

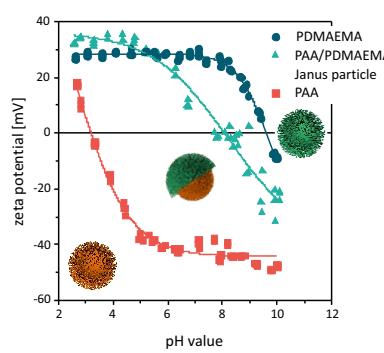
# Applied Electrokinetics: Particles and Powders

The electrokinetic measurement of the zeta potential of colloidal and microscopic particles and powders give information not only on the stability of dispersions but also on charged and dissociable surface functionalities. Therefore, this is an efficient analytical method for the verification of surface functionalizations, adsorbed matter or contaminations. It provides the basis for a better understanding of the interactions between particles in dispersions and between particles and adjacent solid surfaces. The particle-matrix adhesion in composites or the adhesive strength of powder coatings, too, are determined by the functional groups at the particle surfaces.

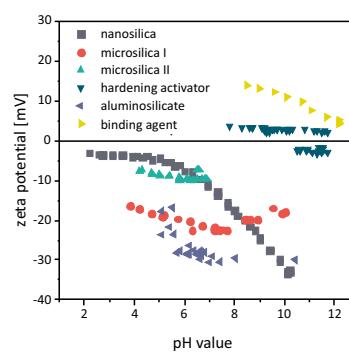


## Applications

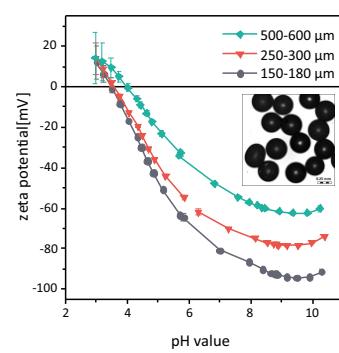
- paints, powder coatings, adhesives: dispersion stability, particle deposition, adhesion
- water purification: polyelectrolyte complexes, flocculation, membranes
- biotechnology, nanosensors: functional nano- and microparticles with different topologies and chemical patchiness (conventional and Janus spheres, rods, cubes)
- new materials: carbon-based particles, carbon nanotubes
- composite materials, lightweight construction: control of filler-matrix interactions
- medicine, food and textile technology: drug carriers, micro-capsules
- civil engineering: characterization of cement suspensions
- life science: interaction of solids with biological systems



zeta potential of brush-functionalized nanoparticles and Janus particles (electrophoresis)



zeta potential of various cement components in concentrated dispersions (electroacoustics)



zeta potential of basalt microspheres of different diameter (streaming potential)



## Equipment

**Zetasizer nano, Zetasizer 2000 (Malvern)**  
electrophoresis, dynamic light scattering  
zeta potential and size of particles (1 nm – 10 µm)  
in diluted dispersions

**DT 1200 (Dispersion Technology)**  
electroacoustics, ultrasound attenuation  
zeta potential and size of particles (1 nm – 100 µm)  
in concentrated suspensions and emulsions

**SurPASS™ 3 (A. Paar GmbH), ZPA 20 (DataPhysics GmbH)**  
streaming potential measurement  
measuring cell for powder plugs  
zeta potential of particles and powders (20-200 µm)

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