

# PalmSens4™



## Potentiostat / Galvanostat / Impedance Analyzer

- FRA / EIS: 10  $\mu$ Hz up to 1 MHz
- 9 current ranges: 100 pA to 10 mA
- High resolution of 0.006 % full scale range
- $\pm$  10 V potential range at 75  $\mu$ V resolution (18 bit A/D)
- USB and battery powered
- Always a backup of your data with 4 GB of internal storage

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## PalmSens4: Potentiostat / Galvanostat / Impedance Analyzer

The PalmSens4 is a battery-powered and USB-powered, handheld instrument which allows the application of the most relevant voltammetric, amperometric and potentiometric techniques as well as impedance spectroscopy (see below). Each PalmSens4 is shipped in a rugged carrying case (see page 4). The PalmSens4 together with a Windows or Android device forms a highly mobile electrochemical workstation.

### Always a backup

The PalmSens4 is equipped with an internal storage of 4 GB. This means all your measurements<sup>1</sup> can automatically be saved on-board as backup. All these measurements can be browsed and copied back to the PC easily using PSTrace. Your data is always with your instrument wherever you take it.

### Available configurations

The PalmSens4 is available with  $\pm 5V$  or  $\pm 10V$  DC-potential ranges and with different maximum frequencies for FRA / EIS. The following table shows the applicable product codes:

	Potential range $\pm 5V$ [05]	Potential range $\pm 10V$ [10]
NO EIS [F0]	(see PalmSens3)	PS4.F0.10
EIS up to 100 kHz [F1]	PS4.F1.05	PS4.F1.10
EIS up to 1 MHz [F2]	PS4.F2.05	PS4.F2.10

## Supported Techniques

### Voltammetric techniques

- Linear Sweep Voltammetry LSV
- Differential Pulse Voltammetry DPV
- Square Wave Voltammetry SWV
- Normal Pulse Voltammetry NPV
- AC Voltammetry ACV
- (Fast) Cyclic Voltammetry CV

Note: the above techniques can also be used for stripping voltammetry

### Techniques as a function of time

- Chronoamperometry CA
- Pulsed Amperometric Detection PAD
- Multiple Pulse Amperometric Detection MPAD
- Fast Amperometry FAMP
- Chronopotentiometry CP
- Open Circuit Potentiometry OCP
- Multistep Amperometry MA
- Multistep Potentiometry MP
- Mixed Mode MM

### Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

#### Impedance spectroscopy / EIS

- Frequency scan
- Potential scan
- Fixed potential
- Time scan

Next to the classic spectrum (frequency scan with fixed DC potential) a DC potential scan can be done at fixed frequency or a frequency scan at each potential of the potential scan.

The current is measured using a **zero resistance ammeter (ZRA)**.

<sup>1</sup> Available for a limited number of techniques including LSV, DPV, SWV, NPV, ACV, CA, MPAD, FAMP, CP, OCP. Multiplexed measurements are not supported yet. Support for more techniques will follow soon.

# PSTrace Software



A quick overview of PSTrace for Windows:

Select current ranges for auto ranging and the starting current range.

Switch between plots if curves with different units are available.

Method Editor

Plot

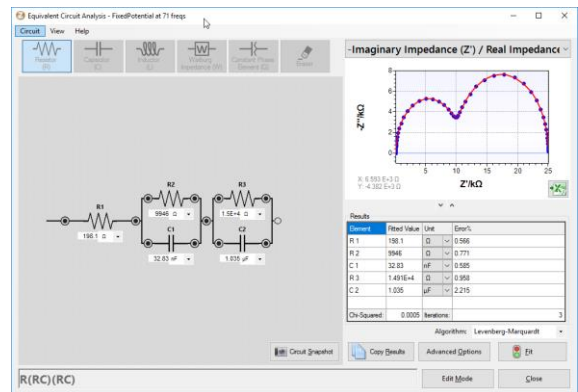
Measurement data and curves

Click on a measurement in the legend to see the available data and to generate more curves.

Click on a curve in the legend to change its title or appearance.

## Other functions in PSTrace 5

- Equivalent Circuit Fitting
- Scripting
- 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
- Browse measurements on PalmSens4's internal storage
- Dynamic feedback on method parameters



## System requirements

Minimum PC requirements are:

- Windows Vista, 7, 8, or 10 (32-bit or 64-bit)
- 1 GHz or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 1 GB RAM (32-bit) or 2 GB RAM (64-bit)

For more information about software visit [www.palmsens.com/software](http://www.palmsens.com/software)

## Measurement Specifications

### General pretreatment:

Apply conditioning, deposition or initial potential for: 0 – 1600 s

### General voltammetric parameters:

	PS4 Model PS4.F1.05 PS4.F2.05	PS4.F0.10 PS4.F1.10 PS4.F2.10
Potential range:	-5 V to +5 V	-10 V to +10 V
Step potential:	0.075 mV to 250 mV	0.075 mV to 250 mV
Pulse potential:	0.075 mV to 250 mV	0.075 mV to 250 mV

### Limits of some technique specific parameters for PalmSens4:

Normal Pulse and Differential Pulse Voltammetry:	Scan rate: 0.1 mV/s (75 $\mu$ V step) to 100 mV/s (5 mV step) Pulse time: 10 ms to 300 ms
Square Wave Voltammetry <sup>1</sup> and AC Voltammetry:	Frequency: 1 Hz to 2000 Hz <sup>1</sup>
Linear Sweep and Cyclic Voltammetry:	Scan rate: 0.01 mV/s (75 $\mu$ V step) to 500 V/s (10 mV step)
ChronoAmperometry :	Interval time: 0.25 ms to 300 s Maximum run time: 1000000 s (> 10 days at 16 s interval)
Pulsed Amperometric Detection:	Interval time: 50 ms to 300 s Pulse time: 1 ms to 1 s Maximum run time: 640000 s (> 7 days at 10 s interval)
Multiple Pulse Amperometric Detection:	Pulse times: 100 ms to 2 s Run time: 10 s to 100000 s Number of potential levels: 3
Fast Amperometry:	Interval time: 0.02 ms to 1 s Maximum run time: 30 s Maximum number of points: 65000 (4000 for interval time < 0.2 ms)
ChronoPotentiometry and Open Circuit Potentiometry:	Interval time: 0.25 ms to 300 s Maximum run time: 1000000 s (> 10 days at 300 s interval)
Multistep Amperometry Multistep Potentiometry and Mixed Mode:	Interval time: 0.25 ms to 300 s Level switching overhead time: $\pm$ 80 ms Number of levels: 1 to 255 Number of cycles: 1 to 20000 Maximum run time: > 1 year

*Note: some limits of parameters are set for practical reasons and can be modified on request.*

<sup>1</sup> *PSTrace provides the option to measure forward and reverse currents separately.*

## System Specifications

### General

- dc-potential range  $\pm 10$  V (or  $\pm 5$  V)
- compliance voltage  $\pm 10$  V
- maximum current  $\pm 30$  mA (typical)
- max. acquisition rate 150000 data points/s

### Potentiostat (controlled potential mode)

- applied dc-potential resolution 75  $\mu$ V
- applied potential accuracy  $\leq 0.1\%$   $\pm 1$  mV offset
- current ranges 100 pA to 10 mA (9 ranges)
- current accuracy  $\leq 0.1\%$  at FSR<sup>1</sup>
- measured current resolution 0.006 % of current range (5 fA on 100 pA range)

### Galvanostat (controlled current mode)

- current ranges 1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges)
- applied dc-current range  $\pm 6$  times applied current range
- applied dc-current resolution 0.005 % of applied current range
- measured dc-potential accuracy  
75  $\mu$ V at  $\pm 10$  V  
7.5  $\mu$ V at  $\pm 1$  V  
0.75  $\mu$ V at  $\pm 0.1$  V

### FRA / EIS (impedance measurements)

- frequency range 10  $\mu$ Hz to 1 MHz (or 10  $\mu$ Hz to 100 kHz)
- ac-amplitude range 1 mV to 0.25 V rms, or 0.6 V p-p

### Electrometer

- electrometer amplifier input  $> 1$  T $\Omega$  // 10 pF
- bandwidth 1 MHz

### Other

- housing aluminium with rubber sleeve: 15.7 x 9.7 x 3.5 cm<sup>3</sup>
- weight  $> 514$  g
- temperature range 0  $^{\circ}$ C to + 50  $^{\circ}$ C
- power supply USB or internal LiPo battery
- communication USB and Bluetooth
- battery time  
 $> 16$  hours idle time  
 $> 4$  hours with cell on at max. current  
Extendible by means of power bank

### Auxiliary port (D-Sub 15)

- analog input  $\pm 10$  V, 18 bit
- analog output 0-10 V, 12 bit (1k output impedance)
- 4 digital outputs 0-3.3 V
- 1 digital input 0-3.3 V (5 V tolerant)
- I-out and E-out  
raw output of current and potential  
E-out  $\pm 10$  V (1k output impedance)  
I-out  $\pm 6$  V (1k output impedance)
- power 5 V output (max. 150 mA)

<sup>1</sup> FSR = at full scale range

## Standard PalmSens4 Configuration

A standard PalmSens4 case includes:

- PalmSens4
- USB A - USB Type C cable
- Sensor cable
- 4 croc clips
- PS Dummy Cell

Also included:

- PSTrace software + manual
- Quick start document

Optional

- 7" tablet
- Tablet charger

*PStouch for PalmSens4 will be made available at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017*



*PalmSens4 standard configuration in case with accessories.*



*PalmSens Dummy Cell included with standard configuration.*



*PalmSens4 sensor cable with croc clips, included with standard configuration.*



## PalmSens4 Accessories



### Magnetic stirrer

The magnetic stirrer controlled by PalmSens is ideal for stripping analysis applications. The stirrer is switched on during the conditioning and deposition stages by means of the Switchbox.



### Pt1000

This temperature sensor allows for monitoring of temperature during an experiment. This is recorded by PSTrace. The convenient two point calibration allows the user to precisely calibrate the sensor for the required temperature range. The Pt1000 temperature sensor for PalmSens4 comes with dongle for connection to PalmSens I/O port.



### MUX8 or MUX16 multiplexer

The MUX8 is an 8 channel multiplexer. It allows the PalmSens4 to measure up to 8 three-electrode cells or 8 sensors (2 or 3 electrode). In 8-WE mode it can measure up to eight working electrodes on sensor arrays with shared reference and counter electrodes.

The MUX16 is a 16 channel multiplexer. It allows the PalmSens4 to measure up to 16 working electrodes with shared counter and reference electrodes.



### Differential Electrometer Amplifier (DEA)

The PalmSens Differential Electrometer Amplifier (DEA) is a high impedance input amplifier. It can be used as a floating voltage amplifier with differential input and single output to the auxiliary port of PalmSens.

Default range is -5V to 5V (1x gain). Possible gains are: 2x, 5x, 10x, 20x, 50x, 100x, etc.