

NEXUS™

potentiostat / galvanostat / impedance analyzer



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The Nexus is equipped with internal storage memory of 32 GB. This allows for storing all 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 PStTrace.

Nexus Features

Versatility

The Nexus offers 11 current ranges, from 100 pA (fA resolution) to 1 A. It supports a broad array of electrochemical techniques, including EIS up to 1 MHz. With a data acquisition time as fast as 1 μ s and internal storage of 32 GB securing (very) long duration measurements, it enables a diverse range of electrochemical research applications.

Continuing PalmSens' tradition of delivering ultimate solutions for precise low-current measurements, Nexus offers an ultra-low-noise response that surpasses even our current portable devices.

High performance

The Nexus is built using the latest advancements in technology. A high-performance dual-core microcontroller allows for running very fast un-interrupted measurements while taking care of the data storage and throughput.



Connection options

Whether you want to make a direct USB connection to your laptop or want to control the Nexus via your local area network (LAN), the choice is yours. Both connection options will maintain the floating capabilities of the Nexus.



Dual EIS

The second sense electrode allows for monitoring the counter electrode potential. When used with EIS it can simultaneously measure at both the full- and half-cell impedance.



Bipotentiostat

The Nexus is equipped with built-in bipotentiostat capabilities for rotating ring-disc or scanning electrochemical microscopy experiments that require a second working electrode. This feature is optional and can be purchased later as a software upgrade.

MethodSCRIPT™

MethodSCRIPT by PalmSens, is a unique proprietary scripting language which is at the core of the latest generation of our potentiostats. While our software PTrace generates the MethodSCRIPTs for you, you can also write your own MethodSCRIPTs, giving you full control over your experiment.

MethodSCRIPT comes with extensive documentation and code examples.

See page 14 for more information.



Supported Techniques

The Nexus 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
- Multiple-Pulse Amperometric Detection MPAD *

Galvanostatic techniques

- Linear Sweep Potentiometry LSP
- Chronopotentiometry CP
- MultiStep Potentiometry MP
- Open Circuit Potentiometry OCP
- Stripping Chronopotentiometry SCP or PSA *

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

* This technique will become available with an update scheduled in Q4 2025

MethodSCRIPT™ allows for developing custom techniques. See page 14 for more information.



MethodSCRIPT™
by PalmSens

Measurement Specifications

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

| | Parameter | Min | Max |
|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| All techniques (unless otherwise specified) | ▪ Online data acquisition (data points/s) | N/A | 2500 |
| | ▪ Step potential | 76 μ V | N/A |
| | ▪ N data points | 3 | 20 million |
| ▪ NPV ▪ DPV | ▪ Pulse time | 0.4 ms | N/A |
| ▪ SWV | ▪ Frequency | N/A | 1250 Hz |
| ▪ LSV ▪ CV | ▪ Scan rate | N/A | 500 V/s (200 mV step) |
| ▪ FCV | ▪ Scan rate | N/A | 500 V/s (50 mV step) |
| | ▪ N averaged scans | 1 | 65535 |
| | ▪ N equilibration scans | 0 | 65535 |
| ▪ PAD | ▪ Interval time | 0.8 ms | N/A |
| | ▪ Pulse time | 0.4 ms | N/A |
| ▪ CA ▪ CP ▪ OCP | ▪ Interval time | 0.4 ms | N/A |
| | ▪ Run time | N/A | N/A |
| ▪ FAM | ▪ Interval time | 1 μ s | 60 s |
| | ▪ N data points | 3 | 50000 |
| ▪ MM ▪ MA ▪ MP | ▪ N cycles | 1 | 20000 |
| | ▪ N levels | 1 | 255 |
| | ▪ Level switching overhead time | ~200 μ s (typical) | N/A |
| | ▪ Interval time | 0.4 ms | N/A |
| ▪ Fast EIS | ▪ Interval time between data points at fixed frequency | ~1 ms (typical) | N/A |



System Specifications

| General | |
|----------------------|--------|
| ▪ dc potential range | ±10 V |
| ▪ compliance voltage | ±12 V |
| ▪ maximum current | ±1.1 A |

| Potentiostat (controlled potential mode) | |
|--|--|
| ▪ applied dc-potential resolution | 78 µV |
| ▪ applied potential accuracy | ≤ 0.1% or ±1 mV offset |
| ▪ current ranges | 100 pA to 1 A (11 ranges) |
| ▪ measured current accuracy | < 0.1% of measured current ±10 pA (bias), ±0.1% of range (offset) |
| ▪ measured current resolution | 0.0038% of current range (3.8 fA on 100 pA range) |

| Galvanostat (controlled current mode) | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| ▪ current ranges | 1 nA to 1 A (10 ranges) |
| ▪ applied dc-current | ±5 * range (< 10 mA) ±4.5 * range (10 mA & 100 mA) ±1 * range (1 A) |
| ▪ applied dc-current resolution | 0.0038% of applied range |
| ▪ applied dc-current accuracy | < 0.1% of current ±10 pA (bias), ±0.1% of range (offset) |
| ▪ potential ranges | 10 mV, 100 mV, 1 V |
| ▪ measured dc-potential resolution | 78 µV at ±10 V (1 V range) 7.8 µV at ±1 V (100 mV range) 0.78 µV at ±0.1 V (10 mV range) 78 nV at ±0.01 V (1 mV range) |
| ▪ measured dc-potential accuracy | ≤ 0.05% or ±1 mV (for E < ±9 V) ≤ 0.2% (for E ≥ ±9 V) |

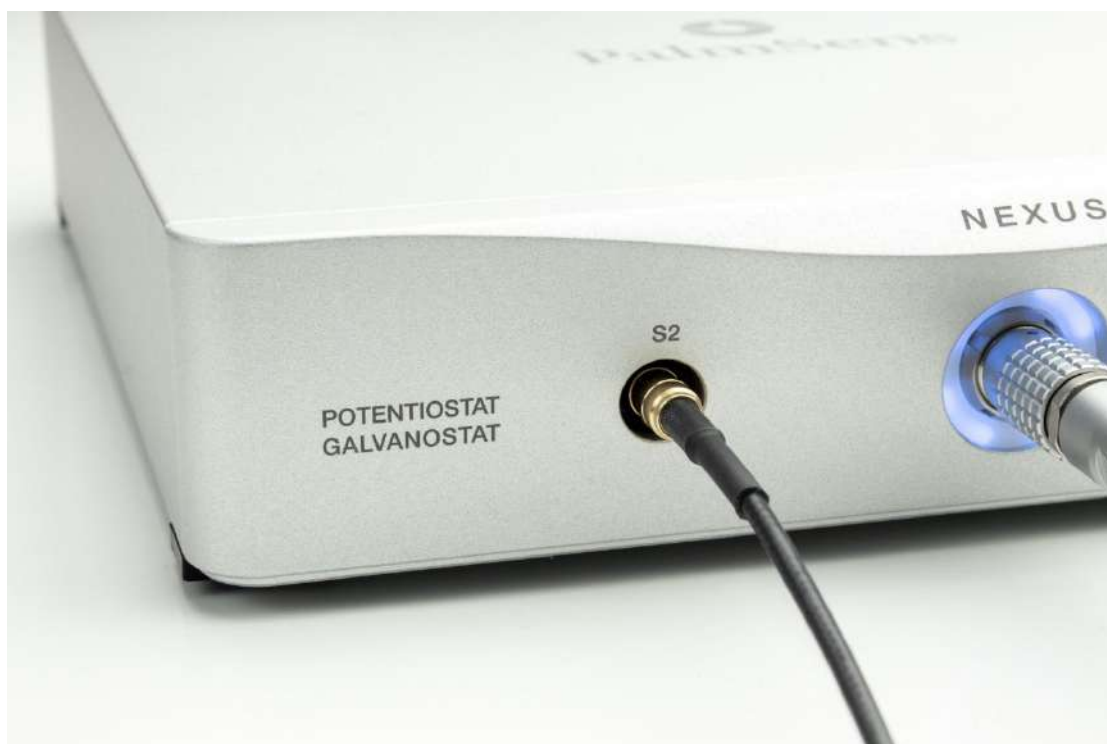
| Optional: EIS (impedance measurements) | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| ▪ frequency range | 10 µHz to 1 MHz |
| ▪ ac-amplitude range | 1 mV to 0.3 V rms, or 0.8 V p-p |

| Optional: GEIS (galvanostatic impedance measurements) | |
|---|---|
| ▪ frequency range | 10 µHz to 1 MHz |
| ▪ ac-amplitude range | 0.001 * range to 0.15 * range RMS (full range) 0.001 * range to 0.74 * range RMS for frequencies up to 1 kHz |

| Electrometer | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| ▪ electrometer amplifier input | > 10 TΩ // 10 pF |
| ▪ bandwidth | 1 MHz |

| Optional: Bipotentiostat | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ▪ dc-potential range | ±5 V |
| ▪ dc-potential resolution | 153 μV (16-bit) |
| ▪ dc-offset error | ≤ 0.1%, ±1 mV offset |
| ▪ accuracy | ≤ 0.1% |
| ▪ current ranges | 100 pA to 10 mA (9 ranges) |
| ▪ maximum measured current | i(WE1) + i(WE2) < 45 mA |
| ▪ current resolution | 0.0038% of current range |
| ▪ current accuracy | ≤ 0.1% current, ±0.1% range (offset) |

| iR Compensation module | |
|--|-------------------|
| ▪ method used for iR-drop compensation | Positive Feedback |
| ▪ resolution of MDAC used for correcting potential | 16-bit |
| ▪ max. compensated resistance | 1 MOhm |
| ▪ max. bandwidth with iR-drop compensation enabled | 10 kHz |



| Other | |
|--------------------------|--|
| ▪ electrode connections | 2 mm banana pins for RE, WE, WE2, CE, Sense and GND. With additional Sense 2 (for monitoring potential at CE or half-cell) |
| ▪ housing | aluminium body: 20 x 21 x 4.5 cm |
| ▪ weight | 1.8 kg |
| ▪ power | 12 V DC external power supply |
| ▪ communication | ethernet and USB-C |
| ▪ internal storage space | 32 GB (or >800 million datapoints) |

| Auxiliary port (D-Sub 15) | |
|---------------------------|--|
| ▪ analog input | ± 10 V, 18-bit |
| ▪ analog output | ± 10 V, 12-bit (1 kOhm output impedance) |
| ▪ digital I/O | 4x digital output (5 V) 1x digital input (5 V) |
| ▪ i-out and E-out | raw output of current and potential E-out ± 10 V (2.5 kOhm output impedance) i-out ± 2 V (2.5 kOhm output impedance) |
| ▪ power | 5 V-output (max. 150 mA) |



Standard Nexus Kit

A standard Nexus kit includes a carrying bag with:

- 100-240 VAC to 12 VDC power adapter
- 1 meter cell cable with 2 mm banana plugs, stackable connectors
- 1 m cable for using a second sense
- Crocodile clips for every lead (2 mm)
- Chassis ground cable with croc clip (4 mm)
- USB-C cable
- Ethernet cable
- Dummy cell
- USB stick with software
- Hardware Sync Link cable
- Operator's Manual
- Quick Start document
- Calibration report



Available configurations

The Nexus has optional support for EIS and bipotentiostat capabilities. The following table shows the available configurations with corresponding product codes:

| | EIS capable | Bipotentiostat capable |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| C-NXS.F0.B0 | NO | NO |
| C-NXS.F1.B0 | YES | NO |
| C-NXS.F0.BP | NO | YES |
| C-NXS.F1.BP | YES | YES |



Buy now, upgrade later

Every Nexus is fully equipped and tested. This allows for remote upgrading your device through software, without the need to send the instrument back to us.

➤ Configure your ideal Nexus:
www.palmsens.com/nexus

Accessories



Magnetic stirrer with Switchbox

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



TMP36 temperature sensor

This temperature sensor allows for monitoring of temperature during an experiment. The TMP36 provides accuracies of $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ at $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ over the -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature range. The supply current runs well below $50\ \mu\text{A}$, providing very low self-heating, less than 0.1°C in still air.

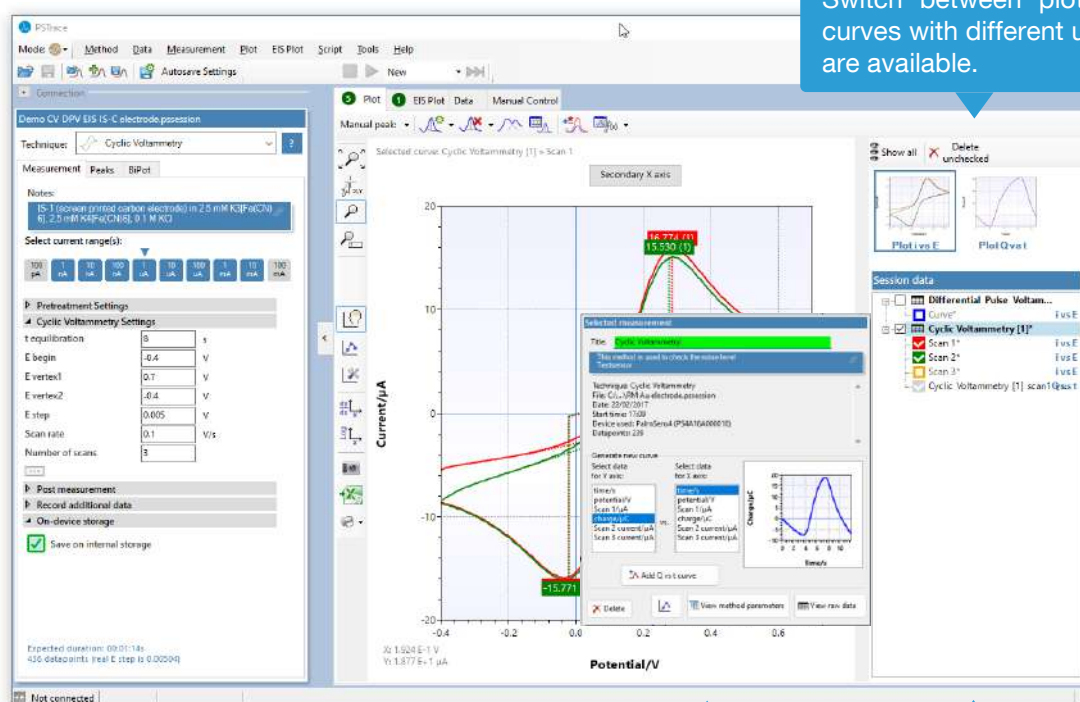
➤ See for more information:
www.palmsens.com/accessories

PSTrace: Software for Windows

Nexus operates seamlessly with PSTrace, a free software compatible with all PalmSens 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 nomenclature and specific curve operations;
3. **Analytical mode**, designed for use with (bio)sensors and allows you to do concentration determinations. Extensive help files and prompts guide the user through a typical analysis.



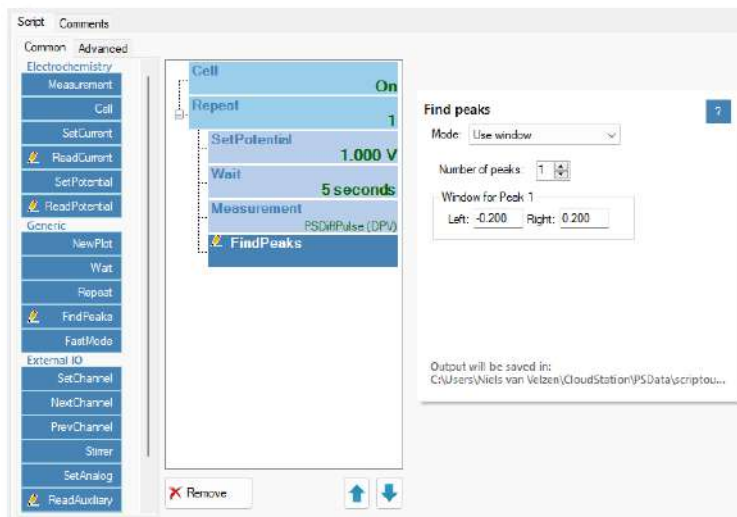
Setup your measurement easily and get immediate feedback on validity of parameters.

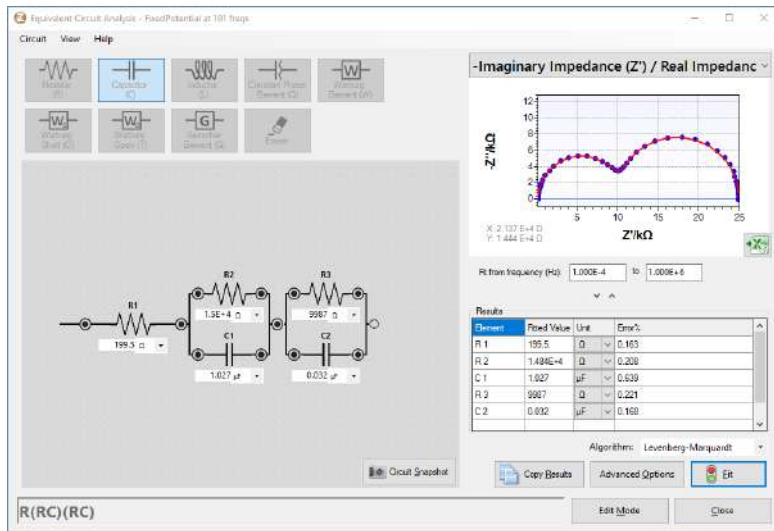
Click on a measurement for detailed information or generating new curves.

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.



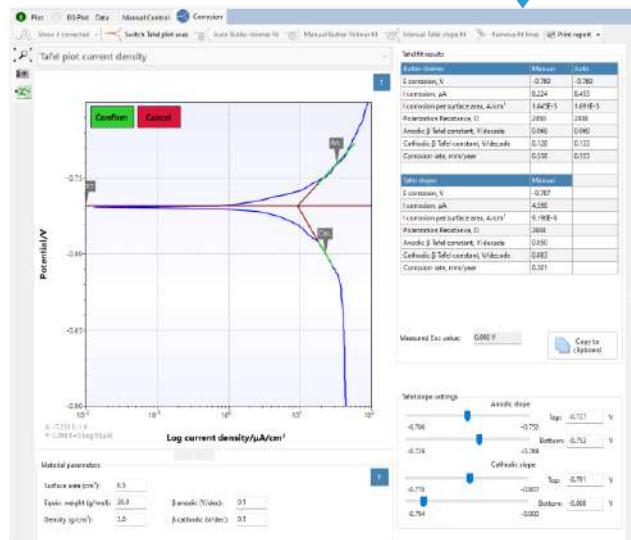


Use the graphical editor to draw the equivalent circuit or enter the CDC directly.

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



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

The Nexus 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 PStace.

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...

```

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

```

[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

Software Development Kits for .NET

Develop your own application in no time for use with any PalmSens instrument or potentiostat (module). Our SDKs are free of charge.



There are three PalmSens Software Development Kits (SDKs) for .NET. Each SDK can be used with any of our instruments or OEM potentiostat modules to develop your own software. The SDK's come with a set of examples that shows how to use the libraries. PalmSens SDKs with examples are available for the following .NET Frameworks:

- WinForms
- Xamarin (Android)
- WPF

Each SDK comes with code examples for:

- Connecting
- Running measurements and plotting data
- Manual control of the cell
- Accessing and processing measured data
- Analyzing and manipulating data
- Peak detection
- Equivalent Circuit Fitting on impedance data
- Saving and loading files

```

/// <summary>
/// Initializes the EIS method.
/// </summary>
private void InitMethod()
{
    _methodEIS = new ImpedimetricMethod();
    _methodEIS.ScanType = ImpedimetricMethod.enumScanType.EIS;
    _methodEIS.Potential = 0.0f; //0.0V DC potential
    _methodEIS.Eac = 0.01f; //0.01V RMS AC potential
    _methodEIS.FreqType = ImpedimetricMethod.enumFrequencyType.EIS;
    _methodEIS.MaxFrequency = 1e5f; //Max frequency is 100kHz
    _methodEIS.MinFrequency = 10f; //Min frequency is 10Hz
    _methodEIS.nFrequencies = 11; //Sample at 11 different frequencies

    _methodEIS.EquilibrationTime = 1f; //Equilibrates the cell
    _methodEIS.Ranging.StartCurrentRange = new CurrentRange(1000000, 10000000);
    _methodEIS.Ranging.MinimumCurrentRange = new CurrentRange(1000000, 10000000);
    _methodEIS.Ranging.MaximumCurrentRange = new CurrentRange(1000000, 10000000);
}
    
```

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

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