Course: HYDROINFORMATICS

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Format of the Course

Project-type format

- Students will work individually or in a small group
- Projects include data processing, development of data driven algorithms, etc.
- Classes will provide brief basic back ground about the problem
- Student will be working on data-intensive research topics and project environments
- Create basic programs for exploring the data processing to retrieve the information

Expectations of Students

- Class discipline – multidisciplinary
- Ready to learn/participate
- Turn off or keep silent all electronic devices
- Laptops are allowed during the class task and tutorial hours (When it is offline)

Prerequisite Course / Knowledge

General awareness about the water and climate related problems and computational programming skills to develop tools for an effective water resources management. Statistical and Mathematical Basics is expected (not necessary)

"Common Sense"

Goals

- ✓ To understand and manage water in natural and built environments
- ✓ Principles and operation of Hydroinformatics in water management with the application of information technology
- ✓ Study, design, development, and deployment of hardware and software systems for hydrologic data collection, distribution, interpretation, and analysis

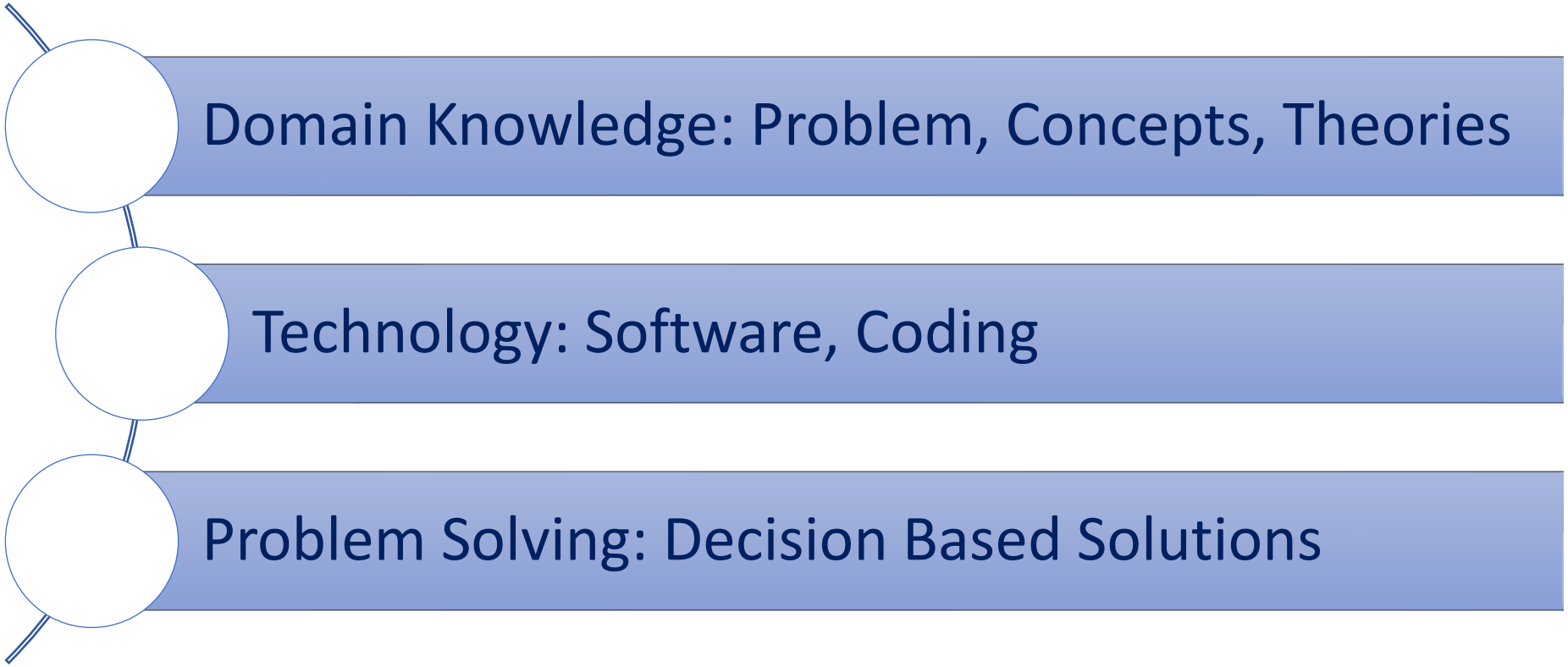
- **Useful to**
  - Computer Engineering - Programming, Data-Driven Algorithms, Statistics, Probabilities, etc.
  - Civil Engineering - Hydrology

  Programmes
  - Computer Science Extension…
  - Lab for Spatial Informatics (LSI)
  - Building Science (BSD)
  - Computer Aided Structural Engineering (CASE)
  - Others, who are interested to learn the applications of GIS and Remote Sensing

End of the Course

- Understanding Water Related Issues
- How to use and process various formats of spatio-temporal data
- How to use the processed data in solving climate related problems
- Water quantity and quality related problems

Overview of Hydroinformatics



Hydroinformatics

Hydroinformatics is a branch of informatics which concentrates on the application of information and communications technologies in addressing serious problems of the equitable and efficient use of water for many different purposes.

Hydroinformatics includes the concepts of real-time monitoring, data analysis, artificial intelligence and Machine Learning and manage and conserve water for the maximum benefit of mankind

Hydroinformatics

To understand and manage water in natural and built environments

Deals with the Problems Related to

Hydraulics, Hydrology, Environmental, and

Water Resources Engineering

More on…

Hydraulics: Fluid Mechanics, deals with the flow of liquids (water) in pipes, rivers, dams, etc.

Hydrology: Science of water, deals with the occurrence, circulation, and distribution of water of the earth and the earth's atmosphere

Environmental Engineering: Supply of water, disposal of wastewater, control of pollution and protecting the quality of environment of air, water, and land resources.

Water Resources Engineering: Quantitative study of hydrologic cycle – distribution and circulation of water linking the earth's atmosphere, land and oceans.

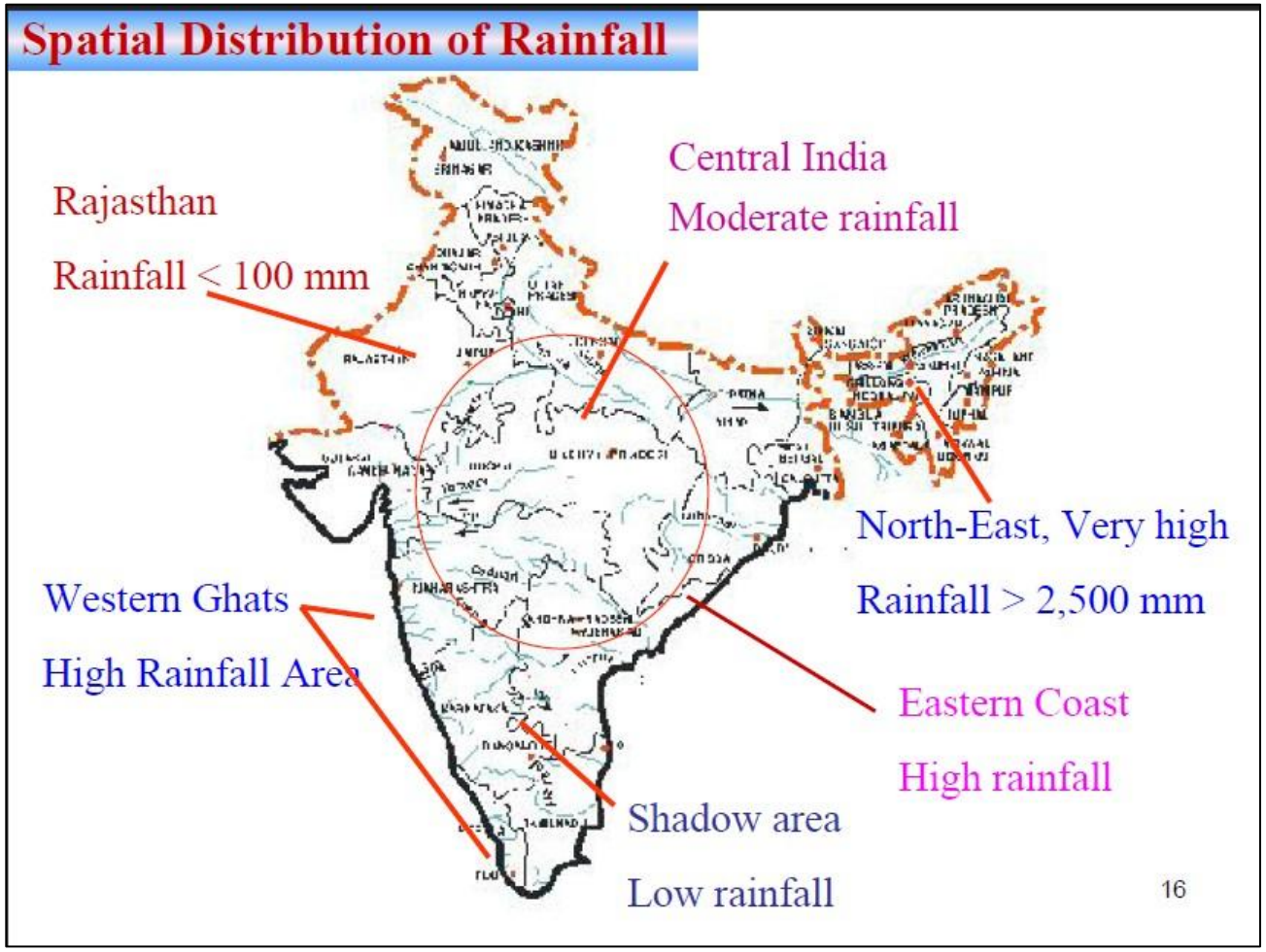
Water is an Integral Part of Life

- From Greek hudōr water

What is the Problem?

- Water is not distributed as we might wish

Rainfall - Spatial Variability over India



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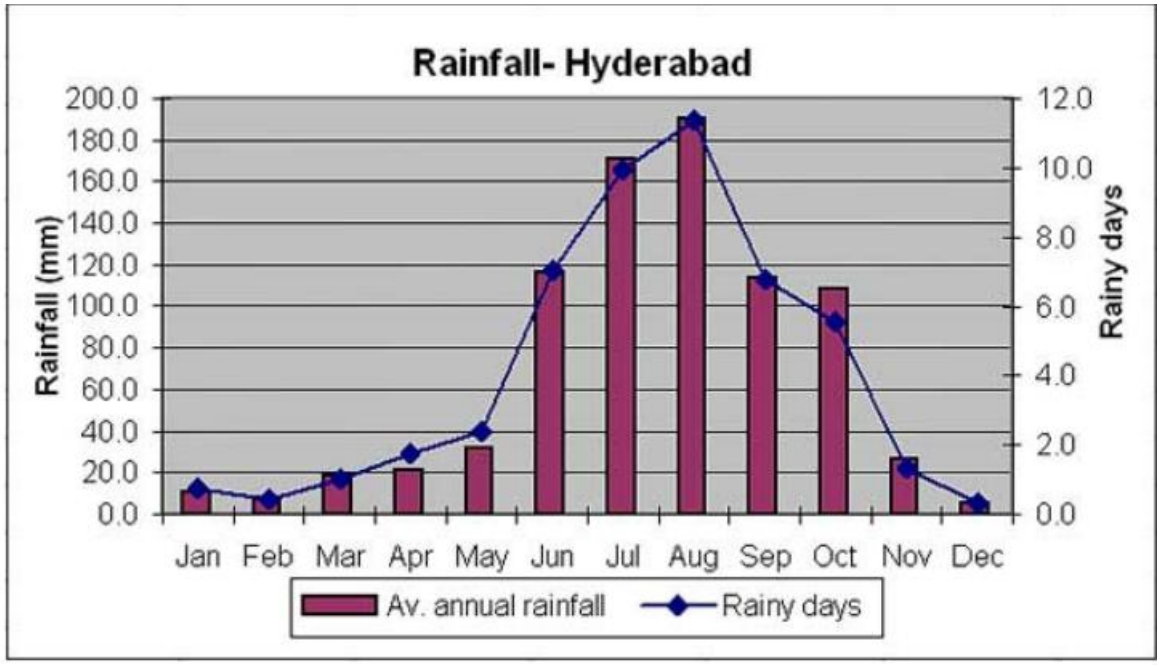
Rainfall - Temporal Variability



What is the Problem?

- There is often too much or too little

Water Related Disasters - Flood

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Water Related Disasters - Drought

What is the Problem?

- What exists is too polluted or too expensive

Water Related Disasters - Quality

What is the Problem?

- Water situation is likely to further deteriorate as a result of urbanizations and global climate changes

Water Related Disasters

- ✓ Most disasters are water-related
- ✓ Floods, landslides, storms, heat waves, wildfires, extreme cold, droughts and waterborne disease outbreaks are all becoming more frequent and more intense, mainly due to **Climate Change**
- ✓ Around 74% of all natural disasters between 2001 and 2018 were water-related and during the past 20 years, the total number of deaths caused only by floods and droughts exceeded 1, 66,000, while floods and droughts affected over three billion people
- ✓ The impacts of disasters are exacerbated by urbanization and degradation of natural environments.

Source: https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/water-and-disasters

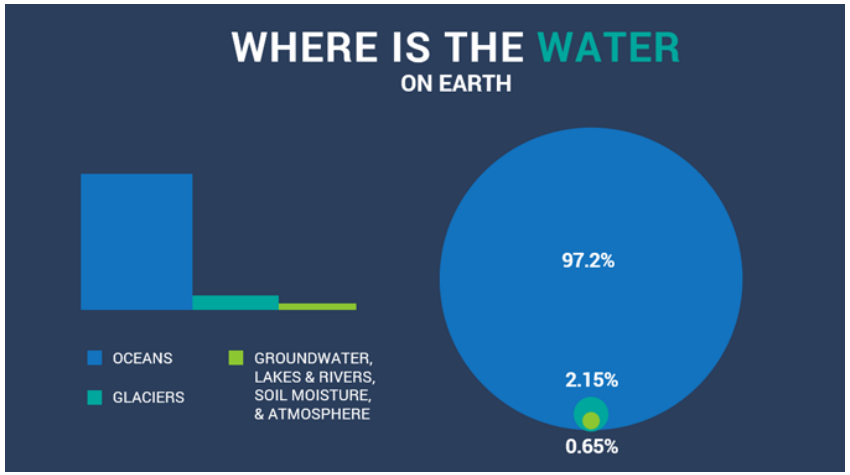
Introduction

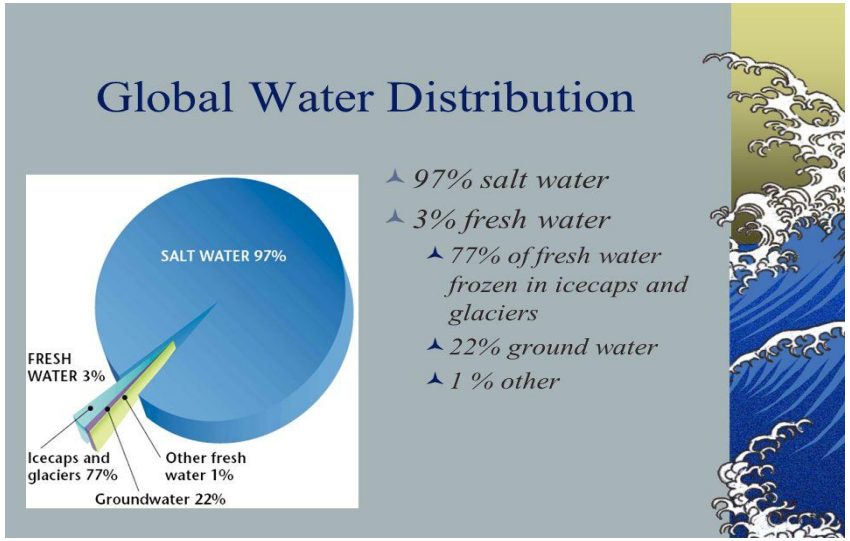
- Water is one of the most important inputs of economic development.

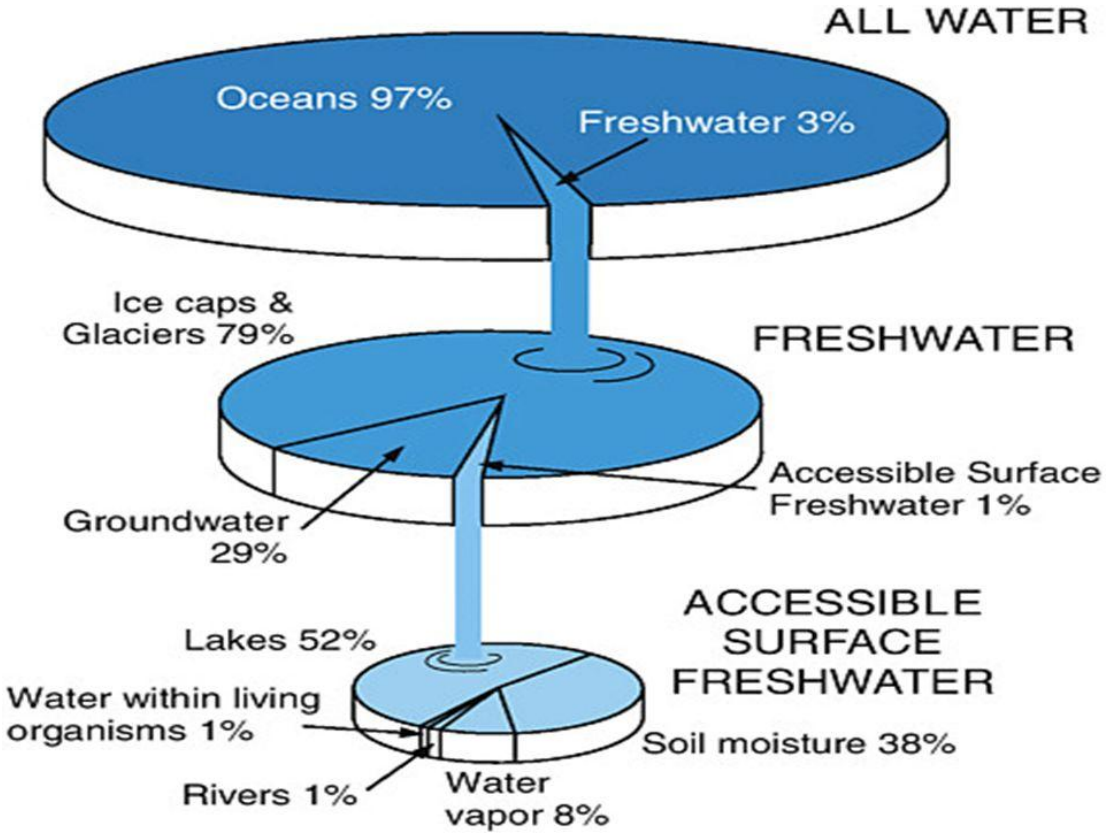
Water Around the World		
Too Little	Too Much	Too Polluted

Water Resources (Rivers, ponds, lakes, reservoir, etc.)		
Beautiful	Disaster	Prosperous

Global Water Distribution on Earth

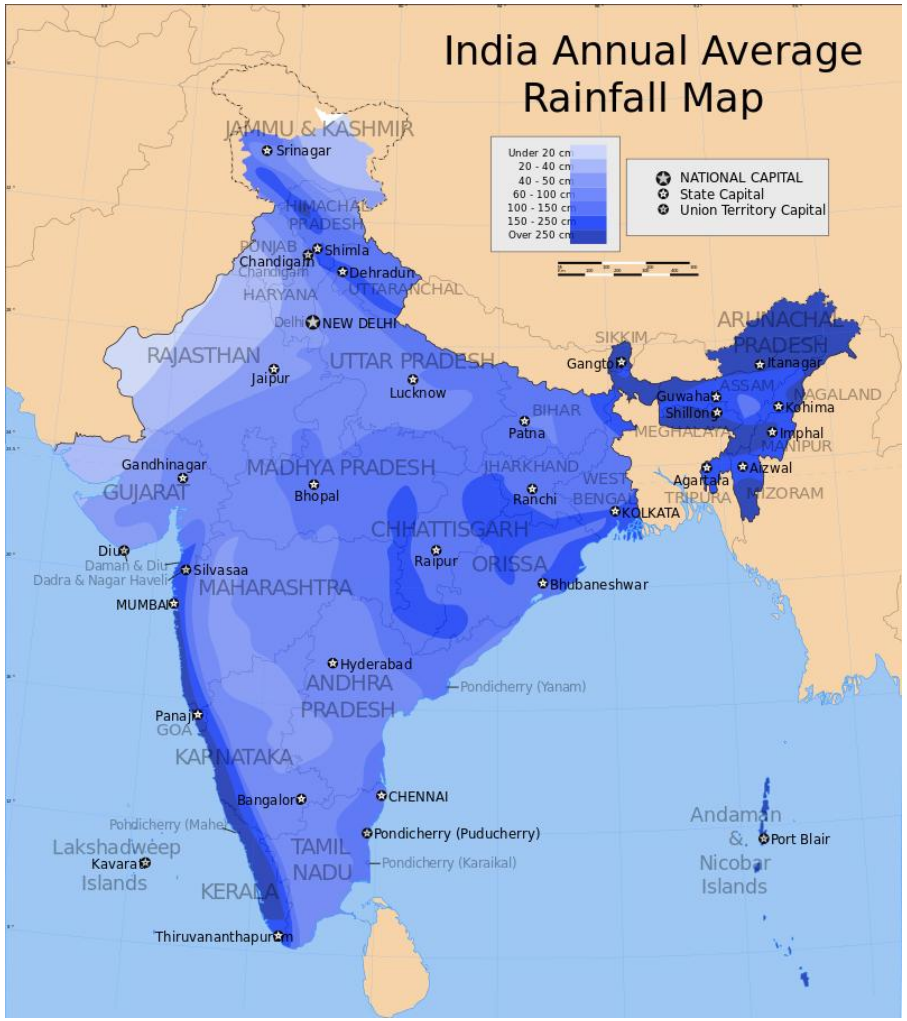






River Water Quantity and Quality in India

- India is rich in water resources, being endowed with a network of rivers and blessed with snow cover in the Himalayan range that can meet a variety of water requirements of the country.
- However, with the rapid increase in the population of the country and the need to meet the increasing demands of irrigation, human and industrial consumption, the available water resources in many parts of the country are getting depleted and the water quality has deteriorated.
- Indian rivers are polluted due to the discharge of untreated sewage and industrial effluents (Bhardwaj, 2005)



WATER RESOURCES

- Water resource, any of the entire range of natural waters that occur on the Earth, regardless of their state (i.e., **vapour, liquid, or solid**) and that are of potential use to humans.

- Waters of the oceans, rivers, and lakes; other available water resources include groundwater and deep subsurface waters and glaciers and permanent snowfields.

❖ **Surface Sources**

✓ Ponds and lakes

✓ **Streams and rivers**

✓ Storage resources (reservoirs)

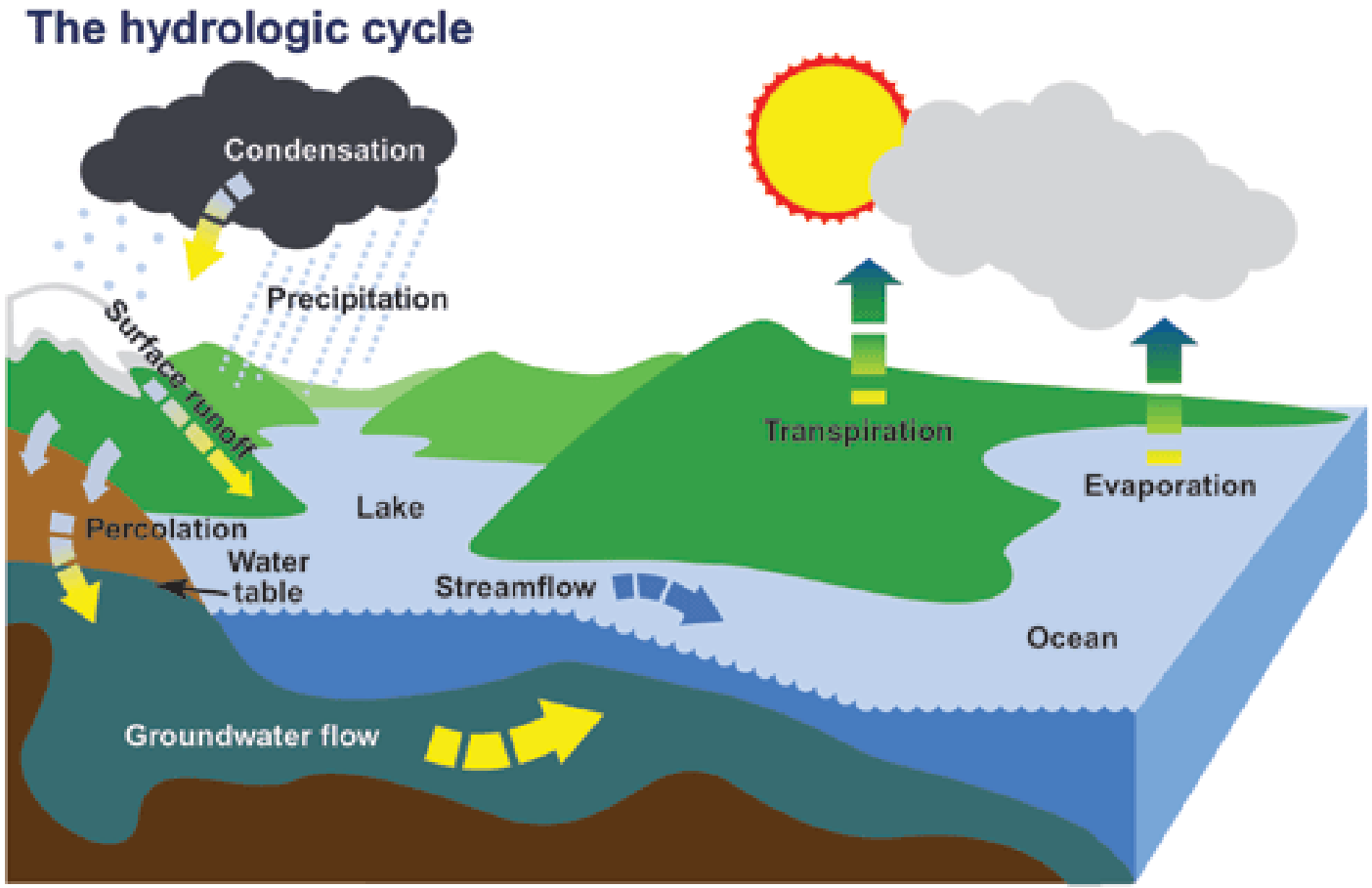
❖ **Subsurface or underground sources**

✓ Springs

✓ Wells

sources-of-water

Hydrological Cycle



At what scale we work ?

Every where water is available….

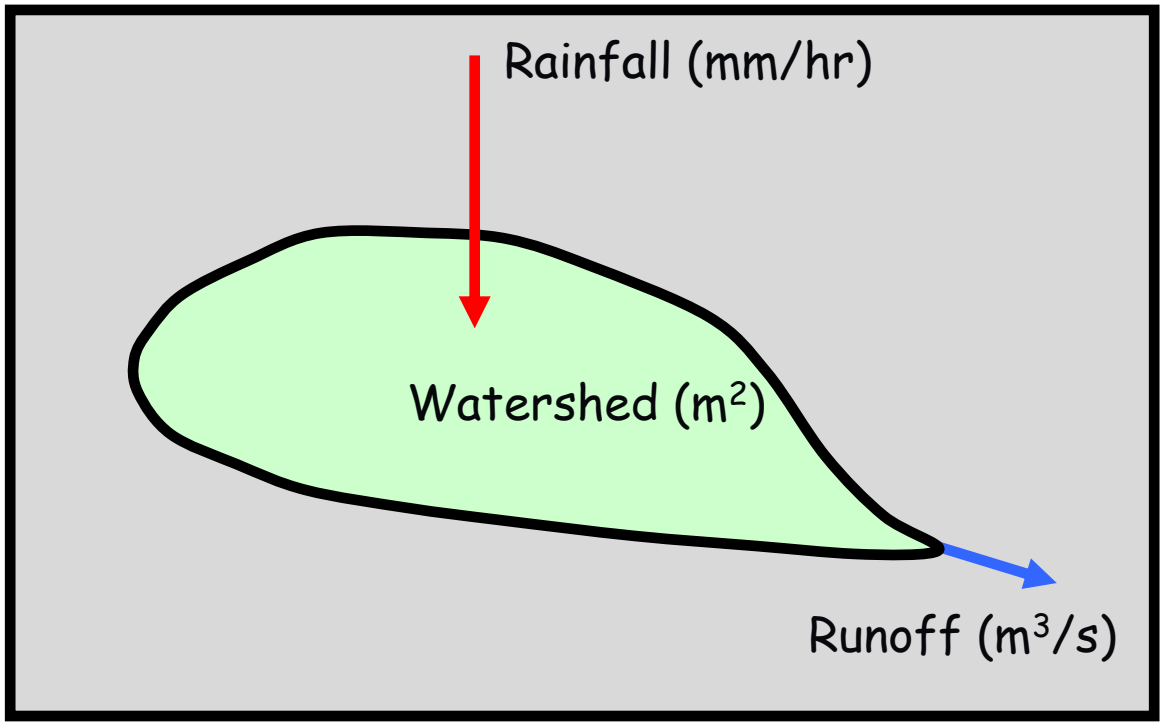
Question: Where to study ?

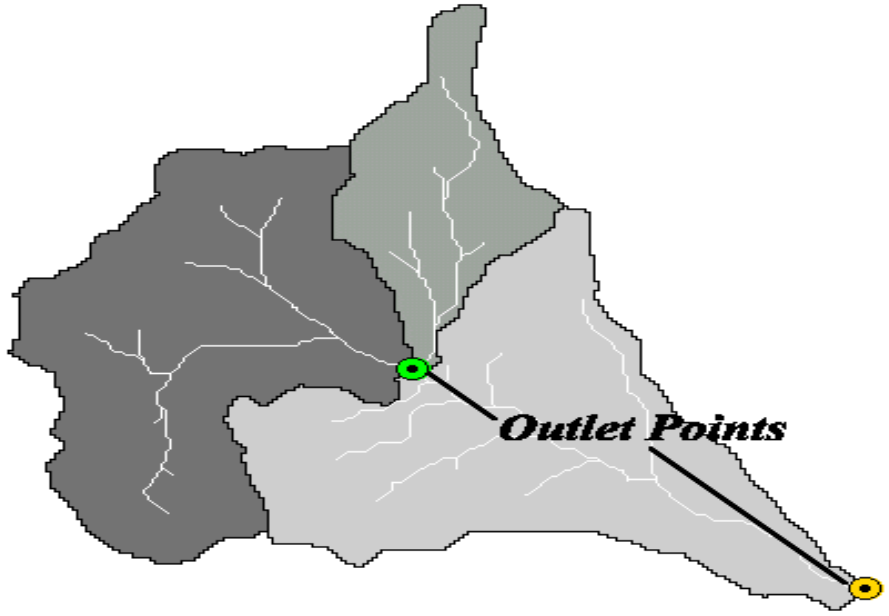
Answer: River Basin, city, country, catchment, global, region, etc.

What to study ?

Quantities, flows volumes, depths, quality using parameters, etc.

Spatial Scales of Water Resources Systems

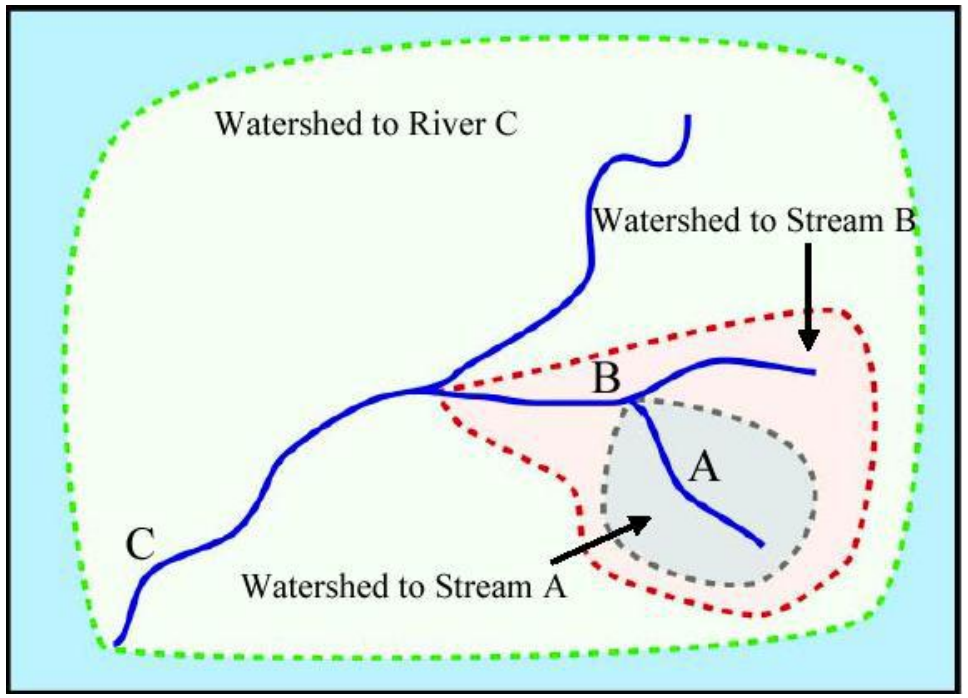


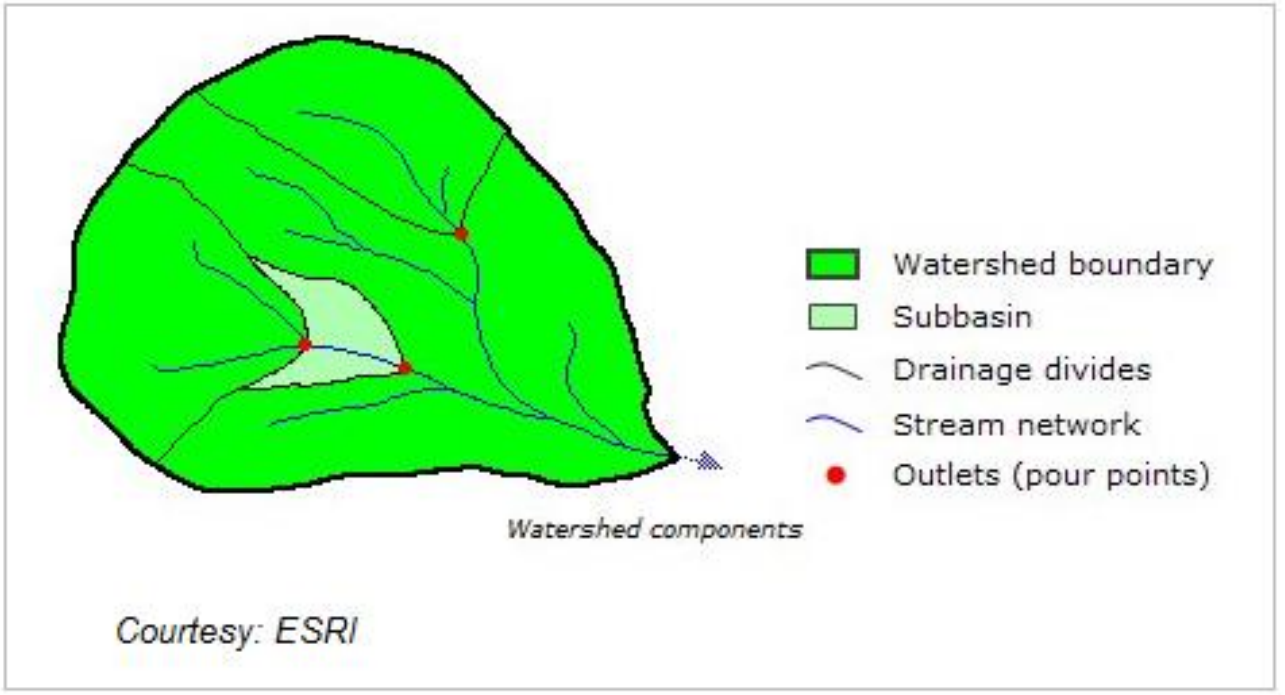


Watersheds also known as catchments or drainage basins are aerial hydrologic units that contribute to rainfall-runoff dynamics defined at a point known as pour point or outlet (for a stream, lake or landscape depression).

More About Watershed ..

n simple terms, a watershed is an area of land where all the water (like rain or melted snow) flows downhill into a common point, such as a river, lake, or stream. Think of it like a funnel that collects water from the surrounding land and directs it to a single location, called the outlet or pour point.





- Area contributing
- Smaller watersheds make up larger watershed

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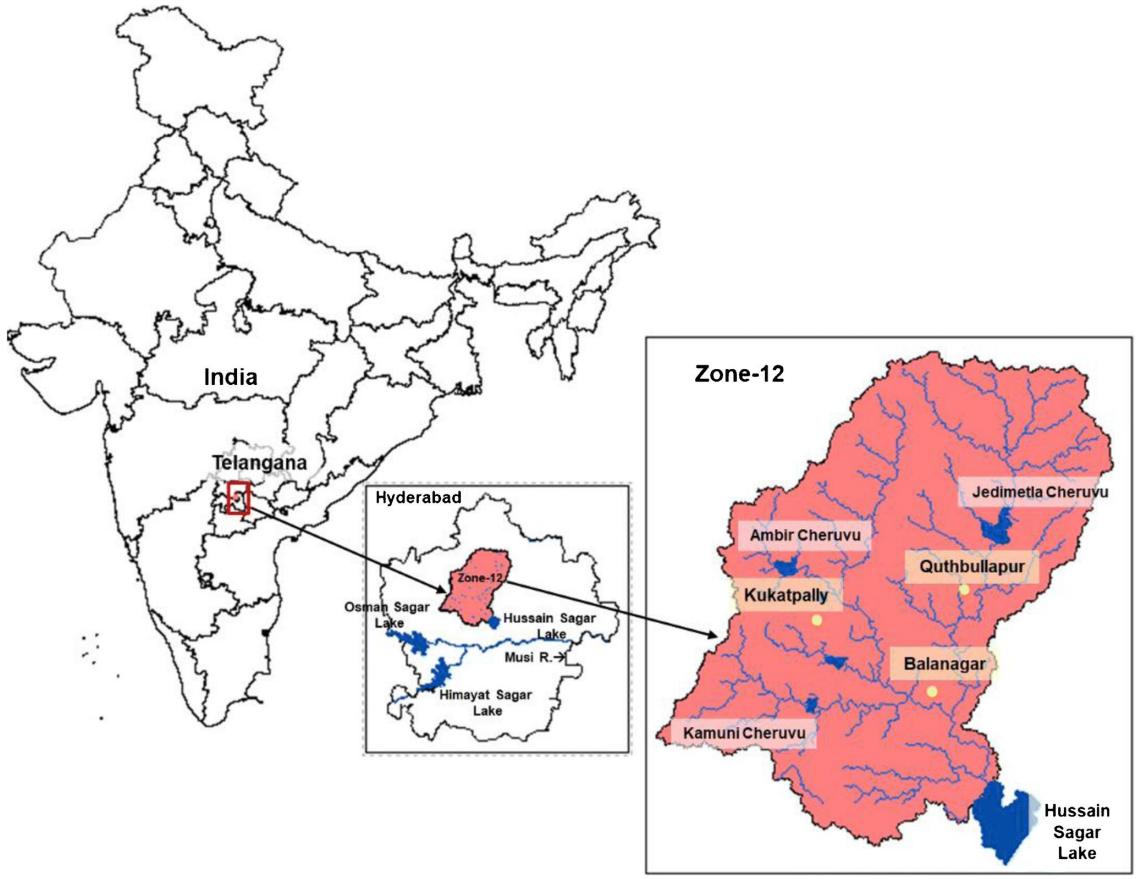

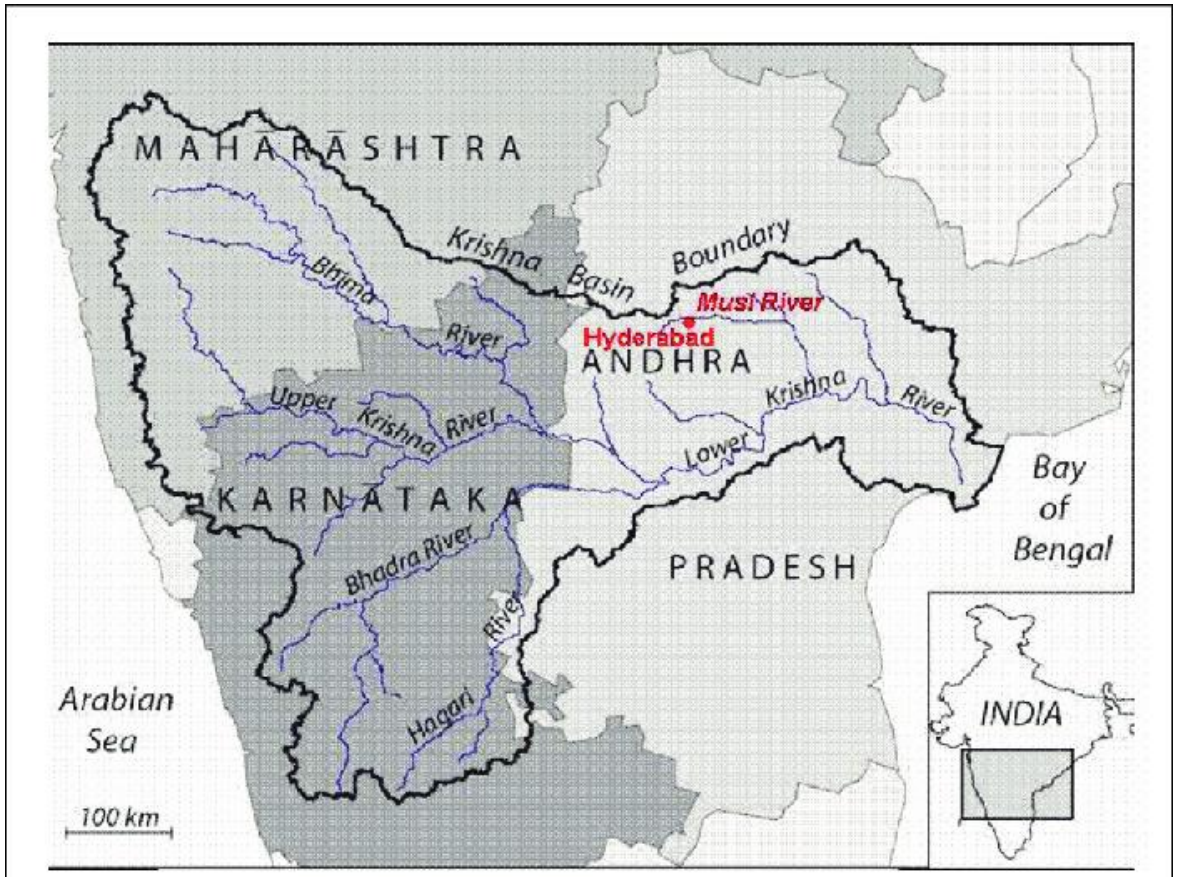

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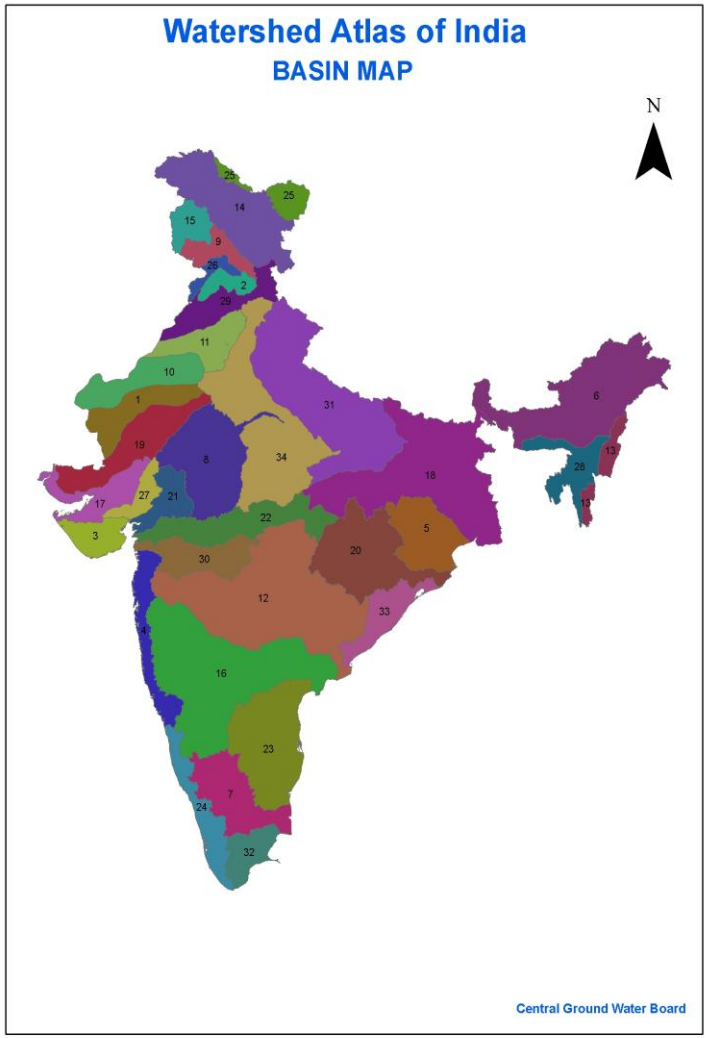

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1.	BARMER
2.	BEAS
3.	BHADAR
4.	BHATSOL (RIVERS FROM SHERAVATI TO TAPI FLOWING INTO ARABIAN SEA)
5.	BRAHMANI (MAHANADI TO DAMODAR)
6.	BRAHMPUTRA
7.	CAUVERY
8.	CHAMBAL
9.	CHENAB
10.	CHURU
11.	GHAGHAR
12.	GODAVARI
13.	IMPHAL
14.	INDUS
15.	JHELUM
16.	KRISHNA
17.	KUTCH
18.	LOWER GANGA
19.	LUNI
20.	MAHANADI

Map Reference No	BASIN
20.	MAHANADI
21.	MAHI
22.	NARMADA
23.	PENNAR (CAUVERY TO KRISHNA)
24.	PERIYAR (RIVERS FROM KANYAKUMARI TO SHARAVATI FLOWING INTO ARABIAN SEA)
25.	QURA-QUSH
26.	RAVI
27.	SABARMATI
28.	SURMA (DRAINAGE FLOWING INTO BANGLADESH)
29.	SUTLEJ
30.	TAPI
31.	UPPER GANGA
32.	VAIPPAR (KANYAKUMARI TO CAUVERY)
33.	VAMSADHARA (GODAVARI TO MAHANADI)
34.	YAMUNA

How to Characterize Water ?

- Water Quantity
- Water Quality

What is Water Quantity ?

- A reservoir contains 2 Mm^3 of water
- The flow in the river is 15 m^3/s
- The water flow in the pipe is 20 lit/s
- Water quantity is defined by a single parameter - Water mass

What is Water Quality ?

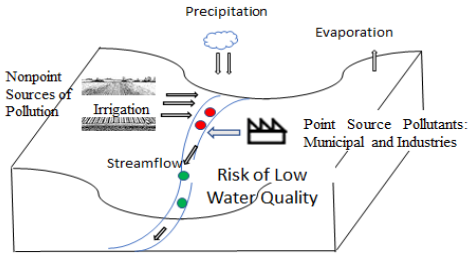
- Water quality determines the '**goodness**' of water for particular purposes (Drinking, Irrigation, Industrial, Outdoor Bathing (Holy dips), etc.)

- Pure liquid water is colorless, tasteless, and odorless and solely consists of H_2O molecules.

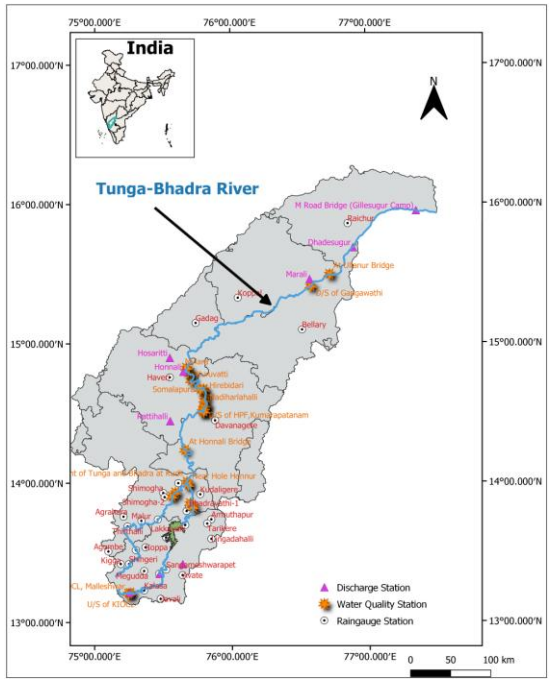
Types of Data

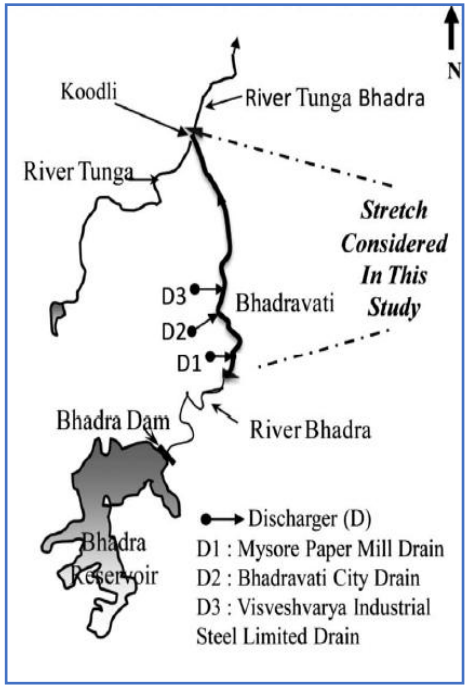
Hydro-climatic and Water Quality Monitoring

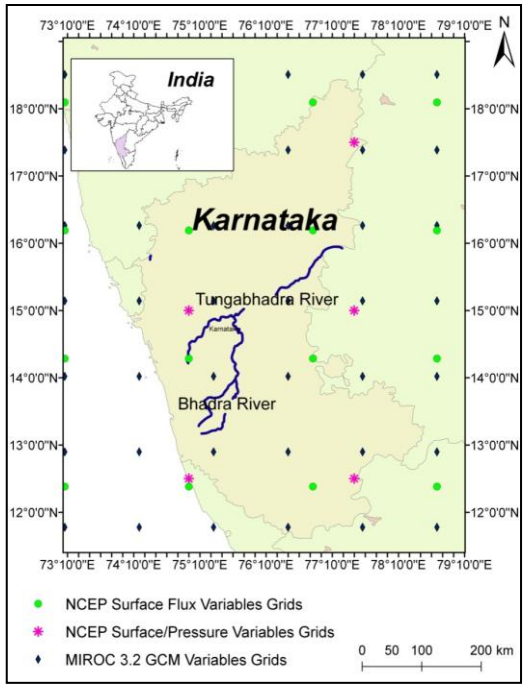
Water quantity and quality Assessment



Driving Factors







To Learn about Data

Point Data: Collected at specific locations, e.g., rain gauges, river stations.

Gridded Data: Represented as a grid where each cell contains data for that area, e.g., satellite data showing rainfall over a region.

- Types of data
  - Spatial resolution — Refers to the level of detail in spatial data. Higher resolution means more detailed information
  - Temporal variability — Hourly, Daily, Monthly, or Yearly.
- Dimension of data
  - 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D
- Point and gridded data
- Vector, Raster and Image data

1D (One-Dimensional): Data along a single line, e.g., river profiles (streamflow at different points).

2D (Two-Dimensional): Data across a flat surface, e.g., rainfall distribution over an area.

3D (Three-Dimensional): Data with depth or height, e.g., groundwater levels below the surface or atmospheric conditions at different altitudes.

4D (Four-Dimensional): Adds time as the fourth dimension, e.g., temperature variation over an area across days or seasons.

•Vecctor Data: Represents features using points, lines, and polygons.

•Example: A river as a line, a watershed boundary as a polygon.

Raster Data: Represents data as a grid of cells (pixels), where each cell has a value.

•Example: Elevation maps or satellite imagery.

Image Data: A type of raster data, usually captured by satellites or drones.

More about Data

- Meteorological, hydrological, climatological, experiment and simulation data sets
- Data storage file formats and standards
- Web based data and access using web services
- Integration of data (e.g. hydro-climate)
- Various forms of data (e.g. grd, NetCDF)
  - Scalar data values on a regular rectangular grid, either in (x, y) or (longitude, latitude) space.
  - NetCDF (Network Common Data Form) for array-oriented scientifics geo-gridded data sets

Rainfall Data

- Temporal - hourly, daily, monthly, annual

- Seasonal –

  - Winter Season - January – February
  - Pre Monsoon Season - March – May
  - Southwest Monsoon Season - June - September
  - Northeast Monsoon Season - October – December

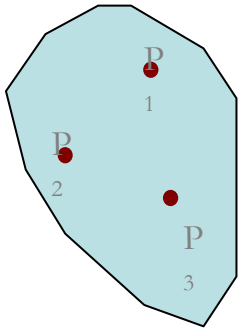
To learn about Data processing

- Changing spatial and temporal scales
  - Spatial interpolation and pooling – basin scale, zonal scale, point scale etc.
  - Temporal aggregation – annual, monthly, daily etc.
  - Climate data processing - downscaling and upscaling etc.
  - To use the processed data in simulations, hydraulic and hydrology water based models.
  - Data visualization and interpretation

Soft Computation

- QGIS
- MATLAB
- Python
- Any programming language
- Data driven algorithms

Point Data and Gridded Data

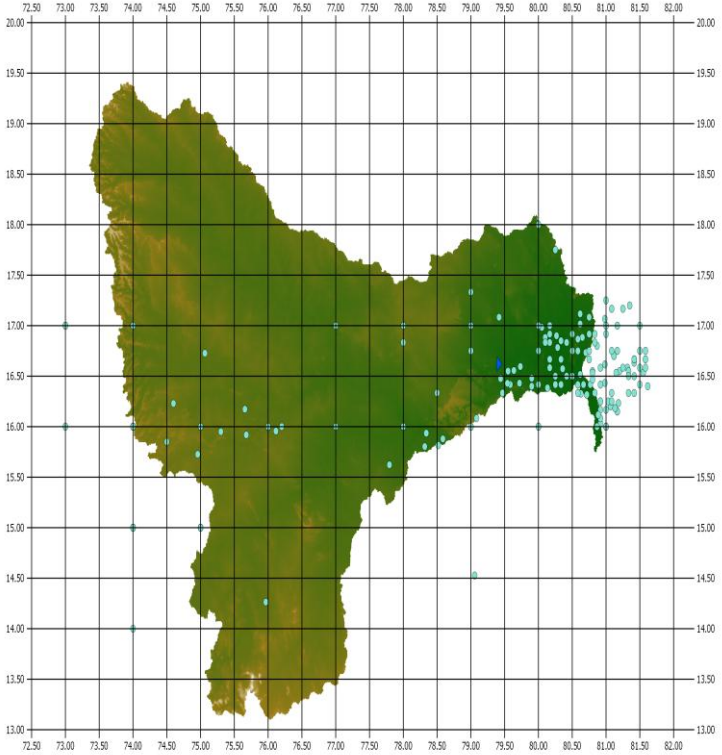


Example

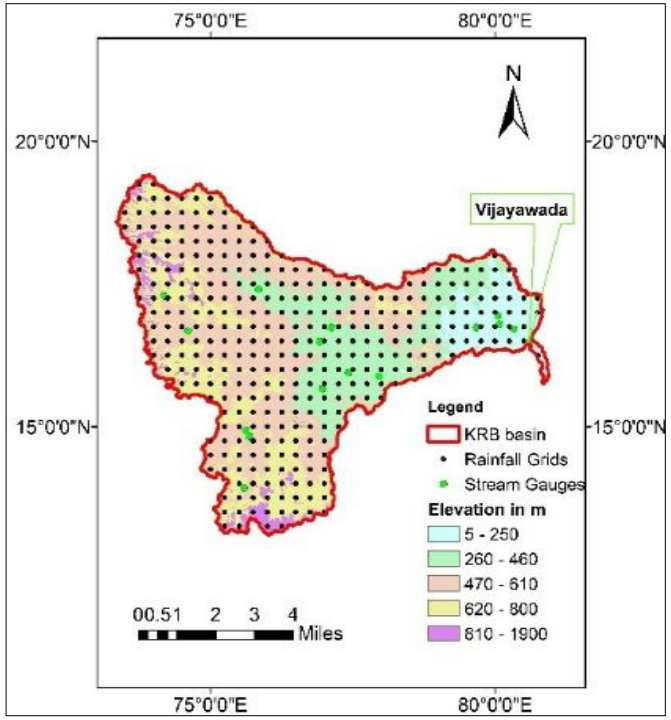
$P_1 = 10$ mm

$P_2 = 20$ mm

$P_3 = 30$ mm



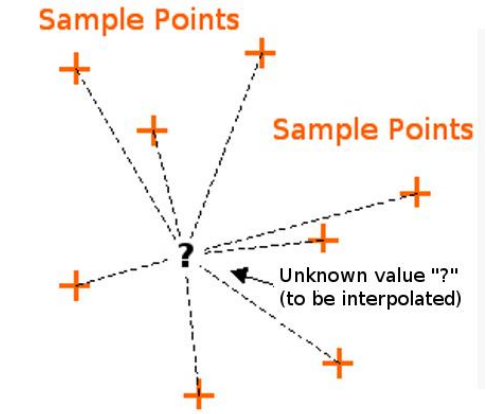
Rainfall stations superimposed on Krishna River Basin

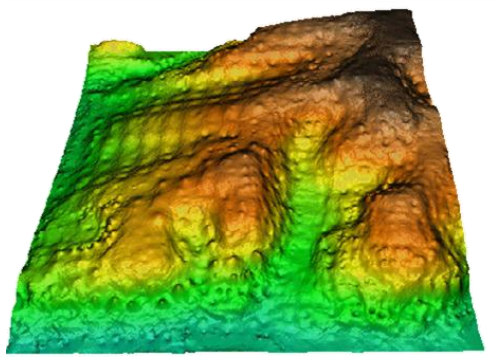


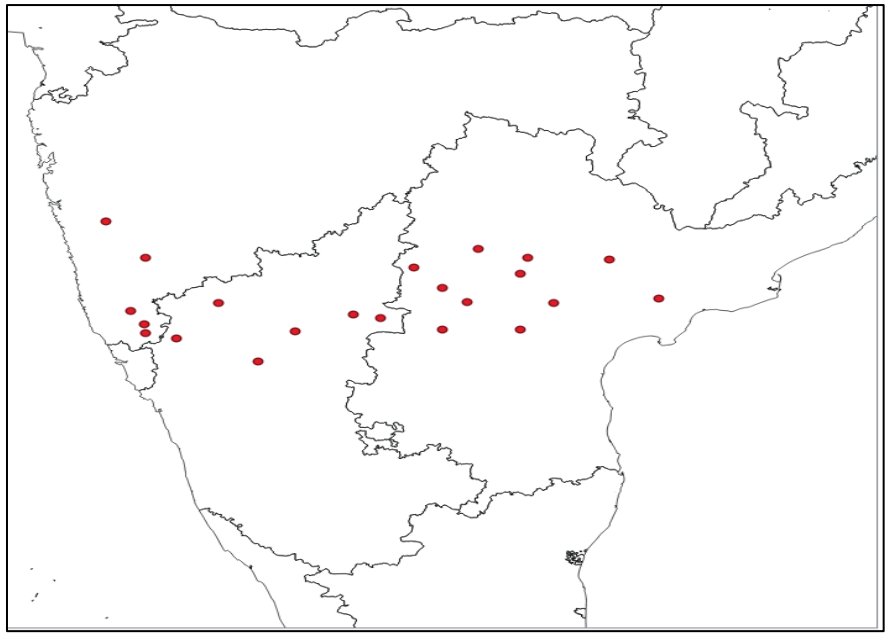
Rainfall Gridded data superimposed on Krishna River Basin

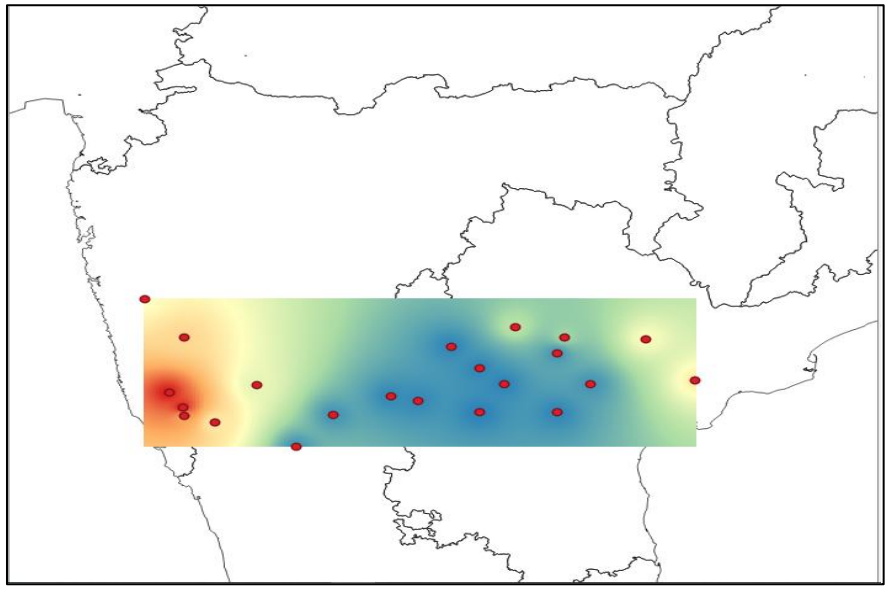
Spatial Interpolation

- Calculating an unknown value from a set of points with known values that are distributed across an area.
- Spatial interpolation is the prediction of values at un-sampled locations from measurements made at control points within the same area









More about the tasks

- Creating data visualizations
- Writing and executing computer code to computationally intensive tasks
- Transforming file systems, databases using programming languages, etc.
- Organize the data supporting to water-based systems

Problems to Solve

- High performance computing algorithms can be used to design short and long term adaptive measures and alternatives for combatting floods, droughts, heatwaves, water quality, agriculture, climate change and human influences.

- Data driven and machine learning algorithms for simulating complex and uncertain water systems under the lack of knowledge of exact mechanistic processes involved