DISTRIBUCIÓN EN ESPACIO Y TIEMPO DE LOS ISÓTOPOS DE HIERRO EN EL MATERIAL EN SUSPENSIÓN DEL RÍO AMAZONAS Y SUS PRINCIPALES AFLUENTES

DISTRIBUTION IN SPACE AND TIME OF IRON ISOTOPES IN PARTICULATE MATTER FROM THE AMAZON RIVER AND ITS MAIN TRIBUTARIES

RÉPARTITION DANS L'ESPACE ET LE TEMPS DES ISOTOPES DE FER DANS LA FRACTION PARTICULAIRE DU FLEUVE AMAZONE ET SES PRINCIPAUX AFFUENTS

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OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Study potential variations of iron isotopes in the Amazon River and its tributaries, relative to various parameters, such as:
- different locations;
- different climates / periods of hydrological cycle;
- different levels of water column (depth profiles);
- different types of water (white, black, clear).
 - ✓ Compare results to river systems located in different areas of the world, both boreal and intertropical

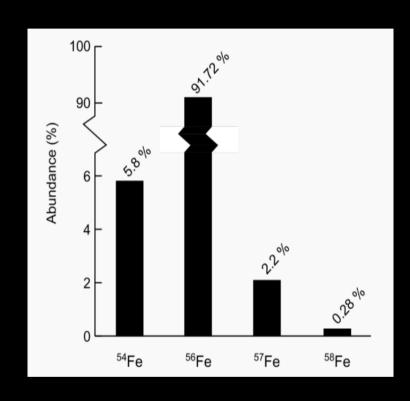
IRON

• 54Fe: 5.80%

• ⁵⁶Fe: 91.72%

• ⁵⁷Fe: 2.20%

• ⁵⁸Fe: 0.28%



$$\delta^{57} Fe(\%o) = \left(\frac{{}^{57} Fe/{}^{54} Fe_{ech.}}{{}^{57} Fe/{}^{54} Fe_{IRMM-14}} - 1\right) \times 1000$$

IRON ISOTOPES

- ✓ Sensitive to redox states
- ✓ Tracers of different sources

- ♦ Rivers (tributaries, soils, vegetation)
- ♦ Oceans (from rivers, aerosols, fluids of sediments' pores)

SAMPLING & METHODS



Three field campaigns:

Napo, Ucayali, Marañon (Peru) Negro, Solimões, Amazonas, Madeira, Tapajós (Brasil)

October and November 2009; July 2010





Samples filtered in field with 0.45 µm membranes (celulose acetate) – Dissolution of membranes for recovery of suspended matter (SM) – HNO₃, H₂O₂, HF & HCl 6N

IRON IN SUSPENDED MATTER (SM)

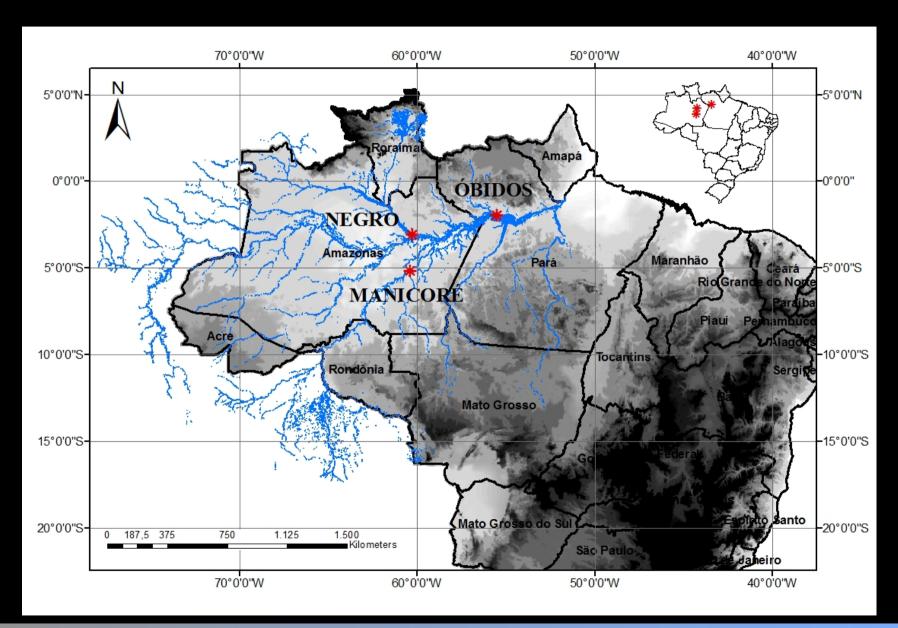
- ✓ purified by anion chromatography
- ✓ analysed by MC-ICP-MS (Geocronology Laboratory University of Brasília & GET, Toulouse)
- ✓ Ni-doping technique applied to correct for mass bias during MC-ICP-MS measurements (Poitrasson and Freydier, 2005)
- ✓ Milhas hematite standard δ^{57} Fe value of 0.757±0.067‰ (2SD), relative to the IRMM-14 isotopic standard good agreement with previous published data (0.746±0.062, Poitrasson & Freydier, 2005) good stability AND accuracy of the equipment



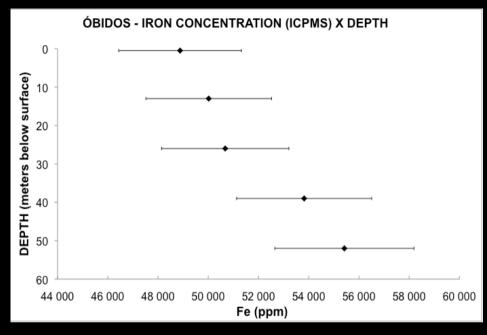
Multicollector – Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (MC-ICP-MS) – Geocronology Laboratory – University of Brasília

RESULTS

Studied Sites:



Depth Profile -ÓBIDOS

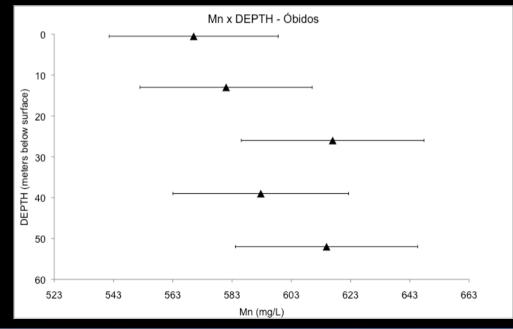


MC-ICPMS

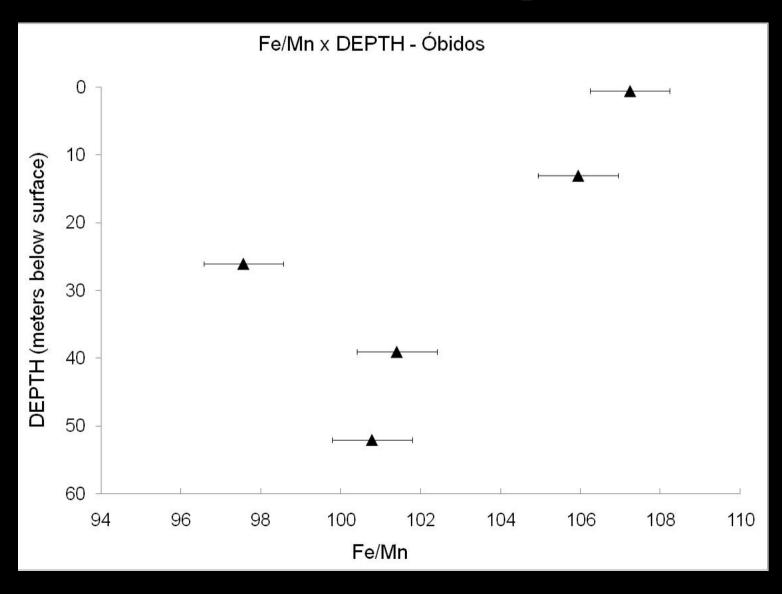
Fe - behavior in suspended matter

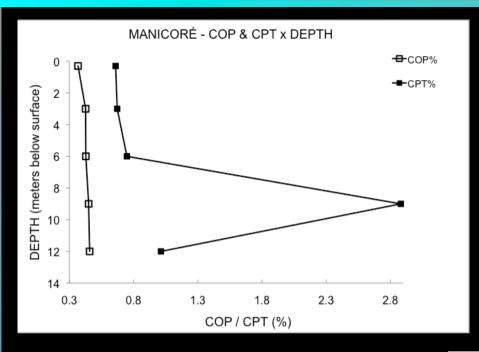
ICP-AOS

Mn - behavior in suspended matter



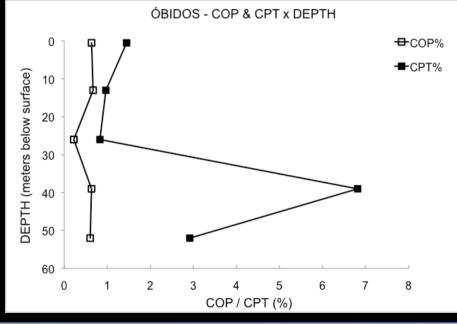
Fe/Mn ratios – behavior in suspended matter



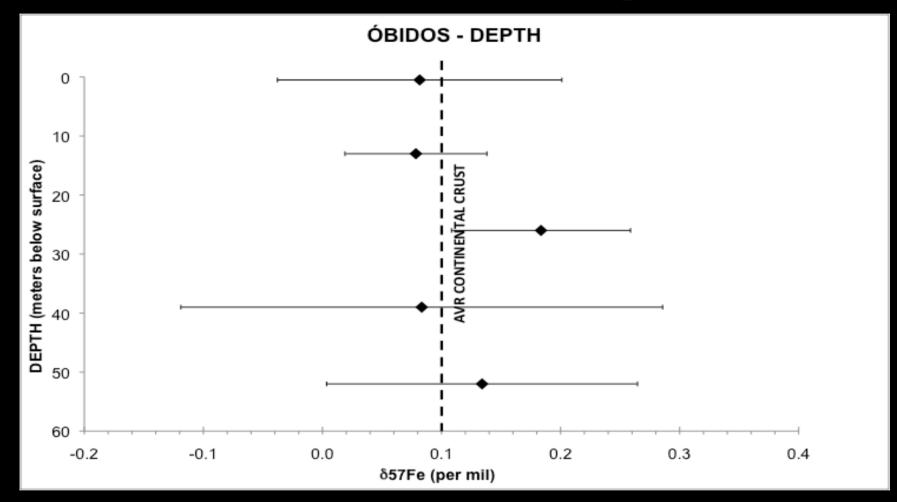


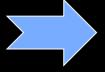
Total Particular Carbon & Organic Particular Carbon

Similar pattern for Santarém Station!



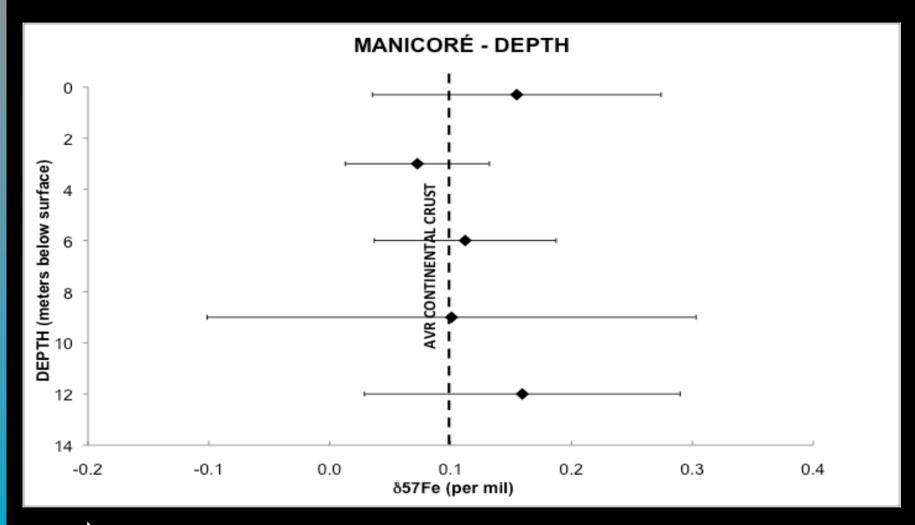
DEPTH PROFILE – ÓBIDOS – suspended matter





Surface samples represent the whole section

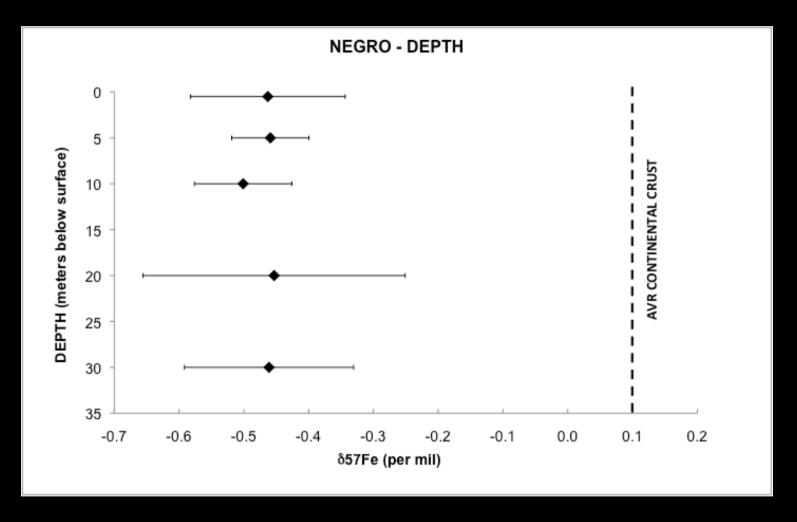
DEPTH PROFILE – MANICORÉ - suspended matter





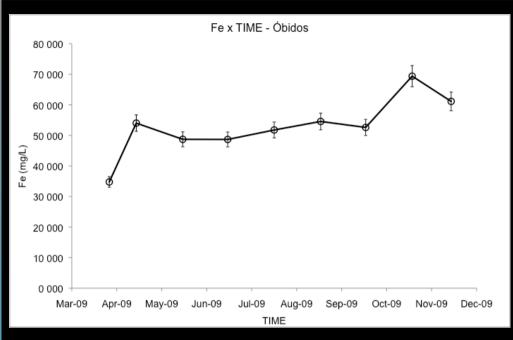
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DEPTH PROFILE – NEGRO - suspended matter



✓ Black waters – more humic, acid pH – organic matter signature ✓ upper soil horizons, rich in organic matter – similar isotopic signatures

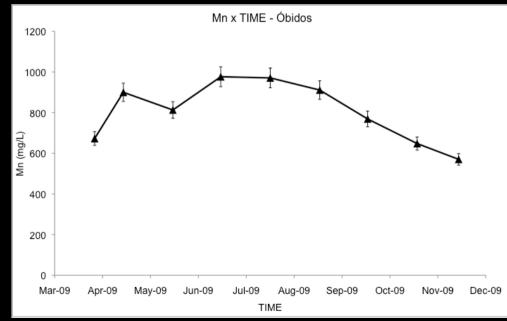
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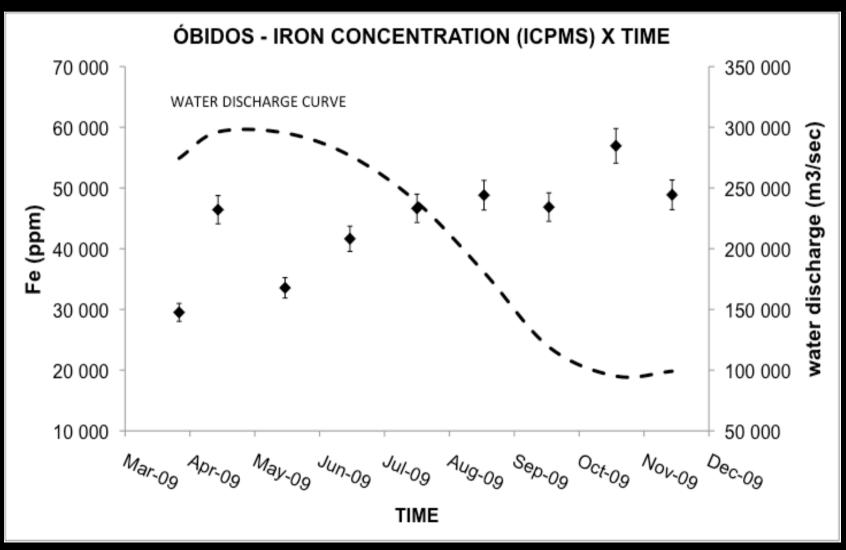
ICP-AES

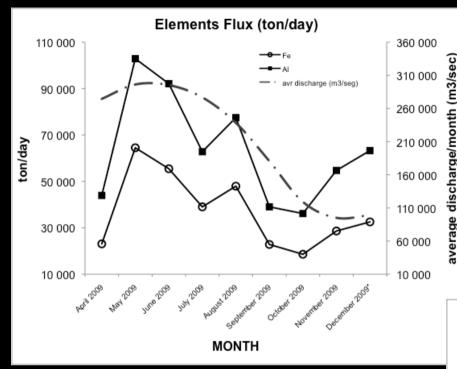
Fe, Mg, Al - behavior in suspended matter

Mn – behavior in suspended matter

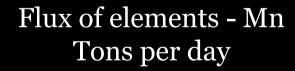


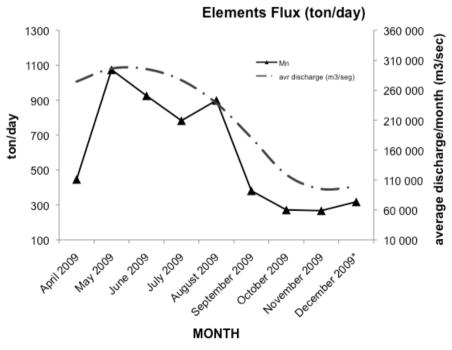
Temporal Series Óbidos – Suspended Matter Iron Concentration (MC-ICPMS)



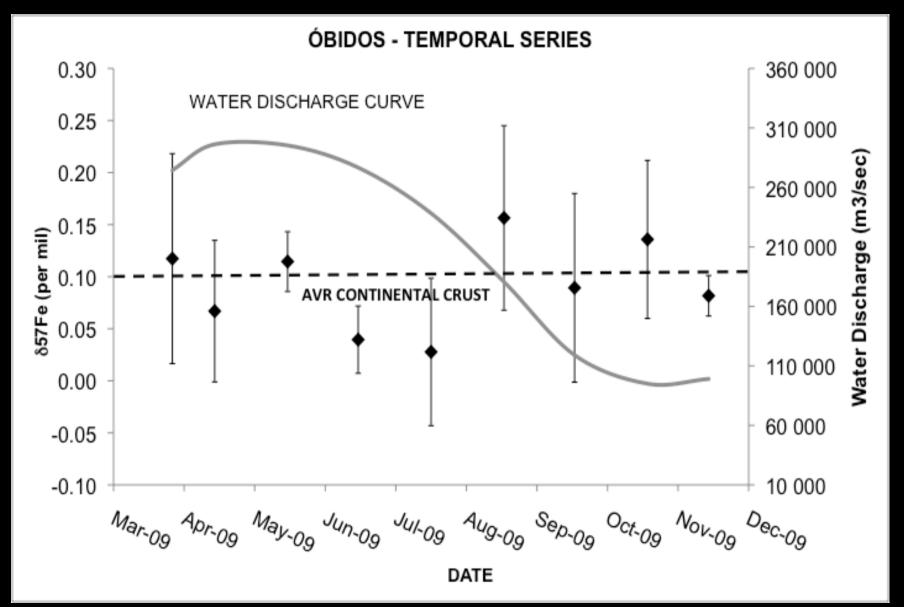


Flux of elements - Fe, Mg, Al Tons per day

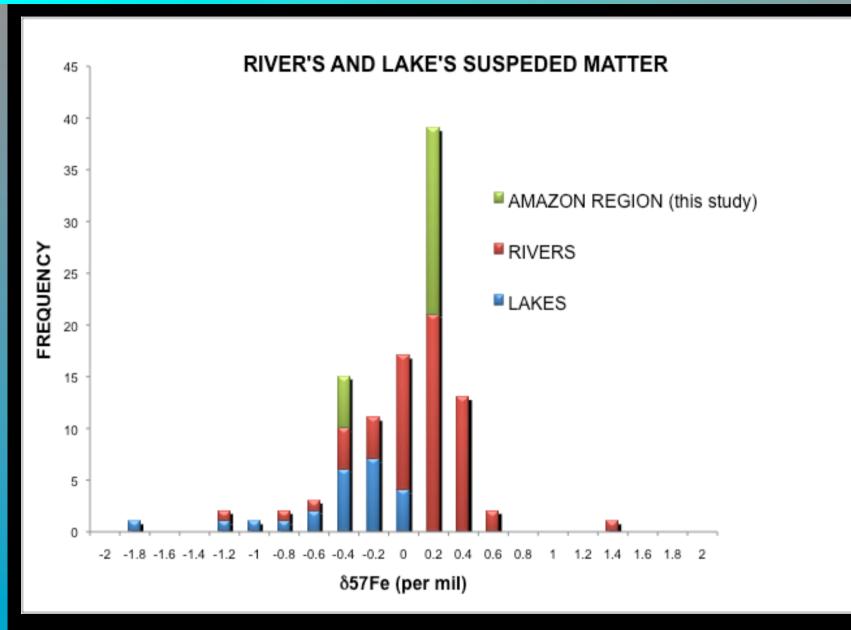




Temporal Series Óbidos – Iron Isotopes – Suspended Matter



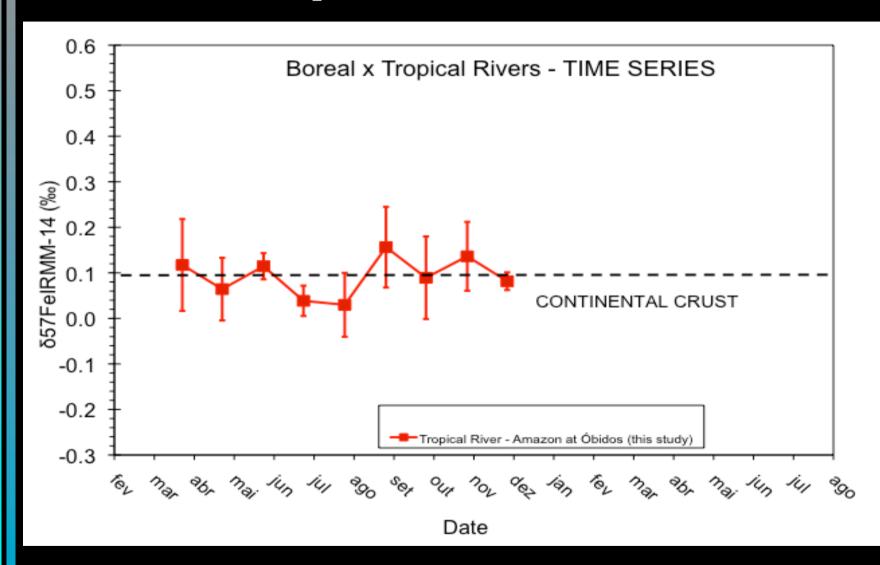
DISCUSSION



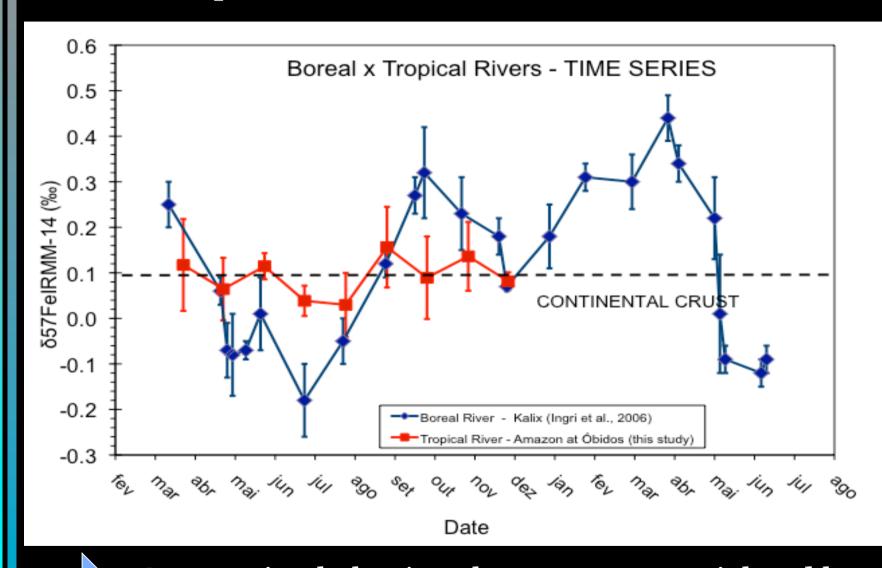
Data from: Bergquist & Boyle, 2006; Ingri et al., 2006; Escoube et al., 2009; Song et al., 2011

BOREAL X INTERTROPICAL RIVERS

Iron Isotopes – Amazon River at Óbidos



Iron Isotopes – Kalix River (Sweeden) & Amazon River



Contrasting behaviour between equatorial and boreal

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- ✓ Surface samples seem representative of the whole river section
- ✓ Results obtained for depth profiles (Madeira & Amazonas) and for the temporal series (Amazonas) are similar the continental crust's δ^{57} Fe (~0.1‰, Poitrasson, 2006)
 - ✓ Negro River only station with distinct δ^{57} Fe values (but \neq Bergquist & Boyle (2006) : 1‰ discrepancy!
- ✓ Contrasting with boreal rivers, where δ^{57} Fe values in suspended load varies by up to ~0.6‰ along the year (Ingri *et al.*, 2006)
- ✓ Very little Fe isotope fractionation during Fe transfer from soils to rivers in intertropical zones (see also: Poitrasson *et al.*, 2008)

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