EMSTAT 4R™

potentiostat / galvanostat / impedance analyzer

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Desktop performance in a rugged enclosure

The EmStat4R is a portable USB-powered and wireless Potentiostat, Galvanostat, and optional Frequency Response Analyser (FRA) for Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS). The EmStat4R is great for (sensor) applications that require low currents, from 30 mA down to picoamps, such as sensor applications.

Ideal for sensor applications

The Connection Module can be exchanged by the user with a Connection Module suitable for using Screen Printed Electrodes (SPE). This allows for transforming your lab instrument with cell cable to a cable-less solution for use in the field.

Main Specifications	
▪ potential range	±3 V
▪ max. compliance voltage	±5 V
▪ current ranges	1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges)
▪ max. current	±30 mA
▪ electrode connections (SNS module)	WE, RE, CE, and ground 2 mm banana pins

SPE Connection Module	
▪ sensor pitch	2.54 mm
▪ electrode connections	RE, WE, CE
▪ allowed sensor thickness	Between 0.1 mm and 0.8 mm
▪ maximum sensor width	11 mm

See section *System Specifications* on page 6 for more detailed specifications.

Supported Techniques

The EmStat4R supports the following electrochemical techniques:

Voltammetric techniques

- Linear Sweep Voltammetry **LSV**
- Cyclic Voltammetry **CV**
- Fast Cyclic Voltammetry **FCV**
- AC Voltammetry **ACV**

Pulsed techniques

- 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

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

Galvanostatic techniques

- Linear Sweep Potentiometry **LSP**
- Chronopotentiometry **CP**
- MultiStep Potentiometry **MP**
- Open Circuit Potentiometry **OCP**

Other

- Mixed Mode **MM**
- Potentiostatic and Galvanostatic Impedance spectroscopy **EIS/GEIS**
  at fixed frequency or frequency scan vs
  - fixed potential or fixed current
  - scanning potential or scanning current
  - time
- Fast EIS/GEIS **FEIS/FGEIS**
  Very low interval fixed-frequency measurements

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 µV step) HR: 0.1 mV/s (183 µV 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 µV step) HR: 0.01 mV/s (183 µV step)	500 V/s (200 mV step)
▪ FCV	▪ Scan rate	LR: 0.1 mV/s (100 µV step) HR: 0.01 mV/s (183 µV 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 µs	60 s
	▪ Run time	3 µs	34 days (60 s interval) 50 ms (1 µs interval)
	▪ N data points	3	50000
▪ Fast EIS	Interval time between points at fixed frequency	~1 ms (typical)	-

System Specifications

General	
▪ dc-potential range	±3 V
▪ compliance voltage	±5 V
▪ maximum current	±30 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)	
▪ applied potential resolution	100 µV
▪ applied potential accuracy	≤ 0.2% ±1 mV offset
▪ current ranges	1 nA to 10 mA (8 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

Galvanostat (controlled current mode)	
▪ current ranges	10 nA, 1 uA, 100 uA, 10 mA (4 ranges)
▪ applied dc-current	±3 * range
▪ applied dc-current resolution	0.01% of range
▪ applied dc-current accuracy	< 0.4% of current ±20 pA ±0.2% of range
▪ potential ranges	50 mV, 100 mV, 200 mV, 500 mv, 1 V
▪ measured dc-potential resolution	96 µV (1 V) 48 µV (500 mV) 19.2 µV (200 mV) 9.6 µV (100 mV) 4.8 µV (50 mV)
▪ measured dc-potential accuracy	≤ 0.2% potential, ±1 mV offset

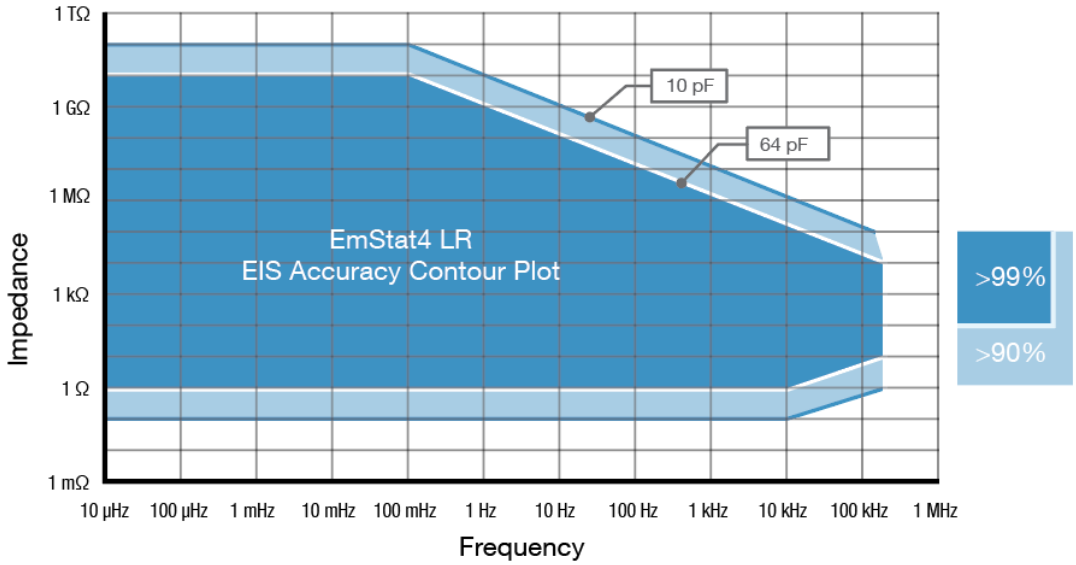
FRA / EIS (impedance measurements)	
▪ frequency range	10 µHz to 200 kHz
▪ ac-amplitude range	1 mV to 900 mV rms, or 2.5 V p-p

GEIS (galvanostatic impedance measurements)	
▪ frequency range	10 µHz to 100 kHz
▪ ac-amplitude range	0.9 * range A rms

Electrometer	
▪ electrometer amplifier input	> 1 TΩ // 10 pF
▪ bandwidth	500 kHz

Other	
▪ communication	USB-C or wireless
▪ housing	aluminium body only: 11.1 x 6.0 x 2.7 cm with rubber sleeve: 11.8 x 6.8 x 3.3 cm
▪ weight	~310 g
▪ power source	USB-C or internal LiPo battery
▪ battery life	Connected wirelessly: ~3 hours with cell @ 10 mA current ~5 hours with cell off
▪ internal storage space	500 MB, equivalent to >15M datapoints or ~1000 measurement files (whichever comes first)

EmStat4R 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 EmStat4R Kit

A standard EmStat4R kit includes a rugged carrying case with:

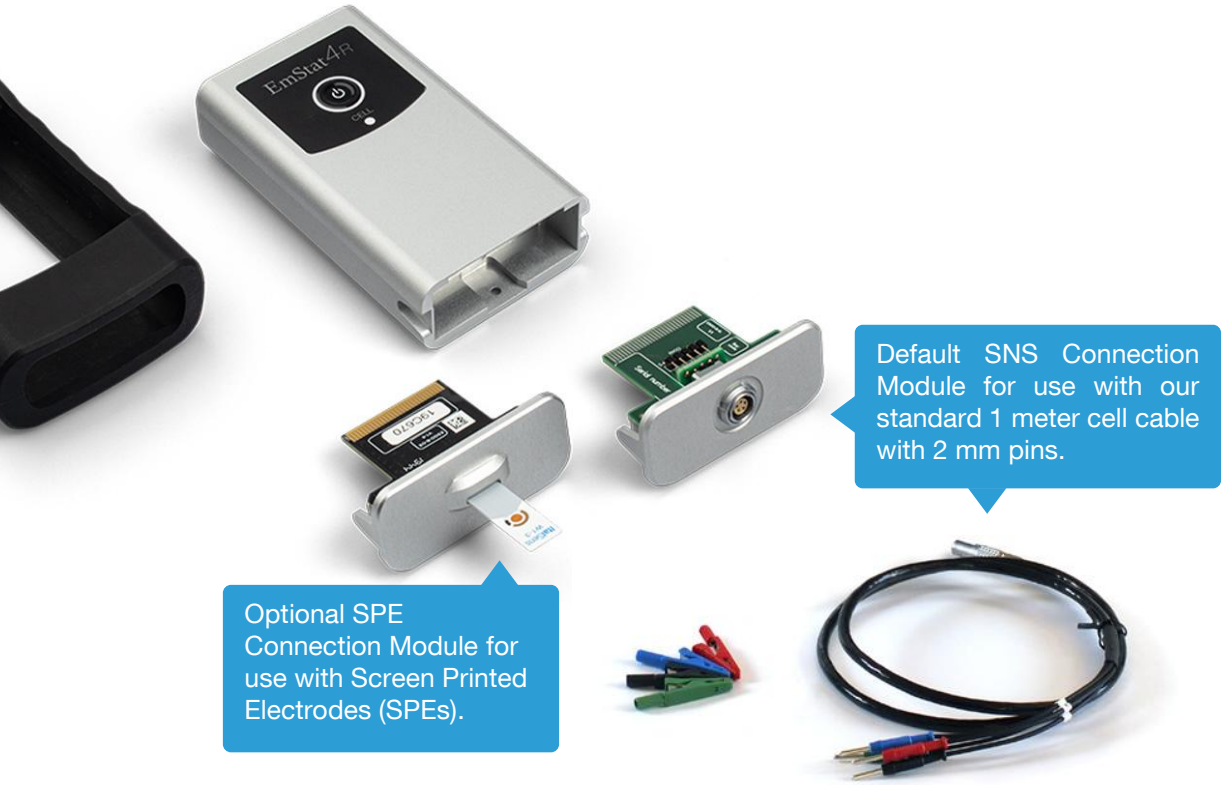
- EmStat4R instrument with
  SNS Connection Module (for use with 1 m cell cable)
  or SPE Connection Module (for use with Screen Printed Electrodes)
- USB-C cable
- 1 meter cell cable with 2 mm banana pins
- Dummy Cell

Optional:

- Optional additional SNS or SPE Connection Module

Also included:

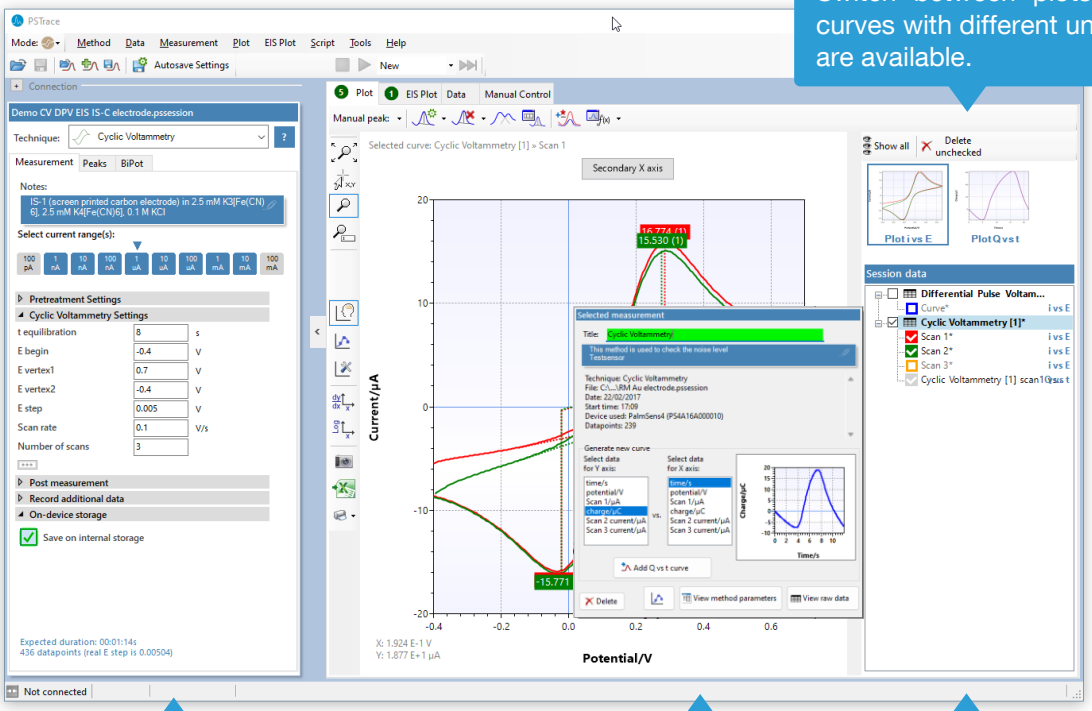
- PSTrace software for Windows (on USB drive)
- Manual (hardcopy)
- Quick Start document
- Calibration report



PSTrace: Software for Windows

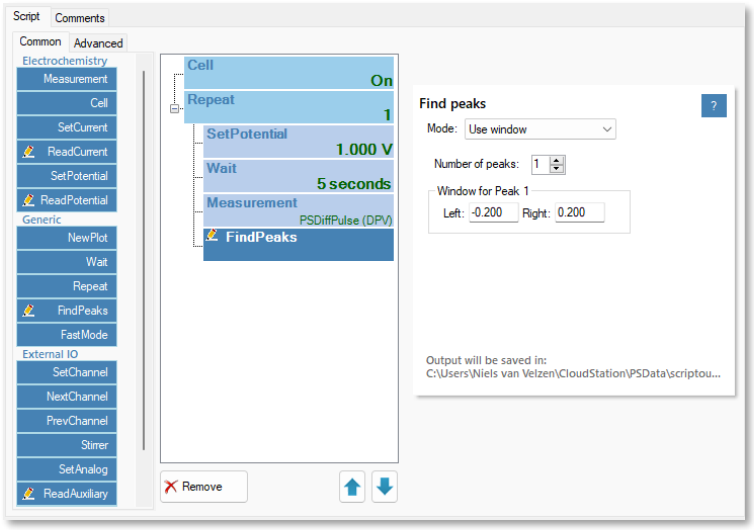
The EmStat4R operates seamlessly with PSTrace, a free software compatible with all our potentiostats. Additionally, all future updates are provided at no cost.
PSTrace is designed to get the most out of your instrument right after installation, without going through a long learning period. It has three modes:

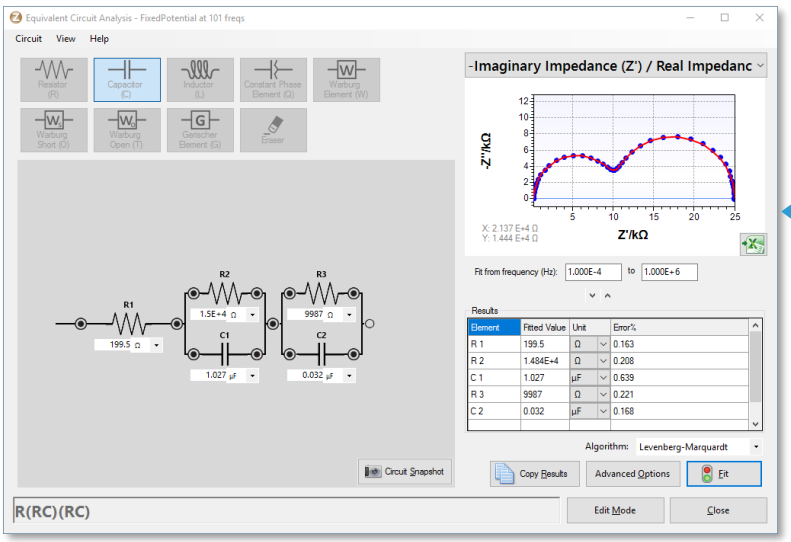
1. **Scientific mode**, which allows you to run all the techniques our instruments have to offer;
2. **Corrosion mode**, suitable for corrosion analysis with corrosionists terminology and specific curve operations;
3. **Analytical mode**, designed for use with (bio)sensors and allows you to do concentration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



Scripting

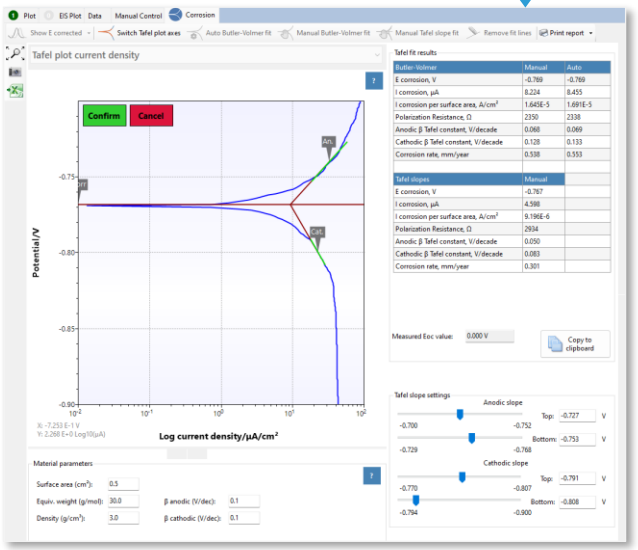
The intuitive script editor allows for easily creating a sequence of measurements or other tasks, by means of dragging and dropping actions in a list.





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

EmStat4R works with MethodSCRIPT™

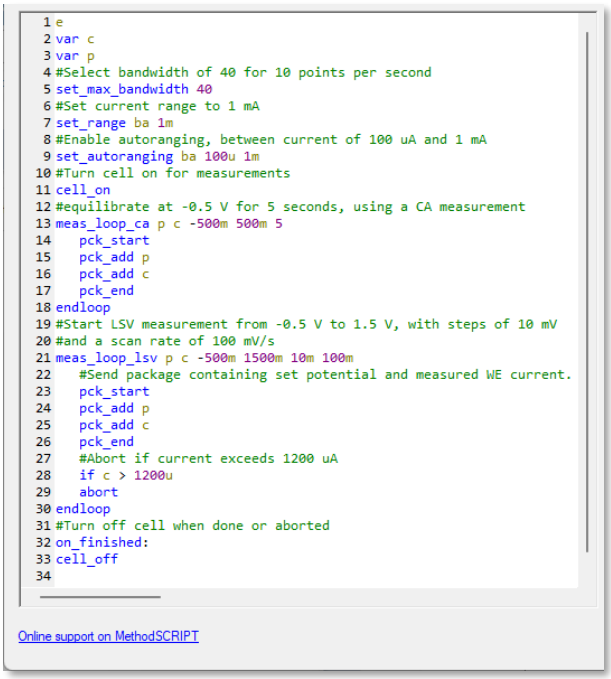
The MethodSCRIPT™ scripting language is designed to integrate our instruments and potentiostat (modules) effortlessly in your hardware setup, product, or experiment.

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 PSTrace.

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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var c
var p
#Select bandwidth of 40 for 10 points per second
set_max_bandwidth 40
#Set current range to 1 mA
set_range ba 1m
#Enable autoranging, between current of 100 uA and 1 mA
set_autoranging ba 100u 1m
#Turn cell on for measurements
cell_on
#equilibrate at -0.5 V for 5 seconds, using a CA measurement
meas_loop_ca p c -500m 500m 5
   pck_start
   pck_add p
   pck_add c
   pck_end
endloop
#Start LSV measurement from -0.5 V to 1.5 V, with steps of 10 mV
#and a scan rate of 100 mV/s
meas_loop_lsv p c -500m 1500m 10m 100m
   #Send package containing set potential and measured WE current.
   pck_start
   pck_add p
   pck_add c
   pck_end
   #Abort if current exceeds 1200 uA
   if c > 1200u
   abort
endloop
#Turn off cell when done or aborted
on_finished:
cell_off

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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++ ARDUINO Swift Xamarin python Java

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Seamless Instrument Control

- Access all PalmSens potentiostats (single- and multi-channel) through our SDKs.
- Full control of measurement techniques, data acquisition, and real-time analysis.

Cross-Platform Support

- **Python SDK**
  Script and automate experiments across platforms.
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PStouch: App for Android

PStouch

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PStouch is an app for Android devices compatible with all PalmSens, EmStat and Sensit potentiostats.
Your smartphone or tablet connects with the EmStat4R via USB or wirelessly.

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.

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