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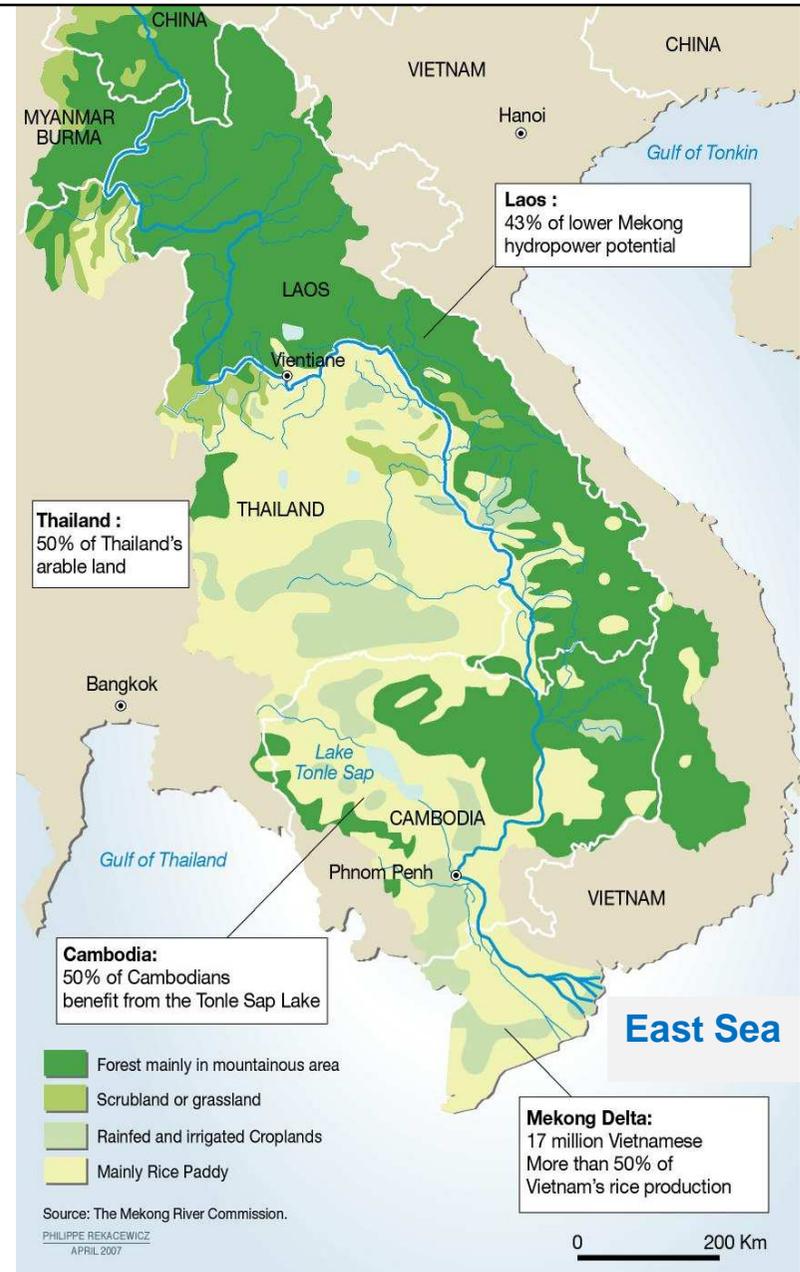
## Research Topic

Groundwater flows system  
at Cu Lao Dung Island, Soc  
Trang Province, Vietnam

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# Introduction: Mekong Delta (MD)

**Mekong river Basin:** The biggest river and the richest biodiversities in the world (WWF, 2012).

## Mekong Delta:

- Very important role for **food security**, accounting for over 50% national food production of Vietnam (Anh et al., 2010)
- **Many issues** due to **hydropower plants** (Tyson R. Roberts, 2000; R. Edward Grumbine et. al, 2011; Jennifer Sills, 2012; Claudia Kuenzer et. Al, 2012).

### 1.Social issues:

**Serious impacts** on livelihoods (**18 mil.**)

### 2.Environmental issues:

Lost biodiversities; water contaminations, seawater intrusion => **Water scarcity**

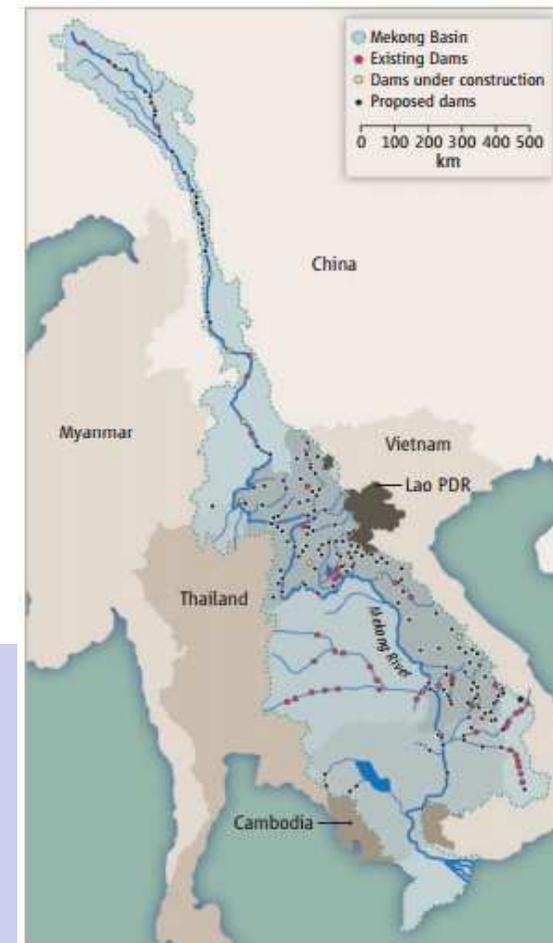


Fig.1.1 Mekong Basin Hydropower plant s  
(R. Edward Grumbine et. al, 2011)

## Introduction: **Current problems in MD**

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### **1. Surface water and soil pollution:**

- **POPs:** DDT, PCBs affected seriously on Mekong river and its aquatic environments (Carvalho et al., 2008; Ikemoto et al., 2008; Minh et al., 2007; Sudaryanto et al., 2011; Toan et al., 2013)

- **Heavy metal and chemical fertilized:** Pb, Mo, Rb and As influenced seriously on aquatic environment, particularly fish production (Yamaguchi et al., 2007).

**Chemical fertilizers** also discharged into agricultural soil, river water and sediments (Toan et al., 2013).

## Introduction: Previous researchs

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### 2. Groundwater contamination:

- Urban areas: Holocene aquifer is heavily polluted with **microbial and inorganic pollutants** and considered unfit for drinking water purposes (Tuan, 2004; Danh, 2008).
- **Arsenic pollution** causing **severe health problems** (S. Fendorf et al., 2010; Erban et al., 2013).

### 3. Seawater intrusion:

- Serious issues in Mekong delta (Ho et al., 1991; Buschmann et al., 2007).

# Objectives

## ■ The questions :

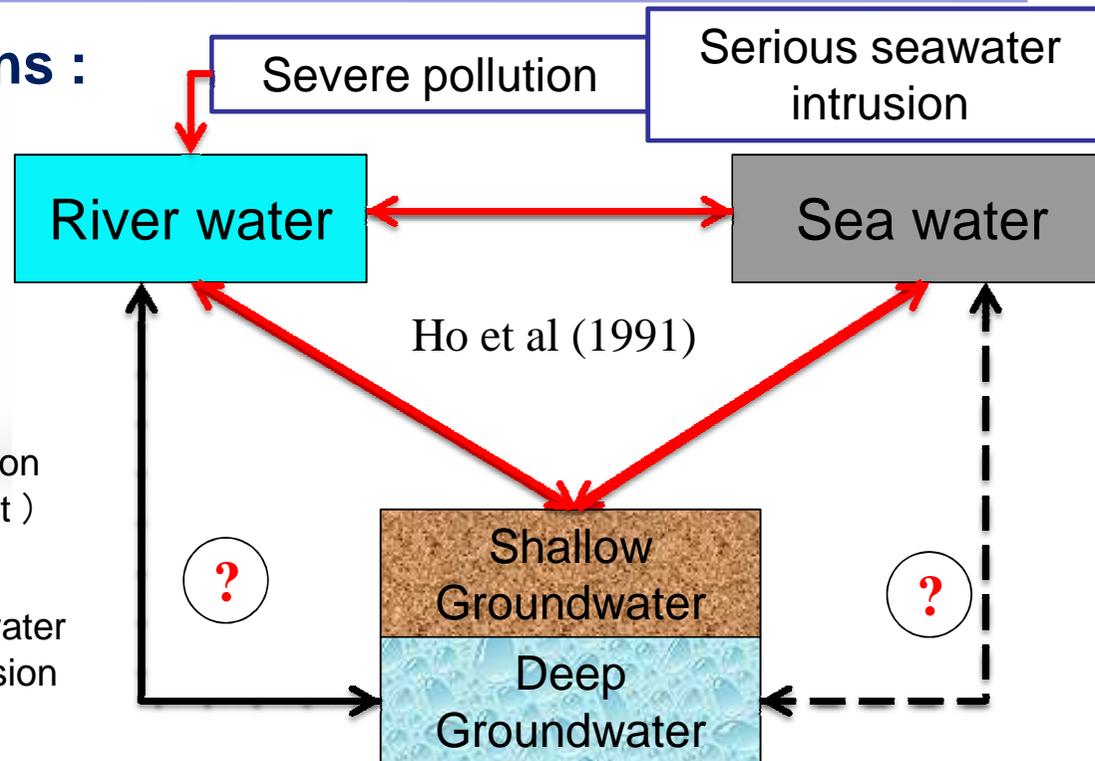
Chemical  
pollution

Arsenic  
contamination

Over groundwater exploitation  
(Inappropriate management )



Seawater  
intrusion



## ■ To answer :

**It is necessary to know Groundwater flow system in coastal aquifers (Hydro-geochemical processes)**

# Study site: Cu Lao Dung Island

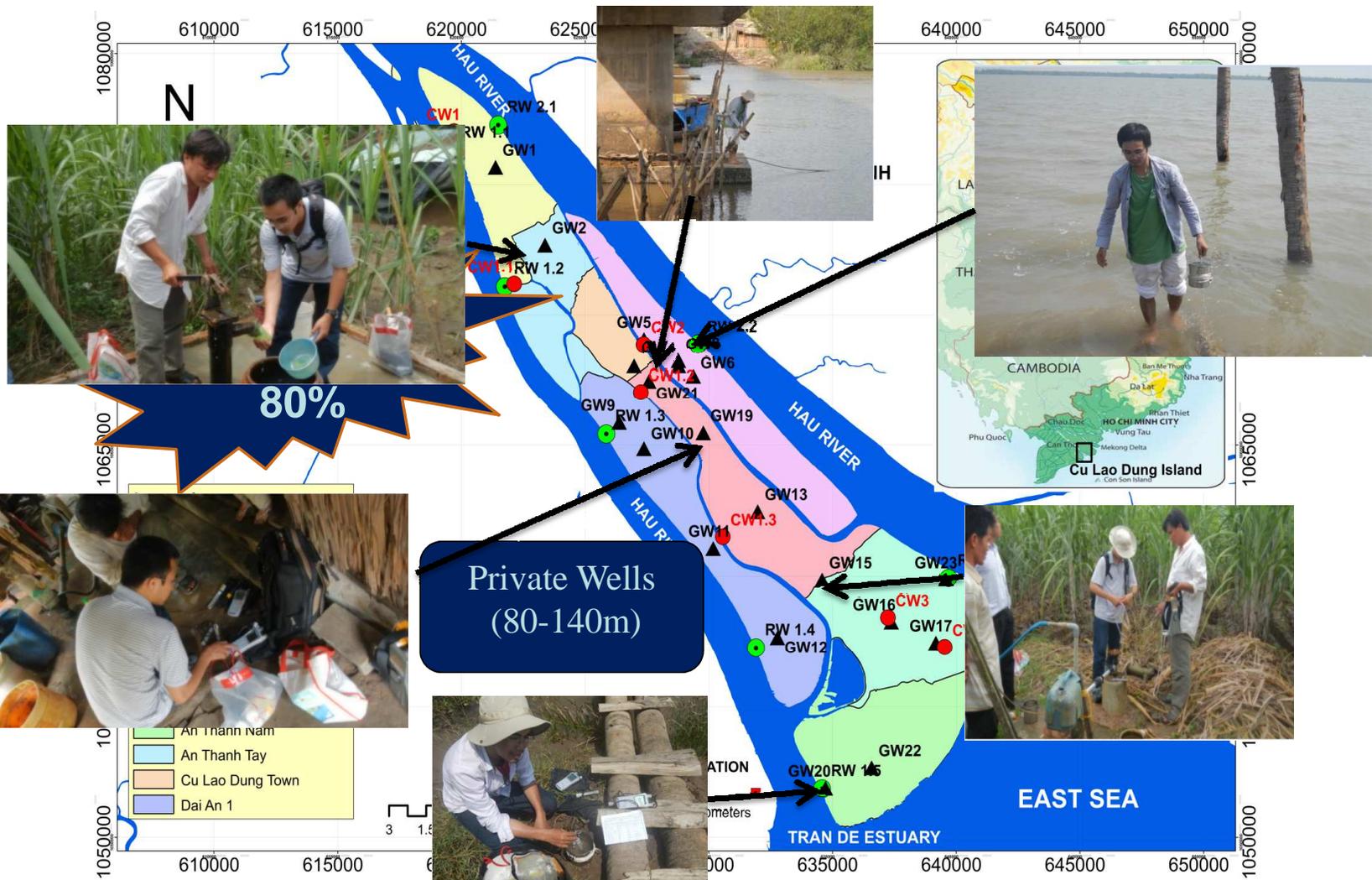
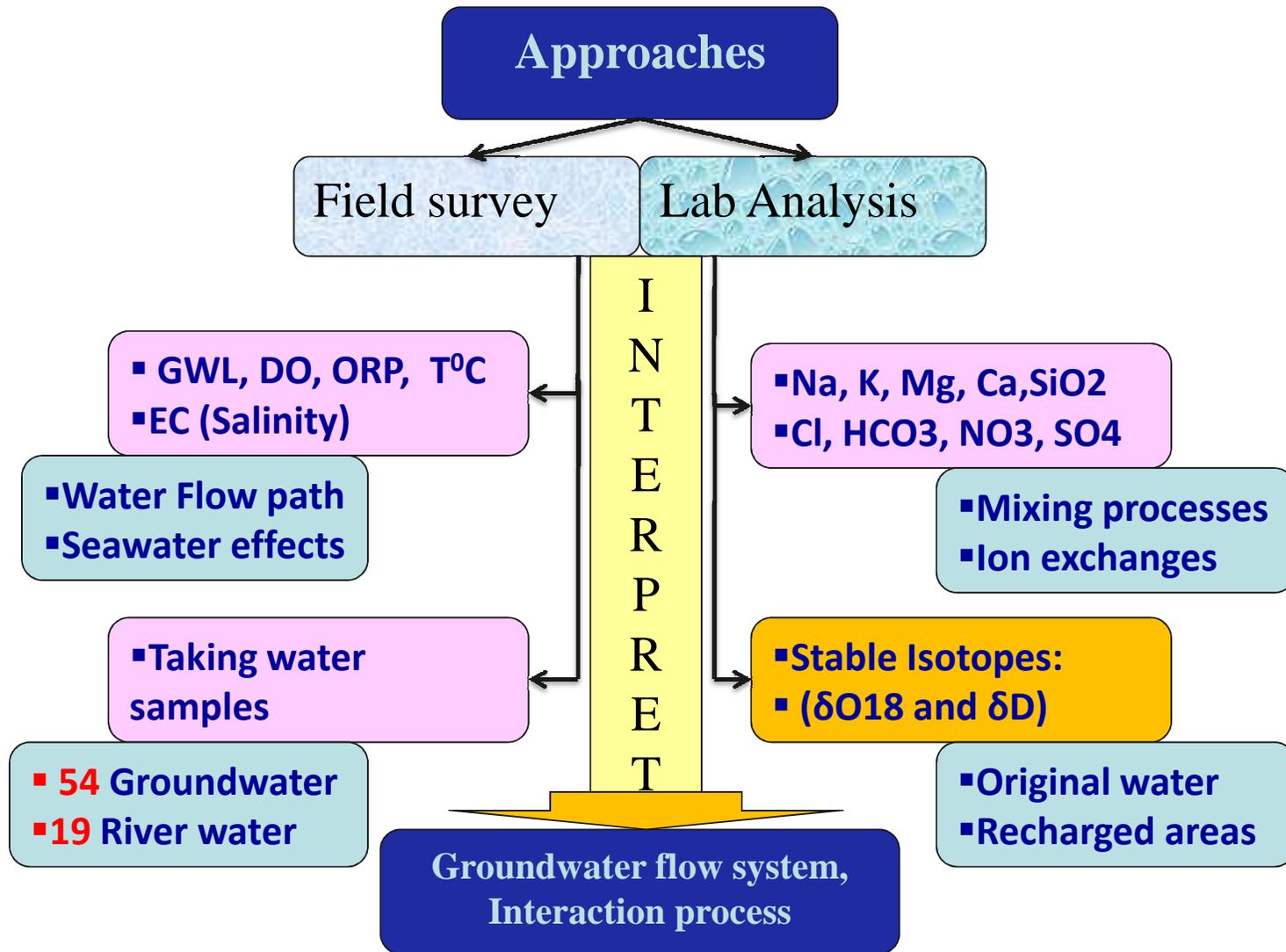


Fig.4. Location of water samples in CLD Island



# Methodology



# Results and Discussion

## Water types and relationship among water sources

### Legend

- I - Calcium Magnesium Sulphate Chloride;
- II - Sodium Chloride Sulphate
- III - Sodium Bicarbonate;
- IV - Calcium Magnesium Bicarbonate
- A - Mixed Zone; B - Magnesium;
- C - Sodium Potassium; D - Calcium
- E - Mixed Zone; F - Sulphate;
- G - Chloride; H - Bicarbonate

### Legend

- Groundwater in Rainy season at CLD Island
- ▲ River water in Rainy season at CLD Island
- Shallow Groundwater in Rainy season at Soc Trang
- ▲ River Water in Soc Trang
- Deep Groundwater in Rainy season at Soc Trang

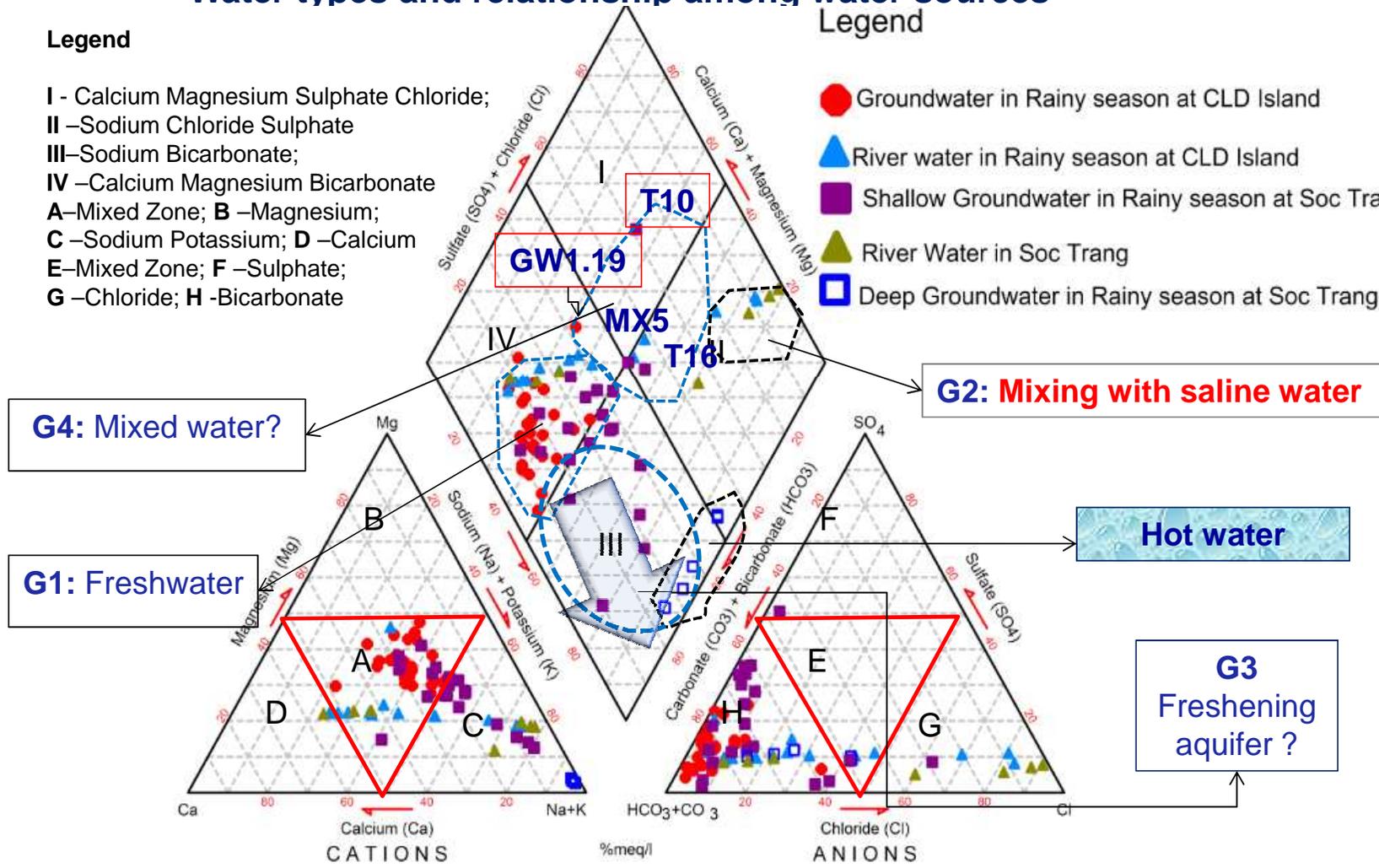
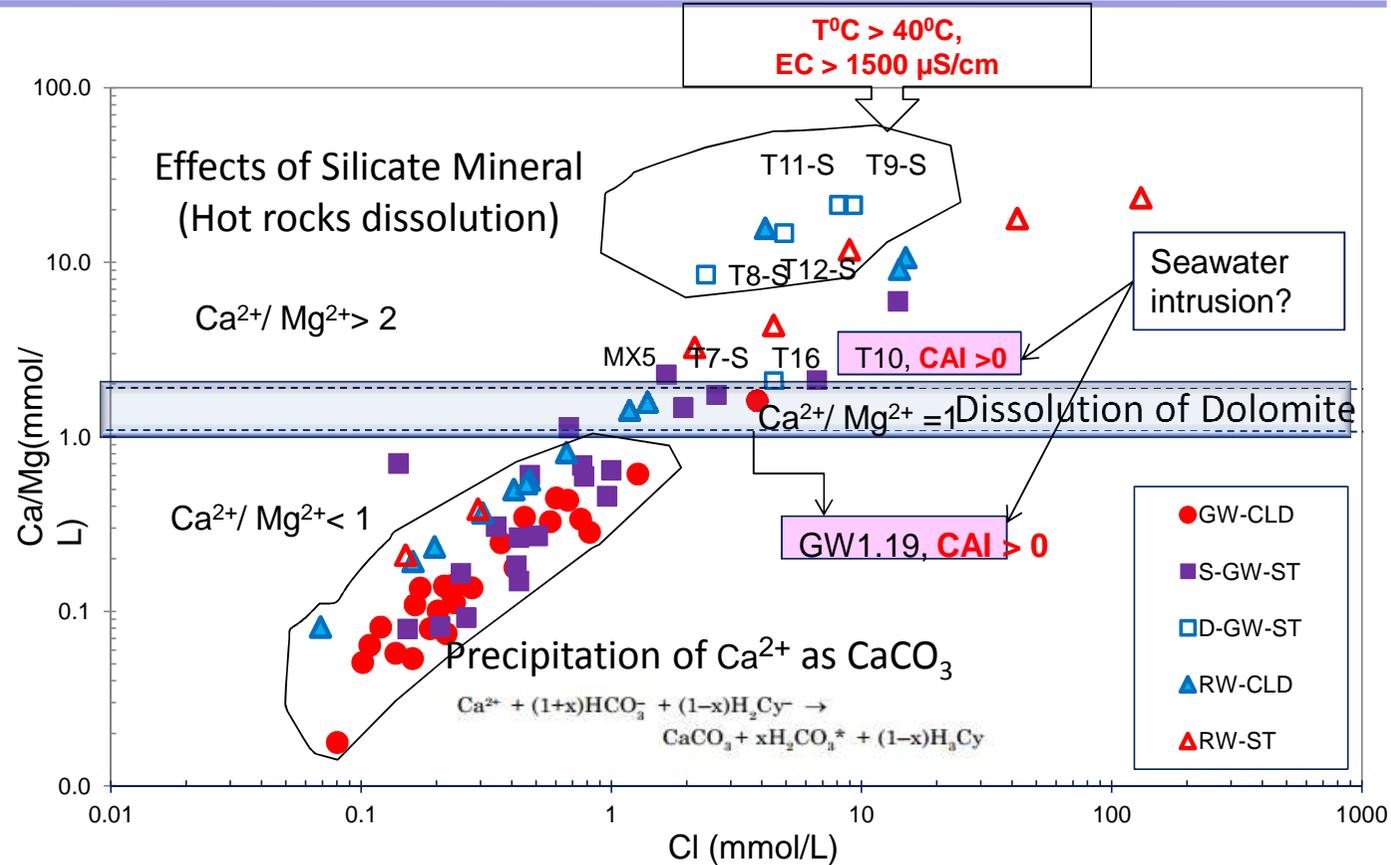


Fig.5.1. Piper diagram of water samples at Soc Trang Province, August . 2013.

# Result and Discussion



Most of samples: **CAI < 0, Mg, Ca of water** exchanged with **Na, K of Rock**  
 S-VC1, S-VC2, CTD1, **T10, GW1.19: CAI > 0, Na, K of water** exchanged with **Mg, Ca of Rocks**

Seawater intrusion ?

Fig.5.2. Ratio of Ca/Mg versus Cl (mmol/L)

# Results and Discussion

**Whether seawater intrusion occurred or not?**

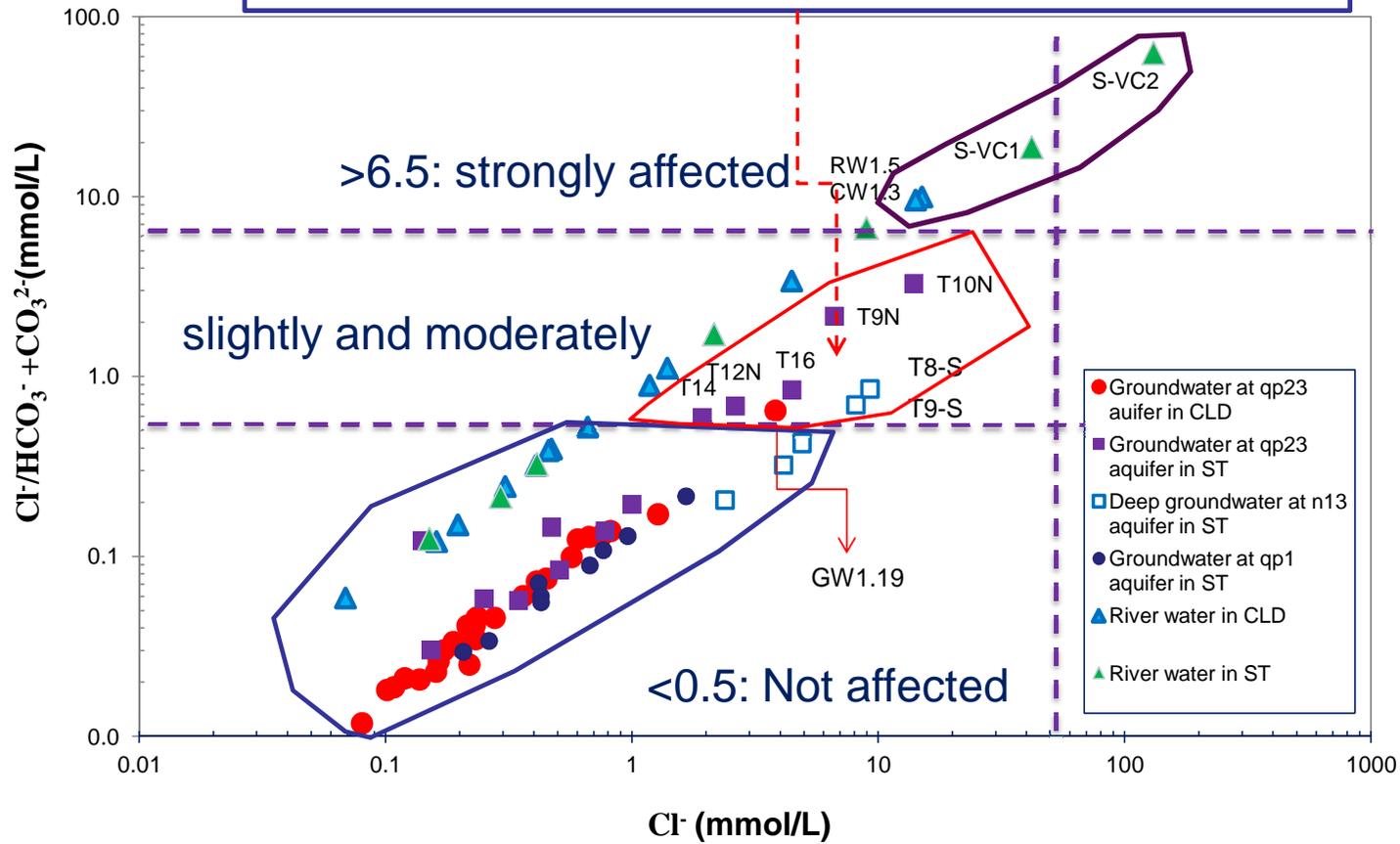


Fig.5.3. The  $\text{Cl}^- / (\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{CO}_3^{2-})$  versus  $\text{Cl}^-$

# Results and Discussion

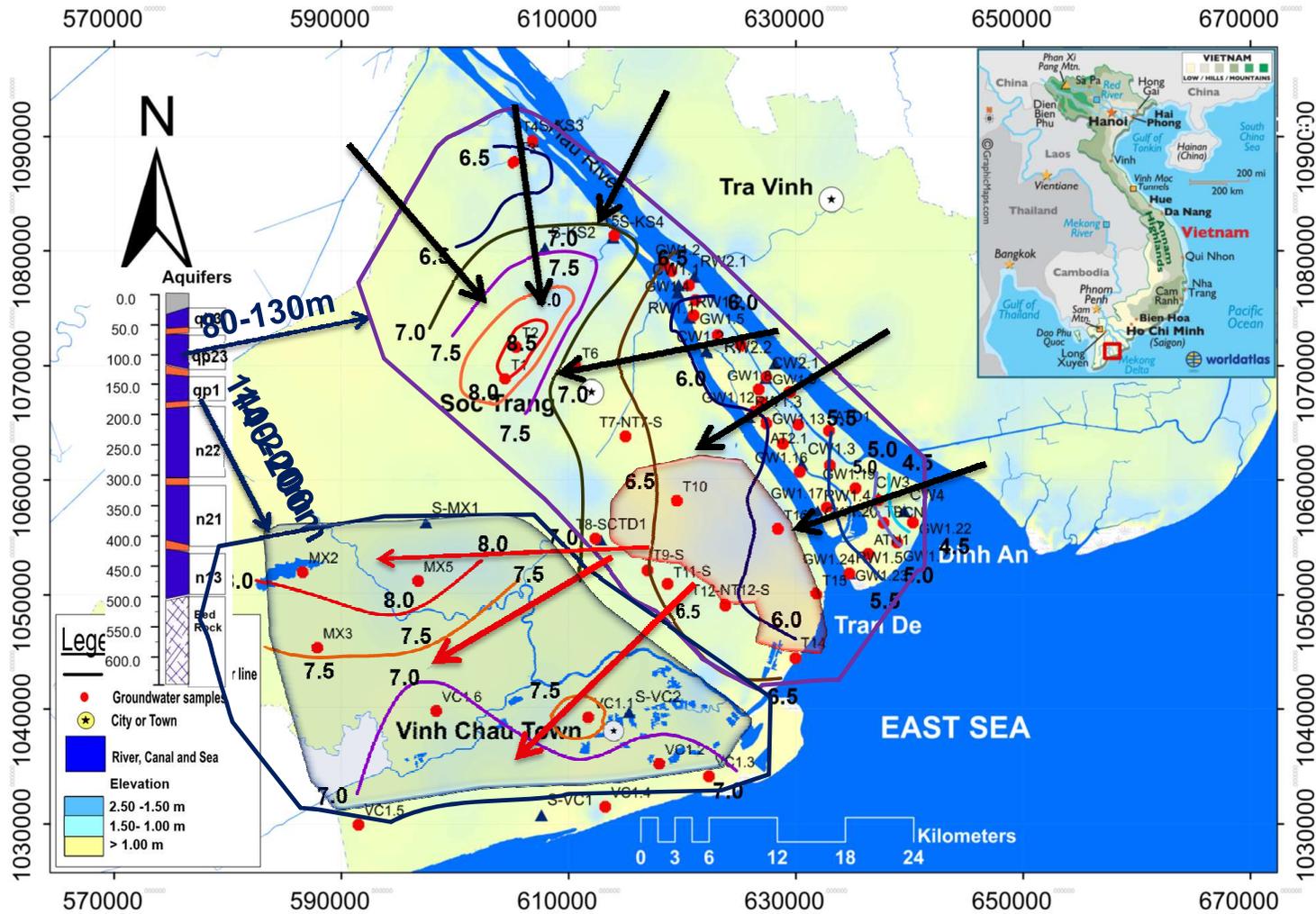


Fig.5.4. Groundwater flow paths at Soc Trang Province, August, 2013.

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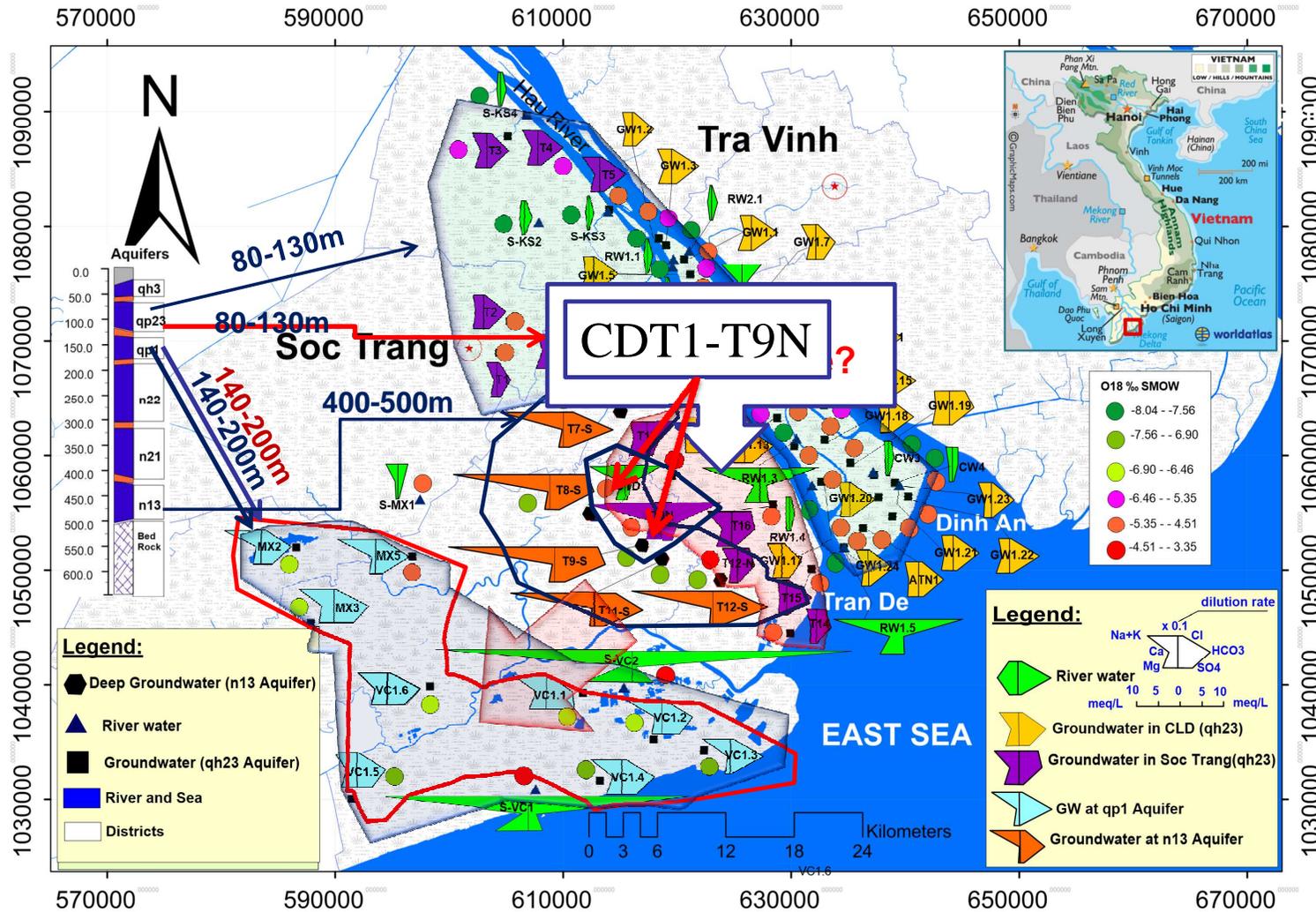


Fig.5.5. Spatial distribution of Hexa diagram and  $\delta O^{18}$  of water samples at Soc Trang Province, August, 2013.

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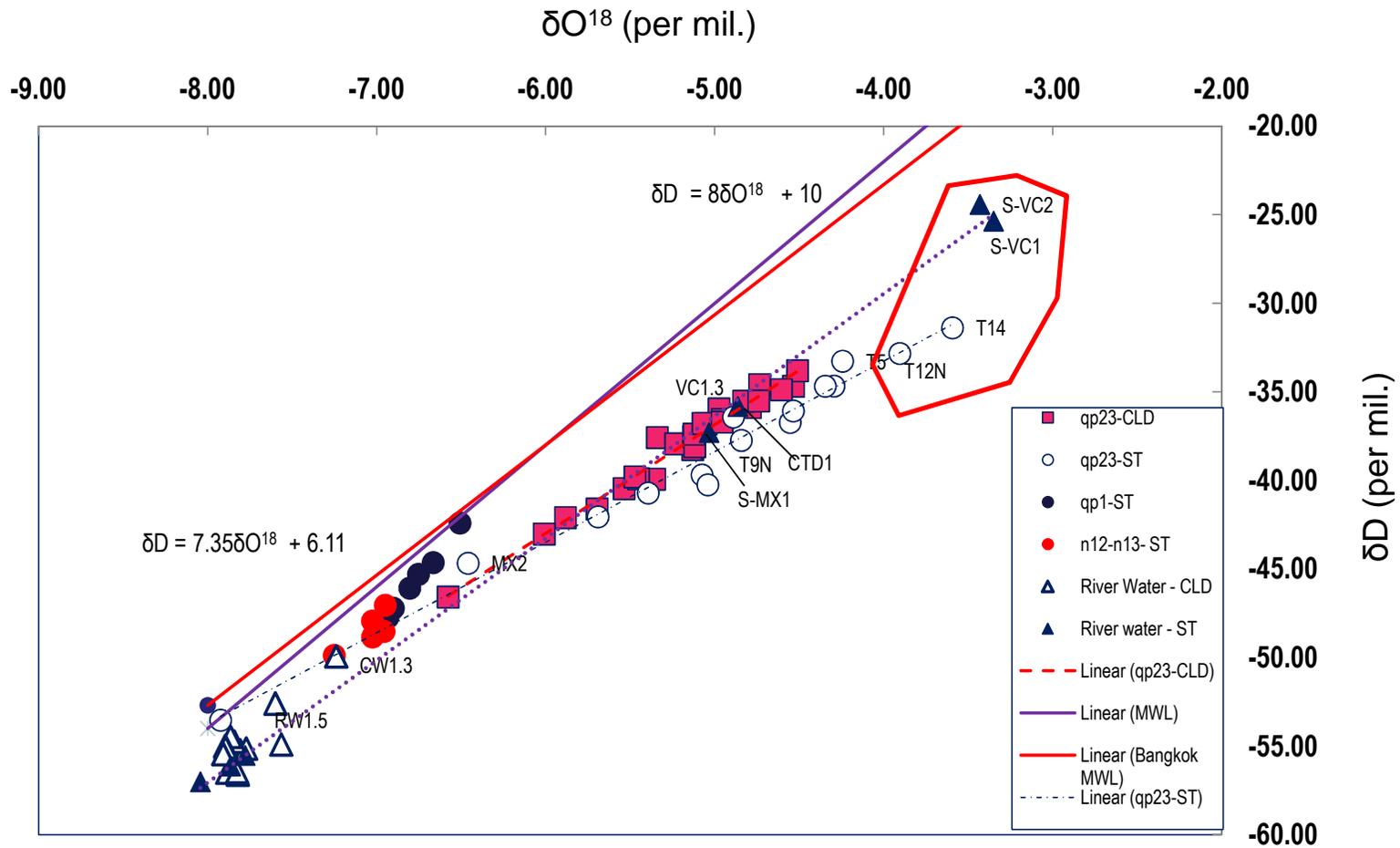
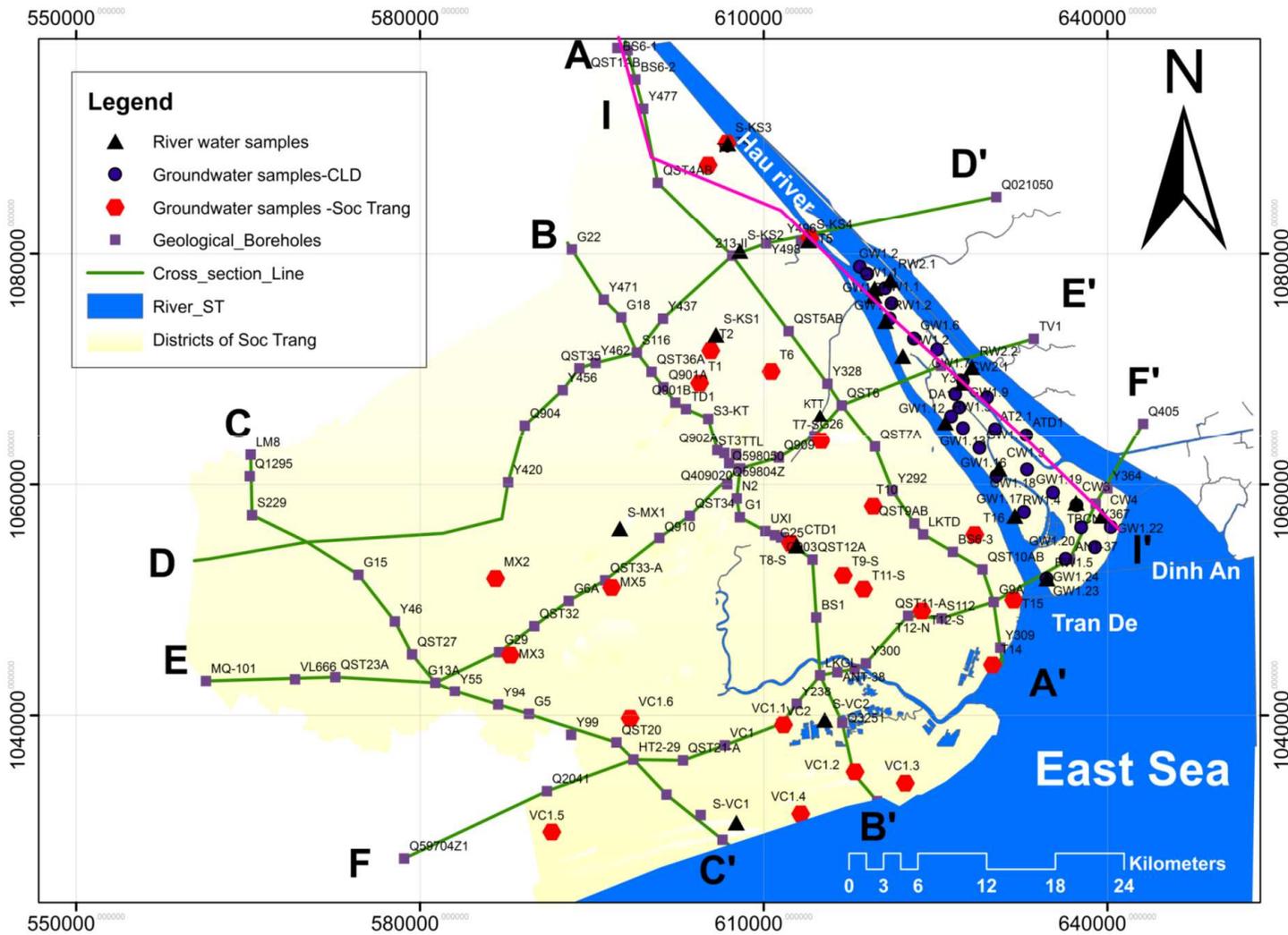


Fig.5.6 .Groundwater flow paths at Soc Trang Province, August, 2013.

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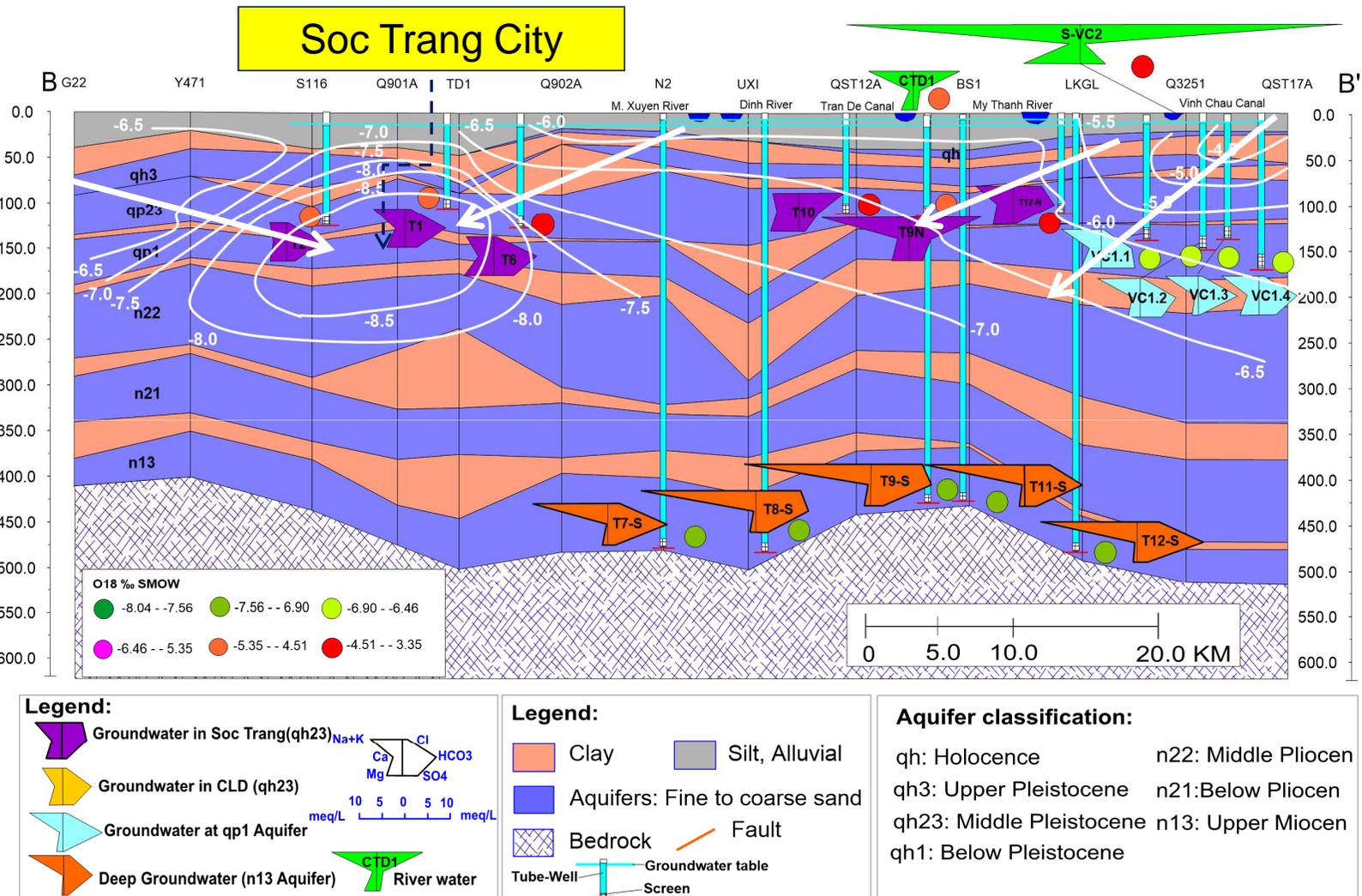


Fig.5.8. Profile Hexa diagram and of water samples following depth of wells in Soc Trang, August, 2013  
**Cross section B-B**

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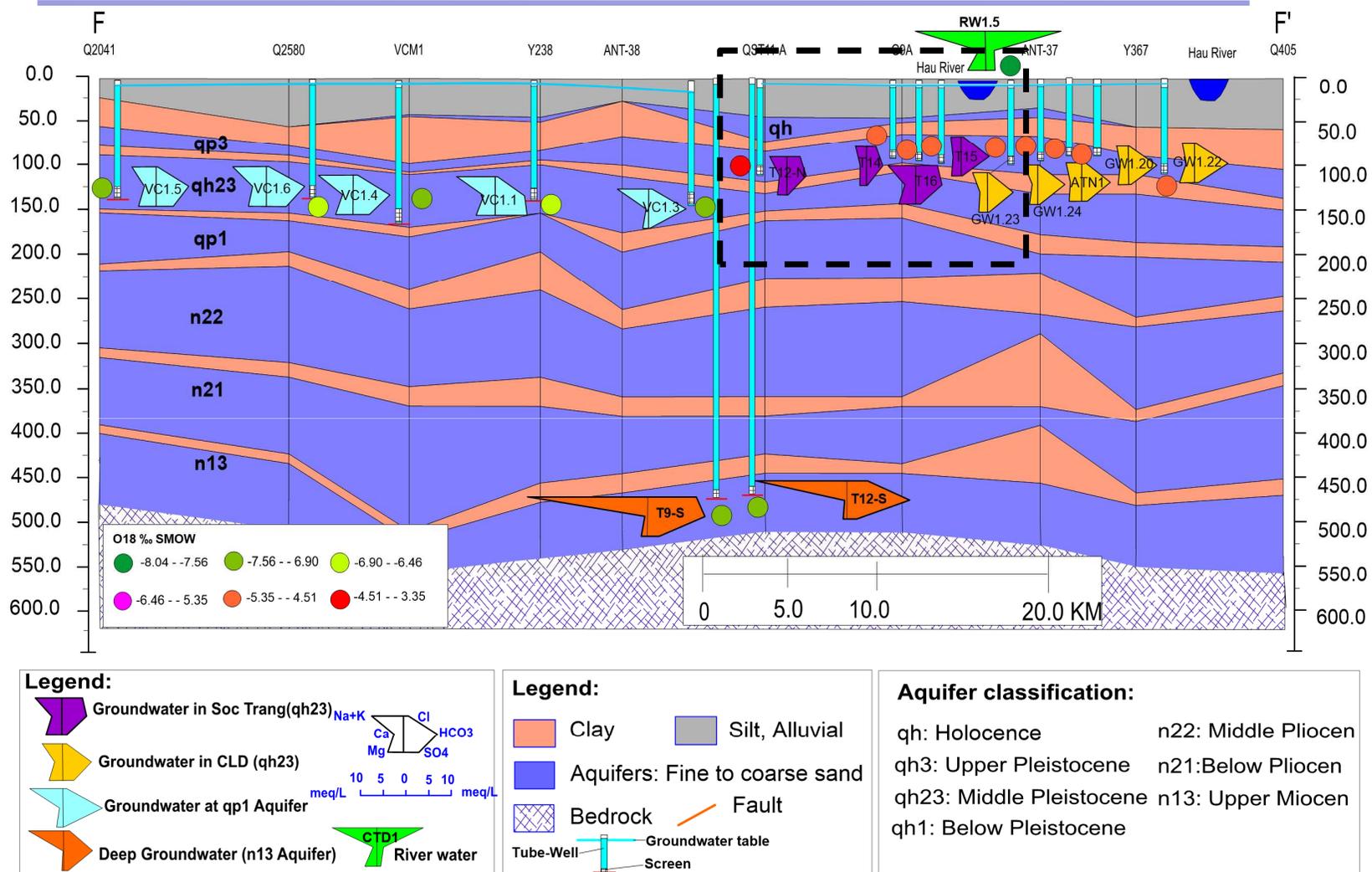


Fig.5.9. Profile Hexa diagram and of water samples following depth of wells in Soc Trang, August, 2013  
Cross section F-F

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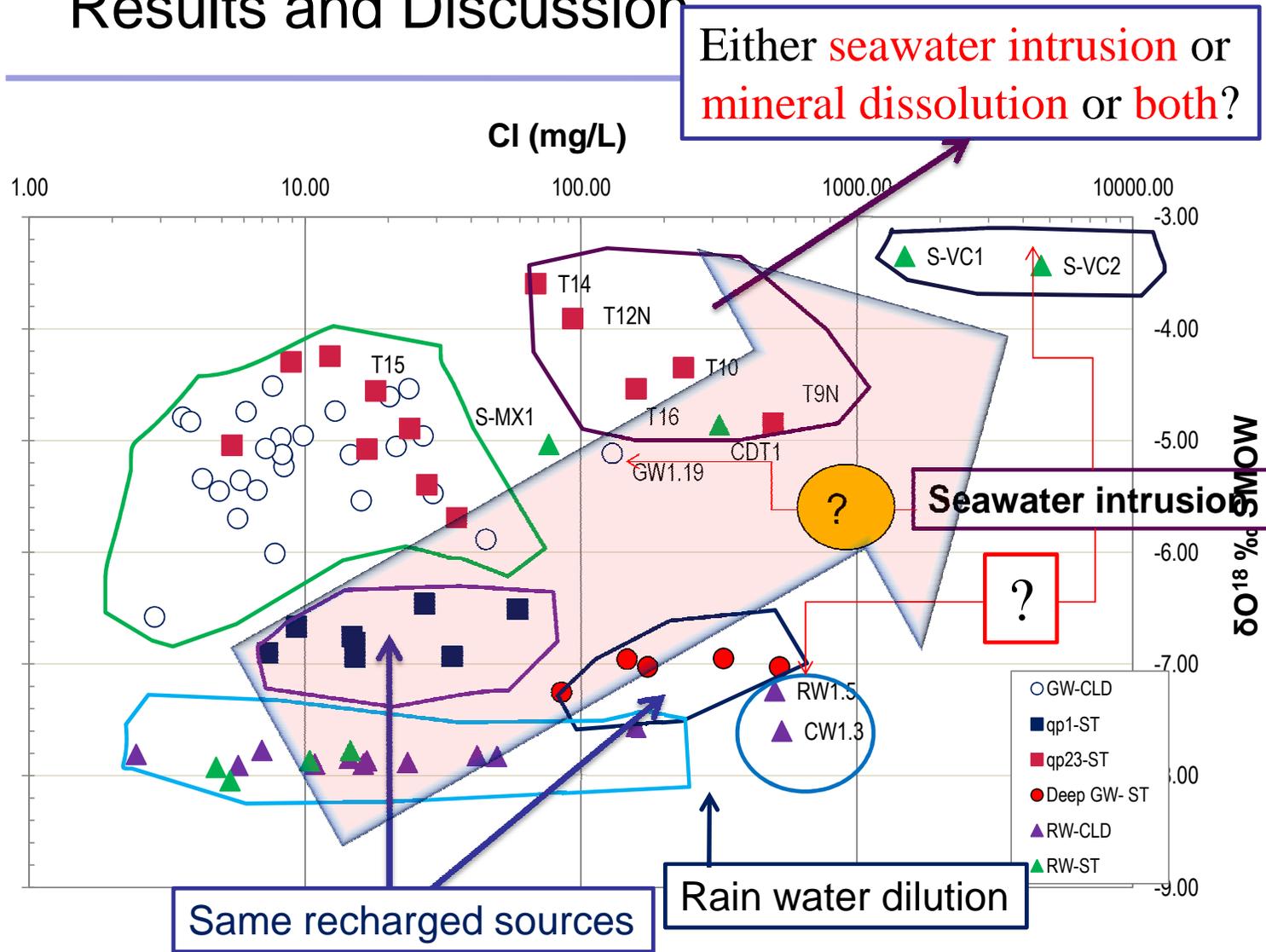


Fig.5.10. Chloride concentration versus  $\delta O^{18}$

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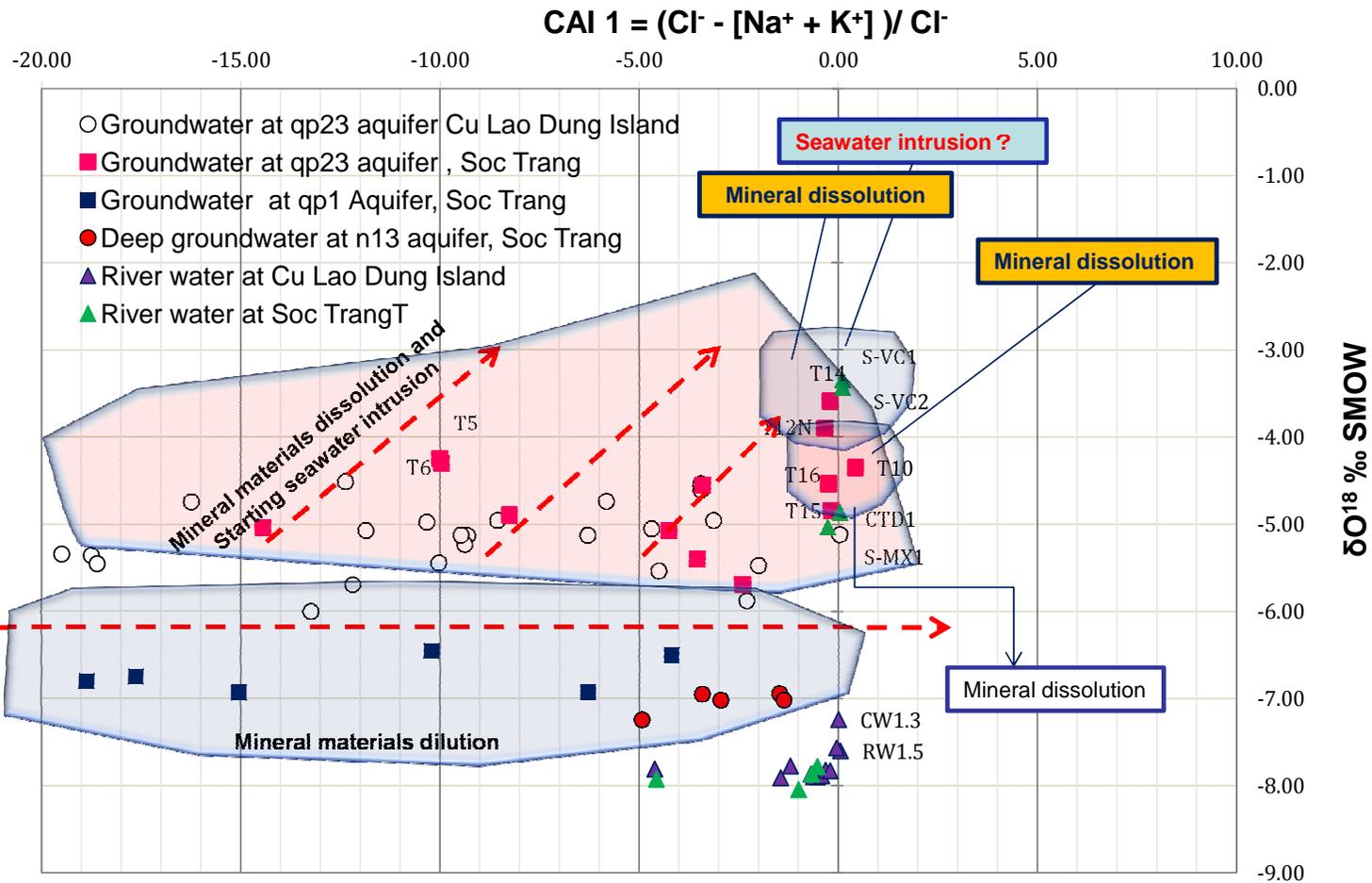


Fig.5.11. CAI 1 index versus δO<sup>18</sup>

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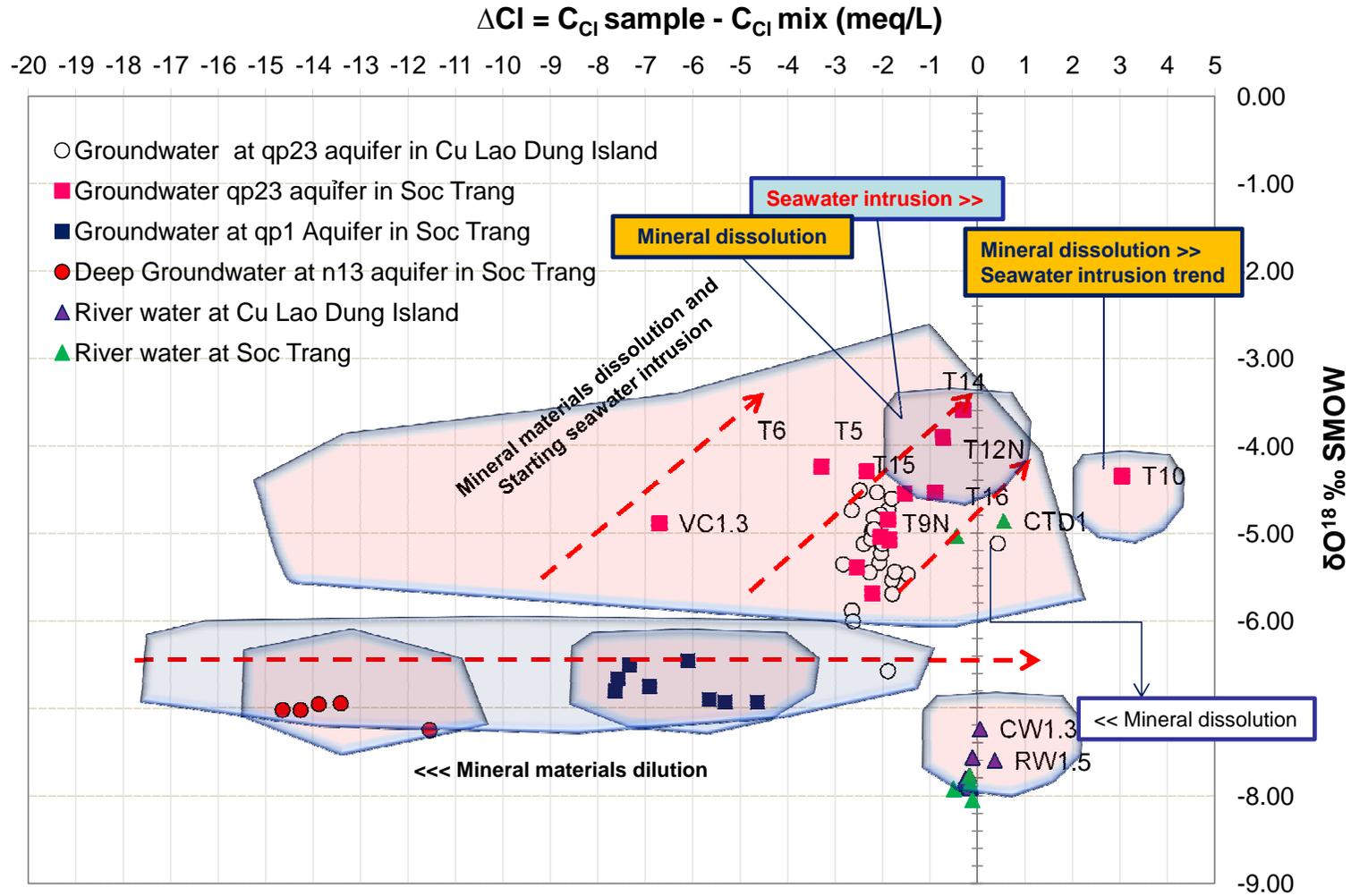


Fig.5.12. Chloride concentration versus  $\delta\text{O}^{18}$

# Conclusions

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## 1- Water types:

### a. Groundwater, 3 group:

- ❖ **qp23 Aquifer:** Ca-Mg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,
- ❖ **qp1 and n13 Aquifers:** Na-HCO<sub>3</sub>, most of samples at n13 aquifer is **hot water**

### b. River and canal water:

- ❖ Na-Cl, Ca-Mg(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

## 2. Interaction between Surface water and Groundwater:

- ❖ River water (**CTD1**) and Groundwater (**T9N**) mixing together
- ❖ Groundwater: some parts of ST **may be** affected by **seawater**

# Conclusions

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## 3. Recharged sources:

### a. Groundwater at **qp1** and **n13** aquifers

- ❖ Have same original water sources
- ❖ Mineral dissolution process is dominantly occurred at deep Groundwater

### b. Groundwater at **qp23** aquifer

- ❖ Have same original water sources
- ❖ Two hydro-geological processes:
  - (1) Mineral materials dissolution
  - (2) Strongly dissolution saline soils and **seawater intrusion maybe starting** at groundwater sample T14 => Due to intensive pumping.

## **Future work**

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- Data processing and interpreting
- Writing master thesis.

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