## **Supporting Information**

## **Carbon Nanodots Aqueous Binding Phase based Diffusive Gradients** in Thin-Films Technique for Measurement of Dissolvable Copper and Lead Species in Aquatic Environment

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Measured parameters	Water samples		
	Hun	Xi	Industrial
	River	Lake	discharge water
Location	41°41′ N,	41°44′ N,	41°73′ N,
	123 °13' E	123 °14' E	123 °24' E
Conductivity (µs cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	1932	1754	2813
Salinity (ppt) <sup>a</sup>	0.85	0.90	1.1
ORP (mV) <sup>a</sup>	206	161	312
$TDS (mg L^{-1})^{a}$	745	703	932
DOC (mg C $L^{-1}$ ) <sup>b</sup>	9.7±2.1	14.6±4.1	78.7±9.3
$\text{COD} (\text{mg } L^{-1})^{\text{ c}}$	74.1±9.7	94.3±8.7	694.3±79.1
pН	$7.9 \pm 0.4$	7.5±0.3	5.6±0.1
$Cu^{d}/mg L^{-1}$	N.D. <sup>e</sup>	N.D.	N.D.
$Pb^{d}/mg L^{-1}$	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.

Table S1 Physic-chemical characters of the water samples

<sup>a</sup> Conductivity, salinity, oxidation-reduction potential and total dissolved solids were measured by pen conductivity meter (ST10C-B), pen salinity meter (ST20S), pen ORP meter (ST10R)and pen TDS meter (ST10T-B), respectively (Ohaus, Canada).

<sup>b</sup> Dissolved organic carbon was measured using a TOC analyzer (Dohrmanne DC-190, GE, USA).

<sup>c</sup> Chemical oxygen demand was measured by potassium dichromate method.

 $^{\rm f}$  The concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  were measured by FAAS and by AFS, respectively .

<sup>e</sup> N.D. means not detected.



Figure S1 The schematic diagram of DGT device



Figure S2 XPS spectra of CDs for the  $\mathrm{O}_{1s}$  peak







**Figure S4** FTIR spectra of CDs before (black line) and after the adsorption of Cu<sup>2+</sup> (blue line) and Pb<sup>2+</sup> (red line).





Figure S5 XPS spectra of CDs after the adsorption of  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$  for the  $C_{1s}$  peak (a), the  $Cu_{2p}$  peak (b) and the  $Pb_{4f}$  peak (c).



Figure S6 Effects of FA and TA on the diffusion coefficients of Cu<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>.