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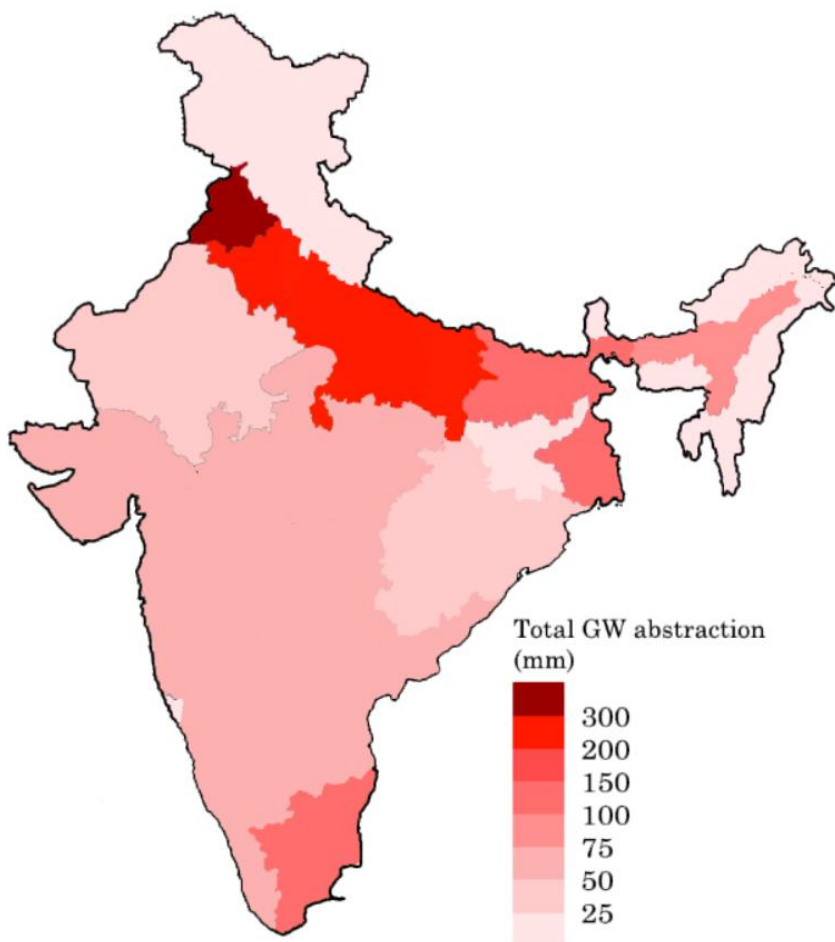
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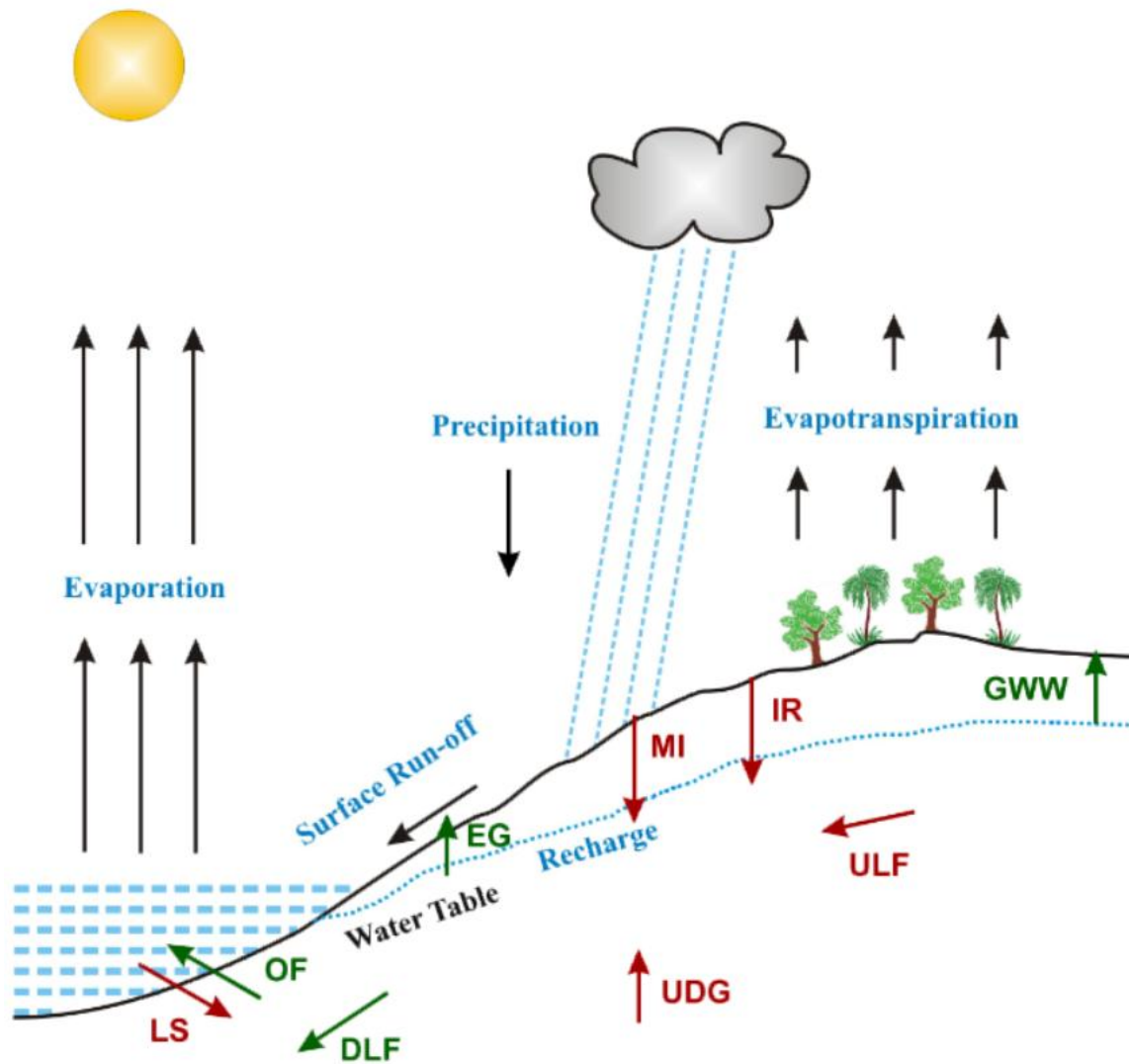
1 **Details of Tritium Injection approach:**

2 The tritiated water has been injected in the soil layer below root zone or the zero flux plane (0.6-
3 0.8 m below ground level; Rangarajan and Athavale, 2000; Healy, 2010). After a rainfall event,
4 the tritium containing layer moves downward due to infiltration. The vertical displacement of the
5 injected tritium peak is directly proportional to the rate of water infiltration within the studied
6 time period (Rangarajan et al., 2010).



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8 **Fig. S1:** Map showing state-wise total groundwater abstraction (10^{-6} km^3 per km^2 of land area)
9 for the year 2009 (CGWB, 2012a)



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11 **Fig. S2:** Groundwater recharge processes. MI = Meteoric Inflow through precipitation; IR =
 12 Irrigational return flow; LS = Lateral seepage from surface water; ULF = Flow from
 13 upgradient location along flowpath; UDG = Upwelling from deeper groundwater systems;
 14 OF = Outflow by baseflow and discharge; GWW = Groundwater withdrawal; DLF = Flow
 15 toward down gradient along flow path; EG = Evaporation from groundwater