Highend Data Acquisition Systems





Scientific Instrumentation for Photons & Electrochemistry



General

Our R&D team managed to create instruments with outstanding features, state-of-the-art hardware and an advanced software. The result is a milestone in scientific instrumentation. ZENNIUM and IM6 were developed using our 30 years of experience in producing high-precision electrochemical workstations of the high-end class. They provide a frequency range up to 4 MHz (ZENNIUM) / 8 MHz (IM6), an output current up to ± 2.5 A (ZENNIUM) / ± 3.0 A (IM6) and fast signal processing. Special measurement techniques guarantee an ultra high accuracy and a minimal interference with the test object.

ZENNIUM/IM6 come bundled with the outstanding THALES-Z (Zennium release) software package which offers all standard methods and more at a mouse click. This is why the ZENNIUM/IM6 can easily be adapted to very different measurement requirements. Furthermore, with the manifold options available, the ZENNIUM/IM6 is able to grow with its tasks. It is best suited for investigations on fuel cells, batteries and solar cells as well as on membranes and sensors or on coatings and laminates, to name only a few.

ZAHNER-elektrik is known to provide competent service all around the world. Our experienced specialists help you to plan, set up and analyze your experiments in electrochemistry, physics, material science and electronics.

Hardware

General

The hardware of the ZENNIUM/IM6 provides

- ultra low-noise potentiostat
- wide frequency range dual DDS FRA
- high CMRR precision U/I-amplifiers
- PulSAR® state-of-the-art differential 18 bit ADCs for AC
- connectors optimized for High Z & Low Z
- 4/9 extension card slots
- 410 MIPS (Dhrystone 2.1) V4e ColdFire® signal processor
- floating USB 2.0 interface

Accuracy

The highest priorities for the development and production of the ZENNIUM instruments are accuracy and reliability. The accuracy map of the ZENNIUM clearly shows the high quality of the hardware. These specifications are proofed by measurements for practical use, based on the high-end components we use. They are not only calculated by the theoretical specifications of some components.

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Amplitude ≤ 10 mV.

Option	Function	ext	int	EPC42 needed
PAD4	4 channel parallel AD converter	Î	х	
TEMP/U	2 inputs for thermocouples + 2 voltage inputs		Х	
DA4	4 analog outputs		х	
RMux	Relay multiplexer for the internal potentiostat		Х	
PwrMux	Power multiplexer for the PP series potentiostats	Х	х	
TR8M	Transient recorder up to 40 MHz		Х	
HiZ probe	High impedance probe set	Х		
fF probe	Low capacitance probe set	Х		
LoZ	Cable set for low impedances	Х		
EPC42	Control module for up to 4 external potentiostats		Х	
XPot	External standard potentiostat	Х		Х
PP series	External power potentiostats	Х		х
EL series	External high current one quadrant potentiostats	Х		Х
NProbe	Probe set for measuring electrochemical noise	Х		х
COLT	Set-up for coating and laminate testing	Х		
CIMPS	Set-up for photo electrochemical applications	Х		Х
EIChem Cells	KMZ and AMZ type cells for various applications			

ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 electrochemical workstations



ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 THALES Z software package

Software

The powerful Thales software package is part of the standard equipment of each IM6 and ZENNIUM system. It provides a multitude of measuring and analysis methods.

The Thales software provides unique features for the acquisition and analysis. The most prominent examples are SCRIPT and SIM. SCRIPT offers you to program user defined combinations of all types of electrochemical measurements, mathematical analysis, algorithms, documentation and data export to a reproducible, fully automatic process. With the outstanding features of SIM you are able to create equivalent circuits and fit the measurement data to these models. The ZHIT feature of SIM helps you to validate your impedance spectra.

For evaluation only it is also possible to run Thales software package on a ThalesBox. The ThalesBox provides a single user licence of Thales. So you can process your recorded data on a simple PC or Laptop while your tests still run on the IM6 or ZENNIUM ...

Z Thales Z2.11



ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 THALES Z software package



ZAHNER ZENNIUM/ IM6 electronic load EL1000



EL1000

Electronic Load El1000

Electronic loads are indispensable tools in several fields of electrochemistry, for example in the research of batteries and fuel cells. The EL 1000 was designed to investigate single cells as well as complete stacks, either as stand-alone device under PC control or in combination with a workstation IM6 or Zennium for instance for impedance measurements. Adding an additional external electronic load, the power can be raised up – adding the PAD4 to the controlling workstation, individual segments of the stack can be investigated synchronously in parallel.

Specifications	
Frequency range	10 μHz - 100 kHz
Current range	200 A / 600 A (with 3 party electronic load)
Voltage range	±4 V / ±100 V
Maximum power	1.000 W (stand-alone) scaleable with 3 party electronic load
Dimensions	470 x 160 x 446 mm



ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 parallel impedance add-on

PAD4: 4 Channel Synchronous Impedance Converter

True Parallel Synchronous Impedance

Save time - measure up to 17 stack-cells in one run - no time mismatch between impedance spectra - record anodic, cathodic & total impedance simultaneously - measure additional transfer function signals...

The Zahner PAD4 is a 4-channel add-on card for Zahner Electrochemical Workstations. It introduces four additional parallel sampled signal inputs for cell voltage and impedance in fuel cell stacks and battery packs, with a common current. The Zahner Zennium supports up to two PAD4-cards for up to nine parallel channels, while the IM6 can control up to four cards for a maximum count of 17 parallel channels.

PAD4-cards are plug 'n' play – they are detected automatically on start-up. The PAD4 may be combined with the basic ECW or with the ECW controlling a slave potentiostat or an electronic load, finally providing tests on stacks of up to 100V/600A/50 KW.

Additional Methods

- parallel electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
- parallel impedance/parameter capacitance/voltage curves
- parallel testsampling online display and logging

Specifications

Channels / card	4 individually addressable
Impedance measurement: Frequency range	10 μ Hz to 250 kHz
DC-potential measurement: Voltage range Common mode range A/D converter resolution	±4 V ±100 V 18 bit



PAD4 Nyquist plot of a five cell SOFC stack



ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6

low capacitance probe

fF

Probe

fF-Probe: femto-Farad Probe

Low Capacitance Measurement Probe Set

The femto-Farad Probe works as a front-end to the IM6/Zennium potentiostat. Apart from its limited current capability, all basic functionalities of the Thales software are supported. In particular impedance spectroscopy can be applied. Due to the fact, that the primary measurement magnitude is the complex impedance, besides the sample capacity, resistive and DC contributions can be determined as well.

Additional Methods

low capacitance electrochemical impedance spectroscopy • low capacitance impedance/parameter •

Specifications	
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Frequency range	10 μHz to 1 MHz
Current auto ranging, defeatable current ranges	0nA - ±40 nA ±40nA - ±400 nA ±400nA - ±4 μA ±4 μA - ±40 μA
Voltage range	±4 V
Resolution of any range	18 bit
Capacity offset	±1 fF *)
Capacity resolution	±0,1 fF *)
Capacity accuracy	$\pm 0,25\%$ of reading ±2 fF $^{*)}$



*) current range ± 40 nA, AC amplitude ≥ 100 mV, zero DC current

> The trans-impedance principle for the determination of small capacities

SO "hot" test signal output

VGI "virtual ground" signal input Z device under test

V, A voltage and current measurement

Csi and Cso parasitic stray capacitance at the input and output terminal

Microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) and Sensors PP201 PP24 Nanoelectrodes shield in . Determination of the coupling capacity between two adjacent pads of a printed circuit board

ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 PP-Series power potentiostats

PP2x1 Power Potentiostats

The PP-Series potentiostats are designed to apply and sink high currents up to ±40A at a total power dissipation of up to 200W. The PP-Series potentiostats are controlled by an EPC42, a plug-in module for the Electrochemical Workstations IM6 and Zennium.

Up to four EPC42 cards can be installed in an IM6 or an Zennium. In total, up to 16 PPs can be

controlled by one IM6/Zennium. Each potentiostat will hold the control

parameters from one access to the next one, so that no potential or current disturbances can occur while scanning the potentiostats. If series measurements are performed with more than one PP-Series potentiostat, spectra are taken from all modules in a definable order.

The PP-Series is embedded completely in the IM6/Zennium environment. Thus, all acquisition and analysis techniques that run on the IM6/Zennium can be applied with the power potentiostats as well. The installation of one or more PP-Series potentiostat will upgrade your IM6/Zennium to an even more versatile, high-current electrochemical workstation. The PP-Series potentiostats can also be controlled by a Windows[®]-PC. In this case they provide methods, summarized in the table below. They also work as a LabVIEW™ Virtual Instrument under the LabVIEW™ software. To implement the PP-Series potentiostats into existing test environment, a supporting DLL is available on demand.

You can control the PP-Series potentiostats in a mixed mode with an IM6/Zennium and a PC in parallel. Both devices can be connected and disconnected during operation.

Supported Methods with IM6/Zennium

- impedance spectroscopy
- simulation & model fitting
- cyclic voltammetry
- polarisation curves
- multicell multitasking voltammetry
- arbitrary current/potential/time measurements
- capacity/potential measurements
- automatic series measurements

Supported Methods with PC

- test sampling
- U vs. time, I vs. time
- current potential curves (U/I)
- cyclic voltammetry
- charging/discharging, battery cycling
- LabView[®] virtual instrument
- DLL support available

Specifications

Model name	PP201	PP211	PP241 pot/gal/oc $\pm 5 V$ $\pm 0.1\% / \pm 1 \text{ mV}$ 0 A $\pm 40 \text{ A}$ $\pm 0.25\% / \pm 1 \text{ mA}$ 200 W 10 µHz - 200 KHz 1 µΩ - 1 KΩ 0 °C 30 °C
Operating modes	pot/gal/oc	pot/gal/oc	
Potential range	±10 V	±20 V	
Potential accuracy	±0.1% / ±1 mV	±0.1% / ±2 mV	
Current range	0 A ±20 A	0 A ±10 A	
Current accuracy	±0.25% / ±1 mA	±0.25% / ±1 mA	
Output power	200 W	200 W	
Frequency range	10 μHz - 200 KHz	10 μHz - 200 KHz	
Impedance range	1 μΩ - 1 KΩ	1 μΩ - 1 KΩ	
Ambient temperature	0 °C 30 °C	0 °C 30 °C	
System requirements	IM6/Zennium+EPC42 or PC	IM6/Zennium+EPC42 or PC	IM6/Zennium+EPC42 or PC



ZAHNER ZENNIUM / IM6 specifications

General Zennium IM6 DC - 5 MHz **Overall Bandwidth** DC - 10 MHz 3 ADCs @ 18 bit ADC Resolution Harmonic Reject > 60 dB @ 1/2 full scale Potentiostatic, galvanostatic, pseudo-galvanostatic, rest potential, off, ZRA, FRA Potentiostat Modes **Cell Connection** 2-, 3-, 4-terminal Kelvin ground Chassis Extension Slots 9 (incl. 1x EPC42) USB 2.0 PC interface 364 x 160 x 376 mm Dimensions 470 x 160 x 376 mm 15 kg Weight 12 kg Accessories U-buffer, 2 cell cable set, USB-cable, power cord, manual +Thalesbox. +EPC42 Power supply 230/115 V, 50/60 Hz Ambient temperature $+10^{\circ}$ C to $+30^{\circ}$ C < 60% without derating Ambient Humidity Frequency Generator & Analyzer Frequency Range 10 μ Hz to 4 MHz 10 μ Hz to 8 MHz Accuracy < 0.0025% Resolution 0.0025%, 10.000 steps/decade **Output Potentiostatic** Full Scale Voltage ± 4 V (Main), ± 10 V (U-buffer) Resolution 125 µV (Main), 320 µV (U-buffer) Accuracy $\pm 250~\mu\text{V}~\pm 0.025\%$ of set voltage (Main), $\pm 2~\text{mV}~\pm 0.025\%$ of set voltage (U-buffer) **Temperature Stability** better 20 µV/°C ± 14 V (Main), ± 120 V (with CVB120) Compliance Voltage 1 mV to 1 V (Main), 1 mV to 25 V (CVB120) AC-Amplitude Bandwidth 4 MHz @ 33 Ω load 8 MHz @ 33 Ω load **IR** Compensation Method Auto AC Impedance Technique Range 0 to 10 MΩ Resolution 0.012% Small Sianal Rise Time 250 ns to 200 μ s in 5 steps, automatic selection by automatic stability control 15 MV/s Slew Rate 10° @ 250 kHz Phase Shift Output Galvanostatic Full Scale Current Ranges Main ± 100 nA to ± 2.5 A in 10 steps ±100 nA to ±3.0 A in 10 steps resolution 0.0031% (16 bit) of range lowest full scale range ± 100 nA, resolution 12.5 pA HiZ ± 1 nA to ± 0.5 A in 12 steps resolution 0.0031% (16 bit) of range lowest full scale range ± 1 nA, resolution 125 fA Accuracy ** Main $\pm 0.1\%$ of set value $@ > |2 \mu A|$ to |100 mA| \pm 1% of set value @ |1 nA| to |2 μ A| or > |100 mA| ±1% of set value, ±20 pA @ < |1 nA| HiZ $\pm 1\%$ of set value, ± 250 fA @ < |1 nA Input Full Scale Potential Ranges ± 1 , ± 2 , ± 4 V (Main), ± 4 , ± 10 V (U-buffer) Potential Resolution DC 0.0008% / 32 μ V (Main) / 80 μ V (U-buffer) Potential Resolution AC * 16 nV Potential Accuracy DC ** $\pm 0.025\%$ of reading ± 0.25 mV (Main) ± 1 mV (U-buffer) Offset Temperature Stability < 10 µV/°C Full Scale Current Ranges Main ± 100 pA to ± 2.5 A in 33 steps ±100 pA to \pm 3.0 A in 33 steps automatic range selection HiZ ± 1 pA to ± 0.5 A in 35 steps, automatic range selection Current Accuracy DC ** Main $\pm 0.05\%$ of reading @ > $|2 \mu A|$ to |100 mA| $\pm 0.5\%$ of reading @ < |2 μ A| or > |100 mA| $\pm 0.5\%$ of reading, ± 10 pA @ < |1 nA| HiZ $\pm 0.5\%$ of reading, ± 125 fA @ < |1 nA|Input Bias Current ** Main |±1 pA| (typ.) / |±5 pA| (max.) HiZ |±10 fA| (typ.) / |±125 fA| (max.) Current Resolution DC * Pot 2.5 pA HiZ 25 fA Current Resolution AC * Pot 1.6 fA HiZ 16 aA Input Impedance Main 10 TΩ // ±5 pF (typ.) HiZ 1000 TΩ // ±1 pF (typ.) Impedance Ranae Main 100 m Ω to ~10 M Ω / 0.2% Potentiostatic $1 \text{ m}\Omega$ to $1 \text{ G}\Omega/2\%$ Galvanostatic $30 \,\mu\Omega$ to 1 GΩ / 2% HiZ 100 mΩ to 100 GΩ / 3% Common Mode Rejection > 86 dB @ 10 $\mu\rm{Hz}$ to 100 kHz > 66 dB @ 100 kHz to 4 MHz > 66 dB @ 100 kHz to 8 MHz Input Channel Phase- $\pm 0.1^\circ$ @ 10 $\mu \rm Hz$ to 100 kHz $\pm 0.25^{\circ} \ensuremath{\,@}$ 100 kHz to 4 MHz Tracking accuracy ±0.25° @ 100 kHz to 8 MHz Equiv. Effective Input Noise Main $2 \,\mu\text{V}$ rms / 200 fA rms @ 1 mHz to 10 Hz

* Guaranteed by design. For details refer to http://www.zahner.de application note "how to read specifications"

HiZ 20 μ V rms / 30 fA rms @ 1 mHz to 10 Hz

** In the first 6 months after factory calibration, after 20 min. warm-up

ZAHNER CIMPS photoelectrochemical workstation

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CIMPS

universal photo- & spectroelectrochemical workstation

Your Application Fields

photo-electrochemical energy conversion semiconductors monolithic solar cells organic solar cells dye-sensitized solar cells hybride solar cells

LEDs OLEDs electronic displays electronic newspaper electrophoretic ink

electrochromic devices smart windows electrochromic glass intelligent dimming mirrors suspended particle devices polymer dispersed liquid crystal devices

solar induced photoelectrochemical ..

- ... hydrogen production ... waste decontamination
- ... fuel production
- ... CO, reduction

artifical photosynthesis

Our Tools

CIMPS / IMPS CIMVS / IMVS Fast Intensity Transients Absorption Spectroscopy **Emission Spectroscopy DC** Characteristic **C-V** Measurement AC Impedance **Charge Extraction** Long Term Stability Standard SC Characterization Dynamic Transmission / Reflection (OIS Optical Impedance Spec.) **EQE** Measurement PV Conversion Efficiency Photocurrent Spectroscopy **Chopped Light Voltammetry**

Photo-electrochemical **Transfer Functions Impedance Simulation & Fitting** Photocurrent Simulation & Fitting Photovoltage Simulation & Fitting

Joint Fit of Impedance, Photovoltage and Photocurrent Spectra (TRIFIT)

Your Results

AHNER XPOT

mechanisms

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kinetics charge carrier mobility total conversion efficiency spectral efficiency 2 charge carrier lifetime ... recombination time ... diffusion rate solar cell serial resistance ... shunt resistance ... maximum power ... fill factor ... V_{oc}, J_{sc} ... IPCE ... stability external quantum efficiency semiconductor permittivity doping density spectral emission integral emission power display transition time transmission/reflection DC characteristic Intensity

ZAHNER CIMPS photo-electrochemical system

General

CIMPS is a photo-electrochemical research system for a wide field of applications. It is based on our universal electrochemical workstations Zennium or IM6, extended by special hard- and software. The basic configuration was designed with focus on static and dynamic photo-electrochemical transfer function measurement, popular in the research of alternative solar cell concepts, In particular, the dynamic transfer functions between photovoltage or photocurrent and light intensity are retevant for efficiency considerations of dye-sensitized oxide solar cells and organic solar cells. These functions are known as intensity Modulated SC ∌P ∗ Photocurrent Spectroscopy' IMPS and 'Intensity Modulated Photo-Voltage Spectroscopy' IMVS. Usually one is interested in the dominating time constants found by IMVS at open circuit conditions and by IMPS at short circuit conditions. Beyond this, thorough analysis and simulation of the transfer functions in combination with EIS give deep insights into the cell under test and the working mechanisms in detail. SC ₽₽

IMPS and IMVS are determined in the frequency domain by means of a light source, which is modulated in intensity over a broad frequency range, analogous to the EIS principle. CIMPS uses light emitting diodes 'LED' for that purpose. Different from a laser, LED do not need high modulation energy, and artifacts due to the presence of high voltage close to small measurement signals can be avoided. There is also no need for expander lenses, which must be inserted into a laser beam to illuminate electrodes may avoid a second seco P W typical areas of up to several square centimetres. $\left[\frac{Vm^2}{m}\right]$ U^*

CIMPS is the first complete system on the market designed especially for that purpose. Compared to the IMPS deserbed the ender literature, important improvements were made by Zahner: a control loop regulates light intensity and modulation keeping it absolutely stable. The automatic comparison between set value and sensed intensity eliminates the influence of non-linearity, ageing and temperature drift. Instead of the LED supply current, used as a substitute magnitude in the traditional set-up, the actually measured intensity is fed into the transfer function calculation, avoiding scale- and phase shift errors. As an additional advantage, CIMPS provides the automatic calibration of the illumination in natural units of intensity (W/m), allowing instant a utility of intensity (W/m), allowing instant a utility of intersection of the illumination of the shipped with NIST traceable calibration. A certificate is

vailable on demand. Light sources can be calibrated also on user site with an optionally available NIST traceable hotodetector. Cell

set of supporting functions accompanies the 🕪 and IMVS feature, useful for solar cell analysis as well. The static DC-photooltage and photocurrent vs. intensity characteristic can be determined. Among other value, the static behaviour provides seful criterions on the relevance of the time constants, derived by IMPS / IMVS. Stability and degradation of a SC may be ontrolled by recording photo-voltage and photo-current vs. time at a constant intensity. SC efficiency, fill factor, integral IPCE nd maximum power determination is implemented as a standard push button function, which works together with a 3rd-party AM1.5 solar simulator as well.

While IMPS / IMVS are typical small signal linear frequency domain techniques. CIMPS also provides light transient experiments. They can be used in order to cross-check the frequency domain results in the time domain Int Bal regimes. Sweep & CIS setup COLUMN D

The CIMPS standard package consists of all components necessary for the core applic on. Due to the individual I auirement Phase1 Distory of Veilleble intromwide range o of the user, light sources have to be ordered separately. Please ask for our latest list o wavelengths and for tuneable light sources. 115

The Zahner PECC cells are optimized for perfect optical as well as electrical cha reference electrode and a Pt counter electrode coil. The PTFE/PCTFE-based solid allows electrolytes. A gas-tight version, allowing oxygen-free working is available. 'W measurements, can be performed perfectly in these specially designed photo-electro

eristics and come with an Ag/AgC ing in aggressiv e and non-aqueou half-cel eriments. instance cal cells.

Apart from the core application, the CIMPS system may be extended to many other related methods by optional available peripherals. Certain 3rd-party spectrometers can be



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connected directly. CIMPS is able to control these spectrometers and provides spectral resolved lightemission (OPV) measurements, valuable for instance in OLED research and testing. The CIMPS-abs option may be used for spectral resolved absorption measurements, necessary for the investigation of electro-chromic processes and materials for electronic displays, OLED and organic solar cells.

CIMPS-pcs is based on our special tuneable lightsources. It opens the door to traditional photocurrent-spectroscopy PCS, spectral resolved incident photon conversion efficiency and the whole set of related spectro-electrochemical techniques. Finally, the FRA of the CIMPS system can be configured to a lock-in mode, which allows CIMPS to work together with 3rd-party chopper / monochromator units.

The components of the CIMPS package are working together in a plug & play application, including the software and an overall calibration of the system. An Electrochemical Workstation (ECW) IM6 or Zennium operates as a Frequency Response Analyser and as a support unit (Potentiostat / Galvanostat) for the cell under test. The Zahner ECWs are renowned for their high precision, ease of use and comprehensive software. One may select between two slave potentiostats (XPOT, PP211) used for the control of the light source, which differ in the output power to cover low-noise as well as high intensity applications.

The light source carrier including a fast high precision low noise photo-amplifier is positioned on an optical bench face to face with the photo-electrochemical cell. A photodiode sensor is mounted close to the cell's light inlet.



fully specified calibrated lightsources



TRIFIT: joint model simulation and fitting of impedance, photocurrent (IMPS) and photovoltage (IMVS) spectra



ZAHNER CIMPS optical methods ...

Functions

Standard Solar Cell Tests

- maximum power
- fill factor
- efficiency
- IPCE

Static Photo-Electric Transfer Functions

- static photovoltage vs. intensity curve
- static photocurrent vs. intensity curve
- static photocurrent vs. cellvoltage at constant intensity

Dynamic Photo-Electric Transfer Functions

- dynamic photovoltage efficiency IMVS
- dynamic photocurrent efficiency IMPS

Time Domain Measurements

- · photovoltage vs. time at constant intensity
- photocurrent vs. time at constant intensity

Intensity Transients Measurements

- photovoltage vs. time under intensity transients
- photocurrent vs. time under intensity transients

Charge Extraction after N. W. Duffy, L. M. Peter et. al.

Chopped Light Voltammetry

Calibration Routines for LED & OLED

dynamic lightsource efficiency

Electrochemical Methods & Utilities

- electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)
- impedance & network analysis, simulation & fitting
 EIS series vs. parameter
- (time, potential, current, temperature, pH ...) • impedance vs. parameter
- (time, potential, current, temperature, pH ...) • stationary current / voltage characteristics
- & polarisation measurements
- cyclic & linear sweep voltammetry
 graphic, documentation & programming utilities
- ...

Please refer to the ZENNIUM® brochure for a complete list of methods



 $H_{UP}(\omega) = \frac{U(t)}{P(t)} \quad \text{with} \quad U(t) = \hat{U} \cdot e^{j \,\omega t + \varphi_v}, P(t) = \hat{P} \cdot e^{j \,\omega t}$ $H_{IP}(\omega) = \frac{I(t)}{P(t)} \text{ with } I(t) = \hat{I} \cdot e^{j\omega t + \varphi_{I}}, P(t) = \hat{P} \cdot e^{j\omega t}$

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Q(t)

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 $H_{EP}(\omega) = \frac{P(t)}{E(t)} \text{ with } P(t) = \hat{P} \cdot e^{j\omega t + \varphi_{F}} \cdot E(t) = E \cdot e^{j\omega t}$



ZAHNER CIMPS ... and results



SC IMPS/IMVS Experimental Data, Simulation and Fit

ZAHNER CIMPS photo-electrochemical cells and light sources

Photo-electrochemical Cells

PECC-1 / PECC-2

Specifications

Electrolyte volume

The PECC-1/PECC-2 are specially tailored for testing electrode materials with photoelectrochemical techniques. Several mounting options for samples offer flexibility for various tasks.

Physical dimensions (W x D x H) Optical window diameter Optical window material Sample diameter

Light path length in electrolyte

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Solid material

Reference electrode Counter electrode Gas inlet/outlet

sample in electrolyte chamber sample as rear tightening plate

PECC-1 60 x 25 x 80 mm 20 mm BK7 or Quartz max. 20 mm 25 - 40 mm 7.9 cm 6.3 cm 18 mm 23 mm Tefion (PTFE) Ag/AgCl Pt coil

No

PECC-1

PECC-2 60 x 25 x 80 mm 18 mm BK7 or Quartz max. 18 mm 25 - 40 mm < 25 mm on request 7.2 cm 5.9 cm 18 mm 23 mm Kel-F (PCTFE) Ag/AgCI

Pt coil

Yes

PECC-2 (shown with transparent WE)

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More than 50 monochromatic light sources from UV to IR are available for the CIMPS system. They are supplemented by high power white LEDs (up to 2000 W/m²), tungsten lamps and tuneable light sources. Apart from recording photocurrent spectra, the tuneable light source TLS03 can also be used for standard methods supplied by the CIMPS system.

All LED light sources are calibrated traceable to the national metrology institute of germany PTB. Identification of the light sources and setting of the individual calibration data is performed by the CIMPS system automatically. So, exchanging light sources is plug and play.



ultraviolet 250 nm | 300 nm | 350 nm | 400 nm | 450 nm | 500 nm | 550 nm | 660 nm | 650 nm | 700 nm | | | | | 1000 nm | | | | 15

infrared

ZAHNER CIMPS spectro-electrochemical option abs

Absorption: abs

Spectral Resolved Transmittance/Absorbance Measurement System

Extend the scope of your CIMPS system for material screening and examination of the provided of the provided of the measuring object and one as reference), and a highly automatic slide (one for the measuring object and one as reference), and a highly allowed of the measuring object and one as reference), and a highly allowed of the measuring object and one as reference). Automatic spectrum and time, the list of series parameters may be optionally extended to any physical query are such as temperature, concentration, pH and more. In addition to automatic triggering, each recording can be seried which allow many useful graphic representations, zoom-, cursor-, documentation- and data export functions. Like with all Thales data file types, Windows® detects the light spectra files automatically and presents info-boxes and graphic preview.

Additional Methods

- absorbance spectra vs. voltage
- absorbance spectra vs. current
- absorbance spectra vs. time
- user script controlled absorbance spectra series

Requirements: Basic CIMPS system abs option consist of

Two photo-electrochemical cells PECC-2 UV-VIS-IR spectrometer Tungsten lamp or high-power white LED D or Xenon lamp on request



P3HT-PEDOT:PSS Film Synchronous Impedance/Phase Spectra and Film Extinction Spectra vs. Cell Voltage

ZAHNER CIMPS spectro-electrochemical option pcs

Photo Current Spectra: pcs

wavelength / nm \rightarrow

Electrochemical Photo Current Spectra (PCS) System

Equipped with the tuneable light source TLS03, one of the core applications of pcs is measuring the Photo Current Spectra PCS, Quantum Efficiency QE or Incident Photon Conversion Efficiency IPCE of organic and dye sensitized solar cells in the wavelength range from typical 365 nm up to 1020 nm (TLS03) with optional UV range extension, representing for the most



vavelength / nm \rightarrow Examples for Photocurrent Spectra and Incident Photon Conversion Efficiency Spectra of Solar Cells

wavelength $/ nm \rightarrow$

ZAHNER CIMPS tuneable light source TLS03

Tuneable Light Source: TLS03

Tuneable Optical Light Source

The unique and patented tuneable light-source, TLS03, uses dedicated LEDs as well as a linear monochromator. Different from systems using Xenon lamps which require filters and a mechanical chopper, the concept of the TLS03 provides high light intensity along with a low spectral half-width and a multitude of features unique for this kind of instruments. Furthermore, LEDs can be modulated much faster than a mechanical chopper can do.

Outstanding Features

- Easy Mountable
- The optical parts are arranged on an easy mountable optical bench.
- PTB-Traceable Detector
- The integrated optical sensor (PTB-traceable, PTB is the European equivalent to NIST) is used to measure and feedbackcontrol the light intensity exactly.
- Unique Feedback Control

This special and exclusive feature of all Zahner CIMPS systems grants you an accurate light intensity regardless of age and temperature of the LEDs. So there is no need for a reference cell and time consuming realignments of sample holders

No warm up time

Using state of the art LEDs not only increases power efficiency drastically, it also eliminates the long warm up times required by Xe-lamp based systems.

Real Sine Wave Modulation

Unlike chopper-based systems, the TLSO3 can be real sine wave modulated without harmonic distortion. • Intelligent Control

With its intelligent control of a multitude of LEDs of different wavelengths, the TLSO3 significantly outputs more power at a certain wavelength than a system consisting of a Xenon lamp plus monochromator can do. Additionally, a switchable white background illumination helps to speed up measurements at DSSC and enables investigations on tandem solar cells.

Wavelength Range

The TLS03 is available with a standard wavelength range of 365 nm to 1020 nm and with an extended range of 295 nm to 1020 nm.

Benefits of TLS03 Compared to Xe-Lamp-Monochromator-Chopper Arrangements

- easy light weighted "in a box"
- high power efficiency
- no warm up time, lower noise, lower drift
- higher monochromatic light intensity
- higher modulation frequency
- real sine-wave modulation without harmonic distortion
- switchable background illumination
- PTB traceable sensor integrated
- reference cell not necessary
- no sample repositioning





TLS03 In

Typical light intensity of TLSO3 in continuos mode

ZAHNER CIMPS spectroelectrochemical option mdtr/ois

Dynamic Transmittance / Reflectance Measurements (OIS)

Dynamic Transmittance / Reflectance (OIS) Measurement System

Exceptional feature: assigns kinetic information unequivocally to certain colored species in a reaction chain!

Some physical systems change their optical properties under the influence of an electrical voltage or current applied. Such behavior is of high scientific interest and already reached great economic importance in the fields of electronic displays, smart windows and electronic newspapers, acting as electro-chromic devices.

The electrical control of the absorbance may have influence on the spectral properties of such systems. Dependent on the state, color or tone may change. This can be investigated with traditional absorption spectroscopy by means of CIMPS-abs. For many applications, besides color aspects, the dynamic properties are of high importance as well. The switching time, very important for instance for displays and modulators, or the reaction time of smart windows is determined by the kinetic processes of transport- and redox-reactions or by the structural re-organization which cause the optical changes. Dynamic Transmittance Reflectance "DTR" transfer function analysis, also known as OIS (Optical Impedance Spectroscopy),

follows the ideas popular in Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy EIS. The basic transfer function in EIS is given between voltage and current. Like for EIS, in DTR a bias control voltage (or

current) applied to the sample is modulated with a small test signal amplitude. Differing from EIS, the sample is illuminated using a certain static intensity P, and the transmitted or reflected light P is recorded and treated as response signal in dependence of the electrical excitation.

The dynamic transfer function DTR is calculated as the quotient between the response modulation signal (the relative intensity change in time P'/P = TR') and the excitation signal (Voltage U' or current I', dependent on the selected mode, potentiostatic or galvanostatic).

$$DTR_{pot} = \frac{\hat{T}R}{\hat{U}} \cdot e^{j\varphi}, \ [DTR_{pot}] = V^{-1}$$
$$DTR_{gal} = \frac{\hat{T}R}{\hat{l}} \cdot e^{j\varphi}, \ [DTR_{gal}] = A^{-1}$$

j = imaginary unit $\varphi = phase shift [rad]$ $\Rightarrow = amplitude symbol$

DTR spectra can be understood and modelled like EIS. Time constants can be extracted and assigned to certain charge transfer, relaxation and transport processes. Their characteristic shape and phase angle helps to distinguish between them. It is known, that EIS suffers from the ambiguity of the spectra: different mechanisms may lead to identical dynamic transfer functions. It is an exceptional property of DTR that the response function can be assigned unequivocally to a certain colored species. In combination with EIS, DTR may help to cancel out further ambiguities, like it can be done also in combination with IMPS/IMVS data. The main application of CMPS-mdtr/ois is measuring frequency spectra similar to EIS belonging to a certain bias state of the system. Besides, CIMPS-mdtr/ois supports slow, quasi-static scan features determining the steady state characteristics. In order to characterize the static transmittance-reflectance behavior in dependence of the applied voltage, the sample voltage can be swept linearly between two limiting voltages under potentiostatic control. In galvanostatic mode the transmittance/reflectance-characteristic recording is displayed in form of a charge scan.



MDTR/OIS software package running voltage scan



Dynamic DTR vs. frequency and static DTR vs. charge of an LCD modulator at 2.3 V

ZAHNER CIMPS spectro-electrochemical option mdtr/ois

Multi Spectral DTR/OIS Option: mdtr/ois

Synchronous Multi Spectral Dynamic Transmittance/Reflectance with Parallel Impedance Measurement System (OIS)

Focus on up to four selective colored species in a reaction chain and determine the kinetics!

Mdtr/ois is able to acquire the DTR-spectra of more than one species in a system under test synchronously with recording an impedance spectrum. For that purpose the CIMPS instrument is extended with the multichannel synchronous AD-converter PAD4.

The transmitted/reflected light is fed through a multi channel photo-detector, providing wavelength bands in UV/IR and two selective bands in VIS. Four individual photo-amplifiers feed the detector signals to the inlets of the PAD4.

By default *mdtr/ois* works with a white high-power LED light source WLR02. A programmable multi-spectral light source MLS is optional. The emission of the MLS can be set to UV (365nm), violet (420nm), blue (445nm), green (535nm), red (630nm), NIR (740nm), IR (940nm) and white. The different wavelength bands can be selected separately in any combination. In that way, selective excitation of the system under test is performed. By using both selective light emission as well as selective light detection, crosstalk is minimized.

Parallel acquisition does not only save time. The main advantage is, that the different spectra are recorded at the same time and belong therefore to the same system state. Time drift is much less critical than in the case of sequential recording.



Additional Methods

- dynamic transmittance / reflectance vs. frequency
- static transmittance / reflectance vs. charge
- static transmittance / reflectance vs. voltage
- static transmittance / reflectance vs. time
- multi spectral transmittance / reflectance vs. frequency with synchronous parallel impedance

Requirements: Basic CIMPS system mdtr/ois option consist of

PAD4 4 channel synchronous AD converter Multi spectral sensor with amplifier White high-power LED WLR02 Optional programmable multi spectral light source MLS



Characterization of a P3HT-PEDOT:PSS polymer multilayer with DTR and EIS at 535nm and 740nm

ZAHNER CIMPS spectroelectrochemical option emit

Emission: emit

Photo-Electrochemical Light Emission Measurement System

Extend the scope of your CIMPS system for the examination of OPV, LED, OLED, ...

Similar to the light absorbance measurement package, this option complements CIMPS by a UV-VIS-IR spectrometer to enable spectral resolved light emission measurements. For integral emission, an additional NIST traceable calibrated photodetector can be added. Like with CIMPS-abs, automatic spectra series measurement vs. cellvoltage, current, time can be performed and additional series parameters like temperature, voltage and pH can be used optionally. Of course, emission spectra recording can be triggered also manually while controlling the electrochemical parameters. Like for CIMPS-abs, the light spectra analysis package within Thales supports single / multi-spectra 2-D, multi-spectra 3-D and contour plot visualization for instance as emission, transmittance, absorbance, extinction in linear or logarithmic scale vs. wavelength or wave-number. Data export can be done in form of ASCII-data, as bitmap or as Windows[®]-EMF graphics via clipboard copy & paste or as file.

Additional Methods

- lightemission voltage current characteristic (PVI)
- spectral resolved PVI

Requirements: Basic CIMPS system emit option consist of

UV-VIS-IR spectrometer or NIST traceable calibrated sensor







Emittance Spectra



ZAHNER CIMPS photo-electrochemical option fit

Fast Intensity Transients: fit

Fast Light Intensity Transients Measurement System

Extend the scope of your CIMPS system for the examination of fast kinetics in semiconductors, organic, dye sensitized and monolitic solar cells...

It is often advantageous, to correlate linear dynamic measurements under frequency variation like IMPS and IMVS with measurements of transient behaviour in the time domain. Slower photo-electrochemical systems, like DSSC or inorganic photo-catalytic systems can be evaluated successfully with the standard CIMPS function "Intensity Transients". For faster processes happening for instance in silicon based or other monolithic types of semiconductor solar cells, and, due to their thin layer structure also in organic solar cells, the time resolution of the standard CIMPS "Intensity Transients" is not sufficient. Photocharge diffusion and migration time constants in such objects are too fast for a standard CIMPS system. With CIMPS-fit Zahner offers a fast intensity transients option, extending the time resolution down to 50ns.



Photocurrent Transient of a Monolithic Silicon Solar Cell

Photovoltage Transient of an Organic Solar Cell (built up from Cr-Al-Cr-P3HT-PCBM-PEDOT-Cr-Au)

Fit uses the fast two-channel transient recorder TR8M plug-in from Zahner with a maximum 2channel sampling rate of 20 MHz. The TR8M communicates with the internal potentiostat of the Zennium/IM6 and with slave potentiostats connected externally via an EPC42 by automatic, software controlled signal routing.

This feature is the base for *fit*: the slave potentiostat, active in CIMPS controlling the lightsource in **CIMPS** control is the **CIMPS** control in **CIMPS**





General

General		
Supported Wavelength Range		user selectable (see lightsources)
Frequency Range		10 µHz - 200 kHz
Supply Output Range for LED Lightsource	PP211	±10 A / ±20 V
	XPot	±0.5 A / ±25 V
CIMPS-Systems		
Complete CIMPS-Systems	CIMPS-1	ZENNIUM® electrochemical workstation XPot external potentiostat, EPC42 control module, optical bench sensor, photosense-amplifier-illuminator-supply unit, dummy cell CIMPS & THALES software package
	CIMPS-2	ZENNIUM® electrochemical workstation PP211 power potentiostat, EPC42 control module, optical bench sensor, photosense-amplifier-illuminator-supply unit, dummy cell CIMPS & THALES software package
	CIMPS-3	IM6 electrochemical workstation XPot external potentiostat, EPC42 control module, optical bench sensor, photosense-amplifier-illuminator-supply unit, dummy cell CIMPS & THALES software package
	CIMPS-4	IM6 electrochemical workstation PP211 power potentiostat, EPC42 control module, optical bench sensor, photosense-amplifier-illuminator-supply unit, dummy cell CIMPS & THALES software package
CIMP	S-QE/IPCE	CIMPS-2 basic system (ZENNIUM® with PP211) qe/ipce option (TLS03 with optional UV extension) sample solar cell

Absorption Option	abs	two photo-electrochemical cells PECC-2, UV-VIS-IR spectrometer tungsten lamp or high power white LED
Emission Option	emit	UV-VIS-IR spectrometer or NIST traceable calibration sensor
Photo Current Spectra Option	pcs	tuneable lightsource TLS03 (UV extension optional)
Fast Intensity Transients Option	fit	TR8M transient recorder, trigger cable
Multi Spectral Dynamic Transmittance/Reflectance (OIS) Option	mdtr/ois	4 channel parallel A/D converter PAD4, high power white LED, calibrated multi sensor programmable multispectral light source MLS optional
NIST-Traceable Calibration Sensor	SEL033	for automatic calibration procedure at the customer's lab

Photo-Electrochemical Cells

Width x Depth x Height Optical Window Diameter Optical Window Material Working Electrode Active Diameter Solid Material Reference Electrode Counter Electrode Gas Inlet/Outlet Light Inlet PECC-1 60 x 25 x 80 mm 20 mm BK7 or quartz max. 20 mm Teflon (PTFE) Ag/AgCl Pt coil no front PECC-2 60 x 25 x 80 mm 18 mm BK7 or quartz max. 18 mm KeI-F (PCTFE) Ag/AgC1 Pt coil yes front and rear

Lightsources

Monochromatic

White

over 50 different LED lightsources wavelength range from 245 nm to 1550 nm

wavelength range from 295 nm to 1020 nm

LED arrays and Tungsten lamps

Switchable and Tuneable Lightsources

Representative in your country:

specifications

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