

**Particle interactions and their effect on  
magnetic particle spectroscopy and imaging**

*Supporting Information*

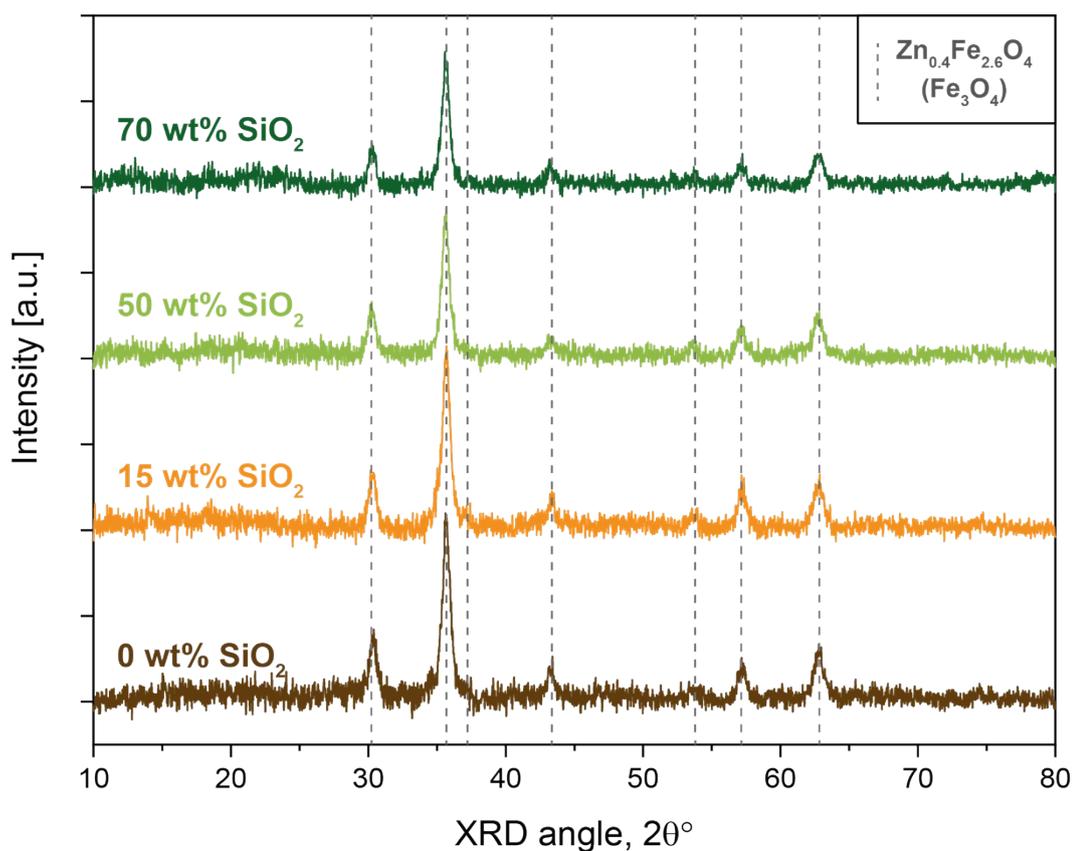


Figure S1. X-ray diffraction patterns of as-prepared Zn<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sub>2.6</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles with different amounts of SiO<sub>2</sub> coating. All particles show peaks characteristic to Zn-ferrites (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>).

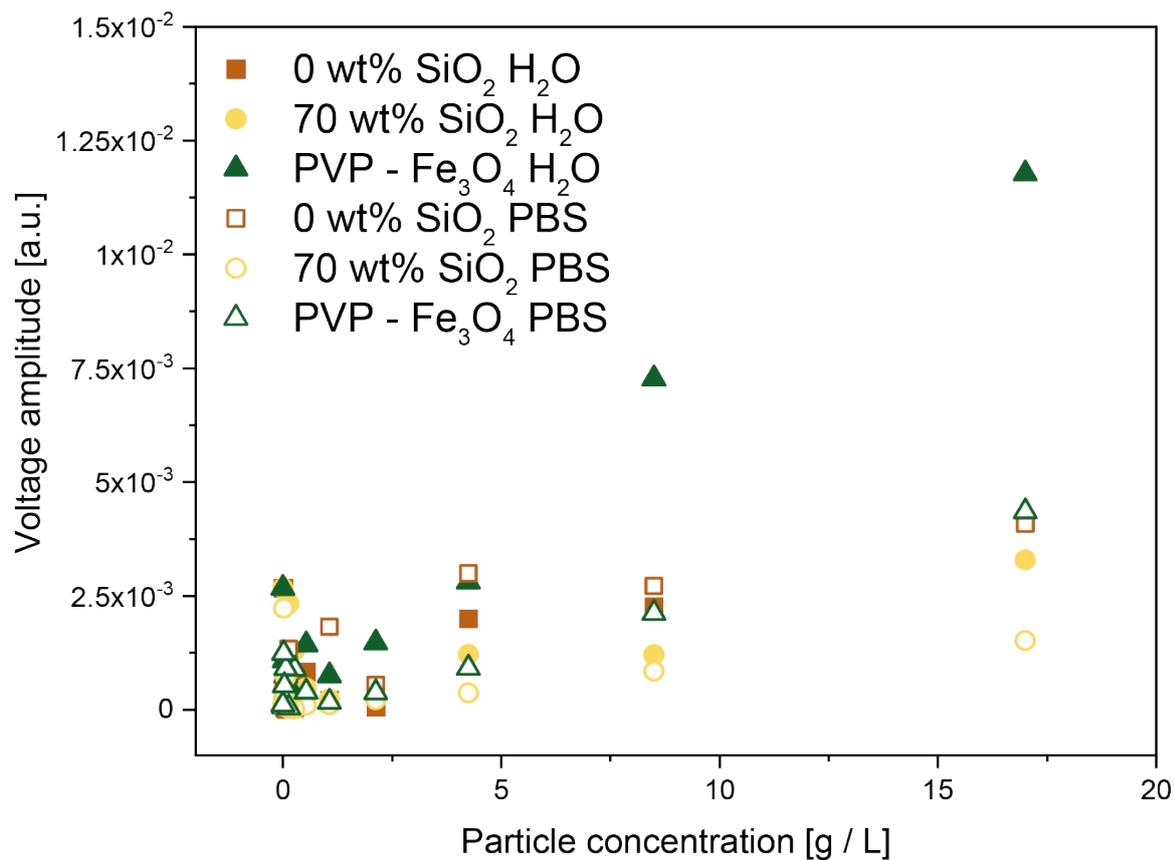


Figure S2. Calibration points for MPS-voltage amplitude for bare and  $\text{SiO}_2$ -coated (70 wt%)  $\text{Zn}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_{2.6}\text{O}_4$ , as well as commercial PVP-coated  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ , dispersed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (closed symbols) or PBS (open symbols).

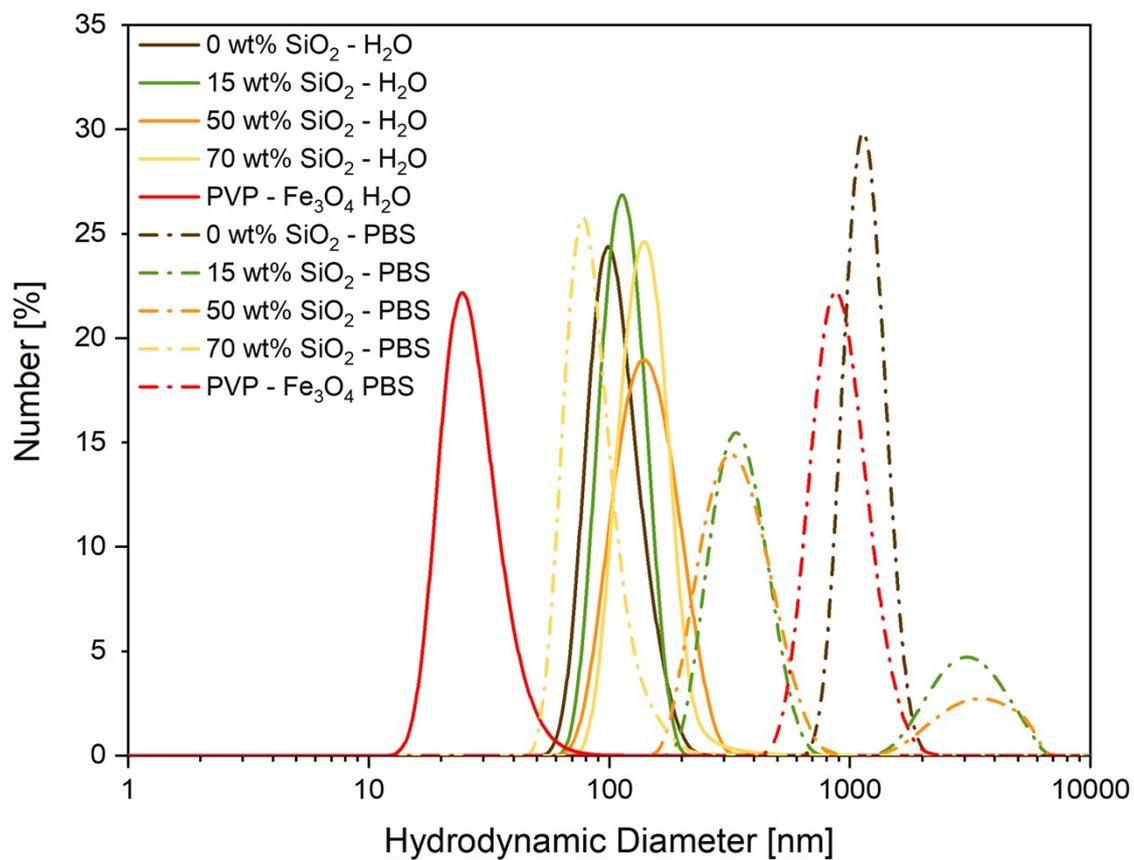


Figure S3. Number-weighted distributions of hydrodynamic diameters bare and SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated (15, 50, 70 wt%) Zn<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sub>2.6</sub>O<sub>4</sub> as well as of PVP-coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in water and PBS. Measured immediately after sonication at a concentration of 0.1 mg/mL.