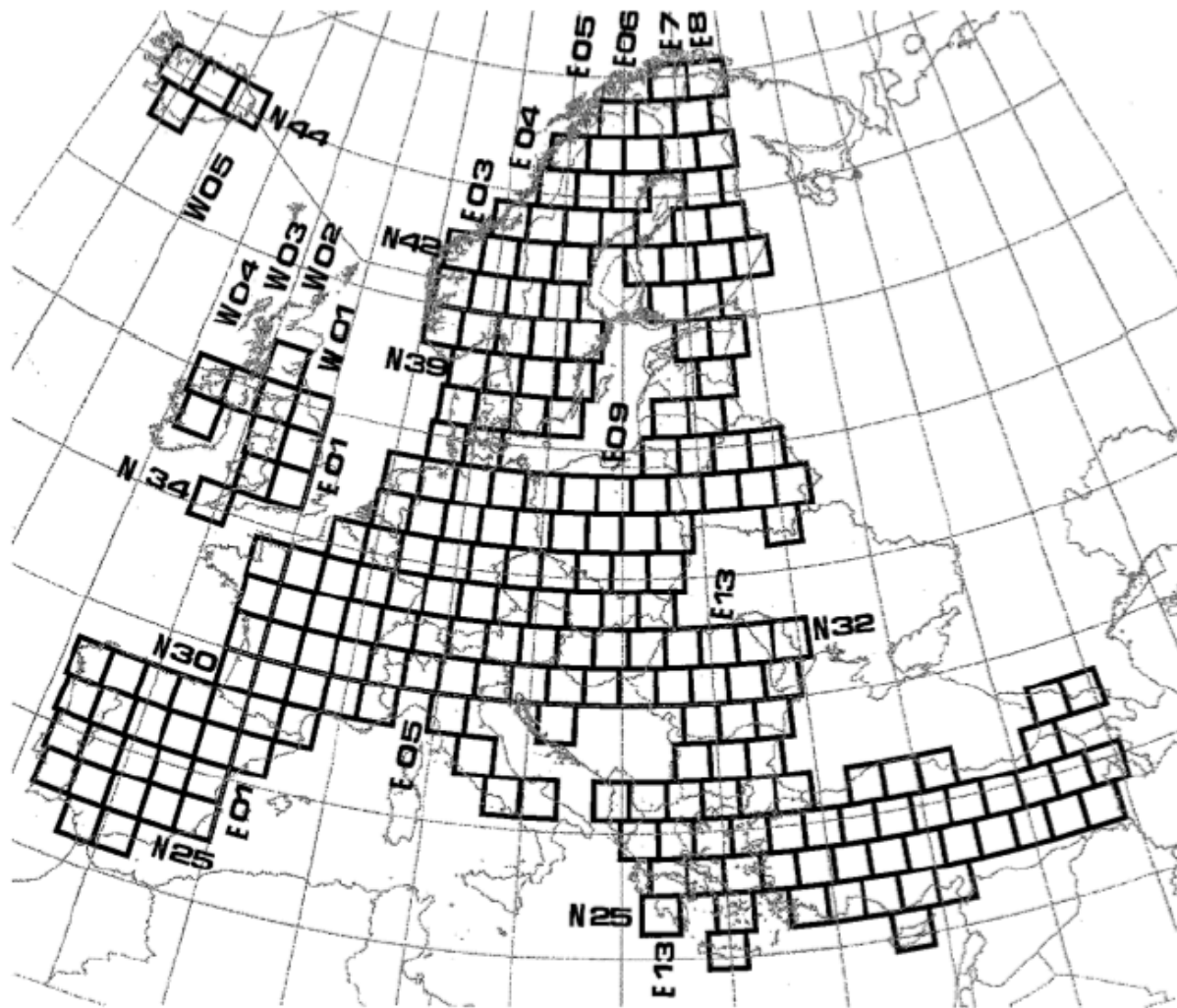


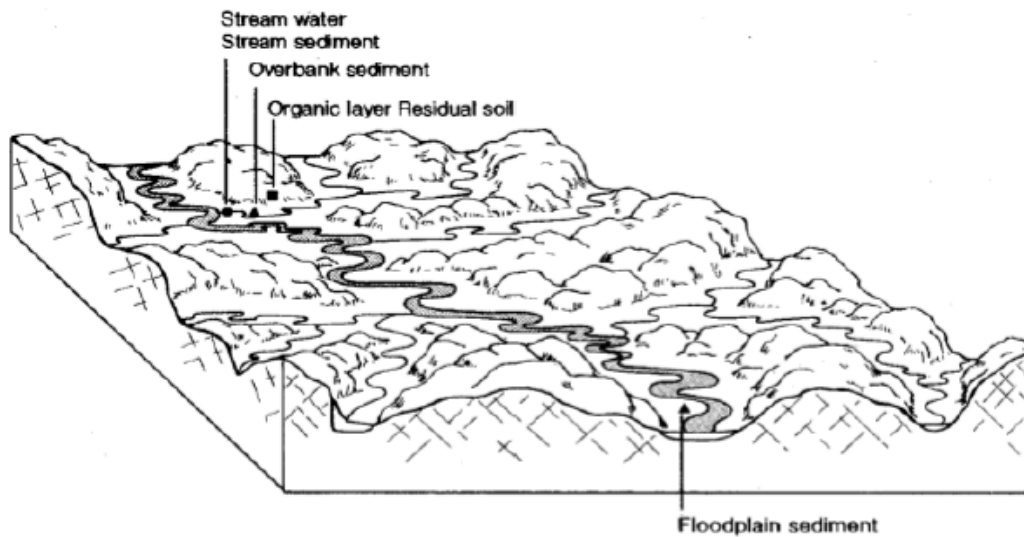


The FOREGS Geochemical Baseline Mapping Programme's main aim is to provide high quality, multi-purpose environmental geochemical baseline data for Europe. The need for this type of data was justified by the first Working Group on Regional Geochemical Mapping immediately after the Chernobyl accident in 1986, when it was realised that a baseline for radioactive and other polluting elements could not be defined (Bølviken *et al.* 1990, 1993, 1996).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	GTN	LONG	LAT	Country	pH	HCO3	Cl	SO4	NO3	K	Na	Mg	Ca	SC02	
2	unit					mg/L	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	
3	DL						0.1	0.3	0.54		0.01				
4	NZBE11W1	20.07	41.79	AL	7.0	149.0000	1.5000	2.7600	1.2600	1.0700	7.8300	37.0000	7.0900		
5	NZBE11W4	20.18	40.92	AL	7.0	157.0000	2.5400	9.2900	1.5000	0.9400	3.7900	15.1000	40.0000	13.1000	
6	NZBE11W5	19.72	40.78	AL	7.0	227.0000	12.5000	58.2000	4.2800	2.7400	28.3000	26.4000	34.4000	0.8600	
7	NZBE0W1	11.56	47.70	AT	7.7	209.4432	1.4900	5.7100	3.7900	0.4900	1.4440	15.8700	64.8000	1.6900	
8	NZBE0W2	10.85	47.44	AT	8.5	154.2166	0.2400	5.1700	1.7900	0.2260	0.2310	16.1700	36.6700	1.4700	
9	NZBE0W3	11.90	47.23	AT	8.4	152.4000	1.8700	09.0900	1.9400	1.1200	1.9090	13.1300	64.7000	4.7900	
10	NZBE0W4	11.73	46.75	AT	8.2	70.1136	0.8900	15.5900	1.7300	0.8970	1.8500	5.4900	20.9200	8.3500	
11	NZBE0W5	10.25	47.12	AT	7.3	11.0000	0.2200	5.8200	0.5100	0.4040	0.7840	0.6190	3.6560	3.5700	
12	NZBE0W1	13.75	47.78	AT	8.4	180.3248	2.3000	3.3600	2.3400	0.1380	1.5800	9.8800	39.8800	1.0200	
13	NZBE0W2	12.96	47.74	AT	8.1	162.6336	5.9700	12.7600	2.6800	0.1920	4.2910	13.1600	43.6100	1.2300	
14	NZBE0W3	12.39	46.33	AT	8.2	60.8002	0.2900	28.7600	0.3300	1.3330	0.7040	3.4440	28.3000	3.1000	
15	NZBE0W4	13.37	46.59	AT	8.1	162.1536	0.5600	19.3500	2.4000	0.2990	0.5370	11.4200	43.1400	1.5300	
16	NZBE0W5	12.02	47.44	AT	8.3	143.0216	0.5500	19.0900	1.1300	0.3410	1.0800	10.8200	32.8500	2.8700	
17	NZBE0W1	15.90	47.44	AT	7.1	54.0000	3.9800	11.2900	6.9100	2.1760	4.6410	14.7800	31.0100	6.6600	
18	NZBE0W2	14.76	47.67	AT	8.4	174.8602	0.3200	2.5900	2.6300	0.1450	0.2720	14.3100	36.6100	0.6600	
19	NZBE0W3	16.32	46.87	AT	7.7	68.2272	9.8300	7.4200	4.3000	2.8980	10.4800	3.1200	14.8800	14.1100	
20	NZBE0W4	15.06	47.10	AT	8.1	200.3140	10.0900	16.9000	0.8300	2.3410	6.8500	6.7300	70.7000	12.7900	
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22	NZBE0W1	16.18	49.04	AT	8.0	424.6448	44.0100	93.1700	22.1300	6.8900	27.5800	60.9000	79.8000	17.0700	
23	NZBE0W2	15.72	49.34	AT	8.1	90.8304	56.1600	52.5700	13.0100	3.9700	43.0600	10.3900	33.6800	3.6200	
24	NZBE0W3	15.27	48.59	AT	7.5	46.3392	9.9700	25.3800	12.4200	4.1430	5.1400	4.7300	16.9800	15.0400	
25	NZBE0W4	15.94	48.61	AT	8.1	347.0000	86.2300	116.6700	12.9800	15.9800	41.7900	44.7700	113.7000	11.6000	
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27	NZBE2W1	4.11	50.37	BE	5.7	335.9238	38.9600	48.0500	13.8900	5.9000	16.2100	9.5000	122.6000	13.6000	
28	NZBE3W1	5.77	50.62	BE	6.6	152.1862	36.5300	35.2300	23.8700	7.8000	34.1000	3.8900	42.7000	7.2000	
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30	NZBE3W3	4.44	50.12	BE	6.4	184.1068	11.9300	14.0800	1.3000	4.1100	12.8500	6.8300	33.0000	7.0000	
31	NZBE3W4	8.31	50.16	BE	6.1	155.1068	13.8200	11.0900	35.4500	3.2300	6.3000	9.2300	12.3000	7.8000	
32	NZBE4W1	7.94	47.80	CH	7.7	22.9466	2.8800	2.9200	2.0600	0.6960	3.9860	1.6240	7.4300	10.8400	
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36	NZBE4W5	6.70	46.67	CH	8.2	218.8464	14.3400	15.7200	14.8200	2.9040	8.7000	11.8600	71.8000	11.4400	
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38	NZBE0W2	8.42	47.89	CH	7.4	350.0000	35.6300	893.4500	3.9900	3.3800	29.8000	37.9300	335.1000	7.0200	
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42	NZBE0W1	13.59	50.81	CZ	6.8	13.0000	2.5800	32.8300	7.3400	1.8150	4.7740	3.4740	10.8800	14.7100	
43	NZBE0W2	14.74	50.74	CZ	7.2	67.3662	11.1200	27.9100	11.5400	3.7980	7.4900	3.2870	28.6700	11.5900	
44	NZBE0W3	13.20	50.10	CZ	8.4	159.4104	16.2900	45.4400	4.8600	5.1700	13.1000	11.4600	52.3000	20.2900	
45	NZBE0W4	13.10	49.63	CZ	7.9	150.0000	16.9200	29.4600	2.1600	3.8930	16.3000	11.4600	36.6300	20.5400	
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49	NZBE0W3	16.48	50.10	CZ	7.5	48.0000	3.7800	25.9400	17.7300	2.0150	3.9780	2.9820	25.6200	10.9200	
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51	NZBE0W5	16.76	49.89	CZ	6.2	88.8374	10.9100	48.7800	16.3800	2.8800	18.4300	3.8130	28.4000	10.0800	
52	NZBE4W1	8.03	49.27	DE	7.2	50.5000	7.9000	22.7000	2.0200	2.7000	3.7000	7.0000	16.3000	7.5000	
53	NZBE0W1	8.27	48.73	DE	6.4	6.8000	2.6000	8.8000	3.1000	1.3000	2.6000	1.5000	4.2800	9.6000	
54	NZBE0W2	8.78	48.16	DE	8.1	269.0000	6.6000	29.7000	0.7000	1.3000	7.5000	3.7000	92.9000	6.3000	
55	NZBE0W3	10.97	48.11	DE	6.7	21.5000	6.0000	1.3000	8.4000	0.3000	3.5000	2.1900	9.6900	14.4000	
56	NZBE0W4	9.77	48.08	DE	7.7	341.0000	9.9000	367.0000	6.4000	3.0000	6.4000	36.7000	248.0000	9.3000	
57	NZBE0W5	8.97	49.28	DE	8.2	264.0000	35.2000	36.4000	28.0000	1.2000	11.0000	16.7000	92.6000	11.8000	
58	NZBE0W1	10.44	48.96	DE	7.9	212.0000	12.8000	116.0000	28.1000	1.8000	6.1000	14.1000	108.0000	8.0000	
59	NZBE0W2	10.60	48.47	DE	7.9	300.0000	7.9000	28.1000	14.9000	0.7000	4.2000	20.7000	82.2000	10.8000	
60	NZBE0W3	11.80	48.18	DE	7.5	398.0000	12.1000	21.2000	19.2000	1.8000	6.7000	23.8000	98.3000	9.1000	
61	NZBE0W4	12.16	48.73	DE	7.7	330.0000	34.9000	27.9000	34.6000	0.5000	5.4000	27.9000	107.0000	10.5000	



Global Terrestrial Network (GTN) cells in the FOREGS countries. (from Salminen, Tarvainen *et al.* 1998, Fig. 1, p.11). After this original plan, more cells were introduced to Greece, Italy and Spain to cover the coastal areas.



Block diagram showing possible sampling sites of GTN sampling media (from Salminen, Tarvainen *et al.* 1998, Fig.4, p.14; modified after Strahler 1969).

The stream bed at the site
32E01W4, France.



Landscape about the water and stream sediment
sampling site 32E01W4, France.

The **IUGS/IAGC Global Geochemical Baselines Programme** aims to establish a global geochemical reference baseline for >60 determinants in a range of media for environmental and other applications. The European contribution to the programme has been carried out by government institutions from 26 countries under the auspices of the former **Forum of European Geological Surveys (FOREGS)**. This activity is now transferred to EuroGeoSurveys, the Association of the European Geological Surveys in which FOREGS is merged. The main objectives of this European survey were:

- 1) to apply standardised methods of sampling, chemical analysis and data management to prepare a geochemical baseline across Europe;
- 2) to use this reference network to level national baseline datasets.

Data on **geochemical baselines** are urgently needed in Europe, because environmental authorities in most countries are defining limits for contaminants in soils for different land use purposes. At the same time, the Commission of the European Union (EU) is preparing the Soil Protection Directive. As geochemists know, the natural concentrations of elements are different in the different constituents of overburden, and vary markedly between geologically disparate areas. State authorities, however, are not always aware of these significant natural variations, which should be taken into account in defining action limits. There are already examples of action limits that are lower than natural concentrations.



Figure 12. Figure 12. Filtration of a stream water sample (photo: Jari Viitinen, GTK, from Salminen, Tarvainen et al., 1998, Fig. 6, p.17)



Figure 13. Figure 13. Wet sieving of a stream sediment sample in the UK (Photo: Fiona Fordyce, BGS from Salminen and Tarvainen et al. 1998, Fig. 7, p.21).

Table 2. The number of different sample types collected in each country.

	Floodplain sediment	Humus	Sub soil	Top soil	Stream sediment	Stream water
Albania	3		2	3	3	
Austria	19	12	15	18	20	20
Belgium	5	4	5	5	5	5
Croatia	12	12	13	14	13	10
Czech Republic	10	7	10	10	10	10
Denmark		1	5	5	5	5
Estonia	11	11	11	11	11	11
Finland	42	65	65	66	65	65
France	113	18	118	119	119	119
Germany	53	41	72	73	74	74
Greece	41		41	41	41	27
Hungary	14	3	14	14	14	10
Ireland	7	7	11	11	11	11
Italy	50	15	47	52	52	48
Latvia	7		8	7	7	7
Lithuania	13	5	15	16	16	14
Norway	47	58	58	58	58	58
Poland	56	29	56	56	56	56
Portugal	19		19	19	19	19
Slovak Republic	15	1	15	15	15	15
Slovenia	3	4	5	5	5	4
Spain	103		58	105	104	87
Sweden	47	51	51	51		51
Switzerland	10	9	9	10	10	10
The Netherlands		4	7	8	9	9
UK	51	28	60	60	60	60
Total	751	385	790	852	802	805

Analisi grafico-numerica con unità di concentrazione differenti

$$\text{mmol/L} = (\text{mg/L}) / (\text{gram formula weight})$$

$$\text{mmol/L} = (\text{ppm}) \cdot (\text{density of sample}) / (\text{gram formula weight})$$

$$\text{mmol/L} = (\text{meq/L}) / (\text{charge of ion})$$

$$\text{mmol / l} = \text{molality} \times \text{density} \times \frac{(\text{weight solution} - \text{weight solutes})}{(\text{weight solution})} \times 100$$

$$(0.052 \text{ mmol/L Na}^+) \times 1 = 0.052 \text{ meq/L}$$

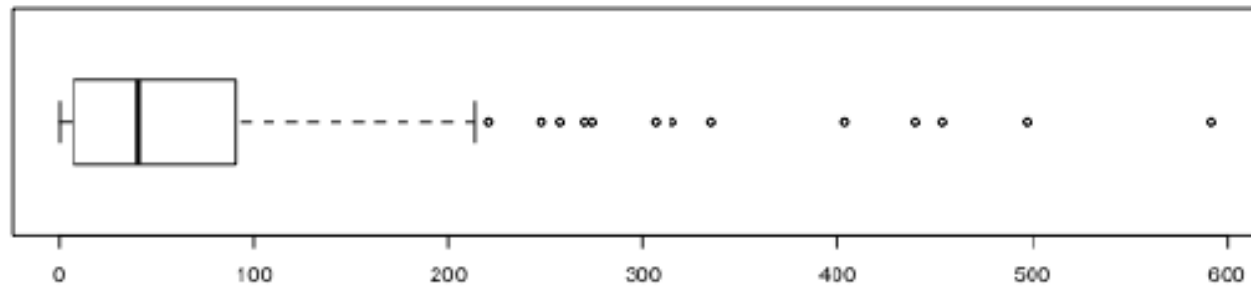
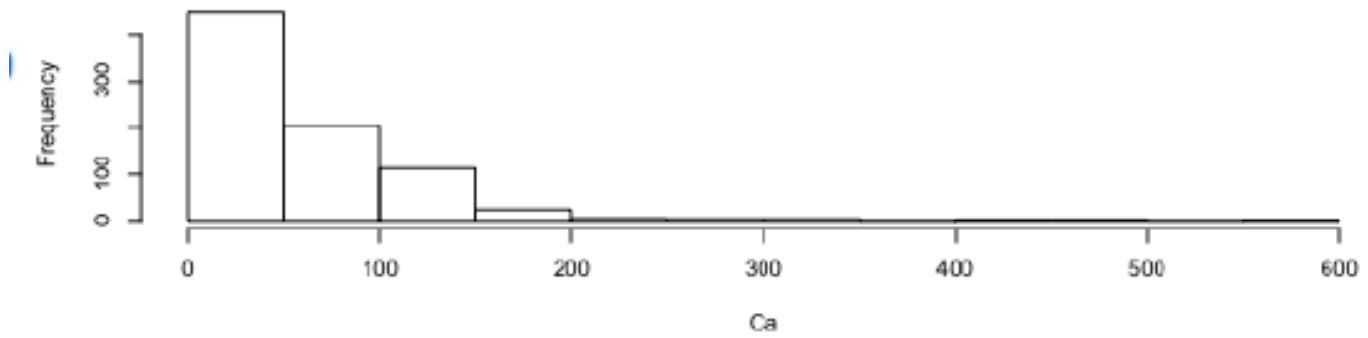
$$(1.8 \text{ mmol/L Ca}^{2+}) \times 2 = 3.6 \text{ meq/L}$$

$$(0.41 \text{ mmol/L SO}_4^{2-}) \times 2 = -0.82 \text{ meq/L}$$

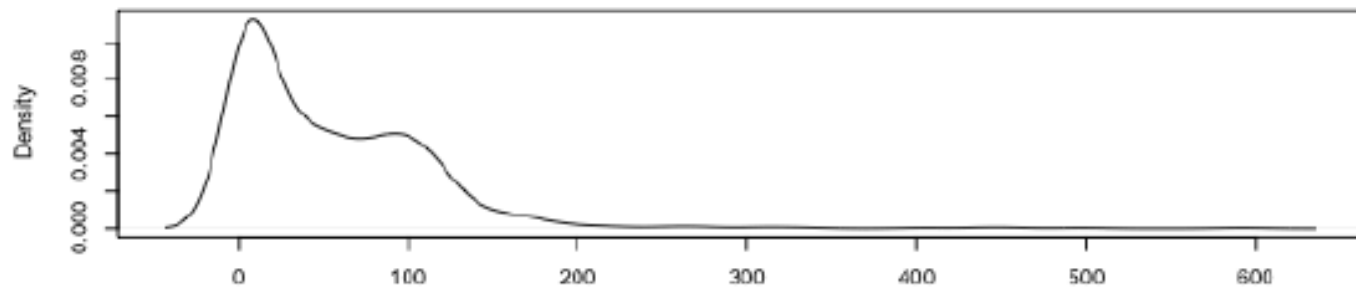
Ions are electrically charged and the sums of positive and negative charges in a given water sample must balance. This condition is termed the **electroneutrality** of the solution. Since mmol/L represents the number of molecules, it should be multiplied by the charge of the ions to yield their total charge in meq/L.

Scatter plots (covariance and correlation) of **Ca²⁺** and **HCO₃⁻** have to be investigate also in meq/L.

Histogram of Ca



density.default(x = Ca)



Ca²⁺

Sali ciclici = 0.1%

Carbonati = 65%

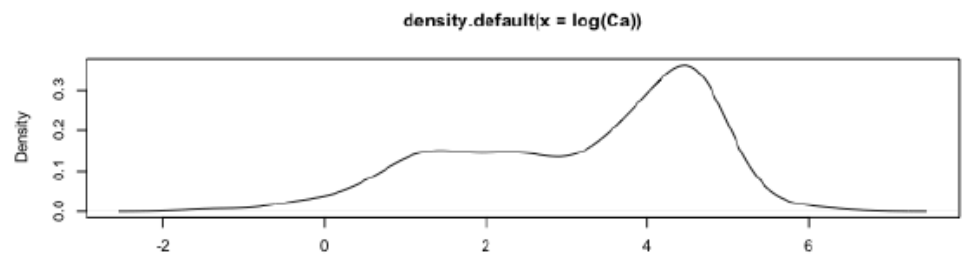
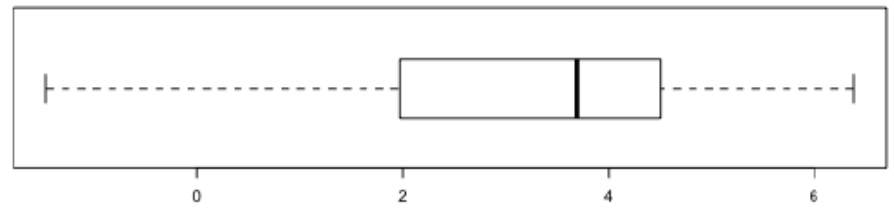
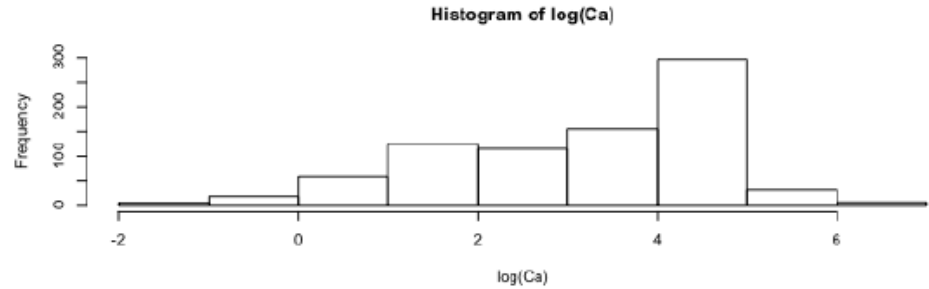
Silicati = 18%

Evaporiti = 8%

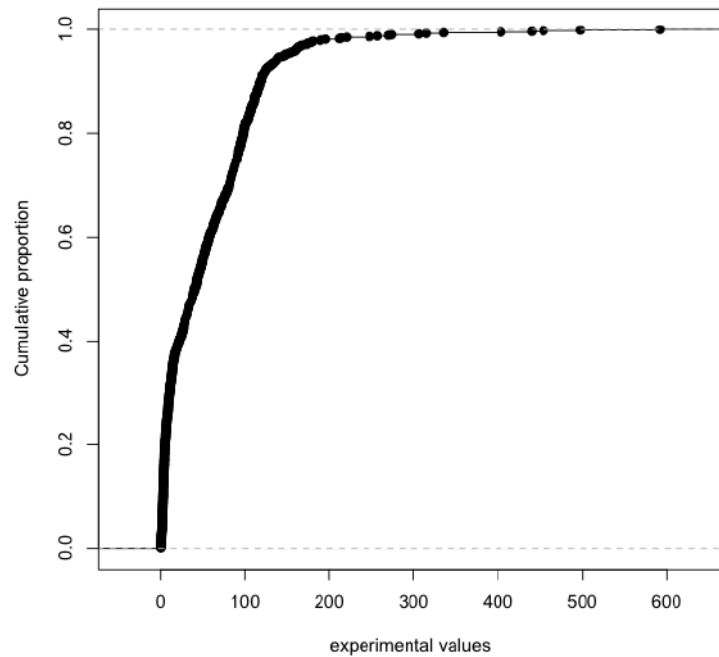


weathering

Inquinamento = 9%



Ca (mg/L) stream water Europe



Ca (mg/L) stream water Europe

