



# Detection and quantification of combustion-derived particles in aqueous media: towards the development of a diagnostic biomedical assay

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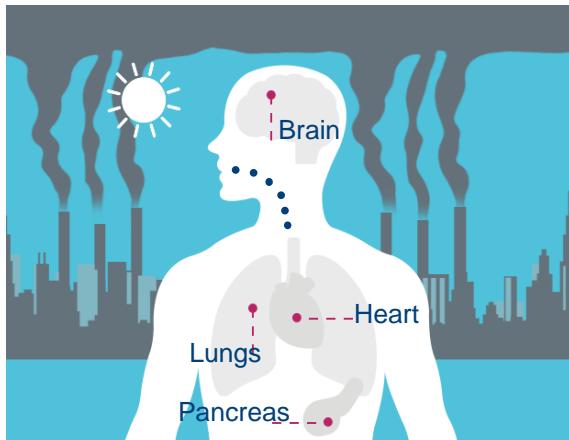
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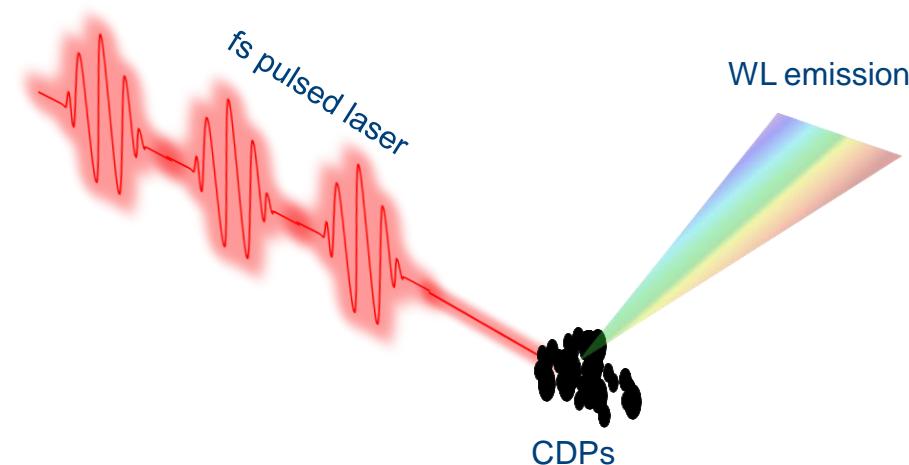
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# Unique detection of combustion derived particles (CDPs)

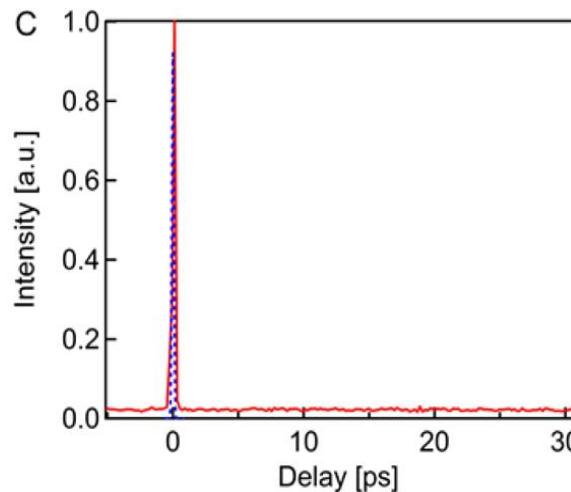
CDPs are hazardous



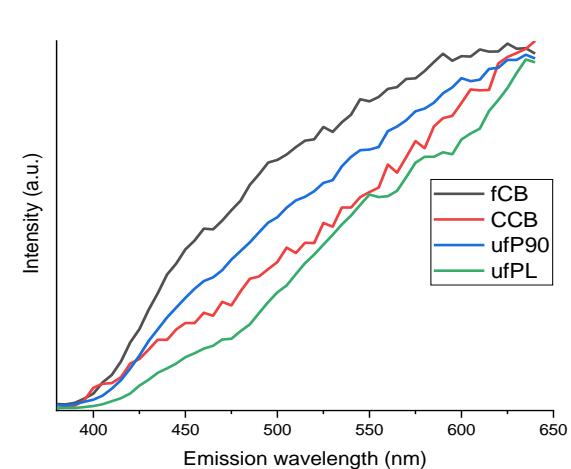
Unique label-free detection



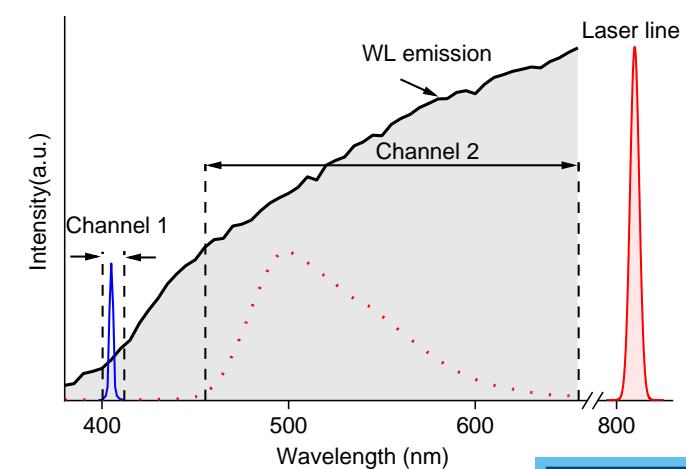
WL emission is instantaneous



WL emission covers the whole VIS spectrum

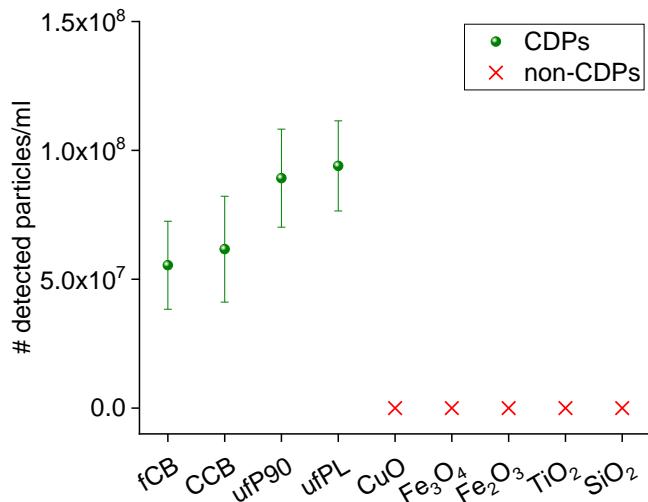


Detection using dual-channel

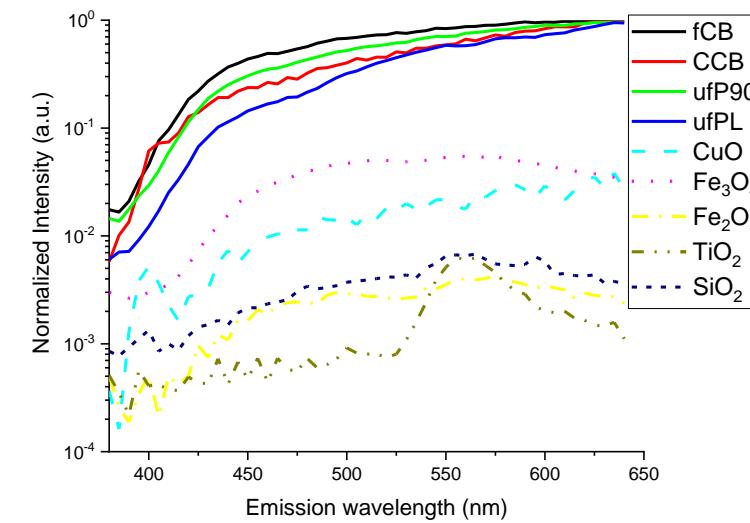


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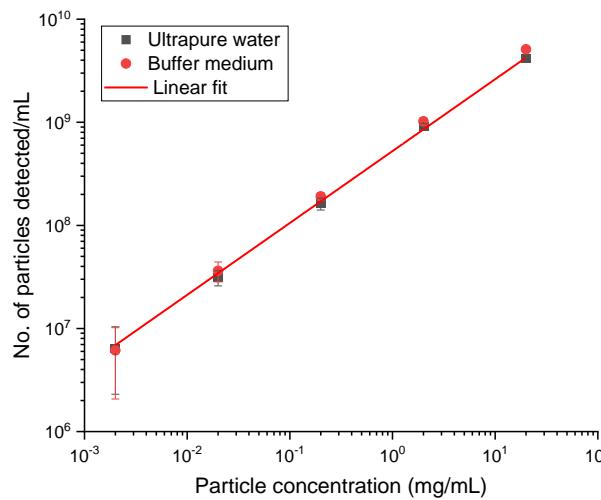
## Nanoparticle detection in aqueous media



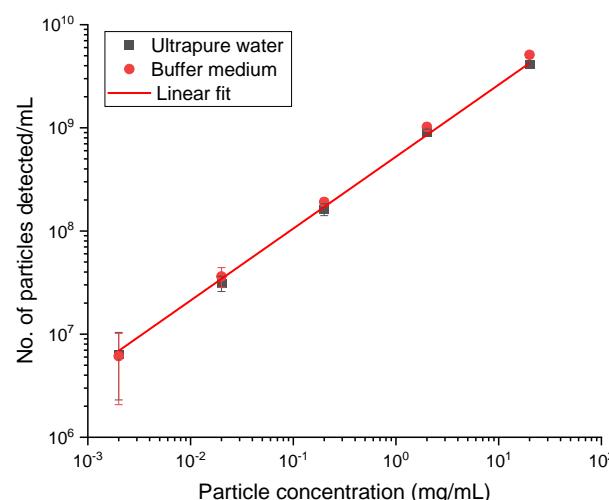
## Emission spectra of CDPs and non-CDPs



### Measurement without stirring the suspension



### Measurement with stirring the suspension



- Conclusions and outlook**

- Label free detection of CDPs based on WL emission.
- Dual-channel detection and emission spectra measurements.
- WL emission is unique to CDPs only.
- Measurements in CDP suspensions at different concentrations.
- A step towards the development of diagnostic biomedical assays.

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