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#### ABSTRACT

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This research was to determine the chemical partitioning of Fe, Mn, Zn, Cu, Pb, Ni, Cr, Co, Ba and Al in sediments of the Amazon River Continental Shelf. Partitioning of metals was determined by a method of selective chemical attacks. The chemical data were studied in raw form and after reduction by R and Q-mode factor analysis. These data and previous studies on shelf hydrodynamics were used to conclude that: (1) the Amazon River is dominate over all other sources of trace metals to shelf sediments; (2) repartitioning of metals in sediments occurs between river and shelf environments; (3) the river sediment can be a potential source of metals to seawater, during passage to seawater. Importance as a source decreases as Ni>Co>Fe>Cr; (4) metal concentrations in the shelf sediments are dependent on grain-type; (5) Amazon Shelf Sediments remain oxic to a depth of 450 cm; (6) little repartitioning occurs with sediment depth. Dedicated to my parents for all their loving support and encouragement.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The geochemical cycle of any trace metal is defined in terms of sources, pathways, and sinks. In continental shelf environments continental fresh water and marine waters mix. Upon mixing more than 95% of the terrigenous sediment contained in the freshwater settles out prior to 3 0/00 salinity (Milliman <u>et al.</u>, 1975), thereby making continental shelf sediments a possible major sink for trace metals in exogenic systems.

Two major sources of trace metal influx into oceanic sediments exist; a river source and a hydrothermal source (Schutz and Turekian, 1965). Traditionally, continental runoff has been considered the major source of metals to seawater and marine sediments (Gibbs, 1965; Sholkovitz and Price, 1980). Recently, however, it has been suggested, and in part demonstrated, that hydrothermal activity associated with oceanic ridge systems could also be a significant source of metals to marine environments (Gordon and Corliss, 1979; Edmond <u>et al</u>., 1979; Windom <u>et al</u>., 1971; Brumsack, 1980; Dymond, 1981; Marchig <u>et al</u>., 1982; Bischoff and Dickson, 1975). The significance of this source, though, has as yet not been assessed.

The purpose of this research is to determine the controls on trace metal concentrations in continental shelf sediments as well as their source. The area for this study is the Amazon Continental Shelf which is a relatively contaminate free environment (Drever, 1982). The

working hypothesis for this study is that patterns of trace metal chemical partitioning among various chemical phases in shelf sediments should reflect the controls on their chemical behavior and sources of metals to the sediment (Loring, 1976; Loring, 1982; Luoma and Bryan, 1981).

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## SIGNIFICANCE AND RESEARCH GOALS

The Amazon River Continental Shelf was selected as a study area because it is an unpolluted system whose river source drains through diverse environments. Hence, it offers an excellent opportunity to study trace metal geochemical behaviors. It is also one of the major rivers of the world, supplying 18% of all river water to the ocean. Consequently, the study of the nature of trace metals in the associated shelf sediments should be particularly important in helping to understand the chemical processes occurring in shelf sediments.

The goals of this research are to:

- Determine the partitioning fate of selected trace metals upon interaction with shelf sediments,
- (2) Determine the fate of selected trace metals during shelf sediment diagenesis,
- (3) Define trace metal sources to shelf sediments.

NATURE OF METALS IN MARINE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF ENVIRONMENTS

This section discusses previous work on the geochemical cycle of elements in marine environments. The geochemical cycles are defined in terms of sources, pathways, and sinks of the elements. Discussion is focused on those aspects of the marine environment that can be related to the geochemical behavior of metals in continental shelf environments. Trace metal diagenesis in marine sediments will also be discussed.

Sources of Metals to Shelf:

Sources of trace metals to marine and therefore continental shelf environments have been summarized by Schutz and Turekian (1965) as:

- (1) stream and river,
- (2) submarine volcanism,
- (3) submarine alteration or solution of non-volcanic material,
- (4) eolian,
- (5) glacial discharge, and
- (6) anthropogenic.

Eolian and glacial discharge are considered minor sources of trace metal input into the continental shelf (Schultz and Turekian, 1965). Submarine alteration and submarine volcanism on the other hand are difficult to distinguish as unique sources to shelf sediments and are therefore classified together as a ridge source. In the case of the Amazon River system, the anthropogenic input is considered negligible

(Drever, 1982). Ridge systems and river runoff can therefore be considered the two major sources of trace metal input into the shelf sediments.

Several marine environments have been studied (estuaries, deep ocean sediments, ridge systems, continental shelf and fjords) with regard to the delineation of separate trace metal sources. Factor analysis was used to define the relative importance of each source input (Imbrie and Van Andel, 1964). In this research two basic types of multivariant factor analysis were utilized, Q-mode and R-mode. Q-mode correlates two samples on the basis of the variables, whereas R-mode compares the relationships between the variables on the basis of the samples (Kerlinger, 1973; Nelson, 1981; Parks, 1970; Imbrie and Van Andel, 1964).

Mathematically, Q and R-mode factor analysis treat each sample or variable as a vector and resolves it into a small number of component vectors (Imbrie and Van Andel, 1964). Frequently, the original or raw data matrix must be transformed, but this transformation should in no way affect the accuracy of the program because relative proportions of variables are preserved (Bopp, 1981; Loring, 1982). This transformation of raw data allows every variable to have equal weight in the statistical program despite the ranges observed in variable's concentration.

The results of Q-mode factor analysis are written in two matrixes, the  $F_s$ -matrix and the B-matrix. The  $F_s$ -matrix is a table listing combinations of the variables that define the compositional end-members for each of the factors. The B-matrix is a matrix of the influence exerted by each end-member (i.e., matrix relates the intensity of

correlation between the factors) on each sample (Bopp, 1981; Bopp and Briggs, 1981). In the scaled varimax factor listing ( $F_s$ -matrix), if all variables were equally represented their varimax factor value would be 1.000. A strong positive value represents a positive correlation. A zero value represents no correlation and a strong negative value represents an inverse correlation with the matrix for that factor. A contour map of the matrix for each factor is generated and illustrates the distribution of factors in the study area (Bopp, 1981; Bopp and Biggs, 1981).

Most marine environments that have been studied have shown several source inputs. For example, Bopp and Biggs (1981) have identified three sources of metals to Delaware Bay sediments (representative of (1) a terrigenous natural background level source; (2) an oceanic source: and (3) a river source). Holmes and Martin (1978) on the other hand have determined two sources of trace metal origin to the continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico (a natural background source and an anthropogenic source). In addition, Loring (1976, 1976b, 1979, 1982) has delineated two sources of trace metal input to the Saguenary Fjord; an industrial source and a natural source. Harding and Brown (1975) also investigated trace metal sources in the sediments of the Pamlico River Estuary, North Carolina. They found that the sources include a background (natural weathering) input source, and an industrial (anthropogenic) input source. Bender et al., (1971) studied sediments in the East Pacific Rise and found a seawater source and a ridge volcanism source. Edmond et al., (1982) dealt with sediments in the East Pacific Rise and concluded that the hydrothermal input in the oceans are substantial compared with fluvial transport. Heath and

Dymond (1981) identified 5 sources of input to Nazca plate sediments (a biogenic, detrital, hydrothermal, authigenic and solution residue). The detrital, hydrothermal and biogenic sources are the three dominate sources of trace metal input to the Plate sediments. The detrital component is the major input source for trace metals to the Plate sediments near the continental coast of South America, whereas the hydrothermal component is the major source of input to ocean sediments near the East Pacific Rise. The hydrothermal source is undetectable at 2500 km east of the East Pacific Rise (Heath and Dymond, 1981; Dymond, 1981).

The previous research cited above has shown that (1) when an anthropogenic source is present it is dominate; (2) when a study area is located near a ridge system, the hydrothermal source is dominate; (3) when a study area is located near a continental coast, the detrital input is dominate and (4) if 2500 km from a ridge source, ridge input is undetectable. Therefore, the concentrations and distributions of trace metals in a continental shelf environment should be able to be interpretated in terms of a single source.

Pathways and Sinks in Marine Systems:

The pathways of metals in exogenic systems can be defined in terms of five mechanisms of transport (Kharkar et al., 1968). They are:

- (1) in solution (free and complexed),
- (2) in the lattice of minerals of the suspended load,
- (3) associated with oxides of the suspended load,
- (4) adsorbed on the minerals of the suspended load, and
- (5) associated with solid organic material.

Trace metals can be removed from active transport in the marine environment by:

(1) mechanical deposition of larger particles,

- (2) coagulation of the colloidal fraction.
- (3) humus colloids uptake
- (4) plankton microorganism extraction,
- (5) precipitation as oxide coatings,
- (6) adsorption in cation exchange sites, and
- (7) (in anaerobic conditions) forming insoluble sulfides (Krauskopf, 1956; Morozov, 1979; Harding and Brown 1975).

These seven removal mechanisms would be the major sinks of trace metals in marine and therefore continental shelf systems.

The chemical nature of the pathways and sinks of metals are very similar as shown above and reflect whether or not the metal is in an active state of transport. The chemical nature of a metal in exogenic systems (independent of its state of transport) is defined then by the chemical state it is in:

- (1) dissolved (free and complexed),
- (2) adsorbed on or in exchange position in clays,
- (3) precipitated as hydroxides,
- (4) adsorbed on or co-precipitated with Fe and Mn oxides,(5) associated with organic matter,
- (6) precipitated as sulfides,
- (7) in lattice sites of minerals.

States of 2-6 are the states of the metal associated with the sediment. States 2-5 are collectively called the hydromorphic fraction or phase and state 6 is called the detrital or residual fraction. Metals in these fractions are normally differentiated by a series of selective chemical attacks on the sediment as discussed in the methods section. After the sediment has been chemically characterized, the metals are said to be partitioned among the different fractions of the sediment.

The following is a summary of work that has been done in defining these fractions for metals in marine sediments. Loring (1975, 1976, 1976b, 1979, 1982) studied trace metals in the sediments of the Saguenary Fjord. He found that the highest concentrations are found in mud (fine-grained) sediments and that the lowest concentrations occur

in the sandy (coarse) sediments (i.e. Co, Ni, Cr, Zn, Cu, and Pb concentrations increase with decreasing grain size). The detrital phase of Co, Ni, Cr, Zn, Cu, and Pb concentrations account for 71-98% of the total elemental concentrations in Fjord sediments. Holmes and Martin (1978) trace Cr, Cu, Fe, Mn, Ni, Zn, Ba and Pb migration in a continental shelf environment in the northwest Gulf of Mexico. They concluded that the most important factor affecting physical and chemical process within the sedimentary environment are variation in sediment accumulation rates. Brannon et al., (1979) researched Cu, Fe, Mn, and Zn in sediments from Mobil Bay, Alabama. They defined selective extraction phases investigated as adsorbed (ion exchangeable) on sediment material, reducible (solubility and migration controlled by oxidation-reduction reactions), bound in organic matter and residual. Iron in the reducible phase has a value of 68-79%. Of secondary importance to Fe is the organic phase (12-19%). Combined, the reducible and organic phases represent 90% of the total Fe concentration in the sediments. Manganese has 15-35% of total metal concentration in the reducible phase, 35-44% in the organically bound phase and 8-12% in the residual phase. Together, the organically bound, residual and reducible phases account for 78-80% of total Mn concentrations in the sediments. Copper has 51-61% of total metal retained in the residual phase. The organically bound phase is of secondary importance with 32-41% of total metal concentration. Combining the residual and organic phases, they represent 92% of total Cu in the sediments. Zinc has 52-59% of total metal concentration held in the organic phase and 38-44% in the residual phase. United, they equal 95% of total Zn concentration to the Bay sediments (Brannon et al., 1974). Harding and Brown (1975) studied Co,

Cr. Cu. Ni. Pb and Zn in the Pamlico River Estuary. They found that factors affecting trace metal uptake in sediments included an enrichment of trace metal concentrations in clays and organic matter. They stated that the surficial distribution of fine sediments appear to be due to the patterns of water circulation. Trace metal incorporation with clay sediments and organic matter in the estuary were dependent on temperature, pH. Eh and clay mineral type (the relative importance of each was undefined). Harding and Brown (1975) explain trace metal dispersal in the estuary based on the relative mobility of the elements. Cr is the most immobile element studied. It quickly drops out of the water column upon entering the estuary and is not dispersed throughout the Bay sediments. The moderately immobile trace elements, Co, Cu, Ni and Pb (relatively compared to the other elements studied) remain in solution, are circulated from their industrial source and are dispersed in clays and organic matter throughout the estuary sediments. Cosma et al. (1979) studied trace metals (Cr, Cu, Ni, Mn) in surface sediments in the continental shelf area between Arenzano and Capo Noli in the Ligurian Sea. Cr was controlled by pollution inputs. Nickel concentrations were accounted for by stream input of eroded basic rock outcrops. Copper concentrations are associated with the organic fraction. Manganese concentrations are related to sediment textures. Turekian and Imbrie (1966) researched deep sea sediments from the Atlantic Ocean. They found that the trace elements Ba, Co, Cu, Ni, Pb, Cr and Mn showed no correlation with clay mineralogy or depth of water. There was a strong correlation of metals Mn, Ni, Co with areas of low clay accumulation rates possibly due to a fine grained pelagic component. Morozov (1979) studied migration of Fe, Mn, Zn, Cu, Ni, Co, Cr,

and Pb around the mouths of several rivers. The general conclusions of this investigations were: Trace metal concentration in the suspended and dissolved forms decreased in the sequence river-estuary-sea-ocean; The portion of suspended Fe and Mn forms decrease from the river (97%) to ocean (7%); the mechanical deposition of the larger particles occurs near the mouth of a river; coagulation of the colloidal fraction and the humus colloids take up a large fraction of trace metals at the mouth of a river; and sea/fresh water zones show extensive plankton microorganism development which extract metals from the water column.

Summarizing past research these conclusions can be drawn: (1) trace metal concentrations increase with decreasing grain size; (2) there is no correlation with clay mineralogy or depth of water from the Atlantic deep-sea sediment core samples; (3) an important factor affecting processes in a basin is the variation in sediment accumulation rates; and (4) the relatively immobile elements will drop out of the water column upon entering an estuary from a river source. Diagenesis of Metals in Marine Sediments:

Chemical conditions of sediments can change with depth as a result of compaction and age (Bonatti <u>et al.</u>, 1971). Factors affecting the chemical conditions are: changes in Eh, sediment compositon, temperature, bioturbation, and pH (Yen and Tang, 1977). Eh values normally decrease with depth in sediments (Addy <u>et al.</u>, 1976). The relatively mobile elements should be enriched in the oxidized sediment zone (Ni, Fe, Mn, Co) (Addy <u>et al.</u>, 1976; Holmes and Martin, 1978; Heath and Dymond, 1981); while less mobile elements like zinc and copper show little migration in the sediment column (Addy <u>et al.</u>, 1976). Brooks <u>et</u> al., (1968), Bonatti et al., (1971) concluded that Fe and Cu are not

mobile elements and show no overall trend to increase with sediment depth, and Fe seems to show inconsistent behavior during diagenesis. Ba and Pb are also relatively immobile elements and according to Holmes and Martin (1978) show no overall trend with depth. Brannon <u>et al.</u>, (1979) stated that no patterns of migration for the elements Fe, Mn, Cu and Zn could be conclusively drawn. Generally, if an environment is reducing, the elements with higher redox potentials should go into solution and if an environment is oxidizing they should precipitate. In this way the higher redox potential elements migrate up the sediment column, creating an enriched metal concentration on the top centimeters of the ocean floor (Addy et al., 1976).

In summary, these investigations show that: (1) Ni, Co, Mn should be enriched in the upper centimeters of the sediment column; (2) Ba, Pb, Zn, Cu should not be enriched nor depleted in the upper centimeters of the sediment column; and (3) Conflicting Fe behavior exists.

This summary shows that much research still needs to be done. No research involving source delineation in unpolluted continental shelf sediments has been reported. In this investigation, the chemical partitioning data on the Amazon Continental Shelf coupled with factor analysis can aid in the resolution of trace metal sources to shelf sediments. Chemical partitioning data with depth in Amazon Shelf sediments will help to eliminate conflicting diagenetic trace metal behavioral observations. Exploring trace metal behaviors encountered when fresh and oceanic waters merge will aid in the investigation of the controls or aid in determining the controls of geochemical cycling of trace metals.

### STUDY AREA

The study area is located on the Continental Shelf at the mouth of the Amazon River (Figure 1) and extends from a latitude of 52°W to 46°E and a longitude of 2°S to 6°N. The Amazon River Basin lies entirely in the central equatorial area, extending from 5°N to 20°S longitude and from 50°W to 77°W latitude (Gibbs, 1967; Stallard, 1980). The Amazon River drains a diverse climatic area ranging from the artic Andean Mountains to the tropical rain forests. Temperatures vary from less than 15°C in the Andeas to 28°C in the tropical forests (Gibbs, 1967).

The Amazon River Drainage Basin is the largest in the world, draining an area  $6.3 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$  (Keller, 1962). The river drains diverse geological environments (Figure 2) comprising active orogenic zones, epiorogenic uplift zones, stable cratonic zones and active sedimentary basin zones (Gibbs, 1967; Stallard, 1980). The Amazon River has an average discharge of  $1.7 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$ /sec, supplying 18% of all water from rivers into the ocean (Oltman, 1968; Drever, 1982). Sediment influx ranges from 8-9 x 10<sup>8</sup> tonnes/year; influx was measured at Óbidos a site marking 80% river flowage (Figure 4) (Holeman, 1968). The dissolved load is 2.9 x 10<sup>8</sup> tonnes/year (Meade <u>et al</u>., 1979). The clay content at the mouth of the river consists of 33% illite, 31% kaolinite, 27% montmorillite, and 2% chlorite (Milliman <u>et al</u>., 1975).

Precipitation in the Amazon River Basin ranges from less than 2000 mm/year to over 3500 mm/year (Stallard, 1980; Hoffman, 1968). The

Figure 1. Study area and location of sampling stations.

- Figure 2. Morphostructural Map of Amazon Drainage Basin (Stallard, 1980).
  - 1. Amazon Trough
  - Subandean Trough 2.
  - 3. Shields
  - 4. Western Cordillera (Cordillera Occidental)
  - Intercordilleran Zone (includes the altiplano 5. regions)
  - 6. Eastern Cordillera (Cordillera Oriental)
  - 7. Subandean Uplifts

Symbol key:

## CONSTRUCTIVE STRUCTURAL RELIEF ELEMENTS

- Trend of folded young mountain ranges of the Andean system.
  - Crest of horst mountains and monoclimes.
- Fault flexure.
- 🗹 Lithological. Step, escarpment.

## DESTRUCTIVE NON-STRUCTURAL RELIEF ELEMENTS

- Old erosion. Surfaces of Mesozoic Tertiary age.
- Occurrence of inselbergs.
- 🛃 Crest of residual relief.

### ACCUMULATIVE RELIEF ELEMENTS

Quaternary fluvial. Alluvial or eolian deposits (in the Andes including glacio-fluvial and volcanic tectonic mudflow deposits).

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- Occurrence of Late-Tertiary and Quaternary lacustrine or marine deposite marine deposits.
- Pleistocene loess with ash-admixtures.
- Sand dunes.
- 🔀 Pleistocene glacial deposits.

Occurrence of volcanoes.

- Salt flat.
- 🕑 Lake.

Figure 3. Typical Surface-water salinities (0/00) during wet season conditions (April-May, 1968) and dry season conditions (November, 1967) of the surface waters off the Amazon. Profiles in the upper right hand corners show vertical salinity gradients in profiles taken directly seaward of the Amazon mouth. (Milliman <u>et al.</u>, 1975).

Figure 4. Map of Amazon river, showing locations on mainstream tributaries where sediment loads were measured in 1977 for the study by Meade <u>et al.</u>, 1979.



river has a low buffering capacity and pH values range from 6.5-7.5 throughout the year (Schmidt, 1972). The waters of the Amazon also appear thoroughly mixed vertically (Gibbs, 1967).

The Amazon River flows onto the shelf and into the Guiana Current. The Guiana Current is an extension of the South Equatorial Current which flows in a northwesterly direction along the east coast of South America (Ryther <u>et al.</u>, 1967; Eisma <u>et al.</u>, 1971). At the mouth of the river, 95% of the terrigenous sediment from surface waters settle out prior to 3 0/00 salinity (Milliman <u>et al.</u>, 1975). Figure 3 shows surface water salinities for two seasons--the dry season, November, and the wet season, April-May.

The width of the Shelf ranges from 100 to 300 km. The bathymetric chart (Figure 1) of the Continental Shelf reveals a relatively flat inner shelf to the 40 meter isobath. There is an abrupt change at this point and a steepening in slope appears until the 60 meter isobath. The change of slope represents the foreset of a subaqueous prograding delta (Kuehl et al., 1982; Nittrouer et al., 1983). Surface grain size type distribution are shown in Figure 5. The upper two centimeters of shelf sediments are composed of (1) a mud (silt and clay) zone occupying the inner shelf seaward and northwestward of the Amazon River mouth and (2) a sand zone dominating the rest of the outer shelf region. Three detrital sedimentary deposits are observed from the surface sediment on the Amazon Continental Shelf (1) an outer shelf sand deposit; (2) an inner shelf mud deposit; and (3) mud interbedded with sand deposit (Kuehl et al., 1982; Nittrouer et al., 1983). The areal distribution of sediment grain size is in Figure 6. Outer shelf sands (median grain size  $1.5-3.0 \emptyset$ ) show moderate to good sorting. Inner

Figure 5. Distribution of grain types at  $\emptyset$ -2 cm depth on the Amazon Continental Shelf (Nittrouer <u>et al</u>., 1983).



Figure 6. Areal distribution of mean grain size on the Amazon Continental Shelf (Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, 1983).



shelf muds (median grain size 6-9  $\emptyset$ ) are poorly sorted (Nittrouer <u>et</u> <u>al</u>., 1983).

Several models have been proposed to explain the sedimentary structures and grain size distribution on the Amazon Continental Shelf (Milliman <u>et al.</u>, 1975; Gibbs, 1976; Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, 1983). Milliman <u>et al.</u>, (1975) hypothesizes that no modern muds are being deposited on the Amazon Shelf, except on a small nearshore zonal area. However, Milliman <u>et al.</u>, (1975) states that two distinct periods of sedimentation have occurred in Quaternary time. One occurring at high sea level and the other at low sea level (60-80 meters below present sea level). During high sea level periods, inner shelf sediment accumulation occurs only in a narrow nearshore belt of mud. The majority of muds, however, are deposited at low sea levels. In direct opposition to Milliman <u>et</u> <u>al.</u>, (1975) theory are Pb-210 data on shelf sediments. The Pb-210 dates indicate that modern mud accumulation is presently occurring (Figure 7) (Kuehl et al., 1982; Gibbs, 1976).

A second theory to explain the physical processes on the Amazon Continental Shelf was proposed by Gibbs (1976). Gibbs (1976) states that the Amazon River waters move offshore as a plume and is carried northwestward. Upon entry into the shelf, river particles settle out and are transported landward by bottom currents. A landward fining of particle size should result. Recent data, however, reveal an absence of reverse grading, contradicting the sedimentation model of Gibbs (1976) (Figure 8) (Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, 1983; DeMaster, personal communication 1982).

A recent model proposed by Nittrouer <u>et al</u>. (1983) suggests that modern sediment accumulation occurs as a result of a subaqueous delta
Figure 7. Distribution of sediment accumulation rates on the Amazon Continental Shelf based on <sup>210</sup>Pb geochronology. (Kuehl <u>et al</u>., 1982).

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Clay mineral distribution along the Amazon Shelf from Nittrouer et al. (1983) and Gibbs (1977). Figure 8.



prograding over relict basal sands. Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, (1983) hypothesizes that a turbulent jet emanates from the river mouth and flows across the inner shelf. Their hypothesis is consistant with sediment accumulation rates based on Pb-210 data (Figure 7), sedimentary deposit data (Figure 5) and sediment grain distribution data (Figure 5).

At low sediment accumulation rates, the effects of bioturbation on the disruption of sedimentary structures increases (i.e., original stratification is preserved in areas of highest sediment accumulation rates with minimal bioturbation). A strong correlation therefore exists between accumulation rate and sedimentary structure (Kuehl <u>et</u> <u>al.</u>, 1982). The model of Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, (1983) is the most consistant with present data and is therefore the accepted theory for use in this research.

## METHODOLOGY

A research cruise to the Amazon Continental Shelf took place in October 1979. Shelf sediments (Figure 1) were sampled using an N.E.L.-Reineck type box corer (20 cm x 30 cm cross-sectional area), in order to maintain core stratigraphic integrity. These cores and soil samples from Belèm (Figure 1) were immediately subsampled and shipped to North Carolina State University Laboratories. At North Carolina State University a series of analysis including grain-size analysis and Pb-210 analysis for sediment accumulation rate data were performed (Nittrouer et al., 1983).

The cores were again subsampled for trace metal analysis in the Michigan State University Geochemistry Laboratory. The vials containing the Amazon sediments were placed in a 40°C oven for 96 hours, to completely dry the wet core samples. Each sample was dry sieved with a brass U.S. standard .212 mm sieve opening (65 mesh) sieve. After each sample, the sieve was placed in a sonic cleaner filled with distilled water for washing. After 10 minutes in the sonic cleaner, the sieve was rinsed with double distilled water and placed on its side to dry to prevent atmospheric or dust contamination (Bopp, 1981). To insure no contamination of the brass sieve on sediment samples, two identical samples were processed; one passing through the sieve, the second unsieved. Differences in the two samples were not statistically

different, therefore the sieve offered no significant source of contamination to the sample.

Each sample (5.000 grams dry weight of the less than .212 mm fraction) was weighed on a Mettler HL 52 scale and placed directly into pre-treated polyethylene centrifuge bottles. (Pre-treatment of the polyethylene centrifuge bottles included the following: (1) washing with soap and water, (2) rinsing with distilled water, (3) soaking in a 1:3 HCL solution overnight, (4) rinsing in double distilled water three times and (5) thoroughly drying).

A series of sequential chemical extractions were performed on each 5.000 gram sample (Figure 9). Extractions were performed in order to determine the partitioning of trace metals from four hypothesized fractions:

Нурс	thesized sedimen	t fraction	Chemical response of sediment to attack
(1) (2) (3)	Clay Fe, Mn oxide Organic	Hydromorphi	Exchangeable c Easily and moderately reduced Oxidized
(4)	Residual	Detrital	Resisent
			(Gephart, 1982).

The procedure utilized is a combination of attacks performed by Tessier <u>et al.</u>, (1979); Gibbs (1977); Gephart (1982); and Gupta and Chen (1975) and is summarized below:

(1) Exchangeable: 40 ml of 1 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH=7 were added to the 5.000 gram less than .212 mm dry sediment sample. The mixture was continuously agitated at room temperature for one hour (Tessier <u>et al</u>., 1979; Gibbs, 1977).

Figure 9. Flow chart of selective chemical attacks.

DRY SEDIMENT .212 mm SIEVED 5.000 gms 40 ml 1 M MgCl<sub>2</sub> @ pH=7 for 1 hour CENTRIFUGE : Decant, leachate defined as Exchangeable Fraction WASH RESIDUE (SEE TEXT) 100 ml .04 M NH20H.HCL in 25% (v/v) HŌAc 0 96 ± 3°C for 6 hours CENTRIFUGE : Decant, leachate defined as Oxic Fraction WASH RESIDUE (SEE TEXT) 15 ml .02M HNO<sub>3</sub> and 25 ml 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> @ pH=2 @ 85<sup>±</sup> 2°C for 2 hrs add 15 ml 30%  $H_2O_2$  heat 0.85<sup>±</sup> 2°C for 3 hrs C001 add 25 ml 3.2 M NH<sub>4</sub>OAc in 20% (v/v) HNO<sub>3</sub> + distilled water to 100 ml volume CENTRIFUGE : Decant, leachate defined as Organic Fraction WASH RESIDUE (SEE TEXT) DŔY (at 40°C overnight) .200 gms sample and 1.000 gms LiBO<sub>3</sub> Fuse Dissolve in 5 ml HCL + 50 ml H<sub>2</sub>0 Dilute to 100 ml volume Defined as Fraction

(2) Fe-Mn Oxide: The residue from (1) was leached with 100 ml of 0.04 M NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCL in 25% (v/v) HOAc. This extraction was performed at 96  $\pm$  3°C for six hours (Tessier et al., 1979; Gephart, 1982).

(3) Organic: The residue from (2) was extracted with 15 ml of 0.02 M HNO<sub>3</sub> and 25 ml of 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> pH=2 (adjusted with HNO<sub>3</sub>) heated to  $85^{\pm}2^{\circ}$ C for two hours with occasional agitation (every 15-20 minute agitation). At the conclusion of two hours a second aliquot of 15 ml 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was added. The sample was then returned to the water bath of  $85^{\pm}2^{\circ}$ C for three additional hours, occasionally agitating. After three hours, the sample was cooled to room temperature, at which time 25 ml of 3.2 M NH<sub>4</sub>OAc in 20% (v/v) HNO<sub>3</sub> and double distilled water (diluting sample to 100 ml) were added. This mixture was stirred continuously at room temperature for 30 minutes (Gephart, 1982; Gupta and Chen, 1975).

(4) Residual: 0.200 grams of dry residue from (3) were fused with 1.000 gram of  $LiBO_3$  at 1000°C in graphit crucibles for 15 minutes. The fused sample was removed from the furnace and immediately placed in a pre-prepared solution of 5 ml HCL and 50 ml double distilled water. Once dissolved, the sample was diluted to 100 ml with double distilled water. Duplicate fusions were run on each sample (Perkin Elmer Atomic Adsorption Instruction Manual, 1973; Gephart, 1982).

Upon completion of each attack, except the residual fraction, the sample was centrifuged for 12 minutes at 15,000 RPM. The supernate was drawn off and stored in pre-treated 250 ml polyethylene storage bottles. The residue sample was then rinsed with double distilled water and centrifuged at 15,000 RPM for 12 minutes, prior to subsequent extraction phases.

The supernate from each selective chemical extraction phase and the residual LiBO<sub>3</sub> fraction were analyzed by either a flame atomic adsorption 560 spectrophotometer or by a graphite furnace atomic adsorption HGA-2200 spectrophotometer. Atomic adsorption control settings for the elements analyzed by flame attachment in all matrixes were modified from conditions stated in the Perkin Elmer Atomic Adsorption Instruction Manual (1978). The Instruction Manual does not, however, offer optimized control settings for different matrixes when analyzing by graphite furnace. Optimization for each element analyzed by the graphite furnace for each of the four matrixes had to be performed. Optimization for each element in each matrix analyzed was in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Perkin Elmer Atomic Adsorption Instruction Manual for furnace (1978). Optimized control settings for the graphite furnace found in this study are summarized in Appendix II.

All sample sediments were also analyzed for total organic carbon content by a modified Walkley-Black titration method (Gaudette <u>et al.</u>, 1974). A .200 gram dried, less than .212 mm sieved sediment sample was placed in a 500 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Precisely 10 ml of 1 N  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution was added to each sample. The flask is then gently swirled to mix sediment and solution. Next, 20 ml of concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  were added to the flask and again gently swirled for one minute. The mixture in the flask was allowed to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. A standardization blank was run with each batch of samples. After standing 30 minutes, the solution was diluted to 200 ml volume with double distilled water and 10 ml 85%  $H_3PO_4$ , .20 grams NaF and 15 drops of diphenylamine indicator were added to the flask.

The solution in the flask was then back titrated with 0.5 N ferrous ammonium sulfate solution. The color progressed from an opaque green-brown to green upon the addition of the ferrous ammonium sulfate solution. The color continuously shifted upon further titration to a bluish-black-grey; at this point the addition of a few drops of ferrous solution shifted the color to a brilliant green end point (a one-drop end point) (Gaudette <u>et al</u>., 1974). The results of the analysis were calculated by the following equation:

Organic Carbon = 10(1-T/S)((.34)(.003)(100/.20))

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T= sample titrated; S = standardization blank titration;
.003 = meq weight of carbon; .34 = normality of K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>;
W = weight of sediment sample; 10 = volume of K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>
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(Gaudette et al., 1974).

The total organic carbon (TOC) content is presented in Appendix I.

The data from the chemical partitioning attacks were reduced by factor analysis, both R and Q-mode. Factor analysis can aid in revealing simple patterns from complex data sets. Data from the chemical partitioning attacks fulfills the three requirements of factor analysis utilization:

- (1) conveniently coded -- values in ppm,
- (2) large number of sample volume -- 84 samples, chemically frac-
- tionated into four phases, analyzed for 10 elements, and
- (3) prior knowledge of relationships is inadequate

(Kerlinger, 1973; Imbrie and Van Andel, 1964).

The data were factored by factor analysis in original (raw) form and after transformation of the data by natural log. The transformation of the data was done in order to see if any improvements on correlation could be made since geochemical data frequently does not have a normal distribution.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results of the chemical partitioning studies for the metals are presented in Appendix I. These results will be discussed in three parts; general nature of partitioning of metals in the sediments, diagenesis of metals in the sediments in terms of metal partitioning, and source of trace metals to the sediments as interpreted from R and Q-mode factor analysis of the partitioning data.

# Chemical Partitioning of Metals in Amazon Shelf Sediments

Two aspects of the chemical partitioning of the metals in the sediments are discussed: (1) a general summary of the nature of the partitioning in the sediments and (2) the nature of the partitioning over the shelf. In Table 1 the partitioning results from Appendix I are summarized as a function of sediment type. The sediments in the study area were classified by Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, (1983) as to type using the classification scheme of Folk (1974). Sediment types are defined as a function of where the sediment plots on a ternary diagram with respect to the three end-member compositions of clay-sand-slit. Numerical representation of sediment types found by Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, (1983) is shown below in Figure 10:

Figure 10. Numerical representation of sediment type from Folk (1974).

Type 1 = sand Type 2 = sand-silt Type 3 = silt-sand



Type 4 = sand-silt-clay Type 5 = clayey-silt Type 6 = silty-clay Four chemically defined sediment fractions are shown on Table 1 (exchangeable, Fe-Mn oxide, organic matter, and detrital). The values are the average of the percent of the metal in a particular fraction. Since these values are averages of percents, the totals of a metal in a sediment type are not necessarily 100%.

Table 1 also present a summary of the work of Gibbs (1977) on the partitioning of selected metals in the suspended load of the Amazon River. Gibbs samples were taken off Macapa' Brazil and therefore would not be influenced by marine water (Gibbs, 1977). Although Gibbs samples were taken approximately five years before the present study samples were taken, little has happened climatically or environmentally that would change the nature of the partitioning of metals in the suspended load. It is suggested then that the results of Gibbs (1977) in general reflect the nature of metal partitioning in the suspended sediment today. Gibbs data can therefore be used to study gross differences in metal partitioning in the sediments between the freshwater environment of the Amazon River and the marine continental shelf environment. Table 2 is a summary of partitioning of metals in the soils. Soil samples were taken at Belèm.

A summary of the behavior of each metal follows. Suspended load sediments refers to Gibbs (1977), shelf sediments refer to surficial ( $\emptyset$ -5cm) Continental Shelf sediments.

<u>Chromium</u>: Most of the Cr (usually greater than 90%) is associated in the residual fractions of the suspended load, shelf sediments, and soils and suggests that most of the Cr addition to the oceans is in the detrital phase of sediments. Of the h/dromorphic phases in the shelf sediment, Fe-Mn oxides are the most important in sequestering Cr;

Trace metal partitioning of Cr, Mn, Co, Cu, Fe, Ni, Zn in Amazon River suspended load and surfacial sheif sediment as a function of sediment type

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TABLE 2

Trace metal partitioning of Cr, Mn, Co, Cu, Fe, Ni, Zn in selected solls of the Amazon River Drainage Basin

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organic matter is second with the exchangeable fraction playing a relatively minor role. This nature of Cr partitioning in sediments is consistent with past work (Gephart, 1982).

The relative partitioning of Cr amount in the sediment fraction does not appear to be strongly dependent on grain-type in the shelf sediments. There is, however, significantly more Cr in the hydromorphic fraction of the sediments composed of sand (Type 1) than the other sediment types, with the Fe-Mn oxide fraction becoming very dominate in the sequestering of Cr. The nature of Cr partitioning in the sand sediment is consistant with the higher amount of hydromorphic Fe in this sediment type with respect to the other sediments (Table 1).

In general, there is slightly less metal in the hydromorphic fraction of the shelf sediments compared to the suspended load sediments. Organic matter is more important in sequestering Cr than Fe-Mn oxides in the suspended load. The hydromorphic fraction of the soil better reflects the partitioning in the suspended load rather than the shelf sediments, in that the organic fraction is dominate. The exchangeable and Fe-Mn oxide fractions have very minor roles in the sequestering of Cr in the soil samples.

The nature of Cr partitioning in the Amazon River environment suggests that Cr undergoes a repartitioning from river to shelf (e.g., organic fraction to Fe-Mn oxide fraction) and that the suspended sediment could be a source for dissolved Cr to seawater (e.g., less Cr in hydromorphic fraction of shelf sediments). The direction of repartitioning (organic matter to Fe-Mn oxide) suggests that organic matter could be a source of the dissolved Cr within the sediment.

<u>Manganese</u>: The Fe-Mn oxide fraction and residual fraction, combined account for the majority of Mn concentration in both suspended load and shelf sediments (approximately 80-95%). The amount of Mn in the Fe-Mn oxide fraction, the dominate fraction, decreases from suspended load to marine environment, whereas Mn in the detrital fraction in both suspended load and shelf remains similar (33%). The Mn organic fraction concentrations are of minor importance (5%) and are similar for shelf and suspended load sediments. The exchangeable fraction accounts for less than 1% total Mn in the suspended load sediments but increases in the shelf sediments to 15%. In general Mn can be quite mobile in this system since most of the Mn occurs in the hydromorphic phase.

Mn partitioning in the oxide, organic and detrital fractions of shelf sediments, appear to be influenced by grain-type. There is more Mn hydromorphics in clay sediments (Type 6) than in the other sediments. Within the hydromorphic fraction, the oxide fraction is dominate and increases from sand (Type 1) to clay (Type 6) sediments, 35% to 55% respectively. The organic fraction behaves similar to the oxide fraction (e.g., Type 1 at 1.8% increases to Type 6 at 55%). This Mn behavior is contrary to Cr hydromorphic behavior which decreases from sands (Type 1) to clays (Type 6) and Cr detrital fraction behavior which increases from sand (Type 1) to clay (Type 6) sediments.

The Mn in soils have a different distribution pattern among the four fractions than either the suspended load or shelf sediments. Of major importance in Mn sequestering in soils is the detrital fraction (at greater than 89%). The hydromorphic fraction is of minor importance with the oxide fraction being the most insignificant. This is a drastic change from shelf and suspended load sediments which had the

oxide fraction being of primary importance. In general, the data from Table 1 indicates that Mn undergoes repartitioning within the hydromorphic fraction from a river to a marine environment (e.g., oxide fraction to exchangeable fraction).

<u>Cobalt</u>: The detrital fraction is the fraction accounting for most of Co in shelf sediments and soils (90% and 99%, respectively). The dominance of the detrital fraction over the hydromorphic fractions has been found previously (Loring, 1979). The detrital fraction is also dominate (44%) versus the exchangeable, organic or oxide fractions. In the suspended load sediments, the hydromorphic fraction is the dominate fraction for Co concentration. Within the hydromorphic fraction for the suspended load sediments, the Fe-Mn oxide fraction dominates (28%), of secondary importance is the organic fraction (19%), and of least importance is the exchangeable fraction (8%).

The partitioning of Co in shelf sediments and soils are similar and differ from suspended load sediments. Shelf sediments and soils have 90-99% of Co sequestered in the detrital fraction with the hydromorphic fraction playing a minor role. However, in the suspended load (River) sediments the hydromorphic fraction dominates (e.g., 56%).

There are slight grain-type variations observed in Co. The hydromorphic fraction increases from sand (Type 1) to clay (Type 6) sediment. Co partitioning among various grain-types in shelf sediments is similar to Mn partitioning (e.g., the hydromorphic fraction increases from Type 1 to Type 6).

Generally, the nature of Co partitioning in this system suggests that Co goes through repartitioning from river to shelf (e.g., hydromorphic fraction to detrital fraction) and that the change in relative

importance of the hydromorphic fraction (56% to 6%) could be a source for dissolved cobalt to seawater.

<u>Copper</u>: Approximately 79% of the Cu is associated in the detrital fraction (suspended, shelf, and soil horizons). Therefore, most of the Cu in sediments brought into the ocean is in the detrital phase. The hydromorphic fraction (suspended and shelf) comprise the remaining 21% of Cu sequestered in sediments. Within the hydromorphic fraction, the oxide fraction is dominate (8-13%), followed by the organic fraction (6%) and the exchangeable fraction (2-5%). Comparing the organic and detrital fractions for suspended loads and shelf sediments, similar percent concentration values exist (6% organic fraction and 79% detrital fraction). However, the exchangeable fraction drops from 5% to 2% and the oxide fraction increases from 8% to 13% in suspended versus shelf sediments.

There is little significant change among the different grain-types (Types 1-6) in the detrital or hydromorphic fractions, although, there is a slight influence of grain-type on the exchangeable fraction. The exchangeable fraction decreases from Type 1 (2%) to Type 6 (.3%).

The nature of Cu partitioning between a soil core (sample from Belem) and soil horizons (A-D) are different. Soil horizons have a similar partitioning trend for Cu in shelf and suspended load sediments. The soil core has a residual fraction of Cu relative percent value of 23-55%. The hydromorphic fraction has a relative Cu concentration value of 21% for suspended load sediments, shelf sediments and soil horizons and increases to 45-77% for soil core.

In general, there is little repartitioning between the hydromorphic and detrital fractions from river to shelf environments. But,

within the hydromorphic fraction repartitioning occurs. Repartitioning of Cu from river to shelf environments is via the exchangeable fraction to the oxide fraction. This suggests that the oxide fraction is playing a greater role in sequestering Cu and that the exchangeable fraction may release Cu to seawater (i.e., be a source of Cu to seawater). <u>Iron</u>: The major phases of Fe in the suspended sediments are the detrital fraction (46%) and oxide fraction (46%). There is a dramatic increase (46%-82%) in Fe detrital fraction and subsequent decrease in hydromorphic fraction from suspended load to shelf sediments. The dominate Fe fraction within the hydromorphic phase of the shelf sediments is the oxide fraction (17%). The organic and exchangeable phase are of minor significance.

Shelf sediments are slightly grain-type dependent. The detrital fraction in Type 1 is at a lower relative percent value than Type 6 (73% to 82%, respectively). There is a corresponding decrease in hydromorphic fraction from Type 1 to Type 6.

Soils (core and horizon) and shelf sediments have similar partitioning data. The detrital fraction dominates Fe partitioning with the oxide fraction of secondary importance. The organic fraction and exchangeable fraction are of minor importance.

Repartitioning does occur in Fe sediment concentrations between river and shelf sediments. The hydromorphic fraction decreases Fe concentration values while the residual fraction increases from river to shelf environments. This suggests that the suspended load can be a source of Fe to seawater.

<u>Nickel</u>. In the suspended load sediments the relative partitioning of Ni is dominated by the oxide fraction (45%) and the detrital fraction

(38%). Of minor importance are the organic fraction (13%) and the exchangeable fraction at 3%. The shelf sediments have different partitioning of Ni. Most of the Ni in the shelf sediments are in the detrital fraction (87%). Partitioning of Ni in the hydromorphic fraction of the shelf sediments is oxide fraction (7%), organic fraction (5%), exchangeable fraction 1%.

Shelf sediments appear slightly dependent on grain-type. The residual fraction has a slightly higher concentration percentage value in Type 1 grain-type (94%) as opposed to Type 6 (87%). Corresponding to this change, the hydromorphic fraction increases from Type 1 (6%) to Type 6 (13%).

Soils, both horizons and core samples, behave in a similar partitioning pattern as shelf sediments but not as suspended load sediments behave. Soils appear to have one dominate fraction (detrital 95-99%) for Ni. The hydromorphic fraction is minor and within this fraction, the oxide fraction is at undetectable levels.

The nature of Ni partitioning from suspended load to shelf environment suggests Ni repartitioning. The oxide fraction in the suspended load sediment repartitions to the detrital fraction in shelf sediments. This repartitioning of hydromorphic fraction (especially the oxide fraction) can be a potential source for Ni to seawater from suspended load sediments.

<u>Zinc</u>: Gibbs (1977) did not analyze for Zinc in suspended load sediments and therefore there will be no comparison between suspended load and shelf sediments for zinc. However, partitioning data for zinc is available for soil samples, shelf sediment and shelf sediment changes with grain-type (Table 1). The residual fraction (73% for shelf

sediments) is the dominate fraction of Zn in shelf sediments. The oxide fraction is of secondary importance at 21% with both organic (5%) and exchangeable (1%) fractions being of minor importance.

Grain-type dependency is observed in the residual as well as hydromorphic fractions. There is an increase in detrital Zn for Type 1 (64%) to Type 6 (77%). Corresponding to this increase, is a relative decrease in the hydromorphic fraction (Type 1 at 36% to Type 6 at 23%). All three individual phases (exchangeable, oxide, organic) within the hydromorphic fraction decrease from Type 1 (sand) to Type 6 (clay).

The soil horizons display a similar behavior as shelf sediments. The detrital phase is dominate (76-78%) and the hydromorphic is of lesser importance. However, soil core samples differ. They display two dominate fractions, the detrital and the oxide.

#### In summary:

- Only Cr and Cu have the majority of their concentration in the residual fraction for all three environments (suspended load, shelf, soil).
- (2) Two fractions dominate the partitioning of Mn, Co, Ni, Fe in suspended load sediments (almost equal fractions): oxide and detrital.
- (3) In general, most metals (90%) are in a combination of residual and oxide fractions.
- (4) The hydromorphic fraction is dominate in controlling the behavior of Mn in both suspended and shelf environments.
- (5) All metals except for Mn and Cu show a decrease in the organic fraction from river to shelf environments.
- (6) All metals except for Mn and Cu show a decrease in the percentage of the metals in the hydromorphic fraction from river to shelf environments.
- (7) In general, the relative partitioning trends as a function of grain-type are preserved for all metals.

- (8) The hydromorphic fraction for Mn, Co, Cu, Ni all have graintype trends which increase element concentrations from Type 1 and Type 6, Cr and Zn have a reverse trend.
- (9) The relative partitioning within the hydromorphic fraction is highly variable between soil and shelf environment, except for Cr, the relative partitioning of the metals between the soils and suspended material are not similar.
- (10) Cr, Co, Cu, Fe, Zn, Ni are partitioned similarly in shelf sediments (detrital 73-94%; oxide 4-27%; organic .2-6%; exchangeable 0-2%).
- (11) Relative partitioning of Mn, Cr, Cu in the sediment percent is the same in river and shelf environments.
- (12) Differences were observed in the relative partitioning of Fe, Co, and Ni between the sediments at the river and those of the shelf. The hydromorphic fraction (especially the oxide fraction) is much smaller in the shelf sediments.

The data can be interpretated to suggest that:

- (1) Significant repartitioning occurs between water and shelf environments.
- (2) Upon mixing with seawater the sediment could be a source of metals to seawater, the order of importance of this source decreases in the order Ni>Co>Fe>Cr.
- (3) Decay (oxidation) of organic matter could be the source of metal to seawater within the sediment.

## Distribution of Metals on the Shelf:

The behavior of selected trace metals in this system were studied by the construction of contour maps of elemental concentrations in the surface sediment (Figures 11-13). Distribution maps were created for Zn and Ba. Zinc behavior was studied as a representative of a metal with both significant hydromorphic as well as residual partitioning. Figure 11. Contour map of zinc in the detrital fraction of the surface ( $\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediment of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 12. Contour map of zinc in the hydromorphic fraction of the surface ( $\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediment of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 13. Contour map of total zinc in the surface ( $\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediment of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Ba was chosen for study because it is an alkaline element and should behave differently than the transition metals studied.

Concentrations of zinc in the continental shelf sediments are shown in Figures 11, 12, and 13 representing absolute values of Zn in the detrital fraction, hydromorphic fraction and total sediment, respectively. The concentration patterns are similar in each figure and appear to reflect the distribution of sediment types on the shelf (Figure 5).

The concentration of Zn decreases from core location 2 (Type 6) to core locations 3,4,5,6 (Type 1). Core locations 30 and 33 (Type 1) have corresponding lower concentrations than core locations 31 and 32 (both of Type 5). Core locations 35, 29 and 28 all of similar type (Type 6) display similar concentrations. Cores 47-57, again reflect grain-type composition; they display similar grain-type compositions (Type 5) and therefore similar concentration values.

The dependency on grain-type for metal concentrations in the shelf sediments can be further demonstrated by plotting elemental concentration in the sediment versus grain-type. Figures 14, 15, and 16 are such plots for Zn-total, Zn-residual and Zn-hydromorphic, respectively. These Figures show distinct clusters of Zn concentrations depending on grain-type, with the biggest difference between Type 1 and Types 5 and 6 (sand and silt-clay, respectively). If the concentrations are plotted as ranked data, rather than as absolute data, the differences are made even clearer. For example, Figure 17 is a plot of sediment type versus Zn hydromorphic using ranked concentrations. One can clearly see that the concentration distribution of the Zn in the shelf sediment can be explained by the distribution of the various sediment

Figure 14. Plot of sediment type versus concentration of zinc total. Numbers refer to overlapped points.

Figure 15. Plot of sediment type versus concentration of zinc in the detrital fraction. Numbers refer to overlapped points.





Figure 16. Plot of sediment type versus concentration of zinc in the hydromorphic fraction. Numbers refer to overlapped points.

Figure 17. Plot of sediment type versus concentration of zinc in the hydromorphic fraction plotted as ranked data.





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type over the shelf. The dependency of metal concentration on graintype is supported by the works of Gupta and Chen (1975), Loring (1979). On the Amazon Continental Shelf, grain-type appears to control metal concentration.

These results suggest that physical processes (mechanical deposition as a function of sediment type and shelf hydrodynamics) are mainly responsible for the distribution of metals on the shelf.

In an attempt to eliminate the effect of grain-type on metal concentrations when interpretating partitioning data, ratioed concentrations were studied. By using ratios, other possible controls (biogenic and geochemical) on metal distributions in shelf sediments can be deduced (Long and Gephart, 1982).

Ratios of metal concentration to Al were used to study metal distribution independent of biogenic effects (Sholkovitz and Price, 1980). Figures 18 and 19 are concentration maps of Zn residual/Al residual and Zn hydromorphic/Al total, respectively. Both maps show a strong dependency on grain-type and suggests that biogenic controls on the distribution of Zn in the shelf sediment is minor.

Zn, Ba/Fe + Mn oxide ratios were also utilized. The Fe + Mn oxide ratios were chosen because of the dependency of the oxide fraction on grain-type and by utilizing the ratio, normalization with respect to grain-type dependency was sought (Tessier <u>et al.</u>, 1982). Figure 20 is a concentration map of Zn oxide/Fe + Mn oxide. The Zn oxide ratio has a uniform distribution across the shelf. Figure 21 is of Ba oxide/Fe + Mn oxide. The Ba oxide ratio has a high concentration (dump) at the mouth of the river and values decrease away from the coast. Figure 21 could be related to salinity, as the river waters mix with the oceans a

Figure 18. Contour map of the ratio zinc in the detrital fraction divided by aluminum in the detrital fraction in the surface ( $\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediments of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 19. Contour map of the ratio hydromorphic zinc concentration divided by total aluminum concentration in the surface (Ø-5 cm) sediments of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 20. Contour map of the ratio zinc in the oxide fraction divided by iron and manganese in the oxide fraction in the surface  $(\emptyset-5 \text{ cm})$  sediments of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 21. Contour map of the ratio barium in the oxide fraction divided by iron and manganese in the oxide fraction in the surface ( $\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediments of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



drop in terrigenous sediment load occurs before 3 0/00 salinity (Milliman <u>et al.</u>, 1975) (Figure 3). Both maps (Figures 20 and 21) no longer show the strict grain-type dependency for the distribution of the metal in the sediment, each map having a slightly different distribution pattern.

Figures 22 and 23 show Zn hydromorphic/Zn residual and Ba hydromorphic/Ba residual, respectively. Both Figures (22 and 23) display an increase in hydromorphic/detrital ratios as one moves in a direction across the shelf, away from the coast. Also observed in Figure 22 is the high ratio Zn values associated with sediments of Types 1 and 2 (sands). These Figures suggest that either the hydromorphic fraction is a source for metals to seawater resulting in a decrease in hydromorphic fraction or that metal is repartitioned from the hydromorphic fraction to the detrital resulting in an increase in residual fraction to account for observed ratio trends.

## Diagenesis of Metals in Amazon Shelf Sediments:

Sediment samples were taken as a function of depth at locations 10 and 42 (Figure 1). Core 42 and core 10 were found to have similar trends and therefore only core 10 will be discussed. Metal concentrations versus depth profiles are in Figures 24-31 for core 10. Figure 24 shows sediment type for samples with depth. Figure 25 is a plot of Cr concentration with depth and shows that the organic and oxide phases are of minor importance in controlling Cr concentration and have a constant value throughout the core. Chromium concentrations in the detrital phase, however, show several fluctuations. There is a decrease at 50 cm (silt composition), an increase at 220 cm (clay composition), a

Figure 22. Contour map of the ratio zinc in the hydromorphic fraction divided by zinc in the detrital fraction in the surface  $(\emptyset$ -5 cm) sediments of the Amazon Continental Shelf.



Figure 23. Contour map of the ratio barium in the hydromorphic fraction divided by barium in the detrital fraction.



Figure 24. Sediment type with depth for core 10 (Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, 1983).





Figure 25. Concentration of chromium with depth in core 10.

Symbol key:

- 📕 ORG organic fraction
- ▲ OXD oxide fraction
- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Cr concentration

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decrease at 310 cm (sand), and an increase at 350 cm (silt composition). This suggests for Cr that the detrital fraction is grain-type dependent.

Iron concentration versus depth (Figure 26) shows relatively constant concentration values for Fe in the oxide and detrital phases. However, a slight decrease of Fe in these fractions is observed at 360 cm where a compositional change from sand-silt-clay to silty-clay occurs. The exchangeable, and organic phases show a fluctuation in Fe concentration at 100 cm; the exchangeable phase increases while the organic phase decreases. At 200 cm there is a decrease in Fe concentration and at 350 cm, another decrease in both exchangeable and organic phases. These changes in concentration reflect changes in composition. (Type 4 has a higher concentration value than Type 6). This suggests that for Fe, grain-type plays a significant part in metal concentration.

Mn concentration with depth (Figure 27) shows that the amount of Mn in the exchangeable, residual and organic fractions is fairly constant with depth. Manganese in the oxide fraction (the major phase of Mn in the sediment) changes with depth as a function of sediment type. The highest concentration values are in the sand-silty-clay composition, the lower concentrations appear in the sand and silty-clay compositions. Thus, for Mn, the concentration changes with depth and nature of its partitioning suggests that Mn concentration is grain-type dependent and that the total Mn concentration pattern reflects the Mn oxide pattern.

Figure 28 is a plot of Zn concentration versus depth. The Zn plot shows that concentrations in the organic and oxide phases are constant

Figure 26. Concentration of iron with depth in core 10.

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- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Fe concentration

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Figure 27. Concentration of manganese with depth in core 10.

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- ▲ 0XD oxide fraction
- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Mn concentration



CORE 10 MANGANESE

Figure 28. Concentration of zinc with depth in core 10.

Symbol key:

- ORG organic fraction
- ▲ OXD oxide fraction
- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Zn concentration



CORE 10 ZINC

with depth except at 330 cm. There is a decrease of Zn in the organic phase and an increase of Zn in the oxide phase. There are two fluctuations of Zn in the residual phase with depth: at 150 cm and at 310 cm. Both depths show a decrease in detrital concentration of Zn. At 150 cm and 310 cm depths the sediment composition changes to the sand (Type 1). Other compositional changes (sand-silty-clay and silty-clays) appear to have no discernable effect on concentrations of Zn in the sediment.

Figure 29 is a plot of Cu concentration with depth. Copper in the oxide fraction appears constant with depth and is relatively small. The organic fraction also is constant with depth except for an increase at 300 cm. The organic fraction increases drastically due to encountering a grain-type compositional change at this point. Copper in the detrital fraction is of dominate control on its concentration in these sediments and fluctuates throughout the sediment core. The Cu detrital fraction appear to be controlled by the sediment type (higher concentration values are associated with clay type sediment and lower concentration values are associated with sand type composition).

Figures 30 and 31, nickel and barium concentrations with depth, respectively, show similar grain-type dependencies. The organic and oxide fraction are relatively unimportant and remain constant with depth. Little repartitioning occurs with depth. The detrital fraction has two major low level concentration points at 150 cm and 300 cm for both barium and nickel profiles. These low level concentration points correspond to a sand grain-type (Type 1). High concentration levels correspond to a clay grain-type (Type 5 and Type 6). Nickel and barium

Figure 29. Concentration of copper with depth in core 10.

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Figure 30. Concentration of nickel with depth in core 10.

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- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Ni concentration

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Figure 31. Concentration of barium with depth in core 10.

Symbol key:

- RES detrital fraction
- TOT total Ba concentration

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In general, there exists a relationship between sediment type and concentration of the detrital fraction. The hydromorphic phase is more independent of sediment type with depth than they are at the surface (excluding Mn oxide fraction). The relative importance of the hydromorphic phases in sequestering metal does not indicate major repartitioning of the metals with depth within the hydromorphic fraction.

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Core 10 sediments are also considered oxic throughout the core length. The lack of decreasing metal concentration in the oxide phase and no observable oxidized sediment zone enrichment for Ni, Fe, Mn, and Co which is expected when reducing conditions are encountered [Addy <u>et</u> <u>al.</u>, 1976; Holmes and Martin, 1978; Heath and Dymond, 1981]. These observations lead to the conclusion that core 10 does not encounter a reducing environment and is therefore considered oxic throughout the core.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX I CHEMICAL PARTITIONING DATA

## APPENDIX I

- A = Sample Location
- B = Processed prior to receiving sample (1 = yes; 2 = no)
- C = Bioturbated (1 = yes; 2 = no)
- E = Sediment accumulate rate based on Pb-210 data (Nittrouer <u>et al.</u>, 1983).
- F = Depth in cm (low)
- G = Depth in cm (high)
- H = Total organic carbon
- I = Exchangable fraction in ppm
- J = Fe-Mn oxide fraction in ppm
- K = Organic fraction in ppm
- L = Residual fraction in ppm
- M = Total metal concentration in ppm (Addition of I L values)
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- 80 = Soils taken at Belem'
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- All samples sieved in less than .212 mm sieve prior to analysis.

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APPENDIX II GRAPHITE CONTROL SETTINGS FOR PERKIN ELMER 560 ATOMIC ADSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER WITH HGA:2200 GRAPHITE FURNACE

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MATRIX: MgCl<sub>2</sub> (Exchangeable Fraction)
Signal = concentration (conc)
Mode = peak height (pk ht)
Recorder = TIC
Gas Flow = 7 normal:33 on Argon flow meter
Volume = 20 \mul
                 2700°C at 14 seconds
Chromium:
          atm
           char 1100°C at 30 seconds
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           drv
                  AA only
           mode
           time = 8.0 seconds reading
                 2700°C at 8 seconds
Cobalt:
           atm
           char 1000°C at 40 seconds
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           dry
           mode AA-BG
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
Nickel:
                 2700°C at 10 seconds
           atm
           char 1000°C at 30 seconds
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           drv
                  AA-BG
           mode
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
                 2700°C at 11 seconds
Aluminum:
           atm
           char 1300°C at 20 seconds
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           dry
                  AA-BG
           mode
           time = 4.0 seconds reading
                 2800°C at 13 seconds
Barium:
           atm
           char 1500°C at 30 seconds
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           dry
                  AA only
           mode
           time = 4.0 seconds reading
           Gas Flow increased for Ba
Lead:
           atm
                 2300°C at 10 seconds
                  700°C at 10 seconds
           char
                  100°C at 60 seconds
           dry
                  AA-BG
           mode
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
           Gas Flow = 30
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MATRIX: .04 M NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCL in 25% (v/v) HOAc (Oxide Fraction)
Signal = concentration (conc)
Mode = peak height (pk ht)
Recorder = TIC
Gas Flow = 7 normal:33 on Argon flow meter
Volume = 20 \text{ ul}
                 2700°C at 12 seconds
Chromium:
           atm
           char
                1100°C at 10 seconds
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
           mode
                  AA only
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
                 2700°C at 12 seconds
Cobalt:
           atm
           char 1000°C at 20 seconds
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
           mode
                  AA-BG
           time = 8.0 seconds reading
                 2700°C at 12 seconds
Nickel:
           atm
           char 1000°C at 20 seconds
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
           mode
                  AA-BG
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
                 2700°C at 12 seconds
Aluminum:
           atm
           char
                 1400°C at 20 seconds
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
           mode
                  AA-BG
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
           Gas Flow increase for Al
                 2800°C at 14 seconds
Barium:
           atm
           char 1600°C at 20 seconds
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
                  AA only
           mode
           time = 10.0 seconds reading
           Gas Flow increase for Ba
                 2300°C at 8 seconds
Lead:
           atm
                  600°C at 16 seconds
           char
                  100°C at 20 seconds
           dry
           mode
                  AA-BG
           time = 6.0 seconds reading
           Gas Flow = 7N:30
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MATRIX: 3.5 ratio  $.02HNO_3$ : 3.2  $NH_4OAc$  in 20% (v/v)  $HNO_3$  (Organic Fraction) Signal = concentration (conc) Mode = peak height (pk ht) Recorder = TICGas Flow = 7 normal:33 on Argon flow meter Volume = 20 ul2700°C at 12 seconds Chromium: atm char 1100°C at 20 seconds 100°C at 20 seconds dry AA only mode time = 10.0 seconds reading Cobalt: atm 2700°C at 12 seconds char 1000°C at 20 seconds 100°C at 20 seconds dry AA-BG mode time = 6.0 seconds reading Nickel: 2700°C at 12 seconds atm 1000°C at 20 seconds char 100°C at 20 seconds dry mode AA-BG time = 6.0 seconds reading Aluminum: atm 2700°C at 12 seconds 1400°C at 30 seconds char 100°C at 20 seconds dry AA-BG mode time = 4.0 seconds reading Barium: atm 2800°C at 12 seconds char 1500°C at 10 seconds 100°C at 20 seconds dry AA only mode time = 6.0 seconds reading Gas Flow increased for Ba Lead: 2300°C at 10 seconds atm 700°C at 20 seconds char 100°C at 20 seconds dry mode AA-BG time = 8.0 seconds reading Gas Flow = 7N:30

MATRIX: LiBO<sub>3</sub> (Residual Fraction) Signal = concentration (conc) Mode = peak height (pk ht) Recorder = TICGas Flow = 7 normal:33 on Argon flow meter Volume =  $20 \mu$ l 2700°C at 13 seconds Chromium: atm char 1100°C at 30 seconds 100°C at 25 seconds dry AA only mode time = 4.0 seconds reading Cobalt: atm 2700°C at 12 seconds char 1000°C at 30 seconds 100°C at 25 seconds dry AA-BG mode time = 6.0 seconds reading Nickel: 2700°C at 12 seconds atm char 1000°C at 30 seconds 100°C at 25 seconds dry AA-BG mode time = 8.0 seconds reading Aluminum: atm 2600°C at 15 seconds char 1400°C at 30 seconds 100°C at 25 seconds dry mode AA-BG time = 6.0 seconds reading 2700°C at 14 seconds Barium: atm char 1600°C at 30 seconds 100°C at 25 seconds dry mode AA only time = 6.0 seconds reading Gas Flow increased for Ba 2300°C at 12 seconds Lead: atm 600°C at 10 seconds char dry 100°C at 25 seconds AA-BG mode time = 6.0 seconds reading Gas Flow = 7N:30

APPENDIX III B-MATRIX OF WEIGHTS FROM Q-MODE AND R-MODE FACTOR ANALYSIS

# Raw Q-Mode Factor Analysis

### PA1\*

Sample Location	Communality	<u>Factor 1</u>
2	•99870	.02474
3	<b>.</b> 99849	.02474
4	.83878	.02267
5	.84175	.02271
6	.90706	.02358
7	•96277	.02429
9	<b>.</b> 99887	.02474
10	<b>.</b> 99396	.02468
11	•99982	.02475
12	<b>.</b> 99919	.02474
13	.99914	.02474
14	<b>.</b> 99875	.02474
15	•99977	.02475
16	.95771	.02423
17	•99978	.02475
18	<b>.99</b> 985	.02475
19	•99924	.02475
20	.99616	.02471
25	.99972	.02475
26	•99865	.02474
27	.99119	.02465
28	.99713	.02472
29	•99874	.02474
30	•99845	.02474
31	.99819	.02473
32	•99997	.02475
33	•99856	.02474
34	.99911	.02474
35	•99972	.02475
36	•99821	.02473
37	.99986	.02475
38	•99830	.02473
39	•99967	.02475
42	.94691	.02409
43	.99826	.024/3
46	.99945	.024/5
4/	.99562	.02470
50	.99634	.02470
55	.99945	.02475
56	.99642	.02471
57	.99929	.02475

Variance 98.5

Cum. Variance 98.5

**\***PA1 = Principal factoring without Iteration.

# Transformed Q-Mode Factor Analysis

Factor Score Coefficients

Sample Location	Communal	ity	<u>Factor 1</u>	Factor 2
2	.99904		03359	.07694
3	.97704		03402	.07687
4	.92040		.07805	05198
5	.84777		.05564	02497
6	<b>.</b> 90567		.05313	02037
7	<b>.</b> 90804		.06597	03645
9	.99404		.05992	02662
10	.99185		.06286	03036
11	.97462		.05409	01988
12	.99086		03125	.07446
13	.99054		03534	.07846
14	.99691		03669	.07991
15	.99727		03507	.07834
16	.97502		.05969	02680
17	.98611		.06046	02749
18	.99111		03392	.07726
19	.99415		.05386	01921
20	.98920		.05922	02574
25	.98732		.05845	02491
26	.97539		.04880	01313
27	<b>.99</b> 882		.03942	00221
28	.99944		03371	.07705
29	.98462		03521	.07852
30	.97495		03222	.07527
31	.97432		.05991	02705
32	.99187		.03895	00169
33	<b>.</b> 99489		03385	.07703
34	.98747		03696	.08012
35	.99507		.05740	02365
36	.99888		.05407	01936
37	.99515		03465	.07797
38	.99797		03597	.07917
39	.92482		03141	.07478
42	.99482		.05970	02806
43	.99562		03591	.07912
46	.99267		.06062	02753
47	.99454		.05369	01892
50	.98836		.06301	03063
55	.99431		.06457	03246
56	.99637		03471	.07797
57	.98825		.04442	00786
		Variance	85.1	12.9
	Cum.	Variance	85.1	98.0

# Transformed R-Mode Factor Analysis

### Factor Score Coefficients

Va	riable	Commu	nality	<u>Factor 1</u>	Factor 2	Factor 3
Ba	hydromorphic	.97	813	.43968	.42335	73635
Ba	detrital	.82	681	44567	.51495	29946
Cu	hydromorphic	.47	255	03200	07351	02796
Cu	detrital	.69	516	.08458	39477	.06976
Fe	hydromorphic	.99	442	-1.99033	3.68699	1.24704
Fe	detrital	.29	146	.04400	02217	.09278
Со	hydromorphic	.43	779	.08092	01364	14581
Со	detrital	.77	044	.33520	33985	07342
Mn	hydromorphic	.83	414	.45541	92104	49177
Mn	detrital	.89	422	1.05746	88667	13179
Zn	hydromorphic	.88	380	.23477	-1.20147	.15529
Zn	detrital	.83	561	.34932	37750	<b>.</b> 23755
Ni	hydromorphic	.64	380	.14875	22425	11346
Ni	detrital	.82	108	27355	.03840	.52969
Рb	hydromorphic	.53	736	.09078	09969	03383
Рb	detrital	.60	302	.16213	00120	24376
Cr	hydromorphic	.89	696	.18542	.46088	02429
Cr	detrital	.54	3 <b>42</b>	10497	.14161	.18548
A1	hydromorphic	.85	187	.25574	48270	34914
A1	detrital	.81	213	.13346	13397	.16588
			Variance	72.3	10.5	7.3
		Cum.	Variance	72.3	82.8	90.1

Raw R-Mode Factor Analysis

PA1\*

Factor Score Coefficients

Variable	<u>Communality</u>	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Ba hydromorphic	.81095	.08720	.10476	03189	00251	13321
Ba detrital	.61631	03375	.41834	.18971	00334	07891
Cu hydromorphic	.69970	00150	05572	02903	.66590	.01868
Cu detrital	.58442	.02092	13135	.28220	00904	.21053
Fe hydromorphic	.94517	.05526	00047	.26001	.05483	.02307
Fe detrital	.64126	.11785	06084	11879	12587	.03125
Co hydromorphic	.74976	.04969	.21432	.05221	.27663	.41244
Co detrital	.64514	.06260	.24298	01958	23285	.01130
Mn hydromorphic	.82285	10605	.13254	• 59668	04542	09965
Mn detrital	.78229	.08168	.11101	.05630	.04908	.11482
Zn hydromorphic	.91678	.08660	07337	.12930	.07550	.06580
Zn detrital	.79788	.10335	08994	02701	.03795	10587
Ni hydromorphic	.69948	.12661	08506	17530	06601	02897
Ni detrital	.64504	.09712	.02494	00823	29052	.11907
Pb hydromorphic	.55320	00218	33903	.13507	.12742	10807
Pb detrital	.80457	.00408	.00085	01145	.00463	.74933
Cr hydromorphic	.83955	.09248	01746	.05542	.03868	01126
Cr detrital	.60013	.09334	31387	05507	31201	.02555
Al hydromorphic	.76383	.11654	06544	14313	.04647	09746
Al detrital	.79544	.10258	01981	11538	.13008	14066
	Variance	45.2	10.2	6.7	6.2	5.2
	Cum. Variance	45.2	55.5	62.1	68.4	73.6

\*PA1 = Principal factoring without Iteration

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Factor Score Coefficients

Variable	<u>Communality</u>	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5
Total organic carbon Ba hudromorphic	.76101 80040	02520 08581	.42397 00635	03968 10451	02519 0268	.05073 - 12831
ba nyurumurµnıc Ba detrital	.60894	02358	.00181	.41687	-18904	06515
Cu hydromorphic	.71319	09710	.52394	.04369	00745	.01430
Cu detrital	.58316	.02377	02693	12903	.28443	.20548
Fe hydromorphic	.94390	.04876	.03083	.00648	.26128	.01629
Fe detrital	.65335	.14101	13975	07896	11863	.02095
Co hydromorphic	.68029	.04043	.12874	.24639	.05574	.38054
Co detrital	.64343	.10452	19412	.20525	02750	.01226
Mn hydromorphic	.81433	-,09960	02950	.12763	.59370	09018
Mn detrital	.78213	.08149	.02447	.11610	.05769	.10929
Zn hydromorphic	.91202	.07607	.04561	06312	.13205	.05603
Zn detrital	.80201	.08770	.05250	08072	02121	09940
Ni hydromorphic	.70685	.13882	08303	10005	17840	04748
Ni detrital	.61326	.13175	18999	01445	01393	.13243
Pb hydromorphic	.52819	02434	.06273	32343	.13624	13225
Pb detrital	.82147	.00775	.03574	.00936	00808	.76075
Cr hydromorphic	.83804	.08631	.02372	01246	•05765	01659
Cr detrital	.55398	.10928	15846	34531	05353	.05706
Al hydromorphic	.76387	.10760	.02896	06225	14210	10825
Al detrital	.80751	.07632	.12318	.00076	10814	13603
	Variance	44.4	<b>9</b> •8	7.6	6.2	5.0
0	Cum. Variance	44.4	54.2	61.9	68.0	73.0

