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## **Long-term groundwater recharge rates across India by in situ measurements**

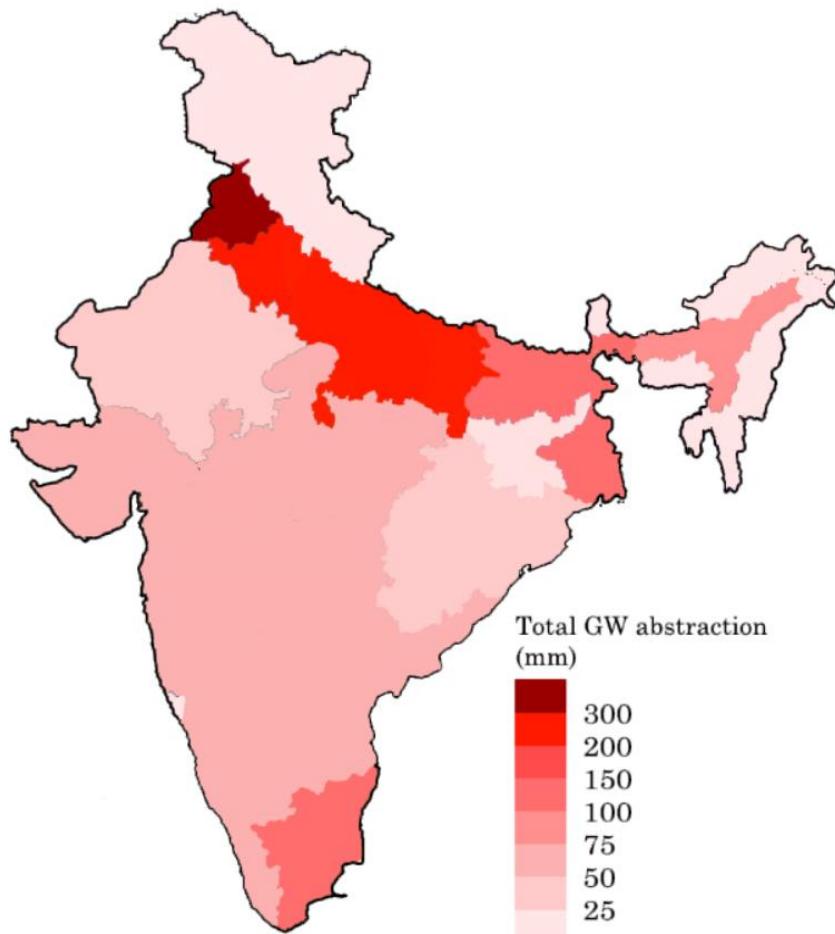
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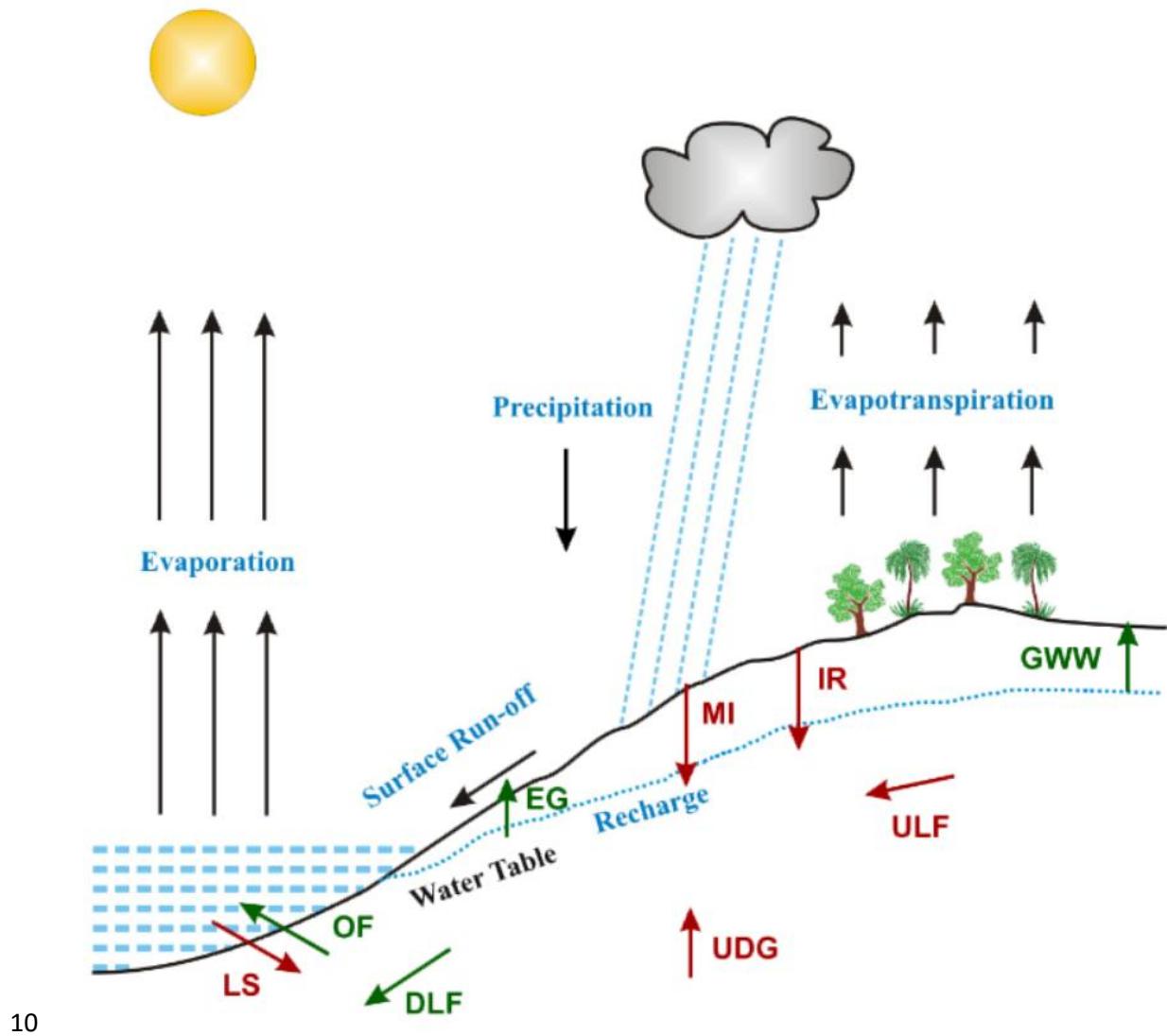
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1    **Details of Tritium Injection approach:**

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).





11 **Fig. S2:** Groundwater recharge processes. MI = Meteoric Inflow through precipitation; IR =  
 12 Irrigation 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