



polypotentiostat with up to 4 working electrodes

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MultiTrace



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The EmStat<sup>3</sup> 4WE is a versatile device with a standard EmStat<sup>3</sup> potentiostat and additonally 1, 2 or 3 bipotentiostat modules.

The instrument is used for electrochemical systems with 1, 2, 3 or 4 working electrodes (WE1 - 4) all sharing the same counter (CE) and reference electrodes (RE) or combined CE/RE.

The embedded software of the EmStat<sup>3</sup> instruments provides all relevant methods which for electrochemical sensors.

#### Voltammetry

The available voltammetric methods are:

- Differential pulse voltammetry
- Normal pulse voltammetry
- Square wave voltammetry
- Linear sweep and cyclic voltammetry

nmetry LSV and CV

DPV

NPV

SWV

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

## Amperometry

The amperometric methods are:

•	Amperometric detection	AD
•	Pulsed amperometric detection	PAD
•	Multiple pulse amperometric detection	MPAD
•	Multistep amperometry	MA
•	Open Circuit Potentiometry	OCP

The additional WE's can be used in two different modes:

1: The potentials of WE2 to WE4 have a constant dc-potential offset with respect to WE1 2: The potentials of WE2 to WE4 have an independent fixed dc-potential.

Each potentiostat has eight current ranges: 1 nA to 10 mA with a resolution of 1 pA at the lowest current range and can automatically select the optimal current range.

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

See page 4 for instrumental specifications.



# MultiTrace software

The MultiTrace software controls the main potentiostat and the bipotentiostat modules. This program is based on the PSTrace software for the PalmSens and EmStat instruments.



## Data analysis

MultiTrace performs automatic as well as interactive peak detection and shows the peak potential, height, area, and width. Linear regression or integration can be performed on a marked part of the obtained curve. Smoothing of the measured curve is possible with a number of different levels. Curves can be subtracted from each other or subtracted with a (non-)linear baseline.

## Output

Data files can be stored (automatically) and loaded. These files are standard ASCII files and can easily be imported in other programs. With each data file a file with the method parameters is created and the user can create an additional text file (in Word format) with personal comments or information.

#### Excel

A data tab showing the raw measured data for each channel is available in both the simultaneous mode and the individual mode. This data can also be exported to Excel by means of a single click on the Export-to-Excel button next to the plot. A native Excel plot will be generated as well.



The manual control tab allows for controlling the cell and reading potentials and currents of each individual channel.



# Specifications of general parameters

### **General pretreatment:**

Apply conditioning, deposition or begin potential for: 0 - 1600 s

#### General voltammetric parameters:

Potential range for EmStat <sup>3</sup> :	-3.000 V to +3.000 V
Step potential:	0.1 mV to 250 mV
Pulse potential:	0.1 mV to 250 mV

#### Limits of some technique specific parameters for EmStat<sup>3</sup> 4WE:

NPV and DPV:	Scan rate:	0.025 mV/s (0.1 mV step) to 50 mV/s (5 mV step)
	Pulse time:	5 ms to 300 ms
SWV:	Frequency:	1 Hz to 500 Hz
LSV and CV:	Scan rate:	0.01 mV/s (0.1 mV step) to 5 V/s (5 mV step)
AD:	Interval time: Run time:	1 ms to 300 s 1 s to > 5000 hours
PAD:	Interval time: Pulse time: Run time:	50 ms to 300 s 1 ms to 1 s 10 s to 5000 hours
MPAD:	Pulse times: Run time: Number of potential levels:	100 ms to 2 s 10 s to > 36 hours 3
Potentiometry at open circuit:	Interval time: Run time:	1 ms to 30 s > 500 hours
Multistep Amperometry:	Interval time: Number of potential levels: Number of cycles: Maximum number of points: Run time:	1 ms to 300 s 1 to 255 1 to 20000 200000 >180 days

Note: some limits of parameters are set for practical reasons and can be modified on request. (1) MultiTrace provides the option to measure forward and reverse currents separately.



# Em Stat <sup>3</sup>4WE

## Specifications of the main potentiostat:

- dc-potential range	± 3.000 V
- compliance voltage	± 5 V
- dc-potential resolution	0.1 mV
- dc-offset error	2 mV
- accuracy	≤ 0.2 %
- current ranges	1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges)
- maximum current	$\pm$ 20 mA typical and $\pm$ 15 mA minimum for the sum of WE1,
	WE2, WE3 and WE4
<ul> <li>current resolution</li> </ul>	0.1 % of current range
	1 pA on lowest current range
- accuracy	$\leq$ 0.5 % of current range at 10 nA and $\leq$ 1 % at 1 nA
	≤ 0.2 % at 100 nA to 100 uA
	≤ 0.5 % at 1 mA, 10 mA
	all with additional 0.2 % offset error
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- electrometer amplifier input > 100 Gohm // 4 pF
- rise time approx. 100 µs
- sensor connection shielded cable with circular connector for WE1, CE and RE

#### Specifications of the additional 3 polypotentiostat modules:

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<ul> <li>dc-potential offset range</li> </ul>	± 3.000 V			
<ul> <li>dc-potential resolution</li> </ul>	0.1 mV			
<ul> <li>max. dc-offset error</li> </ul>	3 mV			
- accuracy	≤ 0.2 %			
<ul> <li>current ranges</li> </ul>	1 nA to 10 mA (8 ranges)			
- maximum current	$\pm$ 20 mA typical and $\pm$ 15 mA minimum for the sum of WE1,			
	WE2, WE3 and WE4			
<ul> <li>current resolution</li> </ul>	0.1 % of current range			
	1 pA on lowest current range			
- accuracy	$\leq$ 0.5 % of current range at 10 nA and $\leq$ 1 % at 1 nA			
	≤ 0.2 % at 100 nA to 100 uA			
	≤ 0.5 % at 1 mA, 10 mA and 100 mA			
	all with additional 0.2 % offset error			
- electrometer amplifier input	> 100 Gohm // 4 pF			
- rise time	approx. 100 µs- sensor connection shielded cable with			
	circular connector for WE1, CE and RE			
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Note: The sensor connection can also be made for specific sensorarray geometries.

### Housing:

- dimensions	12 cm x 8.5 cm x 3.5 cm
- weight	250 g
- power	5 V external power supply (included)
- interfacing	USB
PC recommendations:	Windows Vista, 7 and 8 (32 and 64 bit) Dual core processor with 2 GB RAM.

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