

**CAN WE RECONSTRUCT RIVER $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ VARIATIONS USING
FRESHWATER MUSSEL GEOCHEMISTRY? FIRST INSIGHT USING
FEMTO-LASER MC-ICP-MS ANALYSES**

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In the Amazon basin, it has been shown that the river $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ depends on the surrounding geology, with 4 main sub-basins showing major contrast, but varies also at a smaller spatial resolution and temporally. Nevertheless, the large size of the Amazon basin and the complexity to reach remote areas lead to a very incomplete vision of water $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ values and temporal variations. However, such data are of high importance for many geological and ecological studies. Freshwater mussel shell geochemistry might provide records of $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ variations on a seasonal scale for 4-5 consecutive years. We used Femto-second laser ablation coupled to a multi-collector ICP-MS (LA-MC-ICP-MS) to analyze freshwater mussel shells $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ ratio. This was done in two parts of shells (hinge and ventral margin) collected in a floodplain lake close to Manaus (Brazil) where they grew for one year in a home-made cage. We observed a clear seasonal-related $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ signal with enriched values during the high-water level and conversely. In addition, $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ shell values correspond globally to those measured in the water monitored during the one-year of shell growth. Thus, freshwater mussel $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ signature, that can be measured using LA-MC-ICP-MS, might be a powerful tool to obtain invaluable $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$ river data.



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