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# Physicochemical characterization and sources of the thoracic fraction of road dust in a Latin American megacity



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# HIGHLIGHTS

# GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

- The volume (%) of the thoracic fraction of road dust was higher in industrial zones.
- Road dust from the commercial sector registered enrichment by diesel vehicles.
- The residential road dust revealed an enrichment by construction works emissions.
- Local soils and pavement erosion were the main sources (63%) of the PM10 fraction.
- SEM images provided information about the size and shape of the thoracic particles

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# ABSTRACT

Road dust has been identified as one of the main sources of outdoor PM<sub>10</sub> in Bogota (a Latin American megacity), but there are no studies that have analyzed the physicochemical characteristics and origins of its respirable fraction. A characterization of inorganic compounds (water soluble ions, major and trace elements, organic and elemental carbon) and an analysis of source contributions to the  $PM_{10}$  fraction of road dust were carried out in this study. A total of twenty road dust samples, selected from representative industrial, residential and commercial areas, were swept and resuspended to obtain the thoracic fraction. Size distribution by laser diffraction and individual particle morphology by Scanning Electron Microscopy were also evaluated. The data obtained revealed that the volume (%) of thoracic particles was higher in samples from industrial zones where heavy vehicular traffic, industrial emissions and deteriorated pavements predominated. Crustal elements were the most abundant species, accounting for 49–62% of the thoracic mass, followed by OC (13–29%), water-soluble ions (1.4–3.8%), EC (0.8–1.9%) and trace elements (0.2–0.5%). The Coefficient of Divergence was obtained to identify the spatial variability of the samples. A source apportionment analysis was carried out considering the variability of chemical profiles, enrichment factors and ratios of Fe/Al, K/Al, Ca/Al, Ti/Al, Cu/Sb, Zn/Sb, OC/TC and OC/EC. By means of a PCA analysis, five components were identified, including local soils and pavement erosion (63%), construction and demolition activities (13%), industrial emissions (6%), brake wear (5%) and tailpipe emissions (4%). These components accounted for 91% of the total variance. The results provide data to understand better one of the

\* Corresponding author at: Department of Civil and Environmental, Universidad de la Costa, Calle 58 #55-66, 080002, Barranquilla, Colombia. *E-mail addresses: oramirez@cuc.edu.co, omar.ramirez@unad.edu.co* (O. Ramírez). main sources of  $PM_{10}$  emissions in Bogota, such as road dust. These data will be useful to optimize environmental policies, and they may be used in future studies of human health and air quality modeling. © 2018 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

## 1. Introduction

Human exposure to PM<sub>10</sub> (thoracic particles) is considered one of the main global health risk factors (WHO, 2016; IHME, 2017). This pollutant has been associated with cardiovascular diseases and strokes (Burnett et al., 2014; Du et al., 2016), and has also been linked to lung diseases (Song et al., 2014; Int-Panis et al., 2017), adverse outcomes at birth (Ha et al., 2014), allergies in children (Lee et al., 2014), diabetes (Pearson et al., 2010), asthma (Weinmayr et al., 2010), osteoporosis (Prada et al., 2017), oxidative stress induced by heavy metals (Ma et al., 2015) and cognitive impairment (Kioumourtzoglou et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2017). Exposure to thoracic particles is especially serious in densely populated cities where residents are constantly exposed to multiple anthropogenic sources, including emissions associated with road traffic. Although air pollution due to high PM levels is a characteristic phenomenon in urban contexts (Grobéty et al., 2010; Gulia et al., 2015), it is more common in megacities in developing countries (Gurjar et al., 2010; Ma and Jia, 2016; Ramírez et al., 2018a; Wheida et al., 2018). This has been observed in Latin America, where 77% of the population live in urban areas that do not comply with air quality standards, including PM<sub>10</sub> levels (PAHO, 2005). Consequently, >100 million people are exposed to levels of air pollution above the guidelines recommended by the World Health Organization (Cifuentes et al., 2005; Green and Sánchez, 2013). This figure could increase in the coming years as an urban population of 570 million people has been projected in Latin America by 2025 (CEPAL, 2005).

Emissions related to road traffic represent a large contribution to the total concentrations of airborne particulate matter in urban areas (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Pant and Harrison, 2013). Vehicles emit primary particles and precursor gases of secondary particles (Perez et al., 2010; Calvo et al., 2013). Exhaust emissions include gases and fine/ultrafine carbon particles with small amounts of ions and metals (Zn, Pb, Cu, Ba, Cd, Cr, As) attributed to fuel and lubricant combustion (Gent et al., 2009; Peltier et al., 2011; Pulles et al., 2012). They also include traces of K, Br and Cl from engine (Pacyna, 1998), and Pt, Pd and Rh from catalytic converters (Prichard and Fisher, 2012). In general, traffic emissions come from exhaust pipes (exhaust emissions), wear of metal parts and resuspension of particulate material (non-exhaust emissions).

Non-exhaust emissions (such as pavement abrasion, tire and brake wear, and particle resuspension) release traces of Sr, Zn, Sb, Cu, Mo, Ba, Cd, Cr, Mn, Fe, among others into the atmosphere (Gietl et al., 2010). Road dust is defined as the material deposited on road surfaces susceptible to resuspension, and comprises a wide variety of particles, including crustal elements, allergens and anthropogenic organic/inorganic compounds (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Shi et al., 2010). This type of dust constitutes a significant source of PM emissions when it is resuspended (Viana et al., 2008; Huang et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2014; Pant et al., 2015). Nowadays, the study of non-exhaust emissions is a major concern in cities around the world, since their contributions of PM are similar or even higher than those of exhaust emissions (Amato et al., 2009a; Amato et al., 2008; Grobéty et al., 2010).

Bogota (the capital of Colombia) is a Latin American megacity of over 8 million inhabitants (DANE, 2010) and one of the most densely populated tropical cities in the world (17,700 hab/km<sup>2</sup>) (Demographia, 2018). This city registers poor air quality (IDEAM, 2016; UNEP, 2016) due mainly to the high concentrations of  $PM_{10}$  (SDA, 2017, 2016), being a citizen concern (Ramírez et al., 2017). Source apportionment studies (SDA, 2009; Vargas et al., 2012; Ramírez et al., 2018a), emission

inventories (Pachón et al., 2018) and air quality modeling (Nedbor-Gross et al., 2018) have identified road dust as one of the main sources of  $PM_{10}$  in Bogota. After analyzing daily samples of  $PM_{10}$  collected during a continuous year, Ramírez et al. (2018a) found that 23% of the airborne  $PM_{10}$  mass could be attributed to road dust resuspension. This percentage is significant and is a consequence of the poor condition of roads, a lack of maintenance and road cleaning, the presence of unpaved streets and pavements, and high traffic densities. However, most of the research and regulation have focused on studying and controlling exhaust emissions, leaving aside non-exhaust emissions.

Few studies analyzing road dust have been carried out in Bogota. Using emission factors, some authors have indirectly estimated the total emission of PM<sub>10</sub> accounted for by dust resuspension and paved and unpaved road wear (23,300  $\pm$  5,000 ton/year) (Beltran et al., 2012). These authors concluded that 86% of non-exhaust emissions of PM<sub>10</sub> associated with traffic are due to the resuspension of road dust, 9% to tire and brake wear, and 5% to road surface wear. Other studies have calculated the PM<sub>10</sub> emission factor for resuspended particles in unpaved roads and in roads under construction (7.8  $\pm$  0.5 g/VKT and 28  $\pm$  0.27 µg/m<sup>2</sup> \* s, respectively) (Méndez et al., 2017). Finally, some researchers have analyzed the concentration of heavy metals (Pb and Cu) in deposited sediments on road surfaces in several urban areas, showing that metal concentrations tend to increase during dry weather (29–40%) (Romero et al., 2015; Zafra et al., 2015).

Despite its detrimental effect on the air quality and well-being of its citizens, there is limited information about road dust in Bogota. Therefore, characterizing the sources and composition of urban road dust is important for planning appropriate strategies to reduce air pollution. The aim of this study is to expand the current knowledge of road dust in one of the biggest megacities in Latin America (Bogota), by analyzing chemical properties of samples taken in representative residential, industrial and commercial areas of this city.

# 2. Materials and methods

# 2.1. Study area

Bogota is located in the center of Colombia at 2550-2620 m above sea level (Eastern Cordillera of the Andes). The city has a total area of ~1,600 km<sup>2</sup>, an urban area of ~ 420 km<sup>2</sup> and a projected population of 8.9 million inhabitants by 2025 (SDP, 2017). The area designated for residential, commercial and industrial use is approximately 188 km<sup>2</sup>, 58 km<sup>2</sup> and 5.4 km<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The industrial sector (manufacturing, chemical, food and beverages, metallurgy, among others) is located within the urban area, particularly in the west and south of the city. Some sites in the Eastern Hills, particularly south of the city, are used as quarries for the extraction of construction materials. The urban road network totals 13,971 lane-km, of which only 47% (6,567 lanekm) is in good conditions, while 44% (6,147 lane-km) is in bad or defective condition, and the remaining 9% (1,257 lane-km) is unpaved (CCA, 2017). The city registered 2.1 million private vehicles, 460,000 motorcycles, 50,000 taxis and 25,000 collective transport buses in 2016 (SDM, 2017).

The average annual temperature and precipitation are 14 °C and 840 mm/year, respectively (IDEAM, 2015a). Bogota records two rainy periods a year (March–May and October–November). The remaining months record inferior levels of precipitation, particularly between December and February, when there are higher temperatures and lower rainfall. Winds from NE-E and SE-E prevail (IDEAM, 2015b).

# 2.2. Sampling sites

A total of twenty sampling points were selected in representative industrial, residential and commercial areas of Bogota. The Simón Bolívar Park, considered the largest metropolitan park in the city, was included as a background reference point (Rf). This site provided information on an urban background soil with low direct influence of anthropogenic pollution sources. Table 1 shows the main characteristics of each of the sampling points and Fig. 1 shows their location. An overall description of each of the sampled sites is presented in the Supplementary File.

Sampling was carried out during the dry period between 2015 (February and November-December) and 2016 (January) (Table 1). Dust samples, of approximately 20-40 g, were collected directly from the right side of traffic lane (kerbside) sweeping an area of 1 m<sup>2</sup> with plastic brushes and dustpan (Quiroz et al., 2013; Pan et al., 2017). It was guaranteed that at the time of sampling no rain had been registered at least one week before. The samples were placed in clean sealed zip plastic bags (Apeagyei et al., 2011; Men et al., 2018) and then sent to the laboratory of the Institute for Environmental Assessment and Water Research (IDÆA) in Barcelona. A rotating closed drum was used under an air flow of 30 l/min to induce resuspension of dust and extract the thoracic fraction ( $<10 \,\mu m$ ). Each sample resuspended its finest fraction in the air space inside the drum with each rotation for 5 min, resulting in the resuspended aerosols being transported by the air stream from the drum to a guartz microfibre filter (MK 360, diameter 47 mm). The coarsest particles were deposited in the PVC chamber while the fraction below 10 µm was separated through an elutriation system. This equipment has been described in detail in previous studies (Moreno et al., 2007; Moreno et al., 2008).

#### 2.3. Size distribution and morphological analysis

Raw samples of road dust were used for these analyses. The optical particle counter Mastersizer 2000 (Malvern) was used to calculate the size of the particles by measuring the intensity of the scattered light when a laser beam was passed through the sample. Its measurement range was between 0.02 and 2,000  $\mu$ m, with a variation in accuracy and reproducibility below 1% (polydisperse standard), and a data acquisition speed of 1 kHz. This equipment incorporated a source of blue light

#### Table 1

Description of sampling sites.

(low wavelength) for precise measurements in the submicron range. The analyses were carried out in triplicate and average particle size was calculated by D[4,3], that is equivalent diameter in terms of volume (Wua et al., 2009).

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) provided additional direct information on grain size and shape of the road dust particles (Zhang et al., 2012), using the FEI Quanta 200 microscope. This is equipped with standard secondary electron and back scatter electron detectors, in addition to an energy dispersive X-ray analysis detector. The analytical conditions were 30 kV for the acceleration voltage and a working distance of 10 mm. The samples were covered with graphite.

# 2.4. Analytical methodology

Two PM<sub>10</sub> filters were obtained from each site in order to collect enough samples for chemical analysis. Following a modified method proposed by Querol et al. (2008), half of the first filter was acid digested (HNO<sub>3</sub>, HF, HClO<sub>4</sub>), and the residue recovered with 5% HNO<sub>3</sub> in a Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O solution. Major elements (Al, Fe, Mg, Ca, Na, S, K and P) and trace elements (V, Cd, Pb, Ni, Ba, Zn, Cu, among others) were analyzed by ICP-OES (ULTIMA2 Jobyn Yvon) and ICP-MS (Agilent 7900), respectively. Silicon was estimated by stoichiometry using Al data (Querol et al., 2001; Minguillón et al., 2014). The other half of the first filter was leached in 50 ml Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O to determine the soluble fraction  $(\mathrm{SO}_4^{2-},\mathrm{Cl}^-,\mathrm{NO}_3^-,\mathrm{F}^-,\mathrm{NO}_2^-,\mathrm{Br}^-,\mathrm{PO}_4^{3-}\text{ and }\mathrm{NH}_4^+)$  by Ion Chromatography. A 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> portion of the second filter was analyzed for organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC) and total carbon (TC = OC + EC) by a Thermal Optical Transmittance (TOT) method (Birch and Carv, 1996). using a carbon analyzer (Sunset Laboratory Inc.). The EUSAAR2 (European Supersites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research) protocol was followed (Cavalli et al., 2010) (Supplementary Table 1).

The quality of the results for major and trace elements was controlled by certified reference standards (NBS1633b) and by adding Rh at a known concentration as internal standard. The average precision and the accuracy were within normal analytical errors (5–10%), and detection limit for most elements in solution was 0.01 ppb. The quality control of the results for water soluble ions were determined by solution cocktail for low and high range of cations (1 and 10 ppm) and anions (0.05–2.5 and 0.5–50 ppm). The accuracy and detection limit of the IC

Category	Code	Location		Description	Date
		Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)		
Industrial	I1	4°41′47.01″	74°09′12.42″	Close to the International Airport. High volume of heavy vehicles. Surrounded by unpaved roads.	02/22/2015
	I2	4°39′1.99″	74°06′52.02″	Next to the city's main coach station. High volume of inter-municipal buses.	02/22/2015
	I3	4°42′02.82″	74°05′58.37″	Low traffic volume. Located ~100 m from main roads with high traffic volume.	12/30/2015
	I4	4°35′44.63″	74°08′44.12″	Located at the exit to the city, in front of a petrol station, at a crossing of two high traffic avenues (Av Boyacá and Autopista Sur).	01/02/2016
	I5	4°38′13.77″	74°06′16.11″	No public transport transit. Industrial background. Surrounded by unpaved streets.	02/18/2015
	I6	4°38′21.44″	74°07′14.57″	High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and inter-municipal buses).	11/16/2015
Residential	R1	4°39′47.08″	74°06′45.99″	In front of construction works. No industrial influence. Located ~200 m from an avenue with high traffic volume.	11/16/2015
	R2	4°44′39.7″	74°02′31.2″	Pavement in poor condition. Transited by public buses.	02/23/2015
	R3	4°43′39.02″	74°06′00.96″	High traffic volume. Close to roads under repair.	12/30/2015
	R4	4°44′51.3″	74°01′54.5″	High traffic volume. No industrial influence.	02/23/2015
	R5	4°34′29.51″	74°08′06.18″	In front of urban park. High traffic volume, including buses.	01/02/2016
	R6	4°39′57.88″	74°07′48.52″	High traffic volume. Located next to a cycleway. No industrial influence.	11/16/2015
Commercial	C1	4°46′44.69″	74°02′29.68″	Located at the exit to the city. High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and inter-municipal buses).	01/03/2016
	C2	4°35′04.4″	74°05′49.2″	High traffic volume. Located in front of the bus rapid transit system (Transmilenio).	02/24/2015
	C3	4°35′6.60″	74°06′20.21″	High volume of heavy vehicles. Industrial influence present, and roads under repair.	02/24/2015
	C4	4°39′47.10″	74°03′41.08″	In front of Transmilenio bus rapid transit system. High traffic volume.	12/30/2015
	C5	4°37′03.62″	74°09′00.38″	High volume of heavy vehicles (trucks and buses).	01/02/2016
	C6	4°37′39.83″	74°03′55.48″	High traffic volume (including buses). Close to a bus stop and construction works.	12/30/2015
	C7	4°36′52.75″	74°04′14.95″	Frequently transited by buses. Close to a bus stop.	01/03/2016
Reference (urban park soil)	Rf	4°39′24.75″	74°05′31.27″	In the middle of an urban park. The closest road is ~200 m away.	01/03/2016

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Fig. 1. Location of the sampling points grouped into three categories according to land use: industrial, commercial and residential areas. The Rf site is a reference point (urban park) with low direct traffic influence. Main roads, industrial and mining areas are shown.

were 10% and 0.4  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively. Quality control for TOT technique was implemented through use of an external sucrose aqueous solution which ensured the consistent operation of the instrument and the quality of the measurements (Ramírez et al., 2018b).

# 2.5. Coefficient of Divergence (CoD)

The samples showed variations in their chemical profiles, making it necessary to use a standardization procedure, such as the CoD proposed by Wongphatarakul et al. (1998), to quantify the spatial variability. CoD has been used in several road dust studies (Fujiwara et al., 2011a; Kong et al., 2011; Samiksha et al., 2017) and is defined in Eq. (1).

$$CoD_{AB} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^{p} (X_{Ai} - X_{Bi} / X_{Ai} + X_{Bi})^2}$$
(1)

where  $X_{Ai}$  and  $X_{Bi}$  represent the concentration of the chemical component *i* in profiles A and B, respectively. A and B represent two profiles for comparative analysis, and *p* is the number of chemical species that

were taken into account. In this study, CoD was calculated taking into consideration all of the analyzed species. If the CoD value approaches zero, the chemical profiles of A and B are highly similar, while a value approaching unity indicates high dissimilarity.

## 2.6. Enrichment factors

Enrichment factors (EFs) have been widely used to determine the degree of enrichment due to human activity in road dust, and separate probable natural from anthropogenic sources. EFs were calculated for the thoracic fraction of road dust using Eq. (2) (Zoller et al., 1974).

$$EF_{[EI]} = \frac{[EI]_{sample} / [X]_{sample}}{[EI]_{background} / [X]_{background}}$$
(2)

where [El] is the concentration of element under consideration, [X] is the concentration of the chosen reference element, and the subscripts *sample* or *background* indicate which source the concentration refers to. Enrichment factors were calculated based on the upper continental crust composition (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) using Zirconium as the reference element. We selected Zr because it has been previously identified as suitable for terrestrial studies (Reimann and de Caritat, 2005). EF values >1 typically indicate enrichment of the sample by anthropogenic sources, according to the following classifications: minimal (EF = 1–2), moderate (EF = 2–5), significant (EF = 5–20), very high (EF = 20–40) and extremely high (EF > 40) (Yongming et al., 2006; Mummullage et al., 2016).

# 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1. Size distribution of road dust particles

Following analysis of the raw samples of road dust, it was noted that the dust distribution patterns at the industrial, commercial and residential areas were similar. All three were characterized by a significant unimodal distribution, with most of the particles in the range of 50 to 300 µm (Fig. 2).

The average size of the particles in the commercial area was  $232 \pm 58 \mu$ m, in the industrial area  $211 \pm 58 \mu$ m and in the residential area  $190 \pm 98 \mu$ m. Anomalous variations and large particle sizes were observed (0.39–1,840 µm), which could have been due to the particles not being sifted previously. Possible urban sources of road dust include eroded soils, wear of pavement and vehicular parts, unpaved streets, construction works, and industrial emissions, among others (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Pant and Harrison, 2013).

Identifying the particle size distribution enables us to know the volume (%) of thoracic particles from road dust ( $PM_{10}$ ) with the potential to be resuspended and inhaled (Shi et al., 2011). The results indicate that the percentage of  $PM_{10}$  in the industrial road dust (10%) was twice as high as that registered in the Rf (5%). In the residential and commercial road dust, the percentages were 8.7% and 7.8%, respectively. This indicates that the thoracic fraction from road dust was higher in industrial zones, where heavy vehicle traffic, industrial emissions and deteriorated pavements predominated. However, the individual road dust sample with the highest percentage of  $PM_{10}$  (R1, 19%) was unexpectedly located in a residential area in front of construction works. This

highlights the importance of this type of activity as sources of  $PM_{10}$  in Bogota, as has also been reported in European (Amato et al., 2014b) and Latin American cities (Fujiwara et al., 2011b). The thoracic fraction values obtained in our study were lower than those reported in Chinese cities, where on average 20% of particles in road dust contributed to the diameters <10  $\mu$ m (Shi et al., 2011).

#### 3.2. Chemical profiles

Averaging the concentrations of all the samples, the major components were Si (26.7  $\pm$  15.5%), OC (14.7  $\pm$  7.8%) and Al (10.1  $\pm$  5.9%), followed by Ca (7.7  $\pm$  6.9%), Fe (4.9  $\pm$  2.5%) and K (1.3  $\pm$  0.8%) (Table 2). The most abundant water-soluble ions were SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (0.89  $\pm$  0.35%) and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (0.23  $\pm$  0.09%). Meanwhile, the most abundant trace elements were Ti, Ba and Zn, followed by Mn, Sr, Cu, Pb and Zr (Table 3). Table 3 lists twenty selected trace elements, all others being presented in Supplementary Table 2. An analysis of the factors that account for the variability of chemical elements, for each of the urban areas, is provided in section 3.4.1.

Chemical species were classified into major elements (including Si, Ti, Al, Mn, Mg, Ca, Fe, K, S and Na), trace elements (Cu, Zn, As, Pb, Cr, Ni, Co, Cd and V), water-soluble ions ( $SO_4^{2-}$ , Cl<sup>-</sup>,  $NO_3^{-}$ ,  $F^-$ ,  $NO_2^{-}$ ,  $Br^-$ ,  $PO_4^{3-}$  and  $NH_4^+$ ), OC and EC to compare the data obtained with other studies. Table 4 and Fig. 3 show the chemical compositions of each group.

Major elements were the most abundant species, accounting for  $62 \pm 26\%$  of PM<sub>10</sub> mass in the commercial sector,  $56 \pm 20\%$  in the residential sector,  $55 \pm 3\%$  in Rf and  $49 \pm 25\%$  in the industrial area. These percentages were higher than those reported for road dust in Barcelona (~35\%), roadsite dust in New Delhi (~25\%) and road dust in Chinese cities such as Fushun (~30%) (Supplementary Table 3). This could be associated with the poor state of the pavement, dust contribution from construction works and emissions from the quarries located within the urban area in Bogota. The values obtained were similar to those recorded in dust from heavily trafficked roads in Birmingham (~50%) and Gold Coast



Fig. 2. Size distribution of road dust particles grouped by land use: A) industrial area, B) residential zone, C) commercial area, D) reference point (urban park soil).

(~60%, Gunawardana et al., 2012), and road dust collected at building sites in Fushun (~50%) (Kong et al., 2011).

The contributions of water-soluble ions were more abundant in the commercial area ( $3.8 \pm 1.1\%$ ), followed by Rf ( $3.3 \pm 0.2\%$ ), the residential area (1.5  $\pm$  0.5%) and the industrial sector (1.4  $\pm$  0.3%). These percentages were similar to those obtained for road dust from the center of Barcelona (~2.41%) but were higher than those reported in ring roads and for construction dust in the same city (Supplementary Table 3). Precipitation did not affect the ion levels in Barcelona (similar to this study), as the sampling period was preceded by dry weather and no rainfall was registered. The results were also lower than those reported in cities in northern China influenced by coal combustion (4–7%, Zhao et al., 2006), and were higher than findings for road dust from the main streets in Fushun, where the contribution of water-soluble compounds was <0.5% (Supplementary Table 3). The selected Chinese cities were under continental monsoonal climate and the sampling periods covered different seasons, thus precipitation could have affected water soluble ions concentrations. The ions with the highest contributions were Br<sup>-</sup> (0.43–1.61%), SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2–</sup> (up to 1.55%) and  $NH_4^+$  (0.12–1.15%).

The largest contribution of trace elements was registered in the samples from the commercial sectors  $(0.5 \pm 0.2\%)$ , followed by the industrial areas  $(0.4 \pm 0.2\%)$ , residential zones  $(0.4 \pm 0.2\%)$  and Rf  $(0.3 \pm 0.0\%)$ . These results show that the selection of the reference point was appropriate as it registered the lowest pollution with anthropogenic trace elements, thus allowing it to be considered an urban background site. The percentage of trace elements contribution from the commercial sectors was similar to that obtained in a Chinese city famed for coal production (Fushun) (~0.66\%), and higher than that registered in the city center (~0.36\%) and ring roads in Barcelona (~0.26\%), affected mainly by road traffic (Supplementary Table 3). The elements that registered the highest concentrations were Zn (up to 239 ppb), Pb (up to 44 ppb) and Cu (up to 39 ppb), as indicated in Table 3.

The highest OC contributions were obtained in Rf ( $29 \pm 2\%$ ), which could be associated with biogenic organic carbon. The commercial, industrial and residential zones registered OC values of  $19 \pm 7\%$ ,  $14 \pm 7\%$  and  $13 \pm 6\%$ , respectively. These percentages were higher than those recorded in road dust, roadside dust and building dust in Barcelona, Birmingham, New Delhi and Fushun (Supplementary Table 3), which could be associated with the predominance of gasoline vehicles in Bogota (~95\%). However, the

#### Table 3

Selected trace elements in the thoracic fraction of road dust in four urban areas. Concentration in ppb. SD: standard deviation (analytical error for reference profile). DL: detection limit. Highest values for each variable are highlighted in bold.

Species	Residential $(n = 6)$		Industr $(n = 6$	rial )	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Comm}\\ (n=7) \end{array}$	Commercial (n = 7)		Reference (Rf) $(n = 1)$		Whole $(n = 20)$	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
As	2.63	1.62	1.60	0.73	0.70	0.32	0.55	0.03	1.54	1.24	
Cr	29.2	9.48	25.1	9.11	11.6	3.16	6.23	0.31	20.7	10.9	
Cu	39.0	16.6	35.3	13.0	28.3	6.63	4.24	0.21	32.4	14.0	
Mn	87.0	15.0	73.8	28.3	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td>78.5</td><td>22.2</td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td>78.5</td><td>22.2</td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td>78.5</td><td>22.2</td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td>78.5</td><td>22.2</td></dl<>	78.5	22.2	
Ni	9.82	3.23	10.9	5.76	5.32	1.80	2.90	0.14	8.23	4.50	
Pb	35.6	17.5	43.6	4.56	14.4	3.24	8.03	0.40	29.2	16.5	
Sr	127	87.7	59.4	22.3	29.5	9.45	15.6	0.78	67.1	63.3	
Ti	1053	265	843	334	384	151	273	13.7	699	380	
V	30.8	12.9	20.7	11.8	9.35	4.55	6.08	0.30	19.0	13.2	
Zn	156	86.7	239	165	89.9	20.8	31.6	1.58	152	118	
Li	8.03	3.83	4.72	2.47	2.50	1.22	1.46	0.07	4.77	3.43	
Rb	12.4	4.91	8.97	4.90	3.87	1.76	3.06	0.15	7.91	5.25	
Zr	30.5	12.4	23.5	15.6	12.1	4.13	6.38	0.32	21.2	13.6	
Ba	232	64.8	218	82.7	97.9	33.9	33.5	1.68	171	90.0	
La	16.2	7.00	10.9	5.04	4.53	2.26	3.73	0.19	9.92	6.85	
Sc	2.89	1.33	2.00	1.12	0.83	0.38	0.62	0.03	1.79	1.28	
Со	2.12	1.15	1.71	0.73	0.70	0.21	0.45	0.02	1.42	0.96	
Cd	0.34	0.21	0.30	0.07	0.15	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.25	0.15	
Sn	4.94	2.56	3.45	1.23	2.47	0.92	0.40	0.02	3.40	1.98	
Sb	3.84	2.01	2.86	1.23	3.41	2.13	0.53	0.03	3.23	1.86	

percentages obtained were in the range reported for road dust in commercial and residential areas of South Korean (Han et al., 2011) and Chinese cities (Zhao et al., 2006). On the other hand, the highest EC contribution was obtained in the commercial areas  $(1.9 \pm 0.7\%)$ , where diesel trucks predominated, with a similar percentage to the one reported for road dust in Barcelona. This was higher than that found in Birmingham and New Delhi, but lower than that obtained in Fushun (Supplementary Table 3), where the use of coal is common.

The unaccounted mass in these profiles was 34% in the industrial dust, 29% in the residential dust, 13% in the commercial dust and 12% at the Rf point. The average unaccounted mass across all four sectors was 22%. This percentage includes components not measured in the samples (organic compounds and absorbed moisture, for example) and the oxygen present in the oxides of Si, Al, Fe, Ba, among others.

#### Table 2

Chemical composition of major components in the thoracic fraction of road dust in four urban areas. Concentration in mass percentage (%). DL: detection limit. SD: standard deviation (analytical error for reference profile). Highest values for each variable are highlighted in bold.

Species	Residential $(n = 6)$		Industrial $(n = 6)$		Commercial (n = 7)		Reference (Rf) $(n = 1)$		Whole $(n = 20)$	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
EC	0.52	0.63	0.25	0.38	1.94	0.70	0.76	0.04	0.66	0.63
OC	12.7	5.75	14.3	6.94	19.4	7.07	29.0	1.45	14.7	7.79
Al	10.5	2.49	9.57	5.08	11.6	4.89	11.1	0.55	10.1	5.85
Si	27.7	6.59	25.3	13.4	30.7	12.9	29.3	1.46	26.7	15.5
Ca	10.0	7.10	5.99	2.64	8.37	3.47	2.99	0.15	7.73	6.86
Fe	4.30	1.83	4.66	1.98	6.25	2.50	8.31	0.42	4.85	2.49
К	1.13	0.58	1.35	0.65	1.72	0.67	1.23	0.06	1.31	0.77
Mg	0.67	0.21	0.62	0.25	0.76	0.27	0.59	0.03	0.65	0.77
Na	0.46	0.22	0.71	0.13	1.15	0.50	0.20	0.01	0.66	0.30
Р	0.33	0.05	0.39	0.11	0.48	0.16	0.50	0.03	0.37	< 0.01
S	0.47	0.36	0.41	0.16	0.67	0.40	0.35	0.02	0.48	0.35
Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.21	0.04	0.27	0.01	0.09	0.05
$F^{-}$	0.04	0.02	0.01	< 0.01	0.13	0.07	0.20	0.01	0.05	0.03
Br <sup>-</sup>	0.43	< 0.01	0.45	0.02	1.25	0.09	1.61	0.08	0.60	0.03
$PO_4^{3-}$	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""></dl<>
$NO_2^-$	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.05	0.01	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td>0.07</td><td>0.03</td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td>0.07</td><td>0.03</td></dl<>	0.07	0.03
$NO_3^-$	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.02	0.08	0.07	0.05	< 0.01	0.07	0.07
$SO_{4}^{2-}$	0.74	0.32	0.62	0.14	1.55	0.65	<dl< td=""><td><dl< td=""><td>0.89</td><td>0.35</td></dl<></td></dl<>	<dl< td=""><td>0.89</td><td>0.35</td></dl<>	0.89	0.35
$NH_4^+$	0.12	0.05	0.13	0.02	0.55	0.15	1.15	0.06	0.23	0.09

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 Table 4

 Composition of five chemical sets in the thoracic fraction of road dust. Concentration in mass percentage (%). SD: standard deviation.

Set of species	Residential		Industrial		Commercial		Reference (Rf)		Whole	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Major elements	56	20	49	25	62	26	55	2.7	55	5.2
OC	13	5.8	14	6.9	19	7.1	29	1.5	19	7.4
EC	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.7
Ions	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.3	3.8	1.1	3.3	0.2	2.5	1.2
Trace elements	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1

# 3.3. Spatial variability

CoD values ranged from 0.15 to 0.43 in commercial areas (Supplementary Table 4). The majority of combinations registered values <0.30 suggesting a moderate similarity between the samples. C1 vs C3 (0.43), and C1 vs C4 (0.42) were the only two combinations exhibiting CoD values higher than 0.40. This indicates a moderate heterogeneity in chemical composition among points located in the north (C1), center (C4) and south (C3) of Bogota. The CoD values ranged from 0.17 to 0.56 in the industrial zones. The highest level of similarity (0.17) was obtained at the points I2 and I5, located in the same industrial area (Puente Aranda) in the geographical center of the city. The chemical profiles of samples I1 and I3 showed a moderate heterogeneity (0.56), suggesting that the chemical composition may vary from one industrial zone to another. Meanwhile, in the residential areas, the CoD values ranged from 0.19 to 0.61. All the combinations showed a moderate similarity (CoD < 0.30), although R2 registered values >0.40 with the other profiles, indicating a moderate level of heterogeneity. The R2 and R3 combination (CoD = 0.61) stood out, indicating a low degree of similarity between samples from the north-west and north-east of the city. An analysis of the factors that account for the variability of chemical profiles is provided in Section 3.4.1. Supplementary Fig. 1 shows spatial maps of concentration of nine selected elements (Al, Ca, Fe, Zn, Pb, Cu, Ni, OC and EC) in Bogota.

After evaluating the level of divergence between the zones studied (considering the averages of the individual chemical profiles), it was found that the Rf composition was moderately heterogeneous with respect to the residential (0.64) and industrial areas (0.58) (Supplementary Table 5). The composition of the industrial and residential road dust registered a high degree of similarity (0.18).

The chemical profiles obtained were compared with those of other cities (Barcelona, Fushun, Birmingham and New Delhi). The CoD values indicated that the composition in Bogota was moderate similarity to that reported in Barcelona (0.28–0.43) and showed a higher heterogeneity with the profiles of Fushun (0.56–0.67) (Supplementary Table 6). This could be related not only to urban dynamics, but also to meteorological conditions of sampling, given that in Barcelona (as in Bogota) there was no influence of precipitation.

# 3.4. Source identification

## 3.4.1. Variability of concentration levels

Samples from residential sectors showed high concentrations of Ca, As, Sr, V, Li, Rb and Co (Tables 2 and 3). These elements have been registered in areas influenced by fugitive dust from demolition and construction activities (Amato et al., 2009b; Crilley et al., 2017). This suggests that the residential dust was enriched with emissions from construction works. The prominent presence of Ca and trace elements (such as V, Co, Rb and As) may also be indicative of pavement erosion (Arditsoglou and Samara, 2005; Fullová et al., 2017), the poor state of



Fig. 3. Chemical profiles of the studied areas by land use in Bogota.

the pavement (Amato et al., 2014b) and the contribution of soils. The point located furthest south in the city (R5) stood out for its high contributions of Ca (25%) and Sr (0.2%) to  $PM_{10}$  mass (Supplementary Fig. 1). These percentages were up to four times higher than those of the other samples, indicating enrichment of the road dust with fugitive emissions from the cement industry and quarries located south of the city.

The industrial samples presented average concentrations of the majority of components, but they registered high values of Pb, Ni and Zn (Table 3). Pollution from these elements could be associated with the deposition of particles emitted by industrial sources at high temperatures, such as metallurgical works and the burning of fossil fuels (Nicholson and Branson, 1993; Jeon et al., 2017; Ramírez et al., 2018a). Other stationary sources could be the fertilizer industry (Gabarrón et al., 2017) and solvent-based paint factories (Colnodo et al., 2016). Concentrations of Pb, Ni and Zn could also indicate contributions of non-exhaust emissions from road traffic, especially from wear of brake linings and tire tread (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008). I4 stood out for registering high contributions of Zn (0.74%) to  $PM_{10}$ mass, which was up to three times higher than the values from other industrial sites. Considering that I4 was located on an avenue with high vehicular congestion predominated by a "stop and go" pattern, Zn could be associated with tire rubber wear (Apeagyei et al., 2011; Amato et al., 2013). The characterization of I4 in terms of type of traffic (heavy) and road class (major road) could influence the high contributions of Zn to road dust (Apeagyei et al., 2011). Although gasoline lead was eliminated in Colombia in 1991, Pb can persist for several decades in soil/dust due to previous vehicle exhaust emissions (Shen et al., 2016).

Road dust from the commercial sector registered significant concentrations of EC, Al, Si, K, Mg, Na and S (Tables 2 and 3). The EC levels suggest that the samples were enriched by exhaust emissions from road traffic, particularly from diesel vehicles (trucks, buses and vans without emission control systems), as previous studies have reported that diesel engines emit more EC than gasoline ones (Ntziachristos et al., 2007; Robert et al., 2007). The high correlation between EC, OC and S (r >0.85) reinforces this idea, since these species are tracer particles for combustion sources. The enrichment of the samples by secondary compounds, particularly  $SO_4^{2-}$ , suggests the influence of combustion sources due to the presence of precursor gases such as SO<sub>2</sub> (Wang-Li, 2015). This is evidenced by observing the high correlation between OC, EC and  $SO_4^{2-}$  (0.84 < r < 0.98). Concentrations of minerals and trace metals, such as Cu, Ba, Sb and Cr, have been associated with non-exhaust emissions (Pant and Harrison, 2013). Trace elements such as Cu, Ba, Sb, Cr, Zr, Sn, Ni and Cd imply the enrichment of dust with metals emitted by brake and tire wear (Garg et al., 2000; Wahlin et al., 2006; Tanner et al., 2008; Sjödin et al., 2010; Duong and Lee, 2011). However, as has been shown in other research, it is not easy to distinguish between wear and tear emissions, and crustal dust because their chemical composition is very similar (Bukowiecki et al., 2010). The samples located in the center of the city (C6 and C7) recorded the highest contributions of EC to PM<sub>10</sub> mass (2.5% and 2.7%, respectively), which is explained by their being collected near diesel bus stops.

Finally, dust from Rf exhibited the highest percentages of OC and Fe, which have been identified as important soil constituents (Chow et al., 2003). Previous studies have reported that urban parks include a large proportion of green space, which can store considerable amounts of soil organic carbon (Strohbach et al., 2012). High values of OC could also indicate contamination by pesticides, fertilizers and wood preservatives (Nezat et al., 2017). As documented by previous researches in Bogota, OC concentrations can be explained not only by primary OC, but also by significant levels of secondary OC (Ramírez et al., 2018b). Although chlorine is the most abundant halogen in the atmosphere (Nilsson et al., 2013), the enrichment of this sample with chloride and ammonium (Table 2) could result from the deposition of secondary particles formed from precursor industrial gases such as HCl and NH<sub>3</sub> (Kelly et al., 2016). The presence of Cl<sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and Br<sup>-</sup> could also suggest soil

enrichment by secondary particles from burning biomass (Nilsson et al., 2013; Phan et al., 2013).

#### 3.4.2. Enrichment Factors (EFs)

In order to identify the anthropogenic influence of thirteen elements, EFs were calculated based on the concentrations of upper continental crust, using Zr as the reference element. Ba, Cd, Cr, Cu, As, Ni, Pb, Sb, Sn, Sr, V, Zn and Se were selected because they have been identified as characteristic pollutants of road dust (Manno et al., 2006; Schauer et al., 2006; Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Wei and Yang, 2010).

All elements recorded values higher than 1 for the three urban areas, indicating a dominant anthropogenic influence. Ba, Cr, As, Ni, Sr and V registered a moderate enrichment in all zones (1 < EF < 5), which could be associated with pavement wear and industrial emissions. Cd, Cu, Pb, Sb, Sn, Zn and Se showed the highest EFs values (>5), with Sb and Se standing out as extremely enriched elements (EF > 40) (Fig. 4).

The high correlation between Cu, Pb, Sn, Zn and Sb (0.84 < r < 0.94) in residential areas suggests a significant enrichment of the samples by non-exhaust emissions, particularly by brake wear (Grigoratos and Martini, 2015). The strong correlation between these elements and OC (r > 0.75) indicates an enrichment by combustion emissions and wear of organometallic brake pads (Schauer et al., 2006). These elements could also come from motor vehicle emissions, tire wear and industrial emissions (Arditsoglou and Samara, 2005; Grigoratos and Martini, 2014). Cd, As and Se presented a high correlation with each other (r >0.96), suggesting a common origin, possibly related to industrial combustion emissions (Liu et al., 2018). The high correlation between these elements and OC (r > 0.82) supports their industrial origin. Sb and Se did not have a significant correlation (r = 0.46), indicating different sources of enrichment, possibly traffic (Sb) and industrial emissions (Se).

Zn and Sb showed a low correlation in commercial zones, indicating difference of origin. The high correlation between Zn and Cu (r = 0.80) suggests an enrichment of the samples with tire wear particles. The moderate correlation between Sb and Cu (r = 0.64) indicates contributions of brake wear (Schauer et al., 2006; lijima et al., 2007). Cu and Zn displayed a strong correlation with each other (r = 0.80), and a moderate association with OC and EC, which could indicate soil contamination from lubricating oil and exhaust emissions from diesel vehicles (Aatmeeyata and Sharma, 2010; Cui et al., 2017). Se, As, Pb, Sr and V registered a significant correlation with each other (r > 0.81), denoting an enrichment by coal combustion emissions (Widory et al., 2010; Liu et al., 2018). The moderate correlation between these elements and OC-EC (0.61 < r < 0.82) is consistent with an industrial origin. Se, As, Pb and V particles could also come from diesel vehicle tailpipe emissions (Schauer et al., 2006).



**Fig. 4.** Significant enrichment factors (EFs > 5) for road dust samples from residential, industrial and commercial areas.

A high correlation was obtained between Se, V and As in the industrial zones (r = 0.97-1.00), which suggests the common origin of these elements is oil and coal combustion (Manno et al., 2006). A high correlation between Cu and Ba (r = 0.91) could indicate an enrichment of the samples by brake wear emissions (lijima et al., 2007). Other elements used as tracers for brake wear, such as Sb and Sn (Duong and Lee, 2011), also had a significant correlation with Cu (r > 0.78). Zn was associated with Sb (r = 0.75) and to a lesser extent with Cu, Sn and Ba (0.33 < r < 0.38), indicating that Zn could proceed from another source such as tire wear.

#### 3.4.3. Ratios of specific elements

Specific element ratios can help identify emitting sources (Pant et al., 2015). Ratios of selected crustal elements (Fe, K, Ca, and Ti) were calculated (Table 5).

K/Al and Ti/Al ratios showed insignificant variations in the areas studied, indicating a crustal influence in all road dust samples. A similar pattern has been observed in cities such as Barcelona and Xi'an (Table 5). The Fe/Al ratio in Rf was 1.8 times higher than the value for the residential sector, which can be explained by a high prevalence of biogenic iron oxides at the reference point. The enrichment of residential road dust by construction emissions was further supported by the Ca/Al ratio, which registered a value 3.5 times higher than at Rf. This is consistent with several studies that have reported higher values of Ca/Al ratio in construction and cement dust (Table 5). The point R5 stood out for registering a Ca/Al ratio of 4.21, the highest among all samples. This suggests that the road dust collected south of the city was highly enriched by fugitive emissions from cement industries and quarries.

The Cu/Sb ratio has been used as an indicator of brake wear (Han et al., 2011; Amato et al., 2013). Cu/Sb is approximately 125 in soil dust (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008) and 70 in continental crust (Rudnick and Gao, 2003). Hence, lower Cu/Sb values could suggest higher contributions of brake wear dust. In this study, the average ratio was  $11 \pm 3$  across all samples, which coincided with the value for non-asbestos organic brake pads (Iijima et al., 2007). This is indicative of an enrichment of road dust by brake wear. The value obtained was higher than that reported in Barcelona and Birmingham, but it was lower than data from New Delhi (Table 5). Cu/Sb values from 8.3 to 12.3 were obtained, indicating that commercial road dust recorded higher contributions of brake wear (8.3) than the residential (10.2) and industrial samples (12.3).

Considering that Zn is a tracer element for tire emission (Gustafsson et al., 2008, Apeagyei et al., 2011), and brake linings has been reported as a major road traffic source of Sb (Gietl et al., 2010; Quiroz et al., 2013), some studies have reported high values of Zn/Sb (23–7,000) for tire-related particles (Hjortenkrans et al., 2007; Kreider et al., 2010) and low values (Zn/Sb < 25) for brake wear particles (Hjortenkrans et al., 2010). Therefore, the Zn/Sb ratio could help identify particular enrichment processes. The average

ratio across all samples was  $53 \pm 28$ , which emphasizes that the road dust samples were enriched by wear of automotive parts, such as tires. This value is much higher than that registered in Barcelona and similar to that reported in New Delhi (Table 5). Samples from the industrial sector registered a Zn/Sb ratio of 84, twice the average of the residential sector (41) and three times higher than that of the commercial sector (26). The point 14, located on a road with heavy traffic, was notable for its Zn/Sb ratio of 125. These results are consistent with the enrichment factors analysis and are in agreement with previous studies that have reported high concentrations of Zn in road dust impacted by heavy traffic (Apeagyei et al., 2011). Other potential industrial sources of Zn are related to galvanizing activities and rubber production (Zhao et al., 2006).

The OC/TC ratios ranged between 0.91 and 0.98, showing that TC was mainly in the form of OC. The linear correlation between OC and TC (r = 0.99) across all samples confirms this idea. These values were higher than those reported in Barcelona, Fushun and New Delhi, but were similar to those found in Birmingham (Table 5). This can be explained by the enrichment of road dust with OC from industrial emissions, brake and tire dust (which is composed >60% by OC, Schauer et al., 2006) and asphalt wear (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008). This can also be associated with tailpipe emissions from gasoline vehicles, which emit predominantly OC (Schauer et al., 2006).

## 3.4.4. Particle morphology

SEM images provide additional information about grain size and shape of individual road dust particles. Spherical particles of Pb (~2  $\mu$ m) were noted in the Rf site, indicating an accumulation of this element in urban park soil due to industrial combustion and previous vehicle exhaust emissions (Fig. 5a).

Spherical particles of Fe < 5  $\mu$ m were also observed in Rf (Fig. 5b), which suggests an accumulation of emissions from motor vehicle and high-temperature industrial processes. Spherical and semispherical particles of Fe, Cu and Pb < 10  $\mu$ m were also found in the commercial, industrial and residential samples (Fig. 5c and d). Particles of Ba, Zn, Cu, Fe, Mn, Sn and Pb with an angular and subangular shape (Figs. 5e-5h) indicate an enrichment of road dust with particles ranging between 2  $\mu$ m and 10  $\mu$ m from vehicle and pavement wear (Kukutschová et al., 2011; Mummullage et al., 2016).

#### 3.4.5. Principal component analysis

A Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was conducted in order to identify the factors that could explain the variance of tracer chemical species in the  $PM_{10}$  fraction. PCA methods have been widely used to identify pollution sources of road dust in geochemical studies (Amato et al., 2009b; Wang et al., 2012; Pan et al., 2017). A Varimax rotation was applied to facilitate the interpretation of the results. Elements with communality >0.7 were considered and factors whose eigenvalues

Table 5

Comparison of elemental, carbonaceous and trace ratios in the thoracic fraction of road dust. NR: not reported.

	This study			Amato	et al., 20	009b	Kong et al., 2011			Zhang et al., 2014		Pant et al., 2015		
	Bogota					Barcelona			Fushun				Birmingham	New Delhi
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Reference site (urban park)	City center	Ring roads	Construction	Road dust	Construction	Cement	Road dust	Cement	Roadside	Roadside
Fe/Al	0.41	0.49	0.54	0.75	1.21	0.94	0.89	0.15	0.12	0.26	0.55	0.55	0.85	0.78
K/Al	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.11	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.03	0.05	0.20	0.29	0.22	NR	NR
Ca/Al	0.95	0.63	0.72	0.27	3.05	2.73	3.60	1.29	4.04	6.30	1.75	3.89	0.37	1.26
Ti/Al	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.06	0.05	< 0.01	0.01
Cu/Sb	10.2	12.3	8.29	7.94	6.96	7.56	6.46	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	5.0	16.0
Zn/Sb	40.6	83.6	26.3	59.2	7.66	12.3	9.93	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	10.1	68
OC/TC	0.96	0.98	0.91	0.97	0.80	0.84	0.88	0.57	0.54	0.49	NR	NR	0.98	0.78
OC/EC	24.1	57.9	9.95	38.2	4.10	5.39	7.31	1.30	1.19	0.99	NR	NR	60.8	3.57



**Fig. 5.** SEM images of road dust in Bogota. (a), (b) spherical particles of Pb and Fe in the urban background site; (c), (d) spherical and semispherical particles of Cu and Pb in a residential road dust sample; (e), (f), (g), (h) particles of Ba, Zn, Cu and Pb with angulated and subangulated morphology from vehicular and pavement wear.

were >1 were retained. Five factors were identified, accounting for 91% of the total variance of the whole dataset (Table 6).

The principal component (PC1) explains 63% of the total variance and is dominated by V, Al, Rb, As, Fe, K, Co, Ti, Cr, Mg, Cd, Ni, P, Ba and OC. According to the analyses presented in the previous paragraphs, this factor is related to natural and anthropogenic sources, and is representative of local soils, pavement erosion and the poor condition of the pavement (Amato et al., 2009b; Han et al., 2011). PC2 explains 13% of the total variance and has high loadings for S, Ca and Sr. This factor mainly represents dust from construction and demolition activities, enriched with soil dust (Thorpe and Harrison, 2008; Crilley et al., 2017). PC3 explain 6% of the total variance. The significant presence of Zn, Pb and Na, as well as moderate values of OC, Cr, Co, Cd, Ni and Cu, suggest an industrial origin (Fujiwara et al., 2011a; Kong et al., 2011). PC4 explain 5% of the total variance and is related to tracers of nonexhaust emissions. High loading of Sb, Cu and Sn is representative of brake wear (Alves et al., 2018). This denomination is consistent with the presence of Ba. Enrichment of these elements by wear of other metal parts of vehicles and industrial emissions is not ruled out. Finally, PC5 explains 4% of the total variance and has high loadings for EC and moderate presence of OC, representing tailpipe emissions from road traffic, particularly from diesel vehicles (Schauer et al., 2006; Karanasiou et al., 2011).

# 4. Conclusions

Previous studies have reported that 23% of the airborne  $PM_{10}$  mass is contributed by road dust resuspension in Bogota (Ramírez et al., 2018a). The present study has explored this topic further by analyzing the inorganic chemical composition and identifying possible sources of the thoracic fraction in road dust from representative industrial, residential and commercial areas in Bogota.

The volume (%) of the  $PM_{10}$  fraction was higher in industrial road dust than in the residential and commercial samples. The thoracic fraction in road dust was predominantly composed of OC and inorganic material, including crustal elements and heavy metals from vehicular wear, pavement erosion, construction dust and industrial emissions. The

#### Table 6

Rotated component of PCA for road dust in Bogota (n = 20). Only significant values (>0.32, according to Yongming et al., 2006) are shown. Highest values are highlighted in bold.

Element	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	Communality
V	0.95					0.98
Al	0.93					0.96
Rb	0.93					0.97
As	0.92	0.36				0.97
Fe	0.91	0.32				0.98
K	0.86	0.39				0.91
Со	0.85		0.35			0.97
Ti	0.84	0.50				0.99
Cr	0.83		0.41			0.77
Mg	0.78	0.58				0.89
Cd	0.76		0.51			0.97
Ni	0.76		0.40			0.97
Р	0.74	0.35	0.46			0.93
Ba	0.71		0.50	0.35		0.81
OC	0.49		0.46		0.46	0.88
S		0.93				0.84
Ca	0.39	0.89				0.98
Sr	0.48	0.85				0.99
Zn			0.85			0.97
Pb	0.43		0.82			0.87
Na	0.33	0.50	0.66			0.80
Sb				0.89		0.84
Cu	0.40		0.42	0.73		0.88
Sn	0.44		0.36	0.57	0.38	0.81
EC				0.35	0.84	0.91
Eigenvalue	15.7	3.21	1.57	1.35	1.01	
Variance (%)	62.8	12.8	6.29	5.40	4.02	
Cumulative variance (%)	62.8	75.6	81.9	87.3	91.3	

residential road dust was enriched by emissions from construction works and road pavement erosion. The industrial samples contained significant concentrations of Pb and Zn, possibly originated from industrial sources. Road dust from the commercial sector was enriched by exhaust emissions, particularly from diesel vehicles, and trace metals from non-exhaust emissions. The reference sample (urban park soil) registered significant concentrations of OC and Fe, which could have a natural origin. Five sources of the thoracic fraction of road dust were identified, as well as metal particles with sizes <10  $\mu$ m.

The results provide data for a better understanding of road dust in Bogota, one of the main sources of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions in the city. These data will be useful to optimize environmental policies by preventive and corrective measures such as paving roads, repairing pavements in poor condition, covering truck loads and construction material, relocating industrial activities and implementing efficient sweeping and street washing programs as also recommended by Querol and Amato (2017).

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