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SOLID SURFACE ZETA POTENTIAL: INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS

GUEST SPEAKER:

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Product Specialist,
Materials Characterization

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- Testing, measurement & characterization **Platform**
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 - 6 partnerships with instrument manufacturers
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- Partnership established December 2019
- Silicon Valley demo showroom at Covalent
- Several Anton Paar instruments installed:
 - Tosca 400 — Atomic Force Microscope
 - MCR 302 — Modular Compact Rheometer
 - MCR 702 — Rheometer + DMA
 - SurPASS 3™ — Electrokinetic Analyzer (*solid surface zeta potential*)
 - PSA 1190 — Particle Size Analyzer
 - Litesizer™ 500 — Light Scattering Nanoparticle Analysis

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Surface Analysis

XPS, Auger, TOF-SIMS, d-SIMS

Optical Microscopy & Spectroscopy

Laser Confocal, White Light, Chromatic Aberration, Spectral Ellipsometry, UV-Vis-Nir Spectroscopy

Materials / PC Board Failure Analysis

Cross Sections, Inspections, Dye & Pry Testing

X-Ray Characterization

XRD / XRR, XRF, μ CT

Chemical Analysis

ICPMS, GCMS, FTIR, Raman Spectroscopy, NMR

Nanoparticle Analysis

DLS, PSA, Particle Zeta Potential

Bulk Properties Characterization

DSC, TGA, DMA, Rheometry, Tensile Testing, Pencil Test, Surface Zeta Potential

Introducing

Dr. Christine Körner

Dr. Christine Körner earned a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Graz University of Technology, Austria, before joining Anton Paar in 2011 as a product specialist for material characterization. She has nearly 10 years of experience with zeta potential analysis and is now the international product manager for solid surface charge instrumentation at the Anton Paar headquarters in Austria.



SOLID SURFACE ZETA POTENTIAL

Industrial Applications, Challenges and Solutions

Dr. Christine Körner
Anton Paar GmbH, Graz, Austria

Agenda

- Introduction to solid surface zeta potential
- Applications of solid surface zeta potential:
 - Membrane technology
 - Life sciences
 - Semiconductor industry



Zeta potential – key applications



Membranes
Wastewater



Pharma & Life Science
Biomaterials, Medical
Devices, Cosmetics



Electronics
Batteries, Semiconductor



Petroleum Industry
Rocks, Oil



Chemicals
Polymers & Plastic, Latex,
Paints & Inks



Food & Beverage
Filtration, Packaging

Zeta potential analysis



3.8 nm

100 μm

Litesizer 500

Electrophoretic Light Scattering

25 μm

unlimited

SurPASS 3

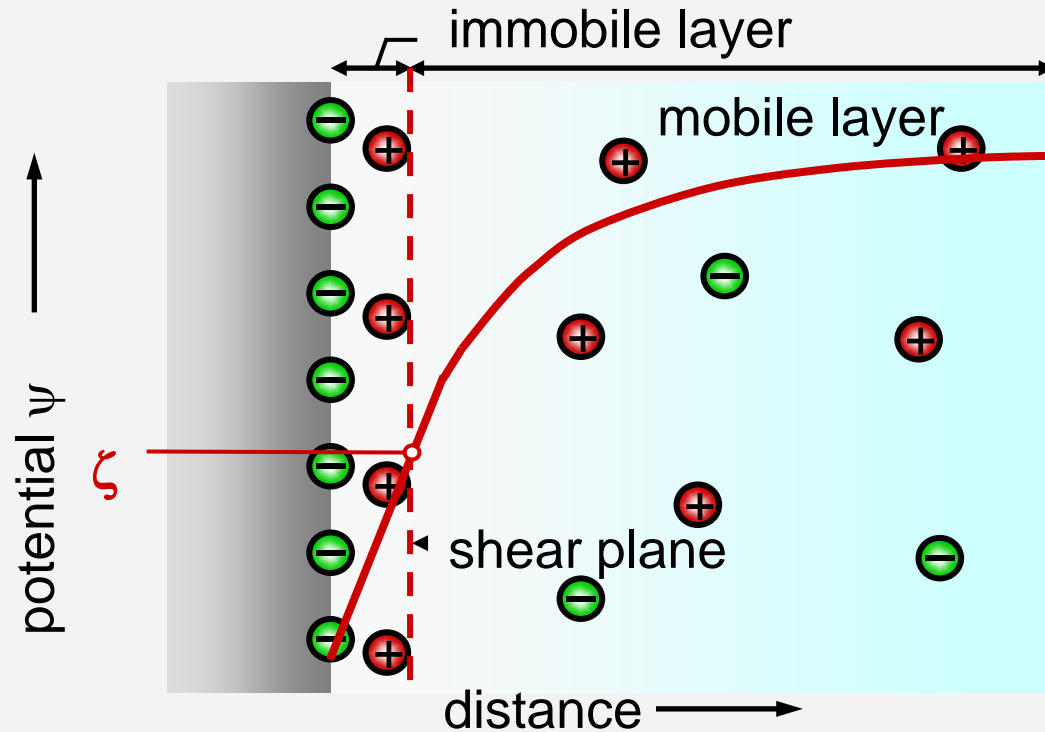
Streaming Potential

Introduction to solid surface zeta potential

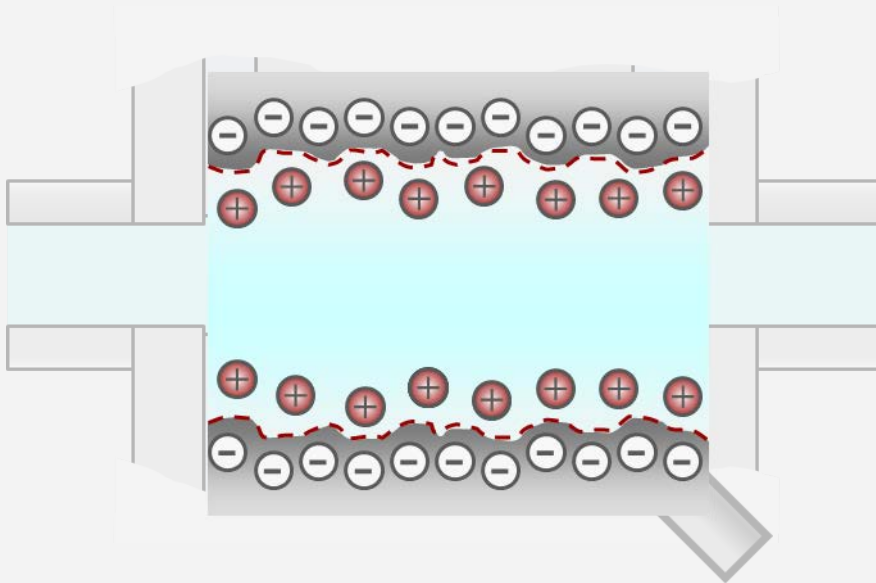
Analysis of surface functional groups



Electric double layer

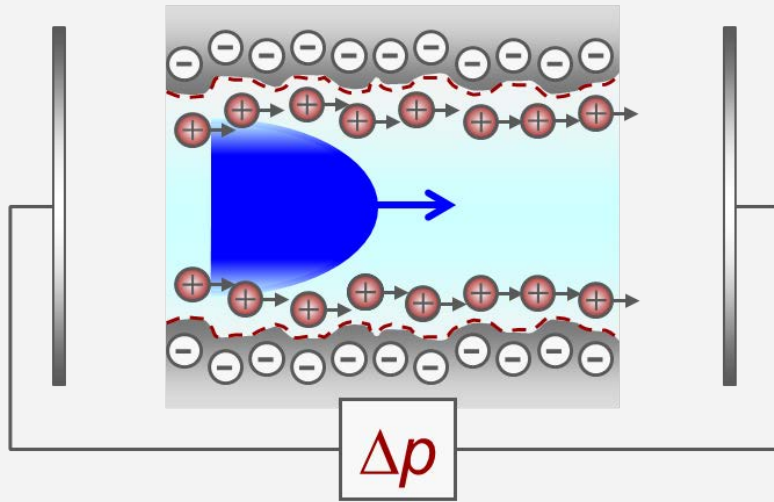


Streaming potential



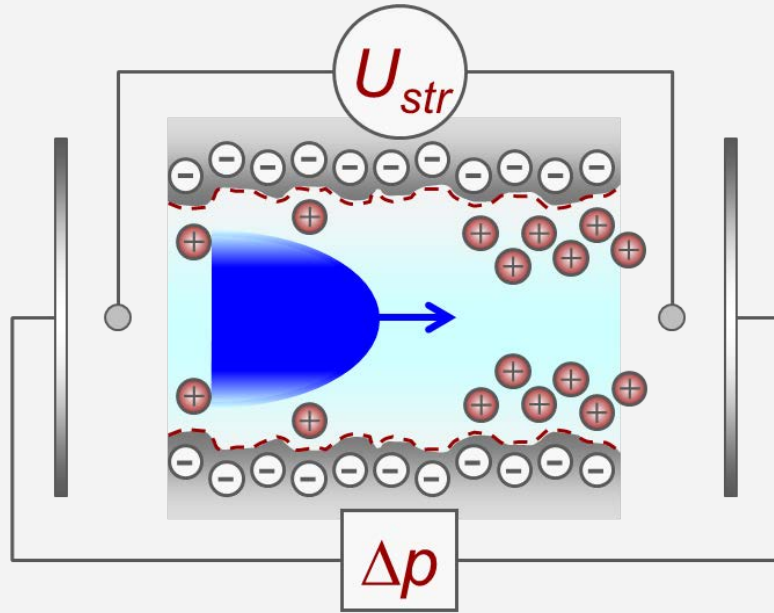
- Solid sample arranged to create a capillary channel

Streaming potential



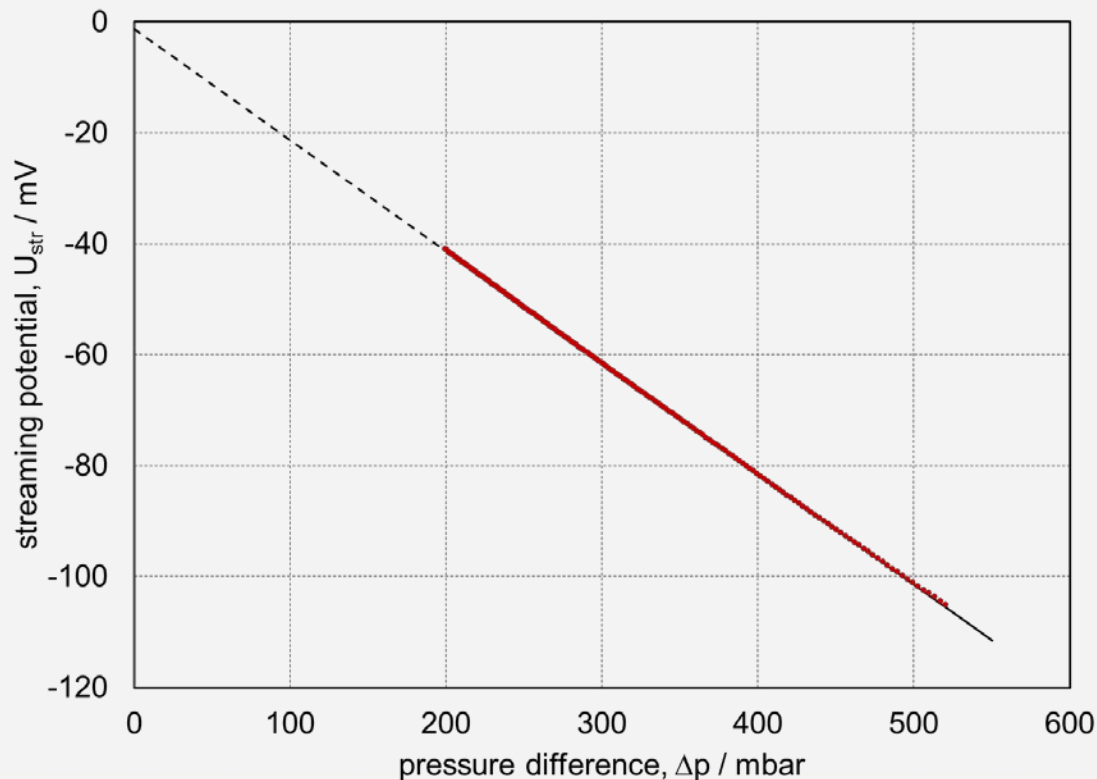
- Solid sample arranged to create a capillary channel
- Pressure gradient provokes liquid flow
- Charge distribution at solid | liquid interface distorted

Streaming potential



- Solid sample arranged to create a capillary channel
- Pressure gradient provokes liquid flow
- Charge distribution at solid | liquid interface distorted
- Streaming potential (d.c. voltage) generated along the flow channel
- $U_{str}/\Delta p$ related to surface zeta potential

Streaming potential → zeta potential

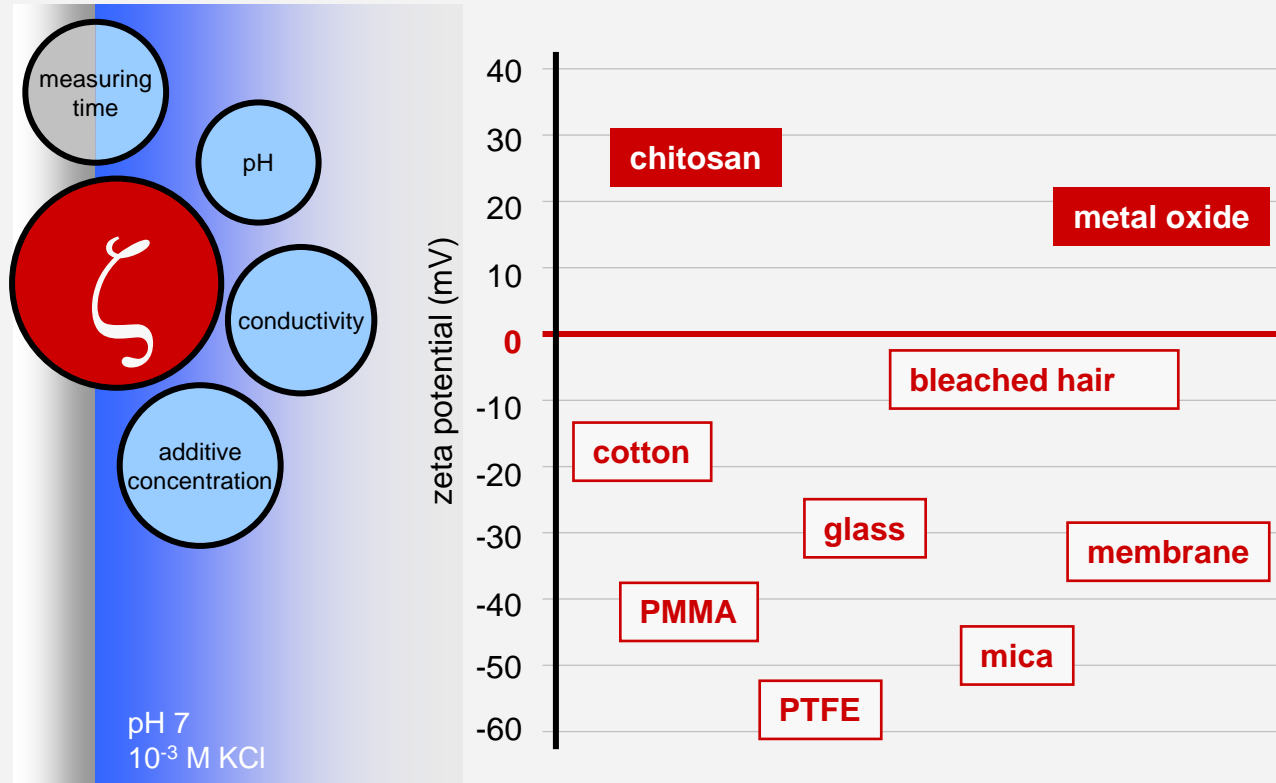


$$\zeta = \frac{dU_{str}}{d\Delta p} \times \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon \times \varepsilon_0} \times \kappa_B$$

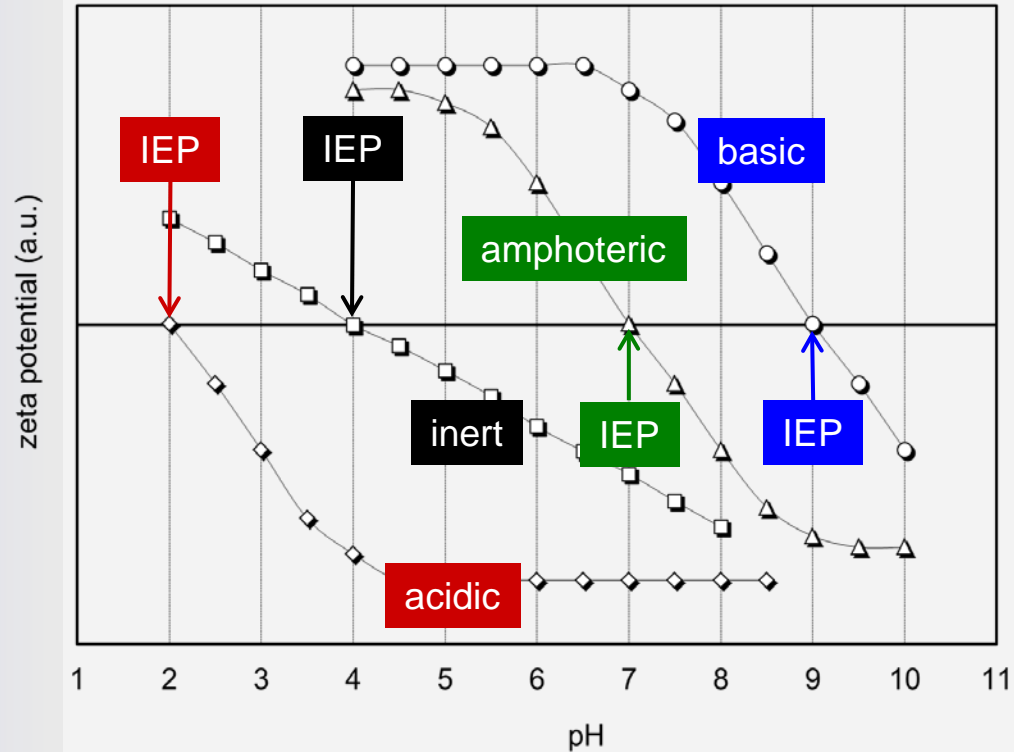
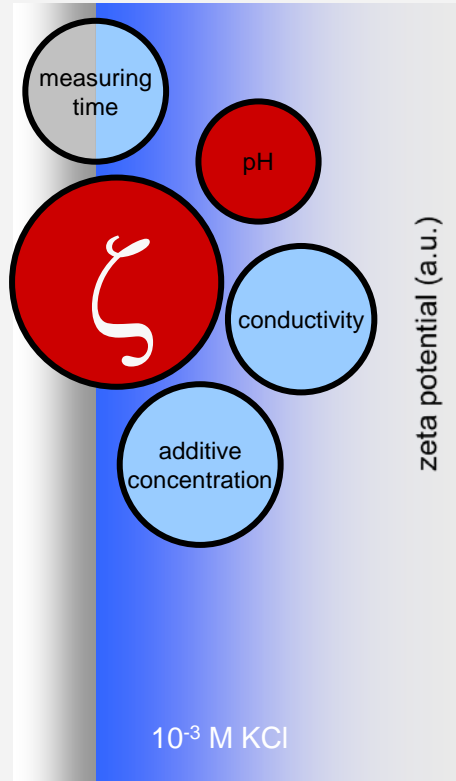
$$\zeta = \frac{dI_{str}}{d\Delta p} \times \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon \times \varepsilon_0} \times \frac{L}{A}$$

U_{str}	streaming potential
I_{str}	streaming current
Δp	pressure difference
η	electrolyte viscosity
$\varepsilon \times \varepsilon_0$	dielectric permittivity
κ_B	electrolyte conductivity
L/A	cell constant

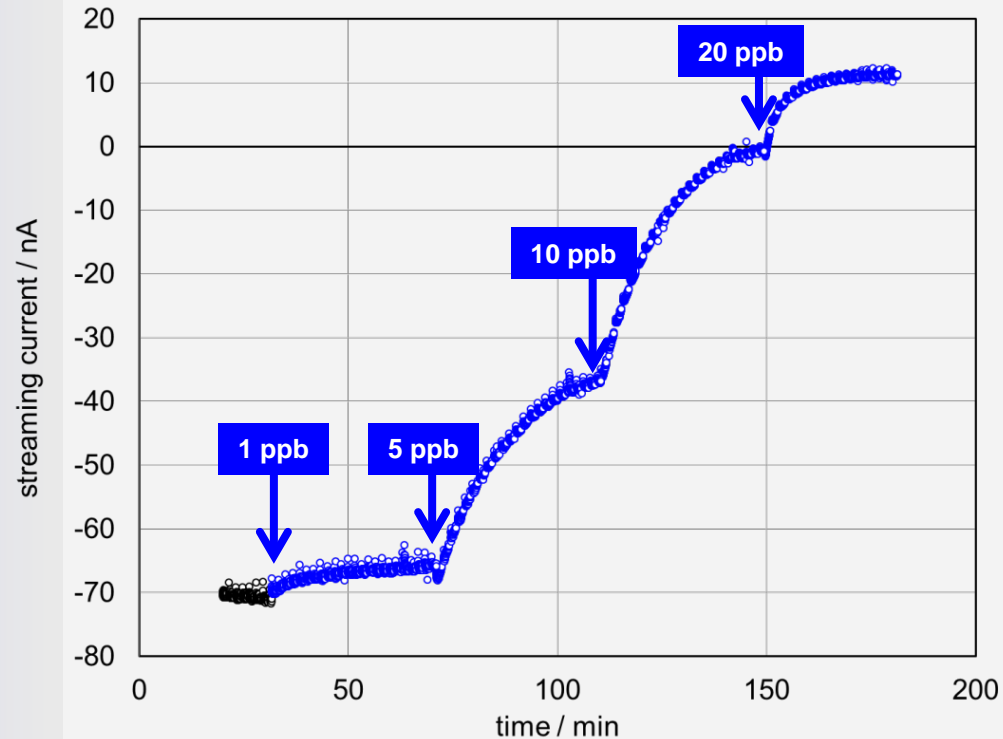
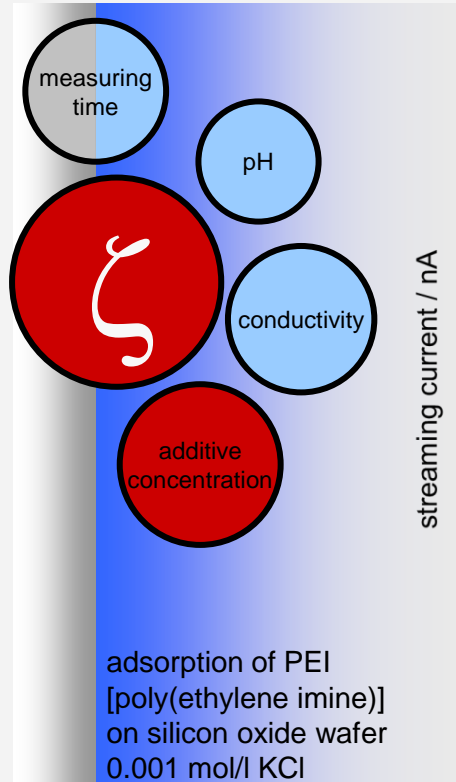
Surface chemistry – single point zeta potential



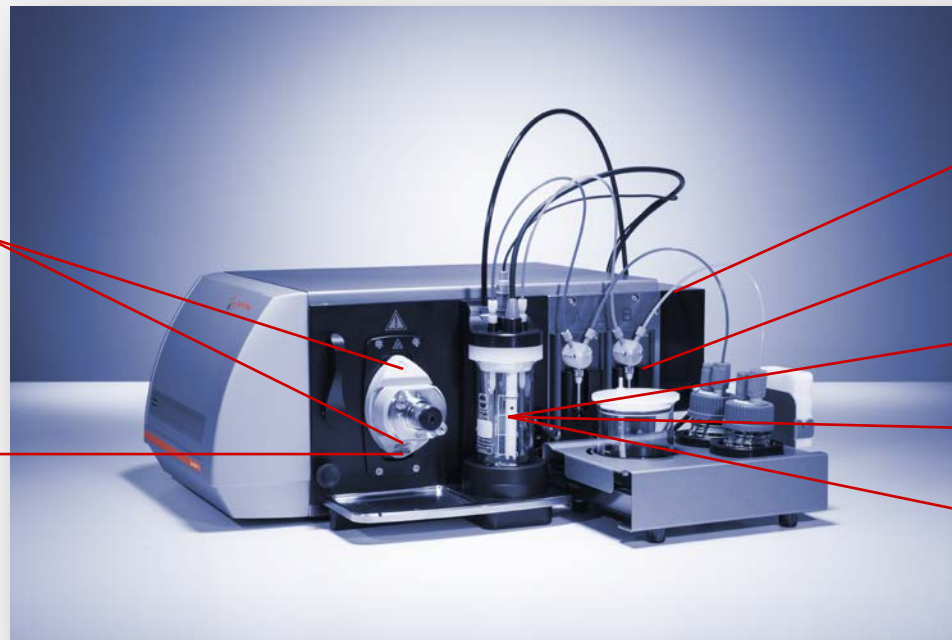
Surface chemistry – pH dependence



Surface chemistry – additive concentration



SurPASS 3 instrument



Ag | AgCl electrodes:
streaming potential
streaming current
cell resistance

measuring cell

external pressure control

titration unit

pH electrode

conductivity probe

temperature sensor

SurPASS 3 measuring cells

**Adjustable Gap
Cell**



**Adjustable Gap
Cell for Disks**



Clamping Cell



Cylindrical Cell



**MC for Ceramic
Membranes**



**MC for
Flexible Tubing**



**MC for Soft
Contact Lenses**



**MC for Hollow
Fiber Membranes**



**MC for 1 ml Pre-
Filled Syringes**



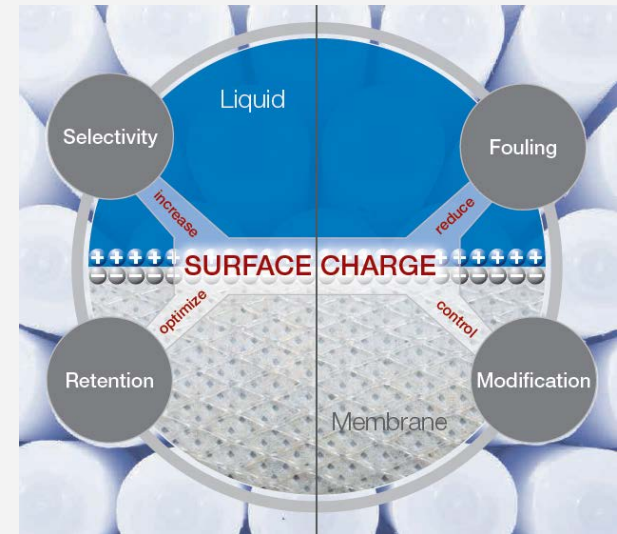
**MC for
Core Samples**



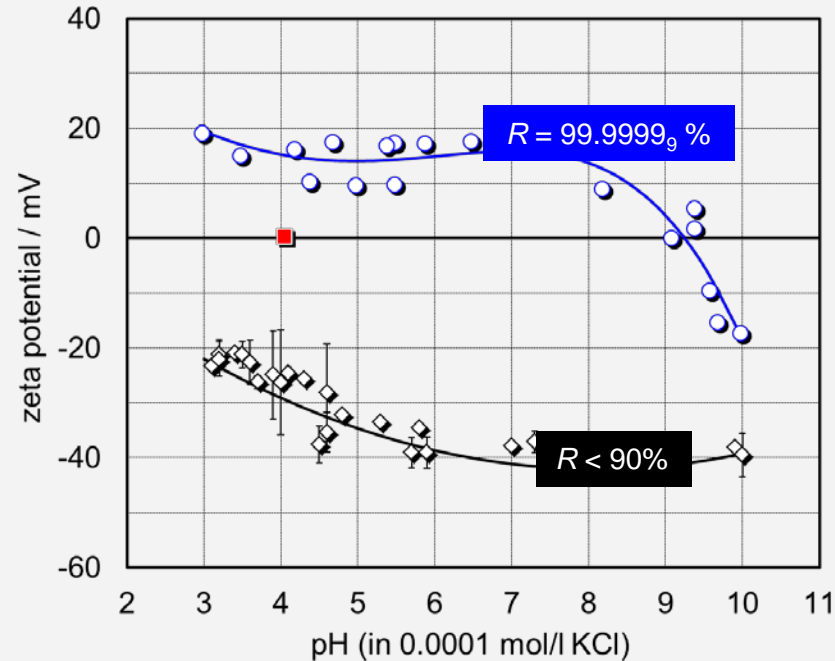
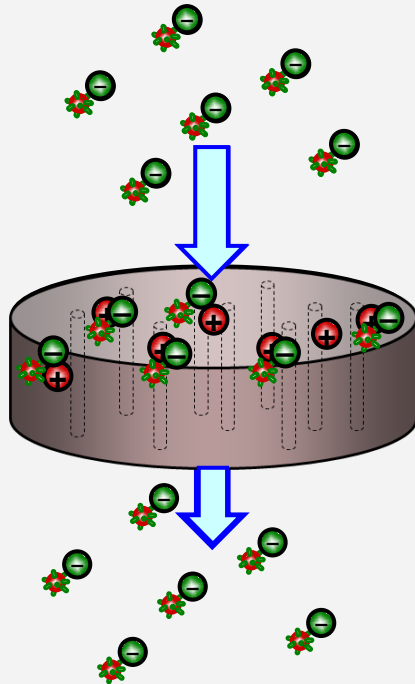
**Application of solid surface zeta potential studies:
Membrane technology**

Zeta potential applications in membrane characterization

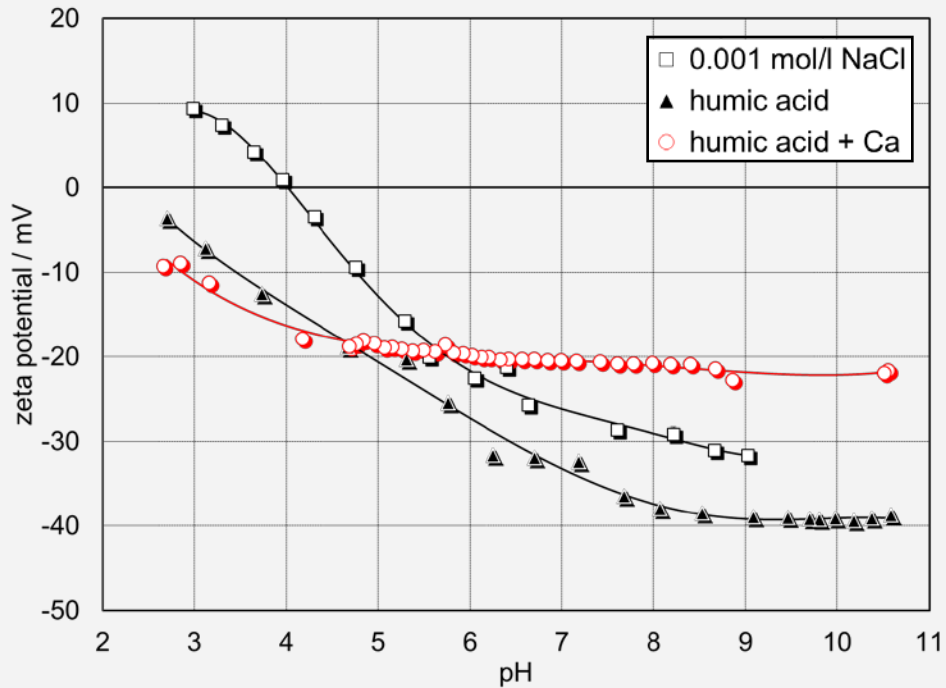
- Surface modification | treatment:
Surface charge at the membrane-water interface
- Membrane fouling:
Electrostatic interaction of membranes with solutes



Surface modification: Ceramic filter for virus retention

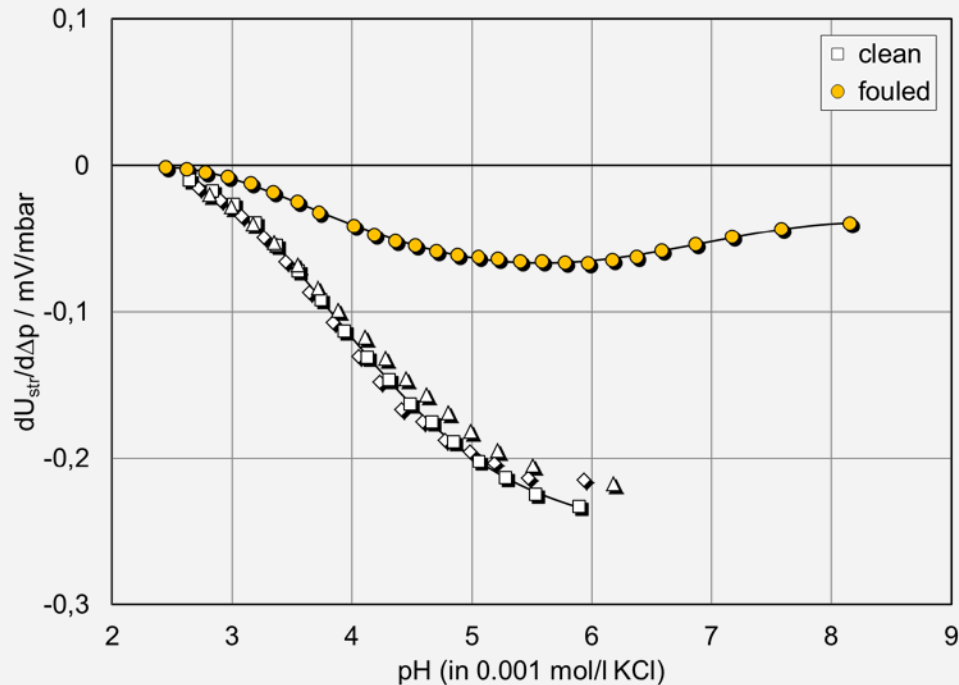


Membrane fouling: RO membrane



- BW30 brackish water RO membrane
- **Effect of fouling**

Membrane fouling: HF membrane



— PES HF membrane
0.05 μm pore size



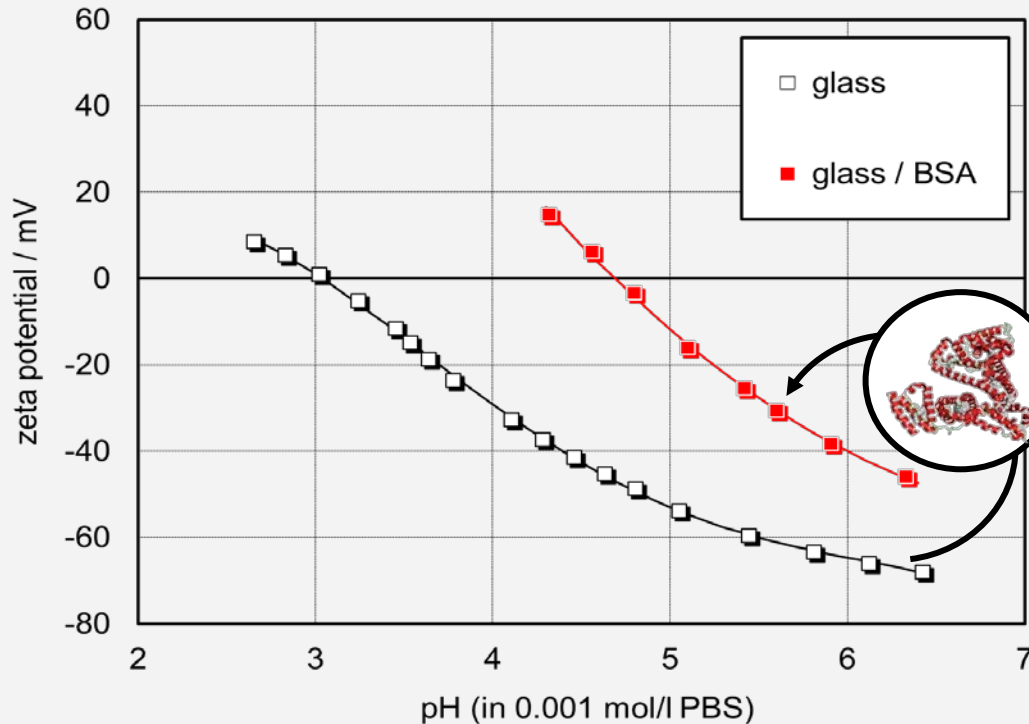
**Application of solid surface zeta potential studies:
Life sciences**

Zeta potential applications in biomaterial and life sciences

- Interaction of implant materials with proteins:
Surface charge at the biomaterial-buffer interface
Time-resolved adsorption kinetics
- Inner surface characterization of 1 ml pre-filled syringes
- Hair care:
Rate of adsorption | desorption of shampoo and conditioner

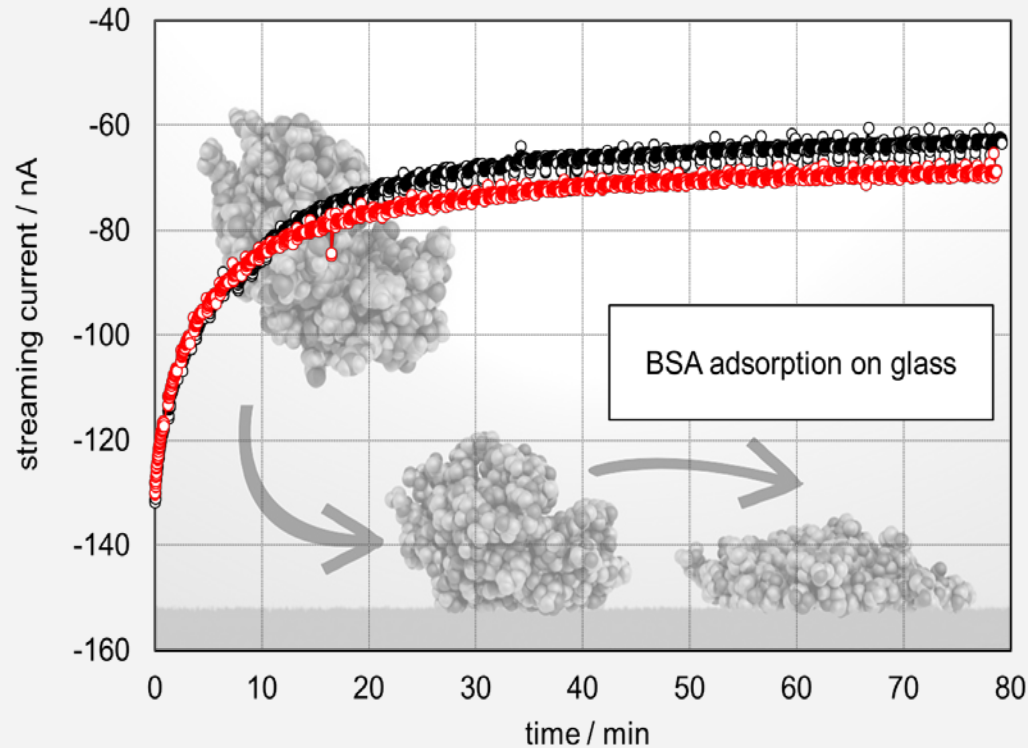


Glass – protein interaction



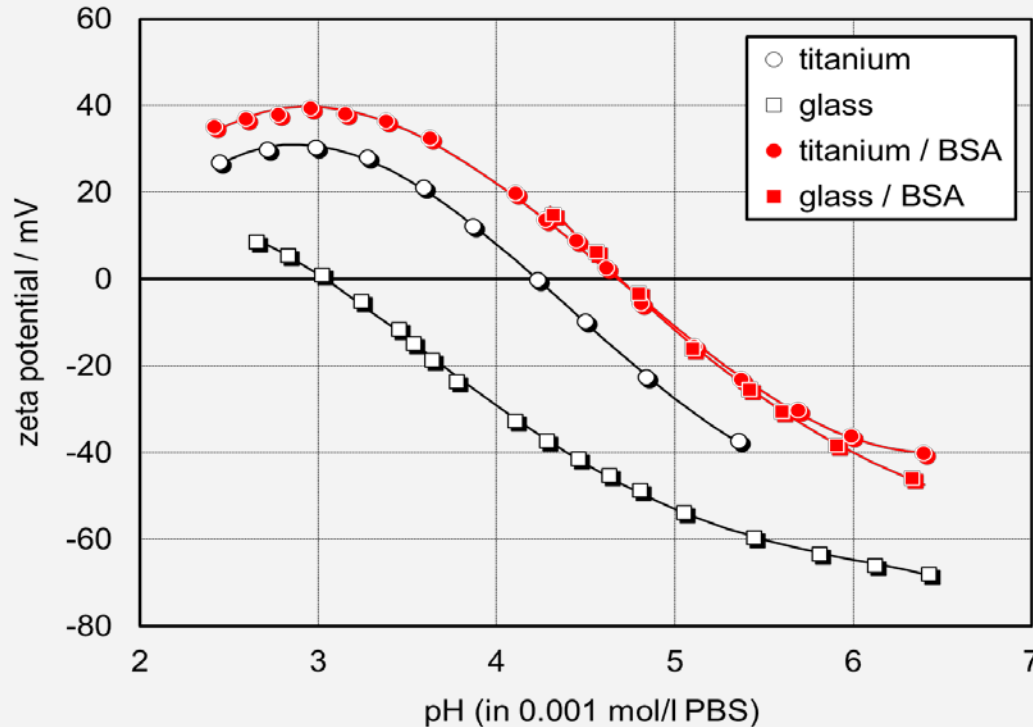
- Adsorption of BSA (bovine serum albumin) on glass
- Isoelectric point (IEP) of glass | BSA matches IEP of BSA in solution

Protein adsorption kinetics



- Adsorption kinetics of BSA (bovine serum albumin) on glass
- 0.2 mg/ml BSA
- 0.001 mol/l PBS, pH 6.5

Protein adsorption



- Adsorption of BSA (bovine serum albumin) on glass
- Isoelectric point (IEP) of glass | BSA matches IEP of BSA in solution
- Same pH dependence of ζ for titanium (reference sample) after adsorption of BSA
- BSA shows non-selective adsorption

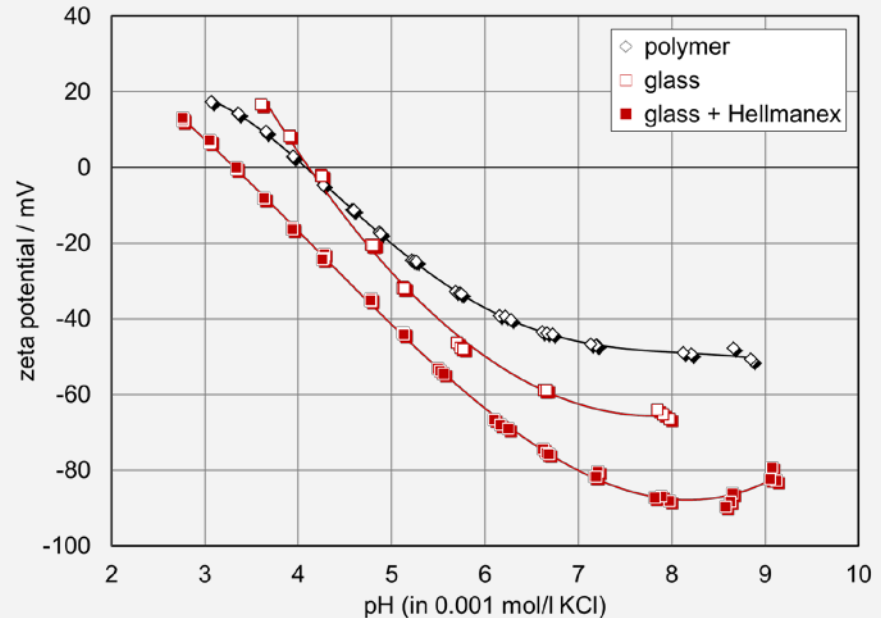
Inner surface characterization of 1 ml pre-filled syringes

Polymer vs. glass syringe

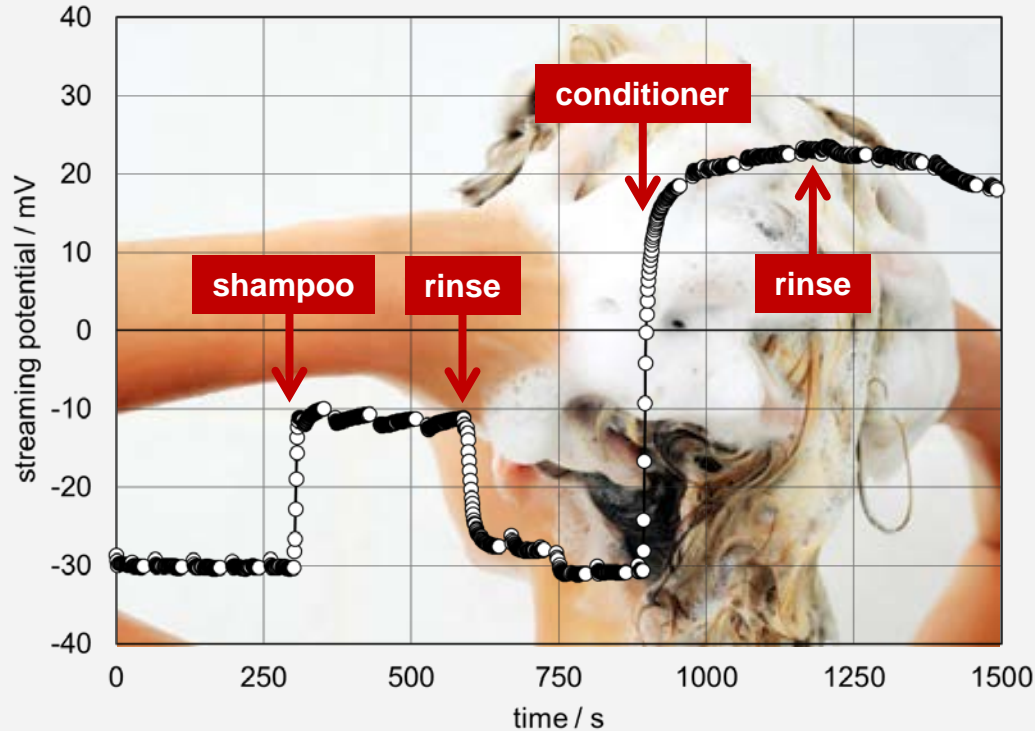
IEP: pH ($\zeta = 0$ mV)

Findings:

- IEP at pH 4 for both surfaces
- Hellmanex cleaning exposes the clean glass surface



Hair care



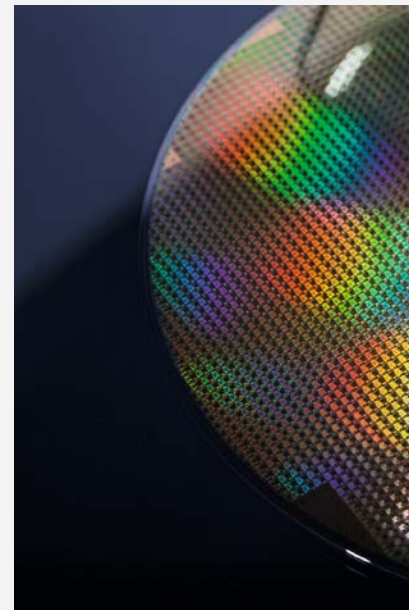
The effect of shampoo and conditioner on the surface charge of hair fibers:

- Real-time studies
- Reversible vs. permanent adsorption

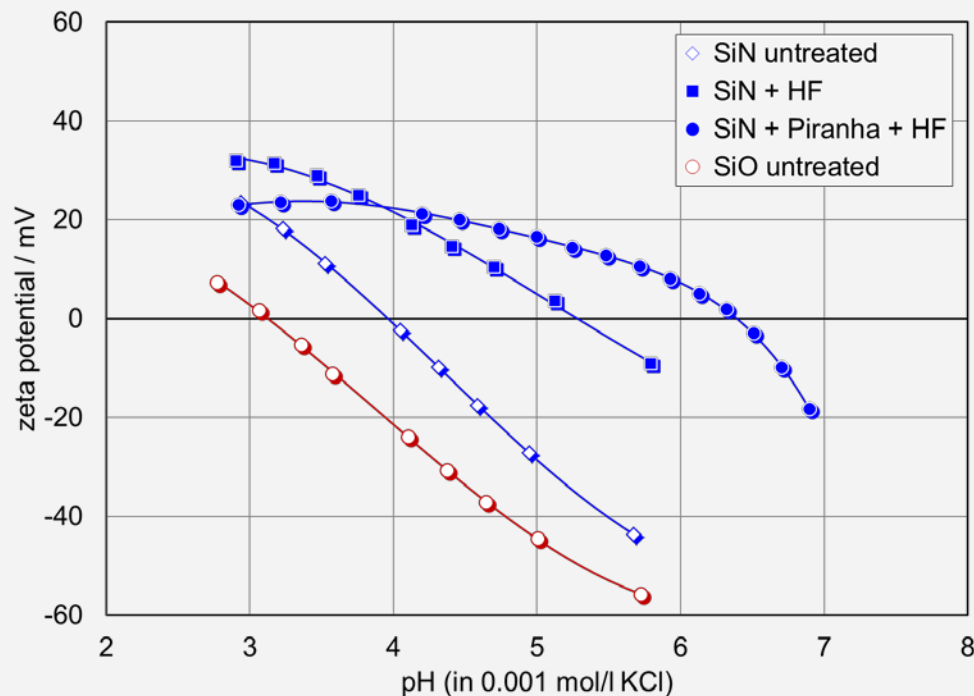
Application of solid surface zeta potential studies: Semiconductor industry

Zeta potential applications in semiconductor wafer processing

- Wafer cleaning efficiency:
Effect of cleaning | etching strategies for silicon nitride
- Chemical Mechanical Polishing (CMP):
Effect of wafer-particle interaction
Tuning the CMP process conditions



Wafer cleaning efficiency



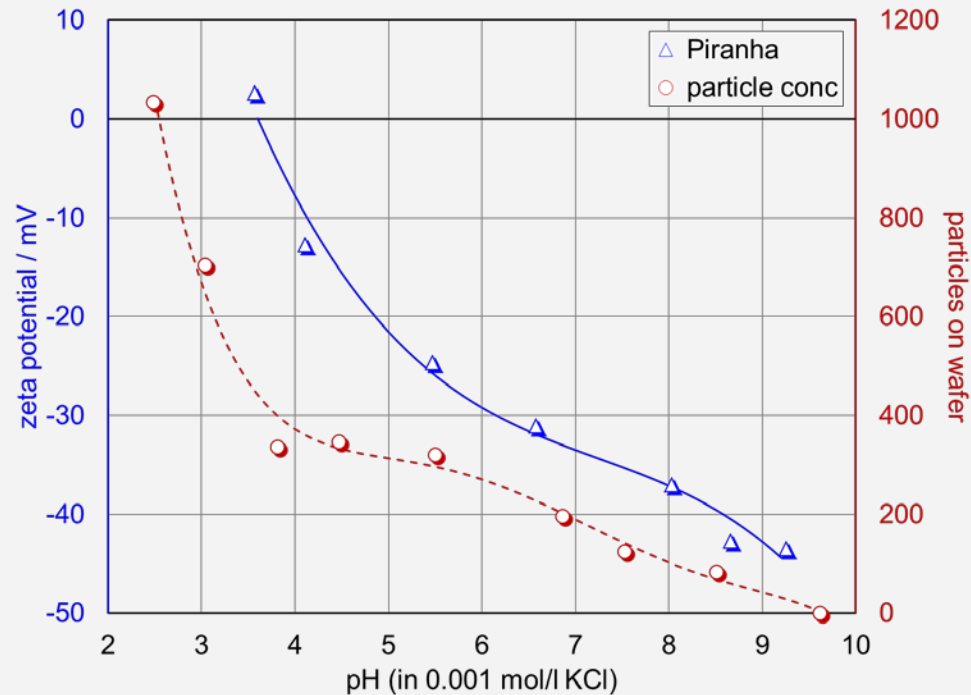
SiN silicon nitride wafer

SiO silicon oxide wafer

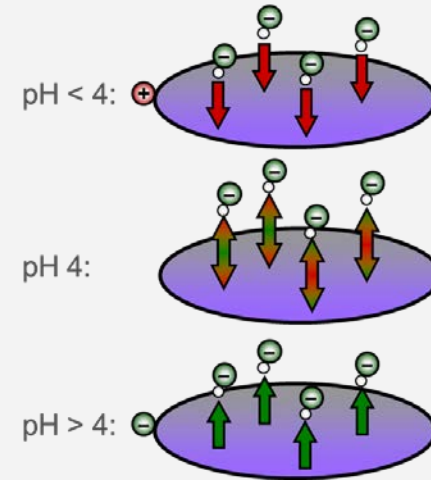
Piranha: $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4:\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 = 3:1$,
oxidative removal of organic
contaminant

HF: removal of silicon oxide

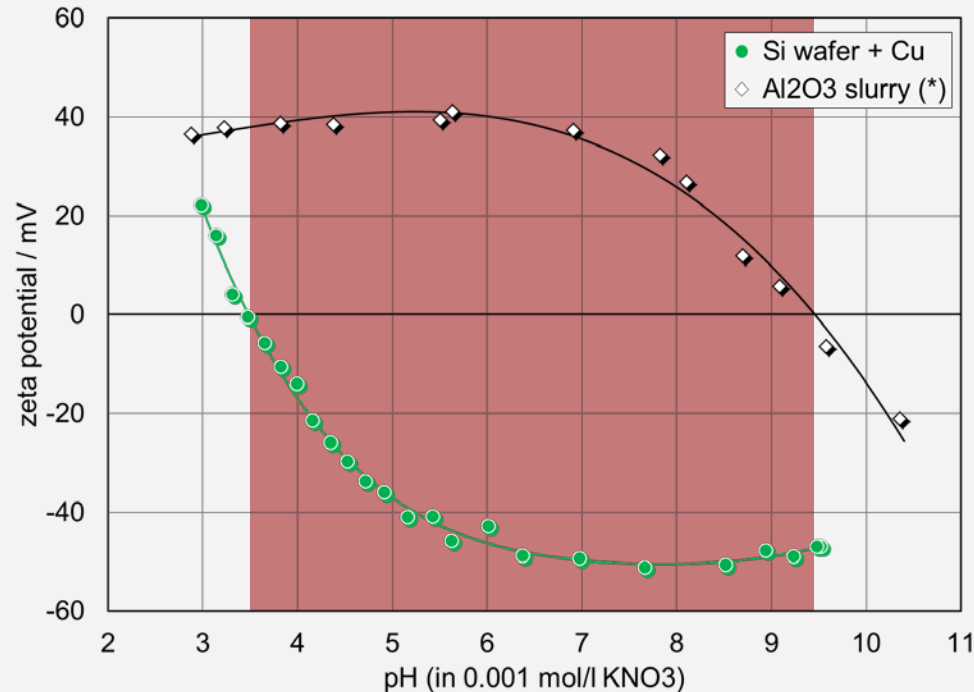
Particle deposition on Si_3N_4 wafer



Contamination of wafer surface with poly(styrene) particles (IEP < 3)



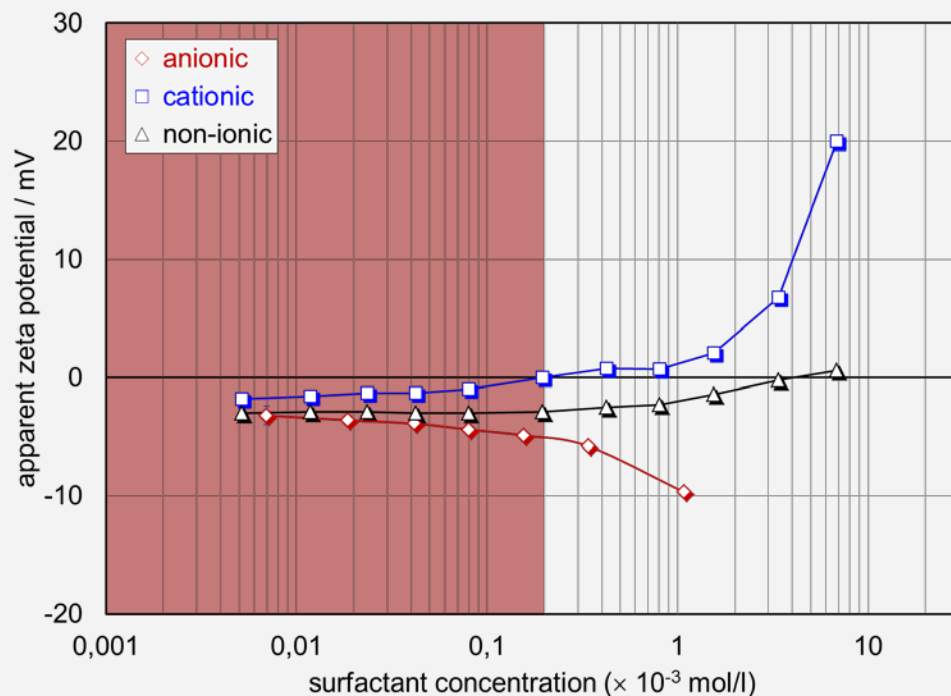
Chemical Mechanical Polishing



- CMP process uses abrasive particles (e.g., Al₂O₃ or SiO₂ slurries)
- After CMP, particles must not adhere to the wafer surface
- Electrostatic repulsion requires equally charged wafer and particle surfaces

(* measured by ELS)

Chemical Mechanical Polishing



- Addition of cationic surfactant to CMP slurry changes sign of wafer surface charge

anionic: sodium dodecyl sulphate

cationic: dodecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide

non-ionic: polyethylene glycol ether

Si wafer + Cu, pH 5.5

Zeta potential – key applications



Membranes
Wastewater



Pharma & Life Science
Biomaterials, Medical
Devices, Cosmetics



Electronics
Batteries, Semiconductor



Petroleum Industry
Rocks, Oil



Chemicals
Polymers & Plastic, Latex,
Paints & Inks



Food & Beverage
Filtration, Packaging

Thank you!



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Reflections
on X-ray
Reflectometry

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