

TECHNICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

Electrochemical instruments

- ▶ high - quality
- ▶ moderate prices
- ▶ excellent precision

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Desktop performance in the palm of your hand

The EmStat4S is a portable, USB-powered Potentiostat, Galvanostat, and optional Frequency Response Analyser (FRA) for Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS). The **EmStat4S Low Range** version is great for applications that require measuring low currents down to picoamps, whereas the **High Range version** is very suitable for applications that need a maximum current of up to 200 mA.



Main differences between the Low Range (LR) and High Range (HR) versions:



| | EmStat4S LR | EmStat4S HR |
|----------------------|---|--|
| • potential range | ±3 V | ±6 V |
| • max. compliance | ±5 V | ±8 V |
| • current ranges | 1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges) | 100 nA to 100 mA (7 ranges) |
| • max. current | ±30 mA | ±200 mA |
| • FRA/EIS (optional) | 10 μHz to 200 kHz | |
| • electrodes | WE, RE, CE, and ground, 2 mm banana plugs | WE, RE, CE, S, and ground, 2 mm banana plugs |

Your data always secured



The EmStat4S is equipped with internal storage memory. This allows for storing your measurement data on-board seamlessly while the measurement is running. Your measurement even continues if the connection to the PC is lost. All internally stored measurements can be browsed and transferred back to the PC easily using PSTrace.

Supported Techniques

The EmStat4S supports the following electrochemical techniques:

Voltammetric techniques

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| ▪ Linear Sweep Voltammetry | LSV |
| ▪ Cyclic Voltammetry | CV |
| ▪ Fast Cyclic Voltammetry | FCV |
| ▪ AC Voltammetry | ACV |

Pulsed techniques

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| ▪ Differential Pulse Voltammetry | DPV |
| ▪ Square Wave Voltammetry | SWV |
| ▪ Normal Pulse Voltammetry | NPV |

These methods can all be used in their stripping modes which are applied for (ultra-) trace analysis.

Amperometric techniques

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| ▪ Chronoamperometry | CA |
| ▪ Zero Resistance Amperometry | ZRA |
| ▪ Chronocoulometry | CC |
| ▪ MultiStep Amperometry | MA |
| ▪ Fast Amperometry | FAM |
| ▪ Pulsed Amperometric Detection | PAD |

Galvanostatic techniques

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| ▪ Linear Sweep Potentiometry | LSP |
| ▪ Chronopotentiometry | CP |
| ▪ MultiStep Potentiometry | MP |
| ▪ Open Circuit Potentiometry | OCP |

Other

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| ▪ Mixed Mode | MM |
| ▪ Potentiostatic and Galvanostatic Impedance spectroscopy at fixed frequency or frequency scan vs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fixed potential or fixed current ○ scanning potential or scanning current ○ time | EIS/GEIS |
| ▪ Fast EIS/GEIS Very low interval fixed-frequency measurements | FEIS/FGEIS |

MethodSCRIPT™ allows for developing custom techniques. See page 12 for more information.



Measurement Specifications

The following table shows limits for some technique-specific parameters.

| | Parameter | Min | Max |
|---|---|--|---|
| All techniques (unless otherwise specified) | ▪ Conditioning time | 0 | 4000 s |
| | ▪ Deposition time | 0 | 4000 s |
| | ▪ Equilibration time | 0 | 4000 s |
| | ▪ Step potential | LR: 0.100 mV HR: 0.183 mV | 250 mV |
| | ▪ N data points | 3 | 1 000 000 |
| ▪ NPV ▪ DPV | ▪ Scan rate | LR: 0.1 mV/s (100 μ V step) HR: 0.1 mV/s (183 μ V step) | 1 V/s (5 mV step) |
| | ▪ Pulse time | 0.4 ms | 300 ms |
| ▪ SWV | ▪ Frequency | 1 Hz | 1250 Hz |
| ▪ LSV ▪ CV | ▪ Scan rate | LR: 0.01 mV/s (100 μ V step) HR: 0.01 mV/s (183 μ V step) | 500 V/s (200 mV step) |
| ▪ FCV | ▪ Scan rate | LR: 0.1 mV/s (100 μ V step) HR: 0.01 mV/s (183 μ V step) | 500 V/s (50 mV step) |
| | ▪ N averaged scans | 1 | 65535 |
| | ▪ N equil. scans | 0 | 65535 |
| ▪ PAD | ▪ Interval time | 50 ms | 4294 s |
| | ▪ Pulse time | 1 ms | 1 s |
| | ▪ N data points | 3 | 1 000 000 (> 100 days at 10 s interval) |
| ▪ CA ▪ CP ▪ OCP | ▪ Interval time | 0.4 ms | 4294 s |
| | ▪ Run time | 1 ms | > year |
| ▪ MM ▪ MA ▪ MP | ▪ N cycles | 1 | 20000 |
| | ▪ N levels | 1 | 255 |
| | ▪ Level switching overhead time | ~1 ms (typical) | - |
| | ▪ Interval time | 0.4 ms | 4294 s |
| ▪ FAM | ▪ Interval time | 1 μ s | 60 s |
| | ▪ Run time | 3 μ s | 34 days (60 s interval) 50 ms (1 μ s interval) |
| | ▪ N data points | 3 | 50000 |
| ▪ Fast EIS | Interval time between points at fixed frequency | ~1 ms (typical) | - |

System Specifications

| General | | |
|--|---|---------|
| | LR | HR |
| ▪ dc-potential range | ±3 V | ±6 V |
| ▪ compliance voltage | ±5 V | ±8 V |
| ▪ maximum current | ±30 mA | ±200 mA |
| ▪ max. data acquisition rate | 1M samples/s | |
| ▪ control loop bandwidth (stability setting) | 32 Hz, 320 Hz, 3.2 kHz, 30 kHz or 570 kHz | |
| ▪ current follower bandwidth | 23 Hz in 1 nA and 10 nA range 2.3 kHz in 100 nA and 1 uA range 230 kHz in 10 uA and 100 uA range > 500 kHz in ranges 1 mA and higher | |

| Potentiostat (controlled potential mode) | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| | LR | HR |
| ▪ applied potential resolution | 100 µV | 183 µV |
| ▪ applied potential accuracy | ≤ 0.2% ±1 mV offset | |
| ▪ current ranges | 1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges) | 100 nA to 100 mA (7 ranges) |
| ▪ measured current resolution | 0.009% of range (92 fA on 1 nA range) | |
| ▪ measured current accuracy | < 0.2% of current ±20 pA ±0.2% of range | < 0.2% of current ±0.2% of range |

| Galvanostat (controlled current mode) | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| | LR | HR |
| ▪ current ranges | 10 nA, 1 uA, 100 uA, 10 mA (4 ranges) | 1 uA, 100 uA, 10 mA, 100 mA (4 ranges) |
| ▪ applied dc-current | ±3 * range | |
| ▪ applied dc-current resolution | 0.01% of range | 0.0183% of range |
| ▪ applied dc-current accuracy | < 0.4% of current ±20 pA ±0.2% of range | < 0.4% of current ±0.2% of range |
| ▪ potential ranges | 50 mV, 100 mV, 200 mV, 500 mV, 1 V | |
| ▪ measured dc-potential resolution | 96 µV at ±3 V (1 V range) 48 µV at ±1.5 V (500 mV) 19.2 µV at ±0.6 V (200 mV) 9.6 µV at ±0.3 V (100 mV) 4.8 µV at ±0.150 V (50 mV) | 193 µV at ±6 V (1 V range) 96.5 µV at ±3 V (500 mV) 38.5 µV at ±1.2 V (200 mV) 19.3 µV at ±0.6 V (100 mV) 9.65 µV at ±0.3 V (50 mV) |
| ▪ measured dc-potential accuracy | ≤ 0.2% potential, ±1 mV offset | |

Optional: FRA / EIS (impedance measurements)

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| ▪ frequency range | 10 μ Hz to 200 kHz |
| ▪ ac-amplitude range | 1 mV to 900 mV rms, or 2.5 V p-p |

Optional: GEIS (galvanostatic impedance measurements)

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| ▪ frequency range | 10 μ Hz to 100 kHz |
| ▪ ac-amplitude range | 0.9 * range A rms |

Electrometer

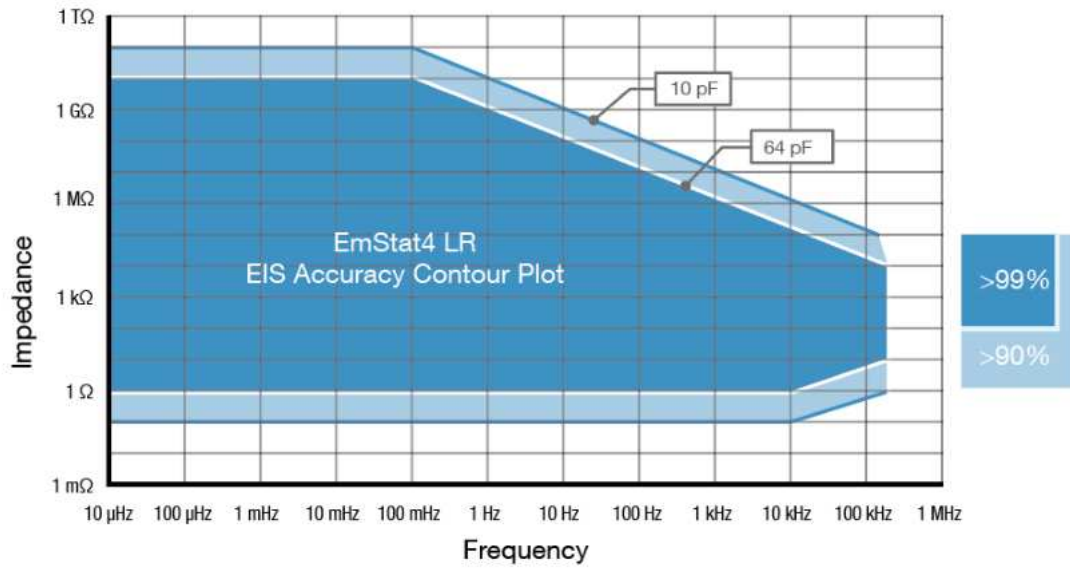
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| ▪ electrometer amplifier input | > 1 T Ω // 10 pF |
| ▪ bandwidth | 500 kHz |

Other

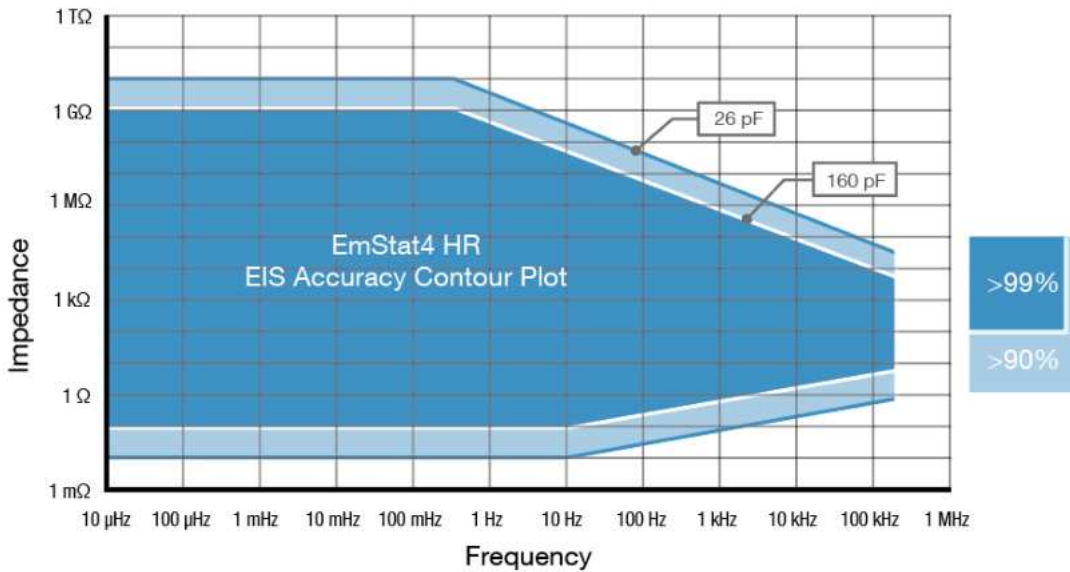
| | LR | HR |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| ▪ electrode connections | WE, RE, CE, and ground, with 2 mm banana plugs | WE, RE, CE, S and ground, with 2 mm banana plugs |
| ▪ power consumption | 0.75 W @ 1 mA (WE) 1.25 W @ 30 mA (WE) | 1.25 W @ 1 mA (WE) 1.6 W @ 30 mA (WE) 3.75 W @ 200 mA (WE) |
| ▪ power + communication | USB-C | |
| ▪ housing | aluminium body: 7.2 x 5.5 x 2.6 cm | |
| ▪ weight | ~130 g | |
| ▪ internal storage space | 500 MB, equivalent to >15M datapoints or ~1000 measurement files (whichever comes first) | |



EmStat4S LR EIS Accuracy Contour Plot



EmStat4S HR EIS Accuracy Contour Plot



Note

The accuracy contour plots were determined with an ac-amplitude of ≤ 10 mV rms for all limits, except for the high impedance limit, which was determined using an ac-amplitude of 250 mV. The standard 1 meter cell cables were used. Please note that the true limits of an impedance measurement are influenced by all components in the system, e.g. connections, the environment, and the cell.

Standard EmStat4S Kit

A standard EmStat4S kit includes a rugged carrying case with:

- EmStat4S LR or HR
- USB-C cable
- USB-C splitter cable for extra power (EmStat4S HR only)
- 1 meter cell cable with 2 mm banana pins
- 4 or 5 croc clips
- Dummy Cell

Also included:

- PStTrace software for Windows (on USB drive)
- Manual (hardcopy)
- Quick Start document
- Calibration report

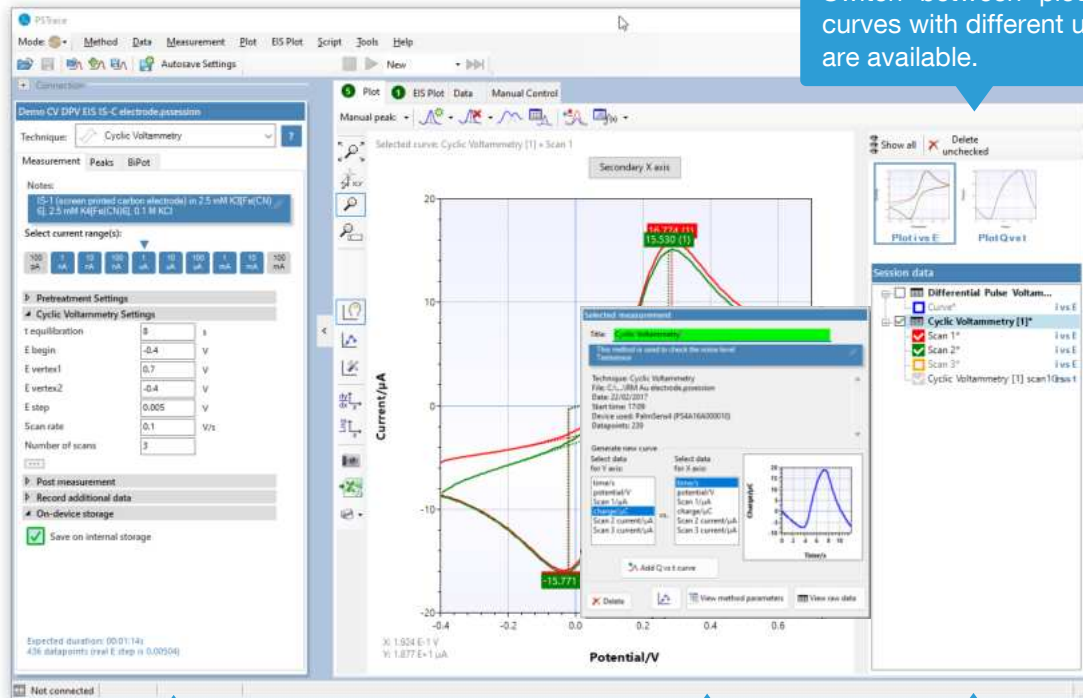


PSTrace: Software for Windows

The EmStat4S operates seamlessly with PSTrace, a free software compatible with all our potentiostats. Additionally, all future updates are provided at no cost.

PSTrace is designed to get the most out of your instrument right after installation, without going through a long learning period. It has three modes:

1. **Scientific mode**, which allows you to run all the techniques our instruments have to offer;
2. **Corrosion mode**, suitable for corrosion analysis with corrosionists terminology and specific curve operations;
3. **Analytical mode**, designed for use with (bio)sensors and allows you to do concentration determinations.



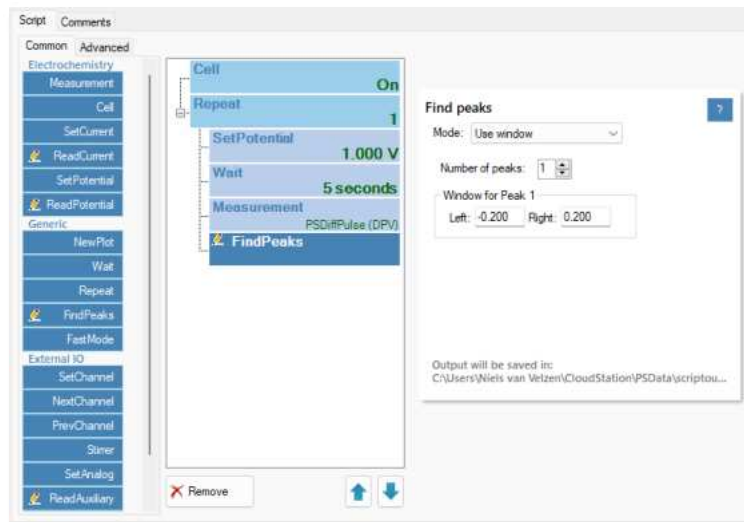
Setup your measurement easily and get immediate feedback on validity of parameters.

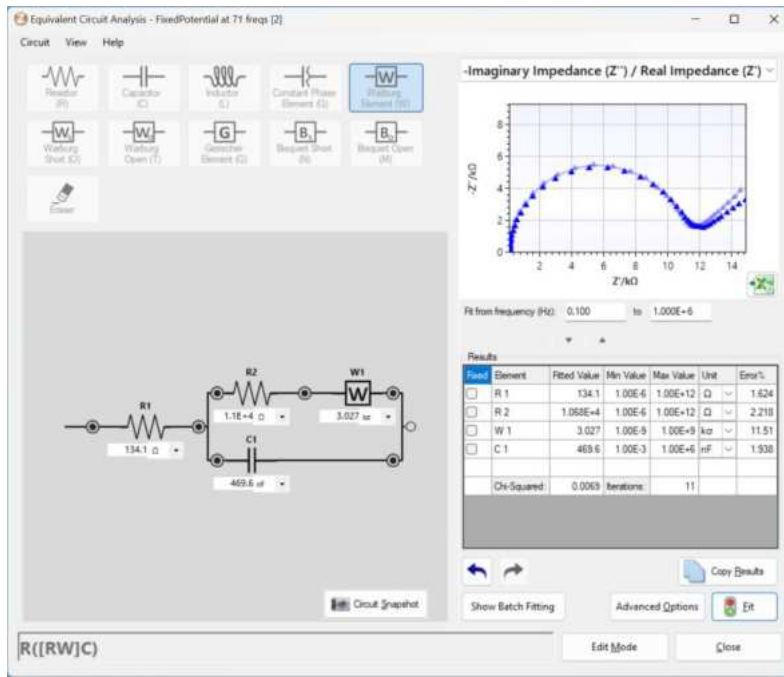
Click on a measurement for detailed information or generating new curves.

Quickly toggle the visibility of curves or groups of curves.

Scripting

The intuitive script editor allows for easily creating a sequence of measurements or other tasks, by means of dragging and dropping actions in a list.



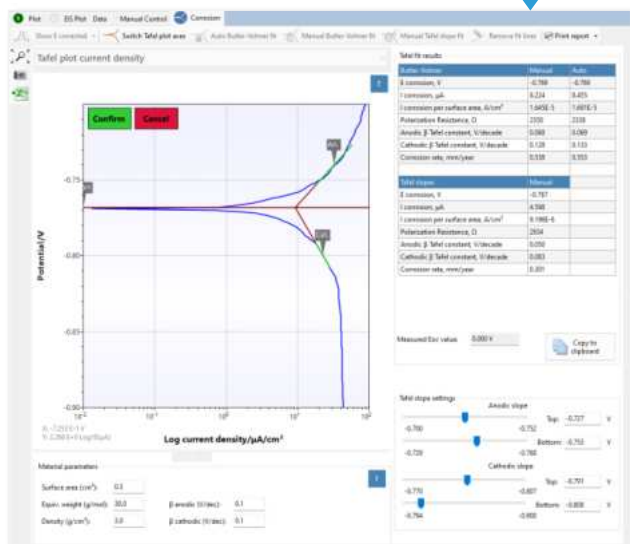


Use the graphical editor to draw the equivalent circuit or enter the CDC directly.

Corrosion mode for Tafel plot analysis and other corrosion data analysis.

Other functions in PSTrace

- Concentration determination
- Advanced peak search algorithms
- Open your data in Origin and Excel with one click of a button
- Save all available curves, measurement data and methods to a single file
- Load measurements from the internal storage
- Direct validation of method parameters
- Run custom MethodSCRIPTS™



Integration with third party software

- Excel
- Origin
- Matlab
- ZView



Minimum System Requirements

- Windows 7, 8, 10 or 11
- 1 GHz or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 2 GB RAM (32-bit) or 4 GB RAM (64-bit)
- Screen resolution of 1280 x 800 pixels

➤ See for more information: www.palmsens.com/pstrace

EmStat4S works with MethodSCRIPT™

The MethodSCRIPT™ scripting language is designed to integrate our instruments and potentiostat (modules) effortlessly in your hardware setup, product, or experiment.

MethodSCRIPT™ gives you full control over your potentiostat. The simple script language is parsed on-board the instrument and allows for running all supported electrochemical techniques, making it easy to combine different measurements and other tasks.

MethodSCRIPT can be generated, edited, and executed in PStTrace.

MethodSCRIPT features include:

- Use of variables
- (Nested) loops and conditional logic support
- User code during a measurement iteration
- Exact timing control
- Simple math operations on variables (add, sub, mul, div)
- Digital I/O, for example for waiting for an external trigger
- Logging results to internal storage or external SD card
- Reading auxiliary values like pH or temperature
- and many more...

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1 e
2 var c
3 var p
4 #Select bandwidth of 40 for 10 points per second
5 set_max_bandwidth 40
6 #Set current range to 1 mA
7 set_range ba 1m
8 #Enable autoranging, between current of 100 uA and 1 mA
9 set_autoranging ba 100u 1m
10 #Turn cell on for measurements
11 cell_on
12 #Equilibrate at -0.5 V for 5 seconds, using a CA measurement
13 meas_loop_ca p c -500m 500m 5
14   pck_start
15   pck_add p
16   pck_add c
17   pck_end
18 endloop
19 #Start LSV measurement from -0.5 V to 1.5 V, with steps of 10 mV
20 #and a scan rate of 100 mV/s
21 meas_loop_lsv p c -500m 1500m 10m 100m
22   #Send package containing set potential and measured WE current.
23   pck_start
24   pck_add p
25   pck_add c
26   pck_end
27   #Abort if current exceeds 1200 uA
28   if c > 1200u
29     abort
30 endloop
31 #Turn off cell when done or aborted
32 on_finished:
33 cell_off
34

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[Online support on MethodSCRIPT](#)



Write your own software and integrate (generated) MethodSCRIPTs. No libraries needed.

MethodSCRIPT is parsed on-board the instrument. No DLLs or other type of code libraries are required for using MethodSCRIPT™



MethodSCRIPT™

Code examples are available for:



C/C++



➤ See for more information:

www.palmsens.com/methodscript

PStouch: App for Android



PStouch is an app for Android devices compatible with all PalmSens, EmStat and Sensit potentiostats. Your smartphone or tablet connects with the EmStat4S via USB. This requires your device to support USB OTG.

PStouch features:

- Setting up and running measurements
- Loading and saving measured curves
- Analyzing and manipulating peaks
- Sharing measurement data directly via any service like email or Dropbox
- Concentration determination by means of Standard Addition or Calibration Curve
- Support for PalmSens accessories such as a Multiplexer or Stirrer
- All method and curve files are fully compatible with PSTrace software for Windows.

➤ See for more information:
www.palmsens.com/pstouch