

1 *Supplementary Materials*

2 **Systematic assessment of freely-diffusing single-**
3 **molecule fluorescence detection using Brownian**
4 **motion simulations**

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16 **Figure S1.** The model for the effective excitation volume is the point-spread function (PSF). The PSF was modeled using
17 PSFLab[5] for a typical 60x water immersion objective with a numerical aperture of 1.2, with a sample mounted on top a
18 150 μm coverglass and with sample excitation at a wavelength of 532 nm.

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21 **Figure S2.** The positions of diffusing molecules when they emitted photons that were detected and selected by the burst
22 analysis, with burst analysis parameters $m=10$, $F=6$ & a minimal burst size threshold of 40. In the top, central & bottom
23 panels we show the 2D projections at the yz , xz & xy planes when $x=0$, $y=0$ & $z=0$, respectively. Each dot in the scatter
24 plots is an emitted photon. These results are for the simulation of 15 molecules in 425 fL rectangular box (yielding a
25 concentration of 62 pM), where the diffusion coefficient of the molecules was $22.5 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$. The colors of the points
26 correspond to the burst number out of the overall number of bursts. In each panel, the 1D projections are shown in
27 histograms.

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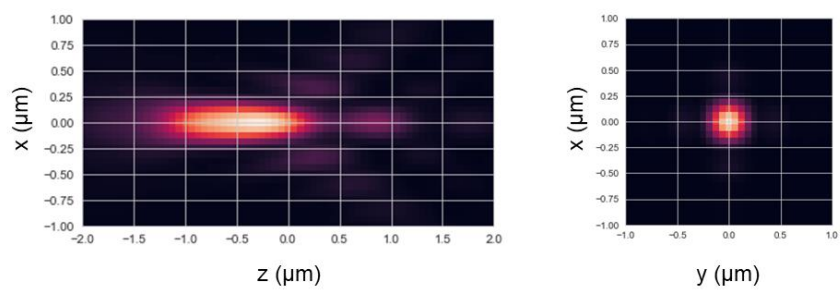
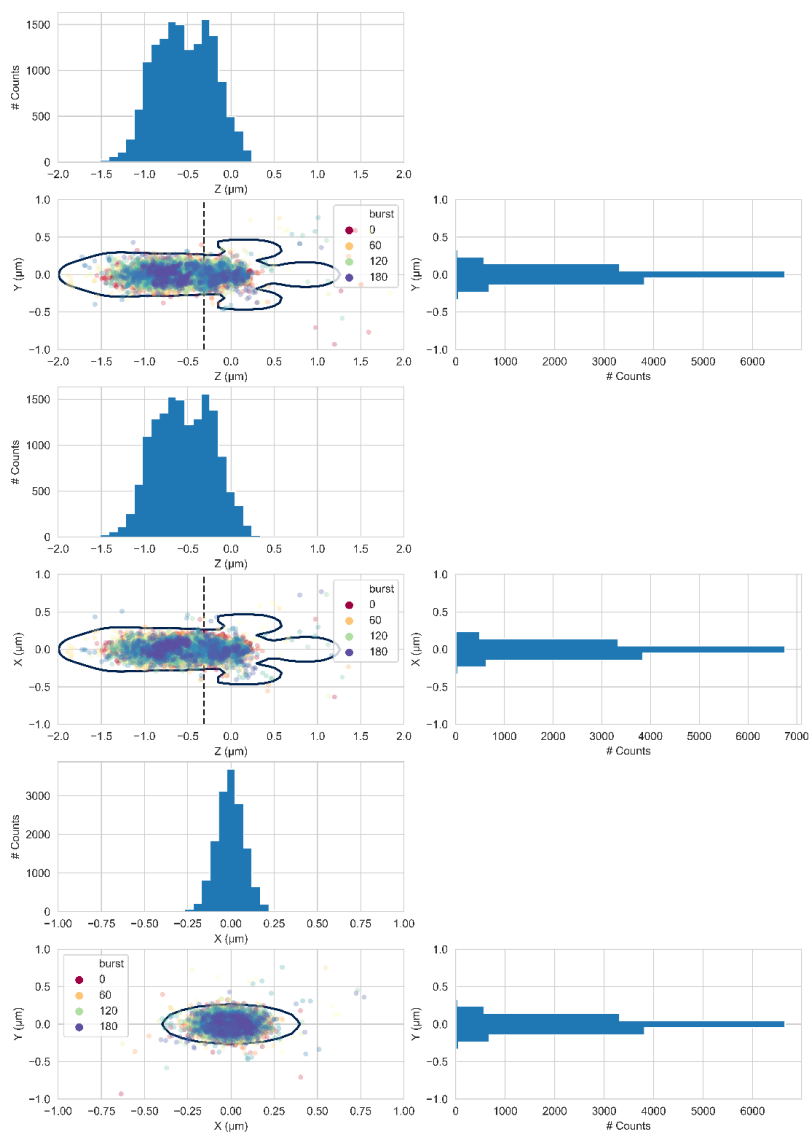


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Figure S2.