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Groundwater flow system under a rapidly urbanizing coastal city as determined by hydrogeochemistry

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Abstract

In the Jakarta area (Indonesia), excessive groundwater pumping due to the rapidly increasing population has caused groundwater-related problems such as brackish water contamination in coastal areas and land subsidence. In this study, we adopted multiple hydrogeochemical techniques to demonstrate the groundwater flow system in the Jakarta area. Although almost all groundwater existing in the Jakarta basin is recharged at similar elevations, the water quality and residence time demonstrates a clear difference between the shallow and deep aquifers. Due to the rapid decrease in the groundwater potential in urban areas, we found that the seawater intrusion and the shallow and deep groundwaters are mixing, a conclusion confirmed by major ions, $\text{Br}^-:\text{Cl}^-$ ratios, and chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-12 analysis. Spring water and groundwater samples collected from the southern mountainside area show younger age characteristics with high concentrations of $^{14}$C and Ca-HCO$_3$ type water chemistry. We estimated the residence times of these groundwaters within 45 years under piston flow conditions by tritium analysis. Also, these groundwater ages can be limited to 20 to 30 years with piston flow evaluated by CFCs. Moreover, due to the magnitude of the CFC-12 concentration, we can use a pseudo age-indicator in this field study, because we found a positive correlation between the major type of water chemistry and the CFC-12 concentration.

Keywords: groundwater flow system; hydrogeochemistry; excessive groundwater pumping; groundwater age tracer; Jakarta, Indonesia

1. Introduction

Groundwater is an indispensable drinking water resource in developing cities, especially in places where no public water supply exists because of an inadequate infrastructure or a poor economic situation. Subsurface environmental problems, such as land subsidence due to excessive abstraction and groundwater contamination, have occurred consecutively in large Asian cities (Foster and Chilton, 2003) with some time lag between each city. Most of these growing Asian mega-cities are located in coastal areas (Jiang et al., 2001) where basement geologies are composed of quaternary marine or fluuvial unconsolidated deposits. Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia, is one of the
cities that suffer from groundwater related problems.

Researchers have recently conducted hydrogeochemical studies of the Jakarta Groundwater Basin. Delinom et al. (2009) classified regional groundwater into hydrochemical groups on the basis of major ion chemistry by using Stiff diagrams. Umezawa et al. (2008) and Onodera et al. (2008) showed nitrate contamination in agricultural fields and mentioned the possibility of seawater intrusion into groundwater in coastal areas. Lubis et al. (2008) identified recharge and discharge areas by groundwater temperature profile measurements in deep observation wells. However, an integrated study that employs multiple hydrogeochemical techniques has not yet been performed in the Jakarta groundwater basin.

Urbanization has obviously had a significant impact on the water demand in this area. Since only 30% of the city’s potable water supply demand is met by surface water (Delinom, 2008), people are increasingly turning to the groundwater resources of the basin. Reliance on groundwater as a water resource is common, and the demand has reputedly reached 76% (Bakker, 2007). In addition to the city’s need for potable water, the continued development of the industrial sector has also increased the pressure on this resource. Under these situations, it is necessary to understand the groundwater flow system for its sustainable use.

This study describes the groundwater flow system in the Jakarta Groundwater Basin on the basis of the multiple hydrogeochemical techniques such as stable isotopes (δD and δ18O), water chemistry by major ions, Br⁻:Cl⁻ ratio, tritium, 14C, and chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) analyses.

2. Study area

The South China Sea borders Jakarta, the capital city of the Republic of Indonesia, to the north (Fig. 1a). The province of Jakarta (DKI Jakarta; 6°00'-6°20″ S, 106°42'-107°00″ E) has a surface area of approximately 652 km² and a humid tropical climate that is significantly influenced by monsoon winds. The long-term mean annual rainfall in this city ranges between 1,500 and 2,500 mm/year, with a dry season (<100 mm/month) that lasts 7–8 months in coastal areas, 2–4 months at elevations of 30–50 m above sea level (asl), and less at higher elevations. Peak rainfall usually occurs
throughout the region in January, while the least rainfall occurs between June and August. The long-term mean monthly temperature ranges between 26°C and 28°C, and the mean annual air temperature is 27°C. The mean potential evapotranspiration for the Jakarta region is 1,606 mm/year (Tambunan, 2007).

The overall population of Jakarta increased significantly in the 20th century, from about 100,000 in 1900 to more than 9 million in 1995. Most of the population increase occurred in the last 20 years of the 20th century (Han and Basuki, 2001).

The Jakarta Groundwater Basin, in which the city of Jakarta resides, is one of the most developed basins in Indonesia. The aquifer system in this basin is classified (upper to lower order) into the following five zones (Fachri et al., 2003).

Zone 1 is a shallow aquifer layer composed of sandstone, conglomerate, and claystone.

Zones 2 and 4 are aquiclude layers composed of claystone with sand infixes.

Zone 3 is a deep aquifer layer composed of sandstone with infixes of breccias and claystone.

Zone 5 is the basement of the Jakarta Groundwater Basin, composed of impermeable rocks such as limestone and claystone.

The components of the aquifer, such as sandstone and conglomerate, are connected to each other (Martodjodjo, 1984; Asseggaf, 1998). The deep aquifer under the urban area is about 150-m thick. The vertical cross section of the local hydrogeology along the line (A-A’) in Fig. 1a (south to north) is shown in Figs. 6 and 10. In this paper, we classified the groundwater samples collected from the wells into 5 zones on the basis of screen existing elevation.

3. Sampling and Methodology

We collected 46 groundwater, 5 spring water, 2 hot spring, and 3 river water samples between February and March, 2008 (Fig. 1a). The Groundwater samples were collected from observation wells, production wells, and dug wells.

Temperature, pH, and electric conductivity (EC) of the water samples collected in this study were measured in the field by using a portable EC/pH meter (WM-22EP, TOA DKK, Japan). Samples for stable isotope (δ¹⁸O and δD) and major ion (Na⁺, K⁺, Ca²⁺,
Mg$^{2+}$, Cl$^-$, NO$_3^-$, and SO$_4^{2-}$ analyses were collected in 100-mL polyethylene bottles at the hydrology laboratory of Kumamoto University.

We analyzed the major ions by ion chromatography (Compact IC 761, Metrohm, Switzerland) with the analytical error typically within 10%; the alkalinity titration could be substituted for the activity of HCO$_3^-$ . Stable isotope ratios and D/H ratios of water were determined by the CO$_2$ equilibration method and the chromium-reduction method, respectively, followed by analysis by using a Thermo Electron Delta S mass spectrometer (USA). Hydrogen and oxygen isotope ratios were expressed using $\delta^{18}O$, respectively, where $\delta = ((R_{sample}/R_{standard})- 1)1000$ (‰) and R is the ratio of $^2H/^1H$ or $^{18}O/^{16}O$ in either the sample water ($R_{sample}$) or the Standard Mean Ocean Water ($R_{standard}$). We reported isotopic compositions in the standard $\delta$-notation (‰) as deviations from the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water standard (V-SMOW; Craig, 1961). The analytical error was ±0.1‰ for $\delta^{18}O$ and ±1.0‰ for $\delta$D. Tritium determinations were performed using a liquid scintillation counter (TRI-CARB2750TR/LL, Perkin-Elmer Co., USA) subsequent to electrolytic enrichment. The results were reported as tritium units (T.U.), i.e., one atom of tritium in $10^{18}$ atoms of hydrogen, with a maximum error of 0.7 T.U. Groundwater samples for CFC analysis were collected in triplicate and stored in glass bottles sealed with metal lined caps (Busenberg and Plummer, 1992). We analyzed the CFCs by closed system purge and trap gas chromatography by using an electron capture detector (GC-8A, Shimadzu, Japan). Water samples for CFCs were analyzed in triplicate, and the values were reported only if the concentrations of at least two measurements were within 10% for concentrations above 100 pg/kg. Below 100 pg/kg concentrations, the values were reported only if at least two measurements were within 20 pg/kg of each other (Johnston et al., 1998). The analytical uncertainty associated with CFC analysis was less than 5%. $^{14}$C assays conducted using the accelerator mass spectrometer (AMS) required approximately 5 mg C (Clark and Fritz, 1997). We collected groundwater samples in 1-L glass bottles, which we filled and allowed to overflow for several minutes. The samples were made alkaline (pH>10) by adding 5 mL 10 N NaOH solution to convert all dissolved inorganic carbon species to carbonate (CO$_3^{2-}$), which precipitated with the dissolved Ba$^{2+}$ added as 20 mL of saturated BaCl$_2$.2H$_2$O (450 g/L). Finally, we collected 50 cc BaCO$_3$ precipitates in an amber glass bottle. Prior to $^{14}$C analysis, the
BaCO₃ precipitates were freeze-dried for 24 h before being sent to the Center for Chronological Research at Nagoya University for analysis. ¹⁴C measurements were confirmed with graphite pellets using a High Voltage Engineering Europe (HVEE) ¹⁴C-Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) system (Model 4130-AMS). One-sigma ¹⁴C dating uncertainties typically ranged from ±20 to ±40 years for materials younger than 8000 BP, depending on absolute ¹⁴C ages or ¹⁴C counting uncertainties. Background levels associated with the ¹⁴C-AMS system ranged from 52 to 54 ka BP for pure graphite powder (Nakamura et al., 2004).

4. Results

4.1. Groundwater potential

We obtained groundwater potential data from 30 observation wells in the study area for the period from 1985 (oldest) to the present. The spatial distribution of groundwater potential was estimated on the basis of the observation well data. Figure 2 shows the groundwater potential of the deep aquifer for the years 1985, 1990, 1997, 2000, 2004, and 2008. In 1985, the depression area was located in the northeast of the Jakarta area and the groundwater potential was −15 m. The depression area then expanded, moving toward central Jakarta prior to moving to the northwest of the city in 2008 when it was −25 m. Note that the movement of the depression area was associated with a decline in groundwater potential, implying a disturbance in the groundwater flow system.

Below, we discuss the observed tendency in groundwater potential at 18 observation wells, which have been monitored continuously for a minimum of 10 years. Figure 3 shows the groundwater potential in each well in 1982 relative to that in 2005. As shown in the figure, three general tendencies were apparent in groundwater potentials: “long-term steady,” “long-term declining,” and “sharply declining.” The locations of the wells exhibiting these tendencies are plotted on in Fig. 4. The figure shows that the declining tendencies are most apparent in the central part of Jakarta; wells exhibiting the sharply declining trait predominated in the central district. On the other hand, wells exhibiting the long-term steady tendency were located around the coastal areas and southern part of the study area.
4.2. Major ions

Table 1 lists the results of the major ion analyses, and Fig. 5 plots them on a Piper diagram, referring to the concentrations of hydrogeochemical components. Figure 6 shows the distribution of the stiff diagram along a cross section that passed through the central Jakarta area (A-A'; Fig. 1a). The depth of the screen at each sampling point was projected to this cross section from the coast along the topographical profile.

In the Piper diagram of Fig. 5, samples collected from spring and river waters are of the Ca-HCO₃-type. Therefore, waters in upstream areas can be recognized as those with juvenile features; they are not much affected by human activities. Many shallow groundwaters (zones 1 and 2) are also of the Ca-HCO₃-type. However, shallow groundwater in the middle stream area possessed high NO₃⁻ concentrations, as shown in Fig. 6 (G31, G35, G43, and G45), especially those within the areas of high agricultural activity, located between the urbanized and mountain areas (Fig. 1b). On the other hand, the deep groundwater (zones 3 to 5) was of the Na-HCO₃-type, as shown in Fig. 5 (Group I) and Fig. 6 (G7, G28, G30, G32, G37, G44, and G46). However, the samples collected from the coastal area (G8 and G10) were of the Na-Cl-type, as shown in Fig. 5 (Group II) and Fig. 6. This type of groundwater displayed seawater intrusion. Samples located near the coast and slightly further inland (G6, G11, G14, G25, and G27) occupied an intermediate position between the deep groundwater (Group I) and seawater intrusion wells (Group II) (Group III, Fig. 5). These results imply that seawater intrusion is encroaching on inland aquifers. Though the samples H2 and G20, located about 40 km inland from the coast line, were also of the Na-Cl-type (Fig. 5), this result may be due to the geological setting, including the local fault system (Delinom et al., 2009).

According to the results of the major ion analyses, Ca-HCO₃-type groundwaters mainly recharge the aquifer in the upstream area, and this water changes to the Na-HCO₃ type as it flows in the northern, deeper direction. This change can be explained by the cation exchange reaction (Na⁺ ↔ Ca²⁺) (Appelo and Postma, 2005). A similar tendency occurs in the groundwater flow system of the Osaka basin (Yamanaka et al., 2005).

4.3. Bromide:chloride ratio of groundwater in Jakarta

Bromide and chloride are particularly good indicators of seawater intrusion, because
both these ions are chemically conserved in natural aqueous environments. Both ions also move freely in the subsurface. Similar Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratios in groundwater and seawater indicate that seawater is a source of chloride. Dissimilar ratios in groundwater and seawater indicate that chloride is derived, at least in part, from another chloride source (Fetter, 1993).

We determined the nitrogen concentrations in order to indicate the possible presence of another chloride source in the groundwater. Nitrate and chloride commonly occur together in groundwater contaminated by sewage effluent. Potential sources of sewage contamination of the groundwater in the study area include residential septic systems and public sewer lines. Contamination of groundwater by nitrate from fertilizers might also result in elevated chloride concentrations (Richter and Kreitler, 1993).

Figure 7 plots the Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratios and corresponding chloride concentrations. Two trend lines are included for comparison. One is the theoretical Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratio of seawater based on a study by Drever (1988) (equivalent to the Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratio in seawater). The other is the assumed trend line of the chloride contamination from the anthropogenic source based on the study by Andreasen and Fleck (1997). This trend line represents the native groundwater affected by an anthropogenic chloride source. Also plotted in the figure, the NO\(_3^-\) concentration (mg/L) shows the potential contamination.

The Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratios were similar to the seawater ratio with a high chloride concentration in samples collected from the coastal area (G6, G8, G10, G11, G13, G25, and G27). Since these samples show the Na-HCO\(_3\) to the Na-Cl type (Figs. 5 and 6), the seawater was the primary source of chloride.

Shallow groundwater samples were scattered along the anthropogenic line with high NO\(_3^-\) concentrations and low Br\(^-\):Cl\(^-\) ratios. These results support the nitrate contamination caused by fertilizers in dry fields, reported by Umezawa et al. (2008).

4.4. Stable isotopes

Figure 8 shows the relationship between \(\delta^{18}O\) and \(\delta D\). This figure displays the local meteoric water line (LMWL), which is generated from the precipitation in Bogor, the southern part of the study area. The LMWL is expressed as \(\delta D = 7.6\delta^{18}O + 10\), based on the 20 times term sampling of local precipitation from November 2006 to
October 2007.

Spring and river water samples located in the southern mountainside area are mostly plotted above the LMWL and relatively depleted positions, implying that these waters were recharged at relatively higher elevations, i.e., mountain areas. On the other hand, despite being collected from different depths, 76.1% of the groundwater samples in the study area had stable isotopes that could be plotted within a narrow range (−5.6 to −6.5‰ δ18O and −30 to −40‰ δD). Besides, this range occupies a somewhat more depleted position than that of the weighted average precipitation value, indicating that the groundwater in the shallow and deep aquifers in the Jakarta basin is recharged at approximately the same elevation, which is higher than that of Bogor city. These recharge characteristics are consistent with the groundwater flow determined by the temperature-depth profile analysis of the groundwater, which shows that the recharge area is distributed in the hills and uplands that are located on the periphery of the Jakarta Groundwater Basin (Lubis et al., 2008).

Deep groundwater samples collected near the coast (G8 and G10) were enriched in their isotopic compositions and somehow deviated from the LMWL as their data was plotted mostly along the trend line toward SMOW, possibly affecting the seawater intrusion into the groundwater. Hot spring water located inland (H2) also deviated distinctly.

4.5. Tritium

Tritium contents of the groundwater samples collected in this study were small values and demonstrated small variations, ranging from 0.5 to 1.4 T.U. (N = 18; Table 1). When we considered the simple piston flow, the tritium concentrations in the groundwater could be estimated on the basis of the tritium concentrations in the local precipitation, corrected by the radioactive decay with a half life of 12.4 years. Figure 9 shows the tritium concentrations of the precipitation in Jakarta (6° 10' 48" S, 106° 49' 48" E, asl 8 m) and Tokyo (35° 40' 48" N, 139° 46' 12" E, asl 4 m) (IAEA/WMO, 2004) . Although tritium data for the precipitation in Jakarta after 1993 is not available, its decreasing trend is quite similar to that in Tokyo. However, the overall tritium concentration of the precipitation in Jakarta is lower than that in Tokyo because of the latitude effect on the tritium content. This figure also plots the maximum and minimum
tritium concentrations in the groundwater of this study area and expresses the decay of
the tritium content in the groundwater as dashed lines. The recharge year of groundwater
is normally estimated at the point of intersection of the groundwater tritium decay line
and the tritium content in the local precipitation (De Vries and Simmers, 2002;
Bolsunovsky and Bondareva, 2003; Marechal and Etcheverry, 2003; Hosono et al.,
2008).

Since the overall tritium concentration of the precipitation in Jakarta is low, it is
rather difficult to estimate the exact groundwater age. However, it may be possible to
determine the recharge year of the groundwater samples, which were recharged before or
after the 1960s when it is assumed that there was no recharge due to unusually low
tritium concentrations in the precipitation as compared to the general tendency. For
instance, the lowest tritium concentration in the H2 sample had no point of intersection
with the precipitation and the decay line. That is, it must have recharged before the 1960s.
On the other hand, since the sample with the largest tritium concentration (S5) had many
points of intersection, it recharged after the 1960s (residence time is assigned to within 45
years). However, we should note that tritium analysis possesses certain analytical errors.

4.6. $^{14}$C concentration

Table 1 lists the $^{14}$C concentrations (in pmC), and Fig. 10 shows the distribution of
$^{14}$C concentrations along a cross section (A-A'; Fig. 1a). $^{14}$C concentration in shallow
groundwater (zone 1) was around 100 pmC, indicating that these groundwater samples
possessed a modern (younger) component. Deep groundwater (zone 3) along the cross
section had relatively smaller concentrations than its shallow counterpart. The upper
portion of Zone 3 and upstream areas had relatively large pmC as compared to the lower
portion of this zone and downstream areas. In particular, samples collected from under
the urban area (G6, G7, and G28) showed low pmC content, reflecting that these
groundwater samples may possess older components. Samples collected from zone 5
(G11) demonstrated considerably low pmC content; it could be considered stagnant water.
Hot spring water located inland (H2) also showed considerably low pmC content.

4.7. CFC-12 concentration

CFCs are useful tools for tracing and dating post-1945 groundwater (Busenberg and
We, therefore, employed CFCs as a marker for young groundwater, because the release of CFCs into the atmosphere only started after the 1940s (USGS, 2010). Consequently, if groundwater possesses some dissolved CFCs, it was recharged after the 1940s. In this study, we used CFC-12 because of its stability in the subsurface environment (Plummer et al., 1998). Figure 10 shows the distribution of CFC-12 (mg/L) along the cross section. Since the shallow groundwater (Zone 1) showed a large CFC-12 concentration, it can be considered modern (young) and was recharged after the 1940s. This result is consistent with those obtained from the $^{14}$C concentration. On the other hand, the deep groundwater (zones 3 and 5) had low concentrations, and some wells possessed concentrations below the detection limit. However, because some deep groundwater samples collected from under the urban area (G6, G8, and G28) somehow possessed CFC-12 concentrations, the shallow (young) groundwater and/or present seawater component might be introduced into the deeper aquifer. The driving force of this forced groundwater movement is the excessive groundwater pumping in the central urban area, corresponding to the rapid urbanization.

5. Discussion

Based on the results of the hydrogeochemical data, this study area can be divided into two areas: the northern Jakarta plain area and the southern mountainside spring water area. The latter area includes one deep groundwater sampling point (G1). In this section, we discuss the groundwater flow system in each area.

5.1. Groundwater flow system in the northern Jakarta plain area

According to the results of the stable isotope analyses (Fig. 8), almost all groundwater in the Jakarta plain was recharged at similar surface elevations. Subsequent to recharging, groundwater flow is divided into two major aquifers: shallow and deep, confirmed by the stratification of the local geology.

Although the river water and many shallow groundwater samples displayed Ca-HCO$_3$-type water chemistry, the shallow groundwater in the southern area’s dry field showed clear nitrate contamination, which is mostly due to artificial fertilizers, including agrochemicals, from agricultural activities. Umezawa et al. (2008) confirmed via stable N
and O isotopes in NO$_3^-$ that the nitrate contamination in this area is caused by the application of fertilizers and by household effluents. According to these results, we can assume that most parts of the Cl$^-$ and SO$_4^{2-}$ proportions in the Piper diagram are due to the agricultural activities utilizing excessive fertilizers, agrochemicals, and, to a lesser degree, household effluents.

The Br$^-$/Cl$^-$ ratios versus the chloride and NO$_3^-$ concentrations (Fig. 7) demonstrated that the shallow groundwater deviated from the Br/Cl's seawater mixing line with a relatively high NO$_3^-$ concentration. It affected the nitrate contamination caused by fertilizers in dry fields, and both the Br$^-$ and Cl$^-$ ions probably come from fertilizers. However, seawater is the primary source of chloride in the groundwater samples collected from the coastal area. These results are consistent with the groundwater samples collected from the coastal area (G8 and G10), which displayed Na-Cl-type water chemistry with high dissolved ion concentrations.

Because the CFC-12 concentration in some groundwater samples was greater than that of the past CFC concentrations in the Northern Hemisphere’s atmosphere, which is contaminated, we could not evaluate the exact residence time of the groundwater. However, since CFC-12 was detected in the shallow groundwater, it was recharged after the 1940s. This fact is consistent with the high $^{14}$C concentration (Fig. 10), which represented the modern groundwater component.

Deep groundwater had Na-HCO$_3$-type water chemistry, suggesting that the chemical evolution during the groundwater flow process changed from the original Ca-HCO$_3$-type shallow water chemistry, indicating that it had a relatively long residence time than the shallow groundwater. This result is consistent with the $^{14}$C and CFC-12 contents; the $^{14}$C of the deep groundwater was apparently much older than that of the shallower groundwater, and the CFC-12 concentration in the deep groundwater was near or lower than the detection limit, implying that it was at least older than the 1940s. However, we found somewhat high CFC-12 concentrations in some deep groundwater samples, mostly collected under the well developed urban area (G6, G8, and G28) where the groundwater depression zone is located (Fig. 10), implying that the young groundwater component intruded from the shallow aquifer or that seawater was present due to excessive pumping of groundwater in the urban area.
According to the distribution on the delta diagram of stable isotopes, two groundwater samples located near the coast (G8 and G10) and the hot spring water sample (H2) deviated from the LMWL in the heavy isotopic direction. Excluding this hot spring water, which is located about 40 km inland from the coastal line and has a different type of flow system from that of the remainder of the studied groundwater region, the isotopic enriched coastal groundwater (G8 and G10) was due to mixing with seawater. The Cl–δ¹⁸O relationship shown in Fig. 11 clearly supports seawater mixing, and the water chemistry of this water (Na-Cl type; Figs. 5, 6) is another evidence for this mixing process. Although the hot spring water sample (H2) also fell along the seawater mixing line in Fig. 11, its position in the delta diagram of Fig. 8 clearly demonstrates that there was no intrusion of modern seawater. The considerably low ¹⁴C concentrations (apparent ¹⁴C age is approximately 47,000 years) and the different mixing line in the delta diagram, which seems to have oxygen-shifted seawater as its end member component, might suggest that this hot spring water recharged during a different climatic period. The local geological setting also suggested the contribution of fossil sea water to this hot spring (Delinom et al., 2009).

5.2. Groundwater flow system in southern mountainside spring water area

All spring water samples collected from the southern mountainside area were the Ca-HCO₃-type water chemistry, and one deep groundwater sample (G1) was also the Ca-HCO₃-type. Its residence time was clearly shorter than that of the deep groundwater in the northern Jakarta plain. This short residence time was consistent with the modern ¹⁴C age and the evidence of modern CFC-12 concentrations in the groundwater of this area.

Unlike the shallow groundwater in the northern Jakarta basin, spring water samples (S1 to S5) and the deep groundwater sample (G1) were not affected by the anthropogenic contamination caused by urban CFCs. We evaluated groundwater residence time by CFC concentrations. As there was no clear difference in the atmospheric CFC concentration between North America and low latitude countries (e.g., Samoa and Barbados; Cunnold et al., 1997), to evaluate CFC age, we adopted the time series trend of atmospheric CFC concentrations in the Northern Hemisphere’s atmosphere in this study. The binary mixing model was adopted to evaluate the groundwater flow process for the CFC age estimation,
either only by the piston flow with no dilution, mixing during the flow process, or mixing with some other water resource during its flow process. We used the relationship between CFC-12 and CFC-113 (Fig. 12) to evaluate this process, diluted by mixing with old, CFC-free water (Plummer et al., 2001).

Since almost all groundwater samples obtained from the southern mountainside area approximately fell on the piston flow line (Fig. 12), the groundwater residence time could be evaluated by assigning the recharge temperature and the elevation of each sample, 18.0°C and 1500 m, which are the rough estimations for the recharge temperature and the elevation, respectively. Table 1 lists the results of the apparent recharge year of each water sample. The residence time of these groundwater samples was 20 to 30 years.

This relatively young groundwater age was consistent with that obtained from the tritium analysis; S2, S5, and G1 were recharged after the 1960s (residence time assigned to within 45 years by using the piston flow model).

5.3. Relationship between water chemistry and CFC-12

Because the CFC-12 concentration in some groundwater samples was contaminated, we could not estimate the exact residence time of the groundwater. However, the relationship between the major water chemistry type and the CFC-12 concentration seemed to have a positive tendency. The magnitude of the CFC-12 concentration could be considered as a function of a younger age indicator in this field of study. Figure 13 shows the CFC-12 concentrations overlaid on the Piper diagram of the groundwater in the study area. Both the groundwater collected from the mountainside and the shallow groundwater collected from the Jakarta plain showed relatively short residence times, indicated by their Ca-HCO₃-type water chemistries and their relatively high CFC-12 concentrations. On the other hand, the deep groundwater in the Jakarta plain represented by the Na-HCO₃-type water chemistry showed relatively long residence times and low CFC-12 content.

6. Conclusion

We studied the groundwater flow system in the Jakarta area by hydrogeochemical techniques such as stable isotopes (δD and δ¹⁸O), water chemistry by major ions, Br⁻:Cl⁻ ratio, tritium, ¹⁴C, and CFC analyses. Based on the results of major ion and stable isotope
analyses, the study area was divided into two parts: the northern Jakarta plain area and
the southern mountainside spring water area.

In the southern mountainside spring water area, groundwater samples had juvenile
features with Ca-HCO₃-type water chemistry, which is not much affected by
anthropogenic contamination. Since the concentrations of CFC-12 demonstrated no
contamination characteristics from excessive urban CFCs, we could evaluate the
groundwater residence times, and all groundwater samples, including the spring water
and deep groundwater samples in this area, showed residence times of 20 to 30 years
under piston flow conditions. These groundwater ages are consistent with those of the
tritium analysis, and groundwater ages could be limited by CFCs.

In the northern Jakarta plain area, although hydrogeochemical characteristics
showed various water chemistries depending on the aquifer depths, almost all (shallow
and deep) groundwater samples recharged at similar elevations. In the shallow
groundwater, groundwater samples were characterized by Ca-HCO₃-type water chemistry,
but some groundwater samples collected near dry agricultural fields displayed nitrate
contamination related to the agricultural activities. This finding was supported by both
stable N and O isotope content in NO₃⁻ (Umezawa et al., 2007) and the Br⁻:Cl⁻ ratios in
the groundwater samples. On the other hand, the deep groundwater samples had
Na-HCO₃-type water chemistry, influenced by cation exchange during its flowing process
in the aquifer. However, the groundwater collected from the coastal area had Na-Cl-type
water chemistry and was affected by seawater intrusion, caused by over pumping in the
urban area. This result was also supported by the Br⁻:Cl⁻ ratio, shown along the mixing
line with sea water.

The difference in hydrogeochemistry between shallow and deep groundwater
samples implied a difference in the relative residence times of their respective
groundwaters, and this result was supported by the results of the ¹⁴C and CFC-12
analyses. Concentrations of ¹⁴C and CFC-12 were higher (and, thus, the groundwater was
younger) in the shallow aquifer while lower (and older) in the deep aquifer.

Even in the deep aquifer, we detected CFC-12 particularly under the urban area
where the groundwater potential depression zone is located, suggesting that the recent
shallow, younger groundwater intruded into the deeper aquifer because of excessive
groundwater pumping, corresponding with rapid urbanization.
Since we found a positive correlation between the major type of water chemistry and the CFC-12 concentration, the magnitude of the CFC-12 concentration can be used as a pseudo-young age indicator in this field of study.

This study clearly reveals the groundwater flow system of the Jakarta area by integrating several hydrogeochemical components. Since the excessive groundwater pumping disturbs the subsurface environment, including the groundwater mixing of the shallow and deep aquifers and seawater intrusion in the coastal area, it is necessary to construct frameworks for the management of local groundwater resources, including pumping regulations and effective artificial recharge for the groundwater aquifer.

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Trend line showing the theoretical Bromide:Chloride ratio based on each concentrations presented by Drever (1988)
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- **Aquifer** (main: sandstones)
- **Aquiclude** (main: claystones)
- **Basement**

Legend:
- **Fault**
- **Well**
- **Screen**

25.5 $^{14}C$ concentration (pmC)
33.8 CFC-12 concentration (pg/kg)

Groundwater potential observed in 2008

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