

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

***In situ* ultrasound-assisted synthesis of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles with simultaneous ion co-precipitation for multielemental analysis of natural waters by total reflection X-ray fluorescence spectrometry**

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Table S1. Adjustment of experimental data to Berthelot-Nernst law and Doerner-Hoskins law

Analyte	Berthelot-Nernst law		Doerner-Hoskins law	
	Equation for linear calibration	Correlation coefficient	Equation for linear calibration	Correlation Coefficient
Cu	$y = 0.5991 x - 2E-05$	0.9312	$y = 0.5833 x + 0.0135$	0.9232
Zn	$y = 2.4713 x - 0.0002$	0.9975	$y = 0.6876 x - 0.0138$	0.9912
Ge	$y = 35.12 x + 0.0001$	0.9907	$y = 0.7769 x - 0.0106$	0.9824
As	$y = 2.6019 x + 3E-05$	0.9913	$y = 1.058 x - 0.0938$	0.9863
Se	$y = 1.709 x - 0.0001$	0.8326	$y = 0.7255 x - 0.0271$	0.9568
Re	$y = 0.9968 x - 3E-07$	0.9917	$y = 1.3417 x + 0.0960$	0.9574
Au	$y = 1.7626 x - 0.0002$	0.9685	$y = 0.9315 x - 0.0652$	0.9516
Hg	$y = 5.3764 x + 2E-05$	0.9987	$y = 1.1054 x - 0.0719$	0.9593
Tl	$y = 1.0004 x + 3E-05$	0.9817	$y = 0.7973 x - 0.0962$	0.9061
Bi	$y = 1.1245 x + 3E-05$	0.9927	$y = 0.9885 x - 0.0384$	0.9696
Pb	$y = 1.0862 x + 9E-05$	0.9957	$y = 1.1673 x - 0.0774$	0.9820

Table S2. Study of possible interferences in natural waters on the application of the *in situ* UAMS-SIC approach combined with TXRF for multielemental analysis

Interferent	Studied level (mg L⁻¹)	Recoveries (%)
NaCl	100	95-104 (except Se, recovery: 65)
	1000	100-107 (except Se, recovery: 68)
	20000	96-107 (except Se, recovery: 62)
	50000	68-76 (except Se, recovery: 34)
Na₂SO₄	100	101-103 (except Se, recovery: 63)
	1000	100-105 (except Se, recovery: 66)
	20000	102-106 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	50000	64-71 (except Se, recovery: 42)
MgCl₂	5	98-108 (except Se, recovery: 68)
	20	101-107 (except Se, recovery: 63)
	100	99-107 (except Se, recovery: 61)
	200	51-64 (except Se, recovery: 48)
KH₂PO₄	5	99-108 (except Se, recovery: 65)
	20	100-105 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	100	101-108 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	200	99-105 (except Se, recovery: 68)
CaSO₄	50	99-107 (except Se, recovery: 63)
	100	100-108 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	500	100-106 (except Se, recovery: 65)
	2000	100-107 (except Se, recovery: 64)
Na₂CO₃	50	100-103 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	100	97-105 (except Se, recovery: 66)
	500	101-107 (except Se, recovery: 67)
	5000	72-61 (except Se, recovery: 39)
KNO₃	200	95-104 (except Se, recovery: 63)
	5000	100-104 (except Se, recovery: 65)
	12000	100-104 (except Se, recovery: 68)
Humic acid	1	99-108 (except Se, recovery: 64)
	10	99-106 (except Se, recovery: 63)
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*For concentrations of humic acid higher than 10 mg L⁻¹, *in situ* UAMS-SIC can not be performed because Fe₃O₄ NPs are stabilized by the humic acid.

Table S3. Found values and recoveries obtained by applying the *in situ* UAMS-SIC approach combined with TXRF for different natural water matrices

Sample	Metal added ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Metal found ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) \pm standard deviation, N=3 (Recovery (%) \pm standard deviation, N=3)										
		Cu	Ge	Zn	As	Se	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Re
Drinking water	0	0.8 \pm 0.1	< LLD	1.5 \pm 0.1	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	1.8 \pm 0.1	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	9 \pm 0.1 (89 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (103 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (99 \pm 1)	< LLD	11 \pm 0.1 (109 \pm 1)	11 \pm 0.1 (107 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (102 \pm 3)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	11 \pm 0.2 (114 \pm 3)	< LLD
	50	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 1)	51 \pm 1 (101 \pm 0.3)	50 \pm 0.4 (101 \pm 1)	50 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	31 \pm 1 (63 \pm 1)	52 \pm 1 (105 \pm 2)	48 \pm 1 (96 \pm 1)	49 \pm 1 (98 \pm 1)	49 \pm 1 (99 \pm 2)	50 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 1)	51 \pm 1 (102 \pm 1)
	300	299 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	289 \pm 1 (96 \pm 1)	302 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	292 \pm 2 (97 \pm 1)	194 \pm 2 (65 \pm 1)	303 \pm 2 (101 \pm 3)	285 \pm 1 (95 \pm 1)	302 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	295 \pm 2 (98 \pm 1)	302 \pm 2 (103 \pm 1)
Tap water	0	2.5 \pm 0.6	< LLD	3.2 \pm 0.5	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	12 \pm 1 (95 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (104 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	< LLD	10 \pm 0.2 (97 \pm 3)	11 \pm 0.1 (107 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	10 \pm 1 (97 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (98 \pm 2)	< LLD
	50	49 \pm 1 (98 \pm 2)	51 \pm 1 (102 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.1)	49 \pm 0.5 (98 \pm 1)	27 \pm 1 (54 \pm 1)	51 \pm 0.4 (102 \pm 1)	48 \pm 1 (96 \pm 2)	50 \pm 0.1 (99 \pm 0.2)	51 \pm 1 (102 \pm 1)	47 \pm 0.2 (94 \pm 0.5)	48 \pm 1 (97 \pm 1)
	300	310 \pm 1 (103 \pm 1)	296 \pm 1 (99 \pm 2)	306 \pm 1 (102 \pm 1)	303 \pm 2 (101 \pm 1)	196 \pm 1 (65 \pm 1)	296 \pm 1 (99 \pm 0.4)	300 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	295 \pm 1 (98 \pm 1)	302 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	303 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 0.2)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1.0)
Mineral water	0	0.7 \pm 0.1	< LLD	13 \pm 1	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.3 (100 \pm 3)	10 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 2)	< LLD	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (102 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (103 \pm 1)	< LLD
	50	50 \pm 0.3 (101 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.3 (100 \pm 1)	51 \pm 1 (102 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.3)	30 \pm 0.4 (60 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.3)	50 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.4)	50 \pm 0.4 (101 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.4 (101 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.4 (101 \pm 1)
	300	300 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 0.1)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 0.2)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 1)	301 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.2)	191 \pm 0.3 (64 \pm 1)	301 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.2)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.3)	300 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.4)	301 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.1)	301 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.1)	300 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.1)
River water	0	0.30 \pm 0.01	< LLD	2.8 \pm 0.5	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (105 \pm 1)	10 \pm 1.0 (100 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (97 \pm 2)	< LLD	10 \pm 0.2 (99 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (105 \pm 3)	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (104 \pm 1)	< LLD
	50	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 1)	50 \pm 1 (100 \pm 2)	49 \pm 1 (99 \pm 0.4)	50 \pm 0.2 (101 \pm 0.5)	34 \pm 0.2 (68 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.5)	49 \pm 0.1 (98 \pm 0.3)	50 \pm 1 (101 \pm 0.5)	51 \pm 0.5 (101 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.5 (101 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 1)
	300	301 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 1)	301 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.3 (100 \pm 0.1)	192 \pm 1 (64 \pm 1)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.3)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.4)	301 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 1)
Dam water	0	0.30 \pm 0.01	< LLD	0.6 \pm 0.1	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	10 \pm 0.2 (101 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (105 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (104 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	< LLD	10 \pm 0.2 (102 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.2 (102 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.2 (105 \pm 3)	10 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	< LLD
	50	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 0.2)	50 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.3 (101 \pm 1)	38 \pm 0.3 (76 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.3)	50 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.3)	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.4)	50 \pm 1 (101 \pm 0.1)	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.5)	50 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.4)
	300	301 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 0.2)	300 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 0.1)	300 \pm 1 (100 \pm 0.3)	300 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 0.1)	191 \pm 1 (64 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 0.1)	300 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.3 (100 \pm 0.1)	301 \pm 0.2 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 0.2)	300 \pm 0.1 (100 \pm 0.2)
Well water	0	< LLD	< LLD	3.3 \pm 0.2	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD	< LLD
	10	11 \pm 1 (109 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (103 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (99 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.2 (104 \pm 2)	< LLD	10 \pm 1 (108 \pm 1)	9 \pm 0.1 (94 \pm 1)	10 \pm 0.1 (97 \pm 2)	10 \pm 0.1 (98 \pm 1)	11 \pm 0.2 (106 \pm 3)	< LLD
	50	51 \pm 0.2 (101 \pm 0.4)	50 \pm 1 (100 \pm 1)	51 \pm 0.2 (102 \pm 0.4)	50 \pm 1 (101 \pm 1)	39 \pm 0.1 (78 \pm 1)	51 \pm 0.5 (102 \pm 2)	50 \pm 1 (101 \pm 0.3)	49 \pm 1 (98 \pm 1)	51 \pm 1 (102 \pm 1)	49 \pm 0.4 (98 \pm 1)	50 \pm 0.3 (101 \pm 1)
	300	301 \pm 0.3 (100 \pm 1)	303 \pm 1 (101 \pm 3)	302 \pm 0.1 (101 \pm 0.5)	296 \pm 1 (98 \pm 0.4)	193 \pm 1 (64 \pm 0.3)	300 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 0.1)	302 \pm 1 (101 \pm 0.3)	298 \pm 0.4 (99 \pm 0.5)	300 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 1)	300 \pm 0.5 (100 \pm 1)	301 \pm 0.4 (100 \pm 1)

LLD: Lowest detection limit