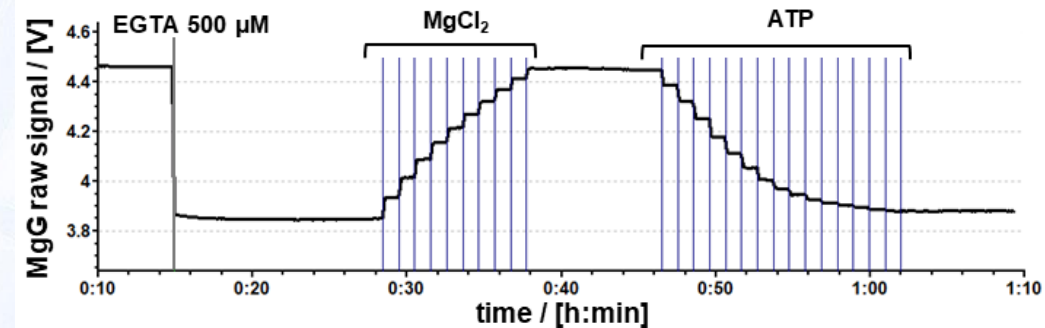
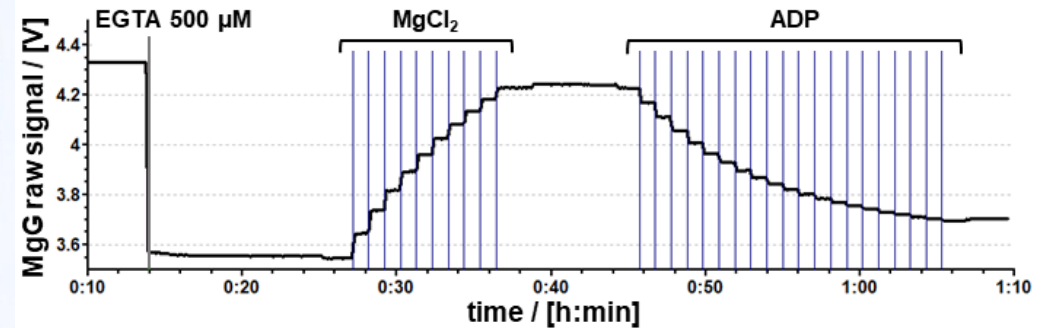
### Measurement of ADP–ATP Exchange in Relation to Mitochondrial Transmembrane Potential and Oxygen Consumption

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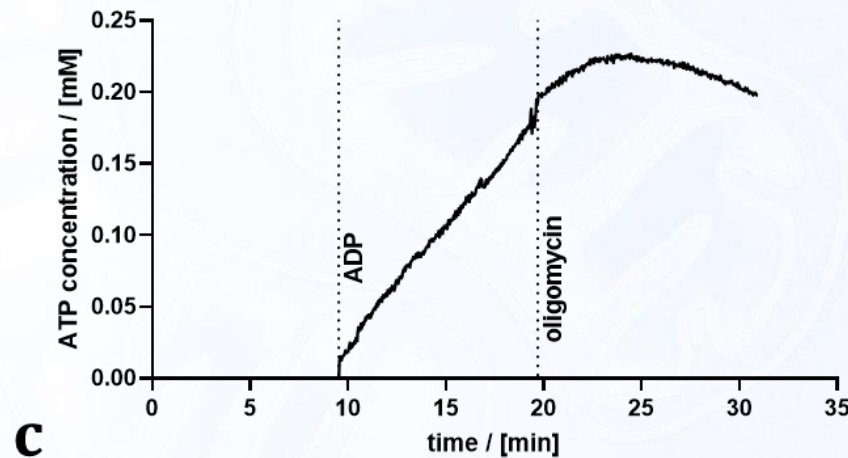
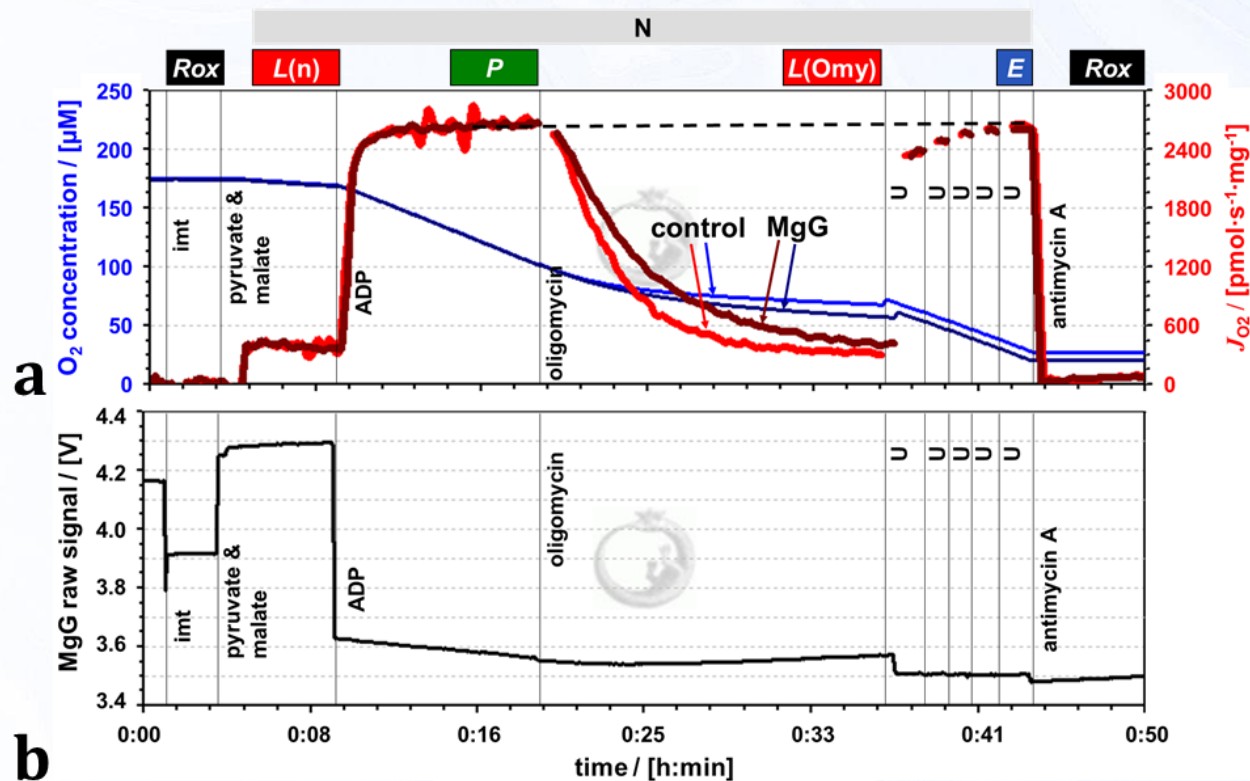
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1. Calibrating for free concentrations of  $Mg^{2+}$
2. Calculating the  $K_d'$  of ADP and ATP for  $Mg^{2+}$
3. Calculating ATP appearing in the medium using the  $K_d'$  and initial concentrations



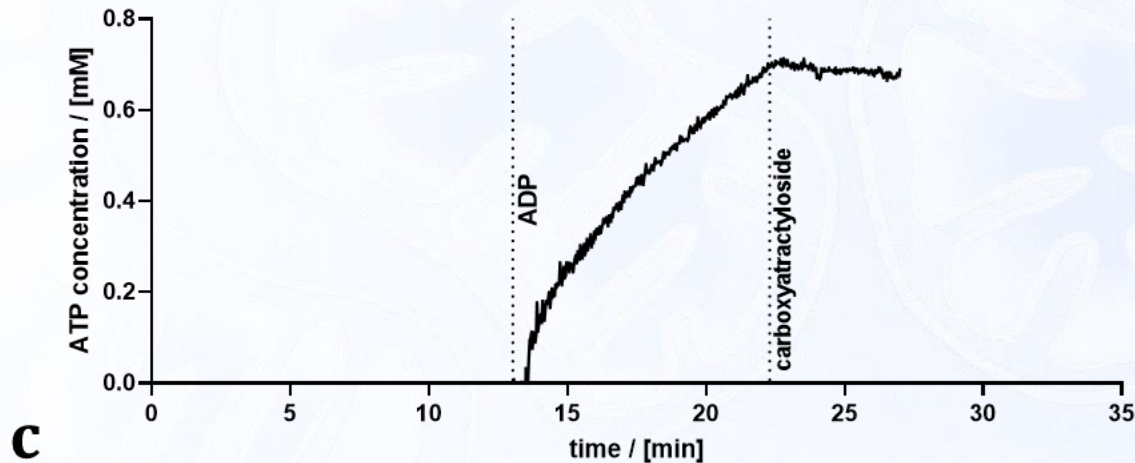
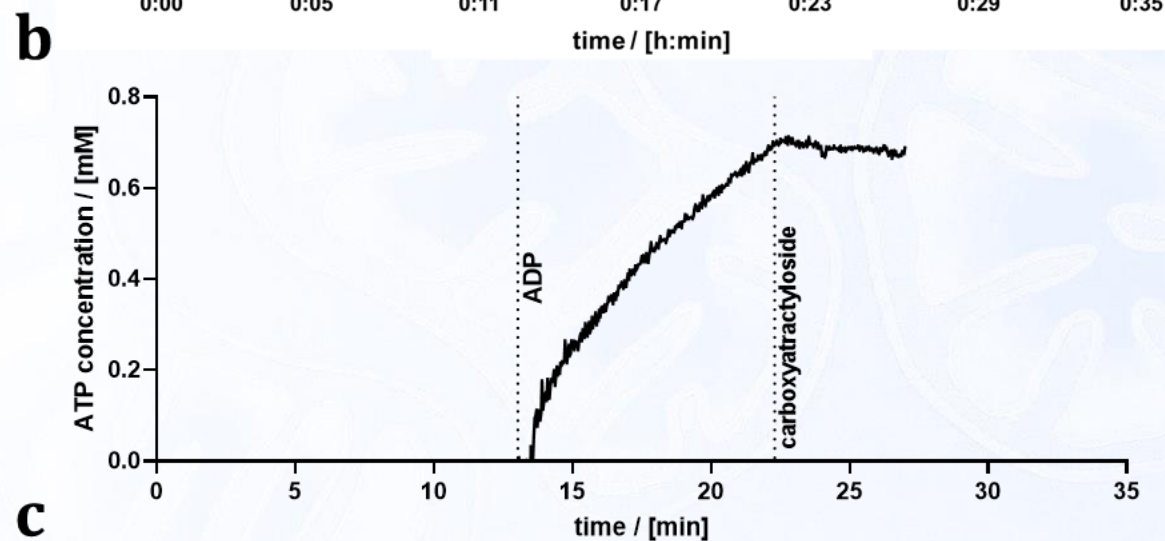
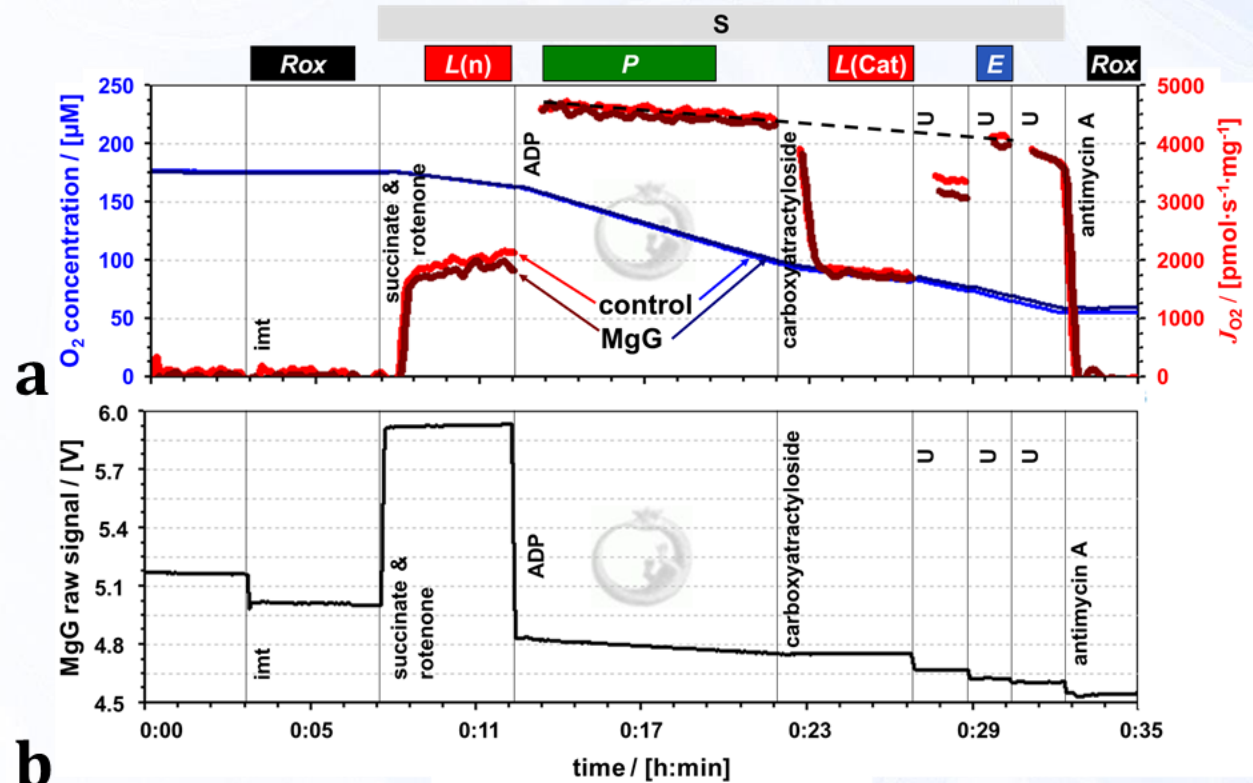
**MiR05 prepared without  $MgCl_2$**

# Coupling control protocol and MgG - N-pathway



Mouse heart  
isolated  
mitochondria

# Coupling control protocol and MgG - S-pathway

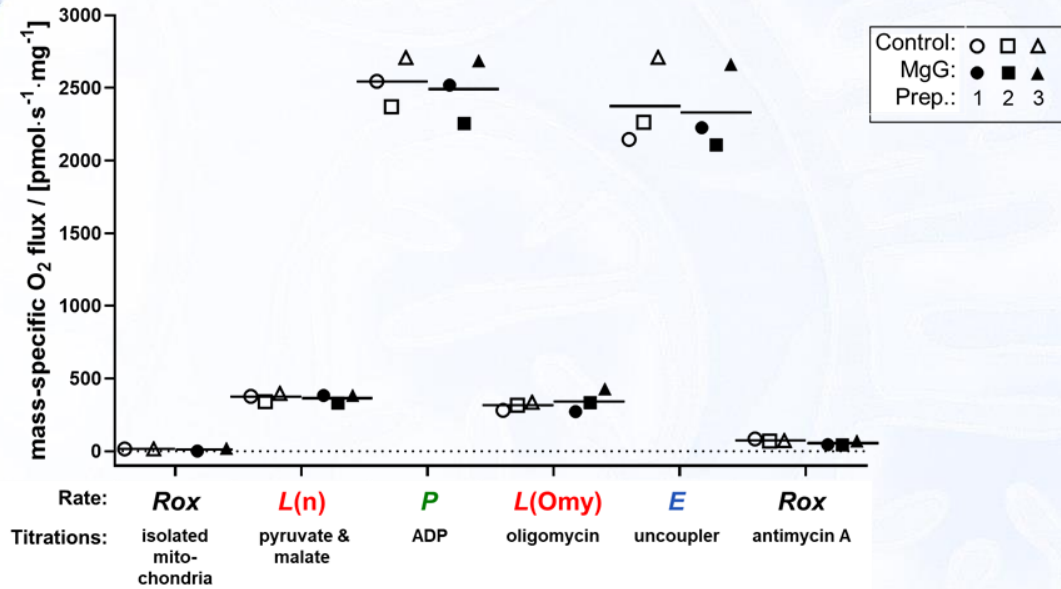


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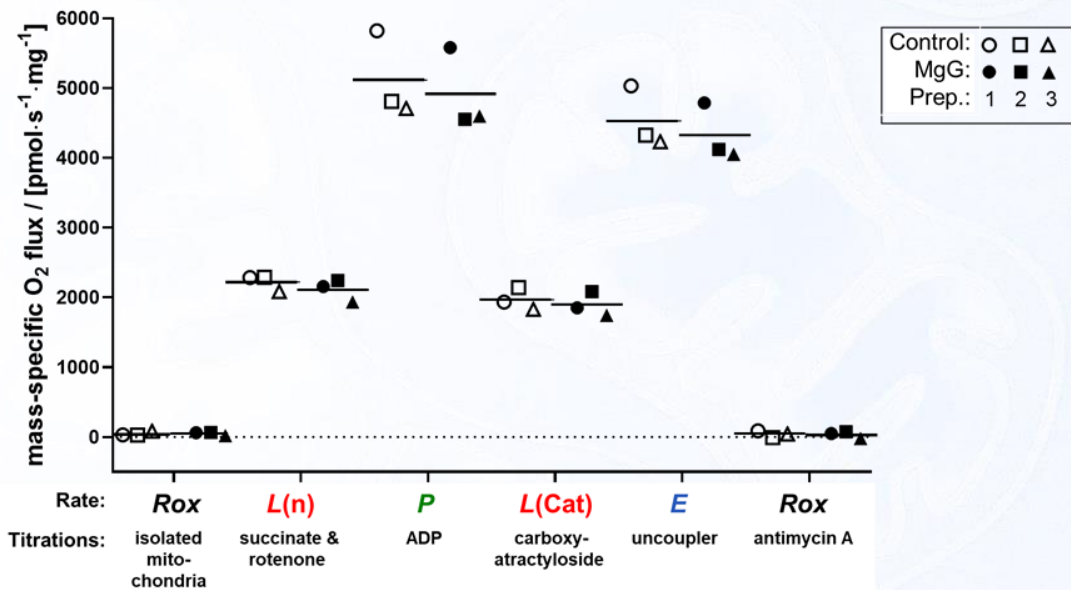
# MgG did not impact mitochondrial respiration

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1.1  $\mu\text{M}$  MgG



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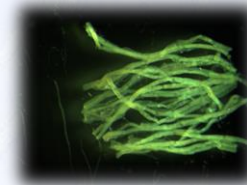
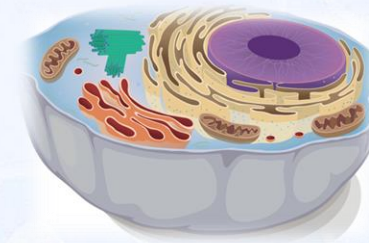
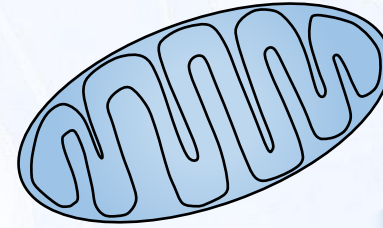
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## Calculating $P \gg O_2$ ratios

Protocol	$(P-L)/P$	$L(n)/L(\text{inh})$	$P \gg O_2$	$P \gg O$
N-pathway - MgG	$0.90 \pm 0.01$	$1.13 \pm 0.05$	-	-
N-pathway + MgG	$0.88 \pm 0.02$	$1.12 \pm 0.04$	$2.33 \pm 1.07$	$1.16 \pm 0.53$
S-pathway - MgG	$0.62 \pm 0.05$	$1.27 \pm 0.16$	-	-
S-pathway + MgG	$0.61 \pm 0.05$	$1.12 \pm 0.26$	$2.78 \pm 0.74$	$1.39 \pm 0.37$

# Which samples can be used?

- Isolated mitochondria
- Permeabilized cells
- Tissue homogenate
- Permeabilized fibers



- **NOT: living cells – presence of intact plasma membrane – membrane impermeant MgG**

# Important to take into consideration when running the MgG assay

1. MgG has higher affinity for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  than for  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$

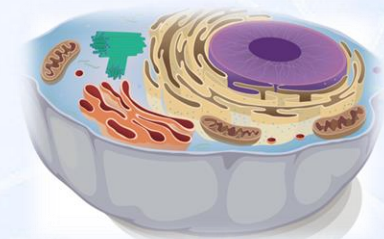
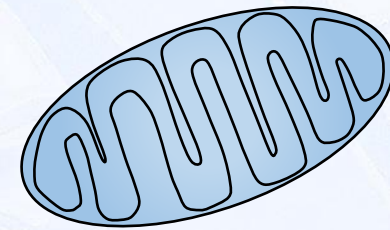
Solution: medium and chemicals without  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , use low concentration of EGTA

2. Presence of enzymes that consume ATP

Solution: Isolated or purified mitochondria, use of inhibitors for ATPases and other ATP-consuming enzymes

3.  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  concentration in the medium

With too high concentration – not possible to measure, chemicals titrated should not contain  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$



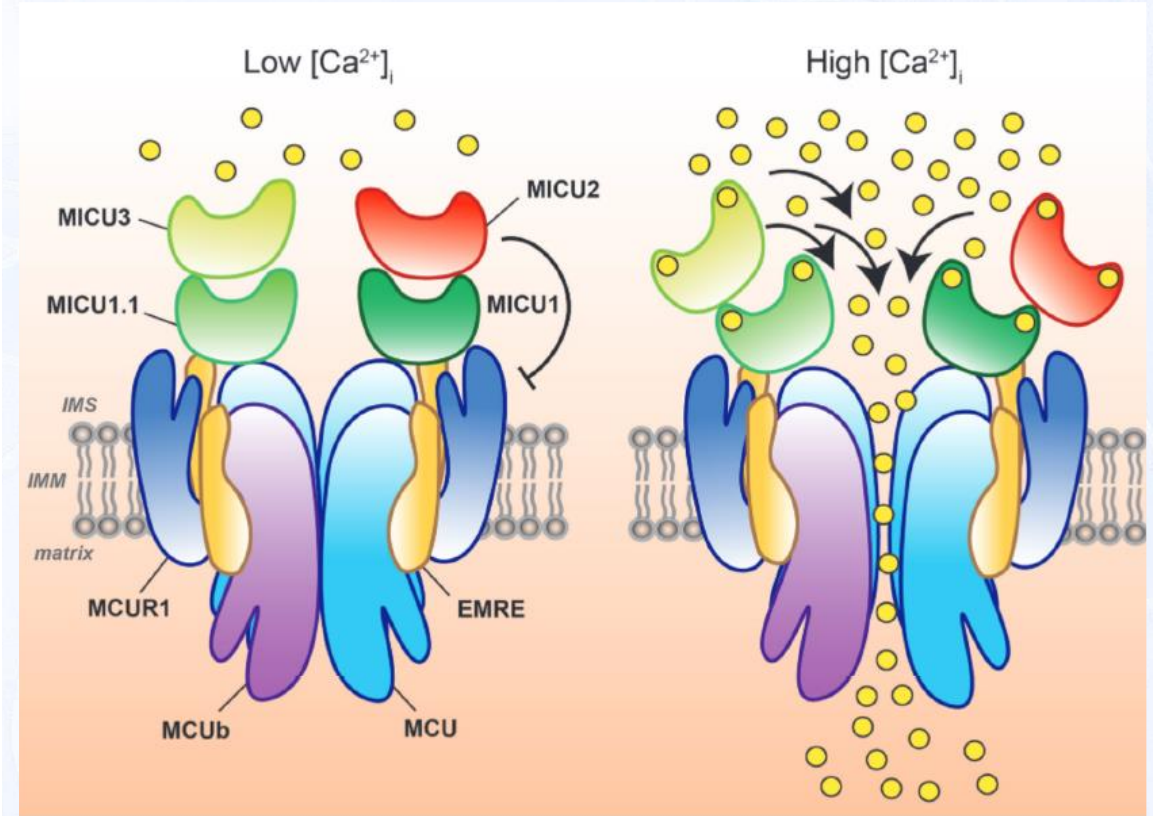
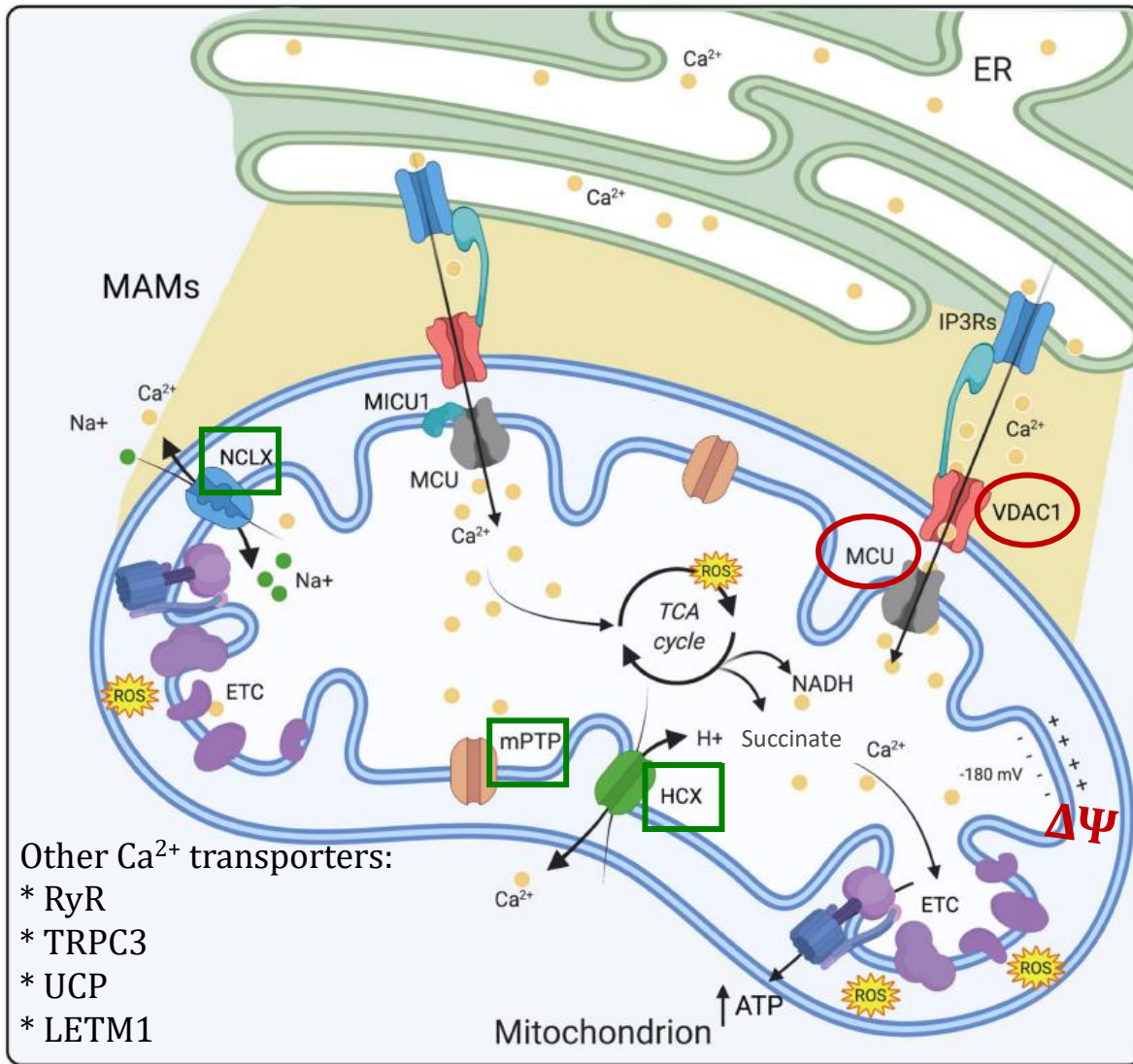


**Mitochondrial  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  uptake and retention capacity:**

**Calcium Green assay**

# Mitochondrial calcium uptake

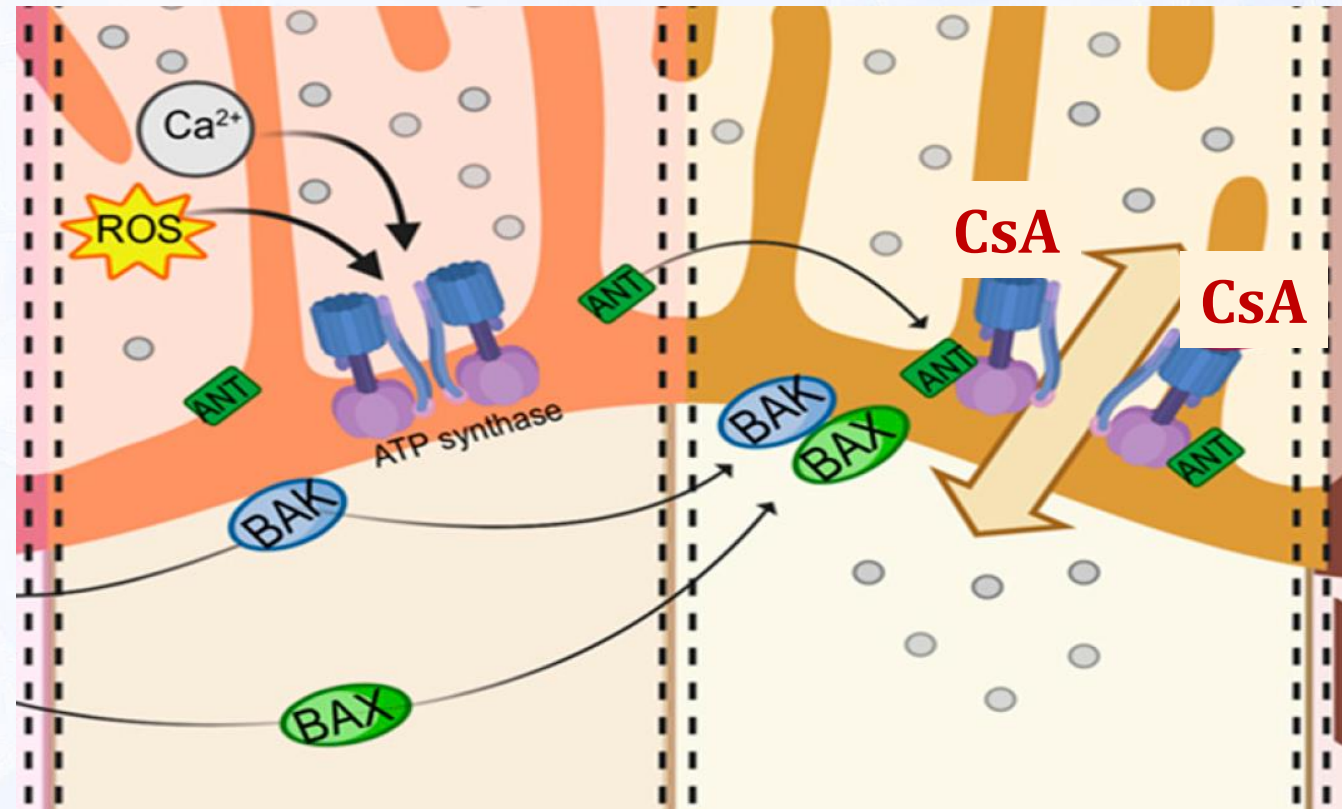
## Calcium in and out pathways



The mitochondrial calcium uniporter (MCU) complex

# Mitochondrial permeability transition pore (mtPTP)

- Structure – ANT,  $F_1F_0$ -ATPase, Cyclophilin D
- Transient but also deadly – swelling and release of apoptotic factors
- Calcium triggers but other factors can manipulate the  $[Ca^{2+}]$  necessary



# Ca<sup>2+</sup> retention capacity vs Ca<sup>2+</sup> uptake capacity

## Ca<sup>2+</sup> added vs Ca<sup>2+</sup> taken up

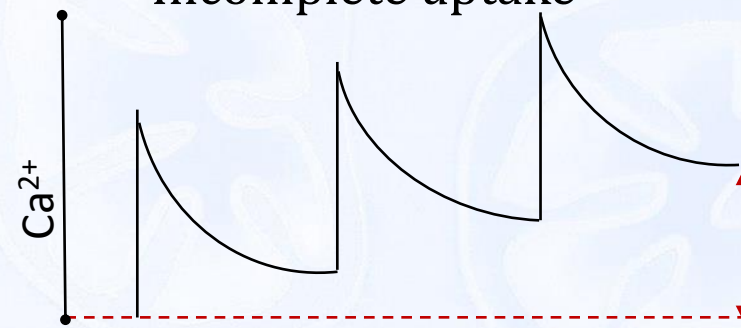
- **Calcium retention capacity (CaRC)** is frequently defined as
  - The capability of mitochondria to retain Ca<sup>2+</sup>
  - The amount of **Ca<sup>2+</sup> added** to induce mtPTP opening and Ca<sup>2+</sup> release
- **Calcium uptake capacity (CaUC)** is the amount of Ca<sup>2+</sup> that the mitochondria take up

CaUC is typically lower than CaRC

- Complete uptake



- Incomplete uptake



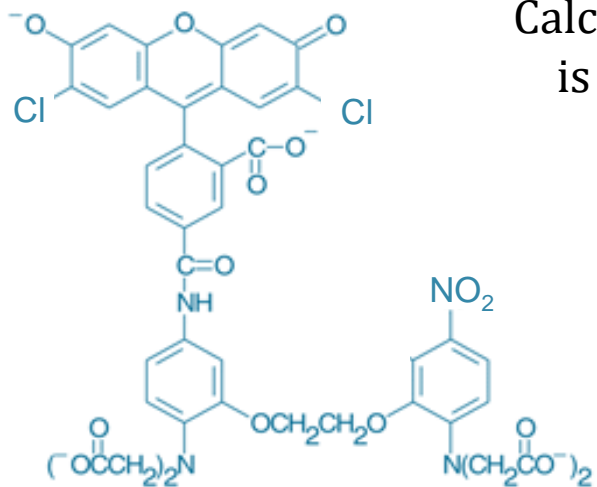
# Measuring $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ in the O2k

Smart Fluo-Sensor **Blue**



Gain 1000  
Fluo intensity 500

Calcium Green™-5N (CaG, 2  $\mu\text{M}$ )  
is a membrane-impermeant  
potassium salt



$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  outside of mitochondria!

Mouse liver isolated mitochondria

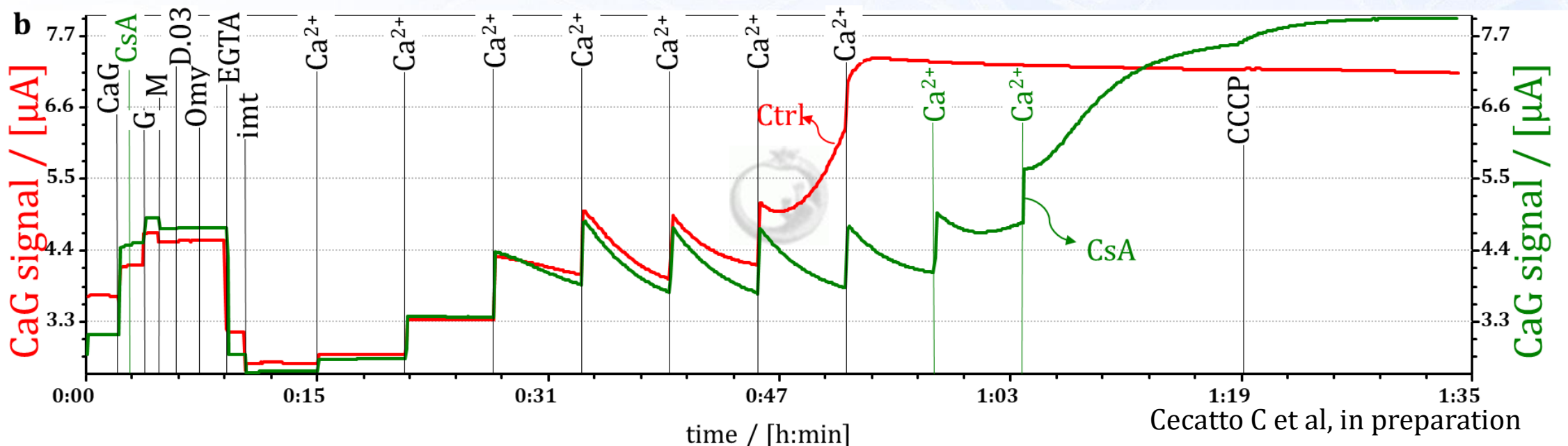
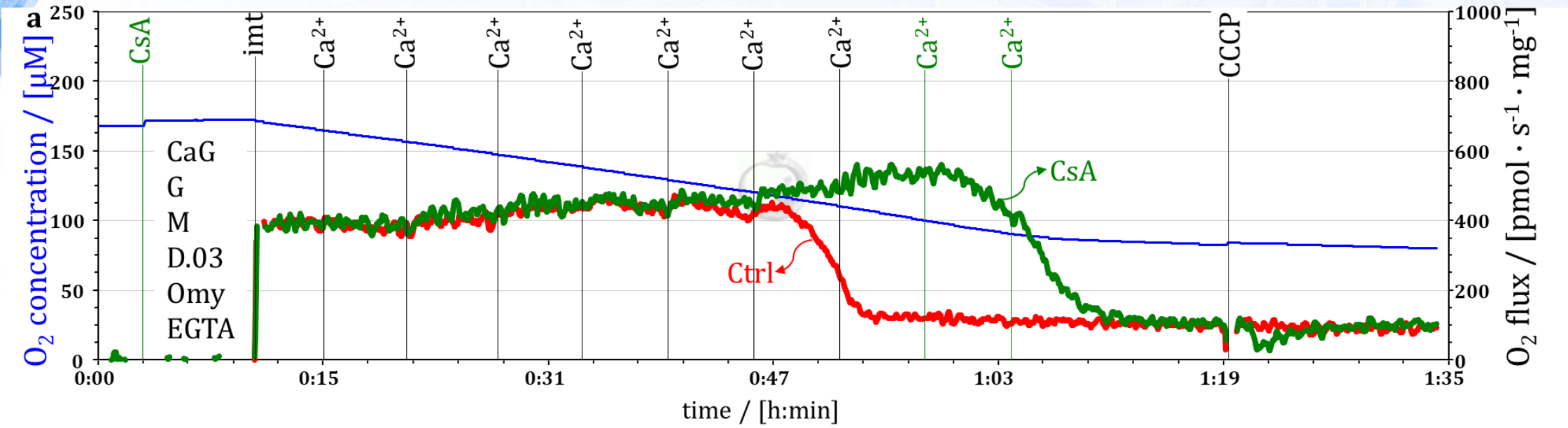
Calcium respiration medium (CaR):  
70 mM KCl, 110 mM sucrose, 1 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 10  
mM  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , 20 mM HEPES, pH 7.1

$\text{CaCl}_2$  titrations  
(5  $\mu\text{M}$  steps)

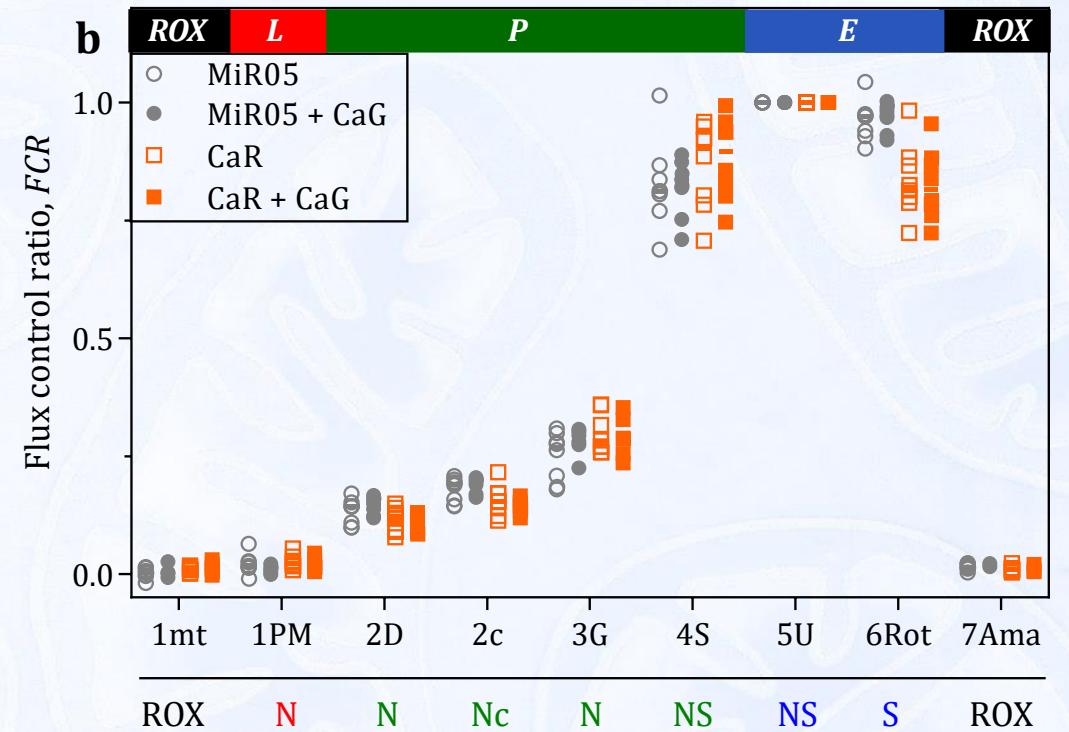
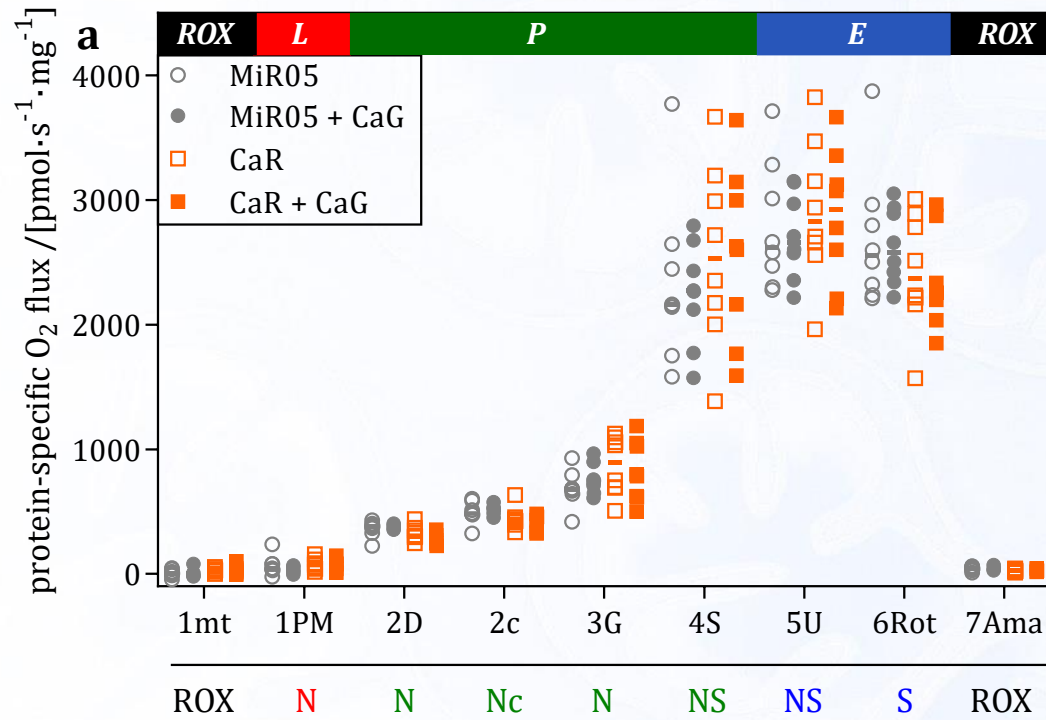


Calcium uptake in absence (Ctrl) or presence  
of cyclosporin A (CsA, 1  $\mu\text{M}$ )

# Ca<sup>2+</sup> uptake experiment

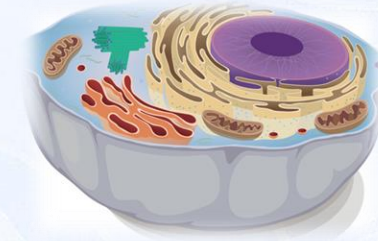
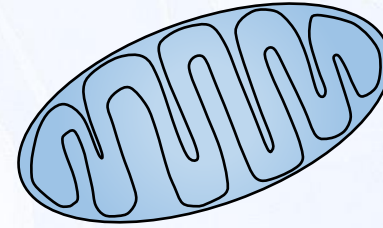


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# O2k-TPP+ ISE-Module



**Mitochondrial  
membrane potential  
with TPP<sup>+</sup>**

# O2k-pH ISE-Module



**Measurement of pH  
in the O2k-Chamber,  
acidification**

# O2k-sV-Module

**Specifically developed  
to perform high-  
resolution respirometry  
with reduced amounts  
of biological sample**



**0.5 mL chamber**

# Oxia - from Hyperoxia to Hypoxia



**O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> gas to increase or decrease [O<sub>2</sub>] inside the O2k chambers**



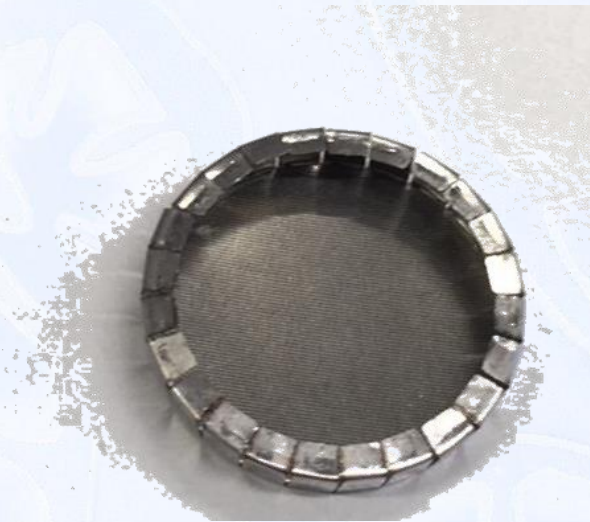
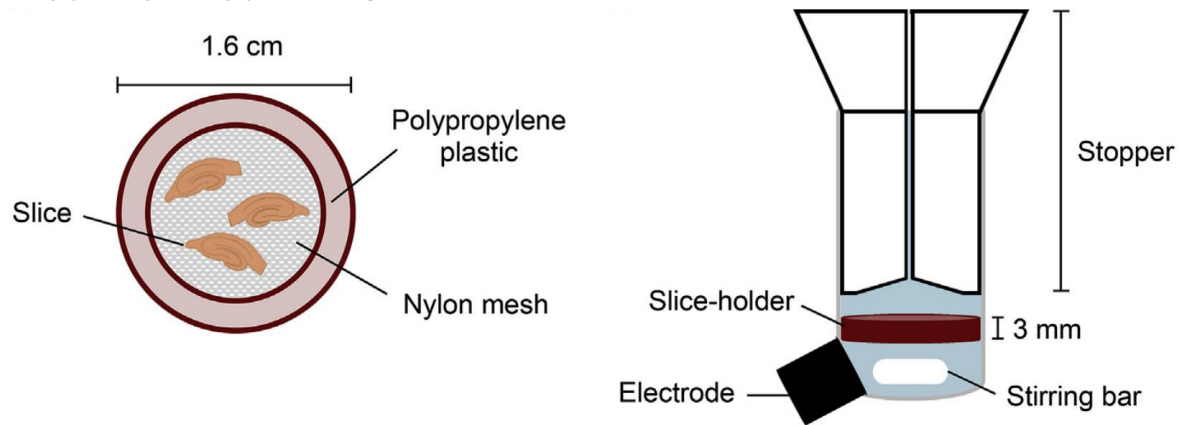
# Sample holder

Analysis of respiratory capacity in brain tissue preparations: high-resolution respirometry for intact hippocampal slices

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**Brain slices, 3D cell cultures ...**