

# **The Malvern Zetasizer Nanoseries, Nano-ZS90 For Dynamic Light Scattering And Zeta Potential Determination**

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# Dynamic light scattering (DLS)

# Introduction

- Dynamic light scattering/ photon correlation spectroscopy/ quasi-electric light scattering
- Based on Brownian motion

- $$d = \frac{KT}{3\pi\eta D}$$

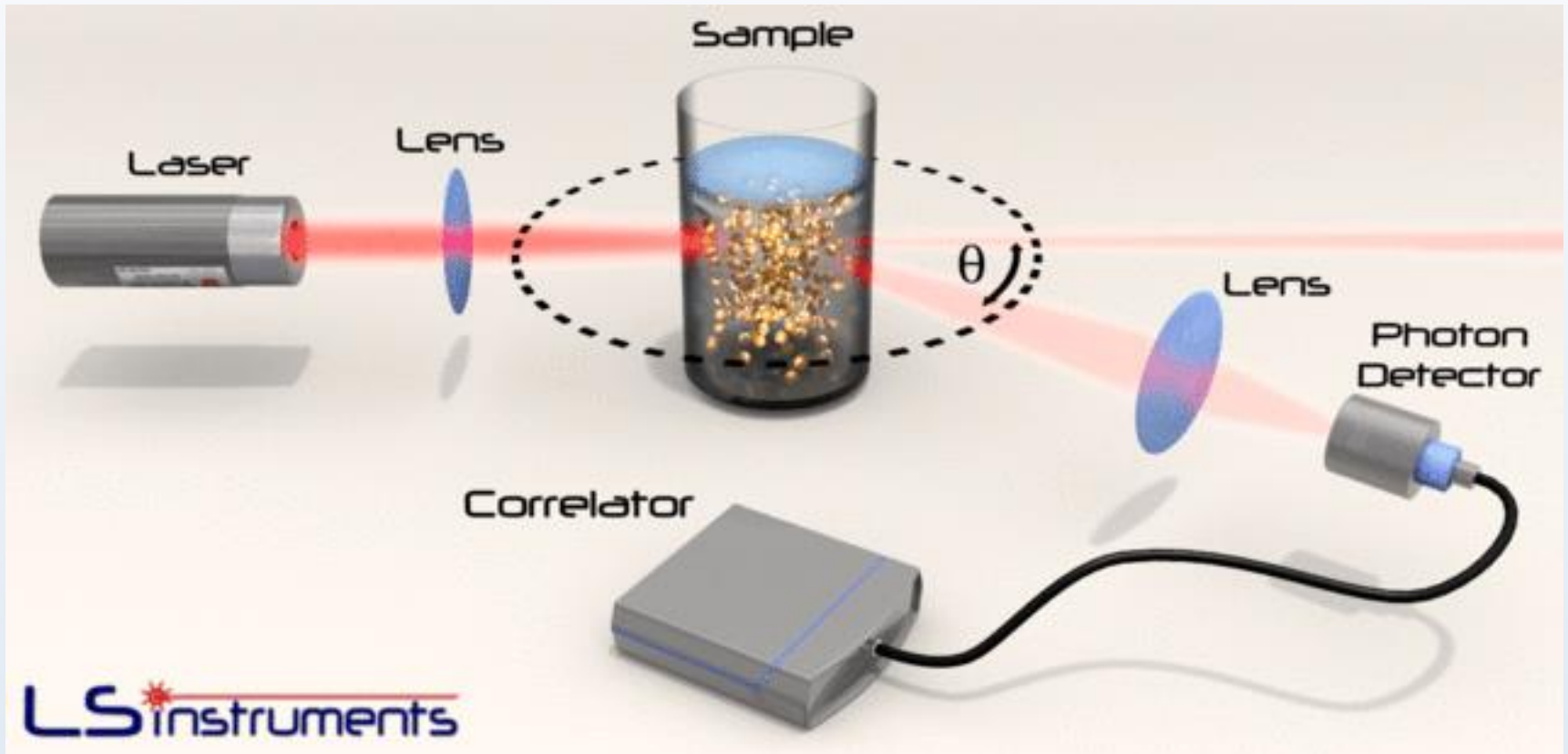
Where  $d$  is the hydrodynamic diameter,  $K$ , the Boltzmann constant,  $T$  the Temperature,  $\eta$  the viscosity and  $D$ , the diffusion coefficient

- Particle size
- Molecular weight
- Zeta potential

# DLS equipment



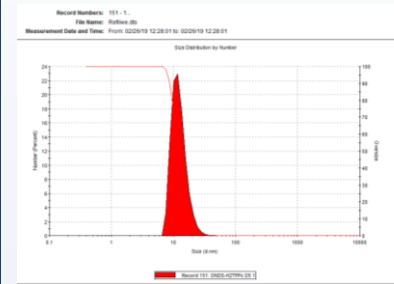
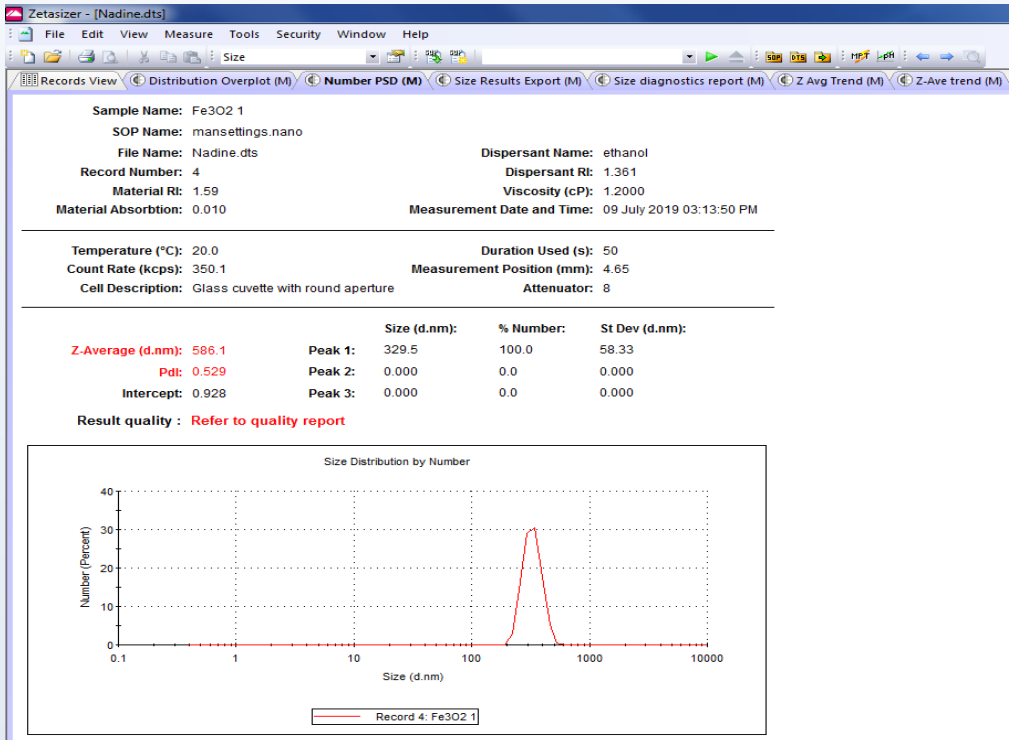
# The principle behind DLS



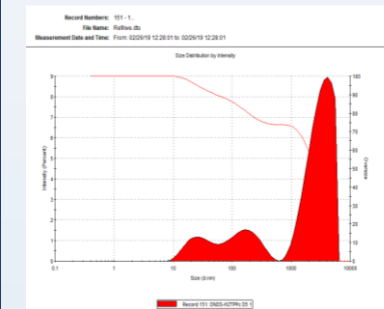
# Types of samples and preparation

- Emulsions, micelles, polymers, proteins, nanoparticles or colloids
- Size range 1-10000 nm
- Concentrations
  - Depends on sample
- Solvents
  - Viscosity
- Cuvettes: plastic, quartz or glass

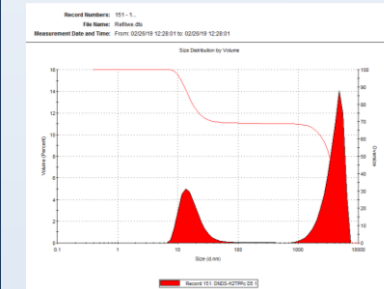
# Analysing the results



**Number**



**Intensity**



**Volume**

# Pros and cons

## Advantages

- Quick and easy to operate
- Sample recoverable
- User friendly

## Challenges

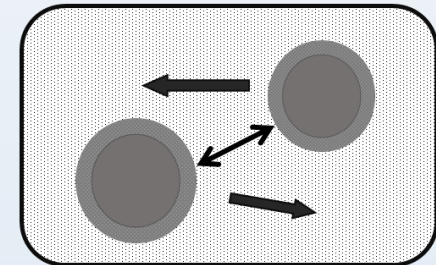
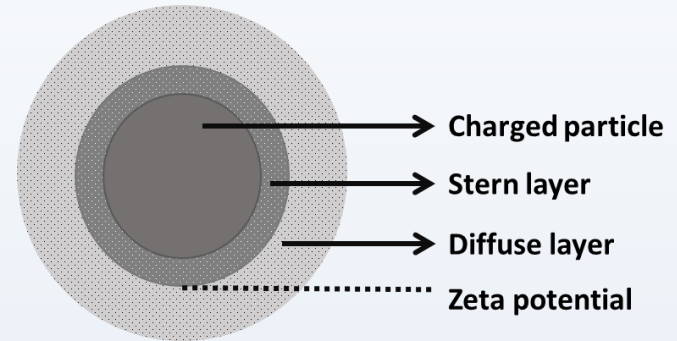
- Hydrodynamic diameter is spherical
- Concentration (Filter larger particles out)
- Sensitive to dust



# Zeta potential

# Definitions

- Zeta potential ( $\zeta$ -potential) - potential difference across phase boundaries between solids and liquids
- Potential difference - amount of work energy required to move an electric charge from one point to another

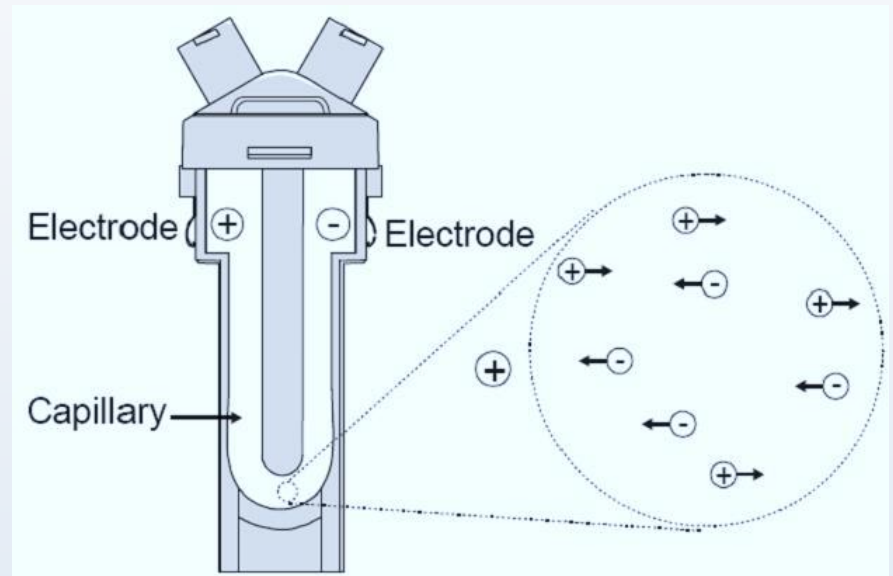


# $\zeta$ -potential theories

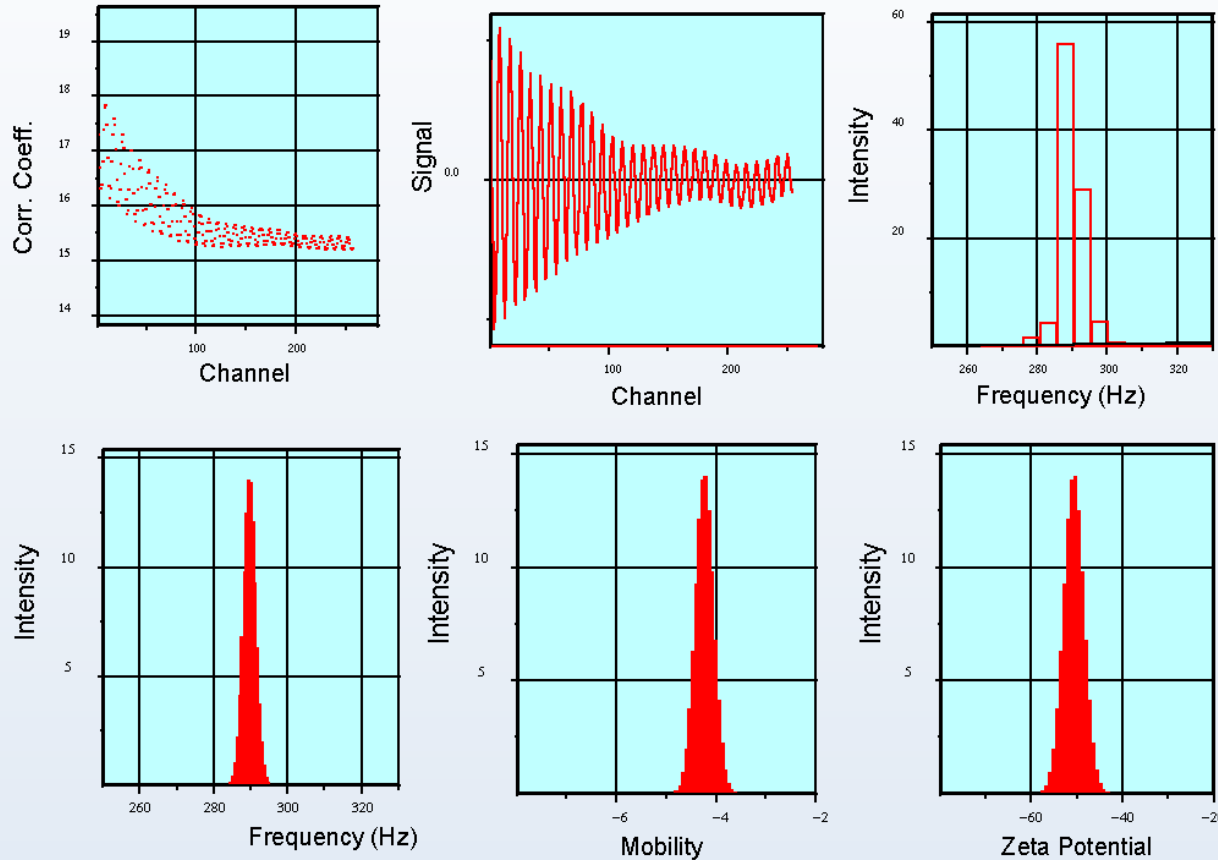
- Smoluchowski approximation
  - Theory is valid for any concentration or shape of dispersed particles.
  - Fails to consider surface conductivity
- Hückel approximation
  - Ability to automate complex measurements (e.g. pH or concentration dependences)

# Measuring Zeta Potential

- A folded capillary cell.
- Applied electric field.
- Zeta potential indirectly measured by monitoring particle speed.



# Signal processing and data evaluation

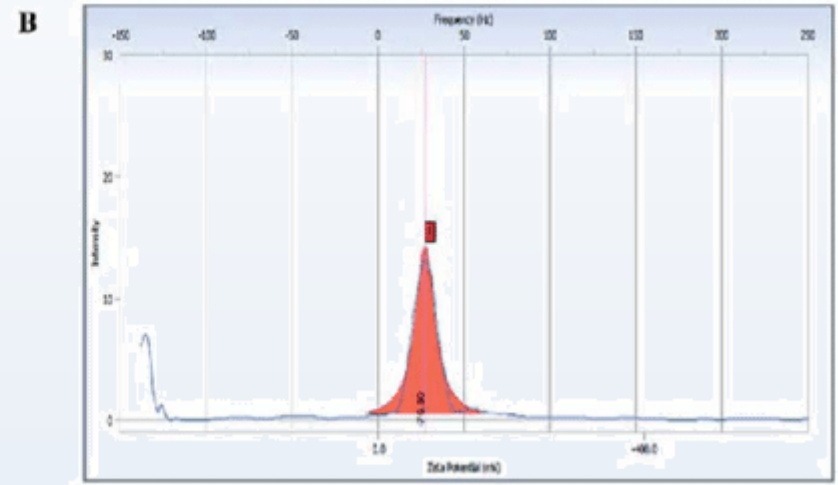
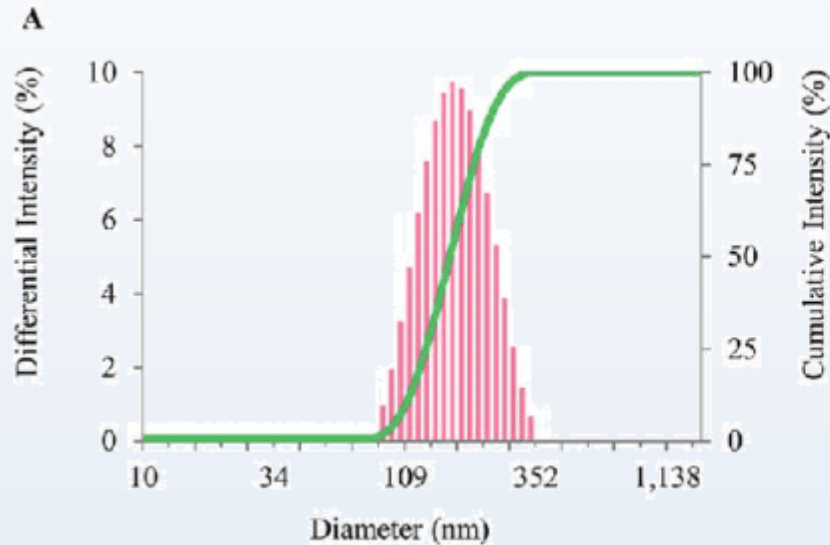


Stages of signal processing from the correlation function to a Fourier Transform analysis (FFT) to frequency, mobility and zeta potential spectrum.

# Applications of Zeta Potential

- Prepare colloidal dispersions for cosmetics, inks, dyes, foams, and other chemicals.
- Reduce cost of additives by calculating the minimum amount needed to achieve the desired effect.
- Microelectrophoresis to characterize blood, bacteria, and other biological surfaces.

# Applications of Zeta Potential



Characterization of BSA–CK NPs by particle size analysis, showing the size-dependent distribution of the nanoparticles (A); zeta potential analysis showing the surface charge of  $\approx 70.80$  mV for the BSA–CK NPs.

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