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Spinning drop interfacial tensiometer model TX500K is research-based type from USA KINO, which adopts such technologies as removable and both-ends-fixed sample tube sampling mode (RBSM), full-self-sealed quartz glass tube (FSGT), gas-thermal temperature control mode (GTCM), and build-in heating system. The instrument can be used to measure interface tension down to 10^{-6} mN/m for analysis of dynamic interface tension, interface rheology and interface viscosity (oscillating drop method), surface elasticity, relaxation study, etc. It can be applied in fields of personal care product, tertiary oil recovery, micro emulsion, surfactant and more.

Applications

- Tertiary oil recovery
- Emulsion and polymer
- Pharmaceutical, pesticide, paint and coating
- Cosmetics and food industry
- Surfactant, soap & detergent

It's recommended to purchase full auto surface / interfacial tensiometer A601 / A101 for higher accuracy when the interface tension is above 1mN/m.

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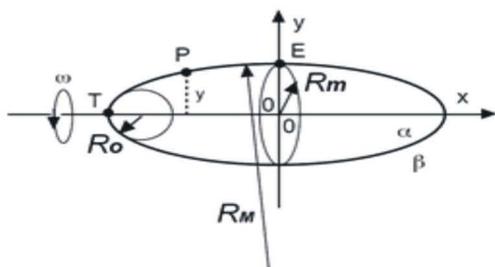
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Spinning Drop Method Used for Ultra-low Interface Tension Measurement

Under conditions of constant temperature and constant pressure, interface energy increases as interface area increases. The increment of interface energy per unit area is referred to as interface tension, which is formed for the different attractive forces of molecules on both sides of interface to molecules on the interface. Spinning drop interfacial tensiometer can accurately analyze low / ultra-low interface tension, while normal methods such as Wilhelmy plate method and DuNoüy ring method are incapable of measuring such low values.

- In general, interface tension of 10^{-2} – 10^{-1} mN/m is referred to as low interface tension, and that of below 10^{-3} mN/m as ultra-low interface tension.
- To measure ultra-low interface tension, the original balance between gravity and interface tension should be artificially altered to enable the shape of balanced droplet can be easily measured. Making system rotate to increase action of centrifugal force field is the measurement principle of spinning drop method. As shown below.



Performance Features

Interfacial tensiometer TX500 Series, upgraded from original microscope observation based meter such as model Texas 500 to drop shape analysis based spinning drop interfacial tensiometer. TX500K, with more functions and more application fields, can be able to complete more convenient, more accurate and sophisticated measurements. TX500™, as one of classic brands from USA KINO, provides clients comprehensive solutions for interface chemical analysis with our most professional technologies.

1. Full-automatic interface tension measurement, for measurement of dynamic interface tension.

World-leading full-automatic interface tension measurement technology: software will implement capture, image storage, calculation and displaying measured interface tension automatically at the touch of your finger, effectively avoiding errors caused by human. Furthermore, interface tension values varying with time, rotation speed, and temperature can also be measured, real-time displayed and exported to Excel.

2. Quiet, high accuracy and high-speed brushless DC motor and its servo control system

Series TX500K uses high-speed brushless DC motor, which guarantees long lifetime, large power, little noise, and accurate of centrifugal control. The control accurate of speed by software can be up to ± 3 RPM when speed reaches 15000RPM. CVT system enables control of 1RPM, with which USA KINO provides clients a well functional centrifugal control system. Reading of rotation speed is by raster encoder up to 500 lines, far higher accuracy than that of control modes with one or several raster points.

3. Heating and cooling system made of new longevity material and high-precision digital semiconductor temperature sensor from U.S.A. for more precise temperature control.

(1) Water circulator or Peltier temperature control system is optional to control temperature lower than room temperature.

(2) Digital semiconductor temperature sensor has self-calibration function with resolution of up to 0.01 °C and measurement error of 0.2 °C.

(3) Heating system adopts full-surface heating radiator for well-distributed heating to sample tube, avoiding ruptures due to partial heating.

(4) Our system successfully reduce the impact of temperature control to interface tension analysis.

4. Innovative removable sampling system

Newly-developed sample system with both sample tube ends fixed and sample tube removable comprehensively solves a series of problems, such as horizontality preservation of sample tube, convenience of dosing, as well as all kinds of unexpected problems during process of sample tube plugging.

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5. Innovative gas-thermal temperature control mode

TX500K can effectively control temperature of sample tube, enhance heating efficiency and offer a solution for such defects in Texas500 and TX500C as when air temperature surrounding sample tube is actually 38°C, it will be displayed 45°C on TX500C, while if that is 65–70°C, it will be displayed 85°C.



Heating tube and temperature sensor are installed on the same heating aluminum alloy in TX500C&Texas500, so it means the sample tube is heated by heating source with constant temperature, which results heating inefficient and inconformity between control temperature and actual temperature.



In heating system of TX500K, temperature sensor is mounted on the air that surrounds sample tube and the tube is heated via air, which improves heating efficiency and coincidence between control temperature and actual temperature.

6. Brand-new method of seal and fixation for sample tube made of quartz glass

The sample tube is self-sealed, both ends opening, and more convenient to dosing and easier to exhaust. Combining professional PTFE needle of 10cm length from USA KINO, it enables more easily to feed liquids sample (e.g. kerosene, gas oil crude oil) without oil drop moving out when needle is pulled out. TX500G is a kind of interfacial tensiometer from USA KINO with dynamic seal technology, which can automatically inject surfactant – polymer (oil drive) and crude oil. And it can be upgraded to dosing different samples at the same time with accuracy of up to 0.02μL, as well as complete automatic sample mixture and critical micelle concentration (CMC) measurement simultaneously.



7. Illumination-adjustable cold LED background light source with high-illumination, enhancing the capture effect of drop shape

USA KINO's exclusive illumination-adjustable cold LED background light source can solve the problem of edge distortion of images with single brightness so as to get sharper drop shape and more accurate measuring result. It also can be illumination-adjustable for better edge detecting resolution; meanwhile coaxial light source is available for clearer imaging and extensive applications.

8. Alternative camera systems

Cameras with higher resolution (e.g. 130M pixels) and higher speed (e.g. 100FPS) are optional available.

9. Professional focus and lens control system

System made of aviation aluminum alloy and 4-axes positioning stage for lens positioning (XYZ and rotation) enables control of field of view and focus distance more easily.

10. High-precision rotation stage mechanical system and levelness adjustments of up to three unit

It can control levelness of sample tube, facilitate process of controlling movement of oil droplet (gas phase) and reduce distance of movement.

11. Modularized design makes better after-sales service

TX500 series are modularity designed, which means

(1) Different modules are available for option: gas-thermal module, water circulator module, dynamic sealing module, or module with contact angle analysis, and also different light source systems, such as stroboscopic light source (automatic flashing like general camera when taking pictures) or coaxial light source, etc.

(2) Better after-sales service: independent modularized design can enable you simple maintenance, and local first-grade agents all stock main parts, so only 24-hour is needed for once maintenance.

(3) More convenient to upgrade: you can purchase part or all of analytical functions, all can be upgraded on demand.

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12.Brand–new communication interface of USB 2.0 with better compatibility and higher speed.

In new variants of TX500 series, motor control, temperature control and video system all adopt USB2.0 interface, which effectively avoid the interface compatibility problems due to computer upgrade. Some existing newly designed computer and laptop do not have RS232 serial port and PCI port at all, TX500K have no problem to compatible with them.



13.Humanized software design and database management

(1)Wizard design of standard windows® is designed for various measurement operators.

(2)Database management: one–to–one correspondence between measured value and image; query and modifying of historical data at anytime

(3)Measured data is Excel exportable for you to create your measurement report conveniently.

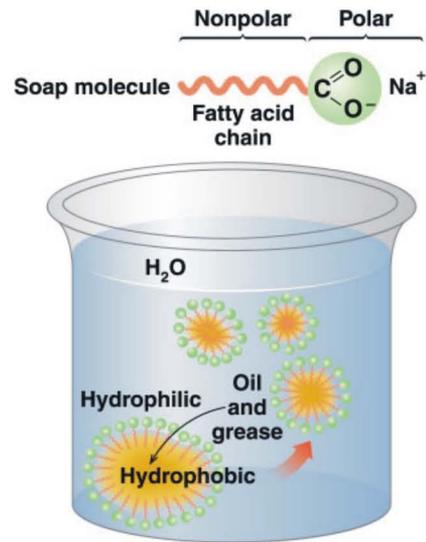
(4)Secondary modification of eigenvalue. The software will record all your operation traces for you to check measured data, effectively avoiding errors caused by human.

(5)Comfortable language interface designed by unicode enables more convenient and compatible for you to operate.

14.Interface tension calculation method that based on distance between two drop boundary lines rather than two points improves measuring accuracy.

15.A variety of models available:

CAST®4.0 for control of oscillating drop; interfacial tensiometer of TX500H for contact angle measurement of rock core; interfacial tensiometer of TX500G for precise temperature control and automatic dosing.



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Technical Specifications

Measuring process: capture image of spinning drop , recording of motor speed, measuring the geometric dimensions of droplet, calculation of interface tension by proper method

Model	TX500KB	TX500KS
Appearance		

1.General Specifications

Measuring Range	10^2-10^6 mN/m
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2.Hardware Specifications

Magnification of Lens	0.7–4.5X / (optional with 9X、 18X)	
Camera	WVGA752*480 / (cameras with 130M, 300M, 500M resolutions are available); Speed: 87–340 FPS; USB 2.0 Video device of PCI video capture card and camera with 1394 interface are optional available; 60 FPS, 100 FPS and 300 FPS are optional available	
Lens Control	X Axis: Software–controlled drop image finding and FOV tracing Y Axis: Focus adjustment Z Axis: Drop imaging position adjustment R Axis: High–precision integral rotation positioning stage with lock function; for drop movement controlling Tilt control of camera lens	Auto Auto
Communication Interface	General interface of USB2.0	
Levelness Control	Four–foot levelness control, sample chamber rotation, and horizontal control of lens	
Motor Speed	0–15000 RPM	
Motor Type	Servo control system, CVT down to 1RPM	
Control Accuracy of Motor	± 3 RPM	
Control Mode of Motor	Encoder with 500 lines	
Heating System	Gas–thermal temperature control mode	
Control Range of Temp.	Ambient Temp. +5 – 100°C	
Control Accuracy of Temp.	± 0.5 °C	
Heating Mode	Build–in full–surface radiator heating by electrical heating rod or PTC ceramic(optional)	
Temperature Probe	Digital semiconductor temperature sensor with self–calibration from U.S.A. Accuracy: 0.0625°C	

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Temperature Control Range If With Water Circulator	0–100°C
Sample Tube	Sample tube made of quartz glass with inner diameter(ID) of 6mm, 4mm, 2mm
Self-sealed Sample Tube	Inner Diameter of 2mm, both ends opening
Standard Wire	Two-directional (horizontal and vertical) calibration (measurement ruler is optional)
Fixation Method of Sample Tube	Both ends fixed

3. Software Specifications

Calculation of Interface Tension	1. Automatically measuring upper and bottom boundary lines, calculating distance between them, then calculating IFT, and finally saving all data into database for management. 2. The measured data can be manually modified, and the operation traces will be saved.
Calculation Method	Full-automatic and secondary manual modification with its operation trace recorded
Magnification Calibration	Calibrations of horizontal and vertical directions
Database Management	Historical data can be regularly saved and managed by database: one-to-one correspondence between data and image; query, modifying, operation traces recording, as well as Excel and BMP exporting.
Software Control Function	Temperature, high speed motor, X axes (tracking images of drop)
Camera Capture Method	Single capture, continuous capture, capture with 25–60 pictures per second or timing capture, such as 20-minute capture interval and 2-hour total measurement time

TX500™ – Spinning Drop Interfacial Tensiometer of 500E/F/G

Variants	TX500E	TX500F	TX500G
Description	Portable	Temp. controlled by water circulator	Dynamic seal and automatic dosing
Functions & Accessories	Cameras 1X10 zoom	Mode of temperature control: Gas-thermal temperature control system	Dosing system: Automatic syringe pump 3-channel for water single-channel for oil accuracy: 0.02µL
	Angle of sample stage rotation ± 15°	Range of temperature control: –20°C–100°C, Temperature under room temp. can be controlled	System of temperature control Heat system used conduction oil by thermostat oil bath Dynamic seal technology
	Interface of USB2.0 Laptop connected	Heating mode surrounded tube Four-surface heating	
	Budget-friendly	Higher temperatures and lower temperatures are both optional	

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