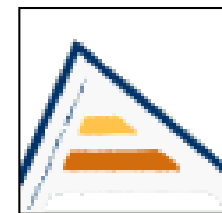


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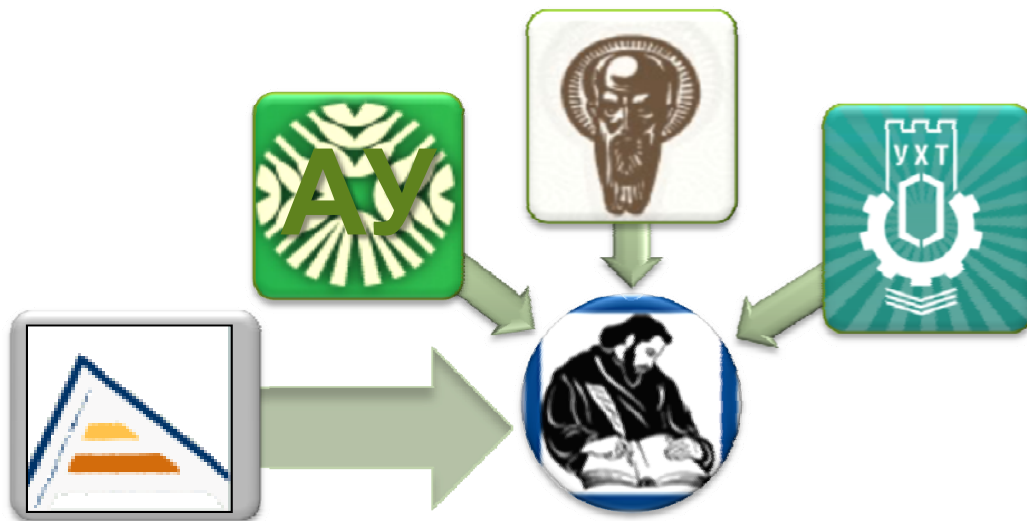
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## Microwave-Assisted Cloud Point Extraction in Combination with Air Segmented Discrete Sample Introduction as a Green Method for Flame Atomic Absorption Analysis of Zn, Cu, Pb and Cd\*

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The utilization of non-hazardous chemistry has been applied for to flame atomic absorption detection (MW-CPE) using the non-toxic parameters affecting the CPE were optimized, being: i) pH of the Triton X-100, 0.5 % and iv) 20 HNO<sub>3</sub> up to 2.5 g. Micro-sample introduction (ASDI). The combination of Cd and Pb compared to the direct method. The developed procedure was validated by comparison with the results obtained by ICP-MS analysis. The detection limit of the method was below the detection limit of the direct method.



## ПРИЛОЖЕНИЕ НА ХЕМОМЕТРИЧНИ ПОДХОДИ ЗА ИНТЕРПРЕТАЦИЯ НА ДАННИ ОТ ICP-MS АНАЛИЗ НА ПОВЪРХНОСТНИ ВОДИ

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### Резюме

Обект на изследването са повърхностни води от територията на България, от гледна точка на елементния им състав. Изотопите в диапазона 7- 238 amu бяха измерени с ICP-MS модел Agilent 7700x в 120 проби води от пунктове за мониторинг, регламентирани в законодателството. За обработка на информацията и решаване на класификационни задачи, върху данните от анализа бяха приложени хемометрични методи – СА, РСА с FA, DA. Бяха потърсени елементни маркери за обособените региони с цел идентификация на произход на неизвестни водни проби.

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# Headspace single drop microextraction of organotin compounds followed by thermal desorption GCMS



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## Introduction

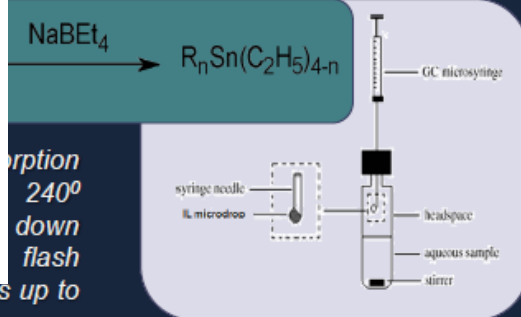
In the past 30 years organotin compounds (OTs) have been widely used (e.g. Butyltin-BT and Phenyltin-PhT) as active components in pharmaceutical and pesticide formulations.

## Experimental

Headspace single drop microextraction with in-situ derivatization followed by thermal desorption gas chromatography mass spectrometry [2] have been developed for simultaneous speciation analysis of six OTs, including butyl- and phenyltin compounds. The derivatization reagent used was NaBEt<sub>4</sub>, the volume of IL was 5 µl.

## Conclusions

- A method for simultaneous determination of six organotin compounds was developed
- It was proved that the extraction with 1-octylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate gives greater yield than the others two ILs studied.
- Due to the special device for thermal desorption, created method allows the use of ILs, which are considered as environmentally friendly compounds
- The volume of IL used in the extraction procedure is 5 µl, which is another conformity with the Green Chemistry principles



The headspace microextraction with in-situ derivatization was held at pH 5

Temperature program for gas chromatographic separation:  
50°C(1min), 10°C/min, 300°C(4min)

heating 15°C/s up to 250°C

### The aims

To develop a green method for simultaneous determination of six organotin compounds: monobutyltin (MBT), dibutyltin (DBT), tributyltin (TBT), monophenyltin (MPT), diphenyltin (DPT), triphenyltin (TPT).

To evaluate the applicability of three different Ionic Liquids (ILs) as a collector phase:

3-Methyl-1-octylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate (Octyl); 1-Hexyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride (Hexyl) and 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate (Butyl).

A two-tubes concentrically disposed system made up of a Gerstel thermal desorption glass tube (187mm length, 4mm I.D., 6mm O.D.), a laboratory-cut glass Pyrex tube (20mm length, 3mm I.D., 4mm O.D.) from Corning Incorporated (Corning, NY, USA) and washed glass wool from Panreac (Barcelona, Spain) were used, which enabled the desorption of the compounds from the IL droplet, while preventing the IL from entering the GC system.

# VORTEX OR ULTRASOUND ASSISTED IN-SITU DERIVATIZATION AND LIQUID-LIQUID MICROEXTRACTION OF ORGANOTIN COMPOUNDS, FOLLOWED BY GCMS ANALYSIS

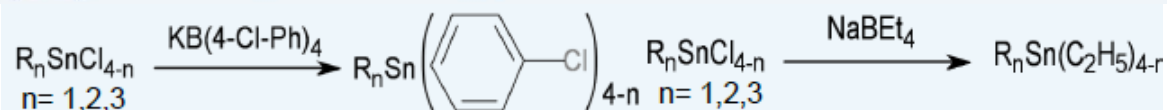
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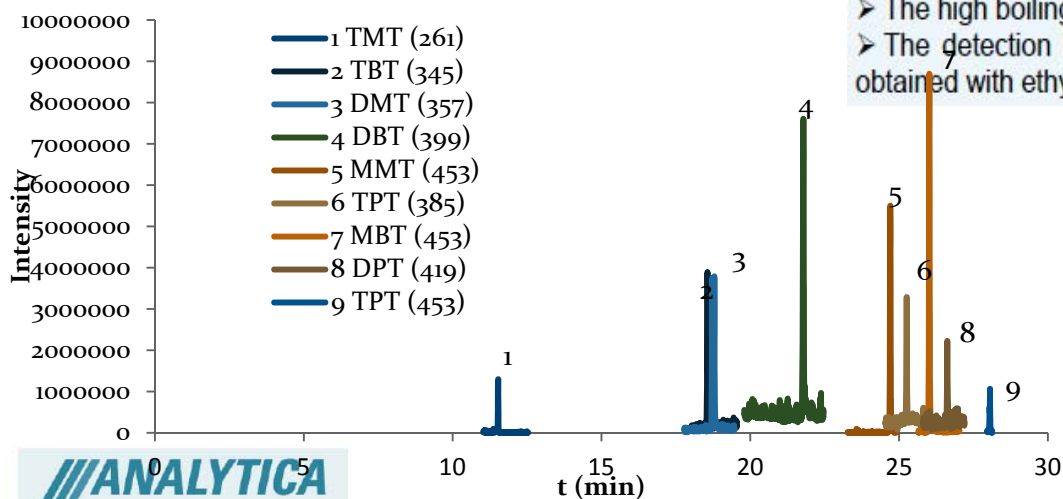
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Potassium tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl) borate was selected as derivatization reagent because both volatile and semivolatile OTs can be analyzed simultaneously, without the need of two different extraction techniques. The obtained derivative compounds have not been reported before so their spectra were not included in the library of GC-MS instrument up to now. Their spectra were elucidated.

## Conclusions

- Potassium tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl) borate allows both volatile and semivolatile OTs to be analyzed simultaneously, without the need of different extraction techniques.
- The high boiling points of chloro-phenyl-derivatives of all the OTs studied allow their determination.
- The detection limit obtained with chlorophenylation have been improved compared to the ones obtained with ethylation due to the higher bond-dissociation energy of Sn-aryl than those of Sn-alkyl.





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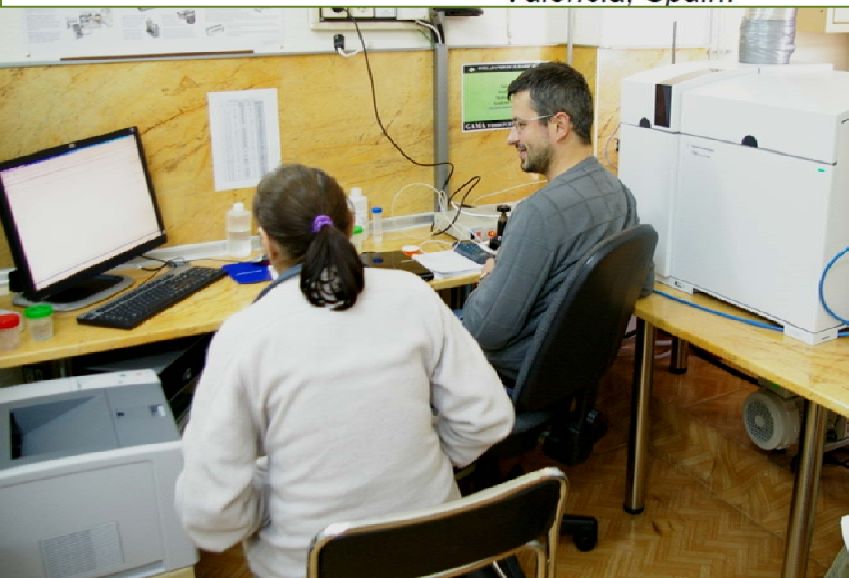
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### Manganese ferrite nanoparticles as a new sorbent for magnetic solid phase extraction of trace metals - APDC complexes followed by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry analysis

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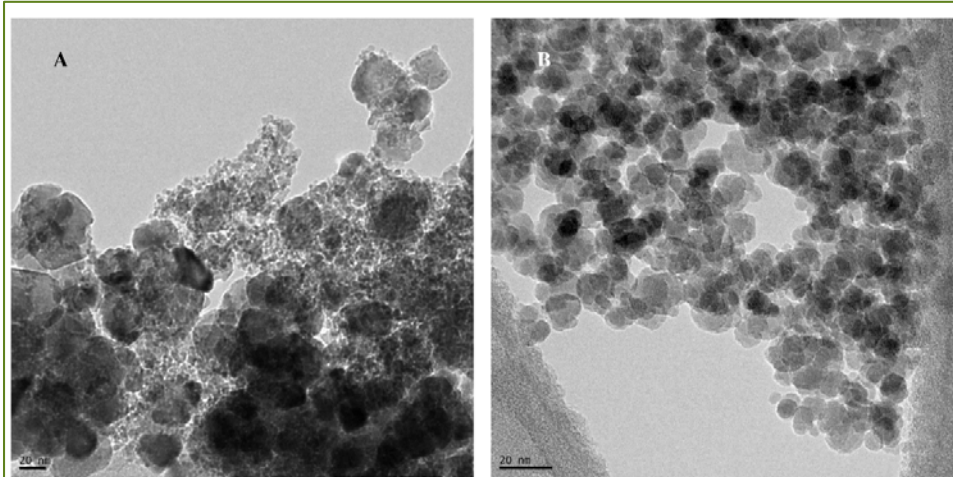
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The applicability of MnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles as a new sorbent for group pre-concentration of V, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Cd and Pb was investigated and compared with magnetite nanoparticles. A solid phase extraction (SPE) of target analytes based on sorption of their hydrophobic complexes with ammonium pyrrolidine dithiocarbamate (APDC) on the surface of non-modified magnetic nanoparticles (NPs) was optimized. Magnetic NPs with retained metal complexes were easily separated from the bulk solution by permanent magnet for 5 min. Analytes restoration in final solution was accomplished by heating with 0.5 mL of 7 mol L<sup>-1</sup> nitric acid. The obtained solutions were suitable for continuous nebulization in ICP-MS. Matrix effects (spectral and non-spectral) for urine analysis were studied and adequate calibration strategies were suggested. Under optimized conditions the magnetic assisted SPE procedure enables enrichment of target analytes by factors between 7.4 – 10, with a linear dynamic range 1 – 100 µg L<sup>-1</sup> for V, Co, Ni, Cd, Pb and 10-1000 µg L<sup>-1</sup> for Zn, As, Se. The method detection limits (MLOD) of proposed SPE were improved by factor up to 20 compared to the direct analysis of diluted urine. The accuracy of magnetic NPs-SPE-ICP-MS method was evaluated analysing urine certified reference material Seronorm™ Trace Elements Urine 201205. For correct determination of As and Se in urine, a preliminary microwave sample treatment with a mixture HNO<sub>3</sub>+H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was needed, but it led to worsening of MLOD. The developed method was successfully applied for analysis of human urine samples.



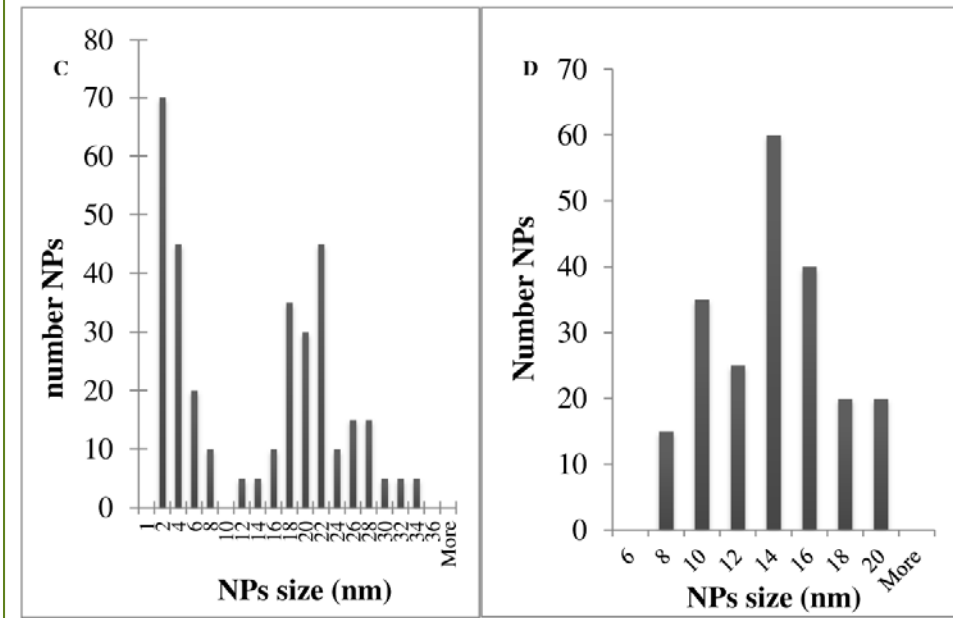
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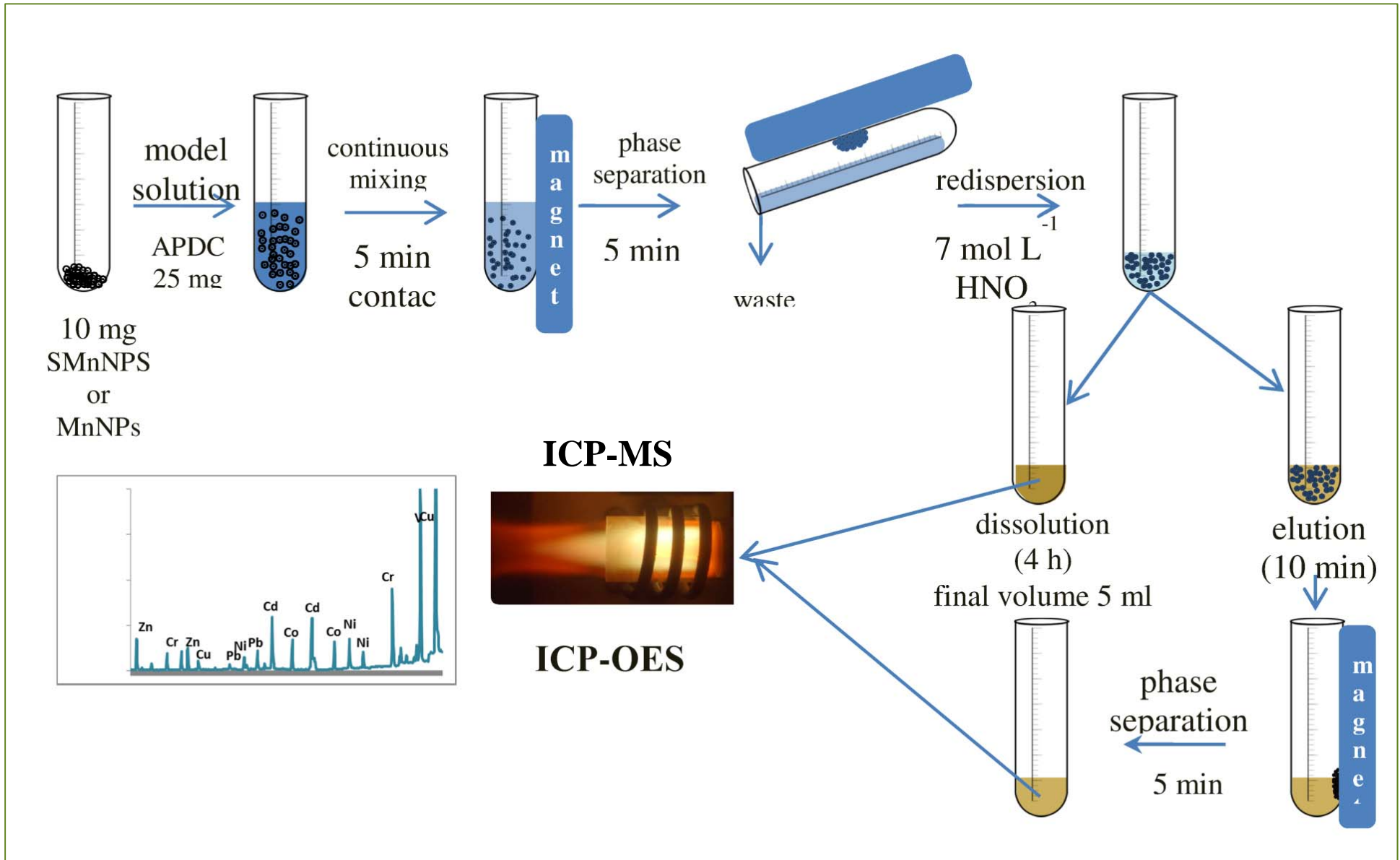
Съутаяване на смес от  $Me^{2+}$  йони ( $Me^{2+} = Mn^{2+}$  или  $Fe^{2+}$ ) и  $Fe^{3+}$  в молно отношение = 1:2 ( $0.017 \text{ mol L}^{-1} Me^{2+}$ :  $0.034 \text{ mol L}^{-1} Fe^{3+}$  в основна среда - NaOH внесена “наведнъж” в приготвения разтвор при  $30^\circ\text{C}$  и загряване до  $80^\circ\text{C}$  за 3 часа.

Магнитните наночастици се сепарират чрез постоянен магнит. Промиват се вода и с етанол ~50 mL .

HR-TEM снимки – за  $MnFe_2O_4$  NPs показват две фракции ~2 nm и ~20 nm а тези от  $Fe_3O_4$  – една ~14 nm



# Твърдофазна микро-екстракция с МНЧ



**Table 4.** Validation of magnetic NPs-SPE-ICP-MS by analysis of urine certified reference materials **Seronorm™201205**

Element [isotope measured]	Assigned value $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U$	Magnetic NPs-SPE		Direct analysis $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U^a$	LOD $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$
		treated with $\text{HNO}_3$ $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U^a$	treated with $\text{HNO}_3:\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ (3:1) $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U^a$		
V [51]	$25.2 \pm 1.4$	$22 \pm 1.8$	$25 \pm 2.4$		
Co [59]	$10.0 \pm 0.6$	$11.1 \pm 0.9$	$8 \pm 1.8$		
Ni [60]	$50.4 \pm 3.2$	$52.1 \pm 2.6$	$51 \pm 3.3$		
Cu [65]	$78 \pm 8^b$	$70 \pm 6$	$72 \pm 7$		
Zn [66]	$1168 \pm 92$	$1230 \pm 30$	$1040 \pm 33$		
As [75]	$142 \pm 6$	$34 \pm 1.1$	$121 \pm 16$		
Se [82]	$58.6 \pm 3.1$	$52 \pm 5$	$59 \pm 10$		
Cd [111]	$4.6 \pm 0.4$	$5.1 \pm 1$	$4.7 \pm 2$		
Pb [208]	$40.3 \pm 2.6$	$45 \pm 4$	$44 \pm 4$		

<sup>a</sup> expanded uncertainty is calculated using  $k=2$

<sup>b</sup> Cu content in Seronorm™201205 is given as analytical corresponding SD

<sup>c</sup> measurements were performed with He as collision gas

**Table 5.** Concentration of the elements in  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  with corresponding expanded uncertainty U ( $k=2$ ), obtained by magnetic NPs-SPE-ICP-MS analysis of real urine sample, using  $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$ .

Element [isotope measured]	Urine sample $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U$	Urine + spike		
		added $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	measured $\mu\text{g L}^{-1} \pm U$	Addition recovery %
V [51]	$0.83 \pm 0.09$	10	$10.6 \pm 0.9$	98
Co [59]	< 0.3	10	$9.9 \pm 0.7$	99
Ni [60]	$24.4 \pm 1.2$	10	$33.9 \pm 1.6$	95
Cu [65]	$27.1 \pm 1.3$	10	$36.6 \pm 1.9$	95
Zn [66]	$963 \pm 20$	100	$1060 \pm 50$	96
Cd [111]	$5.4 \pm 0.6$	10	$15.2 \pm 1.2$	98
Pb [208]	$46.9 \pm 1.6$	10	$57.2 \pm 1.6$	103

# Предимства на MNPs-SPE с $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$

- $\text{MnFe}_2\text{O}_4$  NPs притежават по-силни магнитни свойства и са по-ефективни при магнитно задържане (колекция).
- Те са по-стабилни в кисела среда и позволяват работа при по-ниско рН
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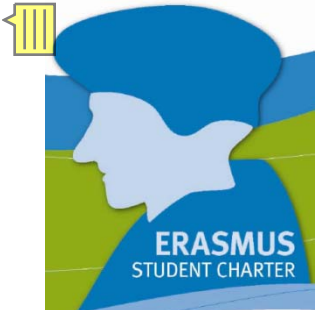


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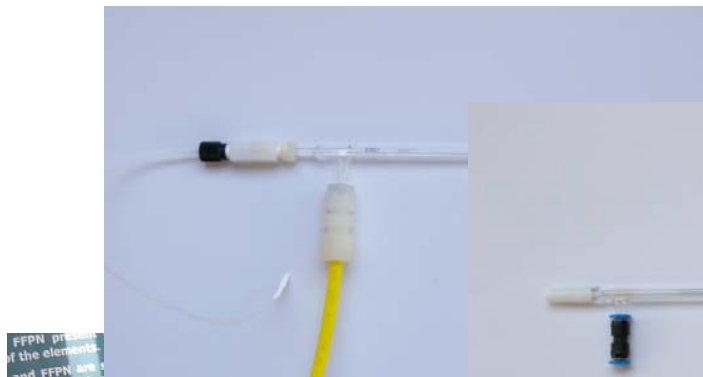
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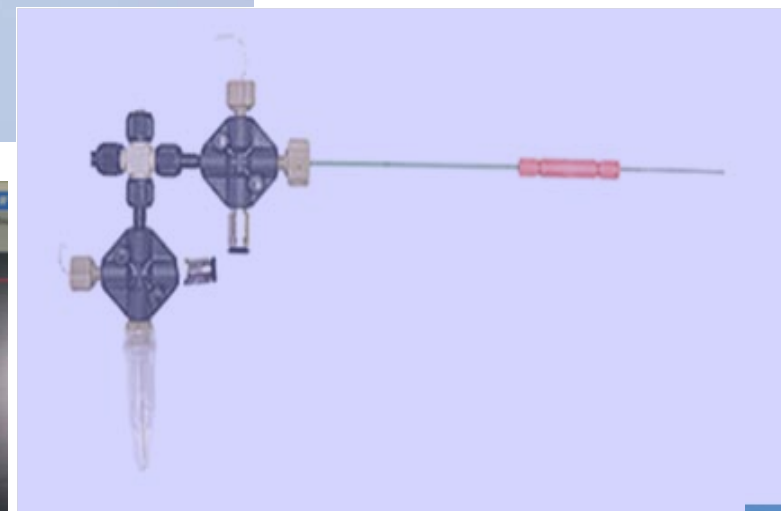
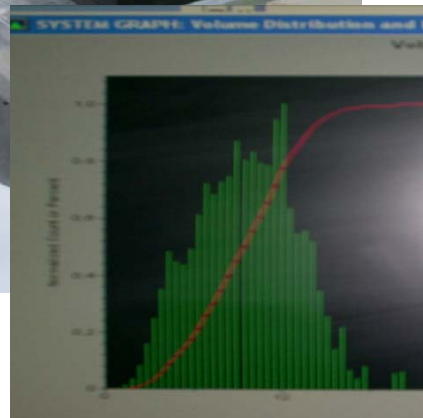
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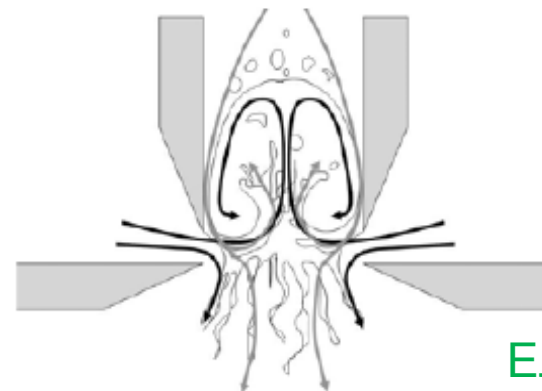
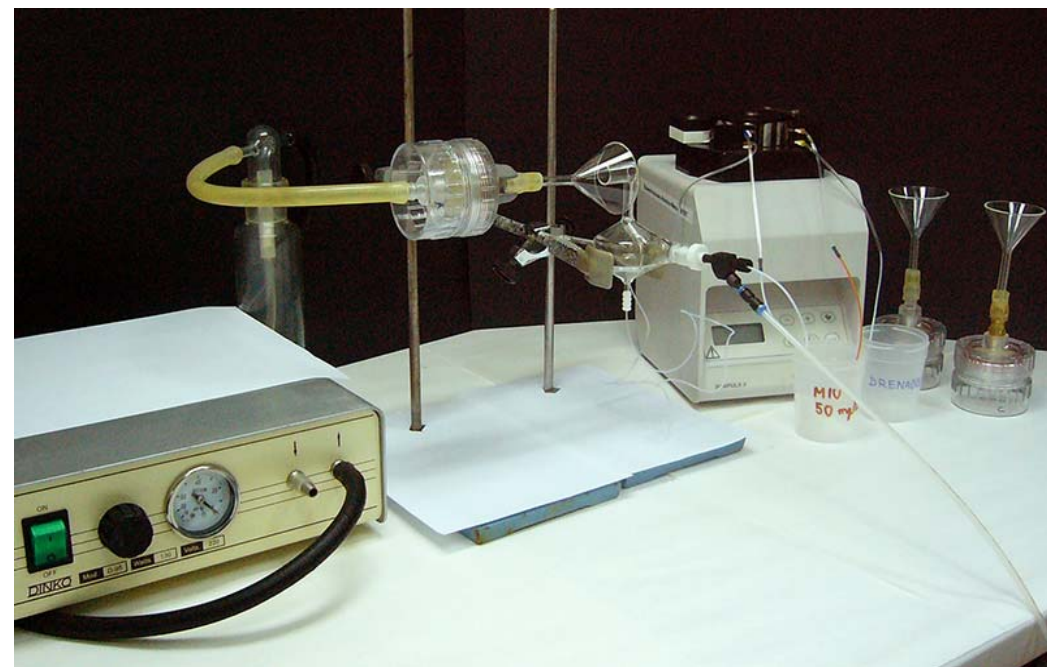


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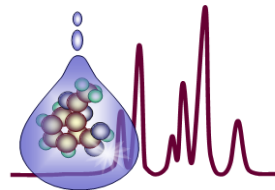
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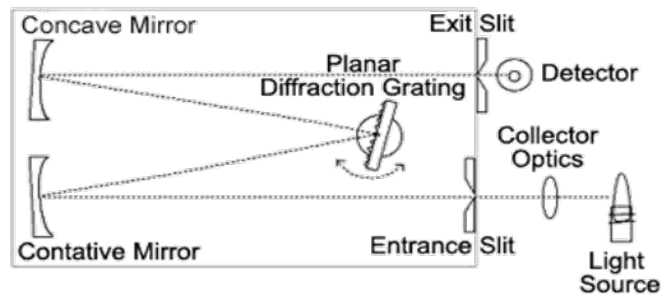
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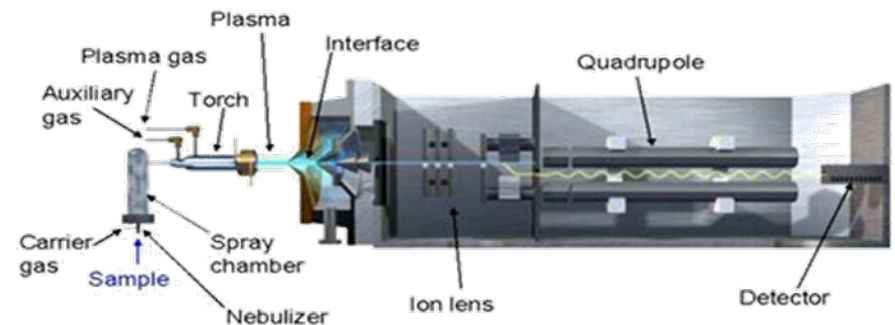
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- Excellent detection limits
- High precision



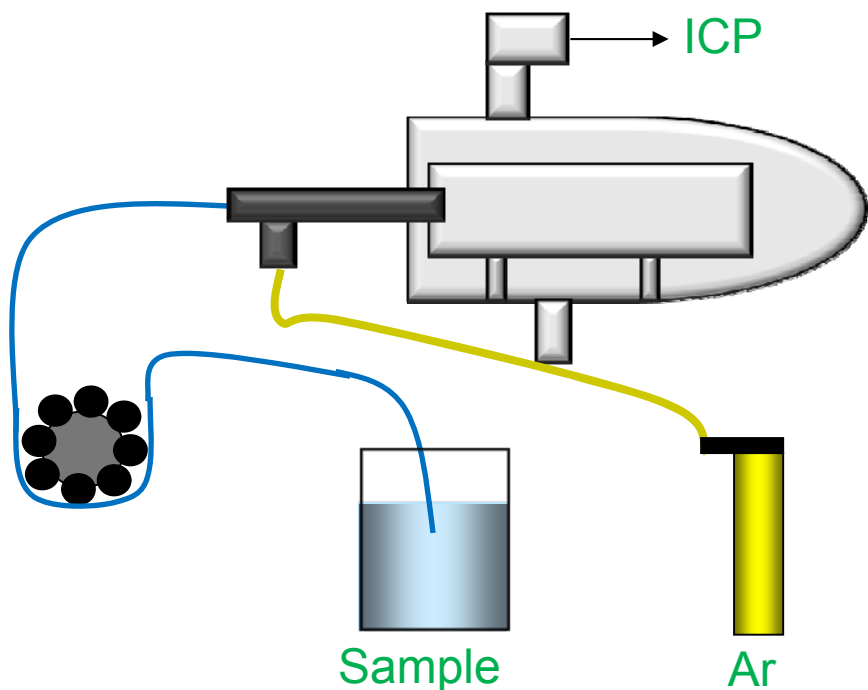
ICP-OES



ICP-MS

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## Sample introduction in ICP - based spectrometry



The “ideal” primary aerosol:

- ☺ Small and monodisperse drop size
- ☺ “Low” and uniform velocity

Conventional nebulizers drawbacks:

- ☹ Produce polydisperse aerosols – both in size and velocity
- ☹ Large sample uptakes are needed to achieve sufficient aerosol transport to the ICP

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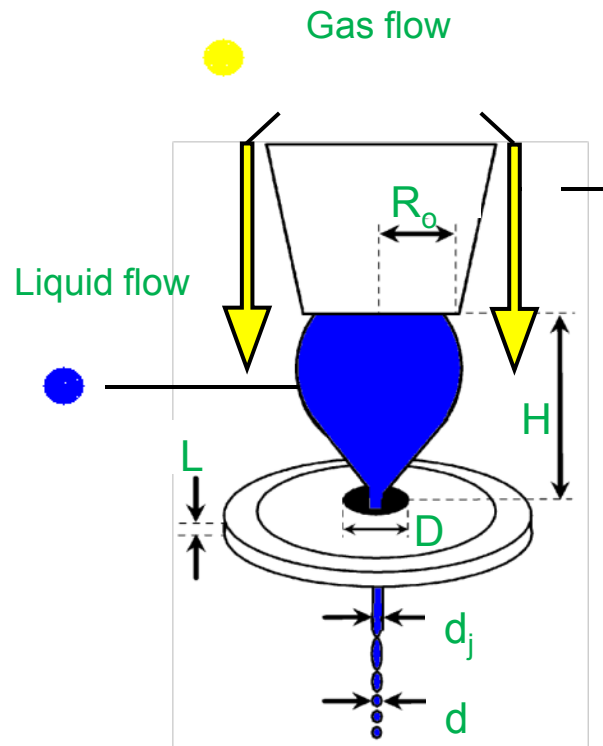
## ICP - based spectrometry

Some enhanced nebulizer designs:

- High efficiency nebulizer (HEN)
- Microconcentric nebulizer (MCN)
- Hydraulic high pressure pneumatic nebulizers (HHPN)
- Single-bore high-pressure pneumatic nebulizer (SBHPPN)
- Oscillating capillary nebulizer (OCN)
- Sonic-spray nebulizer (SSN)
- Direct injection nebulizers (DIN)

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## Flow Focusing<sup>®</sup> nebulization principle



$R_0$ : Feeding tube radius

H: Feeding tube-exit orifice distance

L: Plate thickness

D: Exit orifice diameter

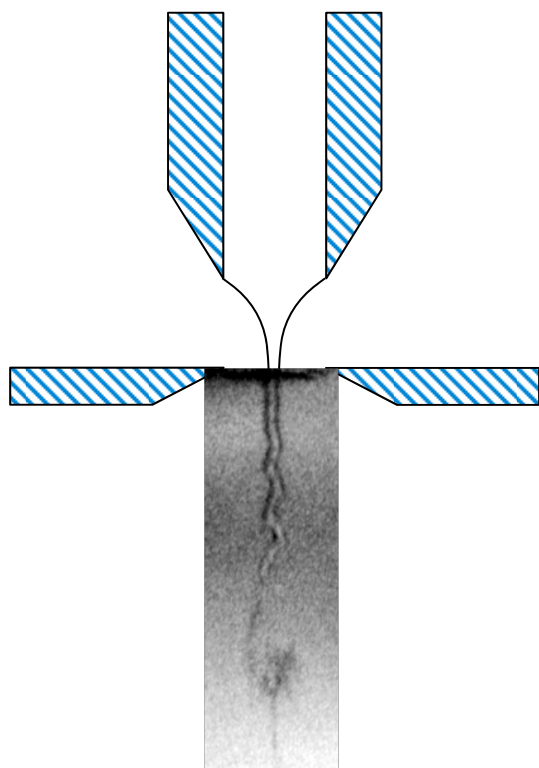
$d_j$ : Jet diameter at the exit hole

d: Droplet diameter

Schematic representation of Flow Focusing<sup>®</sup> liquid breakup

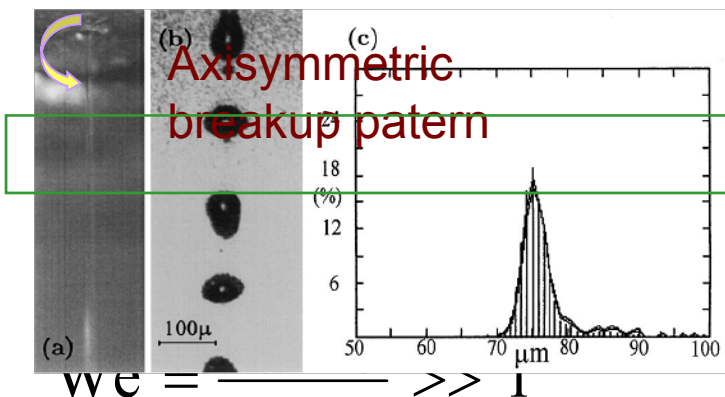
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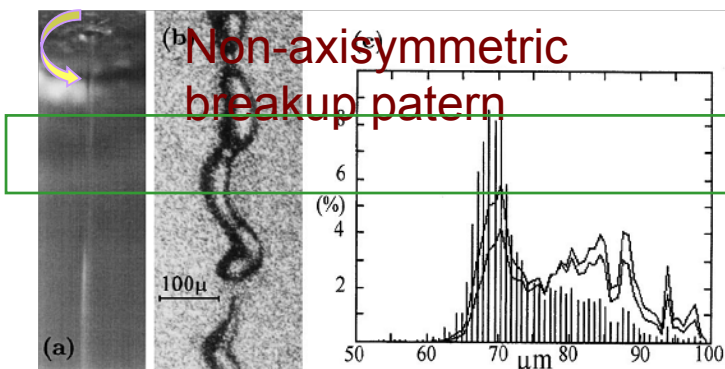
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$We_c \sim 40$

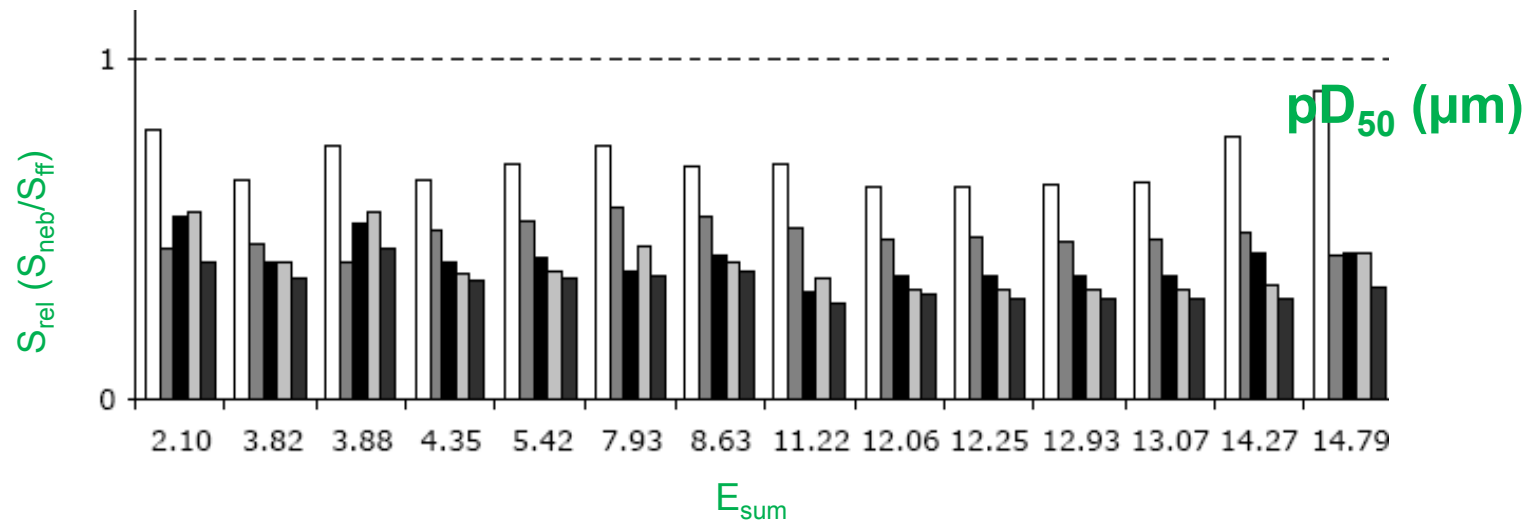




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## Flow Focusing<sup>®</sup> based nebulizer

ICP OES comparison with various conventional nebulizers:



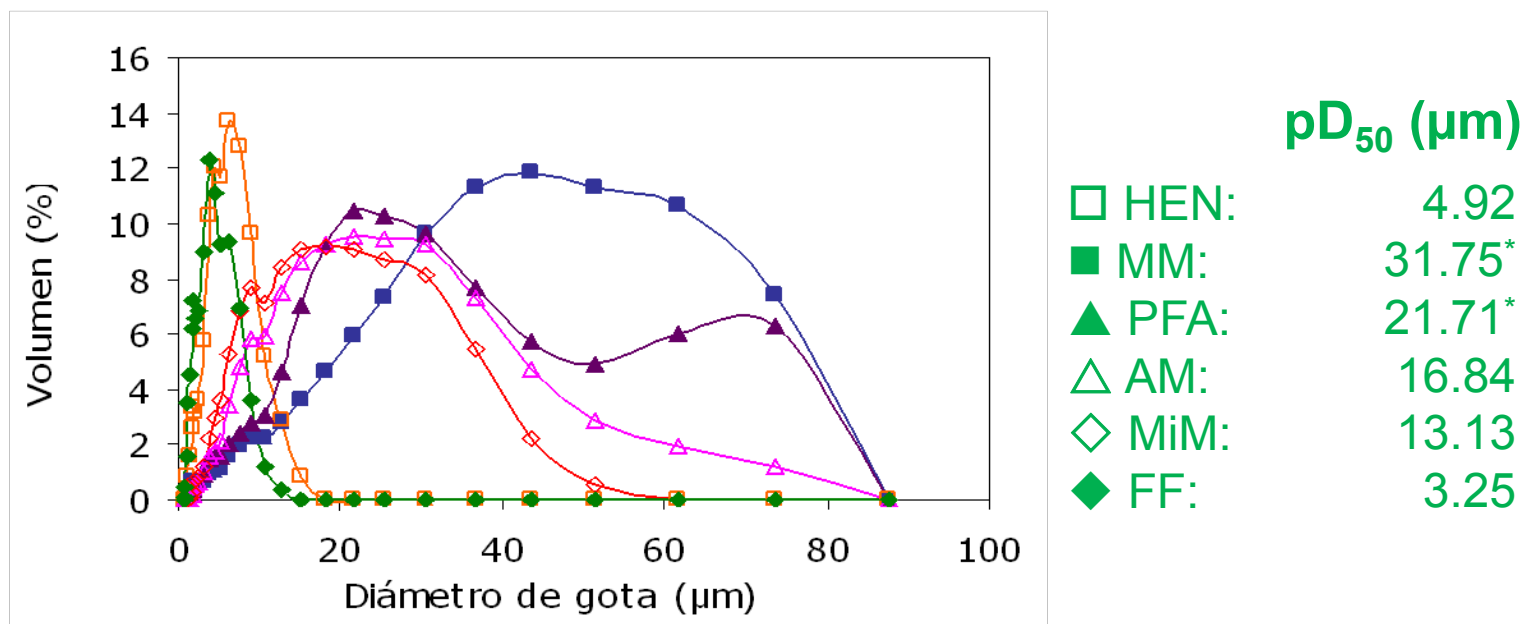
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Droplet size distribution comparison with various nebulizers:



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## Flow Focusing<sup>®</sup> nebulizer evolution



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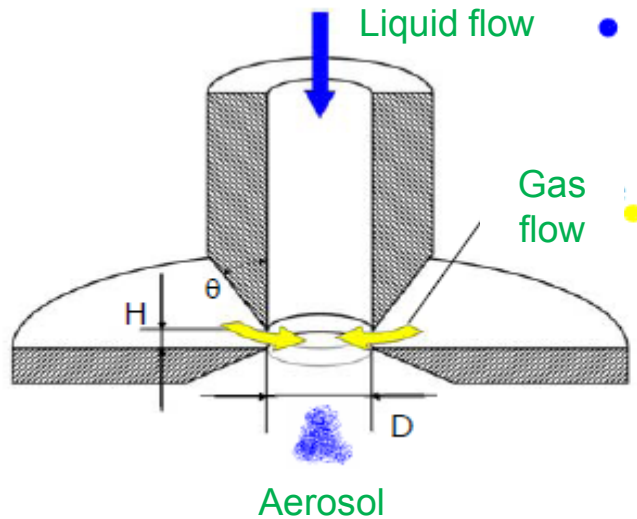
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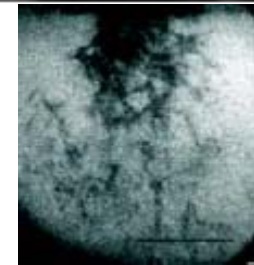
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## Flow Blurring<sup>®</sup> Nebulization



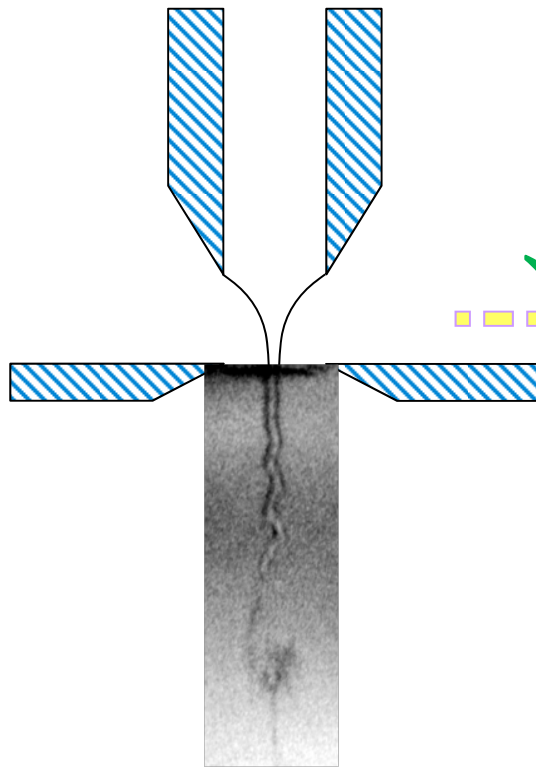
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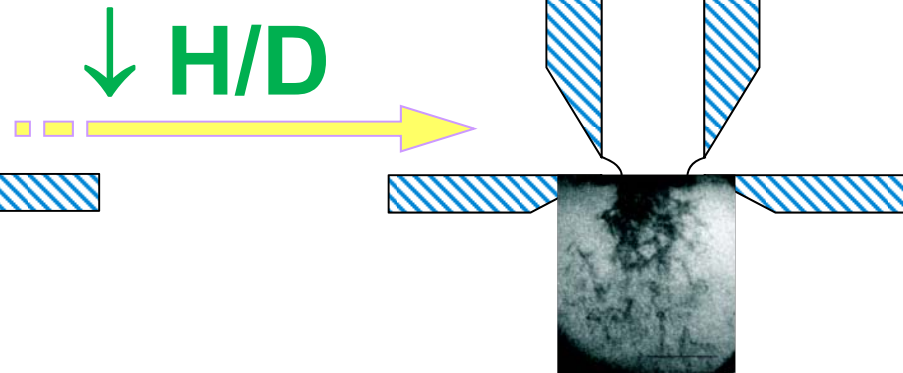
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$H/D = 1$

Flow Blurring<sup>®</sup>

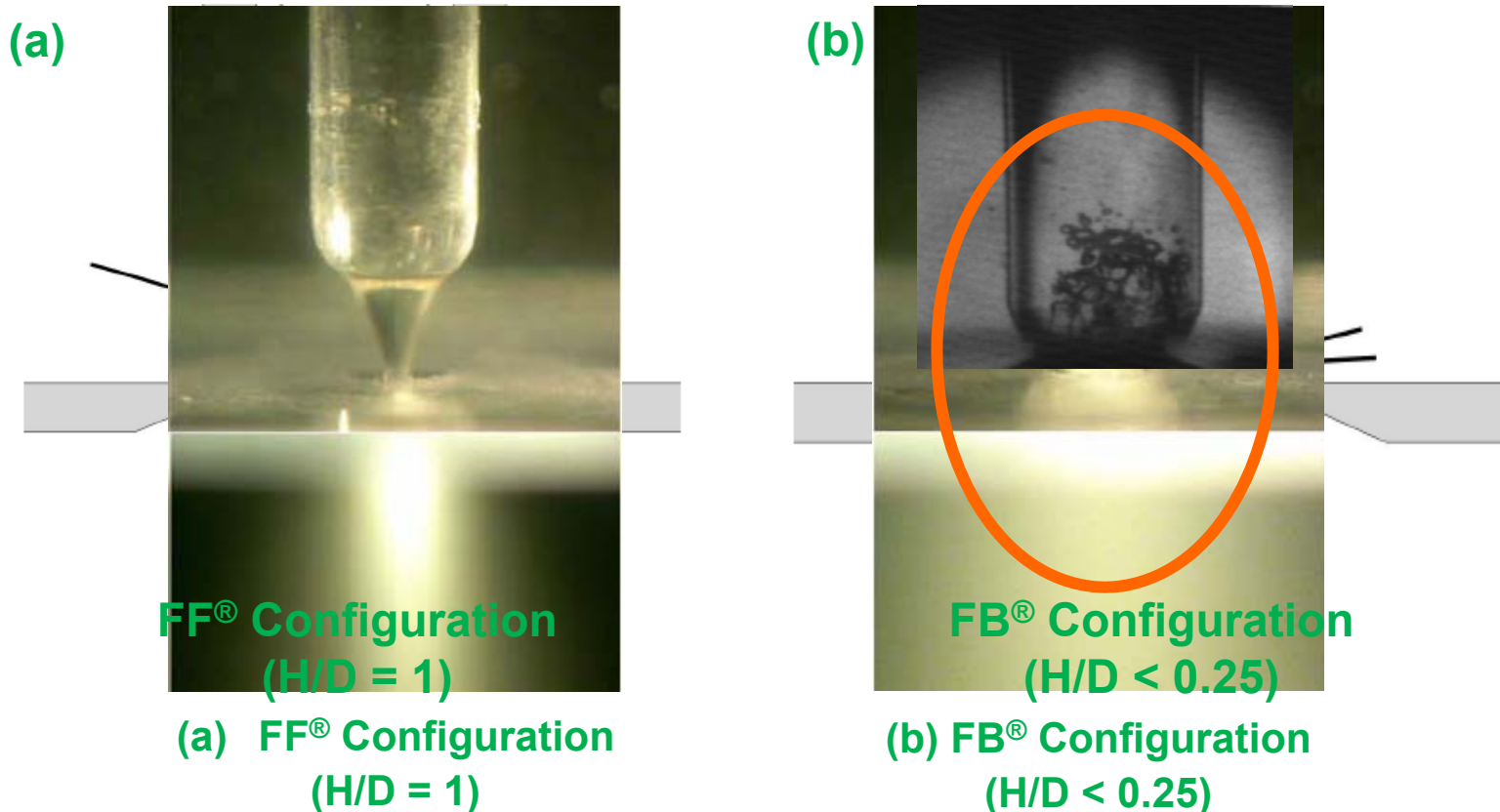


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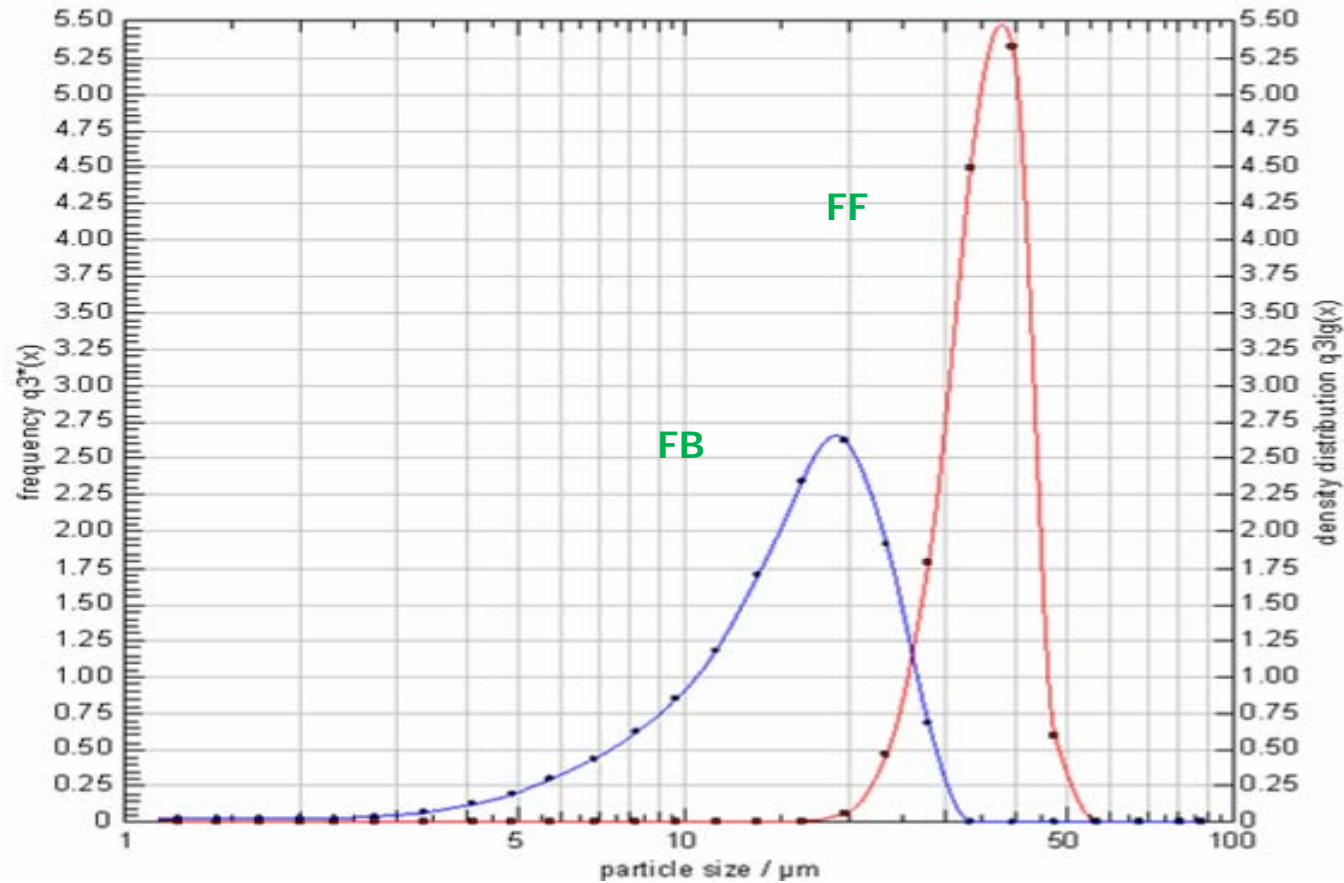
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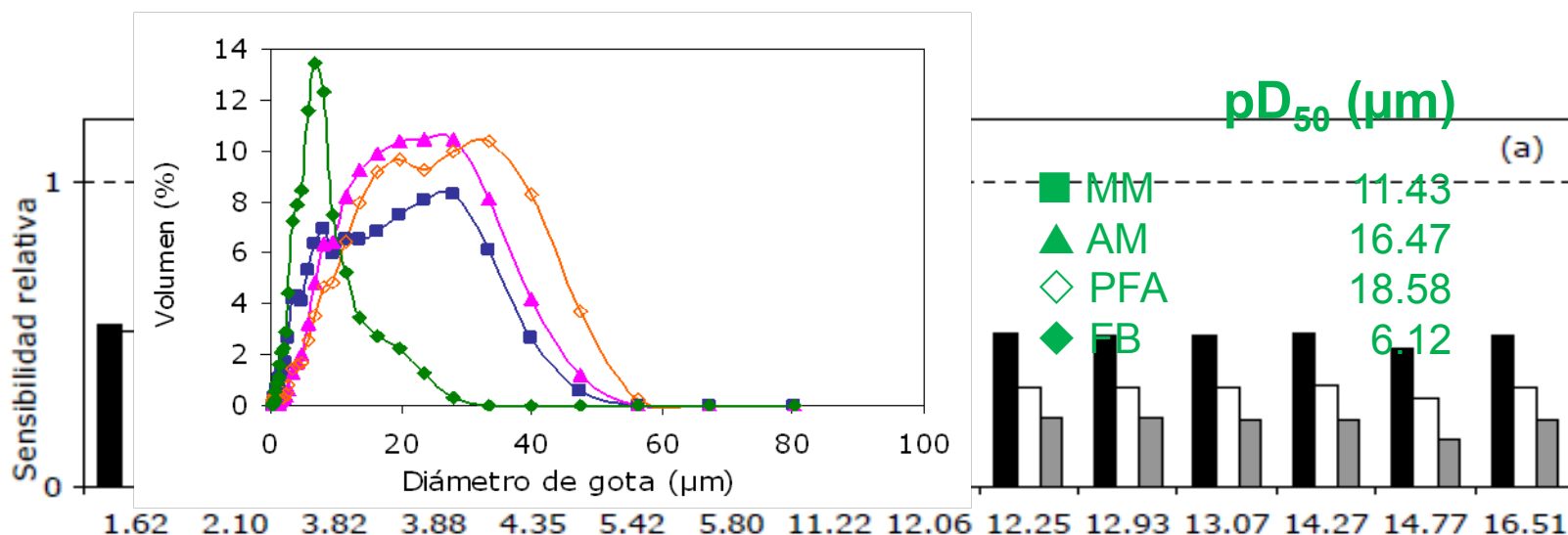
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## Flow Blurring<sup>®</sup> based nebulizer

ICP-OES size distribution with comparison of the various nebulizers:



$$Q_g = 0.70 \text{ L min}^{-1} \quad E_{sum} \text{ (eV)} \quad Q_l = 0.20 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$$



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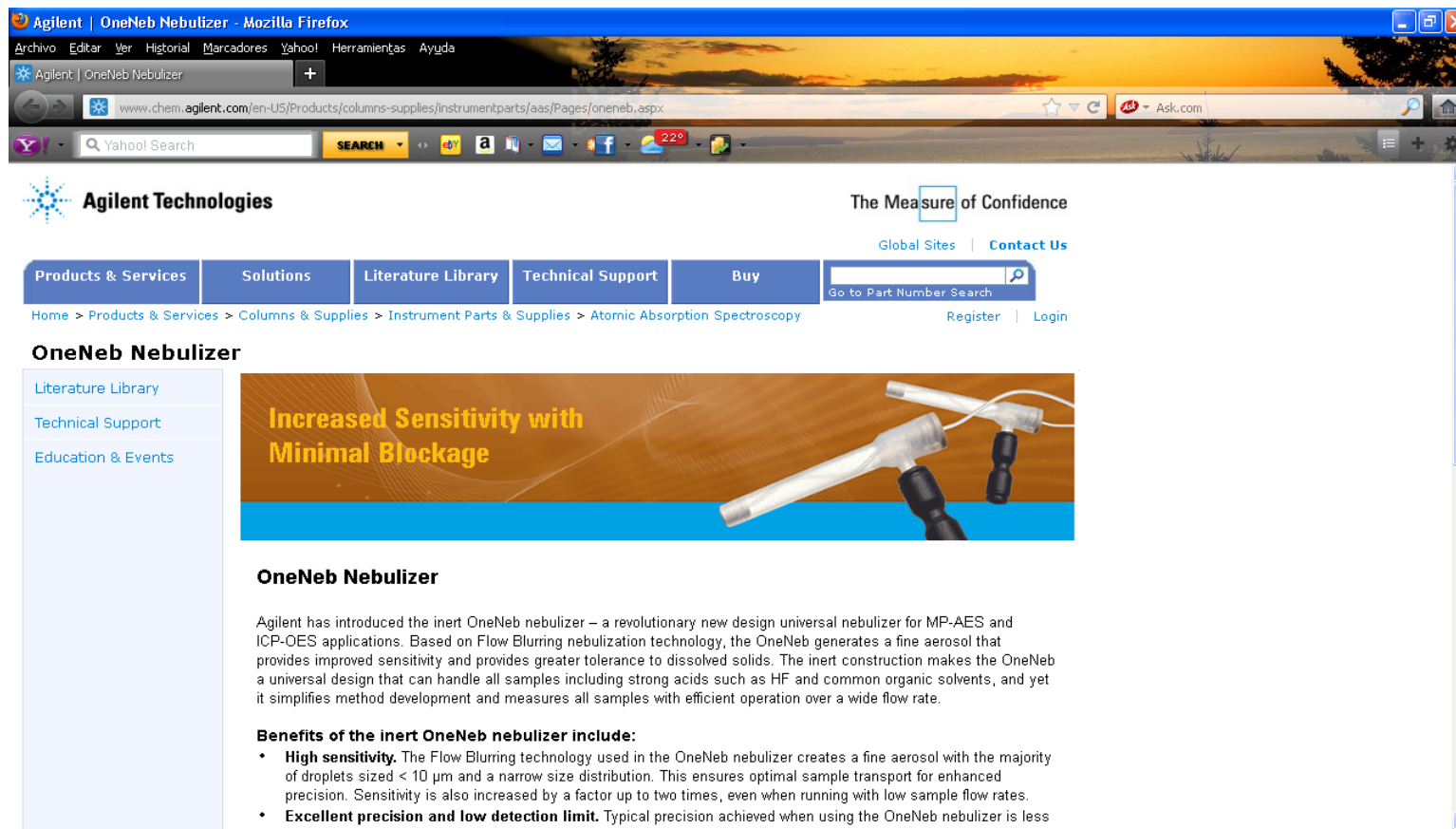
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## OneNeb<sup>®</sup> Nebulizer



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Agilent OneNeb Nebulizer product page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [www.chem.agilent.com/en-US/Products/columns-supplies/instrumentparts/aas/Pages/oneneb.aspx](http://www.chem.agilent.com/en-US/Products/columns-supplies/instrumentparts/aas/Pages/oneneb.aspx). The page features the Agilent Technologies logo and the tagline "The Measure of Confidence". A navigation menu includes "Products & Services", "Solutions", "Literature Library", "Technical Support", and "Buy". A search bar is present with the text "Go to Part Number Search". The main content area is titled "OneNeb Nebulizer" and includes a sub-header "Increased Sensitivity with Minimal Blockage" above an image of the nebulizer. Below the image, the text describes the nebulizer's features and benefits.

**OneNeb Nebulizer**

Agilent has introduced the inert OneNeb nebulizer – a revolutionary new design universal nebulizer for MP-AES and ICP-OES applications. Based on Flow Blurring nebulization technology, the OneNeb generates a fine aerosol that provides improved sensitivity and provides greater tolerance to dissolved solids. The inert construction makes the OneNeb a universal design that can handle all samples including strong acids such as HF and common organic solvents, and yet it simplifies method development and measures all samples with efficient operation over a wide flow rate.

**Benefits of the inert OneNeb nebulizer include:**

- **High sensitivity.** The Flow Blurring technology used in the OneNeb nebulizer creates a fine aerosol with the majority of droplets sized < 10 µm and a narrow size distribution. This ensures optimal sample transport for enhanced precision. Sensitivity is also increased by a factor up to two times, even when running with low sample flow rates.
- **Excellent precision and low detection limit.** Typical precision achieved when using the OneNeb nebulizer is less

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## Conclusions

### Flow Focusing<sup>®</sup> (FF<sup>®</sup>) and Flow Blurring<sup>®</sup> (FB<sup>®</sup>) nebulization principles:

Very efficient energy transfer from the nebulizing gas to the liquid sample stream  
Fine and monodisperse (in the case of FF<sup>®</sup>) aerosols  
High aerosol transport rate through the spray chamber  
Simple and robust nebulizer design, no clogging risks

### FF<sup>®</sup> and FB<sup>®</sup> nebulizers for sample introduction in ICP OES:

- Micronebulizer based on FF<sup>®</sup> principle
- (Micro)nebulizer based on FB<sup>®</sup> principle – OneNeb<sup>®</sup>
- Multiple nebulizer based on FF<sup>®</sup> and FB<sup>®</sup> principles
- Dedicated nebulizer for coupling with capillary electrophoresis based on FF<sup>®</sup> principle

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## Thank you for your attention!

