ChemBET-3000

Chemisorption Analyzer for Metal Area, TPR, TPO, TPD plus BET Surface Area

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EMBET-SODO TPR/TPC



ChemBET[™]-3000 Series Overview

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CHEMBET 3000 TPR/TPD Affordable catalyst characterization in a compact package.

Features five flow methods of analysis: three temperature programmed analyses (TPR, TPO and TPD), pulse titration and physisorption (BET surface area) for maximum resolution.

A specially designed high-temperature furnace, combined with a programmable controller, ensures linear heating ramps for reliable temperature programmed analysis(TPA) profiles and activation energy calculations.

The unique sample cell holder permits both in-situ monitoring of sample temperature and sampling of the gas (just downstream of the sample) into an optional mass-spectrometer. The reusable quartz sample cell is both easy to load and clean.

Furnace control plus temperature and detector signals are integrated into a single interface housing that also serves as a convenient monitor stand.

TPRWin (The ChemBET's Windows[®] compatible software) captures the signals for archiving and report generation.

Plumbed with stainless steel for maximum chemical compatibility, the ChemBET 3000 TPR/TPD is ideal for use with a wide range of gases e.g. ammonia for acid-site strength determination by TPD, oxygen for TPO characterization of diesel soot and exhaust catalysts, hydrogen and carbon monoxide for fuel cell catalysts, nitrous oxide (N₂O) titration for copper surface area determinations, etc.

The injection loop is a standard feature and allows for rapid titration of metal surfaces. Each ChemBET is supplied with a variety of loop sizes, which can be swapped out with a simple tool.

Multiple gas inputs and a minimum-volume selector valve ensure flexibility when switching between protocols for different catalysts. Pretreatment temperatures of up to 450°C are afforded by the compact quartz heating mantle and built-in set-point temperature controller. A diversion valve and cold trap (between sample cell and detector) are included to remove unwanted gaseous products.

This cost effective flow sorption analyzer hosts numerous features and a wealth of capability. Straightforward operation and accessibility of controls makes it an ideal choice for routine metal area/dispersion measurements in industry, universities and colleges.



Measurement Capabilities

TPR: Temperature Programmed Reduction

Many heterogeneous catalysts are used as the zero-valence metal, but start life as the oxide. An important factor in catalyst design and use is the ease of reduction of the metal oxide and TPR is a direct measure of that. A reducing gas mixture, say 2%-5% H_2 in N_2 , flowing over the oxide will cause reduction at some point as the temperature is raised using a linear heating ramp. The signal caused by consumption of hydrogen represents the rate of reaction and goes through a maximum at a temperature that is characteristic of both the oxide and the heating rate.

Repeating the same analysis on a fresh sample at a different heating rate is the means by which activation energy for the process can be evaluated. Low loadings of metal oxides, especially surface oxides, generate little water and a successful analysis can be done without trapping it. Larger amounts of moisture generated by the reduction of bulk oxides can be trapped prior to reaching the detector to leave a clean signal based solely on the change in hydrogen concentration.

TPO: Temperature Programmed Oxidation

Carbons and carbides are amenable to evaluation by careful oxidation while being heated. A stream of diluted oxygen (e.g. 2-10% O_2 in He) directed over the sample during a linear heating ramp generates a signal due to the loss of O_2 from the gas stream. The products of oxidation, CO and CO₂, need not be trapped. The specially chosen filaments used in the ChemBET's standard TCD detector are resistant to oxidation and operate normally in the suggested gas mixtures.

Different forms of carbon such as amorphous, nanotube, filament and graphitic, oxidize at different temperatures due to varying availability of reactive carbon-carbon bonds. In this way, fullerenes, soots, cokes on catalysts, etc can be quickly characterized and differentiated. Oxidation catalysts, e.g. those incorporating chromium, cobalt, copper and manganese, and redox supports like ceria can also be characterized by TPO.

TPD: Temperature Programmed Desorption

Species previously adsorbed can be desorbed into a stream of pure carrier gas to generate a characteristic fingerprint. The most common application is ammonia TPD, by which one can evaluate relative acid site strength of, for example, zeolites. Basic sites can similarly be evaluated by TPD of carbon dioxide.

Some materials may be characterized by decomposition, or dissociation, of the bulk solid, not merely by desorption from the surface. Such examples include carbonates resulting from CO_2 removal studies, hydrides used as potential hydrogen storage materials, etc.

Pulse Titration: Quantitative Analysis

This technique is used to determine the following data:

(i) strong chemisorption uptake, (ii) active metal area, (iii) metal dispersion, (iv) average nanocluster (crystallite) size.

After suitable in-situ preparation, which may be combined with TPR/TPO, the sample is titrated with small, known volumes (pulses) of reactive gas. The detector senses the excess gas which does *not* react with the sample. The total volume of gas which *does* react with the sample is automatically determined by simple back calculation using TPRWin[™] software.

B.E.T. Surface Area: Physisorption

The ChemBET 3000 can determine total (B.E.T.) surface area with remarkable sensitivity. By flowing various mixtures of nitrogen and helium over the sample cooled with liquid nitrogen, the surface area can be determined from 0.1 square meters upwards. Using mixtures of krypton and helium the limit of detection is extended down to 0.01 square meters. A single point B.E.T. result can be obtained in under ten minutes. TPRWin software records the signals automatically, computes the B.E.T. "C" constant, y-intercept, slope and correlation coefficient of the least-squares best-fit.



Industrial Catalysts





Zeolites



Instrument and Software Features



Conveniently placed displays and controls ensure ease of operation. Occupying less than 0.5m² of benchtop, including interface housing and monitor, the ChemBET 3000 TPR/TPD conserves valuable laboratory space. PC and monitor supplied separately.



User-friendly software not only records and displays both detector signal and temperature in real time, but also offers a wealth of data reduction and report generation options. Once gas flow is established and, if appropriate, the heating ramp is started each analysis type is controlled by a few mouse-clicks. Graphs generated during an analysis rescale automatically for optimum readability.

TPA profiles can be presented as signal and temperature versus time, or signal versus temperature according to your preference. Multiple profiles can be overlayed for comparison of different samples for example or, when obtained at different heating rates on the same material, used in the Kissinger (Redhead) equation for calculation of activation energy according to first-order kinetics.

Metal area calculations can be setup to automatically select calibration peaks and the associated nanocluster (crystallite) size calculation features an adjustable particle shape factor. Monolayer capacity, metal area, nanocluster size and dispersion are conveniently



Rapid titration and extreme sensitivity.



TPA overlays for easy comparison.

reported together in a single table. All reports feature a detailed header which includes analysis and data reduction parameters, and which can be customized with the name of your company or institution.

Data and results can be copied and pasted into other Windows®-compatible programs for presentation and publishing, and complete reports can be archived in pdf and mdi formats using appropriate document software.

ChemBET-3000 Includes:



A. Calibration Port

- B. Bypass Valves
- C. Flow Rate Meter
- D. Degassing/Prep Station
- E. Flow Rate Control
- F. 1100°C Furnace
- G. Peak Area Display
- H. Set-Point Controller
- I. Multi-Function Display
- J. Interchangeable Injection Loop
- K. In-Situ Sample Temperature Monitoring
- L. Vapor Trap
- M. TPRWin[™] Software
- (PC and monitor supplied separately)
- N. Multiple Gas Inputs
- O. PID Furnace Controller
- P. Signal Conditioning

TPRWin[™] Includes:

On-screen prompts
Real-time signal and
temperature display
Metals database
Gases database
Peak area integration
Signal baseline adjustment
post-acquisition
Automatic calibration peak selection with manual override
Monolayer capacity calculation
Metal area calculation
Metal dispersion calculation
Nanocluster (crystallite) size calculation
Activation energy calculation
Single-point BET calculation
Multi-point BET calculation
Customizable, automatic naming of data files
Customizable report font selections
User-selectable plot colors
Graph zoom and adjustable scaling
Data import into popular external
spreadsheet and plotting programs
For Windows® XP

Instrument Specifications

Capability

BET Surface Area	1
Pulse Titration (metal area)	1
TPR	1
ТРО	1
TPD	1

Features

Injection Loop	1
Calibration Port	1
Quartz Glassware	1
Self-sealing Sample-	
Cell Holders	1
Stainless-Steel Plumbing	1
Multiple-Gas	
Selector Valve	1
Variable Gas Flow	
Rate Control	1
Sample Cell Bypass	1
In-Line Cold Trap	
with Bypass	1
Supplementary Outgas/	
Preparation Station	1
Mass Spec Connection Port	1
User Adjustable	
Detector Sensitivity	1
Multi-Function Display	1
Built-In Peak Area Integrator	1
High Temperature	
(450°C) Heating Mantle	1
High Temperature	
(1100°C) Furnace	1
PID Programmable	
Controller	1
In-Situ Sample	
Thermocouple	1
Data Acquisition	
Interface & Software	1
Mass Flow Controller/	
Gas Blender	option

Physical

ChemBET Weight:	24 kg (excluding accessories)
ChemBET Height:	61 cm (excluding loop)
ChemBET Width:	47 cm (at benchtop level)
ChemBET Depth:	27.5 cm (excluding fittings)
Interface Weight:	3.25 kg
Interface Height:	15 cm
Interface Width:	36 cm
Interface Depth:	27.5 cm (excluding fittings)

Environmental

Ambient	
Temperature:	15-40°C
Relative Humidity:	20-90% (non-condensing)

Hardware

Thermal Conductivity Detector	Dual-Filament Diffusion Type
TCD Filaments	Oxidation and
	Ammonia Resistant
Filament Current	Adjustable,
	Continuously Variable
Sensitivity,	
Dynamic Range:	512
Gas Input Ports	5
Loop Volumes Supplied	50, 100, 250 μL (others available)

Performance

Volume Adsorbed	0.001 to >100cm ³
Specific Volume	0.0001 cm³/g
Total Surface Area	0.1 to 280 m ²
Specific Surface Area	0.01 m ² /g to upper
	limit set only by
	weighing accuracy of
	smallest sample
Pore Volume	0.0001 to 0.15 cm ³
Accuracy, Volume	± 1%
Reproducibility	0.5%

Gases

Compatibility:	H ₂ , O ₂ , CO, CO ₂ , NO, N ₂ O NO ₂ , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , N ₂ , Ar, Kr, He
Input Pressure (gauge):	70-140 kPa (10-20 psig)
Gas Lines:	5 x 1.5m 1/8" s.s. (supplied)
Vent:	hosebarb connector

Heating

Mantle, Max temp	450°C
Mantle Power	125 W
Set-point Controller	1 degree increments
Furnace, Max Temp	1100°C
Furnace Power	575 W
Controller Type	Full PID, programmable
Controller Tuning	Automatic
Program Steps	Ramp, Hold (soak)
Ramp Types	Rate, Time
Furnace Heating Rate,	1 to 100 deg/min
up to 500°C	
Furnace Heating Rate,	1 to 50 deg/min
500°C to 750°C	
Furnace Heating Rate	1 to 30 deg/min
750°C to 1000°C	
Furnace Heating Rate	1 to 20 deg/min
1000°C to 1100°C	

Electrical

100 - 240 VAC
50/60 Hz
70 VA

Accessories

Reference Material CHRM7001

A typical catalyst sample, 1% Pt dispersed on 1/8" alumina pellets, is available for ChemBET qualification and ongoing performance verification. Each bottle of reference material comes with a detailed data sheet and instructions.

Gas Regulator Assembly

Proper ChemBET functioning is assured when high-quality gas regulators are used. Quantachrome supplies complete assemblies which include two-stage

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regulators with dual gauges, cylinder connector, isolation valve and 1/8" gas line connector. The regulators feature stainless steel, non-venting diaphragms and the appropriate CGA fitting for specific gases. Different assemblies are available for nitrogen and other inerts including helium, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, oxidizing gases etc.



Rotary Micro Riffler Like most powder and porous materials characterization, chemisorption studies generally require subsamples much smaller than the original samples. The Rotary Micro Riffler uses the most accurate way of splitting a powder

sample into smaller fractions- spin riffling. The vibrating hopper features adjustable feed rate and the variable-speed collector uses standard or micro test tubes.

Mass Spectrometer

Your catalyst studies might require identification of multiple gaseous species that the standard ChemBET detector cannot differentiate. In this case, you will need a mass spectrometer complete with its own vacuum station and gas introduction port. Quantachrome can supply such a system, suited to your application needs, with your ChemBET. An optional thermocouple and interface are available for integrated mass and temperature data.

Gas Blender

(Mass Flow Controller) TPA and physisorption measurements require mixed gases, e.g. 5% H₂ in N₂ for TPR or 30% N₂ in He for BET surface area. While tanks of pre-mixed gases are generally readily



available, if you want to use a number of different concentrations or want to quantitatively control the gas flow rate, Quantachrome offers this two-channel gas mixer. Simply dial in the required gas flow, up to 20 ml/min, into each of the two precision mass flow controllers. One channel comes ready calibrated for helium and hydrogen, the other for eight different gases including CO, N₂ and CO₂.



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