

How do we check correctness of analyses?

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SO ₄ ²⁻	84.0
Cl ⁻	9.6
NO ₃ ⁻	13.0

1. Compare Measured TDS and Calculated TDS

NOTE:

When calculating TDS we group the mass of some items and call it Alkalinity

$$\text{Alkalinity} = [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+]$$

We will talk more about Alkalinity in the next lecture

2. Calculate Charge Balance

Check Correctness of Analysis: Calculate TDS

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Calculated TDS =

$$0.6\text{Alkalinity} + \text{Na} + \text{K} + \text{Ca} + \text{Mg} + \text{Cl} + \text{SO}_4 + \text{SiO}_2 + \text{NO}_3\text{-N} + \text{F}$$

$$\text{Alkalinity} = [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+] = 325$$

$$\text{Calculated TDS} = 567.2 \text{ mg/L}$$

Measured value in this case 603.5 mg/L
What is the ratio? Is it acceptable?

$$\text{ratio} = 1.06 \quad \text{is acceptable}$$



Check the cation/anion balance for this analysis:

Solutes	Measured Conc. (mg/L)	Atomic weight(g)	Molarity (mmol/L)	Valence (charge)	meq/L
Ca ²⁺	92.0	40.08	2.30	2	4.60
Mg ²⁺	34.0	24.31	1.40	2	2.80
Na ⁺	8.2	23.0	0.36	1	0.36
K ⁺	1.4	39.1	0.036	1	0.036
Fe(III)	0.1	55.8	0.002	3	0.006
HCO ₃ ⁻	325.0	61.0	5.33	1	5.33
SO ₄ ²⁻	84.0	96.0	0.88	2	1.75
Cl ⁻	9.6	35.5	0.27	1	0.27
NO ₃ ⁻	13.0	62.0	0.21	1	0.21

7.79

7.56

$$\frac{\sum \text{cations} - \sum \text{anions}}{\sum \text{cations} + \sum \text{anions}} = \frac{7.79 - 7.56}{7.79 + 7.56} = 0.0145$$

Summary checking correctness of analysis

1. Check Calculated vs Measured TDS

$$\frac{\text{measured TDS}}{\text{calculated TDS}} = \frac{603.5}{567.2} = 1.06$$

Between 1 and 1.2, so it's OK!

2. Check Anion-Cation (Charge) Balance

$$\frac{\sum \text{cations} - \sum \text{anions}}{\sum \text{cations} + \sum \text{anions}} = \frac{7.79 - 7.56}{7.79 + 7.56} = 0.0145$$

The cation/anion imbalance for the data is 1.5% < 5% so it's OK!

Plotting on a Piper Diagram

Ca	40 ppm
Mg	15 ppm
Na	120 ppm
K	20 ppm
HCO ₃ ⁻	2.8 meq/L
SO ₄	234 ppm
Cl	45 ppm

Convert to Equivalents / L
Divide by formula weight
Multiply by charge

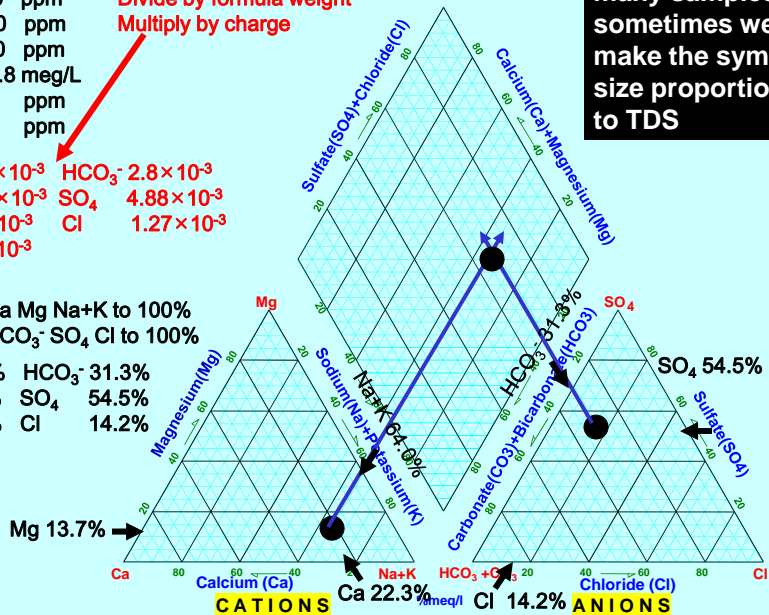
Ca	1.996×10^{-3}	HCO ₃ ⁻	2.8×10^{-3}
Mg	1.234×10^{-3}	SO ₄	4.88×10^{-3}
Na	5.22×10^{-3}	Cl	1.27×10^{-3}
K	0.51×10^{-3}		

Sum Na+K

Normalize Ca Mg Na+K to 100%

Normalize HCO₃⁻ SO₄ Cl to 100%

Ca	22.3%	HCO ₃ ⁻	31.3%
Mg	13.7%	SO ₄	54.5%
Na+K	64.0%	Cl	14.2%



When plotting many samples sometimes we make the symbol size proportional to TDS

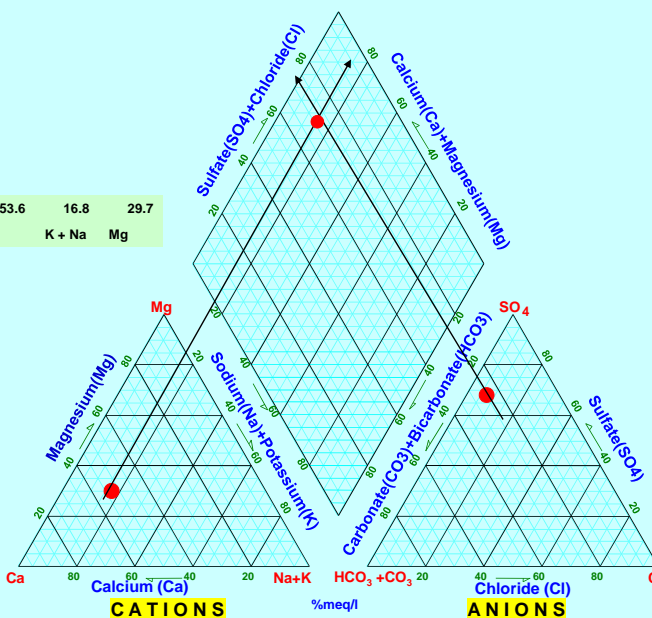
Plot on a Piper Diagram distributed in class

Ca	131 ppm
Mg	44 ppm
Na	43 ppm
K	7 ppm
HCO ₃ ⁻	200 ppm
SO ₄	431 ppm
Cl	19 ppm

25.6	4.2	70.2	53.6	16.8	29.7
Bicarb+Carb	Chloride	Sulfate	Ca	K + Na	Mg

Plotted point is approximate given ppt drawing limitations

THIS IS THE WILD ROSE SAMPLE FORM THE DEATH VALLEY DATA SEY





The sample data that you just plotted on the paper Piper diagram in class is one of the Death Valley samples, Wildrose Spring. Compare your plotted point to the one that Rockware plots.

Consider the Data with respect to the maps on the next two slides. (note: we will discuss these again in an upcoming class)

HOMEWORK:

Make an interesting observation using Rockworks on one of these data sets.

**You must attach the associated
Rockworks diagram and explain how it supports your observation**