## Characterizing colloidal metals in drinking water by field flow fractionation

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 Table S1. FFF and ICP-MS instrument settings.

FFF settings	
Spacer	500 μm
Sample loop volume	1 mL
Injection flow rate	$0.5 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$
Cross-flow rate	$2.5 \text{ mL min}^{-1} - 0.1 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$
Channel flow rate	$1 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$
Focusing time	10 min
Elution time	28 min
ICP-MS settings	
Forward power	1400 W
Nebulizer flow rate	0.88 L min <sup>-1</sup>
Collision cell flow rate	7.05 mL min <sup>-1</sup>
Auxiliary flow rate	0.70 L min <sup>-1</sup>
Dwell time	0.1 s



**Figure S1.** Skewed and ordinary Gaussian fits to the void and NOM peaks (fractions 1 and 2), the latter representing organically complexed metals. Fractograms represent site A, round 2.



**Figure S2.** Abundance maps of iron, oxygen, copper, and carbon acquired by energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy, representing a typical micron-sized heteroaggregate.

Element	Percent weight
С	33.4
0	36.7
Na	1.9
Mg	21.0
Si	0.5
Κ	0.8
Ca	0.6
Fe	3.3
Cu	1.7

Table S2. Semiquantitative weight percentages as determined by energy	y dispersive X-ray
spectroscopy, representing the heteroaggregate shown in Figure S2.	



**Figure S3.** FFF separation of hematite, suspended in polyphosphate ( $0.6 \text{ mg P } \text{L}^{-1}$ ). Replicates represent separately prepared and filtered suspensions; this variation—in addition to variability due to the method itself—is reflected in the fractograms.