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Laboratory experiments on streaming potential under high temperature (2)

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Preliminary experiments using granite rock sample were conducted under the following conditions: confinig pressure of 80 bars, pore pressure of 50 bars, sinusoidal pressure of 3 bars, temperatures from 20 C to 200 C, pore fluid of KCL solution with concentrations from 0.001 to 0.1 mol/liter. The results show that 1) the observed coupling coefficients agree with the theoretical values in the range of high KCL concentrations, 2) the zeta-potential vary with the temperature conditions.