

Table S1. Ionic composition of riverine waters sampled on the western coast of the Lake Baikal, mg/L.

| Stream No. | K ⁺ | Na ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Ca ²⁺ | Cl ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | HCO ₃ ⁻ |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Marituiskey area | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.98 | 1.87 | 0.33 | 7.75 | 1.03 | 8.30 | 23.4 |
| 2 | 0.83 | 2.03 | 0.99 | 6.12 | 0.21 | 9.74 | 19.4 |
| 3 | 1.23 | 2.13 | 1.77 | 11.1 | 0.32 | 11.0 | 35.8 |
| 4 | 1.02 | 1.78 | 1.33 | 6.56 | 0.15 | 8.85 | 19.8 |
| 5 | 0.76 | 2.11 | 1.33 | 6.20 | 0.21 | 6.93 | 23.0 |
| 6 | 1.23 | 1.96 | 0.56 | 7.84 | 0.35 | 7.48 | 24.2 |
| 7 | 1.04 | 2.18 | 0.77 | 7.84 | 0.19 | 7.86 | 27.8 |
| 8 | 1.19 | 2.68 | 0.33 | 9.37 | 0.22 | 7.85 | 27.6 |
| 9 | 1.32 | 2.21 | 2.88 | 6.56 | 0.29 | 7.48 | 32.5 |
| 10 | 0.76 | 1.83 | 1.57 | 6.20 | 0.41 | 8.29 | 16.7 |
| 11 | 1.67 | 2.19 | 1.11 | 9.05 | 0.30 | 8.65 | 30.2 |
| 12 | 1.14 | 2.38 | 2.43 | 8.75 | 0.33 | 8.32 | 36.1 |
| Baikalsky area | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 0.39 | 2.11 | 0.99 | 6.20 | 0.54 | 6.58 | 20.8 |
| 14 | 0.44 | 1.88 | 0.56 | 7.48 | 0.66 | 9.19 | 19.1 |
| 15 | 0.57 | 2.21 | 0.77 | 8.39 | 0.64 | 7.67 | 24.7 |
| 16 | 0.92 | 1.94 | 5.09 | 15.3 | 0.59 | 7.30 | 80.0 |
| 17 | 0.32 | 2.10 | 1.44 | 6.56 | 1.64 | 9.56 | 18.4 |
| 18 | 0.96 | 1.54 | 3.67 | 15.6 | 0.57 | 12.4 | 58.6 |
| 19 | 0.68 | 2.29 | 3.99 | 11.3 | 0.45 | 13.7 | 43.9 |
| 20 | 0.73 | 2.31 | 4.20 | 10.4 | 0.56 | 14.0 | 41.9 |
| 21 | 1.02 | 3.38 | 3.83 | 18.7 | 0.32 | 15.7 | 70.1 |
| 22 | 1.08 | 1.92 | 9.07 | 24.8 | 0.66 | 16.1 | 107 |
| Listvyansky area | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 1.37 | 3.77 | 6.63 | 27.8 | 2.23 | 23.5 | 106 |
| 24 | 2.03 | 2.74 | 1.88 | 9.28 | 0.47 | 16.3 | 26.8 |
| 25 | 0.79 | 4.12 | 4.14 | 19.8 | 3.22 | 20.7 | 66.7 |
| 26 | 1.79 | 3.75 | 5.11 | 18.7 | 3.19 | 18.9 | 71.2 |
| 27 | 0.46 | 2.10 | 1.33 | 16.7 | 0.47 | 20.3 | 37.5 |
| 28 | 0.41 | 3.01 | 2.66 | 12.8 | 0.47 | 22.6 | 31.5 |
| 29 | 0.29 | 3.68 | 2.32 | 10.2 | 0.32 | 19.1 | 28.1 |
| 30 | 0.25 | 4.20 | 5.87 | 12.1 | 0.80 | 27.9 | 35.5 |
| 31 | 0.35 | 5.11 | 7.41 | 10.2 | 0.32 | 23.2 | 52.8 |
| 32 | 0.58 | 5.13 | 15.5 | 24.8 | 0.47 | 52.1 | 102 |
| Goloustnensky area | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 0.41 | 2.12 | 6.09 | 17.7 | 0.47 | 19.4 | 65.6 |
| 34 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 1.48 | 11.1 | 5.91 | 0.32 | 20.8 |
| 35 | 0.53 | 1.38 | 10.4 | 23.0 | 0.22 | 9.56 | 115 |
| 36 | 0.65 | 1.75 | 1.66 | 6.56 | 0.47 | 7.48 | 23.8 |
| 37 | 0.59 | 1.76 | 15.5 | 34.5 | 0.56 | 22.8 | 159 |
| Buguldeyisky area | | | | | | | |
| 38 | 0.52 | 1.95 | 16.0 | 42.0 | 0.47 | 29.8 | 177 |
| 39 | 1.42 | 4.75 | 8.30 | 33.6 | 0.80 | 28.1 | 123 |
| 40 | 1.75 | 8.93 | 16.0 | 64.3 | 2.28 | 1.91 | 313 |
| 41 | 1.87 | 6.39 | 24.8 | 48.5 | 1.84 | 10.3 | 292 |
| 42 | 1.11 | 1.12 | 6.31 | 21.5 | 4.32 | 1.12 | 135 |
| 43 | 1.95 | 11.1 | 7.29 | 48.0 | 2.11 | 18.7 | 189 |
| 44 | 1.23 | 1.23 | 6.14 | 29.9 | 3.27 | 2.20 | 92.2 |
| 45 | 2.65 | 11.9 | 18.9 | 54.7 | 2.34 | 54.9 | 230 |

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|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 46 | 1.67 | 1.65 | 3.48 | 9.19 | 5.92 | 1.24 | 36.8 |
| Yelantsinsky area | | | | | | | |
| 47 | 1.47 | 1.48 | 4.40 | 9.92 | 8.12 | 1.15 | 42.7 |
| 48 | 0.57 | 0.56 | 2.38 | 3.54 | 11.6 | 1.21 | 26.9 |
| 49 | 1.23 | 1.19 | 2.23 | 5.65 | 7.89 | 0.90 | 12.5 |
| 50 | 1.37 | 1.40 | 1.29 | 1.66 | 8.57 | 0.72 | 10.2 |
| 51 | 1.12 | 2.05 | 1.88 | 8.76 | 0.78 | 7.84 | 31.9 |
| 52 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 1.10 | 3.20 | 8.78 | 0.76 | 13.2 |
| 53 | 0.96 | 2.04 | 1.88 | 10.6 | 0.82 | 2.25 | 44.3 |
| 54 | 0.86 | 2.05 | 2.21 | 11.1 | 0.85 | 2.44 | 47.2 |
| 55 | 0.78 | 0.96 | 1.93 | 3.57 | 6.77 | 0.78 | 22.3 |
| 56 | 0.49 | 0.84 | 1.44 | 5.31 | 0.59 | 2.81 | 21.7 |
| 57 | 0.57 | 0.56 | 0.75 | 3.22 | 5.65 | 0.48 | 19.4 |
| 58 | 0.40 | 1.11 | 0.77 | 4.78 | 0.56 | 3.56 | 16.4 |
| 59 | 0.59 | 1.20 | 1.33 | 8.74 | 0.60 | 2.44 | 33.3 |
| Onguryonsky area | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 0.56 | 1.48 | 4.87 | 14.7 | 2.45 | 4.50 | 64.6 |
| 61 | 1.13 | 2.19 | 4.87 | 14.7 | 0.76 | 5.81 | 68.7 |
| 62 | 1.56 | 1.13 | 8.63 | 26.3 | 0.51 | 18.9 | 104 |
| 63 | 1.67 | 1.05 | 10.2 | 25.6 | 0.58 | 4.12 | 129 |
| 64 | 1.19 | 3.66 | 2.88 | 12.6 | 1.14 | 5.81 | 55.1 |
| 65 | 1.47 | 2.20 | 7.41 | 23.0 | 0.56 | 22.5 | 86.5 |
| 66 | 0.92 | 1.40 | 5.42 | 16.9 | 0.42 | 7.84 | 73.6 |
| 67 | 2.20 | 1.56 | 14.8 | 41.6 | 0.57 | 21.0 | 182 |
| 68 | 2.02 | 1.85 | 22.6 | 35.0 | 0.69 | 34.2 | 185 |
| 69 | 0.84 | 1.10 | 11.1 | 24.3 | 0.48 | 8.02 | 124 |
| 70 | 1.21 | 1.20 | 4.29 | 2.01 | 0.33 | 0.42 | 29.5 |
| 71 | 0.66 | 1.92 | 5.86 | 16.9 | 0.24 | 5.61 | 79.7 |
| 72 | 0.50 | 2.38 | 8.96 | 12.0 | 0.63 | 11.2 | 73.9 |
| 73 | 1.74 | 3.76 | 38.1 | 83.7 | 0.78 | 43.0 | 406 |
| 74 | 0.26 | 1.10 | 18.9 | 53.6 | 0.60 | 17.2 | 240 |

Table S2. Trace element composition of water of Selenga river sampled at different stations and its basic statistical parameters, µg/L.

| Stream No. | Sr | Al | Fe | Ti | Mn | Zn | Cu | V | Mo | Ni | Cr |
|--------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Marituisky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 66.4 | 65.8 | 81.9 | 4.50 | 5.30 | 1.81 | 2.51 | 0.60 | 0.53 | 0.87 | 0.43 |
| 2 | 56.8 | 153 | 187 | 18.1 | 24.8 | 3.68 | 4.12 | 1.38 | 0.85 | 1.87 | 0.58 |
| 3 | 55.9 | 30.4 | 51.4 | 5.42 | 5.97 | 1.24 | 3.04 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 1.66 | 0.37 |
| 4 | 60.2 | 138 | 193 | 24.2 | 19.9 | 3.71 | 5.85 | 1.55 | 0.80 | 1.69 | 0.52 |
| 5 | 55.7 | 72.3 | 81.4 | 6.71 | 16.1 | 1.87 | 3.56 | 1.05 | 0.53 | 0.99 | 0.31 |
| 6 | 98.3 | 87.7 | 165 | 13.4 | 56.2 | 2.73 | 2.14 | 1.25 | 0.77 | 1.65 | 0.42 |
| 7 | 114 | 17.0 | 74.1 | 13.2 | 9.42 | 6.70 | 13.3 | 1.43 | 1.59 | 2.03 | 0.32 |
| 8 | 87.2 | 43.5 | 59.7 | 7.21 | 7.20 | 2.68 | 3.80 | 0.87 | 0.27 | 0.64 | 0.19 |
| 9 | 121 | 67.6 | 52.9 | 4.73 | 3.84 | 2.11 | 4.36 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.74 | 0.16 |
| 10 | 109 | 54.8 | 52.3 | 5.14 | 11.2 | 2.48 | 3.84 | 0.49 | 0.36 | 0.77 | 0.24 |
| 11 | 134 | 170 | 77.6 | 19.6 | 12.4 | 5.89 | 4.67 | 1.59 | 1.11 | 1.53 | 0.36 |
| 12 | 112 | 98.2 | 61.4 | 6.70 | 8.23 | 2.60 | 2.79 | 0.83 | 0.62 | 0.87 | 0.19 |
| Baikalsky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 73.7 | 30.8 | 49.1 | 3.48 | 11.4 | 2.23 | 1.10 | 0.40 | 0.29 | 1.00 | 0.18 |
| 14 | 55.8 | 42.9 | 50.1 | 2.15 | 7.66 | 2.32 | 2.23 | 0.50 | 0.37 | 1.06 | 0.20 |
| 15 | 78.6 | 84.7 | 66.4 | 7.71 | 8.25 | 5.17 | 2.95 | 0.60 | 0.43 | 0.77 | 0.24 |
| 16 | 69.2 | 42.2 | 53.9 | 8.66 | 9.69 | 5.66 | 4.55 | 1.20 | 0.76 | 0.97 | 0.27 |
| 17 | 73.0 | 33.4 | 48.6 | 5.46 | 7.96 | 2.37 | 2.40 | 0.75 | 0.27 | 1.13 | 0.21 |
| 18 | 134 | 29.8 | 47.3 | 3.46 | 5.35 | 1.69 | 2.82 | 0.71 | 0.26 | 0.80 | 0.25 |
| 19 | 101 | 83.7 | 84.2 | 5.84 | 7.75 | 3.85 | 4.17 | 0.91 | 0.13 | 1.21 | 0.28 |
| 20 | 167 | 44.61 | 20.5 | 0.66 | 2.32 | 0.97 | 1.87 | 0.10 | 0.02 | 0.26 | 0.08 |
| 21 | 81.8 | 39.5 | 42.3 | 4.87 | 11.0 | 2.49 | 2.74 | 0.74 | 0.41 | 0.76 | 0.34 |
| 22 | 89.8 | 88.75 | 60.8 | 1.37 | 9.67 | 2.21 | 4.17 | 0.59 | 0.58 | 1.59 | 0.37 |
| Listvyansky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 67.0 | 13.21 | 82.5 | 1.56 | 8.49 | 4.95 | 2.45 | 0.50 | 1.25 | 1.27 | 0.37 |
| 24 | 89.3 | 20.9 | 50.6 | 4.40 | 9.08 | 2.70 | 2.12 | 0.37 | 0.58 | 0.76 | 0.24 |
| 25 | 123 | 13.2 | 60.6 | 1.27 | 9.05 | 6.17 | 3.95 | 0.58 | 0.66 | 1.09 | 0.30 |
| 26 | 112 | 22.7 | 34.3 | 3.55 | 6.70 | 2.43 | 3.11 | 1.00 | 1.59 | 0.48 | 0.36 |
| 27 | 168 | 30.5 | 85.3 | 4.27 | 8.53 | 2.04 | 2.50 | 0.63 | 0.80 | 0.77 | 0.18 |
| 28 | 109 | 17.4 | 45.2 | 3.23 | 8.75 | 2.37 | 3.39 | 0.40 | 0.65 | 0.58 | 0.24 |
| 29 | 143 | 31.0 | 46.7 | 3.09 | 6.75 | 1.47 | 1.32 | 0.39 | 0.75 | 0.68 | 0.24 |
| 30 | 205 | 12.4 | 39.5 | 1.50 | 7.63 | 2.93 | 2.42 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.66 | 0.28 |
| 31 | 167 | 75.4 | 45.7 | 6.17 | 9.21 | 1.62 | 2.36 | 0.48 | 0.59 | 0.41 | 0.29 |
| 32 | 256 | 10.7 | 13.8 | 1.11 | 7.57 | 2.33 | 1.38 | 0.41 | 0.12 | 0.46 | 0.25 |
| Goloustnensky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 136 | 25.9 | 49.5 | 2.74 | 16.9 | 2.42 | 4.98 | 0.75 | 0.29 | 1.69 | 0.49 |
| 34 | 258 | 13.8 | 29.2 | 3.87 | 3.24 | 2.05 | 3.14 | 0.57 | 0.27 | 0.52 | 0.36 |
| 35 | 79.7 | 14.4 | 90.4 | 1.93 | 8.10 | 1.87 | 2.61 | 0.49 | 0.63 | 0.44 | 0.28 |
| 36 | 75.1 | 24.3 | 41.7 | 2.83 | 4.28 | 1.20 | 1.87 | 0.24 | 0.92 | 0.41 | 0.12 |
| 37 | 134 | 9.87 | 91.1 | 1.81 | 7.82 | 1.81 | 2.60 | 0.63 | 0.13 | 0.36 | 0.46 |
| Buguldeyisky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | 368 | 15.3 | 26.5 | 3.86 | 3.94 | 3.24 | 2.90 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.54 | 0.44 |
| 39 | 258 | 10.2 | 44.9 | 1.49 | 4.60 | 1.94 | 3.24 | 1.47 | 0.99 | 0.68 | 0.48 |
| 41 | 281 | 213 | 79.3 | 49.0 | 5.6 | 5.23 | 7.47 | 17.5 | 4.60 | 3.86 | 1.59 |
| 42 | 271 | 97.1 | 37.1 | 22.6 | 4.7 | 4.16 | 4.95 | 22.7 | 2.20 | 0.74 | 1.05 |
| 43 | 348 | 119 | 25.4 | 7.32 | 4.63 | 4.78 | 2.83 | 14.7 | 2.04 | 0.37 | 0.69 |
| 44 | 198 | 183 | 32.7 | 2.28 | 5.06 | 17.6 | 1.99 | 19.9 | 9.59 | 0.60 | 0.87 |
| 45 | 403 | 31.6 | 15.0 | 4.73 | 7.18 | 3.60 | 2.48 | 8.59 | 14.2 | 0.37 | 1.11 |
| 46 | 167 | 119 | 41.8 | 27.2 | 5.63 | 1.61 | 3.35 | 35.1 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.29 |

| Yelantsinsky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 47 | 168 | 122 | 30.5 | 0.30 | 5.73 | 5.92 | 4.84 | 59.6 | 0.59 | 1.04 | 0.87 |
| 48 | 33.7 | 147 | 23.3 | 7.81 | 8.84 | 8.59 | 2.99 | 1.44 | 1.20 | 0.75 | 0.16 |
| 49 | 124 | 74.3 | 25.1 | 35.1 | 4.73 | 2.88 | 0.87 | 3.42 | 0.48 | 0.27 | 0.27 |
| 50 | 33.4 | 90.9 | 15.8 | 26.3 | 4.96 | 1.94 | 1.61 | 0.85 | 3.24 | 0.32 | 0.16 |
| 51 | 33.9 | 164 | 33.4 | 22.7 | 6.68 | 4.28 | 2.22 | 0.39 | 1.32 | 0.71 | 0.16 |
| 52 | 33.3 | 123 | 37.3 | 34.9 | 5.29 | 3.11 | 8.88 | 0.87 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.19 |
| 53 | 22.6 | 188 | 90.0 | 66.5 | 3.45 | 1.93 | 1.87 | 0.27 | 1.60 | 0.66 | 0.44 |
| 54 | 45.1 | 39.5 | 97.1 | 31.1 | 9.76 | 4.38 | 3.71 | 0.36 | 1.55 | 0.76 | 0.28 |
| 55 | 21.8 | 60.3 | 121 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 7.59 | 2.99 | 0.31 | 1.59 | 0.57 | 0.18 |
| 56 | 269 | 44.5 | 21.6 | 22.8 | 7.81 | 6.64 | 3.06 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.30 | 0.21 |
| 58 | 56.7 | 72.9 | 24.3 | 24.2 | 16.9 | 2.72 | 3.32 | 0.97 | 2.43 | 0.50 | 0.29 |
| 59 | 67.4 | 40.4 | 45.1 | 21.6 | 10.6 | 5.17 | 4.23 | 1.59 | 1.58 | 0.67 | 0.49 |
| Onguryonsky area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 80.1 | 93.3 | 71.5 | 75.9 | 5.73 | 13.1 | 5.51 | 0.63 | 0.41 | 0.94 | 0.38 |
| 61 | 123 | 72.5 | 24.0 | 11.4 | 7.22 | 3.24 | 3.48 | 1.22 | 3.61 | 0.55 | 0.12 |
| 62 | 167 | 393 | 240 | 16.2 | 12.4 | 4.60 | 5.92 | 1.10 | 1.99 | 0.85 | 0.65 |
| 63 | 112 | 188 | 89.8 | 24.9 | 9.89 | 7.47 | 6.47 | 0.63 | 1.21 | 0.60 | 0.40 |
| 64 | 78.8 | 130 | 87.1 | 29.9 | 3.99 | 3.84 | 4.28 | 1.99 | 0.71 | 1.20 | 0.30 |
| 65 | 225 | 185 | 38.2 | 28.2 | 5.39 | 42.3 | 6.53 | 1.75 | 1.56 | 0.94 | 0.35 |
| 66 | 89.8 | 146 | 91.1 | 57.7 | 7.59 | 9.05 | 8.84 | 0.75 | 0.52 | 1.24 | 0.52 |
| 68 | 391 | 95.5 | 73.5 | 7.22 | 7.87 | 2.59 | 2.99 | 0.93 | 1.36 | 0.74 | 0.58 |
| 70 | 33.4 | 177 | 33.2 | 15.8 | 4.83 | 3.11 | 2.92 | 0.36 | 2.99 | 0.50 | 0.21 |
| 71 | 22.7 | 87.1 | 27.3 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 3.49 | 2.83 | 0.36 | 0.63 | 0.58 | 0.26 |
| 72 | 7.81 | 55.1 | 49.8 | 3.52 | 7.35 | 5.35 | 3.11 | 0.37 | 0.25 | 0.87 | 0.28 |
| 73 | 358 | 122 | 68.7 | 5.73 | 10.9 | 4.96 | 3.56 | 1.37 | 0.46 | 1.09 | 1.03 |
| 74 | 89.3 | 84.2 | 61.0 | 9.05 | 7.31 | 4.36 | 3.62 | 0.91 | 0.06 | 0.73 | 0.55 |

Table S3. Average contributions of solute sources to trace element composition of water of western tributaries of Lake Baikal and Selenga River, %.

| Area | Sulfide-bearing silicates | Fe-Mn-bearing sedimentary rocks and clays | Carbonates | Ore-bearing silicates | Fe-Mn-bearing sedimentary rocks and clays | Carbonates |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|---|------------|
| | Sr/Fe-Ni/V daigram | | | Sr/Fe-Mo/V daigram | | |
| Marituiskey | 34 | 65 | 1 | 2 | 92 | 6 |
| Baikalsky | 38 | 57 | 5 | 1 | 84 | 15 |
| Listvyansky | 47 | 42 | 11 | 11 | 65 | 24 |
| Goloustnensky | 41 | 49 | 9 | 14 | 62 | 24 |
| Buguldeysky | 1 | 63 | 35 | 2 | 41 | 58 |
| Yelantsinsky | 22 | 69 | 9 | 25 | 57 | 18 |
| Onguryonsky | 21 | 74 | 5 | 14 | 72 | 14 |
| Selenga watershed | 1 | 79 | 20 | 9 | 55 | 36 |
| | Sr/Mn-Ni/V daigram | | | Sr/Mn-Mo/V daigram | | |
| Marituiskey | 37 | 56 | 6 | 2 | 89 | 9 |
| Baikalsky | 39 | 48 | 13 | 1 | 78 | 22 |
| Listvyansky | 50 | 35 | 15 | 11 | 70 | 19 |
| Goloustnensky | 43 | 31 | 26 | 14 | 53 | 33 |
| Buguldeysky | 3 | 28 | 69 | 3 | 28 | 69 |
| Yelantsinsky | 23 | 64 | 13 | 24 | 63 | 13 |
| Onguryonsky | 26 | 56 | 18 | 15 | 65 | 20 |
| Selenga watershed | 3 | 75 | 22 | 9 | 69 | 22 |

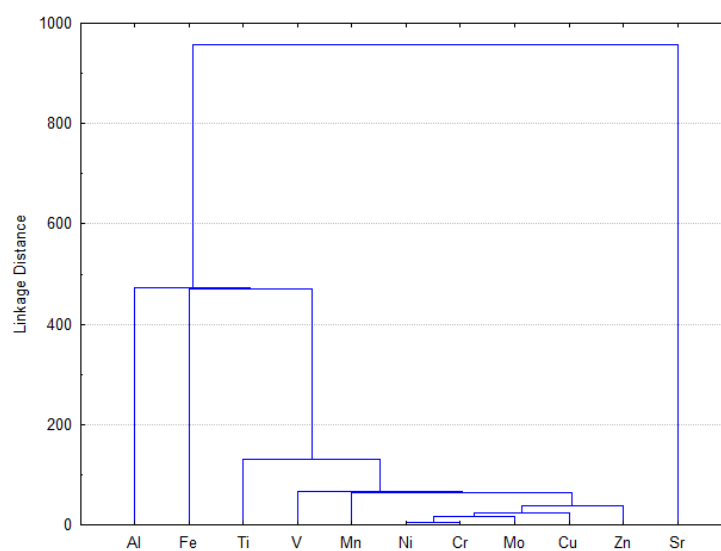
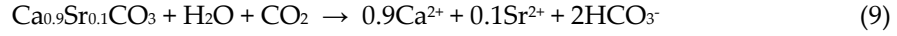


Figure S1. Hierarchical dendrogram for 11 trace metals in water of western tributaries of Lake Baikal and Selenga River.

3.4. Identification of trace element sources

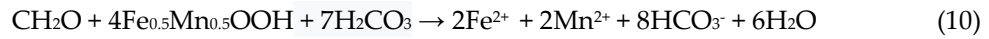
To identify trace element sources and their tracers all possible biplots for all combinations of trace element concentrations, normalized to each other were generated. The two negatively correlated pairs of element ratios, such as Sr/Fe and Sr/Mn on the one hand and Ni/V and Mo/V on the other hand, were finally chosen as tracers (Figure 5 and Figure 6).

The chemical composition of water samples characterized by high Sr/Fe and Sr/Mn ratio values (>5 and >20, respectively) was probably originated from dissolution of carbonates, because Sr substitutes Ca in CaCO₃:



Thus, the right vertex of mixing triangle was assumed to represent products of dissolution of carbonate rocks.

The chemical composition of water samples characterized by low Sr/Fe and Sr/Mn ratio values (<5 and <20, respectively) was probably originated from microbially mediated dissolution of bog Fe and Mn ores consisting of hydrated Fe oxide minerals enriched in Mn such as Mn-limonite and Mn-goethite (FeMnOOH), occurred in ancient lacustrine and swamp deposits [1, 2]:



The Mn may also be released due to reduction of Mn ore minerals like pyrolusite (MnO₂) in the process of Fe oxidation in wetland sediments [3]:

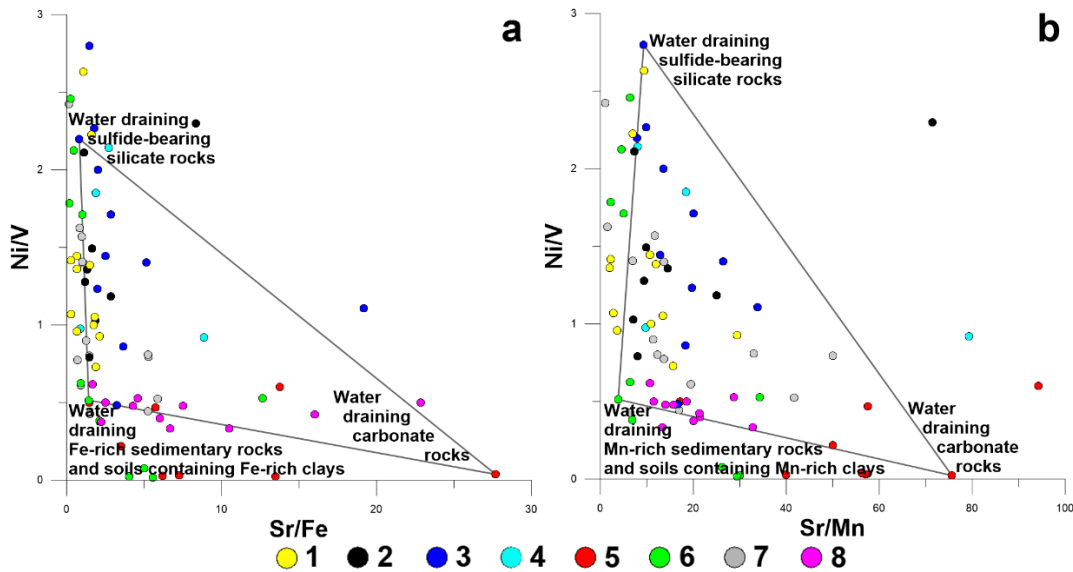
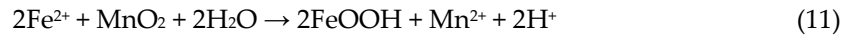
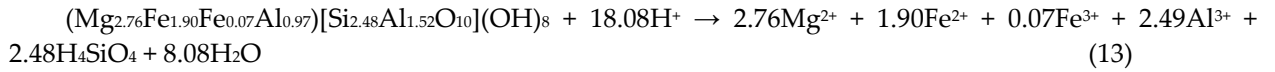


Figure 5. Trace element composition of waters of the western Baikal tributaries and Selenga River as the mixture of dissolution products of sulfide-bearing silicate rocks, carbonate rocks and Fe-Mn-rich sedimentary rocks and clays in coordinates of Sr/Fe-Ni/V (a) and Sr/Mn-Ni/V (b) ratios; colored circles are samples from: 1 – Marituisky area, 2 – Baikalsky area, 3 – Listvyansky area, 4 – Goloustnensky area, 5 – Buguldeisky area, 6 – Elantsinsky, 7 – Ongurensky area, 8 – Selenga River.

The Fe may release due to dissolution of hematite (Fe₂O₃) or magnetite (FeO·Fe₂O₃) in weathering crusts of metamorphic silicate rocks like ferruginous quartzites (gespillites):

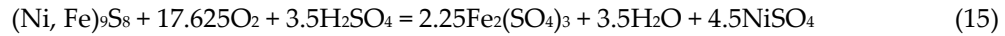


The Fe may also release due to hydrolysis of Fe-rich clay minerals like chlorite ($\text{Mg}_3\text{Fe}_3\text{AlSi}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$) occurred in sedimentary rocks and soils [4]:



Organic matter released into groundwater from soils provided the delivery of Mn^{2+} and Fe^{2+} to surface waters in organic form. Thus, the left vertex of mixing triangle was assumed to represent products of dissolution of Fe-rich and Mn-rich sedimentary rocks and soils containing Fe-rich and Mn-rich clays.

The chemical composition of water samples characterized by high (>1) Ni/V ratio values was probably originated from bacteria mediated dissolution of Ni-bearing sulfides [5] such as Ni-bearing pyrite (FeNiS_2) and petlandite ($(\text{Ni}, \text{Fe})_9\text{S}_8$) in the presence of sulfuric acid [6]:



Thus, the upper vertex of mixing triangle on Sr/Fe-Ni/V (Figure 5a) and Sr/Mn-Ni/V (Figure 5b) diagrams was assumed to represent products of dissolution of sulfide-bearing silicate rocks. The trace element composition of water samples characterized by low (<1) Ni/V ratio values was probably due to dissolution of V-bearing Fe-Mn ores occurred in both igneous and sedimentary rocks as well as due to dissolution V-bearing silicate minerals such as green mica, garnet, epidote and phlogopite [7, 8].

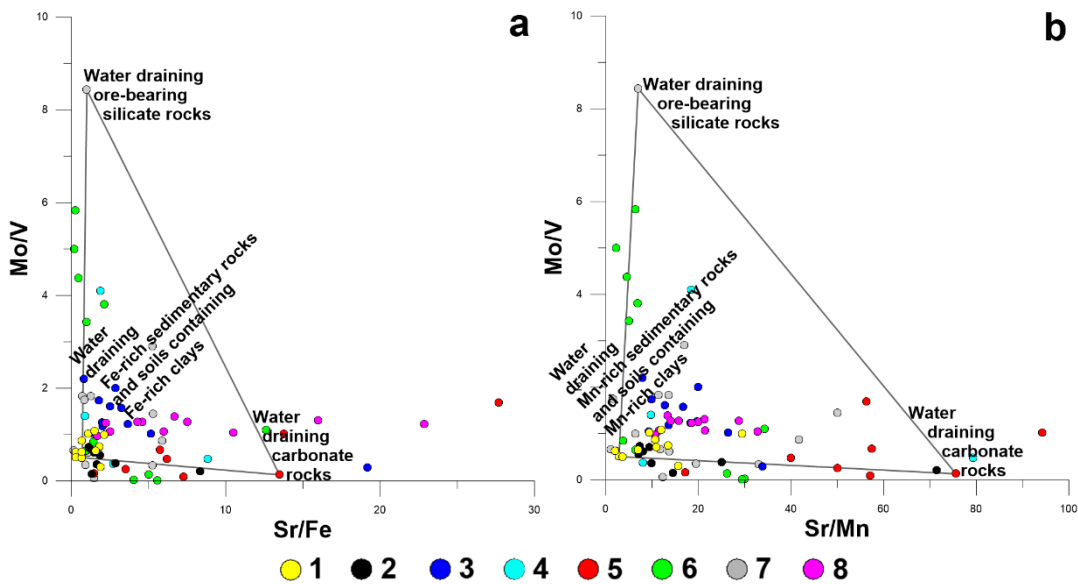
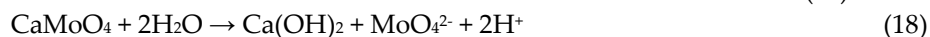
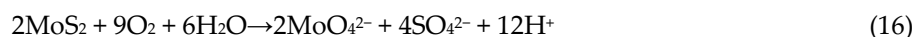


Figure 6. Trace element composition of waters of the western Baikal tributaries and Selenga River as the mixture of dissolution products of ore-bearing silicate rocks, carbonate rocks and Fe-Mn-rich sedimentary rocks and clays in coordinates of Sr/Fe-Mo/V (a) and Sr/Mn-Mo/V (b) ratios; colored circles are samples from: 1 – Marituiskey area, 2 – Baikalsky area, 3 – Listvyansky area, 4 – Goloustnensky area, 5 – Buguldeisky area, 6 – Elantsinsky, 7 – Ongurensky area, 8 – Selenga River.

The chemical composition of water samples from western coast characterized by high (>1) Mo/V ratio values could have originated from Mo-bearing ferruginous quartzites as well as from weathering crusts of quartzites [9]. The Fe bands in such ores are of hematite (Fe_2O_3) and magnetite ($\text{FeO} \cdot \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$), whereas the major Fe minerals in the weathered crusts of quartzites are hoethite (FeOOH) and hydrohoethite ($\text{FeOOH} \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$). To date, the existence of waters characterized by high Mo/V ratio values in the western coast (near the Bolshoy Cheremshaniy cape) have already been reported [10]. The enrichment of water of Selenga River with Mo could also be due to dissolution of primary Mo minerals like molybdenite (MoS_2), ferrimolybdate ($\text{Fe}_2(\text{MoO}_4)_3 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and povellite (CaMoO_4) contained in

porphyry molybdenum deposits widely spread in upper Selenga basin [11]:



The deposits of this type were formed as a result of mantle–crust interaction and are usually associated with silicate magmas varying in composition from mafic to intermediate and felsic [12, 13]. Since both Fe and Mo ores contain molybdenum, the upper vertex of mixing triangle on Sr/Fe–Mo/V (Figure 6a) and Sr/Mn–Mo/V (Figure 6b) diagrams was assumed to represent products of dissolution of ore-bearing silicate rocks, no matter whether it Fe ore-bearing silicate rocks or Mo ore-bearing silicate rocks.

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