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Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Groundwater Quality Data



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**“Groundwater will be the enduring gauge
of this generations intelligence in water
and land management”**

.....Australian Groundwater School, Adelaide

Organic Micro Pollutants in Water

Frequency of occurrence of OMPs: **high**, **medium** & **low** relevance

Atrazine

Desethylatrazine

Desisopropylatrazine

Simazine

Diuron

1-H-Benzotriazole

Tolytriazole

Linuron

Terbutryn

Ametryn

Phenazone

Atenolol

Carbamazepine

Cotinine

Trimethoprim

Carbofuran

Propanil

Caffeine

Paracetamol

Primidone

Sulfamethoxazole

Iohexol

Iopromide

Iomeprol

Diatrizoate

Iopamidol

Diclofenac

Naproxen

Phenobarbital

Ibuprofen

Clofibric acid

Isoproturon

Ciprofloxacin

Chlorothiazide

Metformin

Chloramphenicol

N,N-Dimethylsulfamide

Bentazone

Triclosan

Gemifibrozil

Diazepam

Loratadine

Ranitidine

Theophylline

Acetamipride

Clothianidine

Gabapentin

Sulfadiazine

Sucralose

Acesulfame

Saccharin

Sodium cyclamate

Aspartame

N,N-Dimethylsulfamide

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Monitoring planning

- **Why ?**
 - **Where ?**
 - **What ?**
 - **When ?**
 - **How often ?**
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- **Results obtained from such monitoring should be regularly reviewed to decide if any changes in the programme are necessary**

Stages of the monitoring process

- **Sample taking**
 - **Transportation to the laboratory**
 - **Sample pretreatment**
 - **Analysis proper**
 - **Data storage and communication**
- **The data that comes out of the sequence of operations must still be related to the initial quality of water**

Philosophy

- **Keep it simple**
- **Think first, sample later**
- **Samples can be obtained fairly easily, what comes next is much more difficult**
- **Often data are buried in computers, never to be used again**
- **Try to set up a conceptual model first**

Philosophy ...

- **Map the area with the main sources of pollution**
- **Sample, monitor, investigate**
- **Communicate data to the decision makers**

Two approaches

- **Fixed networks**
- **Synoptic studies**

Disciplines involved

- **Geography**
- **Chemistry**
- **(micro)biology**
- **Statistics**
- **Hydrology – conditions of flow are more important to understand the quality of water**

Why monitoring ?

- **Process control**
- **Curiosity**
- **Compliance with the standards**
- **Detection of trends**
- **Modelling**
- **Early warning – fish monitors**

Objectives of Monitoring

- 1. Assess the impact of activities by man upon the quality of water and its suitability for intended use**
- 2. Determine the quality of water, in its natural state, which might be available to meet future needs**
- 3. Keep under observation the sources and pathways of specified substances**
- 4. Determine the trend of water quality at representative stations**

- **Impact Stations (1)** – situated in water bodies where there is at least one major use of water or which are greatly affected by man's activities.
- **Baseline Stations (2)** – located in an area where no direct diffuse or point sources of pollution are likely to be found.
- **Impact or baseline station (3)** – depending upon whether the hazardous substance is of artificial or natural origin.
- **Trend Stations (4)** – set up specially to assess the trends of water quality.

Where ?

- **Where changes are occurring**
- **Depends on the goal:**
 - **Trends > well mixed**
 - **Compliance > at intake or in effluent**
- **Not necessarily at bridges – bridges are ideal for traffic but not for sampling, although convenient**

Water Quality Characterization

Domestic Water Supply

1. Colour, odour, taste
2. Organic content: COD, BOD, TOC, Phenols, hydrocarbons
3. Carcinogens and toxic compounds, insecticides, pesticides, detergents
4. Turbidity, salinity
5. Alkalinity, pH
6. Total hardness, Ca, Mg, Fe, Si., etc.
7. Pathogenic organisms, total bacterial count (37°C), E. coli count, plankton count

Water Quality Characterization Agricultural Irrigation

1. Salinity
2. SAR (Na-Ca-Mg content)
3. RSC (CO_3 - HCO_3 -Ca-Mg content)
4. Boron
5. Alkalinity, pH
6. Pesticides, growth regulators, etc.
7. Persistent synthetic chemicals
(e.g., polyethylene derivatives,
asphalt sprays, etc.)
8. Pathogenic organisms

Water Quality Characterization

Fish, shellfish, wildlife and recreation

1. Colour, odour
2. Toxic compounds
3. Turbidity, floating matter, sludge deposits, salinity
4. Temperature
5. Dissolved oxygen, BOD
6. Alkalinity, pH
7. Pathogenic organisms, plankton count
8. Nitrogen, phosphorous, etc. (inorganic nutrients which support algae blooms and other undesirable aquatic growth)

Water Quality Characterization

Watering of livestock

1. Salinity
2. Toxic compounds
3. Pathogenic organisms
4. Plankton count

Industrial Characterization

Industry	Quality Parameters
Pulp and Paper Mill	Colour Suspended solids Chromium BOD Phenols COD Solids pH Total coliform

Industrial Characterization ...

Industry	Quality Parameters
Steel Rolling Mill	Suspended solids NH ₄ -N Phosphorous Cyanide Nickel Iron Zinc Phenols pH

Industrial Characterization ...

Industry	Quality Parameters
Sugar Mill	Colour Suspended solids BOD NH ₄ -N Solids Alkalinity pH Total coliform

When ?

- **Depends on the variability:**

- Systematic
- Random

- **Examples:**

- Colis in swimming pool (in morning hours no colis but evening hours much colis)

When ...

■ Examples:

- Diurnal variations of oxygen (if algae is present we may measure 120% oxygen in day time and only about 70% in night)
- Industries starts producing sewage in day
- People produces more sewage in day than night

When ...

■ Examples:

- Water quality problems are more critical in dry season because of low flows
- Because of dilution water quality problems are not pronounced in wet season
- Wet seasons are important for erosion studies

How often ?

- The precision increases with \sqrt{n}
n is the number of samples

Compare

- Rivers
 - Lakes
 - Groundwater
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- The quality of water in various water bodies is rarely if ever constant in time but subject to change. Variations are caused by changes in the quantity of any of the input to the water body

Results

Result = Average + Noise
(Systematic + Random)

Results ...

- Relationships
- Correlation/association
 - Scatter plots
 - Correlation coefficients ($r = 0.01-0.99$)
- Regression (line)
- Transformations

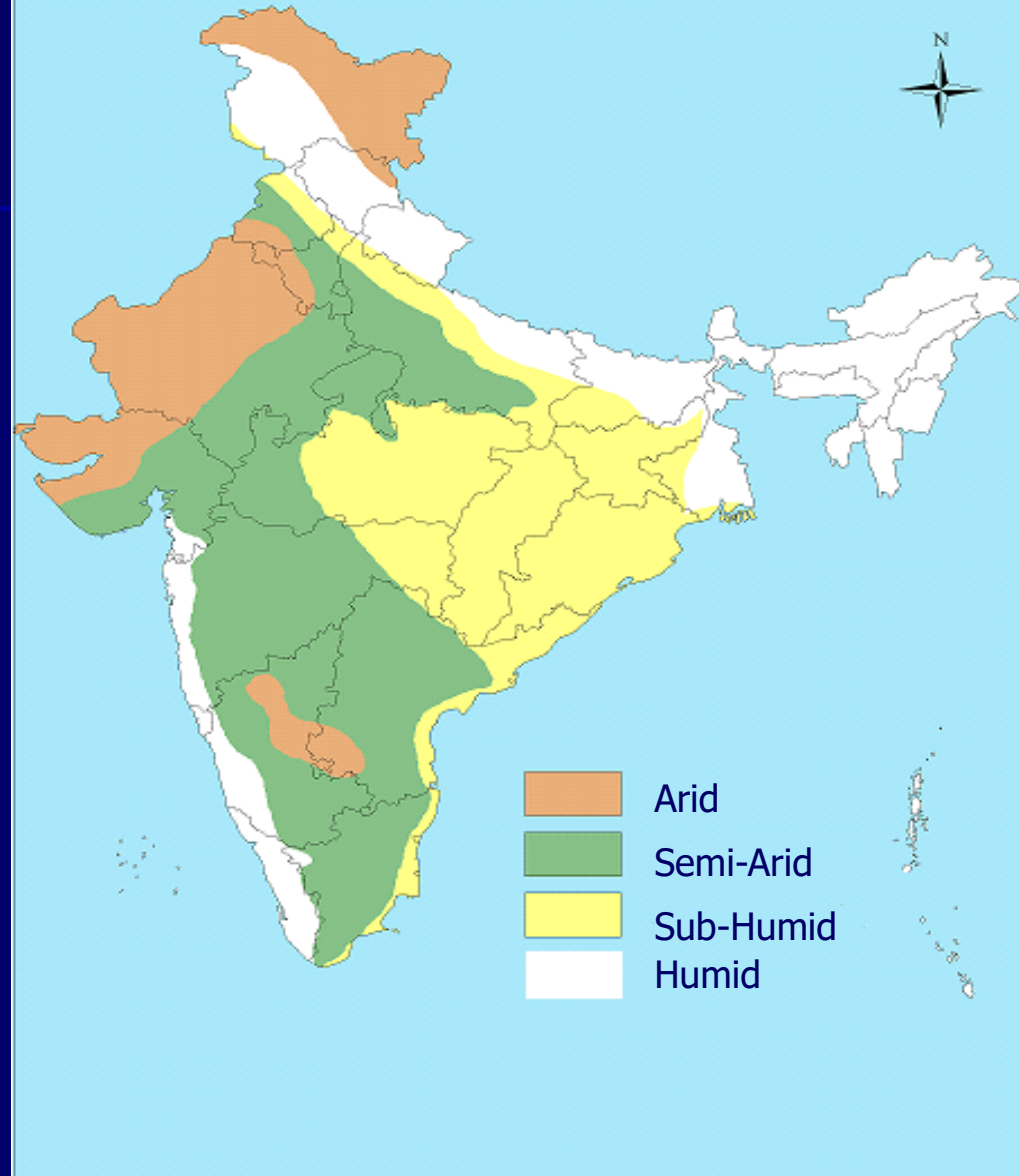
Water Quality Issues

- **Water Scarcity**
- **Oxygen Depletion**
- **Pollution due to Urbanization**
- **Non-Point Source Pollution**
- **Eutrophication**
- **Salinity**
- **Natural contaminants**
- **Pathogenic Pollution**
- **Ecological Health**

Water Scarcity

- Un-even distribution of rainfall
- Increasing demand of water for agricultural, industrial and domestic activities

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Non Point Source Pollution

- Agricultural activities (nutrients, pesticides etc.)
- Open defecation in fields
- Bathing and Washing activities

Eutrophication

- Discharge of domestic waste water
- Agricultural runoff
- Industrial effluents

Salinity

- Leaching of salts build-up in agricultural areas under intense irrigation
- Industrial effluents with high dissolved solids
- Increased use of chemicals in agriculture

Natural Contaminants

- **Fluoride**
- **Arsenic, Selenium**
- **Nitrate**
- **Iron**

Fluorosis

- An estimated 62 million people in 17 States are affected with dental, skeletal and/or non-skeletal fluorosis in India
- Extent of fluoride contamination: 1.0 - 48.0 mg/L.
- The control of the fluoride contamination in ground water is difficult
- However, some artificial recharge and/or rainwater harvesting techniques improve the quality of groundwater by dilution

Pathogenic Pollution

- Water borne diseases are the most important water quality issues in India
- Inadequate arrangement for transport and treatment of wastewater

Ecological Health

- Large area in our aquatic environment support rare species and ecologically very sensitive

Ground Water Contaminants

- Nitrate – Blue baby disease
- Pathogens – Bacteria and virus causes water borne diseases such as typhoid, cholera, dysentery, polio and hepatitis
- Toxic Metals – Arsenic, selenium, lead, mercury, cadmium, copper, chromium, nickel, etc.
- Organic compounds – Pesticides, Phenols, Hydrocarbons, PCBs, etc.

Use Based Classification

Designated best use	Quality class	Criteria
Drinking water source without conventional treatment but with chlorination	A	pH: 6.5 to 8.5 DO: 6 mg/L or more BOD: 2 mg/L or less Total coliform MPN/100 ml: 50

Use Based Classification...

Designated best use	Quality class	Criteria
Outdoor bathing (organized)	B	pH:6.5 to 8.5 DO: 5 mg/L or more BOD: 3 mg/L or less Total coliform MPN/100 ml: 500

Use Based Classification...

Designated best use	Quality class	Criteria
Drinking water source with conventional treatment	C	pH: 6.5 to 8.5 DO: 4 mg/L or more BOD: 3 mg/L or less Total coliform MPN/100 ml: 5000

Use Based Classification...

Designated best use	Quality class	Criteria
Propagation of wildlife and fisheries	D	pH: 6.5 to 8.5 DO: 4 mg/L or more Free ammonia: 1.2 mg/L

Use Based Classification...

Designated best use	Quality class	Criteria
Irrigation, industrial cooling, and controlled waste disposal	E	pH: 6.5 to 8.5 EC: 2250 mS/cm SAR (max): 26 B: 2 mg/L

Salt water intrusion and its estimation

The two important factors to be considered for any event of sea water intrusion are

- proximity of the sea and low altitude

Revelle(1941), Simpson(1946), Scholler(1959), Walton(1970), Stein and Kumhansi (1988), Rosenthal (1987), Rightmor et al (1974), Back and Zoetl (1975)

- have studied the sea water intrusion using the following ratios

TA/TH,
Ca/Cl,
Na/(Ca+Mg)
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Na/Cl,
Mg/Cl,
Cl⁻-(Na+K):Cl

Cl/SO₄,
Cl/(CO₃+HCO₃)
BEI (Base Exchange

Specific values of the ratios to show or indicate possible sea water contamination

TA/TH	< 1	Excess of hardness over alkalinity
Mg/Ca	> 0.9	Sea water contamination
Na/Cl	> 0.86	Sea water contamination
Cl/(CO ₃ +HCO ₃)	< 0.5	Uncontaminated or fresh
	0.5 – 2.8	Slightly contaminated
	> 2.8	Severely contaminated
SO ₄ /Cl	> 0.2	Sea water contamination
Na/(Ca+Mg)	> 0.97	Sea water contamination
Cl-(Na+K): Cl (Base Ion Exchange)	+ Values	Indicate the cation process i.e. water contamination
	- Values	Indicate the release of alkalies from the aquifer materials i.e. no sea water contamination

Saline Groundwater

Saline groundwater

- is generally referring to any groundwater containing more than 1000mg/l TDS

Classification of Saline Groundwater (after Carroll)

Water type	Total Dissolved Solids, mg/l
Fresh water	0-1000
Brackish water	1000-10,000
Saline water	10,000-100,000
Brine	>100,000

Rapid advances in desalinization techniques suggest that

- it may be a potentially important water supply source where shortages are imminent
- industrial use of saline groundwater for cooling purposes

Changes in Chemical Composition

➤ **As ground water moves under ground**

- it tends to develop a chemical equilibrium by chemical reactions with its environment

➤ **Chemical precipitation**

- may remove ions in solution by forming insoluble compounds

➤ **Precipitation of CaCO_3 and release of dissolved CO_2**

- may result from a decrease in pressure and /or an increase in temperature

➤ **Ion exchange**

- involves replacement of ions adsorbed on the surface of the fine grained material in aquifers by ions in solution

➤ **Exchange involves principally cations (Na, Ca & Mg)**

- the process is known as base or cation exchange

➤ **Base exchange**

- naturally softens and produce ground water having a quality other than a simple mixture of the two source waters

- causes changes in the physical properties of soils

➤ **When high sodium water applied to a soil the number of sodium ions combine with the soil increases, while an equivalent quantity of Ca or other ions is displaced**

- causes deflocculation and reduction of permeability

➤ **When adding gypsum(CaSO_4) to a soil**

- by base exchange the soil texture and drainability can be improved

➤ **Chemical reduction of oxidised sulphur ions to sulphate or to sulphide state**

-occurs frequently in ground water

➤ **waters experiencing sulphate reduction**

-have high HCO_3 and CO_2 contents and contain hydrogen sulphide

➤ The equilibrium achieved by various chemical reactions

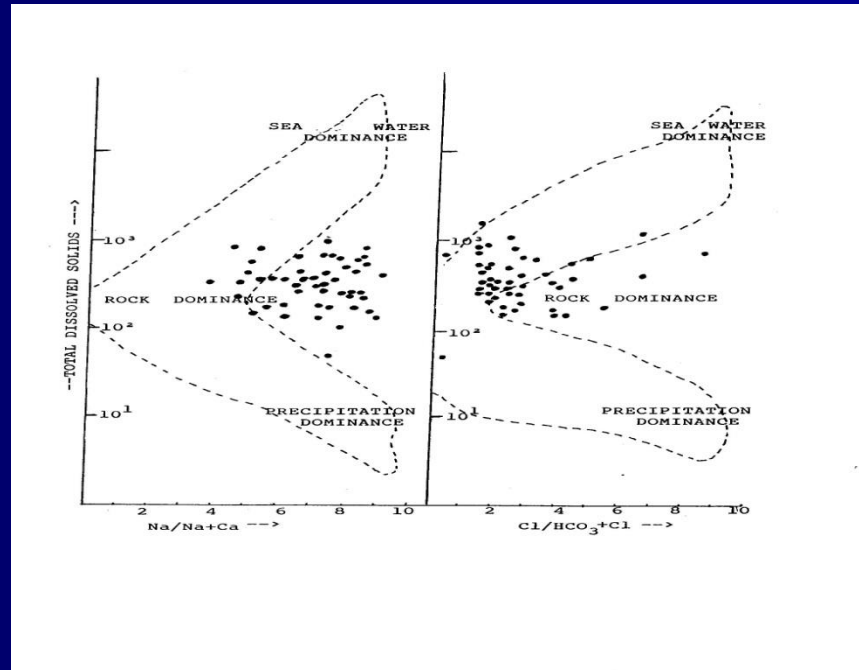
- tends to produce a quality that remains stable with time because of the slow movement of ground water and its long residence time with a given geological formation

➤ Quality variations are more noticeable

- in shallow aquifers where seasonal variations in recharge and discharge create corresponding fluctuations in salinity

Gibbs diagram 1970

- is being used to know the factors controlling the groundwater chemistry



General

- **Sample Collection, Analysis Accuracy and Accuracy Checks**
- **Single Well data Interpretation**
- **Many wells data Interpretation**
- **Utility of Water (for various purposes)**
- **Correlation between Water Quality Parameters**
- **Correlation between Water Quality Data and Geological/hydrological units**

Interpretation Techniques

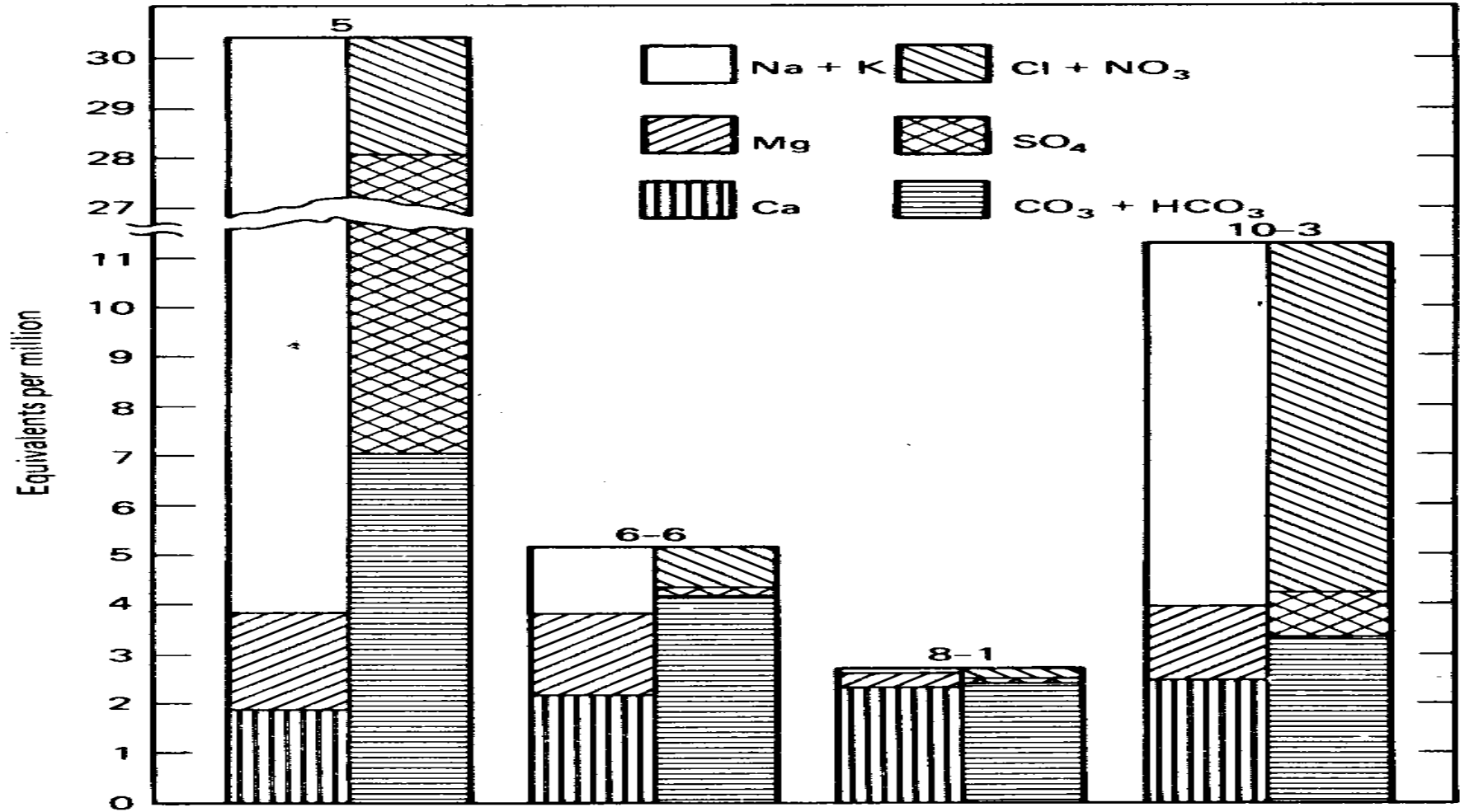
- **Inspection of Data**
- **Simple Comparisons**
- **Statistical Analysis/Time series analysis**
- **Preparation of Graphs (Scatter Plot/Time Series Plots/Bar charts etc)**
- **Few samples and large number of samples**

Interpretation Techniques

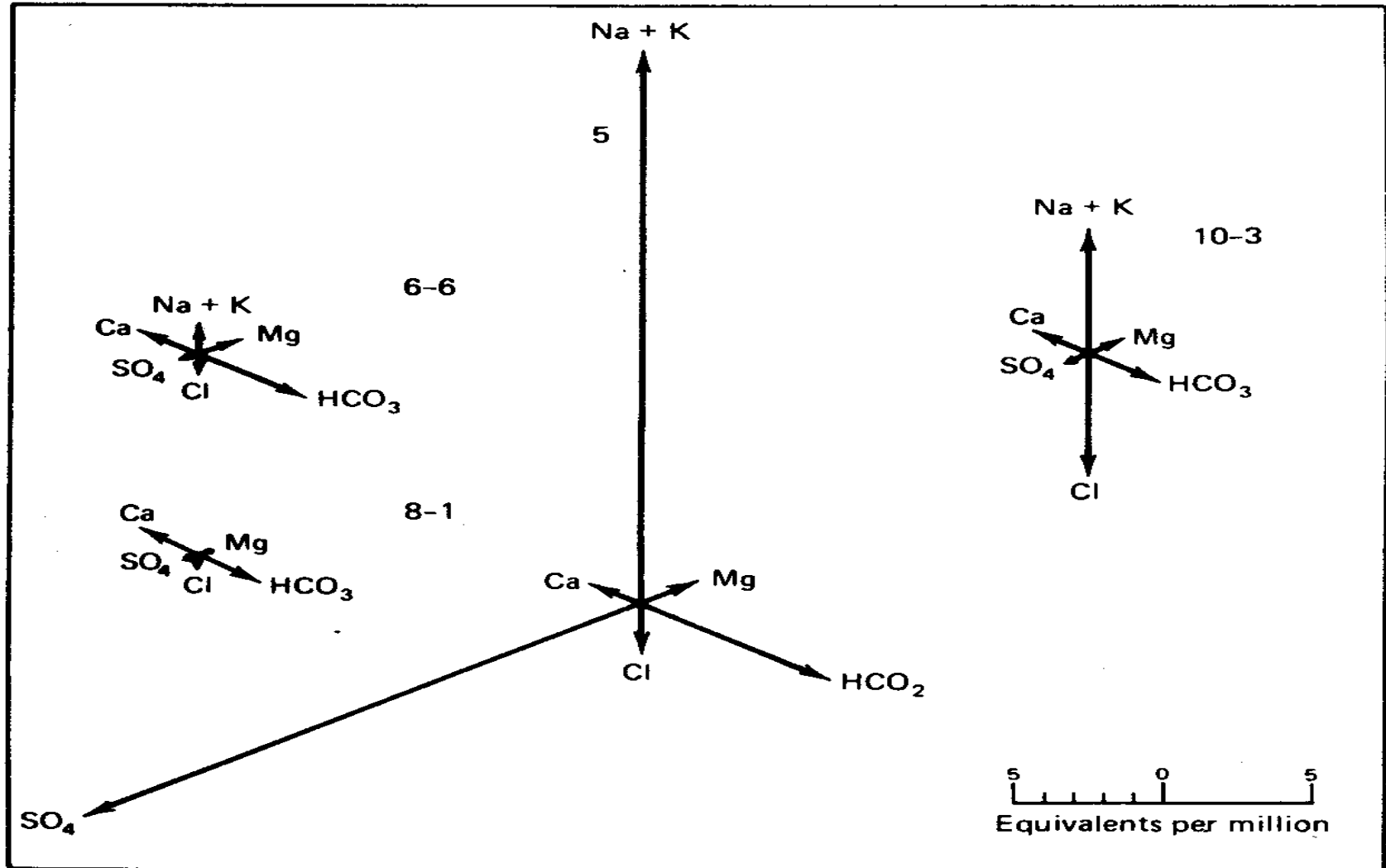
Classification/Interpretation of Water Quality using Standard Graphs

- **Vertical Bar Diagrams**
- **Radiating Vectors**
- **Stiff Diagrams**
- **Circular Diagrams**
- **Trilinear Diagrams**
- **Durov's Classification**
- **Gibbs Diagram**
- **U. S. Salinity Laboratory Diagram**
- **Wilcox's Diagram**

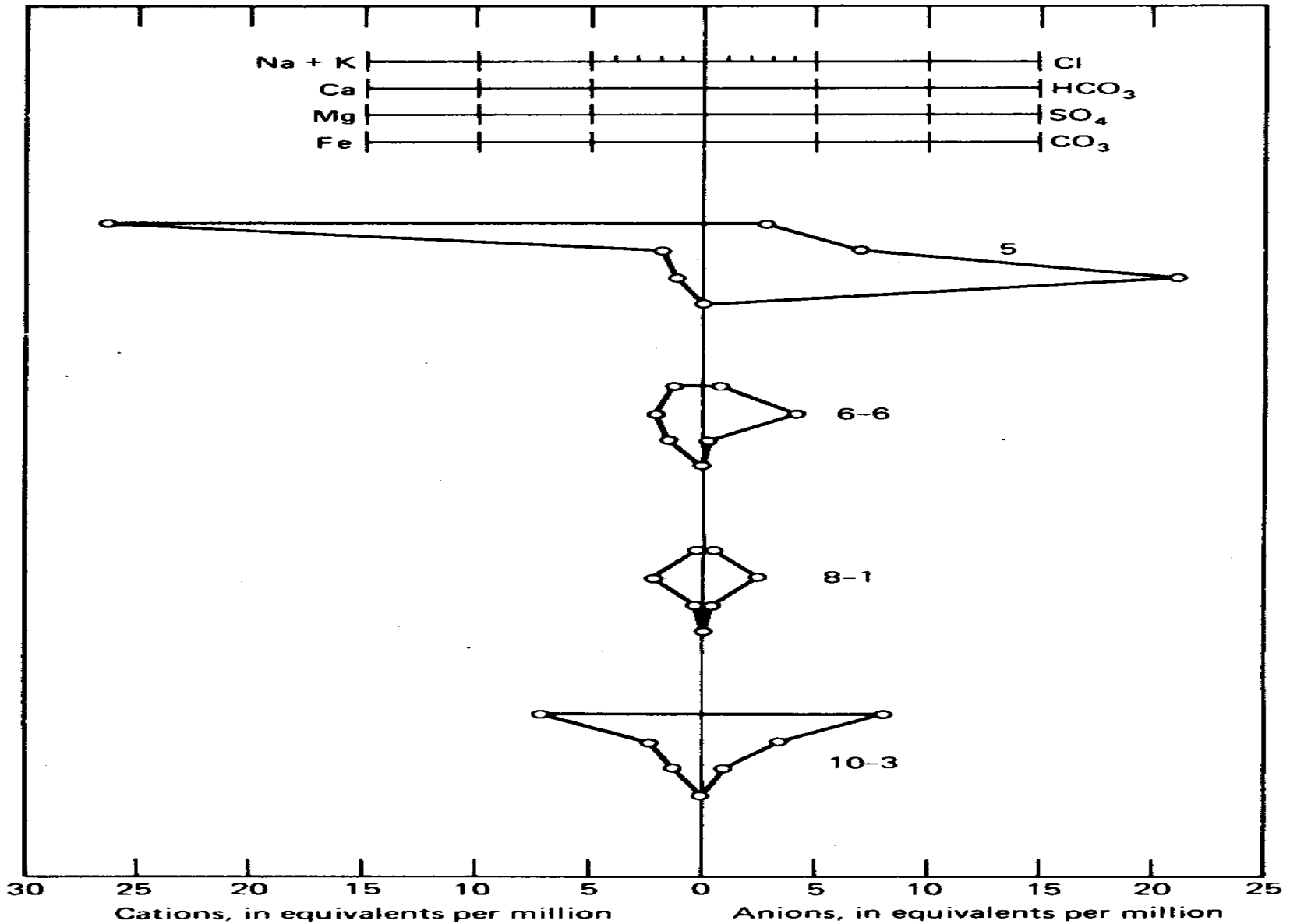
Vertical Bar Diagrams....



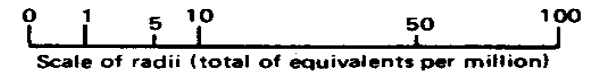
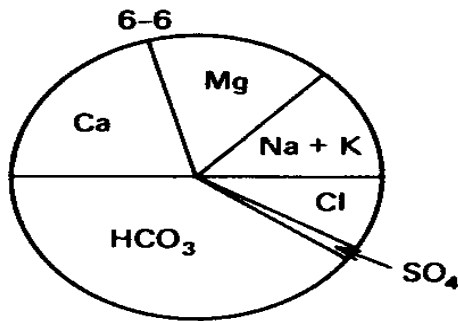
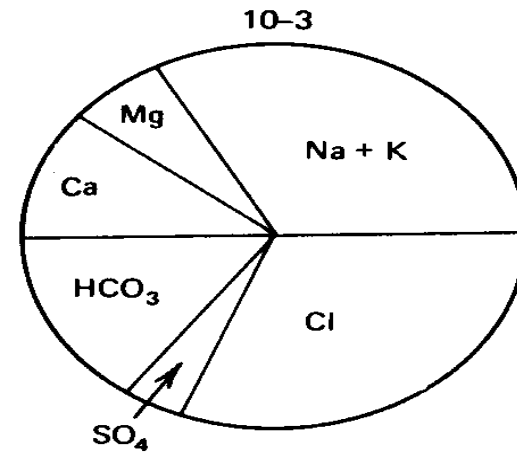
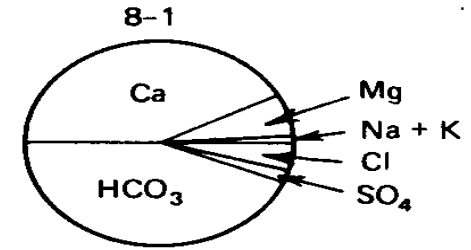
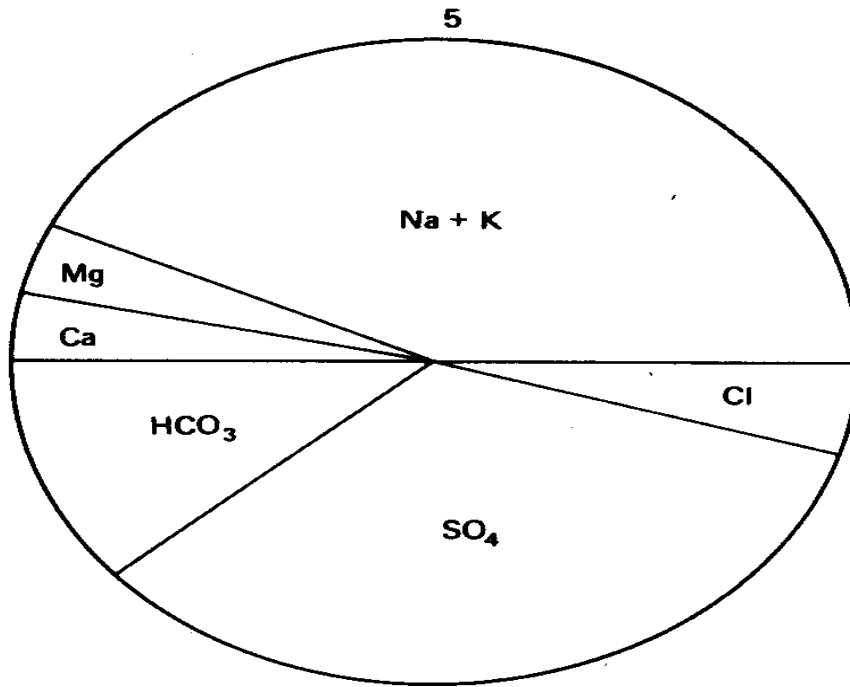
Radiating Vectors....



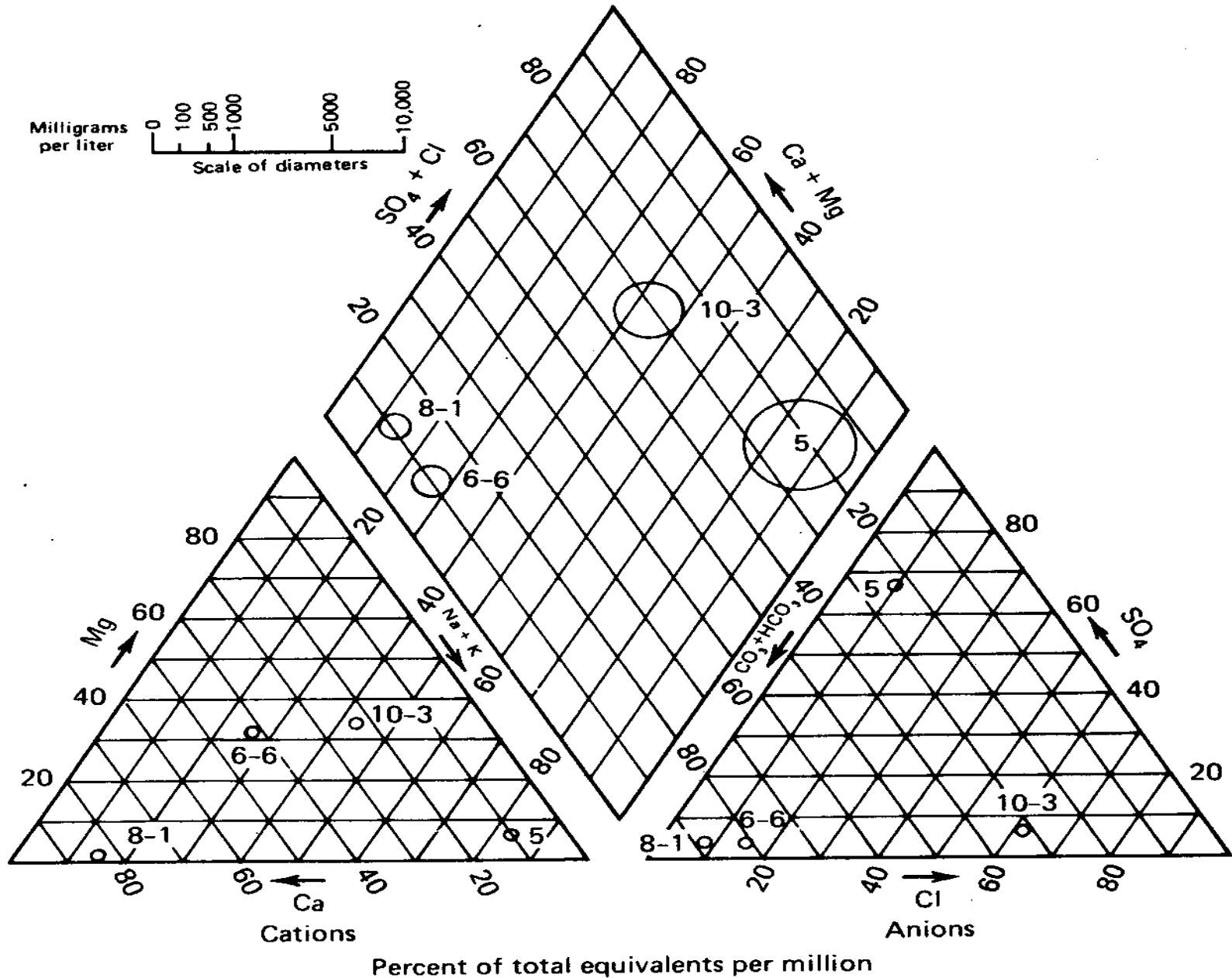
Stiff Diagrams (Pattern Diagrams)



Circular Diagrams..

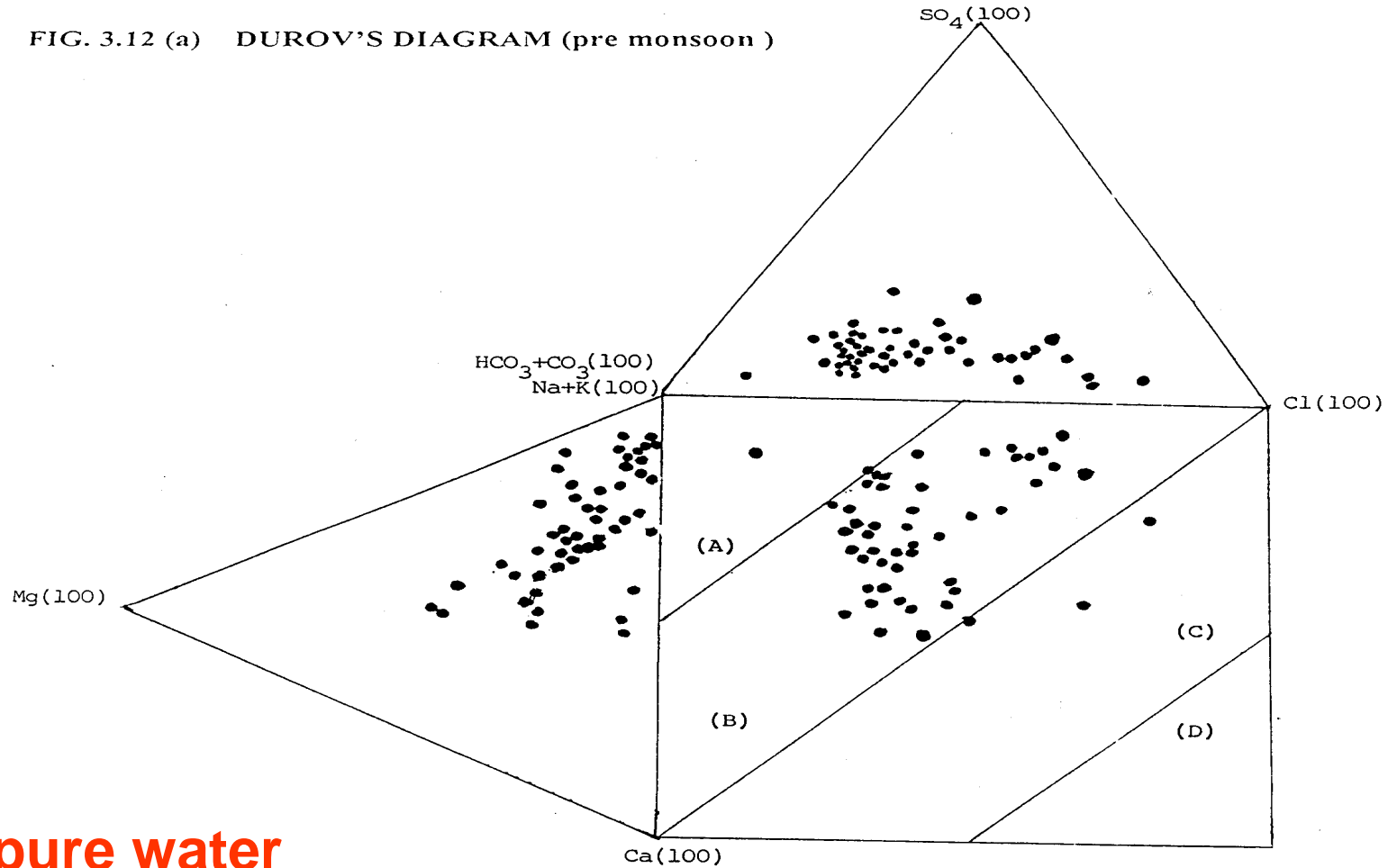


Pipers Trilinear Diagrams.....



Durov's Classification

FIG. 3.12 (a) DUROV'S DIAGRAM (pre monsoon)



- A is pure water**
- B is no contamination**
- C is moderate quality**
- D is high contamination of Na & Cl**

**When large number of samples are to be evaluated
(for reducing the Data volume without loosing single data point)**

Statistical Techniques

- Q-mode Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA)**
- K-Means Cluster analysis (KMC)**
- Fuzzy K Means Clustering (FKM)**
- Principal component Analysis (PCA)**
- Geostatistics**

Interpretation

- **Suitability**
- **Seasonal changes**
- **Contamination type**
- **Quantification**
- **Spatial extent**
- **Sources of contamination**
- **Correlation with geologic and anthropogenic activities**

Thank You..