

Operating Manual

LubMonPC_{light}

SCSO 800-1000





PC visualization software for condition sensors

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1. Introduction

LubMonPC light is a National Instruments (NI) LabVIEW based program for reading, displaying and storing the data of the following condition sensors:

- > LubCos H₂O
- > LubCos H₂O+ II
- > LubCos Level
- > LubCos Vis+
- > OPCom Particle Monitor
- > OPCom FerroS

Range of functions:

- > Simple and understandable handling through a graphical user interface
- > Graphical data visualization based on two charts, each with two Y-axes and one X-axis
- > Flexible axes assignments with linear and logarithmic display of axis and zoom function
- > List display of current measurement data and units
- > Choice of interfaces (RS232 or Ethernet TCP / IP)
- > Recording and saving the data as text files in .txt-format with headers for measurement series and unit labels
- > Start, pause and stop function of the recording
- > Recording of the current time stamp and freely adjustable recording interval

2. System requirements

- > Windows XP or higher
- > Processor: Min. Pentium 200 MHz or equivalent processor, a Pentium III, Celeron with 600 MHz or an equivalent processor is recommended
- > Memory: Min. 64 MB, 256 MB recommended
- > Screen resolution: Min. 1024 x 768 pixel

Furthermore, the system requirements for the NI Runtime Engine system have to be taken into account.

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3. Quick start

The following section describes the steps which must be taken for the initial commissioning of LubMonPC_{light} with an ARGO-HYTOS condition sensor. For this purpose, the following components are required:

- > PC / laptop with RS232 connection or alternatively a USB port, which serves as a measuring computer
- > Oil condition sensor LubCos or OPCOM II
- > Sensor cable (order number: SCSO 100-5030)
- > Power supply incl. cold-device plug (order number: SCSO 100-5080)
- ➤ Software LubMonPC_{light} (www.argo-hytos.com)
- > In addition, when connected via USB: USB-RS232 converter with associated driver software (order number: 100-5040 SCSO)

The components must be prepared as follows:

A) Software installation LubMonPCliaht

- 1. Unpack the LubMonPClight.zip file on your computer.
- 2. Before starting of LubMonPClight.exe, LabVIEW Runtime Engine (V2010) needs to be installed. This is included in the "fullsetup"-file which can be downloaded from the download section of ARGO-HYTOS (www.argo-hytos.com). If the LabVIEW Runtime Engine has already been installed, only the "executable" file is needed.
- B) Software installation of the driver for the USB-RS232 converter for data acquisition via USB (If you do not use a converter, please continue with point D)
- 3. Now connect your USB-RS232 converter to your PC / laptop.
- 4. If the USB-RS232 converter is not known to the PC, the corresponding driver must be installed. Then follow the installation instructions of the operating system or the supplied driver CD.

C) Sensor connection for data acquisition via US

- 5. Connect the sensor cable with the M12 connector to the sensor.
- 6. Connect the 9-pin. D-Sub connector of the cable to the appropriate serial interface of the USB-RS232 converter.
- 7. Connect the USB connector of the USB-RS232 converter to an appropriate interface of your PC / laptop.
- 8. Connect the power supply and the sensor cable.
- 9. Now properly connect your power supply with the cold-device plug to the mains voltage. Your sensor is now ready for operation.

D) Sensor connection for data acquisition via RS232

- 10. Connect the sensor cable with the M12 connector to the sensor.
- 11. Connect the 9-pin. D-Sub connector of the cable to the appropriate serial interface of your PC / laptop.
- 12. Connect the power supply and the sensor cable.
- 13. Now properly connect your power supply with the cold-device plug to the mains voltage. Your sensor is now ready for operation.

E) Start the software

- 14. LubMonPC_{light} can be started by double-clicking on the file LubMonPClight.exe.
- 15. Select the serial interface (COM) at which you have connected the sensor to the computer. If you do not use a USB-RS232 converter, this usually is COM 1.
- 16. When using a USB-RS232 converter, a new virtual COM port is created. Select this one. Optionally, you can check the assignment of the virtual COM port in the Windows Device Manager.
- 17. The incoming data and the identification of the sensor appear on the left side of the window. On the right side of the window, the data can be visualized in a diagram.

When starting LubMonPC $_{light'}$ a window with the user interface is opened (see Figure 1). In this window all measured data can be read and all adjustments can be made.

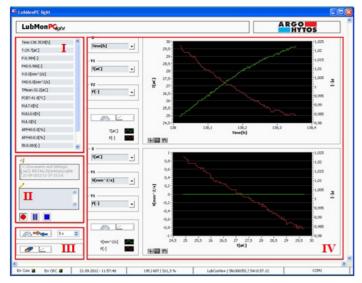


Figure 1: User interface LubMonPClight

The user interface can be divided into the following four sectors (I-IV, Figure 1):

4.1 Sector I: List display of the current measurement values

Display of all parameters of the connected sensor with their units in square brackets.

More information on the individual measurements can be taken from the user manual of the respective sensor.

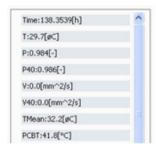


Figure 2: List display of the measurement values

4.2 Sector II: Recording of the measurement data

Storage path: Reproduction of the path and file name, selected via the start button.

Comment field: Ability to enter a comment. This is stored in the header of the log file. The input must be done before starting

a recording.

Starting a recording. A window opens in which the file path and the file name of the log file must be selected.

Pause: Temporary interruption of the recording. By pressing the key again, the recording will continue.

Stop: Stop recording.

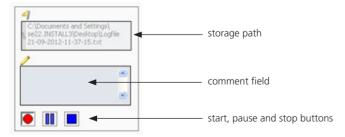


Figure 3: Recording of the measurement data

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Communication and recording interval 4.3

Communication settings:

Select interface. See chapter 5.

Query / recording interval:

Interval for the query of the sensor data, graphic representation and storage operation. The adjustment range is between 3 and 5000 seconds (default setting: 3 seconds).

Resetting the diagrams:

Delete both charts. A running record of data is not affected.

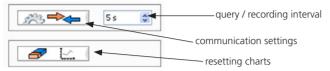


Figure 4: Setting for communication and recording interval

Graphic representation

Two identically structured chart windows are available. See the following figure.

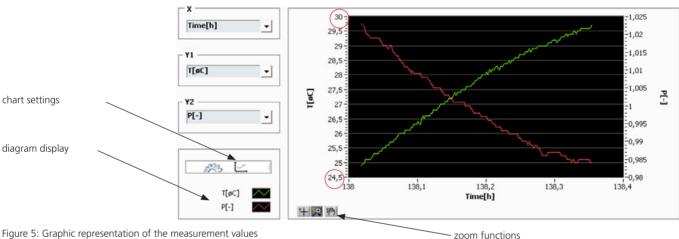


Figure 5: Graphic representation of the measurement values

In the left sector, the parameters to be displayed can be selected. For this, two Y-axes (Y1, Y2) and a common X-axis are available. The selection of the parameters to be displayed can be combined as desired.

Chart settings:

linear:

Adjusting the scaling for each axis. Possible settings:

Linear scaling automatically: Logarithmic scaling manually: log:

Automatic adjustment of the scaling to the read parameter values.

The minimum and maximum values of the scaling can be manually entered, directly on the axis by clicking.

See Figure 5, red mark

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Figure 6: Chart settings

Diagram representation:

By clicking on the box a menu opens in which the line display can be customized. The setting opportunities are directly provided in the menu. See Figure 7.

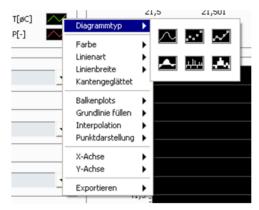


Figure 7: Menu for the diagram display

Another option is the direct export of the measurement data displayed in the diagram. This is also possible, if no measurement data recording was started.

Zoom function:

There are two-dimensional zoom functions at your disposal as well as horizontal and vertical zoom. Selective zooming-in or zooming-out is also possible.

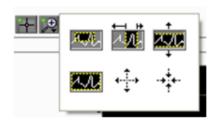


Figure 8: Zoom functions

4.5 Footer

The footer shows from left to right: Signal indicators for communication errors and transmission errors, date and time, number of successful and total transfers, and their percentage ratio, sensor name, serial number, software version and the selected interface (e.g. COM1).

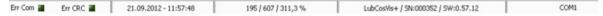


Figure 9: Footer - LubMonPC_{light}

Communication with a sensor can be done in two different ways. On the one hand via a serial COM interface (RS232), on the other hand over Ethernet via TCP / IP.

5.1 Serial interface

Interface parameters for the COM port such as the transmission speed cannot be changed. These are firmly implemented in the program. The number of sensors that can be connected to a PC depends on the number of available COM ports. However, only the measurement data from one sensor may be displayed in the LubMonPC_{light}. Nevertheless, it is possible to repeatedly open the program LubMonPC_{light} and thus display the measured data of several sensors simultaneously. To this end, the program can be copied to multiple folders and then be started.

Note:

Through the use of USB-to-serial converters, additional virtual COM ports can be created. This makes it possible to connect more sensors to a PC despite there is only one physically available COM port. Note that most commercially available USB-to-serial converter require installation of a driver. If the driver is installed correctly, the new virtual COM port can be selected in the user interface of the LubMonPC liaht.

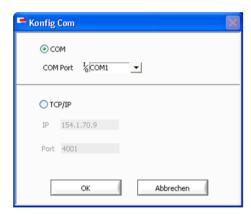


Figure 10: Selection of the COM port

5.2 Ethernet - TCP / IP

In addition to the direct connection via a serial interface, it is also possible to integrate a sensor via an Ethernet Gateway in a Local Area Network (LAN). LubMonPC_{light} can access the sensor, based on the set IP number at the Ethernet Gateway and the associated port number.

Example:

The Ethernet Gateway is assigned the user's IP number 154.1.70.9. The first COM port of the Ethernet Gateway receives the port number 4001, the second COM port the port number 4002 etc. In the LubMonPC $_{light}$, on the user interface, the IP (154.1.70.9) and the appropriate port number of the desired sensor have to be entered.

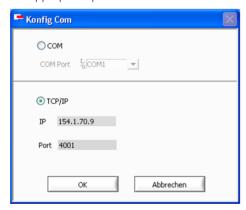


Figure 11: Configuration for TCP / IP

Note:

The appropriate configuration parameters of the Ethernet Gateway such as the baud rate and other COM settings must be set on the basis of the user manual.

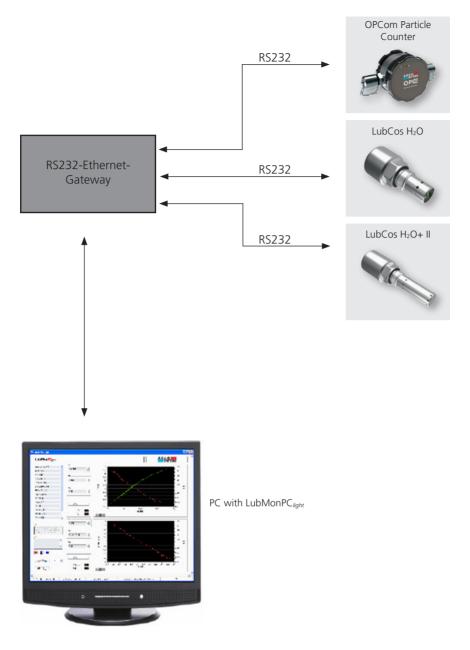


Figure 12: Network building - TCP / IP

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After starting the measurement data recording via the red circle button (also see Chapter 4.2), a prompt appears. In this, the user is prompted to select a path for the log files folder. By default, the path of the project directory and the name "logfile<date>-<time> . txt" are indicated.

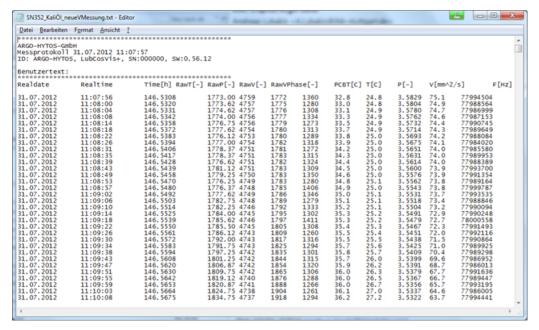


Figure 13: Display of measurement data in the log file

The text files can be opened with any text editor (see Figure 13). For graphic representation, the content can be exported in a standard spreadsheet program (e.g. Microsoft Excel).

The procedure to open a file in Excel is illustrated below using a .txt file. This requires, for example, the starting of Microsoft Excel 2010; then the previously saved file can be opened.

It should be noted that in the "Open" dialog, "All Files" or "Text Files" must be selected (see Figure 14). After clicking on "Open", Excel automatically starts the Text Import Wizard. Here just click on "Finish" and the data is presented in tabular form.



Figure 14: Opening of .txt-files

The data presented in tabular form (see Figure 15) can now be further processed and illustrated e.g. in charts.

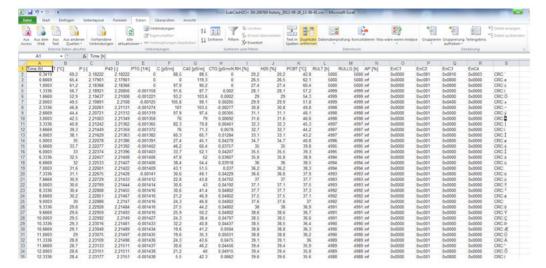


Figure 15: Tabular presentation of measurement data

Note.

Opening the log files during operation of the LubMonPC_{light} is possible. After closing, the data continues to be stored there.

7. Troubleshooting

Error: No communication with sensor LubMonPC _{light}			
Possible cause	Recommended measures		
> Cable is not properly connected	First please check the correct electrical connection of the sensor or of the data and power cable. Please take the prescribed pin assignment into account		
> Cable wrong or defective	▶ Only use data cable, recommended by ARGO-HYTOS.		
> Incorrect COM port has been selected	Check and correct the selection of the COM port (for example, COM1).		
> RS232 interface of the sensor is not activated	Activate the RS232 interface temporarily or permanently with the help of "LubMon Config" or a terminal program (e.g. Windows Hyper Terminal). For more detailed information please refer to the documentation of the respective sensor.		

8. Accessories

Description	Order No.
Power supply	SCSO 100-5080
 Power supply for connection to pre-fabricated data cable SCSO 100-5030 	
Cable socket	SCSO 100-5010
 8-pin Shielded M12 socket suitable for cable diameter 6.8 mm Protection class IP67 Temperature range -40 °C 85 °C 	
Pre-fabricated data cable	SCSO 100-5020
 Shielded sensor cable Protection class IP67 Temperature range -20 °C 85 °C Oil-resistant Side 1 - molded sensor plug Side 2 - 8 single strands 	
Pre-fabricated data cable for computer connection / D-Sub connector 9 pin	SCSO 100-5030
 Shielded sensor cable Protection class IP67 Temperature range -20 °C 85 °C Oil-resistant Side 1 - molded sensor plug Side 2 - 9-pin D-sub connector / DC plug for power supply (power supply must be ordered separately) 	
USB / serial adapter	SCSO 100-5040
 Adapter for implementing serial RS232 interface to "Universal Serial Bus" (USB). 	
With the Universal Serial Bus it is possible to address multiple sensors simultaneously.	

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