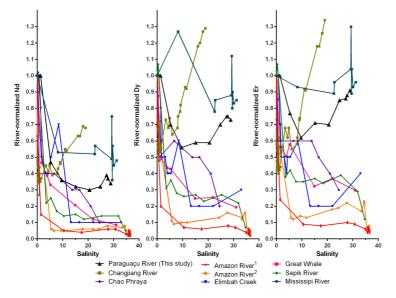
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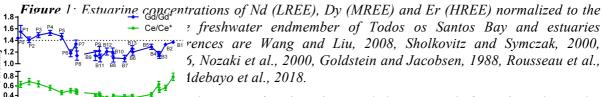
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#### New Scientific Results

• Rare Earth Elements fractionation along the continuum between Paraguaçu River to coastal South Atlantic waters

The results show that REE were scavenged in the estuarine low salinity region (< 5) following the order Light > Medium > Heavy (LREE > MREE > HREE), likely due to colloids coagulation/precipitation. At mid to high salinities, REE concentrations gradually increased, starting with HREE, followed by MREE and LREE. Within Todos os Santos Bay, a clear difference between the eastern and western sides was observed: i. The western side was clearly influenced by the fluvial input, ii. the eastern side of the bay showed more scattered REE patterns, due to the influence of different sources, such as submarine groundwater discharge and the mixing with coastal seawater. During a 13h tidal cycle experiment at a mooring station, the REE pattern changed from a terrigenous (flat) at low tide to a marine-like (HREE enriched) pattern at the flood tide. Anthropogenic Gd anomalies (Gd/Gd\* > 1.4) were observed at the estuary and also at high tide and during ebb tide along the tidal cycle experiment. Taken together, these observations show that the REE behavior along the continent-ocean continuum is quite variable. Moreover, the occurrence of anthropogenic Gd indicates that anthropogenic inputs of REE may complicate their use as a tracer for natural processes in the future.





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## Cruises

• The PROVOCCAR/GEOTRACES GApr15 cruise was performed between February and March 2020 on board the Polar Vessel Alte. Maximiniano. Full depth profiles were performed to collect waters for the determination of nutrients, biogenic silica, and particulate carbon and nitrogen (Fig. 2) to be analyzed by Rodrigo Kerr (FURG). We also collected waters for the analysis of dissolved REE, and isotopes of C, O, Nd and Ba.

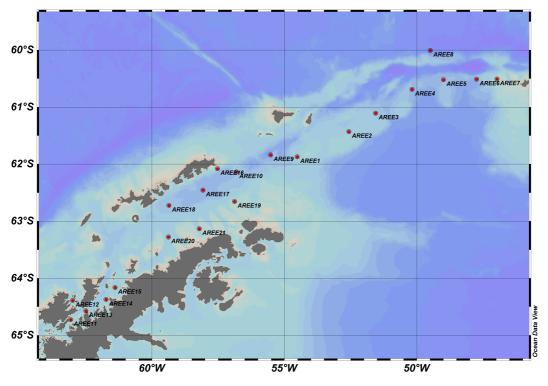


Figure 2. Stations profiles for the GApr15/PROVOCCAR 2020 cruise.

# **Other GEOTRACES** Activities

- V. Hatje is a Full Member of SCOR Working Group 145: Modelling Chemical Speciation in Seawater to Meet 21st Century Needs (MARCHEMSPEC).
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