Supporting Information:

Quantification of impurities in diatomite via sensitivity-improved calibrationfree laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy

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1. Measured spectra

The spectra were recorded with delays of the detector gate with respect to the laser pulse $t_{delay} = 400$

ns (see Fig. S1) and 1000 ns (see Fig. S2). The gate width Δt_{gate} was chosen to $\Delta t_{gate} = \frac{t_{delay}}{2}$ as a compromise between the smallest available variation of plasma properties during the time of observation and the highest reachable signal-to-noise ratio¹. The data acquisition was performed by averaging over 480 ablation events, irradiating 160 sites on the sample surface with 3 laser pulses each. The sites were separated by a distance of 150 µm.



Fig. S1 Measured spectrum with a 400 ns delay and a 200 ns gate width. Data file: Measured spectrum with 400ns delay and 200ns gate width.txt



Fig. S2 Measured spectrum with a 1000 ns delay and a 500 ns gate width. Data file: Measured spectrum with 1000ns delay and 500ns gate width.txt

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