

# URBAN AQUIFERS FOR URBAN WATER SECURITY

Pune's Aquifer System...  
*some early lessons*



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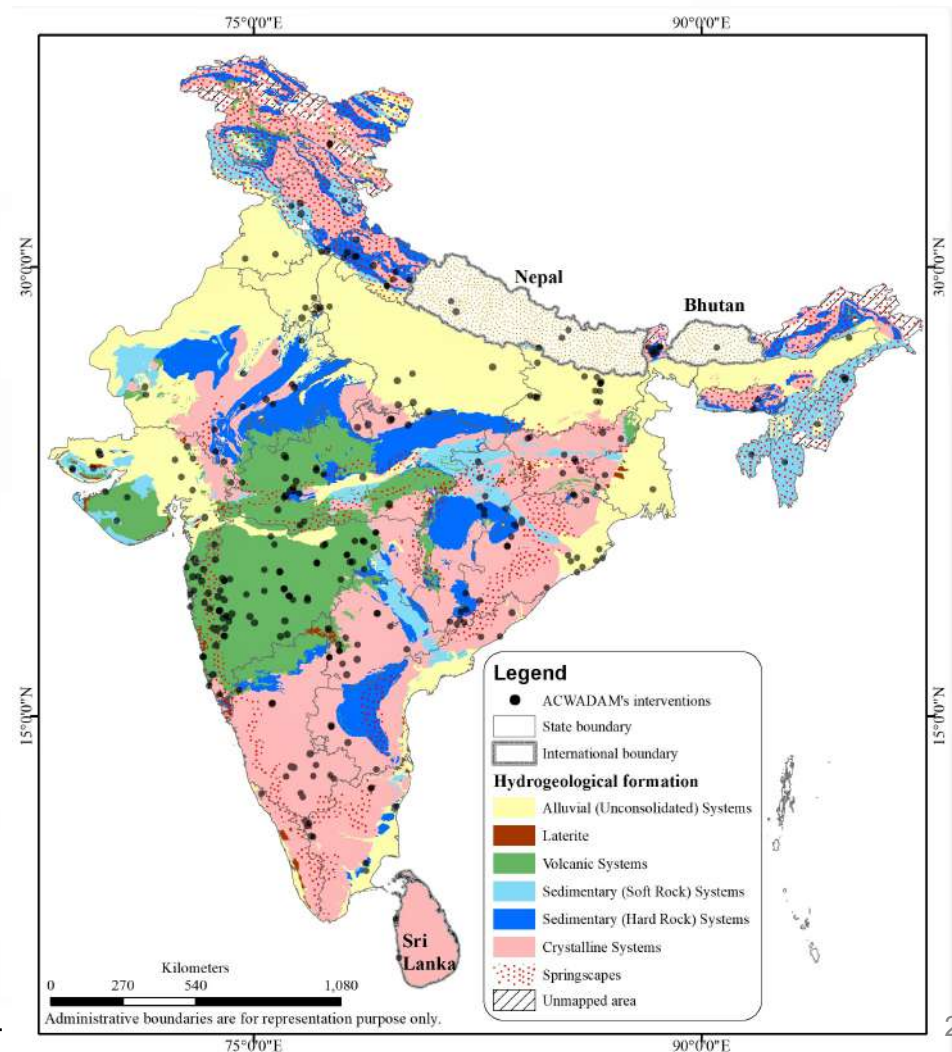
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# ACWADAM's work: ..in the most hydrogeologically diverse setting in the world – based on partnership and collaboration

We are a think-tank and action-research based organisation working on the science of groundwater and its applications to societal development. We work on the practice and policy of aquifer-based, participatory groundwater management...

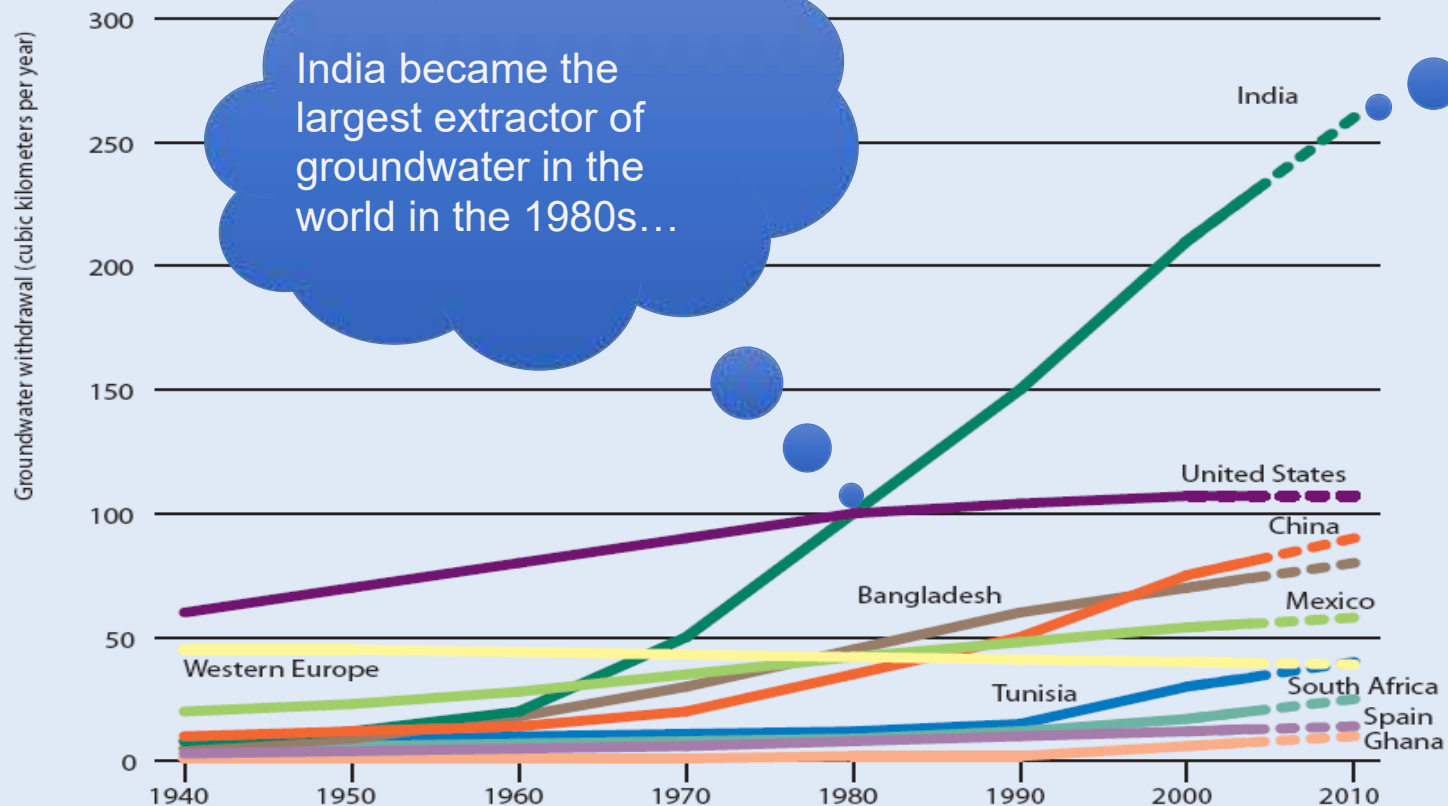
- Aquifer-based groundwater management
- Training
- Action research and decision support
- Policy and programmes

*Bringing aquifers closer to communities...*



# Groundwater use in agriculture: global trends

## Development in groundwater withdrawal in selected countries



Source: Shah 2005.

Credit: Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture  
Publisher: Earthscan [www.earthscan.co.uk](http://www.earthscan.co.uk)

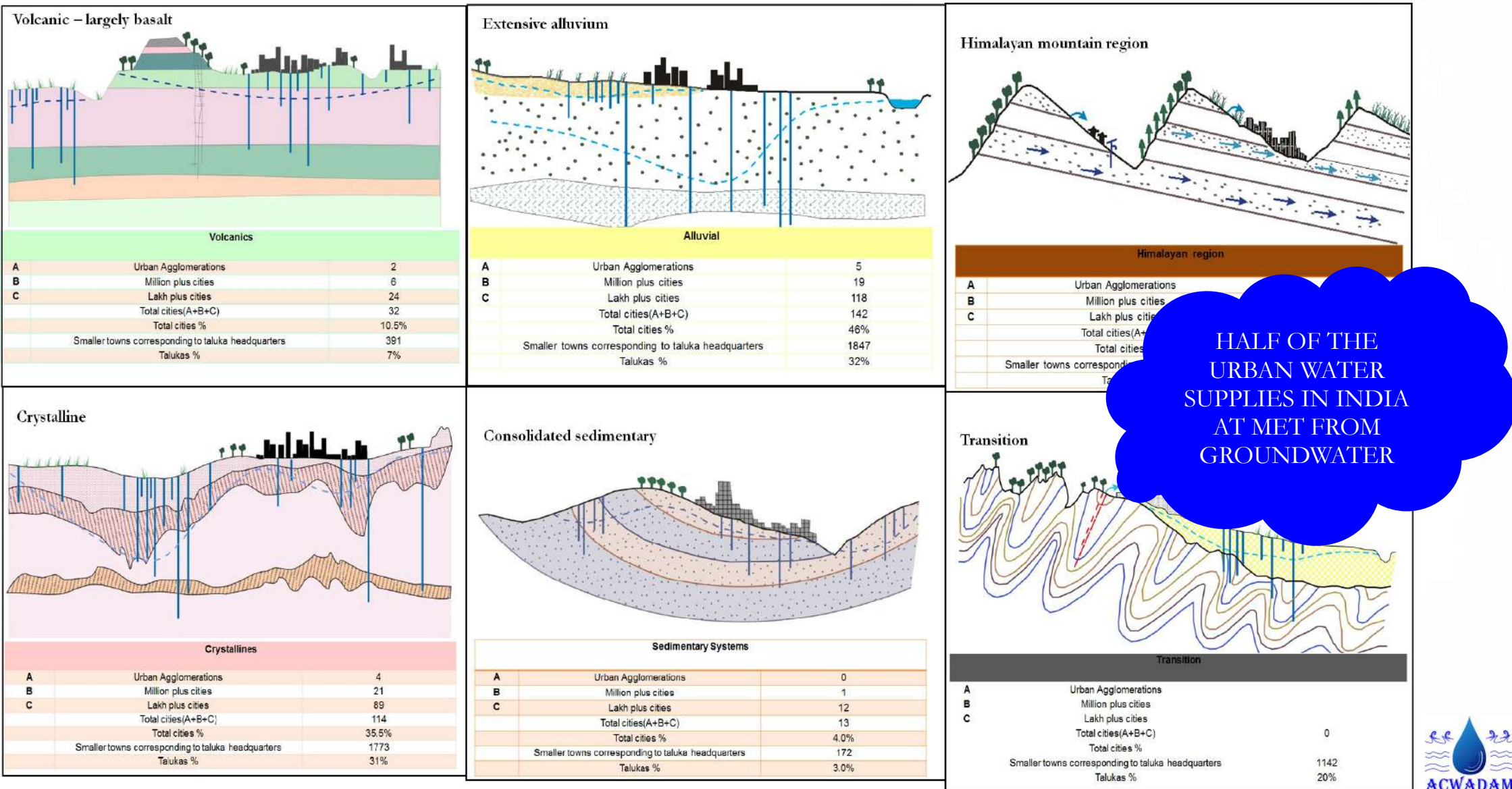
# India's unique groundwater story



# Urban water crisis...



# India's towns and cities are underlain by a diverse set of aquifer systems



# Pune – urban versus rural population densities

Figures are approximate

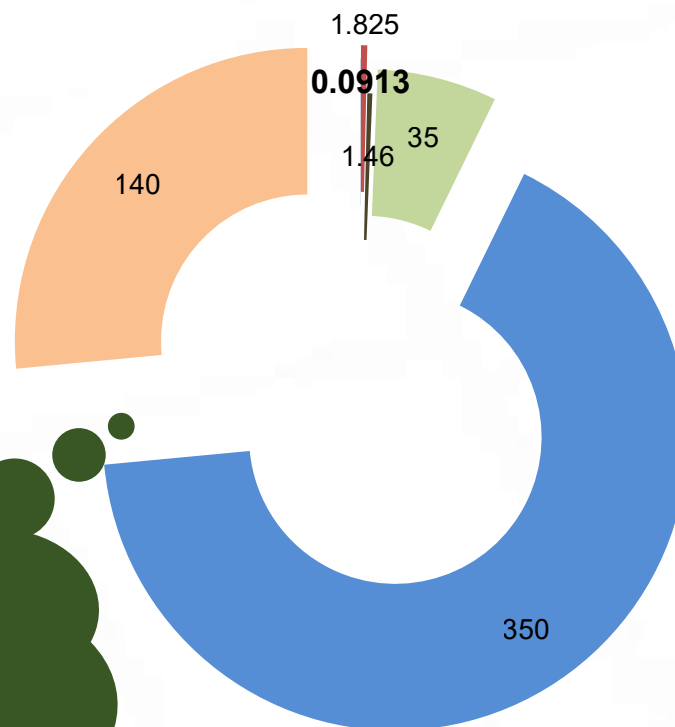
	RURAL	URBAN
AVERAGE POPULATION	1000	4000000
AVERAGE AREA OF VILLAGE / CITY (in hectares)	1000	25000
DENSITY OF POPULATION (persons per hectare)	1	160 (Pune) 170 (Bengaluru)
ANNUAL DOMESTIC WATER DEMAND (m <sup>3</sup> )	@55 lpcd 20075	@150 lpcd 219 million
<b>ANNUAL DOMESTIC WATER DEMAND PER HECTARE (CALCULATED IN mm/ha)</b>	<b>2 mm</b>	<b>876 mm</b>

# Demand – availability - supply

Demand based WB of a typical Indian village – in mm

1000 ha; 500 ha agriculture;  
100 households; 500 people...  
ANNUAL DEMAND = 528 mm

ANNUAL QUANTITIES IN mm



Domestic demand  
including drinking  
water is less than  
2 mm / year

A typical shallow basalt aquifer  
system holds an equivalent  
groundwater storage of an  
equivalent 20 to 150 mm of  
groundwater

- Human drinking water
- Human household domestic water
- Livestock
- Rainfed agriculture - kharif
- Irrigated agriculture - rabi
- Irrigated agriculture - summer



# Demand – availability - supply

Area = 200 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population = 2 million  
DEMAND = 5 lpcd (drinking);  
150 lpcd (domestic); 3000 lpd/  
unit of 60 to 70 hectares  
(public utilities)

Annual (demand) distribution  
for a small city in India  
values in mm

Public utilities  
219

Human drinking water  
36

values in mm

Human household domestic water  
1095

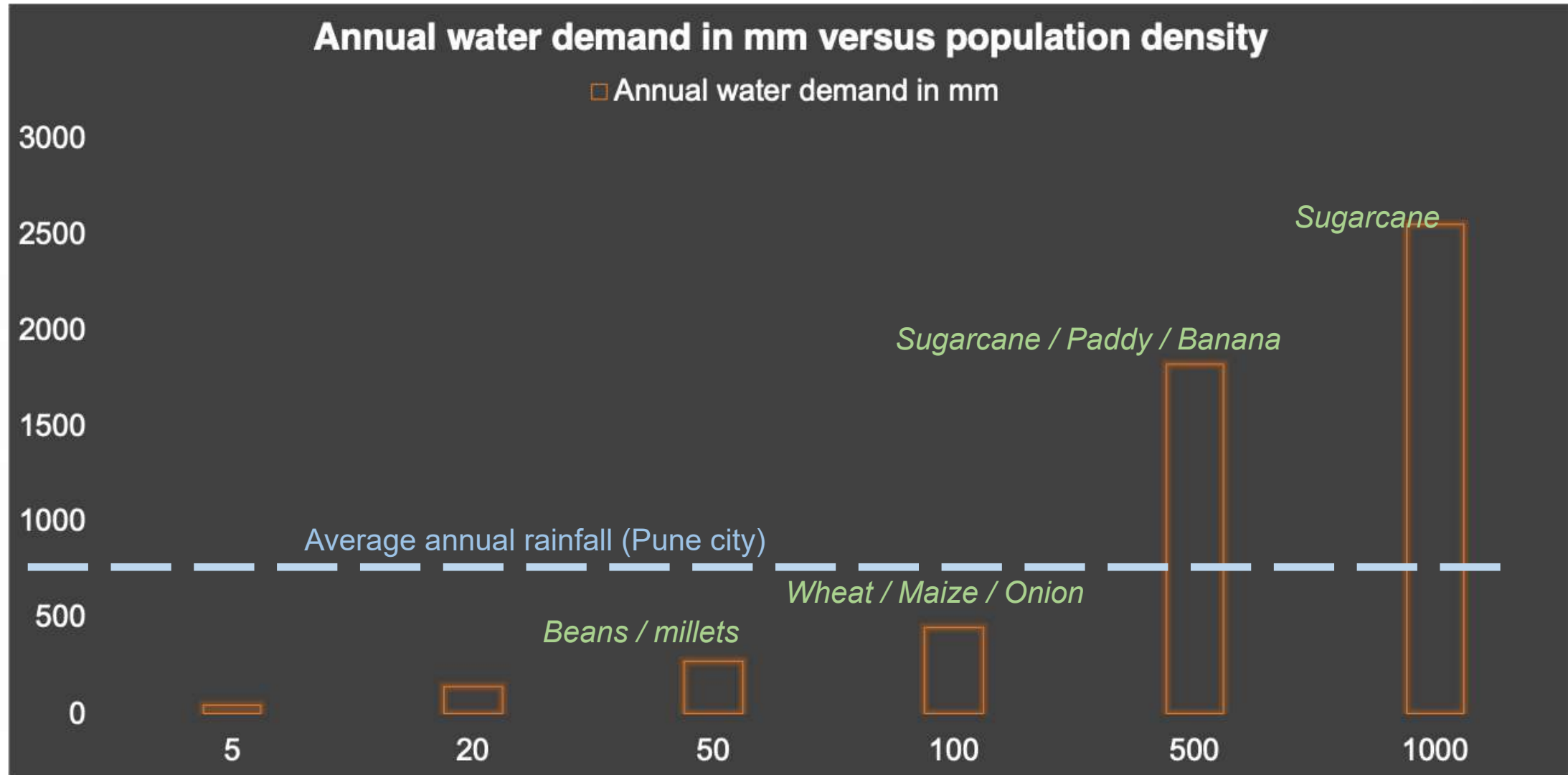
Domestic demand  
including drinking  
water is as much as  
1132 mm / year

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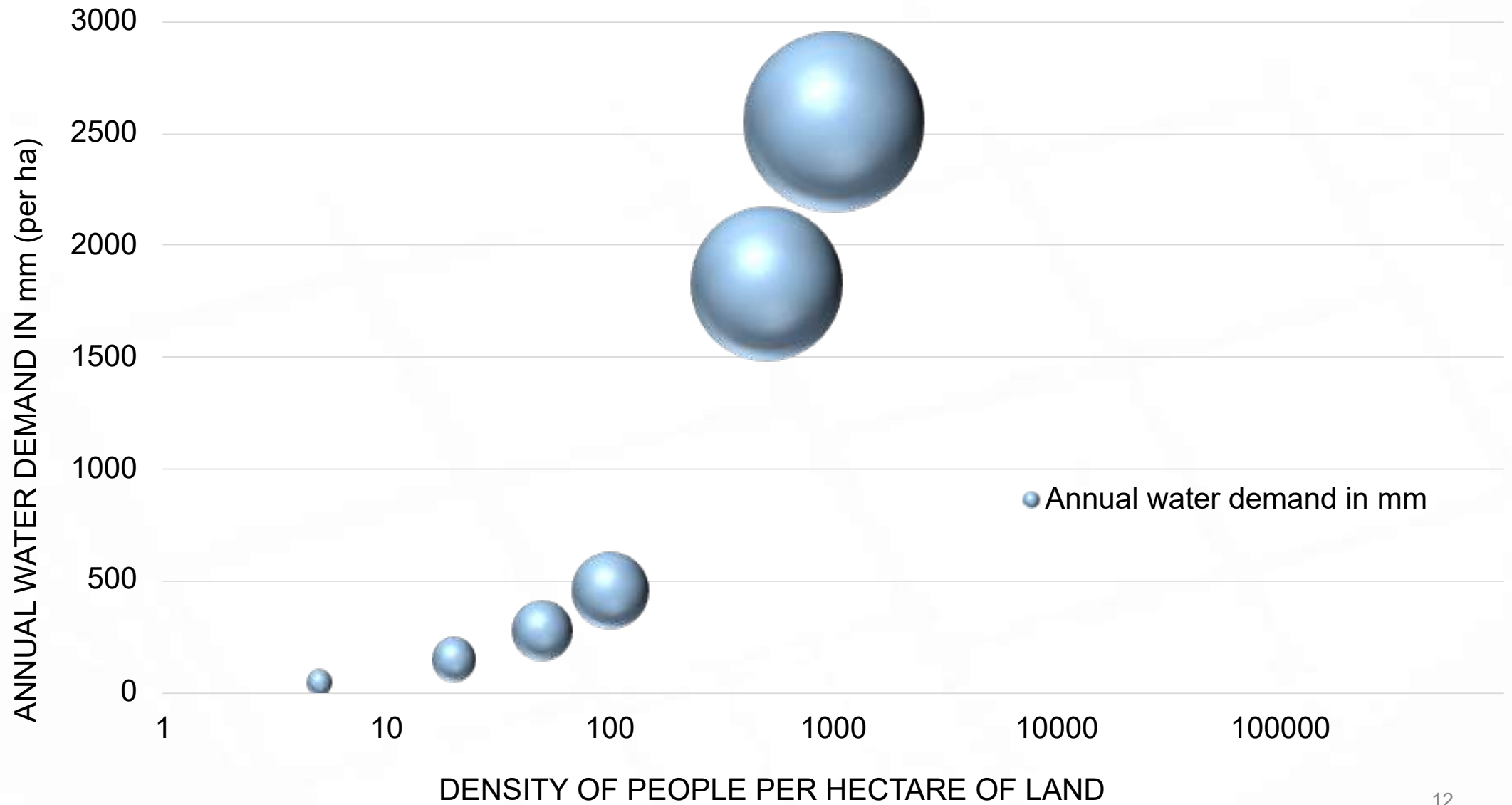
...using density of people per unit of land



# Modeled densities and annual water demand

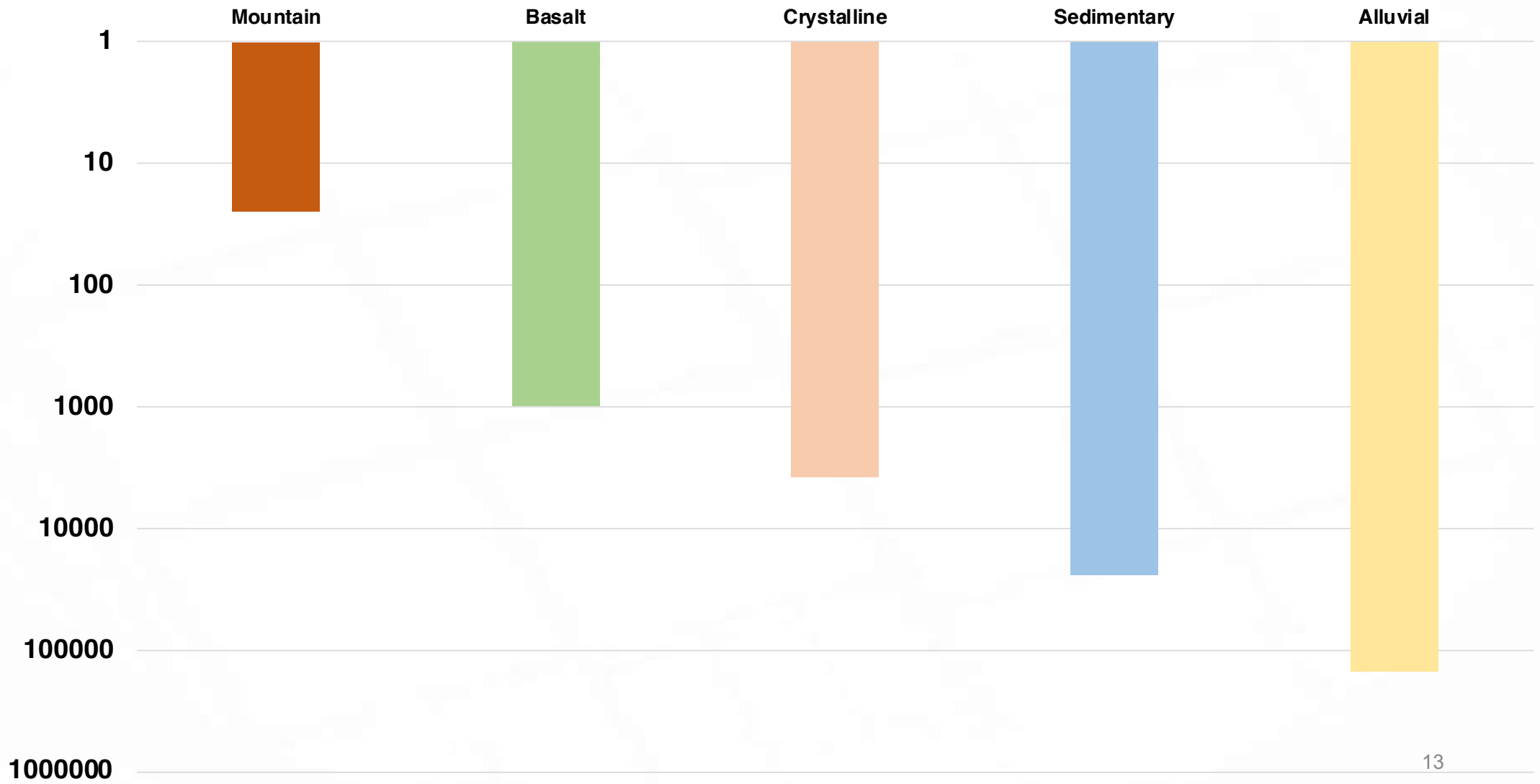


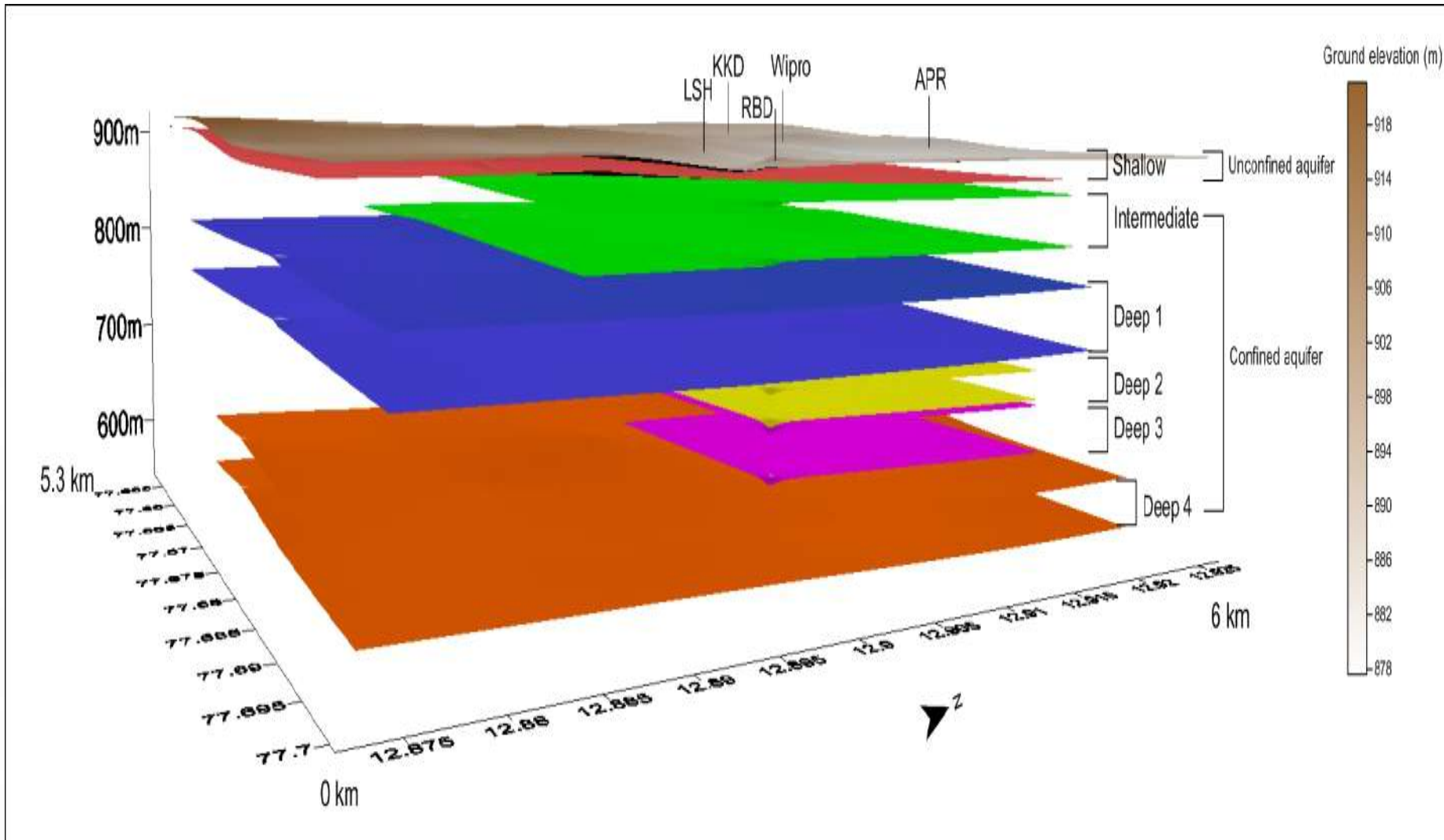
Annual water demand in mm versus population density





**Potential aquifer storage under 1 ha of land - in m<sup>3</sup>  
- for different aquifer systems**

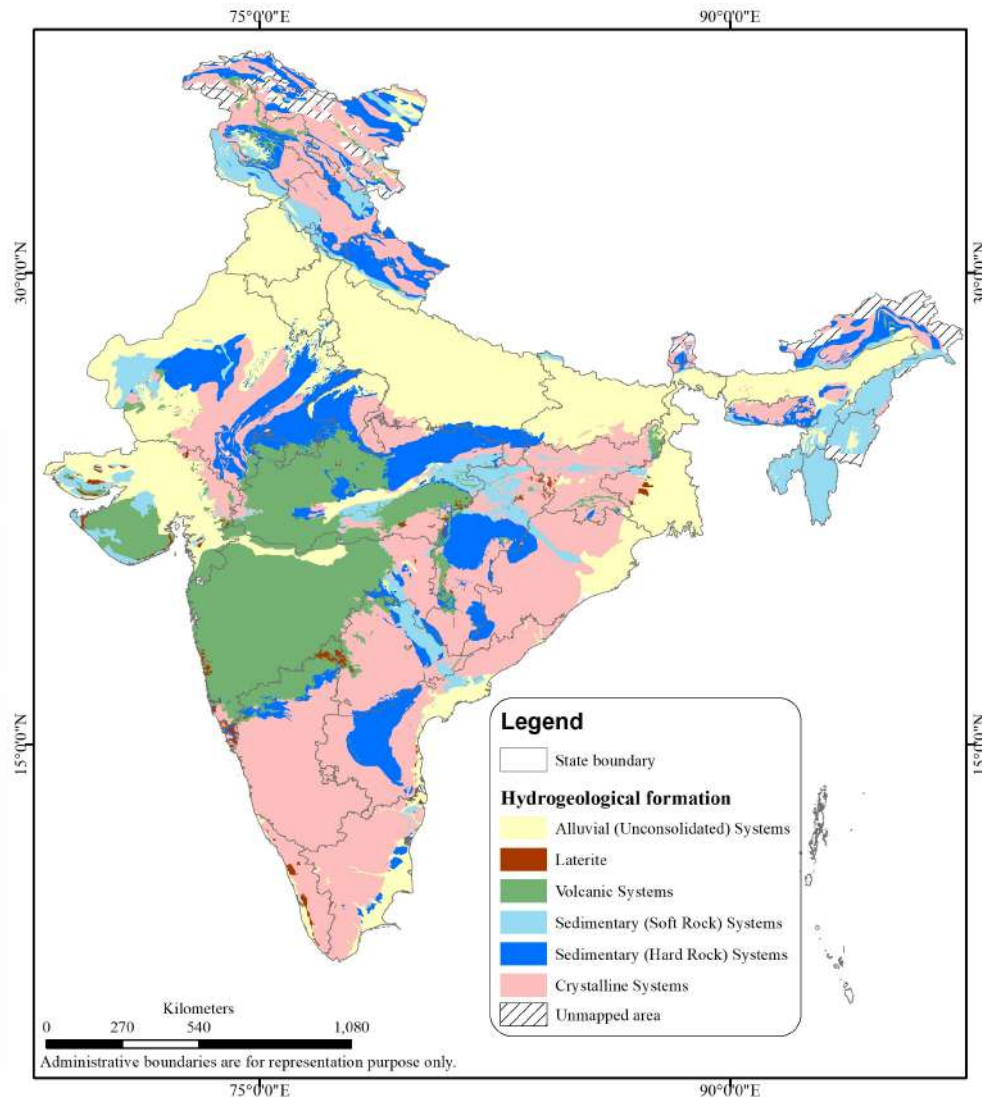




# SARJAPURA AQUIFER LAYOUT-3D

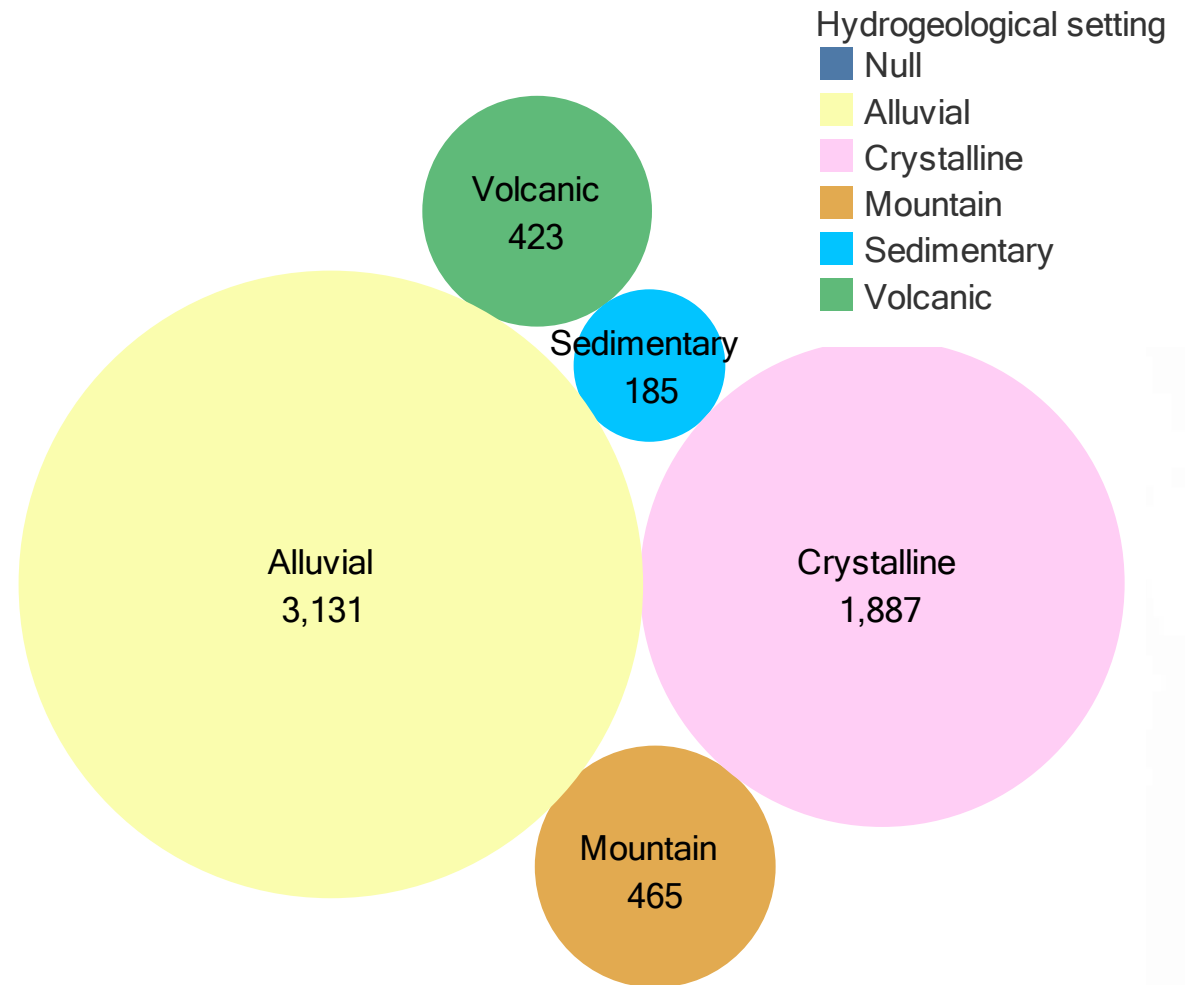
(after Bengaluru Participatory Aquifer Management Project – Biome-ACWADAM, support by Wipro)

# India's hydrogeological diversity



After: COMMAN 2005; GSI (various years), ACWADAM (various publ.), CGWB (2012)

## Typology based distribution of urban habitations

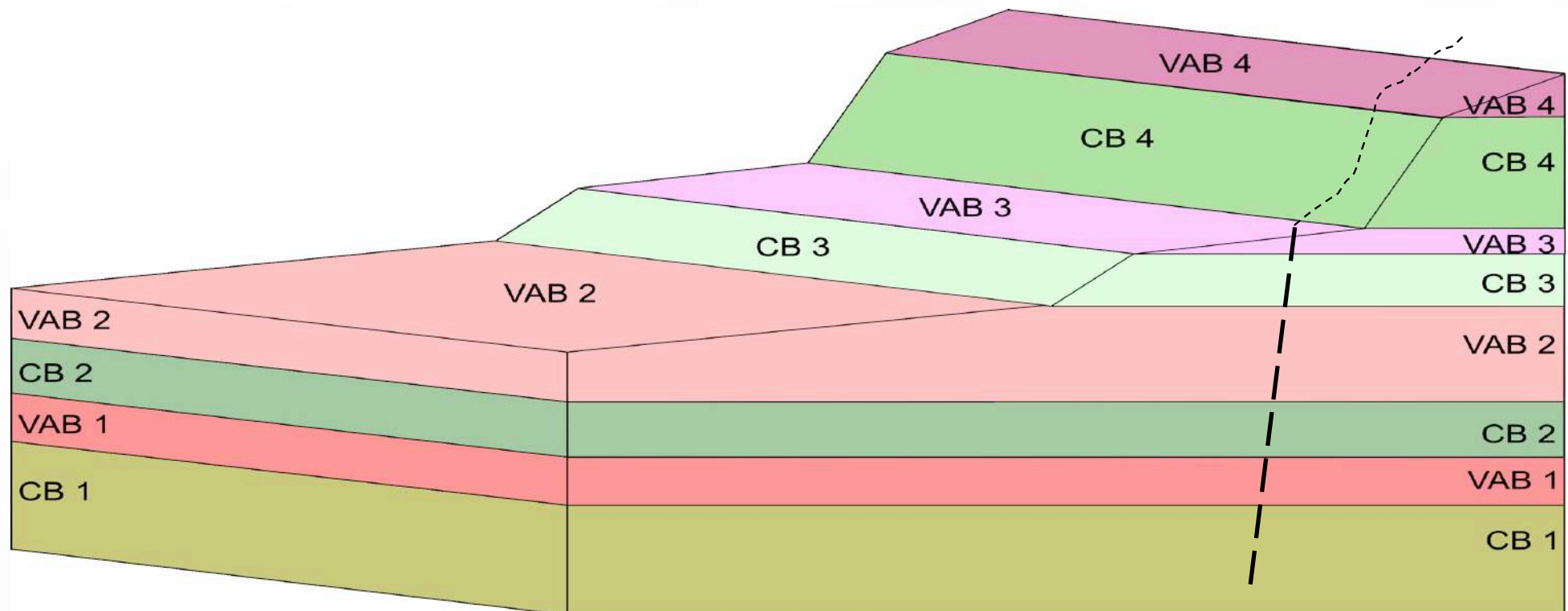


Sequence of basalt lavas shows alternate units with vertical and horizontal jointing patterns, traversed by regional fracture zones or dykes





These layers are exposed above the ground and are largely horizontal below – geological mapping



# Compound basalt





# Columnar jointed basalt





# Vesicular-amygdaloidal basalt

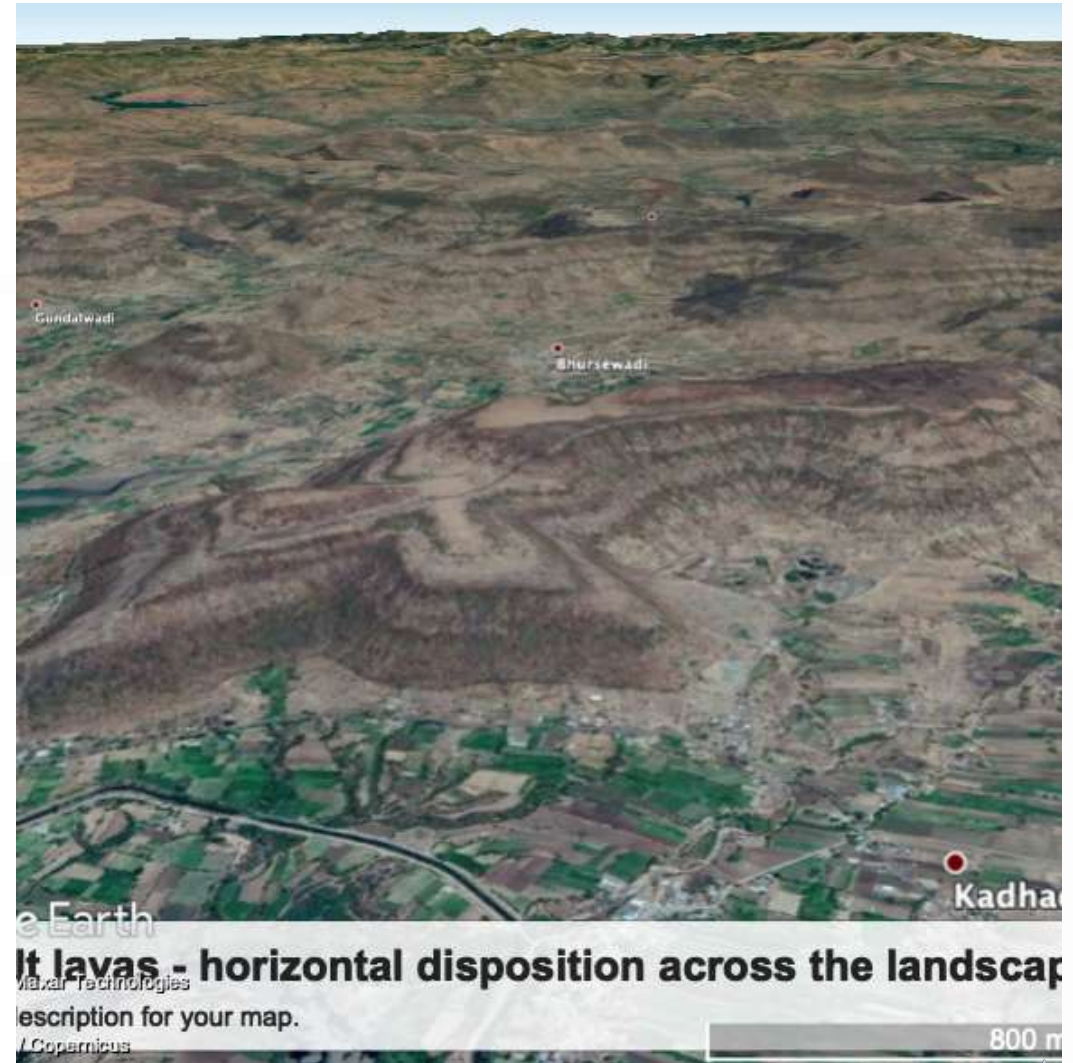
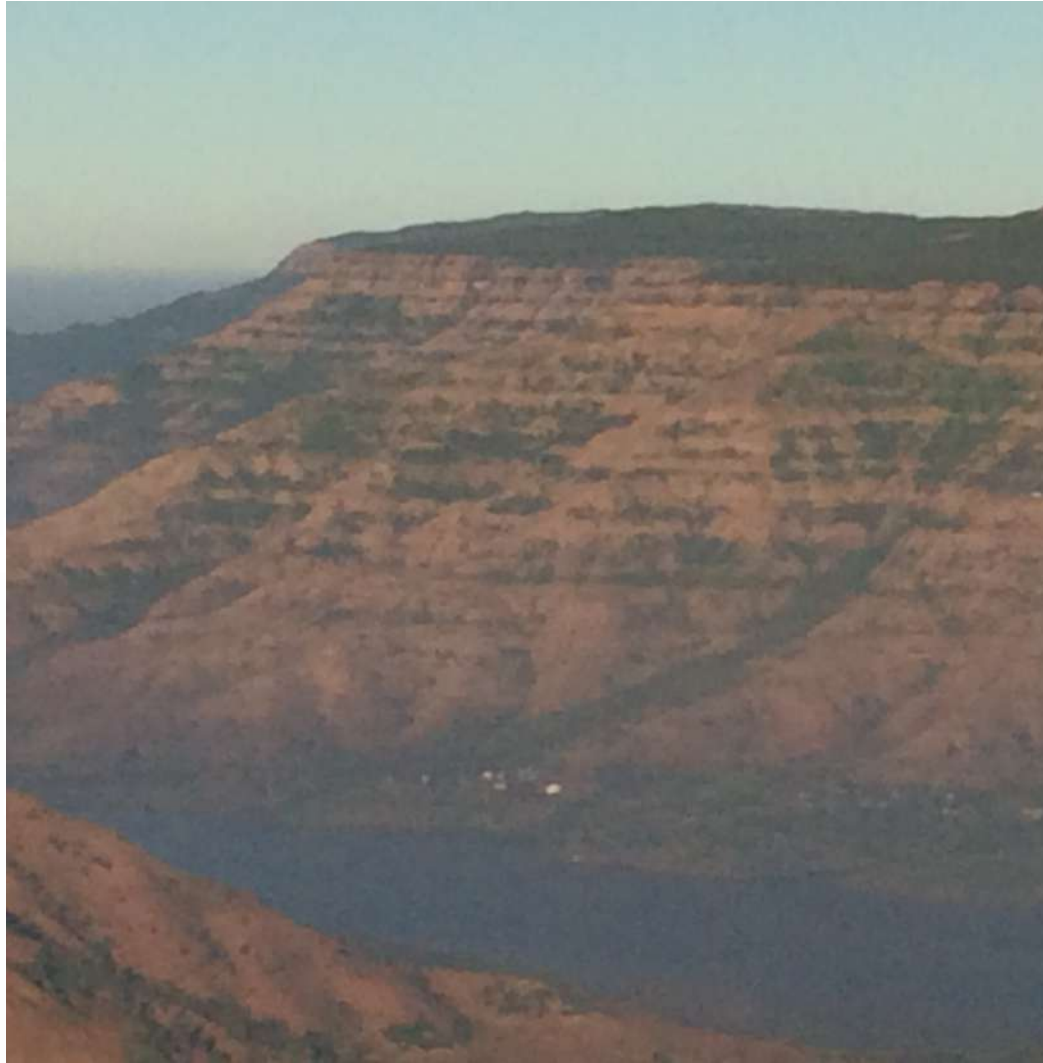


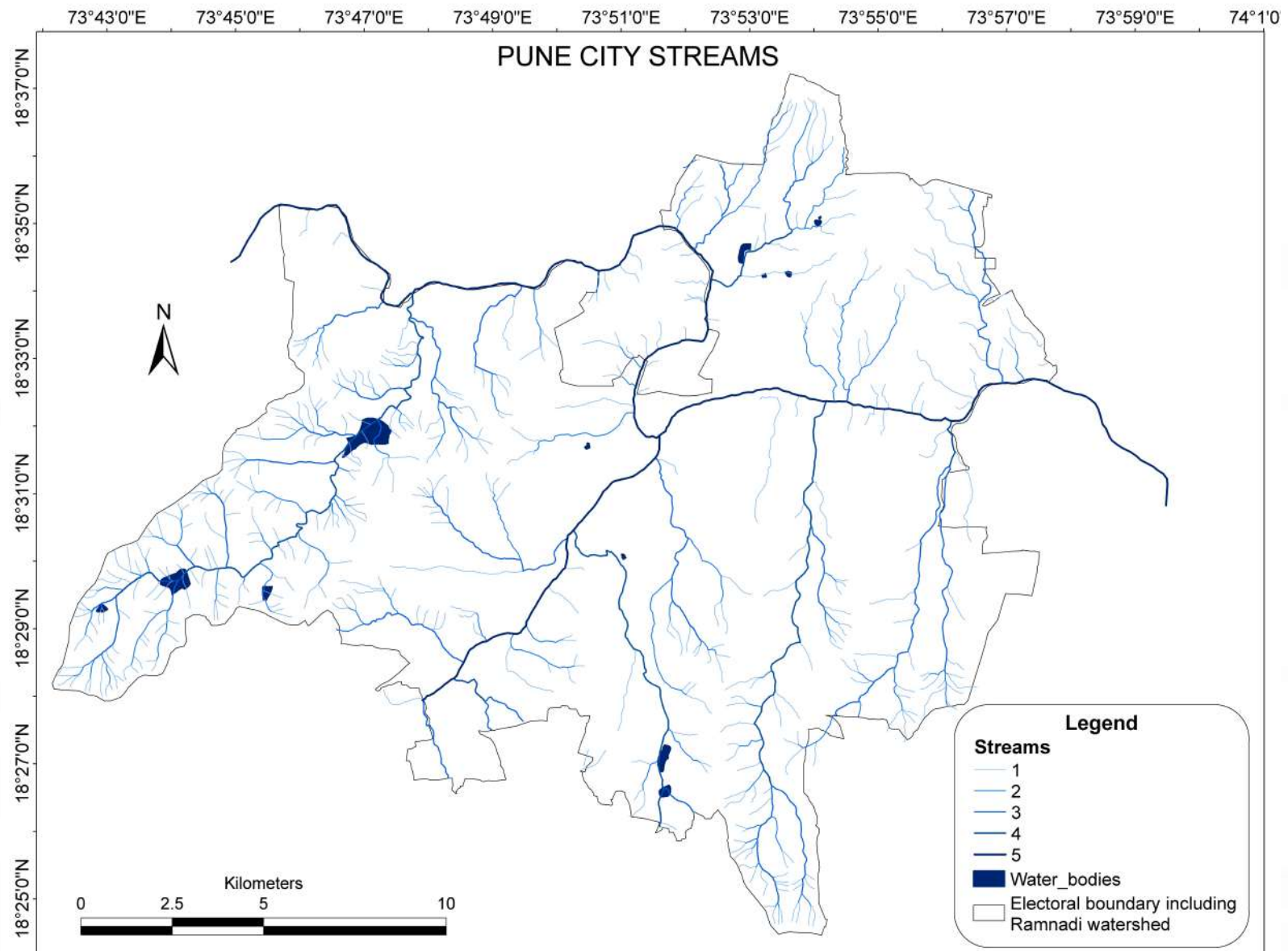


# Fracture zones



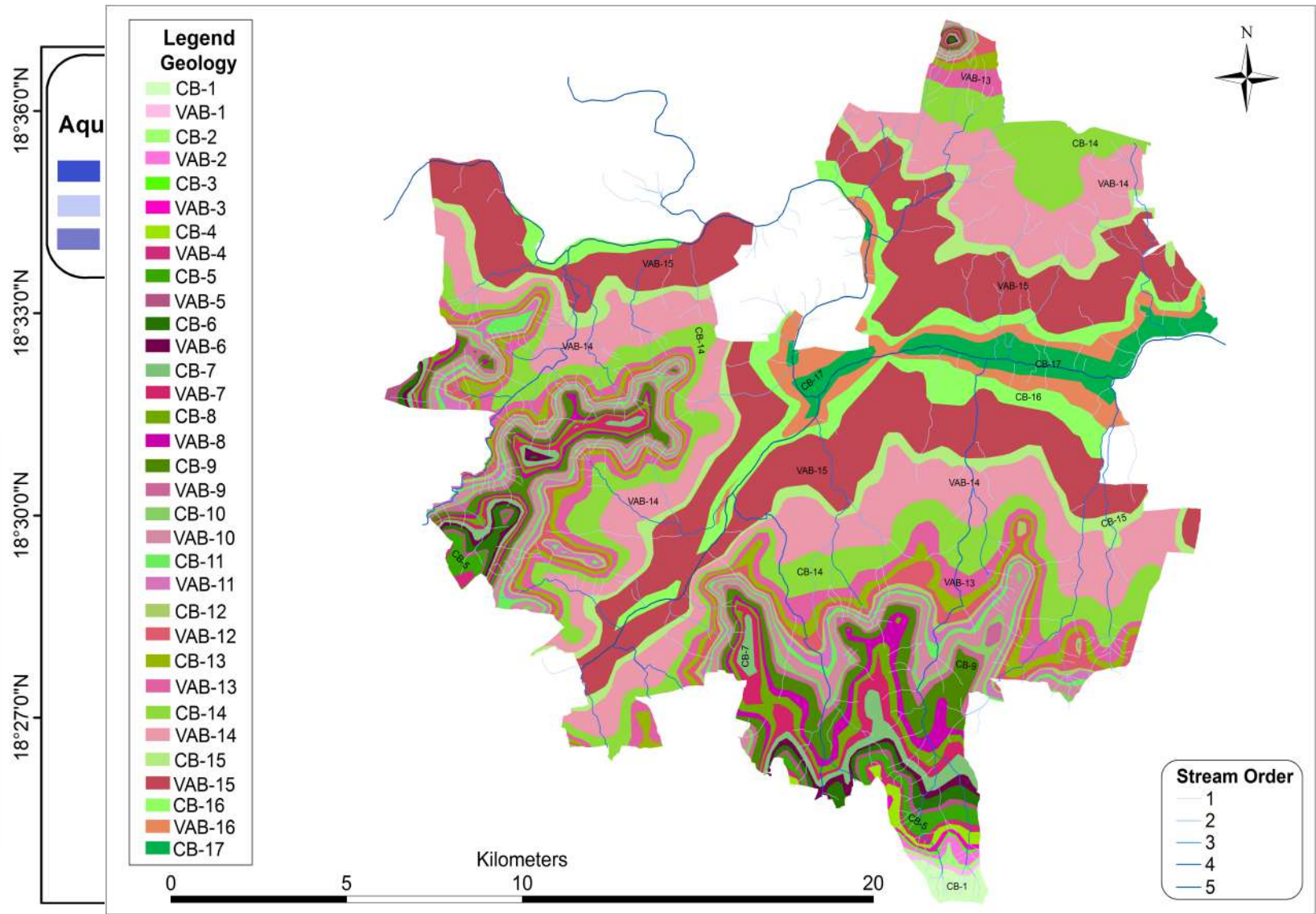








# Geology, watersheds and expansion of Pune urban in the last 100 years...

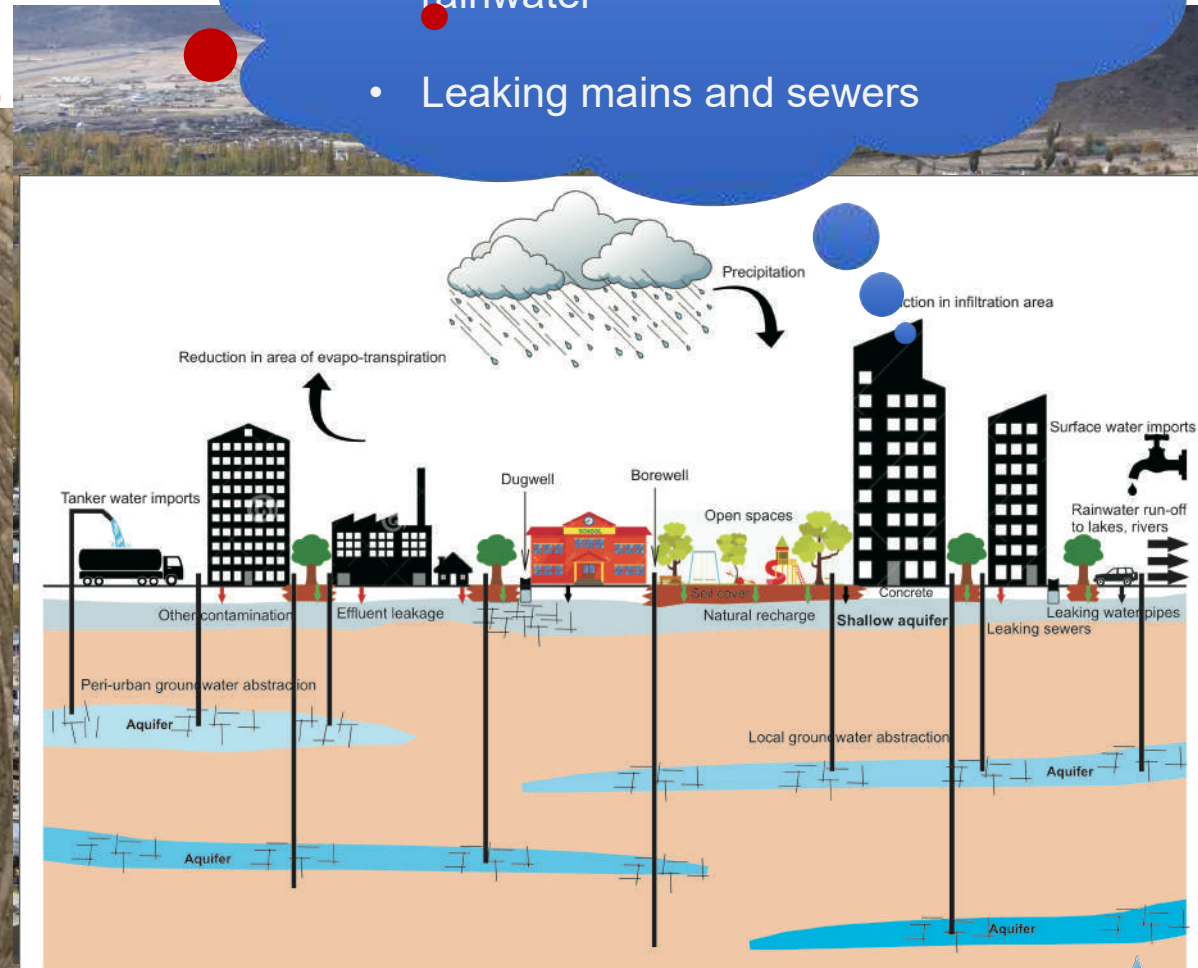


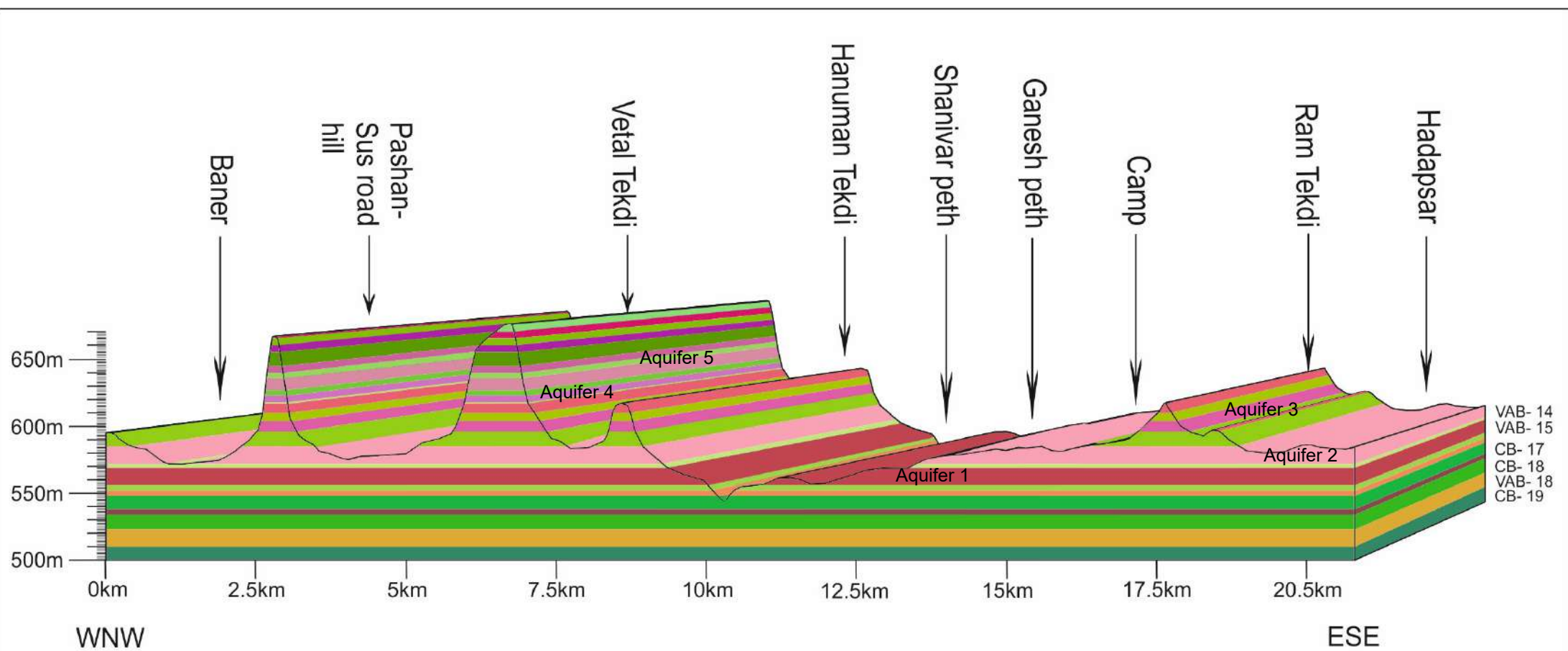


# The need for rainwater harvesting link

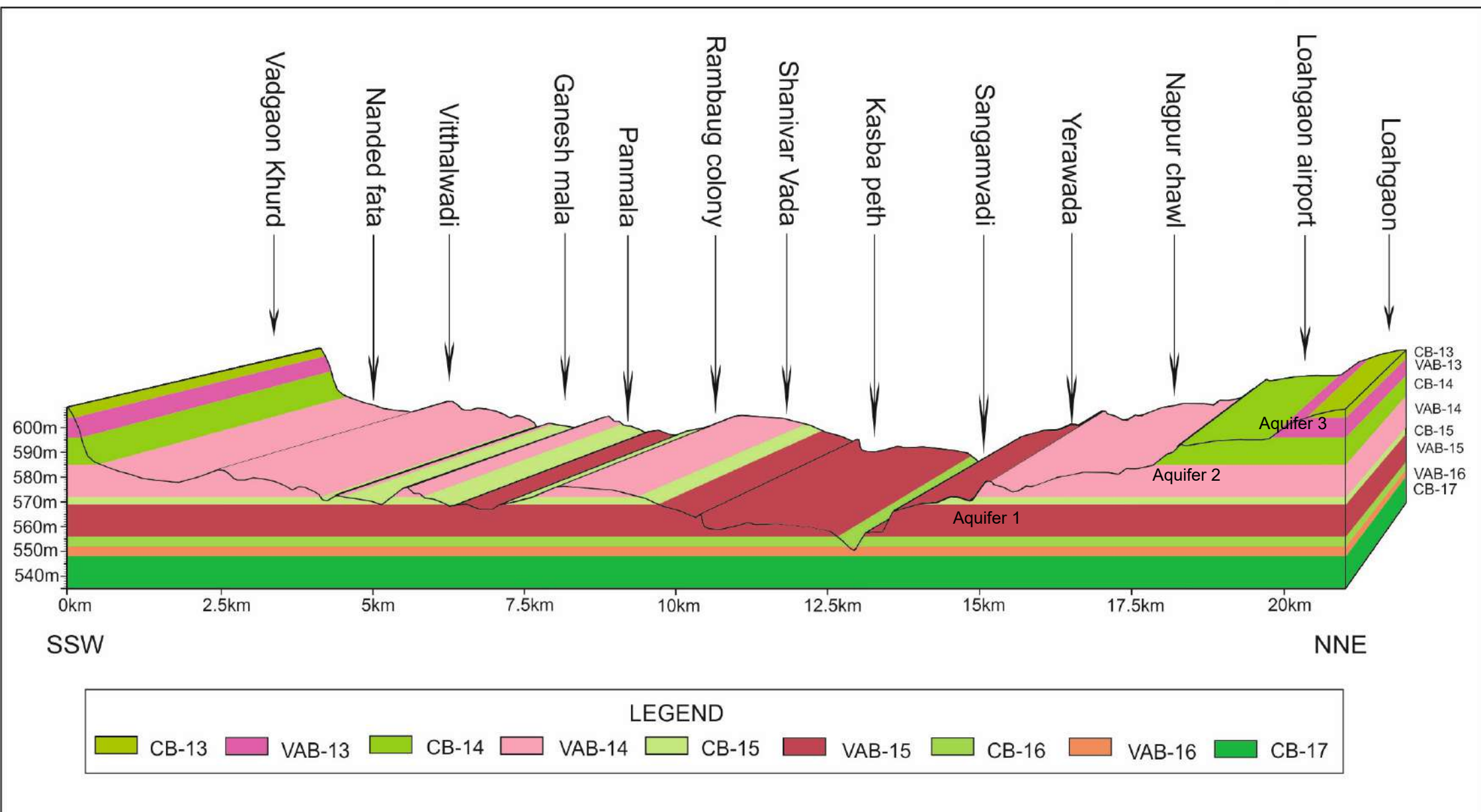
- Drop in natural groundwater recharge in cities often remains hidden behind this zero sum game...

- Reduction in surfaces that induce infiltration of rainwater
- Leaking mains and sewers



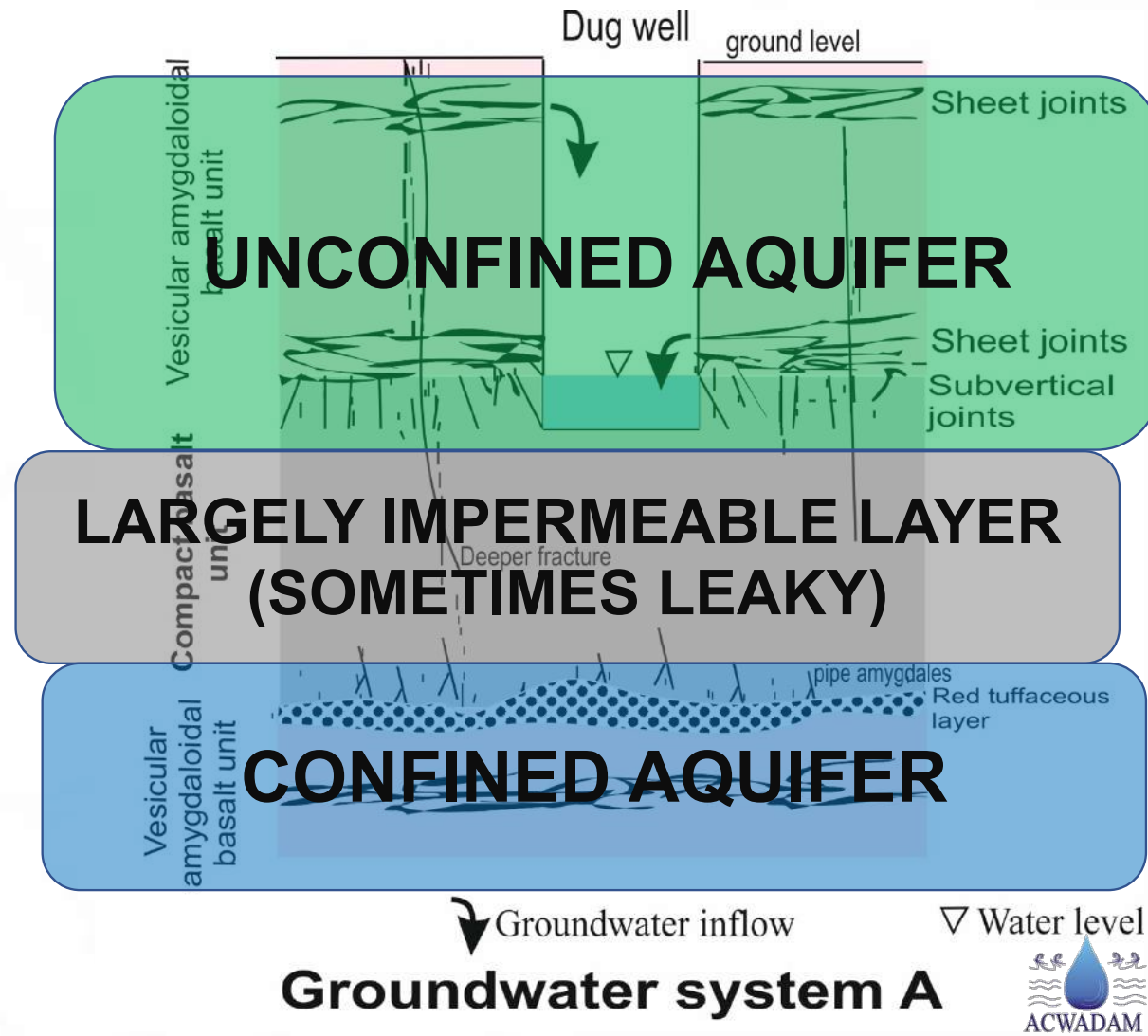


LEGEND						
CB-7	CB-9	CB-11	CB-13	CB-15	CB-17	
VAB-7	VAB-9	VAB-11	VAB-13	VAB-15	VAB-17	
CB-8	CB-10	CB-12	CB-14	CB-16	CB-18	
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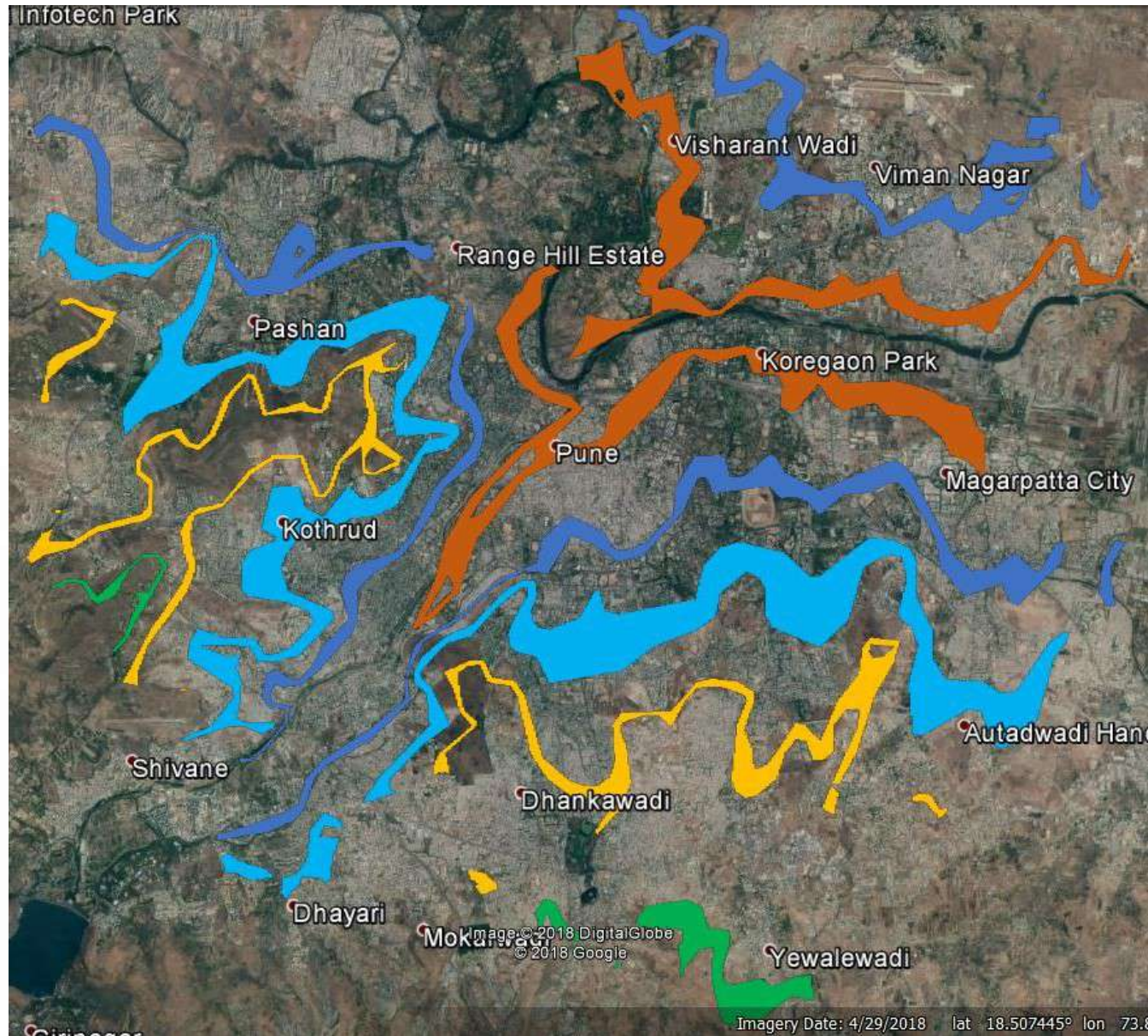


# Geology to hydrogeology: conceptualizing aquifer system A





# Broad recharge-conductive areas of Pune



 Aquifer - 1

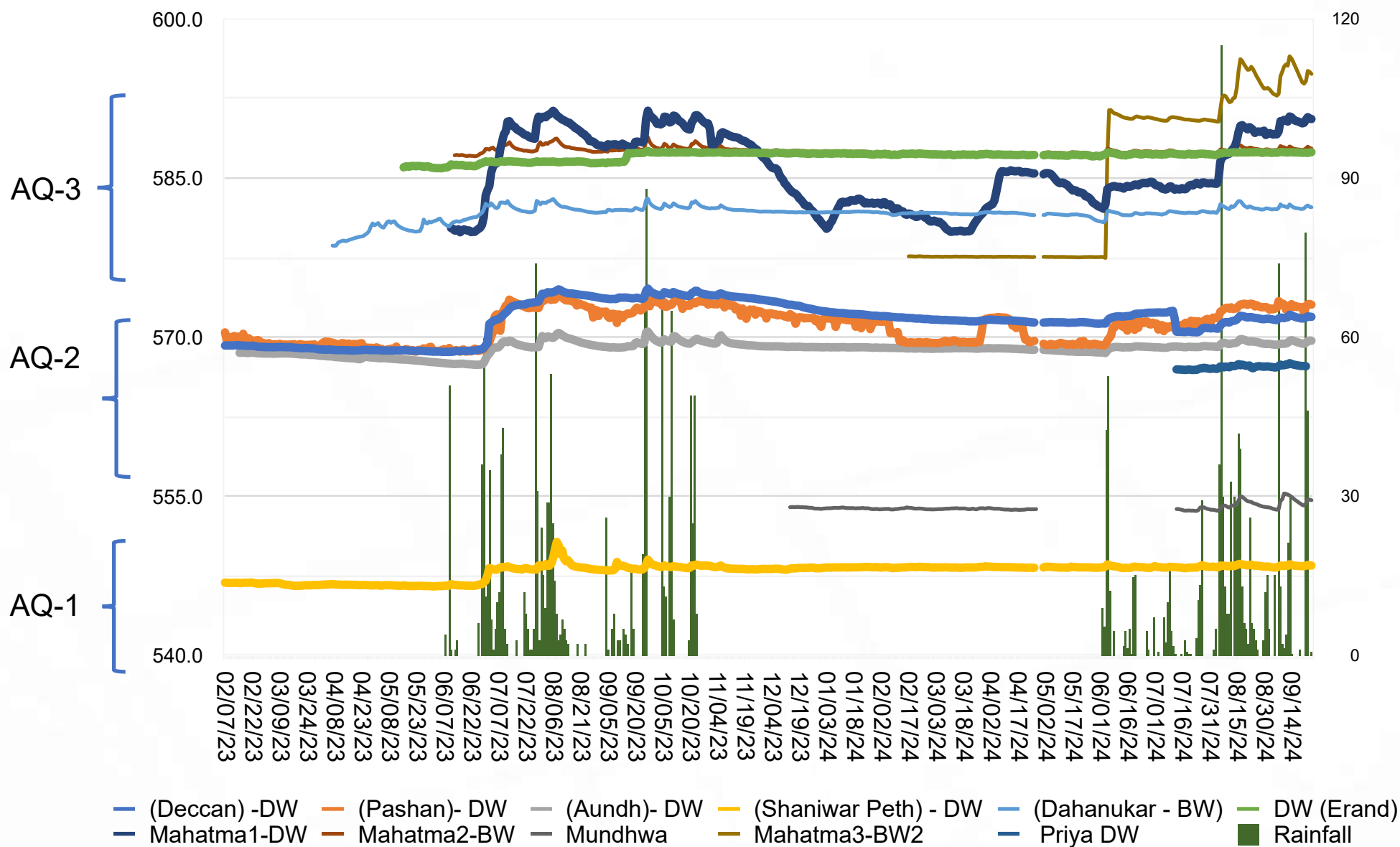
 Aquifer - 2

 Aquifer - 3

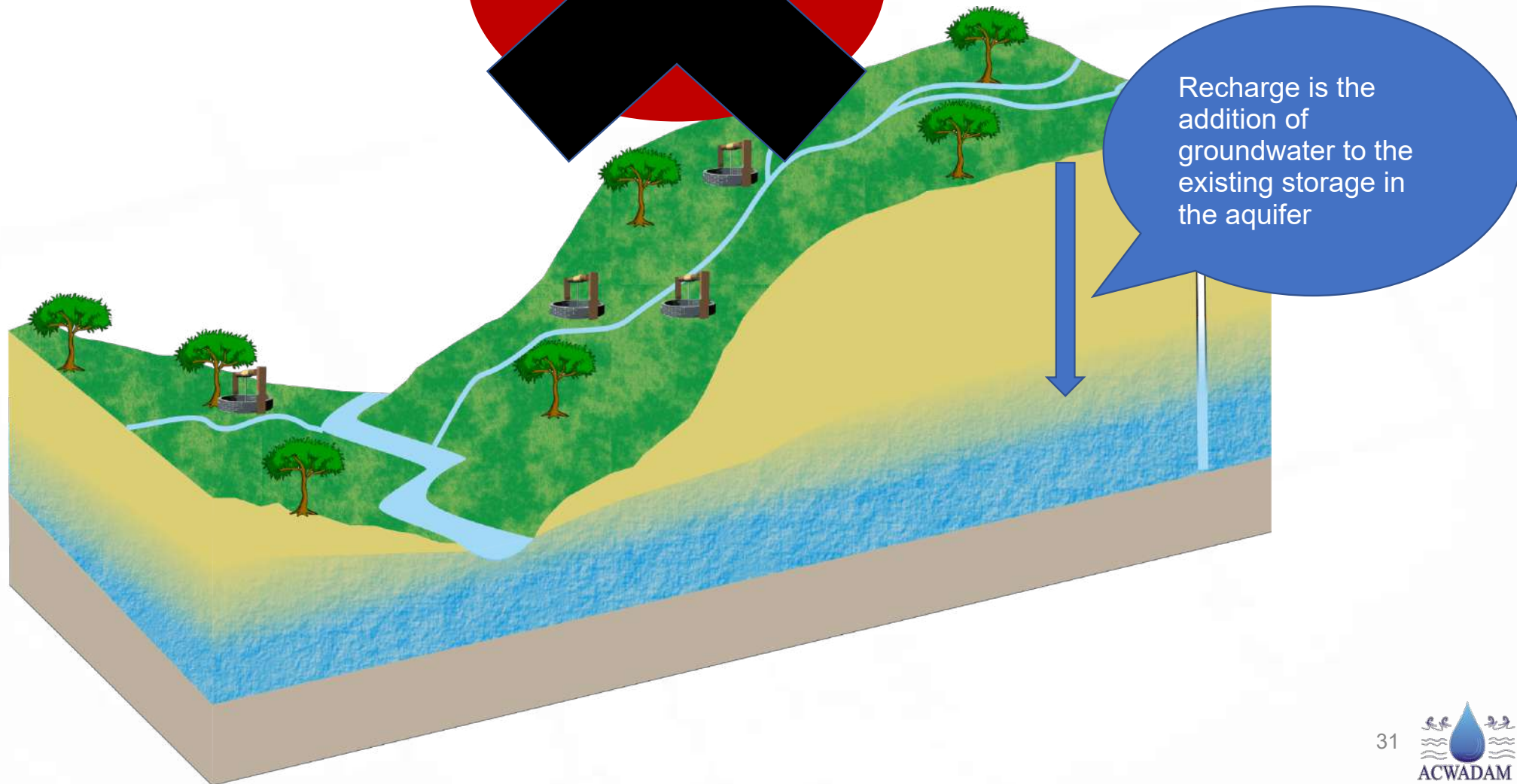
 Aquifer - 4

 Aquifer - 5





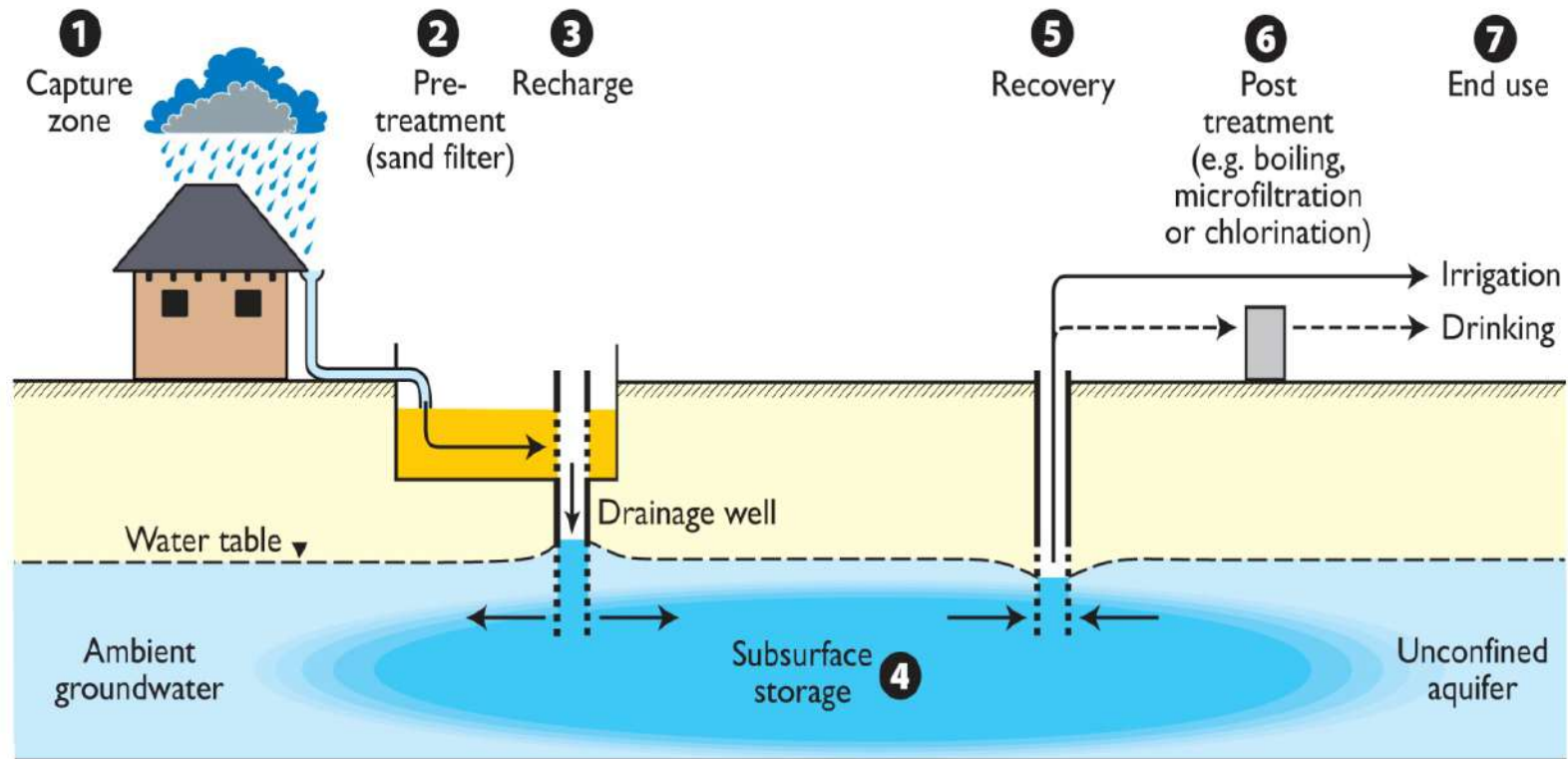
# Groundwater Recharge



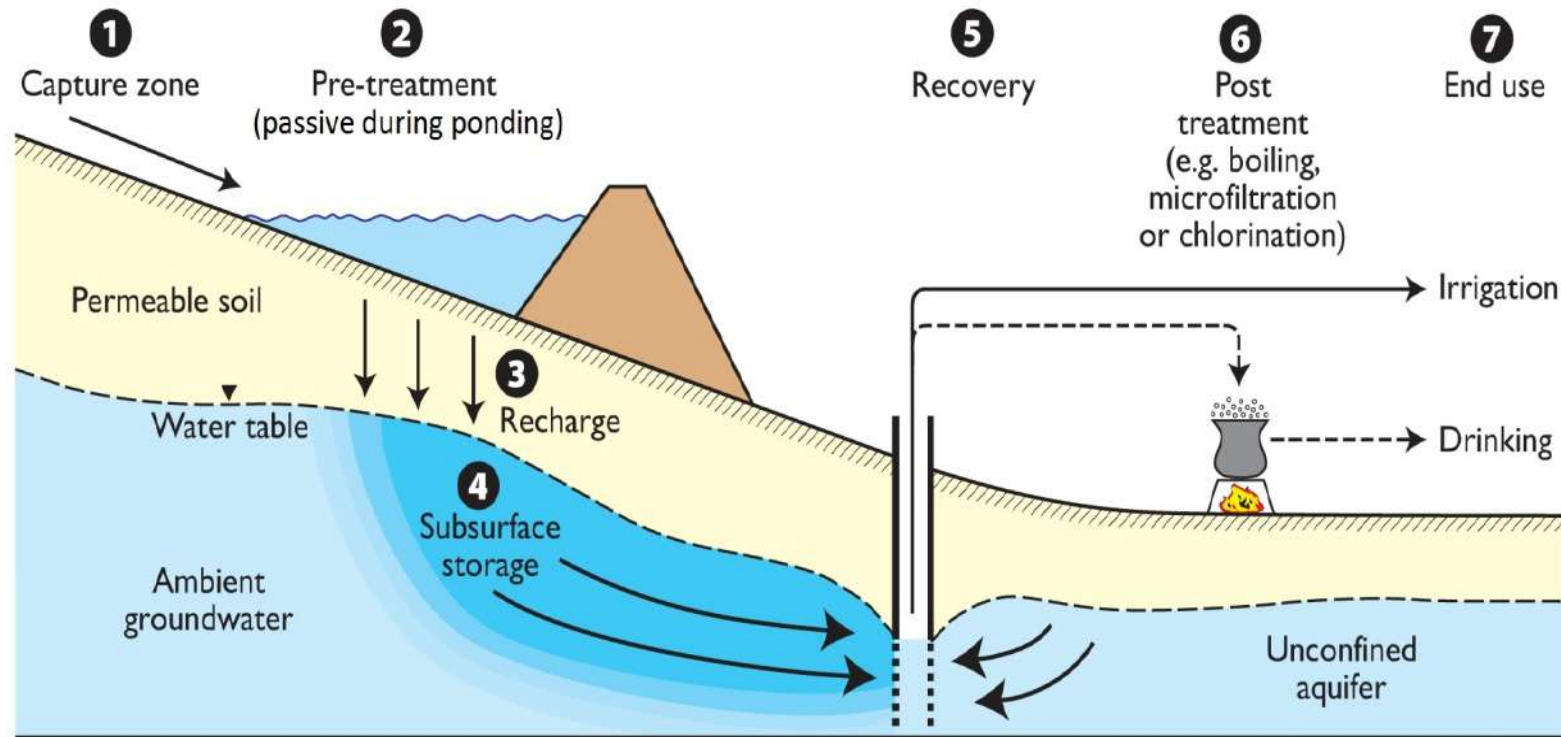
# Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)

- MAR is the intentional or designed recharge of water to aquifers for:
  - Subsequent recovery for meeting anthropogenic needs
  - Environmental benefit
- Hence, the managed process strives for adequate protection of human health and the environment
- Aquifers may be recharged by diversion of water into wells or infiltration of water through the floor of basins, galleries or rivers

# MAR system components: eg rainwater harvesting



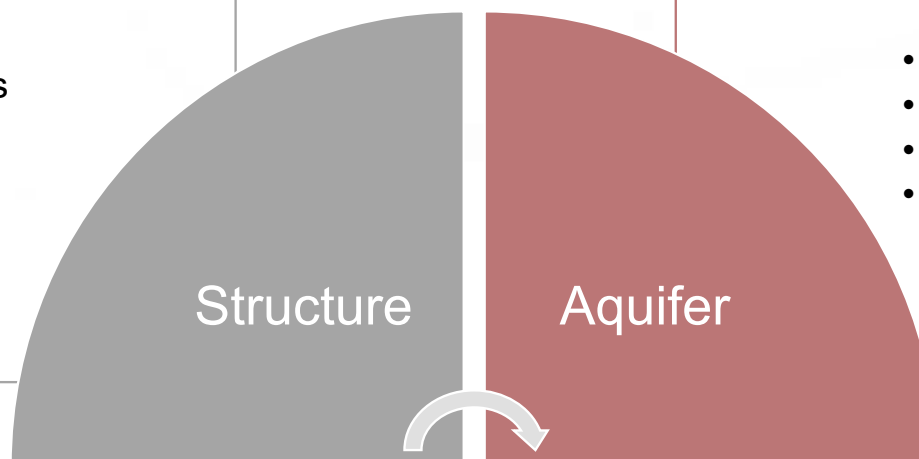
# MAR system components: eg check dam recharge





# Recharge at different scales...

- Strategic location of structures
- Efficiency of recharge structures – quantities & quality of water
- Operation and maintenance of structures - sustainability

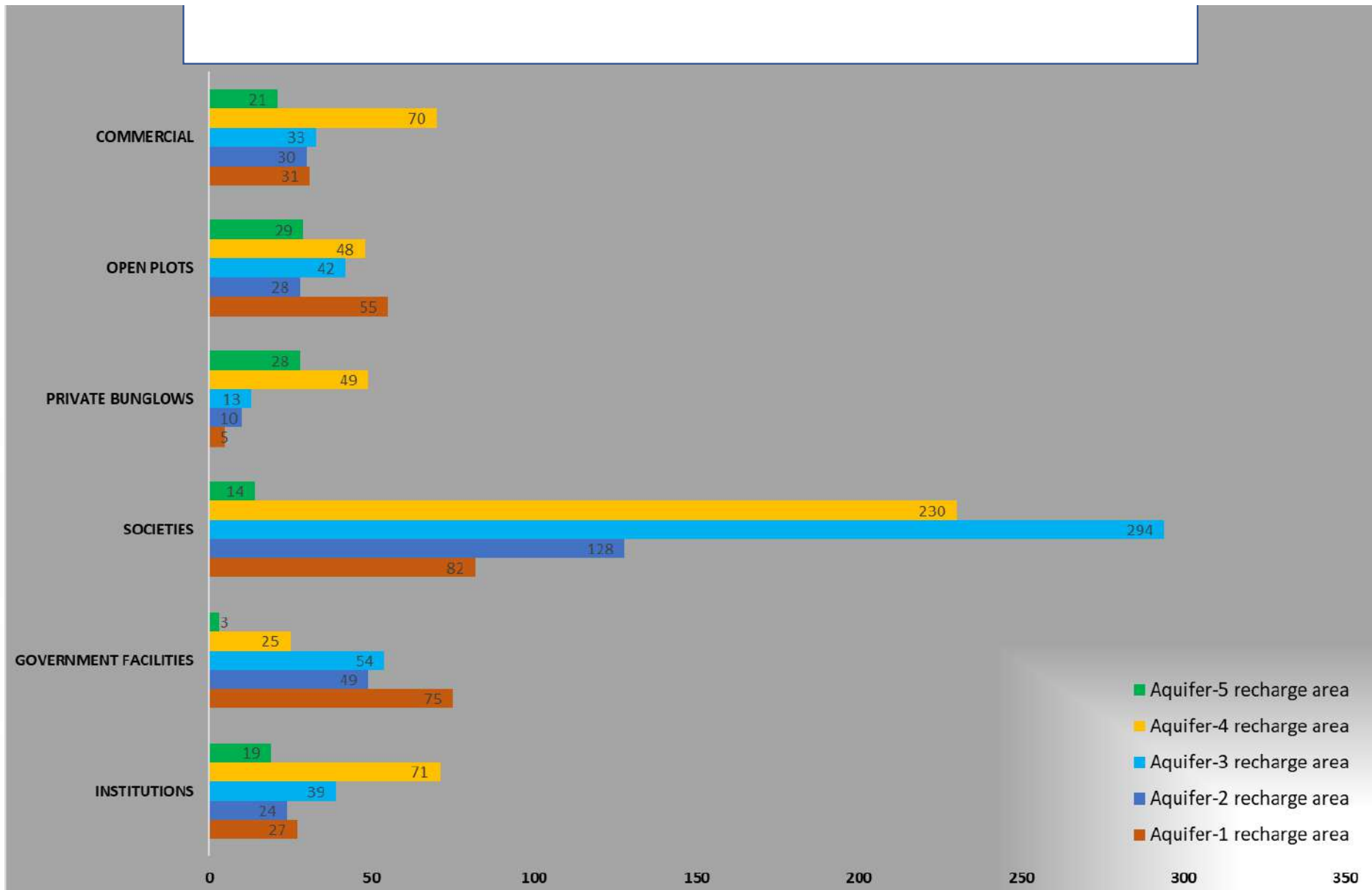


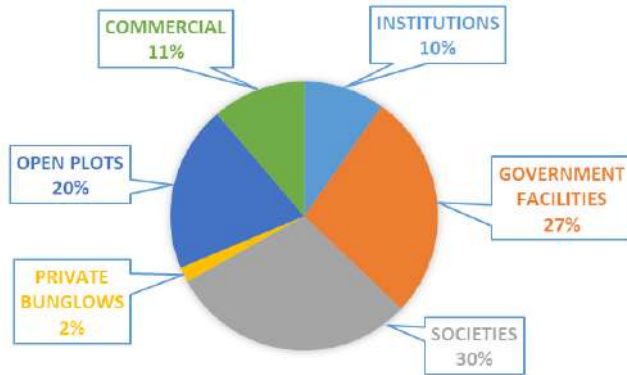
- Actual and potential recharge
- Degree of usage
- Groundwater quality
- Equity in recharge
- Efficiency of aquifer based groundwater management

Where?  
How much?  
How?

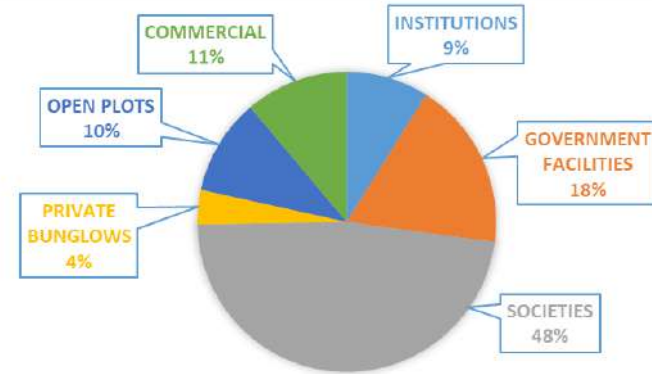
Scales: one well, one bore hole, a housing society, a cluster of societies, a ward or even an urban watershed!

The importance of aquifers as a reference to groundwater recharge!

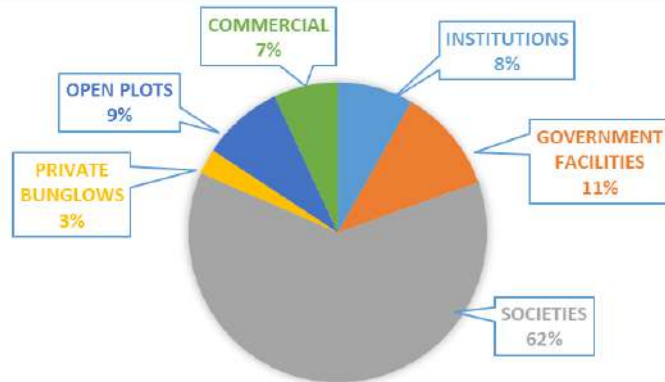




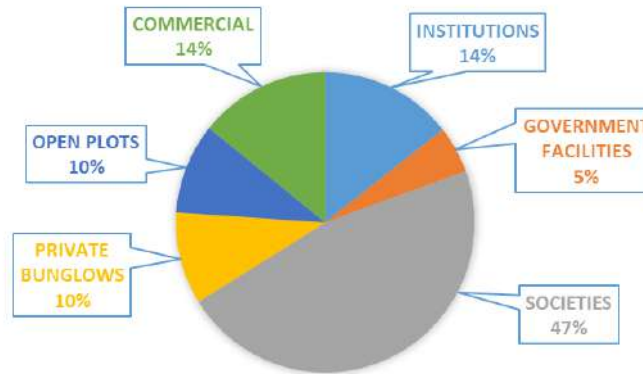
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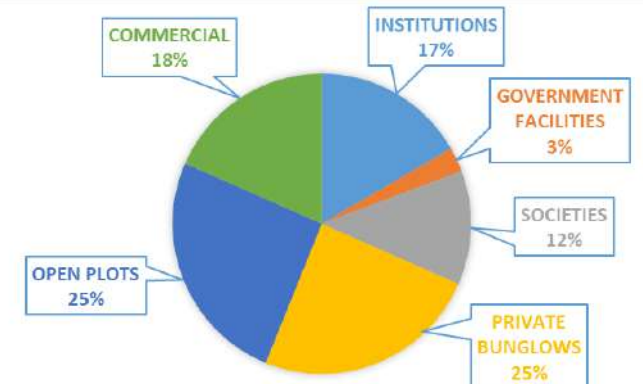
**AQUIFER-2 RECHARGE AREA DISTRIBUTION**



**AQUIFER-3 RECHARGE AREA DISTRIBUTION**



**AQUIFER-4 RECHARGE AREA DISTRIBUTION**



**AQUIFER-5 RECHARGE AREA DISTRIBUTION**



Principle	Objective
Groundwater as a common pool resource	Going from “extractability based” pedagogy of groundwater to community-based management –
Aquifer based understanding through participatory data gathering	Understanding and managing water security in rural areas
Groundwater across different uses and users	Develop protocols to use, how much to use, equity
Integrating habitations, watersheds and aquifers	Developing a clear understanding of respective institutions
Longer-term engagement	Ensuring the sustainability of groundwater management – sustaining aquifers through good practices
Catalysing community action without being prescriptive	Ensuring collaboration and partnerships - ownership of practices and protocols by communities along with shared responsibility
Integration of formal science and peoples’ knowledge	Behaviour change and conversion of knowledge to action

MAR alone will not solve the problem. Managing aquifers and community behaviour together defines PGWM...

1. Recharge
2. Managing demand – reducing usage, changing patterns of usage and the concept of 3Rs – reduce, recycle and recharge
3. Improve efficiencies of supply and usage

# How can citizens 'participate'?

1. Sensitisation and awareness generation
2. Measurement and monitoring
3. Knowledge and information through demystified science: generation, sharing and application
4. Decision support systems – in the real world – NOT JUST VIRTUAL
5. Actions at community scales



# Urban Groundwater Management

- **Phase 1: MAPPING**

- Mapping and Registration of Key Groundwater Sources
- Participatory Aquifer Mapping, including a recharge plan
- Stakeholder database

- **Phase 2: MANAGEMENT**

- Strategic recharge activities – concept of public recharge must have precedence over individual (privatised) recharge
- Participatory Groundwater Management - efficiency, equity and sustainability

- **Phase 3: GOVERNANCE**

- Regulatory framework
  - Securing Groundwater from impacts of Sanitation and Waste Disposal
  - Protection of Recharge Zones
- Institutions that are organised around Urban Governance structures – mohallas, wards etc.

Local resources

Community participation

Governance – public trust doctrine