

Active Spectrum's Benchtop Electron Spin Resonance Spectrometers

Extended Range Benchtop ESR

•**4000G sweep range (air cooled)** •**6500 G sweep range (water cooled)** •**Compact benchtop design** •**Competitive pricing** •**Variable temperature accessories available**

Technical Data

Micro-ESR Spectrometer

•**Easily Transported Anywhere** •**Plug In, Power On, Acquire Spectra** •**Versatile: Applications in Research, Education, and Industry** •**Variable temperature accessories available**

Technical Data

Online Benchtop ESR

•**World's first industrial process monitoring instrument**

•**Provides real-time, embedded, non-destructive measurements of free radicals and some transition metals**

- •**Designed to work under harsh environmental conditions**
- •**Easily transported to any site**
- •**Hazardous location rated enclosures available(Class 1, Div. 1, and ATEX)**

Technical Data

Signal to Noise

NOTE: Signal and noise measurements are made using the same conditions. The signal is calculated as the average of the amplitude of the three TEMPOL peak heights divided by two times the RMS noise in the same spectrum.

Signal to Noise = (peak amplitude) / (2*RMS noise)

50 µM TEMPOL in Water

1 scan, 4k data points, 15 mW $SN > 200:1$ Extended Range Benchtop

1 µM TEMPOL in Water

Flat Cell Signal to Noise 70:1

Capillary, 1mm ID Signal to Noise 30:1

64 scans, 4k points, 15 mW, 100 G sweep width

Resolution

Perylene Radical Cation

Semiquinone Radical Anions

Benzosemiquinone 2-butylbenzosemiquinone

catechol

Some Applications

- Spin Trapping
- Kinetics
- Coordination Chemistry
- Antioxidant Radicals in Lubricants
- Dosimetry
- Crystal Defects
- Education

DMPO as a Spin Trap For OH**.**

• Electron spin resonance spectroscopy is a well established technique for measuring the signal from hydroxyl radicals that are spin trapped by DMPO. These hydroxyl radicals are generated via the Fenton Reaction:

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Fe2+
 + H2O2 → Fe3+ + OH.
+ OH−
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DMPO + OH. → DMPO-OH.

• Micro-ESR provides a portable, cost-effective, and sensitive spectrometer that can measure DMPO-OH radicals from this reaction.

DMPO-OH. Spin Adduct

PTIO as a Spin Trap for Nitric Oxide

1. ESR signal of α -Phenyltetramethylnitronly nitroxide (PTIO)

 \triangleright PAPA NONOate (NO source) is added to the tube

- 2. The ESR signal changing from the nitronyl nitroxide to the imino nitroxide
- 3. The imino nitroxide ESR signal

Determine Reaction Mechanisms by Observing Spin Adducts

- Using PBN (t-butyl-α-phenyl nitrone) as a spin trap, we follow a Fenton Reaction in DMSO.
- The Fenton Reaction generates hydroxyl radicals, which react with the PBN, but also the DMSO
- The PBN-OH• spin adduct is too short lived to observe directly, but methoxyl (OCH₃ \bullet) radicals are also produced
- The PBN-OCH₃ spin adduct is long lived, and easily observed by ESR
- As the reaction proceeds, the major spin adduct changes from methoxyl to methyl
- MNP, 2-methyl-2-nitrosopropane, a spin trap itself, is formed during the reaction
- MNP forms a third spin adduct with methyl radicals

 $12 10 8 6 -$

> $4 2 -$

 $-2-$

 -4

 -6

 $-8-$

 $-10-$

 $-12-$

Both PBN-OCH₃ and PBN-CH₃ Spin Adducts are present

The PBN-CH₃ spin adduct remains, and another spin adduct is forming

A third spin adduct, MNP-CH₃ has formed, and is superimposed on the PBN-CH₃ spin adduct

Identifying Spin Adducts

- The hyperfine coupling constants help to identify the trapped radicals, and give information about the electron spin density
	- The hyperfine coupling constants are smaller both for the nitrogen and the proton in the PBN-OCH₃ spin adduct than the PBN-CH₃ spin adduct because the oxygen in the methoxy pulls spin density away from the nitrogen
- More direct information can be obtained about the radical from the nitroso spin adduct because the radical adds directly to the nitrogen atom
	- $-$ We see coupling from the methyl protons only in the MNP-CH₃ spin adduct
- We know that it is the methyl, not the methoxyl, radical that had added to the MNP because MNP does not form oxygen centered radicals

Kinetics and Spin Traps

- Stable radicals such as TEMPOL can be used to monitor reaction rates
- TEMPOL has an intense ESR signal, and can react with other radicals to form ESR silent products
- The rate at which the TEMPOL signal disappears can be used to determine reaction rates and mechanism
- Active Spectrum's user friendly acquisition software allows for quick and easy set up of kinetics experiments
- Easy to use processing and analysis software allows for quick analysis of data

Data Acquisition

1. Insert Sample into Spectrometer

2. Choose Multiple Runs with Delay.

- **3. Set up the Experiment**
	- **a) Enter the number of scans**
	- **b) Enter the number of points per scan**
	- **c) Enter number of runs**
	- **d) Enter the delay time between runs**
	- **e) Start acquisition**

Data Processing

Load as many or few files as needed into the Micro-ESR processing software

Display a single spectrum or overlay as many spectra as needed.

Processing software automatically calculates the double integral of all selected spectra, and displays the values in a bar graph.

Data is saved is csv format, so can easily be read into other processing programs if desired.

Transition Metal Compounds C SPECTRUM (Extended Range)

 $VO(acc)_2$ CuSO₄

Ferrofluids (Extended Range)

0.1 and 0.5 % Ferrofluid in Toluene 1, 5, and 10% Ferrofluid in Toluene

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Antioxidant Radicals in Lubricants

•ESR is a very effective way to monitor and identify antioxidants in lubricants •Peroxy and other radicals formed as thermal degradation products react with antioxidants, often forming stable radicals which are visible by ESR •Elucidate reaction mechanisms through radical adducts

Butylated Hydroxy Toluene (BHT) Loses the OH proton to free radicals t -Bu .OH t -Bu H_3C

Galvinoxyl radical 4,4-methylenebis (2,6-Di-*tert*-butylphenol)

(Loses the OH proton to free radicals)

Optically Polarized Nitrogen Vacancies in Diamond

Special mirror allows laser light to be shown in to the resonator cavity to induce optical polarization.

Data courtesy of Eric Scott, Jeff Reimer's Lab, UC Berkeley. Extended Range Benchtop.

Dosimetry

- Electron Spin Resonance can be used to measure radiation exposure
- Signal amplitude of irradiated sample is proportional to the dose (sample specific, and true only for good dosimetry samples)

Spectra of sample irradiated with 1,2, and 5 Gy from a 60 Co source

Linear dose response of sample for radiation doses from 1 to 50 Gy

Asphaltenes contain radicals, and vanadyl porphyrins are commonly found in crude oil

Education

- Active Spectrum's Micro-ESR is an ideal undergraduate teaching tool
- It can easily be moved to labs, classrooms, or shared
- Easy to use, so students can start to acquire data quickly
- Can be purchased with an Education Package

Micro-ESR Education Package

- **Micro-ESR Spectrometer**
- **Micro-ESR Experiments Manual with Seven Labs**
- **Micro-ESR Instructor's Guide**
- **Lab Accessory Kit**
- **Micro-ESR User's Manual**
- **Micro-ESR Analysis and Processing Software with Manual**

http://www.activespectrum.com/Micro-ESR_Education_Pkg2B_Summary.pdf

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- These are only a small number of ESR applications
- For more information: <http://www.activespectrum.com/about-us.shtml>

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